

# INTRODUCTION TO $tm$ QCD AND ITS APPLICATIONS to WMEs

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tmQCD for WMEs:  
the  $B_K$  paradigm

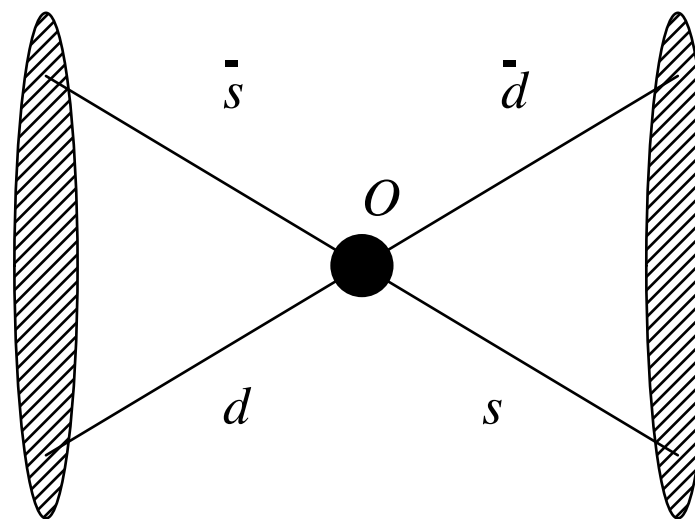
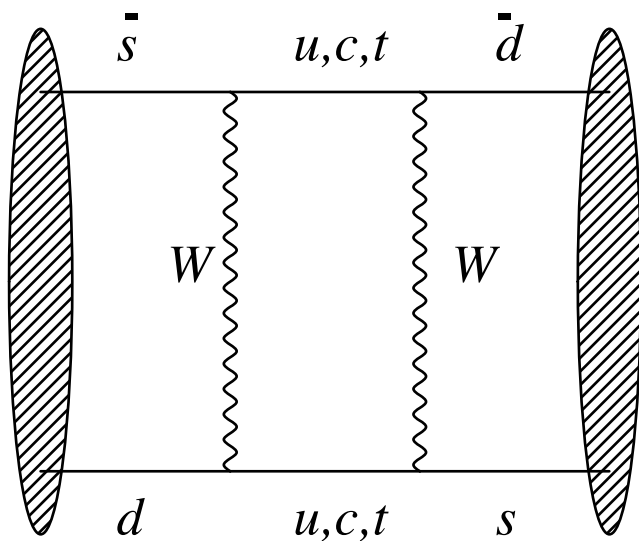
# $\epsilon_k, B_k$ and the Unitarity Triangle

# $\Delta S=2$ transitions: $\epsilon_K$

indirect CP-violation

$$\epsilon_K = \frac{\mathcal{A}[K_L \rightarrow (\pi\pi)_{I=0}]}{\mathcal{A}[K_S \rightarrow (\pi\pi)_{I=0}]} = [2.282(17) \times 10^{-3}] \exp(i\pi/4)$$

can also be expressed in terms of neutral meson oscillations:  $K^0 - \bar{K}^0$   
dominant EW process is FCNC (2W exchange)



lowest order EW  
contribution (no QCD)

can perform loop integration exactly (for  
small quark external momenta and masses)

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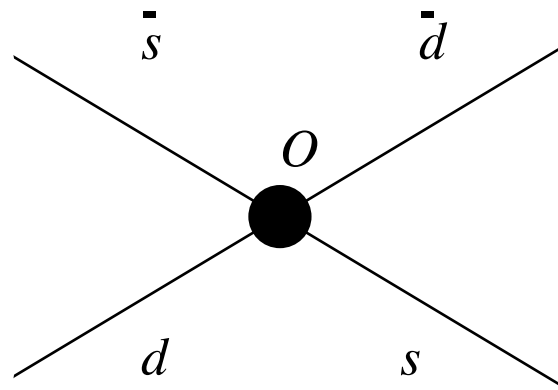
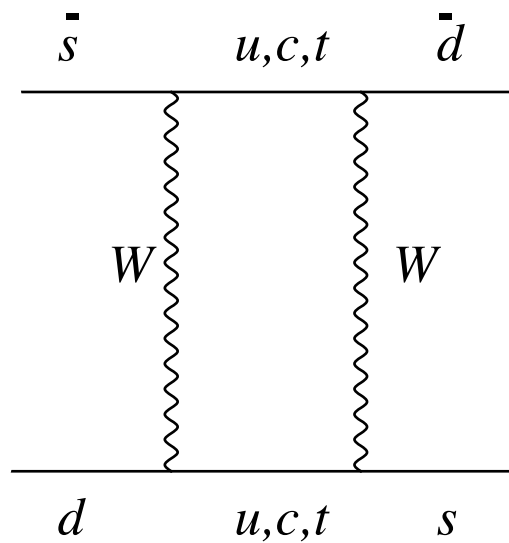
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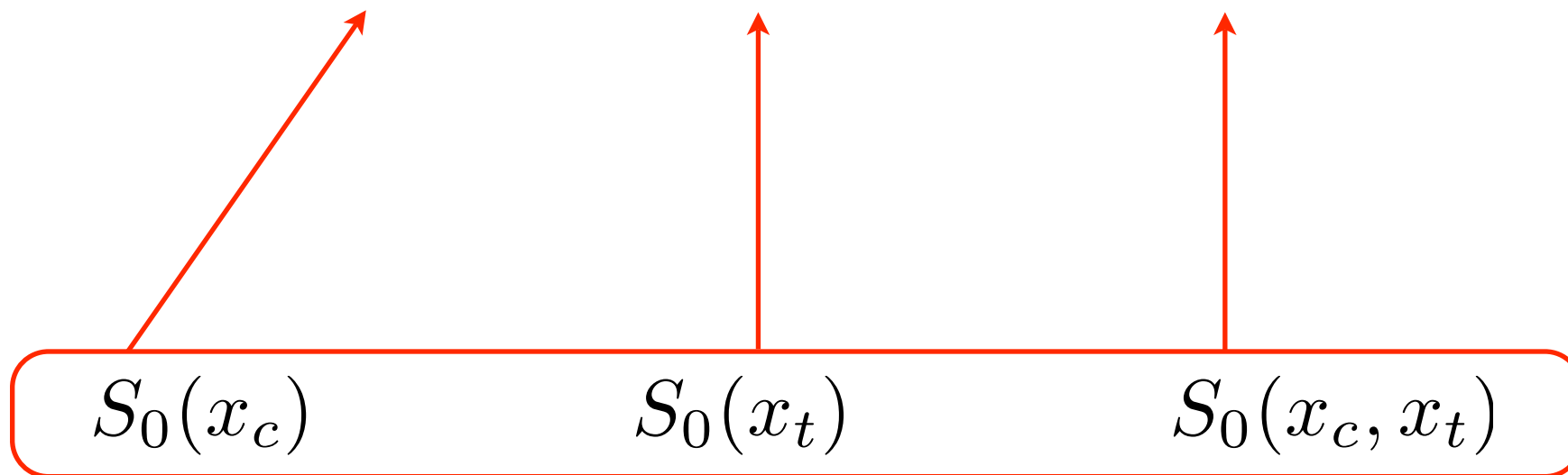
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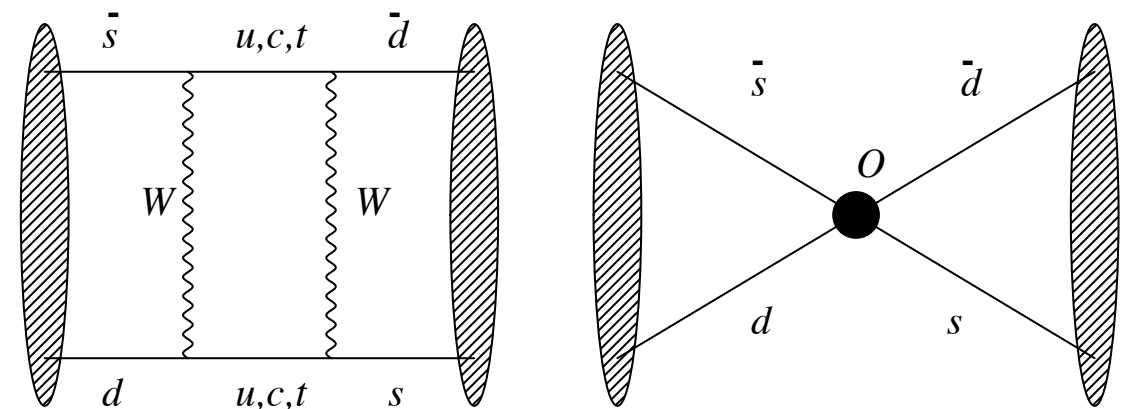


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- $\eta_1, \eta_2$  and  $\eta_3$  are functions of the various thresholds  $m_t, m_c, m_b$ , and  $M_W$
- $g(\mu)$  is the renormalized QCD coupling
- $Q_R^{\Delta S=2}(\mu)$  is the renormalized 4-fermion operator
- $\beta_0, \beta_1$  are NLO RG-running coefficients of Callan-Symanzik beta function
- $\gamma_0, \gamma_1$  are NLO RG-running coefficients of 4-fermion operator anomalous dimension



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- quark mass dependence cancels out in product of  $\eta$ -functions and  $S_0$ - functions
- renormalization scale  $\mu$ -dependence cancels out between WME and RG-coefficient
- the WME  $\langle K | Q_R^{\Delta S=2}(\mu) | K \rangle$  between K-meson states is the long-distance NP-quantity which must be computed on the lattice
- the rest is the OPE Wilson coefficient (short-distance, perturbative object)

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- for historical and technical reasons, instead of  $\langle K | Q_R^{\Delta S=2}(\mu) | K \rangle$ , the bag parameter is used:

$$B_K(\mu) = \frac{\langle \bar{K}^0 | Q_R^{\Delta S=2}(\mu) | K^0 \rangle}{\frac{8}{3} f_K^2 m_K^2}$$

- its RGI version is:

$$\hat{B}_K = \left( \frac{\bar{g}(\mu)^2}{4\pi} \right)^{-\gamma_0/(2\beta_0)} \exp \left\{ \int_0^{\bar{g}(\mu)} dg \left( \frac{\gamma(g)}{\beta(g)} + \frac{\gamma_0}{\beta_0 g} \right) \right\} B_K(\mu)$$

- at NLO this is:

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## $\Delta S=2$ transitions: $\epsilon_K$

- How is  $B_K$  connected with  $\epsilon_K$ ?

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- the phase of  $\epsilon_K$  is given by:

$$\phi_\epsilon = \arctan \frac{\Delta M_K}{\Delta \Gamma_K / 2}$$

- $\Delta M_K$ : mass difference between long- and short-lived neutral Kaons
- $\Delta \Gamma_K$ : decay width difference between long- and short-lived neutral Kaons
- $A_0$ : amplitude of  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi(I=0)$  decay

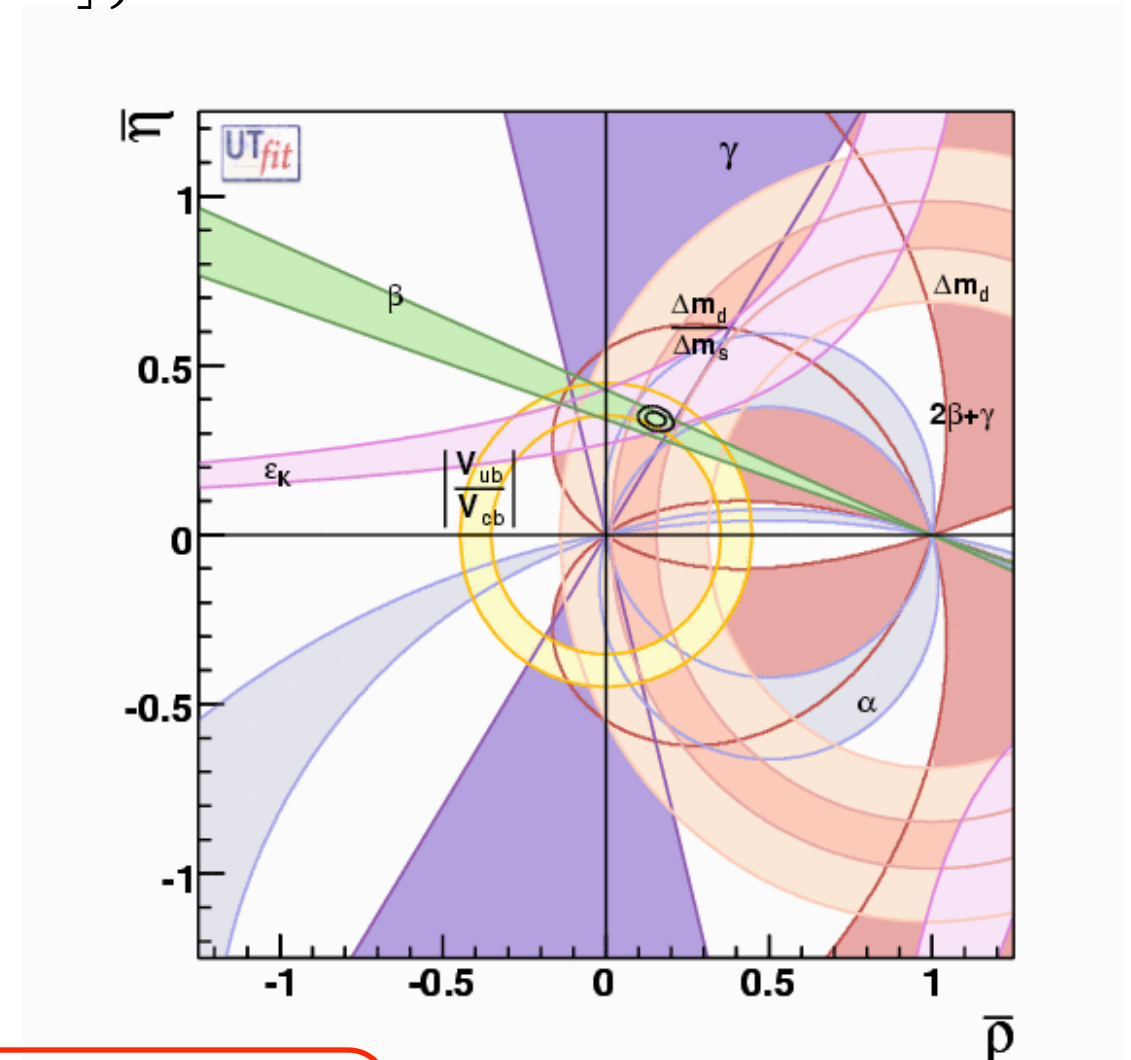
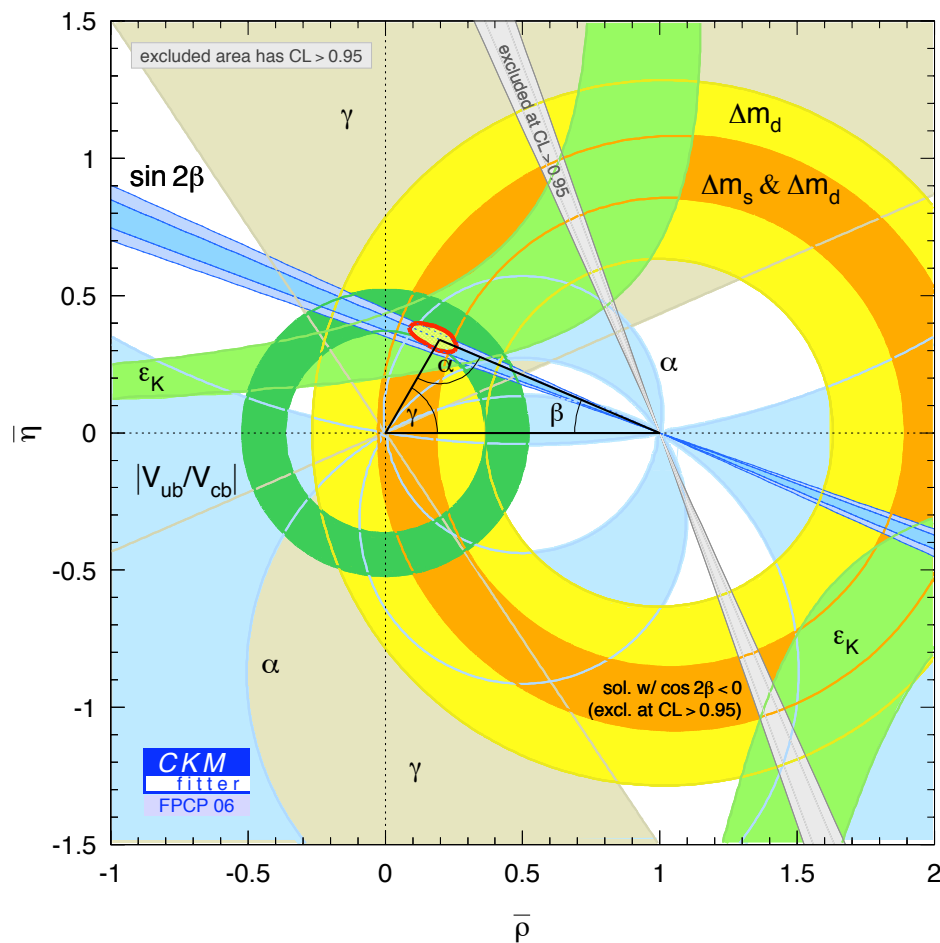
- experimentally:

$$\begin{aligned} |\epsilon_K| &= 2.280(13) \times 10^{-3} , \\ \phi_\epsilon &= 43.51(5)^\circ , \\ \Delta M_K &= 3.491(9) \times 10^{-12} \text{ MeV} , \\ \Delta \Gamma_K &= 7.335(4) \times 10^{-15} \text{ GeV} , \end{aligned}$$

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P-odd, no  $B_K$  contribution

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Vanishes if chiral symmetry is preserved  
(at least partially)

Vanishes for staggered, GW, DW fermions

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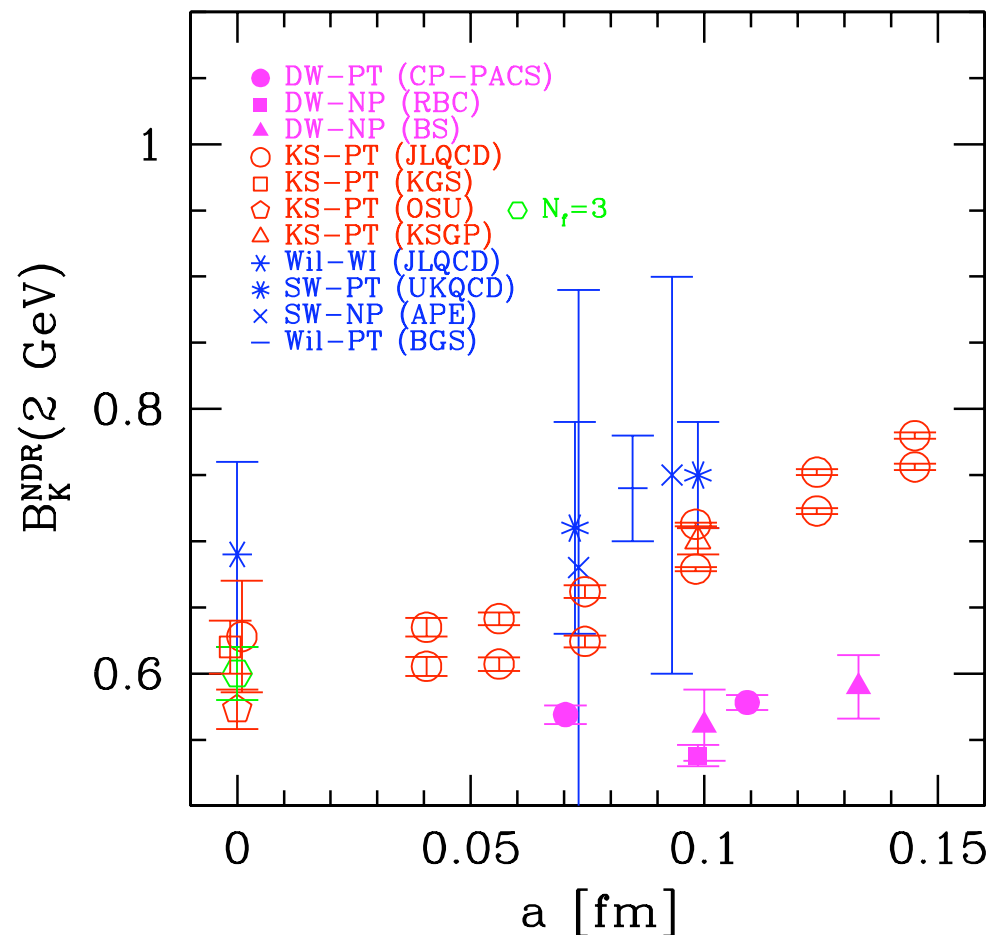
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Protected from mixing by discrete symmetries  $CP S(s \leftrightarrow d)$

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Subtractions flaw the quality of Wilson fermion results



L. Lellouch Nucl.Phys.Proc.Suppl.94(2001)142

There are two important sources of systematic error which would better be removed if Wilson fermion  $B_K$  determinations are to be on the same footing as the others:

1. Additive renormalization;
2.  $O(a)$  discretization errors

# Getting rid of mixing

- Straightforward option: **preserve chiral symmetry** — possibly exactly.
- Wilson 1: **axial Ward identity** (3-point function with  $O_{VV+AA} \rightarrow$  4-point function with  $O_{VA+AV}$ ).

