

# HVP with $C^*$ boundary conditions from lattice QCD(+QED)

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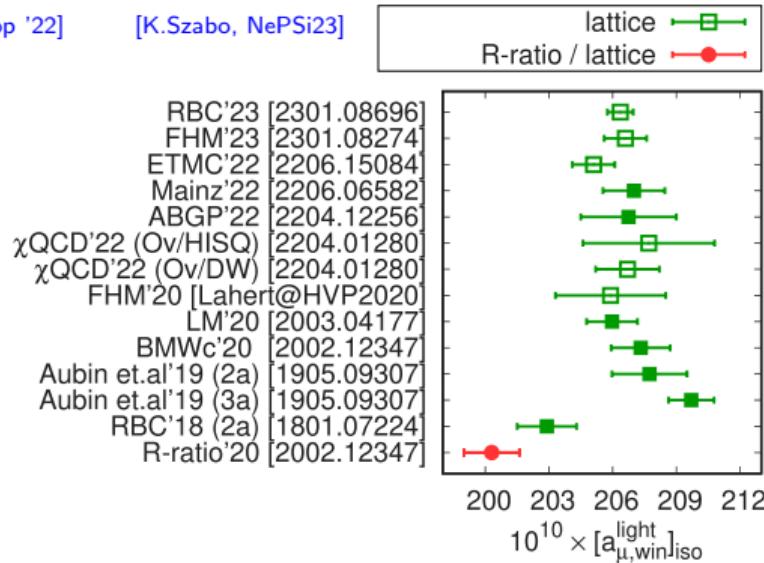
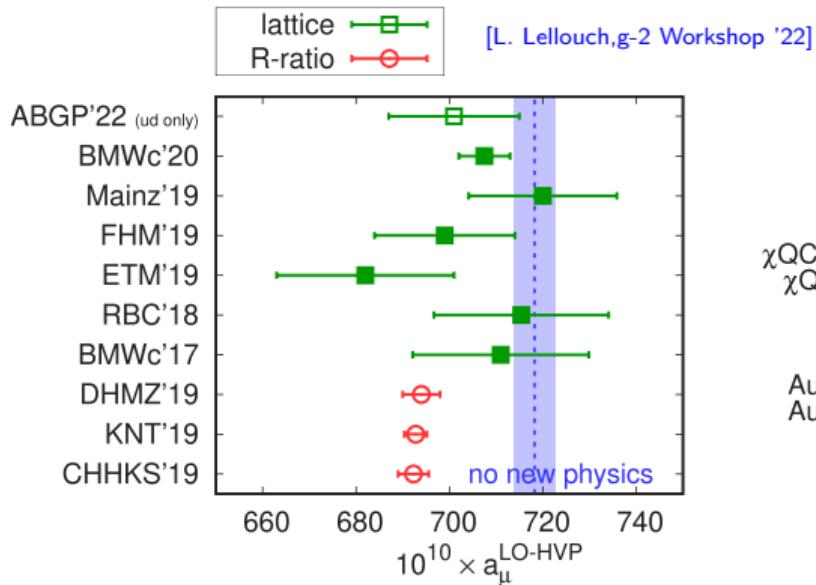
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# Motivation



- new results from the muon g-2 experiment expected soon
- lattice results for the window are in good agreement and in tension with R-ratio

# Motivation

Isospin symmetry is violated at the percent level

- strong IBE  $\sim \mathcal{O}((m_d - m_u)/\Lambda_{QCD})$
- QED effects  $\sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha_{EM})$

IBE effects are important for high-precision calculations of *decay rates of mesons, HVP contribution to g-2, etc.*

Theoretical issue of including QED in a finite periodic box:

- classical picture: Gauss law forbids a net non-zero charge
- path-integral: charged particles' propagation is forbidden due to symmetry under large gauge transformations

# QED in lattice simulations

Currently used prescriptions for including QED:

- non-local constraints to remove the zero-modes of the photon [Hayakawa & Uno, 0804.2044]  
e.g  $\text{QED}_L$ , where  $\sum_{\vec{x}} A_{\mu}(x_0, \vec{x}) = 0$
- infrared regulator  $m_{\gamma}$  ( $\text{QED}_M$ ) [Endres et al., 1507.08916]
- $\text{QED}_{\infty}$  [Blum et al., 1705.01067; Feng & Jin, 1812.09817]
- $\text{QED}_C$  [Kronfeld & Wiese, 1991, 1992; Polley, 1993; Lucini et al., 1509.01636 ]
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# $C^*$ boundary conditions

Local prescription for QED in a finite box  $\rightarrow C$ -periodicity of fields in spatial directions

$$\begin{aligned} A_\mu(x + L_i \hat{i}) &= -A_\mu(x) & U_\mu(x + L_i \hat{i}) &= U_\mu^*(x) \\ \psi(x + L_i \hat{i}) &= C^{-1} \bar{\psi}(x) & \bar{\psi}(x + L_i \hat{i}) &= -\psi^T(x)C \end{aligned}$$

- [+]  $A_\mu(x)$  is  $C$ -odd  $\implies p_i = \frac{\pi}{L_i}(2l_i + 1)$ ,  $l_i = 0, 1, \dots, L_i - 1$
- [+] charged-states propagation is possible
- [+] suppressed finite-volume effects [[Lucini et al., 1509.01636](#) ; [Martins & Patella, 2212.09565](#) ]
- [-] violations of flavour and charge conservation (by boundary effects)
- [-] more expensive simulations [[Bushnaq et al., 2209.13183](#) ]

# $C^*$ boundary conditions

- Action in the doublet formulation

$$S_F^{hop} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{x \in \Lambda_{phys}, \mu} \bar{\chi}(x) \frac{(1 + \gamma_\mu)}{2} \mathbb{V}_\mu^\dagger(x - \mu) \chi(x - \hat{\mu}) + \bar{\chi}(x) \frac{(1 - \gamma_\mu)}{2} \mathbb{V}_\mu(x) \chi(x + \hat{\mu})$$

