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Electromagnetic Structure of the $\Lambda(1405)$

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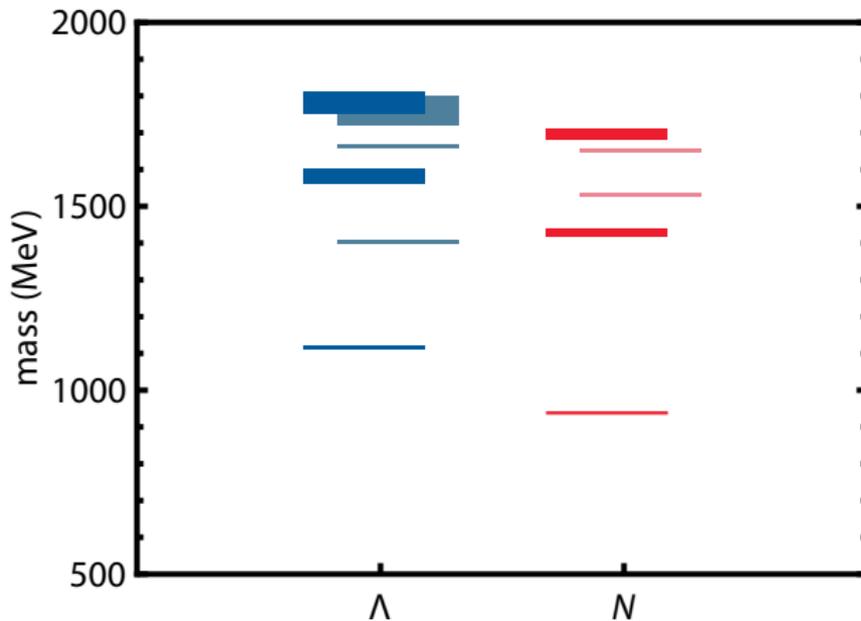
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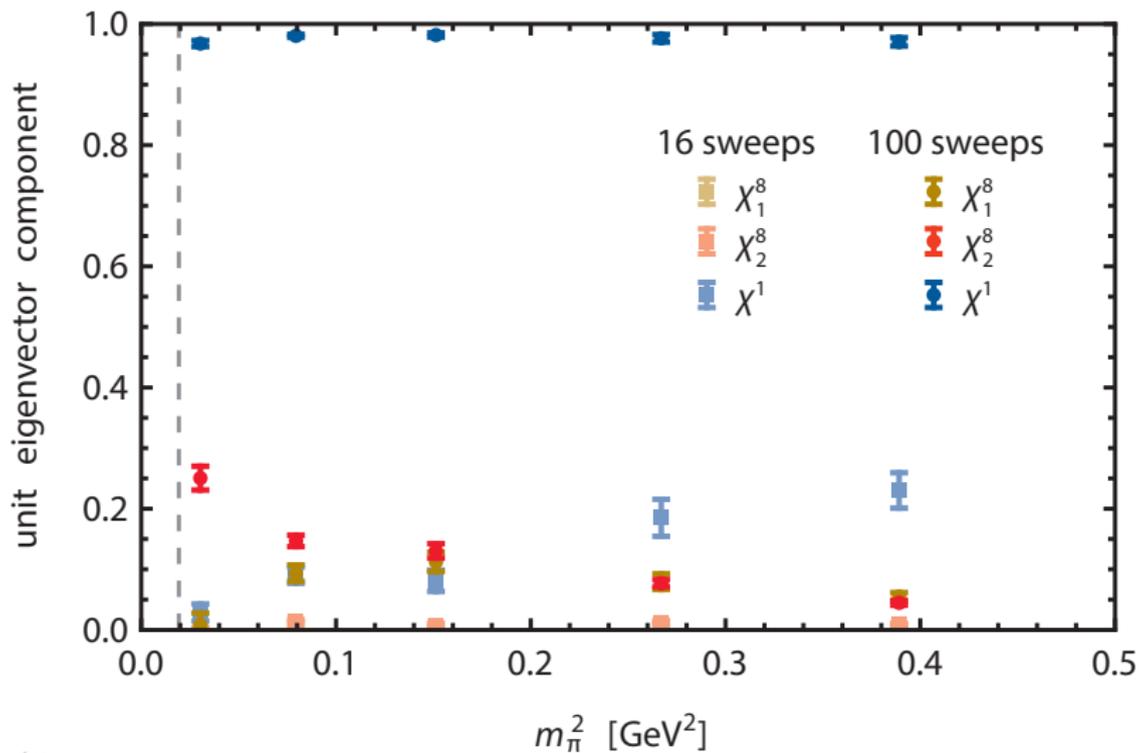
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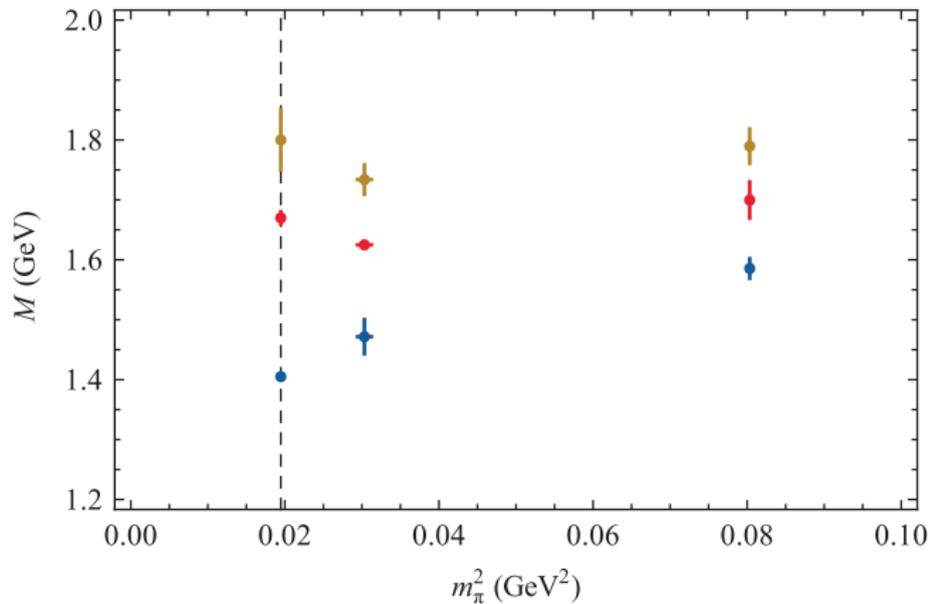
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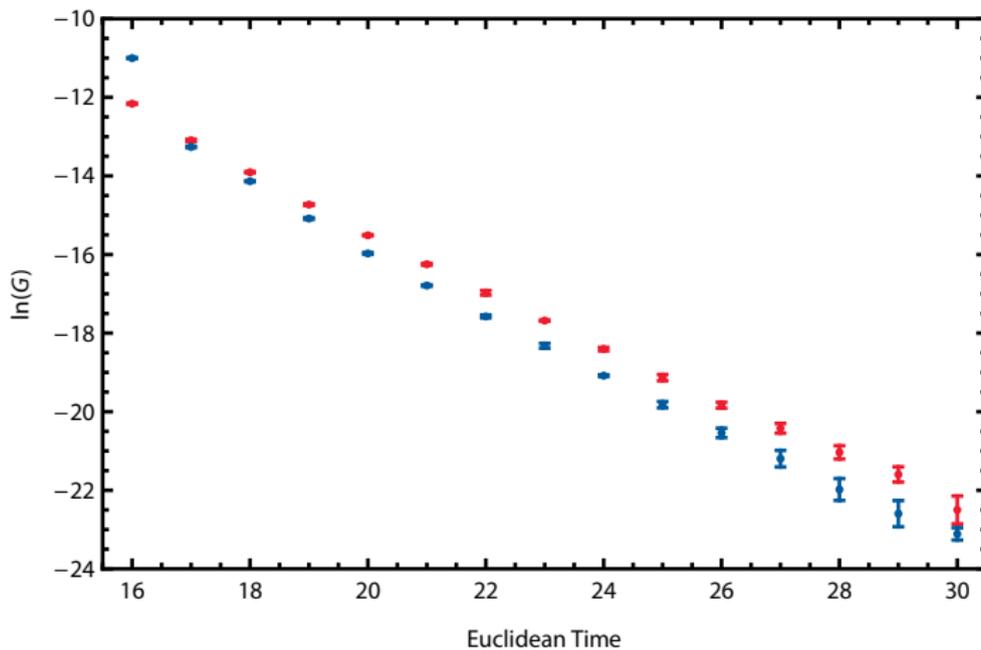
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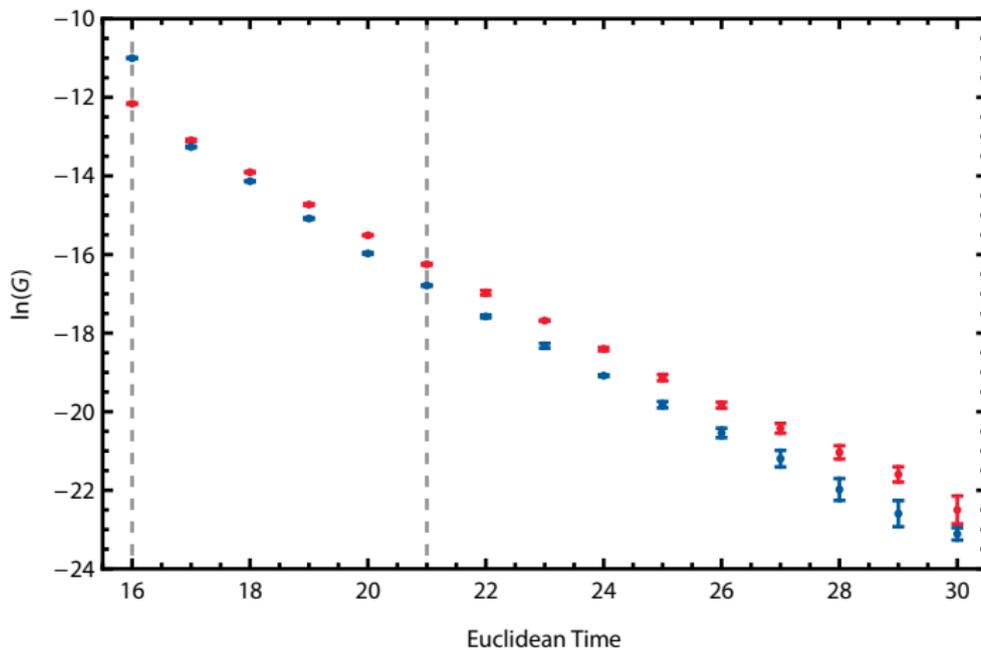


