

# Flavour physics with lattice QCD

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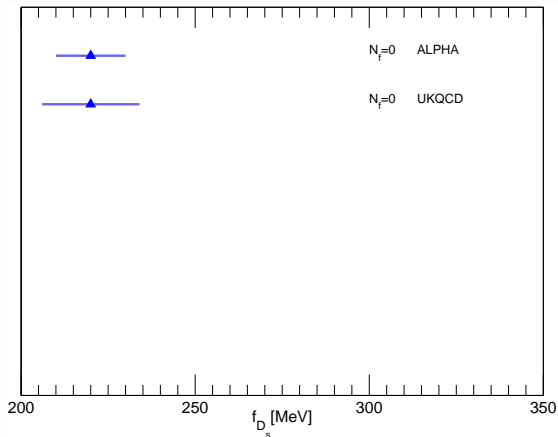
# Overview over recent developments and results from lattice QCD

this talk: review last 12 months in lattice QCD

- discuss problems and possible solutions, mostly concerned with control of systematic effects
- selection of interesting recent developments in lattice QCD
- for comprehensive discussions of flavour physics related lattice results:  
*Plenary talks at Lattice 2008: E. Gamiz, L. Lellouch and e.g. Della Morte, A.J. at Lattice 2007*

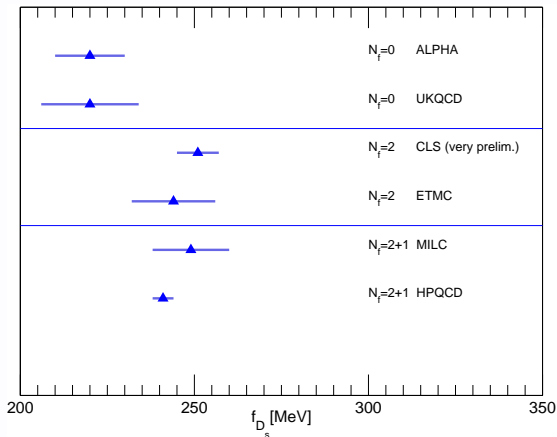
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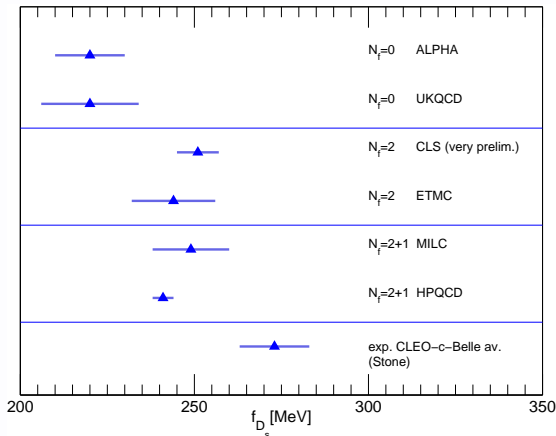
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- in the wake of these results:  
paper by *Dobrescu, Kronfeld, PRD 100, 241802 (2008)* :  
“Accumulating evidence for Nonstandard Leptonic Decays of  $D_s$  Mesons”

- CKM matrix elements recent work on the lattice

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

best either from leptonic or semi-leptonic decays

e.g.  $K \rightarrow \pi l \nu$ ,  $D \rightarrow K(\pi) l \nu$ ,  $B \rightarrow \pi l \nu$ ,  $B \rightarrow D^* l \nu$

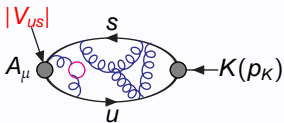
or from leptonic decays  $K$ ,  $D_{(s)}$ ,  $B_{(s)}$

- meson mixing computation of bag parameters
- quark masses  $M_{u,d}$ ,  $M_s$ ,  $M_c$ ,  $M_b$  various methods

# Example: CKM elements from lattice QCD

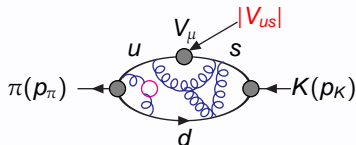
- typical processes e.g.:

