

## Determinations of $V_{us}$ from unquenched lattice QCD simulations

### Outline

- extraction of  $V_{us}$  from  $K_{\ell 2} / \pi_{\ell 2}$  and  $K_{\ell 3}$  decays (no hyperons)
- hadronic quantities needed:  $f_K / f_\pi$  and  $f_+(0)$
- lattice calculations: present status (Lattice '08)
- **new (preliminary) ETMC result on  $f_+(0) = 0.956 \pm 0.006$  ( $N_f = 2$ )**
- Callan-Treiman relation on the lattice
- discussion of systematic errors and future perspectives

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# Motivations

- $V_{us}$  is a fundamental parameter of the **Standard Model** playing a central role in the **CKM matrix**
- high precision test of **the CKM unitarity** (lepton-quark universality) thanks to large amount of **new data** [BNL-E865, KLOE, KTEV, ISTRA+, NA48] and **new lattice QCD simulations**:

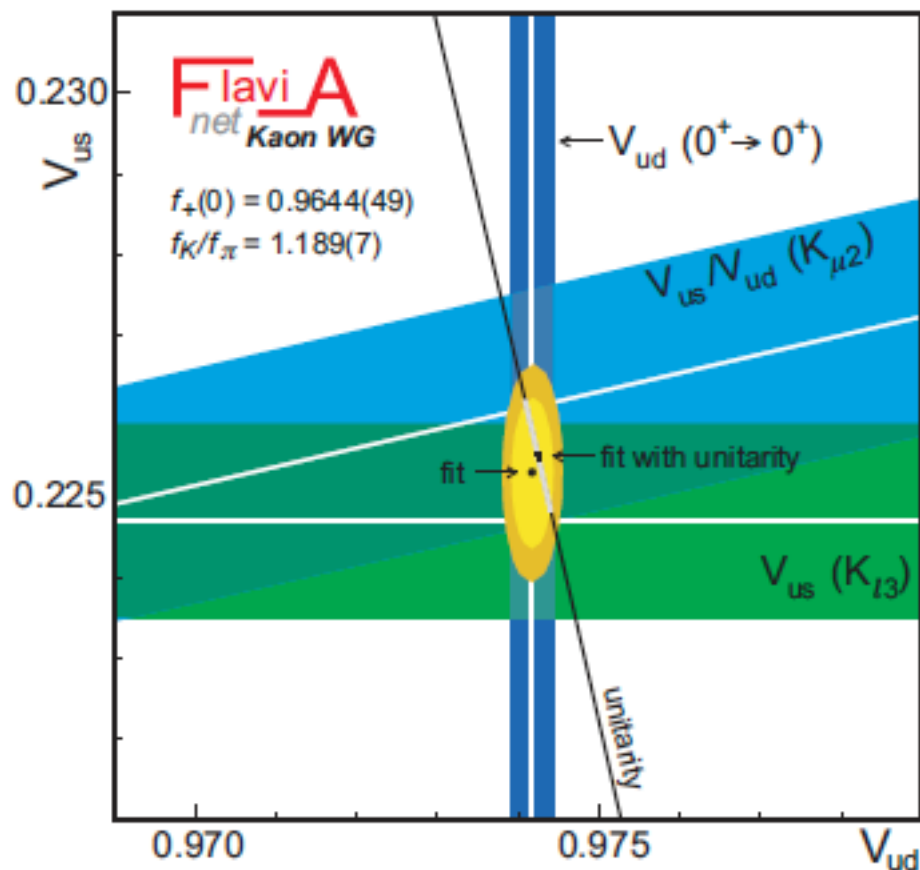
nuclear SFT	⇒	$ V_{ud}  = 0.97417 \pm 0.00026$ ( $\sim 0.03\%$ )	Hardy&Towner '07
$K_{\ell 3}$ and $K_{\ell 2}$ decays	⇒	$ V_{us}  = 0.2253 \pm 0.0009$ ( $\sim 0.4\%$ )	FlaviAnet '07
incl./excl. B decays	⇒	$ V_{ub}  = 0.00395 \pm 0.00035$ ( $\sim 9\%$ )	PDG '08

**CKM unitarity:**  $|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 1 + \mathcal{O}\left[\frac{M_W^2}{\Lambda_{NP}^2}\right] = 0.9998 \pm 0.0007$  ( $\sim 0.1\%$ )

\*\*\*  $\delta|V_{us}|^2 \sim \delta|V_{ud}|^2 \Rightarrow$  the error from  $V_{us}$  is no longer the dominant uncertainty

\*\*\* effective scale of new physics  $\Lambda_{NP} > 1$  TeV

\*  $V_{us}$  comes from experiment and unquenched lattice QCD simulations



$K_{\ell 3}$  decays

$$|V_{us}| = 0.2246 (12) \quad (\sim 0.5\%)$$

using

$$f_+(0) = 0.9644 (49) \quad (\sim 0.5\%) \quad [\text{RBC/UKQCD Coll. '08}]$$

$K_{\ell 2}$  decays

$$|V_{us} / V_{ud}| = 0.2321 (15) \quad (\sim 0.6\%)$$

using

$$f_K / f_\pi = 1.189 (7) \quad (\sim 0.6\%) \quad [\text{HPQCD Coll. '08}]$$

\*\*\* the determinations of  $V_{us}$  from  $K_{\ell 2}$  and  $K_{\ell 3}$  decays are dominated by theoretical uncertainties

\*\*\* main topics of this talk:  $f_+(0)$  and  $f_K / f_\pi$  with their uncertainties

# $V_{us}$ from $K_{\ell 2}$ decays

$$\frac{\Gamma(K \rightarrow \mu \bar{\nu}(\gamma))}{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow \mu \bar{\nu}(\gamma))} \longrightarrow \left| \frac{V_{us}}{V_{ud}} \right| \frac{f_K}{f_\pi} = 0.2760(6) \quad [0.22\%] \quad \text{[Marciano '04]}$$

[PDG '06]

- \*  $\frac{f_K}{f_\pi} = 1 + O(m_s - m_\ell)$     no AG-like theorem     $\Rightarrow f_K / f_\pi - 1 \sim 0.2$
- \* to match the experimental error one needs  $\delta[f_K / f_\pi - 1] \sim 1\%$  [challenging!]
- \* on the lattice  $f_{PS}$  can be computed from 2-point correlation functions (with PS meson at rest)

$$C_{A_0 P}(t) \equiv \int d\vec{x} \langle A_0(x) P(0) \rangle \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2M_{PS}} \langle 0 | \bar{q} \gamma_0 \gamma_5 q' | PS \rangle \langle PS | \bar{q}' \gamma_5 q | 0 \rangle e^{-M_{PS} t}$$

$\searrow$   
 $\sqrt{2} M_{PS} f_{PS}$

## sources of systematic errors

- finite size effects: small but visible ( $f_\pi$  only)     $\Rightarrow$  resummed Lüscher formula (beyond 1-loop) [Colangelo et al. '05]
- discretization effects: small but visible     $\Rightarrow$  continuum limit
- extrapolation/interpolation to the physical point (mainly to the physical pion)
- non-perturbative renormalization constants: absent for  $f_K / f_\pi$

# SU(3) vs “SU(2)” ChPT at NLO

SU(3): [Gasser&Leutwyler '85]

$$\chi(M^2) = M^2 \log\left(\frac{M^2}{\mu^2}\right)$$

$$f_\pi = f_3 \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{(4\pi f_3)^2} \left[ 2\chi(M_\pi^2) + \chi(M_K^2) \right] + 8(L_4 + L_5) \frac{M_\pi^2}{f_3^2} + 16L_4 \frac{M_K^2}{f_3^2} \right\}$$

$$f_K = f_3 \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{(4\pi f_3)^2} \left[ \frac{3}{4}\chi(M_\pi^2) + \frac{3}{2}\chi(M_K^2) + \frac{3}{4}\chi(M_\eta^2) \right] + 8L_4 \frac{M_\pi^2}{f_3^2} + 8(2L_4 + L_5) \frac{M_K^2}{f_3^2} \right\}$$

3 parameters:  $f_3$ ,  $L_4$  and  $L_5$

“SU(2)”: treat  $m_s$  as heavy and absorb its effects in the LECs (“HSCChPT”)

[RBC/UKCD '08]

$$f_\pi = f_2 [1 + \alpha \delta_K^2] \left\{ 1 - \frac{2}{(4\pi f_2)^2} \left[ \chi(M_\pi^2) - \ell_4 M_\pi^2 \right] \right\}$$

$$\delta_K^2 \propto m_s - m_s^{phys}$$

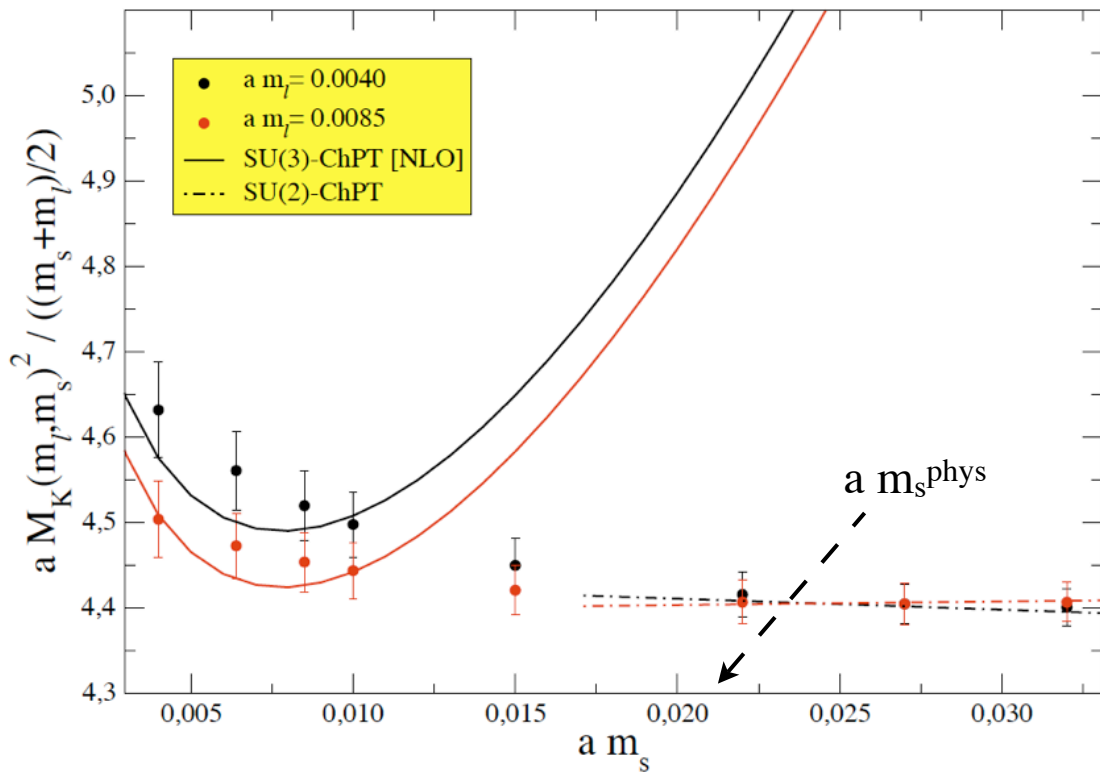
$$f_K = f_2^K [1 + \alpha^K \delta_K^2] \left\{ 1 - \frac{2}{(4\pi f_2)^2} \left[ \frac{3}{8}\chi(M_\pi^2) - \ell_4^K M_\pi^2 \right] \right\}$$

- low values of  $m_\ell / m_s$  required
- less symmetry  $\Rightarrow$  less predictive power

$f_2 \neq f_3$

6 parameters:  $f_2$ ,  $\ell_4$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $f_2^K$ ,  $\ell_4^K$ ,  $\alpha^K$

