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# *Pion FF in QCD Sum Rules with NLCs*

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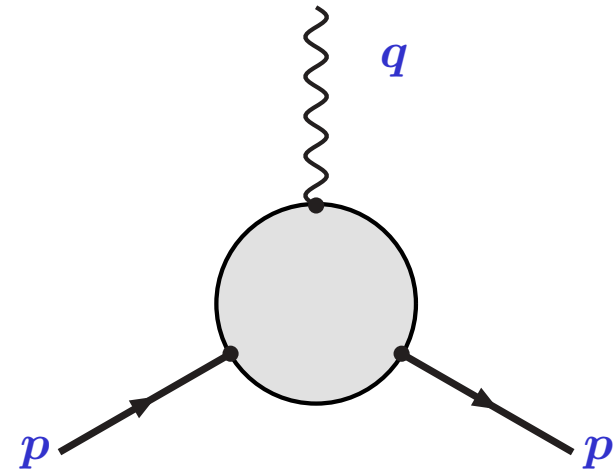
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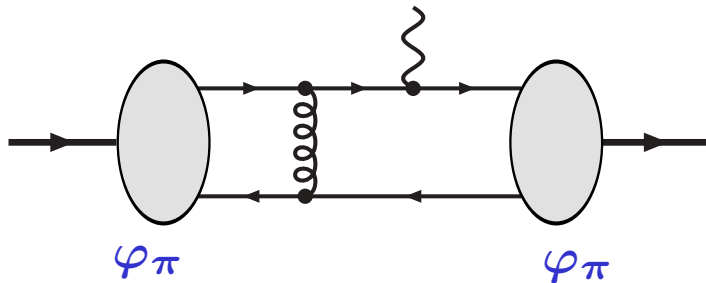
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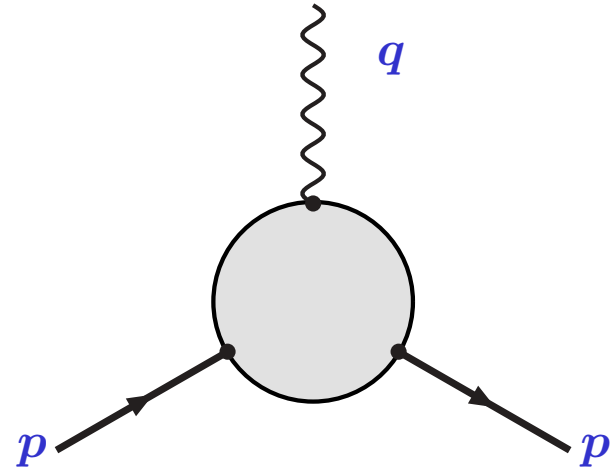
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At asymptotically large  $Q^2$  pQCD factorization gives pion FF



$$F_\pi(Q^2) = \frac{8\pi\alpha_s(Q^2)f_\pi^2}{9Q^2} \left| \int_0^1 \frac{\varphi_\pi(x, Q^2)}{x} dx \right|^2$$

in terms of twist-2 pion DA  $\varphi_\pi(x, Q^2)$ .

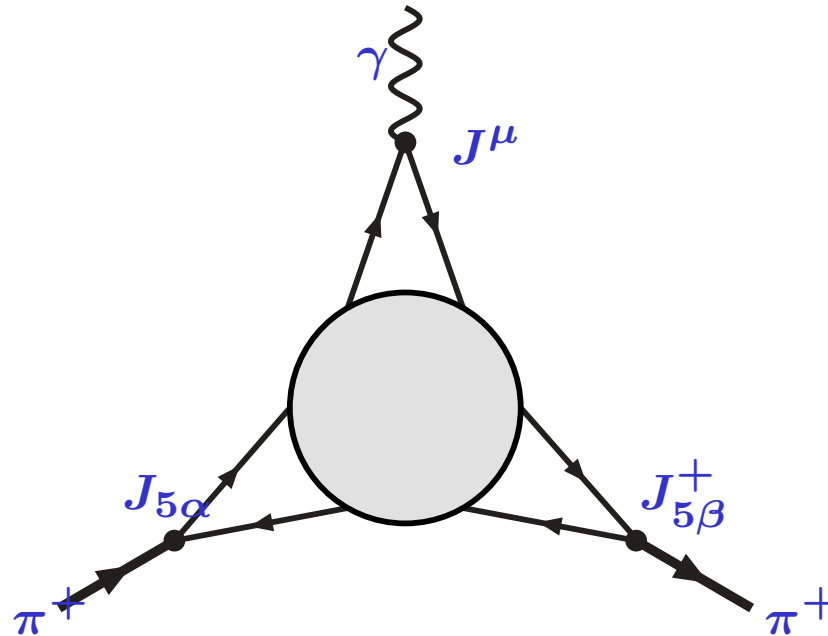


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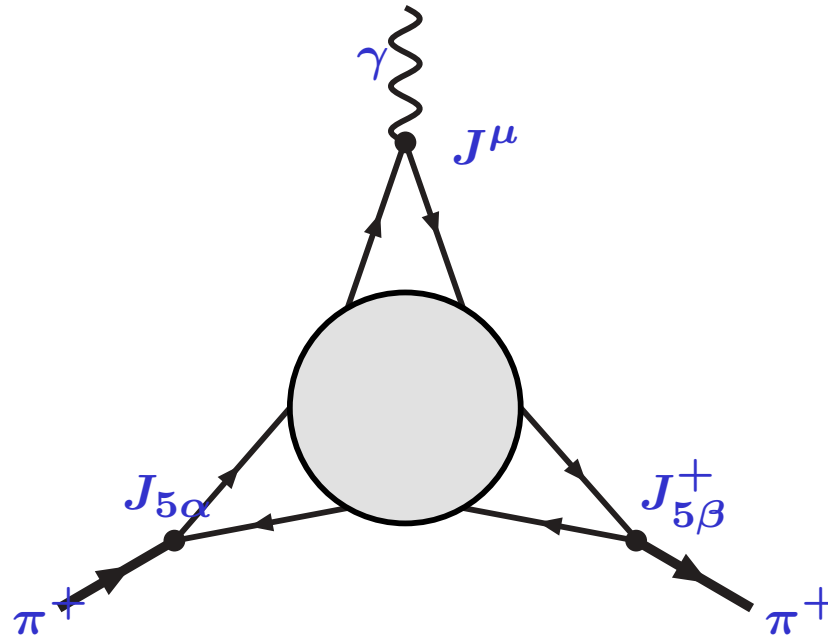


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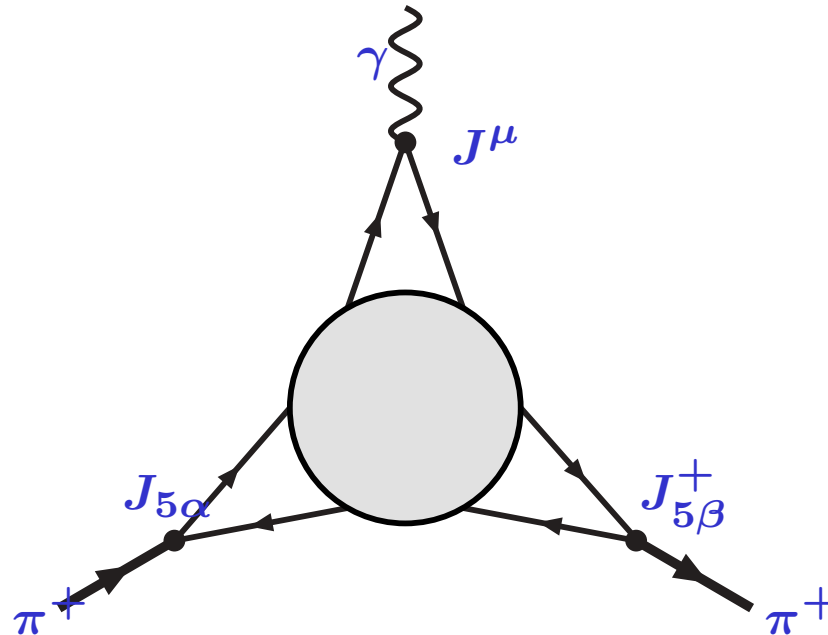
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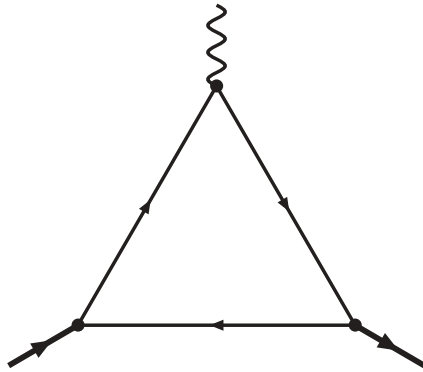
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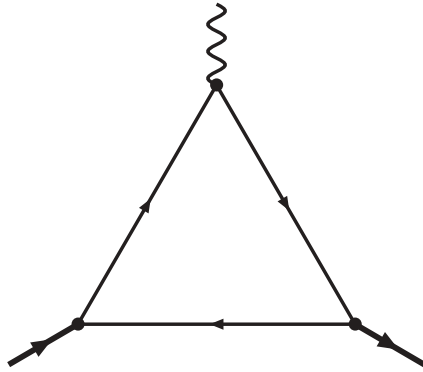
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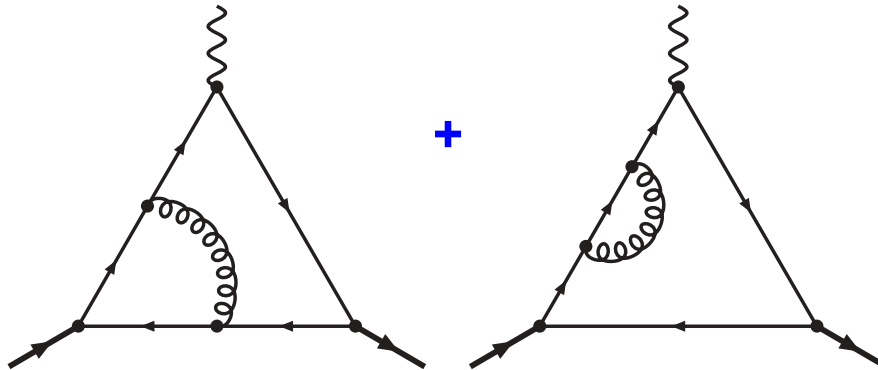
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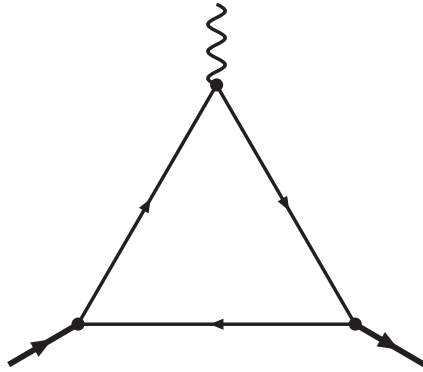
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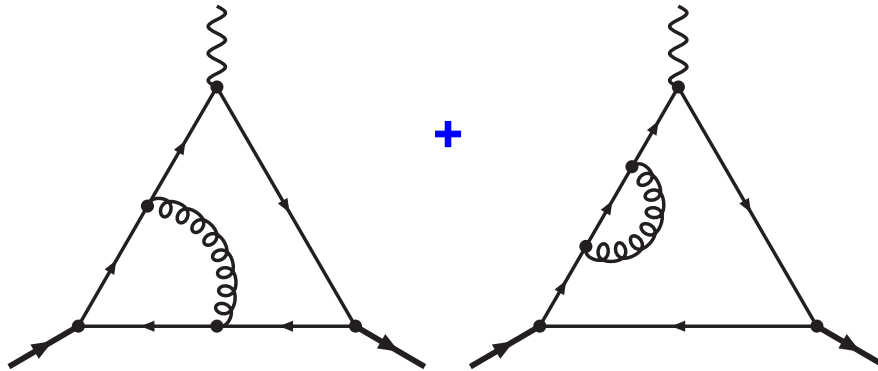
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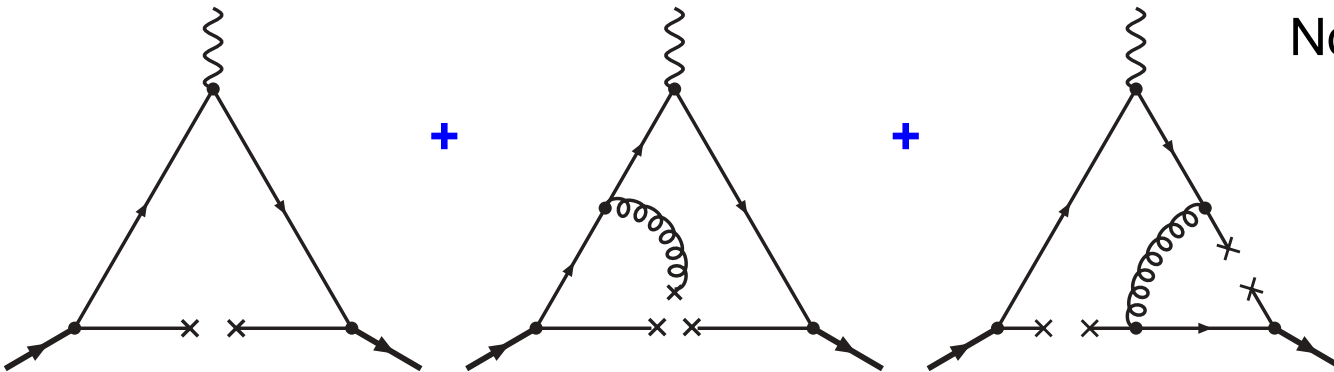
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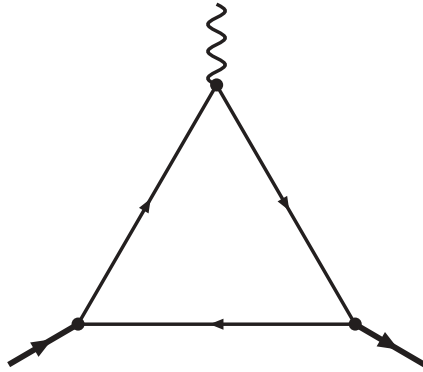


