



# NNLO QCD Corrections to Mesons EM Form Factors

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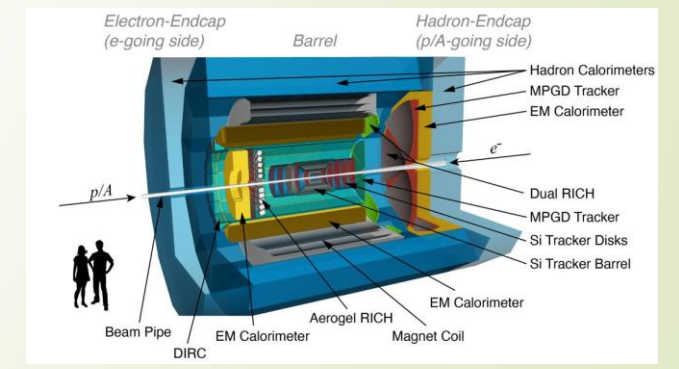
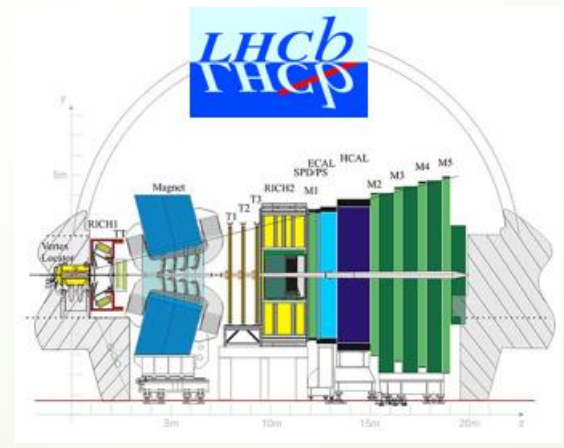
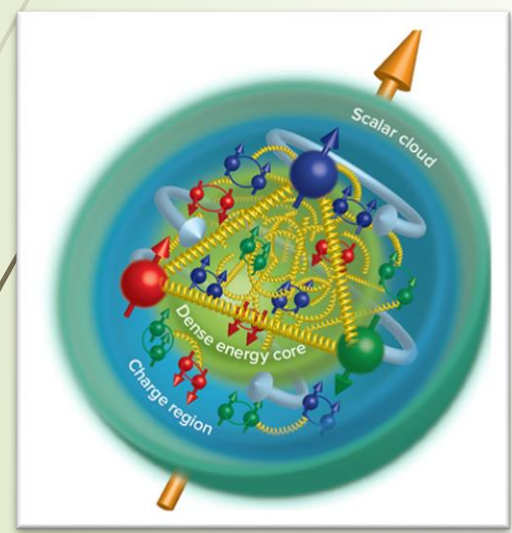
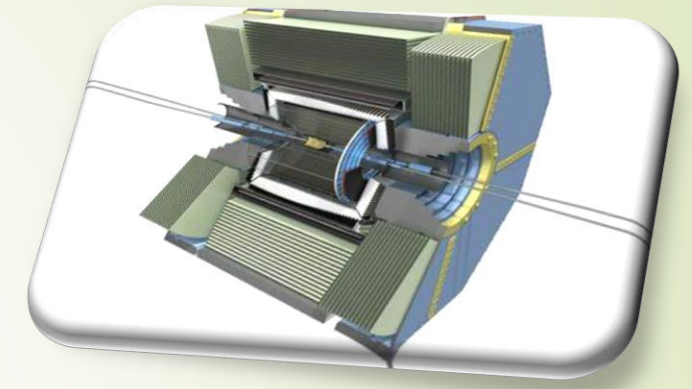
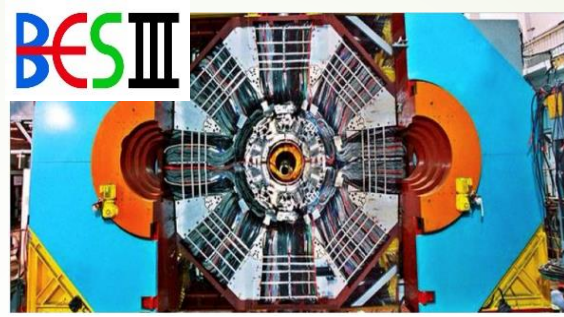
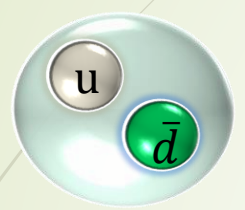
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# Motivation

