

π -K scattering in the maximal isospin channel

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Introduction, Motivation

- πK scattering length in the maximal isospin channel
- Testing SU(3) ChPT
- Dirac collaboration: πK atom [Adeva et al\(2016\)](#)
- Strong energy splitting [Schweizer\(2004\)](#):

$$\Delta E_{h,1} = -2\alpha_{\text{QED}}^3 \mu_{\pi K}^2 (a_0^- + a_0^+)$$

- a_0^-, a_0^+ : isospin-odd(even) scattering length

$$\mathcal{A}^+ = \frac{1}{3} \left(\mathcal{A}^{1/2}(s, t, u) + 2\mathcal{A}^{3/2}(s, t, u) \right)$$

$$\mathcal{A}^- = \frac{1}{3} \left(\mathcal{A}^{1/2}(s, t, u) - \mathcal{A}^{3/2}(s, t, u) \right)$$

- $\mu_{\pi K}$: reduced mass of the πK system (109 MeV)

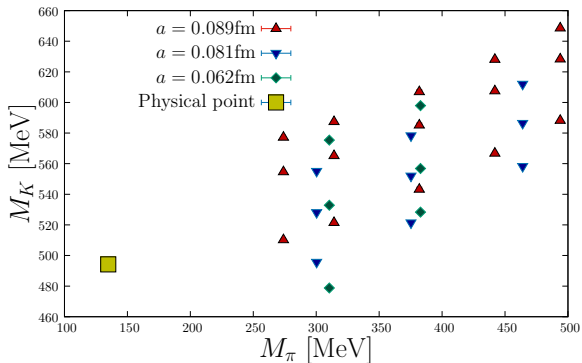
LQCD status for the scattering length a_0

- Staggered sea, domain wall valence [Beane et al.\(2006\)](#)
- Full 2+1 asqtad dynamical staggered [Zu\(2012\)](#)
- 2+1 $O(a)$ improved Wilson with Iwasaki gauge [Sasaki et al.\(2014\)](#)
- Möbius Domain Wall [Janowski et al.\(2014\)](#)
- This conference: (2+1) dynamical Wilson Clover [Brett et al.\(2018\)](#)

This talk:
Chiral+Continuum extrapolation

Numerical setup

- 2+1+1 twisted mass configurations with Iwasaki gauge (ETMC)
- Mixed action: Osterwalder-Seiler valence quarks



Hadron Interactions from Lattice QCD

Lüscher's finite volume method (M.Lüscher(1991))

- Energy shift of two-particle system in "finite box"
 $\Delta E_L = E_{\pi K} - M_\pi - M_K$
- Infinite volume scattering length: a_0
- Using finite range expansion to the energy shift one determines the scattering length

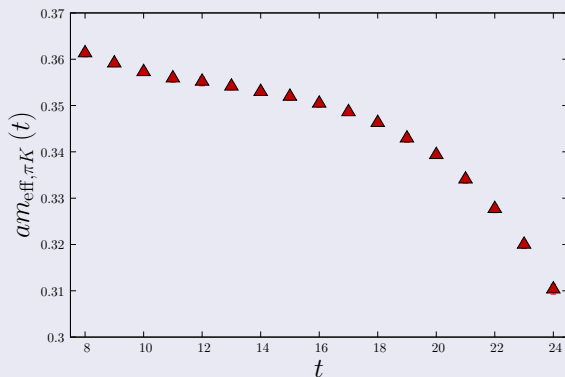
$$\Delta E_L = -\frac{2\pi a_0}{\mu_{\pi K} L^3} \left(1 + c_1 \frac{a_0}{L} + c_2 \frac{a_0^2}{L^2} \right) + \mathcal{O}(L^{-6}).$$

- High precision in obtaining ΔE_L : S-LapH smearing
Peardon et al.(2009)

πK interacting system

$$C_{\pi K}(t-t') = \langle \mathcal{O}(\pi K)(t) \mathcal{O}(\pi K)^\dagger(t') \rangle$$

Problem: Thermal states due to finite T



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- Spectral decomposition of $C_{\pi K}(t)$

$$C_{\pi K}(t) = |\langle 0 | \pi^+ K^+ | \pi K \rangle|^2 \left(e^{-E_{\pi K} t} + e^{-E_{\pi K}(T-t)} \right) +$$

$$\left(|\langle K | \pi^+ K^+ | \pi \rangle|^2 + |\langle \pi | \pi^+ K^+ | K \rangle|^2 \right) \left(e^{-M_\pi T} e^{(M_\pi - M_K)t} + e^{-M_K T} e^{(M_K - M_\pi)t} \right)$$

$$+ \dots$$

- Signal distorted (Especially for large t)
- Pollution is t dependent
- Cannot be removed by computing $\Delta_t C_{\pi K}(t)$
- However: Determine M_π, M_K using $C_\pi(t), C_K(t)$