## ETMC: Tarantino @ Lattice '08



\* NLO SU(3) does not work for  $m_s \sim m_s^{\text{phys}}$

\* large NLO SU(3) corrections even at  $m_l \sim m_l^{\text{phys}}$ :

$$f_{\pi}^{\text{phys}} / f_3 \sim [f_K / f_{\pi}]^{\text{phys}}$$

\* within “SU(2)” ChPT LEC’s depend on  $m_s$

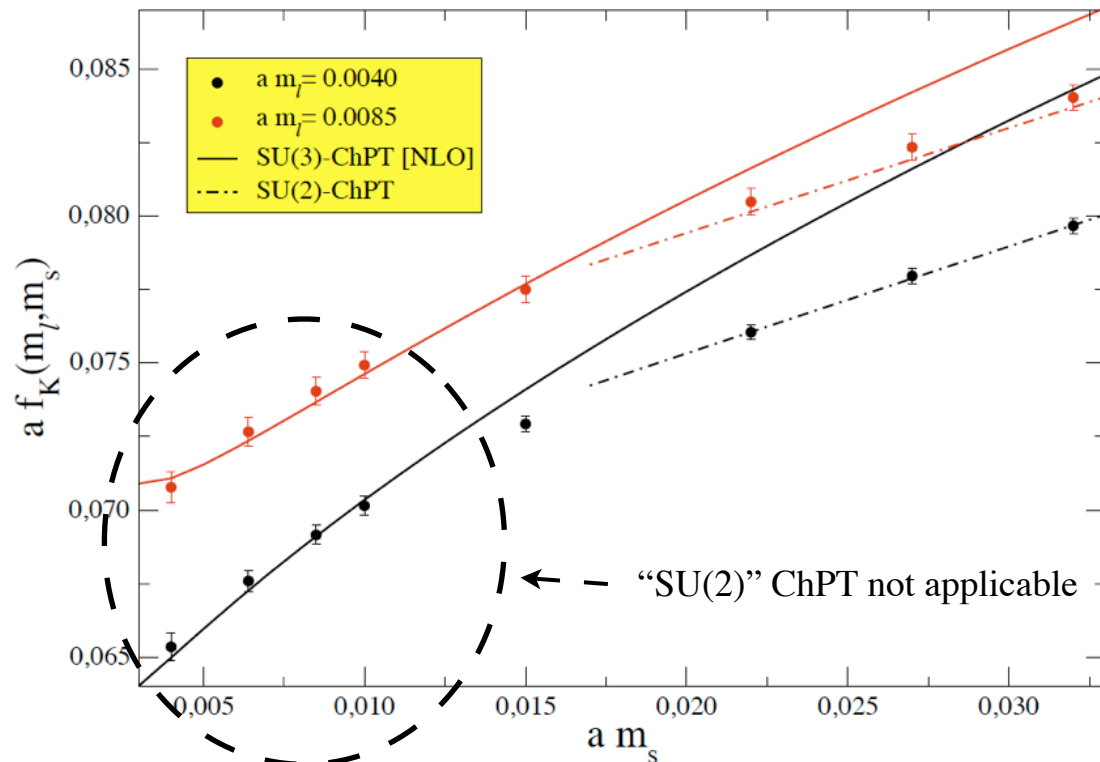
\* NLO “SU(2)” corrections are small at  $m_l \sim m_l^{\text{phys}}$ :

$$f_{\pi}^{\text{phys}} / f_2 < [f_K / f_{\pi}]^{\text{phys}}$$

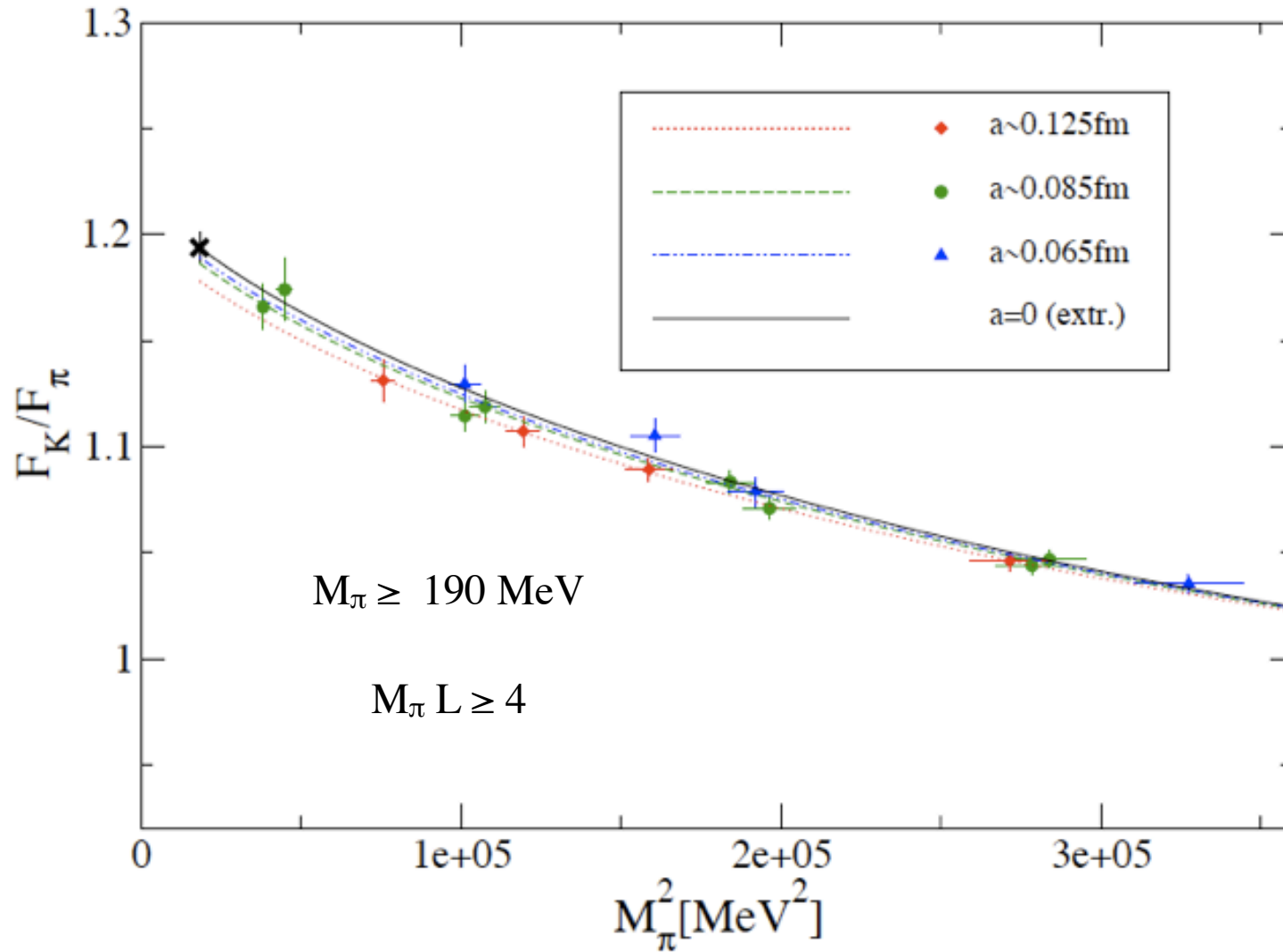
**large strange sea quark effects**

(no AG-like theorem)

same conclusions also from RBC/UKQCD and PACS-CS



# BMW: Dürr @ Lattice '08



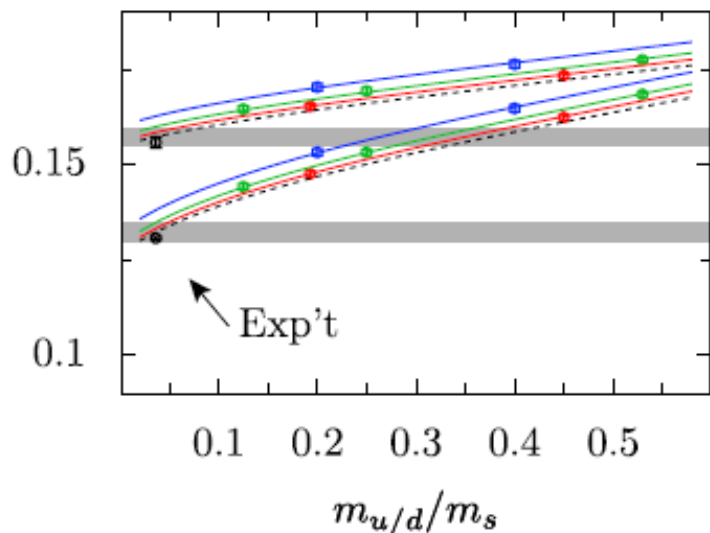
→ plot shows data( $M_\pi^2, 2M_K^2 - M_\pi^2$ ) – fit( $M_\pi^2, 2M_K^2 - M_\pi^2$ ) + fit( $M_\pi^2, [2M_K^2 - M_\pi^2]_{\text{phys}}$ ).

→  $f_K/f_\pi$  scales rather nicely [we have  $a^2/\text{fm}^2 = 0.0042, 0.0072, 0.0156$ ].

⇒  $f_K/f_\pi = 1.18(1)(1)$  at the physical  $m_{ud}$ , in the continuum, for infinite volume.

# Staggered quarks ( $N_f = 2 + 1$ )

error budget



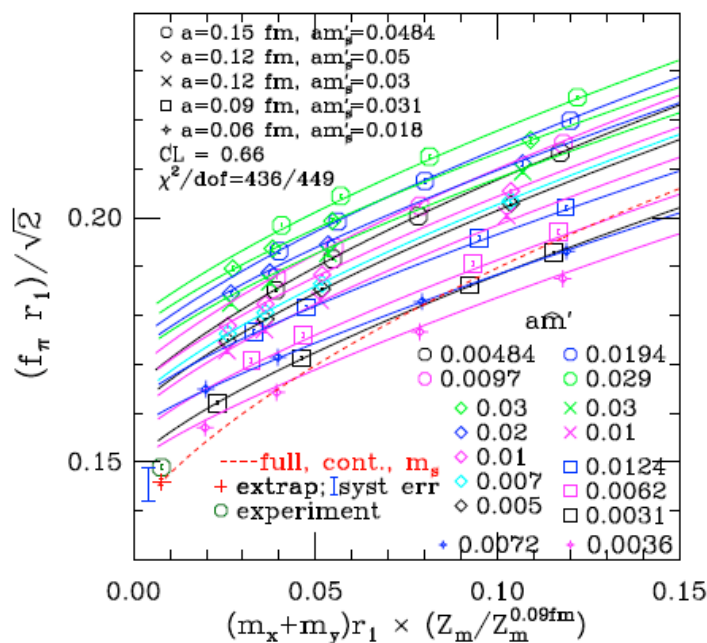
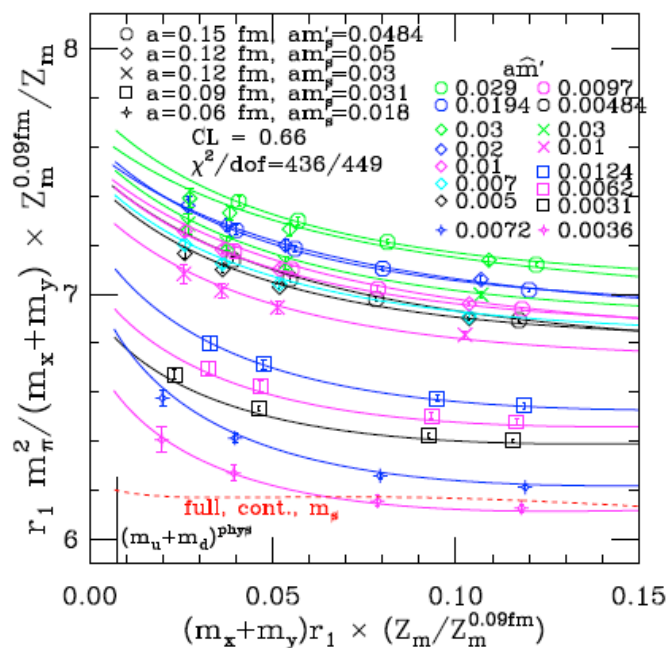
$f_K$   
 $f_\pi$

	$f_K/f_\pi$	$f_K$	$f_\pi$
$r_1$ uncertainty.	0.3	1.1	1.4
$a^2$ extrap.	0.2	0.2	0.2
Finite vol.	0.4	0.4	0.8
$m_{u/d}$ extrap.	0.2	0.3	0.4
Stat. errors	0.2	0.4	0.5
$m_s$ evolv.	0.1	0.1	0.1
$m_d$ , QED, etc.	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total %</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.7</b>

HPQCD '08

$$f_K/f_\pi = 1.189(2)(7)$$

- same gauge configurations
- different quark action
- different chiral extrapolations



MILC '07

$$f_K/f_\pi = 1.197(3)^{(+6)}_{(-13)}$$

- main concerns:
- 1) non-perturbative effects of the rooting trick
  - 2) few details on the prior choices for Bayesian chiral extrapolations

