

# A study of the radiative transition $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\gamma^*$ with lattice QCD

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Lellouch and Lüscher [hep-lat/0003023]:

... One might think that having a finite volume ... makes it even more difficult to extract the transition amplitudes. ... this is actually not so.

lattice QCD in the past:

- masses, resonance masses, strong decay widths
- form factors, structure properties
- radiative and weak transitions between (strongly) stable hadrons

*Limits the physics we can do!*

lattice QCD now:

- transition matrix elements between a stable and unstable hadron

*Explore what the Briceño formalism can do!*

[Briceño et al. 1406.5965]

A clear channel where a lot is already known: [Crisafulli & Lubicz PLB278, HadSpec 1507.06622, 1604.03530]

$$\pi^+ \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma^* \pi^+$$

### **part I - the $\rho$ meson parameters**

- Operators used to describe the  $\rho$  meson
- Wick contractions and how we calculate them
- Using the Lüscher method to determine the  $\rho$  parameters
- The Breit-Wigner fit

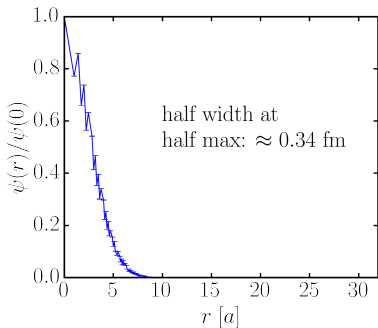
### **part II - the radiative transition**

- The three-point functions
- Wick contractions and their calculation
- Optimized three-point functions
- Radiative transition matrix elements
- Mapping from the Finite Volume to the Infinite Volume

- preliminary results
- $N_f = 2 + 1$  Clover fermions
- isotropic lattice by Orginos et al.
- non-polynomial FV effects very small:  $e^{-m_\pi L} \approx 0.3\%$
- $m_\pi$  low enough:  $\rho$  is unstable

Label	$N_s^3 \times N_t$	$a$ (fm)	L (fm)	$m_\pi$ (MeV)	$N_{\text{config}}$
C13	$32^3 \times 96$	0.11403	3.65	317	367/1050

- forward, sequential and stochastic propagators
- 8 sources/config
- Wuppertal smearing at source/sink:  $(N, \alpha) = (20, 3.0)$



## part I - the $\rho$ meson parameters

$\rho$  meson:  $J^P = 1^-$ : p-wave  $\pi\pi$  scattering [a lot of previous studies]

- 3/4 operators with total momentum  $\vec{p}_{\pi\pi} = \frac{2\pi}{L}\vec{d}$ :

$$O_1 = \bar{u}\gamma_\mu d(\vec{d})$$

$$O_2 = \bar{u}\gamma_t\gamma_\mu d(\vec{d})$$

$$O_3 = \pi^+(\vec{p}_1)\pi^0(\vec{p}_2) - \pi^+ \leftrightarrow \pi^0$$

$$(*)O_4 = \pi^+(\vec{p}'_1)\pi^0(\vec{p}'_2) - \pi^+ \leftrightarrow \pi^0$$

$\vec{d}$	(0, 0, 0)
$\vec{d}$	(0, 0, 1)
$\vec{d}$	(0, 1, 1)

and permutations

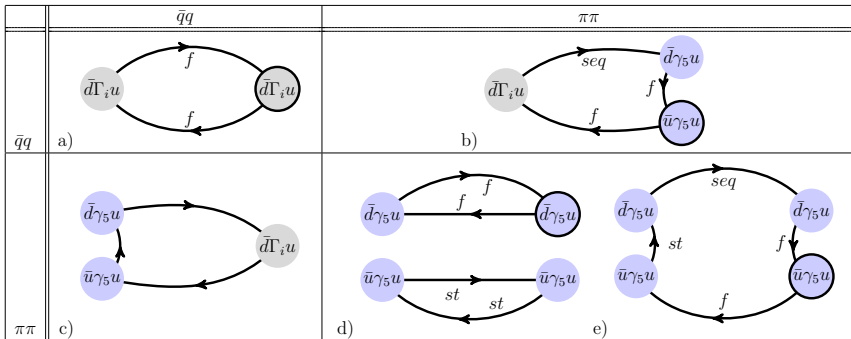
- multiple moving frames:

$$\vec{p}_{\pi\pi} = \vec{p}'_1 + \vec{p}'_2$$

following Gottlieb & Rummukainen:

[Gottlieb & Rummukainen hep-lat/9503028]

