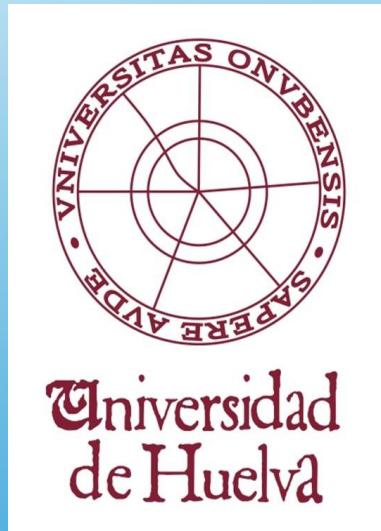


QCD 2- and 3- point Green's functions:

From lattice results to phenomenology



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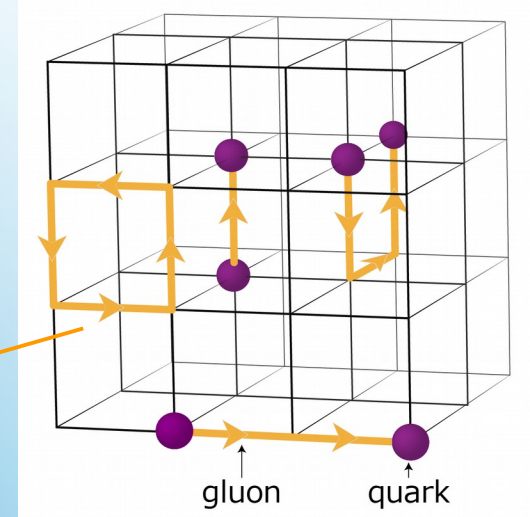
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Tree-level Symanzik gauge action

$$S_g = \frac{\beta}{3} \sum_x \left\{ b_0 \sum_{\substack{\mu, \nu=1 \\ 1 \leq \mu < \nu}}^4 [1 - \text{Re Tr}(U_{x, \mu, \nu}^{1 \times 1})] + b_1 \sum_{\substack{\mu, \nu=1 \\ \mu \neq \nu}}^4 [1 - \text{Re Tr}(U_{x, \mu, \nu}^{1 \times 2})] \right\}$$



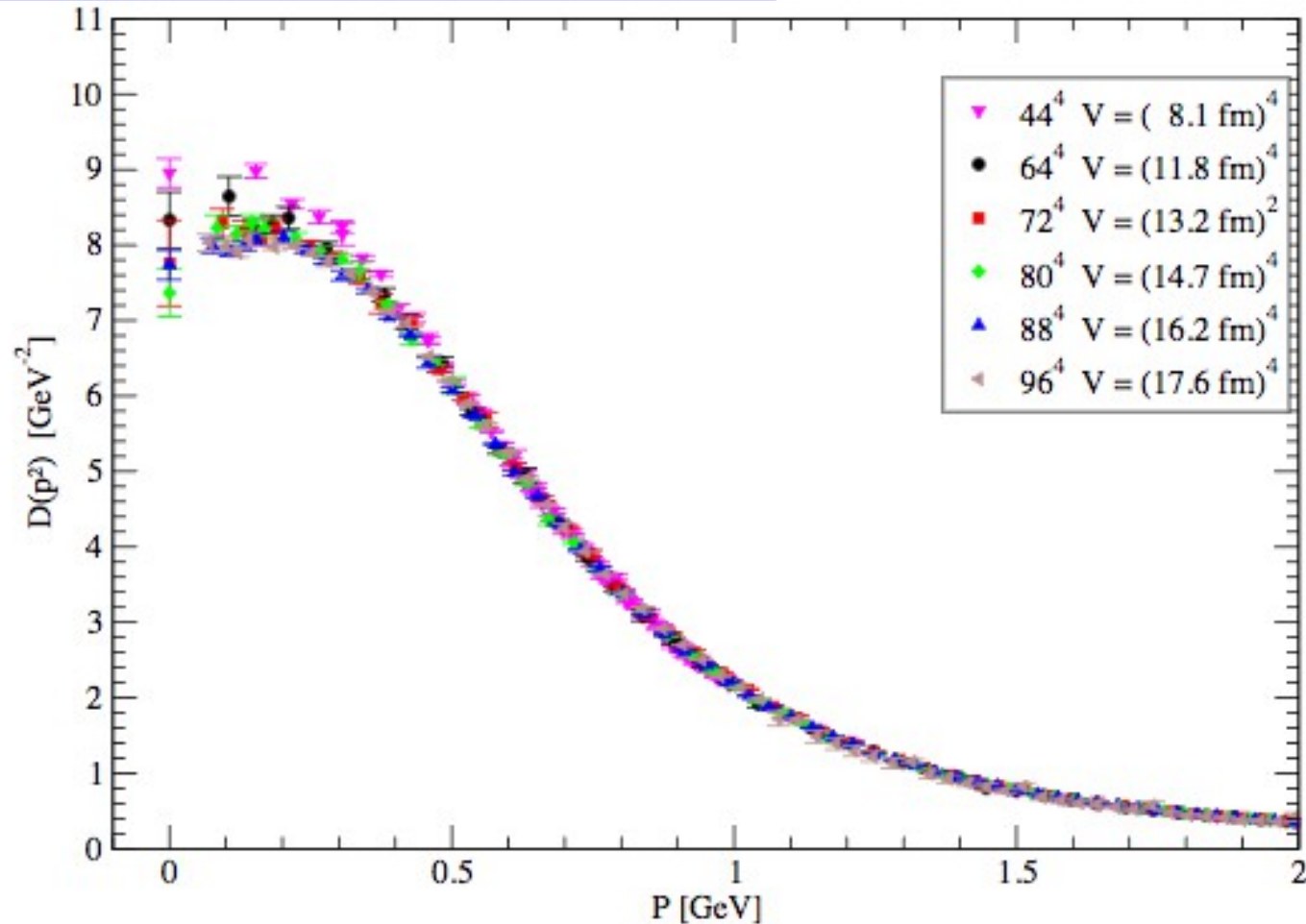
The gauge fields are to be nonperturbatively obtained from lattice QCD simulations and applied then to get the gluon Green's functions

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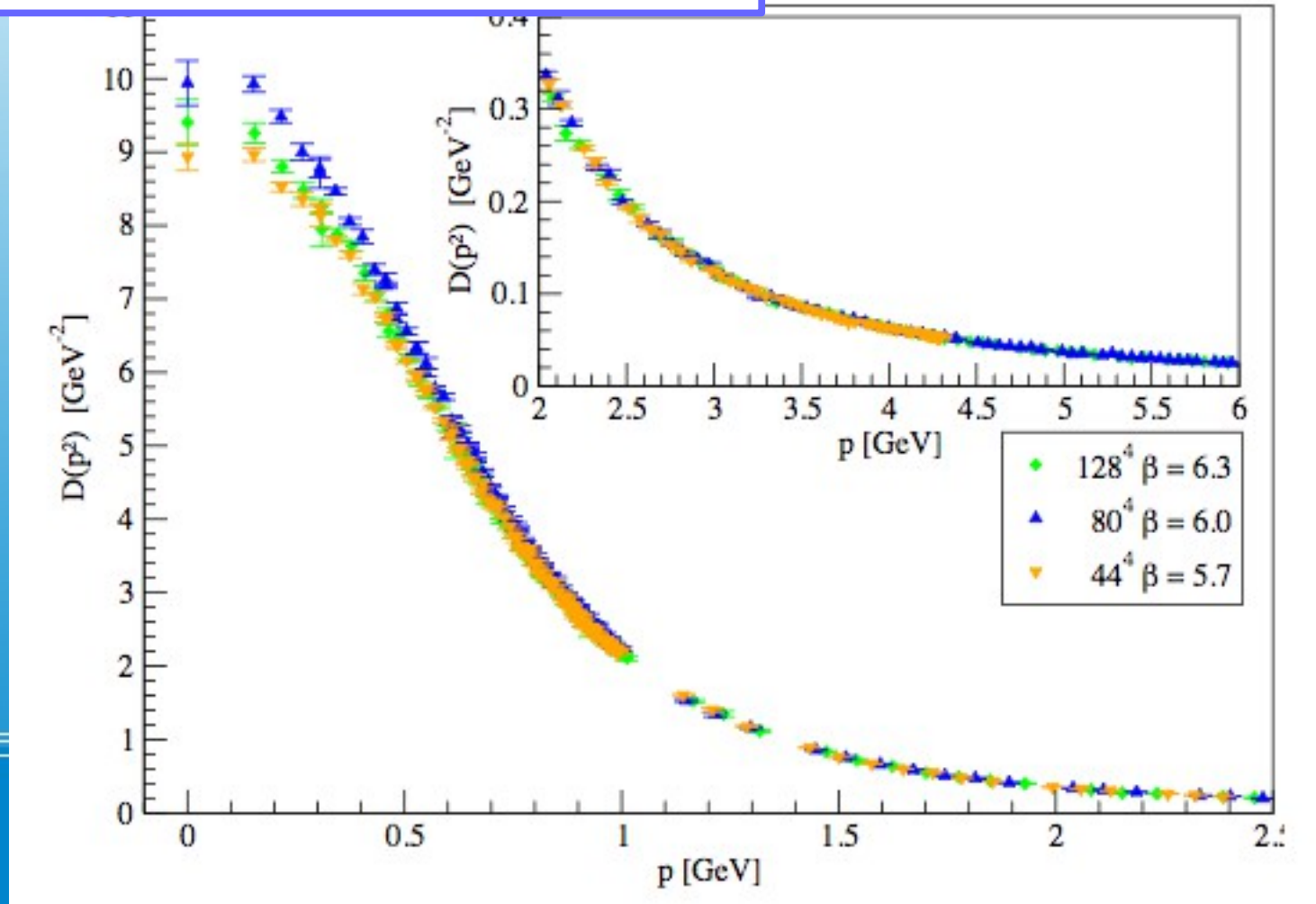
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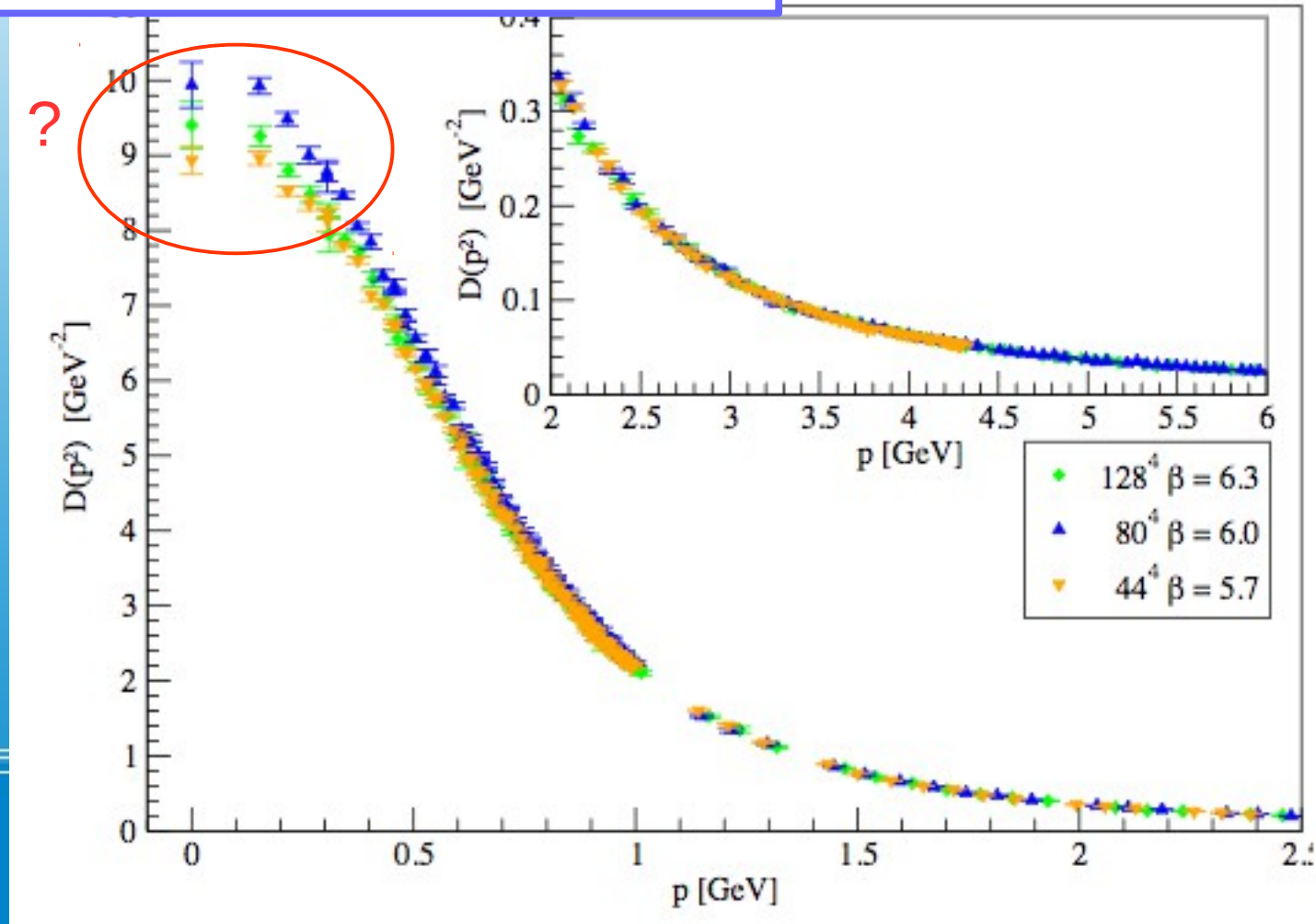
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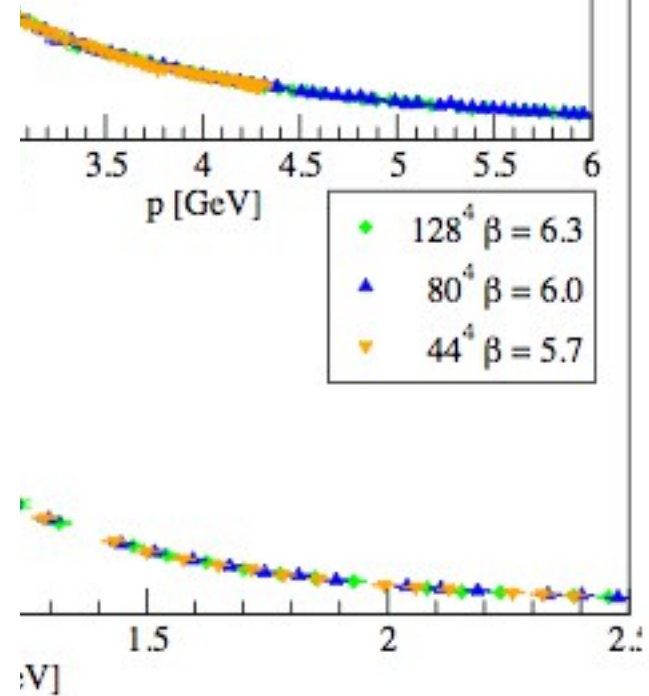
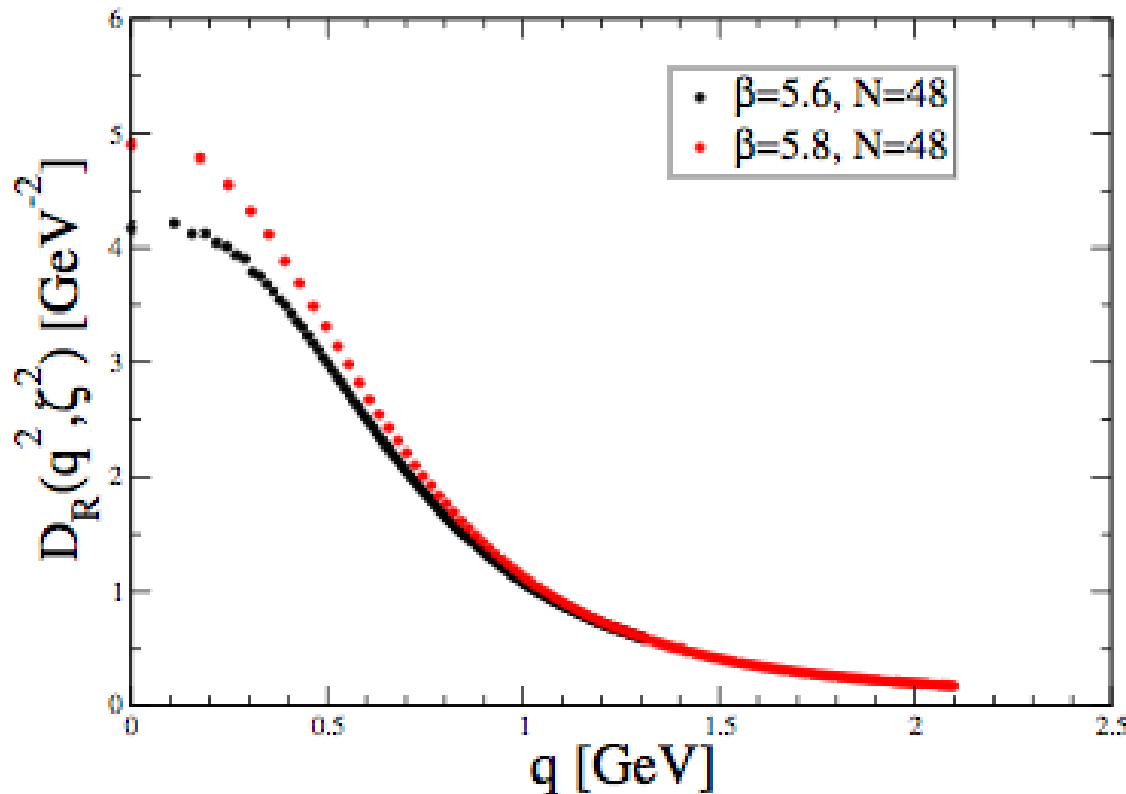
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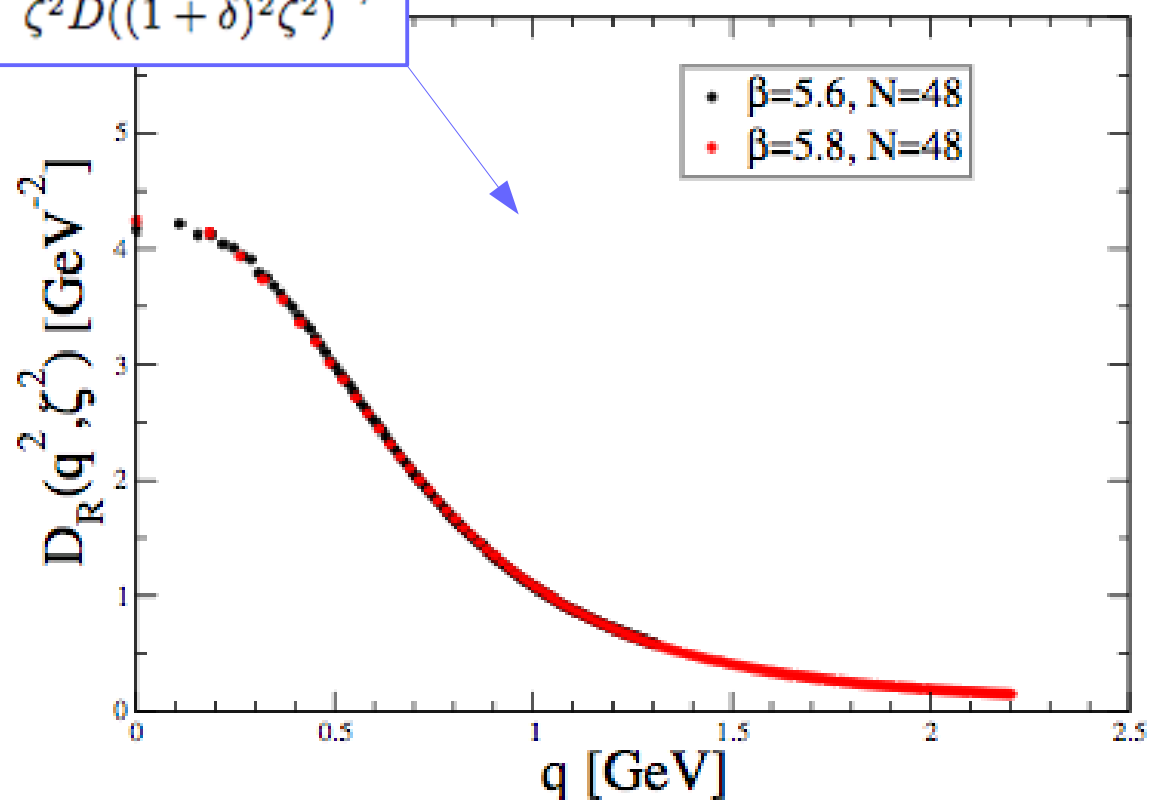
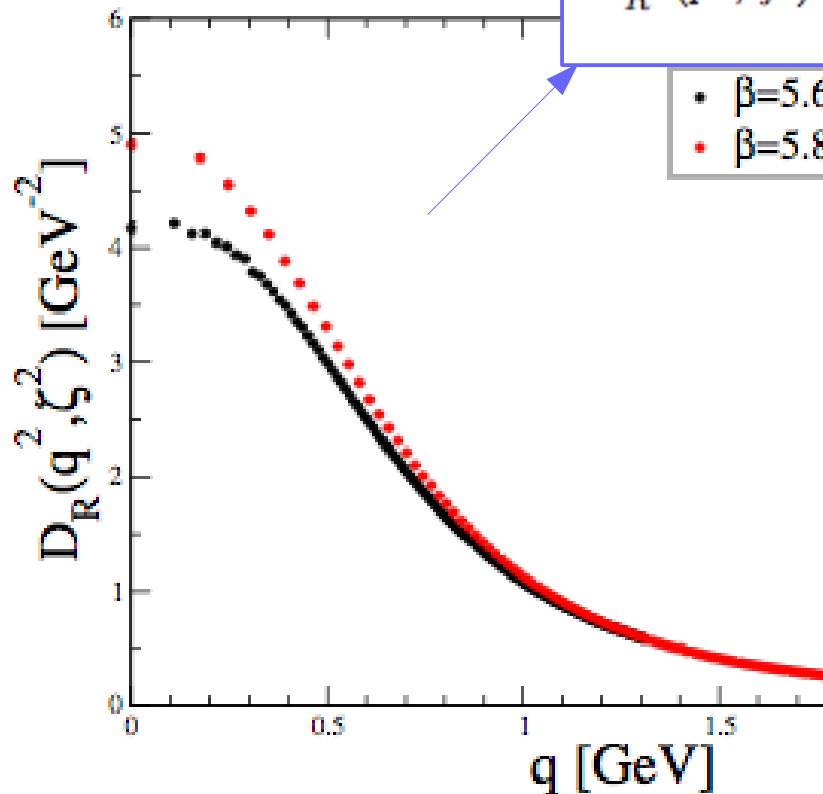
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$$D_R^{(\delta)}(p^2, \zeta^2) = \frac{D((1+\delta)^2 p^2)}{\zeta^2 D((1+\delta)^2 \zeta^2)} ;$$