## $K_{I2}$ -decay



$$\langle 0 | A_\mu(0) | K(p_K) \rangle$$

## $K_{I3}$ -decay



$$\langle \pi(p_\pi) | V_\mu(0) | K(p_K) \rangle$$

$$q_\mu = (p_K - p_\pi)_\mu$$

- in practice:
  - measure decay rates  $\Gamma(i \rightarrow j)$
  - compute process in SM (FF, RC,  $SU(2)$ )
  - $\Gamma(i \rightarrow j) = \text{const.} \times G_F^2 |V_{ij}|^2 \times \text{FF} \times \text{RC}$

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not unique, e.g. QCD:

Glue:

Wilson,  
IWASAKI,  
DBW2, ...

Fermions:

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DWF,  
overlap,  
staggered, ...

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- quark masses:  $\frac{am_H}{am_V} = \frac{m_H^{\text{exp}}}{m_V^{\text{exp}}}$  ( $H = \pi, K, D, \dots$ )

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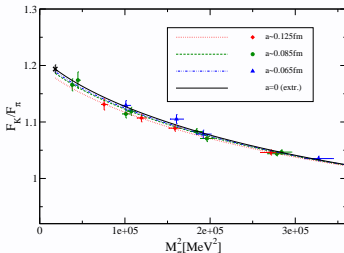
- spectrum
- matrix elements (decay constants, form factors, scattering phase shifts)
- quark masses
- renormalised coupling
- ...

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  - state of the art is  $m_\pi \approx 200 - 300\text{MeV}$
  - physical point through extrapolation in the light quark mass using chiral perturbation theory



*BMW collaboration 2008*

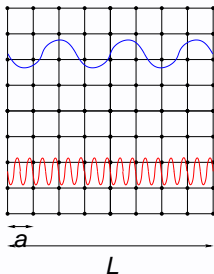
- interesting/fruitful interplay between  $\chi$ PT and lattice has just started
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naive estimate of cut-off effects  $O(a\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \approx 13\%$
  - $O(a)$ -improvement,  $\chi$  symmetry  $O(a^2\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2) \approx 1.5\%$
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typical lattice parameters:  $L \approx 3\text{fm}$ ,  $a^{-1} \approx 2 - 3\text{GeV}$



effective theory treatment of  $b$ -quark necessary:

- NRQCD
- Fermilab approach
- HQET
- step scaling
- combinations thereof

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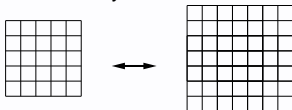


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- correct using chiral perturbation theory or

- compare two simulations:



# Status of simulations

## Recent dynamical lattice simulations

collaboration	$N_f$	action	$a/fm$	$Lm_\pi$	$m_\pi/MeV$
QCDSF+UKQCD	2	clover (NP)	$\gtrsim 0.06$	$\gtrsim 4.2$	$\gtrsim 300$
ETM	2	max. tmQCD	$\gtrsim 0.09$	$\gtrsim 3.2$	$\gtrsim 270$
CLS	2	clover (NP)	$\gtrsim 0.04$	$\gtrsim 3.2$	$\gtrsim 260$
JLQCD	2	Neuberger	0.12	$\gtrsim 2.7$	$\gtrsim 280$
MILC	2+1	staggered	$\gtrsim 0.06$	$\gtrsim 4$	$\gtrsim 240$
RBC+UKQCD	2+1	DWF	$\gtrsim 0.08$	$\gtrsim 4.6$	$\gtrsim 330$
BMW	2+1	Stout-link Wilson	$\gtrsim 0.07$	$\gtrsim 4.0$	$\gtrsim 200$
PACS-CS	2+1	clover (NP)	0.09	$\gtrsim 2.3$	$\gtrsim 160$

large number of groups involved in phenomenology from lattice QCD

- results from a variety of formulations with increasingly good quality
- groups are really independent (in most cases)