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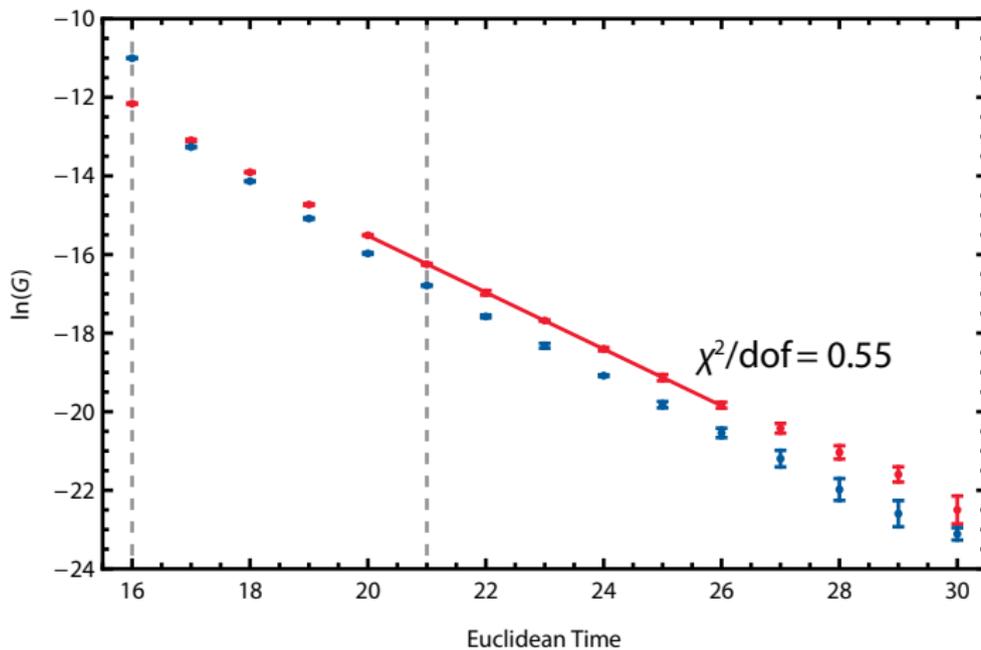
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Simulation Details

We are using the PACS-CS $(2 + 1)$ -flavour ensembles, available through the ILDG.

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- Lattice size of $32^3 \times 64$ with $\beta = 1.90$.
- 5 pion masses, ranging from 640 MeV down to 156 MeV.
- Single strange quark mass, with $\kappa_s = 0.13640$.
 - We partially quench by using $\kappa_s = 0.13665$ for the valence strange quarks to reproduce the physical kaon mass.
- We consider both the Sommer and PACS-CS schemes to set the scale.

