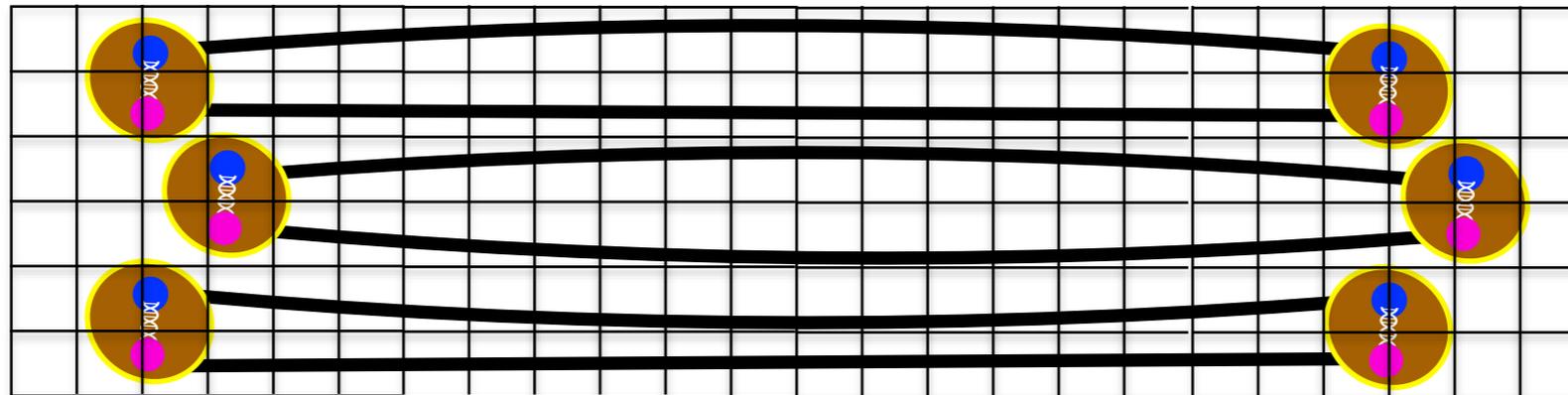


Exploring large charge density systems with lattice QCD+QED



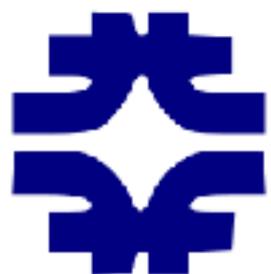
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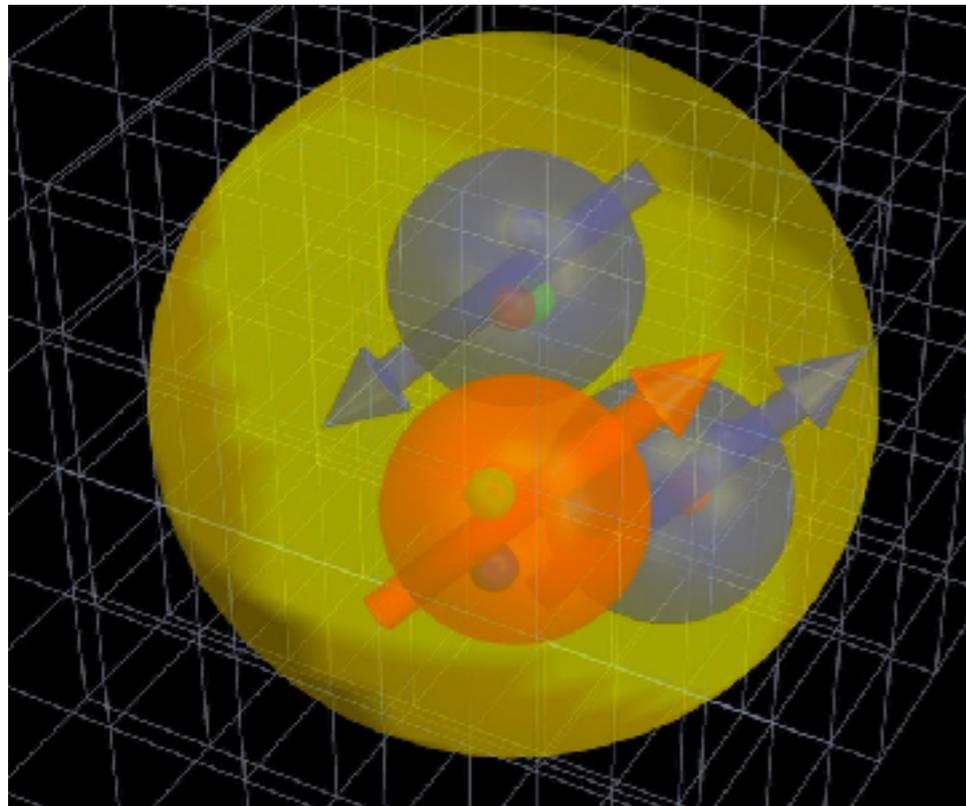
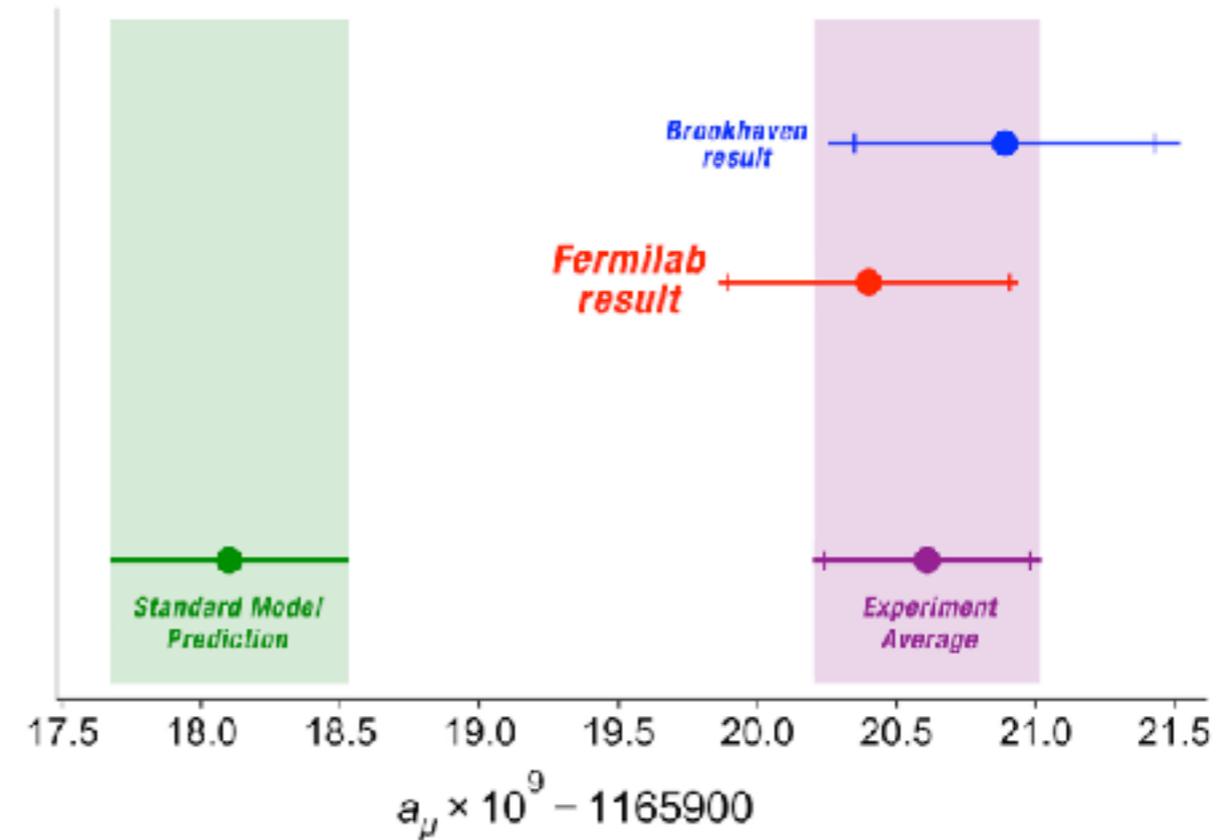


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Precision theory and experiment

Precise deviations between Standard Model theory and experiment could be our best probes of physics beyond the Standard Model

New physics searches sensitive to low-energy hadronic physics require nonperturbative QCD input

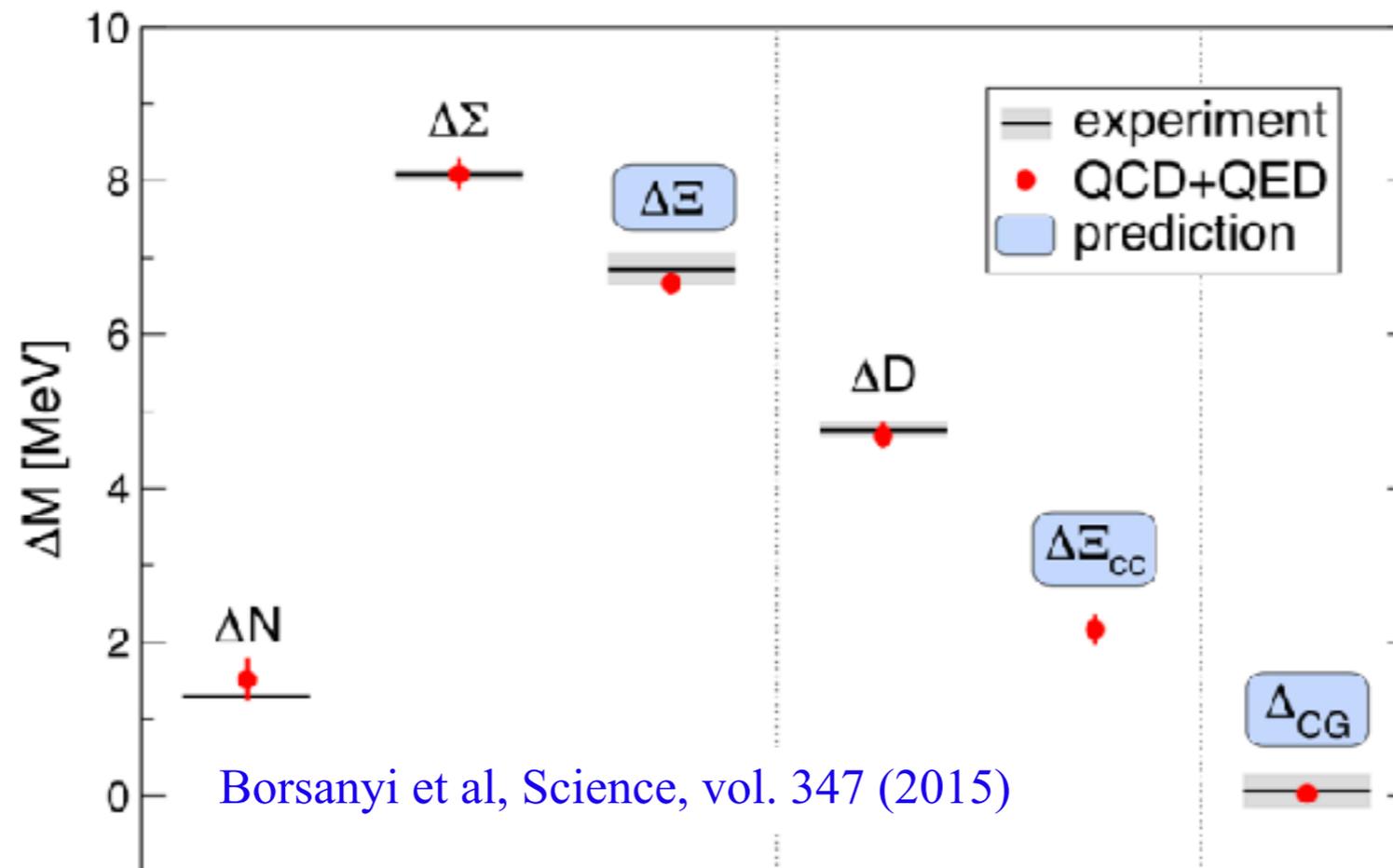


QCD path integrals turned into large but finite dimensional integrals by discretizing spacetime (UV regulator) and working in a finite volume (IR regulator)

Monte Carlo methods enable calculations on large but finite computers

Lattice QCD+QED

High precision calculations of physical quantities require including dynamical QED effects nonperturbatively in lattice QCD calculations



Precise LQCD+QED determinations of meson and baryon masses have reproduced experimental results and made new predictions

Extending precise LQCD+QED results to multi-hadron systems including nuclei faces both numerical and theoretical challenges

New physics and nuclei

Nuclei are abundant and useful experimental targets

Converting between nuclear- and nucleon-level cross-sections requires

- Nuclear models (error bar ?s)
- Direct LQCD calculations (impractical)
- LQCD informed EFT + modeling

