

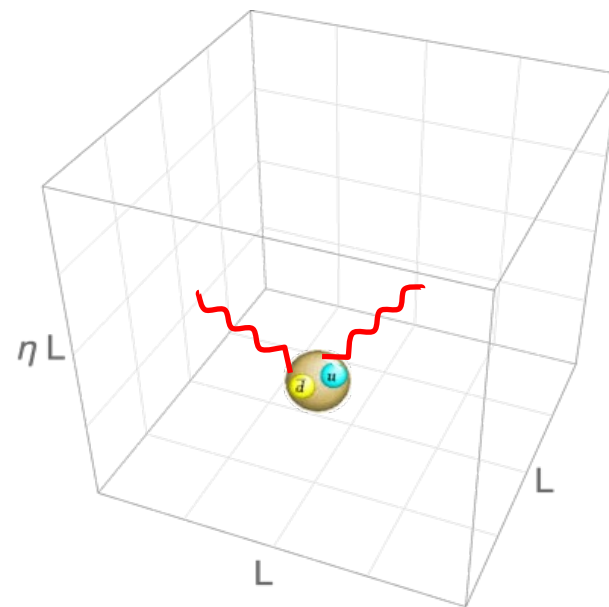
# Magnetic polarizability of a charged pion from four-point functions

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# Hadron polarizabilities (in units of $10^{-4} \text{ fm}^3$ )

- Polarizabilities encode information on charge and current distributions inside hadrons at low energies.
- An active community in nuclear physics is engaged in the effort (experiment, theory, lattice QCD)

- 1) Hadrons are stiff
- 2) QCD+QED

Charged pion ( $\pi^\pm$ )     $\alpha_E = 2.0(6)(7) = -\beta_M$  (PDG)  
 $\alpha_E = 2.93(5), \beta_M = -2.77(11)$  (ChPT)

Neutral pion ( $\pi^0$ )     $\alpha_E = -0.69(7)(4) = -\beta_M$  (PDG)  
 $\alpha_E = -0.40(18), \beta_M = 1.50(27)$  (ChPT)

Charged kaon ( $K^\pm$ )     $\alpha_E = 0.58 = -\beta_M$  (ChPT)

Proton     $\alpha_{E1} = 11.2(0.4), \beta_{M1} = 2.5(1.2)$  (PDG)  
 $\alpha_{E1} = 11.2(0.7), \beta_{M1} = 3.9(0.7)$  (ChPT)  
 $\gamma_{E1E1} = -3.3(0.8), \gamma_{M1M1} = 2.9(1.5),$   
 $\gamma_{E1M2} = -0.2(0.2), \gamma_{M1E2} = 1.1(0.3)$  (ChPT)

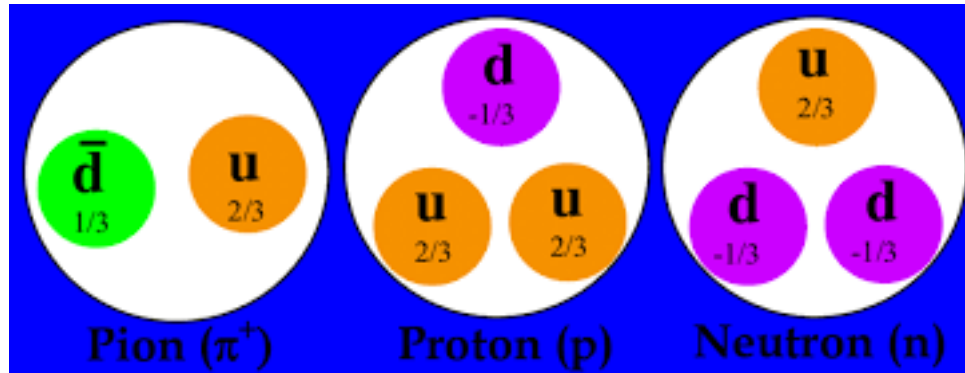
Neutron     $\alpha_{E1} = 11.8(1.1), \beta_{M1} = 3.7(1.2)$  (PDG)  
 $\alpha_{E1} = 13.7(3.1), \beta_{M1} = 4.6(2.7)$  (ChPT)  
 $\gamma_{E1E1} = -4.7(1.1), \gamma_{M1M1} = 2.9(1.5),$   
 $\gamma_{E1M2} = 0.2(0.2), \gamma_{M1E2} = 1.6(0.4)$  (ChPT)

IJMPA34 (2019),  
Moinester and Scherer

Eur. Phys. J. C75 (2015)  
Lensky, McGovern,  
Pascalutsa

Symmetry (2020),  
Hagelstein.

# Background field method in QCD



Interaction Hamiltonian for weak fields:

$$\begin{aligned}
 H = & -\vec{p} \cdot \vec{E} - \vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B} - \frac{1}{2}\alpha E^2 - \frac{1}{2}\beta B^2 \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \left( \gamma_{E1} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{E} \times \vec{E} + \gamma_{M1} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{B} \times \vec{B} - 2\gamma_{E2} E_{ij} \sigma_i B_j + 2\gamma_{M2} B_{ij} \sigma_i E_j \right) \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} (\alpha_{E\nu} \vec{E}^2 + \beta_{M\nu} \vec{B}^2) - \frac{1}{12} 4\pi (\alpha_{E2} E_{ij}^2 + \beta_{M2} B_{ij}^2) + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

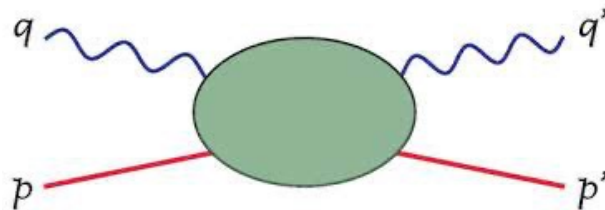
It works well for neutral hadrons ( $\pi^0$ ,  $K^0$ , n)

New challenges arise for **charged** particles in background field method:

- **Acceleration** in electric fields
- **Landau levels** in magnetic field
- They come at leading order (polarizabilities at 2nd order)
- Their energies must be disentangled from the total to obtain the deformation energy on which polarizabilities are defined.

Alternative approach: **four-point functions**

- Mimics the Compton scattering process on the lattice
- Instead of background field, electromagnetic currents couple to quarks
- All photon, gluon, and quark interactions are included
- Charged and neutral hadrons are on equal footing



# Charged pion polarizability formulas

$$\alpha_E = \frac{\alpha \langle r_E^2 \rangle}{3m_\pi} + \frac{2\alpha}{\mathbf{q}^2} \int_0^\infty dt \left[ Q_{44}(\mathbf{q}, t) - Q_{44}^{elas}(\mathbf{q}, t) \right]$$

$$\beta_M = -\frac{\alpha \langle r_E^2 \rangle}{3m_\pi} + \frac{2\alpha}{\mathbf{q}^2} \int_0^\infty dt \left[ Q_{11}^{inel}(\mathbf{q}, t) - Q_{11}^{inel}(\mathbf{0}, t) \right]$$

Charge radius can be extracted from elastic part of the same  $Q_{44}$ ,

$$Q_{44}^{elas}(\mathbf{q}, t) = \frac{(E_\pi + m_\pi)^2}{4E_\pi m_\pi} F_\pi^2(\mathbf{q}^2) e^{-a(E_\pi(\mathbf{q}) - m_\pi)t}$$