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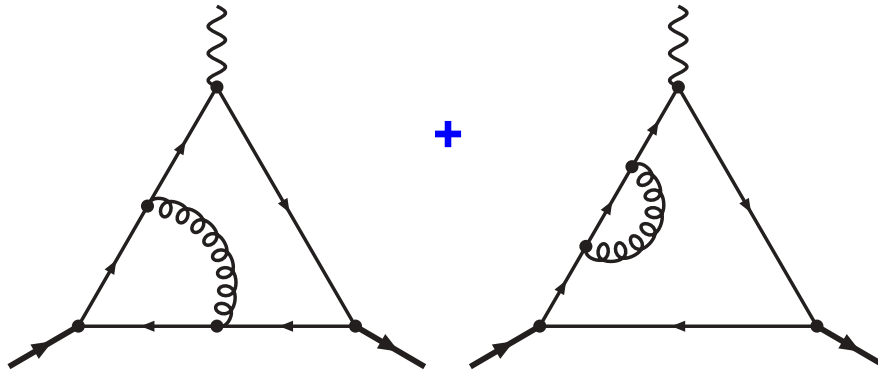
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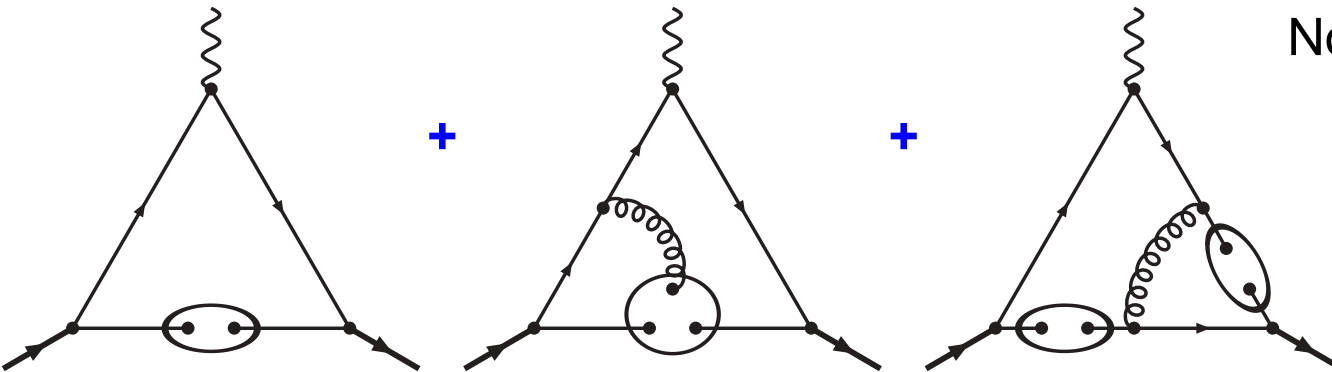
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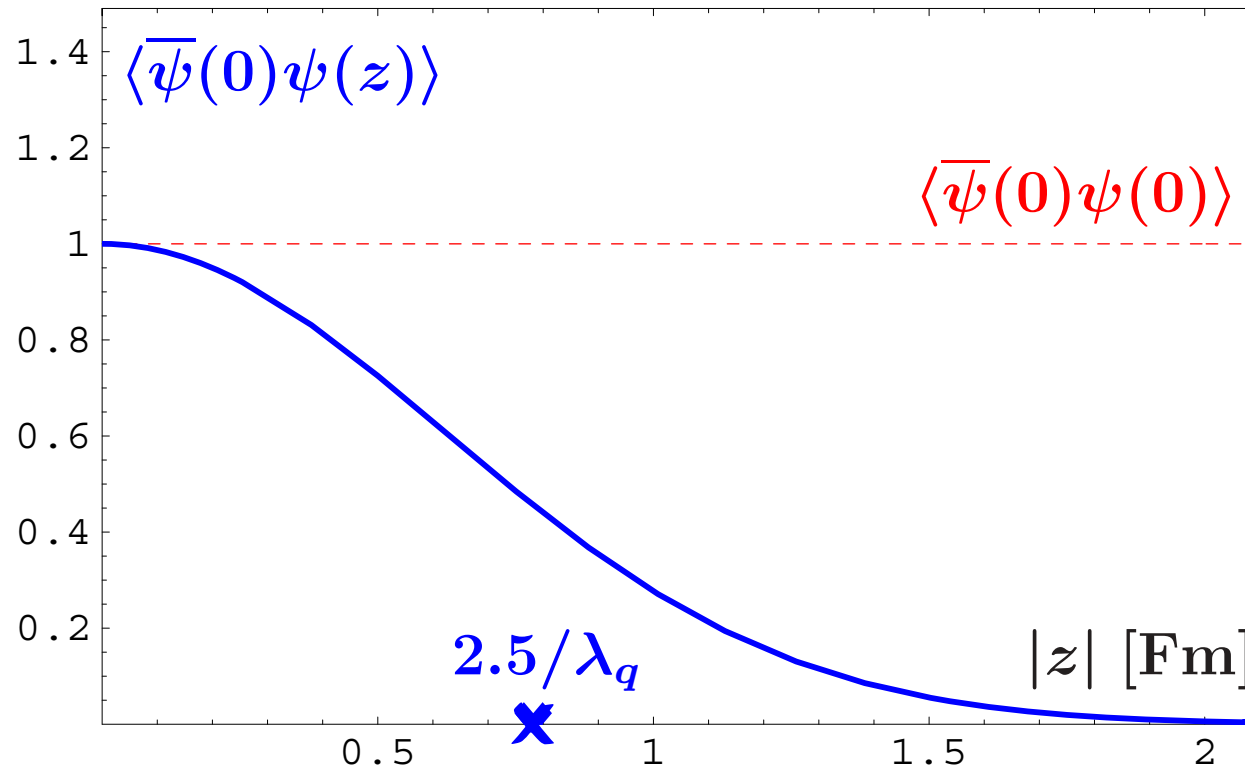
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**Nonlocal condensate**

Distribution Amplitudes,  
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# Lattice data of Pisa group

