



Finite-volume effects in the factorizable contributions to light-meson leptonic decay rates in QCD+QED

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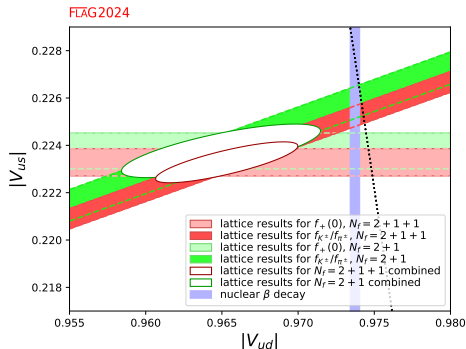
Motivation

Tension in tests of first-row CKM matrix unitarity

$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 1.$$

The ratio V_{us}/V_{ud} is extracted from f_K/f_π . The current FLAG average [Aoki et al., Phys. Rev. D 113, 014508]:

$$f_K/f_\pi = 1.1934(19).$$



Because the determination is more precise than 1%, isospin-breaking effects should be included:

$$\left(\frac{m_d - m_u}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}} \right) \sim 0.01$$

Strong IBE

$$\frac{e^2}{4\pi} \sim 0.01.$$

E.M. IBE

Light-meson decay rate in QCD+QED

The decay rate is computed following the RM123S method [Carrasco et al., Phys. Rev. D 91, 074506] by splitting the decay rate into:

$$\Gamma(P \rightarrow l\bar{\nu}_l[\gamma]) = \lim_{V \rightarrow \infty} \left[\underbrace{\Gamma_0(V)}_{\text{lattice}} - \underbrace{\Gamma_0^{\text{pt}}(V)}_{\text{perturbation theory}} \right] + \underbrace{\lim_{m_\gamma \rightarrow 0} \left[\Gamma_0^{\text{pt}}(m_\gamma) + \Gamma_1(m_\gamma) \right]}_{\text{perturbation theory}}$$

The IBE correction to the decay rate is defined in the PDG parametrization:

$$\Gamma(P \rightarrow l\bar{\nu}_l[\gamma]) = \Gamma_P^{\text{tree}} [1 + \delta R_P] = \frac{G_F^2}{8\pi} |V_{q_1 q_2}|^2 M_{P\pm} m_l^2 \left(1 - \frac{m_l^2}{M_{P\pm}^2} \right)^2 f_P^2 [1 + \delta R_P]$$

with the correction defined as [Sirlin, Nucl. Phys. B 196, 83–92]:

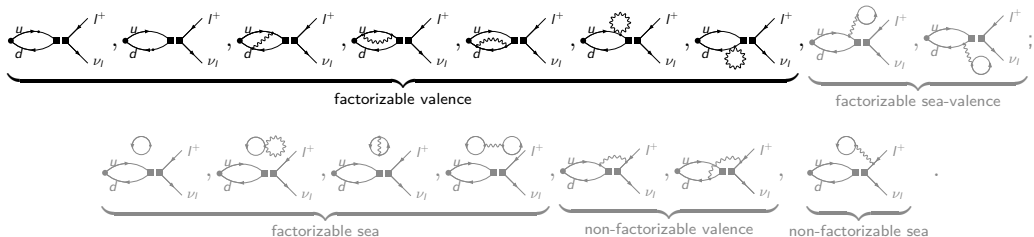
$$\delta R_P = \underbrace{2 \left(\frac{\delta \mathcal{A}_P}{\mathcal{A}_P^0} - \frac{\delta M_P}{M_P^0} + \frac{\delta Z_A}{Z_A^0} \right)}_{\delta R_P^{\text{latt}}} + e^2 \left[\frac{1}{2\pi^2} \log \left(\frac{M_Z}{M_W} \right) + \delta \Gamma^{\text{pt}}(\Delta E) \right], \text{ with } \mathcal{A}_\pi^0 = \langle \pi(\vec{0}) | \bar{u} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 d | 0 \rangle$$

At this stage, we omit the renormalization constant so $\delta Z_A = 0$. Only one computation is available in the literature [Di Carlo et al., Phys. Rev. D 100, 034514]. More results to the IBE to f_K/f_π [Giusti et al., Phys. Rev. Lett.

120, 072001] [Boyle et al., JHEP 02, 242] [Tuo, Lattice 2026 Mon. 27th 11:30].

