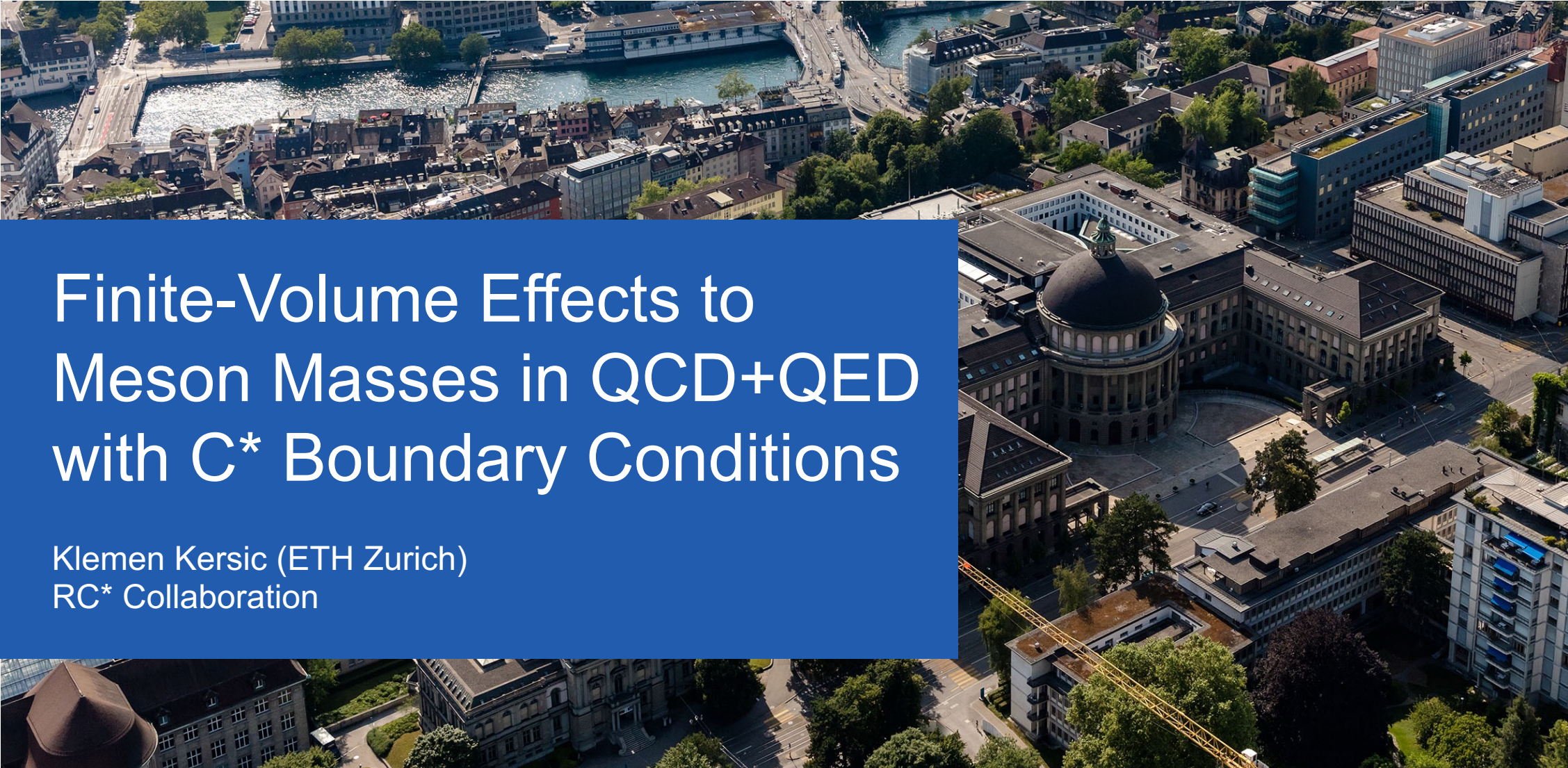




Finite-Volume Effects to Meson Masses in QCD+QED with C^* Boundary Conditions

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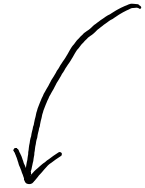
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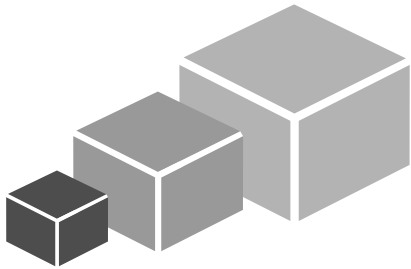
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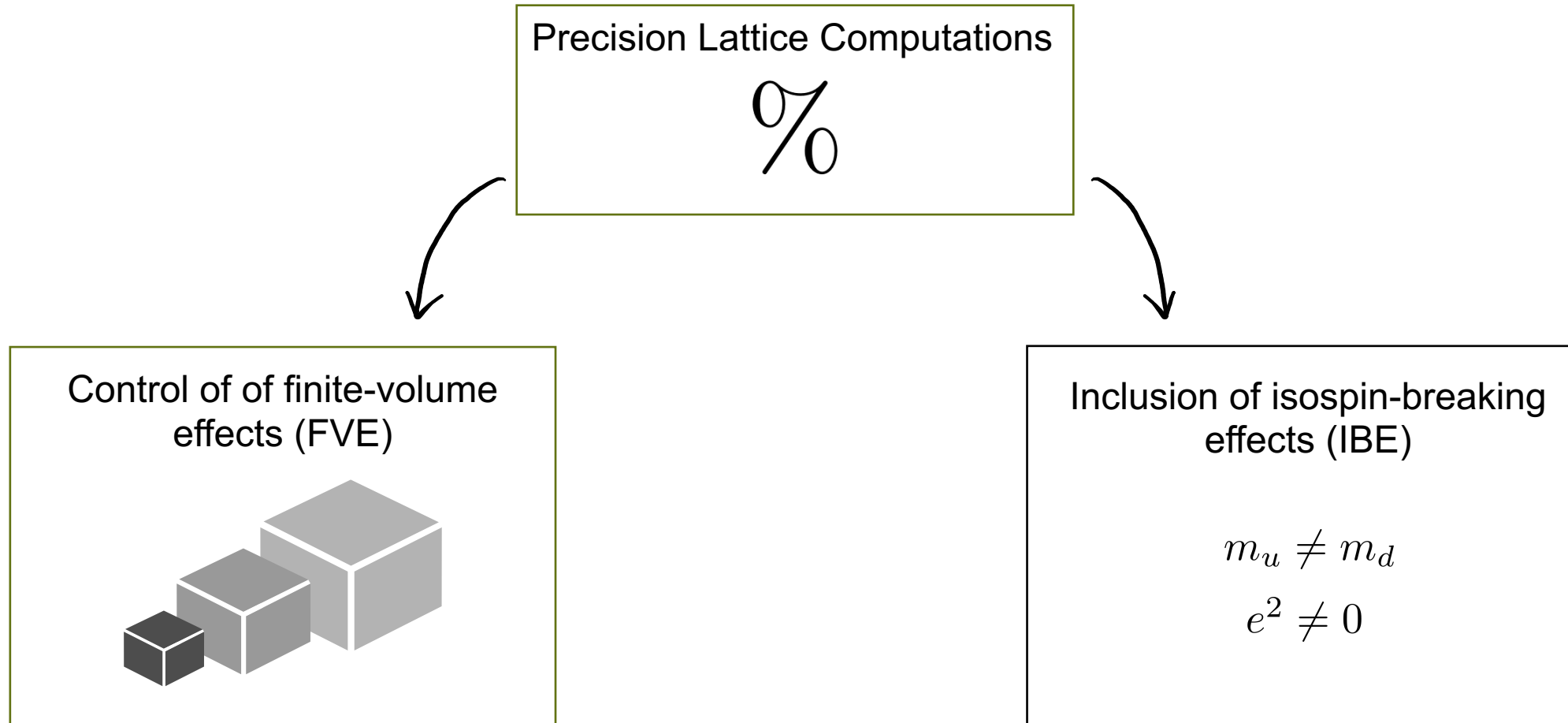
