



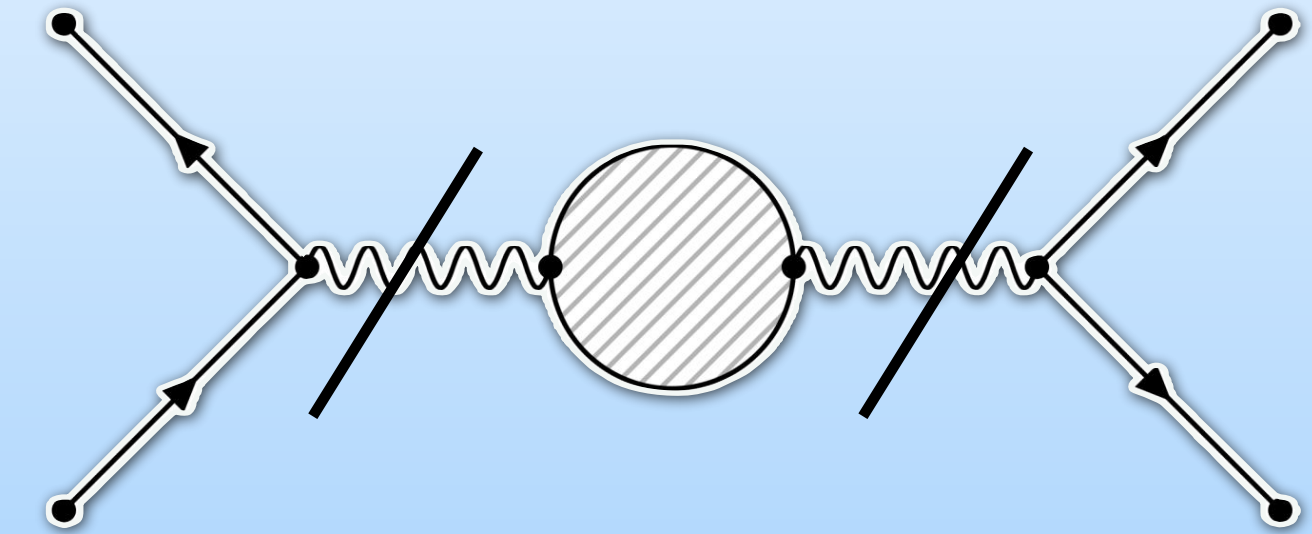
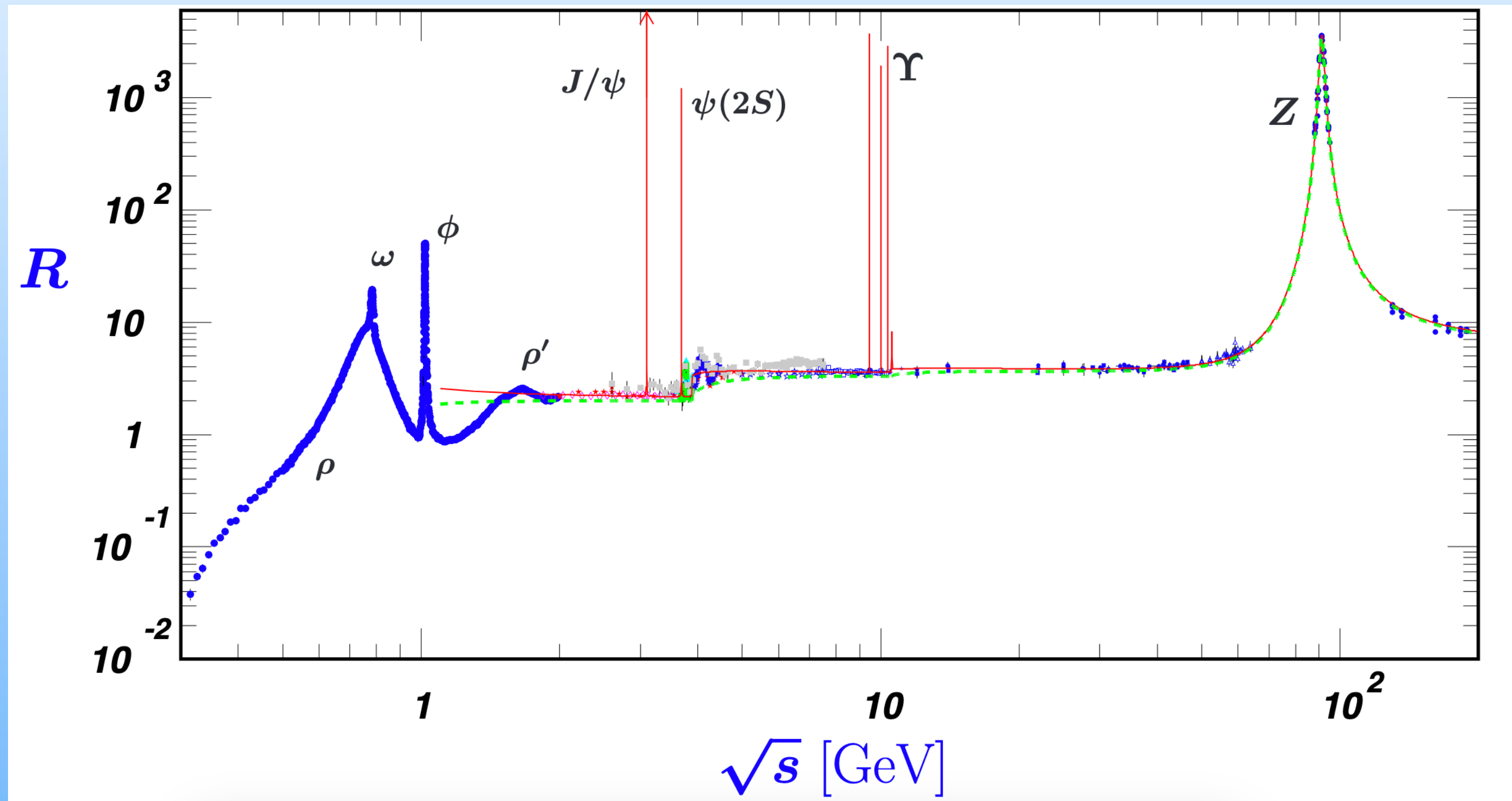
R-ratio and muon anomaly from solving inverse problem on the lattice

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R-ratio from LQCD



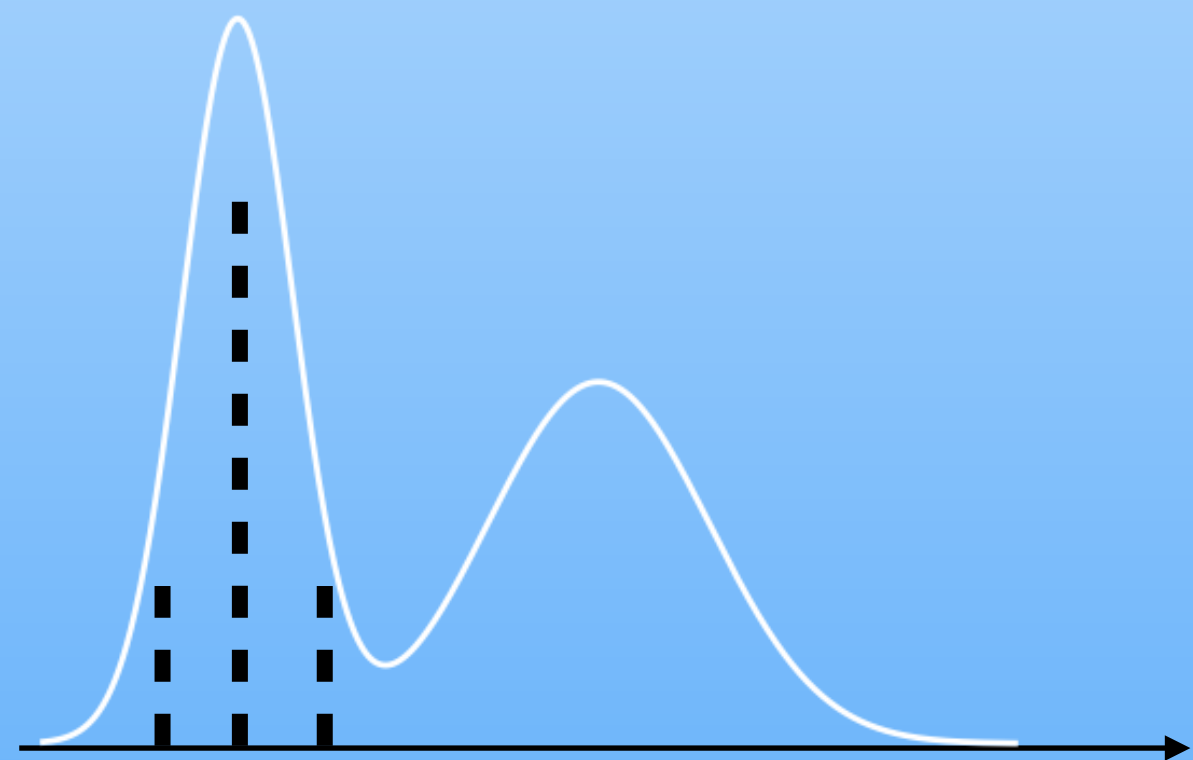
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$$\rho_L(\omega) = \sum_n A_n \delta(\omega, \omega_n)$$

- ◆ inverse problem, ill-posed, prior information needed for unique solution

Bayesian reconstruction (BR) algorithm

Y. Burnier and A. Rothkopf, PRL 111, 182003 (2013)

$$P[\rho | D, m] = \frac{P[D | \rho, I]}{P[D | m]} \int d\alpha P[\alpha | D, m]$$

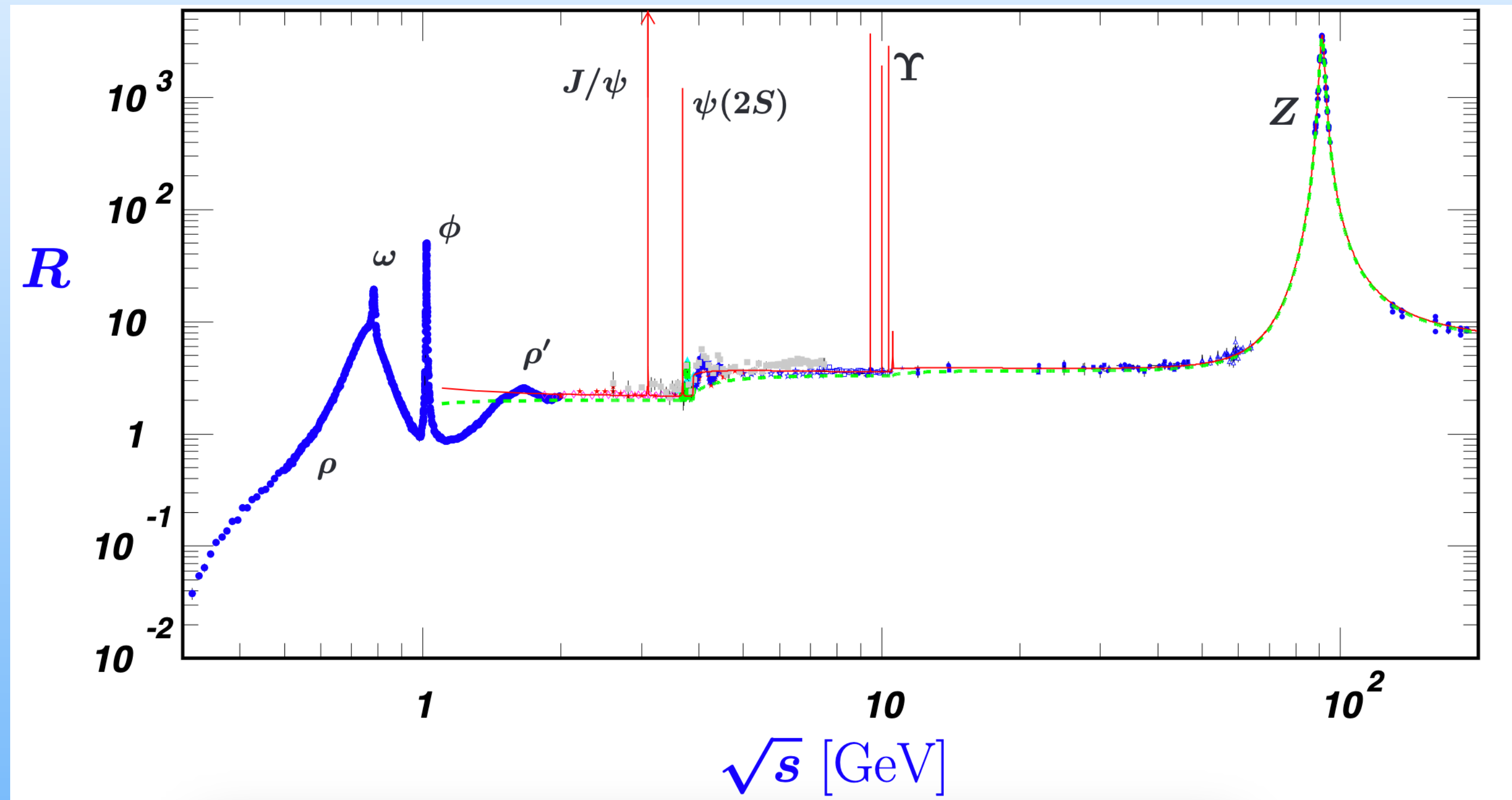
- ◆ finite-volume effects in the resonance region

$$\rho_L^S(\omega, \Delta) = \int d\omega' \mathcal{S}(\omega, \omega') \rho_L(\omega')$$

$$\rho(\omega) = \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \rho_L^S(\omega, \Delta)$$

