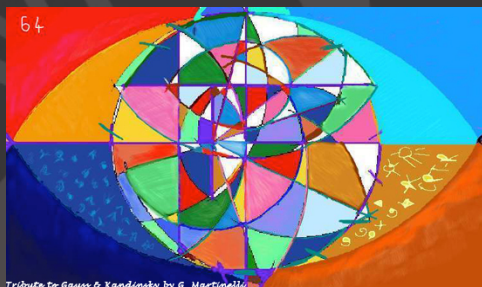


Electromagnetic Corrections to Weak Matrix Elements

*or QED Corrections to
Hadronic Processes in
Lattice QCD*



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PLAN OF THE TALK

- 1) *Physics Motivations*
- 2) *Lattice Calculations of QED corrections to the hadron Spectrum*
- 4) *QED corrections to the hadronic amplitudes*
- 5) $\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu (\gamma)$
- 6) *Conclusion & Outlook*

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The accuracy of lattice calculations of the hadron spectrum (and hence of the quark masses) and of the decay constants and form factors is such that isospin breaking effects cannot be neglected anymore:

FLAG Collaboration, arXiv:1310.8555

$$N_f = 2 \quad m_{ud} = 3.6(2) \text{ MeV} \quad m_s = 101(3) \text{ MeV}$$
$$m_s/m_{ud} = 28.1(1.2) \quad \varepsilon = 3\%-6\%$$

$$N_f = 2 + 1 \quad m_{ud} = 3.42(6)(7) \text{ MeV} \quad m_s = 93.8(1.5)(1.9) \text{ MeV}$$
$$m_s/m_{ud} = 27.45(15)(41)$$

$$f_\pi = 130.2(1.4) \text{ MeV} \quad f_K = 156.3(0.8) \text{ MeV} \quad \varepsilon = 0.5\%-1.1\%$$

$$f_K/f_\pi = 1.194(5) \quad \varepsilon = 0.4\%$$
$$F^{K\pi}(0) = 0.967(4) \quad \varepsilon = 0.4\%$$



Phenomenological relevance of precision physics in the Standard Model and beyond

$$|V_{us}| F^{K\pi}(0) = 0.2163(5) \quad \varepsilon = 0.2\%$$

$$|V_{ud}| f_{\pi} / |V_{us}| f_{\pi} = 0.2758(5) \quad \varepsilon = 0.2\% \text{ see discussion below}$$

$$|V_{ud}| = 0.97425(22) \quad \varepsilon = 0.02\%$$

$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 1 \text{ in the SM } (|V_{ub}|^2 \approx 1.6 \cdot 10^{-5})$$



