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Charmed Baryon Ξ_c Decays from Lattice QCD

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OUTLOOK

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- $\Xi_c - \Xi_c'$ mixing
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Motivation: indirect test of SM

- In the SM, The quark interaction strength is encoded in one unitary matrix (CKM):

PDG2020

$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 & \lambda & A\lambda^3(\rho - i\eta) \\ -\lambda & 1 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 & A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3(1 - \rho - i\eta) & -A\lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^4)$$

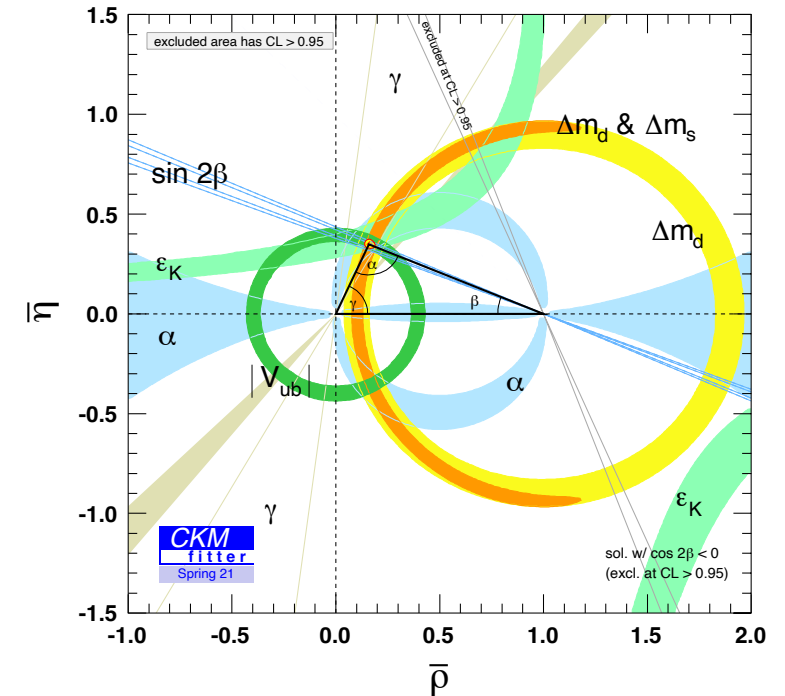
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0.97401 \pm 0.00011 & 0.22650 \pm 0.00048 & 0.00361^{+0.00011}_{-0.00009} \\ 0.22636 \pm 0.00048 & 0.97320 \pm 0.00011 & 0.04053^{+0.00083}_{-0.00061} \\ 0.00854^{+0.00023}_{-0.00016} & 0.03978^{+0.00082}_{-0.00060} & 0.999172^{+0.000024}_{-0.000035} \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{matrix}$$

0.9970 ± 0.0018
 $\Rightarrow 10^{-3}$ accuracy

1.026 ± 0.022
 $\Rightarrow 10^{-2}$ accuracy

0.9985 ± 0.0005
 $\Rightarrow 10^{-4}$ accuracy

1.025 ± 0.022
 $\Rightarrow 10^{-2}$ accuracy

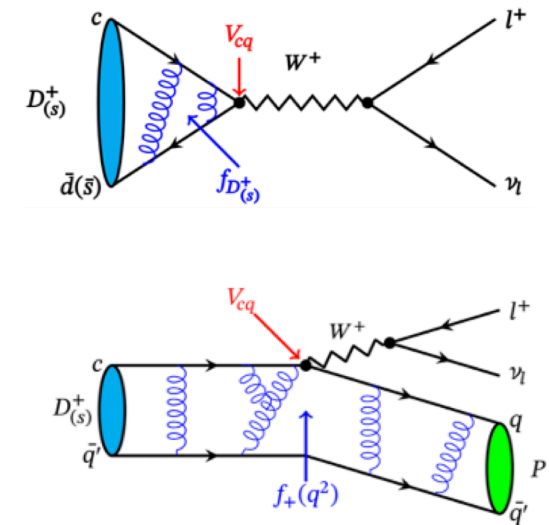


Motivation: indirect test of SM

Combing **experiments** + LQCD calculations of **“Golden channels”** provide the testing of CKM unitary.

Single hadron in initial state and at most one hadron in final state, both hadrons are stable in QCD

$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ \pi \rightarrow \ell \nu & K \rightarrow \ell \nu, \pi \ell \nu & B \rightarrow \ell \nu, \pi \ell \nu \\ & & \Lambda_b \rightarrow \pi \ell \nu \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ D \rightarrow \ell \nu, \pi \ell \nu & D_s \rightarrow \ell \nu, D \rightarrow K \ell \nu & B \rightarrow D \ell \nu, D^* \ell \nu \\ & \Lambda_c \rightarrow \Lambda \ell \nu, \Xi_c \rightarrow \Xi \ell \nu & \Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda_c \ell \nu \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \\ \langle B_d | \bar{B}_d \rangle & \langle B_s | \bar{B}_s \rangle & \\ B \rightarrow \pi \ell \ell & B \rightarrow K \ell \ell & \end{pmatrix}$$



Lattice QCD in a nutshell

Lattice v.s. Continuum

We simulate:

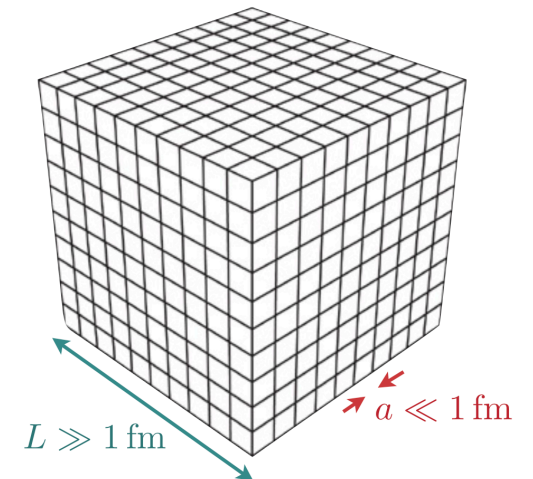
- 😊 Euclidean space
- 😊 Finite lattice spacing a
- 😊 Finite volume L^3
- 😊 Lattice regularization
- 😊 Some bare input quark masses:

am_l, am_s, am_c, am_b

In general, $m_\pi^{\text{lat}} \neq m_\pi^{\text{phy}}$

We want:

- 🤔 Minkowski space
- 🤔 $a \rightarrow 0$
- 🤔 $L \rightarrow \infty$
- 🤔 Some continuum scheme
- 🤔 $m_q^{\text{lat}} = m_q^{\text{phy}}$



⇒ **Need to control all limits**: particularly simultaneously control FV and discretization

⇒ **Universality**: different input parameters **must** give converge results.

