

# Weak decays of hadrons using high-precision lattice simulations

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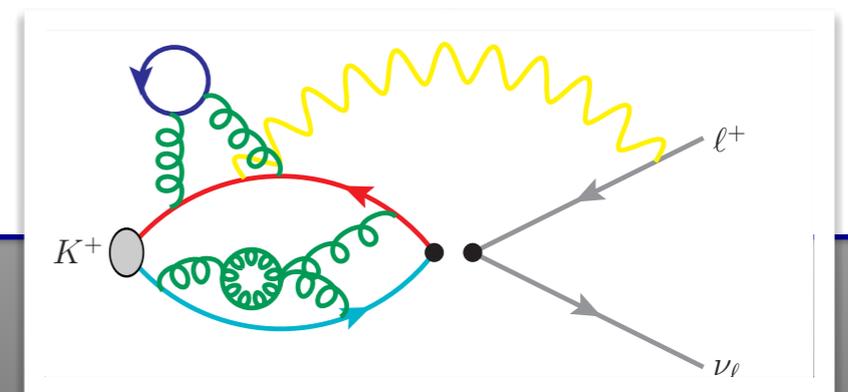
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## OUTLINE

- Motivations
- Isospin-breaking effects on the lattice:  
the RM123 method
- Light meson leptonic decays



# Phenomenological motivations

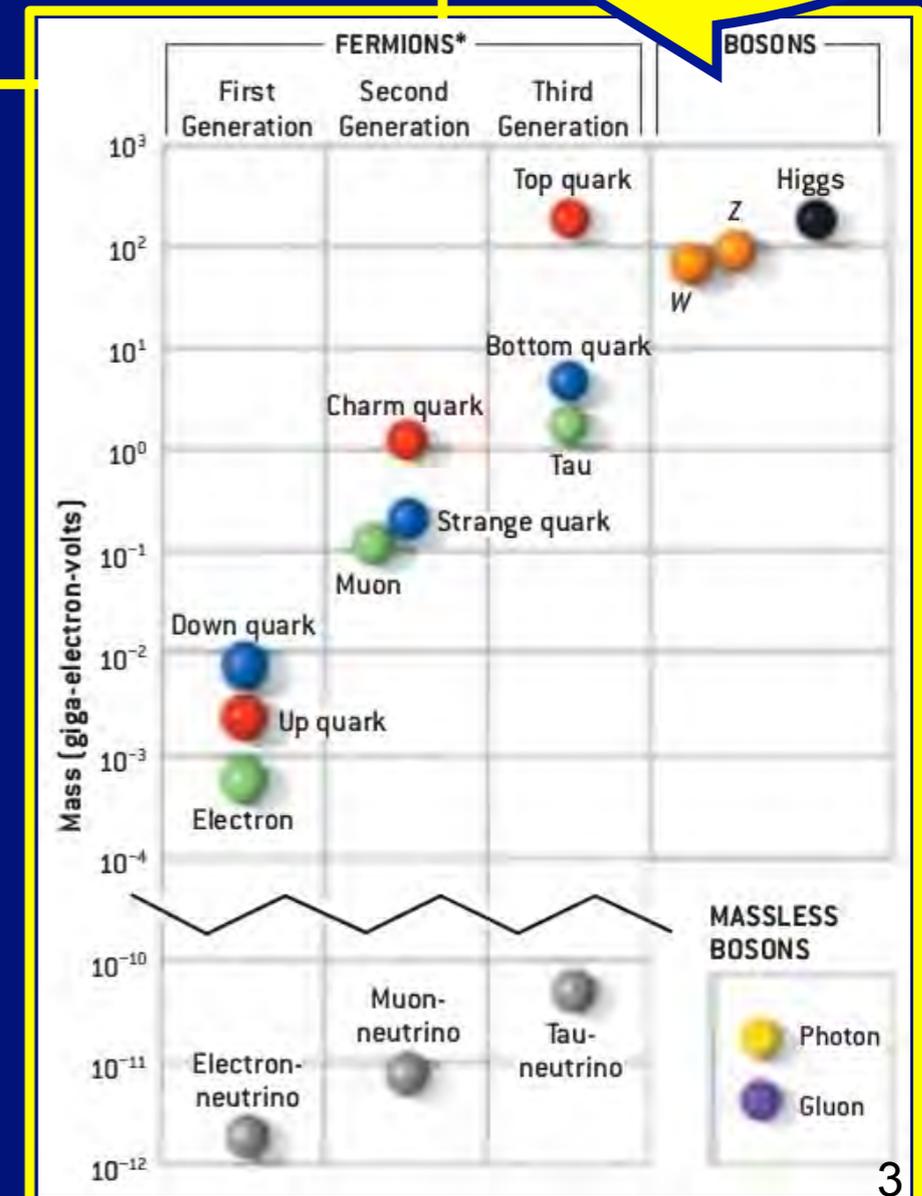
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 $-1/3$

up  
 $+2/3$

# Flavor physics is (well) described but not explained in the Standard Model:

A large number of **free parameters** in the flavor sector (10 parameters in the quark sector only,  $6 m_q + 4 \text{CKM}$ )

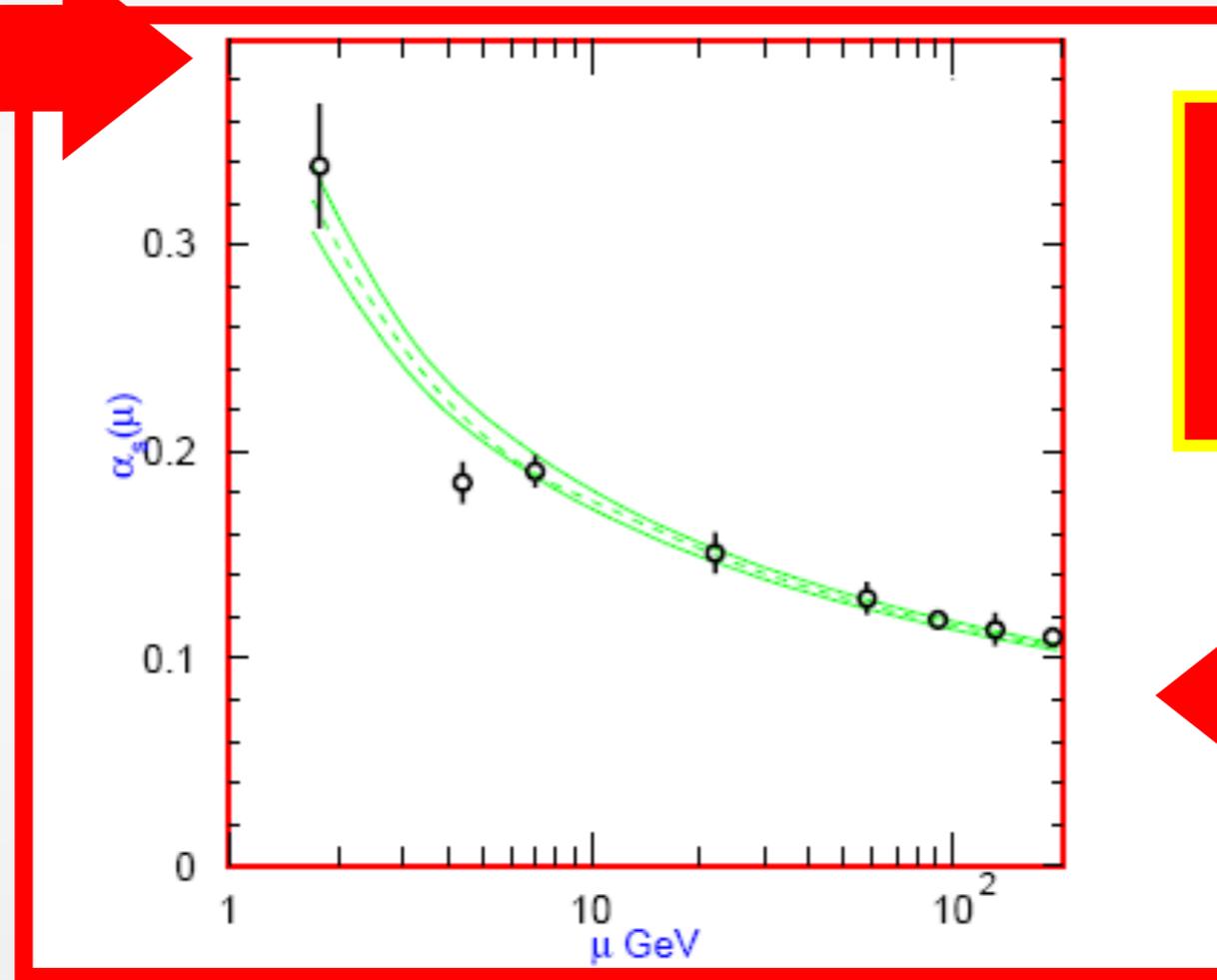
- Why **3 families**?
- Why the **spectrum** of quarks and leptons covers 5 orders of magnitude? ( $m_q \sim v \sim G_F^{-1/2} \dots$ )
- What give rise to the pattern of **quark mixing** and the magnitude of **CP violation**?



# Lattice QCD

**Strong** interactions are **non-perturbative** at low energies

Confinement



Asymptotic freedom

LQCD is a non-perturbative approach

# The Functional Integral

The Green Functions can be written in terms of Functional Integrals over classical fields:

$$G(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_4) = \langle \phi(\mathbf{x}_1) \phi(\mathbf{x}_2) \phi(\mathbf{x}_3) \phi(\mathbf{x}_4) \rangle \equiv$$

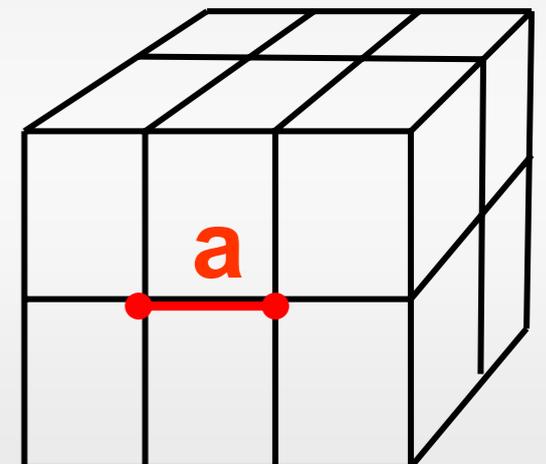
$$Z^{-1} \int [d\phi] \phi(\mathbf{x}_1) \phi(\mathbf{x}_2) \phi(\mathbf{x}_3) \phi(\mathbf{x}_4) e^{-S(\phi)}$$

The functional integral is defined by discretizing the space-time on a **hypercubic 4-dimensional lattice**

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \phi(\mathbf{a} \mathbf{n})$$

$$\mathbf{n} = (\mathbf{n}_x, \mathbf{n}_y, \mathbf{n}_z, \mathbf{n}_t)$$

$$\partial_\mu \phi(\mathbf{x}) \rightarrow \nabla_\mu \phi(\mathbf{x}) = [\phi(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a} \mathbf{n}_\mu) - \phi(\mathbf{x})] / \mathbf{a}$$



# The Lattice regularization

The **functional integral** is a formal definition because of the **infrared** and **ultraviolet divergences**. These are cured by introducing an **infrared** and an **ultraviolet cutoff**

1) The **ultraviolet cutoff**:

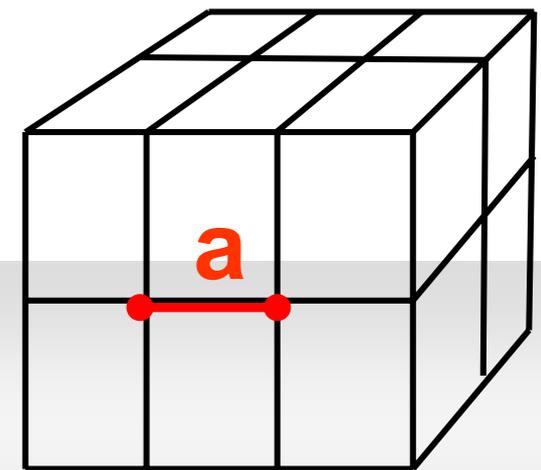
$$|p| \leq \pi/a$$

The momentum  $p$  is cutoff at the first Brillouin zone

2) The **infrared cutoff**:

$$p_{\min} a = 2\pi/L$$

The lattice is defined in a finite volume



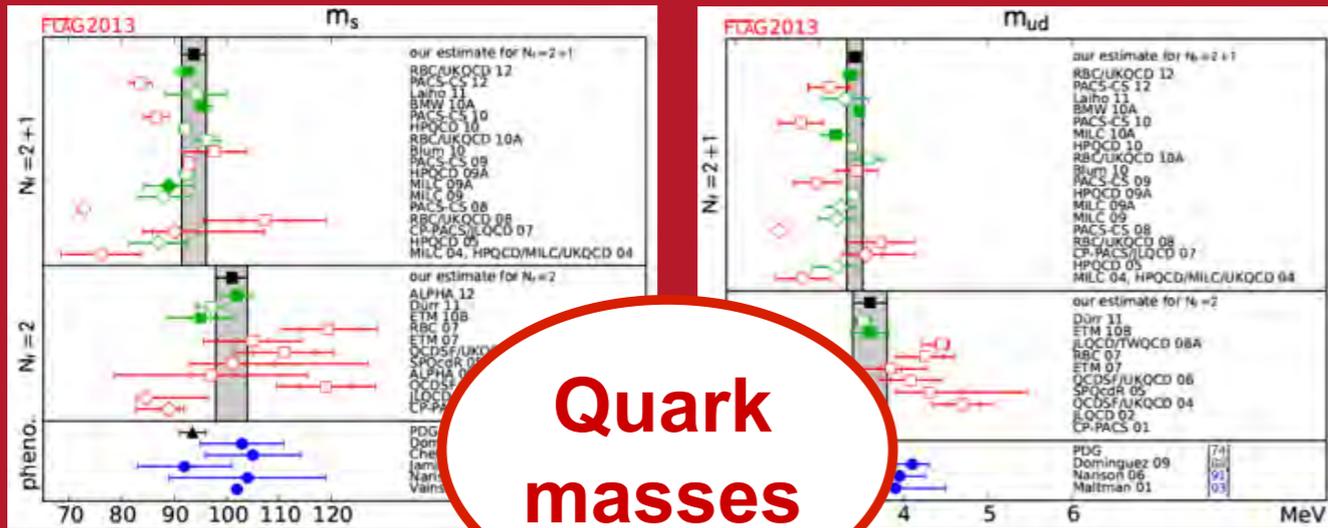
The physical theory is obtained in the limit

