

Lattice calculation of isospin breaking corrections to hadronic observables

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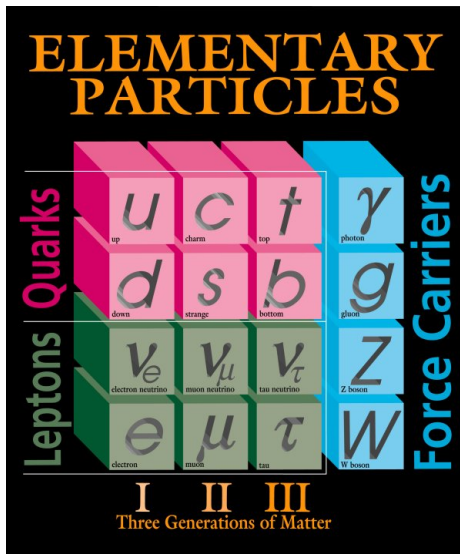
- among the questions left open by the standard model there is the origin of flavour
- the two lightest quarks, the up and the down, have different masses and different electric charges

- nevertheless

$$\frac{m_d - m_u}{\Lambda_{QCD}} \ll 1$$

$$(e_u - e_d)\alpha_{em} \ll 1$$

- for these reasons the group of rotations in this bidimensional (complex) "flavour" space is a *good* and *very useful* approximate symmetry of the real world



isospin symmetry

- rotations in the bidimensional flavour space

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{u} & \bar{d} \end{pmatrix} e^{-i\alpha I \frac{\sigma I}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} D[U] + m_{ud} & 0 \\ 0 & D[U] + m_{ud} \end{pmatrix} e^{i\alpha I \frac{\sigma I}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}$$

- the two light quarks are into an $SU(2)$ doublet and hadrons can be classified according to the representations of the "angular momentum" algebra
- from isospin symmetry combined with parity we know, for example, that an even number of pseudoscalar mesons cannot scatter (through QCD) into an odd number of pseudoscalar mesons,

$$K^0 \longrightarrow \pi\pi \underbrace{\longrightarrow \pi\pi\pi}_{\text{forbidden}} \quad \langle \pi\pi | H_W^{\Delta S=1} | K^0 \rangle = \begin{cases} A_0 e^{i\delta_0} \\ A_2 e^{i\delta_2} \end{cases}$$

- where the strong phases δ_0 and δ_2 coincide with the scattering phases
- (un)explained experimental evidence $A_0 \gg A_2$, the so called $\Delta I = 1/2$ rule

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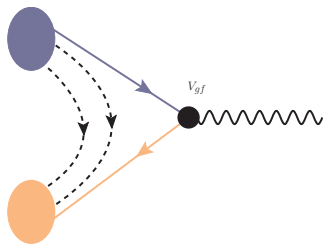
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why isospin breaking?

$$V^{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}$$

except for the ones in the third row, CKM matrix elements can be extracted by (semi)leptonic decay rates, according to

$$V_{gf} = \frac{\text{experiment}}{\text{theory}}$$



why isospin breaking?

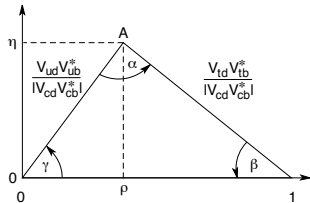
Unitarity of the CKM matrix implies several relations among the different couplings, three of these are the so-called unitarity triangles:

$$V_{ud}V_{us}^* + V_{cd}V_{cs}^* + V_{td}V_{ts}^* = 0$$

$$V_{us}V_{ub}^* + V_{cs}V_{cb}^* + V_{ts}V_{tb}^* = 0$$

$$V_{ud}V_{ub}^* + V_{cd}V_{cb}^* + V_{td}V_{tb}^* = 0$$

the unitarity triangle is the scalar product of the d -column times the b -column of the CKM matrix



why isospin breaking?

we do have a lot of precise experimental measurements in the quark flavour sector of the standard model that, combined with CKM unitarity (first row), allow us to **measure** hadronic matrix elements

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left| \frac{V_{us} F_K}{V_{ud} F_\pi} \right| = 0.2758(5) \\ |V_{us} F_+^{K\pi}(0)| = 0.2163(5) \end{array} \right.$$

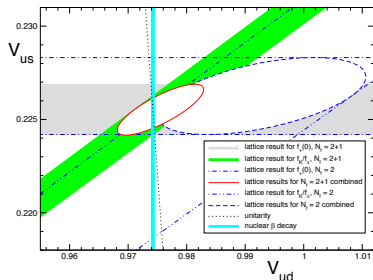
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} |V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 = 1 \\ |V_{ud}| = 0.97425(22) \end{array} \right.$$

where $|V_{ud}|$ comes by combining 20 super-allowed nuclear β -decays and $|V_{ub}|$ has been neglected because smaller than the uncertainty on the other terms, combine to give

$$|V_{us}| = 0.22544(95)$$

$$F_+^{K\pi}(0) = 0.9595(46)$$

$$\frac{F_K}{F_\pi} = 1.1919(57)$$



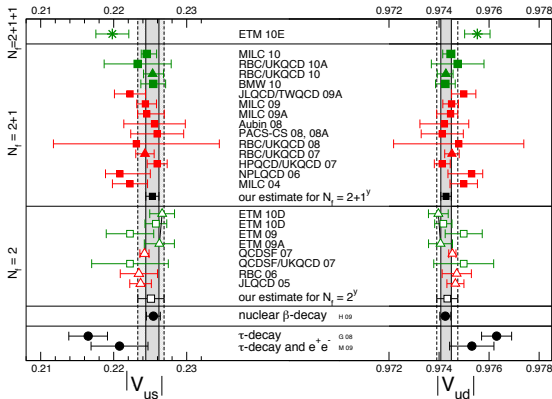
lattice QCD is **still** needed to **postdict** these quantities and, in case, to falsify the standard model

F_K/F_π & $F_+^{K\pi}(0)$ summary from FLAG

concerning theoretical predictions, and lattice QCD in particular, these matrix elements are among the well known quantities

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$$F_+^{K\pi}(0) = 0.956(8) \quad \sim 0.8\%$$

$$\frac{F_K}{F_\pi} = 1.193(5) \quad \sim 0.5\%$$

to do better we should include effects that we have been neglecting up to now...