Challenges in heavy flavors from LQCD

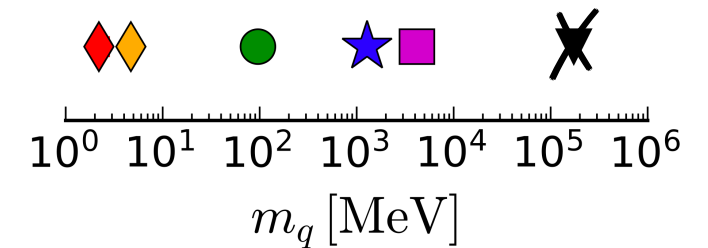
🤔 Problems of heavy quarks on discrete lattice:

Care about both **IR (finite volume)** and **UV (discretization)** regulators:

$$m_\pi L \gtrsim 4, \text{ and } a^{-1} \gg \text{mass scale of interest}$$

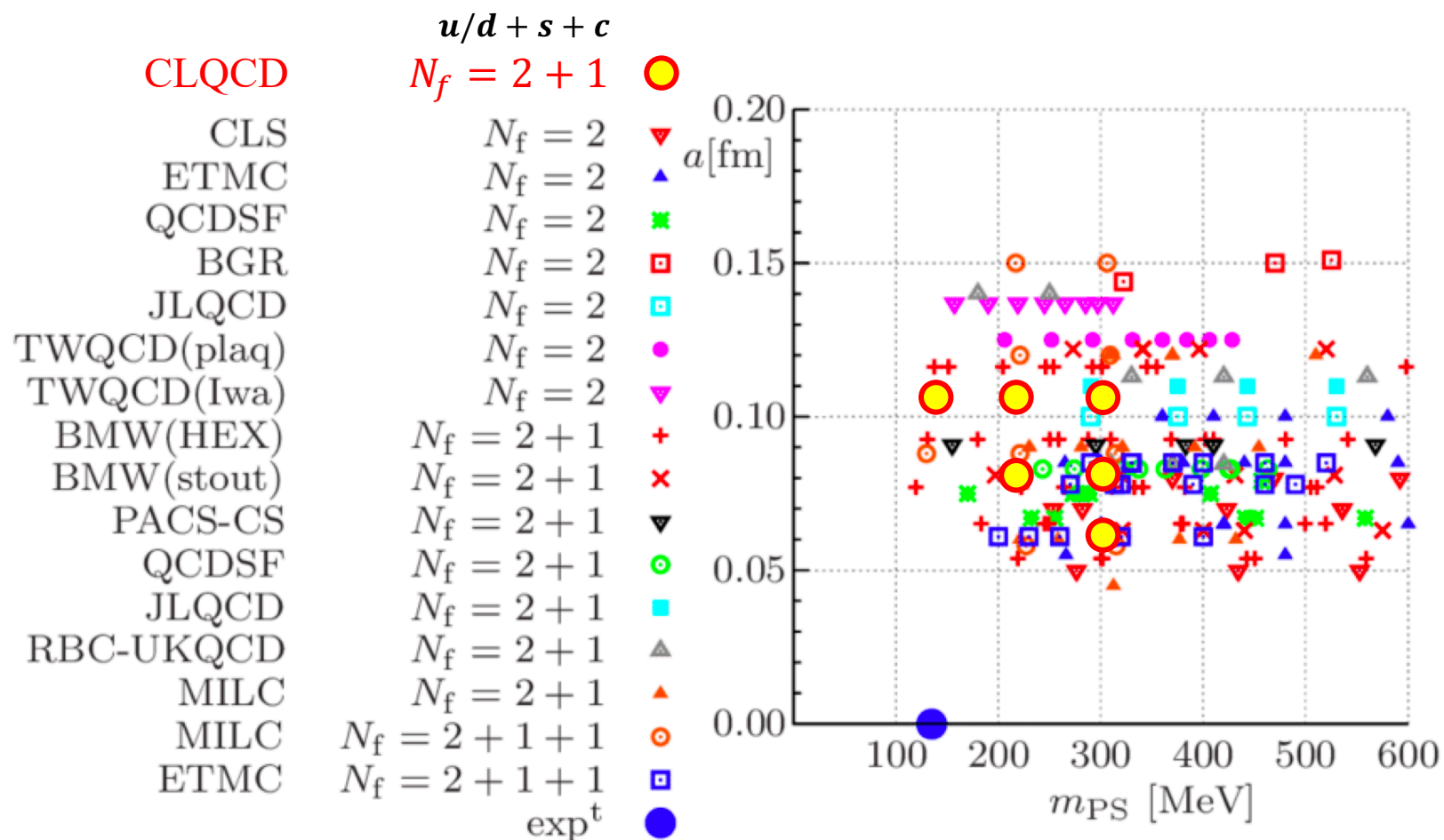
⇒ For $m_\pi = m_\pi^{\text{phy}} \sim 140\text{MeV}$, and $m_c \simeq 1.3\text{GeV}$, $m_b \simeq 4.2\text{GeV}$, that needs:

- $L \gtrsim 5.6\text{fm}$,
- $a^{-1} \gg 1.3\text{GeV} \simeq (0.15\text{fm})^{-1}$ **for charm** 🤔
- $a^{-1} \gg 4.2\text{GeV} \simeq (0.05\text{fm})^{-1}$ **for bottom** 😓