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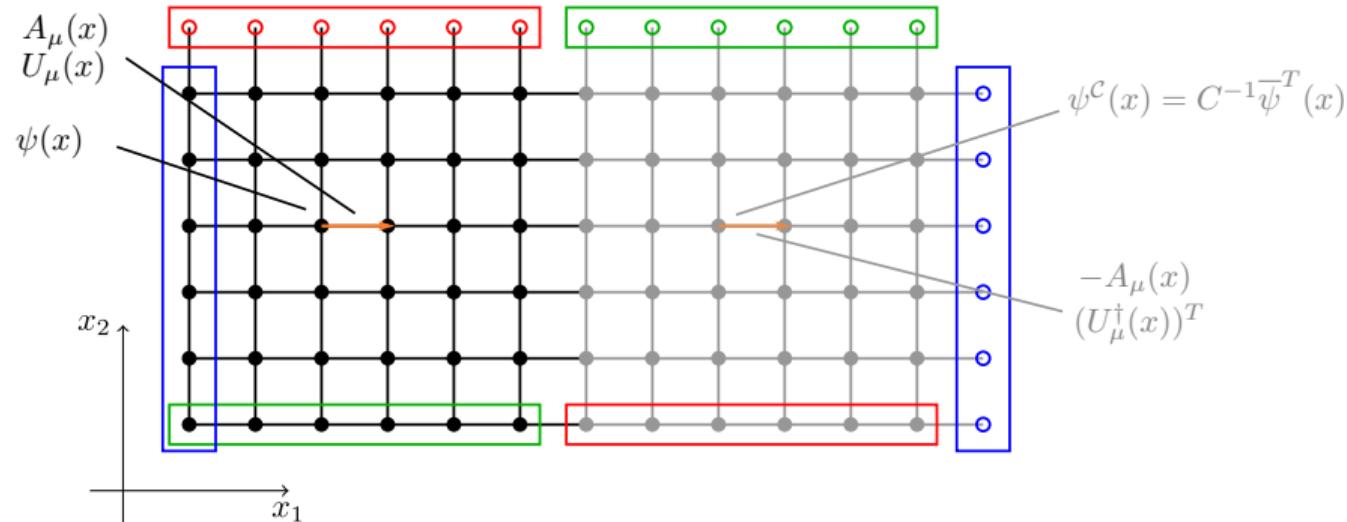
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# $C^*$ boundary conditions



- Lattice is doubled in direction  $\hat{1}$ :  $L_1 = 2L$ ,  $L_k = L$ ,  $k = 2, 3$
- Orbifold construction, e.g  $\psi(x + L_k \hat{k}) = \psi(x + \frac{L_1}{2} \hat{1})$
- Effective periodicity of  $2L$

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# RC<sup>\*</sup> collaboration's program

Seven ensembles generated thus far with the openQ<sup>\*</sup>D code

<https://gitlab.com/rcstar/openQxD>

First results in [Bushnaq et al., 2209.13183](#)

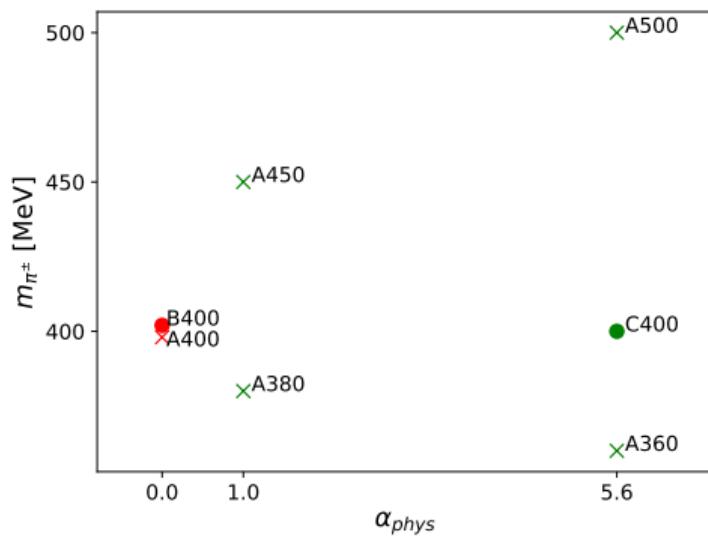
- details about the simulations
- calculations of meson masses, the  $\Omega^-$  baryon, and the octet baryons
- cost analysis

Our setup allows for two ways of including isospin breaking effects:

- non-isosymmetric configurations at several unphysical values of  $\alpha_{EM}$  and  $m_u - m_d$  + extrapolation to the physical point
- isosymmetric configurations with C<sup>\*</sup> b.c. + RM123 method

# QCD+QED ensembles

- Lüscher-Weisz SU(3) gauge action ( $\beta = 3.24$ )
- Wilson action for compact U(1) field
- $N_f = 1 + 2 + 1$  of  $O(a)$ -improved Wilson fermions
- Periodic boundary conditions in time, C<sup>\*</sup> b.c. in space



