

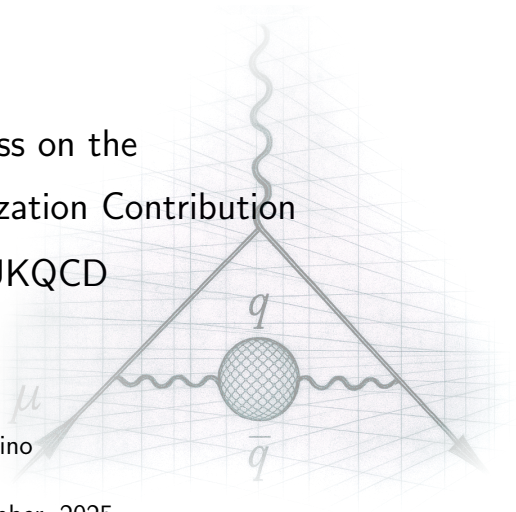
Recent Progress on the Hadronic Vacuum Polarization Contribution from RBC/UKQCD



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RBC/UKQCD Roadmap (1/2)

- 2018: First QCD+QED calculation of all components with total uncertainty of $\delta a_{\mu}^{\text{HVP}} = 19 \times 10^{-10}$; introduced windows [Blum et al., [PRL121\(2018\)022003](#)]
- 2023: Update QCD+QED intermediate distance window to uncertainty of 0.8×10^{-10} and light-quark connected short-distance window to 0.7×10^{-10} [Blum et al., [PRD108\(2023\)054507](#)]
- 2024: Scrutinize continuum-limit of light-quark connected short-distance window (consistent result, consolidate at 0.7×10^{-10}) [Spiegel, Lehner, [arxiv:2410.17053](#); [PRD111\(2025\)114517](#)]
- 2024: First calculation of light-quark connected long-distance window; reduced uncertainty of light-quark connected isospin symmetric result to 5×10^{-10} [Blum et al., [arxiv:2410.20590](#); [PRL134\(2025\)201901](#)]
- Target: 1.5×10^{-10} total uncertainty to match FNAL E989

RBC/UKQCD Roadmap (2/2)

- Next (2025/26): reduce uncertainty of quark-disconnected and QED+SIB corrections; aim at target precision for all components apart from the long-distance isospin symmetric window
- 1.9.2025: Long-distance reconstruction of QED corrections to the HVP [Lehner, Parrino, Völklein, [arxiv:2508.21685](https://arxiv.org/abs/2508.21685)]
→ Talk by Christoph Lehner

Long-distance reconstruction of QED corrections to the hadronic vacuum polarization
for the muon $g-2$

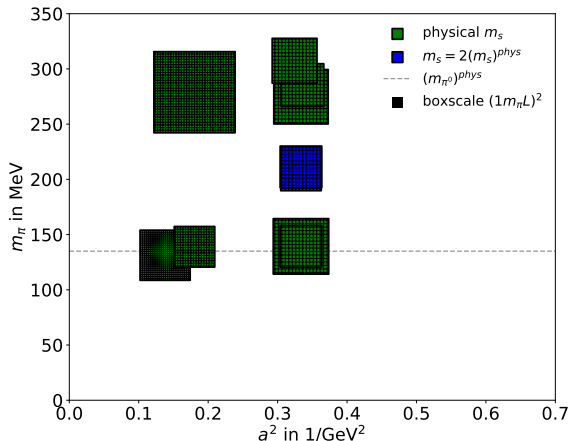
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- XX.9.2025: Isospin-breaking effects in inclusive hadronic τ data for the muon ($g - 2$) from first principles → Talk by Mattia Bruno
- Focus of this talk: Calculation of isospin breaking correction to the HVP

Ensemble overview

- $N_f = 2 + 1$ Möbius domain wall ensembles
- 4 ensembles at physical pion mass in use so far
- Ensembles up to volumes of $m_\pi L \approx 8$; also new physical pion ensemble with $L^3 = (11\text{fm})^3$
- Generation of new finer physical pion mass ensemble ($128^3 \times 288$): $a^2 \text{ GeV}^2 = 0.08$ and $m_\pi L = 4.9$; see talk by Christoph at KEK workshop