PRD104 (2021), Wilcox, Lee

PRD108 (2023), Lee, Alexandru, Culver, Wilcox

arXiv:2307.08620 (2023), Lee, Wilcox, Alexandru, Culver

# Proton formulas

$$\alpha_E = \frac{\alpha \langle r_E^2 \rangle}{3m_p} + \frac{\alpha(1 + \kappa^2)}{4m_p^3} + \frac{2\alpha}{\mathbf{q}^2} \int_0^\infty dt [Q_{44}(\mathbf{q}, t) - Q_{44}^{elas}(\mathbf{q}, t)]$$

$$\beta_M = -\frac{\alpha \langle r_E^2 \rangle}{3m_p} - \frac{\alpha(1 + \kappa + \kappa^2)}{2m_p^3} + \frac{2\alpha}{\mathbf{q}^2} \int_0^\infty dt [Q_{11}(\mathbf{q}, t) - Q_{11}^{elas}(\mathbf{q}, t) - Q_{11}(\mathbf{0}, t)]$$

$$Q_{44}^{elas}(\mathbf{q}, t) \xrightarrow{t \gg 1} \left[ 1 - \mathbf{q}^2 \left( \frac{1}{4m_p^2} + \frac{\langle r_E^2 \rangle}{3} \right) \right] e^{-(E_p - m_p)t}$$

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PRD104 (2021), Wilcox, Lee

# Neutron formulas

$$\alpha_E = \frac{\alpha \kappa^2}{4m_p^3} + \frac{2\alpha}{\mathbf{q}^2} \int_0^\infty dt Q_{44}(\mathbf{q}, t)$$

$$\beta_M = -\frac{\alpha \kappa^2}{2m_p^3} + \frac{2\alpha}{\mathbf{q}^2} \int_0^\infty dt [Q_{11}(\mathbf{q}, t) - Q_{11}^{elas}(\mathbf{q}, t) - Q_{11}(\mathbf{0}, t)]$$

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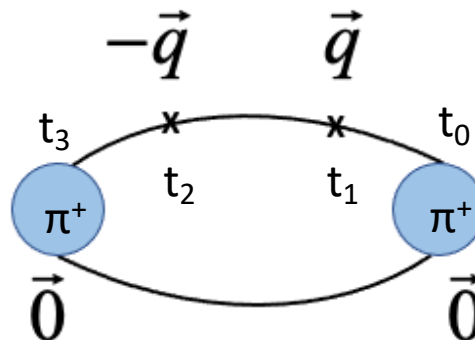
# Four-point function in lattice QCD

$$\frac{\sum_{\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_0} e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}_2} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}_1} \langle \Omega | \psi^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_3) : j_\mu^L(\mathbf{x}_2) j_\nu^L(\mathbf{x}_1) : \psi(\mathbf{x}_0) | \Omega \rangle}{\sum_{\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_0} \langle \Omega | \psi^\dagger(\mathbf{x}_3) \psi(\mathbf{x}_0) | \Omega \rangle}$$

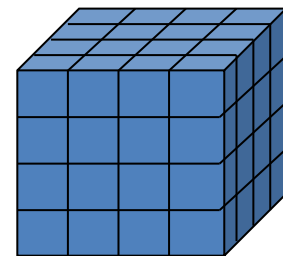
$$\equiv Q_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{q}, t_3, t_2, t_1, t_0)$$

## Kinematics

(zero-momentum Breit frame)



Path integrals  
in Euclidean  
spacetime



## Proof-of-concept simulation:

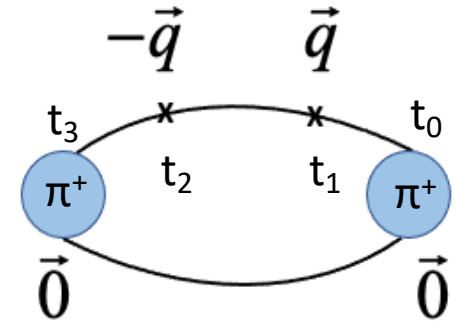
- Quenched Wilson action on  $24^3 \times 48$  lattice with spacing  $a=0.085$  fm.
- Dirichlet boundary condition in time, periodic in space.
- Quark mass parameter  $\kappa=0.1520, 0.1543, 0.1555, 0.1565$  corresponding to pion mass  $m_\pi=1100, 800, 600, 370$  MeV. Analyzed 1000 configurations for each mass.
- 5 momenta  $\mathbf{q}=\{0,0,0\}, \{0,0,1\}, \{0,1,1\}, \{1,1,1\}, \{0,0,2\}$  per mass

# Operators

$$\frac{\sum_{\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_0} e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}_2} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}_1} \langle \Omega | \psi^\dagger(x_3) : j_\mu^L(x_2) j_\nu^L(x_1) : \psi(x_0) | \Omega \rangle}{\sum_{\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_0} \langle \Omega | \psi^\dagger(x_3) \psi(x_0) | \Omega \rangle} \equiv Q_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{q}, t_3, t_2, t_1, t_0)$$

Charged pion:  $\psi_{\pi^+}(x) = \bar{d}(x) \gamma_5 u(x)$

Local current:  $j_\mu^{(PC)} = Z_V (q_u \bar{u} \gamma_\mu u + q_d \bar{d} \gamma_\mu d)$



Conserved current ( $Z_V=1$ ):

$$j_\mu^{(PS)}(x) = q_u \kappa [-\bar{u}(x)(1 - \gamma_\mu) U_\mu(x) u(x + a\hat{\mu}) + \bar{u}(x + a\hat{\mu})(1 + \gamma_\mu) U_\mu^\dagger(x) u(x)] \\ + q_d \kappa [-\bar{d}(x)(1 - \gamma_\mu) U_\mu(x) d(x + a\hat{\mu}) + \bar{d}(x + a\hat{\mu})(1 + \gamma_\mu) U_\mu^\dagger(x) d(x)]$$

**Current conservation** at momentum  $\mathbf{q}=0$  for  $Q_{44}$ :

$$\frac{\sum_{\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_0} \langle \Omega | \psi(x_3) j_4^L(x_2) j_4^L(x_1) \psi^\dagger(x_0) | \Omega \rangle}{\sum_{\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_0} \langle \Omega | \psi(x_3) \psi^\dagger(x_0) | \Omega \rangle} = q_1 q_2$$

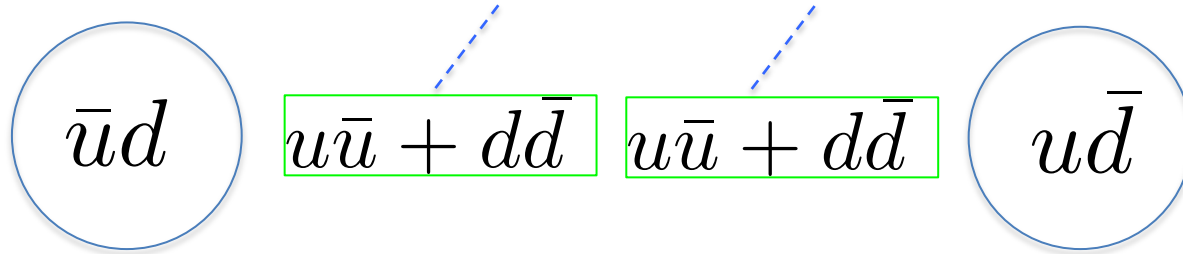
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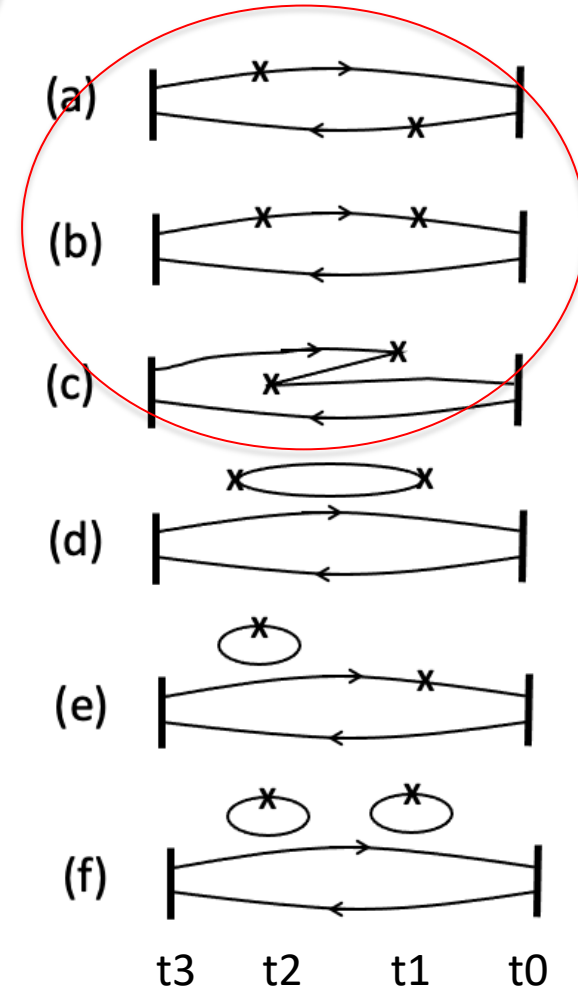
# Wick contractions