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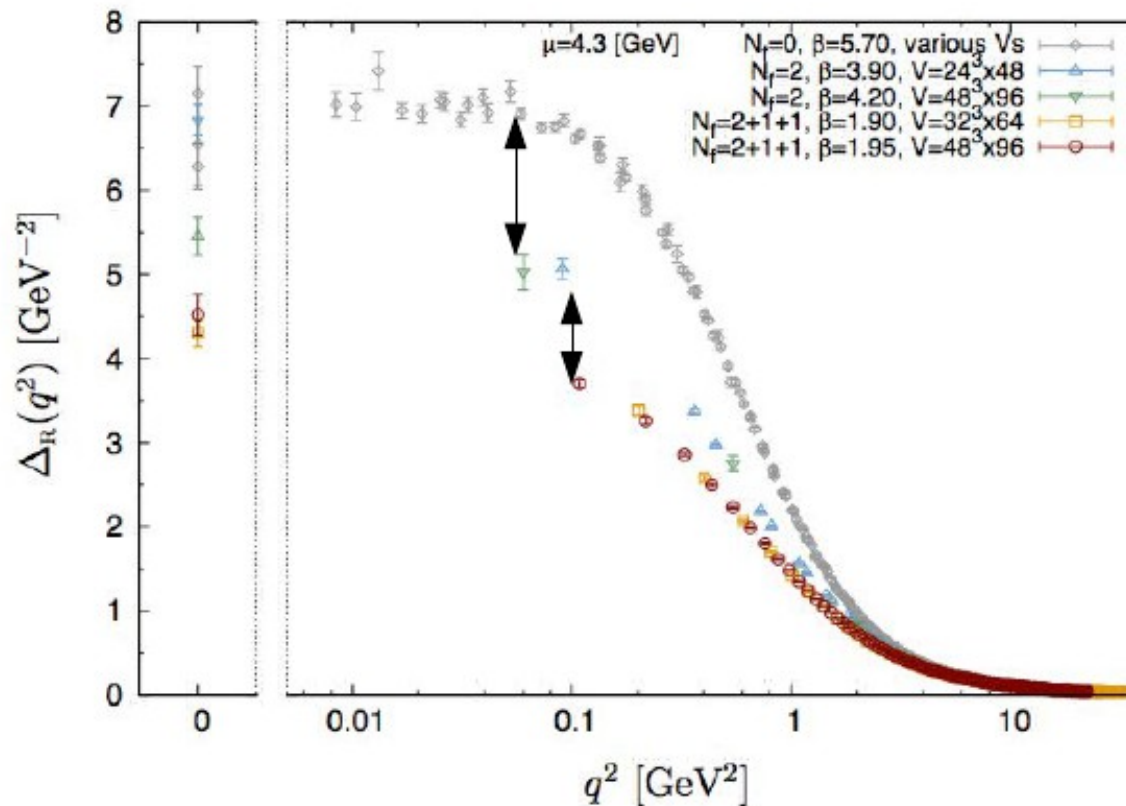
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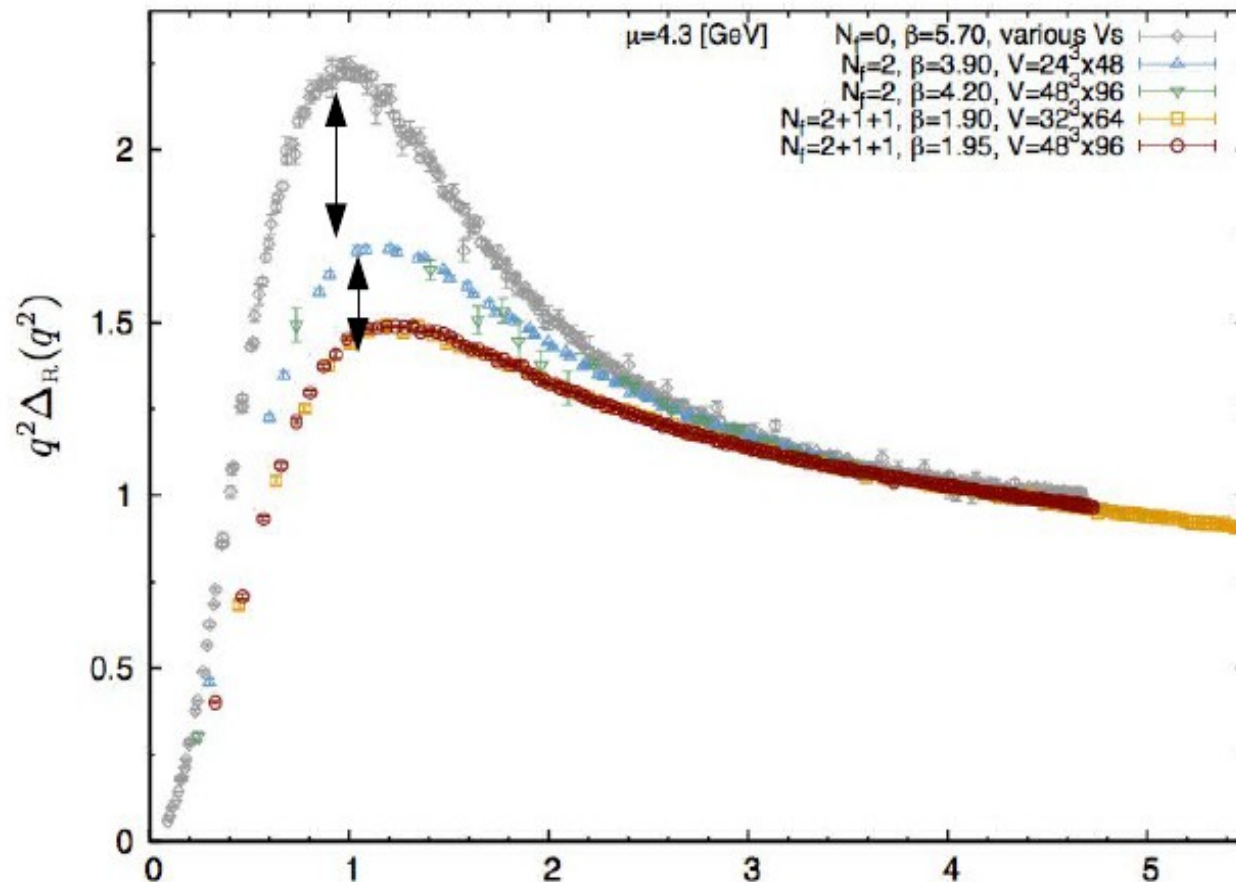
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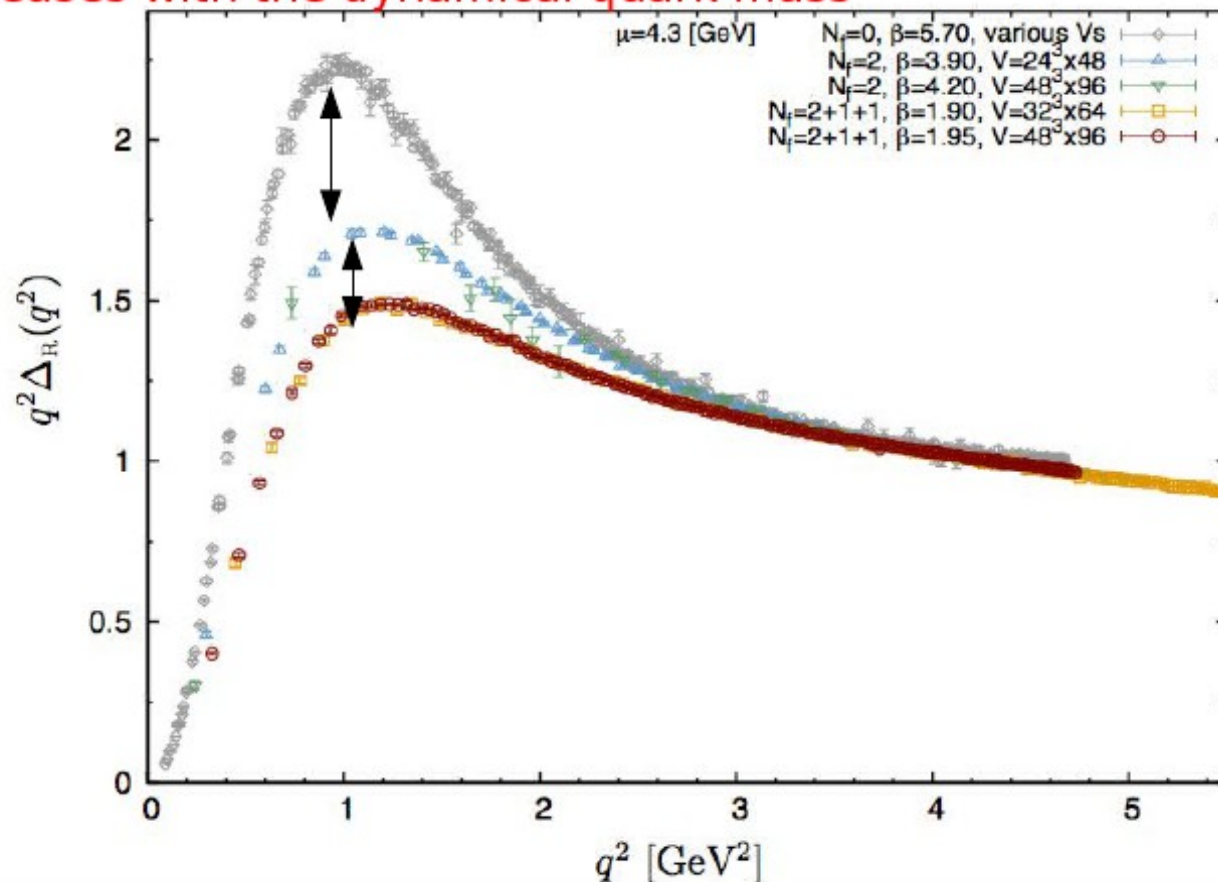
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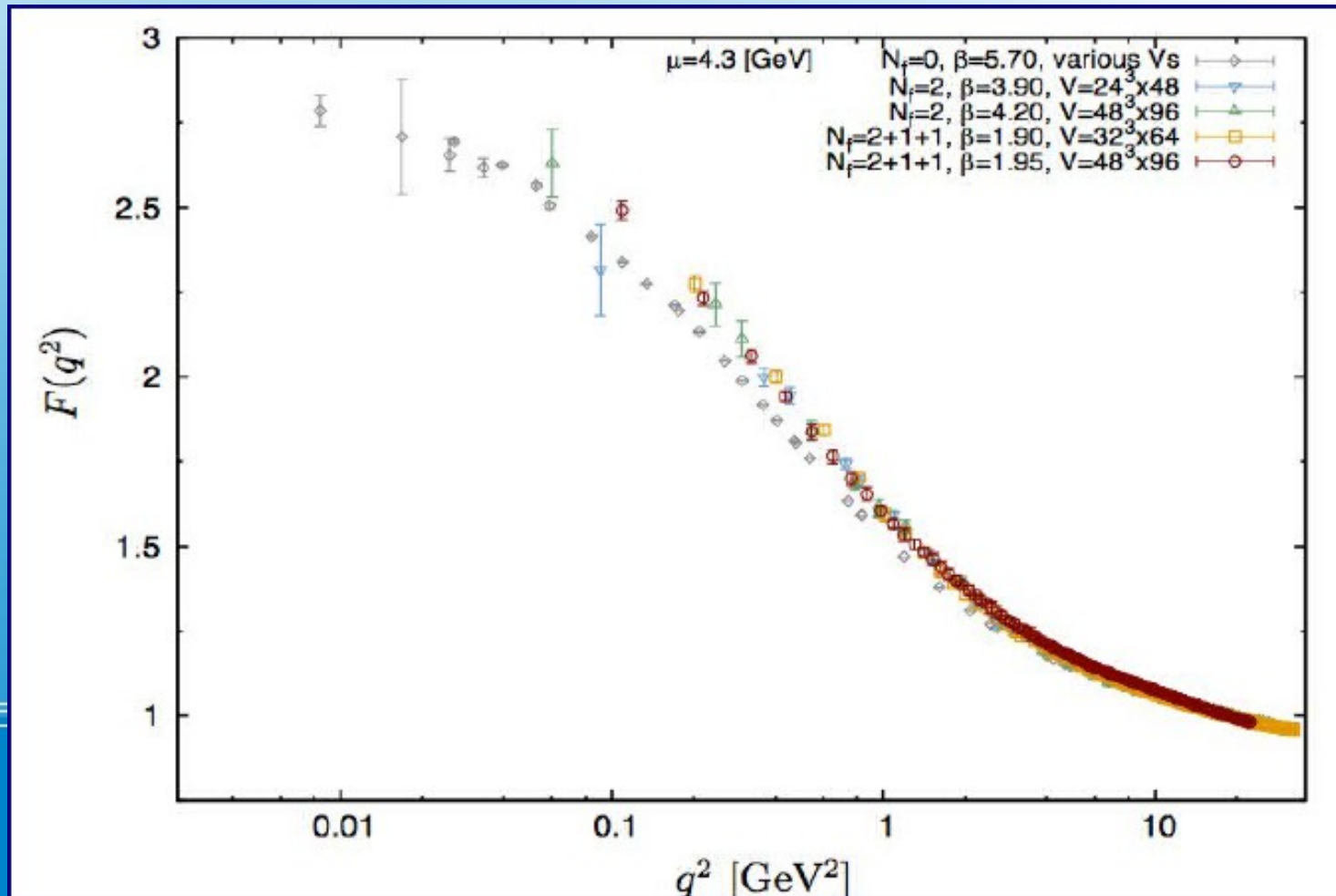
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The ghost propagator

$$\text{---}\blacktriangleright\text{---} \quad (F^{(2)})^{ab}(x-y) \equiv \langle (M^{-1})_{xy}^{ab} \rangle, \quad M(U) = -\frac{1}{N} \nabla \cdot \tilde{D}(U)$$

$$\tilde{D}(U)\eta(x) = \frac{1}{2} (U_\mu(x)\eta(x+\mu) - \eta(x)U_\mu(x) + \eta(x+\mu)U_\mu^\dagger - U_\mu^\dagger(x)\eta(x))$$

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Multi-instanton background

The classical gauge field solution from a multi-instanton ensemble can be cast as the so-called *ratio ansatz* [E.V. Shuryak; Nucl.Phys.B302(1988)574]

$$g_0 B_\mu^a(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{2 \sum_{i=I,A} R_{(i)}^{a\alpha} \bar{\eta}_{\mu\nu}^\alpha \frac{y_i^\nu}{y_i^2} \rho_i^2 \frac{f(|y_i|)}{y_i^2}}{1 + \sum_{i=I,A} \rho_i^2 \frac{f(|y_i|)}{y_i^2}},$$

$$y_i = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{z}_i$$

$\bar{\eta}_{\mu\nu}^\alpha, R_{(i)}^{a\alpha}$ 't Hooft symbols and color rotation matrices
 ρ_i instanton radius

$$\sim 2 \sum_{i=I,A} R_{(i)}^{a\alpha} \bar{\eta}_{\mu\nu}^\alpha \frac{y_i^\nu}{y_i^2} \rho_i^2 \frac{f(|y_i|)}{y_i^2} \quad y_i \gg \rho_i \text{ for all } i,$$

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$f(z)$ is a *shape function* [$f(0)=1$] that might be eventually obtained by minimization of the action per particle for some statistical ensemble of instantons (*classical background*).

Then:

$$g_0 B_\mu^a(\mathbf{x}) = 2 \sum_i R_{(i)}^{a\alpha} \bar{\eta}_{\mu\nu}^\alpha \frac{y_i^\nu}{y_i^2} \phi_{\rho_i} \left(\frac{|y_i|}{\rho_i} \right)$$