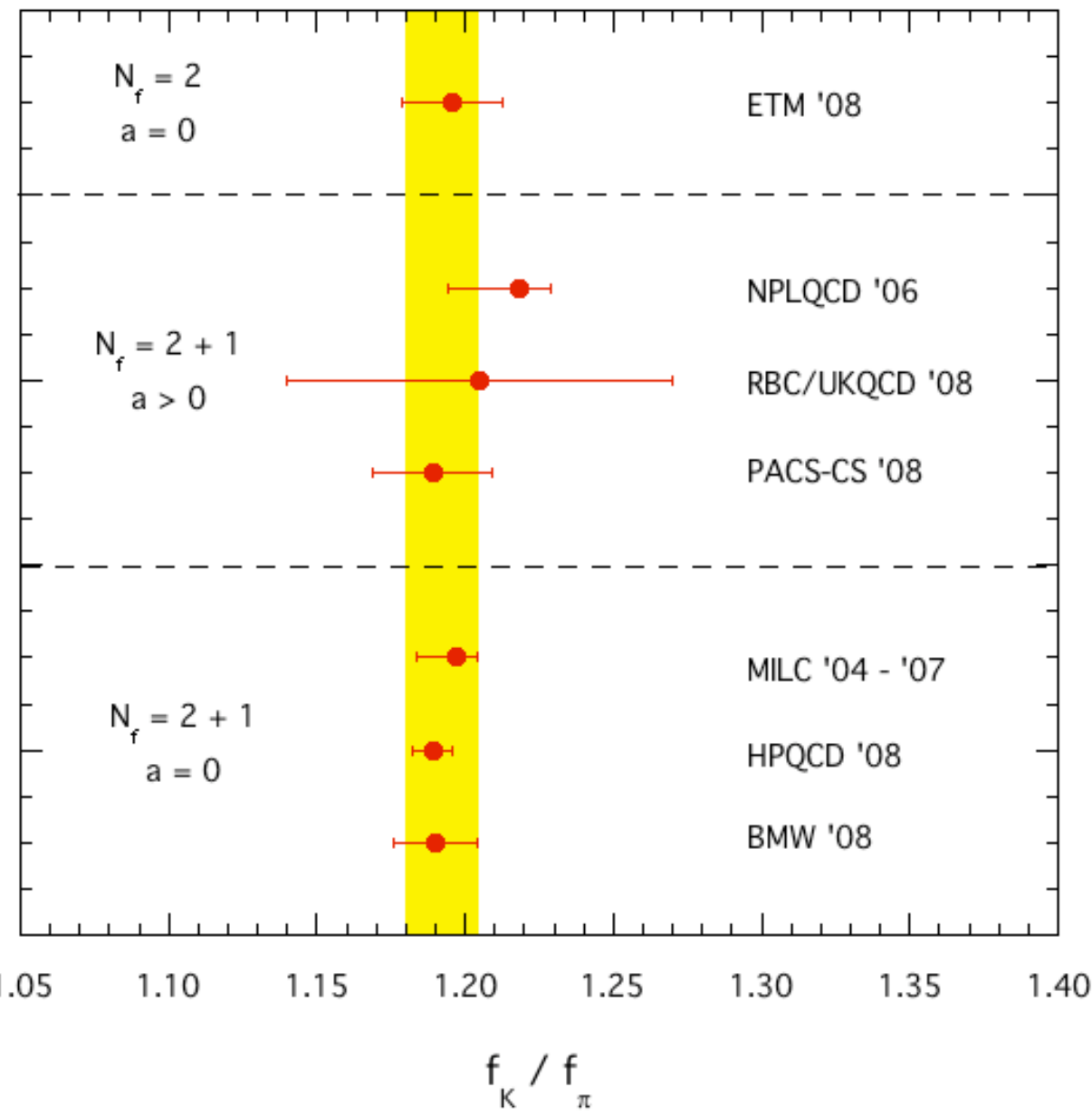


# $f_K / f_\pi$ from lattice: unquenched simulations

Collaboration	$N_f$	fermions	a (fm)	$M_\pi L$	$M_\pi$ (MeV)	$f_K / f_\pi$
MILC '04 - '07	2+1	SQ	$\geq 0.06$	$\geq 4$	$\geq 240$	$1.197(3)_{(-13)}^{(+6)}$
HPQCD '08	2+1	HISQ	$\geq 0.09$	$\geq 4$	$\geq 250$	$1.189(2)(7)$
BMW '08	2+1	SW	$\geq 0.07$	$\geq 4$	$\geq 190$	$1.19(1)(1)$
ETM '08	2	tmW	$\geq 0.07$	$\geq 3$	$\geq 300$	$1.196(13)(11)$
NPLQCD '06	2+1	DWF	0.13	$\geq 4$	$\geq 290$	$1.218(2)_{(-24)}^{(+11)}$
RBC/UKQCD '08	2+1	DWF	0.11	$\geq 4$	$\geq 330$	$1.205(18)(62)$
PACS-CS '08	2+1	NP-SW	0.09	$\geq 2$	$\geq 160$	$1.189(20)$

**FlaviAnet Lattice Averaging Group** is going to provide lattice averages using a detailed color coding of simulations based on:

- publication status;
- action and algorithms;
- renormalization;
- chiral extrapolation;
- continuum extrapolation;
- finite size effects.



**my average for  $N_f = 2 + 1$**

$$f_K/f_\pi = 1.192 \pm 0.012 \quad (\sim 1\%)$$

↑  
conservative estimate

$$f_K/f_\pi = 1.190 \pm 0.015$$

[Lellouch @ Lattice '08]

$N_f = 2$

$$f_K/f_\pi = 1.196 \pm 0.017$$

small effects of quenching  $m_s$

**$V_{us}$  from  $K_{\ell 2}$  decays:**

using  $|V_{ud}| = 0.97417 (26)$

$$|V_{us}| = 0.2256 (23) \quad (\sim 1\%)$$

$\sim 1.5$  times the uncertainty from  $K_{\ell 3}$  decays

$$\langle \pi(p_\pi) | \hat{V}_\mu | K(p_K) \rangle = f_+(q^2)(p_K + p_\pi)_\mu + f_-(q^2)(p_\pi - p_K)_\mu$$

## V<sub>us</sub> from K<sub>ℓ3</sub> decays

$$f_0(q^2) = f_+(q^2) + f_-(q^2) q^2 / (M_K^2 - M_\pi^2)$$

↑ scalar f.f.
↑ vector f.f.:  $f_+(0) = f_0(0)$

the same as in K<sub>ℓ2</sub> decays

\* from experiment:  $\Gamma(K \rightarrow \pi \ell \bar{\nu}_\ell) \longrightarrow |V_{us}| f_+(0) = 0.21664 (48) \quad [0.22\%] \quad [\text{FlaviAnet '07}]$

\* to match the experimental error one needs  $\delta[f_+(0) - 1] \sim 5\%$  [factor  $\sim 5$  larger than in K<sub>ℓ2</sub> decays]

\* ChPT expansion of the vector form factor at zero momentum transfer,  $f_+(0)$

$$f_+(0) = 1 + f_2 + f_4 + O(p^8) \xrightarrow{AG} 1 + O[(m_s - m_\ell)^2]$$

\* NLO  $f_2$  is independent of LECs, calculable in terms of  $M_K$ ,  $M_\pi$  and  $f_\pi$ :  $f_2^{phys} = -0.023$

\* NNLO  $f_4$  depends on  $O(p^6)$  LECs [Post and Schilcher ('01), Bijens and Talavera ('03)]

\*\*\*\*\*  $f_4$  may be obtained from the slope and curvature of  $f_0(q^2)$ , but present data are not accurate enough \*\*\*\*\*

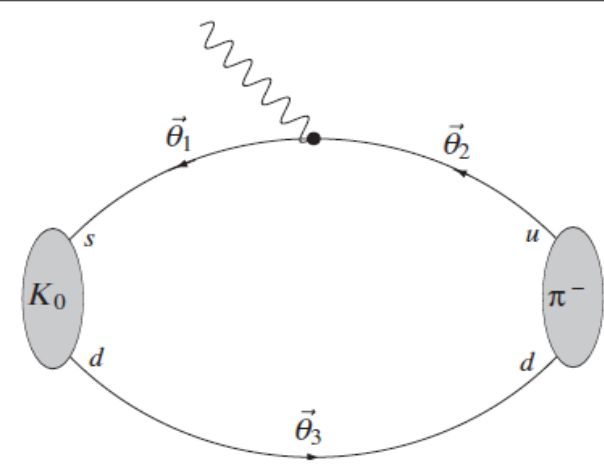
- from quark model [Leutwyler and Roos '84]:  $f_4 = -0.016 \pm 0.008 \Rightarrow f_+(0) = 0.961 \pm 0.008$  [used by PDG]

- from NNLO ChPT + 1/Nc [Cirigliano et al. '06]:  $f_4 = 0.007 \pm 0.012 \Rightarrow f_+(0) = 0.984 \pm 0.012$

- from NNLO ChPT + disp. rel. [Jamin et al. '04]:  $f_4 = -0.003 \pm 0.011 \Rightarrow f_+(0) = 0.974 \pm 0.011$

# semileptonic form factors on the lattice

need of 2-point and 3-point correlators  
(more expensive than  $f_K / f_\pi$ )



$$\vec{p}_K = \frac{2\pi}{L}(\vec{\theta}_3 - \vec{\theta}_1), \quad \vec{p}_\pi = \frac{2\pi}{L}(\vec{\theta}_3 - \vec{\theta}_2),$$

$$\vec{q} = \vec{p}_K - \vec{p}_\pi = \frac{2\pi}{L}(\vec{\theta}_2 - \vec{\theta}_1)$$

**2-point correlators:** 
$$C_{\pi(K)}(t; \vec{p}) \equiv \sum_{x, z} \langle O_{\pi(K)}(\vec{x}, t_x) O_{\pi(K)}^\dagger(\vec{z}, t_z) \rangle \cdot \delta_{t, t_x - t_z} e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{z})}$$

$$\xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{Z_{\pi(K)}}{2E_{\pi(K)}(\vec{p})} e^{-E_{\pi(K)}(\vec{p}) \cdot t}$$

**3-point correlators:** 
$$C_\mu^{K\pi}(t, t'; \vec{p}_K, \vec{p}_\pi) \equiv \sum_{x, y, z} \langle O_\pi(\vec{y}, t_y) \hat{V}_\mu(\vec{x}, t_x) O_K^\dagger(\vec{z}, t_z) \rangle \cdot \delta_{t, t_x - t_z} \delta_{t', t_y - t_z} \cdot e^{-i\vec{p}_K \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{z})} e^{i\vec{p}_\pi \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{y})}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\substack{t \rightarrow \infty \\ t' - t \rightarrow \infty}} \frac{\sqrt{Z_K Z_\pi}}{4E_K(\vec{p}_K) E_\pi(\vec{p}_\pi)} \langle \pi(p_\pi) | \hat{V}_\mu | K(p_K) \rangle e^{-E_K(\vec{p}_K) \cdot t} e^{-E_\pi(\vec{p}_\pi) \cdot (t' - t)}$$

\* suitable ratios of 3-point / 2-point correlators  $\longrightarrow \langle \pi(p_\pi) | \hat{V}_\mu | K(p_K) \rangle$

\* local interpolating PS fields and vector current:  $O_K = \bar{d} \gamma_5 s, \quad O_\pi = \bar{d} \gamma_5 u, \quad \hat{V}_\mu = Z_V \bar{s} \gamma_\mu u$

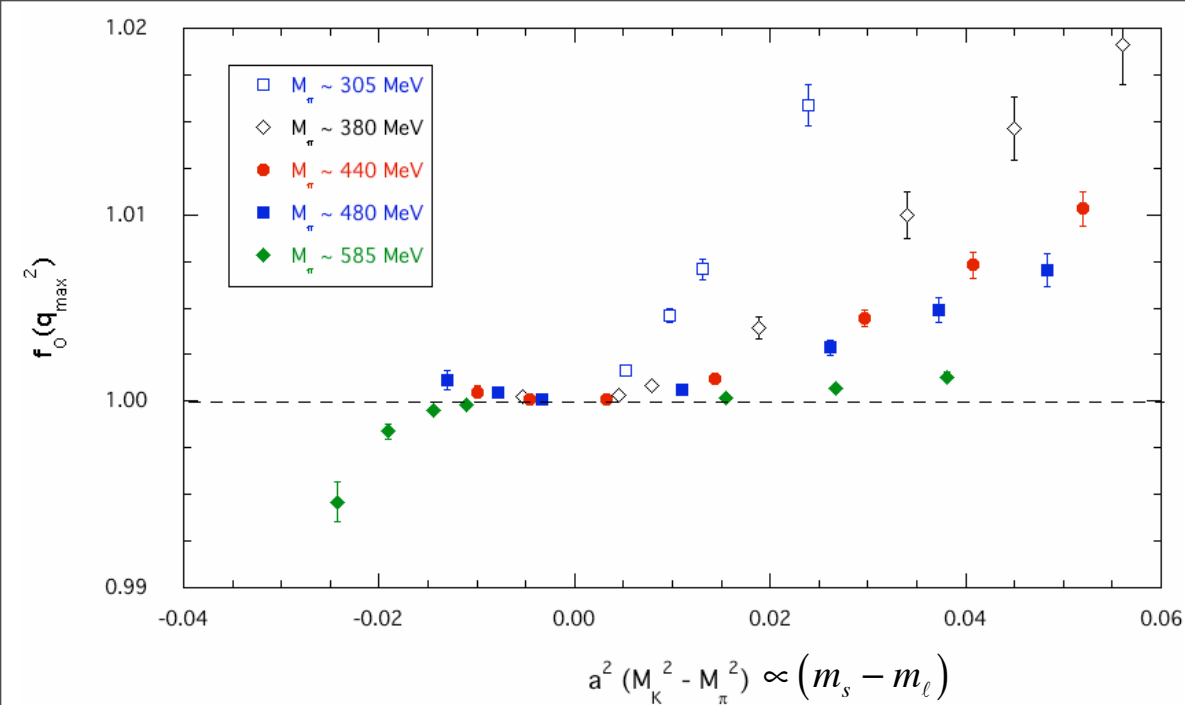
lattice methodology [started by SPQ<sub>cd</sub>R coll. '04]

