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# Kaon decays

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Predictions for the rare kaon decays  
from QCD in the limit of a large number of colour  
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# Outline

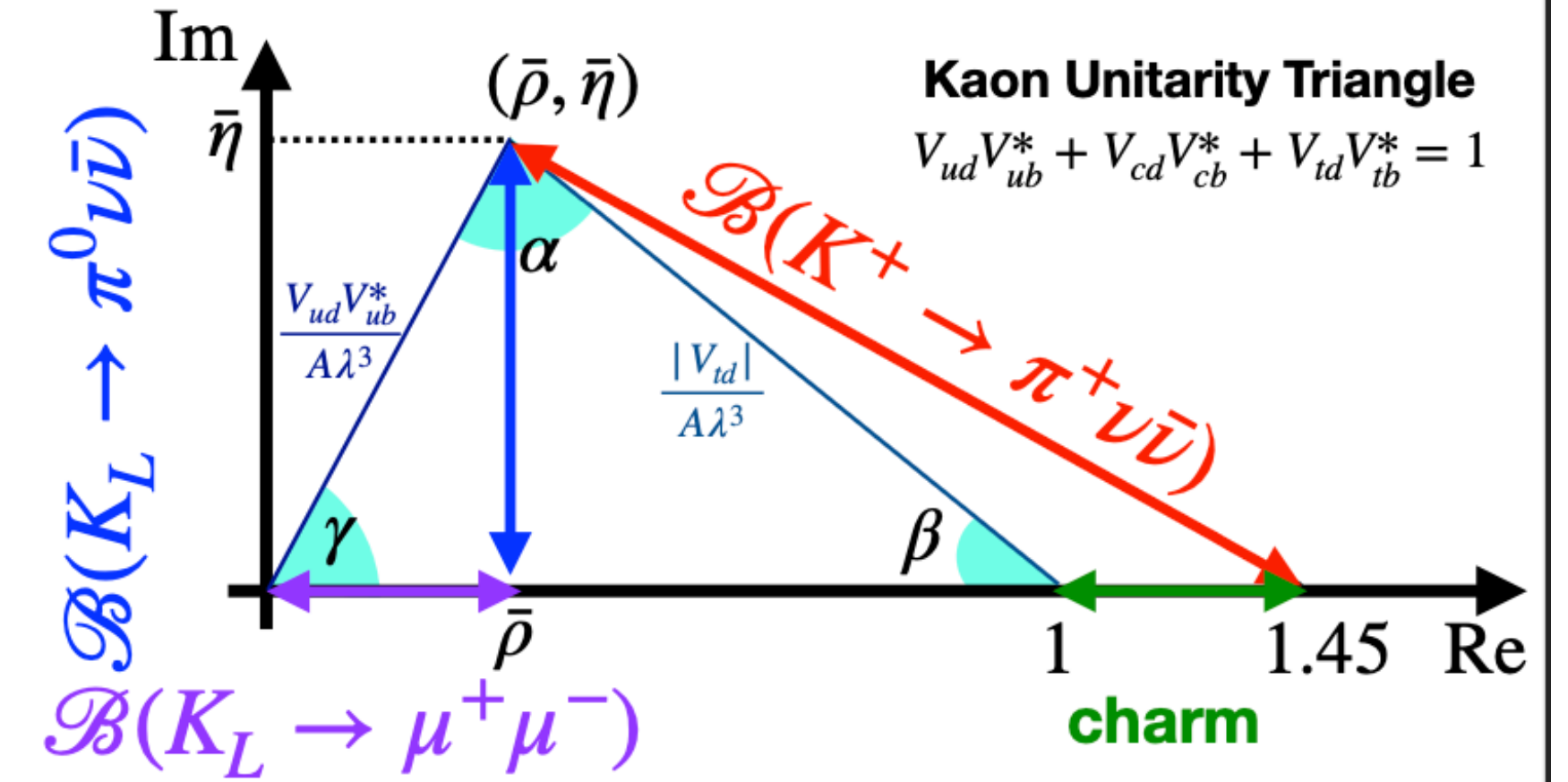
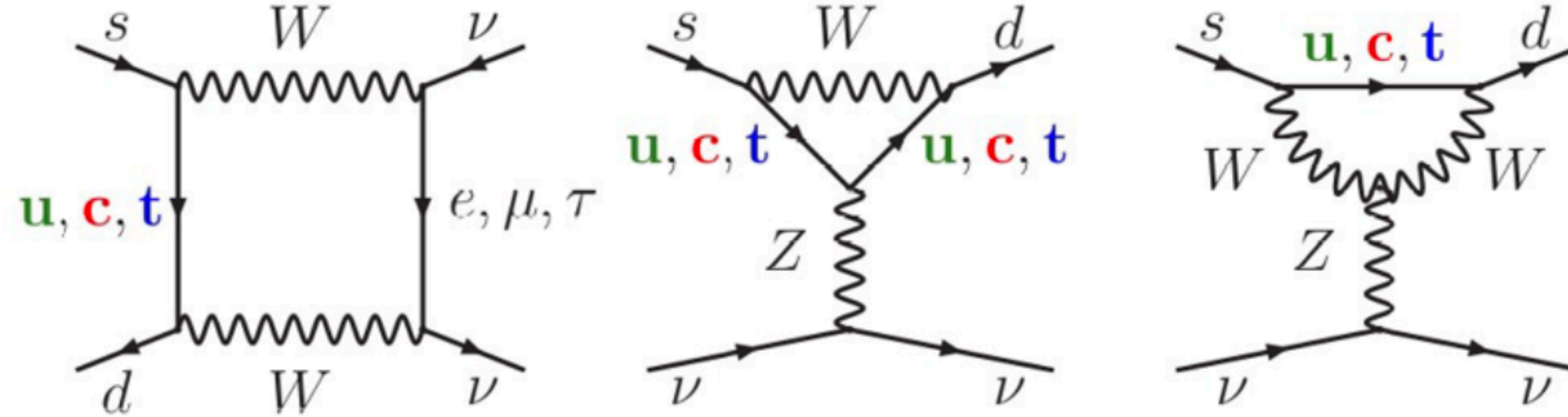
- $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$
- Non-leptonic kaon decays
- $K \rightarrow \pi ll$
- conclusions



# $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$ : Precision test of the Standard Model



## SM: Z-penguin & box diagrams



- $\mathcal{B}(K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu})$  highly suppressed in SM

- GIM mechanism & maximum CKM suppression  $s \rightarrow d$  transition:  $\sim \frac{m_t}{m_W} \left| V_{ts}^* V_{td} \right|$

- Theoretically clean  $\Rightarrow$  high precision SM predictions

- Dominated by short distance contributions.

- Hadronic matrix element extracted from  $\mathcal{B}(K \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \nu_\ell)$  decays via isospin rotation.

Mode	SM Branching Ratio [1]	SM Branching Ratio [2]	Experimental Status
$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$	$(8.60 \pm 0.42) \times 10^{-11}$	$(7.86 \pm 0.61) \times 10^{-11}$	$(10.6 \pm 4.0) \times 10^{-11}$ NA62 16–18
$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu}$	$(2.94 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-11}$	$(2.68 \pm 0.30) \times 10^{-11}$	$< 2 \times 10^{-9}$ KOTO (2021 data)



# Conclusions

- New study of  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$  decay using NA62 2021–22 dataset:
  - Improved signal yield per SPS spill by 50%.
  - $N_{bg} = 11.0_{-1.9}^{+2.1}$ ,  $N_{obs} = 31$
  - $\mathcal{B}_{21-22}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (16.0_{-4.5}^{+5.0}) \times 10^{-11} = \left( 16.0 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} +4.8 \\ -4.2 \end{smallmatrix} \right)_{\text{stat}} \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} +1.4 \\ -1.3 \end{smallmatrix} \right]_{\text{syst}} \right) \times 10^{-11}$
- Combining with 2016–18 data for full 2016–22 results:
  - $N_{bg} = 18_{-2}^{+3}$ ,  $N_{obs} = 51$  (using 9+6 categories for BR extraction)
  - $\mathcal{B}_{16-22}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}) = (13.0_{-2.9}^{+3.3}) \times 10^{-11} = \left( 13.0 \left( \begin{smallmatrix} +3.0 \\ -2.7 \end{smallmatrix} \right)_{\text{stat}} \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} +1.3 \\ -1.2 \end{smallmatrix} \right]_{\text{syst}} \right) \times 10^{-11}$
  - Background-only hypothesis rejected with significance  $Z > 5$ .
- **First observation of  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu}$  decay: BR consistent with SM prediction within  $1.7\sigma$** 
  - **Need full NA62 data-set to clarify SM agreement or tension.**