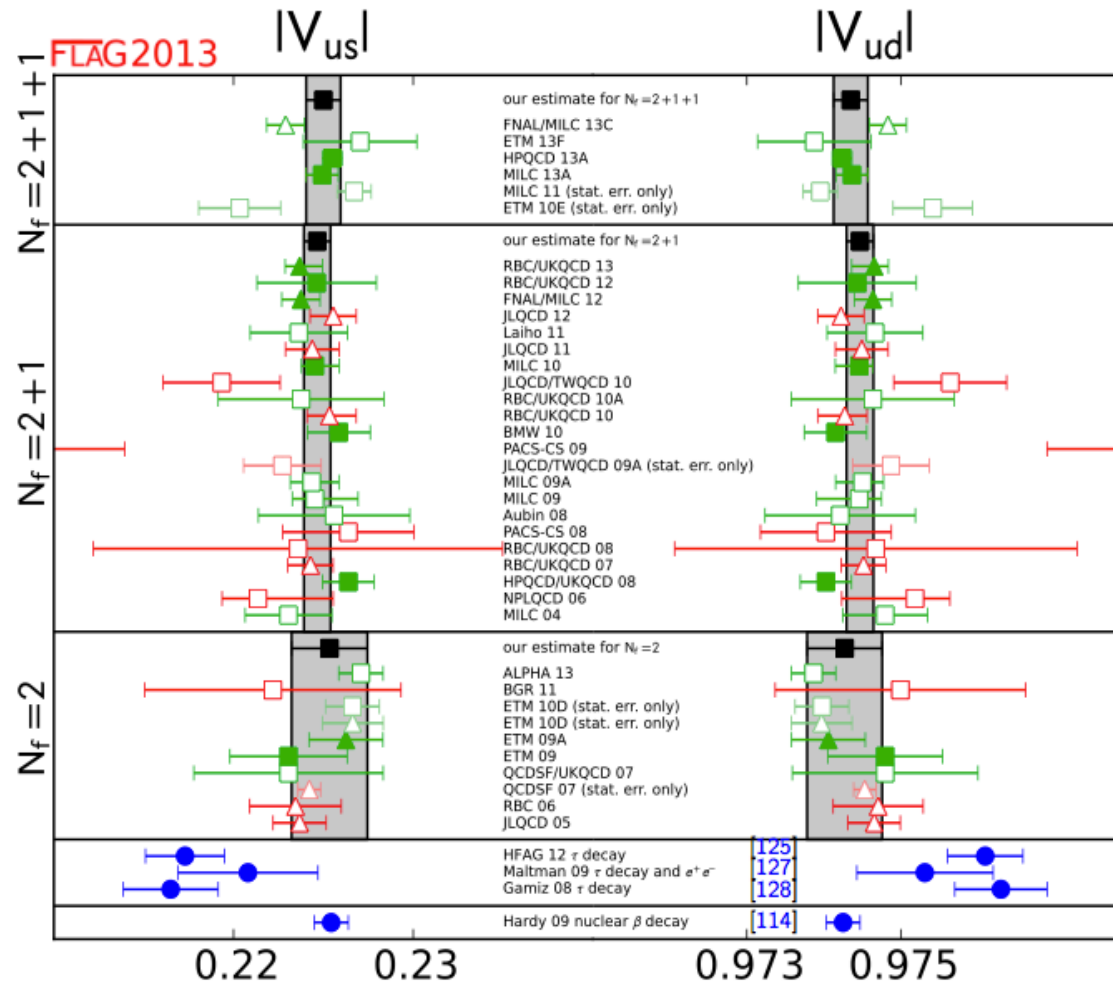
FLAG: lattice predictions within the SM

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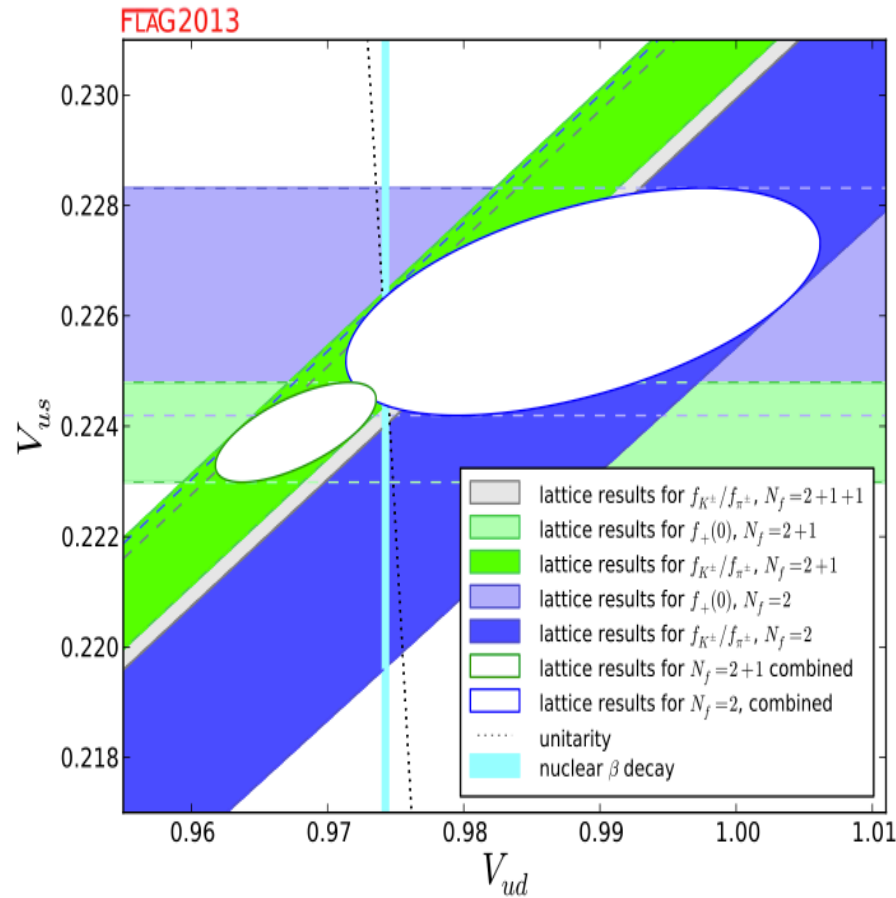


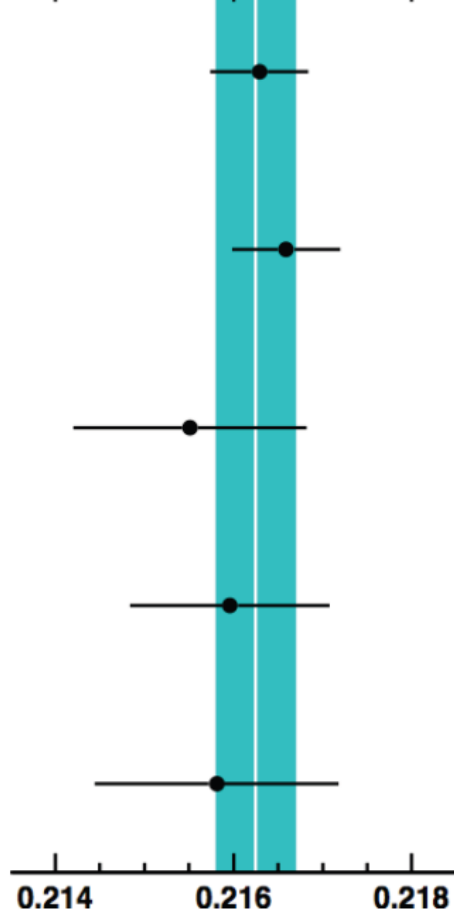
Figure 5: The plot compares the information for $|V_{ud}|$, $|V_{us}|$ obtained on the lattice with the experimental result extracted from nuclear β transitions. The dotted arc indicates the correlation between $|V_{ud}|$ and $|V_{us}|$ that follows if the three-flavour CKM-matrix is unitary.

- $|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 0.9993(5)$ or $1.0000(6)$ from semileptonic and leptonic respectively

$|V_{us}| f_+(0)$ from world data: 2012

$|V_{us}| f_+(0)$

0.214 0.216 0.218



Approx. contrib. to % err from:

% err BR τ $\delta_{\text{SU,EM}}$ Int

$K_L e3$	0.2163(5)	0.26	0.09	0.20	0.11	0.05
$K_L \mu3$	0.2166(6)	0.28	0.15	0.18	0.11	0.06
$K_S e3$	0.2155(13)	0.61	0.60	0.02	0.11	0.05
$K^\pm e3$	0.2160(11)	0.52	0.31	0.09	0.41	0.04
$K^\pm \mu3$	0.2158(13)	0.63	0.47	0.08	0.41	0.06

Average: $|V_{us}| f_+(0) = 0.2163(5)$ $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 0.84/4$ (93%)

