

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

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# Main Take-Away Points

**Main Take-Away Point 1:** Radiative leptonic decays are interesting in the regions of small and large photon energies

**Main Take-Away Point 2:** We have developed methods to achieve high precision for small computational cost

for more details: D. Giusti, **CFK**, C. Lehner, S. Meinel, A. Soni, [PRD 2023 / arXiv:\[2302.01298\]](#)

**Main Take-Away Point 3:** Working on physical calculation of  $D_s \rightarrow \gamma \ell \nu_\ell$ , out soon

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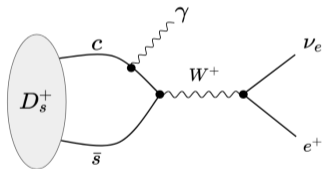
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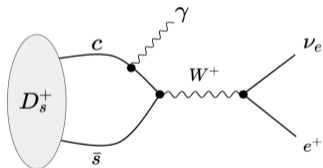


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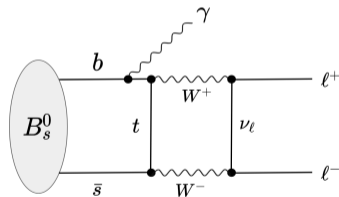
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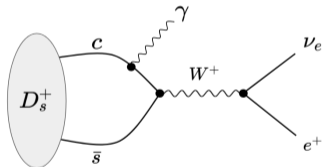


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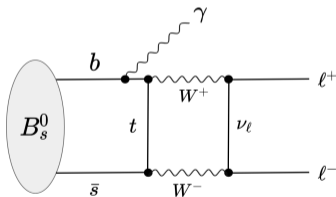
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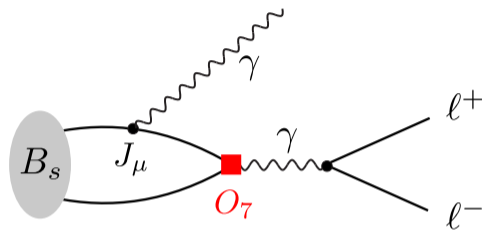
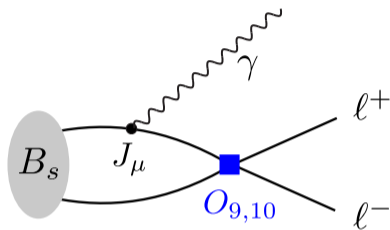
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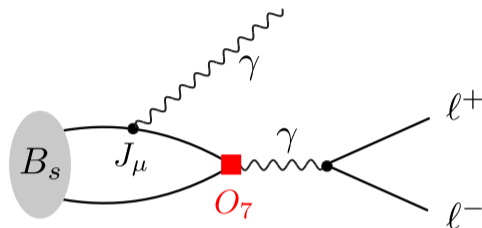
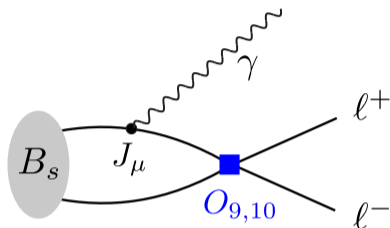
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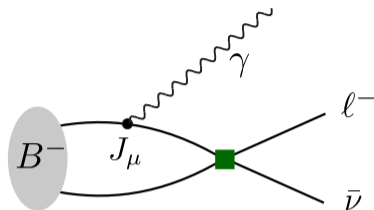
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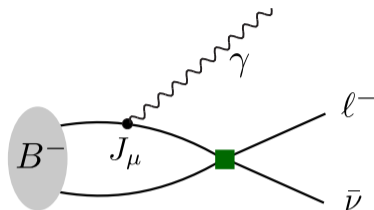
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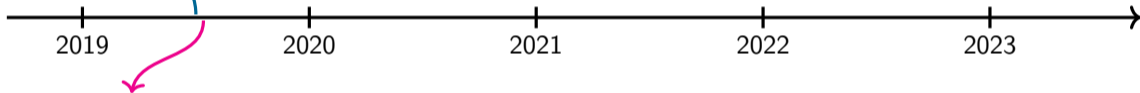
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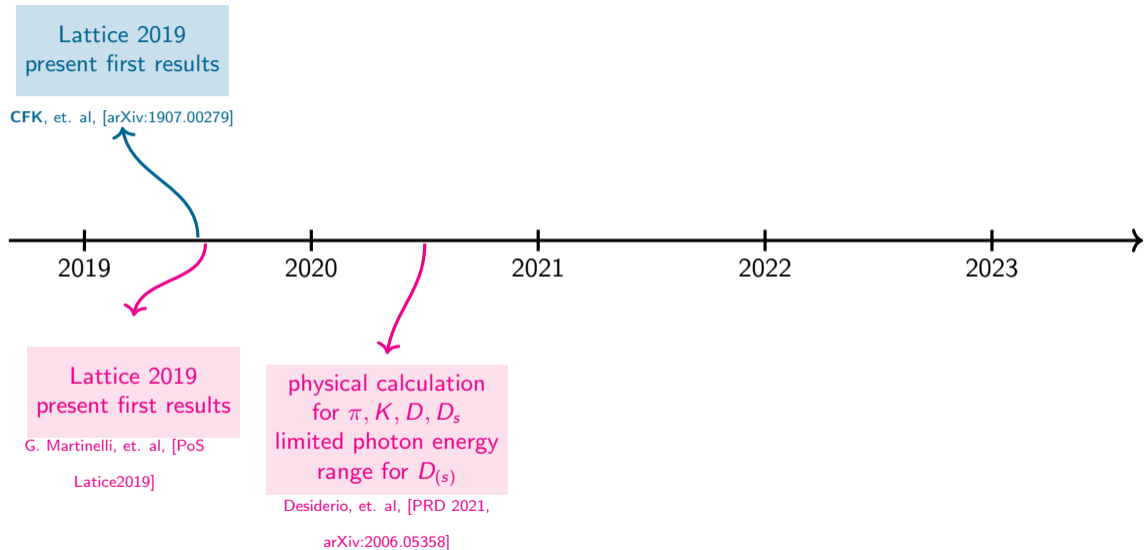


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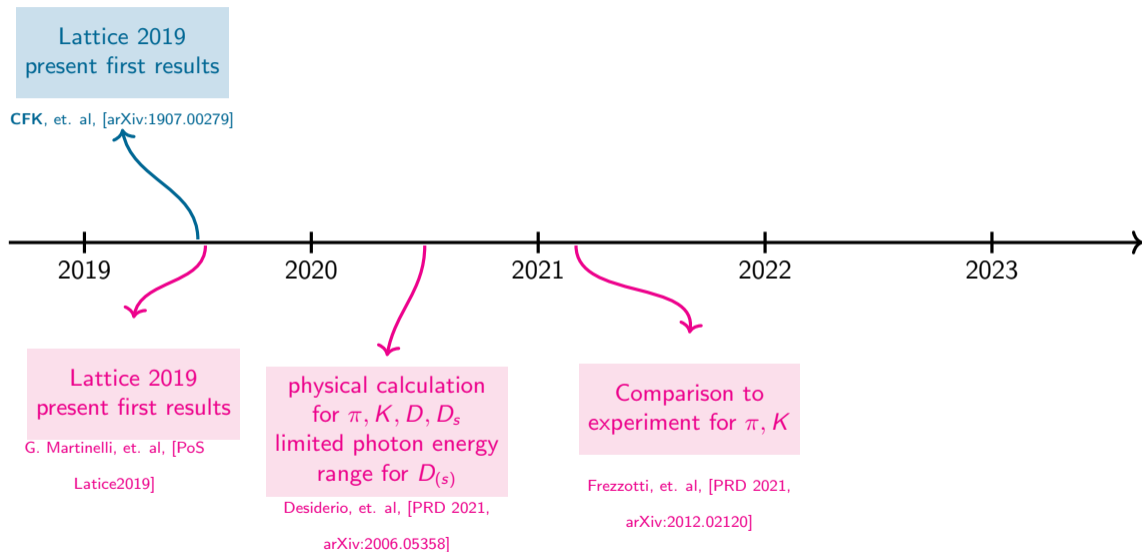
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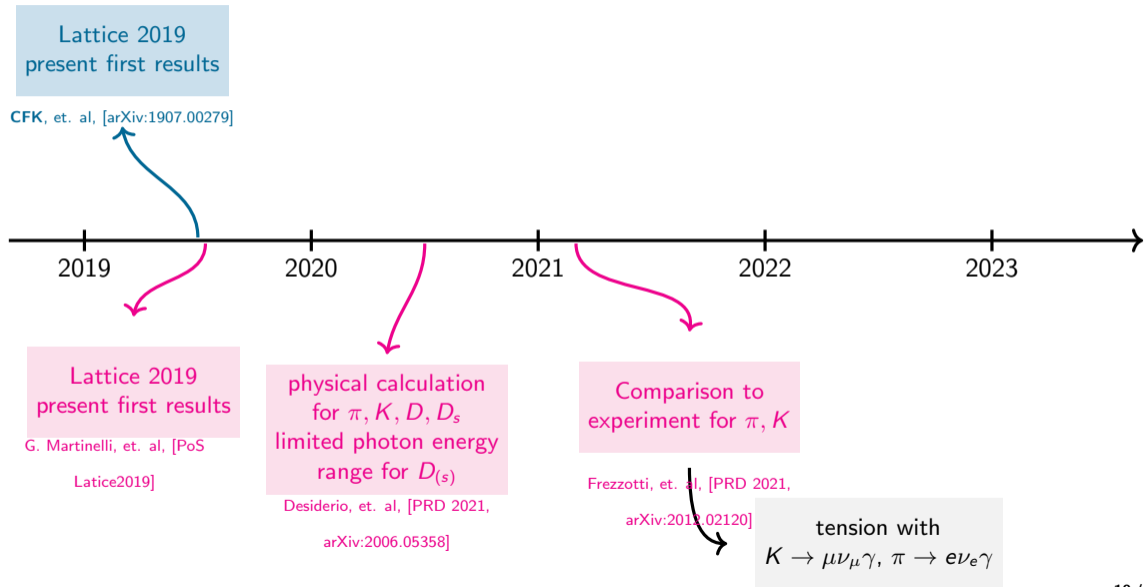