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- Note: all correlation functions have an implicit trace over the spinor indices with some Dirac matrix:

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- These eigenvectors identify “ideal” combinations of the original operators that perfectly isolate individual energy eigenstates at momentum \mathbf{p} :

$$\phi^\alpha = v_i^\alpha(\mathbf{p}) \chi_i \quad \bar{\phi}^\alpha = u_i^\alpha(\mathbf{p}) \bar{\chi}_i$$

Eigenstate-Projected Correlation Functions

- Using these “perfect” operators, we can extract correlation functions for these energy eigenstates using

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}; t) &= \sum_{\mathbf{x}} e^{-i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \langle \Omega | \phi^{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}) \bar{\phi}^{\alpha}(0) | \Omega \rangle \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{x}} e^{-i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \langle \Omega | v_i^{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}) \chi_i(\mathbf{x}) \bar{\chi}_j(0) u_j^{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}) | \Omega \rangle \\ &= \mathbf{v}^{\alpha T}(\mathbf{p}) G(\mathbf{p}; t) \mathbf{u}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}) \end{aligned}$$

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- However:
 - too few operators and the states won't be sufficiently isolated, and
 - insufficiently independent operators and the matrix will be too ill-conditioned to solve for the eigenvectors.

Operators Used in $\Lambda(1405)$ Analysis

There are a number of operators that have the correct quantum numbers to couple to the Λ channel. We use

- the flavour-octet operators

$$\chi_1^8 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \varepsilon^{abc} (2(u^a C \gamma_5 d^b) s^c + (u^a C \gamma_5 s^b) d^c - (d^a C \gamma_5 s^b) u^c)$$

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- the flavour-singlet operator

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- Also considered 35 and 100 sweeps.
 - Results are consistent, however the statistical noise increases due to the increased smearing.

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- This takes the form

$$e^{-E_{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}')(t_2 - t_1)} e^{-E_{\alpha}(\mathbf{p})t_1} \sum_{s, s'} \langle \Omega | \phi^{\alpha} | \mathbf{p}', s' \rangle \langle \mathbf{p}', s' | j^{\mu} | \mathbf{p}, s \rangle \langle \mathbf{p}, s | \bar{\phi}^{\alpha} | \Omega \rangle$$

where $\langle \mathbf{p}', s' | j^{\mu} | \mathbf{p}, s \rangle$ encodes the form factors of the interaction.

Excited State Form Factors

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is the matrix constructed from the three-point correlation functions of the original operators $\{\chi_i\}$.

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- To further simplify things, we define the reduced ratio

$$\bar{R}_{\alpha}^{\mu} = \left(\frac{2E_{\alpha}(\mathbf{p})}{E_{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}) + m_{\alpha}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{2E_{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}')}{E_{\alpha}(\mathbf{p}') + m_{\alpha}} \right)^{1/2} R_{\alpha}^{\mu}$$

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- The Dirac and Pauli form factors are related to the Sachs form factors through

$$\mathcal{G}_E(q^2) = F_1(q^2) - \frac{q^2}{(2m_\alpha)^2} F_2(q^2) \\ \mathcal{G}_M(q^2) = F_1(q^2) + F_2(q^2)$$

Sachs Form Factors for Spin-1/2 Baryons

- A suitable choice of momentum ($\mathbf{q} = (q, 0, 0)$) and the (implicit) Dirac matrices allows us to directly access the Sachs form factors:
 - for \mathcal{G}_E : using Γ_4^\pm for both two- and three-point,

$$\mathcal{G}_E^\alpha(q^2) = \bar{R}_\alpha^4(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{0}; t_2, t_1)$$