**$a \rightarrow 0$  Continuum limit ;  $L \rightarrow \infty$  Thermodynamic limit**

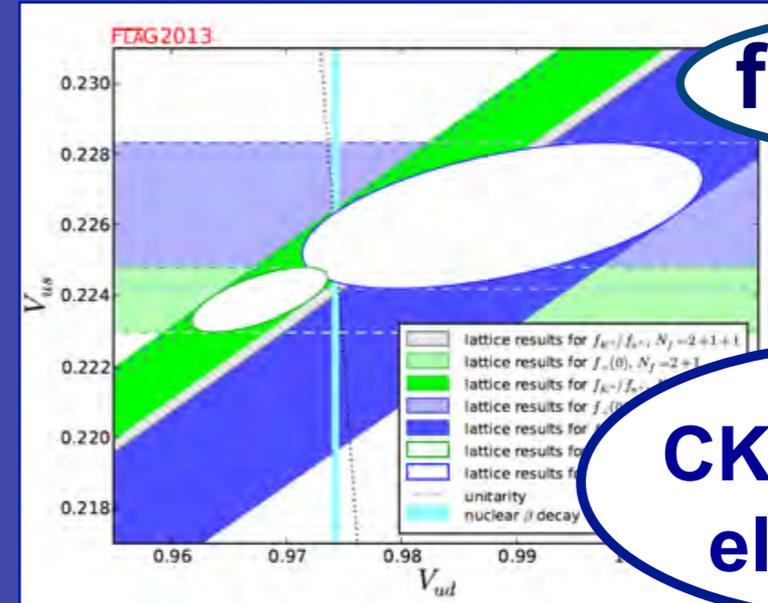
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# Lattice QCD and flavor physics

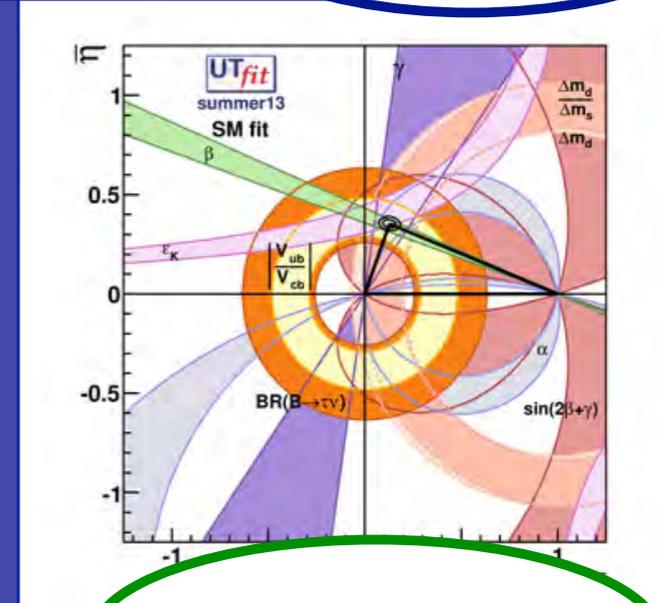
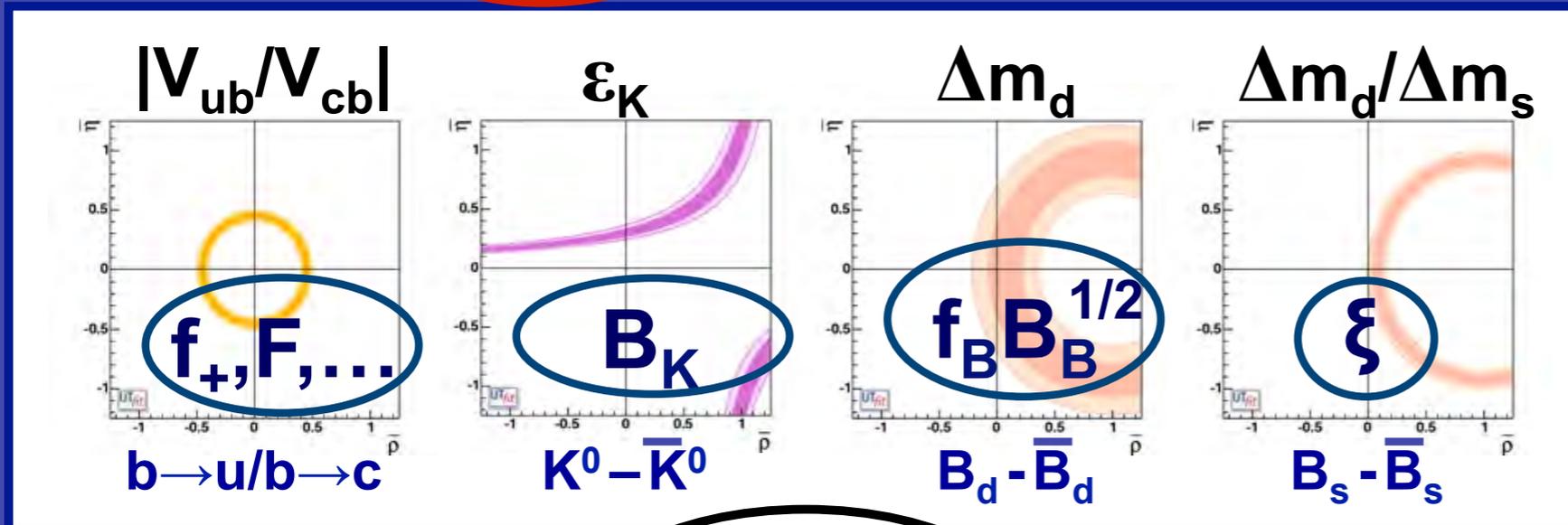


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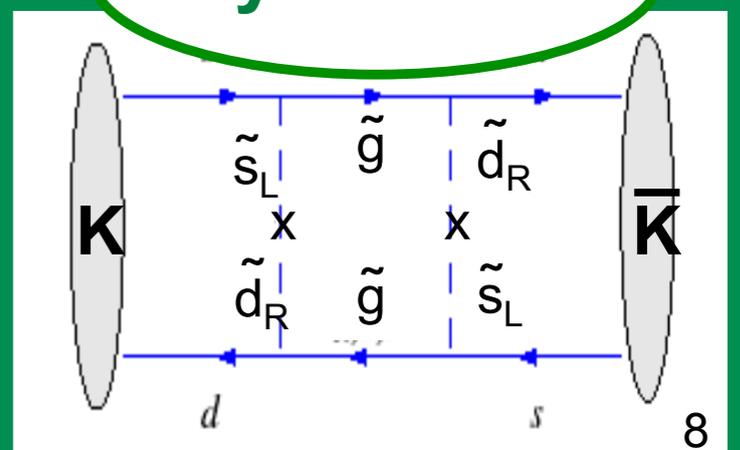
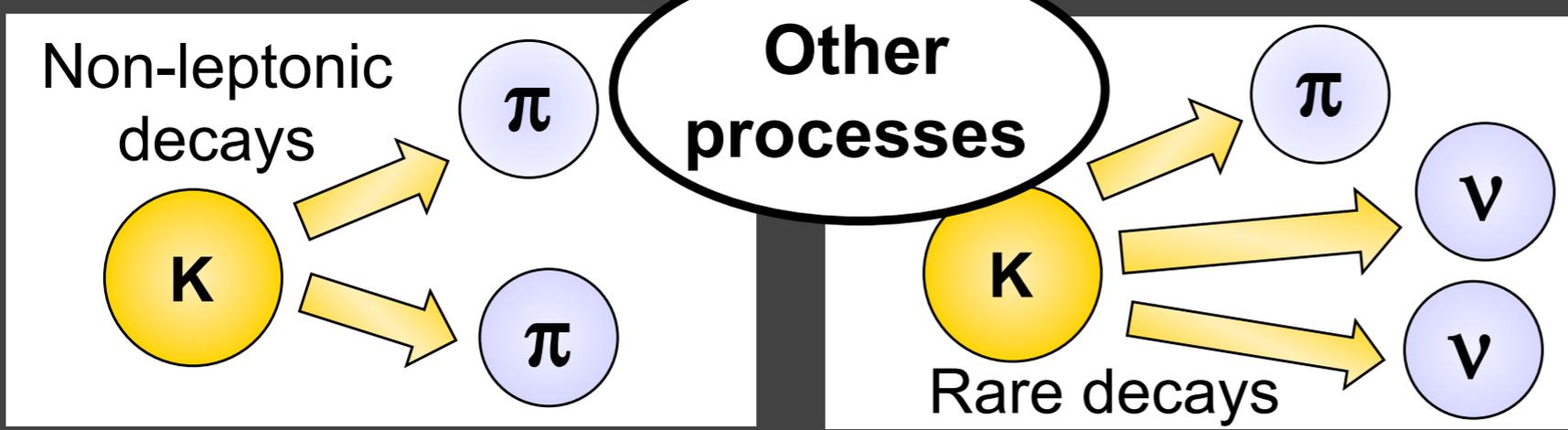


$f_K/f_\pi, f_+, K13$

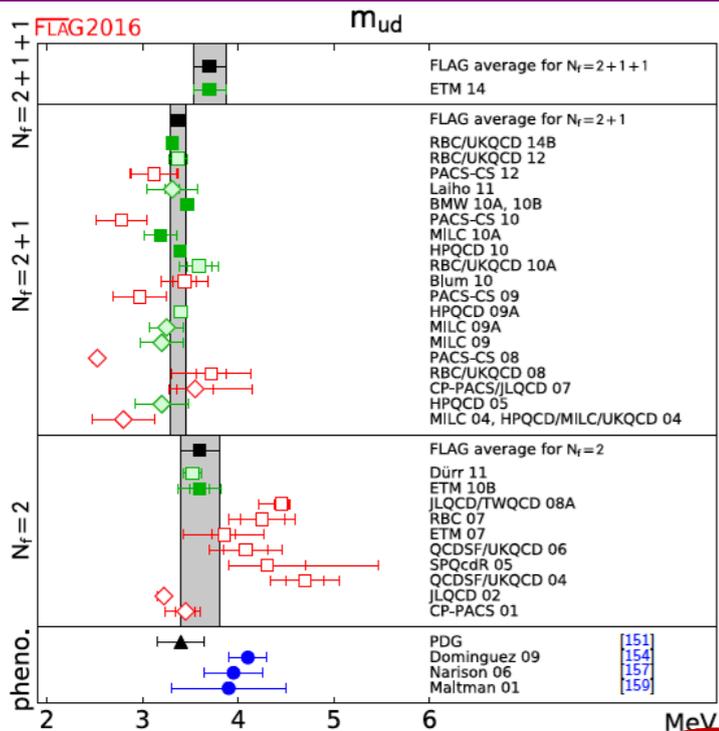
**CKM matrix elements**



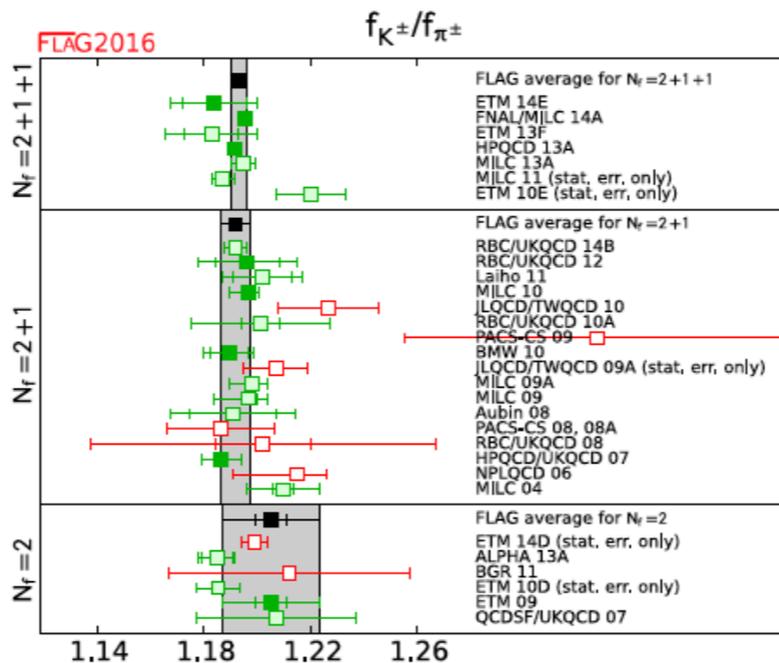
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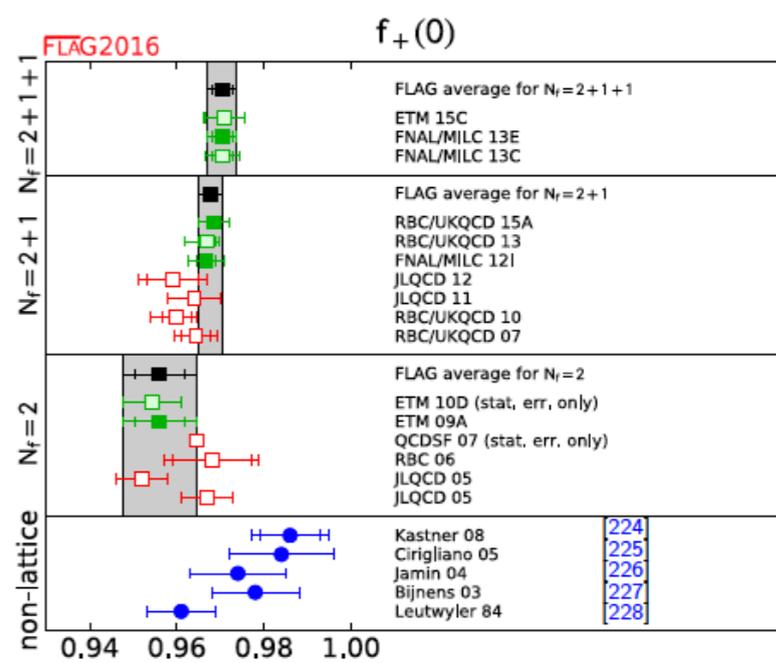
# PRECISION PHYSICS from LATTICE QCD



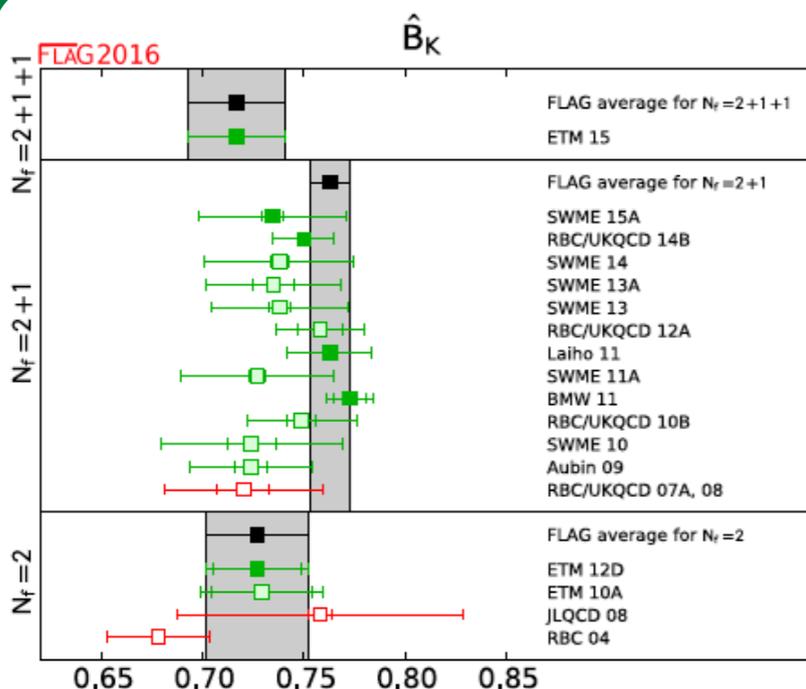
$$\bar{m}_{ud} = 3.37(8) \text{ MeV} \quad 2.3\%$$