Quark-disconnected reconstruction

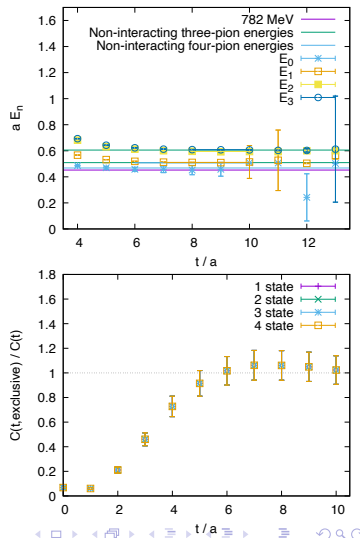
- Reconstruct long-distance contribution again exactly from the finite-volume exclusive state contributions.
- Relate disconnected contribution to $I = 0$:

$$C^{I=0} = (Q_u + Q_d)^2(c/2 - d), \quad C^{I=1} = (Q_u - Q_d)^2 c/2$$

$$\Rightarrow$$

$$C^{\text{conn}} = (Q_u^2 + Q_d^2)c,$$

$$C^{\text{disc}} = (Q_u + Q_d)^2(-d) = C^{I=0} - C^{\text{conn}}/10$$
 with connected (c) and disconnected (d) diagram.
- Study three-pion operators with lowest momenta; ω state seems to dominate strongly over three-pion FV states
- Status: complete data generation over ensembles; then: blind analysis with multiple analysis groups



Tadpole fields

- For quark-disconnected diagram (d) but also for many QED diagrams, we need estimators of the tadpole field

$$T_x^{(f)} = \langle \psi_f(x) \bar{\psi}_f(x) \rangle$$

with quark flavor $f \in \{u, d, s\}$.

- Employ method of our first quark-disconnected physical pion mass paper [Blum et al., [PRL116\(2016\)232002](#)]:
 - Compute $T^{(ud)} - T^{(s)} = T^{(ud,low)} + T^{(ud,high)} - T^{(s)}$ with $T^{(ud,high)} = T^{(ud)} - T^{(ud,low)}$
 - Use multi-grid Lanczos [Clark, Jung, Lehner, [arxiv:1710.06884](#)] to compute exact low-mode field $T_x^{(ud,low)}$ over 2000-5000 lowest preconditioned Dirac modes
 - Estimate $T^{(ud,high)} - T^{(s)}$ using a random sparse Z_2 grid

Isospin breaking corrections: Scheme definition

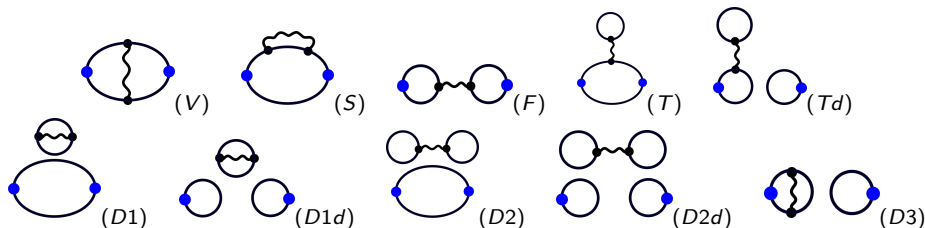
- Use RM123 approach: Exapnd around isospin symmetric QCD
- Parameters for $N_f = 1 + 1 + 1$: $\mathbf{g} = (g_s, m_u, m_d, m_s, \alpha_{\text{QED}})$
- Use physical hadron mass shifts masses to set scale PDG 2024 [PhysRevD.110.030001]

$$\begin{aligned}m_{\pi^0} &= 134.9768(5) \text{ MeV}, \\m_{K^0} &= 497.611(13) \text{ MeV}, \\m_{K^0} - m_{K^+} &= 3.9340(2) \text{ MeV}, \\m_{\Omega} &= 1672.45(29) \text{ MeV}\end{aligned}$$

- Electromagnetic coupling does not renormalize at leading order

$$(\alpha_{\text{QED}})^{-1} = 137.035999177(21)$$

Computational strategy: Wick contractions



- For Wick contractions: Lattice operator toolkit (<http://github.com/jparrino/lotk>, see Backup)
- Names (V,S,...) refer to topology without minus sign, charge- or symmetryfactor

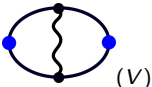
$$G^{1\gamma^*}(z) = 2\pi\alpha_{\text{QED}} \left\{ -\frac{17}{81}(2V + 4S) + \frac{25}{81}(2F + D1) + \frac{7}{81}(4T + 4D3) - \frac{5}{81}(4T_d + D1_d + D2) + \frac{1}{81}(D2_d) \right\}$$

Computational strategy: Stochastic sampling

Lattice QCD implementation using gpt library (<http://github.com/lehner/gpt>)

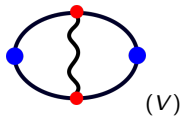
- We need to calculate correlators of type

$$\int_{x,y} G_{\nu\rho}(x,y) \langle \pi^+(\mathbf{p}, t) | T \{ j_\nu^{em}(y) j_\rho^{em}(x) \} | \pi^-(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle_{QCD}$$

$$\supset \int_{x,y,z} G_{\nu\rho}(x,y) \left\langle \text{Tr} \left[\gamma_5 S(z,x) \gamma_\rho S(x, (\mathbf{0}, t)) \gamma_5 S((\mathbf{0}, t), y) \gamma_\nu S(y, z) \right] \right\rangle_U = \text{diagram} \quad (V)$$