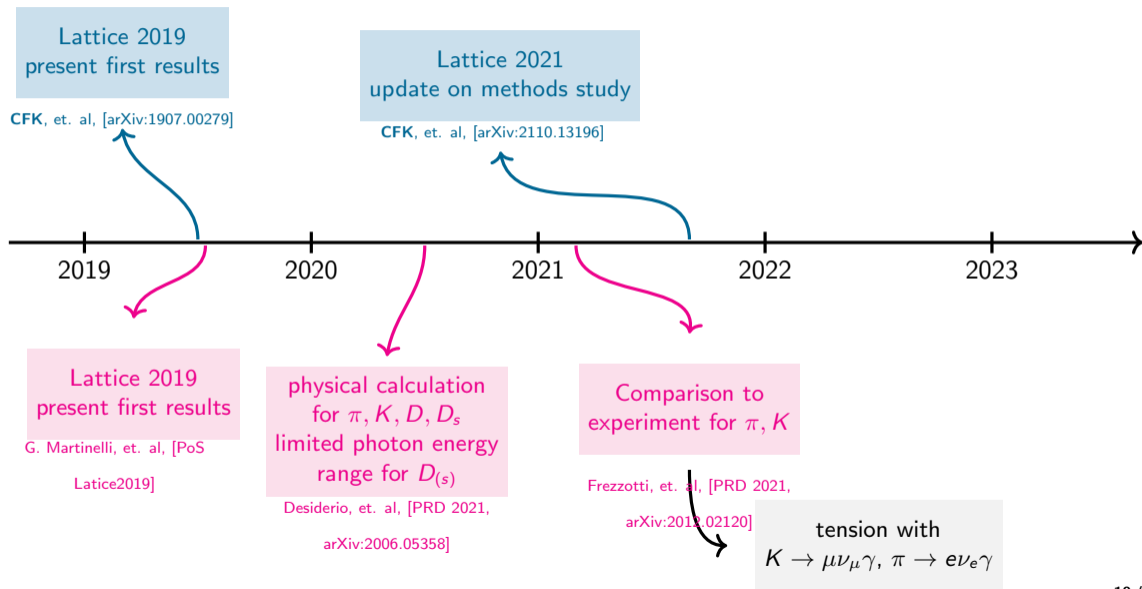
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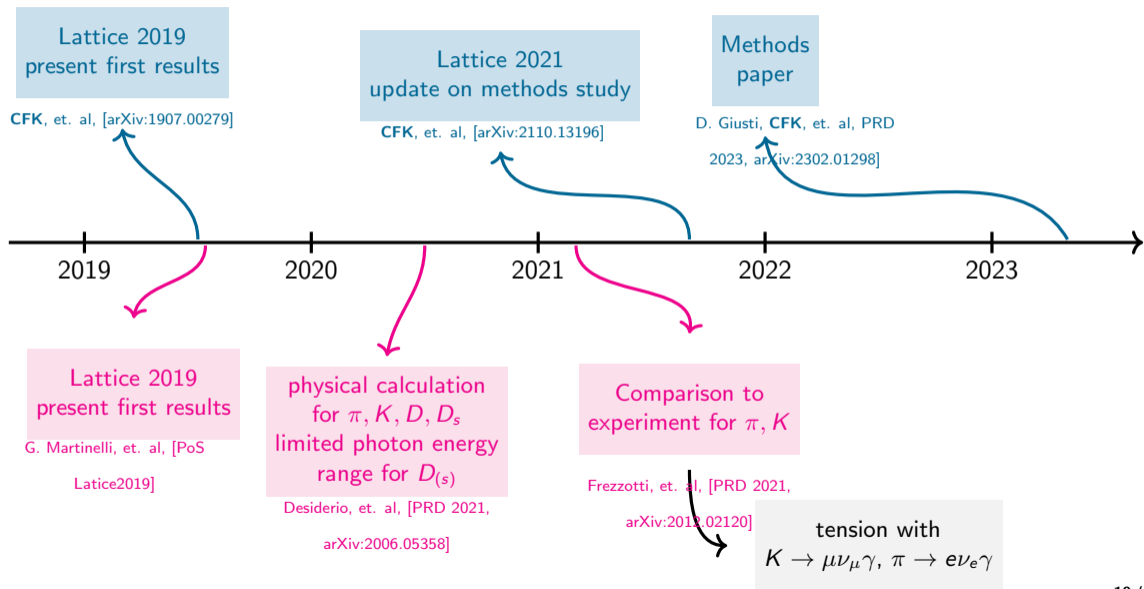
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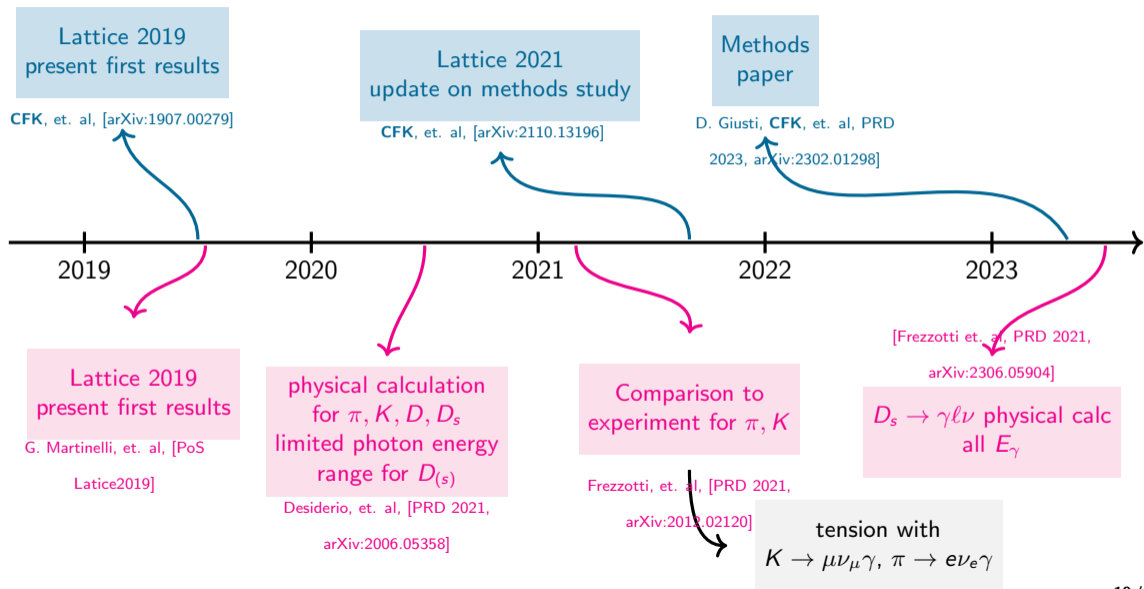
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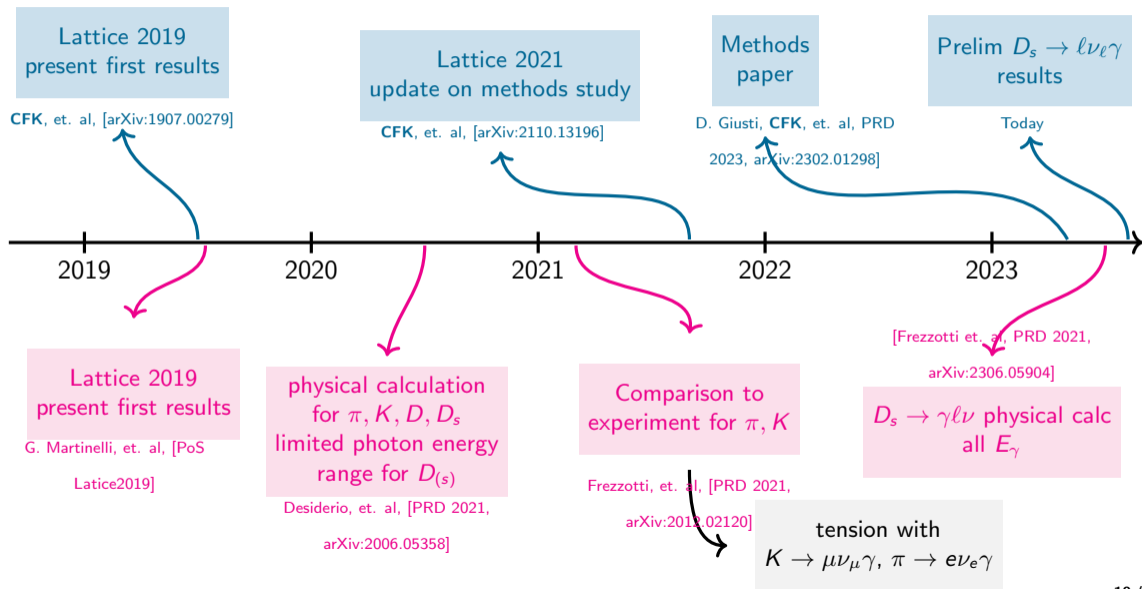
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QCD physics left to calculate is Hadronic tensor  $T_{\mu\nu}$

