

# Lattice QCD and Flavour Physics

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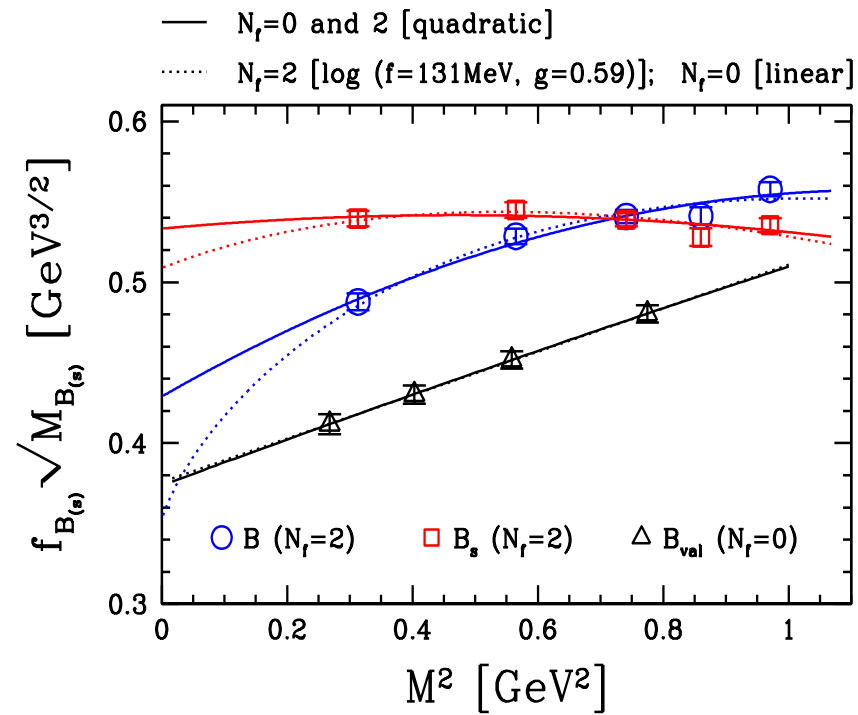
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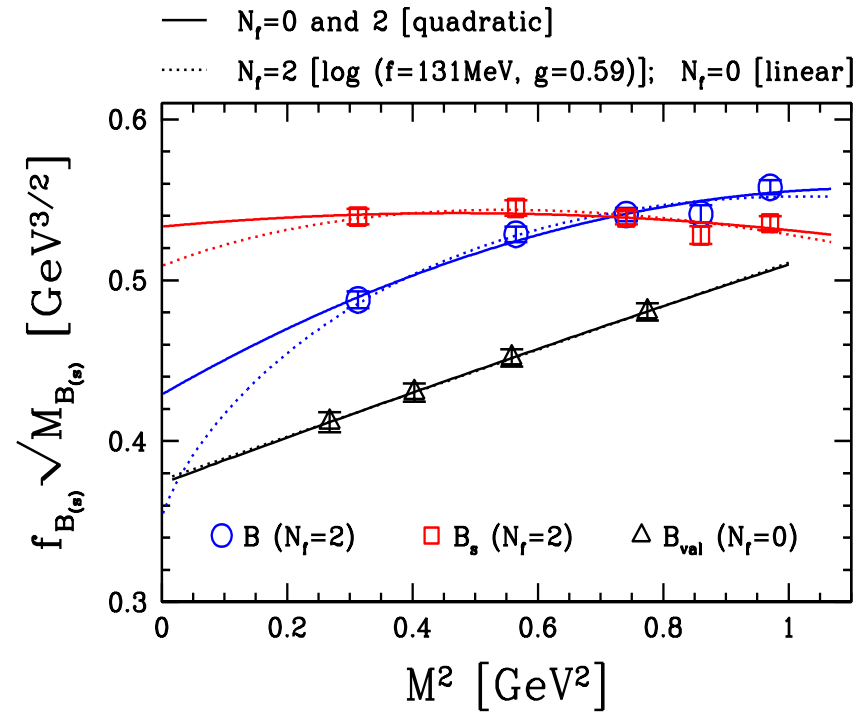
Knowledge of these form-factors allow for the determination of  $V_{cb}$  and  $V_{ub}$  CKM Matrix elements from experimental measurements of the differential decay rates.