- Challenge: $V^2 \times L^3$ sum has to be computed
- Calculating all-to-all propagators is not feasible
→ RBC/UKQCD approach: Evaluate integrals stochastically

Computational strategy: Stochastic sampling



- Propagators are calculated on stochastic subset of points (Introduced in calculation of hadronic light-by-light contribution [Blum et al. , [arxiv:1510.07100](https://arxiv.org/abs/1510.07100)])
- Propagator from N source points to M sink points are saved on disc
- No extra inversion needed to calculate diagram
- Can be contracted with different versions of the photon propagator

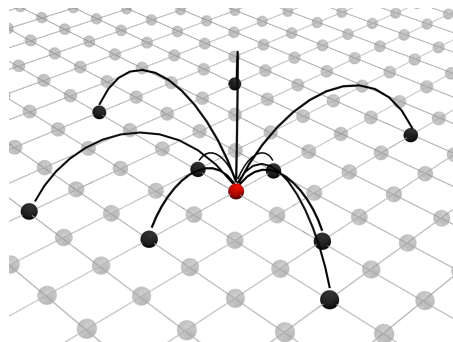
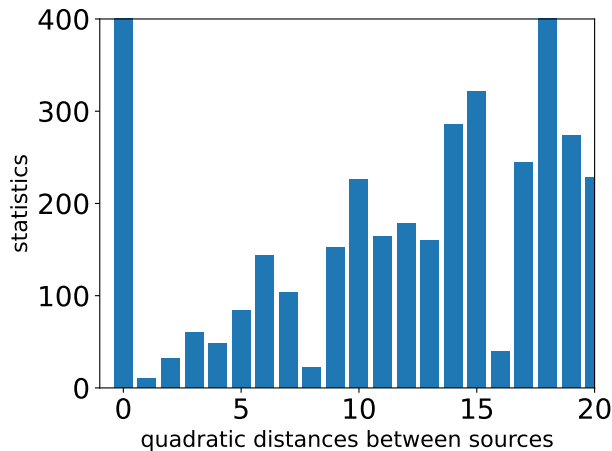


Fig. 1: Propagator for (red) source point to several (black) sink points

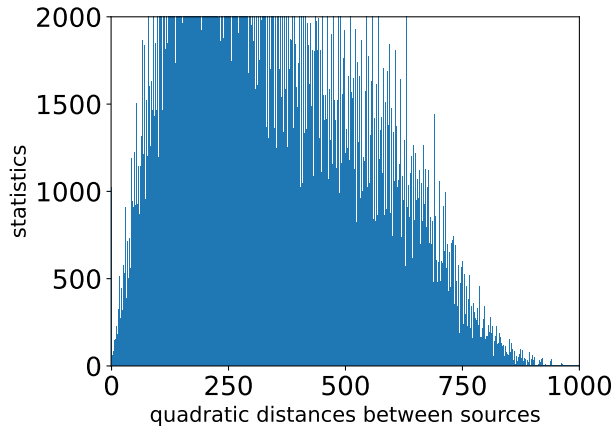
Computational strategy: Stochastic sampling

- Histogram of point source separations on $24^3 \times 48$ ensemble
- Zero-distance is sampled with high statistics
- $O(10^3)$ source positions
- $O(10^6)$ sink positions
- Number of points to sample from can be chosen on the fly



Computational strategy: Stochastic sampling

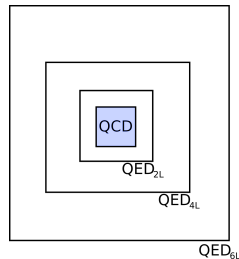
- Histogram of point source separations on $24^3 \times 48$ ensemble
- Short-distance regime with more statistics
- $O(10^3)$ source positions
- $O(10^6)$ sink positions
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Computational strategy: Photon propagator

To address systematic uncertainties, consider several photon regularizations:

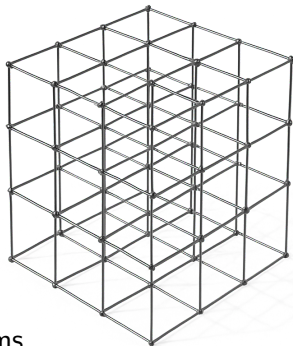
- QED_L [Hayakawa et al., [arxiv:0804.2044](#)]: $G(x, y) = \sum_{k \in (\frac{2\pi}{L}\mathbb{Z})^4} \frac{e^{ik(x-y)}}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{\hat{k}^2} (1 - \delta_{k,0})$
- QED_r [Di Carlo et al., [arxiv:2501.07936](#)]: $G(x, y) = \sum_{k = \frac{2\pi n}{L}, n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{e^{ik(x-y)}}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{(1 + \delta_{|n|,1}/6)}{\hat{k}^2} (1 - \delta_{k,0})$
- QED_∞ : [Blum et al., [arxiv:1801.07224](#)] $G(x, y) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{\hat{k}^2} e^{ikx}$
 - Use subsequent version of QED_L
 - E.g. $\text{QED}_{2L}, \text{QED}_{4L}, \text{QED}_{6L}, \text{QED}_{NL}$
 - Ensures same UV-behaviour
 - Take the limit $N \rightarrow \infty$



