

QED corrections to the hadronic spectrum from lattice QCD with massive photons

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Precision nuclear physics from LQCD

- Sub-percent precision LQCD now possible

Neutron-proton mass
difference: accurate to 300 KeV
(BMW 2015)

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Ab initio calculation of the neutron-proton mass difference

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Axial charge of the nucleon:

$$g_A = 1.271(13)$$

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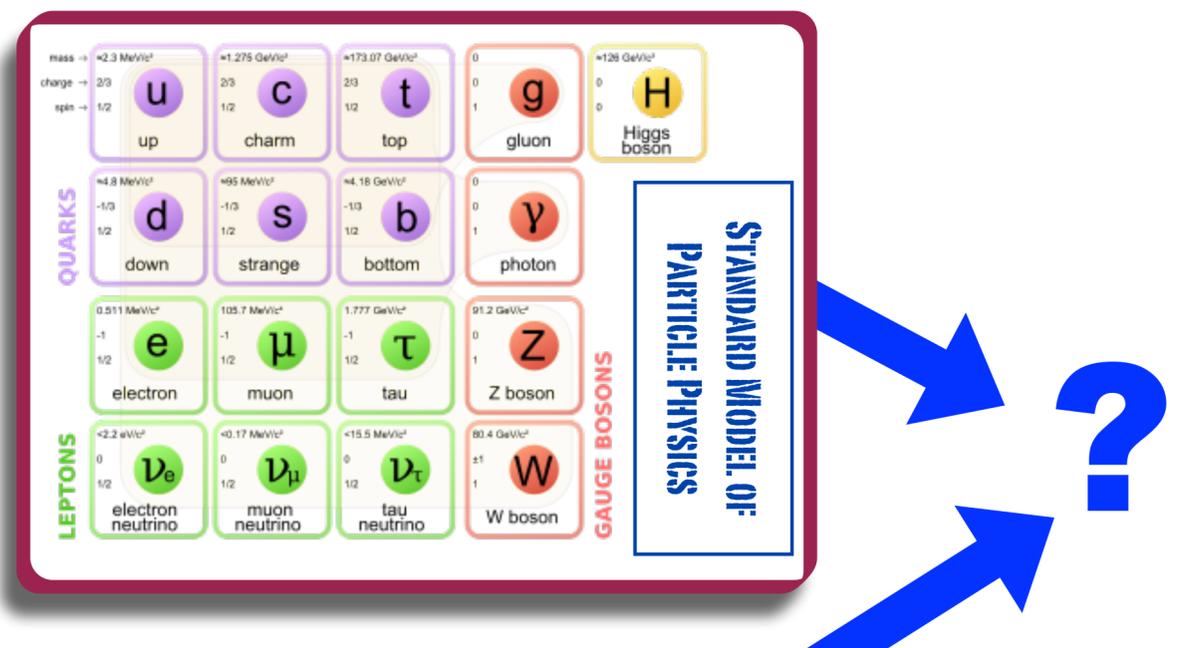
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- Look for new physics
- isospin-breaking effects will become important

Look for discrepancies between the SM and experiment: neutron lifetime, proton radius, muon g-2



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Neutron lifetime puzzle

Need ~0.2-0.5% theoretical uncertainty on g_A to discriminate between measurements

$$g_A = 1.2711(103)^s(39)^x(15)^a(19)^v(04)^I(55)^M$$



Can we help understand radiative corrections?

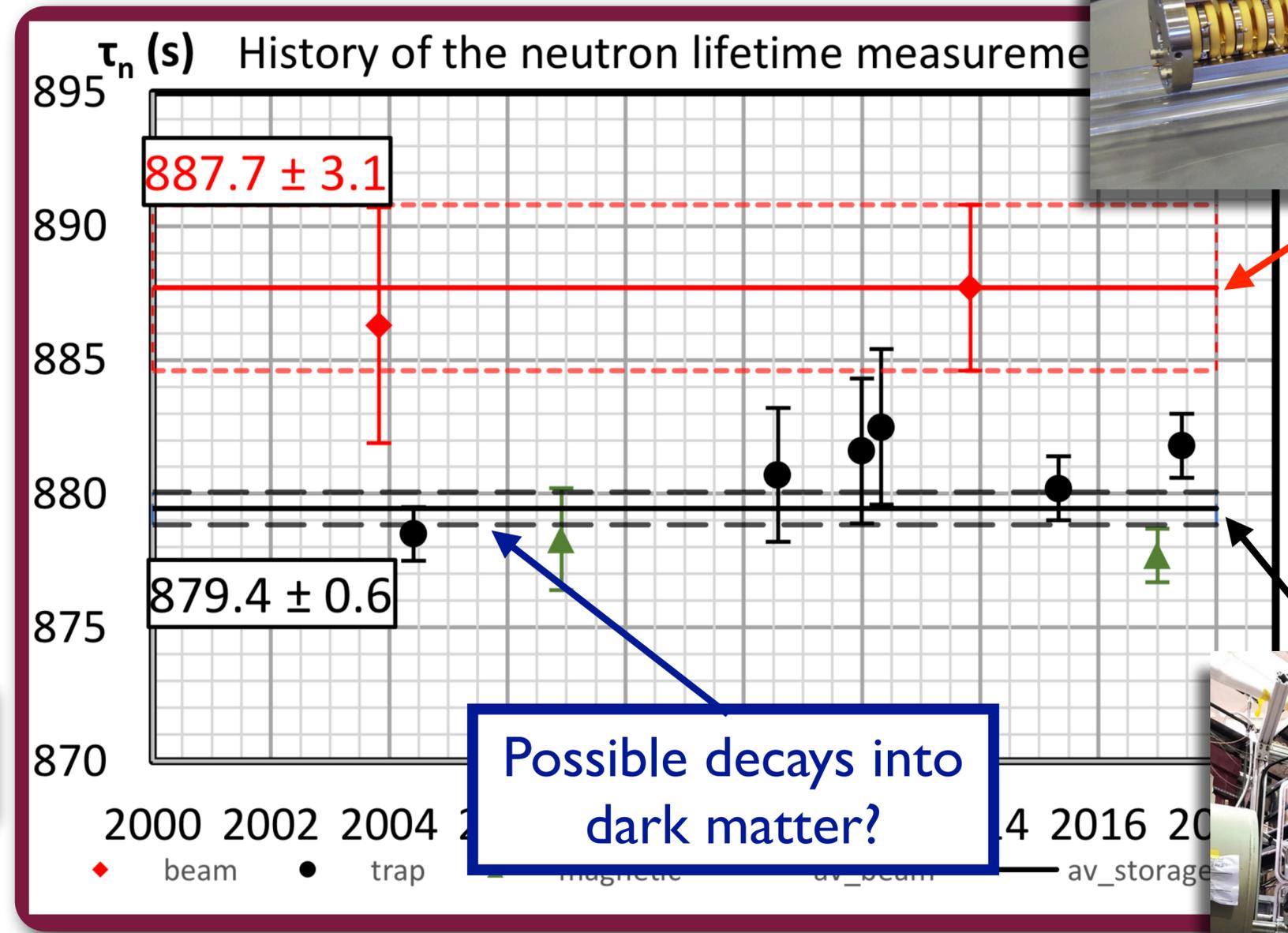
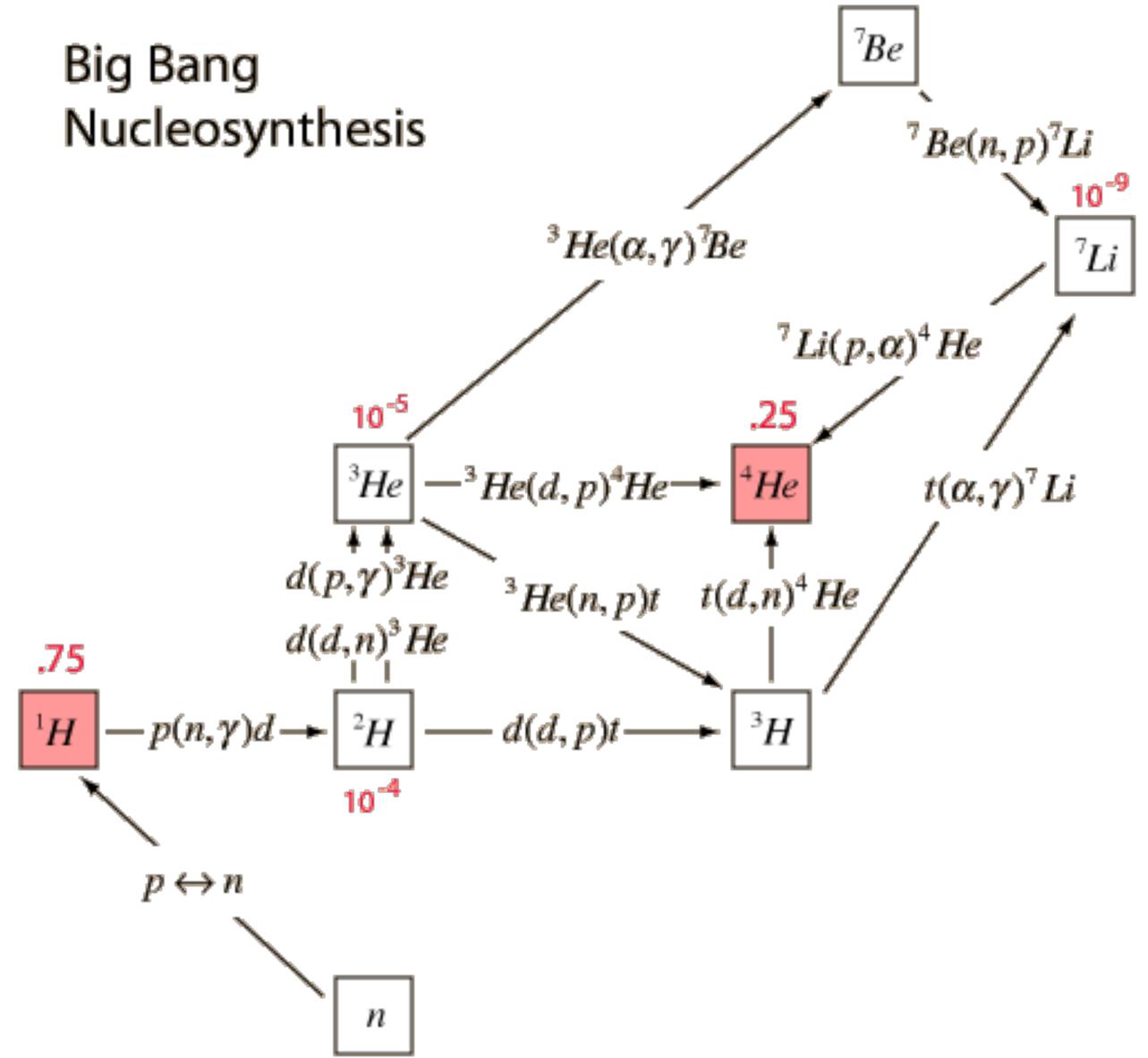