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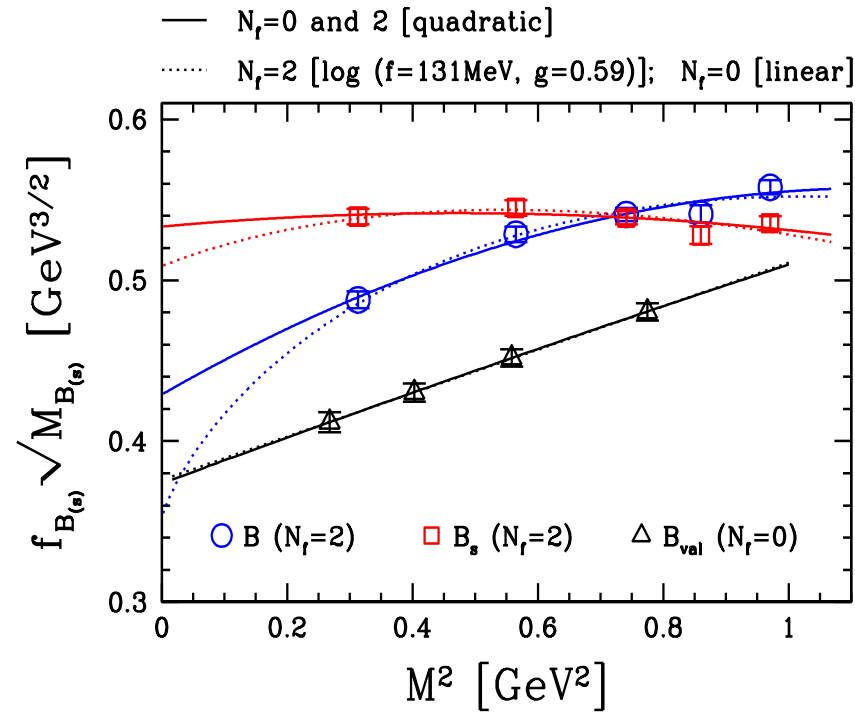
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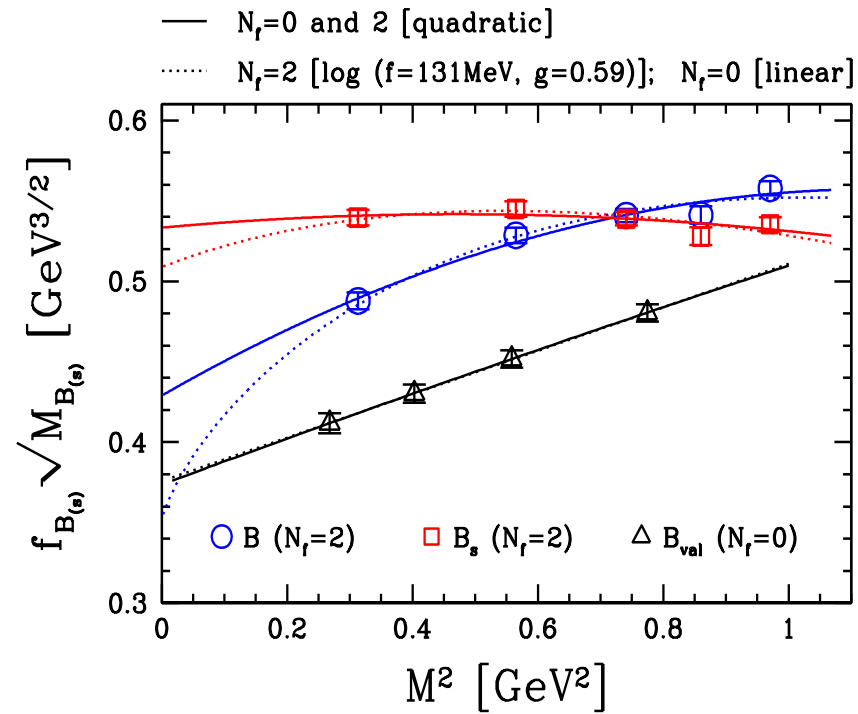
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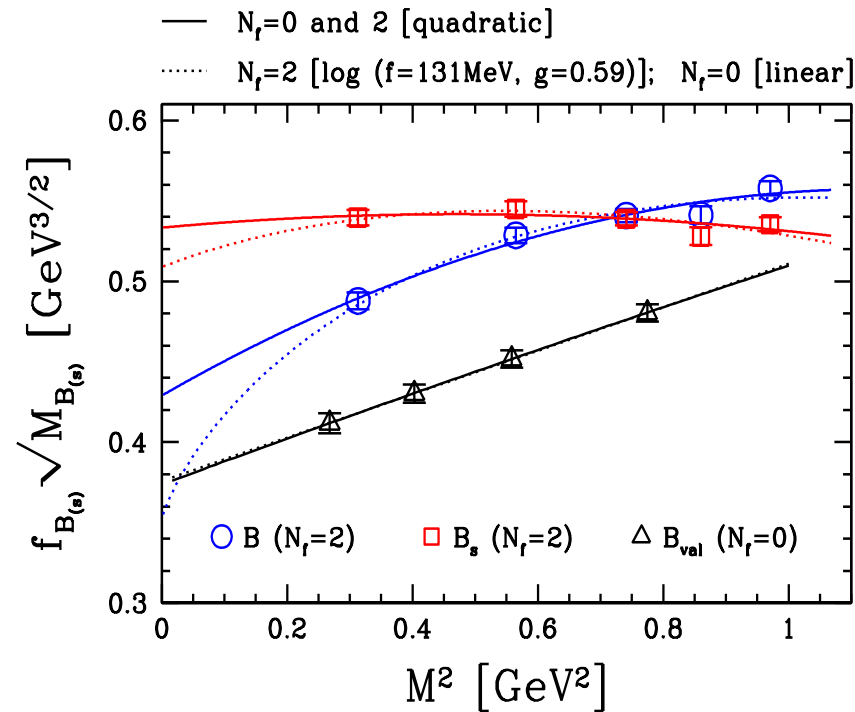
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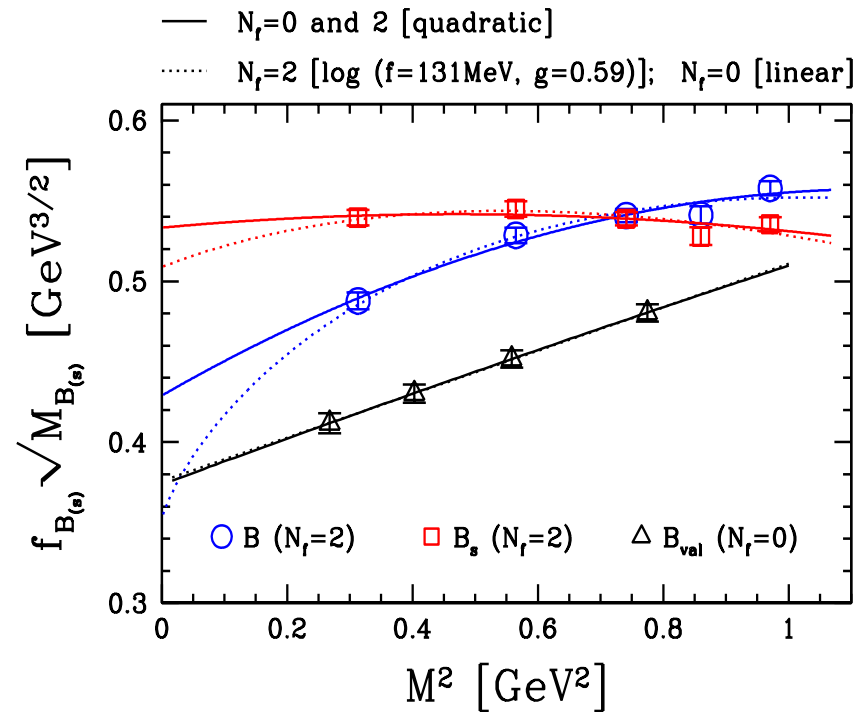
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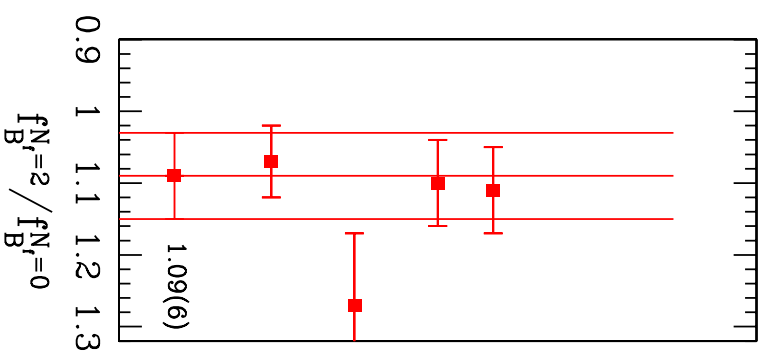
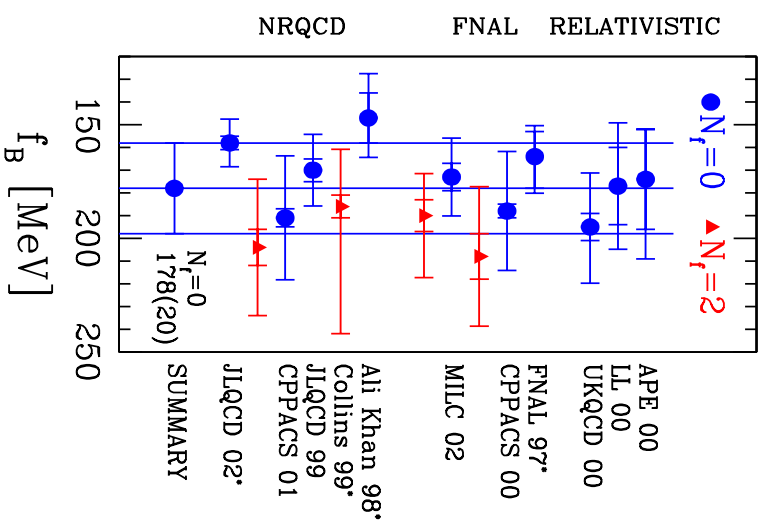
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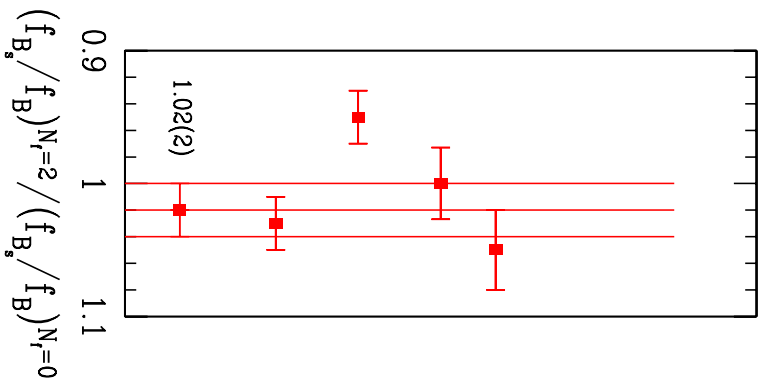
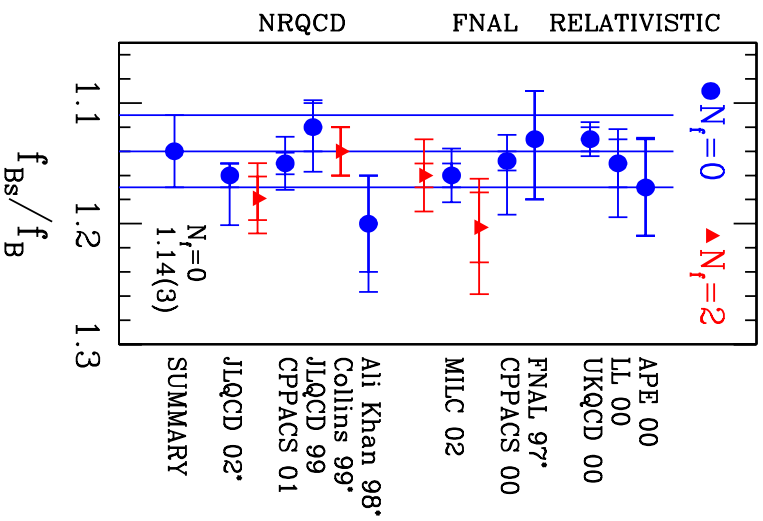


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**The goal is therefore to determine the low-energy constants in full QCD.**

- A key point will be to demonstrate the validity of  $\chi$ PT in the region in which we have data.

