

# Lattice QCD and Pion Physics

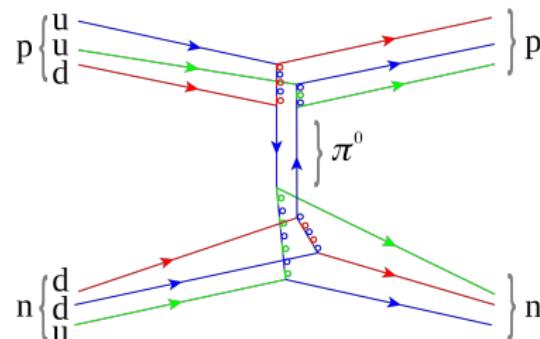
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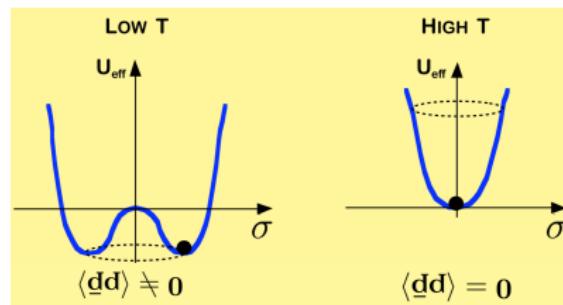
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# Pion plays unique role in QCD and Nuclear theory

- First proposed by H. Yukawa in 1935 as carrier particles of the nuclear force



- Spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking discovered by Y. Nambu in 1960



Pions are Nambu-Goldstone bosons for two-flavor  $S\chi$ SB

## QCD is the fundamental theory

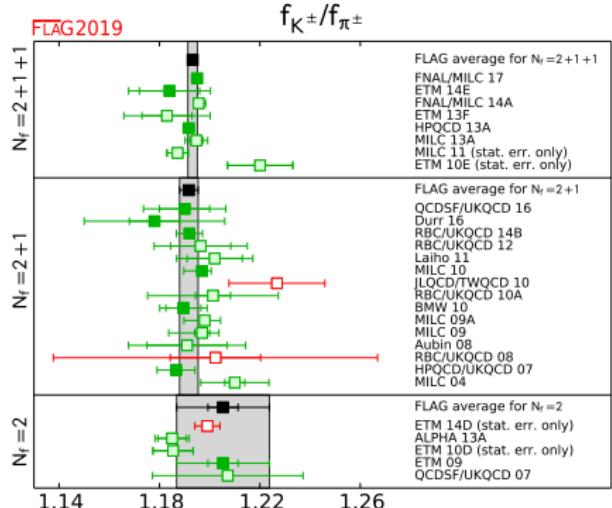
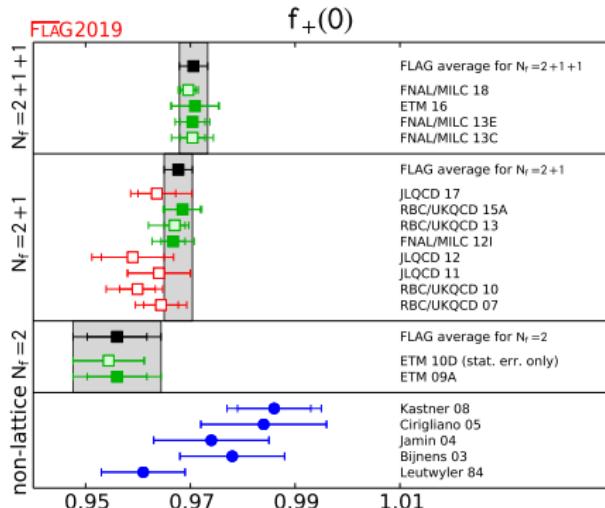
- ⇒ describing strong interaction between quarks and gluons
- High-Q ( $>$  few GeV)     $\leftrightarrow$    short distance ( $< 0.1$  fm)
  - ⇒ Theory of weakly interacting quarks and gluons
  - ⇒ (Perturbative QCD: Gross, Politzer, Wilczek for asymptotic freedom)
- Low-Q ( $\ll 1$  GeV)     $\leftrightarrow$    long distance ( $> 1$  fm)
  - ⇒ Spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking
  - ⇒ EFT of weakly interacting Nambu-Goldstone bosons (pions)
- Lattice QCD
  - ⇒ Large-scale supercomputer simulation on Euclidean spacetime lattice
    - Provide most accurate  $\alpha_s$  for pQCD
    - Provide LECs for Chiral Perturbation Theory

# Precision era for lattice QCD

## Flavor Lattice Averaging Group (FLAG) average 2019

$$f_+(0) = 0.9706(27) \Rightarrow 0.28\% \text{ error}$$

$$f_{K^\pm}/f_{\pi^\pm} = 1.1932(19) \Rightarrow 0.16\% \text{ error}$$



**Experimental information** [arXiv:1411.5252, 1509.02220]

$$K_{\ell 3} \Rightarrow |V_{us}|f_+(0) = 0.2165(4) \Rightarrow |V_{us}| = 0.2231(7)$$

$$K_{\mu 2}/\pi_{\mu 2} \Rightarrow \left| \frac{V_{us}}{V_{ud}} \right| \frac{f_{K^\pm}}{f_{\pi^\pm}} = 0.2760(4) \Rightarrow \left| \frac{V_{us}}{V_{ud}} \right| = 0.2313(5)$$

# Flag average 2019

Error < 1%

	$N_f$	FLAG average	Frac. Err.
$f_K/f_\pi$	$2 + 1 + 1$	$1.1932(19)$	0.16%
$f_+(0)$	$2 + 1 + 1$	$0.9706(27)$	0.28%
$f_D$	$2 + 1 + 1$	$212.0(7)$ MeV	0.33%
$f_{D_s}$	$2 + 1 + 1$	$249.9(5)$ MeV	0.20%
$f_{D_s}/f_D$	$2 + 1 + 1$	$1.1783(16)$	0.13%
$f_B$	$2 + 1 + 1$	$190.0(1.3)$ MeV	0.68%
$f_{B_s}$	$2 + 1 + 1$	$230.3(1.3)$ MeV	0.56%
$f_{B_s}/f_B$	$2 + 1 + 1$	$1.209(5)$	0.41%

Error < 5%

	$N_f$	FLAG average	Frac. Err.
$\hat{B}_K$	$2 + 1$	$0.7625(97)$	1.3%
$f_+^{D\pi}(0)$	$2 + 1$	$0.666(29)$	4.4%
$f_+^{DK}(0)$	$2 + 1$	$0.747(19)$	2.5%
$\hat{B}_{B_s}$	$2 + 1$	$1.35(6)$	4.4%
$B_{B_s}/B_{B_d}$	$2 + 1$	$1.032(28)$	3.7%
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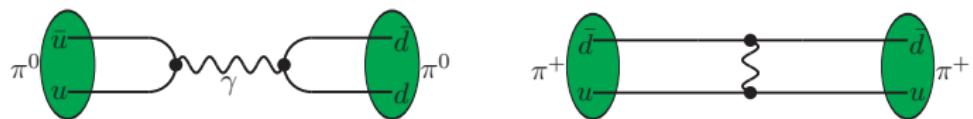
Precision beyond 1%  $\Rightarrow$  time to include QED

## Pion projects – outline of this talk

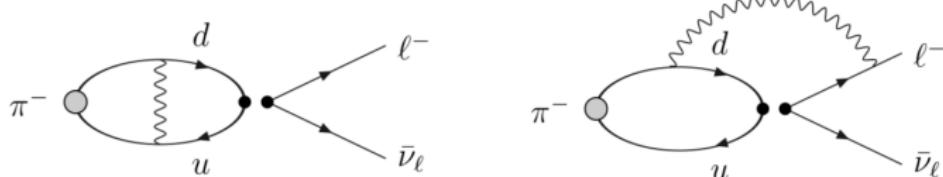
- QCD+QED  $\Rightarrow$  Pion mass splitting  
[XF, L. Jin, PRD100 (2019) 094509]
- Electroweak box contribution to  $\pi_{\ell 3}$  decay  
[XF, M. Gorchtein, L. Jin, P. Ma, C. Seng, PRL124 (2020) 192002]
- Neutrinoless double beta decay of pion  
[XF, L. Jin, X. Tuo, S. Xia, PRL122 (2019) 022001]  
[X. Tuo, XF, L. Jin, PRD100 (2019) 094511]
- Pion charge radius  
[XF, Y. Fu, L. Jin, PRD101 (2020) 051502 (Rapid Communication)]

Here, Y. Fu, P. Ma, X. Tuo & S. Xia are PhD students from PKU

## QCD+QED



# Long range photon on the lattice



$m_\gamma = 0 \Rightarrow$  long-range propagator enclosed in the lattice box  
 $\Rightarrow$  power-law finite-size effects