Factorizable corrections

The relevant diagrams are:



We focus on the factorizable valence diagrams. The correction to the mass and the amplitude are extracted from the corrections to the correlators:

$$\frac{\delta G^P(x_4)}{G^P(x_4)} \underset{x_4 \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \left[2 \frac{\delta Z_P}{Z_P} - \frac{\delta M_P}{M_P} - \frac{T}{2} \coth(M_P T/2) \delta M_P + (T/2 - x_4) \tanh[M_P (T/2 - x_4)] \delta M_P \right]$$

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Simulation details

- Tree-level-improved Lüscher-Weisz gauge action;
- $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ staggered fermions;
- Four levels of stout smearing $\rho = 0.125$;
- Physical Pion mass;
- Lattice spacing $a \approx 0.1315$ fm;
- Goldstone pion $\gamma_5 \otimes \xi_5$;
- QED_L and QED_r;
- Fit with and without the ensemble $M_\pi L = 2.19$;
- Blinded preliminary results.

$M_\pi L$	$L \times T$ [fm]	#confs
2.19	3.16×6.31	716
2.86	4.21×8.24	938
3.55	5.26×8.42	840
4.26	6.31×8.42	904
5.67	8.42×8.42	521

The QCD+QED scheme is fixed by matching $M_{\pi^\pm}$, $M_{K^\pm}$, M_{K^0} to their PDG values [Navas et al., Phys. Rev. D 110, 030001]. The scale is set using w_0 [Boccaletti et al., Nature 653, 373–377]. The tuning is done in the electroquenched approximation.

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\pi^\pm} &= 139.57039 \text{ MeV}, & M_{K^0} &= 497.611 \text{ MeV} \\ M_{K^\pm} &= 493.677 \text{ MeV}, & w_0 &= 0.17245 \text{ fm}. \end{aligned}$$

Finite volume effects in the QED correction to the mass

Finite volume formula

The QED finite volume power-law corrections are [Di Carlo et al., JHEP 10, 026], [Di Carlo et al., Phys. Rev. D 105, 074509], [Borsanyi et al., Science 347, 1452–1455]:

$$\frac{\delta M_P^i(L) - \delta M_P}{M_P} = \frac{e^2}{2} \left\{ \underbrace{\frac{q_P^2 c_2^i}{4\pi^2 M_P L} + \frac{q_P^2 c_1^i}{2\pi (M_P L)^2}}_{\text{universal}} - \underbrace{\frac{c_0^i}{(M_P L)^3} \left(\frac{\langle r_P^2 \rangle M_P^2}{3} + \mathcal{C} \right)}_{\text{structure dependent}} + O\left(\frac{1}{(M_P L)^4}\right) \right\}$$

with q_P the meson charge, $\mathcal{C}$ the contribution from the branch cut due to non-locality of $\text{QED}_{L,r}$ and $\langle r_P^2 \rangle$ the meson charge radius with PDG values [Navas et al., Phys. Rev. D 110, 030001]:

$$\sqrt{\langle r_{\pi^\pm}^2 \rangle} = 0.659(4) \text{ fm}, \quad \sqrt{\langle r_{K^\pm}^2 \rangle} = 0.560(32) \text{ fm}$$

the coefficients c_α^i have the following values:

$$\begin{aligned} c_2^{\text{QED}_L} &= -8.9136, & c_1^{\text{QED}_L} &= -2.8373, & c_0^{\text{QED}_L} &= -1; \\ c_2^{\text{QED}_r} &= -7.9136, & c_1^{\text{QED}_r} &= -1.8373, & c_0^{\text{QED}_r} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

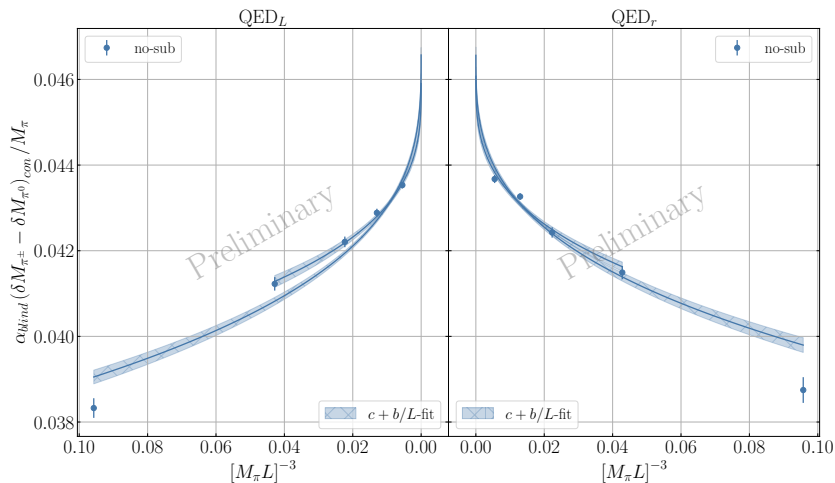
There are some residual effects of the type:

$$\text{res}^{\text{QED}_L}(M_P L) = O(e^{-M_P L}), \quad \text{res}^{\text{QED}_r}(M_P L) = O\left(e^{-M_P L}, \frac{1}{(M_P L)^5}\right).$$

Finite volume effects in the QED correction to the mass

Effect in the pion mass difference

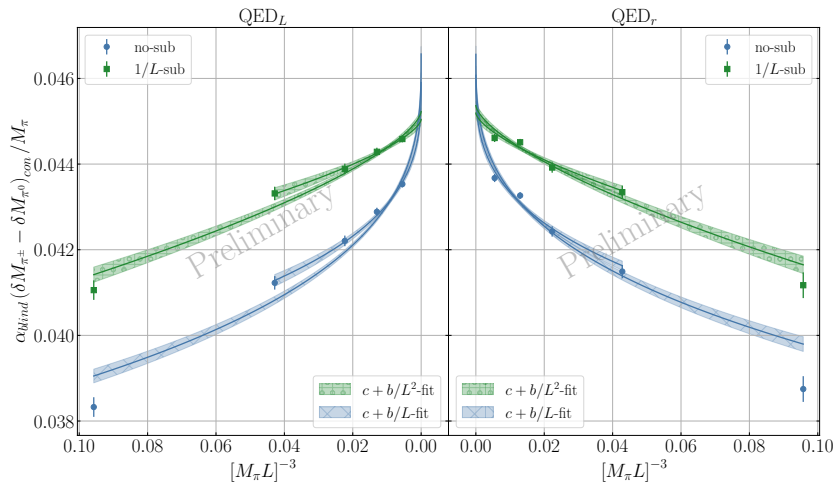
$$\frac{\delta M_{\pi^\pm}^i - \delta M_{\pi^0}^i}{M_\pi} = \frac{\delta M_{\pi^\pm}^i(L) - \delta M_{\pi^0}^i(L)}{M_\pi} + O\left(\frac{1}{(M_\pi L)}\right) + O\left(e^{-M_\pi L}\right)$$



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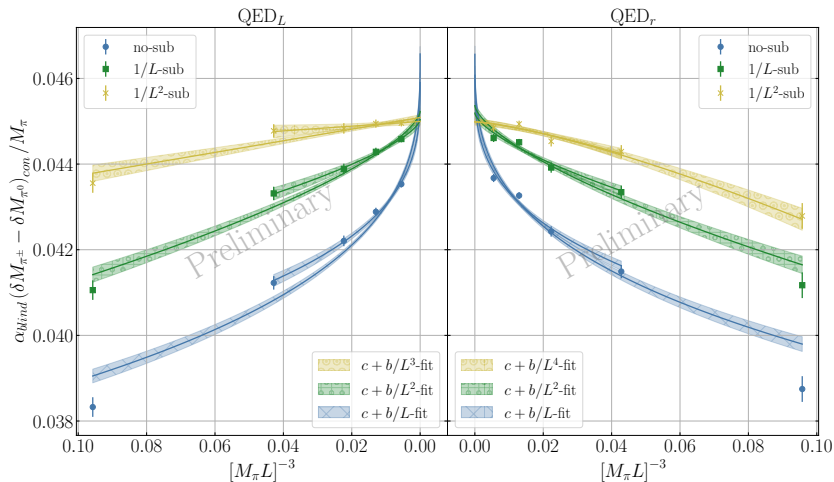
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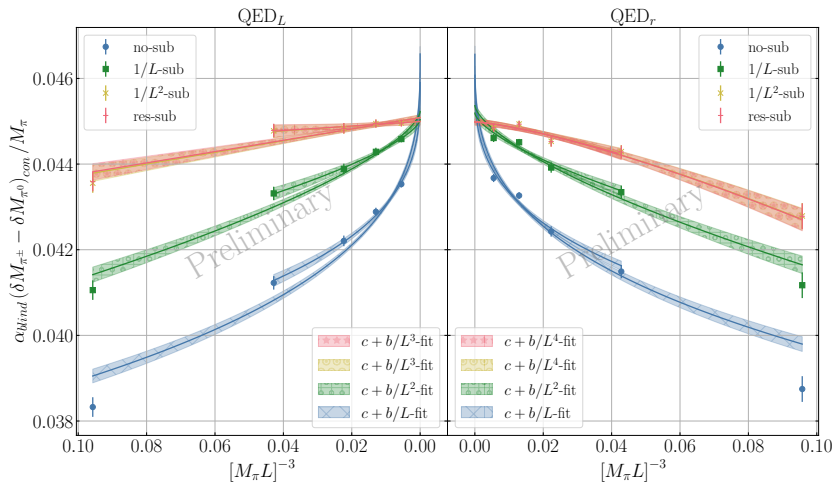
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Finite volume effects in the QED correction to the decay rate