Crosschecks: Reference implementation

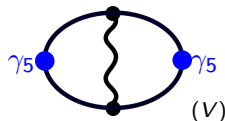
Crosscheck for implementation

- Do calculation on $4^3 \times 8$ box
- Compute exact all-to-all propagators
- One gauge configuration
- Full statistics $< 4\text{GB}$ \rightarrow can be run on laptop
- Simple implementation of all diagrams using Numpy code
- Check for all operator insertions and photon implementations
- Crosscheck implementation of stochastic sampling for all diagrams

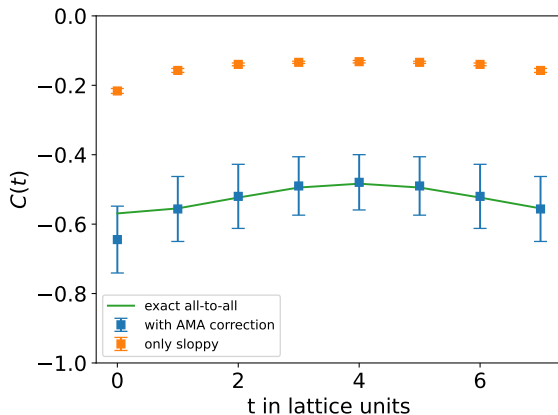


Crosschecks: Reference implementation

- Crosscheck diagram V for QED_L



- Between reference implementation and lattice QCD code using gpt
[<http://github.com/lehner/gpt>]
- Intentionally large AMA correction to check for correctness
- Statistical error from point-sources sampling



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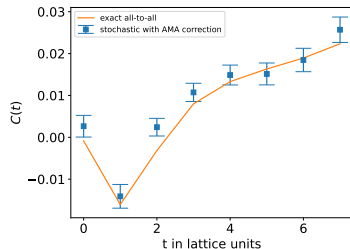
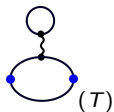


Fig. 2: (T) in QED_{4L} for $(\gamma_3\gamma_5, \gamma_5)$

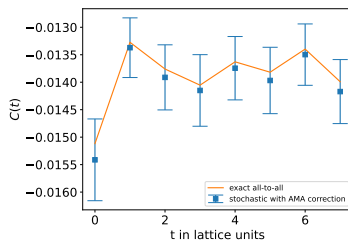


Fig. 3: (D3) in QED_{6L} for (γ_2, γ_2)

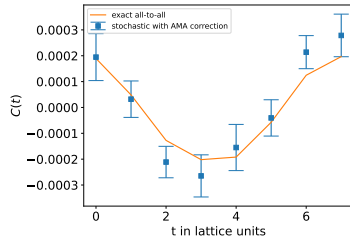
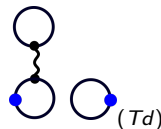
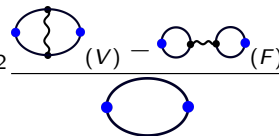


Fig. 4: (Td) in QED_r for (γ_1, γ_1)

- For all 14 diagrams, checks have been performed for several external operator insertions and implementations of the photon propagator

Preliminary results: Pion mass shift

- $24^3 \times 48$ ensemble at $m_\pi = 275$ MeV
- Extract mass shift
 $\Delta m_\pi = m_{\pi^+} - m_{\pi^0}$ from fit to

$$\frac{e^2}{2}(q_u - q_d)^2 \frac{\text{(V)} - \text{(F)}}{\text{(Loop)}}$$


- Obtained Δm_π with $\sim 2\%$ uncertainty

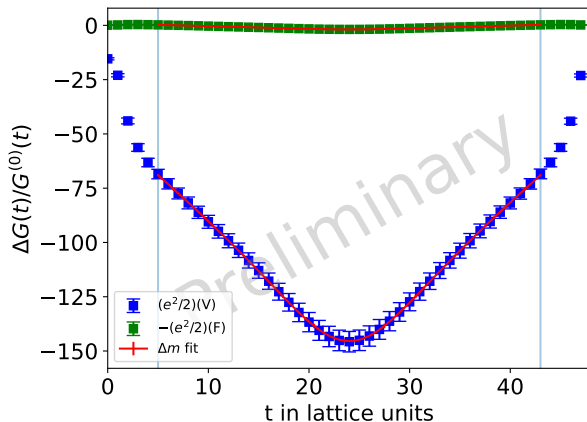


Fig. 5: Pion mass shift in QED_L

Preliminary results: Kaon mass shift

- Extract mass shift

$\Delta m_K = m_{K^+} - m_{K^0}$ from fit to

$$\begin{aligned}
 & e^2(q_u^2 - q_d^2) \frac{(V) - (S)}{(T)} \\
 & + e^2(q_u - q_d) \sum_f q_f \frac{(T)}{(M)} \\
 & - (m_d - m_u) \frac{(M)}{(M)}
 \end{aligned}$$

