

Soft Photon Contributions
to Hadronic Processes
from Lattice QCD
Getting to Grips with QCD Workshop



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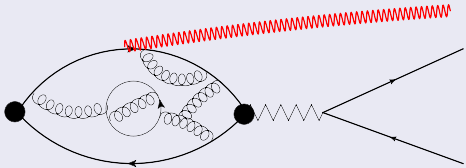
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- Work in progress
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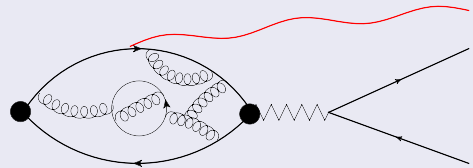
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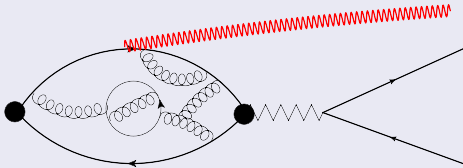
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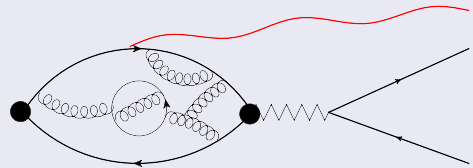
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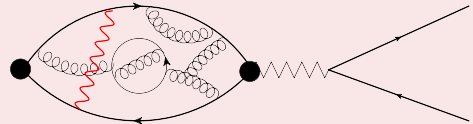
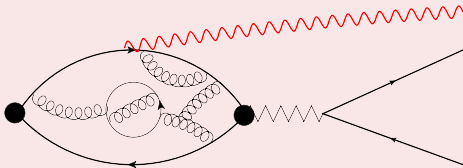
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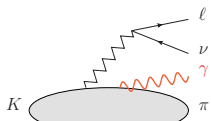
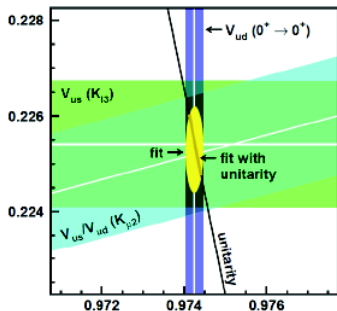
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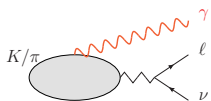
...Here we come to the rescue...

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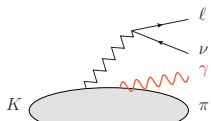
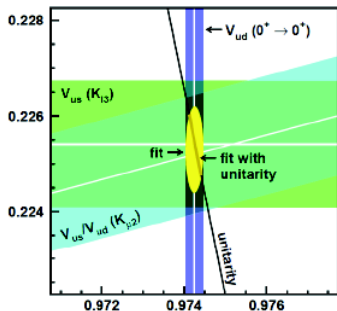
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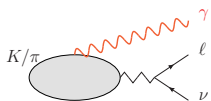
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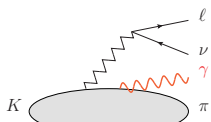
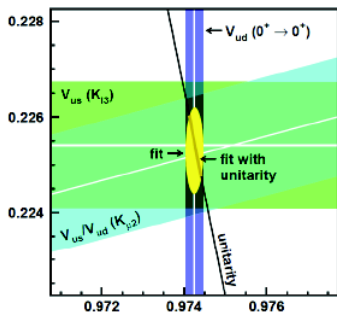
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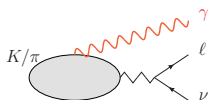
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A. Kastner, H. Neufeld (EPJ C57, 2008)

$$\left(\frac{f_{K^+}/f_{\pi^+}}{f_K/f_\pi} - 1\right)^{QCD} = -0.22(6)\%$$

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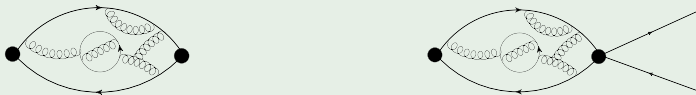
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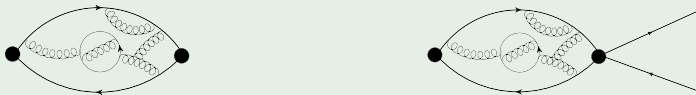
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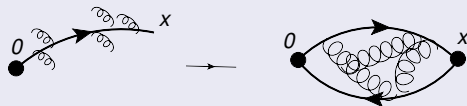
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- Compute propagators by solving numerically the Dirac equation: $D_{x,y} S_{y,0} = \delta_{x,0}$ on a fixed gauge fields background,
- combine them building correlation functions:



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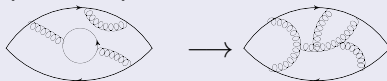
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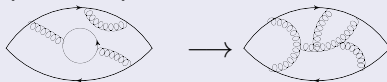
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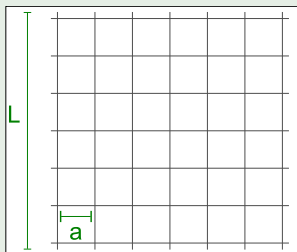
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- **Simulation cost:** $[\#points]^{k>1} = \left[(L/a)^4 \right]^k$
(scales: $a \ll 1/M_H$, $L \gg 1/M_\pi$)
- **Early solution:** $\#points = 4^4$
- **Nowadays:** $\#points = 48^3 \times 96 \div 64^3 \times 128$
 - D physics: $M_D/M_\pi \sim 15$, $M_{J/\psi}/M_\pi \sim 22$
 - B physics: $M_B/M_\pi \sim 40$, $M_\Upsilon/M_\pi \sim 70$

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What helped these improvements?

Increase in computing power



Conceptual developments

- Improved regularizations of LQCD
- Better understanding of behavior of Monte Carlo w.r.t (m_0, g_0)

Algorithm breakthroughs

- Multiple timescale Molecular Dynamic integrators
- Deflation, Multigrid, Domain Decomposition solvers, etc.

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- Dedicated simulations with huge cost
- Even greater cost due to additional zero modes.

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1) La Sapienza

M.Di Carlo,
G.Martinelli

2) Tor Vergata

G.deDivitiis,
P.Dimopoulos,
R.Frezzotti, N.Tantalo

★ Guest Star from Southampton University: C.T.Sachrajda

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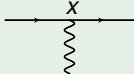
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$$S_1 = \underbrace{\left[\int dx V_\mu(x) A_\mu(x) \right]^2}_{\text{Diagram 1}} + \underbrace{\int dx T_\mu(x) A_\mu^2(x)}_{\text{Diagram 2}}$$


- V^2 : Two photon-fermion-fermion vertex (as in the continuum)
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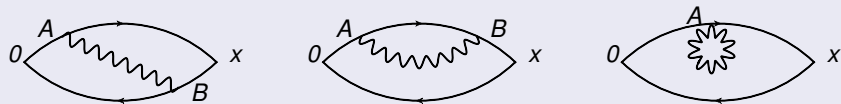
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$$C(t) = C_0(t) + C_1(t) =$$
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Now take all Wick contractions...