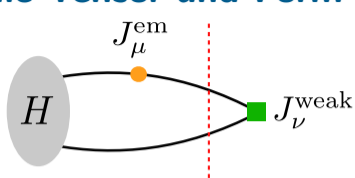
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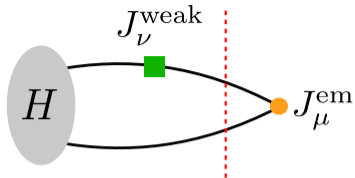
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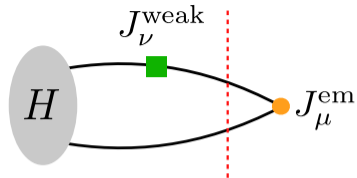
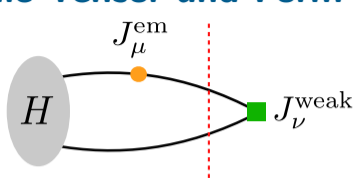
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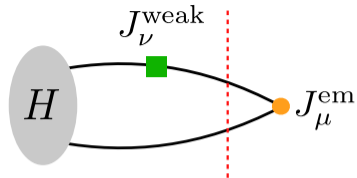
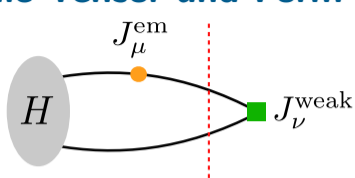
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Goal: Calculate  $F_V$  and  $F_{A,SD}$  as a function of  $E_\gamma^{(0)}$

# Euclidean correlation function

( \* all times are now Euclidean )

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

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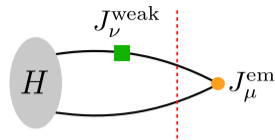
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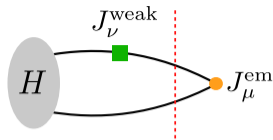


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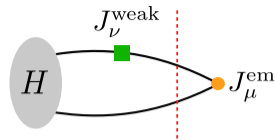
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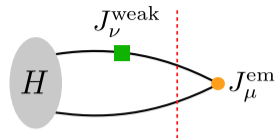
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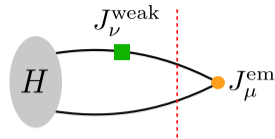
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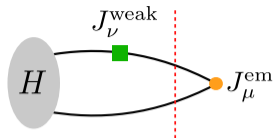
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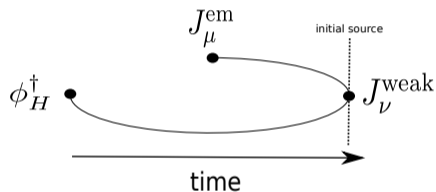
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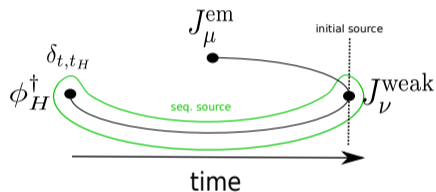


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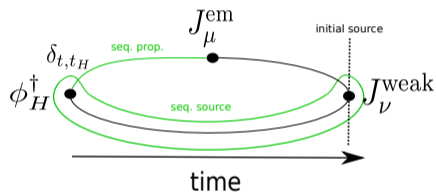


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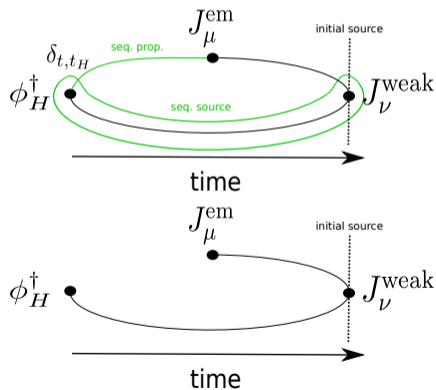
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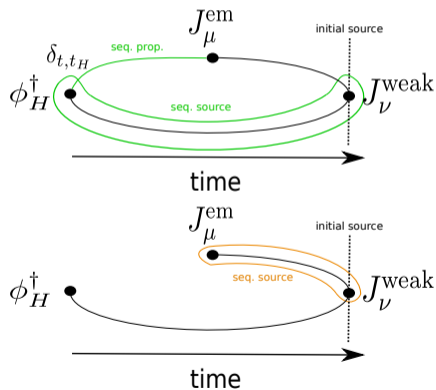
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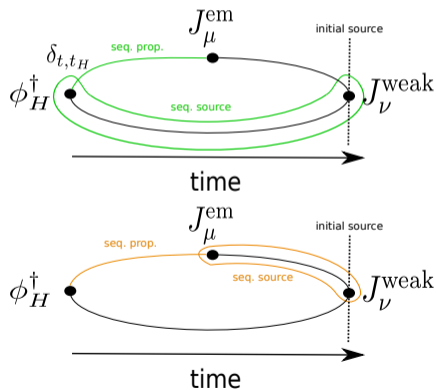
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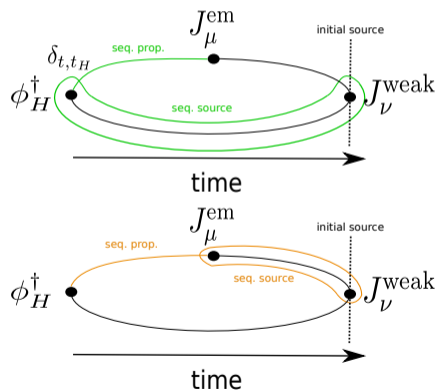
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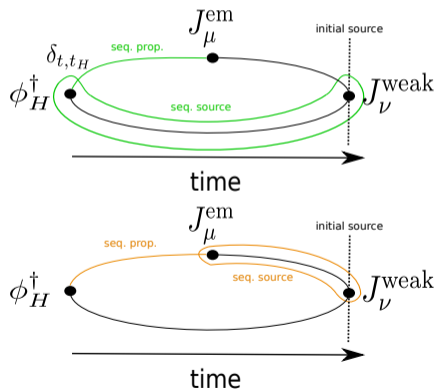
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# Past lattice studies

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- [1] we presented results at Lattice 2019 using 3d method
  - fitting to a constant looking for plateaus in  $T$  and  $t_H$
- [2, 3] use 4d method to perform realistic physical calculation
  - set  $T = N_T/2$  and fit to constant in  $t_H$  where data has plateaued
- [4] perform a methods study comparing 3d and 4d methods
  - data does not always plateau in  $T$  and  $t_H$ 
    - develop fit methods to extrapolate to  $T \rightarrow \infty$  and  $t_H \rightarrow -\infty$

[1] [CFK, Lehner, Meinel, Soni, arXiv:1907.00279]

[2] [Desiderio, Frezzotti, Garofalo, Giusti, Hansen, Lubicz, Martinelli, Sachrajda, Sanfilippo, Simula, Tantalò, PRD 2021, arXiv:2006.05358]

[3] [Frezzotti, Gagliardi, Lubicz, Martinelli, Mazzetti, Sachrajda, Sanfilippo, Simula, Tantalò, PRD 2021, arXiv:2306.05904]

[4] [D. Giusti, CFK, C. Lehner, S. Meinel, A. Soni, PRD 2023 / arXiv:2302.01298]

## Comparison of 3d and 4d methods

Show fit methods to take  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty}$  and  $\lim_{t_H \rightarrow -\infty}$

- fitting only 4d<sup>>, <</sup> method data
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- performing global fits to both 3d and 4d<sup>>, <</sup> method data

Goal: find methods with best control over  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty}$  and  $\lim_{t_H \rightarrow -\infty}$  limits for cheapest cost

# Simulation parameters for 3d/4d method comparison

- $N_f = 2 + 1$  DWF, RBC/UKQCD gauge ensemble

ensemble	$(L/a)^3 \times (T/a)$	$L_5/a$	$\approx a^{-1}(\text{GeV})$	$am_l$	$am_s$	$\approx M_\pi(\text{MeV})$	$N_{conf}$
24I	$24^3 \times 64$	16	1.785	0.005	0.04	340	25