Finite volume formula

The pointlike finite volume decay rate is:

$$\Gamma_0^{\text{pt}}(L) = \left(1 + \frac{e^2}{8\pi^2} Y_P^{\text{pt}}(L)\right) \Gamma_P^{\text{tree}}$$

for the factorizable diagrams, the finite volume expression is [Lubicz et al., Phys. Rev. D 95, 034504], [Di Carlo et al., Phys. Rev. D 105, 074509]:

$$Y_P^{\text{fc,pt}}(L) = \underbrace{-\log\left(\frac{M_W}{M_P}\right) - 3 + 2\left(1 + \frac{c_3^i}{4\pi} - \log(4\pi)\right) + \log[(M_P L)^2]}_{\text{IR}^i(M_P L)} + \frac{2c_2^i}{M_P L} + \frac{2\pi c_1^i}{(M_P L)^2} + O(e^{-M_P L})$$

The factorizable structure-dependent contribution is [Di Carlo et al., Phys. Rev. D 105, 074509]:

$$\Delta Y_P^{\text{fc,SD}}(L) = -\frac{2\pi \langle r_P^2 \rangle M_P^2 c_1^i}{3 (M_P L)^2}.$$

The coefficients are:

$$c_3^{\text{QED}_L} = 3.8219, c_3^{\text{QED}_r} = 4.8219.$$

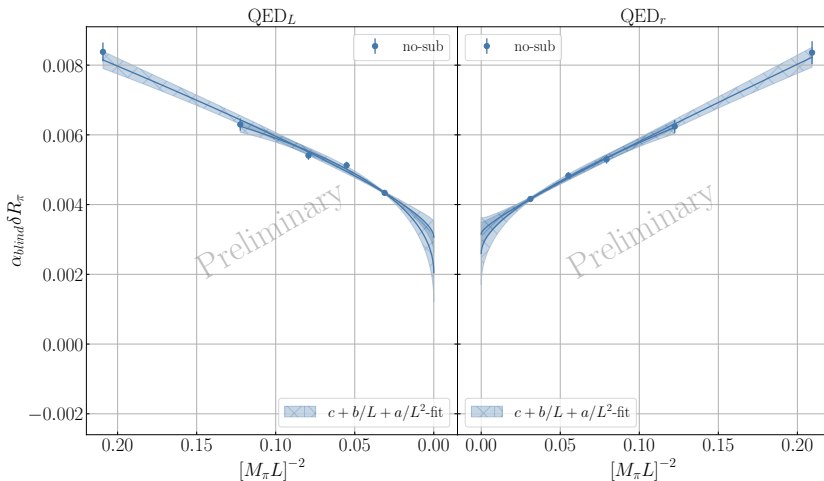
For the decay rate, the residue is:

$$\text{res}^{\text{QED}_L}(M_P L) = O(e^{-M_P L}), \text{res}^{\text{QED}_r}(M_P L) = O\left(e^{-M_P L}, \frac{1}{(M_P L)^5}\right).$$

