

# $\epsilon'/\epsilon$ : Lattice Computations of $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ Decay Amplitudes

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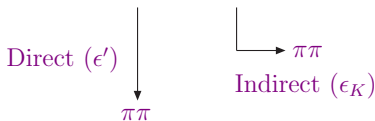
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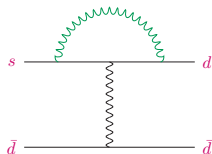
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- $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  decays are a very important class of processes for standard model phenomenology with a long and noble history.
  - It is in these decays that both indirect and direct CP-violation was discovered.
- Bose Symmetry  $\Rightarrow$  the two-pion state has isospin 0 or 2.
- Among the very interesting issues are the origin of the  $\Delta I = 1/2$  rule ( $\text{Re } A_0/\text{Re } A_2 \simeq 22.5$ ) and an understanding of the experimental value of  $\epsilon'/\epsilon$ , the parameter which was the first experimental evidence of direct CP-violation.
- The evaluation of  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  matrix elements requires an extension of the standard computations of  $\langle 0 | O(0) | h \rangle$  and  $\langle h_2 | O(0) | h_1 \rangle$  matrix elements with a single hadron in the initial and/or final state.

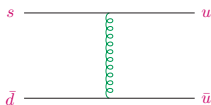
- Directly  $CP$ -violating decays are those in which a  $CP$ -even (-odd) state decays into a  $CP$ -odd (-even) one:  $K_L \propto K_2 + \bar{\epsilon}K_1$ .



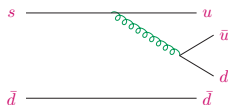
- Consider the following contributions to  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  decays:

 $I = 0$ , Complex

(a)

 $I = 0$ , Real

(b)

 $I = 0$  or  $2$ , Real

(c)

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.

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\Delta S=1} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ud} V_{us}^* \sum_{i=1}^{10} [z_i(\mu) + \tau y_i(\mu)] Q_i, \quad \text{where } \tau = -\frac{V_{ts}^* V_{td}}{V_{us}^* V_{ud}} \text{ and}$$

### Current – Current Operators

$$Q_1 = (\bar{s}d)_L (\bar{u}u)_L$$

$$Q_2 = (\bar{s}^i d^j)_L (\bar{u}^j u^i)_L$$

### QCD Penguin Operators

$$Q_3 = (\bar{s}d)_L \sum_{q=u,d,s} (\bar{q}q)_L$$

$$Q_4 = (\bar{s}^i d^j)_L \sum_{q=u,d,s} (\bar{q}^j q^i)_L$$

$$Q_5 = (\bar{s}d)_L \sum_{q=u,d,s} (\bar{q}q)_R$$

$$Q_6 = (\bar{s}^i d^j)_L \sum_{q=u,d,s} (\bar{q}^j q^i)_R$$

### Electroweak Penguin Operators

$$Q_7 = \frac{3}{2} (\bar{s}d)_L \sum_{q=u,d,s} e_q (\bar{q}q)_L$$

$$Q_8 = \frac{3}{2} (\bar{s}^i d^j)_L \sum_{q=u,d,s} e_q (\bar{q}^j q^i)_L$$

$$Q_9 = \frac{3}{2} (\bar{s}d)_L \sum_{q=u,d,s} e_q (\bar{q}q)_R$$

$$Q_{10} = \frac{3}{2} (\bar{s}^i d^j)_L \sum_{q=u,d,s} e_q (\bar{q}^j q^i)_R$$

This 10 operator basis is very natural but over-complete:

$$Q_{10} - Q_9 = Q_4 - Q_3$$

$$Q_4 - Q_3 = Q_2 - Q_1$$

$$2Q_9 = 3Q_1 - Q_3.$$

- In 2015 RBC-UKQCD published our first result for  $\epsilon'/\epsilon$  computed at physical quark masses and kinematics, albeit still with large relative errors:

$$\left. \frac{\epsilon'}{\epsilon} \right|_{\text{RBC-UKQCD}} = (1.38 \pm 5.15 \pm 4.59) \times 10^{-4}$$

to be compared with

$$\left. \frac{\epsilon'}{\epsilon} \right|_{\text{Exp}} = (16.6 \pm 2.3) \times 10^{-4}.$$

RBC-UKQCD, arXiv:1505.07863

- This is by far the most complicated project that I have ever been involved with.
- This single result hides much important (and much more precise) information which we have determined along the way.
- In this talk I will review the main obstacles to computing  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  decay amplitudes, the techniques used to overcome them, our main results and the prospects for the reduction of the uncertainties.