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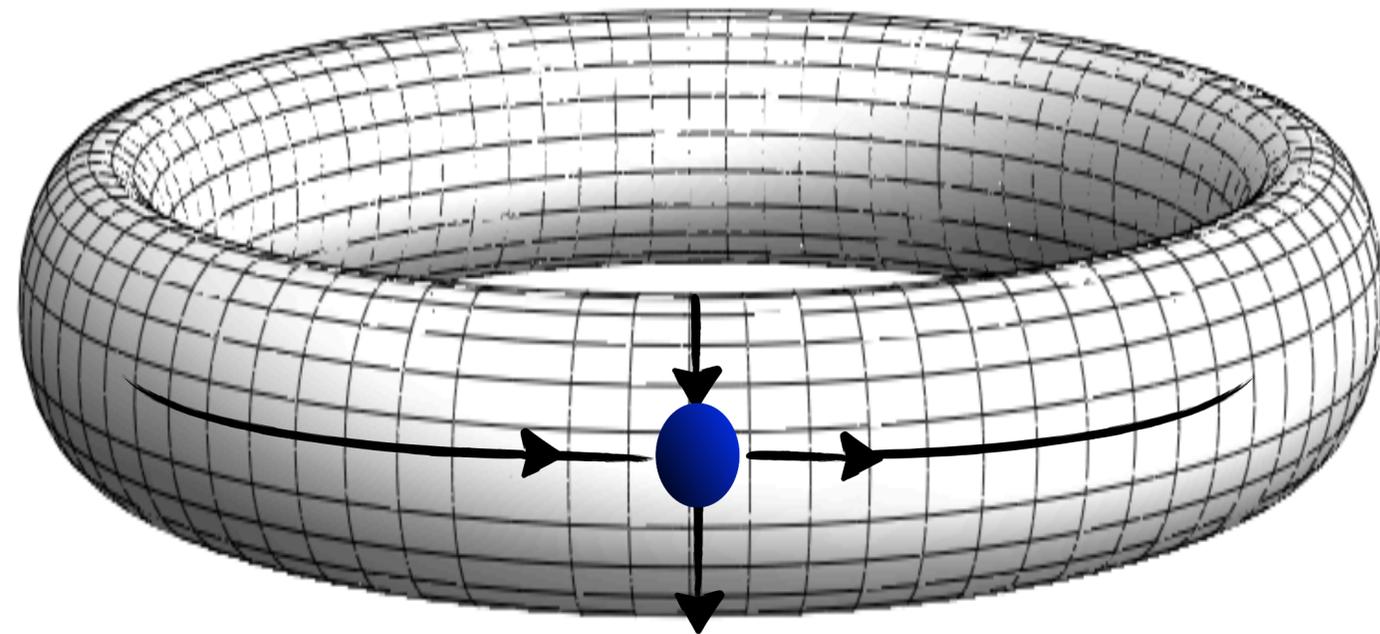
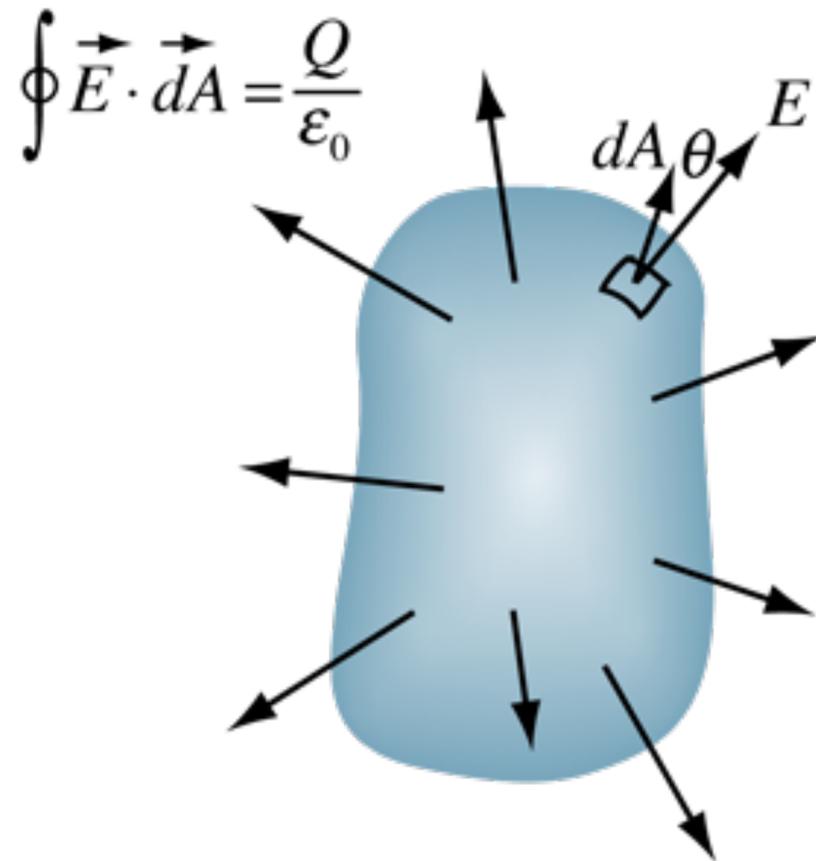
Precision nuclear physics from LQCD