More flavors, need finer lattice

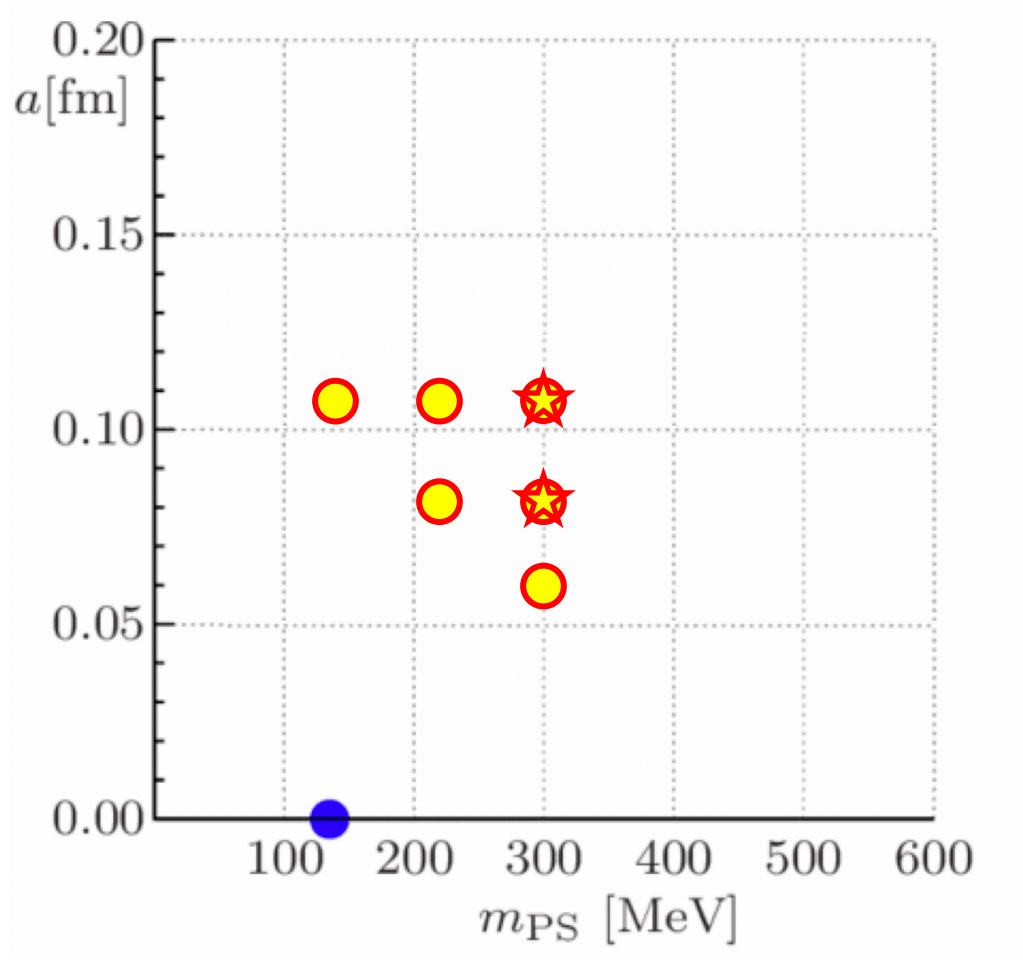
Recover to continuum physics



Source image from K. Jansen et al, added *CLQCD (in preparation)* in extras.

Recover to continuum physics

This work based on the first CLQCD ensembles



★ Ensembles completed before 2022:

✓ Semi-leptonic decays of E_c

Q-A. Zhang *et al.*, CPC46, 011002 (2022)

○ Ensembles completed after 2022:

✓ $E_c - E_c'$ mixing

H. Liu *et al.*, arXiv: hep-lat/2303.17865

Semi-leptonic decays of Ξ_c

☞ Determine the **CKM matrix element** $|V_{cs}|$;

☞ Ξ_c contains more versatile decay modes, will **reveal more QCD dynamics**:

A different pattern between inclusive and exclusive decays of Λ_c and D :

$$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow X e^+ \nu_e) = (3.95 \pm 0.34 \pm 0.09) \%$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda e^+ \nu_e) = (3.63 \pm 0.38 \pm 0.20) \%$$

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$$\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow X e^+ \nu_e) = (6.49 \pm 0.11) \%$$

$$\mathcal{B}(D^0 \rightarrow K^- e^+ \nu_e) = (3.542 \pm 0.035) \%$$

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☞ **Experimental researches of heavy baryons:**

✓ Studies of doubly-charmed baryon Ξ_{cc}^{++} decay

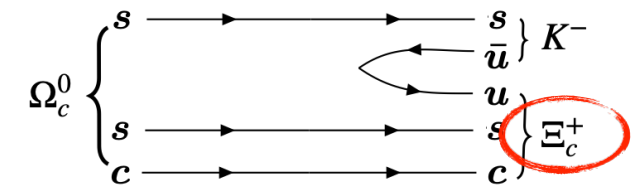
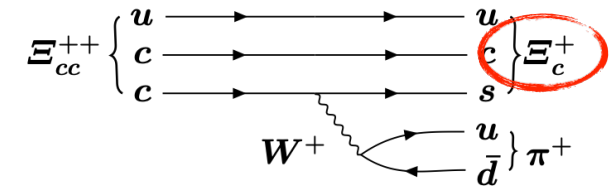
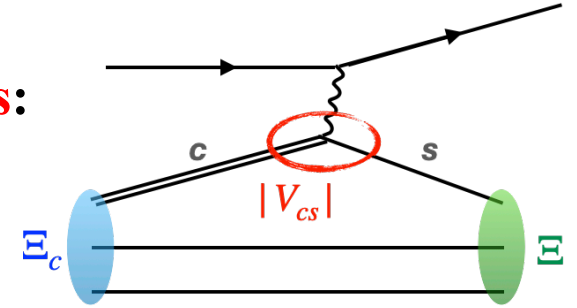
R. Aaij *et al.* [LHCb], PRL121, 162002 (2018)

✓ Precision measurement of the lifetime of Ξ_b^0

R. Aaij *et al.* [LHCb], PRL113, 032001 (2014)

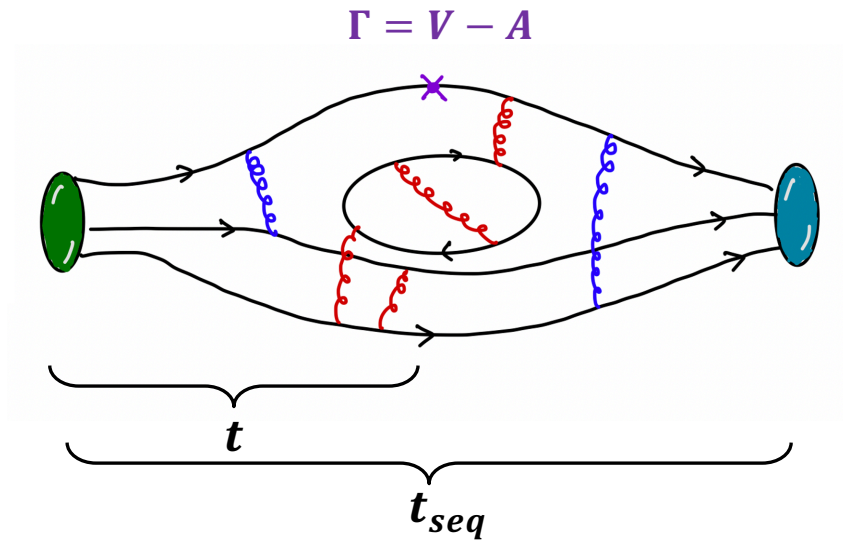
✓ Discovery of new exotic hadron candidates Ω_c

R. Aaij *et al.* [LHCb], PRL118, 182001(2017)



Semi-leptonic form factors from lattice

✓ LQCD calculations of 2-point & 3-point function



- $t, t_{seq} \rightarrow \infty$ to isolate the ground state;
- $t_{seq} \gg t, (t_{seq} - t)$