# Unveiling the inner structure of hadron



## QCD

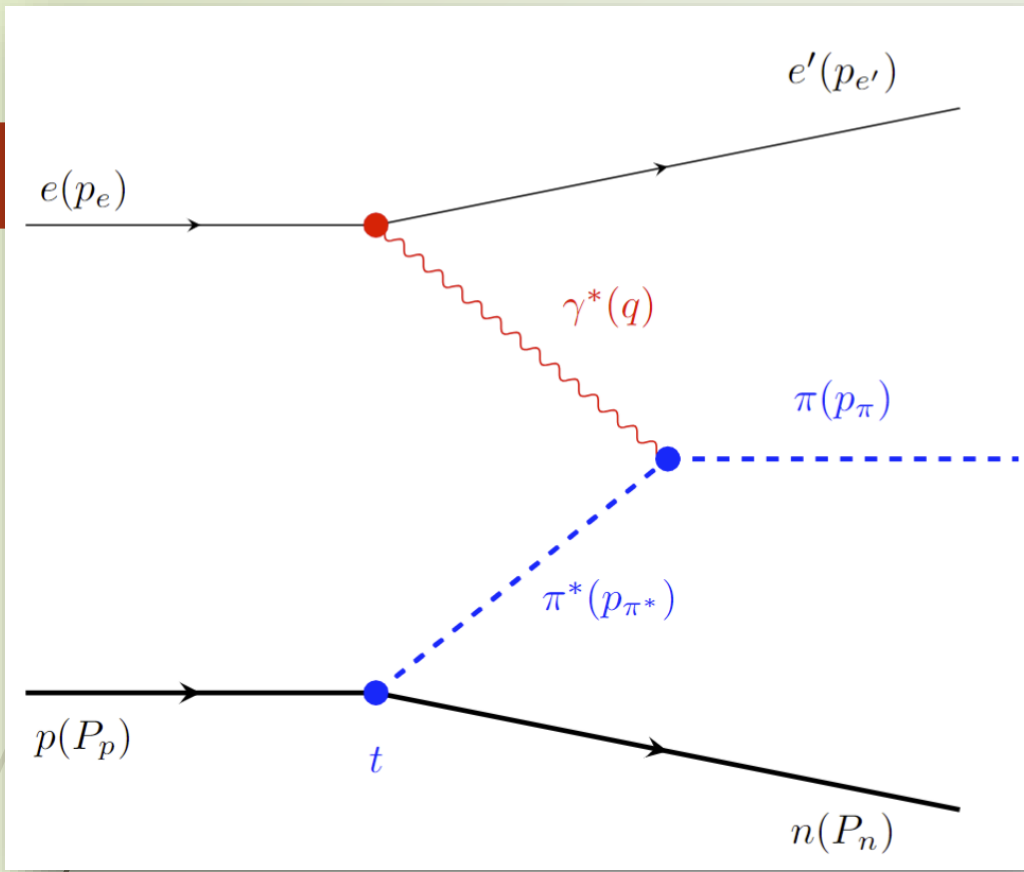
# EM FFs: Probing the internal structure of hadrons

Charge Pion Form Factors:

$$\langle \pi^+(P') | J_{\text{em}}^\mu | \pi^+(P) \rangle = F_\pi(Q^2)(P^\mu + P'^\mu),$$

$$J_{\text{em}}^\mu = \sum_f e_f \bar{\psi}_f \gamma^\mu \psi_f,$$
$$Q^2 \equiv -(P' - P)^2.$$

At small  $Q^2$ : Chiral Perturbative Theory, Lattice QCD.  
Relate to pion charge radius

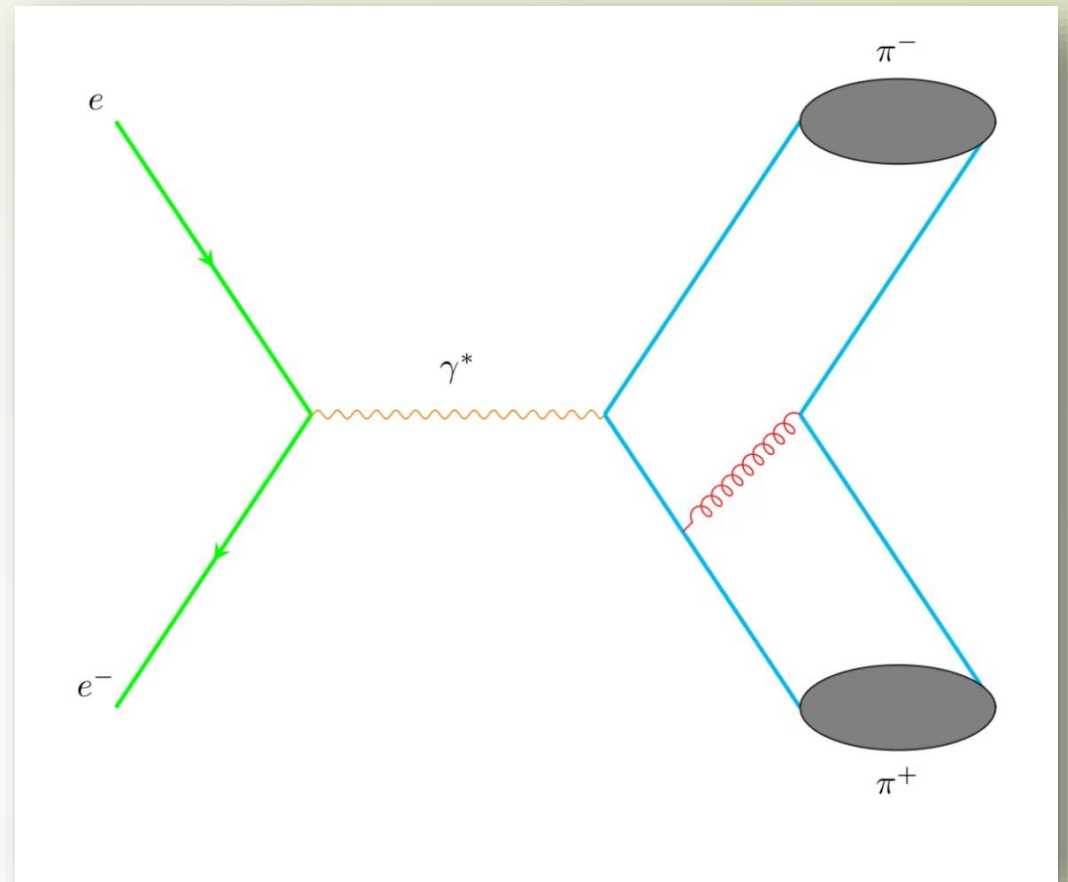


## Space Like

### Sullivan Process

At small  $t$  is sensitive to pion form factor

EIC:  $Q^2$  up to  $30 \text{ GeV}^2$   
 arXiv:2208.14575



## Time Like

BESIII  
 BarBar  
 Belle II  
 STCF

Probing pion Form Factors

# In framework of Collinear Factorization, Large $Q^2$

(Lepage, Brodsky, Efremov, Radyushkin, Duncan, Mueller)

$$F_\pi(Q^2) = \iint dx dy \Phi_\pi^*(x, \mu_F) T(x, y, \frac{\mu_R^2}{Q^2}, \frac{\mu_F^2}{Q^2}) \Phi_\pi(y, \mu_F)$$

