

# QCD + QED studies

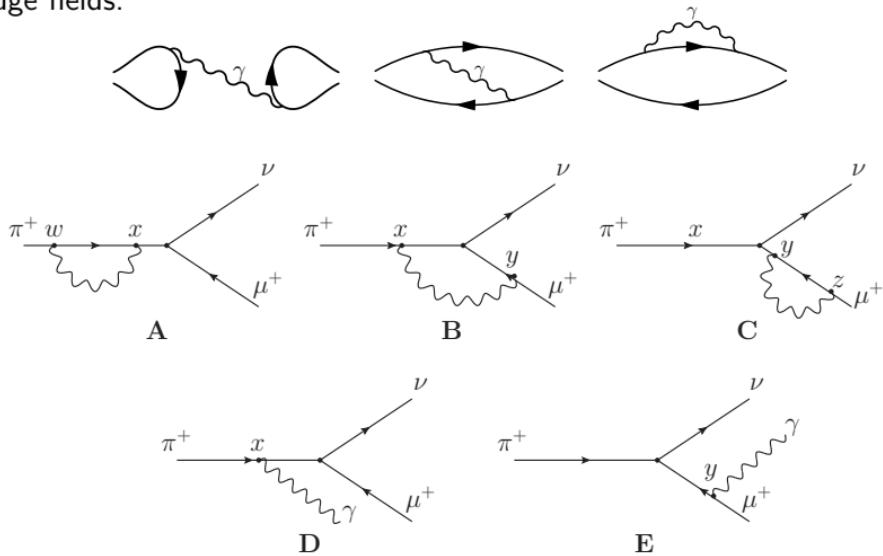
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- Introduction
- QED correction to light meson mass and leptonic decay width
- Summary

- Precision for some important observables,  $m_{\pi/K}$ ,  $f_{\pi/K}$ , HVP, have been improving steadily.
- QCD + QED is needed for sub-percent accuracy. Already very relevant at present.
- Our overall strategy to include QED in lattice QCD calculations:  
Calculate the pure QCD matrix elements of local vector currents, which couple to the QED gauge fields.



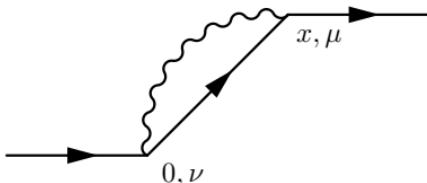
- The final expression for QED correction to hadron mass is split into two parts:

$$\Delta M = \mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}^{(s)} + \mathcal{I}^{(l)}$$

- For the short distance part:  $\mathcal{I}^{(s)} \approx \mathcal{I}^{(s,L)} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-t_s}^{t_s} dt \int_{L/2}^{L/2} d^3x \mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}^L(x) S_{\mu,\nu}^\gamma(x)$
- For the long distance part:  $\mathcal{I}^{(l)} \approx \mathcal{I}^{(l,L)} = \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} d^3x \mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}^L(t_s, \vec{x}) L_{\mu,\nu}(t_s, \vec{x})$
- For Feynman gauge:

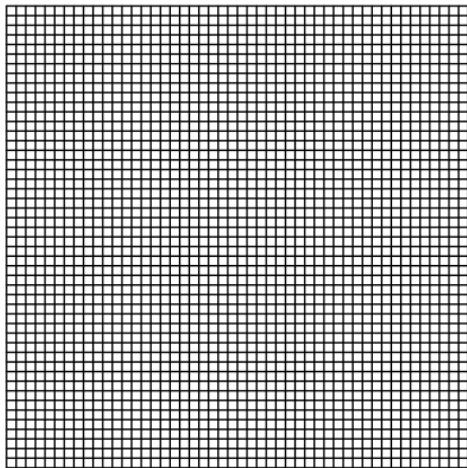
$$S_{\mu,\nu}^\gamma(x) = \frac{\delta_{\mu,\nu}}{4\pi^2 x^2} \quad L_{\mu,\nu}(t_s, \vec{x}) = \frac{\delta_{\mu,\nu}}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dp \frac{\sin(p|\vec{x}|)}{2(p + E_p - M)|\vec{x}|} e^{-pt_s}$$

- Only use  $\mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}^L(t, \vec{x})$  within  $-t_s \leq t \leq t_s$ .
- Choose  $t_s = L/2$ , **finite volume errors and the ignored excited states contribution to  $\mathcal{I}^{(l)}$  are both exponentially suppressed by the spatial lattice size  $L$** .