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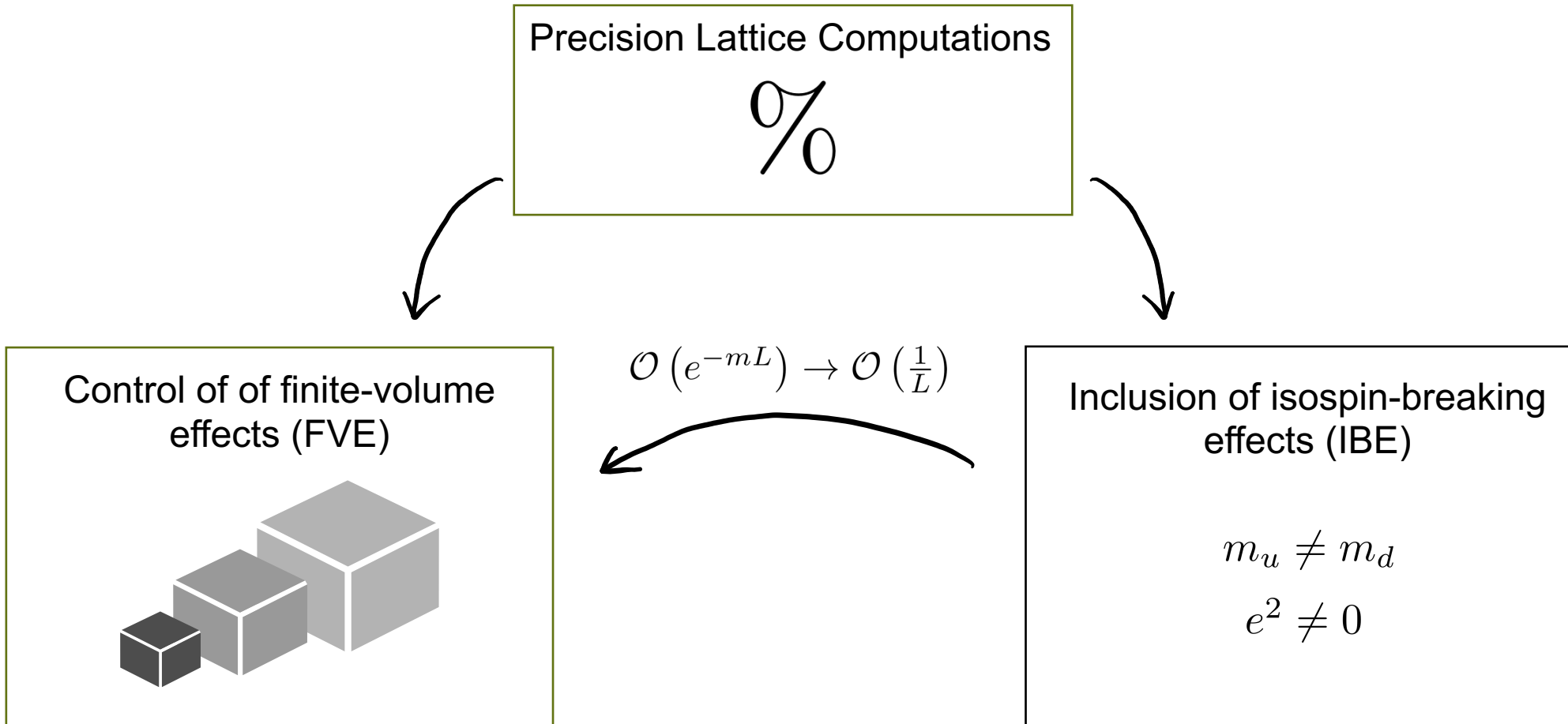
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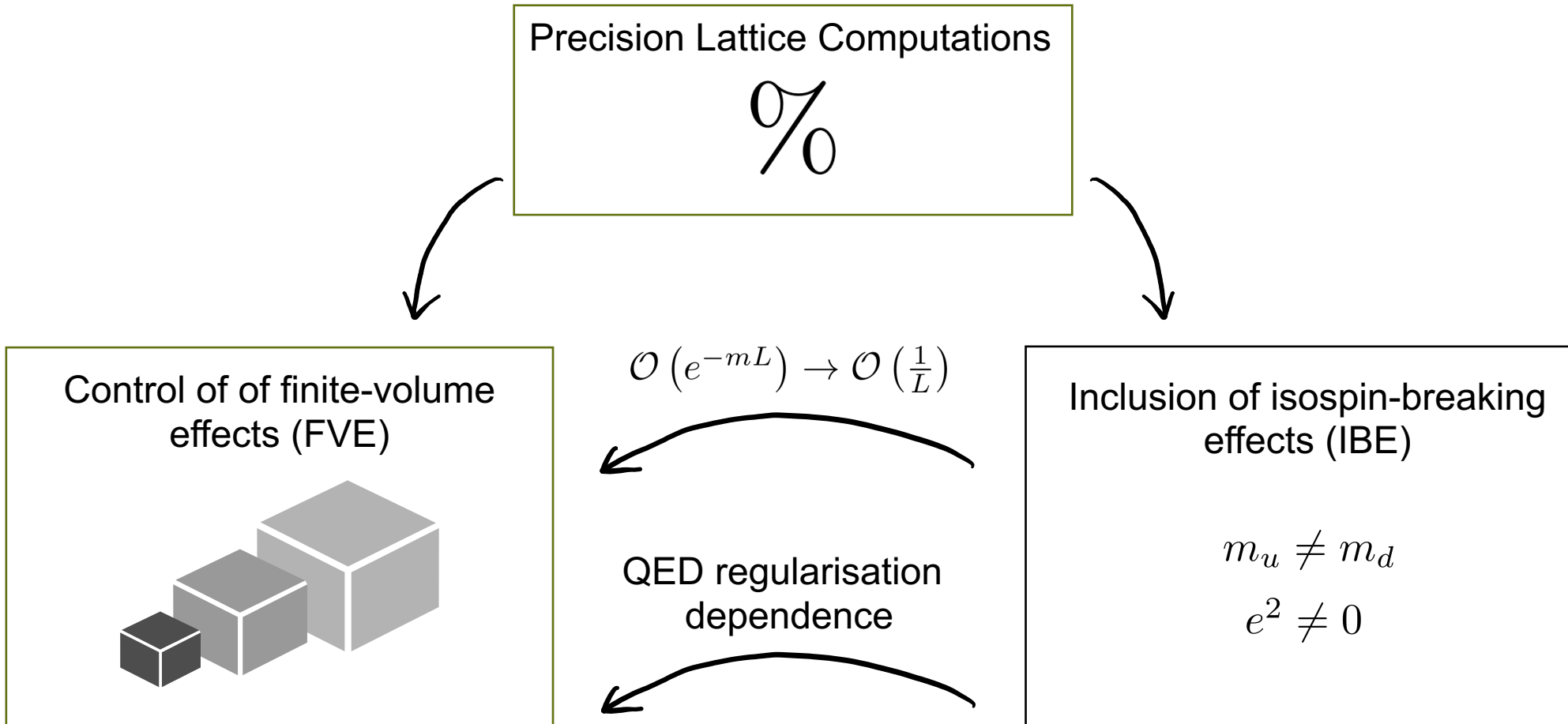
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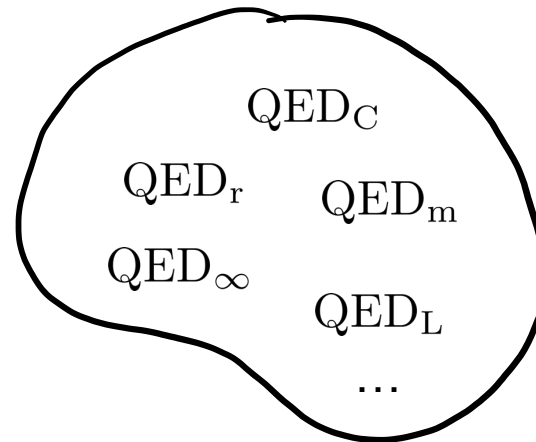
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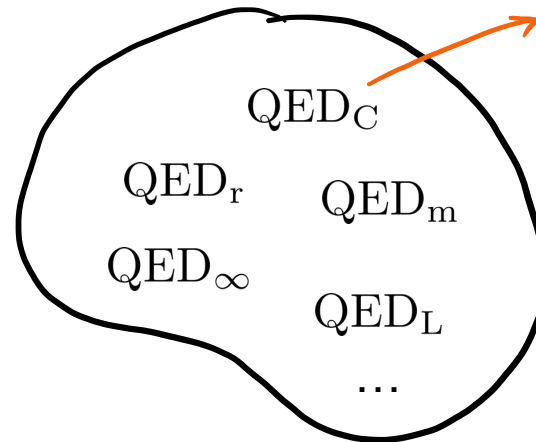
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Setup with C* boundary conditions:

- $\mathcal{C}$ -conjugate fields at the boundary
- zero mode absent by construction
- $\mathbf{k} \in \Pi_- = \left\{ \frac{\pi}{L}(2\mathbf{n} + \bar{\mathbf{n}}) \mid \mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^3, \bar{\mathbf{n}} = (1, 1, 1) \right\}$

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openQxD codebase

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

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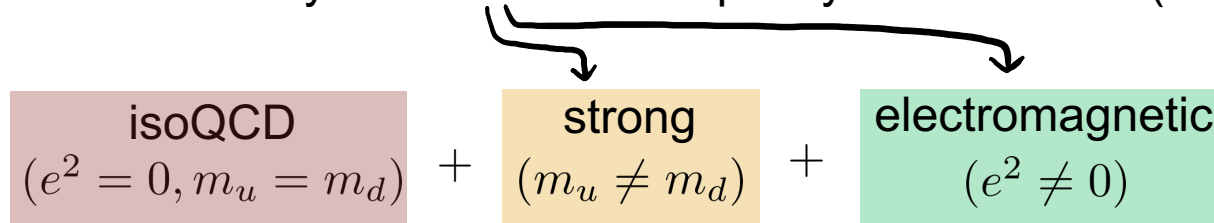
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[M. Bruno, T. Korzec, and S. Schaefer, Phys. Rev. D **95**, 074504 (2017).,
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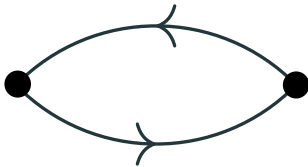
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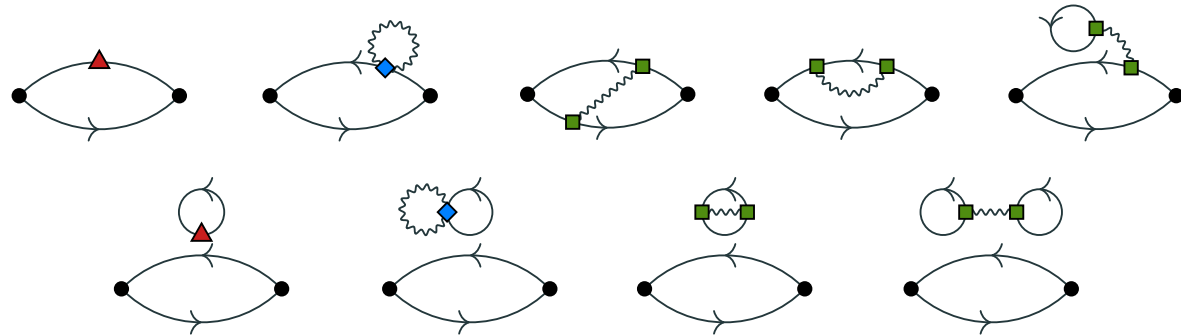
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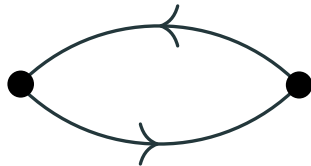


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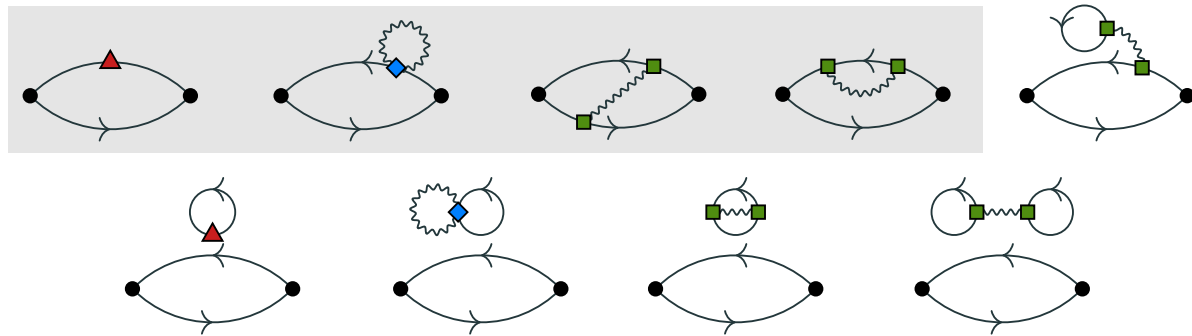
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The Setup and Methodology: Ensembles

