

Calculation of $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ decay amplitudes with improved Wilson fermion in 2+1 flavor lattice QCD

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We present results for the $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ decay amplitudes for both the $\Delta I = 1/2$ and $3/2$ channels. This calculation is carried out on 480 gauge configurations in $N_f = 2 + 1$ QCD generated over 12,000 trajectories with the Iwasaki gauge action and non-perturbatively $O(a)$ -improved Wilson fermion action at $a = 0.091$ fm, $m_\pi = 280$ MeV and $m_K = 580$ MeV on a $32^3 \times 64$ ($La = 2.9$ fm) lattice. For the quark loops in the Penguin and disconnected contributions in the $I = 0$ channel, the combined hopping parameter expansion and truncated solver techniques work very well for variance reduction. We obtain, for the first time with a Wilson-type fermion action, that $\text{Re}A_0 = 60(36) \times 10^{-8}$ GeV and $\text{Im}A_0 = -67(56) \times 10^{-12}$ GeV for a matching scale $q^* = 1/a$. The dependence on the matching scale is weak.

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1. Introduction

Calculation of the $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ decay amplitudes for the neutral K meson system is very important to quantitatively understand the $\Delta I = 1/2$ rule and verify the prediction for the direct CP violation parameter (ϵ'/ϵ) in the Standard Model. However, a direct lattice calculation of the decay amplitudes for the $\Delta I = 1/2$ process was unsuccessful for a long time, due in part to a lack of a proper finite-volume formalism, which has since been laid down in [1], and in part to large statistical fluctuations from the disconnected diagrams. The results of a first direct calculation, on a $16^3 \times 32$ lattice, was reported by RBC-UKQCD collaboration in Ref. [2] at $m_\pi = 422$ MeV with the domain wall fermion action. They also presented their preliminary results at a smaller quark mass ($m_\pi = 330$ MeV) on a $24^3 \times 64 \times 16$ with the same fermion action at Lattice 2011 [3].

In the present work we calculate the $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ decay amplitudes for both the $\Delta I = 1/2$ and $3/2$ processes with the improved Wilson fermion action on a $32^3 \times 64$ lattice with $m_\pi = 276$ MeV. Mixings with four-fermion operators with wrong chirality are absent for the parity odd process even for the Wilson fermion action due to the CPS symmetry [4]. A mixing to a lower dimension operator does occur, which gives unphysical contributions to the amplitudes on the lattice. However, it can be non-perturbatively subtracted by imposing a renormalization condition [5]. After the subtraction one can calculate the physical decay amplitudes by the renormalization factor which has the same structure as in the continuum; this is the same situation as for the domain wall fermion action. One may expect a gain in the statistical error with the Wilson fermion action, since it is computationally much less expensive than with the domain wall fermion action.

Our calculations are carried out on a subset of configurations previously generated by PACS-CS Collaboration with the Iwasaki gauge action and non-perturbatively $O(a)$ -improved Wilson fermion action at $\beta = 1.9$ on a $32^3 \times 64$ lattice [6]. The subset corresponds to the hopping parameters $\kappa_{ud} = 0.13770$ for the up and down quark, and $\kappa_s = 0.13640$ for the strange quark. The parameters determined from the spectrum analysis for this subset are $a = 0.091$ fm and $La = 2.91$ fm, $m_\pi = 275.7(1.5)$ MeV and $m_K = 579.7(1.3)$ MeV. We further generate gauge configurations at the same lattice parameters to improve the statistics. The total number of gauge configurations used in the present work is 480 which corresponds to 12,000 trajectories. We consider the decay of zero momentum K meson to two zero momentum pions on these configurations. The energy difference between the initial K meson and the final two-pion state takes a non-zero value, $\Delta E = 21$ MeV for $I = 2$ and 36 MeV for $I = 0$ on these configurations. In the present work we assume that this mismatch of the energy gives only small effects to the decay amplitudes. Our preliminary results have been reported at Lattice 2013 [7].