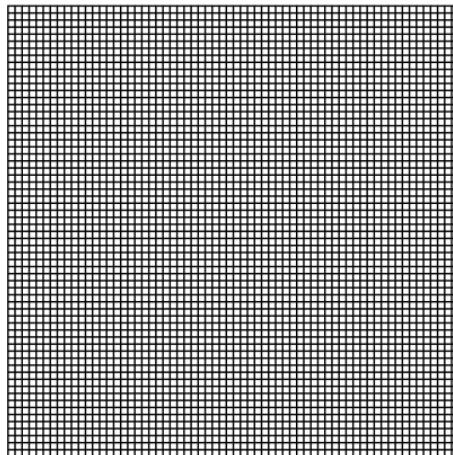


X. Feng, L. Jin. PRD [arXiv:1812.09817]  
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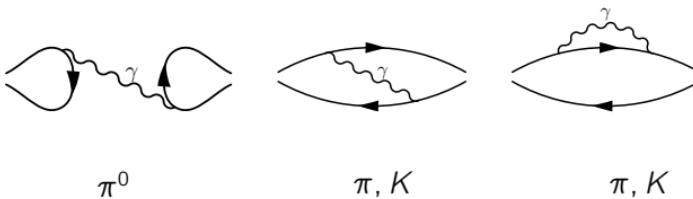
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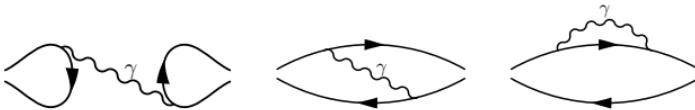


- Domain wall fermion action (preserves Chiral symmetry, no  $\mathcal{O}(a)$  lattice artifacts).
- Iwasaki gauge action.
- $M_\pi = 139$  MeV,  $L = 5.5$  fm box,  $1/a_{48I} = 1.73$  GeV,  $1/a_{64I} = 2.359$  GeV.



$$H_{\rho,\sigma}^{(s)}(x_t, \vec{x}) = H_{\rho,\sigma}^{(s)}(x) = \frac{1}{2m_\pi} \langle \pi(\vec{0}) | T \{ J_\rho^{\text{EM}}(x) J_\sigma^{\text{EM}}(0) \} | \pi(\vec{0}) \rangle \quad (1)$$

- Calculated with the 48I ensemble.
- Coulomb gauge fixed wall sources propagator at all time slices and point source propagators at randomly selected 2048 locations. We save these propagators after sparsening (1/16 ratio).
- Wall sources to interpolate the meson state.
- Keep the time separation between the wall sources and its closest  $J^{\text{EM}}$  operator fixed at a large enough distance ( $\sim 1.5$  fm) to control the excited state effects.
- Use point sources at one  $J^{\text{EM}}$  location, perform contraction at the other  $J^{\text{EM}}$  location after sparsening.