- Partially quenched QCD?

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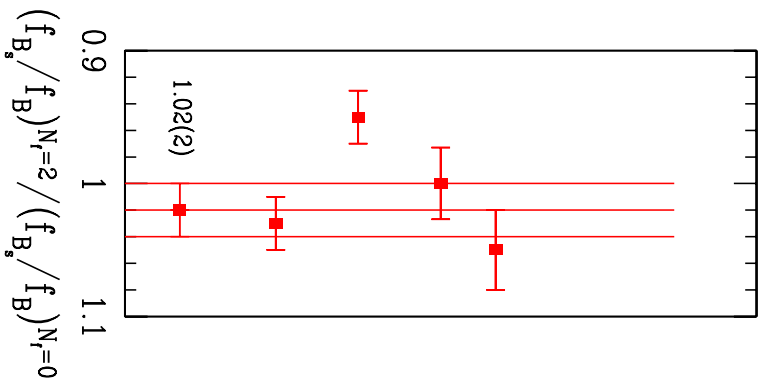
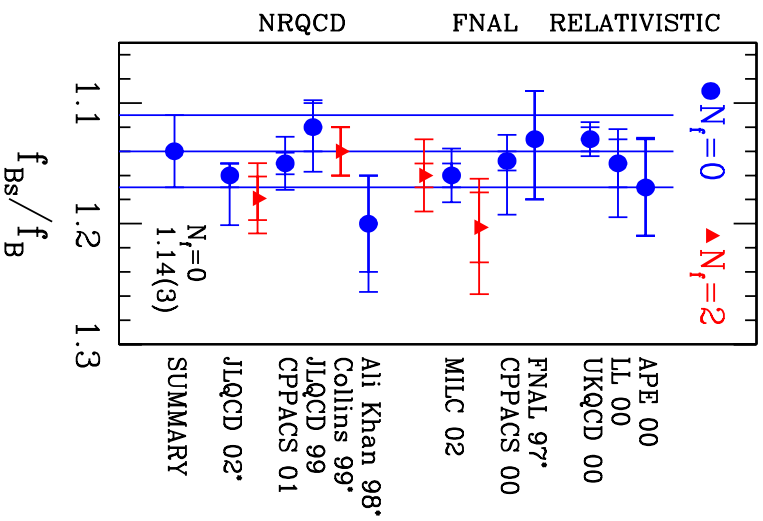
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- In the  $SU(3)_{\text{flavour}}$  limit  $\xi = 1$ , and lattice calculations, assuming a linear (polynomial) extrapolation in  $m_q$  have been very stable, typically giving:

$$\xi = 1.16(5).$$

This result is a key input into the unitarity triangle analysis.



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where  $r = m_{qq}^2/m_{ss}^2$  and the chiral logs are contained in

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- The “physical” value of  $\xi_f$  is then determined from the  $\chi$ PT formula at  $r \simeq 1/25$ . The variation of the result with  $r_0$  is included in the error.

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$$f_{B_s} = 240 \pm 35 \text{ MeV} \quad \text{and} \quad \xi = 1.25 \pm 0.10.$$

## Comments

- This is just one example which highlights the importance and the difficulty of performing the chiral extrapolation.

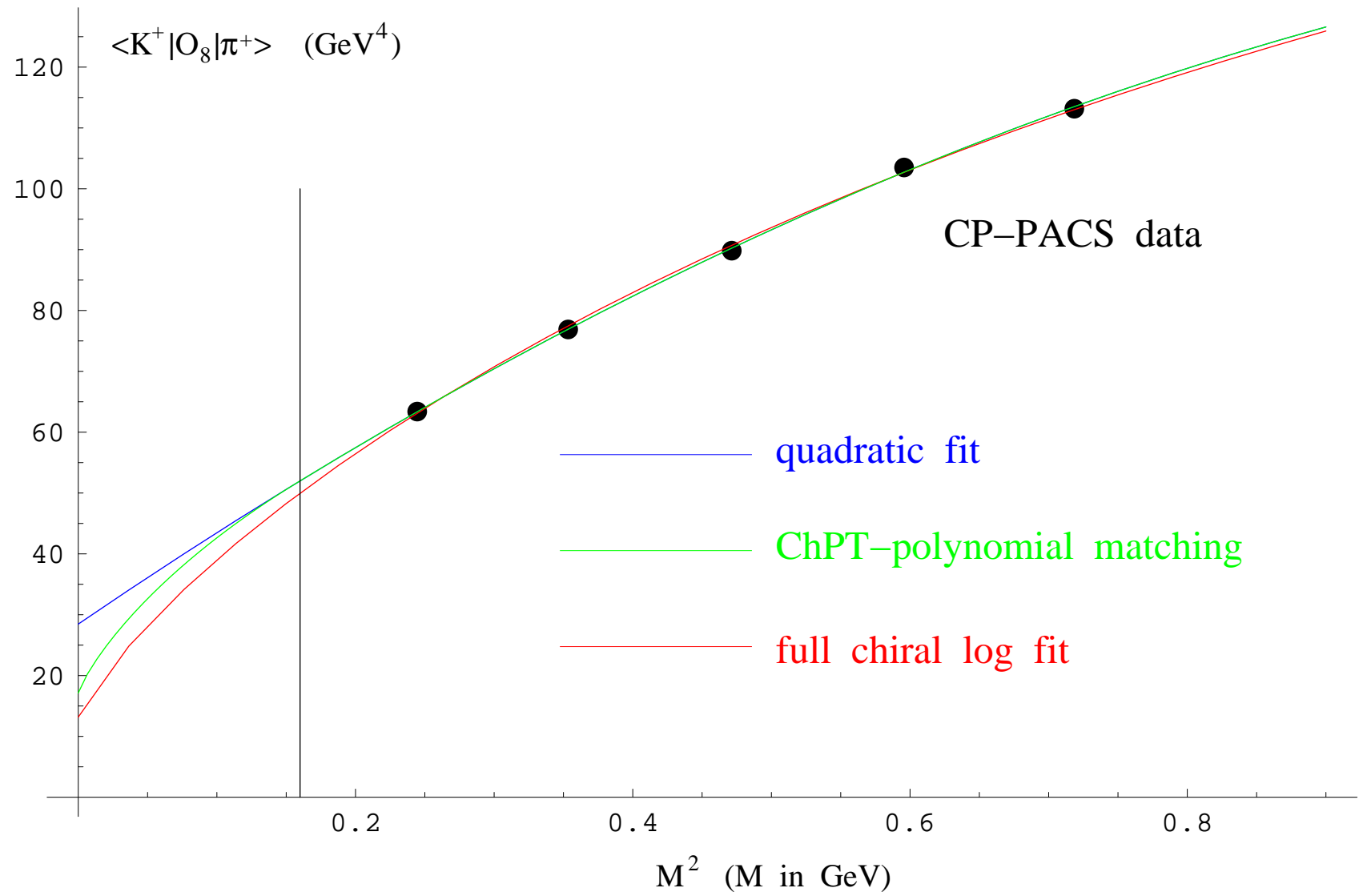
In particular we would like to extend the lattice results to smaller masses to match unambiguously onto NLO chiral behaviour.

- In the absence of this, it is a statement of faith that there is an overlap region, in which both  $\chi$ PT and polynomial behaviour are valid.

My reservations also apply to ratios in which chiral logs almost cancel numerically. (Here I seem to disagree with some reviewers.)

- Caveat - For the quantities discussed in this talk, such a detailed discussion has not been performed.

