

Two-Hadron Interactions on the Lattice:

NN and $\pi\pi$

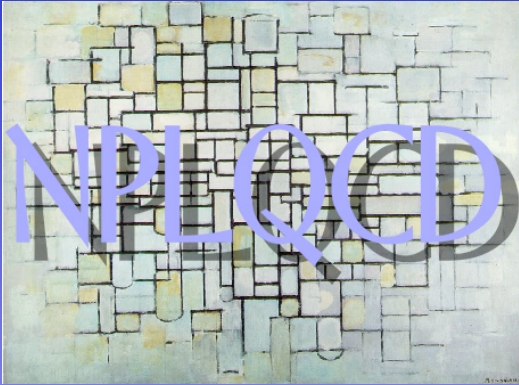
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- $I = 2 \pi\pi$ Scattering
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- $I = 1 KK$ Scattering $I = 3/2 K\pi$ Scattering
 f_K/f_π
- NN YN
- Restless Pions: Orbifold boundary conditions and noise suppression in Lattice QCD
- Conclusions

Motivations

Motivations

- Lattice QCD has entered the precision era - at least for **Gold-Plated** quantities
- For two-pion (two-meson) interactions, lattice QCD is competitive with the best theoretical and phenomenological determinations of the non-scalar scattering channel
- One would like to understand nuclear phenomenology from first principles - a direct connection with QCD is needed

A necessary first step is understanding the two-nucleon system

can one find the deuteron?

for what values of the quark masses does the deuteron remain finely-tuned

- In particular, lattice QCD has a great opportunity to make a large impact on understanding the interactions of strange hadrons

RHIC: STAR is beginning to use kaon interferometry

Neutron star properties: kaon-condensation? phase-diagram?

- Personally: scattering is just damn cool!

Two-Hadrons on the Lattice

Maiani-Testa No-Go-Theorem

S-Matrix elements can not be extracted away from threshold from infinite volume Euclidean correlation functions ($n \geq 3$)

C. Michael NPB 327 (1989)

L. Maiani, M. Testa PLB 245 (1990)

Easy to understand

- Minkowski space; S-matrix elements are complex functions above kinematic thresholds
- Euclidean space; S-matrix elements are real functions for all kinematics - **lost information??**

Volume Dependence

- Luscher's method for extracting infinite volume scattering parameters from the volume dependence of 2-particle states

K. Huang, C.N. Yang

Phys. Rev 105 (1957)

H.W. Hamber, E. Marinari,
G. Parisi, C. Rebbi

NPB 225 (1983)

M. Lüscher

Comm. Math. Phys. 105 (1986)

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NPB 354 (1991)

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PLB 585 (2004)

2-hadron states in Finite Volume

Lüscher's method for extracting infinite-volume scattering parameters essentially amounts to solving the eigenvalue equation,

$$k \cot \delta(k) = \frac{1}{\pi L} \sum_{\vec{n}} \frac{f(\vec{n})}{\vec{n}^2 - \left(\frac{kL}{2\pi}\right)^2}$$

For some regular function, $f(\vec{n})$. This equation can be expanded for large volume (compared to the scattering length, and $f(\vec{n}) = 1$), and solved for the energy difference from threshold,

$$\Delta E_0 \simeq -\frac{4\pi a_0}{mL^3} \left[1 + c_1 \frac{a_0}{L} + c_2 \left(\frac{a_0}{L}\right)^2 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{L^3}\right) \right]$$

This method also works for large scattering lengths, as in the nucleon-nucleon system, where the box size is still larger than the range of the interaction

$$a \gg L \quad , \quad L > \frac{1}{m_\pi}$$

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$I = 2$ $\pi\pi$ scattering

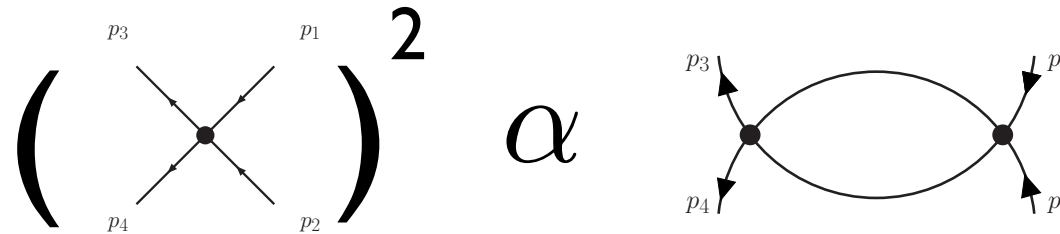
$I = 2$ $\pi\pi$ scattering

Why not $I = 0$ $\pi\pi$ Scattering?

- Numerically much more expensive - requires all-to-all propagators (disconnected diagrams)
- For mixed-action schemes (or partially quenched) the unitarity violations are much more problematic, as the unphysical particles can go on shell in the s-channel diagrams, invalidating the use of Lüscher's method.

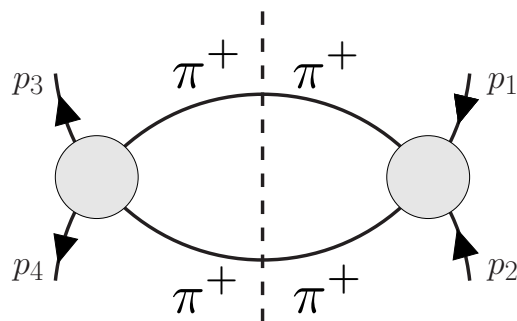
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Luscher's method relies upon unitarity (optical theorem)



For $I=2$ pion scattering - the only particles which participate in the optical theorem are the π^+ s

➔ This relation holds in a **partially quenched - mixed action** theories



To all orders in perturbative expansion!!

J.-W. Chen, D. O'Connell, R. S. Van De Water, AW-L
PRD 73(2006)

No hairpin diagrams (unitarity violating effects) in s-channel diagram for particles below 4-pi inelastic threshold.

$I = 2 \pi\pi$ scattering

Quenched

Sharpe, Gupta, Kilcup

NPB 383 (1992)

Gupta, Patel, Sharpe

PRD 48 (1993)

Kuramashi, Fukujita, Mino, Okawa, Ukawa

PRL 71 (1993)

hep-lat/9301016

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hep-lat/9501024

Fiebig, Rabitsch, Markum, Mihaly

hep-lat/9911025

Liu, Zhang, Chen, Ma

hep-lat/0109010

NPB 624 (2002)

Gattringer, Hierl, Pullirsch

hep-lat/0409064

JLQCD

PRD 66 (2002)

CP-PACS

PRD 67 (2003)

hep-lat/0503025

PRD 71 (2005)

hep-lat/0703015

Dynamical

CLQCD

CP-PACS 2 flavors

PRD 70 (2004)

NPLQCD 2+1 flavors

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arXiv:0706.3026

$I = 2$ $\pi\pi$ scattering Resources

Mixed Action (hybrid) calculation using domain-wall valence fermions and rooted staggered sea fermions with **2+1** dynamical fermion flavors

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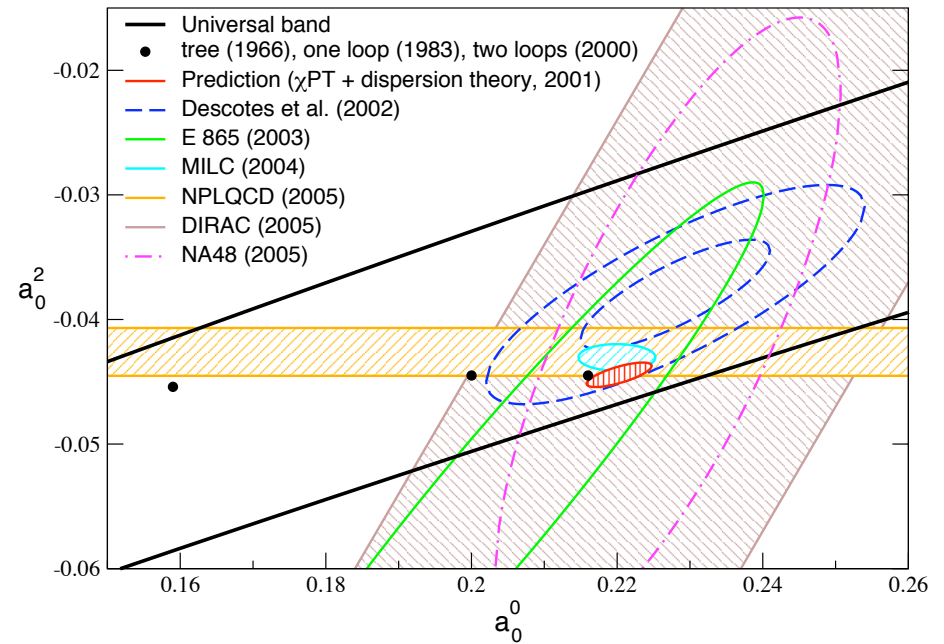
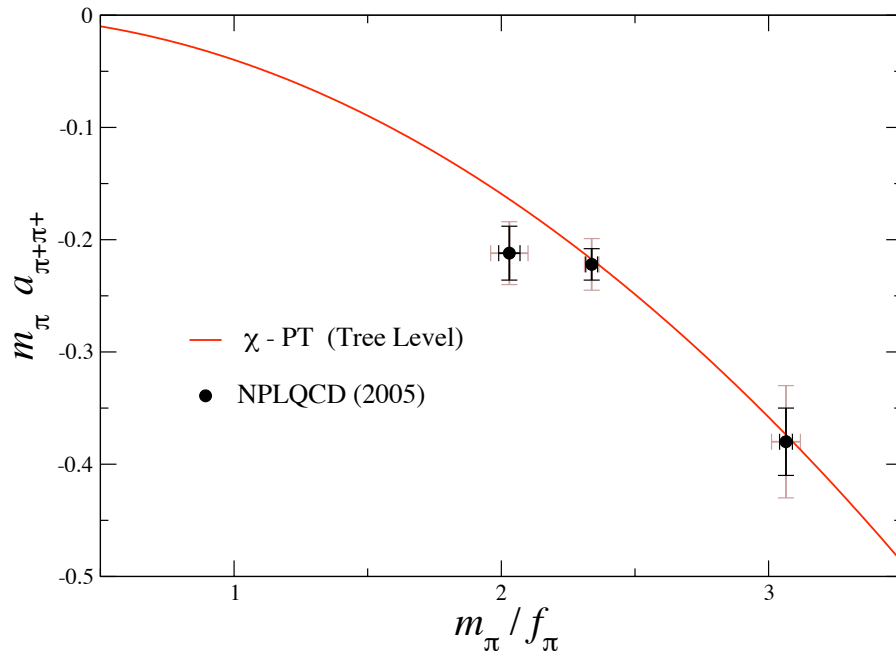
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Peculiarities of staggered fermion formulation lead to **5 tastes** of pions, with different masses. The mass splitting between these multiplets are lattice spacing artifacts, vanishing in the continuum limit.

One of these pions, the **taste-5** pion, is the pseudo-Goldstone mode of a remnant axial symmetry, and thus is protected from additive lattice spacing dependent mass renormalizations. Consequently, this **taste-5** pion is the lightest, and the pion used to tune the domain-wall valence pion mass to (within a few percent).

$I = 2$ $\pi\pi$ scattering 2005 - first dynamical 2+1 flavor

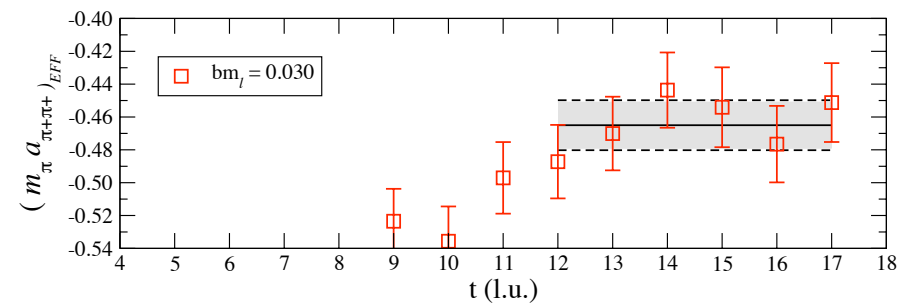
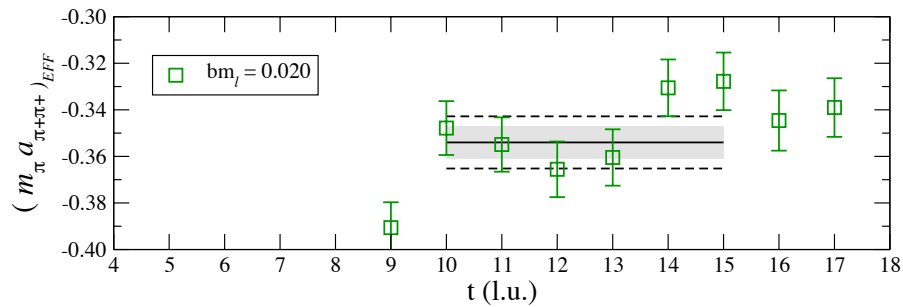
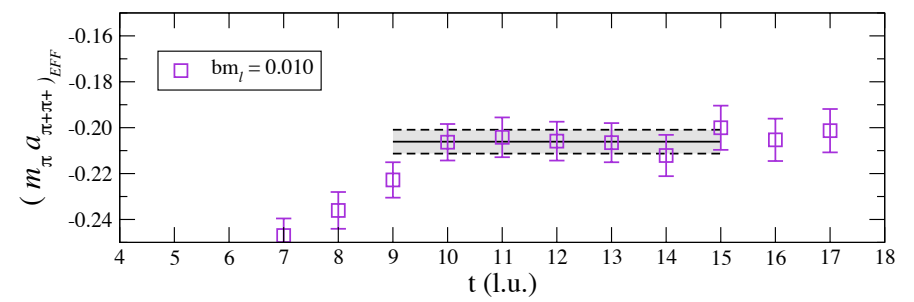
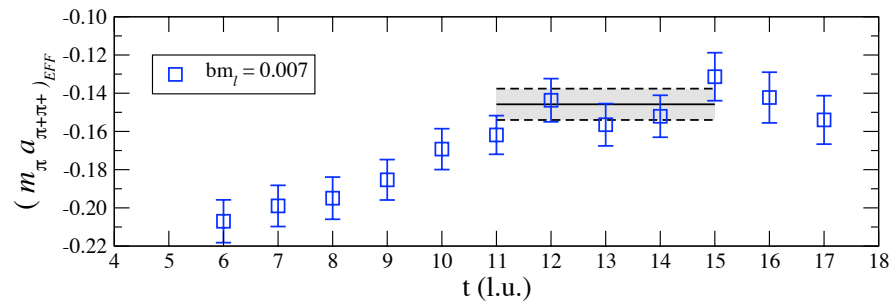


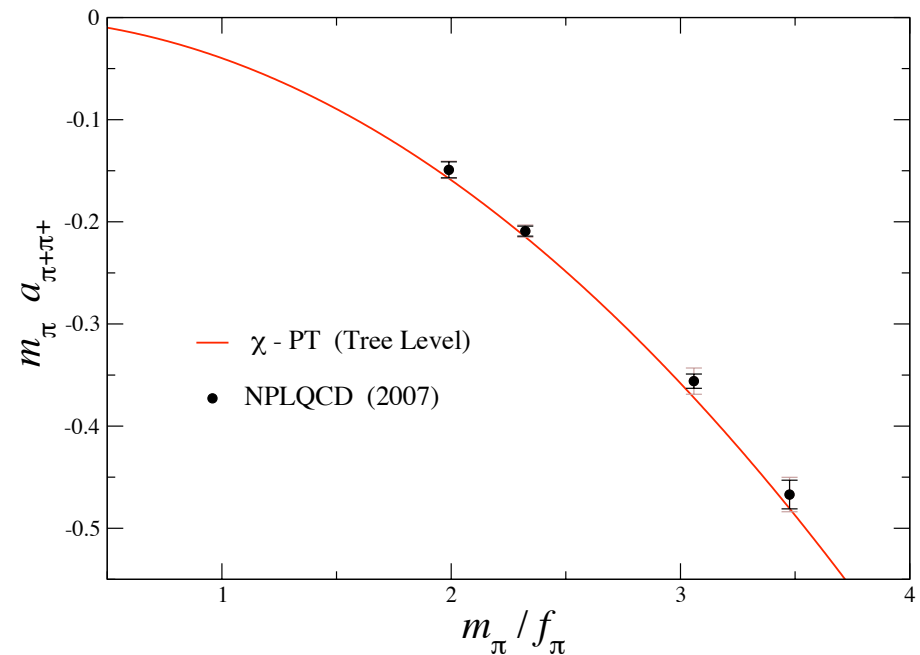
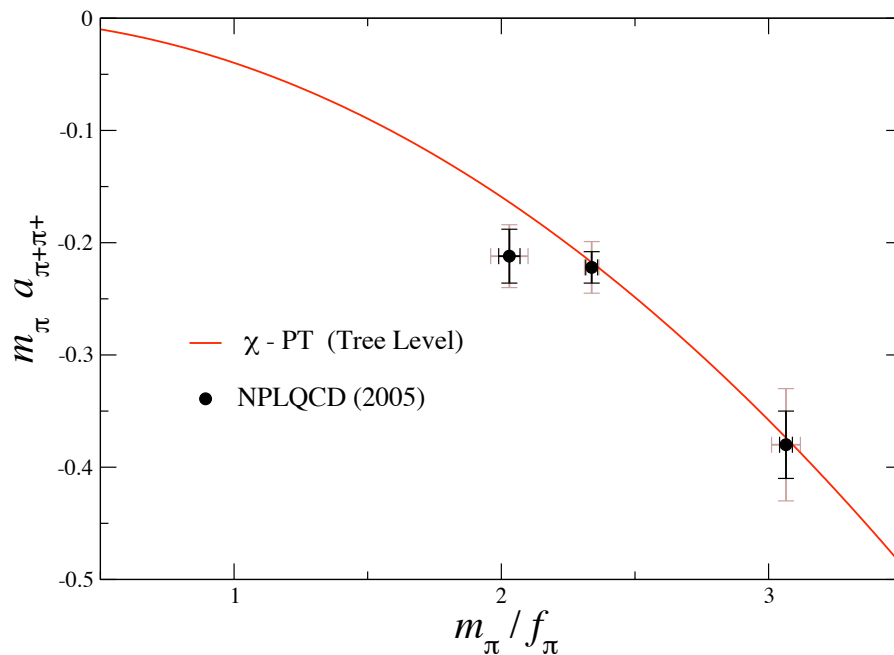
$$m_\pi a_{\pi\pi}^{I=2} = -\frac{m_\pi^2}{8\pi f_\pi^2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{m_\pi^2}{(4\pi f_\pi)^2} \left[3 \ln \left(\frac{m_\pi^2}{\mu^2} \right) - 1 - l_{\pi\pi}^{I=2}(\mu) \right] \right\}$$

$$m_\pi a_{\pi\pi}^{I=2} = -0.0426 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.0003 \pm 0.0018$$