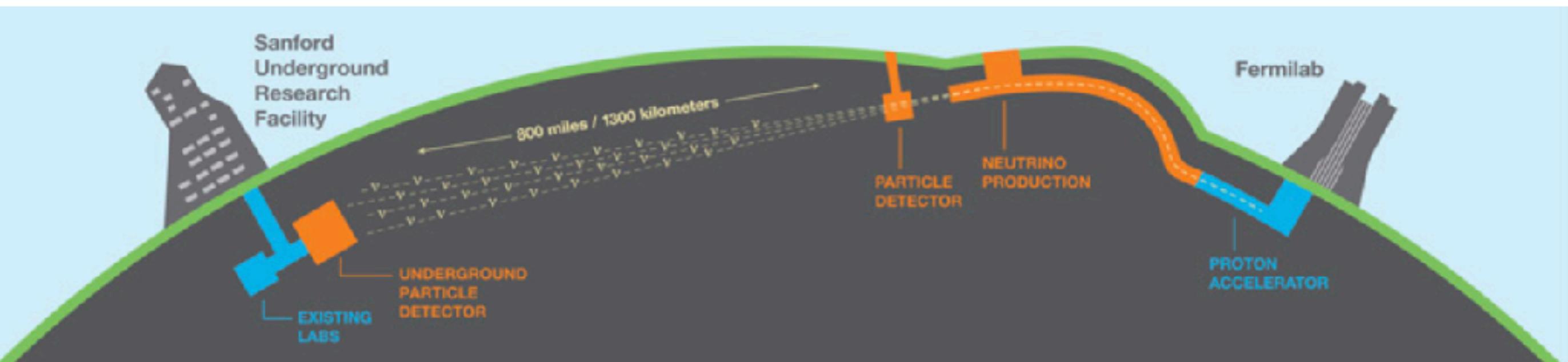
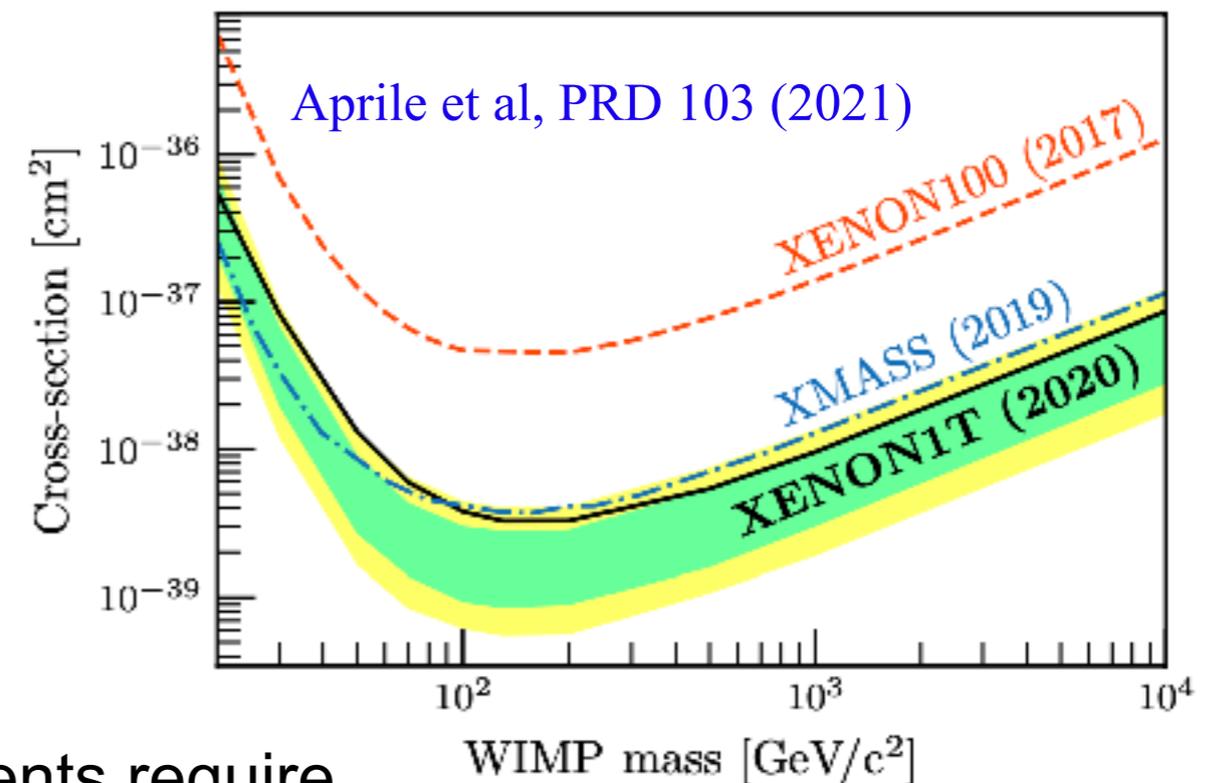
Next-generation accelerator neutrino experiments require few-percent level control of nuclear cross-sections

[Abi et al, DUNE Technical Design Report arXiv:2002.03005](#)

Standard Model predictions with controlled uncertainties essential

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Xenon1T constraint on dark matter-nucleus



Nuclei and lattice QCD

Exploratory calculations performed of nuclear matrix elements relevant for electroweak and beyond-Standard-Model processes

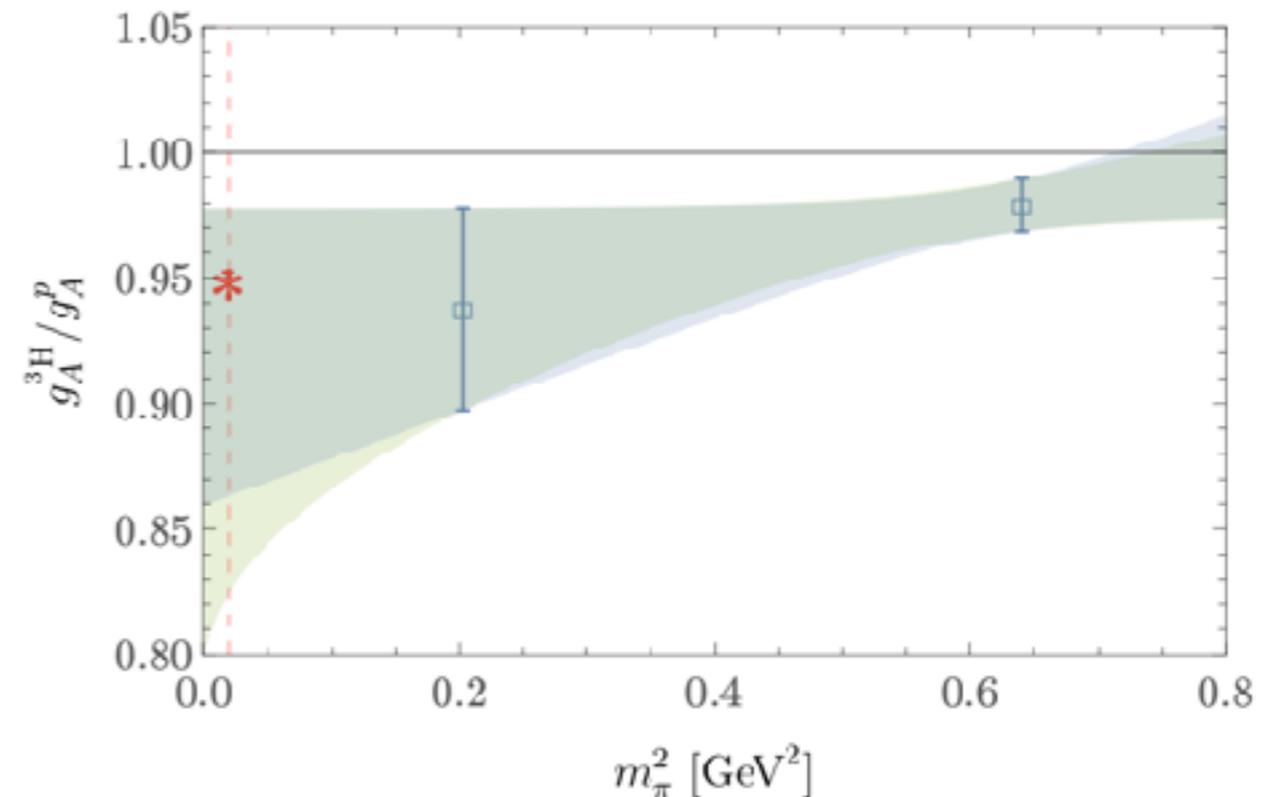
Review, Davoudi, MW et al, *Phys.Rept.* 900 (2021)

Exponential signal-to-noise degradation limits LQCD calculations to lightest nuclei, and so far to unphysically heavy quark masses

Systematic uncertainties not yet fully controlled (one lattice spacing, heavy quark masses, ...)

Results provide proof-of-principle that LQCD can determine properties and interactions of multi-nucleon systems

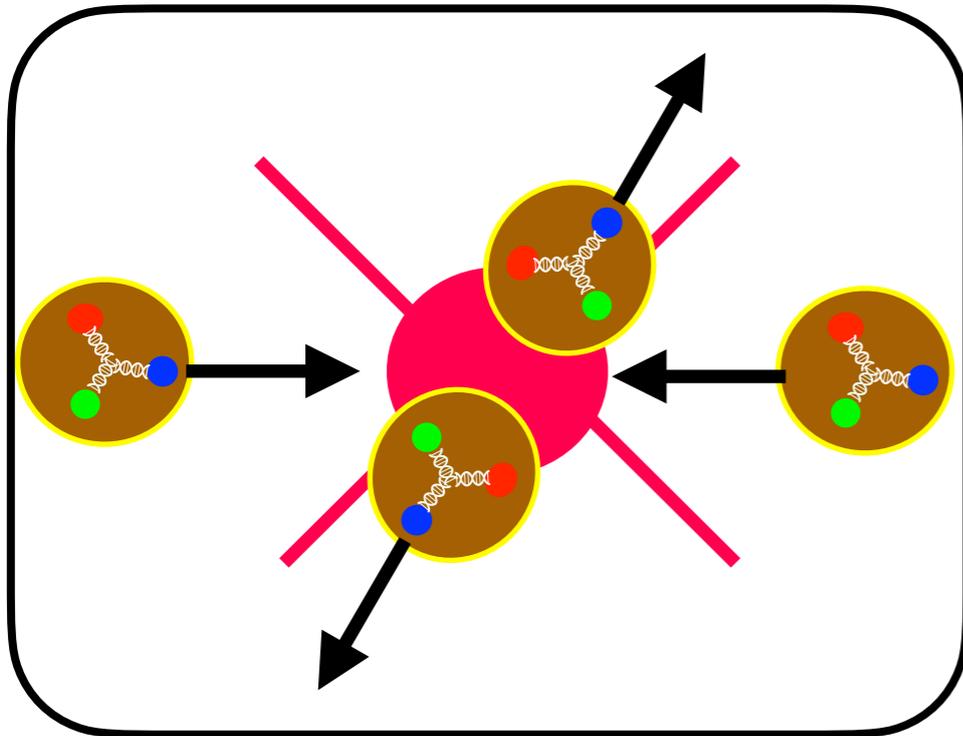
Triton beta-decay



Parreño, MW et al [NPLQCD] PRD 103 (2021)

QCD+QED phenomenology

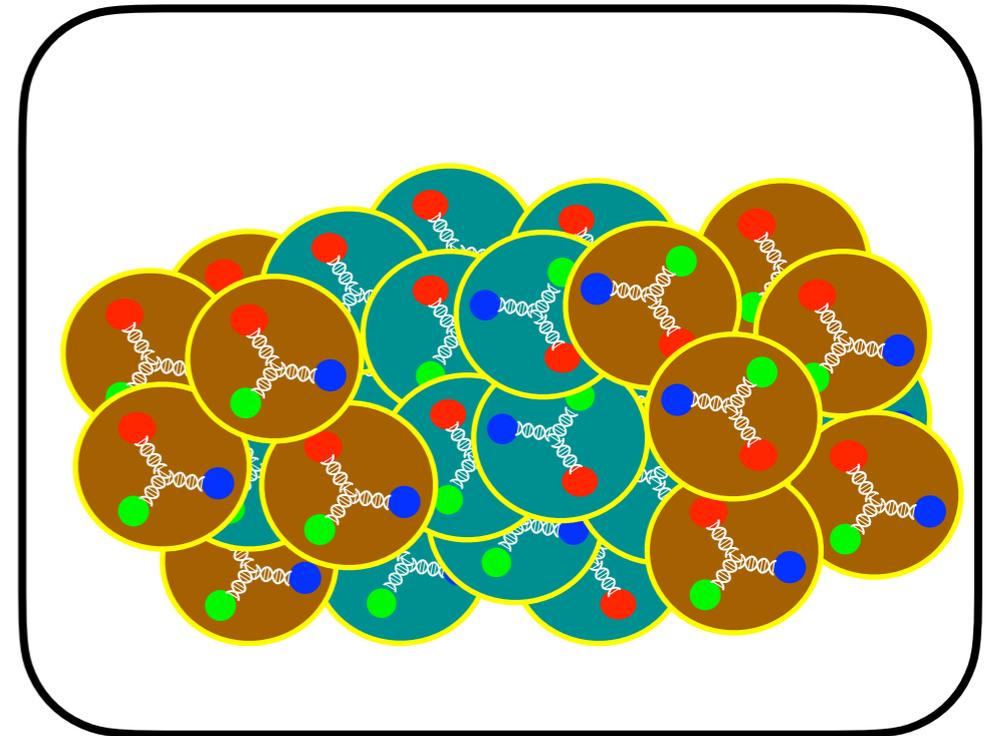
Charged hadron scattering



LQCD+QED can separate strong and electromagnetic isospin violation in nucleon-nucleon scattering lengths

Precise predictions of isospin-violating differences between pp , pn , and nn scattering lengths would improve nuclear EFTs

High charge-density systems



Boundaries of periodic table determined by competition between QCD and QED

LQCD+QED calculations in principle can disentangle nonperturbative QED and QCD effects in nuclei