1. **high-precision evaluation** (better than percent level) of the scalar form factor  $f_0$  at  $q^2_{\max} = (M_K - M_\pi)^2$ , obtained using a suitable ratio of 3-point correlation functions
2. **extrapolation to  $q^2 = 0$**  to get  $f_+(0) = f_0(0)$  (determination of the scalar slope  $\lambda_0$ )
3. **subtraction of the leading chiral logs** [study of  $\Delta f = f_+(0) - 1 - f_2$ ] and **extrapolation to physical masses**

ETMC '08

$\beta$	a (fm)	Run	$am_\ell = am_{\text{sea}}$	V • T	$M_\pi$ (MeV)	$M_\pi L$	gauge confs
3.9	~ 0.087	R <sub>1</sub>	0.0030	32 <sup>3</sup> • 64	~ 265	≥ 3.7	240
		R <sub>2a</sub>	0.0040	32 <sup>3</sup> • 64	~ 305	≥ 4.3	240
		R <sub>2b</sub>	0.0040	24 <sup>3</sup> • 48	~ 310	≥ 3.3	480
		R <sub>3</sub>	0.0064	24 <sup>3</sup> • 48	~ 380	≥ 4.0	240
		R <sub>4</sub>	0.0085	24 <sup>3</sup> • 48	~ 440	≥ 4.7	240
		R <sub>5a</sub>	0.0100	24 <sup>3</sup> • 48	~ 480	≥ 5.1	240
4.05	~ 0.069	R <sub>6</sub>	0.0150	24 <sup>3</sup> • 48	~ 585	≥ 6.2	240
		R <sub>5b</sub>	0.0080	32 <sup>3</sup> • 64	~ 480	≥ 5.4	240

$\beta = 3.9$ : a  $m_s = \{0.015, 0.022, 0.027, 0.032\}$  around a  $m_s^{\text{phys}} \sim 0.021$



$$\frac{\langle \pi | V^0 | K \rangle \langle K | V^0 | \pi \rangle}{\langle \pi | V^0 | \pi \rangle \langle K | V^0 | K \rangle} = \frac{(M_K + M_\pi)^2}{4M_K M_\pi} \left[ f_0(q_{\max}^2) \right]^2$$

< 0.1% at small SU(3) breakings

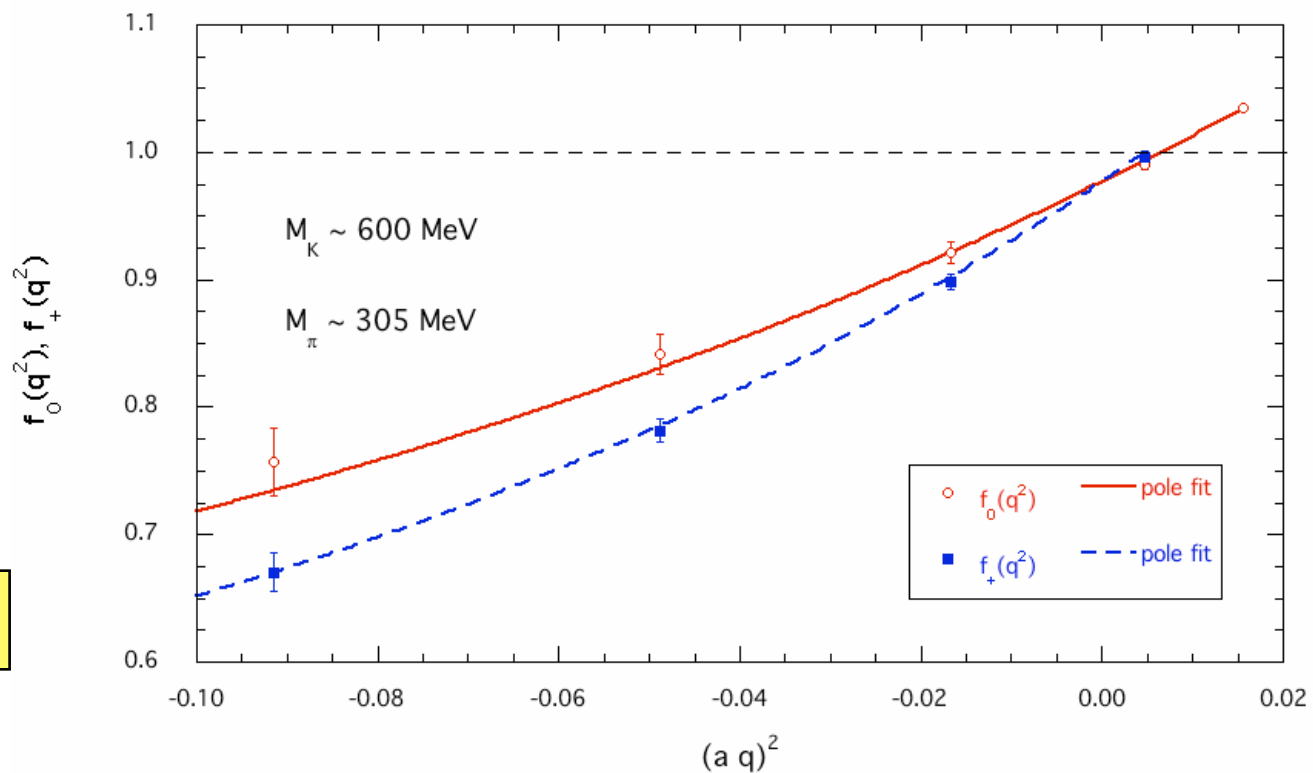
still < 0.25 % at larger SU(3) breakings

### pole fit

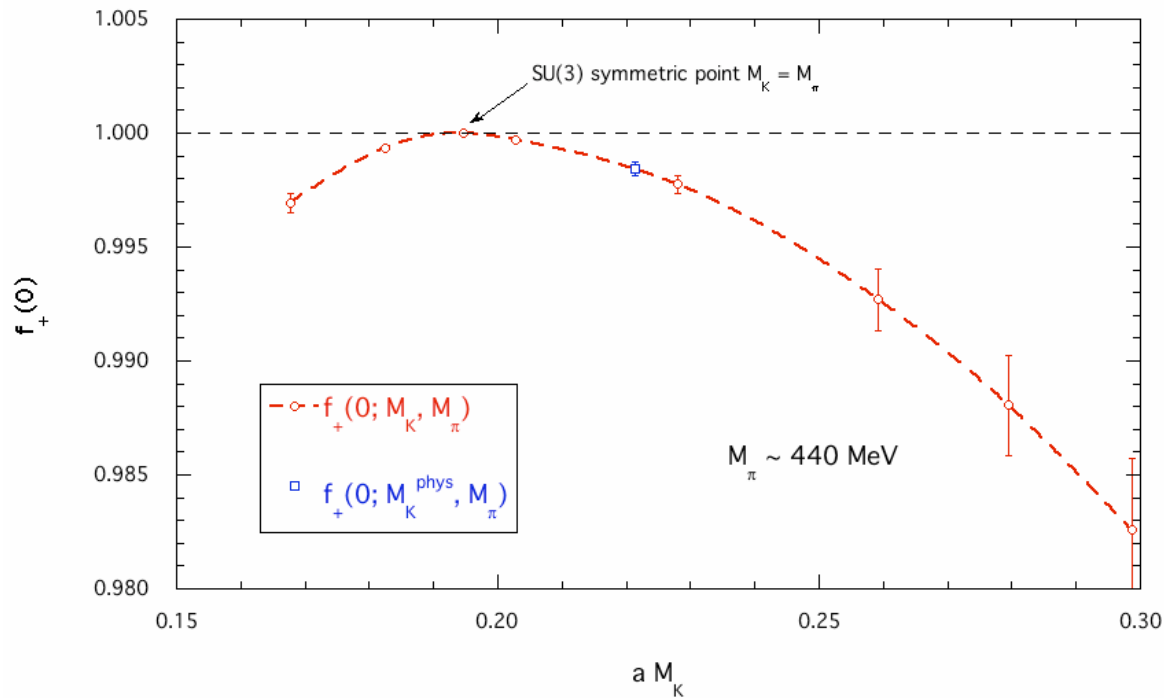
$$f_+(q^2) = f_+(0) / (1 - \lambda_+ q^2)$$

$$f_0(q^2) = f_+(0) / (1 - \lambda_0 q^2)$$

extraction of  $f_+(0; M_K, M_\pi)$

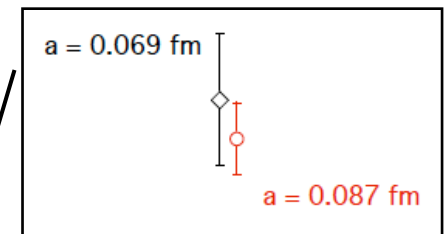


\* check of extrapolation to  $q^2=0$ : direct access to  $f_+(0)$  using non-periodic BC's [UKQCD '07]



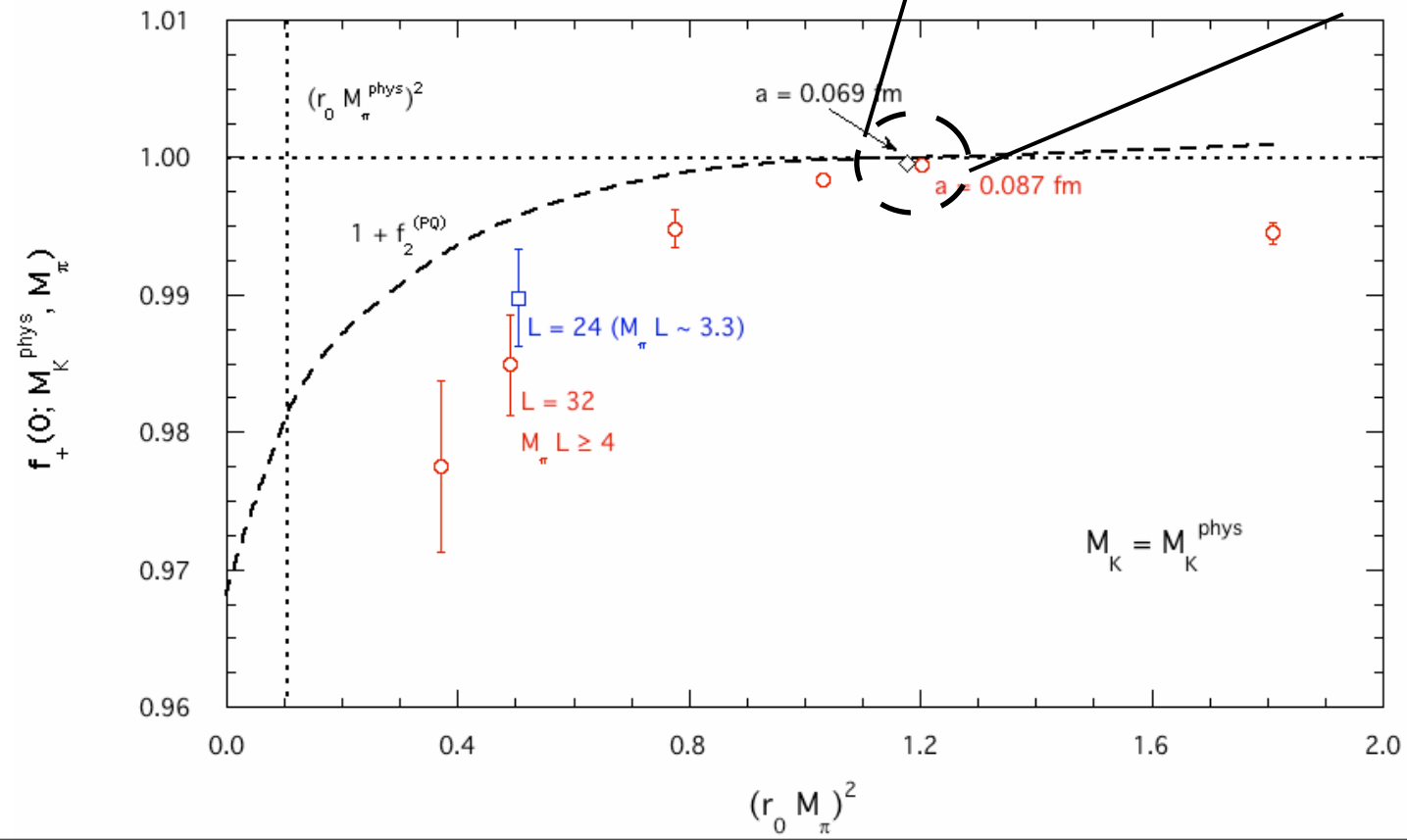
interpolation to  $M_K^{\text{phys}}$   
 using  $a = 0.087 \text{ fm}$  [ETMC '07]