M. T. Hansen et al., Phys. Rev. D 96, 094513 (2017)

R-ratio from LQCD



◆ resonance region:

$$R_L^S(\omega, \Delta) = \int d\omega' \mathcal{S}(\omega, \omega') R_L(\omega')$$

$$R^S(\omega, \Delta) = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} R_L^S(\omega, \Delta) \leftrightarrow R_E^S(\omega, \Delta)$$

◆ high-energy region: flat, hadronic tensor

J. Liang et al., PRD101, 114503 (2020)

Numerical setup

Label	L/T	Mpi (MeV)	a (fm)	L (fm)
48I	48/96	139	0.11406	5.47
64I	64/128	139	0.08365	5.35
24D	24/64	139	0.1940	4.656
32D	32/64	139	0.1940	6.208
48D	48/96	139	0.1940	9.312

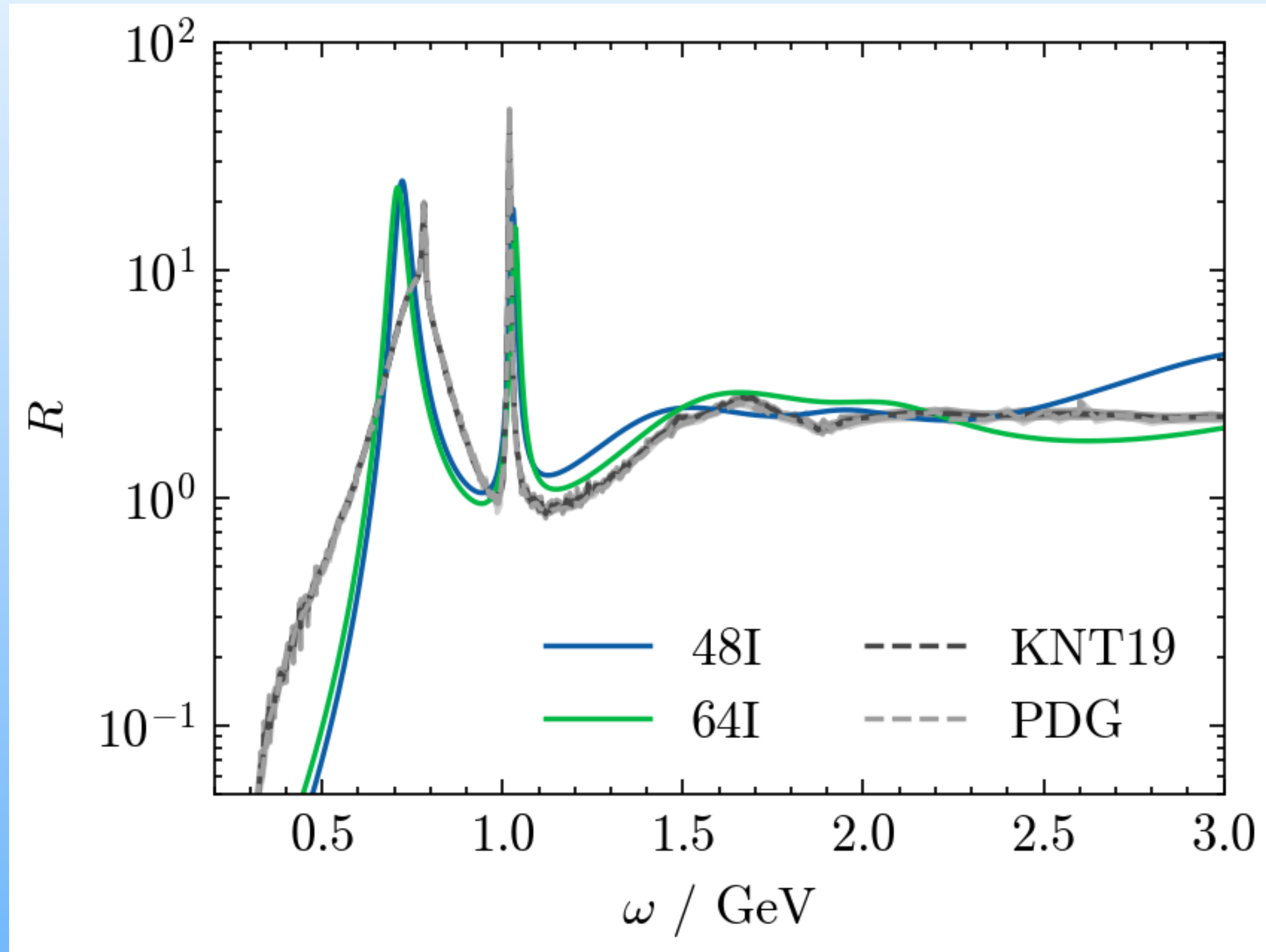
- ◆ Overlap fermions on RBC/UKQCD domain wall gauge ensembles at the physical point with different lattice spacings and volumes

Gen Wang et al., Phys. Rev. D 107, 034513 (2023)

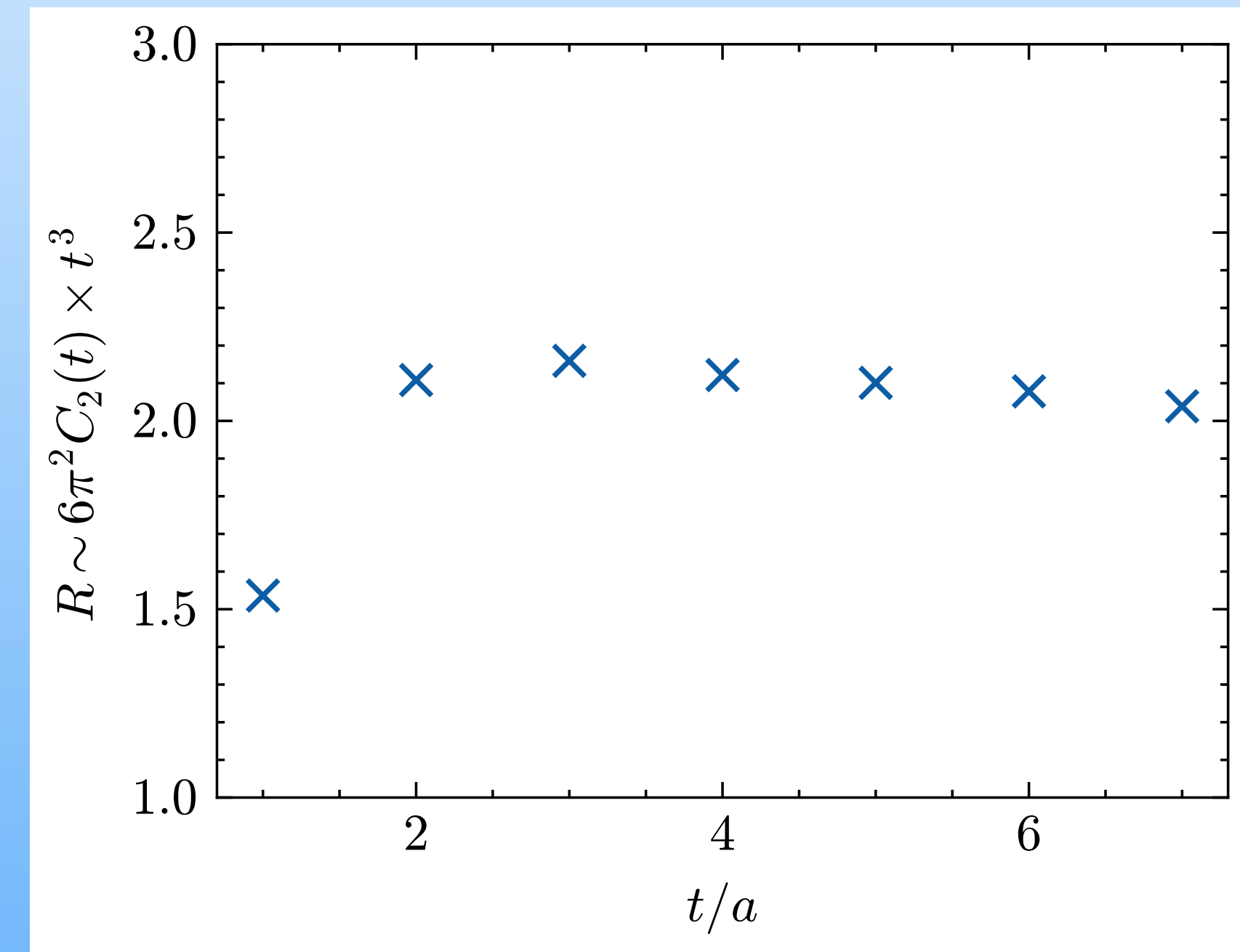
- ◆ High-precision current-current correlation functions for both u/d and s
- ◆ Careful systematic uncertainty study