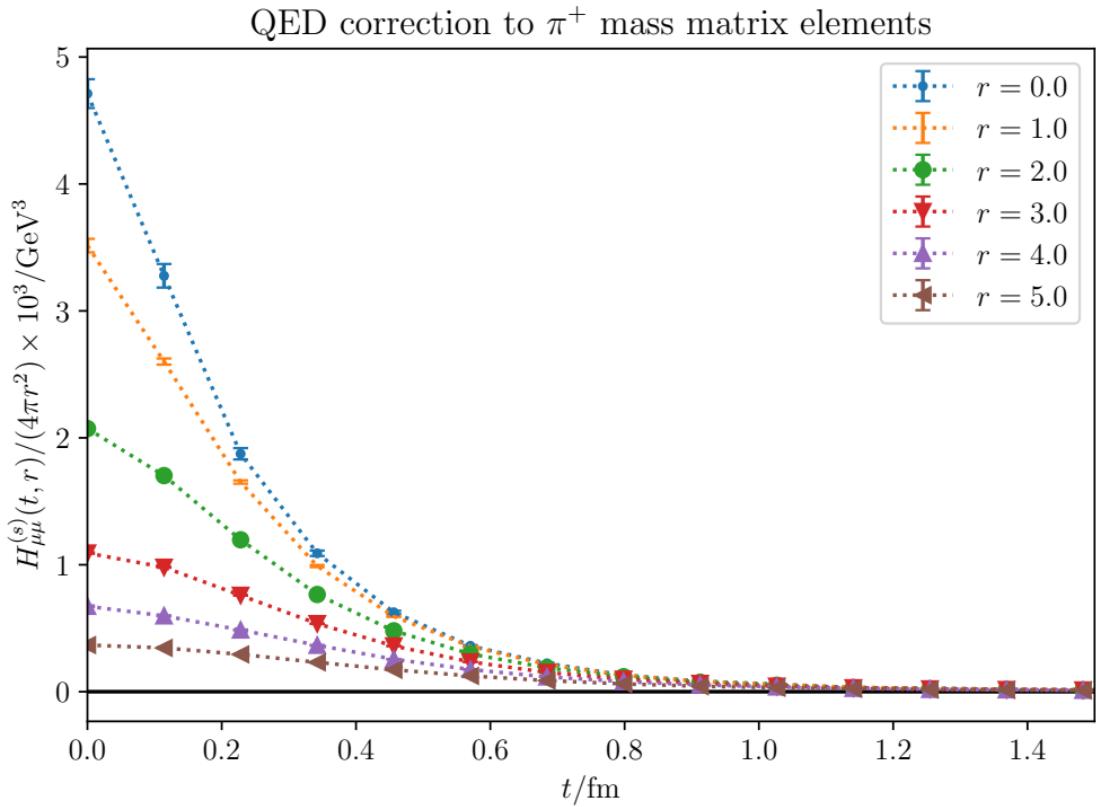
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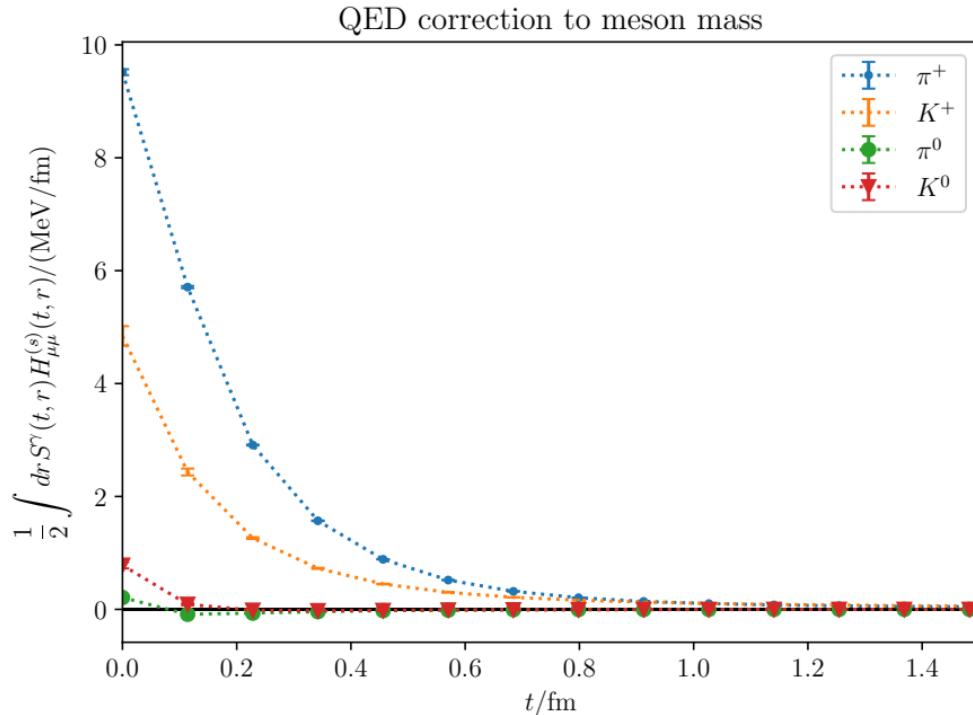
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$$H_{\mu\mu}^{(s)}(t, r) = \int d^3\vec{x} \delta(|\vec{x}| - r) H_{\mu,\mu}^{(s)}(t, \vec{x}) \rightarrow \sum_{\vec{x}, |\vec{x}|=r} H_{\mu,\mu}^{(s)}(t, \vec{x}) \quad (3)$$

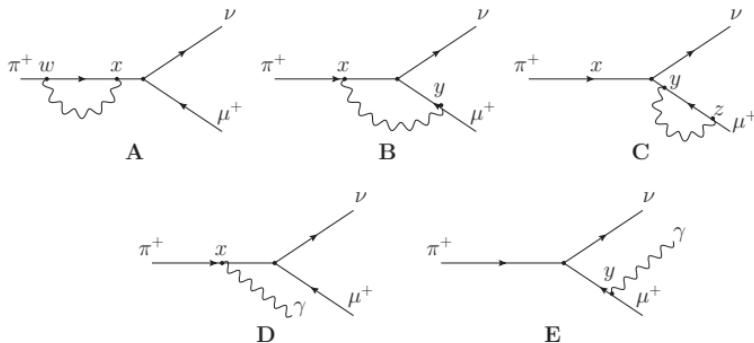
$$\frac{1}{4\pi|\vec{x}|^2} H_{\mu\mu}^{(s)}(t, r) = \frac{\int d^3\vec{x} \delta(|\vec{x}| - r) H_{\mu\mu}^{(s)}(t, \vec{x})}{\int d^3\vec{x} \delta(|\vec{x}| - r)} \quad (4)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\sum_{\vec{x}, |\vec{x}|=r} H_{\mu,\mu}^{(s)}(t, \vec{x})}{\sum_{\vec{x}, |\vec{x}|=r} 1} = \frac{1}{\sum_{\vec{x}, |\vec{x}|=r} 1} H_{\mu\mu}^{(s)}(t, r) \quad (5)$$





- Integrate over  $t$  (from  $-\infty$  to  $+\infty$ ) give the meson mass shift.