**well under control**



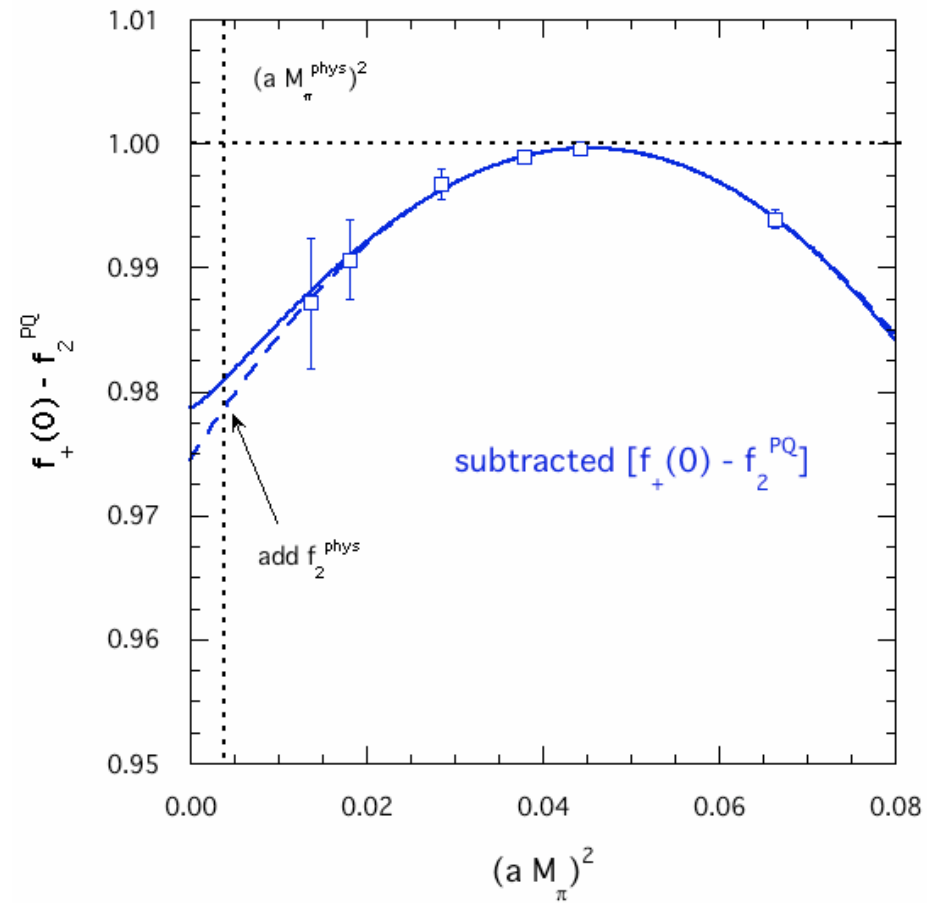
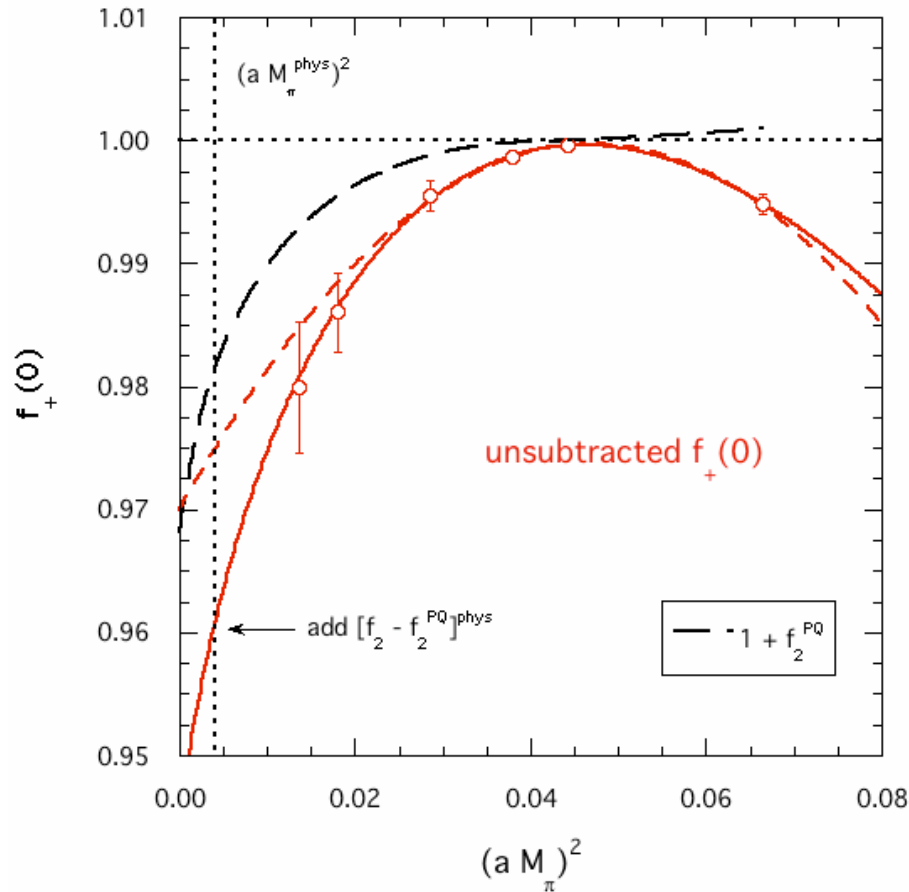
$$f_2 \approx \Delta f = f_4 + O(p^8)$$

- small discretization effects
- small FSE when  $M_\pi L \geq 4$



$$f_2^{PQ} = -\frac{2M_K^2 + M_\pi^2}{32\pi^2 f_\pi^2} + \frac{M_K^2(4M_K^2 - M_\pi^2)\log(2 - M_\pi^2/M_K^2)}{64\pi^2 f_\pi^2(M_K^2 - M_\pi^2)} + \frac{3M_K^2 M_\pi^2 \log(M_\pi^2/M_K^2)}{64\pi^2 f_\pi^2(M_K^2 - M_\pi^2)} \rightarrow -\frac{(M_K^2 - M_\pi^2)^3}{96\pi^2 f_\pi^2 M_K^4} + O[(M_K^2 - M_\pi^2)^4]$$

[Becirevic et al. '06]



---  $A_0 + A_1 M_\pi^2 + A_2 M_\pi^4$

—  $A_0 + A_1 M_\pi^2 + A_2 M_\pi^4 + A_3 M_\pi^2 \log(M_\pi^2)$

\* dominant chiral logs from  $f_2^{PQ}$

\* smooth extrapolation for  $[f_4 + \dots]$



## error budget

PRELIMINARY

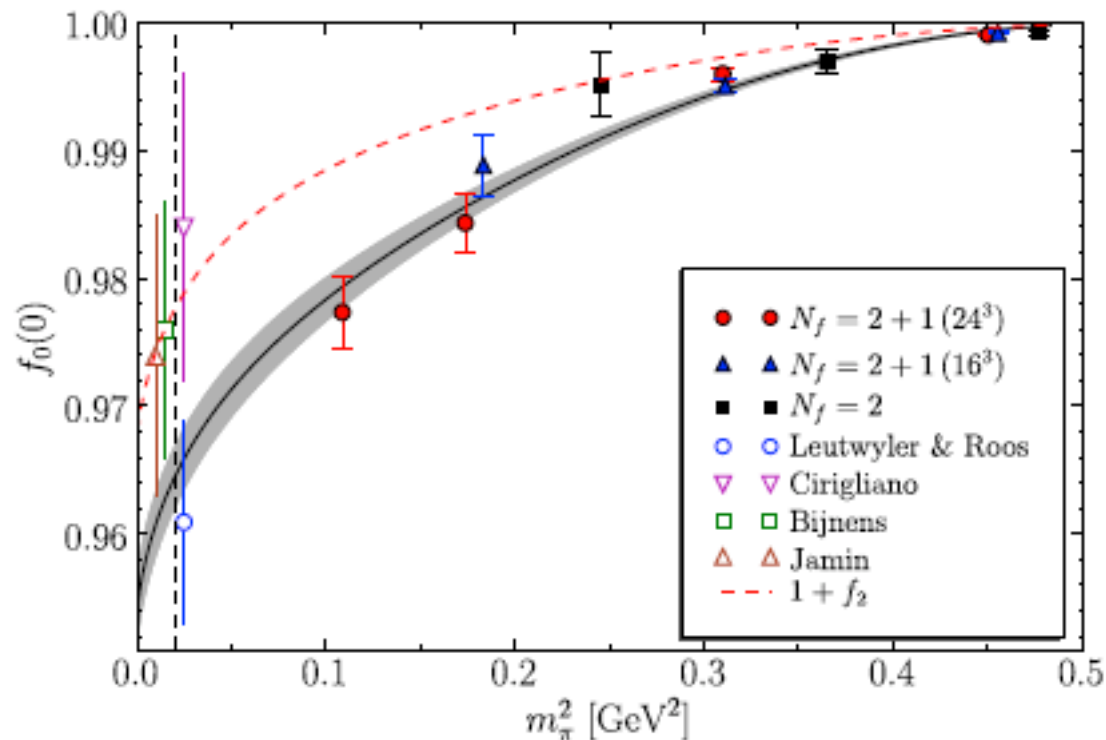
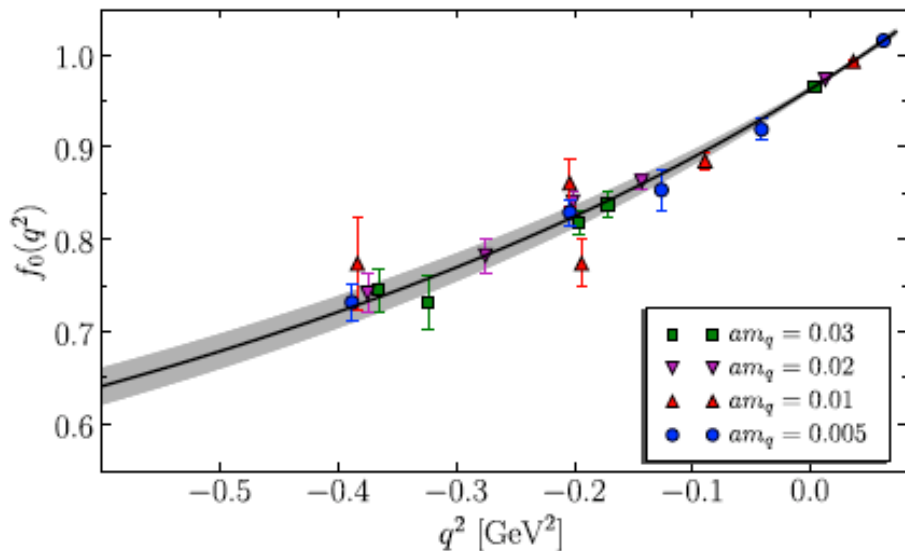
- \* statistical error: 0.003
- \* finite size effect: 0.002
- \* discretization effects: 0.003
- \*  $q^2$ -dependence and chiral extrapolation: 0.004

$$f_+(0) = 0.956 \pm 0.003_{stat.} \pm 0.005_{syst.} = 0.956 \pm 0.006$$

PRELIMINARY

main concerns: continuum limit and quenching of  $m_s$

# RBC/UKQCD '08



- $N_f = 2 + 1$
- Iwasaki gauge action [a = 0.114(2) fm]
- Domain Wall Fermions [am<sub>res</sub> = 0.00315]
- volumes: (1.83 fm)<sup>3</sup> and (2.74 fm)<sup>3</sup>
- $M_\pi \geq 330$  MeV
- $m_s \sim 1.15 m_s^{\text{phys}}$

combined chiral and  $q^2$  fits

$$f_0(q^2, m_\pi^2, m_K^2) = \frac{1 + f_2 + (m_K^2 - m_\pi^2)^2 (A_0 + A_1 (m_K^2 + m_\pi^2))}{1 - q^2 / (M_0 + M_1 (m_K^2 + m_\pi^2))^2}$$