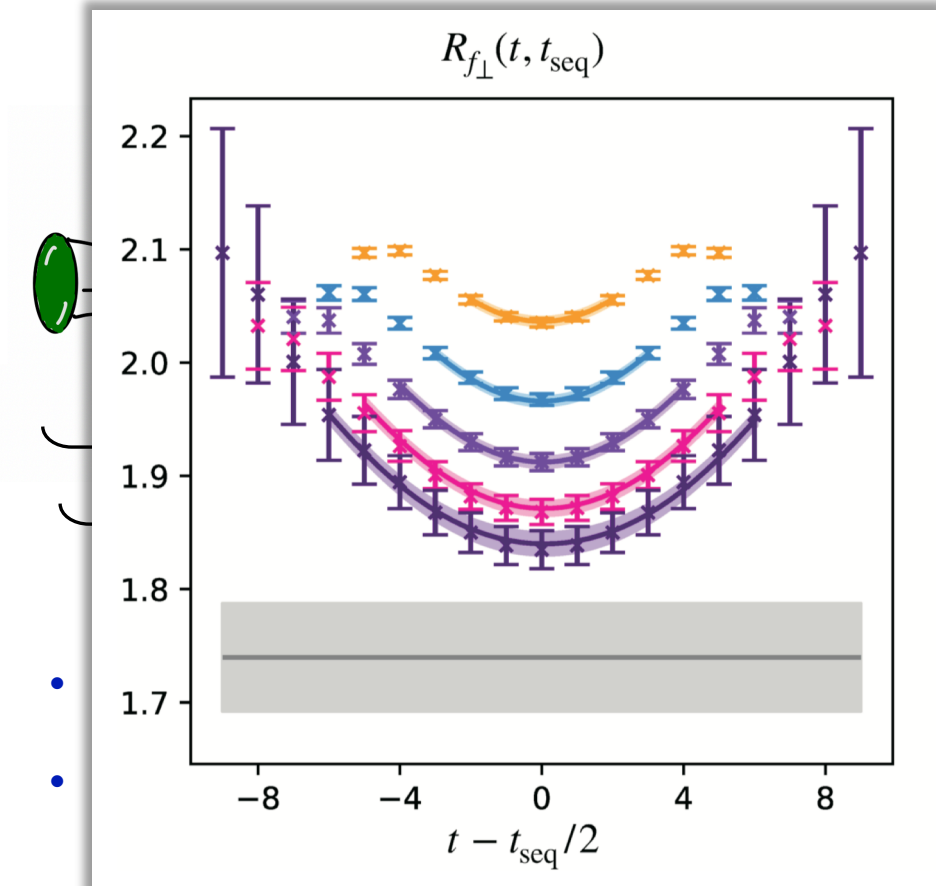
- Ratio between 3pt and 2pt related to the form factors:

$$R(q^2, t, t_{seq}; T, \Gamma) = \sqrt{\frac{C_3(q^2, t, t_{seq}; T, \Gamma) C_3(q^2, t, t_{seq} - t; T, \Gamma)}{C_2^{\Xi^c}(t_{seq}; T) C_2^{\Xi}(t_{seq}; T)}} \\ \approx F \left[1 + c_1 \left(e^{-\Delta E t/2} + e^{-\Delta E (t_{seq} - t)/2} \right) \right]$$

- F : ground state matrix element with specific Γ and projection T ;
- Linear combinations of F give the form factors;

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- Linear combinations of F give the form factors;
- “Just” do the fit.

Parameterizing q^2 dependence: z-expansion

🤔 Discrete datapoints → Continuous distribution

Conformal mapping: **z-expansion** → **wider kinematic range**

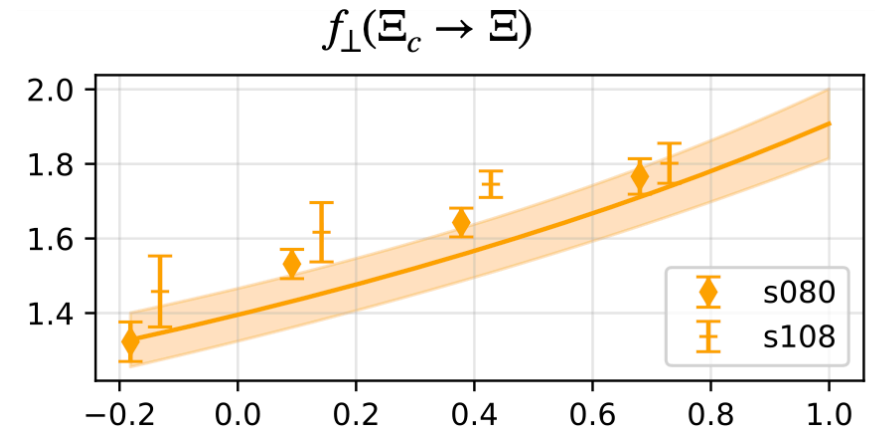
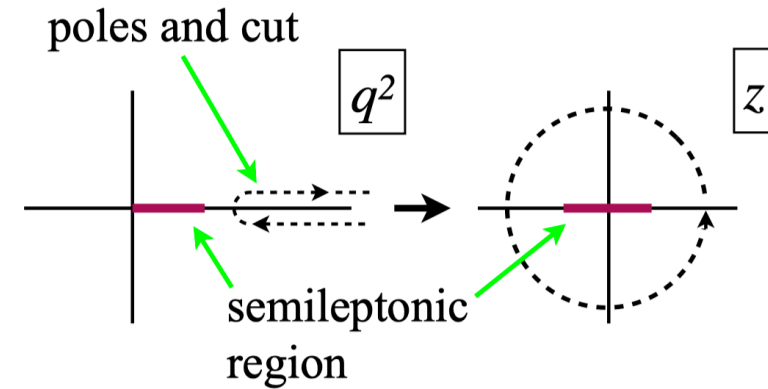
$$z(q^2) = \frac{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} - \sqrt{t_+ - t_0}}{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} + \sqrt{t_+ - t_0}}$$

$$t_0 = q_{\max}^2 = (m_{\Xi_c} - m_{\Xi})^2, \quad t_+ = (m_D + m_K)^2$$

Parametrization of form factors: [PRD79,013008\(2009\)](#)

$$f(q^2) = \frac{1}{1 - q^2 / (m_{\text{pole}}^f)^2} \sum_{n=0}^{n_{\max}} (c_n^f + d_n^f a^2) [z(q^2)]^n$$

- Use D_s pole mass in the form factors;
- Consider the **discretization effects** by estimating the d_n^f terms.



$\Xi_c \rightarrow \Xi$ form factors from LQCD

✓ Branching fractions:

$$\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- e^+ \nu_e) = 2.38(0.30)(0.32)(0.07) \%$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu) = 2.29(0.29)(0.30)(0.06) \%$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^0 e^+ \nu_e) = 7.18(0.90)(0.96)(0.20) \%$$

$$\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^0 \mu^+ \nu_\mu) = 6.91(0.87)(0.91)(0.19) \%$$

✓ Determination of $|V_{cs}|$:

⇒ from ALICE results:

$$|V_{cs}| = 0.983(0.060)_{\text{stat.}}(0.065)_{\text{syst.}}(0.167)_{\text{exp.}}$$

⇒ from Belle results:

$$|V_{cs}| = 0.834(0.051)_{\text{stat.}}(0.056)_{\text{syst.}}(0.127)_{\text{exp.}}$$

⇒ PDG average:

$$|V_{cs}| = 0.97320 \pm 0.00011$$

PDG $\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- e^+ \nu_e) = (1.8 \pm 1.2) \%$

