

Radiative Corrections to K_{e3} Decays

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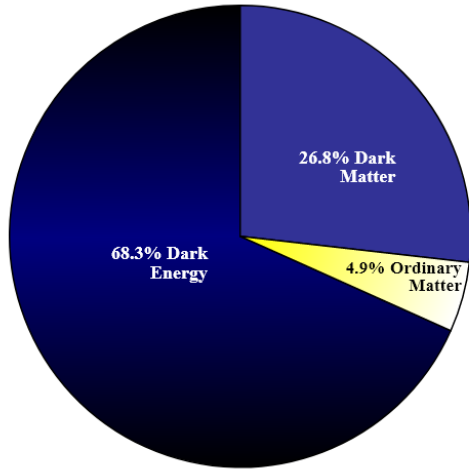
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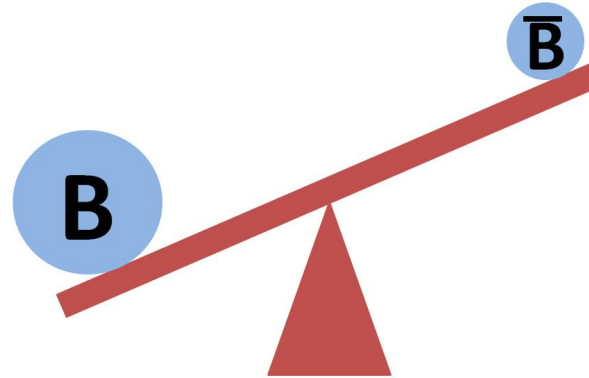
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The V_{us} anomaly

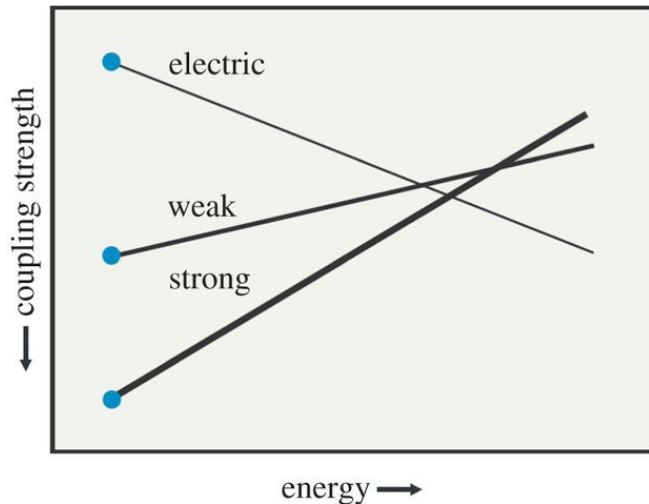
Many unresolved problems call for physics beyond the Standard Model (BSM)



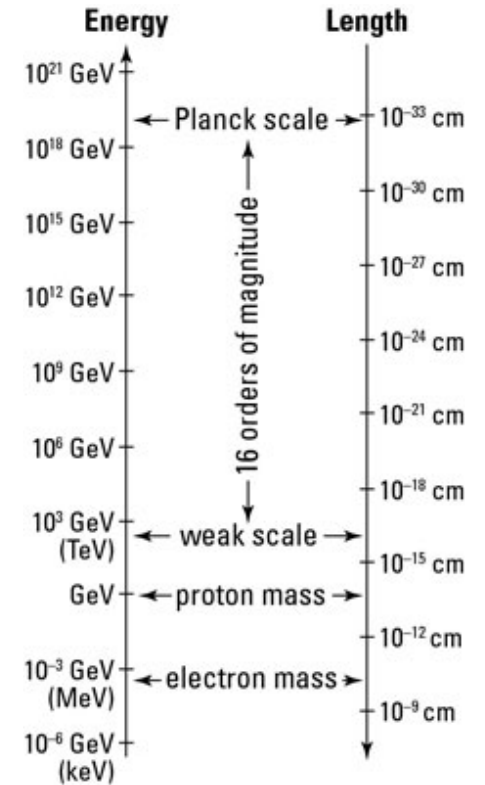
Dark energy, dark matter



Matter-antimatter asymmetry



Unification of forces



Hierarchy problem

The V_{us} anomaly

Beta decays place one of the most stringent tests of SM through precision measurements of the first-row CKM matrix elements V_{ud} and V_{us}

V_{ud}

	$ V_{ud} $
Superaligned nuclear decays ($0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$)	0.97373(31)
Free n decay	0.97377(90)
Mirror nuclei decays	0.9739(10)
Pion semileptonic decay (π_{e3})	0.9740(28)

V_{us}

	$ V_{us} $
Kaon semileptonic decays ($K_{\ell 3}$)	0.22309(56)
Tau decays	0.2221(13)
Hyperon decays	0.2250(27)

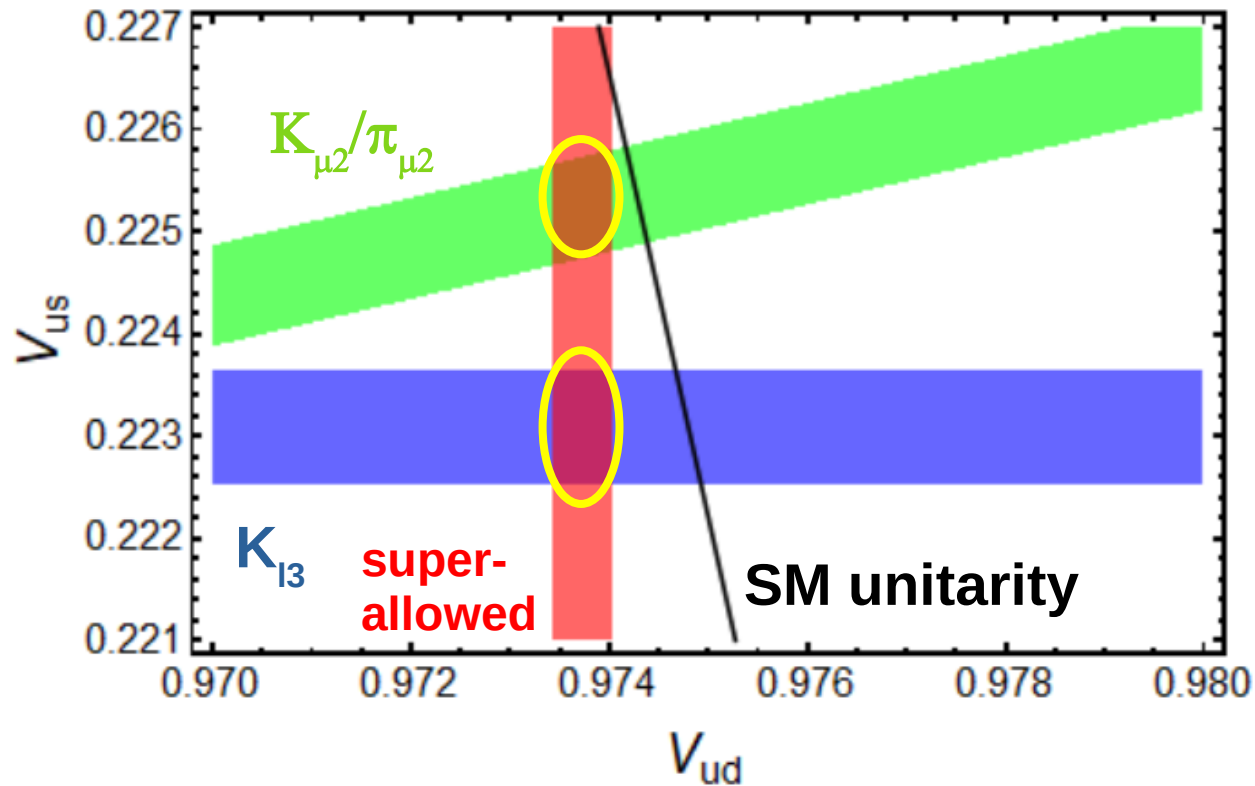
*CY S, Galviz, Marciano
and Meißner,
2107.14708*