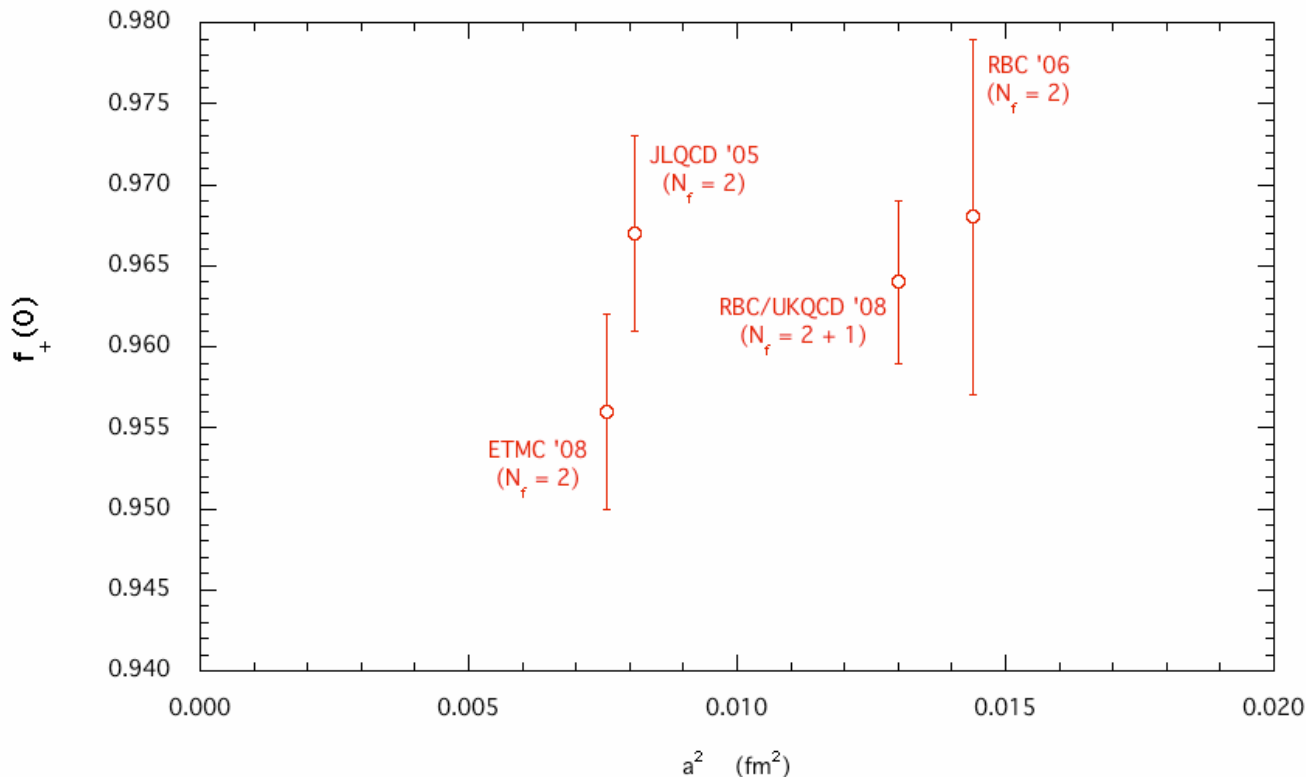
$$f_+(0) = 0.9644 (33)_{\text{stat.}} (34)_{\text{extrap.}} (14)_{\text{discr.}} = 0.9644 (49)$$

4% of  $[f_+(0) - 1]$

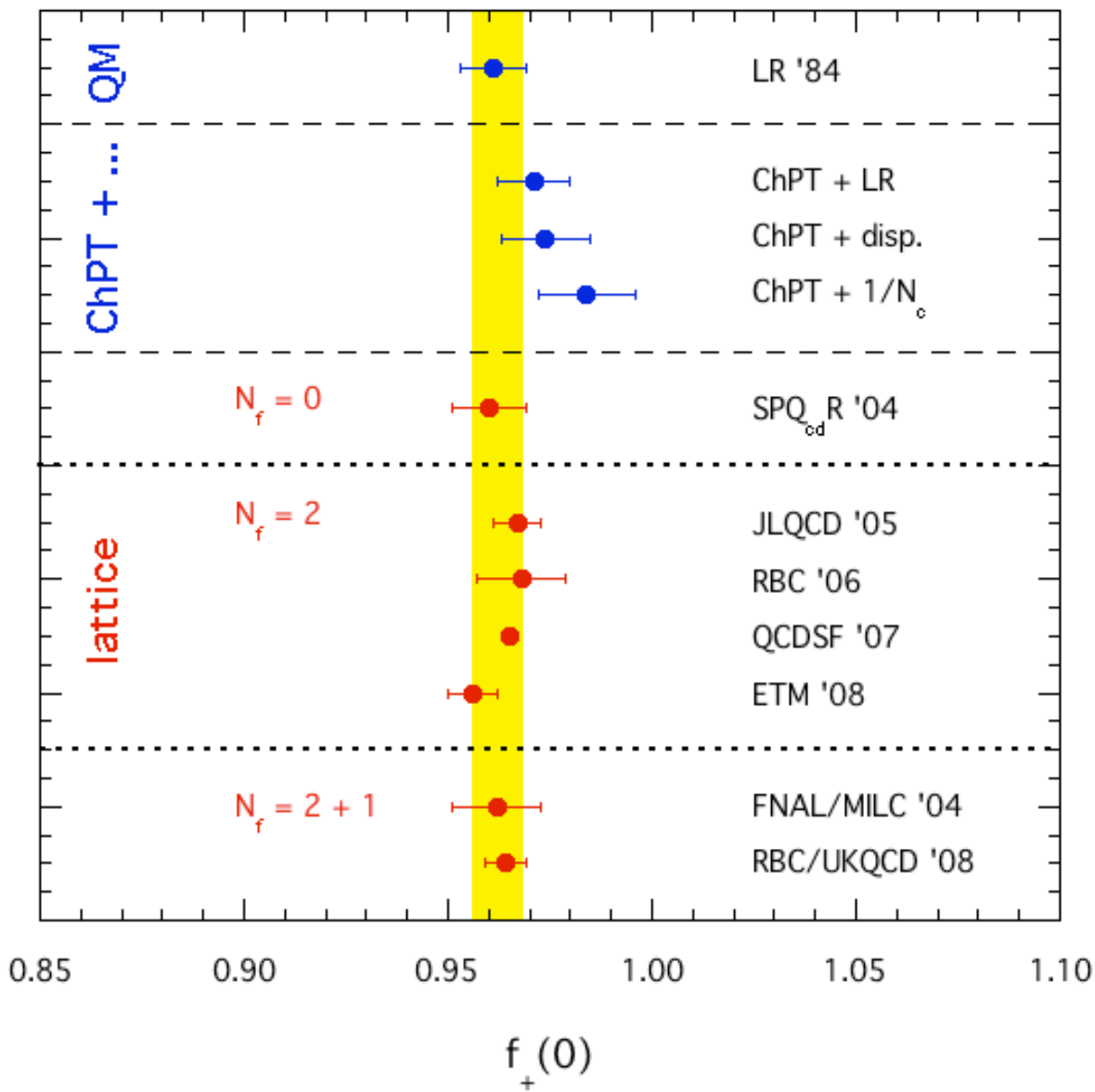
- main concerns: coarse lattice spacing and chiral fit of  $f_+(0)$

# $f_+(0)$ from lattice

Collaboration	$N_f$	fermions	a (fm)	$M_\pi L$	$M_\pi$ (MeV)	$f_+(0)$
RBC/UKQCD '08	2+1	DWF	0.11	$\geq 4$	$\geq 330$	0.9644(33)(37)
FNAL/MILC '04	2+1	SQ				0.962(6)(9)
ETM '08	2	tmW	0.09	$\geq 4$	$\geq 260$	0.956(3)(5)
QCDSF '07	2	NP-SW	0.08	$\geq 6$	$\geq 590$	0.9647(15)(?)
RBC '06	2	DWF	0.12	$\geq 6$	$\geq 490$	0.968(9)(6)
JLQCD '05	2	NP-SW	0.09	$\geq 5$	$\geq 550$	0.967(6)
SPQ <sub>cd</sub> R '04	0	NP-SW	0.08	$\geq 5$	$\geq 500$	0.960(5)(7)



general concern: a systematic study of the scaling property of  $f_+(0)$  is still lacking



**my lattice average**

$$f_+(0) = 0.962 \pm 0.006 \quad (\sim 0.6\%)$$

$$f_+(0) = 0.964 \pm 0.005$$

[Lellouch @ Lattice '08]

$V_{us}$  from  $K_{\ell 3}$  decays:

$$|V_{us}| = 0.2252 (15) \quad (\sim 0.7\%)$$

weighted average

$$|V_{us}| = 0.2253 (13) \quad (\sim 0.6\%)$$

$V_{us}$  from  $K_{\ell 2}$  decays:

$$|V_{us}| = 0.2256 (23) \quad (\sim 1\%)$$

## slopes of $f_+(q^2)$ and $f_0(q^2)$

exp.: KTeV, KLOE, ISTRA+ and NA48

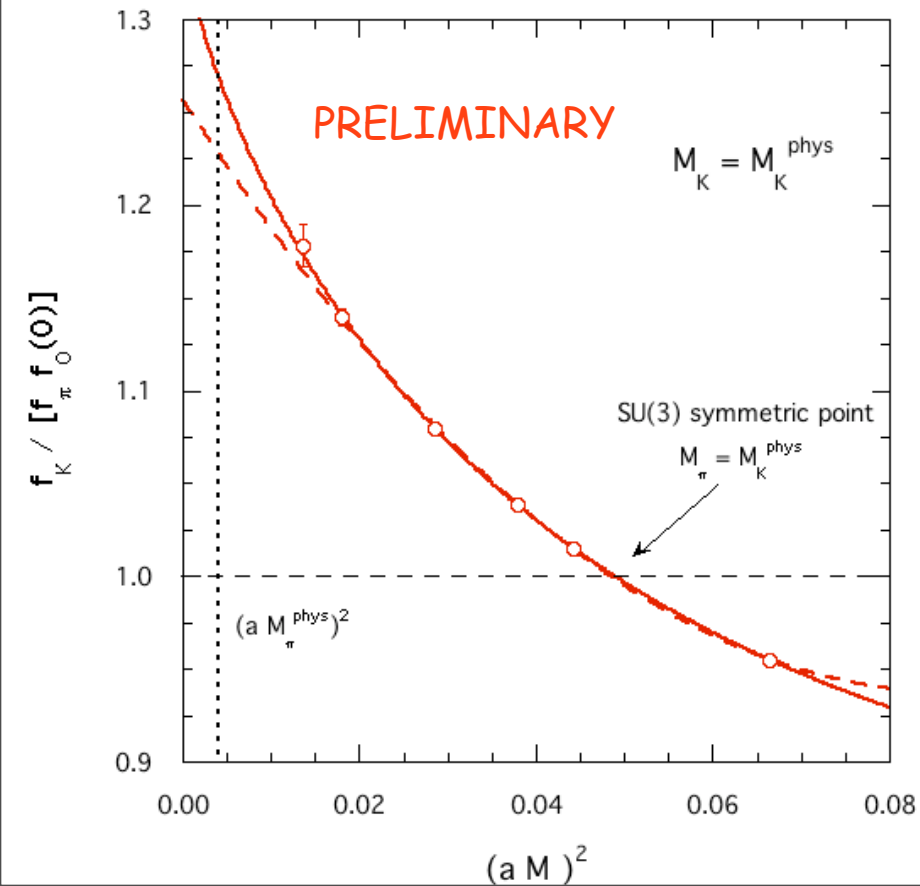
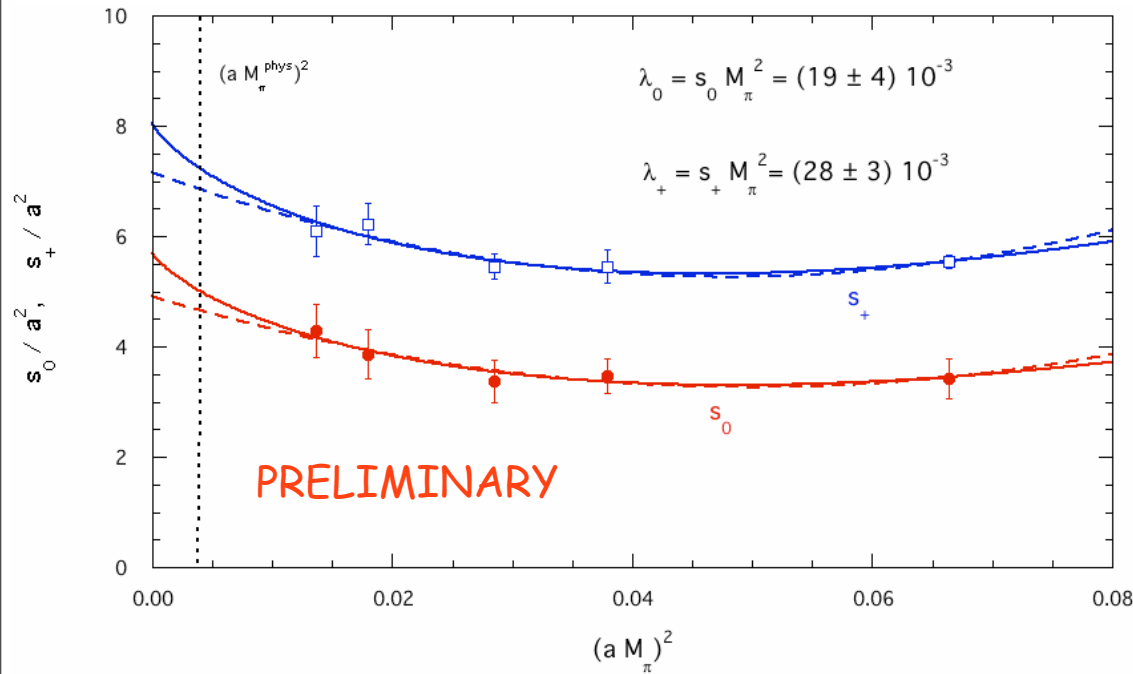
$$\lambda_+ = (25.2 \pm 0.9) 10^{-3}$$