**Leading-Twist Pion LCDA:**

$$\Phi_\pi(x, \mu_F) = \int \frac{dz^-}{2\pi i} e^{iz^- x P^+} \langle 0 | \bar{d}(0) \gamma^+ \gamma_5 \times \mathcal{W}(0, z^-) u(z^-) | \pi^+(P) \rangle$$

**ERBL evolution equations**

$$\frac{d\Phi_\pi(x, \mu_F)}{d \ln \mu_F^2} = \int_0^1 dy V(x, y) \Phi_\pi(y, \mu_F).$$



# Hard Kernel

$$T(x, y, \mu_R^2/Q^2, \mu_F^2/Q^2)$$

Perturbative Expansion

$$T = \frac{16C_F\pi\alpha_s}{Q^2} \left\{ T^{(0)} + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} T^{(1)} + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^2 T^{(2)} + \dots \right\}$$

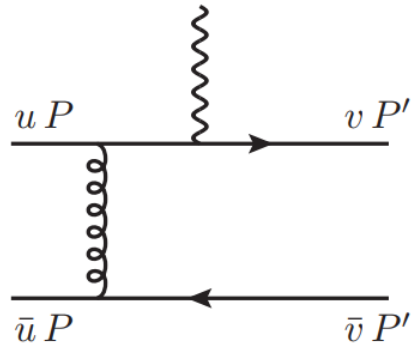
LO: 1977-1980 Lepage, Brodsky, Efremov, Radyushkin, Duncun, Muller...

NLO: Field, Gupta, Otta, Chang(1981), Dittes, Radyushkin(1981), Sarmadi (1984), Braaten, Tse(1987), Melic, Nizic and Passek (1998).

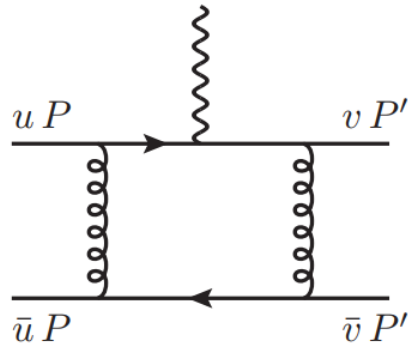
The goal of this work is to achieve NNLO calculations.

# Partonic Process

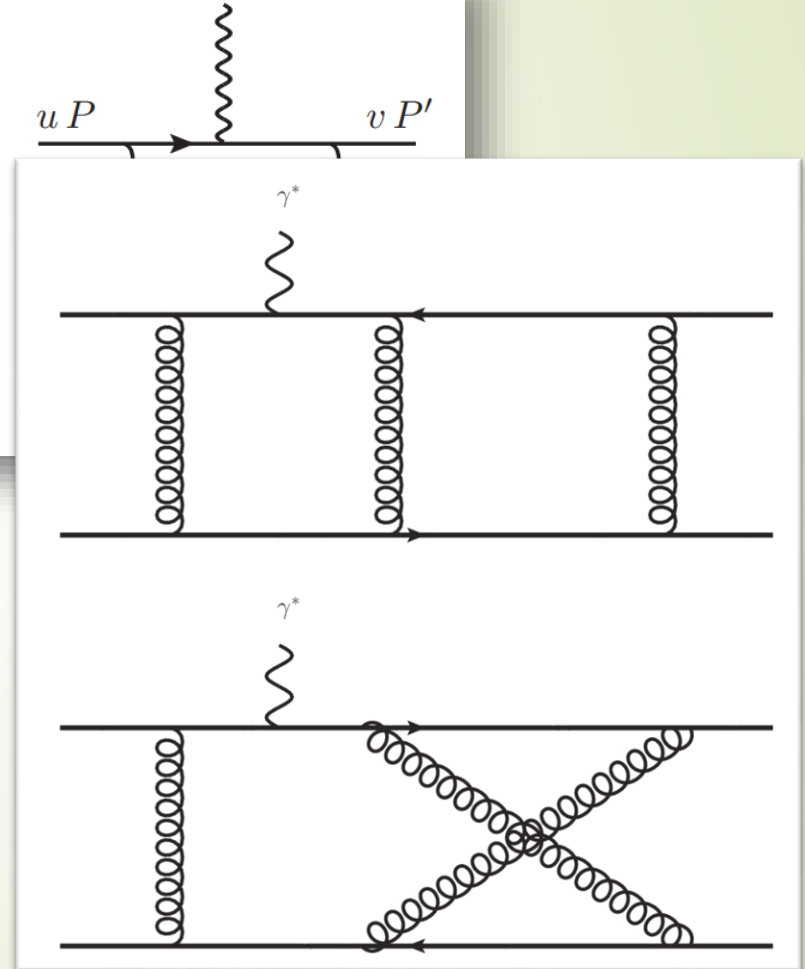
$$\gamma^* + u(uP)\bar{d}(\bar{u}P) \rightarrow u(vP')\bar{d}(\bar{v}P')$$



a) LO



b) NLO



Feynman Diagrams (about 1600)

