

Direct CP Violation & the $\Delta I=1/2$ Rule in $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ Decay in the Standard Model

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Motivation

- Likely explanation for matter/antimatter asymmetry in Universe, baryogenesis, requires violation of CP.
- Amount of CPV in Standard Model appears too low to describe measured M/AM asymmetry: tantalizing hint of new physics.
- Direct CPV first observed in late 90s at CERN (NA31/NA48) and Fermilab (KTeV) in $K^0 \rightarrow \pi\pi$:

$$\eta_{00} = \frac{A(K_L \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0)}{A(K_S \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0)}, \quad \eta_{+-} = \frac{A(K_L \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)}{A(K_S \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)}.$$

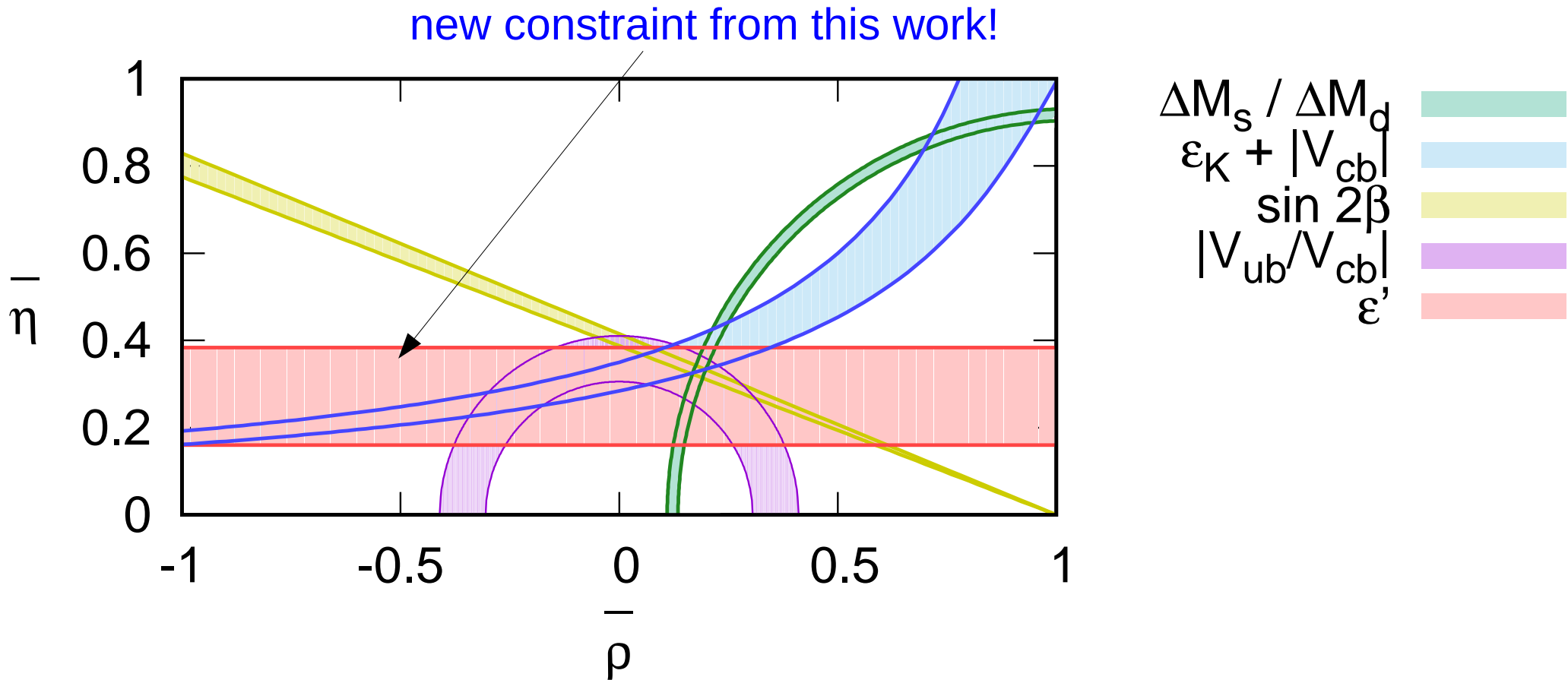
$$\text{Re}(\epsilon'/\epsilon) \approx \frac{1}{6} \left(1 - \left| \frac{\eta_{00}}{\eta_{\pm}} \right|^2 \right) = 16.6(2.3) \times 10^{-4} \quad (\text{experiment})$$

measure of direct CPV

measure of indirect CPV

- **Small size of ϵ' makes it particularly sensitive to new direct-CPV introduced by many BSM models.**
- Looking for deviations from experiment may help shed light on origin of M/AM asymmetry.

- A Standard Model prediction of ε' also provides a new horizontal band constraint on CKM matrix in ρ - η plane:



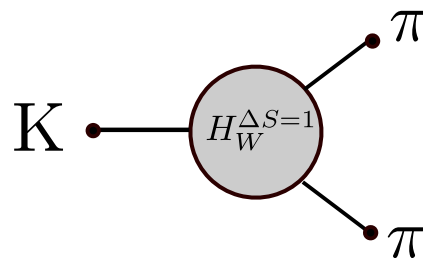
- While underlying weak process occurs at high energies $\sim M_W = 80$ GeV, $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ decays receive large corrections from low-energy hadronic physics $O(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) \sim 250$ MeV.
- Lattice QCD is the only known *ab initio*, **systematically improvable** technique for studying non-perturbative QCD.