NPLQCD
PRD 73 (2006)

- Used continuum formula for extrapolation - now MA formula exists
- Significant increase in statistics

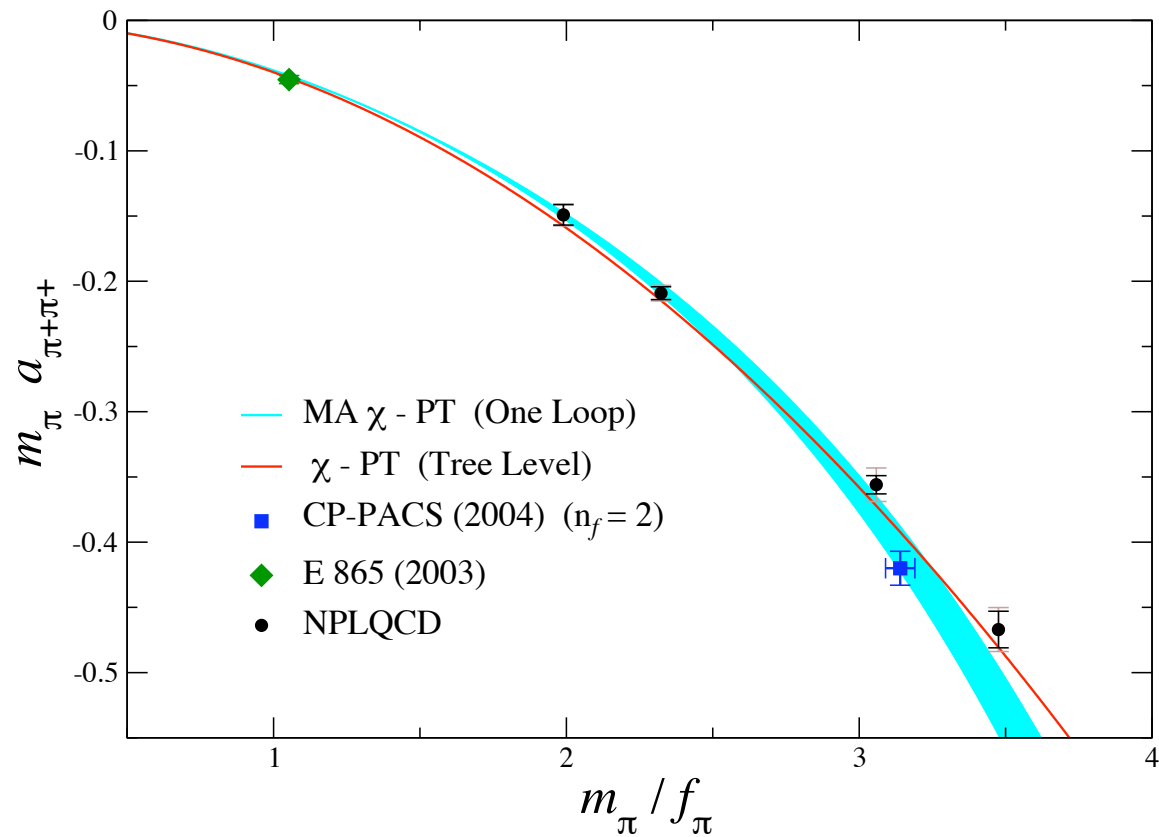




Can address all sources of systematic error (except for staggered action)

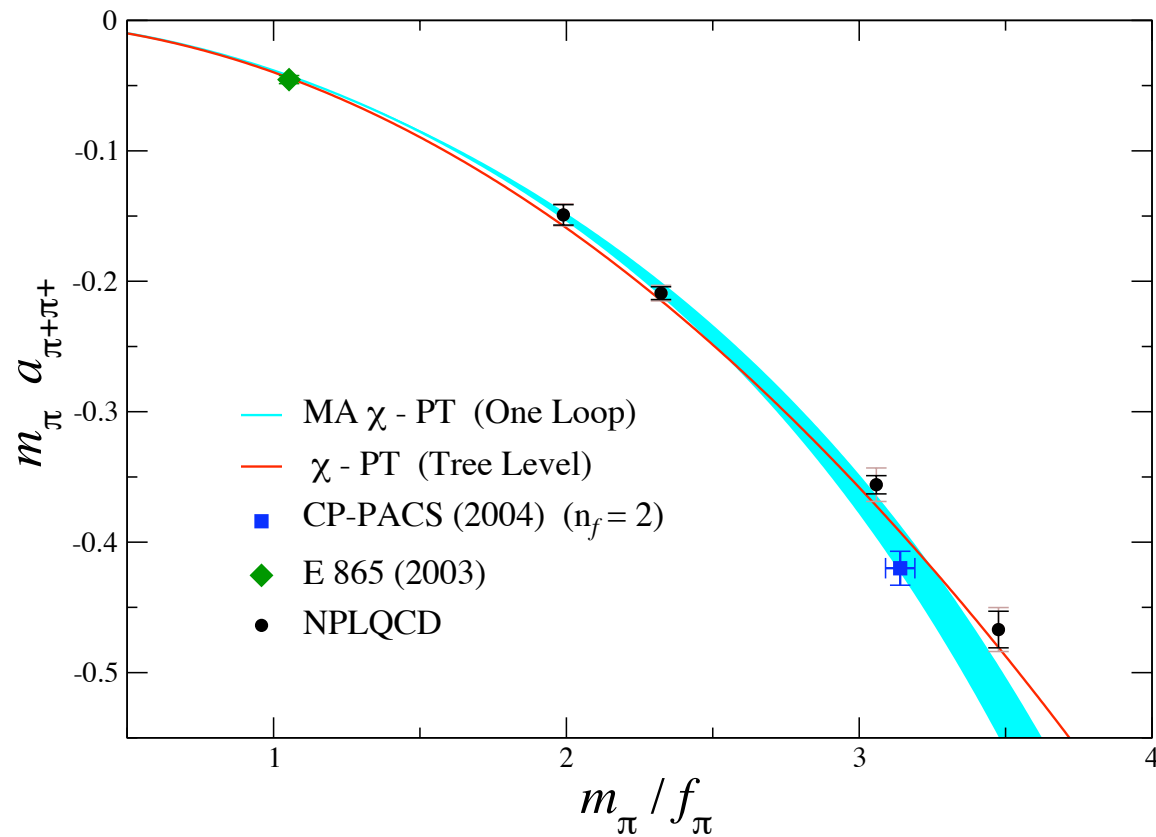
- Mixed Action Extrapolation formula (including estimates of NNLO)
- Exponential Corrections to Lüscher's formula
- Residual chiral symmetry breaking from the domain-wall action
- Effective Range corrections

$I = 2$ $\pi\pi$ scattering 2007 - precision results



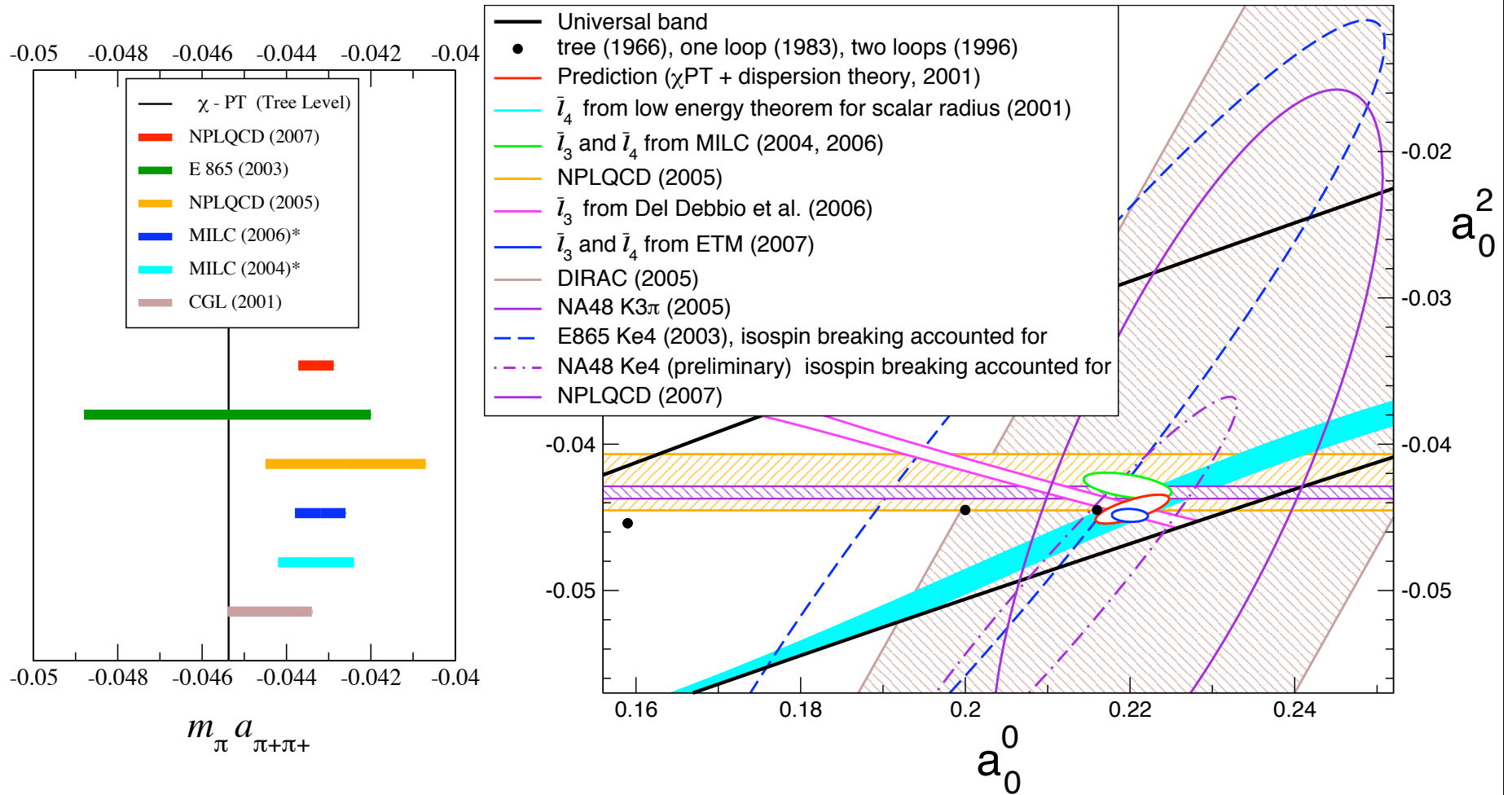
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$$m_\pi a_{\pi\pi}^{I=2} (LO) = -0.04438 \quad \text{Weinberg} \\ 1966$$



Mixed Action χ PT

- J.-W. Chen, D. O'Connell, R.S. Van de Water, A.W-L [PRD 73\(2006\)](#)
(hep-lat/0510024)
- J.-W. Chen, D. O'Connell, A.W-L [PRD 75\(2007\)](#)
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- J.-W. Chen, D. O'Connell, A.W-L [arXiv:0706.0035](#)
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Mixed Actions (MA) and Partial Quenching (PQ)

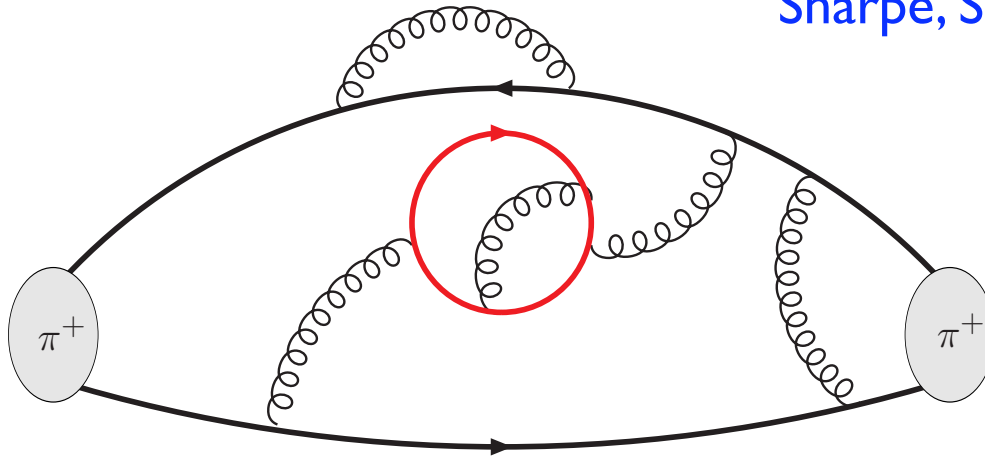
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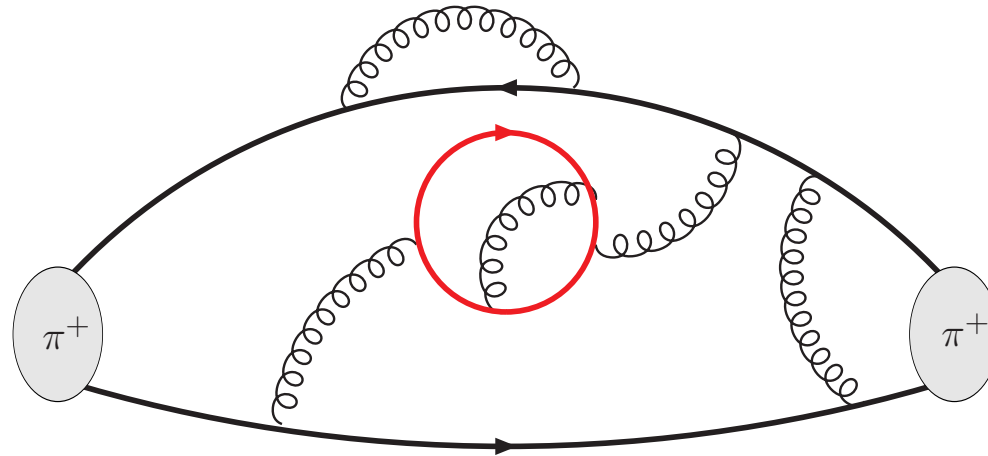
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$$\langle \pi^\dagger(y) \pi(x) \rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}[0]} \int \mathcal{D}\mathcal{A} \text{Det} (\mathcal{D}_{sea} + m_{sea}) e^{-S[\mathcal{A}]} \\ \times \text{Tr} \left(\gamma_5 (\mathcal{D}_{val} + m_{val})_{xy}^{-1} \gamma_5 (\mathcal{D}_{val} + m_{val})_{yx}^{-1} \right)$$

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$$m_{sea} = m_{val} : \text{QCD}$$