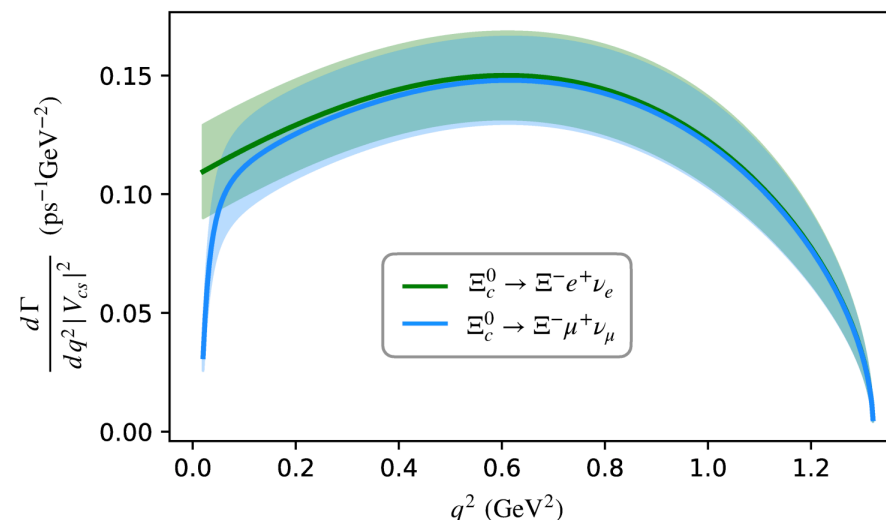
Belle $\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- e^+ \nu_e) = (1.72 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.50) \%$

ALICE $\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- e^+ \nu_e) = (2.43 \pm 0.25 \pm 0.35 \pm 0.72) \%$

QCD SR $\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- e^+ \nu_e) = (3.4 \pm 1.7) \%$

LF QM $\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- e^+ \nu_e) = (3.49 \pm 0.95) \%$

LCSR $\mathcal{B}(\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- e^+ \nu_e) = (2.4^{+0.9}_{-1.0}) \%$



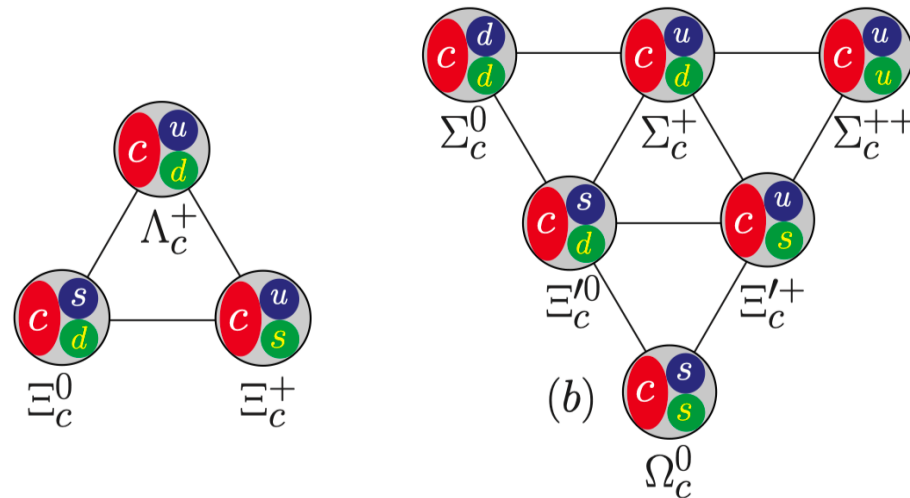
$\Xi_c - \Xi_c'$ mixing

Mixing between mass eigenstates and flavor eigenstates:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Xi_c \\ \Xi_c' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Xi_c^{\bar{3}} \\ \Xi_c^6 \end{pmatrix}$$

PLB823,136765(2021)

channel	branching ratio(%)		
	experimental data	fit data(pole model)	fit data(constant).
$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda^0 e^+ \nu_e$	3.6 ± 0.4	3.61 ± 0.32	3.62 ± 0.32
$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda^0 \mu^+ \nu_\mu$	3.5 ± 0.5	3.48 ± 0.30	3.45 ± 0.30
$\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^0 e^+ \nu_e$	2.3 ± 1.5	3.89 ± 0.73	3.92 ± 0.73
$\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- e^+ \nu_e$	1.54 ± 0.35	1.29 ± 0.24	1.31 ± 0.24
$\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- \mu^+ \nu_\mu$	1.27 ± 0.44	1.24 ± 0.23	1.24 ± 0.23
fit parameter (pole model)	$f_1 = 1.01 \pm 0.87, \delta f_1 = -0.51 \pm 0.92$ $f_1' = 0.60 \pm 0.49, \delta f_1' = -0.23 \pm 0.41$		$\chi^2/d.o.f = 1.6$
fit parameter (constant)	$f_1 = 0.86 \pm 0.92, \delta f_1 = -0.25 \pm 0.88$ $f_1' = 0.85 \pm 0.36, \delta f_1' = -0.43 \pm 0.50$		$\chi^2/d.o.f = 1.9$



Triplet

Sextet

$$T_{c\bar{3}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Lambda_c^+ & \Xi_c^+ \\ -\Lambda_c^+ & 0 & \Xi_c^0 \\ -\Xi_c^+ & -\Xi_c^0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad T_{c6} = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_c^{++} & \frac{\Sigma_c^+}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{\Xi_c^{+'}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{\Sigma_c^+}{\sqrt{2}} & \Sigma_c^0 & \frac{\Xi_c^{0'}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{\Xi_c^{+'}}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{\Xi_c^{0'}}{\sqrt{2}} & \Omega_c^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Xi_c - \Xi_c'$ mixing

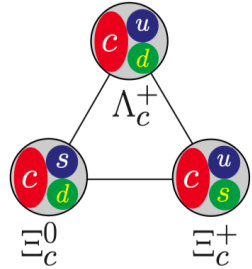
🤔 Several works from various methods are controversial.....

Sum rule	$5.5^\circ \pm 1.8^\circ$	<i>Phys. Rev. D 83, 016008 (2011);</i>
HQET	$8.12^\circ \pm 0.80^\circ$	<i>Nucl. Phys. A 1008, 122139, (2021);</i>
Quark model	$16.27^\circ \pm 2.30^\circ$	<i>Phys. Rev. D 105, 096011 (2022);</i>
	$24.66^\circ \pm 0.90^\circ$	<i>Phys. Lett. B 838, 137736, (2023);</i> <i>Phys. Lett. B 839, 137831, (2023);</i>
Lattice QCD	Negligibly small	<i>Phys. Rev. D 90, 094507, (2014).</i>

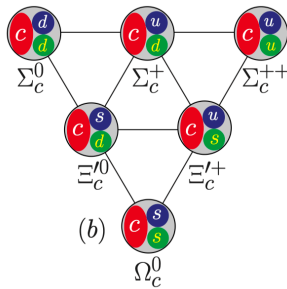
$\Xi_c - \Xi_c'$ mixing from LQCD

Baryonic currents of $SU(3)_F$ eigenstates: $3 \otimes 3 = \bar{3} \oplus 6$

Phys. Lett. B, 285:254–262, 1992.