Isospin Symmetry Breaking

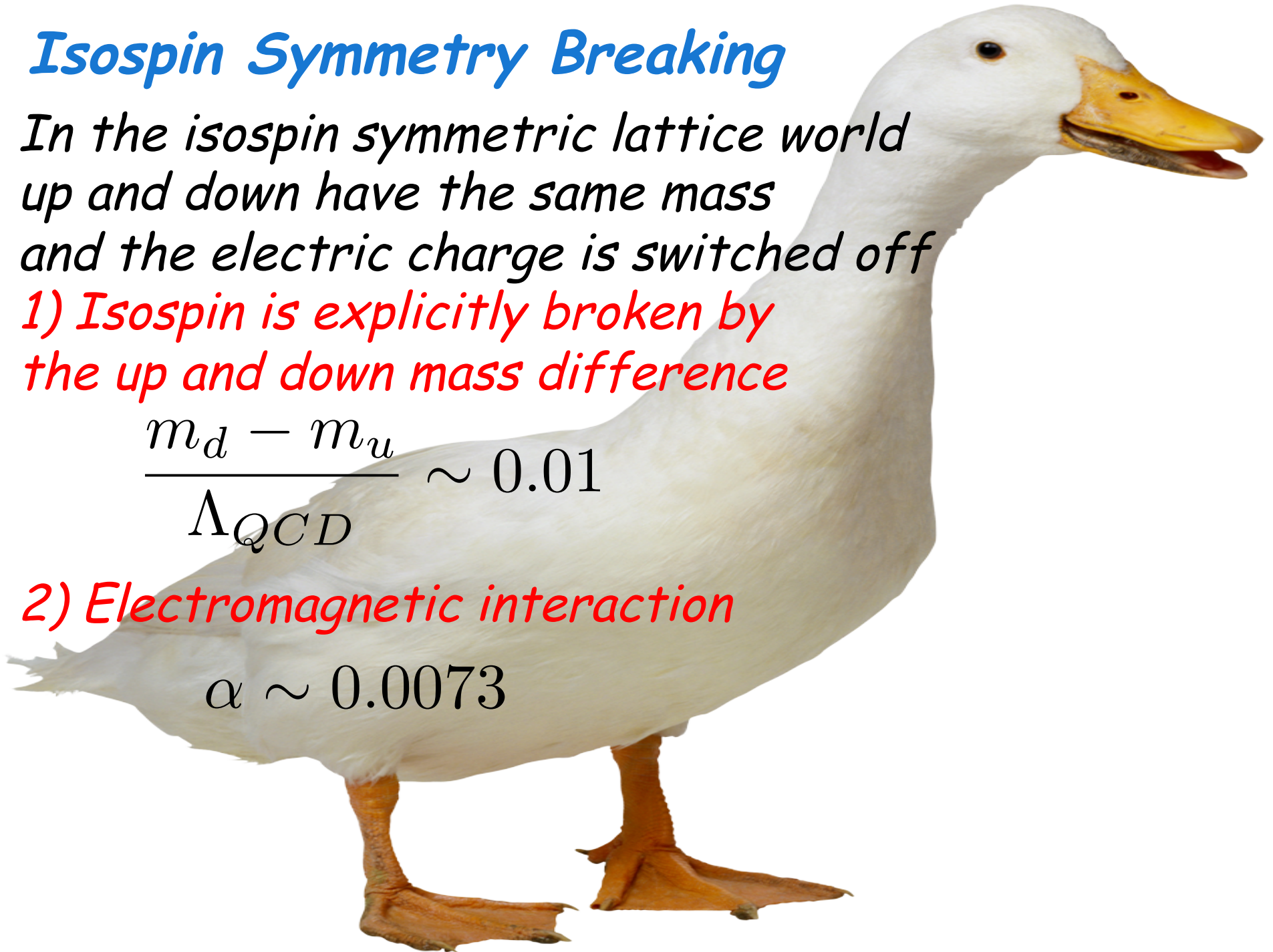
*In the isospin symmetric lattice world
up and down have the same mass
and the electric charge is switched off*

*1) Isospin is explicitly broken by
the up and down mass difference*

$$\frac{m_d - m_u}{\Lambda_{QCD}} \sim 0.01$$

2) Electromagnetic interaction

$$\alpha \sim 0.0073$$



Non-compact lattice QED

- ❖ Naively discretised **Maxwell action**:

$$S[A_\mu] = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\mu, \nu} (\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu)^2$$

- ❖ Pure gauge theory is **free**, it can be solved **exactly**
- ❖ Gauge invariance is preserved

QED Corrections to Hadron Masses, or $SU(3)_c \times U(1)$ on the Lattice

QED corrections to the hadron masses only require an ultraviolet cutoff

- 1) We need a physical condition for any renormalizable coupling to fix the scale i.e. to renormalize the strong (and the electromagnetic) coupling;
- 2) We must fix the masses of a certain number of hadrons, corresponding to the different flavors, to their physical value;
- 3) All the other hadron masses are finite and can be predicted
- 4) Quark masses are determined in your preferred renormalization scheme

QED_{TL} finite-volume effects

- ❖ Example — 1-loop QED_{TL} [BMWc, 2014]:

$$m(T, L) \underset{T, L \rightarrow +\infty}{\sim} m \left\{ 1 - q^2 \alpha \left[\frac{\kappa}{2mL} \left(1 + \frac{2}{mL} \left[1 - \frac{\pi T}{2\kappa L} \right] \right) - \frac{3\pi}{(mL)^3} \left[1 - \frac{\coth(mT)}{2} \right] - \frac{3\pi L}{2(mL)^4 T} \right] \right\}$$

up to exponential corrections, with $\kappa = 2.83729 \dots$

Finite volume effects depend on the regulator of the zero mode, but this is not relevant to the following discussion.

Hadron masses are infrared finite

Full QCD + QED projects

	RBC-UKQCD	PACS-CS	QCDSF-UKQCD	BMWc
arXiv	1006.1311	1205.2961	1311.4554 and Lat. 2014	1406.4088
fermions	DWF	clover	clover	clover
N_f	2+1	1+1+1	1+1+1	1+1+1+1
method	reweighting	reweighting	RHMC	RHMC
$\min(M_\pi)$ (MeV)	420	135	250	195
a (fm)	0.11	0.09	0.08	0.06 — 0.10
$\#a$	1	1	1	4
L (fm)	1.8	2.9	1.9 — 2.6	2.1 — 8.3
$\#L$	1	1	2	11

Portelli @ Lattice 2014 - Calculation at several values of α , then extrapolation/interpolation. not really "full" : linear extrapolation to $1/137$ without the renormalization of α

QED & Isospin Corrections to Hadronic Masses: The RM123 approach

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{K^+} - M_{K^0} = & -2\Delta m_{ud} \partial_t \left[\text{Diagram 1} \right] - (\Delta m_u^{cr} - \Delta m_d^{cr}) \partial_t \left[\text{Diagram 2} \right] \\
 & + (e_u^2 - e_d^2) e^2 \partial_t \left[\text{Diagram 3} \right] + (e_u - e_d) e^2 \sum_f e_f \partial_t \left[\text{Diagram 4} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Expand the action in the “small terms” namely in α and $(m_u=m_d)/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$.