$b \rightarrow 0$

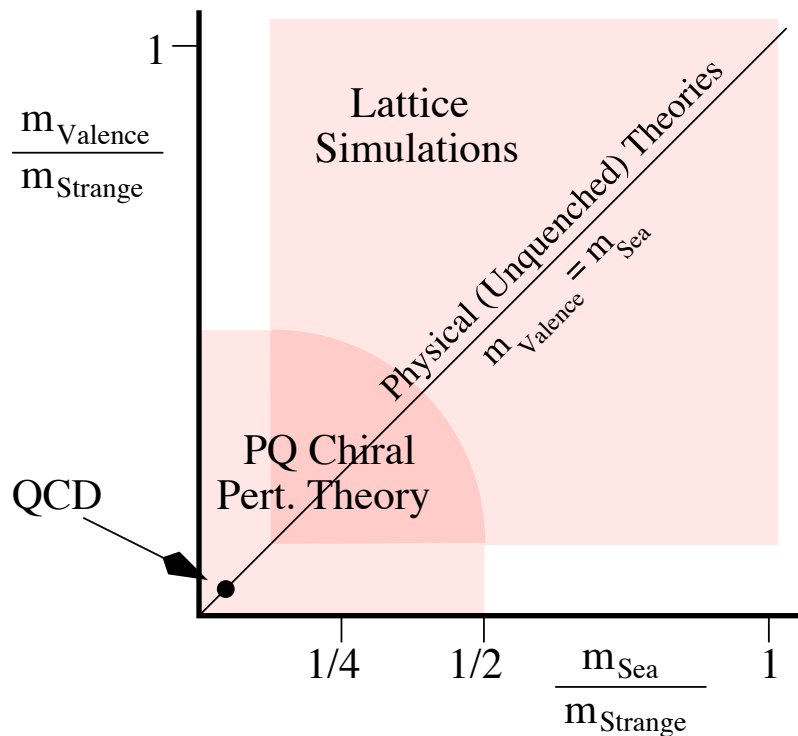
$$\mathcal{D}_{sea} = \mathcal{D}_{val} : \text{Partially Quenched QCD}$$

~~$$m_{sea} = \infty : \text{Quenched QCD}$$~~

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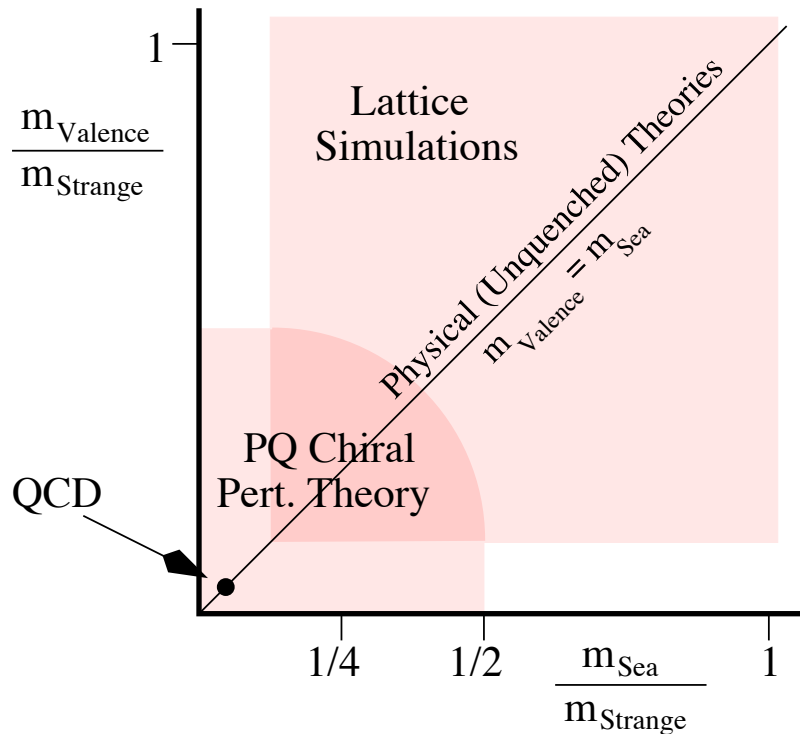
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Mixed Action theories with Ginsparg-Wilson valence quarks

most lattice discretization schemes violate chiral symmetry

Wilson	}	$\mathcal{O}(b)$
clover Wilson		$\mathcal{O}(b^2)$
twisted mass (Wilson)		
staggered		

Ginsparg-Wilson fermions have a lattice-chiral symmetry

domain-wall	D.B. Kaplan	Phys.Lett.B (1992)
	Y. Shamir	Nucl.Phys.B (1993)
	V. Furman Y. Shamir	Nucl.Phys.B (1995)
overlap	R. Narayanan H. Neuberger	
	PRL (1993) Nucl.Phys.B (1994,1995)	

Ginsparg-Wilson fermions numerically expensive

MA EFT at Leading Order (LO)

Bar, Rupak, Shoresh
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PRD 72 (2005)

Ginsparg-Wilson valence
Staggered sea

today

Ginsparg-Wilson valence
anything sea



Mixed Action Effective Field Theory

Symmetries of mixed action

Valence Fermions: chiral symmetry, CPT, $O(4)$

Sea Fermions: ~~chiral symmetry~~, CPT, $O(4)$

Ghost Fermions: chiral symmetry, CPT, $O(4)$

introduced to remove valence contributions from dynamical quark-antiquark loops: mathematical “trick”

MA EFT at LO: Meson Masses

LO Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{f^2}{8} \text{str} (\partial_\mu \Sigma \partial^\mu \Sigma^\dagger) + \frac{f^2 B}{4} \text{str} (\Sigma m_Q^\dagger + m_Q \Sigma^\dagger)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{MA} = b^2 (\mathcal{U}_{VS} - \mathcal{U}_{sea})$$

form of mixed **valence-sea** potential is **universal**

$$\mathcal{U}_{VS} = C_{Mix} \text{str} (T_3 \Sigma T_3 \Sigma^\dagger)$$

$$T_3 = \mathcal{P}_S - \mathcal{P}_V$$

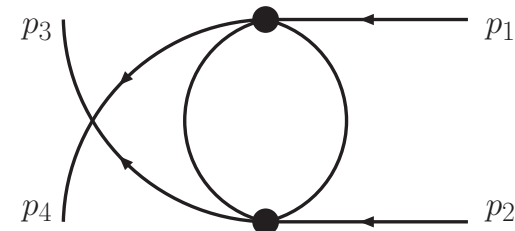
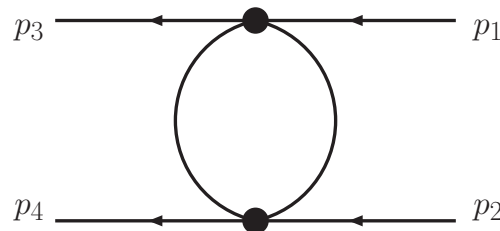
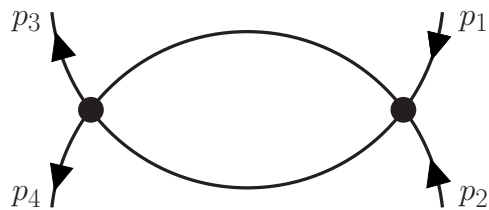
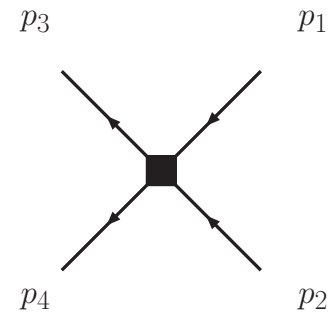
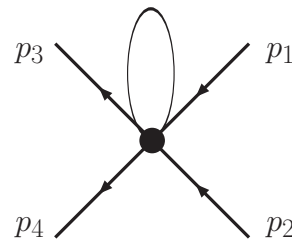
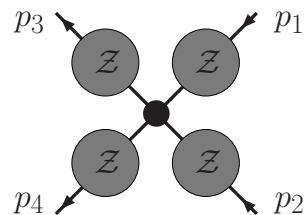
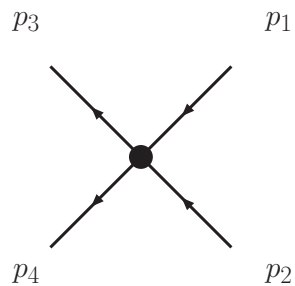
valence-valence $m_{vv}^2 = 2B_0 m_v$

valence-sea $m_{vs}^2 = B_0(m_v + m_s) + b^2 \Delta_{Mix}$

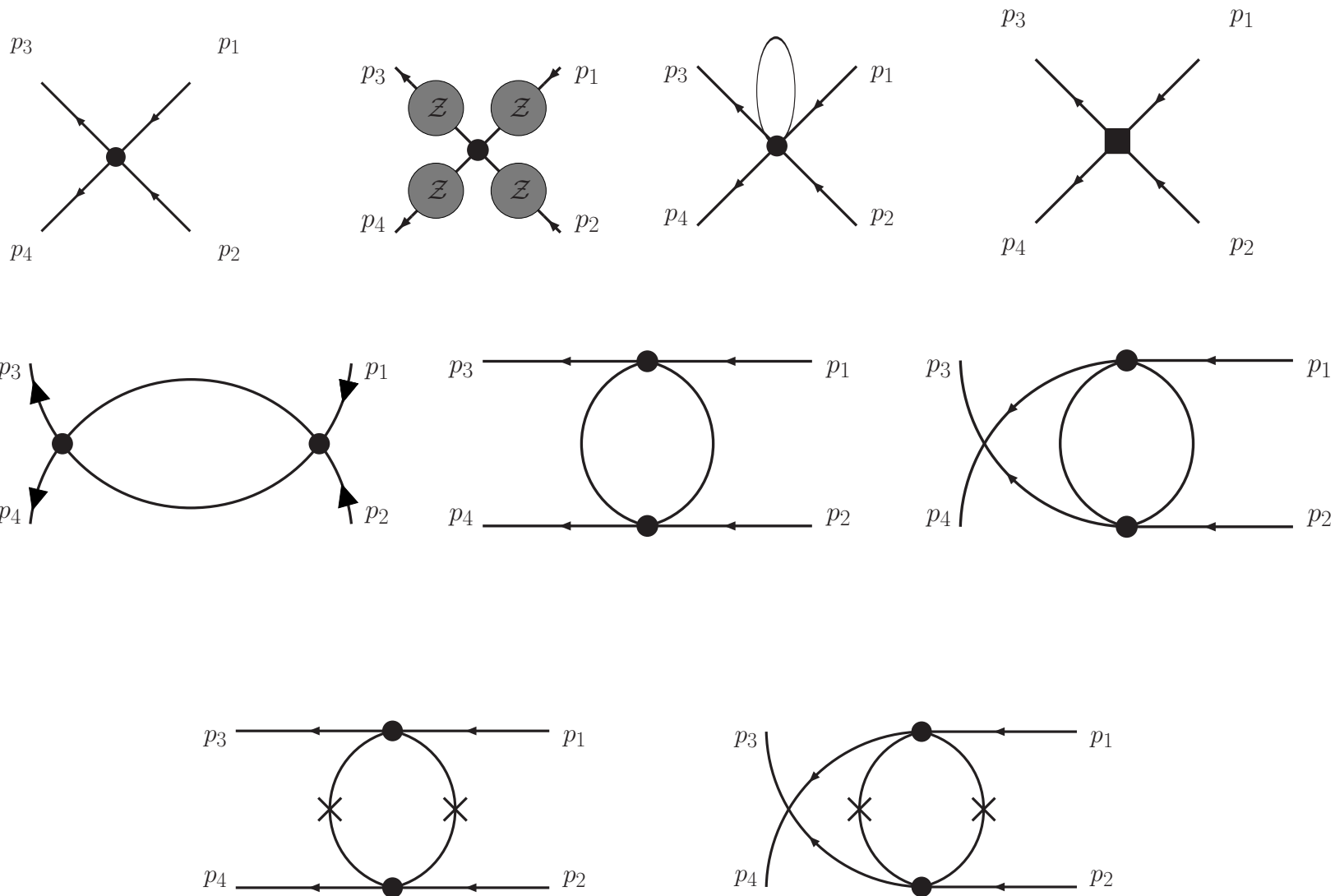
sea-sea $m_{ss}^2 = 2B_0 m_s + b^2 \Delta_{sea}$

$$\Delta_{Mix} = \frac{16C_{Mix}}{f^2}$$

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Adding mixed action and partial quenching effects

$$m_\pi a_2 = -\frac{m_{uu}^2}{8\pi f^2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{m_{uu}^2}{(4\pi f)^2} \left[4 \ln \left(\frac{m_{uu}^2}{\mu^2} \right) + 4 \frac{\tilde{m}_{ju}^2}{m_{uu}^2} \ln \left(\frac{\tilde{m}_{ju}^2}{\mu^2} \right) + l'_{\pi\pi}(\mu) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{PQ}^2}{m_{uu}^2} \left[\ln \left(\frac{m_{uu}^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right] - \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{PQ}^4}{6m_{uu}^4} \right] \right. \\ \left. \left. + \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{PQ}^2}{(4\pi f)^2} l'_{PQ}(\mu) + \frac{b^2}{(4\pi f)^2} l'_{b^2}(\mu) \right\}$$

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{PQ}^2 = m_{jj}^2 + \Delta_{sea}(b) - m_{uu}^2$$

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{PQ}^2 = m_{jj}^2 + b^2 \Delta_I - m_{uu}^2 \quad \text{staggered sea}$$

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{PQ}^2 = m_{jj}^2 + bW_0 - m_{uu}^2 \quad \text{Wilson sea}$$

$$\tilde{m}_{ju}^2 = B_0(m_u + m_j) + b^2 \Delta_{Mix}$$

Every sickness expected is apparent:

partial quenching ($\tilde{\Delta}_{PQ}$) lattice discretization effects (b)

$I = 2$ $\pi\pi$ scattering

lattice-physical parameters (mass and decay constant measured directly from correlators) the scattering length is given by

$$m_\pi a_{\pi\pi}^{I=2} = -\frac{m_\pi^2}{8\pi f_\pi^2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{m_\pi^2}{(4\pi f_\pi)^2} \left[3 \ln \left(\frac{m_\pi^2}{\mu^2} \right) - 1 - l_{\pi\pi}^{I=2}(\mu) \right] \right\}$$

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The **explicit** dependence on the lattice spacing has **exactly cancelled** - up to a calculable effect from the hairpin interactions!!!

This is independent of the type of sea-quarks

MA EFT at next-to-leading order (NLO)

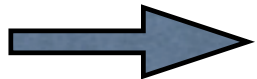
J-W. Chen, D. O'Connell, AW-L [PRD 75\(2007\)](#)

MA EFT at NLO:

$I = 2$ $\pi\pi$ scattering length in SU(3) and SU(2):

SU(3): chiral symmetry dictates that any **strange-quark** mass dependence at NLO must be of the form $m_\pi^2 m_K^2$

$$\text{SU(2): } m_\pi a_2^{QCD} = -\frac{m_\pi^2}{8\pi f_\pi^2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{m_\pi^2}{(4\pi f_\pi)^2} \left[3 \ln \left(\frac{m_\pi^2}{\mu^2} \right) - 1 + l_{\pi\pi}(\mu) \right] \right\}$$



there **can not** be any strange-quark mass dependence in the on-shell renormalized scattering length in SU(3)

observed by M. Knecht, B. Moussallam, J. Stern, N.H. Fuchs
Nucl.Phys.B (1995)

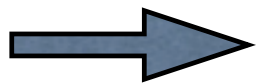
MA EFT at NLO

- Through the order we are working, m_π^4 , $b^2 m_\pi^2$, b^4 all problematic lattice-spacing artifacts can be absorbed as **multiplicative renormalizations** of the continuum low-energy constants, the chiral condensate, the pion decay constant and the Gasser-Leutwyler constants

$$\delta\mathcal{L}_{GL} = 4B_0 L_4 \text{str}(\partial_\mu \Sigma P_V \partial^\mu \Sigma^\dagger P_V) \text{str}(m_q) + 16B_0^2 L_6 \text{str}(m_q \Sigma^\dagger P_V + P_V \Sigma m_q^\dagger) \text{str}(m_q).$$

$$\delta\mathcal{L}_{MA} = b^2 L_{b^2}^\partial \text{str}(\partial_\mu \Sigma P_V \partial^\mu \Sigma^\dagger P_V) \text{str}(P_S f(\Sigma) P_S f'(\Sigma^\dagger))$$

$$+ b^2 L_{b^2}^{m_q} \text{str}(m_q \Sigma^\dagger P_V + P_V \Sigma m_q^\dagger) \text{str}(P_S g(\Sigma) P_S g'(\Sigma^\dagger))$$



Use of a **lattice-physical** (on-shell) renormalization scheme absorbs all **sea-quark** effects into the LO parameters, f , B_0 and thus removes any explicit sea-quark dependence from meson scattering processes

- This holds for all mesonic quantities!!!
- Caution:** This does breakdown at the next order - we understand how

MA from PQ

J-W. Chen, D. O'Connell, AW-L [arXiv:0706.0035](https://arxiv.org/abs/0706.0035)

MA EFT at NLO: Symanzik Action

Mixed Action effects break Symmetry Between Valence and Sea Fermions

$$SU(N_v + N_s | N_v)_L \otimes SU(N_v + N_s | N_v)_R \xrightarrow[b \neq 0]{} SU(N_v | N_v)_L \otimes SU(N_v | N_v)_R \otimes SU(N_s)_L \otimes SU(N_s)_R$$