➤ Anti-symmetric triplet: $O^{\bar{3}} = \epsilon^{abc} \underbrace{(\ell^{Ta} C \gamma_5 s^b)}_{J=0} P_+ \tilde{c}^c,$



➤ Symmetric sextet: $O^6 = \epsilon^{abc} \underbrace{(\ell^{Ta} C \vec{\gamma} s^b)}_{J=1} \cdot \vec{\gamma} \gamma_5 P_+ \tilde{c}^c$

⇒ Build the 2×2 correlation function matrix for lattice calculation:

$$\mathcal{C}(t, t_0) = \sum_{\vec{x}} \begin{pmatrix} \left\langle O_p^{\bar{3}}(\vec{x}, t) \bar{O}_w^{\bar{3}}(\vec{0}, t_0) \right\rangle & \left\langle O_p^{\bar{3}}(\vec{x}, t) \bar{O}_w^6(\vec{0}, t_0) \right\rangle \\ \left\langle O_p^6(\vec{x}, t) \bar{O}_w^{\bar{3}}(\vec{0}, t_0) \right\rangle & \left\langle O_p^6(\vec{x}, t) \bar{O}_w^6(\vec{0}, t_0) \right\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

Mixing angle from correlated joint fit

- Parametrization form of correlation function matrix elements:

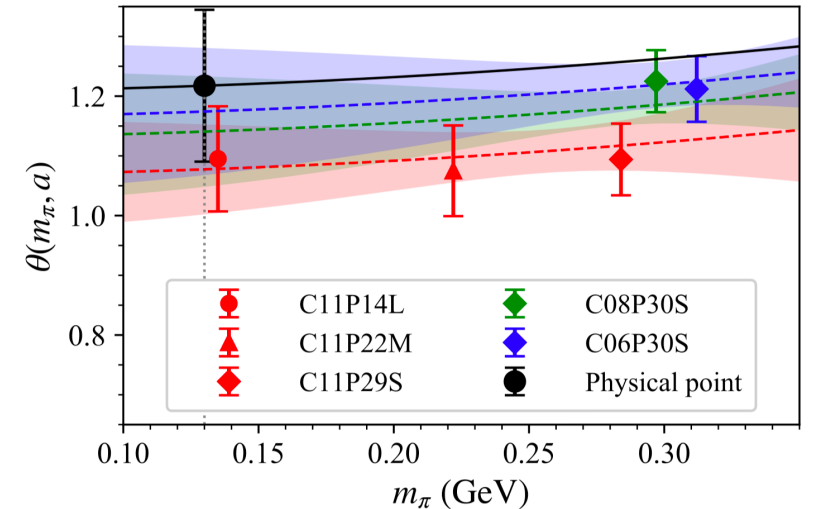
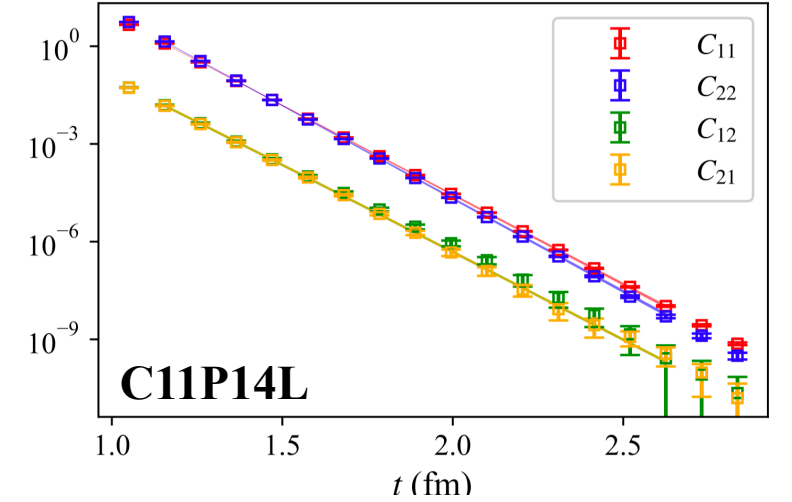
$$C_{11}(t, t_0) = A_p A_w^\dagger \left[\frac{\cos^2 \theta}{2m_{\Xi_c}} e^{-m_{\Xi_c}(t-t_0)} + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{2m_{\Xi'_c}} e^{-m_{\Xi'_c}(t-t_0)} \right],$$

$$C_{12}(t, t_0) = A_p B_w^\dagger \left[\frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{2m_{\Xi_c}} e^{-m_{\Xi_c}(t-t_0)} - \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{2m_{\Xi'_c}} e^{-m_{\Xi'_c}(t-t_0)} \right],$$

$$C_{21}(t, t_0) = B_p A_w^\dagger \left[\frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{2m_{\Xi_c}} e^{-m_{\Xi_c}(t-t_0)} - \frac{\cos \theta \sin \theta}{2m_{\Xi'_c}} e^{-m_{\Xi'_c}(t-t_0)} \right],$$

$$C_{22}(t, t_0) = B_p B_w^\dagger \left[\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{2m_{\Xi_c}} e^{-m_{\Xi_c}(t-t_0)} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{2m_{\Xi'_c}} e^{-m_{\Xi'_c}(t-t_0)} \right],$$

➤ Parameters: $A_w, A_p, B_w, B_p, m_{\Xi_c}, m_{\Xi'_c}, \theta$



Mixing angle from generalized eigenvalue problem (GEVP)

Solving the generalized eigenvalue problem:

$$\mathcal{C}(t)v_n(t) = \lambda_n(t)\mathcal{C}(t_r)v_n(t),$$

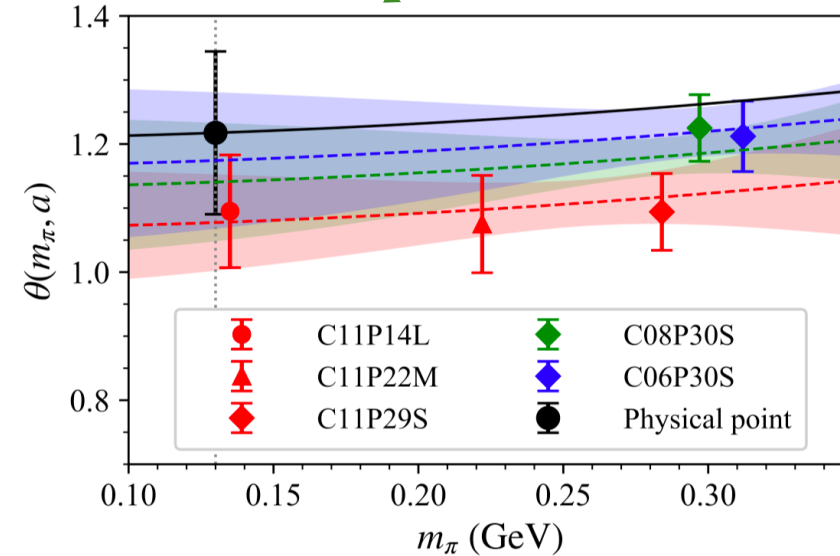
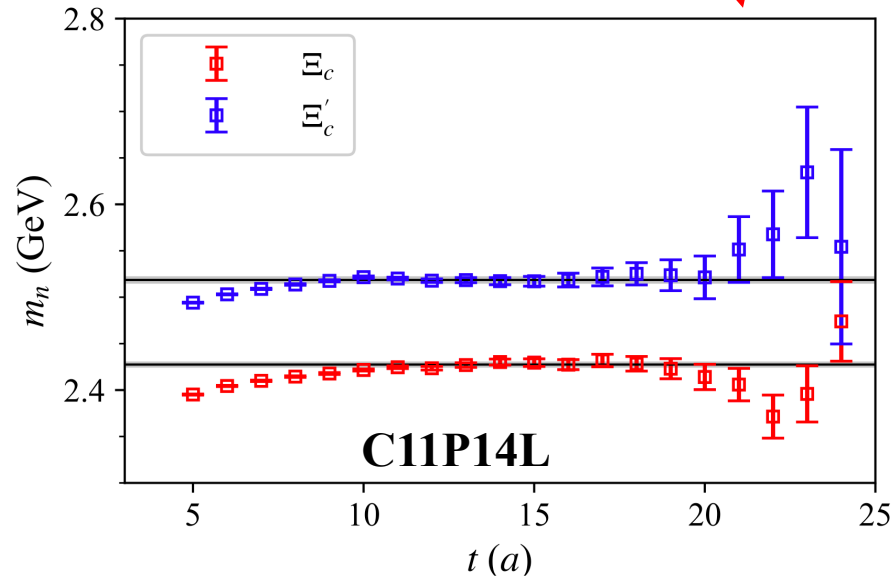
Mass from eigenvalues
Reference time