D.Becirevic et al. Phys.Lett.B487(2000)74; Eur.Phys.J.C37(2004)315

- Wilson 2: **tmQCD** (3-point function with  $O_{VA+AV}$ ).

ALPHA Frezzotti, Grassi, Sint & Weisz, JHEP08(2001)058

Palombi, Pena, Sint JHEP 03 (2006) 089

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- tmQCD bonus: push safely towards low quark masses in quenched simulations.

$B_K$  and tmQCD



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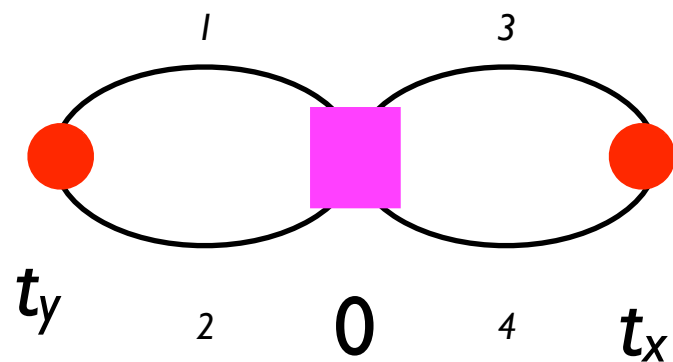
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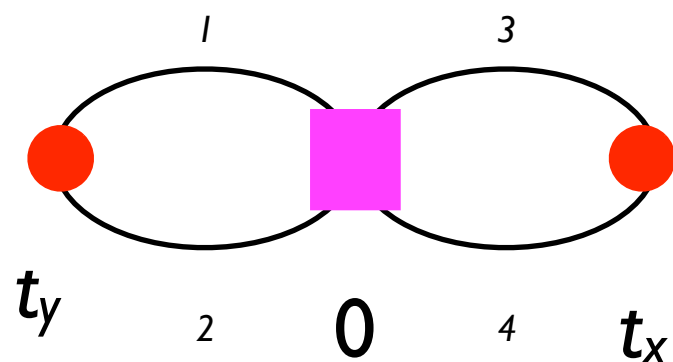
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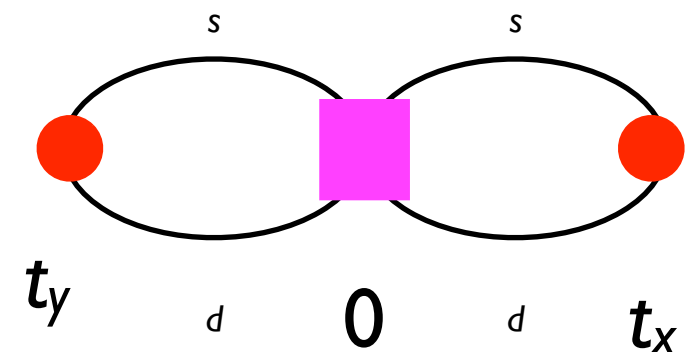
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$$\langle P_{sd} Q_{VV+AA}^{\Delta S=2} P_{sd} \rangle$$



- this object can be worked out, say, in tmQCD and then fields 1 and 3 are “identified” with the strange quark while fields 2 and 4 are “identified” with the down quark
- the flavour exchange  $2 \leftrightarrow 4$  in the operator ensures that all Wick contractions are reproduced correctly

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- we must choose the angles so as to kill the cosine term on the rhs
- in this way the QCD quantity is computed in terms of a parity-odd tmQCD operator
- this ensures multiplicative renormalizability
- can such choices be made in a way that preserves the QCD-tmQCD equivalence?
- can we also ensure automatic improvement?

## $B_K$ renormalization and tmQCD

- we must now establish the relation between tmQCD and standard QCD operators
- consider chiral rotations which are **independent for each flavour**

$$\psi_f \rightarrow \exp \left[ i\gamma_5 \frac{\alpha_f}{2} \right] \psi_f \quad \bar{\psi}_f \rightarrow \bar{\psi}_f \exp \left[ i\gamma_5 \frac{\alpha_f}{2} \right] \quad f = 1, \dots, 4$$

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- we would like to satisfy all 3 requirements:
  - “kill” the cosine; i.e. all four rotations angles sum to  $\pm\pi/2$
  - ensure automatic improvement; i.e. each rotation angle is  $\pm\pi/2$
  - angles have  $\pm$  relative signs so that they can be organized in  $\tau^3$  isospin doublets
- this is impossible!



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- **FIRST POSSIBILITY:**  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_3 = 0$  and  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_4 = \pi/2$
- this corresponds to standard lattice QCD for strange quark and tmQCD for up/down quark

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} \left[ D_W + i\mu_q \tau^3 \gamma_5 \right] \psi + \bar{s} \left[ D_W + m_0 \right] s$$

$$\bar{\psi} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u} & \bar{d} \end{pmatrix}$$

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- **SECOND POSSIBILITY:**  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_3 = -\pi/4$  and  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_4 = \pi/4$
- this corresponds to tmQCD for strange/down quark (up may be added untwisted)

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} \left[ D_W + m_0 + i\mu_q \tau^3 \gamma_5 \right] \psi$$

$$\bar{\psi} = \left( \bar{s} \quad \bar{d} \right)$$

- problem: no automatic improvement
- problem: only good for quenched-QCD with down/strange degeneracy or mixed actions with different sea/valence quark actions

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- THIRD POSSIBILITY:** treat sea quarks in standard tmQCD fashion and valence quarks in OS fashion (i.e. use a mixed action formulation) R. Frezzotti, G.C. Rossi, JHEP10 (2004) 070
- The **sea** quark flavours are regularized by the standard Wilson fermion action with a fully twisted mass term (standard tmQCD); e.g. for  $N_f = 2$

$$\bar{\psi} = ( \bar{u} \quad \bar{d} )$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{tm} = \bar{\psi} \left[ D_W + i\mu_q \tau^3 \gamma_5 \right] \psi$$

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- Each **valence** quark flavour is regularized by the Osterwalder-Seiler (OS) variant of tmQCD
- Valence quarks enter with a distinct action for each flavour, which is **fully twisted**.
  - quark fields are not organized in isospin doublets (i.e. no  $\tau^3$ )
  - there is a separate mass term for each flavour,  $\mu_f$  may be negative, corresponding to twist angle  $\alpha = -\pi/2$

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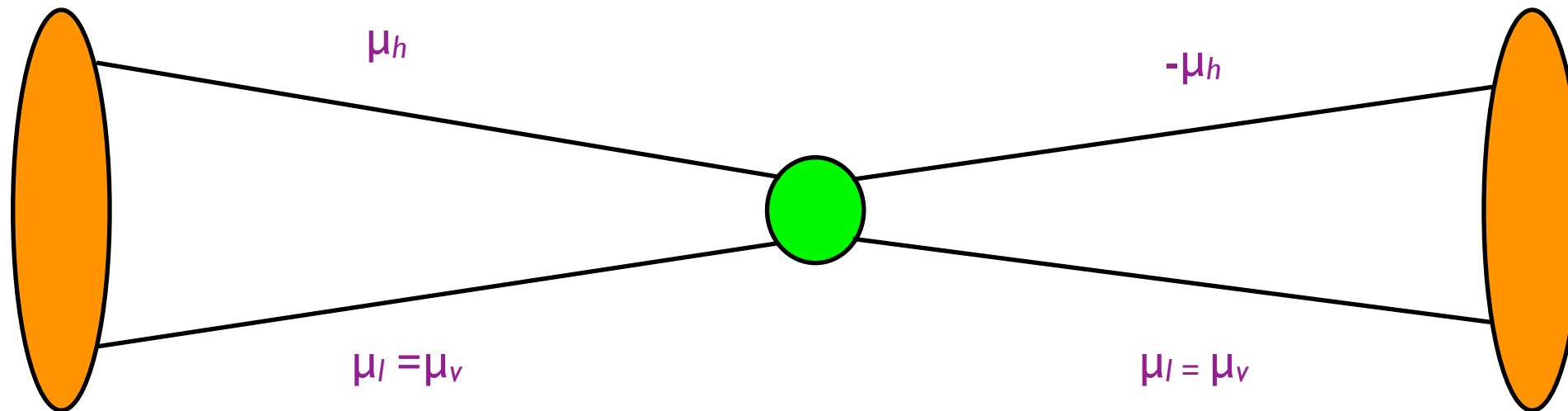
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- for valence OS quarks set  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = \pi/2$  and  $\alpha_4 = -\pi/2$
- operator is multiplicatively renormalizable
- improvement is automatic
- problem: unitarity is lost; recovered in the continuum limit
- problem: we have two types of pseudoscalar states (tmQCD and an OS) which are non-degenerate by  $O(a^2)$  effects
- this calls for a full investigation

# $B_K$ renormalization and tmQCD

- mixed action formulation:

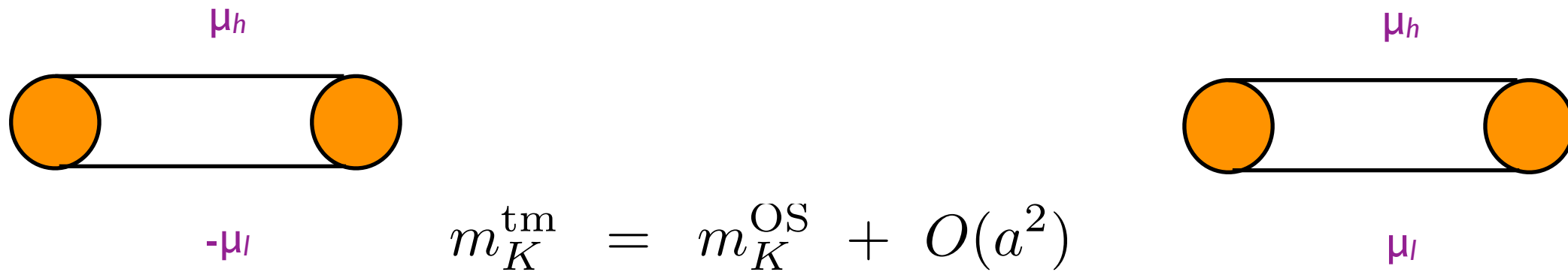
$$\mathcal{L}_{OS} = \bar{\psi}_f \left[ D_W + i\mu_f \gamma_5 \right] \psi_f \quad f = u, d, s \dots$$

- suitable combinations of  $\mu_f$  signs for each flavour ensure automatic improvement **and** multiplicative renormalization for say,  $B_K$
- this is a compromise (unitarity issues arise when sea and valence flavours are treated differently)
- in a quenched or partially quenched setup ( $N_f = 0, 2$  sea quark flavours and a valence strange quark) this is unavoidable for any regularization

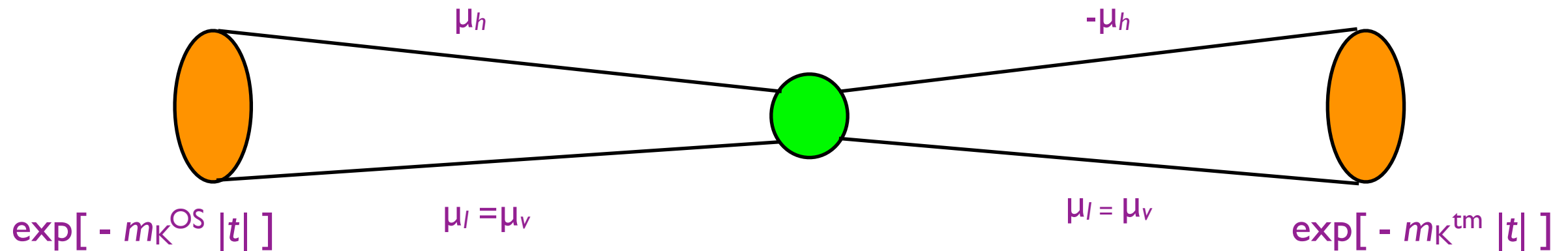


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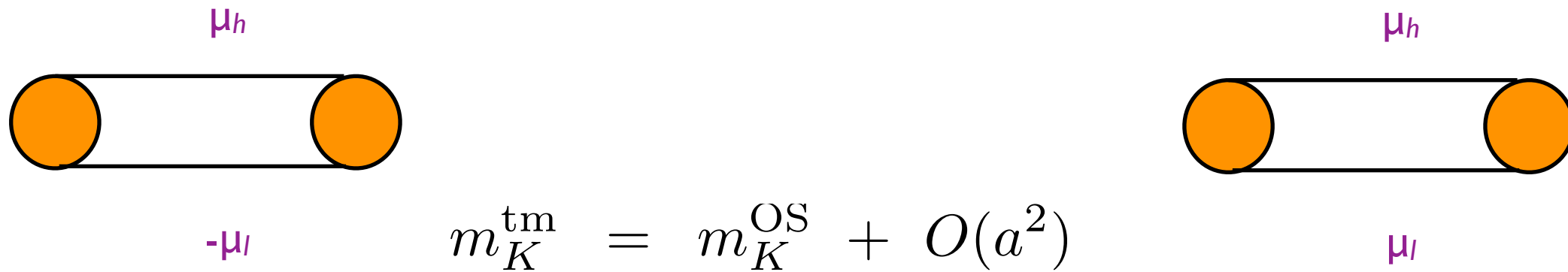


$$\frac{\langle W_K^{\text{OS}} Q W_K^{\text{tm}} \rangle}{\langle W_{0,K}^{\text{tm}} A_{0,K}^{\text{tm}} \rangle \langle A_{0,K}^{\text{OS}} W_{0,K}^{\text{OS}} \rangle} \rightarrow B_K = \frac{3}{8} \frac{\langle \bar{K}^0 | Q | K^0 \rangle}{[f_K^{\text{tm}} m_K^{\text{tm}}] [f_K^{\text{OS}} m_K^{\text{OS}}]}$$

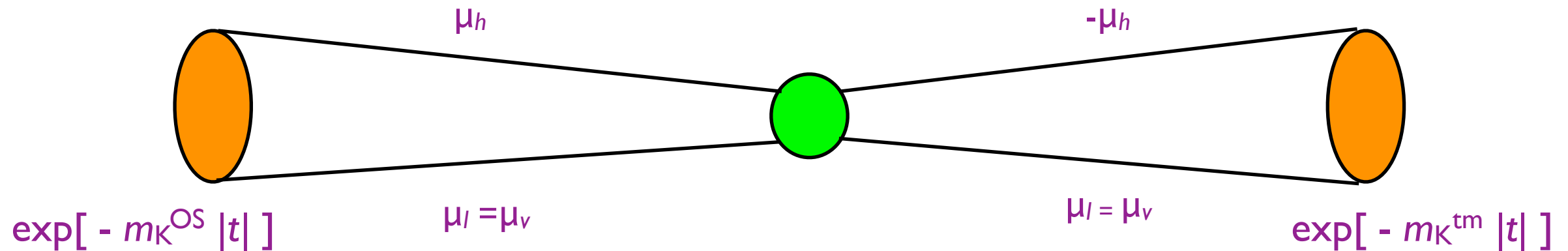
- the two exponential decays  $\exp[-m_K^{\text{tm}} |t|]$  and  $\exp[-m_K^{\text{OS}} |t|]$  cancel in the ratio but we are still left with an operator which injects an  $O(a^2)$  energy

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- NB: all operators above are renormalized (and thus continuum notation is used)
- the superscripts tm and OS denote the regularization that continuum quantities come from



# $B_K$ : quenched and twisted

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- tmQCD  $\rightarrow$  no operator mixing (no exceptional configurations).
- SF non-perturbative renormalisation.
- Various physical volumes: check control of finite volume effects.
- Two different regularisations: check control of the continuum limit.
- N.B.: action is  $O(a)$  improved, but four-fermion operator is *not*  $\Rightarrow$  continuum limit approached linearly in  $a$ .

# Quenched computation of $B_K$

$\pi/2$  strategy:

$$S = \sum_{x,y} \{ \bar{\psi}_\ell(x) [D_{w,sw} + m_\ell + i\mu_\ell \gamma_5 \tau_3] (x,y) \psi_\ell(y) + \bar{s}(x) [D_{w,sw} + m_s] (x,y) s(y) \}$$

$m_\ell, \mu_\ell$  tuned to have  $m_{\ell,R} = 0$

$\pi/4$  strategy (specially devised for quenched case):

$$S = \sum_{x,y} \{ \bar{\psi}(x) [D_{w,sw} + m_0 + i\mu_q \gamma_5 \tau_3] (x,y) \psi(y) \}$$

$m_0, \mu_q$  tuned to have  $m_R = \mu_R$

in both cases:  $O_{VV+AA} \xrightarrow{\text{twist}} O_{VA+AV}$

NB: we never have *only* fully twisted quarks  $\rightarrow$  “automatic”  $O(a)$  improvement argument does not apply.