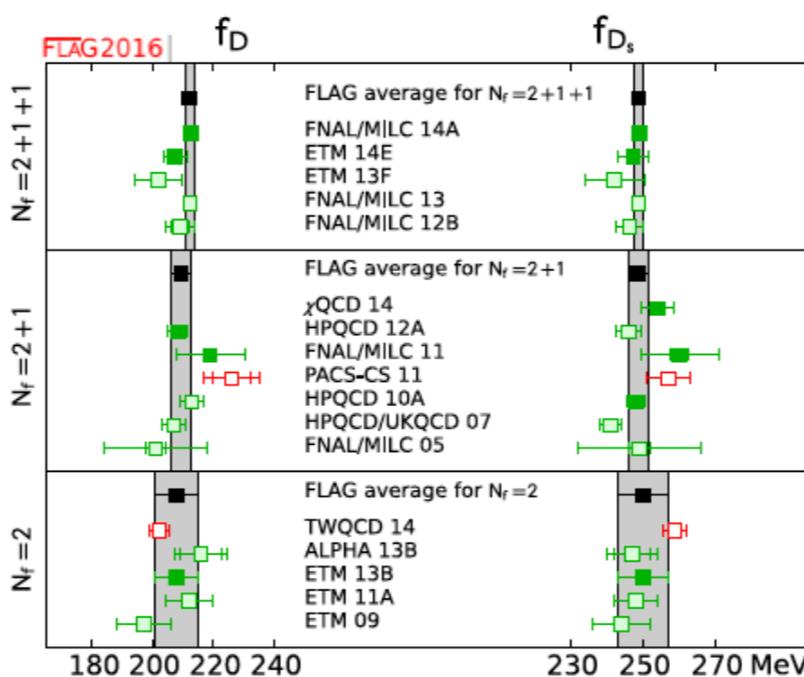
$$f_K / f_\pi = 1.193(3) \quad 0.3\%$$



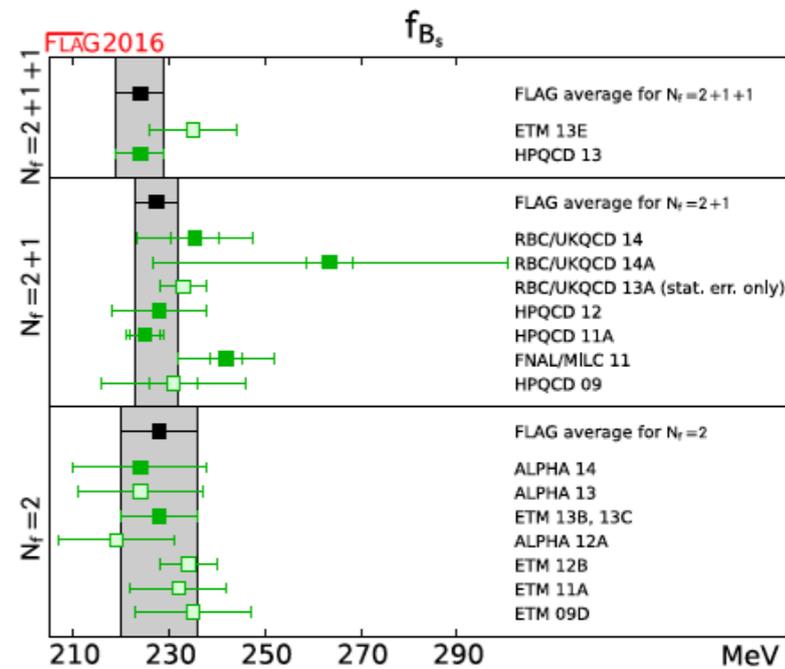
$$f_+^{K\pi}(0) = 0.970(3) \quad 0.3\%$$



$$\hat{B}_K = 0.7625(97) \quad 1.3\%$$



$$f_{D_s} = 249(1) \text{ MeV} \quad 0.4\%$$



$$f_{B_s} = 228(4) \text{ MeV} \quad 2.0\%$$

# ISOSPIN-BREAKING EFFECTS

**Isospin symmetry** is an almost exact property of the strong interactions



**Isospin-breaking effects** are induced by:

$$m_u \neq m_d : \quad O[(m_d - m_u)/\Lambda_{QCD}] \approx 1/100$$

“Strong”

$$Q_u \neq Q_d : \quad O(\alpha_{em}) \approx 1/100$$

“Electromagnetic”

Since **electromagnetic** interactions renormalize **quark masses** the two corrections are intrinsically related

Though small, **IB effects** play often a very important role (quark masses,  $M_n - M_p$ , leptonic decay constants, vector form factor)

# Isospin-breaking effects on the lattice

**RM123 method**

# A strategy for Lattice QCD:

The isospin-breaking part of the Lagrangian is treated as a perturbation

Expand in:

$$m_d - m_u$$

+

$$\alpha_{em}$$



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Isospin breaking effects due to the up-down mass difference in lattice QCD

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Leading isospin breaking effects on the lattice

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# The $(m_d - m_u)$ expansion

- Identify the **isospin-breaking term** in the QCD action

$$S_m = \sum_x [m_u \bar{u}u + m_d \bar{d}d] = \sum_x \left[ \frac{1}{2}(m_u + m_d)(\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d) - \frac{1}{2}(m_d - m_u)(\bar{u}u - \bar{d}d) \right] =$$

$$= \sum_x [m_{ud}(\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d) - \Delta m(\bar{u}u - \bar{d}d)] = S_0 - \Delta m \hat{S} \quad \leftarrow \hat{S} = \sum_x (\bar{u}u - \bar{d}d)$$

- Expand the functional integral in powers of  $\Delta m$

$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{\int D\phi O e^{-S_0 + \Delta m \hat{S}}}{\int D\phi e^{-S_0 + \Delta m \hat{S}}} \stackrel{1st}{\approx} \frac{\int D\phi O e^{-S_0} (1 + \Delta m \hat{S})}{\int D\phi e^{-S_0} (1 + \Delta m \hat{S})} \approx \frac{\langle O \rangle_0 + \Delta m \langle O \hat{S} \rangle_0}{1 + \cancel{\Delta m \langle \hat{S} \rangle_0}} = \langle O \rangle_0 + \Delta m \langle O \hat{S} \rangle_0$$

Advantage:  
factorised out

for isospin symmetry

- At leading order in  $\Delta m$  the corrections only appear in the

**valence-quark** propagators:

(disconnected contractions of  $\bar{u}u$  and  $\bar{d}d$  vanish due to isospin symmetry)

$$\begin{array}{l} \xrightarrow{u} = \xrightarrow{\quad} \oplus \otimes + \dots \\ \xrightarrow{d} = \xrightarrow{\quad} \ominus \otimes + \dots \end{array}$$

# The QED expansion for the quark propagator

$$\Delta \longrightarrow \pm =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (e_f e)^2 \left[ \text{wavy line} + \text{star} \right] - [m_f - m_f^0] \text{---} \otimes \text{---} \mp [m_f^{cr} - m_0^{cr}] \text{---} \otimes \text{---} \\
 & - e^2 e_f \sum_{f_1} e_{f_1} \left[ \text{wavy line} \text{---} \text{loop} \right] - e^2 \sum_{f_1} e_{f_1}^2 \left[ \text{loop} \text{---} \text{wavy line} \right] - e^2 \sum_{f_1} e_{f_1}^2 \left[ \text{loop} \text{---} \text{star} \right] + e^2 \sum_{f_1 f_2} e_{f_1} e_{f_2} \left[ \text{loop} \text{---} \text{wavy line} \text{---} \text{loop} \right] \\
 & + \sum_{f_1} \pm [m_{f_1}^{cr} - m_0^{cr}] \left[ \text{loop} \text{---} \otimes \text{---} \right] + \sum_{f_1} [m_{f_1} - m_{f_1}^0] \left[ \text{loop} \text{---} \otimes \text{---} \right] + [g_s^2 - (g_s^0)^2] \left[ \text{loop} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \right] .
 \end{aligned}$$

In the **electro-quenched** approximation:

$$\Delta \longrightarrow \pm = (e_f e)^2 \left[ \text{wavy line} + \text{star} \right] - [m_f - m_f^0] \text{---} \otimes \text{---} \mp [m_f^{cr} - m_0^{cr}] \text{---} \otimes \text{---} .$$

# Spheres of application

# QED and isospin corrections

## The RMI23 method

### ■ Quark and Hadron masses

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### ■ Decay rates of hadrons

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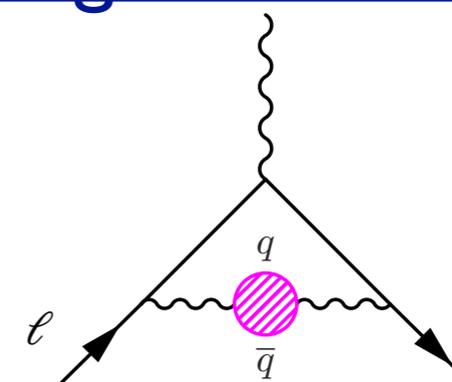
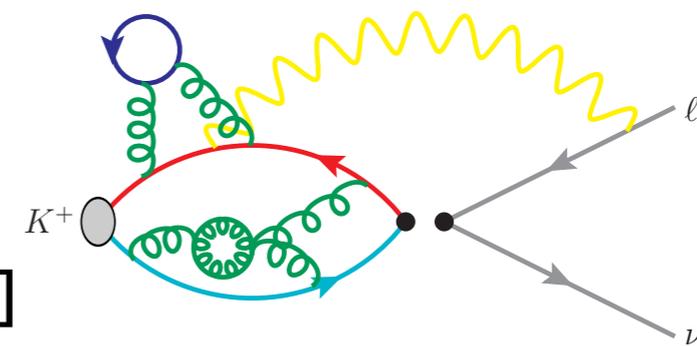
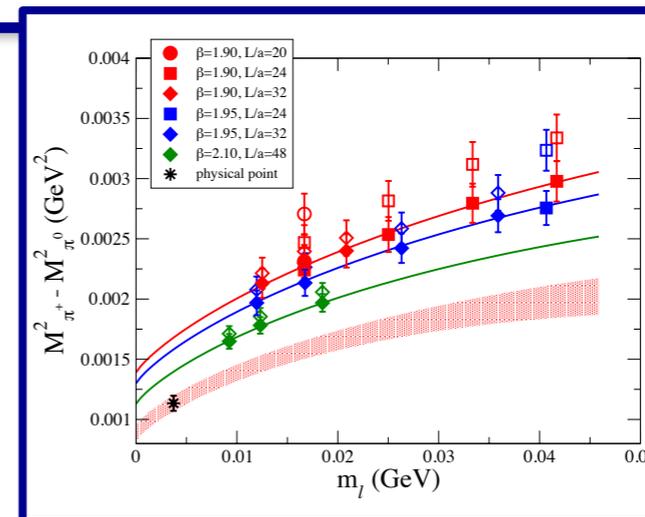
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### ■ Hadronic corrections to lepton anomalous magnetic moments

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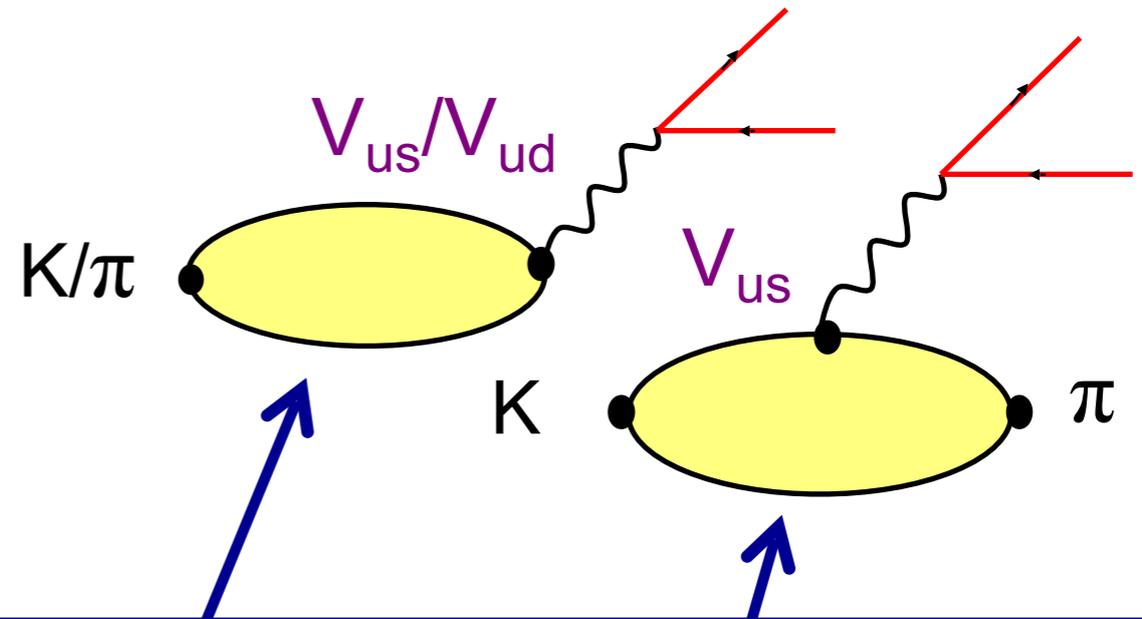
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# **QED corrections to hadronic decays**

# The determination of $V_{us}$ and $V_{ud}$

The relevant processes are  
**leptonic and semileptonic**  
**K and  $\pi$  decays**



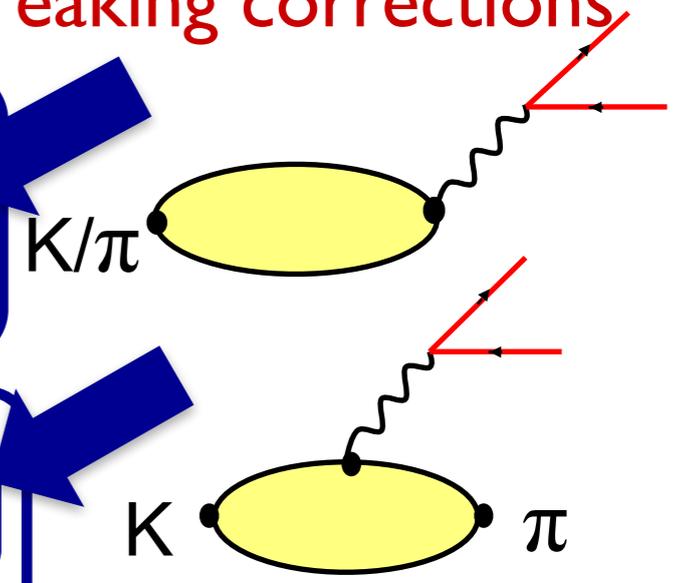
$$\frac{\Gamma(K^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell (\gamma))}{\Gamma(\pi^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell (\gamma))} = \left( \frac{|V_{us}| f_K}{|V_{ud}| f_\pi} \right)^2 \frac{M_{K^+} \left(1 - m_\ell^2 / M_{K^+}^2\right)^2}{M_{\pi^+} \left(1 - m_\ell^2 / M_{\pi^+}^2\right)^2} \left(1 + \delta_{EM} + \delta_{SU(2)}\right)$$

$$\Gamma(K^{+,0} \rightarrow \pi^{0,-} \ell^+ \nu_\ell (\gamma)) = \frac{G_F^2 M_{K^{+,0}}^5}{192 \pi^3} C_{K^{+,0}}^2 \left| V_{us} f_+^{K^0 \pi^-}(0) \right|^2 I_{K\ell}^{(0)} S_{EW} \left(1 + \delta_{EM}^{K^{+,0}\ell} + \delta_{SU(2)}^{K^{+,0}\pi}\right)$$

# Electromagnetic and isospin-breaking effects

Given the present exper. and theor. (LQCD) accuracy, an important source of uncertainty are **long distance electromagnetic and SU(2)-breaking corrections**

$$\frac{\Gamma(K^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell (\gamma))}{\Gamma(\pi^+ \rightarrow \ell^+ \nu_\ell (\gamma))} = \left( \frac{|V_{us}| f_K}{|V_{ud}| f_\pi} \right)^2 \frac{M_{K^+} \left(1 - m_\ell^2 / M_{K^+}^2\right)^2}{M_{\pi^+} \left(1 - m_\ell^2 / M_{\pi^+}^2\right)^2} \left(1 + \delta_{EM} + \delta_{SU(2)}\right)$$



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For  $\Gamma_{Kl2}/\Gamma_{\pi l2}$

At leading order in **ChPT** both  $\delta_{EM}$  and  $\delta_{SU(2)}$  can be expressed in terms of physical quantities (e.m. pion mass splitting,  $f_K/f_\pi$ , ...)

