

# Structure-dependent electromagnetic finite-size effects

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# Motivation

- Top row unitarity of CKM matrix: **Study**  $\frac{|V_{us}|}{|V_{ud}|}$
- Leptonic decays:  $P^- \rightarrow \ell^- \nu_\ell[\gamma]$  for  $P = \pi, K$

$$\Gamma(P^- \rightarrow \ell^- \nu_\ell[\gamma]) = \Gamma^{\text{tree}} [1 + \delta R_P]$$

$$\Gamma^{\text{tree}} = \frac{G_F^2}{8\pi} |V_{ij}|^2 f_P^2 m_P m_\ell^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_\ell^2}{m_P^2}\right)^2$$

- $\delta R_P$ :  $\alpha \neq 0$  and  $m_u \neq m_d$
- Ratios of decays:  $K_{\ell 2}/\pi_{\ell 2} \rightarrow$  combine **experiment** and **theory**

$$\frac{|V_{us}|^2}{|V_{ud}|^2} = \frac{\Gamma(K^- \rightarrow \ell^- \nu_\ell[\gamma])}{\Gamma(\pi^- \rightarrow \ell^- \nu_\ell[\gamma])} \frac{m_{K^-}^3}{m_{\pi^-}^3} \frac{(m_{\pi^-}^2 - m_{\mu^-}^2)^2}{(m_{K^-}^2 - m_{\mu^-}^2)^2} \frac{(f_\pi/f_K)^2}{1 + \delta R_K - \delta R_\pi}$$

- **Obtain theory part from lattice:** reaching percent level precision  
 $\implies$  **isospin breaking needed!**  $\implies$  **Lattice QCD+QED**

# QED in a finite volume

- Difficult to define charged states in finite volume with periodic boundary conditions (Gauss' law)
- Related to absence of mass gap in QED and zero-modes of photon
- **We choose QED<sub>L</sub>**: Photon zero-mode subtracted on every time slice  
[Hayakawa, Uno 2008]

$$\sum_{\mathbf{k}} \longrightarrow \sum'_{\mathbf{k}} = \sum_{\mathbf{k} \neq 0}$$

- **Finite-volume effects**: Typically larger from QED than QCD only
- **Analytically**: Finite-size effects in observable  $\mathcal{O}(L)$  given by:

$$\Delta\mathcal{O}(L) = \mathcal{O}(L) - \mathcal{O}_{\text{IV}} = \left( \frac{1}{L^3} \sum'_{\mathbf{k}} - \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \right) \int \frac{dk_4}{2\pi} f_{\mathcal{O}}(k = (k_4, \mathbf{k}), \dots)$$

- **Soft photons travel far**: Expand in small  $|\mathbf{k}| = \frac{2\pi|\mathbf{n}|}{L} \implies$  expansion in  $L$

- Massless photon  $\implies$  QED finite-size effects (FSEs):

$$\Delta\mathcal{O}(L) = \mathcal{O}(L) - \mathcal{O}_{\text{IV}} = C_0 + C_{\log} \log m_P L + C_1 \frac{1}{m_P L} + C_2 \frac{1}{(m_P L)^2} + \dots$$

- **Scaling in  $L$  is observable-dependent:** e.g. self-energy  $C_0 = C_{\log} = 0$
- **Coefficients depend on physical particle properties:** masses, charges, structure (**form-factors**): Point-like + structure-dependent
- **What we do:**
  - 1 FSEs in a model-independent, relativistic set-up including structure-dependence: **General**
  - 2 Derive leading structure-dependence in self-energy ( $1/L^3$ ) and leptonic decays ( $1/L^2$ )  $\longrightarrow$  **Only physical quantities appear**

# Leptonic decays

- Infrared-divergent process:

$$\Gamma (P^- \rightarrow \ell^- \nu_\ell [\gamma]) = \Gamma_0 + \Gamma_1(\Delta E_\gamma)$$