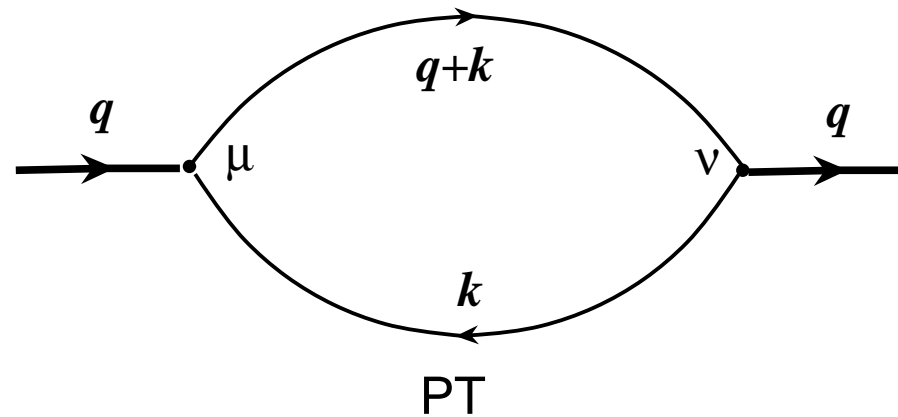


**Nonlocality of quark condensates** from lattice data of Pisa group in comparison with **local limit**.

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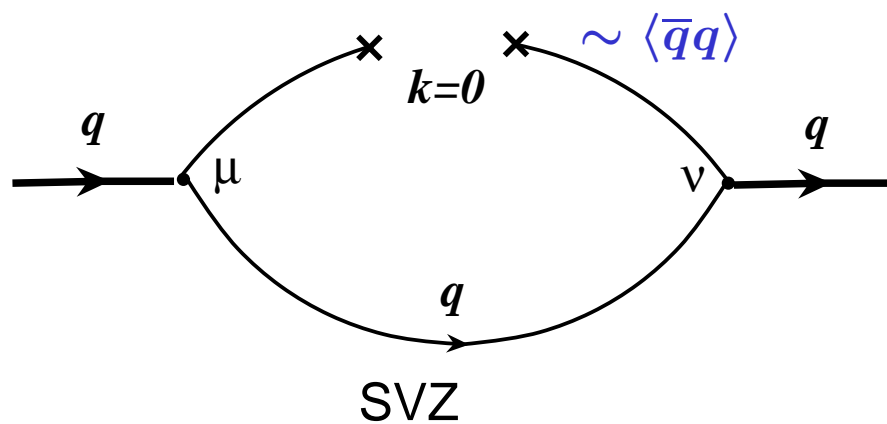
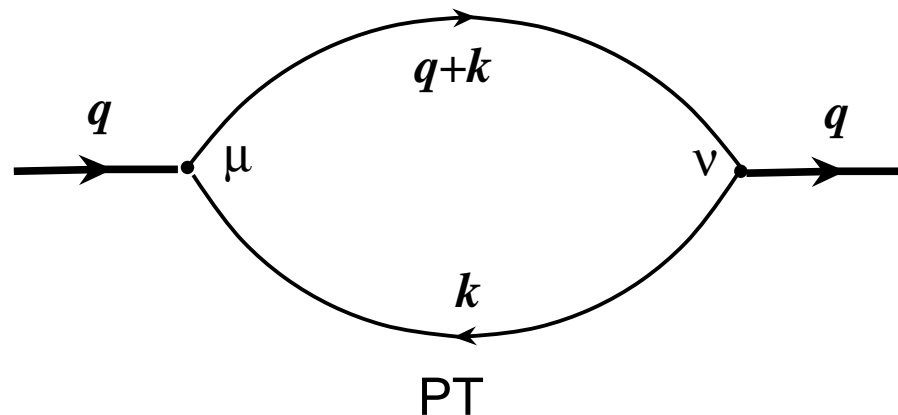
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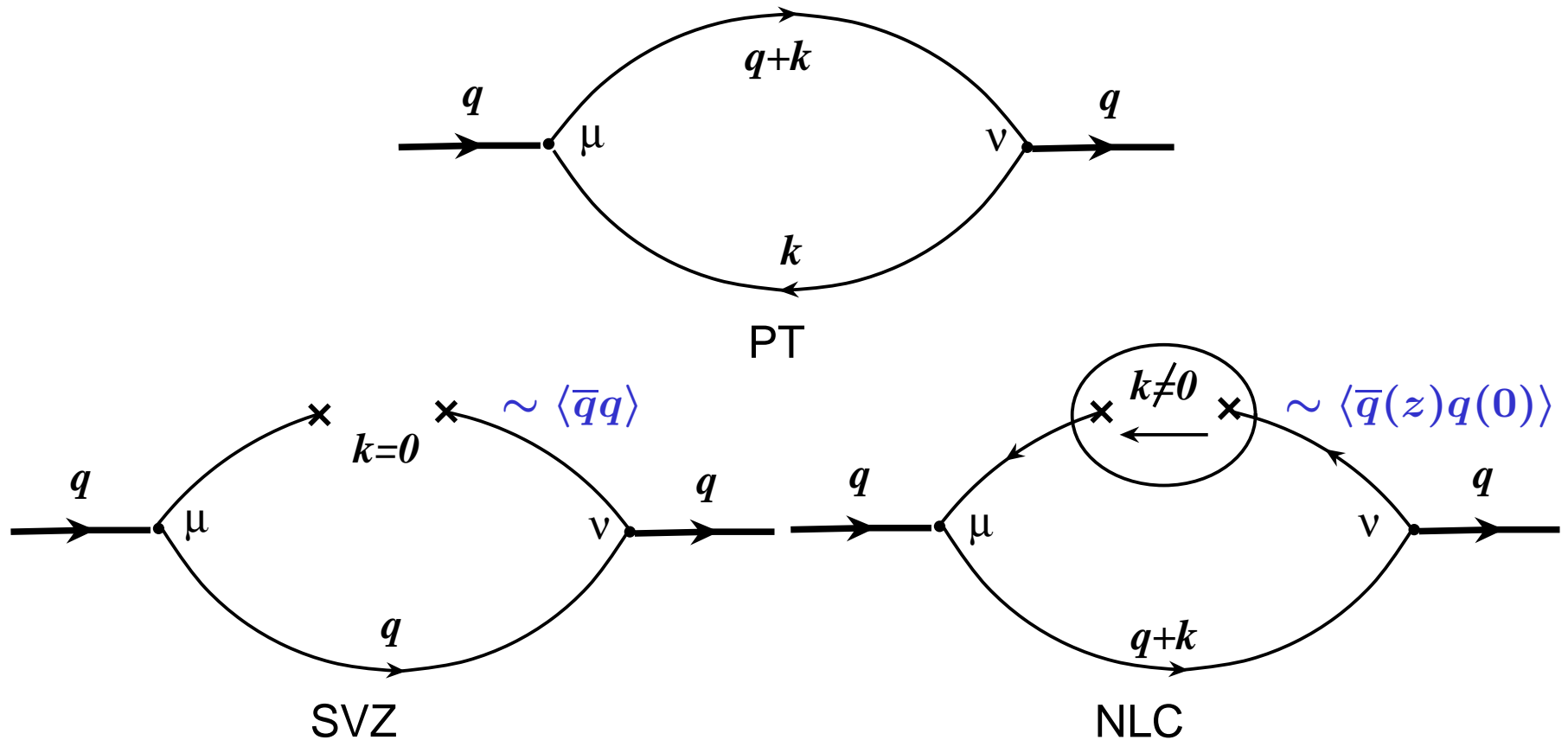


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- Possible to include second ( $\Lambda \simeq 450 \text{ MeV}$ ) scale with  $\langle \bar{q}(0)q(z) \rangle \Big|_{|z| \gg 1 \text{ Fm}} \sim \langle \bar{q}q \rangle e^{-|z|\Lambda}$  (not included here)

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Parameterization for scalar and vector condensates:

$$\langle \bar{\psi}(0)\psi(x) \rangle = \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle \int_0^\infty \boxed{f_S(\alpha)} e^{\alpha x^2/4} d\alpha;$$

$$\langle \bar{\psi}(0)\gamma_\mu\psi(x) \rangle = -ix_\mu A_0 \int_0^\infty \boxed{f_V(\alpha)} e^{\alpha x^2/4} d\alpha,$$

where  $A_0 = 2\alpha_s\pi\langle\bar{\psi}\psi\rangle^2/81$ .

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Convenient to parameterize the 3-local condensate in fixed-point gauge by introduction of three scalar functions:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \bar{\psi}(\mathbf{0}) \gamma_{\mu} (-g \hat{A}_{\nu}(x)) \psi(y) \rangle &= (x_{\mu} y_{\nu} - g_{\mu\nu}(xy)) \bar{M}_1 \\ &+ (x_{\mu} x_{\nu} - g_{\mu\nu} x^2) \bar{M}_2; \\ \langle \bar{\psi}(\mathbf{0}) \gamma_5 \gamma_{\mu} (-g \hat{A}_{\nu}(x)) \psi(y) \rangle &= i \varepsilon_{\mu\nu xy} \bar{M}_3,\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{M}_i(y^2, x^2, (x-y)^2) = \\ A_i \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} d\alpha_1 d\alpha_2 d\alpha_3 \boxed{f_i(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3)} e^{(\alpha_1 y^2 + \alpha_2 x^2 + \alpha_3 (x-y)^2)/4}.\end{aligned}$$

where  $A_i = \{-\frac{3}{2}, 2, \frac{3}{2}\} A_0$  [Mikhailov&Radyushkin'89].

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## Problems:

- QCD equations of motion are violated
- Vector current correlator is not transverse  
⇒ gauge invariance is broken

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choice of model parameters:**