- $\vec{d} = (0, 0, 0)$   $O_h$ :  
 $T_1$  irrep, 3 polarizations
- $\vec{d} = (0, 0, 1)$   $D_{4h}$ :  
 $A_2$  irrep, 1 polarization  
 $E$  irrep, 2 polarizations
- $\vec{d} = (0, 1, 1)$   $D_{2h}$ :  
 $B_1$  irrep, 1 polarization  
 $B_2$  irrep, 1 polarization  
 $B_3$  irrep, 1 polarization



■ black line  $u/d$  quark

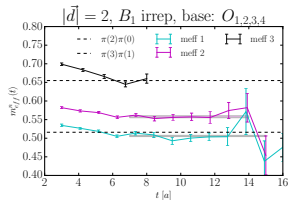
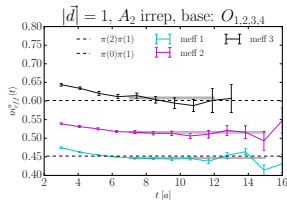
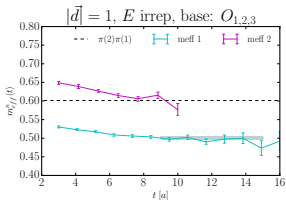
■  $f$  - forward propagator

■  $seq$  - sequential propagator

■  $st$  - stochastic propagator



# $\rho$ meson spectroscopy spectrum from the GEVP

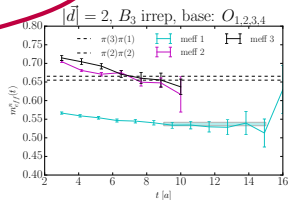
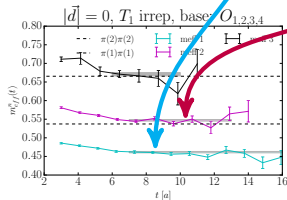
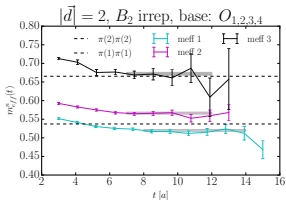
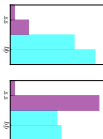


- non interacting energy level (dashed line):

$$E[\pi(n_1)\pi(n_2)] = \sqrt{m_\pi^2 + \left(\frac{2\pi}{L}\right)^2 n_1} + \sqrt{m_\pi^2 + \left(\frac{2\pi}{L}\right)^2 n_2}$$

- maximal overlap to  $\bar{q}q$ -type operators

- maximal overlap to  $\pi\pi$ -type operators



map from finite volume spectrum to infinite volume phase shifts

$$s_{\pi\pi} = E_n^2 - \left(\frac{2\pi}{L}\vec{d}\right)^2$$

$$\sqrt{s_{\pi\pi}} = 2\sqrt{m_\pi^2 + p^{*2}} \text{ and find } p^*$$

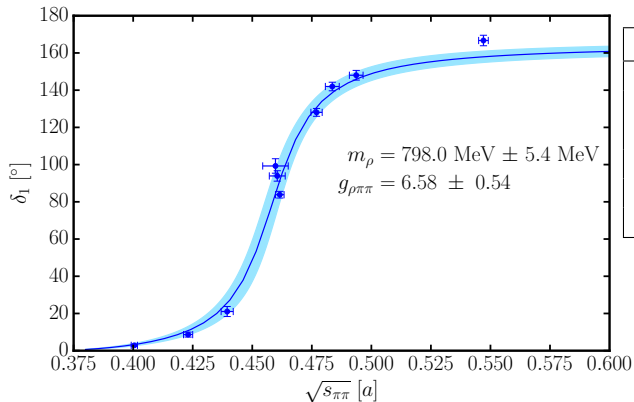
$$k = \frac{L}{2\pi} p^*$$

$$\tan \delta_1^{\vec{d}=(0,0,0), T_1} = \frac{\gamma\pi^{3/2}k}{Z_{00}^{\vec{d}}(1;k^2)}$$

$$\tan \delta_1^{\vec{d}=(0,0,1), A_2} = \frac{\gamma\pi^{3/2}k}{Z_{00}^{\vec{d}}(1;k^2) + \frac{2}{k^2\sqrt{5}}Z_{20}^{\vec{d}}(1;k^2)}$$

...

see e.g. [\[Briceño 1401.3312\]](#)



$ d $	irrep	n
0	$T_1$	1, 2
1	$E$	1
1	$A_2$	1, 2
2	$B_1$	1, 2
2	$B_2$	1, 2
2	$B_3$	1

