

# Kaon physics lattice calculations

Lattice QCD meets experiment

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## Lattice QCD results relevant for flavour physics

- quality of lattice results
- status:  $f_K/f_\pi$ ,  $f_+^{K \rightarrow \pi}(0)$ ,  $\hat{B}_K$
- phenomenological implications
- will there be improvements?
- $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  status
- outlook

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- all results have been determined using different lattice techniques and different sets of simulation parameters
  - in most cases no correlation between *bare* results
  - data analysis affected by very similar systematics ( $L$ ,  $a$ ,  $m_\pi$ , renormalization, running)

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- also: Lattice results relevant for CKM triangle analysis  
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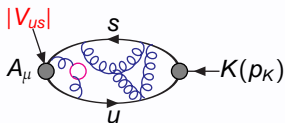
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MILC 09A	2+1	C	★	★	★	1.198(2) $^{(+6)}_{(-8)}$
MILC 09	2+1	P	★	★	★	1.197(3) $^{(+6)}_{(-13)}$
ALVdW 08	2+1	C	★	●	●	1.191(16)(17)
PACS-CS 08, 08B	2+1	A	★	■	■	1.189(20)
BMW 08	2+1	C	★	★	★	1.18(1)(1)
HPQCD/UKQCD 08	2+1	A	★	●	★	1.189(2)(7)
RBC/UKQCD 08	2+1	A	●	★	■	1.205(18)(62)
NPLQCD 06	2+1	A	●	■	■	1.218(2) $^{(+11)}_{(-24)}$
ETM 09	2	A	●	●	★	1.210(6)(15)(9)
QCDSF/UKQCD 07	2	C	●	★	●	1.21(3)

precision of  $\approx 0.6 - 0.8\%$  possible

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*BMW Phys.Rev.D81:054507,2010*

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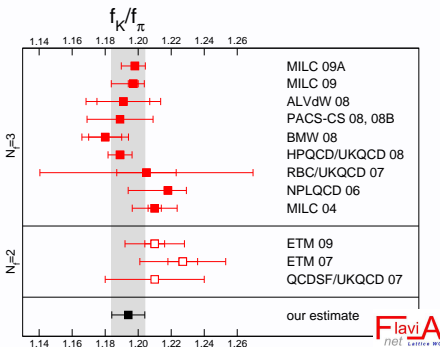
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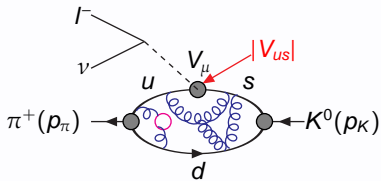
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- very good agreement
- two (three) very advanced  $N_f = 2 + 1$ -results:  
MILC 09, HPQCD/UKQCD 08, (BMW)  
one very advanced  $N_f = 2$ -result: ETM 09

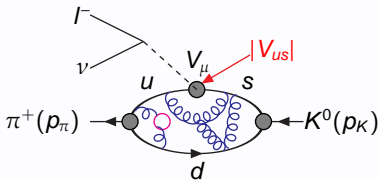
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$$\Gamma_{K \rightarrow \pi l \nu} = C_K^2 \frac{G_F^2 m_K^5}{192 \pi^2} I S_{EW} [1 + \Delta_{SU(2)} + \Delta_{EM}] \times |V_{us}|^2 |f_+^{K\pi}(0)|^2$$

- $I$  phase space integral (via FF shape from experiment)
- $S_{EW}$  short distance EW corrections
- $\Delta_{SU(2)}$  Iso-spin breaking corrections
- $\Delta_{EM}$  long distance EM corrections

Antonelli et al., arXiv:0801.1817 (KLOE, KTeV, ISTRA+, NA48):  $|V_{us} f_+^{K\pi}(0)| = 0.21661(47)$

→ sub-1%-precision for  $f_+^{K\pi}(0)$  required

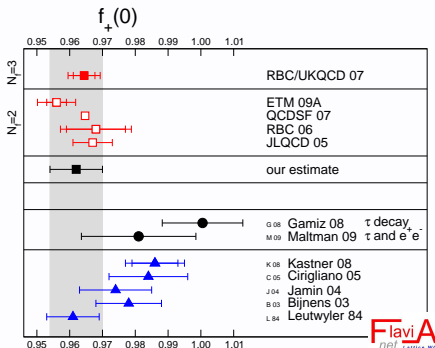
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QCDSF 07	2	C	■	★	■	0.9647(15) <sub>stat</sub>
RBC 06	2	A	■	★	■	0.968(9)(6)
JLQCD 05	2	C	■	★	■	0.967(6)



precision  $\approx 0.5\%$  possible

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## Comments:

- only two state-of-the art calculations:  
 $N_f = 2$  ETM 09A [PRD80:111502,2009](#) and  
 $N_f = 2 + 1$  RBC+UKQCD 07 [PRL100:141601,2008](#), [arXiv:1004.0886](#)
- the former ( $N_f = 2$ ) result being technically advanced:  
lighter pion masses, 3 lattice spacings
- no  $s$ -quark effects - but still two different theories, so wait for higher precision and don't average!

