

Chiral dynamics in QCD

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$$a_0^0 = \frac{7M_\pi^2}{32\pi F_\pi^2} \left[1 + \frac{M_\pi^2}{3} \langle r^2 \rangle_S^\pi + \frac{200\pi F_\pi^2 M_\pi^2}{7} (a_2^0 + 2a_2^2) - \frac{M_\pi^2}{672\pi^2 F_\pi^2} (15\bar{\ell}_3 - 353) \right] = 0.16 \cdot 1.25 = 0.20$$

$$2a_0^0 - 5a_2^0 = \frac{3M_\pi^2}{4\pi F_\pi^2} \left[1 + \frac{M_\pi^2}{3} \langle r^2 \rangle_S^\pi + \frac{41M_\pi^2}{192\pi^2 F_\pi^2} \right] = 0.624$$

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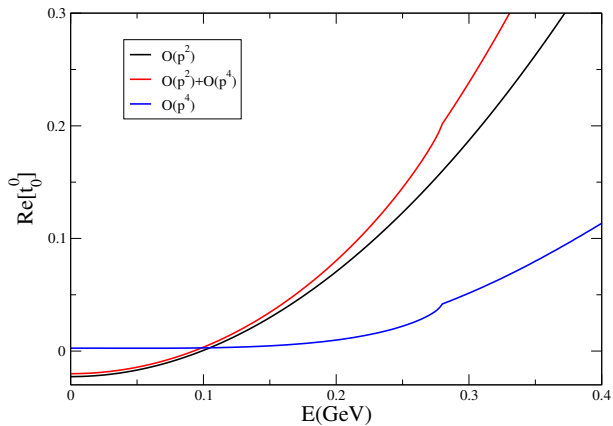
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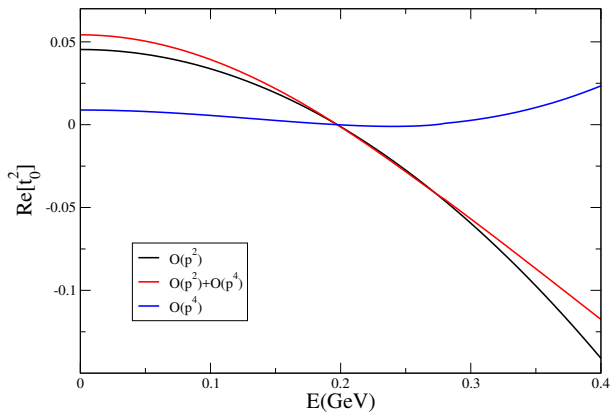
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How large are yet higher orders?

Is it at all possible to make a precise prediction?

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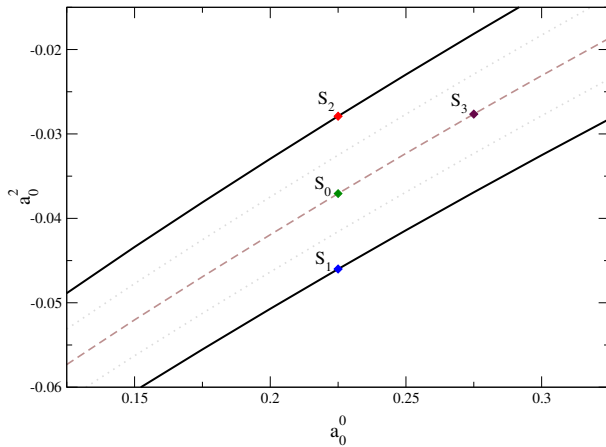
Numerical solutions of the Roy equations

Pennington-Protopopescu, Basdevant-Froggatt-Petersen (70s)

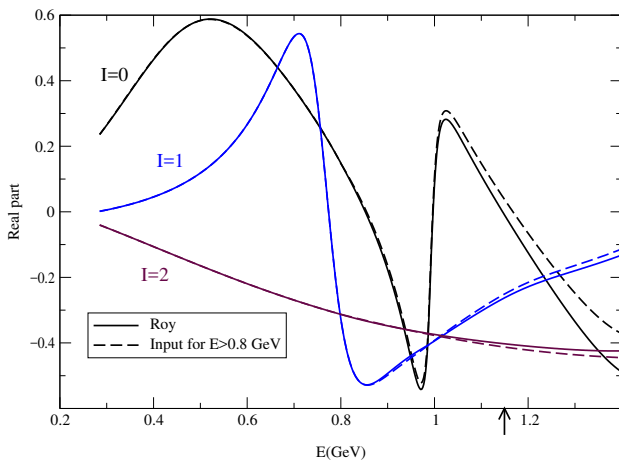
Ananthanarayan, GC, Gasser and Leutwyler (00)

Descotes-Genon, Fuchs, Girlanda and Stern (01)