- 10 points
- 3 frames
- 6 irreps

(Simple) Breit-Wigner fit:

$$\tan \delta_1 = \frac{\sqrt{s}\Gamma(s)}{m_\rho^2 - s} \quad \Gamma(s) = \frac{g_{\rho\pi\pi}^2}{6\pi} \frac{p^{*3}}{s}$$

## **part II - the radiative transition**

- initial state:

$$J^P = 1^-: \text{p-wave } \pi\pi \text{ scattering}$$
$$\vec{d} = (0, 0, 0):$$

$$O_{\pi\pi}^{p=1} = \bar{u}\gamma_\mu d(\vec{d})$$

$$O_{\pi\pi}^{p=2} = \bar{u}\gamma_t\gamma_\mu d(\vec{d})$$

$$O_{\pi\pi}^{p=3} = \pi^+(\vec{p}_1)\pi^0(\vec{p}_2) - \pi^+ \leftrightarrow \pi^0$$

$$O_{\pi\pi}^{p=4} = \pi^+(\vec{p}'_1)\pi^0(\vec{p}'_2) - \pi^+ \leftrightarrow \pi^0$$

- final state:  $\pi$ :

$$O_\pi = \bar{u}\gamma_5 d(\vec{p}_\pi)$$

- local current operator:

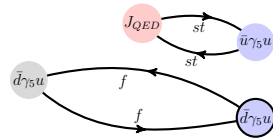
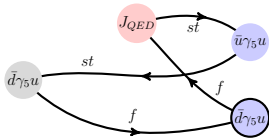
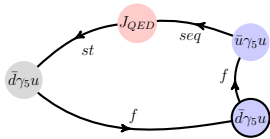
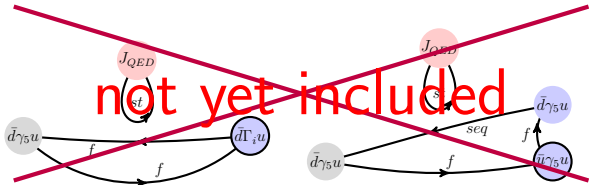
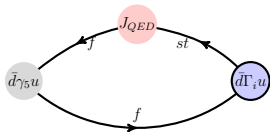
$$J_{QED} = O_c = Z_V \left( \frac{2}{3} \bar{u}\gamma_\mu u(\vec{Q}) - \frac{1}{3} \bar{d}\gamma_\mu d(\vec{Q}) \right)$$

- $Z_V = 0.79700(24)$  [LHPC internal communication]

Three point functions for each  $O_{\pi\pi}^P$ :

$$C_3^P(t_\rho, t_J, t_\pi) = \langle O_\pi(t_\pi, \vec{p}_\pi) O_c(t_J, \vec{Q}) O_{\pi\pi}^P(t_\rho, \vec{p}_{\pi\pi}) \rangle$$

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Wick contractions



three point function:

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_3^P(t_{src} = t_{\pi\pi}, t_J, t_{snk} = t_\pi) &= C_3^P(t_J, \Delta t = t_{snk} - t_{src}) \\
 &= \sum_{n \in T_1, \vec{d}=(0,0,0)} \langle 0 | O_{\pi\pi}^P | n, T_1, \nu \rangle \langle n, T_1, \nu, | J_{QED}^\mu, \vec{Q} | \pi, \vec{p}_\pi \rangle \langle \pi | O_\pi | 0 \rangle \times \\
 &\quad \frac{e^{-E_n(t_J - t_n)} e^{-E_\pi(t_J - t_\pi)}}{2E_\pi E_n}
 \end{aligned}$$

ratio: [\[Detmold et al. 1503.01421\]](#)

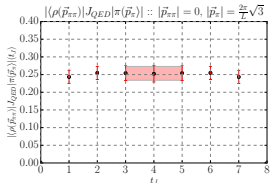
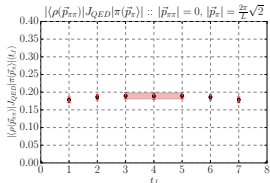
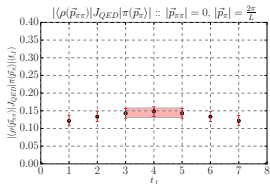
$$R^S(t_J) = \frac{C_3(t_J, \Delta t) C_3^*(\Delta t - t_J, \Delta t)}{C_2^{(n)}(\Delta t) C_2^{(\pi)}(\Delta t)} \rightarrow |\langle n, T_1, \nu, (\vec{p}_{\pi\pi}) | J_{QED}^\mu, \vec{Q} | \pi, \vec{p}_\pi \rangle|^2$$

decomposition:

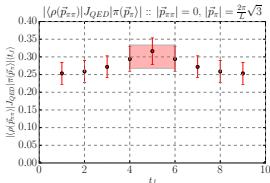
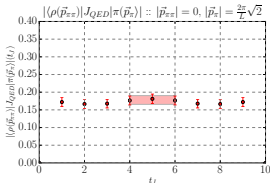
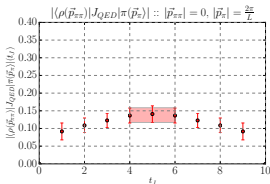
$$\begin{aligned}
 |\langle n, T_1, \nu | J_{QED}^\mu, \vec{Q} | \pi, \vec{p}_\pi \rangle| &= f_{\rho\pi}(q^2, s_{\pi\pi}) \epsilon_{\nu\mu\alpha\beta} (p_\rho)_\alpha (p_\pi)_\beta \\
 q &= p_\pi - p_{\pi\pi}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Standard Approach

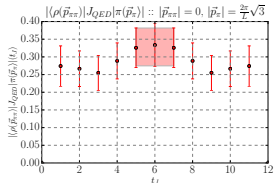
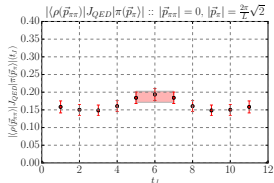
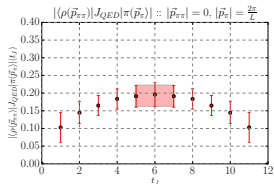
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$\Delta t = 10$

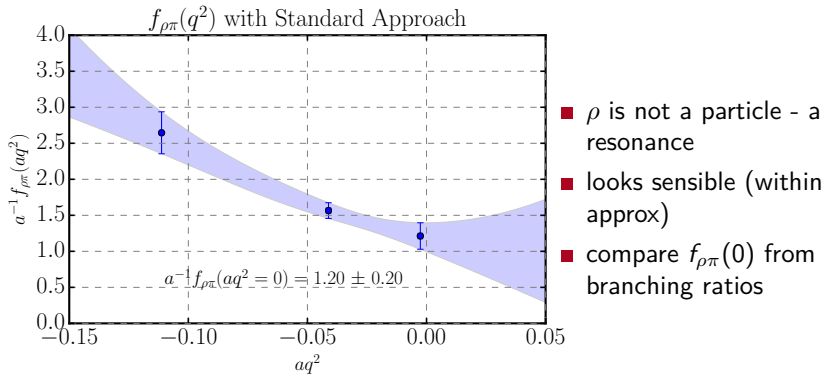


$\Delta t = 12$





$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\gamma^*$  radiative transition  
Standard Approach



us [GeV]	[Crisafulli] [GeV]	exp [GeV]
$\sim 0.69$	$\sim 0.75 @ \text{LF} q^2$	$\sim 0.73$

To determine matrix elements from excited states use optimized three point function:

[HadSpec 0902.2241, Becirevic 1411.6426, HadSpec 1501.07457+]

$$\Omega_3(t_J, \Delta t) = v_\rho^{(n)} C_3^P(t_J, \Delta t = t_{snk} - t_{src})$$

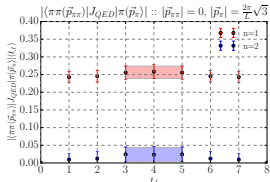
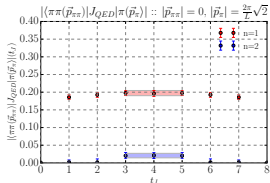
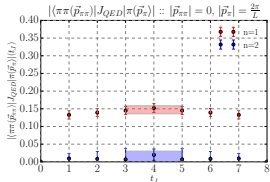
Use  $R^S$  to determine:

$$\langle n, T_1, \nu, \vec{p}_{\pi\pi} | J_{QED}^\mu, \vec{Q} | \pi, \vec{p}_\pi \rangle$$

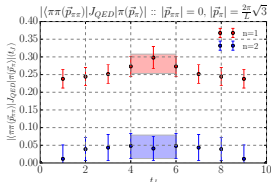
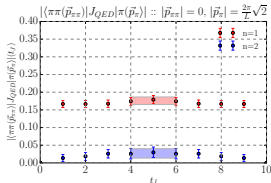
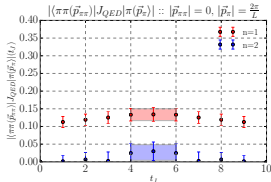
The  $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\gamma$  matrix element will have the same lorentz decomposition as the "form factor".