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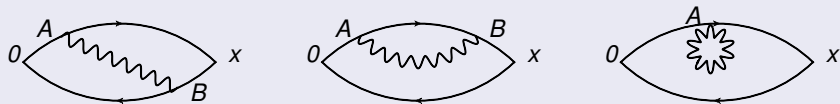
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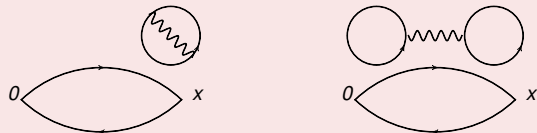
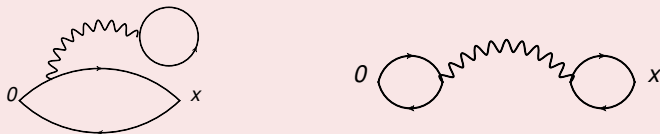
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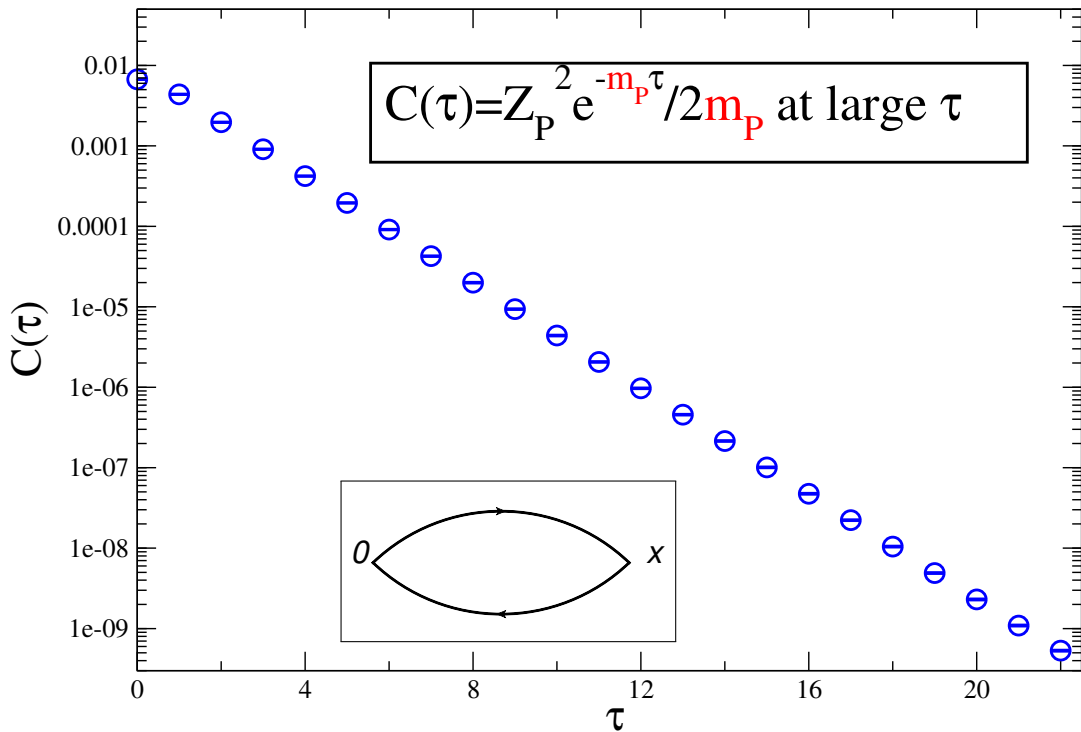
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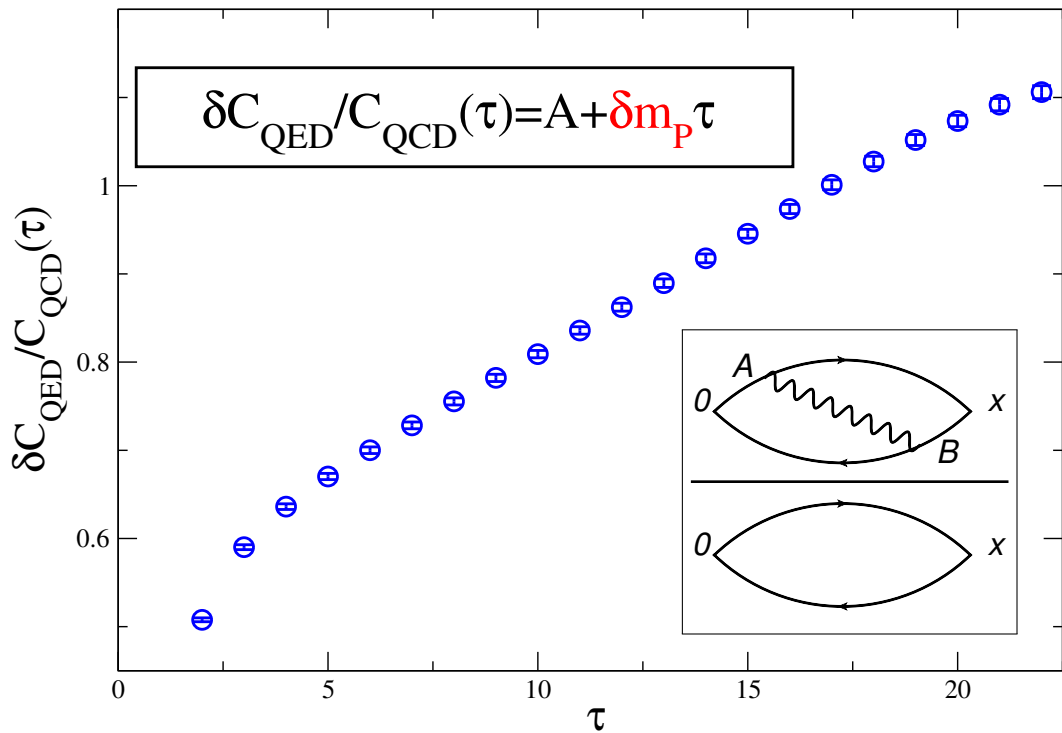
