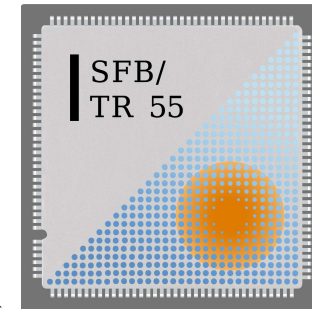


f_K/f_π in full QCD

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Introduction: why f_K/f_π ?

W.J. Marciano, PRL 93 231803 (2004) [hep-ph/0402299]:

- $|V_{ud}|$ is known, from super-allowed nuclear β -decays, with 0.03% precision.
- $|V_{us}|$ is much less precisely known, but can be linked to $|V_{ud}|$ via a relation involving f_K/f_π , with everything else known rather accurately:

$$\frac{\Gamma(K \rightarrow l\bar{\nu}_l)}{\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow l\bar{\nu}_l)} = \frac{|V_{us}|^2 f_K^2 M_K (1 - m_l^2/M_K^2)^2}{|V_{ud}|^2 f_\pi^2 M_\pi (1 - m_l^2/M_\pi^2)^2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\alpha}{\pi} (C_K - C_\pi) \right\}$$

- CKM unitarity $|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 1$ (with $|V_{ub}|$ being negligibly small) is genuine to the SM; any deviation is a *model-independent* signal of BSM physics.
- \implies calculate f_K/f_π in $N_f = 2+1$ QCD (with quark masses extrapolated to the physical point) on the lattice; the precision attained gives the precision of $|V_{us}|$.

Setup: dominant sources of uncertainty

What we do to control systematic uncertainties (“full QCD shopping list”):

- (a) $N_f = 2+1$ with exact algorithm (and universality class of QCD)
- (b) complete baryon octet/decuplet spectrum to set the scale
- (c) large spatial volumes ($M_\pi L \geq 4$) to assure small finite volume effects
- (d) sufficiently chiral data ($M_\pi \simeq 190 \text{ MeV}$) for small extrapolation range
- (e) no less than 3 lattice spacings to assure controlled continuum extrapolation

Setup: action, algorithm, resources

- action:

tree-level $O(a^2)$ improved Symanzik glue and tree-level $O(a)$ improved fat-clover quarks [6 levels of $\alpha=0.11$ stout smearing, both in covariant derivative and in $F_{\mu\nu}$]

- algorithm:

HMC/RHMC with even-odd preconditioning, multiple time-scale Omelyan integration, Hasenbusch acceleration and mixed precision solver [Clark et al '06, Sexton Weingarten '92, Omelyan et al '03, Hasenbusch '01, Urbach et al '06, BMW '08]

- resources:

BG/L @ FZJ: 2005-2008, $8 \cdot 2048 = 16384$ processors PowerPC440 @ 700MHz (2.8 GFlops each), 1GB per node, 3D torus network, 46/37 Tflops peak/sustained

BG/P @ FZJ: since 2008, $16 \cdot 4096 = 65536$ processors PowerPC450 @ 850MHz (3.4 GFlops each), 2GB per node, 3D torus network, 223/180 Tflops peak/sustained