- Use local currents with mostly non-perturbative renormalization
- charm valence quarks  $\rightarrow$  Möbius domain-wall with “stout” smearing
- u/d/s valence quarks  $\rightarrow$  same DWF action as sea quarks
- Neglect disconnected diagrams
- Use all-mode averaging with 1 exact and 16 sloppy solves per configuration
- $\mathbb{Z}_2$  random wall sources

## Parameters for $D_s \rightarrow \gamma \ell \nu$ runs

Meson and photon momenta:

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\}$
4d	$\mathbb{Z}_2$ -wall	$\vec{p}_{D_s, z} \in 2\pi/L \{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$	$\vec{p}_{\gamma, z} = 2\pi/L$

4d<sup>></sup>,< method:

- 3 values of integration range  $T/a \in \{6, 9, 12\}$

3d method:

- 3 values of source-sink separation  $t_H/a \in \{-6, -9, -12\}$

Fit form factors  $F(t_H, T)$  directly instead of time-integrated correlation function  $I_{\mu\nu}(t_H, T)$

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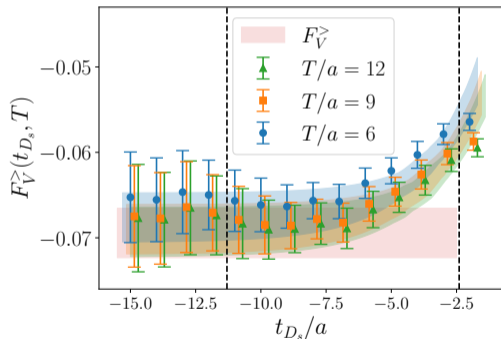
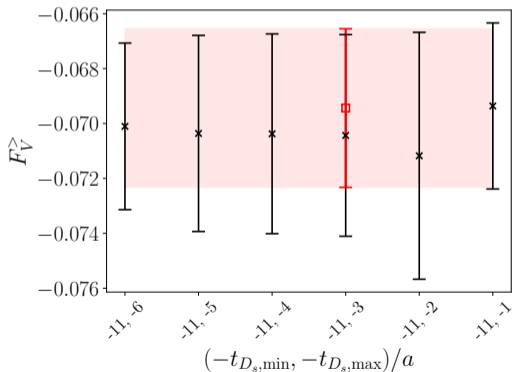
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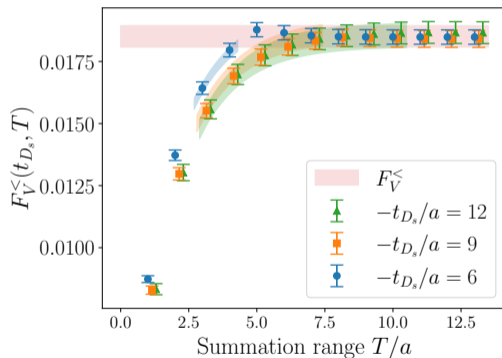
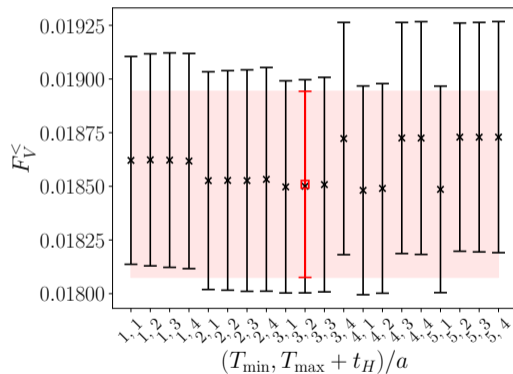
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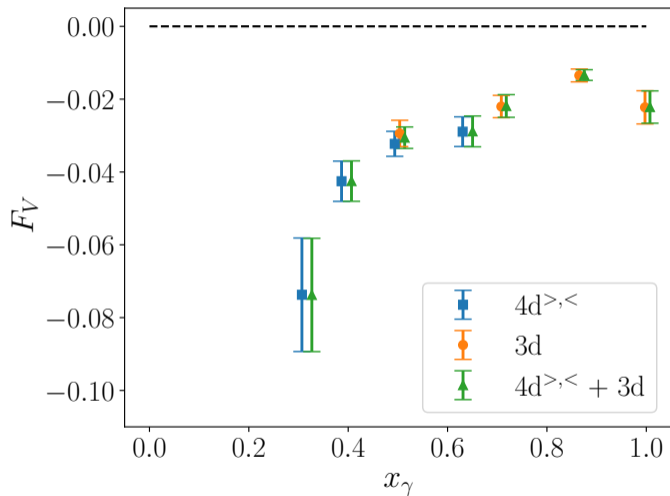


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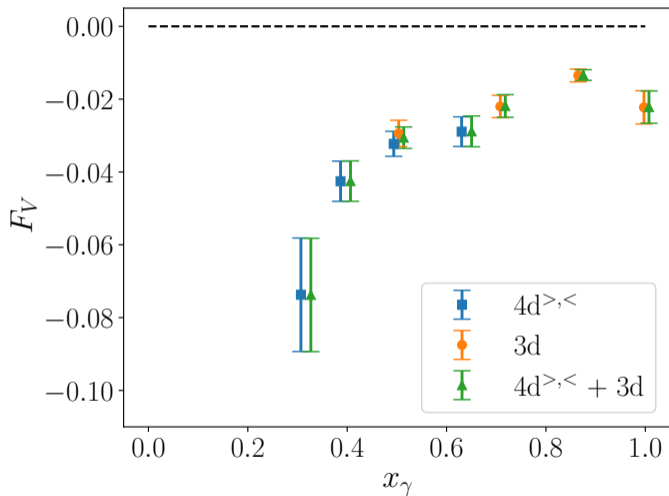
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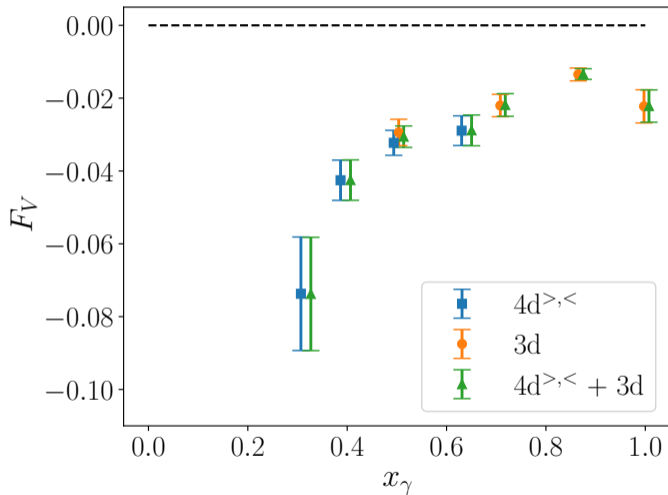