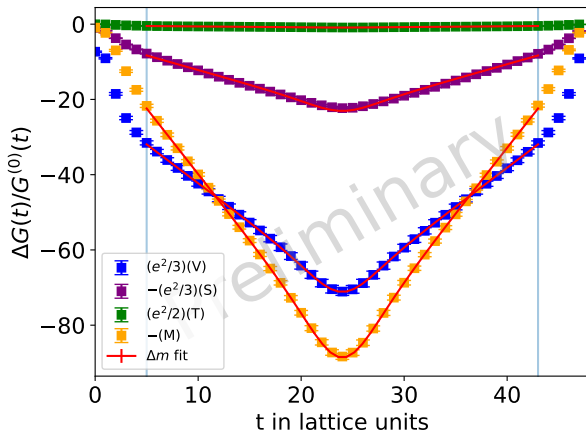
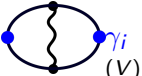


Fig. 6: Kaon mass shift in QED_L

Preliminary results: HVP integrand

- HVP integrand for diagram V on $24^3 \times 48$ ensemble at $m_\pi = 275$ MeV

$$\tilde{f}(t, m_\mu) \frac{1}{3} \sum_{i=1}^3 \gamma_i \text{ (V)}$$


- For now: Use blinded HVP kernel

$$\tilde{f}(t, m_\mu) = t^4$$

- Good signal to noise ratio

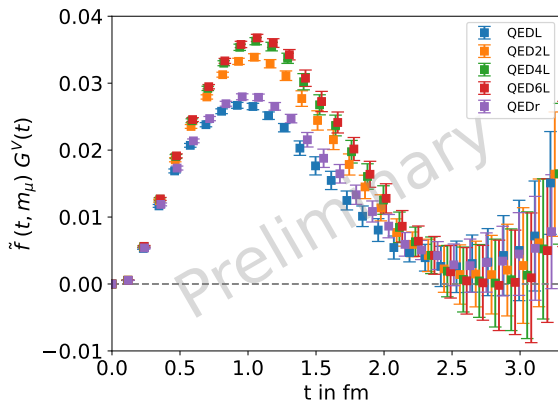


Fig. 7: Integrand for the EM contribution to the HVP (diagram V)

Preliminary results: Connected contribution

- Connected contribution in QED_L with blinded kernel
- Tail is affected by signal-to-noise problem
→ Use long-distance reconstruction (Christoph Lehnert's Talk)

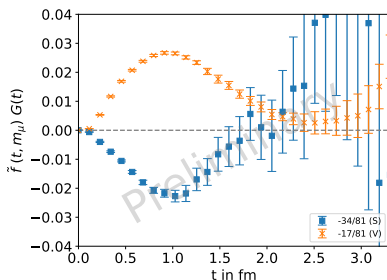
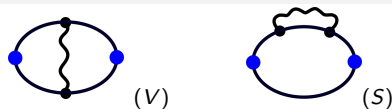


Fig. 8: Fully connected diagrams

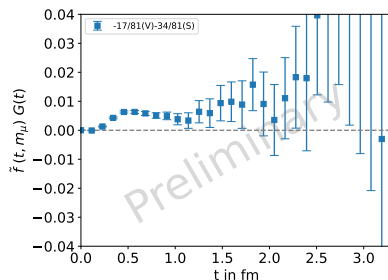


Fig. 9: Combined contribution

Preliminary results: Diagram F

- Contribution from diagram F is finite
- For QED_L , VEV subtraction not necessary, but useful for noise reduction
- Calculate diagram for several separations between internal vertices

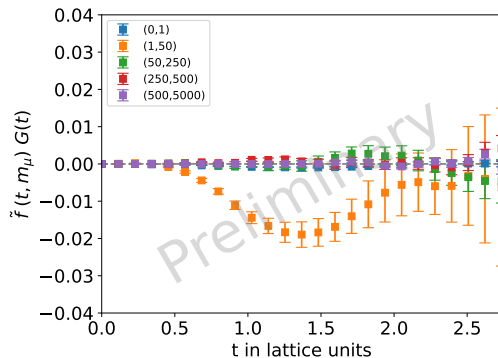
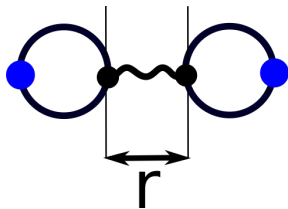