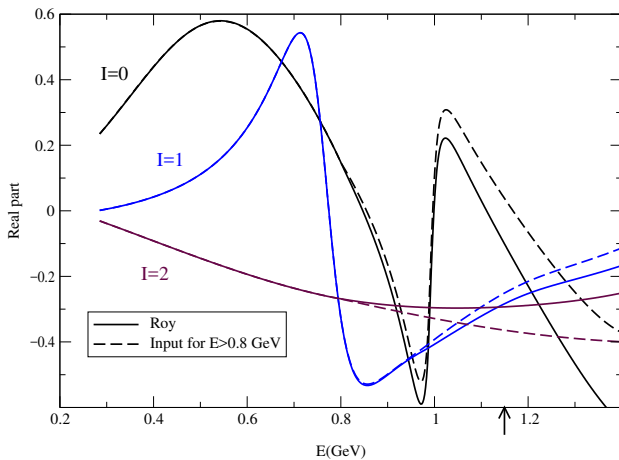
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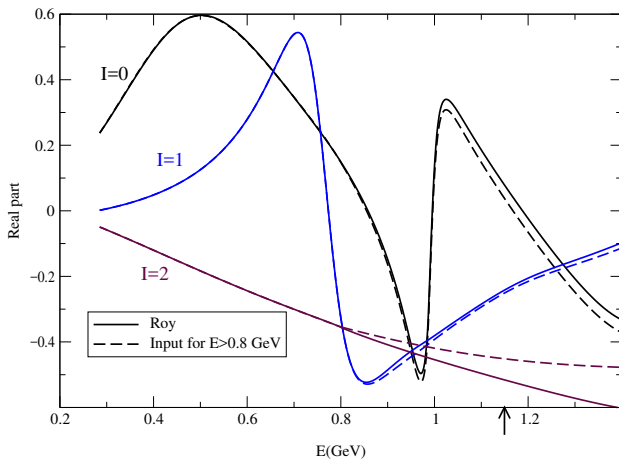
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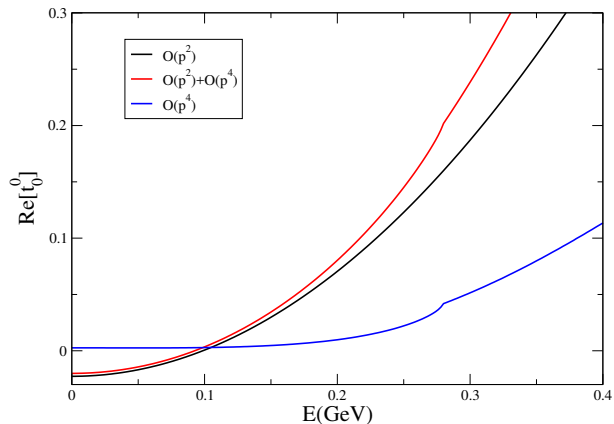
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CHPT below threshold + Roy

$$\begin{aligned} a_0^0 &= 0.197 \rightarrow 0.2195 \rightarrow 0.220 \\ 10 \cdot a_0^2 &= -0.402 \rightarrow -0.446 \rightarrow -0.444 \end{aligned}$$

GC, Gasser and Leutwyler (01)

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$$T^{l=0} = 3A(s, t, u) + A(t, s, u) + A(u, t, s) \Rightarrow T^{l=0} = \frac{2s - M_\pi^2}{F_\pi^2}$$

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Chiral predictions for a_0^0 and a_0^2

Quark mass dependence of M_π and F_π :

$$M_\pi^2 = M^2 \left(1 - \frac{M^2}{32\pi^2 F^2} \bar{\ell}_3 + O(p^4) \right)$$

$$M^2 \equiv -\frac{m_u + m_d}{F^2} \langle 0 | \bar{q}q | 0 \rangle$$

Gell-Mann, Oakes, Renner (68)

$$F_\pi = F \left(1 + \frac{M^2}{16\pi^2 F^2} \bar{\ell}_4 + O(p^4) \right)$$

Phenomenological determinations ([indirect](#)):

$$\bar{\ell}_3 = 2.9 \pm 2.4$$

Gasser & Leutwyler (84)

$$\bar{\ell}_4 = 4.4 \pm 0.2$$

GC, Gasser & Leutwyler (01)

Lattice calculations determine these constants **directly**

Chiral predictions for a_0^0 and a_0^2

χ PT calculations at NLO

(Gasser & Leutwyler 84)

and at NNLO

(Bijnens, GC, Ecker, Gasser & Sainio, 95)

Prediction obtained matching $O(p^6)$ χ PT to Roy equations
(disp. relation):

GC, Gasser & Leutwyler (01)

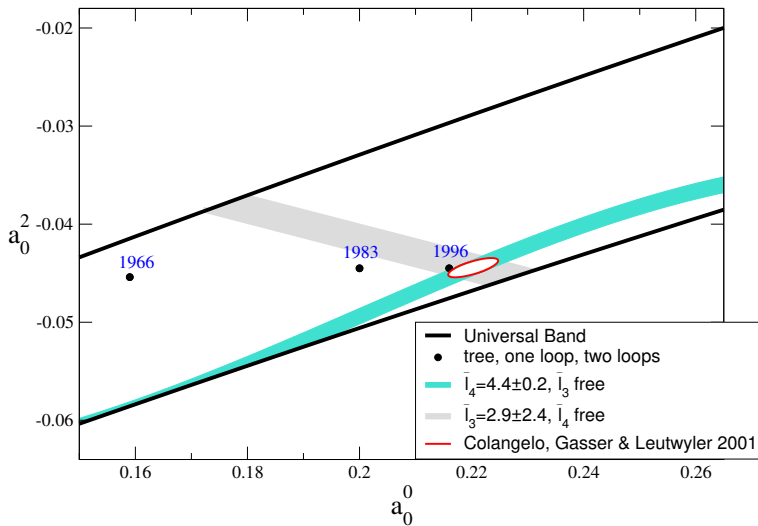
$$\begin{aligned}a_0^0 &= 0.220 \pm 0.001 + 0.009\Delta l_4 - 0.002\Delta l_3 \\10 \cdot a_0^2 &= -0.444 \pm 0.003 - 0.01\Delta l_4 - 0.004\Delta l_3\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } \bar{l}_4 = 4.4 + \Delta l_4 \quad \bar{l}_3 = 2.9 + \Delta l_3$$