# Calculation Methods

- Diagrams and amplitudes : HepLib, FeynArts
- Partial Fraction: Apart
- Integrals Reduction: FIRE (**Integration-By-Parts**)
- Master Integrals Calculation: Differential Equations
- Validations of analytic results for MIs: AMFLOW, AmpRed



$$\frac{d}{dx} \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & \dots & A_{1,n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & \dots & A_{n,n} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{pmatrix}$$

**Differential equations method: New technique for massive Feynman diagrams calculation**

A.V. Kotikov (BITP, Kiev) (Jun, 1990)

Published in: *Phys.Lett.B* 254 (1991) 158-164

**Differential equation method: The Calculation of N point Feynman diagrams**

A.V. Kotikov (BITP, Kiev) (1991)

Published in: *Phys.Lett.B* 267 (1991) 123-127, *Phys.Lett.B* 295 (1992) 409-409 (erratum)

# Multiloop integrals in dimensional regularization made simple

Johannes M. Henn (Princeton, Inst. Advanced Study) (Apr 5, 2013)

Published in: *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 110 (2013) 251601 • e-Print: [1304.1806](https://arxiv.org/abs/1304.1806) [hep-th]

**Choosing canonical basis  
(Basis with uniform  
transcendentality)**

For random integral basis  $\mathbf{g}$ , we have:

$$\partial_x \vec{g}(x; \epsilon) = B(x, \epsilon) \vec{g}(x; \epsilon)$$

We can choose new basis  $\mathbf{f}$ :

$$\vec{f} = T \vec{g},$$

The new DEs is simple and elegant

$$d \vec{f}(x, \epsilon) = \epsilon \left( d \tilde{A} \right) \vec{f}(x; \epsilon)$$

$$\tilde{A} = \left[ \sum_k A_k \log \alpha_k(x) \right].$$

$$G_{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n}(x) \equiv \int_0^x \frac{dt}{t - a_1} G_{a_2, \dots, a_n}(t),$$

$$G_{\vec{0}_n}(x) \equiv \frac{1}{n!} \ln^n x.$$

$$G_{a_1, \dots, a_m}(x) G_{b_1, \dots, b_n}(x) = \sum_{c \in a \amalg b} G_{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{m+n}}(x).$$

A. B. Goncharov, *Multiple polylogarithms, cyclotomy and modular complexes*, Math. Res. Lett. **5**, (1998) 497–516, [[arXiv:1105.2076](https://arxiv.org/abs/1105.2076)].

### Numerical evaluation of multiple polylogarithms

Jens Vollinga (Mainz U., Inst. Phys.), Stefan Weinzierl (Mainz U., Inst. Phys.) (Oct, 2004)

Published in: *Comput.Phys.Commun.* 167 (2005) 177 • e-Print: [hep-ph/0410259](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0410259) [hep-ph]

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## LO kernel

$$T^{(0)}(x, y) = \frac{e_u}{\bar{x}\bar{y}}(1 - \epsilon) - \left[ \begin{array}{c} e_u \rightarrow e_d \\ \bar{x} \rightarrow x, \bar{y} \rightarrow y \end{array} \right],$$



## Perturbative expansion

$$F(u, v) = F^{(0)}(u, v) + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} F^{(1)}(u, v) + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^2 F^{(2)}(u, v) + \dots$$

**Renormalized “pion” LCDA can be expressed as :**

$$\Phi(x|u) = \Phi^{(0)}(x|u) + \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \Phi^{(1)}(x|u) + \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\right)^2 \Phi^{(2)}(x|u) + \dots$$

# Renormalized LCDA

$$\Phi(x|u) = \int dy Z(x, y) \Phi_{\text{bare}}(y|u) = Z(x, u),$$

$$Z(x, y) = \delta(x - y) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\epsilon^k} Z_k(x, y),$$

$$V(x, y) = -\alpha_s \frac{\partial Z_1}{\partial \alpha_s}. \quad \text{Related with EBRL kernel}$$

$$\alpha_s \frac{\partial Z_2}{\partial \alpha_s} = \alpha_s \frac{\partial Z_1}{\partial \alpha_s} \otimes Z_1 + \beta(\alpha_s) \frac{\partial Z_1}{\partial \alpha_s},$$

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# Matching

$$F(u, v) = \Phi(x|u) \otimes T(x, y) \otimes \Phi(y|v)$$

NLO

$$Q^2 F^{(1)}(u, v) = T^{(1)}(u, v) + \Phi^{(1)}(x|u) \otimes_x T^{(0)}(x, v) \\ + \Phi^{(1)}(y|v) \otimes_y T^{(0)}(u, y),$$

NNLO

$$Q^2 F^{(2)}(u, v) = T^{(2)}(u, v) + \Phi^{(2)}(x|u) \otimes_x T^{(0)}(x, v) \\ + \Phi^{(2)}(y|v) \otimes_y T^{(0)}(u, y) \\ + \Phi^{(1)}(x|u) \otimes_x T^{(1)}(x, v) \\ + \Phi^{(1)}(y|v) \otimes_y T^{(1)}(u, y) \\ + \Phi^{(1)}(x|u) \otimes_x T^{(0)}(x, y) \otimes_y \Phi^{(1)}(y|v)$$

## LO and NLO Matching

$$F_0(u, v) = T_0(u, v)$$

$$F_1(u, v) = T_1(u, v) + \frac{1}{\epsilon} V_0(x, u) \otimes T_0(x, v) + \frac{1}{\epsilon} T_0(u, y) \otimes V_0(y, v)$$