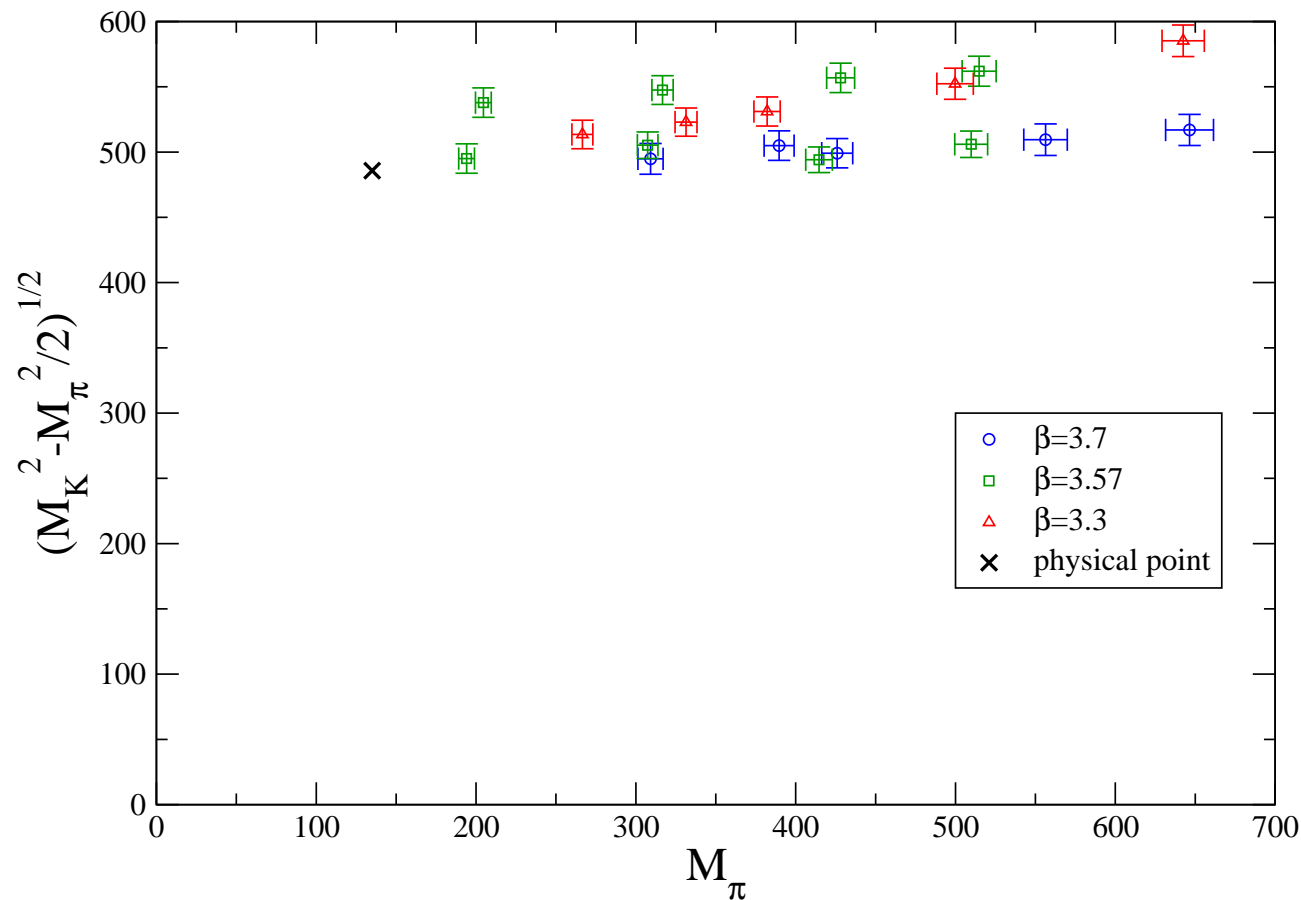
Setup: setting m_{ud} , m_s and a^{-1}

We set m_{ud} , m_s , a^{-1} through M_π , M_K , M_Ξ (or M_Ω).

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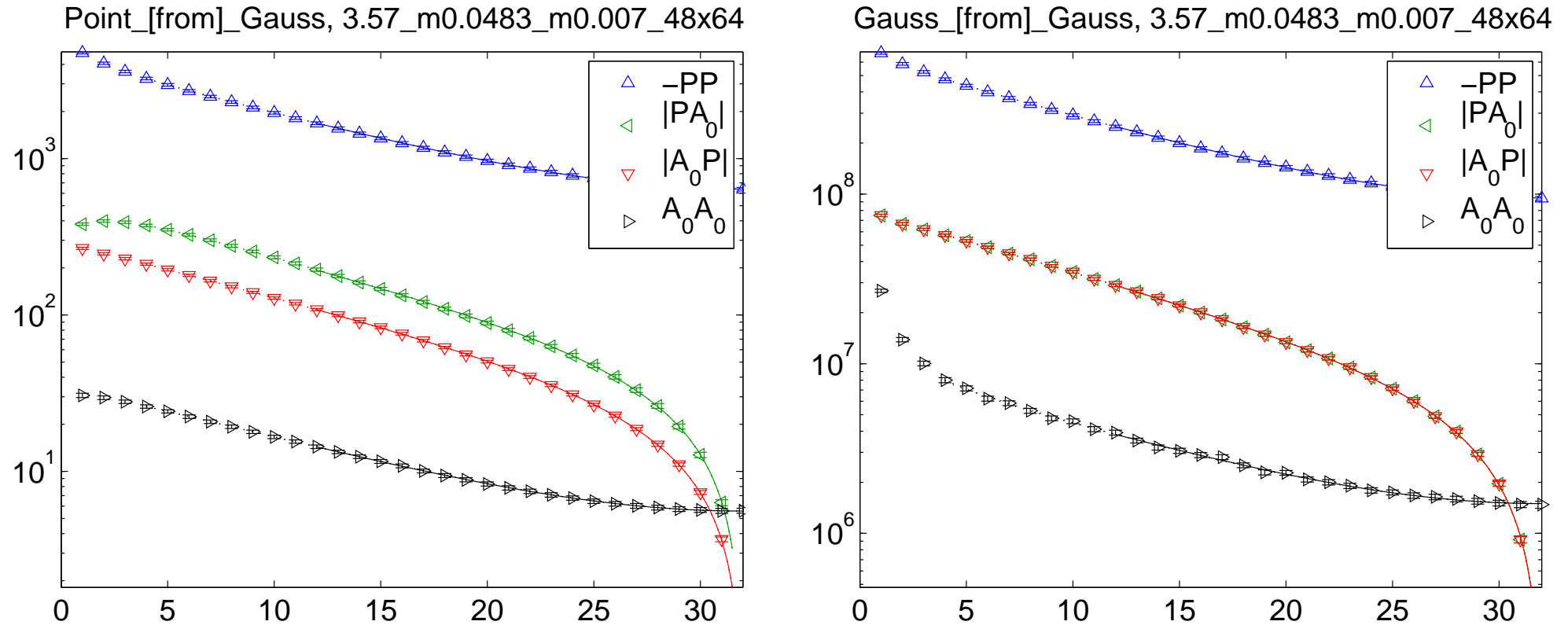
We fix bare strange mass such that renormalized m_s is correct at physical m_{ud} point:



⇒ extract f_K/f_π from “unitary” data and extrapolate to the physical mass point !