Finite volume effects in the QED correction to the decay rate

Pion channel

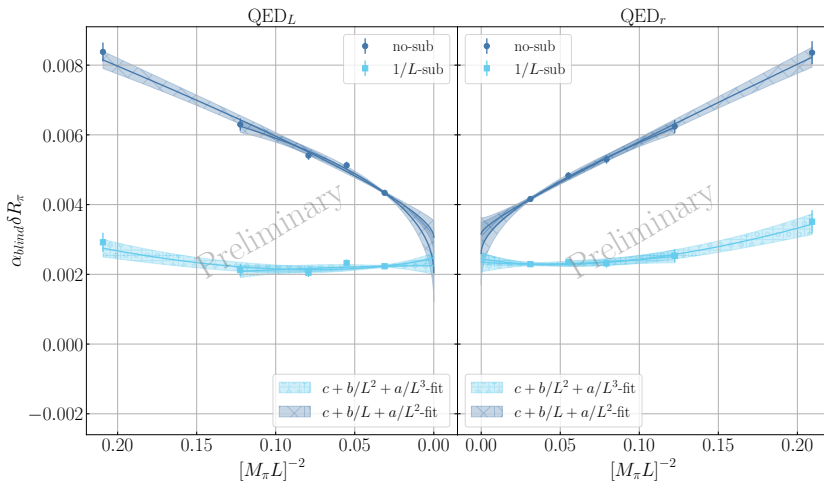
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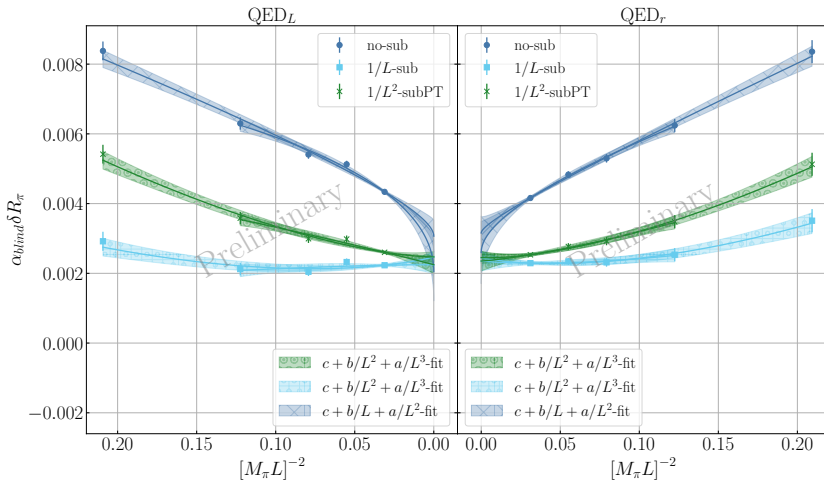