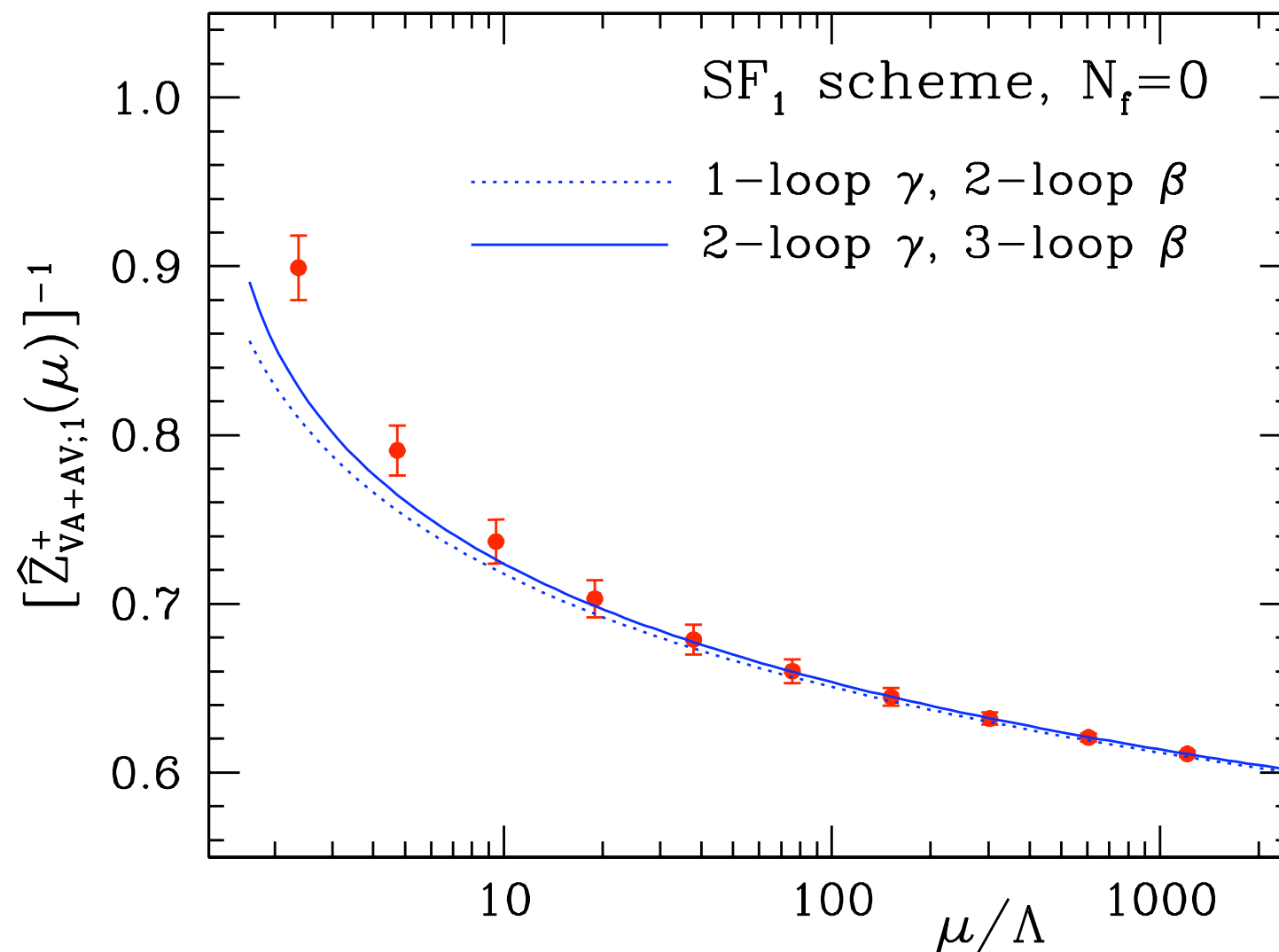
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$$\hat{B}_K = (\alpha_s(\mu))^{-\gamma_0/2b_0} \exp \left\{ - \int_0^{\bar{g}(\mu)} dg \left[ \frac{\gamma(g)}{\beta(g)} - \frac{\gamma_0}{b_0 g} \right] \right\} \left[ \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} Z(g_0^2, a\mu) B_K(a) \right]$$

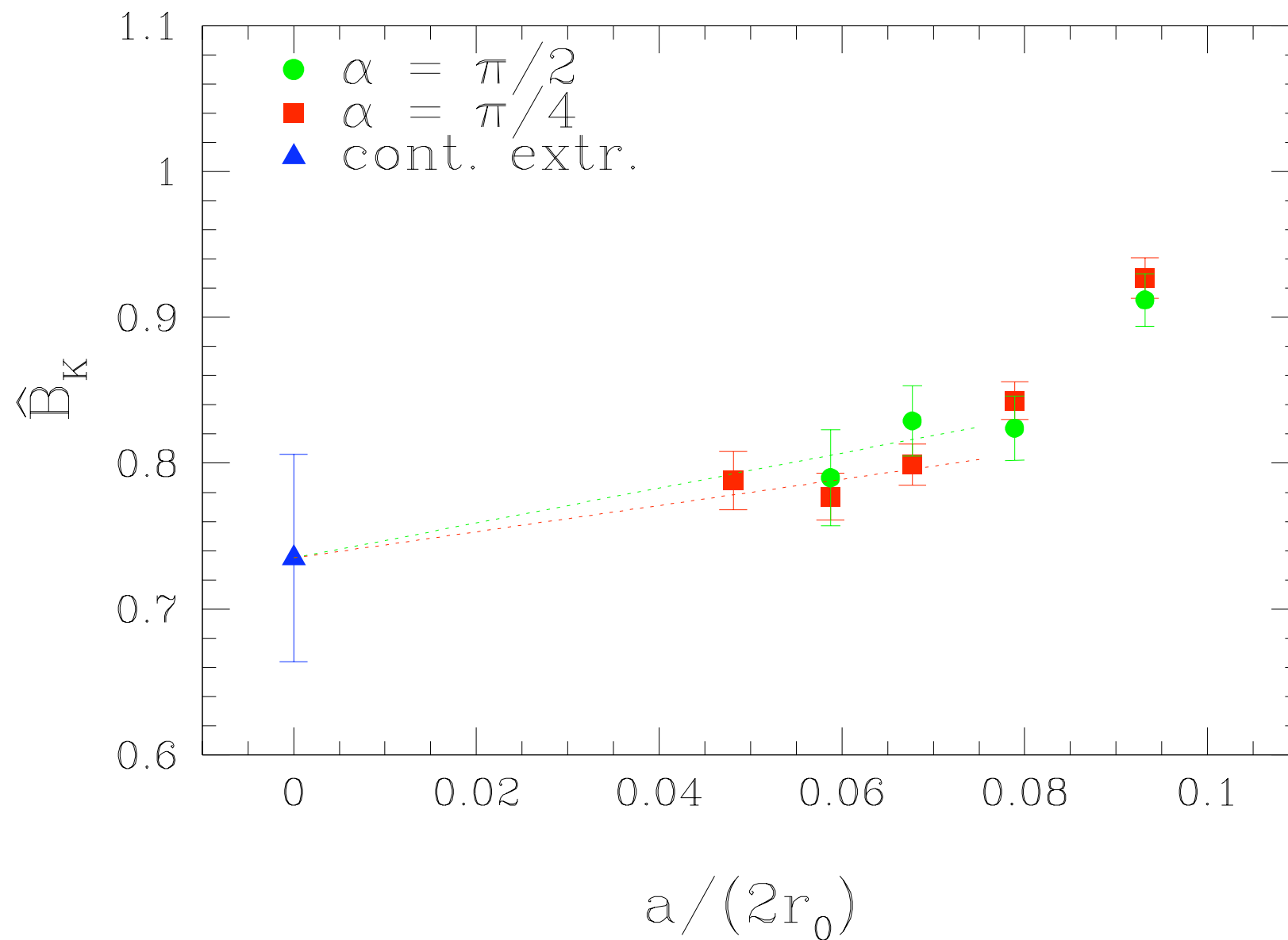
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# Continuum limit

- Combined linear extrapolation of the two regularisations, using ALPHA determination of current normalisations and improvement coefficients.

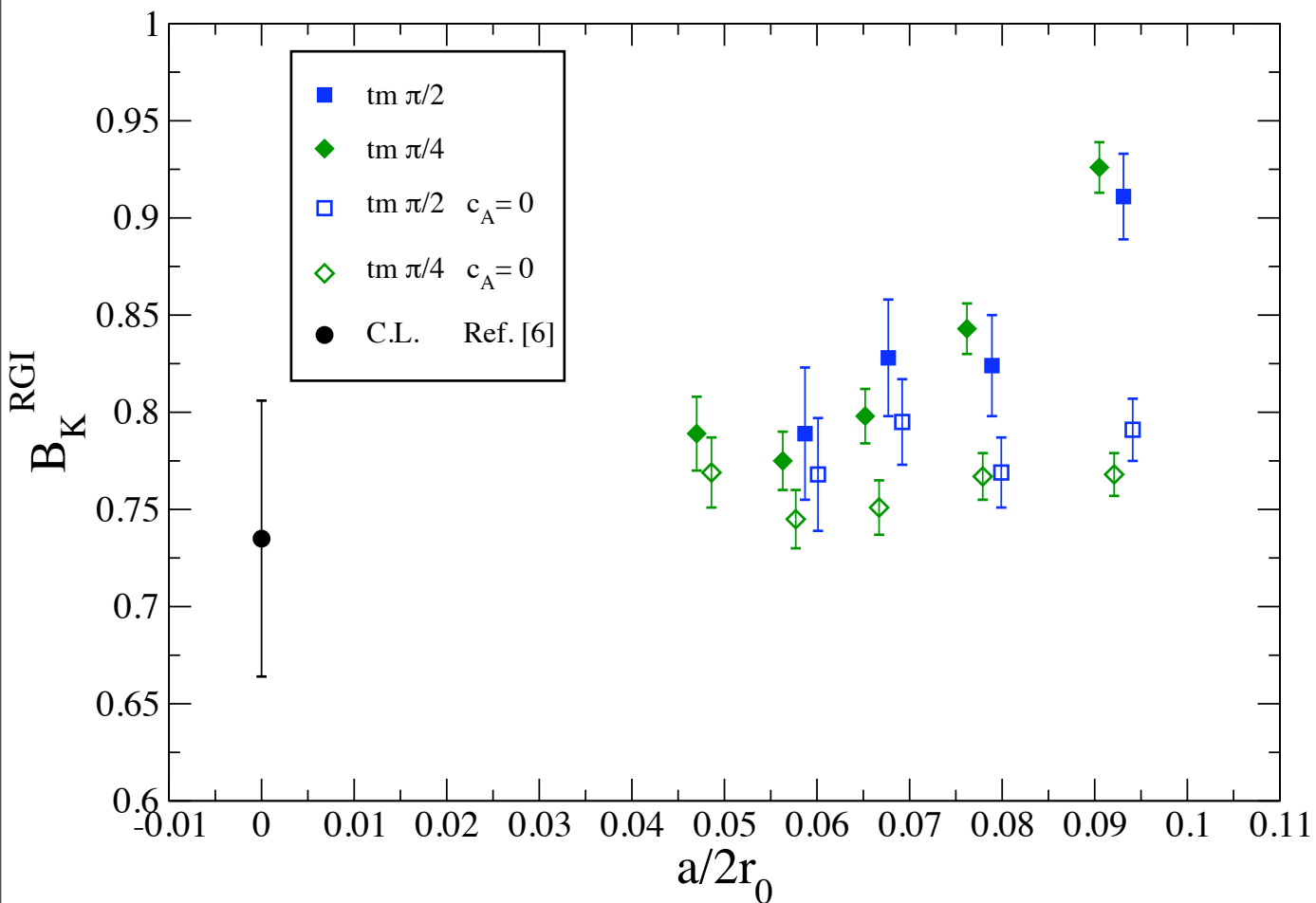


$$\hat{B}_K = 0.735(71)$$

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# Continuum limit

- why the curvature? This  $O(a)$  effect can be tampered with, through one Symanzik counter-term of the axial current



- $\pi/2$

$$(A_R)_{\mu, sd} = Z_A \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} b_A a m_{q,s} \right] \left[ A_{\mu, sd} + c_A a \tilde{\partial}_\mu P_{sd} - i \frac{1}{2} a \mu_l \tilde{b}_A V_{\mu, sd} \right],$$

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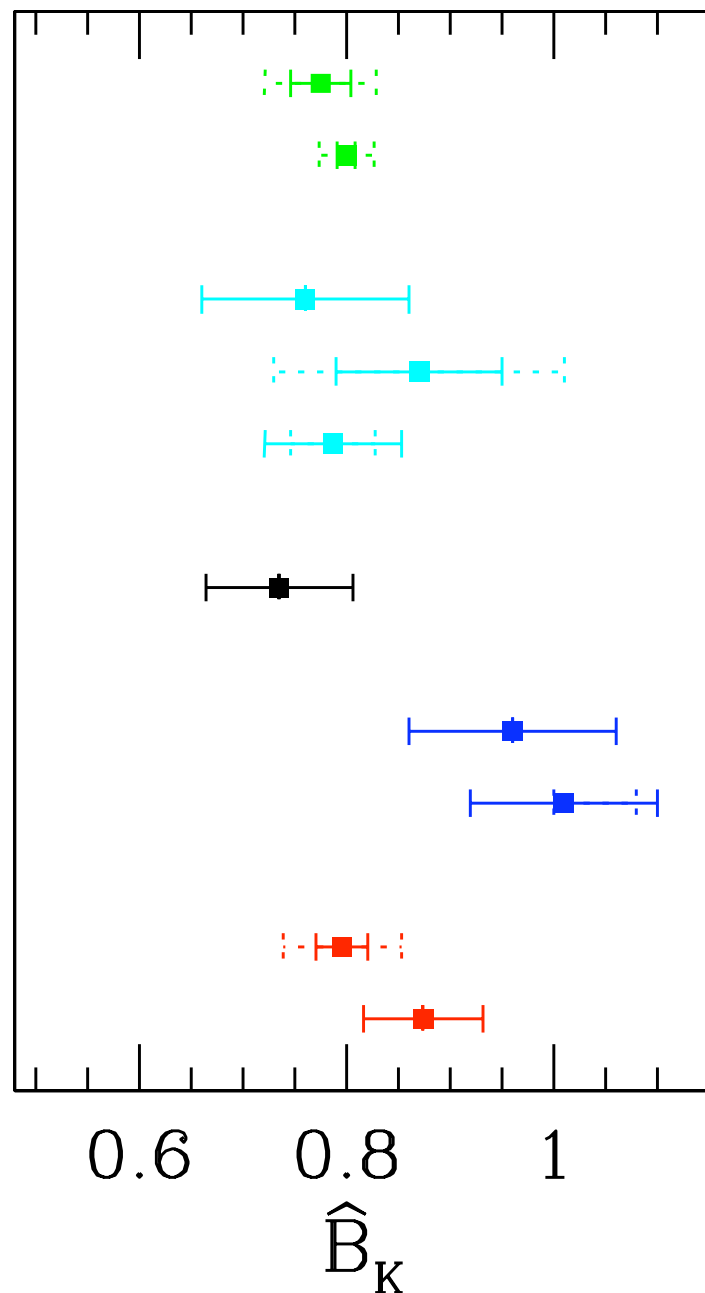
- $\pi/4$

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- there seems to be a cancellation effect between  $O(a)$  effects in numerator and denominator of  $B_K$

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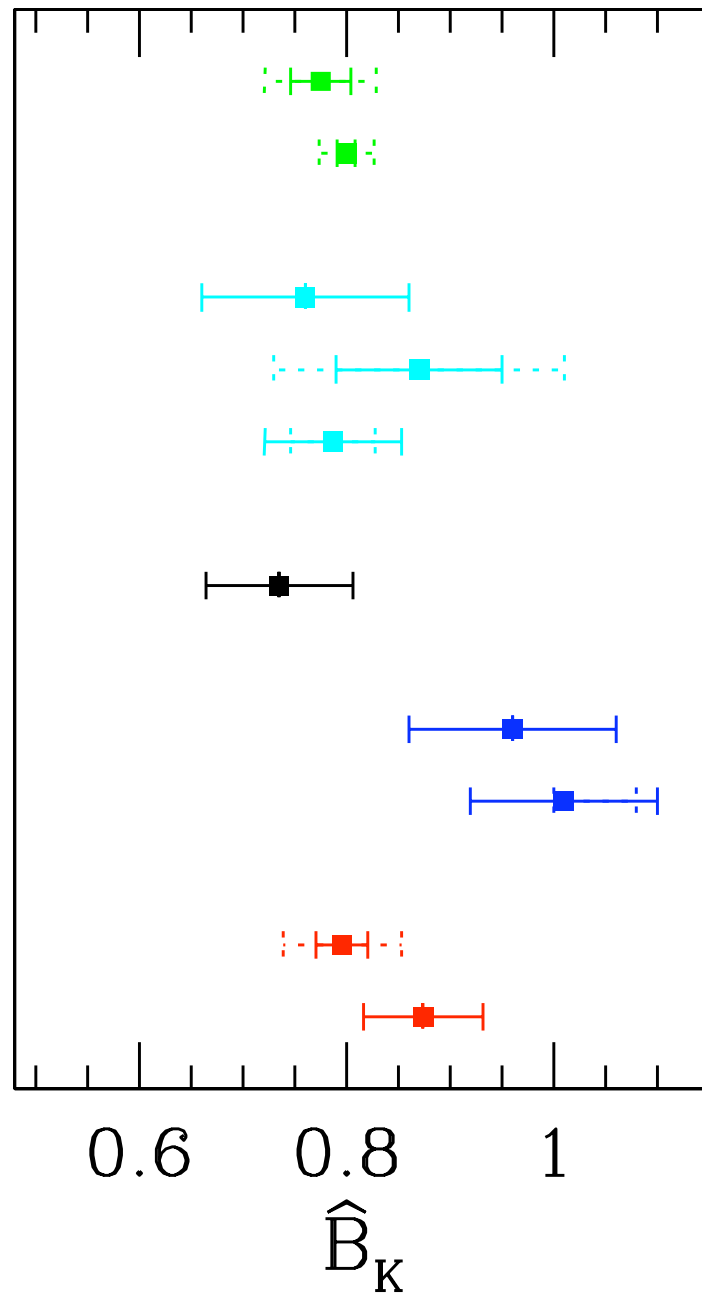
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Difference with other Wilson fermion computations mainly due to method employed to extract  $B_K$ .