Symanzik Lagrangian $\mathcal{O}(b^2)$ contains terms which distinguish valence and sea fermions

$$\mathcal{L}_{Mix}^{(b^2)} = b^2 C_{Mix}^V (\bar{Q} \gamma_\mu \mathcal{P}_V Q) (\bar{Q} \gamma_\mu \mathcal{P}_S Q) + b^2 C_{Mix}^A (\bar{Q} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \mathcal{P}_V Q) (\bar{Q} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \mathcal{P}_S Q)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_S^2 = \mathcal{P}_S \quad \text{Sea projector}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_V^2 = \mathcal{P}_V \quad \text{Valence projector}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_S + \mathcal{P}_V = 1$$

MA EFT at NLO: Hadronic Lagrangian: spurion analysis

$$\mathcal{L}_{Mix}^{(b^2)} = b^2 C_{Mix}^V (\bar{Q} \gamma_\mu \mathcal{P}_V Q) (\bar{Q} \gamma_\mu \mathcal{P}_S Q) + b^2 C_{Mix}^A (\bar{Q} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \mathcal{P}_V Q) (\bar{Q} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \mathcal{P}_S Q)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{V(S)}^L \rightarrow L \mathcal{P}_{V(S)}^L L^\dagger \quad \downarrow \quad \mathcal{P}_{V(S)}^R \rightarrow R \mathcal{P}_{V(S)}^R R^\dagger$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{Mix}^{(b^2)} = b^2 (\mathcal{U}_M + \mathcal{U}_N + \mathcal{U}_{NN})$$

Hadronic Field Transformation under chiral symmetry

$$\Sigma \rightarrow L \Sigma R^\dagger \quad \xi \rightarrow L \xi U^\dagger = U \xi R^\dagger \quad N_V \rightarrow U N_V$$

Projector Transformation under chiral symmetry

$$\left(\xi^\dagger \mathcal{P}_{V(S)}^L \xi \right) \rightarrow U \left(\xi^\dagger \mathcal{P}_{V(S)}^L \xi \right) U^\dagger \quad \left(\xi \mathcal{P}_{V(S)}^R \xi^\dagger \right) \rightarrow U^\dagger \left(\xi \mathcal{P}_{V(S)}^R \xi^\dagger \right) U$$

$$\mathcal{U}_M = \text{str} \left(T_3 \Sigma T_3 \Sigma^\dagger \right) \quad \text{additive mass renormalization for mixed valence-sea mesons}$$

$$\mathcal{U}_N = C_{Mix}^N \bar{N}_V N_V \quad \text{additive mass renormalization for valence nucleons (baryons)}$$

$$\mathcal{U}_{NN} = D_{2b}^{(1S_0)} \left(N_V^T P_i^{(1S_0)} N_V \right)^\dagger \left(N_V^T P_i^{(1S_0)} N_V \right) + D_{2b}^{(3S_1)} \left(N_V^T P_i^{(3S_1)} N_V \right)^\dagger \left(N_V^T P_i^{(3S_1)} N_V \right)$$

Mixed Action Extrapolation Formulae from PQ ChPT

1. *mesons and quark masses*: $m_{uu} \rightarrow m_\pi$ where m_π is the pion mass measured directly from two-point correlator, the lattice-physical pion mass. Similarly, replace tree level meson (quark) masses with their corresponding lattice-physical meson masses, $2B_0 m_u \rightarrow m_\pi^2 - NLO$

2. *decay constants*: $f \rightarrow f_\pi$ (f_K) the lattice-physical decay constant

3. *mixed mesons*: $m_{ju}^2 \rightarrow \tilde{m}_{ju}^2 = \frac{1}{2}m_{jj}^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_\pi^2 + b^2 \Delta_{Mix}$ mixed meson masses receive additive lattice spacing dependent renormalization which can be measured directly from two-point correlation functions

$$\text{domain-wall / staggered} \quad b^2 \Delta_{Mix} = 0.0336(22) - 0.064(17)m_\pi^2 \text{ (l.u.)} \\ (291 \pm 10 \text{ MeV})^2$$

K. Orginos, A.W-L arXiv:0705.0572

4. *sea-sea mesons*: $m_{jr}^2 \rightarrow \tilde{m}_{jr}^2 = m_{jr}^2 + b^2 \Delta_{sea}$ sea-sea mesons receive additive lattice spacing dependent mass renormalization

5. *lattice spacing dependent counterterms*: when appropriate, add lattice spacing dependent counterterms. This can largely be determined by enforcing the scale-independence of the given observable

Mixed Action Extrapolation Formulae from PQ ChPT

all meson quantities at one-loop are straightforward

most baryon observables are straightforward

twist-2 matrix elements: W. Detmold C.J.D. Lin PRD 71 (2005)

LHP Collaboration, J. Negele et. al.

PRL 96 (2006)

arXiv:0705.4295

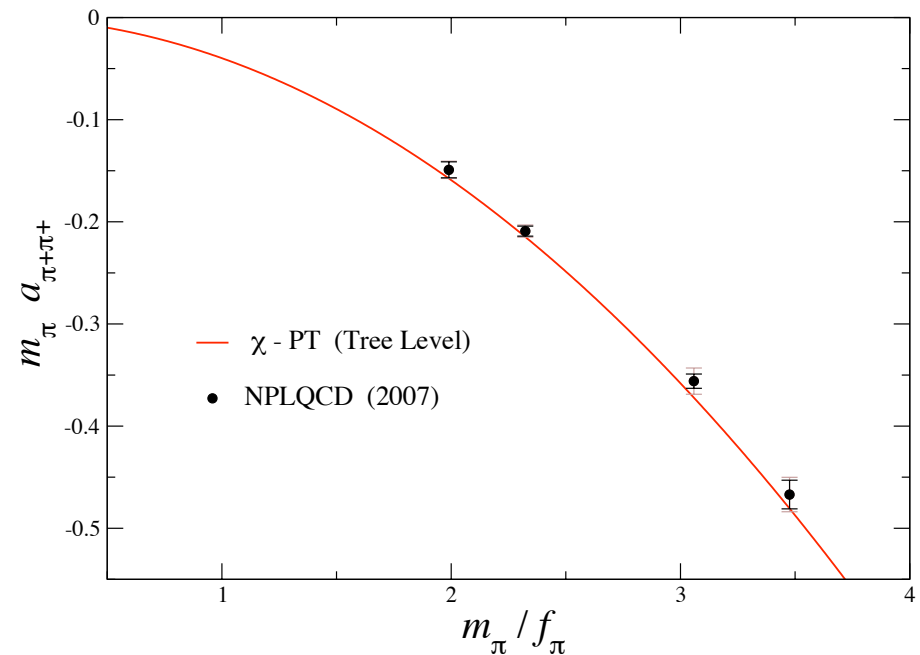
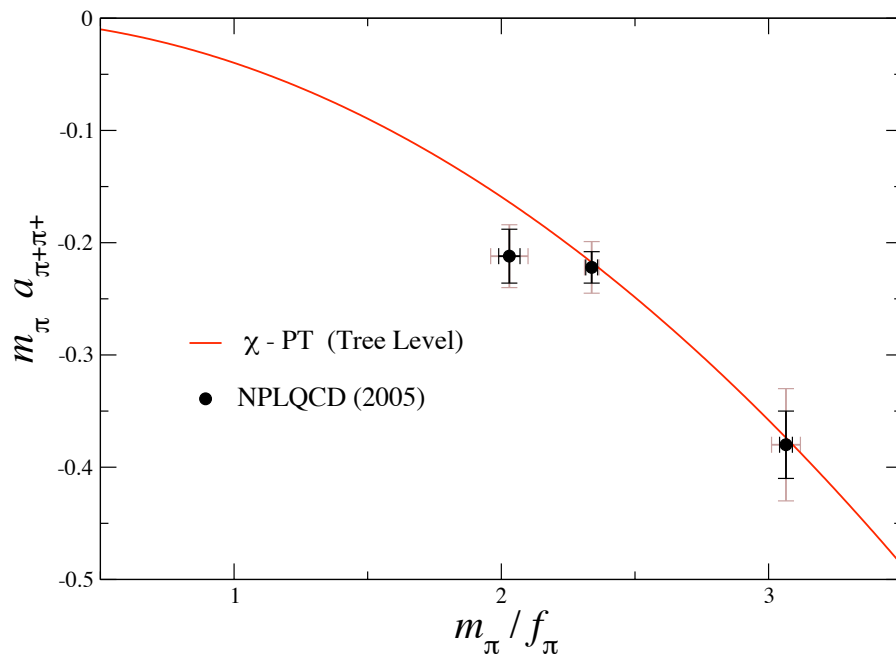
$N \rightarrow \Delta$ transitions

C.Alexandrou, Th. Leontiou, J.W. Negele
A.Tsapalis PRL 98 (2007)

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J.W. Negele, A.Tsapalis - this workshop



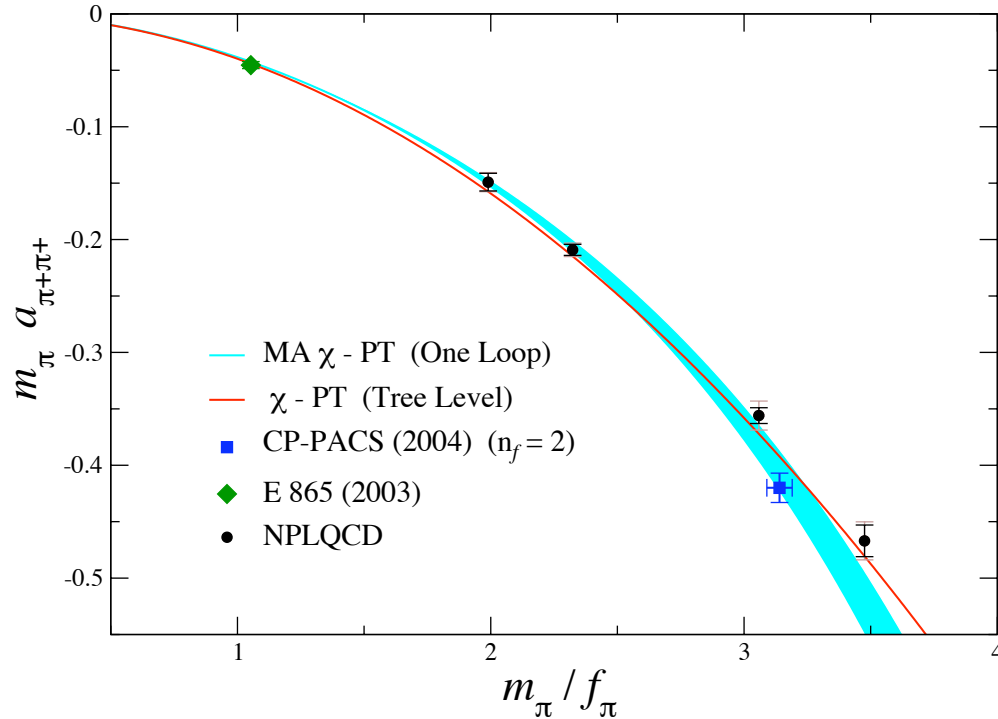
$I = 2$ $\pi\pi$ scattering 2007 - precision results



Can address all sources of systematic error (except for staggered action)

- Mixed Action Extrapolation formula (including estimates of NNLO)
- Exponential Corrections to Lüscher's formula
- Residual chiral symmetry breaking from the domain-wall action
- Effective Range corrections

$I = 2$ $\pi\pi$ scattering 2007 - precision results

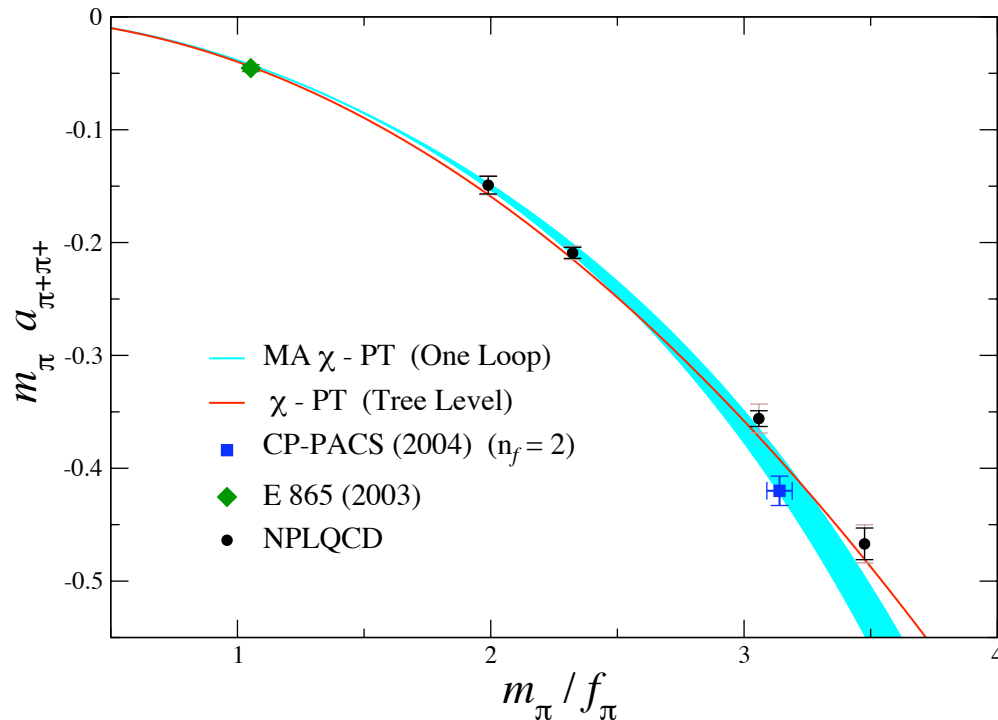


$$m_\pi a_{\pi\pi}^{I=2} = -0.04330 \pm 0.00042$$

NPLQCD (AW-L)
arXiv:0706.3026

Quantity	$m_l = 0.007$	$m_l = 0.010$	$m_l = 0.020$	$m_l = 0.030$
Fit Range	8 – 12	8 – 13	7 – 13	9 – 12
m_π (l.u.)	0.18454(58)(51)	0.22294(31)(09)	0.31132(28)(21)	0.37407(49)(12)
f_π (l.u.)	0.09273(29)(42)	0.09597(16)(10)	0.10179(12)(28)	0.10759(28)(17)
m_π/f_π	1.990(11)(14)	2.3230(57)(30)	3.0585(49)(95)	3.4758(98)(60)
Fit Range	11 – 15	9 – 15	10 – 15	12 – 17
$\Delta E_{\pi\pi}$ (l.u.)	0.00779(47)(14)	0.00745(20)(07)	0.00678(18)(20)	0.00627(23)(10)
$m_\pi a_{\pi\pi}^{I=2}$ ($b \neq 0$)	-0.1458(78)(25)(14)	-0.2061(49)(17)(20)	-0.3540(68)(89)(35)	-0.465(14)(06)(05)
$l_{\pi\pi}^{I=2}$ ($b \neq 0$)	6.1(1.9)(0.7)(0.4)	5.23(68)(24)(28)	6.53(32)(42)(16)	6.90(40)(18)(13)
δ ($b \neq 0$)(degrees)	-1.71(14)(04)	-2.181(81)(28)	-3.01(09)(12)	-3.46(17)(07)
$ \mathbf{p} /m_\pi$	0.2032(60)(18)	0.1836(25)(09)	0.1480(17)(23)	0.1298(24)(10)

$I = 2$ $\pi\pi$ scattering 2007 - precision results



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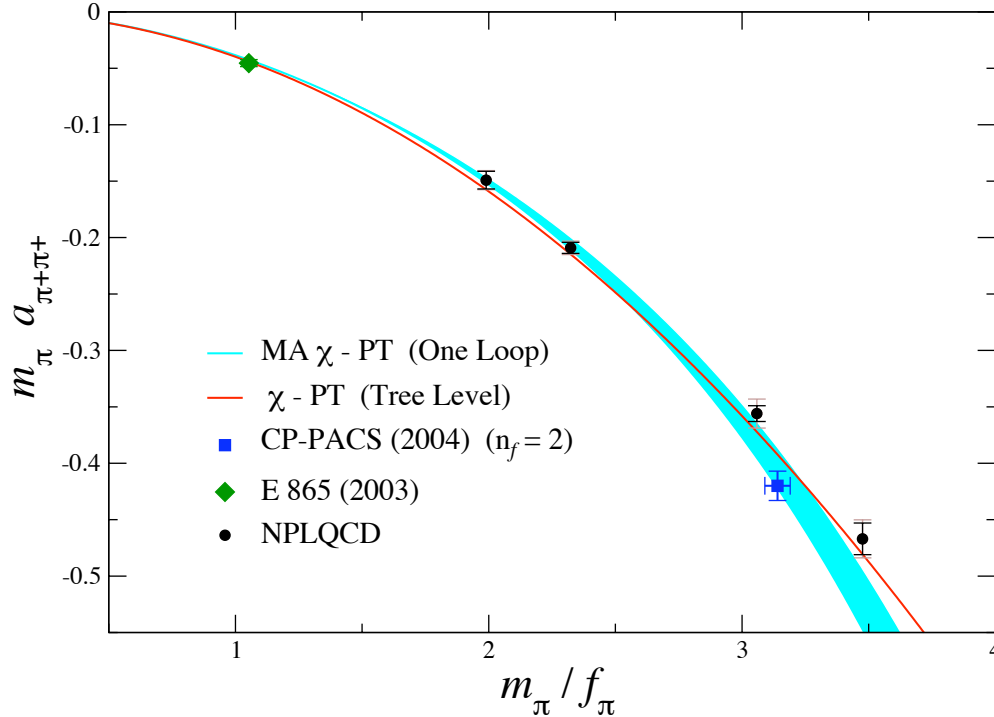
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Quantity	$m_l = 0.007$	$m_l = 0.010$	$m_l = 0.020$	$m_l = 0.030$
$\Delta_{MA} \left(m_\pi a_{\pi\pi}^{I=2} \right)$	0.0033(02)(02)	0.0030(02)(04)	0.0023(01)(10)	0.0018(01)(16)
$\Delta_{FV} \left(m_\pi a_{\pi\pi}^{I=2} \right)$	± 0.0055	± 0.0022	± 0.0003	± 0.0001
$\Delta_{m_{res}} \left(m_\pi a_{\pi\pi}^{I=2} \right)$	± 0.0032	± 0.0035	± 0.0036	± 0.0032