## Recent developments (only a selection, sorry)

- chiral extrapolations of lattice data at NLO  
how to treat the strange quark
- momentum resolution - better control over form factors  
how to avoid/constrain phenomenological ansätze for the  $q^2$  dependence
- tackling the heavy quark on the lattice - some new ideas  
how to reduce/control discretisation effects in the full theory

# Chiral perturbation theory

- masses of pions on the lattice currently  $m_\pi \gtrsim 200\text{MeV}$
- extrapolate to physical point guided by chiral perturbation theory  $f_\pi, f_K, B_K, \dots$

	SU(3)	SU(2)
dof	$\pi, K, \eta$	$\pi$
LEC's	$f(m_{c,b,t}, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$	$f(m_s, m_{c,b,t}, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$

cf. Lellouch Lattice 2008

- Example: SU(3) NLO  $\chi$ PT for pion decay constant:

$$f_\pi = f_0 \left\{ 1 + \frac{24}{f_0^2} L_4 \bar{\chi} + \frac{8}{f_0^2} L_5 \chi_{ud} - \frac{1}{16\pi^2 f_0^2} \left( 2\chi_{ud} \log \frac{\chi_{ud}}{\Lambda_\chi^2} + \frac{\chi_{ud} + \chi_s}{2} \log \frac{\chi_{ud} + \chi_s}{2\Lambda_\chi^2} \right) \right\}$$

$$(\chi_i = 2B_0 m_i, \bar{\chi} = (2\chi_{ud} + \chi_s)/3)$$

# Chiral perturbation theory

Study of  $m_\pi$ ,  $f_\pi$ ,  $m_K$ ,  $f_K$  by [RBC+UKQCD arXiv:0804.0473](#)

- data set:
  - $16^3$  and  $24^3$ ,  $a \approx 0.11$ ,
  - $m_\pi \approx 330, 415, 555, 670 \text{ MeV}$
  - $am_s \approx am_h$  “strange a bit too heavy”,
- $m_l \rightarrow m_{u,d}$  using NLO chiral perturbation theory  
(partial quenching [Sharpe & Shoresh PRD62 094503 2000](#): lightest pion  $am_\pi 240 \text{ MeV}$ )
- questions:
  - how reliable?
  - $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R$  or  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$
  - values of the LEC's ( $\rightarrow$  Gilberto Colangelo)

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Outlook:

- It is not entirely clear which is the right way to go - further tests necessary
- estimate systematics by comparing  $SU(3)$  and  $SU(2)$  and polynomial fits
- possibly include NNLO terms

another field where  $\chi$ PT has helped : observables with  $\vec{p}$  dependence ...



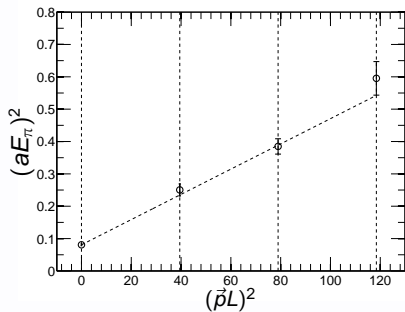
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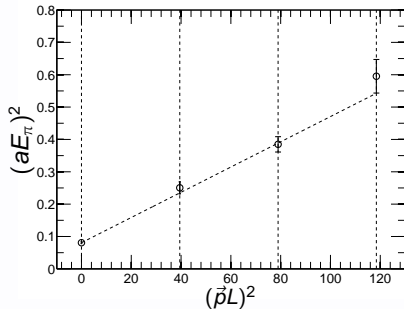
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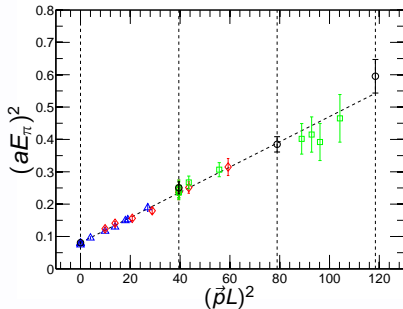