Overview of calculation

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(K^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}A_0e^{i\delta_0} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}A_2e^{i\delta_2}, \\
 A(K^0 \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0) &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}A_0e^{i\delta_0} - 2\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}A_2e^{i\delta_2}.
 \end{aligned}
 \rightarrow \epsilon' = \frac{i\omega e^{i(\delta_2-\delta_0)}}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{\text{Im}A_2}{\text{Re}A_2} - \frac{\text{Im}A_0}{\text{Re}A_0} \right)$$

$\omega = \text{Re}A_2/\text{Re}A_0$
 $\pi\pi$ phase shifts
I=2 decay I=0 decay

- Hadronic energy scale $\ll M_W$ – use weak effective theory (3 flavors)



$$H_W = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ud}^* V_{us} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \sum_{j=1}^7 \left[(z_i(\mu) + \tau y_i(\mu))^{\overline{\text{MS}}} Q_i^{\overline{\text{MS}}(\mu)} \right]$$

perturbative Wilson coeffs.
10 effective four-quark operators

$$\tau = -\frac{V_{ts}^* V_{td}}{V_{us}^* V_{ud}} = 0.0014606 + 0.00060408i$$

Imaginary part solely responsible for CPV
(everything else is pure-real)

Lattice QCD for $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$

Use intermediate non-perturbative scheme and convert to MSbar perturbatively at high energy

$$\mathcal{M}_i^{\overline{\text{MS}}} = F Z_{ij}^{\text{lat} \rightarrow \overline{\text{MS}}} \underbrace{\langle (\pi\pi)_I | Q_j | K \rangle}_{\mathcal{M}_j^{\text{lat}}}$$

Lellouch-Lüscher finite volume correction

operator with $\pi\pi$ q. numbers.

operator with kaon q. numbers.

Measured Green's function

$$\langle 0 | \mathcal{O}_{\text{snk}}(t_{\text{snk}}) Q_i(t) \mathcal{O}_{\text{src}}(t_{\text{src}}) | 0 \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{n,m} A_{\text{snk}}^n \underbrace{\langle n | Q_i(t) | m \rangle}_{\mathcal{M}_i^{\text{lat}}} A_K^m \times e^{-E_n(t_{\text{snk}} - t)} e^{-E_m(t - t_{\text{src}})}$$

many states contribute at source and sink

- Extract matrix elements by fitting time dependence in limit of large $(t_{\text{snk}} - t)$, $(t_{\text{src}} - t)$ at which lower-energy states dominate.

Stationary $\pi\pi$ state

- Spectrum of $\pi\pi$ operator includes state with both pions at rest with energy $E_{\pi\pi} \sim 270 \text{ MeV} \ll m_K$
- Thus 3-point correlator dominated by *unphysical* matrix element.
(see next talk by M. Tomii)
- Consider multi-exponential fits : difficult, especially for noisy $l=0$
- Instead exploit freedom to modify boundary conditions while incurring only exponentially suppressed corrections.
- $l=2$ calculation:
 - Use isospin rotation to recast $K^0 \rightarrow (\pi\pi)_{I_3=0}^{I=2} \rightarrow K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^+$ involving only **charged** pions
 - Antiperiodic spatial BCs on *down quark*: charged pions become antiperiodic
$$p_i^{\pi^\pm} = \pm(2n + 1)\pi/L$$
 - Tune L to match $\pi\pi$ and kaon energy such that physical decay becomes **ground-state matrix element**.
 - Use of $\pi^+\pi^+$ final state avoids mixing resulting from isospin breaking induced by applying BCs only to down quark as this is the only doubly-charged state in the system.

Stationary $\pi\pi$ state II

- I=0 calculation

- I=0, I₃=0 final state cannot be isospin rotated
- No way to avoid breaking of isospin symmetry and applicability only to charged pions of APBC on down quarks.
- Use G-parity BCs: $\hat{G}\pi^{\pm,0}\hat{G}^{-1} = -\pi^{\pm,0}$: charged and neutral pions antiperiodic
- Commutes with isospin!
- Tricky application at quark level:
$$\hat{G}d\hat{G}^{-1} = C\bar{u}^T \qquad \hat{G}u\hat{G}^{-1} = -C\bar{d}^T$$
- Various complications make calculation more expensive:
 - ➔ Factor of 2 more expensive due to explicit flavors
 - ➔ New gauge configurations required as gauge field satisfies charge conjugation BCs
 - ➔ Additional Wick contractions across boundaries complicates Green's functions
 - ➔ Introducing fictional strange quark partner to obtain stationary kaon state
 - ➔

$I=2$ calculation

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- Other than unusual BCs, precise $I=2$ calculation can be performed relatively easily using traditional lattice methods
- Most recent result (2015):
 - Computed with large, $\sim (5.5 \text{ fm})^3$ volumes
 - Physical quark masses
 - Two lattice spacings (2.36 GeV and 1.73 GeV) \rightarrow **Continuum limit taken.**

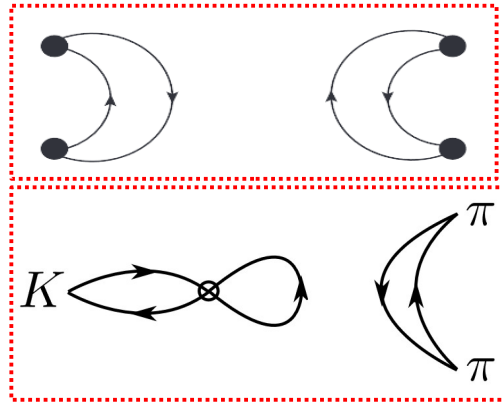
$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Re}A_2 = 1.50(4)(14) \times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV} \\ \text{Im}A_2 = -6.99(20)(84) \times 10^{-14} \text{ GeV} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{experimental result}} 1.479(3) \times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV}$$

- $<1\%$ statistical error!
- 10% and 12% total errors on $\text{Re}(A_2)$ and $\text{Im}(A_2)$ resp.
- Dominant sys. errors due to truncation of PT series in computation of renormalization and Wilson coefficients.