- 1  $A_0$  and  $A_2$  amplitudes with unphysical quark masses and with the pions at rest.

“ $K$  to  $\pi\pi$  decay amplitudes from lattice QCD,”

T.Blum, P.A.Boyle, N.H.Christ, N.Garron, E.Goode, T.Izubuchi, C.Lehner, Q.Liu, R.D. Mawhinney, C.T.S, A.Soni, C.Sturm, H.Yin and R. Zhou, Phys. Rev. D **84** (2011) 114503 [arXiv:1106.2714 [hep-lat]].

“Kaon to two pions decay from lattice QCD,  $\Delta I = 1/2$  rule and CP violation”

Q.Liu, Ph.D. thesis, Columbia University (2010)

- 2  $A_2$  at physical kinematics and a single coarse lattice spacing.

“The  $K \rightarrow (\pi\pi)_{I=2}$  Decay Amplitude from Lattice QCD,”

T.Blum, P.A.Boyle, N.H.Christ, N.Garron, E.Goode, T.Izubuchi, C.Jung, C.Kelly, C.Lehner, M.Lightman, Q.Liu, A.T.Lytle, R.D.Mawhinney, C.T.S., A.Soni, and C.Sturm

Phys. Rev. Lett. **108** (2012) 141601 [arXiv:1111.1699 [hep-lat]],

“Lattice determination of the  $K \rightarrow (\pi\pi)_{I=2}$  Decay Amplitude  $A_2$ ”

Phys. Rev. D **86** (2012) 074513 [arXiv:1206.5142 [hep-lat]]

“Emerging understanding of the  $\Delta I = 1/2$  Rule from Lattice QCD,”

P.A. Boyle, N.H. Christ, N. Garron, E.J. Goode, T. Janowski, C. Lehner, Q. Liu, A.T. Lytle, C.T. Sachrajda, A. Soni, and D.Zhang, Phys. Rev. Lett. **110** (2013) 15, 152001 [arXiv:1212.1474 [hep-lat]].

3  $A_2$  at physical kinematics on two finer lattices  $\Rightarrow$  continuum limit taken.

“ $K \rightarrow \pi\pi \Delta I = 3/2$  decay amplitude in the continuum limit,”

T.Blum, P.A.Boyle, N.H.Christ, J.Frison, N.Garron, T.Janowski, C.Jung, C.Kelly, C.Lehner, A.Lytle, R.D.Mawhinney, C.T.S., A.Soni, H.Yin, and D.Zhang

Phys. Rev. D **91** (2015) 7, 074502 [arXiv:1502.00263 [hep-lat]].

4  $A_0$  at physical kinematics and a single coarse lattice spacing.

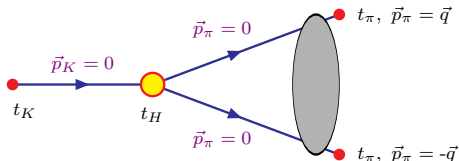
“Standard-model prediction for direct CP violation in  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  decay,”

Z.Bai, T.Blum, P.A.Boyle, N.H.Christ, J.Frison, N.Garron, T.Izubuchi, C.Jung, C.Kelly, C.Lehner, R.D.Mawhinney, C.T.S, A. Soni, and D. Zhang,

Phys. Rev. Lett. **115** (2015) 21, 212001 [arXiv:1505.07863 [hep-lat]].

See also: “Calculation of  $\epsilon'/\epsilon$  on the lattice” C.Kelly et al. PoS FPCP2016 (2017) 017

The story continues!



- $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  correlation function is dominated by lightest state, i.e. the state with two-pions at rest.

Maiani and Testa, PL B245 (1990) 585

$$C(t_\pi) = A + B_1 e^{-2m_\pi t_\pi} + B_2 e^{-2E_\pi t_\pi} + \dots$$

- Solution 1: Study an excited state. Lellouch and Lüscher, hep-lat/0003023
- Solution 2: Introduce suitable boundary conditions such that the  $\pi\pi$  ground state is  $|\pi(\vec{q})\pi(-\vec{q})\rangle$ . RBC-UKQCD, C.h.Kim hep-lat/0311003

For  $B$ -decays, with so many intermediate states below threshold, this is the main obstacle to producing reliable calculations.