Advantage: We compute the insertion of operators of $O(1)$ and no extrapolation $\alpha \rightarrow 1/137$ is needed;

Disadvantage: Complicated “disconnected diagrams” must be computed;

Unavoidable: in electromagnetic corrections to hadronic amplitudes

Some remark on QED Corrections to Hadron Masses

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We distinguish the physical mass M_P , $P \in \{\pi^+, \pi^0, K^+, K^0\}$, from the mass \hat{M}_P within QCD alone. The e.m. self-energy is the difference between the two, $M_P^\gamma \equiv M_P - \hat{M}_P$.

however, a world without electromagnetism where we can measure the masses of the mesons and fix the scale and the quark masses does not exist thus

M_P^γ cannot be a physical quantity and indeed it depends on the convention

It is not clear to me that when comparing the different results these do correspond to the same convention

although useful for a comparison with χ pth, M_P^γ should be abandoned: without QED you only know that the error is of $O(\alpha)$, but you cannot compute it, with QED the precise determination of error that you would have made depends on the convention, thus who cares?

Even RM123, following the common lore

- the value of ε_γ depends upon the renormalization prescription used to separate QED from QCD IB effects

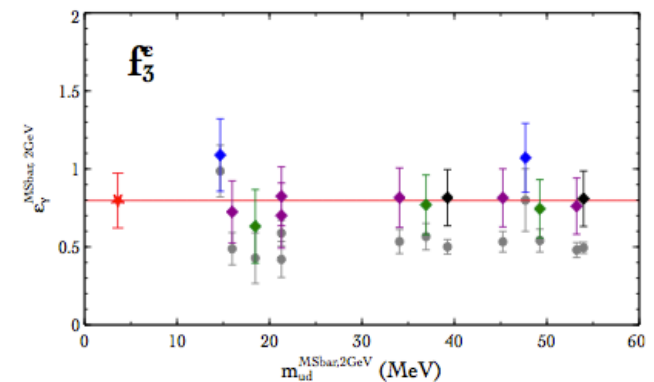
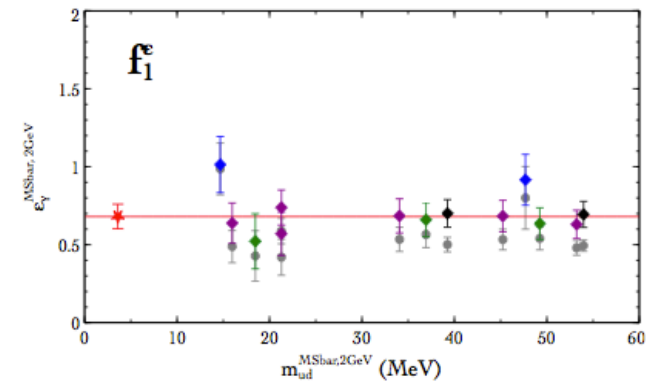
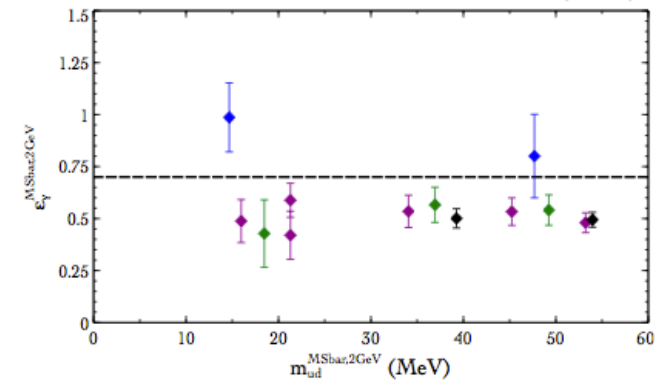
$$\varepsilon_\gamma = \frac{[M_{K^+}^2 - M_{K^0}^2]^{QED} - [M_{\pi^+}^2 - M_{\pi^0}^2]^{QED}}{M_{\pi^+}^2 - M_{\pi^0}^2}$$

- it is needed to calculate the light quark masses by starting from QCD ($\hat{m}_u \neq \hat{m}_d$) lattice simulations and using the QCD contribution to the kaon mass splitting as "experimental" input

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_\gamma &= 0.79(18)(18) \\ \hat{m}_u / \hat{m}_d &= 0.50(2)(3) \end{aligned}$$

- note: these results are scale and scheme dependent, \overline{MS} 2 GeV, and *depend* upon the matching prescription used to separate QED from QCD contributions

RM123, Phys.Rev. D87(2013)



QED (Isospin) Corrections in Hadronic Processes

After the renormalization of the $SU(3)_c \times U(1)$ Lagrangian you still need

- 1) The renormalization of the operators mediating the physical process of interest (e.g. the Weak effective Hamiltonian). But this is not a novelty;
- 2) A complex procedure to remove the infrared cutoff because in general the amplitudes, contrary to the masses, are **infrared divergent**.

We present for the first time a method to solve this problem. This will be done by discussing an explicit example and will allow the discussion of some important theoretical subtleties

How to solve the problem of the
infrared divergences discussed
through an explicit example

$$\pi \rightarrow \ell + \nu_\ell + (\gamma)$$

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**NOTE: Chiral Perturbation Theory is
NOT Used**

Leptonic decays at tree level

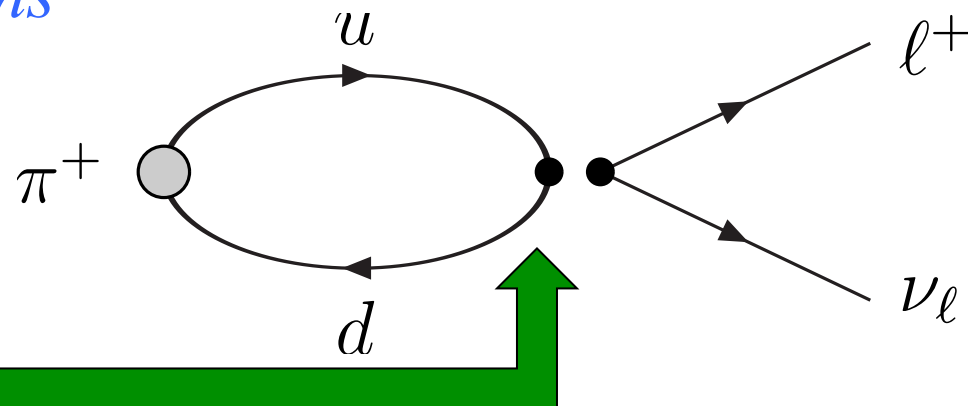
Since the mass of the pion is much lower than M_W we use the effective Hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ud}^* (\bar{d}\gamma^\mu(1-\gamma^5)u) (\bar{\nu}_\ell\gamma_\mu(1-\gamma^5)\ell)$$

from which we compute

$$\Gamma_0^{\text{tree}}(\pi^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell) = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{ud}|^2 f_\pi^2}{8\pi} m_\pi m_\ell^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_\ell^2}{m_\pi^2}\right)^2$$