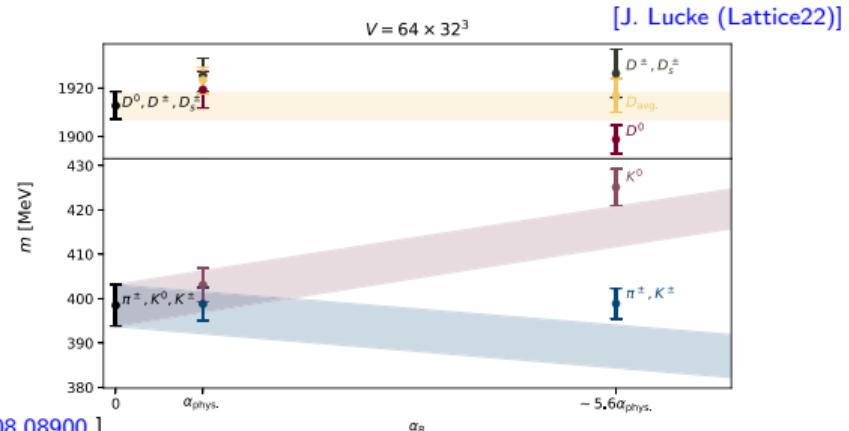
- Volume: A=64x32, B=80x48, C=96x48
- Lattice spacing  $\simeq 0.05$  fm
- Pion mass between 360 and 500 MeV
- $m_\pi L \sim 3$  and  $m_\pi L \sim 5$

# QCD+QED ensembles

- Renormalization scheme <sup>1</sup>:  $(8t_0)^{1/2}$ ,  $\alpha_R(t_0)$ ,  $\phi_0, \phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_0 &= 8t_0(m_{K^\pm}^2 - m_{\pi^\pm}^2) &\rightarrow 0 &(\text{fixes } m_s - m_d) &[\phi_0^{\text{phys}} = 0.992] \\ \phi_1 &= 8t_0(m_{K^\pm}^2 + m_{\pi^\pm}^2 + m_{K^0}^2) &\rightarrow 2.11 &(\text{fixes } m_s + m_d + m_u) &[\phi_1^{\text{phys}} = 2.26] \\ \phi_2 &= 8t_0(m_{K^0}^2 - m_{K^\pm}^2)/\alpha_R &\rightarrow 2.36 &(\text{fixes } \delta m_{\text{strong}}/\delta_{EM}) &[\phi_2^{\text{phys}} = 2.36] \\ \phi_3 &= \sqrt{8t_0}(m_{D_S^\pm}^2 + m_{D^\pm}^2 + m_{D^0}^2) &\rightarrow 12.1 &(\text{fixes } m_c) &[\phi_3^{\text{phys}} = 12.0]\end{aligned}$$

ensemble	V	flavor	$\beta$	$\alpha$
A400a00b324	$64 \times 32^3$	$3 + 1$	3.24	0
B400a00b324	$80 \times 48^3$	$3 + 1$	3.24	0
A450a07b324	$64 \times 32^3$	$1 + 2 + 1$	3.24	0.007299
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<sup>1</sup> we used the CLS  $N_f = 2 + 1$  value of  $\sqrt{8t_0} = 0.415$  fm [Bruno et al., 1608.08900 ]

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# First results for the HVP

ensemble	V	flavor	$\alpha$	$a[\text{fm}]^2$	$m_{\pi^\pm} [\text{MeV}]$
A400a00b324	$64 \times 32^3$	$3 + 1$	0	0.05393(24)	398.5(4.7)
B400a00b324	$80 \times 48^3$	$3 + 1$	0	0.05400(14)	401.9(1.4)
A450a07b324	$64 \times 32^3$	$1 + 2 + 1$	0.007299	0.05469(32)	451.2(4.3)
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C380a50b324	$96 \times 48^3$	$1 + 2 + 1$	0.05	0.050625(79)	386.5(2.4)

- Reported measurements performed on 4 ensembles
- Ref: [Altherr et al., 2212.11551](#), [2301.04385](#)

<sup>2</sup>  $a$  is determined using the  $N_f = 2 + 1$  value of  $\sqrt{8t_0} = 0.415$  fm from [Bruno et al., 1608.08900](#)

# HVP calculation

- Time-momentum representation

$$G(t) = -\frac{1}{3} \sum_{k=1,2,3} \sum_{\vec{x}} \left\langle V_k^{c,I}(x) V_k^I(0) \right\rangle$$

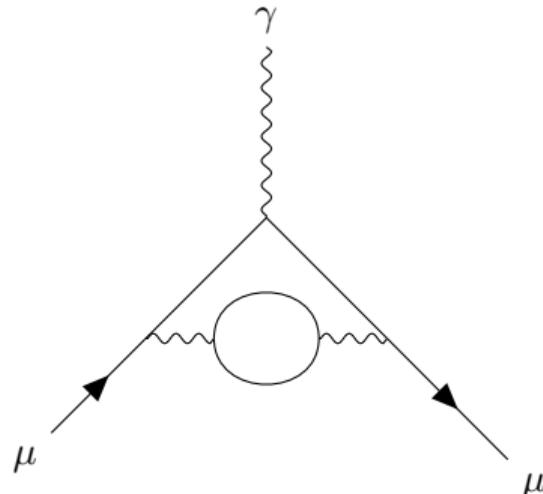
$$a_\mu^{HVP} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\right)^2 \sum_t G(t) \tilde{K}(t; m_\mu)$$

- Two discretizations of the vector current

$$V_\mu^I(x) = \sum_f q_f \bar{\psi}_f(x) \gamma_\mu \psi_f(x)$$

$$V_\mu^c(x) = \sum_f \frac{1}{2} q_f \left[ \bar{\psi}_f(x + \hat{\mu}) (1 + \gamma_\mu) U_\mu^\dagger(x) \psi_f(x) - \bar{\psi}_f(x) (1 - \gamma_\mu) U_\mu(x) \psi_f(x + \hat{\mu}) \right]$$

- Extrapolation of the signal at large  $t$  (single-exponential for now)