- For  $A_2$ , there is no vacuum subtraction and we can use the Wigner-Eckart theorem to write

$$\frac{\langle (\pi\pi)_{I_3=1}^{I=2} | Q_{\Delta I_3=1/2,i}^{\Delta I=3/2} | K^+ \rangle}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\langle \pi^+\pi^0 | + \langle \pi^0\pi^+ |)} = \frac{3}{2} \frac{\langle (\pi\pi)_{I_3=2}^{I=2} | Q_{\Delta I_3=3/2,i}^{\Delta I=3/2} | K^+ \rangle}{\langle \pi^+\pi^+ |},$$

and impose anti-periodic conditions on the d-quark in one or more directions.

- If we impose the anti-periodic boundary conditions in all 3 directions then the ground state is

$$\left| \pi \left( \frac{\pi}{L}, \frac{\pi}{L}, \frac{\pi}{L} \right) \pi \left( \frac{-\pi}{L}, \frac{-\pi}{L}, \frac{-\pi}{L} \right) \right\rangle.$$

- With an appropriate choice of  $L$  and the number of directions, we can arrange that  $E_{\pi\pi} = m_K$ .
- Isospin breaking by the boundary conditions is harmless (exponentially small in the volume) here.

CTS & G.Villadoro, hep-lat/0411033

- These are based on the Poisson summation formula:

$$\frac{1}{L} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} f(p_n^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp}{2\pi} f(p^2) + \sum_{n \neq 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp}{2\pi} f(p^2) e^{inpL},$$

- For single-hadron states the finite-volume corrections decrease exponentially with the volume  $\propto e^{-m\pi L}$ . For multi-hadron states, the finite-volume corrections generally fall as powers of the volume.
- For two-hadron states, there is a huge literature following the seminal work by Lüscher and the effects are generally understood.
  - The spectrum of two-pion states in a finite volume is given by the scattering phase-shifts. M. Luscher, *Commun. Math. Phys.* 105 (1986) 153, *Nucl. Phys. B*354 (1991) 531.
  - The  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  amplitudes are obtained from the finite-volume matrix elements by the Lellouch-Lüscher factor which contains the derivative of the phase-shift.
    - L.Lellouch & M.Lüscher, *hep-lat/0003023*,
    - C.h.Kim, CTS & S.R.Sharpe, *hep-lat/0507006* . . .
  - Recently we have also determined the finite-volume corrections for
    - $\Delta m_K = m_{K_L} - m_{K_S}$ . N.H.Christ, X.Feng, G.Martinelli & CTS, *arXiv:1504.01170*
- For three-hadron states, there has been a major effort by Hansen and Sharpe leading to much theoretical clarification.

M.Hansen & S.Sharpe, *arXiv:1408.4933*, *1409.7012*, *1504.04248*

RBC-UKQCD, T.Blum et al., arXiv:1502:00263

Source	Re $A_2$	Im $A_2$
NPR (nonperturbative)	0.1%	0.1%
NPR (perturbative)	2.9%	7.0%
Finite volume corrections	2.4%	2.6%
Unphysical kinematics	4.5%	1.1%
Wilson coefficients	6.8%	10%
Derivative of the phase shift	1.1%	1.1%
Total	9%	12%

- *Wilson Coefficients* and *NPR(perturbative)* errors are not from our lattice calculation.
- Step-scaling can be used to increase the scale at which the matching is performed.