- $\delta_{EM} = -0.0069(17)$  **25%** of error due to higher orders  $\Rightarrow$  **0.2%** on  $\Gamma_{Kl2}/\Gamma_{\pi l2}$   
M.Knecht *et al.*, 2000; V.Cirigliano and H.Neufeld, 2011

- $\delta_{SU(2)} = \left( \frac{f_{K^+}/f_{\pi^+}}{f_K/f_\pi} \right)^2 - 1 = -0.0044(12)$  **25%** of error due to higher orders  $\Rightarrow$  **0.1%** on  $\Gamma_{Kl2}/\Gamma_{\pi l2}$

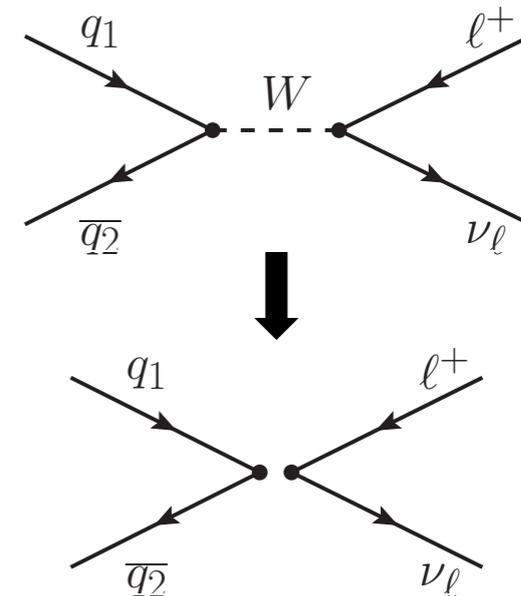
J.Gasser and H.Leutwyler, 1985; V.Cirigliano and H.Neufeld, 2011

**ChPT** is not applicable to D and B decays

# Leptonic decays at tree level

Since the masses of the pion and kaon are much smaller than  $M_W$  we use the effective Hamiltonian

$$H_{eff} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{q_1 q_2}^* \left( \bar{q}_2 \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) q_1 \right) \left( \bar{\nu}_\ell \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \ell \right)$$

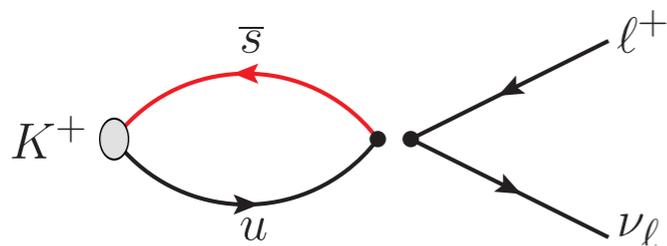


This replacement is necessary in a lattice calculation, since  $1/a \ll M_W$

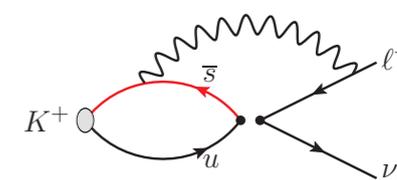
The rate is:

$$\Gamma_{P^\pm}^{(tree)} \left( P^\pm \rightarrow \ell^\pm \nu_\ell \right) = \frac{G_F^2}{8\pi} |V_{q_1 q_2}|^2 \left[ f_P^{(0)} \right]^2 M_{P^\pm} m_\ell^2 \left( 1 - \frac{m_\ell^2}{M_{P^\pm}^2} \right)^2$$

In the absence of electromagnetism, the non-perturbative QCD effects are contained in a single number, the pseudoscalar **decay constant**



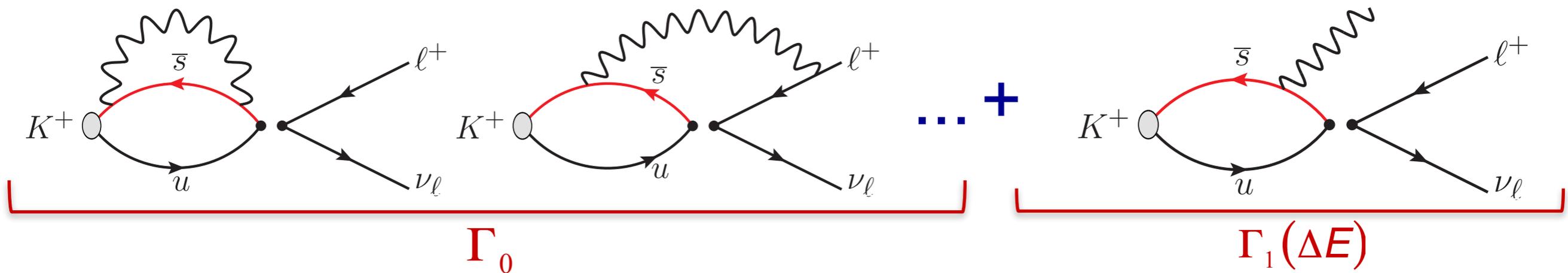
$$A_P^{(0)} \equiv \langle 0 | \bar{q}_2 \gamma_4 \gamma_5 q_1 | P^{(0)} \rangle = f_P^{(0)} M_P^{(0)}$$



In the presence of electromagnetism it is not even possible to give a physical definition of  $f_P$

# Leptonic decays at $O(\alpha)$ : the IR problem

At  $O(\alpha)$ ,  $\Gamma_0$  contains **infrared divergences**. One has to consider:



$$\Gamma(P_{\ell 2}^{\pm}) = \Gamma(P^{\pm} \rightarrow \ell^{\pm} \nu_{\ell}) + \Gamma(P^{\pm} \rightarrow \ell^{\pm} \nu_{\ell} \gamma(\Delta E)) \equiv \Gamma_0 + \Gamma_1(\Delta E)$$

with  $0 \leq E_{\gamma} \leq \Delta E$ . The sum is infrared finite

F. Bloch and A. Nordsieck,  
PR 52 (1937) 54

Both  $\Gamma_0$  and  $\Gamma_1(\Delta E)$  can be evaluated in a fully non-perturbative way in **lattice simulations**.

# The strategy

In order to ensure the cancellation of IR divergences with good numerical precision, we rewrite:

$$\Gamma\left(P_{\ell 2}^{\pm}\right) = \left(\Gamma_0 - \Gamma_0^{pt}\right) + \left(\Gamma_0^{pt} + \Gamma_1^{pt}(\Delta E)\right) + \left(\Gamma_1(\Delta E) - \Gamma_1^{pt}(\Delta E)\right)$$

- Both the quantities  $\Gamma_0$  and  $\Gamma_1(\Delta E)$  are evaluated on the lattice

$$\frac{d^2\Gamma_1}{dx_\gamma dx_\ell} = \frac{\alpha_{em}\Gamma^{(tree)}}{4\pi} \left\{ \frac{d^2\Gamma_{pt}}{dx_\gamma dx_\ell} + \frac{d^2\Gamma_{SD}}{dx_\gamma dx_\ell} + \frac{d^2\Gamma_{INT}}{dx_\gamma dx_\ell} \right\} \quad \begin{array}{l} x_\gamma = \frac{2p \cdot k}{m_P^2} \\ x_\ell = \frac{2p \cdot p_\ell - m_\ell^2}{m_P^2} \end{array}$$

- The contribution  $\Gamma_1 - \Gamma_1^{pt} = \Gamma_{SD} + \Gamma_{INT}$  can be computed in the infinite-volume limit requiring the knowledge of the structure dependent form factors  $F_{A,V}(x_\gamma)$  and of  $f_P$

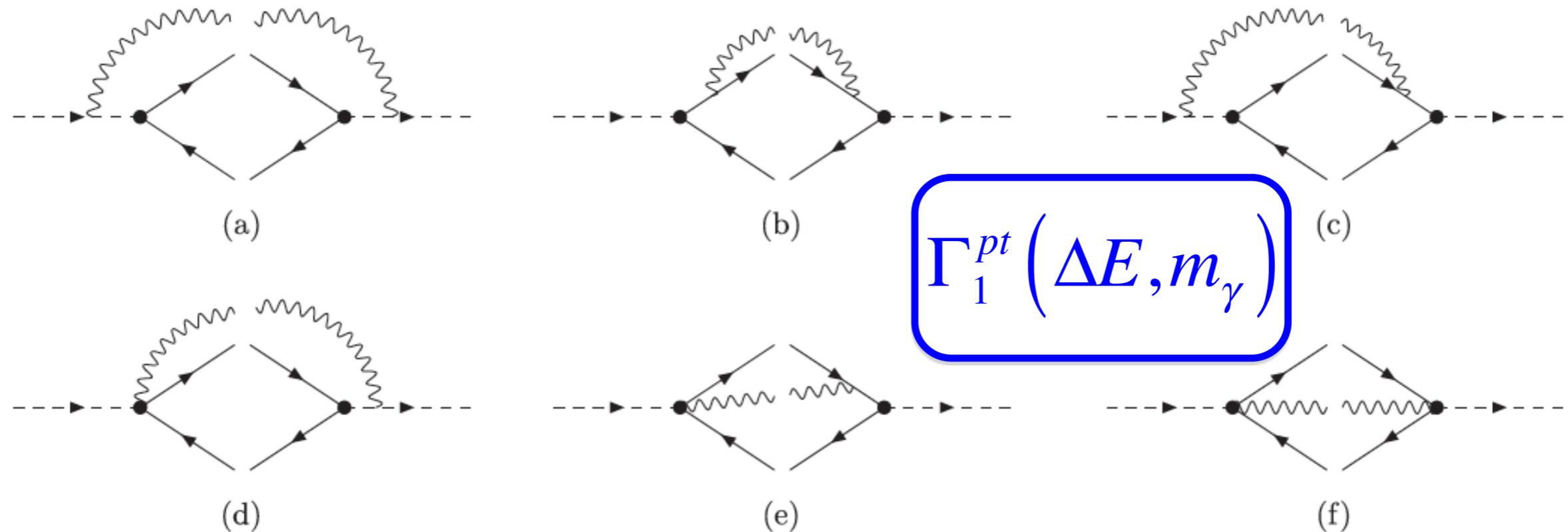
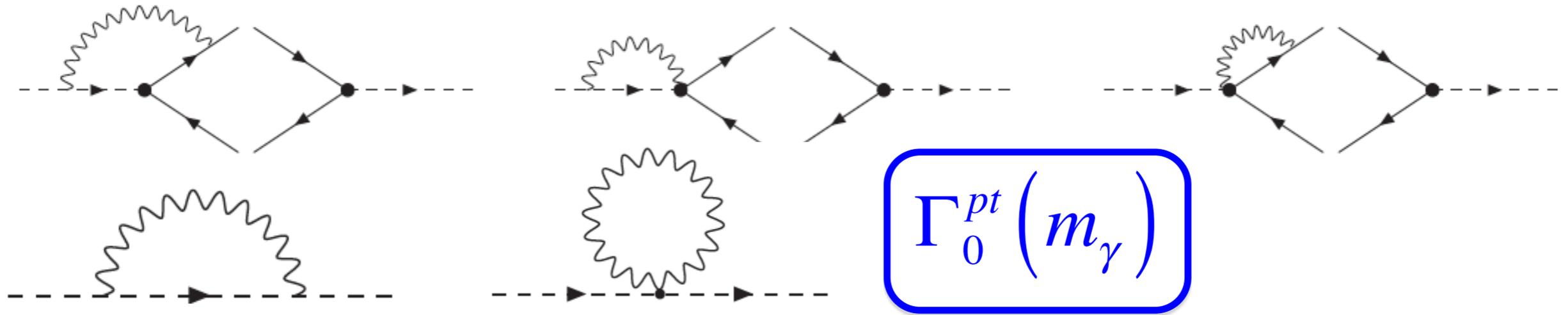
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$$\Gamma\left(P_{\ell 2}^{\pm}\right)=\left(\Gamma_0-\Gamma_0^{pt}\right)+\left(\Gamma_0^{pt}+\Gamma_1^{pt}(\Delta E)\right)+\left(\Gamma_1(\Delta E)-\Gamma_1^{pt}(\Delta E)\right)$$

- The contributions from soft virtual photon to  $\Gamma_0$  and  $\Gamma_0^{pt}$  in the **first term** are exactly the same and the **IR divergence** cancels in the difference  $\Gamma_0-\Gamma_0^{pt}$ .
- The sum  $\Gamma_0^{pt}+\Gamma_1^{pt}(\Delta E)$  in the second term is IR finite since it is a physically well defined quantity. This term can be thus calculated in perturbation theory with a different IR cutoff.
- The difference  $\Gamma_1-\Gamma_1^{pt}$  in the **third term** is also **IR finite**.
- The three terms are also separately **gauge invariant**.