# QCD at work: Short Distance expansion for weak interaction

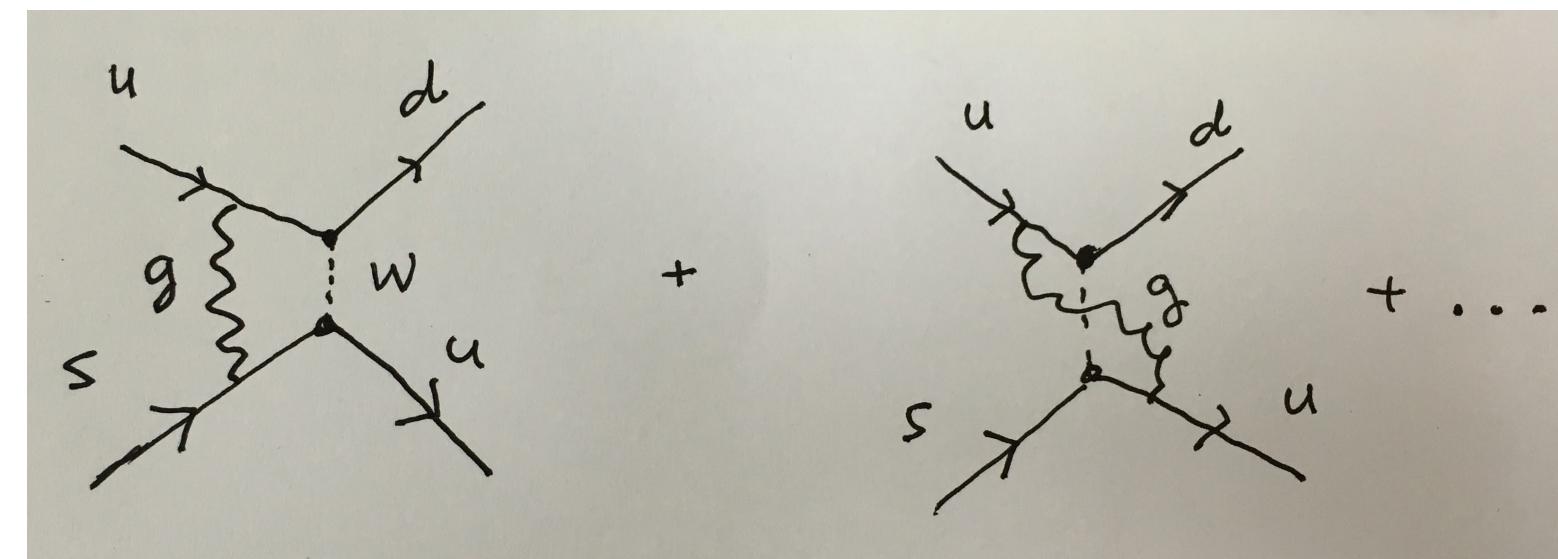
- Fermi lagrangian: description of the  $\Delta S=1$  weak lagrangian, in particular the explanation of  $\Delta I = 1/2$  rule

$$\frac{A(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0)}{A(K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)} \sim \frac{1}{22}$$

- Wilson suggestion (Feynman) , short distance expansion

$$-\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ud} V_{us}^* C_- (\bar{s}_L \gamma^\mu u_L) (\bar{u}_L \gamma_\mu d_L)$$

- Gaillard Lee, Altarelli Maiani: right direction but not fully understood (Long distance?)



# $K \rightarrow 2\pi$ Isospin Amplitudes

$$A[K^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-] \equiv A_0 e^{i\chi_0} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} A_2 e^{i\chi_2}$$

$$A[K^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0] \equiv A_0 e^{i\chi_0} - \sqrt{2} A_2 e^{i\chi_2}$$

$$A[K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0] \equiv \frac{3}{2} A_2^+ e^{i\chi_2^+}$$

$$A_0 e^{i\chi_0} = \mathcal{A}_{1/2}$$

$$A_2 e^{i\chi_2} = \mathcal{A}_{3/2} + \mathcal{A}_{5/2}$$

$$A_2^+ e^{i\chi_2^+} = \mathcal{A}_{3/2} - \frac{2}{3} \mathcal{A}_{5/2}$$

1)  $\Delta I = 1/2$  Rule:

$$\omega \equiv \frac{\text{Re}(A_2)}{\text{Re}(A_0)} \approx \frac{1}{22}$$

2) Strong Final State Interactions:

$$\chi_0 - \chi_2 \approx \delta_0 - \delta_2 \approx 45^\circ$$



# $O(p^2)$ $\chi$ PT

$$\mathcal{L}_2^{\Delta S=1} = G_8 F^4 \langle \lambda L_\mu L^\mu \rangle + G_{27} F^4 \left( L_{\mu 23} L_{11}^\mu + \frac{2}{3} L_{\mu 21} L_{13}^\mu \right)$$

$$G_R \equiv -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ud} V_{us}^* g_R \quad ; \quad L_\mu = -iU^\dagger D_\mu U \quad ; \quad \lambda \equiv \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{6-i7} \quad ; \quad U \equiv \exp \{ i\sqrt{2} \Phi / F \}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{1/2} = \sqrt{2} F_\pi \left( G_8 + \frac{1}{9} G_{27} \right) (M_K^2 - M_\pi^2)$$

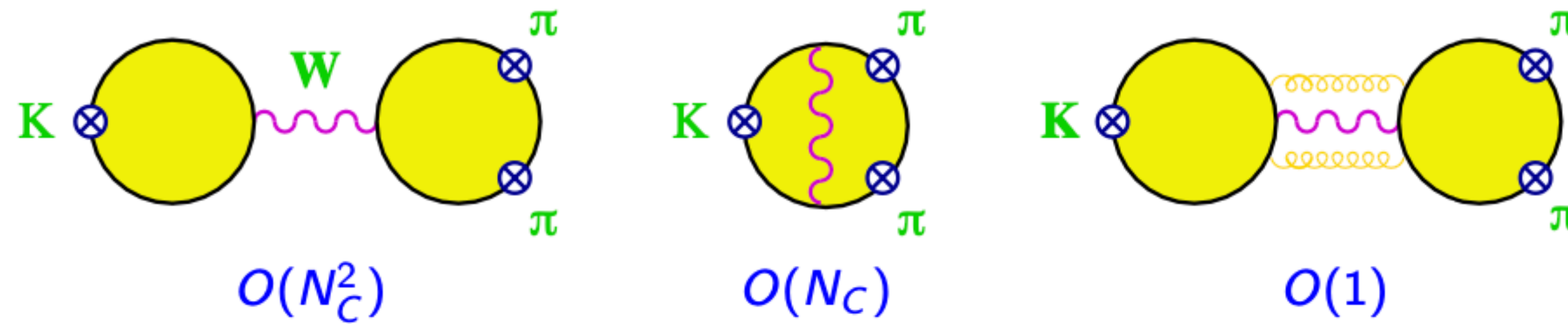
$$\mathcal{A}_{3/2} = \frac{10}{9} F_\pi G_{27} (M_K^2 - M_\pi^2)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{5/2} = 0 \quad ; \quad \delta_0 = \delta_2 = 0$$

$$[\Gamma(K \rightarrow 2\pi) + \delta_I]_{\text{Exp}} \quad \longrightarrow \quad |g_8| \approx 5.1 \quad ; \quad |g_{27}| \approx 0.29$$

# Weak Currents Factorize at Large $N_C$

Bardeen Buras Gerard '90



$$A[K^0 \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0] = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad A_0 = \sqrt{2} A_2$$

**No  $\Delta I = \frac{1}{2}$  enhancement at leading order in  $1/N_C$**

- **Multiscale problem:** **OPE**  $\frac{1}{N_C} \log\left(\frac{M_W}{\mu}\right) \sim \frac{1}{3} \times 4$

**Short-distance logarithms must be summed**

- **Large  $\chi$ PT logarithms:** **FSI**  $\frac{1}{N_C} \log\left(\frac{\mu}{M_\pi}\right) \sim \frac{1}{3} \times 2$