- Our first results for  $A_2$  at physical kinematics were obtained at a single, rather coarse, value of the lattice spacing ( $a \simeq 0.14$  fm). Estimated discretization errors at 15%. [arXiv:1111.1699](#), [arXiv:1206.5142](#)
- Our recent results were obtained on two new ensembles,  $48^3$  with  $a \simeq 0.11$  fm and  $64^3$  with  $a \simeq 0.084$  fm so that we can make a continuum extrapolation:

$$\text{Re}(A_2) = 1.50(4)_{\text{stat}}(14)_{\text{syst}} \times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}.$$

$$\text{Im}(A_2) = -6.99(20)_{\text{stat}}(84)_{\text{syst}} \times 10^{-13} \text{ GeV}.$$

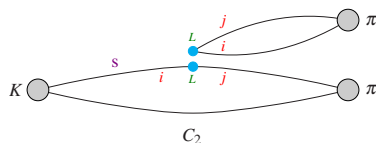
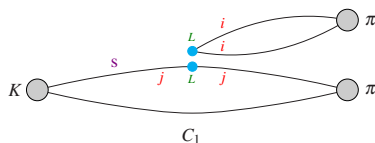
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- The experimentally measured value is  $\text{Re}(A_2) = 1.479(4) \times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}$ .
- Although the precision can still be significantly improved (partly by perturbative calculations), the calculation of  $A_2$  at physical kinematics can now be considered as standard.

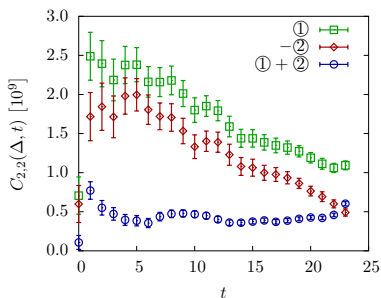
- $\text{Re}A_2$  is dominated by a simple operator:

$$O_{(27,1)}^{3/2} = (\bar{s}^i d^i)_L \{ (\bar{u}^j u^j)_L - (\bar{d}^j d^j)_L \} + (\bar{s}^i u^i)_L (\bar{u}^j d^j)_L$$

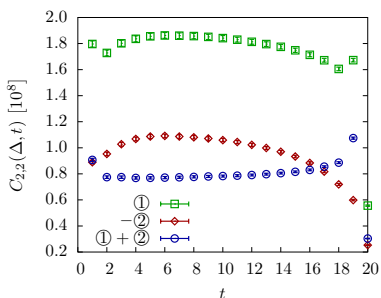
and two diagrams:



- $\text{Re}A_2$  is proportional to  $C_1 + C_2$ .
- The contribution to  $\text{Re}A_0$  from  $Q_2$  is proportional to  $2C_1 - C_2$  and that from  $Q_1$  is proportional to  $C_1 - 2C_2$  with the same overall sign.
- Colour counting might suggest that  $C_2 \simeq \frac{1}{3}C_1$ .
- We find instead that  $C_2 \approx -C_1$  so that  $A_2$  is significantly suppressed!
- We believe that the strong suppression of  $\text{Re}A_2$  and the (less-strong) enhancement of  $\text{Re}A_0$  is a major factor in the  $\Delta I = 1/2$  rule.



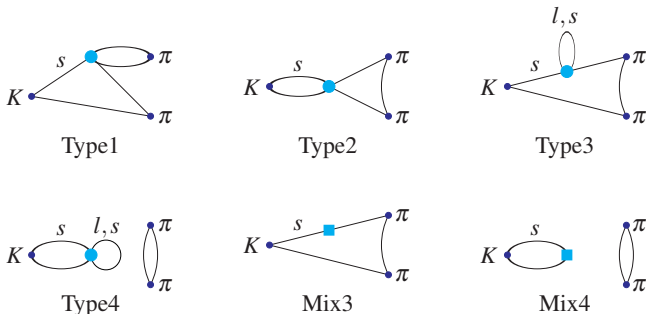
Physical Kinematics



$m_\pi \simeq 330 \text{ MeV}$  at threshold.

- Notation  $\textcircled{i} \equiv C_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .
- Of course before claiming a quantitative understanding of the  $\Delta I = 1/2$  rule we needed to compute  $\text{Re} A_0$  at physical kinematics and reproduce the experimental value of 22.5.
- Much early phenomenology was based on the vacuum insertion approach. although the qualitative picture we find had been suggested by Bardeen, Buras and Gerard in 1987.

- The calculation is much more difficult for the  $K \rightarrow (\pi\pi)_{I=0}$  amplitude  $A_0$ :
  - The presence of disconnected diagrams, vacuum subtraction, ultra-violet power divergences, ...