$$\Delta\Gamma_0(L)=\Gamma_0(L)-\Gamma_0^{pt}(L) \quad \Gamma^{pt}(\Delta E)=\lim_{m_\gamma\rightarrow 0}\left[\Gamma_0^{pt}(m_\gamma)+\Gamma_1^{pt}(\Delta E,m_\gamma)\right]$$

$$\Gamma^{pt}(\Delta E) = \lim_{m_\gamma \rightarrow 0} \left[ \Gamma_0^{pt}(m_\gamma) + \Gamma_1^{pt}(\Delta E, m_\gamma) \right]$$



$$\Gamma^{pt}(\Delta E) = \lim_{m_\gamma \rightarrow 0} \left[ \Gamma_0^{pt}(m_\gamma) + \Gamma_1^{pt}(\Delta E, m_\gamma) \right]$$

The result is:

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

$$r_E = 2\Delta E / m_\pi$$

$$r_\ell = m_\ell / m_\pi$$

**NEW**

**IMPORTANT CHECK:** For  $\Delta E = \Delta E_{\text{MAX}}$  the well known result for the total rate as in S. M. Berman, PRL 1 (1958) 468 and T. Kinoshita, PRL 2 (1959) 477 is reproduced

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

- $\Delta\Gamma_0(L)$  is the first term in the master formula

$$\Gamma(P_{\ell 2}^{\pm}) = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \Gamma_0(L) - \Gamma_0^{pt}(L) \right] + \left[ \Gamma^{pt} + \Gamma_{SD} + \Gamma_{INT} \right](\Delta E)$$

Montecarlo simulation  
Lattice QCD

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS **120**, 072001 (2018)

[arXiv:1711.06537](https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.06537)

First Lattice Calculation of the QED Corrections to Leptonic Decay Rates

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Light-meson leptonic decay rates in lattice QCD+QED

[arXiv:1904.08731](https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.08731)

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Perturbation theory  
with pointlike pion  
in finite volume

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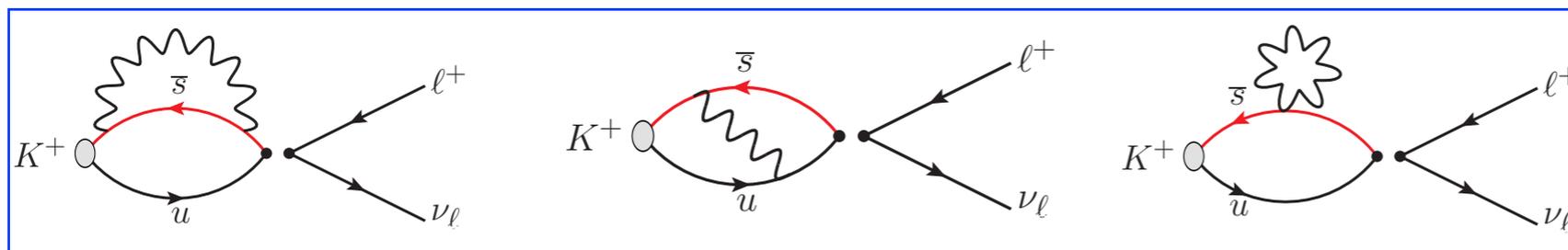
Finite-volume QED corrections to decay amplitudes in lattice QCD

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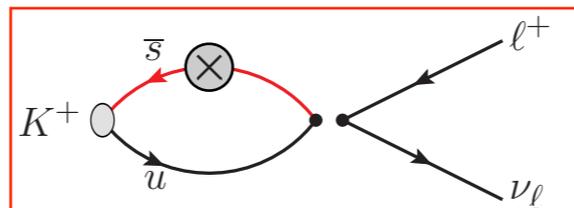
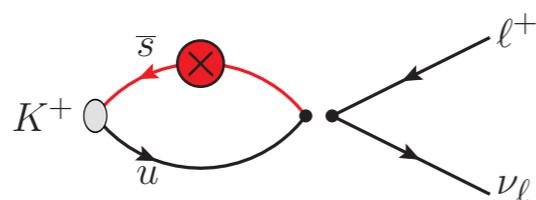
# Lattice calculation of $\Gamma_0(L)$ at $O(\alpha)$

The Feynman diagrams at  $O(\alpha)$  can be divided in 3 classes

Connected

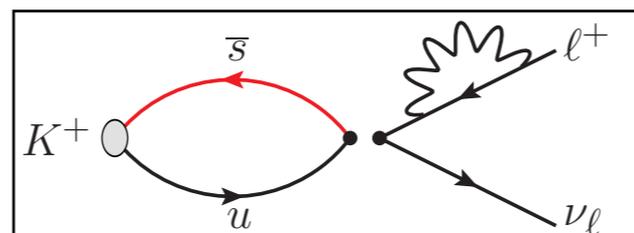
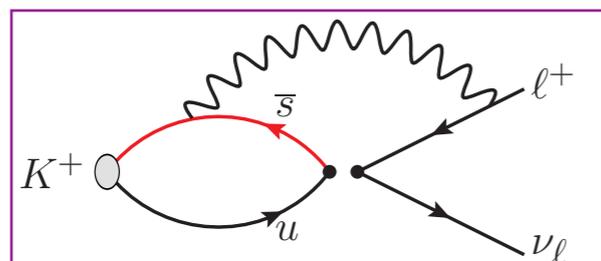


① The photon is attached to quark lines



$\delta_{SU(2)}$

② The photon connects one quark and one charged lepton line

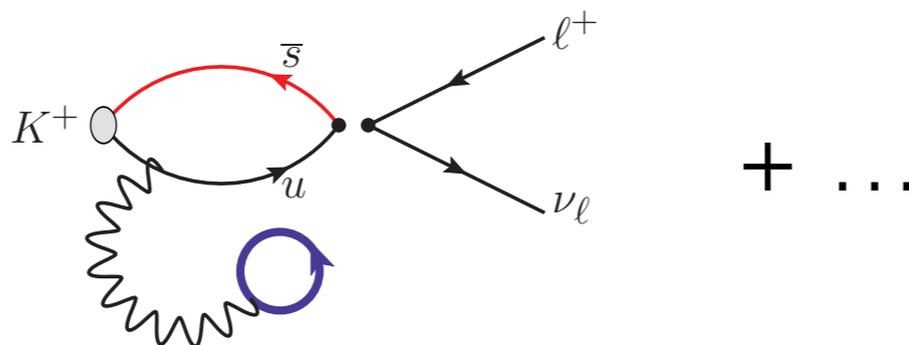


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③ Leptonic wave function renormalization. It cancels in  $\Gamma_0(L) - \Gamma_0^{pt}(L)$

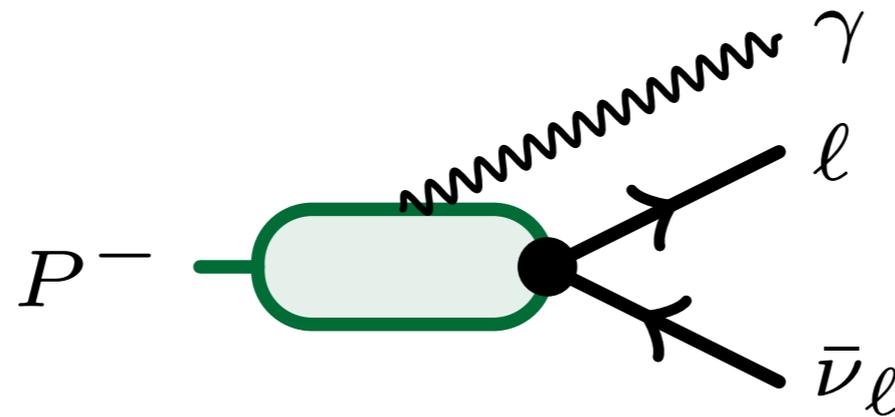
Disconnected

NEGLECTED [QUENCHED QED]



+ ...

# Real photon emission amplitude



$$H_W^{\alpha r}(k, p) = \epsilon_\mu^r(k) H_W^{\alpha\mu}(k, p) = \epsilon_\mu^r(k) \int d^4y e^{ik \cdot y} \mathbf{T} \langle 0 | j_W^\alpha(0) j_{em}^\mu(y) | P(\mathbf{p}) \rangle$$

By setting  $k^2 = 0$ , at fixed meson mass, the form factors depend on  $p \cdot k$  only.

Moreover, by choosing a *physical* basis for the polarization vectors, i.e.  $\epsilon_r(\mathbf{k}) \cdot k = 0$ , one has

$$H_W^{\alpha r}(k, p) = \epsilon_\mu^r(\mathbf{k}) \left\{ -i \frac{F_V}{m_P} \epsilon^{\mu\alpha\gamma\beta} k_\gamma p_\beta + \left[ \frac{F_A}{m_P} + \frac{f_P}{p \cdot k} \right] (p \cdot k g^{\mu\alpha} - p^\mu k^\alpha) + \frac{f_P}{p \cdot k} p^\mu p^\alpha \right\}$$

# Form factors: results

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arXiv:2006.05358

## First lattice calculation of radiative leptonic decay rates of pseudoscalar mesons

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$$F_{A,V}^P(x_\gamma) = C_{A,V}^P + D_{A,V}^P x_\gamma$$