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*de Divitiis et al. PLB 595 (2004) 408, Bedaque PLB 593 (2004) 82,  
Sachrajda and Villadoro PLB 609 (2005) 73, UKQCD PLB 632 (2006) 313*

# Partially twisted boundary conditions

- applications:
  - pion structure (PDA's → Michael Donnellan)
  - nucleon form factors
  - electromagnetic  $\pi \rightarrow \pi$
  - semi-leptonic  $K \rightarrow \pi l \nu$
  - semi-leptonic  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} l \nu$
  - ...
- “partially”: change boundary conditions of valence quarks only (→ checked in  $\chi$ PT that this is a FVE  $\propto e^{-m_\pi L}$  for processes with zero/one initial and/or final state [Sachrajda and Villadoro PLB 609 \(2005\) 73](#))

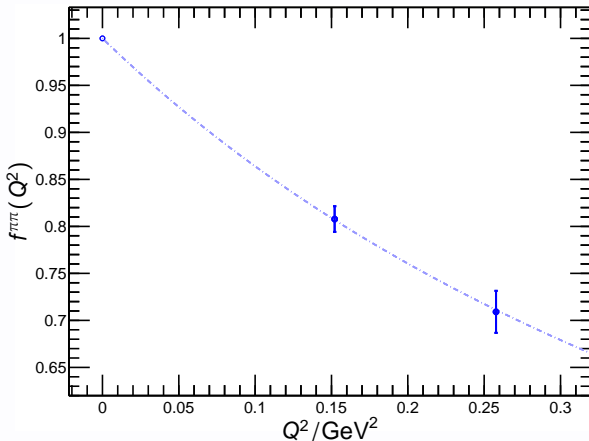
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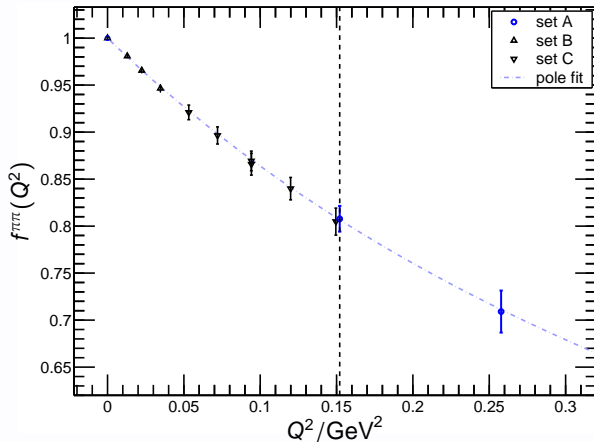
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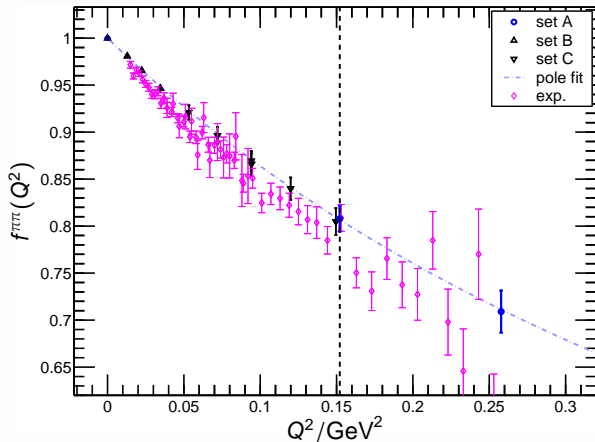
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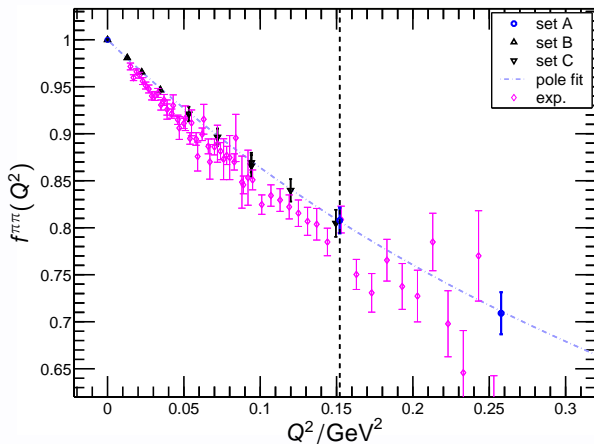
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- applications for flavour physics, e.g.  $K \rightarrow \pi l \nu$  and  $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} l \nu$

