

On the $\Delta I = 1/2$ rule

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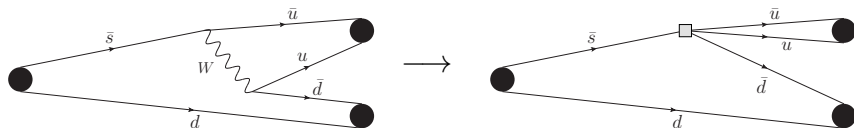
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- We have already computed A_2 , we have a pilot computation of A_0
 \Rightarrow Can we extract an explanation for this phenomena ?

Computation of $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ amplitudes

Overview of the computation

Operator Product expansion



Describe $K \rightarrow (\pi\pi)_{I=0,2}$ with an effective Hamiltonian

$$H^{\Delta S=1} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{10} (V_{ud} V_{us}^* z_i(\mu) - V_{td} V_{ts}^* y_i(\mu)) Q_i(\mu) \right\}$$

Short distance effects factorized in the Wilson coefficients y_i, z_i

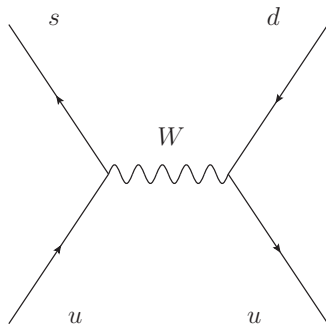
Long distance effects factorized in the matrix elements

$$\langle \pi\pi | Q_i | K \rangle \longrightarrow \text{Lattice}$$

See eg [\[Norman Christ @ Kaon'09\]](#) for an overview of different strategies.

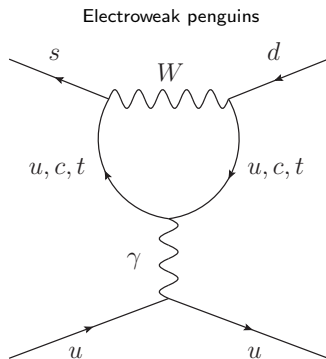
and [\[Lellouch @ Les Houches'09\]](#) for a review

Current diagrams



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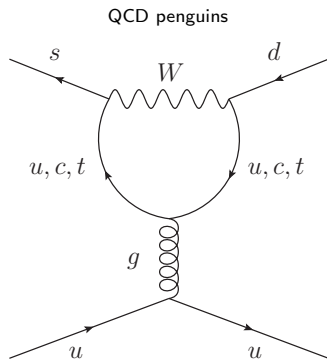
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see eg [\[Claude Bernard @ TASI'89\]](#) and [\[RBC'01\]](#)

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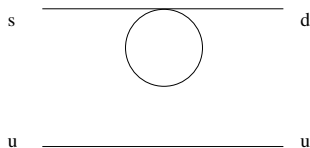
- Final state with two pions
- Many operators that mix under renormalisation
- Require the evaluation of disconnected graphs

Moreover, using a chiral discretisation of the Dirac operator is probably unavoidable.

Plus the usual difficulties: light dynamical quarks, large volume, . . .

Isospin channels

- Only 3 of these operators contribute to the $\Delta I = 3/2$ channel
 - A tree-level operator
 - 2 electroweak penguins
- No disconnect graphs contribute to the $\Delta I = 3/2$ channel



$\Rightarrow A_2$ is much simpler than A_0

Still highly non-trivial, but perfect challenge for lattice QCD with chiral fermions

Lattice computation of A_2 by RBC-UKQCD

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$$\lim_{a_1 \rightarrow 0} \underbrace{\left[Z(\mu_1, a_1) Z^{-1}(\mu_0, a_1) \right]}_{\text{fine lattice}} \times \underbrace{Z(\mu_0, a_0)}_{\text{coarse lattice}} = Z(\mu_1, a_0)$$

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 - Important computation in the field: **first realistic computation of a hadronic decay**
 - 2012 Ken Wilson lattice award

Toward a full computation of $K \rightarrow (\pi\pi)$
and an understanding of the $\Delta I = 1/2$ rule ?