Fig. 10: Diagram F in QED_L for different separations (r_1^2, r_2^2)

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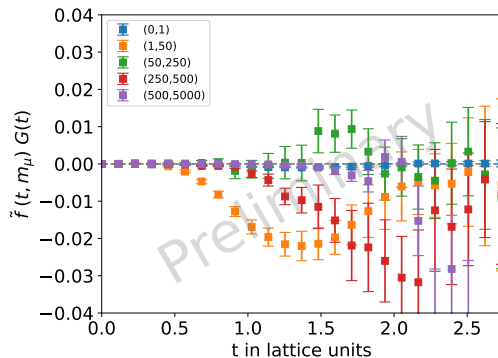
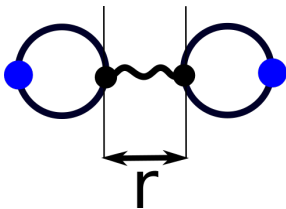


Fig. 11: Diagram F in QED_{6L} for different separations (r_1^2, r_2^2)

Preliminary results: Diagram F

- Dominant part of $G^{1\gamma^*}(z)$ comes from

$$-\frac{17}{81}(V + 2S) + \frac{25}{81}F$$

- Comparison between diagram F and connected (blinded kernel)
- Noise is comparable between (F) and (V)
- Strong cancellation between connected part and diagram F

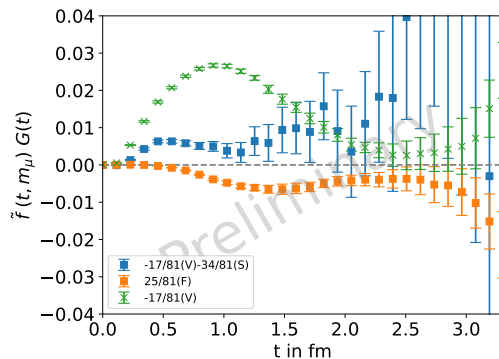
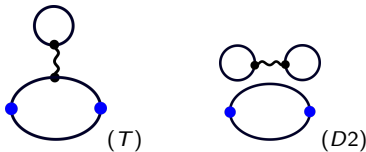


Fig. 12: Comparison of diagram F and connected contribution in QED_L

Preliminary results: Tadpole diagrams

- Reuse tadpole fields from leading order disconnected calculation
- Tadpole diagrams T and D2



- Absolute size of tadpole contributions well below 1/10 of connected part
- Long-distance reconstruction can also be applied here

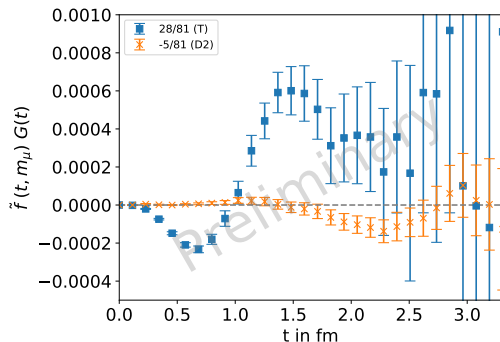


Fig. 13: Tadpole diagrams in QED_L

Preliminary results: Strong isospin breaking

- Computation with scalar insertion
- Global fit with different valence masses

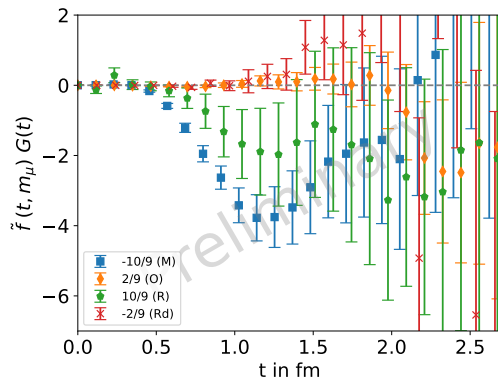
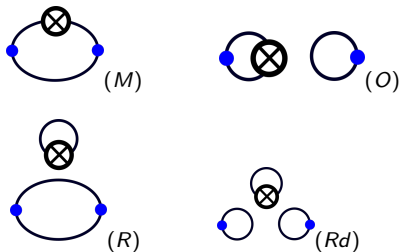


Fig. 14: Strong isospin breaking corrections

Very preliminary results: Physical point



- Computation of diagram F on two physical point ensembles,
 $m_\pi = 139.32(30)$ MeV,
 $a^{-1} = 1.7312(28)$ GeV
- With different physical volume,
 $m_\pi L = 3.9$ (48l),
 $m_\pi L = 5.2$ (Ca)
- Large finite-size effects for QED_L