- Sub-percent precision LQCD now possible
- Look for new physics
 - isospin-breaking effects will become important
- Build quantitative connection between QCD & nuclear physics
 - requires interplay between LQCD & many-body approaches
 - some processes exquisitely sensitive to isospin-breaking (BBN)



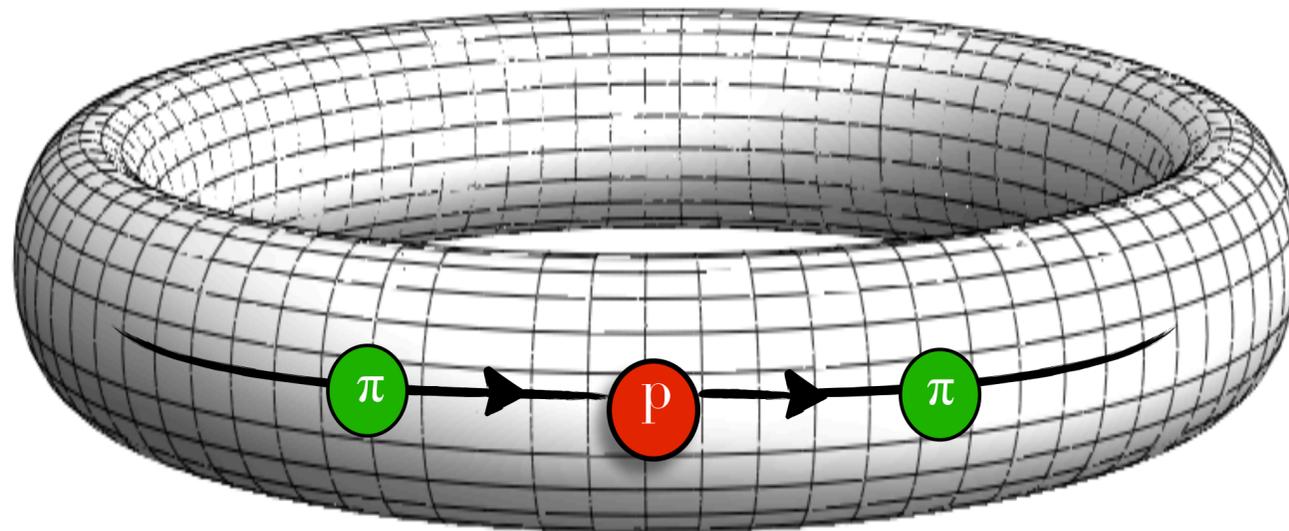
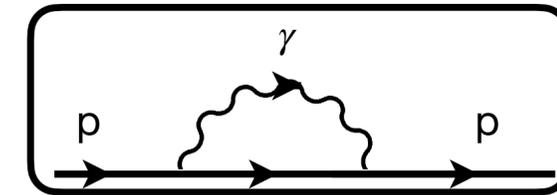
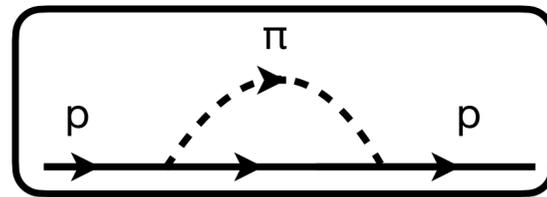
QED on the lattice

- Lattice calculations necessarily performed in a finite (generally, periodic) volume
- Gauss's law prohibits charged objects within a periodic volume

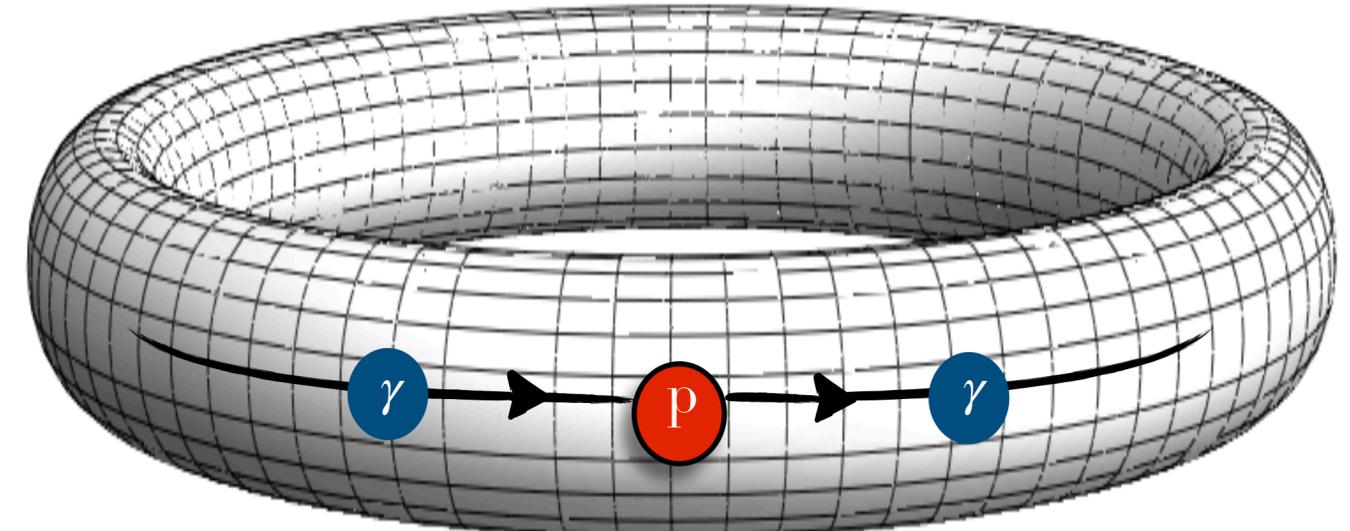


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- Gauss's law prohibits charged objects within a periodic volume
- Massless photon induces unphysical power-law IR effects



$$\delta_{\text{FV}} \sim e^{-m_{\pi} L}$$



$$\delta_{\text{FV}} \sim L^{-n}$$

QED on the lattice

- Some solutions:

- QED_{TL}: $\tilde{A}_\mu(0) = 0$

No transfer matrix

- QED_{SF}: $eA_\mu(0)/L^3 \in (-\pi/L, \pi/L)$

No transfer matrix (probably)

- QED_L: $\tilde{A}_\mu(p_0, \mathbf{0}) = 0$

Non-local

- QED_C: C-parity BC

$$A_\mu(x + L_k \hat{k}) = -A_\mu(x),$$
$$\psi(x + L_k \hat{k}) = C^{-1} \bar{\psi}^T(x)$$