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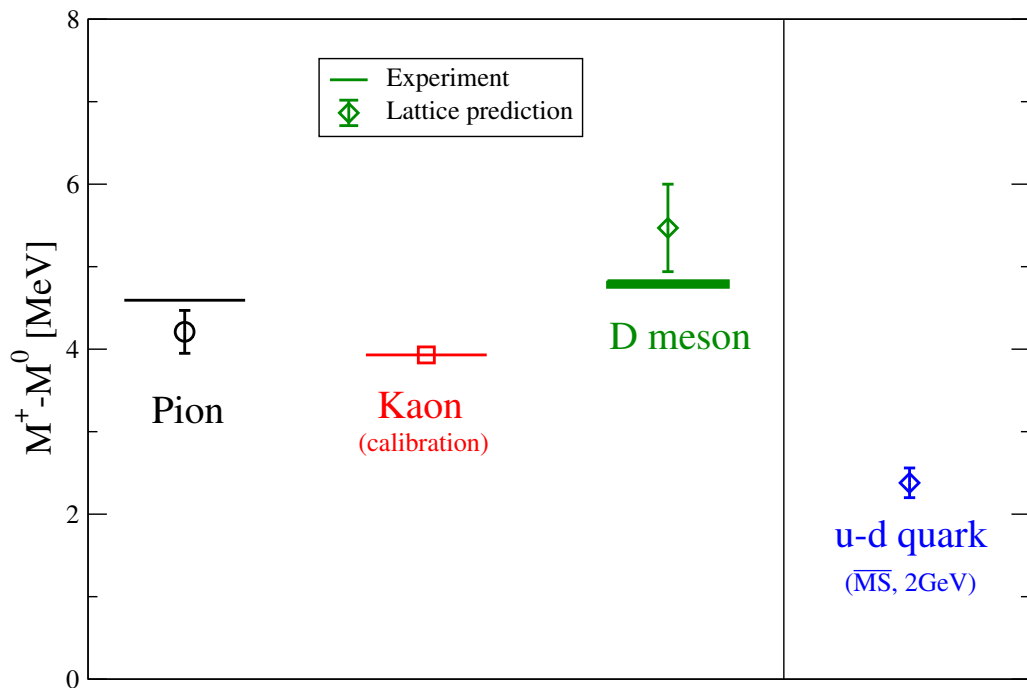
- FNAL/MILC: valence quark contribution to all orders
- Budapest-Marseille-Wuppertal: fully dynamical simulation of QCD+QED
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- RBC/UKQCD: comparison of perturbative and all-order approach.