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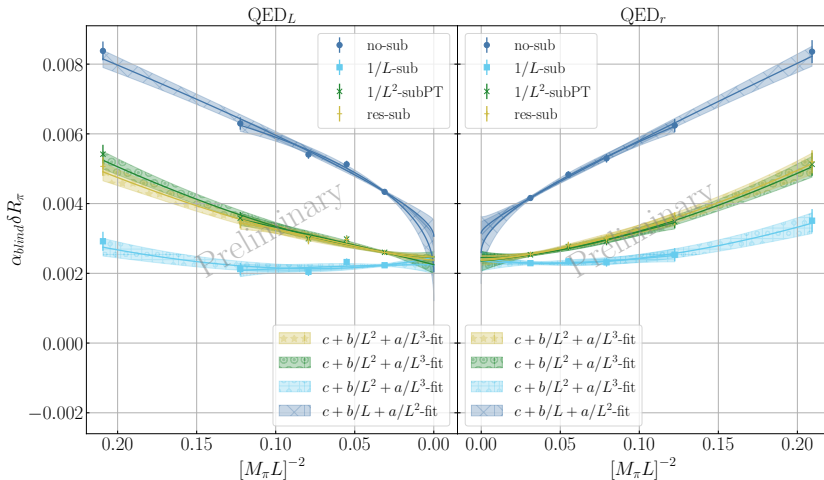
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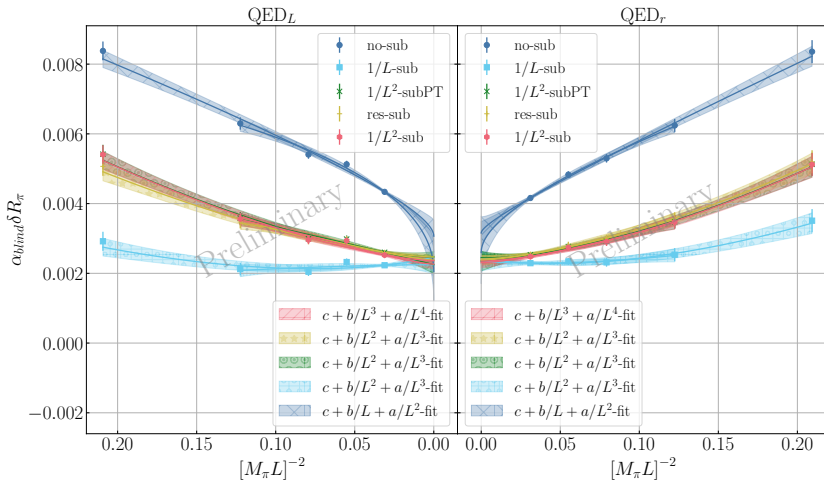
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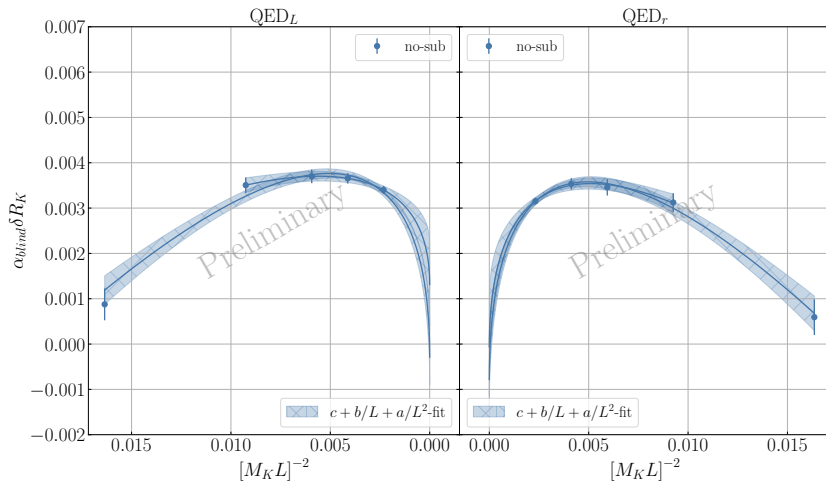


