

Neutral meson oscillations in the Standard Model and beyond from $N_f = 2$ Twisted Mass Lattice QCD

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We present the ETMC results for the bag parameters describing the neutral kaon mixing in the Standard Model and beyond and preliminary results for the bag parameters controlling the short distance contributions in the $D^0 - \bar{D}^0$ oscillations. We also present preliminary results for the B_{Bd} , B_{Bs} , B_{Bs}/B_{Bd} and ξ parameter controlling $B_{d/s}^0 - \bar{B}_{d/s}^0$ oscillations in the Standard Model employing the so-called ratio method. Using $N_f = 2$ maximally twisted sea quarks and Osterwalder-Seiler valence quarks we achieve both $\mathcal{O}(a)$ -improvement and continuum like renormalization pattern. Simulations are performed at three-values of the lattice spacing and several values of quark masses in the light, strange, charm region and above charm up to $\sim 2.5m_c$. Our results are extrapolated to the continuum limit and extrapolated/interpolated to the physical quark masses.

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1. Introduction

Flavour Changing Neutral Currents (FCNC) and CP violation may provide relevant information on the impact of beyond the Standard Model (BSM). The lattice computation of the relevant matrix elements appearing in $K^0 - \bar{K}^0$ and $B^0 - \bar{B}^0$ mixing in combination with the experimental value of ϵ_K , ΔM_{B_d} and ΔM_{B_s} offers the opportunity to constrain the BSM model parameters. $D^0 - \bar{D}^0$, at variance with $K^0 - \bar{K}^0$ and $B^0 - \bar{B}^0$ mixing, involves valence up-type quarks so it is sensitive to a different sector of New Physics (NP). Although long distance effects dominate over short distance effects in the D system, it is still possible to put significant constraints on the NP parameter space. The most general BSM $\Delta F = 2$ effective Hamiltonian of dimension-six operators contributing to neutral meson mixing is

$$H_{\text{eff}}^{\Delta F=2} = \sum_{i=1}^5 C_i(\mu) Q_i \quad (1.1)$$

where the operators Q_i involving light (l) and non-light (h) quarks read

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1 &= [\bar{h}^a \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) l^a] [\bar{h}^b \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) l^b] \\ Q_2 &= [\bar{h}^a (1 - \gamma_5) l^a] [\bar{h}^b (1 - \gamma_5) l^b] & Q_3 &= [\bar{h}^a (1 - \gamma_5) l^b] [\bar{h}^b (1 - \gamma_5) l^a] \\ Q_4 &= [\bar{h}^a (1 - \gamma_5) l^a] [\bar{h}^b (1 + \gamma_5) l^b] & Q_5 &= [\bar{h}^a (1 - \gamma_5) l^b] [\bar{h}^b (1 + \gamma_5) l^a] \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

2. Lattice setup

Our lattice computations has been performed at three values of the lattice spacing using the $N_f = 2$ dynamical quark configurations produced by ETMC. In the gauge sector, the tree-level Symanzik improved action has been used while the dynamical sea quarks have been regularized employing a twisted mass doublet at maximal twist [1] which provides automatic $\mathcal{O}(a)$ improvement [2]. The fermionic action for the light doublet ψ in the sea reads in the so-called physical basis

$$S_{\text{sea}}^{\text{Mtm}} = \sum_x \bar{\psi}(x) \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \gamma_\mu (\nabla_\mu + \nabla_\mu^*) - i\gamma_5 \tau^3 \left[M_{\text{cr}} - \frac{a}{2} \sum_\mu \nabla_\mu^* \nabla_\mu \right] + \mu_{\text{sea}} \right\} \psi(x) \quad (2.1)$$

In addition, both $\mathcal{O}(a)$ improvement and continuum-like renormalization pattern for the four-fermion operators are achieved by introducing an Osterwalder-Seiler [3] valence quark action allowing for a replica of the heavy (h, h') and the light (l, l') quarks [4]. The valence quark action reads

$$S_{\text{val}}^{\text{OS}} = \sum_x \sum_{f=l, l', h, h'} \bar{q}_f \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \gamma_\mu (\nabla_\mu + \nabla_\mu^*) - i\gamma_5 r_f \left[M_{\text{cr}} - \frac{a}{2} \sum_\mu \nabla_\mu^* \nabla_\mu \right] + \mu_f \right\} q_f(x) \quad (2.2)$$

where the Wilson parameters are conveniently chosen such that $r_h = r_l = r_{h'} = -r_{l'}$.