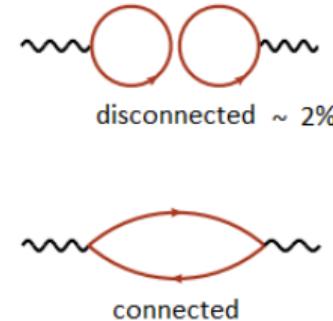


# HVP calculation

By considering the different Wick contractions:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle V'_k(x) V'_k(0) \rangle &= \sum_{f,f'} q_f q_{f'} \text{tr} [\gamma_k D_f^{-1}(x|x)] \cdot \text{tr} [\gamma_k D_{f'}^{-1}(0|0)] + \\ &\quad - \sum_f q_f^2 \text{tr} [\gamma_k D_f^{-1}(x|0) \gamma_k D_f^{-1}(0|x)]\end{aligned}$$

- $D_f^{-1}(x|y)$  quark propagator from  $y$  to  $x$
- $\gamma_k$  Dirac matrices ( $k = 1, 2, 3$ )



QCD configurations → leading HVP (w/o IBE effects)

QCD+QED configurations → full HVP

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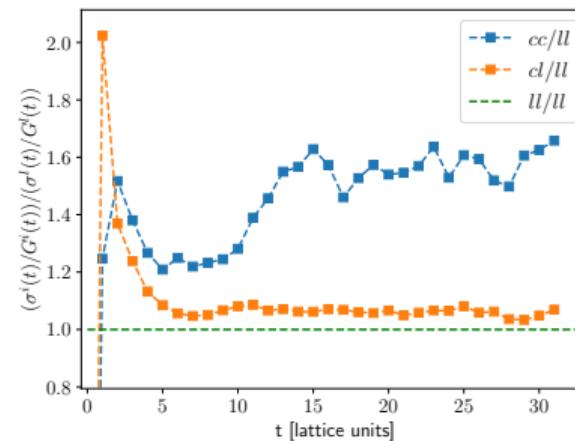
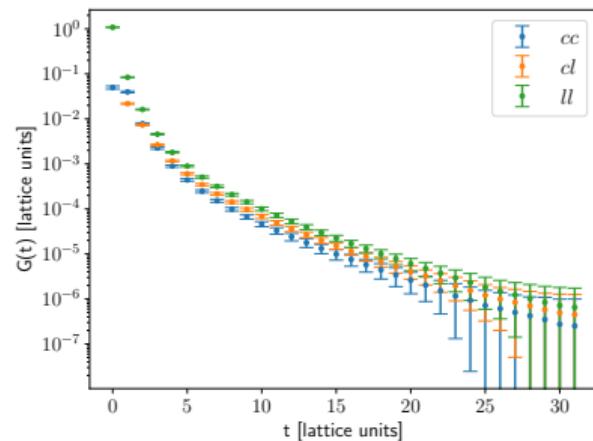
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- Study of the signal-to-noise ratio for different discretizations of the correlator:  $G^{\parallel\parallel}(t)$ ,  $G^{cl}(t)$ ,  $G^{cc}(t)$



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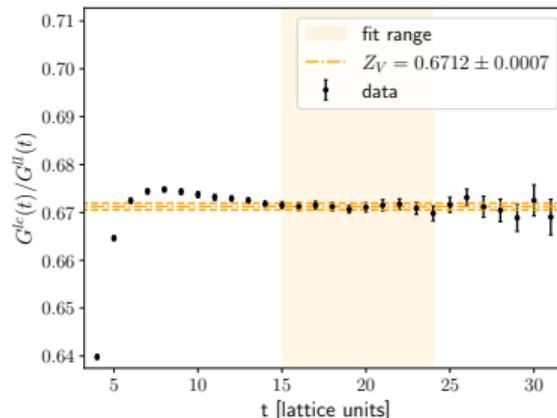
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- $V_\mu^I$  requires a renormalization constant and  $O(a)$ -improvement

$$V_{\mu,f}^R = Z_V^{m_f} (V_{\mu,f}^I + a c_V \partial_\nu T_{\mu\nu,f}) \quad [\text{Bhattacharya et al., 0511014}]$$

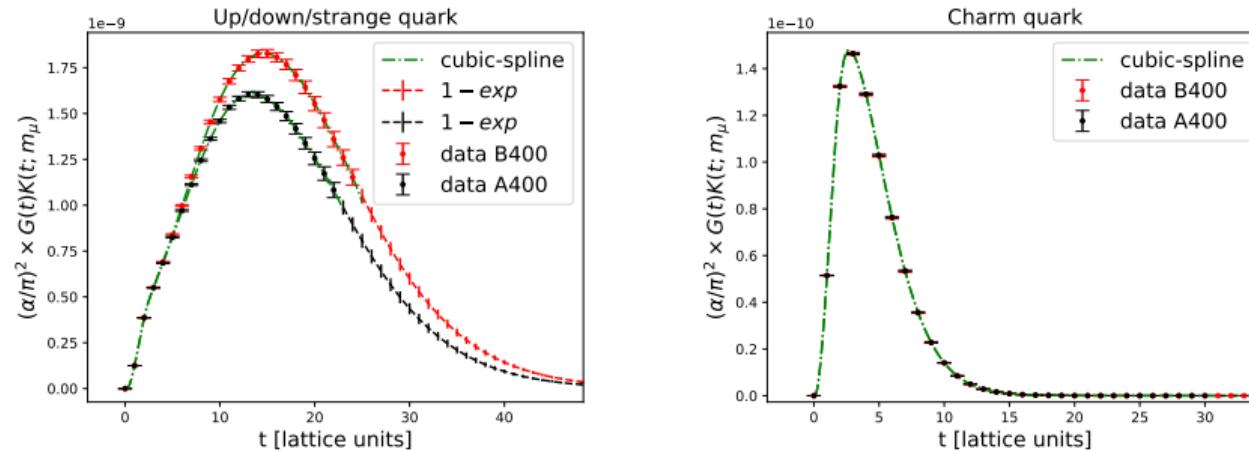
$$R(t) = \frac{\sum_{\vec{x},k} \langle V_f^c(x) V_f^I(0) \rangle}{\sum_{\vec{x},k} \langle V_f^I(x) V_f^I(0) \rangle}$$

ensemble	$Z_V^{m_I/s}$	$Z_V^{m_c}$
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B400a00b324	0.6752(10)	0.6066(4)