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# $B_K$ : quenched, twisted and “improved”

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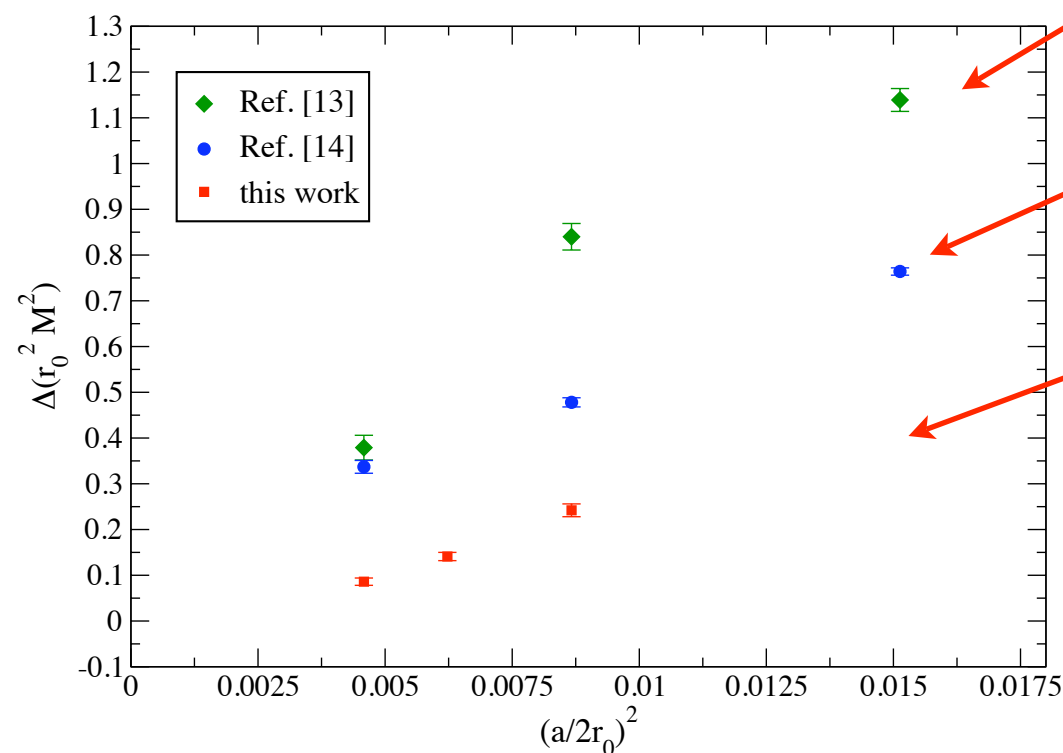
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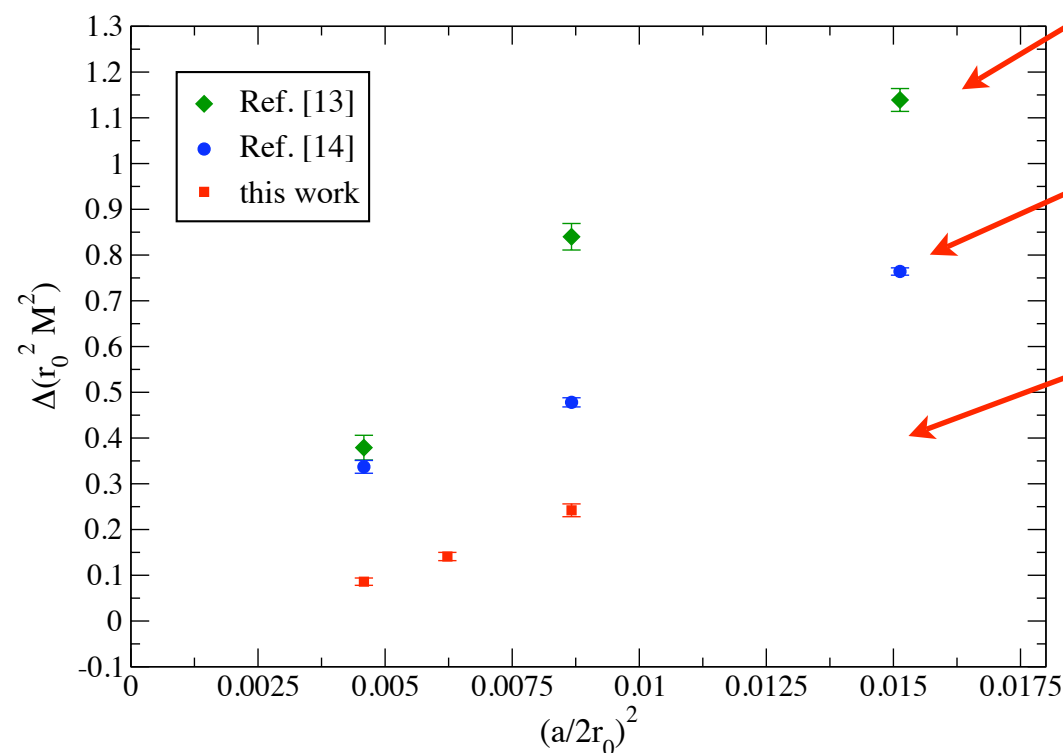
- non-Clover results with different “optimal”  $K_{crit}$  determinations show discrepancies at larger lattice spacings

- Clover results are not sensitive to the details of the  $K_{crit}$  determination: at  $\beta=6.0$ , D. Becirevic et al find  $\Delta(r_0^2 M^2) \approx 0.27$  against our  $\Delta(r_0^2 M^2) \approx 0.25$

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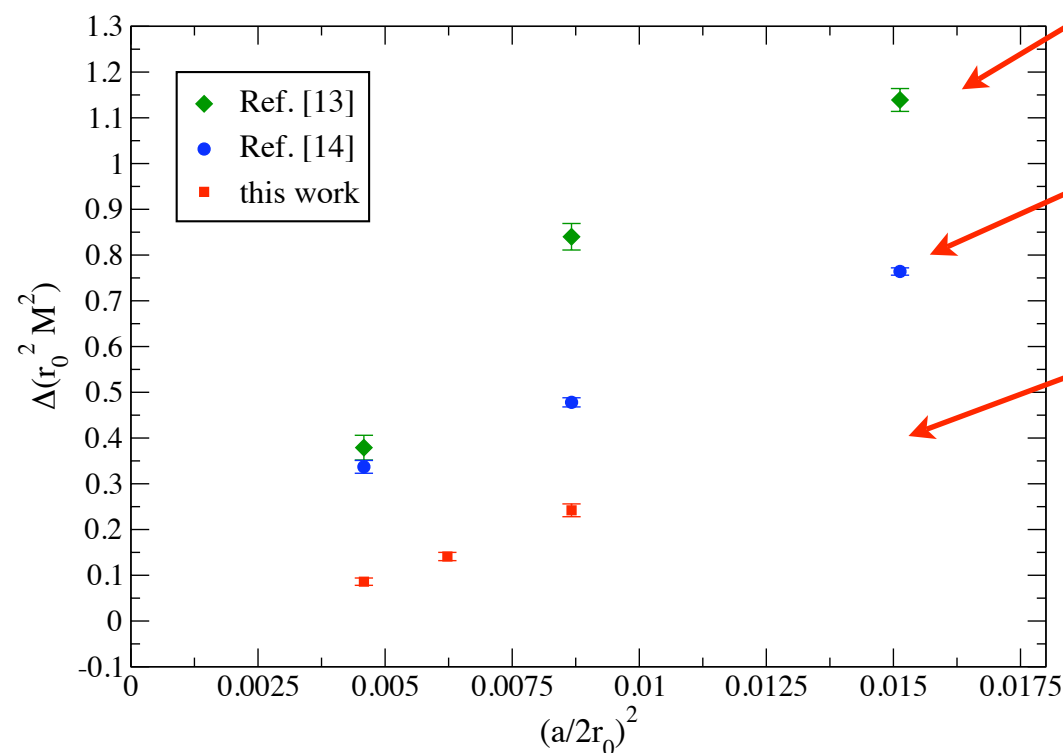
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- apparently the  $O(a)$  effects of the optimal  $K_{crit}$  determination induce large  $O(a^2)$  effects in the pseudoscalar masses
- these are probably milder once the Clover term is introduced

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- clearly a cutoff effect (not enough resolution to see it vanish in C.L.)
  - Clover data have significantly reduced mass splitting
- NB: unquenched non-Clover ETMC data also show large splitting (see later)



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$$R_{B_K} = \frac{i Z_{VA+AV} \langle \bar{K}^0 | Q_{VA+AV} | K^0 \rangle}{(8/3) i Z_V [\langle 0 | V_0 | K^0 \rangle]^{tm} Z_A [\langle K^0 | A_0 | 0 \rangle]^{OS}}$$

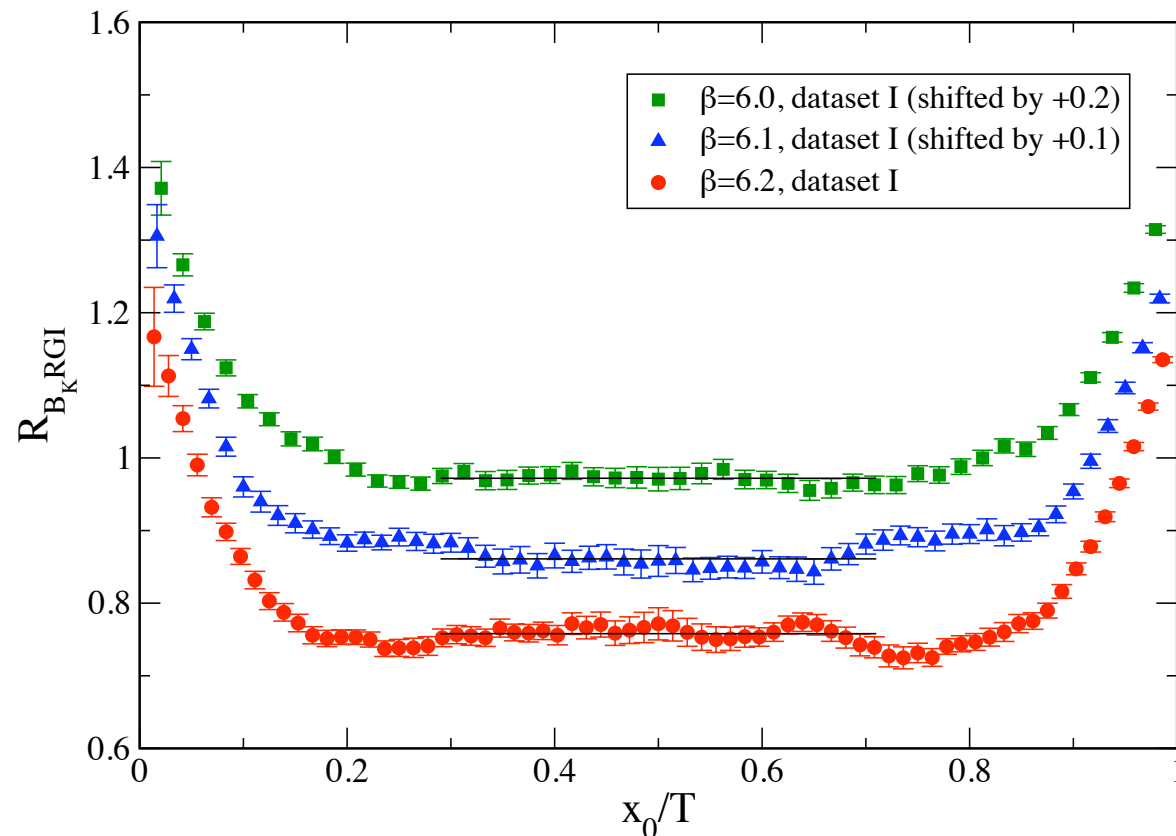
- all  $Z$ 's from previous SF computations in (untwisted) Wilson theory
- the same holds for the continuum anomalous dimension of the 4-fermion operator
- all matrix elements are fully twisted, therefore  $O(a)$  improved (automatically)
- $Z_{VA+AV}$  has  $O(a \Lambda_{QCD})$  which are expected to be subdominant
- at each gauge coupling, simulations are carried out at a couple of degenerate quark mass values which give a K-meson close to its physical value

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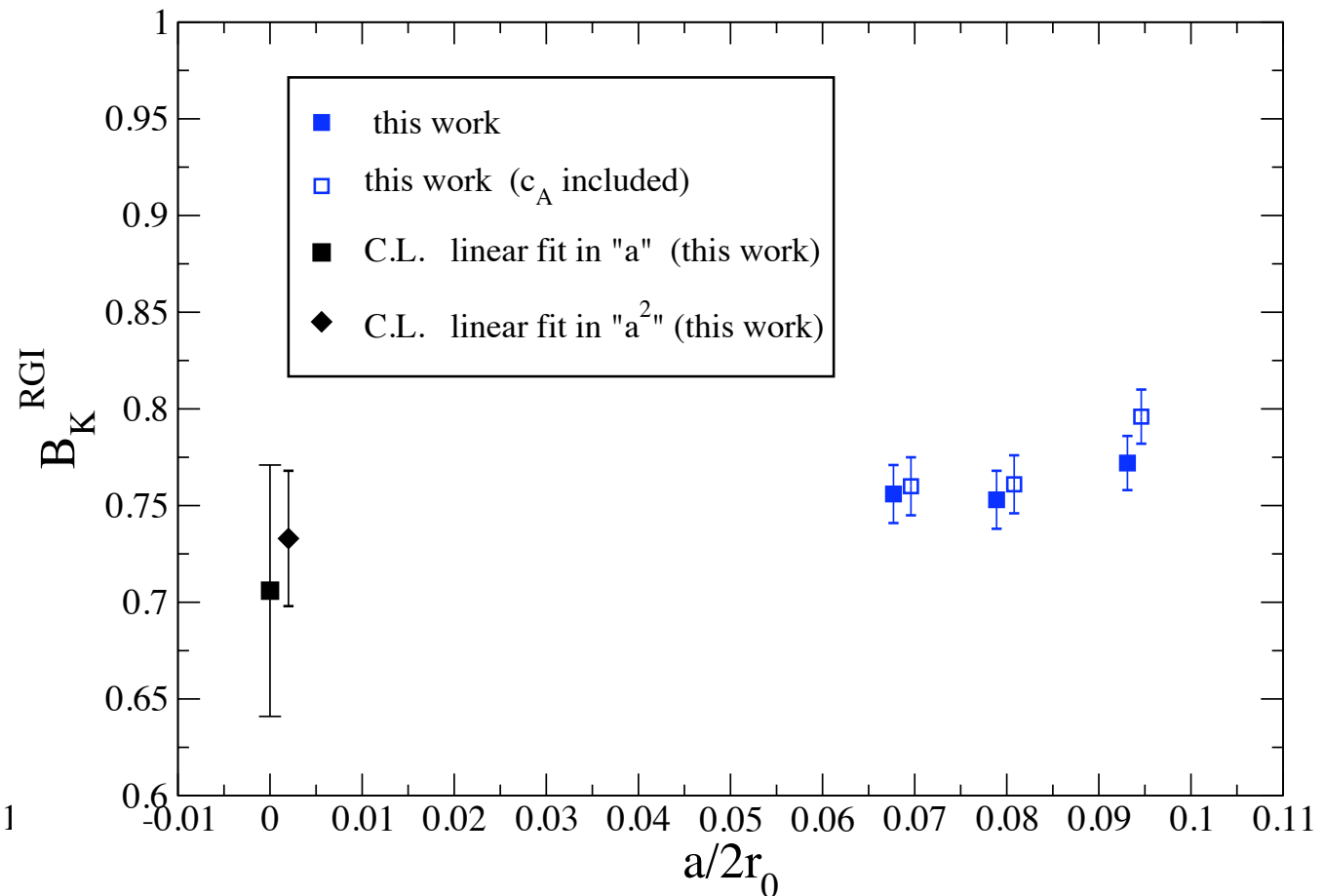
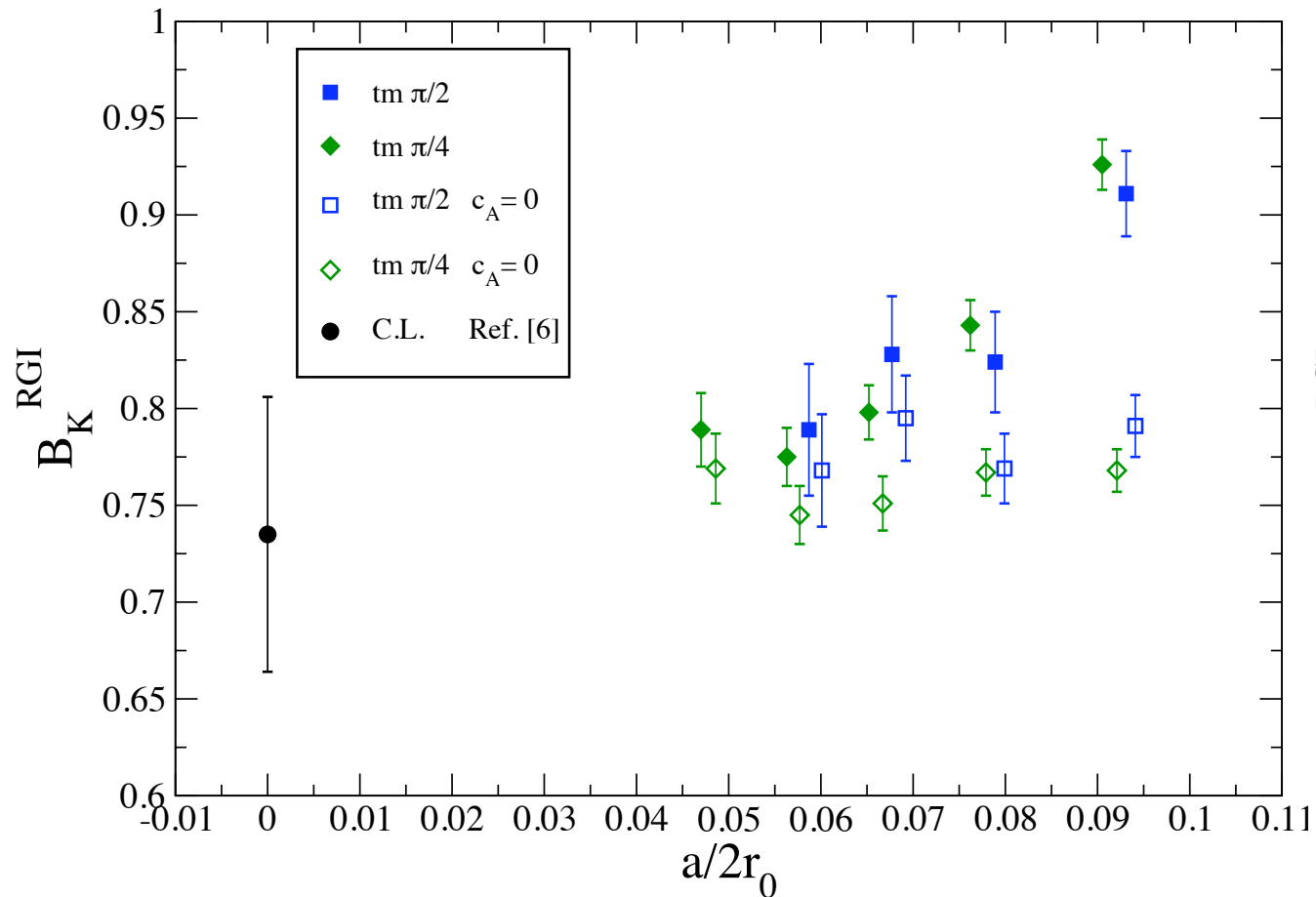
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- as this is the first simulation of its kind, the question arises naturally: do we have a signal?



