

The 3-pion K-matrix at NLO in ChPT: all isospin channels

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The papers



Baeza-Ballesteros, Bijnens, Husek, Romero-López, Sharpe & **MS** "*The isospin-3 three-particle K-matrix at NLO in ChPT*"

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Background

The K-matrix



Finite-volume spectrum

Lattice QCD
(Fernando's talk, etc.)

Amplitude

ChPT or similar
Bijnens & Husek (2021)
Bijnens, Husek & MS (2022)

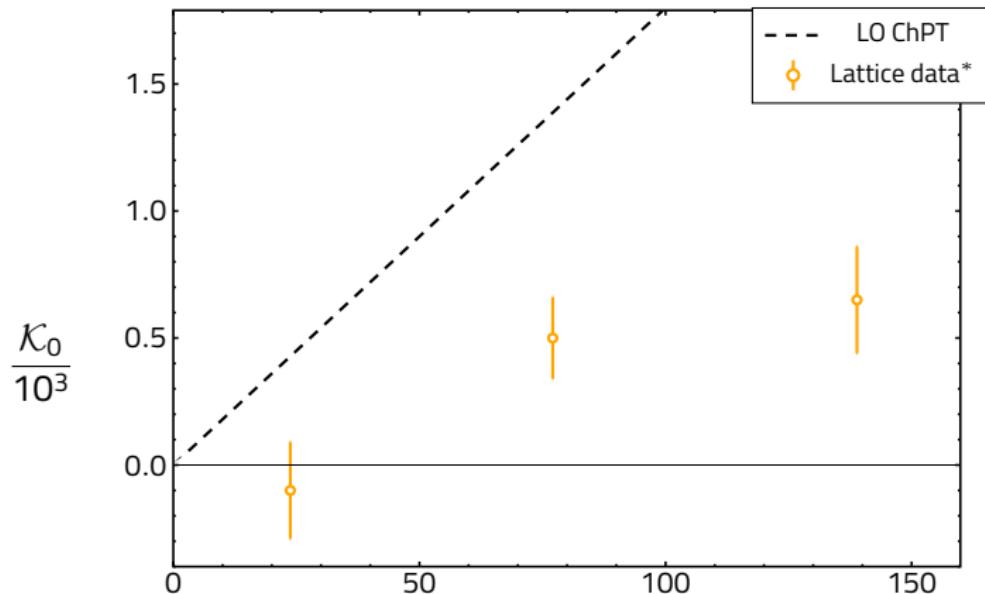
Athari's talk

This talk

K-matrix

Scheme-dependent
Hansen & Sharpe (2019)