# QCD with $C^*$ b.c.

- Connected LO-HVP for lattice volumes  $64 \times 32^3$  and  $80 \times 48^3$



ensemble	n. cnfg	type	$am_V^{u/d/s}$	$a_\mu^{u/d/s} \times 10^{-10}$	$am_V^c$	$a_\mu^c \times 10^{-10}$
A400a00b324	200	$ll$	0.2644(50)	338(8)	0.8463(5)	7.83(8)
		$cl$	0.2652(55)	334(9)	0.8462(5)	6.18(7)
B400a00b324	108	$ll$	0.2522(33)	402(9)	0.8458(9)	7.81(9)
		$cl$	0.2530(32)	397(9)	0.8454(8)	6.16(7)

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# RM123 method

Isosymmetric QCD configurations are generated with  $m_u = m_d$ ,  $\alpha_{em} = 0$

To include the strong and the QED ibe:

- perturbative expansion in  $\alpha = e^2/4\pi$  and  $\delta m = (m_d - m_u)/\Lambda_{QCD}$   
[\[De Divitiis et al, 1303.4896 \]](#)

$$\langle O(U, A, \psi, \bar{\psi}) \rangle_{QCD+QED} = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}U \mathcal{D}A \det[U, A] \exp(-S_g) \exp(-S_\gamma) O$$

$$\rightarrow \det[U, A] \simeq \det[U] + e_{sea} \det[U, A]' + e_{sea}^2 \det[U, A]''$$

$$\rightarrow O_{QCD+QED} \simeq O_{isoQCD} + \delta m O'_{\delta m} + e_{val} O'_e + e_{val}^2 O''_e$$

# RM123 method

$$\begin{aligned}\left\langle V_k^{c,I}(x) V_k^I(0) \right\rangle &= \left. \left\langle V_k^{c,I}(x) V_k^I(0) \right\rangle \right|_{e=0, m_f=\hat{m}} + \frac{1}{2} e^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial e^2} \left. \left\langle V_k^{c,I}(x) V_k^I(0) \right\rangle \right|_{e=0, m_f=\hat{m}} + \\ &+ (m_f - \hat{m}) \frac{\partial}{\partial m_f} \left. \left\langle V_k^{c,I}(x) V_k^I(0) \right\rangle \right|_{e=0, m_f=\hat{m}} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

- [+] no need to generate new configurations
- [+] corrections are measured as  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  observables
- [-] calculations of many diagrams needed

# Photon propagator

- The photon field is Gaussian distributed in momentum space

$$S_{\gamma}^{Feyn.} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k,\mu,\nu} \tilde{A}_{\mu}^*(k) \hat{k}_{\nu}^2 \tilde{A}_{\mu}(k), \quad \hat{k}_{\mu} = 2 \sin\left(\frac{k_{\mu}}{2}\right), \quad k_{\mu} = \frac{(2x_{\mu} + c_{\mu})\pi}{L_{\mu}}$$

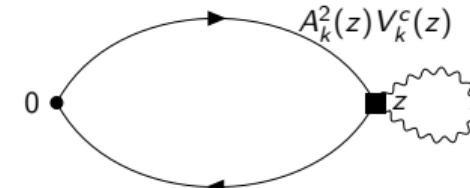
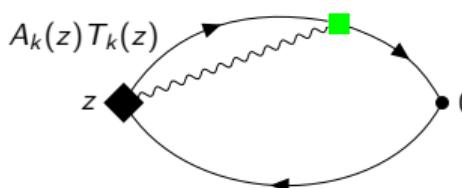
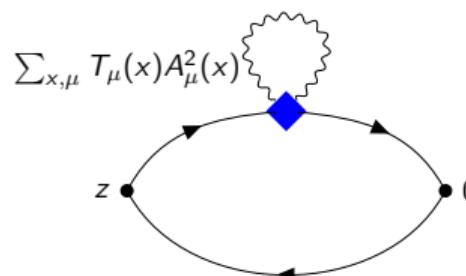
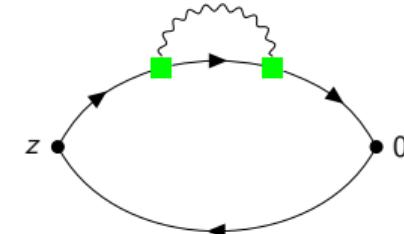
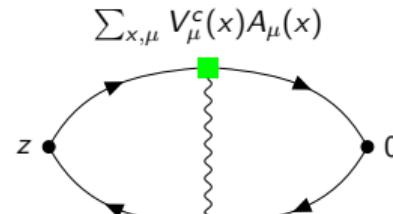
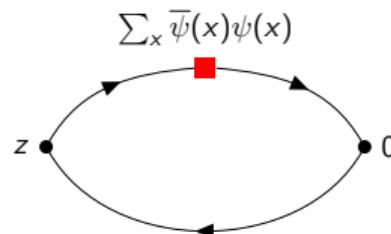
- Propagator in the Feynman gauge is stochastically estimated with

$$\hat{A}_{\mu}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_k \frac{e^{-ikx}}{\sqrt{\hat{k}^2}} \tilde{B}_{\mu}(k), \quad P(B) \propto \exp(-B_{\mu}^2(k))$$

$$\Lambda_{\mu\nu}(x-y) = \frac{\delta_{\mu\nu}}{N} \sum_k \frac{e^{ik(x-y)}}{\hat{k}^2} \simeq \frac{1}{n_{src}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{src}} \hat{A}_{\mu}^i(x) \hat{A}_{\nu}^i(y)$$