# tm - OS $B_K$ parameter

- comparison with our earlier quenched, unimproved  $B_K$  results

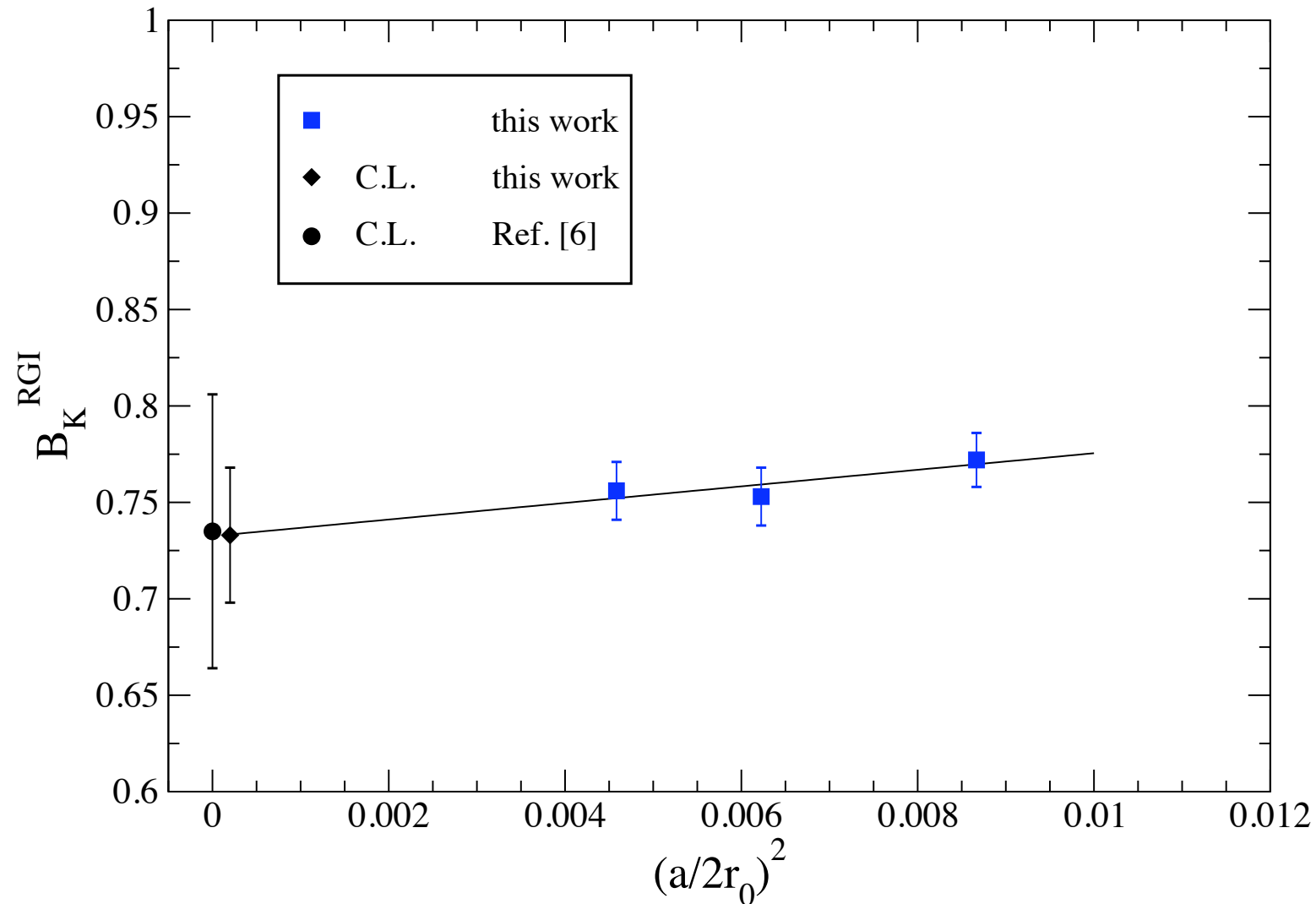


- $c_A$  influences scaling properties; it is an  $O(a)$  correcting term, which somehow spoils a cancellation mechanism between discretization errors in  $B_K$  numerator and denominator

- $c_A$  has negligible influence; it is an  $O(a^2)$  term

# tm - OS $B_K$ parameter

- continuum extrapolation of  $B_K$  results



- this behaviour suggests that  $O(a \Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$  effects of  $Z_{VA+AV}$  are presumably less dominant than  $O(a^2 \mu^2)$  effects

- linear in  $a$   $B_K^{\text{RGI}} = 0.706(65) \quad (\chi^2/dof = 0.30)$

- linear in  $a^2$   $B_K^{\text{RGI}} = 0.733(34) \quad (\chi^2/dof = 0.26)$

P.Dimopoulos et al., NPB 776 (2007) 258

$$B_K^{\text{RGI}} = 0.735(71)$$

$B_K$ :

partially quenched ( $N_f=2$ ),  
twisted and improved



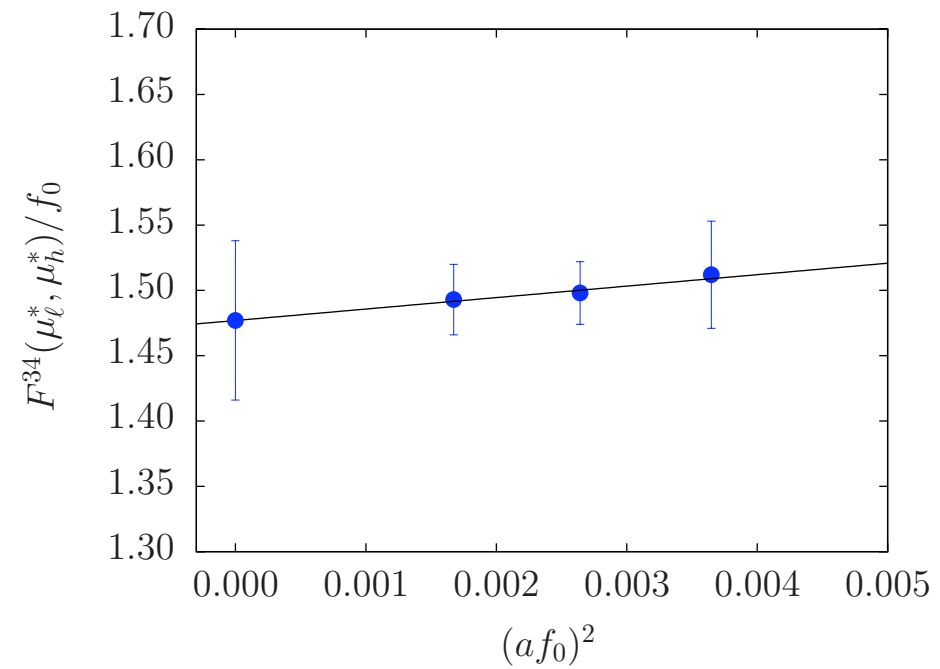
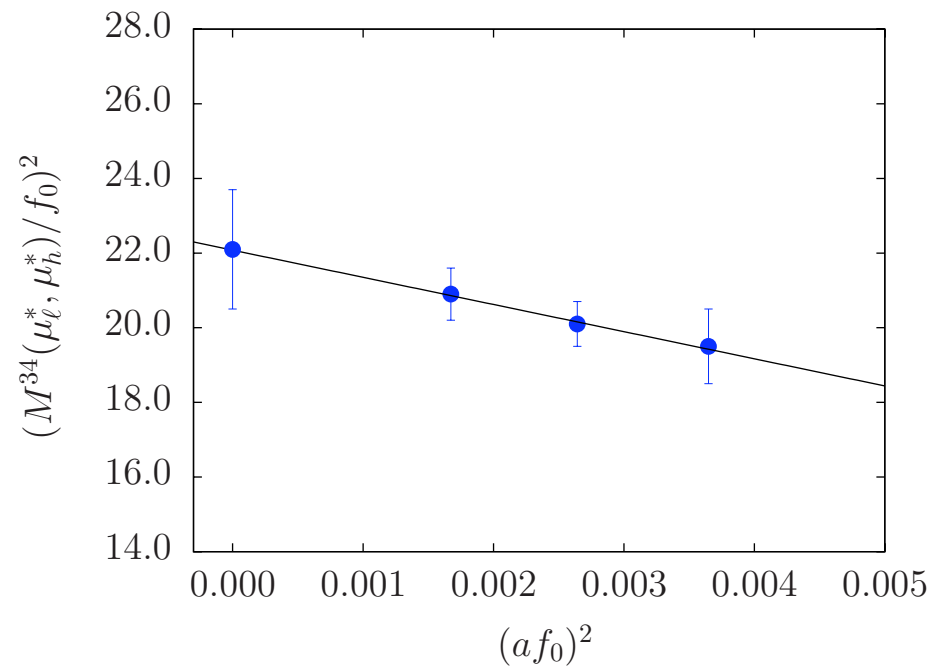
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# The Simulation

- The  $N_f = 2$  ETMC runs are performed at three gauge couplings  $\beta$ .
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  - $\beta = 3.90$ , corresponding to  $a \approx 0.09$  fm [i.e.  $1/a \approx 2.2$  GeV ]  $V = 24^3 \times 48$  &  $32^3 \times 64$
  - $\beta = 4.05$ , corresponding to  $a \approx 0.07$  fm [i.e.  $1/a \approx 2.8$  GeV ]  $V = 32^3 \times 64$
- 3-4 sea quark masses = light valence quark masses in the range  $280 \text{ MeV} \leq m_{PS} \leq 550 \text{ MeV}$
- @ each light quark, 3 heavy (strange) quark masses in the range  $450 \text{ MeV} \leq m_{PS} \leq 700 \text{ MeV}$

# Pseudoscalar meson mass splitting

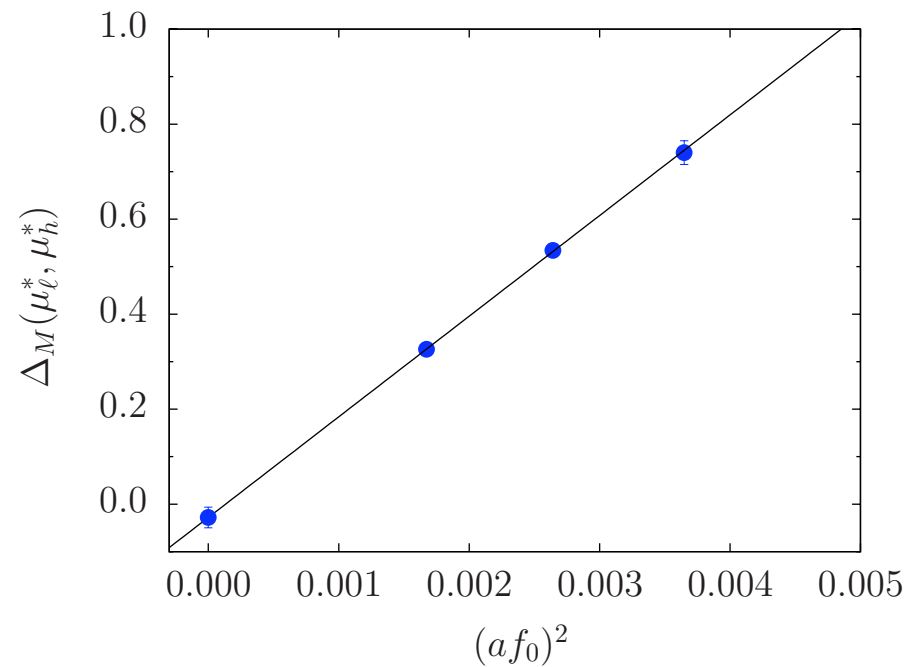
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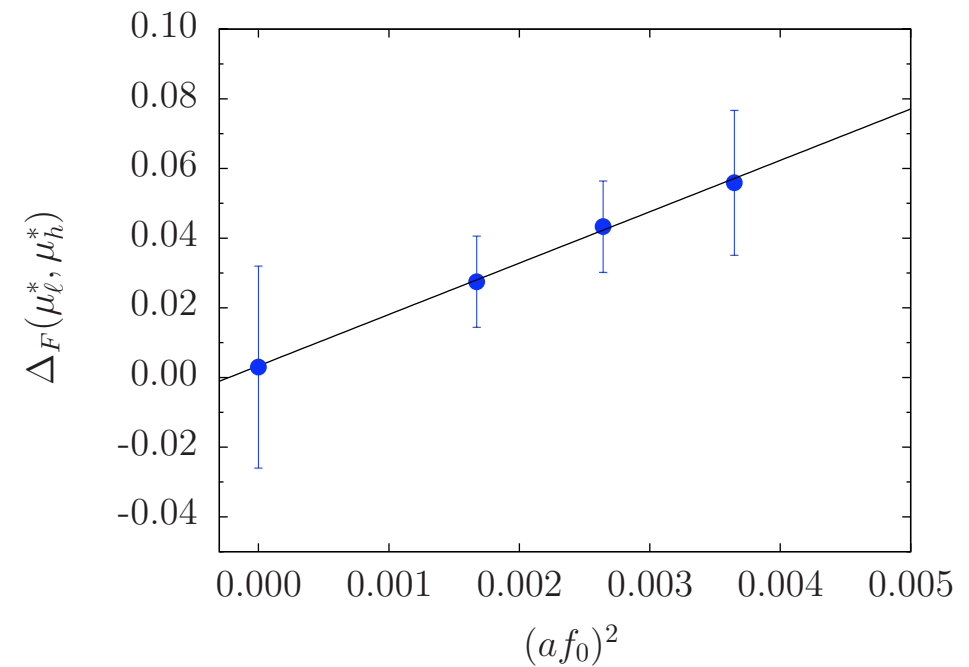
- small (a few %) scaling violations of the (“true”) tmQCD Kaon mass and decay constant,
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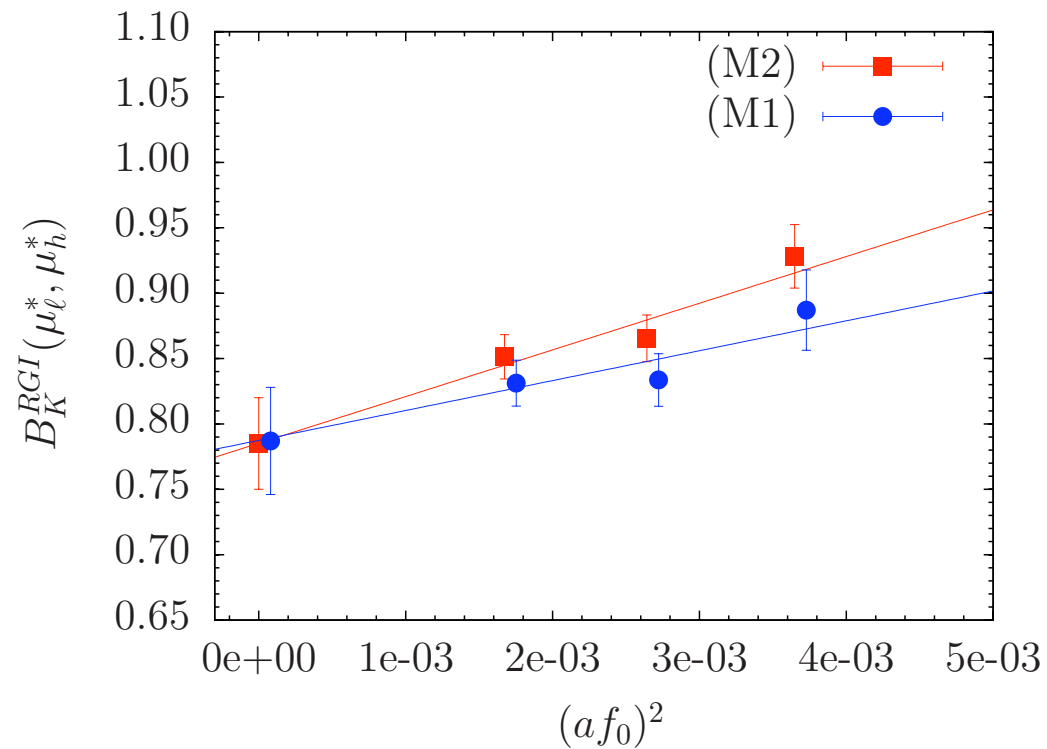
$$\Delta_F = - \frac{F^{12} - F^{34}}{F^{34}}$$

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- OS-Kaon mass shows 30% discretization error - vanishes in the continuum limit



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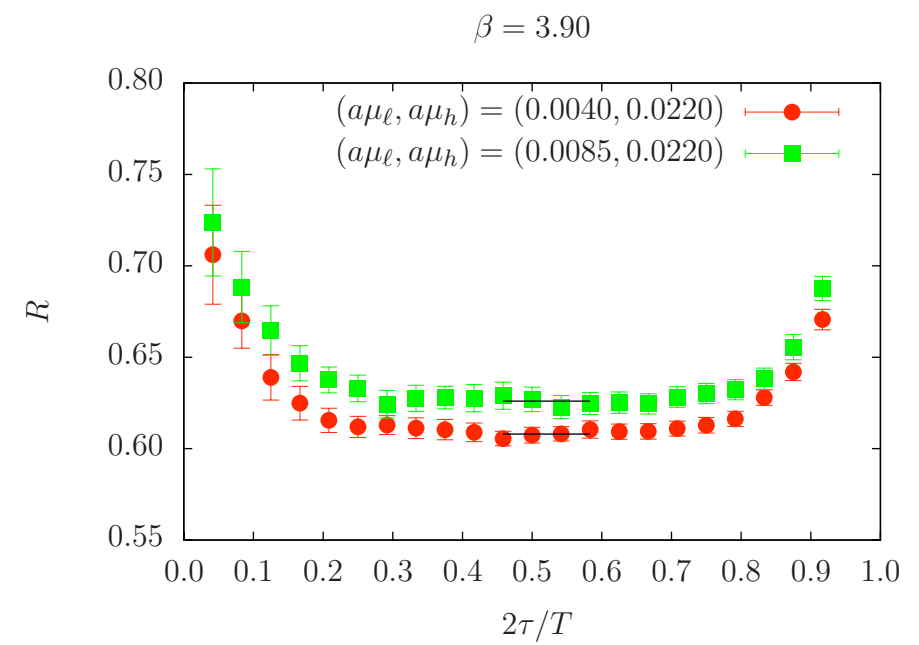
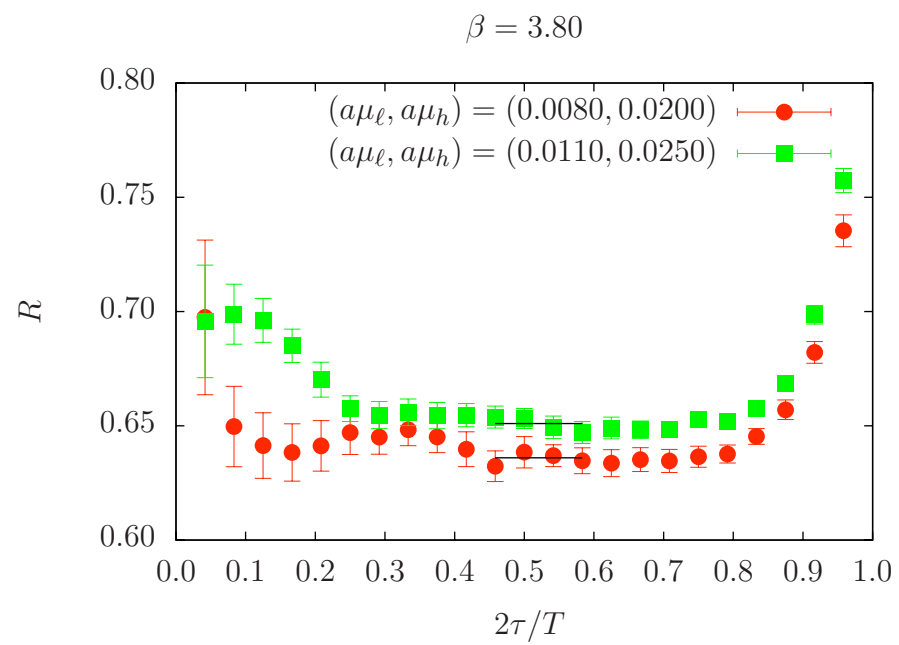
$$B_K = \frac{3}{8} \frac{Z_{VA+AV}}{Z_V Z_A} \frac{\langle P^{34} | Q_{VA+AV} | P^{21} \rangle}{\langle P^{34} | V_0(0) | 0 \rangle \langle 0 | A_0(0) | P^{21} \rangle}$$