- $|\pi^+(\pi/L)\pi^-(-\pi/L)\rangle$  has a different energy from  $|\pi^0(\vec{0})\pi^0(\vec{0})\rangle$ .
- We have developed the implementation of  $G$ -parity boundary conditions in which  $(u, d) \rightarrow (\bar{d}, -\bar{u})$  at the boundary. Key theoretical development.  
U. Wiese, Nucl.Phys. B375 (1992) 45 , RBC-UKQCD, C.h.Kim hep-lat/0311003

- Computations were performed on a  $32^3 \times 64$  lattice with the Iwasaki and DSDR gauge action and  $N_f = 2 + 1$  flavours of Möbius Domain Wall Fermions:

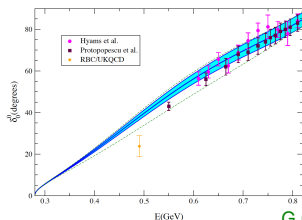
$$a^{-1} = 1.379(7) \text{ GeV}, m_\pi = 143.2(2.0) \text{ MeV}, (E_\pi = 274.8(1.4) \text{ MeV})$$

- The  $\pi\pi$  energies are

$$E_{\pi\pi}^{I=0} = (498 \pm 11) \text{ MeV}, \quad E_{\pi\pi}^{I=2} = (565.7 \pm 1.0) \text{ MeV}$$

to be compared with  $m_K = (490.6 \pm 2.4) \text{ MeV}$ .

- Lüscher's quantisation condition  $\Rightarrow E_{\pi\pi}^{I=0}$  corresponds to  $\delta_0 = (23.8 \pm 4.9 \pm 1.2)^\circ$ , which is somewhat smaller than phenomenological expectations.



G.Colangelo

- The phenomenological estimate of  $\delta_0^0(m_K^2) = 38.0(1.3)^\circ$  corresponds to  $E_{\pi\pi} = 470 \text{ MeV}$ .
- While this discrepancy does not significantly affect the  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  matrix elements, it is important to resolve it. The lattice Lüscher formalism is relatively straightforward.



$$H_W = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{us}^* V_{ud} \sum_{i=1}^{10} [z_i(\mu) + \tau y_i(\mu)] Q_i(\mu). \quad \left( \tau = -\frac{V_{ts}^* V_{td}}{V_{us}^* V_{ud}} \right)$$

Wilson coefficients from Buchalla, Buras, Lautenbacher, hep-ph/9512380

i	Re( $A_0$ )(GeV)	Im( $A_0$ )(GeV)
1	$1.02(0.20)(0.07) \times 10^{-7}$	0
2	$3.60(0.90)(0.28) \times 10^{-7}$	0
3	$-1.28(1.69)(1.20) \times 10^{-10}$	$1.53(2.03)(1.44) \times 10^{-12}$
4	$-2.01(0.69)(0.36) \times 10^{-9}$	$1.80(0.61)(0.32) \times 10^{-11}$
5	$-8.93(2.23)(1.84) \times 10^{-10}$	$1.54(0.38)(0.32) \times 10^{-12}$
6	$3.51(0.89)(0.23) \times 10^{-9}$	$-3.56(0.90)(0.24) \times 10^{-11}$
7	$2.38(0.40)(0.00) \times 10^{-11}$	$8.49(1.44)(0.00) \times 10^{-14}$
8	$-1.28(0.04)(0.00) \times 10^{-10}$	$-1.71(0.05)(0.00) \times 10^{-12}$
9	$-7.38(1.97)(0.48) \times 10^{-12}$	$-2.41(0.64)(0.16) \times 10^{-12}$
10	$7.29(2.62)(0.68) \times 10^{-12}$	$-4.72(1.69)(0.44) \times 10^{-13}$
Total (stat only)	$4.66(0.96)(0.27) \times 10^{-7}$	$-1.90(1.19)(0.32) \times 10^{-11}$
Final (incl. syst)	$4.66(1.00)(1.21) \times 10^{-7}$	$-1.90(1.23)(1.04) \times 10^{-11}$

- Representative Errors

Description	Error	Description	Error
Finite lattice spacing	8%	Finite volume	7%
Wilson coefficients	12%	Excited states	$\leq 5\%$
Parametric errors	5%	Operator renormalization	15%
Unphysical kinematics	$\leq 3\%$	Lellouch-Lüscher factor	11%
Total (added in quadrature)		26%	