$I=0$ challenges

- $I=0$ $\pi\pi$ state has **vacuum quantum numbers**

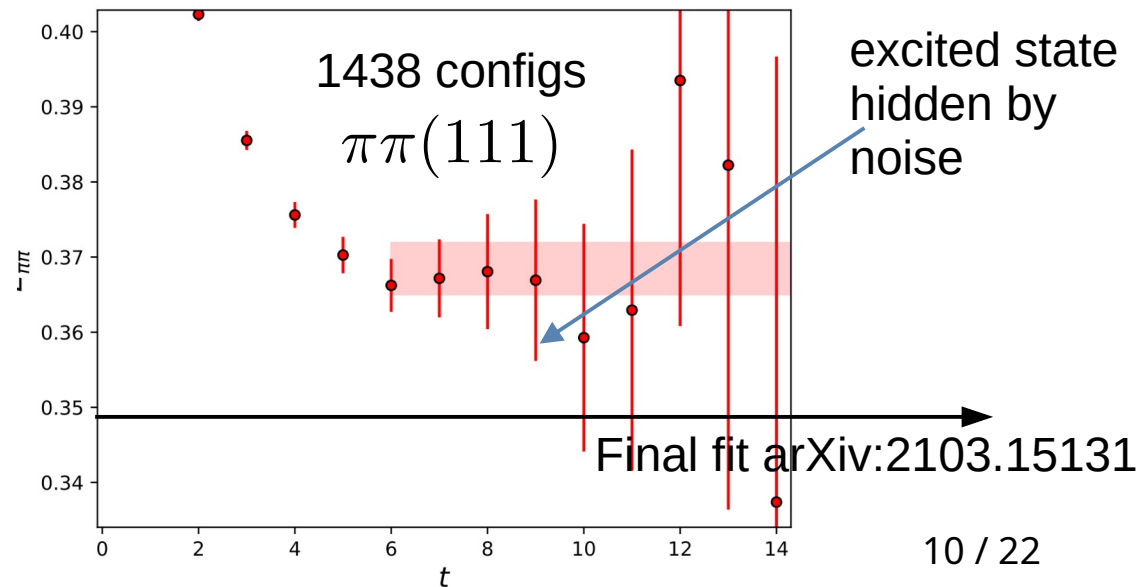
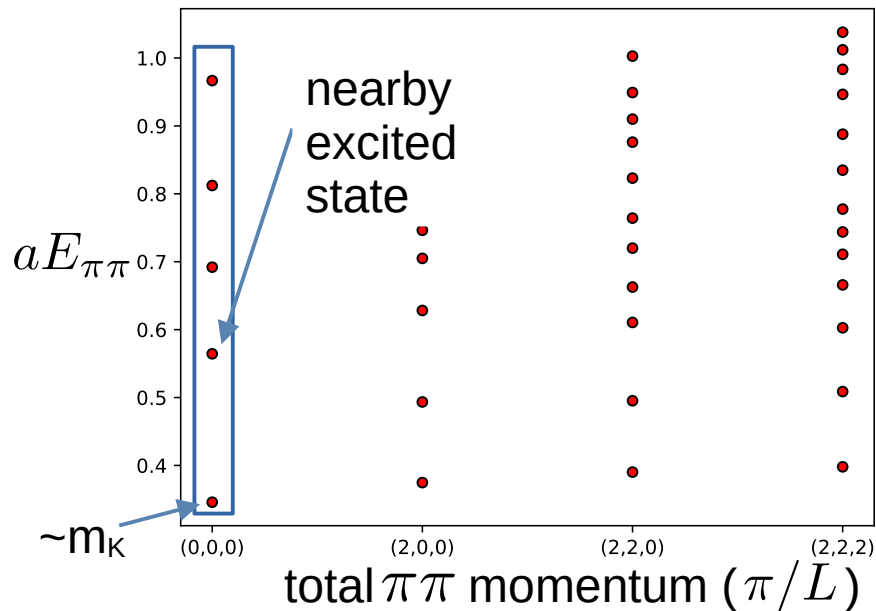
“Disconnected diagram”