$F_A$

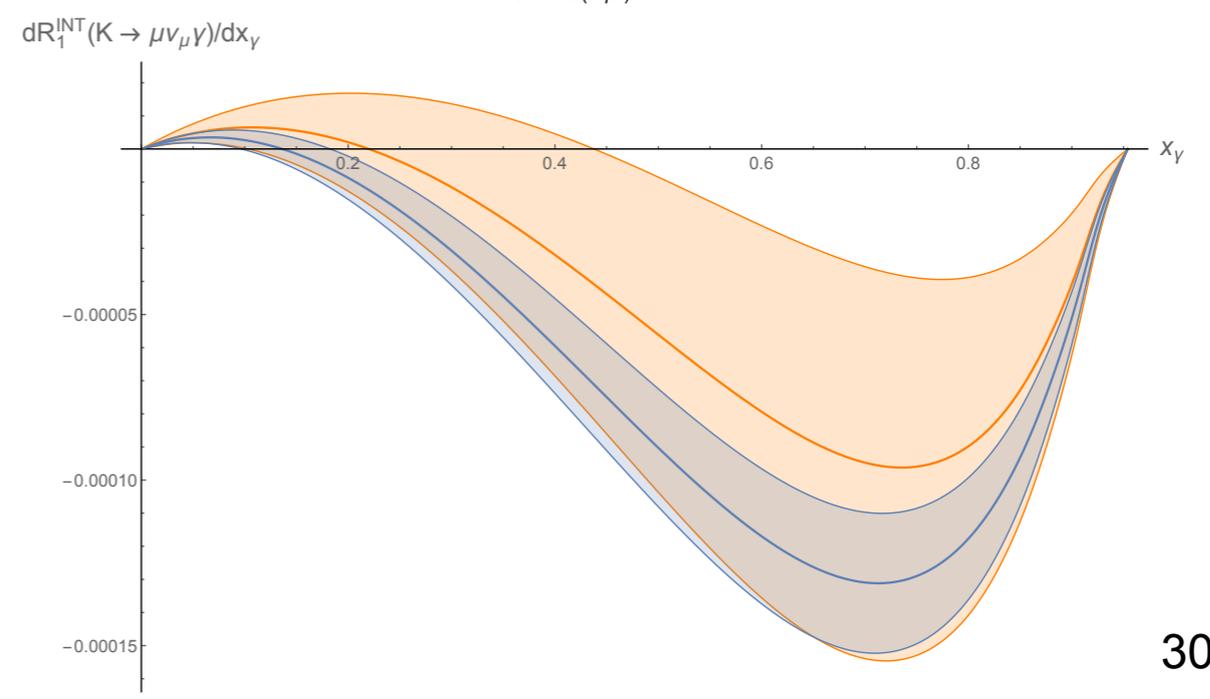
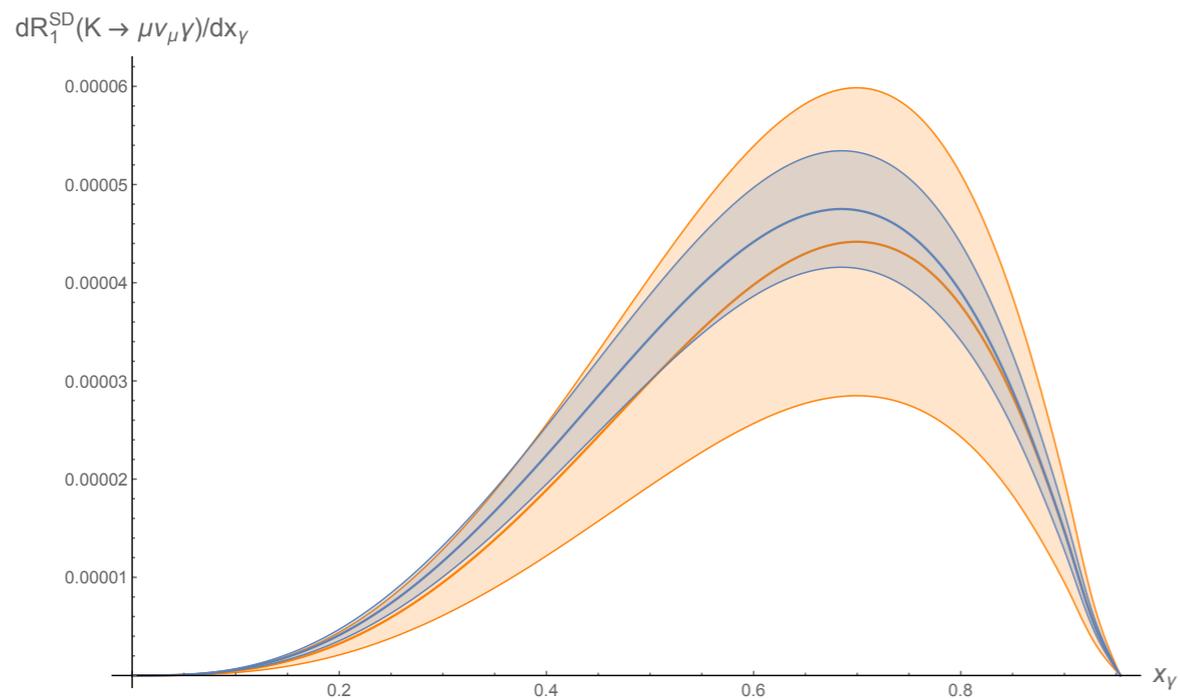
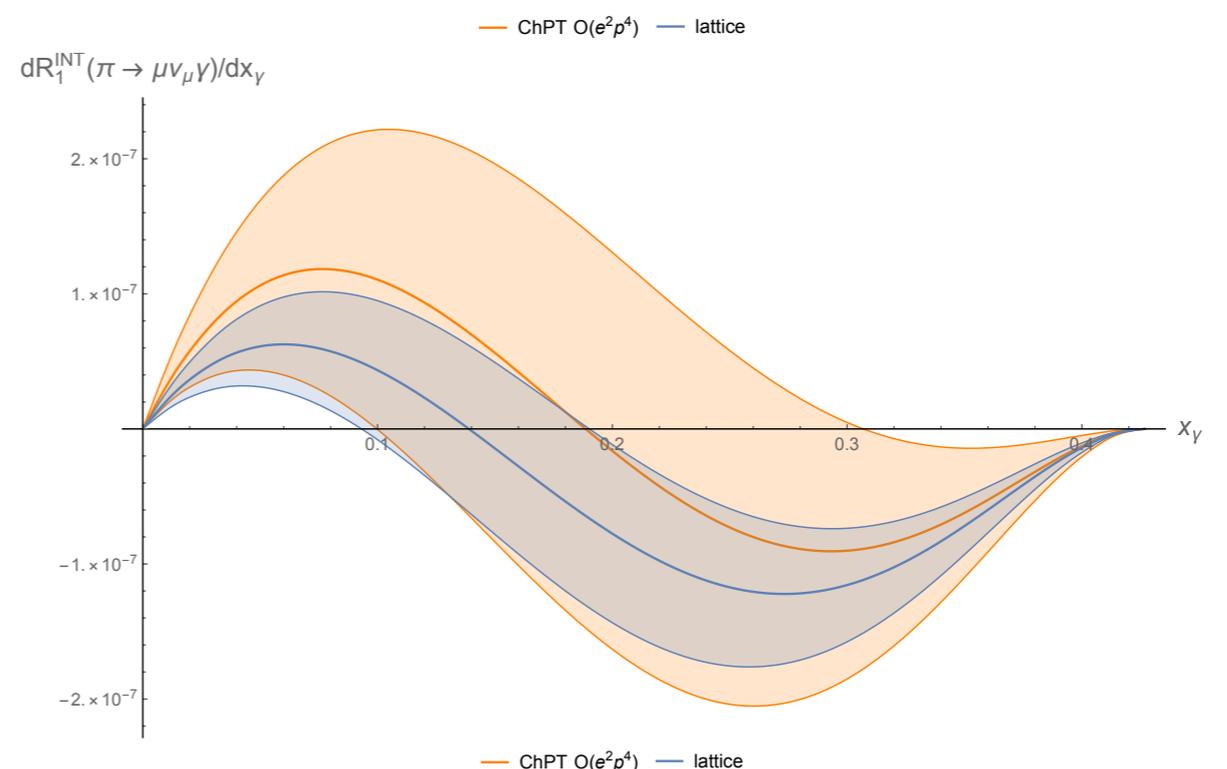
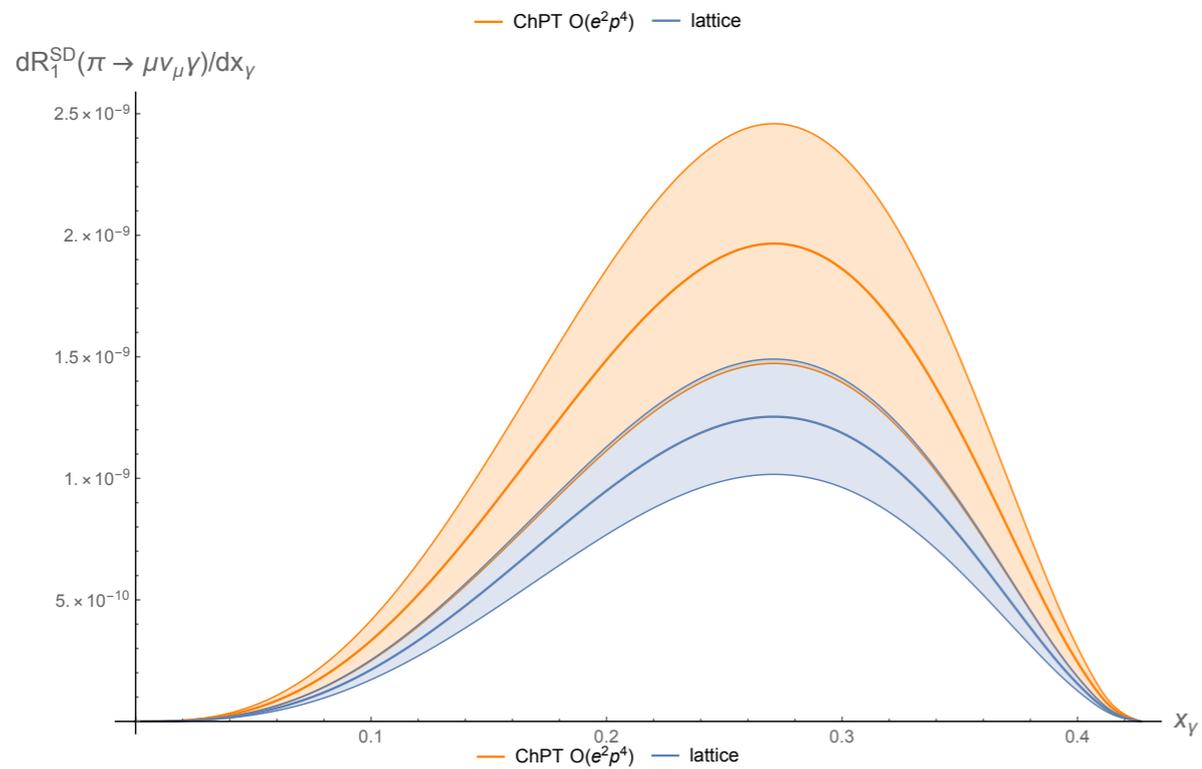
$C_A^\pi = 0.010 \pm 0.003;$	$D_A^\pi = 0.0004 \pm 0.0006;$	$\rho_{C_A^\pi, D_A^\pi} = -0.419;$
$C_A^K = 0.037 \pm 0.009;$	$D_A^K = -0.001 \pm 0.007;$	$\rho_{C_A^K, D_A^K} = -0.673;$
$C_A^D = 0.109 \pm 0.009;$	$D_A^D = -0.10 \pm 0.03;$	$\rho_{C_A^D, D_A^D} = -0.557;$
$C_A^{D_s} = 0.092 \pm 0.006;$	$D_A^{D_s} = -0.07 \pm 0.01;$	$\rho_{C_A^{D_s}, D_A^{D_s}} = -0.745.$

$F_V$

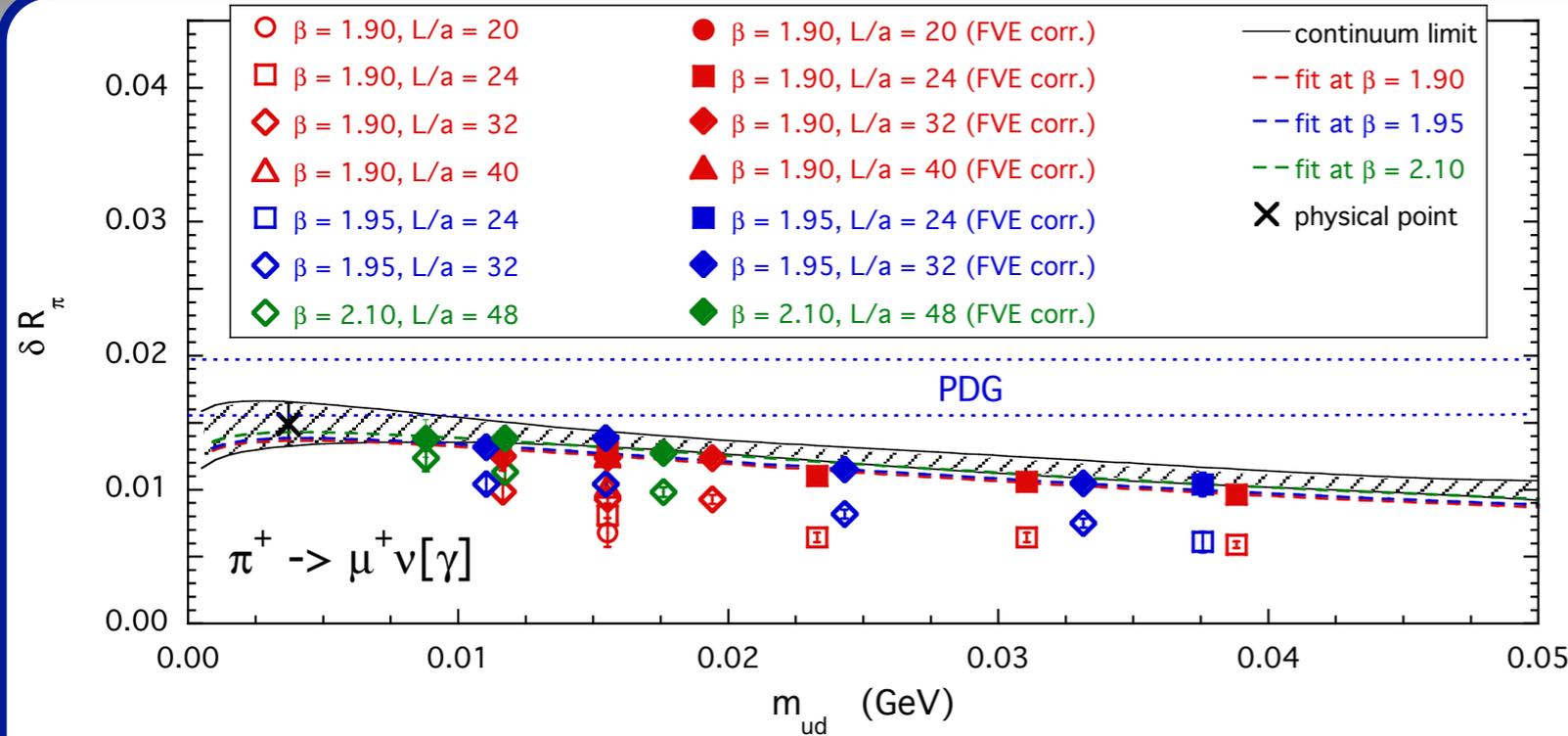
$C_V^\pi = 0.023 \pm 0.002;$	$D_V^\pi = -0.0003 \pm 0.0003;$	$\rho_{C_V^\pi, D_V^\pi} = -0.570;$
$C_V^K = 0.12 \pm 0.01;$	$D_V^K = -0.02 \pm 0.01;$	$\rho_{C_V^K, D_V^K} = -0.714;$
$C_V^D = -0.15 \pm 0.02;$	$D_V^D = 0.12 \pm 0.04;$	$\rho_{C_V^D, D_V^D} = -0.580;$
$C_V^{D_s} = -0.12 \pm 0.02;$	$D_V^{D_s} = 0.16 \pm 0.03;$	$\rho_{C_V^{D_s}, D_V^{D_s}} = -0.900.$

$$\frac{4\pi}{\alpha \Gamma_0^{\text{tree}}} \frac{d\Gamma_1^{\text{SD}}}{dx_\gamma} = \frac{m_P^2}{6f_P^2 r_\ell^2 (1-r_\ell^2)^2} [F_V(x_\gamma)^2 + F_A(x_\gamma)^2] f^{\text{SD}}(x_\gamma)$$

$$\frac{4\pi}{\alpha \Gamma_0^{\text{tree}}} \frac{d\Gamma_1^{\text{INT}}}{dx_\gamma} = -\frac{2m_P}{f_P (1-r_\ell^2)^2} [F_V(x_\gamma) f_V^{\text{INT}}(x_\gamma) + F_A(x_\gamma) f_A^{\text{INT}}(x_\gamma)]$$



# Leptonic decays at $O(\alpha)$ : RESULTS

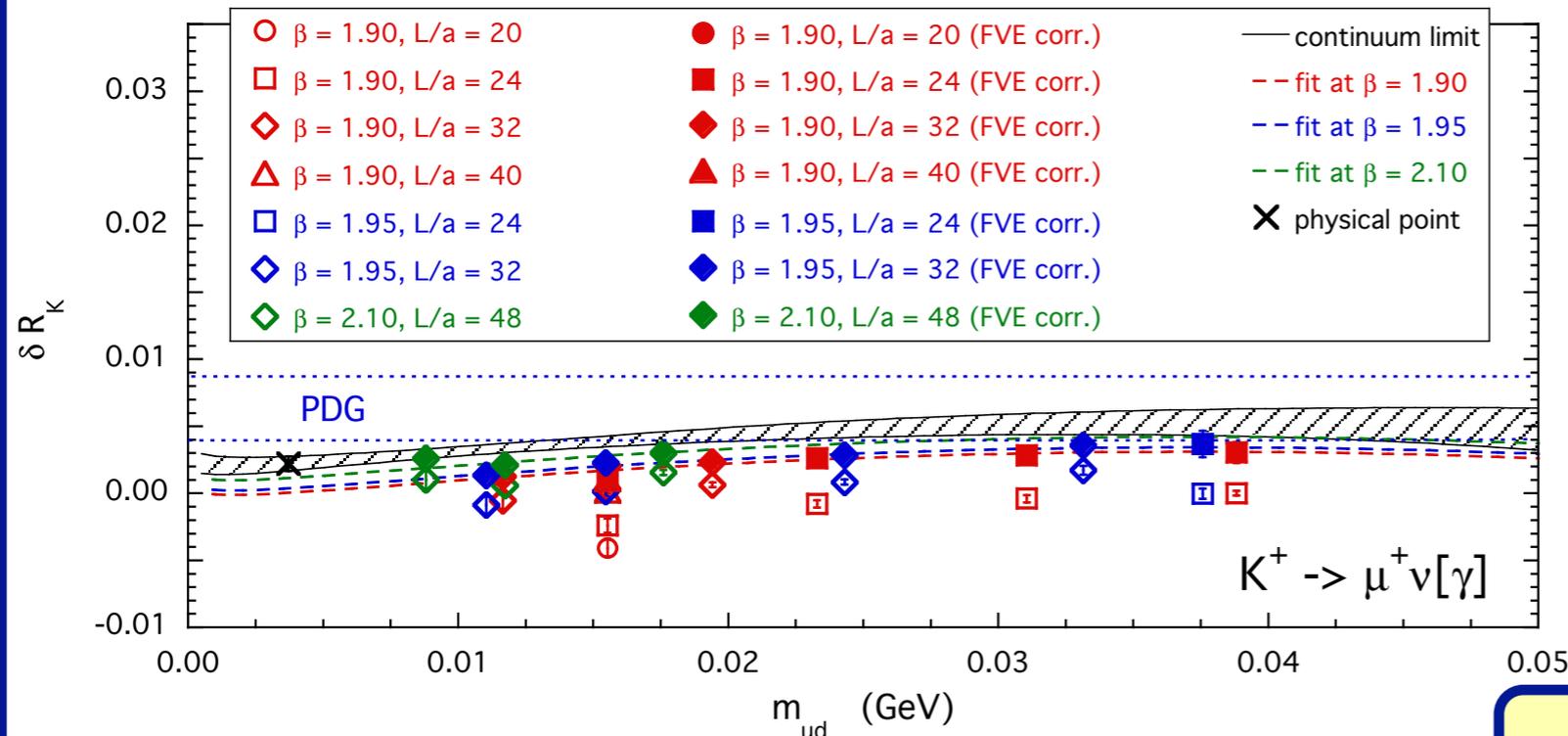


$$\Gamma(P^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \nu_\mu[\gamma]) = \Gamma^{(tree)} [1 + \delta R_{P^\pm}]$$

$$\delta R_{\pi^\pm} = 0.0153(16)_{stat} (10)_{syst}$$

$$= 0.0153(19)$$

ChPT/PGD  $\delta R_\pi = 0.0176(21)$



$$\delta R_{K^\pm} = 0.0024(6)_{stat} (8)_{syst}$$

$$= 0.0024(10)$$

ChPT/PGD  $\delta R_K = 0.0064(24)$

V.Cirigliano, H.Neufeld; PLB 700 (2011) 7

$$f_K^{(0)} |V_{us}| = 35.23(4)_{exp} (2)_{th} \text{ MeV}$$

$$f_\pi^{(0)} |V_{ud}| = 127.28(2)_{exp} (12)_{th} \text{ MeV}$$

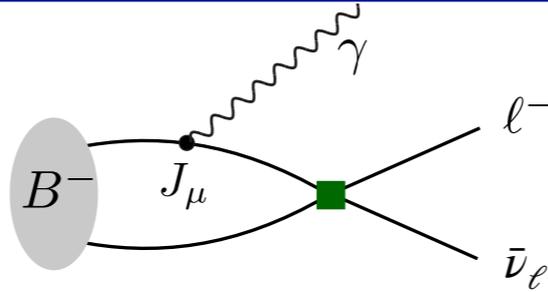
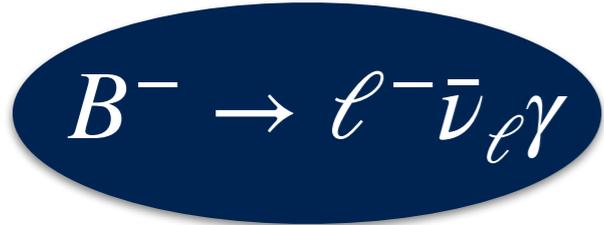
$$f_K^{(0)} = 156.11(21) \text{ MeV}$$