QCD+QED in a box

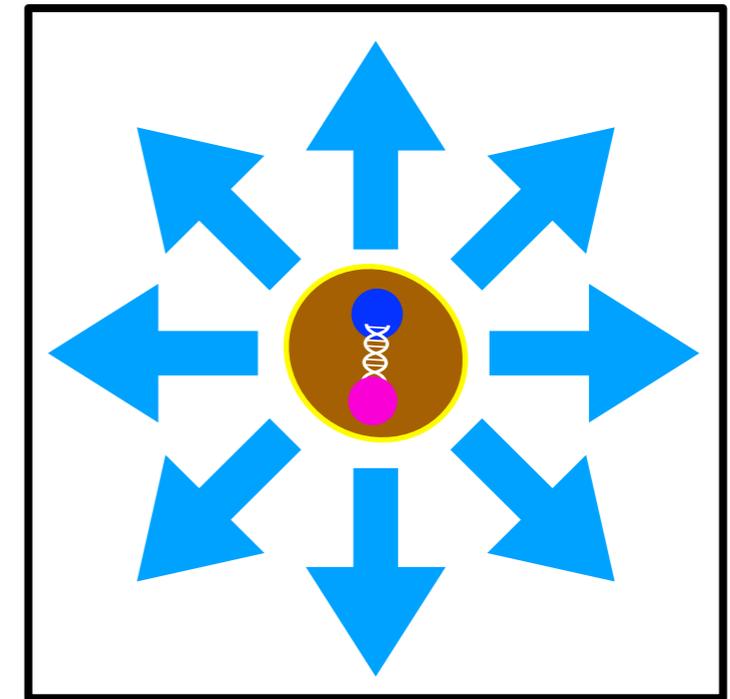
LQCD+QED for $\alpha Z > 1$ nuclei faces several obstacles:

Charged systems in a box with periodic boundary conditions violate Gauss's law

- *Either boundary conditions or photon field must be modified*

Review: Patella, PoS LATTICE 2016 (2017)

- *QED_L removes spatial zero-mode of photon, equivalent to adding uniform density of opposite charge*



Duncan et al, PRL 76 (1996)

Blum et al, PRD 76 (2007)

Hayakawa and Uno, Prog. Theor. Phys. 120 (2008)

QCD+QED_L preserves symmetries of QCD+QED but violates locality

- *Subtleties of nonlocal field theory must be understood in order to match LQCD+QED_L results to hadronic EFTs*

Exponential signal-to-noise degradation with increasing baryon number

- *Not this talk. Start with LQCD+QED_L for charged mesons with unphysically large α to explore high charge density systems at lower cost*

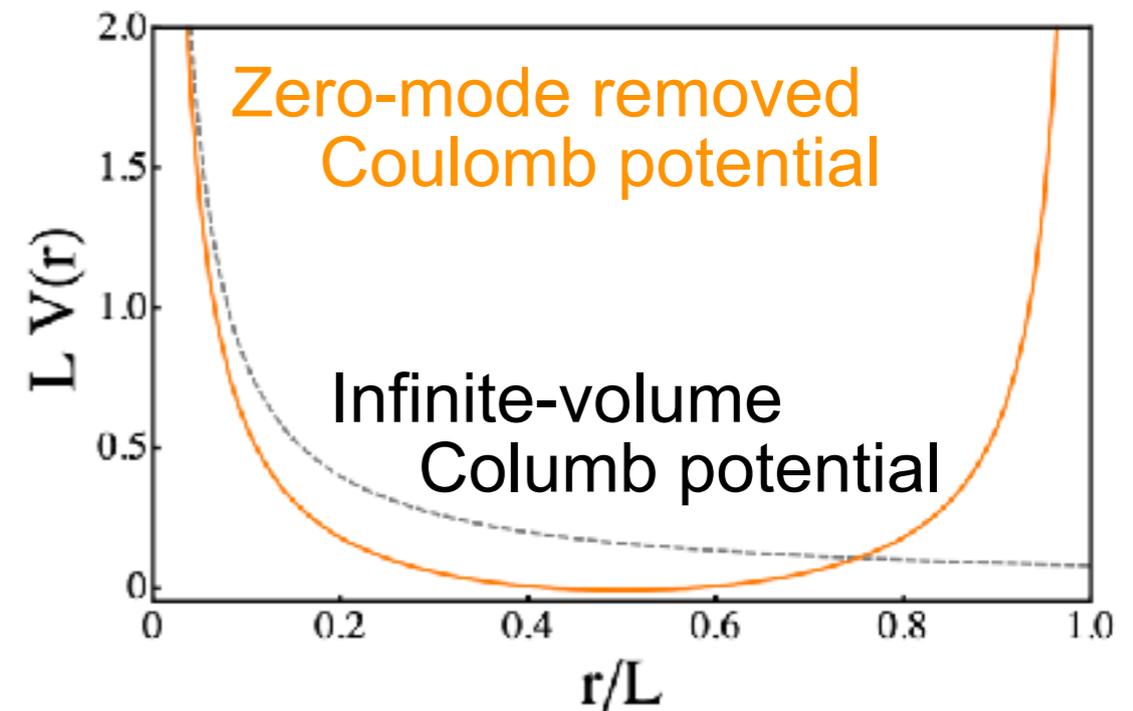
A charged particle in a box

A charged particle system in a finite volume (FV) requires care to define

- Not gauge invariant — must gauge fix to obtain non-zero correlation functions
- Violates Gauss's law — remove zero mode

$$A_\mu(x) = \int \frac{dp^0}{2\pi} \frac{1}{L^3} \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^3 \setminus \{0\}} e^{-ip^0 x^0 + \frac{2\pi i}{L} \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \tilde{A}_\mu(p^0, \mathbf{n})$$

Quantized momenta $\mathbf{p} = \frac{2\pi}{L} \mathbf{n}$



Davoudi and Savage, PRD 90 (2014)

Massless photon exchange leads to power law FV effects different from exponentially suppressed FV effects associated with massive particles

$$\text{Wavy line diagram} = O\left(\frac{\alpha}{L}\right) \quad \text{Dashed line diagram} = O\left(e^{-m_\pi L}\right)$$

Two particles in a box

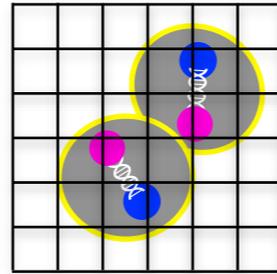
Volume-dependence of two-particle states encodes scattering phase shifts

Huang, Yang, Phys. Rev. 105 (1957)

Lüscher, Commun. Math. Phys. 105 (1986)

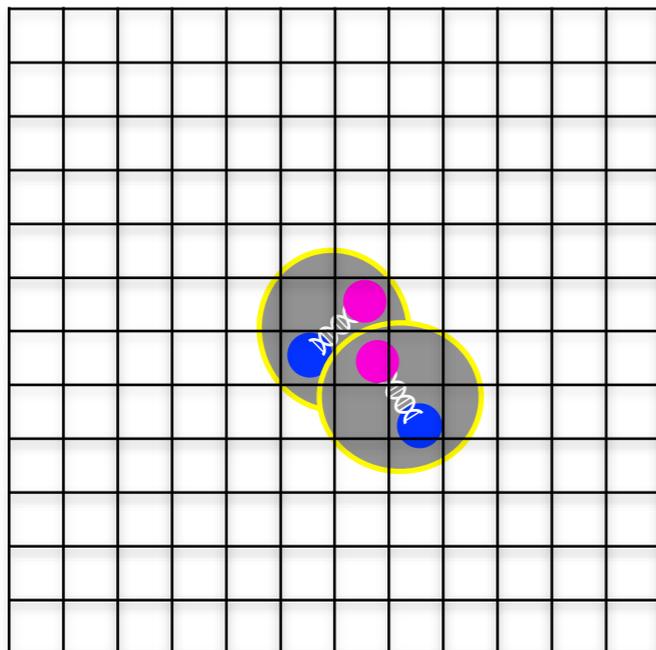
Lüscher's quantization condition and generalizations now used to study a wide range of hadronic resonances

Review: Briceño, Dudek, Young, Rev. Mod. Phys. 90 (2018)



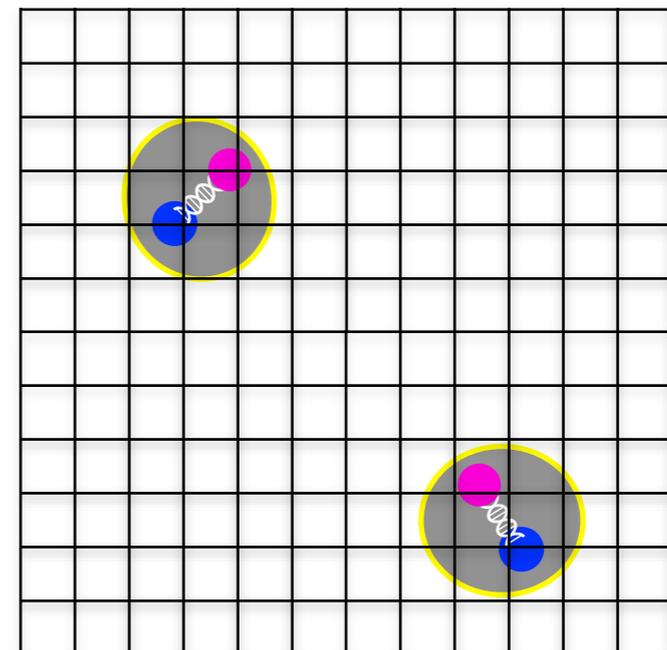
Infinite-volume bound state

$$[E(L) - E(\infty)] \propto \frac{e^{-\gamma L}}{\gamma L}$$



Infinite-volume scattering state

$$[E(L) - E(\infty)] \propto \frac{a}{ML^3}$$



NRQED

Significant recent progress in deriving three-particle quantization conditions

Review: Hansen and Sharpe, *Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci.* 69 (2019)

Relativistic formalism for FV effects on generic particle-number systems unknown

Non-Relativistic QED (NRQED) describes low-energy QED for electromagnetic bound states, charged particle scattering, hadronic reactions and decays, ...

Caswell and Lepage, *Phys. Lett.* 167B (1985)

Kong and Ravndal, *Nucl. Phys. A* 665 (2000)

...
Carrasco et al, *PRD* 91 (2015)

Dual expansion:

$$\alpha \quad p/M$$

Power counting (on-shell matter particles):


$$\sim \frac{1}{E - (p + k)^2/M} \sim \frac{M}{p^2}$$


$$\sim \frac{1}{p^2}$$

$$\int dE \int d^3k \sim \frac{p^5}{M}$$

Nonperturbative Coulomb

With multiple charged particles,
loop expansion does not
correspond to EFT expansion

Power counting (on-shell matter particles):

Coulomb ladder diagrams
must be resummed for

$$\eta = \frac{\alpha M}{2p} > 1$$



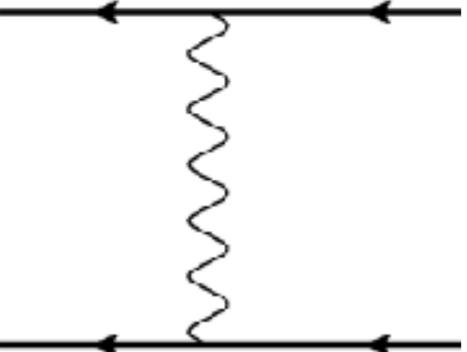
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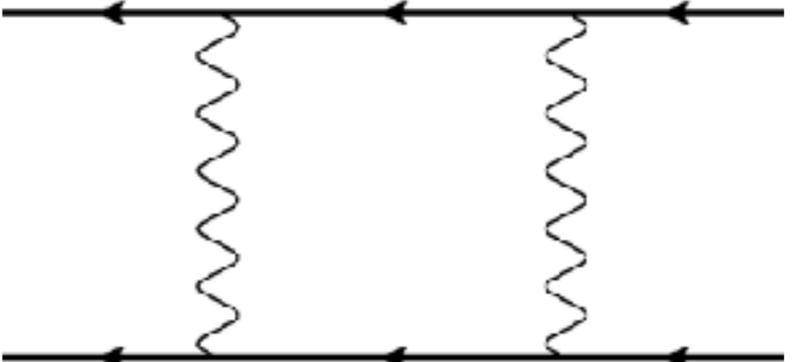
$$\sim \frac{1}{p^2}$$

$$\int dE \int d^3k \sim \frac{p^5}{M}$$

Applying power counting:



$$\sim \frac{\alpha}{p^2}$$



$$\sim \frac{\alpha}{p^2} \left(\frac{\alpha M}{p} \right)$$

Two Charged Particles in a Box

In finite-volume with PBCs, momenta are quantized $p = \frac{2\pi}{L}n, n \in \mathbb{Z}^3$

Coulomb ladder diagrams must be nonperturbatively resummed for large enough volumes that $\alpha M/p \sim \alpha ML \gg 1$

— technically challenging unsolved problem

For intermediate volumes $\frac{1}{m_\pi} \ll L \ll \frac{1}{\alpha M}$ Coulomb effects are perturbative

Beane and Savage derived generalized Lüscher quantization condition relating FV energy shifts and scattering phase shifts accurate to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha), \mathcal{O}(\alpha ML)$

$$C_{\eta(p)}^2 p \cot \delta + \alpha M h(\eta) = -\frac{1}{a_C} + \frac{1}{2} r_0 p^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{\pi L} \mathcal{S}^C \left(\frac{pL}{2\pi} \right) + \alpha M \left[\ln \left(\frac{4\pi}{\alpha ML} \right) - \gamma_E \right]$$

Beane and Savage, PRD 90 (2014)

Range of validity of Beane-Savage regime needs to be explored in LQCD+QED _L

Lattice QCD+QED_L

Dynamical QCD + QED_L ensembles generated by CSSM/QCDSF/UKQCD collaborations

Horsley et al, J. Phys. G 43 (2016)

Horsley et al, JHEP 1604 (2016)