Analysis: combined fits

Excellent data quality even on our lightest ensemble ($M_\pi \simeq 190$ MeV and $L \simeq 4.0$ fm):



$\cosh(\cdot)/\sinh(\cdot)$ for $-PP$, $|PA_0|$, $|A_0P|$, A_0A_0 with Gauss source and local/Gauss sink

$$C_{Xx,Yy}(t) = c_0 e^{-M_0 t} \pm c_0 e^{-M_0(T-t)} + \dots \quad \text{with } X, Y \in \{P, A_0\} \text{ and } x, y \in \{\text{loc}, \text{gau}\}$$

→ $c_0 = G\tilde{G}/M_0, G\tilde{F}, F\tilde{G}, F\tilde{F}M_0$ (left) and $c_0 = \tilde{G}\tilde{G}/M_0, \tilde{G}\tilde{F}, \tilde{F}\tilde{G}, \tilde{F}\tilde{F}M_0$ (right)

→ combined 1-state fit of 8 correlators with 5 parameters yields $M_\pi, F_\pi, m_{\text{PCAC}}$

Analysis: chiral extrapolation

- Chiral $SU(3)$ formula:

$$\frac{F_K}{F_\pi} = 1 + \frac{1}{32\pi^2 F_0^2} \left\{ \frac{5}{4} M_\pi^2 \log\left(\frac{M_\pi^2}{\mu^2}\right) - \frac{1}{2} M_K^2 \log\left(\frac{M_K^2}{\mu^2}\right) - \left[M_K^2 - \frac{1}{4} M_\pi^2 \right] \log\left(\frac{4M_K^2 - M_\pi^2}{3\mu^2}\right) \right\} + \frac{4}{F_0^2} [M_K^2 - M_\pi^2] L_5$$

- Chiral $SU(2)$ _plus_strange formula [arXiv:0804.0473 by RBC/UKQCD, simplified]:

$$\frac{F_K}{F_\pi} = \frac{F_K}{F_\pi} \Big|_{m_{ud}=0} \left\{ 1 + \frac{5}{8} \frac{M_\pi^2}{(4\pi F)^2} \log\left(\frac{M_\pi^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) \right\}$$

- Polynomial expansion $F_\pi/F_K = d_0 + d_1 M_\pi + d_2 M_\pi^2$ (e.g. around 300 MeV) at fixed physical m_s , together with constraint $F_K = F_\pi$ at $M_K = M_\pi$, suggests:

$$\frac{F_K}{F_\pi} = \frac{c_0 + c_1 M_K + c_2 M_K^2}{c_0 + c_1 M_\pi + c_2 M_\pi^2}$$

→ Use all of them and treat spread as indicative of systematic uncertainty!

Analysis: continuum extrapolation

Q: Should we use dedicated version of Chiral Perturbation Theory (XPT) ?

A: Aoki Bär Takeda Ishikawa PRD73, 014511 (2006) for clover fermions:

$$M_\pi^2 = B_0 2m \left\{ 1 + \mu_\pi - \frac{1}{3} \mu_\eta + 2m K_3 + K_4 - \frac{H''}{F_0^2} \right\}$$

$$M_K^2 = B_0 (m + m_s) \left\{ 1 + \frac{2}{3} \mu_\eta + (m + m_s) K_3 + K_4 - \frac{H''}{F_0^2} \right\}$$

$$F_\pi = F_0 \left\{ 1 - 2\mu_\pi - \mu_K + 2m K_6 + K_7 - \frac{H'}{F_0^2} \right\}$$

$$F_K = F_0 \left\{ 1 - \frac{3}{4} \mu_\pi - \frac{3}{2} \mu_K - \frac{3}{4} \mu_\eta + (m + m_s) K_6 + K_7 - \frac{H'}{F_0^2} \right\}$$

→ Redefine $B_0 \{1 - H''/F_0^2\} \rightarrow B'_0$ and terms with H'' will disappear

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Conjecture: dedicated WXPT calculations for M_P, F_P not needed; with $m \equiv m_{\text{PCAC}}$ effects of finite lattice spacing are taken into account via augmenting all low-energy constants by factors of $(1 + \text{const } a^2)$ to any chiral order. (not needed below)

Analysis: infinite volume extrapolation

- Finite volume effects on F_K, F_π are known at the 2-loop level [Colangelo et al. '05]

$$\frac{F_\pi(L)}{F_\pi} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{m(n)}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{1}{M_\pi L} \frac{1}{(4\pi F_\pi)^2} \left[I_{F_\pi}^{(2)} + \frac{M_\pi^2}{(4\pi F_\pi)^2} I_{F_\pi}^{(4)} + \dots \right]$$