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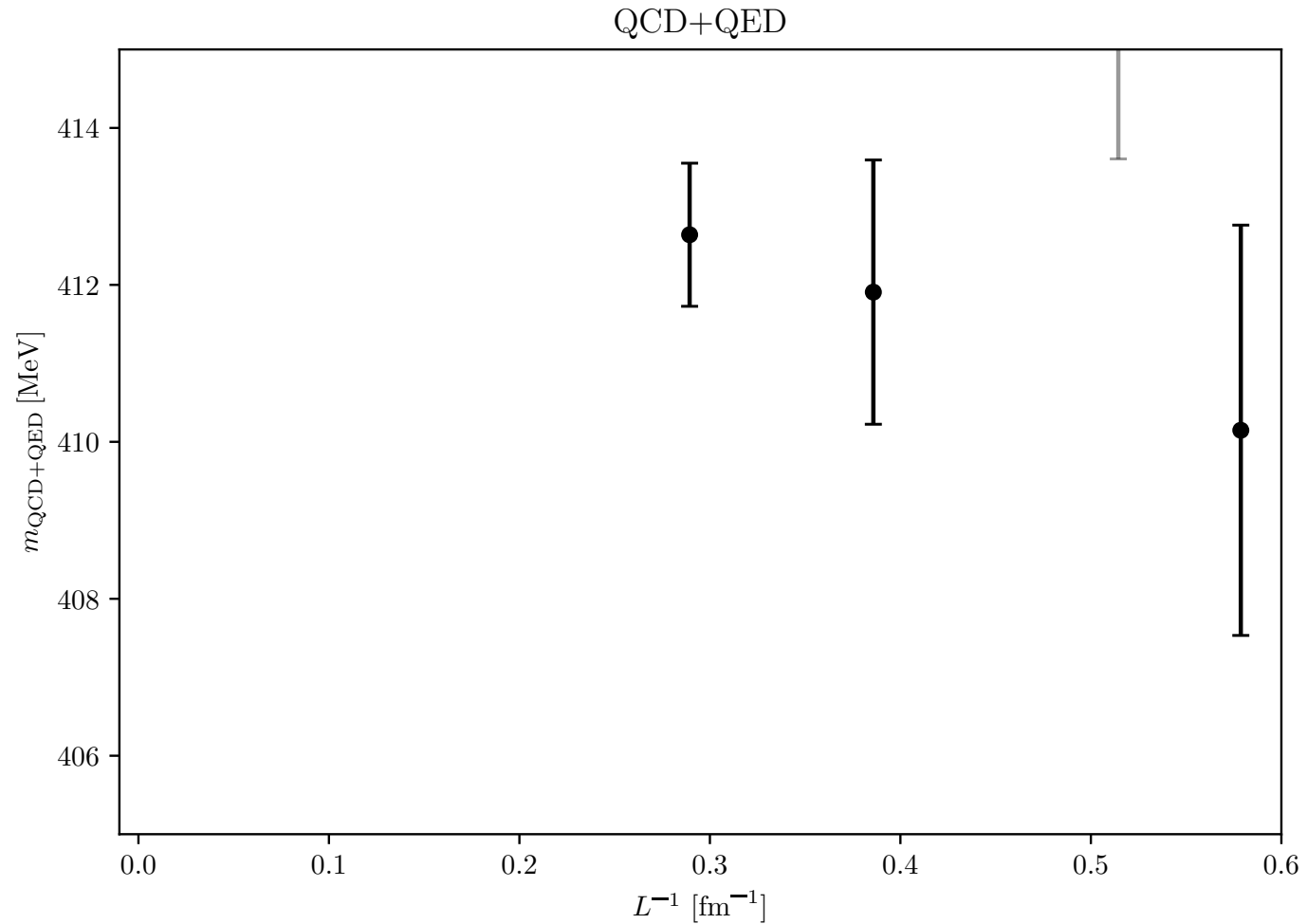
- C* B.C
 - isoQCD ($e^2 = 0$, $m_u = m_d$)
 - $N_f = 3 + 1$
 - $m_\pi = m_K \sim 400$ MeV
 - equal bare parameters
 - $a = 0.054$ fm
 - $L = 1.7 - 3.5$ fm
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|-------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| A400 | 64×32^3 | $m_\pi L \sim 3.5$ | with 2000 configurations |
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| B400 | 80×48^3 | $m_\pi L \sim 5.2$ | with 540 configurations |
| D400 | 128×64^3 | $m_\pi L \sim 7.0$ | with 709 configurations |

(see also, <https://rcstar.gitlab.io/ensembles>)

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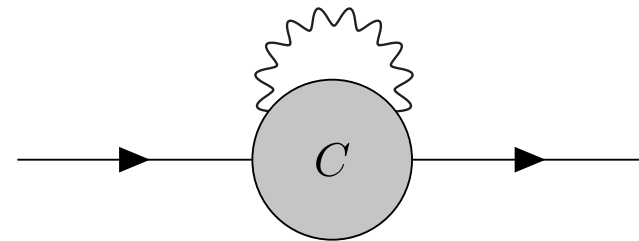
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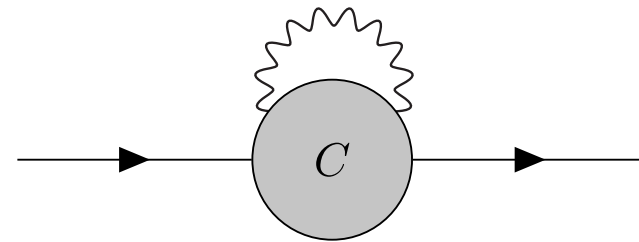
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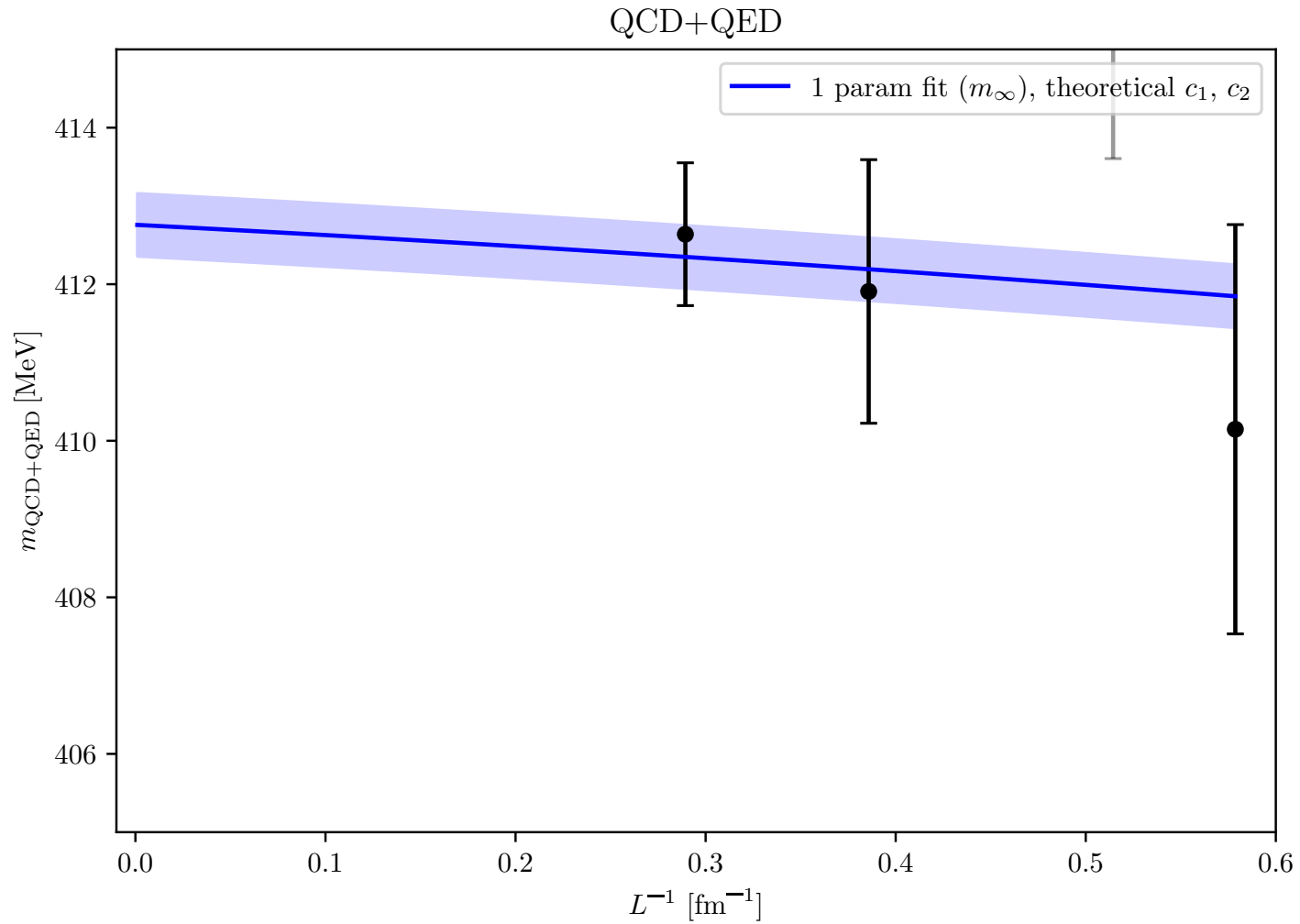
QED_C Result:

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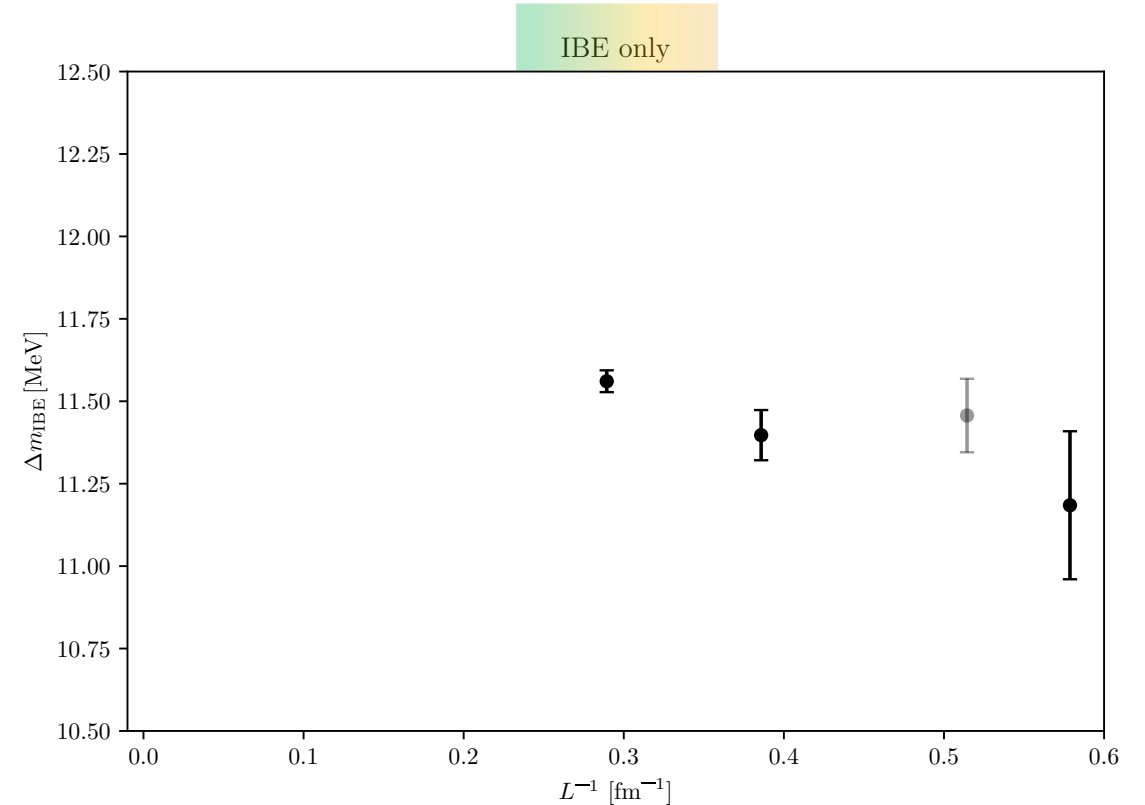
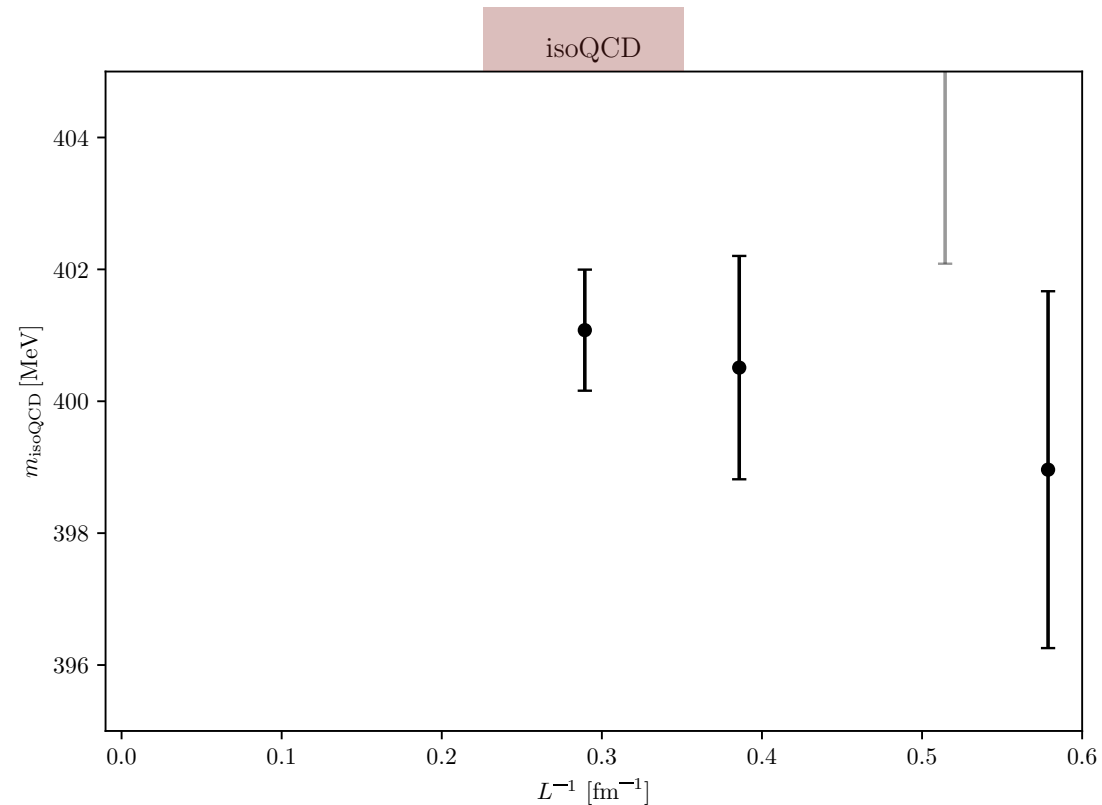
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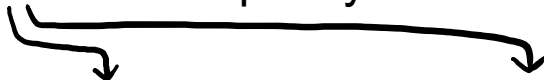
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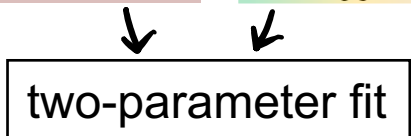