- 0 in Γ_0 means zero photons
- G_F is the Fermi constant defined from μ decay
- f_π is computed in lattice QCD



Leptonic decays at $O(\alpha)$ – The ultraviolet matching in the ‘‘W Regularization’’

If G_F is the Fermi constant defined at $O(\alpha)$ from μ decay in the standard (convention dependent) way

$$\frac{1}{\tau_\mu} = \frac{G_F^2 m_\mu^5}{192\pi^3} \left[1 - \frac{8m_e^2}{m_\mu^2} \right] \left[1 + \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \left(\frac{25}{4} - \pi^2 \right) \right]$$

S.M.Berman, PR 112 (1958) 267; T.Kinoshita and A.Sirlin, PR 113 (1959) 1652
then the effective Hamiltonian in the W-regularization is given by (Sirlin PRD 22 (80) 971)

$$H_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ud}^* \left(1 + \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \log \frac{M_Z}{M_W} \right) (\bar{d}\gamma^\mu(1-\gamma^5)u) (\bar{\nu}_\ell\gamma_\mu(1-\gamma^5)\ell)$$

matching the (Wilson) lattice to the W-regularization.

$$O_1^{\text{W-reg}} = \left(1 + \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} (2 \log a^2 M_W^2 - 15.539) \right) O_1^{\text{bare}} + \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} (0.536 O_2^{\text{bare}} + 1.607 O_3^{\text{bare}} - 3.214 O_4^{\text{bare}} - 0.804 O_5^{\text{bare}})$$

Rate at $O(\alpha)$

$$\Gamma(\Delta E) = \Gamma_0 + \Gamma_1(\Delta E)$$

$|V_{ud}|$

where

$$\Gamma(\Delta E) = \int_0^{\Delta E} dE_\gamma \frac{d\Gamma}{dE_\gamma}$$

contrary to the hadron masses
at $O(\alpha)$ both Γ_0 and $\Gamma_1(\Delta E)$ are

INFRARED DIVERGENT

although the divergence cancel in the sum

*F. Bloch, A. Nordsieck Phys.Rev. 52 (1937) T.D. Lee, M.
Nauenberg Phys.Rev. 133 (1964)*

and the infinite volume limit cannot be
separately taken

At this stage we propose to compute $\Gamma_1(\Delta E)$ in perturbation theory @ values of ΔE corresponding to photons which are sufficiently soft for the point-like approximation of the pion to be valid

$$(\Delta E \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \approx 4\pi f_\pi)$$

but hard enough with respect to the experimental resolution.

A value of O(10 MeV) seems to be appropriate both theoretically and experimentally (to be further studied).

In the future, as techniques and resources improve, it may be better to compute $\Gamma_1(\Delta E)$ nonperturbatively over a larger range of photon energies
(*about the analytical continuation to the Euclidean see later*)

MASTER FORMULA for the rate at $O(\alpha)$

$$\Gamma(\Delta E) = \lim_{V \rightarrow \infty} (\Gamma_0 - \Gamma_0^{\text{pt}}) + \lim_{V \rightarrow \infty} (\Gamma_0^{\text{pt}} + \Gamma_1(\Delta E))$$

pt =
point-like &
perturbative

- the infrared divergences in Γ_0 and Γ_0^{pt} are exactly the same and cancel in the difference
- $\Gamma(\Delta E) = \Gamma_0^{\text{pt}} + \Gamma_1(\Delta E)$ is infrared finite since is a physical, well defined quantity *F. Bloch, A. Nordsieck Phys.Rev. 52 (1937) T.D. Lee, M. Nauenberg Phys.Rev. 133 (1964)*
- the infrared divergences in $\Delta\Gamma_0(L) = \Gamma_0 - \Gamma_0^{\text{pt}}$ and $\Gamma(\Delta E) = \Gamma_0^{\text{pt}} + \Gamma_1(\Delta E)$ cancel separately hence they can be regulated with **different infrared cutoff**
- Γ_0 and Γ_0^{pt} are also ultraviolet finite

We now discuss the two terms, $\Delta\Gamma_0(L)$ and $\Gamma(\Delta E)$



Leptonic decays at $O(\alpha)$ – Perturbative Calculation of $\Gamma(\Delta E) = \Gamma_0^{\text{pt}} + \Gamma_1(\Delta E)$

U.V. & Infrared finite but contains $\log(M_W)$ & $\log(\Delta E)$

$$\Gamma(\Delta E) = \Gamma_0^{\text{tree}} \times \left(1 + \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left\{ 3 \log\left(\frac{m_\pi^2}{M_W^2}\right) + \log(r_\ell^2) - 4 \log(r_E^2) + \frac{2 - 10r_\ell^2}{1 - r_\ell^2} \log(r_\ell^2) \right. \right. \\
- 2 \frac{1 + r_\ell^2}{1 - r_\ell^2} \log(r_E^2) \log(r_\ell^2) - 4 \frac{1 + r_\ell^2}{1 - r_\ell^2} \text{Li}_2(1 - r_\ell^2) - 3 \\
+ \left[\frac{3 + r_E^2 - 6r_\ell^2 + 4r_E(-1 + r_\ell^2)}{(1 - r_\ell^2)^2} \log(1 - r_E) + \frac{r_E(4 - r_E - 4r_\ell^2)}{(1 - r_\ell^2)^2} \log(r_\ell^2) \right. \\
\left. \left. - \frac{r_E(-22 + 3r_E + 28r_\ell^2)}{2(1 - r_\ell^2)^2} - 4 \frac{1 + r_\ell^2}{1 - r_\ell^2} \text{Li}_2(r_E) \right] \right\} \right)$$