Adding errors in quadrature

$$[\Delta l_4 = 0.2, \Delta l_3 = 2.4]$$

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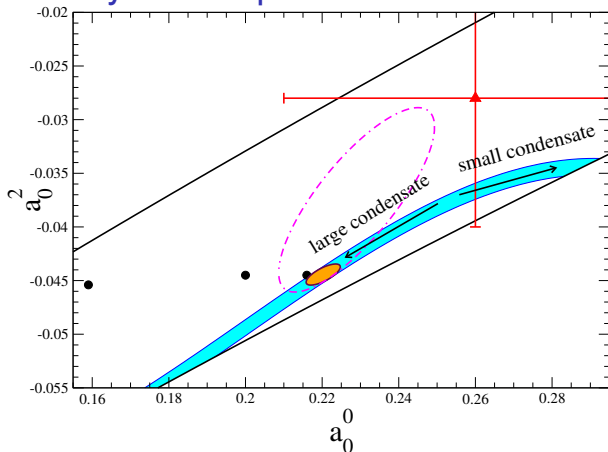
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Its size tells us what fraction of the pion mass is given by the Gell-Mann–Oakes–Renner term

$$M_{\text{GMOR}}^2 \equiv 2B\hat{m}$$

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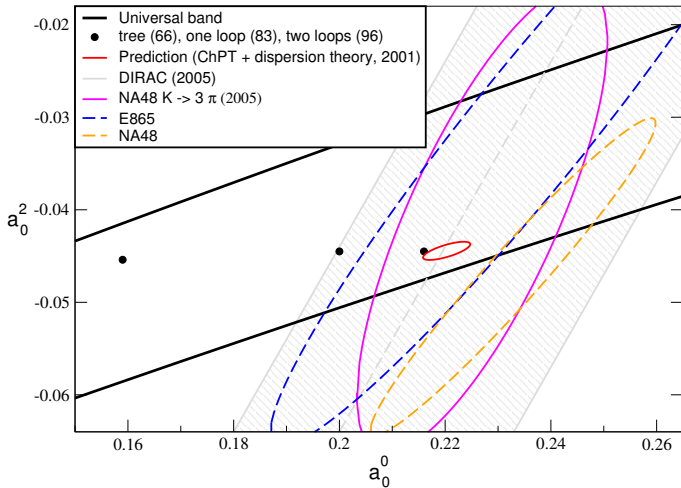


The E865 data on $K_{\ell 4}$ imply that

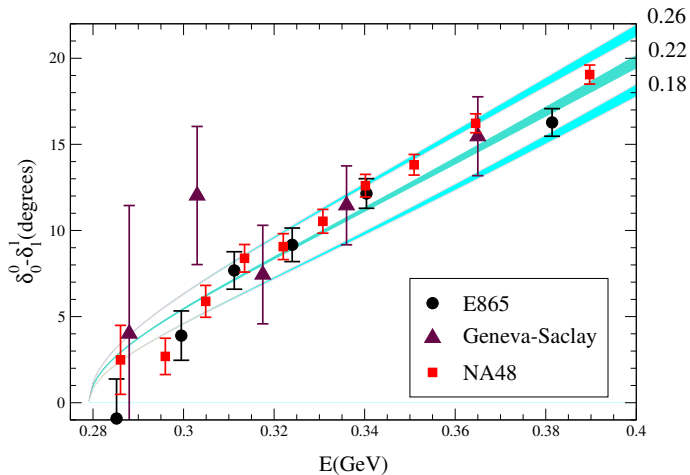
GC, Gasser and Leutwyler PRL (01)

$$M_{\text{GMOR}} > 94\% M_{\pi}$$

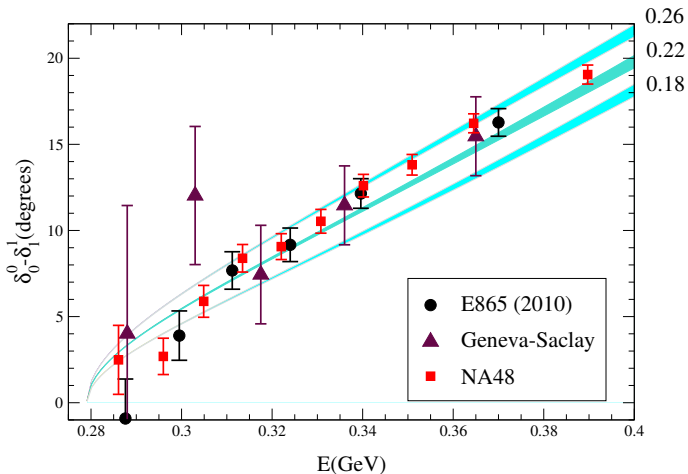
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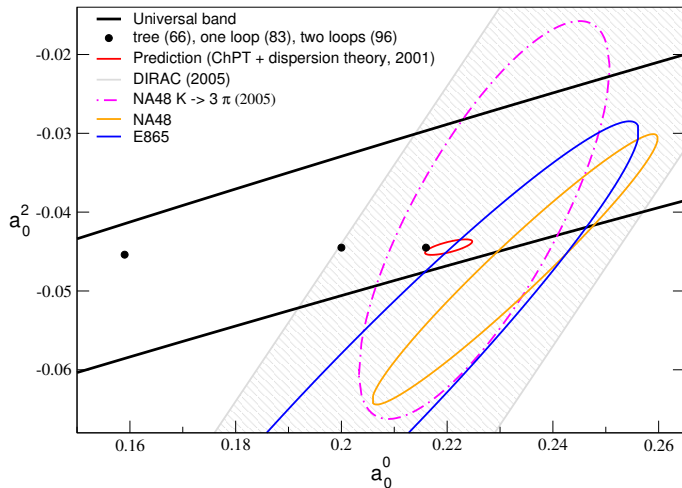