$$\frac{\sum_{\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_0} e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}_2} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}_1} \langle \Omega | \psi^\dagger(x_3) : j_\mu^L(x_2) j_\nu^L(x_1) : \psi(x_0) | \Omega \rangle}{\sum_{\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_0} \langle \Omega | \psi^\dagger(x_3) \psi(x_0) | \Omega \rangle}$$

$$\equiv Q_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{q}, t_3, t_2, t_1, t_0)$$



Connected contributions



$$d_4^A = -2 \text{tr} [S(t_1, t_3) \gamma_5 S(t_3, t_2) \gamma_\mu e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}} S(t_2, t_0) \gamma_5 S(t_0, t_1) \gamma_\nu e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}}]$$

$$d_2^{A\text{-bwd}} = -2 \text{tr} [S(t_2, t_3) \gamma_5 S(t_3, t_1) \gamma_\nu e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}} S(t_1, t_0) \gamma_5 S(t_0, t_2) \gamma_\mu e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}}]$$

$$d_1^B = 4 \text{tr} [S(t_2, t_3) \gamma_5 S(t_3, t_0) \gamma_5 S(t_0, t_1) \gamma_\nu e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}} S(t_1, t_2) \gamma_\mu e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}}]$$

$$d_7^{B\text{-bwd}} = 1 \text{tr} [S(t_0, t_3) \gamma_5 S(t_3, t_2) \gamma_\mu e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}} S(t_2, t_1) \gamma_\nu e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}} S(t_1, t_0) \gamma_5]$$

$$d_0^C = 4 \text{tr} [S(t_1, t_3) \gamma_5 S(t_3, t_0) \gamma_5 S(t_0, t_2) \gamma_\mu e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}} S(t_2, t_1) \gamma_\nu e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}}]$$

$$d_9^{C\text{-bwd}} = 1 \text{tr} [S(t_0, t_3) \gamma_5 S(t_3, t_1) \gamma_\nu e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}} S(t_1, t_2) \gamma_\mu e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}} S(t_2, t_0) \gamma_5]$$

$$d_{10}^D = -5 \text{tr} [S(t_0, t_3) \gamma_5 S(t_3, t_0) \gamma_5] \text{tr} [S(t_1, t_2) \gamma_\mu e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}} S(t_2, t_1) \gamma_\nu e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}}]$$

$$d_5^{\text{El}} = -2 \text{tr} [S(t_1, t_3) \gamma_5 S(t_3, t_0) \gamma_5 S(t_0, t_1) \gamma_\nu e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}}] \text{tr} [S(t_2, t_2) \gamma_\mu e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}}]$$

$$d_6^{\text{El-bwd}} = 1 \text{tr} [S(t_0, t_3) \gamma_5 S(t_3, t_1) \gamma_\nu e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}} S(t_1, t_0) \gamma_5] \text{tr} [S(t_2, t_2) \gamma_\mu e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}}]$$

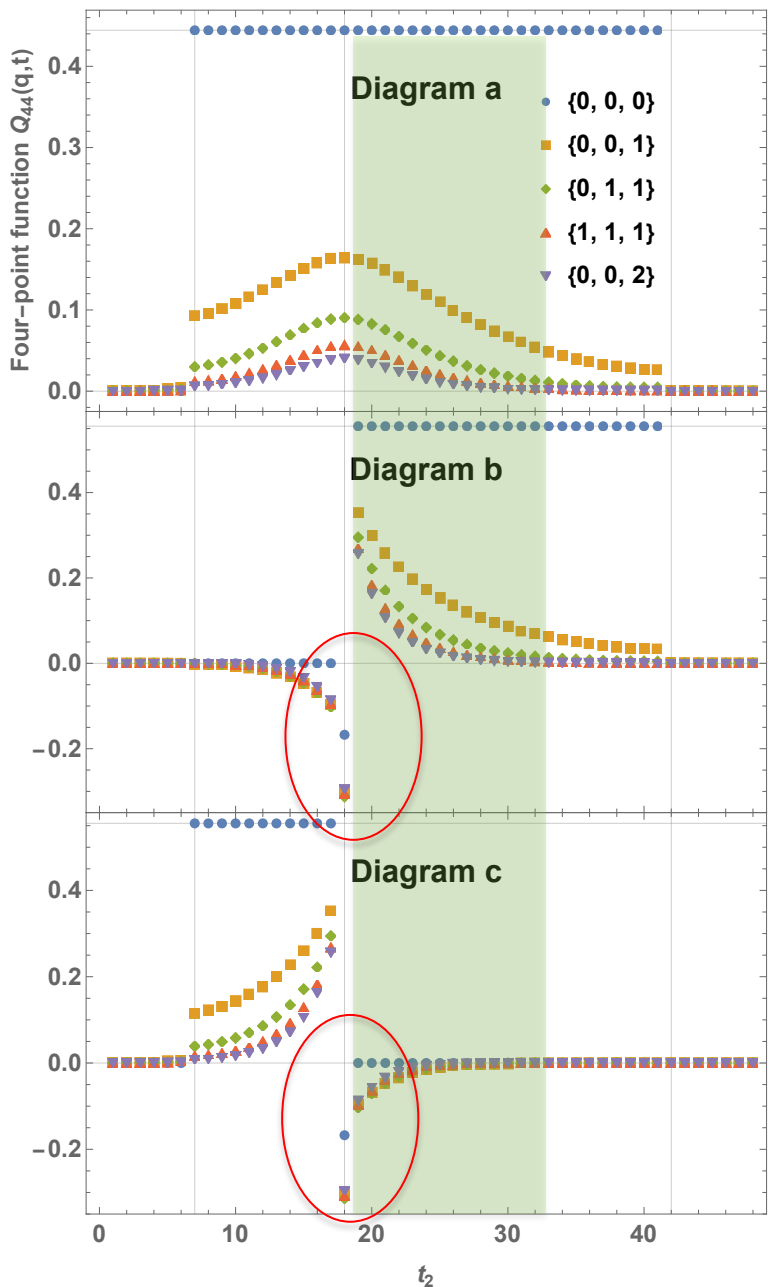
$$d_3^{\text{Er}} = -2 \text{tr} [S(t_2, t_3) \gamma_5 S(t_3, t_0) \gamma_5 S(t_0, t_2) \gamma_\mu e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}}] \text{tr} [S(t_1, t_1) \gamma_\nu e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}}]$$

$$d_8^{\text{Er-bwd}} = 1 \text{tr} [S(t_0, t_3) \gamma_5 S(t_3, t_2) \gamma_\mu e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}} S(t_2, t_0) \gamma_5] \text{tr} [S(t_1, t_1) \gamma_\nu e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}}]$$

$$d_{11}^F = 1 \text{tr} [S(t_0, t_3) \gamma_5 S(t_3, t_0) \gamma_5] \text{tr} [S(t_2, t_2) \gamma_\mu e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}}] \text{tr} [S(t_1, t_1) \gamma_\nu e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}}]$$