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obtain

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We combine our physical computation of $\Delta I = 3/2$ part with our non-physical computation of the $\Delta I = 1/2$

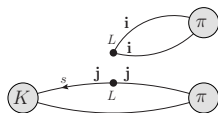
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Pattern which could explain the $\Delta I = 1/2$ enhancement

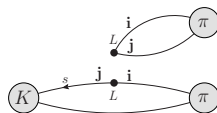
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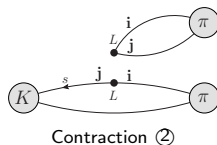
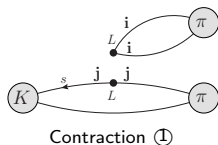
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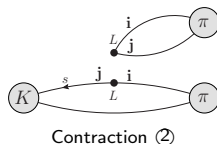
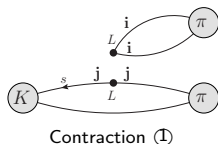


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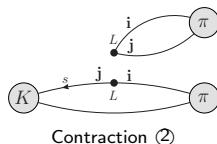
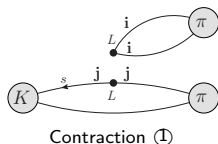
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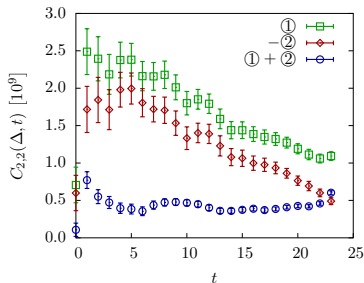


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\Rightarrow large cancellation in $\text{Re}A_2$



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Toward an quantitative understanding of the $\Delta I = 1/2$ rule

- This sign implies both a cancellation in A_2 and an enhancement in A_0
- Need to be confirmed with physical quark masses and physical kinematics
- Analytic work in that direction [Pich & de Rafael '96](#), [Buras](#)
- See also discussion in [Lellouch @ Les Houches '09\]](#)

Going further: 2014-2015 update

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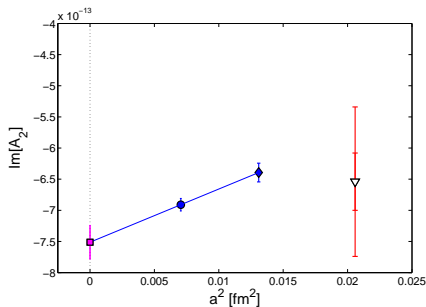
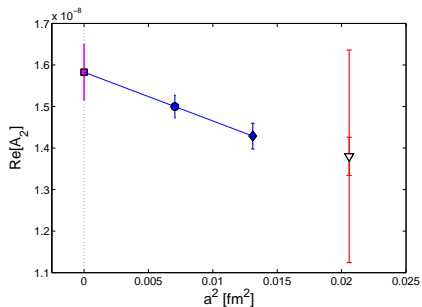
New formulation: G-parity boundary conditions

Status: First computation almost finished

$K \rightarrow (\pi\pi)_{I=2}$ Lattice 2014 update

2012 Blum, Boyle, Christ, N.G., Goode, Izubuchi, Jung, Kelly, Lehner, Lightman, Liu, Lytle, Mawhinney, Sachrajda, Soni, Sturm, *PRL'12, PRD'12*
 $\text{Re } A_2 = 1.381(46)_{\text{stat}}(258)_{\text{syst}} 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}$ $\text{Im } A_2 = -6.54(46)_{\text{stat}}(120)_{\text{syst}} 10^{-13} \text{ GeV}$

2014 RBC-UKQCD Work in progress, draft in final stage



Preliminary results, very close to final numbers

see also talk by T.Janowski @ lat'13 Janowski, Sachrajda, Boyle, Christ, Mawhinney, Yin, Zhang, N.G., Lytle

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- Observe a mechanism which contributes to a large enhancement in A_0/A_2
- Is this enhancement enough, or do we need something else ?
- Clearly, a non-perturbative method is required
- **New:** Continuum limit of $K \rightarrow (\pi\pi)_{I=2}$ at the physical point
- First realistic results of $K \rightarrow (\pi\pi)_{I=0}$ (with **physical kinematics**) should be available in a few months(?), thanks to G-parity boundary conditions
- Other kaon pheno applications: $k l_3$ or BSM matrix elements Boyle, N.G. Hudspith'12
 - ⇒ Provides important tests of the SM and help to understand/constrain BSM theories