V_{us}/V_{ud}

	$ V_{us}/V_{ud} $
K/π leptonic decays ($K_{\mu 2}/\pi_{\mu 2}$)	0.23131(51)
K/π semileptonic decays ($K_{\ell 3}/\pi_{e 3}$)	0.22908(87)

The V_{us} anomaly

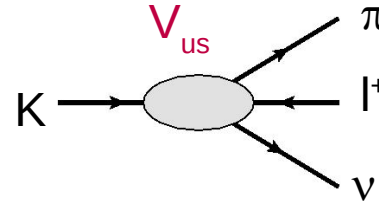
~ 2σ discrepancy exists between V_{us} extracted from **leptonic kaon decay ($K_{\mu 2}$)** and **semileptonic kaon decay ($K_{l 3}$)**



Signature of **BSM physics**, or **unidentified SM effects**?

Kaon semileptonic decays (K_{l3}) and the long-distance RC

Best measurement of V_{us} :
Kaon semileptonic decay (K_{l3})



$$\Gamma_{K_{l3}} = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{us}|^2 M_K^5 C_K^2}{192\pi^3} S_{EW} |f_+^{K^0\pi^-}(0)|^2 I_{Kl}^{(0)} \left(1 + \delta_{EM}^{Kl} + \delta_{SU(2)}^{K\pi} \right)$$

Analysis based on 20++ years of accumulated data

2021 PDG (online)

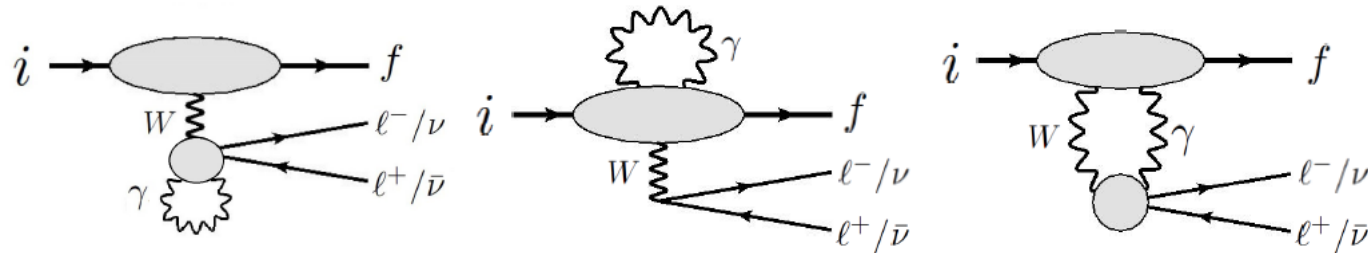
Non-trivial theory inputs:

- $K\pi$ form factor at zero momentum transfer
- Phase space factor
- Electromagnetic radiative corrections (RC)
- Isospin-breaking corrections (ISB)

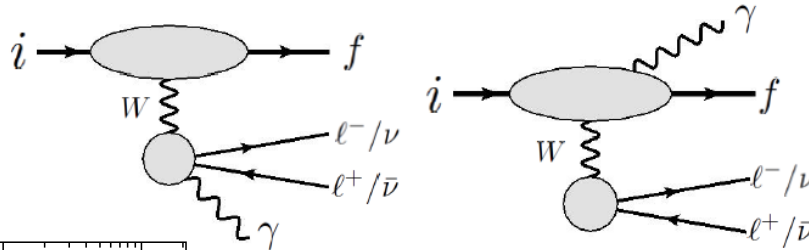
Kaon semileptonic decays (K_{l3}) and the long-distance RC

Long-distance electromagnetic radiative corrections (RC)

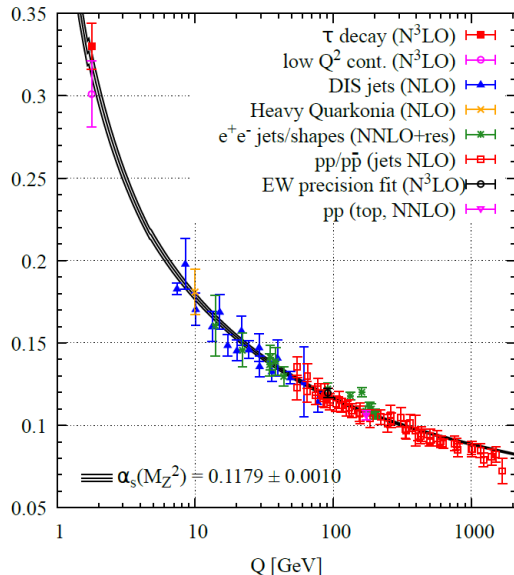
Virtual corrections:



Real corrections:



“Long-distance” :
W-propagator
shrinks to a point
(Fermi interaction)



Main issue: Strong interactions governed by QCD
become non-perturbative at $Q^2 \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$
Major theory challenge in the K_{l3} RC
for the past 5 decades

Chiral Perturbation Theory

Chiral perturbation theory (ChPT):

- A (the?) **low-energy effective field theory (EFT)** of QCD
- Lagrangian constructed based on the **spontaneously-broken chiral symmetry** of QCD
- Pseudoscalar mesons, leptons and photons as **dynamical degrees of freedom (DOFs)**
- **Chiral power-counting** scheme ensures convergence
- Effects of non-perturbative QCD contained in the **low-energy constants (LECs)**