2. Calculation

In the continuum, the effective Hamiltonian of the $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ decay is given by a linear combination of 10 four-fermion operators Q_i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, 10$ [8]. They can be classified by the irreducible representation of the flavor $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R$ symmetry group. Mixings between operators in different representations are forbidden. This is also valid for the Wilson fermion action due to the CPS symmetry as shown in Ref. [4] and elaborated in Ref. [7]. However, the mixing to lower dimensional operators has to be considered. Due to the CPS symmetry and the equation of motion

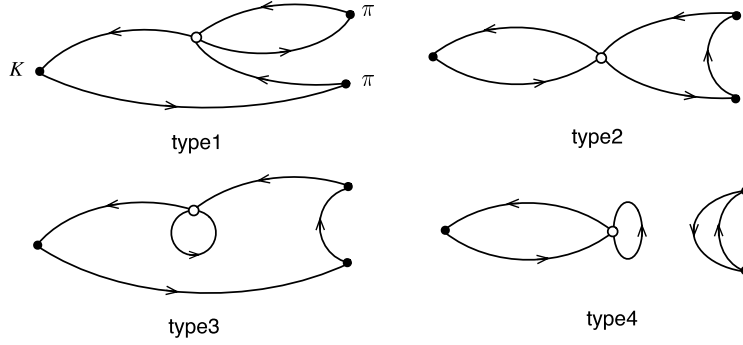


Figure 1: Quark contraction of $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ decay.

of quark, there is only one operator with $\dim < 6$, which is

$$Q_P = (m_d - m_s) \cdot P = (m_d - m_s) \cdot \bar{s}\gamma_5 d . \quad (2.1)$$

This operator also appears in the continuum, but does not give a finite contribution to the physical decay amplitudes, since it is a total derivative operator. This, however, is not valid for the Wilson fermion action due to the explicit chiral symmetry breaking, and hence the operator (2.1) gives a non-zero unphysical contribution to the amplitudes on the lattice. This contribution should be subtracted non-perturbatively, because the mixing coefficient includes a power divergence of the lattice cutoff as $1/a^2$. In the present work we subtract it by imposing the relation [5],

$$\langle 0 | \bar{Q}_i | K \rangle = \langle 0 | Q_i - \alpha_i \cdot P | K \rangle = 0 , \quad (2.2)$$

for each operator Q_i . The subtracted operators \bar{Q}_i are then multiplicatively renormalized by the renormalization factor having the same form as in the continuum.

We extract the amplitude for each operator from the time correlation function,

$$G_i^I(t) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{\delta=0}^{T-1} \langle 0 | W_K(t_K + \delta) \bar{Q}_i(t + \delta) W_{\pi\pi}^I(t_\pi + \delta) | 0 \rangle , \quad (2.3)$$

where $W_K(t)$ is the wall source for the K^0 meson and $W_{\pi\pi}^I(t)$ is that for the isospin I two-pion system. We impose the periodic boundary condition in all directions. The summation over δ , where $T = 64$ denotes the temporal size of the lattice, is taken to improve the statistics. We set $t_\pi = 0$ and $t_K = 24$. We also calculate the amplitudes for $t_K = 22$ and 26 to investigate the ‘‘around-the-world’’ effect which arises from the two-pion operator in the periodic boundary condition in the time direction. We confirm that the effect is small for all channels. Thus we present results only for $t_K = 24$ in the following. The gauge configurations are fixed to the Coulomb gauge at the time slice of the wall source $t = t_K + \delta$ and $t_\pi + \delta$ for each δ . There are four types of quark contractions for the time correlation function as shown in Fig. 1, where the naming of the contractions follows that by RBC-UKQCD [2]. The mixing coefficient of the lower dimensional operator α_i is evaluated from the ratio,

$$\alpha_i = \sum_{\delta_1=0}^{T-1} \langle 0 | W_K(t_K + \delta_1) Q_i(t + \delta_1) | 0 \rangle / \sum_{\delta_2=0}^{T-1} \langle 0 | W_K(t_K + \delta_2) P(t + \delta_2) | 0 \rangle , \quad (2.4)$$

in the large $t_K - t$ region.

For the calculation of the quark loop $Q(x, x)$, that is the quark propagator starting from the weak operator and ending at the same position in the *type3* and *type4* contractions, we use the stochastic method with the hopping parameter expansion technique (HPE) and the truncated solver method (TSM) proposed in Ref. [9]. The detail of application of those method to the K meson decay has been discussed in Ref. [7].

3. Results

The results for the time correlation function (2.3) of Q_2 for the $\Delta I = 1/2$ process are plotted in Fig. 2. We adopt $K^0 = -\bar{d}\gamma_5 s$ as the neutral K meson operator, so our correlation function has an extra minus from the usual convention. We find a large cancellation in \bar{Q}_2 between the contributions from the operator Q_2 and $\alpha_2 \cdot P$ for both the *type3* and *type4* contractions. In (c) we find that the contribution from the *type4* contraction is similar in magnitude to that from the *type1* contraction. This appears different from the previous work by RBC-UKQCD collaboration with the domain wall fermion action in Refs. [2, 3]. In (d) we compare the correlation functions calculated with TSM and without TSM. We find that TSM significantly improves the statistics. The numerical cost of TSM is about twice of that without TSM as was shown in Ref. [7]. Thus TSM is a very efficient method.