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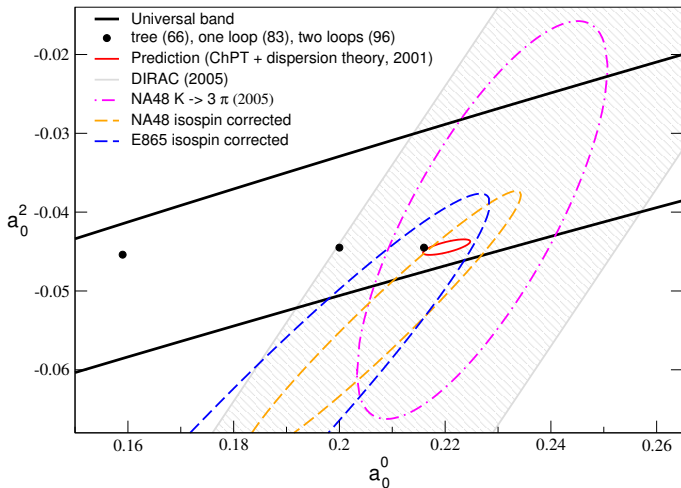
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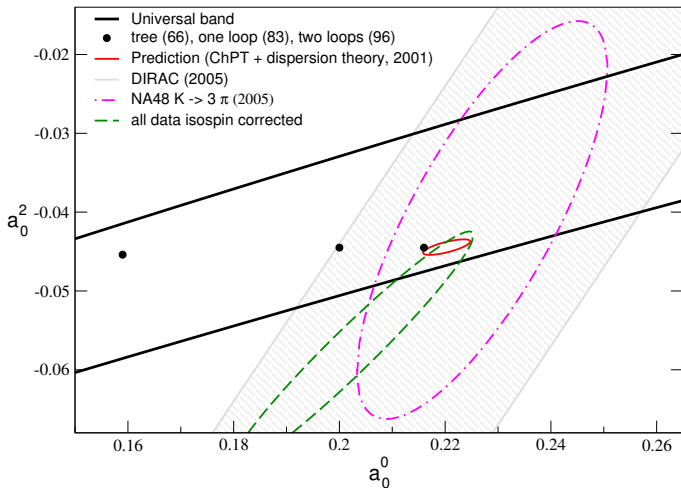
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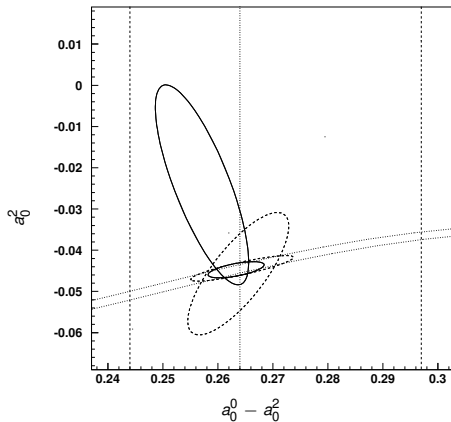
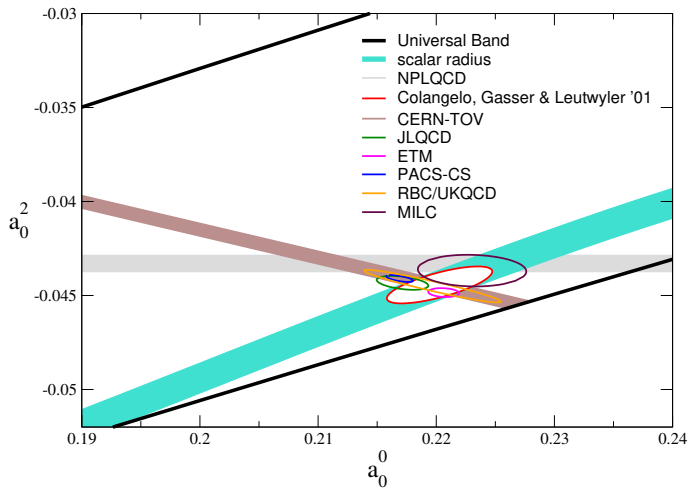


Figure from [NA48/2 Eur.Phys.J.C64:589,2009](#)

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Quark masses

QCD Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = -\frac{1}{4g^2} \text{Tr} G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} + \sum_i \bar{q}_i (i\not{D} - m_{q_i}) q_i + \sum_j \bar{Q}_j (i\not{D} - m_{Q_j}) Q_j$$