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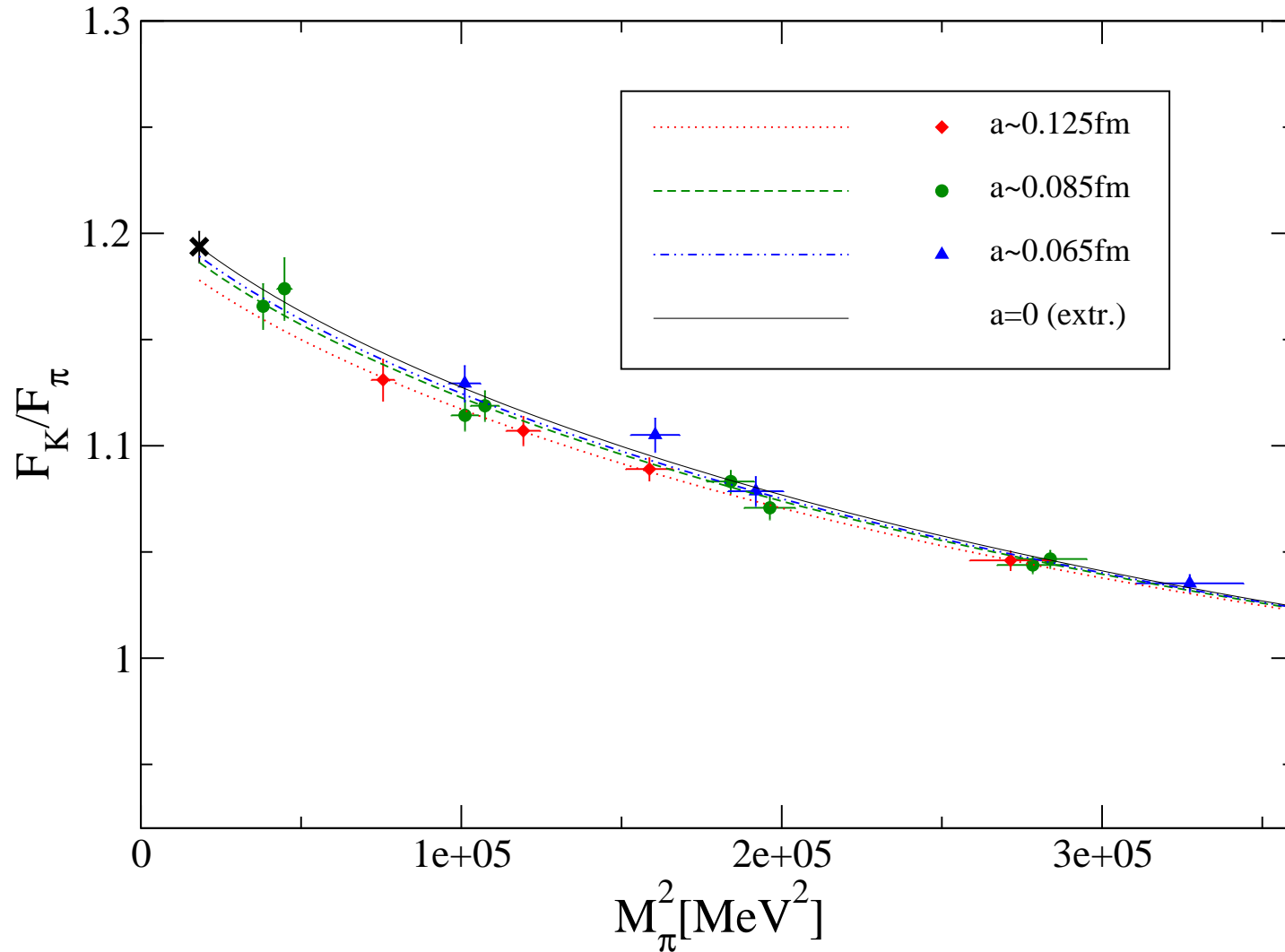
with $I_{F_\pi}^{(2)} = -4K_1(\sqrt{n} M_\pi L)$ and $I_{F_K}^{(2)} = -\frac{3}{2}K_1(\sqrt{n} M_\pi L)$, where $K_1(\cdot)$ is a Bessel function of the second kind, and lengthy expressions for $I_{F_\pi}^{(4)}, I_{F_K}^{(4)}$.

- In the ratio finite volume effects cancel partly; evident from the 1-loop formula

$$\frac{F_K(L)}{F_\pi(L)} = \frac{F_K}{F_\pi} \left\{ 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{m(n)}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{1}{M_\pi L} \frac{M_\pi^2}{(4\pi F_\pi)^2} \left[\frac{F_\pi}{F_K} I_{F_K}^{(2)} - I_{F_\pi}^{(2)} \right] \right\} .$$

- We calculate $\frac{F_K(L)}{F_\pi(L)} / \frac{F_K}{F_\pi}$ at 1-loop and 2-loop level, and $F_\pi(L)/F_\pi$ at 2-loop level.