πK interacting system

Thermal states removal with the help of M_π and M_K

$$A \left(e^{-M_\pi T} e^{(M_\pi - M_K)t} + e^{-M_K T} e^{(M_K - M_\pi)t} \right)$$

Weighting Shifting Dudek et al.(2012)

- Weighting the correlation function with one of the thermal pollutions:

$$C_{\pi K}^w(t) = e^{(M_K - M_\pi)t} C_{\pi K}(t)$$

- **Red part** will be time independent

- $\tilde{C}_{\pi K}^w(t) = \Delta_t C_{\pi K}^w(t)$

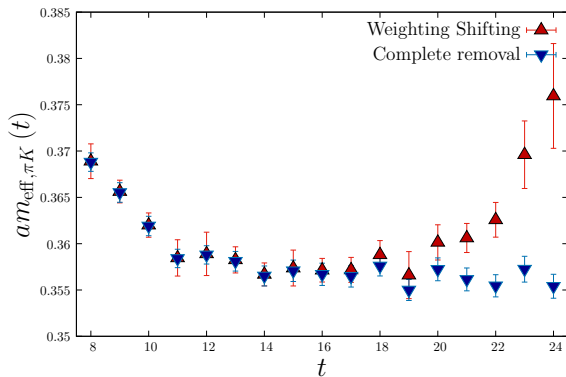
Complete removal

- Make the whole pollution time independent
- Weight with the inverse of **Red+Blue**:

$$C_{\pi K}^w(t) = \left(e^{-M_K T} e^{(M_K - M_\pi)t} + e^{-M_\pi T} e^{(M_\pi - M_K)t} \right)^{-1} C_{\pi K}(t)$$

- Clear difference in terms of $m_{\text{eff}}(t)$ (it is not a simple log)

Example for effective mass plot



- For small t the two methods give consistent results
- Plateau for partial removal disappears, where the other pollution starts to contribute

Analysis methods

- Solving Lüscher's-formula we obtain the dimensionless scattering length: $\mu_{\pi K} a_0^{3/2}$
- Now we have to extrapolate to the physical point in the continuum limit

$$\mu_{\pi K} a_0^{l=3/2} = \frac{\mu_{\pi K}^2}{4\pi f_\pi^2} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Leading order} \\ -1 + \frac{32M_\pi M_K}{f_\pi^2} L_{\pi K}(\Lambda_\chi) - \frac{16M_\pi^2}{f_\pi^2} L_5(\Lambda_\chi) \\ + \frac{1}{16\pi^2 f_\pi^2} \chi_{\text{NLO}}^{3/2}(\Lambda_\chi, M_\pi, M_K, M_\eta) \end{array} \right\}, \quad a\Lambda_\chi = af_\pi$$

- LO: $\mu_{\pi K} a_0^{l=3/2} = -\frac{\mu_{\pi K}^2}{4\pi f_\pi^2}$
- Parameter space ($r_0 m_\ell, r_0 m_s, a$)

Extrapolation to the physical point in the continuum

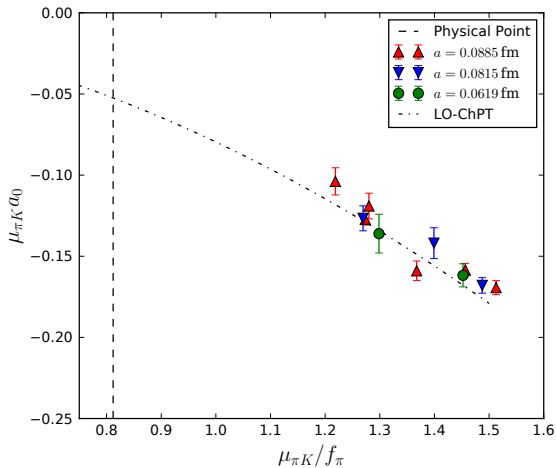
- Idea: Express the relevant meson parameters in terms of the renormalized quark masses and lattice spacing
 - $af_{\pi}(r_0 m_{\ell}, r_0 m_s, a)$
 - $(aM_{\pi})^2(r_0 m_{\ell}, r_0 m_s, a)$
 - $(aM_K)^2(r_0 m_{\ell}, r_0 m_s, a)$
 - $(aM_{\eta})^2(r_0 m_{\ell}, r_0 m_s, a)$
 - $\mu_{\pi K} a_0^{3/2}(r_0 m_{\ell}, r_0 m_s, a)$
- Fix $r_0 m_s$ for each a such that:

$$(r_0 M_K)^2(r_0 m_s^{\text{fixed}}, r_0 m_{\ell}^{\text{physical}}, a) = (r_0 M_K)_{\text{physical}}^2$$