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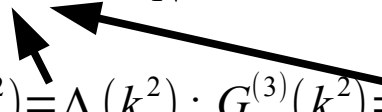
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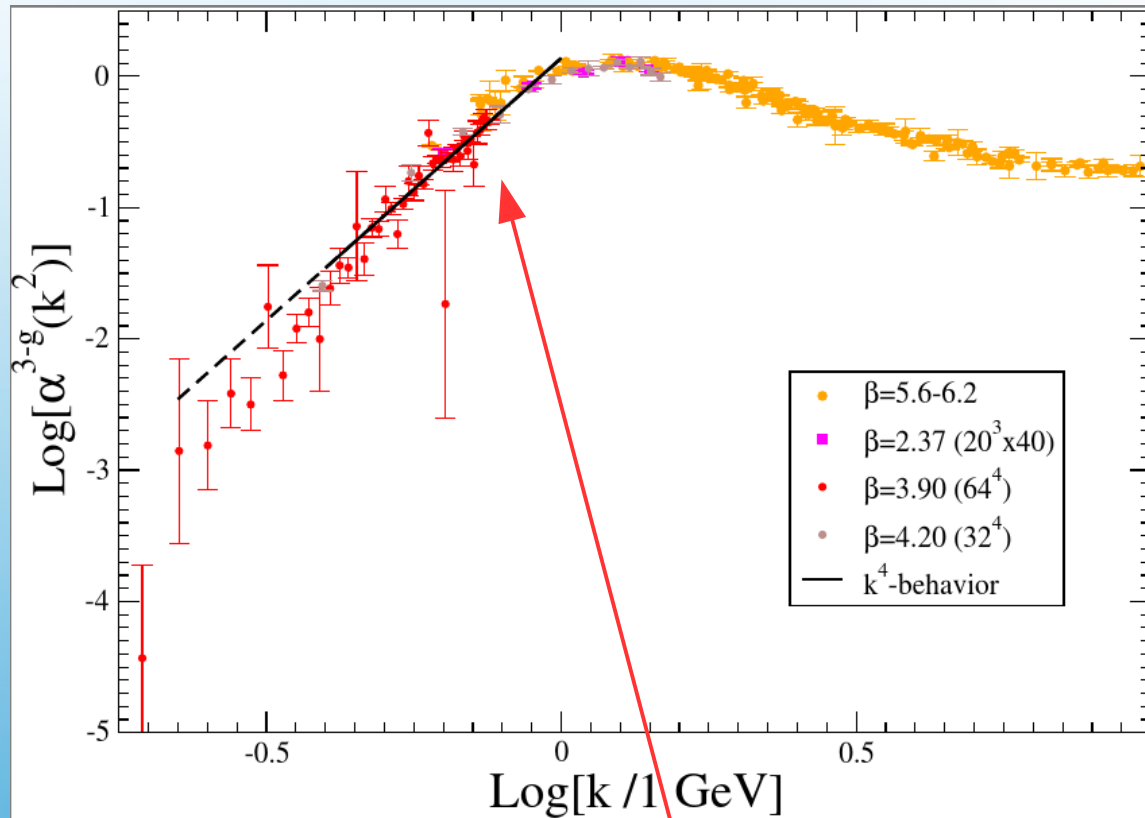
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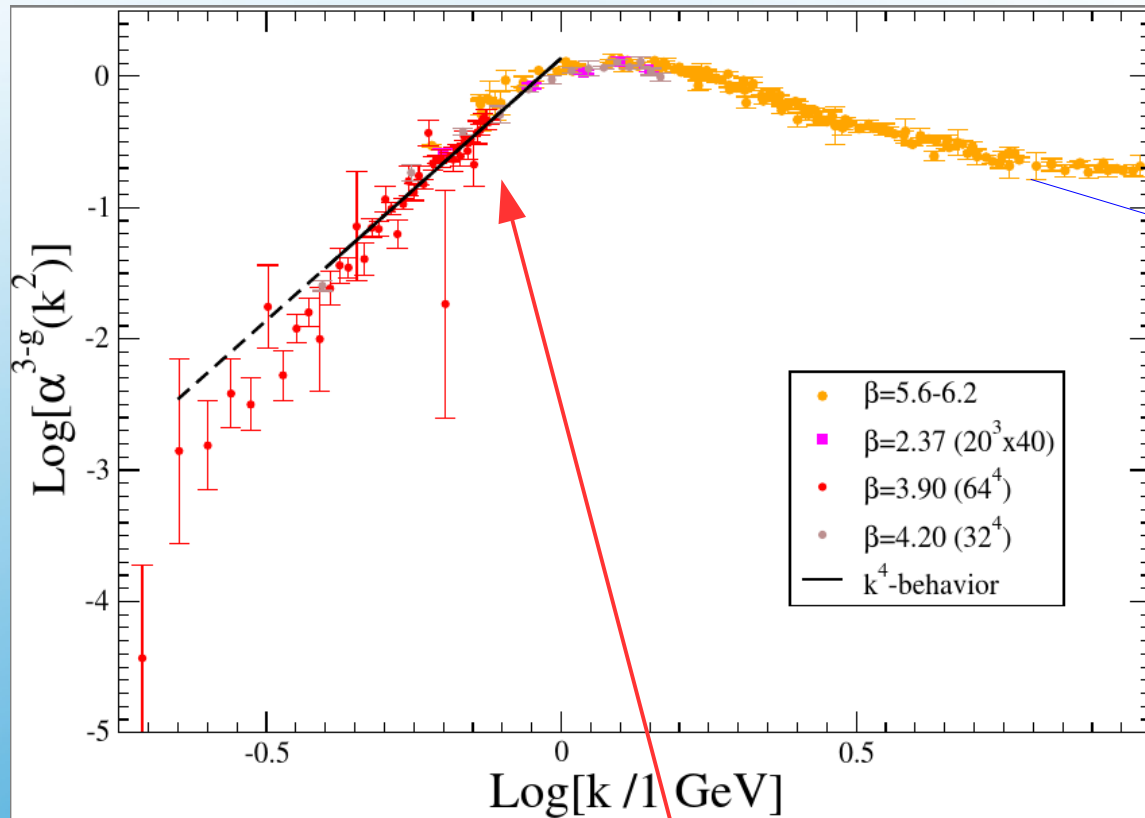
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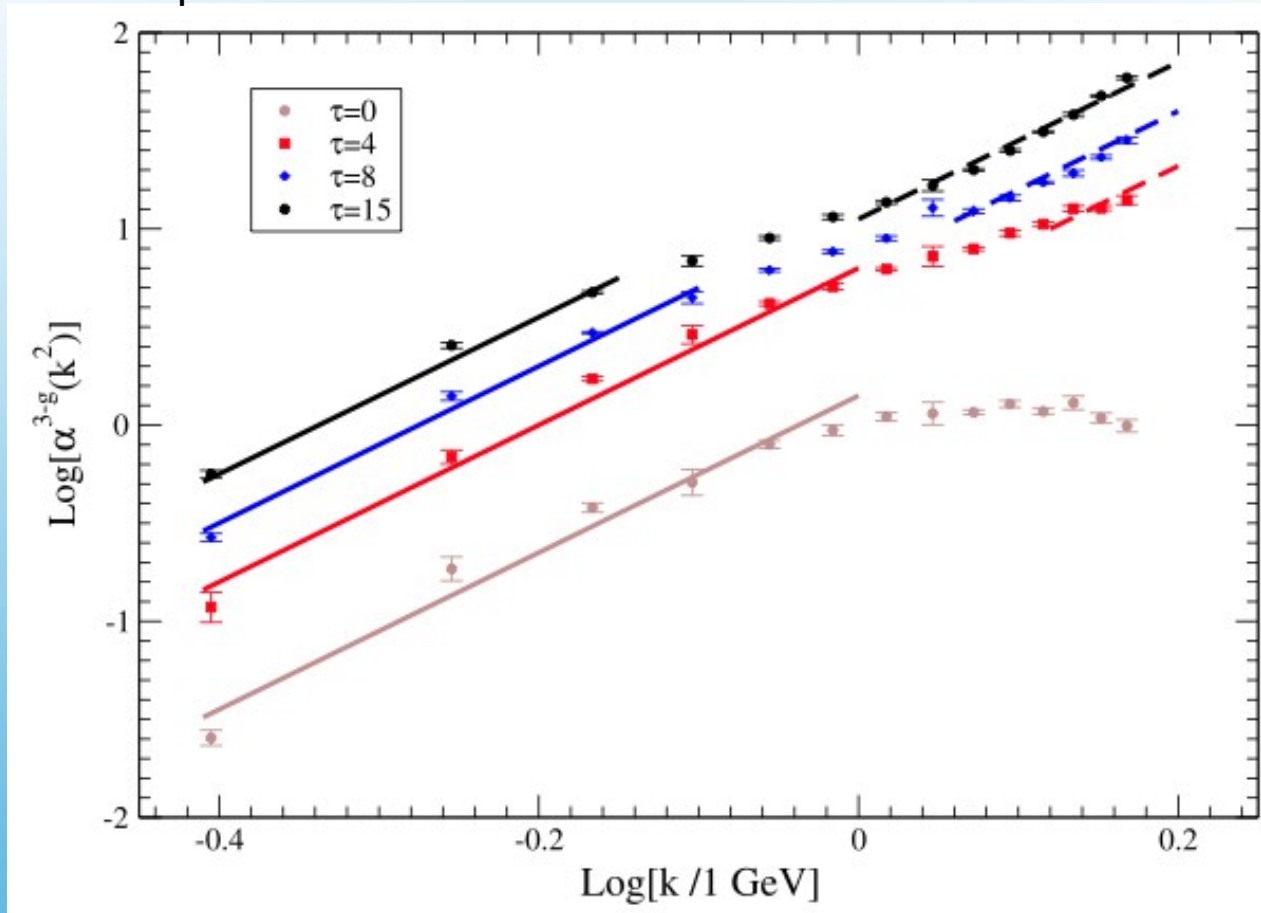
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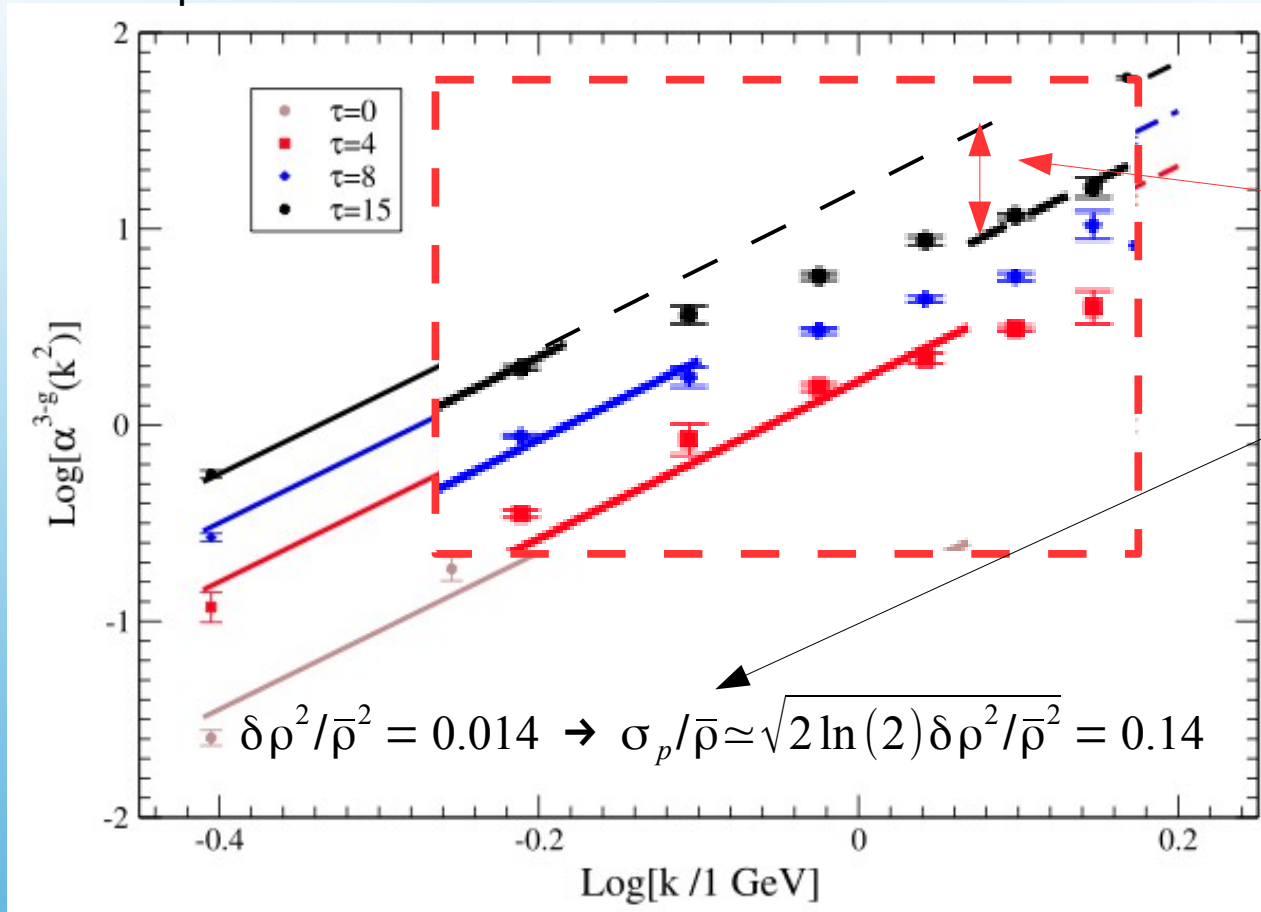
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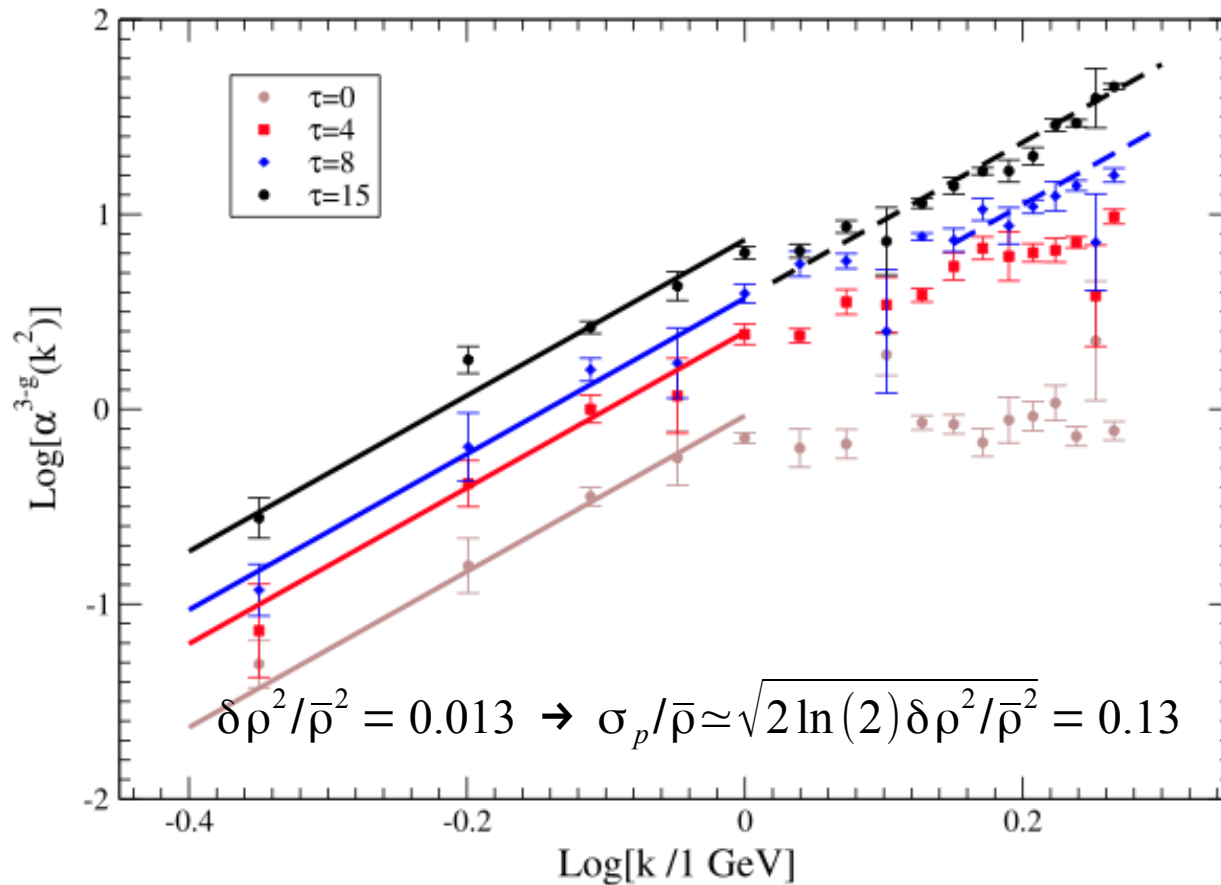
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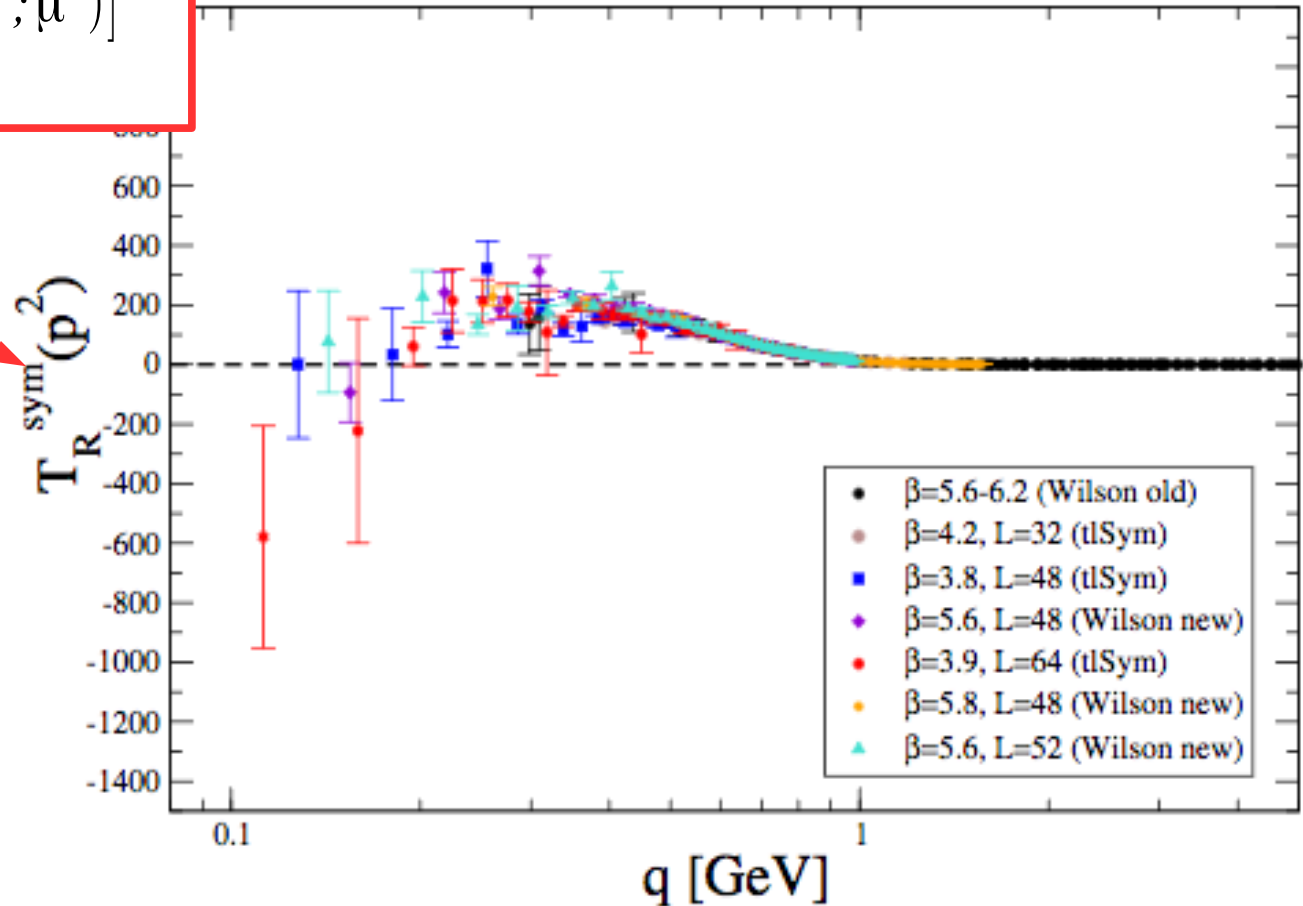
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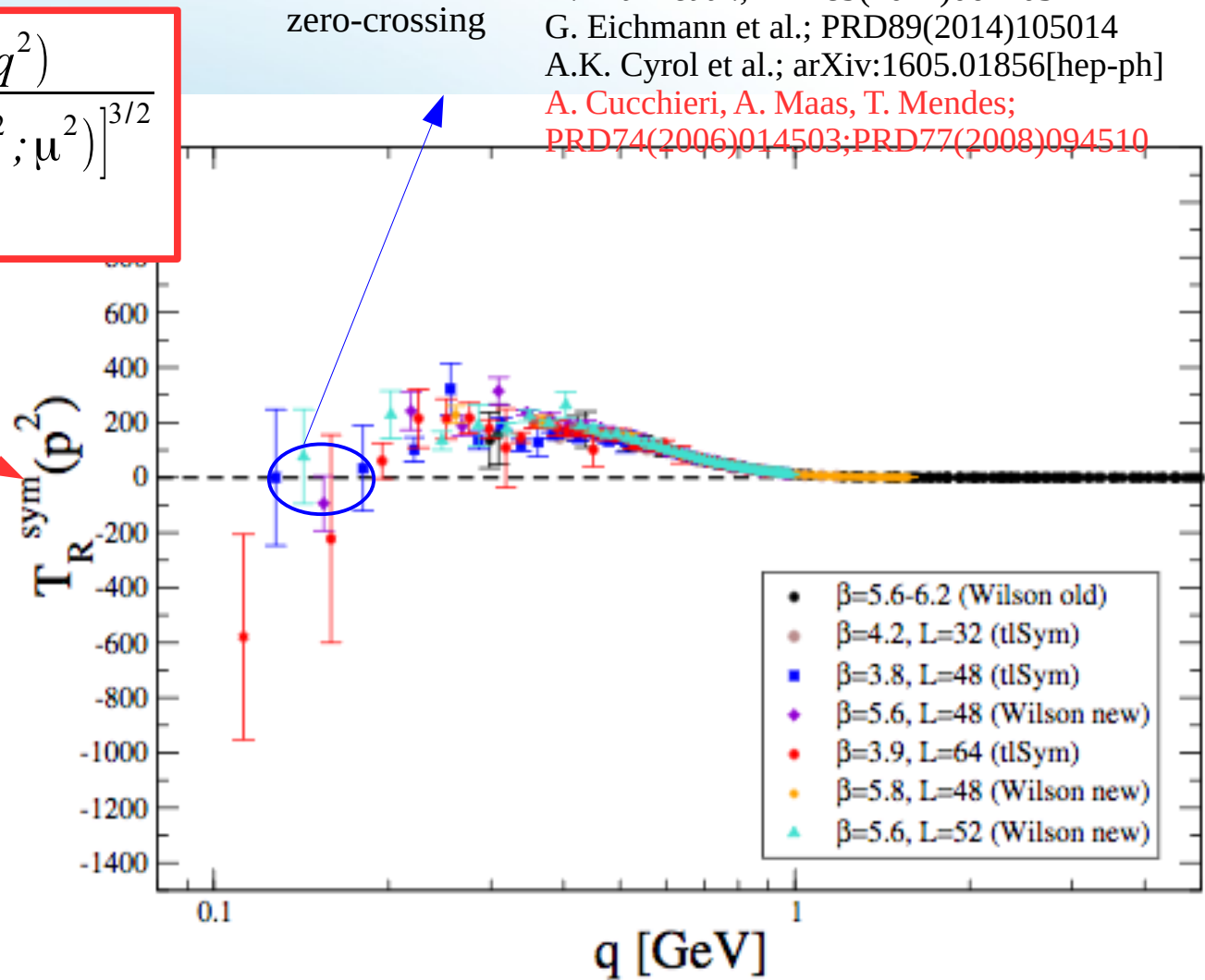
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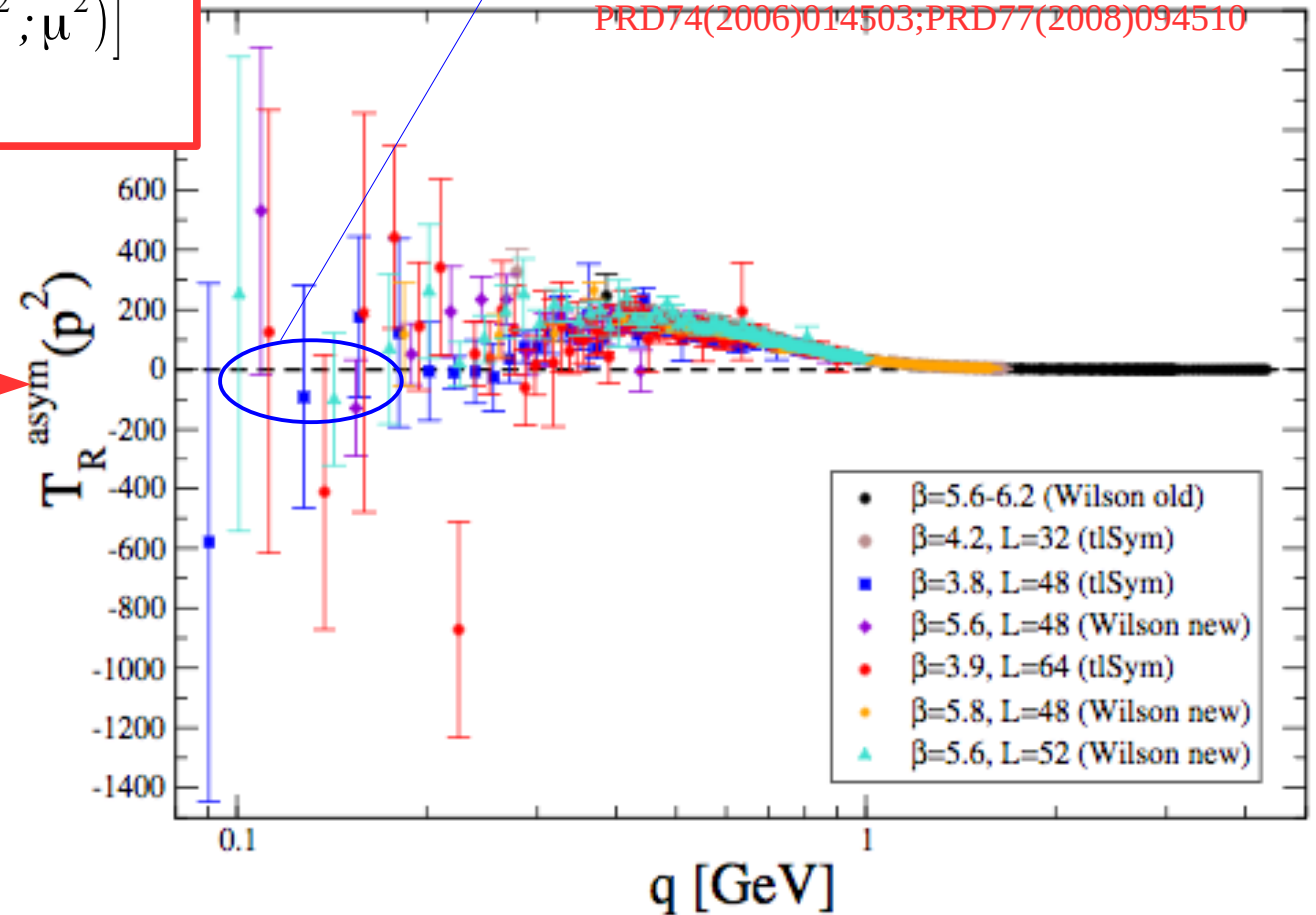
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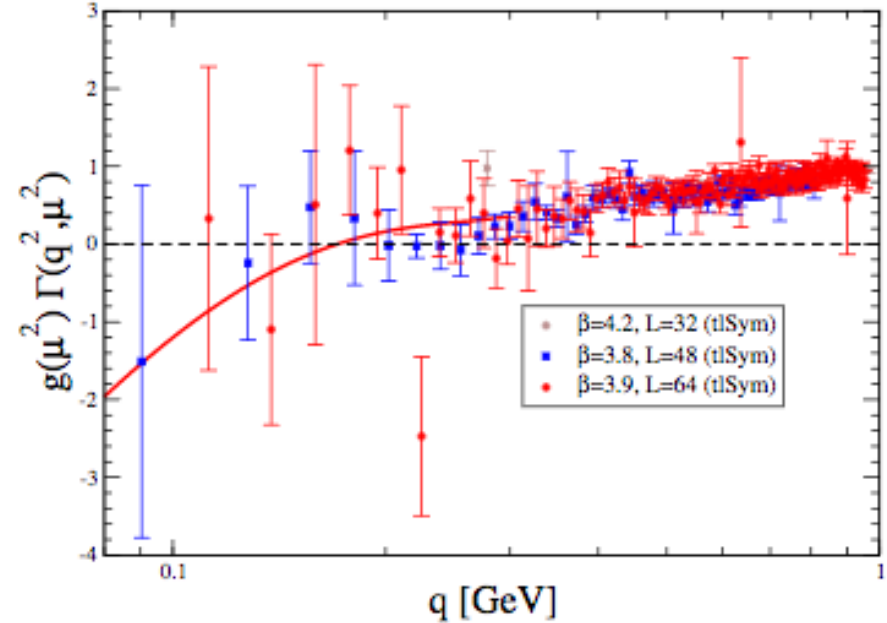
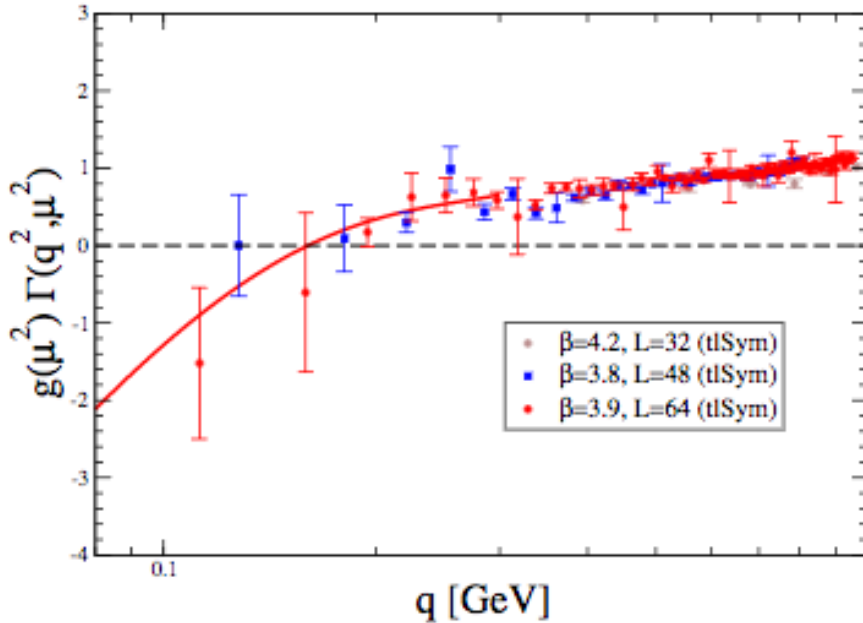
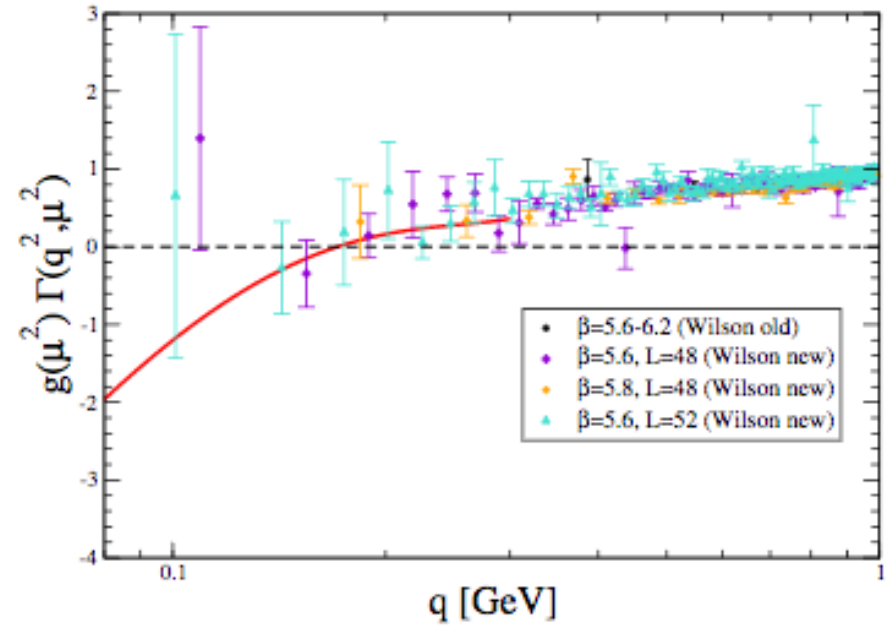
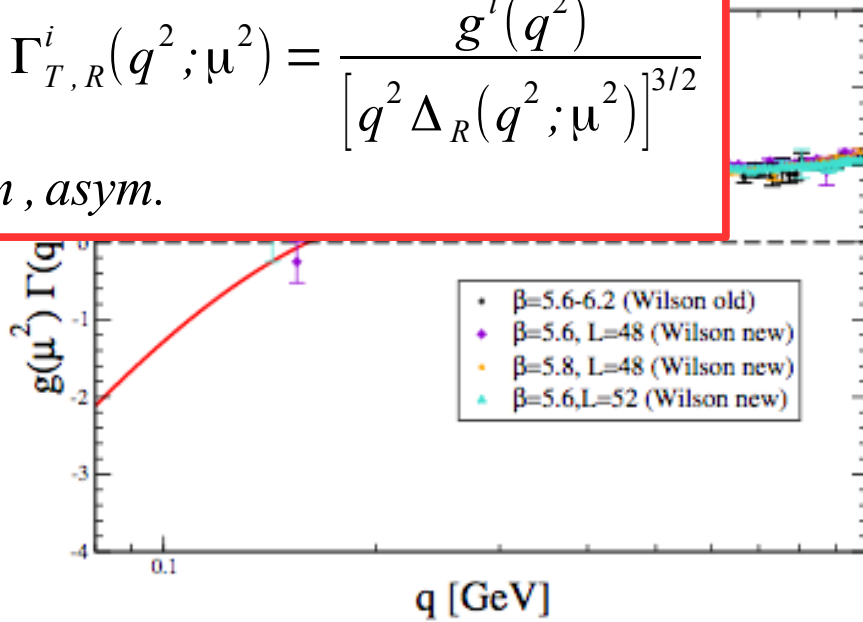