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{lepton}} + \mathcal{L}_{\gamma} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{ChPT}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{lepton}} = \sum_{\ell} [\bar{\ell}(i\not{\partial} + e\not{A} - m_{\ell})\ell + \bar{\nu}_{\ell L} i\not{\partial} \nu_{\ell L}]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\gamma} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2\xi}(\partial \cdot A)^2 + \frac{1}{2}M_{\gamma}^2 A_{\mu}A^{\mu}$$

} Non-hadronic piece

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{ChPT}} = \mathcal{L}^{(2)} + \mathcal{L}^{(4)} + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{p^2} = \frac{F_0^2}{4} \langle D_{\mu}U(D^{\mu}U)^{\dagger} + \chi U^{\dagger} + U\chi^{\dagger} \rangle, \quad \mathcal{L}^{e^2} = ZF_0^4 \langle q_L U^{\dagger} q_R U \rangle$$

Leading-order (LO) Chiral Lagrangian

Chiral Perturbation Theory

Next-to-leading-order (NLO) Chiral Lagrangian:

Pure mesonic

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}^{p^4} = & L_1 \langle D_\mu U (D^\mu U)^\dagger \rangle^2 + L_2 \langle D_\mu U (D_\nu U)^\dagger \rangle \langle D^\mu U (D^\nu U)^\dagger \rangle \\ & + L_3 \langle D_\mu U (D^\mu U)^\dagger D_\nu U (D^\nu U)^\dagger \rangle + L_4 \langle D_\mu U (D^\mu U)^\dagger \rangle \langle \chi U^\dagger + U \chi^\dagger \rangle \\ & + L_5 \langle D_\mu U (D^\mu U)^\dagger (\chi U^\dagger + U \chi^\dagger) \rangle + L_6 \langle \chi U^\dagger + U \chi^\dagger \rangle^2 \\ & + L_7 \langle \chi U^\dagger - U \chi^\dagger \rangle^2 + L_8 \langle U \chi^\dagger U \chi^\dagger + \chi U^\dagger \chi U^\dagger \rangle \\ & - i L_9 \langle f_{\mu\nu}^R D^\mu U (D^\nu U)^\dagger + f_{\mu\nu}^L (D^\mu U)^\dagger D^\nu U \rangle + L_{10} \langle U f_{\mu\nu}^L U^\dagger f_R^{\mu\nu} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Gasser and Leutwyler,
NPB 1985

With dynamical photons

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\{K\}}^{e^2 p^2} = & F_0^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{2} K_1 \langle D^\mu U (D_\mu U)^\dagger \rangle \langle q_R q_R + q_L q_L \rangle + K_2 \langle D^\mu U (D_\mu U)^\dagger \rangle \langle q_R U q_L U^\dagger \rangle \right. \\ & + K_3 \langle (D^\mu U)^\dagger q_R U \rangle \langle (D_\mu U)^\dagger q_R U \rangle + \langle D^\mu U q_L U^\dagger \rangle \langle D_\mu U q_L U^\dagger \rangle \\ & + K_4 \langle (D^\mu U)^\dagger q_R U \rangle \langle D_\mu U q_L U^\dagger \rangle + K_5 \langle q_L q_L (D^\mu U)^\dagger D_\mu U + q_R q_R D^\mu U (D_\mu U)^\dagger \rangle \\ & + K_6 \langle (D^\mu U)^\dagger D_\mu U q_L U^\dagger q_R U + D^\mu U (D_\mu U)^\dagger q_R U q_L U^\dagger \rangle \\ & + \frac{1}{2} K_7 \langle \chi^\dagger U + U^\dagger \chi \rangle \langle q_R q_R + q_L q_L \rangle + K_8 \langle \chi^\dagger U + U^\dagger \chi \rangle \langle q_R U q_L U^\dagger \rangle \\ & + K_9 \langle (\chi^\dagger U + U^\dagger \chi) q_L q_L + (\chi U^\dagger + U \chi^\dagger) q_R q_R \rangle \\ & + K_{10} \langle (\chi^\dagger U + U^\dagger \chi) q_L U^\dagger q_R U + (\chi U^\dagger + U \chi^\dagger) q_R U q_L U^\dagger \rangle \\ & + K_{11} \langle (\chi^\dagger U - U^\dagger \chi) q_L U^\dagger q_R U + (\chi U^\dagger - U \chi^\dagger) q_R U q_L U^\dagger \rangle \\ & + K_{12} \langle (D^\mu U)^\dagger [\nabla_\mu q_R, q_R] U + D^\mu U [\nabla_\mu q_L, q_L] U^\dagger \rangle \\ & \left. + K_{13} \langle \nabla^\mu q_R U \nabla_\mu q_L U^\dagger \rangle + K_{14} \langle \nabla^\mu q_R \nabla_\mu q_R + \nabla^\mu q_L \nabla_\mu q_L \rangle \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

Urech, NPB 1995

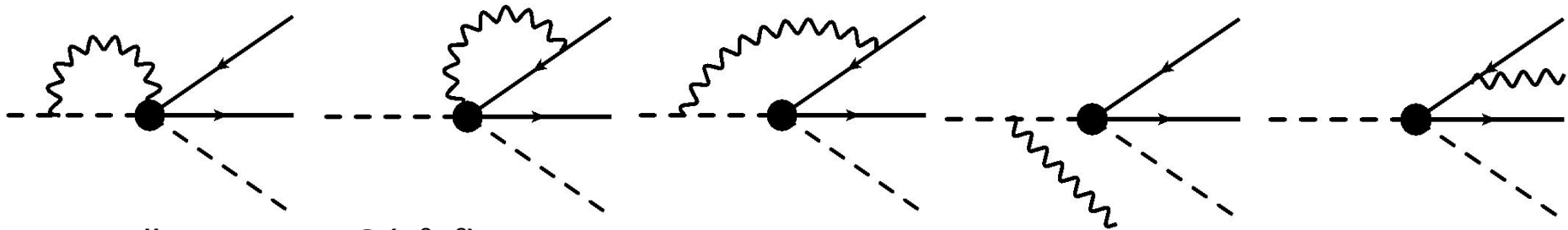
With dynamical leptons

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\{X\}}^{e^2 p^2} = & e^2 F_0^2 \sum_\ell \{ X_1 \bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \nu_{\ell L} \langle u^\mu \{ \mathcal{Q}_R^{\text{em}}, \mathcal{Q}_L^{\text{w}} \} \rangle + X_2 \bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \nu_{\ell L} \langle u^\mu [\mathcal{Q}_R^{\text{em}}, \mathcal{Q}_L^{\text{w}}] \rangle \\ & + X_3 m_\ell \bar{\ell} \nu_{\ell L} \langle \mathcal{Q}_L^{\text{w}} \mathcal{Q}_R^{\text{em}} \rangle + h.c. \} + e^2 \sum_\ell X_6 \bar{\ell} (i \not{\partial} + e A) \ell, \end{aligned}$$

