

# Lattice calculation of $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ decay and $\pi\pi$ scattering

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  - SM prediction desired
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- Recent status
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- Summary & Outlook

## About this talk

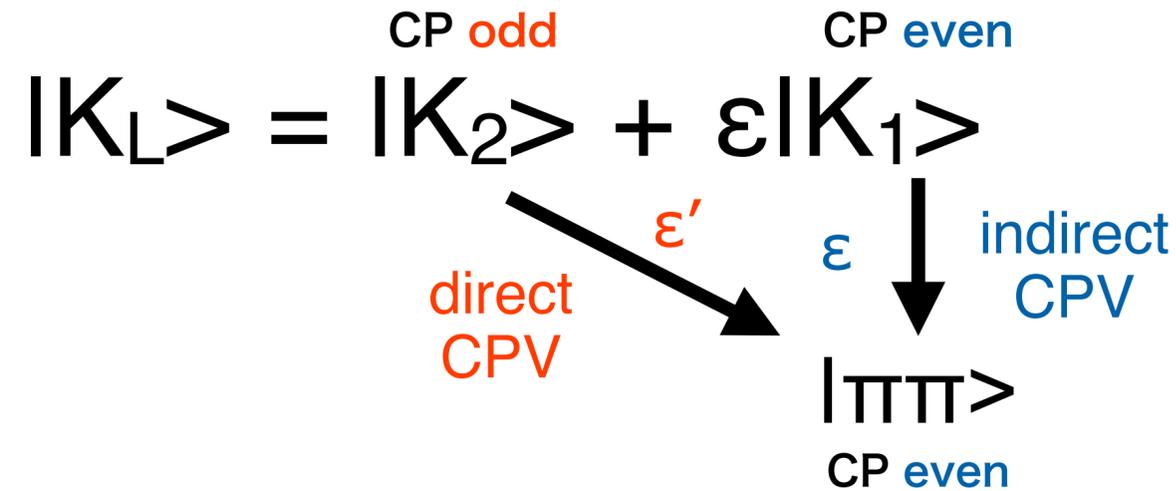
- This talk mostly focuses on lattice calculation of  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  decay

## Also see

- Comprehensive review on  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ : Aebischer et al [EurPhys.J.C80,705 \(2020\)](#)
- ChPT including EM/IB correction to  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ : [Cirigliano et al JHEP,02,032,\(2020\)](#)

# Introduction

# K → ππ & CP violation

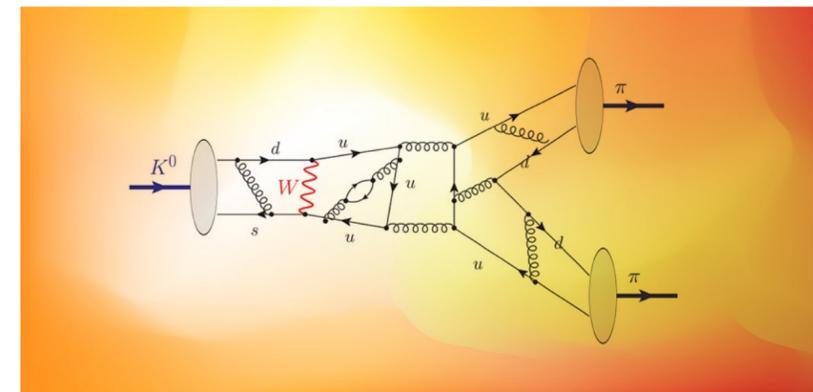
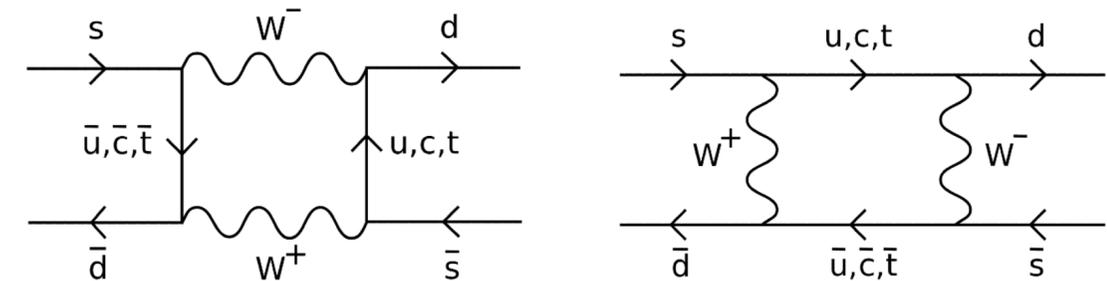


$$\frac{\Gamma(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0)}{\Gamma(K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0)} \bigg/ \frac{\Gamma(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)}{\Gamma(K_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-)} = 1 - 6\text{Re}(\epsilon'/\epsilon)$$

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- $|\epsilon| = 2.228(11) \times 10^{-3}$  from “odd” mixing b/w  $K^0$  &  $\bar{K}^0$
- $\epsilon'$  only found in decays
  - ▶  $\text{Re}(\epsilon'/\epsilon)_{\text{exp}} = 1.66(23) \times 10^{-3}$  (KTeV & NA48)
  - ▶ Consistent with SM?



# CP violation & its importance

- CP violation discovered in 1964 –  $K_L \rightarrow \pi\pi$
- Direct CPV discovered in 1999 – also in  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$
- CPV in SM believed to be insufficient to explain the matter-antimatter imbalance in the present universe
- Testing SM via CPV physics can provide a good source for searching BSM
- Lattice QCD capable of testing hadronic sectors  $K, D, B, \dots$
- Direct CP violation measure  $\varepsilon'/\varepsilon$  in  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  highly demanded