Horsley et al, J. Phys G 46 (2019)

$$\alpha = 0.1 \quad a = 0.068(2) \text{ fm} \quad m_{\overline{K}^0} = 404(1)(12) \text{ MeV} \quad aL = 32, 48$$

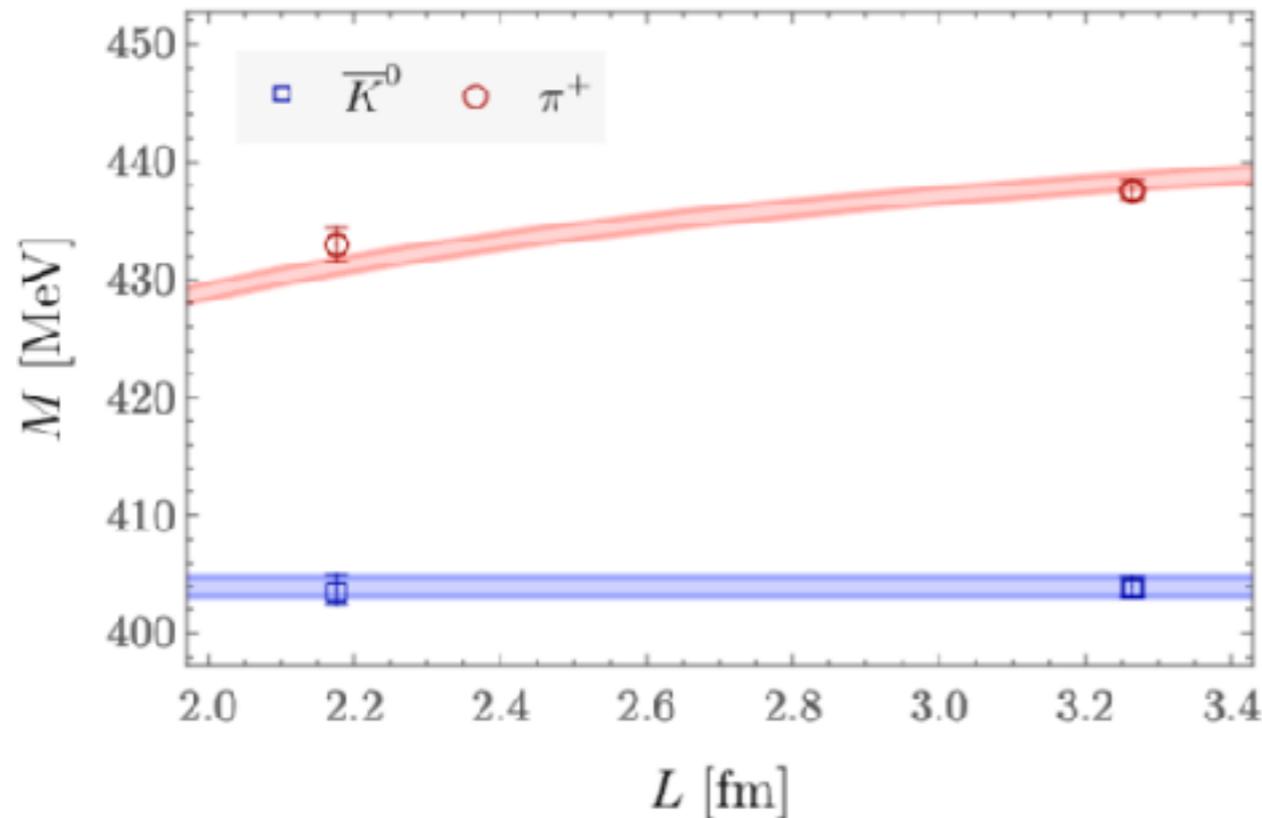
$N_f = 2 + 1$ quark flavors with masses tuned to symmetric point where all neutral pseudoscalar mesons are degenerate, $m_{\overline{u}u} \approx m_{\overline{d}d} = m_{\overline{s}s}$

Quark mass tuning removes strong isospin breaking between π^+ and \overline{K}^0 masses, remaining mass difference pure QED

QED effects explored by comparing systems of 1-12 π^+ mesons with systems of 1-12 \overline{K}^0 mesons

Beane, MW et al, PRD 103 (2021)

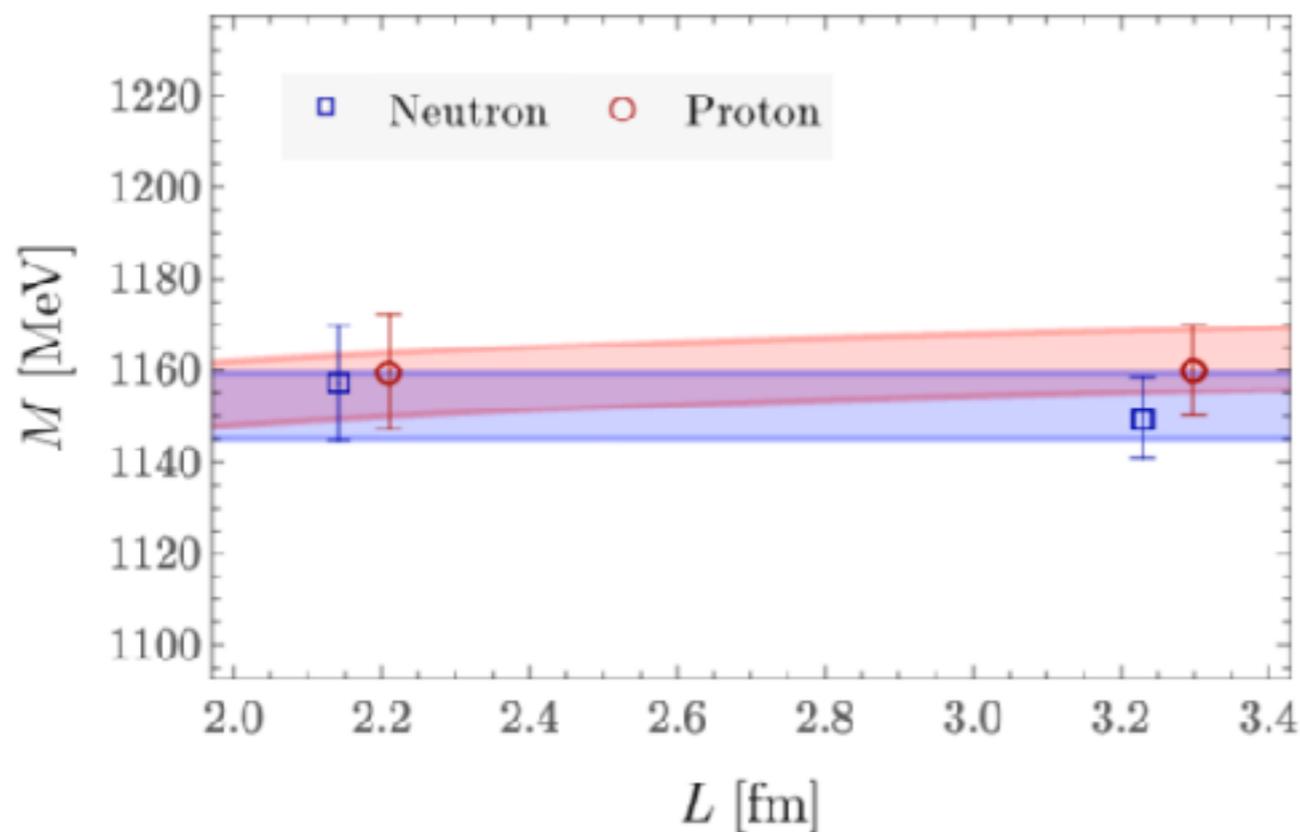
Charged Hadron Masses



FV effects on π^+ mass described by NRQED_L at NLO (1 fit parameter) for $L = 32, 48$

e^{-mL} FV effects clearly present at $L=24$ for π^+ and \bar{K}^0 , volume excluded from analysis

Horsley et al, J. Phys. G 43 (2016)



FV effects on proton mass described by NRQED_L, suppressed compared to pion

$$\alpha/(M_p L) \ll \alpha/(m_{\pi^+} L)$$

e^{-mL} FV effects on neutron mass appear negligible

Many Charged Mesons

Correlation functions for up to $N=12$ charged pions can be computed from one pair of point-to-all quark propagators, as in previous NPLQCD studies without QED

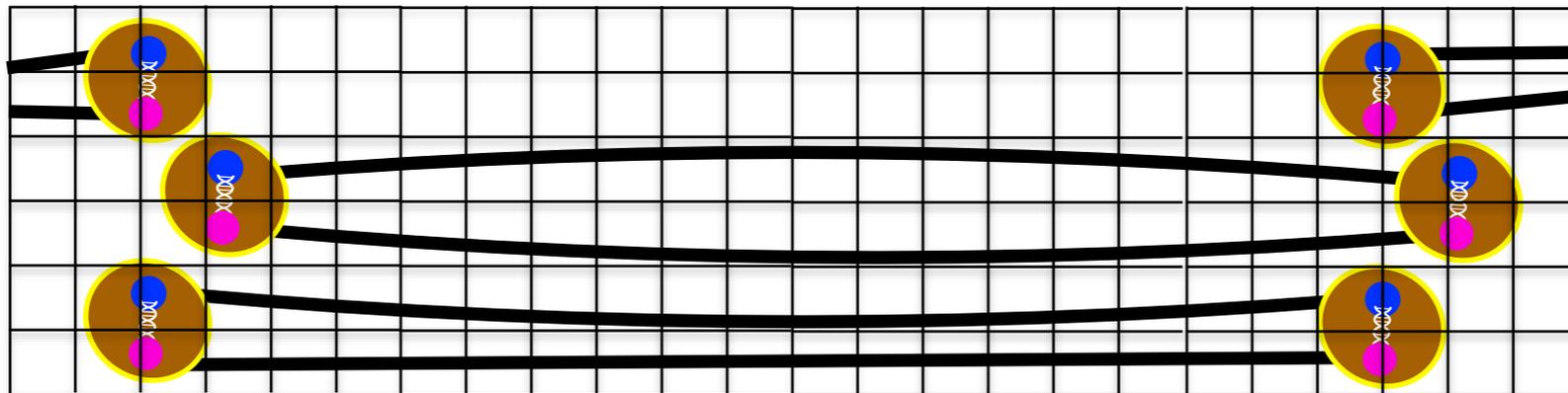
Beane et al, PRL 100 (2008)

Detmold et al, PRD 78 (2008)

Detmold and Savage, PRD 82 (2010)

Allows study of large charge densities: $Z_\alpha \leq 1.2$ $\frac{Z_\alpha}{L^3} \lesssim 0.12 \text{ fm}^{-3}$