Pseudoscalar meson 2pts. correlation function (no QED)

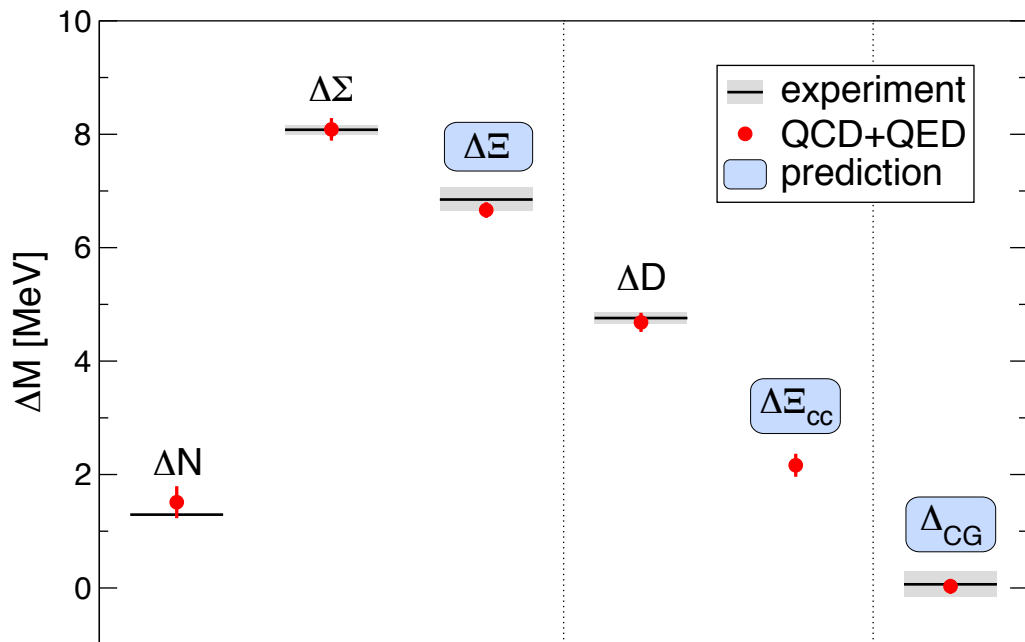




Some results, meson mass (perturbative expansion)



Some results, baryons (direct simulation)



BMW coll.: "Ab initio calculation of the neutron-proton mass difference", Science 347 (2015)

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- In general the amplitudes, are **infrared divergent**
- On the lattice, a natural infrared cutoff is provided by the **finite volume**
- But physically, only combinations of **Real + Virtual** contribution is finite

[cfr Einan Gardi talk on Wednesday]

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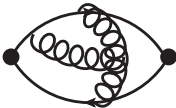
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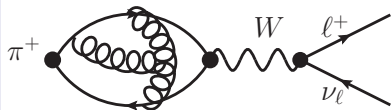


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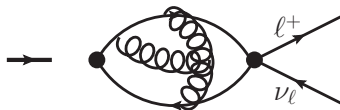


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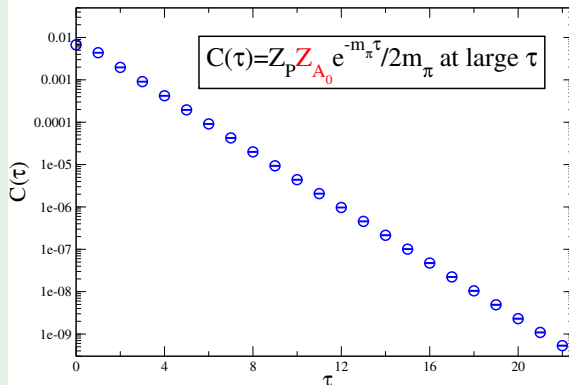
$$f_\pi = \frac{Z_A}{m_\pi} = \frac{\langle 0 | A_0 | \pi \rangle}{m_\pi}$$

Z : coupling of current inducing decay

From lattice, 2 point correlation functions:

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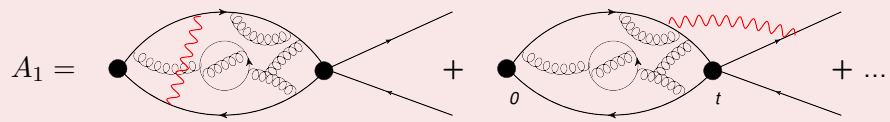
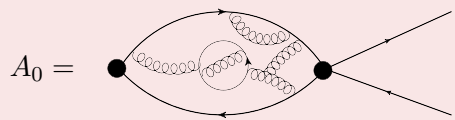
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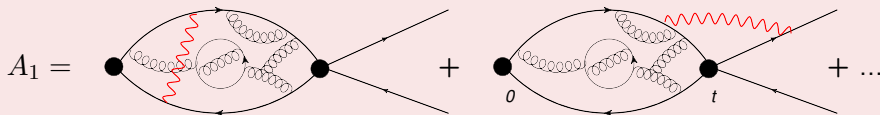
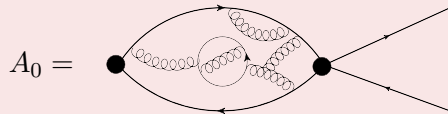


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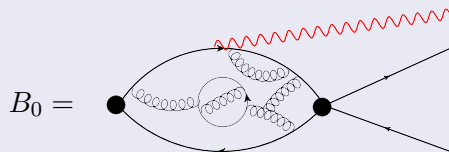
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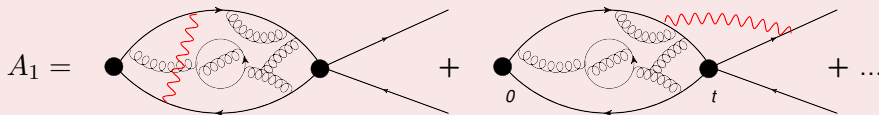
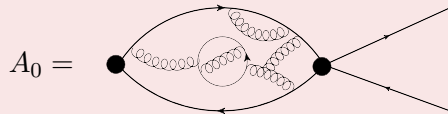