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$$\delta R_K^i = \delta R_K^i(L) - \text{IR}^i(M_K L)$$

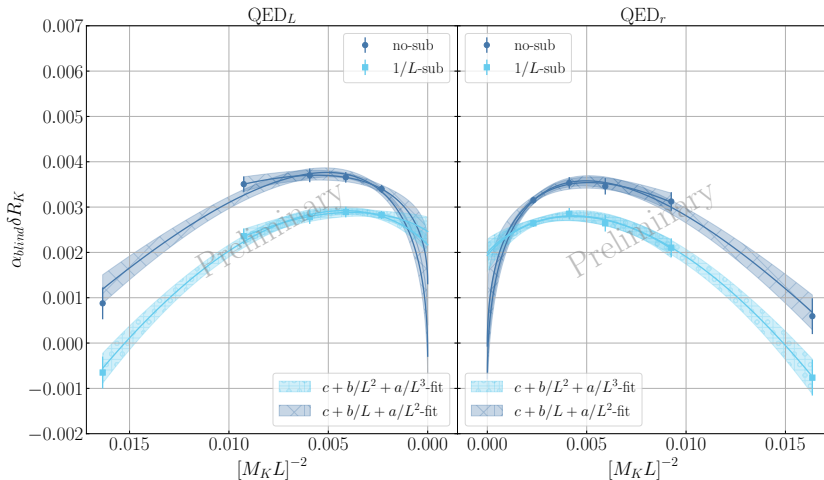
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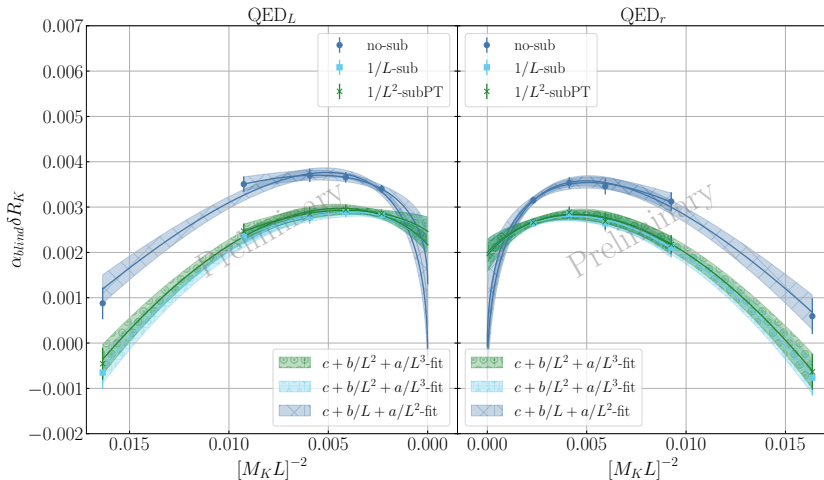
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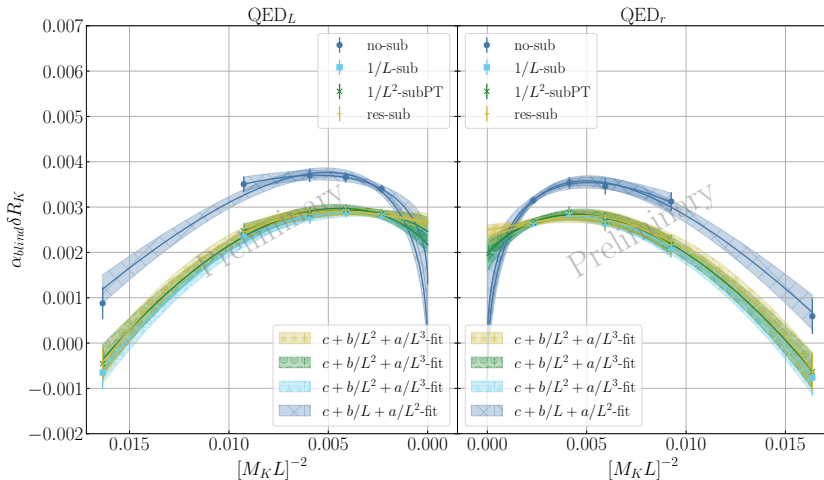
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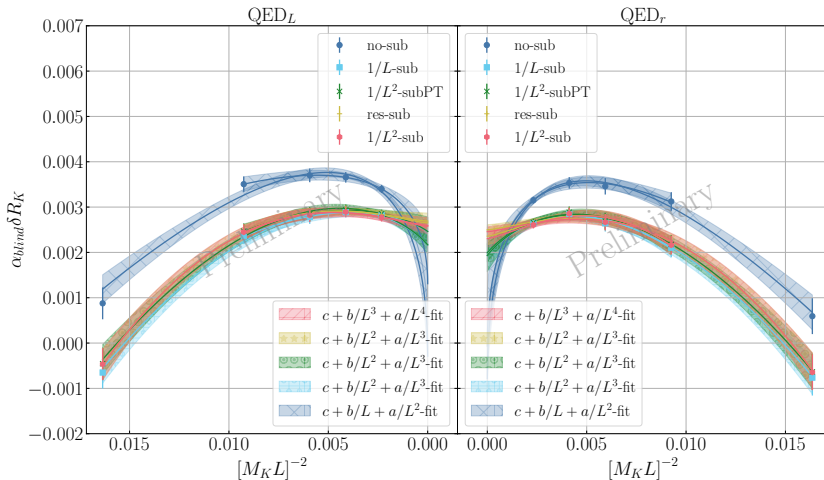
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Thank you for your attention!

Backup: Extracting the correction from the data

We determine the mass correction from a plateau fit to:

$$\delta M_P^{\text{eff,loc}}(x_4) = \frac{1}{\Delta} \frac{\frac{\delta G(x_4+\Delta)+\delta G(x_4-\Delta)}{G(x_4+\Delta)+G(x_4-\Delta)} - \frac{\delta G(x_4)}{G(x_4)}}{\sqrt{\left[\frac{2G(x_4)}{G(x_4+\Delta)+G(x_4-\Delta)}\right]^2 - 1}}.$$