- Two groups have used our matrix elements  $\langle(\pi\pi)_{I=0}|Q_6|K\rangle$  and  $\langle(\pi\pi)_{I=2}|Q_8|K\rangle$  and smaller ranges for the smaller contributions to obtain  $\epsilon'/\epsilon$ :

RBC-UKQCD	$(1.38 \pm 5.15 \pm 4.59) \times 10^{-4}$	arXiv:1505.07863
A.Buras, M.Gorbahn, S.Jäger & M.Jamin	$(1.9 \pm 4.5) \times 10^{-4}$	arXiv:1507.06345
T.Kitahara, U.Nierste & P.Tremper	$(1.06 \pm 5.07) \times 10^{-4}$	arXiv:1607.06727

and recall the experimental value is  $(16.6 \pm 2.3) \times 10^{-4}$ .

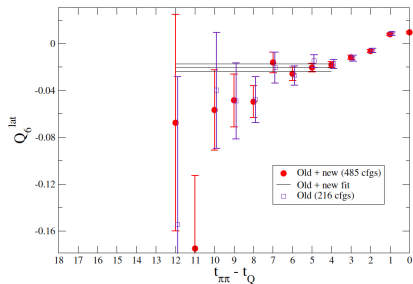
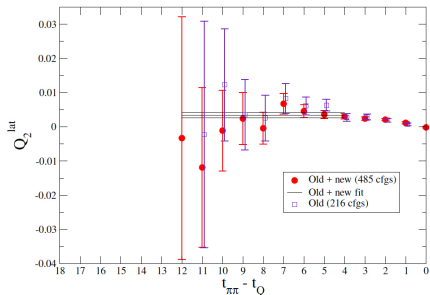
- Our computed value of  $\text{Re } A_0 = 4.66(1.00)(1.21) \times 10^{-7}$  to be compared to the experimental value of  $\text{Re } A_0 = 3.3201(18) \times 10^{-7}$ .

- It is necessary to improve the statistics to establish that the results are robust.
  - 2015 PRL - Measurements were performed on 216 configurations. We currently (25th May 2017) have 836 additional independent configurations on 304 of which measurements have been made.
    - June 7th 2017 - 889 independent configurations on which measurements have been made on 352.
  - Each additional independent G-parity configuration took 31.2 hours to generate on 512 nodes BG/Q and a set of measurements on one configuration takes 18.8 hours.
  - The gauge configuration generation has been reduced to 7.6 hours per independent configuration by the use of an *exact one flavour algorithm*.  
Y-C Chen & T-W Chiu, arXiv1403.1683; D.J.Murphy, arXiv:1611.00298
  - We envisage presenting updated results from  $> 1000$  configurations by late 2017/early 2018, including some of the systematic improvements mentioned below.

- Preliminary comparison of matrix elements of  $Q_2$  and  $Q_6$  obtained from 216+269 = 485 configurations and the original set of 216 configurations.

RBC-UKQCD Collaborations

- Preliminary



- A major component of our systematic error is due to the truncation of the perturbation series in both the Wilson Coefficients and in the matching factors relating the non-perturbative renormalization (NPR) factors to those in  $\overline{\text{MS}}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_I &= F \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ud} V_{us}^* \sum_i C_i^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(\mu) \langle (\pi\pi)_I | Q_i^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(\mu) | K \rangle \\
 &= F \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ud} V_{us}^* \sum_i C_i^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(\mu) Z_{ij}^{\text{RI-SMOM} \rightarrow \overline{\text{MS}}} \langle (\pi\pi)_I | Q_j^{\text{RI-SMOM}}(\mu) | K \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $F$  is the Lellouch-Lüscher factor correcting for the leading finite-volume effects and the  $C_i$  are the Wilson coefficient functions.

