

# Kaon physics lattice calculations

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## Lattice QCD results relevant for flavour physics

- assessment of the quality of current lattice results
- status:  $f_K/f_\pi$ ,  $f_+^{K \rightarrow \pi}(0)$
- phenomenological implications
- will there be improvements in the near future?
- outlook

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- also: Lattice results relevant for CKM triangle analysis

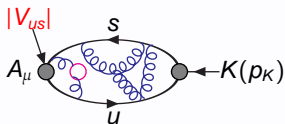
*Laiho, Lunghi, van de Water PRD, 81, 034503 (2008)*

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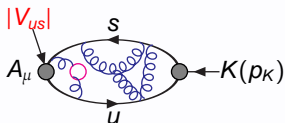


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 (Marciano, Phys.Rev.Lett. 2004)

$$\frac{\Gamma(K \rightarrow \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu(\gamma))}{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow \mu \bar{\nu}_\mu(\gamma))} = \frac{|V_{us}|^2}{|V_{ud}|^2} \left( \frac{f_K}{f_\pi} \right)^2 \frac{m_K(1 - m_\mu^2/m_K^2)}{m_\pi(1 - m_\mu^2/m_\pi^2)} \times 0.9930(35)$$

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JLQCD/TWQCD 09B	2+1	C	●	■	■	1.210(12) <sub>stat</sub>	
MILC 09A	2+1	C	●	★	★	1.198(2) <sub>-8</sub> <sup>+6</sup>	
MILC 09	2+1	A	●	★	★	1.197(3) <sub>-13</sub> <sup>+6</sup>	
ALVdW 08	2+1	C	●	●	●	1.191(16)(17)	
PACS-CS 08, 08B	2+1	A	★	■	■	1.189(20)	
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) <sub>-24</sub> <sup>+11</sup>	
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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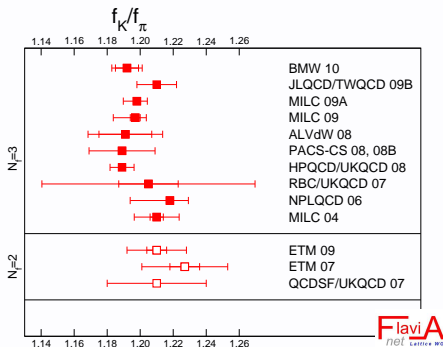
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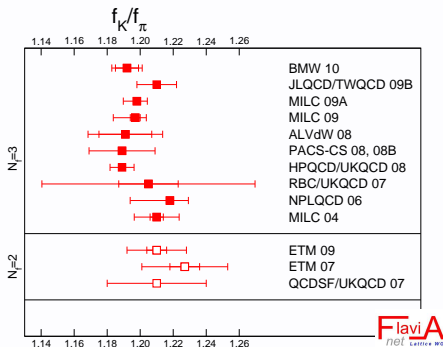
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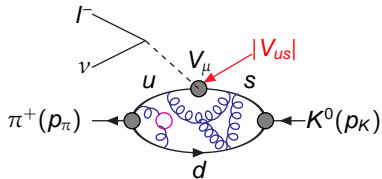
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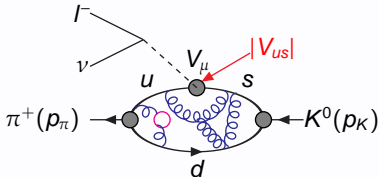
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$$\Gamma_{K \rightarrow \pi l \nu} = C_K^2 \frac{G_F^2 m_K^5}{192 \pi^2} I S_{EW} [1 + \Delta_{SU(2)} + \Delta_{EM}] \times |V_{us}|^2 |f_+^{K\pi}(0)|^2$$

- $I$  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:1005.2323 (KLOE, KTeV, ISTRA+, NA48):  $|V_{us} f_+^{K\pi}(0)| = 0.2163(5)$

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

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RBC/UKQCD 10	2+1	A	●	★	■	0.9599(34) <sup>(+31)</sup> <sub>(-47)</sub> (14)	
RBC/UKQCD 07	2+1	A	●	★	■	0.9644(33)(34)(14)	
ETM 09A	2	A	●	●	●	0.9560(57)(62)	
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) and 0.952(6)	