Very noisy, requiring large statistics and advanced methods

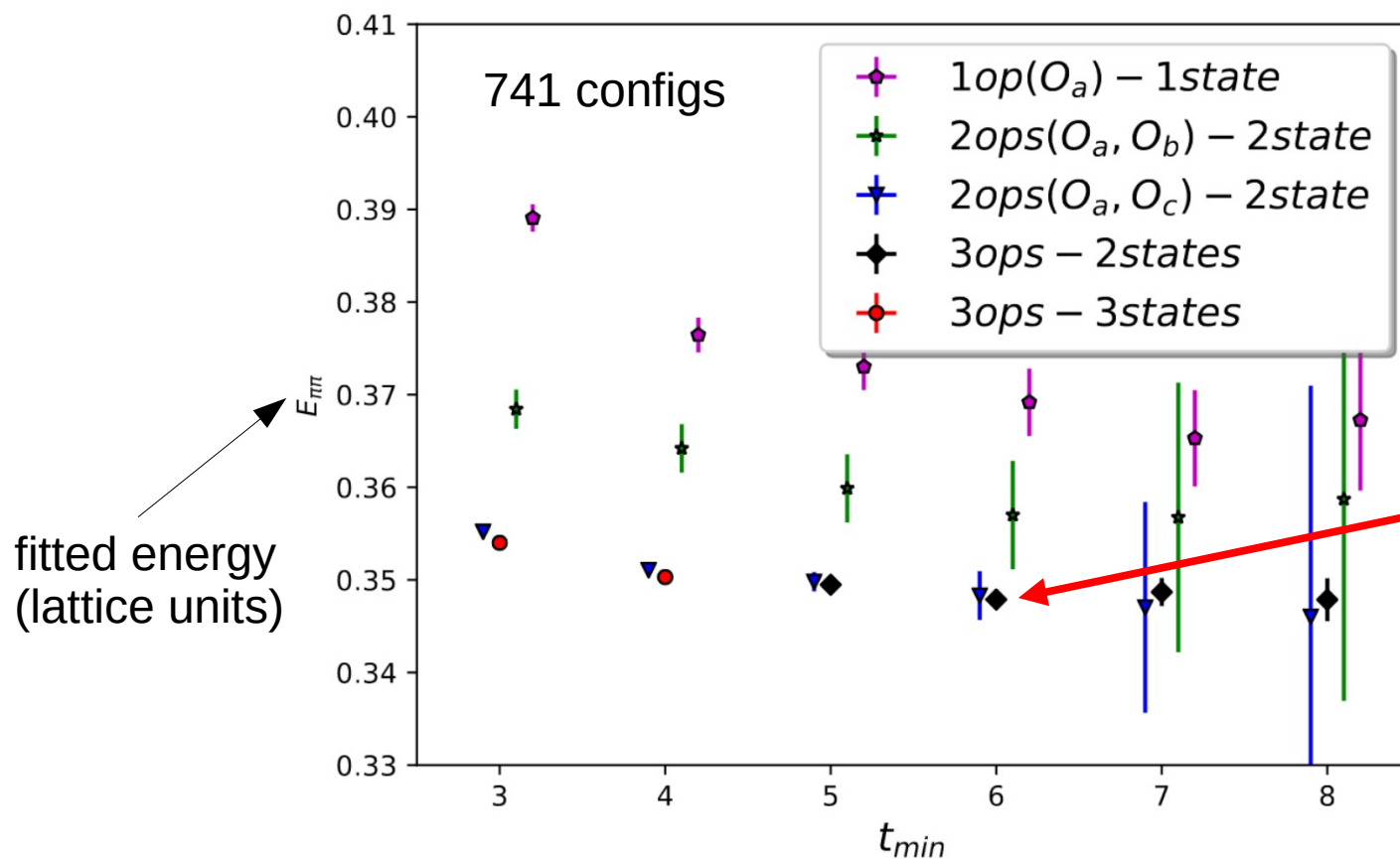
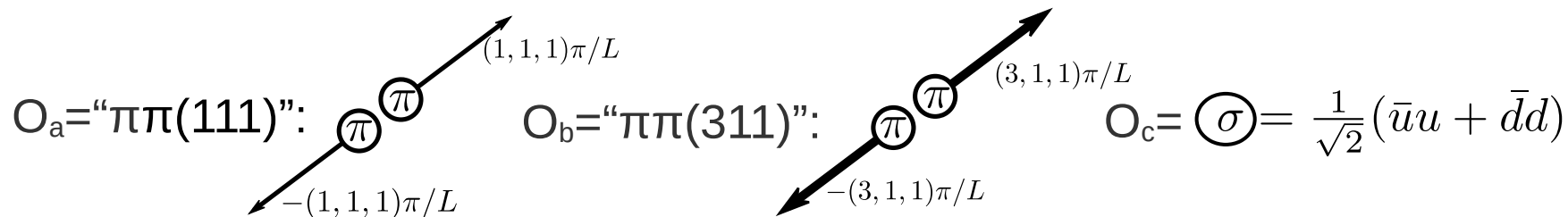
- Rapid degeneration of signal/noise increases susceptibility to excited state contamination

Predicted lattice energies



Controlling excited states

- Introduction of multiple operators (with same quantum numbers) very powerful means of resolving excited states.



[arXiv:2103.15131]

Result at kaon mass scale

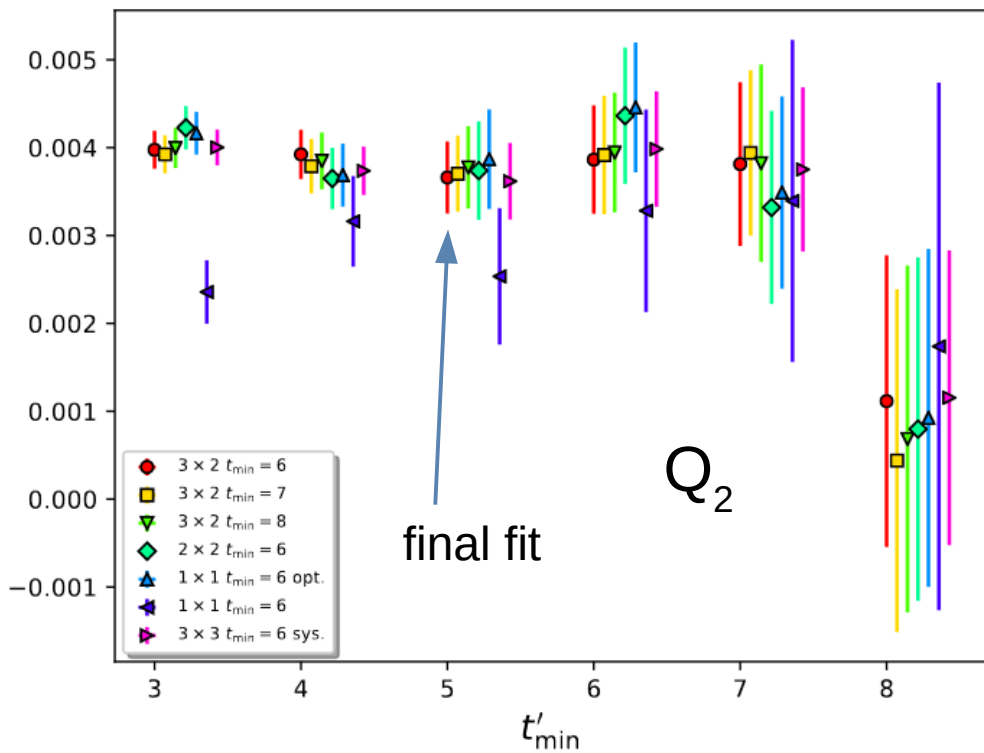
$$\delta_0(479.5 \text{ MeV}) = 32.3(1.0)(1.4)^\circ$$