- The  $C_i$  are computed at NLO in the  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  scheme but the  $Q_i^{\overline{\text{MS}}}$  are not defined non-perturbatively.
- Thus the calculation of the  $C_i^{\overline{\text{MS}}}$  is not the end of perturbation theory.
- We therefore calculate the  $\langle (\pi\pi)_I | Q_j^{\text{RI-SMOM}}(\mu) | K \rangle$  non-perturbatively and match to  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  at one-loop order.

$$A_I = F \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ud} V_{us}^* \sum_i C_i^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(\mu) Z_{ij}^{\text{RI-SMOM} \rightarrow \overline{\text{MS}}} \langle (\pi\pi)_I | Q_j^{\text{RI-SMOM}}(\mu) | K \rangle$$

- The obvious way to reduce the perturbative error is for the experts to calculate the  $C_i^{\text{RI-SMOM}}$  more precisely. However,
- We can use step scaling to increase the scale  $\mu$  at which the  $Q_j^{\text{RI-SMOM}}(\mu)$  are defined.
  - As a first application of step-scaling we step from the  $32^3$  lattice at which we used  $\mu = 1.53$  GeV to a finer lattice, increasing the scale to  $\mu = 2.29$  GeV, corresponding of a decrease of about a factor of 2 in  $\alpha_s^2$ .
- As an estimate of the truncation error in  $Z^{\text{RI-SMOM} \rightarrow \overline{\text{MS}}}$  we compare the results from two RI-SMOM schemes.
- Ultimately we might aim also to calculate the Wilson Coefficients non-perturbatively, by performing the OPE at fictitious lower values  $M_W$  and  $m_t$ , *OPE-without-OPE*, eliminating the need for perturbation theory. Exploratory studies are under way.
- The operator  $G_1 \propto \bar{s}\gamma_\mu(1 - \gamma_5)(D_\nu G_{\nu\mu})d$  mixes with the  $Q_i$  and hence affects the renormalisation. On-shell  $G_1$  is a linear combination of the  $Q_i$ . Exploratory studies show that this effect is small. G.McGlynn, arXiv:1605.08807, C.Kelly, PoS(Lattice 2016) 308

- We have introduced a number of two-pion interpolating operators into the two-pion correlation functions in order to control better the contamination from excited states.
  - These include  $\bar{q}q$  operators as well as a variety of two-pion operators with a variety of wavefunctions.
- Developing and testing new methods
  - Use position-space NPR to cross charm threshold non-perturbatively.
  - Use modern multi-source methods to access excited finite-volume  $\pi\text{-}\pi$  states using periodic boundary conditions.

- Isospin Breaking (including Electromagnetism)

- For most physical quantities IB effects  $\sim O(1\%) \ll$  precision of present calculations of  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  amplitudes.
- However, the  $\Delta I = 1/2$  rule, suggests that there may be an enhanced effect from  $A_0$  feeding into  $A_2$ .
- There is a considerable effort in including IB effects in the spectrum and simple matrix elements.
- For  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  decays, there is a ChPT-based phenomenological study e.g.:

$$\frac{\epsilon'}{\epsilon} = \frac{\omega_+}{\sqrt{2}|\epsilon|\text{Re}A_0} \left\{ \frac{1}{\omega_+} \text{Im}A_2 - (1 - \Omega_{\text{eff}})\text{Im}A_0 \right\}$$

with  $\Omega_{\text{eff}} = (14.8 \pm 8.0) 10^{-2}$ . V.Cirigliano, G.Ecker, H.Neufeld & A. Pich, hep-ph/0310351  
 "Within the uncertainties [...] the IB corrections to  $\epsilon'$  is below 15%." This would be a significant effect, but is still well within the error on  $\epsilon'/\epsilon$ .

- Ultimately we will also calculate the IB effects non-perturbatively.



- As a results of our work, the computation of  $A_2$  is now “standard”.
- It appears that the explanation of the  $\Delta I = 1/2$  rule has a number of components, of which the significant cancelation between the two dominant contributions to  $\text{Re}A_2$  is a major one.
- We have completed the first calculation of  $\epsilon'/\epsilon$  with controlled errors  $\Rightarrow$  motivation for further refinement (systematic improvement by collecting more statistics, working on larger volumes,  $\geq 2$  lattice spacings etc.)
  - I stress that our particular direct contribution is the determination of the matrix elements  $\langle \pi\pi | Q_i^{\text{RI-SMOM}} | K \rangle$ . These contain all the NP QCD effects and are then processed to give  $\epsilon'/\epsilon$ .
- $\epsilon'/\epsilon$  is now a quantity which is amenable to lattice computations.
- Other non-standard calculations of the RBC-UKQCD collaborations include the evaluation of  $\Delta m_K$ , the long-distance contribution to  $\epsilon_K$  and the study of long-distance contributions to rare kaon decays.

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