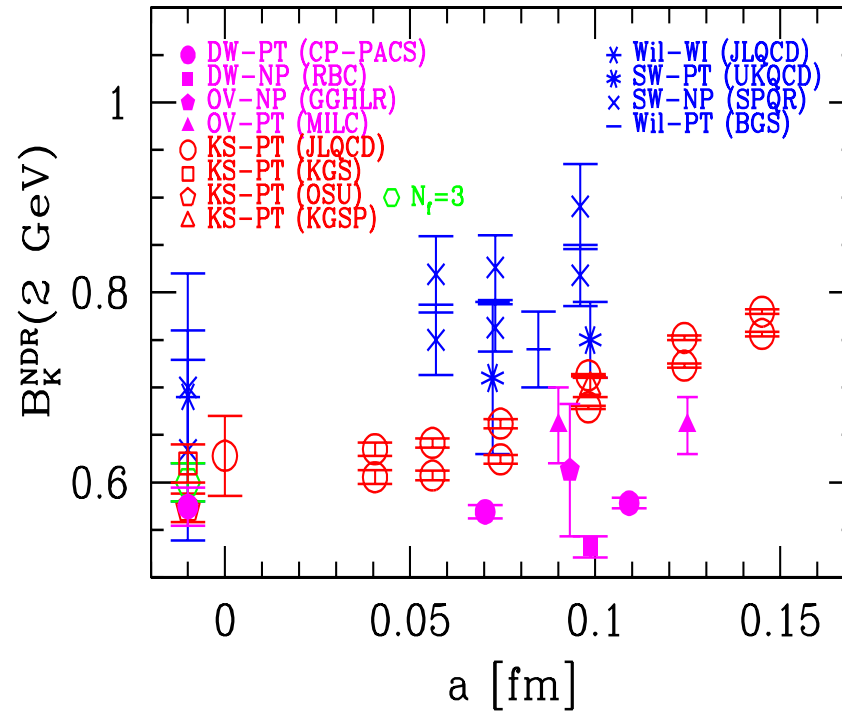




SPQR Collaboration - Preliminary

# $B_K$

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- Note that all but one of the simulations in this figure have been performed in the quenched approximation and kaons are composed of mass degenerate quarks (neglecting  $(m_s - m_d)^2$  effects). At the lattice conference results will be presented using dynamical fermions.

- The reference result is the one obtained in the 1997 quenched staggered calculation of JLQCD.
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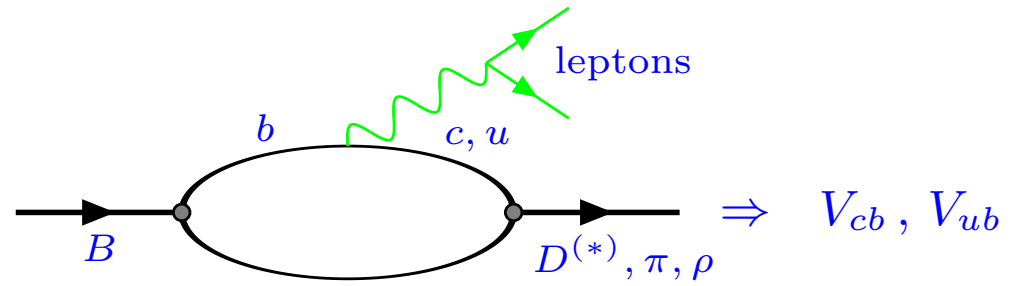
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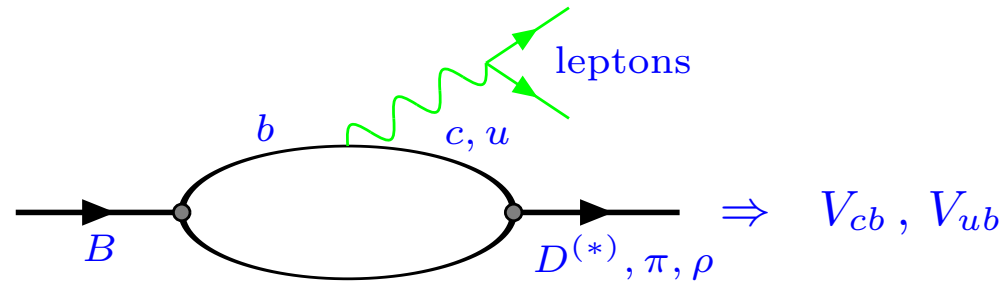
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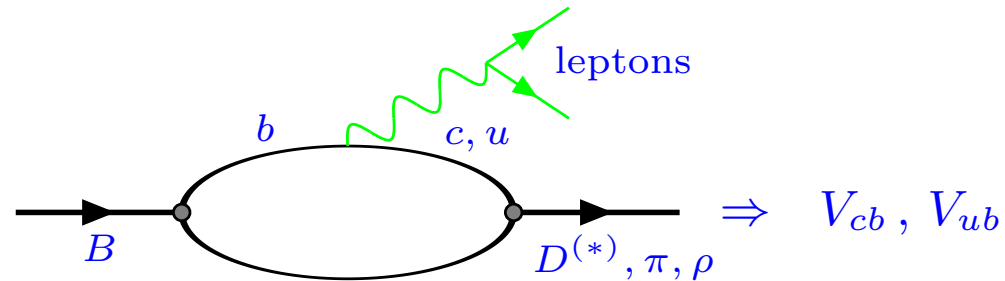
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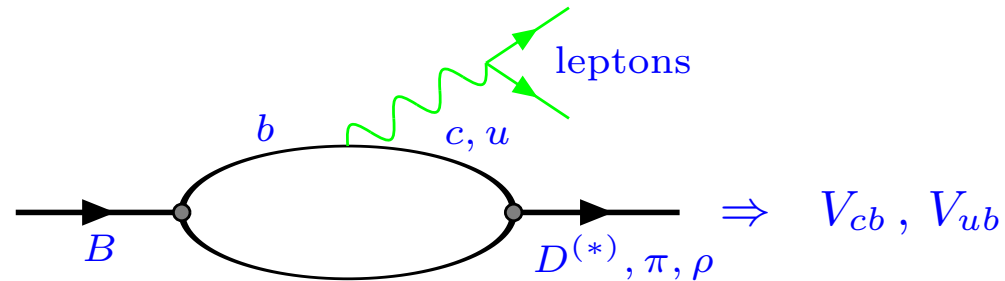


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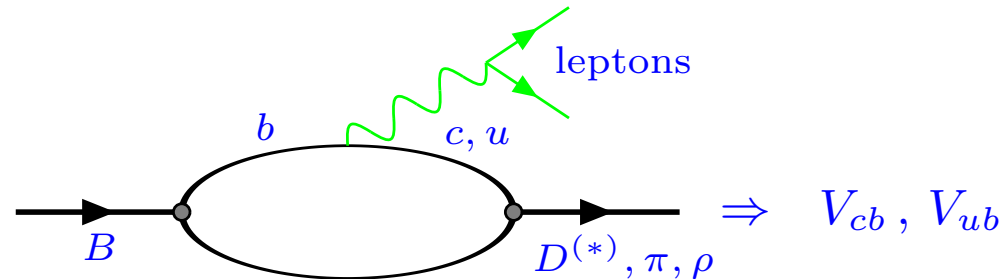