[FlaviAnet '07]

$$\lambda_0 = (13.4 \pm 1.2) 10^{-3}$$

$$\lambda_0 = (9.5 \pm 1.4) 10^{-3}$$

[NA48 only]

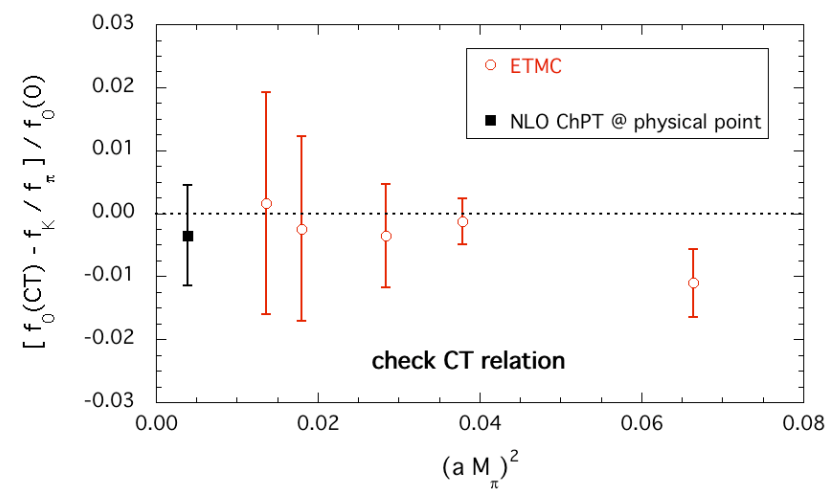


## Callan-Treiman relation

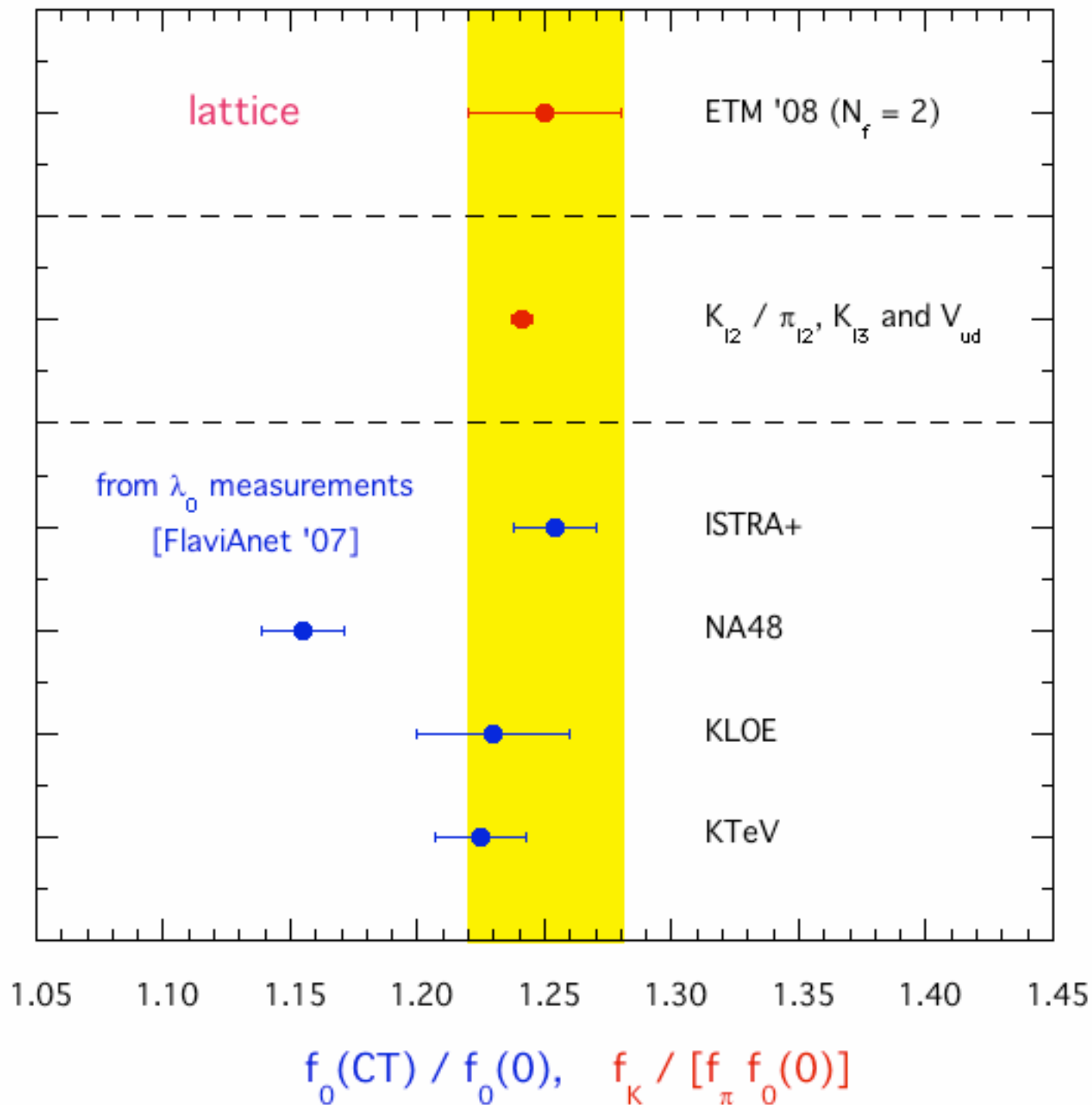
$$\frac{f_0(q^2 = M_K^2 - M_\pi^2)}{f_0(0)} = \frac{f_K}{f_\pi f_0(0)} + O(m_\ell)$$

$$1.25 \pm 0.03$$

[ETM '08]



# Callan-Treiman relation



# SUMMARY

sources of uncertainties	$\mathbf{f_K} / \mathbf{f_\pi}$	$\mathbf{f_+(0)}$
finite size effects	under control for $M_\pi L \geq 4$	under control for $M_\pi L \geq 4$
discretization effects	$O[a^2(m_s - m_\ell) \Lambda_{QCD}]$	$O[a^2(m_s - m_\ell)^2]$ (thanks to AG theorem)
continuum extrapolation	available	not yet <b>(but mandatory)</b>
momentum dependence	absent	under control
chiral extrapolation	depend on LECs at NLO	NLO known (AG protected) smooth extrapolation possible

present precision on the deviation from unity	$\sim 6\%$	$\sim 10\%$
improvement required to match exp. error	factor $\sim 5$	factor $\sim 2$

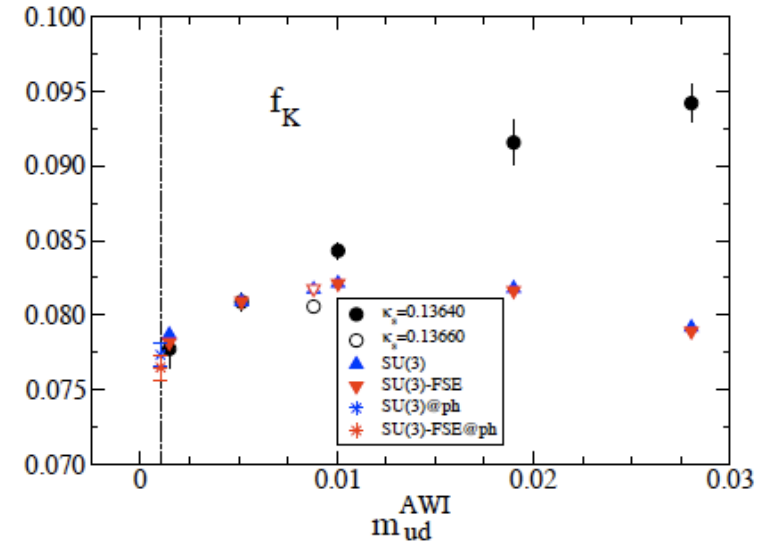
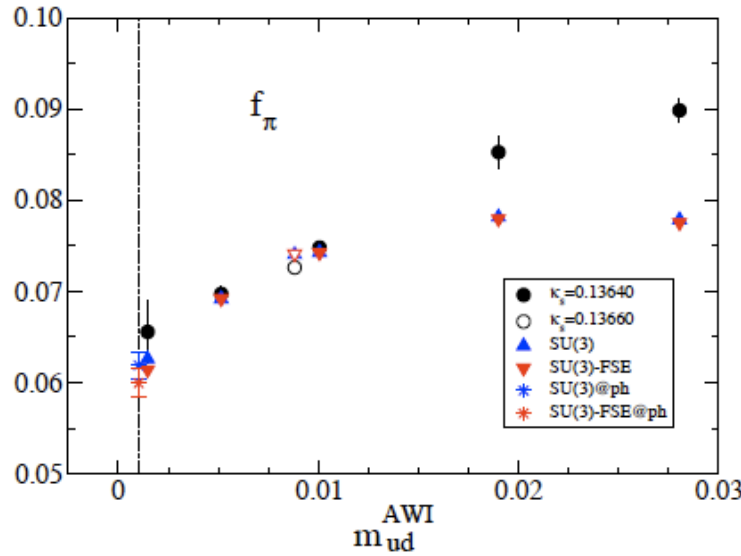
$$M_\pi \approx 200 \text{ MeV} \xrightarrow{M_\pi L \geq 4} L \geq 4 \text{ fm} \xrightarrow{a \approx 0.05 \text{ fm}} L/a \geq 80$$

  
**more promising**

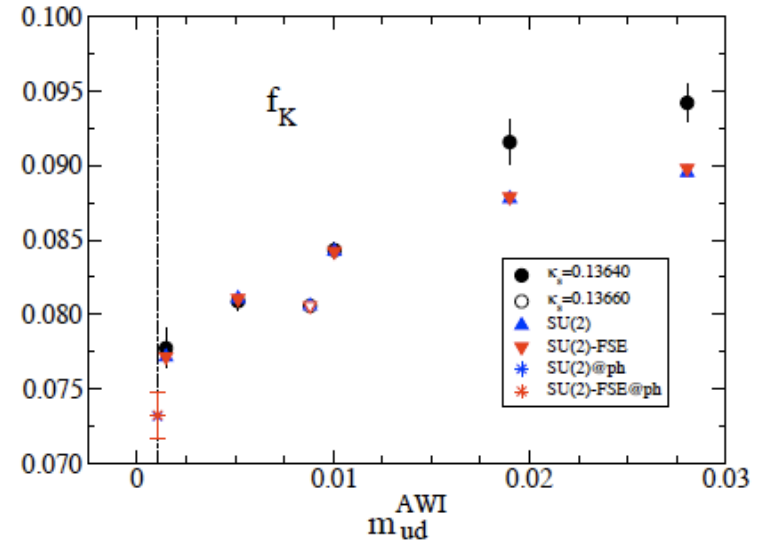
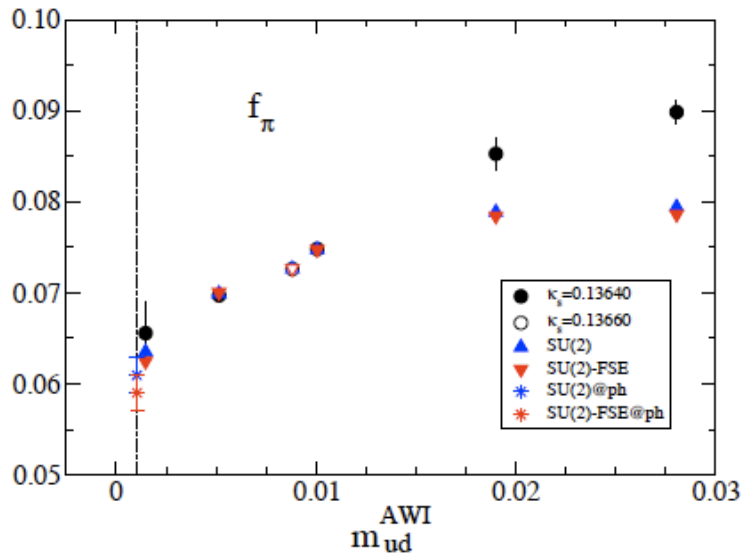
**BACKUP SLIDES**