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i.e. use lattice and kaon/pion BRs (and  $|V_{ud}|$ )  $\rightarrow$  unitarity test  
*is Fermi coupling universal?*
  - **use lattice and (1)-(3) - analysis within the SM**  
3 equations and four unknowns:  $|V_{ud}|$ ,  $|V_{us}|$ ,  $f_+^{K\pi}(0)$ ,  $f_K/f_\pi$ ; let lattice provide one of them and predict the other ones  
*are all results consistent?*



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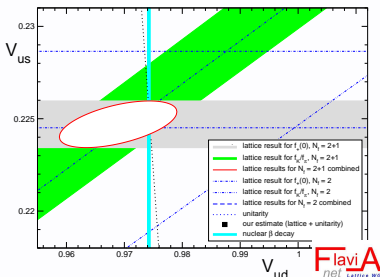
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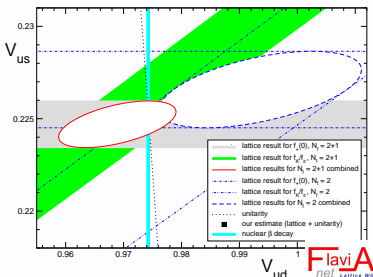
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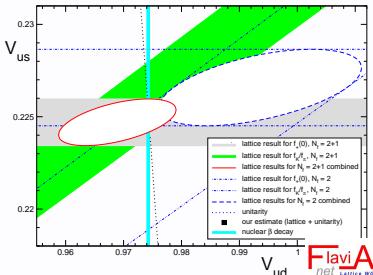
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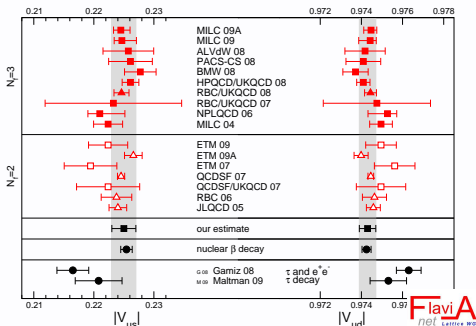


- testing SM unitarity:

- using lattice + BRs:  $|V_{ul}| = 0.989(20)$
- using lattice + BRs +  $|V_{ud}|$ :  $|V_{ul}| = 1.0002(10)$
- can we rely on  $|V_{ud}|$ ?

# First row unitarity

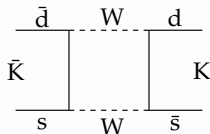
- analysis within the SM: using lattice + BRs + unitarity



- squares (input  $f_K/f_\pi$ ) and triangles (input  $f_+^{K\pi}(0)$ ) agree very well for determination of  $|V_{us}|$  and  $|V_{ud}|$
- $N_f = 2$  and  $N_f = 2 + 1$  results nearly the same
- remarkable precision and agreement with results for  $|V_{ud}|$  from nuclear  $\beta$ -decay  
(precision intuitively clear from plot)

## Results for $B_K$

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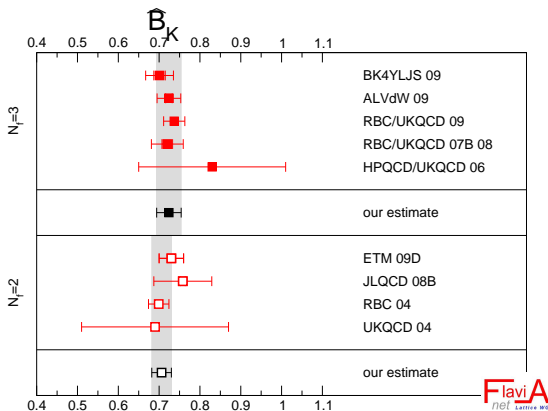
$$|\epsilon_K| = \kappa_\epsilon \mathbf{C} \hat{B}_K |V_{cb}|^2 |V_{us}|^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} |V_{cb}|^2 R_t^2 \sin 2\beta \eta_{tt} S_0(x_t) + R_t \sin \beta (\eta_{ct} S_0(x_c, x_t) - \eta_{cc} x_c) \right)$$

$$\hat{B}_K = b(\mu) B_K(\mu) = b(\mu) \frac{\langle \bar{K}^0 | Q_R^{\Delta S=2}(\mu) | K^0 \rangle}{\frac{8}{3} f_K^2 m_K^2}$$