# NNLO Matching

$$F_2(u, v) = T_2(u, v) + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[ Z_1^{(1)}(x, u) \otimes T_1(x, v) + T_1(u, y) \otimes Z_1^{(1)}(y, v) \right] + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} Z_1^{(1)}(x, u) \otimes T_0(x, y) \otimes Z_1^{(1)}(y, v) + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left[ Z_2^{(1)}(x, u) \otimes T_0(x, v) + T_0(u, y) \otimes Z_2^{(1)}(y, v) \right] + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \left[ Z_2^{(2)}(x, u) \otimes T_0(x, v) + T_0(u, y) \otimes Z_2^{(2)}(y, v) \right]$$

**The convolutions above are calculated analytically.**

**All Infra-divergences are cancel.**

**We obtain analytic results for finite  $T_2$**



# Asymptotic Expressions of Kernel

$T^{(1)}$

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ y \rightarrow 0}} T^{(1)}(x, y, \mu) = -\frac{e_d}{36xy} \left[ 12 \ln^2(xy) - 18 \ln(xy) - \pi^2 + 30 - 3(8 \ln(xy) - 3)L_\mu \right],$$
$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ y \rightarrow 1}} T^{(1)}(x, y) = -\frac{e_d}{12x} \left[ 4 \ln^2 x - \ln x \ln \bar{y} - 7 \ln x - \ln \bar{y} + 15 - (8 \ln x - 3)L_\mu \right]$$
$$+ [x \rightarrow \bar{y}, \bar{y} \rightarrow x, e_d \rightarrow -e_u].$$

**NLO results agree with previous calculations**

## $T^{(2)}$ –asymptotic behavior

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ y \rightarrow 0}} T^{(2)}(x, y, \mu) = & -\frac{e_d}{18xy} \left[ \ln^4(xy) - \frac{15}{2} \ln^3(xy) - \left( \frac{5}{3}\pi^2 - \frac{367}{8} \right) \ln^2(xy) - \frac{81}{4} \ln x \ln y \right. \\ & + \left( 73\zeta_3 + \frac{137}{48}\pi^2 - \frac{1169}{8} \right) \ln(xy) + \frac{83}{60}\pi^4 - \frac{219}{2}\zeta_3 - \frac{269}{24}\pi^2 + \frac{3177}{16} \\ & + \frac{1}{8}(8 \ln(xy) - 3)(4 \ln(xy) - 15)L_\mu^2 \\ & \left. - (4 \ln^3(xy) - 21 \ln^2(xy) - \frac{1}{3}(10\pi^2 - \frac{537}{2}) \ln(xy) + 4\zeta_3 + \frac{25}{4}\pi^2 - 81)L_\mu \right]. \end{aligned}$$

## $T^{(2)}$ – asymptotic behavior

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ y \rightarrow 1}} T^{(2)}(x, y, \mu) = & -\frac{e_d}{18x} \left[ \ln^4 x - \frac{1}{2} \ln^3 x \ln \bar{y} - \frac{5}{32} \ln^2 x \ln^2 \bar{y} - \frac{1}{6} \ln x \ln^3 \bar{y} \right. \\
 & - 8 \ln^3 x + 3 \ln^2 x \ln \bar{y} + \frac{19}{8} \ln x \ln^2 \bar{y} - \frac{1}{6} \ln^3 \bar{y} \\
 & - \frac{1}{48} \left( (89\pi^2 - 2181) \ln^2 x + 2(225 - 14\pi^2) \ln x \ln \bar{y} - 165 \ln^2 \bar{y} \right) \\
 & - \frac{1}{8} \left( (-395\zeta_3 - 47\pi^2 + 1106) \ln x + (29\zeta_3 + \pi^2 + 132) \ln \bar{y} \right) \\
 & + \frac{1}{80} (32\pi^4 - 7670\zeta_3 - 430\pi^2 + 11505) + \\
 & + \left( 4 \ln^2 x - \frac{33}{2} \ln x - \frac{2}{3} \pi^2 + \frac{13}{8} \right) L_\mu^2 - (4 \ln^3 x - \ln^2 x \ln \bar{y} \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \ln^2 \bar{y} \ln x - 22 \ln^2 x + \frac{15}{4} \ln x \ln \bar{y} - \frac{1}{2} \ln^2 \bar{y} + \left( \frac{357}{4} - 4\pi^2 \right) \ln x \\
 & \left. + \frac{19}{4} \ln \bar{y} - 7\zeta_3 + \frac{14}{3} \pi^2 - \frac{147}{4} \right) L_\mu \Big] \\
 & + [x \rightarrow \bar{y}, \bar{y} \rightarrow x, e_d \rightarrow -e_u].
 \end{aligned}$$

Can the endpoint logarithms be resummation?



# Phenomenological Exploration

## Leading-twist pion LCDA

$$\Phi_{\pi}(x, \mu_F) = \frac{f_{\pi}}{2\sqrt{2N_c}} \sum'_{n=0} a_n(\mu_F) \psi_n(x),$$
$$\psi_n(x) = 6x\bar{x} C_n^{3/2}(2x - 1)$$

$a_n$  can be calculated by Lattice QCD



# The pion EM form factor

$$Q^2 F_\pi(Q^2) = \frac{(e_u - e_d) f_\pi^2}{24} \times \sum_{k=0} \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^{k+1} \sum'_{m,n} a_n(\mu_F) a_m(\mu_F) \mathcal{T}_{mn}^{(k)},$$

## Two-fold Convolution

$$\mathcal{T}_{mn}^{(k)} = \frac{1}{(e_u - e_d)} \psi_m(x) \otimes_x T^{(k)} \left( x, y, \frac{\mu_R^2}{Q^2}, \frac{\mu_F^2}{Q^2} \right) \otimes_y \psi_n(y).$$