F_K/F_π & $F_+^{K\pi}(q^2)$ beyond the isospin limit

- in practice, it is useful to divide the isospin breaking effects into strong and electromagnetic ones,

$$\underbrace{m_u \neq m_d}_{\text{QCD}}$$

$$\underbrace{e_u \neq e_d}_{\text{QED}}$$

- in the particular and (lucky) case of these observables, the correction to the isospin symmetric limit due to the difference of the up and down quark masses (QCD) can be estimated in *chiral perturbation theory*,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} F_+^{K\pi}(0) = 0.956(8) \quad \sim 0.8\% \\ \left(\frac{F_+^{K^+\pi^0}(q^2)}{F_+^{K^0\pi^-}(q^2)} - 1 \right)_{\text{QCD}} = 0.029(4) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{F_K}{F_\pi} = 1.193(5) \quad \sim 0.5\% \\ \left(\frac{F_{K^+}/F_{\pi^+}}{F_K/F_\pi} - 1 \right)_{\text{QCD}} = -0.0022(6) \end{array} \right.$$

A. Kastner, H. Neufeld *Eur.Phys.J.C*57 (2008)

V. Cirigliano, H. Neufeld *Phys.Lett. B*700 (2011)

- we need first principle lattice QCD calculations to avoid uncertainties coming from the effective theory
- but the home message is: reducing the error on these quantities without taking into account isospin breaking is useless...

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the gauge configurations

β^0	k_0	$(am_{ud})^0$	$(am_s)^0$	L/a	N_{conf}	a^0 (fm)	$Z_P^0(\overline{MS}, 2GeV)$																																											
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- gauge configurations for this study have been taken from the $n_f = 2$ gauge ensembles made publicly available by the ETMC collaboration
- caveat:** the Twisted Mass discretization breaks isospin at finite lattice spacing
- we have been working in a mixed-action setup by introducing $O(a^2)$ errors coming from violations of unitarity...

isospin breaking on the lattice

- the calculation of QED isospin breaking effects on the lattice it has been done for the first time in
Duncan, Eichten, Thacker, Phys. Rev. Lett. 76 (1996)
- QED is treated in the quenched approximation in its "non-compact" formulation
- because the photons are massless and unconfined this approach may introduce large finite volume effects. . .
- the calculation of isospin breaking effects on the lattice poses a theoretical problem

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \int DADUD\psi e^{-S_e[A] - \beta S_g[U] + S_f[A, U; m_u, m_d]} \\ &= \int DADU e^{-S_e[A] - \beta S_g[U]} \underbrace{\det(D_u[U, A] + m_u) \det(D_d[U, A] + m_d)}_{\text{must be real and } > 0} \end{aligned}$$

- if $m_u \neq m_d$ and $e_u \neq e_d$, this can be only achieved by recurring to non (ultra) local and, consequently, very expensive fermion formulations or to reweighting
- furthermore, the effect is very small and it can be extremely difficult to see it with limited statistical accuracy

our QCD isospin breaking on the lattice

- our idea is to calculate QCD isospin corrections **at first order** in

$$\frac{m_d - m_u}{\Lambda_{QCD}} \sim \alpha_{em} \sim O(\varepsilon)$$

- in order to calculate QED corrections to a given correlator $\mathcal{O}(x)$ we have to cope with

$$T\langle\mathcal{O}(x_i)\rangle \longrightarrow T \int d^4y d^4z D_{\mu\nu}(y-z) \langle\mathcal{O}(x_i) J^\mu(y) J^\nu(z)\rangle$$

- and solve the **infrared problem** associated with a proper definition of the finite volume lattice photon propagator
- and solve the **ultraviolet problem** associated with the divergences coming from the contact interactions of the two electromagnetic currents of the quarks. in the continuum one would get

$$J^\mu(x) J_\mu(0) \sim c_1(x) 1 + \sum_f c_m^f(x) m_f \bar{\psi}_f \psi_f + c_g(x) G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} + \dots$$

- where the c_m^f coefficients correspond to the separate renormalization of the quark masses, c_g to the renormalization of the strong coupling constant and c_1 to the vacuum polarization, all induced by QED

- in order to perform combined QCD+QED lattice simulations one can use the *non-compact* formulation of QED:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{QED} &= \frac{1}{4} \sum_{x;\mu,\nu} \left[\nabla_{\mu}^{+} A_{\nu}(x) - \nabla_{\nu}^{+} A_{\mu}(x) \right]^2 \\
 &= -\frac{1}{4} \sum_{x;\mu,\nu} \left\{ A_{\nu}(x) \nabla_{\mu}^{-} \left[\nabla_{\mu}^{+} A_{\nu}(x) - \nabla_{\nu}^{+} A_{\mu}(x) \right] - A_{\mu}(x) \nabla_{\nu}^{-} \left[\nabla_{\mu}^{+} A_{\nu}(x) - \nabla_{\nu}^{+} A_{\mu}(x) \right] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

- by using a covariant gauge fixing, one gets:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla_{\mu}^{-} A_{\mu}(x) = 0 &\quad \longrightarrow \quad S_{QED} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_x A_{\mu}(x) \left[-\nabla_{\nu}^{-} \nabla_{\nu}^{+} \right] A_{\mu}(x) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_k A_{\mu}^{*}(k) [2 \sin(k_{\nu}/2)]^2 A_{\mu}(k)
 \end{aligned}$$

- note that the zero momentum mode, the **infrared problem**, is *not* constrained by any “derivative” gauge fixing, and there is a residual gauge ambiguity

$$\nabla_{\mu}^{-} [A_{\mu}(x) + c] = \nabla_{\mu}^{-} A_{\mu}(x)$$

non-compact QED on the lattice: gauge invariance

by assuming that one is able to sample properly the QED gauge potential $A_\mu(x)$ (we shall discuss this point in the next few slides), gauge invariance works as follows:

- the QED links are defined by

$$A_\mu(x) \longrightarrow E_\mu(x) = e^{-ieA_\mu(x)}$$

- QCD+QED covariant lattice derivatives are defined according to

$$\bar{\psi}(x) \mathcal{D}_\mu^+ \psi(x) = \bar{\psi}(x) E_\mu(x) U_\mu(x) \psi(x + \mu) - \bar{\psi}(x) \psi(x)$$

- the "exact" gauge invariance is

$$\psi(x) \longrightarrow e^{ie\lambda(x)} \psi(x)$$

$$\bar{\psi}(x) \longrightarrow \bar{\psi}(x) e^{-ie\lambda(x)}$$

$$A_\mu(x) \longrightarrow A_\mu(x) + \nabla_\mu^+ \lambda(x)$$

non-compact QED on the lattice: the american's way

in order to sample the QED gauge potential, the strategy followed by other groups is the following

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[T. Ishikawa et al.] Phys. Rev. Lett. 109 (2012)

- choose periodic boundary conditions for the gauge potential,

$$A_\mu(x + L\nu) = A_\mu(x) \quad \longrightarrow \quad k_\mu = \frac{2\pi n_\mu}{L} \quad \longrightarrow \quad S_{QED} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \neq 0} A_\mu(k)^* [2 \sin(k_\nu/2)]^2 A_\mu(k)$$

- the action is quadratic and diagonal in momentum space so, by *excluding the zero momentum mode*, $A_\mu(k)$ can be obtained by an heat-bath algorithm (actually they choose a different gauge, diagonalize the action and perform a gaussian sampling...) and the gauge potential in coordinate space is obtained by (fast) fourier transform
- it can be shown that the effect of this **infrared regularization** is a **finite volume effect**. classically:

$$S_{QED} \longrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \sum_x A_\mu(x) \left[-\nabla_\nu^- \nabla_\nu^+ \right] A_\mu(x) + \frac{1}{L^3} \sum_x \xi_\mu A_\mu(x) \longrightarrow A_\mu(k=0) = \frac{\partial S}{\partial \xi_\mu} = 0$$