In table 1 we give the details of the simulation and the values of the sea and the valence quark masses at each value of the gauge coupling. The smallest sea quark mass corresponds to a pion of about 280 MeV for the case of $\beta = 3.90$. We simulate three heavy valence quark masses μ_{s^*} around the physical strange one to allow for a smooth interpolation, further three μ_{c^*} around the physical charm mass followed by a sequence of heavier masses in the range $(m_c, 2.5m_c)$. For the

β	$a^{-4}(L^3 \times T)$	$a\mu_l = a\mu_{sea}$	$a\mu_{s^*}$	$a\mu_{c^*}$	$a\mu_h$
3.80 ($a \sim 0.1\text{fm}$)	$24^3 \times 48$	0.0080 0.0110	0.0165 0.0200 0.0250	0.1982 0.2331 0.2742	0.3225 0.3793 0.4461 0.5246 0.6170
3.90 ($a \sim 0.085\text{fm}$)	$24^3 \times 48$	0.0040 0.0064 0.0085 0.0100	0.0150 0.0220 0.0270	0.1828 0.2150 0.2529	0.2974 0.3498 0.4114 0.4839 0.5691
4.05 ($a \sim 0.065\text{fm}$)	$32^3 \times 64$	0.0030 0.0040	0.0120 0.0150 0.0180	0.1572 0.1849 0.2175	0.2558 0.3008 0.3538 0.4162 0.4895

Table 1: Simulation details

inversions in the valence sector we used the stochastic method with propagator sources located at random timeslices in order to increase the statistical information [5, 6]. Gaussian smeared quark fields [7] are used for masses above the physical charm one ¹ in order to improve the determination of the ground state contribution with respect to the case of simple local interpolating fields. The value of the smearing parameters are $k_G = 4$ and $N_G = 30$. In addition, we apply APE-smearing to the gauge links in the interpolating fields [8] with the parameters $\alpha_{APE} = 0.5$ and $N_{APE} = 20$.

3. Bag parameters

The bag parameters associated to the operators in Eq.(1.2) are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \bar{P}^0 | Q_1(\mu) | P^0 \rangle &= C_1 B_1(\mu) m_P^2 f_P^2 \equiv C_1 B_K(\mu) m_P^2 f_P^2 \\ \langle \bar{P}^0 | Q_i(\mu) | P^0 \rangle &= C_i B_i(\mu) \left[\frac{m_P^2 f_P}{m_h(\mu) + m_l(\mu)} \right]^2 \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

where $C_i = 8/3, -5/3, 1/3, 2, 2/3, i = 1, \dots, 5$. The renormalisation constants (RCs) of the relevant four- and two-fermion operators has been computed non-perturbatively in the RI'-MOM scheme [9]. Due to the OS-tm mixed action setup, the renormalized values of the bag parameters are given by the formulae [4] [10] [11]

$$\hat{B}_1 = \frac{Z_{11}}{Z_A Z_V} B_1, \quad \hat{B}_i = \frac{Z_{ij}}{Z_P Z_S} B_j \quad i, j = 2, \dots, 5 \quad (3.2)$$

4. $K^0 - \bar{K}^0$

For large time separation $y_0 \ll x_0 \ll y_0 + T_{sep}$ the plateau of the following ratio estimates

$$E[B_1](x_0) = \frac{C_1(x_0)}{C_{AP}(x_0)C'_{AP}(x_0)}, \quad E[B_i](x_0) = \frac{C_i(x_0)}{C_{PP}(x_0)C'_{PP}(x_0)} \quad (4.1)$$