- ▶ In the limit $m_{q_i} \rightarrow 0$ and $m_{Q_j} \rightarrow \infty$: $M_{\text{hadrons}} \propto \Lambda$
- ▶ Observe that $m_{q_i} \ll \Lambda$ while $m_{Q_j} \gg \Lambda$ $[\Lambda \sim M_N]$
- ▶ Quarks do not propagate:
quark masses are coupling constants! (not observables)
they depend on the renormalization scale μ (like α_s)
for light quarks by convention: $\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}$

How to determine quark masses

- ▶ From their influence on the spectrum

 χ PT, lattice

- ▶ $m_Q \gg \Lambda$

$$M_{\bar{Q}q_i} = m_Q + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda)$$

- ▶ $m_q \ll \Lambda$

$$M_{\bar{q}_i q_j} = M_{0ij} + \mathcal{O}(m_{q_i}, m_{q_j}) \quad M_{0ij} = \mathcal{O}(\Lambda)$$

In both cases need to understand the $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda)$ term

- ▶ From their influence on any other observable

 χ PT, sum rules

Quark masses are coupling constants

\Rightarrow exploit the sensitivity to them of any observable

[e.g. η decays, spectral functions from τ decays, etc.]

$m_d + m_u$ is easier to get than $m_d - m_u$

$$m_d, m_u \ll \Lambda \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_m = -m_u \bar{u}u - m_d \bar{d}d = \text{small perturbation}$$

However:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_m &= -\frac{m_d + m_u}{2}(\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d) - (m_d - m_u)\frac{\bar{u}u - \bar{d}d}{2} \\ &= -\hat{m} \underbrace{\bar{q}q}_{\mathcal{O}_{I=0}} + (m_d - m_u) \underbrace{\bar{q}\tau_3 q}_{\mathcal{O}_{I=1}} \end{aligned}$$

and selection rules make the effect of $\mathcal{O}_{I=1}$ well hidden

$\Rightarrow \hat{m}$ responsible for the mass of pions

but $(m_d - m_u)$ only contributes at $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$

(a tiny δM_{π^0})

better sensitivity in K masses

First estimates

Leading-order masses of π and K :

$$M_\pi^2 = B_0(m_u + m_d) \quad M_{K^+}^2 = B_0(m_u + m_s) \quad M_{K^0}^2 = B_0(m_d + m_s)$$

Quark mass ratios:

$$\frac{m_u}{m_d} \simeq \frac{M_{\pi^+}^2 - M_{K^0}^2 + M_{K^+}^2}{M_{\pi^+}^2 + M_{K^0}^2 - M_{K^+}^2} \simeq 0.67$$
$$\frac{m_s}{m_d} \simeq \frac{M_{K^0}^2 + M_{K^+}^2 - M_{\pi^+}^2}{M_{K^0}^2 - M_{K^+}^2 + M_{\pi^+}^2} \simeq 20$$

Electromagnetic corrections to the masses

According to Dashen's theorem

$$M_{\pi^0}^2 = B_0(m_u + m_d)$$

$$M_{\pi^+}^2 = B_0(m_u + m_d) + \Delta_{\text{em}}$$

$$M_{K^0}^2 = B_0(m_d + m_s)$$

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Extracting the quark mass ratios gives

Weinberg (77)

$$\frac{m_u}{m_d} = \frac{M_{K^+}^2 - M_{K^0}^2 + 2M_{\pi^0}^2 - M_{\pi^+}^2}{M_{K^0}^2 - M_{K^+}^2 + M_{\pi^+}^2} = 0.56$$

$$\frac{m_s}{m_d} = \frac{M_{K^0}^2 + M_{K^+}^2 - M_{\pi^+}^2}{M_{K^0}^2 - M_{K^+}^2 + M_{\pi^+}^2} = 20.1$$

Higher order chiral corrections

Mass formulae to second order

Gasser-Leutwyler (85)

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$$\Delta_M = \frac{8(M_K^2 - M_\pi^2)}{F_\pi^2} (2L_8 - L_5) + \chi\text{-logs}$$

The same $\mathcal{O}(m)$ correction appears in both ratios
 \Rightarrow this double ratio is free from $\mathcal{O}(m)$ corrections

$$Q^2 \equiv \frac{m_s^2 - \hat{m}^2}{m_d^2 - m_u^2} = \frac{M_K^2}{M_\pi^2} \frac{M_K^2 - M_\pi^2}{M_{K^0}^2 - M_{K^+}^2} \left[1 + \mathcal{O}(m^2) \right]$$

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$$Q_D^2 \equiv \frac{(M_{K^0}^2 + M_{K^+}^2 - M_{\pi^+}^2 + M_{\pi^0}^2)(M_{K^0}^2 + M_{K^+}^2 - M_{\pi^+}^2 - M_{\pi^0}^2)}{4M_{\pi^0}^2(M_{K^0}^2 - M_{K^+}^2 + M_{\pi^+}^2 - M_{\pi^0}^2)} = 24.3$$

Violation of Dashen's theorem

In pure QCD ($\hat{M}_P \equiv M_P|_{\alpha_{em}=0}$)

$$\hat{M}_{K^+} = B_0(m_s + m_u) + \mathcal{O}(m_q^2)$$

$$\hat{M}_{K^0} = B_0(m_s + m_d) + \mathcal{O}(m_q^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{M}_{K^+} - \hat{M}_{K^0} = B_0(m_u - m_d) + \mathcal{O}(m_q^2)$$