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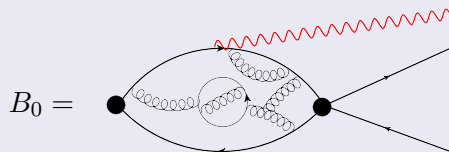
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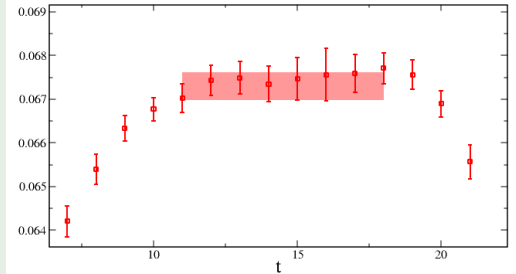
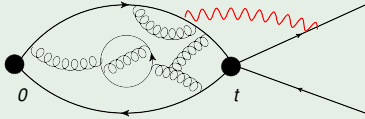
Solution

[Bloch and Nordsieck, PR52 (1937)]

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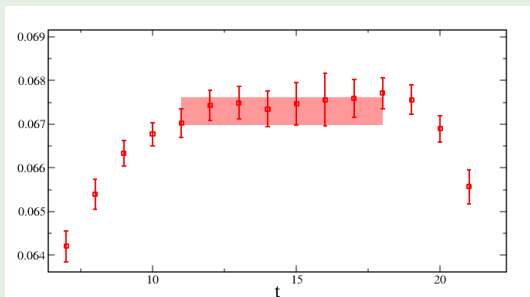
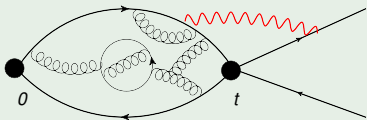
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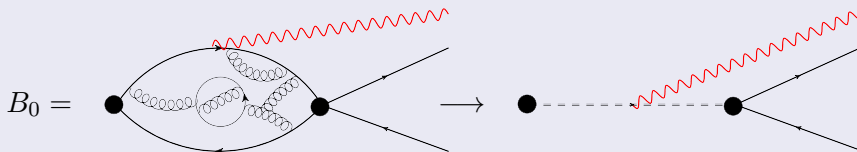
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Real photon

- More demanding numerically/different process
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Cut-off appropriate experimentally (γ detector sensitivity) and theoretically (π inner structure)

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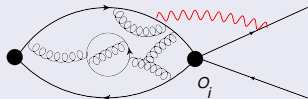
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- Perturbation theory with pointlike pion with finite photon mass
- Neglected structure dependence: estimated to be small (V.Cirigliano, I.Rosell, JHEP'07)
This might not be the case for D or B mesons ($m_{B^*} - m_B \sim 45$ MeV)
- Reproduce the the total rate (Berman, PRL 1958, and Kinoshita, PRL 1959).

Matching to the “real world”

Correlation functions computed with bare operators



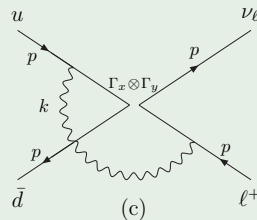
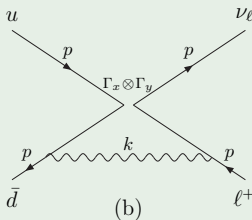
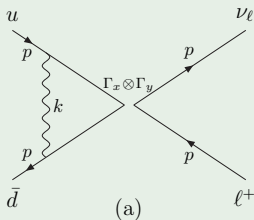
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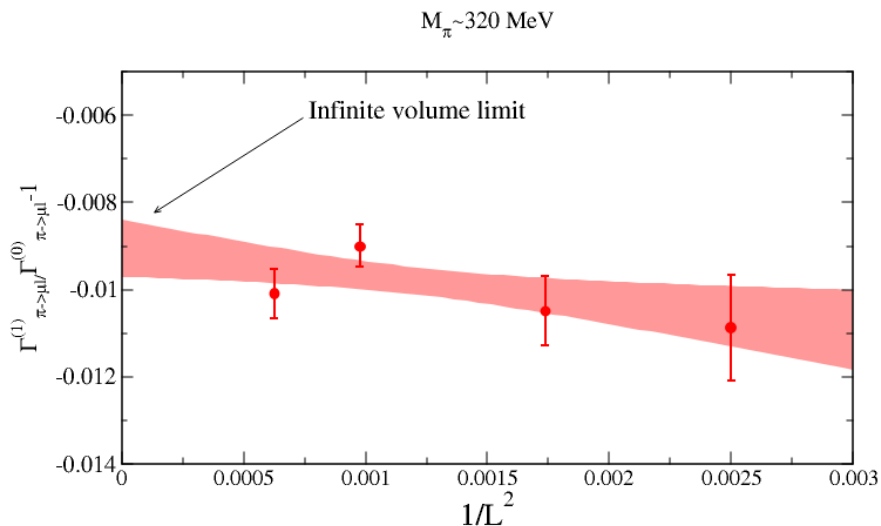
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- In the near future: RI-(S)MOM for QCD + QED