- RM-123/Soton strategy 2015: Add and subtract point-like  $\Gamma_0^{\text{pt}}$

$$\Gamma_0 + \Gamma_1(\Delta E_\gamma) = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} [\Gamma_0(L) - \Gamma_0^{\text{pt}}(L)] + \lim_{m_\gamma \rightarrow 0} [\Gamma_0^{\text{pt}}(m_\gamma) + \Gamma_1(m_\gamma, \Delta E_\gamma)]$$

- RM-123/Soton 2017:  $\Gamma_0^{\text{pt}}(L)$  calculated to give

$$\Gamma_0(L) - \Gamma_0^{\text{pt}}(L) \sim \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{L^2}\right)$$

- Our proposal: Replace  $\Gamma_0^{\text{pt}}(L)$  by

$$\Gamma_0^{(n)}(L) = \Gamma_0^{\text{pt}}(L) + \sum_{j=2}^n \Delta\Gamma_0^{(j)}(L)$$

- $\Delta\Gamma_0^{(j)}(L)$  are here the FSEs of order  $1/L^j$ , containing both point-like and structure terms

# Leptonic decays

- The residual volume-scaling is thus

$$\Gamma_0(L) - \Gamma_0^{(n)}(L) \sim \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{L^{n+1}}\right)$$

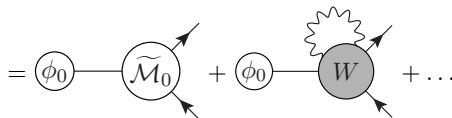
- Define the dimensionless FV function  $Y^{(n)}(L)$  as

$$\Gamma_0^{(n)}(L) = \Gamma_0^{\text{tree}} \left[ 1 + 2 \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} Y^{(n)}(L) \right] + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{L^{n+1}}\right)$$

- NB:**  $Y^{(1)}(L) = Y(L)$  of [RM-123/Soton, 2017]

- Euclidean correlator for the decay  $P^- \rightarrow \ell^- \nu_\ell$

$$C_W^{rs}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}_\ell) = \int d^4z e^{ipz} \langle \ell^-, \mathbf{p}_\ell, r; \nu_\ell, \mathbf{p}_{\nu_\ell}, s | T[\mathcal{O}_W(z)\phi^\dagger(0)] | 0 \rangle$$



- Key to our method: Define structure-dependent kernels

# The Compton scattering amplitude

- Need to define kernels: **Compton scattering amplitude**

$$C_{\mu\nu}(p, k, q) = \text{---} \textcircled{C} \text{---}$$

$$\lim_{p^2 \rightarrow -m_{P,0}^2} C_{\mu\nu}(p, k, -k) = e^2 \int d^4x e^{-ik \cdot x} \langle P, \mathbf{p} | T \{ J_\mu(x) J_\nu(0) \} | P, \mathbf{p} \rangle$$

- **Step 1:** Decompose into irreducible vertex functions  $\Gamma_1 = \Gamma_\mu$ ,  $\Gamma_2 = \Gamma_{\mu\nu}$

$$\text{---} \textcircled{C} \text{---} = \text{---} \textcircled{\Gamma_1} \text{---} \text{---} \textcircled{\Gamma_1} \text{---} + \text{---} \textcircled{\Gamma_2} \text{---}$$

- Amplitude  $C_{\mu\nu}(p, k, q)$  satisfies Ward identities:

- $\Gamma_\mu$  and  $\Gamma_{\mu\nu}$  must satisfy these, **but arbitrary separation!**

# Decomposing vertex functions

- **Step 2:** Form-factor decomposition (**structure-dependence!**)

$$\Gamma_\mu(p, k) = (2p + k)_\mu F(k^2, (p + k)^2, p^2) + k_\mu G(k^2, (p + k)^2, p^2)$$