provides the estimate of bare B_i . The involved correlators are

$$\begin{aligned} C_i(x_0) &= \sum_{\vec{x}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{y_0+T_{sep}}^{43} Q_i(\vec{x}, x_0) \mathcal{P}_{y_0}^{21} \rangle \\ C_{PP}(x_0) &= \sum_{\vec{x}} \langle P^{12}(\vec{x}, x_0) \mathcal{P}_{y_0}^{21} \rangle, & C_{AP}(x_0) &= \sum_{\vec{x}} \langle A^{12}(\vec{x}, x_0) \mathcal{P}_{y_0}^{21} \rangle \\ C'_{PP}(x_0) &= \sum_{\vec{x}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{y_0+T_{sep}}^{43} P^{34}(\vec{x}, x_0) \rangle, & C'_{AP}(x_0) &= \sum_{\vec{x}} \langle \mathcal{P}_{y_0+T_{sep}}^{43} A^{34}(\vec{x}, x_0) \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

¹see the last two columns in table 1

$\overline{MS}(2 \text{ GeV})$				
B_1	B_2	B_3	B_4	B_5
0.52(02)	0.54(03)	0.94(08)	0.82(05)	0.63(07)

Table 2: Continuum limit results for B_i parameters of the $K^0 - \bar{K}^0$ system renormalized in the \overline{MS} scheme of [12] at 2GeV using M1-type RCs defined in [11]

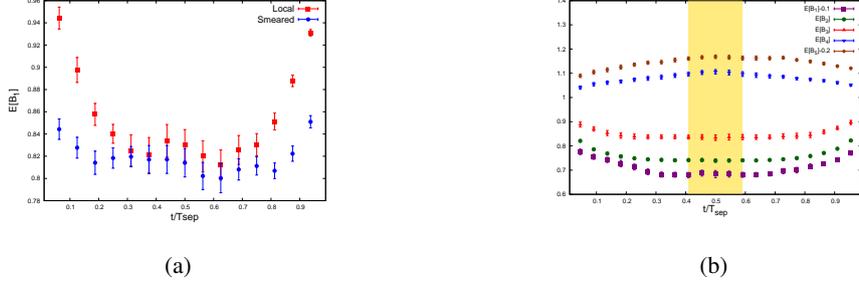


Figure 1: (a) Comparison of the plateau for the estimator of the B_1 bag parameter at $\beta = 3.80$ on a $24^3 \times 48$ lattice and $(a\mu_l, a\mu_h) = (0.0080, 0.2331)$ with local and smeared sources (b) Plateaus for $E[B_i]$ ($i=1, \dots, 5$) plotted vs t/T_{sep} for $\beta = 4.05$, $(a\mu_l, a\mu_h) = (0.0030, 0.1849)$ on a $32^3 \times 64$ lattice. The shaded region delimits the plateau interval.

with $^2 \mathcal{P}_{y_0}^{21} = \sum_{\vec{y}} \bar{q}_2(\vec{y}, y_0) \gamma_5 q_1(\vec{y}, y_0)$, $\mathcal{P}_{y_0}^{43} = \sum_{\vec{y}} \bar{q}_4(\vec{y}, y_0 + T_{\text{sep}}) \gamma_5 q_3(\vec{y}, y_0 + T_{\text{sep}})$ and $P^{ij} = \bar{q}_i \gamma_5 q_j$. In table 2 we gather our final continuum results for B_i in the \overline{MS} scheme. For details about the analysis, results and its phenomenological implications we refer to [10] and [11].

5. $D^0 - \bar{D}^0$

The bag parameters for the $D^0 - \bar{D}^0$ oscillations can be determined following the same strategy as in [10] and outlined in the previous section, now with two of the OS valence quarks representing the up quark while the other two will be identified with the charm quark, i.e $l \sim u$ and $h \sim c$. Physical values are obtained by interpolating data in μ_c to the physical value μ_c while chiral and continuum extrapolations are carried out simultaneously. The physical values for the charm quark mass have been previously derived and can be found in [13].