(not to mention the matching to W -reg where G_F is defined)

Infinite volume extrapolation

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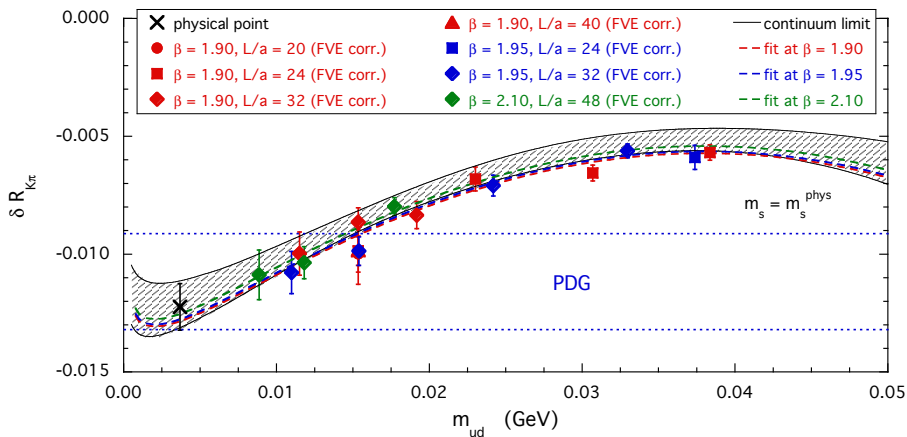
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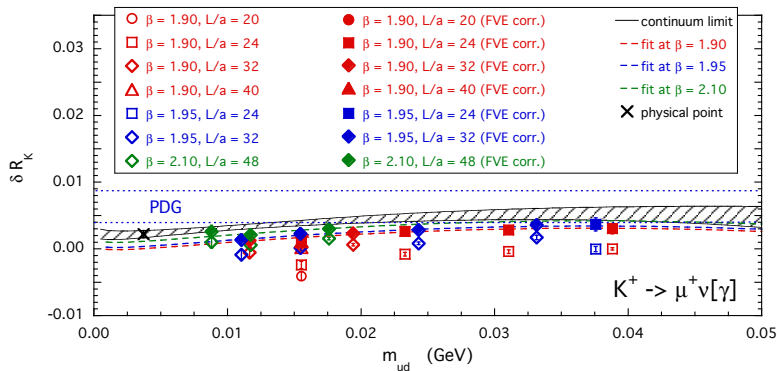
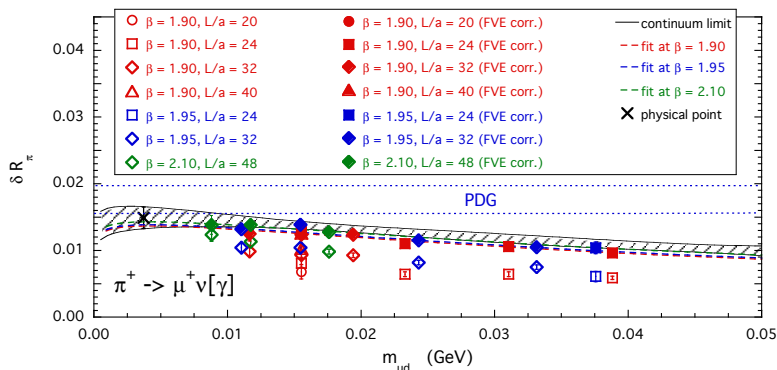
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