Define em contributions to masses

$$M_P^\gamma \equiv M_P - \hat{M}_P, \quad \Delta_P^\gamma \equiv M_P^2 - \hat{M}_P^2$$

Dashen's theorem: $\Delta_{K^+}^\gamma = \Delta_{\pi^+}^\gamma$

and its violation

$$[\Delta_\pi \equiv M_{\pi^+}^2 - M_{\pi^0}^2]$$

$$\Delta_{K^+}^\gamma - \Delta_{K^0}^\gamma - \Delta_{\pi^+}^\gamma + \Delta_{\pi^0}^\gamma = \epsilon \Delta_\pi$$

Estimates of the size of Dashen's theorem violation

χ PT + model-based calculations:

$$\epsilon = \begin{cases} 0.8 & \text{Bijnens-Prades (97)} & Q = 22 \text{ (ENJL model)} \\ 1.0 & \text{Donoghue-Perez (97)} & Q = 21.5 \text{ (VMD)} \\ 1.5 & \text{Anant-Moussallam (04)} & Q = 20.7 \text{ (Sum rules)} \end{cases}$$

Lattice-based calculations

(the value of Q is calculated in χ PT at NLO)

$$\epsilon = \begin{cases} 0.50(8) & \text{Duncan et al. (96)} & Q = 22.9 \\ 0.5(1) & \text{RBC (07)} & Q = 22.9 \\ 0.78(6)(2)(9)(2) & \text{BMW (11)} & Q = 22.1 \\ 0.65(7)(14)(10) & \text{MILC (13)} & Q = 22.6 \\ 0.79(18)(18) & \text{RM123 (13)} & Q = 22.1 \\ 0.73(2)(5)(17) & \text{BMW (16)} & Q = 22.2 \\ 0.73(3)(13)(5) & \text{MILC (16)} & Q = 22.2 \end{cases}$$

Value quoted in FLAG-3: $\epsilon = 0.7(3)$

FLAG-3 summary of the quark masses

all masses in MeV

N_F	m_{ud}	m_s	m_s/m_{ud}
2+1+1	3.70(17)	93.9(1.1)	27.30(34)
2+1	3.373(80)	92.0(2.1)	27.43(31)
2	3.6(2)	101(3)	27.3(9)

N_F	m_u	m_d	m_u/m_d	R	Q
2+1+1	2.36(24)	5.03(26)	0.470(56)	35.6(5.1)	22.2 (1.6)
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Gasser-Leutwyler (85)

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Dispersive approach

Isospin decomposition of $M(s, t, u)$

Stern, Saizdjian, Fuchs (93)

Anisovich, Leutwyler (96)

$$M(s, t, u) = M_0(s) + (s-u)M_1(t) + (s-t)M_1(u) + M_2(t) + M_2(u) - \frac{2}{3}M_2(s)$$

assumes only: $\text{disc}[t_\ell^I(s)] = 0 \quad \forall \ell \geq 2$ in all channels

Analytic properties of the $M_I(s)$ functions: $[s > 4M_\pi^2]$

$$\text{disc}[M_I(s)] = \text{disc}[t_\ell^I(s)] = t_\ell^I(s) e^{i\delta_\ell^I(s)} \sin \delta_\ell^I(s)$$

$t_\ell^I(s)$ = partial wave with isospin I and angular momentum ℓ

$$t_\ell^I(s) = M_I(s) + \hat{M}_I(s)$$

Dispersion relation for M_0

analogous ones for M_1 and M_2

$$M_0(s) = \Omega_0(s) \left[\alpha_0 + \beta_0 s + \gamma_0 s^2 + \frac{s^2}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} ds' \frac{\hat{M}_0(s') \sin \delta_0^0(s')}{|\Omega_0(s')| s'^2 (s' - s)} \right]$$

Anisovich, Leutwyler (96)