agrees well with dispersive result 35.9°

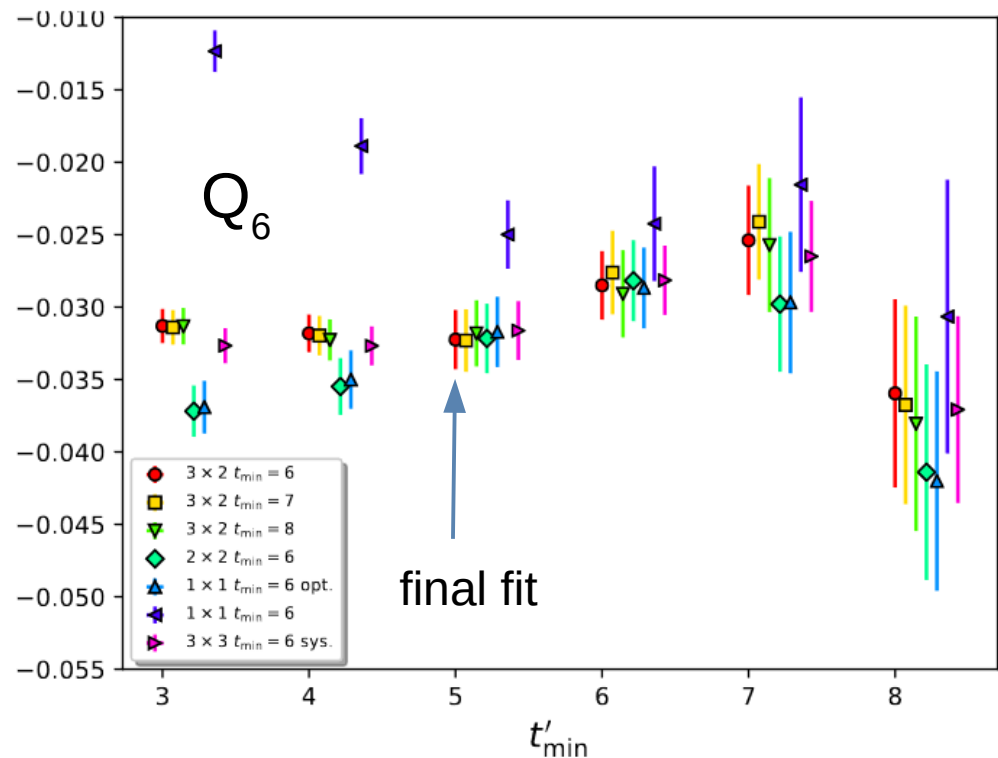
Effect of multiple operators on $I=0$ $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ fit results

- Examine many fit ranges, #states and #operators

Dominant contribution to $\text{Re}A_0$



Dominant contribution to $\text{Im}A_0$



- Again see significant improvement in quality of result and stability with additional operators.

$I=0$ calculation

[Phys.Rev.D 102 (2020) 5, 054509]

- Most recent result (2020):
 - Computed with large, $\sim (4.6 \text{ fm})^3$ volume
 - Large statistics (741 configurations)
 - Physical quark mass
 - Single, somewhat coarse lattice spacing (1.378(7) GeV)
 - Step-scaling RI-SMOM to 4.0 GeV to minimize PT error in matching.
 - 3 two-pion operators to control excited states.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re}A_0 &= 2.99(0.32)(0.59) \times 10^{-7} \text{ GeV} \longrightarrow 3.320(2) \times 10^{-7} \text{ GeV} \\ \text{Im}A_0 &= -6.98(0.62)(1.44) \times 10^{-11} \text{ GeV} \end{aligned}$$

experimental result

- 11% and 9% statistical error
- 20% and 21% systematic errors
- Dominant sys. errors due to discretization and truncation of PT series in computation of Wilson coefficients.

A₀ systematic error budget

- Use of multiple operators results in negligible excited state systematic
 - Step-scaling to 4.0 GeV results in low, 4% renormalization error.
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- Single, coarse lattice spacing gives large, 12% discretization error.
 - Evidence that Wilson coefficient systematics are driven by using PT for 3-4f matching, not improved by evaluating at $\mu=4.0$ GeV in 3f theory.