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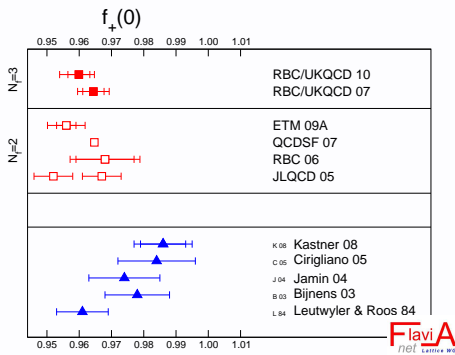
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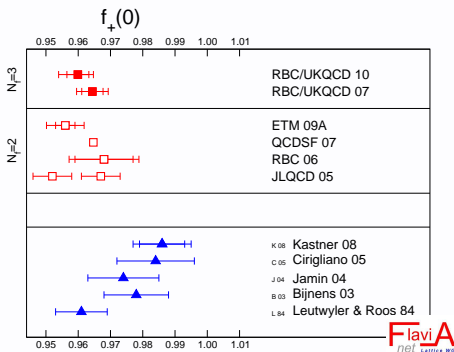
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- dominant uncertainty from chiral extrapolation





Comments:

- only two state-of-the art calculations:

$N_f = 2 + 1$	$f_+^{K\pi}(0) = 0.960(5)$	RBC+UKQCD 10
$N_f = 2$	$f_+^{K\pi}(0) = 0.956(8)$	ETM 09A

- the  $N_f = 2$  result is technically more advanced:  
lighter pion masses, 3 lattice spacings
- no (sea-)strange-quark effects visible at the current precision of data

input from experiment:

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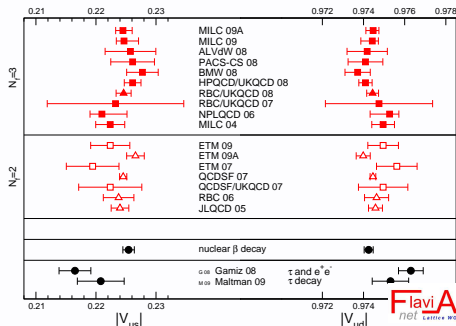
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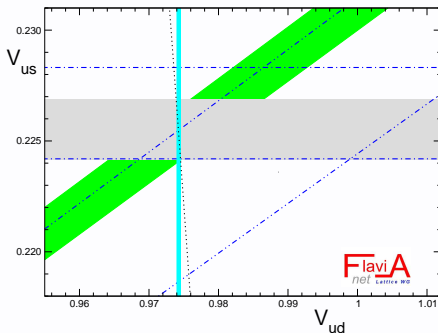
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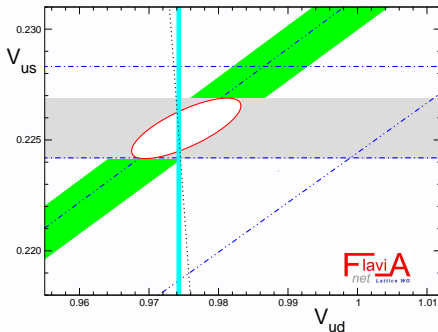
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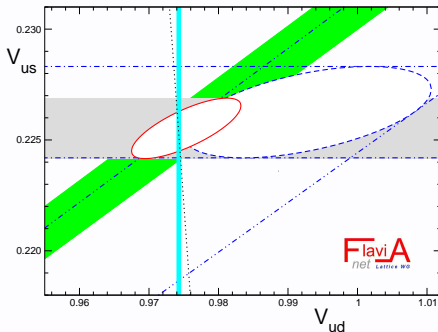
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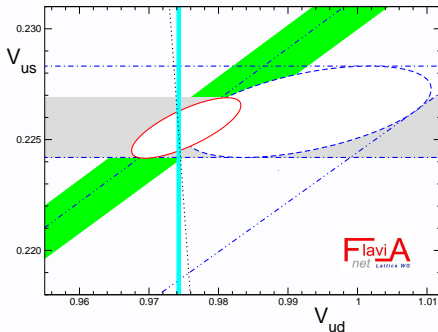
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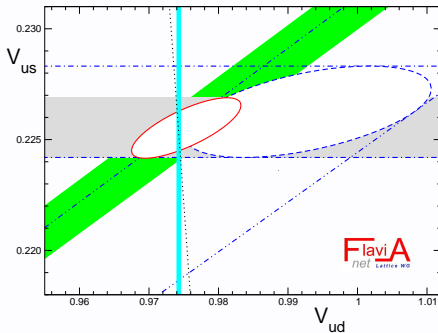
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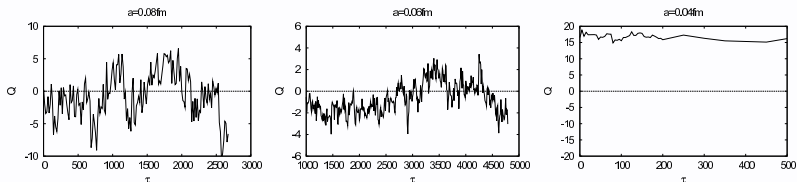
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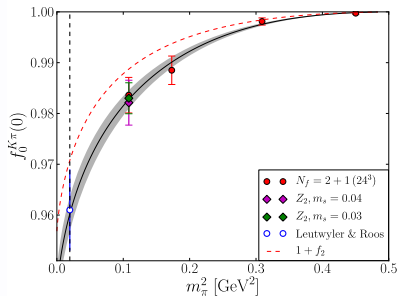
- there is currently no cure and it seems that all simulations with  $a$  much smaller than  $0.1\text{fm}$  are affected, i.e., have modes with very long correlation times
- there is no theoretical understanding of which observables couple to slow modes and which ones don't *Schäfer's talk at Confinement 2010*
- estimation of statistical errors at fine lattice spacing is therefore a delicate issue; risk of biased data