Result: combined fits

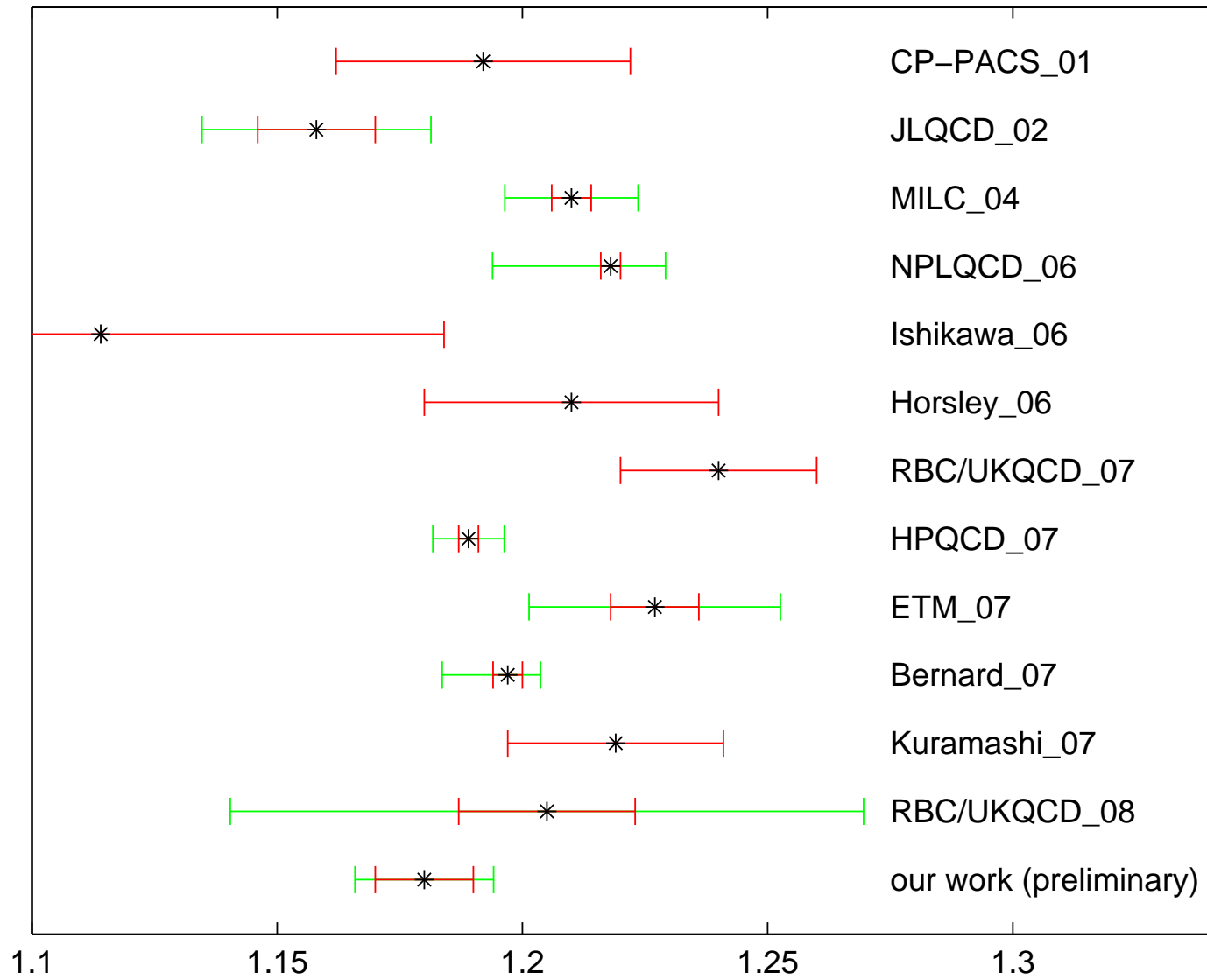


→ plot shows $\text{data}(M_\pi^2, 2M_K^2 - M_\pi^2) - \text{fit}(M_\pi^2, 2M_K^2 - M_\pi^2) + \text{fit}(M_\pi^2, [2M_K^2 - M_\pi^2]_{\text{phys}})$.

→ f_K/f_π 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.

Result: errorbars over time



Finish: update on $|V_{us}|$

- Average $|V_{ud}| = 0.97377(27)$ [PDG'06] and $0.97418(26)$ [Towner'07] to give

$$|V_{ud}| = 0.97398(18)(20) = 0.97398(27) .$$

- Plug experimental information $\Gamma(K \rightarrow \mu\bar{\nu})/\Gamma(\pi \rightarrow \mu\bar{\nu}) = 1.3337(39)$ [PDG'06] and $C_K - C_\pi = -3.0 \pm 1.5$ [Marciano] into Marciano's equation (first slide); this yields

$$\frac{|V_{us}|}{|V_{ud}|} \frac{f_K}{f_\pi} = 0.2757(6) .$$

- Upon combining the previous one/two points and our value for f_K/f_π we obtain

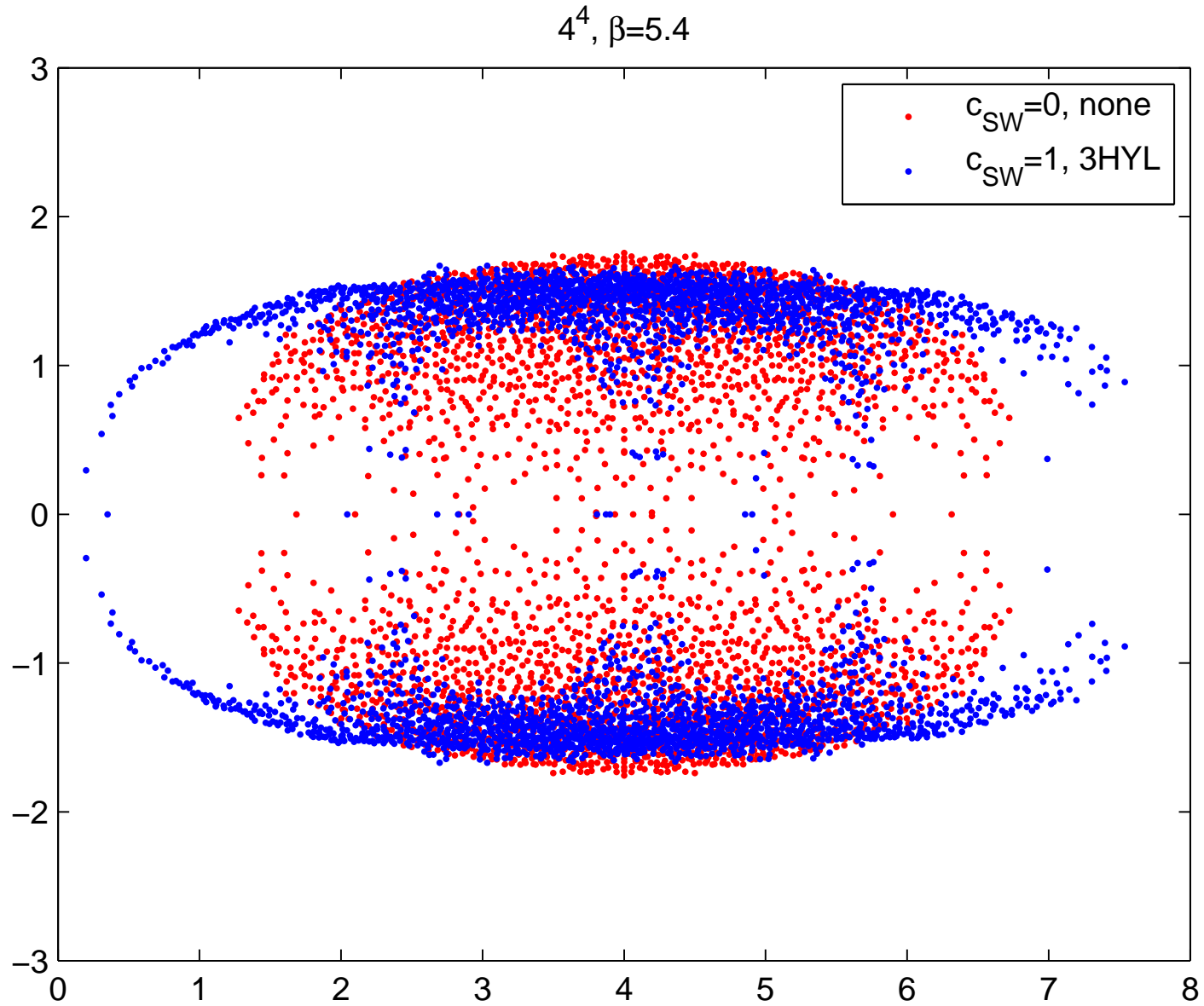
$$|V_{us}|/|V_{ud}| = 0.2336(28) \quad \text{and} \quad |V_{us}| = 0.2276(27) .$$