For pion mass and decay constant, it is found that one-loop formulae get correct order of magnitude FV corrections, but two-loop formulae are needed for accurate corrections. G. Colangelo, S. Durr, C. Haefeli NPB 721 (2005)

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$\Delta \left(m_\pi a_{\pi\pi}^{I=2} \right)$	0.0033(02)(02)(32)(55)	0.0030(02)(04)(35)(22)	0.0023(01)(10)(36)(03)	0.0018(01)(16)(32)(01)
$m_\pi a_{\pi\pi}^{I=2} (b \rightarrow 0)$	-0.1491(78)(32)	-0.2091(49)(34)	-0.356(07)(11)	-0.467(14)(09)
$l_{\pi\pi}^{I=2} (b \rightarrow 0)$	5.3(1.9)(1.8)	4.83(68)(73)	6.42(32)(51)	6.85(40)(27)

$I = 1$ KK Scattering

$I = 3/2$ $K\pi$ Scattering

$$f_K / f_\pi$$

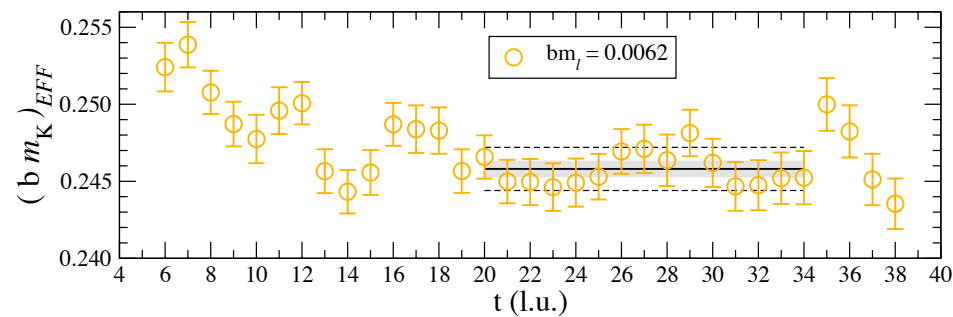
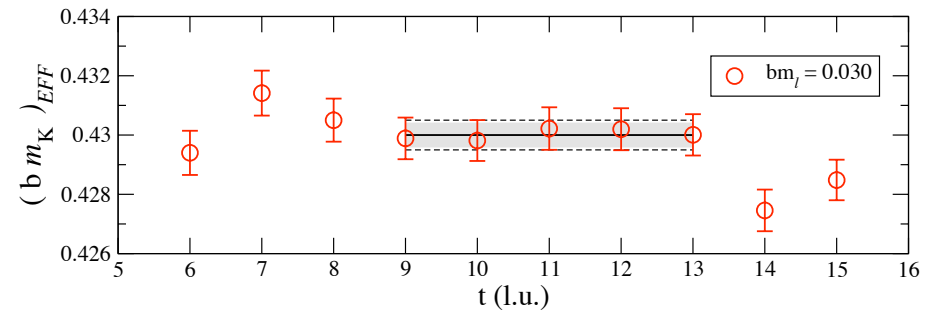
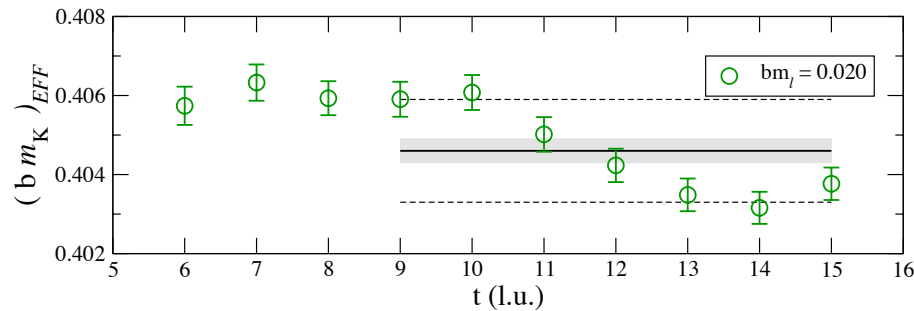
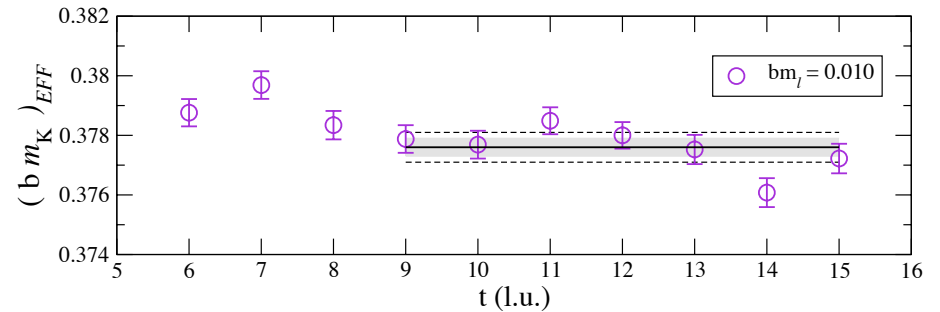
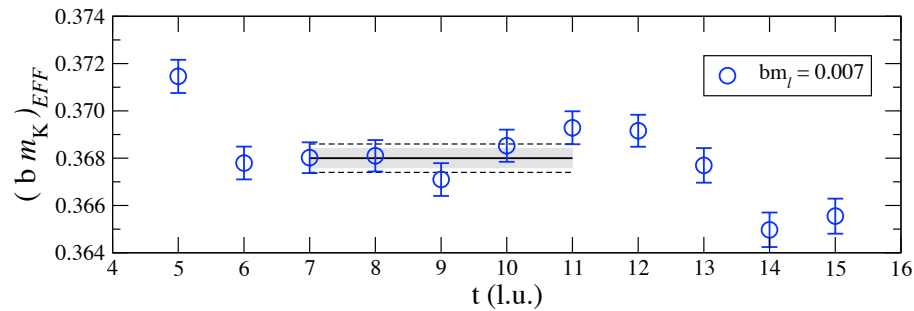
Mixed Action Computation

$$m_K a_{KK}^{I=1} = -\frac{m_K^2}{8\pi f_K^2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{m_K^2}{(4\pi f_K)^2} \left[C_\pi \ln \left(\frac{m_\pi^2}{\mu^2} \right) + C_K \ln \left(\frac{m_K^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + C_X \ln \left(\frac{\tilde{m}_X^2}{\mu^2} \right) + C_{ss} \ln \left(\frac{m_{ss}^2}{\mu^2} \right) + C_0 - 32(4\pi)^2 L_{KK}^{I=1} \right] \right\}$$

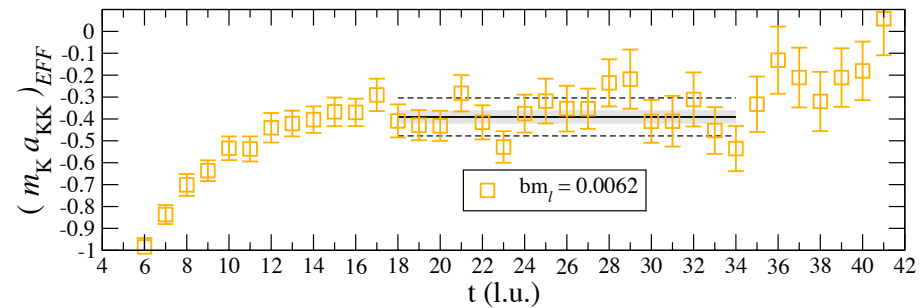
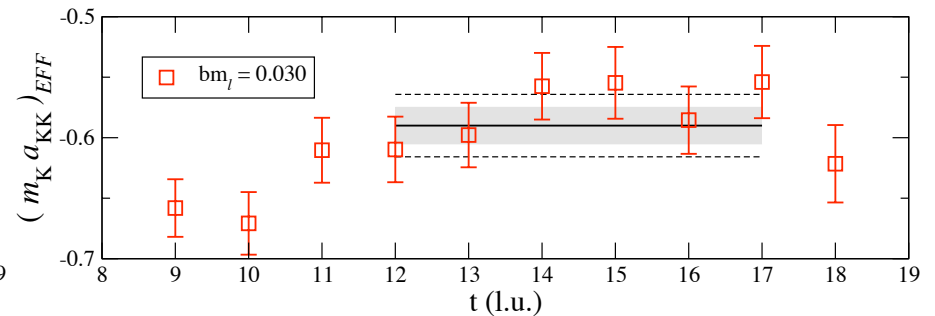
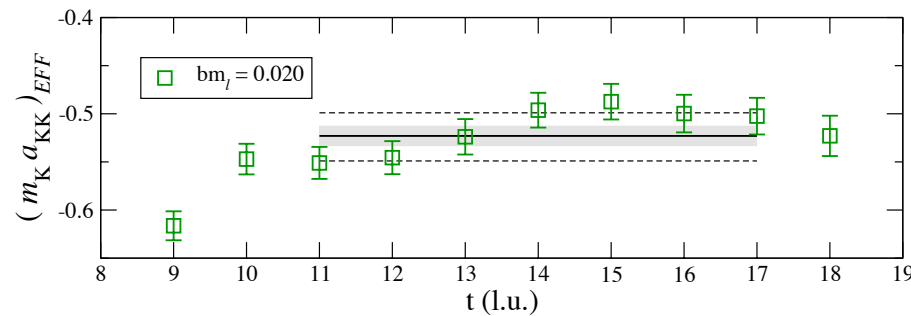
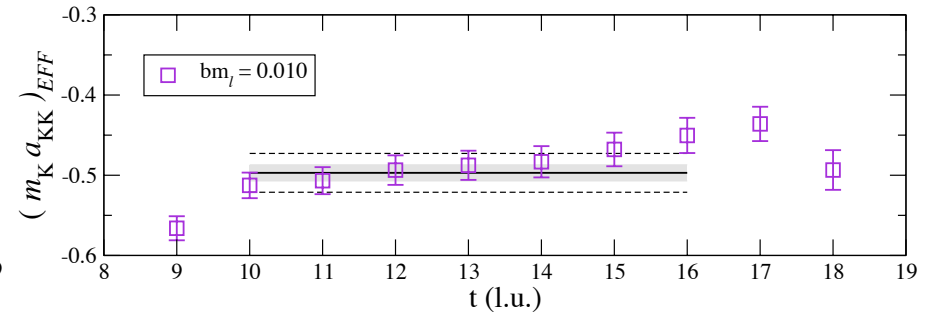
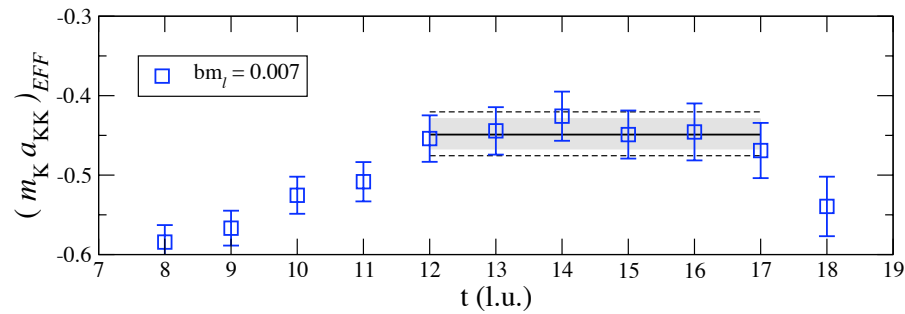
SU(3) Limit (not yet appeared in literature)

$$m_K a_{KK}^{I=1} = -\frac{m_K^2}{8\pi f_K^2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{m_K^2}{(4\pi f_K)^2} \left[2 \ln \left(\frac{m_K^2}{\mu^2} \right) - \frac{2m_\pi^2}{3(m_\eta^2 - m_\pi^2)} \ln \left(\frac{m_\pi^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \frac{2(20m_K^2 - 11m_\pi^2)}{27(m_\eta^2 - m_\pi^2)} \ln \left(\frac{m_\eta^2}{\mu^2} \right) - \frac{14}{9} - 32(4\pi)^2 L_{KK}^{I=1}(\mu) \right] \right\}$$