# $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\gamma^*$ radiative transition matrix elements in finite volume

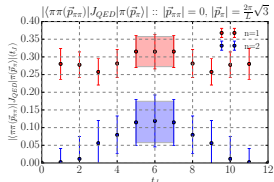
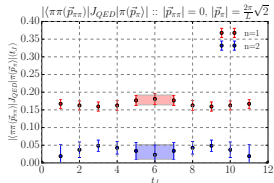
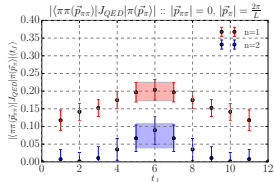
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$\Delta t = 10$



$\Delta t = 12$



The mapping described by the Lellouch-Lüscher factor

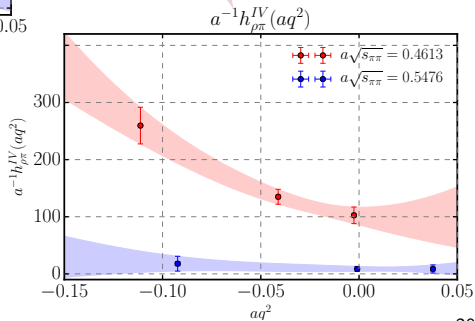
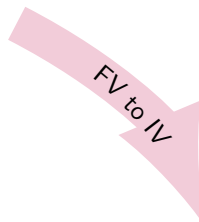
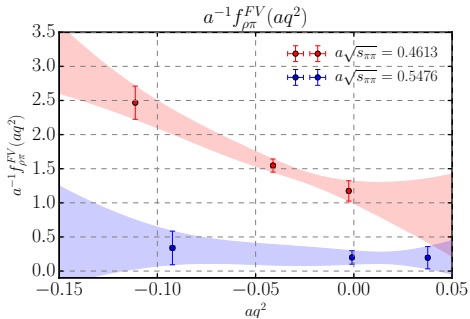
[Lellouch & Lüscher hep-lat/0003023, Briceño et al. 1406.5965]

$$\frac{|H_{IV}(T_1, \nu; J_{QED}^\mu; q^2, s_{\pi\pi})|^2}{|\langle n, T_1, \nu, \vec{p}_{\pi\pi} | J_{QED}^\mu, \vec{Q} | \pi, \vec{p}_\pi \rangle|^2} = \frac{32\pi E_\pi \sqrt{s_{\pi\pi}}}{k} \left[ \frac{\partial \delta_1(\sqrt{s_{\pi\pi}})}{\partial E_{\pi\pi}} + \frac{\partial \phi_1^d(k)}{\partial E_{\pi\pi}} \right]$$

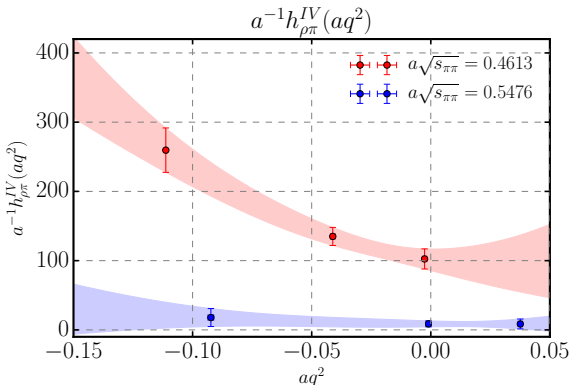
Map from FV matrix element to IV amplitude!

$$|H_{IV}(T_1, \nu; J_{QED}^\mu; q^2, s_{\pi\pi})| = h_{\rho\pi}(q^2, s_{\pi\pi}) \epsilon_{\nu\mu\alpha\beta} (p_\rho)_\alpha (p_\pi)_\beta$$

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mapping from the FV to IV at  $\Delta t = 10$



$\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\gamma^*$  radiative transition  
ground and excited state amplitudes



- the amplitude for various  $q^2$  and  $\sqrt{s_{\pi\pi}}$
- looks promising for some interesting features

- qualitatively similar to the HadSpec study [Briceño et al. 1507.06622]
- still a long way, but there's a light at the end of the tunnel!

# Conclusion

not real conclusions ... more like comments

- the ensemble C13:  
great to work with!
- method of forward, sequential and stochastic props:
  - two-point and three-point functions  
with the same setup of propagators
  - good for studying scattering of strong particles
  - good for determining three point functions
  - scales well with volume ( $@L = 3.65 \text{ fm}$ )
- the Lüscher method ...  
no need to re#
- the Briceño formalism:
  - still much to explore and more to understand
  - difficult but fun - access to interesting physics
  - need to understand the interesting physics



Thank you for your attention!

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