- Upon including $|V_{ub}| = (4.31 \pm 0.30) 10^{-3}$ [PDG'06] we end up with

$$|V_{ud}|^2 + |V_{us}|^2 + |V_{ub}|^2 = 1.0004(14) .$$

BACKUP SLIDES

Backup: why smear?



Backup: action locality

- locality in position space:

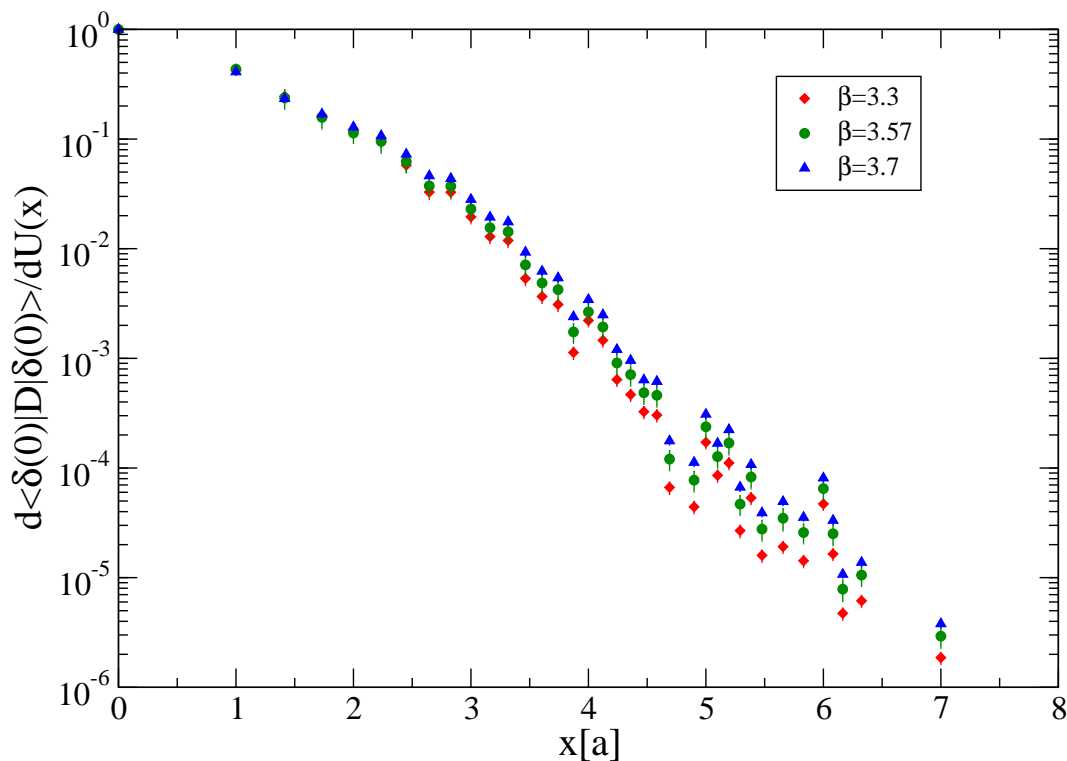
$$|D(x, y)| < \text{const } e^{-\lambda|x-y|} \text{ with } \lambda = O(a^{-1}) \text{ for all couplings.}$$

Our case: $D(x, y) = 0$ as soon as $|x - y| > 1$ (despite 6 smearings).

- locality in space of gauge fields:

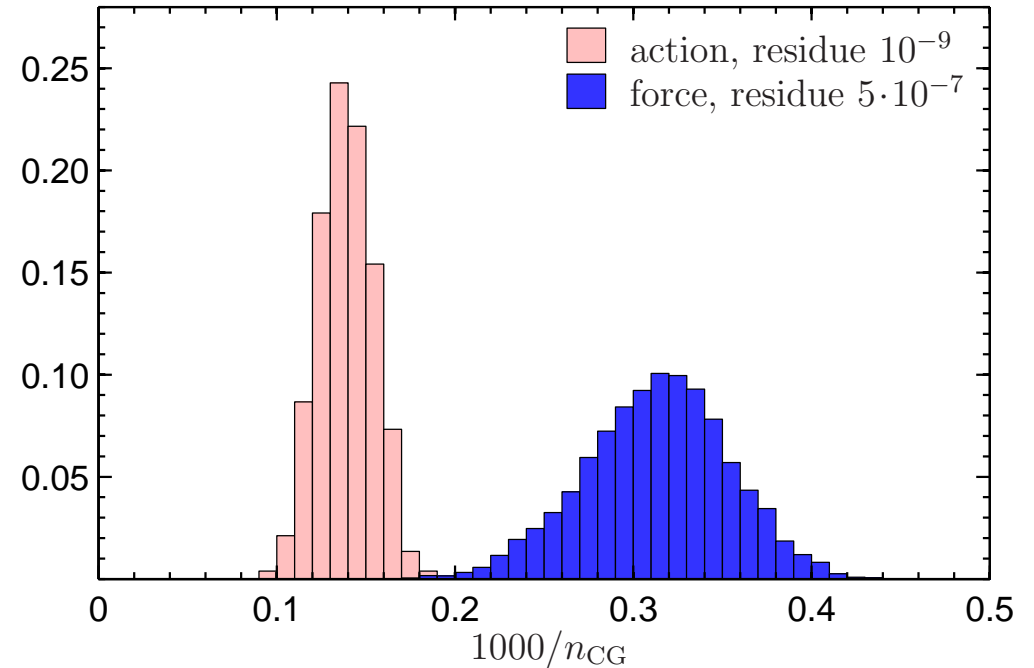
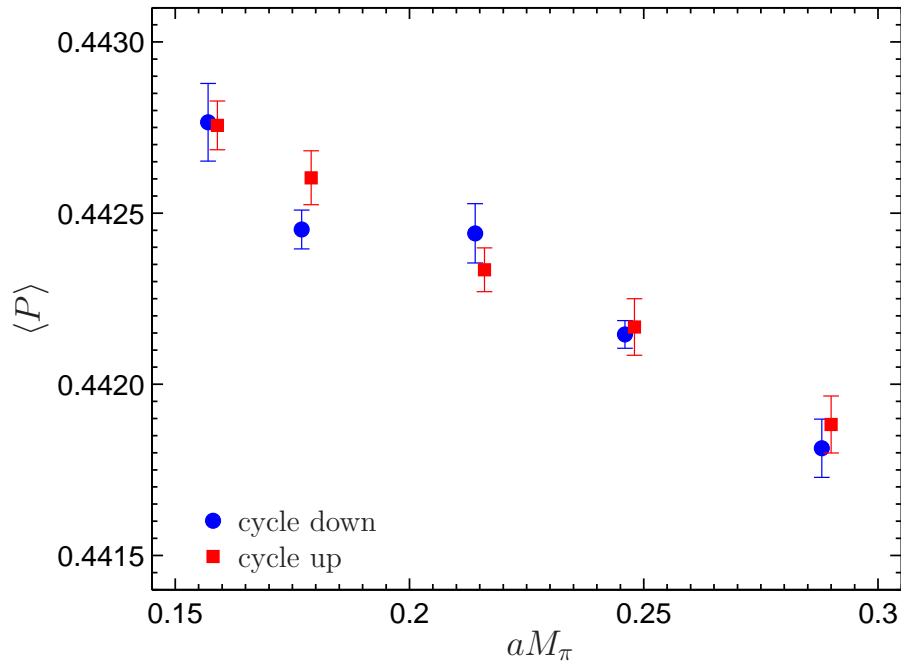
$$|\delta D(x, y) / \delta A(z)| < \text{const } e^{-\lambda|(x+y)/2-z|} \text{ with } \lambda = O(a^{-1}) \text{ for all couplings.}$$

Our case: $\delta D(x, x) / \delta A(z) < \text{const } e^{-\lambda|x-z|}$ with $\lambda \simeq 2.2a^{-1}$ for $2 \leq |x - z| \leq 6$.



Backup: algorithmic stability

No hysteresis effects and 5σ -stability in light quark mass production runs:



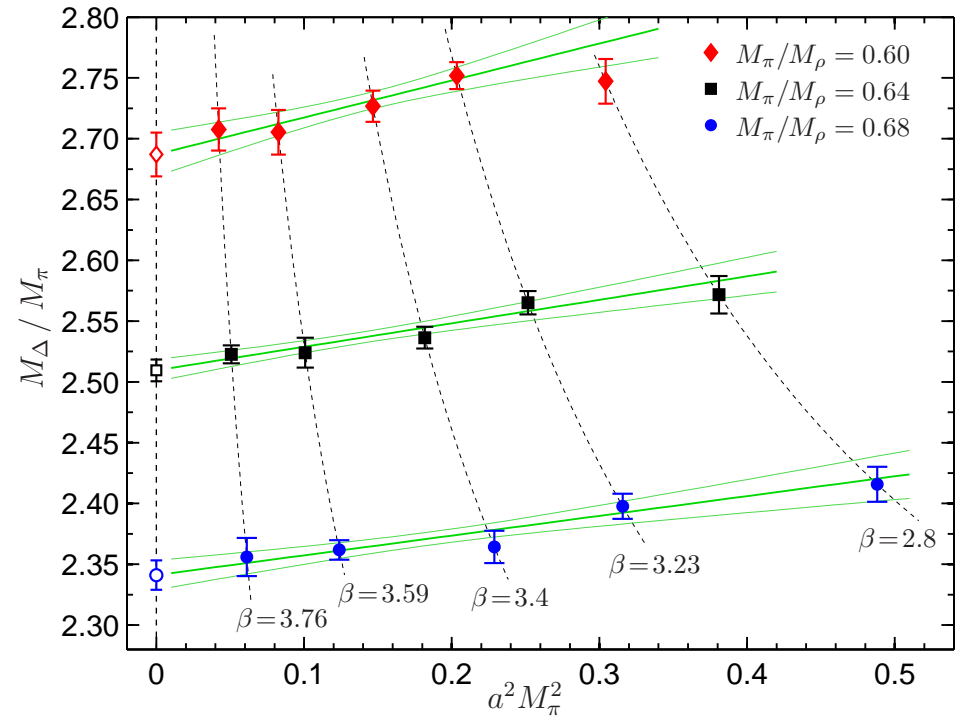
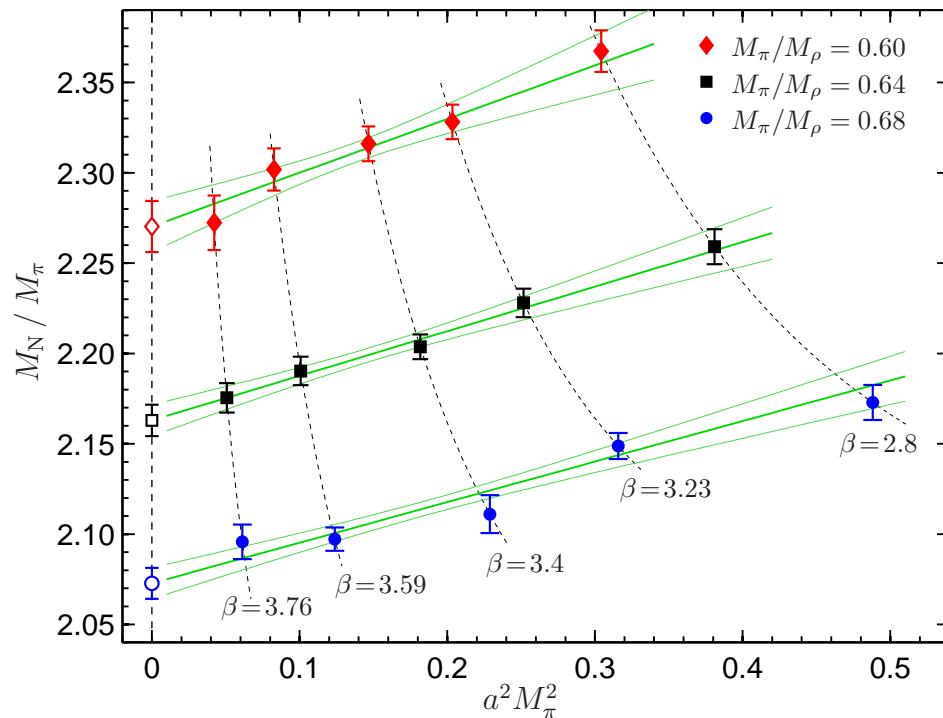
→ to monitor $1/N_{CG}$ is cheaper than minimal eigenvalue of $|\gamma_5 D|$