R. Arthur et al., PRD87, 094514 (2013)
T. Blum et al., PRD93, 074505 (2016)
P. Boyle et al., PRD 93, 054502 (2016)

Results without smearing

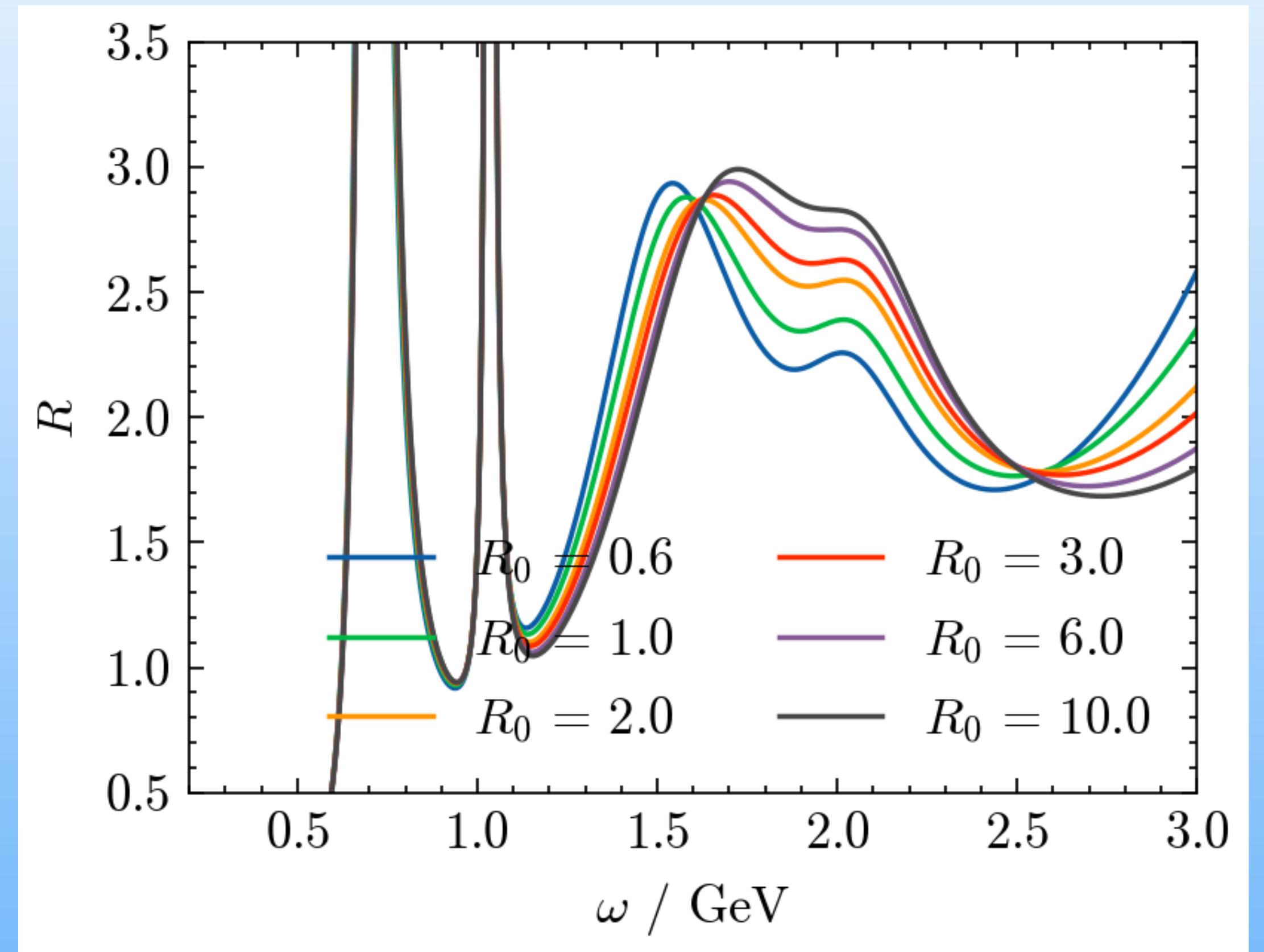
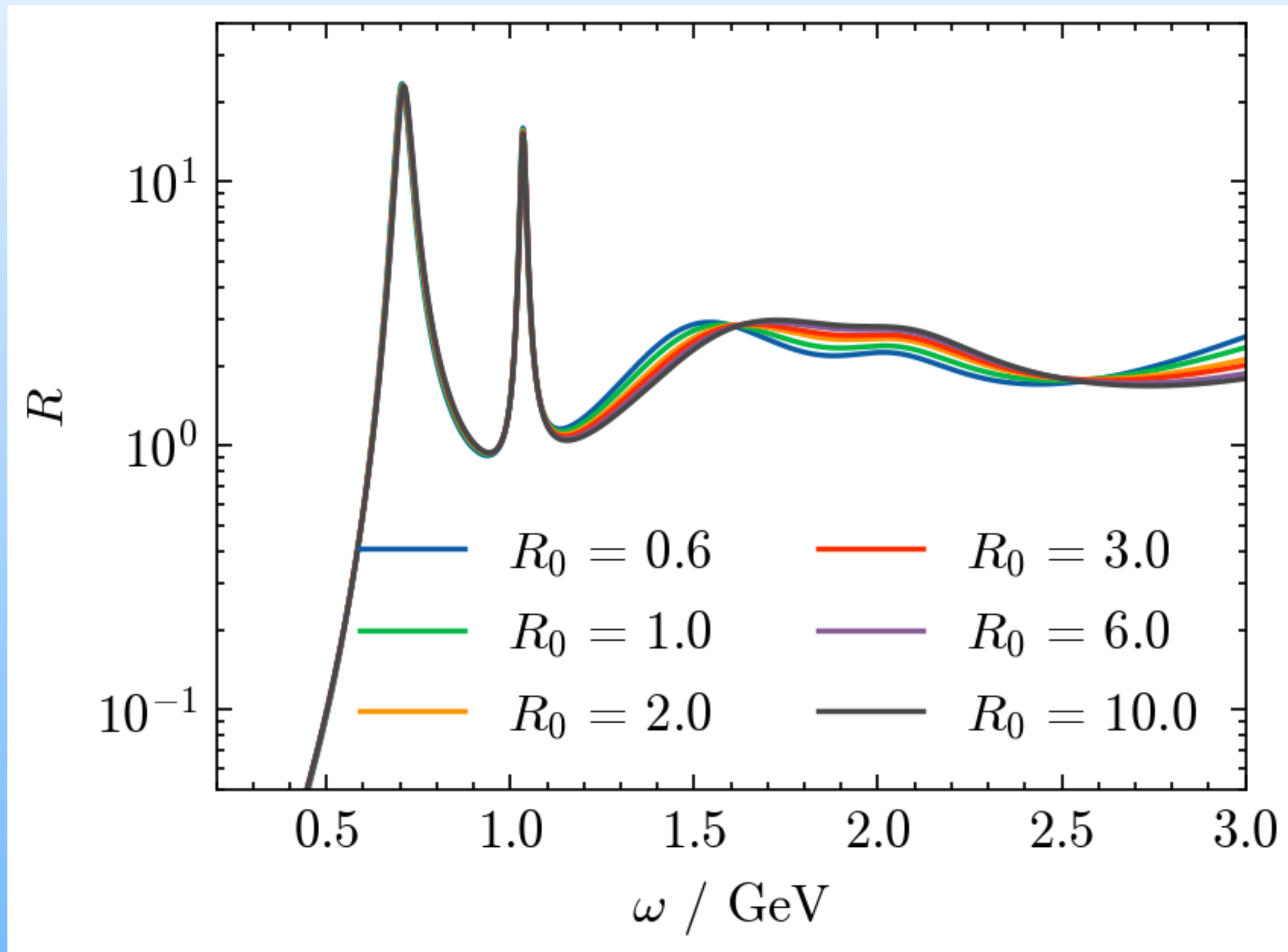


$$C_2(t) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\omega t} \frac{R}{12\pi^2} \omega^2 d\omega \sim \frac{R}{6\pi^2 t^3}$$



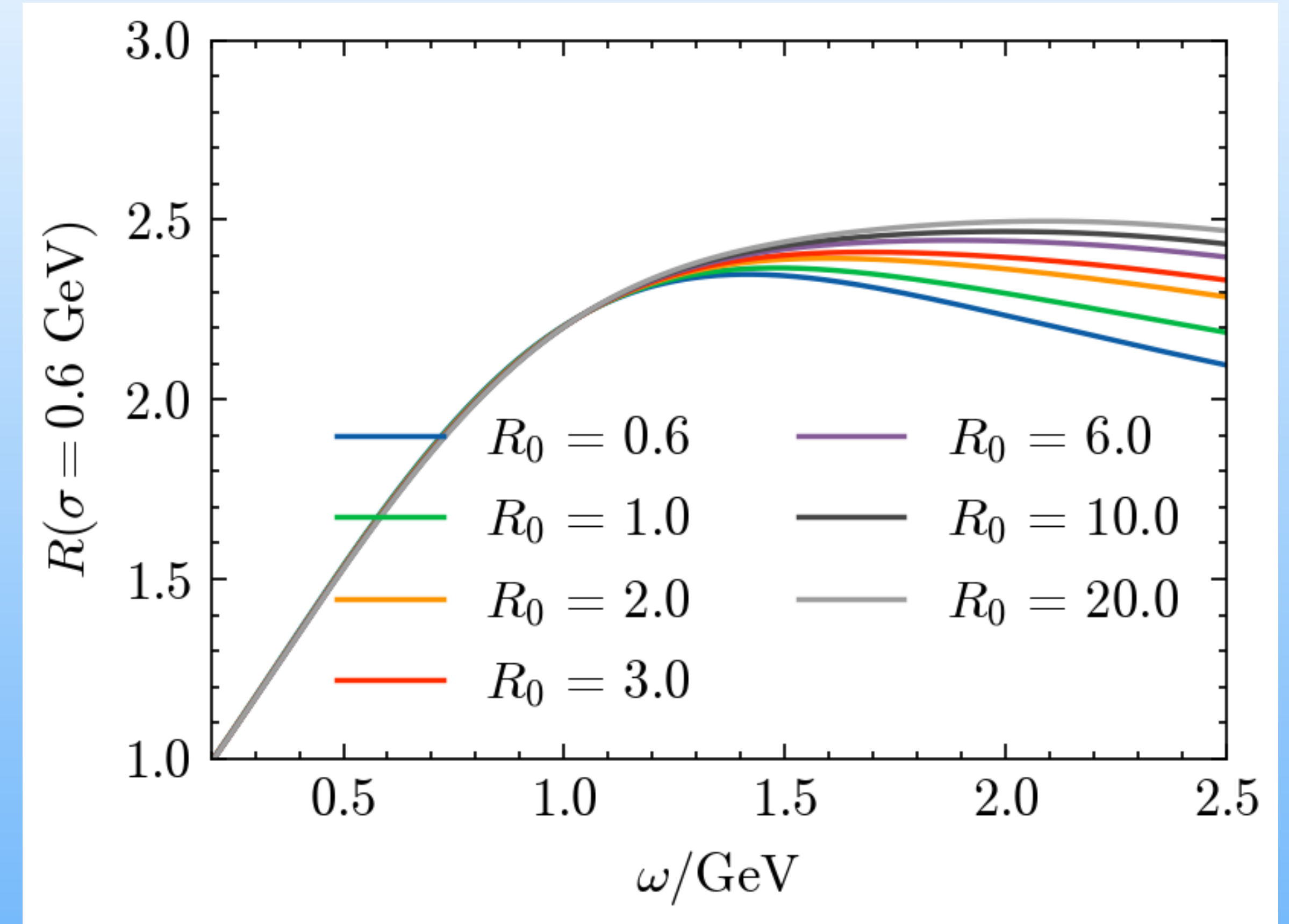
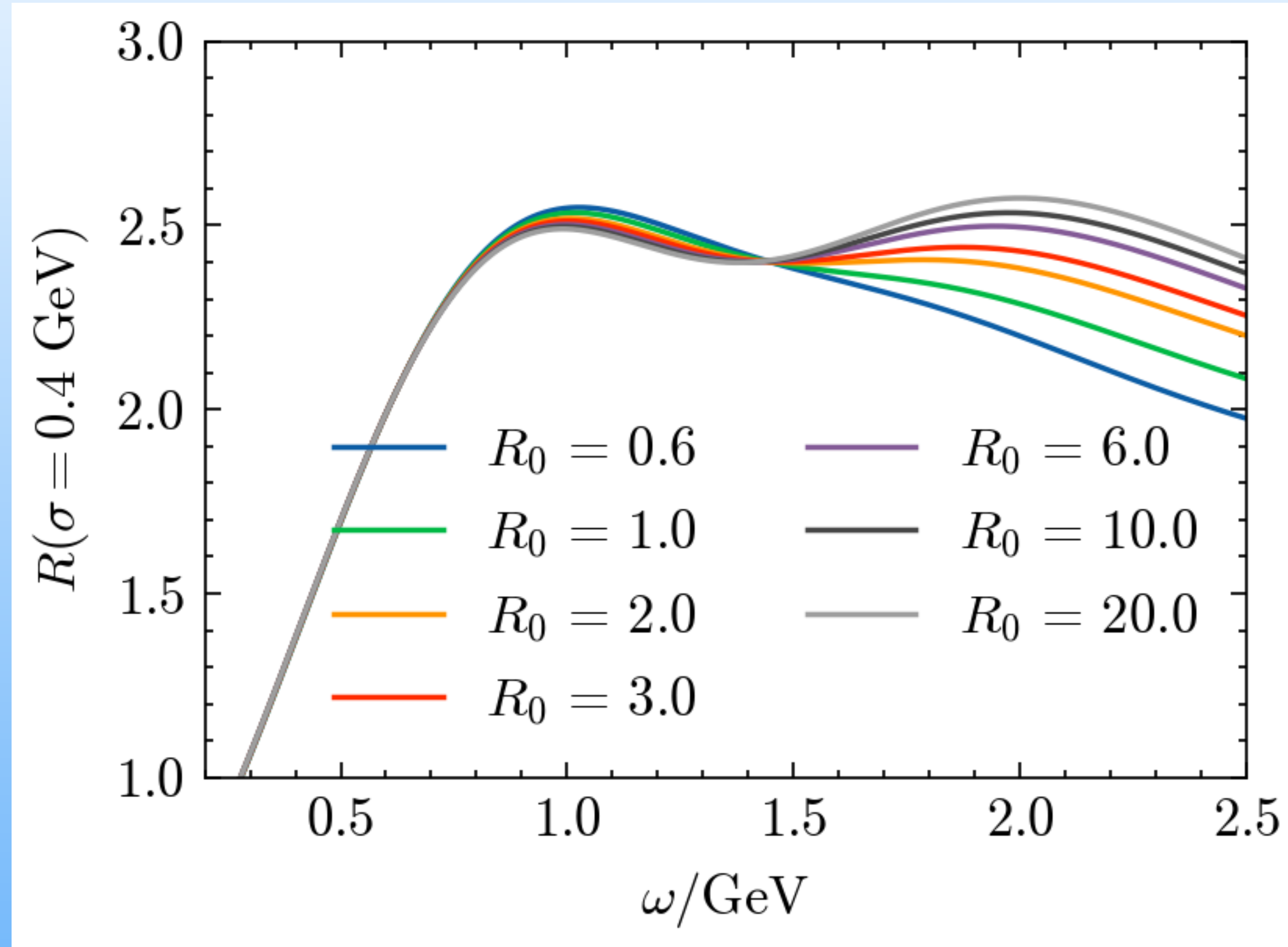
Finite-volume effects around ρ peak, additional ϕ peek from applying separate BR on light and strange correlators