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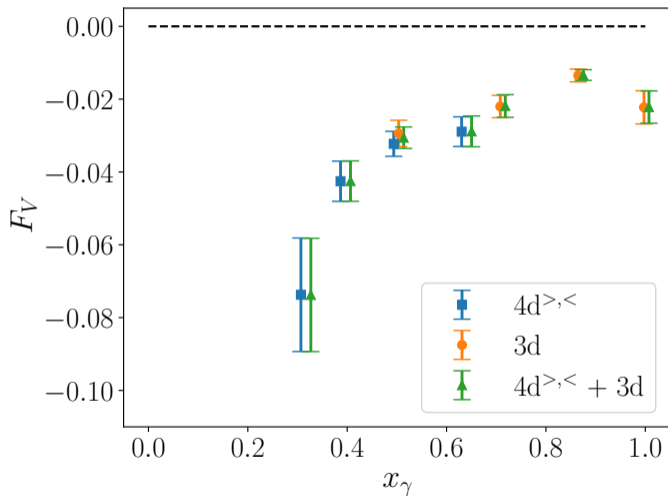
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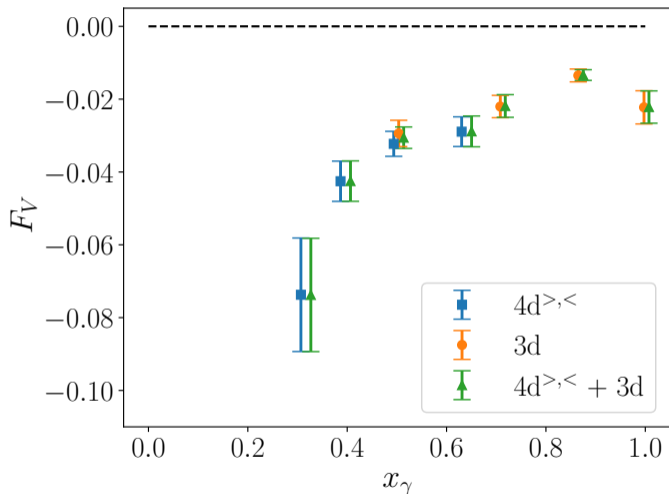
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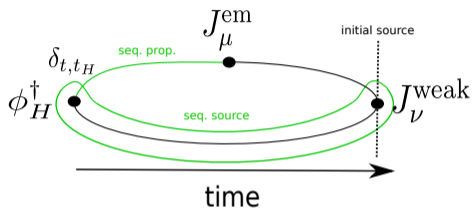
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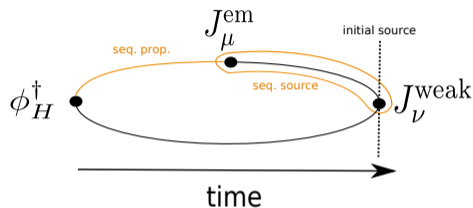
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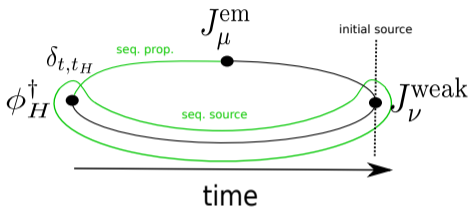
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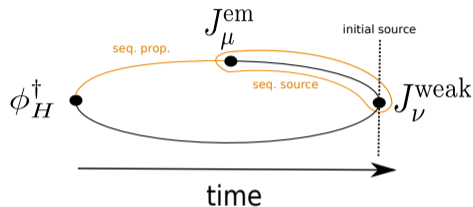
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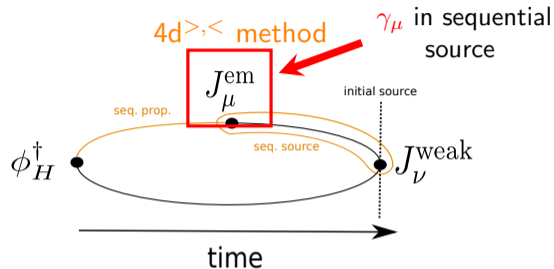
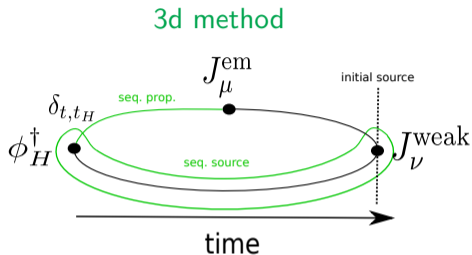
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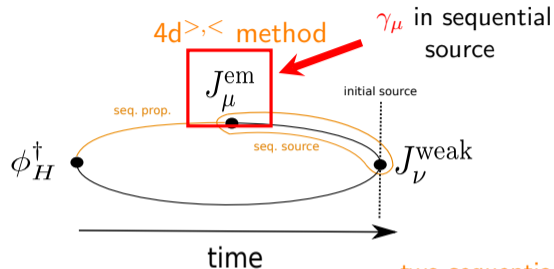
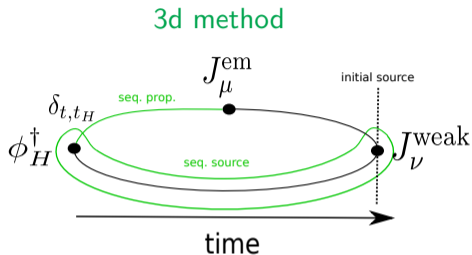


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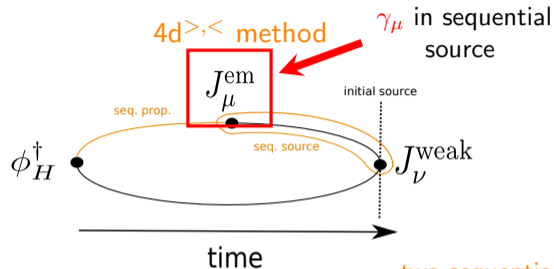
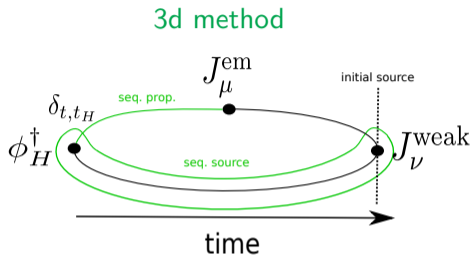
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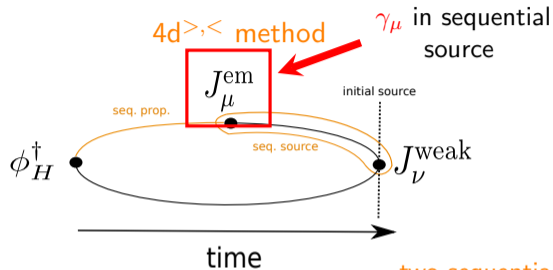
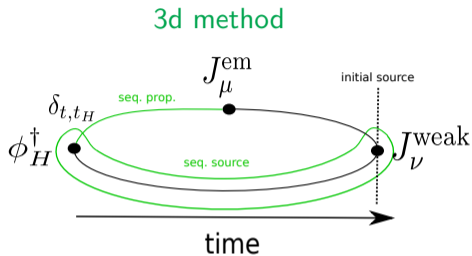


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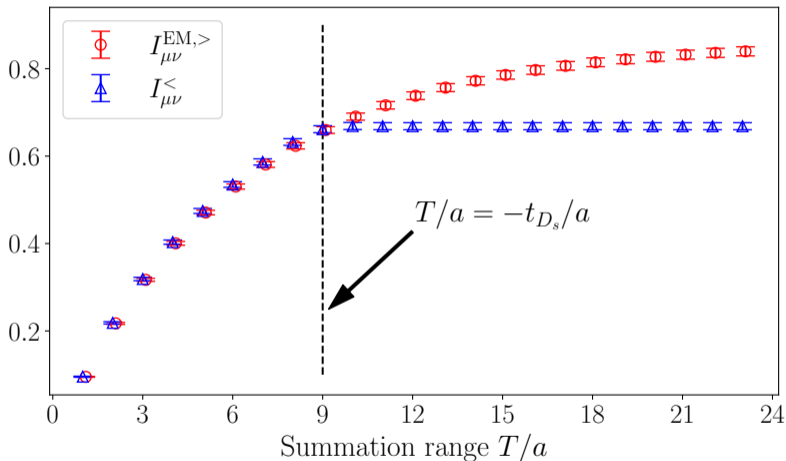
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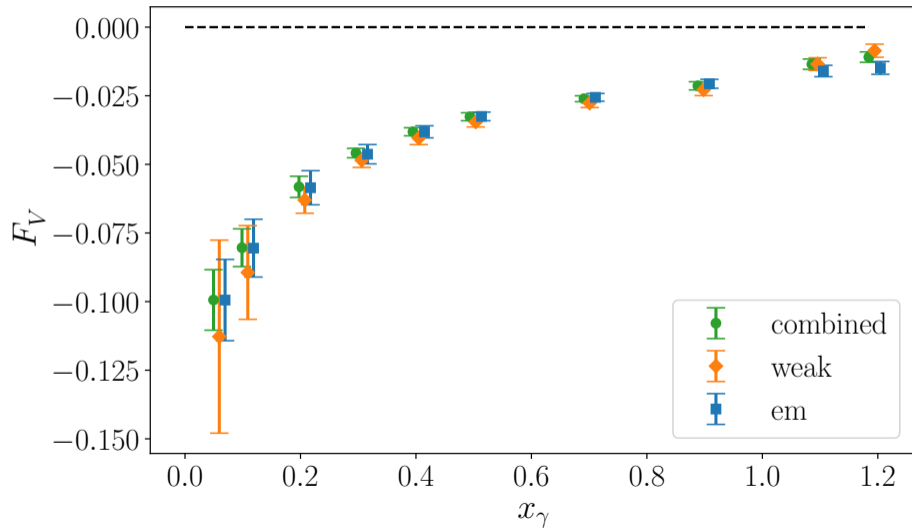
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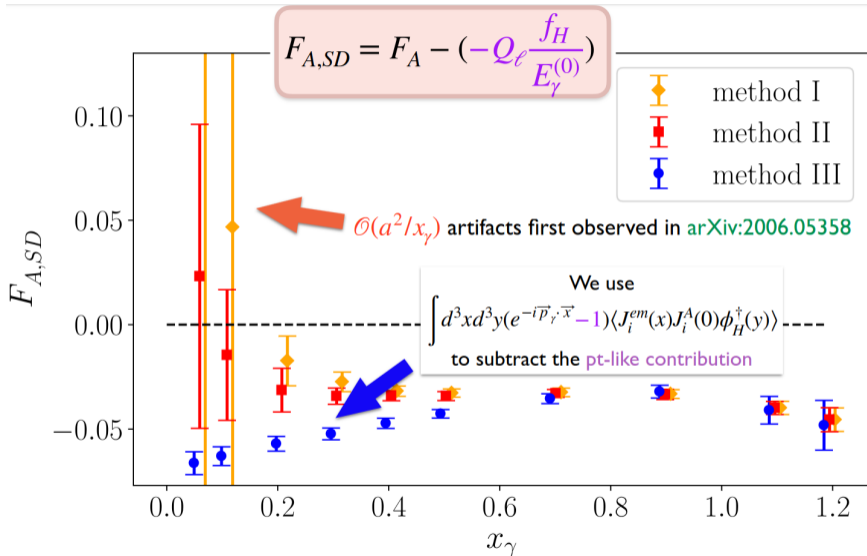