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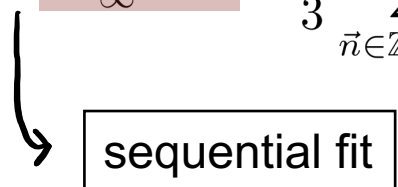
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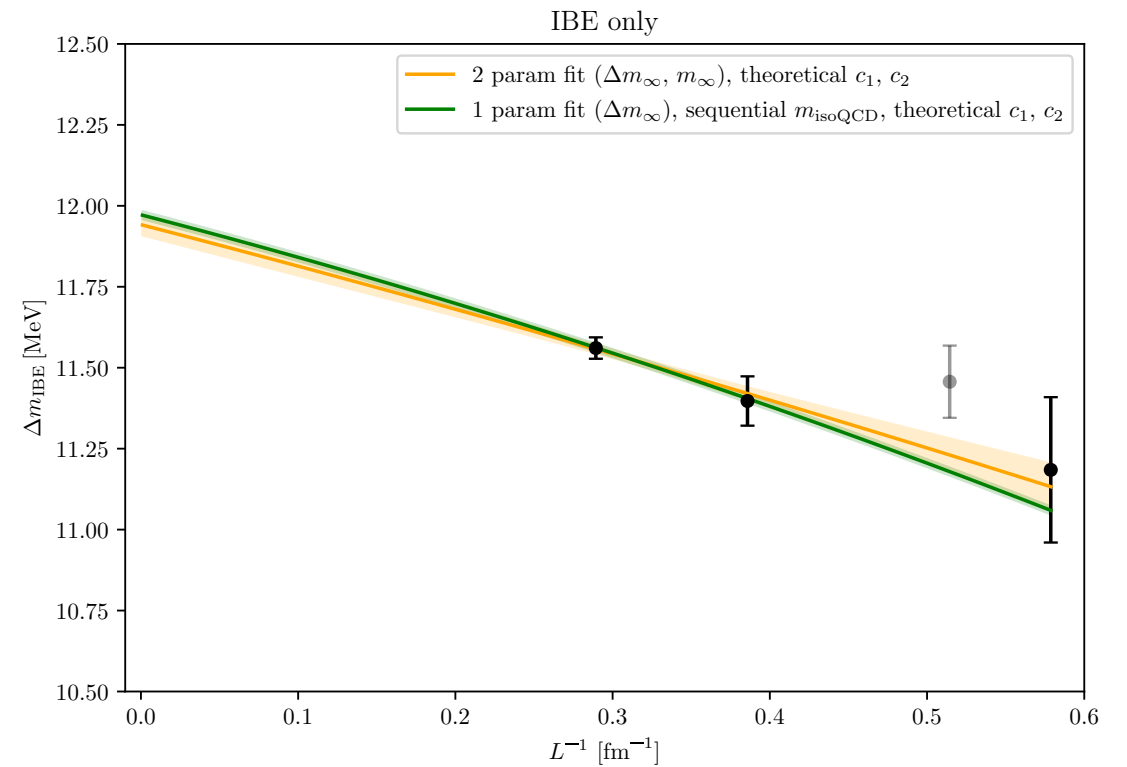
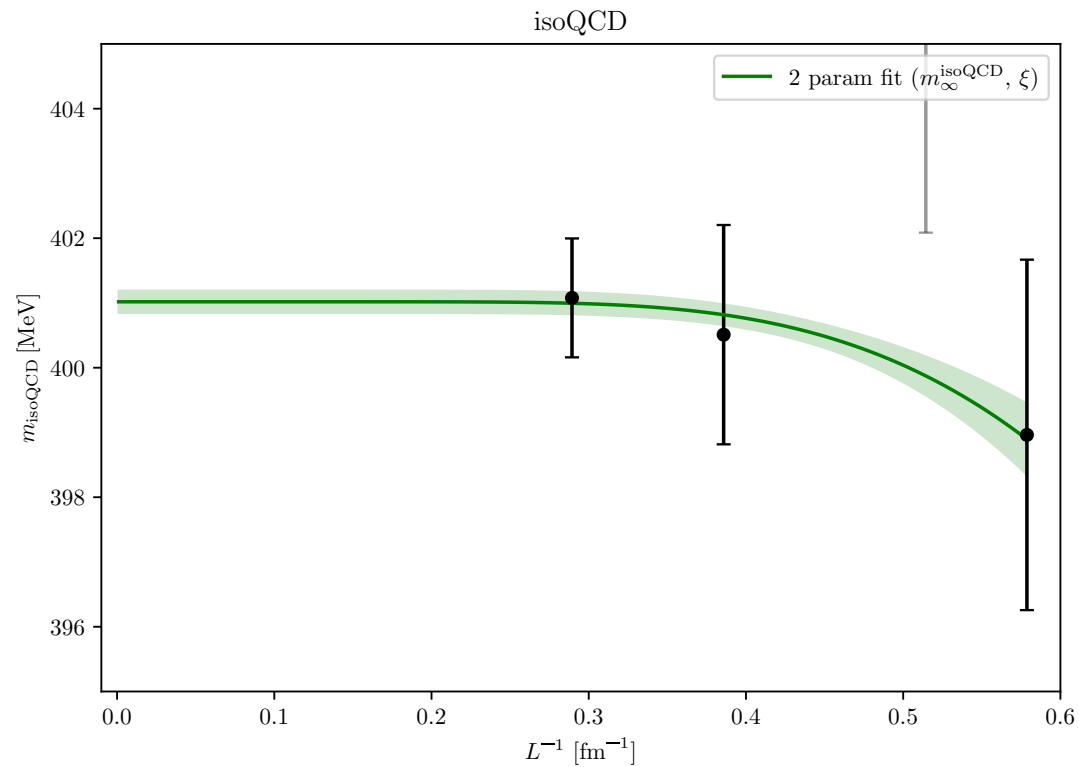
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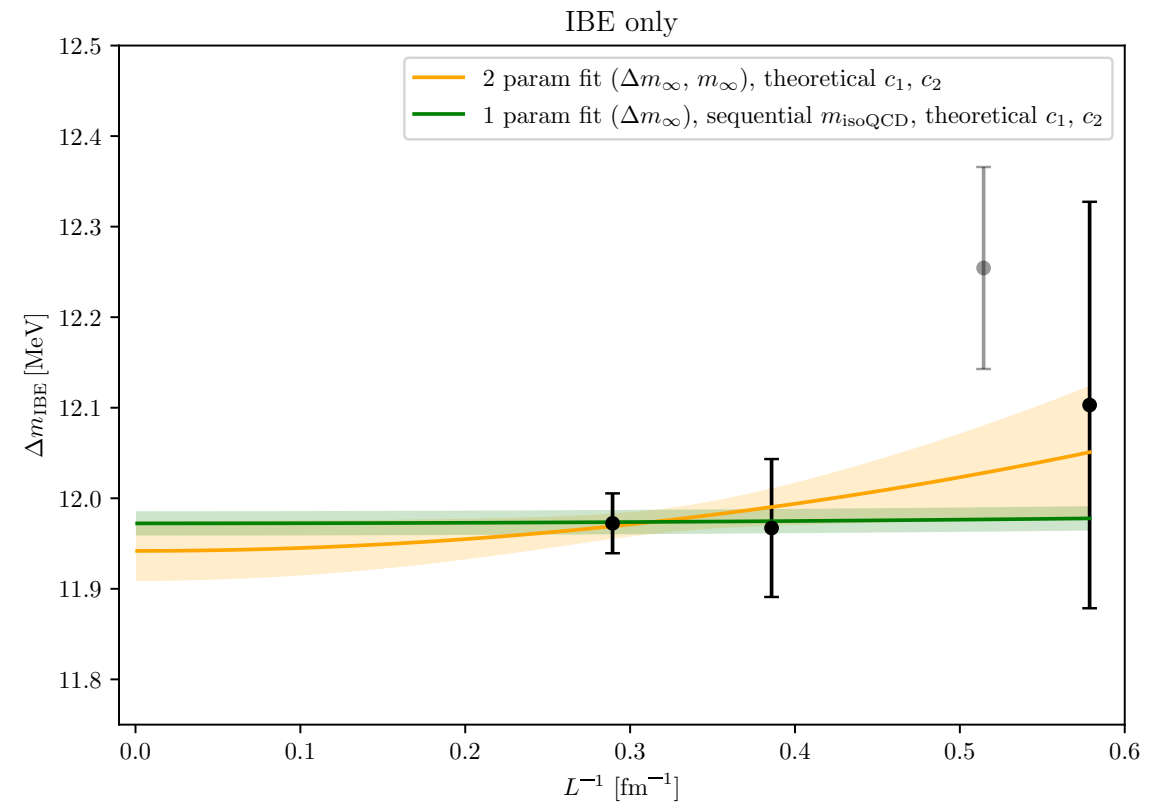
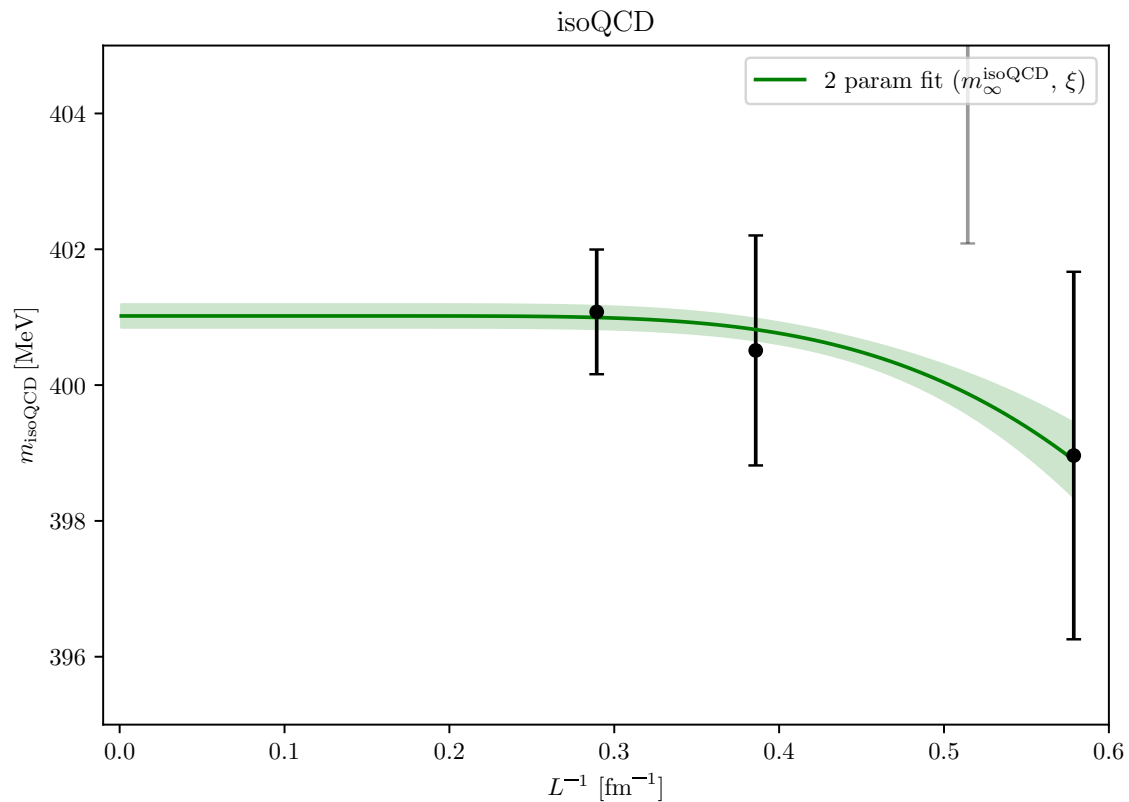