Prior dependence



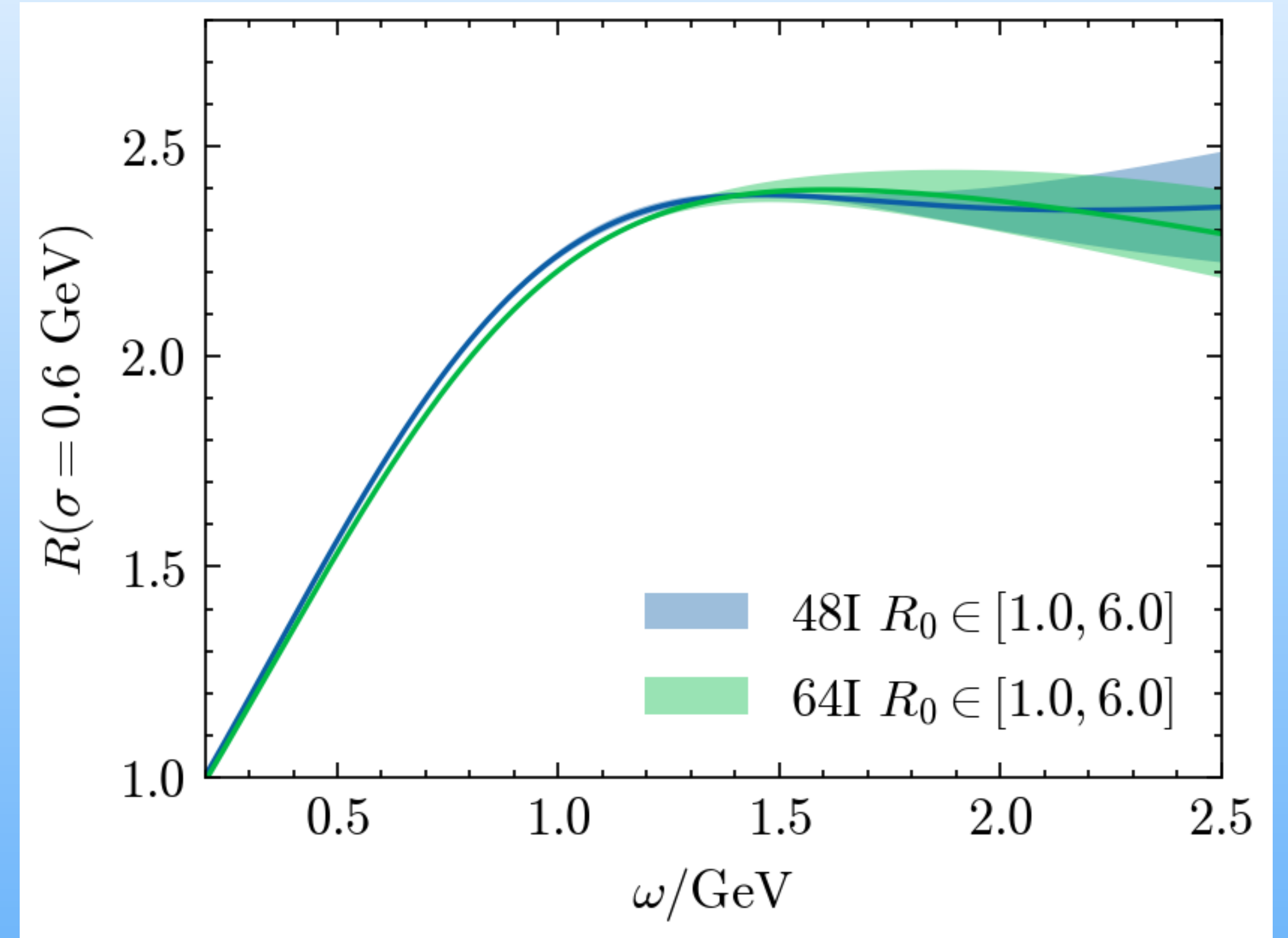
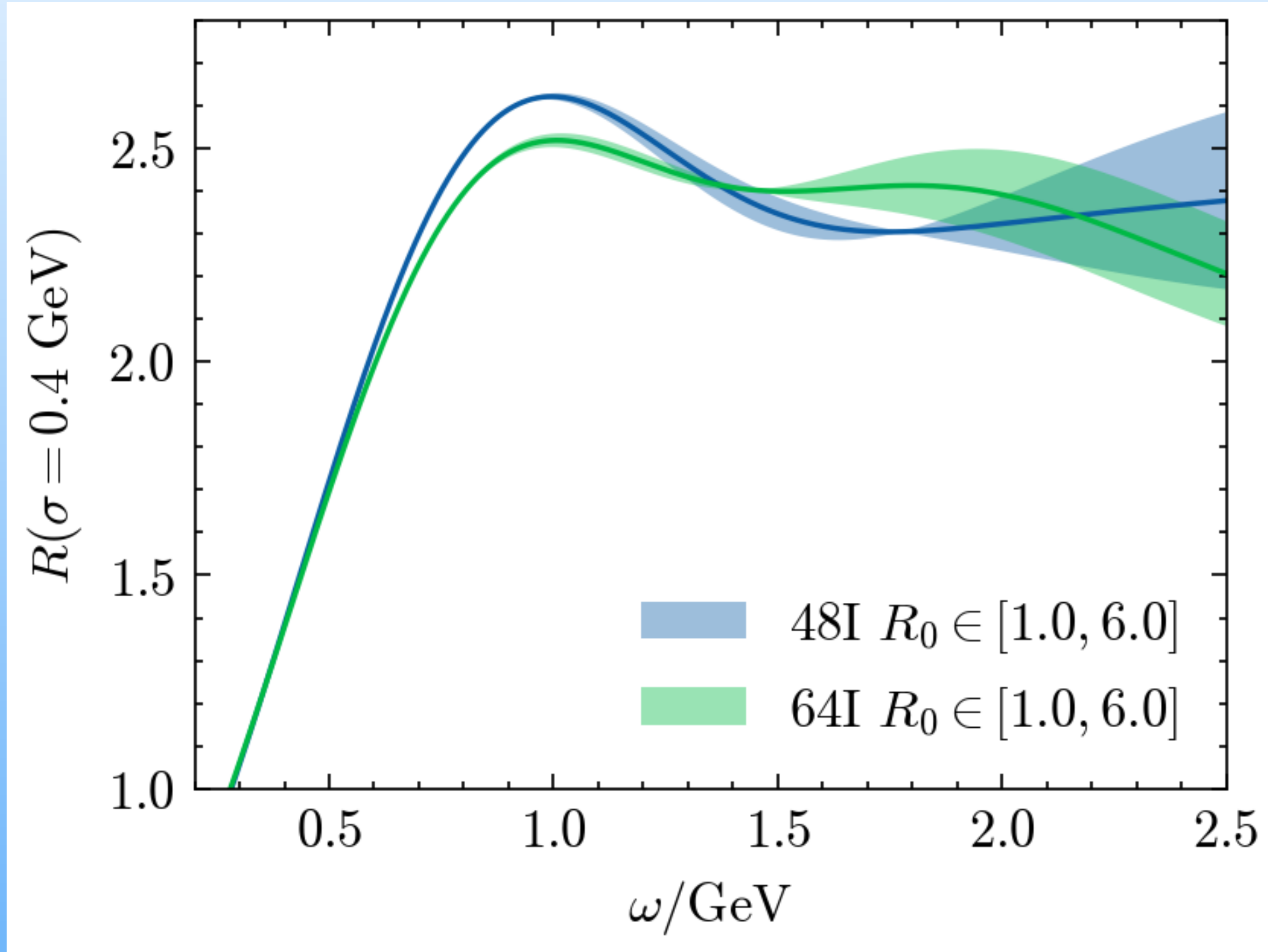
Constant priors in R, 64I

Smearing

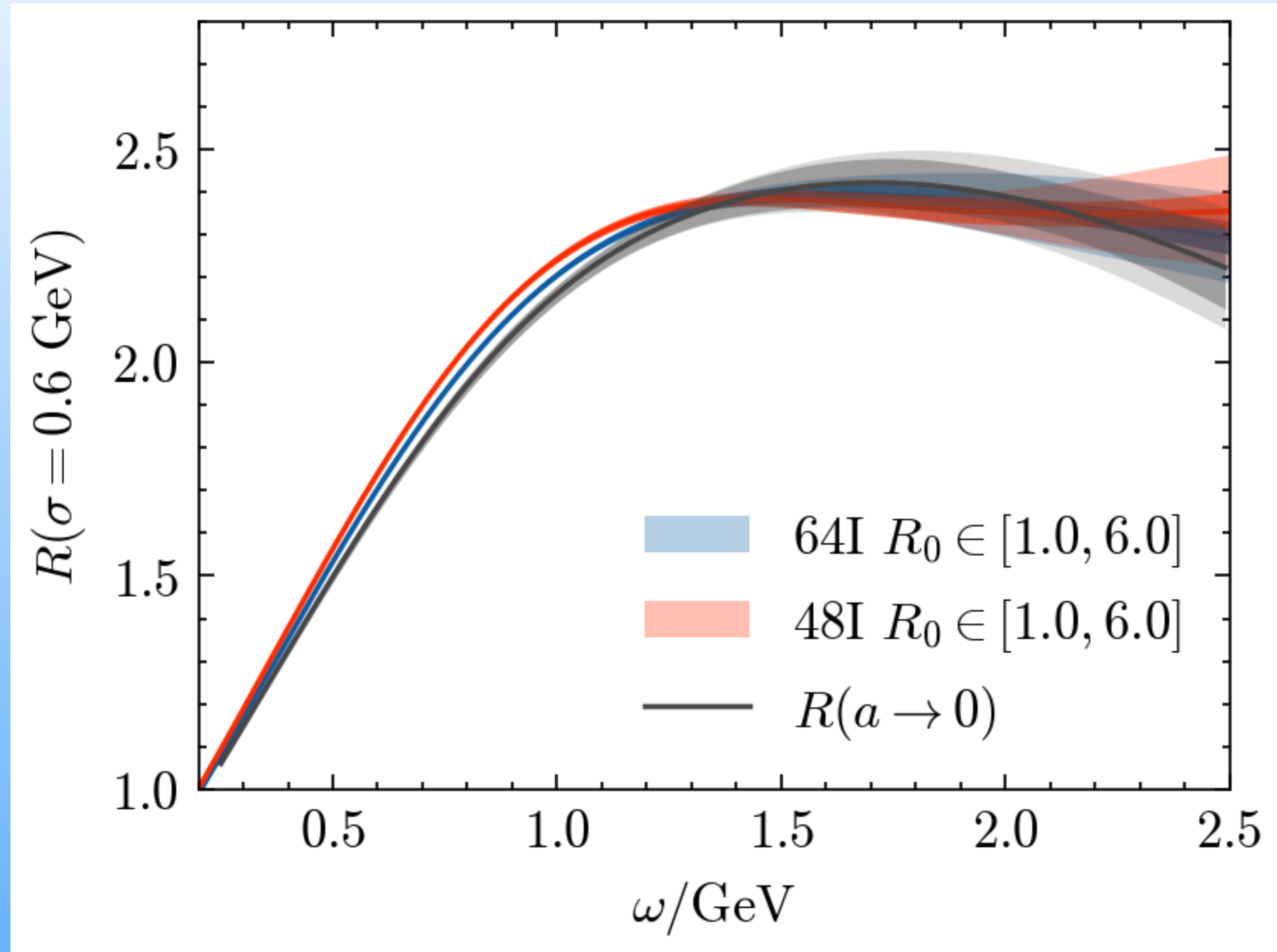


$$R_L^S(\omega, \Delta) = \int d\omega' \mathcal{S}_\Delta(\omega, \omega') R_L(\omega') \quad \mathcal{S}_\Delta(\omega, \omega') \sim \exp\left(-\frac{(\omega - \omega')^2}{2\Delta^2}\right)$$