The tension that was

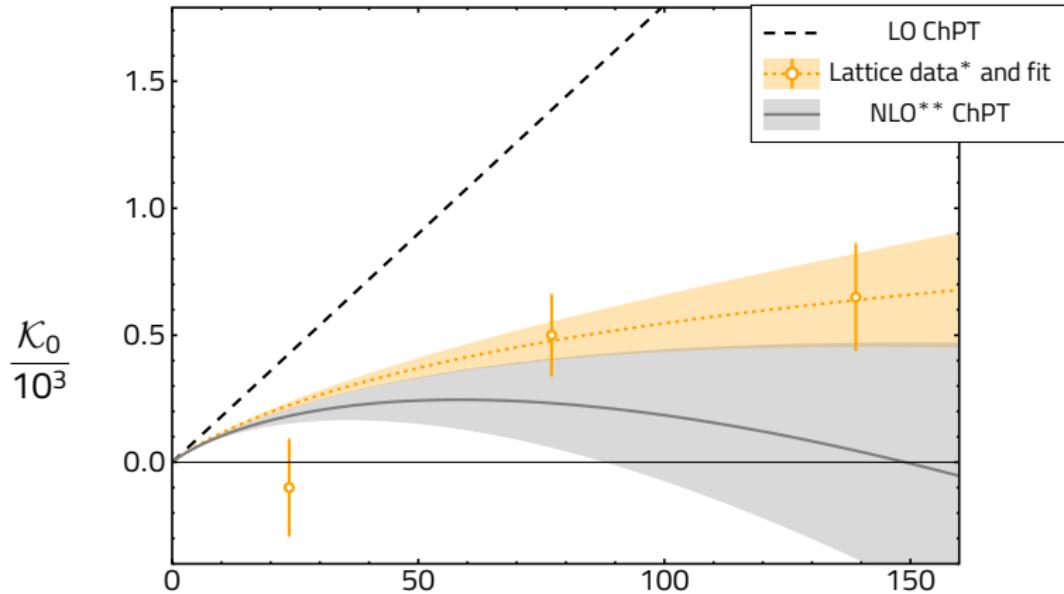


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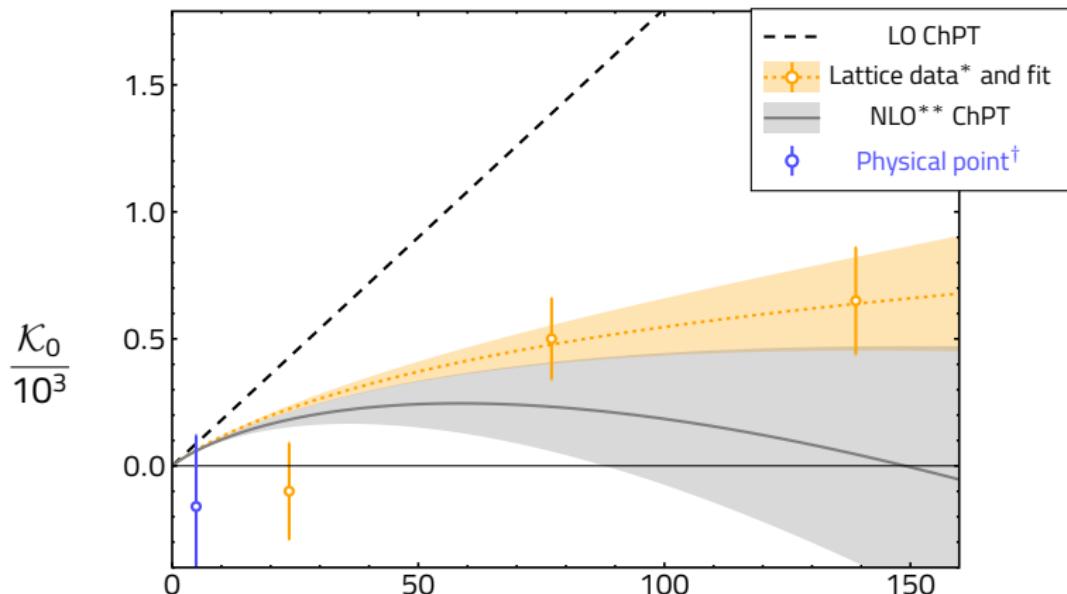


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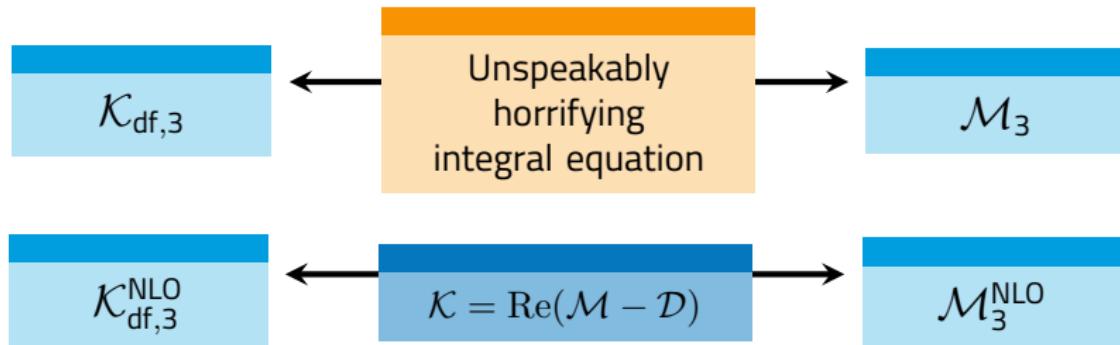
Why all isospin?