Knecht, Neufeld,
Rupertsberger and
Talavera, EPJC 2000

Chiral Perturbation Theory

K_{l3} RC in ChPT:



+ tree diagrams at $O(e^2 p^2)$

Cirigliano, Knecht, Neufeld, Rupertsberger and Talavera, 2002 EPJC
Cirigliano, Neufeld and Pichl, 2004 EPJC
Cirigliano, Giannotti and Neufeld, 2008 JHEP

Connection to the **full EW theory** was done through **a specific combination of LECs**:

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_6^{\text{phys}} &\equiv X_6^r - 4K_{12}^r \\
 &= \left(X_6^{\text{phys}}\right)_{\text{SD}} + \left(X_6^{\text{phys}}\right)_{\text{LD}} \\
 S_{\text{EW}} &= 1 - e^2 \left(X_6^{\text{phys}}\right)_{\text{SD}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Chiral Perturbation Theory

Quantification of **theory uncertainties** in ChPT:

- Uncertainties due to **neglected terms at $O(e^2p^4)$** : Estimated using standard chiral power counting, i.e. multiplying central values by $(M_K/\Lambda_\chi)^2 \sim 1/4$
- Uncertainties due to **unknown LECs at $O(e^2p^2)$** : LECs calculated using resonance models, and assign 100% uncertainty

Ananthanarayan and Moussallam, JHEP 2004
Descotes-Genon and Moussallam, EPJC 2005

	$\delta_{EM}^{K\ell}(\%)$
K_{e3}^0	$0.99 \pm 0.19_{e^2p^4} \pm 0.11_{\text{LEC}}$
K_{e3}^\pm	$0.10 \pm 0.19_{e^2p^4} \pm 0.16_{\text{LEC}}$
$K_{\mu 3}^0$	$1.40 \pm 0.19_{e^2p^4} \pm 0.11_{\text{LEC}}$
$K_{\mu 3}^\pm$	$0.016 \pm 0.19_{e^2p^4} \pm 0.16_{\text{LEC}}$

Uncertainty $\sim 10^{-3}$

“**Natural limitations**” of the ChPT precision

Cirigliano, Giannotti and Neufeld, JHEP 2008

Plans for direct lattice calculations of the full RC: ~ 10 years to reach 10^{-3} precision

Boyle et al., SnowMass 2021 Lol

Sirlin's representation

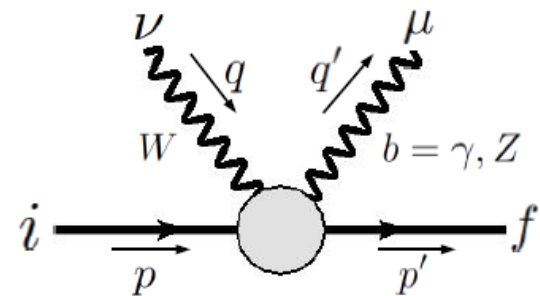
“Sirlin's representation” of the $O(G_F\alpha)$ electroweak RC (EWRC):

- First constructed by Sirlin to deal with EWRC in superallowed beta decays
Sirlin, 1978 Rev.Mod.Phys
- Resurrected and generalized recently to study EWRC in general semileptonic decays
CYS, Galviz and Meißner, 2020 JHEP
CYS, 2021 Particles

Basic ingredients: **“Generalized Compton tensors”**

$$T_{(b)}^{\mu\nu}(q'; p', p) = \int d^4x e^{iq' \cdot x} \langle \phi_f(p') | T \{ J_b^\mu(x) J^\nu(0) \} | \phi_i(p) \rangle$$

$$\Gamma_{(b)}^\mu(q'; p', p) = \int d^4x e^{iq' \cdot x} \langle \phi_f(p') | T \{ J_b^\mu(x) \partial \cdot J(0) \} | \phi_i(p) \rangle$$



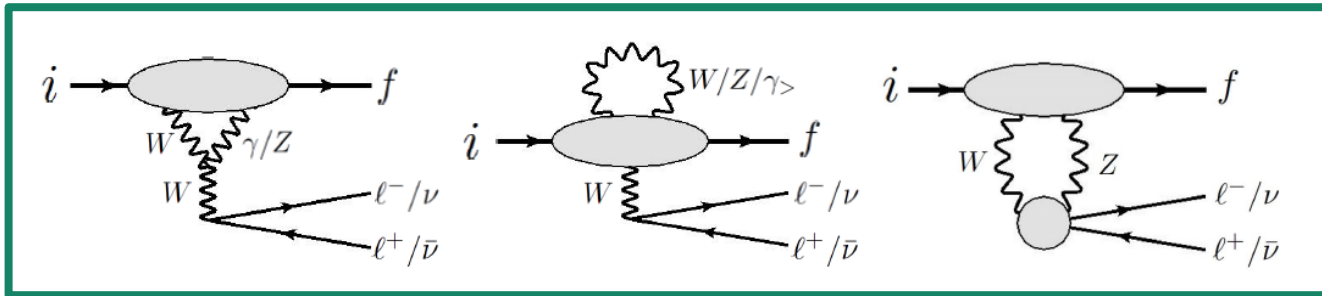
Theory Foundations:

Current Algebra (CA) and **Ward identities (WI)**, both are exact relations in QCD

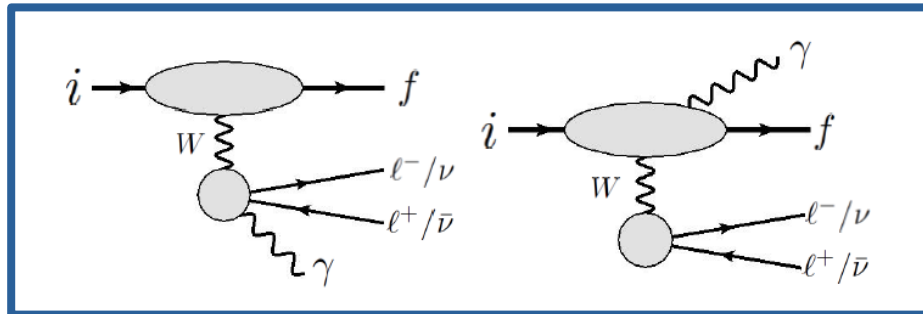
Sirlin's representation

$$\frac{1}{q'^2} = \frac{1}{q'^2 - M_W^2} + \frac{M_W^2}{M_W^2 - q'^2} \frac{1}{q'^2}$$