$$X_1 = -0.082; Y_1 = Z_1 = -2.243; x = 0.788;$$

$$X_2 = -1.298; Y_2 = Z_2 = -0.239; y = 0.212;$$

$$X_3 = +1.775; Y_3 = Z_3 = -3.166; z = 0.212.$$

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# Pion FF in NLC QCD SRs

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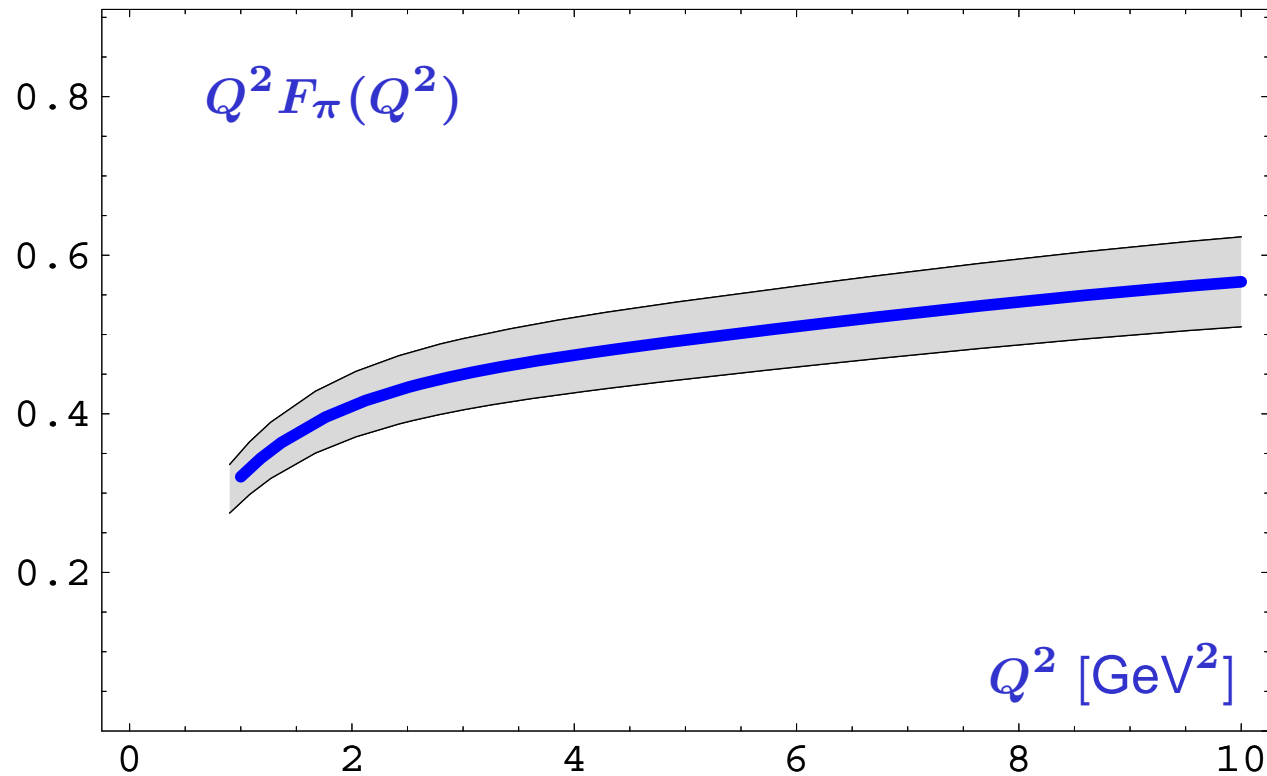
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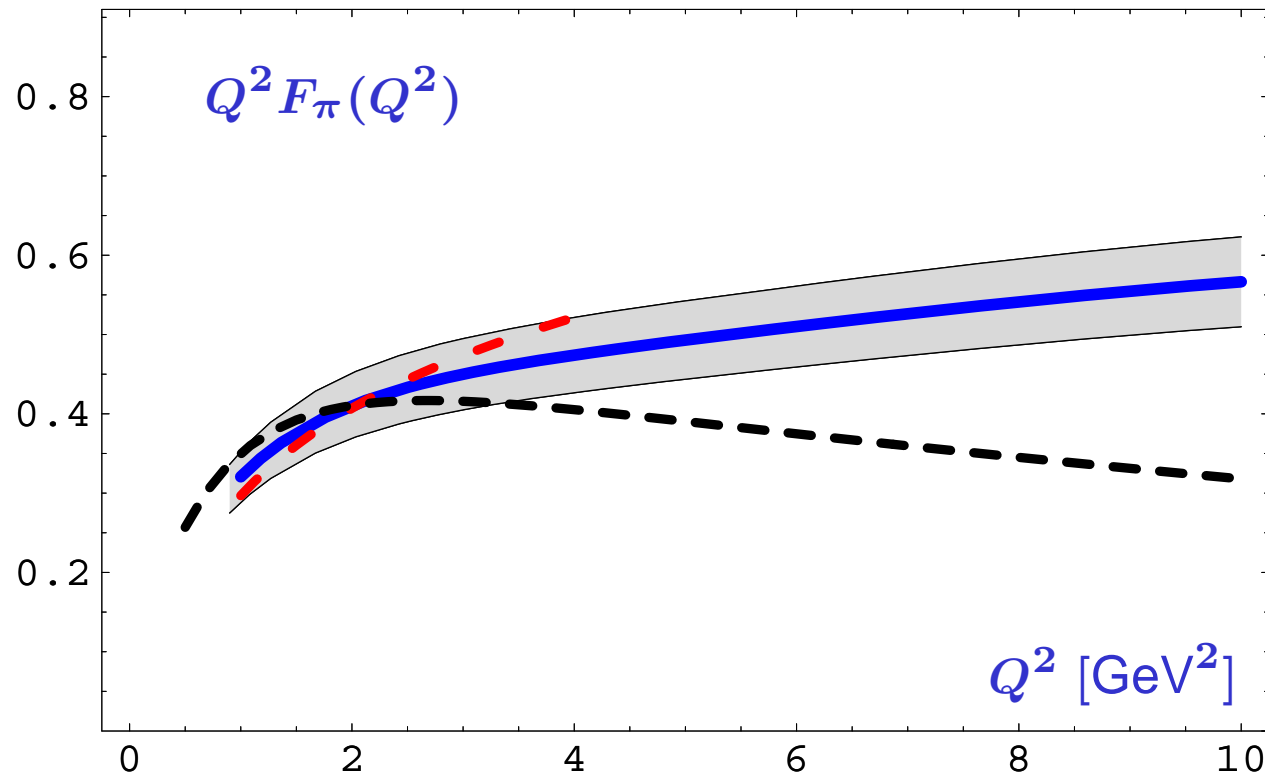
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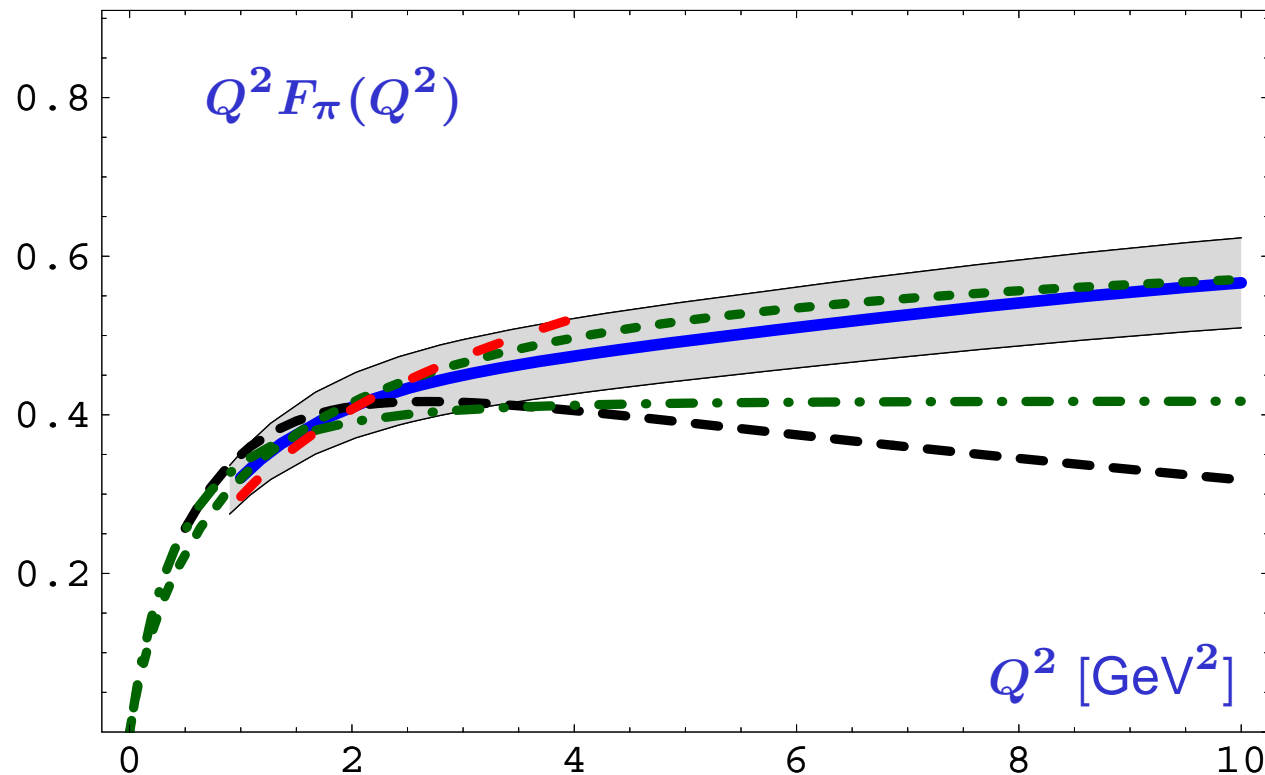