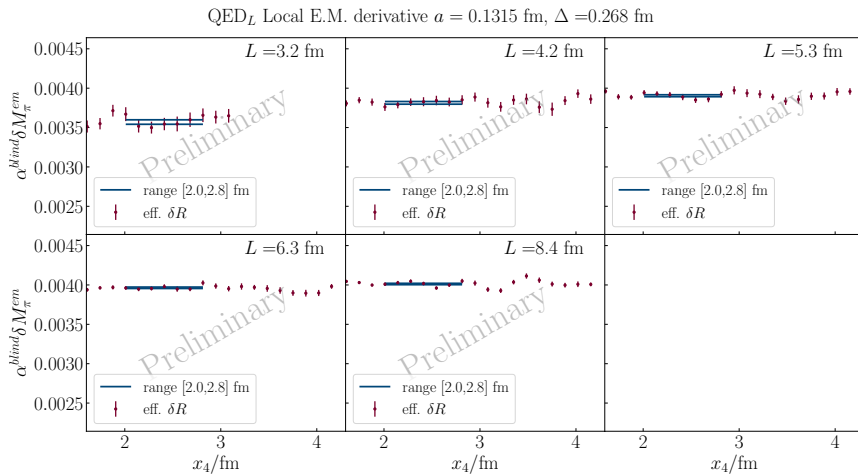
The correction δR_P is then obtained as:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta R_P = & 2 \frac{\delta G^A(x_4)}{G^A(x_4)} - \frac{\delta G^P(x_4)}{G^P(x_4)} - \frac{\delta M_P}{M_P} + \delta M_P \left\{ \frac{T}{2} \tanh(M_P T/2) \right. \\ & - 2(T/2 - x_4 - 1/2) \coth[M_P (T/2 - x_4 - 1/2)] \\ & \left. + (T/2 - x_4) \tanh[M_P (T/2 - x_4)] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

We use even values of Δ to reduce the effect of the oscillating parity partner.

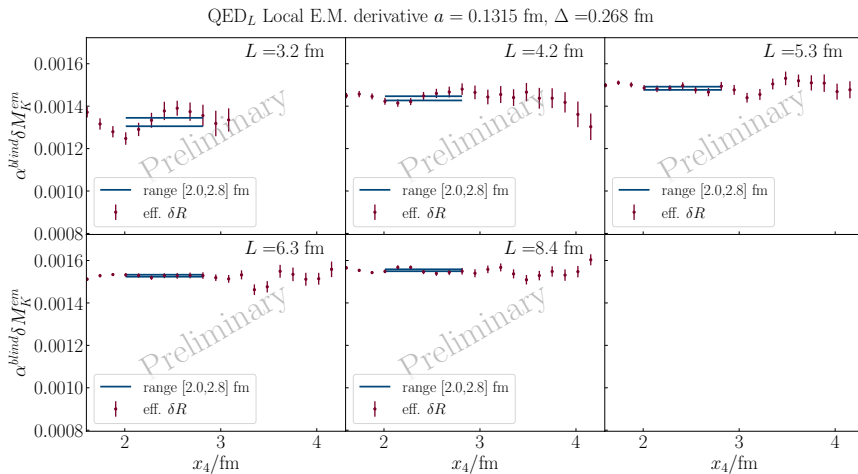
Backup: Example of effective mass correction

Pion

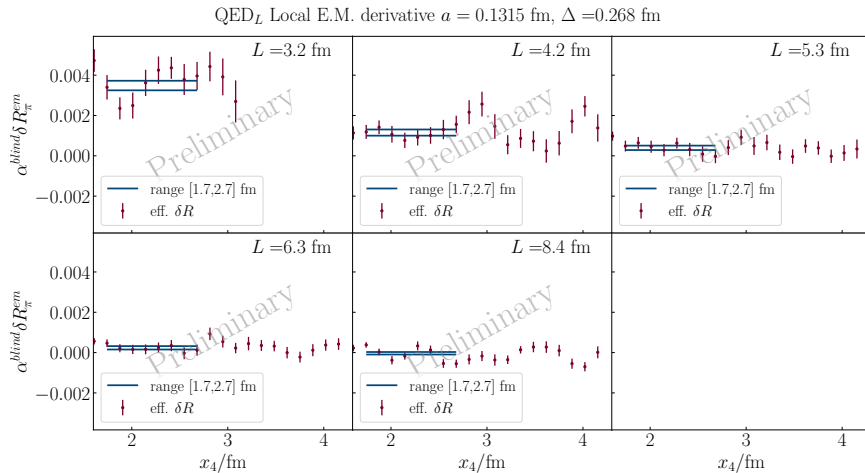


Backup: Example of effective mass

Kaon



Backup: Example of effective δR_π



Backup: Example of effective δR_K

QED_L Local E.M. derivative $a = 0.1315$ fm, $\Delta = 0.268$ fm