Exploratory studies show that using Gaussian smeared sources and choosing a time separation between meson sources smaller than $T/2$ (we set $T_{\text{sep}} = 16$ at $\beta = 3.8$, $T_{\text{sep}} = 18$ at $\beta = 3.9$, $T_{\text{sep}} = 22$ at $\beta = 4.05$) is crucial for quark masses around the physical charm and above. This improvement allows us to extract the ground state with more confidence and precision in a wider time interval. From figure 1a the benefit of Gaussian smearing compared to local source and sink is evident. For illustration in figure 1b we display the quality plateau of B_i at the smallest lattice spacing, $\beta = 4.05$, and for the smallest value of the light quark. Preliminary results are collected in table 3.

6. $B^0 - \bar{B}^0$

Since discretization errors on current lattices are expected to be large at the physical value of b-quark mass, our strategy for the computation of the bag-parameters in the B sector is based on the

² \mathcal{P} sources are local for K-meson and smeared for D- and B- mesons

$\overline{MS}(2 \text{ GeV})$				
B_1	B_2	B_3	B_4	B_5
0.78(04)	0.71(04)	1.10(12)	0.94(06)	1.17(15)

Table 3: Continuum limit results for B_i parameters of the $D^0 - \overline{D}^0$ system renormalized in the \overline{MS} scheme of [12] at 2GeV using M1-type RCs defined in [11]

ratio method approach proposed in [14] by introducing suitable ratios with exactly known static limit and interpolating them to the b-quark mass.

A similar strategy to the one employed in [15] for the computation of the B_d and B_s decay constants is followed here for the B_{Bd} and B_{Bs} parameters. According to HQET, the ratio of renormalized bag parameters evaluated in QCD is expected to approach unity as $1/\hat{\mu}_h \rightarrow 0$. The leading deviation are predicted to be of order $1/\log(\hat{\mu}_h/\Lambda_{QCD})$ and are expected to be tiny in the $\hat{\mu}_h$ range of our data. We consider the following chiral and continuum extrapolated scalar ratios, where the corrections to the power scaling in $1/\hat{\mu}_h$ (which are found to be at most \sim one standard deviation, see Eq.(6.5)) are estimated in perturbation theory by matching HQET to QCD through the C-factors

$$\omega_d(\hat{\mu}_h^{(n)}) = \lim_{\hat{\mu}_{sea} \rightarrow \hat{\mu}_{u/d}} \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \omega_d^L(\hat{\mu}^{(n)}; \hat{\mu}_{sea}, \hat{\mu}_l, a), \quad (6.1)$$

$$\omega_s(\hat{\mu}_h^{(n)}) = \lim_{\hat{\mu}_{sea} \rightarrow \hat{\mu}_{u/d}} \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \omega_s^L(\hat{\mu}^{(n)}; \hat{\mu}_{sea}, \hat{\mu}_s, a),$$

$$\text{with } \omega_{d/s}^L(\mu_h^{(n)}; \mu_{sea}, \hat{\mu}_l, a) = \frac{C(\hat{\mu}_h^{(n)}; \hat{\mu}^*, \mu) B_{Bd/s}(\hat{\mu}_h^{(n)}; \hat{\mu}_{sea}, \hat{\mu}_{l/s}, a)}{C(\hat{\mu}_h^{(n)}/\lambda; \hat{\mu}^*, \mu) B_{Bd/s}(\hat{\mu}_h^{(n)}/\lambda; \hat{\mu}_{sea}, \hat{\mu}_{l/s}, a)} \quad (6.2)$$

The C-factors ratio contains the information on the $1/\log(\hat{\mu}_h)$ corrections. At tree-level (TL) $C(\hat{\mu}_h^{(n)}; \hat{\mu}^*, \mu) = 1$, while at leading-log (LL) it is given by

$$C(\hat{\mu}_h^{(n)}; \hat{\mu}^*, \mu) = \left[\alpha(\hat{\mu}^*)/\alpha(\mu_h^{(n)}) \right]^{-(\tilde{\gamma}_0^{11})/2\beta_0} \left[\alpha(\mu_h^{(n)})/\alpha(\mu) \right]^{-(\tilde{\gamma}_0^{11})/2\beta_0} \left[\alpha(\hat{\mu}^*)/\alpha(\mu_h^{(n)}) \right]^{\tilde{\gamma}_A/\beta_0}$$

and at NLL (not included in this preliminary analysis) the HQET mixing of O_1 with $O_{2,3}$ should be considered. In the formula above $\tilde{\gamma}_A$ and $\tilde{\gamma}_0^{11}$ characterize the anomalous dimension (AD) of the axial hl -current and the “11” element of the AD-matrix of the $hlhl$ operator in HQET.