- for \mathcal{G}_M : using Γ_4^\pm for two-point and Γ_j^\pm for three-point,

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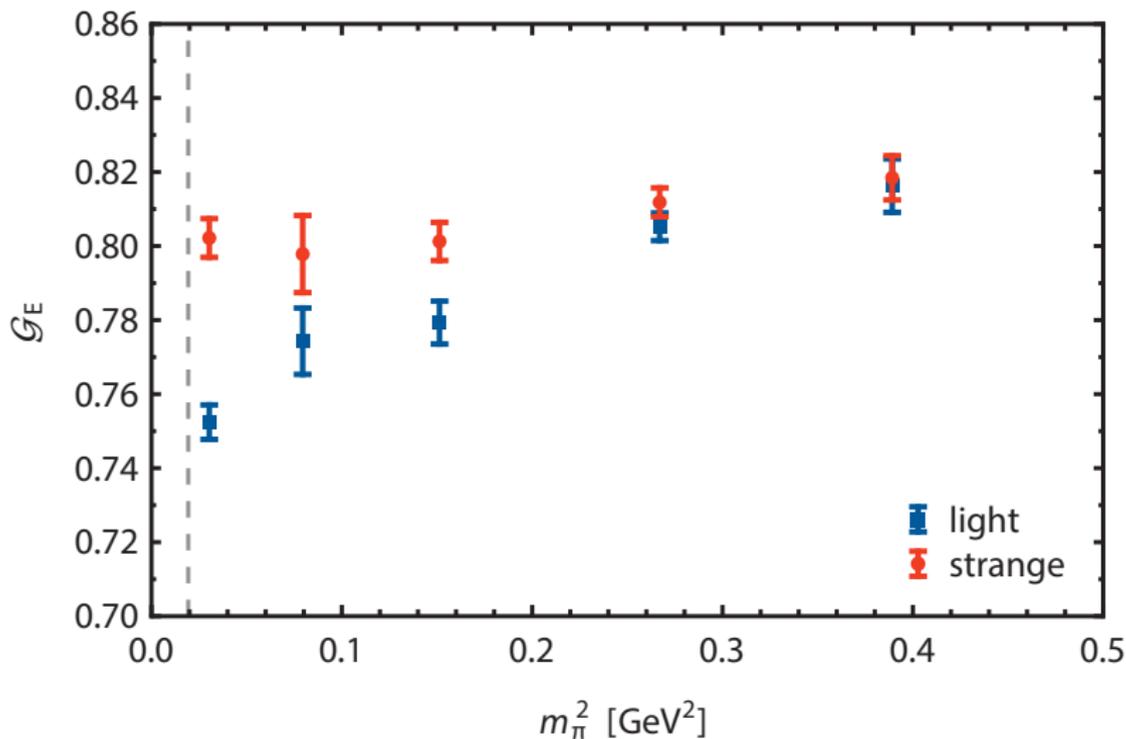
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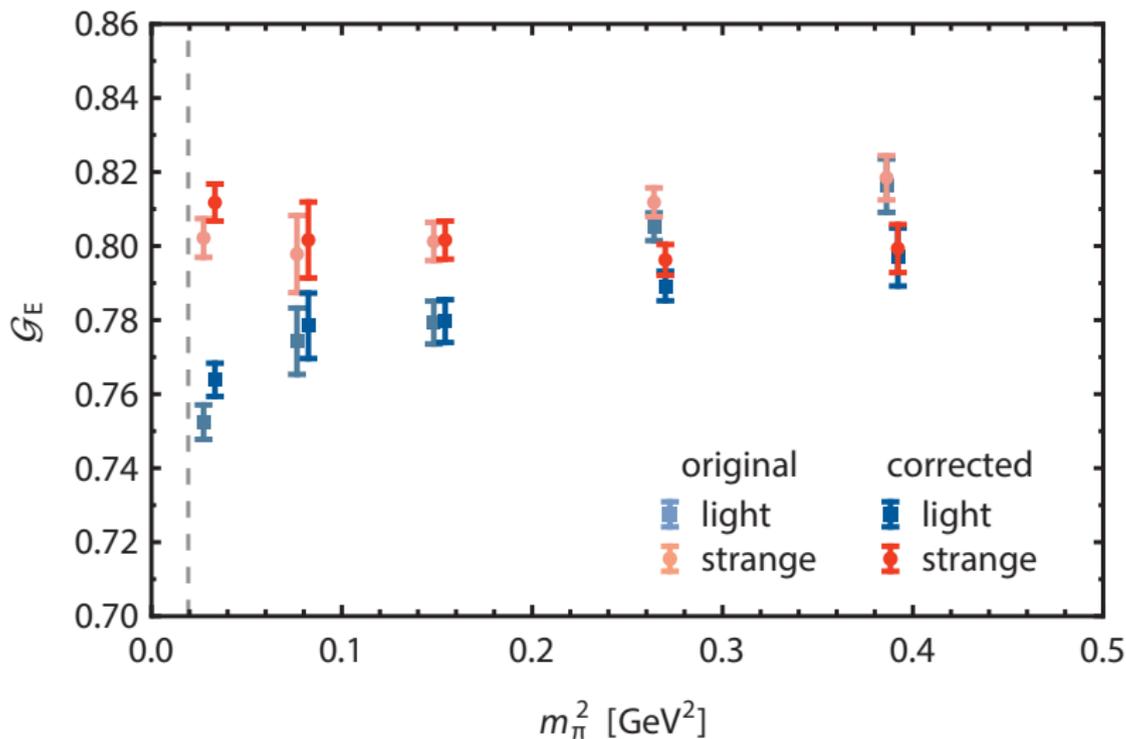
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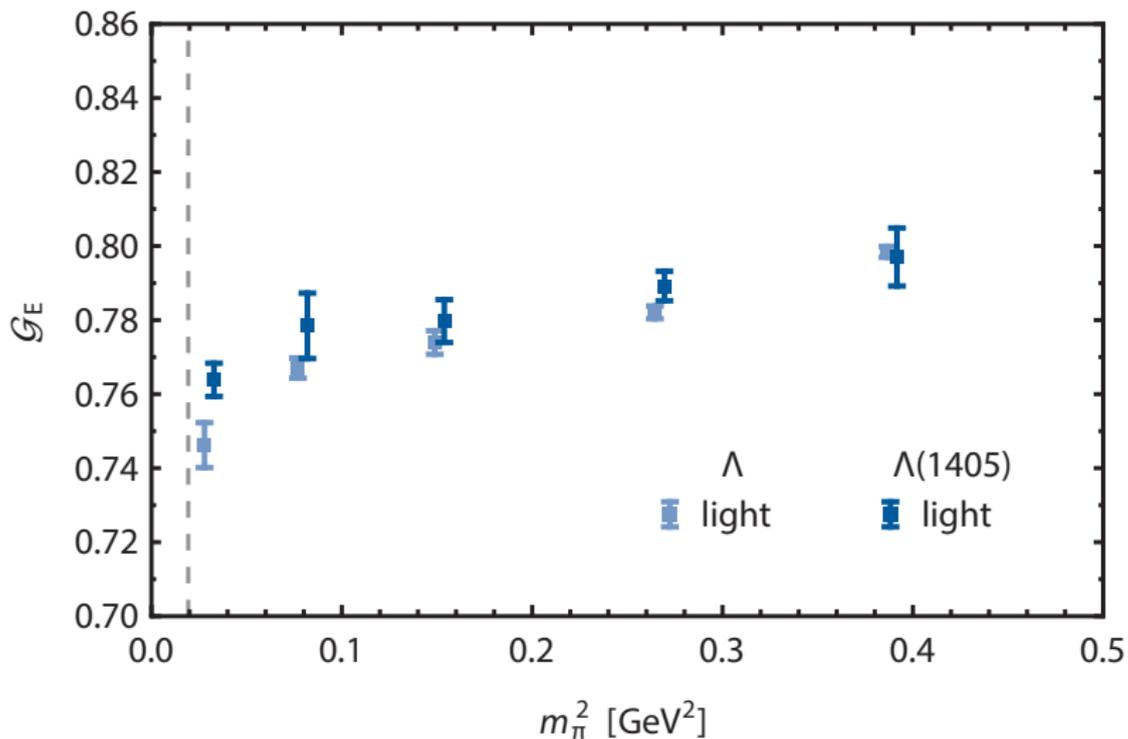
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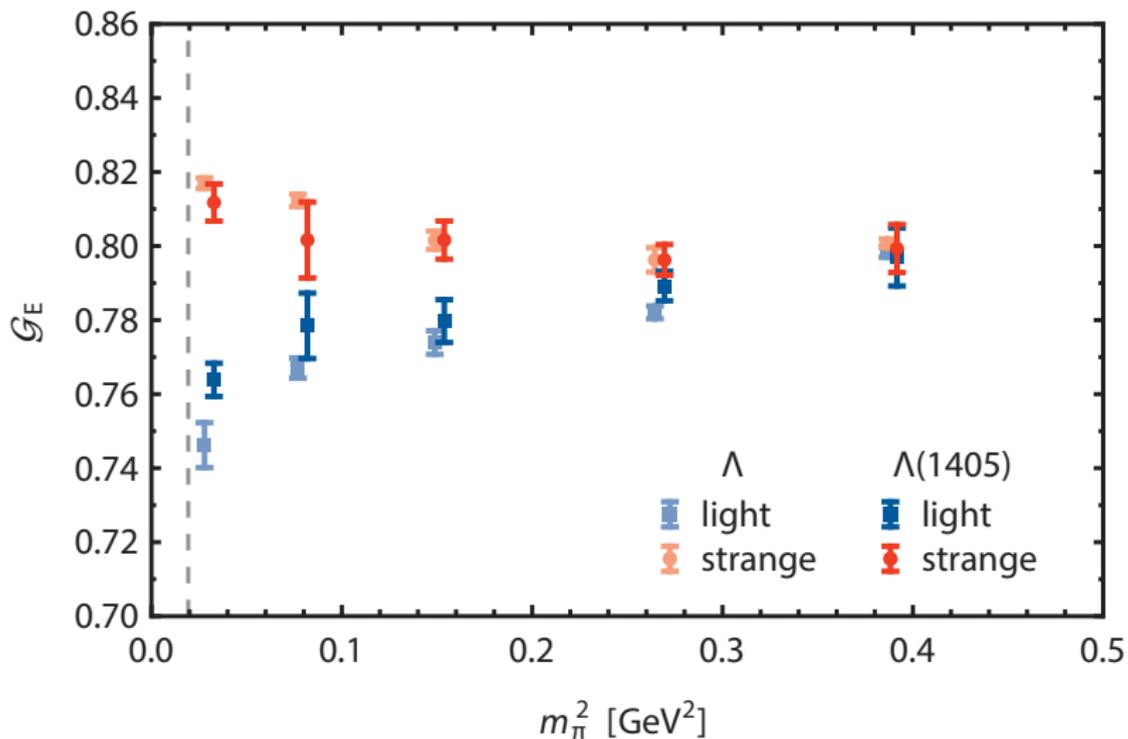