Error source	Value
Excited state	-
Unphysical kinematics	5%
Finite lattice spacing	12%
Lellouch-Lüscher factor	1.5%
Finite-volume corrections	7%
Missing G_1 operator	3%
Renormalization	4%
Total	15.7%

Error source	Value	
	Re(A_0)	Im(A_0)
Matrix elements	15.7%	15.7%
Parametric errors	0.3%	6%
Wilson coefficients	12%	12%
Total	19.8%	20.7%

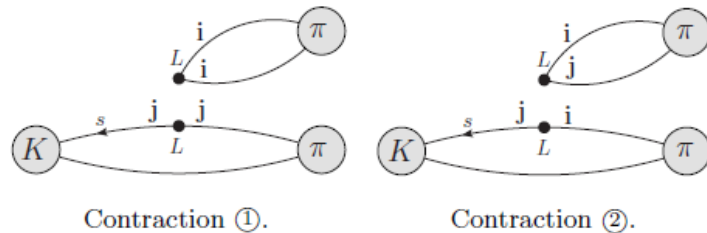
$\Delta I=1/2$ rule

- In experiment kaons $\sim 450x$ (!) more likely to decay into $I=0$ pi-pi states than $I=2$.

$$\frac{\text{Re}A_0}{\text{Re}A_2} = 22.45(6) \quad (\text{the } \Delta I=1/2 \text{ rule})$$

- Perturbative running to charm scale accounts for about a factor of 2. Where does the remaining 10x come from? New Physics?
- The answer is low-energy QCD!** [arXiv:1212.1474, arXiv:1502.00263]

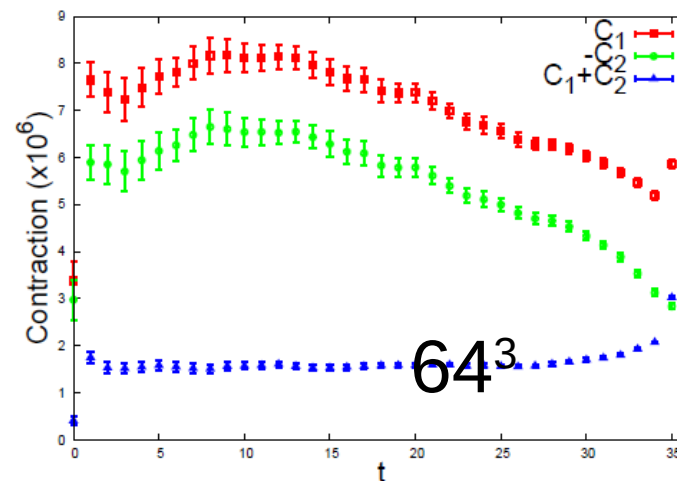
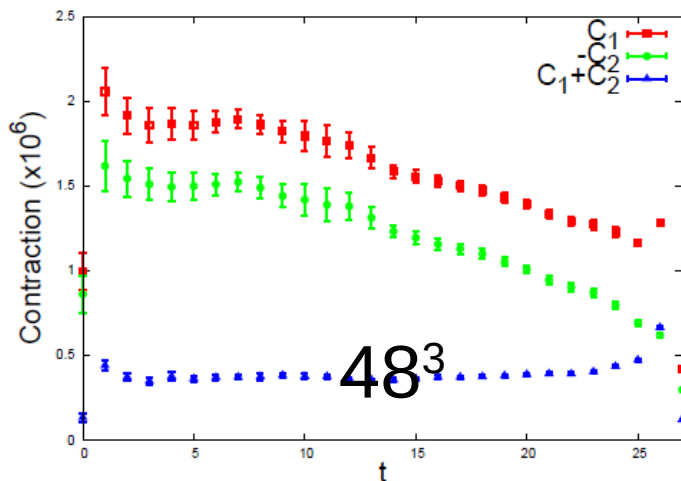
Strong cancellation between the two dominant contractions not predicted by naive factorization:



$$\text{Re}(A_2) \sim \textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2}$$

find $\textcircled{2} \approx -0.7\textcircled{1}$ heavily suppressing $\text{Re}(A_2)$.

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Pure-lattice calculation

$$\frac{\text{Re}(A_0)}{\text{Re}(A_2)} = 19.9(5.0)$$

[$\text{Re}(A_0)$ agrees with expt.]

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Isospin breaking + EM effects

- Our simulation does not include effects of isospin breaking or EM effects.
- While these effects are typically small $O(1\%)$, heavy suppression of A_2 ($\Delta I=1/2$ rule) means relative effect and ε' could be $O(20\%)$.
- Current best determination of effect uses NLO χ PT and $1/N_c$ expansion predicts 23% correction to our result: [Cirigliano *et al*, JHEP 02 (2020) 032]
Include as separate systematic error on ε' .

Final result for ϵ'

- Combining our results for $\text{Im}(A_0)$ and $\text{Im}(A_2)$, and using expt. for the real parts, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re} \left(\frac{\epsilon'}{\epsilon} \right) &= \text{Re} \left\{ \frac{i\omega e^{i(\delta_2 - \delta_0)}}{\sqrt{2}\epsilon} \left[\frac{\text{Im}A_2}{\text{Re}A_2} - \frac{\text{Im}A_0}{\text{Re}A_0} \right] \right\} \\ &= 0.00217(26)(62)(50) \end{aligned}$$

