

D and *K* Physics from Fermilab/MILC

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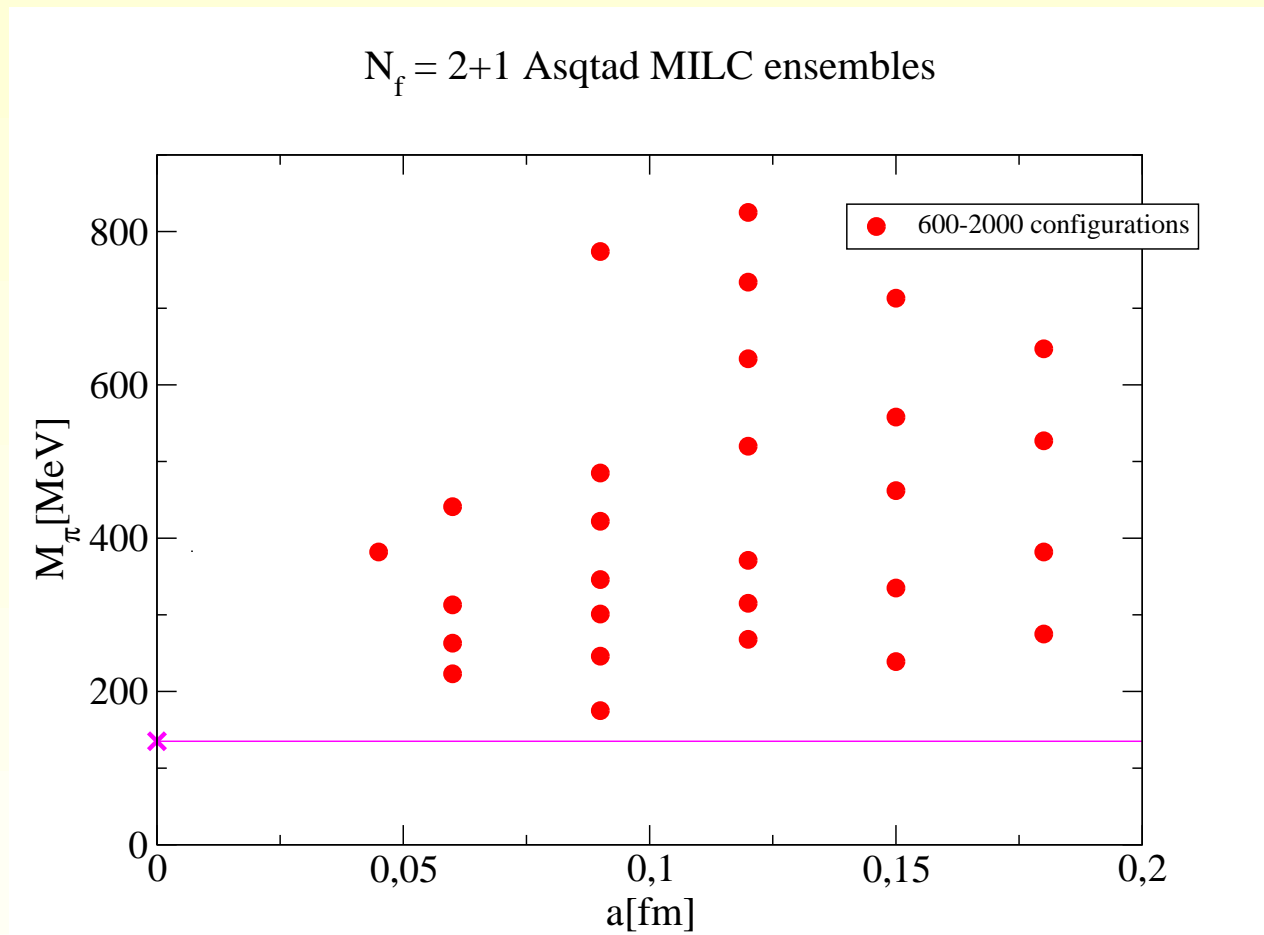
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1. Introduction

Last ten years: successful calculations of B -mesons and D -mesons weak matrix elements using Asqtad $N_f = 2 + 1$ MILC ensembles.



$D \rightarrow K(\pi)l\nu$, $B \rightarrow \pi l\nu$, $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}l\nu$, $B \rightarrow Dl\nu/B_s \rightarrow D_s l\nu$, decay constants f_B , f_{B_s} , f_D , f_{D_s} . And future plans: B and B_s mixing, $B \rightarrow Kll$, $B_s \rightarrow Kl\nu$... see [Andreas Kronfeld's talk](#)

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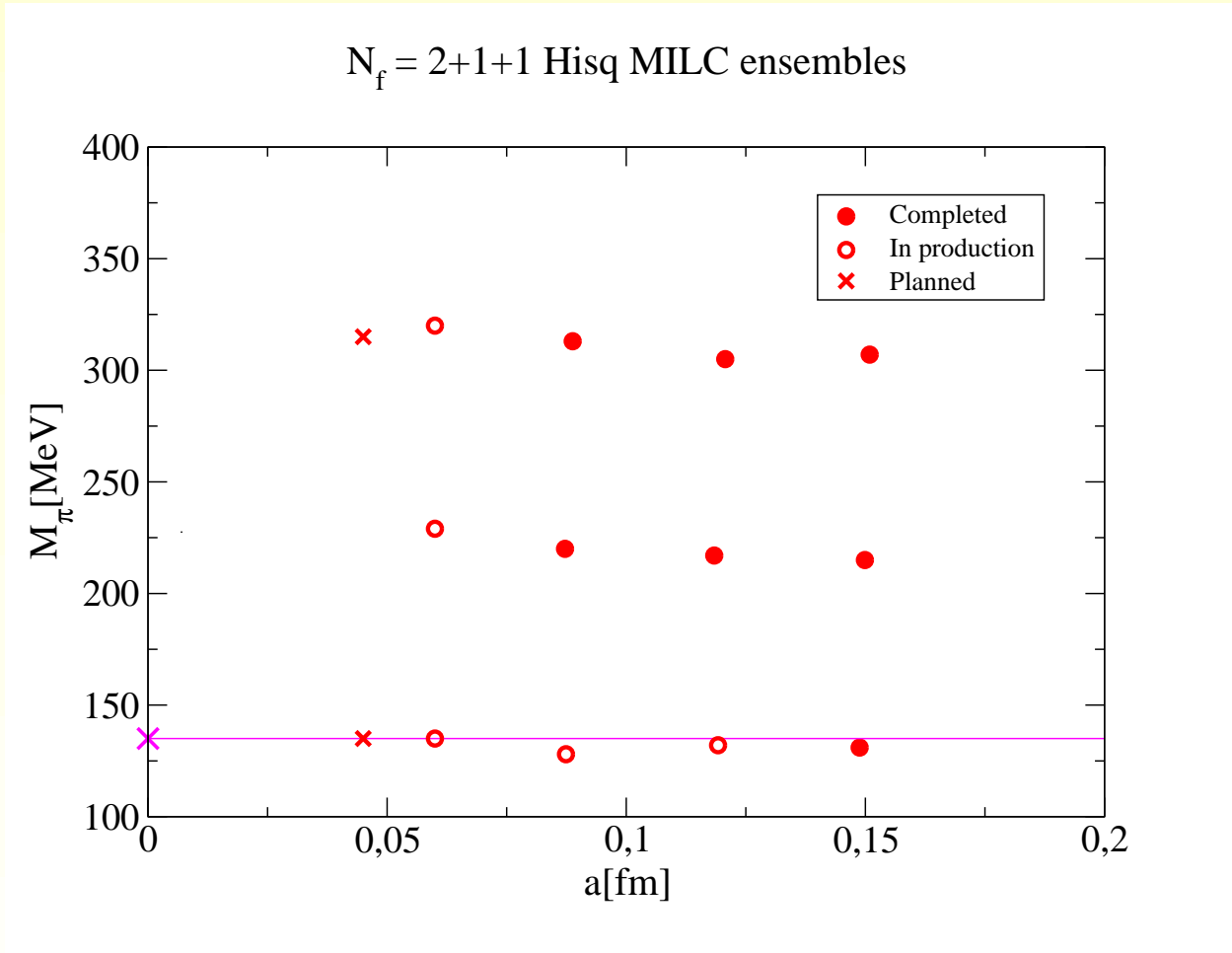
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1. Introduction: New library of gauge configurations.

Hisq sea quarks and same improved gauge action ($\mathcal{O}(n_f \alpha_s)$ correc.)



\sim 1000 configurations per ensemble.

* Including the effects of sea charm quarks.

* **Physical light quark masses** (plus $am_l = 0.2am_s, 0.1am_s$)

2. Decay constants

In parallel to configuration generation.

* Tuning of the am_l , am_s , and am_c quark masses.

** Sea strange and charm quark masses closer than physical values than for Asqtad MILC $N_f = 2 + 1$ configurations.

Sea strange quark mass tuned at the 7-1% level of accuracy

* Generating decay constant data: Pseudoscalar code run on all ensembles generated/being generated.

$$f_\pi, f_K, f_D, f_{D_s}$$

2.1. The decay constants ratio: f_K/f_π

One of the most thoroughly-studied quantities on the lattice.

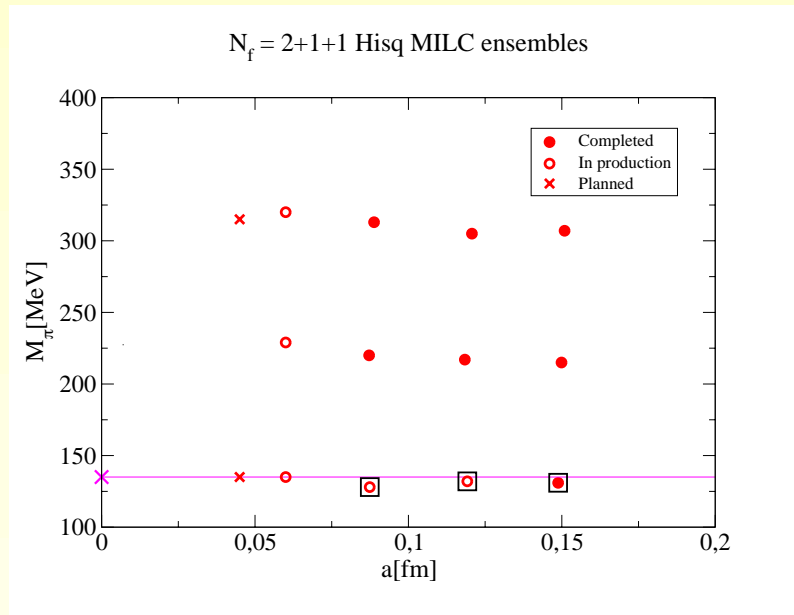
* Simple matrix element: $\langle 0 | \bar{a} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 b | P_{ab}(p) \rangle = i f_{P_{ab}} p_\mu \rightarrow$ precise calculations

* Ratio even more precise (cancellation of statistical fluctuations and systematic uncertainties).

Marciano 2004:

$$\underbrace{\frac{\Gamma(K \rightarrow l \bar{\nu}_l(\gamma))}{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow l \bar{\nu}_l(\gamma))}}_{\text{experiment}} \propto \frac{|V_{us}|^2}{|V_{ud}|^2} \underbrace{\left(\frac{f_K}{f_\pi}\right)^2}_{\text{lattice}}$$

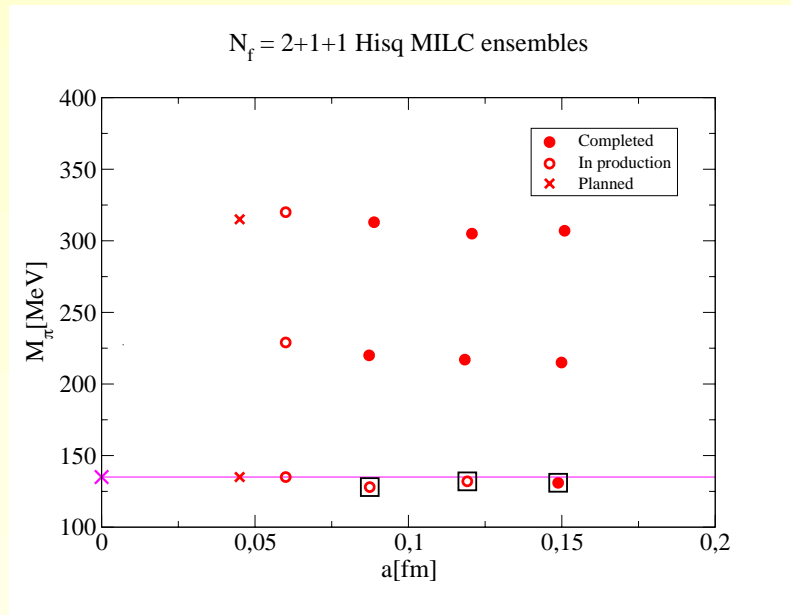
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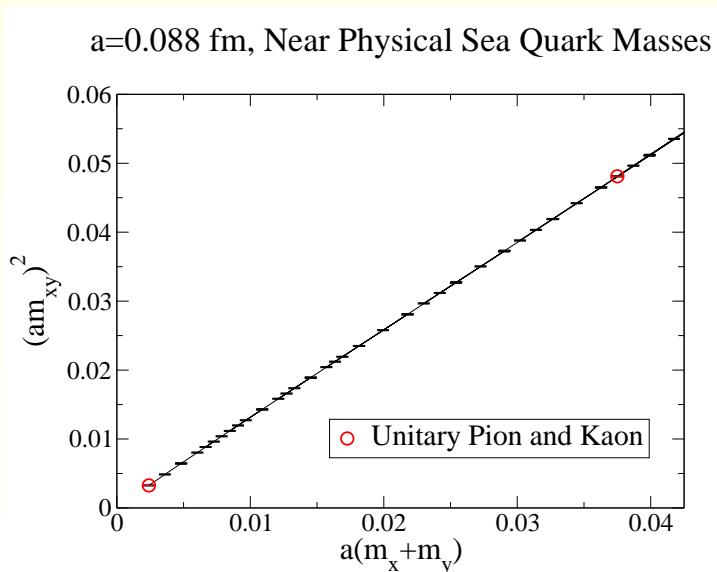
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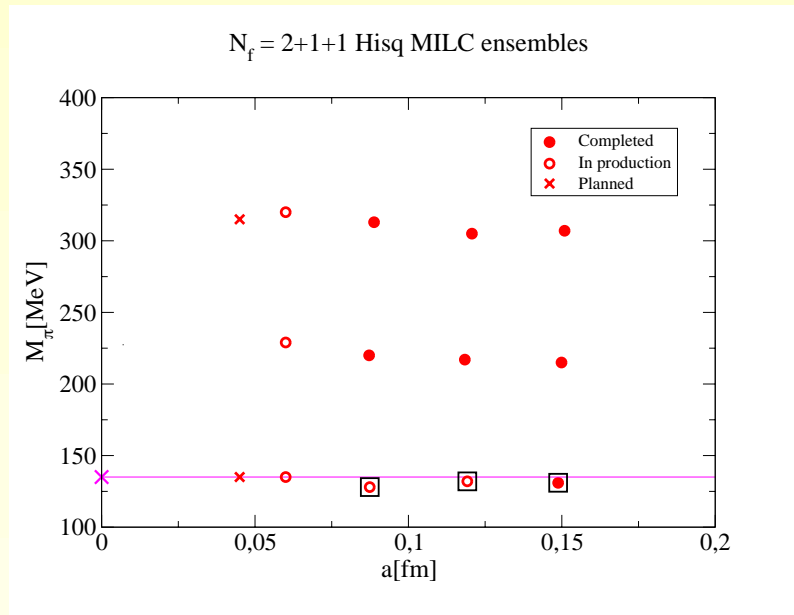
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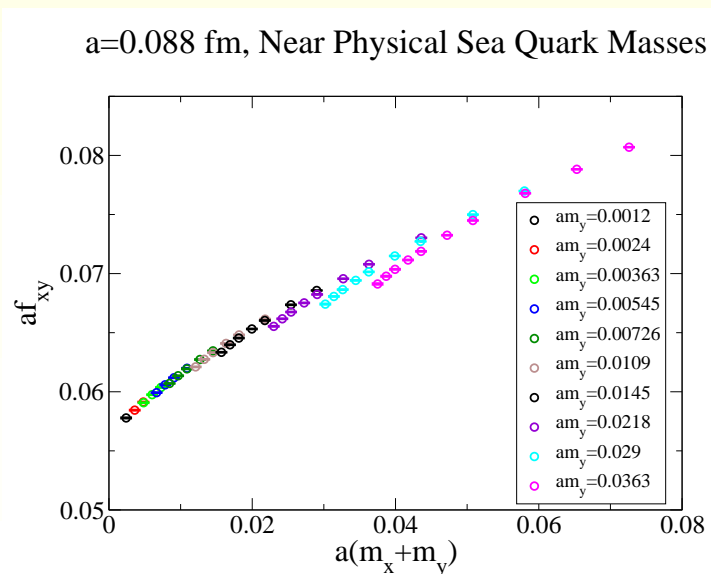
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$$af_{xy} = \begin{aligned} & A_2 + B_2 a(m_x + m_y) & (m_x, m_y) \sim (m_l, m_l) \\ & A_3 + B_3 a m_x + C_3 a m_y & (m_x, m_y) \sim (m_l, m_s) \end{aligned}$$

2.1. The decay constants ratio: f_K/f_π

On each ensemble

- * Require $(f_{xx}/m_{xx})^2 = (f_\pi/m_\pi)_{phys}^2$, solve for m_x to determine m_l^{phys} .

(Checked quadratic form makes little difference)

- * Require $(m_{ly}/m_{ll})^2 = (m_K/m_\pi)_{phys}^2$, solve for m_y to determine m_s^{phys} .

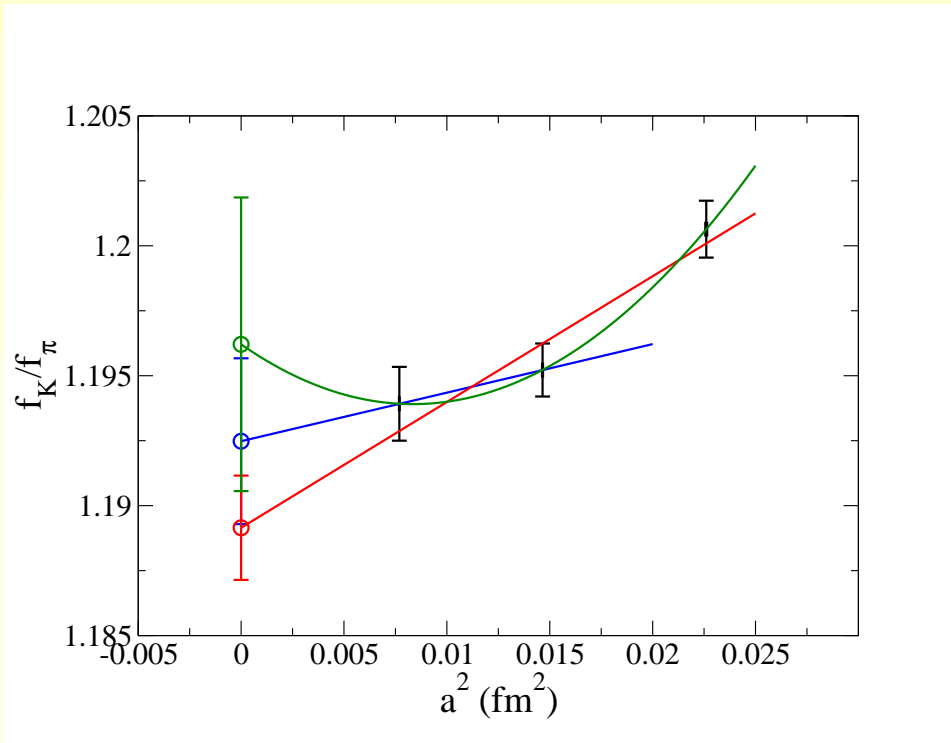
(Checked that using $2m_{xy}^2 - m_{xx}^2$ makes little difference)

- * Linearly interpolate f_{xx} and f_{xy} to $m_x = m_l^{phys}$ and $m_y = m_s^{phys}$ to obtain a value of $(f_K/f_\pi)_{phys}$.

We avoid using an intermediate scale like $r_1 \rightarrow$ reduced scale setting error

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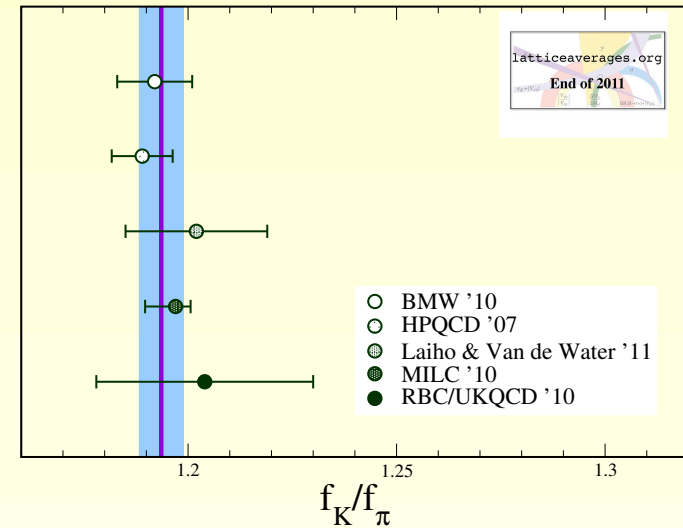
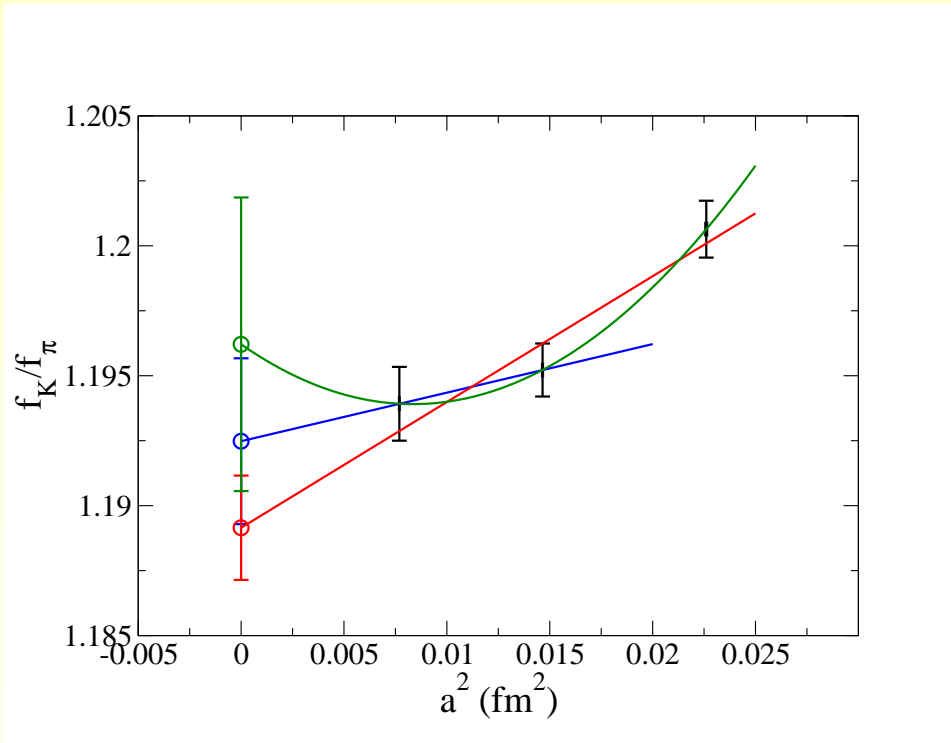
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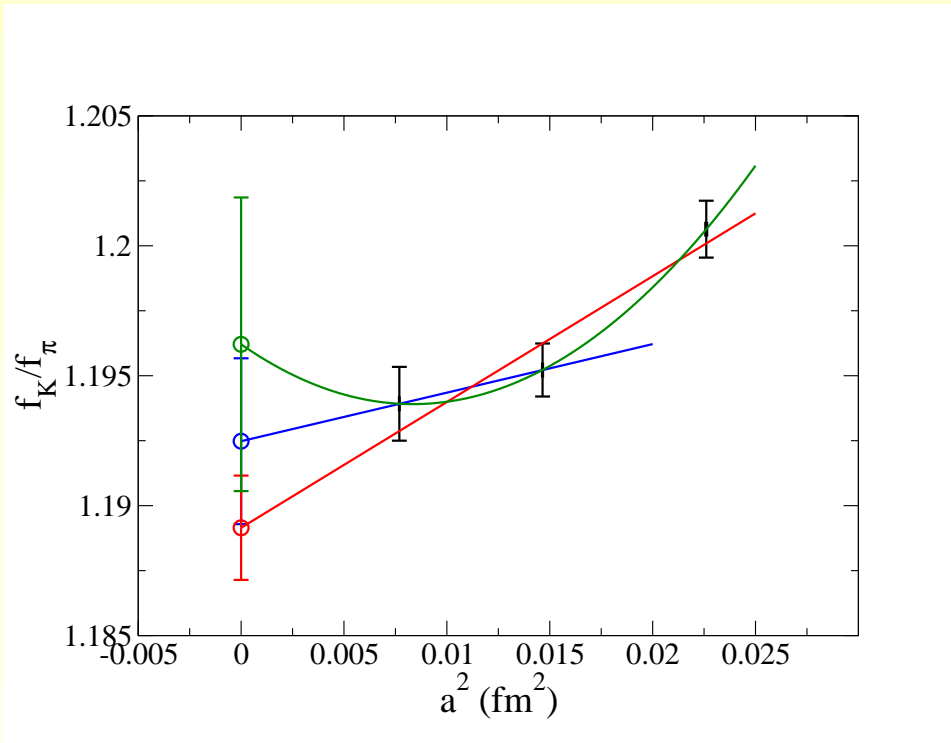
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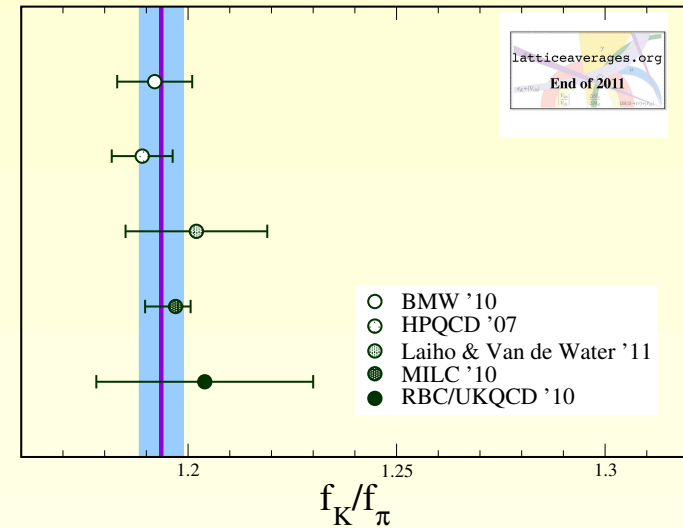
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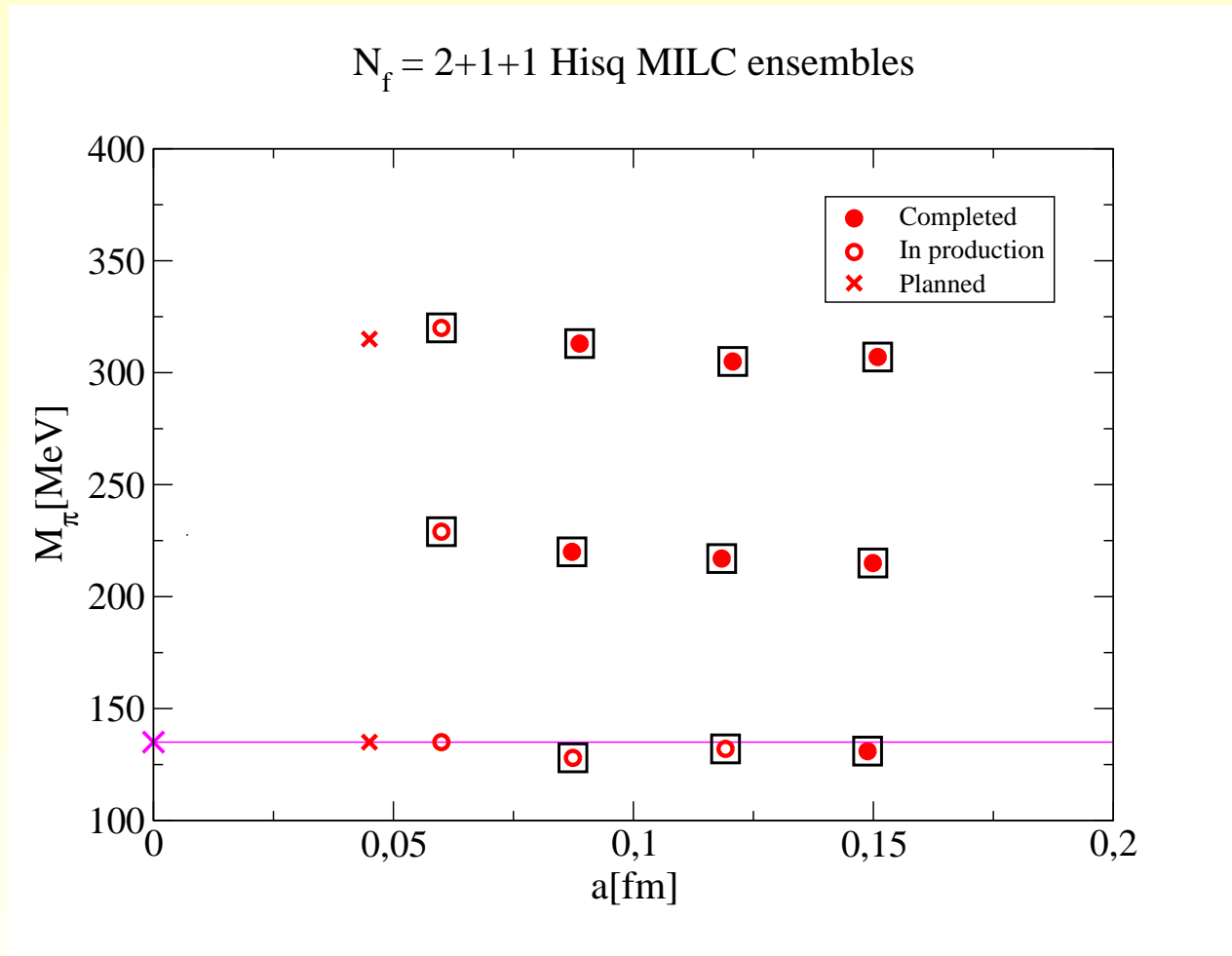
Experimental average:

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$$\left| \frac{V_{us}}{V_{ud}} \right| \times \frac{f_K}{f_\pi} = 0.2758(5).$$

$$\rightarrow |V_{us}| = 0.2251 \pm 0.0010_{lat} \pm 0.004_{exp}$$

2.1. Decay constants: f_D, f_{D_s}



Generate heavy-light decay constants with

$$am_h^{valence} = 0.9am_c^{sea}, am_c^{sea}$$

and 8 values of $am_l^{valence} = am_l^{sea} - am_s^{sea}$

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Procedure: on each ensemble

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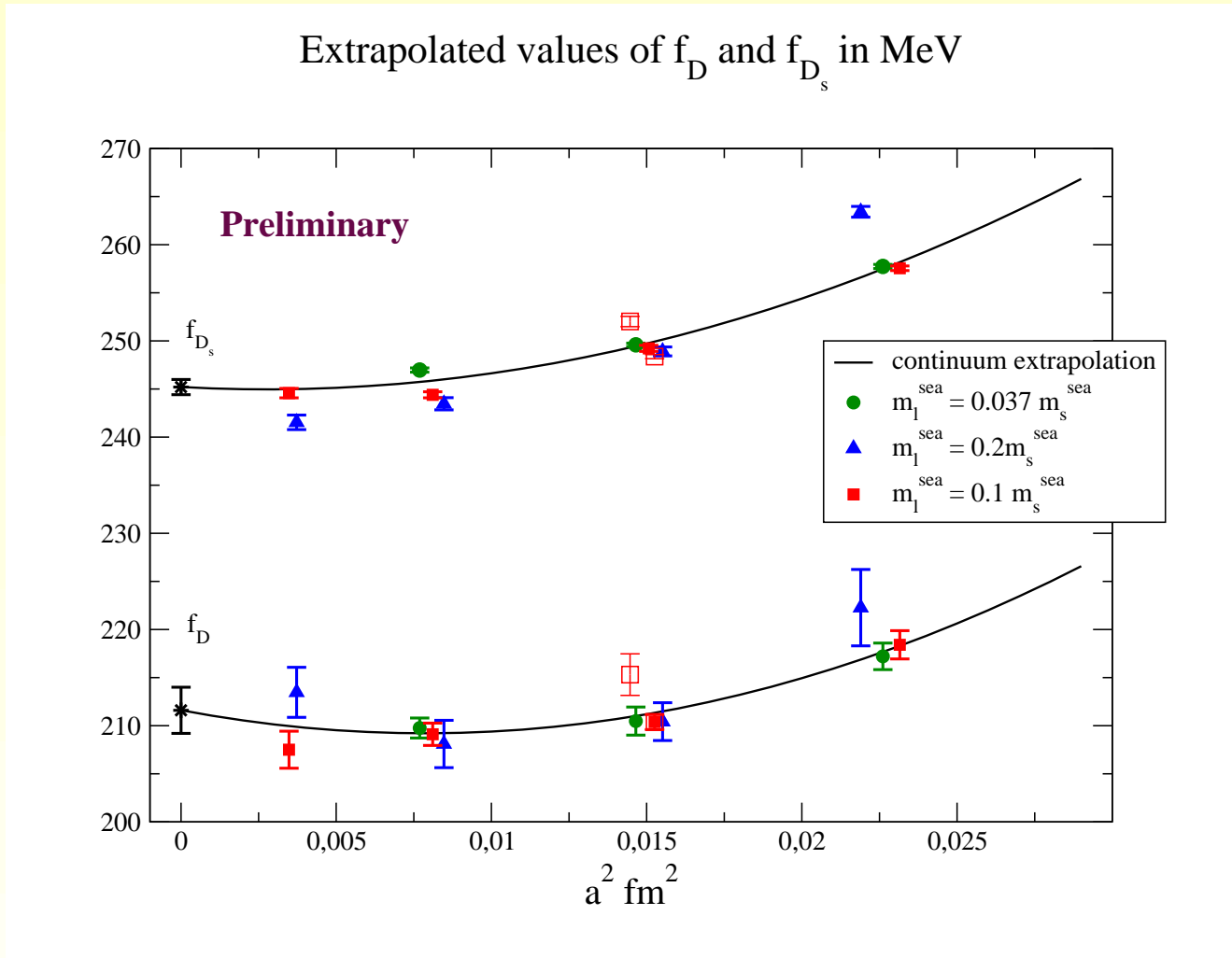
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Essentially: computing f_D/f_π and f_{D_s}/f_π and using f_π to set the scale

- * Do not use intermediate quantities like r_1

→ scale setting error becomes part of statistical error

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Valence masses
fixed at physical
values

Fits include ensembles with $am_l^{\text{sea}} = 0.1 m_s^{\text{sea}}$ and $m_l^{\text{sea}} = am_l^{\text{phys}}$

$$f_D(a) = f_D + c_1 a^2 + c_2 a^4 + c_3 (m_l^{\text{sea}} - m_l^{\text{physical}})$$

$$f_{D_s}(a) = f_{D_s} + c_1 a^2 + c_2 a^4 + c_3 (m_l^{\text{sea}} - m_l^{\text{physical}}) + c_4 a^2 (m_l^{\text{sea}} - m_l^{\text{physical}})$$

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Preliminary results ($N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$)

$$f_D = 211.6 \pm 2.4 \pm \text{systematic} \quad f_{D_s} = 245.2 \pm 0.8 \pm \text{systematic}$$

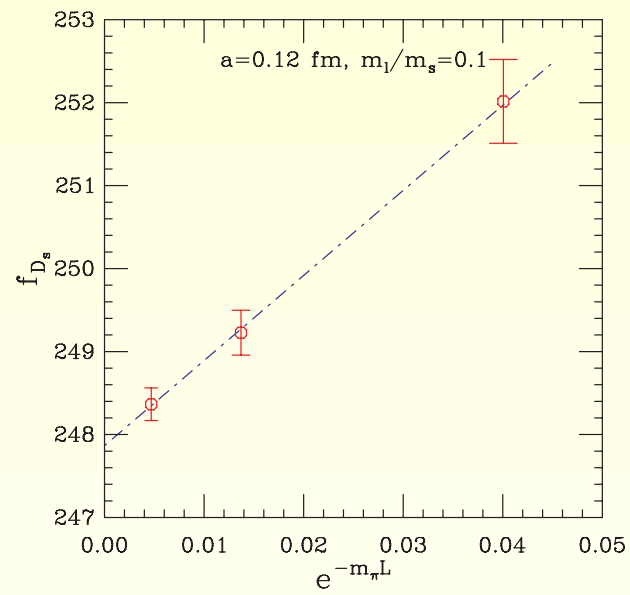
Collaboration	N_f	f_D (MeV)	f_{D_s} (MeV)
FNAL/MILC 2011	2+1	$218.9 \pm 2.3 \pm 11.0$	$260.1 \pm 2.3 \pm 10.5$
HPQCD 2010	2+1	$213.0 \pm 1.4 \pm 3.4$	$248.0 \pm 1.4 \pm 2.0$
PACS-CS 2011	2+1	$226 \pm 6 \pm 5$	$257 \pm 2 \pm 5$
ETMC 2011	2	212 ± 8	248 ± 6
Exper. av. 2012		206.7 ± 8.9	260.0 ± 5.4
Rosner & Stone			

To do: Systematic errors

* Choice of continuum fit function, charm/strange mass uncertainty, finite volume, electromagnetic and isospin breaking effects, ...

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Finite volume corrections



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Look for new physics effects in the comparison of $|V_{us}|$ from helicity suppressed $K_{\mu 2}$ versus helicity allowed K_{l3}

$$R_{\mu 23} = \left(\frac{f_K/f_\pi}{f_+^{K\pi}(0)} \right) \times \text{experim. data on } K_{\mu 2} \pi_{\mu 2} \text{ and } K_{l3}$$

* In the SM $R_{\mu 23} = 1$. Not true for some BSM theories (for example, charged Higgs)

* Current value $R_{\mu 23} = 0.999(7)$, limited by lattice inputs.

3.1. Semileptonic decays at $q^2 = 0$

First step in the project: Form factors at zero momentum transfer.

Extraction of CKM matrix elements

$$K \rightarrow \pi l \nu \quad \rightarrow \quad |V_{us}|$$

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3.1.1. Semileptonic decays at $q^2 = 0$: Methodology

For the extraction of $|V_{f_1 f_2}|$ we need $f_+^{P_1 \rightarrow P_2}(0)$ for mesons P_1 and P_2 .

$$\langle P_2 | V^\mu | P_1 \rangle = f_+^{P_1 P_2}(q^2) \left[p_{P_1}^\mu + p_{P_2}^\mu - \frac{m_{P_1}^2 - m_{P_2}^2}{q^2} q^\mu \right] + f_0^{P_1 P_2}(q^2) \frac{m_{P_1}^2 - m_{P_2}^2}{q^2} q^\mu$$

We use **HPQCD** method for D semileptonic decays

* In the continuum, the **Ward identity** ($S = \bar{a}b$)

$$q^\mu \langle P_2 | V_\mu^{cont.} | P_1 \rangle = (m_b - m_a) \langle P_2 | S^{cont.} | P_1 \rangle$$

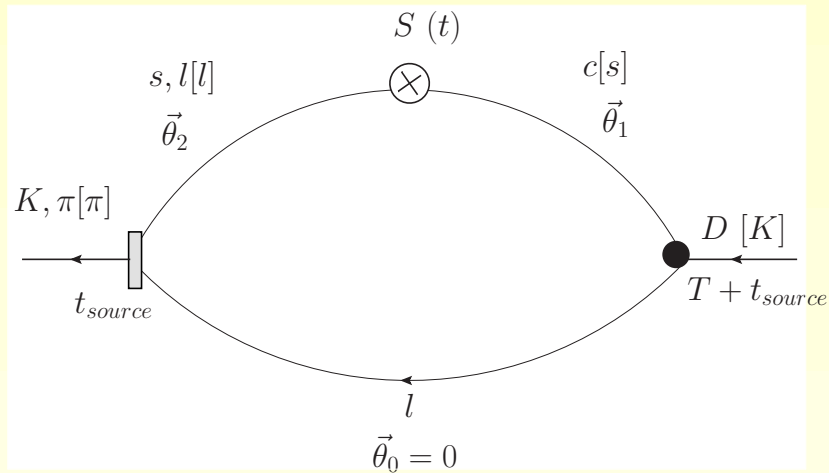
relates matrix elements of vector and scalar currents. In the lattice

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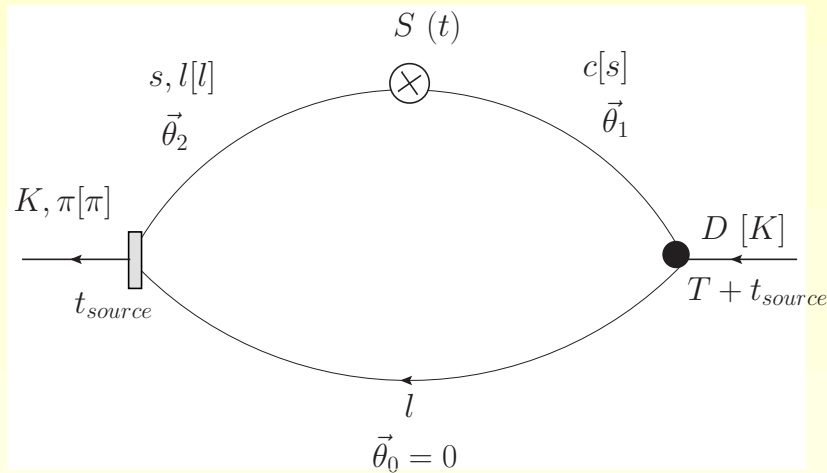


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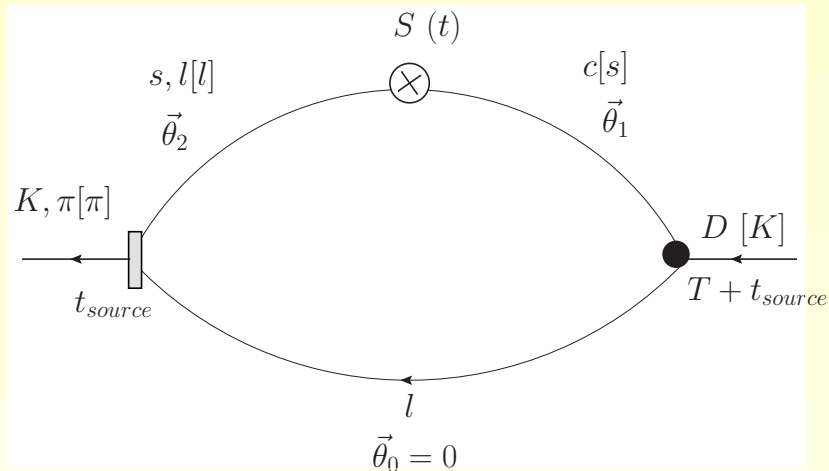
$$q(x + L\hat{k}) = e^{i\theta_k} q(x)$$

** $K \rightarrow \pi l \nu$: momentum injected on the K ($\vec{\theta}_1 \neq 0$) or π ($\vec{\theta}_2 \neq 0$)

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3.1.3. Testing the method: Hisq valence on $N_f = 2 + 1$ Asqtad configurations

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* Light valence quark masses: $\frac{m_l^{val}(Hisq)}{m_s^{phys}(Hisq)} = \frac{m_l^{sea}(Asqtad)}{m_s^{phys}(Asqtad)}$

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Strategy: Combined fits of two-point functions with and without external momentum (4) + three-point functions with $q^2 = 0$ (2):

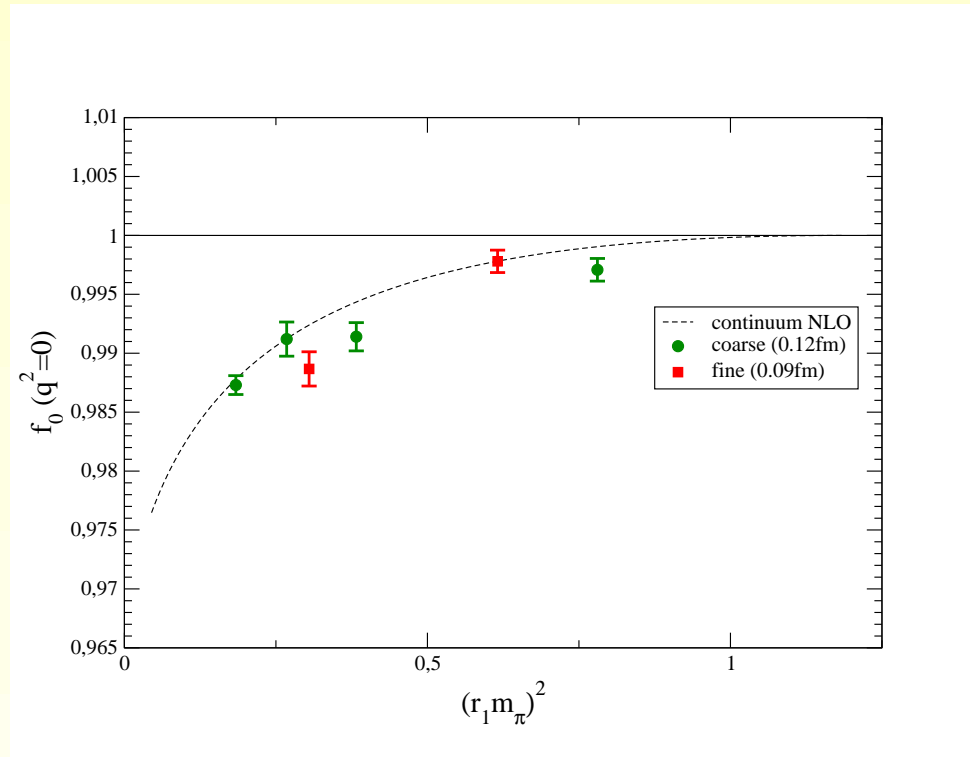
$$C_{3pt}^{K \rightarrow \pi}(t, T; \vec{p}_\pi, \vec{p}_K) = \sum_{m, n=0}^{N_{exp}^{3pt}} (-1)^{mt} (-1)^{n(T-t)} A_{mn}(q^2) \sqrt{Z_m^{\pi, \vec{p}_\pi} Z_n^{K, \vec{p}_K}} \times \left(e^{-E_\pi^m t - E_\pi^m (L_t - t)} \right) \left(e^{-E_K^n (T-t) - E_K^n (T - L_t + t)} \right);$$

$$C_{2pt}^P(t; \vec{p}_P) = \sum_m^{N_{exp}^{2pt}} (-1)^{mt} \sqrt{Z_m^{P, \vec{p}_P}} e^{-E_P^m t - E_P^m (L_t - t)} \quad P = \pi, K$$

- * Use several (3 or 4) values of T (even and odd) to fit out oscillatory terms.

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Statistical errors 0.1 – 0.15%.



Find it very difficult to make changes in the fitting procedure that change the fit results outside the one statistical sigma range

- * Choice of source-sink separation $T's$, number of exponentials, time ranges, fitting function.

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Chiral-continuum extrapolation for $f_+^{K\pi}(0)$

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* At finite lattice spacing systematic errors can enter due to violations of the dispersion relation needed to derive

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Dispersion relation violations in our data are $\leq 0.15\%$.

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Fitting strategy I:

One-loop (NLO) partially quenched Staggered χ PT +

two-loop (NNLO) continuum χ PT by **Bijnens & Talavera**, arXiv:0303103.

$$f_+^{K\pi}(0) = 1 + f_2^{PQ,stag.}(a) + C_a \left(\frac{a}{r_1} \right)^2 + f_4^{cont.}(\text{logs}) + f_4^{cont.}(L'_i s) \\ + r_1^4 (m_\pi^2 - m_K^2)^2 \left[C_6'^{(1)} + C_6^a \left(\frac{a}{r_1} \right)^2 \right]$$

where $C_6'^{(1)} \propto C_{12} + C_{34} - L_5^2$.

L_5 is an $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$ LEC and $C_{12,34}$ are $\mathcal{O}(p^6)$ LECs

- * Staggered χ PT: logs are known non-analytical functions of $m_{K,\pi}$ containing dominant taste-breaking a^2 effects
→ remove the dominant light discretization errors

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Fitting strategy II:

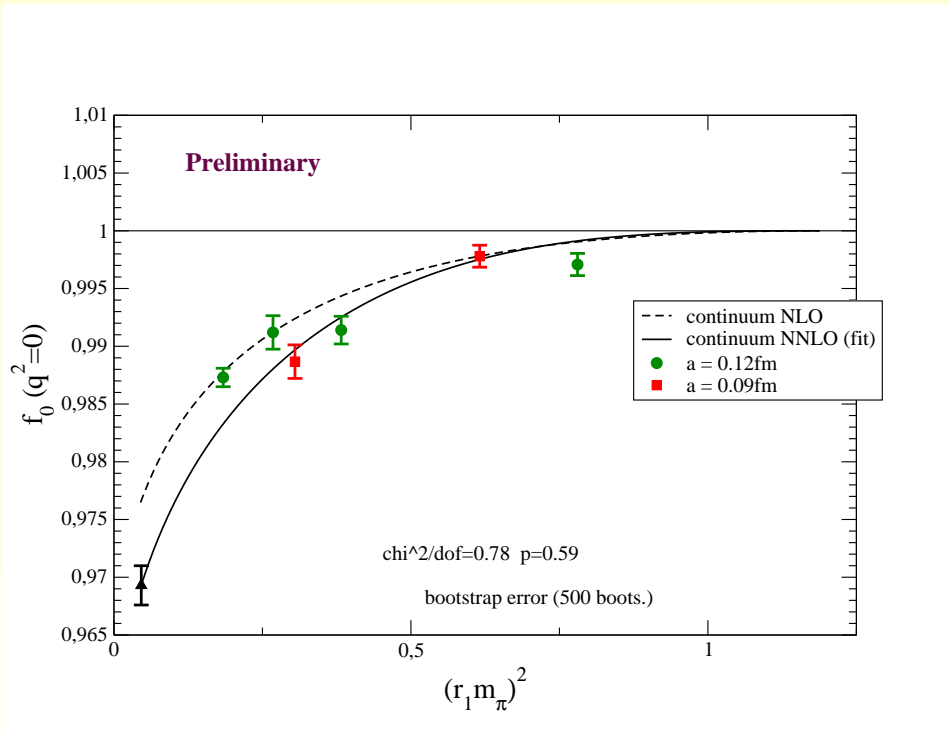
One-loop (NLO) partially quenched Staggered χ PT + analytical parametrization of NNLO terms.

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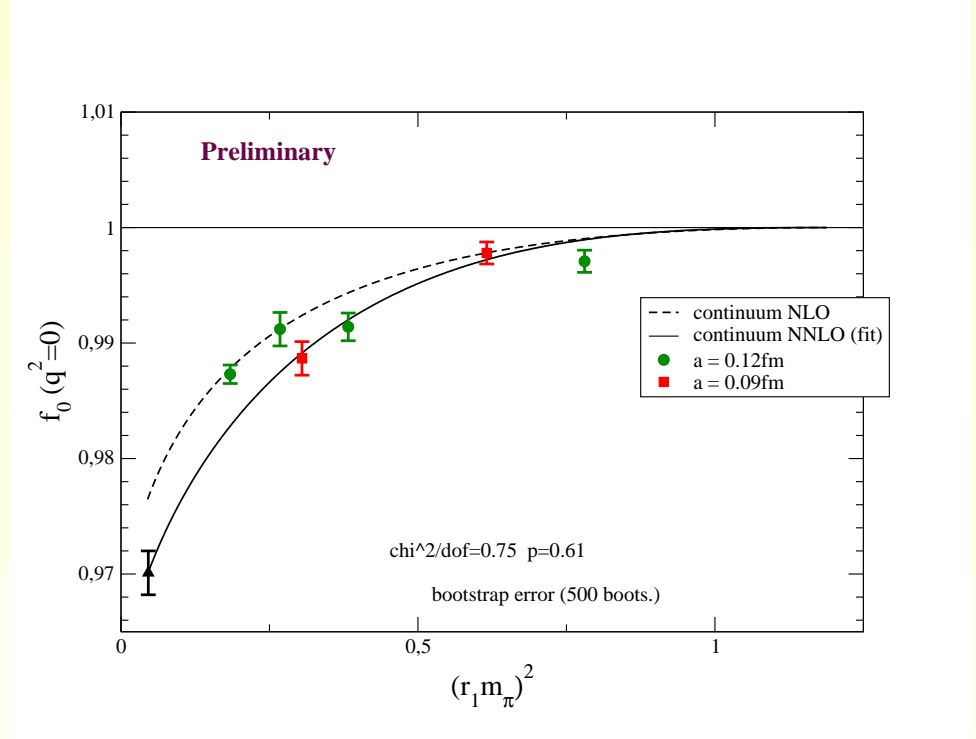
* We also add terms of order $(r_1 m_\pi)^4$, $(r_1 m_\pi)^2 \log((r_1 m_\pi)^2)$.

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Results: some examples

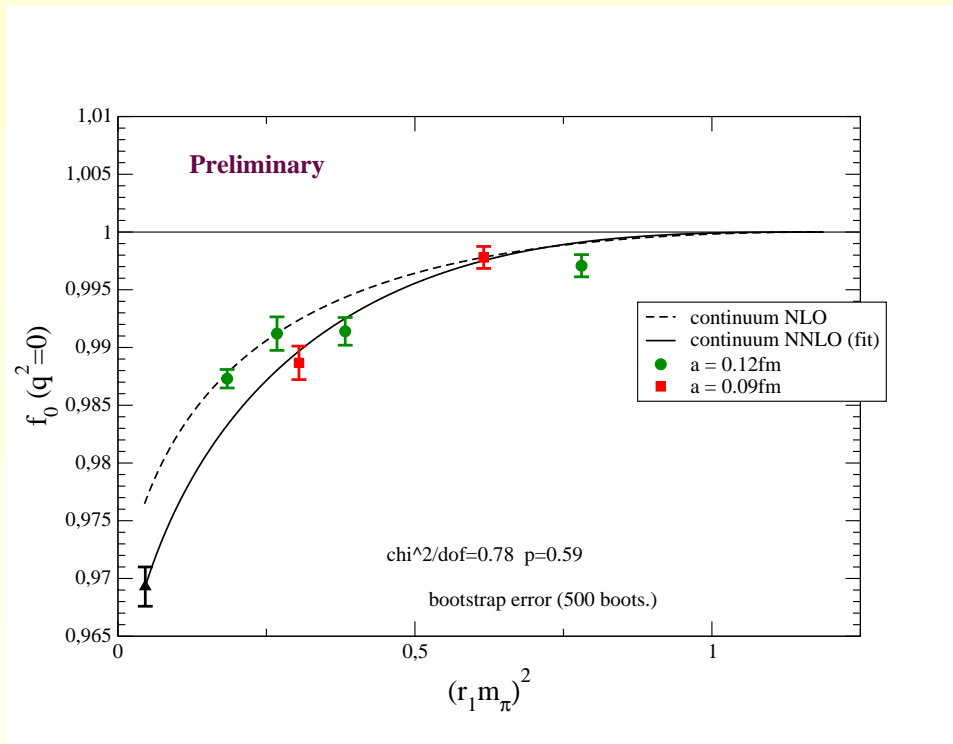


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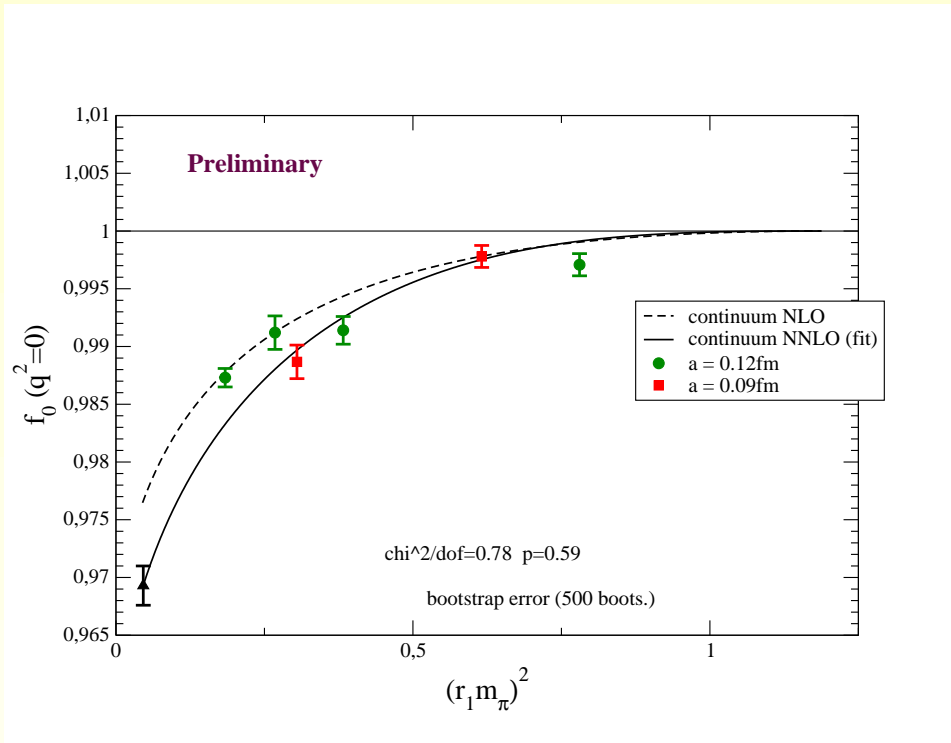
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Expected error budget

- * Statistical+extrapolation : 0.2-0.3%
- * Chiral extrapolation/fitting function: 0.1%
- * Discretization errors: 0.15%
- * Mistuning of m_s on the sea: 0.2%

TOTAL: 0.35-0.5%

Already competitive with the state-of-the-art calculation [RBC/UKQCD](#),
[EPJC69\(2010\)](#)

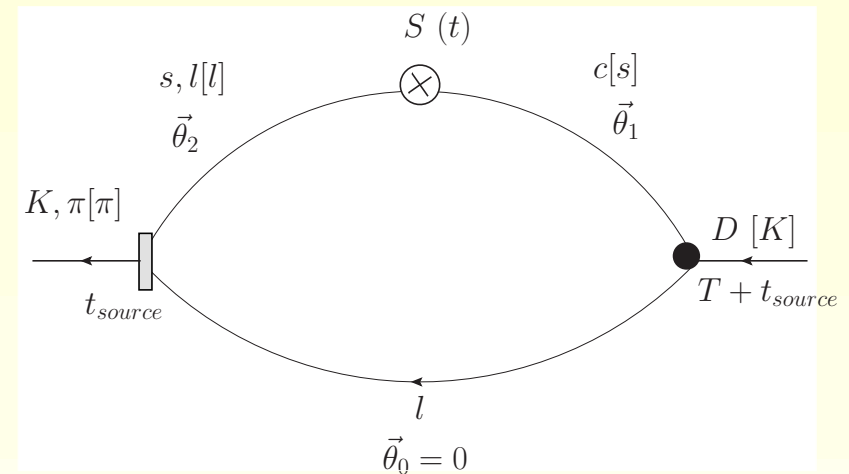
3.1.4 Semileptonic $q^2 = 0$ form factors with

$$N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$$

$K \rightarrow \pi l \nu$ and $D \rightarrow K(\pi) l \nu$ at $q^2 = 0$ on the MILC Hisq

$N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ ensembles.

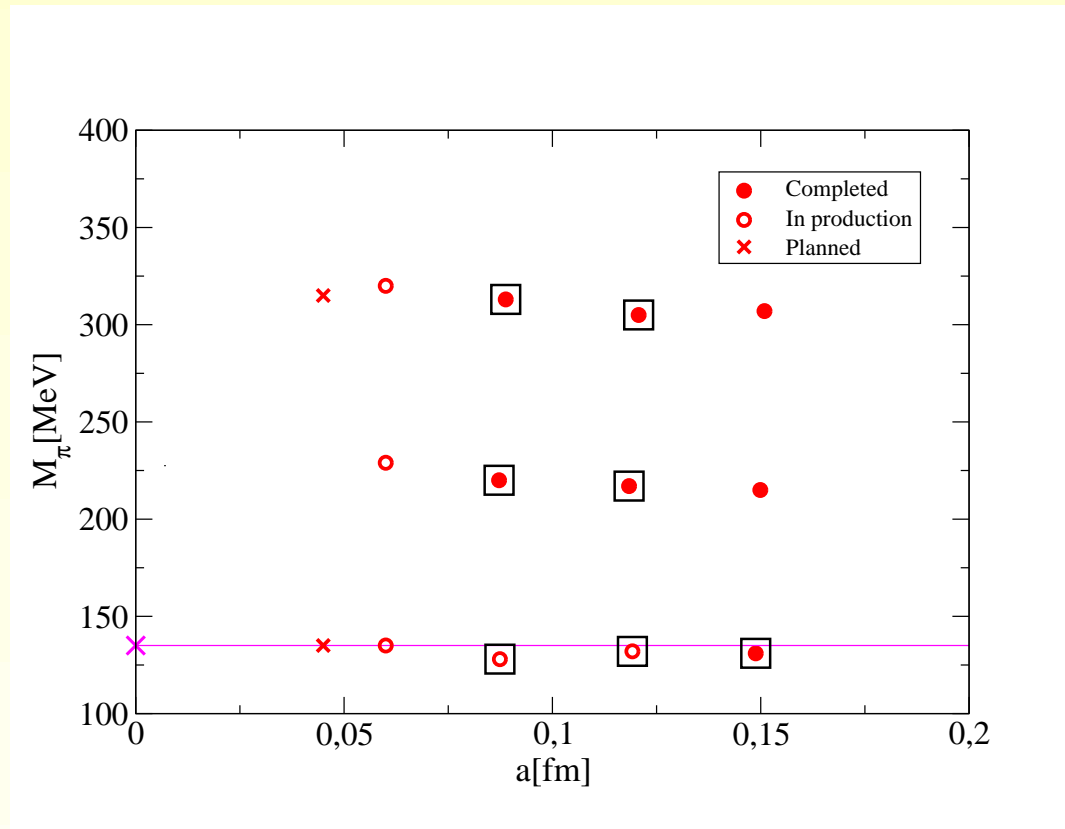
- * Reduction of discretization errors from the sea.
- * Physical quark masses.
- * Incorporates effects of m_c^{sea} .



- * Better tuning of sea quark masses ($am_s^{phys} - am_s^{sea} \leq 7\%$, much smaller for $0.09 fm$ ensembles).

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$$am_l^{valence} = am_l^{sea}, \quad am_s^{valence} = am_s^{physical}, \quad \text{and}$$
$$am_c^{valence} = am_c^{sea}, \quad \approx am_c^{phys}.$$

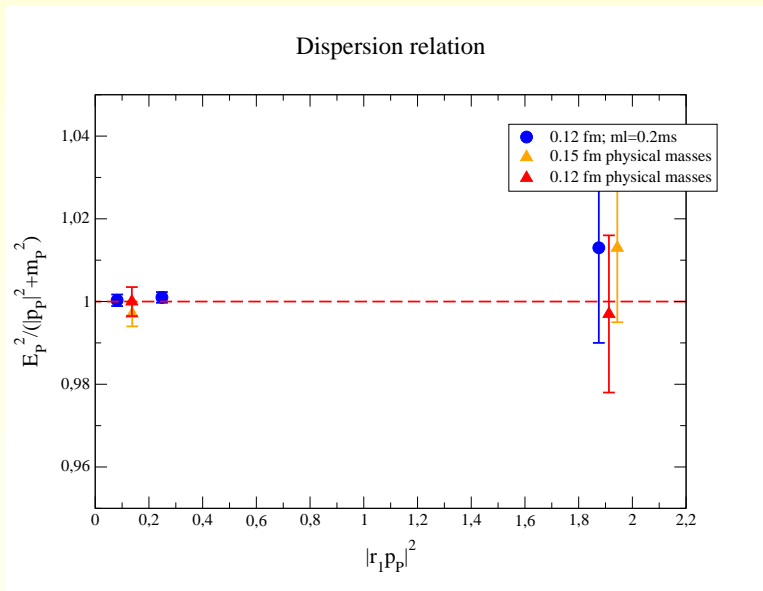
Not all final am_c^{phys} are available \rightarrow simulate at two values of the charm quark mass.

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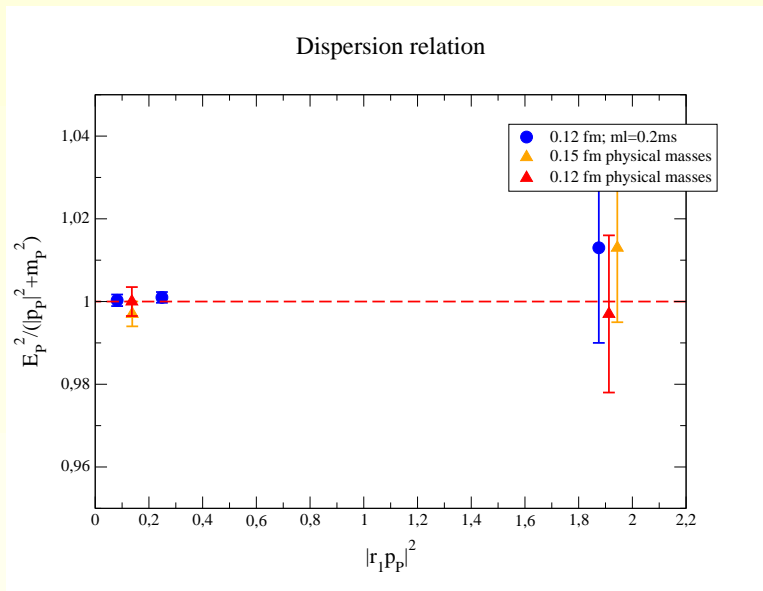


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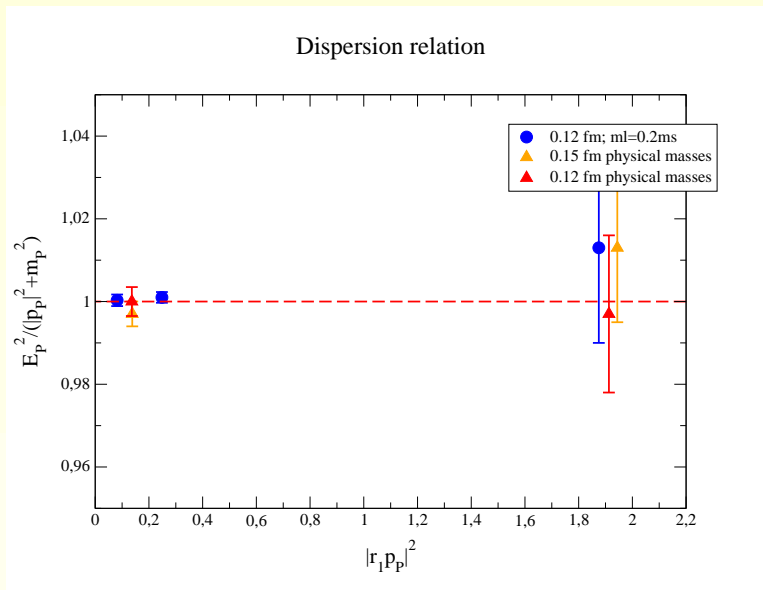
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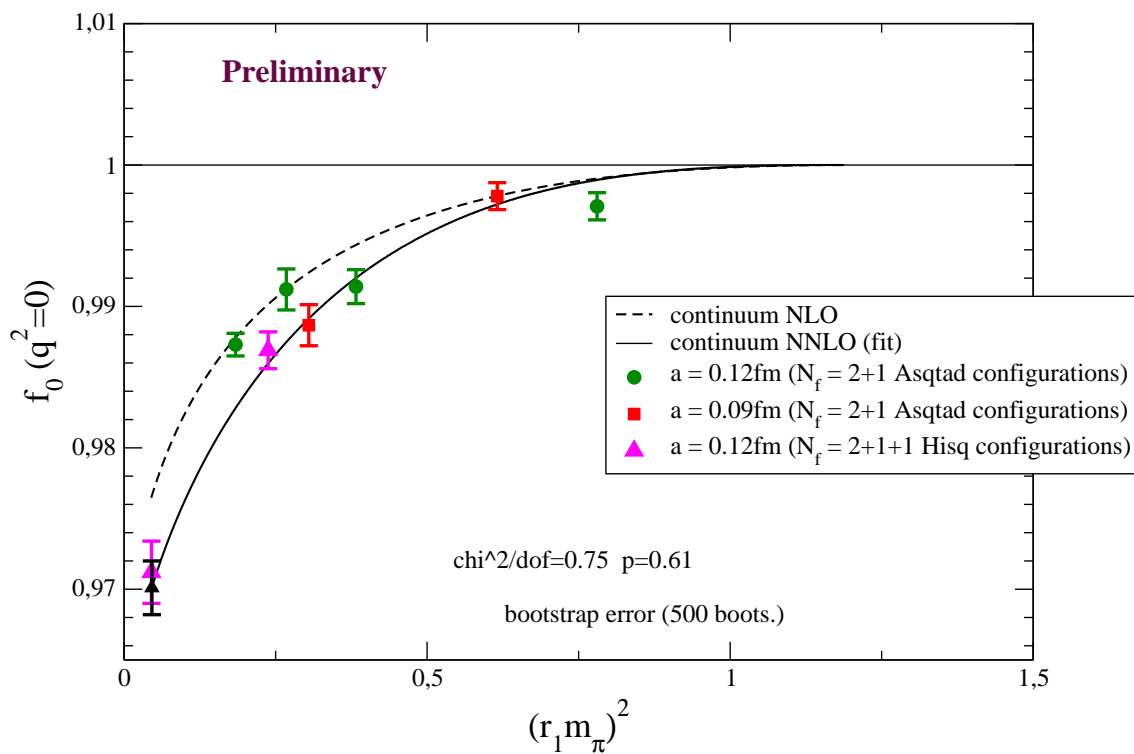
* Statistical errors are larger for smaller quark masses and the external momentum ap needed for $q^2 = 0$ is larger.

→ Need data at unphysical light masses to reduce statistic and discretization errors

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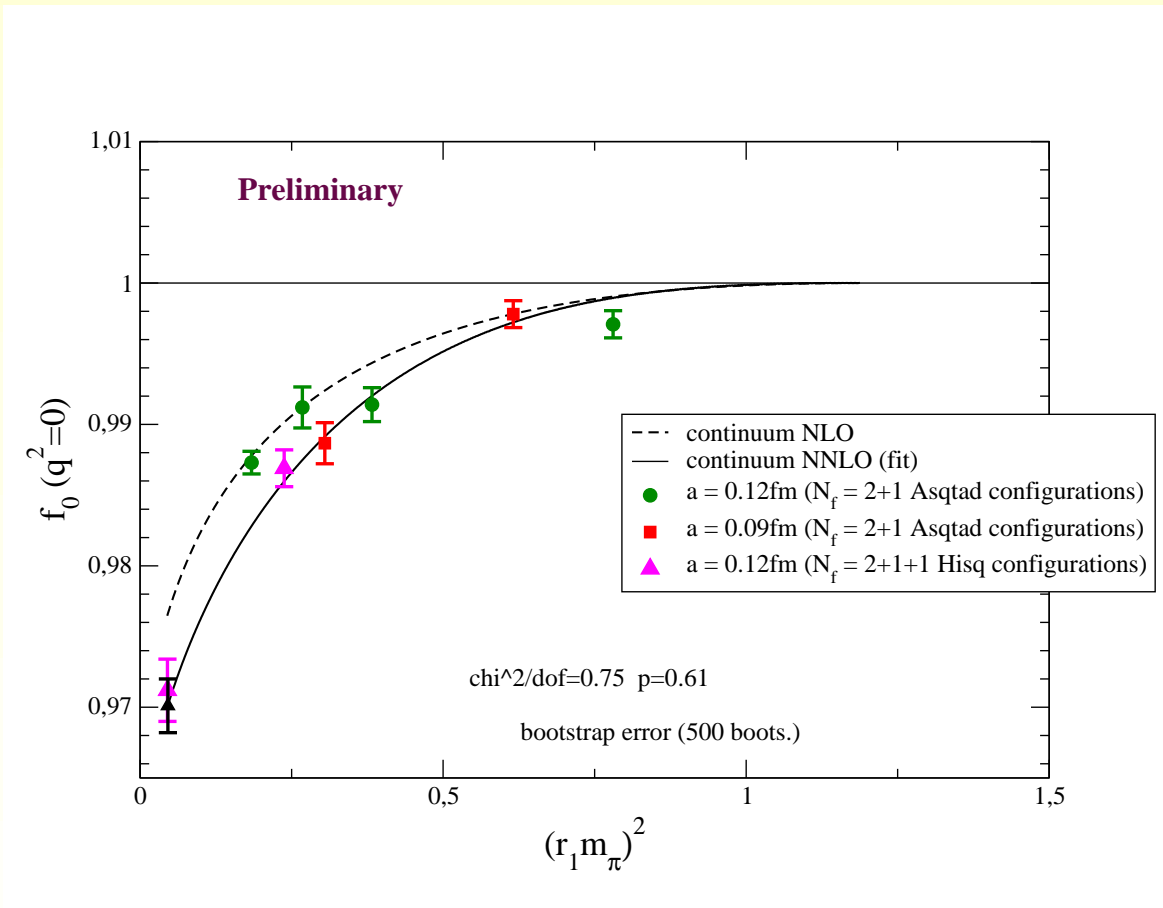
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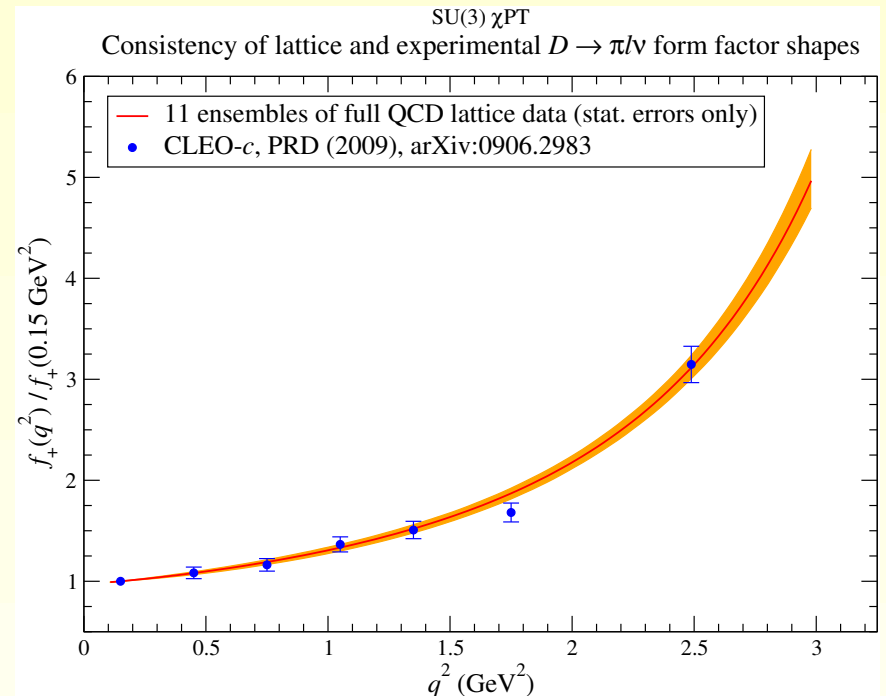
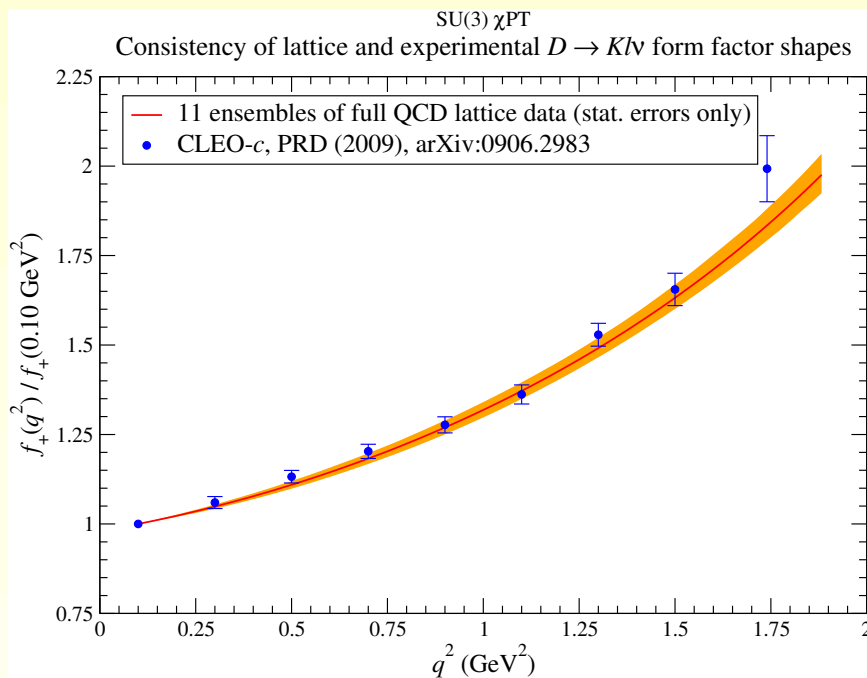
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$D \rightarrow K(\pi)l\nu$ Still working on the (more challenging) fits

3.2. D semileptonic decays at $q^2 \neq 0$

Comparing shape of the form factor with experiment:



... to test lattice QCD \rightarrow use same methodology for another semileptonic decays: $B \rightarrow \pi l \nu$, $B \rightarrow K l \bar{l}$, $B_s \rightarrow K l \nu$...

* Global fit in SM + experiment $\rightarrow |V_{cs(cd)}|$ and $f_+^{D \rightarrow K(\pi)}(q^2)$

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... meanwhile, we expect to finish the analysis of the shape of the form factors parametrizing $D \rightarrow K(\pi)l\nu$ on the $N_f = 2 + 1$ Asqtad ensembles with Fermilab charm quarks.

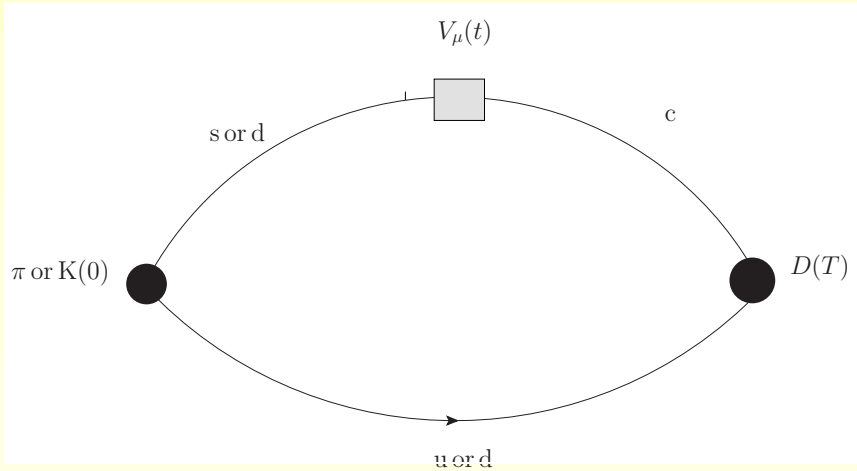
* Same strategy as for FNAL/MILC B -physics programme described by [Andreas Kronfeld's talk](#)

** MILC staggered Asqtad $N_f = 2 + 1$ configurations.

** Staggered Asqtad formulation for the light ($u = d$ and s) quarks.

** Fermilab charm quarks.

3.2. $D \rightarrow K(\pi)l\nu$ at $q^2 \neq 0$: Fermilab charm

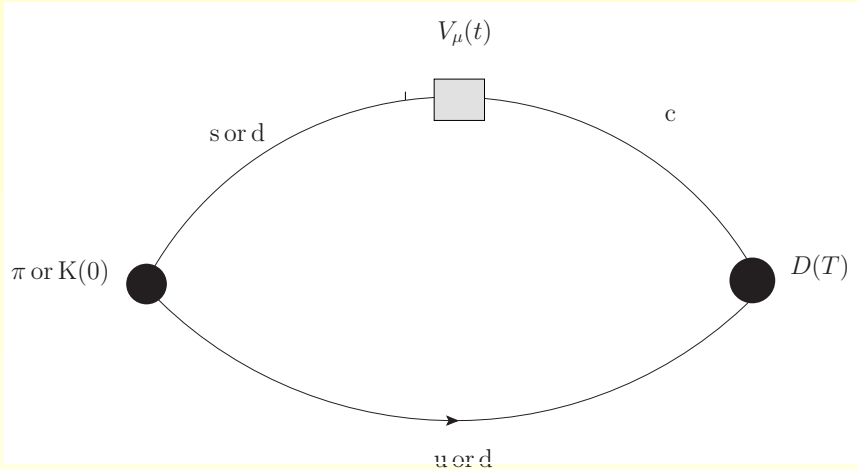


$$\langle P | V^\mu | D \rangle = f_+(q^2) \left[p_D^\mu + p_P^\mu - \frac{m_D^2 - m_P^2}{q^2} q^\mu \right]$$

$$+ f_0(q^2) \frac{m_D^2 - m_P^2}{q^2} q^\mu$$

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A more convenient choice of parameters is

$$\langle P|V_\mu|D\rangle = \sqrt{2m_D} \left[v_\mu f_{\parallel}^{D \rightarrow P}(q^2) + p_{\perp\mu} f_{\perp}^{D \rightarrow P}(q^2) \right]$$

with $f_{\parallel}^{D \rightarrow P}(q^2) = \frac{\langle \pi|V^0|D\rangle}{\sqrt{2m_D}}$ and $f_{\perp}^{D \rightarrow P}(q^2) = \frac{\langle \pi|V^i|D\rangle}{\sqrt{2m_D}} \frac{1}{p_\pi^i}$ (D rest frame)

3.2. $D \rightarrow K(\pi)l\nu$ at $q^2 \neq 0$: Fermilab charm

Improved vector currents.

* Rotate heavy quark field to remove $\mathcal{O}(1/m_c)$ errors:

$$\psi_c \rightarrow \Psi_c = \left(1 + ad_1 \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{D}_{lat}\right) \psi_c$$

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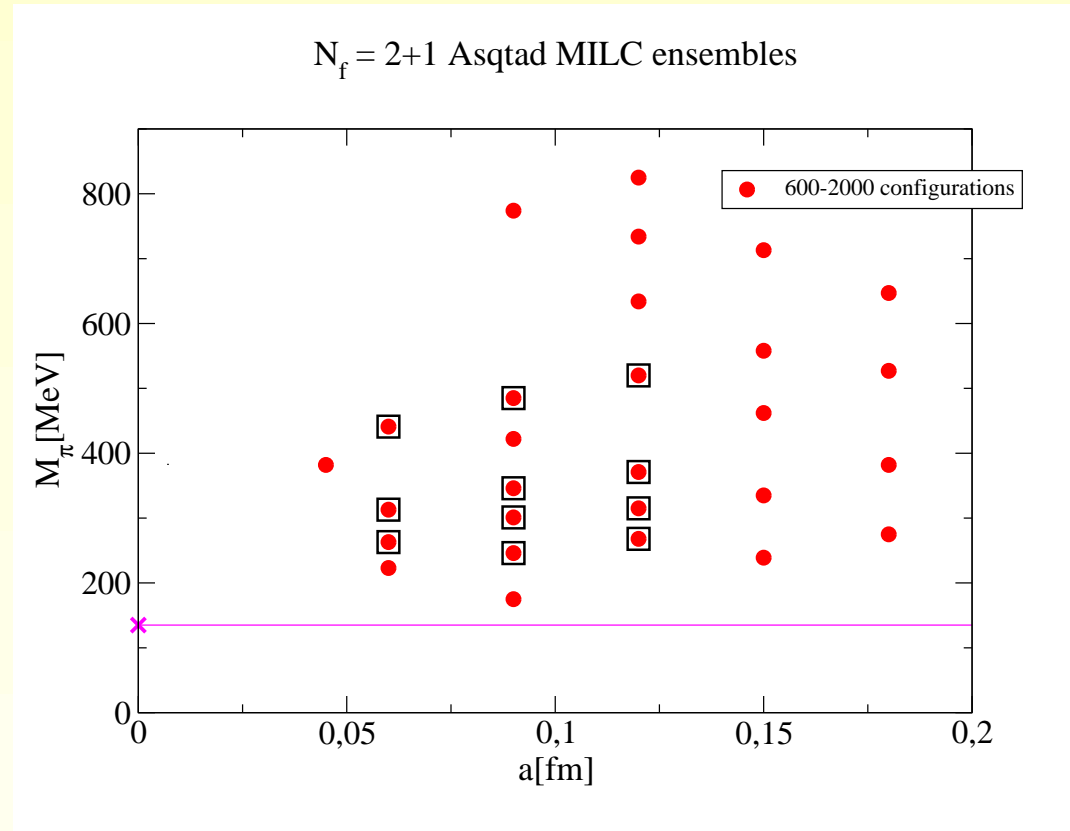
Renormalization: Partially non-perturbative.

$$Z_{V_\mu}^{hl} = \rho_{V_\mu}^{hl} \sqrt{Z_V^{hh} Z_V^{ll}}$$

* Z_V^{hh} and Z_V^{ll} determined non-perturbatively

* $\rho_{V_\mu}^{hl}$ perturbative correction (one-loop). Small correction.

3.2. $D \rightarrow K(\pi)l\nu$ at $q^2 \neq 0$: Fermilab charm



- * Physical charm masses and $am_{l(s)}^{valence} = am_{l(s)}^{sea}$.
- * Four source-sink separations (two physical ones and two for constructing ratio).
- * 5 values of q^2 (= values outgoing momenta).

3.2. $D \rightarrow K(\pi)l\nu$ at $q^2 \neq 0$: Fermilab charm

Generate 3-point and 2-point correlation functions

$$C_{3,\mu}^{D \rightarrow K(\pi)}(t, T; \vec{p}_{K(\pi)}) = \sum_{\vec{x}, \vec{y}} e^{i\vec{p}_{K(\pi)} \cdot \vec{y}} \langle \mathcal{O}_{K(\pi)}(t_{source}, \vec{0}) V_\mu(t, \vec{y}) \mathcal{O}_D^\dagger(T, \vec{x}) \rangle$$

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\rightarrow fit to a plateau or plateau + dominant oscillating contamination

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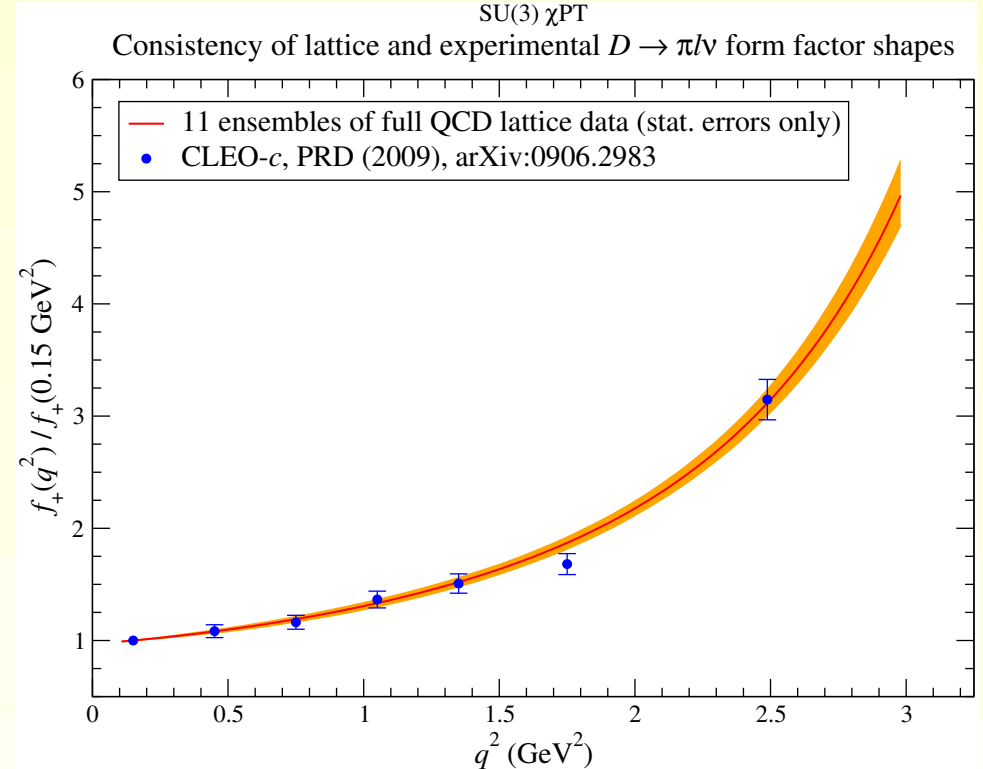
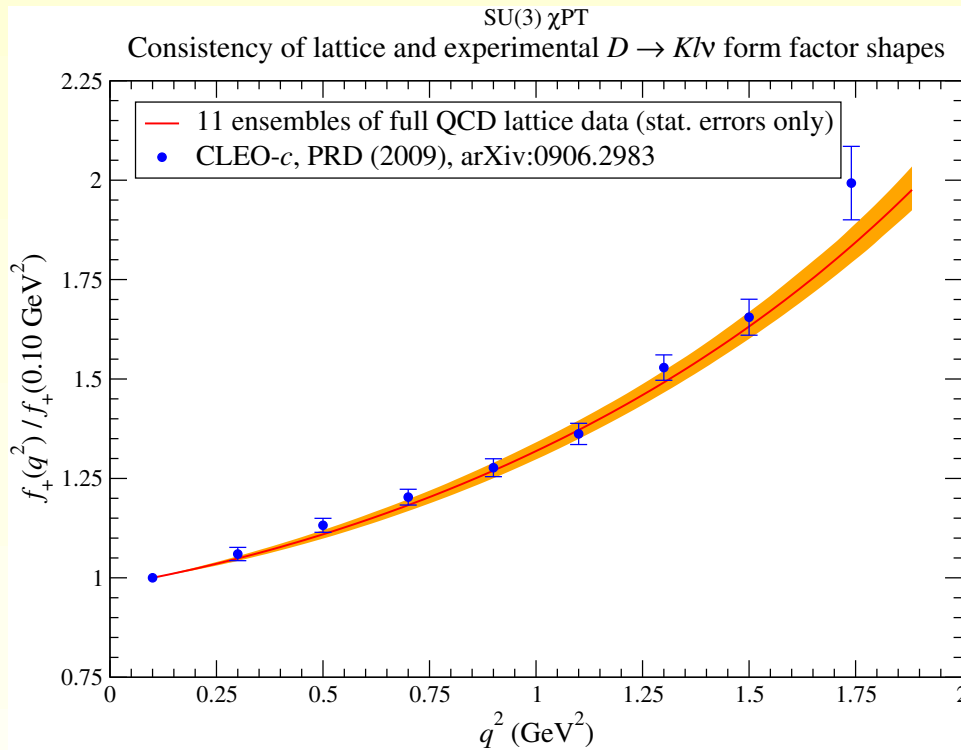
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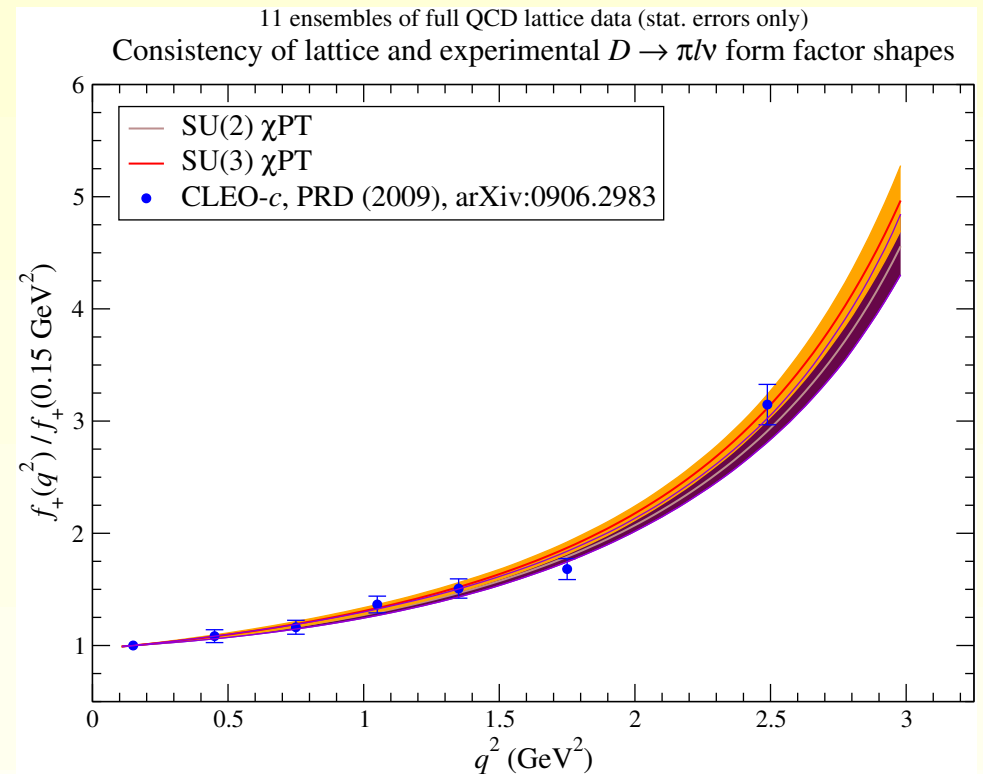
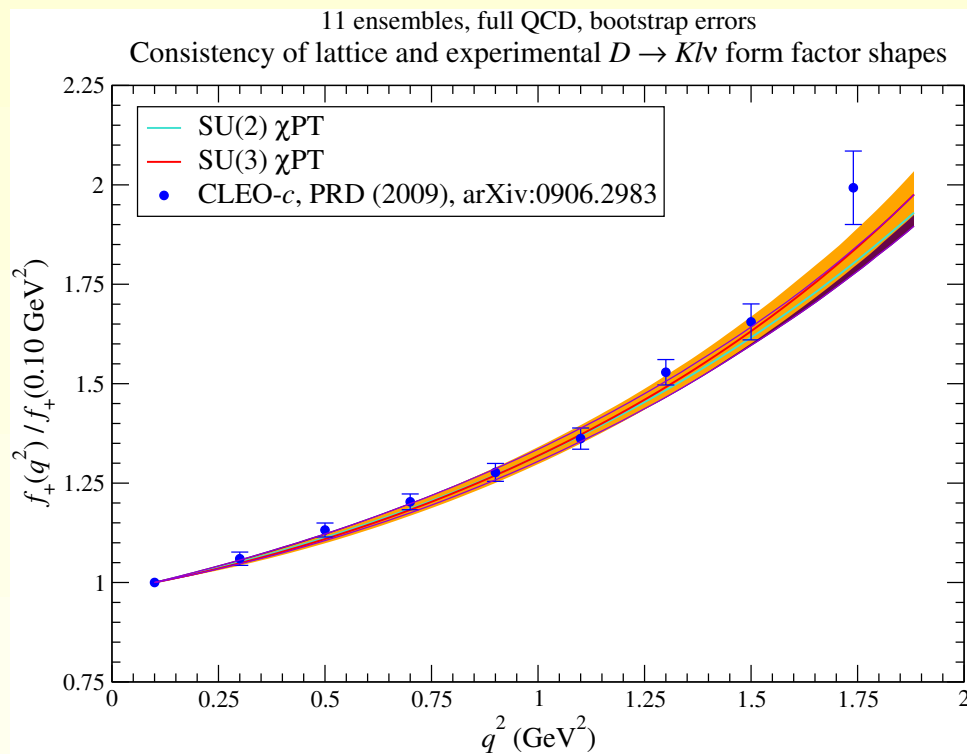


$f_+(q^2)$ rescaled by its value at $q^2 = 0.10 \text{ GeV}^2$

Good description of the experimentally measured shape of the form factors.

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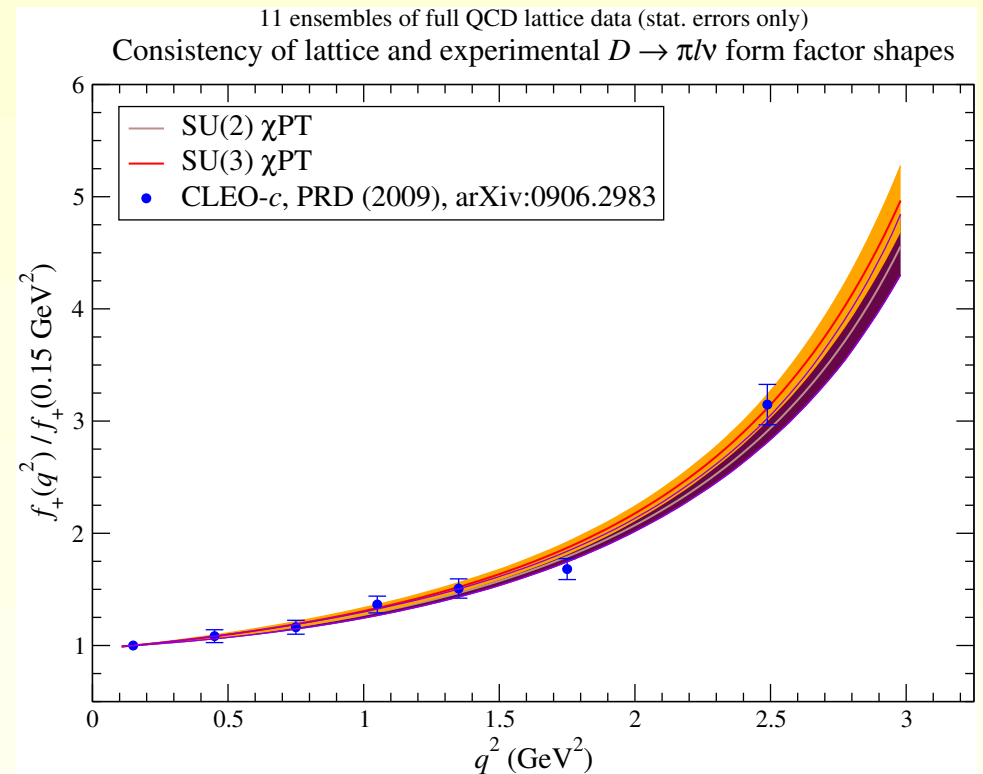
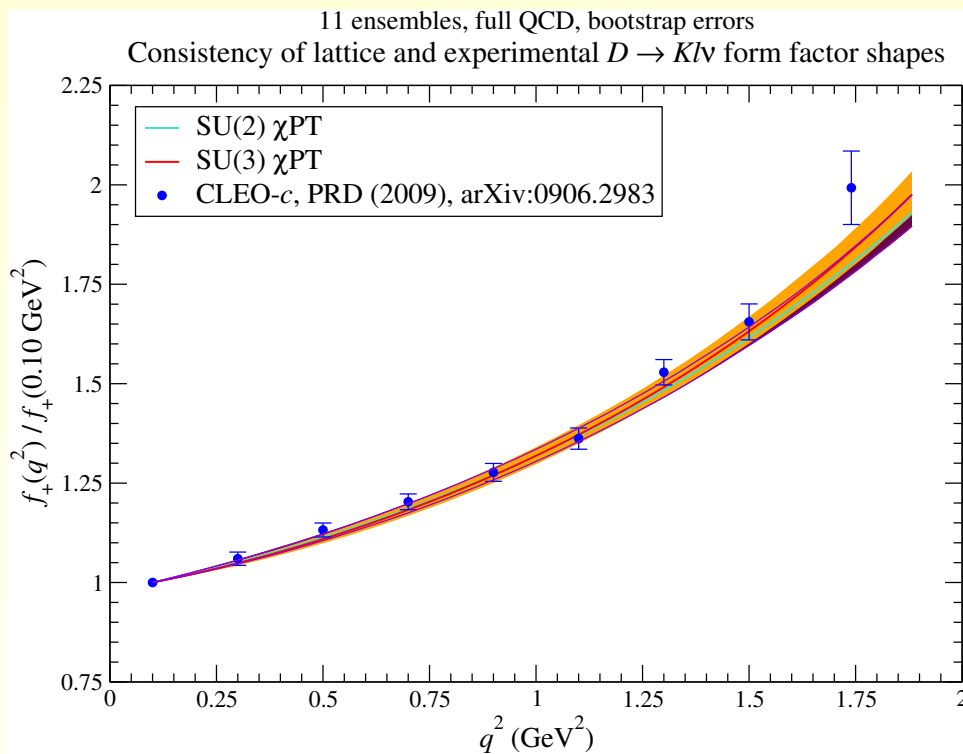
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Plan: Use **z -expansion** to extract $|V_{cd(cs)}|$ in a model-independent way from a simultaneous fit of lattice and experimental data over q^2 .

z -expansion based on unitarity, analyticity, crossing symmetry,
and heavy-quark symmetry

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Projected error budget for $f_+^{D \rightarrow K(\pi)}$

stat. + χ^{PT} (%)	2.0
g_π	2.9
r_1	1.4
\hat{m}	0.3
m_s	1.3
m_c	0.2
heavy quark discr.	2.5
renormalization	0.8
Finite Volume	0.5
total system. (%)	4.4
Total (%)	4.8

4. Conclusions

- # Starting a new program with Hisq $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ ensembles.
 - * BES 3 charm and CERN K programs makes D and K physics timely.
 - * Reduction of discretization errors on the sea, physical quark masses, sea charm quarks included.
- # First preliminary results for f_K/f_π and f_D, f_{D_S} very encouraging.
- # For $f_+^{K\pi}(0)$ we expect errors $0.35 - 0.5\%$, smaller when using Hisq ensembles.
 - * $f_+^{DK}(0)$ and $f_+^{D\pi}(0)$ on the $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ Hisq ensembles.
 - * Also $f_+^{DK}(q^2)$ and $f_+^{D\pi}(q^2)$.
- # D semileptonic form factors with Fermilab c on the Asqtad $N_f = 2 + 1$ close to be completed (errors of the order of 5%).

Very good check against pure relativistic calculation

- # B physics: Fermilab or Oktay-Kronfeld action versus relativistic Hisq b quarks?



MILC $N_f = 2 + 1 + 1$ ensembles

$\approx a(fm)$	am_l	am_s	am_c	Volume	$N_{conf.}$	am_s^{phys}
0.15	0.013	0.065	0.838	$16^3 \times 48$	1021?	0.06860(23)
	0.0064	0.064	0.828	$24^3 \times 48$	1000?	0.06860(13)
	0.00235	0.0647	0.831	$32^3 \times 48$	1020	0.06905(8)
0.12	0.0102	0.0509	0.635	$24^3 \times 64$	1053	0.05348(15)
	0.00507	0.0507	0.628	$32^3 \times 64$	1020	0.05295(13)
	0.00184	0.0507	0.628	$48^3 \times 64$	460	0.05325(5)
0.09	0.0074	0.037	0.440	$32^3 \times 96$	1011	0.03705(13)
	0.00363	0.0363	0.430	$48^3 \times 96$	1000	0.03668(8)
	0.0012	0.0363	0.432	$64^3 \times 96$	497	0.03655(5)
0.06	0.0048	0.024	0.286	$48^3 \times 144$	844	0.02295(8)
	0.0024	0.024	0.286	$64^3 \times 144$	555	0.02240(5)
	0.00084	0.0231	0.274	$96^3 \times 192$	1	??
0.045	0.0035	0.0175	0.213	$64^3 \times 192$	-	
	0.0007	0.018	0.21	$128^3 \times 256$	-	