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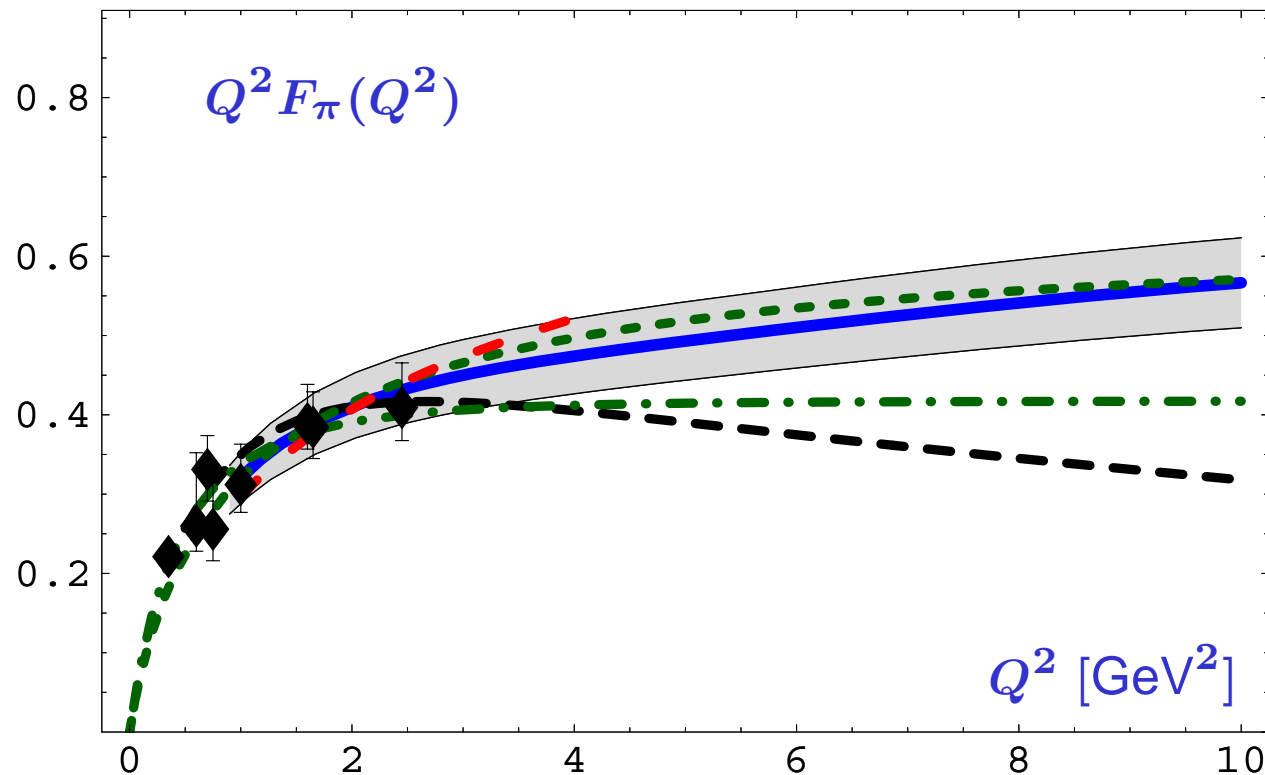
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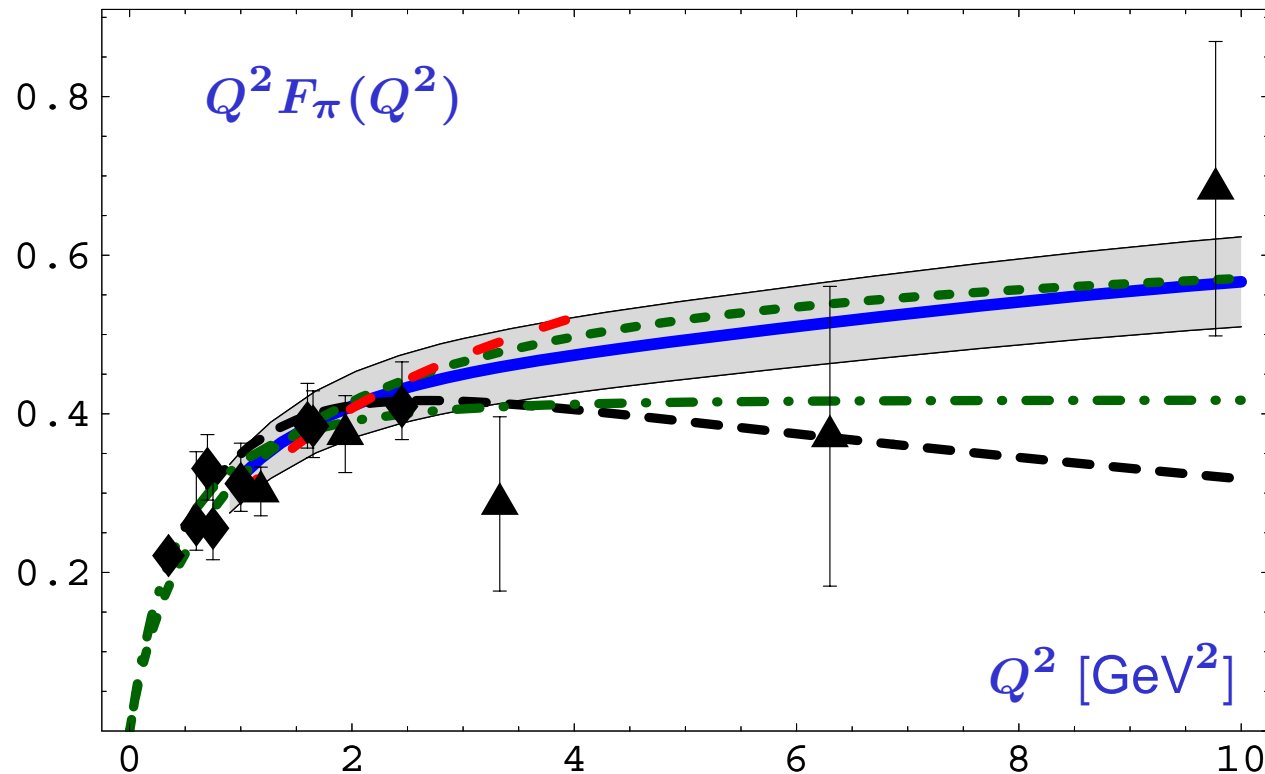
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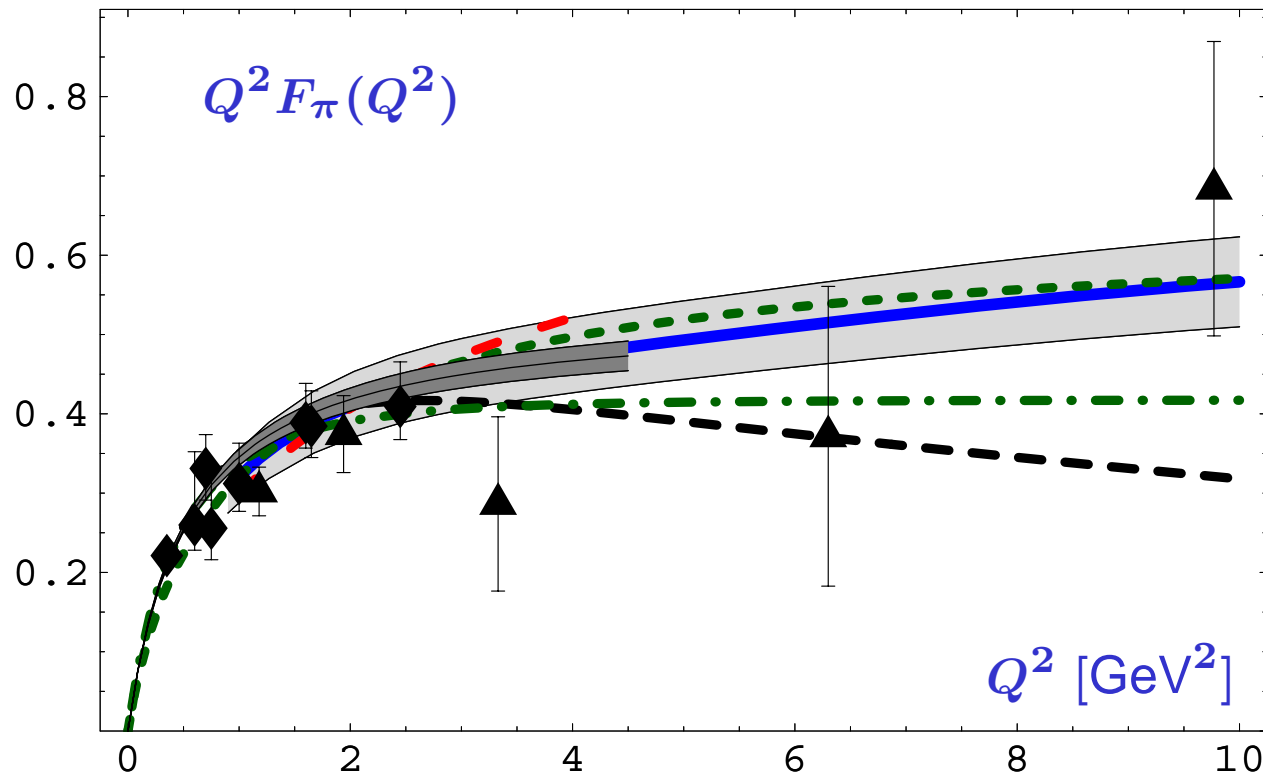
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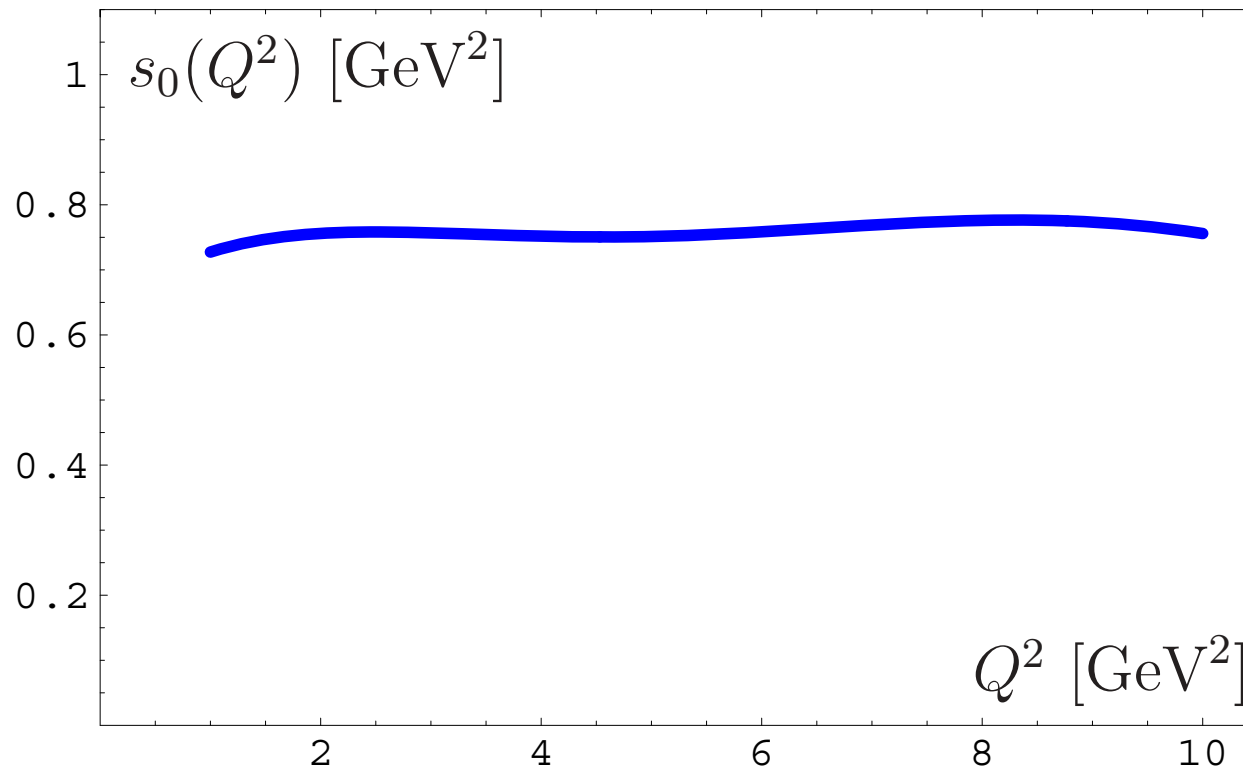
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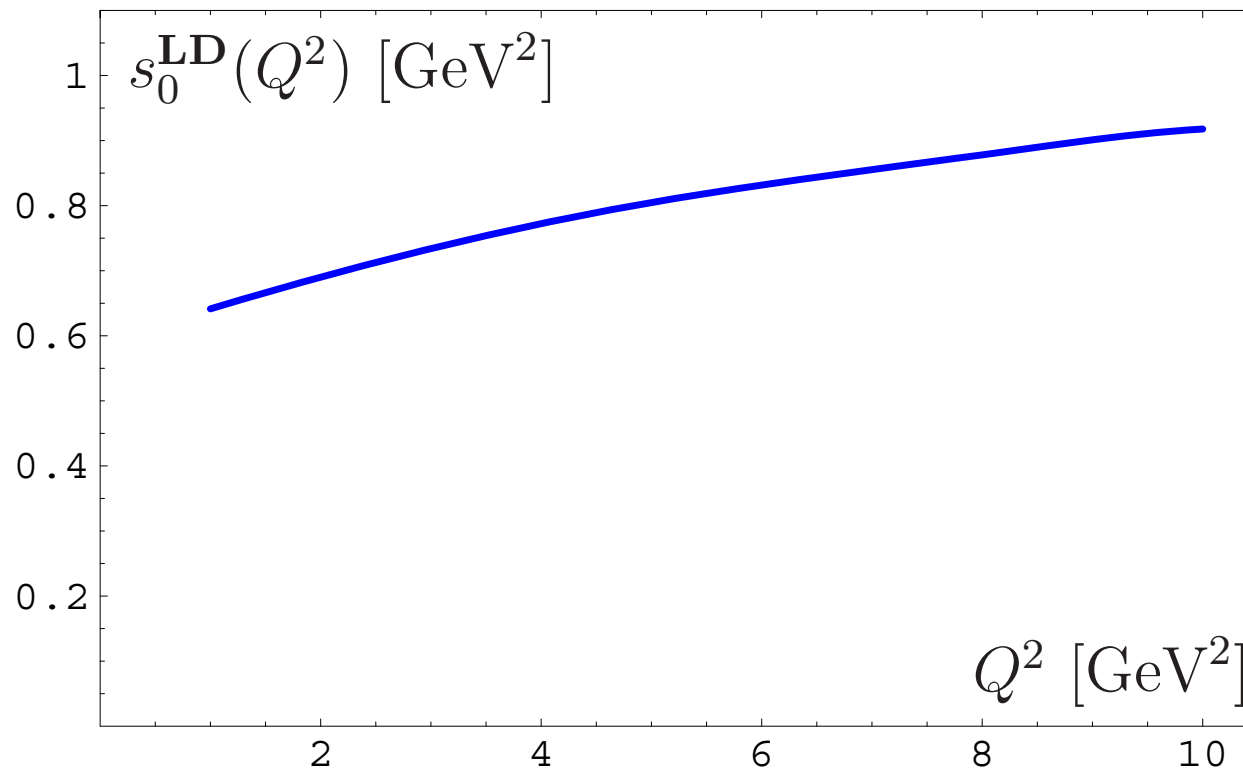
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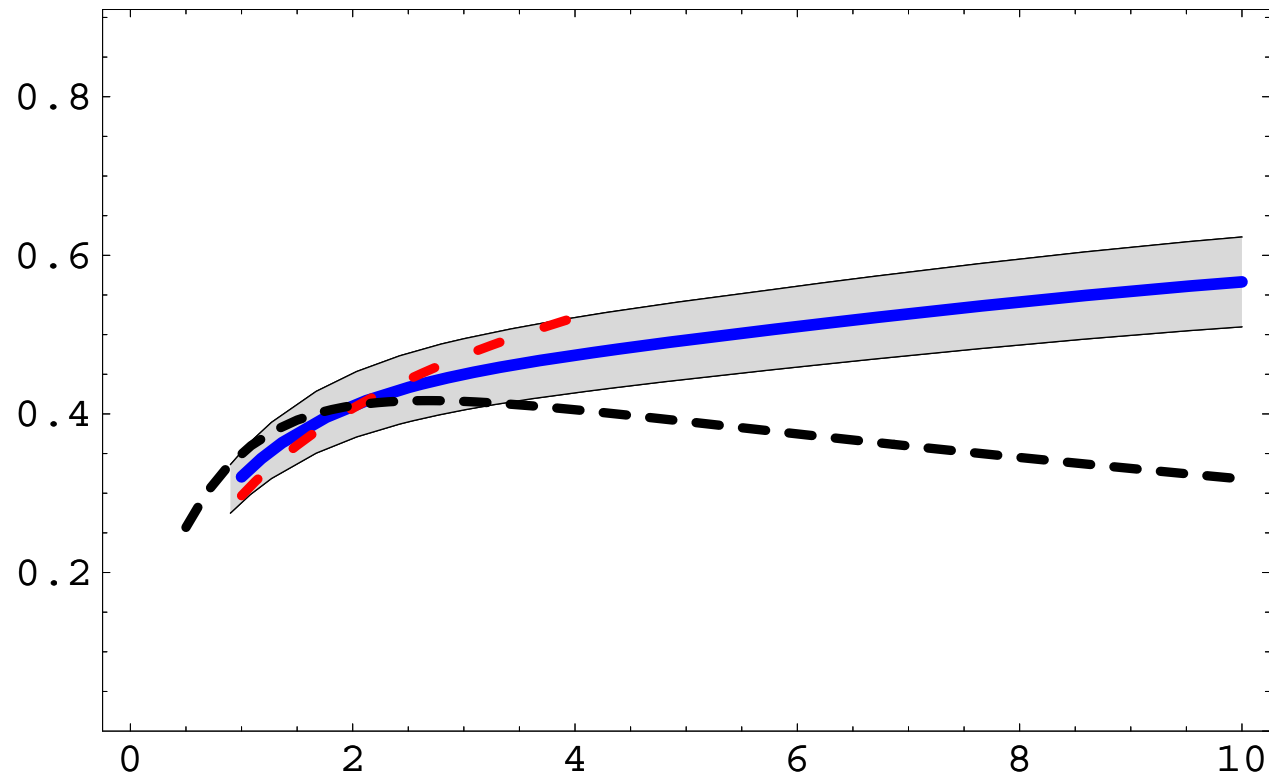