**Infrared logarithms must also be included**  $[\delta_1 \sim O(1/N_C), \delta_0 - \delta_2 \approx 45^\circ]$



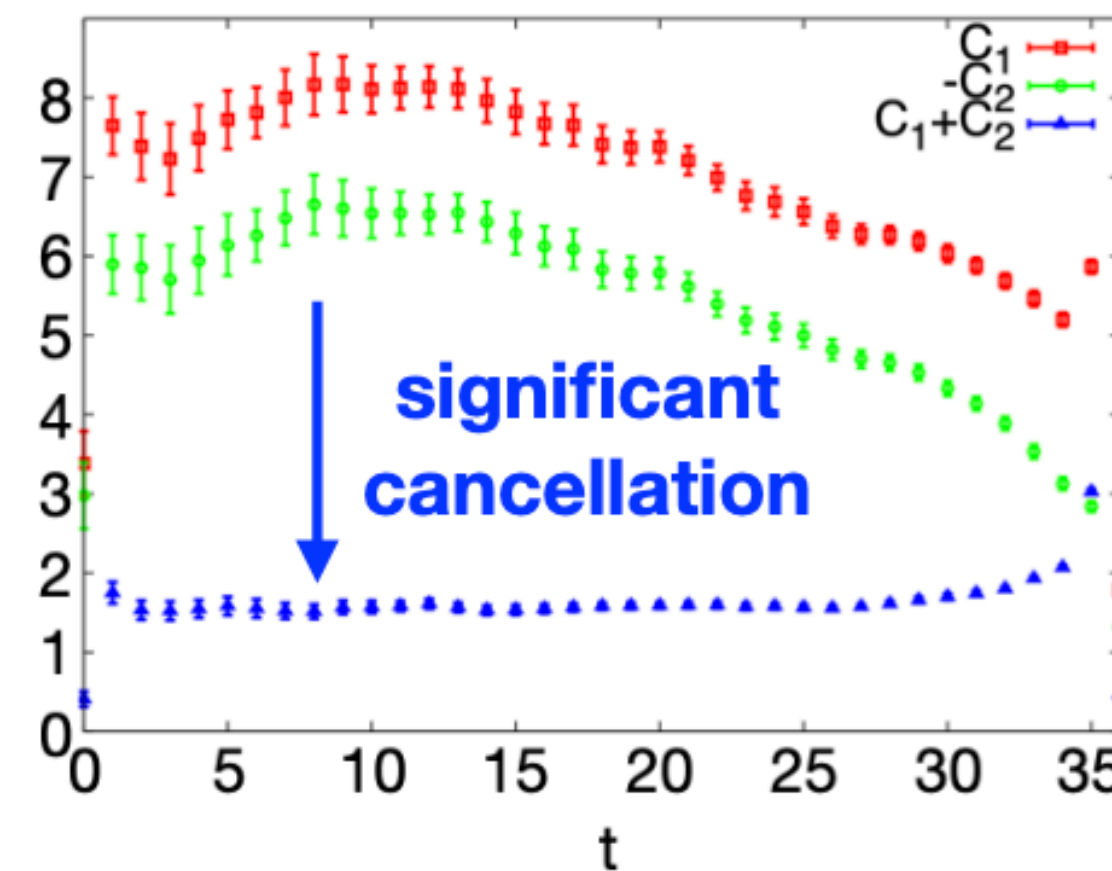
# The $\Delta I = 1/2$ rule

- Experimental fact

$$\frac{\text{Re } A_0}{\text{Re } A_2} = 22.45(6) : \text{large suppression of } \Delta I = 3/2 (A_2) \text{ mode}$$

- Significant suppression of  $\text{Re}A_2$  (2012/2015)

- $C_1, C_2$  contributions of different color structure to  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  correlation function most significant to  $\text{Re}A_2$
- Naïvely  $C_1 = -3C_2$  based on color counting
- Significant cancellation at physical  $m_\pi$  observed



RBC/UKQCD,  
PRD91,074502 (2015)

- Lattice confirmation of the  $\Delta I = 1/2$  rule with the result for  $A_0$  (2020)

$$\frac{\text{Re}A_0}{\text{Re}A_2} = 19.9(2.3)_{\text{stat}}(4.4)_{\text{sys}}$$

# Some Daniel's papers

Kambor Missimer Wyler

- Quantify Long Distance Contributions and weak chiral lagrangian : classify the the  $O(p^4)$  counterterm structures and  $K \rightarrow 2\pi/3\pi$  fit



# Weak interaction

The symmetry of the short distance hamiltonian  $-\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}}V_{ud}V_{us}^*C_-(\bar{s}_L\gamma^\mu u_L)(\bar{u}_L\gamma_\mu d_L)$

described in CHPT

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Delta S=1} = \mathcal{L}_{\Delta S=1}^2 + \mathcal{L}_{\Delta S=1}^4 + \dots = G_8 F^4 \underbrace{\langle \lambda_6 D_\mu U^\dagger D^\mu U \rangle}_{K \rightarrow 2\pi/3\pi} + \underbrace{G_8 F^2 \sum_i N_i W_i}_{K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma \gamma, K \rightarrow \pi l^+ l^-} + \dots$$

VMD not as successful, in particular for K-3pi, where in principle large VMD important

# K $\rightarrow$ 2 pi/3pi fit

Kambor Missimer Wyler, '90s

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0) &= \alpha_1 - \beta_1 u + (\zeta_1 + \xi_1)u^2 + \frac{1}{3}(\zeta_1 - \xi_1)v^2 \\ \mathcal{M}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^0) &= -3\alpha_1 - \zeta_1(3u^2 + v^2) , \\ \mathcal{M}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-) &= 2\alpha_1 + \beta_1 u + (2\zeta_1 - \xi_1)u^2 + \frac{1}{3}(2\zeta_1 + \xi_1)v^2 , \\ \mathcal{M}(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \pi^0) &= -\alpha_1 + \beta_1 u - (\zeta_1 + \xi_1)u^2 - \frac{1}{3}(\zeta_1 - \xi_1)v^2 ,\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_1 &= \alpha_1^{(0)} - \frac{2g_8}{27f_K f_\pi} m_K^4 \{ (k_1 - k_2) + 24\mathcal{L}_1 \} , \\ \beta_1 &= \beta_1^{(0)} - \frac{g_8}{9f_K f_\pi} m_\pi^2 m_K^2 \{ (k_3 - 2k_1) - 24\mathcal{L}_2 \} , \\ \zeta_1 &= -\frac{g_8}{6f_K f_\pi} m_\pi^4 \{ k_2 - 24\mathcal{L}_1 \} , \\ \xi_1 &= -\frac{g_8}{6f_K f_\pi} m_\pi^4 \{ k_3 - 24\mathcal{L}_2 \} ,\end{aligned}$$

**Table 1**

The values of the amplitudes in eqs. (4) and (5) obtained from fits to experiment are shown in the first two columns. Our value of  $\delta_2 - \delta_0$  is obtained from  $K \rightarrow 2\pi$  decays alone, while some additional constraints were used in ref. [8]. The  $K \rightarrow 3\pi$  amplitudes  $\alpha_1, \dots, \xi'_3$  are in units of  $10^{-8}$ . The results of lowest and next-to-lowest order chiral perturbation theory are displayed in the two columns to the right.

	Devlin and Dickey	Our fit	Lowest order	Order $p^4$
$a_{1/2}$ [keV]	$0.4687 \pm 0.0006$	$0.4699 \pm 0.0012$	0.4698	0.4698
$a_{3/2}$ [keV]	$0.0210 \pm 0.0001$	$0.0211 \pm 0.0001$	0.0211	0.0211
$\delta_2 - \delta_0$ (deg)	$-45.6 \pm 5$	$-61.5 \pm 4$	0	-29
$\alpha_1$	$91.46 \pm 0.24$	$91.71 \pm 0.32$	74.0	91.8
$\alpha_3$	$-7.14 \pm 0.36$	$-7.36 \pm 0.47$	-4.1	-7.6
$\beta_1$	$-25.83 \pm 0.41$	$-25.68 \pm 0.27$	-16.5	-25.6
$\beta_3$	$-2.48 \pm 0.48$	$-2.43 \pm 0.41$	-1.0	-2.5
$\gamma_3$	$2.51 \pm 0.36$	$2.26 \pm 0.23$	1.8	2.5
$\zeta_1$	$-0.37 \pm 0.11$	$-0.47 \pm 0.15$	-	-0.6
$\zeta_3$	-	$-0.21 \pm 0.08$	-	-0.02
$\xi_1$	$-1.25 \pm 0.12$	$-1.51 \pm 0.30$	-	-1.5
$\xi_3$	-	$-0.12 \pm 0.17$	-	-0.05
$\xi'_3$	-	$-0.21 \pm 0.51$	-	-0.08
$\chi^2/\text{DOF}$	12.8/3	10.3/2	4121/5	37/13