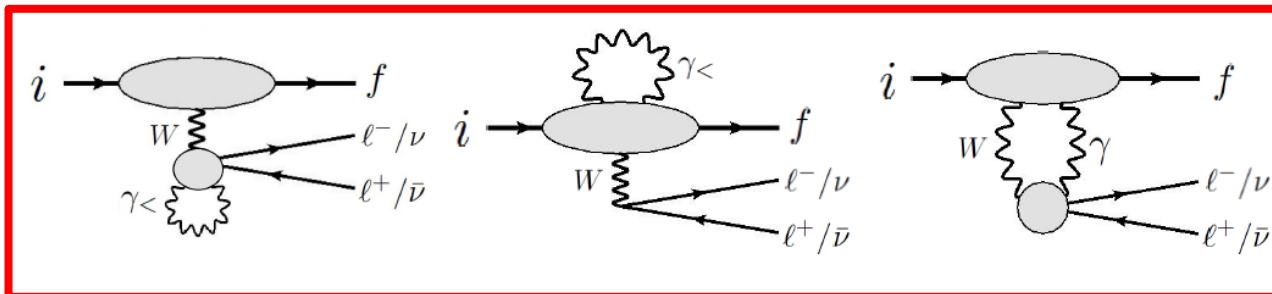
“ $\gamma >$ ”
“ $\gamma <$ ”



“Weak” RC:
 Calculable perturbatively
 to satisfactory precision



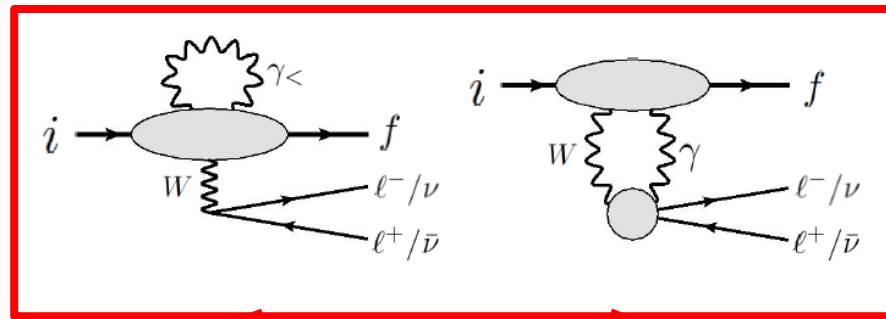
Bremsstrahlung



**(Virtual)
 electromagnetic RC**

Sirlin's representation

Further separation of the non-trivial virtual electromagnetic RC:



$$\left(\delta m_2 + \delta m_{\gamma W}^a \right)_{\text{int}} - \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \delta F_3^\lambda L_\lambda$$

Depends on physics at
 $Q^2 \ll 1\text{GeV}^2$.

$$\delta m_{\gamma W}^b$$

Depends on physics at
 $Q^2 \sim 1\text{GeV}^2$.

Sirlin's representation

Important concept: the “convection term”

$$T_{\text{conv}}^{\mu\nu}(q'; p', p) = \frac{iZ_f(2p' + q')^\mu F^\nu(p', p)}{(p' + q')^2 - M_f^2} + \frac{iZ_i(2p - q')^\mu F^\nu(p', p)}{(p - q')^2 - M_i^2}$$

Meister and Yennie, PR 1963

is the simplest structure that satisfies the **exact EM Ward identity**, and thus **gives the full IR-divergent contribution** in both the loop and phase-space integrals.

Simplifications in the **near-degenerate limit**:

$\delta F_3^\lambda(p', p)$: vanishes

$(\delta\mathcal{M}_2 + \delta\mathcal{M}_{\gamma W}^a)_{\text{int}}$, $\mathcal{M}_{\text{brems}}$: saturated by the convection term
 (“outer corrections”) *Wilkinson and Macefield, 1970 Nucl.Phys.A*

$\delta\mathcal{M}_{\gamma W}^b$: IR-finite and probes non-perturbative QCD (“inner corrections”).
 Can take the forward limit

The only non-trivial piece

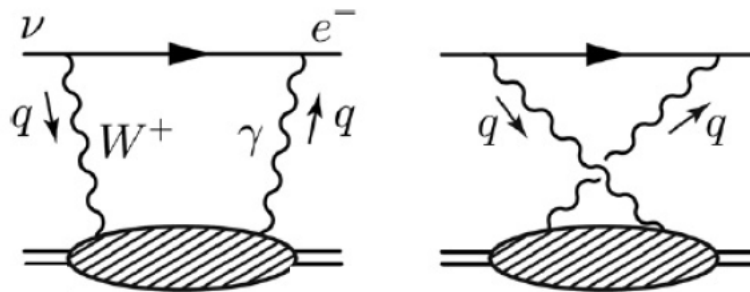
Inputs from Lattice QCD

In the degenerate limit, the main source of uncertainty: **the forward γW -box diagram**

$$\delta \mathfrak{M}_{\gamma W}^b = \square_{\gamma W}(\phi_i, \phi_f, M) \mathfrak{M}_0$$

$$\square_{\gamma W}(\phi_i, \phi_f, M) \equiv \frac{ie^2}{2M^2} \int \frac{d^4q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{M_W^2}{M_W^2 - q^2} \frac{1}{q^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} q_\alpha p_\beta \frac{T_{\mu\nu}^{if}(q; p, p)}{F_+^{if}(0)}$$

For spinless hadrons (e.g. pion), it probes the **AXIAL** charge weak current



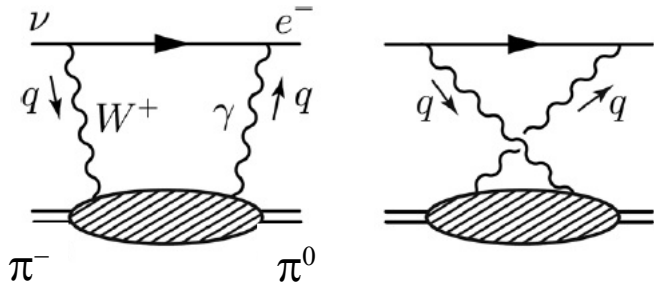
Sensitive to **non-perturbative QCD** at $q \sim 1\text{GeV}$, which can be studied on **lattice**

Feng, Gorchtein, Jin, Ma and CYS, 2020 PRL (pion box diagram)

Ma, Feng, Gorchtein, Jin and CYS, 2021 PRD ($K\pi$ box diagram)

Inputs from Lattice QCD

Charged pion γW -box diagrams in pion semileptonic decay (π_{e3})



$$\square_{\gamma W}(\pi^+, \pi^0, M_\pi) = \frac{3\alpha}{2\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} \frac{M_W^2}{M_W^2 + Q^2} \mathbb{M}_\pi(Q^2)$$

