

K to $\pi\pi$ Decays on the Lattice

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- [RBC/UKQCD Collaboration](#) - Calculate $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ amplitude directly on the lattice
- To achieve this we use a large lattice, near physical pion mass and Lellouch Luscher factor for the two-particle final state

Effective Hamiltonian for weak decay

- Effective Hamiltonian describes weak interactions and effects of heavy quarks

$$H_{\text{eff}} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{i=1}^{10} V_{CKM}^i C_i(\mu) Q_i(\mu)$$

C_i are Wilson coefficients, Q_i are 4-quark operators governing decay.

- Weak matrix element is

$$\langle \pi\pi | H_{\text{eff}} | K \rangle = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{i=1}^{10} V_{CKM}^i C_i(\mu) \langle \pi\pi | Q_i(\mu) | K \rangle$$

- Scale dependence of C_i and $\langle \pi\pi | Q_i(\mu) | K \rangle$ must cancel.

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- $I=2$ comparatively easy!
- Only three operators to consider (These are linear combinations of the Q_i).
- No mixing with lower dimensional operators
- Avoid problem of vacuum subtraction
- Current calculation on $32^3 \times 64$ lattices, $L_s = 32$ with 2 + 1 sea quarks at near physical pion mass (valence $m_\pi = 145.6 \text{ MeV}$)

I=2 Operators

- Classify operators based on how they transform under $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R$.
- Three operators to consider:

$$Q_{(27,1)}^{\Delta I=3/2} = (\bar{s}d)_L \{(\bar{u}u)_L - (\bar{d}d)_L\} + (\bar{s}u)_L(\bar{u}d)_L$$

$$Q_{(8,8)}^{\Delta I=3/2} = (\bar{s}d)_L \{(\bar{u}u)_R - (\bar{d}d)_R\} + (\bar{s}u)_L(\bar{u}d)_R$$

$$Q_{(8,8)_{\text{mix}}}^{\Delta I=3/2} = (\bar{s}^i d^j)_L \{(\bar{u}^j u^i)_R - (\bar{d}^j d^i)_R\} + (\bar{s}^i u^j)_L(\bar{u}^j d^i)_R$$

$I=2$ Momentum

- For K to $\pi\pi$ decays in the CM frame the pions have non-zero momentum.
- Fitting to excited states is problematic and results are typically very noisy.
- One solution is to use **twisted boundary conditions**. Instead of using periodic boundary conditions in the spatial directions for quark field, choose boundary conditions which cause the quark field to change by a phase $e^{i\phi}$ when going through the boundary. The spatial direction is **twisted** by an amount ϕ .
- Instead of momentum $\frac{2\pi n}{L}$, the quark has momentum $\frac{\phi + 2\pi n}{L}$.

$I=2$ Momentum

- Set $\phi = \pi$ so that the two-pion ground state has zero total momentum.
- Twist d-quark only resulting in kaon at rest and pions with equal and opposite momentum
- For on-shell kinematics we twist in two directions corresponding to $p = \sqrt{2}\pi/L$ for each pion.
- Cosine source reduces number of inversions needed.

$$s_{\mathbf{p}\text{cosine}}(\mathbf{x}) = \cos(p_x x) \cos(p_y y) \cos(p_z z)$$

I=2 Simulation Parameters

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- Large lattice volume to accommodate two-particle final state: $L = 4.51$ fm.
- Simulate with $m_l^{sea} = 0.001$, $m_l^{val} = 0.0001$ $m_s^{sea} = 0.045$ and $m_s^{val} = 0.049$.
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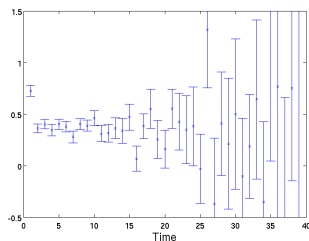
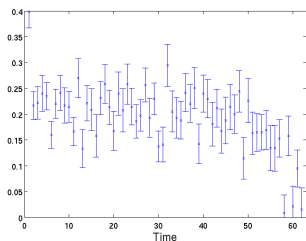
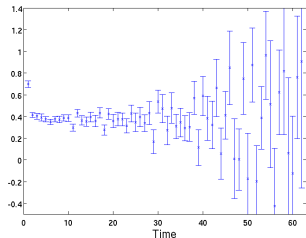
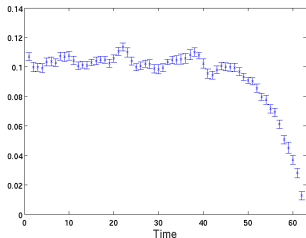
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- Inverse lattice spacing $a^{-1} = 1.4$ GeV.

I=2 Details of calculation

- Analyse 47 configurations
- Combine propagators with P+A b.c. and P-A b.c. to double effective time extent of the lattice
- Light quark propagators have a source at $t_\pi = 0$.
- S-quark has source at $t_k = 20, 24, 28$ and 32
- Operator inserted at all times inbetween.