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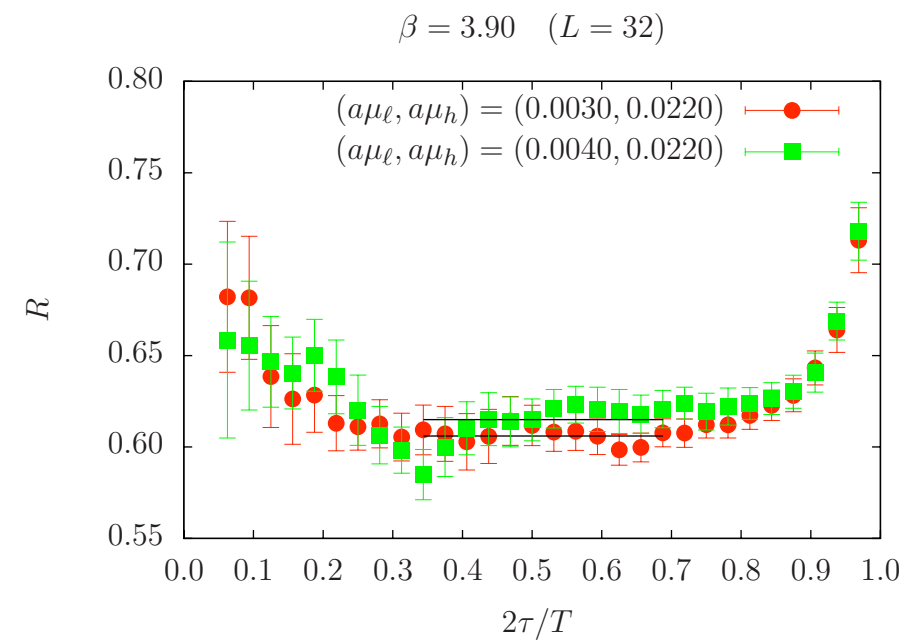
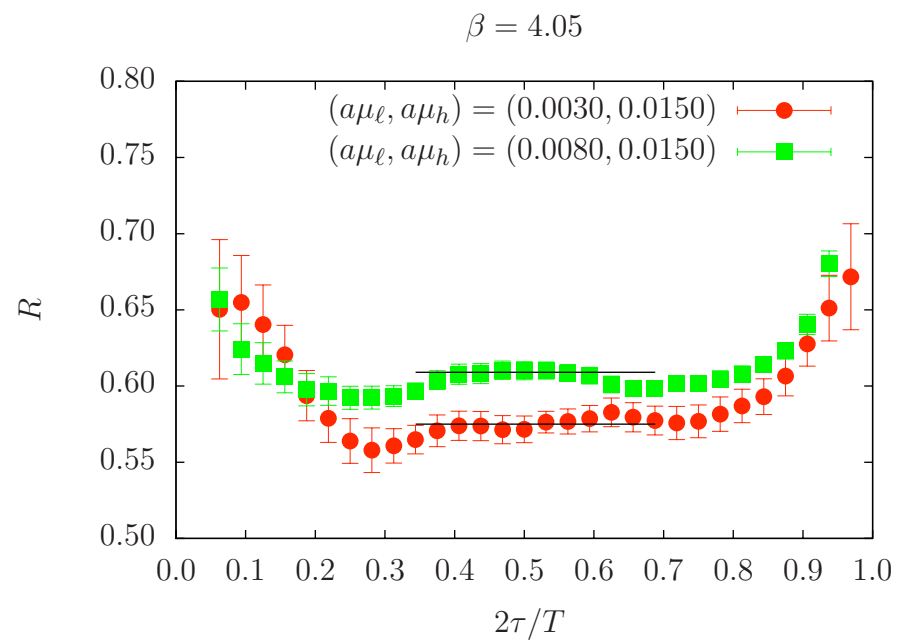
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- benevolent cancellation mechanism between large  $\mathcal{O}(a^2)$  effects in numerator and denominator
- two methods for the determination of  $Z_{VA+AV}$  (RI/MOM scheme) give compatible results

# $B_K$ : signal quality

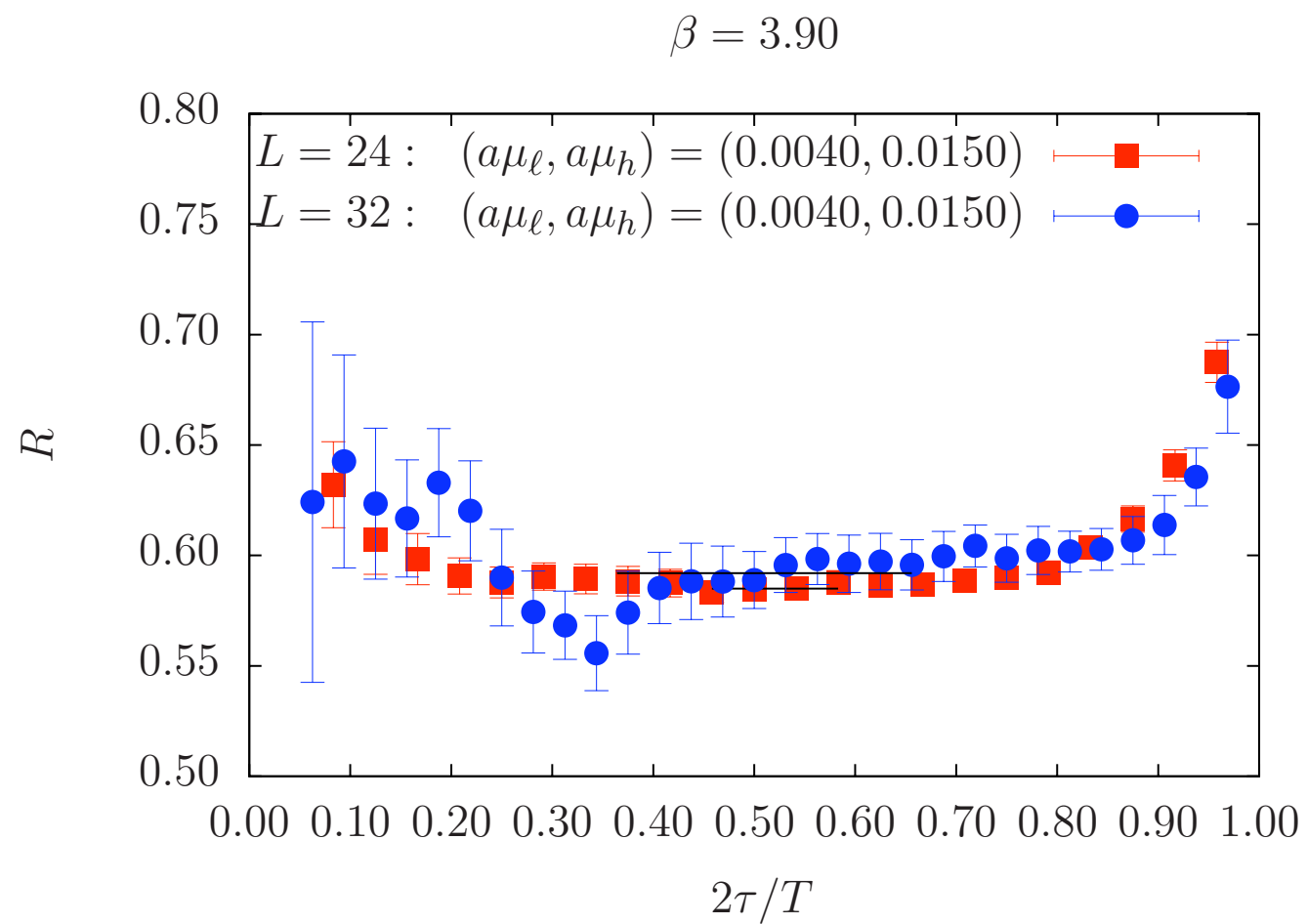


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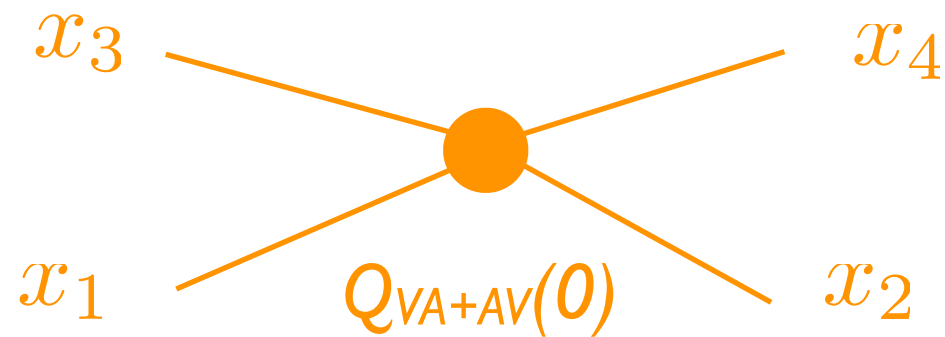
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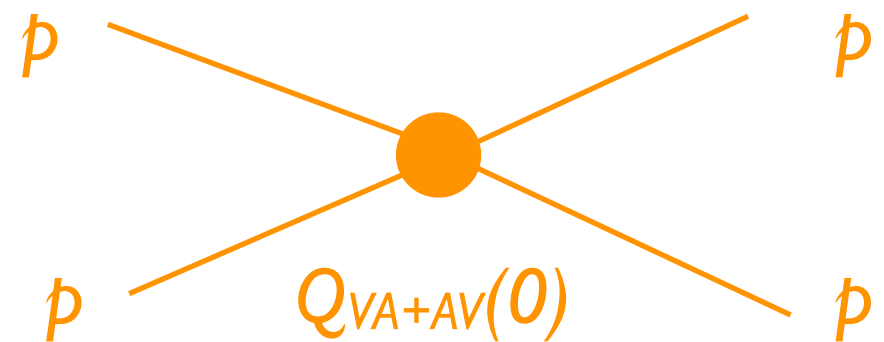
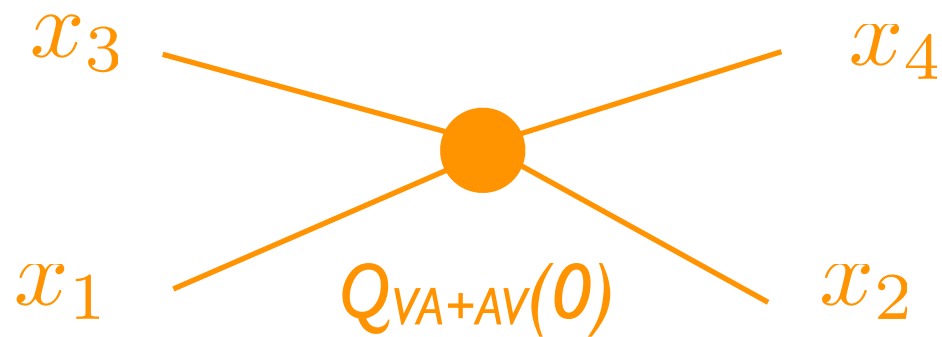
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- Fourier transform it to obtain the correlation function in momentum space

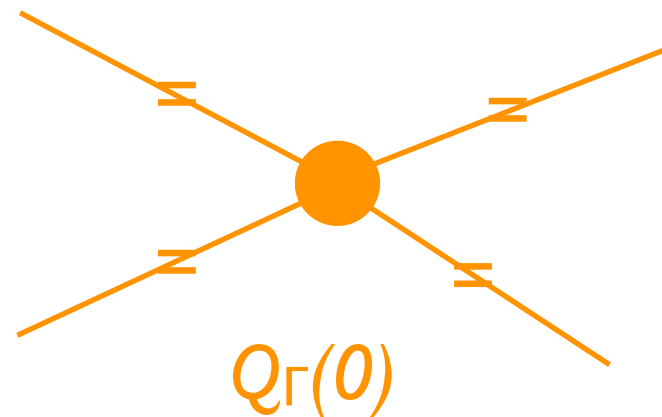
$$G_{VA+AV}(p) = \int dx_1 dx_2 dx_3 dx_4 G_{AV+VA}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \exp[-ip(x_1 - x_2 + x_3 - x_4)]$$



# $B_K$ : renormalization (RI/MOM)

- amputate the momentum space correlation function

$$\Lambda_{VA+AV}(p) = \mathcal{S}_1^{-1}(p) \mathcal{S}_2^{-1}(p) G_{AV+VA}(p) \mathcal{S}_3^{-1}(p) \mathcal{S}_4^{-1}(p)$$



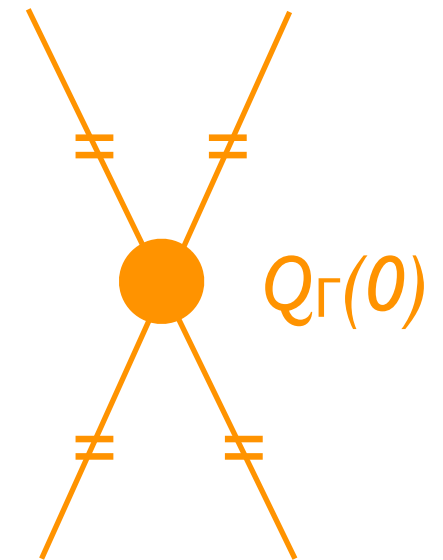
- NB: exceptional momentum configuration (optional)
- NB: all manipulations are in the Landau gauge
- the amputated correlation function is a matrix in Dirac-colour space; its tree level value is  $(VA+AV) \otimes I$

## Basic definitions

- it is convenient to impose the renormalization condition on a function of momenta (rather than on a Dirac-colour matrix)
- we thus “project” the amputated correlation Dirac-colour Green function by suitable traces
- this consists in defining the projected-amputated Green function

$$\Gamma_{VA+AV}(p) = \text{Tr} [P_{AV+VA} G_{AV+VA}(p)]$$

- the trace is over colour and spin indices
- the trace over colours is trivial
- the trace over spin is conditioned by the choice of the Dirac projectors  $P_Q$ , chosen so that the tree-level value of  $\Gamma_{VA+AV}$  is unity (recall that the tree level value of  $\Gamma_{VA+AV}$  is  $(VA+AV) \otimes I$ ).



# RI/MOM renormalization scheme

- so far we only defined a convenient projected-amputated correlation function  $\Gamma_{VA+AV}(p)$ , in terms of the bilinear operator  $Q_{VA+AV}$  and the fermion fields  $\psi$
- this bare quantity, regularized by the lattice, is computed non-perturbatively (i.e. numerically, at fixed UV cutoff)
- the renormalized  $\Gamma_{VA+AV}(p)$  is formally given by:

$$\left[ \Gamma_{VA+AV}(p) \right]_{\text{R}} = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \left[ Z_{\psi}^{-2}(a\mu) Z_{AV+VA}(a\mu) G_{AV+VA}(p) \right]$$

quark field renormalization

operator renormalization

- RI/MOM renormalization scheme: impose the following renormalization condition on  $\Gamma_{VA+AV}(p)$

$$\left[ \Gamma_{VA+AV}(p) \right]_{\text{R}} \Big|_{p^2=\mu^2} = \left[ Z_{\psi}^{-2}(a\mu) Z_{AV+VA}(a\mu) G_{AV+VA}(p) \right] = 1$$

- i.e. the renormalized amputated-projected correlation function  $[\Gamma_{VA+AV}(p)]_{\text{R}}$ , at scale  $\mu$ , is set to its tree level value. From it the product  $Z_Q/Z_{\psi}^2$  is determined



## RI/MOM renormalization scheme

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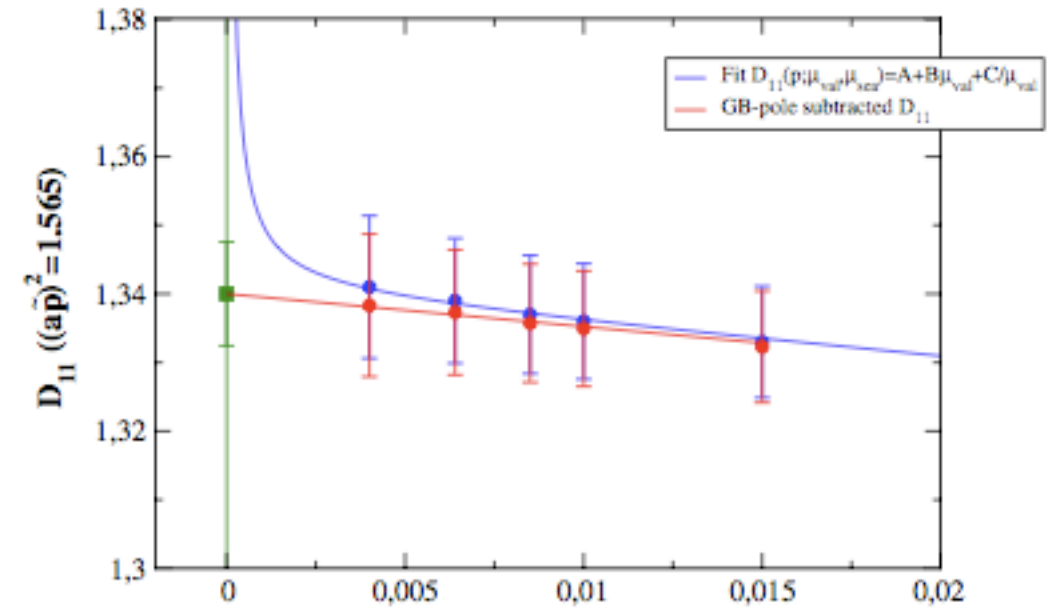
- in practice the bare  $\Gamma_{VA+AV}(p)$  is computed at fixed UV cutoff (lattice spacing) for several quark masses  $\mu_Q$  and renormalization scales  $\mu$
- being a mass-independent scheme, the chiral extrapolation  $\mu_Q \rightarrow 0$  must be performed
- we must disentangle  $Z_Q$  from  $Z_{\psi}$ ; conceptually the simplest way is by using the lattice conserved vector current  $V^C$ , which has  $Z_{V^C} = 1$
- for this current, the RI/MOM condition gives a way to compute non-perturbatively  $Z_{\psi}$

$$\left[ \Gamma_{V^C}(p^2) \right]_{\text{R}} \Big|_{p^2=\mu^2} = Z_{\psi}^{-1}(a\mu) \Gamma_{V^C}(\mu) = 1$$

- in practice this method is not applied because the conserved current is point split and somewhat intricate and costly to implement (in reality these are superable problems...)
- instead of  $V^C$ , we use  $Z_V V = V^C$ , with  $Z_V$  taken from a tmQCD Ward identity