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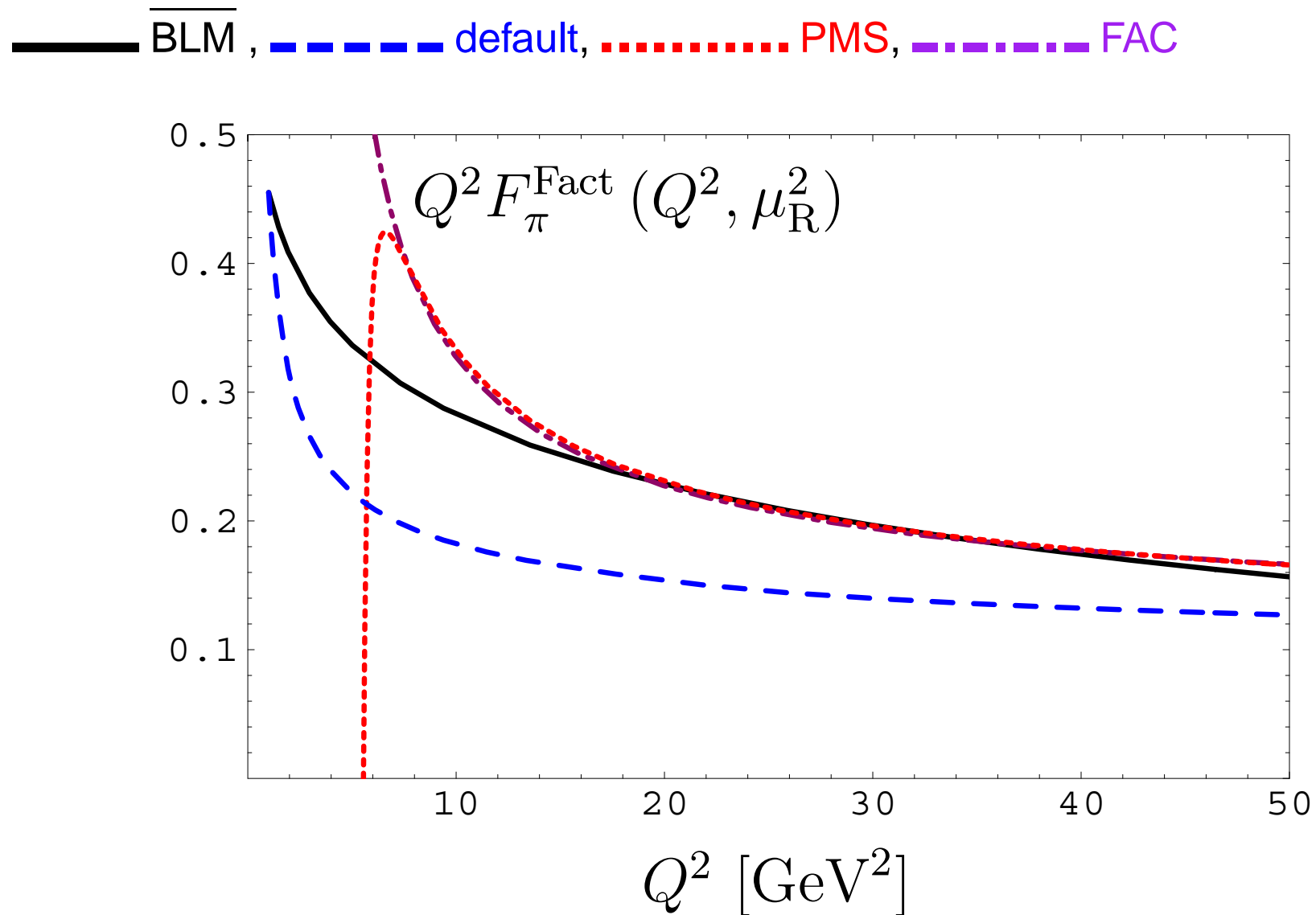
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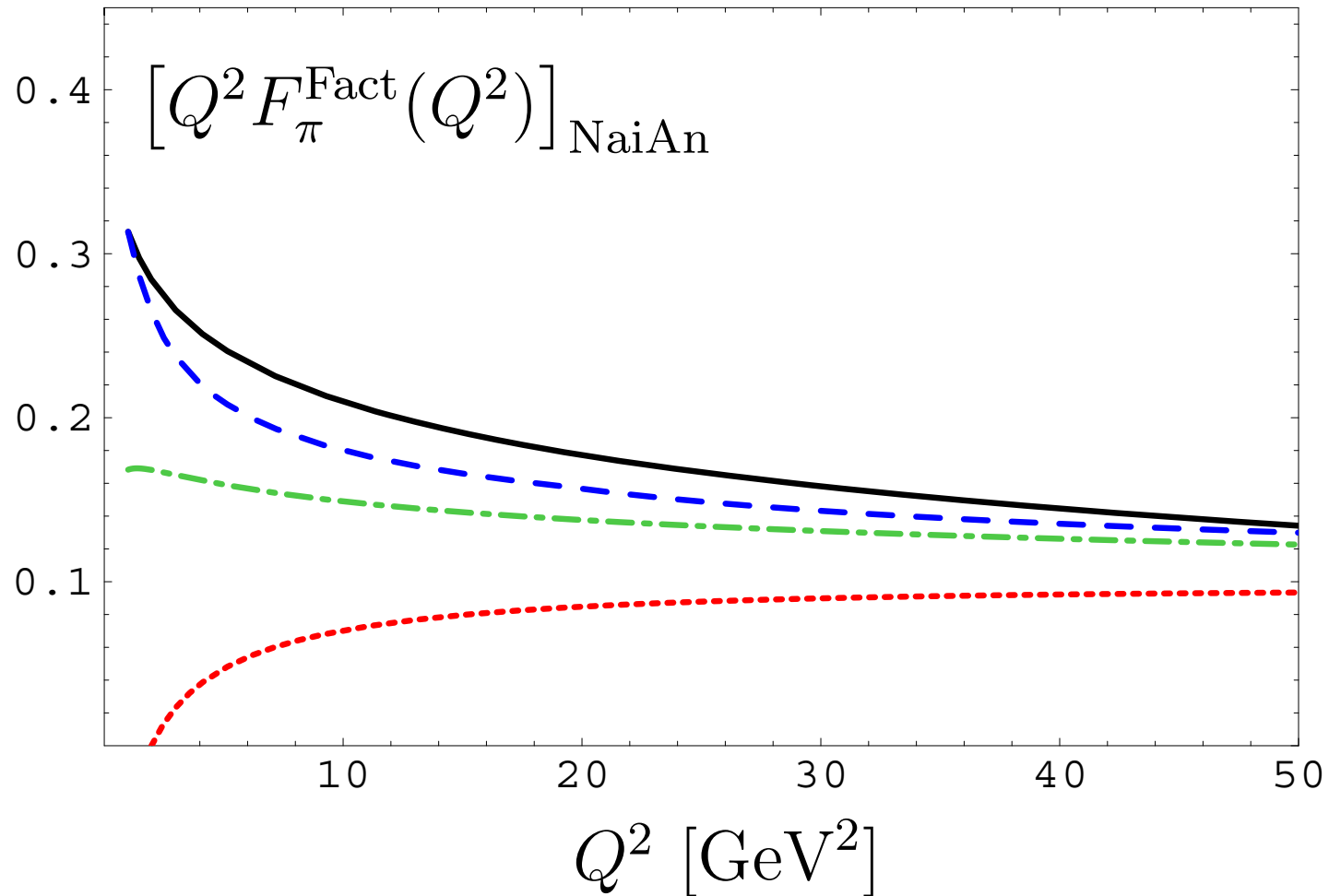
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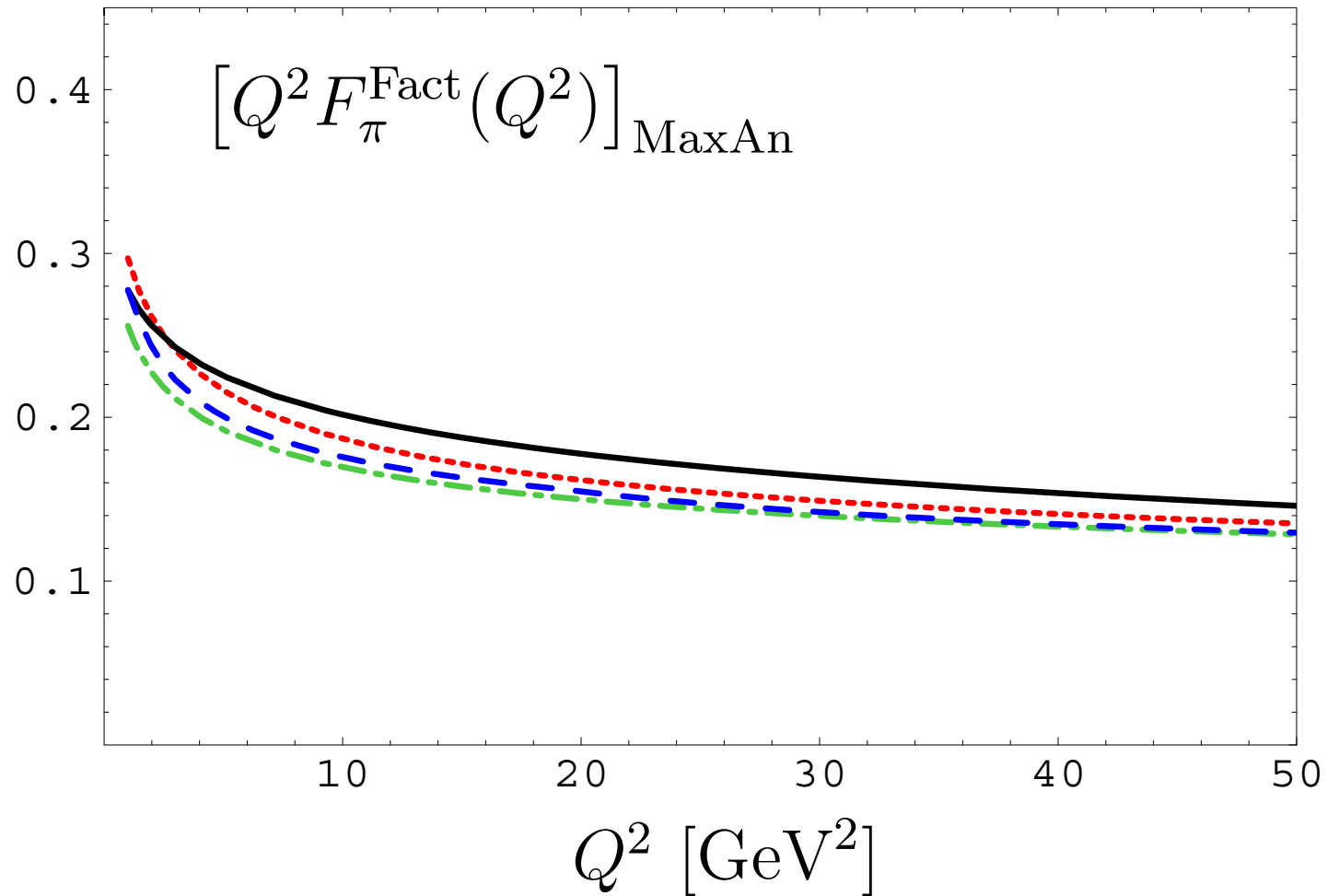
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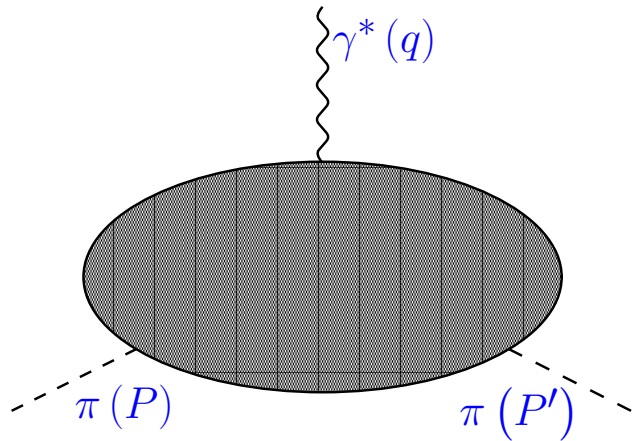