# K $\rightarrow$ 3 $\pi$ fit/K-lifetimes to be remeasured

arxiv 2209.02143

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amplitude coefficient	Devlin et <i>al.</i> (Ref. [3])	Kambor et <i>al.</i> (Ref. [4])	Bijnens et <i>al.</i> (Ref. [5])	Our scaled fit	SF
$\alpha_1$	$91.4 \pm 0.24$	$91.71 \pm 0.32$	$93.16 \pm 0.36$	$92.80 \pm 0.64$	2.9
$\alpha_3$	$-7.14 \pm 0.36$	$-7.36 \pm 0.47$	$-6.72 \pm 0.46$	$-7.45 \pm 0.79$	3.2
$\beta_1$	$-25.83 \pm 0.41$	$-25.68 \pm 0.27$	$-27.06 \pm 0.43$	$-26.46 \pm 0.22$	1.6
$\beta_3$	$-2.48 \pm 0.48$	$-2.43 \pm 0.41$	$-2.22 \pm 0.47$	$-2.50 \pm 0.29$	1.6
$\gamma_3$	$2.51 \pm 0.36$	$2.26 \pm 0.23$	$2.95 \pm 0.32$	$2.78 \pm 0.10$	1.0
$\zeta_1$	$-0.37 \pm 0.11$	$-0.47 \pm 0.15$	$-0.40 \pm 0.19$	$-0.11 \pm 0.03$	1.7
$\zeta_3$	—	$-0.21 \pm 0.08$	$-0.09 \pm 0.10$	$-0.05 \pm 0.03$	1.8
$\xi_1$	$-1.25 \pm 0.12$	$-1.51 \pm 0.30$	$-1.83 \pm 0.30$	$-1.20 \pm 0.13$	1.7
$\xi_3$	—	$-0.12 \pm 0.17$	$-0.17 \pm 0.16$	$0.10 \pm 0.10$	1.6
$\xi'_3$	—	$-0.21 \pm 0.51$	$-0.56 \pm 0.42$	$-0.07 \pm 0.16$	1.8
$\chi^2/\text{dof}$	12.8/3	10.3/2	5.4/5	5.18/5 (30.66/5)	

**Needed also for various SM Kaon assessments**

# Vector Meson Dominance in the strong sector

Ecker, Gasser, de Rafael, Pich

$L_i$	$L_i$ expts	V	A	Total (Scalar incl.)	Total QCD rel. incl.
$L_1$	$0.4 \pm 0.3$	0,6	0	0,6	0,9
$L_2$	$1.4 \pm 0.3$	1,2	0	1,2	1,8
$L_3$	$-3.5 \pm 1.1$	-3,6	0	-3,0	-4,9
$L_4$	$-0.3 \pm 0.5$	0	0	0	0
$L_5$	$1.4 \pm 0.5$	0	0	1,4	1,4
$L_6$	$-0.2 \pm 0.3$	0	0	0	0
$L_7$	$-0.4 \pm 0.2$	0	0	-0,3	-0,3
$L_8$	$0.9 \pm 0.3$	0	0	0,9	0,9
$L_9$	$6.9 \pm 0.7$	6,9	0	6,9	7,3
$L_{10}$	$-5.5 \pm 0.7$	-10	4	-6,0	-5,5

QCD inspired relations relations

$$F_V = 2G_V = \sqrt{2}f_\pi$$

$$F_A = f_\pi$$

$$M_A = \sqrt{2}M_V$$

KSFR:  $G_V = \sqrt{2} F_\pi$   
determined by dominance  
of pion, V,A to recover  
QCD short distance  
constraints

$$L_1^V = \frac{L_2^V}{2} = -\frac{L_3^V}{6} = \frac{G_V^2}{8M_V^2}, \quad L_9^V = \frac{F_V G_V}{2M_V^2}, \quad L_{10}^{V+A} = -\frac{F_V^2}{4M_V^2} + \frac{F_A^2}{4M_A^2}$$

QCD inspired relations relations

$$L_1^V = L_2^V / 2 = -L_3^V / 6 = L_9^V / 8 = -L_{10}^{V+A} / 6 = f_\pi^2 / (16M_V^2)$$



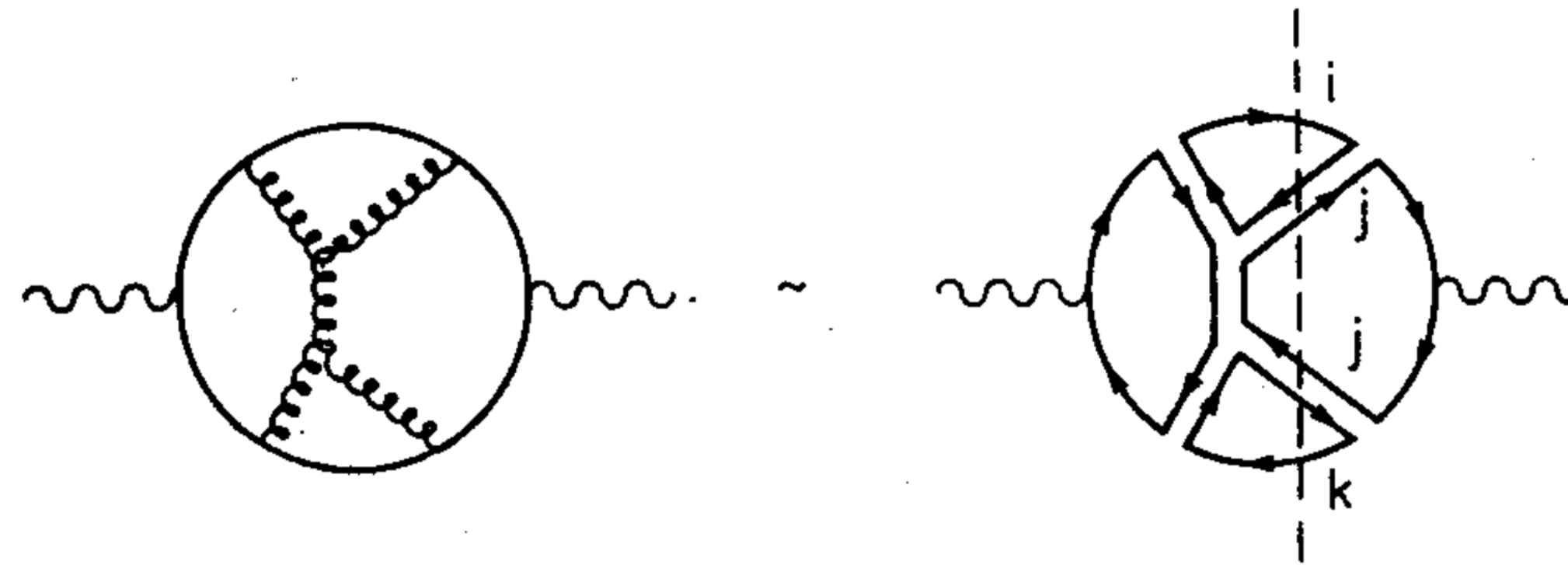


Fig. 14. A typical contribution to the two-point function in the large- $N$  limit. A cut reveals the intermediate states

$$\langle J(q)J(-q) \rangle = \sum_n \frac{a_n^2}{q^2 - m_n^2}.$$

$$\langle J(q)J(-q) \rangle_{q^2 \rightarrow \infty} \sim \log q^2.$$

# Not only a bookkeeping but predictive already

$\pi$	$2\pi$	$3\pi$	$N_i$
$\pi^+\gamma^*$ $\pi^0\gamma^* (S)$ $\pi^+\gamma\gamma$	$\pi^+\pi^0\gamma^*$ $\pi^0\pi^0\gamma^* (L)$ $\pi^+\pi^0\gamma\gamma$ $\pi^+\pi^-\gamma\gamma (S)$ <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> <math>\pi^+\pi^0\gamma</math>  <math>\pi^+\pi^-\gamma (S)</math> </div>  $\pi^+\pi^-\gamma^* (L)$ $\pi^+\pi^-\gamma^* (S)$ $\pi^+\pi^0\gamma^*$	$\pi^+\pi^+\pi^-\gamma$ $\pi^+\pi^0\pi^0\gamma$ $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\gamma (L)$ $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\gamma (S)$	$N_{14}^r - N_{15}^r$ $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+l^+l^-$ $2N_{14}^r + N_{15}^r$ $K_S \rightarrow \pi^0l^+l^-$ $N_{14} - N_{15} - 2N_{18}$ " <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px;"> <math>N_{14} - N_{15} - N_{16} - N_{17}</math> </div> " " $7(N_{14}^r - N_{16}^r) + 5(N_{15}^r + N_{17}^r)$ $N_{14}^r - N_{15}^r - 3(N_{16}^r - N_{17}^r)$ $N_{14}^r - N_{15}^r - 3(N_{16}^r + N_{17}^r)$ $N_{14}^r + 2N_{15}^r - 3(N_{16}^r - N_{17}^r)$
	$\pi^+\pi^-\gamma (L)$  $\pi^+\pi^0\gamma$	$\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\gamma (S)$ $\pi^+\pi^+\pi^-\gamma$ $\pi^+\pi^0\pi^0\gamma$ $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\gamma (S)$ $\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0\gamma (L)$	$N_{29} + N_{31}$ " $3N_{29} - N_{30}$ $5N_{29} - N_{30} + 2N_{31}$ $6N_{28} + 3N_{29} - 5N_{30}$