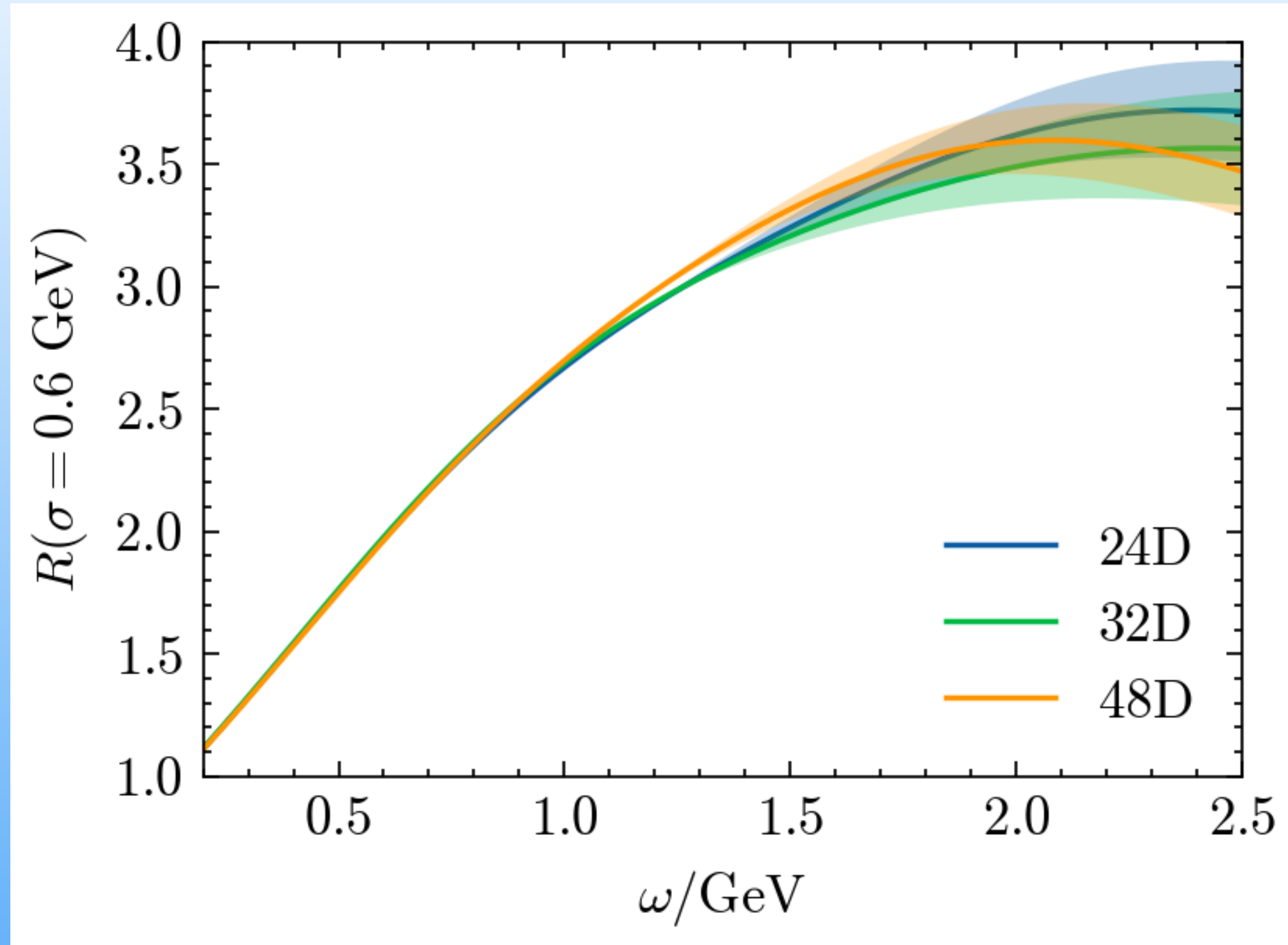
Uncertainty due to prior



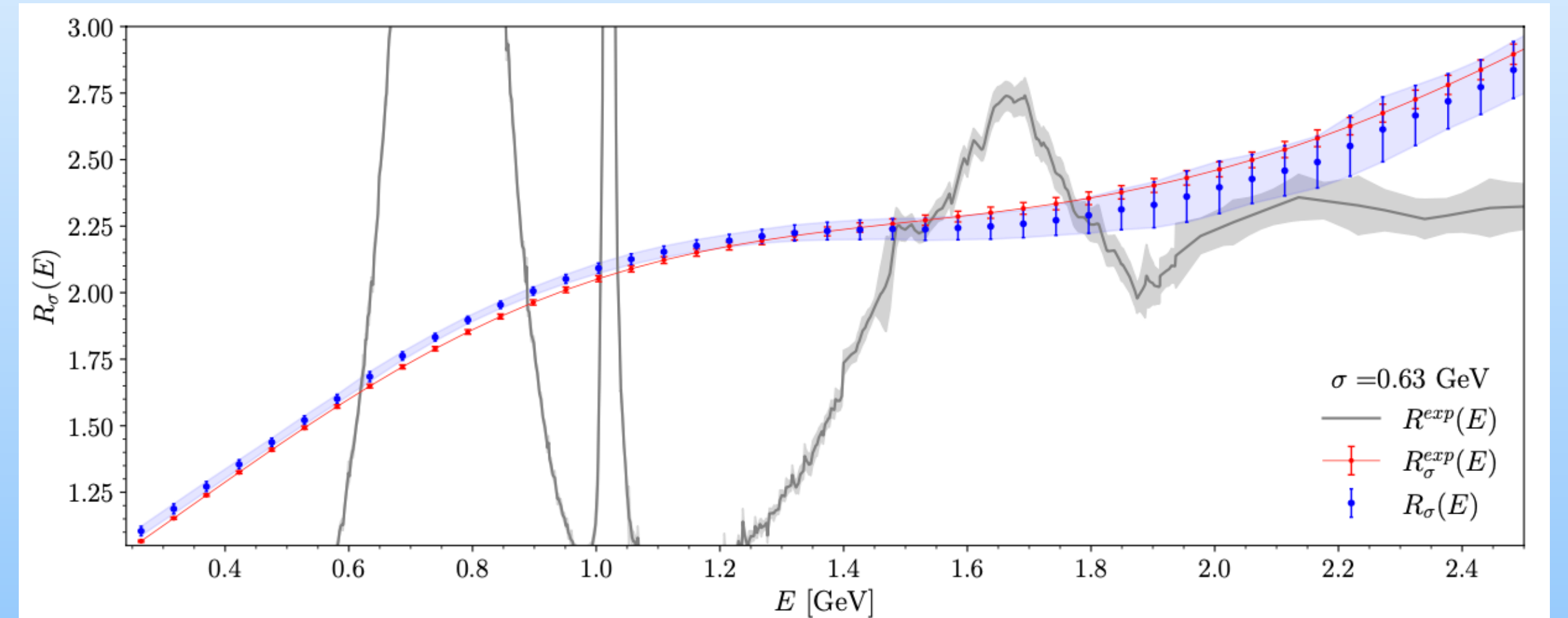
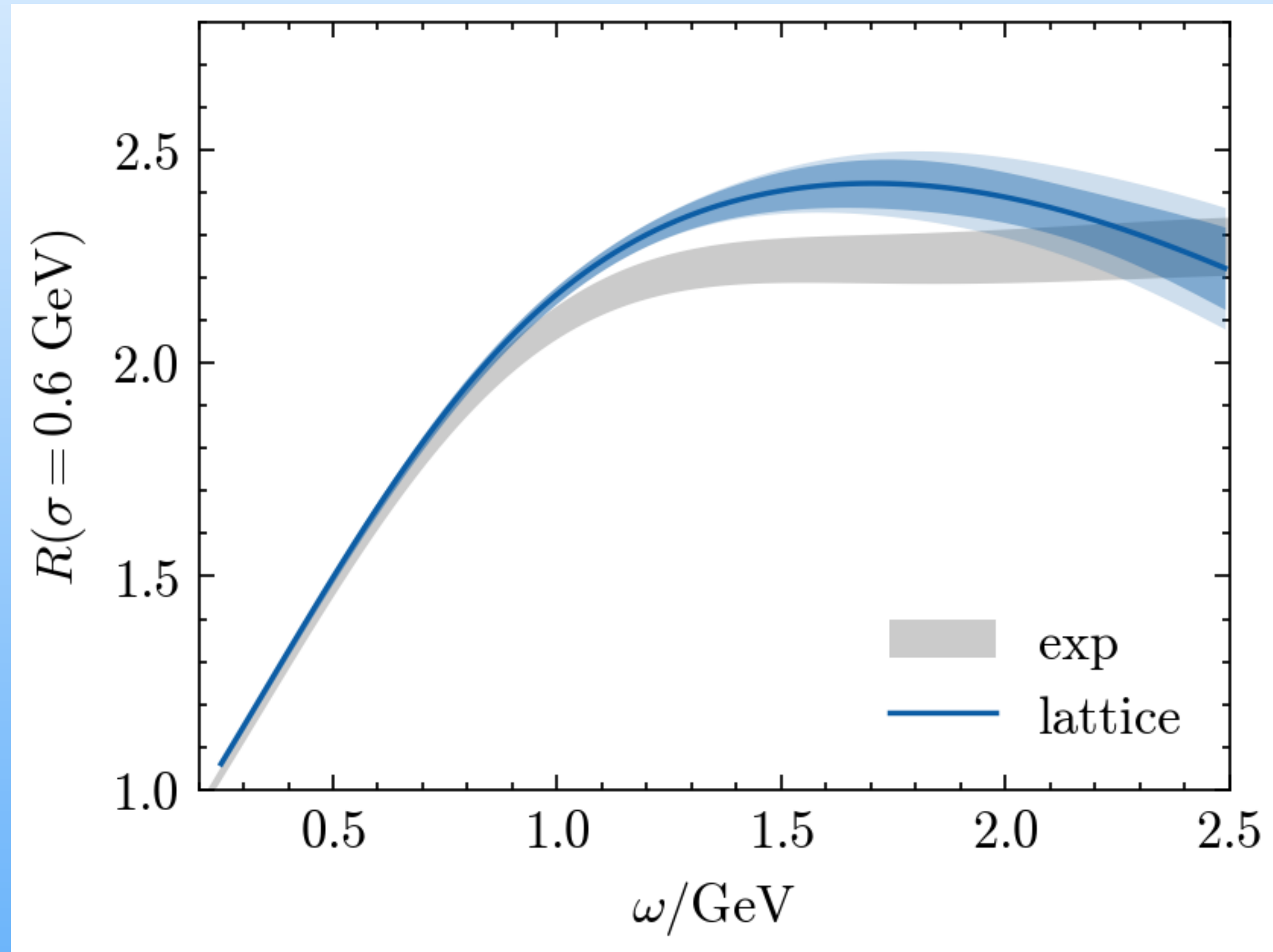
Continuum extrapolation



Volume dependence



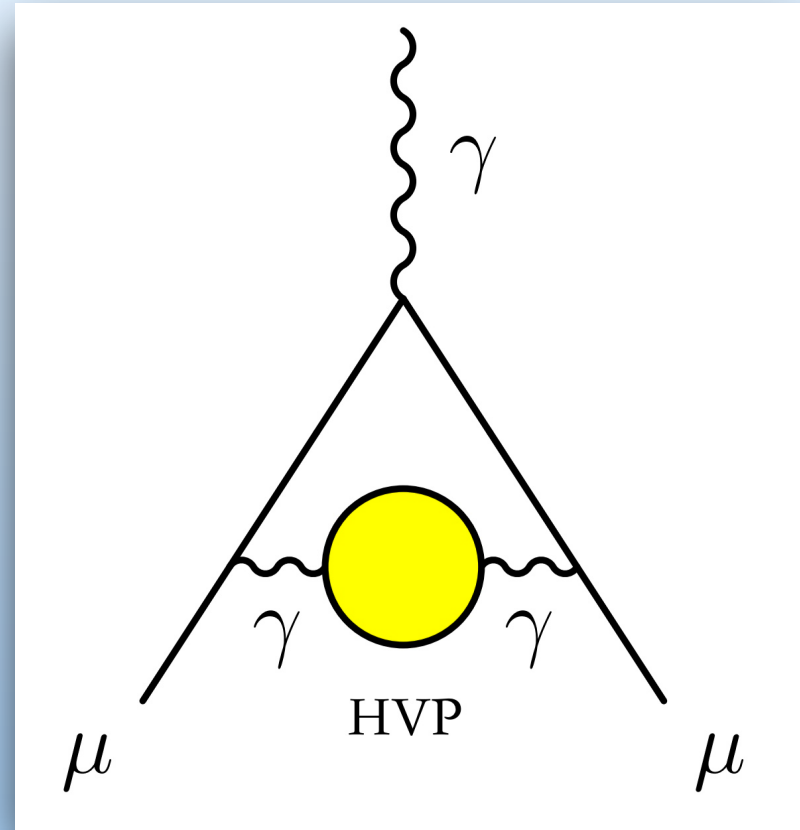
R ratio with all systematic uncertainties