Kaon Effective Mass Plots

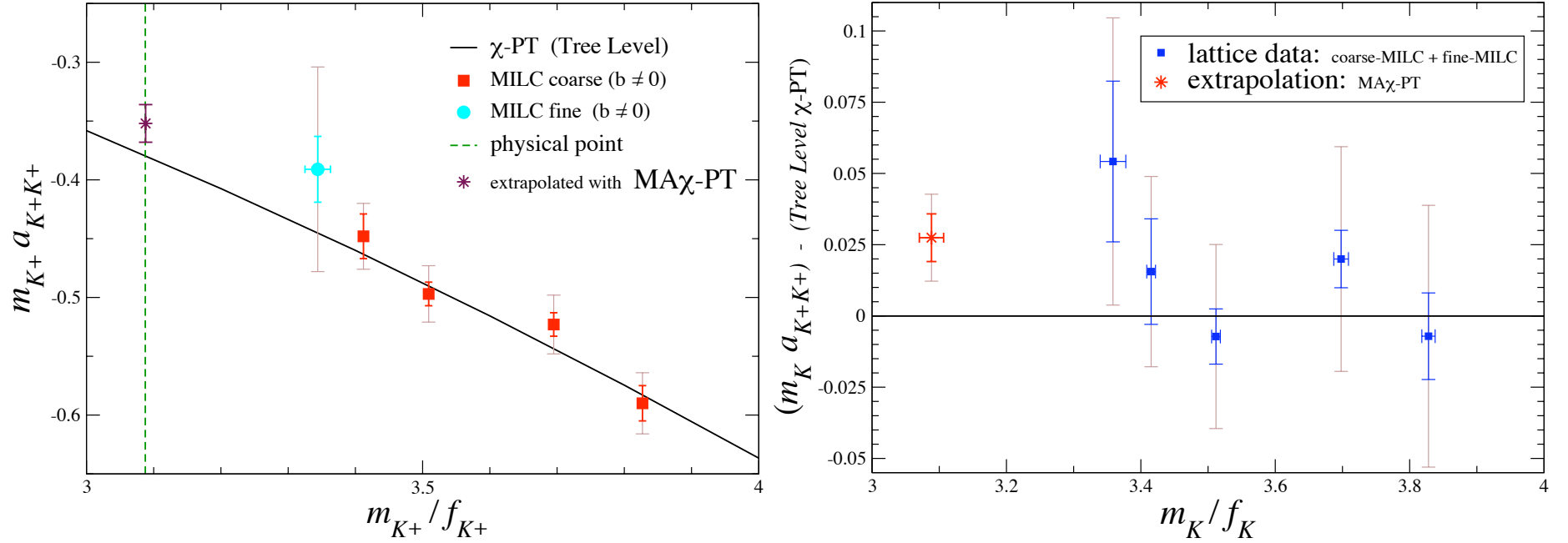


Kaon Effective Scattering Length Plots



Applications: $I = 1$ KK Scattering

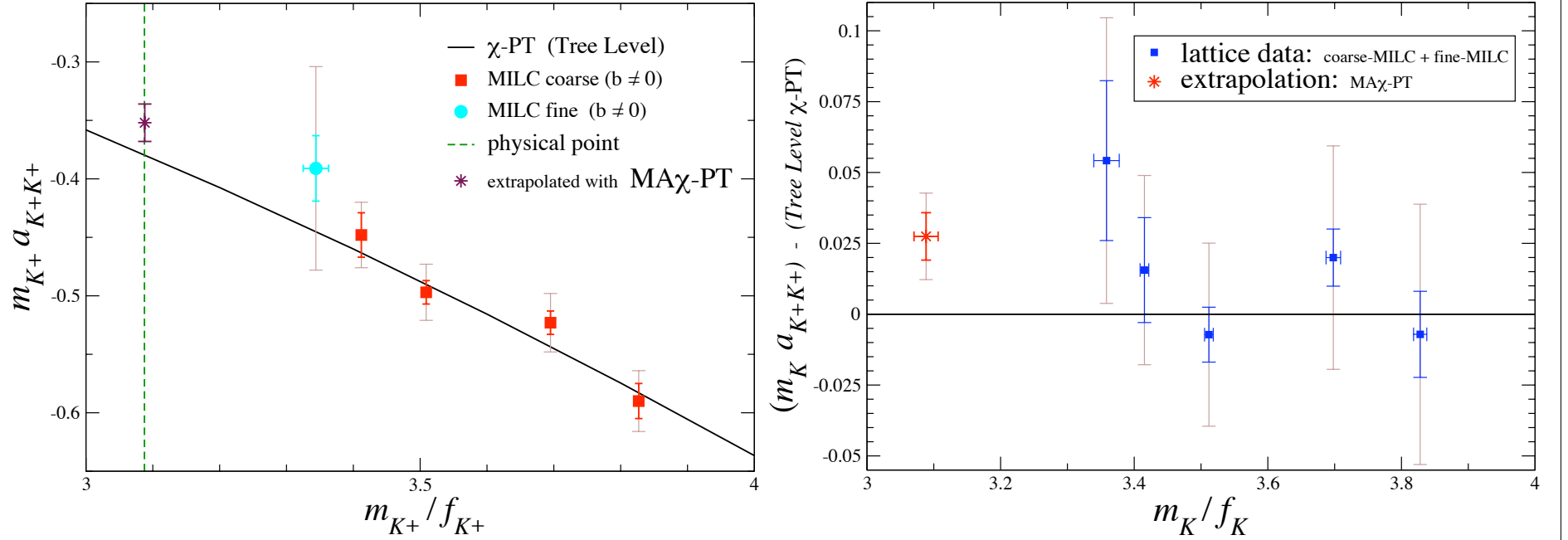
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Quantity	$m_l = 0.007$	$m_l = 0.010$	$m_l = 0.020$	$m_l = 0.030$	$m_l = 0.0062$
$b m_\pi$	0.1846(4)(2)	0.2226(4)(3)	0.3104(3)(15)	0.3747(4)(8)	0.1453(5)(13)
Fit Range	8–14	9–13	9–15	6–13	17–39
$b m_K$	0.3680(4)(4)	0.3776(3)(4)	0.4046(3)(13)	0.4300(4)(3)	0.2458(5)(13)
Fit Range	7–11	9–15	9–15	9–13	20–34
m_π/f_K	1.712(4)(3)	2.069(3)(5)	2.835(3)(11)	3.335(4)(9)	1.978(15)(12)
m_K/f_K	3.412(5)(4)	3.509(3)(6)	3.695(3)(10)	3.827(4)(9)	3.344(19)(21)
$\Delta E_{KK}(\text{l.u.})$	0.00619(30)(32)	0.00663(15)(35)	0.00606(14)(22)	0.00613(19)(10)	0.00437(36)(105)
Fit Range	12–17	10–16	11–17	12–17	18–34
$m_{K+} a_{K+K+}$ ($b \neq 0$)	-0.448(19)(20)	-0.497(10)(22)	-0.523(10)(23)	-0.590(15)(21)	-0.391(28)(82)

Applications: $I = 1$ KK Scattering

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Quantity	$m_l = 0.007$	$m_l = 0.010$	$m_l = 0.020$	$m_l = 0.030$
$\Delta_{MA} (m_K a_{KK}^{I=1})$	-0.0067(14)	-0.0062(16)	-0.0052(19)	-0.0048(21)
$\Delta_{NNLO} (m_K a_{KK}^{I=1})$	± 0.016	± 0.019	± 0.028	± 0.037
$\Delta_{FV} (m_K a_{KK}^{I=1})$	± 0.001	± 0.001	± 0.000	± 0.000
$\Delta_{m_{res}} (m_K a_{KK}^{I=1})$	± 0.007	± 0.006	± 0.005	± 0.004
$\Delta_{range} (m_K a_{KK}^{I=1})$	± 0.008	± 0.008	± 0.008	± 0.007
$m_{K+} a_{K+K+}$ ($b \rightarrow 0$)	-0.441(19)(20)(19)	-0.491(10)(22)(22)	-0.518(10)(23)(30)	-0.585(15)(21)(38)
$32(4\pi)^2 L_{KK}^{I=1}(f_K)$	7.3(5)(8)	6.8(3)(8)	7.7(2)(8)	7.4(3)(8)

Quantity	$m_l = 0.0062$
$\Delta_{MA} (m_K a_{KK}^{I=1})$	-0.0048(15)
$\Delta_{NNLO} (m_K a_{KK}^{I=1})$	± 0.013
$\Delta_{FV} (m_K a_{KK}^{I=1})$	± 0.001
$\Delta_{m_{res}} (m_K a_{KK}^{I=1})$	± 0.004
$\Delta_{range} (m_K a_{KK}^{I=1})$	± 0.004
$m_{K+} a_{K+K+}$ ($b \rightarrow 0$)	-0.387(28)(82)(14)
$32(4\pi)^2 L_{KK}^{I=1}(f_K)$	8.4(9)(2.6)

Kaon-pion system has new effect not seen in KK or $\pi\pi$ system - at one-loop the presence of **valence-sea** mesons.

$$\mu_{K\pi} a_{K\pi}^{I=3/2} = -\frac{\mu_{K\pi}^2}{4\pi f_K f_\pi} \left[1 - \frac{32m_K m_\pi}{f_K f_\pi} L_{\pi\pi}^{I=2}(\mu) + \frac{8(m_K - m_\pi)^2}{f_K f_\pi} L_5(\mu) \right] + \mu_{K\pi} \left[a_{vv}^{K\pi,3/2}(\mu) + a_{vs}^{K\pi,3/2}(\mu) \right]$$

QCD limit, reduces to

B. Kubis U. Meissner Phys.Lett.B (2002)

$b^2 \ln(\mu^2)$ still cancels - Ginsparg-Wilson chiral valence symmetry protects amplitude from these corrections

- counter term structure of scattering length is **identical** to that in QCD. Mixed mesons introduce an additional unknown Δ_{Mix}
- Measured NPLQCD PRD 74 (2006) K.Orginos, A.W-L
- Mixed Action Corrections smaller than $I = 2 \pi\pi$ (in percentage diff)

Applications: f_K/f_π

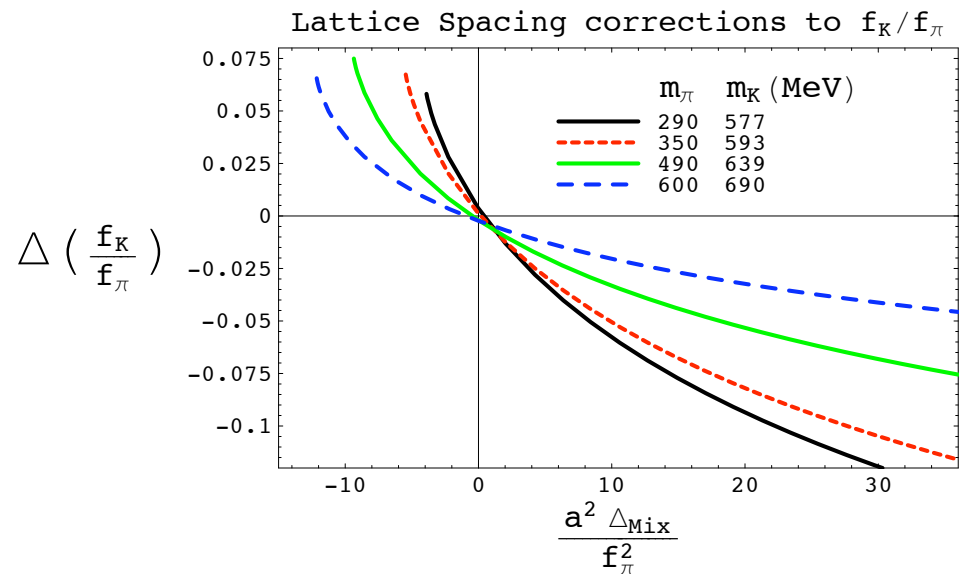
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$$\frac{f_K}{f_\pi} = 1 + \frac{5m_\pi^2}{4(4\pi f)^2} \ln\left(\frac{m_\pi^2}{\mu^2}\right) - \frac{m_K^2}{2(4\pi f)^2} \ln\left(\frac{m_K^2}{\mu^2}\right) - \frac{3m_\eta^2}{4(4\pi f)^2} \ln\left(\frac{m_\eta^2}{\mu^2}\right) + \frac{8(m_K^2 - m_\pi^2)}{f^2} L_5(\mu)$$

● Measured NPLQCD PRD 75(2007) - NPLQCD (hep-lat/0606023)

$$\Delta\left(\frac{f_K}{f_\pi}\right) = \frac{\frac{f_K}{f_\pi}\Big|_{MA} - \frac{f_K}{f_\pi}\Big|_{QCD}}{\frac{f_K}{f_\pi}\Big|_{QCD}}$$

$$\frac{f_K}{f_\pi}\Big|_{MA} \propto \frac{8(m_K^2 - m_\pi^2)}{f_K f_\pi} L_5$$



$$-(600 \text{ MeV})^2 \lesssim b^2 \Delta_{Mix} \lesssim (800 \text{ MeV})^2$$

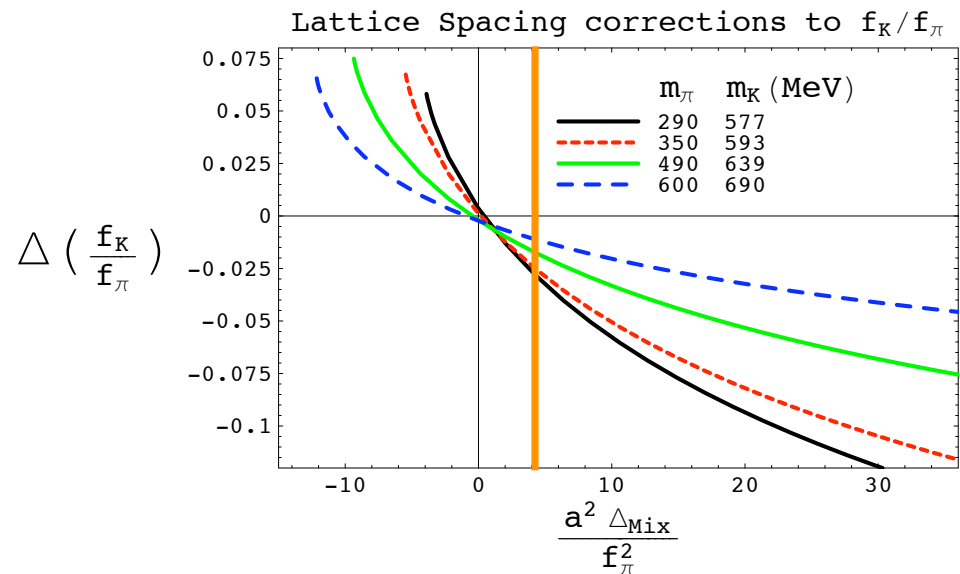
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$$\Delta\left(\frac{f_K}{f_\pi}\right) = \frac{\frac{f_K}{f_\pi}\Big|_{MA} - \frac{f_K}{f_\pi}\Big|_{QCD}}{\frac{f_K}{f_\pi}\Big|_{QCD}}$$

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This deviation is within the error band of PRD 75(2007) - NPLQCD

Applications: Counter Terms

$$m_\pi a_{\pi\pi}^{I=2} \propto \frac{4m_\pi^4}{\pi f_\pi^4} L_{\pi\pi}^{I=2}$$

$$m_K a_{KK}^{I=1} \propto \frac{4m_K^4}{\pi f_K^4} L_{KK}^{I=1}$$

$$\mu_{K\pi} a_{K\pi}^{I=3/2} \propto \frac{\mu_{K\pi}^2}{4\pi f_K f_\pi} \left[\frac{32m_K m_\pi}{f_K f_\pi} L_{\pi\pi}^{I=2}(\mu) - \frac{8(m_K - m_\pi)^2}{f_K f_\pi} L_5(\mu) \right]$$

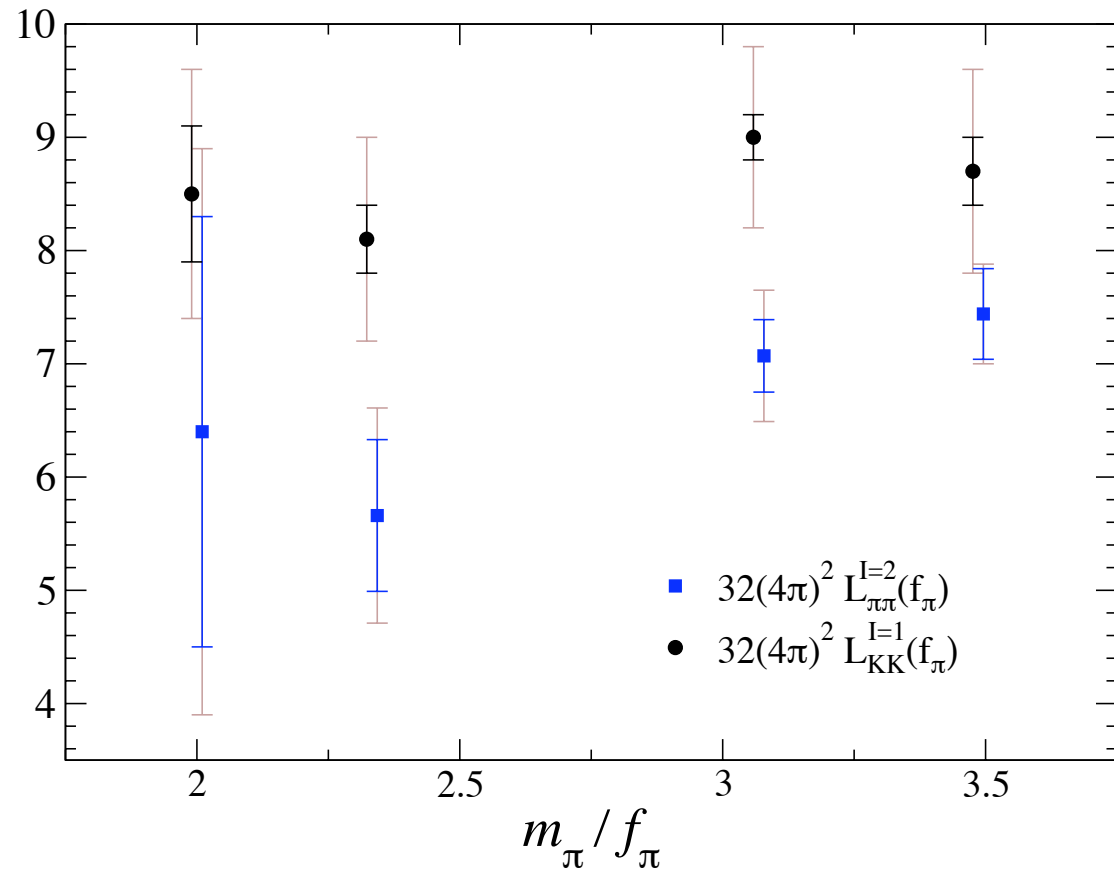
$$\frac{f_K}{f_\pi} \propto \frac{8(m_K^2 - m_\pi^2)}{f_\pi f_K} L_5 \quad \mu_{\pi K} = \frac{m_\pi m_K}{m_\pi + m_K}$$