FLAG(2019)  $N_f=2+1+1$

$$|V_{us}| = 0.22567(42)$$

$$|V_{us}| = 0.2252(5) \text{ PDG}$$

# Radiative corrections to leptonic heavy-meson decays



- The emission of a real hard photon removes the  $(m_\ell/M_B)^2$  helicity suppression
- This is the simplest process that probes (for large  $E_\gamma$ ) the first inverse moment of the B-meson LCDA

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_B(\mu)} = \int_0^\infty \frac{d\omega}{\omega} \Phi_{B^+}(\omega, \mu)$$

$\lambda_B$  is an important input in QCD-factorization predictions for non-leptonic B decays but is poorly known

M. Beneke, V. M. Braun, Y. Ji, Y.-B. Wei, 2018

High-precision determination of radiative-leptonic-decay form factors using lattice QCD: a study of methods

arXiv:2302.01298

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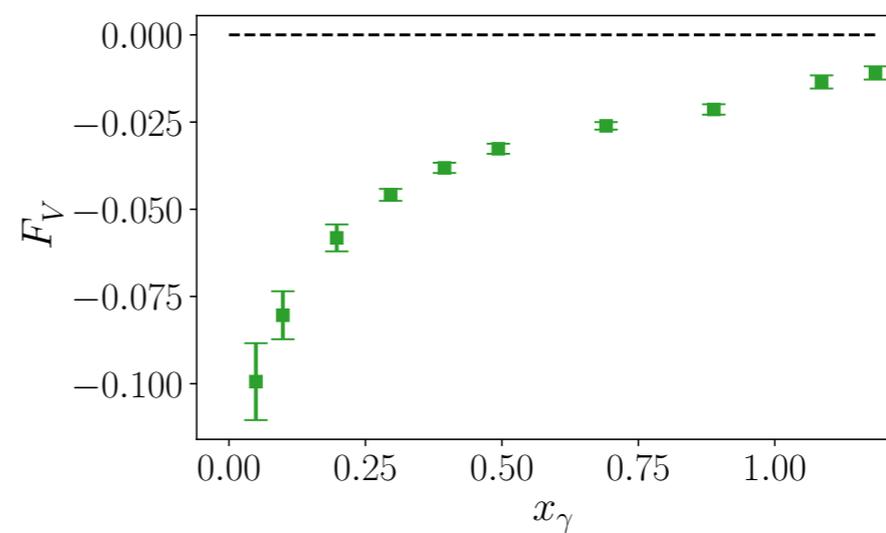
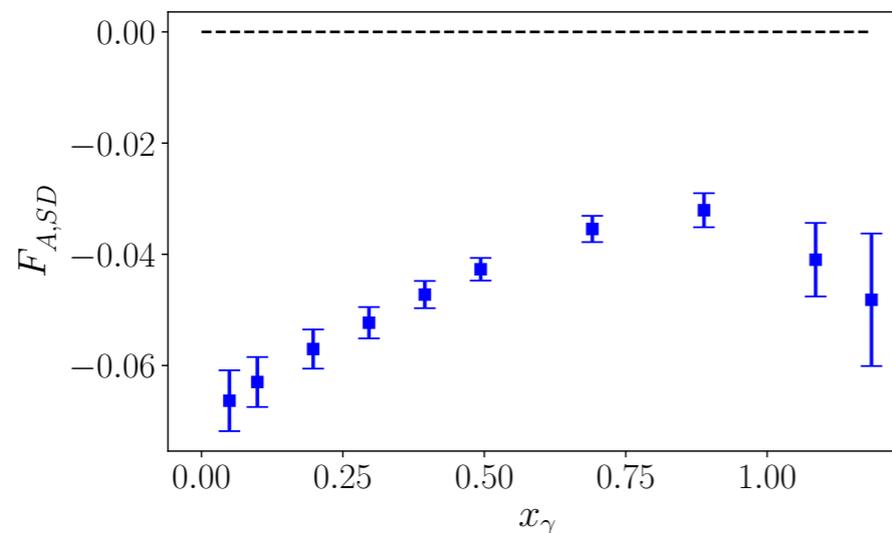
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- $D_s \rightarrow \ell \nu_\ell \gamma$
- full kinematically allowed photon-energy range



# Another application: the muon $g-2$

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## Electromagnetic and strong isospin-breaking corrections to the muon $g-2$ from lattice QCD+QED

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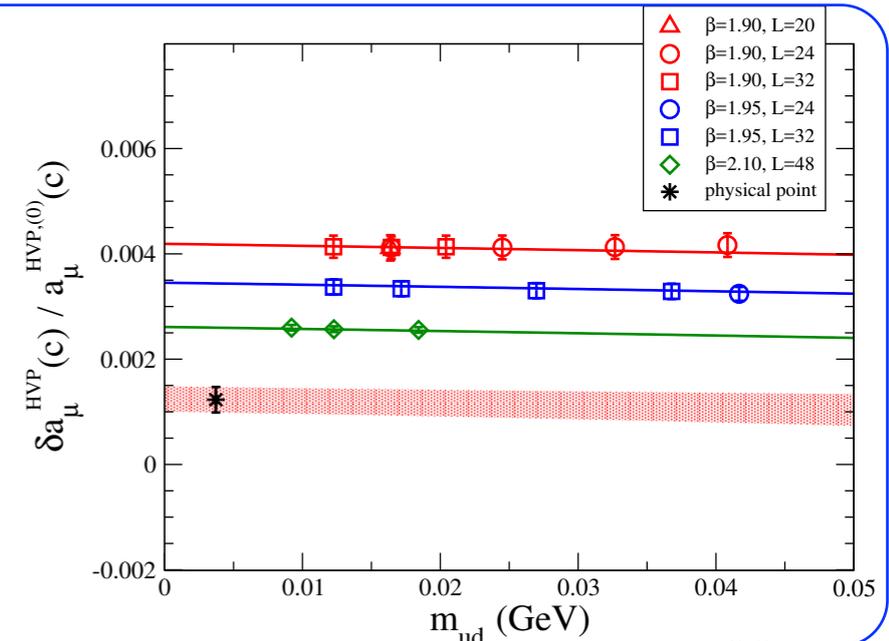
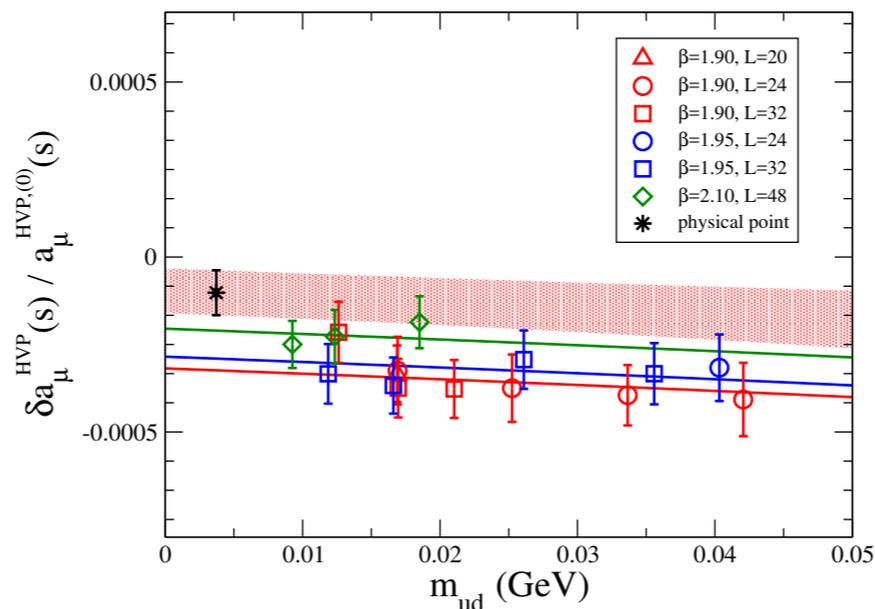
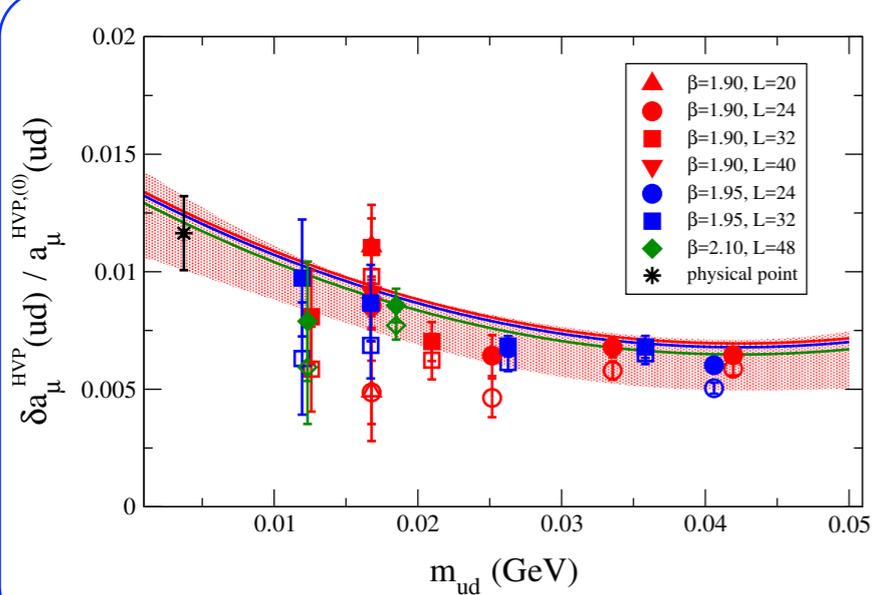
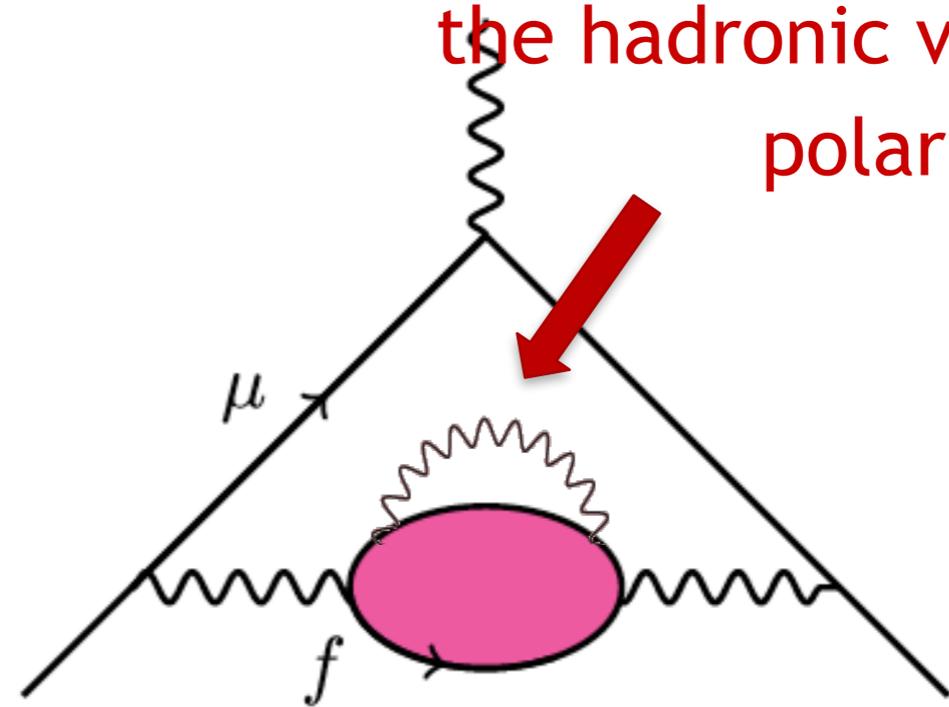
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Electromagnetic correction to the hadronic vacuum polarization



# Conclusions and future perspectives

- The experimental and theoretical accuracy reached in flavor physics for some hadronic observables implies that electromagnetic and strong isospin breaking effects cannot be neglected anymore
- We have developed a method to compute isospin breaking effects in hadronic processes with lattice QCD and presented the first calculation for light-meson leptonic decay rates
- For hadronic decays, the presence of IR divergences in the intermediate steps of the calculation requires a dedicated procedure
- Extension to leptonic heavy-light meson decays ([arXiv:2111.15614](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.15614), [arXiv:2302.01298](https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.01298)) and neutron beta decay is in progress