The convolutions can be evaluated analytically

$$\mathcal{T}_{mn}^{(0)} = 9,$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{00}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{4}(81L_\mu + 237),$$

$$L_\mu \equiv \ln(\mu^2/Q^2).$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{00}^{(2)} = \frac{729L_\mu^2}{16} - \left(8\zeta_3 + \frac{35\pi^2}{6} - \frac{2961}{8}\right)L_\mu + 205\zeta_5 - \frac{3\pi^4}{20} - \frac{651\zeta_3}{2} - \frac{275\pi^2}{24} + 821.$$

About  $10^5$  terms appear in the calculation of convolutions

# Phenomenological exploration

Inputs: Gegenbauer Moments



LaMET-Ji  
arXiv: 1305.1539

RQCD

$$a_2(2 \text{ GeV}) = 0.116^{+0.019}_{-0.020},$$

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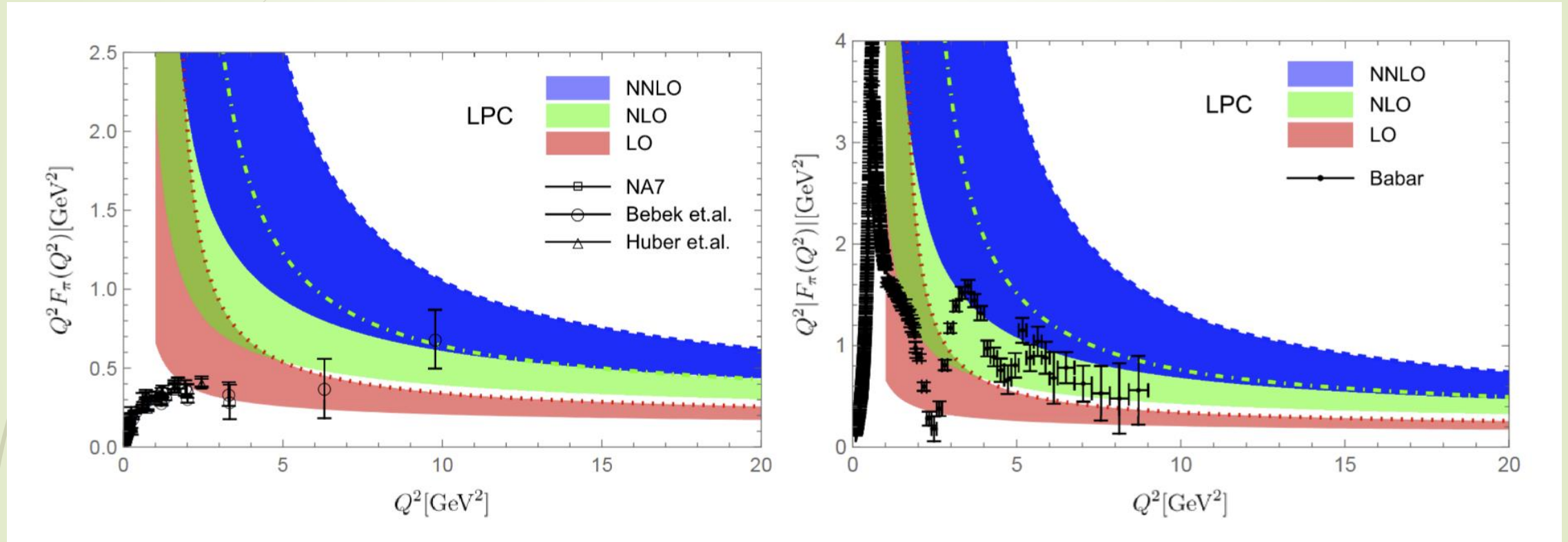
LPC

$$\begin{aligned} a_2(2 \text{ GeV}) &= 0.258 \pm 0.087, \\ a_4(2 \text{ GeV}) &= 0.122 \pm 0.056, \\ a_6(2 \text{ GeV}) &= 0.068 \pm 0.038. \end{aligned}$$

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# Phenomenological exploration