- Can integrate past  $T = -t_H$  using alternate correlation function

## Alternate correlation function: vector form factor



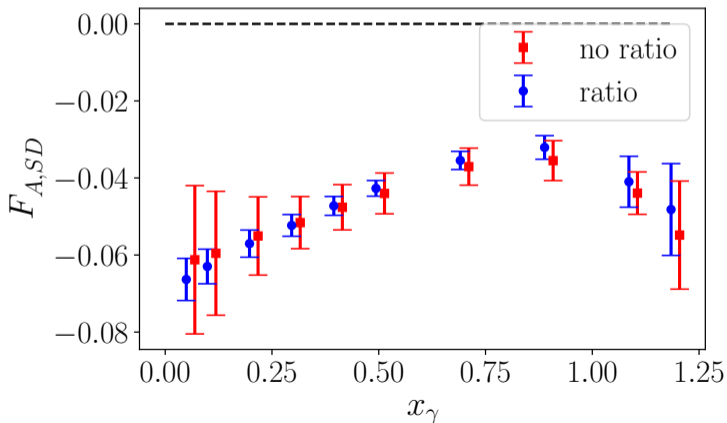
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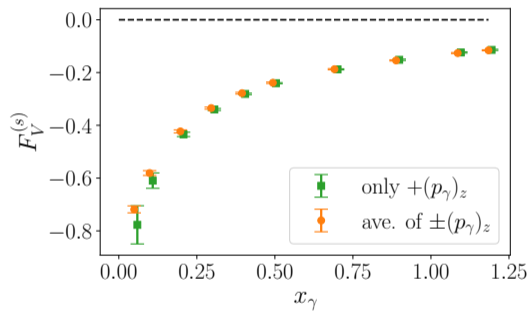
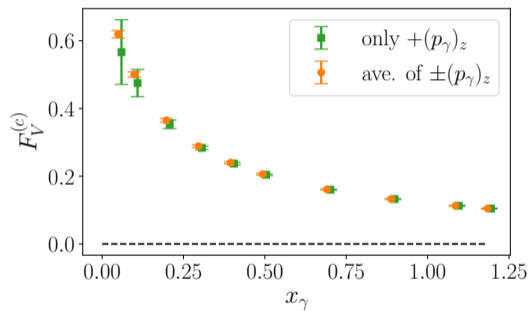
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$$C_{3,\mu\nu}^{\text{improved}}(\vec{p}_\gamma, t) = C_{3,\mu\nu}^{\text{point}}(\vec{p}_\gamma, t) \frac{C_{3,\mu\nu}^{\mathbb{Z}_2}(\vec{p}^*, t)}{C_{3,\mu\nu}^{\text{point}}(\vec{p}^*, t)}, \quad \vec{p}^* = \frac{2\pi}{L} n$$





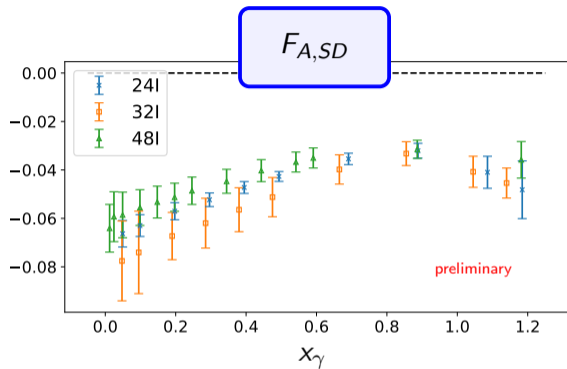
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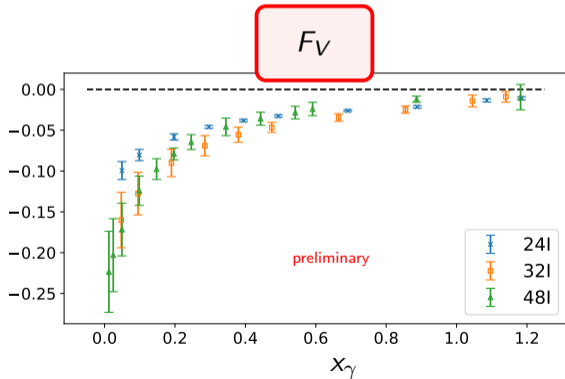
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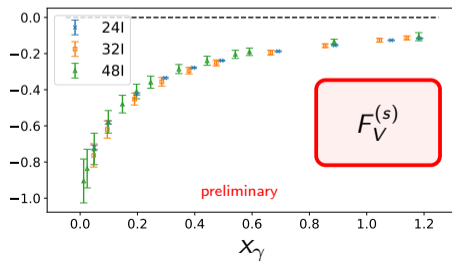
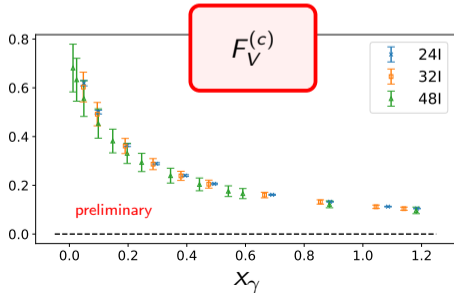
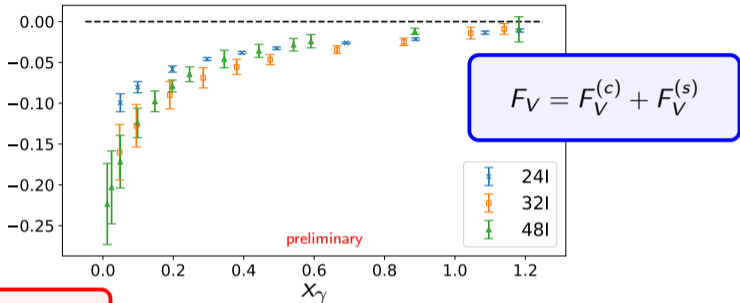


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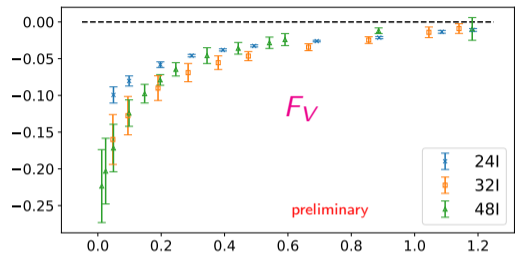
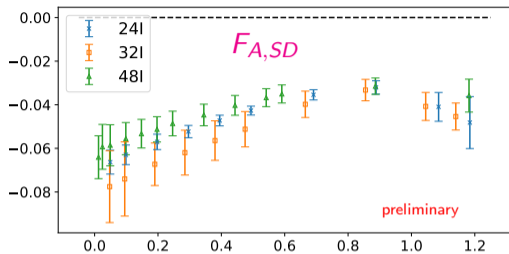
[1] [C. Donald, et. al, PRL 2014/arXiv:1312.5264]

[2] [Pullin, Zwicky, JHEP 2021/arXiv:2106.13617]