M. T. Hansen et al., Phys. Rev. D 99, 094508 (2019)

C. Alexandrou et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 130, 241901 (2023)

HVP from solving inverse problem



$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HVP}}[\text{LO}] = \left(\frac{\alpha m_{\mu}}{3\pi} \right)^2 \int_{s_{\text{thr}}}^{\infty} ds \frac{K(s)}{s^2} R(s)$$

$$C_2(t) = \int d\omega R(\omega) \frac{\omega^2}{12\pi^2} e^{-\omega t}$$

$$T(\omega) = \frac{2K(\omega)R(\omega)}{\omega^3}$$

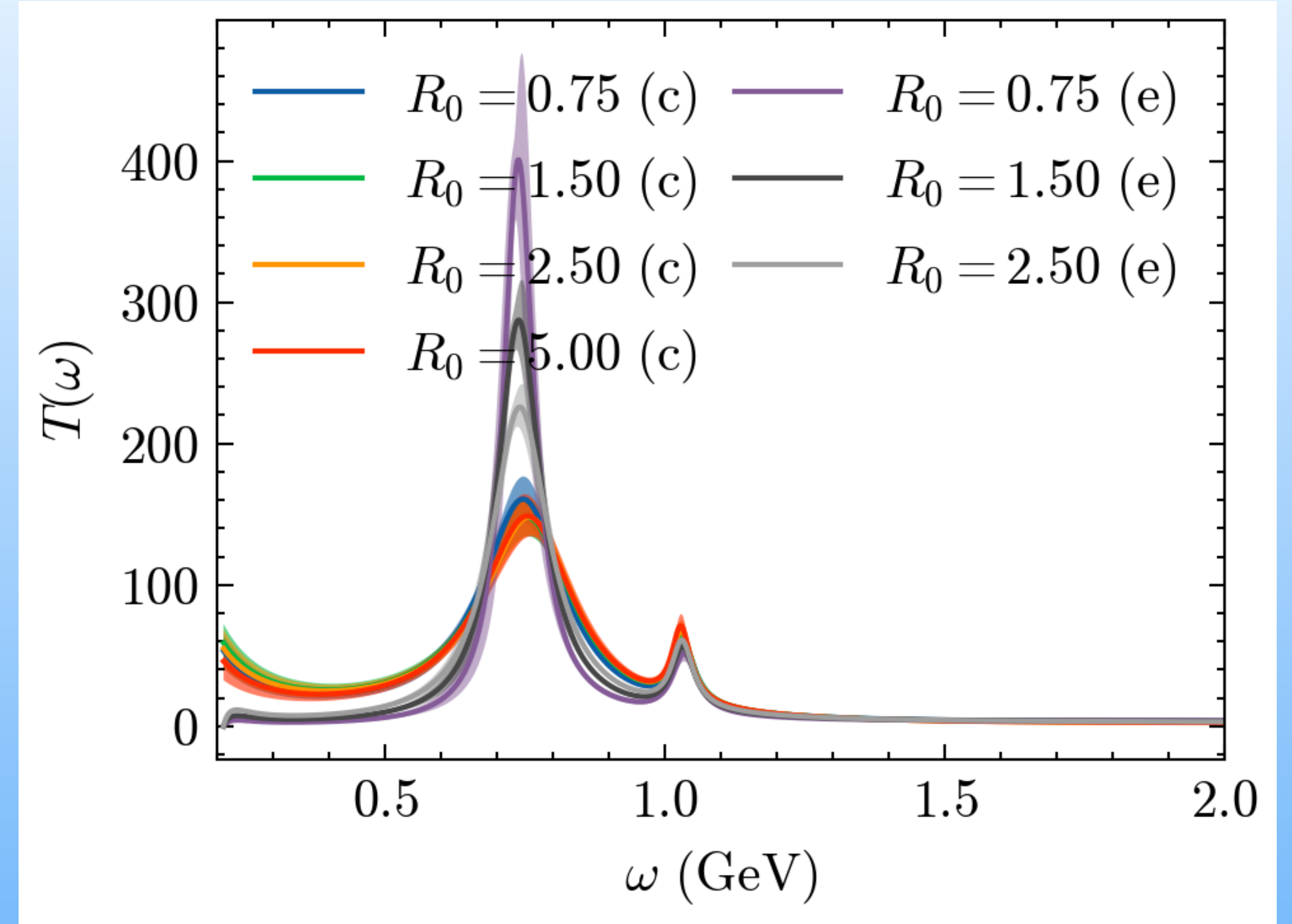
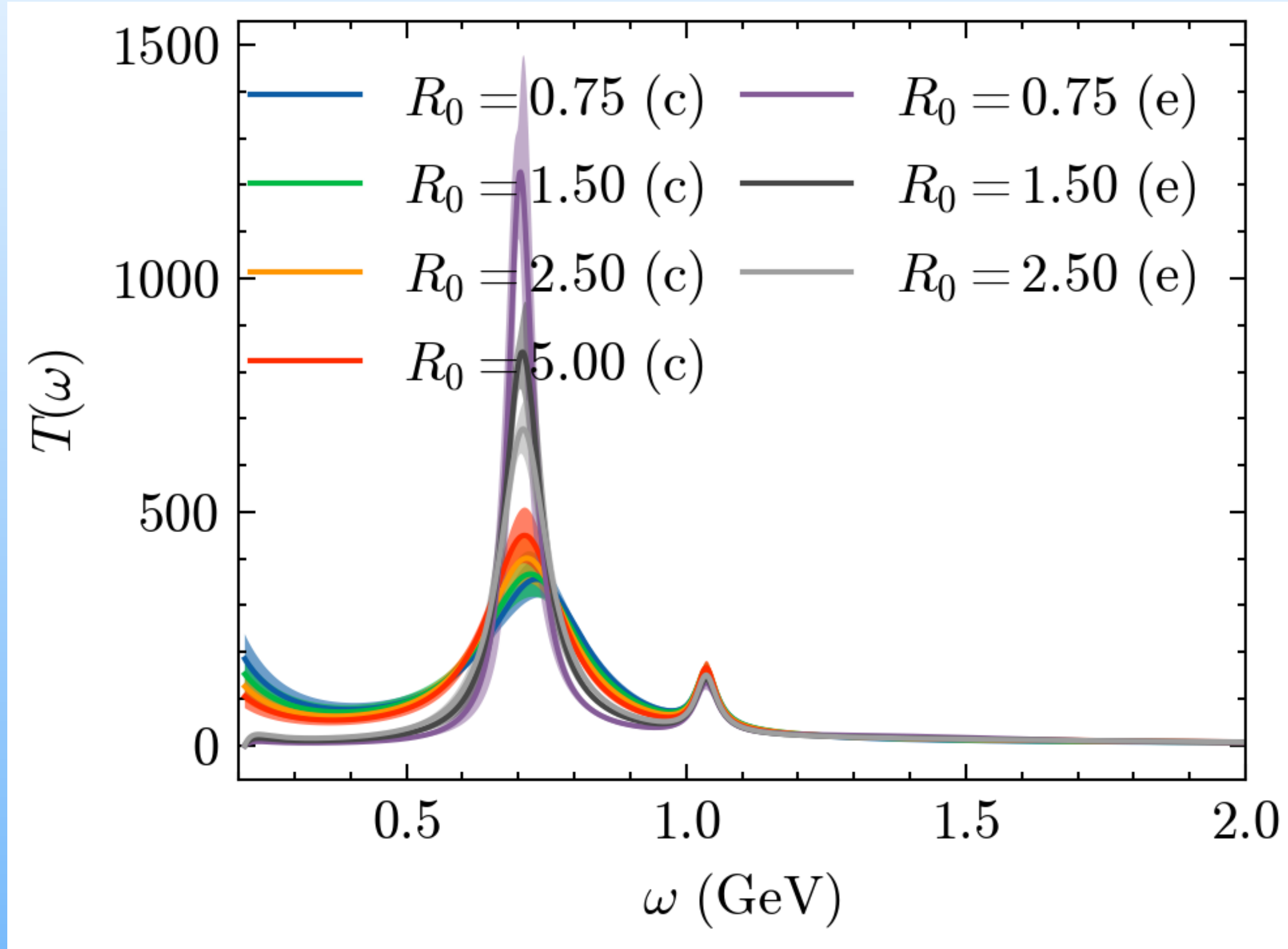
$$N(\omega, t) = \frac{\omega^5 e^{-\omega t}}{24\pi^2 K(\omega)}$$

$$C_2(t) = \int d\omega T(\omega) N(\omega, t)$$

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{HVP}}[\text{LO}] = \left(\frac{\alpha m_{\mu}}{3\pi} \right)^2 \int_{2m_{\mu}}^{\infty} d\omega T(\omega)$$

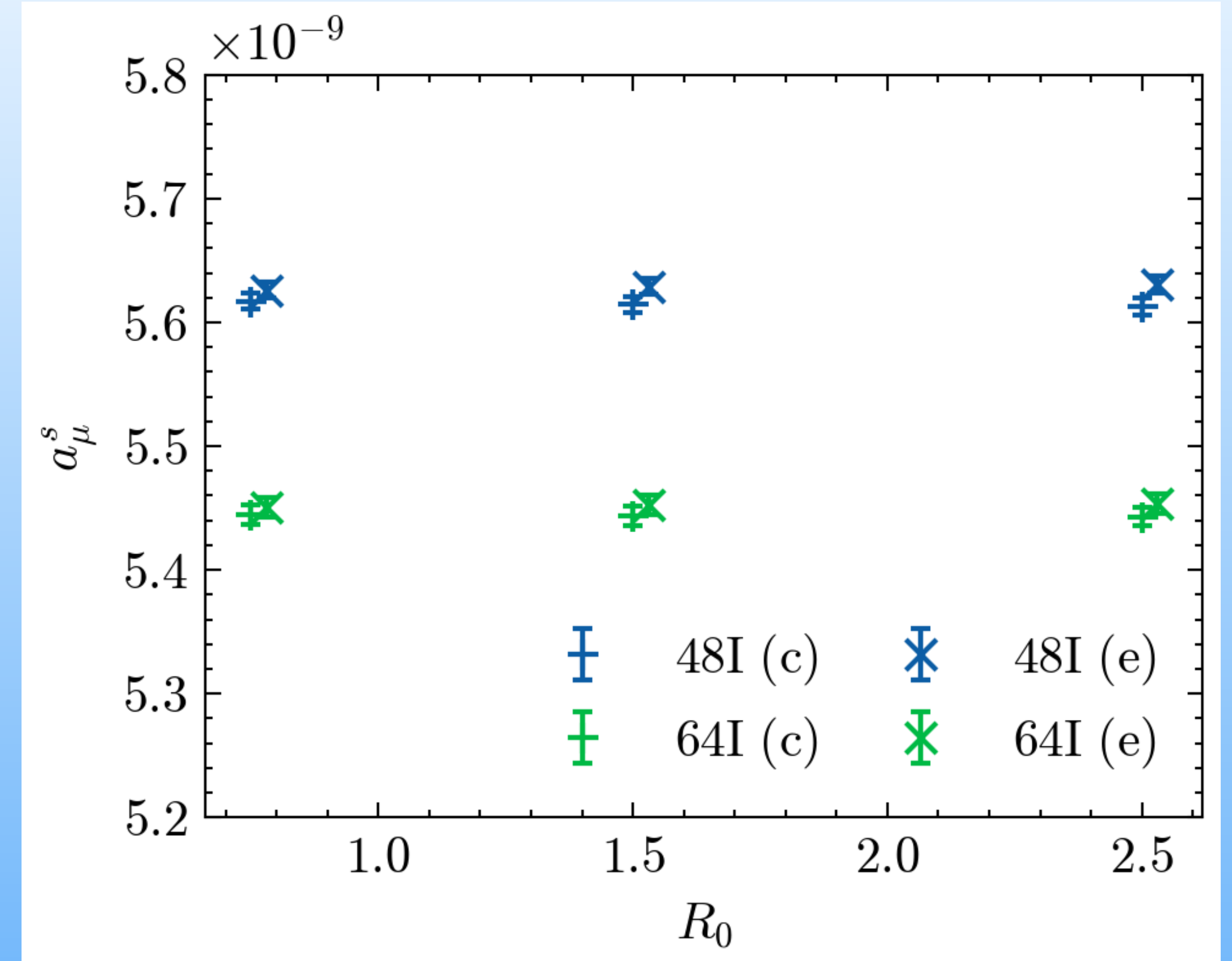
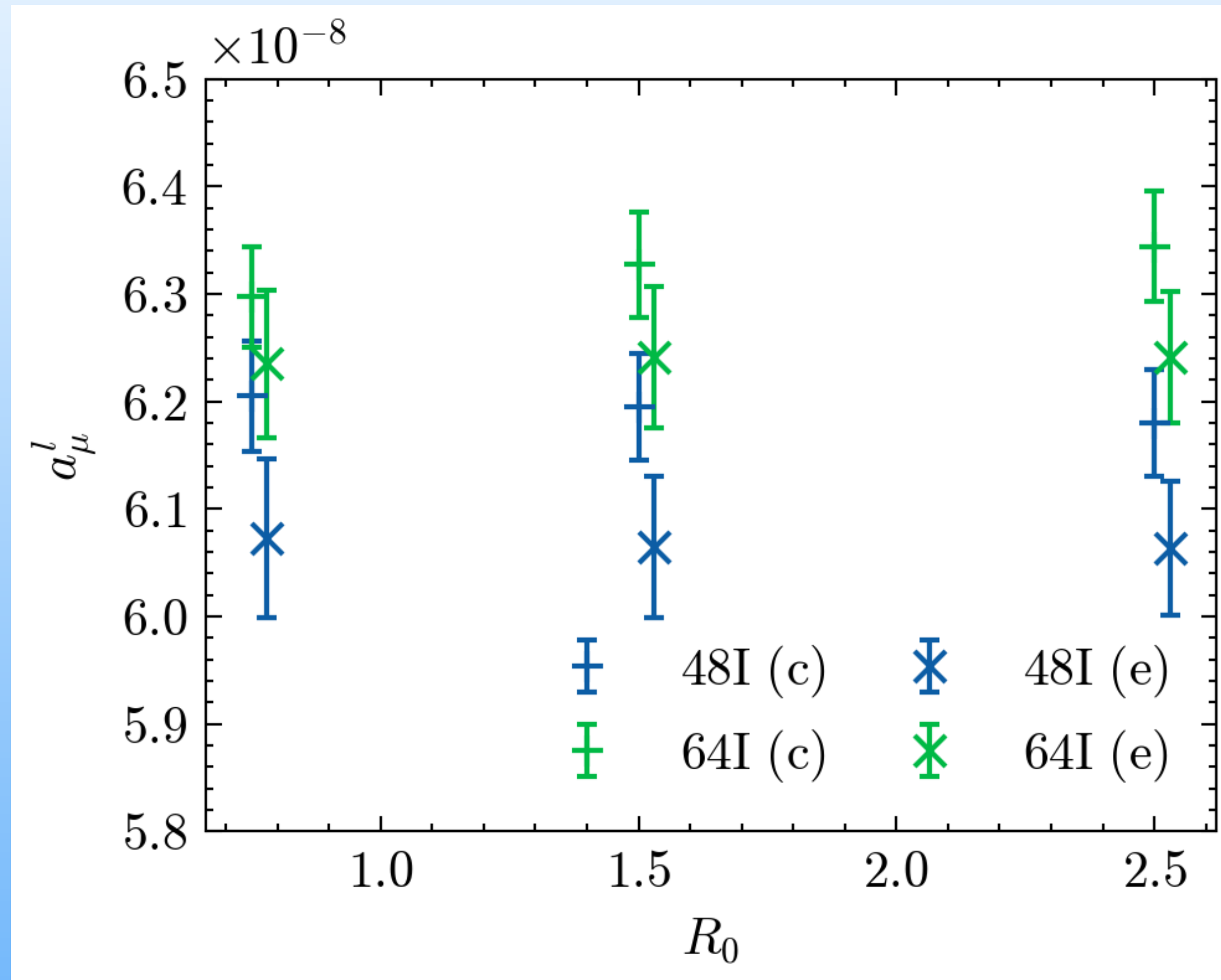
smearing free!