NLO SU(3)



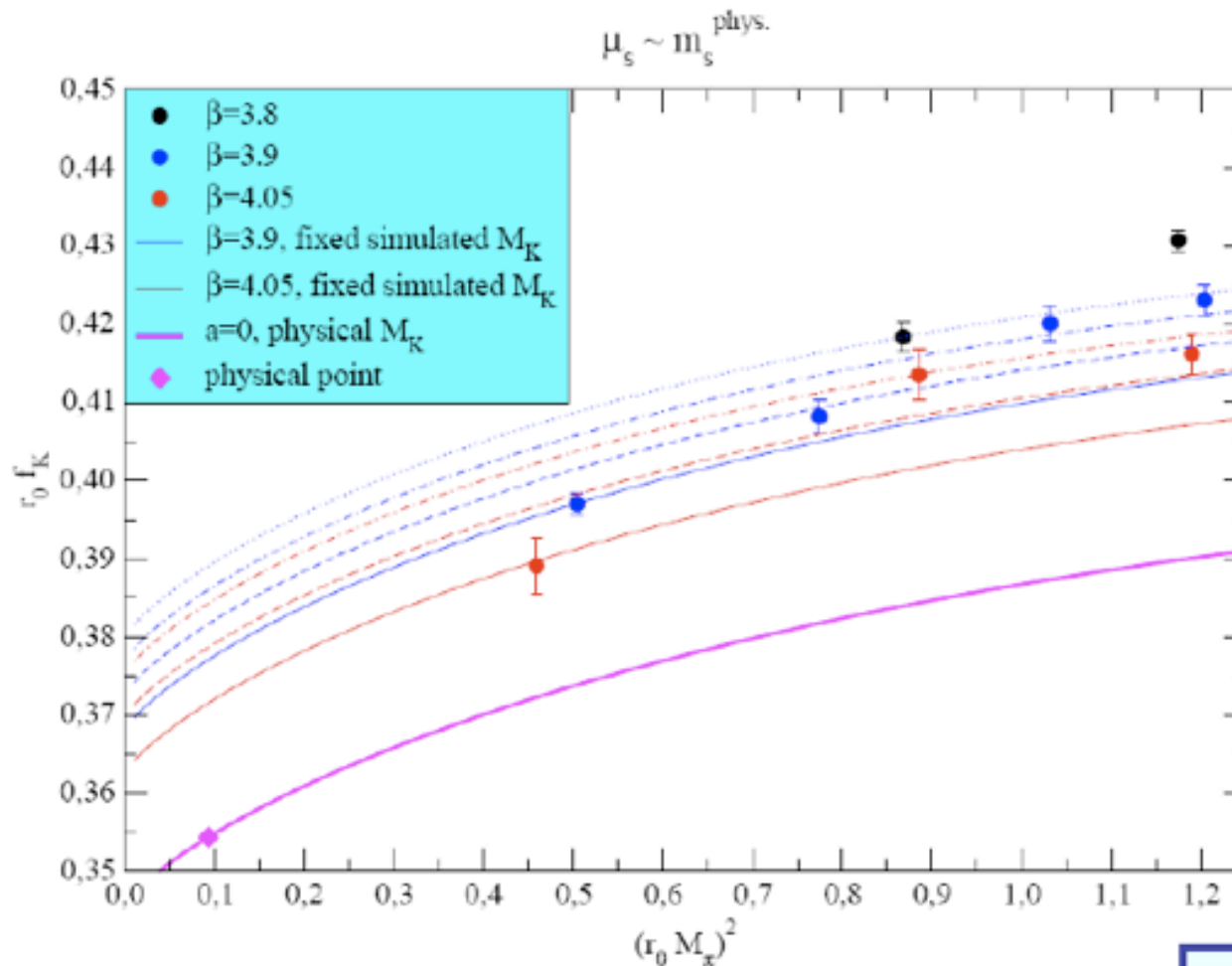
NLO "SU(2)"



\* together with RBC/UKQCD and ETM, evidence that NLO SU(3) does not work well for  $m_s \sim m_s^{\text{phys}}$ ;

\* within SU(3) large NLO corrections even at  $m_\ell \sim m_\ell^{\text{phys}}$ :  $f_\pi^{\text{phys}} / F_3 \sim [f_K / f_\pi]^{\text{phys}}$

# Chiral Behaviour: dependence of $f_K$ on $m_\pi^2$



**Finite size effects**  
(from 1-loop ChPT)  
[D. Becirevic, G. Villadoro, hep-lat/0506004]  
turn out to be **negligible**  
in the **kaon region**

- Data with  $\mu_s \sim m_s^{\text{phys.}}$
- Curves at simulated  $\beta$  and  $M_K$
- Curve with  $a=0$ , physical  $M_K$

$M_\pi \geq 300 \text{ MeV}$

The interpolation to the **physical  $M_K$**  is well described by a **linear** dependence in  $M_K^2$

# twisted boundary conditions

\* momenta are discretized on the lattice according to the choice of the BC's

\* periodic BC's:  $\psi(x + \hat{e}_j L) = \psi(x) \longrightarrow p_j = n_j \frac{2\pi}{L} \quad (n_j = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$

L = 32 a  
1/a ~ 2.5 GeV  
2π/L ~ 0.5 GeV

\* **twisted BC's:**  $\psi(x + \hat{e}_j L) = e^{2\pi i \theta_j} \psi(x) \longrightarrow \tilde{p}_j = \theta_j \frac{2\pi}{L} + n_j \frac{2\pi}{L}$

shift of the "zero" momentum  
by a continuous variable

\* quark with arbitrary momentum  $\frac{2\pi}{L} \vec{\theta}$  [Bedaque '04, Roma-ToV '04]

$$\sum_y D(x, y) S(x, y) = \delta_{x,z} \longrightarrow \sum_y D^{\vec{\theta}}(x, y) S^{\vec{\theta}}(y, z) = \delta_{x,z}$$

rephasing:  $U_\mu^{\vec{\theta}}(x) = e^{2\pi i a \theta_\mu / L} U_\mu(x)$

\* very useful to study the momentum dependence of  $f_0(q^2)$  and  $f_+(q^2)$

\* more expensive: an inversion of the Dirac equation for each value of  $\vec{\theta}$

## \* the all-to-all quark propagator $S(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$

$S(0, \mathbf{y}) =$  point-to-all propagator

- formidable task: involve  $12 \cdot V \cdot T$  inversions of the Dirac equation

\* **stochastic techniques:** ensemble of  $N_s$  stochastic sources  $\eta^r(\mathbf{x})$  (color, spin and flavor labels dropped)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} [\eta^r(x)]^* \eta^r(x) = 1 \\ \lim_{N_s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N_s} \sum_{r=1}^{N_s} [\eta^r(x)]^* \eta^r(y) = \delta_{x,y} \end{array} \right.$$

- define:  $\phi^r(x) \equiv \sum_y S(x, y) \cdot \eta^r(y) \longrightarrow \sum_y D(x, y) \phi^r(y) = \eta^r(x)$

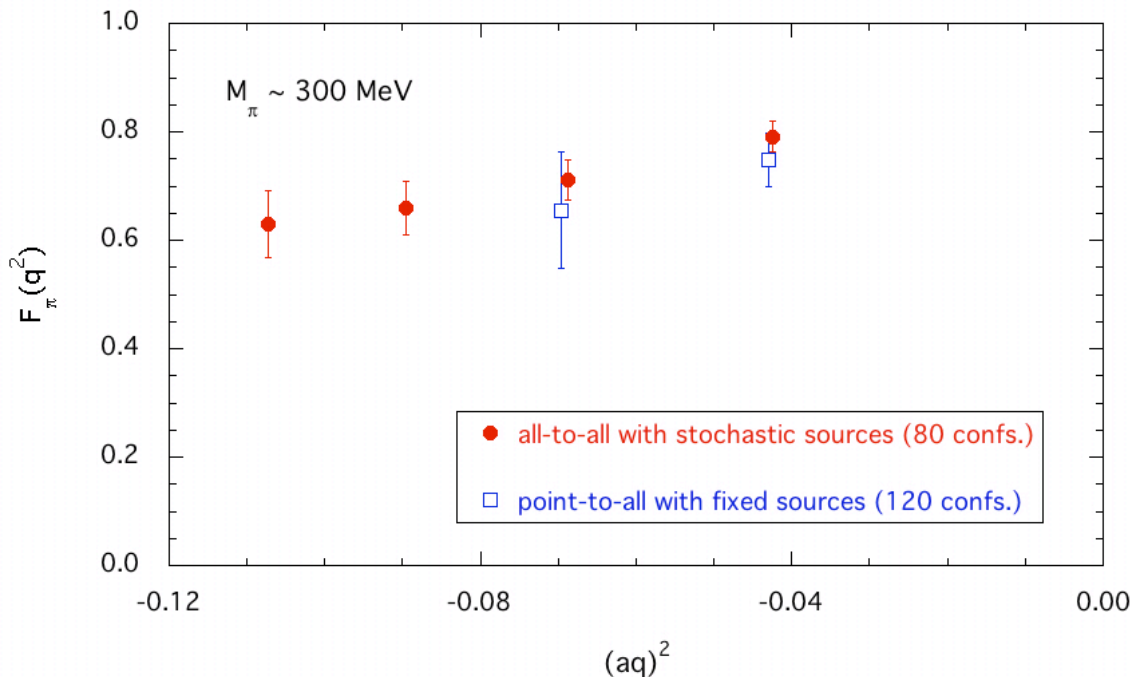
$$\frac{1}{N_s} \sum_{r=1}^{N_s} \phi^r(x) [\eta^r(y)]^* = S(x, y) + \text{noise} \quad \text{signal/noise} \propto 1/\sqrt{V/N_s}$$

\* **one-end-trick** [UKQCD '06]

$$\frac{1}{N_s} \sum_{r=1}^{N_s} \Gamma \phi^r(x) \Gamma' [\phi^r(z)]^\dagger = \sum_y \Gamma S(x, y) \Gamma' \gamma_5 S(y, z) \gamma_5 + \text{noise}$$

$$\text{signal/noise} \propto V / [V / \sqrt{N_s}] \approx \sqrt{N_s}$$

# ETMC (S.S. @ Lattice '07)

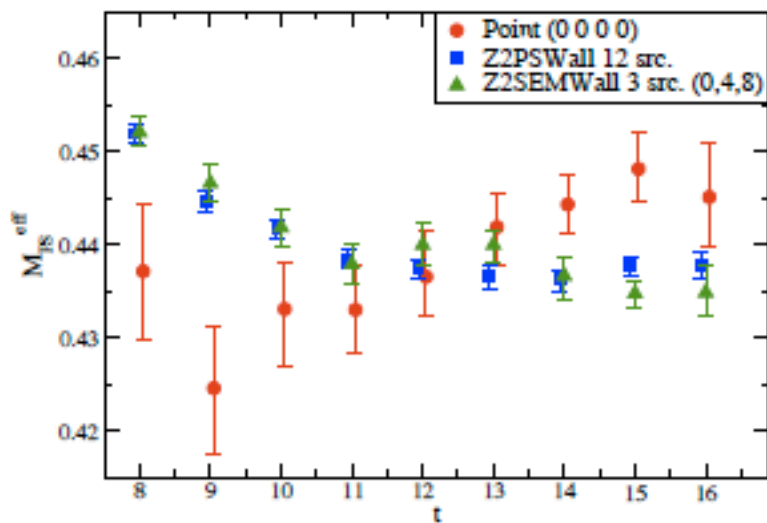


**new approach:**  
all-to-all with stochastic sources

“traditional” approach:  
point-to-all with fixed sources

$$\vec{q} = \frac{2\pi}{L} \{(1,0,0), (1,1,0), (1,1,1), (2,0,0)\}$$

same computational cost:   
 ↗ 80 confs.  
 ↘ 120 confs.



arXiv: 0804.1501

RBC/UKQCD '08: detailed study of stochastic sources for 2- and 3-point correlation functions

$K_{\ell 3}$  decays

\* ETMC and RBC/UKQCD are using stochastic all-to-all propagators

\* ETMC employs twisted BCs

FIG. 4: Pseudoscalar effective mass plots at a fixed cost of 4704 inversions of the Dirac matrix.