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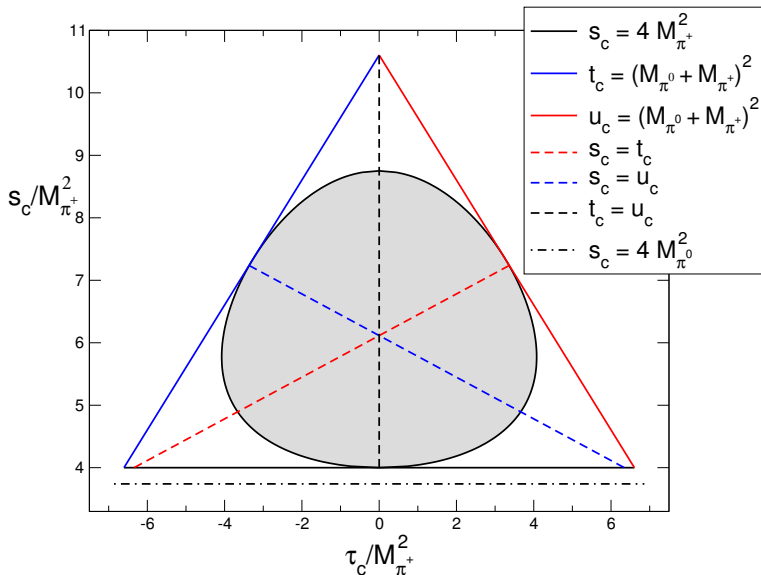
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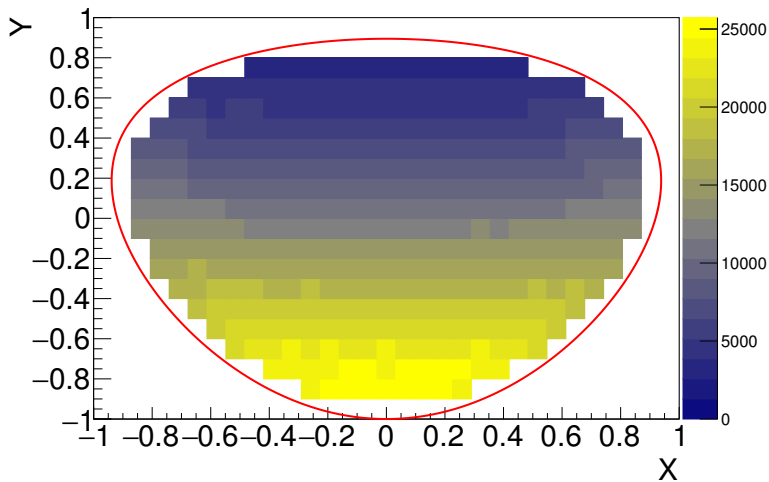
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3-parameter fit — w/o χ_{th}^2

$$\chi_{\text{exp}}^2 = 385.3 \quad \text{for} \quad 371 \quad \text{data points}$$

$$h_1 = 4.53, \quad h_2 = 12.6, \quad h_3 = 6.4,$$

Adler zero:

$$s_A = 1.43M_\pi^2$$

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5-parameter fit — w/o χ^2_{th}

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$$h_1 = 0.93, \quad h_2 = 16.3, \quad h_3 = 52.0,$$

$$h_4 = 77.9, \quad h_5 = -56.7$$

Adler zero: **none!**

Fit results

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Fit outcomes:

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$$\chi_{\text{exp}}^2 = 380.2 \quad \text{for} \quad 371 \quad \text{data points}$$

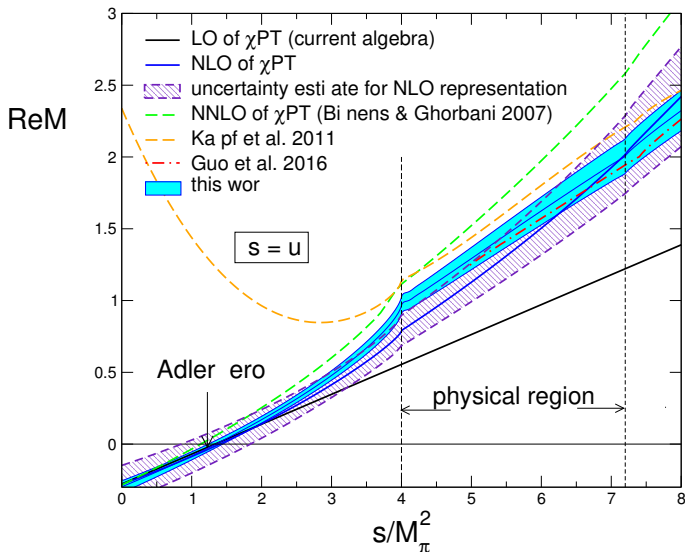
$$h_1 = 4.49(14), \quad h_2 = 21.2(4.3), \quad h_3 = 7.1(1.7),$$

$$h_4 = 76.4(3.4), \quad h_5 = 47.3(5.8)$$

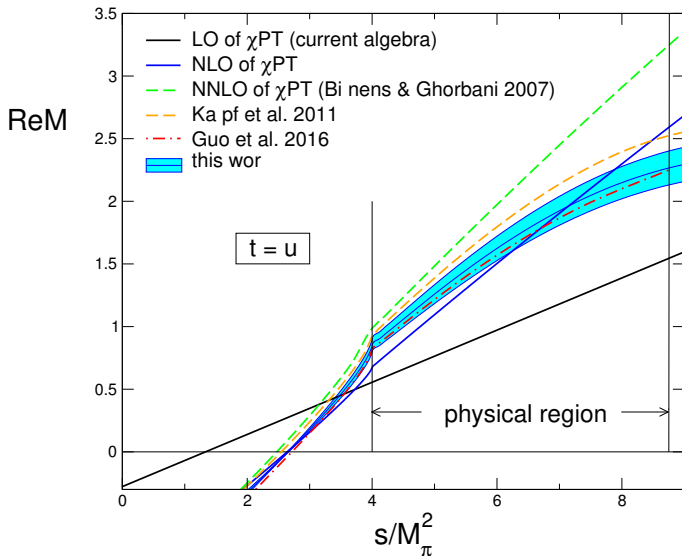
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Momentum dependence