- $\chi$ PT: [V. Cirigliano and H. Neufeld. PLB \[arXiv:1102.0563\]](#)

$$\delta R_K = 0.0064(24) \quad (6)$$

$$\delta R_\pi = 0.0176(21) \quad (7)$$

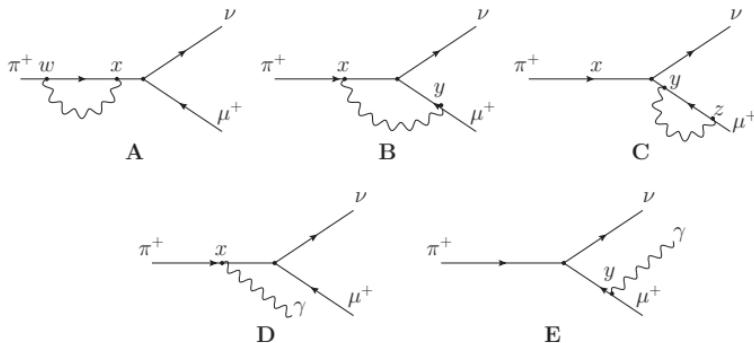
$$\delta R_{K\pi} = \delta R_K - \delta R_\pi = -0.0112(21) \quad (8)$$

- Lattice ETMC: [M. Di Carlo, et al. PRD \[arXiv:1904.08731\]](#)

$$\delta R_K = 0.0024(10) \quad (9)$$

$$\delta R_\pi = 0.0153(19) \quad (10)$$

$$\delta R_{K\pi} = \delta R_K - \delta R_\pi = -0.0126(14) \quad (11)$$



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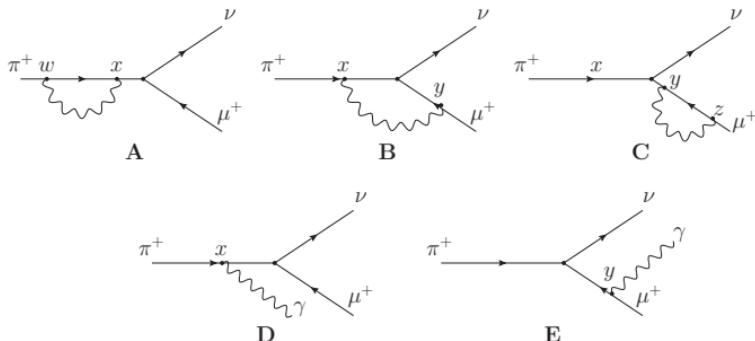
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$$\delta R_{K\pi} = \delta R_K - \delta R_\pi = -0.0126(14) \quad (14)$$

- Lattice RBC-UKQCD: [P. Boyle, et al. JHEP \[arXiv:2211.12865\]](#)

$$\delta R_{K\pi} = -0.0086(3)_{\text{stat}} \left( \begin{array}{c} +11 \\ -4 \end{array} \right)_{\text{fit}} (5)_{\text{disc.}} (5)_{\text{quench.}} (39)_{\text{vol.}} \quad (15)$$

Also use 48I ensemble (physical pion mass). Major systematic error from finite volume effects.

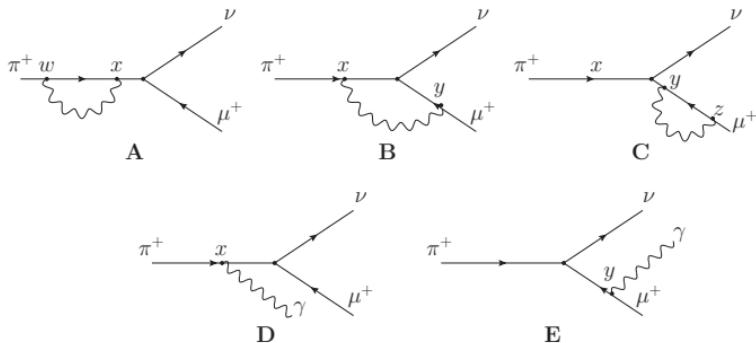


$$H_\mu^{(0)} = \langle 0 | J_\mu^W(0) | \pi(\vec{0}) \rangle \quad (16)$$

$$H_{\mu,\rho}^{(1)}(x) = H_{\mu,\rho}^{(1)}(x_t, \vec{x}) = \langle 0 | T \{ J_\mu^W(0) J_\rho^{\text{EM}}(x) \} | \pi(\vec{0}) \rangle \quad (17)$$

$$H_{\mu,\rho,\sigma}^{(2)}(t_1, t_2, \vec{x}) = \int d^3 \vec{w} \langle 0 | T \{ J_\mu^W(0) J_\rho^{\text{EM}}(t_1, \vec{w} + \vec{x}) J_\sigma^{\text{EM}}(t_2, \vec{w}) \} | \pi(\vec{0}) \rangle \quad (18)$$