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Conclusions & Outlook

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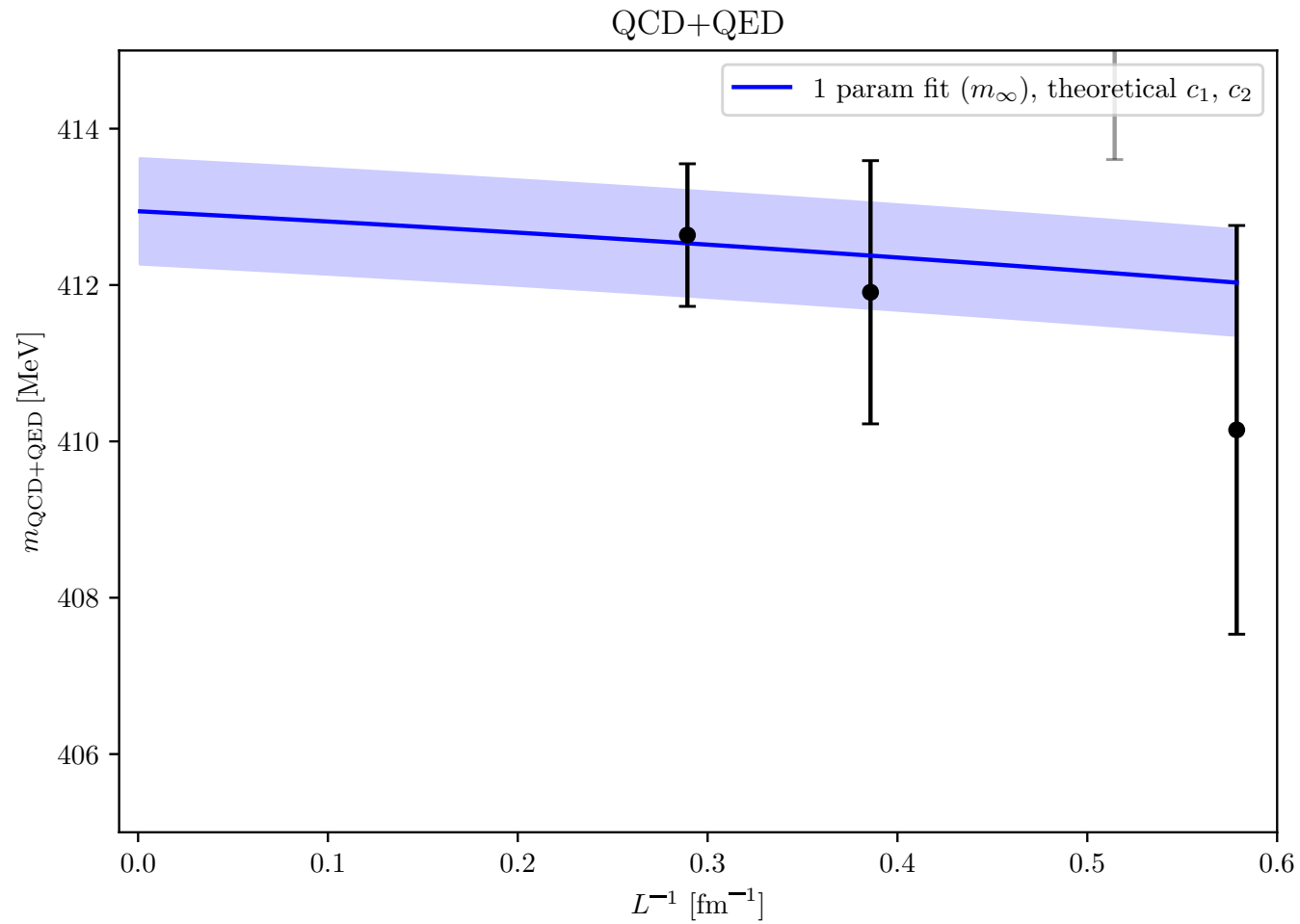
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- → QCD: P. Tavella's talk Tue, 16:30 (now)