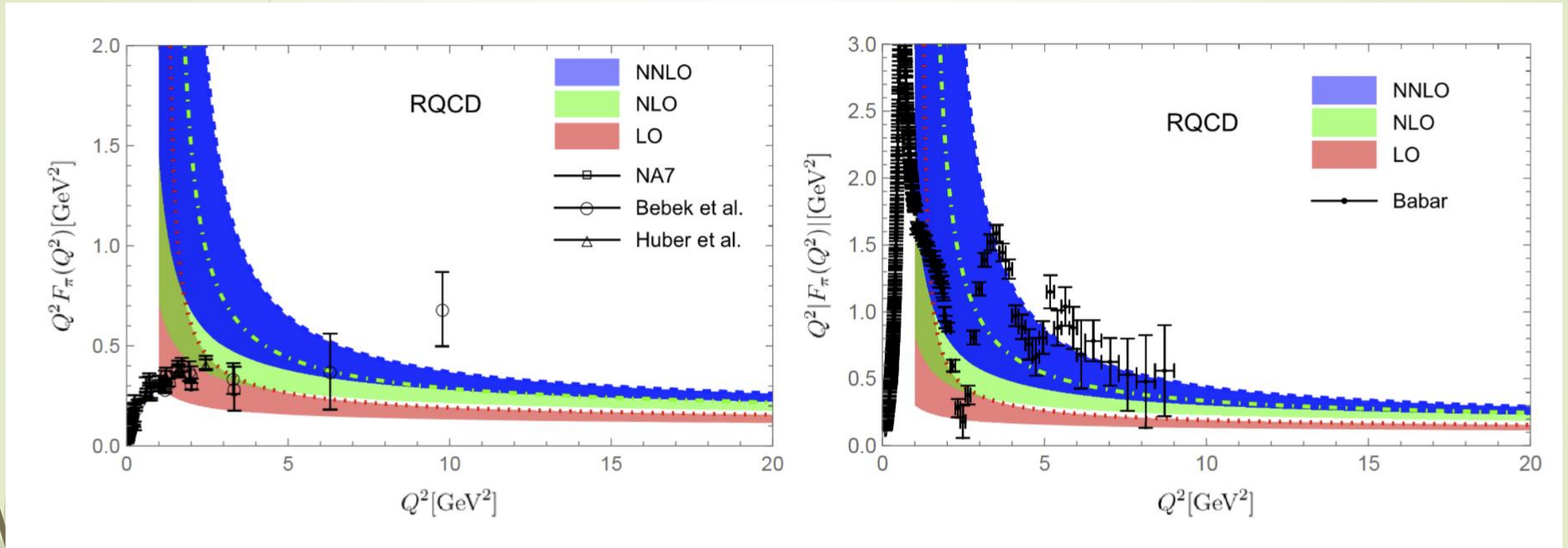
## Results with LPC inputs



Space Like FF

Time Like FF

# Results with RQCD inputs



Space Like FF

Time Like FF

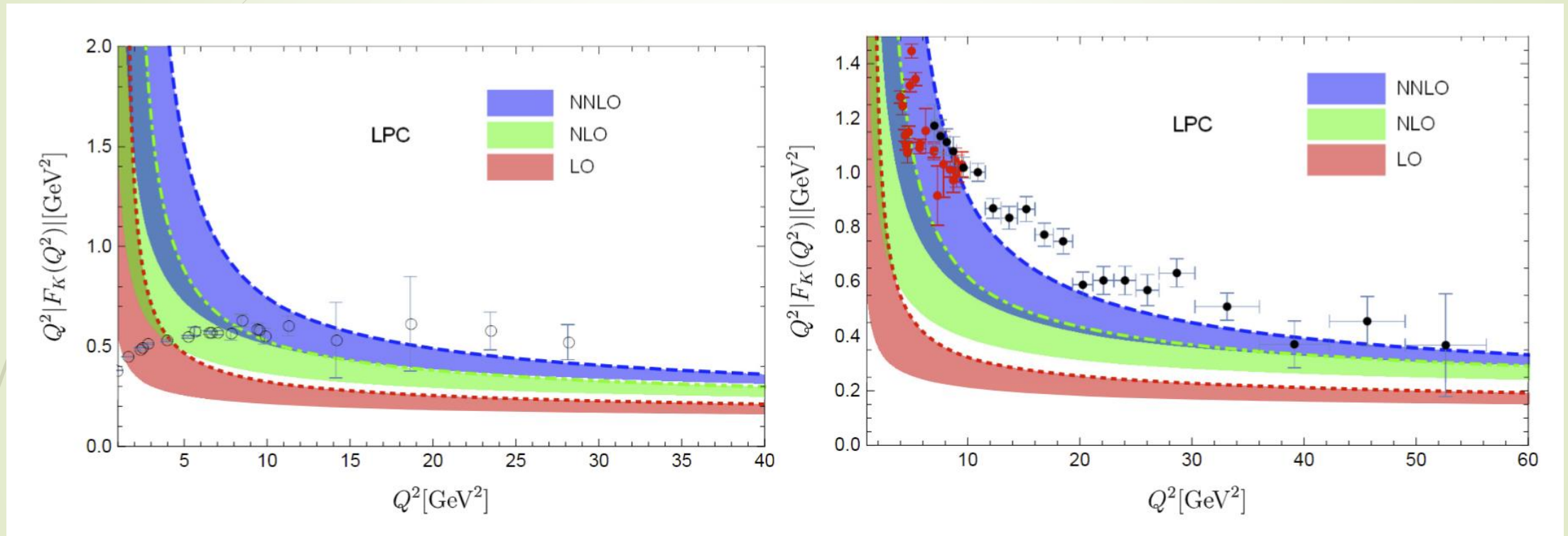


## Extend to **Kaon**(charge and neutral) Form Factors

$$Q^2 F_K(Q^2) = \frac{2C_F \pi^2 f_K^2}{3} \sum_{k=0} \left( \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^{k+1} \times \sum_{m,n} (e_u - (-1)^{m+n} e_s) \mathcal{T}_{mn}^{(k)} a_m(\mu_F) a_n(\mu_F),$$