- at quantum level: this prescription does not affect short distance physics (no new divergences)
- the prescription solves the "inconsistency" with the finite volume Gauss's law because the following equation is valid for $k \neq 0$ **only**:

$$\nabla_\mu^- F_{\mu\nu}(x) = j_\nu(x) \quad \longrightarrow \quad 0 = \sum_{\vec{x}} \nabla_i^- E_i(t, \vec{x}) = e \sum_{\vec{x}} \delta^3(t, \vec{x}) = 1$$

non-compact QED on the lattice: our approach

- we want to deal with QED on the lattice at *fixed order* in the expansion with respect to $\hat{\alpha}_{em}$
- to this end, we need to expand the lattice action with respect to the electric charge

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_x \bar{\psi}(x) \{D[U, E] - D[U, 1]\} \psi(x) = \\ & + \sum_{x, \mu} e A_\mu(x) i \left\{ \bar{\psi}(x) U_\mu(x) \frac{W - \gamma^\mu}{2} \psi(x + \mu) - \bar{\psi}(x + \mu) U_\mu^\dagger(x) \frac{W + \gamma^\mu}{2} \psi(x) \right\} \\ & + \sum_{x, \mu} \frac{e^2}{2} A_\mu(x) A_\mu(x) \left\{ \bar{\psi}(x) U_\mu(x) \frac{W - \gamma^\mu}{2} \psi(x + \mu) + \bar{\psi}(x + \mu) U_\mu^\dagger(x) \frac{W + \gamma^\mu}{2} \psi(x) \right\} \\ & + \dots \\ & = \sum_{x, \mu} \left\{ e A_\mu(x) V^\mu(x) + \frac{e^2}{2} A_\mu(x) A_\mu(x) T^\mu(x) + \dots \right\} \end{aligned}$$

- the "Wilson" contribution is $W = \{1, i\gamma_5 \tau^3\}$ in clover and twisted mass QCD respectively
- note: tadpole currents $T^\mu(x)$ are required to have gauge invariance at order e^2
- note: the point split vector current is exactly conserved: $\nabla_\mu^- V^\mu(x) = 0$

non-compact QED on the lattice: our approach

let us consider, for example, the following contribution to the mass splittings of the kaons:

$$- \text{diagram} + disc. = \frac{e_s e_u e^2}{2} \sum_{x,y} D_{\mu\nu}(x-y) T \langle 0 | \bar{s}(t) \gamma_5 u(t) V_s^\mu(x) V_u^\nu(y) \bar{u}(0) \gamma_5 s(0) | 0 \rangle$$

where $D_{\mu\nu}(x-y)$ is the propagator of the gauge potential A_μ : this means that we are also using the QED in its non-compact lattice formulation. now, in order to properly define the lattice propagator of A_μ we must

- fix the QED gauge; we have used

$$\nabla_\mu^- A_\mu(x) = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad S_{QED} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_x A_\mu(x) \left[-\nabla_\nu^- \nabla_\nu^+ \right] A_\mu(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k A_\mu(k) [2 \sin(k_\nu/2)]^2 A_\mu(k)$$

- introduce the infrared regulated photon propagator,

$$P^\perp \phi(x) = \phi(x) - \frac{1}{V} \sum_y \phi(y)$$

$$D_{\mu\nu}^\perp(x-y) = \left[\frac{\delta_{\mu\nu}}{-\nabla_\rho^- \nabla_\rho^+} P^\perp \right] (x-y) = \sum_{k \neq 0} \frac{e^{ik(x-y)}}{[2 \sin(k_\nu/2)]^2}$$

non-compact QED on the lattice: our approach

we have decided to work directly in coordinate space, thus avoiding fourier transforms, by applying the following stochastic technique

- we extract a set of four independent real fields distributed according to a real Z_2 distribution,

$$\sum_B B_\mu(x) B_\nu(y) = \delta_{\mu\nu} \delta(x - y)$$

- for each field we solve numerically the equation

$$\begin{aligned} [-\nabla_\nu^- \nabla_\nu^+] C_\mu[B; x] &= \mathbf{p}^\perp B_\mu(x) \quad \longrightarrow \quad C_\mu[B; x] = \left[\frac{1}{-\nabla_\nu^- \nabla_\nu^+} \mathbf{p}^\perp \right] B_\mu(x) \\ &= \left[\mathbf{p}^\perp \frac{1}{-\nabla_\nu^- \nabla_\nu^+} \mathbf{p}^\perp \right] B_\mu(x) \\ &= \sum_z D^\perp(x - z) B_\mu(z) \end{aligned}$$

- by using the properties of the Z_2 noise we thus obtain

$$\sum_B B_\mu(y) C_\nu[B; x] = D^\perp(x - z) \sum_B B_\mu(y) B_\nu(z) = D_{\mu\nu}^\perp(x - y)$$

non-compact QED on the lattice: our approach

coming back to our example, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 - \text{diagram} &= \frac{e_s e_u e^2}{2} \sum_{x,y} D_{\mu\nu}^\perp(x-y) T \langle 0 | \bar{s}(t) \gamma_5 u(t) V_s^\mu(x) V_u^\nu(y) \bar{u}(0) \gamma_5 s(0) | 0 \rangle \\
 &= \frac{e_s e_u e^2}{2} \sum_B \sum_{x,y} B_\mu(y) C_\nu[B; x] T \langle 0 | \bar{s}(t) \gamma_5 u(t) V_s^\mu(x) V_u^\nu(y) \bar{u}(0) \gamma_5 s(0) | 0 \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

the problem is thus reduced to the calculation of two sequential propagators

$$D_f[U, 1] \Psi_B^f(x) = \sum_\mu B_\mu(x) \Gamma_V^\mu S_f[U; x]$$

$$D_f[U, 1] \Psi_C^f(x) = \sum_\mu C_\mu[B; x] \Gamma_V^\mu S_f[U; x]$$

for different values of the $B_\mu(x)$ and $C_\mu[B; x]$ fields (we have used 3 electromagnetic stochastic sources per QCD gauge configuration) and then calculate the corrected correlator according to

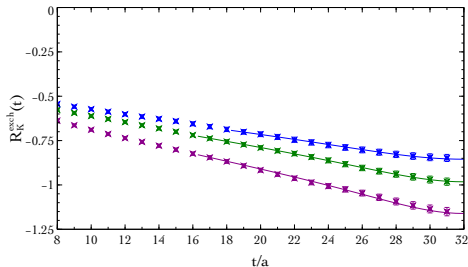
$$- \text{diagram} = - \frac{e_s e_u e^2}{2} \left\langle \text{Tr} \left\{ [\Psi_B^s]^\dagger(t) \Psi_C^u(t) \right\} \right\rangle^{B,U}$$

non-compact QED on the lattice: our approach

$$\begin{aligned}
 - \text{diagram} &= -\frac{e_s e_u e^2}{2} \left\langle \text{Tr} \left\{ [\Psi_B^s]^\dagger(t) \Psi_C^u(t) \right\} \right\rangle^{B,U} \\
 &= -\frac{e_s e_u e^2}{2} \left\langle \sum_{x,y} B_\mu(x) C_\nu[B; y] \text{Tr} \left\{ \gamma_5 S_s[U; t-x] \Gamma_V^\mu S_s[U; x] \gamma_5 S_{ud}[U; -y] \Gamma_V^\nu S_{ud}[U; y-t] \right\} \right\rangle^{B,U}
 \end{aligned}$$

does it work?

$$R_K^{exch}(t) = \frac{\text{diagram}}{\text{diagram}} \sim \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial e^2} \left(\frac{G_K^2}{M_K} e^{-tM_K} \right)}{\frac{G_K^2}{M_K} e^{-tM_K}} =$$



well, from the numerical point of view it seems to work. ok, what about the physics?

the ultraviolet problem

- on the lattice, the short distance expansion of two electromagnetic currents is

$$J^\mu(x)J_\mu(0) + T^\mu(x) \sim c_1(x)\mathbf{1} + \sum_f c_k^f(x)\bar{\psi}_f i\gamma_5 \tau^3 \psi_f + \sum_f c_m^f(x)m_f \bar{\psi}_f \psi_f + c_g(x)G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu} + \dots$$

- on the left we have the (non Lorentz-invariant) tadpole contribution required for gauge invariance
- on the right, with Wilson fermions, we have the linear divergent contributions associated with the electromagnetic shifts of the critical masses of the quarks
- our perturbative expansion is defined as follows

$$\overbrace{\mathcal{O}(e^2, g_s, m_u, m_d, m_s, k_u, k_d, k_s)}^{\vec{g}} = [\mathcal{O} + \Delta\mathcal{O}] \underbrace{(0, g_s^0, m_{ud}^0, m_{ud}^0, m_s^0, k_0, k_0, k_0)}_{\vec{g}_0}$$

$$\Delta\mathcal{O} = \left\{ \frac{e^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial e^2} + \frac{1}{2} (g_s - g_s^0)^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial g_s^2} + (m_f - m_f^0) \frac{\partial}{\partial m_f} + (k_f - k_0) \frac{\partial}{\partial k_f} \right\} \mathcal{O}(\vec{g}) \Big|_{\vec{g}=\vec{g}_0}$$

matching QCD+QED with isosymmetric QCD

$$\mathcal{O}(\vec{g}) = \mathcal{O}(\vec{g}_0) + \left\{ \frac{e^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial e^2} + \frac{1}{2} (g_s - g_s^0)^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial g_s^2} + (m_f - m_f^0) \frac{\partial}{\partial m_f} + (k_f - k_0) \frac{\partial}{\partial k_f} \right\} \mathcal{O}(\vec{g}_0)$$

- the parameters \vec{g}_0 can eventually be fixed independently from \vec{g} by performing “standard” QCD simulations, by neglecting isospin breaking effects and by using external hadronic inputs to calibrate the isosymmetric lattice
- on the other hand, when simulations of the full theory are performed, one can use the following matching condition

$$\begin{aligned} \text{experiment} &\longrightarrow g_i &\longrightarrow \hat{g}_i(\mu) = Z_i(\mu) g_i &\longrightarrow \hat{g}_i^0(\mu^*) = \hat{g}_i(\mu^*) \\ & & & \longrightarrow g_i^0 = \frac{\hat{g}_i^0(\mu^*)}{Z_i^0(\mu^*)} \end{aligned}$$

- note that, once the critical masses have been adjusted the two theories are continuum-like and that a physical observable is RGI invariant:

$$\mathcal{O}(\hat{g}_i) = \mathcal{O}(\hat{g}_i^0) + \left\{ \frac{\hat{e}^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \hat{e}^2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\hat{g}_s - \frac{Z_{g_s}}{Z_{g_s}^0} \hat{g}_s^0 \right)^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \hat{g}_s^2} + \left(\hat{m}_f - \frac{Z_{m_f}}{Z_{m_f}^0} \hat{m}_f^0 \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{m}_f} + \Delta k_f \frac{\partial}{\partial k_f} \right\} \mathcal{O}(\hat{g}_i^0)$$

- in other words, the counter-terms do arise because the renormalization constants (the bare parameters) of the two theories are different

expansion of the lattice path–integral

- let us consider the path–integral representation of a generic observable

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{O}(\vec{g}) &= \frac{\int dA e^{-S_{QED}[A]} dU e^{-\beta S_{QCD}[U]} \prod_{f=1}^{nf} \det(D_f[U, E]) \mathcal{O}[U, E]}{\int dA e^{-S_{QED}[A]} dU e^{-\beta S_{QCD}[U]} \prod_{f=1}^{nf} \det(D_f[U, E])} \\
 &= \frac{\int dA e^{-S_{QED}[A]} dU e^{-\beta^0 S_{QCD}[U]} \prod_{f=1}^{nf} \det(D_f[U, 1]) R[U, E] \mathcal{O}[U, E]}{\int dA e^{-S_{QED}[A]} dU e^{-\beta^0 S_{QCD}[U]} \prod_{f=1}^{nf} \det(D_f[U, 1]) R[U, E]} \\
 &= \frac{\langle R[U, E] \mathcal{O}[U, E] \rangle}{\langle R[U, E] \rangle}, \quad R[U, E] = e^{-(\beta - \beta^0) S_{QCD}[U]} \underbrace{\prod_{f=1}^{nf} \frac{\det(D_f[U, E])}{\det(D_f[U, 1])}}_{r_f[U, E]}
 \end{aligned}$$

- the corrections are obtained by applying the differential operator Δ to the previous expression

$$\Delta \mathcal{O} = \langle \Delta \mathcal{O}[U, 1] \rangle + \underbrace{\{ \langle \Delta R[U, 1] \mathcal{O}[U, 1] \rangle - \langle \Delta R[U, 1] \rangle \langle \mathcal{O}[U, 1] \rangle \}}_{\text{VP}[\mathcal{O}]}$$

an example

- by using the explicit expression of the lattice Dirac operator

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_f^\pm [U, E] \psi(x) &= (m_f \pm i\gamma_5 k_f) \psi(x) - \sum_\mu \frac{\mp i\gamma_5 - \gamma_\mu}{2} U_\mu(x) [E_\mu(x)]^{ef} \psi(x + \mu) \\
 &- \sum_\mu \frac{\mp i\gamma_5 + \gamma_\mu}{2} U_\mu^\dagger(x - \mu) [E_\mu^\dagger(x - \mu)]^{ef} \psi(x - \mu)
 \end{aligned}$$

- together with the following formulae and the associated graphical notation

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial \beta} = \frac{3}{(g_s^0)^4} S_{QCD}[U] = \boxed{G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}}$$

$$\frac{\partial r_f}{\partial e} = \text{Tr} \left(S_f \frac{\partial D_f}{\partial e} \right) = -e_f \text{ (circle with wavy line)}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 r_f}{\partial e^2} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left(S_f \frac{\partial^2 D_f}{\partial e^2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left(S_f \frac{\partial D_f}{\partial e} S_f \frac{\partial D_f}{\partial e} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left(S_f \frac{\partial D_f}{\partial e} \right) \text{Tr} \left(S_f \frac{\partial D_f}{\partial e} \right)$$

$$= -e_f^2 \text{ (circle with wavy line)} - e_f^2 \text{ (circle with star)} + e_f^2 \text{ (circle with wavy line)}$$

an example

- the corrections to the quark propagator in a fixed QCD gauge are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta \longrightarrow \pm &= (e_f e)^2 \text{ (cactus diagram)} + (e_f e)^2 \text{ (star diagram)} \mp \Delta k_f \text{ (crossed circle)} \\
 &- [m_f - m_f^0] \text{ (crossed circle)} - e^2 e_f \sum_{f_1} e_{f_1} \text{ (gluon loop)} - e^2 \sum_{f_1} e_{f_1}^2 \text{ (photon loop)} \\
 &+ (g_s - g_s^0)^2 \text{ (gluon self-energy)} + e^2 \sum_{f_1 f_2} e_{f_1} e_{f_2} \text{ (gluon-photon loop)} + \sum_{f_1} \mp \Delta k_{f_1} \text{ (crossed circle)} \\
 &+ \sum_{f_1} [m_{f_1} - m_{f_1}^0] \text{ (crossed circle)} - e^2 \sum_{f_1} e_{f_1}^2 \text{ (photon loop with star)}
 \end{aligned}$$

an example

- the corrections to the quark propagator in a fixed QCD gauge are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta \longrightarrow \pm &= (e_f e)^2 \text{ [gluon loop] } + (e_f e)^2 \text{ [ghost loop] } \mp \Delta k_f \text{ [self-energy] } \\
 &- [m_f - m_f^0] \text{ [mass shift] } - e^2 e_f \sum_{f_1} e_{f_1} \text{ [vacuum polarization] } \\
 &+ \text{ [isosym. vac. pol.] }
 \end{aligned}$$

- all isosymmetric vacuum polarization effects will cancel in the calculation of genuine isospin breaking effects, i.e. $M_{\pi^+} - M_{\pi^0}$ and $M_{K^+} - M_{K^0}$ in our case

- let's consider a two-point correlator in the full theory ($m_u \neq m_d$ and $e_q \neq 0$)

$$C_{HH}(t; \vec{g}) = \langle \mathcal{O}_H(t) \mathcal{O}_H^\dagger(0) \rangle_{\vec{g}} \quad \longrightarrow \quad e^{M_H} = \frac{C_{HH}(t-1; \vec{g})}{C_{HH}(t; \vec{g})} + \text{non leading exps.}$$

where \mathcal{O}_H is an interpolating operator having the quantum numbers of a given hadron H

- if H is a charged particle, the correlator $C_{HH}(t; \vec{g})$ is *not* QED gauge invariant. for this reason it is not possible, in general, to extract physical informations directly from the residues of the different poles
- on the other hand, the mass of the hadron is gauge invariant and *finite* in the continuum limit, provided that the parameters of the actions have been properly renormalized. it follows that, at any given order in a perturbative expansion with respect to any of the parameters of the action, the ratio $C_{HH}(t-1; \vec{g})/C_{HH}(t; \vec{g})$ is both gauge and renormalization group (RGI) invariant
- by applying the differential operator Δ to full theory correlators, we shall find expressions of the form

$$C_{HH}(t; \vec{g}) = C_{HH}(t; \vec{g}^0) \left[1 + \frac{\Delta C_{HH}(t; \vec{g}^0)}{C_{HH}(t; \vec{g}^0)} + \dots \right]$$

$$M_H - M_H^0 = -\partial_t \frac{\Delta C_{HH}(t; \vec{g}^0)}{C_{HH}(t; \vec{g}^0)} + \dots$$

where we have defined $\partial_t f(t) = f(t) - f(t-1)$

the physics: pions mass difference

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta M_{\pi^0} = & - \frac{e_u^2 + e_d^2}{2} e^2 \partial_t \frac{\text{[Diagram 1]}}{\text{[Diagram 2]}} + \frac{(e_u - e_d)^2}{2} e^2 \partial_t \frac{\text{[Diagram 3]}}{\text{[Diagram 4]}} \\
 & - (e_u^2 + e_d^2) e^2 \partial_t \frac{\text{[Diagram 5]} + \text{[Diagram 6]}}{\text{[Diagram 7]}} + 2[m_{ud} - m_{ud}^0] \partial_t \frac{\text{[Diagram 8]}}{\text{[Diagram 9]}} \\
 & + (e_u + e_d) e^2 \sum_{f=sea} e_f \partial_t \frac{\text{[Diagram 10]}}{\text{[Diagram 11]}} - (\Delta k_u + \Delta k_d) \partial_t \frac{\text{[Diagram 12]}}{\text{[Diagram 13]}} + [\text{isosym. vac. pol.}]
 \end{aligned}$$

in practice, our mixed action approach consists in neglecting all the contributions that are not present in the continuum and that are cutoff effects. to the (non- unitary) lattice theory it can be given a local formulation by using a suitable number of valence fields

the physics: pions mass difference

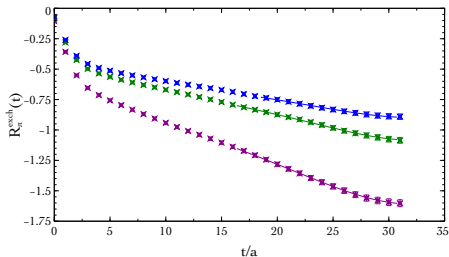
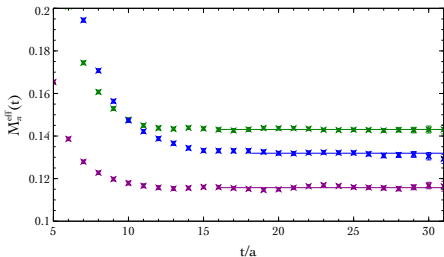
by expanding the two-point function of an interpolating operator having the quantum numbers of the charged pions, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta M_{\pi^+} = & - e_u e_d e^2 \partial_t \frac{\text{Diagram 1}}{\text{Diagram 2}} \\
 & - (e_u^2 + e_d^2) e^2 \partial_t \frac{\text{Diagram 3} + \text{Diagram 4}}{\text{Diagram 5}} + 2[m_{ud} - m_{ud}^0] \partial_t \frac{\text{Diagram 6}}{\text{Diagram 7}} \\
 & + (e_u + e_d) e^2 \sum_{f=sea} e_f \partial_t \frac{\text{Diagram 8}}{\text{Diagram 9}} - (\Delta k_u + \Delta k_d) \partial_t \frac{\text{Diagram 10}}{\text{Diagram 11}} + [\text{isosym. vac. pol.}]
 \end{aligned}$$

The diagrams are:

- Diagram 1: A quark loop with a wavy photon line connecting the two vertices.
- Diagram 2: A simple quark loop.
- Diagram 3: A quark loop with a wavy photon line on the top arc.
- Diagram 4: A quark loop with a star-shaped photon line on the top arc.
- Diagram 5: A simple quark loop.
- Diagram 6: A quark loop with a cross in a circle on the top arc.
- Diagram 7: A simple quark loop.
- Diagram 8: A quark loop with a wavy photon line on the top arc and a blue loop on the top-right vertex.
- Diagram 9: A simple quark loop.
- Diagram 10: A quark loop with a red cross in a circle on the top arc.
- Diagram 11: A simple quark loop.

the physics: pions mass difference

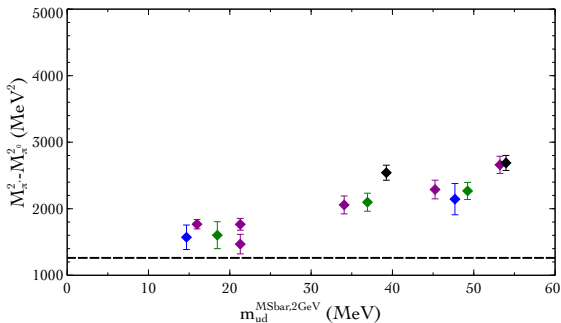


$$M_{\pi^+} - M_{\pi^0} = \frac{(e_u - e_d)^2}{2} e^2 \partial_t \frac{\text{[Feynman diagrams]}}{\text{[Feynman diagram]}}$$

The Feynman diagrams in the numerator consist of two terms: a loop with a wavy line and a loop with a wavy line and a red diagonal line. The denominator is a simple loop diagram.

- in order to take into account the effect of periodic boundary conditions along the time direction

$$\frac{\Delta (R_P e^{-tM_P})}{R_P e^{-tM_P}} = \text{const.} - t\Delta M_P \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{const.} + \Delta M_P (t - T/2) \tanh [M_P^0 (t - T/2)]$$



the pions mass difference at first order is a very "clean" theoretical prediction!

$$M_{\pi^+}^2 - M_{\pi^0}^2 = (e_u - e_d)^2 e^2 M_\pi \partial_t \frac{\text{diagram}}{\text{diagram}}, \quad e^2 = \hat{e}^2 = 4\pi\hat{\alpha}_{em} = \frac{4\pi}{137}$$

the neglected contribution vanishes in the chiral limit, it is $O(\hat{\alpha}_{em} \hat{m}_{ud})$.

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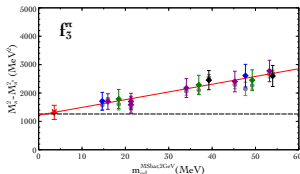
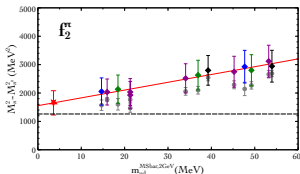
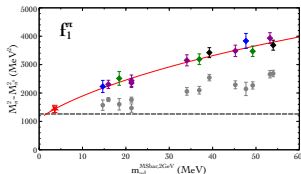
- our data need to be extrapolated with respect to the simulated quark masses, to the continuum and to the infinite volume limits
- chiral formulae and finite volume effects have been calculated in chiral perturbation theory coupled to electromagnetism by using the same infrared regularization of our work (removal of the zero momentum mode)

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$$\left[M_{\pi^+}^2 - M_{\pi^0}^2 \right] = 2\hat{e}^2 F_0^2 \left\{ C - (3 + 4C) \frac{M_\pi^2}{32\pi^2 F_0^2} \left[\log \left(\frac{M_\pi^2}{\mu^2} \right) + K(\mu) \right] \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[M_{\pi^+}^2 - M_{\pi^0}^2 \right] (\infty) - \left[M_{\pi^+}^2 - M_{\pi^0}^2 \right] (L) &= -\frac{\hat{e}^2}{4\pi L^2} [H_2(M_\pi L) - 4CH_1(M_\pi L)] \\ &\sim \hat{e}^2 \frac{2.8373}{4\pi} \left(\frac{M_\pi}{L} + \frac{2}{L^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- finite volume effects are predicted to be large. these are not peculiar of our method, QED is a long-range interaction and any lattice calculation comes with power-law fve...



we have considered different fitting functions. in particular

$$f_1^\pi [C, K, A_\pi] = f^{\chi^\pi} [C, K] + f_L^{\chi^\pi} [C] + A_\pi [a^0]^2$$

$$f_2^\pi [C, K, A_\pi, B_\pi] = C + K \hat{m}_{ud} + \frac{B_\pi}{L} + A_\pi [a^0]^2$$

$$f_3^\pi [C, K, A_\pi, B_\pi] = C + K \hat{m}_{ud} + \frac{B_\pi^2}{L^2} + A_\pi [a^0]^2$$

- extrapolated results are compatible and all the fits have $\chi^2/dof \sim 1$
- fitted finite volume effects are much smaller than the χ pt prediction
- lighter pions and larger volumes will be required in order to make a definite statement concerning this point. . .

the physics: kaons mass difference

by expanding the two-point functions of the kaons we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{K^+} - M_{K^0} = & -2\Delta m_{ud}\partial_t \frac{\text{diagram 1}}{\text{diagram 2}} - (\Delta k_u - \Delta k_d)\partial_t \frac{\text{diagram 3}}{\text{diagram 4}} + (e_u^2 - e_d^2)e^2\partial_t \frac{\text{diagram 5}}{\text{diagram 6}} \\
 & - (e_u^2 - e_d^2)e^2\partial_t \frac{\text{diagram 7} + \text{diagram 8}}{\text{diagram 9}} + (e_u - e_d)e^2 \sum_f e_f \partial_t \frac{\text{diagram 10}}{\text{diagram 11}}
 \end{aligned}$$

- in order to use this formula for physical applications we first need to discuss the numerical determination of the electromagnetic critical masses Δk_u and Δk_d
- afterwards, the kaons mass difference can be used in order to extract Δm_{ud} and/or to define a renormalization prescription in order to separate QCD from QED isospin breaking corrections
- the OZI violating “sea–tadpole” contributions will be neglected in the following by relying on what we call the **electroquenched** approximation

tuning critical masses

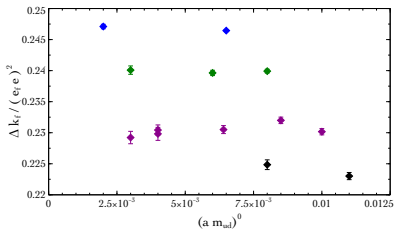
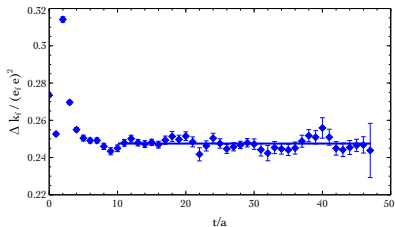
- according to Dashen's theorem, in the $SU(3)$ chiral limit, also in presence of electromagnetic interactions, the neutral pion and the neutral kaons are Goldstone's bosons

$$\lim_{\hat{m}_f \rightarrow 0} M_{\pi^0} = \lim_{\hat{m}_f \rightarrow 0} M_{K^0} = 0$$

- by using the formulae for the corrections to M_{π^0} and to M_{K^0} in the electroquenched approximation and by noting that for the exact vector symmetries of the chiral theory $\Delta k_d = \Delta k_s$, we get

$$\Delta k_f = -\frac{e_f^2}{2} e^2 \lim_{\hat{m}_f \rightarrow 0} \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 1} + 2 \text{diagram 2} \\ \text{diagram 3} \\ \text{diagram 4} \end{array} \right]$$

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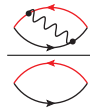
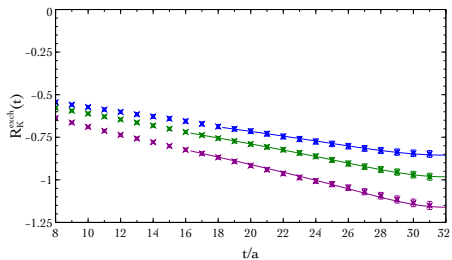
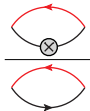
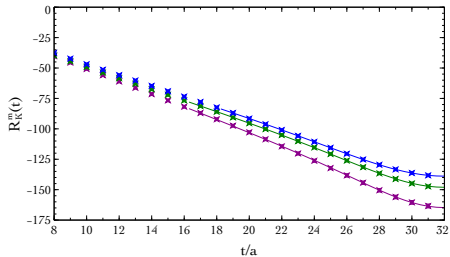
- an alternative determination of the electromagnetic critical masses, that *does not require chiral extrapolations*, can be obtained by using the following Ward identity of the twisted theory

$$\langle \nabla_\mu [\bar{\psi}_f \gamma^\mu \tau^1 \psi_f] (x) [\bar{\psi}_f \gamma^5 \tau^2 \psi_f] (0) \rangle \vec{g} = 0$$

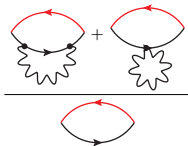
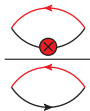
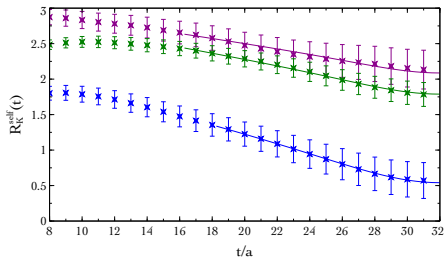
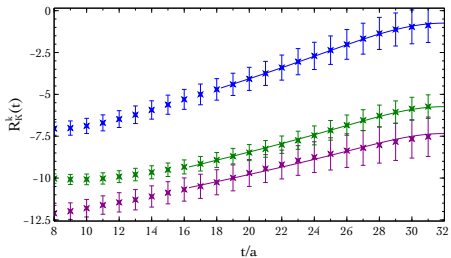
- by working as in the case of the pions and kaons masses and by expanding the previous relation, we get

$$\Delta k_f = -\frac{e_f^2}{2} e^2 \frac{\nabla_0 \left[\text{Diagram 1} + 2 \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} \right]}{\nabla_0 \text{Diagram 4}}$$

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- by using the numerical determinations of the critical masses counter terms, the formulae for $M_{K^+} - M_{K^0}$ can be used in order to separate QCD from QED isospin breaking contributions

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{K^+} - M_{K^0} = & -2\Delta m_{ud} \partial_t \frac{\text{Diagram 1}}{\text{Diagram 2}} - (\Delta k_u - \Delta k_d) \partial_t \frac{\text{Diagram 3}}{\text{Diagram 4}} + (e_u^2 - e_d^2) e^2 \partial_t \frac{\text{Diagram 5}}{\text{Diagram 6}} \\
 & - (e_u^2 - e_d^2) e^2 \partial_t \frac{\text{Diagram 7} + \text{Diagram 8}}{\text{Diagram 9}} + (e_u - e_d) e^2 \sum_f e_f \partial_t \frac{\text{Diagram 10}}{\text{Diagram 11}}
 \end{aligned}$$

The equation shows the decomposition of the kaon mass difference into various contributions. The diagrams are:

- Diagram 1: A quark loop with a crossed circle (QCD).
- Diagram 2: A quark loop with a crossed circle (QCD).
- Diagram 3: A quark loop with a crossed circle (QCD).
- Diagram 4: A quark loop (QCD).
- Diagram 5: A quark loop with a wavy photon line (QED).
- Diagram 6: A quark loop (QCD).
- Diagram 7: A quark loop with a wavy photon line (QED).
- Diagram 8: A quark loop with a star-shaped photon line (QED).
- Diagram 9: A quark loop (QCD).
- Diagram 10: A quark loop with a wavy photon line and a fermion loop (QED).
- Diagram 11: A quark loop (QCD).

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- to this end we need to observe that the bare parameters of the full theory Δm_{ud} and m_{ud} mix under renormalization

$$\Delta m_{ud} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\hat{m}_d}{Z_{m_d}} - \frac{\hat{m}_u}{Z_{m_u}} \right) = \frac{\Delta \hat{m}_{ud}}{Z_{ud}} + \frac{\hat{m}_{ud}}{Z_{ud}}$$

- this happens because the up and the down have different electric charge and

$$\frac{1}{Z_{ud}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{Z_{m_d}} + \frac{1}{Z_{m_u}} \right) \quad \frac{1}{Z_{ud}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{Z_{m_d}} - \frac{1}{Z_{m_u}} \right) \neq 0$$

- the mixing does not happen in isosymmetric QCD and we have

$$\frac{1}{Z_{ud}^0} = Z_P^0 \quad \frac{1}{Z_{ud}^0} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Delta m_{ud} = Z_P^0 \Delta \hat{m}_{ud} + \frac{\hat{m}_{ud}}{Z_{ud}}$$

- note that by neglecting all the contributions of $O(\alpha_{em} \Delta m_{ud})$ also the divergent contributions of this order appearing in the Δm_{ud} formula above have to be neglected

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- QCD and QED isospin breaking corrections to $M_{K^+} - M_{K^0}$ can be now conveniently separated according to

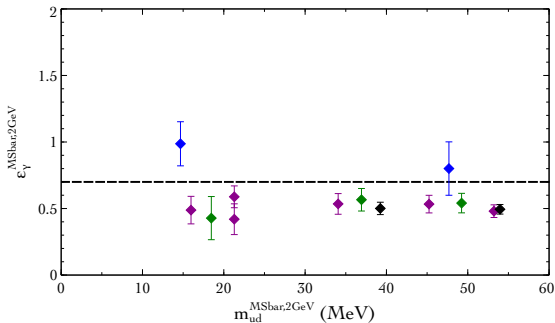
$$[M_{K^+} - M_{K^0}]^{QED}(\mu) =$$

$$-\frac{2\hat{m}_{ud}}{Z_{ud}} \partial_t \left(\text{diagram with } \otimes \right) - (\Delta k_u - \Delta k_d) \partial_t \left(\text{diagram with } \otimes \right) + (e_u^2 - e_d^2) e^2 \partial_t \left(\text{diagram with } \text{wavy line} \right)$$

The equation shows three terms representing QED corrections. The first term is a loop diagram with a quark loop and a photon loop, with a crossed circle (\otimes) in the quark loop. The second term is a similar loop diagram but with a red crossed circle (\otimes) in the quark loop. The third term is a loop diagram with a quark loop and a photon loop, with a wavy line representing a photon exchange between the quark and photon lines.

$$[M_{K^+} - M_{K^0}]^{QCD}(\mu) = -2\Delta\hat{m}_{ud} \left(Z_P^0 \partial_t \left(\text{diagram with } \otimes \right) \right)$$

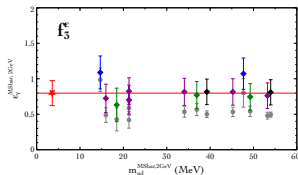
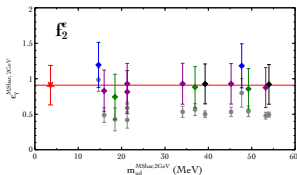
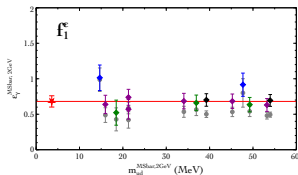
The equation shows the QCD correction term, which is a loop diagram with a quark loop and a photon loop, with a crossed circle (\otimes) in the quark loop, multiplied by $Z_P^0 \partial_t$.



- in what we call the **electroquenched** approximation, we have computed the Dashen's theorem breaking parameter

$$\epsilon_\gamma(\mu) = \frac{[M_{K^+}^2 - M_{K^0}^2]^{QED}(\mu)}{M_{\pi^+}^2 - M_{\pi^0}^2} - 1, \quad \epsilon_\gamma \sim 0.7 \text{ from FLAG}$$

- in our previous work on the calculation of QCD isospin breaking corrections we had used $\epsilon_\gamma = 0.7(5)$ to calculate the QCD corrections to the $K\ell 2$ decay rate



we have considered different fitting functions. in particular

$$f_1^\epsilon[E, A_\epsilon] = E + A_\epsilon [a^0]^2$$

$$f_2^\epsilon[E, A_\epsilon, B_\epsilon] = E + A_\epsilon [a^0]^2 + \frac{B_\epsilon}{L}$$

$$f_3^\epsilon[E, A_\epsilon, B_\epsilon] = E + A_\epsilon [a^0]^2 + \frac{B_\epsilon^2}{L^2}$$

- all the fits have $\chi^2/dof \sim 1$
- the data are flat within the quoted errors and we have not attempted a complicated $SU(3)$ chiral extrapolation. we get

$$\varepsilon_\gamma(\overline{MS}, 2GeV) = 0.79(18)(20) \longrightarrow [M_{K^+}^2 - M_{K^0}^2]^{QCD}(\overline{MS}, 2GeV) = -6.16(23)(25) \times 10^3 \text{ MeV}^2$$

$$M_{\pi^+}^2 - M_{\pi^0}^2 = 1.44(13)(16) \times 10^3 \text{ MeV}^2$$

$$\left[M_{K^+}^2 - M_{K^0}^2 \right]^{QED} (\overline{MS}, 2\text{GeV}) = 2.26(23)(25) \times 10^3 \text{ MeV}^2$$

$$\left[M_{K^+}^2 - M_{K^0}^2 \right]^{QCD} (\overline{MS}, 2\text{GeV}) = -6.16(23)(25) \times 10^3 \text{ MeV}^2$$

$$\varepsilon_\gamma(\overline{MS}, 2\text{GeV}) = 0.79(18)(20)$$

$$[\hat{m}_d - \hat{m}_u] (\overline{MS}, 2\text{GeV}) = 2.39(8)(18) \text{ MeV}$$

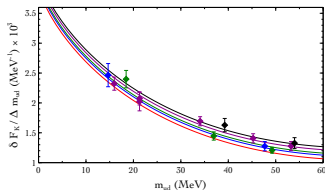
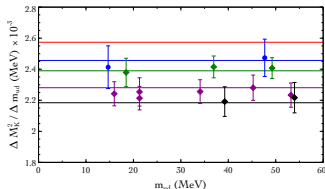
$$\frac{\hat{m}_u}{\hat{m}_d} (\overline{MS}, 2\text{GeV}) = 0.66(2)(8)$$

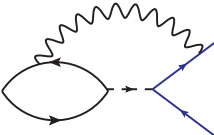
$$\hat{m}_u(\overline{MS}, 2\text{GeV}) = 2.4(2)(3) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\hat{m}_d(\overline{MS}, 2\text{GeV}) = 4.8(2)(3) \text{ MeV}$$

$$\left[\frac{F_{K^+}/F_{\pi^+}}{F_K/F_\pi} - 1 \right]^{QCD} (\overline{MS}, 2\text{GeV}) = -0.0040(3)(3)$$

$$[M_n - M_p]^{QCD} (\overline{MS}, 2\text{GeV}) = 2.9(6)(3) \text{ MeV}$$



- we have a method to calculate both QED and QCD leading isospin breaking effects on the lattice, and in general to handle with QED+QCD lattice simulations
 - we have shown that the ultraviolet divergences associated with a double insertion of the quarks electromagnetic currents can be removed, also with Wilson quarks, by a redefinition of the parameters of the full theory with respect to the corresponding isosymmetric quantities
 - we have provided a theoretically well defined prescription in order to separate QED from QCD isospin breaking corrections to hadron masses
 - first results are encouraging, though. . .
 - our results are affected by systematic errors: particularly important are the ones associated with chiral extrapolations and finite volume effects
 - finite volume effects may be large! this is not because of our method, this is physics: QED is a long-range interaction!
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- The diagram is a Feynman diagram. On the left, a quark loop is shown with two vertices connected by a wavy line representing a photon. On the right, a photon line splits into two electron lines, represented by blue lines with arrows indicating their direction.

- more work required for electromagnetic corrections to decay rates. . .