Flavor-mixing

Gauss's Law:
invariance under
large gauge
transformations:

$$\langle \psi(x) \bar{\psi}(y) \rangle = 0, \quad \text{for } x \neq y$$

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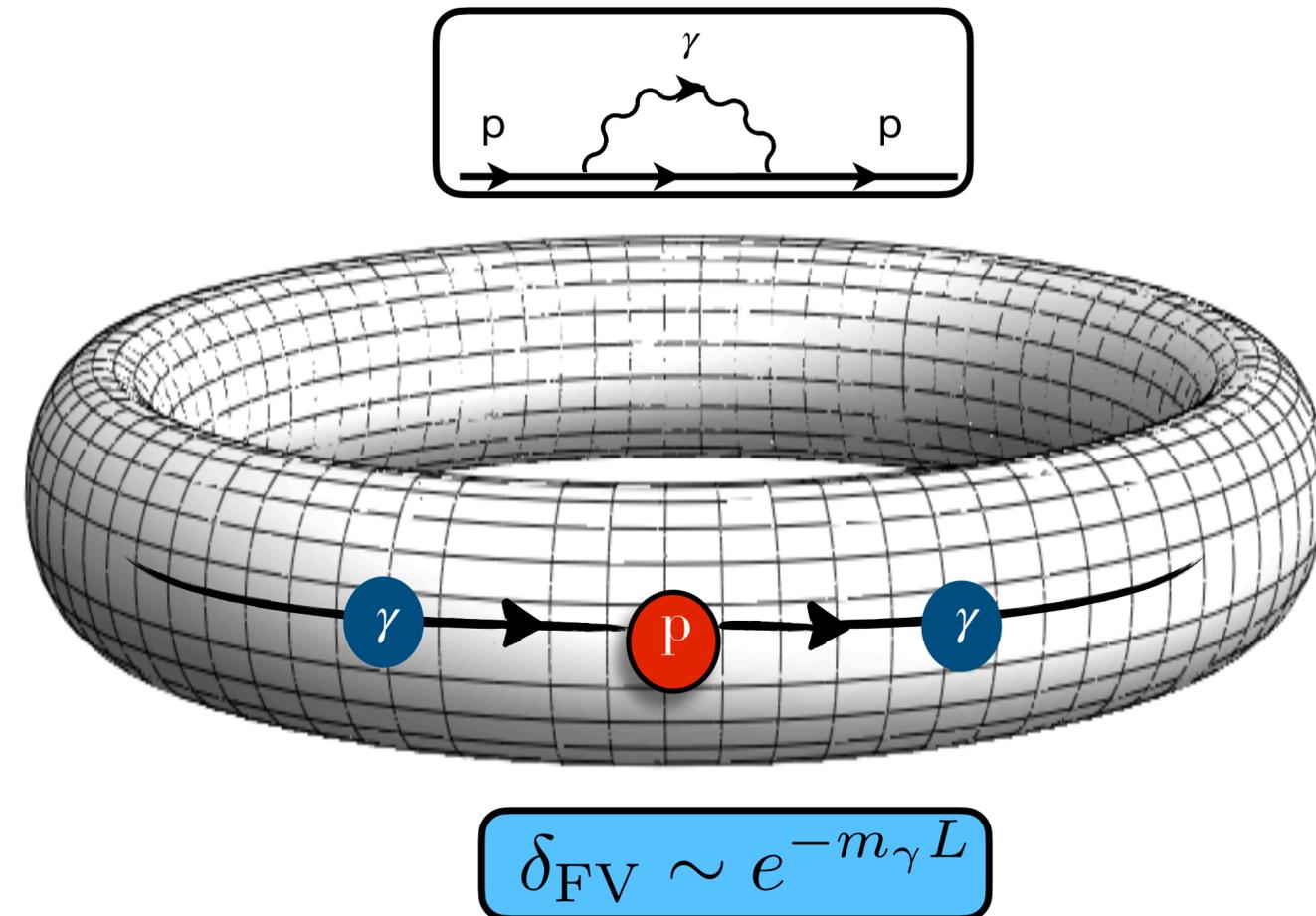
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QED_M on the lattice

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- QED_M: Photon mass term $S_m(A, \psi, \bar{\psi}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S(A, \psi, \bar{\psi}) + \frac{m_\gamma^2}{2} \int d^4x A_\mu^2$
- FV effects are exponential
- must perform careful extrapolations in two IR scales, L, m_γ
- zero-mode contribution to masses can be subtracted by hand: $\frac{e^2}{m_\gamma^2 V} t$
- Preliminary checks performed in Endres. et al (2016)
- Our program
 - determine regions of validity for performing extrapolations
 - calculate physical point quantities for a variety of relevant observables
- Lattice details: $N_f = 2+1+1$ DWF/HISQ
 - for this talk: $a=0.12$ fm, $m_\pi \sim 310$ MeV, two volumes: $L = 2.9, 3.8$ fm, 6 values of m_γ



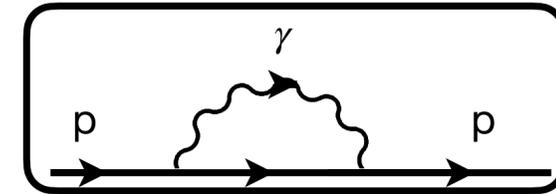
Isospin breaking scheme

Bussoni, Della Morte,
Janowski, Walker-Loud *PoS*
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- Isospin breaking in nature from two source: up-down quark mass difference and charges
- Separating the two can be beneficial
 - strong isospin breaking contributions to $M_n - M_p$ related to CP violation
 - disentangling radiative corrections to the neutron lifetime/beta decay
- QED effects renormalize quark masses: can't unambiguously separate contributions
- Would like to fix $m_u + m_d$, $m_u - m_d$ independently of α
 - fix values of physical quantities that are largely insensitive to α :
 - m_{π^0} : $m_u + m_d$, $m_{\Sigma^+} - m_{\Sigma^-}$: $m_u - m_d$
 - setting $m_{\Sigma^+} = m_{\Sigma^-}$ defines an isospin symmetric line for studying QED only effects
 - setting $m_{\pi^+} = m_{\pi^0}$ defines an isospin symmetric line for studying strong isospin breaking only effects

Extrapolations to the physical point

- Must take FV/m_γ limits carefully (do not commute!)
- ChiPT expectations:



$$L \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\frac{\delta_L M^{LO}}{M} = 2\pi\alpha Q^2 \frac{m_\gamma}{M} \left[\mathcal{I}_1(m_\gamma L) - \frac{1}{(m_\gamma L)^3} \right],$$

$$\frac{\delta_L M^{NLO}}{M} = \pi\alpha Q^2 \frac{m_\gamma^2}{M^2} [2\mathcal{I}_{1/2}(m_\gamma L) + \mathcal{I}_{3/2}(m_\gamma L)]$$

$$\mathcal{I}_n(z) = \frac{1}{2^{(n+1/2)}\pi^{3/2}\Gamma(n)} \sum_{\nu \neq 0} \frac{K_{3/2-n}(z|\nu|)}{(z|\nu|)^{3/2-n}}.$$