- Contains both on-shell and off-shell dependence

$$F^{(1,0,0)}(0, -m_P^2, -m_P^2) \equiv F'(0) = -\langle r_P^2 \rangle / 6$$

- $F^{(0,0,1)}(0, -m_{P,0}^2, -m_{P,0}^2)$ : **Unphysical derivative!**  $\rightarrow$  Must always cancel in the end!
- What about  $G(k^2, (p + k)^2, p^2)$ ,  $F^{(0,0,n)}(0, -m_P^2, -m_P^2) \dots?$



# Decomposing vertex functions

- **Step 3:** Use Ward identities, e.g.

$$k_\mu \Gamma^\mu(p, k) = D(p+k)^{-1} - D(p)^{-1}$$

- Define full propagator ( $Z(p^2)$ ):  $z_n$  [BMW 2015; RM-123/Soton 2017])

$$D(p) = \frac{Z(p^2)}{p^2 + m_p^2}$$

- Ward identity yields  $G$  as a function of  $F$  and

$$F(0, p^2, -m^2) = F(0, -m^2, p^2) = Z(p^2)^{-1}$$

- We see e.g.  $z_1 = F^{(0,0,1)}(0, -m_{P,0}^2, -m_{P,0}^2)$

- **Unphysical derivative!**  $\rightarrow$  **Must always cancel in the end!**

- **Equivalently:** We could put all non-physical quantities to zero directly

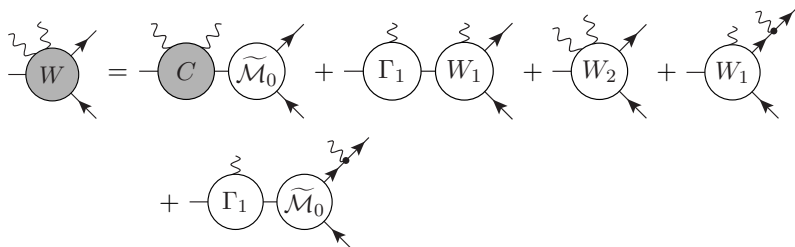
$$F(k^2, (p+k)^2, p^2) \rightarrow F(k^2) = 1 + k^2 F'(0) + \dots$$

$$Z(p^2) \rightarrow 1$$

- **Step 4:** Expand kernel functions order by order in  $k \rightarrow$  arbitrary order in  $1/L$

# Leptonic decays

- Need to define kernels: **Play the same game for  $1/L^2$  effects**



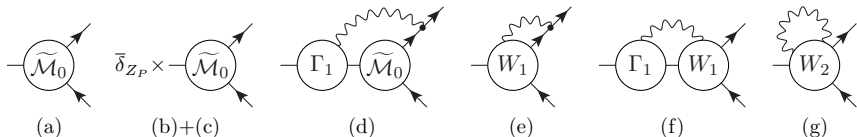
- $W_1$  and  $W_2$  depend on unphysical off-shell derivatives of the decay constant:  
 $f_n$  [RM-123/Soton 2017]
- $W_1$ :  $A_1(k^2, (p+k)^2)$ ,  $V_1(k^2, (p+k)^2)$ : appear in  $P^- \rightarrow \ell^- \nu_e \gamma$
- On-shell:  $F_A^P = A_1(0, -m_P^2)$  and  $F_V^P = V_1(0, -m_P^2)$
- Known from chiral perturbation theory [Bijnens, Ecker, Gasser 1992], lattice [RM-123/Soton 2020], experiment [...] (**Discrepancies** [RM-123/Soton 2020])

# Diagrams

- Matrix element from reduction formula (be consistent with orders in e!)

$$\mathcal{M}^{rs} = \lim_{p^2 \rightarrow -m_p^2} Z_P^{-1} D(p)^{-1} C_W^{rs}(p, p_\ell)$$

- Contributions to  $\mathcal{M}^{rs}$ :