$I=2$ Masses and Energies

	m_π	m_K	$E_{\pi\pi}(p=0)$	$E_{\pi\pi}(p=\sqrt{2}\pi/L)$
Lattice	0.10400(37)	0.3706(13)	2100(10)	0.3687(61)
MeV	145.6(5)	519(2)	294(1)	516(9)



Extracting the Matrix Element

- Start with 3-point correlation function

$$C_{K \rightarrow \pi\pi} = \left\langle O_{\pi\pi}(\mathbf{p}, t_\pi) Q_i(t) O_K^\dagger(t_K) \right\rangle \\ \sim \mathcal{M} Z_{\pi\pi} Z_K \exp(-E_{\pi\pi}|t - t_\pi|) \exp(-m_K|t - t_K|)$$

with $Z_{\pi\pi} = |\langle 0 | O_{\pi\pi}(0) | \pi\pi \rangle|$ and $Z_K = |\langle 0 | O_K(0) | K \rangle|$

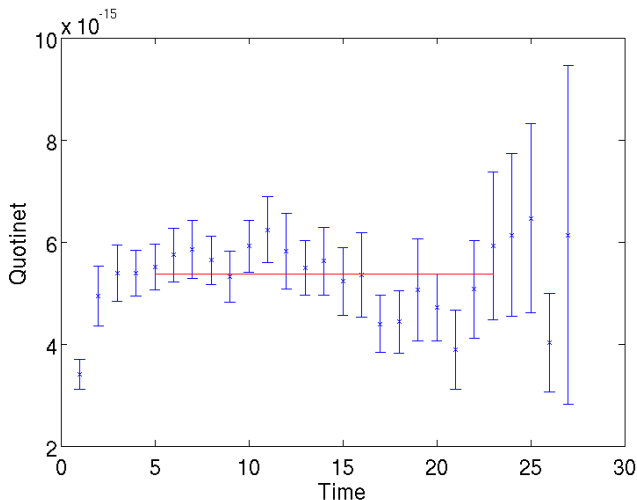
- The quotient

$$\frac{C_{K\pi\pi}(t)}{C_K(t_K - t) \times C_{\pi\pi}(t)} \sim \frac{\mathcal{M}}{Z_K Z_{\pi\pi}}$$

should be constant in time. Fit this to extract matrix element.

$I=2$ Matrix Element

Quotient of Correlators for $(8, 8)$ operator. $t_K = 28$, $p_\pi = \frac{\sqrt{2}\pi}{L}$



Two Pion Phase Shift

- Simple relation exists which relates the two-pion final state energy to the S-wave phase shift (Luscher, M., nucl. Phys. B. 354, p. 531-578)

$$n\pi - \delta(q_\pi) = \phi(q_\pi), \quad q_\pi = \frac{p_\pi L}{2\pi}$$

where

$$\tan \phi(q) = -\frac{\pi^{3/2} q}{\mathcal{Z}_{00}(1, q^2)}$$

$$\mathcal{Z}_{00}(s, q^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} \sum_{\mathbf{n}} (\mathbf{n}^2 - q^2)^{-s}$$

- p_π determined from two-pion energy: $E_{\pi\pi} = 2\sqrt{m_\pi^2 + p_\pi^2}$
- We found

p_π	δ
20(3) MeV	-0.44(17) degrees
213(5) MeV	-19.6(5.6) degrees

Isospin Amplitude A_2

- A_2 is physical quantity which can be compared with experiment

$$A(K^0 \rightarrow \pi\pi(I=2)) = A_2 e^{i\delta_2}$$

- A_2 related to matrix element via

$$A_2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\pi q_\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial q_\pi} + \frac{\partial\delta}{\partial q_\pi}} L^{3/2} a^{-3} G_F V_{ud} V_{us} \sqrt{m_K} E_{\pi\pi} \\ \times \sum_{i,j} C_i(\mu) Z_{ij}(\mu) \langle \pi\pi | Q_j | K \rangle$$

- $C_i(\mu)$ are Wilson Coefficients
- Z_{ij} operator renormalization constants calculated using NPR. In general operators will mix under renormalization.
- All quantities are real except for Wilson Coefficients which are complex.

Lellouch-Lüscher Factor

- The Lellouch Luscher factor is a finite volume correction which takes into account the final state interactions
- Need $\sqrt{\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial q_\pi} + \frac{\partial\delta}{\partial q_\pi}}$
- $\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial q_\pi}$ calculated numerically using Zeta function
- Luscher relation only valid at energies allowed on the lattice, so cannot calculate $\frac{\partial\delta}{\partial q_\pi}$ from $\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial q_\pi}$
- Instead estimate $\frac{\partial\delta}{\partial q_\pi}$ from phenomenological curve:

$$\tan \delta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_\pi^2}{s}} \left(A + B \frac{p^2}{m_\pi^2} + C \frac{p^4}{m_\pi^4} + D \frac{p^6}{m_\pi^6} \right) \left(\frac{4m_\pi^2 - s}{s - s_0} \right)$$

where s is Mandelstam CM energy² and constants are fit from experiment.