Integral sensitive to **all values of Q^2**

Lattice not applicable at **large Q^2** ($> 2 \text{ GeV}^2$) due to large lattice artifacts. But **perturbative QCD** works well:

$$\mathbb{M}_\pi(Q^2) = \frac{1}{12} \left[1 - \tilde{C}_1 \left(\frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \right) - \tilde{C}_2 \left(\frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \right)^2 - \tilde{C}_3 \left(\frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \right)^3 - \tilde{C}_4 \left(\frac{\alpha_S}{\pi} \right)^4 - \dots \right]$$

$$\tilde{C}_1 = 1$$

$$\tilde{C}_2 = 4.583 - 0.333n_f$$

$$\tilde{C}_3 = 41.44 - 7.607n_f + 0.177n_f^2$$

$$\tilde{C}_4 = 479.4 - 123.4n_f + 7.697n_f^2 - 0.1037n_f^3$$

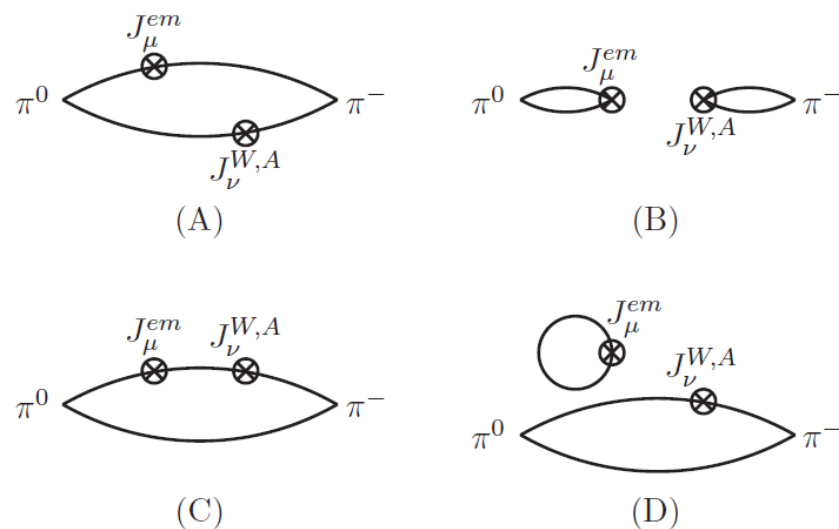
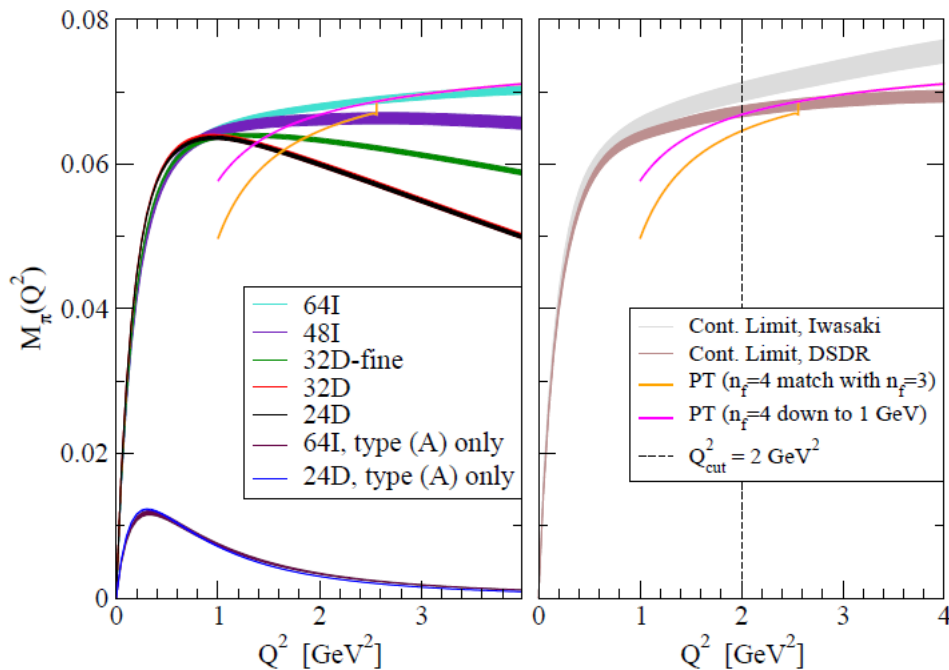
*Baikov, Chetyrkin and Kuhn,
2010 PRL*

Inputs from Lattice QCD

At **low Q^2** ($< 2 \text{ GeV}^2$): **direct lattice computation** of the generalized Compton tensor

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mu\nu}^{VA}(x) = \langle \pi^0(p) | T[J_{\mu}^{\text{em}}(x) J_{\nu}^{W,A}(0)] | \pi^{-}(p) \rangle$$

$$M_{\pi}(Q^2) = -\frac{1}{6\sqrt{2}} \frac{\sqrt{Q^2}}{m_{\pi}} \int d^4x \omega(Q, x) \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha 0} x_{\alpha} \mathcal{H}_{\mu\nu}^{VA}(x)$$