# **Supplementary slides**

# Details of the lattice simulation

We have used the gauge field configurations generated by **ETMC**,  
**European Twisted Mass Collaboration**, in the pure **isosymmetric QCD**  
 theory with **Nf=2+1+1** dynamical quarks

ensemble	$\beta$	$V/a^4$	$a\mu_{ud}$	$a\mu_\sigma$	$a\mu_\delta$	$N_{cf}$	$a\mu_s$	$M_\pi$ (MeV)	$M_K$ (MeV)
A40.40	1.90	$40^3 \cdot 80$	0.0040	0.15	0.19	100	0.02363	317(12)	576(22)
A30.32		$32^3 \cdot 64$	0.0030			150		275(10)	568(22)
A40.32			0.0040			100		316(12)	578(22)
A50.32			0.0050			150		350(13)	586(22)
A40.24		$24^3 \cdot 48$	0.0040			150		322(13)	582(23)
A60.24			0.0060			150		386(15)	599(23)
A80.24			0.0080			150		442(17)	618(14)
A100.24			0.0100			150		495(19)	639(24)
A40.20		$20^3 \cdot 48$	0.0040	150	330(13)	586(23)			
B25.32	1.95	$32^3 \cdot 64$	0.0025	0.135	0.170	150	0.02094	259 (9)	546(19)
B35.32			0.0035			150		302(10)	555(19)
B55.32			0.0055			150		375(13)	578(20)
B75.32			0.0075			80		436(15)	599(21)
B85.24		$24^3 \cdot 48$	0.0085			150		468(16)	613(21)
D15.48	2.10	$48^3 \cdot 96$	0.0015	0.1200	0.1385	100	0.01612	223 (6)	529(14)
D20.48			0.0020			100		256 (7)	535(14)
D30.48			0.0030			100		312 (8)	550(14)

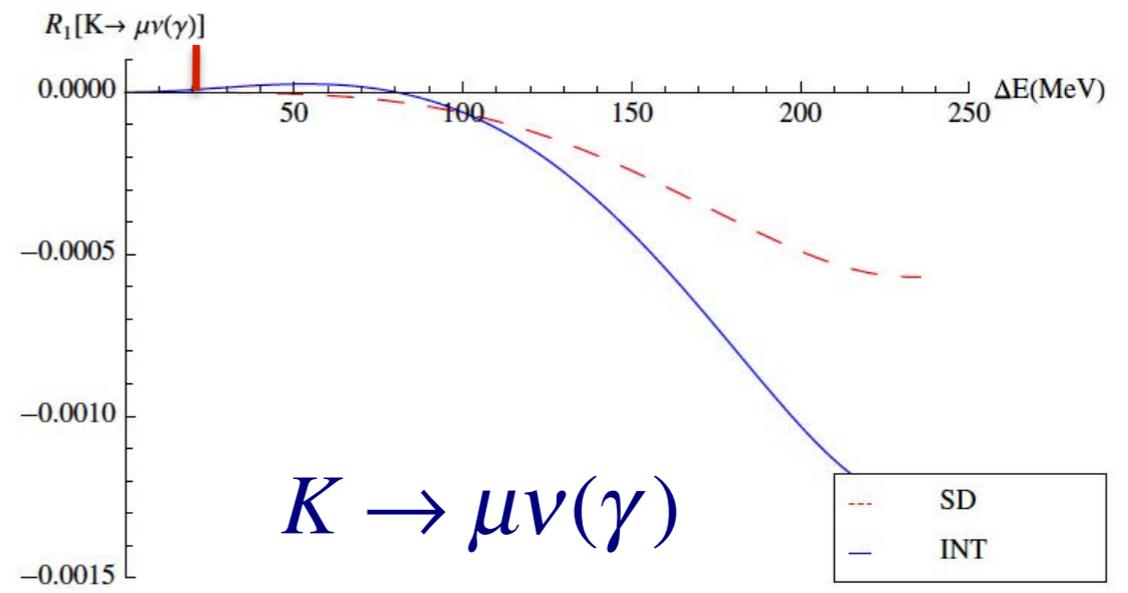
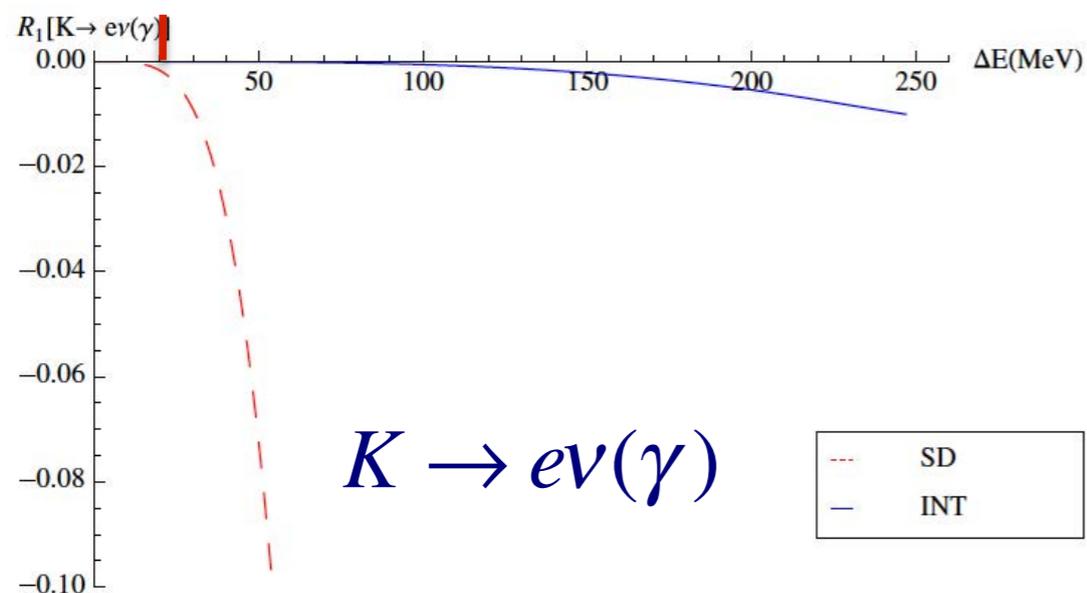
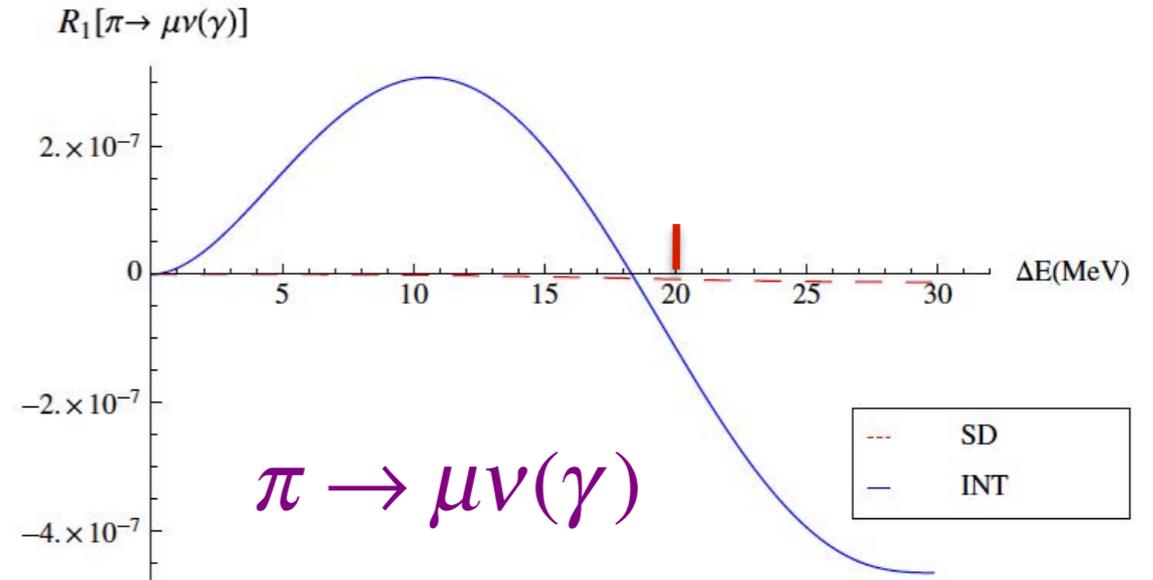
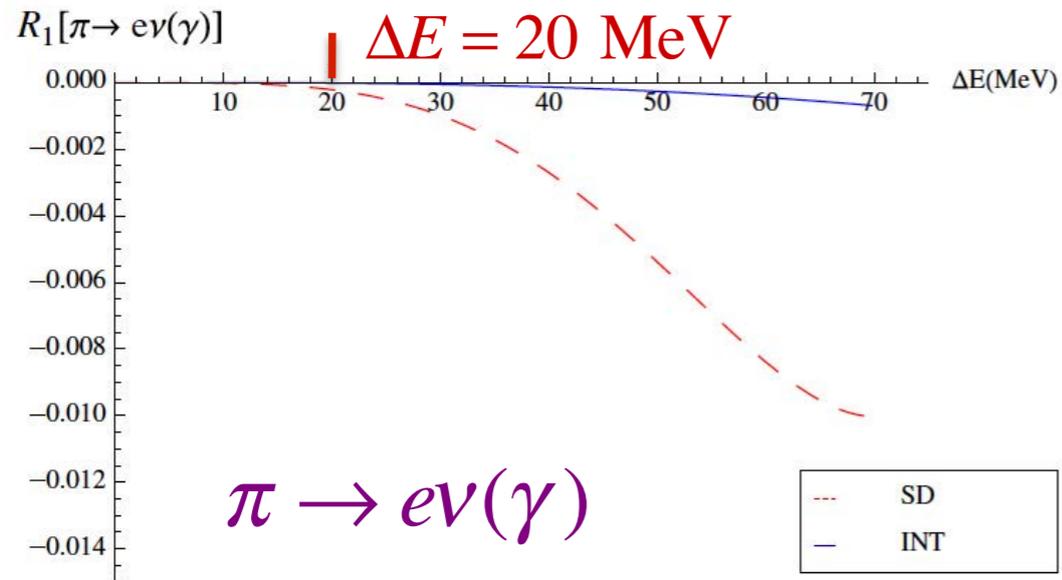
- Gluon action: Iwasaki
- Quark action: twisted mass at maximal twist  
 (automatically  $O(a)$  improved)  
 OS for s and c valence quarks

Pion masses in the range 220 - 490 MeV  
 4 volumes @  $M_\pi \approx 320$  MeV and  $a \approx 0.09$  fm  
 $M_\pi L \approx 3.0 \div 5.8$



$$R_1^A(\Delta E) = \frac{\Gamma_1^A(\Delta E)}{\Gamma_0^{\alpha,pt} + \Gamma_1^{pt}(\Delta E)}, \quad A = \{\text{SD}, \text{INT}\}$$

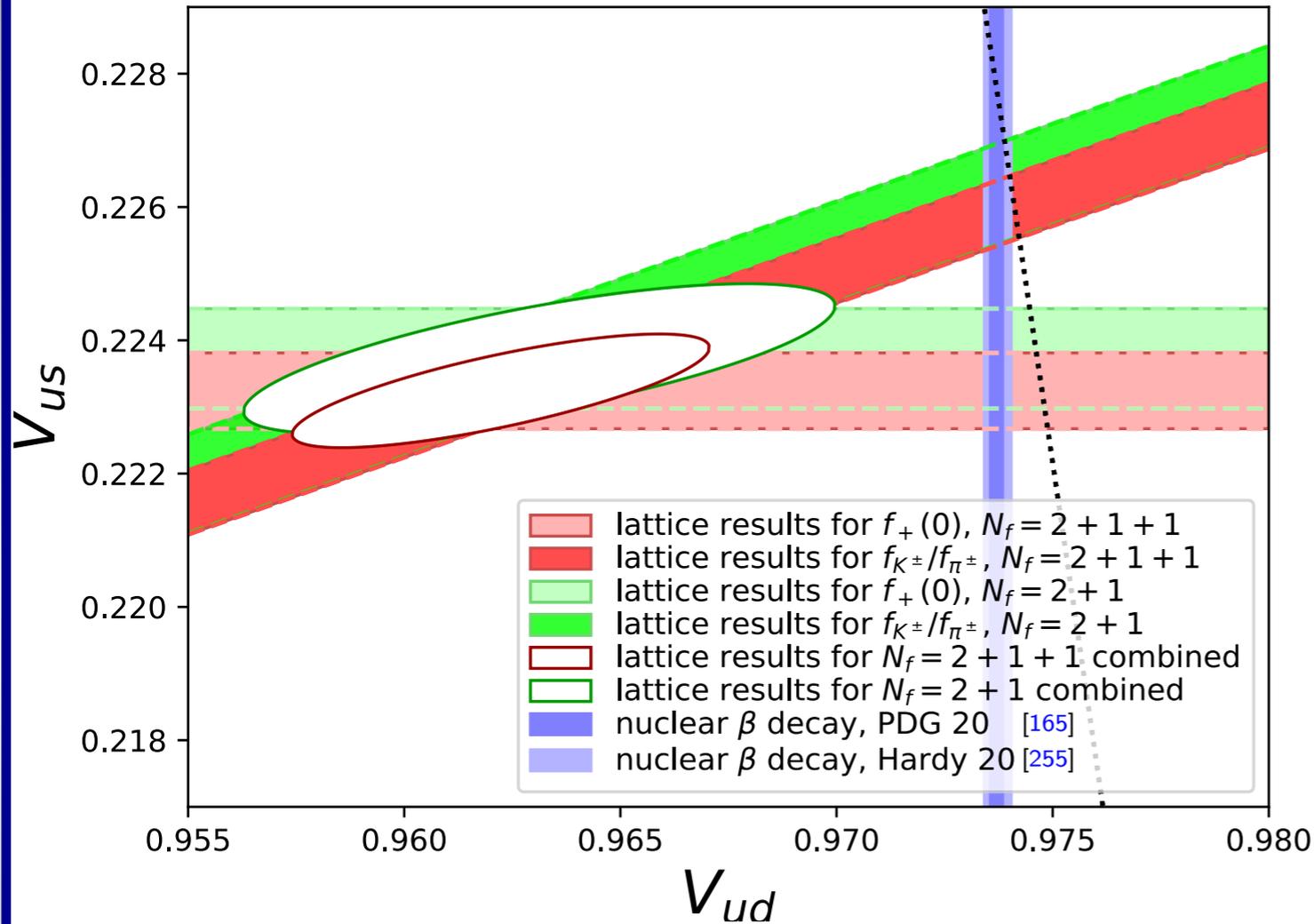
SD = structure dependent  
INT = interference



- Interference contributions are negligible in all the decays
- Structure-dependent contributions can be sizable for  $K \rightarrow e\nu(\gamma)$  but they are negligible for  $\Delta E < 20 \text{ MeV}$  (which is experimentally accessible)

# Unitarity of the CKM first-row

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$$\frac{|V_{us}|}{|V_{ud}|} \frac{f_{K^\pm}}{f_{\pi^\pm}} = 0.27599(38)$$

$$|V_{us}| f_+(0) = 0.21654(41)$$

$$|V_u|^2 \equiv |V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2$$

$$f_+(0)$$

$$f_{K^\pm}/f_{\pi^\pm}$$

$|V_{ud}|$  from



$$|V_u|^2 = 0.99884(53) \approx 2.2\sigma$$

$$|V_u|^2 = 0.99988(46) \approx 0.4\sigma$$

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$$|V_u|^2 = 0.99794(37) \approx 5.6\sigma$$

$$|V_u|^2 = 0.99885(34) \approx 3.4\sigma$$

PDG 20