## Various methods proposed to treat photon on the lattice

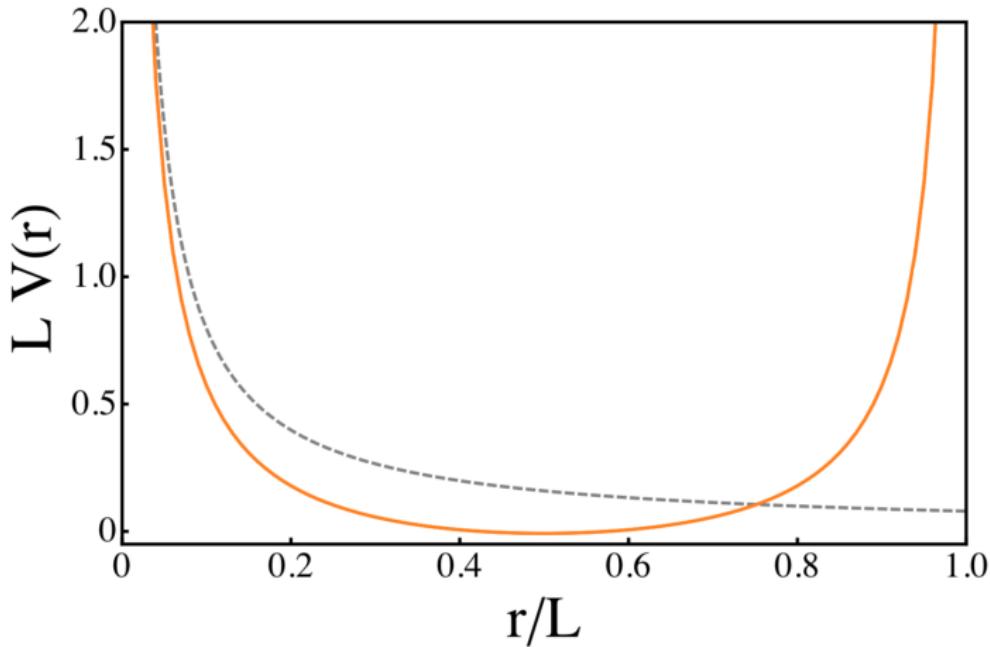
- QED<sub>L</sub> and QED<sub>TL</sub> [Hayakawa & Uno, 2008; S. Borsany et. al., 2015]
- Massive photon [M. Endres et. al., 2016]
- $C^*$  boundary condition [B. Lucini et. al., 2016]

Change photon propagators to make it suitable for lattice

## Remove zero mode - QED<sub>L</sub>

Infinite volume propagator  $\Rightarrow$  finite-volume propagator

$$S_\infty(x) = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{ipx}}{p^2} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 x^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad S_L(x) = \frac{1}{VT} \sum_p' \frac{e^{ipx}}{p^2}, \quad p = \frac{2\pi}{L} n \neq 0$$

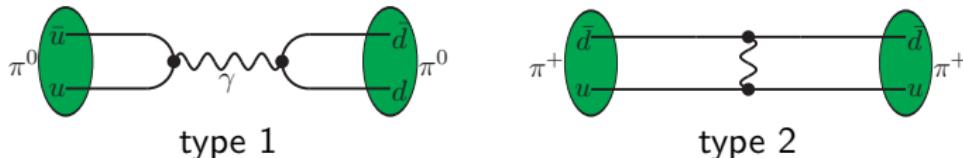


[Davoudi, Savage, PRD90 (2014) 054503]

Power-law ( $1/L^n$ ) finite volume effect as lattice volume  $L$  increase

# QED self energy: pion mass splitting

$m_{\pi^+} - m_{\pi^0}$ :



**Isospin breaking effects:** EM ( $\alpha_e$ ) + strong ( $\frac{m_u - m_d}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}$ ) contributions

- Strong IB breaking appears at  $O\left(\left(\frac{m_u - m_d}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}\right)^2\right) \Rightarrow$  dominated by EM effect

Ideal testing ground to isolate the QED effects

- Previous calculation by [RM123 collaboration, 2013]

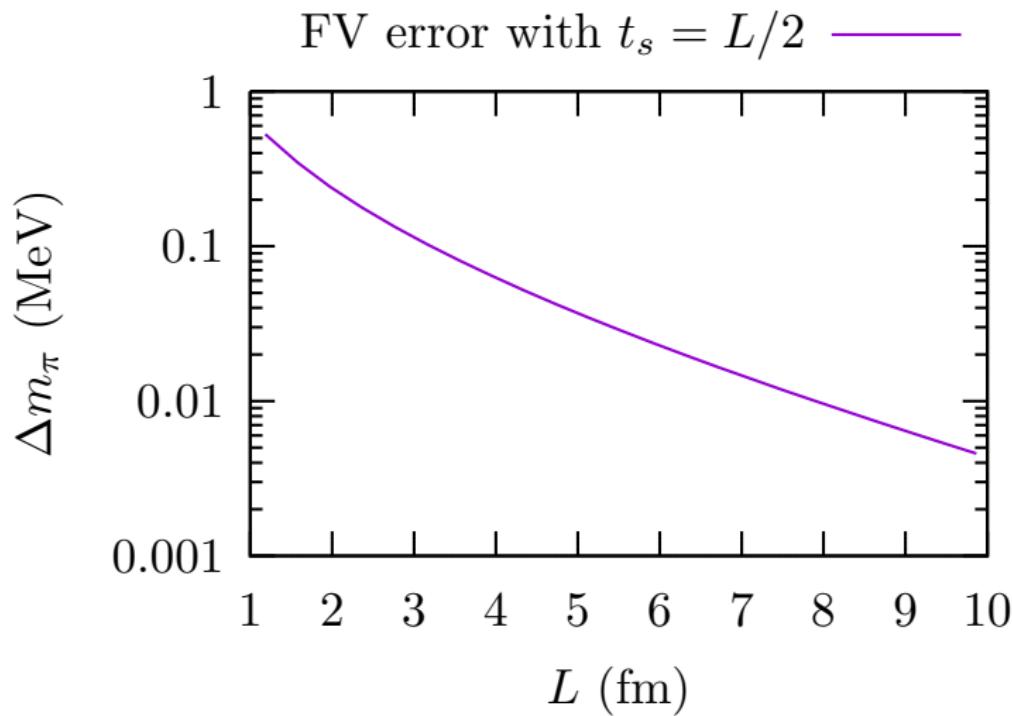
$$M_{\pi^+}^2 - M_{\pi^0}^2 = 1.44(13)_{\text{stat}}(16)_{\text{chiral}} \times 10^3 \text{ MeV}^2$$

- $O(1\%)$  precision
- including type 2 diagram only

# Infinite-volume reconstruction method

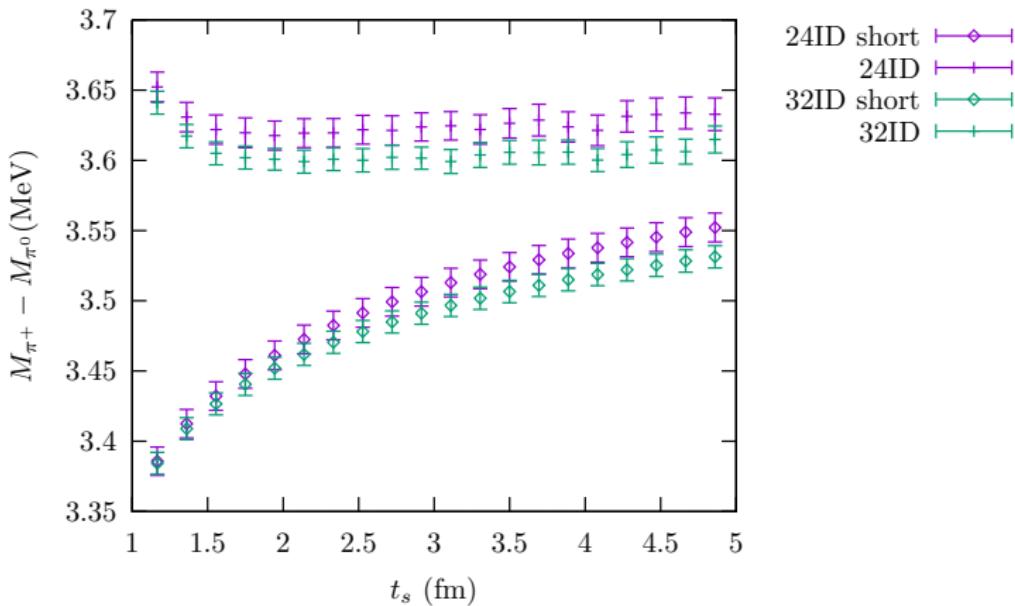
[XF, L. Jin, PRD100 (2019) 094509]