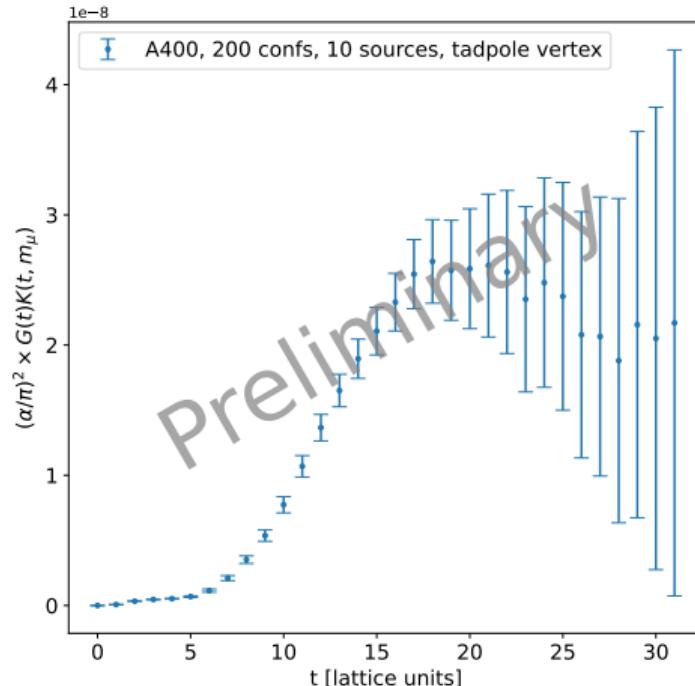
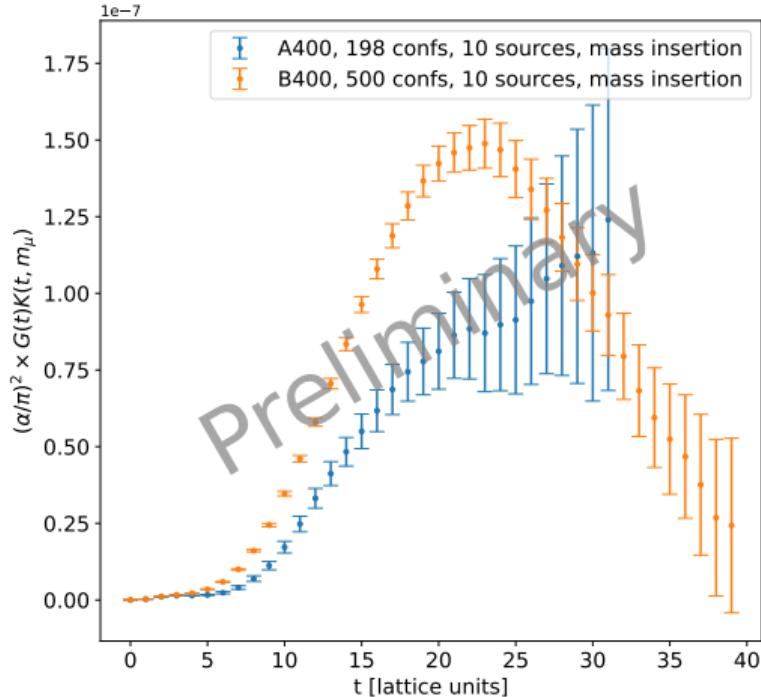
# RM123 method

- Leading IB effects in the electro-quenched approximation  $\implies e_{sea} = 0$



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Work in progress...



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Simulation details:

ensemble	V	$\beta$	$\alpha$	$\kappa_u$	$\kappa_{d,s}$	$\kappa_c$	$c_{SW}^{\text{SU}(3)}$	$c_{SW}^{\text{U}(1)}$
A380a07b324	$64 \times 32^3$	3.24	0.007299	0.13459164	0.13444333	0.12806355	2.18859	1
A360a50b324	$64 \times 32^3$	3.24	0.05	0.135560	0.134617	0.129583	2.18859	1

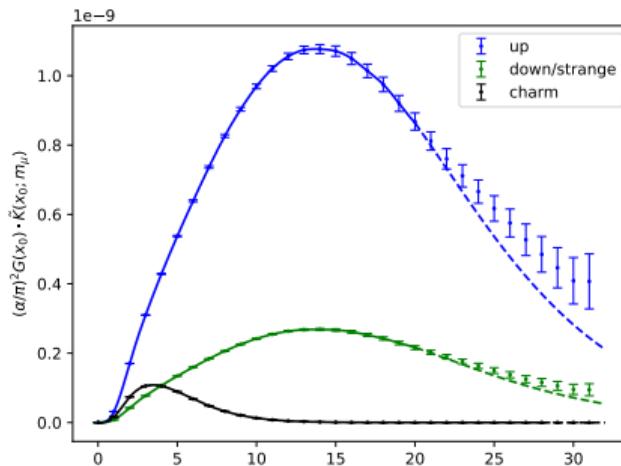
- Wilson action with compact U(1) field

$$S_{g, U(1)} = \frac{1}{8\pi q_{el}^2 \alpha} \sum_x \sum_{\mu \neq \nu} [1 - P_{\mu\nu}^{U(1)}(x)]$$

with  $q_{el}$  elementary charge,  $P_{\mu\nu}^{U(1)}$  plaquette

- $c_{SW}^{\text{SU}(3)}$  correct up to  $O(\alpha)$  terms, tree level improvement for U(1)
- $N_f = 1 + 2 + 1 \rightarrow$  non-physical degenerate  $d$  and  $s$  quarks

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**Figure:** Integrand of the connected  $\text{HVP}^{x_0}$  contribution for the A380a07b324 ensemble