# Anticipated significance of $\epsilon'$

- $s \rightarrow d$ : most suppressed within SM

$$\text{Re}(\epsilon'/\epsilon) \propto \text{Im}(V_{td}V_{ts}^*)$$

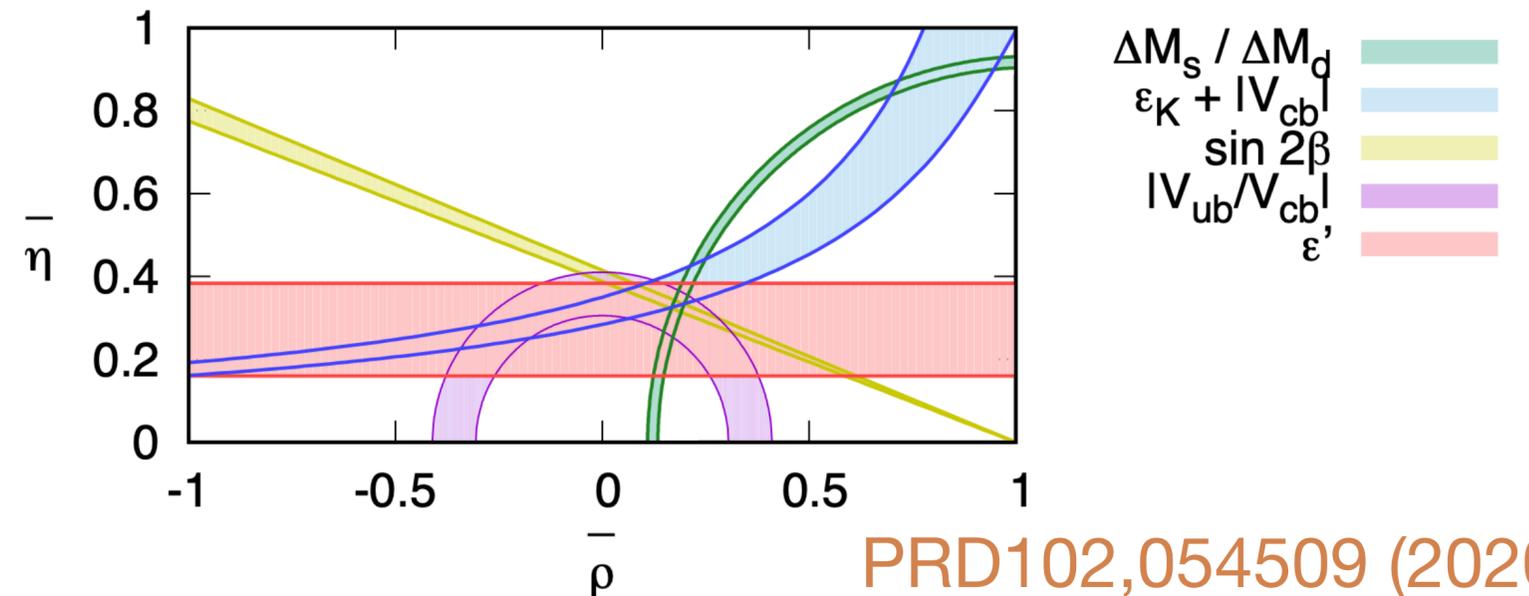
$$V_{\text{CKM}} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \lambda & \lambda^3 \\ -\lambda & 1 & \lambda^2 \\ \lambda^3 & -\lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} u \\ c \\ t \end{matrix}$$

$\lambda \approx 0.23$

$$|V_{td}V_{ts}^*| \sim 5 \times 10^{-4} \ll |V_{td}V_{tb}^*| \sim 1 \times 10^{-2}, \quad |V_{ts}V_{tb}^*| \sim 4 \times 10^{-2}$$

$s \rightarrow d$                        $b \rightarrow d$                        $b \rightarrow s$

- Highly sensitive to BSM
- New constraint on CKM unitarity



# Isospin decay modes & $\Delta I = 1/2$ rule

$$\langle (\pi\pi)_{I=0} | = \sqrt{1/3} \langle \pi^0 \pi^0 | + \sqrt{2/3} \langle \pi^+ \pi^- |, \quad \langle (\pi\pi)_{I=2}^{I_3=0} | = -\sqrt{2/3} \langle \pi^0 \pi^0 | + \sqrt{1/3} \langle \pi^+ \pi^- |$$

- Isospin-definite amplitudes

$$A_I = \langle (\pi\pi)_I | H_W | K \rangle \quad \begin{cases} I = 0 \rightarrow \Delta I = 1/2 \\ I = 2 \rightarrow \Delta I = 3/2 \end{cases}$$

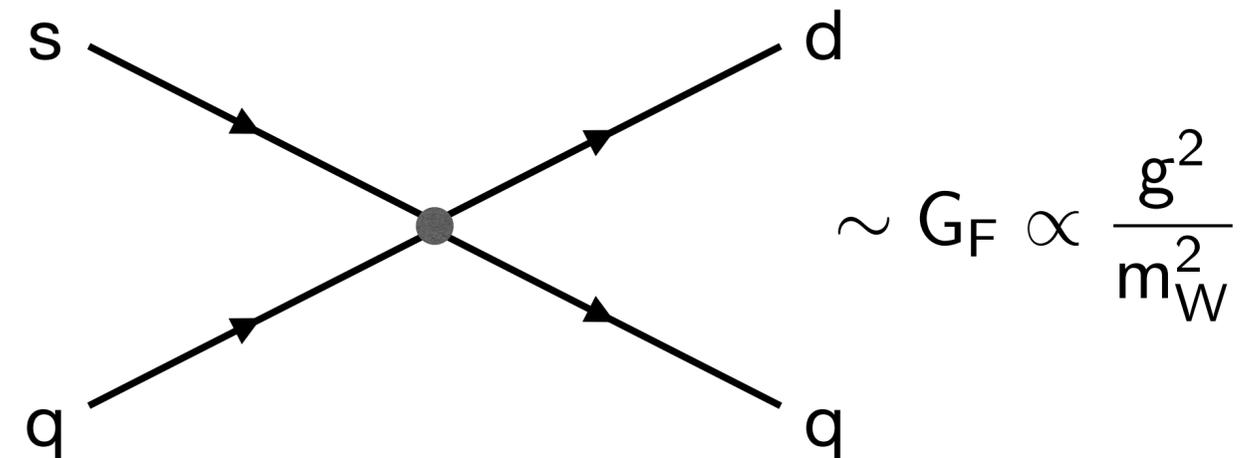
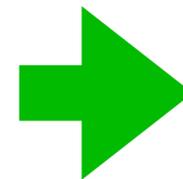
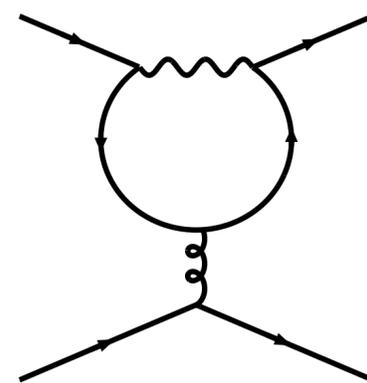
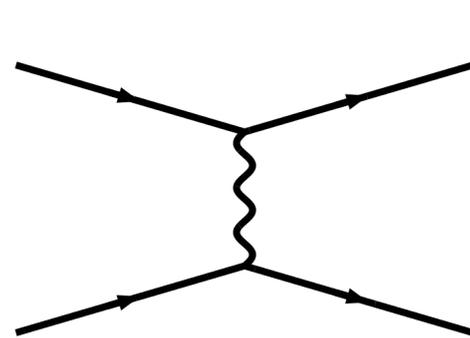
- $\Delta I = 1/2$  rule (experimental fact)

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- ▶ Factor 2 can be responsible for Wilson coefs from pQCD [Gaillard & Lee, PRL 33,108 (1974)]
- ▶ Remaining factor 10 comes from QCD or BSM?
- ▶ A lot of discussions happening already in 1970s
- ▶ Firm understanding was not established before lattice calculation of matrix elements