FV effects mimicking by scalar QED



FV error exponentially suppressed

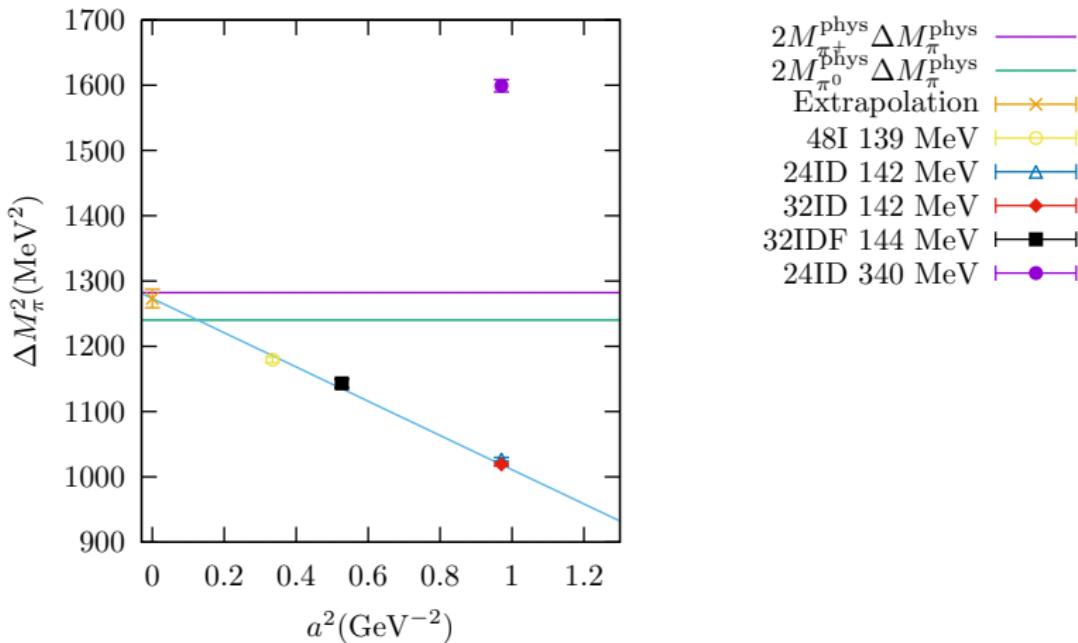
# Using infinite-volume reconstruction



- 24ID: 142 MeV,  $a^{-1}=1.015$  GeV,  $L=4.7$  fm,  $N_{\text{conf}} = 91$
- 32ID: 142 MeV,  $a^{-1}=1.015$  GeV,  $L=6.2$  fm,  $N_{\text{conf}} = 56$
- ground state saturation at  $t_s \gtrsim 1.5$  fm
- stat. error  $\lesssim 0.3\%$ , including both type 1 and type 2 diagrams
- residual FV effects  $\Rightarrow L = 4.7$  fm not large enough for physical  $m_\pi$

# Pion mass splitting

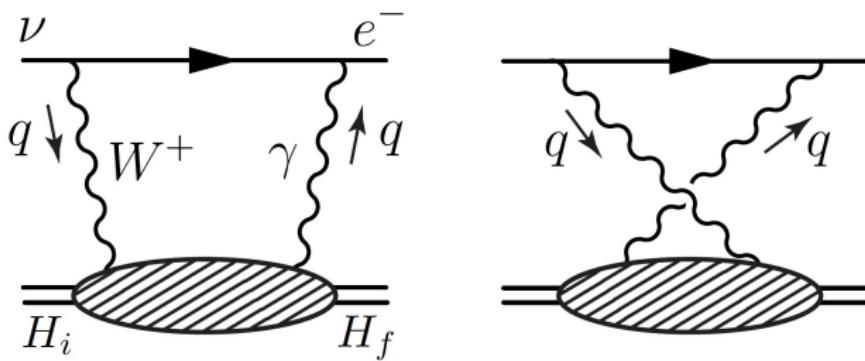
$$\Delta M_\pi^2(a, M_\pi) = \Delta M_\pi^2(0, M_\pi^{\text{phys}}) + c_1 a^2 + c_2 \left( M_\pi^2 - (M_{\pi^+}^{\text{phys}})^2 \right)$$



$$\Delta M_\pi^2(0, M_{\pi^+}^{\text{phys}}) = 1.275(15) \times 10^3 \text{ MeV}^2$$

10 times more accurate than previous lattice calculation

## Electroweak box diagram



# CKM unitarity – a constraint from Standard Model

## First-row CKM unitarity

$$\Delta_{\text{CKM}} = |V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 - 1 = 0$$

PDG 2019  $\Rightarrow$  PDG 2020

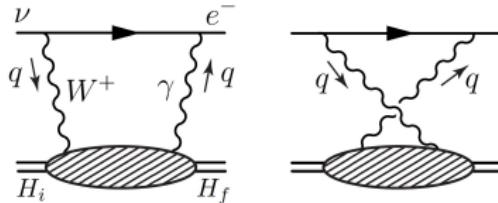
	PDG 2019	PDG 2020
$ V_{ud} $	0.97420(21)	0.97370(14)
$ V_{us} $	0.2243(5)	0.2245(8)
$ V_{ub} $	0.00394(36)	0.00382(24)
$\Delta_{\text{CKM}}$	-0.00061(47)	-0.00149(45)

- Main update from  $|V_{ud}| \Rightarrow 3.3 \sigma$  deviation from CKM unitarity
- $|V_{ud}|$  is from superallowed  $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$  nuclear beta decay
  - Pure vector transitions at leading order
  - Uncertainty is dominated by electroweak radiative correction  
[J. Hardy, I. Towner (2015)]

# Axial $\gamma W$ -box diagram

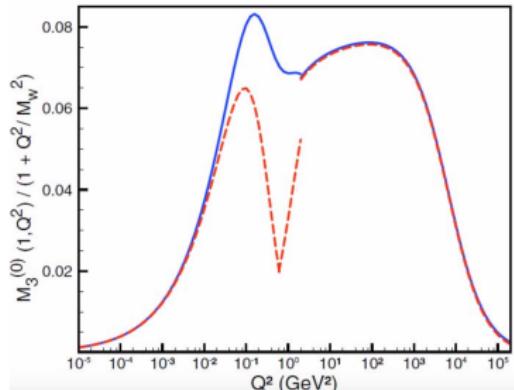
Based on current algebra, only axial  $\gamma W$ -box diagram sensitive to hadronic scale

[A. Sirlin, Rev. Mod. Phys. 07 (1978) 573]



$$T_{\mu\nu}^{VA} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle H_f(p) | T [J_\mu^{em}(x) J_\nu^{W,A}(0)] | H_i(p) \rangle$$

Re-evaluation of the  $\gamma W$ -box diagram



$$|V_{ud}| = 0.97420(18)_{RC}(10)_{\mathcal{F}t}$$

Using VMD model

[Marciano & Sirlin, PRL 2006]



$$|V_{ud}| = 0.97370(10)_{RC}(10)_{\mathcal{F}t}$$

Using dispersive & data-driven analysis

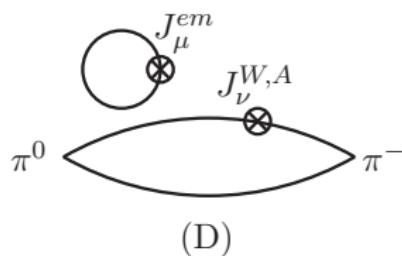
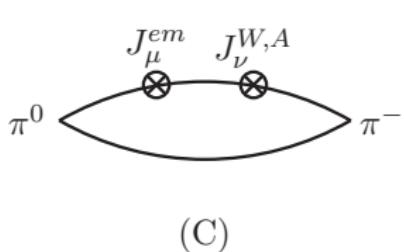
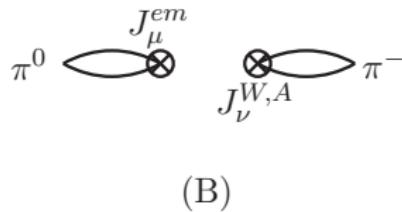
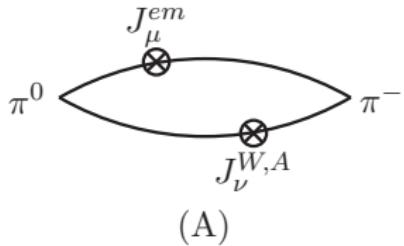
[Seng et.al. PRL 2018]

>  $3\sigma$  violation of CKM unitarity

⇒ first-principle calculation

# Quark contractions for the $\gamma W$ -box diagrams

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

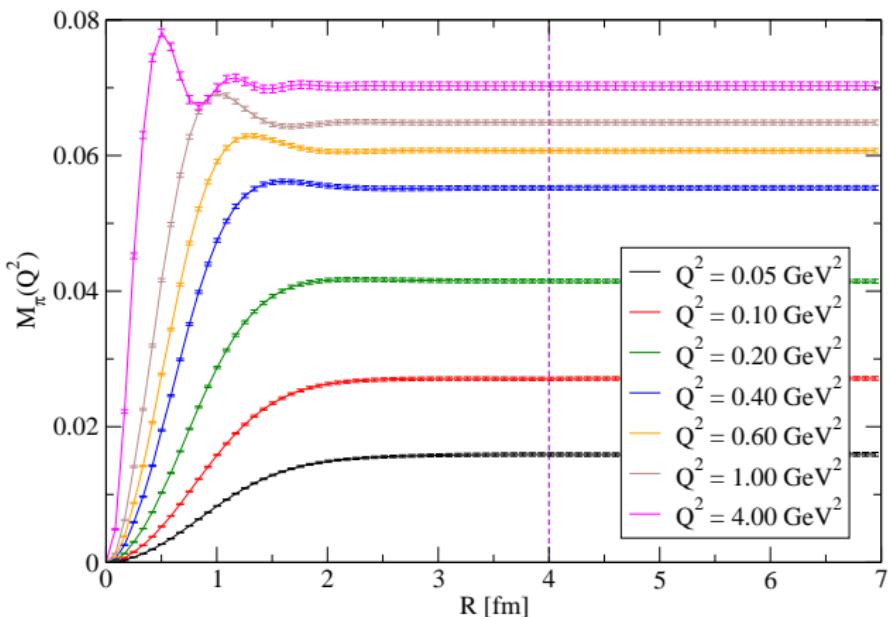


- Coulomb gauge fixed wall source is used for the pion interpolating field
- FFT is used to perform contraction for diagram (A) and (B)
- Point source propagators are used to compute diagram (C)
- Diagram (D) is suppressed by flavor SU(3) and is neglected