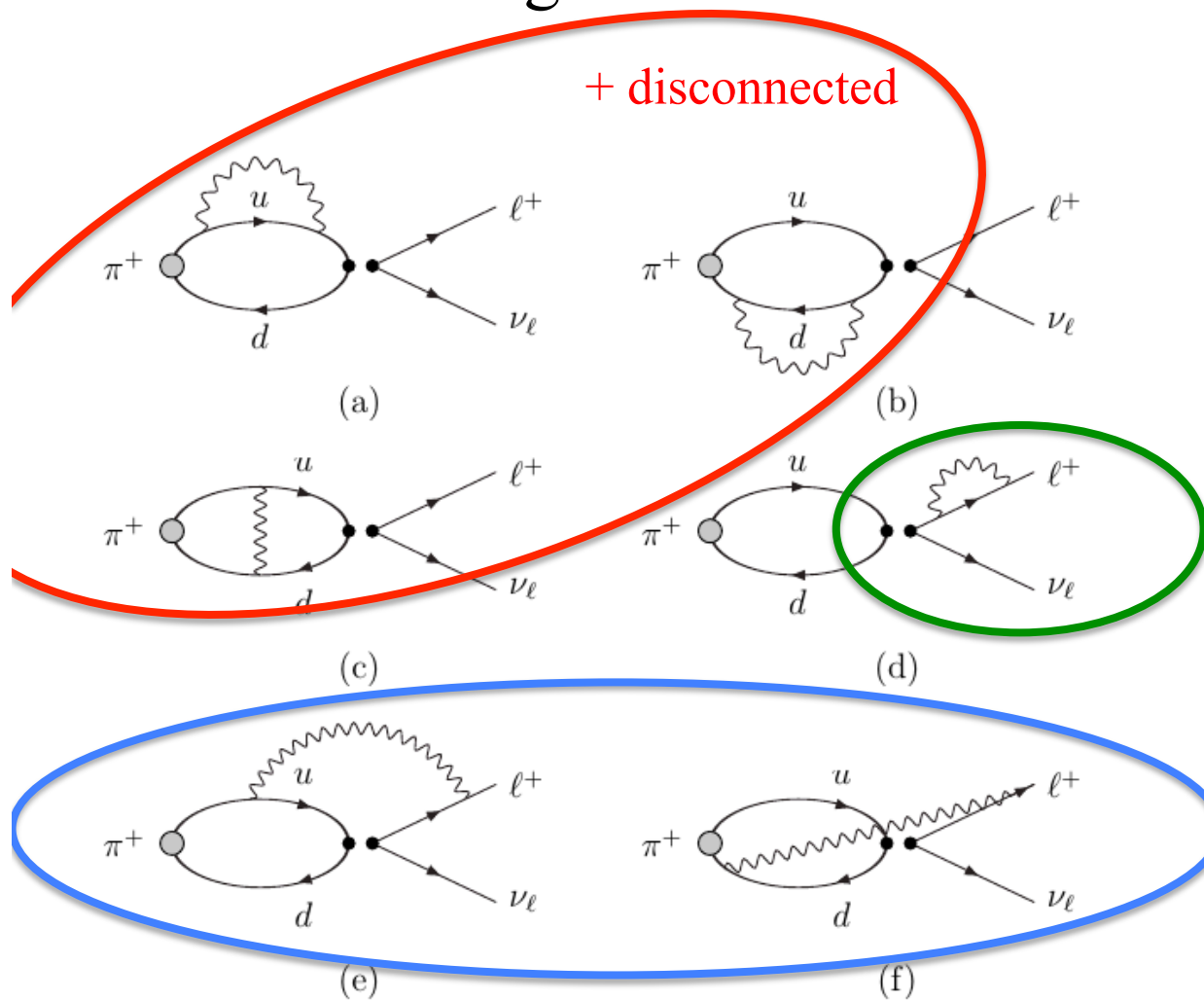
$\Gamma(\Delta E_1)$ *T.Kinoshita, PRL 2 (1959) 477*

$$r_E = \frac{2\Delta E}{m_\pi} \quad r_\ell = \frac{m_\ell}{m_\pi}$$

Leptonic decays at $O(\alpha)$ – The first term of the Master Formula

$$\Delta\Gamma(L) = \Gamma_0 - \Gamma_0^{\text{pt}}$$

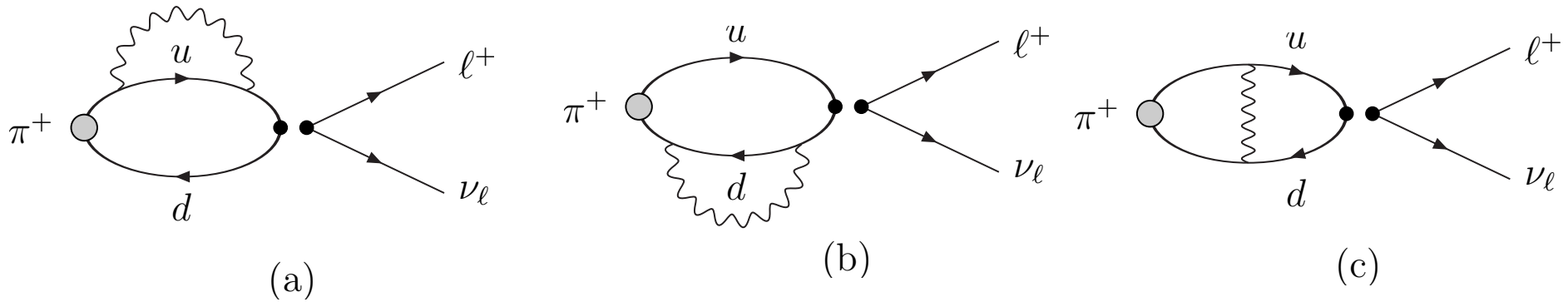
- Each of the two terms is U.V. finite but contains $\log(M_W)$
- Infrared divergences cancel in the difference



at this order we can take the difference of the amplitudes

Can be computed as discussed in arXiv: 1303.4896, Phys.Rev. D87(2013)

NOT by including the electromagnetic field in the action



The relevant correlation function is (the lepton leg is trivial)