- ▶ Gain experience needed for $\pi\pi K$, etc.
- ▶ There will eventually be lattice data
- ▶ Fun to do

The K-matrix

How to get it



Guiding properties of \mathcal{D}

- ▶ Exactly cancels divergences → **df**
- ▶ All internal lines on-shell

Subtracting poles

s-channel one-particle exchange



- ▶ Only present at **isospin 1**
- ▶ **No subtraction** needed since pole is sub-threshold

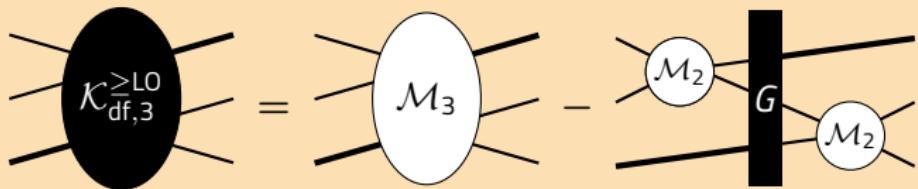
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OPE subtraction

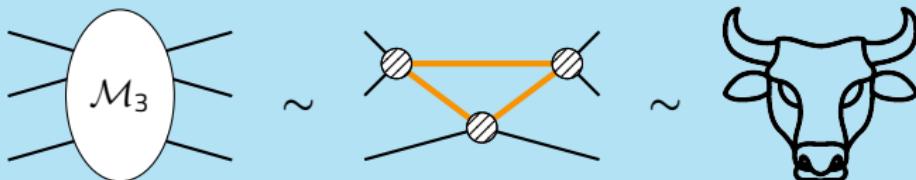


Note: G necessarily contains a cutoff function

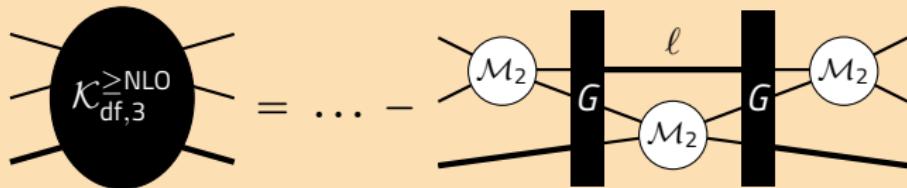
Subtracting cuts



Bull's head cut



Bull's head subtraction



The bull's head



The bull's head integral is **awful**:

- ▶ Triangle loop \Rightarrow complicated, pole-ridden integrand
- ▶ On-shell \Rightarrow no loop momentum shift
- ▶ Non-analytic \Rightarrow no Wick rotation, etc.

Different approaches

- ▶ Divide & conquer
Simple part with poles + complicated part (numerics-friendly)
- ▶ Subtract & conquer
Cancel divergences against M_3 *before* evaluating
- ▶ Brute-force numerics
Because Tomáš is a Mathematica wizard
- ▶ Semi-analytic
Threshold-expand, then apply deep magic

Threshold expansion

Expansion parameters

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta &\propto P^2 - (3M_\pi)^2 && \text{(system above-threshold-ness)} \\ \Delta_i^{(\prime)} &\propto (P - p_i^{(\prime)})^2 - (2M_\pi)^2 && \text{(pair above-threshold-ness)} \\ \tilde{t}_{ij} &\propto (p_i - p_j')^2 && \text{(spectator above-threshold-ness)}\end{aligned}$$

Compound parameters

$$\Delta_A = \sum (\Delta_i^2 + \Delta_i'^2) - \Delta^2 \quad \Delta_B = \sum \tilde{t}_{ij}^2 - \Delta^2$$

Maximum isospin threshold expansion

$$\mathcal{K}_{df,3}^{[I=3]} = \mathcal{K}_0 + \mathcal{K}_1 \Delta + \mathcal{K}_2 \Delta^2 + \mathcal{K}_A \Delta_A + \mathcal{K}_B \Delta_B + \mathcal{O}(\Delta^3)$$