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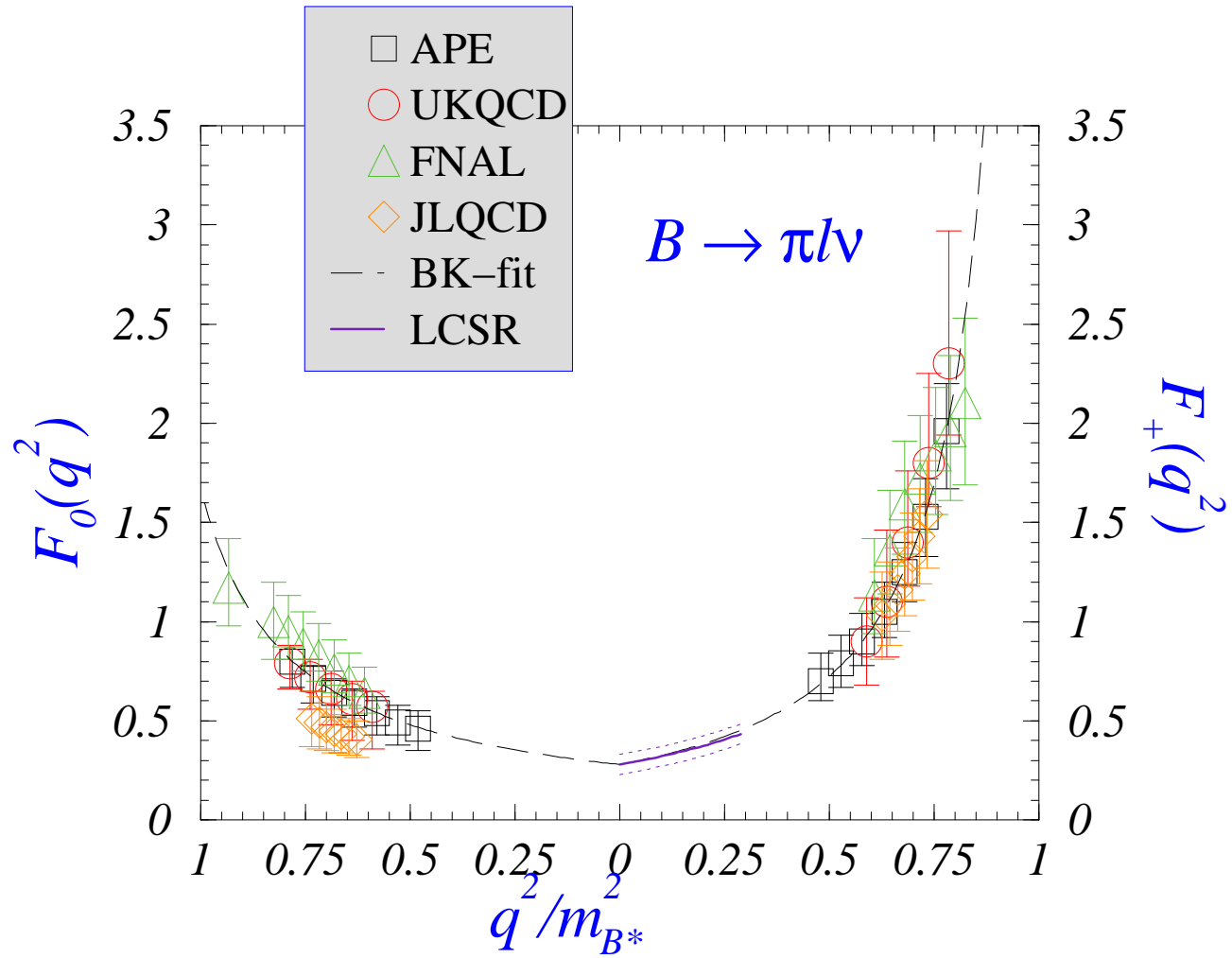
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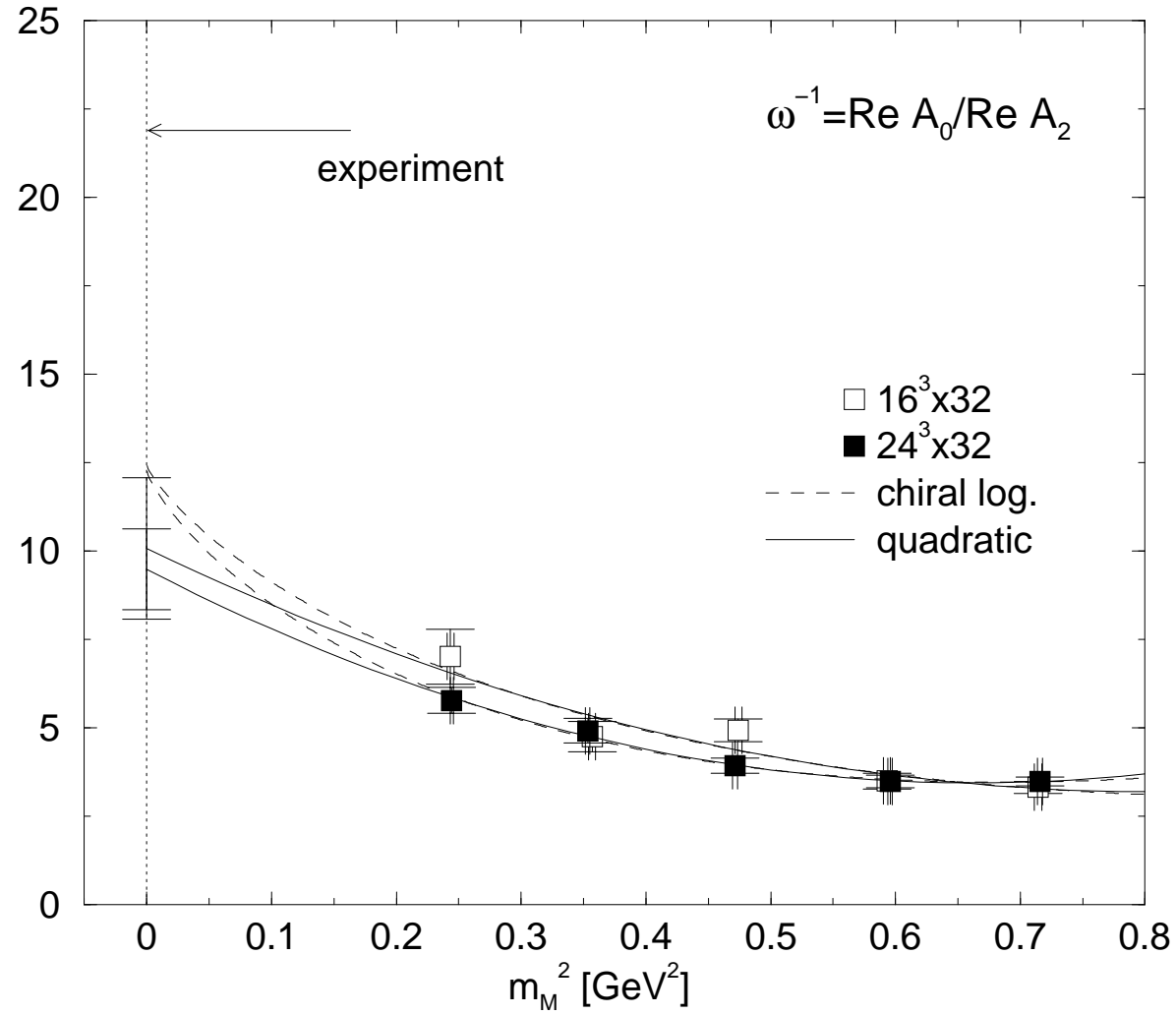
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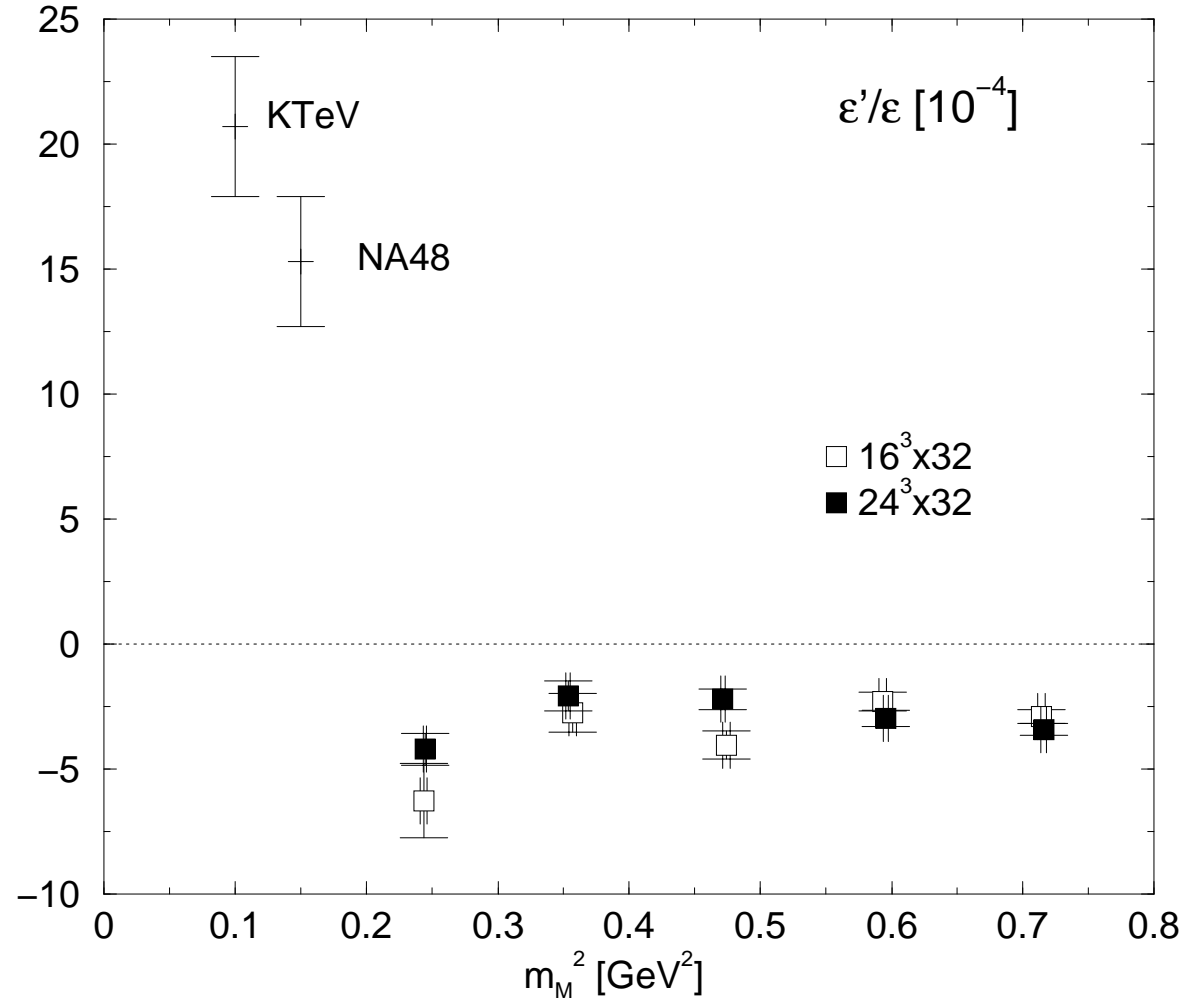
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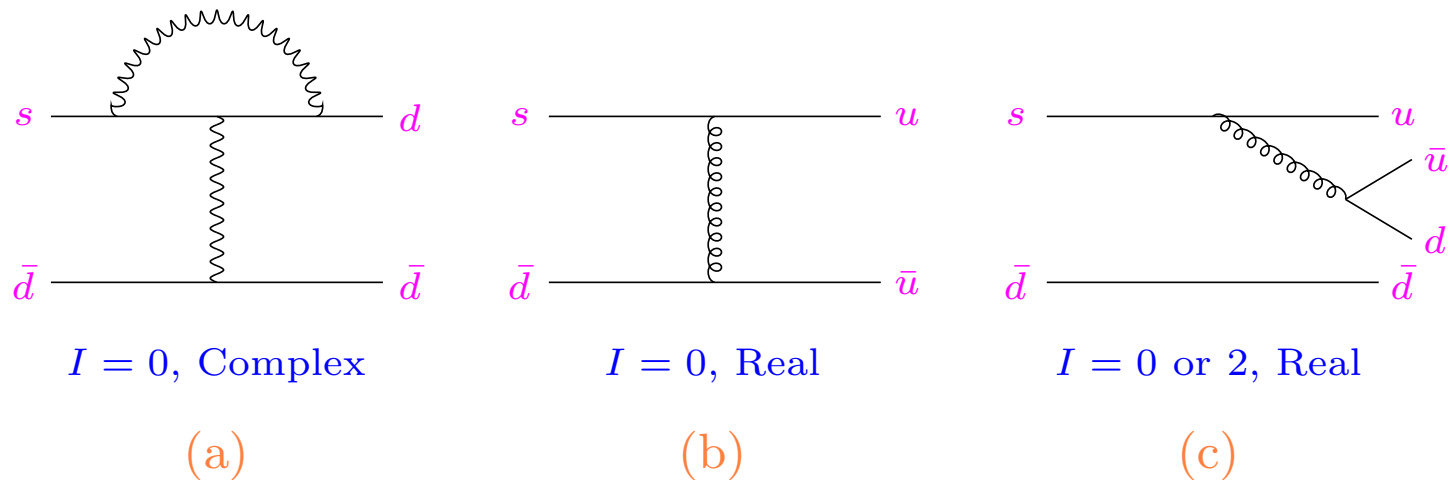
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## Physics of $\epsilon'/\epsilon$