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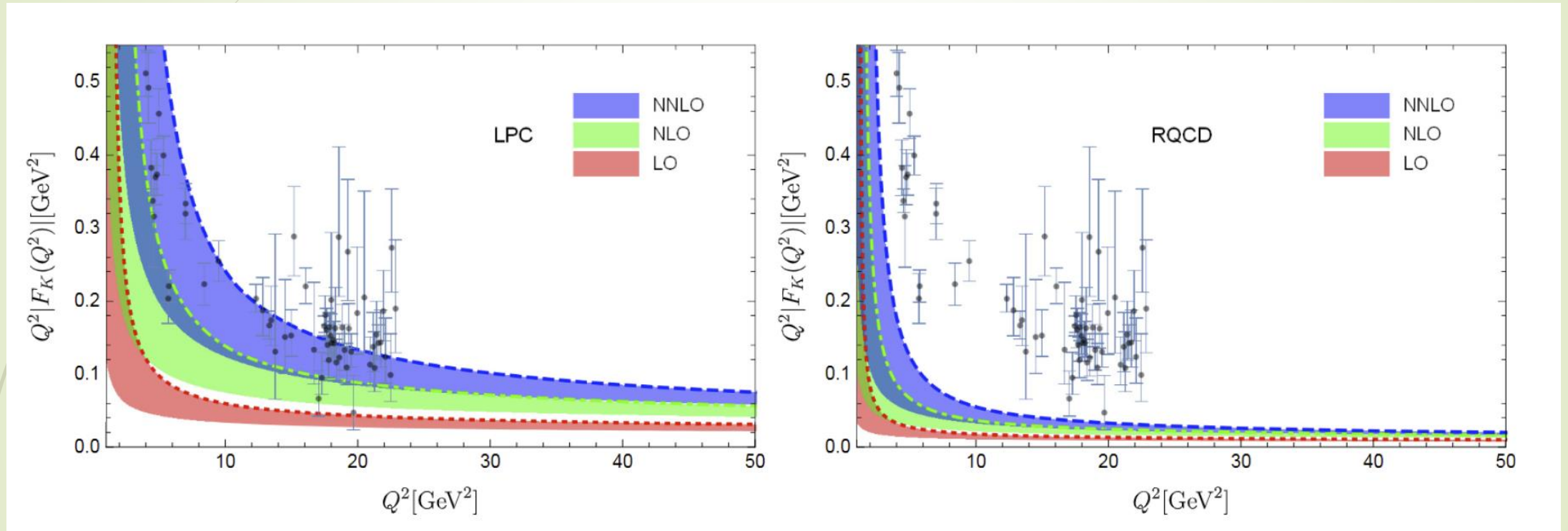
# Charge Kaon FFs



Space like FFs, data taken from  
Ding *et.al.* arXiv:2404.04412

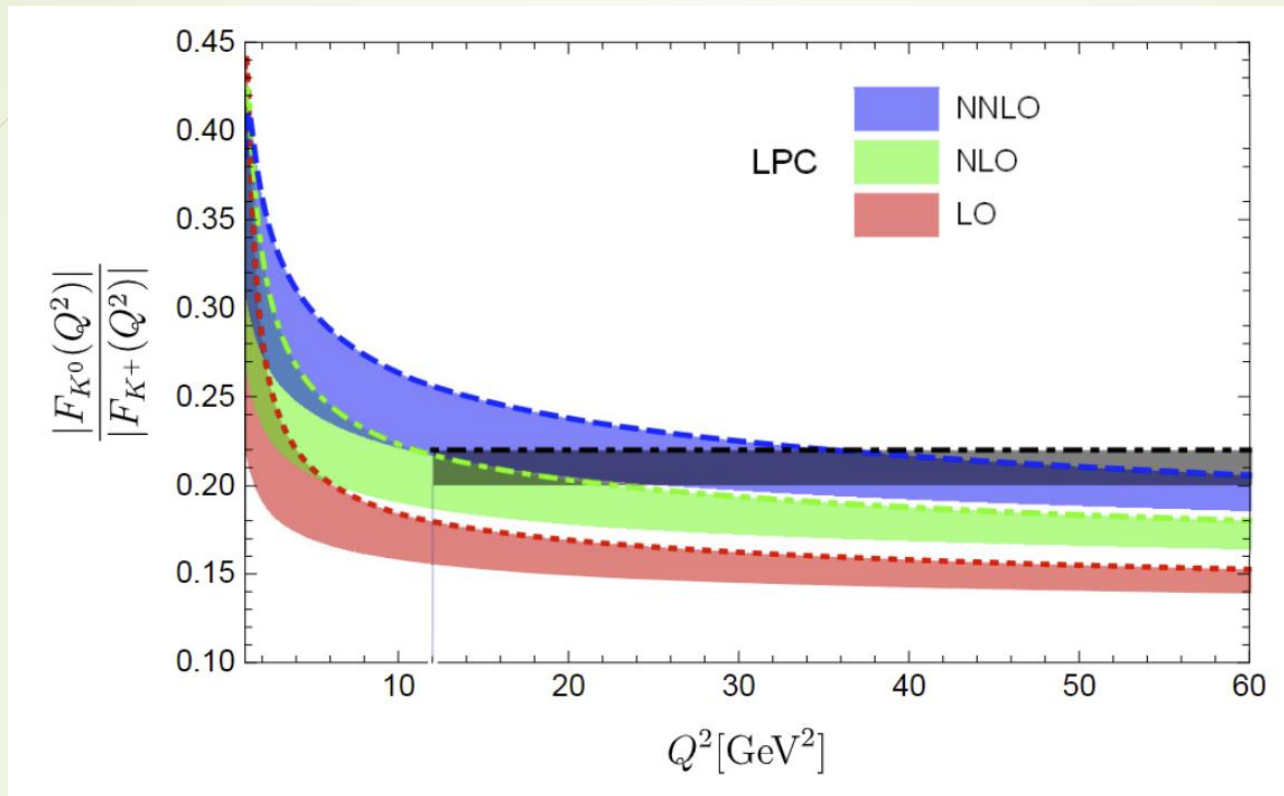
Time like FFs, data taken  
from BESIII and BarBar

# Neutral Kaon FFs



Time like FFs, data take from BESIII

# SU(3) Flavor Breaking Effects



$$\frac{F_{K_S K_L}^{\text{BESIII}}(12\text{GeV}^2 < Q^2 < 25\text{GeV}^2)}{F_{K^+ K^-}^{\text{BESIII}}(12\text{GeV}^2 < Q^2 < 25\text{GeV}^2)} = 0.21 \pm 0.01$$

Data take from BESIII

# Conclusion

- The EM form factors for pion/kaon have been calculated up to NNLO QCD corrections.
- We verify the validity of the collinear factorization up to NNLO for this observable.
- The matching kernel have been obtained analytically.
- The NNLO corrections turn out to be positive and significant.
- The NNLO results can provides strong constraint on the Gegenbauer moments.



**Thanks !**