# Approach to weak decays

- Two typical scales
  - Electroweak scale:  $m_W = 80 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_Z = 91 \text{ GeV}$
  - QCD scale:  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim 300 \text{ MeV}$
- Low-energy effective interactions @ QCD scale



$$\sim G_F \propto \frac{g^2}{m_W^2}$$

$$\text{▸ } H_W = \sum_i \underline{c_i(\mu)} \underline{O_i(\mu)}$$

**Wilson coefficients** **Effective operators**

# $\Delta S = 1$ effective operators

- $(\bar{s}q)_{V-A}(\bar{q}'q'')_{V\pm A} = \bar{s}\gamma_\mu(1 - \gamma_5)q' \cdot \bar{q}'\gamma_\mu(1 \pm \gamma_5)q''$
- $\alpha, \beta$ : color indices

$$Q_1 = (\bar{s}_\alpha u_\beta)_{V-A} (\bar{u}_\beta d_\alpha)_{V-A},$$

$$Q_2 = (\bar{s}u)_{V-A} (\bar{u}d)_{V-A},$$

$$Q_3 = (\bar{s}d)_{V-A} \sum_q (\bar{q}q)_{V-A},$$

$$Q_4 = (\bar{s}_\alpha d_\beta)_{V-A} \sum_q (\bar{q}_\beta q_\alpha)_{V-A},$$

$$Q_5 = (\bar{s}d)_{V-A} \sum_q (\bar{q}q)_{V+A},$$

$$Q_6 = (\bar{s}_\alpha d_\beta)_{V-A} \sum_q (\bar{q}_\beta q_\alpha)_{V+A},$$

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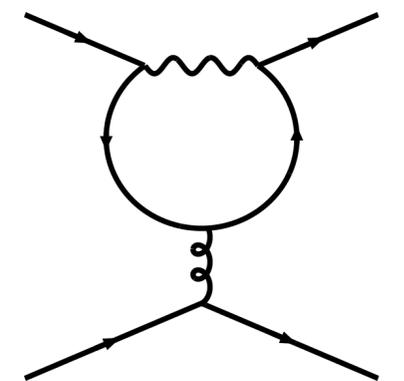
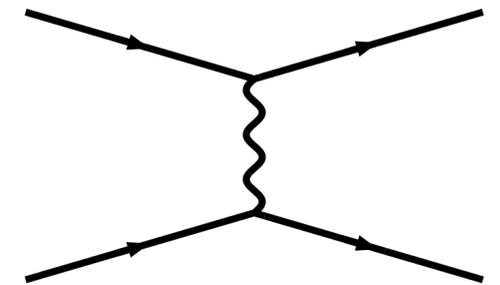
## Current-current operators

- $Q_1^c = (\bar{s}_\alpha c_\beta)_{V-A} (\bar{c}_\beta d_\alpha)_{V-A}$  &  $Q_2^c = (\bar{s}c)_{V-A} (\bar{c}d)_{V-A}$   
enter when  $n_f \geq 4$

## QCD penguin operators

- sum over  $q$  runs for all active quarks

## EW penguin operators



# $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ Amplitude and $\varepsilon'$

$\pi\pi$  phase shifts at  $m_K$

$$\varepsilon' = \frac{i\omega e^{i(\delta_2 - \delta_0)}}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \frac{\text{Im}A_2}{\text{Re}A_2} - \frac{\text{Im}A_0}{\text{Re}A_0} \right] \quad (\omega = \text{Re}A_2 / \text{Re}A_0)$$

Renormalization matrix

$$A_I = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{us}^* V_{ud} \sum_{i,j} \underbrace{[z_i(\mu) + \tau y_i(\mu)]}_{\text{Wilson coefs. pQCD}} \underbrace{Z_{ij}(\mu)}_{\text{LQCD (+pQCD)}} \underbrace{\langle (\pi\pi)_I | Q_j^{\text{lat}} | K \rangle}_{\text{LQCD}}$$

- Lüscher & Lellouch-Lüscher's formalisms play a key role in finite-volume calculation
- $A_2$  already reached a sufficient precision [RBC/UKQCD PRD91 \(2015\) 074502](#)
  - $\text{Re} A_2 = 1.50(4)_{\text{stat}}(14)_{\text{sys}} \times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\text{Im} A_2 = -6.99(20)_{\text{stat}}(84)_{\text{sys}} \times 10^{-13} \text{ GeV}$   
cf:  $(\text{Re} A_2)_{\text{exp}} = 1.479(4) \times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}$
- $A_0$  still challenging because of many difficulties

# Challenges

what confronted LQCD for a long time

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\* These are why very few lattice collaborations have computed  $\varepsilon'$  → focusing on the work by RBC/UKQCD

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- Finite-Volume methods
  - Lüscher-Wolf: variational method (GEVP) to control excited states (1990)
  - Lüscher: prescription to determine scattering phase shift (1991)
  - Lellouch-Lüscher: normalization of two-hadron state in finite volume essential for decays (2000)
- Theory done a long time ago, now computers and lattice computational techniques getting developed to apply to physics!