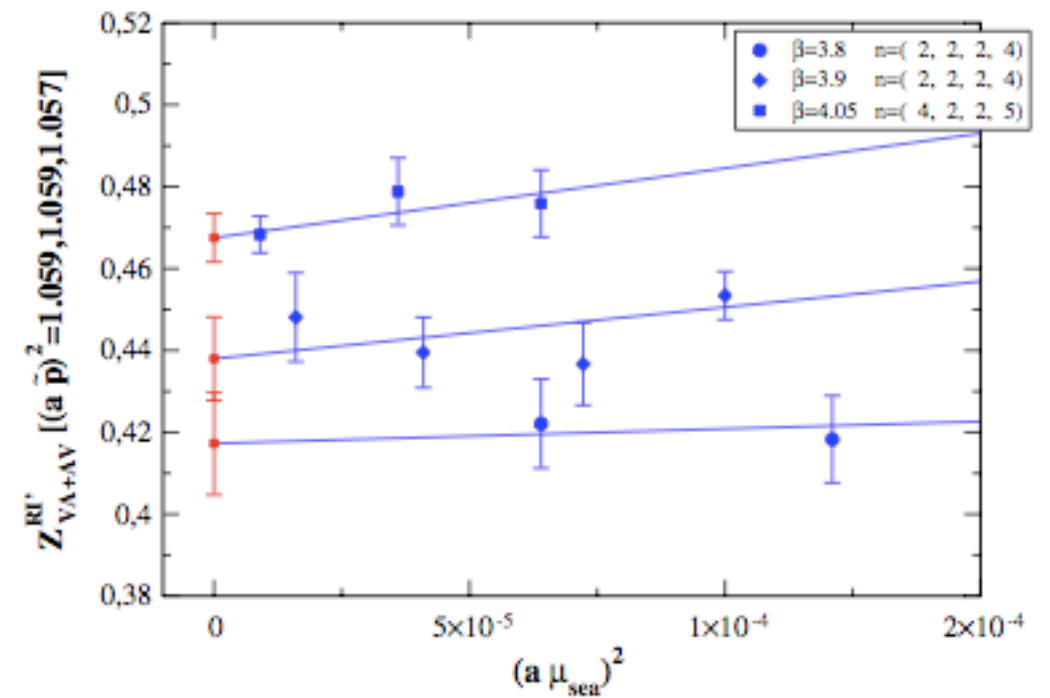
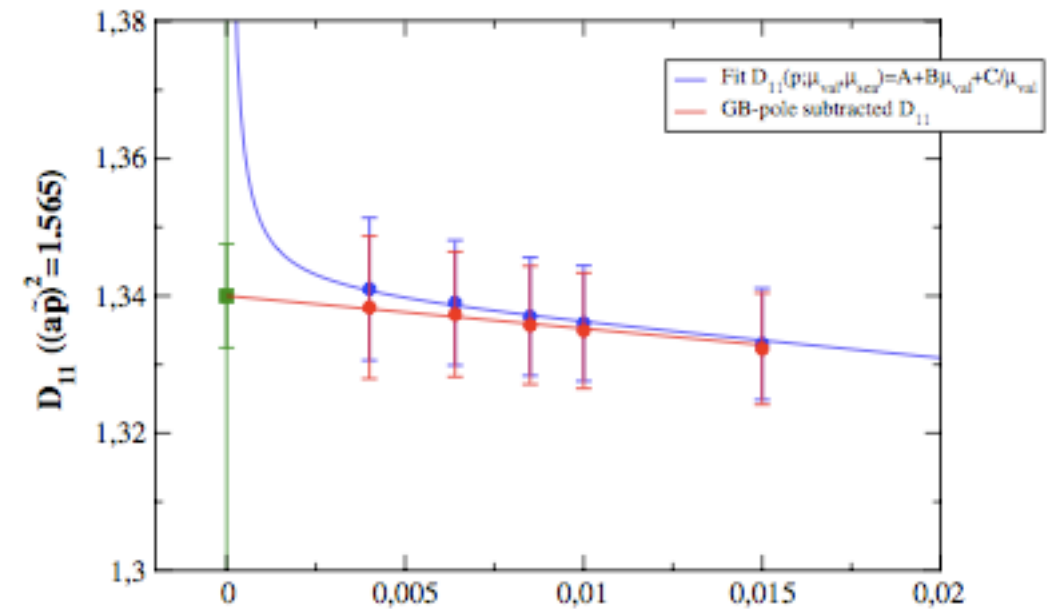
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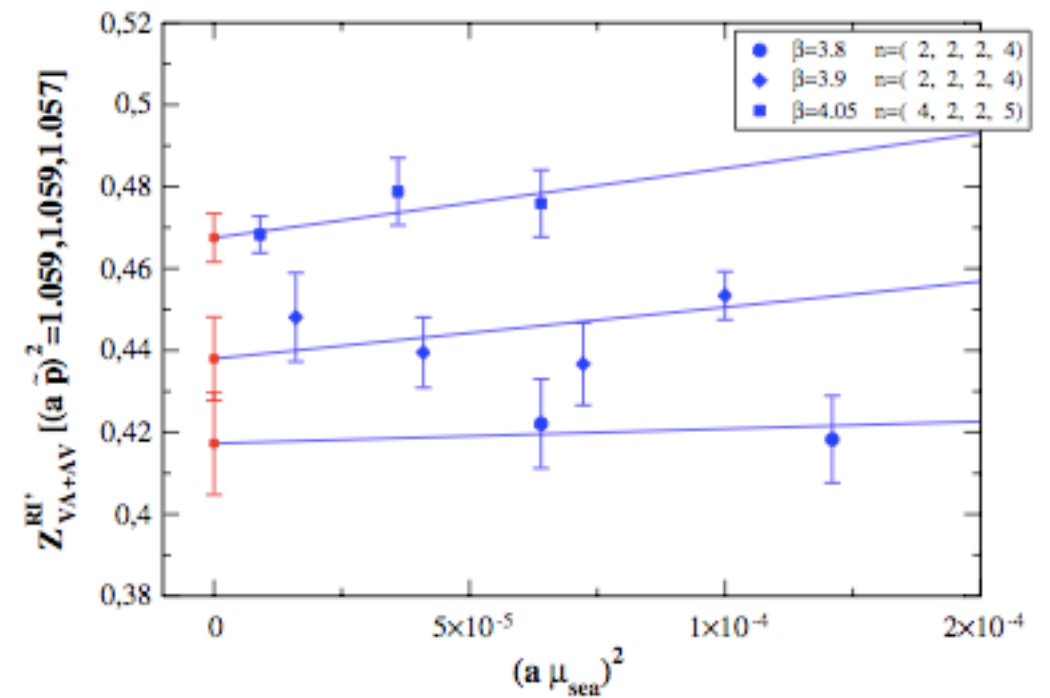
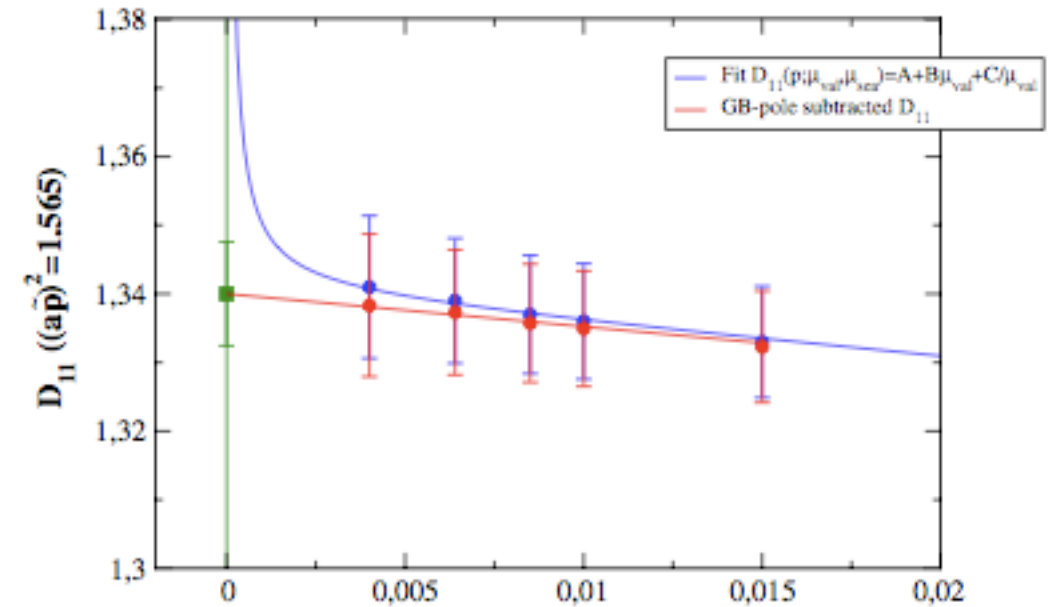
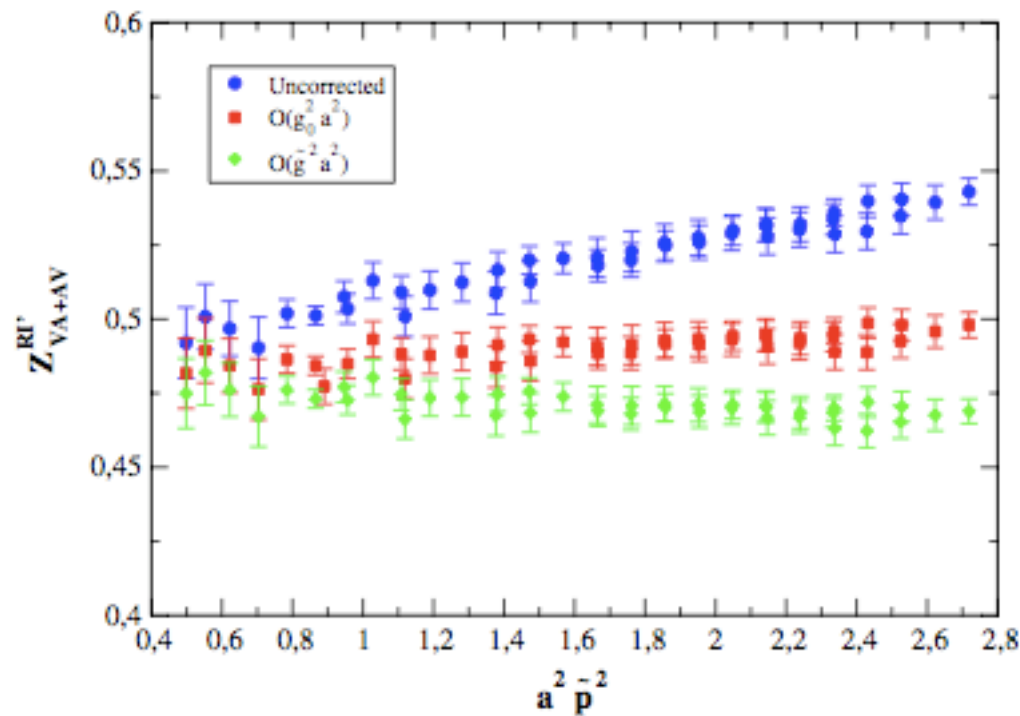
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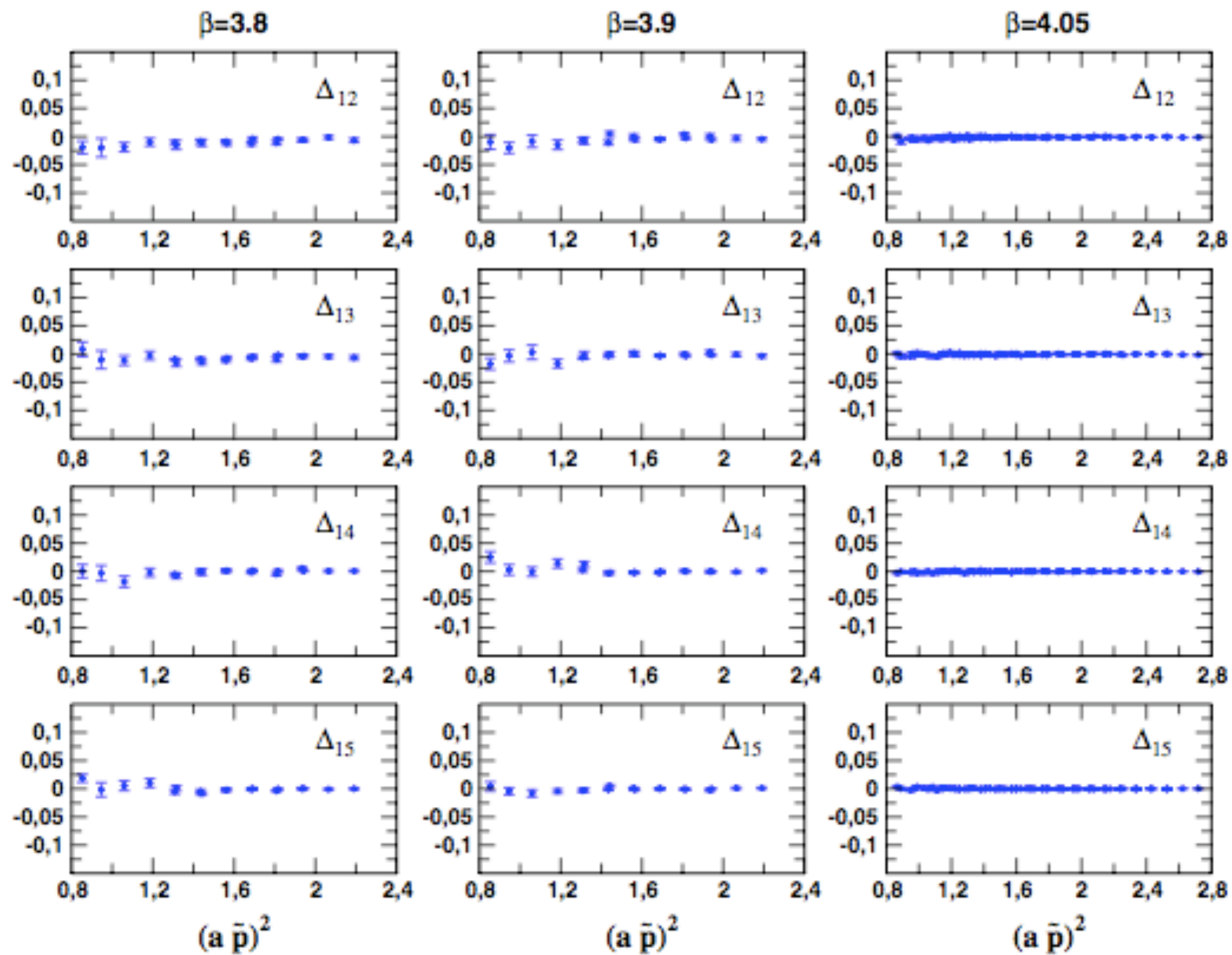
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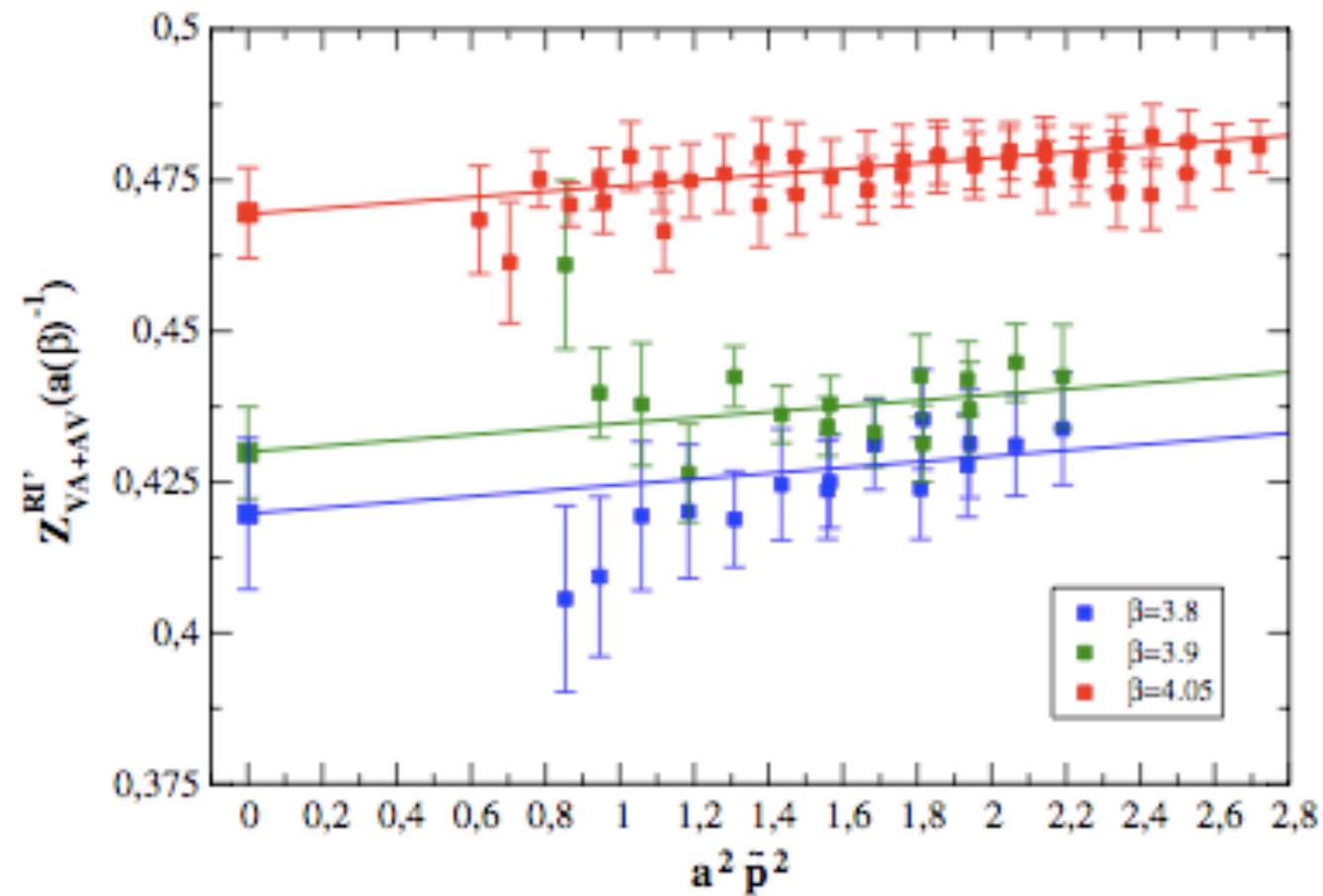
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- check the “wrong chirality” contributions:



# $B_K$ : renormalization (RI/MOM)

- Use NLO PT RG-running from “all scales” to a reference scale  $\mu \sim 1/a$  and extrapolate residual  $(ap)^2$  dependence as a cutoff effect



# $B_K$ : mass extrapolations

- for each  $\beta$  we have a number of bag parameters  $B_K(\mu_l = \mu_{\text{sea}}, \mu_h)$
- The RGI-bag parameter is fit by the SU(2) -  $\chi$ PT Ansatz:

$$B_K^{\text{RGI}}(\hat{\mu}_l, \hat{\mu}_s) = B_\chi^{\text{RGI}}(\hat{\mu}_s) \left[ 1 + b(\hat{\mu}_s) \frac{2\hat{B}_0\hat{\mu}_l}{f_0^2} - \frac{2\hat{B}_0\hat{\mu}_l}{32\pi^2 f_0^2} \ln \left( \frac{2\hat{B}_0\hat{\mu}_l}{16\pi^2 f_0^2} \right) \right] + a^2 f_0^2 D_B(\hat{\mu}_s)$$