# Lattice results for the hadronic functions

Construct the Lorentz scalar function  $M_\pi(Q^2)$  from  $\mathcal{H}_{\mu\nu}^{VA}(x)$

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

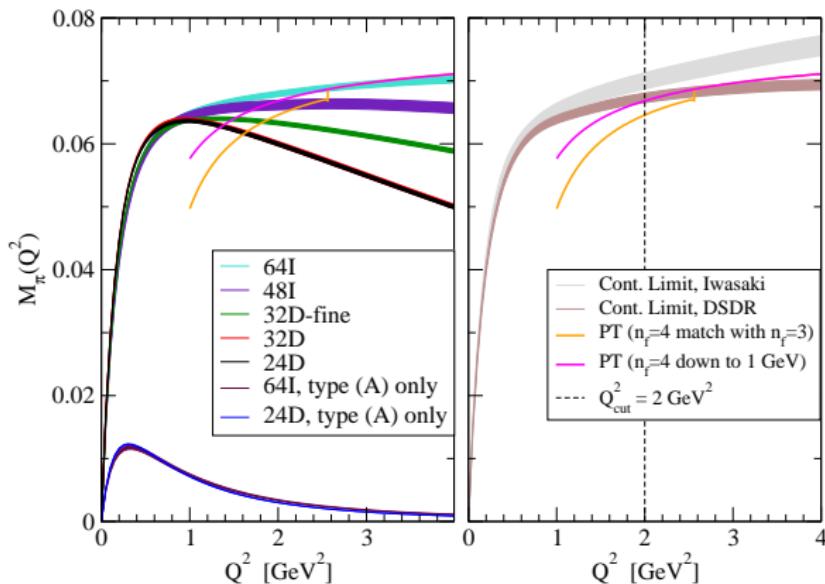


# Combine lattice results with pQCD

Radiative correction requires the momentum integral from  $0 < Q^2 < \infty$

$$\square_{\gamma W}^{VA} = \frac{3\alpha_e}{2\pi} \int \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} \frac{m_W^2}{m_W^2 + Q^2} M_\pi(Q^2)$$

- Lattice data used for low- $Q^2$  region
- OPE and perturbative Wilson coefficients used for high- $Q^2$  region



## Error analysis

Use the momentum scale  $Q_{\text{cut}}^2$  to separate the LD and SD contributions

$$\square_{\gamma W}^{\text{VA}} = \begin{cases} 2.816(9)_{\text{stat}}(24)_{\text{PT}}(18)_{\text{a}}(3)_{\text{FV}} \times 10^{-3} & \text{using } Q_{\text{cut}}^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2 \\ 2.830(11)_{\text{stat}}(9)_{\text{PT}}(24)_{\text{a}}(3)_{\text{FV}} \times 10^{-3} & \text{using } Q_{\text{cut}}^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}^2 \\ 2.835(12)_{\text{stat}}(5)_{\text{PT}}(30)_{\text{a}}(3)_{\text{FV}} \times 10^{-3} & \text{using } Q_{\text{cut}}^2 = 3 \text{ GeV}^2 \end{cases}$$

- When  $Q_{\text{cut}}^2$  increase, the lattice artifacts become larger
- When  $Q_{\text{cut}}^2$  decrease, systematic effects in pQCD become larger
- For  $1 \text{ GeV}^2 \leq Q_{\text{cut}}^2 \leq 3 \text{ GeV}^2$ , all results are consistent within uncertainties

# Pion semileptonic $\beta$ decay

## Decay width measured by PIBETA experiment

$$\Gamma_{\pi\ell 3} = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{ud}|^2 m_\pi^5 |f_+^\pi(0)|^2}{64\pi^3} (1 + \delta) I_\pi$$

- ChPT [Cirigliano et.al. (2002), Czarnecki, Marciano, Sirlin (2019)]

$$\delta = 0.0334(10)_{\text{LEC}}(3)_{\text{HO}}$$

- Sirlin's parametrization [A. Sirlin, Rev. Mod. Phys. 07 (1978) 573]

$$\begin{aligned}\delta &= \frac{\alpha_e}{2\pi} \left[ \bar{g} + 3 \ln \frac{m_Z}{m_p} + \ln \frac{M_Z}{M_W} + \tilde{a}_g \right] + \delta_{\text{HO}}^{\text{QED}} + 2 \square_{\gamma W}^{\text{VA}} \\ &= 0.0332(1)_{\gamma W}(3)_{\text{HO}}\end{aligned}$$

where  $\frac{\alpha_e}{2\pi} \bar{g} = 1.051 \times 10^{-2}$ ,  $\frac{\alpha_e}{2\pi} \tilde{a}_g = -9.6 \times 10^{-5}$ ,  $\delta_{\text{HO}}^{\text{QED}} = 0.0010(3)$

- Hadronic uncertainty reduced by a factor of 10, which results in

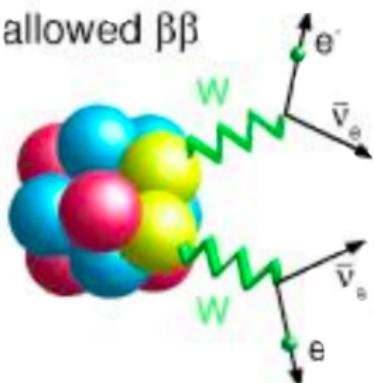
$$|V_{ud}| = 0.9739(28)_{\text{exp}}(5)_{\text{th}} \Rightarrow |V_{ud}| = 0.9739(28)_{\text{exp}}(1)_{\text{th}}$$

[XF, Gorchtein, Jin, Ma, Seng, PRL124 (2020) 192002]

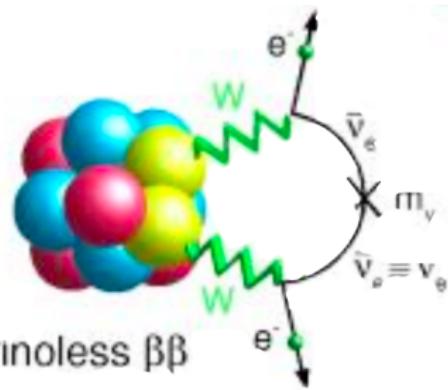
First time to calculate  $\gamma W$  box diagram  $\Rightarrow$  method set up for nucleon decay

## $0\nu2\beta$ decays

allowed  $\beta\beta$



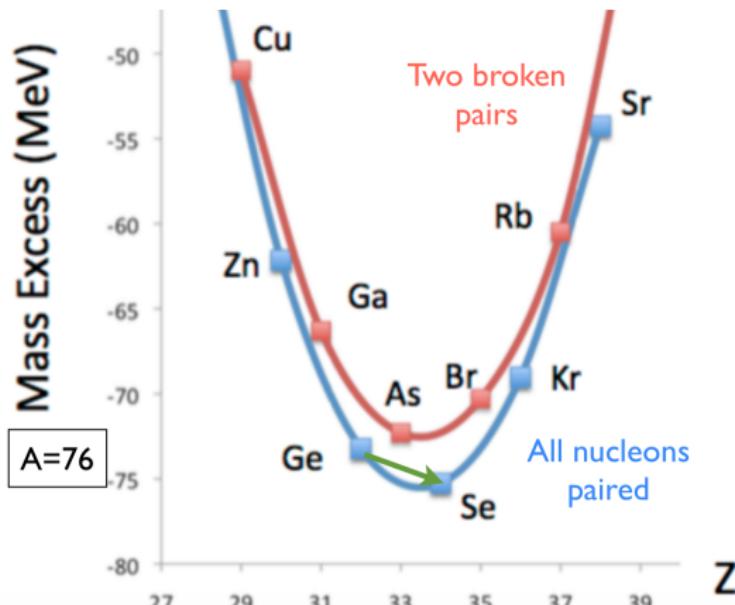
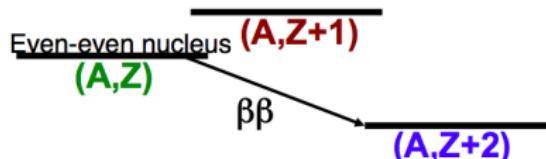
neutrinoless  $\beta\beta$



# Double beta decays

Early in 1935, Goeppert-Mayer proposed to detect double beta decay

- Nuclear pairing: In some case even-even nucleus is more stable, e.g. Ge<sup>76</sup>

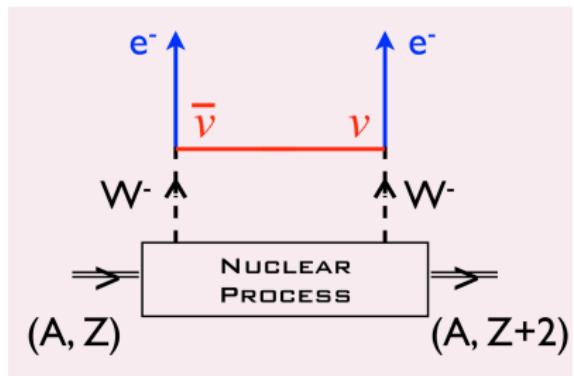
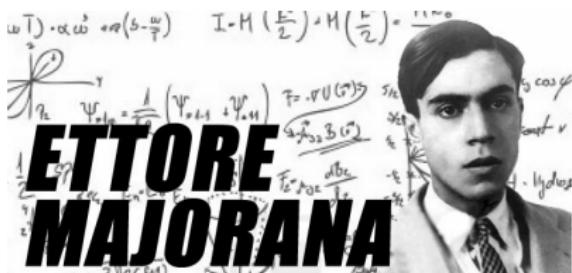


# Majorana neutrinos

Majorana's proposal in 1937:  $\nu = \bar{\nu}$ ?