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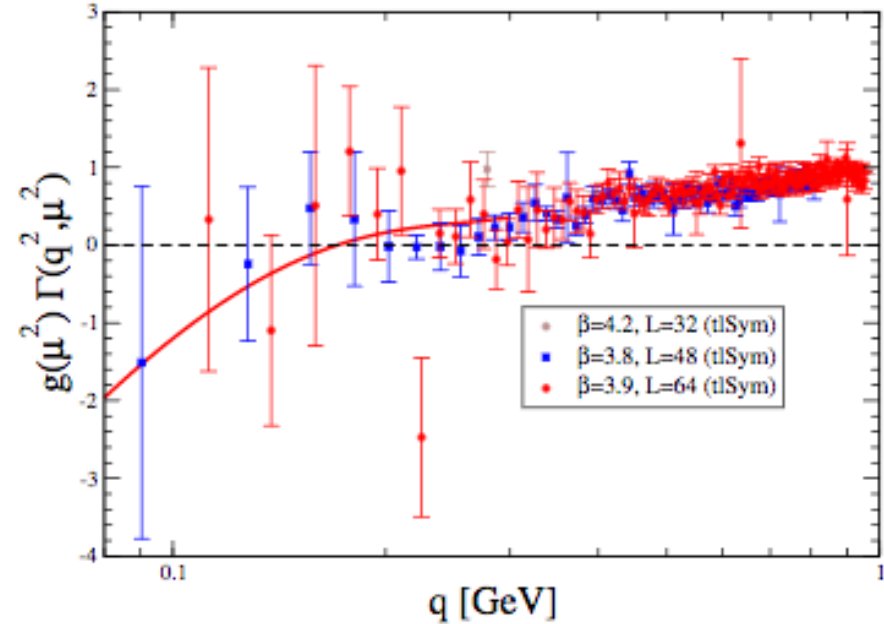
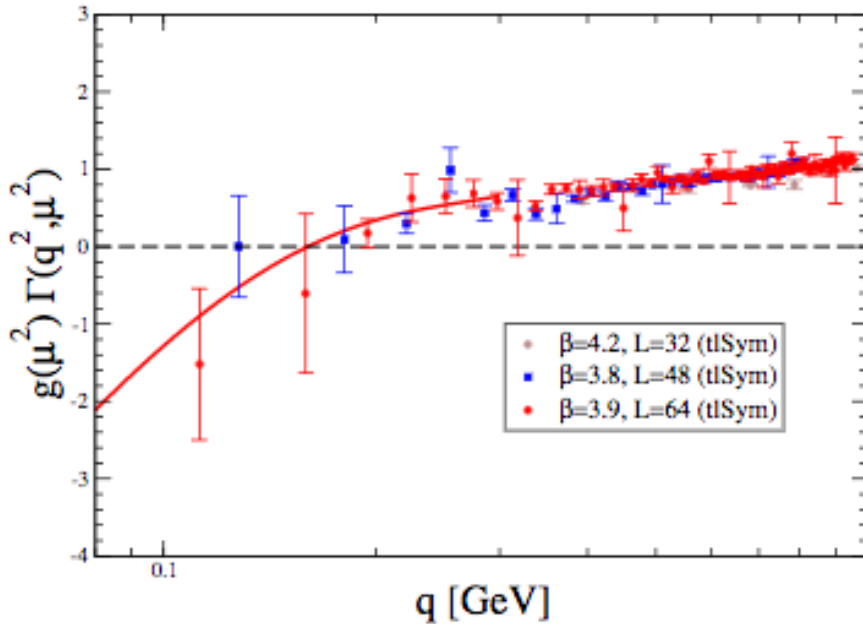
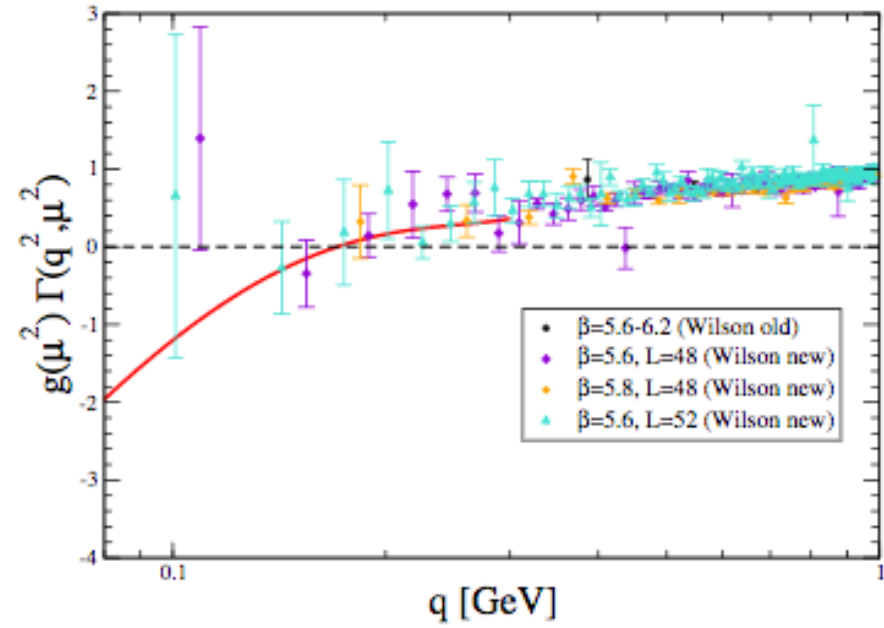
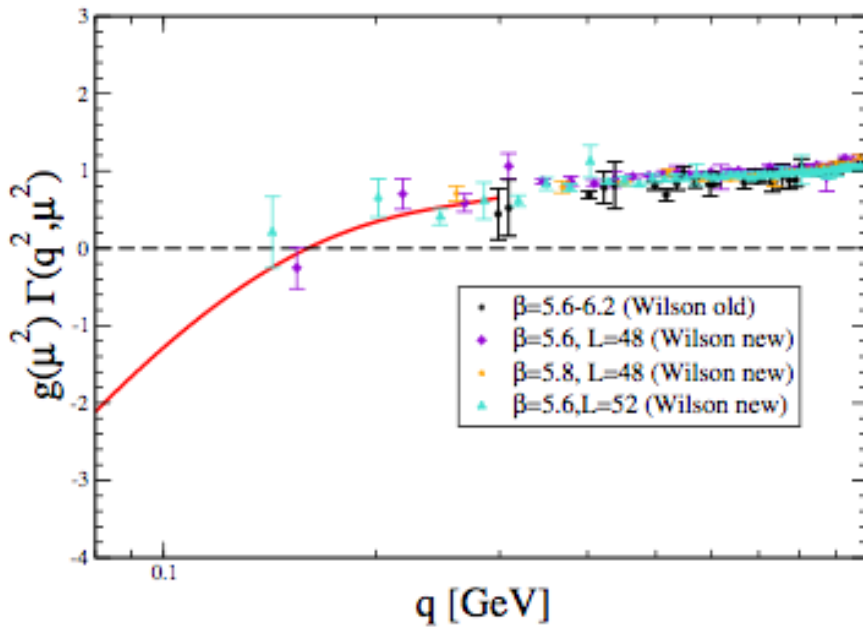