- Consider the following contributions to  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  decays:



- Thus direct  $CP$ -violation in kaon decays manifests itself as a non-zero relative phase between the  $I = 0$  and  $I = 2$  amplitudes.
- We also have *strong phases*,  $\delta_0$  and  $\delta_2$  which are independent of the form of the weak Hamiltonian.

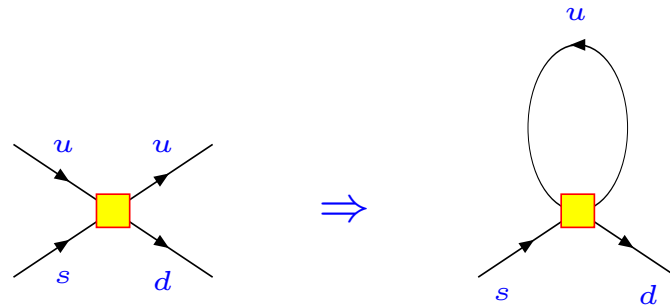
## The $\Delta S = 1$ Weak Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_{eff}(\Delta S = 1) = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ud} V_{us}^* \sum_{i=1}^{10} C_i(\mu) O_i(\mu)$$

- Non-perturbative QCD effects are contained in the matrix elements of the operators  $O_i(\mu)$ .
- $O_1, O_2$  – Current-Current Operators  
e.g.  $O_2 = (\bar{s}_L \gamma^\mu u_L) (\bar{u}_L \gamma_\mu d_L)$  - charm
- $O_3 - O_6$  – QCD Penguin Operators  
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e.g.  $O_8 = \frac{3}{2} (\bar{s}_L^i \gamma^\mu d_L^j) \sum_q e_q (\bar{q}_R^j \gamma_\mu q_R^i)$
- We would like to know the  $K \rightarrow \pi \pi$  matrix elements of these operators in one of the standard continuum renormalization schemes.

## Ultra-Violet Issues

- We need to obtain finite matrix elements of renormalized operators from those of the bare lattice operators. The lattice spacing provides a hard UV cut-off.
- Mixing of operators for  $\Delta I = 1/2$  decays  $\Rightarrow$  power divergences.



Dimension 6 operator  $\Rightarrow (\bar{d} \cdots s)$ .

- The degree of divergence and which bilinear operators contribute depends on the lattice formulation of QCD being used and its symmetries (in particular its chiral structure).
- The problem of the subtraction of power divergences is simplified very significantly, but not eliminated, in formulations of lattice QCD with an explicit chiral symmetry.

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- RBC & CP-PACS use *domain wall fermions*, in which chiral symmetry is approached exponentially as  $N_5 \rightarrow \infty$ . They compute  $K \rightarrow \pi$  and  $K \rightarrow 0$  matrix elements and determine the corresponding  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  matrix elements using lowest order  $\chi$ PT: for example there are two operators in the  $\Delta S = 1$  weak chiral Lagrangian which transform as (8,1),

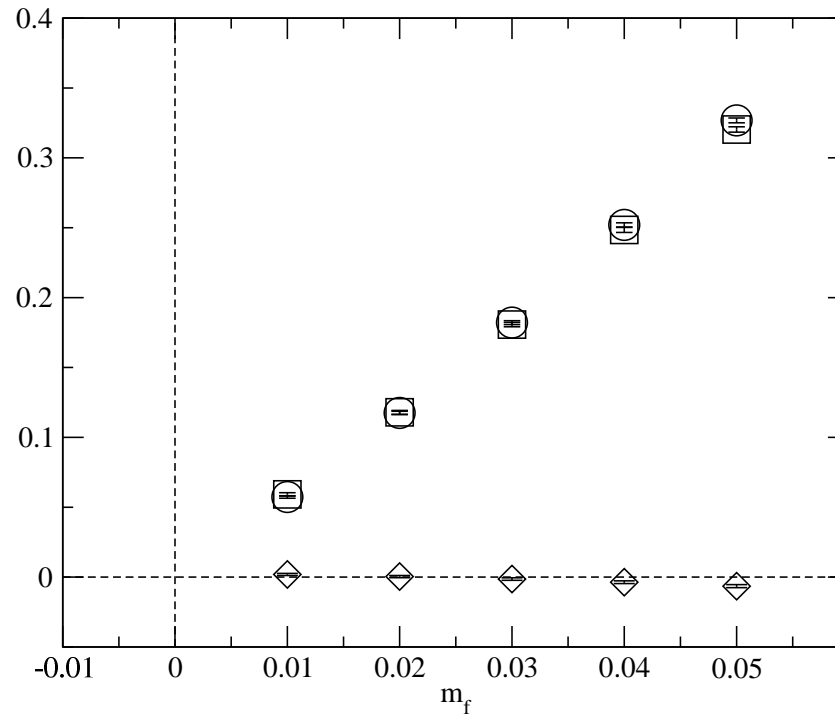
$$O^{(8,1)} = \alpha_1^{(8,1)} O_1^{(8,1)} + \alpha_2^{(8,1)} O_2^{(8,1)} \quad \text{with} \quad \langle 0 | O^{(8,1)} | K^0 \rangle = c_0 \alpha_2^{(8,1)} ;$$

$$\langle \pi^+ | O^{(8,1)} | K^+ \rangle = c_1 (\alpha_1^{(8,1)} - \alpha_2^{(8,1)}) ; \quad \langle \pi^+ \pi^- | O^{(8,1)} | K^0 \rangle = c_2 \alpha_1^{(8,1)} ,$$

where the  $c_i$ 's are known kinematical constants.