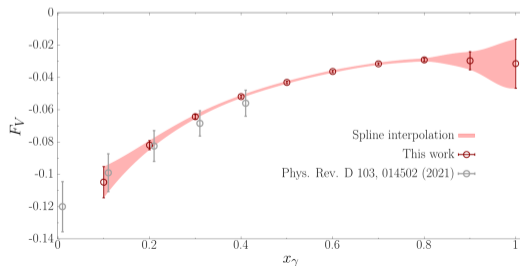
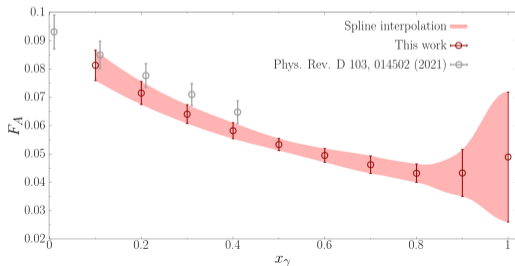
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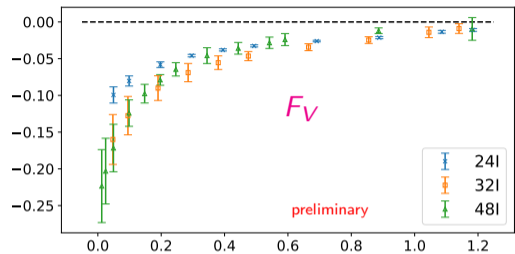
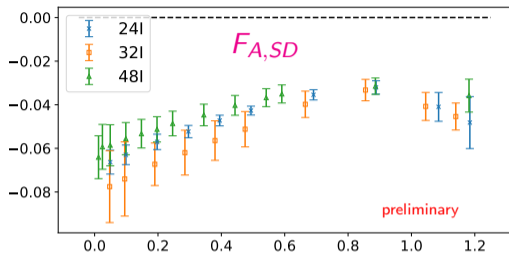
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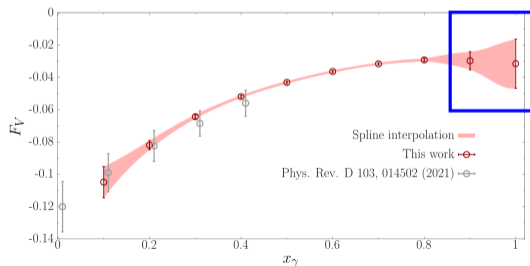
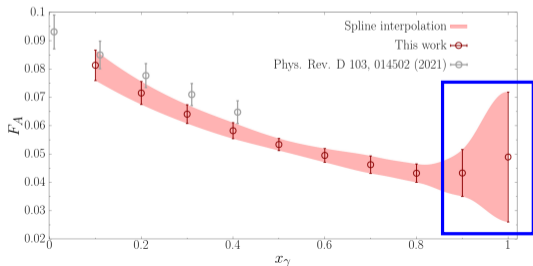
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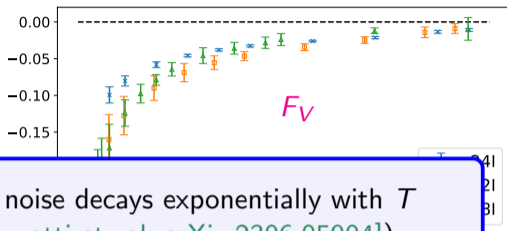
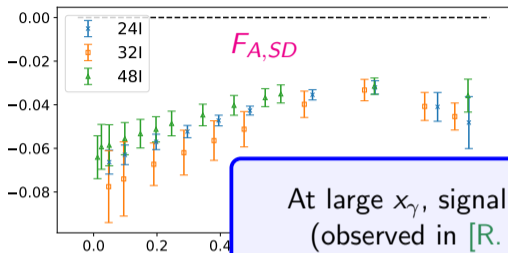
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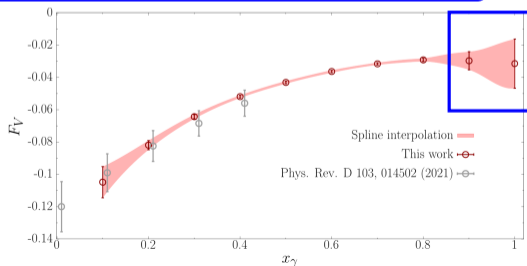
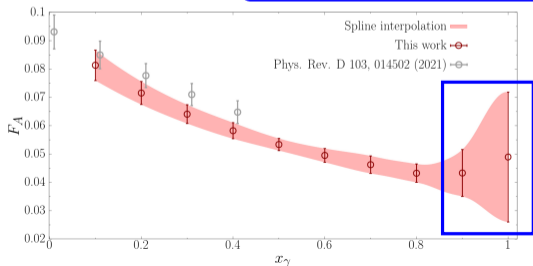


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At large  $x_\gamma$ , signal to noise decays exponentially with  $T$   
 (observed in [R. Frezzotti et. al, [arXiv:2306.05904](https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.05904)])  
 Can be tamed using 3d method

sign: different convent



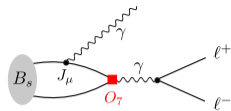
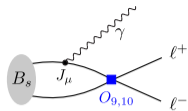
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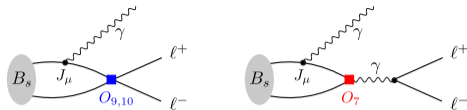
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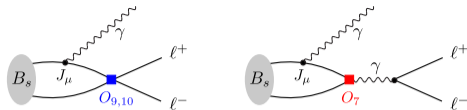
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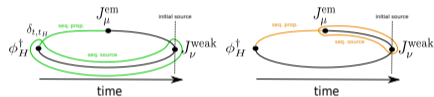
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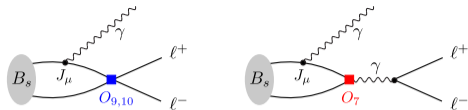


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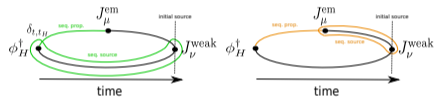


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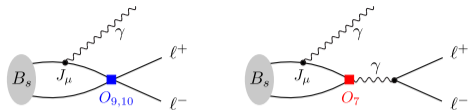


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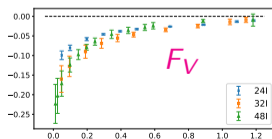
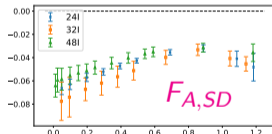
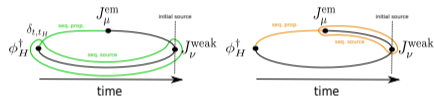


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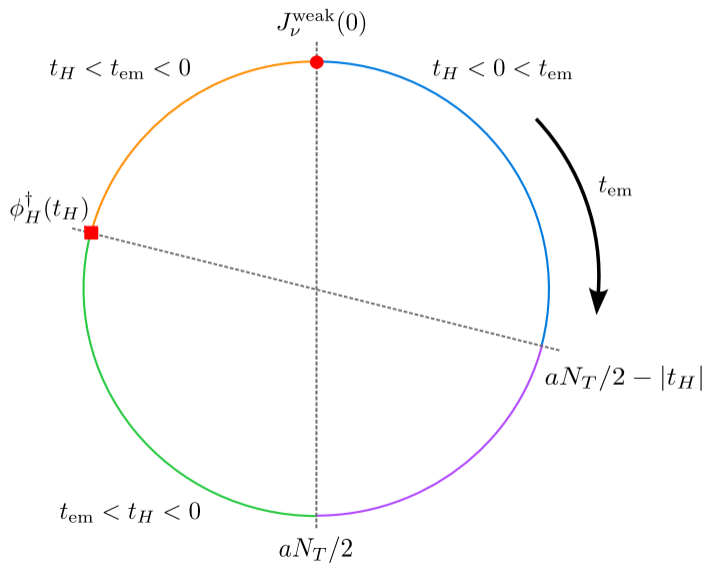
**Main Take-Away Point 2:** We have developed methods to achieve high precision for small computational cost

for more details: D. Giusti, **CFK**, C. Lehner, S. Meinel, A. Soni, [PRD 2023 / arXiv:\[2302.01298\]](#)

**Main Take-Away Point 3:** Working on physical calculation of  $D_s \rightarrow \gamma \ell \nu_\ell$ , out soon

Backup slides

# Time order visualization





# Minkowski spectral decomposition of $T_{\mu\nu}$

Time ordering  $t_{em} < 0$ :

$$\hat{1} = |0\rangle\langle 0| + \sum_n \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_n(\vec{p})} |n(\vec{p})\rangle\langle n(\vec{p})|$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\mu\nu}^< &= -i \int_{-\infty(1-i\epsilon)}^0 dt_{em} \int d^3x e^{ip_\gamma \cdot x} \langle 0 | J_\nu^{weak}(0) \hat{1} J_\mu^{em}(x) | B^-(\vec{p}_B) \rangle \\ &= - \sum_n \frac{1}{2E_{n,\vec{p}_B - \vec{p}_\gamma}} \frac{1}{E_\gamma + E_{n,\vec{p}_B - \vec{p}_\gamma} - E_{B,\vec{p}_B} - i\epsilon} \\ &\quad \times \langle 0 | J_\nu^{weak}(0) | n(\vec{p}_B - \vec{p}_\gamma) \rangle \langle n(\vec{p}_B - \vec{p}_\gamma) | J_\mu^{em}(0) | B(\vec{p}_B) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

(In infinite volume, the sum over  $n$  includes an integral over the continuous spectrum of multi-particle states.)

## Euclidean spectral decomposition of $I_{\mu\nu}$

Time ordering  $t_{em} < 0$ : (for large negative  $t_B$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{\mu\nu}^<(t_B, T) &= \int_{-T}^0 dt_{em} e^{E_\gamma t} C_{3,\mu\nu}(t_{em}, t_B) \\
 &= \langle B(\vec{p}_B) | \phi_B^\dagger(0) | 0 \rangle \frac{1}{2E_{B,\vec{p}_B}} e^{E_B t_B} \\
 &\quad \times \sum_n \frac{1}{2E_{n,\vec{p}_B-\vec{p}_\gamma}} \frac{\langle 0 | J_\nu^{weak}(0) | n(\vec{p}_B - \vec{p}_\gamma) \rangle \langle n(\vec{p}_B - \vec{p}_\gamma) | J_\mu^{em}(0) | B(\vec{p}_B) \rangle}{E_\gamma + E_{n,\vec{p}_B-\vec{p}_\gamma} - E_{B,\vec{p}_B}} \\
 &\quad \times \left[ 1 - e^{-(E_\gamma + E_{n,\vec{p}_B-\vec{p}_\gamma} - E_{B,\vec{p}_B})T} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

( \* all times are now Euclidean )

Require  $E_\gamma + E_{n,\vec{p}_B-\vec{p}_\gamma} - E_{B,\vec{p}_B} > 0$  to get rid of unwanted exponential

States  $|n(\vec{p}_B - \vec{p}_\gamma)\rangle$  has same flavor quantum numbers as B meson

$$\rightarrow E_{n,\mathbf{p}_B-\mathbf{p}_\gamma} \geq E_{B,\mathbf{p}_B-\mathbf{p}_\gamma} = \sqrt{m_B^2 + (\mathbf{p}_B - \mathbf{p}_\gamma)^2}$$