- Calculated with the 48I ensemble.
- Coulomb gauge fixed wall sources propagator at all time slices and point source propagators at randomly selected 2048 locations. We save these propagators after sparsening (1/16 ratio).
- This is the same set of propagators as the meson mass calculation.

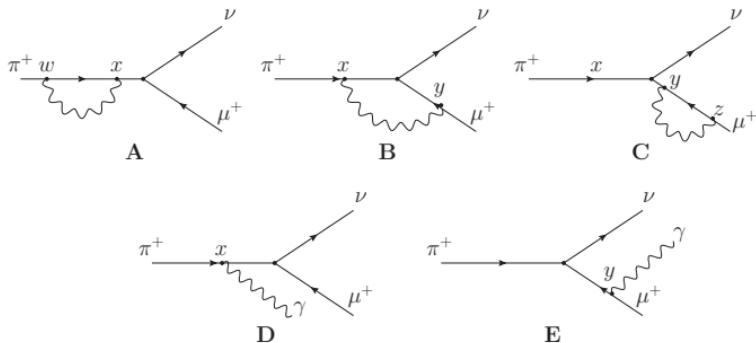


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- $J_\mu^W = J_\mu^{W,V} - J_\mu^{W,A} = \bar{d}\gamma_\mu u + \bar{s}\gamma_\mu u - \bar{d}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 u - \bar{s}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 u$ .

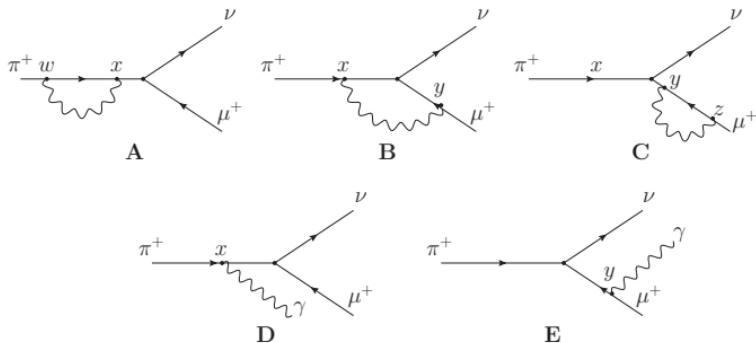


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$$H_{\mu,\rho,\sigma}^{(2)}(t_1, t_2, \vec{x}) = \int d^3 \vec{w} \langle 0 | T \{ J_\mu^W(0) J_\rho^{\text{EM}}(t_1, \vec{w} + \vec{x}) J_\sigma^{\text{EM}}(t_2, \vec{w}) \} | \pi(\vec{0}) \rangle \quad (24)$$

- For diagram B and D, use point sources at one  $J^{\text{EM}}$  location, perform contraction at the other  $J^{\text{EM}}$  location after sparsening.
- For diagram A, use point sources at one  $J^{\text{EM}}$  location and the  $J^W$  location, perform contract at the other  $J^{\text{EM}}$  location. Use aggressive sparsening to reduce the contraction cost.



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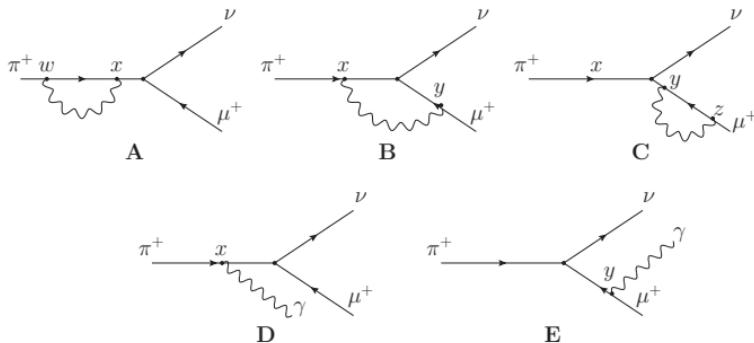
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- For  $H^{(0)}$ :

$$H_\mu^{(0)} = -\delta_{\mu,t} \langle 0 | J_t^W(0) | \pi(\vec{0}) \rangle = -\delta_{\mu,t} i m_\pi f_\pi \quad (28)$$

where  $f_\pi \approx 130$  MeV



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$$H_{\mu,\rho,\sigma}^{(2)}(t_1, t_2, \vec{x}) = \int d^3 \vec{w} \langle 0 | T \{ J_\mu^W(0) J_\rho^{\text{EM}}(t_1, \vec{w} + \vec{x}) J_\sigma^{\text{EM}}(t_2, \vec{w}) \} | \pi(\vec{0}) \rangle \quad (31)$$