$$m_\gamma \rightarrow 0$$

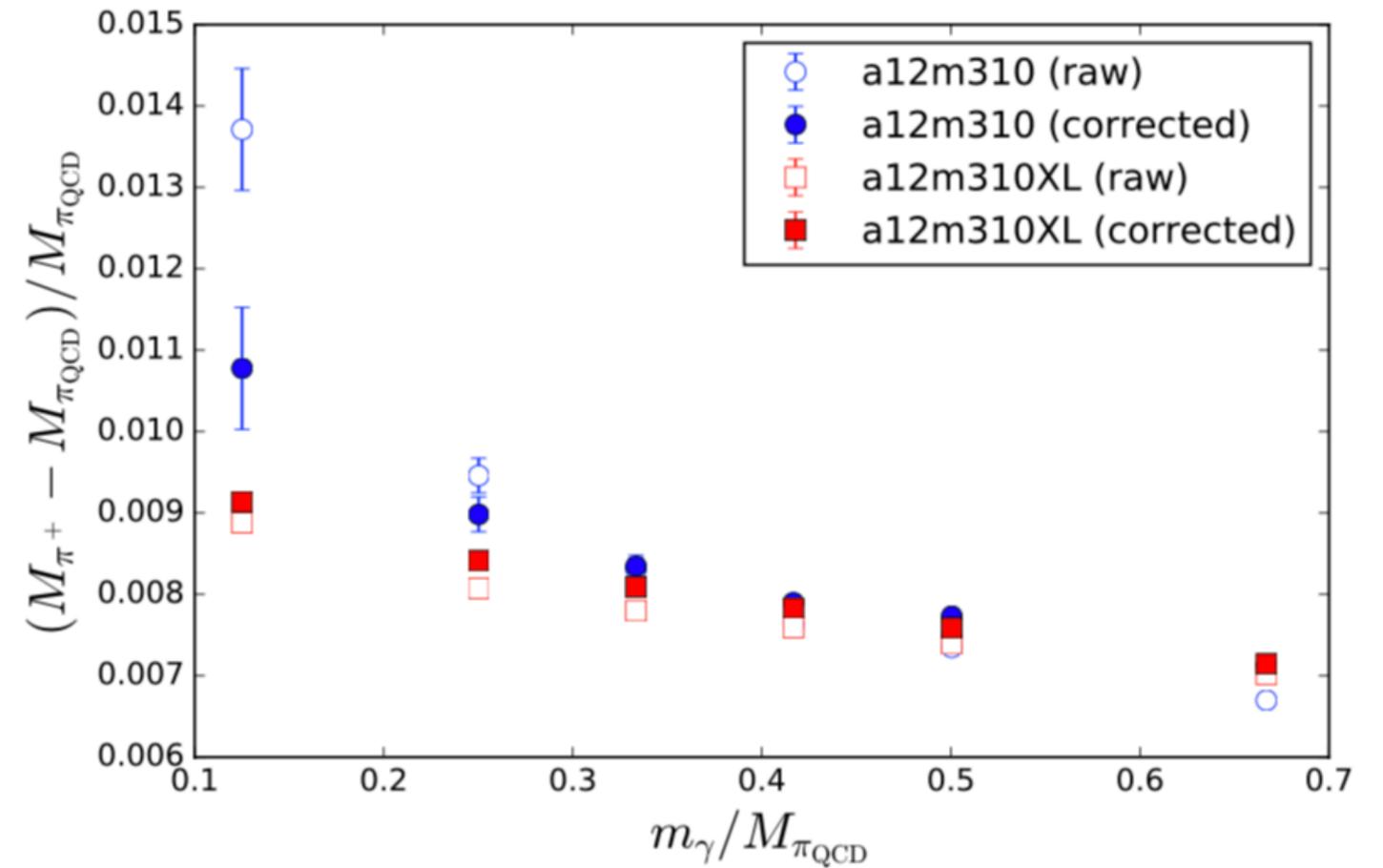
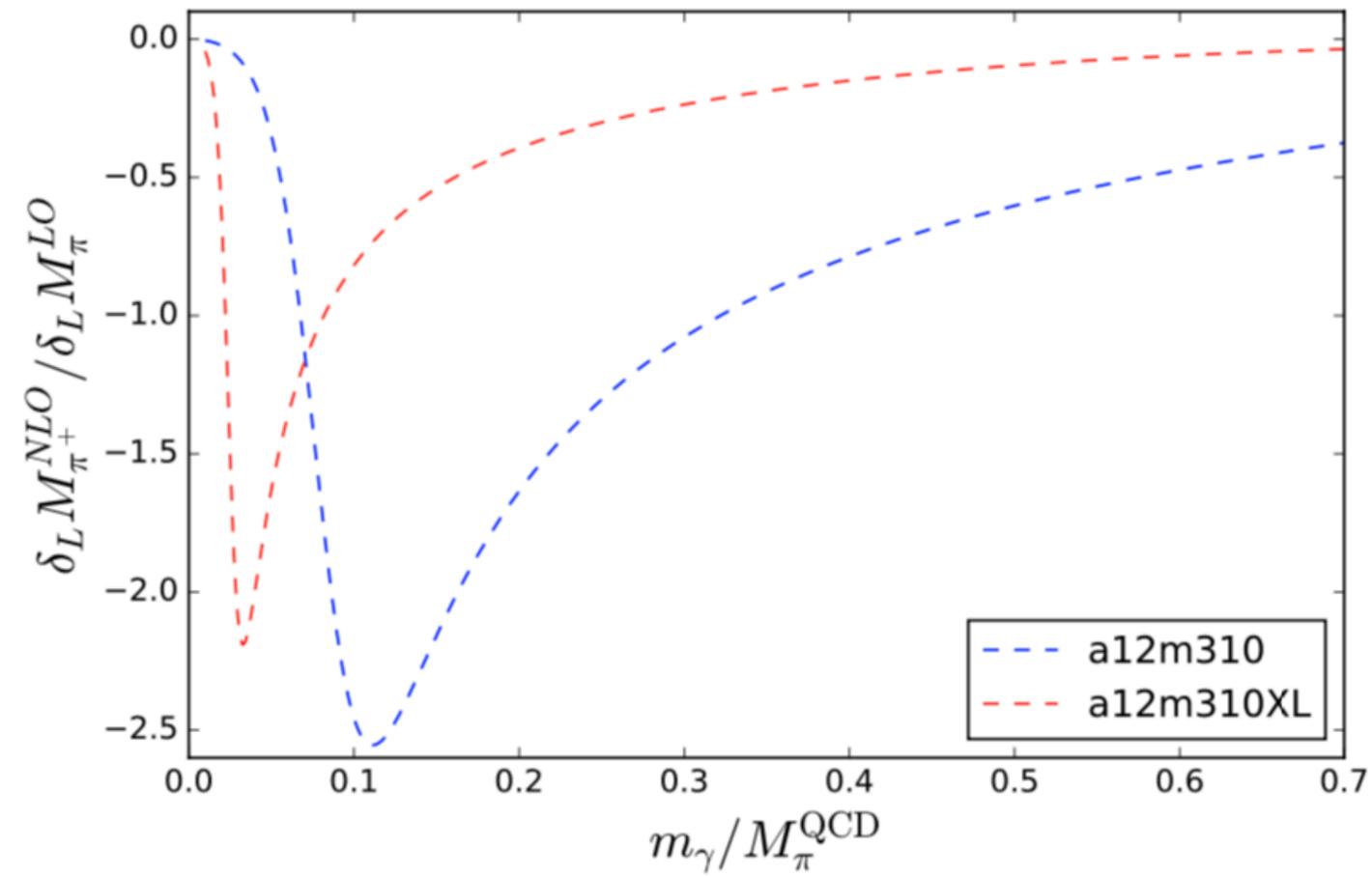
$$M(m_\gamma) - M(0) = \Delta_\gamma M^{LO} + \Delta_\gamma^{NLO} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_\gamma^3}{M^2}\right)$$