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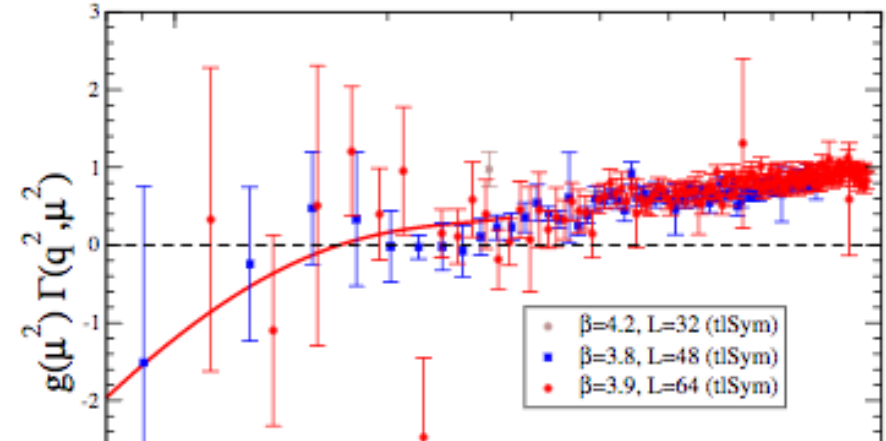
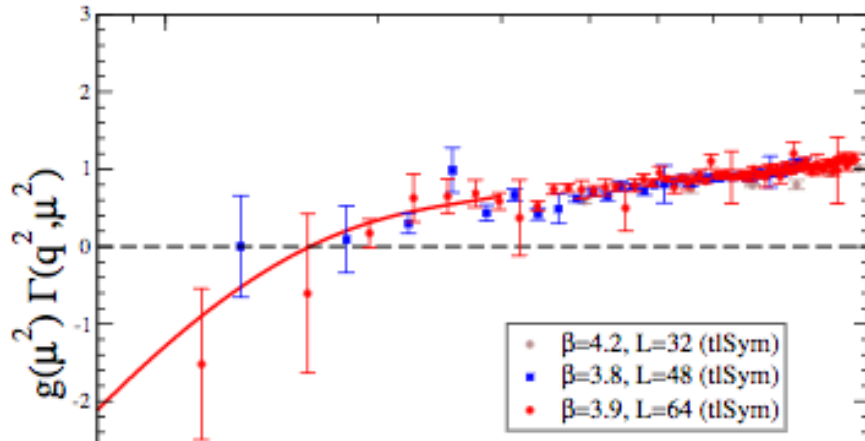
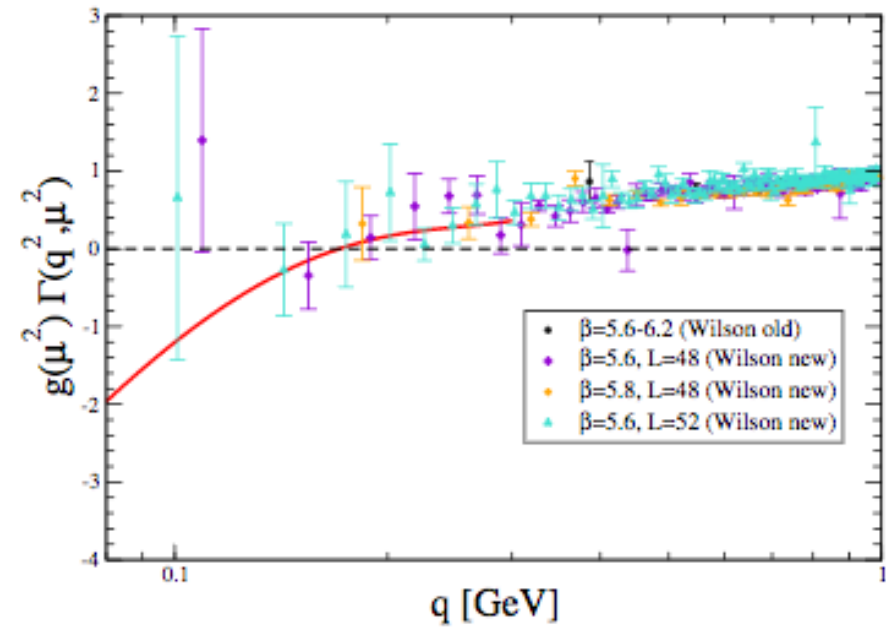
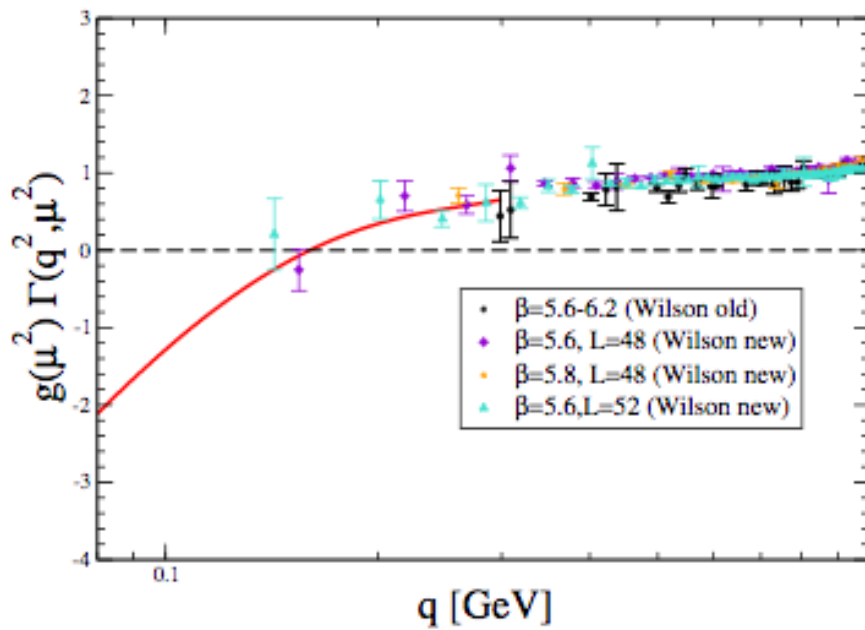
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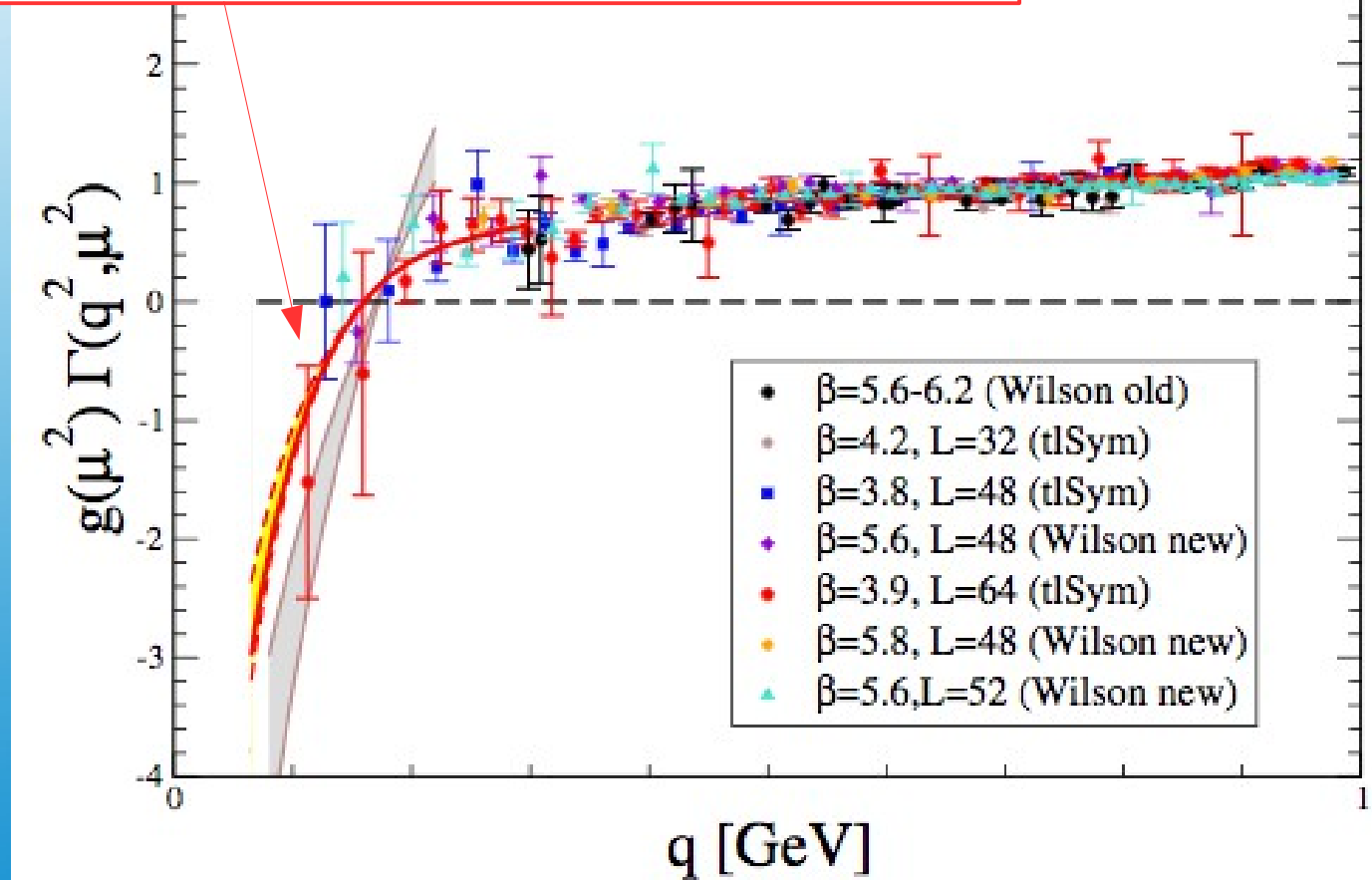
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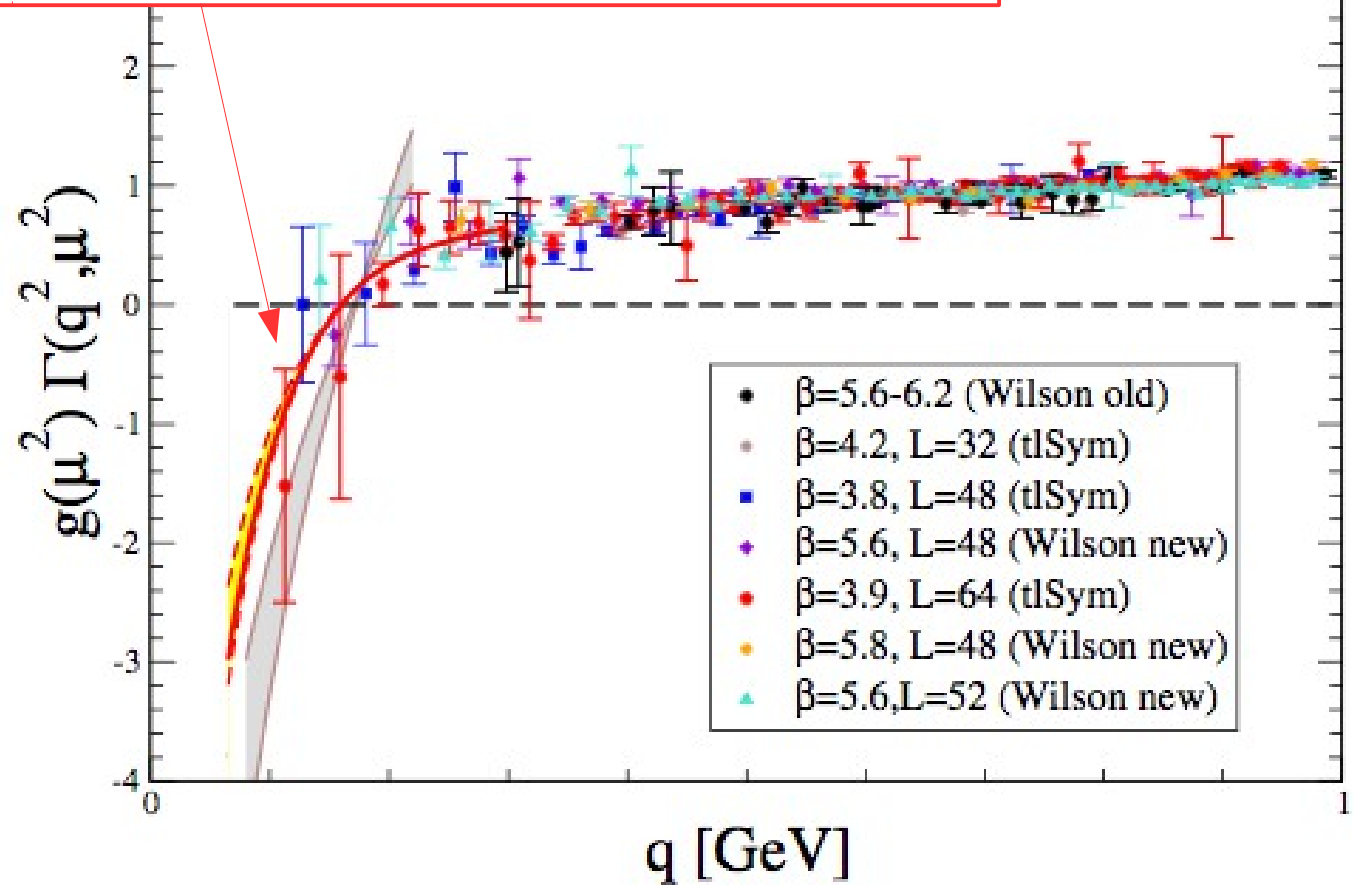
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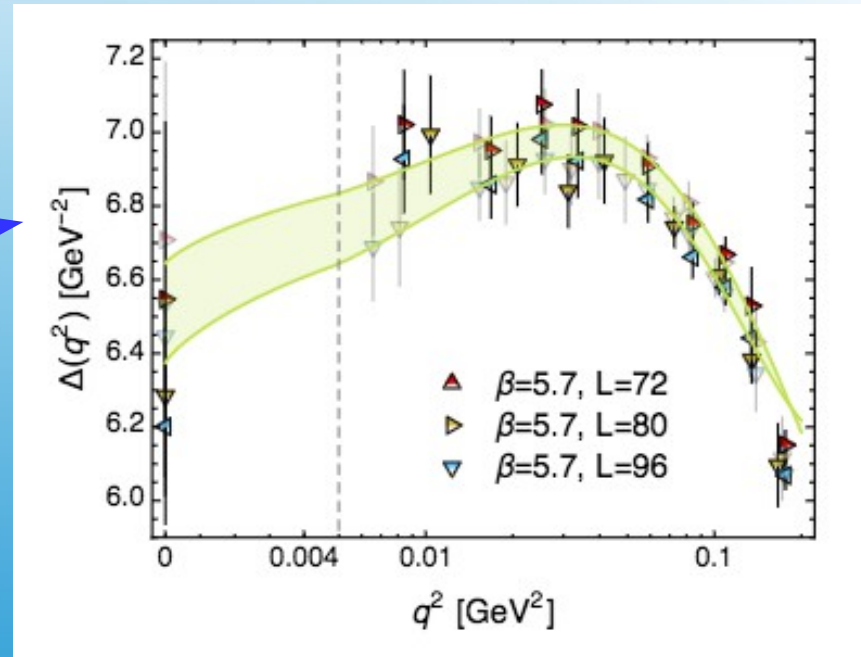
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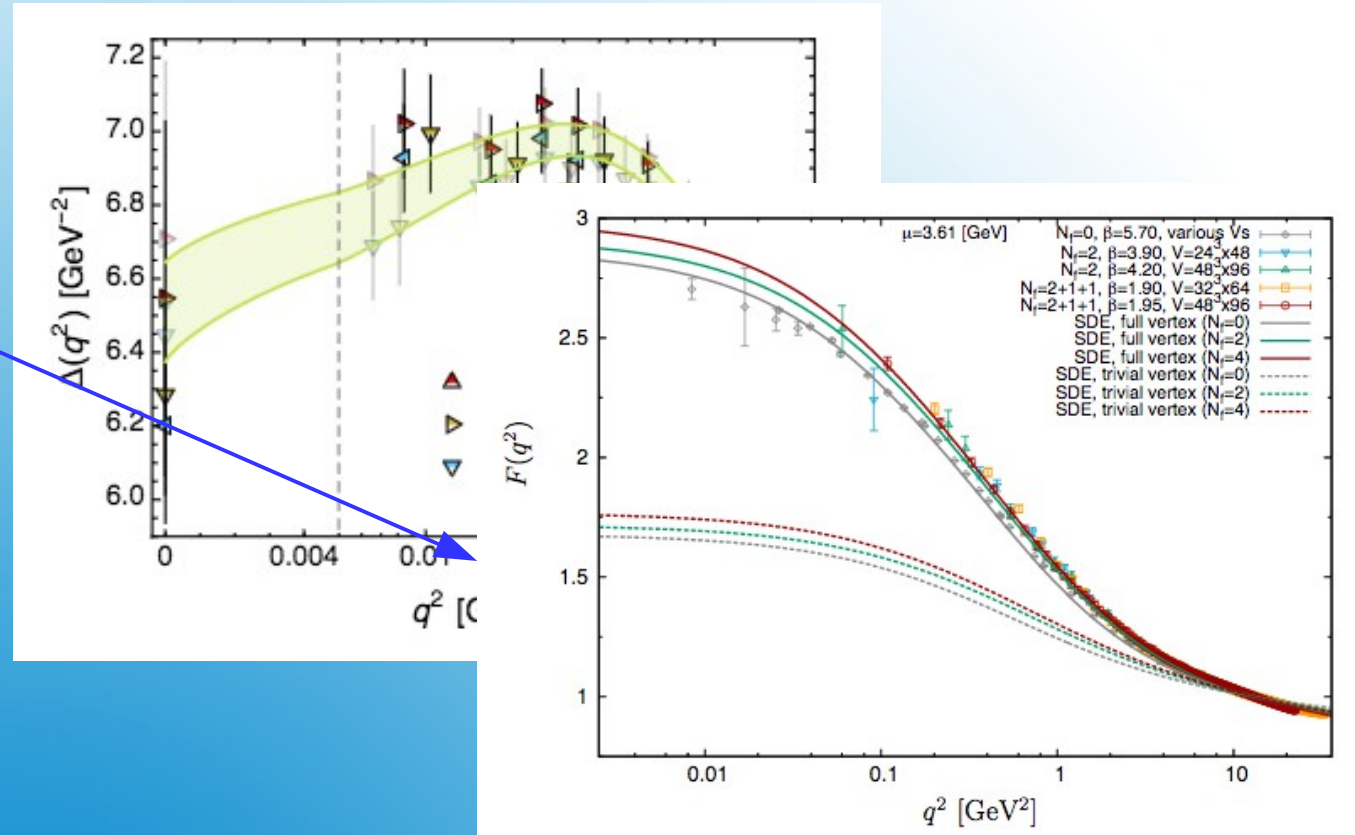
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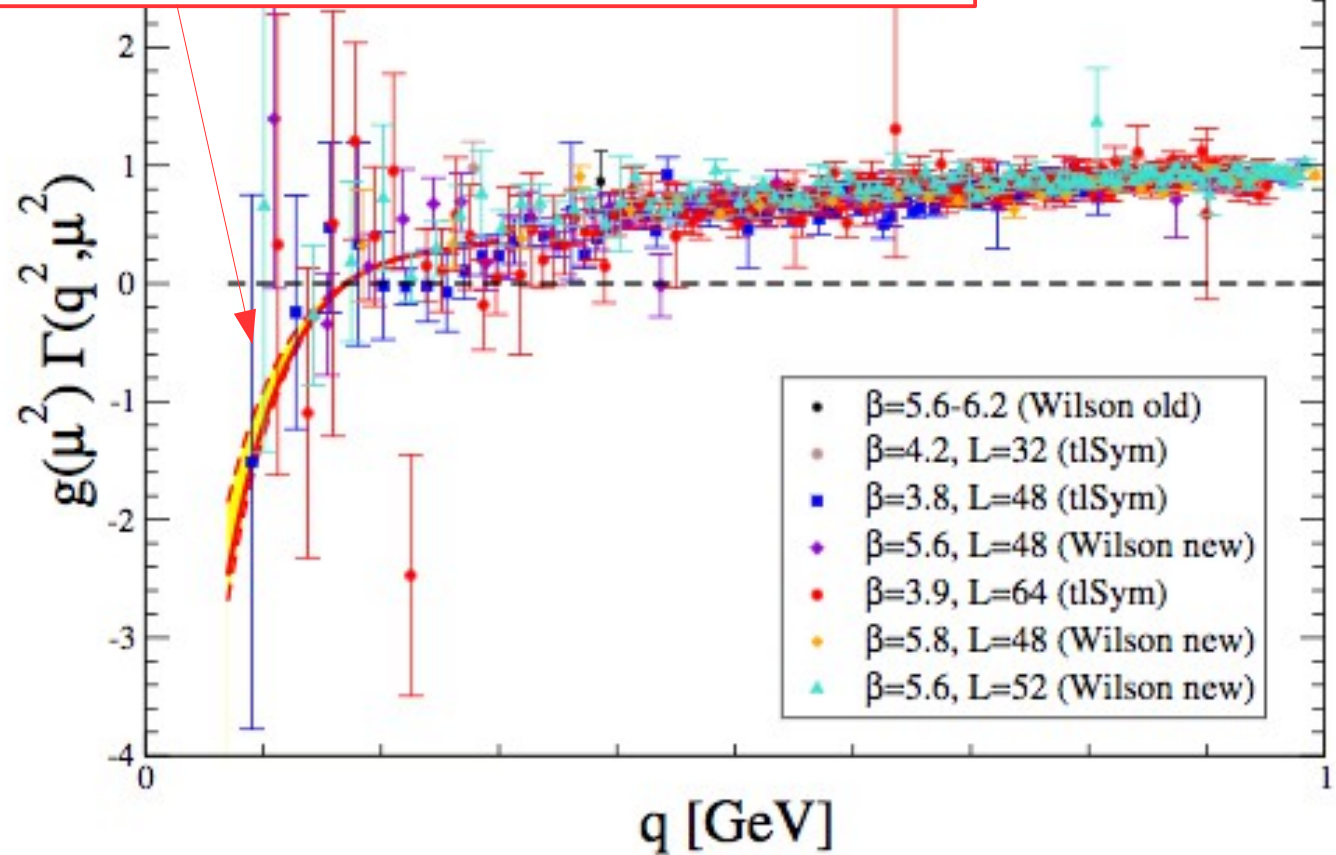
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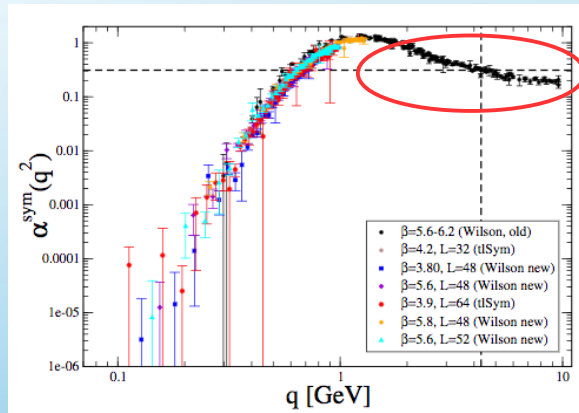
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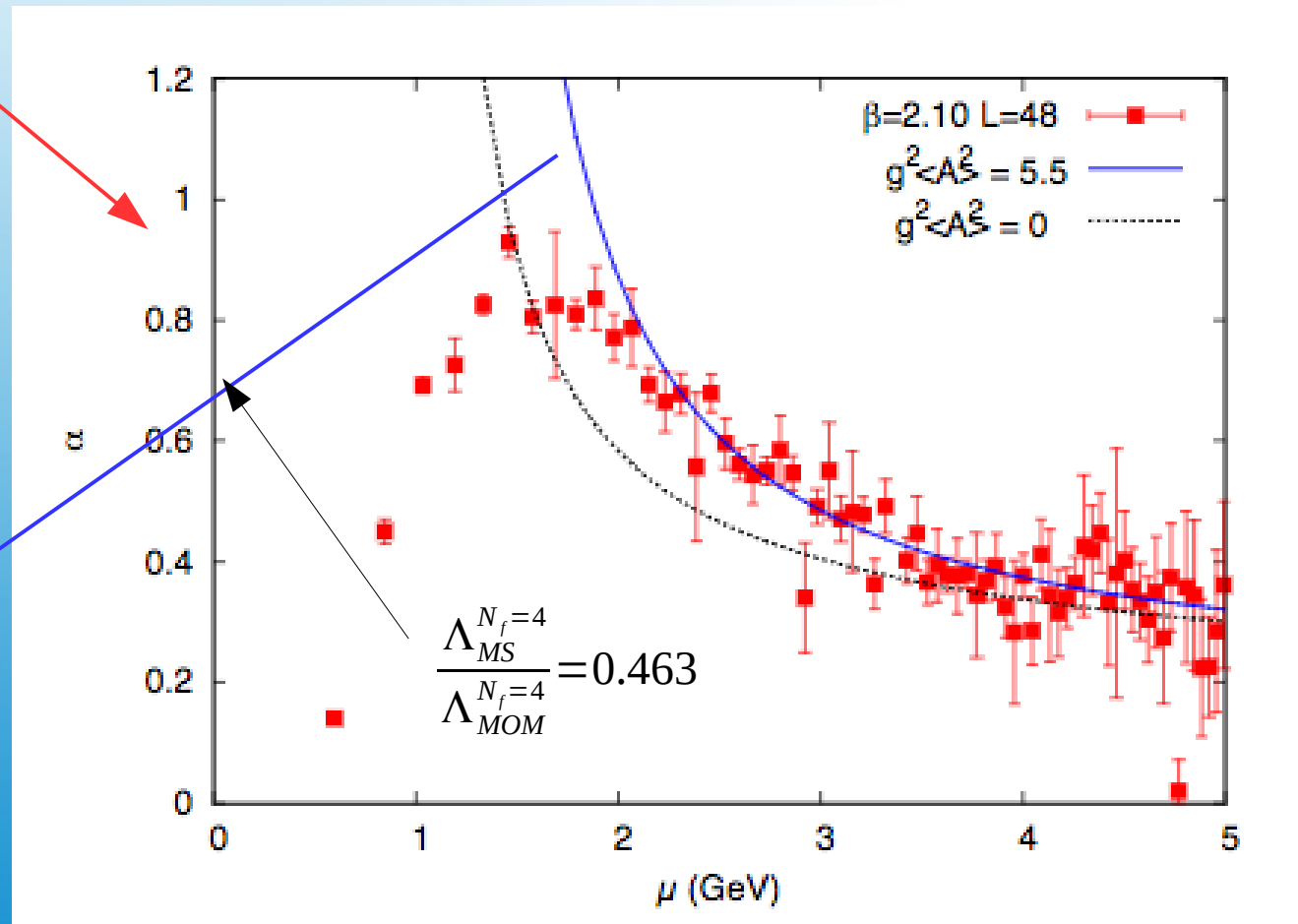


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The three-gluon running coupling:



ETMC $N_f=2+1+1$



$$\Lambda_{MS}^{N_f=4} = 314 \text{ MeV}$$

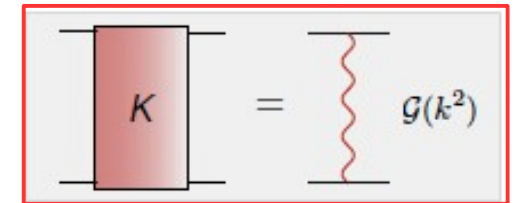
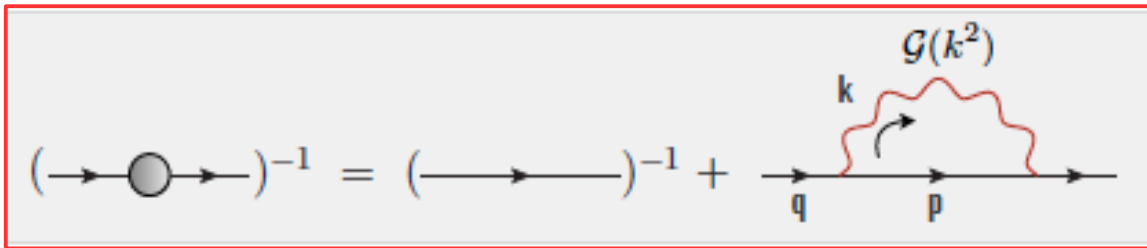
A final remark on some work in progress: the UV domain gives direct access to the strong running coupling in a particular scheme that can be properly translated to MS. combining different Green's functions, a reliable prediction can be obtained!!!