The results for Q_6 for $\Delta I = 1/2$ are plotted in Fig. 3. Here also we find a large cancellation in \bar{Q}_6 between the contributions of Q_6 and $\alpha_6 \cdot P$ for both the *type3* and *type4* contractions, as seen for the operator Q_2 . In (c) a large cancellation is observed between the *type1* and *type2* contractions, which is not the case for \bar{Q}_2 . An efficiency of TSM is observed also for Q_6 in (d).

We extract the matrix element $M_i^I = \langle K | \bar{Q}_i | \pi\pi; I \rangle$ by fitting the time correlation function (2.3) with a fitting function,

$$G_i^I(t) = M_i^I / F_{LL} \cdot N_K N_{\pi\pi}^I \cdot e^{-m_K(t_K-t) - E_{\pi\pi}^I(t-t_\pi)} \times (-1), \quad (3.1)$$

in which the K meson mass m_K and the energy of the two-pion state $E_{\pi\pi}^I$ are fixed at values obtained from the correlation function of the K meson and the $\pi\pi \rightarrow \pi\pi$ process. The factor (-1) comes from the convention of the K^0 operator. The factors $N_K = \langle 0 | W_K | K \rangle$ and $N_{\pi\pi}^I = \langle 0 | W_{\pi\pi}^I | \pi\pi; I \rangle$ are estimated from the wall to wall propagator of the K meson and the two-pion. F_{LL}^I is the Lellouch-Lüscher factor [1] given by

$$(F_{LL}^I)^2 = (4\pi) \left(\frac{E_{\pi\pi}^I m_K}{p^3} \right) \left(p \frac{\partial \delta^I(p)}{\partial p} + q \frac{\partial \phi(q)}{\partial q} \right), \quad (3.2)$$

where $\delta^I(p)$ is the two-pion scattering phase shift for the iso-spin I channel at the scattering momentum $p = \sqrt{E^2/4 - m_\pi^2}$, and $\phi(q)$ is the analytic function defined in Ref. [1] at $q = p(2\pi/L)$. For the $I = 0$ channel the scattering phase shift is not obtained with a sufficient statistics in the present work. We leave a precise estimation of the factor to future work, and use the value for the non-interacting case, $(F_{LL}^I|_{\text{free}})^2 = (2m_K L^3) \cdot (2m_\pi L^3)^2$, in the present work. For the $I = 2$ channel we estimate the factor assuming $\delta^2(p) = p(\partial \delta^2(p)/\partial p)$ because of the small value of p . We obtain $F_{LL}^2/F_{LL}^2|_{\text{free}} = 0.9254(62)$.