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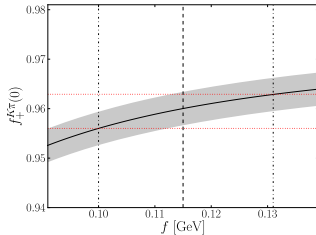
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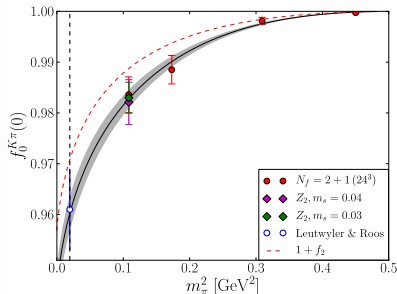
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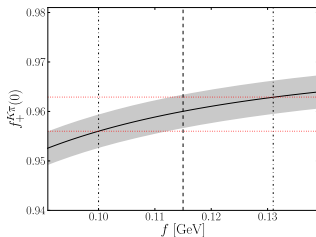
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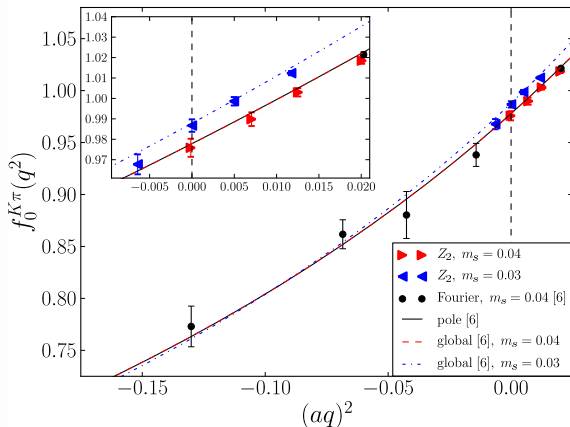
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- systematics dominated by limited control of chiral extrapolation
- parametrization of NLO-term?;  $f_0^{K\pi}(0)$  in NNLO  $\chi$ PT???
- some collaborations could in principle do simulation at the physical point - need to convince them to carry out a  $f_+^{K\pi}(0)$ -project

what about BMW???

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



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$f_K/f_\pi$ 

- reduction of  $m_\pi$  will soon reduce/remove systematic in chiral extrapolation
- lattice spacing  $a$  is already in critical range in advanced computations, is estimate of stat. error correct or is there even a bias?
- once algorithmic problems solved, 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  
if stat. error does not increase as  $m_\pi$  is reduced the overall error on  $f_+^{K\pi}(0)$  has the potential to be reduced significantly!!! (currently chiral extrapolation error is dominant and about 0.4%)
- luckily systematic due to lattice spacing  $a$  is sub-dominant here
- increase statistics  $\sigma \propto 1/\sqrt{N}$  (2nd largest contribution to overall error)