- “hatted” quantities are in  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  @ 2GeV. **What calibrations are needed?**
- $f_0 = 121.0(1)$  MeV -- the pion decay constant @ chiral limit
- $\hat{B}_\chi$  -- the bag parameter @ chiral limit
- $\hat{B}_0 = 2.84(11)$  GeV
- $\hat{\mu}_{u/d} = 3.5(1)$  MeV
- ETMC, M. Constantinou et al., JHEP08 (2010) 068; ETMC, R. Baron et al., JHEP08 (2010) 097
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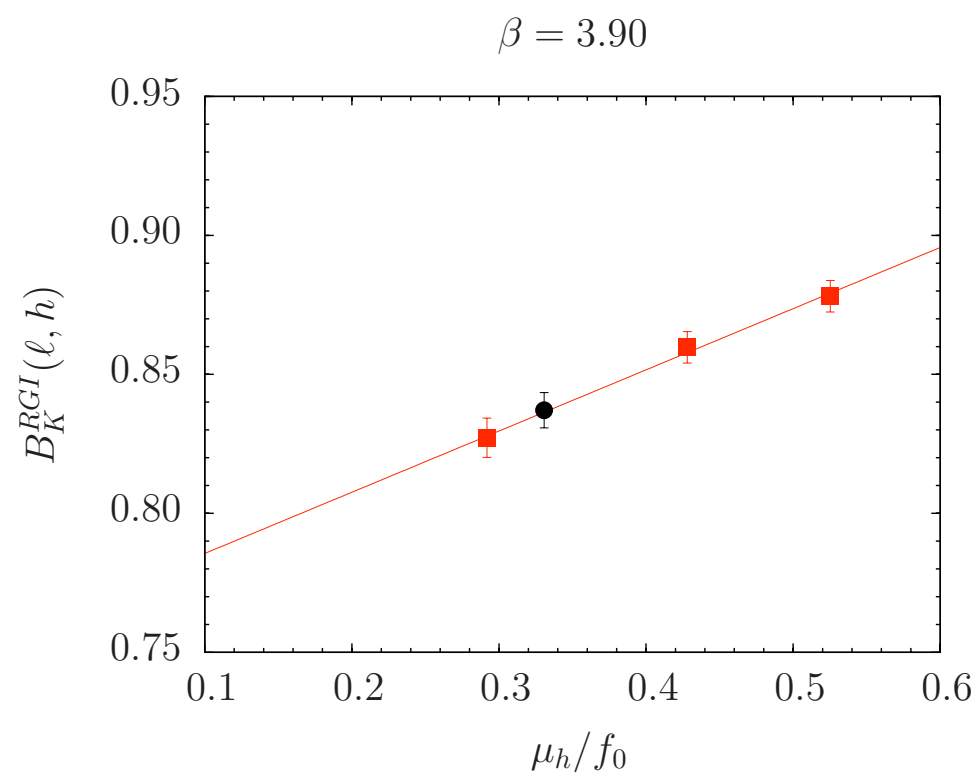
$$f_0^2 M_{34}^2(\hat{\mu}_l, \hat{\mu}_h) = C_M(\hat{\mu}_h) \left[ 1 + c(\hat{\mu}_h) \frac{2\hat{B}_0 \hat{\mu}_l}{f_0^2} \right] + a^2 f_0^2 D_M(\hat{\mu}_h)$$

- for each  $\beta$  and  $\hat{\mu}_l$  calculate  $M_{34}$  at three reference values  $75 \text{ MeV} < \hat{\mu}_h^* < 105 \text{ MeV}$
- use above Ansatz and known value of  $\hat{\mu}_{u/d}$  to compute  $M_{34}(\hat{\mu}_{u/d}, \hat{\mu}_h^*)$  in the continuum
- interpolate  $[M_{34}(\hat{\mu}_{u/d}, \hat{\mu}_h^*)]^2$  linearly in  $\hat{\mu}_h^*$  to the physical value  $M_{34}^2 = (495 \text{ MeV})^2$  and obtain:
- $\hat{\mu}_s = 92(5) \text{ MeV}$



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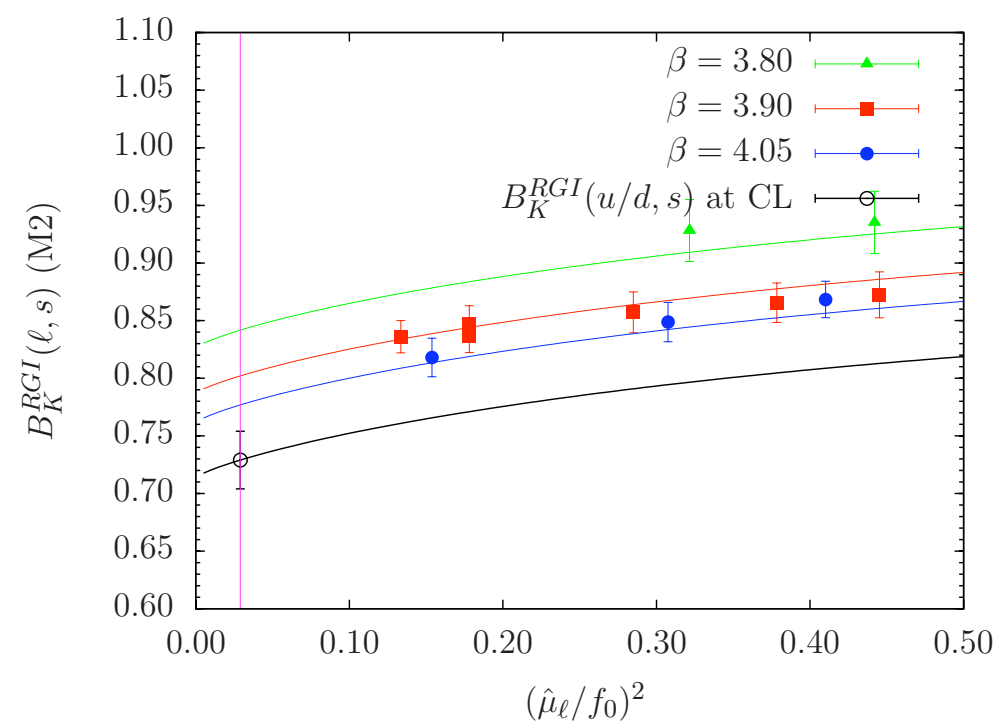
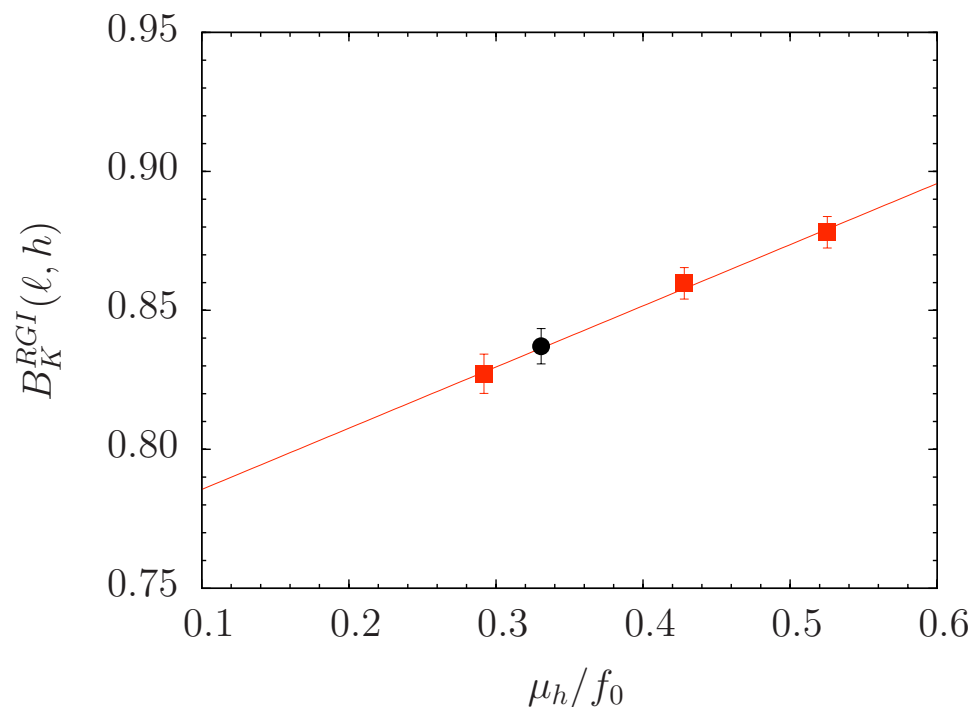


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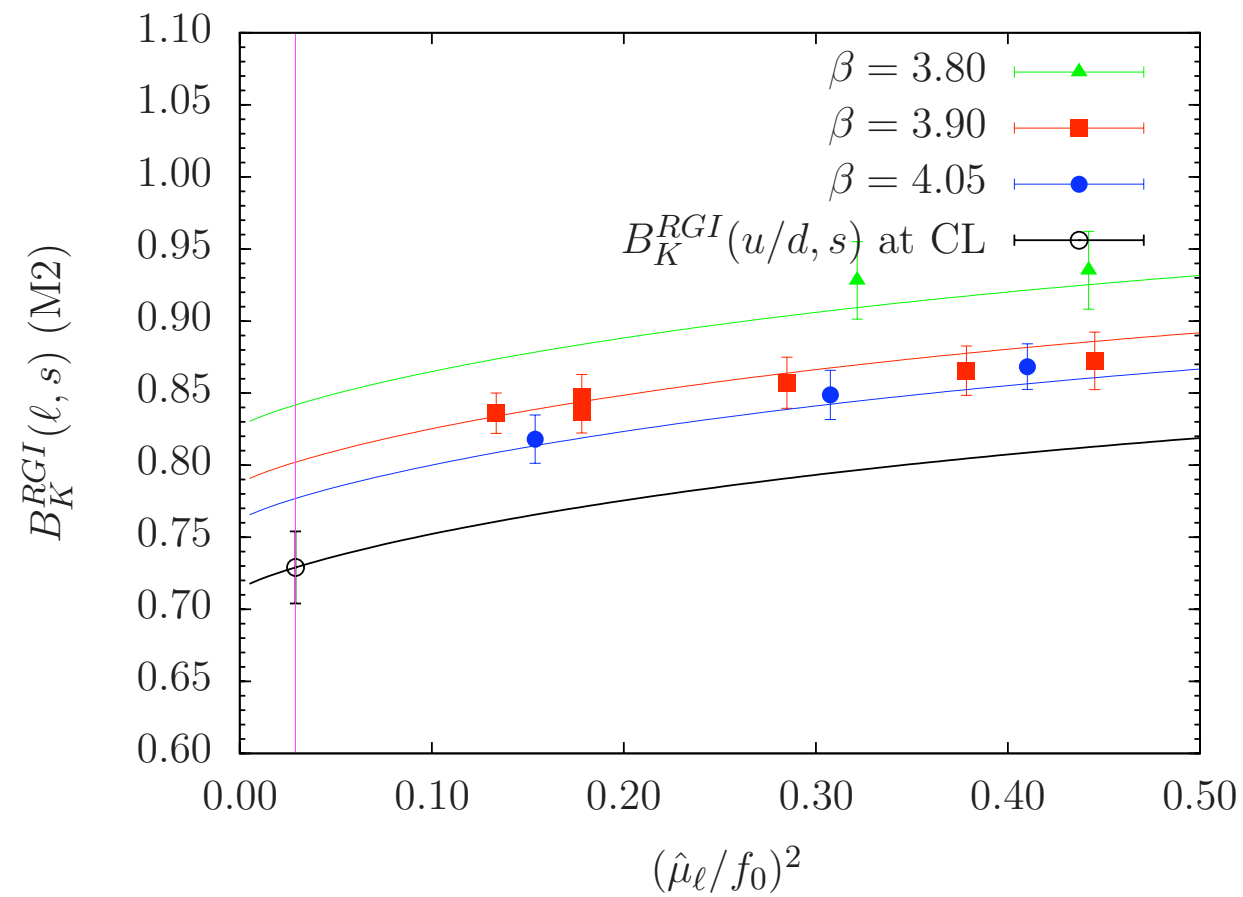
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- $B_K(\hat{\mu}_l, \hat{\mu}_s)$
- now use SU(2) -  $\chi$ PT Ansatz (simultaneous chiral and continuum fit), to obtain:
- $B_K(\hat{\mu}_{u/d}, \hat{\mu}_s)$

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“statistical error” (bootstrap):

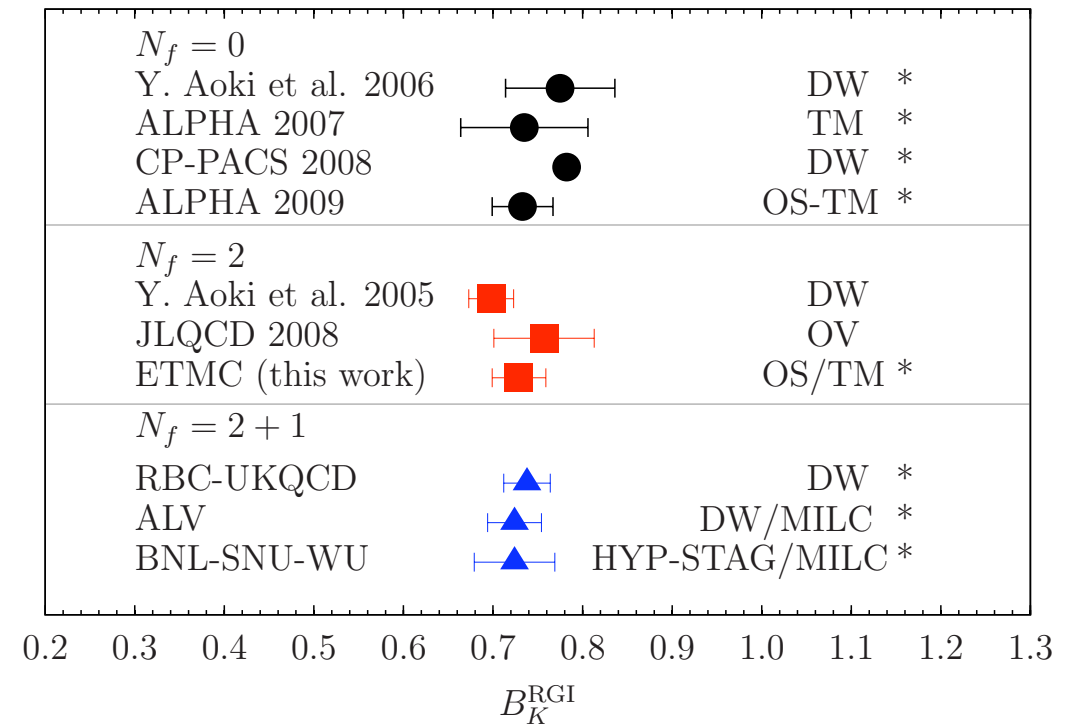
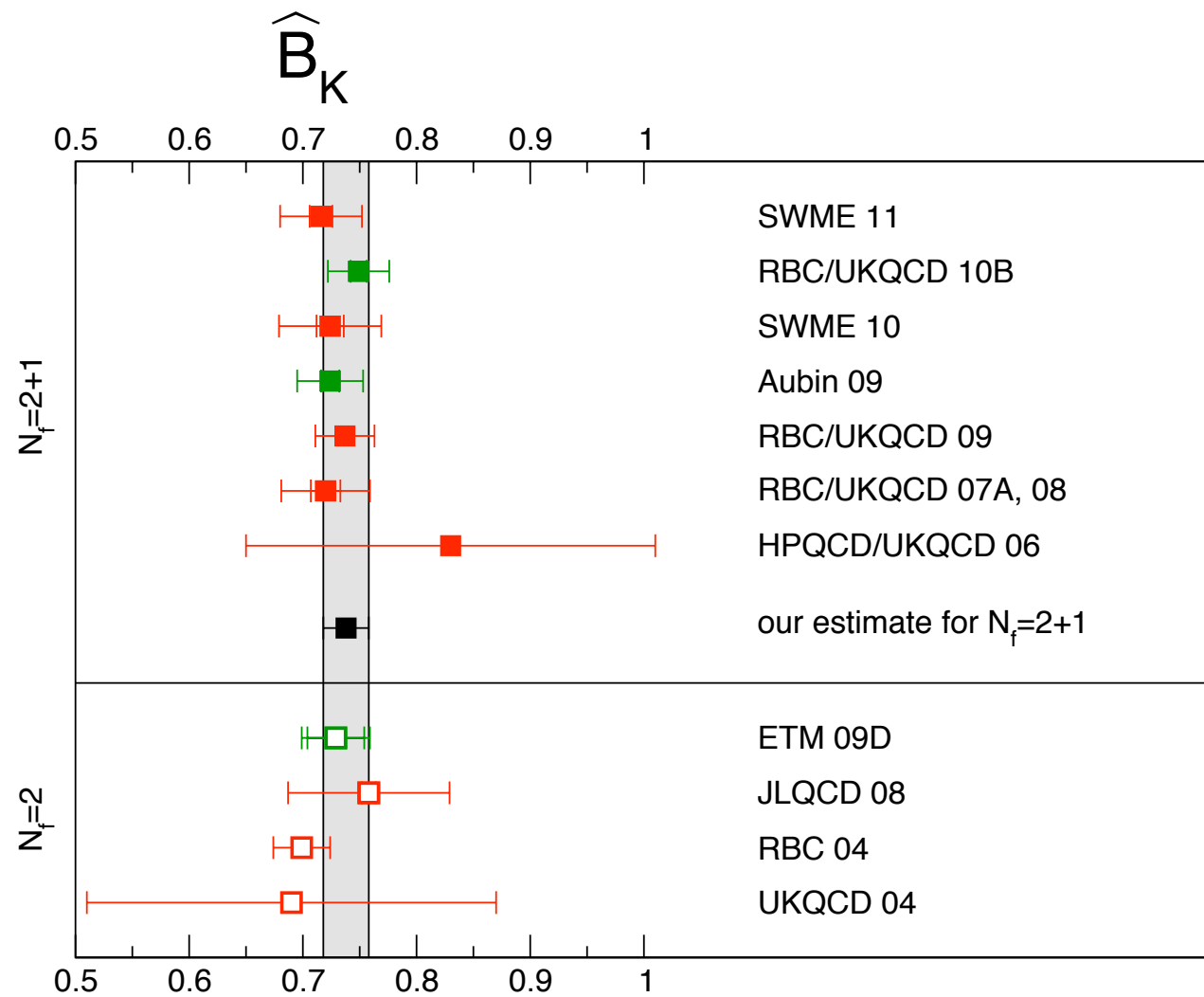
- ME fluctuations 1%
- Zs determination 2%
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- strange quark mass interpolations

“systematic error”:

- lattice calibration from  $r_0$  or  $f_0$
- Zs determined with 2 methods
- polynomial chiral extrapolations
- quark/PS-meson  $\chi$ PT interpolations

# $B_K$ comparison with others

FLAG, G. Colangelo et al., arXiv:1011.4408 [hep-lat]



- Hardly any dependence on  $N_f \sim 1/a$  is observed

# Conclusions

- In 2001 the reliable lattice estimates of  $B_K$  were all quenched
- the staggered estimates were clearly the “best”, with Ginsparg Wilson computations in their infancy and Wilson computation afflicted by large systematic effects, due to:
  - the complicated renormalization pattern of  $B_K$  resulting from loss of chiral symmetry in the bare action
  - the large discretization errors
- thanks to tmQCD, both sources of systematic error are now under control at a (moderate?) price
- quenching is quickly being removed (the last uncontrolled source of systematic error), by either by a partially quenched setup ( $N_f = 2$ ) or an unquenched one ( $N_f = 2+1, 2+1+1, \dots$ )
- $B_K$  is the “simplest” 4-fermion operator, from the lattice point of view (one anomalous dimension, Kaonic mass regime, no finite state interactions, ...)
- controlling its systematics paves the way for more complicated realities, which have been put to stand-by mode for many years ( $B_K, K \rightarrow \pi\pi, \dots$ )