For  $\mathbf{p}_\gamma \neq 0$ ,  $|\mathbf{p}_\gamma| + \sqrt{m_n^2 + (\mathbf{p}_B - \mathbf{p}_\gamma)^2} > \sqrt{m_B^2 + \mathbf{p}_B^2}$  is automatically satisfied

## Comparison to experiment and lattice: [\[PRD 2021/arXiv:2012.02120\]](#)

Depends on  $F^\pm(x_\gamma) = F_V(x_\gamma) \pm F_{A,SD}(x_\gamma)$ , at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{em})$ , three pieces

- Point-like (pt): universal, does not probe internal structure of meson
- Structure-dependent:  $SD \sim SD^+((F^+)^2) + SD^-((F^-)^2)$
- Interference between (pt) and (SD):  $INT \sim INT^-(F^+) + INT^-(F^-)$

### KLOE experiment

- $K \rightarrow e\nu_e\gamma$ : perform cuts so sensitive to mainly  $SD^+ \implies (F^+)^2$  consistent
- $K \rightarrow \mu\nu_\mu\gamma$ : perform cuts so sensitive to

### E787 experiment:

- $K \rightarrow \mu\nu_\mu\gamma$ : perform cuts so sensitive to mainly  $SD^+ \implies (F^+)^2$ , slight dependence on  $SD^- + INT^-$  at small  $x_\gamma$
- Tension between prediction for  $F(x_\gamma)^+$  between KLOE and E787

## Rough summary

Let  $F^\pm(x_\gamma) = F_V(x_\gamma) \pm F_{A,SD}(x_\gamma)$ , then

Piece	QCD FF
PT	none
SD <sup>+</sup>	$(F^+)^2$
SD <sup>-</sup>	$(F^-)^2$
INT <sup>+</sup>	$F^+$
INT <sup>-</sup>	$F^-$

Experiment	Process	Sensitive to	Theory vs Exp.
KLOE	$K \rightarrow e\nu_e\gamma$	SD <sup>+</sup>	Agree
E787	$K \rightarrow \mu\nu_\mu\gamma$	SD <sup>+</sup> , SD <sup>-</sup> + INT <sup>-</sup>	Tension
ISTRA+	$K \rightarrow \mu\nu_\mu\gamma$	INT <sup>-</sup>	Tension
OKA	$K \rightarrow \mu\nu_\mu\gamma$	INT <sup>-</sup>	Tension
PIBETA	$\pi \rightarrow e\nu_e\gamma$	SD <sup>+</sup>	Tension

## 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

Limitation of 4d method  $\rightarrow$  cannot resolve the two time orderings

$\rightarrow$  Fit sum of both time orderings  $F_V(T, t_H) = F_V^<(T, t_H) + F_V^>(T, t_H)$

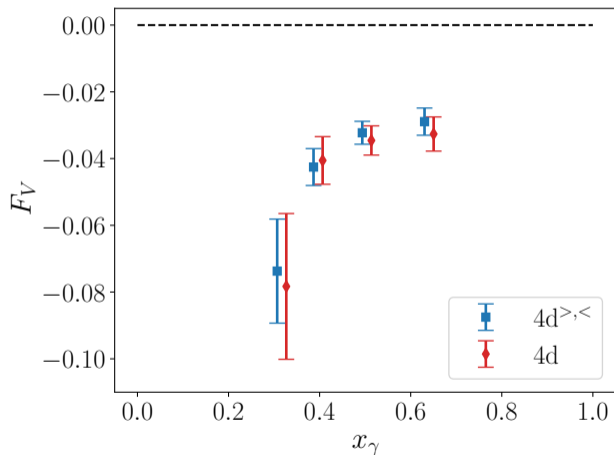
$$F(t_H, T) = F + B_F^< \underbrace{e^{-(E_\gamma - E_H + E^<)T}}_{t_{em} < 0} + B_F^> \underbrace{e^{(E_\gamma - E^>)T}}_{t_{em} > 0}$$

■ fit parameters

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

$\rightarrow$  Use broad Gaussian prior on  $E^>$  exclude unphysical values

## Comparison of 4d and 4d<sup>>,<</sup>



$$x_\gamma = 2E_\gamma^{(0)} / m_{D_s}$$

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

Summary:

- Cost 4d<sup>>,<</sup> method roughly twice 4d method
- 4d<sup>>,<</sup> resolves time orders, allows better control over  $T \rightarrow \infty$  limit
- 4d<sup>>,<</sup> method smaller uncertainty than 4d method

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Photon momenta for 24l ensemble:

$$p_{\gamma,z} = 2\pi/L \times \{0.1, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 1.4, 1.8, 2.2, 2.4\}$$

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

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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

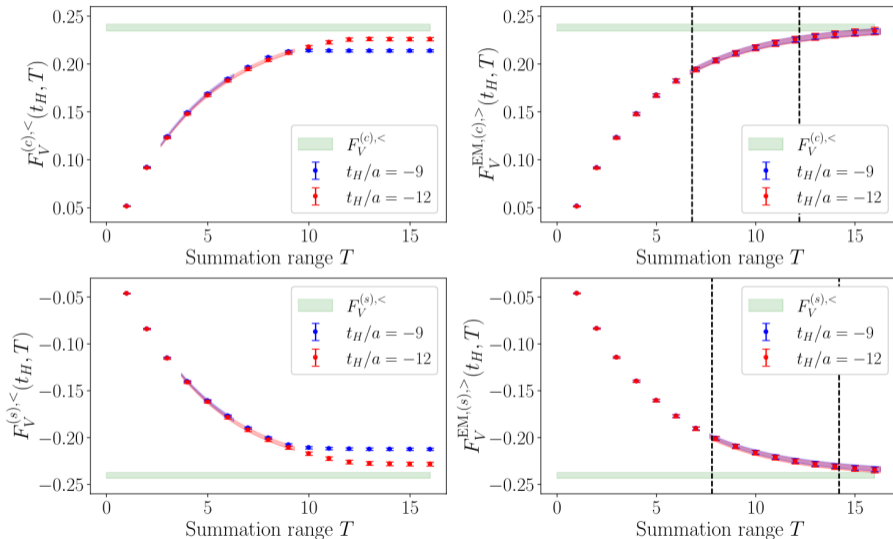
$$|C^\infty(x) - C^L(x)| \leq c e^{-\Lambda L} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{C}^\infty(q) \equiv \sum_{x=-\infty}^{\infty} C^\infty(x) e^{iqx}.$$

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

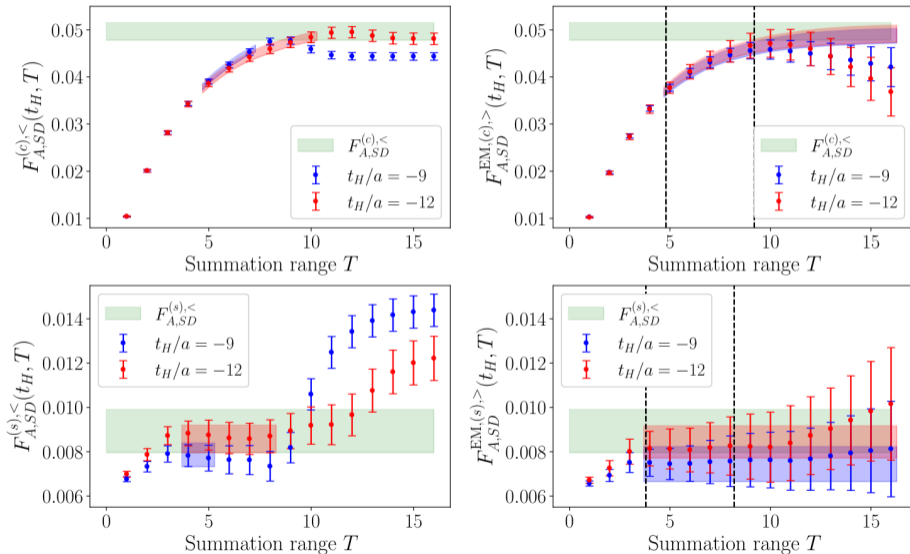
$$|\tilde{C}^\infty(q) - \tilde{C}^L(q)| \leq \tilde{c} e^{-\Lambda_0 L}$$

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

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# Simulation parameters

Physical calculation for  $\pi, K, D, D_S$  [Desiderio, Frezzotti, Garofalo, Giusti, Hansen, Lubicz, Martinelli, Sachrajda, Sanfilippo, Simula,

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- 3 ETMC gauge ensembles with  $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$
- twisted mass fermions in sea?
- 3 lattice spacings  $a \in \{0.089, 0.082, 0.062\}$  fm
- Lightest
- twisted boundary conditions to assign arbitrary  $p_\gamma, p_{\text{Meson}}$

Physical calculation for  $D_S \rightarrow \gamma l \nu_l$  for full kinematic range of  $E_\gamma$  [Frezzotti, Gagliardi, Lubicz, Martinelli, Mazzetti,

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- 4 ETMC gauge ensembles with  $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$
- twisted mass fermions
- 4 lattice spacings  $a \in [0.058, 0.09]$  fm
- physical pion mass
- twisted boundary conditions to assign arbitrary  $p_\gamma, p_{D_S}$
- Osterwalder-Seiler fermions