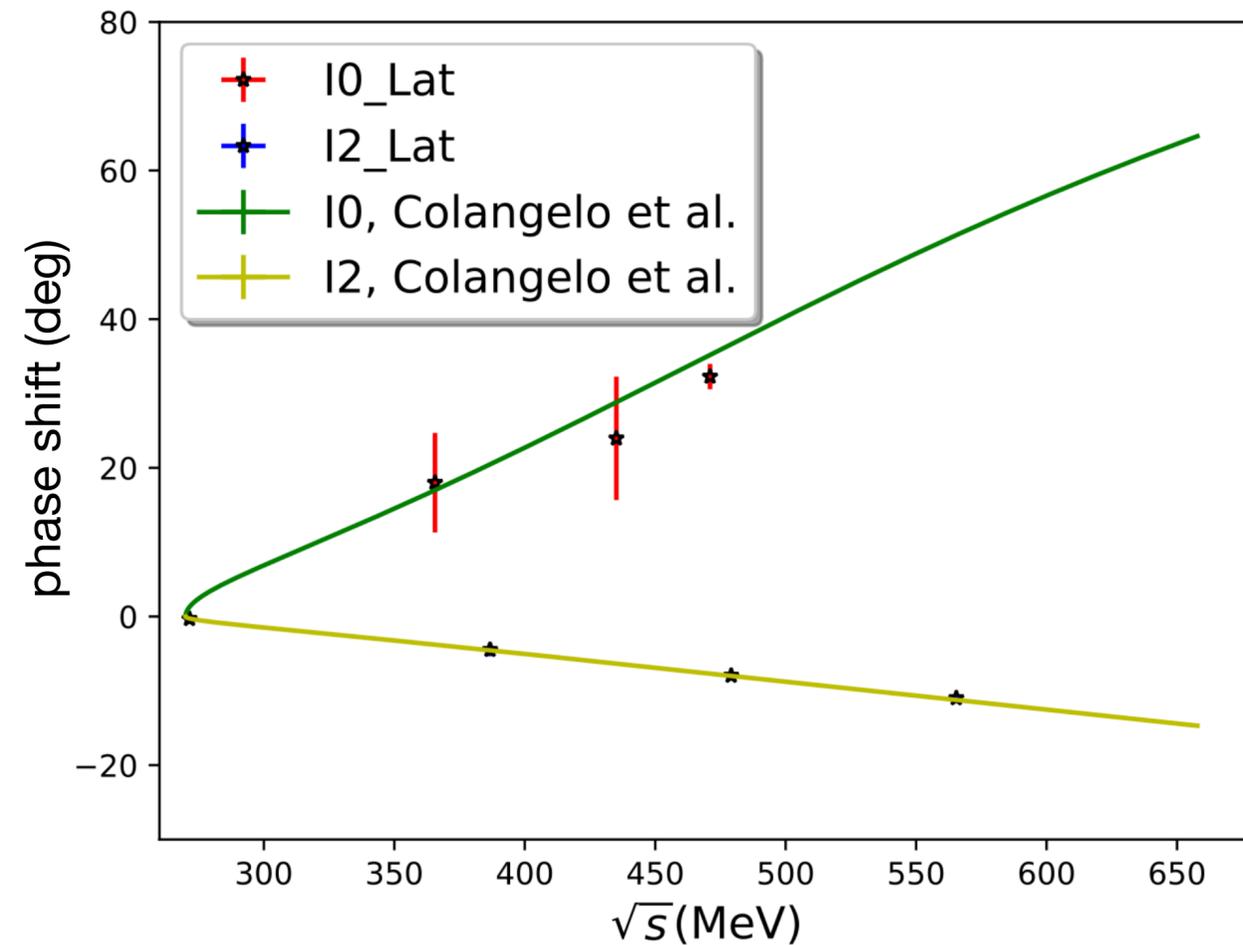
# Realizing on-shell kinematics

- The lightest  $\pi\pi$  state with “2 stationary pions” in Euclidean rest frame
    - $E_{\pi\pi,0} \approx 280 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow$  off-shell
    - need  $| E_{\pi\pi} = m_K \approx 500 \text{ MeV} \rangle$  state
  - Possible approaches
    - 💡 Finite volume  $\rightarrow$  two-pion spectrum not continuous
      - Moving frame (Ishizuka et al 2018)
- e.g.  $\sqrt{m_K^2 + p_{\text{tot}}^2} = m_\pi + \sqrt{m_\pi^2 + p_{\text{tot}}^2}$
- Analyze correlation functions taking multiple states into account (GEVP, led by MT)
  - Manipulate boundary conditions  $\rightarrow$  pions anti-periodic  $\rightarrow$  must move  $\rightarrow$  500 MeV ground state possible (G-parity BC led by C. Kelly)
    - \* For  $A_2$  imposing anti-periodic BC on d quark, was enough to make relevant pions moving (RBC/UKQCD 2012/2015).

**Recent status**

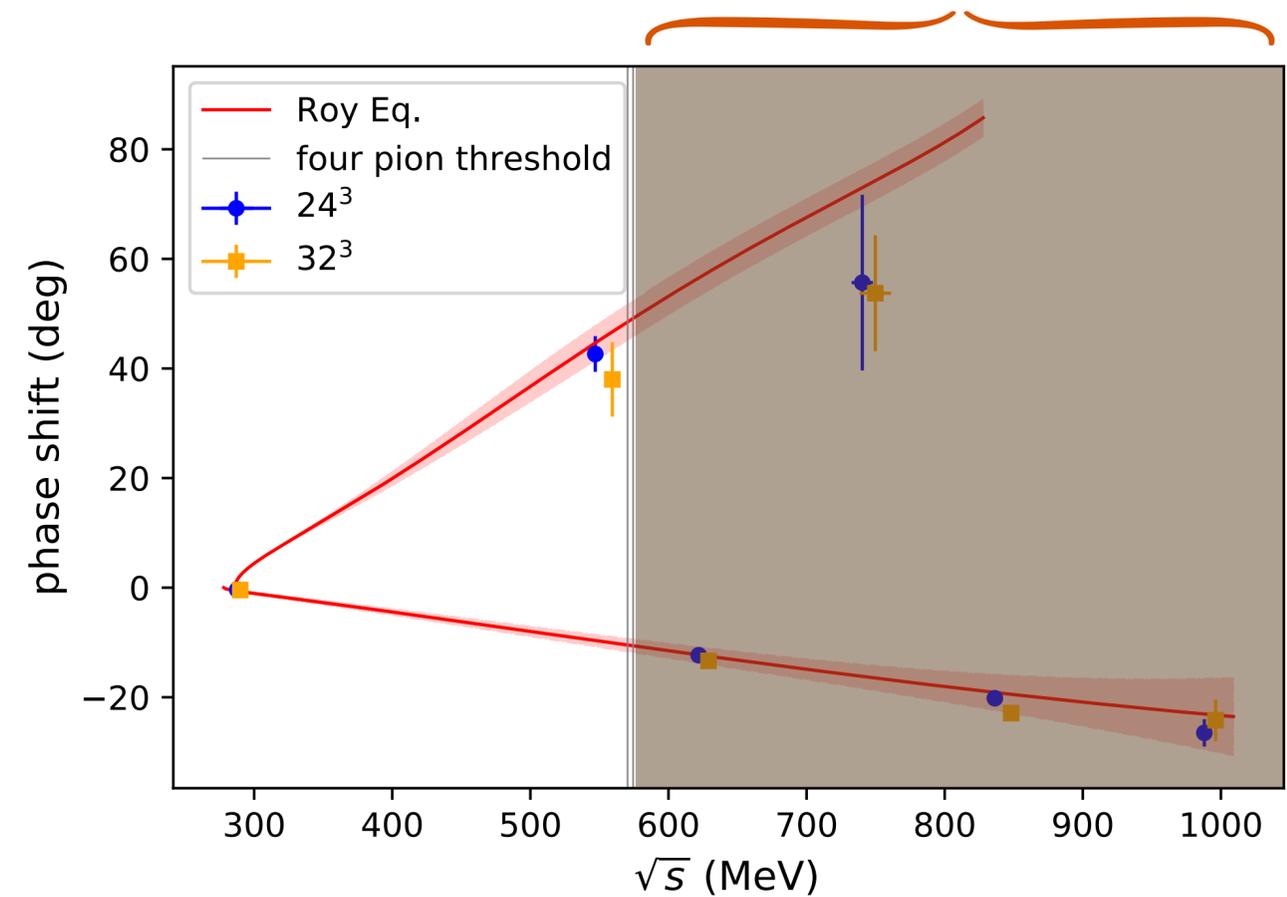
# $\pi\pi$ phase shifts

Lattice results consistent with dispersive approach  
**Colangelo et al, NPB603,125 (2001)**