Quark propagator  $S_q(t_2, t_1) \equiv \langle q\bar{q} \rangle = \frac{1}{\not{D} + m_q}$

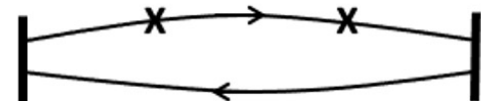
# Four-point functions $Q_{44}$ for $\alpha_E$



←  $4/9 = 2q_u q_{\bar{d}}$  (current conservation at  $\mathbf{q}=0$ )



←  $5/9 = q_u q_u + q_{\bar{d}} q_{\bar{d}}$  (current conservation at  $\mathbf{q}=0$ )

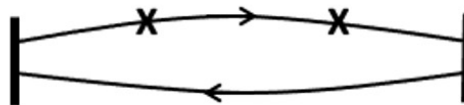
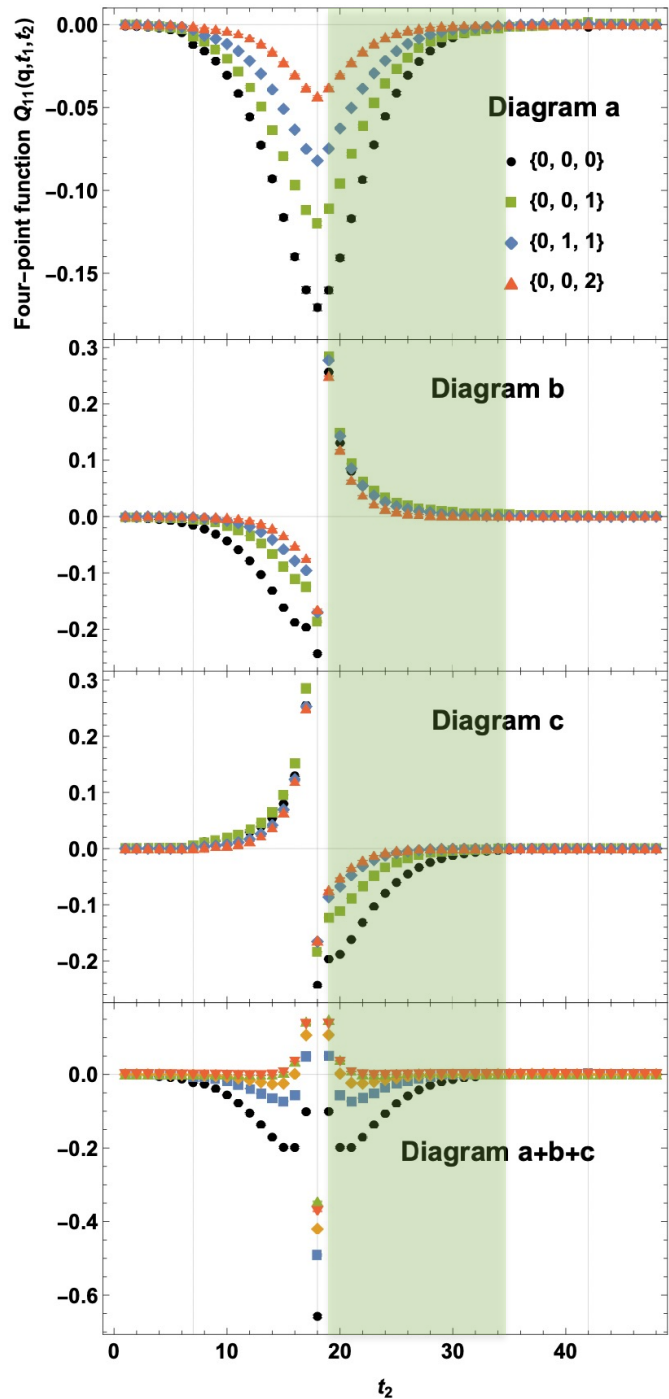


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Diagram b and c have unphysical contact interactions (we avoid  $t_1=t_2$ )

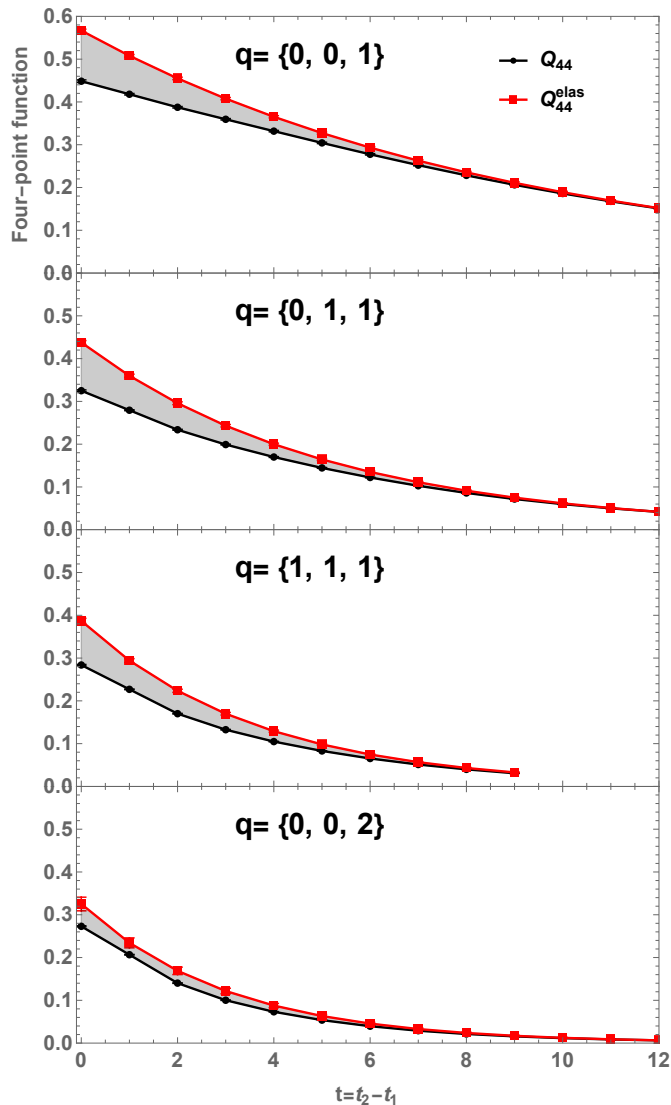
# Four-point functions $Q_{11}$ for $\beta_M$