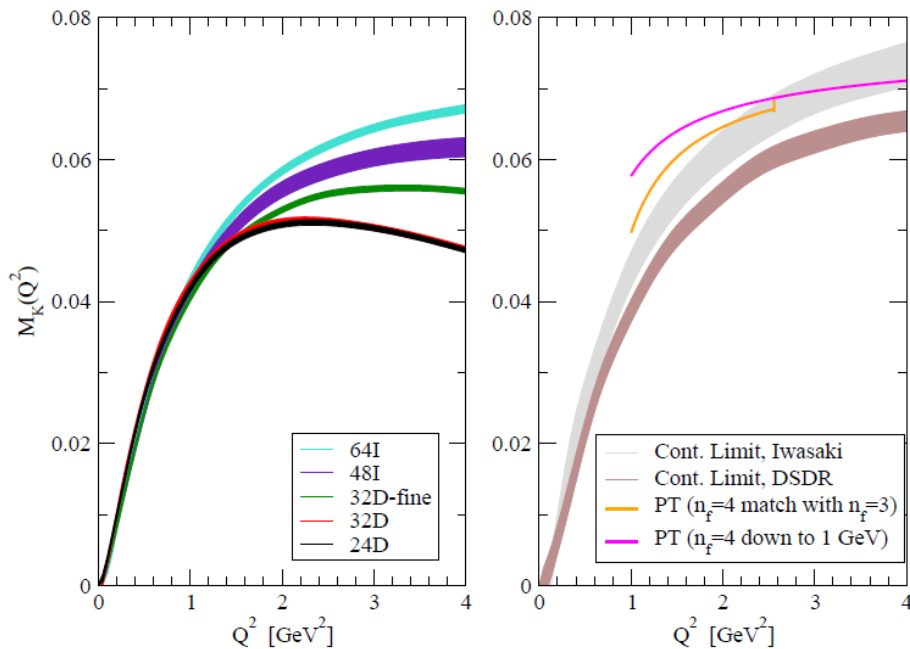
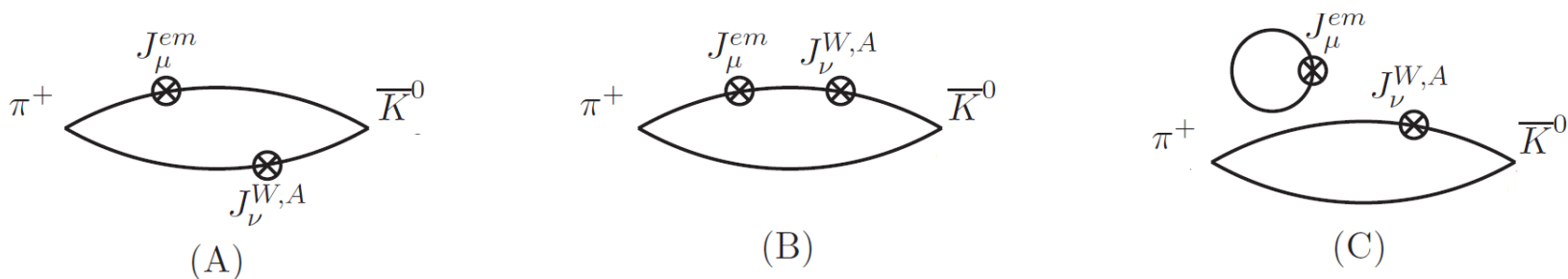
Quark contraction diagrams

Final result: $\square_{\gamma W}(\pi^+, \pi^0, M_{\pi}) = 2.830(11)_{\text{stat}}(26)_{\text{syst}} \times 10^{-3}$

Feng, Gorchtein, Jin, Ma and CYS, 2020 PRL

Inputs from Lattice QCD

Similar calculation of the $K\pi$ box diagram in the **degenerate limit**:



Final result:

$$\square_{\gamma W}(K^0, \pi^-, M_\pi) = 2.437(44) \times 10^{-3}$$

Ma, Feng, Gorchtein, Jin and CYS, 2021 PRD

Inputs from Lattice QCD

First application of lattice QCD inputs in kaon decays:

Comparing the **ChPT** and **Sirlin's representation** in the **forward limit** gives the **matching conditions between LECs and box diagrams**:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4}{3}X_1 + \bar{X}_6^{\text{phys}}(M_\rho) &= -\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha} \left(\square_{\gamma W}^{VA}(\pi_0, \pi_+) - \frac{\alpha}{8\pi} \ln \frac{M_W^2}{M_\rho^2} \right) + \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left(\frac{5}{4} - \tilde{a}_g \right) \\ -\frac{8}{3}X_1 + \bar{X}_6^{\text{phys}}(M_\rho) &= -\frac{1}{2\pi\alpha} \left((\square_{\gamma W}^{VA}(\pi_-, K_0))_{\text{SU}(3)} - \frac{\alpha}{8\pi} \ln \frac{M_W^2}{M_\rho^2} \right) + \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left(\frac{5}{4} - \tilde{a}_g \right) \end{aligned}$$

CYS, Feng, Gorchtein, Jin and Meißner, 2020 JHEP

Improved determination of **LECs**:

	Resonance model	Lattice
X_1	$(-3.7 \pm 3.7) \times 10^{-3}$	$(-2.2 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-3}$
\bar{X}_6^{phys}	$(10.4 + 3.0 \pm 10.4) \times 10^{-3}$	$(16.9 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-3}$

Improved determination of the **K_{l3} EMRC (%)**:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{K^0}^e &= 0.99(19)_{e^2p^4(11)\text{LEC}} \rightarrow 1.00(19) \\ \delta_{K^0}^\mu &= 1.40(19)_{e^2p^4(11)\text{LEC}} \rightarrow 1.41(19) \\ \delta_{K^\pm}^e &= 0.10(19)_{e^2p^4(16)\text{LEC}} \rightarrow -0.01(19) \\ \delta_{K^\pm}^\mu &= 0.02(19)_{e^2p^4(16)\text{LEC}} \rightarrow -0.09(19) \end{aligned}$$

Ma, Feng, Gorchtein, Jin and CYS, 2021 PRD

Electroweak RC in K_{e3}

Unlike π_{e3} , the K_{l3} RC is **unsettled** even with the aforementioned lattice inputs!
Reason:

- **In ChPT language:** Fixing LECs are not enough because the major uncertainties from $O(e^2 p^4)$ corrections remain
- **In Sirlin's representation:** The non-forward $K \rightarrow \pi$ decay causes several extra complications:

$\delta F_3^\lambda(p', p)$: **does not vanish**

$(\delta \mathfrak{M}_2 + \delta \mathfrak{M}_{\gamma W}^a)_{\text{int}}$, $\mathfrak{M}_{\text{brems}}$: **not saturated by the convection term**

$\delta \mathfrak{M}_{\gamma W}^b$: **cannot simply take forward limit**

Further analysis of the these terms is needed

Electroweak RC in K_{e3}

Learning from the tree-level squared amplitude formula:

$$|\mathfrak{M}_0^{(0)}|^2 = 2G_F^2 |V_{us}|^2 M_K^4 \left\{ A_1^{(0)}(y, z) |f_+^{K\pi}(t)|^2 + A_2^{(0)}(y, z) f_+^{K\pi}(t) f_-^{K\pi}(t) + A_3^{(0)}(y, z) |f_-^{K\pi}(t)|^2 \right\}$$

$$A_1^{(0)}(y, z) = 4(1-y)(y+z-1) + r_\ell(4y+3z-3) - 4r_\pi + r_\ell(r_\pi - r_\ell)$$

$$A_2^{(0)}(y, z) = 2r_\ell(3-2y-z+r_\ell-r_\pi)$$

$$r_\ell \equiv m_\ell^2 / M_K^2$$

$$A_3^{(0)}(y, z) = r_\ell(1-z+r_\pi-r_\ell).$$

with $K\pi$ **charged weak form factors**:

$$F_\mu^{K\pi}(p', p) \equiv \langle \pi(p') | (J_\mu^W)^\dagger | K(p) \rangle = V_{us}^* \left[\underline{f_+^{K\pi}(t)}(p+p')_\mu + \underline{f_-^{K\pi}(t)}(p-p')_\mu \right]$$