← This is allowed by symmetry properties of Dirac's theory

- In single beta decay, one cannot distinguish Dirac or Majorana neutrino
- 1939, Furry propose to search for neutrinoless double beta ( $0\nu\beta\beta$ ) decays



Neutrinos: Majorana or Dirac?

# Experiments underway

## $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

- The easiest way to determine whether  $\nu$  is a Majorana fermion
- Give the information on the absolute mass scale of  $\nu$
- Provide the evidence of lepton number violation

## Global experimental search

- 4 Exp. (Majorana, EXO, CUORE, GERDA) reached  $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 10^{25}$  year
- 1 Exp. (KamLAND-Zen) exceeded the level of  $1 \times 10^{26}$  year



- Jinping underground lab (China) can provide an ideal place for  $0\nu2\beta$  search

PandaX reports the lower limit of  $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 2.1 \times 10^{23}$  from Chinese experiments

PandaX 实验组发表首个寻找马约拉纳中微子结果

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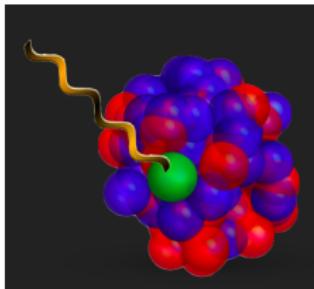


上海交通大学牵头的PandaX合作组近期在“中国物理C”杂志（IF=5.86）以“编辑推荐”的形式发表了首个利用液氙探测器寻找马约拉纳中微子的实验结果。他们的实验表明，核同位素 $^{136}\text{Xe}$ 通过马约拉纳中微子而产生的衰变寿命大于 $2.1 \times 10^{23}$ 年，即两千一百万亿亿年，比宇宙的年龄长了约15万亿倍。这是在中国本土物理实验中探测到最长的核素衰变寿命下限。该结果也能解释为马约拉纳电子中微子有效质量的上限， $m_{ee} < 1.4 \sim 3.7 \text{ eV}/c^2$ （电子伏特）。

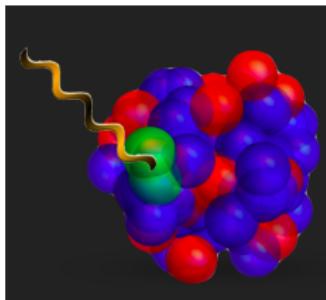
# Single $\beta$ decay of nuclei

Coupling of currents to nuclei in nuclear EFT [W. Detmold, talk at Lat18]

- One body coupling dominates



- Two nucleon contributions are subleading but non-negligible



A promising way to provide few-body inputs to ab initio many-body calculations

## Progress and Challenges in Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay

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### Summarize on recent advances in

- Lattice QCD
- Chiral effective field theory
- Many-body nuclear theory

### Target on

- a seamless connection between the theory at quark and nuclear level
- reliable calculations of the nuclear matrix elements, with robust uncertainty

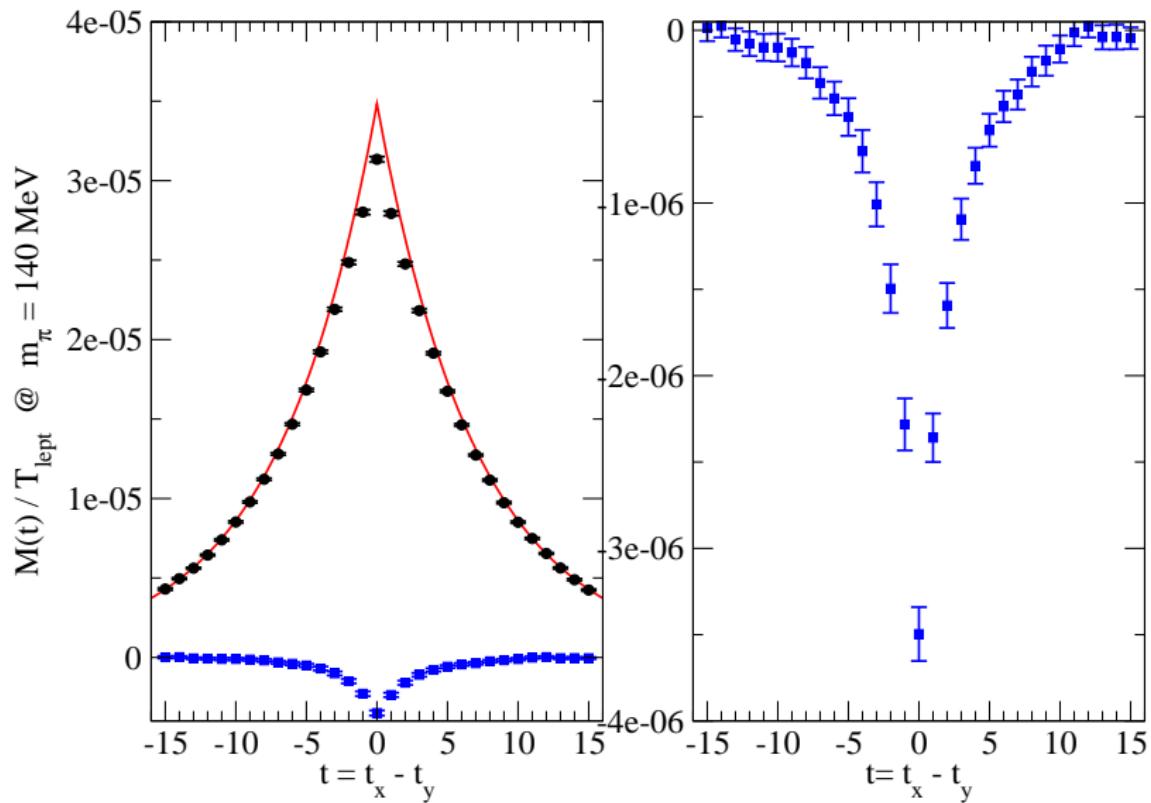
## Recent review - Lattice QCD Inputs for Nuclear Double Beta Decay

[Cirigliano, Detmold, Nicholson, Shanahan, 2003.08493]

- $2\nu 2\beta$  decay:  $nn \rightarrow ppeee\nu\nu$  @  $m_\pi = 800$  MeV  
[NPLQCD, PRD96 (2017) 054505, PRL119 (2017) 062003]
- $0\nu 2\beta$  decays in the pion sector
  - ▶ SD contributions in  $\langle \pi^+ | O_i | \pi^- \rangle$ ,  $O_i$  the local four-quark operators  
[A. Nicholson et al., PRL121 (2018) 172501]
  - ▶ LD contributions in  $\pi^- \pi^- \rightarrow ee$   
[XF, L. Jin, X. Tuo, S. Xia, PRL122 (2019) 022001]
  - ▶ LD contributions in  $\pi^- \rightarrow \pi^+ ee$   
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[W. Detmold, D. Murphy, arXiv:2004.07404]

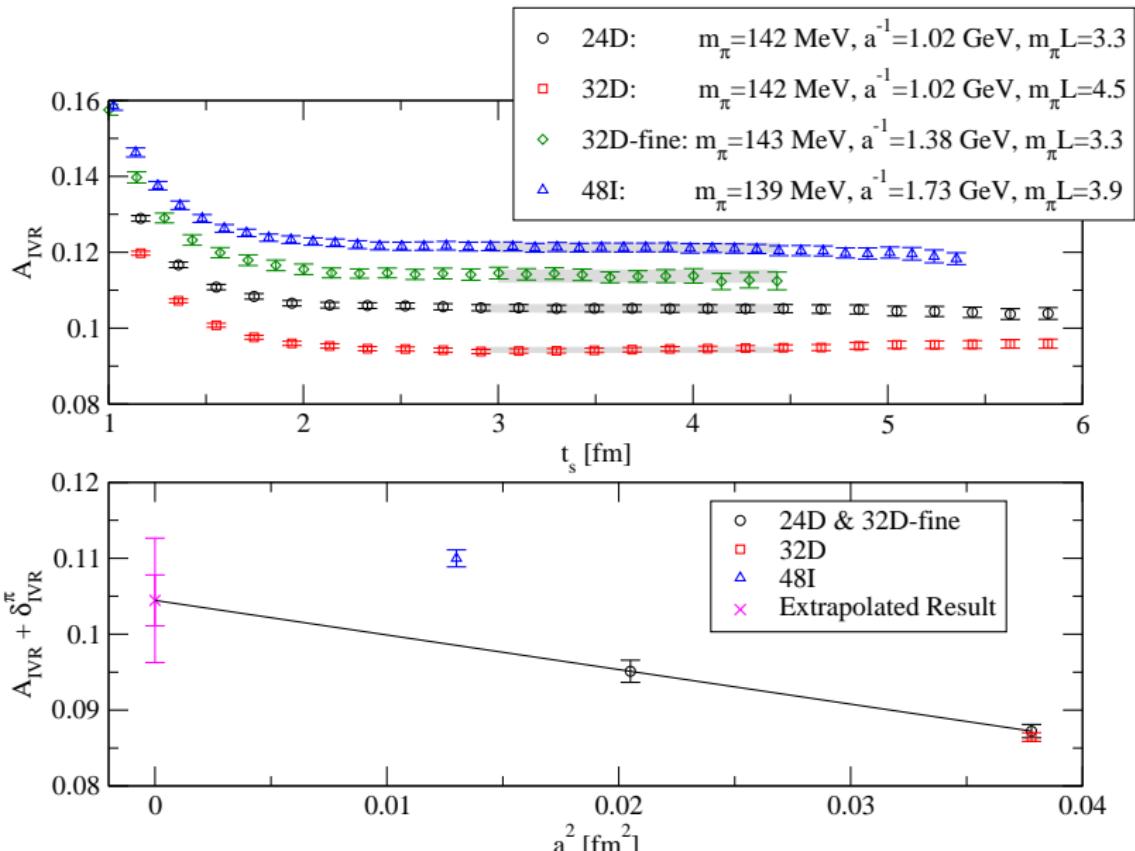
$\pi\pi \rightarrow ee$  decay amplitude @  $m_\pi = 140$  MeV