Thermal effects become increasingly important for larger particle number



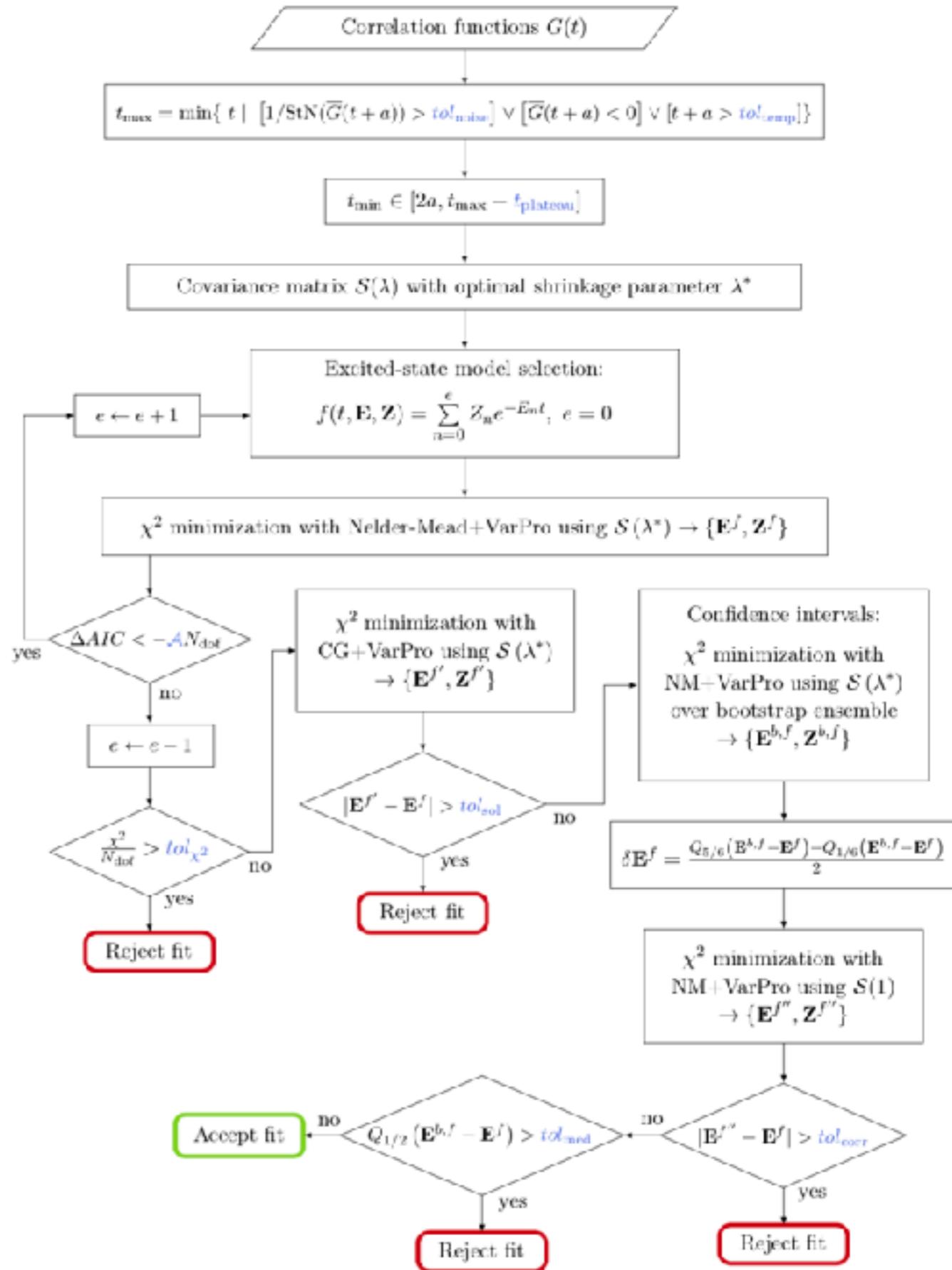
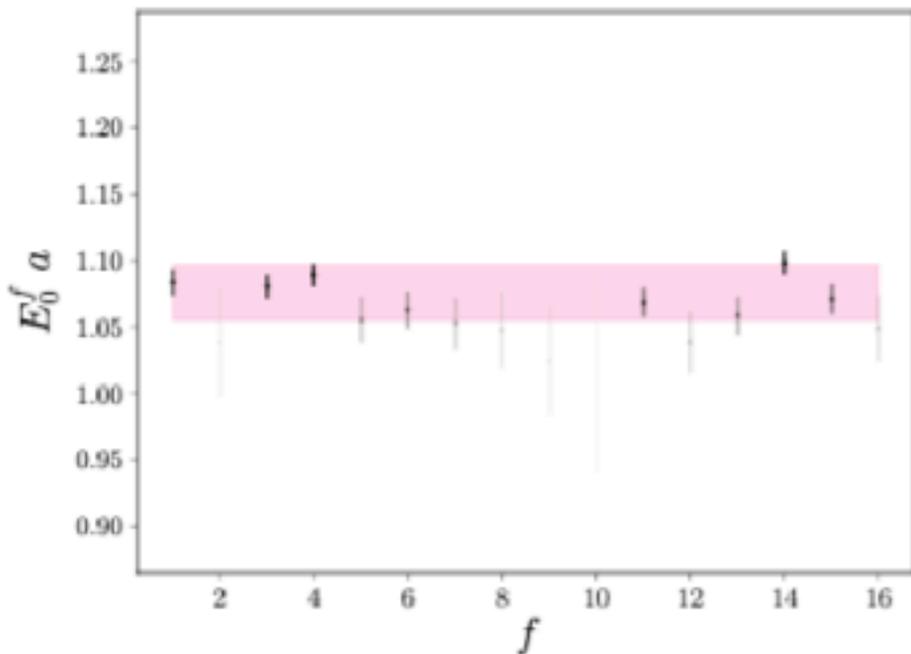
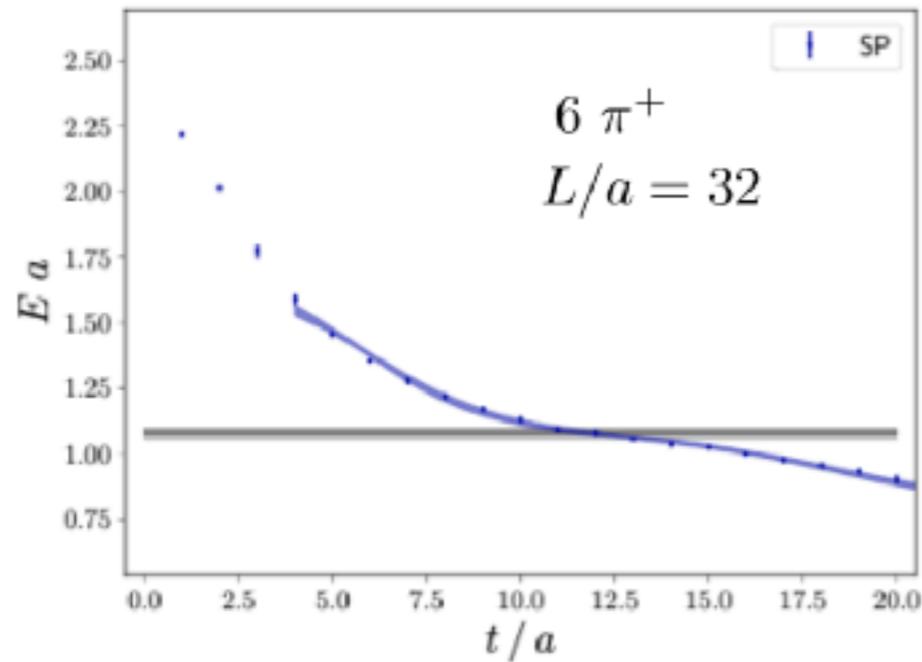
Fit results for $k < N$ particles used to determine thermal effects for N particles

$$G(N, t) = \sum_n Z_n \left(e^{-E_n(N)t} + e^{-E_n(N)(\beta-t)} \right) + \sum_{k=1}^{[n/2]} \tilde{Z}_0^k \left(e^{-E_0(k)t} e^{-E_0(N-k)(\beta-t)} + e^{-E_0(k)(\beta-t)} e^{-E_0(N-k)t} + \dots \right)$$

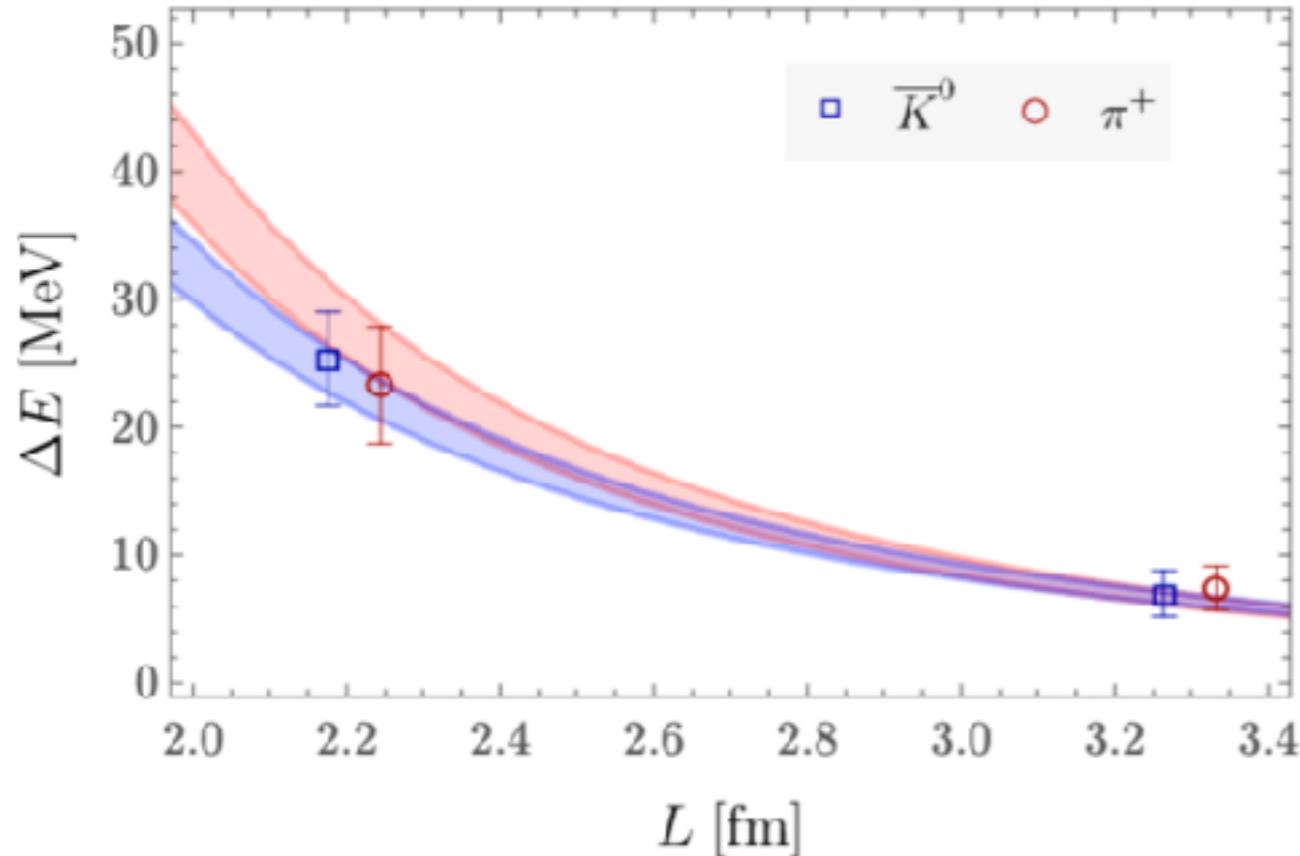
Many Fits

Wide range of possible fit ranges
sampled using automated procedure

Weighted average of all fits determines
final results



Charged Hadron Interactions



Coulomb effects on $\pi^+\pi^+$ FV energy shift might be expected to be large since

$$\alpha m_{\pi^+} L \sim 0.50, 0.74$$

QED effects < 10% of total shift, even at largest volume

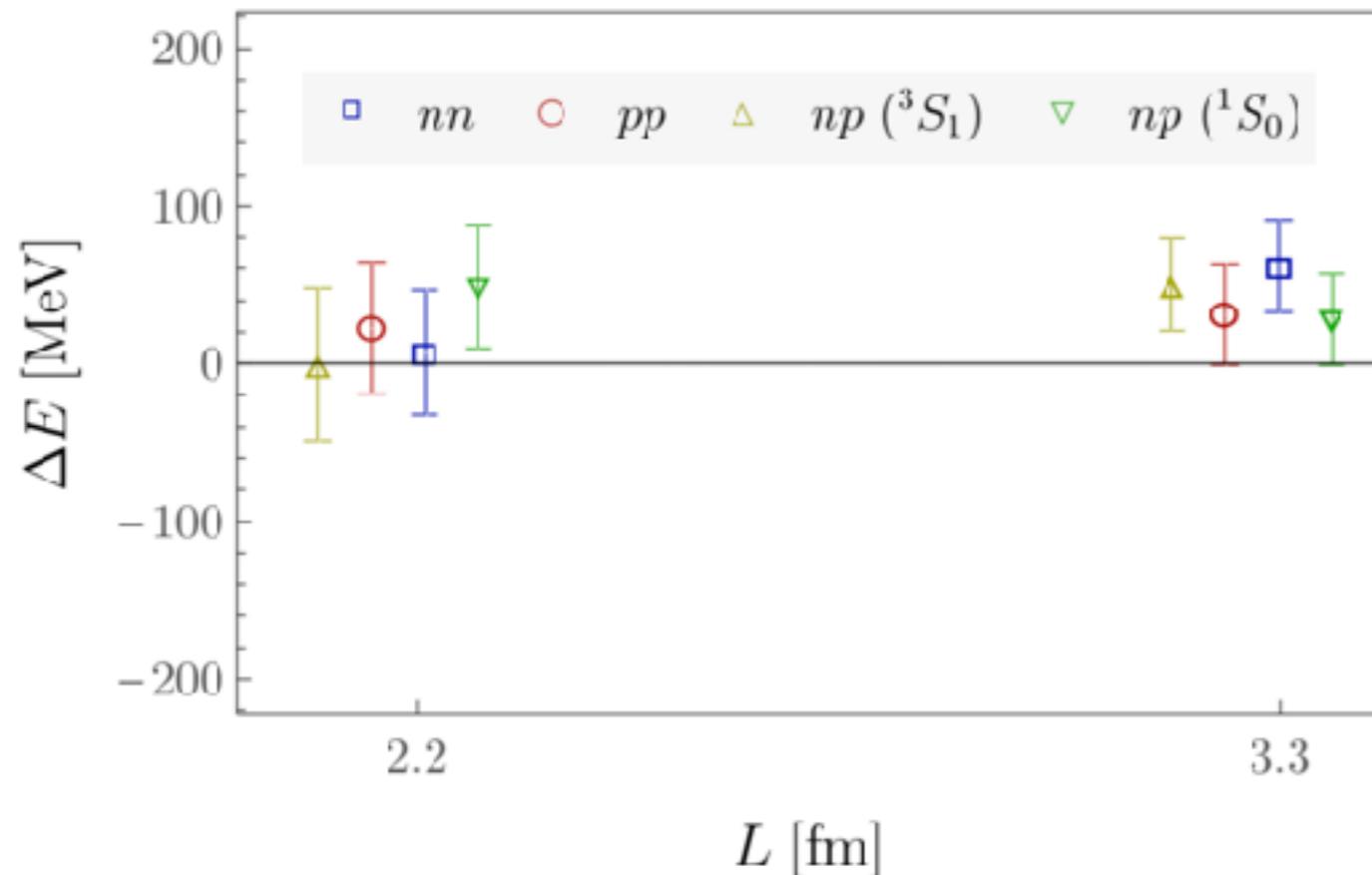
$$\Delta E_{\pi^+\pi^+} = 7.4(1.7) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Delta E_{\pi^+\pi^+} - \Delta E_{K^0K^0} = 0.26(58) \text{ MeV}$$

Nucleon-nucleon systems have stronger Coulomb effects, still not resolved despite

$$\alpha M_p L \sim 1.3, 1.9$$

Is this consistent with NRQED_L?



