

Light-meson leptonic decay rates from lattice QCD+QED calculations

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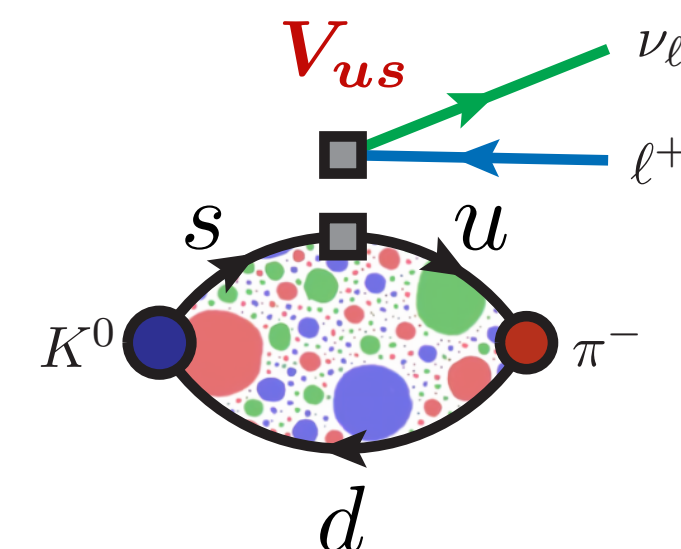
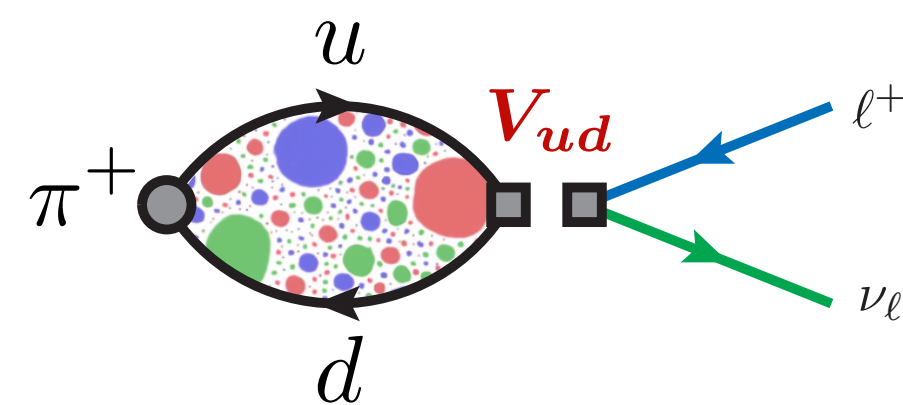
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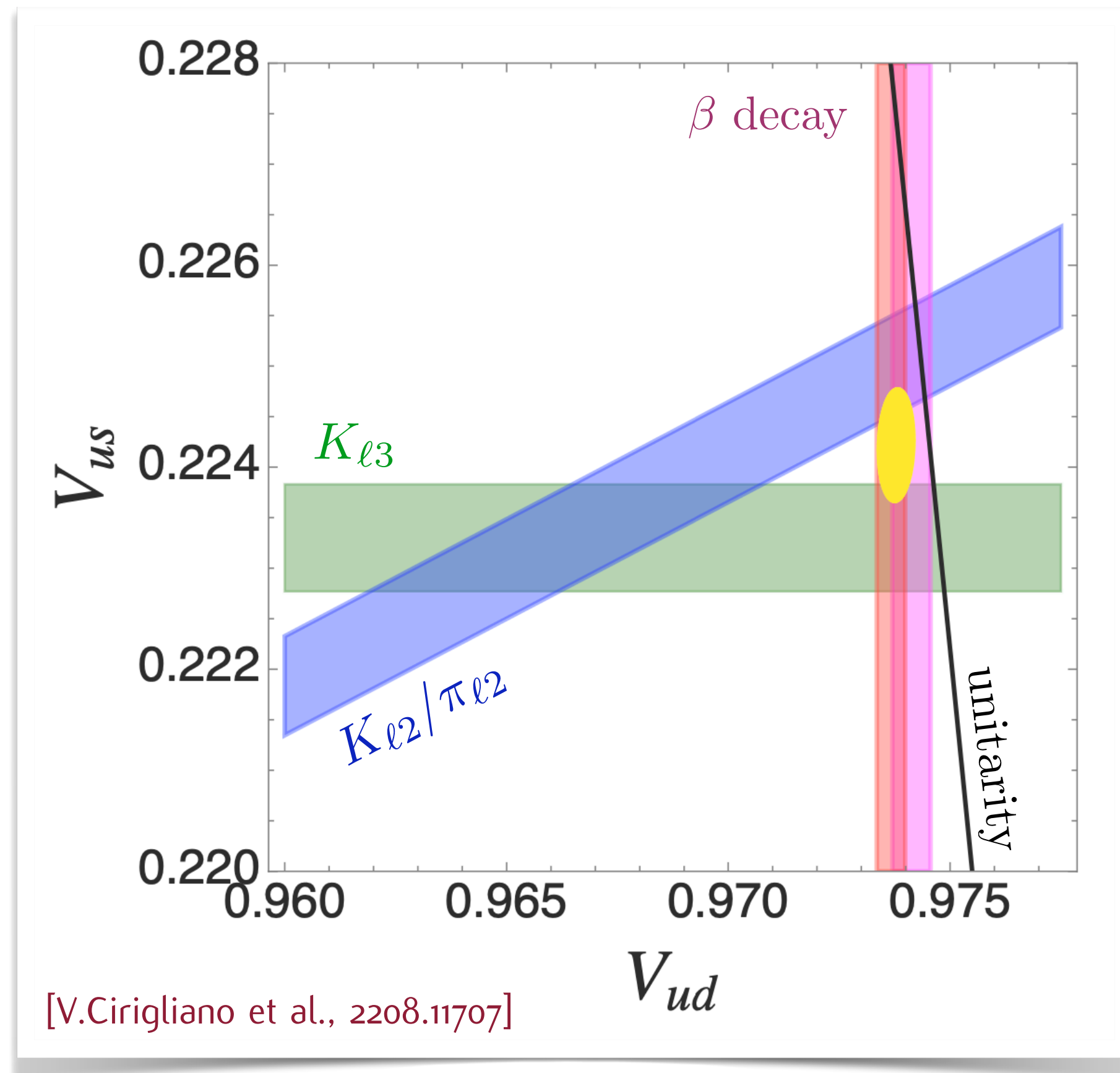
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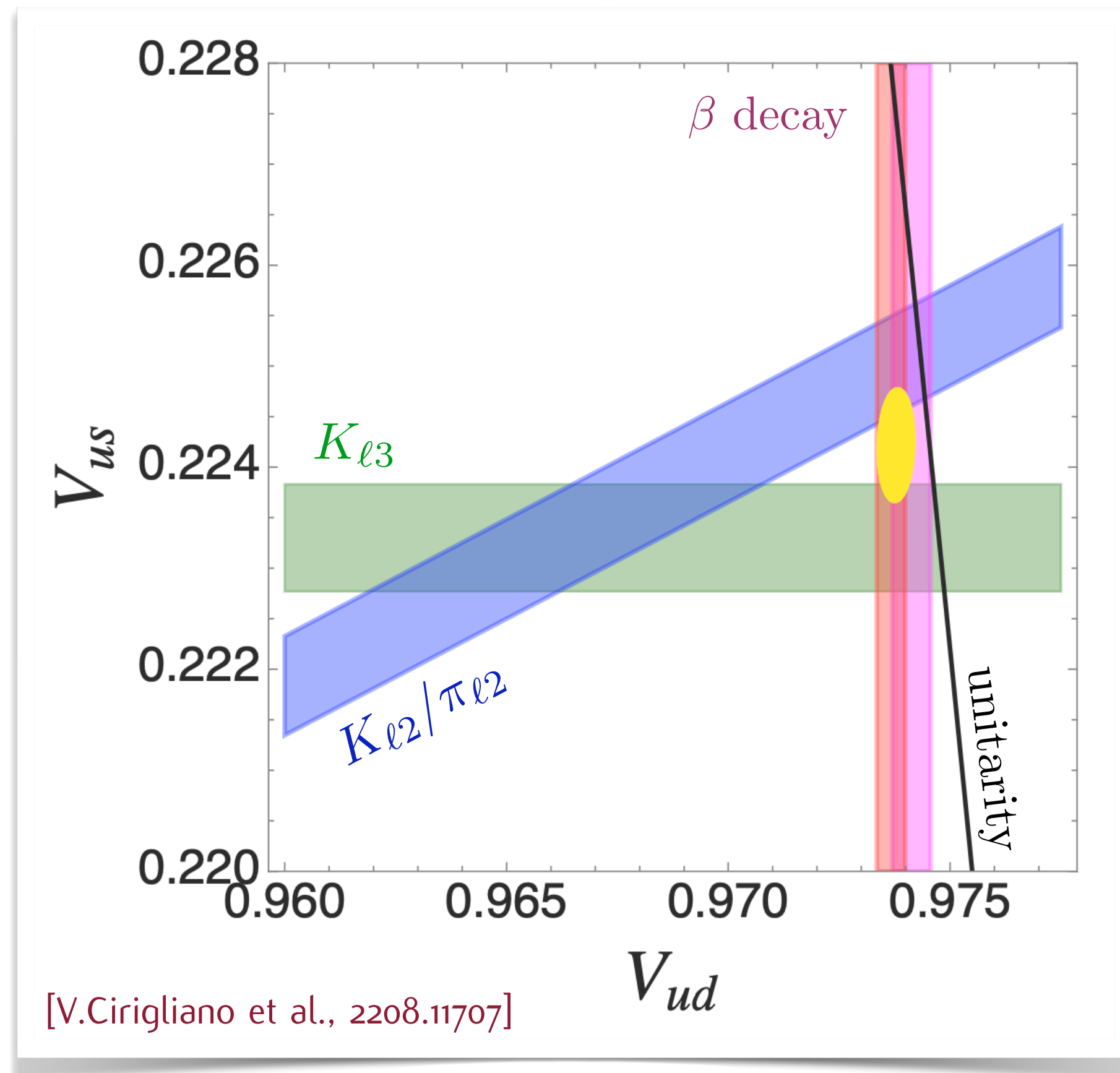