XF, L. Jin, X. Tuo, S. Xia, PRL122 (2019) 022001



# $\pi^- \rightarrow \pi^+ ee$ : infinite volume reconstruction

X. Tuo, XF, L. Jin, PRD100 (2019) 094511



## Summary of $\pi^-\pi^- \rightarrow ee$ and $\pi^- \rightarrow \pi^+ee$

### Chiral perturbation theory for $\pi^-\pi^- \rightarrow ee$

[Cirigliano, Dekens, Mereghetti, Walker-Loud, PRC97 (2018) 065501]

$$\frac{\mathcal{A}(\pi^-\pi^- \rightarrow ee)}{2F_\pi^2 T_{\text{lept}}} = 1 - \frac{m_\pi^2}{(4\pi F_\pi)^2} \left( 3 \log \frac{\mu^2}{m_\pi^2} + \frac{7}{2} + \frac{\pi^2}{4} + \frac{5}{6} g_\nu^{\pi\pi}(\mu) \right)$$

### Lattice calculation yields (statistical error only)

[XF, L. Jin, X. Tuo, S. Xia, PRL122 (2019) 022001]

$$\frac{\mathcal{A}(\pi\pi \rightarrow ee)}{2F_\pi^2 T_{\text{lept}}} = 0.910(3) \quad \Rightarrow \quad g_\nu^{\pi\pi}(m_\rho) = -12.0(3)$$

### Chiral perturbation theory for $\pi^- \rightarrow \pi^+ee$

[X. Tuo, XF, L. Jin, PRD100 (2019) 094511]

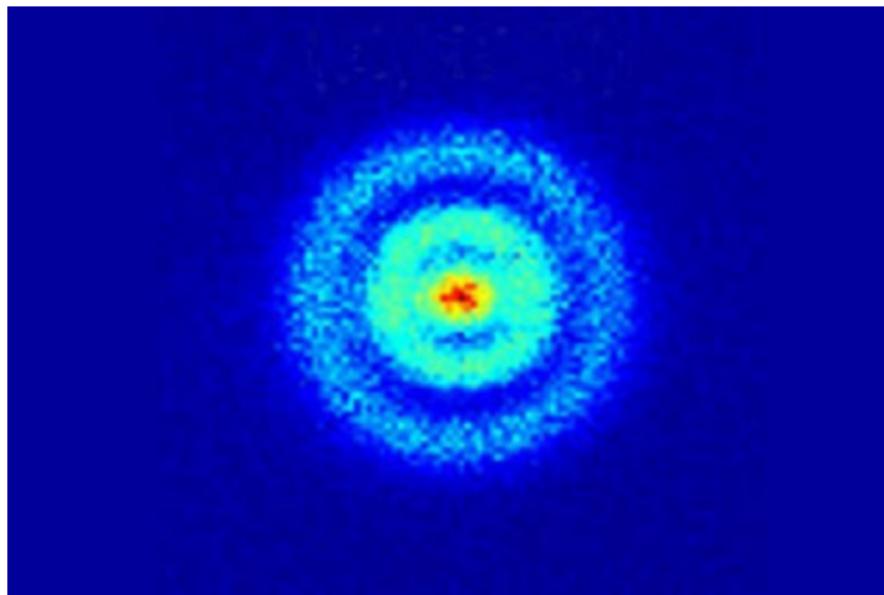
$$\frac{\mathcal{A}(\pi^- \rightarrow \pi^+ee)}{2F_\pi^2 T_{\text{lept}}} = 1 + \frac{m_\pi^2}{(4\pi F_\pi)^2} \left( 3 \log \frac{\mu^2}{m_\pi^2} + 6 + \frac{5}{6} g_\nu^{\pi\pi}(\mu) \right)$$

### Lattice calculation yields (statistical + systematical errors)

$$\frac{\mathcal{A}(\pi^- \rightarrow \pi^+ee)}{2F_\pi^2 T_{\text{lept}}} = 1.105(3)(7) \quad \Rightarrow \quad g_\nu^{\pi\pi}(m_\rho) = -10.9(3)(7)$$

Also  $g_\nu^{\pi\pi}(m_\rho) = -10.8(1)(5)$  [W. Detmold, D. Murphy, arXiv:2004.07404]

# Charge radius

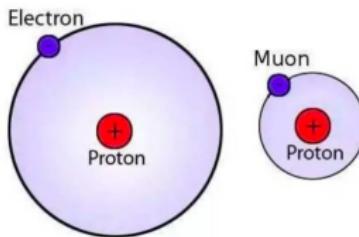


# Puzzles of proton size

## A decade puzzle since 2010

- Probe charge radius using electron
    - e-p scattering & hydrogen spectrum
    - consistent with uncertainty 0.7%
    - $r_p = 0.8751(61) \text{ fm}$
- [Rev. Mod. Phys. 88 (2016) 035009]

- Probe charge radius using muon
    - muonic hydrogen spectrum
    - high precision of uncertainty 0.05%
    - $r_p = 0.84087(39) \text{ fm}$
- [Nature 466 (2010) 213]  
[Science 339 (2013) 417]

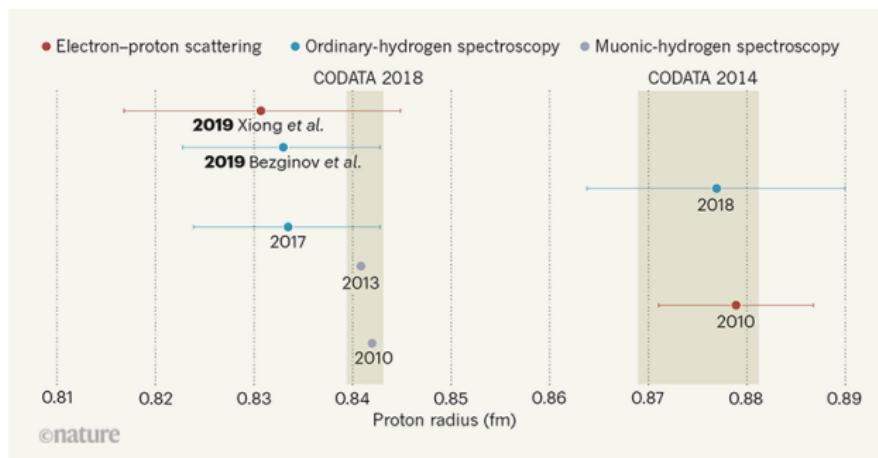


- Muon vs electron, diff by 4%,  $5.6\sigma$  smaller

# Recent progress from experiments

Two very recent "electron" experiments favor smaller charge radius

- Hydrogen spectrum [N. Bezginov, et.al. Science 365 (2019) 1007]
- e-p scattering [W. Xiong, A. Gasparian, H. Gao, et.al. Nature 575 (2019) 147]



[J.-Ph. Karr & D. Marchand, Nautre 575 (2019) 61-62]

Discrepancy mainly arises from different experiments

Theoretically, lattice QCD can provide the answer to the puzzle

⇐ if various systematic effects are under control

## Form factor and charge radius from a static potential

- Consider the scattering of an electron in a potential

$$V(\vec{r}) = \int \frac{Q\rho(\vec{r}')}{4\pi|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d^3\vec{r}'$$

with the charge density

$$\int \rho(\vec{r}) d^3\vec{r} = 1$$

- Transition matrix element for the electron is

$$M_{fi} = \langle \Psi_f | V(\vec{r}) | \Psi_i \rangle = \int e^{-i\vec{p}_f \cdot \vec{r}} V(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{p}_i \cdot \vec{r}} d^3\vec{r}$$

With the substitution  $\vec{R} = \vec{r} - \vec{r}'$  and  $\vec{q} = \vec{p}_f - \vec{p}_i$

$$M_{fi} = \int e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{R}} \frac{Q}{4\pi|\vec{R}|} d^3\vec{R} \int \rho(\vec{r}') e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}'} d^3\vec{r}' = (M_{fi})_{\text{point}} F(\vec{q}^2)$$

- All the information of charge distribution is encoded in the form factor

$$F(\vec{q}^2) = \int \rho(\vec{r}) e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}} d^3\vec{r}$$