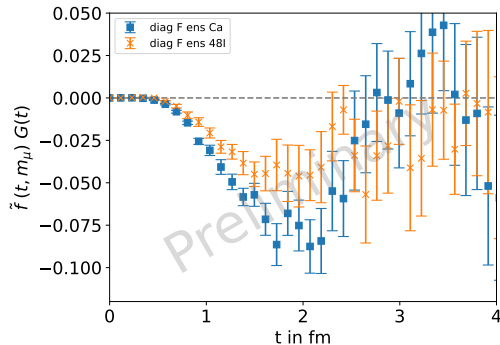
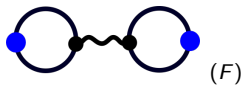


Fig. 15: QED_L

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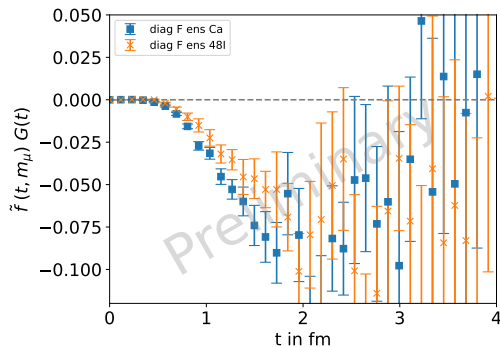
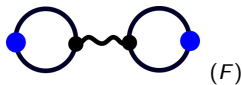


Fig. 16: QED_{2L}

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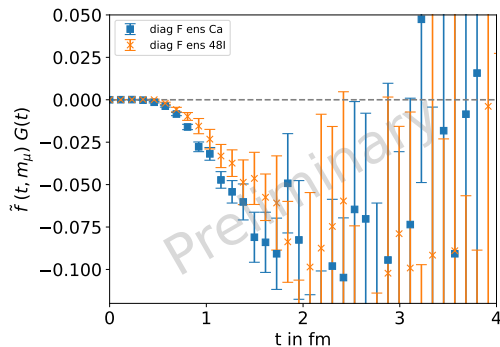
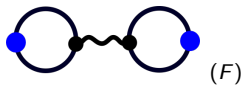


Fig. 17: QED_{4L}

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- Large finite-size effects for QED_L
- Finite-size effects reduced, when volume of QED box $L \rightarrow \infty$

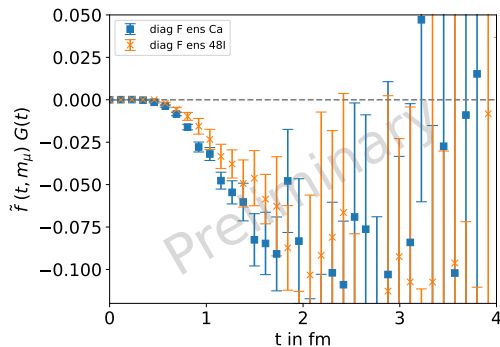
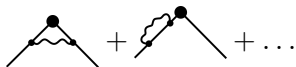


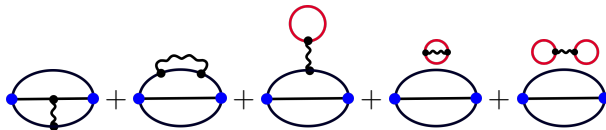
Fig. 18: QED_{6L}

Outlook

- Ongoing production of correlators on physical point ensembles with different lattice spacing for all diagrams
- Global analysis of blindend correlators and extrapolation to physical point defined by the $m_\pi, m_K, \Delta m_K, m_\Omega$
- QED corrections to renormalization factor for local vector current Z_V



- QED corrections to Omega Baryon mass m_Ω for lattice scale setting



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- Can look at arbitrary quark charges, to study individual diagrams

```

1 import lotk
2 [...]
3
4 o1=kaonMinusOperator("x")
5 o2=kaonPlusOperator("y")
6 o3=2*o1*o2-o2*o1
7
8 print(o3.simplify())
9
10

```

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```
1 FACTOR 1.0 0.0
2 UBAR x
3 GAMMA 5
4 S x
5 SBAR y
6 GAMMA 5
7 U y
8
9
10
```

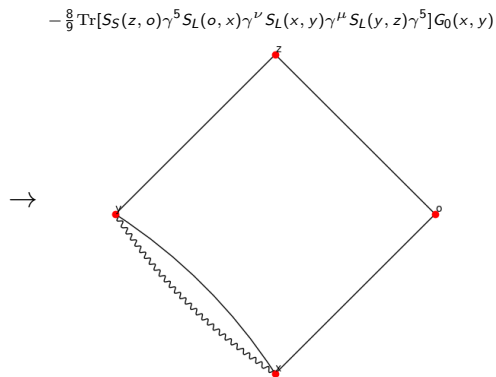
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```

1 import lotk
2 [...]
3 import lotk.diagrams.toLatex as tl
4 import lotk.diagrams.drawDiagrams as dd
5
6 fourptf = kaonNeutralOperator("z")
7     *vectorCurrent(["U","D","S"],"y","NU")
8     *vectorCurrent(["U","D","S"],"x","MU")
9     *kaonBarNeutralOperator("o")
10    *photonPropagator("x","y")
11
12 contraction = TraceContraction.contract(
13     fourptf).simplify()
14 latex = tl.diagrams_to_latex(str(
15     contraction[0]))
16 dd.generate_feynman_diagram(str(
17     contraction[0]))