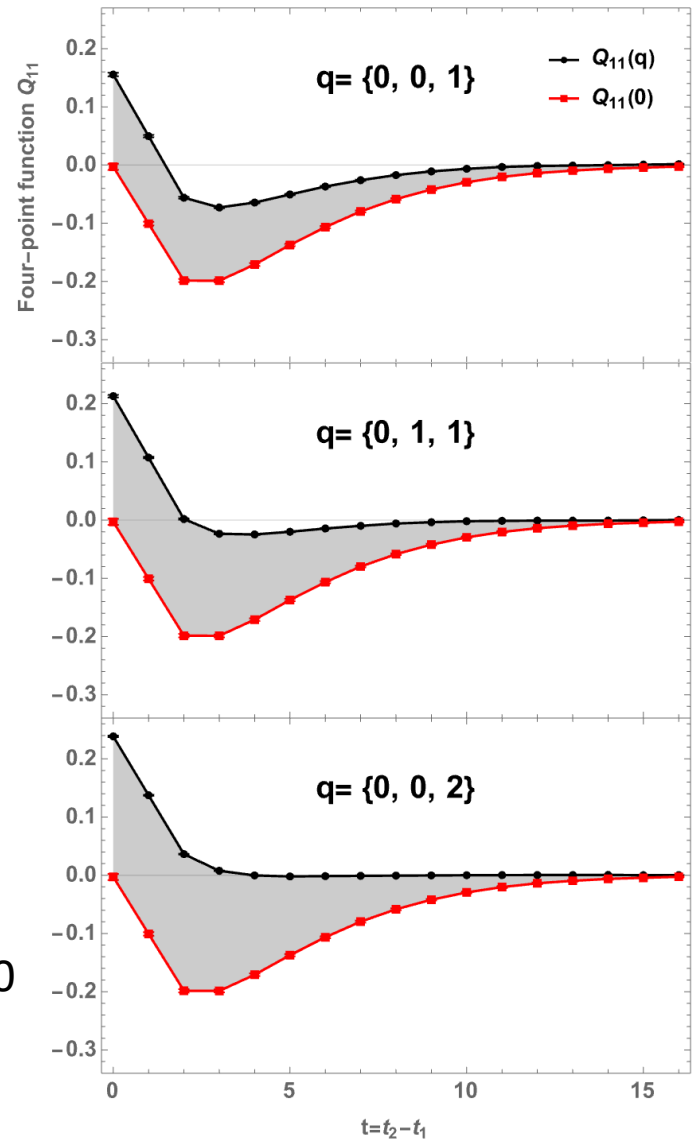
# Time integrals

$$\alpha_E^\pi = \frac{\alpha \langle r_E^2 \rangle}{3m_\pi} + \frac{2\alpha a}{q^2} \int_0^\infty dt [Q_{44}(\mathbf{q}, t) - Q_{44}^{elas}(\mathbf{q}, t)]$$

$$\beta_E^\pi = -\frac{\alpha \langle r_E^2 \rangle}{3m_\pi} + \frac{2\alpha a}{q^2} \int_0^\infty dt [Q_{11}(\mathbf{q}, t) - Q_{11}(\mathbf{0}, t)]$$



Extrapolation  
from  $t=1$  to  $t=0$



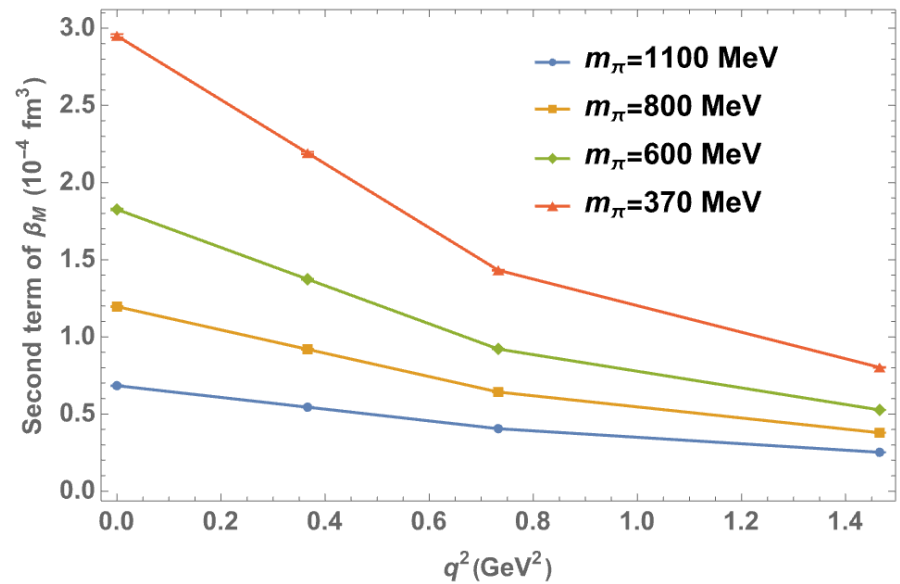
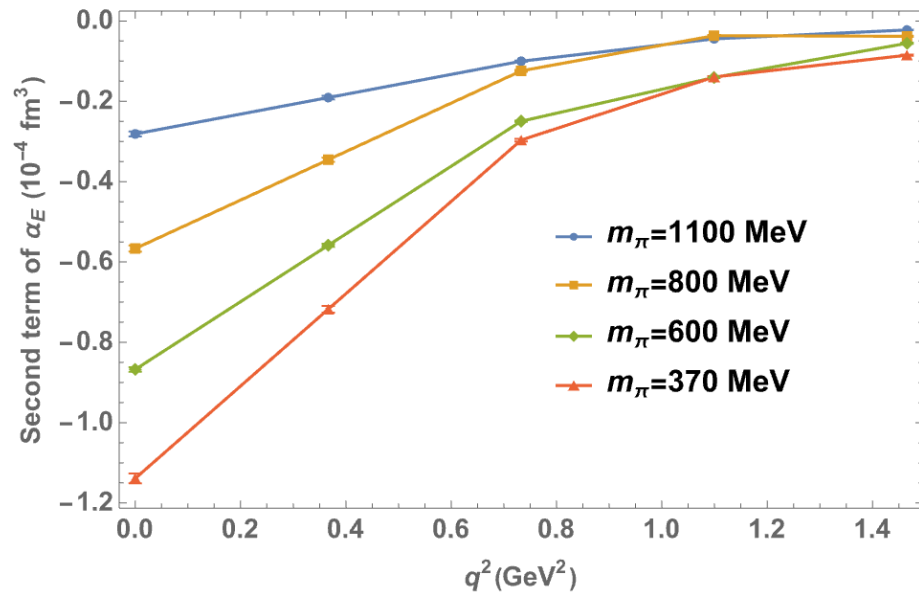
Signal is negative of shaded area

Signal is positive shaded area

# Extrapolation to $q^2=0$

$$\alpha_E^\pi = \frac{\alpha \langle r_E^2 \rangle}{3m_\pi} + \frac{2\alpha a}{q^2} \int_0^\infty dt [Q_{44}(\mathbf{q}, t) - Q_{44}^{elas}(\mathbf{q}, t)]$$

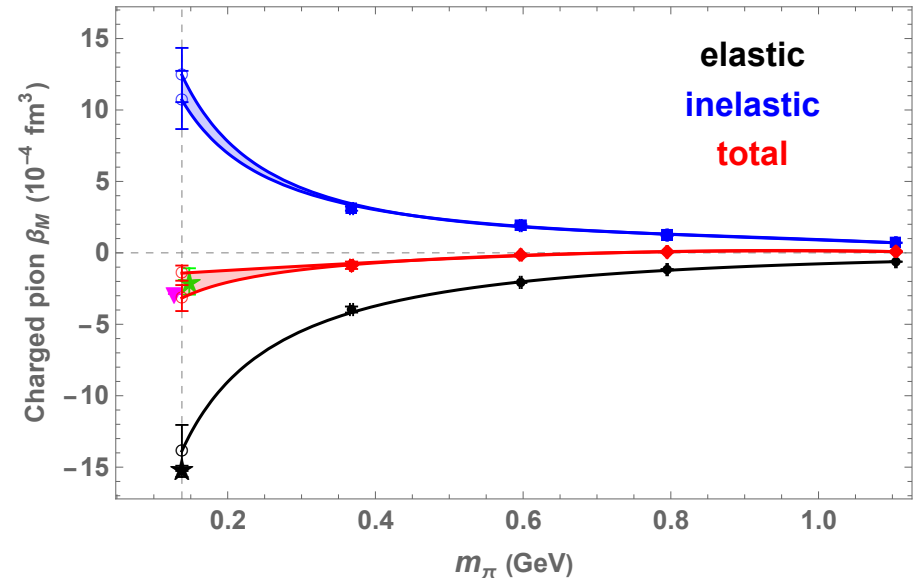
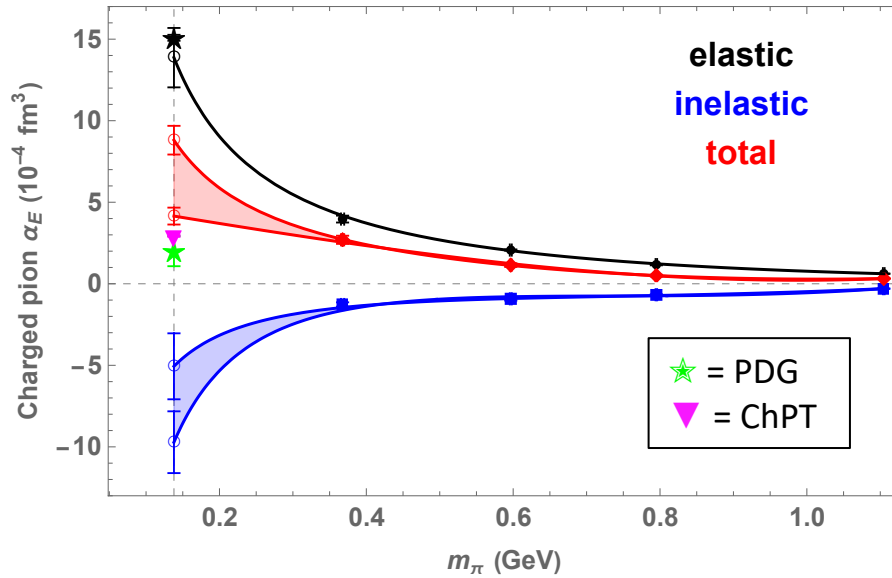
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# Chiral extrapolation