Visualization of $T(\omega)$



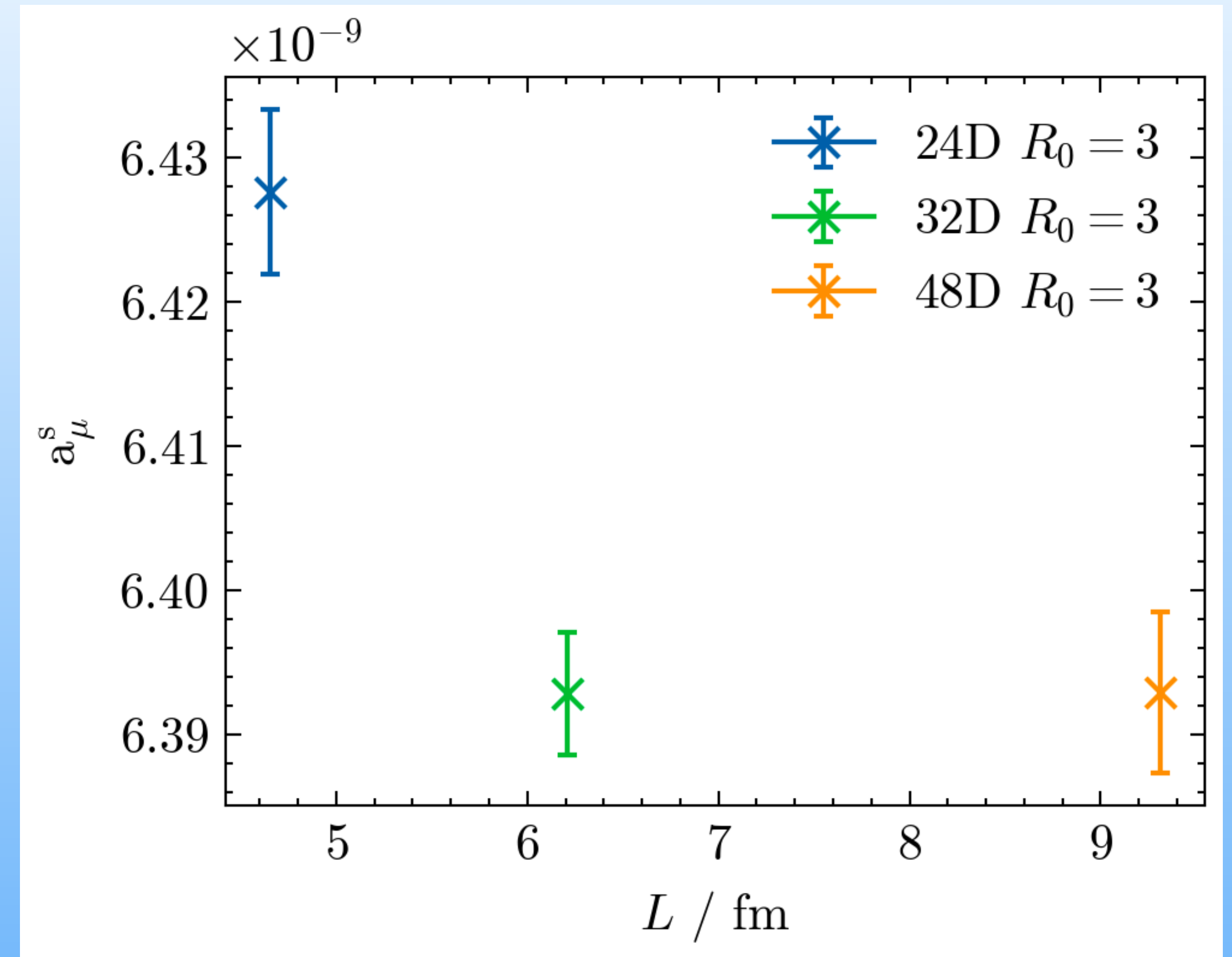
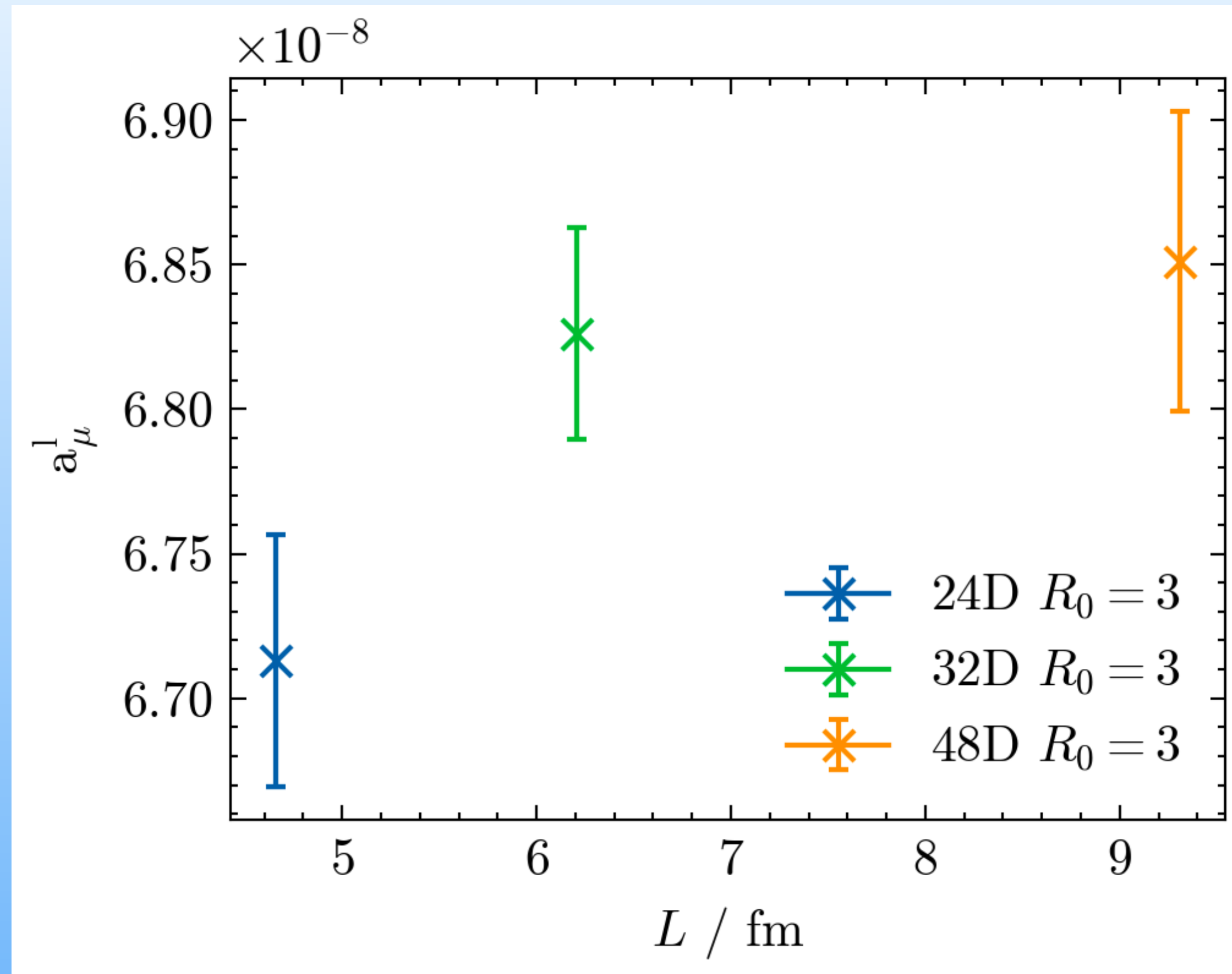
constant prior in R_0 in $\frac{2K}{\omega^3}R_0$ and a modified form $\left[1 + e^{-c(\omega - 2m_\mu)}\right] \frac{2K}{\omega^3}R_0$, 64l and 48l