Nonlocality

Details of NRQED_L must be understood to interpret $\text{LQCD} + \text{QED}_L$ results in EFT

Significant recent progress in understanding NRQED_L subtleties for single hadrons

Davoudi and Savage, PRD 90 (2014) Borsanyi et al, Science, vol. 347 (2015) Fodor et al, Phys. Lett. B 755 (2016)

Lee and Tiburzi, PRD 93 (2016) Matzelle and Tiburzi, PRD 95 (2017)

Davoudi, Harrison, Jüttner, Portelli, and Savage, PRD 99 (2019)

- locality violation from zero-mode subtraction allows IR scales such as L to appear in coefficients of UV divergences and renormalized couplings
- careful matching between QED_L and NRQED_L allows nonlocal counterterms to be determined

$$\left(\text{Feynman diagram with photon loop} \right)_{\text{QED}_L} = \left(\text{Feynman diagram with photon loop} + \text{Feynman diagram with cross in circle} \right)_{\text{NRQED}_L}$$

$\delta m \sim \frac{1}{mL^3}$

Remaining questions for multi-particle systems:

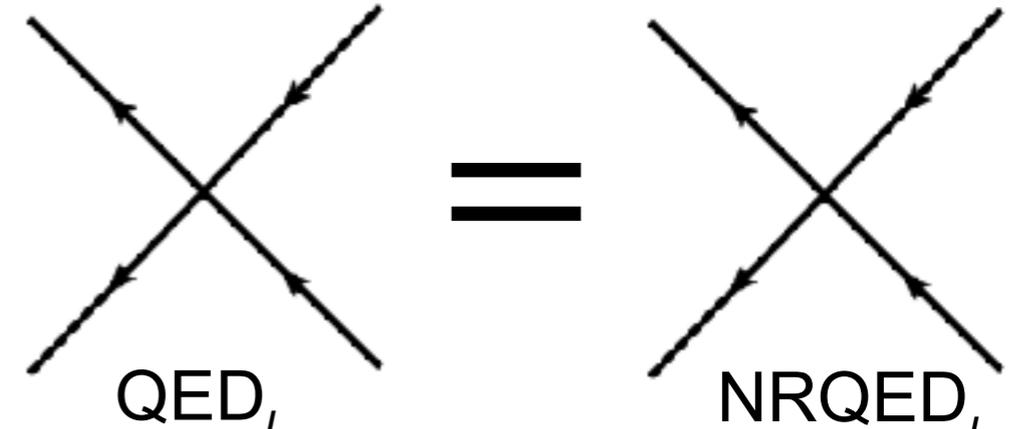
How do non-local counterterms modify 2-body interactions?

Are non-local 2-body effects enhanced by Coulomb ladder diagrams?

Matching NRQED_L and QED_L

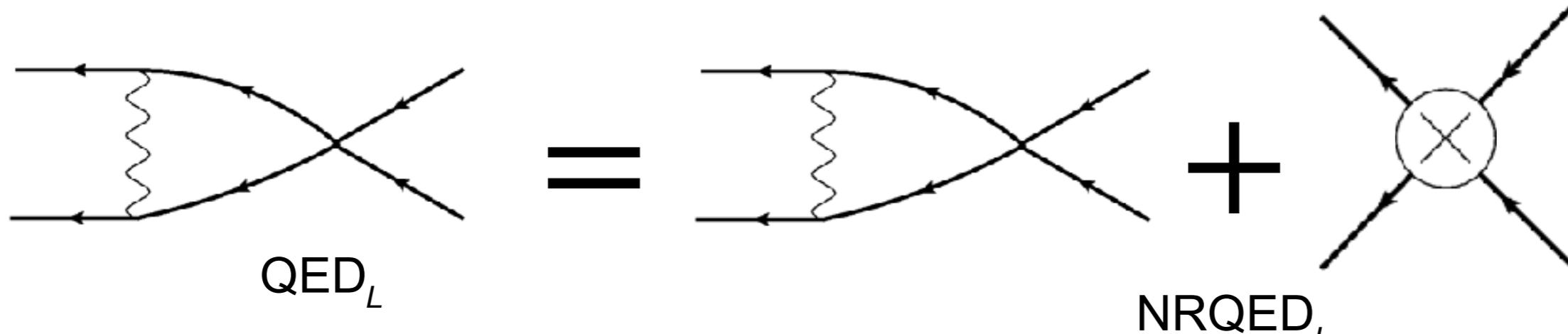
Tree-level QED_L 2 → 2 amplitude reproduced by NRQED_L with $\psi = \sqrt{2M}e^{iMt}\varphi$

$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{QED}_L} = -(D_\mu\varphi)^\dagger D^\mu\varphi - M^2\varphi^\dagger\varphi - 8\pi aM(\varphi^\dagger\varphi)^2 + \mathcal{L}_\gamma^\xi$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{NRQED}_L} = \psi^\dagger \left(iD_0 - \frac{D_i D^i}{2M} \right) \psi - \frac{2\pi a}{M}(\psi^\dagger\psi)^2 + \mathcal{L}_\gamma^\xi$$


QED_L = NRQED_L

One-level QED_L 2 → 2 amplitude includes antiparticle pole contributions not present in NRQED_L



QED_L = NRQED_L + Contact

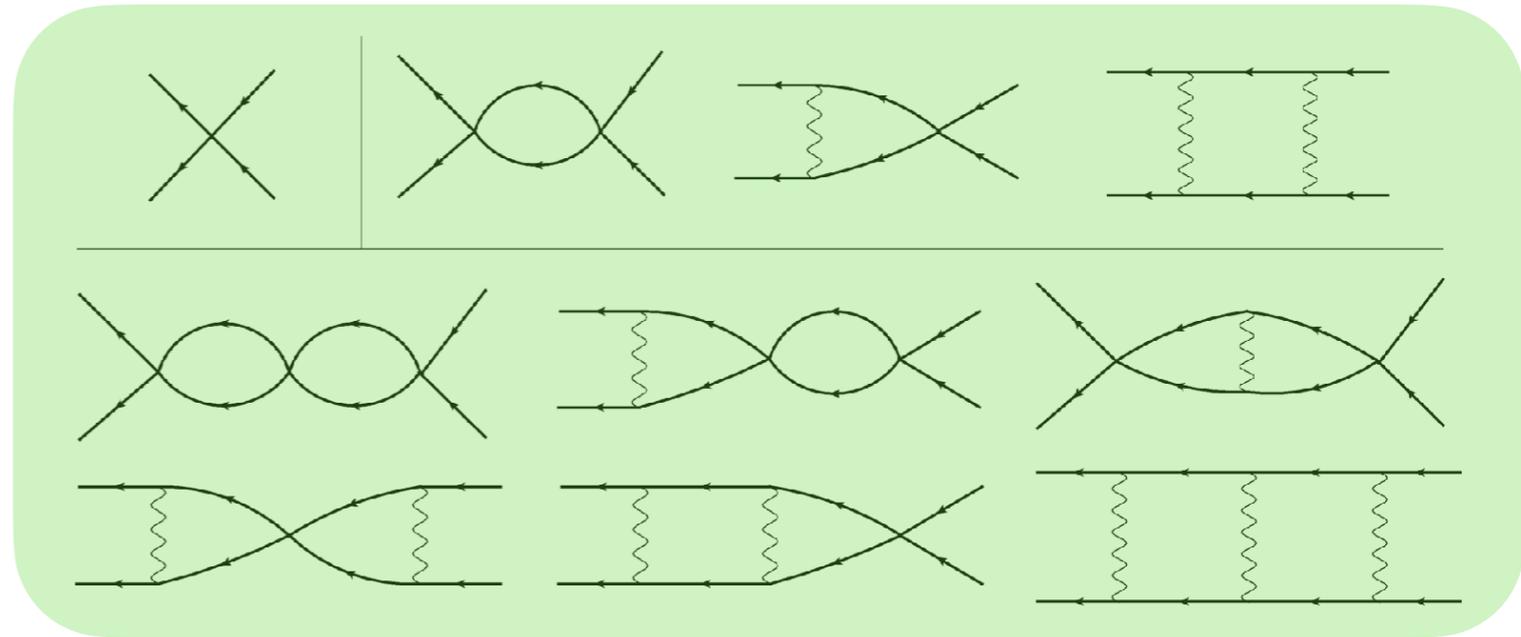
Explicit calculation shows antiparticle pole contribution suppressed by $\frac{\alpha}{(ML)^3}$

Antiparticle poles in Coulomb ladder diagrams further suppressed, nonlocal quartic interactions in NRQED_L only arise as high-order relativistic corrections

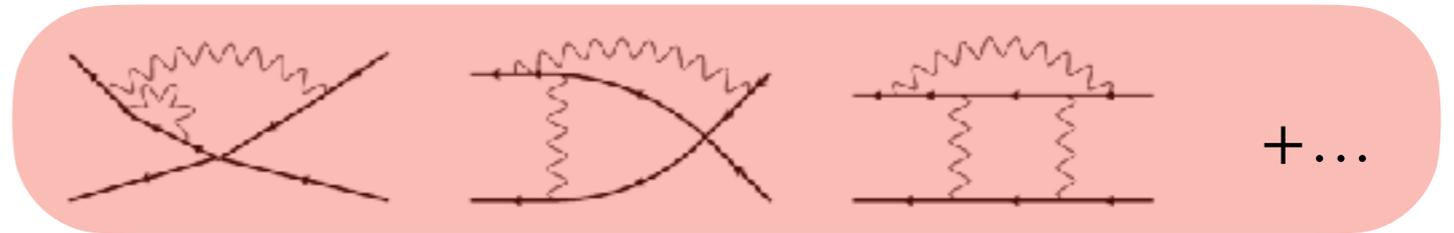
Matching pNRQED_L and NRQED_L

Dominant contributions arise from diagrams with Coulomb photon exchange between space-like separated particles

All nonlocal effects suppressed by powers of $1/(ML)$



Contributions from radiation photon diagrams suppressed by $1/(ML)$



Coulomb photon contributions reproduced in Rayleigh-Schrödinger perturbation theory with potential

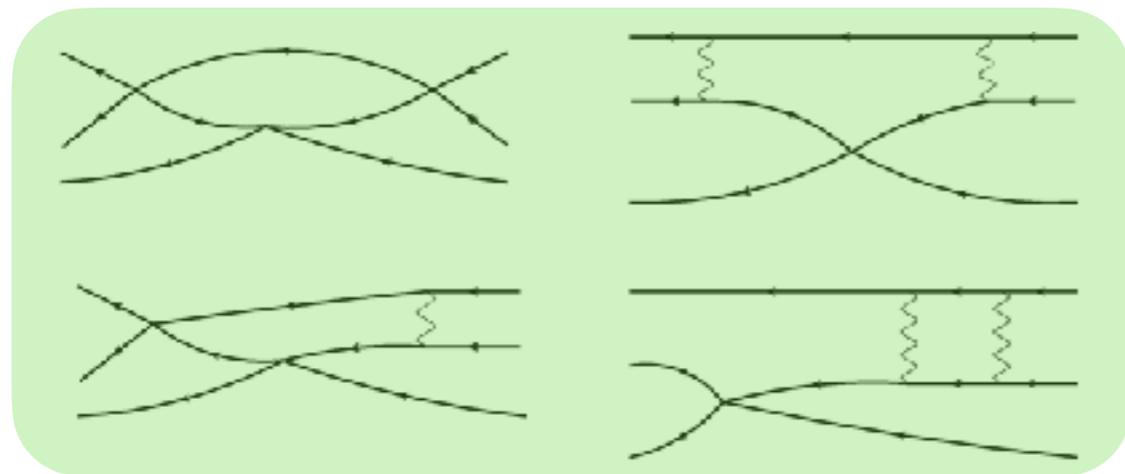
$$\langle p'_1, p'_2 | V | p_1, p_2 \rangle = \left[\left(\frac{4\pi a}{ML^3} \right) + \frac{\alpha}{\pi L} \sum'_{i \in \mathbb{Z}^3} \frac{1}{|i|^2} \right] \delta_{p_1 + p_2 - p'_1 - p'_2}$$

Defines leading-order potential NRQED_L (pNRQED_L) accurate up to $1/(ML)$ effects, higher-order potential computable as in infinite-volume pNRQED/pNRQCD

Many Charged Particles in a Box

3+ particle systems achieve higher charge density in fixed volume, eventually probe nonperturbative relativistic QED effects

— comparison of LQCD+QED_L and NRQED_L for multi-pion systems provides strong tests of validity of NRQED_L

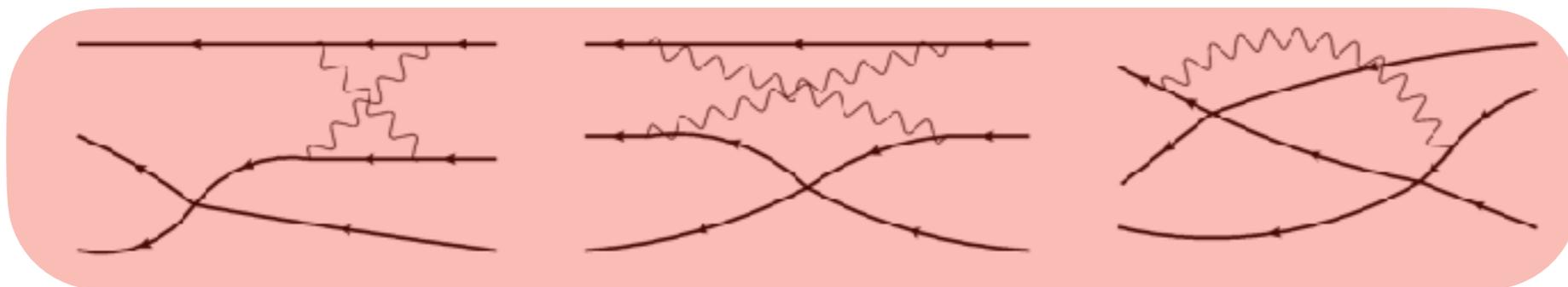


Coulomb photon contributions accessible to pNRQED_L dominant

$$H_{\text{int}} = - \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \tilde{\psi}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \left(\frac{\mathbf{k}^4}{8M^3} \right) \tilde{\psi}_{\mathbf{k}} + \frac{1}{2L^3} \sum_{\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{P}', \mathbf{Q}} V(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{P}') \tilde{\psi}_{\mathbf{Q}-\mathbf{P}}^{\dagger} \tilde{\psi}_{\mathbf{Q}+\mathbf{P}}^{\dagger} \tilde{\psi}_{\mathbf{Q}-\mathbf{P}} \tilde{\psi}_{\mathbf{Q}+\mathbf{P}}$$

$$+ \frac{\eta_3(\mu)}{(3!)L^6} \sum_{\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{P}', \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}'} \tilde{\psi}_{\mathbf{Q}+\mathbf{P}}^{\dagger} \tilde{\psi}_{\mathbf{Q}+\mathbf{q}'}^{\dagger} \tilde{\psi}_{\mathbf{Q}-\mathbf{P}'-\mathbf{q}'}^{\dagger} \tilde{\psi}_{\mathbf{Q}+\mathbf{P}} \tilde{\psi}_{\mathbf{Q}+\mathbf{q}'} \tilde{\psi}_{\mathbf{Q}-\mathbf{P}-\mathbf{q}'},$$