$$\alpha_E^\pi = \frac{\alpha \langle r_E^2 \rangle}{3m_\pi} + \frac{2\alpha a}{q^2} \int_0^\infty dt [Q_{44}(\mathbf{q}, t) - Q_{44}^{elas}(\mathbf{q}, t)]$$

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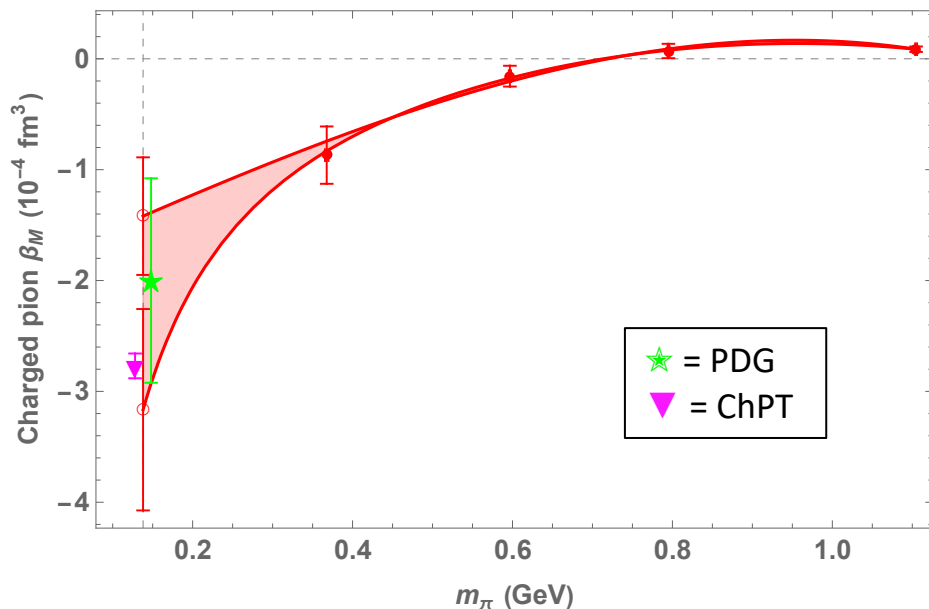


$$a + b m_\pi + c m_\pi^3$$

$$\frac{a}{m_\pi} + b m_\pi + c m_\pi^3$$

# Four-point function vs. Background field

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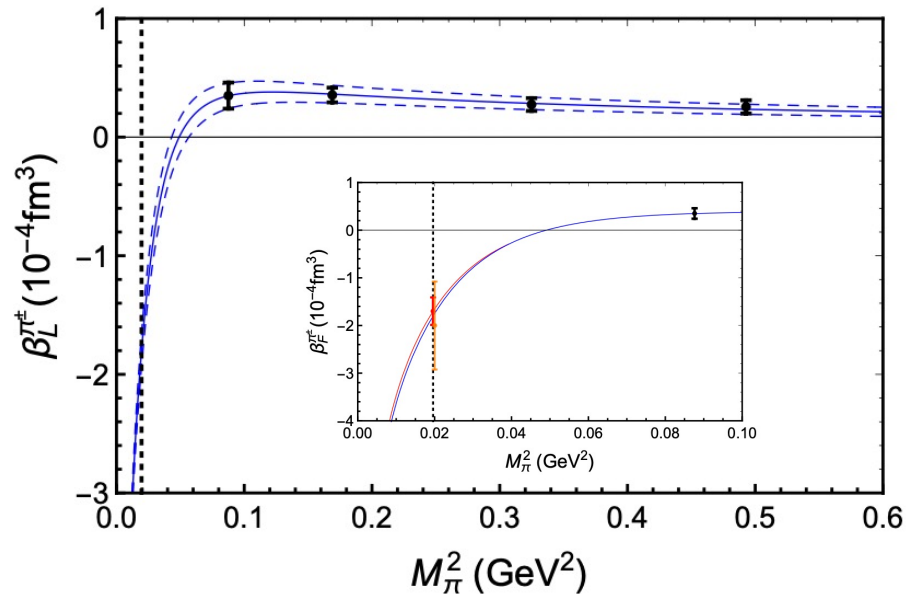


Quenched Wilson ensembles on  $24^3 \times 48$  at  $m_\pi = 0.37, 0.6, 0.8, 1.1$  GeV.

$$a + b m_\pi + c m_\pi^3$$

$$\frac{a}{m_\pi} + b m_\pi + c m_\pi^3$$

PRD104, 054506 (2021),  
He, Leinweber, Thomas, Wang

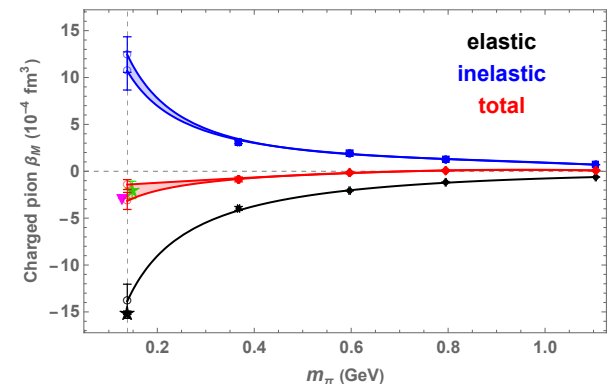
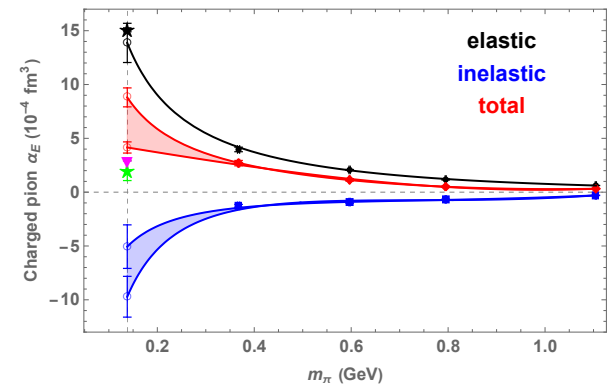
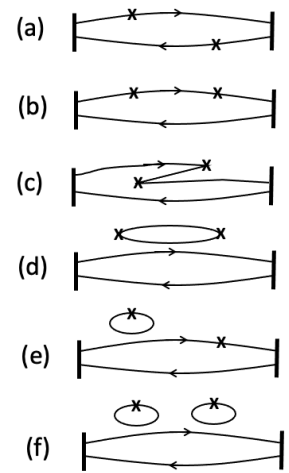