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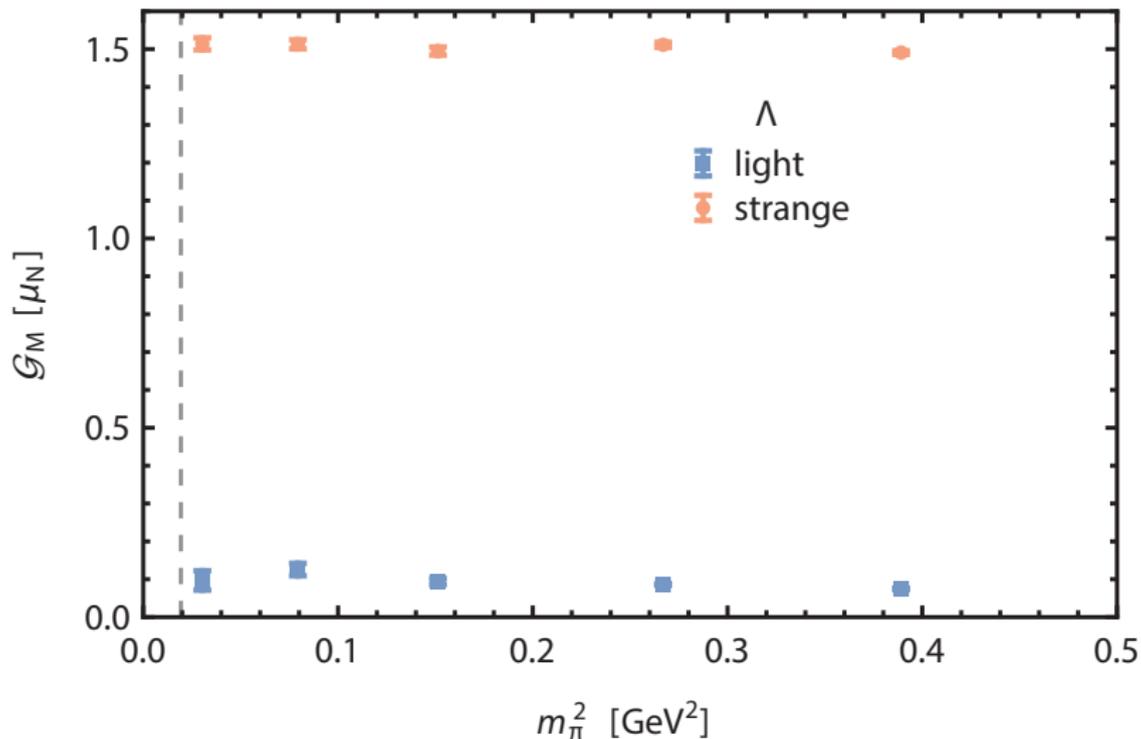
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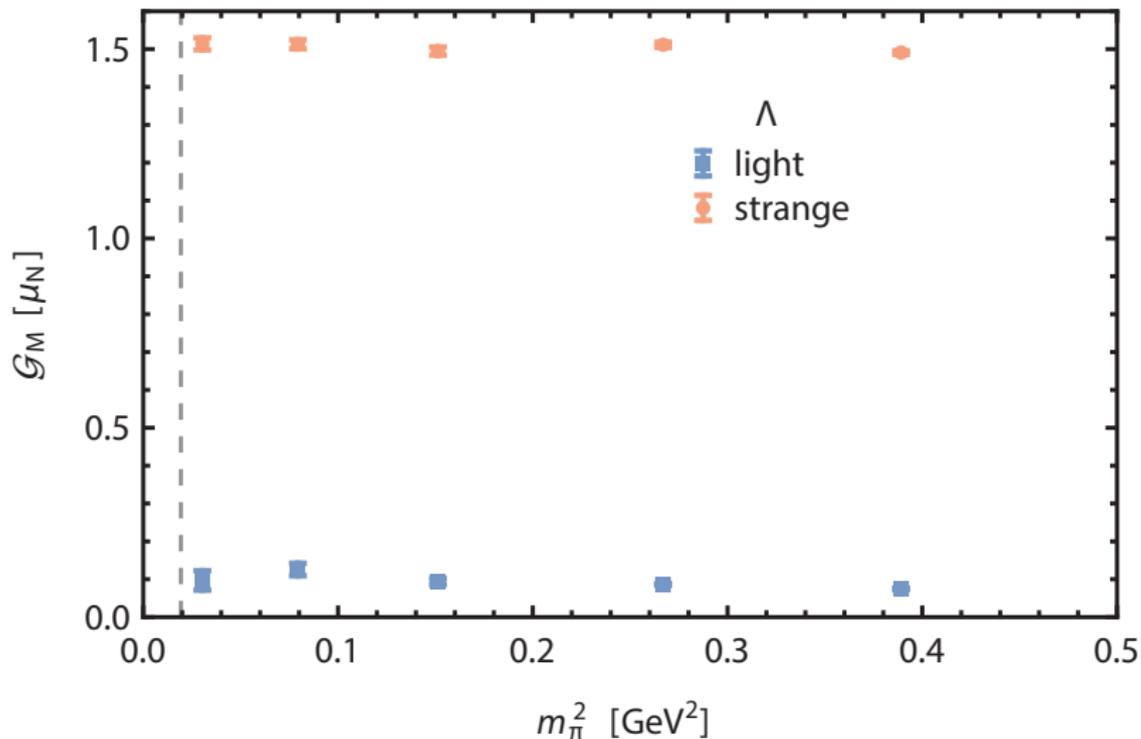