- For  $H^{(2)}$ :

$$H_{\mu,\rho,\sigma}^{(2)}(t_1, t_2, \vec{x}) = -\delta_{\mu,t} \int d^3 \vec{w} \langle 0 | T \{ J_t^{\text{W,A}}(0) J_\rho^{\text{EM}}(t_1, \vec{w} + \vec{x}) J_\sigma^{\text{EM}}(t_2, \vec{w}) \} | \pi(\vec{0}) \rangle \quad (32)$$

$$H_{t\mu\mu}^{(2)}(t_1, t_2, r) = \int d^3 \vec{x} \delta(|\vec{x}| - r) H_{t,\mu,\mu}^{(2)}(t_1, t_2, \vec{x}) \quad (33)$$

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- For  $H^{(1)}$ :

$$H_{\mu,\rho}^{(1,V)}(x) = \langle 0 | T \{ J_\mu^{W,V}(0) J_\rho^{\text{EM}}(x) \} | \pi(\vec{0}) \rangle \quad (37)$$

$$H_{\mu,\rho}^{(1,A)}(x) = \langle 0 | T \{ J_\mu^{W,A}(0) J_\rho^{\text{EM}}(x) \} | \pi(\vec{0}) \rangle \quad (38)$$

$$H_V^{(1)}(t, r) = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3 \vec{x} \delta(|\vec{x}| - r) \epsilon_{i,j,k} \frac{x_i}{|\vec{x}|} H_{j,k}^{(1,V)}(t, \vec{x}) \quad (39)$$

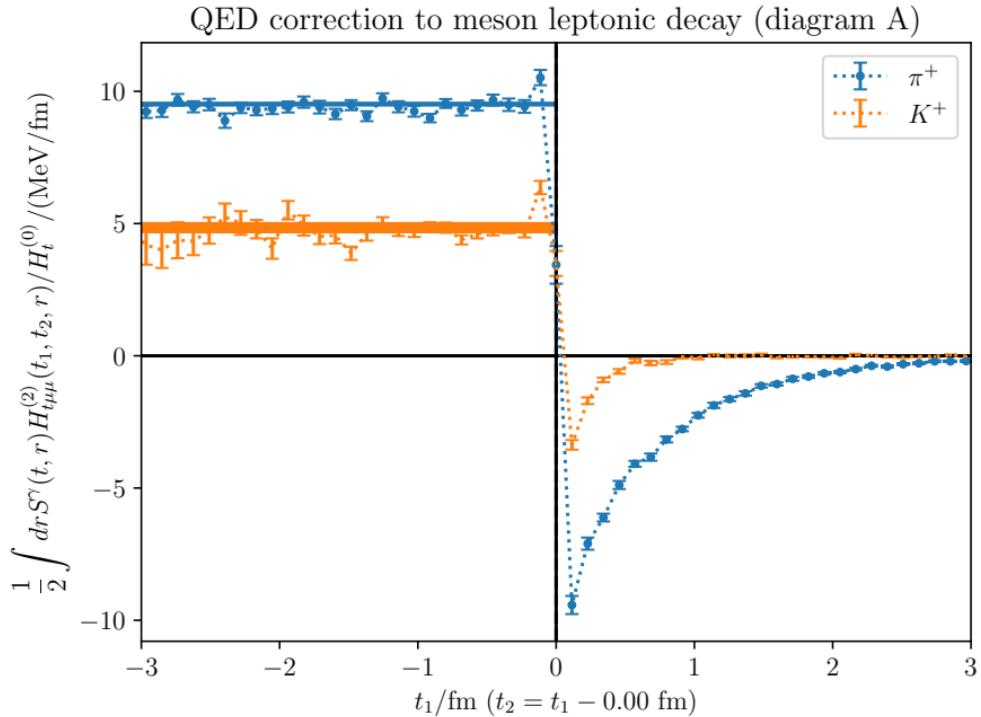
$$H_{Att}^{(1)}(t, r) = \int d^3 \vec{x} \delta(|\vec{x}| - r) H_{t,t}^{(1,A)}(t, \vec{x}) \quad (40)$$

$$H_{Atx}^{(1)}(t, r) = \int d^3 \vec{x} \delta(|\vec{x}| - r) \frac{x_i}{|\vec{x}|} H_{t,i}^{(1,A)}(t, \vec{x}) \quad (41)$$

$$H_{Axt}^{(1)}(t, r) = \int d^3 \vec{x} \delta(|\vec{x}| - r) \frac{x_i}{|\vec{x}|} H_{i,t}^{(1,A)}(t, \vec{x}) \quad (42)$$

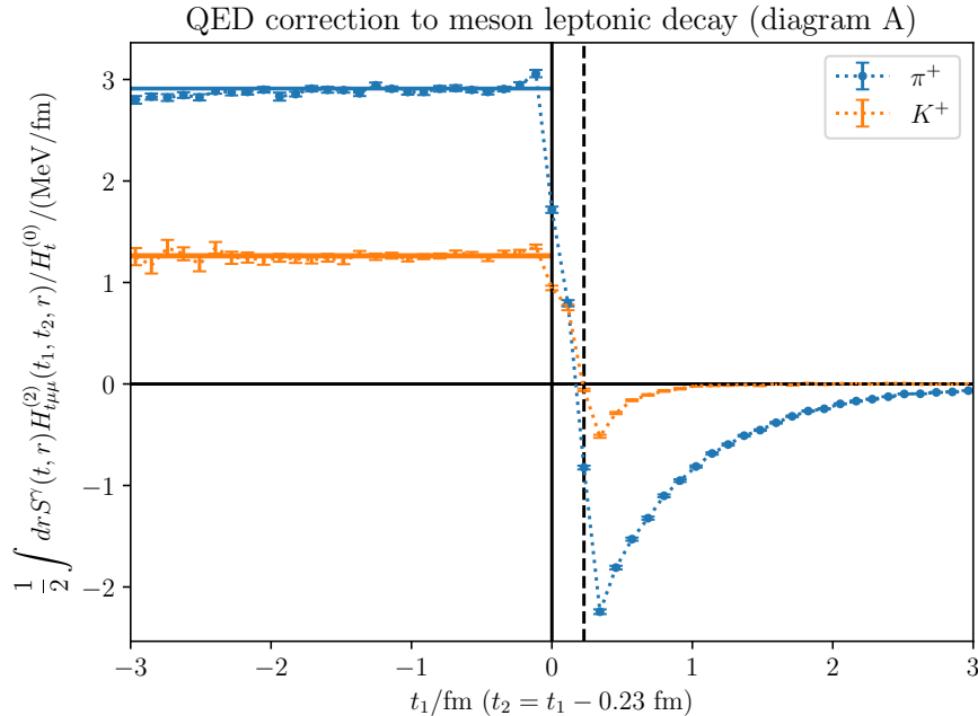
$$H_{Aii}^{(1)}(t, r) = \int d^3 \vec{x} \delta(|\vec{x}| - r) \frac{1}{3} H_{i,i}^{(1,A)}(t, \vec{x}) \quad (43)$$

$$H_{Axx}^{(1)}(t, r) = \int d^3 \vec{x} \delta(|\vec{x}| - r) \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{x_i x_j}{|\vec{x}|^2} - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{i,j} \right) H_{i,j}^{(1,A)}(t, \vec{x}) \quad (44)$$



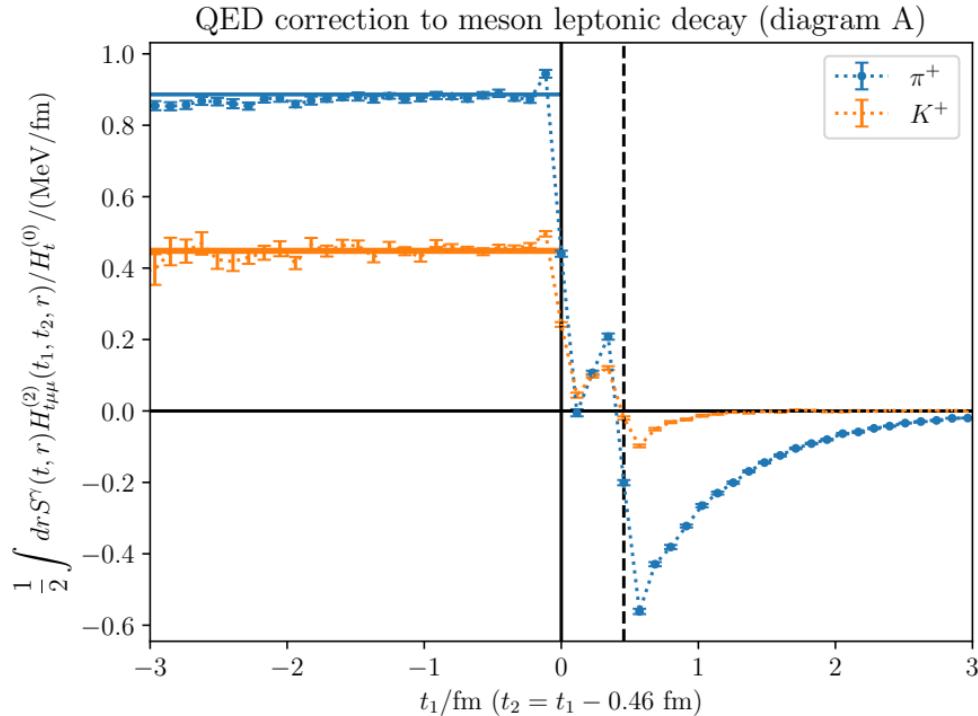
- Horizontal band represent the corresponding value from the mass shift calculation.

$$H_{t\mu\mu}^{(2)}(t_1, t_2, r) / H_t^{(0)} \approx H_{\mu\mu}^{(s)}(t_1 - t_2, r) \quad (t_1, t_2 \ll 0) \quad (45)$$



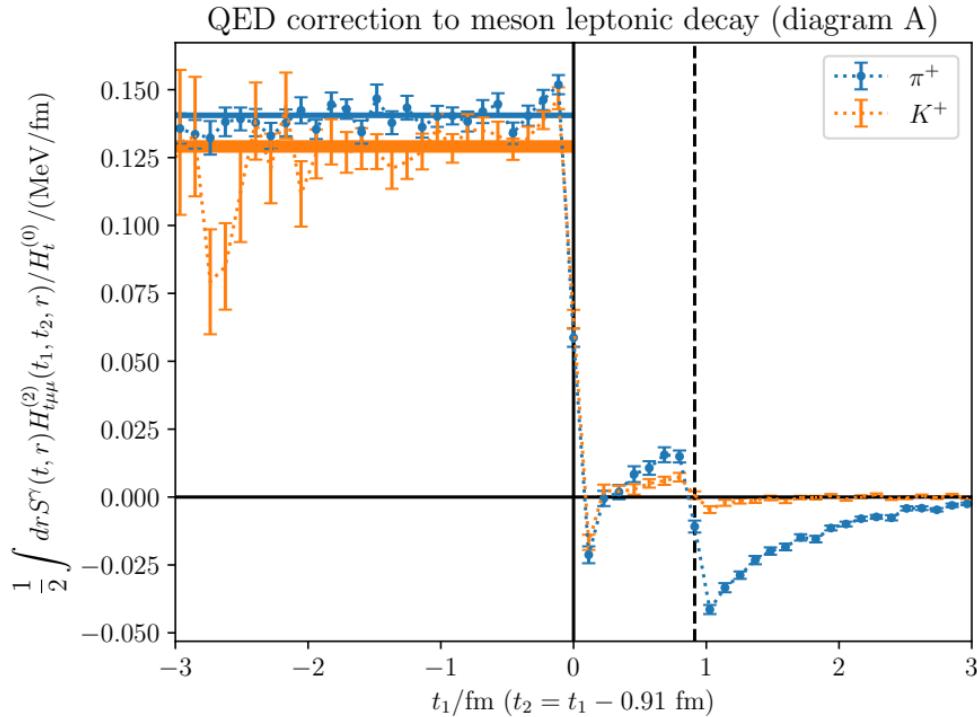
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- Calculations of QED corrections to kaon mass and leptonic decay are in progress.
- Other recent works supported by this proposal:
  - “Nucleon electric polarizabilities and nucleon-pion scattering at physical pion mass,” [arXiv:2310.01168 [hep-lat]].
  - “Lattice QCD Calculation of Electroweak Box Contributions to Superallowed Nuclear and Neutron Beta Decays,” [arXiv:2308.16755 [hep-lat]].
  - “Lattice QCD Calculation of  $\pi^0 \rightarrow e^+ e^-$  Decay,” Phys. Rev. Lett. **130**, no.19, 191901 (2023) [arXiv:2208.03834 [hep-lat]].
  - “Lattice QCD calculation of the light sterile neutrino contribution in  $0\nu2\beta$  decay,” Phys. Rev. D **106**, no.7, 074510 (2022) [arXiv:2206.00879 [hep-lat]].
  - “Lattice QCD Calculation of the Two-Photon Exchange Contribution to the Muonic-Hydrogen Lamb Shift,” Phys. Rev. Lett. **128**, no.17, 172002 (2022) [arXiv:2202.01472 [hep-lat]].
  - “Lattice QCD Calculation of the Pion Mass Splitting,” Phys. Rev. Lett. **128**, no.5, 052003 (2022) [arXiv:2108.05311 [hep-lat]].

Thank You!