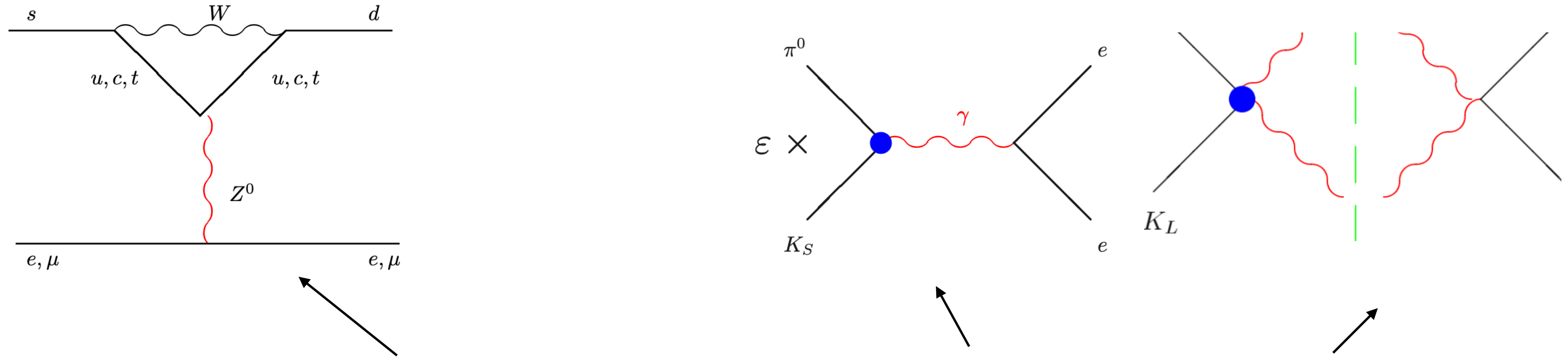


## Vectors and axials

Counterterm combination	Processes	VMD weak coupling
$N_{14}^r - N_{15}^r$	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma^*$ $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \gamma^*$	$-0.020 \eta_V + 0.004 \eta_A$
$2N_{14}^r + N_{15}^r$	$K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \gamma^*$	$0.08 \eta_V$
$N_{14} - N_{15} - 2N_{18}$	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \gamma \gamma$ $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \gamma \gamma$	$-0.01 \eta_A$
$N_{14} - N_{15} - N_{16} - N_{17}$	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \gamma$ $K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$	$-0.010 \eta_A$
$N_{14}^r - N_{15}^r - 3(N_{16}^r - N_{17})$	$K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma^*$	$-0.004 \eta_V + 0.018 \eta_A$
$N_{14}^r - N_{15}^r - 3(N_{16}^r + N_{17})$	$K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma^*$	$0.05 \eta_V - 0.04 \eta_A$
$N_{14}^r + 2N_{15}^r - 3(N_{16}^r - N_{17})$	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \gamma^*$	$0.12 \eta_V + 0.01 \eta_A$
$N_{29} + N_{31}$	$K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$	$0.005 \eta_V + 0.003 \eta_A$
$3N_{29} - N_{30}$	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \gamma$	$-0.005 \eta_V - 0.003 \eta_A$

Observation hidden by other effects: different analysis maybe useful (Kaon charge radius)

NA48 has a good chance



$$\text{BR}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell \bar{\ell}) = (C_{\text{dir}}^\ell \pm C_{\text{int}}^\ell |a_S| + C_{\text{mix}}^\ell |a_S|^2 + C_{\gamma\gamma}^\ell) \cdot 10^{-12}$$

$$|a_S| = 1.20 \pm 0.20,$$

	$C_{\text{dir}}^\ell$	$C_{\text{int}}^\ell$	$C_{\text{mix}}^\ell$	$C_{\gamma\gamma}^\ell$
$\ell = e$	$(4.62 \pm 0.24)(w_{7V}^2 + w_{7A}^2)$	$(11.3 \pm 0.3)w_{7V}$	$14.5 \pm 0.5$	$\approx 0$
$\ell = \mu$	$(1.09 \pm 0.05)(w_{7V}^2 + 2.32w_{7A}^2)$	$(2.63 \pm 0.06)w_{7V}$	$3.36 \pm 0.20$	$5.2 \pm 1.6$

Isidori Mescia, Smith

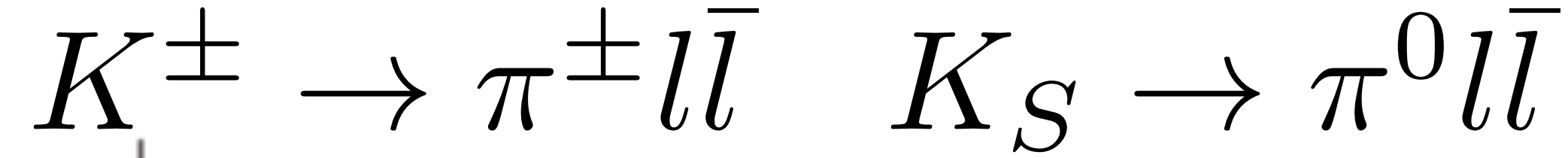
Mescia, Smith, Trine

$$\text{BR}^{\text{SM}}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 e \bar{e}) = 3.46_{-0.80}^{+0.92} (1.55_{-0.48}^{+0.60}) \times 10^{-11}$$

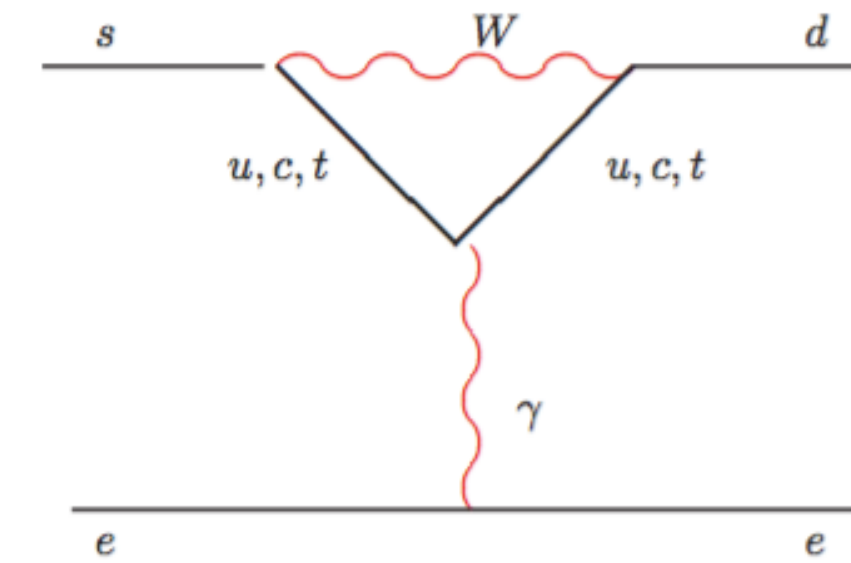
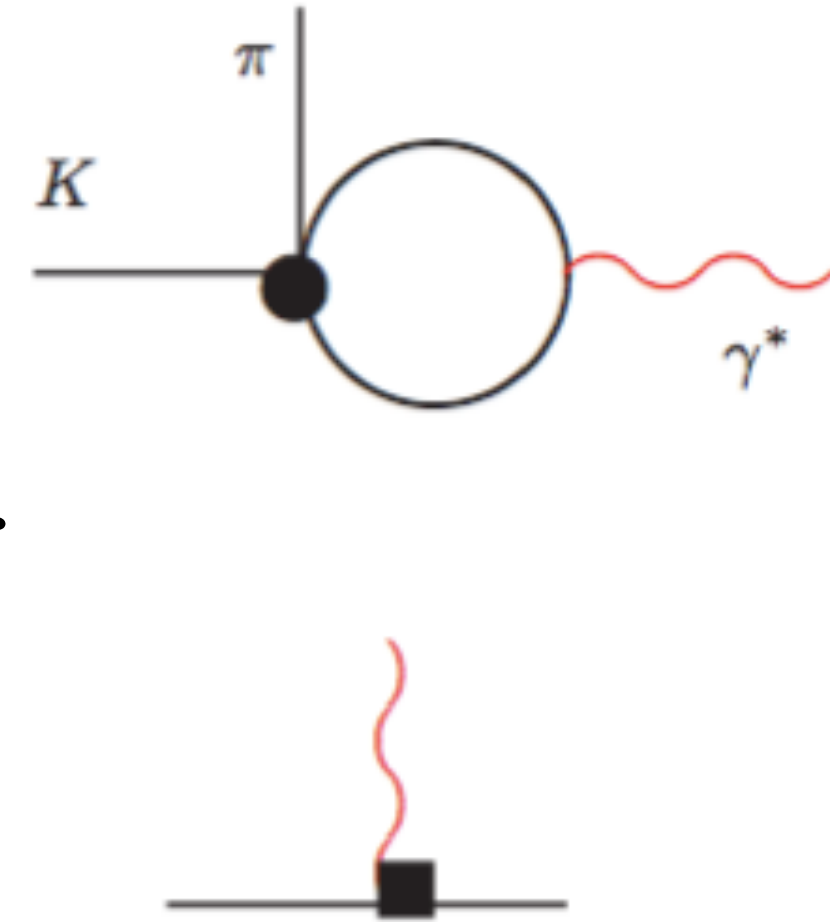
$$\text{BR}^{\text{SM}}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu \bar{\mu}) = 1.38_{-0.25}^{+0.27} (0.94_{-0.20}^{+0.21}) \times 10^{-11}$$

$$w_{7A,7V} = \text{Im}(\lambda_t y_{7A,7V}) / \text{Im} \lambda_t$$

$\mathcal{O}(p^4)$  CHPT :