Non-maximal isospin

$I = 3$

Singlet

$I = 2$

Doublet

$I = 1$

Singlet

Doublet

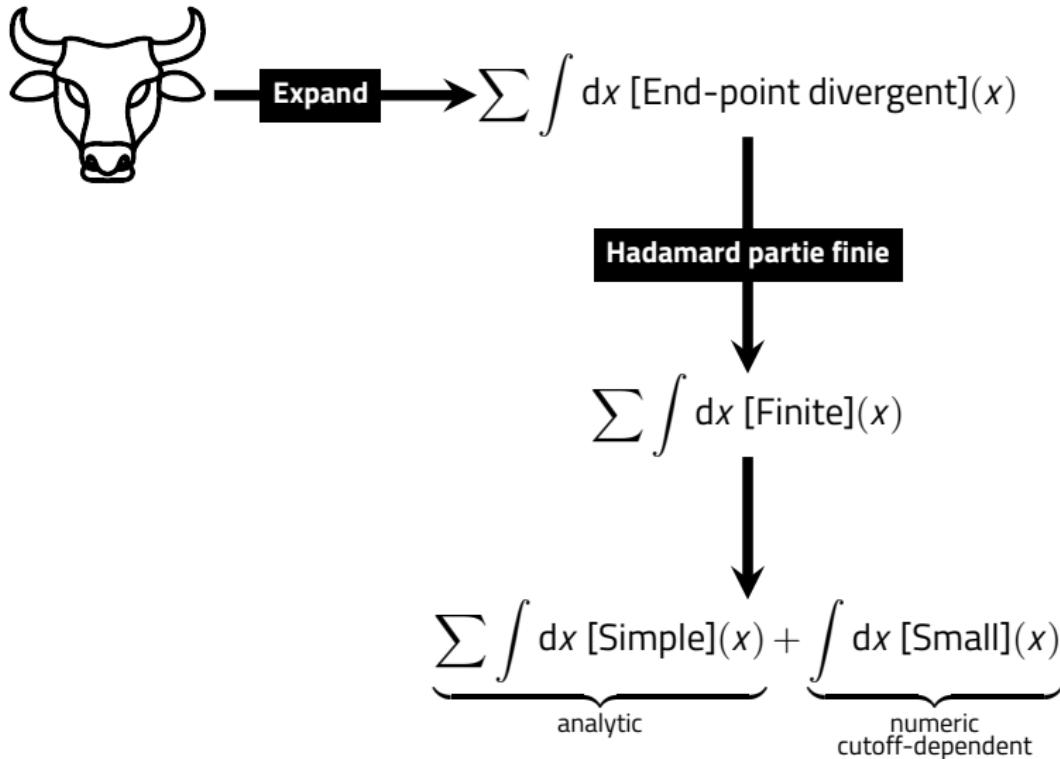
$I = 0$

Antisymmetric singlet

Minimum isospin threshold expansion

$$\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}^{[I=0]} = \mathcal{K}_0^{\text{AS}} \sum \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{lmn} \tilde{t}_{il} \tilde{t}_{jm} + \mathcal{O}(\Delta^3)$$

Semi-analytic evaluation

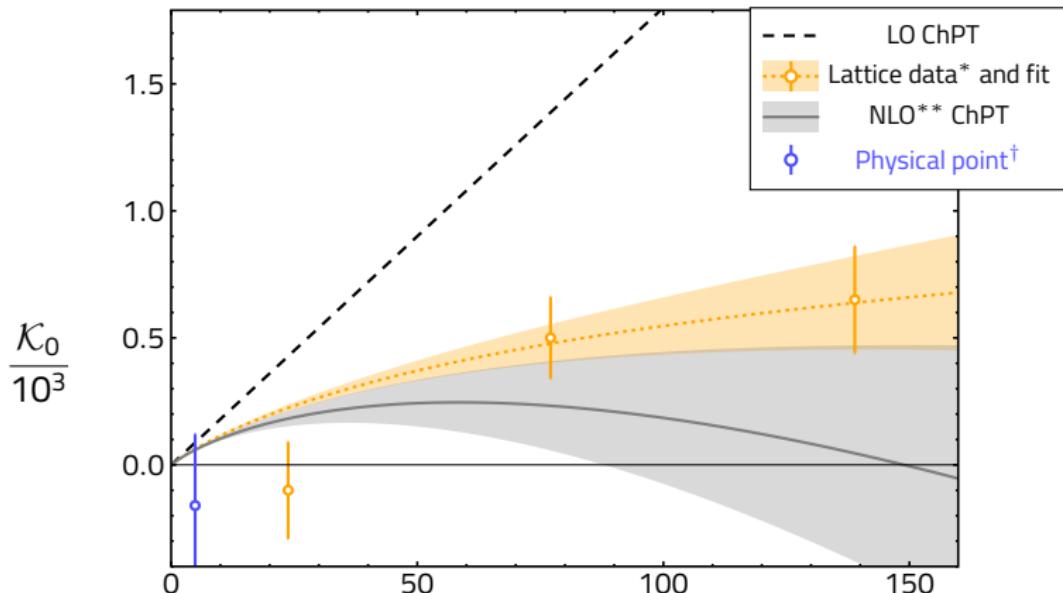


Costin & Friedman, "Foundational aspects of singular integrals"