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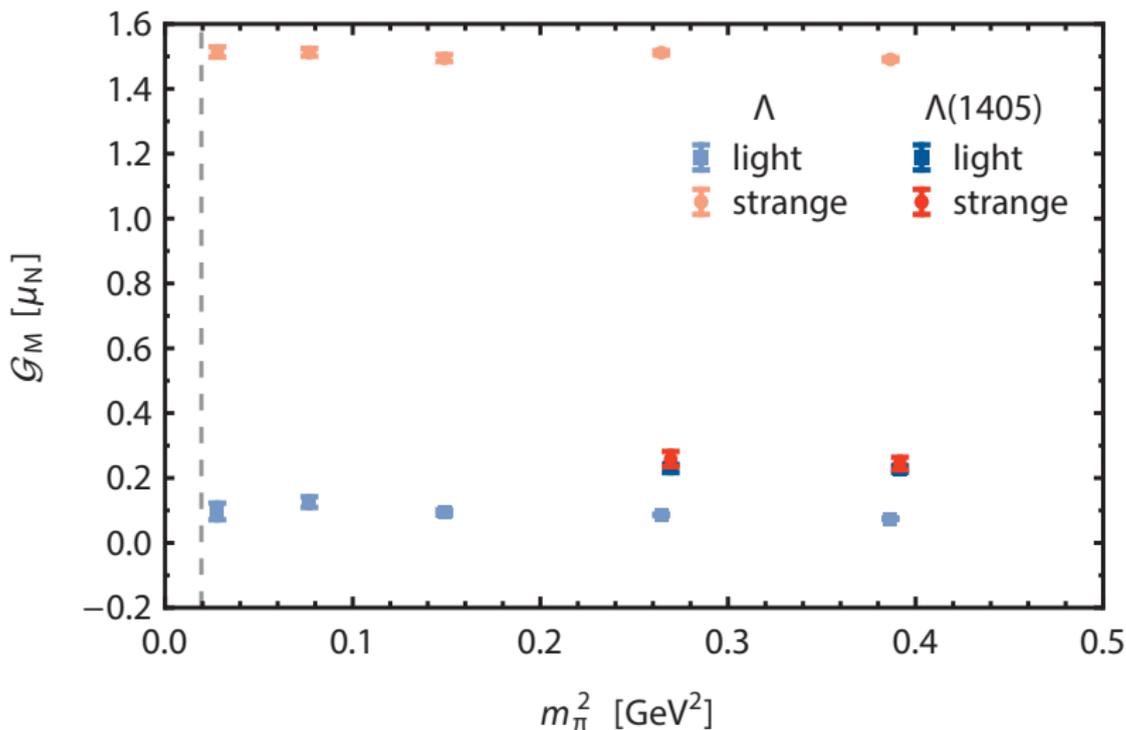
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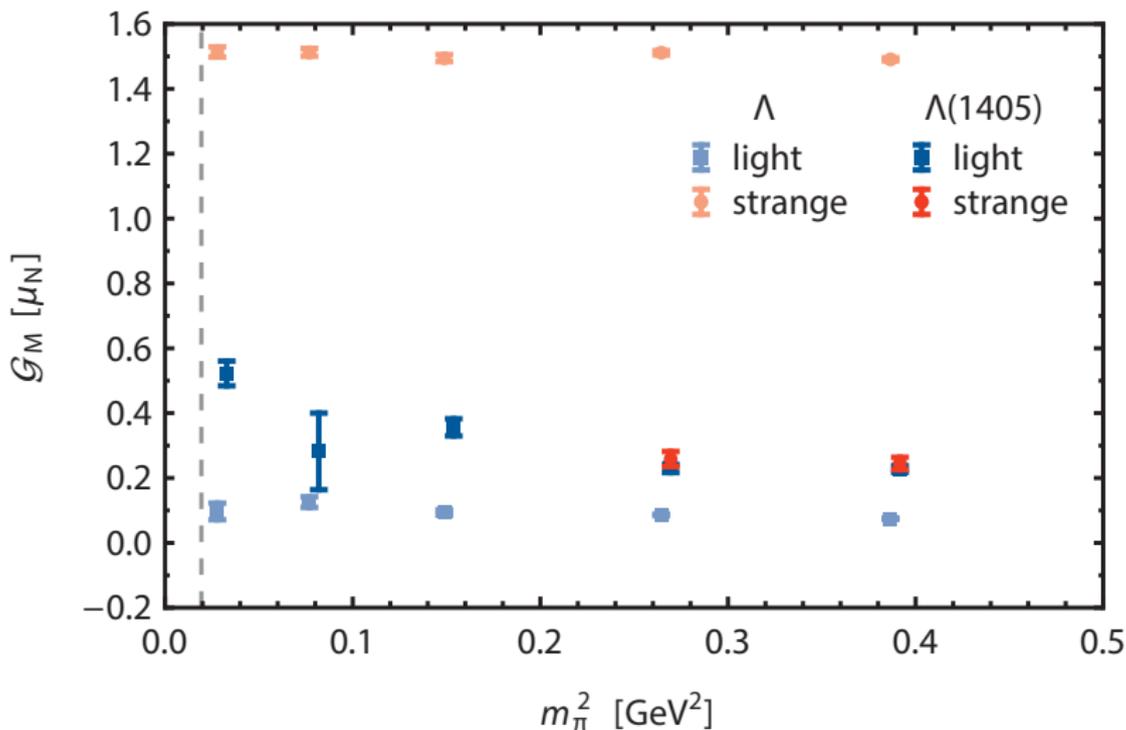