$\mathcal{O}(p^4)$   
loops +CT



Short distance

electrons and  $\mu$ 's in the final state

observables  $\left\{ R = \frac{\Gamma(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\Gamma(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^+ e^-)} \right.$

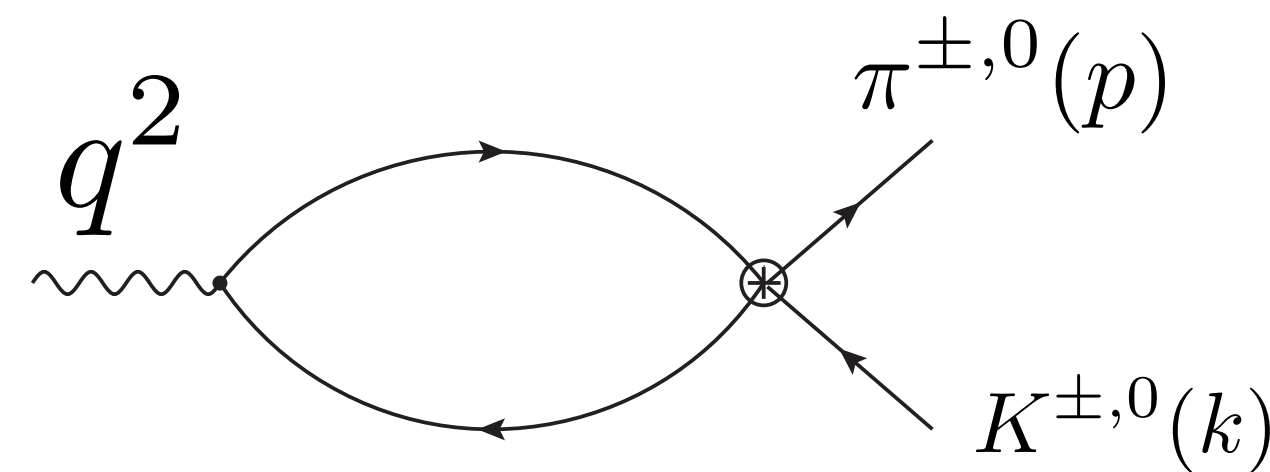
lepton spectrum  $z = \frac{q^2}{M_K^2}$

'97 Initial data inconsistency e and  $\mu$ 's: LFUV?



# General consideration on the form factor

Lorentz and gauge invariance tell us on the structure of the amplitude and ff



$$z = \frac{q^2}{M_K^2}$$

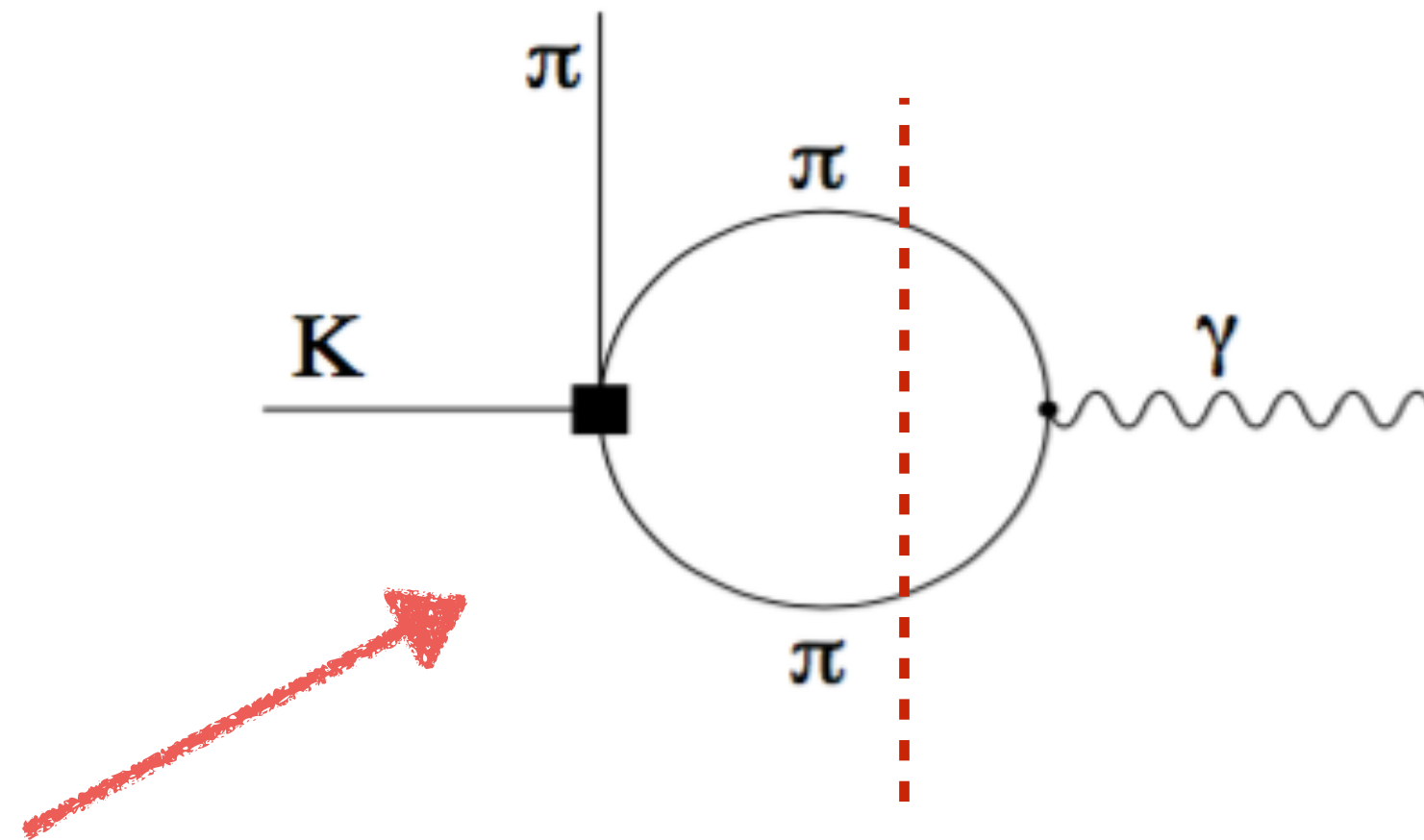
$$i \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle \pi(p) | T \{ J_{\text{elm}}^\mu(x) \mathcal{L}_{\Delta S=1}(0) \} | K(k) \rangle = \frac{W(z)}{(4\pi)^2} [z(k+p)^\mu - (1 - r_\pi^2)q^\mu]$$

$$W_i(z) = G_F M_K^2 W_i^{\text{pol}}(z) + W_i^{\pi\pi}(z)$$

GD, Ecker, Isidori, Portoles

$$W_i^{\text{pol}}(z) = a_i + b_i z \quad (i = +, S)$$

$$W_i^{\pi\pi}(z)$$



$$A(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_+ Y + \gamma(Y^2 + X^2/3) + \beta_+(Y^2 - X^2/3),$$

$$A(K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0) = b_2 X - d_2 XY,$$

$$s_i = (k - p_i)^2, \quad s_0 = \frac{1}{3}(s_1 + s_2 + s_3), \quad X = \frac{s_1 - s_2}{M_\pi^2}, \quad Y = \frac{s_3 - s_0}{M_\pi^2},$$