$$\frac{\Delta_\gamma M^{LO}}{M} = -\frac{\alpha}{2} Q^2 \frac{m_\gamma}{M}$$

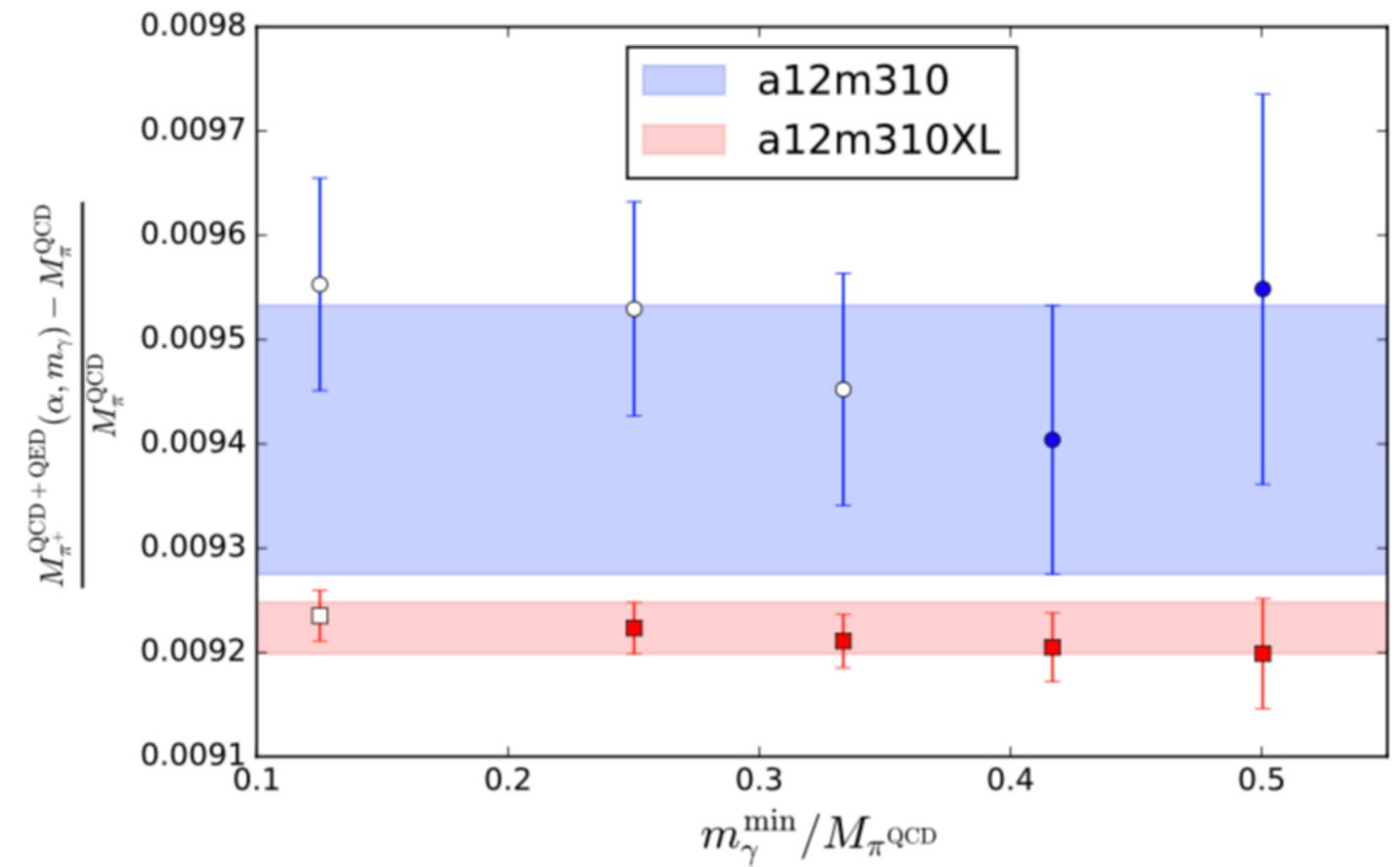
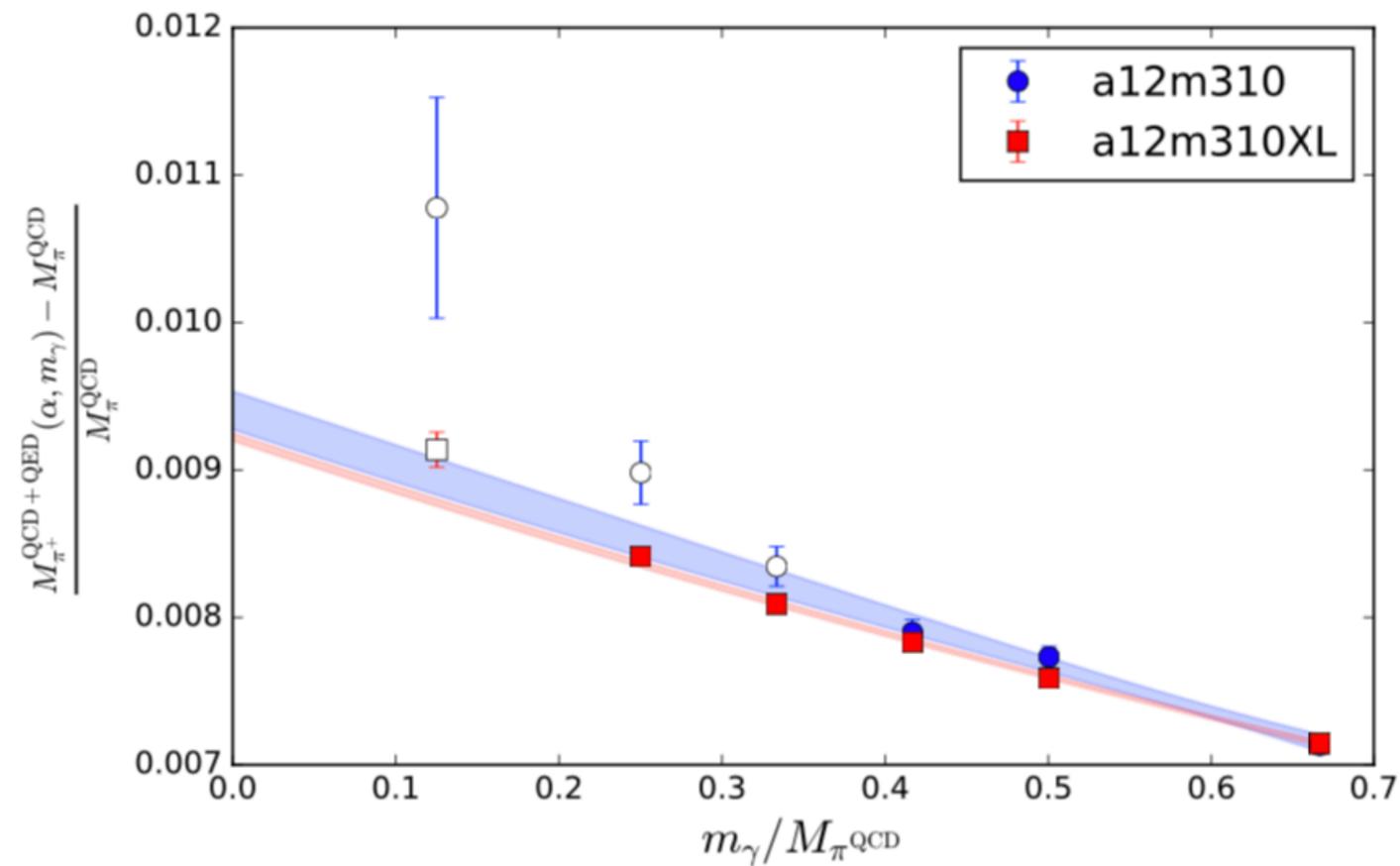
$$\frac{\Delta_\gamma M^{NLO}}{M} = \left(C\alpha - \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} Q^2 \right) \frac{m_\gamma^2}{M^2}.$$

- Must remove zero mode (leads to linear t -dependence in effective mass with a known, analytic coefficient)