stat sys IB + EM

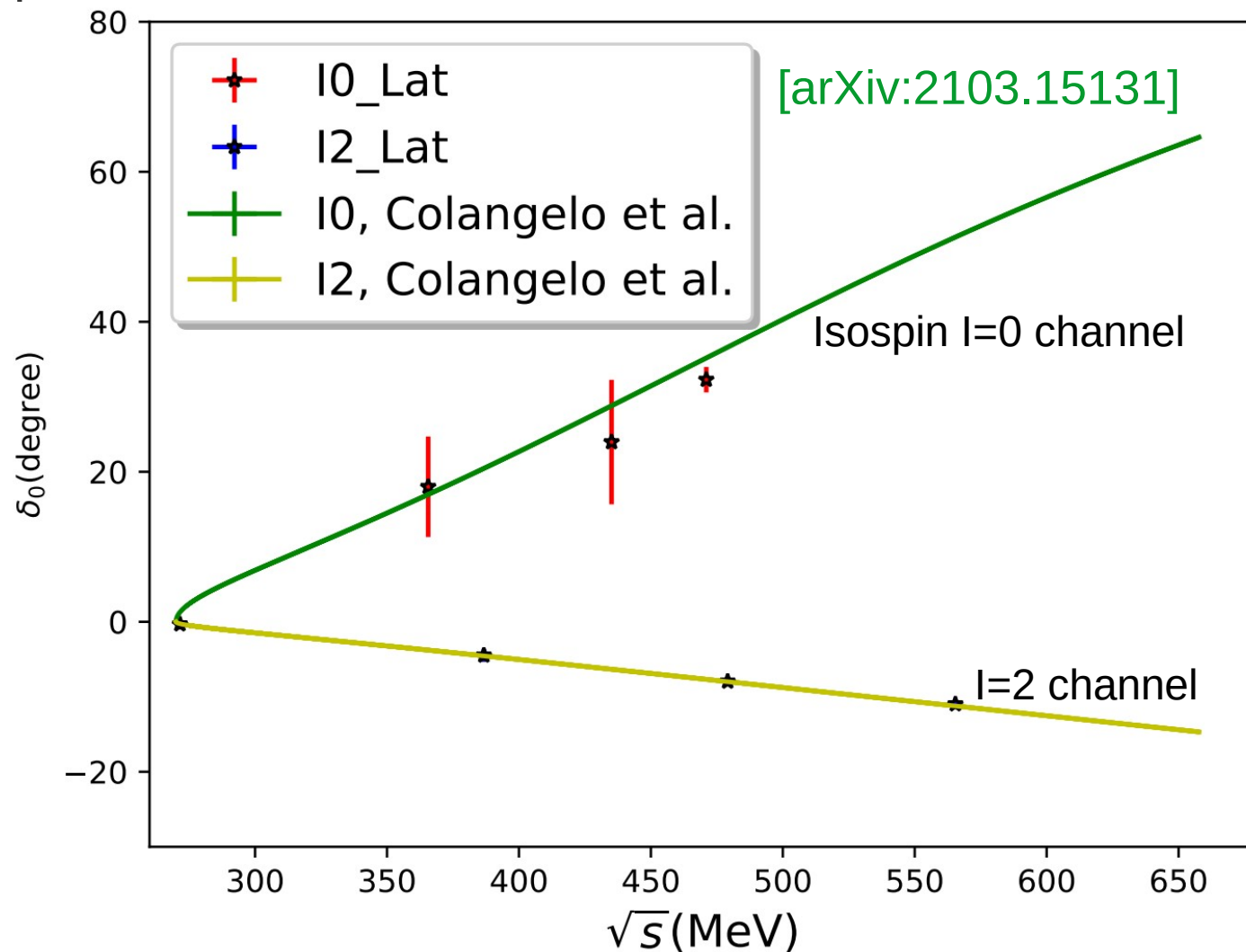
Consistent with experimental result:

$$\text{Re}(\epsilon'/\epsilon)_{\text{expt}} = 0.00166(23)$$

Total error $\sim 3.6x$ that of experiment.

Results: Phase shift energy dep.

- We need the total momentum (0,0,0) pi-pi calculation for $K^0 \rightarrow \pi\pi$
- With only a slight amount more work we can compute also with non-zero total momentum and map out the energy dependence of the phase shift:



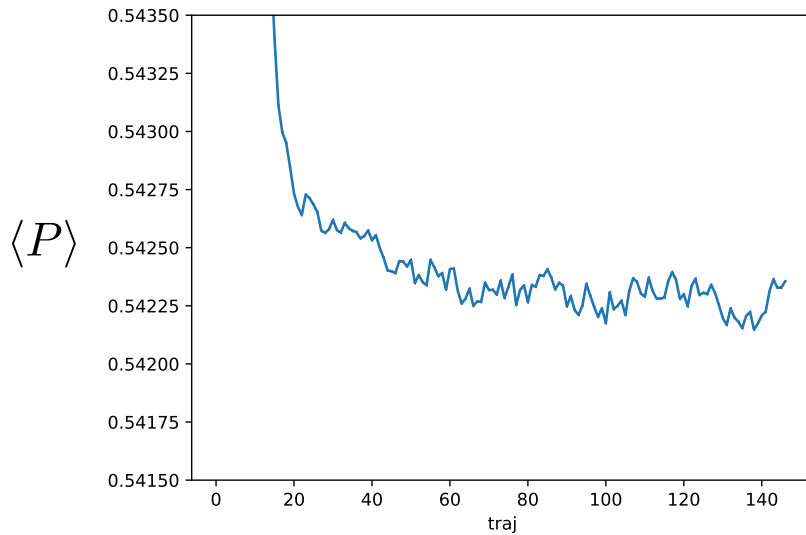
The Next Big Thing

- ε' remains a promising avenue to search for new physics, but greater precision is required.
- Primary pure-lattice systematic is discretization error (12%). Currently estimated using scaling of $l=2$ operators but there may be significant “error on the error”.
- Near-term availability of next-gen supercomputers (Perlmutter, Aurora) opens up opportunity to perform a full continuum extrapolation.
- Generate two additional ensembles with following properties:
 - Physical pion and kaon masses.
 - Same gauge action allowing **continuum extrapolation with 3 points**.
 - Same physical volume and G-parity BCs such that $\pi\pi$ energy remains the same and the interaction remains physical.
- $40^3 \times 64$, $a^{-1}=1.7$ GeV and $48^3 \times 64$, $a^{-1}=2.1$ GeV are computationally feasible while providing a good lever arm (a^2 scaling).