Radiation photon diagrams again suppressed by $1/(ML)$



pNRQED_L suitable for calculations of many-pion energy shifts up to $1/(ML)$ effects 21

Relativistic Corrections

Relativistic corrections to NRQED also arise at higher order

$$\mathcal{L} = \psi^\dagger \left(iD_0 - \frac{\mathbf{D}^2}{2M} \right) \psi - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{4\pi a}{M} \right) (\psi^\dagger \psi)^2 - \frac{\eta_3(\mu)}{3!} (\psi^\dagger \psi)^3 + \mathcal{L}_\gamma^\xi + \mathcal{L}_r.$$

LECs for relativistic corrections can be obtained by matching threshold expansion of quantization condition (without QED)

[Hansen and Sharpe, PRD 93 \(2016\)](#)

$$\mathcal{L}_r = \psi^\dagger \left(\frac{\mathbf{D}^4}{8M^3} \right) \psi - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\pi a}{M} \right) \left(ar - \frac{1}{M^2} \right) (\psi^\dagger \psi) (\psi^\dagger \mathbf{D}^2 \psi + \psi \mathbf{D}^2 \psi^\dagger)$$

Matching on to potential NRQED_L gives

$$V(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) = \frac{4\pi}{M} \left(a + \frac{a}{4} \left(ar - \frac{1}{M^2} \right) (\mathbf{p}^2 + \mathbf{p}'^2) + \dots \right) + \frac{4\pi\alpha}{|\mathbf{p}' - \mathbf{p}|^2} (1 - \delta_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}'})$$

FV Energy Shifts in pNRQED_L

n -boson energy shifts given by Rayleigh-Schrödinger perturbation theory

$$|\mathbf{P}_1, \dots, \mathbf{P}_n\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \tilde{\psi}_{\mathbf{P}_1}^\dagger \times \dots \times \tilde{\psi}_{\mathbf{P}_n}^\dagger |0\rangle \quad \langle \mathbf{0}, \dots, \mathbf{0} | H_{\text{int}} | \mathbf{0}, \dots, \mathbf{0} \rangle = \frac{1}{L^3} \binom{n}{2} V(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}) + \frac{1}{L^6} \binom{n}{3} \eta_3(\mu).$$

Higher-orders, e.g. N³LO in strong interactions + NLO in QED

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta E_n^{\text{N}^3\text{LO,PC2}} = & \frac{4\pi\bar{a}_C}{ML^3} \binom{n}{2} \left\{ 1 - \left(\frac{\bar{a}_C}{\pi L}\right) \mathcal{I} + \left(\frac{\bar{a}_C}{\pi L}\right)^2 [\mathcal{I}^2 + (2n-5)\mathcal{J}] \right. \\ & \left. - \left(\frac{\bar{a}_C}{\pi L}\right)^3 [\mathcal{I}^3 + (2n-7)\mathcal{I}\mathcal{J} + (5n^2 - 41n + 63)\mathcal{K}] \right\} \\ & + \frac{4\eta_L}{ML^2} \binom{n}{2} \left\{ - \left(\frac{\bar{a}_C}{\pi L}\right) 2\mathcal{J} - \left(\frac{\eta_L}{\pi^2}\right) \mathcal{K} \right. \\ & \left. + \left(\frac{\bar{a}_C}{\pi L}\right)^2 [2\mathcal{I}\mathcal{J} + \mathcal{R}_{22} + (4n-10)\mathcal{K} - 4\pi^4 [\ln(\eta_L) + \gamma_E]] \right\} \\ & + \binom{n}{3} \frac{1}{L^6} \left[\eta_3(\mu) + \frac{64\pi\bar{a}_C^4}{M} (3\sqrt{3} - 4\pi) \ln(\mu L) - \frac{96\bar{a}_C^4}{\pi^2 M} \mathcal{S}_{\text{MS}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Effective range and relativistic corrections act as modification to scattering length

$$a_C = \bar{a}_C(L) - \frac{2\pi\bar{a}_C(L)^2}{L^3} \left(\bar{a}_C(L)r - \frac{1}{2M^2} \right)$$

Beane, Detmold, and Savage, PRD 76 (2007)

Extends:

Huang and Yang, Phys. Rev. 105 (1957)

Beane and Savage, PRD 90 (2014)

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FV Energy Shifts in pNRQED_L

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta E_n^{\text{N}^3\text{LO,PC}^2} = & \frac{4\pi\bar{a}_C}{ML^3} \binom{n}{2} \left\{ 1 - \left(\frac{\bar{a}_C}{\pi L}\right) \mathcal{I} + \left(\frac{\bar{a}_C}{\pi L}\right)^2 [\mathcal{I}^2 + (2n-5)\mathcal{J}] - \left(\frac{\bar{a}_C}{\pi L}\right)^3 [\mathcal{I}^3 + (2n-7)\mathcal{I}\mathcal{J} + (5n^2 - 41n + 63)\mathcal{K}] \right\} \\ & + \frac{4\eta_L}{ML^2} \binom{n}{2} \left\{ - \left(\frac{\bar{a}_C}{\pi L}\right) 2\mathcal{J} - \left(\frac{\eta_L}{\pi^2}\right) \mathcal{K} + \left(\frac{\bar{a}_C}{\pi L}\right)^2 [2\mathcal{I}\mathcal{J} + \mathcal{R}_{22} + (4n-10)\mathcal{K} - 4\pi^4 [\ln(\eta_L) + \gamma_E]] \right\} \\ & + \binom{n}{3} \frac{1}{L^6} \left[\eta_3(\mu) + \frac{64\pi\bar{a}_C^4}{M} (3\sqrt{3} - 4\pi) \ln(\mu L) - \frac{96\bar{a}_C^4}{\pi^2 M} \mathcal{S}_{\text{MS}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Important features:

2-body log involves FV analog of Coulomb expansion parameter $\eta_L = \frac{\alpha M}{2p} = \frac{\alpha ML}{4\pi}$

Coulomb photon effects enter as power series in η_L with O(1) coefficients

➔ FV Coulomb perturbative when $\frac{\alpha ML}{4\pi} \ll 1$, including $\alpha ML \sim 1$

Physical quark mass
protons with $\alpha = 0.1$

$$\alpha ML \ll 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad L \ll 2.1 \text{ fm}$$

$$\frac{\alpha ML}{4\pi} \ll 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad L \ll 26 \text{ fm}$$

Power Counting

With $m_{\pi^+} = 449(1)(13)$ MeV and volumes $L = 2.2$ fm, 3.2 fm

$$\frac{\alpha m_{\pi} L}{4\pi} = 0.04, 0.06$$

$$\frac{a_{\pi\pi}}{L} = 0.10, 0.07$$

Hierarchy between QCD and QED effects volume dependent, two reasonable power counting for this range of volumes

$$\text{PC1} \quad \frac{\alpha m_{\pi} L}{4\pi} \sim \frac{a_{\pi\pi}}{L}$$

$$\text{PC2} \quad \frac{\alpha m_{\pi} L}{4\pi} \sim \left(\frac{a_{\pi\pi}}{L}\right)^2$$

Results for PC1 computed to NNLO

Known higher-order results for pure QCD allow PC2 to be extend to N³LO

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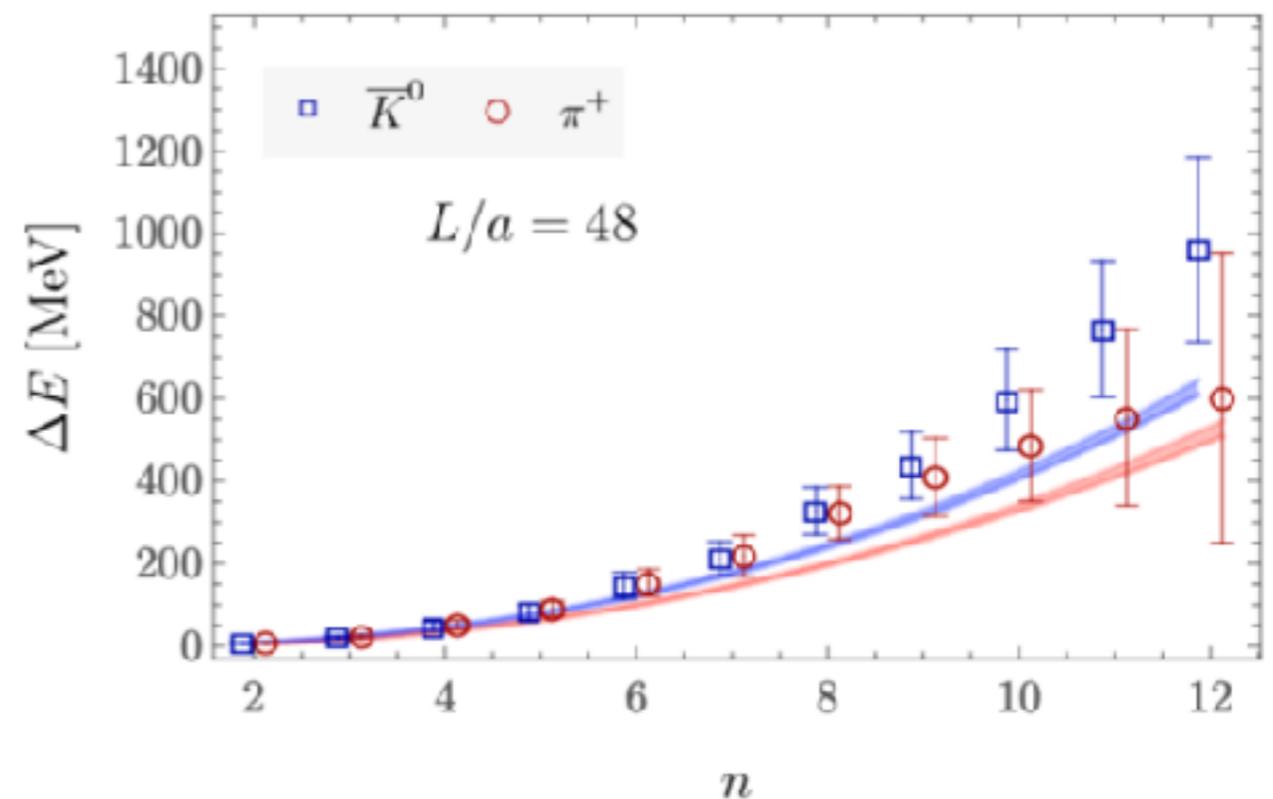
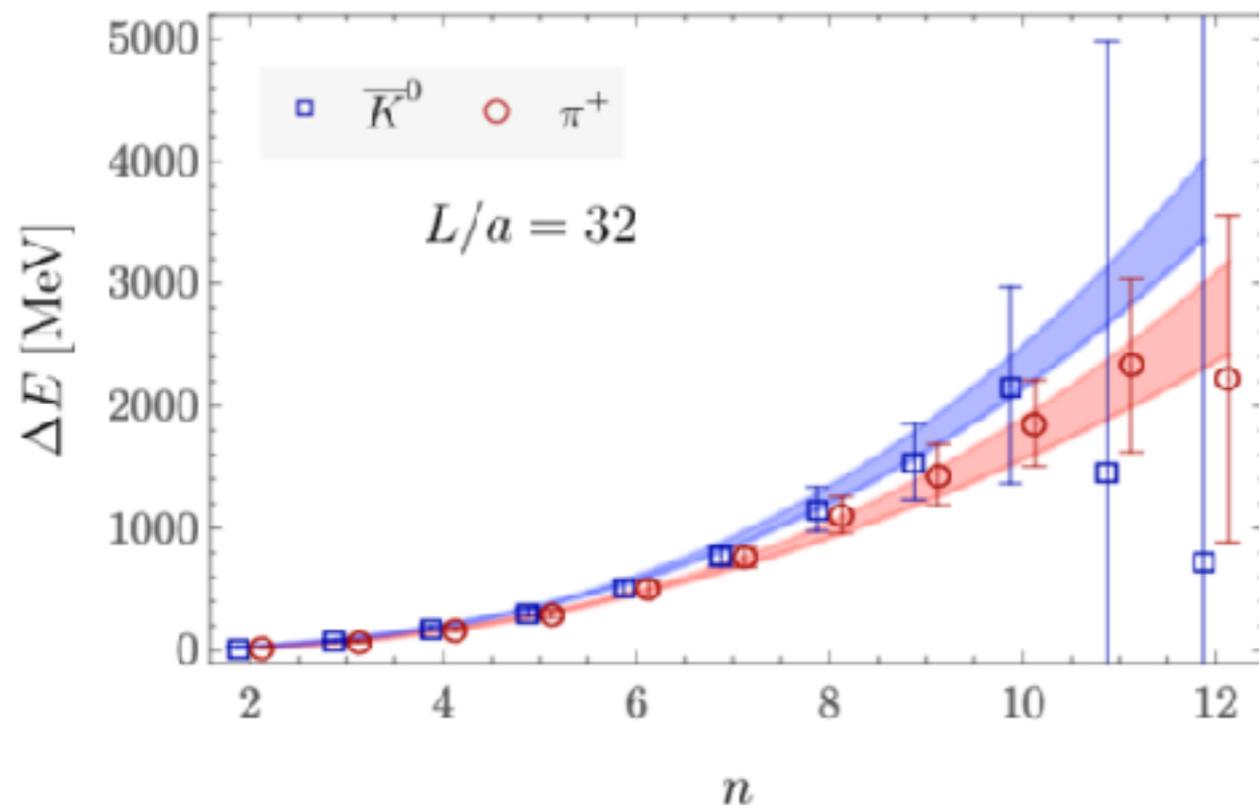
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EFT Fits