### Standard model test

- direct computation of  $\hat{B}_K$  on the lattice
- $\hat{B}_K$  from fit

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This is interesting: There is now a tension with respect to  $\hat{B}_K$  from UT-fit using  $S_{\Psi K_S}$ ,  $\Delta M_{B_s}/\Delta M_{B_d}$  and  $\epsilon_K$ :  $\hat{B}_K = 1.09(12)_{V_{cb} \text{ excl}}$ ,  $\hat{B}_K = 0.903(86)_{V_{cb} \text{ incl}}$

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also: Lunghi, Soni, PLB 666, 162(2008), Buras, Guadagnoli, PRD79,053010(2009)

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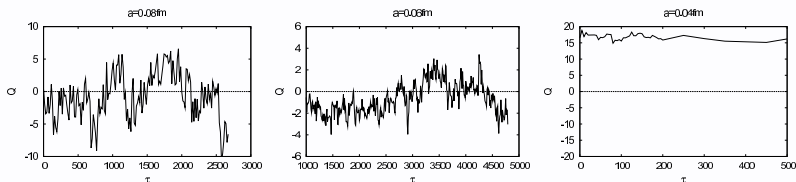
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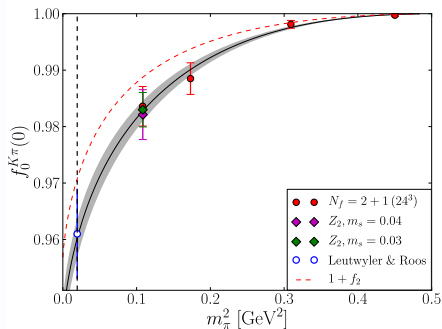
- there is currently no cure and it seems that all simulations with  $a$  much smaller than  $0.1\text{fm}$  are affected, i.e., have modes with very long correlation times
- there is no theoretical understanding of which observables couple to slow modes and which ones don't
- estimation of statistical error is a delicate issue

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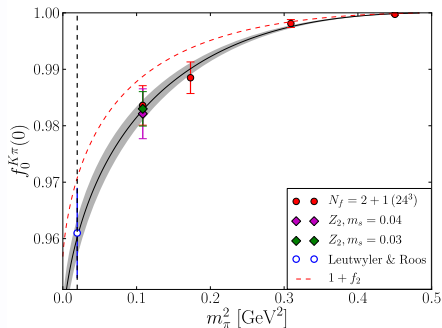


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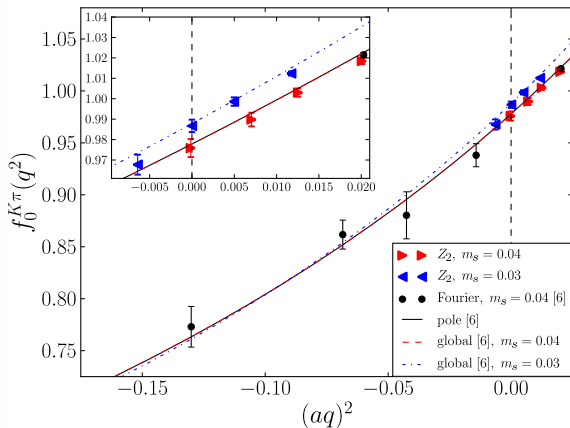


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- systematics dominated by limited control of chiral extrapolation
- $f_0^{K\pi}(0)$  in NNLO  $\chi$ PT???

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interpolation in  $q^2$  - systematic due to interpolation in  $q^2$  entirely removed through using partially twisted boundary conditions



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- directly, using (partially twisted, G-parity) boundary condition tricks to project on the desired state [arXiv:0912.2917](#)
  - very feasible in  $\Delta I = 3/2$  channel
  - very cost-intensive in  $\Delta I = 1/2$  channel

N. Christ in his Kaon 2009 write-up [arXiv:0912.2917](#): “ $\Delta I = 1/2, 3/2$  amplitudes  $A_0$  and  $A_2$  with 10-20% precision within the next 2-3 years” (RBC+UKQCD)

# Summary

- $f_K/f_\pi$
- reduction of  $m_\pi$  will reduce systematic in chiral extrapolation
  - $a$  is already in critical range in best computations, further reduction may be hazardous
  - increase statistics  $\sigma \propto 1/\sqrt{N}$

- $f_+^{K\pi}(0)$
- most important: reduce pion mass in simulations and motivate other collaborations to compute it
  - increase statistics  $\sigma \propto 1/\sqrt{N}$
  - luckily  $a$  is sub-dominant here

- $B_K$
- lattice doing very well with  $\approx 4\%$  uncertainty
  - reduction of  $m_\pi$  and  $a$  not primary goal
  - dominant systematic in renormalization  $\rightarrow$  non-perturbative running
  - I have heard that short distance corrections  $\eta$  are currently being computed beyond NNLO

$K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  “10-20% error on  $A_0$  and  $A_2$  in 2-3 years”