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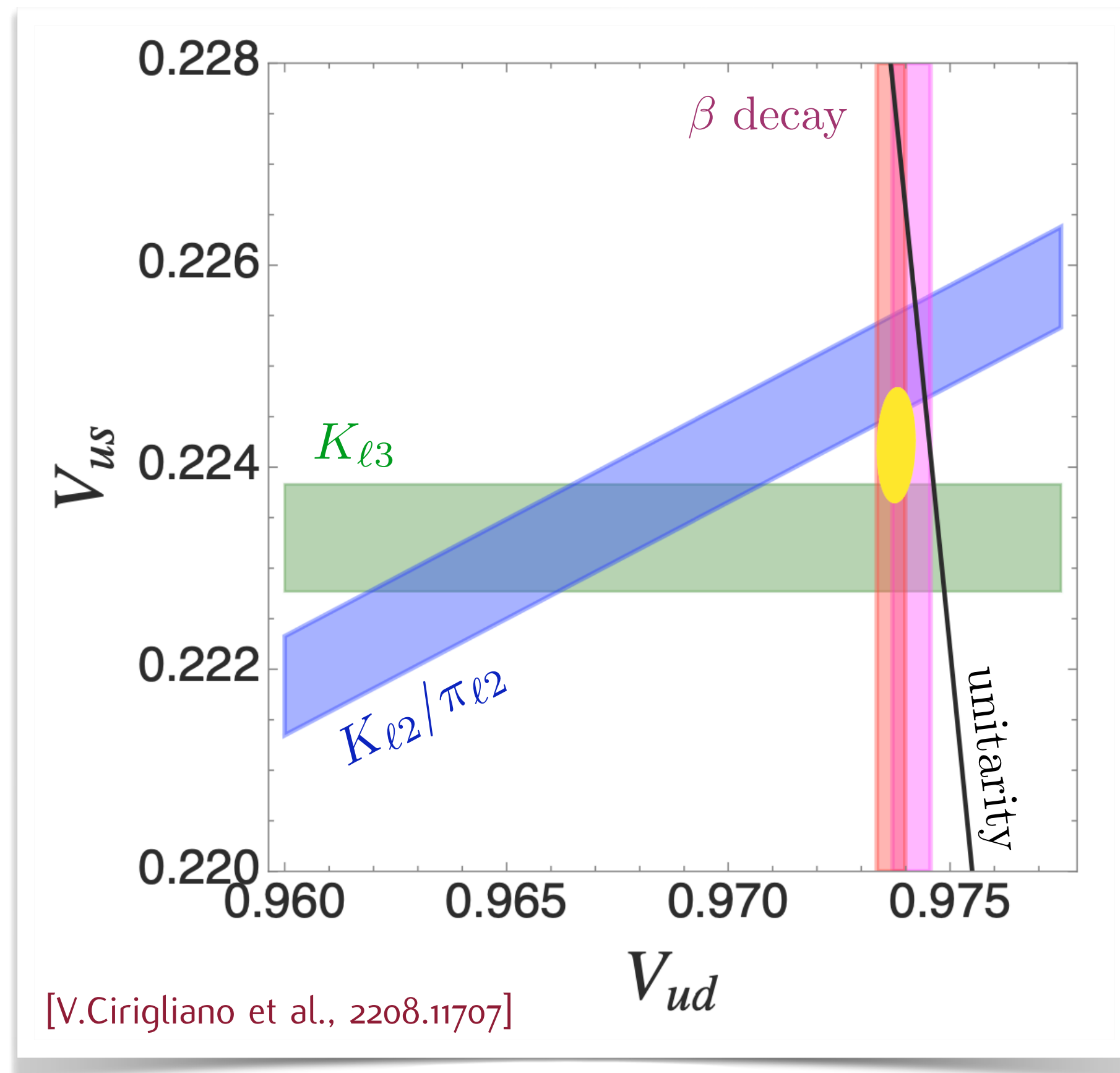
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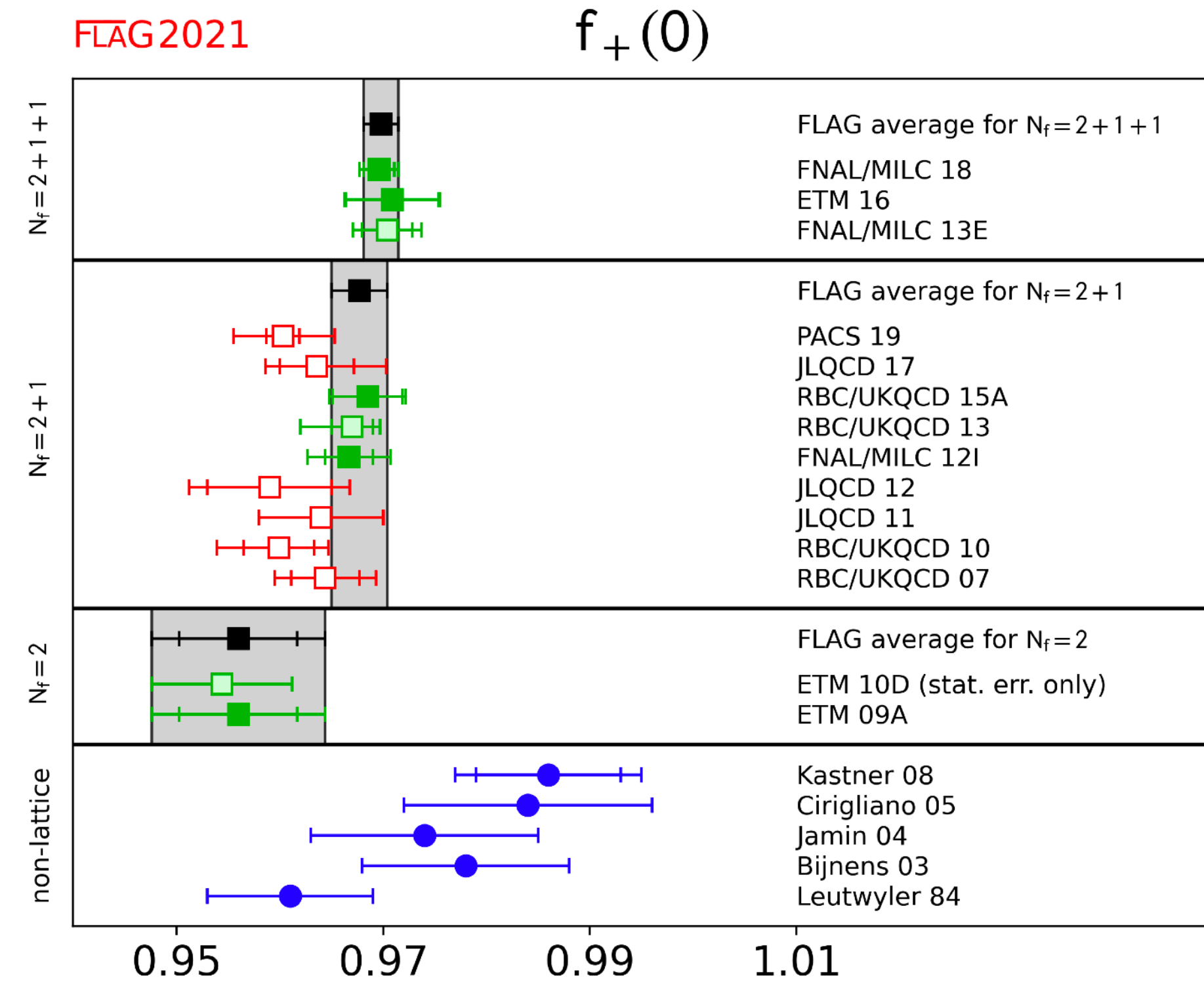
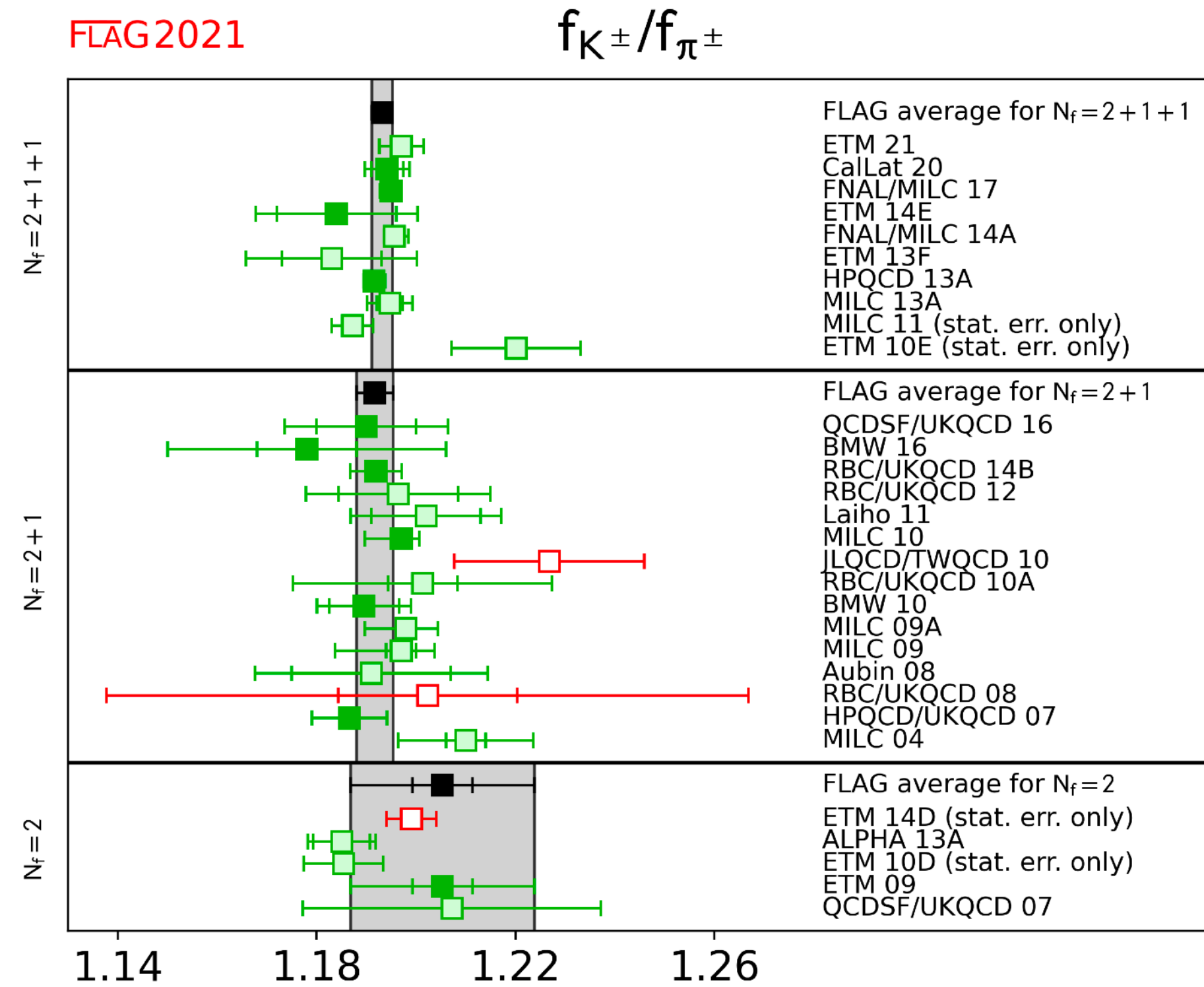


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- improve predictions including radiative corrections and isospin-breaking effects

Some lattice QCD results



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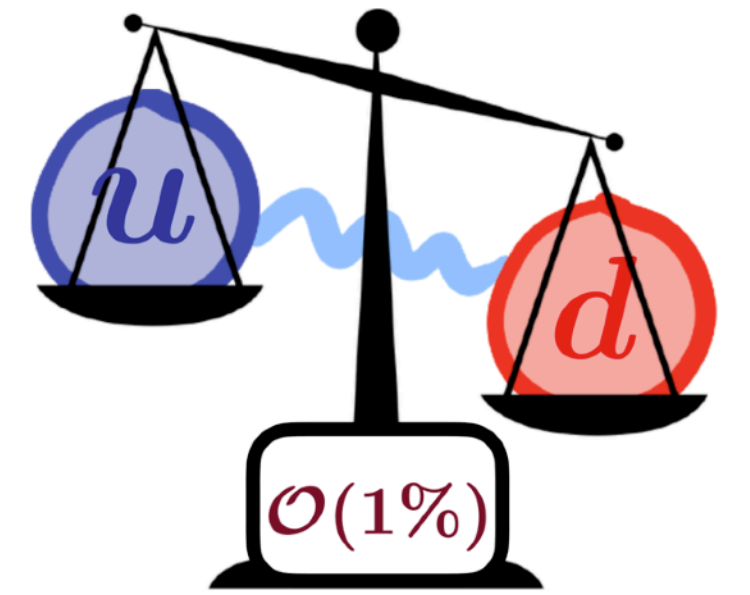
f_K/f_π and $f_+^{K\pi}(0)$ determined from lattice QCD with sub percent precision!

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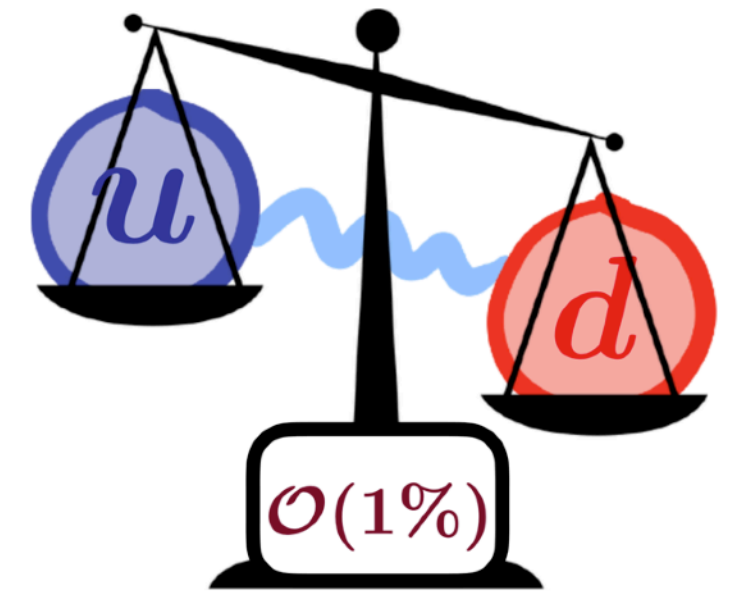
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In this calculation:

■ RM123 perturbative approach

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle &= \int \mathcal{D}\Phi \mathcal{O} e^{-S_{\text{iso}} - \Delta S} \\ &= \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{\text{iso}} + \langle \Delta S \mathcal{O} \rangle_{\text{iso}} + \dots \end{aligned}$$



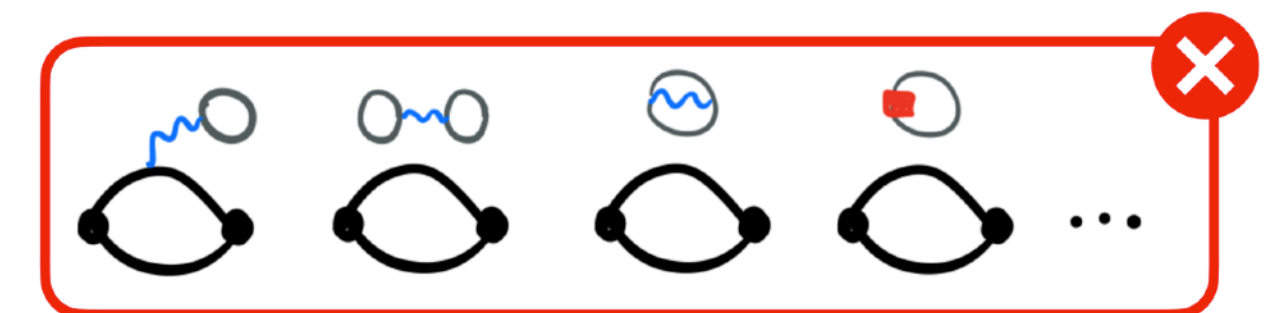
■ QED_L photon prescription

$$\Delta_{\mu\nu}^{\gamma}(x) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{k_0} \sum_{\mathbf{k} \neq 0} \Delta_{\mu\nu}^{\gamma}(k) e^{ik \cdot x}$$

& power-like finite volume effects

■ "electro-quenched" QED

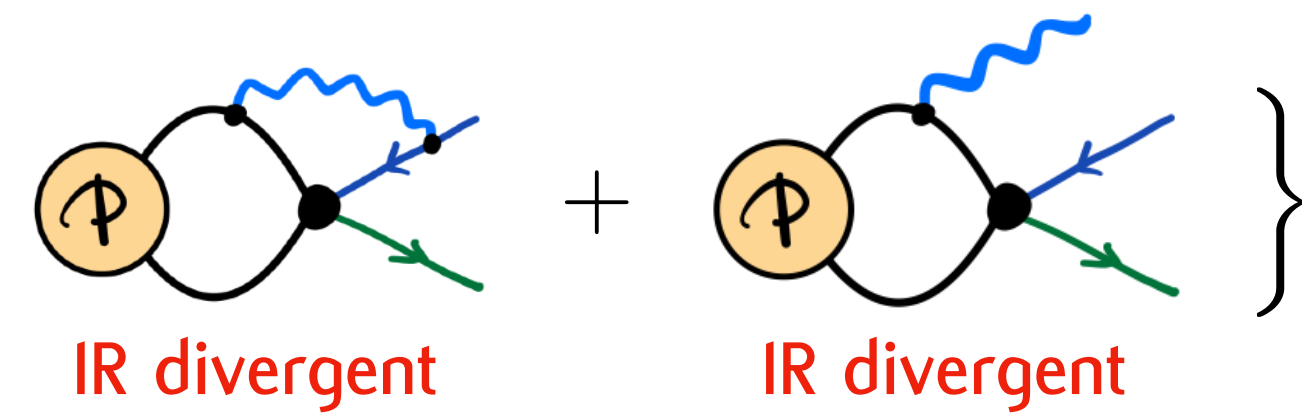
neutral sea quarks



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The diagrammatic equation shows the calculation of the decay rate $\Gamma(P_{\ell 2})$ at order $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$. It is expressed as the sum of two terms, each involving a limit as the infrared cutoff $\Lambda_{\text{IR}} \rightarrow 0$.

The first term is the limit of the difference between two diagrams, both labeled "IR finite". The first diagram shows a fermion line (green arrow) entering a vertex (black dot) from the bottom right, and another fermion line (blue arrow) entering from the top right. A photon line (blue wavy line) is emitted from the vertex. The second diagram shows a similar setup, but with a fermion line (black line) connecting the vertex to a counter-propagating fermion line (black line) that also enters from the bottom right.

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Possible extensions:

- compute structure-dependent real photon emission on the lattice

G.M. de Divitiis et al., [1908.10160]

A. Desiderio et al., PRD 102 (2021)

R. Frezzotti et al., PRD 103 (2021)

C. Kane et al., [1907.00279 & 2110.13196]

D. Giusti et al., [2302.01298]

- nice progress also on virtual photon emission: see [G.Gagliardi's talk @11.50](#)

G. Gagliardi et al., PRD 105 (2022)



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Isospin-breaking corrections to light-meson leptonic decays from lattice simulations at physical quark masses

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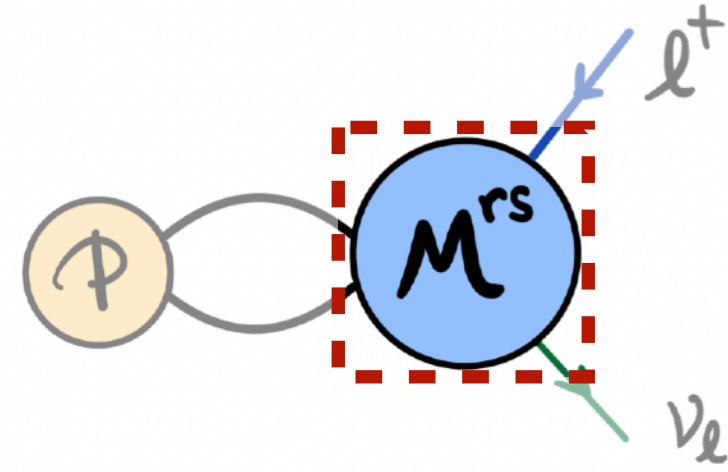
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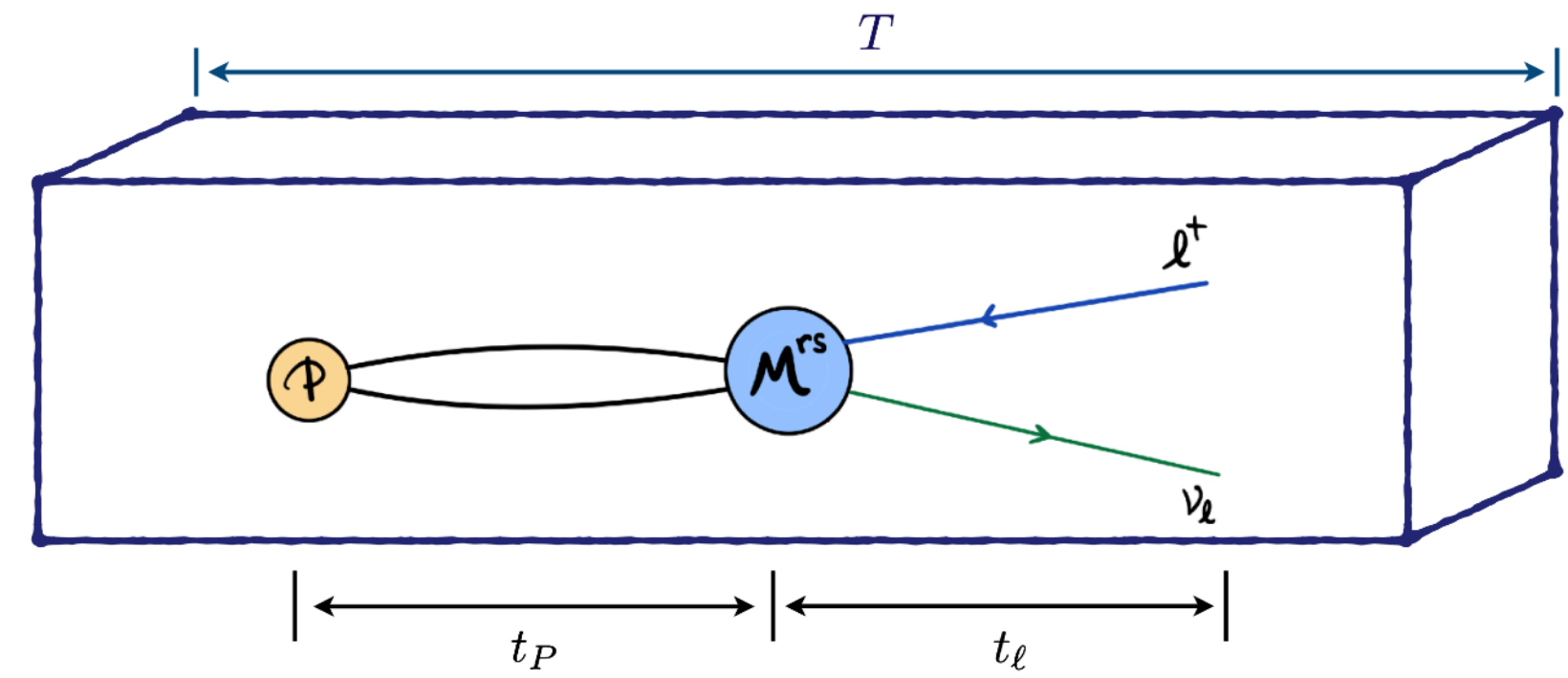
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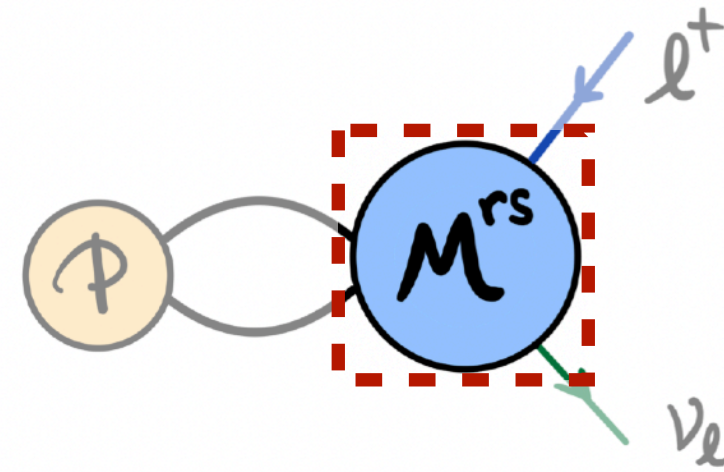


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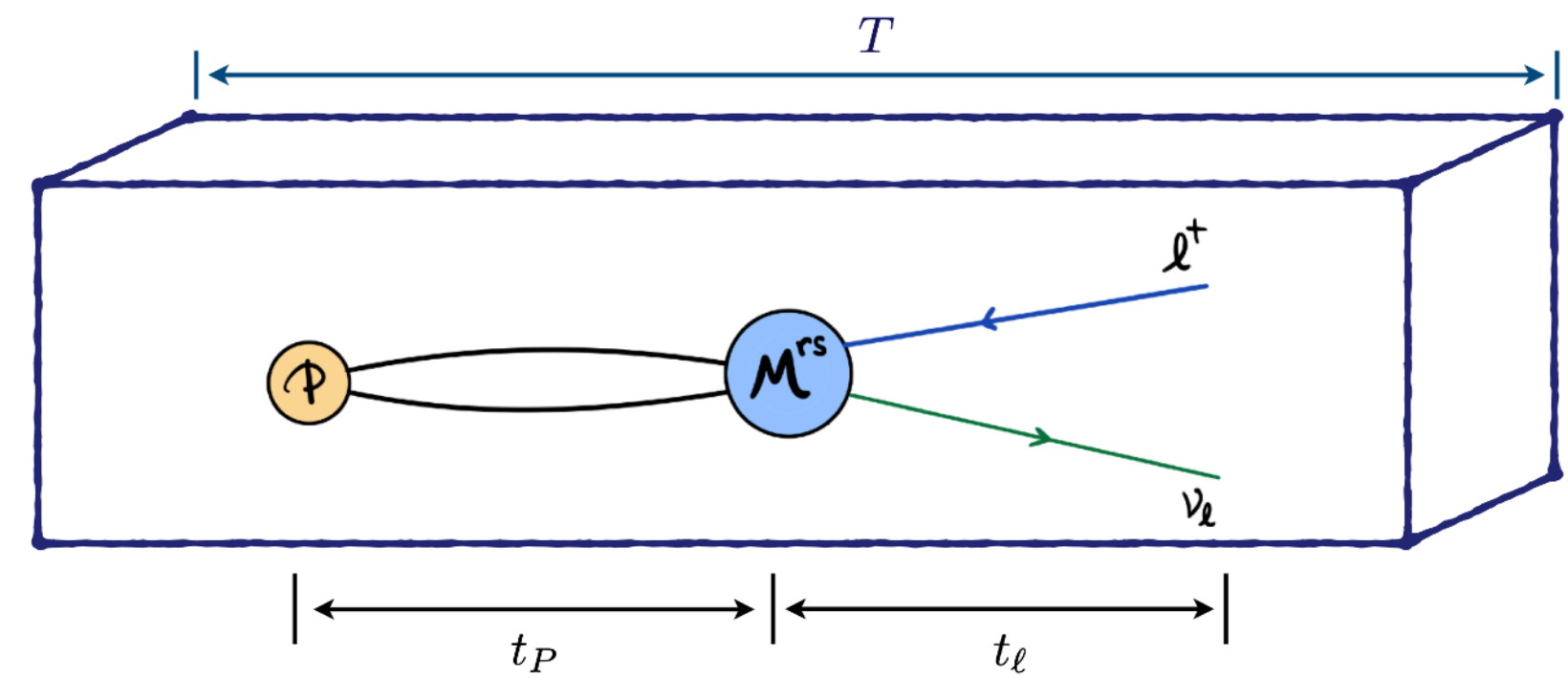


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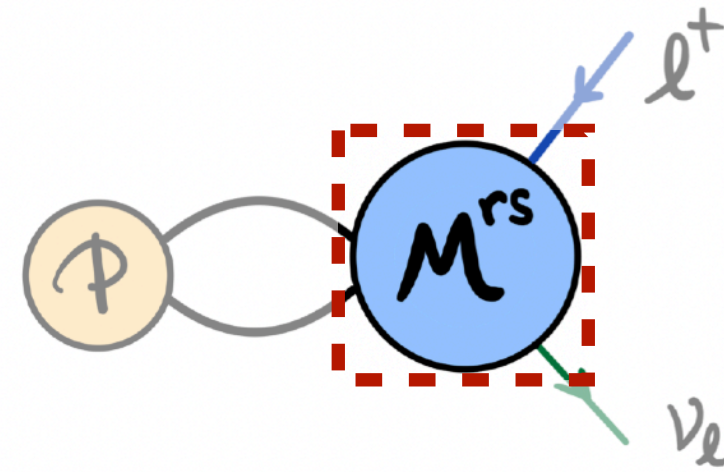
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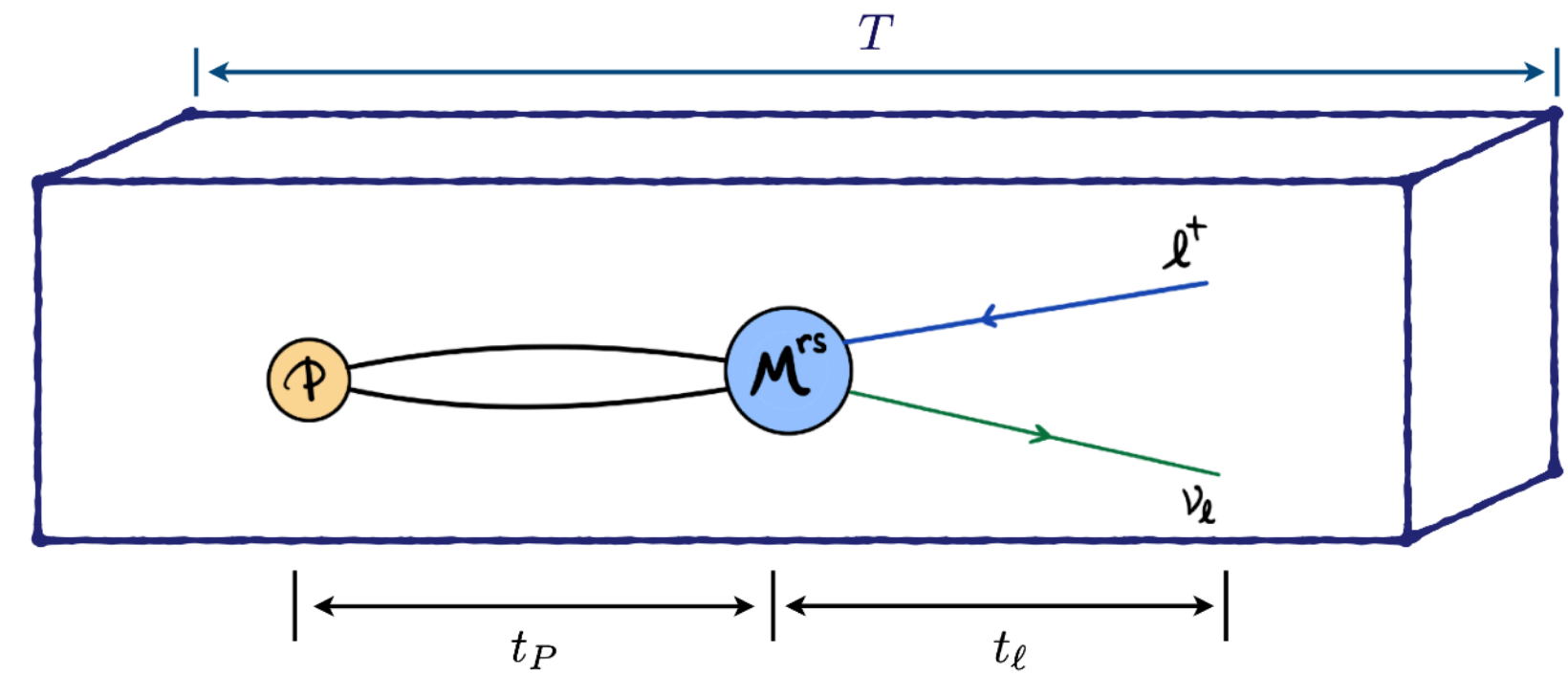
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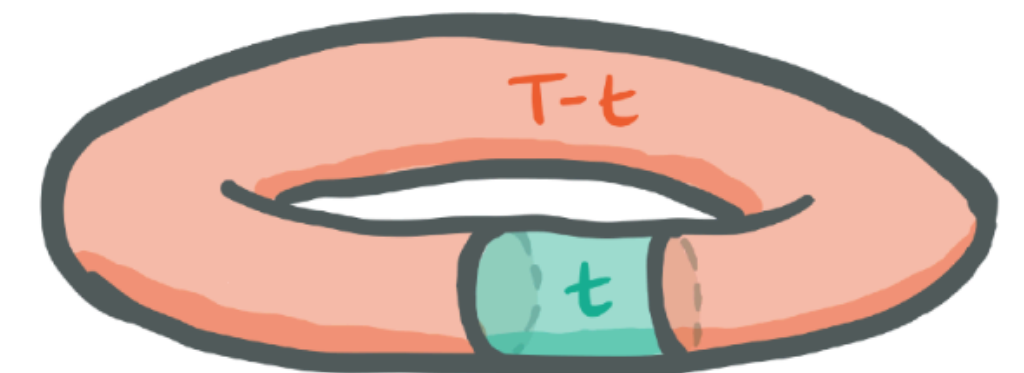


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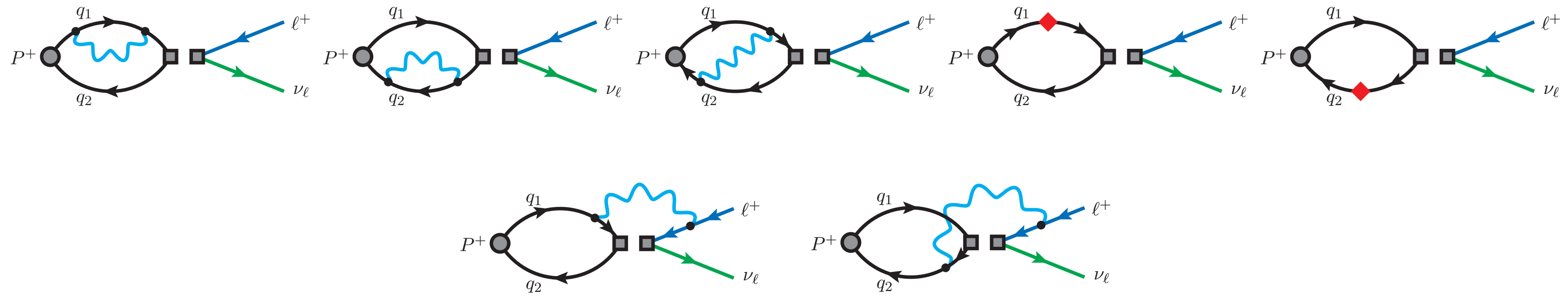
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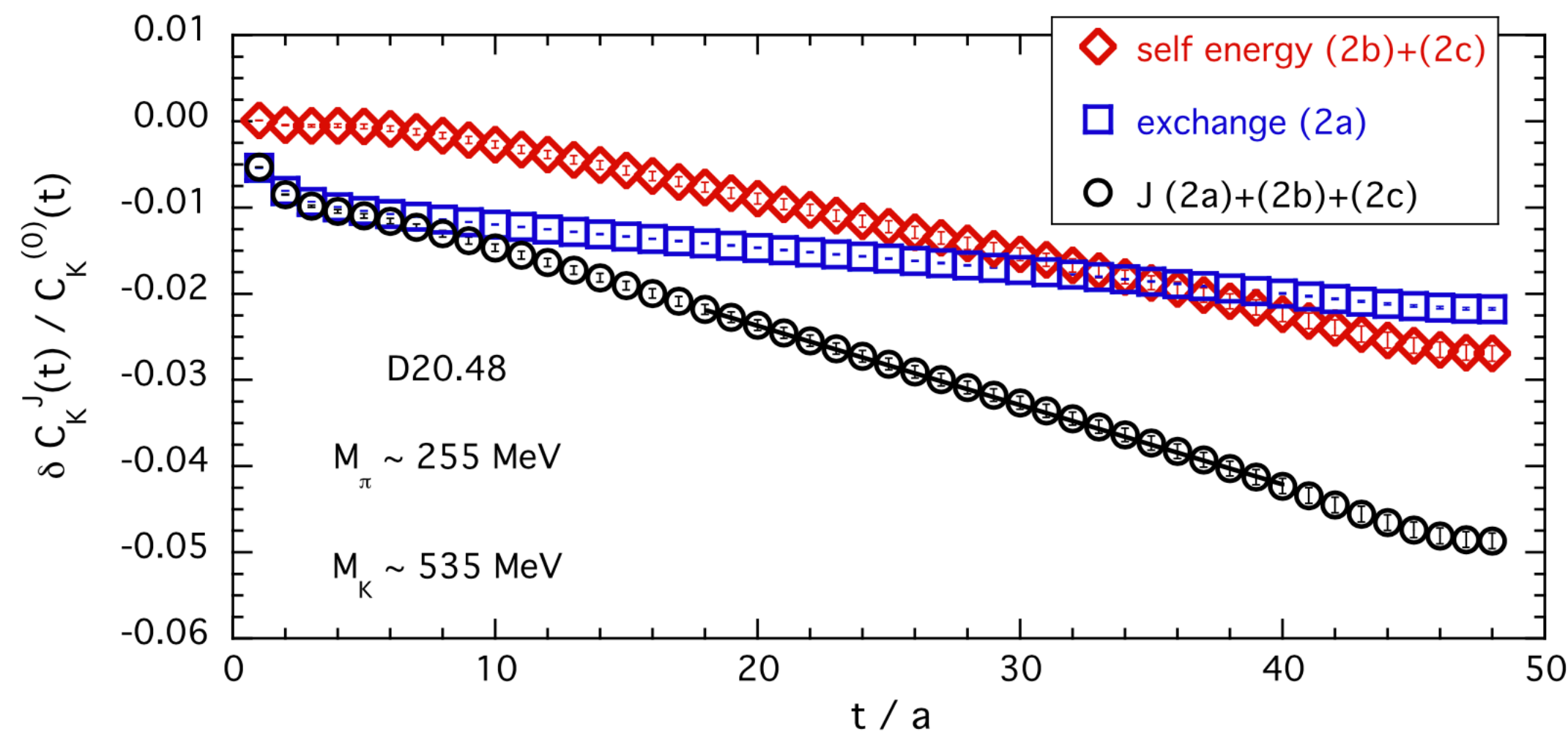
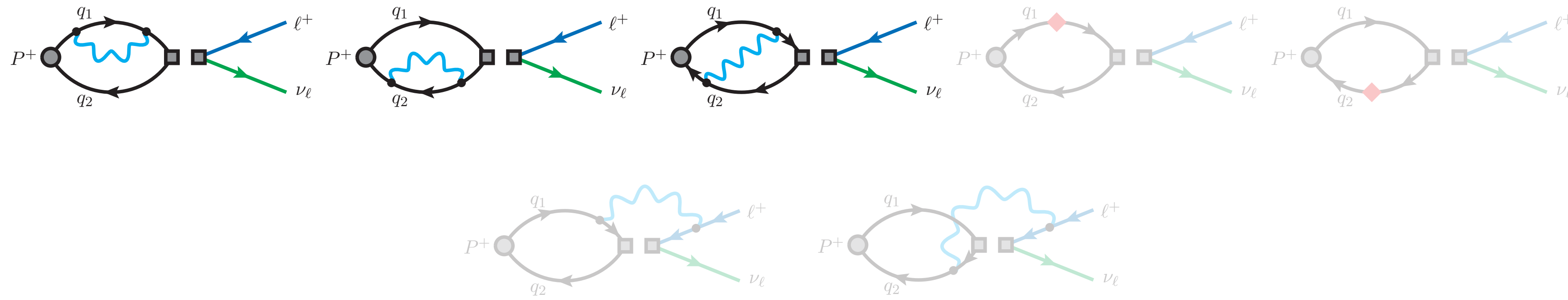
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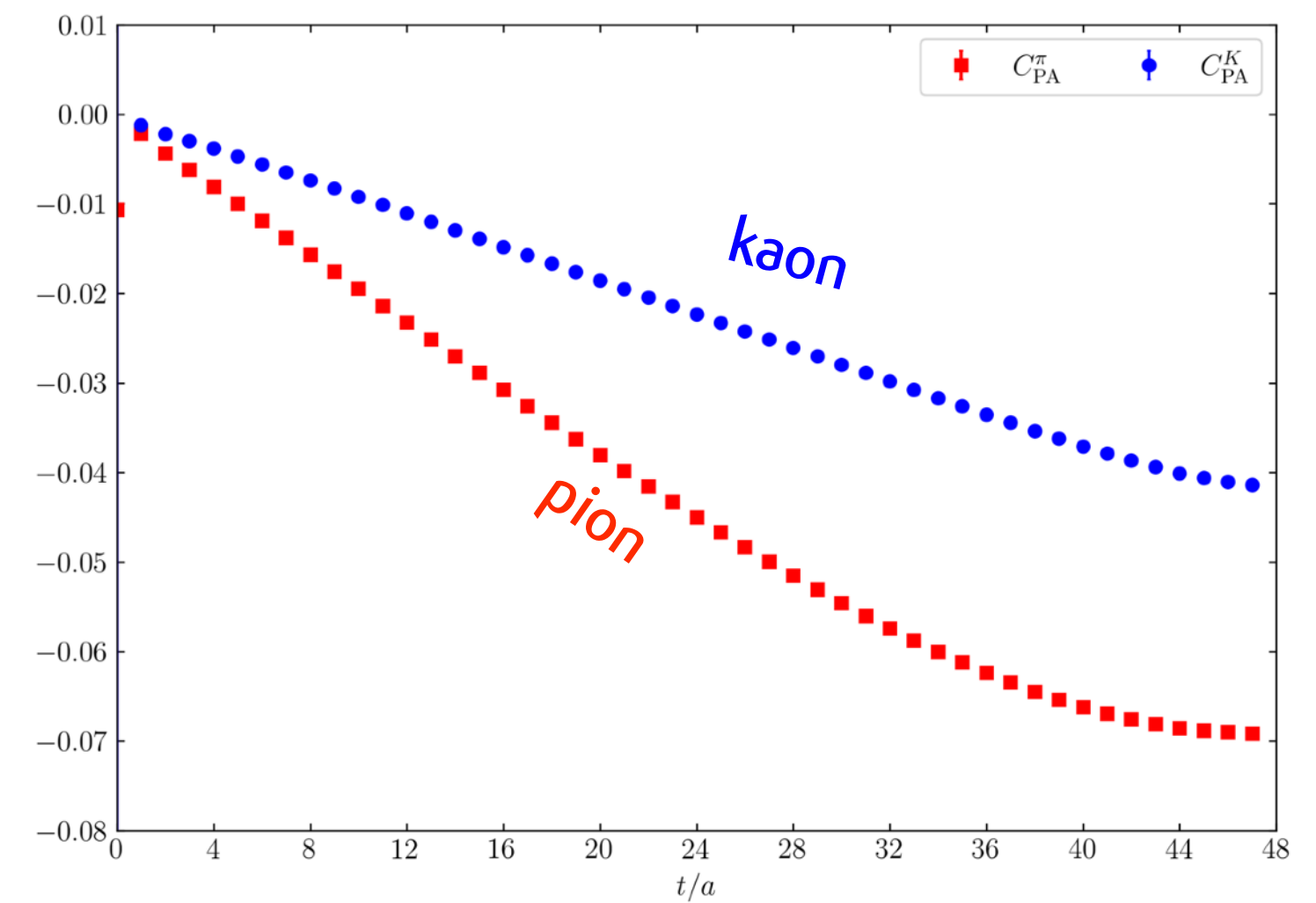
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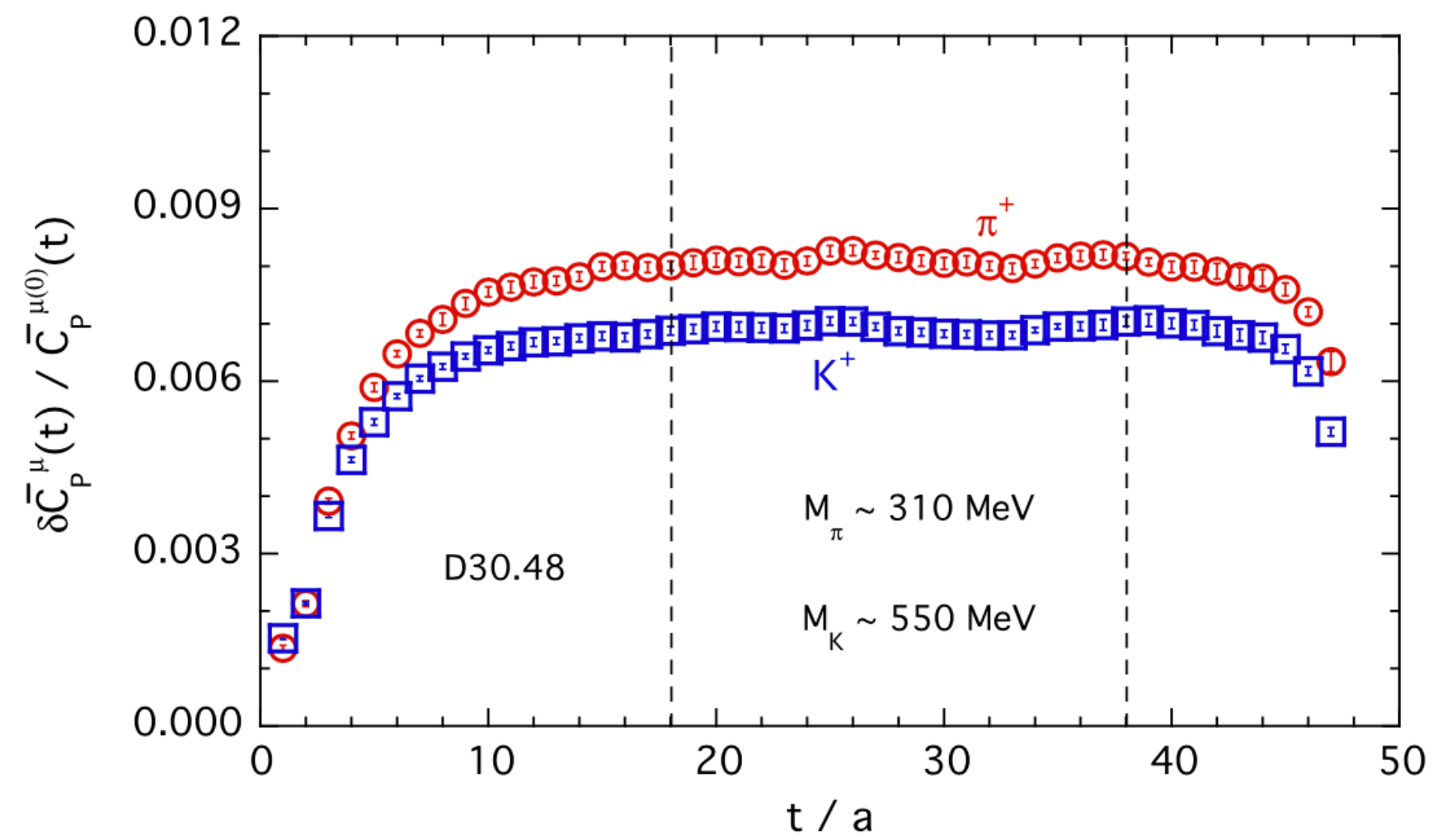
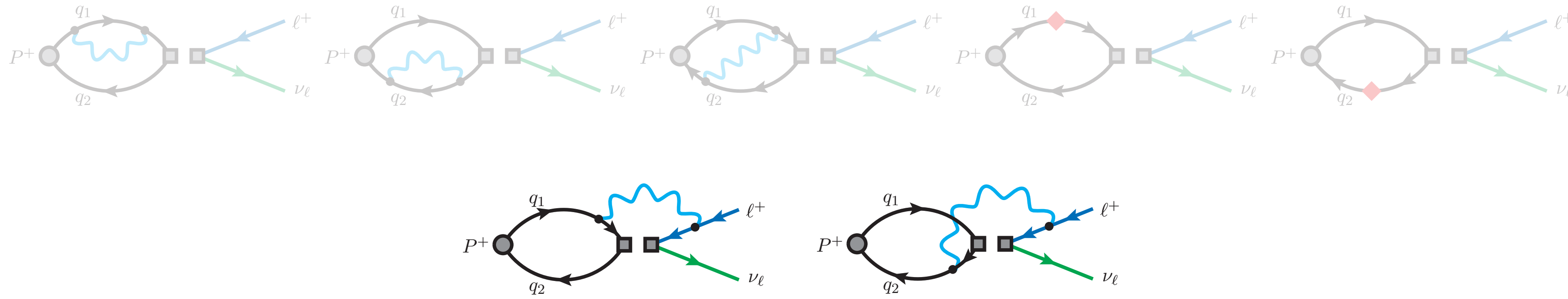


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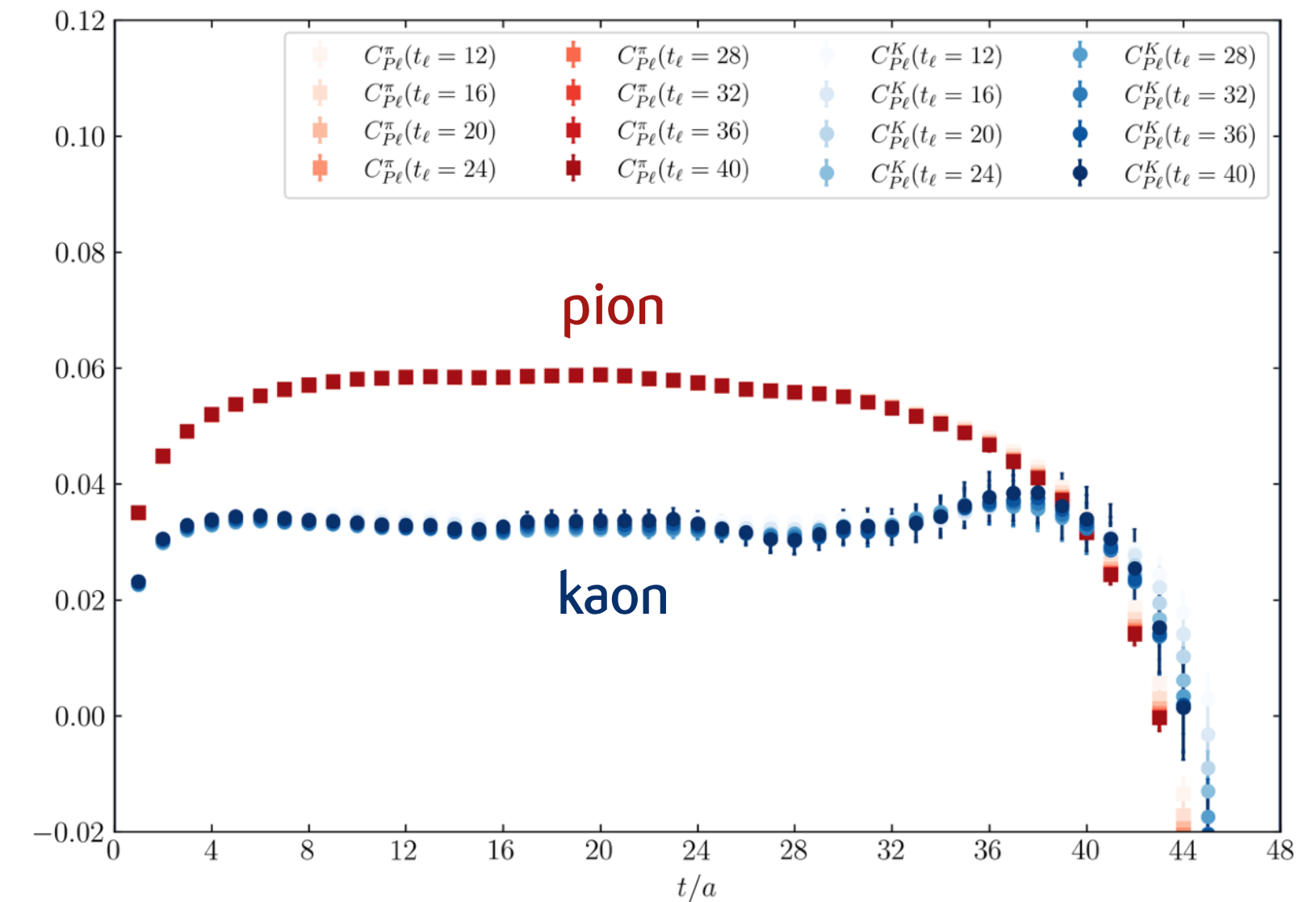


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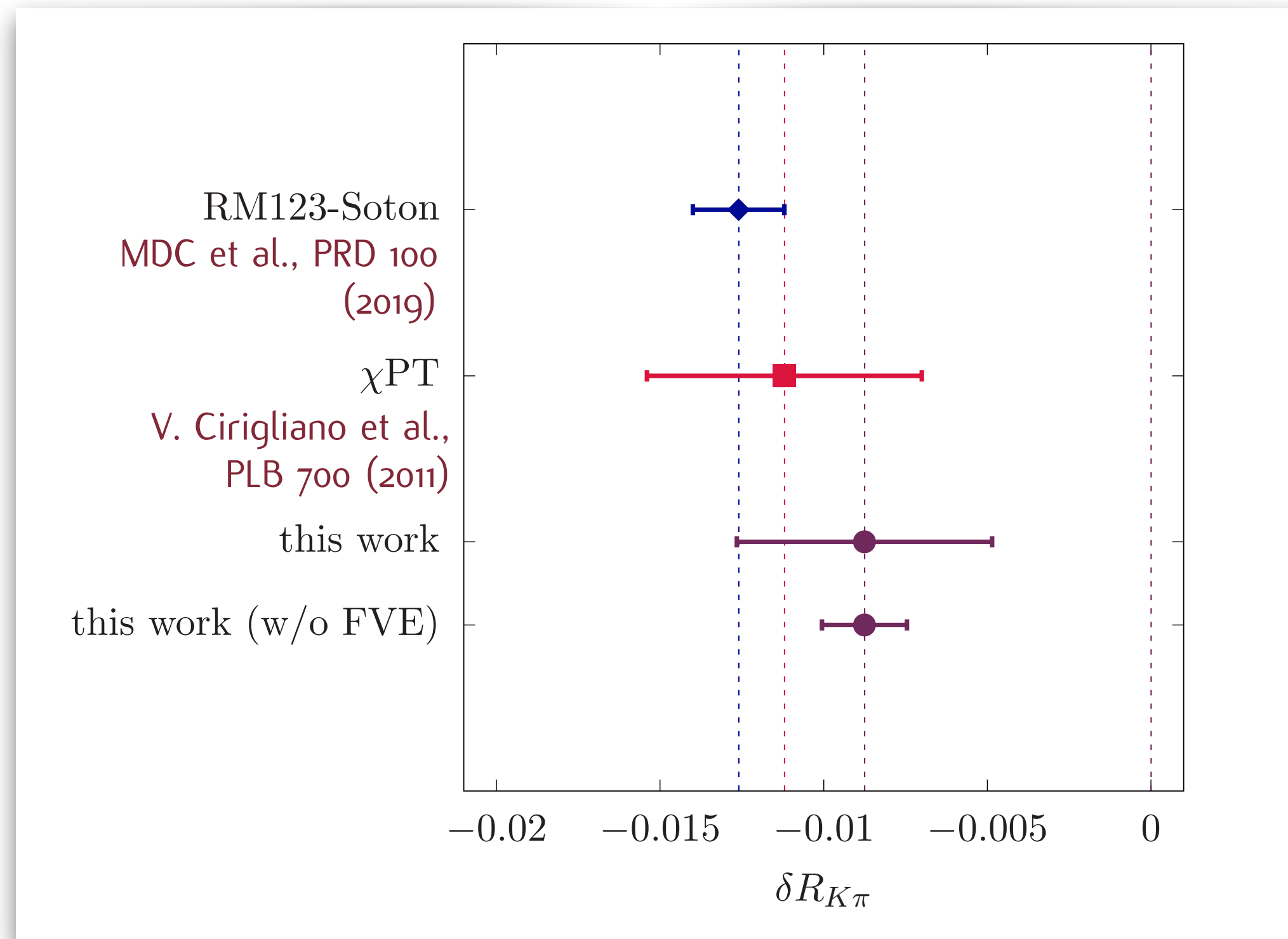


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Results for $\delta R_{K\pi}$



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

$$\text{RM123S: } \delta R_{K\pi} = -0.0126 (14) \quad \chi\text{PT: } \delta R_{K\pi} = -0.0112 (21)$$

- Our new result is compatible with previous lattice calculation (RM123S) and with χ PT
- The error is dominated by a large systematic uncertainty related to **finite-volume effects**

Solid evidence that $\delta R_{K\pi}$ can be computed from first principles non-perturbatively on the lattice!

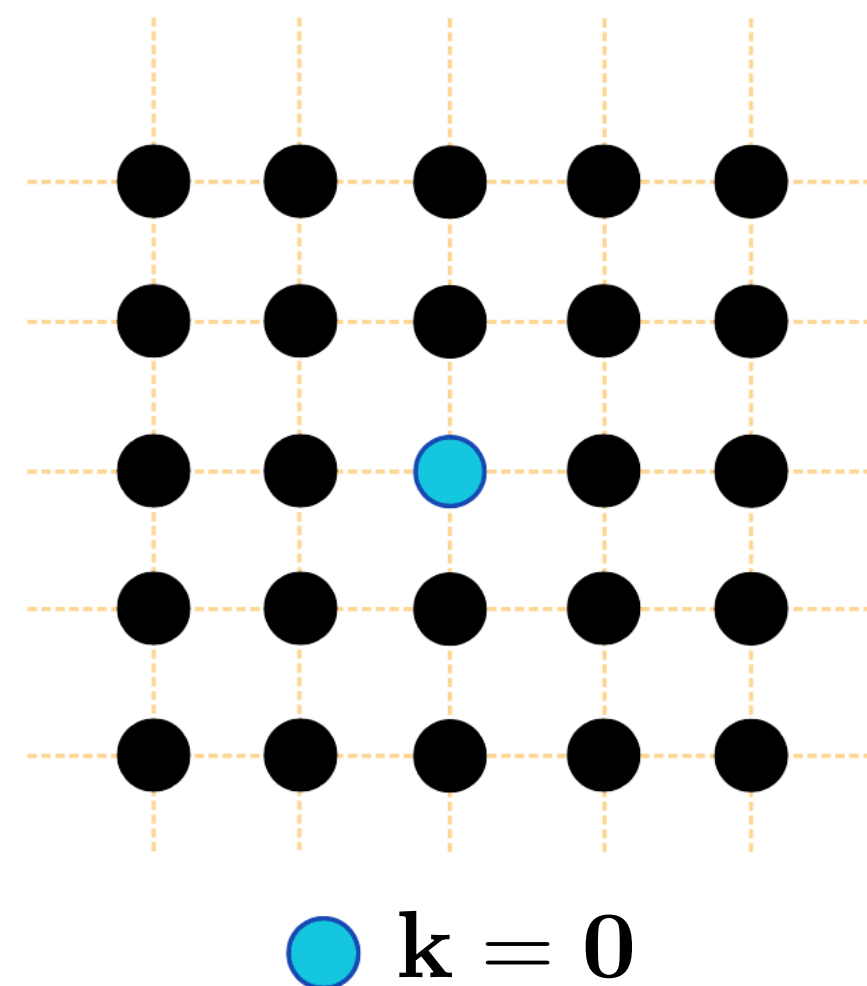
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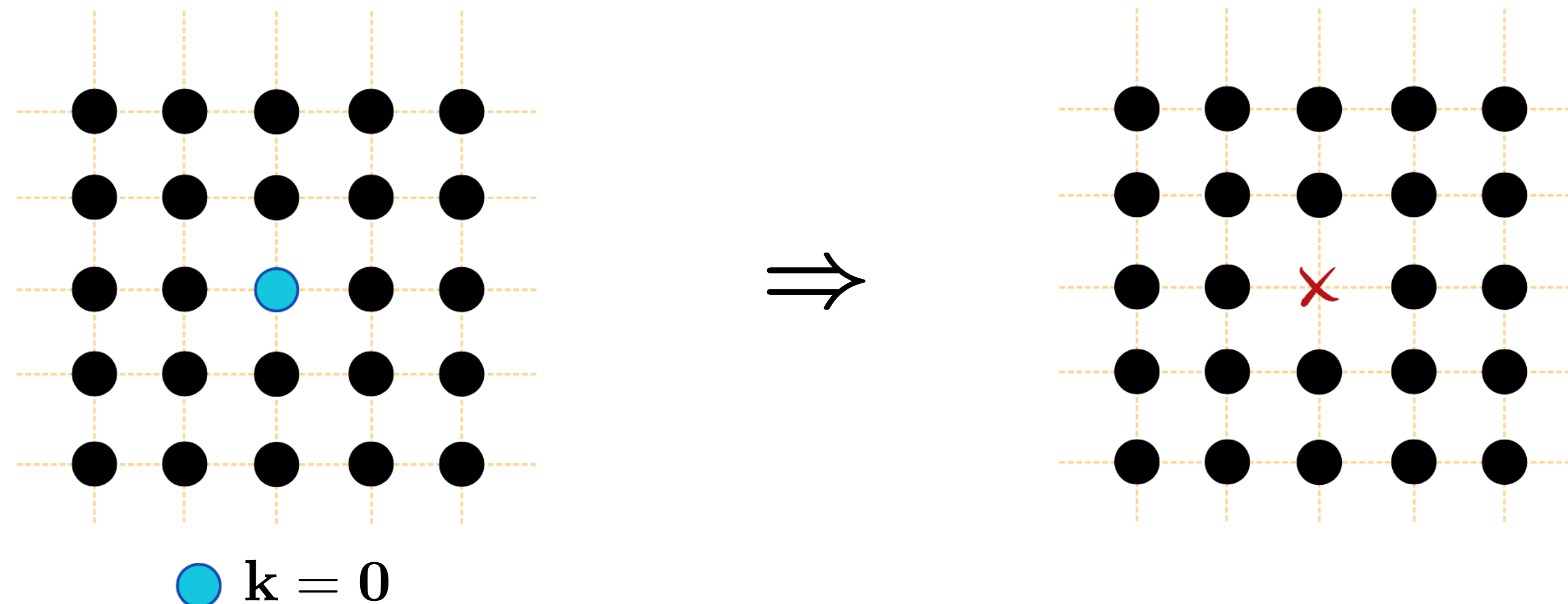
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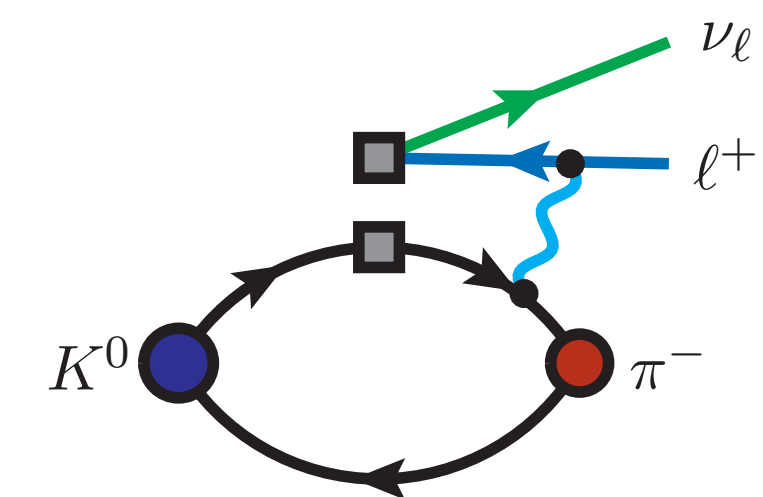
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investigate & tame effects due to non-locality of QED_L

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study semi-leptonic kaon decays

Thank you