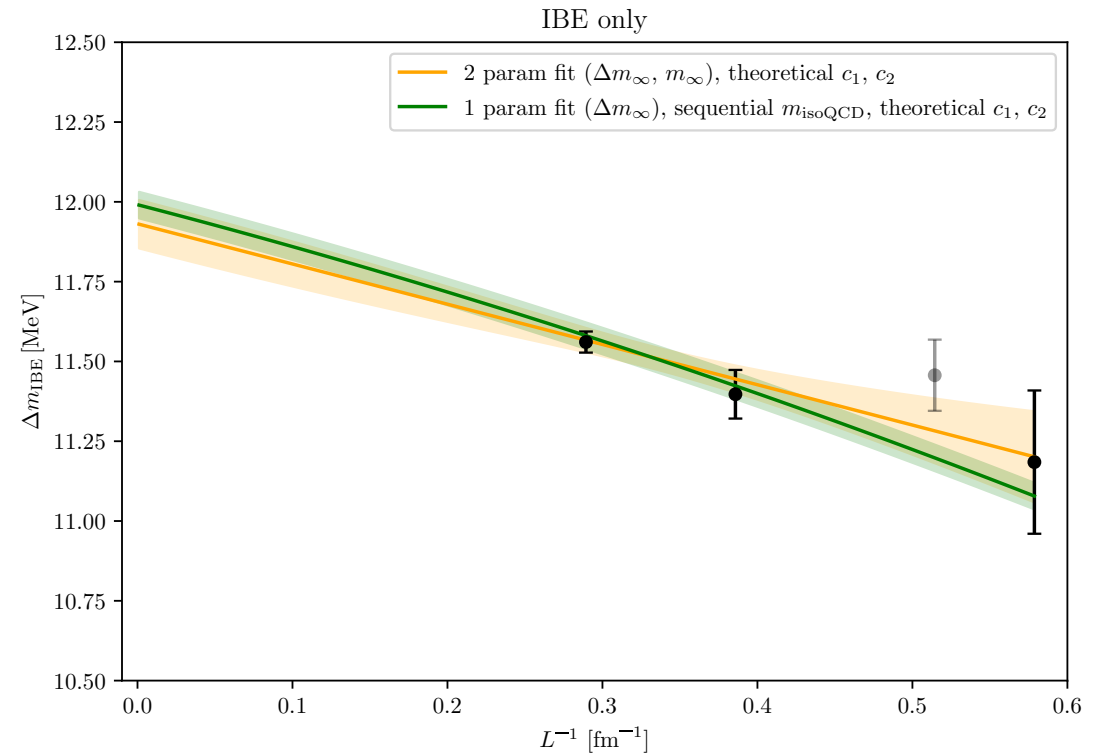
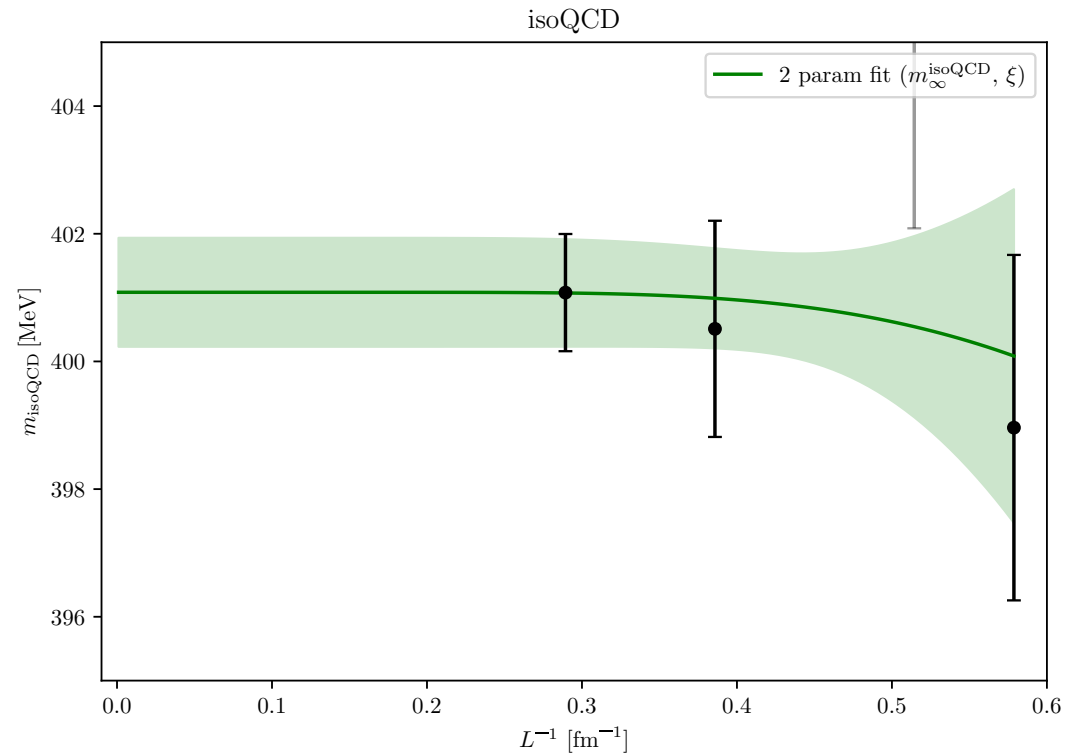
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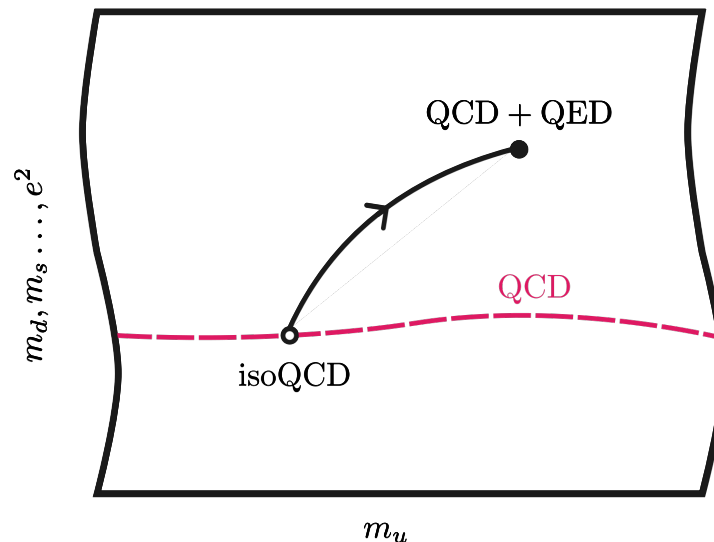
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The separation is scheme-dependent



→ How do we know our scheme separates power-law corrections?

→ Pure QCD ($e^2 = 0$) is sufficient

Subtracting the Universal Component

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