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$$W_i^{\pi\pi}(z) = \frac{1}{r_\pi^2} \left[ \alpha_i + \beta_i \frac{z - z_0}{r_\pi^2} \right] F(z) \chi(z)$$

$$z_0 = 1/3 + r_\pi^2$$

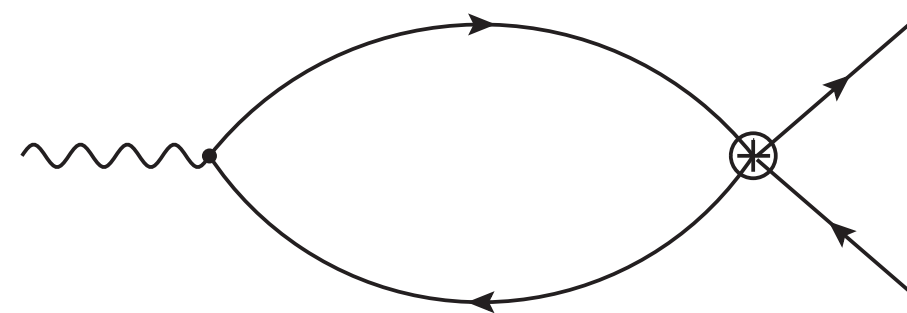
$$\chi(z) = \frac{4}{9} - \frac{4r_\pi^2}{3z} - \frac{1}{3} \left(1 - \frac{4r_\pi^2}{z}\right) G(z/r_\pi^2)$$

$$F(z) = 1 + z/r_V^2$$

$K \rightarrow 3\pi$  slopes

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## $K \rightarrow \pi\gamma^*$ : Experimental situation

exp.	mode	number of events	$a_+$	$b_+$
BNL-E865	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^+ e^-$	10 300	$-0.587(10)$	$-0.655(44)$
NA48/2	$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm e^+ e^-$	7 253	$-0.578(16)$	$-0.779(66)$
NA48/2	$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \mu^+ \mu^-$	3120	$-0.575(39)$	$-0.813(145)$
NA62	$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$	27679	$-0.575(13)$	$-0.722(43)$

E. Cortina Gil et al. [NA62 Collaboration], JHEP 11, 011 (2022)

exp.	mode	number of events
NA48/1	$K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-$	7
NA48/1	$K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-$	6

$$a_S = -1.29(3.15) \quad b_S = +17.8(10.6)$$

or

$$a_S = +1.28(3.16) \quad b_S = -17.6(10.6)$$

G. D'Ambrosio, D. Greynat, MK, JHEP 02, 049 (2019)

- Neither the sign of  $a_S$  nor the sign of  $a_S/b_S$  are fixed by data

Calculation in large N QCD of the **form factor** for  $K \rightarrow \pi$  ll

PLAN A  $K_S \rightarrow \pi^0$  l+l-

$$i \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle \pi(p) | T \{ J_{\text{elm}}^\mu(x) \mathcal{L}_{\Delta S=1}(0) \} | K(k) \rangle = \frac{W(z)}{(4\pi)^2} \left[ z(k+p)^\mu - (1 - r_\pi^2) q^\mu \right]$$

$$k^2 = M_K^2, \quad p^2 = M_\pi^2, \quad q = k - p, \quad z = q^2 / M_K^2, \quad r_\pi = M_\pi / M_K,$$

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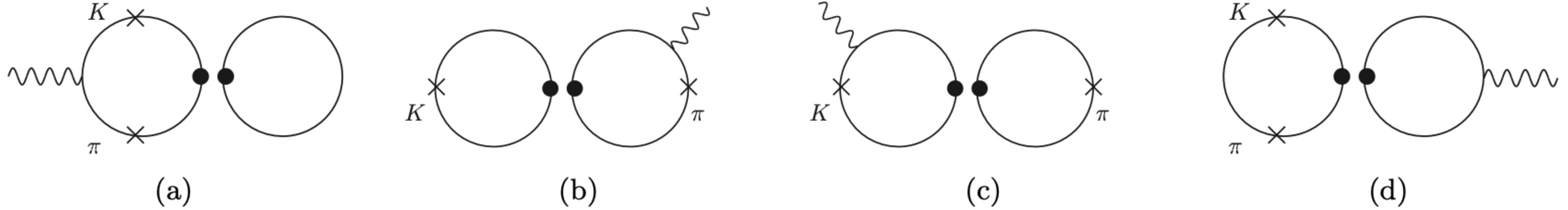
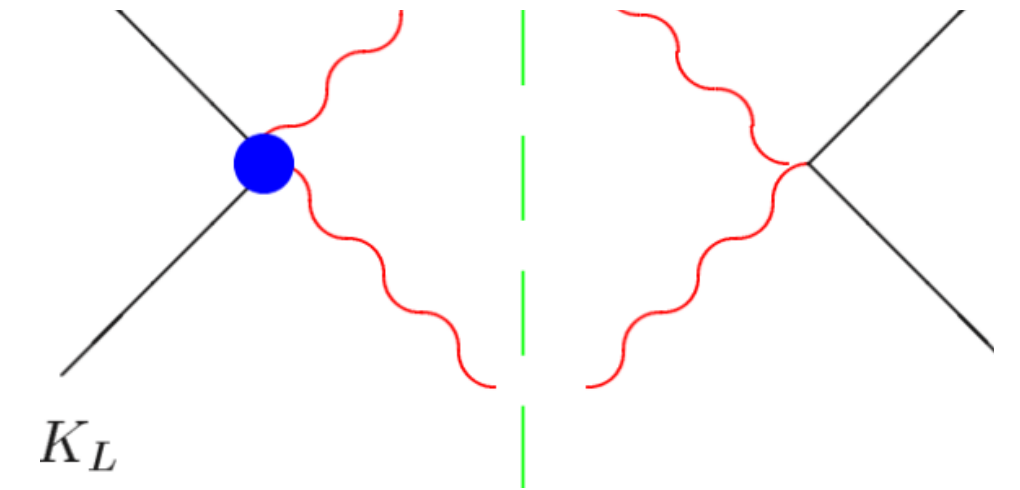
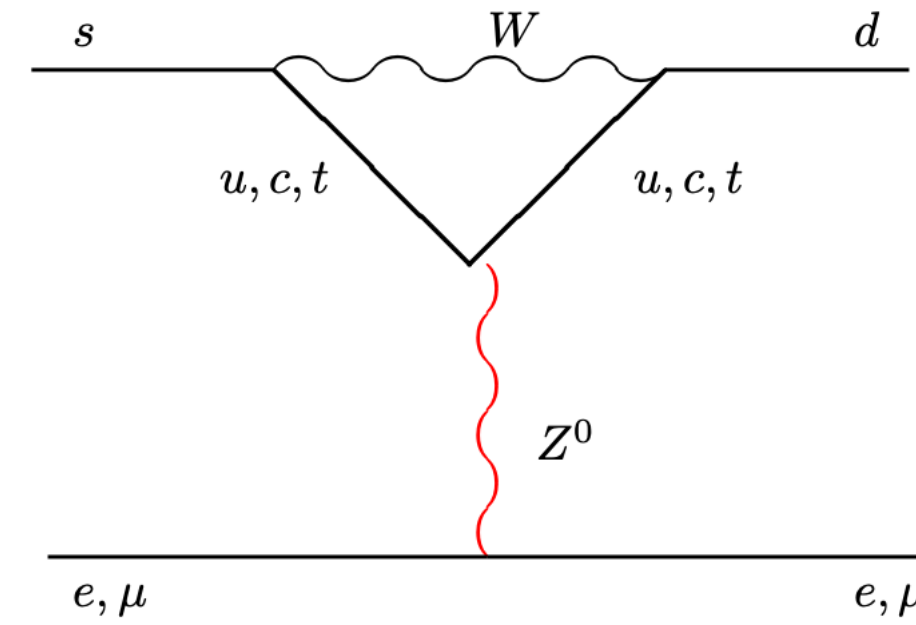
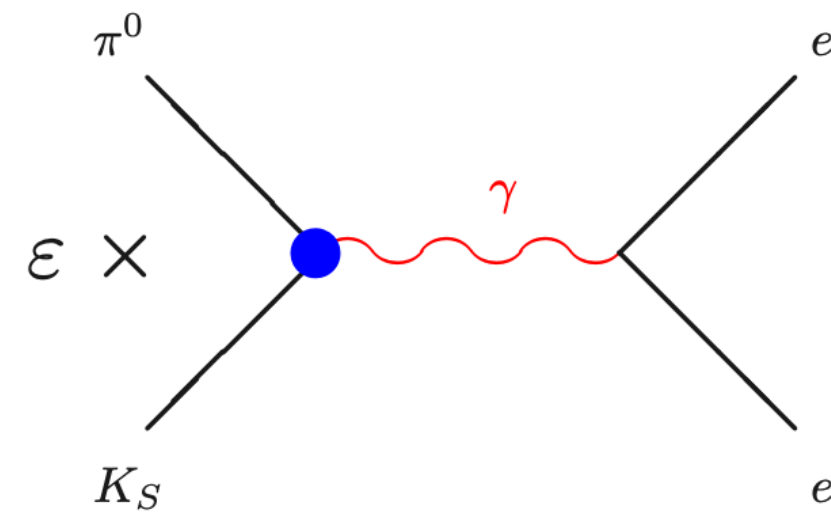