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# Matching soft and hard parts of FF



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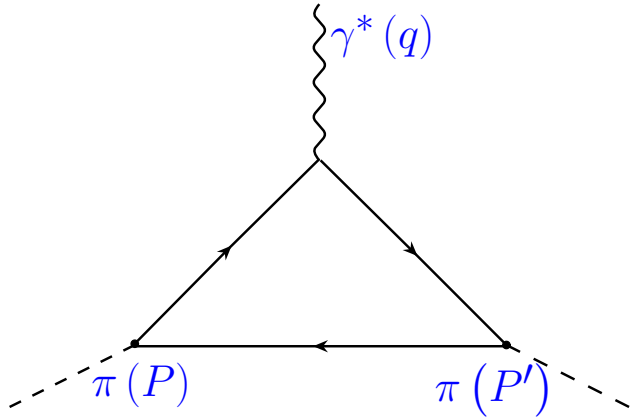
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# Matching Soft and Hard in Pion FF

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and saturates Ward identity  $F_{\pi}(0) = 1$  completely.

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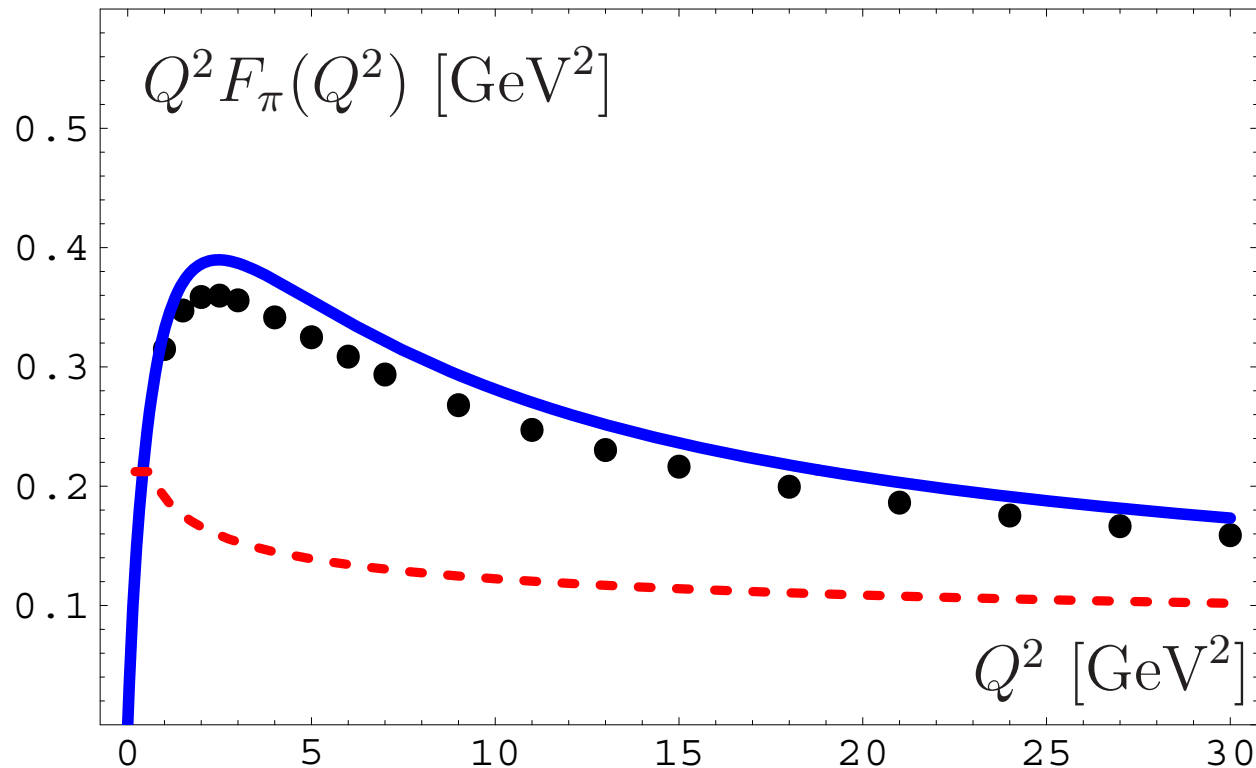
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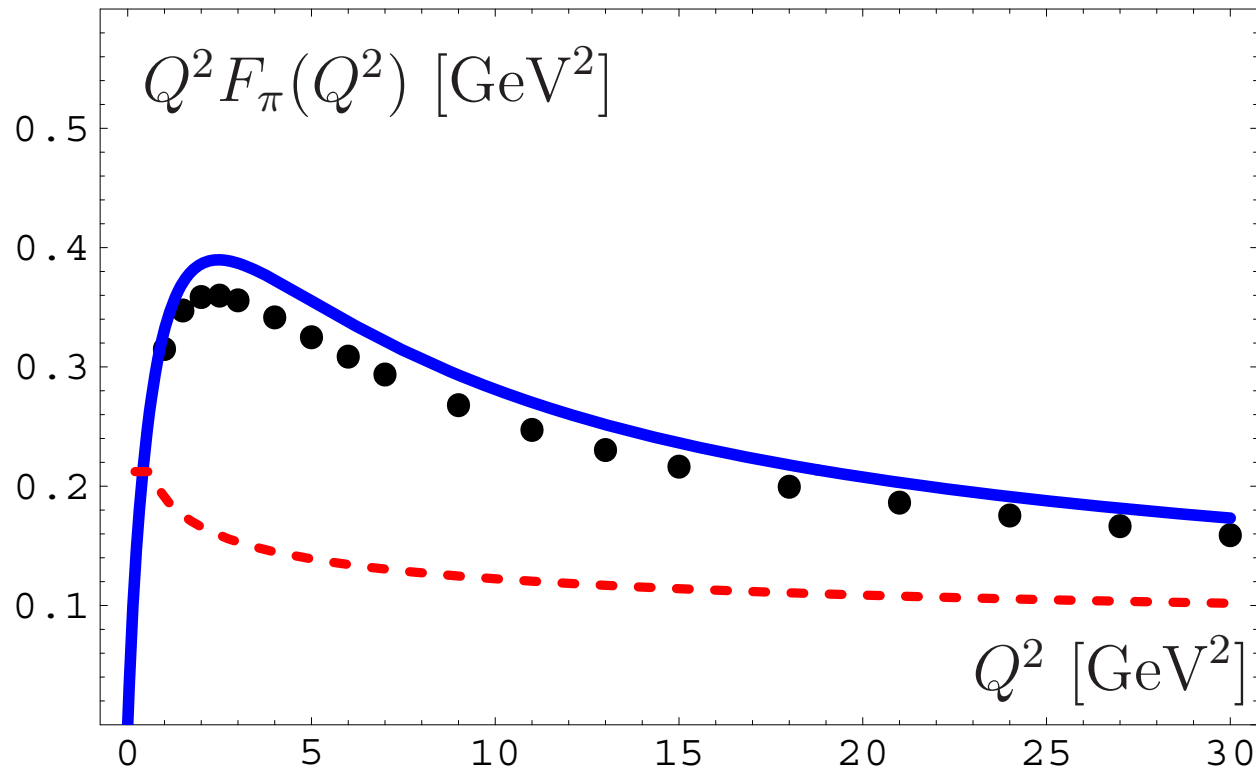