EFT parameters $a^{K^0 K^0}$, $a_C^{\pi^+ \pi^+}$ and three-body couplings $\eta^{\bar{K}^0 \bar{K}^0 \bar{K}^0}$, $\eta^{\pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^+}$ determined from global fit to all FV shifts with 2-12 mesons and correlated differences $\Delta E_{N\pi^+} - \Delta E_{NK^0}$

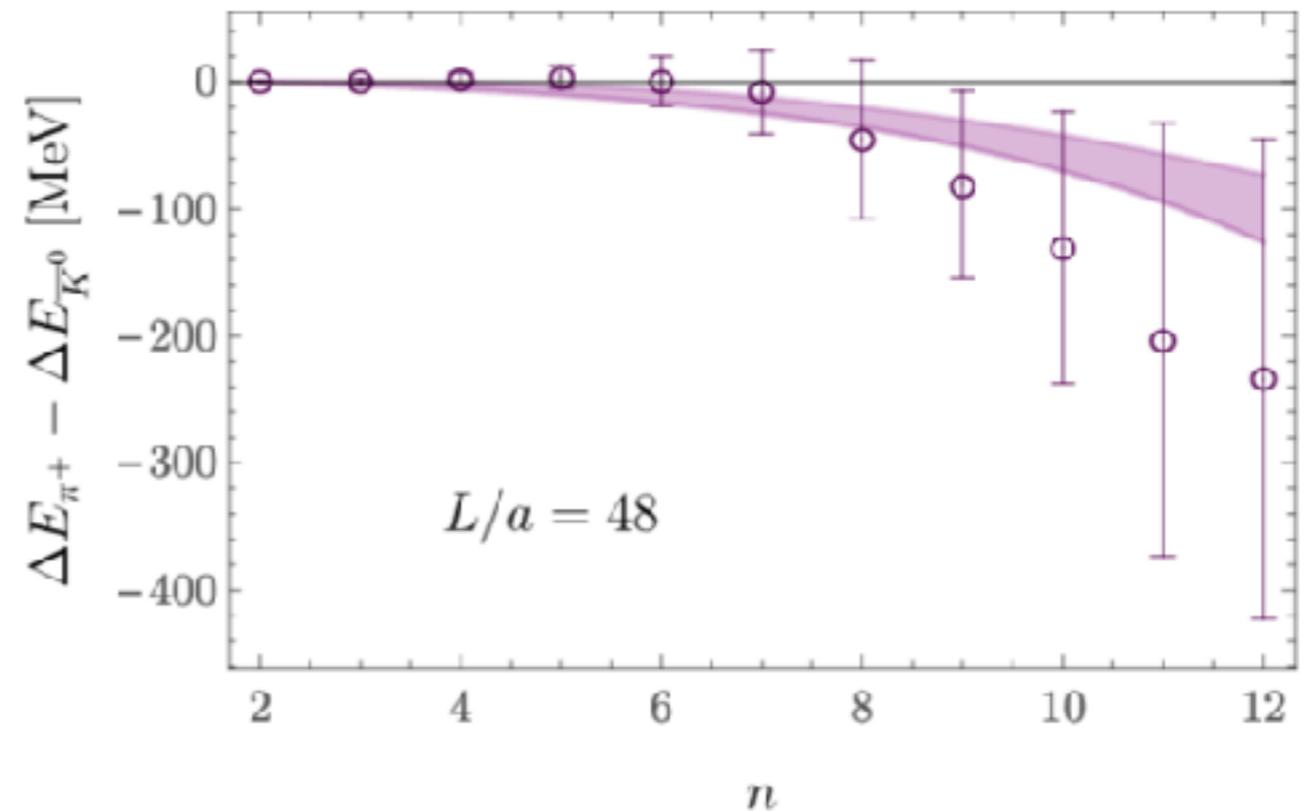
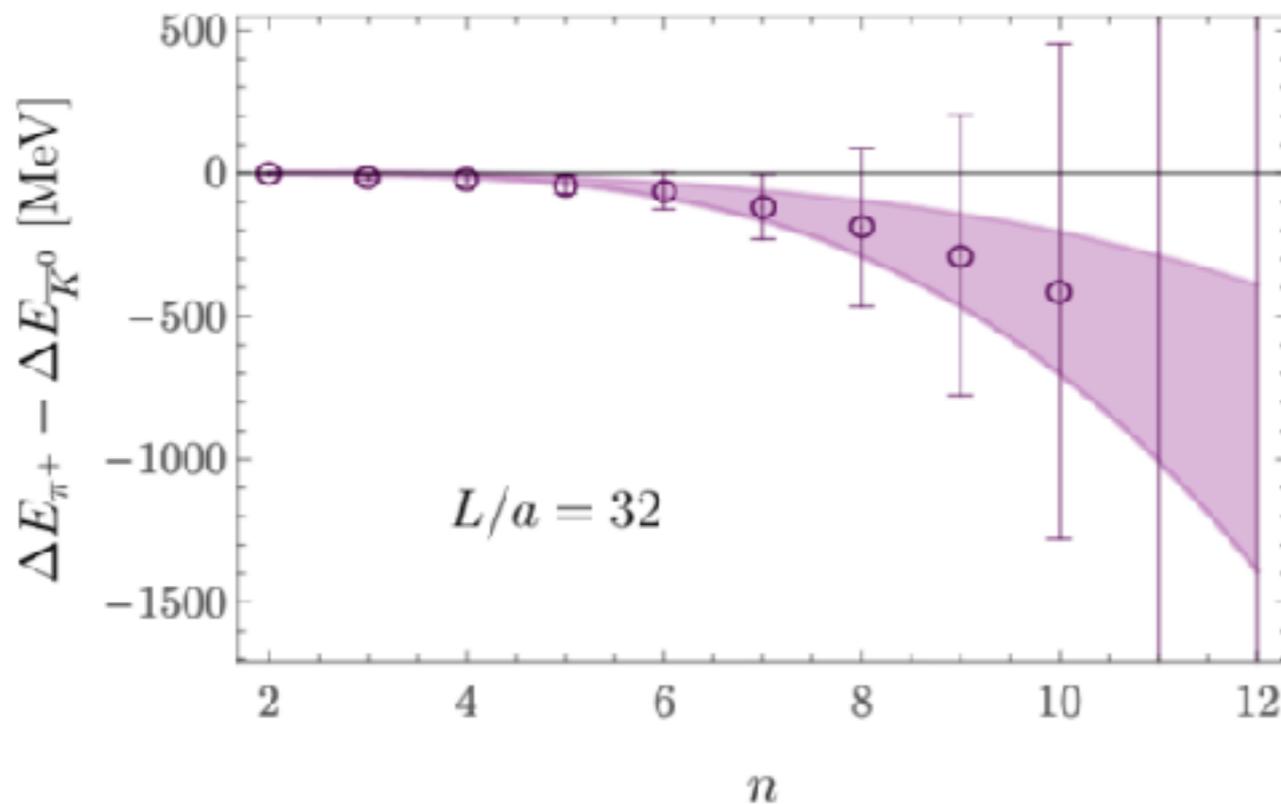
NNLO fits with both power counting give $\chi^2/\text{dof} \sim 1.3$

N³LO fits (pc 2) add three-body forces, better agreement $\chi^2/\text{dof} \sim 0.8$



EFT Fits

QED effects resolved at $1 - 2\sigma$ for systems of $3 - 12$ mesons



Negative sign arises from zero-mode subtraction, full QED effects reproduced by Coulomb effects in NRQED_L

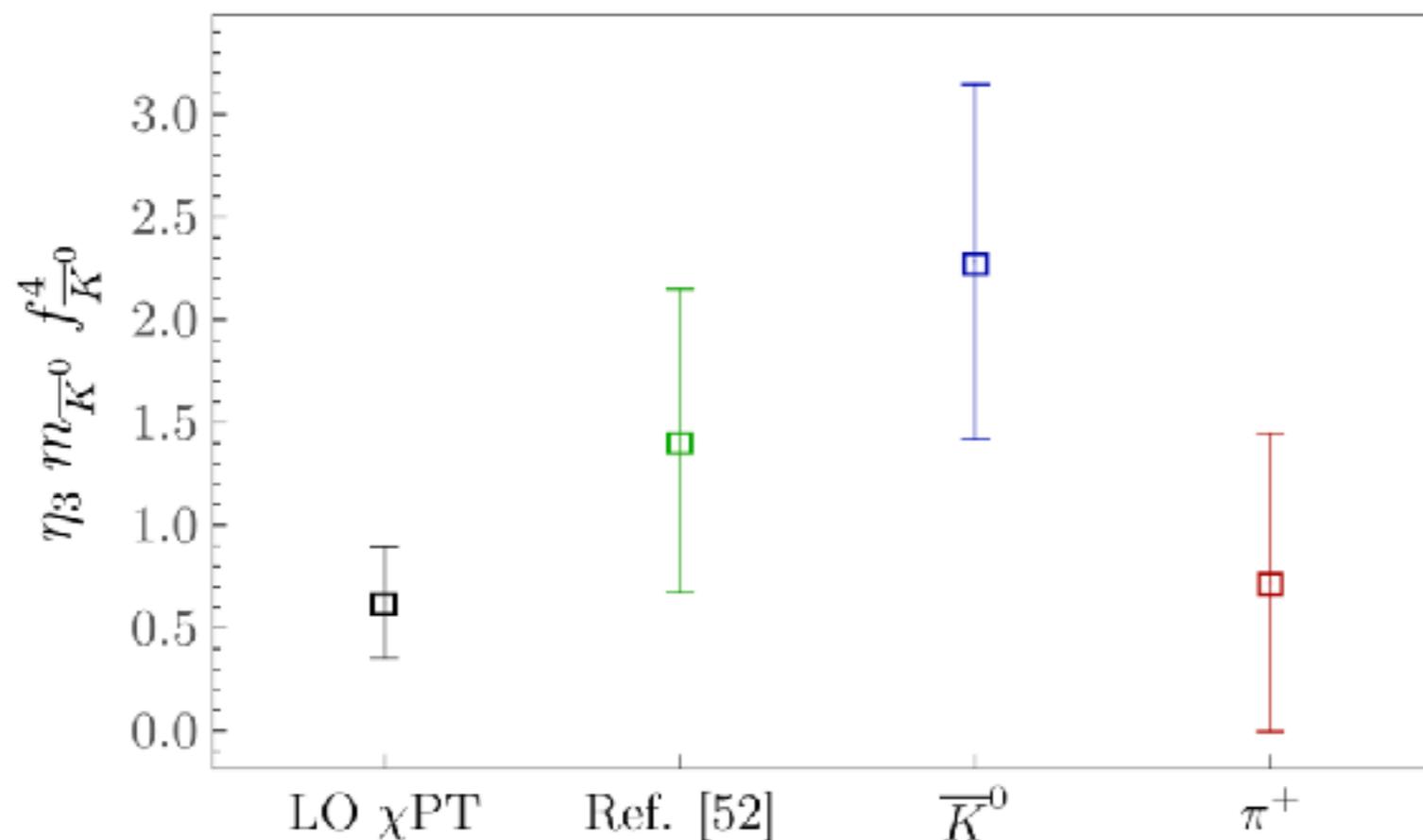
EFT Results

Coulomb scattering length for $\pi^+\pi^+$ differs from K^0K^0 scattering length

$$a^{\overline{K}^0\overline{K}^0} m_{\overline{K}^0} = 0.337(19)$$

$$a_C^{\pi^+\pi^+} m_{\overline{K}^0} = 0.464(29)$$

Three-body forces clearly resolved, no QED effects visible on strength of three-body forces



(all results valid for unphysical quark masses used in calculation)

Summary

Nonlocal counterterms in NRQED_L are not enhanced by Coulomb ladders (at least at 2-loop order), appear only as relativistic corrections

FV effects on interacting charged hadron systems in LQCD+QED_L consistent with NRQED_L up to $Z\alpha \leq 1.2$, $Z\alpha/L^3 \lesssim 0.12 \text{ fm}^{-3}$ at unphysically large quark mass

Size of QED effects consistent with Coulomb expansion parameter

$$\eta_L = \frac{\alpha M}{2p} = \frac{\alpha M L}{4\pi} \ll \alpha M L$$

NRQED_L with perturbative Coulomb should converge for proton-proton systems at the physical point with $L \ll 20 \text{ fm}$