J.Functional Analysis, 1401.7045[math.FA]

Results

Maximum isospin, again



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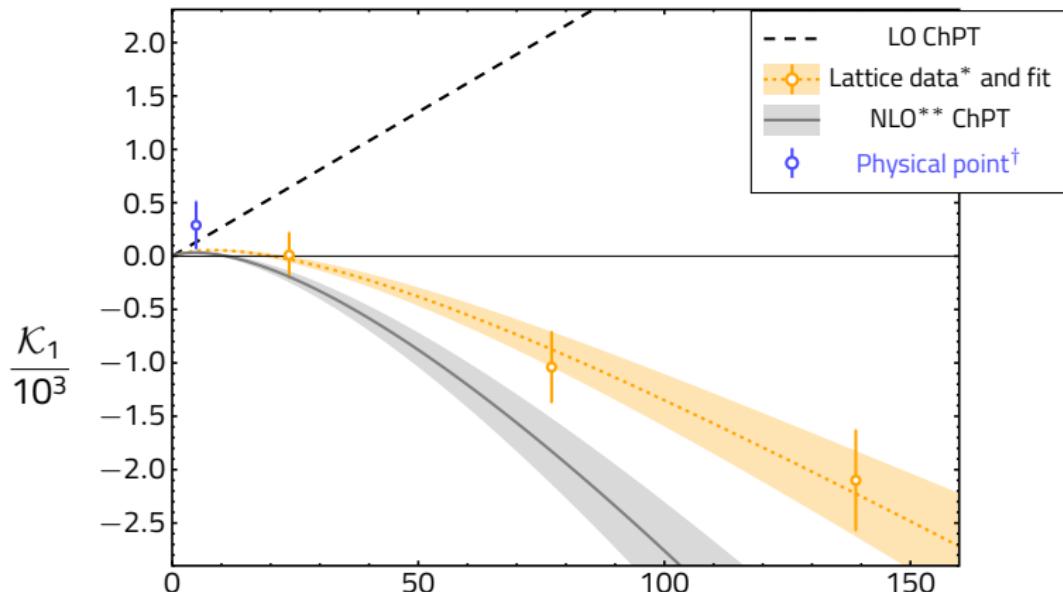
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Subleading order

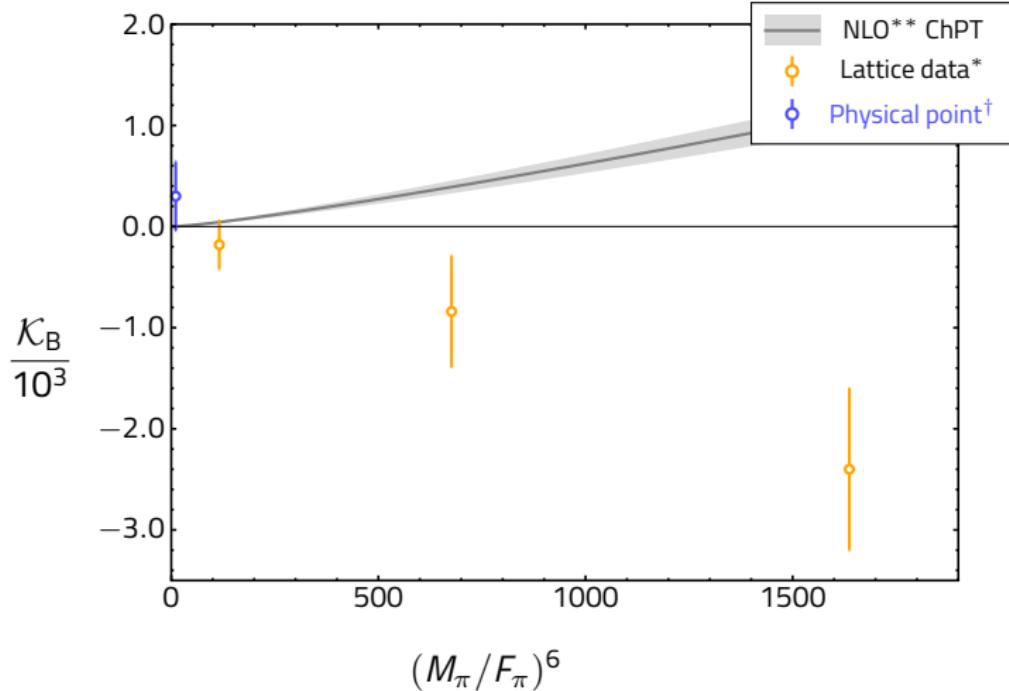


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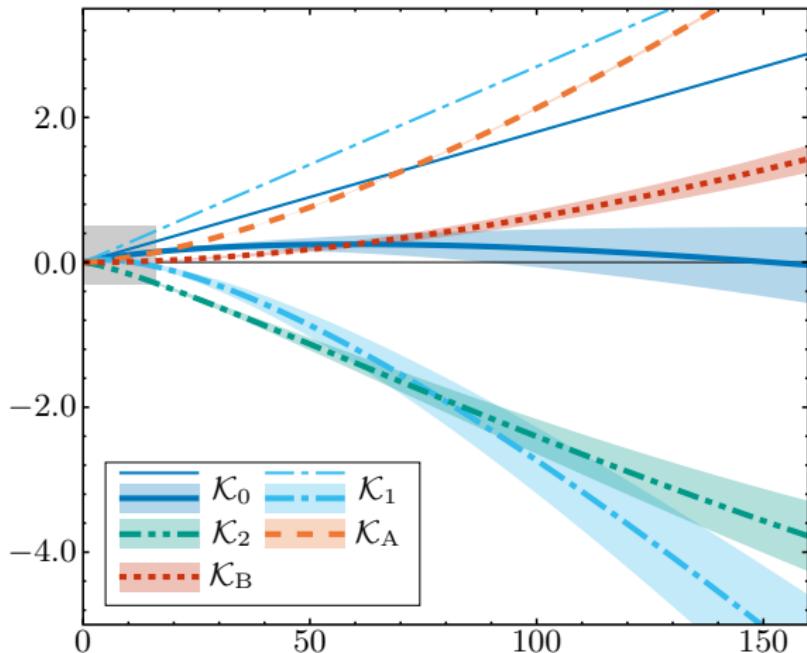
Sub-subleading order



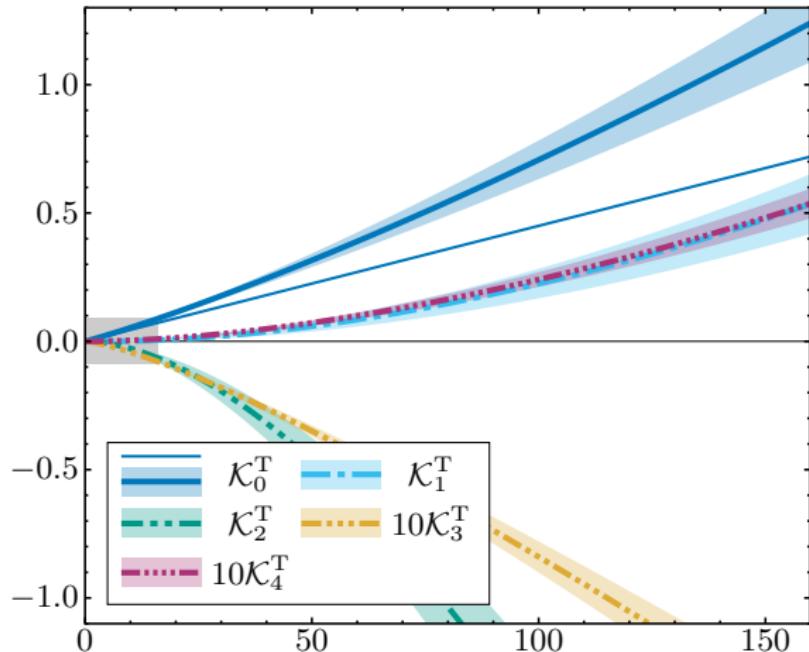
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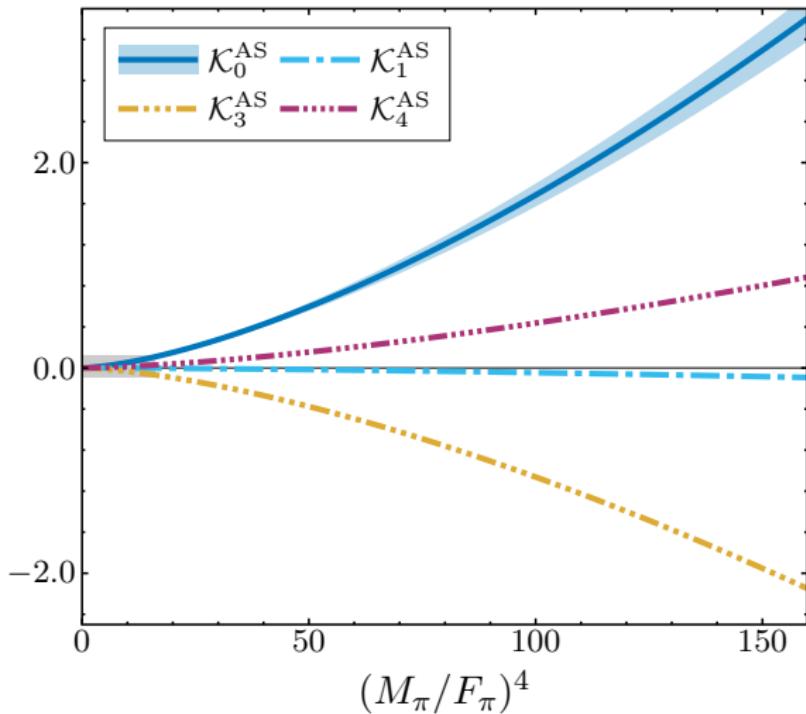
All maximum-isospin components