$$\lambda_n(t) = c_0 e^{-m_n(t-t_r)} \left(1 + c_1 e^{-\Delta E(t-t_r)} \right)$$

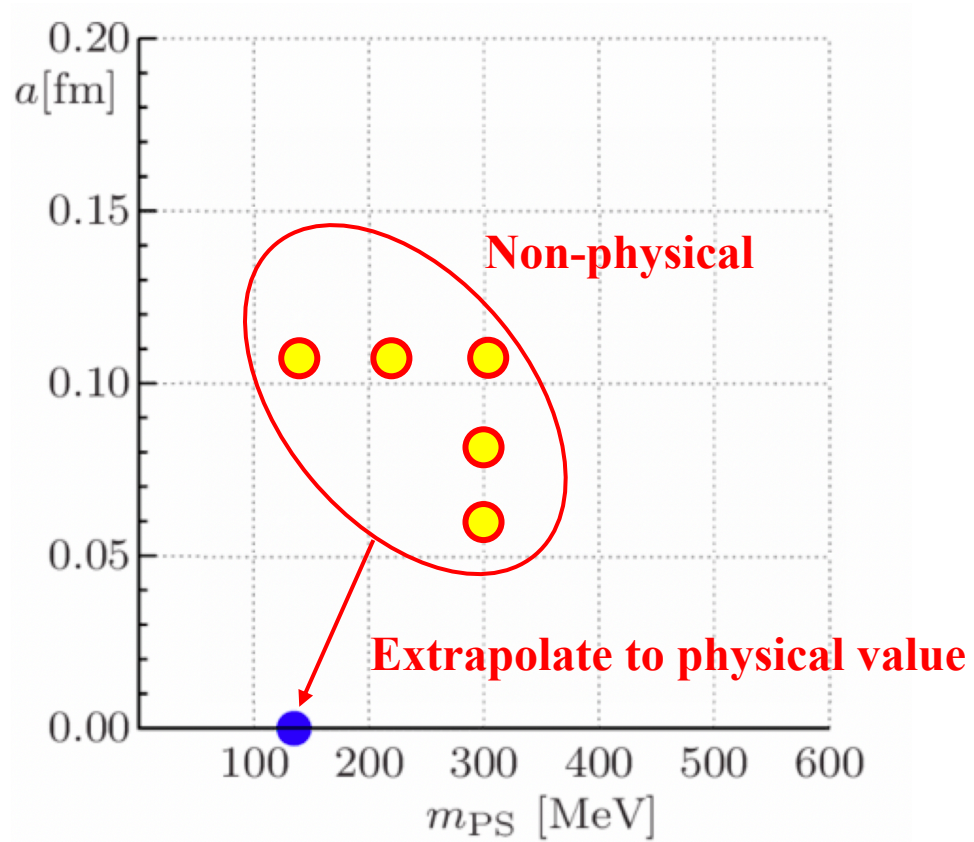
$$v_1 = \sqrt{1 + \frac{A_p^2 \cot^2 \theta}{B_p^2}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{A_p}{B_p} \cot \theta \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$v_2 = \sqrt{1 + \frac{A_p^2 \tan^2 \theta}{B_p^2}} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{A_p}{B_p} \tan \theta \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

Mixing angle from eigenvectors



Chiral and continuum extrapolation

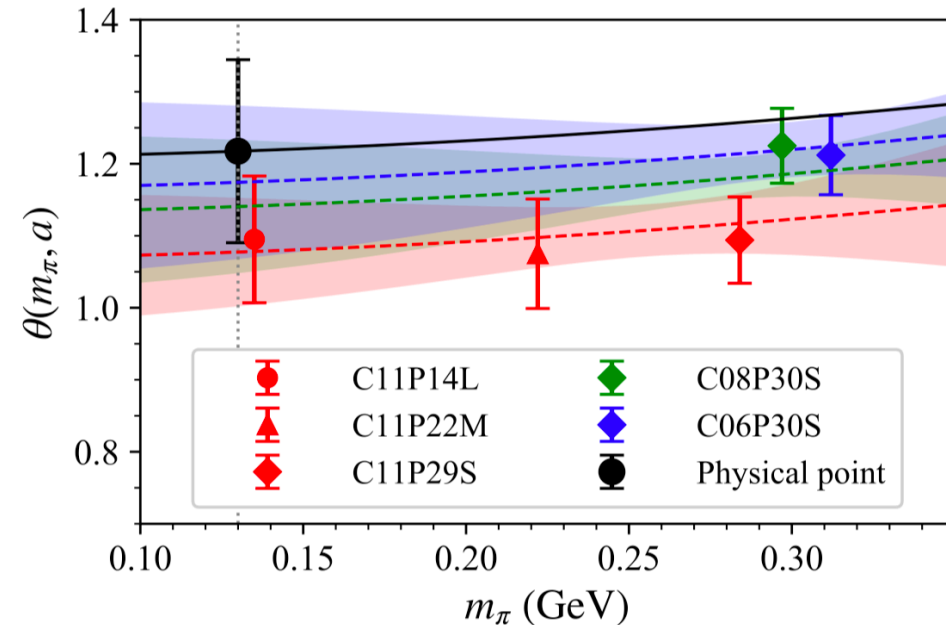
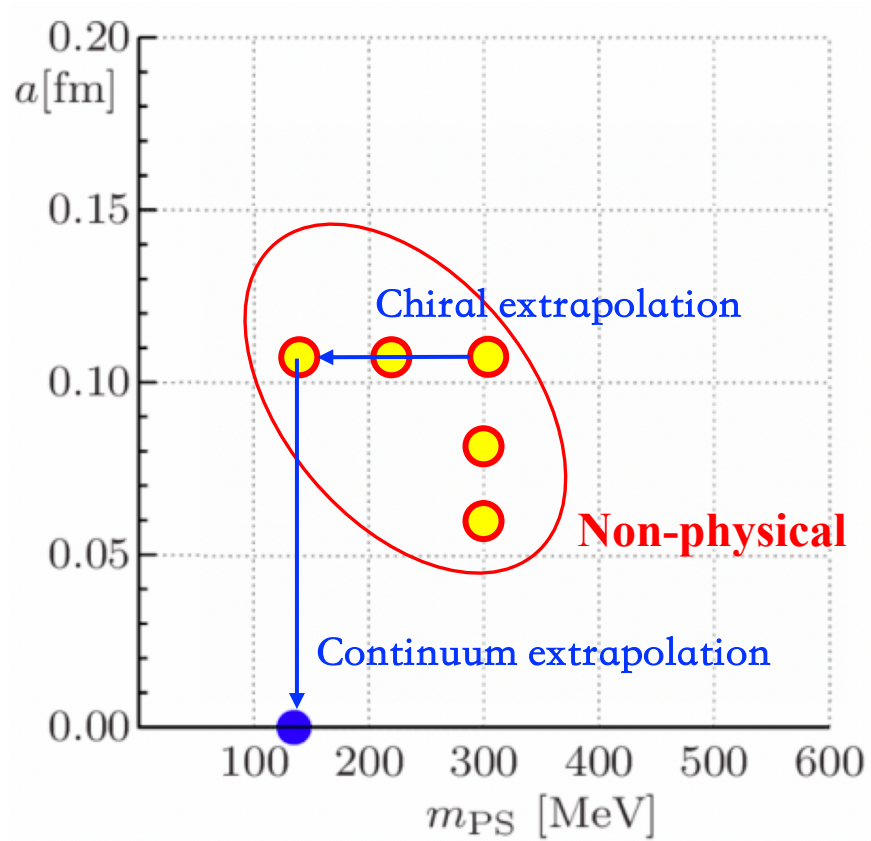