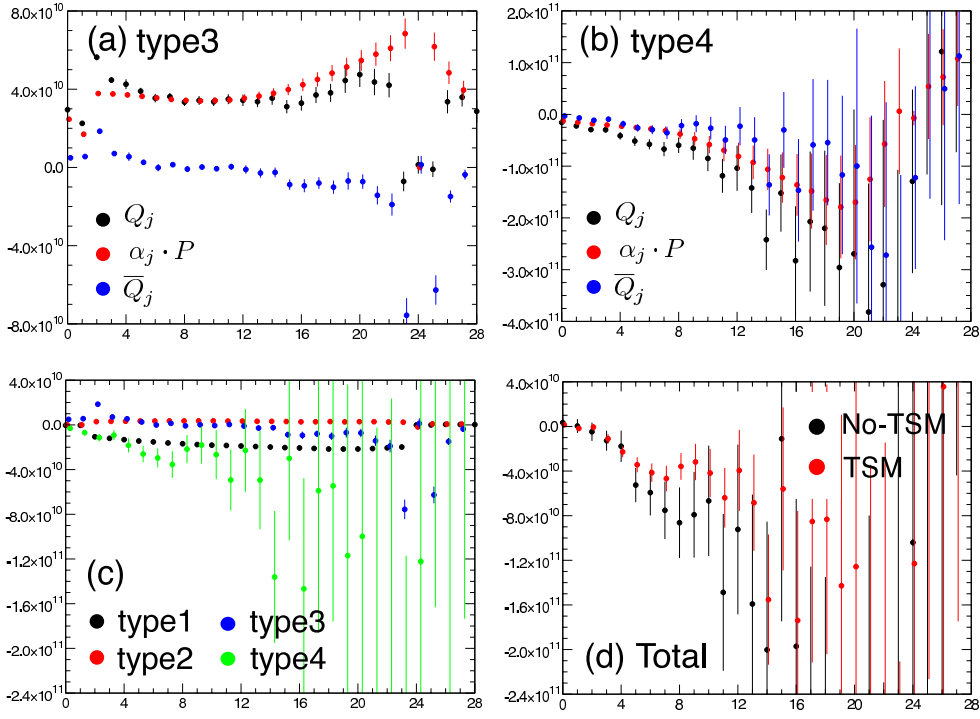


Figure 2: Time correlation function of Q_2 for the $\Delta I = 1/2$ decay. (a) *type3* contribution for Q_2 , $\alpha_2 \cdot P$ and $\bar{Q}_2 = Q_2 - \alpha_2 \cdot P$, (b) *type4* contribution, (c) contributions from each type of contractions for \bar{Q}_2 , (d) total correlation functions calculated with TSM and without TSM.

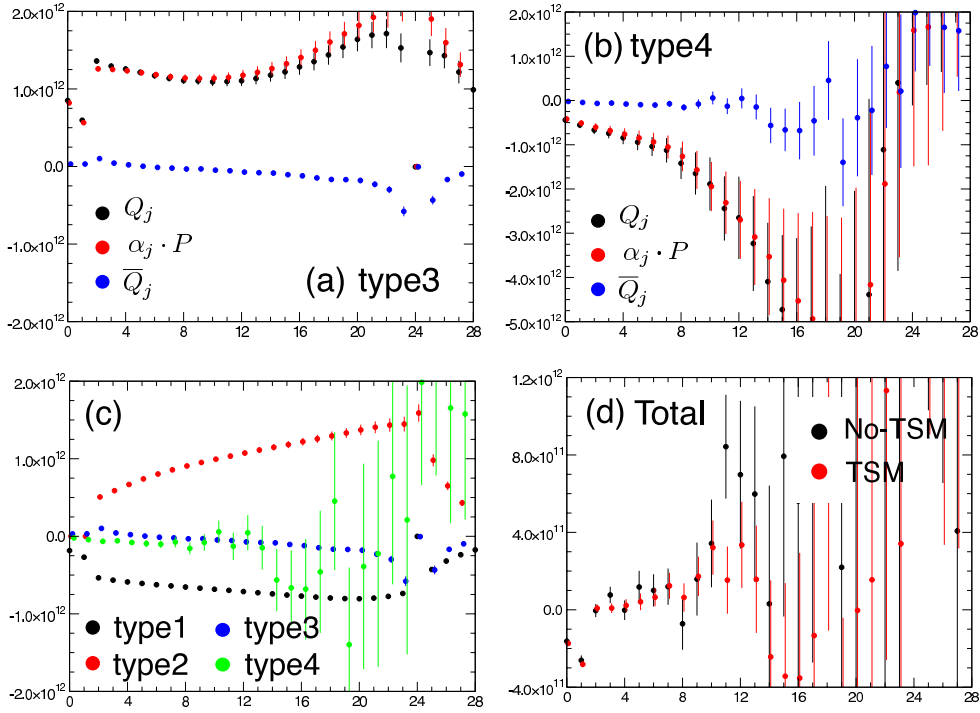


Figure 3: Time correlation function of Q_6 for the $\Delta I = 1/2$ decay following the same convention as in Fig. 2.

	$q^* = 1/a$	$q^* = \pi/a$	RBC-UKQCD		Exp.
a (fm)	0.091		0.114	0.114	
m_π (MeV)	280		330	422	140
$\text{Re}A_2 (\times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV})$	2.426(38)	2.460(38)	2.668(14)	4.911(31)	1.479(4)
$\text{Re}A_0 (\times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV})$	60(36)	56(32)	31.1(4.5)	38.0(8.2)	33.2(2)
$\text{Re}A_0/\text{Re}A_2$	25(15)	23(13)	12.0(1.7)	7.7(1.7)	
$\text{Im}A_2 (\times 10^{-12} \text{ GeV})$	-1.14(13)	-0.7467(83)	-0.6509(34)	-0.5502(40)	
$\text{Im}A_0 (\times 10^{-12} \text{ GeV})$	-67(56)	-52(48)	-33(15)	-25(22)	
$\text{Re}(\varepsilon'/\varepsilon) (\times 10^{-3})$	0.8(2.5)	0.9(2.5)	2.0(1.7)	2.7(2.6)	1.66(23)

Table 1: Results of the $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ decay amplitudes.