- Charge radius is the root of mean square  $r^2$  under the distribution of  $\rho(\vec{r})$

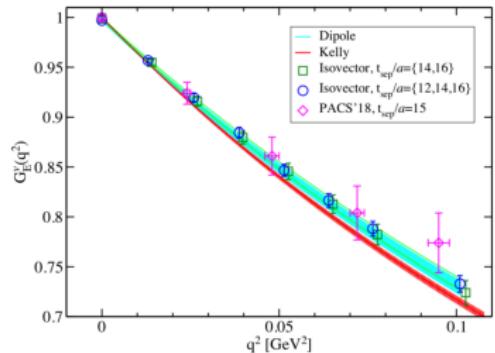
$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \int \rho(\vec{r}) \vec{r}^2 d^3\vec{r} = 6 \frac{dF(\vec{q}^2)}{d\vec{q}^2} \Big|_{\vec{q}^2=0}$$

# Lattice calculation of form factor and charge radius

In QFT, the form factor is given by the matrix element of the EM vector current

$$\langle H(p_f) | J_\mu | H(p_i) \rangle = F(q^2)(p_i + p_f)_\mu, \quad q^2 = (p_f - p_i)^2$$

- Momenta  $p_i$  and  $p_f$  on the lattice are always discrete:  $\frac{2\pi}{L} n$
- Requires modeling of the momentum dependence to extract  $\langle r^2 \rangle$



[PACS collab. use a  $(10.8 \text{ fm})^4$  lattice, PRD 2019]

- Model dependence could cause a 5% shift in  $\langle r^2 \rangle$ , e.g.  $0.847(23) \rightarrow 0.893(24)$

Such method has been used for decades  $\Rightarrow$  Any new approach?

Fit type	$q_{\text{cut}}^2 [\text{GeV}^2]$	Isovector		
		$t_{\text{sep}}/a$	$\sqrt{\langle r_E^2 \rangle} [\text{fm}]$	$\chi^2/\text{dof}$
Linear	0.013	{12, 14, 16}	0.847(23)	—
		{14, 16}	0.885(31)	—
Dipole	0.102	{12, 14, 16}	0.875(15)	0.8(6)
		{14, 16}	0.893(24)	0.5(5)
Quadrature	0.102	{12, 14, 16}	0.859(17)	0.6(6)
		{14, 16}	0.866(26)	0.7(7)
z-exp ( $k_{\text{max}} = 3$ )	0.102	{12, 14, 16}	0.862(25)	0.9(8)
		{14, 16}	0.886(33)	0.5(6)

# Charge radius in the infinite volume

We start with a Euclidean hadronic function in the infinite volume

$$H(x) = \langle 0 | A_4(x) J_4(0) | \pi(\vec{0}) \rangle, \quad \langle 0 | A_4(0) | \pi(p) \rangle = f_\pi E_\pi$$

The spatial Fourier transform of  $H(x)$  yields

$$\tilde{H}(t, \vec{p}) \approx \frac{f_\pi}{2} (E_\pi + m_\pi) F_\pi(q^2) e^{-Et}$$

- The derivative of  $\tilde{H}(t, \vec{p})$  at  $|\vec{p}|^2 = 0$  leads to

$$D(t) \equiv m_\pi^2 \frac{\partial \tilde{H}(t, \vec{p})}{\partial |\vec{p}|^2} \Big|_{|\vec{p}|^2=0} = -\frac{m_\pi^2}{3!} \int d^3 \vec{x} |\vec{x}|^2 H(x)$$

This is very similar as

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \int \rho(\vec{r}) \vec{r}^2 d^3 \vec{r}$$

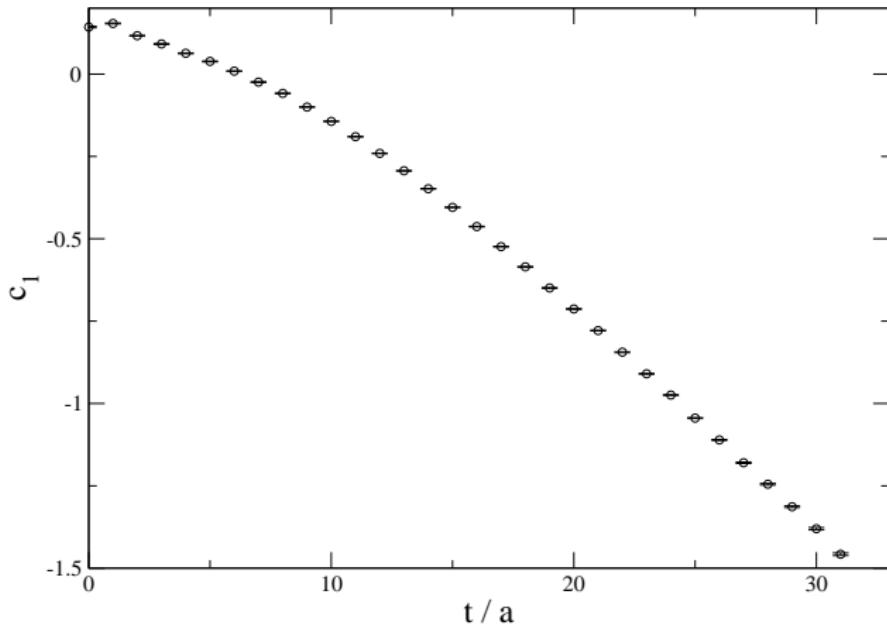
- Not difficult to relate  $D(t)$  to the charge radius

$$\frac{D(t)}{\tilde{H}(t, \vec{0})} = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{m_\pi t}{2} - c_1, \quad c_1 = \frac{m_\pi^2}{6} \langle r_\pi^2 \rangle$$

New method: using  $D(t)$  to determine the charge radius

# Significant finite-volume effects

$$c_1 = -\frac{D(t)}{\tilde{H}(t, \vec{0})} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{m_\pi t}{2}$$



Large finite-volume effects:

$$m_\pi^2 |\vec{x}|^2 H(x) \sim m_\pi^2 |\vec{x}|^2 \exp(-m_\pi \sqrt{\vec{x}^2 + t^2}) \sim 0.53$$

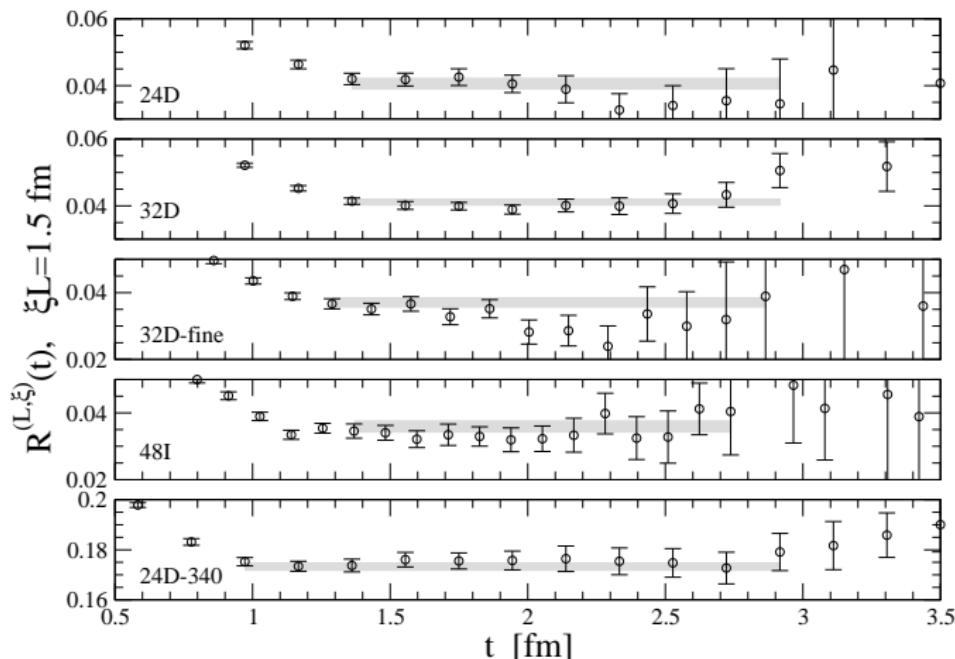
with  $\sqrt{\vec{x}^2 + t^2} \approx |\vec{x}| \sim L/2 = 2.5 \text{ fm}$