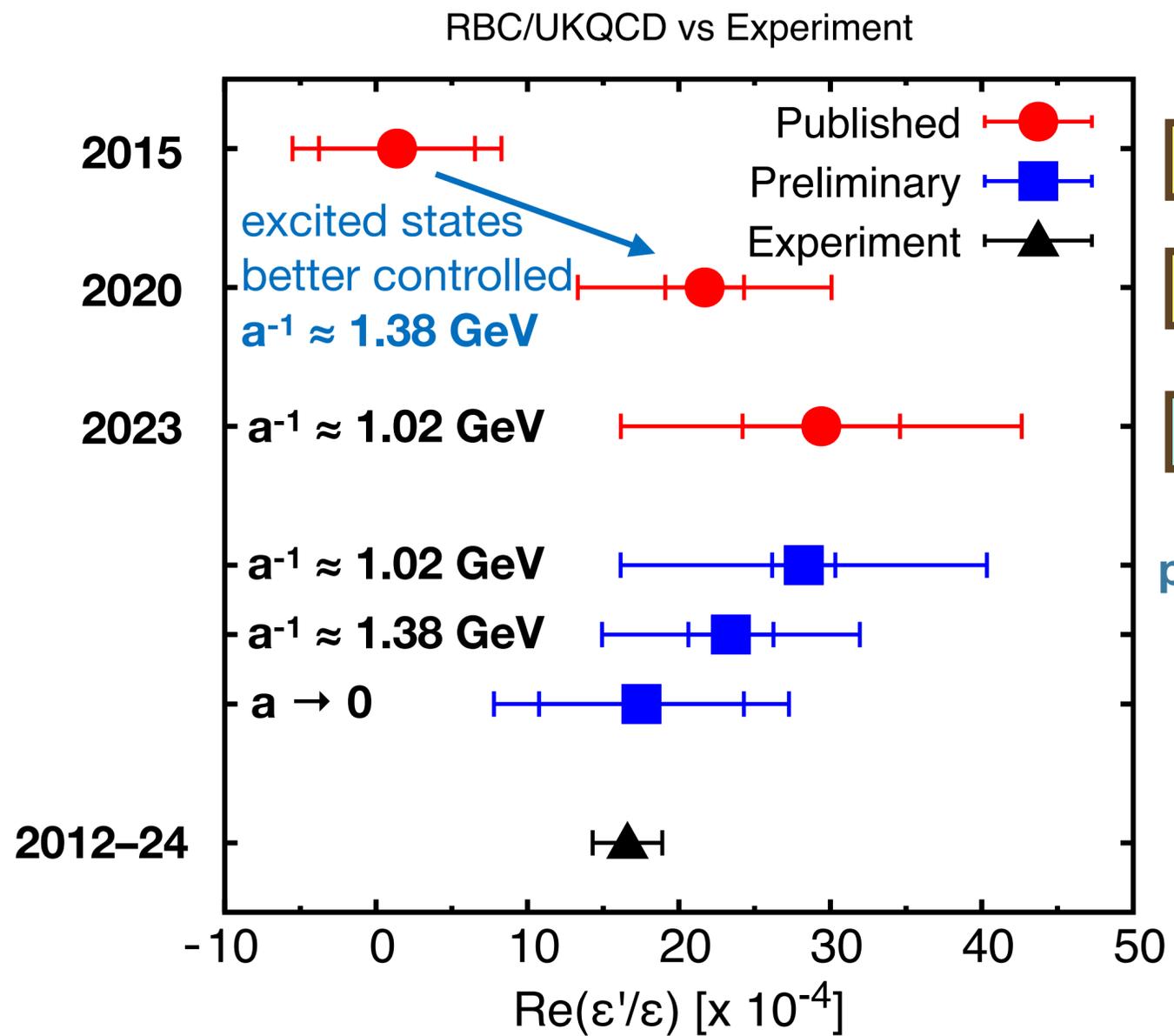
**RBC/UKQCD GPBC, PRD104,114506 (2021)**

Inelastic region  
 Lüscher's formalism not strictly valid



**RBC/UKQCD PBC, PRD108,039902 (2023)**

# Current status of $\epsilon'/\epsilon$



PRL 115,212001

PRD 102,054509

PRD 102,094517

preliminary results with multiple lattice spacings

- G-parity Boundary Conditions (GPBC)
  - ◆  $a^{-1} \approx 1.38 \text{ GeV}$
  - ◆ efforts started by early 2000s
  - ◆ continuing calculation on finer lattice(s) C. Kelly's talk at Lattice24

- Periodic Boundary Conditions (PBC)
  - ◆ newer project
  - ◆ important for introducing EM/IB effects
  - ◆ Led by MT (see talk at Lattice 24)

- $a^{-1} \approx 1.38 \text{ GeV}$  almost done, wrapping up
- starting calculation at  $a^{-1} \approx 1.73 \text{ GeV}$

\* Result from another group, Ishizuka et al 2018:  $\text{Re}(\epsilon'/\epsilon) = (19 \pm 57) \times 10^{-4}$  (calculated at unphysical  $m_\pi, m_K$ )

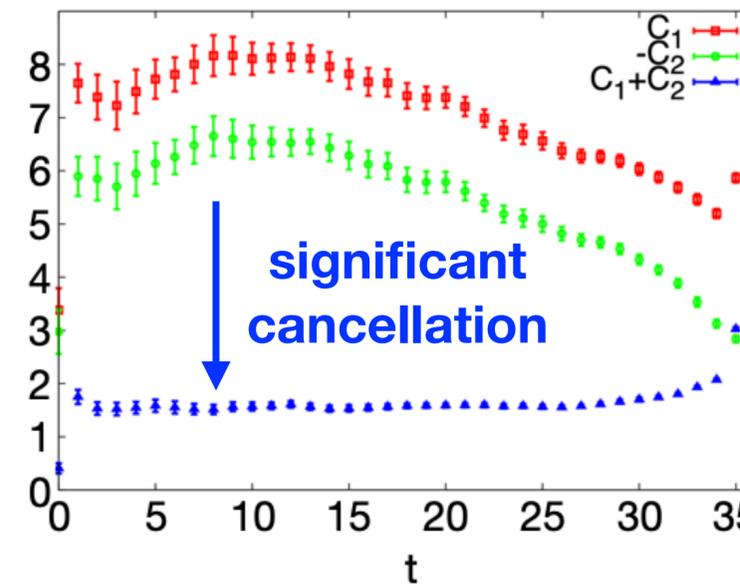
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- Significant suppression of  $\text{Re}A_2$  (2012/2015)

- ▶  $C_1, C_2$  contributions of different color structure to  $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$  correlation function most significant to  $\text{Re}A_2$
  - ▶ Naïvely  $C_1 = -3C_2$  based on color counting
  - ▶ Significant cancellation at physical  $m_\pi$  observed



RBC/UKQCD,  
PRD91,074502 (2015)

- Lattice confirmation of the  $\Delta I = 1/2$  rule with the result for  $A_0$  (2020)

$$\frac{\text{Re}A_0}{\text{Re}A_2} = 19.9(2.3)_{\text{stat}}(4.4)_{\text{sys}}$$

# Remaining Challenges

to accomplish the experimental precision

# Systematic errors in 2020

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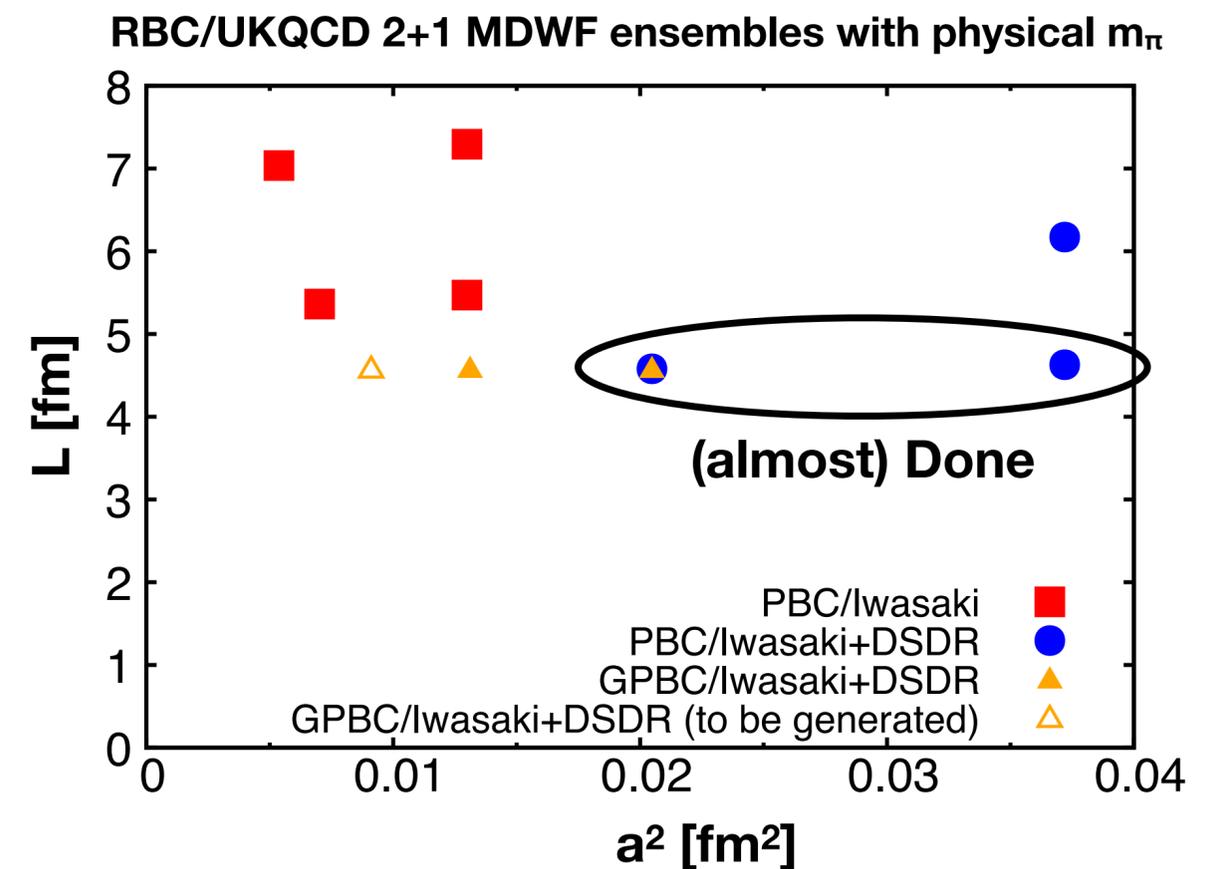
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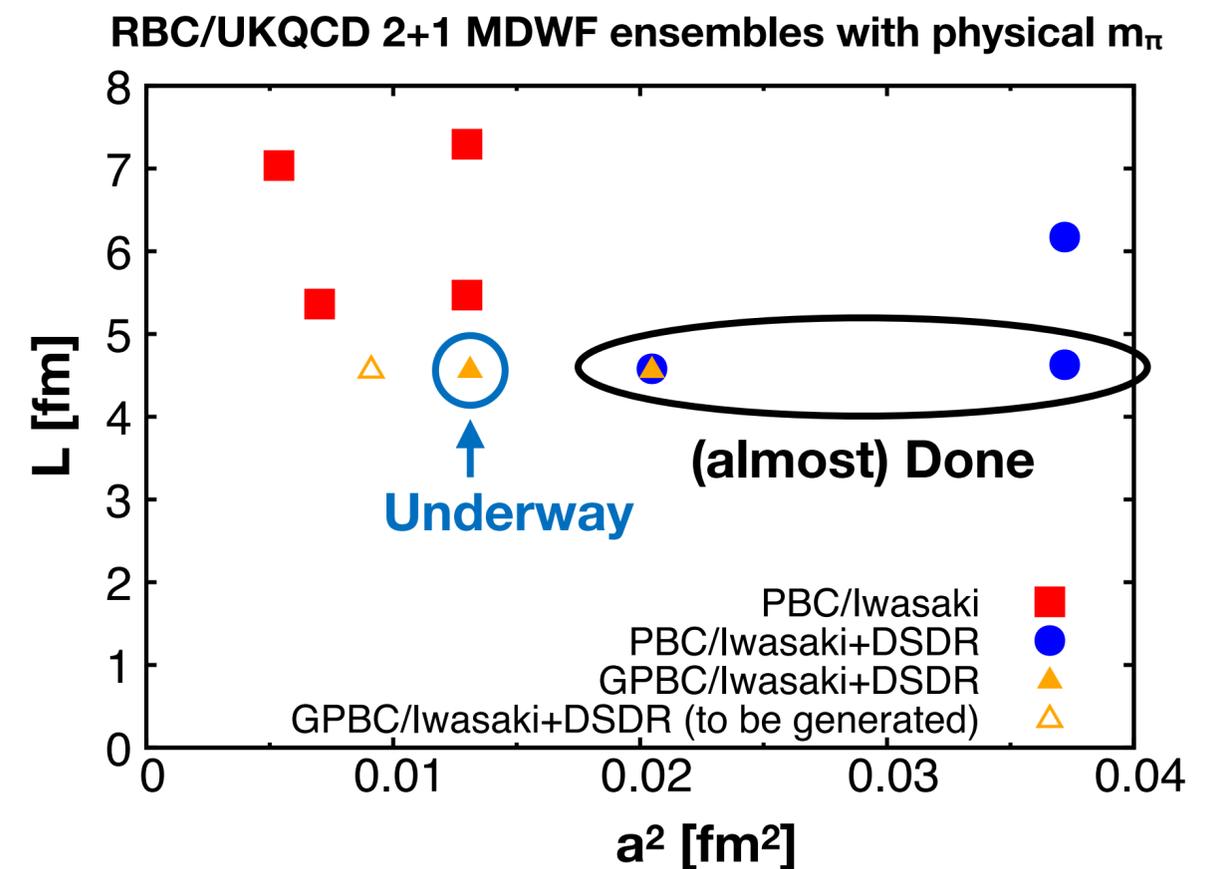
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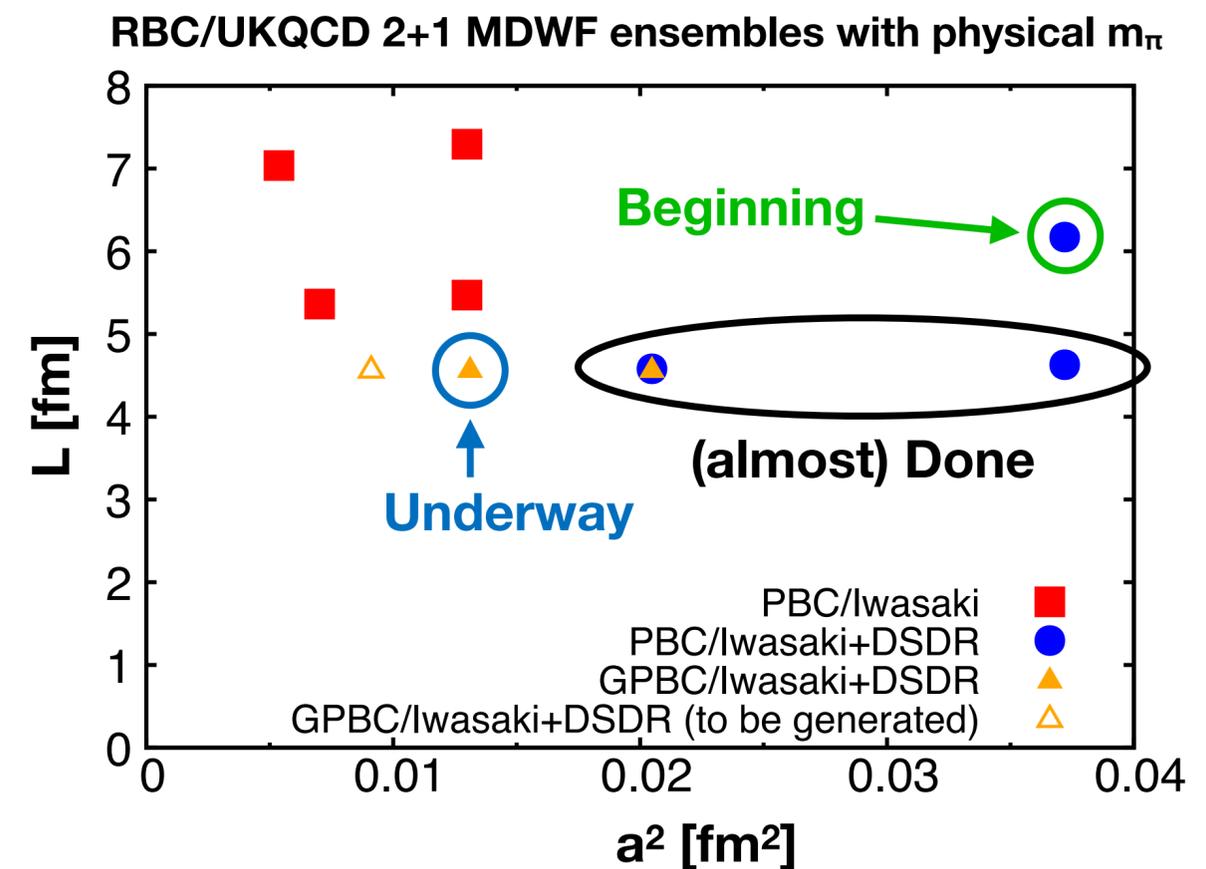