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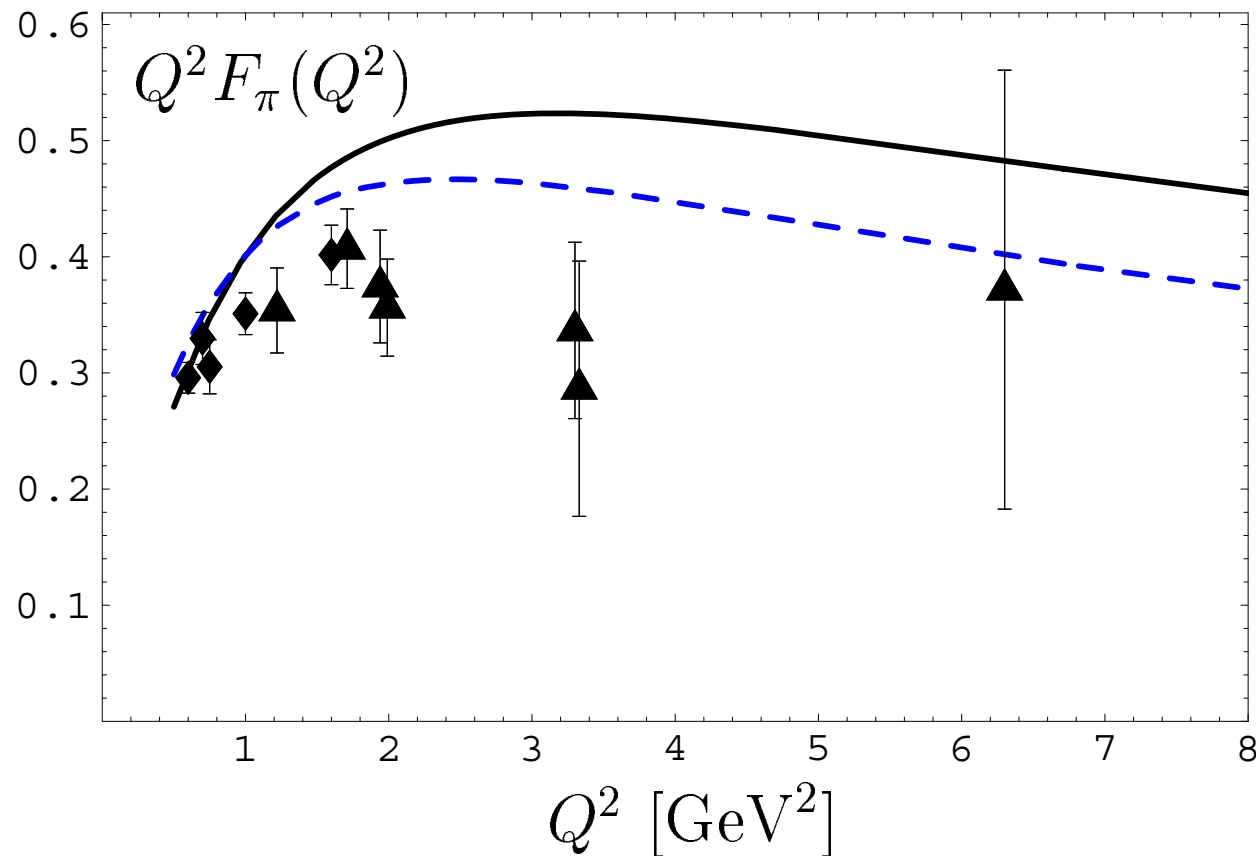
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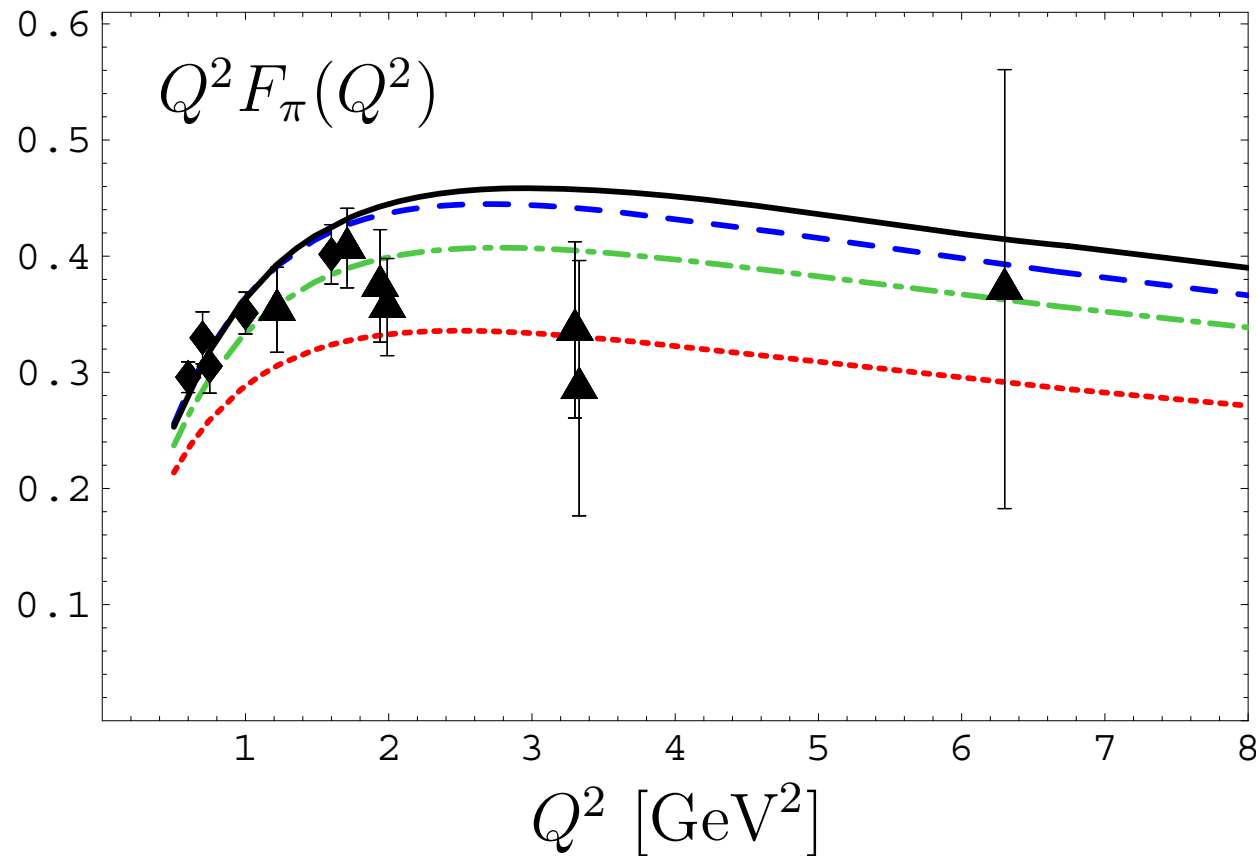
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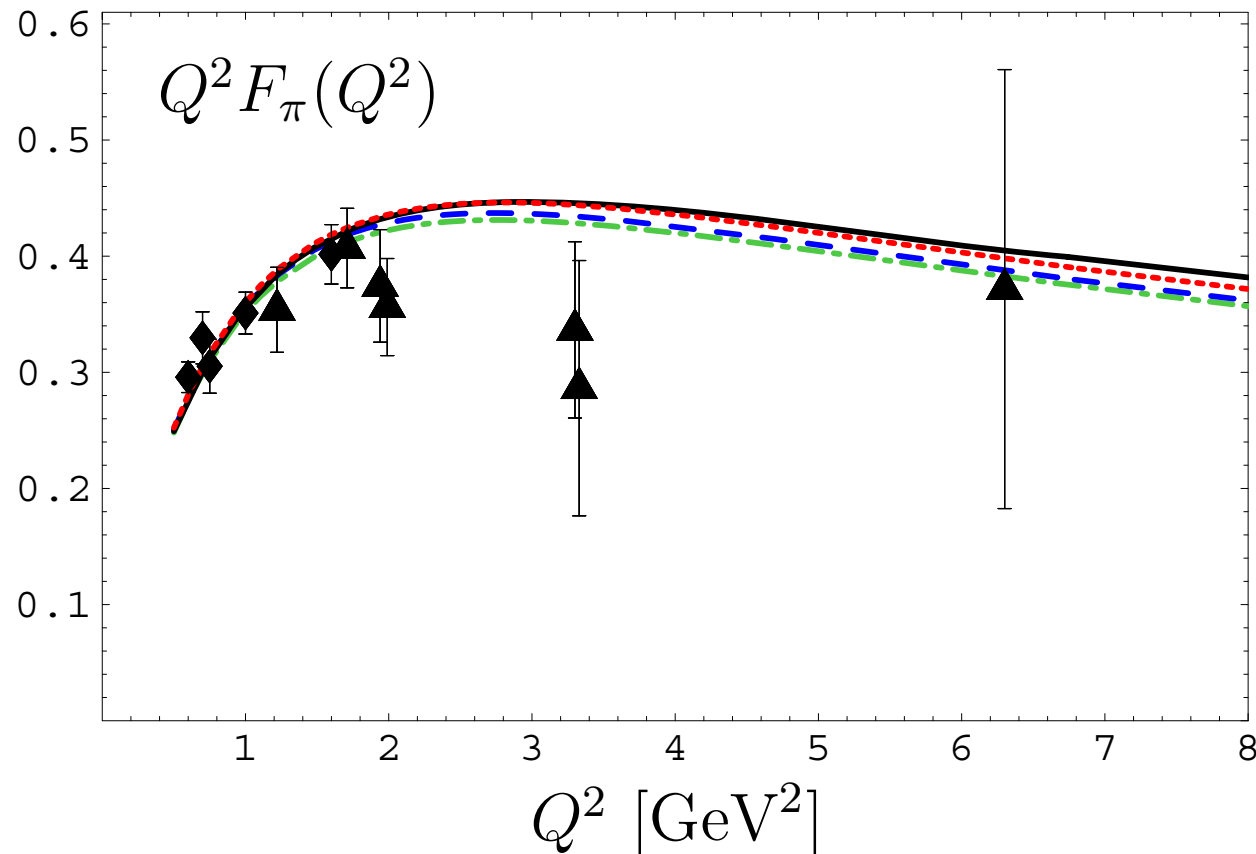
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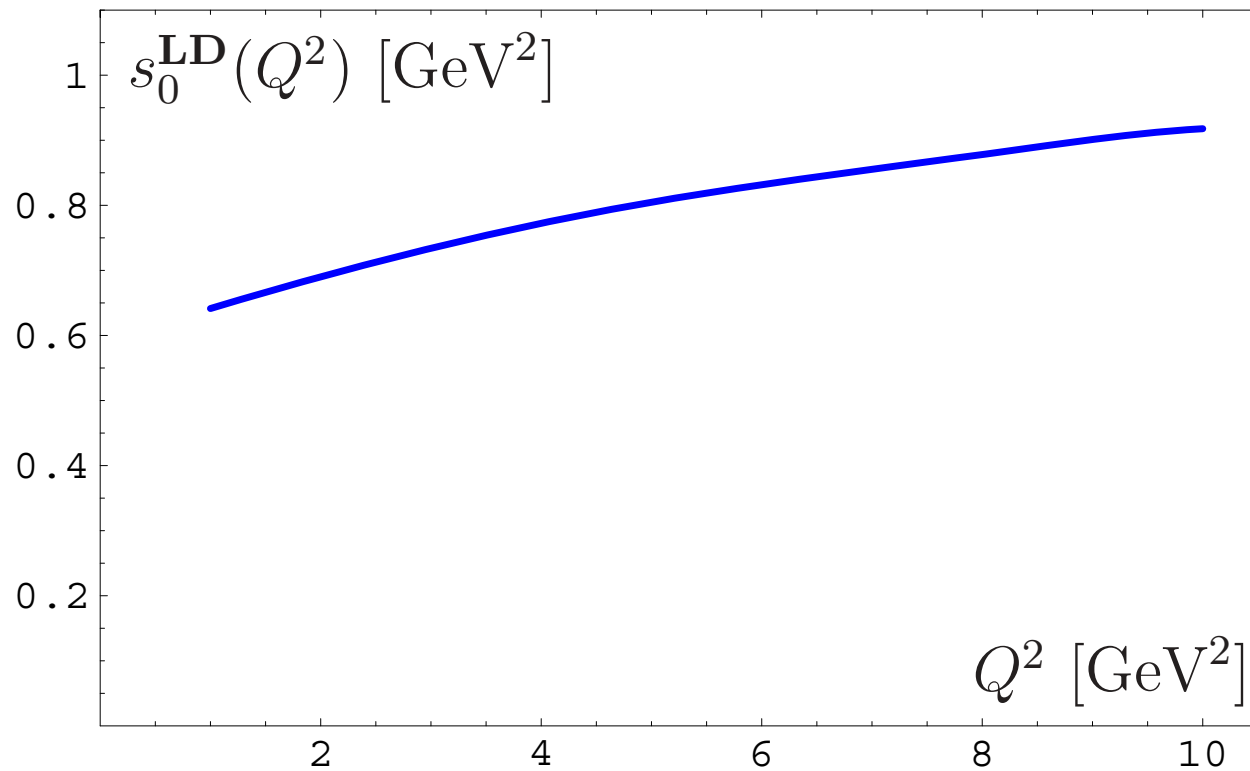
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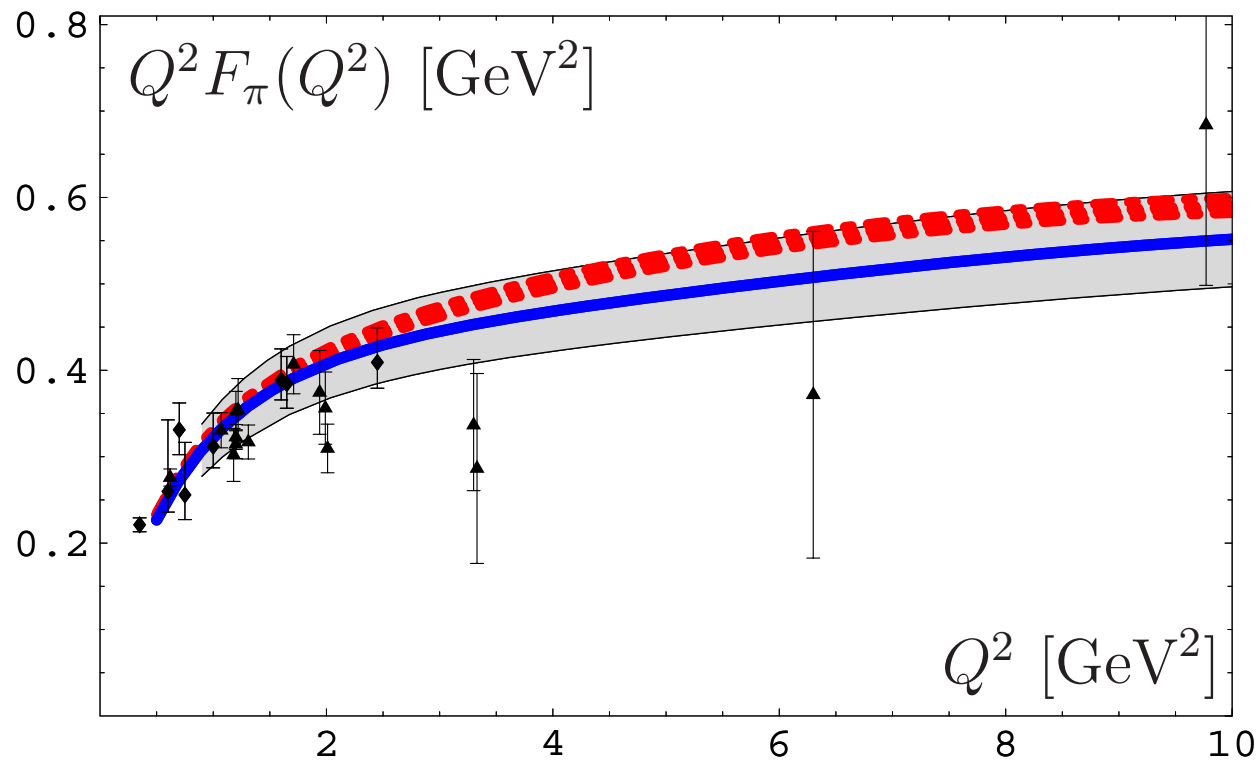


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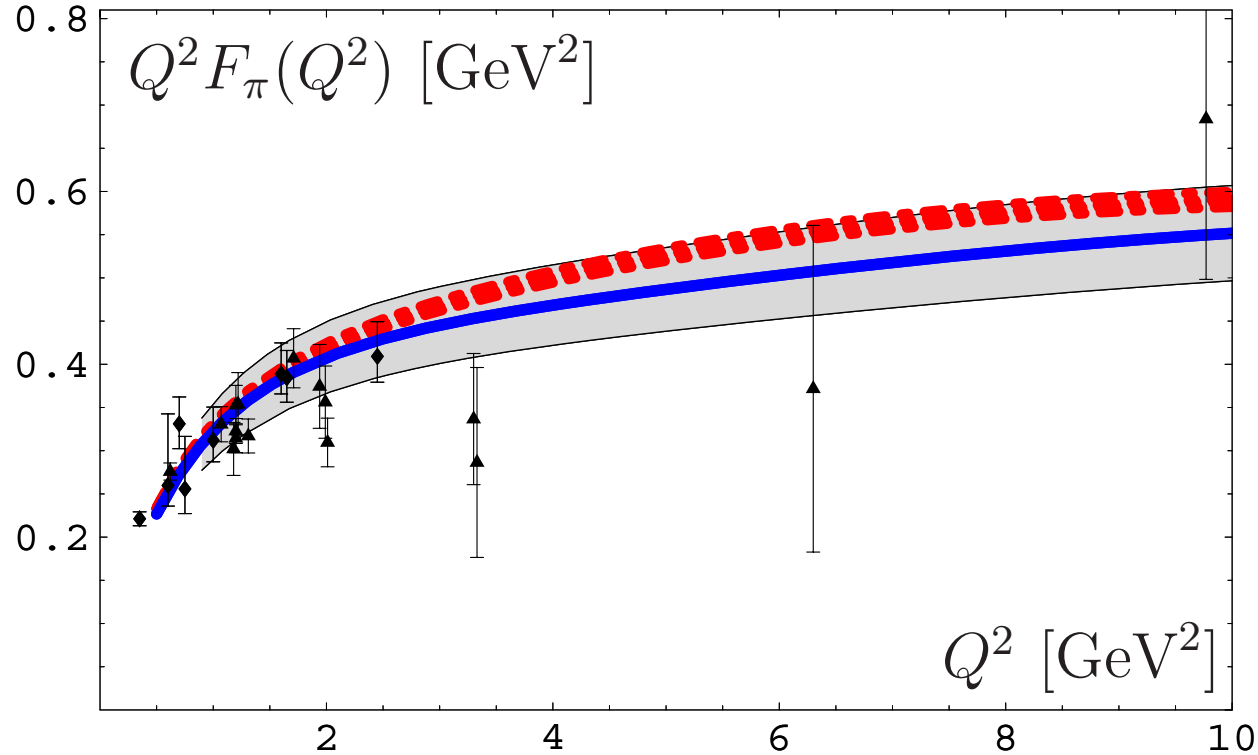
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