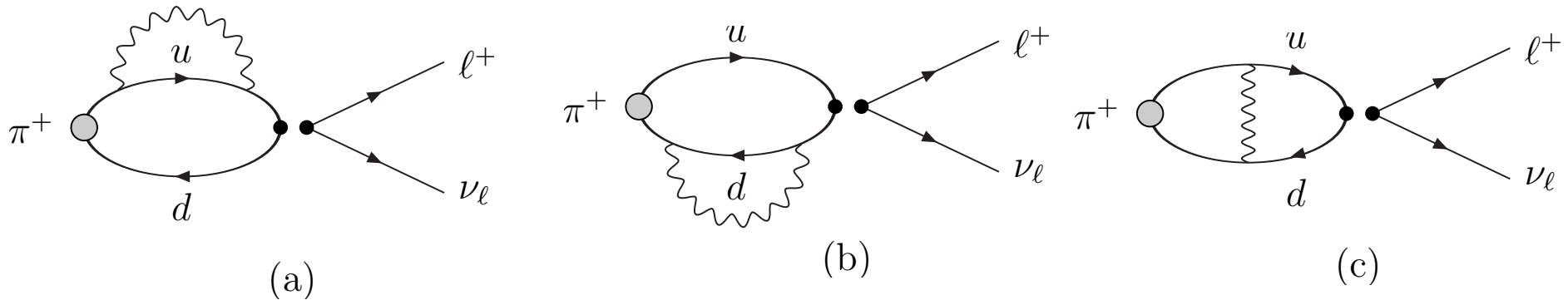
$$C_1(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3 \mathbf{x} d^4 x_1 d^4 x_2 \langle 0 | T \{ J_W^\nu(0) j^\mu(x_1) j_\mu(x_2) \phi^\dagger(\mathbf{x}, t) \} | 0 \rangle \Delta(x_1, x_2)$$

weak V-A
current

electromagnetic current

$$j_\mu(x) = \sum_f Q_f \bar{f}(x) \gamma_\mu f(x)$$

this is the same set of diagrams used to compute the electromagnetic corrections to the pion (hadron) mass
(the lepton leg is completely irrelevant)



Combining $C_1(t)$ with the lowest order correlator

$$C_0(t) + C_1(t) \simeq \frac{e^{-m_\pi t}}{2m_\pi} Z^\phi \langle 0 | J_W^0(0) | \pi^+ \rangle$$

where the $O(\alpha)$ corrections are included; by writing

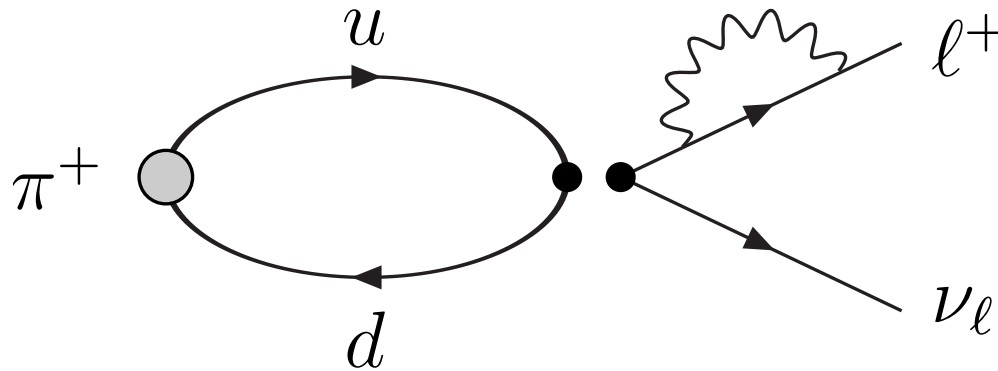
$$e^{-m_\pi t} \simeq e^{-m_\pi^0 t} (1 - \delta m_\pi t)$$

δm_π is infrared finite and gauge invariant

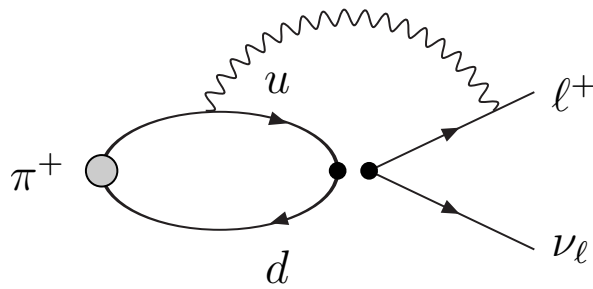
Z^ϕ and the matrix element of the axial current
however are infrared divergent and gauge dependent
 and cannot be interpreted as a correction to f_π

This diagram is an easy case: its contribution to $\Delta\Gamma(L) = \Gamma_0 - \Gamma_0^{\text{pt}}$ can be readily obtained in perturbation theory.

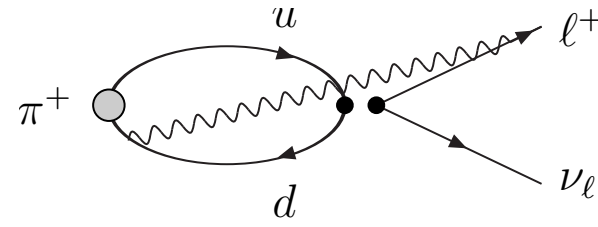
The recipe is simply to redefine the operator $O_1^{\text{W-reg}}$ and compute f_π in the numerical simulation



(d)



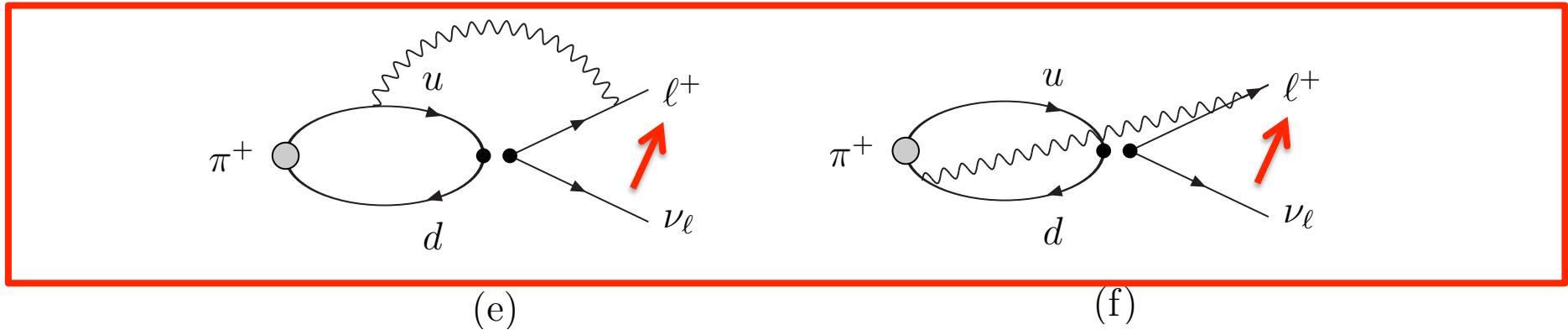
(e)