Prior dependence



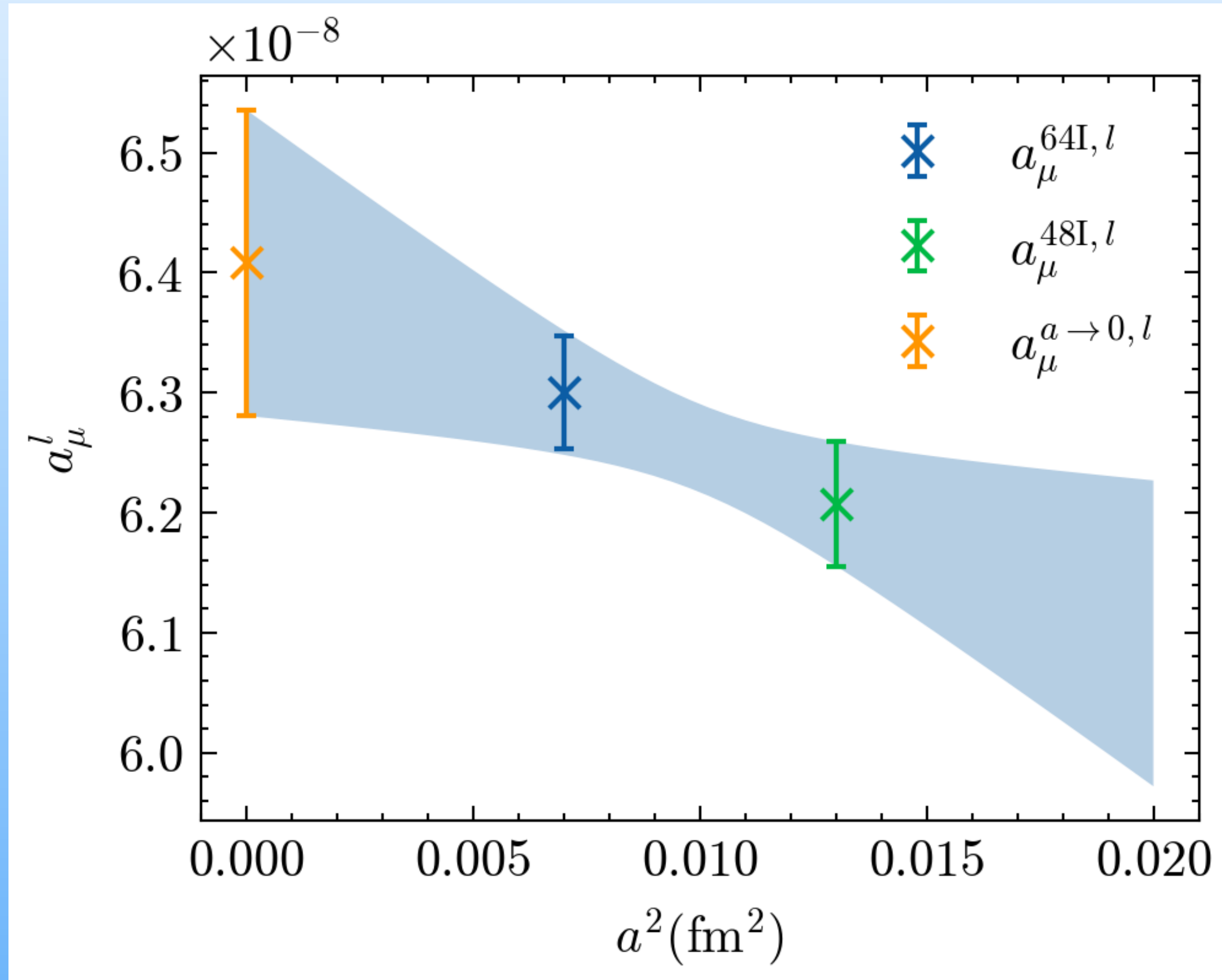
$\sim 1.5\%$ prior uncertainty with light quarks, finite-volume? $\sim 0.4\%$ prior uncertainty with strange quarks

Volume dependence



$\sim 1.6\%$ finite volume correction with light quarks and $\sim 0.5\%$ with strange quarks on ~ 4.8 fm lattices

Continuum extrapolation



$$a_\mu^{48\text{I}, l} = 620.7(5.2) \times 10^{-10}$$

$$a_\mu^{64\text{I}, l} = 630.0(5.2) \times 10^{-10}$$

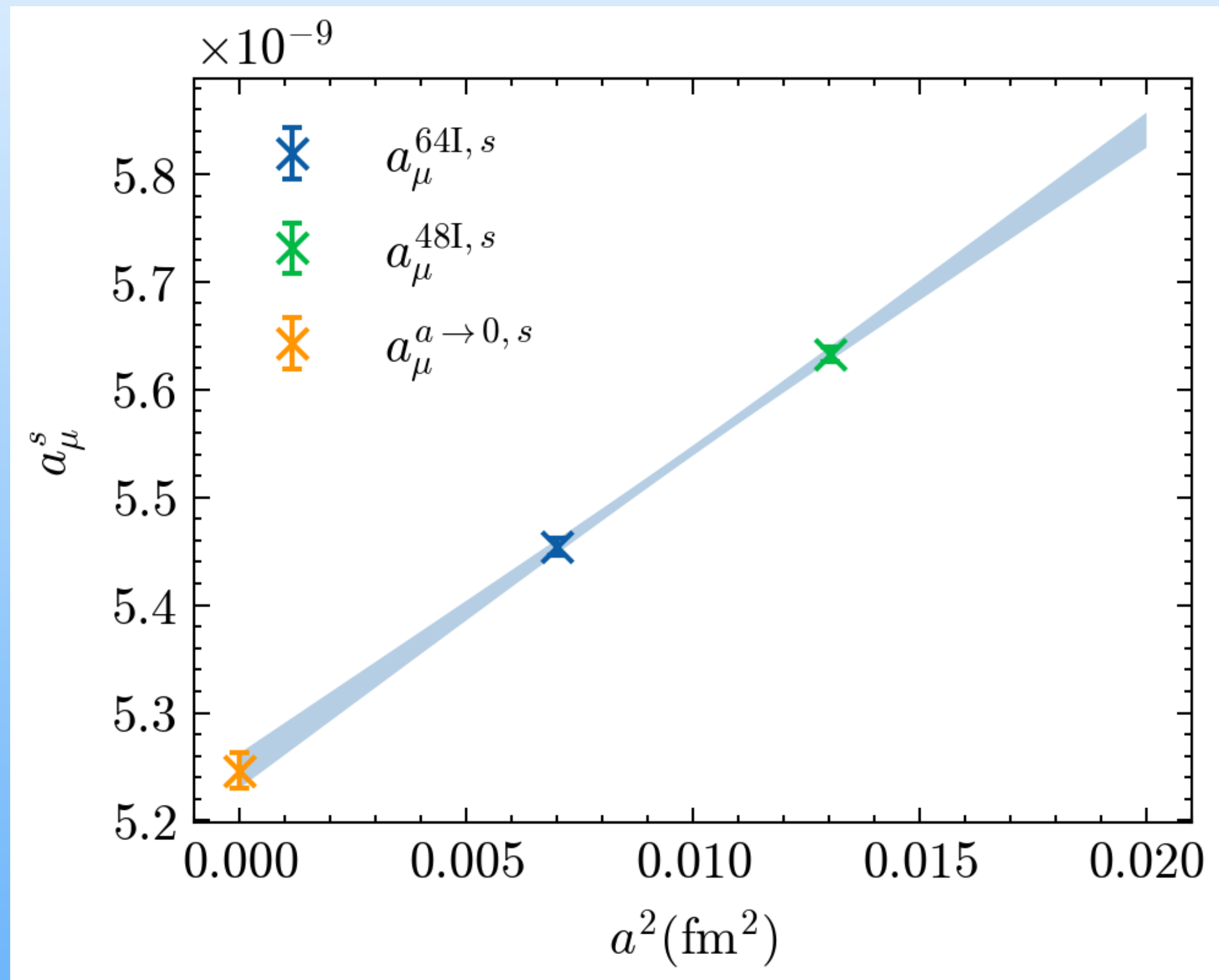
$$a_\mu^{a \rightarrow 0, l} = 641(13)(10)(10) \times 10^{-10}$$

same data with bounding method:

$$a_\mu^{48\text{I}, l} = 615.9(12.2) \times 10^{-10}$$

$$a_\mu^{64\text{I}, l} = 641.4(16.4) \times 10^{-10}$$

Continuum extrapolation



$$a_\mu^{48\text{I}, s} = 56.331(66) \times 10^{-10}$$

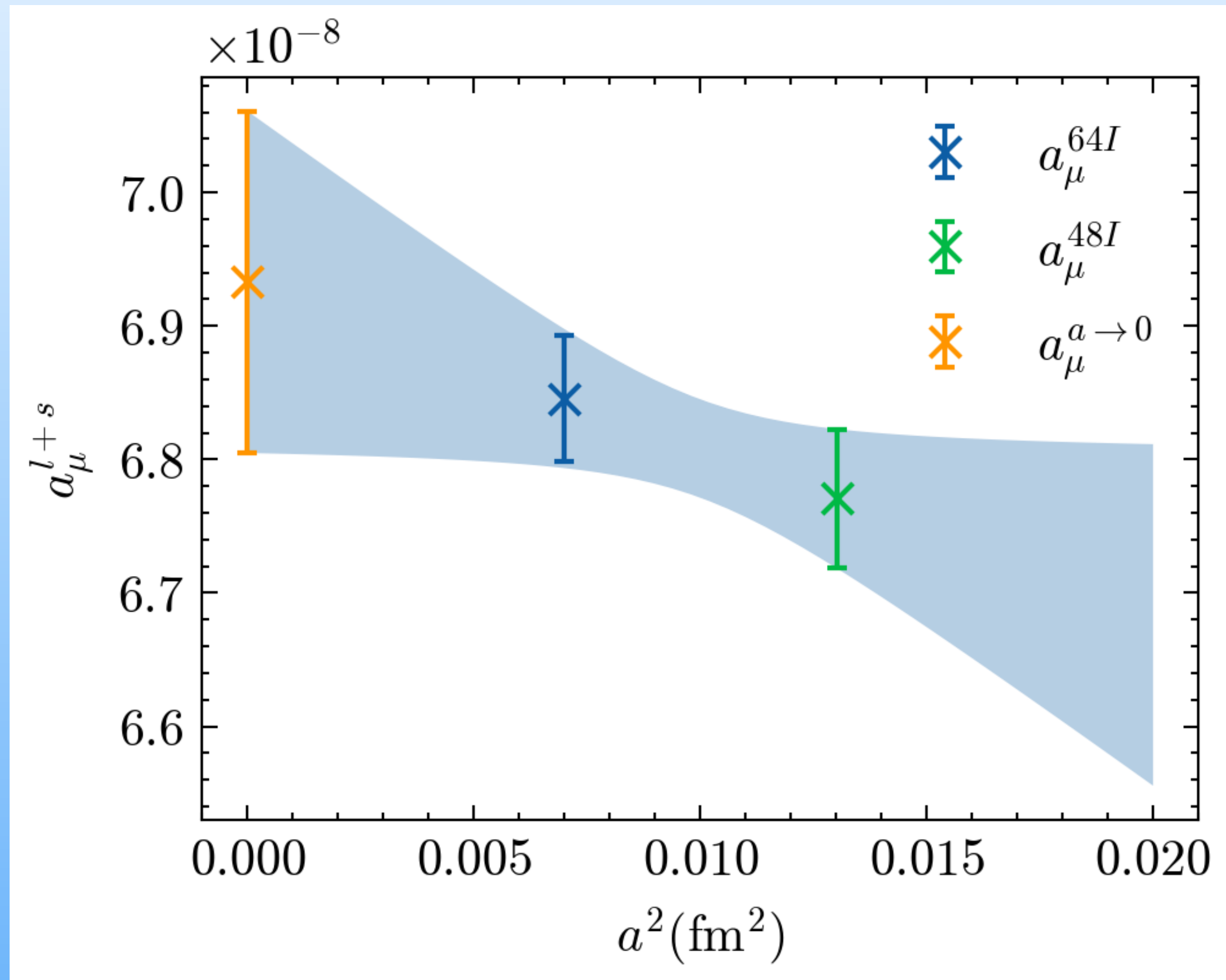
$$a_\mu^{64\text{I}, s} = 54.544(66) \times 10^{-10}$$

$$a_\mu^{a \rightarrow 0, s} = 52.46(16)(21)(26) \times 10^{-10}$$

same data with bounding method:

$$a_\mu^{48\text{I}, s} = 57.7(1) \times 10^{-10}$$

$$a_\mu^{64\text{I}, s} = 55.3(1) \times 10^{-10}$$



$$a_{\mu}^{48I, l+s} = 677(5) \times 10^{-10}$$

$$a_{\mu}^{64I, l+s} = 685(5) \times 10^{-10}$$

$$a_{\mu}^{a \rightarrow 0, l+s} = 693(13)(10)(11) \times 10^{-10}$$

Window method:

$$a_{\mu}^{W=[0.4-1.0] \text{ fm}} = 207(2) \times 10^{-10} + 26.8(1) \times 10^{-10}$$

Wang G et al. PRD, 2023, 107: 034513

BMW21:

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{con}, l+s} = 687.1(2.1)_{\text{tot}} \times 10^{-10}$$

Sz. Borsanyi et al. Nature 593.7857 (Apr. 2021)

Summary & Take-home

- ◆ We employ the BR method to tackle inverse problems on the lattice with sophisticated error analysis
- ◆ The R-ratio is reconstructed. With proper smearing, the lattice results match the (smeared) experimental data well
- ◆ A promising alternative way for calculating a_μ^{HVP} is provided, including discussion on systematic uncertainties
- ◆ New way to study the finite-volume correction and real-time dynamics

Thank you for your attention

Bayesian Reconstruction

$$P[\rho \mid D, \alpha, m] \propto e^{Q(\rho)}$$

$$Q = \alpha S - L - \gamma(L - N_\tau)^2$$

$$S = \sum_{\omega} \left[1 - \frac{\rho(\omega)}{m(\omega)} + \log\left(\frac{\rho(\omega)}{m(\omega)}\right) \right] \Delta\omega$$

$$P[\rho \mid D, m] = \frac{P[D \mid \rho, I]}{P[D \mid m]} \int d\alpha P[\alpha \mid D, m]$$

◆ Hyper parameter α is integrated over

◆ Maximum search is in the entire parameter space ($O(10^3)$)

◆ High precision architecture (e.g., 512-bit floating point number).