Our results of the matrix elements for several representative channels are given by

$$a^3 M_2^{I=2} = (2.256 \pm 0.035) \times 10^{-3} \quad (3.3)$$

$$a^3 M_7^{I=2} = (9.85 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-2}, \quad a^3 M_8^{I=2} = (3.242 \pm 0.037) \times 10^{-1} \quad (3.4)$$

$$a^3 M_2^{I=0} = (3.55 \pm 1.32) \times 10^{-2}, \quad a^3 M_6^{I=0} = (-1.96 \pm 1.06) \times 10^{-1}, \quad (3.5)$$

with the lattice constant a , where we adopt $t = [9, 12]$ for the fitting range.

The renormalized matrix elements in the continuum $\bar{M}_i^I(\mu)$ are obtained from the bare matrix elements on the lattice M_j^I by multiplying with the renormalization factors, $\bar{M}_i^I(q^*) = \sum_j Z_{ij}(q^*a) M_j^I$. In the present work we use the renormalization factor estimated by the tadpole improved perturbation theory in the one loop order given in Ref. [10]. We choose two values $q^* = 1/a$ and π/a as the matching scale from the lattice to the continuum theory in order to estimate the systematic error coming from higher orders of perturbation theory. The physical decay amplitudes A_I ($I = 0, 2$) are finally calculated as

$$A_I = \sum_{ij} C_i(\mu) U_{ij}(\mu, q^*) \bar{M}_j^I(q^*) = \sum_{ijk} C_i(\mu) U_{ij}(\mu, q^*) Z_{jk}(q^*a) M_k^I, \quad (3.6)$$

where the coefficient functions $C_i(\mu)$ calculated at $\mu = m_c = 1.3 \text{ GeV}$ in Ref. [8] are used. The function $U(\mu, q^*)$ is the running factor of the operators Q_i from the scale q^* to μ for the number of the active fermions $N_F = 3$, which is also given in Ref. [8].

Our final results for the decay amplitudes are tabulated in Table. 1. We also list the results by RBC-UKQCD Collaboration at $m_\pi = 422 \text{ MeV}$ [2] and 330 MeV [3], and the experiment values for comparison. For $\text{Re}(\varepsilon'/\varepsilon)$, the lattice results for ε' divided by the experimental value $|\varepsilon| = 2.228 \times 10^{-3}$ are quoted.

We find that the dependence on q^* is negligible for most of the decay amplitudes, but it is very large for $\text{Im}A_2$. Non-perturbative determination of the renormalization factor is necessary to obtain a reliable result for this value.

We find a large enhancement of the $\Delta I = 1/2$ process over that for $\Delta I = 3/2$. However, our result for A_0 , particularly for the imaginary part, still has a large statistical error so that we do not obtain a non-zero result for $\text{Re}(\varepsilon'/\varepsilon)$ over the error. We observe that the results for A_0 by RBC-UKQCD Collaboration at a similar quark mass $m_\pi = 330 \text{ MeV}$ [3] have smaller errors than ours.

This is because they use a different two-pion operator for which the wall sources for the two pions are separated by $\delta = 4$ in the time direction, and set the fitting range closer to the two-pion source than our case in extracting the matrix elements from the time correlation function. Improving statistics by devising some efficient operator for the two-pion state is an important work reserved for the future.

4. Summary

In the present work we have reported on our results of the $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ decay amplitudes for both the $\Delta I = 1/2$ and $3/2$ channels with the Wilson fermion action. We have found that the stochastic method with the hopping parameter expansion technique and the truncated solver method are very efficient for variance reduction, yielding a first result for the $I = 0$ amplitude with the Wilson fermion action.

We have been able to show a large enhancement of the $\Delta I = 1/2$ process. Our result for A_0 and $\text{Re}(\varepsilon'/\varepsilon)$ still have large errors, however. Improving statistics by using some efficient operators for the two-pion state is necessary to obtain more precise results.

Our calculation is carried out away from the physical quark masses, and the decay of the K meson to two zero momentum pions is considered. Calculations at smaller quark masses with physical kinematics, where the two pions in the final state carry finite momentum, is our next step.

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