(f)

- *Certainly these diagrams are not simply a generalization of the evaluation of f_π ; they are also infrared divergent (there are also the disconnected diagrams)*
- *We have to isolate the finite volume ground state (necessity of a mass gap – Minkowski \leftrightarrow Euclidean continuation J. Gasser and G.R.S. Zarnauskas, Phys. Lett. B 693 (2010) 122)*
- *Finite volume effects, expected of the $O(1/L \Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$ after the cancellation of the infrared divergence, should be investigated in a numerical simulation.*

Calculation of the 'nasty' diagrams in a lattice simulation



The starting point is the Minkowski Green function

$$\int d^4x_1 d^4x_2 \langle 0 | T(j_\mu(x_1) J_W^\nu(0)) | \pi \rangle = i D_F(x_1 - x_2) \{ \bar{u}(p_{\nu_\ell}) \gamma^\nu (1 - \gamma^5) (i S_F(x_2)) \gamma^\mu v(p_\ell) \} e^{ip_\ell \cdot x_2}$$

from which we can compute the on-shell amplitude

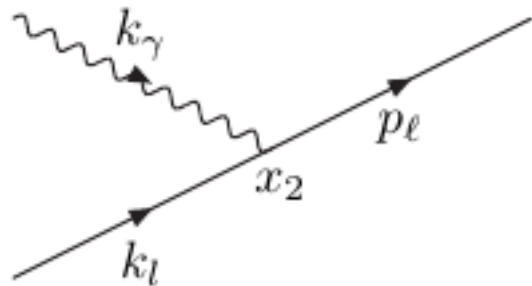
$$\bar{u}_\alpha(p_{\nu_\ell}) (\bar{M}_1)_{\alpha\beta} v_\beta(p_\ell) = -i \lim_{k_0 \rightarrow m_\pi} (k_0^2 - m_\pi^2) \int d^4x_1 d^4x_2 d^4x e^{-ik^0 y^0} \langle 0 | T(j_\mu(x_1) J_W^\nu(0) \pi(x)) | 0 \rangle \\ \times i D_F(x_1 - x_2) \{ \bar{u}(p_{\nu_\ell}) \gamma_\nu (1 - \gamma^5) (i S_F(x_2)) \gamma^\mu v(p_\ell) \} e^{ip_\ell \cdot x_2}$$

which in the Euclidean simulation becomes

$$\bar{C}_1(t)_{\alpha\beta} = \int d^3\mathbf{x} d^4x_1 d^4x_2 \langle 0 | T \{ J_W^\nu(0) j_\mu(x_1) \phi^\dagger(\mathbf{x}, t) \} | 0 \rangle \Delta(x_1 - x_2) \\ \times (\gamma_\nu (1 - \gamma^5) S(x_2) \gamma^\mu)_{\alpha\beta} e^{E_\ell t_2} e^{-i\mathbf{p}_\ell \cdot \mathbf{x}_2}$$

**A few technical but non trivial
IMPORTANT slides:
*the continuation from Minkowski to Euclidean***

we need to ensure that the t_2 integration up to ∞ converges in spite of the factor $e^{E_1 t_2}$ where $E_1 = \sqrt{m_l^2 + p_l^2}$ is the energy of the outgoing charged lepton



1) Momentum conservation:
since we integrate over x_2
$$p_l = k_l + k_\gamma$$

2) The integrations over the energies ω_{k_l} and ω_{k_γ} lead to the exponential factor $e^{-(\omega_{k_l} + \omega_{k_\gamma} - E_1) t_2}$ where $\omega_{k_l} = \sqrt{m_l^2 + k_l^2}$, $\omega_{k_\gamma} = \sqrt{m_\gamma^2 + k_\gamma^2}$, and m_γ is the mass of the photon introduced as an infra-red cut-off.

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3) ... but $(\omega_1 + \omega_\gamma) \geq \sqrt{(m_1 + m_\gamma)^2 + p_1^2} > E_1 = \sqrt{m_1^2 + p_1^2}$

thus the argument of the exponent $e^{-(\omega_1 + \omega_\gamma - E_1) t_2}$ is negative for every term appearing in the sum over the intermediate states and the integral over t_2 converges

4) note that the integration over t_2 is also convergent if we set $m_\gamma = 0$ but remove photon zero mode in finite volume. In this case $(\omega_1 + \omega_\gamma) > E_1 + [1 - (p_1/E_1)] (k_\gamma)_{\min}$

- necessity of a mass gap
- absence of a lighter intermediate state

under these conditions

$$\bar{C}_1(t)_{\alpha\beta} \simeq Z_0^\phi \frac{e^{-m_\pi^0 |t|}}{2m_\pi^0} (\bar{M}_1)_{\alpha\beta}$$

**and the contribution to the amplitude from these diagrams
is given by**

$$\bar{u}_\alpha(p_{\nu_\ell}) (\bar{M}_1)_{\alpha\beta} v_\beta(p_\ell)$$



To conclude

- We have presented a method to compute QED corrections to hadronic processes;
- For these quantities the presence of infrared divergences in the intermediate stages of the calculation make the procedure much more complicated than in the case of the hadronic spectrum;
- In order to obtain the physical answer virtual corrections and real photon emissions must be combined together;
- It is not sufficient to add the electromagnetic interaction to the quark action, because separate explicit real and virtual emission diagrams must be evaluated for any given process;
- We have discussed a specific case, namely the radiative corrections to the leptonic decay of charged pseudoscalar mesons. The method can e however be extended to many other cases like for example to semileptonic decays.

To conclude

- The condition for the applicability of our strategy is that there is a mass gap between the decaying particle and the intermediate states generated by the emission of the photon, and that none of these states is lighter than the initial hadron.
- In the calculation of electromagnetic corrections a general issue is finite size effects. In this respect our method reduces to compute infrared finite, gauge invariant quantities for which we do expect finite size corrections which are comparable to those encountered for the spectrum. This expectation will be checked in forthcoming numerical studies, and eventually studied theoretically in chiral perturbation theory.
- The implementation of our method, although challenging, is within reach of the present lattice technology. The accuracy necessary to make the results phenomenologically interesting is not exceedingly high since the effect that we want to predict is, in general, of the order of a few percent.



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