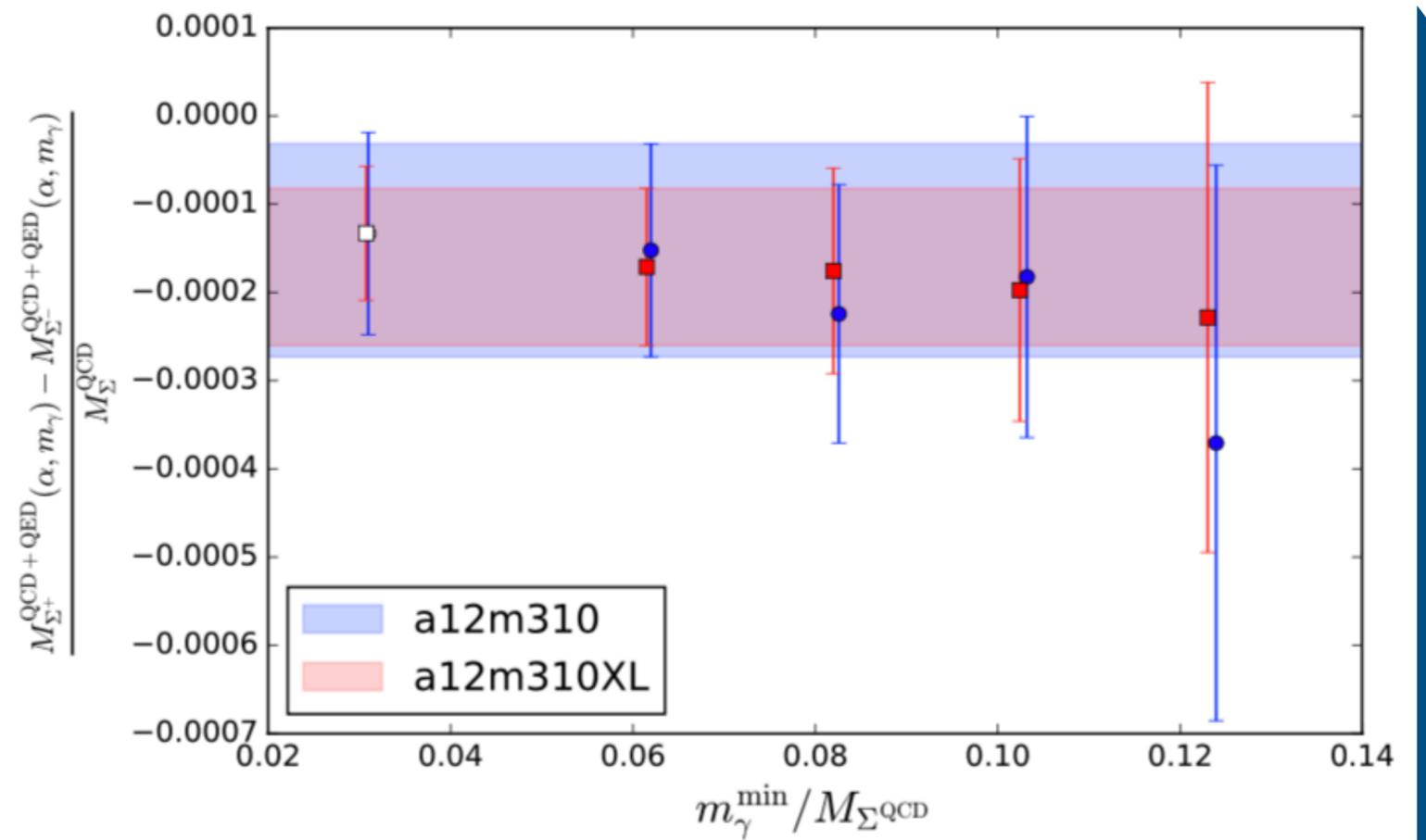
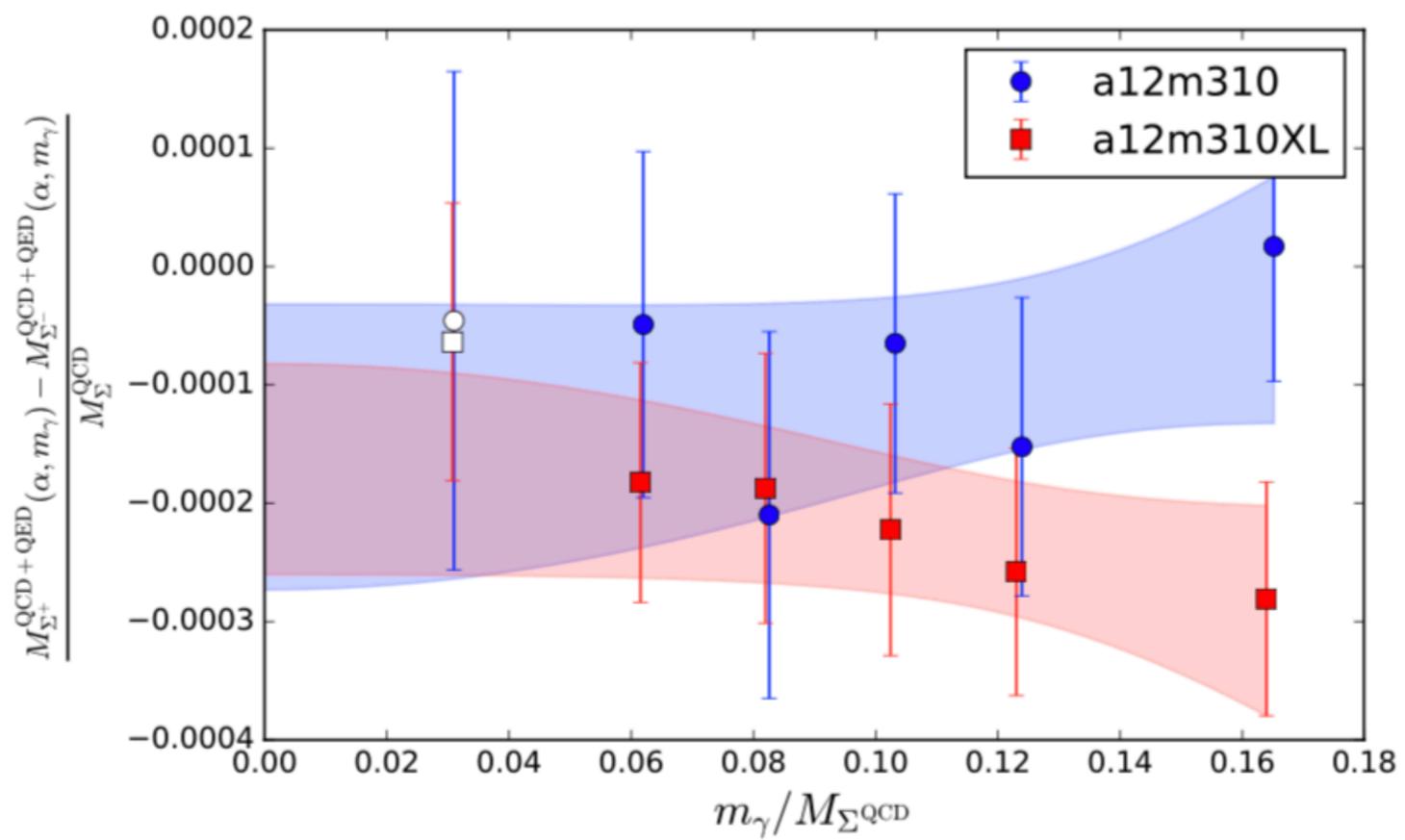
Finite volume corrections