- Thus from the evaluation of  $K \rightarrow 0$  and  $K \rightarrow \pi$  matrix elements  $\alpha_1^{(8,1)}$ , and hence  $\langle \pi^+ \pi^- | O^{(8,1)} | K^0 \rangle$  can be determined.  $\alpha_2^{(8,1)}$  contains the power divergences ( $1/a^2$  in this case).

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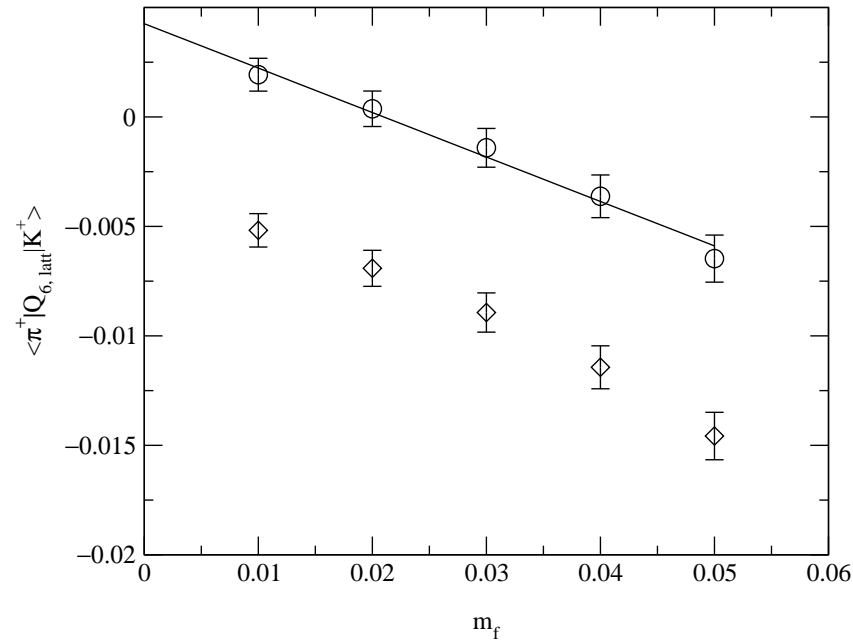


Operator  $O_6$  from RBC:

- Squares - Lattice  $K \rightarrow \pi$  Matrix Element
- Circles - Term to be Subtracted
- Diamonds - Difference

Highly correlated data  $\Rightarrow$  make the subtractions possible.

## Example of the Subtraction of Power Divergences - cont.



- Circles - Matrix element of  $O_6$  after subtraction.
- Line should pass through zero if chiral symmetry were exact.
- $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  matrix element obtained from the slope.
- Diamonds - Attempt to subtract residual chiral symmetry breaking effects.

Such studies highlight the necessity of having control of chiral symmetry.

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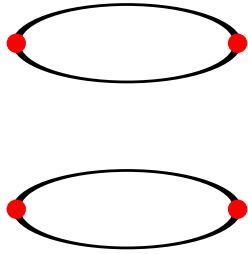
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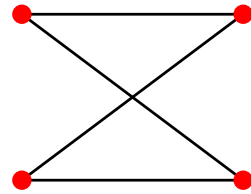
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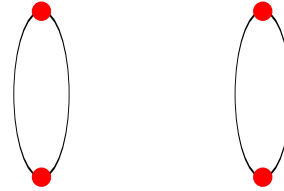
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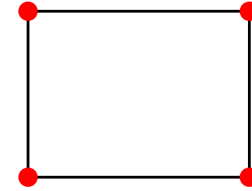
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

● = Pion Source or Sink

- Only diagrams (a) and (b) contribute to  $I = 2$   $\pi\pi$ -scattering. For  $I = 0$  scattering all four diagrams contribute.
- Diagrams (a) and (b) are relatively straightforward and cheap to evaluate. The most efficient way of evaluating diagram (c) in particular, requires some more investigation.

## Infrared Issues

- Finite-Volume Effects
- $\chi$ PT at NLO.

For the remainder of the talk I envisage evaluating  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  decays directly.

Quantization Condition for Two-Pion States in a Finite Volume

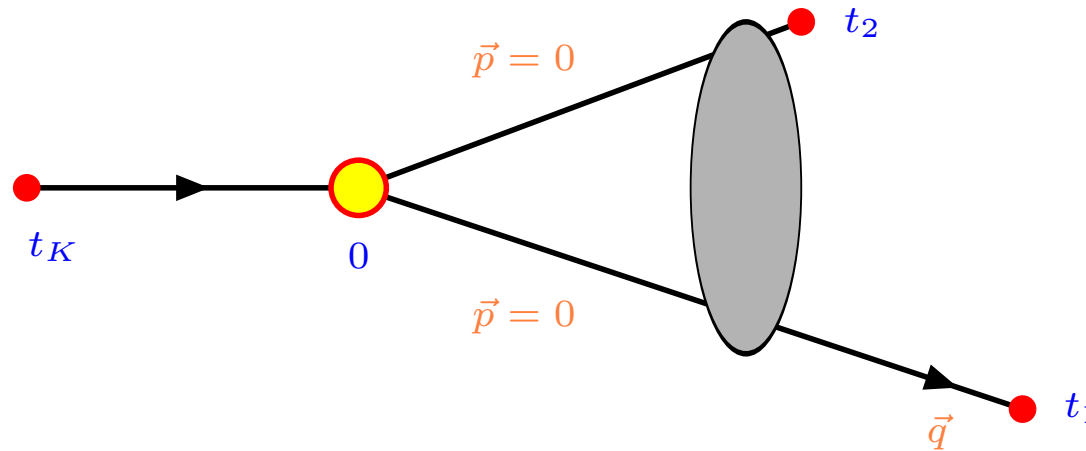
M.Lüscher (1986-91)

Finite-Volume Corrections to  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  Matrix Elements

L.Lellouch & M.Lüscher (2000)

C.-J.D.Lin, G.Martinelli, CTS, M.Testa (2002)

## Finite-Volume Effects



L.Maiani & M.Testa (1990) made the following two points about the computation of  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  decays in Euclidean Space:

- At large times the correlator is dominated by the unphysical matrix element with the two-pions at threshold;
- In Euclidean space one obtains real quantities, such as

$$\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \text{out} \langle \pi\pi | \mathcal{H}_W | K \rangle + \text{in} \langle \pi\pi | \mathcal{H}_W | K \rangle \right\} .$$

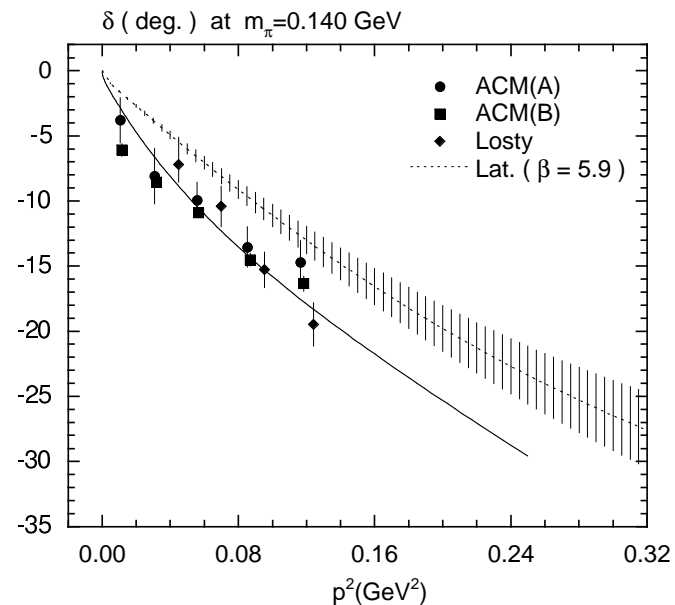
Following the Maiani-Testa paper there was a halt in the calculation of matrix elements between multi-hadron states.