- Use definitions of kernel functions including  $z_n$  and  $f_n$

$$\Delta|\mathcal{M}|^2(L) = \left( \frac{1}{L^3} \sum_{\mathbf{k}}' - \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \right) \int \frac{dk_4}{2\pi} f_{\mathcal{M}}(k = (k_4, \mathbf{k}), \mathbf{v}_\ell, \dots)$$

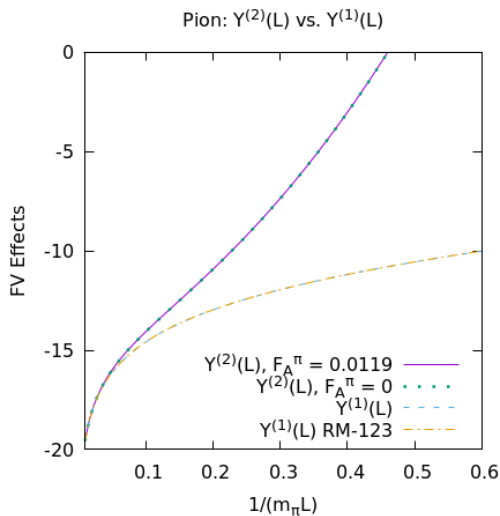
- Expand in small  $|\mathbf{k}| = \frac{2\pi|\mathbf{n}|}{L} \implies$  expansion in  $L$
- Sum-integral differences related to finite-size coefficients  $c_j(\mathbf{v}_\ell)$

- Diagrams give  $Y^{(n)}(L)$  for  $n = 2$  as

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y^{(2)}(L) = & \frac{3}{4} + 4 \log \left( \frac{m_\ell}{m_W} \right) + \frac{c_3 - 2 c_3(\mathbf{v}_\ell)}{2\pi} - 2 A_1(\mathbf{v}_\ell) + 2 \log \left( \frac{m_W L}{4\pi} \right) \\
 & - 2 A_1(\mathbf{v}_\ell) \left[ \log \left( \frac{m_P L}{4\pi} \right) + \log \left( \frac{m_\ell L}{4\pi} \right) \right] - \frac{1}{m_P L} \left[ \frac{(1 + r_\ell^2)^2 c_2 - 4 r_\ell^2 c_2(\mathbf{v}_\ell)}{1 - r_\ell^4} \right] \\
 & + \frac{1}{(m_P L)^2} \left[ - \frac{F_A^P}{f_P} \frac{4\pi m_P [(1 + r_\ell^2)^2 c_1 - 4 r_\ell^2 c_1(\mathbf{v}_\ell)]}{1 - r_\ell^4} + \frac{8\pi [(1 + r_\ell^2) c_1 - 2 c_1(\mathbf{v}_\ell)]}{(1 - r_\ell^4)} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

- All unphysical quantities vanish, i.e. we could put  $f_n = z_n = 0$  from the start (as they must at all orders in  $1/L$ )
- Only  $F_A^P$  appears
- Charge radii  $\langle r_P^2 \rangle$  cancel between diagrams due to charge conservation
- $c_j(\mathbf{v}_\ell)$  FS coefficients previously only known for  $j < 3$ , now for all  $j \geq 3$  too

# Numerical results: Physical Pion



- Perfect agreement with RM-123/Soton for  $Y^{(1)}(L)$
- The  $1/L^2$ -correction is sizeable
- Point-like  $1/L^2$  completely dominates

# Conclusions

- With model-independent principles it is indeed possible to predict FSEs beyond the point-like approximation (only physical form-factors and derivatives appear)
- Self-energy ( $1/L^3$ ):
  - Charge radii  $\langle r_P^2 \rangle$
  - Non-locality of QED<sub>L</sub>: Branch-cut
- Leptonic decays ( $1/L^2$ ):
  - Radiative leptonic decay axial form-factor  $F_A^P$
  - Charge radii cancel because of charge conservation
- Our method is general, and new software released
  - Infrared divergent FS coefficients
- Future: Semi-leptonic decays, ...