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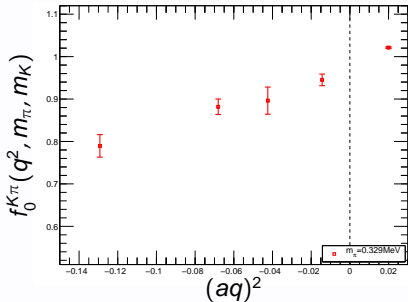
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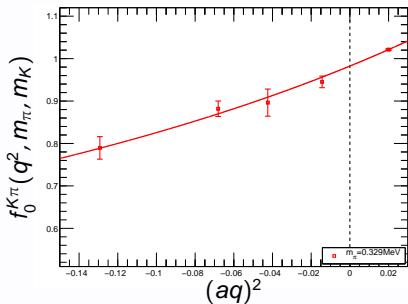
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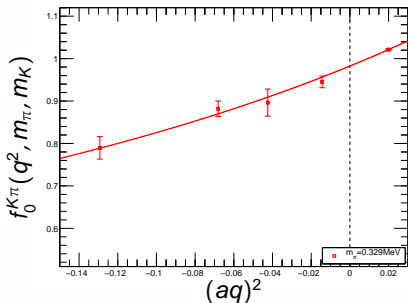
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Partially twisted boundary conditions allow to completely remove systematic due to point 2) (shown in [UKQCD JHEP 05\(2007\)016](#), [UKQCD JHEP 0807\(2008\)112](#) )

**new:** now applied to  $K \rightarrow \pi$  on large scale (RBC+UKQCD upcoming):

→ cheaper and systematic removed

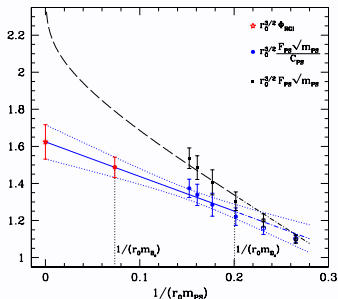
together with other new ideas now also applied to heavy-light mesons ...

# New ideas for heavy-light mesons

let's start with the *ALPHA*-approach, e.g. heavy-light decay constant:

- extra- or interpolate, e.g. heavy-light decay constant:

- lattice QCD around  $M_q \approx M_{\text{charm}}$
- lattice HQET
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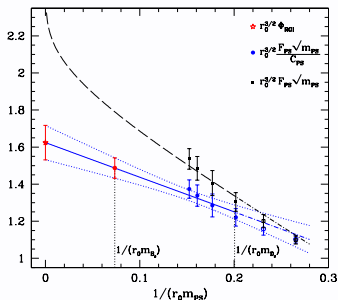
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- 1) small volume  $\rightarrow \frac{1}{a} \ll m_b$  possible, even continuum limit
- 2) correct for finite volume corrections  $\rightarrow$  step scaling method



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- step-scaling:

*ALPHA-collaboration,*

*Guagnelli et al. PLB 546 237 (2002),*

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- of course  $sL_0$  must be large, old problem  $\frac{1}{a} \approx M_b$  appears again, but: instead of extrapolating:

$$O(m_b, m_l; L) = O^0(m_l; L) \left[ 1 + \frac{O^1(m_l; L)}{m_b} \right]$$

extrapolate step scaling function with suppressed  $1/m_b$ -corrections:

$$\sigma(m_b, m_l; L) = \frac{O^0(m_l; 2L)}{O^0(m_l; L)} \left[ 1 + \frac{O^1(m_l; 2L) - O^1(m_l; L)}{m_b} \right]$$