Extrapolation to the physical point in the continuum

Remaining parameters $r_0 m_\ell, a$

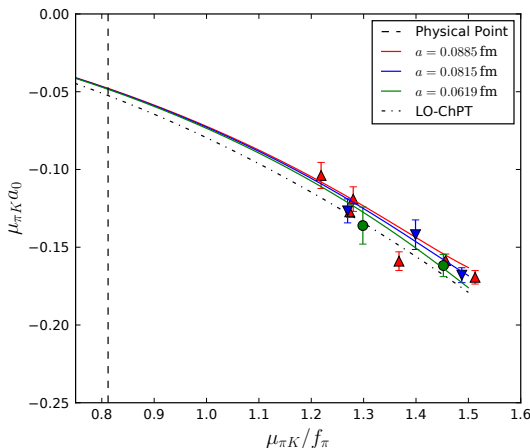
- Raw data interpolated in $r_0 m_s$: LO-ChPT is not a good approximation



Extrapolation to the physical point in the continuum

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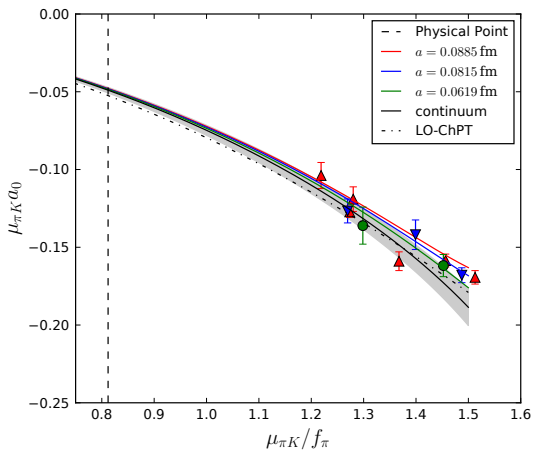
- Determine $\mu_{\pi K} a_0^{3/2}(r_0 m_\ell, a)$ and change variables:
 $r_0 m_\ell \rightarrow \mu_{\pi K} / f_\pi$



Extrapolation to the physical point in the continuum

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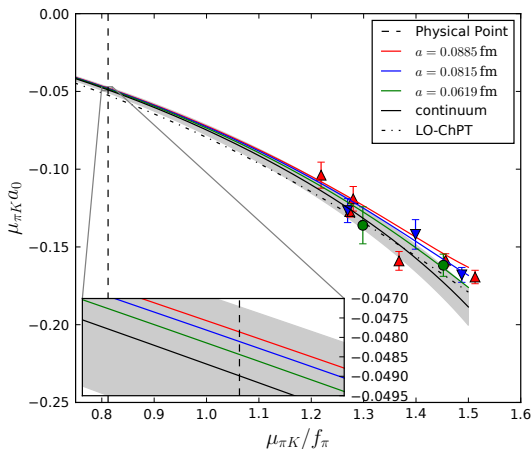
- Take the continuum limit at fixed $\mu_{\pi K}/f_\pi$



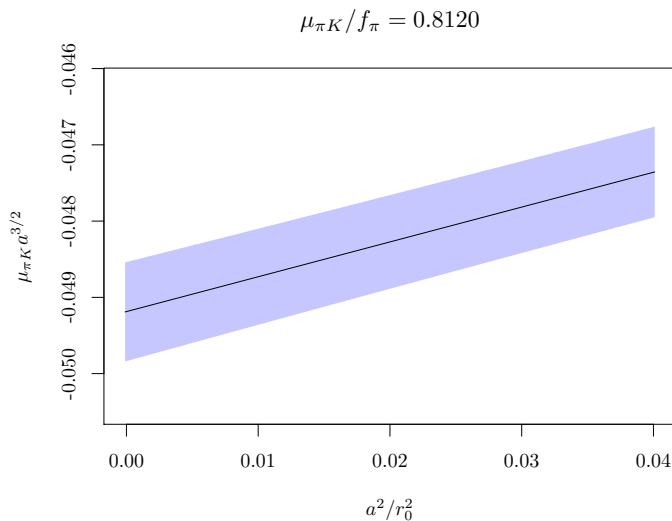
Extrapolation to the physical point in the continuum

Remaining parameters $r_0 m_\ell, a$

- Zoom to the physical point

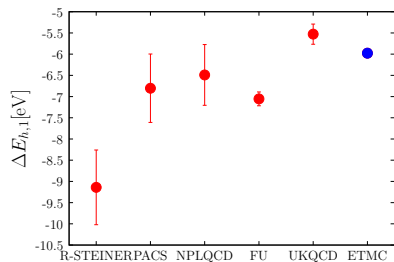
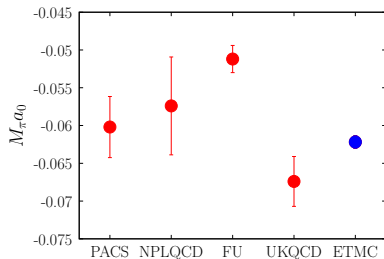


Scaling towards the continuum limit



Summary, outlook









Comparison with other collaborations



- For the first time we have done a continuum extrapolation for the π, K elastic scattering length in the maximal isospin channel
- To do: Determining also with these methods L_5

Thank you for your attention!

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