We restrict ourselves to K_{e3} , where the **tree-level** and **virtual EWRC** contributions from **f** to the squared amplitude are **suppressed by $r_e \sim 10^{-6}$** , bringing great simplifications

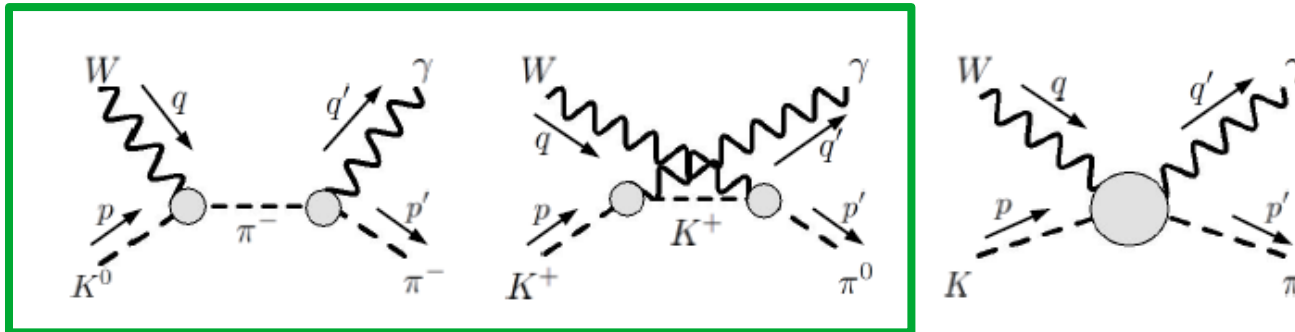
Electroweak RC in K_{e3}

Non-trivial piece (A) :

“Residual integral” + the vector current contribution to $\delta\mathcal{M}_{\gamma W}^b$

$$I_{\mathcal{A}}^\lambda = -e^2 \int \frac{d^4 q'}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{[(p_e - q')^2 - m_e^2][q'^2 - M_\gamma^2]} \left\{ \frac{2p_e \cdot q' q'^\lambda}{q'^2 - M_\gamma^2} T_\mu^\mu + 2p_{e\mu} T^{\mu\lambda} - (p - p')_\mu T^{\lambda\mu} + i\Gamma^\lambda - i\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\lambda} q'_\alpha (T_{\mu\nu})_V \right\}.$$

Its contribution to \mathbf{f}_+ is saturated by the “pole” terms” in $T_{\mu\nu}$ and Γ_μ :



- Required inputs: **K/π EM form factors** and **charged weak form factors**, well-measured in experiments
- Equivalent to **re-summing the most important $O(e^2 p^n)$ corrections** in ChPT 22

Electroweak RC in K_{e3}

Non-trivial piece (B) :

The axial current contribution to $\delta\mathfrak{M}_{\gamma W}^b$

$$I_{\mathfrak{B}}^\lambda = ie^2 \int \frac{d^4 q'}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{M_W^2}{M_W^2 - q'^2} \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\lambda} q'_\alpha (T_{\mu\nu})_A}{[(p_e - q')^2 - m_e^2] q'^2}$$

Its contribution to \mathbf{f}_+ is directly related to the lattice QCD calculation of the **forward axial $K\pi$ box diagram**:

$$(\delta f_+)_{\mathfrak{B}} = \underbrace{\square_{\gamma W}^> f_+(t)}_{\text{pQCD}} + \overbrace{\left\{ \square_{\gamma W}^<(K, \pi, M_\pi) + \mathcal{O}(M_K^2/\Lambda_\chi^2) \right\}}^{\text{lattice input}} f_+(t)$$

A **non-forward uncertainty** is assigned using standard chiral power counting.

Electroweak RC in K_{e3}

Non-trivial piece (C) : f_+ contributed by the 3-pt function

$$\delta f_{+,3} = (\delta f_+)_{\text{III}} + \left\{ (\delta f_{+,3})_{e^2 p^2}^{\text{fin}} + \mathcal{O}(e^2 p^4) \right\}$$

Resummed term to ensure IR-finiteness

Regular terms calculated at fixed-order ChPT

Non-trivial piece (D) : Bremsstrahlung contribution

$$\mathfrak{M}_{\text{brems}} = \mathfrak{M}_A + \mathfrak{M}_B$$
$$T^{\mu\nu} = T_{\text{conv}}^{\mu\nu} + \left\{ (T^{\mu\nu} - T_{\text{conv}}^{\mu\nu})_{p^2} + \mathcal{O}(p^4) \right\}$$

Full convection term contribution, contains full IR-divergence

Regular terms calculated at fixed-order ChPT

Electroweak RC in K_{e3}

Final Result:

	ChPT	New result
$\delta_{EM}^{K^+e}(\%)$	0.10(19) _{e^2p^4} (16) _{LEC}	0.21(2) _{inel} (1) _{r_K} (1) _{lat} (4) _{NF} (1) _{e^2p^4}
$\delta_{EM}^{K^0e}(\%)$	0.99(19) _{e^2p^4} (11) _{LEC}	1.16(2) _{inel} (1) _{lat} (1) _{NF} (2) _{e^2p^4}

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Sources of uncertainty:

- **inel**: Contributions from inelastic states to the residual integral
 - **rk**: Experimental uncertainty of the kaon charge radius
 - **lat**: Lattice uncertainty in the γW -box diagram
 - **NF**: Uncertainty due to non-forward effects in the γW -box diagram
 - **e^2p^4** : Higher-order ChPT corrections
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- Consistent with the pure ChPT result within error bars
 - Significant improvement of precision: **$10^{-3} \rightarrow 10^{-4}$**

Summary

- $\sim 2\sigma$ discrepancy exists between V_{us} extracted from $K_{\mu 2}$ and $K_{l 3}$. SM theory inputs must be further scrutinized to ensure that it does not originate from unexpected SM corrections
- Electromagnetic RC in $K_{l 3}$ carries a “natural limitation” in precision $\sim 10^{-3}$, which is irreducible using ChPT and other model-dependent frameworks
- Adopting Sirlin’s representation of RC in $K_{e 3}$ successfully overcomes the “natural limitation” (precision improves from 10^{-3} to 10^{-4}) by:
 - Effectively re-summing the most important $O(e^2 p^n)$ contributions in ChPT to reduce the higher-order uncertainties
 - Using appropriate lattice QCD inputs to effectively reduce the uncertainties from non-perturbative QCD (LECs in ChPT language)
- The outcome is consistent with pure ChPT results. The V_{us} anomaly is unlikely to originate from SM RC
- Future step is to generalize the analysis above to $K_{\mu 3}$. More complicated error analysis is expected