Renewed interest was stimulated by L.Lellouch and M.Lüscher (2000) who:

- argued that by tuning the volume, one is in principle able to extract the matrix element corresponding to the physical kinematics for  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  decays.
  - The correlation function will still be dominated by the matrix element with the two pions in the ground state (unphysical kinematics), so one has to determine the coefficient of a non-leading exponential.
  - For a physical  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  decay with the kaon at rest and the energy of the two-pions corresponding to  $n = 1$ , the first excited state, one needs a lattice of about 6 fm.
  - (Christ & Kim (2002) propose to use Wiese Boundary conditions so that the lowest energy state can correspond to  $m_K$ .)
- derived a formula relating the matrix elements in a finite volume to the modulus of the physical decay amplitudes, up to exponential corrections in the volume.

## Two-Pion States in a Finite Cubic Volume - Status

- Finite Volume effects in the spectrum and matrix elements are well understood in the center of mass frame. They depend on the strong interaction phase shift.



Comparison of the lattice results for the  $I=2$  Scattering Phase Shift  $\delta(p)$  with experiments.

CP-PACS Collaboration, S.Aoki et al. [hep-lat/0209124](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-lat/0209124)

## Two-Pion States in a Finite Cubic Volume - Status (Cont.)

- LMST present a different derivation of the Lellouch-Lüscher formula which makes clear that it is also valid:
  - for states with  $n > 8$  (so that the infinite-volume limit can be taken at fixed physics);
  - for non-zero momentum transfers at the weak operator. This is useful for studies of  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  decays using chiral perturbation theory.
- At present we do not have a generalization of these results to a moving frame ( $\vec{p}_K \neq 0$ ).

see however, Gottlieb & Rummukainen, [hep-lat/9503028](#).

## $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ Decays at NLO in the Chiral Expansion

- The evaluation of  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  decay amplitudes at physical kinematics will not be possible for some years yet. We will therefore continue to rely on  $\chi$ PT to estimate physical decay amplitudes from simulations at unphysical kinematics for some time.
- We have embarked on a major project to exploit  $\chi$ PT at NLO. The generic structure is of the form:

$$\langle \pi\pi | \mathcal{O}_W | K \rangle = \text{LO} * (1 + \text{Logs}) + \text{NLO counterterms}.$$

The Logs are calculable in one-loop  $\chi$ PT. The idea is to use lattice computations of  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  matrix elements, for a range of masses and momenta, in order to

- determine the LO and NLO low-energy constants;
  - use these to determine the physical decay amplitudes.
- It appears that it is possible to determine all the required NLO low-energy constants with a simple set of masses and momenta.

Example –  $\langle \pi^+ \pi^0 | \mathcal{O}_4 | K^+ \rangle$

1) For “physical” kinematics, i.e. for  $p_{K^+} = p_{\pi^+} + p_{\pi^0}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \pi^+ \pi^0 | \mathcal{O}_4 | K^+ \rangle_{\text{phys}} &= -\frac{6\sqrt{2}}{f_K f_\pi^2} \left\{ \alpha^{(27,1)} \left( m_K^2 - m_\pi^2 + \text{chiral logs} \right) \right. \\ &\quad + (\beta_4 - \beta_5 + 4\beta_7 + 2\beta_{22}) m_K^4 + (4\beta_2 - 4\beta_4 - 2\beta_7 - 16\beta_{24}) m_\pi^4 \\ &\quad \left. + (-4\beta_2 + 3\beta_4 + \beta_5 - 2\beta_7 - 2\beta_{22} + 16\beta_{24}) m_K^2 m_\pi^2 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Subscripts correspond to classification by Kambor, Missimer & Wyler.



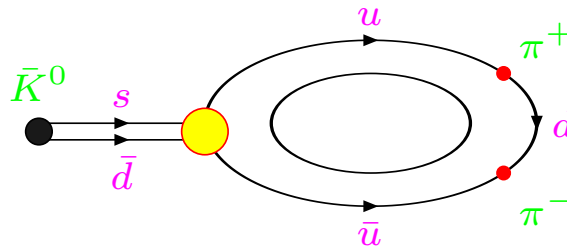
2) For “SPQR” kinematics, i.e. with the kaon and one of the pions at rest and the other with energy  $E_\pi$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \pi^+ \pi^0 | \mathcal{O}_4 | K^+ \rangle_{\text{SPQR}} &= -\frac{6\sqrt{2}}{f_K f_\pi^2} \left\{ \alpha^{(27,1)} \left( E_\pi m_\pi + \frac{1}{2} m_K (E_\pi + m_\pi) + \text{chiral logs} \right) \right. \\ &+ 4\beta_2 m_\pi^4 + (4\beta_4 + 2\beta_7) E_\pi m_\pi^3 + (\beta_4 - \beta_5 + \beta_7) m_\pi^3 m_K + (\beta_4 - \beta_5 + \beta_7 + 2\beta_{22}) E_\pi m_\pi^2 m_K + \\ &(-4\beta_2 + 8\beta_{24}) m_\pi^2 m_K^2 + (\beta_4 + 2\beta_7) E_\pi m_K^3 + (-2\beta_5 + 4\beta_7 + 4\beta_{22}) E_\pi m_\pi m_K^2 + (\beta_4 + 2\beta_7) m_\pi m_K^3 \\ &\left. + (-16\beta_{24}) E_\pi^2 m_\pi^2 + 2\beta_{22} E_\pi^2 m_\pi m_K + 8\beta_{24} E_\pi^2 m_K^2 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

**By fitting the computed values of the matrix elements with the SPQR kinematics all the necessary low energy constants can be determined.**

## Lack of Unitarity in Quenched QCD

In full QCD we have the following contribution to the  $\Delta I = 1/2$  decay  $\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ :



- In the quenched theory this contribution is absent. This is achieved, e.g. by introducing ghost-quarks (with the opposite statistics) to cancel the effect.

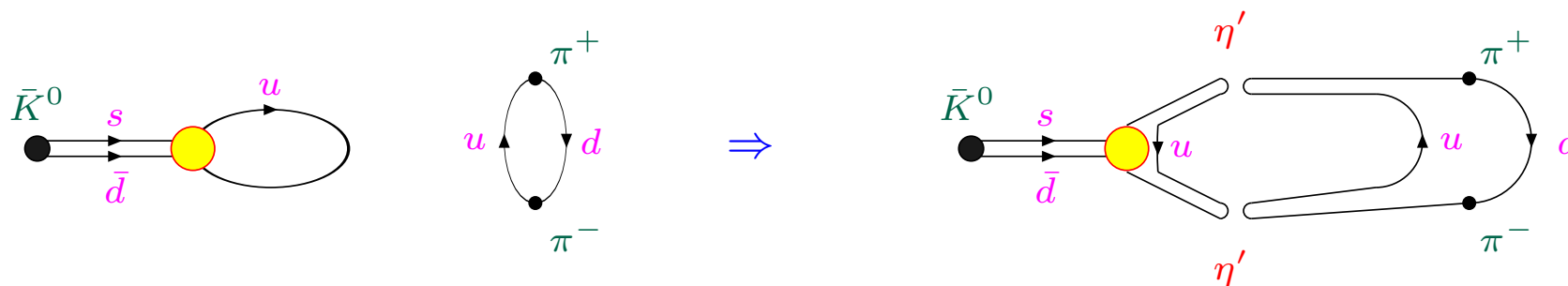
Internal particles are not the same as the external ones  $\Rightarrow$  FSI depend on the operator.

Is there some meaningful way of overcoming this?

- At one-loop  $\chi$ PT this effect is not present for  $\Delta I=3/2$  decays.
- This effect is also present for partially quenched QCD, when  $m_K > 2m_\pi$ .

## Hairpin Diagrams and Double Poles

As an example consider the following  $\Delta I = 1/2$  contribution to decay  $\bar{K}^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$  in quenched QCD:



- Qualitatively the  $\eta'$  propagator is rewritten as the first two terms of the pion propagator.  
Double Pole  $\Rightarrow$  more singular long-distance behaviour.
- At one-loop order in the chiral expansion there are no such contributions to  $\Delta I = 3/2$  transitions.

## $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ Decays – Summary and Conclusions

- There has been a lot of theoretical progress in understanding the ingredients necessary to compute  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  decay amplitudes in lattice computations.
  - The non-perturbative subtraction of power divergences.
  - Finite-Volume Effects. (But not for  $\vec{p} \neq 0$ ?)
  - Chiral Perturbation Theory at NLO  $\Rightarrow$  determine all the LEC.
    - Calculation for  $\Delta I = 3/2$  is complete for general kinematics is complete, and for  $\Delta I = 1/2$  is in progress.
    - Significant difficulties for  $\Delta I = 1/2$  decays in quenched and partially quenched QCD.
- We now need to reap the harvest of this theoretical investment in numerical simulations of  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  decays.