Quark's gap equation



Use Rainbow-Ladder truncation:

One-gluon exchange effective kernel + Tree-level quark-gluon vertex



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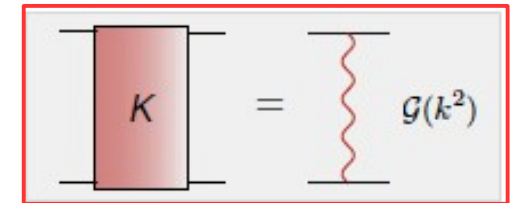
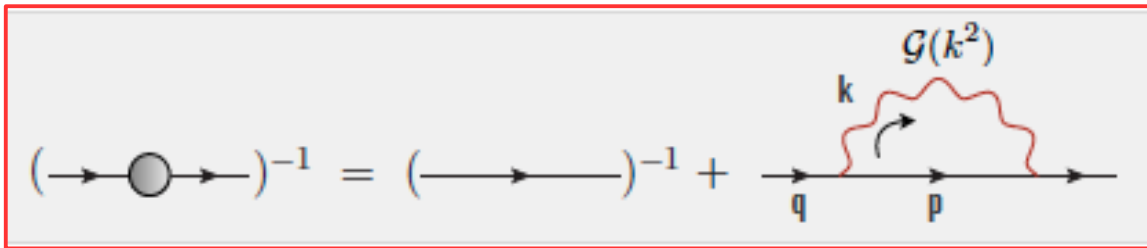
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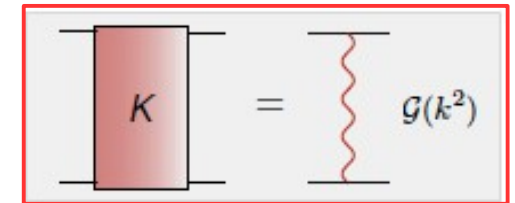
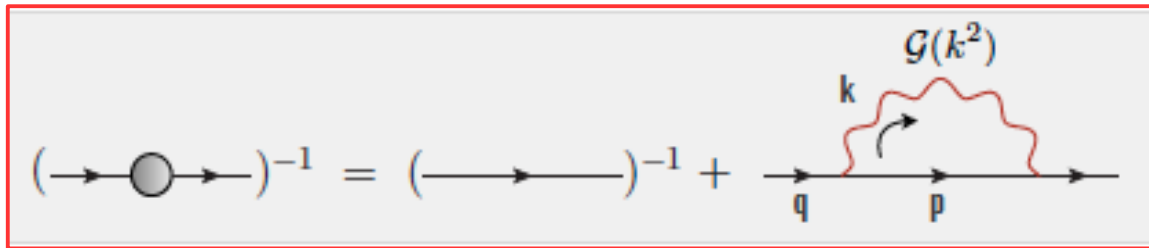
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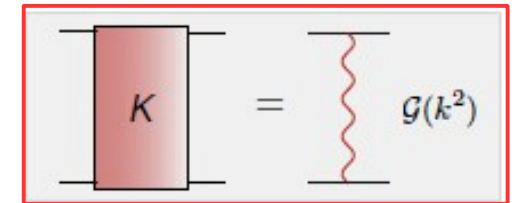
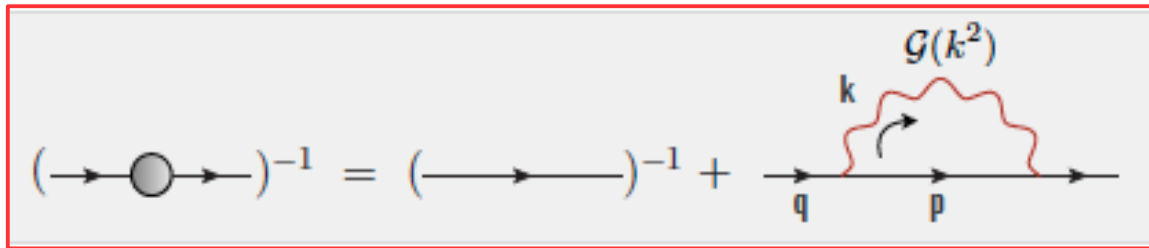
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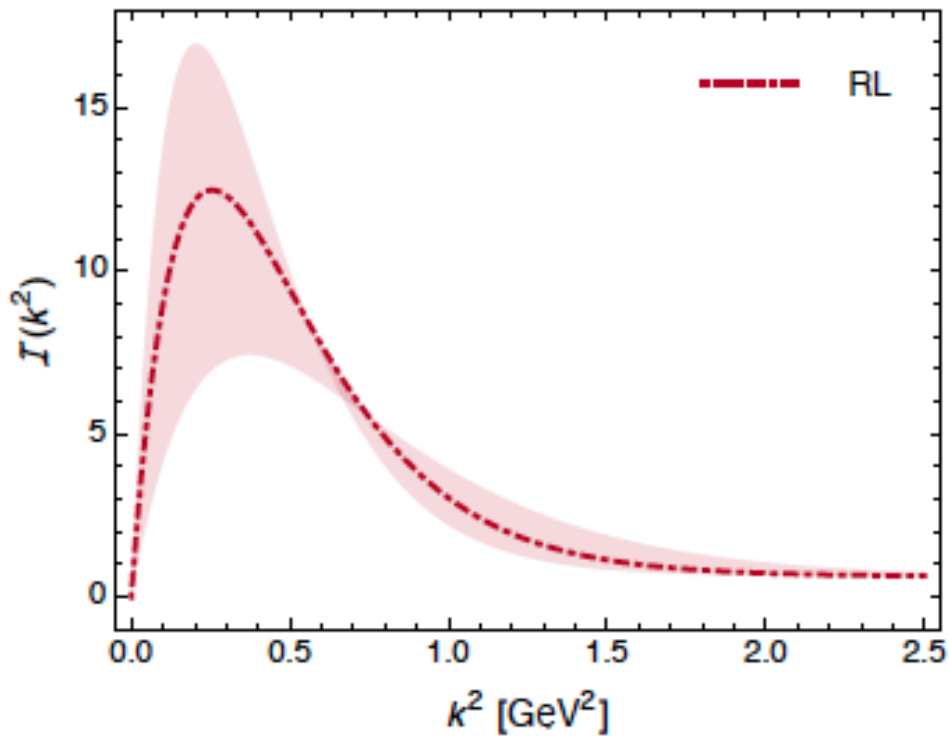
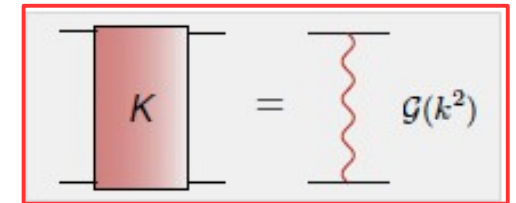
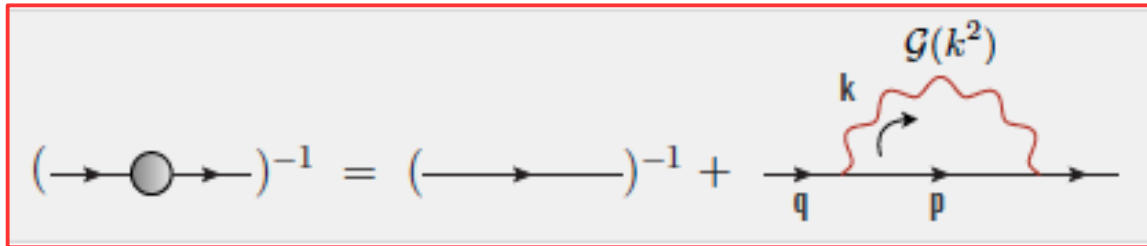
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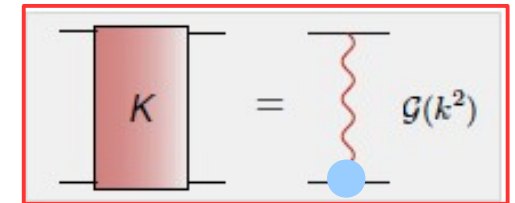
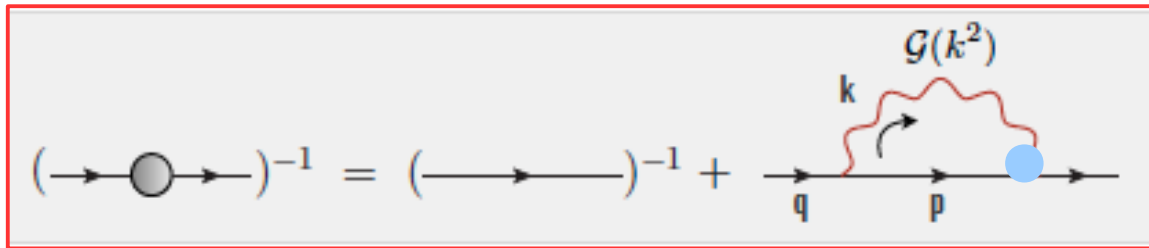


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 - Anomalous Chromomagnetic vertex
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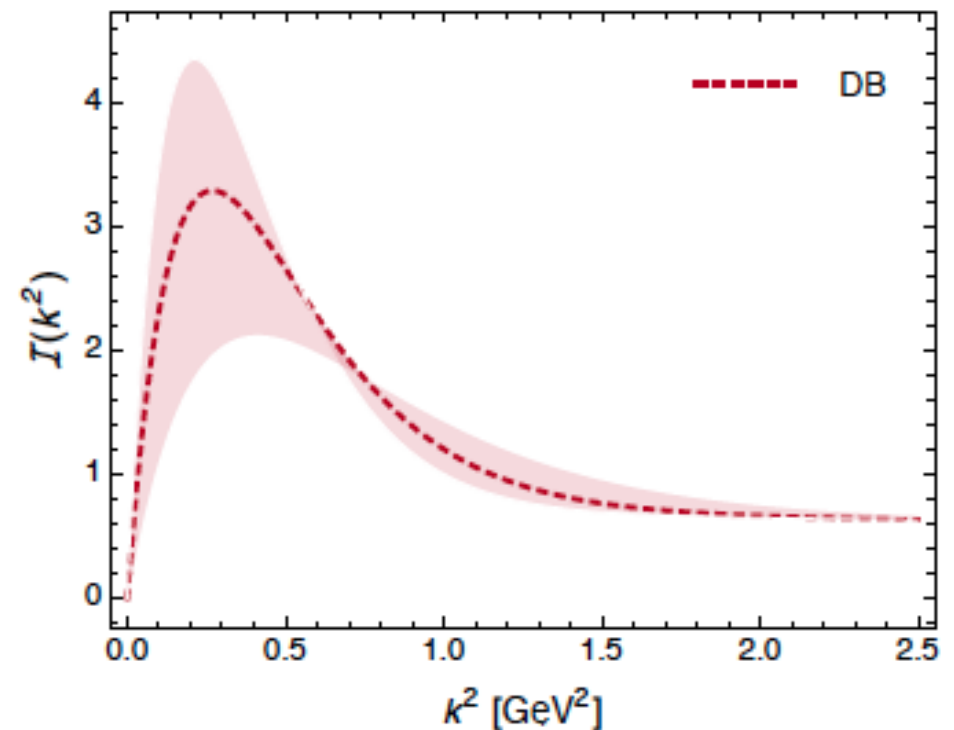
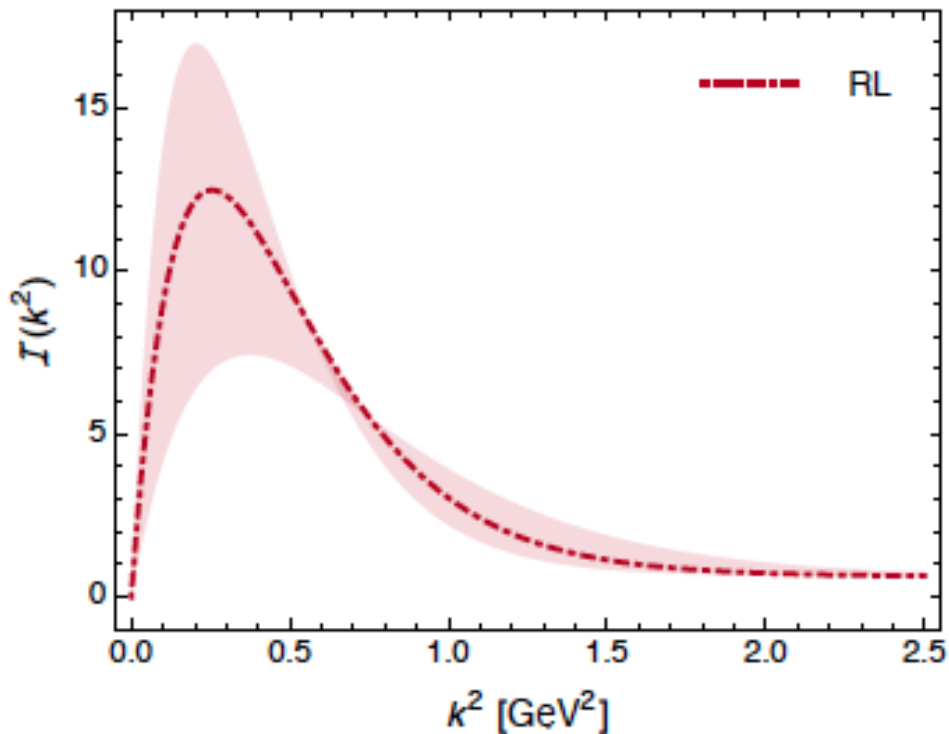
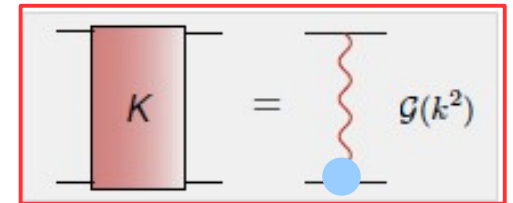
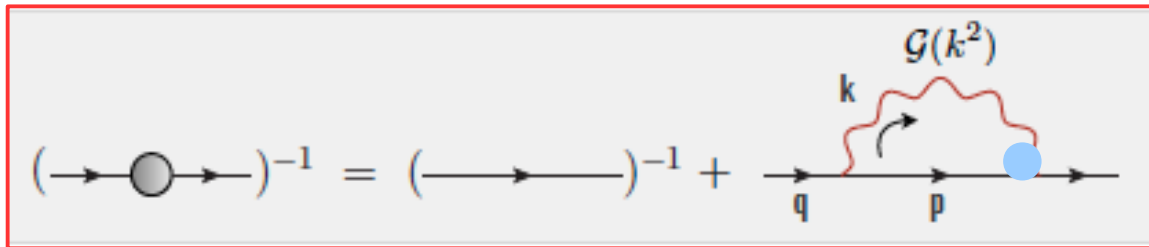
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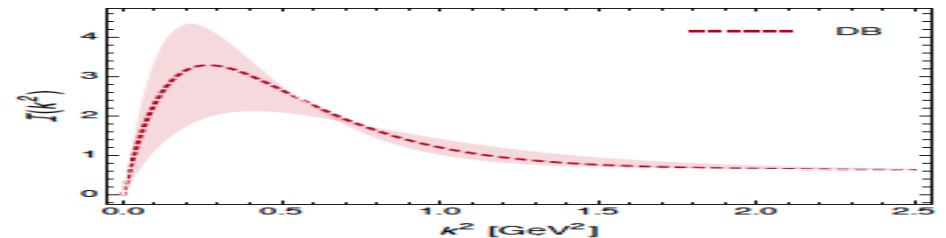
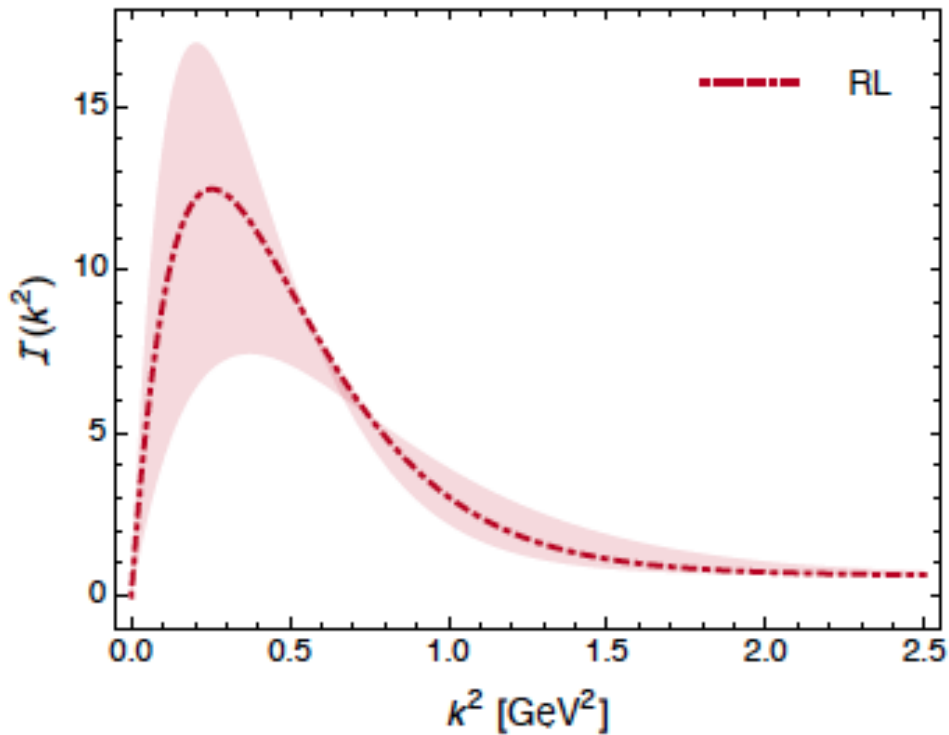
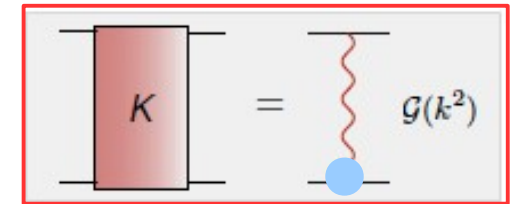
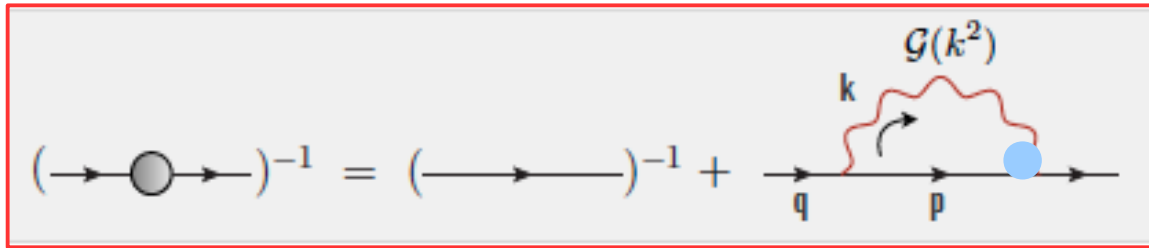


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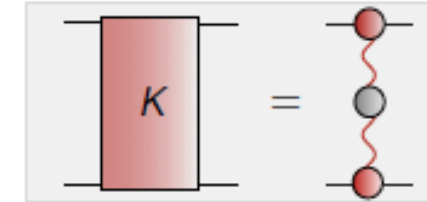
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Quark's gap equation: RGI interaction



Universal (process-independent) contribution:
 originates entirely from the gauge sector

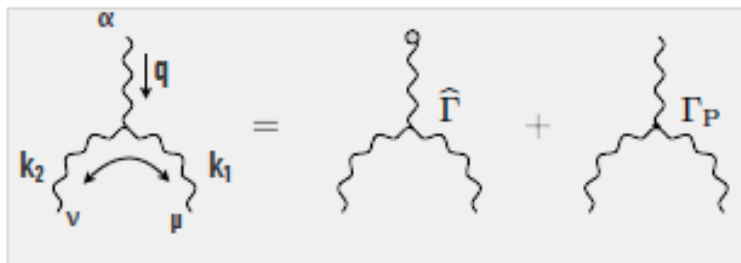


Fundamental quantities: PT-BFM propagators/vertices
 satisfy Abelian-like Slavnov-Taylor (ST) identities

How to get them?

use the PT algorithm

Cornwall, Papavassiliou, PRD 40 (1989)



$$\hat{\Gamma}^{\alpha\mu\nu} = (k_2 - k_1)^\alpha g^{\mu\nu} + 2q^\nu g^{\alpha\mu} - 2q^\mu g^{\alpha\nu}$$

$$\Gamma_P^{\alpha\mu\nu} = k_1^\mu g^{\alpha\nu} - k_2^\nu g^{\alpha\mu}$$

- longitudinal momenta trigger elementary Ward identities

Apply the PT to the quark-gluon vertex

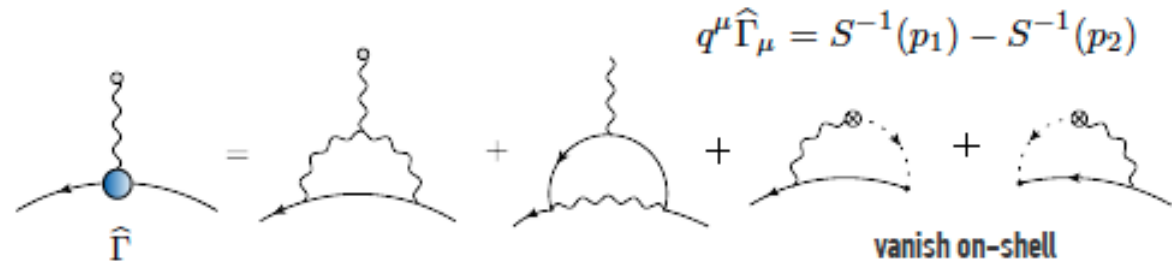
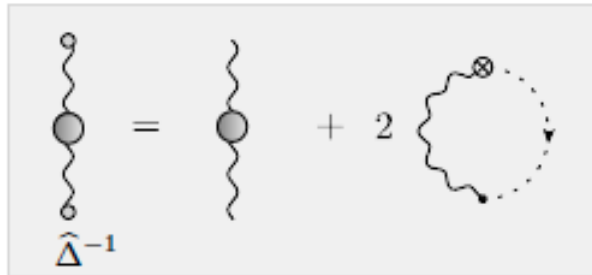
one loop result:



Quark's gap equation: RGI interaction



Allot pieces to different Green's functions
construct $\hat{\Delta}$ and $\hat{\Gamma}_\mu$



Crucial all-order equivalence: PT=BFM
yields Feynman rules for systematic calculation

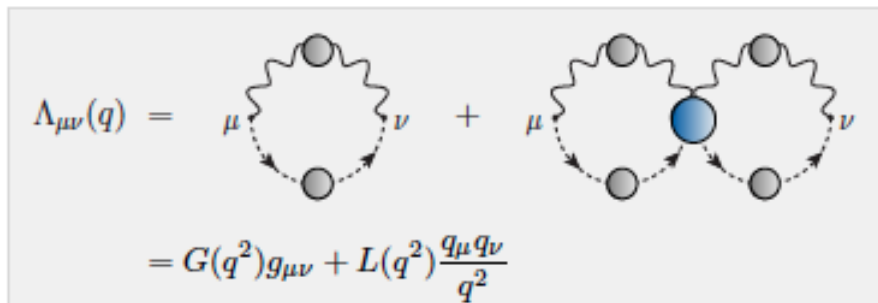
$$\hat{\Delta} \sim \frac{1}{q^2 [1 + bg^2 \log q^2 / \mu^2]}; \quad b = 11C_A / 48\pi^2$$

- Absorbs all the RG logs as the photon in QED
- Renormalizes as Z_g^{-2}

An additional equivalence holds: antiBRST+BRST=BFM
plethora of symmetry identities, in particular BQ identities

D. Binosi, Quandri, PRD88(2013)

$$\Delta(q^2) = [1 + G(q^2)]^2 \hat{\Delta}(q^2)$$



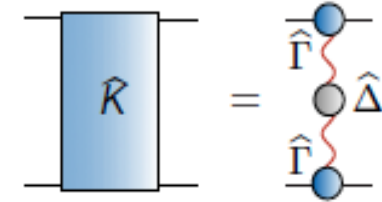
- G special PT-BFM function: determined by ghost-gluon dynamics
 - Combination $1+G$ appears in *all* BQIs fundamental non-Abelian quantity
 - G is related (Landau gauge) to the ghost dressing: use ghost gap equation to constrain $1+G$, L
- $$F^{-1}(q^2) = 1 + G(q^2) + L(q^2)$$