m_γ extrapolations



$\Sigma^+ - \Sigma^-$ mass splitting



Results

Preliminary

Omega mass used for scale setting in many collaborations

$$M_{\Omega^-} - M_{\Omega_{\text{QCD}}} \sim 1.783(53) \text{ MeV}$$

Important for BBN

$$M_{p^+} - M_{n^0} \sim 0.947(62) \text{ MeV}$$

obs	ens	ΔQ	ΔaM	C	χ^2/dof	m_γ^{\min}	m_γ^{\max}
$\pi^+ - \pi_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310	1	+0.001774(24)	+0.00098(37)	1.13	0.0786	0.1258
$\pi^+ - \pi_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310XL	1	+0.0017398(46)	+0.001377(71)	0.87	0.0472	0.1258
$\pi^+ - \pi_{\text{QCD}}$	comb	1	+0.0017412(45)	+0.001368(69)	1.07		
$\pi_{\text{conn}}^0 - \pi_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310	0	+0.0002618(72)	-0.00007(13)	0.21	0.0472	0.1258
$\pi_{\text{conn}}^0 - \pi_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310XL	0	+0.0002632(28)	+0.000070(50)	0.06	0.0472	0.1258
$\pi_{\text{conn}}^0 - \pi_{\text{QCD}}$	comb	0	+0.0002628(26)	+0.000049(45)	0.76		
$\bar{u}u_{\text{conn}}^0 - \pi_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310	0	+0.000441(12)	-0.00011(21)	0.07	0.0472	0.1258
$\bar{u}u_{\text{conn}}^0 - \pi_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310XL	0	+0.0004373(44)	+0.000115(78)	0.03	0.0472	0.1258
$\bar{u}u_{\text{conn}}^0 - \pi_{\text{QCD}}$	comb	0	+0.0004376(42)	+0.000086(72)	0.30		
$\bar{d}d_{\text{conn}}^0 - \pi_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310	0	+0.0001084(30)	-0.000028(53)	0.31	0.0472	0.1258
$\bar{d}d_{\text{conn}}^0 - \pi_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310XL	0	+0.0001103(12)	+0.000027(21)	0.12	0.0472	0.1258
$\bar{d}d_{\text{conn}}^0 - \pi_{\text{QCD}}$	comb	0	+0.0001099(11)	+0.000019(19)	1.35		
$\pi^+ - \pi_{\text{conn}}^0$	a12m310	1	+0.001523(19)	+0.00088(27)	1.17	0.0786	0.1258
$\pi^+ - \pi_{\text{conn}}^0$	a12m310XL	1	+0.0014761(37)	+0.001309(56)	1.12	0.0472	0.1258
$\pi^+ - \pi_{\text{conn}}^0$	comb	1	+0.0014780(36)	+0.001307(55)	2.66		
$K^+ - K_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310	1	+0.001579(18)	+0.00108(49)	0.82	0.0472	0.1258
$K^+ - K_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310XL	1	+0.0015042(51)	+0.00269(16)	0.05	0.0472	0.1258
$K^+ - K_{\text{QCD}}$	comb	1	+0.0015095(50)	+0.00260(15)	2.93		
$K^0 - K_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310	0	+0.0002297(23)	-0.000182(77)	0.22	0.0472	0.1258
$K^0 - K_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310XL	0	+0.0002257(14)	+0.000050(44)	0.60	0.0472	0.1258
$K^0 - K_{\text{QCD}}$	comb	0	+0.0002265(12)	-0.000007(38)	1.63		
$K^+ - K^0$	a12m310	1	+0.001350(16)	+0.00125(41)	0.91	0.0472	0.1258
$K^+ - K^0$	a12m310XL	1	+0.0012782(44)	+0.00265(13)	0.05	0.0472	0.1258
$K^+ - K^0$	comb	1	+0.0012829(42)	+0.00259(12)	3.78		
$\Sigma^+ - \Sigma_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310	1	+0.00092(13)	+0.0100(92)	0.89	0.0472	0.1258
$\Sigma^+ - \Sigma_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310XL	1	+0.000833(96)	+0.0030(76)	0.22	0.0472	0.1258
$\Sigma^+ - \Sigma_{\text{QCD}}$	comb	1	+0.000858(77)	+0.0067(59)	0.86		
$\Sigma^0 - \Sigma_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310	0	+0.000318(94)	+0.0048(67)	0.87	0.0472	0.1258
$\Sigma^0 - \Sigma_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310XL	0	+0.000338(65)	-0.0037(51)	0.42	0.0472	0.1258
$\Sigma^0 - \Sigma_{\text{QCD}}$	comb	0	+0.000330(54)	-0.0001(41)	0.77		
$\Sigma^- - \Sigma_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310	-1	+0.001031(51)	+0.0062(37)	1.33	0.0472	0.1258
$\Sigma^- - \Sigma_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310XL	-1	+0.000963(35)	+0.0075(29)	0.77	0.0472	0.1258
$\Sigma^- - \Sigma_{\text{QCD}}$	comb	-1	+0.000981(28)	+0.0076(23)	1.14		
$\Sigma^+ - \Sigma^0$	a12m310	1	+0.000616(76)	+0.0048(56)	0.44	0.0472	0.1258
$\Sigma^+ - \Sigma^0$	a12m310XL	1	+0.000496(48)	+0.0066(39)	0.24	0.0472	0.1258
$\Sigma^+ - \Sigma^0$	comb	1	+0.000526(40)	+0.0067(32)	0.87		
$\Sigma^- - \Sigma^0$	a12m310	1	+0.000740(75)	-0.0008(52)	0.18	0.0472	0.1258
$\Sigma^- - \Sigma^0$	a12m310XL	1	+0.000629(47)	+0.0109(34)	0.19	0.0472	0.1258
$\Sigma^- - \Sigma^0$	comb	1	+0.000657(41)	+0.0072(28)	0.62		
$\Sigma^+ - \Sigma^-$	a12m310	0	-0.000116(92)	+0.0046(63)	0.48	0.0472	0.1258
$\Sigma^+ - \Sigma^-$	a12m310XL	0	-0.000131(68)	-0.0045(51)	0.03	0.0472	0.1258
$\Sigma^+ - \Sigma^-$	comb	0	-0.000129(56)	-0.0004(40)	0.68		
$\Omega^- - \Omega_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310	-1	+0.001199(49)	-0.0059(50)	0.43	0.0472	0.1258
$\Omega^- - \Omega_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310XL	-1	+0.000968(44)	+0.0154(47)	0.62	0.0472	0.1258
$\Omega^- - \Omega_{\text{QCD}}$	comb	-1	+0.001070(32)	+0.0057(34)	1.95		
$p^+ - n_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310	1	+0.00087(14)	+0.0152(40)	2.08	0.0472	0.1258
$p^+ - n_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310XL	1	+0.000786(96)	+0.0088(67)	1.03	0.0472	0.1258
$p^+ - n_{\text{QCD}}$	comb	1	+0.000825(78)	+0.0115(52)	1.86		
$n^0 - n_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310	0	+0.000356(99)	+0.0038(57)	1.86	0.0472	0.1258
$n^0 - n_{\text{QCD}}$	a12m310XL	0	+0.000320(63)	+0.0011(44)	0.64	0.0472	0.1258
$n^0 - n_{\text{QCD}}$	comb	0	+0.000254(52)	+0.0022(33)	1.41		
$p^+ - n^0$	a12m310	1	+0.000634(77)	+0.0119(48)	1.53	0.0472	0.1258
$p^+ - n^0$	a12m310XL	1	+0.000556(42)	+0.0079(30)	1.41	0.0472	0.1258
$p^+ - n^0$	comb	1	+0.000568(37)	+0.0095(25)	1.87		

Summary

- QED formulations on the lattice must deal with IR issues related to Gauss's law and the lack of a mass gap
- Adding a massive photon alleviates these
 - exponential scaling with the volume
 - must extrapolate in two IR scales
- We have investigated this formulation in the calculation of various quantities, with results at the per-mille precision level
- Can provide a check against results produced using other QED formulations
- Scattering/resonances: our formulation has a clear separation between exponential (unphysical) and power-law (physical) effects
- Future: add strong isospin breaking and sea quark effects (reweighting)

Interlude: are we in the correct regime?

$$m_{\text{eff}}(t, \mathbf{p}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} -\frac{d}{dt} \ln C(t, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{e^2}{m_\gamma^2 V} t - \frac{d}{dt} \ln \langle \psi(t, \mathbf{0}) \bar{\psi}(0^+) \delta_{Q,0} \rangle_{\text{TL}} + O(m_\gamma^2).$$

A. Patella (2017)

0-mode (subtracted by hand)

unphysical, p-independent

physical, p-dependent