$$L_{\pi\pi}^{I=2} = 2L_1 + 2L_2 + L_3 - 2L_4 - L_5 + 2L_6 + L_8$$

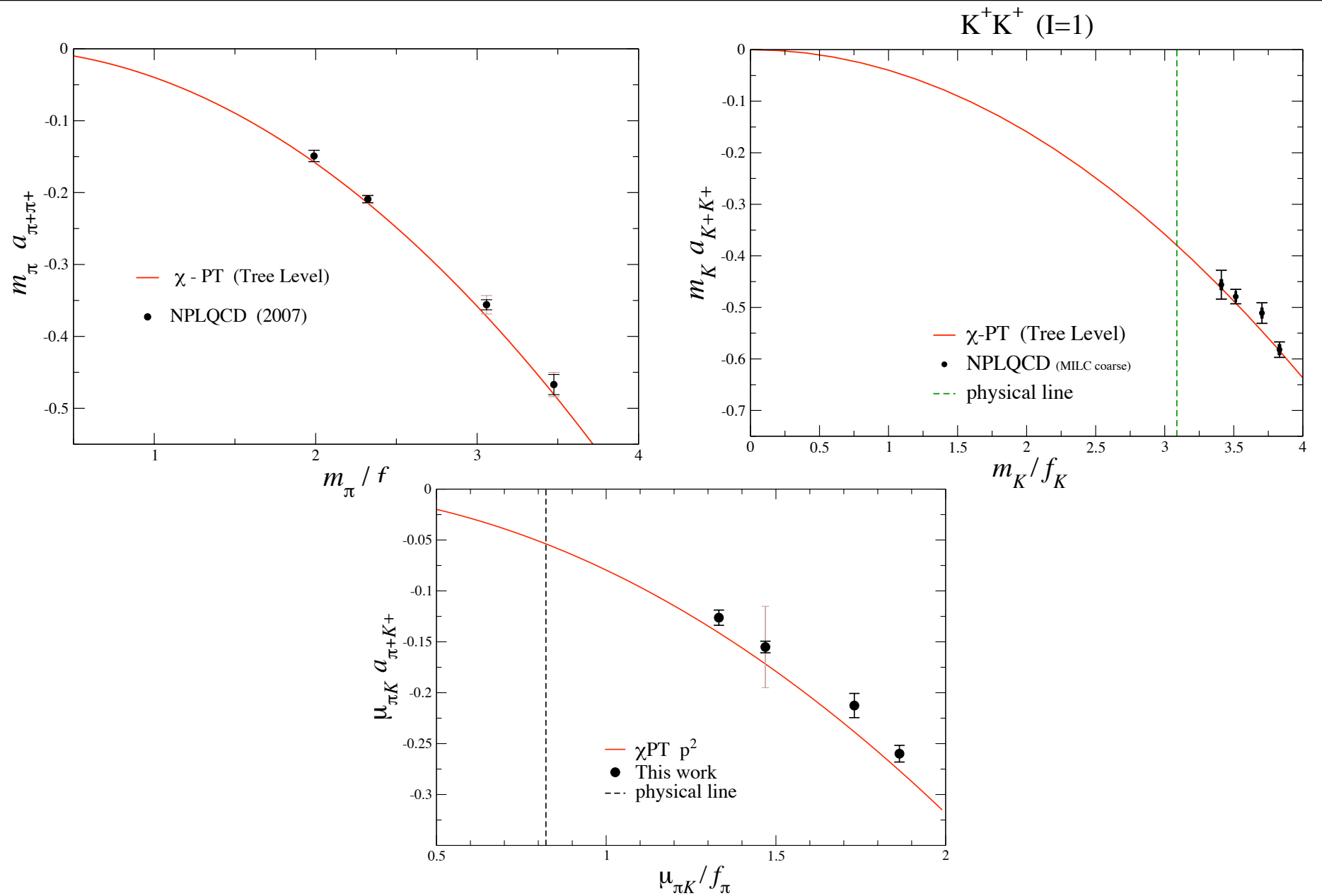
$$L_{KK}^{I=1} = L_{\pi\pi}^{I=2}$$

	$L_{\pi\pi}^{I=2}$	$I = 2 \pi\pi$	PRD 73 (2006)
NPLQCD:	L_5	f_K/f_π	PRD 75 (2007)
	$L_{\pi\pi}^{I=2} \quad L_5$	$I = 3/2 \pi K$	PRD 74 (2006)

Applications: Counter Terms



Applications: Two Meson Scattering



Nucleon-Nucleon

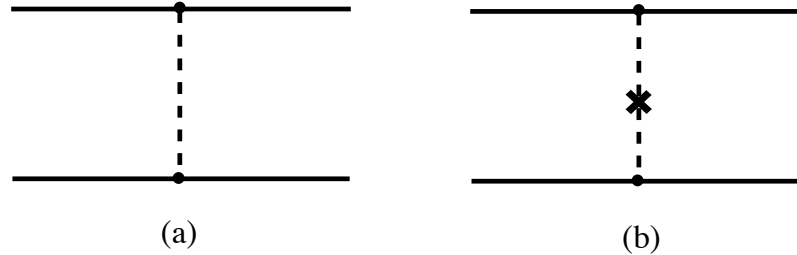
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Hyperon-Nucleon

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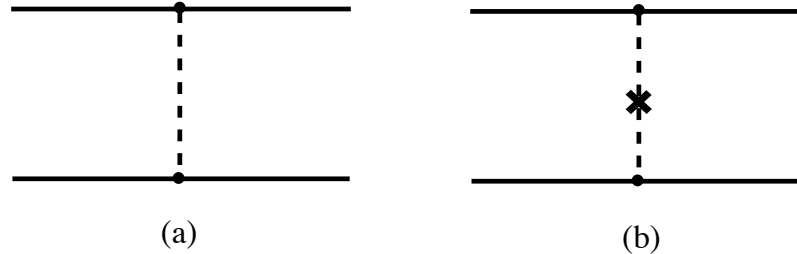
Applications: Nucleon-Nucleon and Hyperon-Nucleon Interactions



$$V_{OPE}^{PQ}(r) = \frac{1}{8\pi f_\pi^2} \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\nabla} \vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{\nabla} \left[g_A^2 \frac{\vec{\tau}_1 \cdot \vec{\tau}_2}{r} - (g_A + g_1)^2 \frac{\Delta_{ju}^2}{2m_\pi} \right] e^{-m_\pi r}$$

Beane and Savage PLB 535(2002)

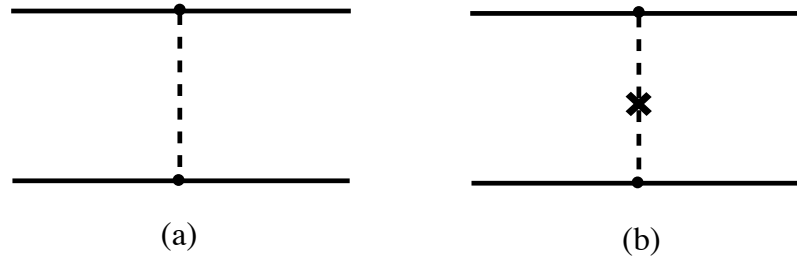
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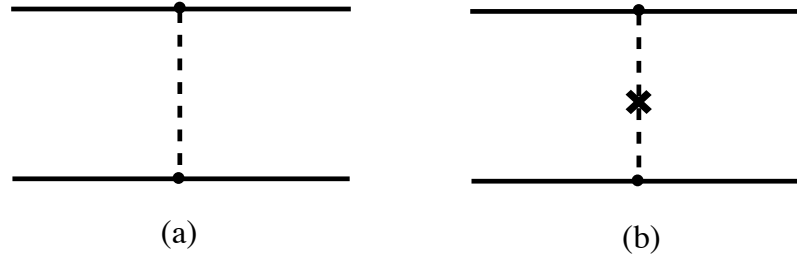
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$$\Delta_{ju}^2 = 2B_0(m_j - m_u) + \dots$$

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{ju}^2 = 2B_0(m_j - m_u) + b^2 \Delta_{sea} + \dots$$

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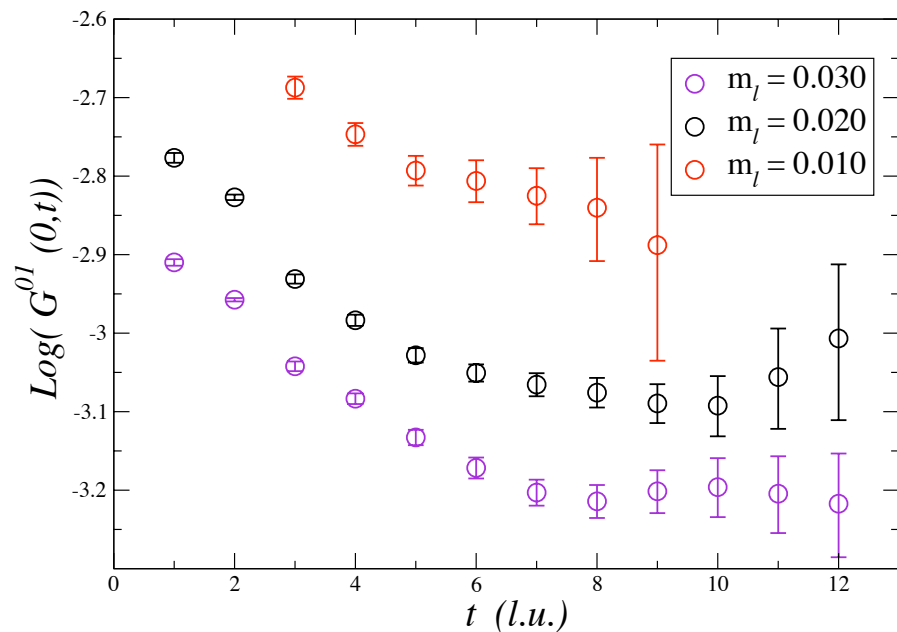
$$\frac{1}{a^{(1S_0)}} = \gamma - \frac{M_N}{4\pi} (\mu - \gamma)^2 D_2^{(1S_0)}(\mu) m_\pi^2 + \frac{g_A^2 M_N}{8\pi f_\pi^2} \left[m_\pi^2 \ln \left(\frac{\mu}{m_\pi} \right) + (m_\pi^2 - \gamma)^2 - (\mu - \gamma)^2 \right]$$

$$- \left(\Delta_{ju}^2 D_{2B}^{(1S_0)}(\mu) + b^2 D_{2b}^{(1S_0)}(\mu) \right) \frac{M_N}{4\pi} (\mu - \gamma)^2 + \tilde{\Delta}_{ju}^2 \frac{g_0^2 M_N}{8\pi f_\pi^2} \left[\ln \left(\frac{\mu}{m_\pi} \right) + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\gamma}{m_\pi} \right]$$

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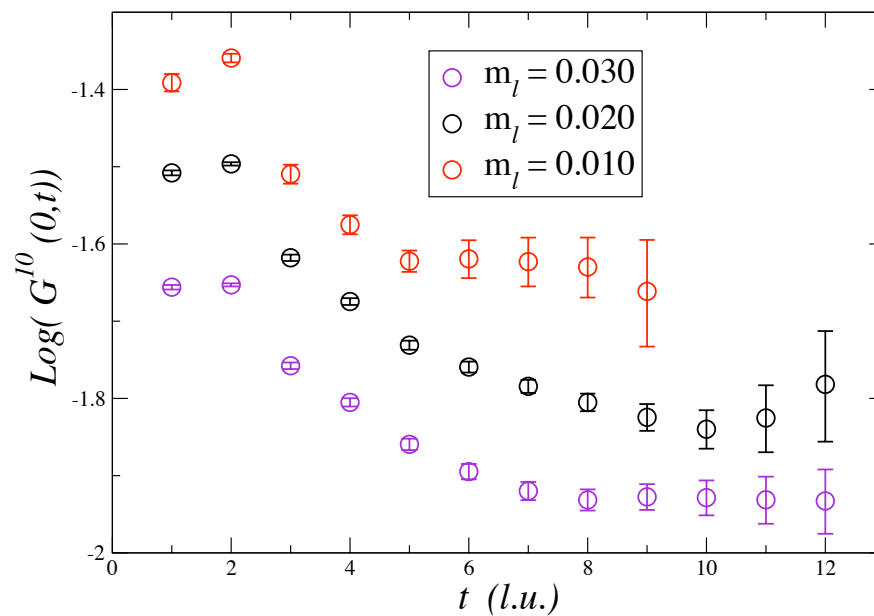
A similar analysis holds for Hyper-Nuclear interactions. Additionally, the lattice spacing dependent counterterms are **flavor-blind**, so all the baryon-baryon scattering processes share only 2 unphysical counterterms.

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$^1S_0 - ^3D_1$

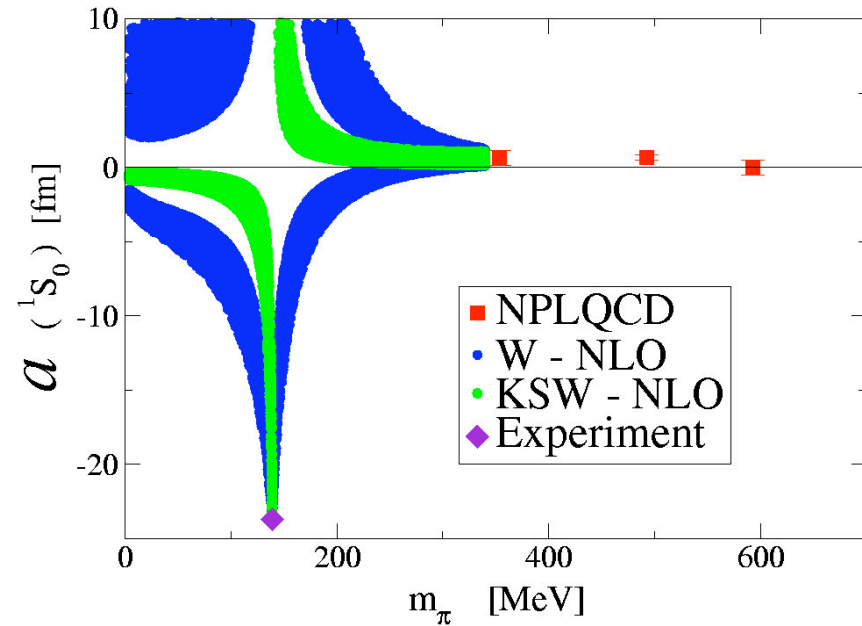
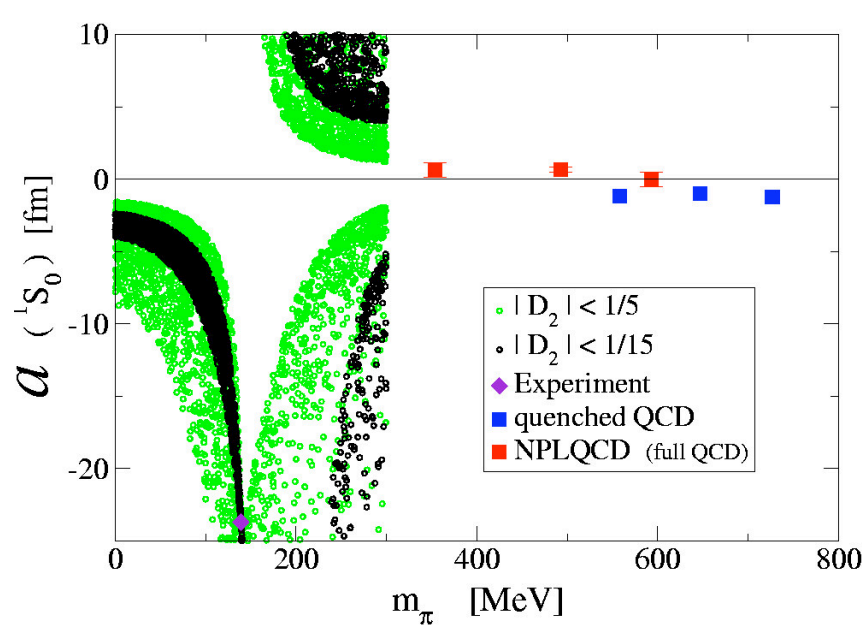
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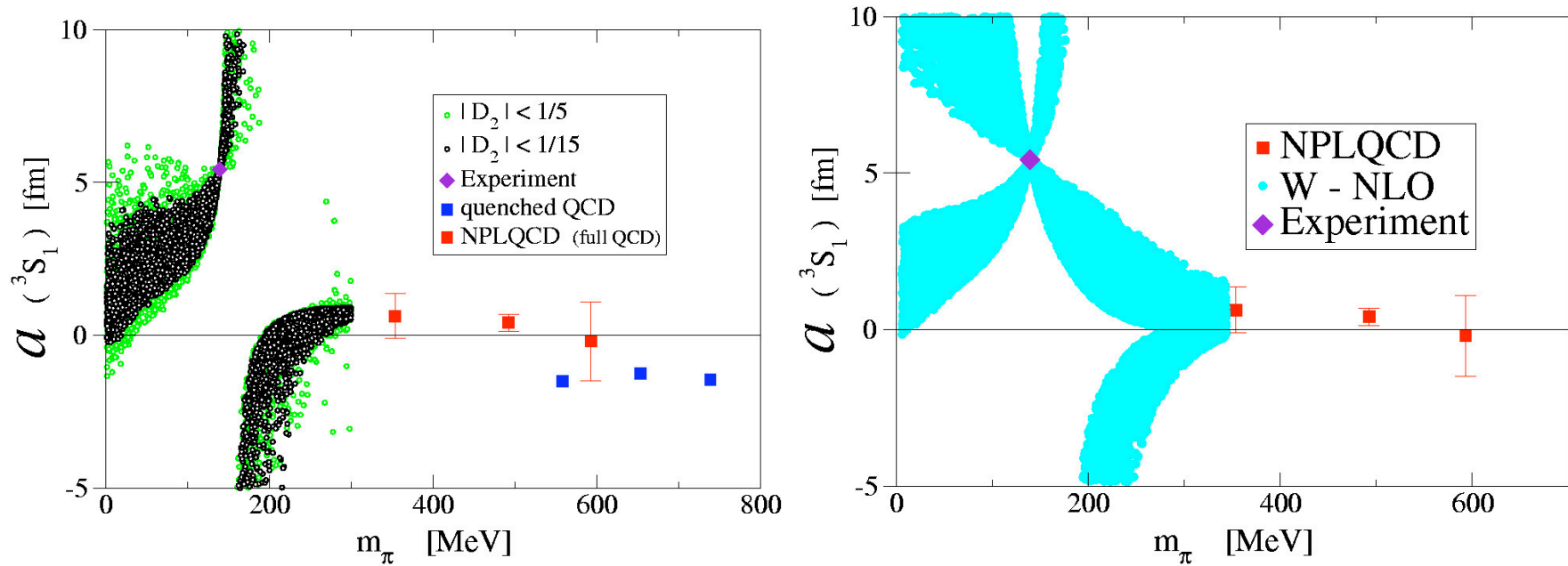
$$\text{signal/noise} \sim \sqrt{N_{c f g}} e^{-(2M_N - 3m_\pi)t}$$