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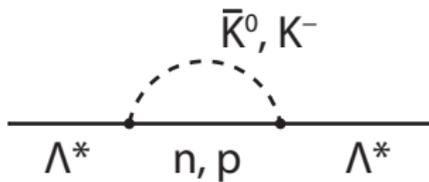
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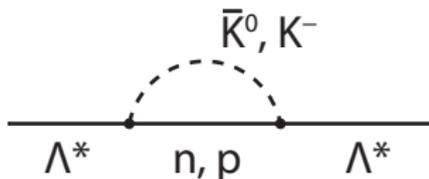
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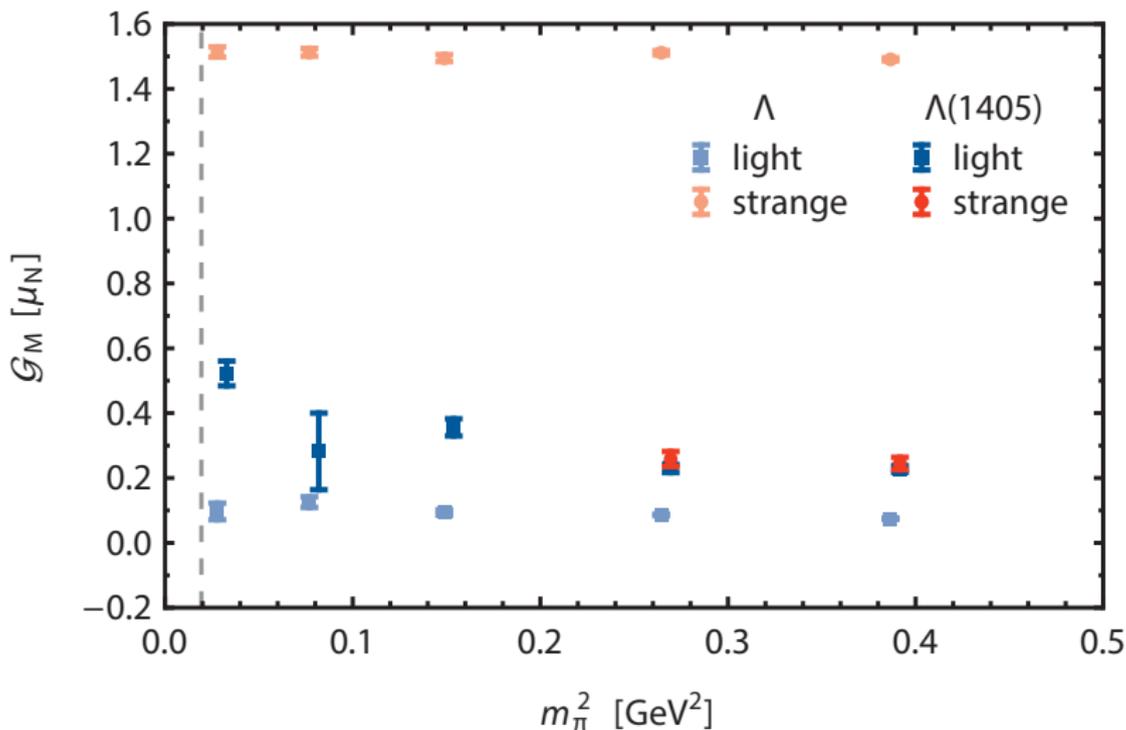
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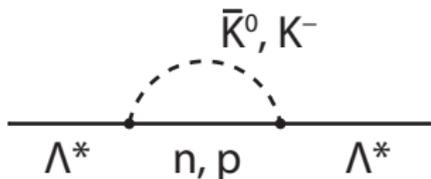
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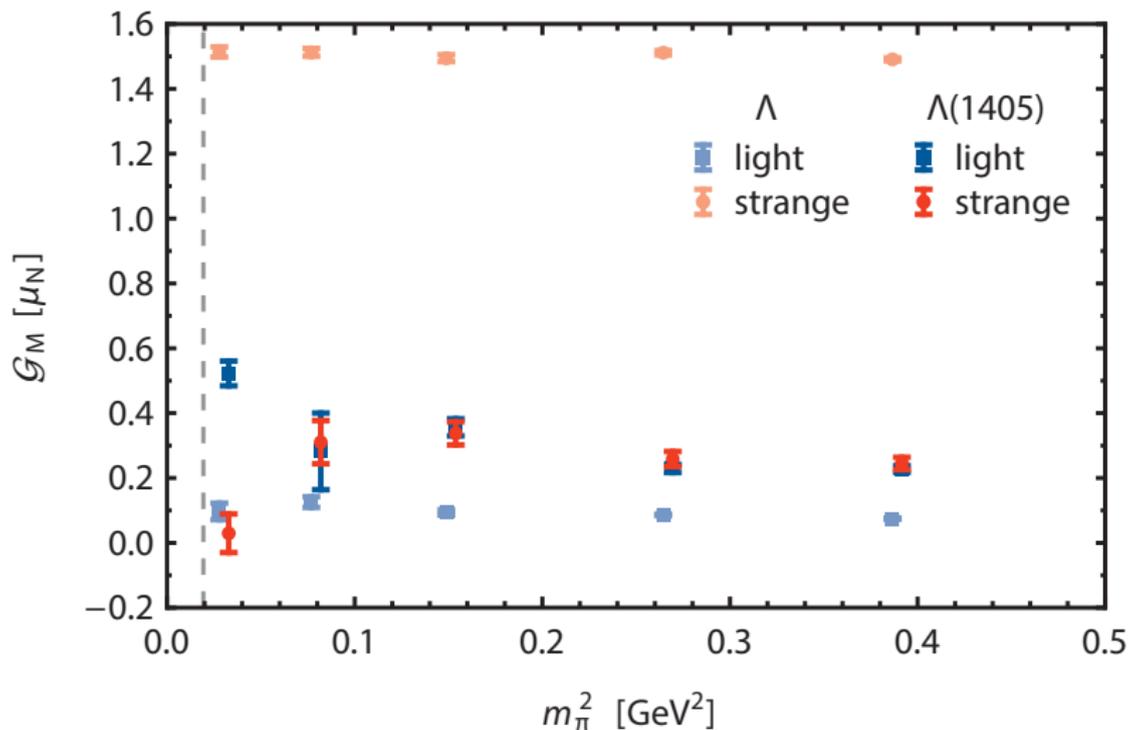
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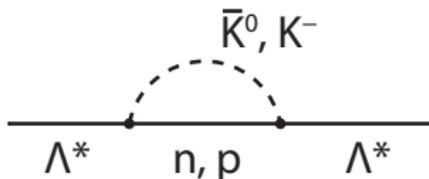
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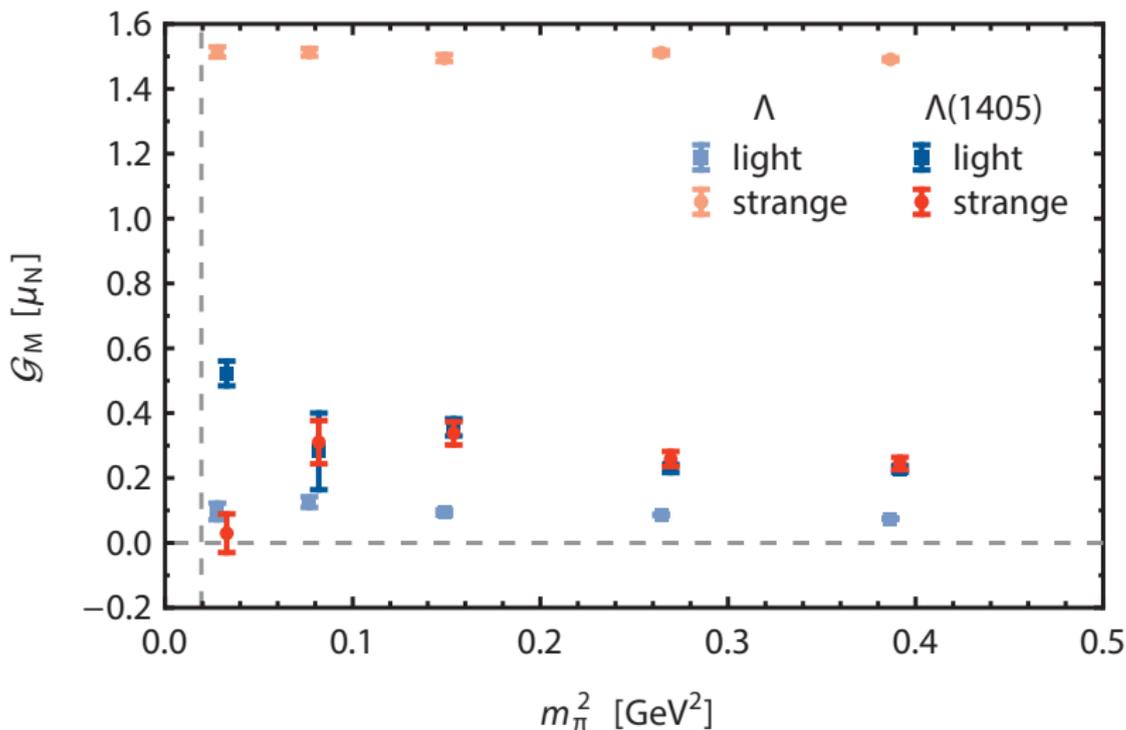
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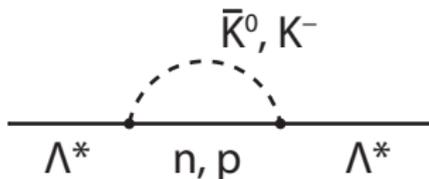
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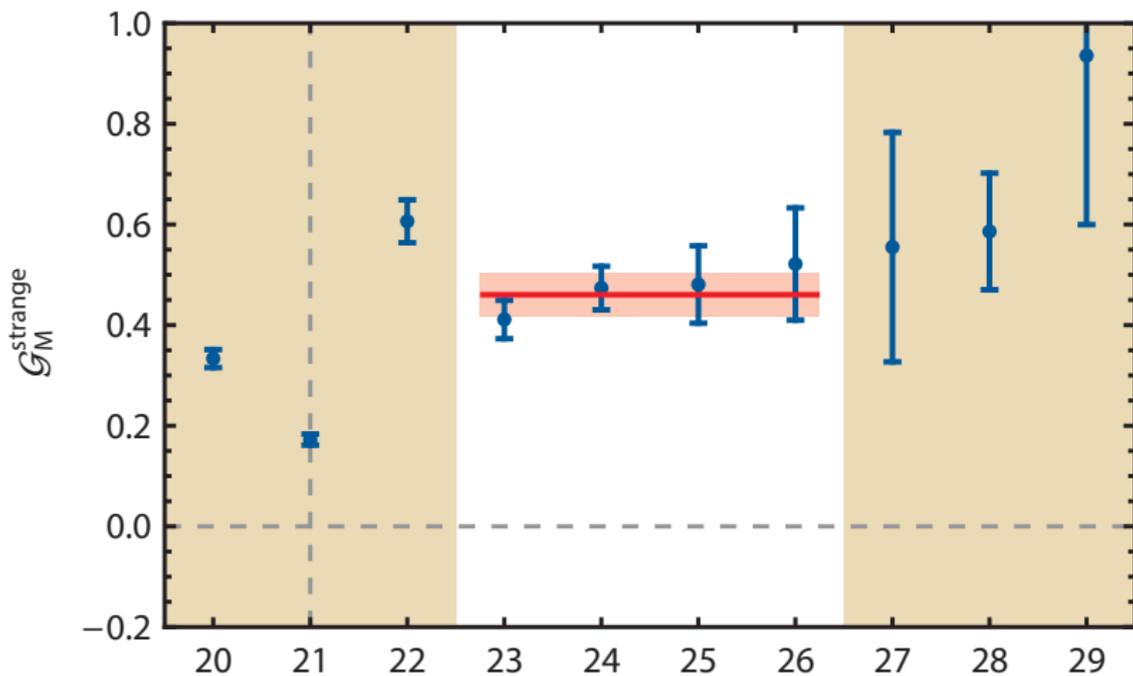
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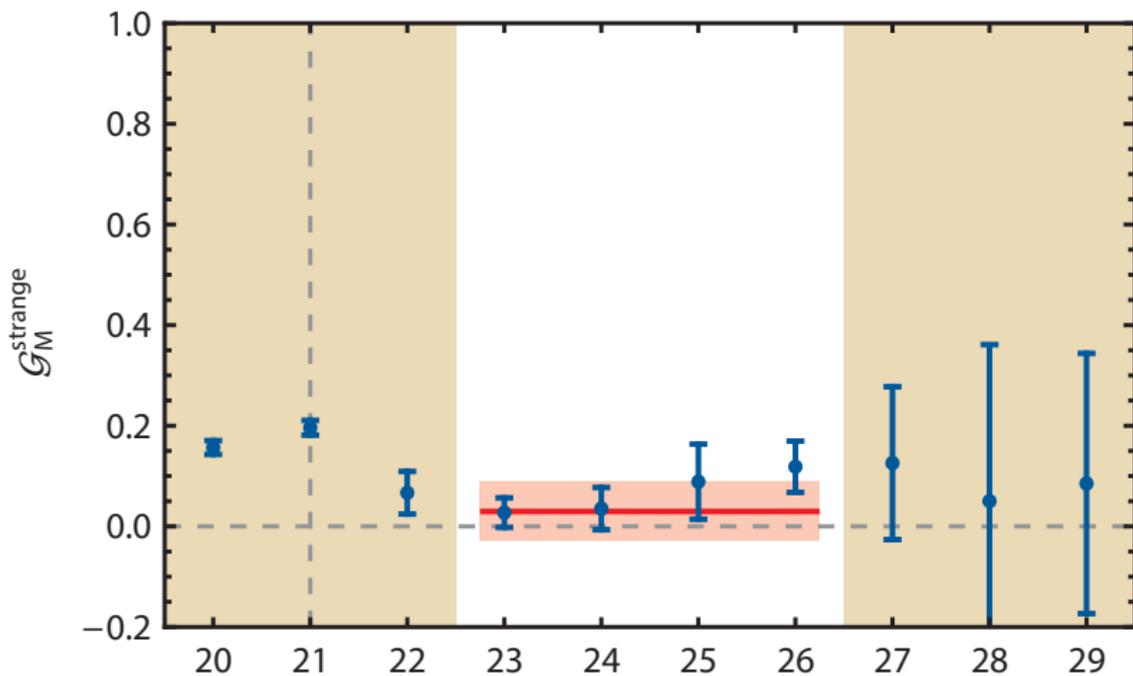


- The light quark sector will be governed by $p + n$.
 - This is a positive, non-analytic contribution to the dressing and will enhance the light form factor.
- There is no contribution to the strange quark magnetic moment
 - This will suppress the strange quark form factor of the $\Lambda(1405)$.
- $\mathcal{G}_M^{\text{strange}}$ is consistent with zero!
- The structure of the $\Lambda(1405)$ is dominated by a bound $\bar{K}N$.

Fitted $\mathcal{G}_M(t)$ at $m_\pi^2 = 0.151 \text{ GeV}^2$, $Q^2 = 0.160 \text{ GeV}^2$



Fitted $\mathcal{G}_M(t)$ at $m_\pi^2 = 0.030 \text{ GeV}^2$, $Q^2 = 0.169 \text{ GeV}^2$



Conclusions

- After decade of speculation, the nature of $\Lambda(1405)$ is finally revealed from the first principles of QCD.
- Our results are consistent with the development of a non-trivial $\bar{K}N$ component as the quark masses become light.
- At the physical point the structure of the $\Lambda(1405)$ is dominated by a bound $\bar{K}N$.