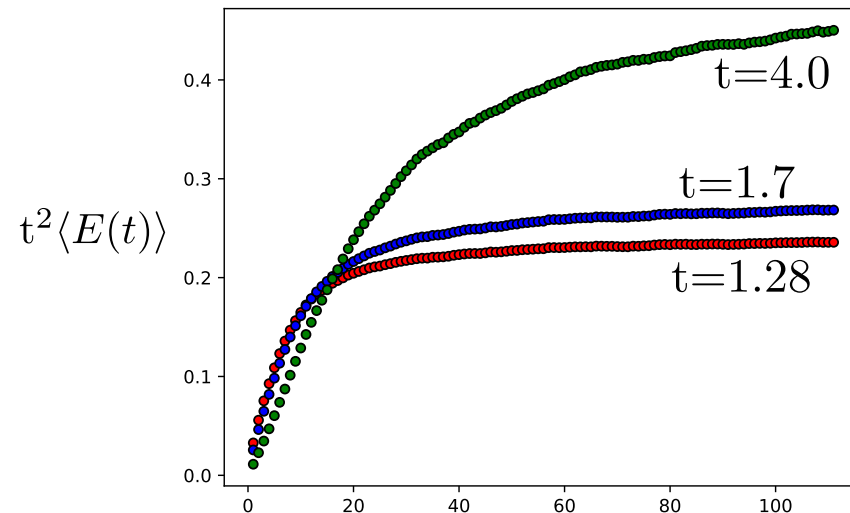
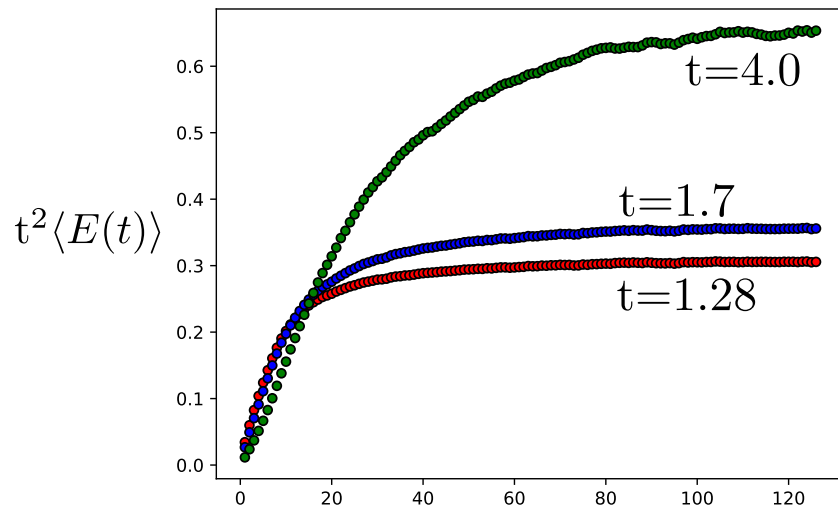
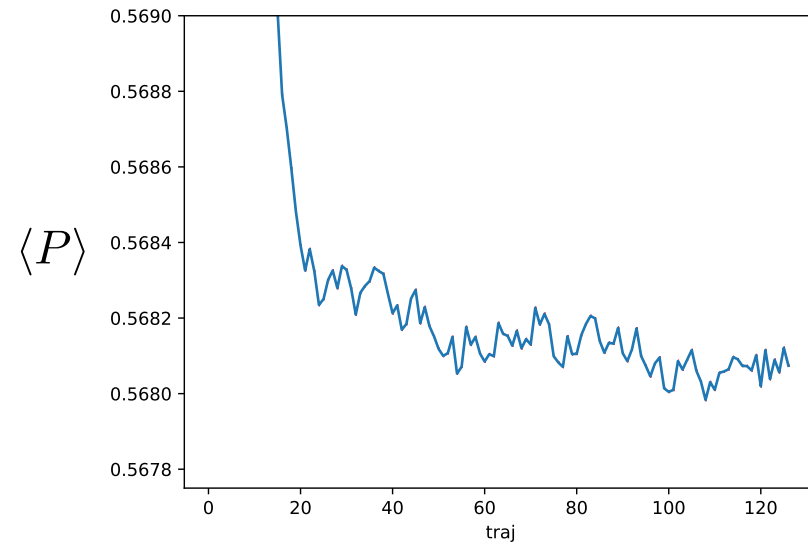
The Next Big Thing pt.2

- Ensemble generation has already commenced on Perlmutter and ensembles are nearly thermalized.

40³x64



48³x64



Other work in progress

- Independent calculation of ϵ' using multiple operators to extract on-shell matrix elements as excited-state contributions in a periodic lattice is well under way. [\[cf. next talk by M.Tomii\]](#)

We are developing techniques to perform 3-4f matching in the Wilson coefficients **non-perturbatively** in order to avoid relying on PT at the charm scale. [\[PoS LATTICE2018, 216\]](#)[\[PoS LATTICE2019, 174\]](#)

- Also working on laying the groundwork for the lattice calculation of EM contributions. [\[PoS LATTICE2021, 312\]](#)

Conclusions

- The RBC & UKQCD collaborations have performed a precise *ab initio* Standard Model calculation of the $K^0 \rightarrow \pi\pi$ decay amplitudes
- Reproduce experimental value for $\Delta I=1/2$ rule, demonstrating that QCD sufficient to solve this decades-old puzzle.
- Subsidiary calculation of $I=0$ and $I=2$ s-wave $\pi\pi$ scattering phase shifts with physical pion masses agrees well with dispersive predictions.
- Result for ε' consistent with experimental value and total error is $\sim 3.6\times$ that of experiment.
- Continued work is being performed to further reduce error for a more precise test of the Standard Model.