1S_0 of NN

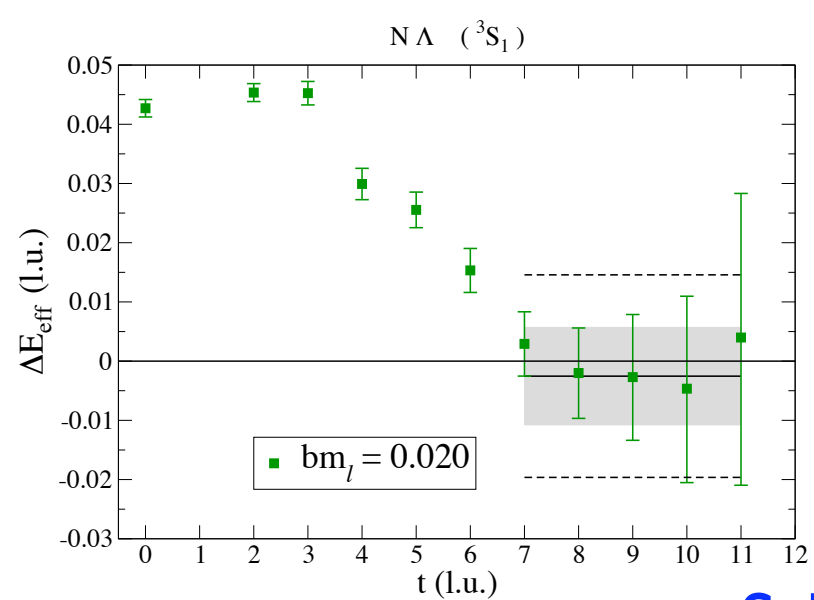
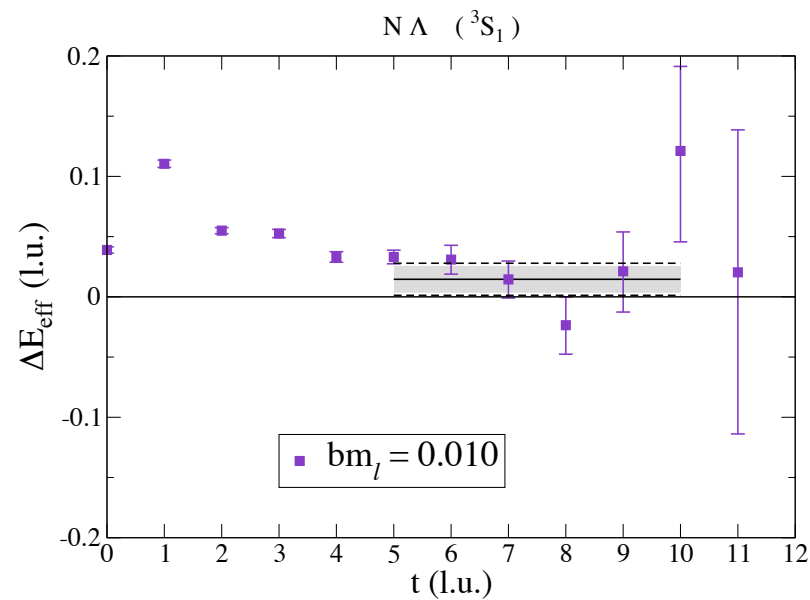
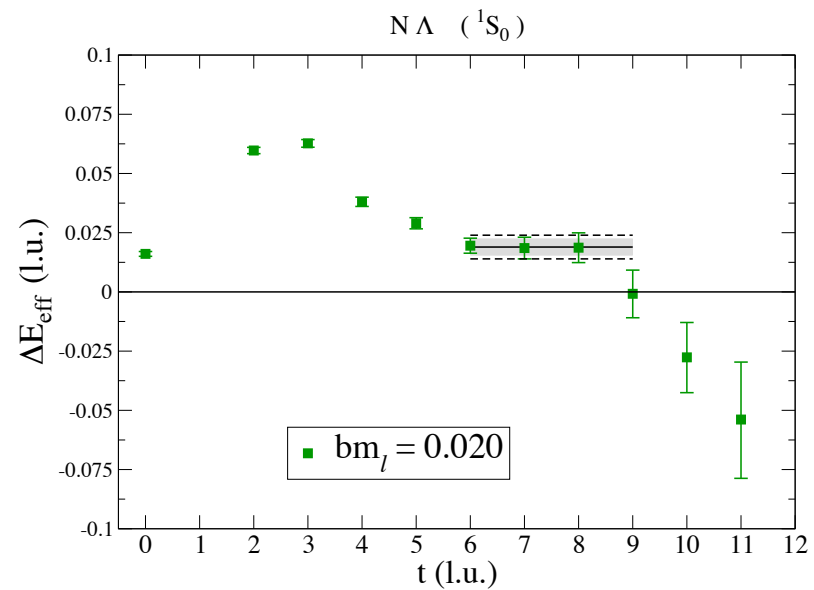
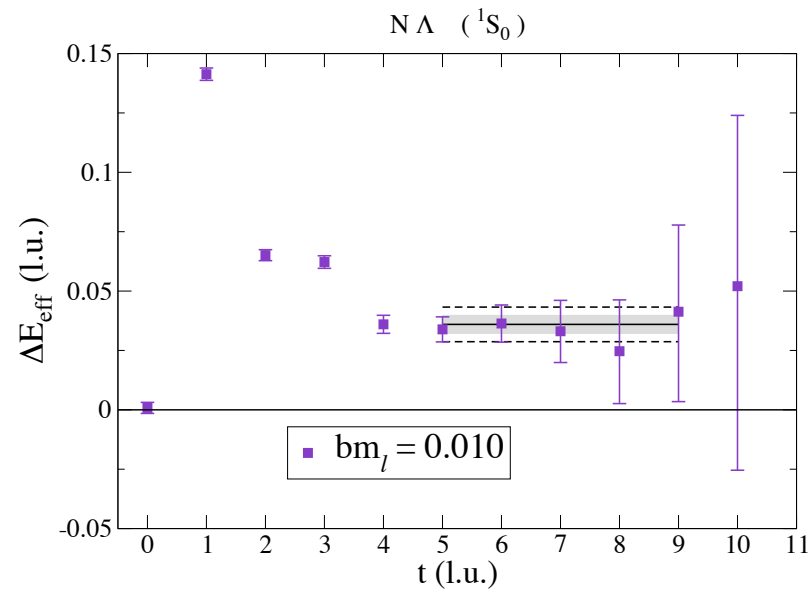


m_π (MeV)	$a(^1S_0)$ (fm)
353.7 ± 2.1	$0.63 \pm 0.50 \pm 0.2$
492.5 ± 1.1	$0.65 \pm 0.18 \pm 0.2$
593.0 ± 1.6	$0.0 \pm 0.5 \pm 0.2$

3S_1 of NN



m_π (MeV)	$a(^3S_1)$ (fm)
353.7 ± 2.1	$0.63 \pm 0.74 \pm 0.2$
492.5 ± 1.1	$0.41 \pm 0.28 \pm 0.2$
593.0 ± 1.6	$-0.2 \pm 1.3 \pm 0.2$



Restless Pions:

Orbifold boundary conditions and noise suppression in Lattice QCD

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Restless Pions Signal-to-Noise Problem

Consider a nucleon two-point correlation function

$$C(t) = \langle q(t)q(t)q(t)\bar{q}(0)\bar{q}(0)\bar{q}(0) \rangle$$
$$\xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} A e^{-Mt}$$

P. Lepage
1989 TASI Lectures

But we estimate this correlation function with a Monte-Carlo technique

$$C(t) \simeq \bar{C}(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_U S_U(t) S_U(t) S_U(t)$$

$$\sigma_C^2(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_U |S_U(t) S_U(t) S_U(t) - \bar{C}(t)|^2$$
$$= \langle S_U^3(t) S_U^{\dagger 3}(t) \rangle - |\bar{C}(t)|^2$$

$$\langle S_U^3(t) S_U^{\dagger 3}(t) \rangle = \langle q^3(t) \bar{Q}^3(t) \bar{q}^3(0) Q^3(0) \rangle$$
$$\xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} B e^{-3m_\pi t}$$

Restless Pions Signal-to-Noise Problem

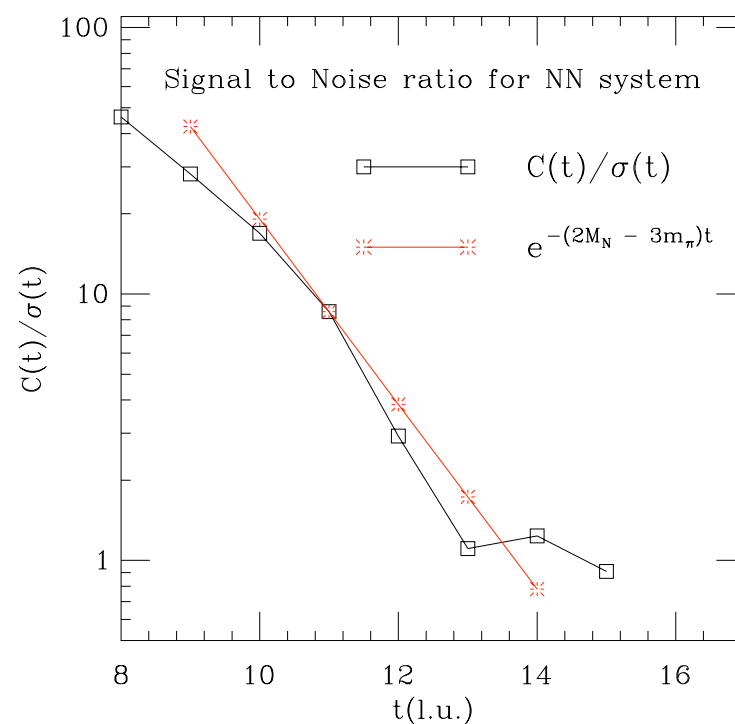
$$\frac{\text{Sig.}}{\text{Noise}} = \frac{\bar{C}(t)}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{N}\sigma_C^2(t)}} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} A\sqrt{N}e^{-(M-3/2m_\pi)t}$$

Even worse for two-nucleon correlation functions

$$\frac{\text{Sig.}}{\text{Noise}} = \frac{\bar{C}_{NN}(t)}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{N}\sigma_{C_{NN}}^2(t)}} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} A_{NN}\sqrt{N}e^{-(2M-3m_\pi)t}$$

Taken from NPLQCD

$$m_\pi \sim 350 \text{ MeV}$$



Restless Pions parity-Orbifold condition

What if we could impose a boundary condition upon my quarks such that **all** pions were forbidden a zero momentum mode?

$$\langle S_U^3(t) S_U^{\dagger 3}(t) \rangle = \langle q^3(t) \bar{Q}^3(t) \bar{q}^3(0) Q^3(0) \rangle$$

Then signal-to-noise $e^{-(M-3/2E_\pi)t}$

$$E_\pi = \sqrt{3 \left(\frac{\pi}{L} \right)^2 + m_\pi^2}$$

$$m_\pi \sim 350 \text{ MeV} \quad , \quad L \sim 2.5 \text{ fm}$$

$$E_\pi \sim 550 \text{ MeV}$$

Restless Pions parity-Orbifold condition

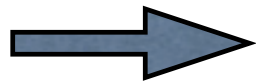
$$S_1/Z_2$$

Imagine doubling the size of the lattice in z-direction

$$q(t, x, y, -z) = \mathcal{P}_z q(t, x, y, z)$$

$$\bar{q}(t, x, y, -z) = \bar{q}(t, x, y, z) \mathcal{P}_z$$

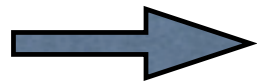
$$A_\mu(t, x, y, -z) = (-)^{\delta_{\mu 3}} A_\mu(t, x, y, z)$$



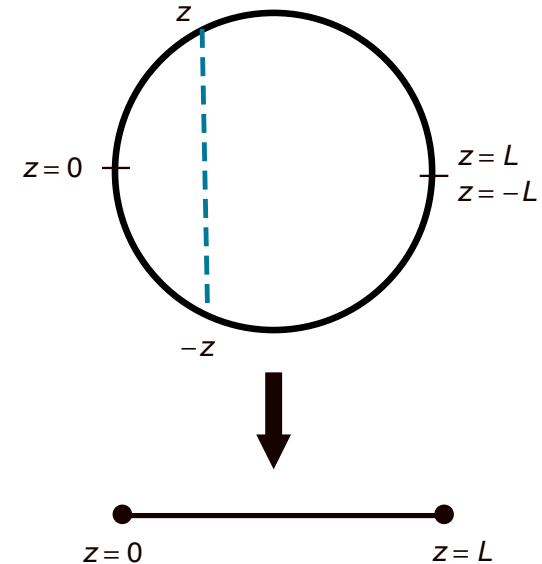
$$\pi(x) = \bar{q}(x) \gamma_5 q(x)$$

$$\pi(t, x, y, -z) = -\pi(t, x, y, z)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_z = \gamma_3 \gamma_5$$



$$\pi(t, x, y, z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_-^{(n)} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi z}{L}\right)$$



Restless Pions!!!

Boundary Conditions on “normal” lattice

Restless Pions T_3/Z_2

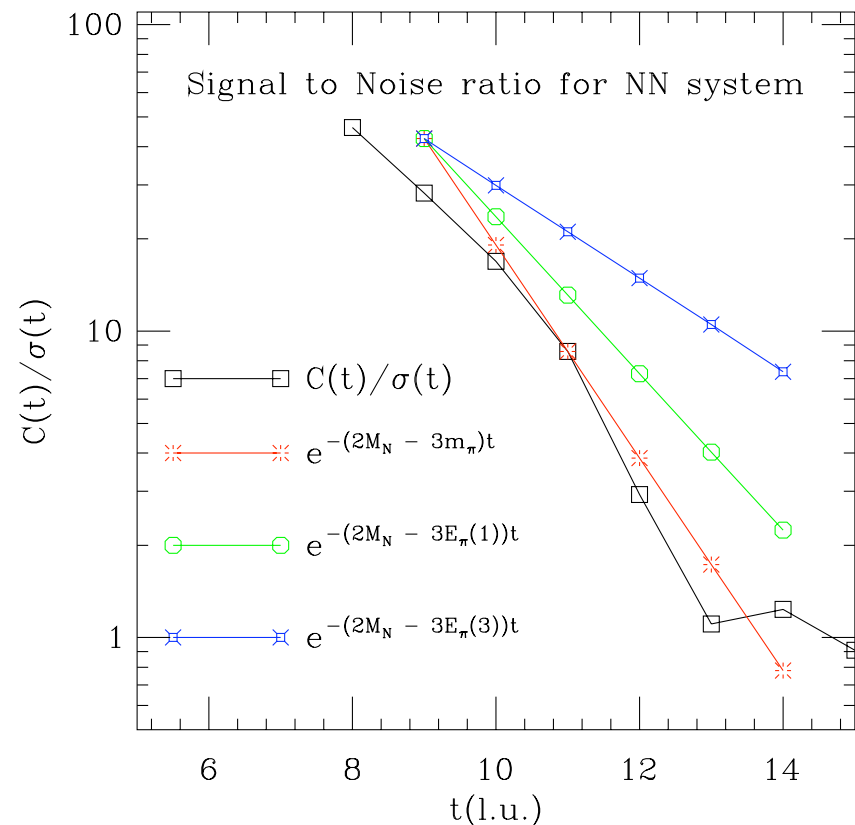
Can apply a similar parity orbifolding to make pions *restless* in all three spatial directions

This method does not work for the sea-quarks - lose Gamma-5 Hermiticity

Numerical implementation of this method is currently underway

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For further details
see [arXiv:0708.0207](https://arxiv.org/abs/0708.0207)



Conclusions

- Two Meson scattering on the lattice is now in a **precision** age
 - Meson scattering lengths protected by chiral symmetry
 - Fermion discretization methods which (approximately) respect chiral symmetry can be used in the valence sector
 - Very well understood from an effective field theory view point: extrapolations in terms of lattice-physical quantities renormalizes most of lattice artifacts (through one-loop)
- Two-Nucleons are hard!!! but not inconceivable
 - relative to their rest mass, two-nucleon interaction energies are about an order of magnitude smaller than two-pion interaction energies with respect to their rest mass.
 - additionally, signal to noise problem is severe - just as effective mass plateaus, noise begins to wash out signal
 - Restless Pions boundary conditions may help with the signal to noise problem - under investigation
 - improved sources to couple to the deuteron better and clean up early time behavior?
 - In addition to high statistics, clever ideas are in high demand
- Two-Nucleons are hard but potential impact is great - especially in the hyperon sector where datum is extremely limited