Quark's gap equation: RGI interaction



Convert vertices/propagators into PT-BFM ones
new RG invariant combination appears

$$\hat{d}(k^2) = \alpha(\mu^2)\hat{\Delta}(k^2; \mu^2)$$

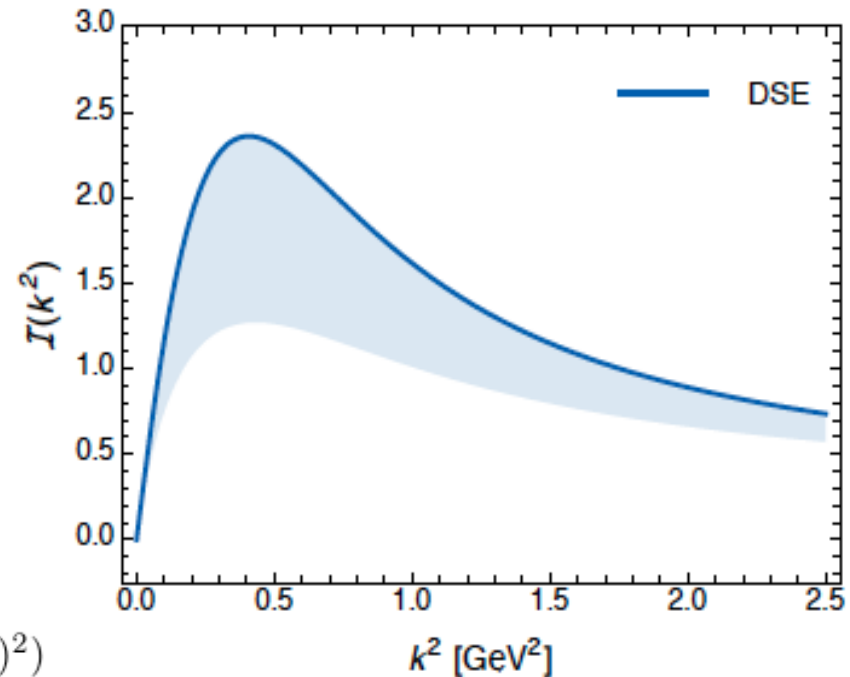


Use symmetry identity
to identify the interaction strength

A.C Aguilar, D. Binosi, J. Papavassiliou, J. R-Q, PRD90(2009)
D. Binosi, L. Chang, J. Papavassiliou, C.D. Roberts, PLb742(2015)

$$\mathcal{I}(k^2) = k^2 \hat{d}(k^2) \longrightarrow \left[\frac{1}{1 - L(q^2)F(q^2)} \right]^2 \alpha_T(q^2) .$$

$$\hat{d}(k^2) = \frac{\alpha(\mu^2)\Delta(k^2; \mu^2)}{[1 + G(k^2; \mu^2)]^2}$$



1+G and L determined by their own SDEs
under simplifying assumptions:

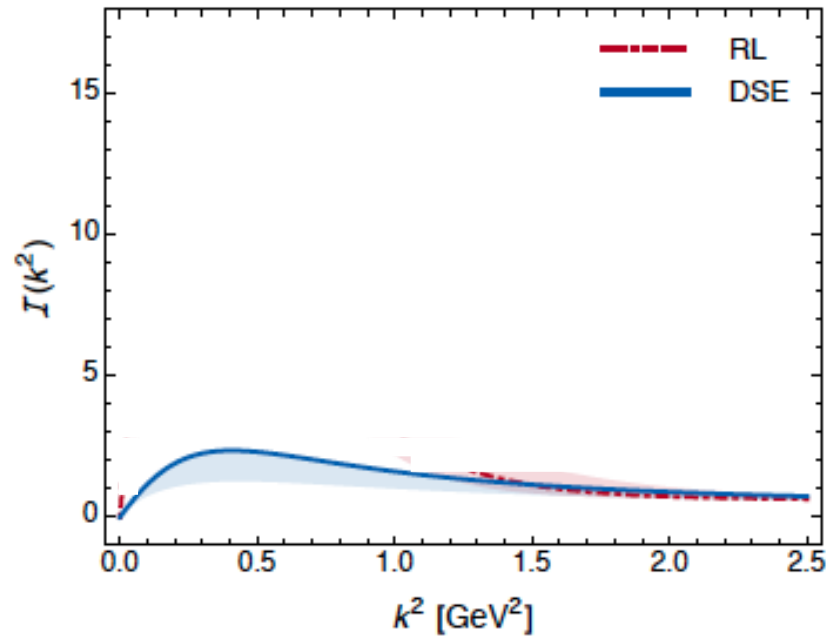
$$1 + G(p^2) = Z_c - g^2 \int_k \left[2 + \frac{(k \cdot p)^2}{k^2 p^2} \right] B_1(k) \Delta(k) \frac{F((k+p)^2)}{(k+p)^2},$$

$$L(p^2) = -g^2 \int_k \left[1 - 4 \frac{(k \cdot p)^2}{k^2 p^2} \right] B_1(k) \Delta(k) \frac{F((k+p)^2)}{(k+p)^2}.$$

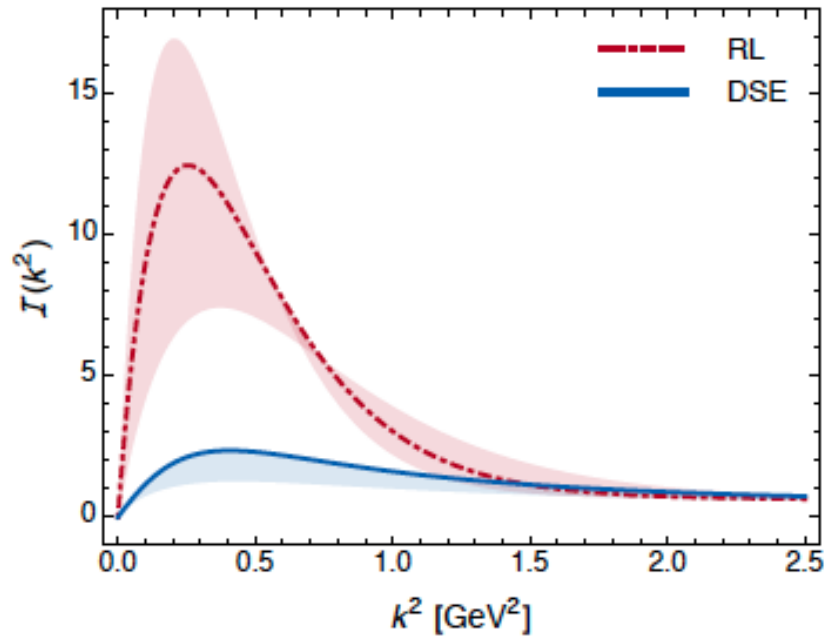
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- **Main source of uncertainties:**
needs assumptions on ghost vertex behavior
- **Parametrized by $\delta \in [0, 1]$**
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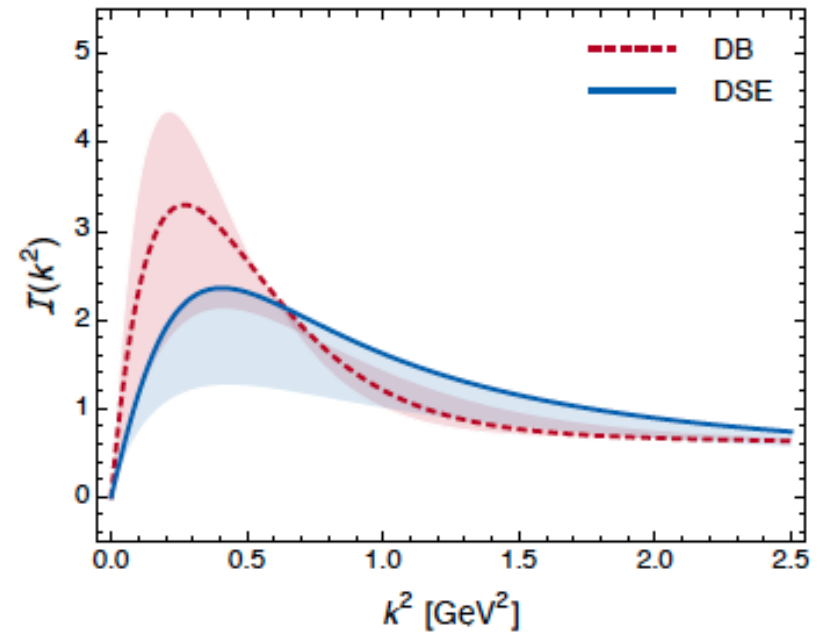
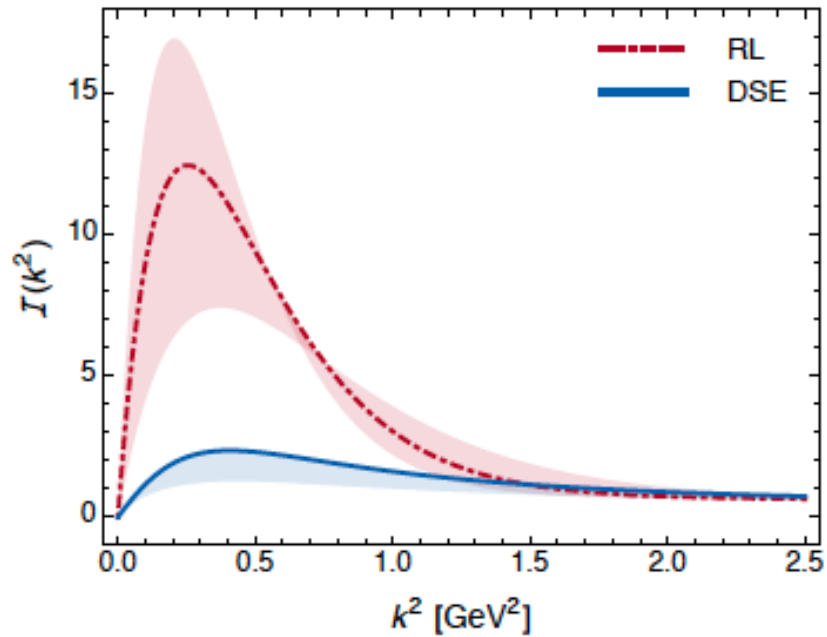
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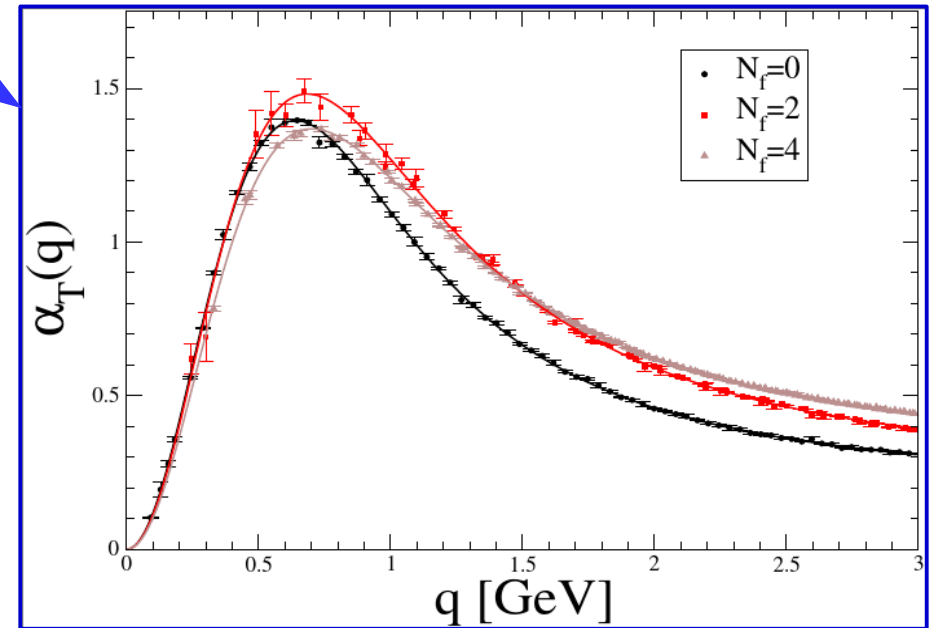
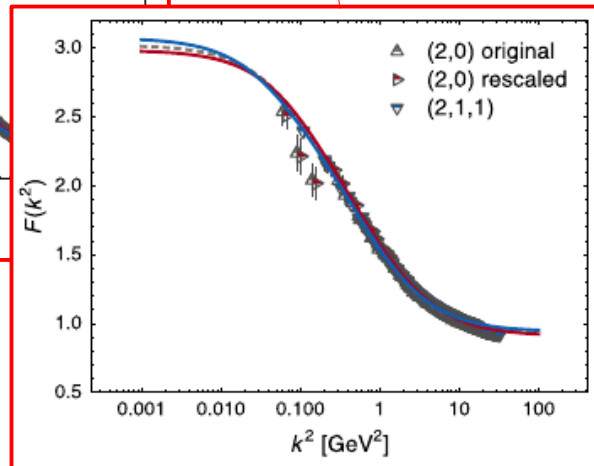
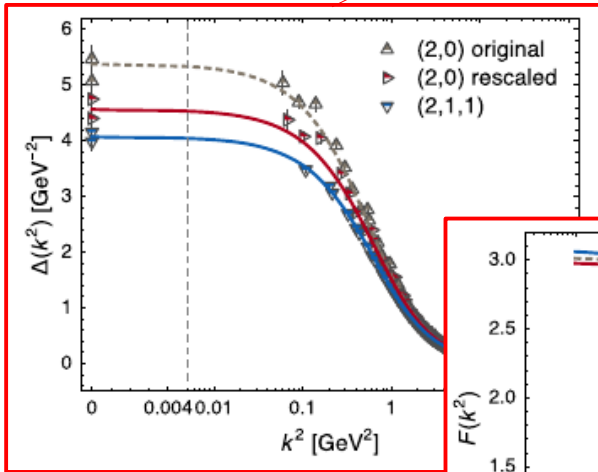
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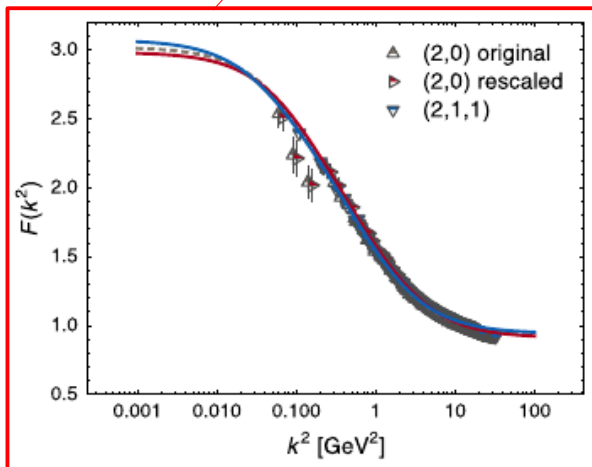
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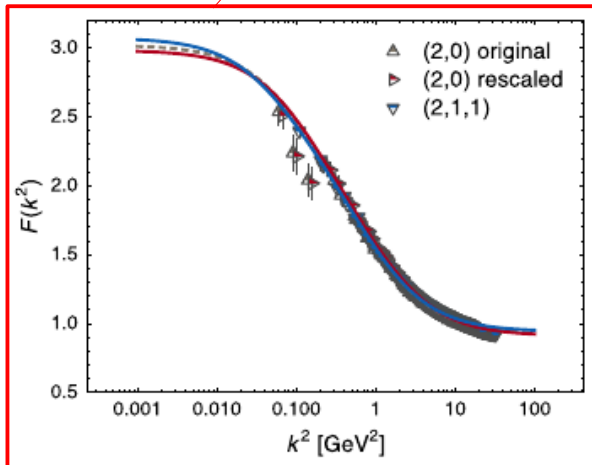


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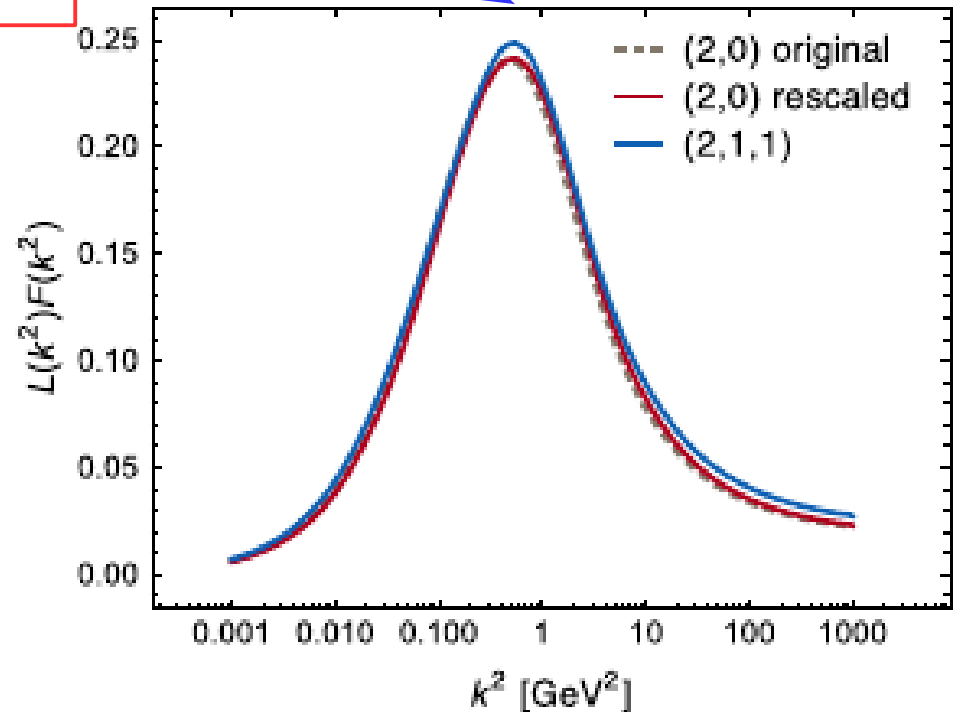
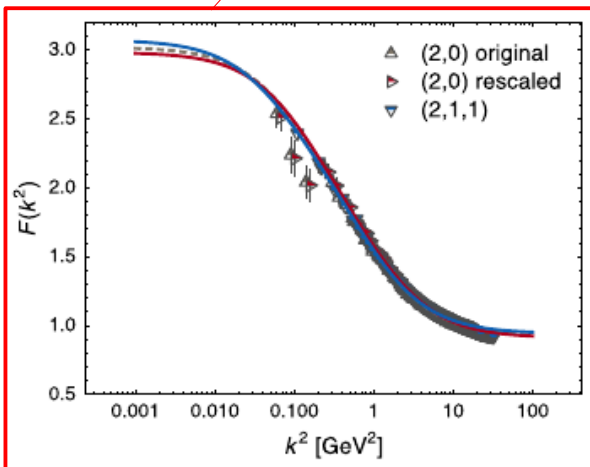