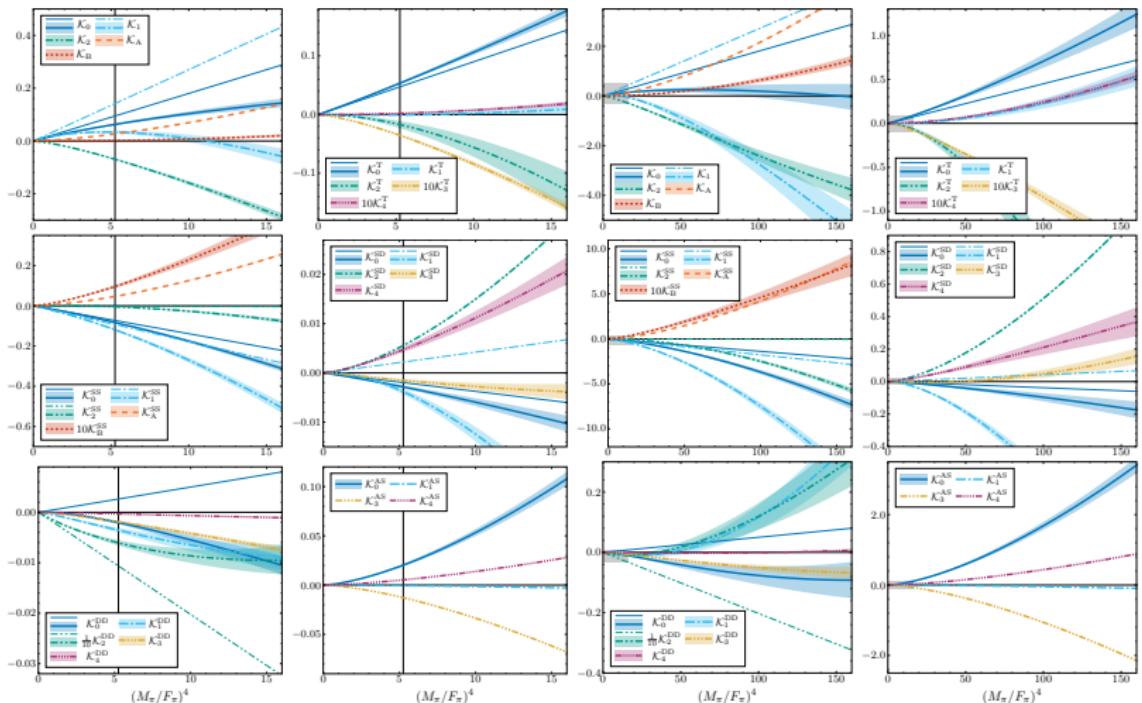
Isospin 2



Isospin 0

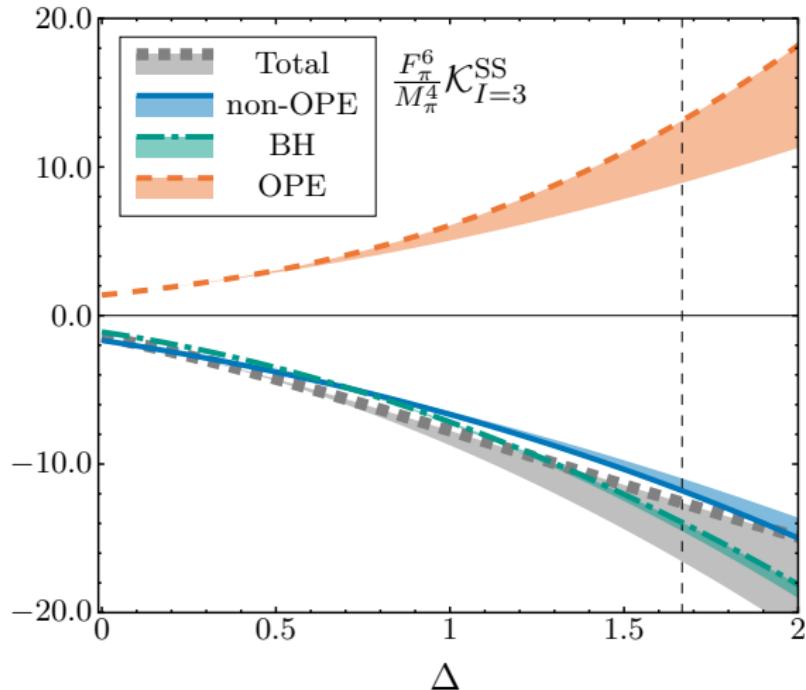


Awaiting more lattice results...

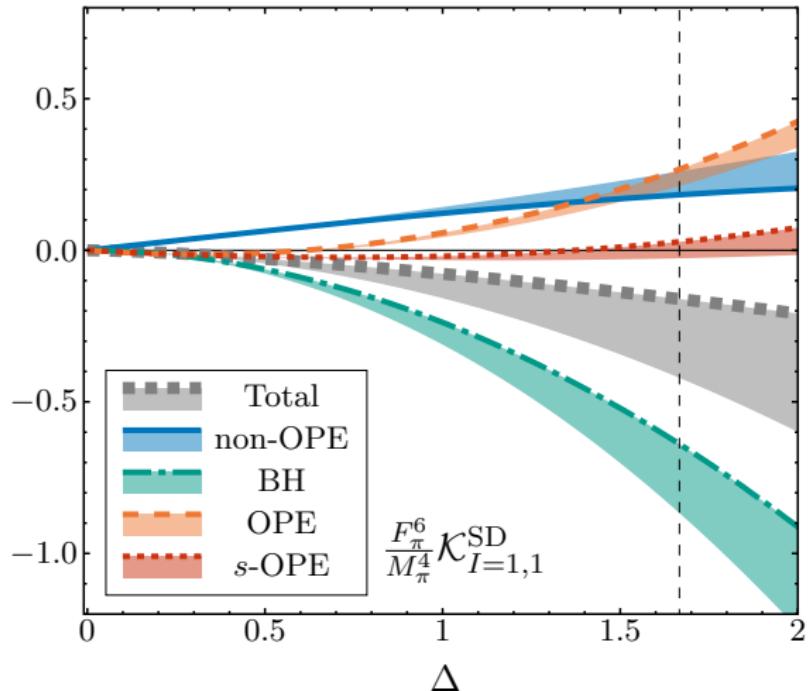


Convergence

The threshold expansion works



...better than it has to



Does ChPT converge?



- ▶ Large LO-NLO difference is troubling...
- ▶ ...but LO is very constrained
 - ⇒ **qualitative** difference expected
- ▶ Adding NNLO: **extremely difficult**:
 - Two-loop 6-point amplitude
 - Integral relation between \mathcal{M}_3 and $\mathcal{K}_{\text{df},3}$

Summary

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- ▶ All three-pion channels covered
- ▶ Main tension resolved
(where lattice data are available)
- ▶ Next steps: see *Steve's talk yesterday*
- ▶ Pion-kaon case is underway on the amplitude side