- for $p_\pi = 213\text{MeV}$, get

$$\frac{\partial\delta}{\partial q_\pi} = -0.305$$

Re(A_2)

- Main contribution to Re(A_2) comes from (27,1) operator.
- NPR performed on $L_s = 16$ lattices.
- Evaluate $C_{(27,1)}$ and $Z_{(27,1)}$ at 2GeV. A_2 should not depend on scale.
- Our results are:

	Re(A_2)(10^{-8} GeV)
$t_K = 20$	1.52(12)
$t_K = 24$	1.52(10)
$t_K = 28$	1.71(13)
$t_K = 32$	1.35(22)
Error Weighted Average	1.555(73)
Experiment	1.5

Im(A_2)

- Main contribution to Im(A_2) is from $(8, 8)$ and $(8, 8)_{\text{mx}}$ operators. These mix under renormalization.
- NPR to be done soon. (Nicholas Garron)
- Make crude approximation $Z_{ij} = 0.9Z_q^2\delta_{ij}$ for $(8, 8)$ and $(8, 8)_{\text{mx}}$ operators.

	Im(A_2)(10^{-13} GeV)
$t_K = 20$	-9.20(50)
$t_K = 24$	-10.03(70)
$t_K = 28$	-9.51(73)
$t_K = 32$	-10.10(84)
Error Weighted Average	-9.58(44)

- Ratio Im(A_2)/Re(A_2) needed in calculation of ϵ' . From error weighted averages we find

$$\text{Im}(A_2)/\text{Re}(A_2) = -6.16(29) \times 10^{-5}$$

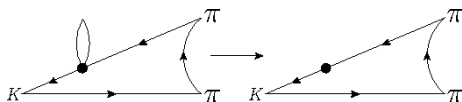
I=2 Summary

- Results presented today are from state of the art lattice simulations.
- Still a work in progress. Need NPR for $(8, 8)$ and $(8, 8)_{\text{MX}}$ operators to reduce systematic error on $\text{Im}(A_2)$
- Details of this calculation will eventually be published in
M. Lightman and E. Goode PoS(LATTICE 2010 ***)
- Details of feasibility test preceding this study can be found
M. Lightman and E. Goode, *Proceedings of the XXVII International Symposium on Lattice Field Theory*, PoS(LATTICE 2009)254 [hep-lat/0912.1667].

$I=0$

Why is $K \rightarrow \pi\pi(I=0)$ so much harder?

- 1 Final state has same quantum numbers as the vacuum. $\pi\pi$ signal decreases exponentially in time, but contribution from vacuum is constant (**Signal very noisy**).
Improve statistics by averaging over multiple kaon and pion sources (**Expensive**).
- 2 Mixing with lower dimensional operators



Details of the calculation

- $16^3 \times 32$ DWF action, $L_s = 16$. $2 + 1$ dynamical sea quarks.
 $a^{-1} = 1.73(3)$ GeV.
- Use Coulomb Gauge fixed wall sources for all propagators except quark bubbles. For quark bubbles use stochastic source.
- For 3-point function, Kaons computed at source time $t_K = 1, 2, \dots, 32$. Pions have source at $t_\pi = t_K + 14$. Average over all 32 source positions.
- Sim for two-point functions, average over 32 source positions for kaon and two-pion.
- In contrast to $l = 2$ calculation we do a direct fit to 3-point function data.

$$C_{K\pi\pi} \sim \mathcal{M} |Z_K| |Z_{\pi\pi}| e^{-m_K t} e^{-E_{\pi\pi}(14-t)}$$

is fit to a single parameter \mathcal{M} .

- Analysis done for 400 configurations. (Soon to be 800 configurations).

I=0 Results

- Preliminary results presented by [Qi Liu](#) at Lattice 2010 for all 10 operators (zero momentum).
- Unphysical meson masses $m_K = 778\text{MeV}$, $m_\pi = 420\text{MeV}$.
- $\text{Re}(A_0) = 43(12) \times 10^{-8}\text{GeV}$ or $\text{Re}(A_0) = 54.8(3.0) \times 10^{-8}\text{GeV}$ if disconnected diagrams are ignored.
- $\text{Im}(A_0) = -41(31) \times 10^{-12}$ or $\text{Im}(A_0) = -89.2(7.5) \times 10^{-12}$ if disconnected diagrams are ignored.

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- Improve results by increasing statistics.
- Compute propagators with P+A and P-A BC in order to double effective time extent of lattice and suppress complicated “around the world” effects.
- Eventually wish to recalculate at lighter masses.