PACS-CS 2+1 ensembles on  $32^3 \times 64$  at  $m_\pi = 0.296, 0.411, 0.572, 0.702$  GeV.

$$\beta_L^{\pi^\pm} = \beta_0 \frac{1 + c_1 M_\pi^2 + c_3 M_\pi^4}{1 + c_4 M_\pi^4}, \quad (\text{Padé})$$

# Conclusion

- Proof-of-concept simulations for charged pion show promise of four-point function methodology.
  - Clear pictures for  $\alpha_E$  and  $\beta_M$
  - Requires 2pt and 4pt (but not 3pt) functions
- Open issues
  - Extrapolation to  $t=0$  (contact term)
  - Extrapolation to  $\mathbf{q}^2=0$  (static limit)
  - Chiral extrapolation
  - Quenched approximation
  - Only connected contributions so far
  - Discrepancy with background field method for  $\beta_M$
- Outlook
  - Dynamical ensembles (two-flavor nHYP-clover, 315 and 227 MeV, elongated geometries for volume study and smaller  $\mathbf{q}^2$ )
  - Disconnected contributions
  - Next target: proton and neutron







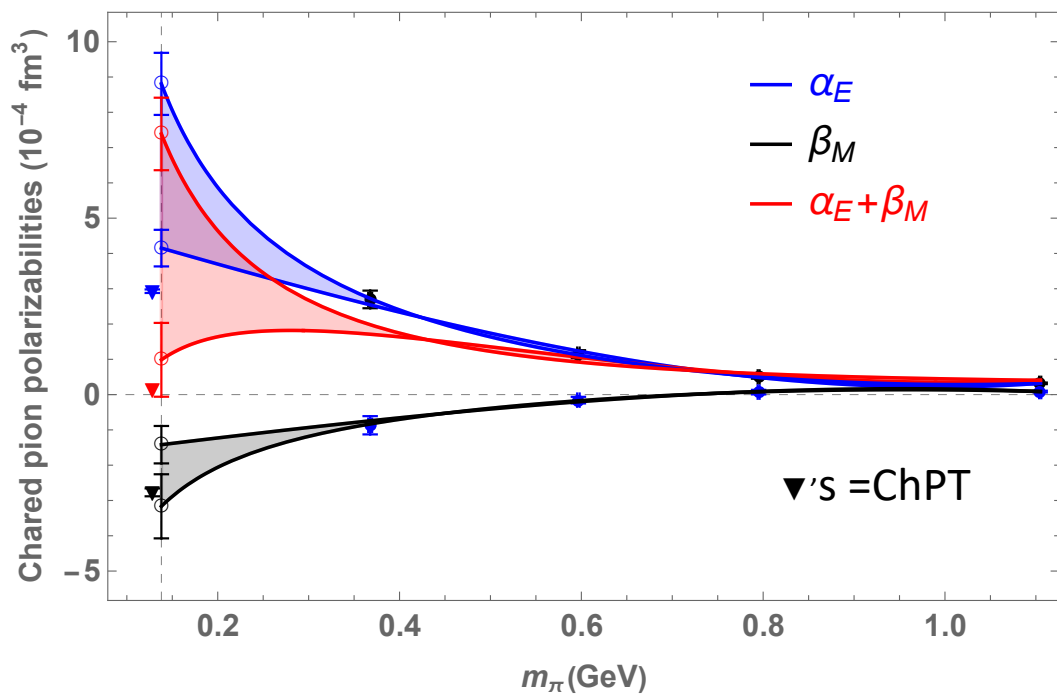
**Reserve**

# $\alpha_E + \beta_M$

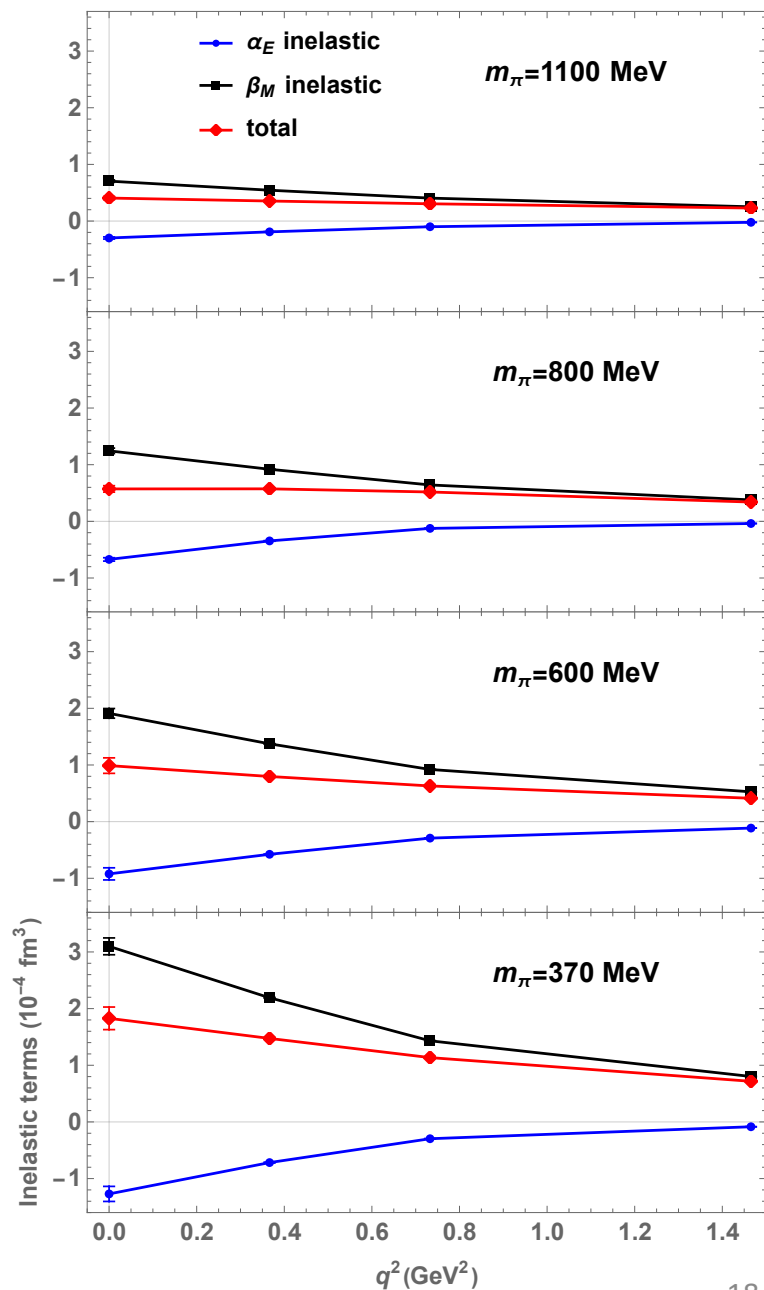
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## Pion mass dependence