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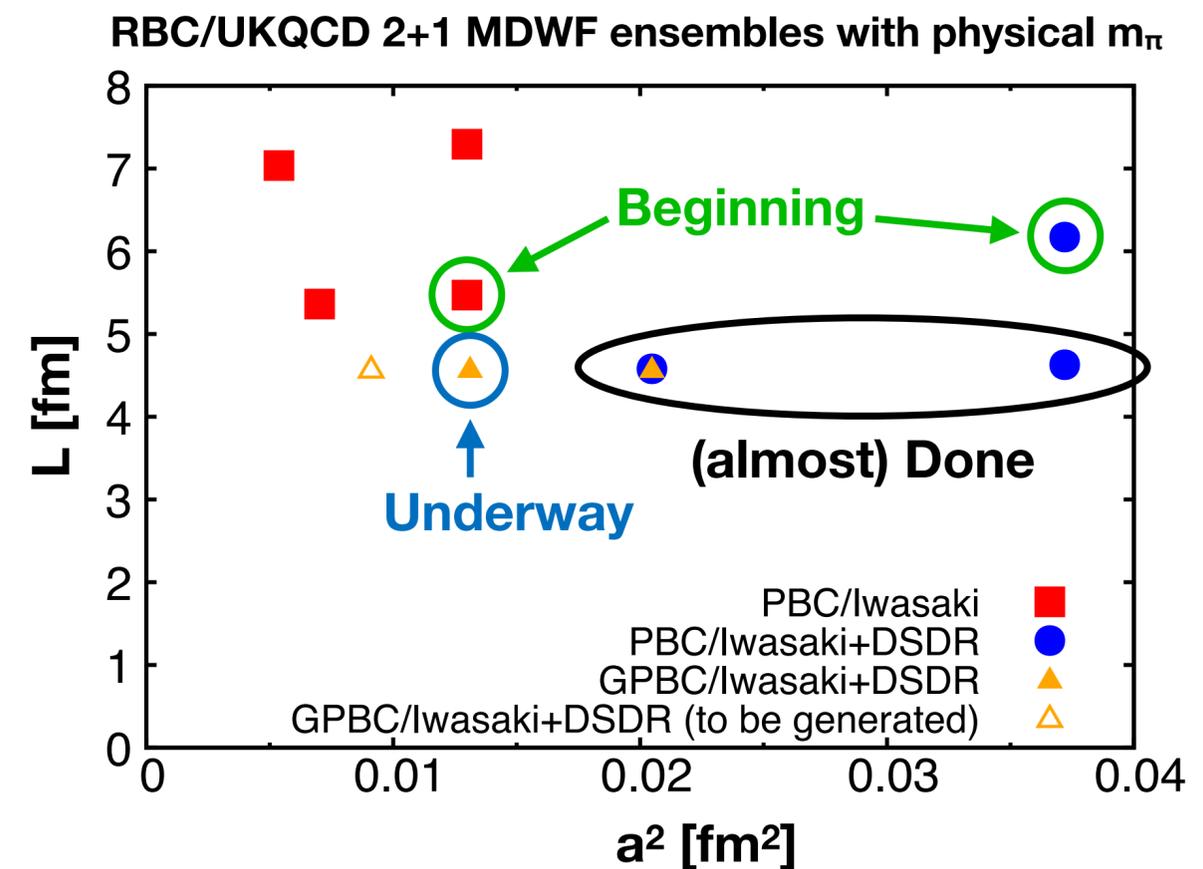
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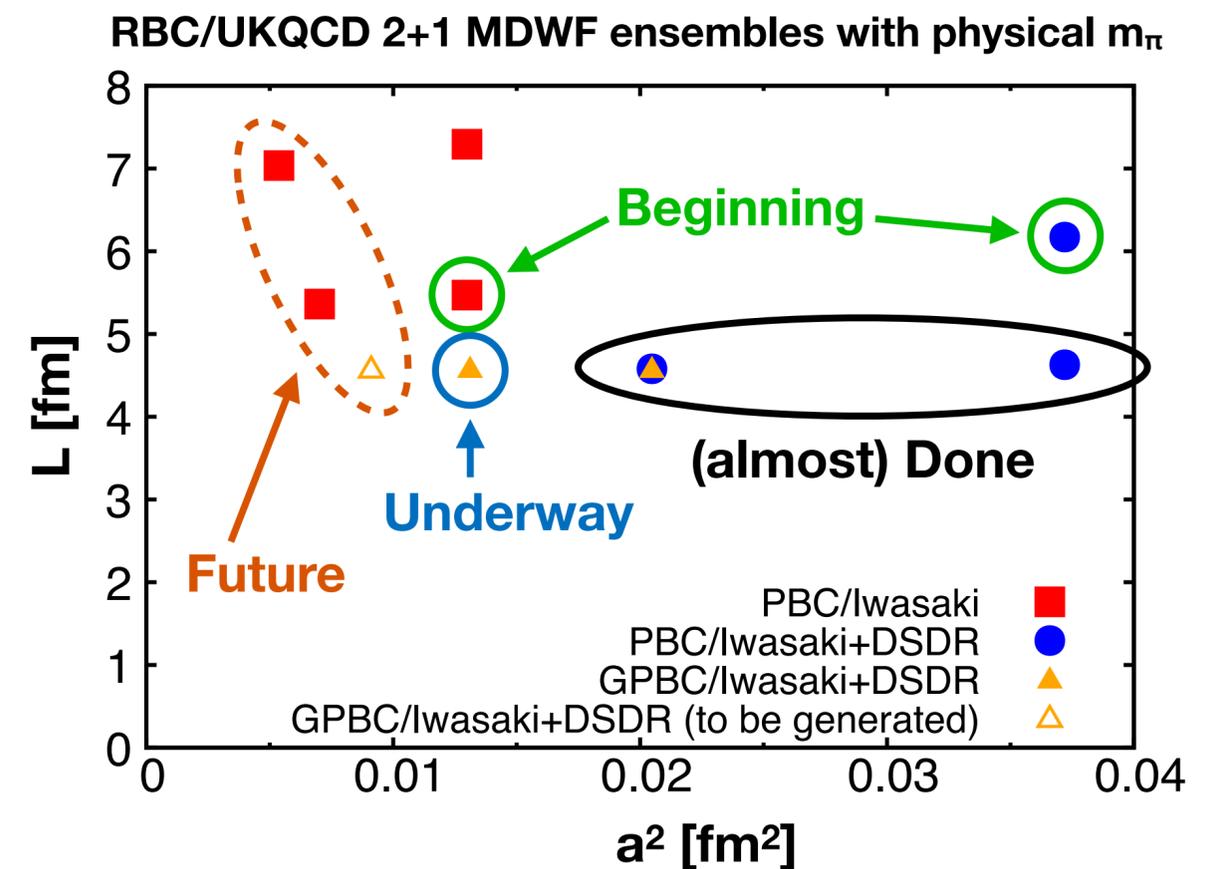
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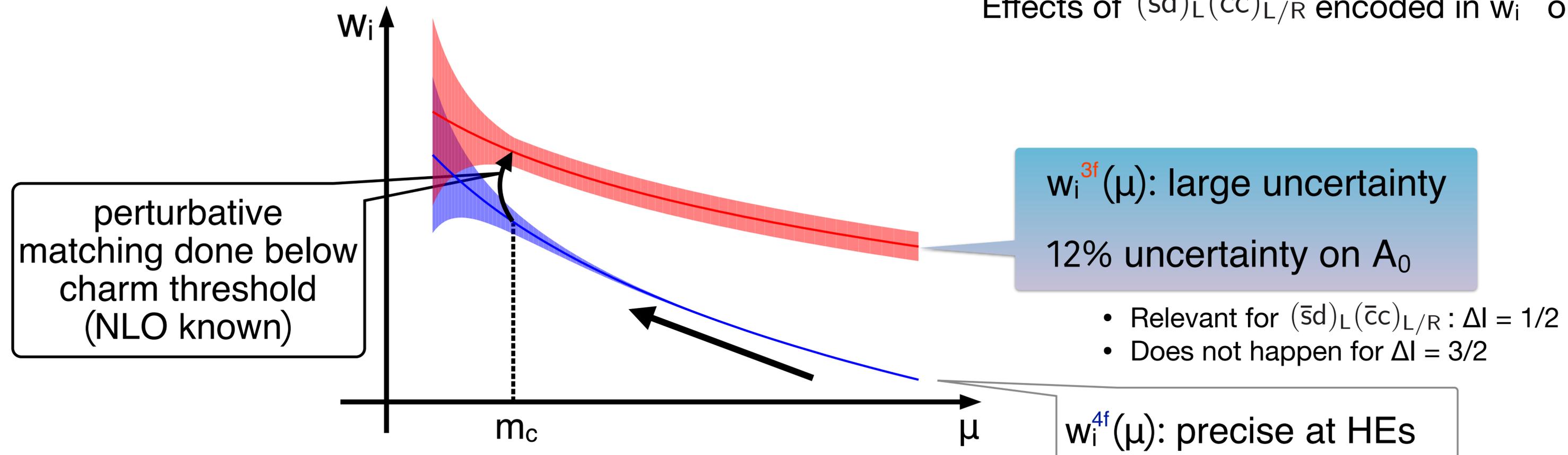
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# Wilson coefs/charm-loop effects