In order to have better control on the chiral extrapolation, we consider the double ratio B_{Bs}/B_{Bd}

$$\zeta_\omega^L(\hat{\mu}^{(n)}; \hat{\mu}_{sea}, \hat{\mu}_l, a) = \frac{\omega_s^L(\hat{\mu}^{(n)}; \hat{\mu}_{sea}, \hat{\mu}_s, a)}{\omega_d^L(\hat{\mu}^{(n)}; \hat{\mu}_{sea}, \hat{\mu}_l, a)} \quad (6.3)$$

which also tends to 1 in the continuum and chiral limit. The ratio method is also applied to the phenomenologically interesting quantity $\xi = (f_{Bs}/f_{Bd})\sqrt{B_{Bs}/B_{Bd}}$ by forming the ratios ζ_ξ^L analogous to Eq.(6.3) at successive values of the heavy quark mass.

The quantities ω_d^L , ω_s^L , ζ_ω^L and ζ_ξ^L have a smooth chiral and continuum extrapolation, showing no significant dependence on μ_l and small cutoff effects. The results turn out to be well described by a linear dependence in μ_l and a^2 . For instance in figure 2a we show the chiral and continuum extrapolation of ζ_ω^L at the fourth of the considered masses.

Finally, we study the dependence of the ratios ω_d , ω_s , ζ_ω and ζ_ξ on the inverse of the heavy quark mass as shown in figures 3a, 3b and 3c for ω_s , ζ_ω and ζ_ξ . For ω_d and ω_s we perform a linear ($\omega_{d/s} = 1 + b(\lambda)/\hat{\mu}_h$) or a quadratic ($\omega_{d/s} = 1 + b(\lambda)/\hat{\mu}_h + c(\lambda)/\hat{\mu}_h^2$) interpolation to the b-quark

mass and the difference between them will be eventually assigned as a systematic error. In contrast, ζ_ω and ζ_ξ show very weak dependence on the heavy quark mass, thus in these cases we perform either a quadratic or linear interpolation or we fix the ratio equal to its asymptotic heavy-quark mass limit $\zeta_\omega = 1$ and $\zeta_\xi = 1$.

From the structure of Eq.(6.2) we derive the iterative formulae

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{d,s}(\hat{\mu}_h^{(2)}) \omega_{d,s}(\hat{\mu}_h^{(3)}) \dots \omega_{d,s}(\hat{\mu}_h^{(K+1)}) &= \frac{C(\hat{\mu}_h^{(K+1)}) B_{Bd,s}(\hat{\mu}_h^{(K+1)})}{C(\hat{\mu}_h^{(1)}) B_{Bd,s}(\hat{\mu}_h^{(1)})}, \\ \zeta_\omega(\hat{\mu}_h^{(2)}) \zeta_\omega(\hat{\mu}_h^{(3)}) \dots \zeta_\omega(\hat{\mu}_h^{(K+1)}) &= \frac{B_{Bs}/B_{Bd}(\hat{\mu}_h^{(K+1)})}{B_{Bs}/B_{Bd}(\hat{\mu}_h^{(1)})}, \\ \zeta_\xi(\hat{\mu}_h^{(2)}) \zeta_\xi(\hat{\mu}_h^{(3)}) \dots \zeta_\xi(\hat{\mu}_h^{(K+1)}) &= \frac{f_{Bs}/f_{Bd} \sqrt{B_{Bs}/B_{Bd}}(\hat{\mu}_h^{(K+1)})}{f_{Bs}/f_{Bd} \sqrt{B_{Bs}/B_{Bd}}(\hat{\mu}_h^{(1)})} \end{aligned} \quad (6.4)$$