- Results for the mixed correlator  $G^c(x_0)$
- Ren. constants are not considered yet

$$V_\mu^R(x) = V_\mu^c(x) + \mathcal{O}(\partial_\nu F^{\nu\mu}) \quad [\text{Collins et al., 0512187}]$$

- signal-to-noise ratio similar to the QCD case

ensemble	n. cfg	$\alpha_R$	flavor	$am_V$	$a_\mu^{\text{HVP}} \times 10^{10}$
A360a50b324	181	0.040633(80)	up	0.267(8)	309(11)
			down/strange	0.262(7)	77(2)
			charm		10.62(11)
A380a07b324	200	0.007081(19)	up	0.266(4)	331(7)
			down/strange	0.265(6)	83(2)
			charm		9.78(10)

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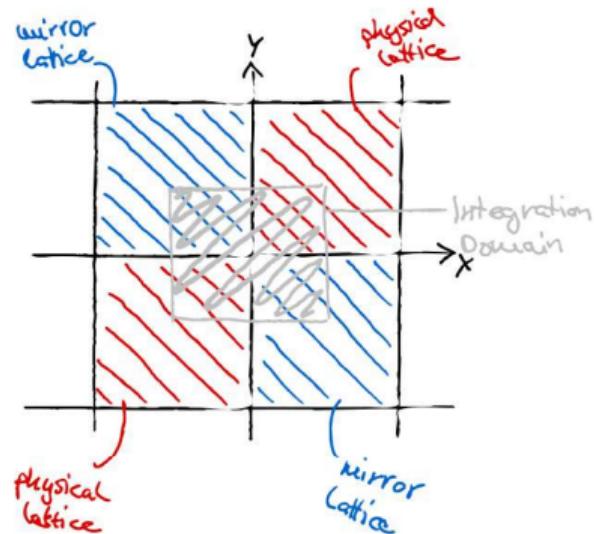
- We computed the connected HVP on two QCD and two QCD+QED ensembles with  $C^*$  b.c.
- Signal-to-noise ratio good for QCD and at the physical  $\alpha_{EM}$
- The results are not extrapolated:  $a \sim 0.05$ ,  $360 < m_\pi < 400$  MeV
- Ongoing work:
  - ★ RM123 method for QCD ensembles
  - ★ disconnected diagrams for QCD and QCD+QED
  - ★ variance-reduction techniques: low-mode averaging [[De Grand & Schaefer, 0401011](#) ]
- Long-term:
  - ★ generation of new ensembles
  - ★ extrapolation to the physical point

Backup slides

# HVP with C<sup>\*</sup> bcs

- C<sup>\*</sup> boundaries in  $\hat{i} \Rightarrow p_i = \frac{\pi}{L}(2\mathbb{Z} + 1)$  for  $A_\mu$
- the vector current is a C-odd operator
- zero-momentum projection is not possible
- the spatial integration domain in TMR should be set to

$$\left( -\frac{L}{2}, \frac{L}{2} \right)^3$$



[Sofie Martins(Lattice22) ]

# HVP with C<sup>\*</sup> bcs

Vector current in the doublet formulation

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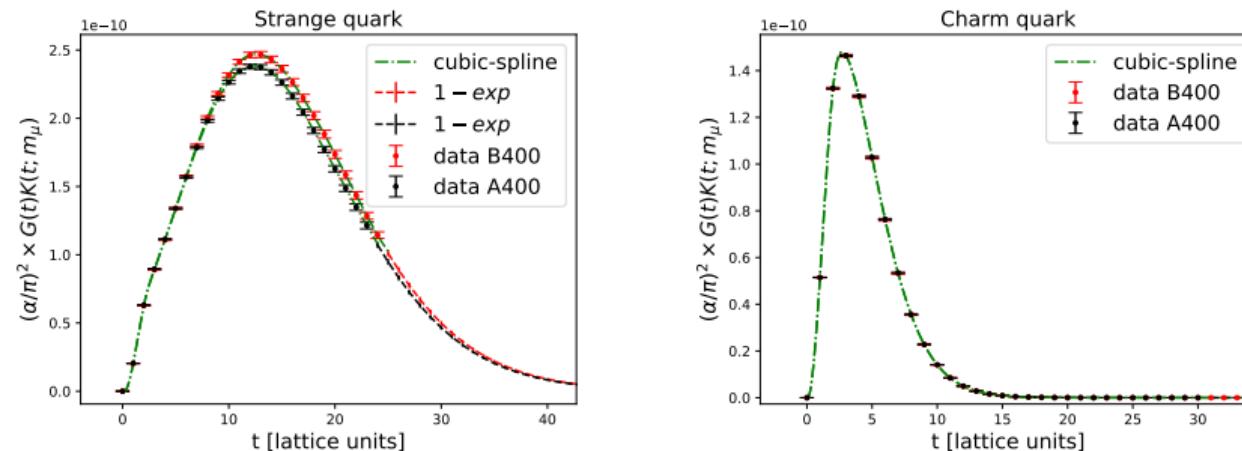
In terms of Dirac spinors

$$-\text{tr}_{CD}[D^{-1}(x_1|y)\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 D^{-1\dagger}(x_1|y)\gamma_5\gamma_\nu - (D^{-1})(x_2|y)\gamma_\mu\gamma_5(D^{-1})^\dagger(x_2|y)\gamma_5\gamma_\nu],$$