→ also R_{acc} and $e^{-\Delta H}$ are being monitored

→ see [arxiv:0802.2706](https://arxiv.org/abs/0802.2706) [BMW Collab.] for details

Backup: scaling properties

Explicit scaling test for M_N and M_Δ in $N_f = 3$ QCD:

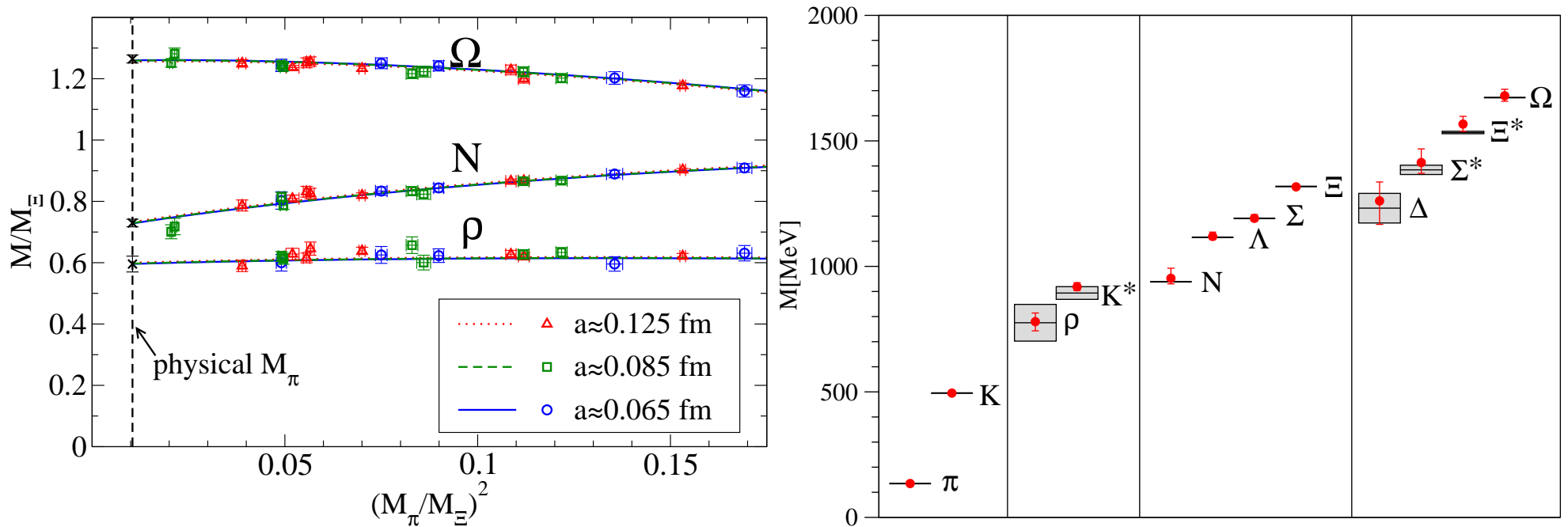


→ clean $O(a^2)$ scaling of 6-stout action out to $a \sim 0.15$ fm

→ see arxiv:0802.2706 [BMW Collab.] for details

→ Th. Kurth: *Scaling study of dynamically smeared fermions*

Backup: octet/decuplet spectrum with extrapolation



- large volumes ($M_\pi L \geq 4$ maintained, larger/smaller volumes for check)
- light pions ($M_\pi \sim 190$ MeV at two lattice spacings)
- three couplings ($a \sim 0.065, 0.085, 0.125$ fm)

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