relating the quantity at the heavy quark mass $\hat{\mu}_h^{(K+1)}$ with its triggering value at $\hat{\mu}_h^{(1)}$ and the fit values of ω_d , ω_s , ζ_ω and ζ_ξ , where the value of $\hat{\mu}_h^{(1)}$ together with the λ factor and the number of steps to arrive to the b quark mass point have been previously tuned in such a way that after a finite number of steps (K) the heavy-light meson mass assumes the experimental value of M_B [17]. The value of the quantities in Eq.(6.4) at the triggering mass point can be accurately measured in the chiral and continuum limit since $\mu_h^{(1)}$ lies in the well accessible charm quark mass region. As example, in figure 2b we display the continuum and chiral extrapolation of the ratio B_{Bs}/B_{Bd} at triggering mass, which shows small cutoff effects. Finally, Eq.(6.4) leads to the following preliminary estimates:

$$B_{Bd} = 0.87(05), \quad B_{Bs} = 0.90(05) \quad (6.5)$$

where the error is the sum in quadrature of statistical and systematic uncertainties coming from the variation of the result if we use a linear or quadratic fit in the heavy quark mass and the truncation of the C-factors estimated as the difference between TL and LL matching. C-factors cancel out in the ratios B_{Bs}/B_{Bd} and ξ , while the implementation of a constant, a linear or a quadratic fit in $\hat{\mu}_h$ turns out to provide essentially identical results. The preliminary estimates are

$$B_{Bs}/B_{Bd} = 1.03(2), \quad \xi = 1.21(06) \quad (6.6)$$

where in the second one we added in quadrature a systematic error due to the fit ansatz at the triggering mass point.

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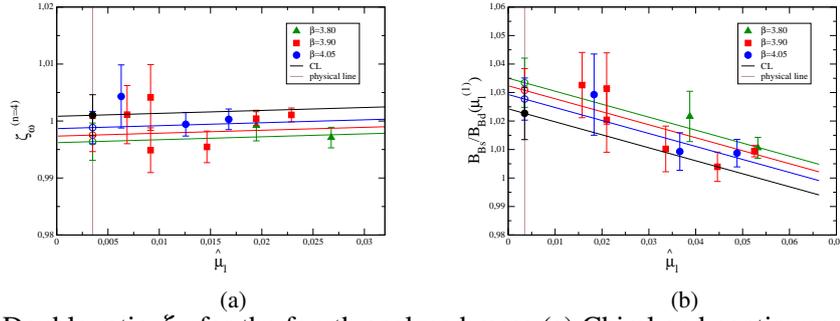


Figure 2: Double ratio ζ_ω for the fourth analysed mass (a) Chiral and continuum extrapolation of the ratio B_{Bs}/B_{Bd} computed at the triggering point (b). Vertical lines represent the position of the physical point

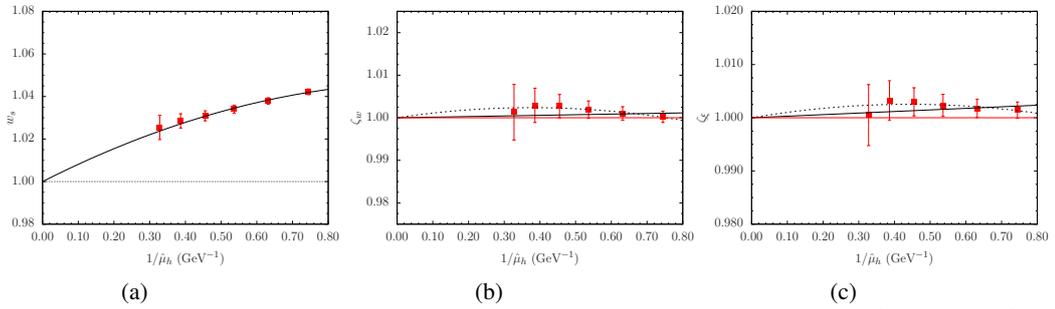


Figure 3: Heavy quark mass dependence of the ratio ω_s (a) and the double ratios ζ_ω (b) and ζ_ξ (c) extrapolated to the physical values of the light and strange masses and to the continuum limit.

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