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K \rightarrow $\pi\pi$ matrix elements from 2+1 flavor lattice QCD

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We present a new method for determining $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ matrix elements from lattice simulations. This method is less costly than direct simulations of $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ at physical kinematics, and evades the Maiani-Testa no-go theorem by simulating with both pions at rest. It improves, however, upon the traditional “indirect” approach of constructing the $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ matrix elements using NLO $SU(3)$ ChPT, which can lead to large higher-order chiral corrections. We illustrate the method with the explicit example of the $\Delta I = 3/2$ ($27, 1$) operator, and use the result to obtain a value for $\text{Re}(A_2)$. All of our simulations use domain-wall valence quarks on the MILC asqtad-improved gauge configurations. This method, however, can be applied to data computed with any fermion formulation.

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