# Treat with the finite-volume effects properly

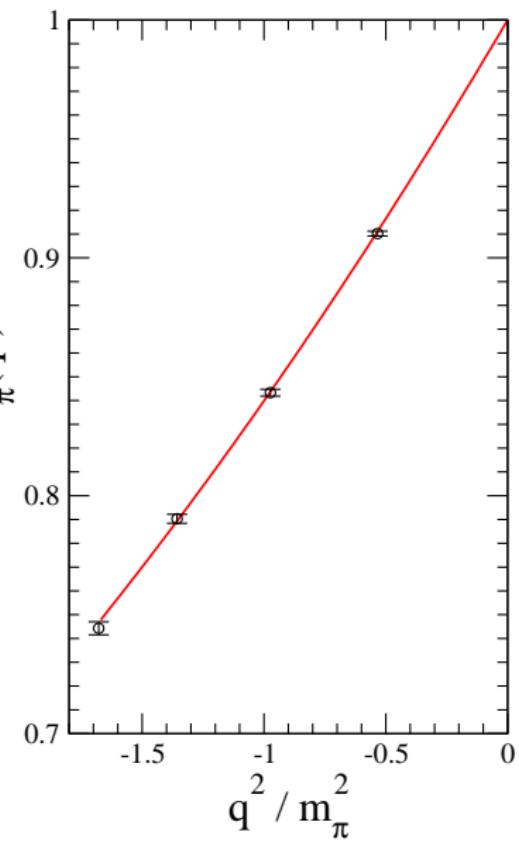
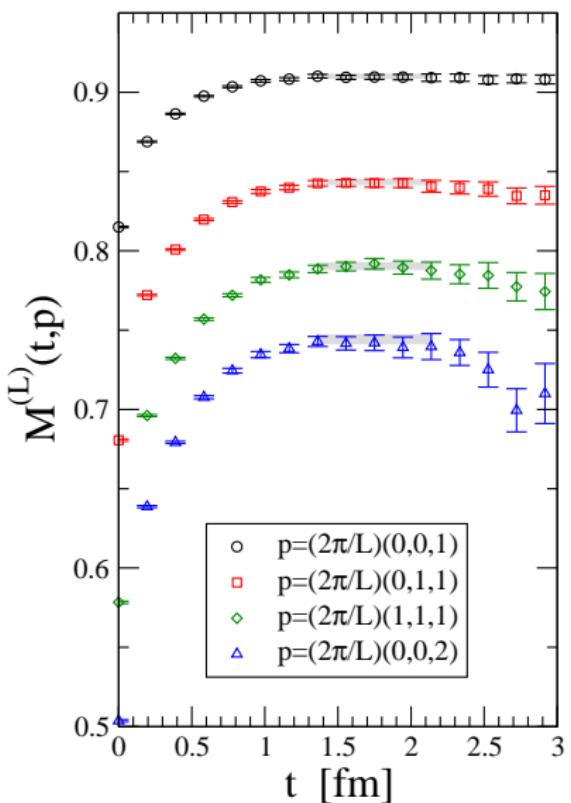
## From infinite to finite volume

$$\frac{D^{(\infty)}(t)}{\tilde{H}^{(\infty)}(t, \vec{0})} = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{m_\pi t}{2} - c_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{D^{(L)}(t)}{\tilde{H}^{(L)}(t, \vec{0})} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_n^{(L)}(t) c_n$$

with  $\beta_n^{(L)}(t)$  known and  $c_n \approx (m_\pi/m_\rho)^{2n}$  suppress quickly as  $n$  becomes large



# Traditional method



# Comparison

[XF, Y. Fu, L. Jin, PRD101 (2020) 051502 (Rapid Communication)]

Ensemble	New	Traditional	
	$\langle r_\pi^2 \rangle$ [fm <sup>2</sup> ]	$\langle r_\pi^2 \rangle$ [fm <sup>2</sup> ]	$c_V$ [fm <sup>4</sup> ]
$m_\pi = 141$ MeV, $a = 0.19$ fm, $L = 4.7$ fm	0.476(18)	0.466(30)	-0.002(2)
$m_\pi = 141$ MeV, $a = 0.19$ fm, $L = 6.2$ fm	0.480(10)	0.479(15)	0.001(1)
$m_\pi = 143$ MeV, $a = 0.14$ fm, $L = 4.6$ fm	0.423(15)	0.409(28)	0.001(2)
$m_\pi = 139$ MeV, $a = 0.11$ fm, $L = 5.5$ fm	0.434(20)	0.395(32)	-0.002(3)
$m_\pi = 341$ MeV, $a = 0.19$ fm, $L = 4.7$ fm	0.3485(27)	0.3495(44)	0.0015(2)
PDG	0.434(5)		

- At  $m_\pi \approx 140$  MeV, the statistical errors of  $\langle r_\pi^2 \rangle$  range from 2.1% to 4.6%
- At  $m_\pi \approx 340$  MeV, the statistical uncertainty is 0.8%
- Final result

$$\langle r_\pi^2 \rangle = 0.434(20)(13) \text{ fm}^2$$

agrees with the PDG value  $0.434(5) \text{ fm}^2$

Use this method to explore the puzzle of proton's size

Y. Fu's talk at APLAT 2020 (>300 registered participants)

*Lattice QCD calculation of the pion charge radius  
using a model-independent method*

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# Conclusion

- QCD+QED and pion mass splitting

$$\Delta M_\pi^2 = 1.275(15) \times 10^3 \text{ MeV}^2$$

- Axial  $\gamma W$ -box contribution to  $\pi_{\ell 3}$  decay

$$\square_{\gamma W}^{VA} = 2.830(11)_{\text{stat}}(26)_{\text{sys}} \times 10^{-3}$$

- Pion  $0\nu 2\beta$  decay

$$\pi^- \pi^- \rightarrow ee \quad \Rightarrow \quad g_\nu^{\pi\pi}(m_\rho) = -12.0(3)$$

$$\pi^- \rightarrow \pi^+ ee \quad \Rightarrow \quad g_\nu^{\pi\pi}(m_\rho) = -10.9(3)(7)$$

- Pion charge radius

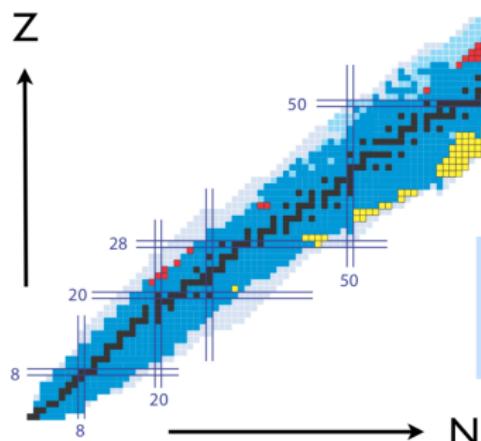
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Move from the pion to the nucleon sector

... from **QCD**

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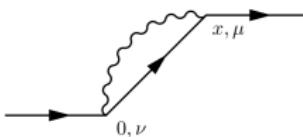
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# Backup slides

## QED self energy



- We start with infinite volume

$$\mathcal{I} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}(x) S_{\mu,\nu}^\gamma(x)$$

where  $\mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}(x)$  is the hadronic function

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}(x) = \mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}(t, \vec{x}) = \langle \pi | T[J_\mu(t, \vec{x}) J_\nu(0)] | \pi \rangle$$

$S_{\mu,\nu}^\gamma(x)$  is the photon propagator in the infinite volume

$$S_{\mu,\nu}^\gamma(x) = \frac{\delta_{\mu\nu}}{4\pi^2 x^2}$$

- Propose to replace  $\mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}(x)$  by  $\mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}^{\text{lat}}(x)$

However, this still leads to power-law FV effects

# Analysis of hadronic function

XF, L. Jin, PRD100 (2019) 094509

- We have proposed to replace  $\mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}(x)$  by  $\mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}^{\text{lat}}(x)$ 
  - $\mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}^{\text{lat}}(x)$  mainly differs from  $\mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}(x)$  at the boundary of the box:  $x \sim L$
- The hadronic part  $\mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}(x)$  is given by

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}(x) = \mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}(t, \vec{x}) = \langle \pi | T[J_\mu(t, \vec{x}) J_\nu(0)] | \pi \rangle$$

- $J_\mu(t, \vec{x}) J_\nu(0) \rightarrow e^{-M_\pi \sqrt{t^2 + \vec{x}^2}} \Rightarrow \text{exp. suppressed}$
- $\langle \pi | J_\mu(t, \vec{x}) \rightarrow e^{M_\pi t} \Rightarrow \text{exp. enhanced}$

For small  $|t|$ , we have exponentially suppressed FV effects:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}(t, \vec{x}) \sim e^{-M(\sqrt{t^2 + \vec{x}^2} - t)} \sim e^{-M|\vec{x}|} \Rightarrow \text{Exponentially suppressed FV effects}$$

For large  $|t|$ , we shall have:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}(t, \vec{x}) \sim e^{-M_\pi(\sqrt{t^2 + \vec{x}^2} - t)} \sim e^{-M_\pi \frac{\vec{x}^2}{2t}} \sim O(1) \Rightarrow \text{Pow-law suppressed FV effects}$$

# Infinite volume reconstruction method

XF, L. Jin, PRD100 (2019) 094509

Realizing at large  $t > t_s$  we have ground state dominance:

$$\langle P|J_\mu(t, \vec{x})J_\nu(0)|P\rangle \sim \int \frac{d^3\vec{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \langle P|J_\mu(0)|P(\vec{k})\rangle \langle P(\vec{k})|J_\nu(0)|P\rangle e^{-E_{\vec{k}}t+Mt} e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}}$$

- Reconstruct  $\mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}(t, \vec{x})$  at large  $t$  using  $\mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}(t_s, \vec{x})$  at modest  $t_s$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}(t, \vec{x}') \approx \int d^3\vec{x} \mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}(t_s, \vec{x}) \int \frac{d^3\vec{k}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} e^{-(E_{\vec{k}}-M)(t-t_s)} e^{-i\vec{p}\cdot\vec{x}'}$$

Replace

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}(t, \vec{x}) \Leftarrow \mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}(t_s, \vec{x}) \Leftarrow \mathcal{H}_{\mu,\nu}^{\text{lat}}(t_s, \vec{x})$$

The replacement only amounts for exponentially suppressed FV effects