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$$\text{Br}(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-) = 10^{-12} \left[ C_{\text{mix}}^{(\ell)} + C_{\text{int}}^{(\ell)} \frac{\text{Im } \lambda_t}{10^{-4}} + C_{\text{dir}}^{(\ell)} \left( \frac{\text{Im } \lambda_t}{10^{-4}} \right)^2 + C_{\gamma^* \gamma^*}^{(\ell)} \right]$$

$$C_{\text{mix}}^{(\ell)} = 10^{12} |\bar{\epsilon}|^2 \frac{\tau(K_S)}{\tau(K_L)} \text{Br}(K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-).$$

$$\mathcal{W}_{+,S}(s) = G_F (M_K^2 a_{+,S} + b_{+,S} s) + \mathcal{V}_{+,S}^{\pi\pi}(s)$$

$$a_{+,S}, b_{+,S} \sim \mathcal{O}(N_c), \quad \mathcal{V}_{+,S}^{\pi\pi}(s) \sim \mathcal{O}(N_c^0)$$

$$A_S = -e^2 \bar{u}(p_{\ell-}) \gamma_\rho v(p_{\ell+}) (k+p)^\rho \times \frac{\mathcal{W}_S(s)}{16\pi^2 M_K^2}$$

$$\mathcal{W}_S(s) = \mathcal{W}_S^{\text{loc}}(s; \nu) + \mathcal{W}_S^{\text{non-loc}}(s; \nu)$$

local short-distance part

long- distance dominated, non-local component

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{lept}}^{|\Delta S|=1}(\nu) = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{us} V_{ud} [C_{7V}(\nu) Q_{7V} + C_{7A} Q_A] + \text{H.c.}$$

$$Q_{7V} = (\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \ell) [\bar{s} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) d]$$

$$Q_{7A} = (\bar{\ell} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \ell) [\bar{s} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) d]$$



$$j_\rho(x) = \frac{2}{3}(\bar{u}\gamma_\rho u)(x) - \frac{1}{3}[(\bar{d}\gamma_\rho d)(x) + (\bar{s}\gamma_\rho s)(x)]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{non-lept}}^{|\Delta S|=1} = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}}V_{us}V_{ud}\sum_{I=1}^6 C_I(\nu)Q_I(\nu) + \text{H.c.}$$

$$Q_1 = (\bar{s}^i u_j)_{V-A}(\bar{u}^j d_i)_{V-A}, \quad Q_2 = (\bar{s}^i u_i)_{V-A}(\bar{u}^j d_j)_{V-A}$$

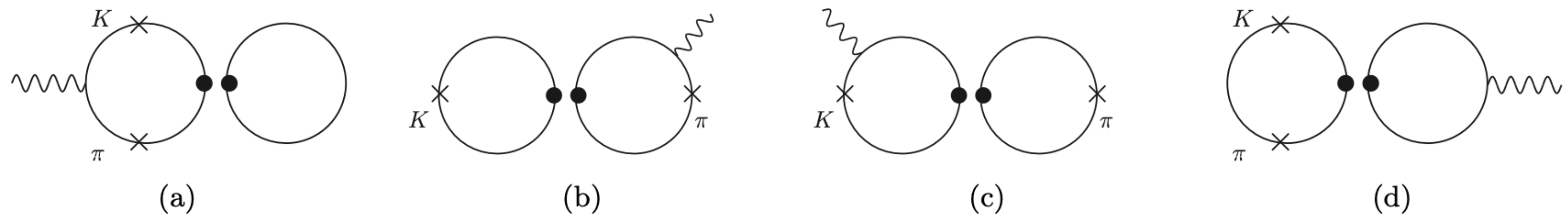


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$$\langle \pi^0(p) | T \{ j_\rho(0) Q_1(x) \} | K^0(k) \rangle =$$

$$i \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \langle 0 | T \{ [\bar{u} \gamma_\mu u](x) [\bar{u} \gamma_\nu u](0) \} | 0 \rangle_{\overline{\text{MS}}} =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\mathcal{W}_S(s)}{16\pi^2 M_K^2} = & -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{us} V_{ud} \left\{ f_+(s) \left[ \frac{2}{3} C_1 \Pi_{\overline{\text{MS}}}(s; \nu) \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. + \frac{\text{Re}C_{7V}(\nu)}{4\pi\alpha} \right] + \frac{2}{3} C_1 \left[ \frac{F_\pi F_K M_K^2}{M_K^2 - M_\pi^2} \frac{F_d^{K^0}(s) + F_s^{K^0}(s)}{s} \right. \right. \\
& \left. \left. - \frac{F_\pi}{2} \mathcal{P}(s, M_\pi^2) - \frac{F_\pi}{2} \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(s, M_\pi^2) \right] \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$f_+(q^2) = \frac{M_{K^*}^2}{M_{K^*}^2 - q^2}, \quad F_s^{K^0}(q^2) = \frac{M_\phi^2}{q^2 - M_\phi^2}, \quad F_d^{K^0}(q^2) = \frac{M_\rho^2}{M_\rho^2 - q^2}$$

$$\Pi_{\overline{\text{MS}}}(q^2; \nu) = \frac{f_\rho^2 M_\rho^2}{M_\rho^2 - q^2} + \frac{9f_\omega^2 M_\omega^2}{M_\omega^2 - q^2} + \frac{N_c}{12\pi^2} \left\{ -\ln(M^2/\nu) + \frac{5}{3} - \psi \left( 3 - \frac{q^2}{M^2} \right) \right\}$$

$$q^2 \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$\psi \left( 3 - \frac{q^2}{M^2} \right) \sim \ln(-q^2/M^2) - \frac{5}{2} \frac{M^2}{q^2} + \mathcal{O}(M^4/q^4)$$

$$\psi \left( 3 - \frac{q^2}{M^2} \right) = -\gamma_E + \frac{3}{2} + \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n+2} \frac{q^2}{q^2 - M_n^2}$$

$$M^2 = \frac{16\pi^2}{5} \frac{3}{N_c} f_\rho^2 M_\rho^2$$

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$$\text{Br}(K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-)|_{m_{ee} > 165 \text{ MeV}} = 2.9(1.0) \cdot 10^{-9}$$

$$\text{Br}(K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-) = 5.1(1.7) \cdot 10^{-9}$$

$$\text{Br}(K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \mu^+ \mu^-) = 1.3(0.4) \cdot 10^{-9}$$

$$\text{Br}(K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-)|_{m_{ee} > 165 \text{ MeV}} = (3.0_{-1.2}^{+1.5} \pm 0.2) \cdot 10^{-9}$$



$$\mathcal{W}_S(s) \sim G_F [0.92M_K^2 + 0.64s + 0.39s^2/M_K^2]$$

$$C_{\text{int}}^{(e)} = +7.8(2.6) \frac{y_{7V}}{\alpha}, \quad C_{\text{int}}^{(\mu)} = +1.9(0.6) \frac{y_{7V}}{\alpha} \quad y_{7V} > 0$$

# Conclusion

Large N QCD still very inspirational and predictive

Kaon physics very important

$K_{+-} \rightarrow \pi^+ l l$  coming up

$$Q_3 = (\bar{s}^i d_i)_{V-A} \sum_{q=u}^s (\bar{q}^j q_j)_{V-A} = \sum_{q=u}^s (\bar{s}^i q_j)_{V-A} (\bar{q}^j d_i)_{V-A},$$

$$Q_4 = (\bar{s}^i d_j)_{V-A} \sum_{q=u}^s (\bar{q}^j q_i)_{V-A} = \sum_{q=u}^s (\bar{s}^i q_i)_{V-A} (\bar{q}^j d_j)_{V-A},$$

$$Q_5 = (\bar{s}^i d_i)_{V-A} \sum_{q=u}^s (\bar{q}^j q_j)_{V+A} = -8 \sum_{q=u}^s (\bar{s}_L^i q_{jR}) (\bar{q}_R^j d_{iL}),$$

$$Q_6 = (\bar{s}^i d_j)_{V-A} \sum_{q=u}^s (\bar{q}^j q_i)_{V+A} = -8 \sum_{q=u}^s (\bar{s}_L q_R) (\bar{q}_R d_L),$$