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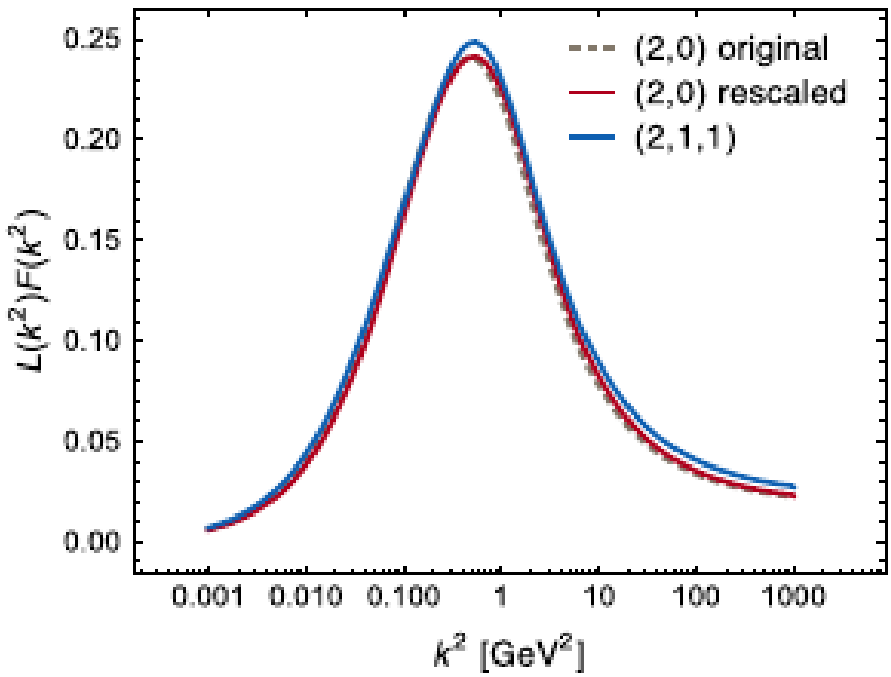
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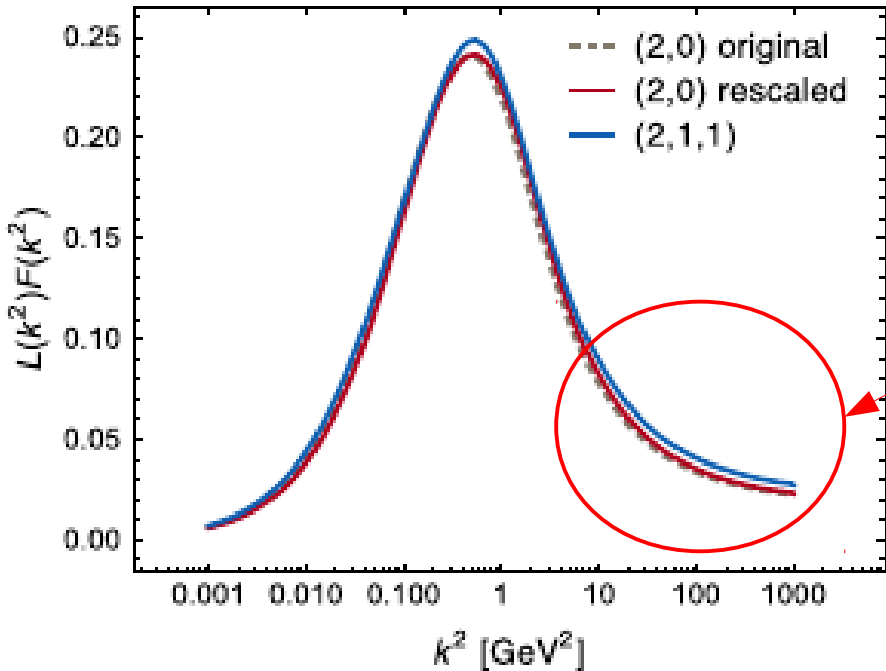
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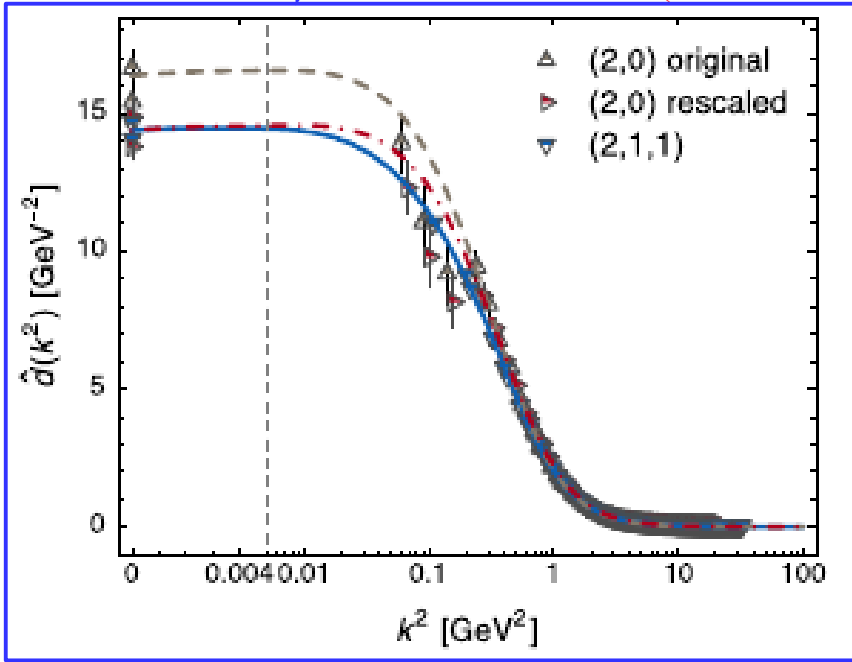
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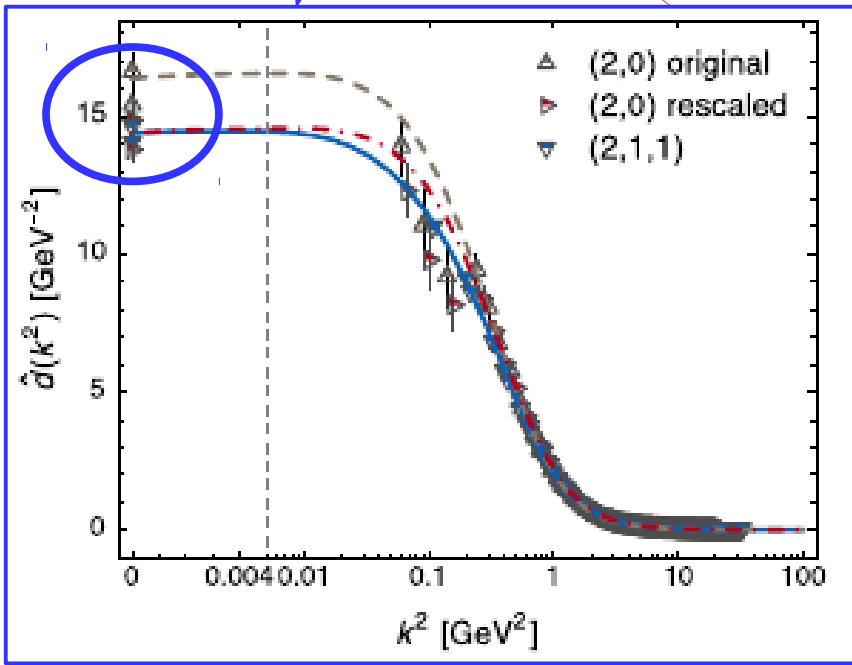
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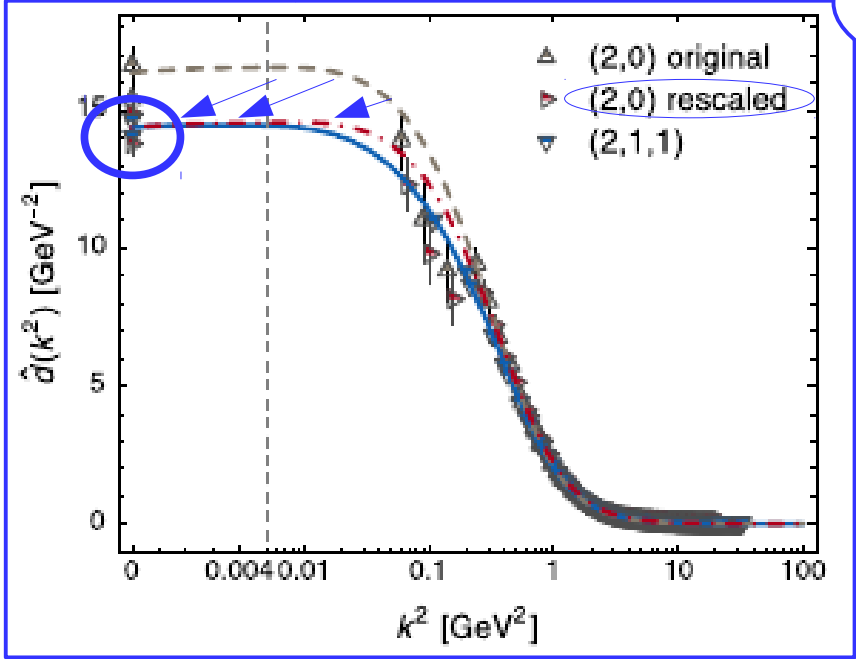
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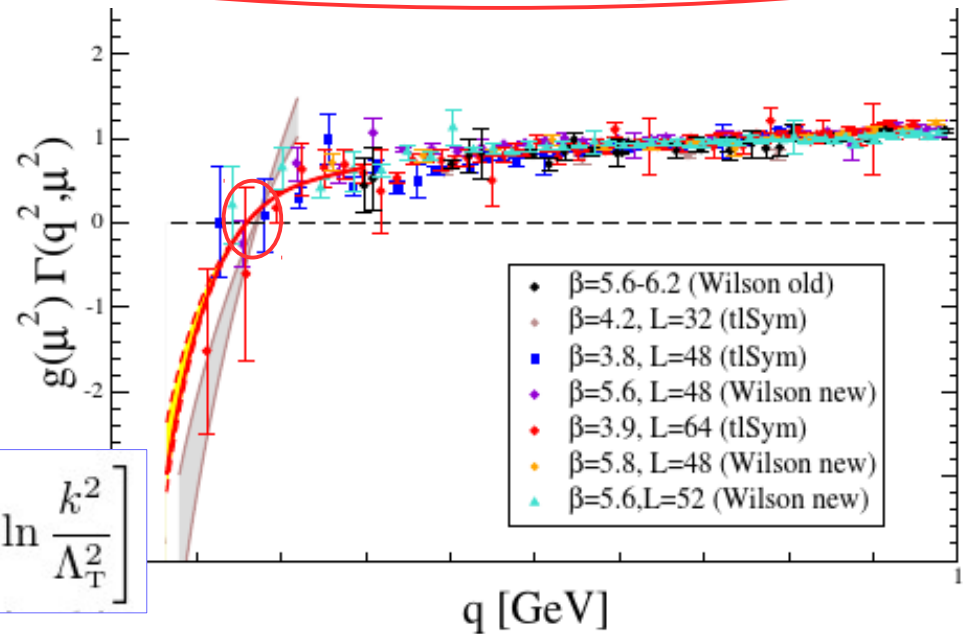
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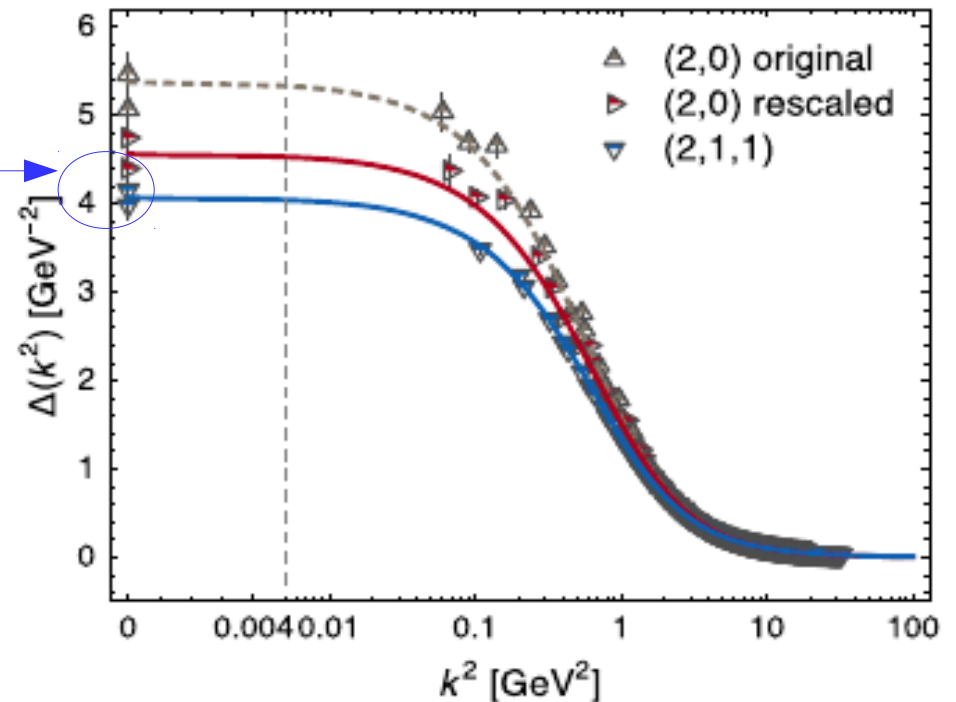
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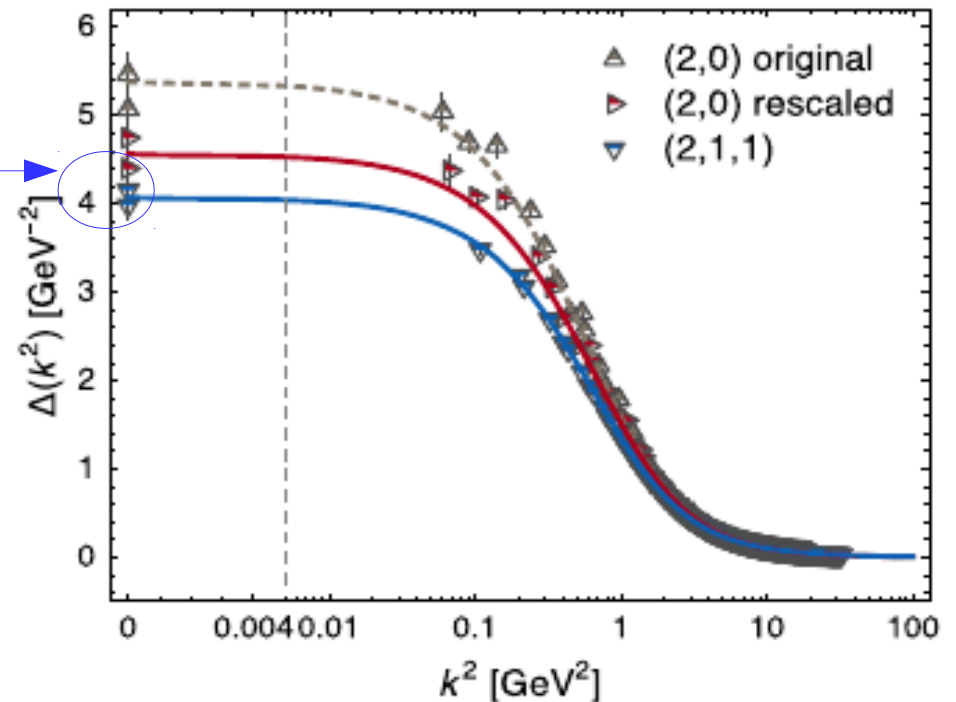
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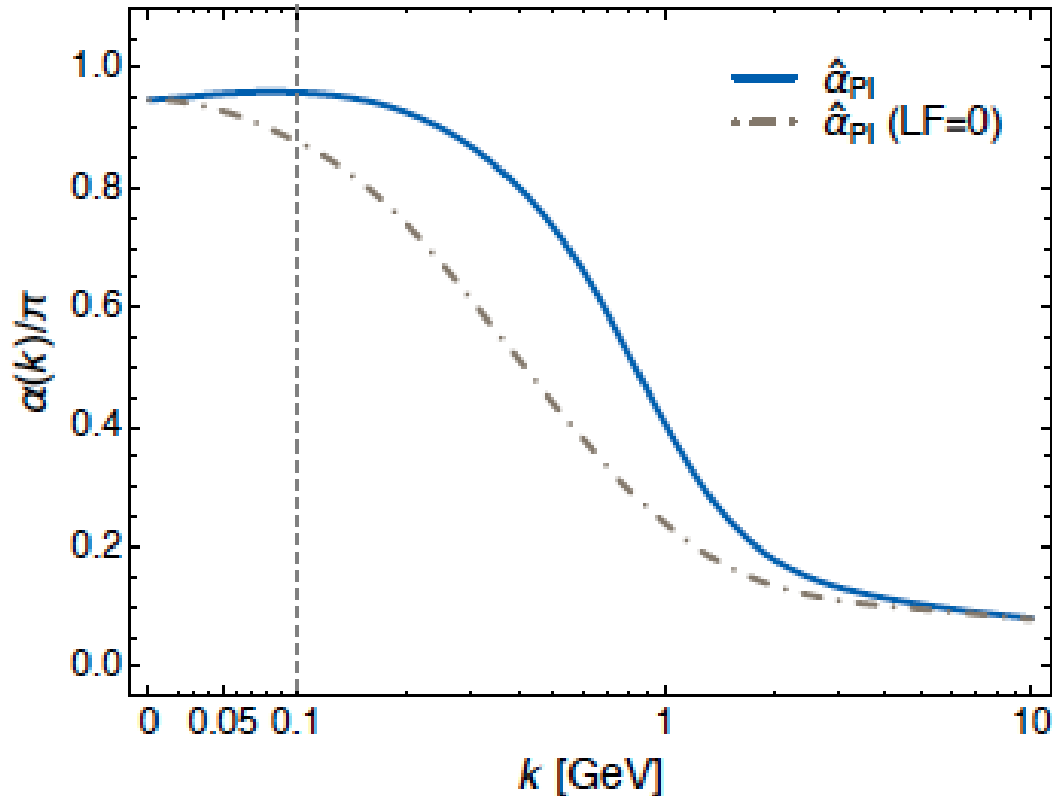
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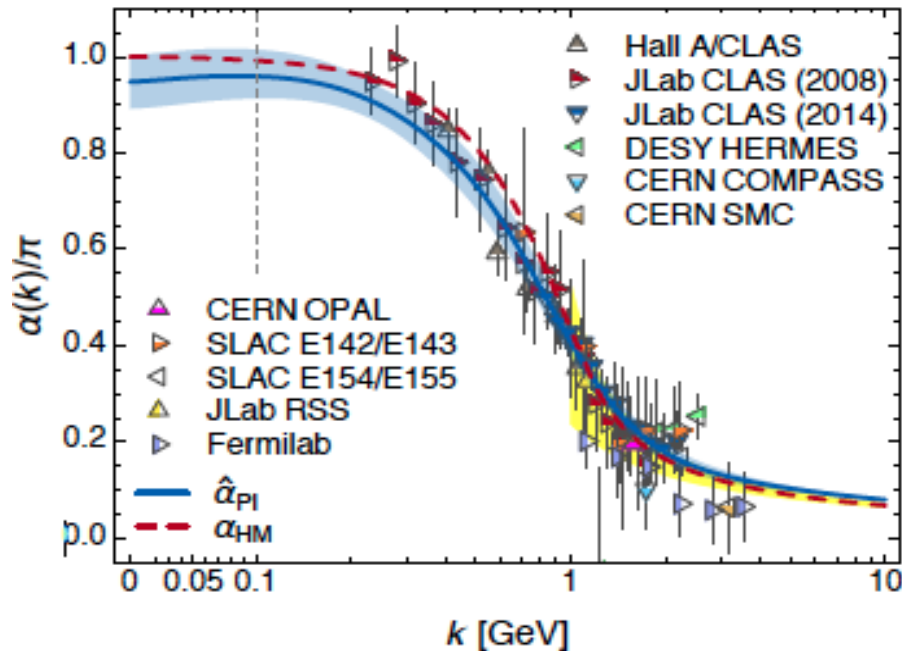
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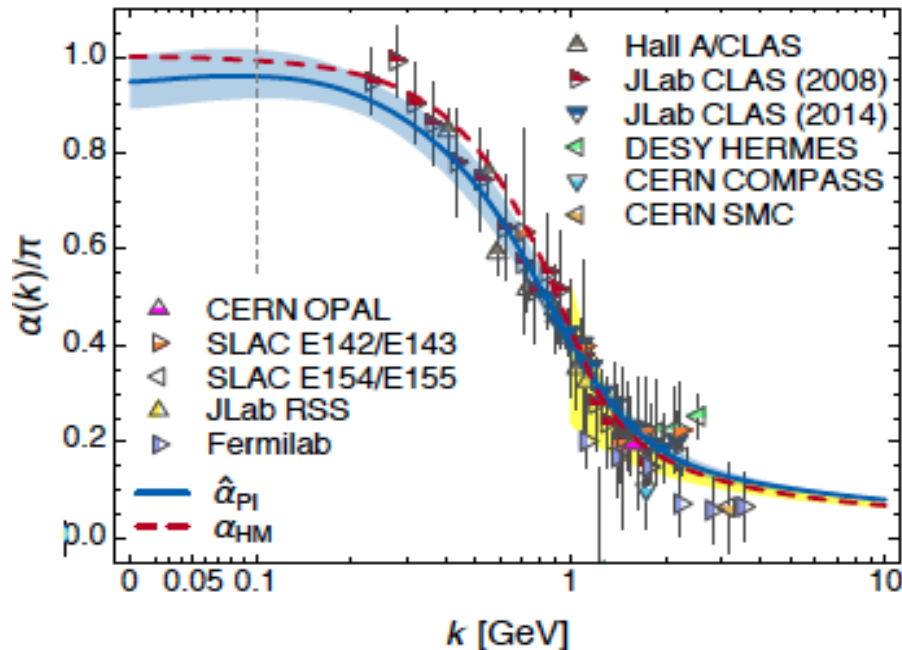
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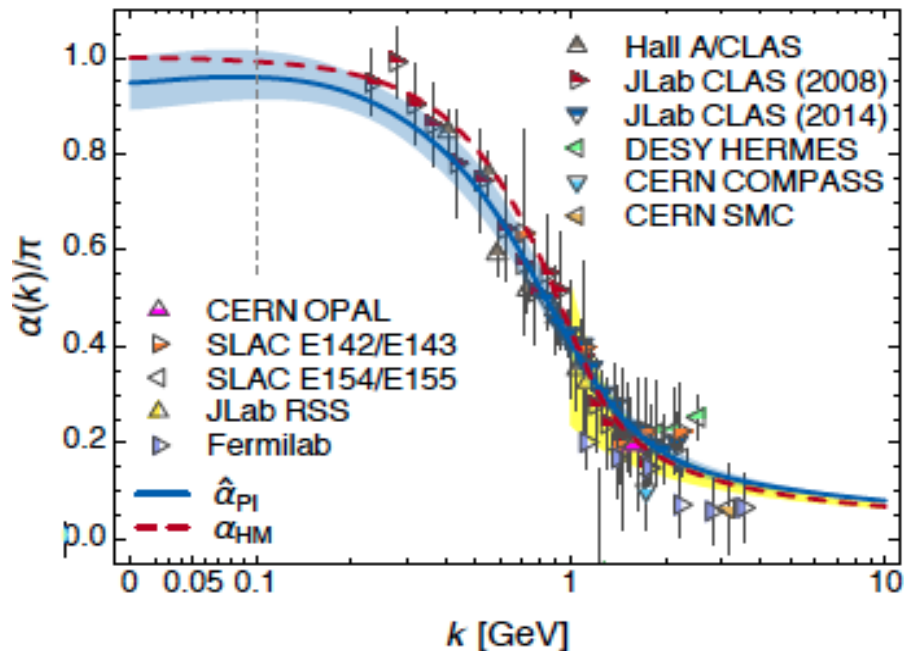
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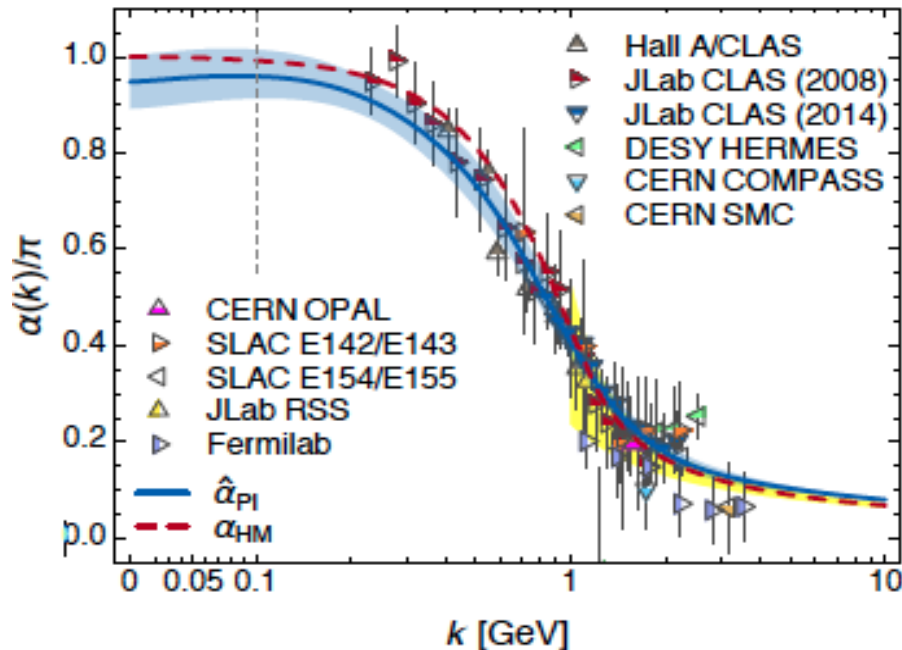
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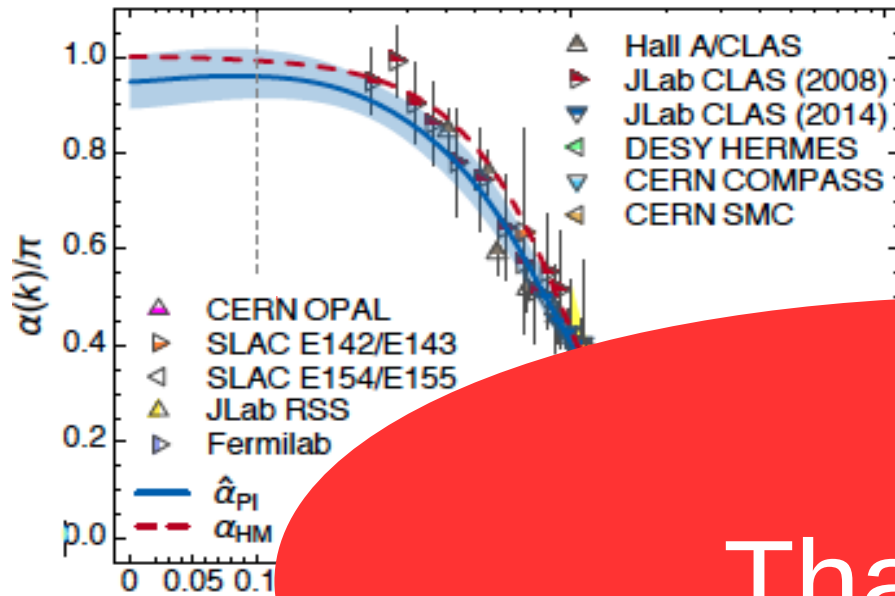
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