$$\langle f|H_W|i\rangle = \sum_i \underbrace{w_i^{3f}(\mu)}_{\text{pQCD}} \underbrace{\langle f|O_i^{3f}(\mu)|i\rangle}_{\text{LQCD}}$$

Effects of  $(\bar{s}d)_L(\bar{c}c)_{L/R}$  encoded in  $w_i^{3f}$  or  $O_i^{4f}$

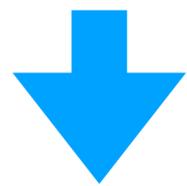


- Possible resolutions
  - NNLO matching only partially done [Cerde-Sevilla et al. *Acta Phys.Polon.B* 4 (2018) 1087-1096]
  - Finding another approach potentially incorporated in the next RBC/UKQCD paper

# EM/IB effects

- Usually O(1%) but ...

$$\frac{\varepsilon'}{\varepsilon} = \frac{i\omega e^{i(\delta_2 - \delta_0)}}{\sqrt{2}\varepsilon} \left[ \frac{\text{Im}A_2}{\text{Re}A_2} - \frac{\text{Im}A_0}{\text{Re}A_0} \right] = -\frac{i\omega e^{i(\delta_2 - \delta_0)}}{\sqrt{2}\varepsilon} \frac{\text{Im}A_0}{\text{Re}A_0} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{\omega} \frac{\text{Im}A_2}{\text{Im}A_0} \right] \quad (\omega = \text{Re}A_2 / \text{Re}A_0)$$



Ciligriano et al, JHEP 02, 032 (2020)  
NLO ChPT + large  $N_c$   
(example estimation)

Even small correction to this  
can amplify  $\varepsilon'$  ( $1/\omega \approx 22.5$ )

$$\frac{\varepsilon'}{\varepsilon} = \frac{i\omega_+ e^{i(\delta_2 - \delta_0)}}{\sqrt{2}\varepsilon} \left[ \frac{\text{Im}A_2^{\text{emp}}}{\text{Re}A_2^{(0)}} - \frac{\text{Im}A_0^{(0)}}{\text{Re}A_0^{(0)}} (1 - \hat{\Omega}_{\text{eff}}) \right] \quad \hat{\Omega}_{\text{eff}} = 0.170 \begin{pmatrix} +91 \\ -90 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Developing approaches to introduce QED/IB effects on the lattice
  - ▶ Extension of Lüscher's formalism for treatment of  $\pi\pi$  state in a finite box
  - ▶ Coulomb correction to  $\pi^+\pi^+$  scattering [Christ et al, PRD106 (2022), 1, 014508]
  - ▶ Contribution of transverse radiation contribution getting understood
  - ▶ PBC appear necessary to introduce these effects

# Summary & Outlook

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- Determination of  $\varepsilon'$  & understanding  $\Delta I = 1/2$  rule: long-time desire in high energy physics to discover new physics beyond the SM
- Lattice calculation of  $\varepsilon'$  finally became possible
- $\Delta I = 1/2$  rule well reproduced by lattice calculation at physical  $m_\pi$
- Main sources of systematic errors on  $\varepsilon'$ 
  - Finite lattice spacing - *Calculations on finer lattices underway, first continuum extrapolation this year*
  - Wilson coefficients - *New idea being tested and possibly incorporated in the upcoming paper*
  - QED/IB effects - *Theoretical approach being developed [Christ et al, PRD106, 014508 (2022)]*
- Precision can compete with experiment in the near future
  - Could attract a big attention from lattice, particle phenomenology & experiment!