```

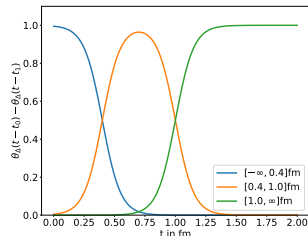


Backup: HVP contribution from lattice QCD

- Time-momentum representation, [Bernecker, Meyer, [arxiv:1107.4388](https://arxiv.org/abs/1107.4388)]


$$a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp}} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \int_0^{\infty} dt f(t, m_{\mu}) \frac{1}{3} \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \sum_{i=1}^3 \langle j_i(\mathbf{x}, t) j_i(0) \rangle$$

- Vector current $j_{\mu}^{em} = i \left(\frac{2}{3} \bar{u} \gamma_{\mu} u - \frac{1}{3} \bar{d} \gamma_{\mu} d + \dots \right)$
- For window quantities $a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp}} = (a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp}})^{\text{SD}} + (a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp}})^{\text{ID}} + (a_{\mu}^{\text{hvp}})^{\text{LD}}$,
window function also depends on lattice scale



Backup: QCD+QED: Electromagnetic corrections

- RM123 [Divitiis et al. , [arxiv:1303.4896](https://arxiv.org/abs/1303.4896)] approach: Expand around isospin symmetric theory

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle T\{O(z)\} \rangle_{QCD+QED} &= \langle T\{O(z)\} \rangle_{QCD} + e^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial e^2} \langle T\{O(z)\} \rangle_{QCD+QED} \Big|_{e^2=0} + O(e^4) \\
 &= \langle T\{O(z)\} \rangle_{QCD} \\
 &\quad - \alpha_{EM} 2\pi \int_{x,y} G_{\nu\rho}(x,y) \langle T\{O(z) j_\nu^{em}(y) j_\rho^{em}(x)\} \rangle_{QCD} + O(\alpha_{EM}^2)
 \end{aligned}$$


- With photon propagator in Feynman gauge: $G_{\nu\rho}(x,y) = \delta_{\nu\rho} G(x,y)$

- Strong isospin breaking corrections ($m_u \neq m_d$) are expressed via



$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle T\{O(z)\} \rangle_{m_f \neq \hat{m}} &= \langle T\{O(z)\} \rangle_{m_f = \hat{m}} \\
 &\quad + (m_f - \hat{m}) \frac{\partial}{\partial m_f} \langle T\{O(z)\} \rangle \Big|_{m_f = \hat{m}} + O((m_f - \hat{m})^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Backup: Finite volume correction

- Leading finite volume correction for charged pion mass in QED_L and QED_r ([Borsanyi et al., [arxiv:1406.4088](#)], [Di Carlo et al., [arxiv:2501.07936](#)])


$$\Delta m_\pi^2(L) = e^2 m_\pi^2 \left[\frac{c_2}{4\pi^2 m_\pi L} + \frac{c_1}{2\pi (m_\pi L)^2} - \frac{c_0}{(m_\pi L)^3} \left(\frac{\langle r_\pi^2 \rangle m_\pi^2}{3} + C \right) + O\left(\frac{1}{(m_\pi L)^4}\right) \right]$$

- With real coefficients c_0 , c_1 , c_2 from [Di Carlo et al., [arxiv:2501.07936](#)]
- For QED_r : $c_0 = 0$

Backup: QCD+QED: Omega baryon

- Omega mass can be obtained from correlation function $\langle \Omega_\mu^\alpha(z) \Omega_\mu^\alpha(0) \rangle$ of the operator $\Omega_\mu^\alpha = \epsilon_{ijk} (s_i^T C \gamma_\mu s_j) s_k^\alpha$ [Blum et al. , [arxiv:1411.7017](#)]

- At leading order:

$$C^{(0)}(t) =$$


- Radiative corrections are small (previous electroquenched calculation by RBC/UKQCD in 2018 [Blum et al., [arxiv:1801.07224](#)])
- Only composed of strange quarks \rightarrow no strong isospin breaking corrections at leading order
- Challenge: Multiple operators are needed for control of excited states, but in practice doable

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- Ongoing project: compute isospin breaking corrections including seaquark effects

$$C^{(1)} = e^2 \left(\text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} + \text{diagram 3} + \text{diagram 4} + \text{diagram 5} \right)$$

- Extract first order effective mass from $\partial_t \frac{C^{(1)}(t)}{C^{(0)}(t)}$