## Momentum dependence



# “Pion electric polarizabilities from lattice QCD”

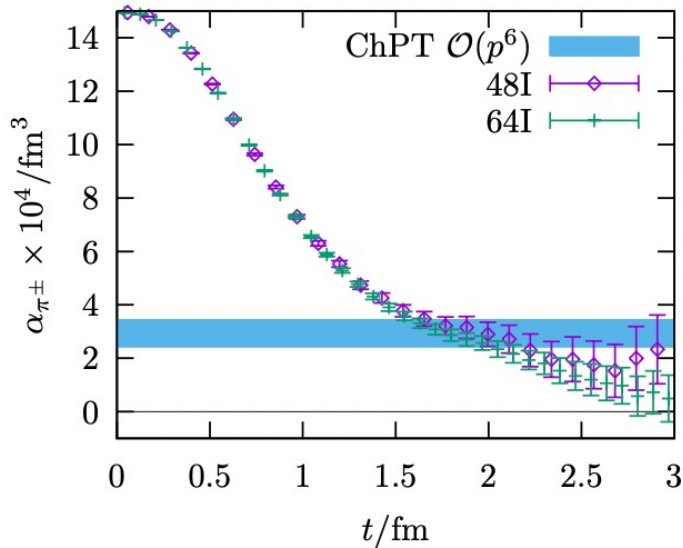
X. Feng, T. Izubuchi, L. Jin, M. Golterman

arXiv:2201.01396 (Lattice 2021)

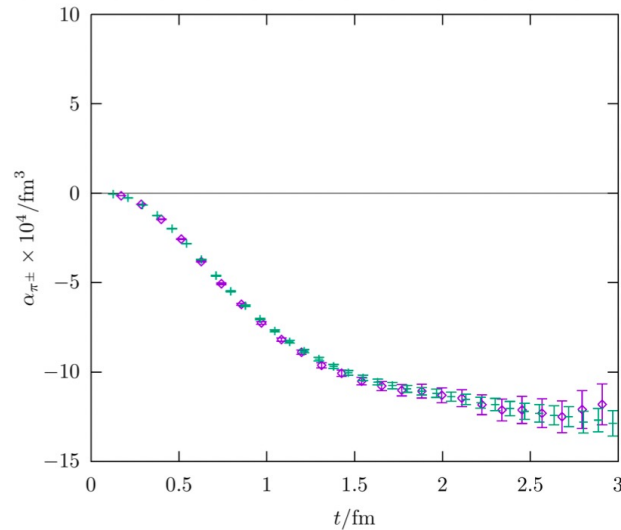
Domain-wall ensembles  
at physical pion mass

	Volume	$a^{-1}$ (GeV)	$L$ (fm)	$M_\pi$ (MeV)	$t_{\text{sep}}$ (a)
48I	$48^3 \times 96$	1.730(4)	5.5	135	12
64I	$64^3 \times 128$	2.359(7)	5.4	135	18
24D	$24^3 \times 64$	1.0158(40)	4.7	142	8
32D	$32^3 \times 64$	1.0158(40)	6.2	142	8

$$\alpha_\pi(t) = - \int_{-t < t_x < t} \int_{\vec{x}} \frac{t_x^2}{24\pi} \frac{1}{2M_\pi} \langle \pi | T \vec{J}(t_x, \vec{x}) \cdot \vec{J}(0, \vec{0}) | \pi \rangle - \alpha_\pi^{\text{Born}}$$



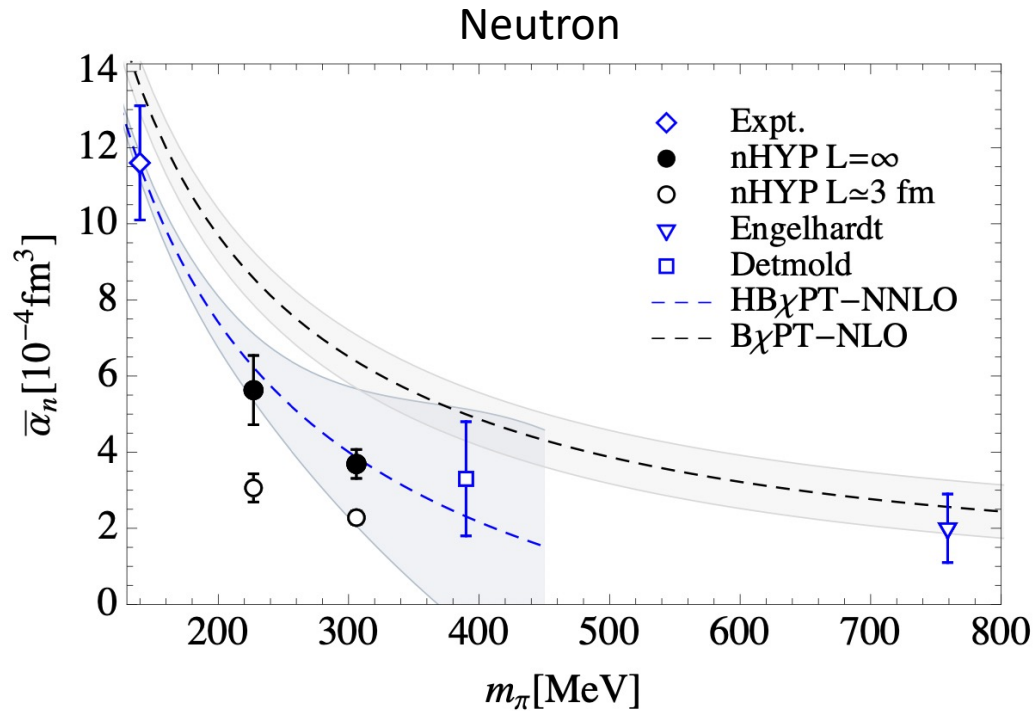
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$$+ \frac{\alpha \langle r_E^2 \rangle}{3m_\pi}$$

$$\alpha_E^\pi = \frac{\alpha \langle r_E^2 \rangle}{3m_\pi} + \frac{2\alpha a}{q^2} \int_0^\infty dt [Q_{44}(\mathbf{q}, t) - Q_{44}^{\text{elas}}(\mathbf{q}, t)]$$

# Examples from background field method



$$\pi^0: \alpha_E \simeq -0.5$$

$$K^0: \alpha_E = 0.356(74)$$

$$\pi^0: \alpha_E = -0.69(7)(4) = -\beta_M \text{ (PDG)}$$

$$K^0: \alpha_E = 0.58 = -\beta_M \text{ (ChPT)}$$

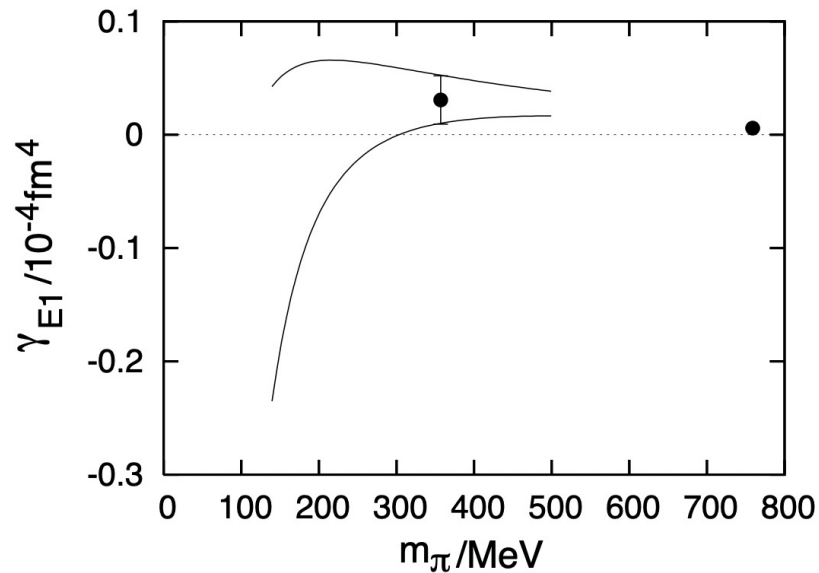
PRD94 (2016), Lujan, Alexandru, Freeman, Lee

# Background field + 4pt function method

Perturbative expansion in the background field at the action level leads to the same diagrammatic structure in 4pt method.

Neutron electric polarizability:  $\alpha_E = -2.0(0.9)$       PRD76 (2007), Engelhardt

## Neutron spin polarizability



arXiv1111.2686 (Lattice2011),  
Engelhardt