$$\vec{x}_1 \in (-L, L)^3, \quad \vec{x}_2 \in ((-2L, L) \cup (L, 2L))^3$$

# QCD with $C^*$ b.c.: strange and charm contributions

- Connected LO-HVP for lattice volumes  $64 \times 32^3$  and  $80 \times 48^3$



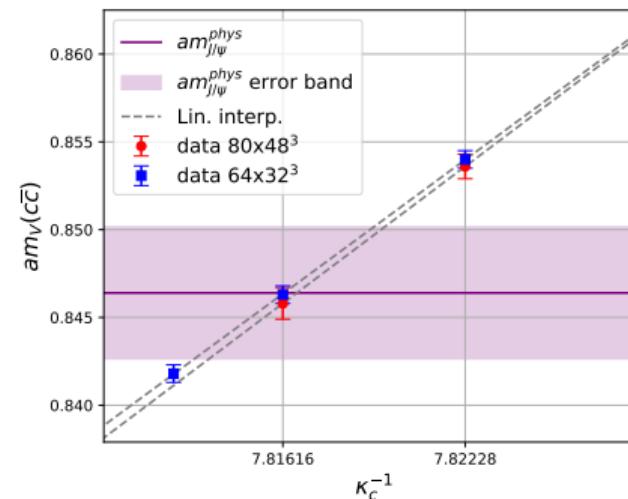
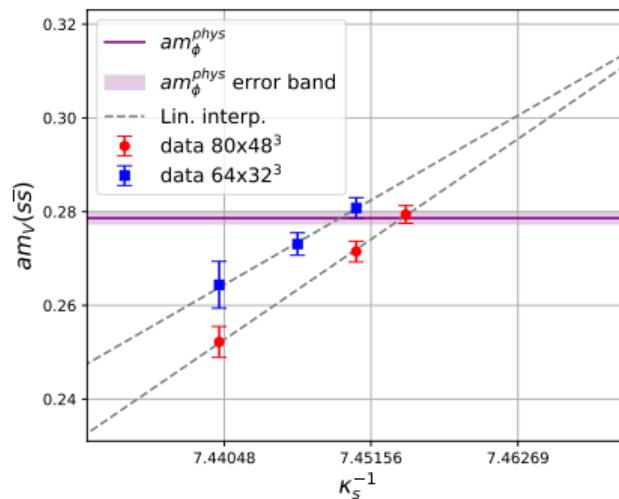
ensemble	n. cnfg	type	$am_V^s$	$a_\mu^s \times 10^{-10}$	$am_V^c$	$a_\mu^c \times 10^{-10}$
A400a00b324	200	//	0.2808(22)	46.7(7)	0.8463(5)	7.83(8)
		cl	0.2796(29)	46.2(7)	0.8462(5)	6.18(7)
B400a00b324	108	//	0.2794(19)	48.5(7)	0.8458(9)	7.81(9)
		cl	0.2791(20)	48.0(7)	0.8454(8)	6.16(7)

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- tuning of  $\kappa_{s,c}^{\text{val}}$ : change the valence hopping parameters such that  $m_V^{s\bar{s}}$ ,  $m_V^{c\bar{c}}$  match (disconnected and QED effects are neglected)

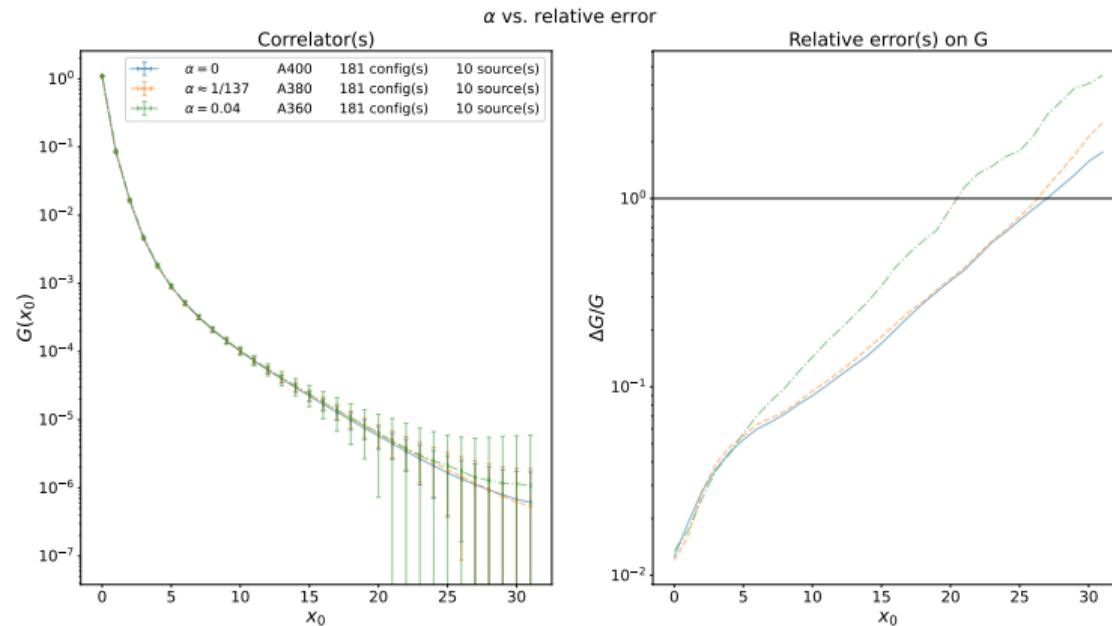
$$m_\phi^{\text{phys}} = 1019.461(20) \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_{J/\psi}^{\text{phys}} = 3096.900(6) \text{ MeV}$$



# QCD+QED with C<sup>\*</sup> b.c.

- comparison of the relative error for three values of  $\alpha$



ensemble	lattice	flavor	$\alpha$	$a$ [fm]	$m_{\pi^\pm}$ [MeV]
A400a00b324	$64 \times 32^3$	$3 + 1$	0	0.05393(24)	398.5(4.7)
A380a07b324	$64 \times 32^3$	$1 + 2 + 1$	0.007299	0.05323(28)	383.6(4.4)
A360a50b324	$64 \times 32^3$	$1 + 2 + 1$	0.05	0.05054(27)	358.6(3.7)