- in practice 2 steps are sufficient

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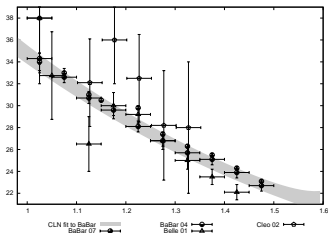
application:

- determining  $|V_{cb}|$  in semi-leptonic decays

$$\frac{d\Gamma(B \rightarrow D l \nu)}{d\omega} = (\text{kin. fact}) |V_{cb}|^2 (\omega^2 - 1)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left( G^{B \rightarrow D}(\omega) \right)^2$$

where

$$G^{B \rightarrow D}(\omega) = h_+^{B \rightarrow D}(\omega) - \frac{M_D - M_B}{M_D + M_B} h_-^{B \rightarrow D}(\omega)$$



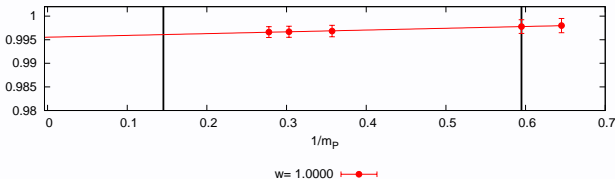
(plot by N. Tantalò at CKM 2008)

- recent work on the lattice: [C. Bernard et al. arXiv:0808.2519](#), [Okamoto et al. Nucl.Phys.Proc.Suppl.140\(2005\)](#) used effective theory-descriptions of the heavy quark + computation for  $\omega = 1$ , only
- experiment bad at 0 recoil (kinematic suppression)
- can do better ...

# $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} l \nu$ in the fully relativistic theory - step scaling method

programme by *de Divitiis, Petronzio, Tantalò, JHEP 10(2007)062, arXiv:0807.2944*  
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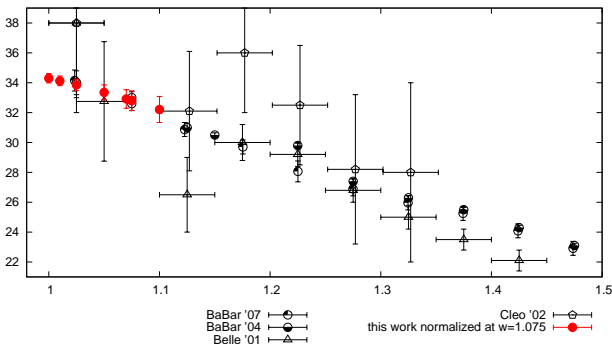
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extrapolation indeed flat, e.g.  $\sigma(m_h, m_l; L_0)$ :



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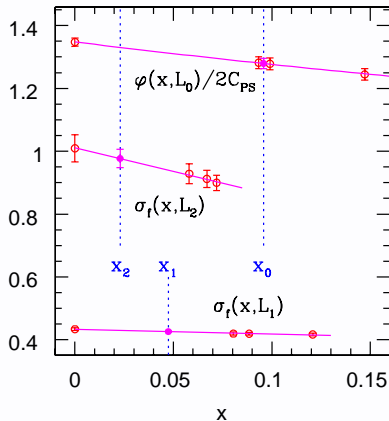
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although still quenched, compares well with experiment





## combination of step scaling in QCD in HQET

- until now: extrapolation of step scaling functions
- *Guazzini, Sommer, Tantalò, JHEP 01(2008)076*: do step scaling in HQET  $\rightarrow$  constrain  $\sigma(m_h, m_l; L)$  at  $m_h \rightarrow \infty$   
example for decay constant



- small  $m_h$ -dependence; no curvature visible
- for some observables including static limit improves result
- no conceptual problems expected with dynamical fermions

## Summary, comments

- simulations of lattice QCD are not far from the physical point
- interesting interplay between lattice QCD and effective theories (HQET and  $\chi$ PT)
- continuous development of techniques improves understanding and control of systematic effects  
this takes time but is clearly worth the effort
- for summary of latest results: *Plenary talks at Lattice 2008: E. Gamiz, L. Lellouch and e.g. Della Morte, A.J. at Lattice 2007*