Chiral and continuum extrapolation

Extrapolation formula:

$$\theta(m_\pi, a) = \theta_{\text{phy}} + c_1 (m_\pi^2 - m_{\pi, \text{phy}}^2) + c_2 a^2,$$
$$m_n(m_\pi, a) = m_{n, \text{phy}} + c_1 (m_\pi^2 - m_{\pi, \text{phy}}^2) + c_2 a^2.$$

⇒ Extrapolated results:



m_c dependence

In HQET, the mixing would vanish in the heavy-quark limit.

🤔 Valence quark mass is tunable in lattice QCD...

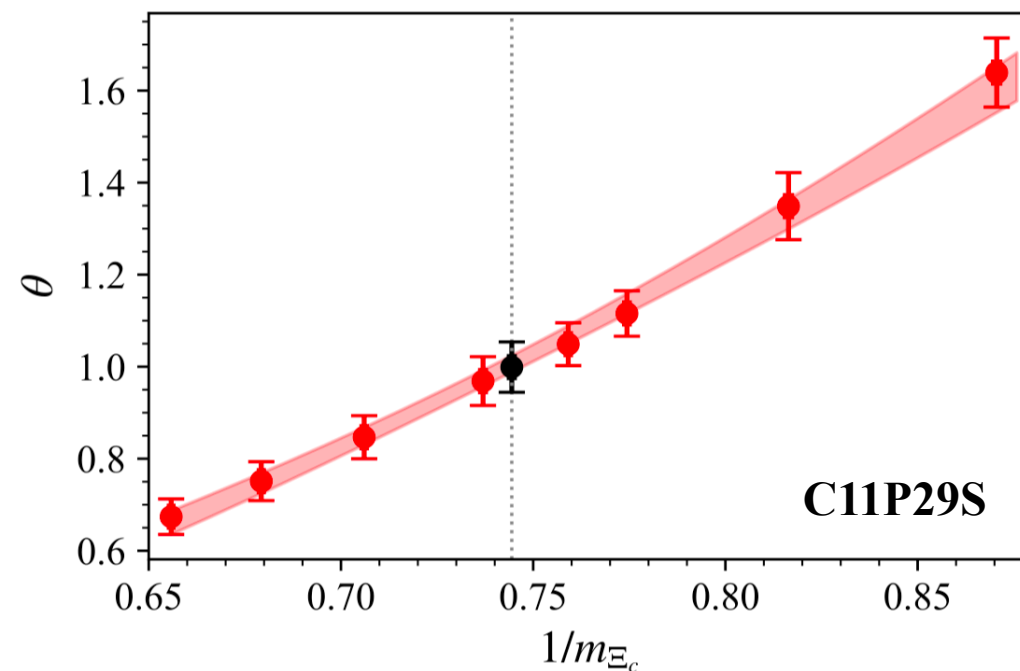
⇒ Solve the baryon masses and mixing angle from

different charm quark masses;

⇒ Then fit the m_c dependence of θ :

$$\theta = \frac{B_1}{m_{\Xi_c}} + \frac{B_2}{m_{\Xi_c}^2}.$$

$B_1 = -2.78(52)\text{GeV}$ and $B_2 = 12.9(1.3)\text{GeV}^2$ with $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f} = 0.11$.



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Lattice calculations have achieved significant progress in the past years.

Extensive analyses already in light meson sector.

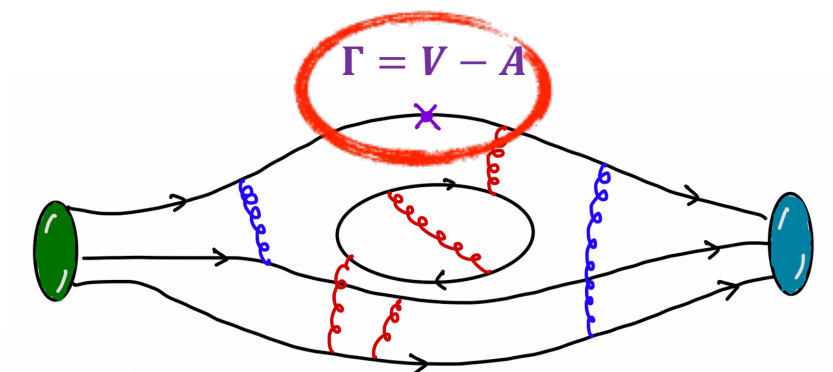
While heavy flavor physics on lattice is underway.....

Thank you for your attention!

Backup slides

Non-perturbative renormalization

Vector and axial-vector $c \rightarrow s$ current



- Z_V from conserved and local vector currents;
- Z_A/Z_V from off-shell quark matrix elements.

Like Z_V :

$$R_V^{q_1 \rightarrow q_2}(t) = \frac{\left\langle M_1\left(\frac{T}{2}\right) \sum_{\vec{x}} V_c^{q_1 \rightarrow q_2}(\vec{x}, t) M_2(0) \right\rangle}{\left\langle M_1\left(\frac{T}{2}\right) \sum_{\vec{x}} V^{q_1 \rightarrow q_2}(\vec{x}, t) M_2(0) \right\rangle} = Z_V^{q_1 \rightarrow q_2} + \mathcal{O}\left(e^{-\frac{T}{4\Delta E}}\right)$$

with $(M_1, M_2) = (\eta_s, D_s)$ v.s. $\sqrt{(\eta_s, \eta_s) * (\eta_c, \eta_c)}$