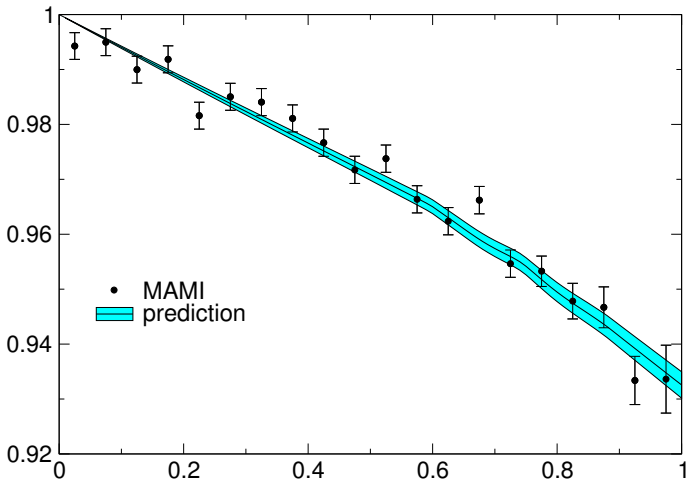
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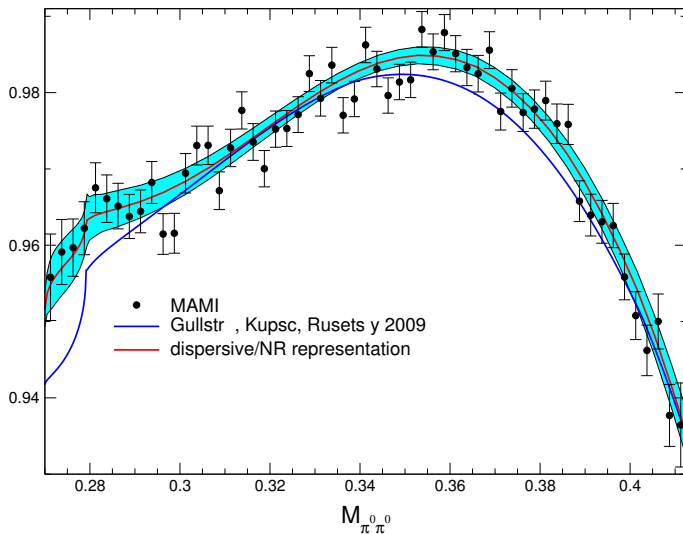
Dalitz plot in the neutral channel

Having fixed the subtraction constants, the Dalitz plot in the neutral channel can be predicted:

$$\chi^2 = 22.5$$

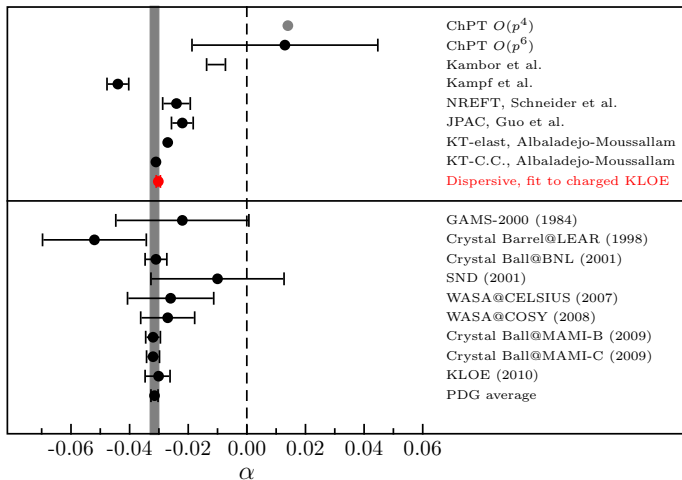


Dalitz plot in the neutral channel



Dalitz plot in the neutral channel: value of α

Comparison with other determinations:



Determination of Q

$H_0^{\text{NLO}} = 1.176(53)$ and $\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0) = (300 \pm 12) \text{ eV}$ yield:

$$(\hat{M}_{K^0}^2 - \hat{M}_{K^+}^2) = 6.27(38)10^{-3} \text{ GeV}^2$$

which implies:

$$(M_{K^0}^2 - M_{K^+}^2)_{\text{QED}} = -2.38(38)10^{-3} \text{ GeV}^2$$

This corresponds to

$$\epsilon = 0.9(3)$$

in agreement with recent lattice determinations:

$$\epsilon = \begin{cases} 0.74(18) & \text{BMW} \\ 0.73(14) & \text{MILC} \\ 0.50(6) & \text{QCDSF/UKQCD} \\ 0.801(110) & \text{RM123} \end{cases}$$

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which implies: (upon use of)

$$(\hat{M}_{K^0}^2 - \hat{M}_{K^+}^2) = \frac{M_K^2(M_K^2 - M_\pi^2)}{Q^2 M_\pi^2} \left(1 + \mathcal{O}(m^2)\right)$$

$$Q = 22.0(7)$$

somewhat lower than recent lattice determinations

$$Q = \begin{cases} 23.40(64) & \text{BMW} \\ 23.8(1.1) & \text{RM123} \end{cases}$$

Unexpectedly large $\mathcal{O}(m^2)$ effects?

Ratio of decay rates

The ratio of decay rates for the two channels can also be calculated and with remarkable accuracy

Gasser-Leutwyler (85)

The normalization H_0 also drops out in this ratio

As it turns out most uncertainties cancel out, giving:

$$B \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0)}{\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0)} = 1.44(4)$$

which agrees perfectly with the measured value

$$B_{\text{PDG}}(\text{our fit}) = 1.426(26), \quad B_{\text{PDG}}(\text{our average}) = 1.48(5)$$

Outline

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As an illustration of the effective field theory method I have discussed a two applications:

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- ▶ the determination of Q from $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi$