

The amplitudes for the $K \rightarrow \pi \ell^+ \ell^-$ decays: theoretical aspects

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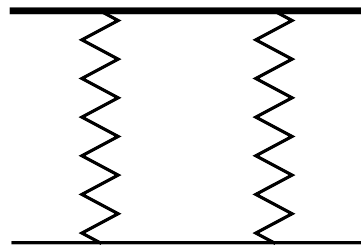
I. Introduction

Rare kaon decays proceed through FCNC, are suppressed in the SM
 → interesting window into new physics

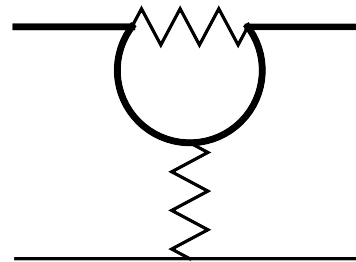
For a review, see V. Cirigliano et al, Rev Mod Phys 84, 399 (2012)

Particularly interesting examples

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu} \text{ [NA62]}$$



$$K_L \rightarrow \pi^0 \nu \bar{\nu} \text{ [KOTO]}$$



- dominated by short-distances
- clean SM prediction, hadronic matrix elements from $K_{\ell 3}$

F. Mescia, C. Smith, Phys. Rev. D 76, 034017 (2007)

$$Br(K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \bar{\nu})_{\text{SM}} = 8.39(30) \cdot 10^{-11} \left[\frac{|V_{cb}|}{40.7 \cdot 10^{-3}} \right]^{2.8} \left[\frac{\gamma}{73.2^\circ} \right]^{0.74}$$

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J. Brod et al., Phys Rev D 83, 034030 (2011)

A. J. Buras et al, JHEP 1511, 33 (2011)

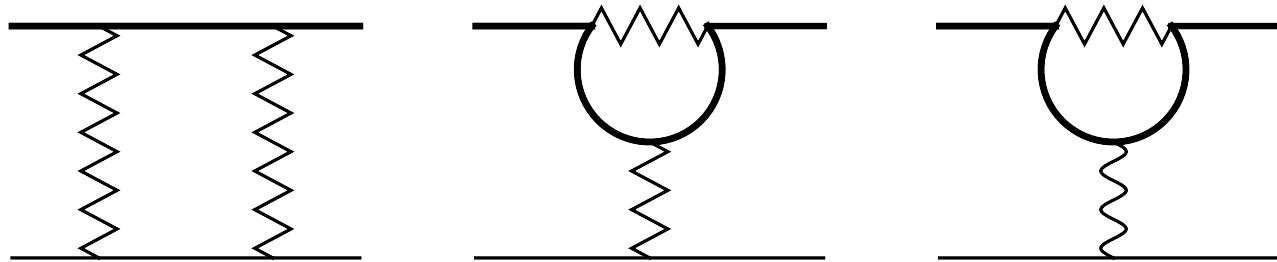
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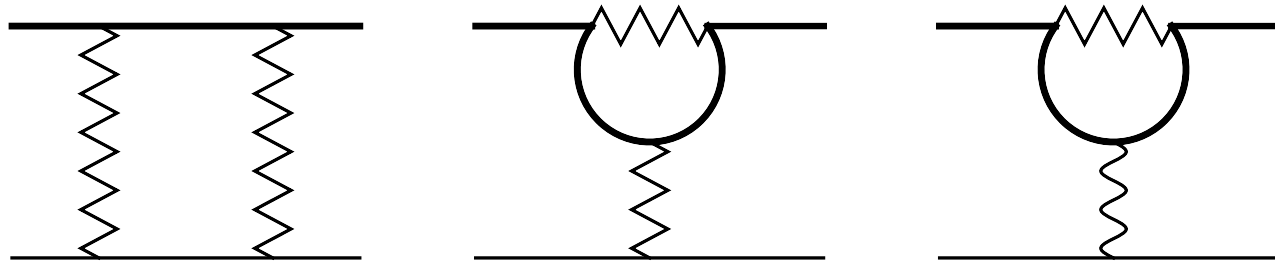
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What does the SM predict?

General structure of the amplitude

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{A}^{K \rightarrow \pi \ell^+ \ell^-}(s) &= -e^2 \times \bar{u}(p_-) \gamma_\rho v(p_+) \times \frac{1}{s} \times i \int d^4x \langle \pi(p) | T \{ j^\rho(0) \mathcal{L}_{\text{non-lept}}^{\Delta S=1}(x) \} | K(k) \rangle \\
 &\quad - e^2 \times \bar{u}(p_-) \gamma_\rho v(p_+) \times \left(-\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{us} V_{ud} \right) \times \frac{C_{7V}(\nu)}{4\pi\alpha} \langle \pi(p) | (\bar{s} \gamma^\rho d)(0) | K(k) \rangle \\
 &= -e^2 \times \bar{u}(p_-) \gamma^\rho v(p_+) (k+p)_\rho \times \frac{W_{K\pi}(z)}{16\pi^2 M_K^2} \quad [z \equiv s/M_K^2]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$W_{K\pi}(z) = W_{K\pi}^{\text{LD}}(z; \nu) + W_{K\pi}^{\text{SD}}(z; \nu)$$

$$[s(k+p)_\rho - (M_K^2 - M_\pi^2)(k-p)_\rho] \times \frac{W_{K\pi}^{\text{LD}}(z; \nu)}{16\pi^2 M_K^2} = i \int d^4x \langle \pi(p) | T \{ j_\rho(0) \mathcal{L}_{\text{non-lept}}^{\Delta S=1}(x) \} | K(k) \rangle$$

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$$\nu \frac{dC_{7V}(\nu)}{d\nu} = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha_s(\nu)} \sum_{J=1}^6 \gamma_{J,7V}(\alpha_s) C_J(\nu)$$

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C. Dib et al., Phys Lett B 218, 487 (1989); Phys Rev D 39, 2639 (1989)

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A. J. Buras et al., Nucl Phys B 423, 349 (1994)

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Differential decay rate

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dz} = \frac{\alpha^2 M_K}{3(4\pi)^5} \lambda^{3/2}(1, z, M_\pi^2/M_K^2) \sqrt{1 - 4 \frac{m_\ell^2}{zM_K^2}} \left(1 + 2 \frac{m_\ell^2}{zM_K^2}\right) |W_{K\pi}(z)|^2 \quad z \equiv s/M_K^2$$

II. Predicting the amplitude for $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \ell^+ \ell^-$

Traditional approach: chiral perturbation theory

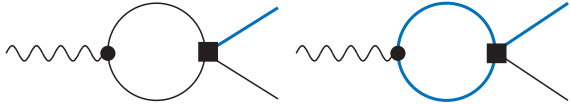
One loop

$$W_{+,S;1L}(z) = G_F M_K^2 a_{+,S}^{\text{CT-1L}} + \frac{8\pi^2}{3} \frac{M_K^2}{M_\pi^2} \left\{ \alpha_{+,S}^{\text{tree}} \left[\frac{z - 4 \frac{M_\pi^2}{M_K^2}}{z} \bar{J}_{\pi\pi}(zM_K^2) - \frac{1}{48\pi^2} \right] + \tilde{\alpha}_{+,S}^{\text{tree}} \left[\frac{z - 4}{z} \bar{J}_{KK}(zM_K^2) - \frac{1}{48\pi^2} \right] \right\}$$

$$= G_F M_K^2 (a_{+,S}^{1L} + b_{+,S}^{1L} z) + \frac{8\pi^2}{3} \frac{M_K^2}{M_\pi^2} \alpha_{+,S}^{\text{tree}} \left[\frac{z - 4 \frac{M_\pi^2}{M_K^2}}{z} \bar{J}_{\pi\pi}(zM_K^2) + \frac{1}{24\pi^2} \right]$$

G. Ecker, A. Pich, E. de Rafael, Nucl Phys B 291, 692 (1987)

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$$\alpha_+^{\text{tree}} = \tilde{\alpha}_+^{\text{tree}} = \left(-\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{us}^* V_{ud} \right) M_\pi^2 \left(g_8 - \frac{13}{3} g_{27} \right) = -0.36 M_\pi^2 G_F = -8.16 \cdot 10^{-8}$$

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$$\tilde{\alpha}_S^{\text{tree}} = \left(-\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{us}^* V_{ud} \right) M_\pi^2 \left(-2g_8 + \frac{g_{27}}{3} \frac{M_K^2 - 6M_\pi^2}{M_K^2 - M_\pi^2} \right) = +1.11 M_\pi^2 G_F = +25.15 \cdot 10^{-8}$$

$$a_+^{\text{CT-1L}} = \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} V_{us}^* V_{ud} \right) \left(g_8 w_+^{(8)} - \frac{13}{3} g_{27} w_+^{(27)} \right)$$

Expanding the kaon loop to the term linear in z gives

$$a_{+,S}^{1L} = a_{+,S}^{\text{CT-1L}} + a_{+,S}^{1L;\pi\pi} + a_{+,S}^{1L;\bar{K}K}, \quad a_{+,S}^{1L;\pi\pi} = -\frac{\alpha_{+,S}^{\text{tree}}}{6M_\pi^2 G_F}, \quad a_{+,S}^{1L;\bar{K}K} = -\frac{\tilde{\alpha}_{+,S}^{\text{tree}}}{6M_\pi^2 G_F}; \quad b_{+,S}^{1L} = b_{+,S}^{1L;\bar{K}K} = \frac{\tilde{\alpha}_{+,S}^{\text{tree}}}{60M_\pi^2 G_F}$$

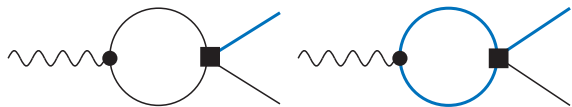
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- Counterterms in $a_{+,S}^{1L}$ not known (no predictivity)
- Substantial differences in the structures of $W_{+;1L}(z)$ and $W_{S;1L}(z)$, and therefore between a_+^{1L} and a_S^{1L}
- Pion loops are suppressed by the $\Delta I = 1/2$ rule in $W_{S;1L}(z)$, but kaon loops are about twice as important as in $W_{+;1L}(z)$
- Kaon loops contribute substantially to $a_{+,S}^{1L}$: $a_+^{1L; \bar{K}K} = +0.06$, $a_S^{1L; \bar{K}K} = -0.19$ (these contributions are proportional to $\tilde{\alpha}_+^{\text{tree}}$ and $\tilde{\alpha}_S^{\text{tree}}$, respectively)
- Higher-order corrections will move $\tilde{\alpha}_{+,S}^{\text{tree}}$ to their phenomenological values $\tilde{\alpha}_{+,S}$, which are however not known. Assuming, for the sake of illustration, that this change is of about the same size as the change from $\alpha_{+,S}^{\text{tree}}$ to $\alpha_{+,S}$, i.e. $\tilde{\alpha}_+ \sim 2.5 \tilde{\alpha}_+^{\text{tree}}$, $\tilde{\alpha}_S \sim 1.3 \tilde{\alpha}_S^{\text{tree}}$ we would conclude that the kaon loops could contribute to a_+ (a_S) at the level of $\sim +0.15$ (~ -0.25) (argument is at best indicative, requires an explicit two-loop computation)
- Kaon loops provide only tiny slopes $b_{+,S}^{1L} \longrightarrow W_{+,S;1L}$ gives a poor description of the data

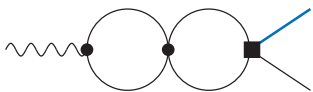
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Beyond one loop

$$W_{+,S;b1L}(z) = G_F M_K^2 (a_{+,S} + b_{+,S} z)$$

G. D'Ambrosio et al., JHEP 9808, 004 (1998)

$$+ \frac{8\pi^2}{3} \frac{M_K^2}{M_\pi^2} \left[\alpha_{+,S} + \beta_{+,S} \frac{M_K^2}{M_\pi^2} (z - z_0) \right] \left(1 + \frac{M_K^2}{M_V^2} z \right) \left[\frac{z - 4 \frac{M_\pi^2}{M_K^2}}{z} \bar{J}_{\pi\pi}(z M_K^2) + \frac{1}{24\pi^2} \right]$$



- Only loops with pions, loops with kaons included in the polynomial part
- Still not a complete two-loop representation, but neglected two-loop effects are small

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- $\alpha_+, \beta_+ [\alpha_S, \beta_S]$ from slope and curvature of $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^- [K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^+ \pi^-]$ amplitude

$$\alpha_+ = -20.84(74) \cdot 10^{-8}, \quad \beta_+ = -2.88(1.08) \cdot 10^{-8}, \quad \alpha_S = -6.81(74) \cdot 10^{-8}, \quad \beta_S = -1.5(1.1) \cdot 10^{-8}$$

J. Bijnens et al. Nucl. Phys. B 648, 317 (2003)

- Gives a good fit to data

$$a_+ = -0.593(9)_{\text{stat}}(1)_{\alpha_+}(6)_{\beta_+} \quad b_+ = -0.675(40)_{\text{stat}}(16)_{\alpha_+}(2)_{\beta_+} \quad [\chi^2/\text{dof} = 45.7/39]$$

$$(a_+ = -0.561(13) \quad b_+ = -0.694(40) \quad \beta_+ = 2.20(1.92) \cdot 10^{-8} \quad [\chi^2/\text{dof} = 38.3/38])$$

- Still no prediction for $a_{+,S}$ and $b_{+,S}$

$$G_F M_K^2 a_{+,S} = W_{+,S;b1L}(0), \quad G_F M_K^2 b_{+,S} = W'_{+,S;b1L}(0) - \frac{1}{60} \left(\frac{M_K^2}{M_\pi^2} \right)^2 \left(\alpha_{+,S} - \beta_{+,S} \frac{s_0}{M_K^2} \right)$$

Predictivity: going beyond chiral perturbation theory

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E. Coluccio Leskov et al., Phys Rev D 93, 094031 (2016)

- Lattice QCD G. Isidori et al., Phys Lett B 633, 75 (2006)
N. H. Christ et al, Phys Rev D 92, 094512 (2015); D 94, 114516 (2016)

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Predictivity: going beyond chiral perturbation theory

Rewrite $W_{+;2L}(z)$ as the dispersive representation

$$W_{+;2L}(z) = G_F M_K^2 (a_+ + b_+ z) + \frac{z^2 M_K^4}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{x^2} \frac{\text{Abs } W_{+;2L}(x/M_K^2)|_{\pi\pi}}{x - zM_K^2 - i0}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\text{Abs } W_{+;2L}(s/M_K^2)|_{\pi\pi}}{16\pi^2 M_K^2} &= \theta(s - 4M_\pi^2) \times \frac{s - 4M_\pi^2}{s} \lambda_{K\pi}^{-1/2}(s) \left[\text{Re } F_V^\pi(s)|_{\mathcal{O}(E^4)} \times f_1^{\pi^+\pi^- \rightarrow K^+\pi^-}(s)|_{\mathcal{O}(E^2)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + F_V^\pi(s)|_{\mathcal{O}(E^2)} \times [\text{Disp } f_1^{\pi^+\pi^- \rightarrow K^+\pi^-}(s)|_{\mathcal{O}(E^4)} - f_1^{\pi^+\pi^- \rightarrow K^+\pi^-}(s)|_{\mathcal{O}(E^2)}] \right] \end{aligned}$$

a_+ and b_+ are subtraction constants

Describe the contribution from $\pi\pi$ intermediate state by an unsubtracted DR

$$W_{+|\pi\pi}(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dx \frac{\text{Abs } W_{+}(x/M_K^2)|_{\pi\pi}}{x - zM_K^2 - i0}$$

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What about the other intermediate states?

How does one connect to the QCD continuum? (scale dependence)

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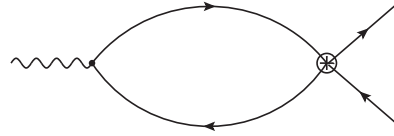
Proposal:

$$W_+(z) = W_+^{\pi\pi}(z) + W_+^{\text{res}}(z; \nu) + W_+^{\text{SD}}(z; \nu)$$

- $W_+^{\pi\pi}(z)$: contribution from (resonant) two-pion state
- $W_+^{\text{SD}}(z)$: contributions from short distances
- $W_+^{\text{res}}(z)$: contribution from intermediate energy range
 - described by a set of zero-width resonances
 - has to match the $\sim \ln(-s/\nu^2)$ behaviour at short distances

Predictivity: going beyond chiral perturbation theory

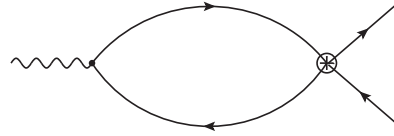
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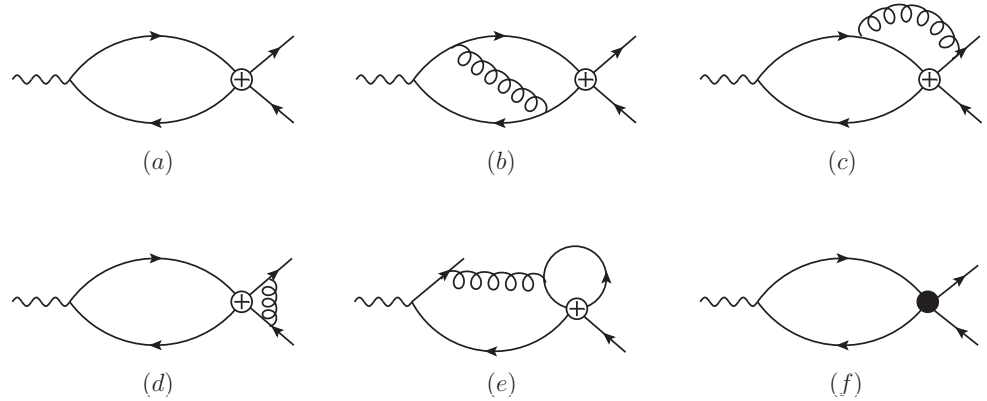
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One loop:

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{01}^1 &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{8}{9} N_c, & \xi_{01}^2 &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{8}{9}, & \xi_{00}^1 &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \times \begin{cases} \frac{16}{27} N_c \text{ NDR} \\ \frac{40}{27} N_c \text{ HV} \end{cases}, & \xi_{00}^2 &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \times \begin{cases} \frac{16}{27} \text{ NDR} \\ \frac{40}{27} \text{ HV} \end{cases}, \\ \xi_{01}^3 &= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{8}{9}, & \xi_{01}^4 &= -\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{8}{9} N_c, & \xi_{00}^3 &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \times \begin{cases} -\frac{16}{27} \text{ NDR} \\ -\frac{40}{27} \text{ HV} \end{cases}, & \xi_{00}^4 &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \times \begin{cases} -\frac{16}{27} N_c \text{ NDR} \\ -\frac{40}{27} N_c \text{ HV} \end{cases} \\ & & & & \xi_{00}^{5,6} &= \xi_{01}^{5,6} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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Two loops:

$$\nu \frac{d\xi_I(\alpha_s; \nu^2/s)}{d\nu} + \sum_{J=1}^6 \gamma_{I,J}(\alpha_s) \xi_J(\alpha_s; \nu^2/s) = -\frac{\gamma_{I,7V}(\alpha_s)}{\alpha_s(\nu)}$$

$$\xi_{12}^I = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{4}{27} \left(N_c - \frac{1}{N_c} \right) \times (0, -8, +11, N_f, 0, N_f)$$

G. Altarelli et al., Nucl. Phys. B **187**, 461 (1981)

A. J. Buras and P. H. Weisz, Nucl. Phys. B **333**, 66 (1990)

$$\xi_{11}^I = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{8}{3} \left(N_c - \frac{1}{N_c} \right) \times \begin{cases} \left(\frac{N_c}{2}, -\frac{19}{18}, \frac{17}{9}, \frac{7}{6} - \frac{N_c}{2}, 0, \frac{7}{6} \right) \text{ NDR} \\ \left(\frac{N_c}{2}, -\frac{5}{18}, \frac{13}{9}, \frac{7}{6} - \frac{N_c}{2}, 0, \frac{7}{6} \right) \text{ HV} \end{cases}$$

A. J. Buras et al., Nucl. Phys. B **370**, 69 (1992)

A. J. Buras et al., Nucl. Phys. B **400**, 37 (1993)

M. Ciuchini et al., Nucl. Phys. B **415**, 403 (1994)

$\xi_{10} = ?$

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Two-pion state

Simple approach: unitarize both F_V^π and $f_1^{K^+\pi^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-}$ using the inverse amplitude method

$$F_V^\pi(s)|_{\text{IAM}} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{s}{M_V^2} - \frac{\beta}{6F_\pi^2}(s - 4M_\pi^2) \bar{J}_{\pi\pi}(s)}$$

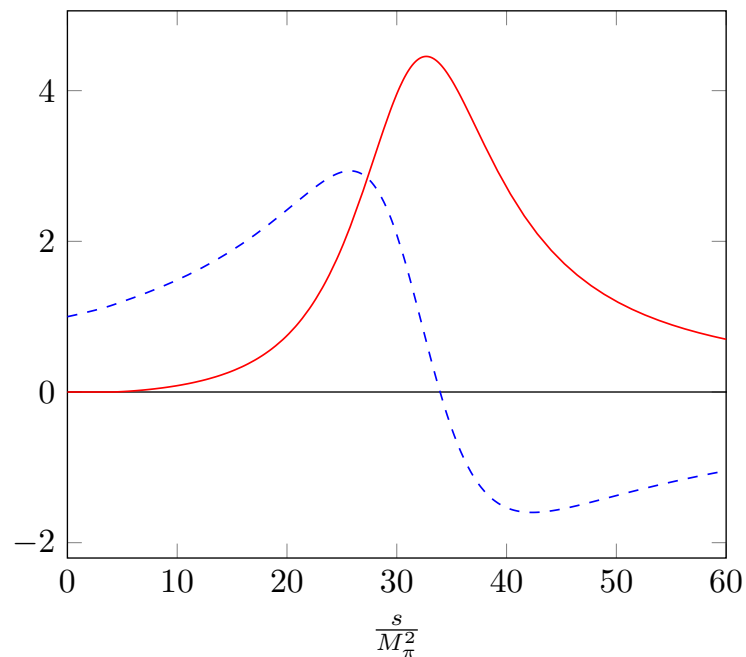
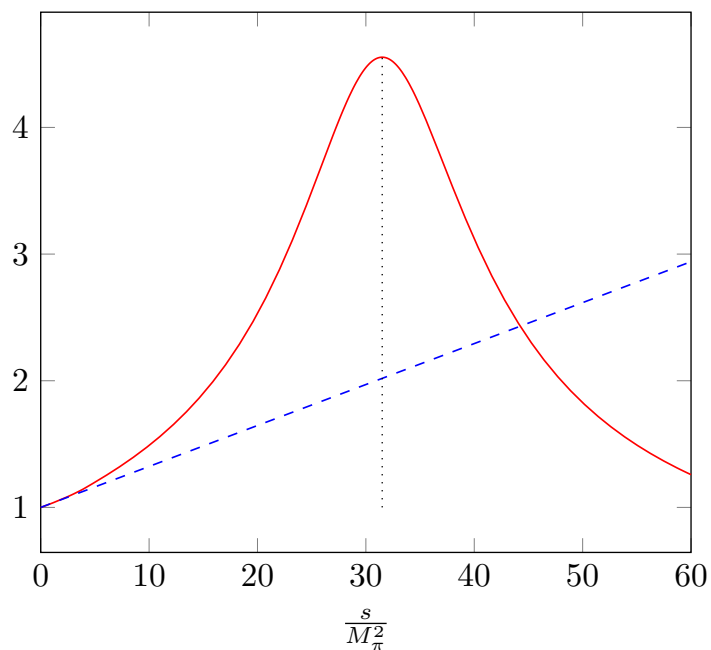
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left: $|F_V^\pi(s)|$; right: $\text{Re } F_V^\pi(s)$ (dashed) and $\text{Im } F_V^\pi(s)$ (solid)

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$$f_1^{K^+\pi^- \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-}(s) = \frac{\frac{\alpha_+}{96\pi M_\pi^2} \times \lambda_{K\pi}^{1/2}(s) \sqrt{1 - \frac{4M_\pi^2}{s}}}{1 - \frac{\beta_+}{\alpha_+} \frac{s - s_0}{M_\pi^2} - \frac{\beta}{6} \frac{s - 4M_\pi^2}{F_\pi^2} [\bar{J}_{\pi\pi}(s) - \text{Re } \bar{J}_{\pi\pi}(s_0)] + \frac{\beta}{6} \frac{s_0 - 4M_\pi^2}{F_\pi^2} (s - s_0) \text{Re } \bar{J}'_{\pi\pi}(s_0)}$$

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$$a_+|_{\pi\pi} = -1.58 \quad b_+|_{\pi\pi} = -0.76 \quad \text{for } \beta_+ = -0.85 \cdot 10^{-8}$$

remark 1: $b_+ \sim a_+(M_K^2/M_\rho^2) \longrightarrow$ non VMD contributions to a_+ expected

G. D'Ambrosio et al., JHEP 9808, 004 (1998)

remark 2: position of the ρ resonance in $f_1^{\pi^+\pi^- \rightarrow K^+\pi^-}(s)$ much too low for $\beta_+ = -2.88(1.08) \cdot 10^{-8} \dots$ (phase goes through $\pi/2$ at $s \sim M_\rho^2/2!$)

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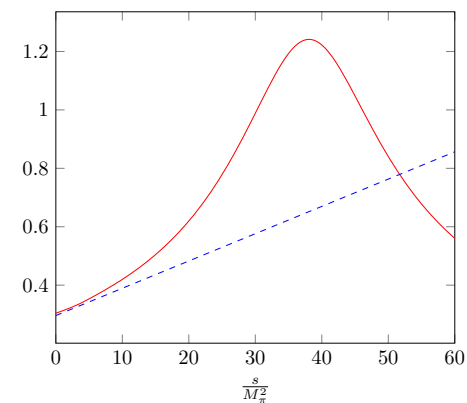
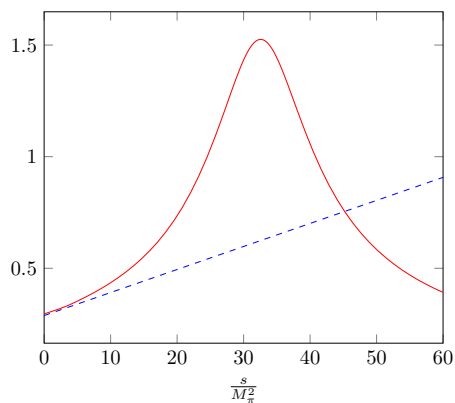
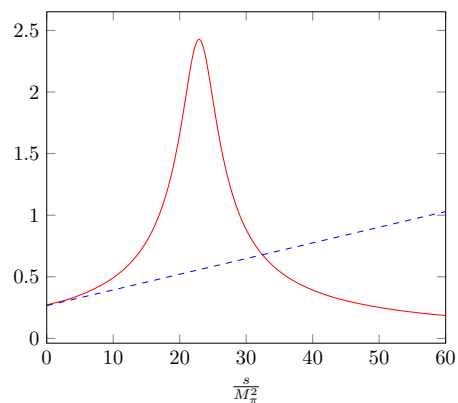
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$$|f_1^{\pi^+\pi^- \rightarrow K^+\pi^-}(s)/\lambda_{K\pi}^{1/2}(s)\sqrt{1 - \frac{4M_\pi^2}{s}}| \text{ for } \alpha_+ = -20.84 \cdot 10^{-8}$$

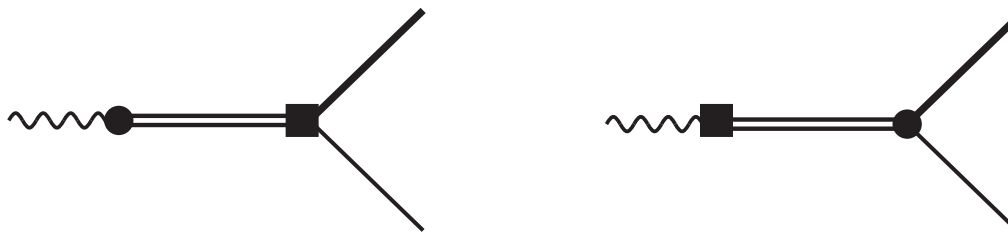
left: $\beta_+ = -1.26 \cdot 10^{-8}$; centre: $\beta_+ = -0.85 \cdot 10^{-8}$; right: $\beta_+ = -0.72 \cdot 10^{-8}$

Predicting a_+ , b_+ ? Going beyond the low-energy expansion

Other intermediate states?

Simplified proposal: modelled by an infinite tower of zero-width resonances, with couplings adjusted such as to match the short-distance behaviour

$$W_+(z) = W_+^{\pi\pi}(z) + W_+^{\text{res}}(z; \nu) + W_+^{\text{SD}}(z; \nu)$$



Possible resonances:

$J^{PC} = 1^{--}, I = 1, S = 0$, like $\phi(1020)$ [not $\rho(770)$!]

$J^P = 1^-, I = 1/2, S = \pm 1$, like $K^*(892)$

$$W_+^{\text{res}}(z; \nu) = \sum_{V=\phi\dots} \frac{f_V \tilde{g}_V}{s - M_V^2 + i0} + \sum_{V=K^*\dots} \frac{g_V \tilde{f}_V}{s - M_V^2 + i0}$$

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Other intermediate states? Matching to short-distances?

Look for

$$W_+^{\text{res}}(z; D) = \frac{f_+^{K^\pm \pi^\mp}(zM_K^2)}{4\pi} \int dx \frac{\rho_{\text{res}}(x; D)}{x - zM_K^2 - i0}$$

$$\rho_{\text{res}}(s; D) = A(D)(4\pi)^{2-\frac{D}{2}} \left(\frac{M^2}{\nu_{\text{MS}}^2}\right)^{\frac{D}{2}-2} \Gamma\left(2 - \frac{D}{2}\right) \sum_{n \geq 1} M^2 \mu_n(D) \delta(s - nM^2) \quad A(D) = A + A'(D-4) + \dots$$

$$\int dx \frac{\rho_{\text{res}}(x; D)}{x + wM^2} = A(D)(4\pi)^{2-\frac{D}{2}} \left(\frac{M^2}{\nu_{\text{MS}}^2}\right)^{\frac{D}{2}-2} \Gamma\left(2 - \frac{D}{2}\right) \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{\mu_n(D)}{(n+w)} \quad w \equiv -s/M^2 \quad M \sim 1\text{GeV}$$

with the weights $\mu_n(D)$ satisfying

- $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{\mu_n(D)}{n} = 1 + \mathcal{O}(D-4)$
- $\mu_n(D) = (D-4)\bar{\mu}_n + \mathcal{O}((D-4)^2)$ as $D \rightarrow 4$
- $\xi(w) \equiv \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{\bar{\mu}_n}{n(n+w)}$ converges
- $\xi(w) \sim \ln w$ as $w \rightarrow +\infty$

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Other intermediate states? Matching to short-distances?

At order $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^0)$, a solution (not unique!) can be found in the form

$$\mu_n(D) = \frac{n^{\frac{D-4}{2}}}{\zeta\left(3 - \frac{D}{2}\right) + f(D)} \quad f(D) = f(4) + (D-4)f'(4) + \dots$$

$$W_+^{\text{res}}(z; \nu) = \frac{f_+^{K^\pm \pi^\mp}(zM_K^2)}{4\pi} \times 16\pi^2 M_K^2 \left(\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{us}^* V_{ud} \right) \sum_I C_I(\nu) \left\{ \xi_{00}^I - \xi_{01}^I \left[\ln \frac{M^2}{\nu^2} + \psi \left(1 - z \frac{M_K^2}{M^2} \right) \right] \right\}$$

$$\psi \left(1 - z \frac{M_K^2}{M^2} \right) = -\gamma_E - z M_K^2 \int \frac{dx}{x} \frac{1}{x - z M_K^2} \sum_{n \geq 1} M^2 \delta(x - n M^2) \quad \psi \left(1 - z \frac{M_K^2}{M^2} \right) \underset{z \rightarrow -\infty}{\sim} \ln \left(-z \frac{M_K^2}{M^2} \right)$$

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The construction can be extended to order $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$

G. D'Ambrosio, D. Greynat, M. K., to appear

$$W_{K\pi}^{\text{res}}(z; \nu) = -16\pi^2 M_K^2 \left(-\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{us} V_{ud} \right) \frac{C_{K\pi} f_+^{K\pi}(zM_K^2)}{4\pi} \\ \times \sum_{I=1}^6 C_I(\nu) \left\{ \xi_{00}^I + \alpha_s(\nu) \xi_{10}^I + \ln \frac{\nu^2}{M^2} \left[\xi_{01}^I + \alpha_s(\nu) \left(\xi_{11}^I + \xi_{12}^I \ln \frac{\nu^2}{M^2} \right) \right] \right. \\ \left. - \psi \left(1 - z \frac{M_K^2}{M^2} \right) \left[\xi_{01}^I + \alpha_s(\nu) \left(\xi_{11}^I + 2\xi_{12}^I \ln \frac{\nu^2}{M^2} \right) \right] + \alpha_s(\nu) \xi_{12}^I \left(\tilde{\psi} \left(-z \frac{M_K^2}{M^2} \right) - \frac{\pi^2}{3} - 2\gamma_1 \right) \right\}$$

$$\tilde{\psi} \left(-z \frac{M_K^2}{M^2} \right) = -2zM_K^2 \int \frac{dx}{x} \frac{1}{x - zM_K^2} \sum_{n \geq 1} M^2 (\ln n) \delta(x - nM^2)$$

$$\tilde{\psi} \left(-z \frac{M_K^2}{M^2} \right) \underset{z \rightarrow -\infty}{\sim} \ln^2 \left(-z \frac{M_K^2}{M^2} \right) + 2 \left(\frac{\pi^2}{6} + \gamma_1 \right) + \dots$$

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Putting everything together

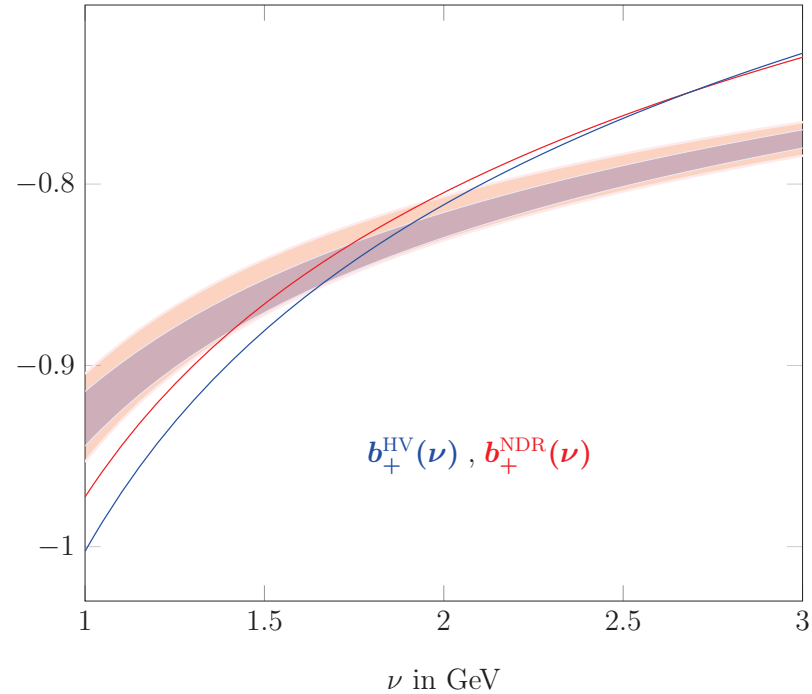
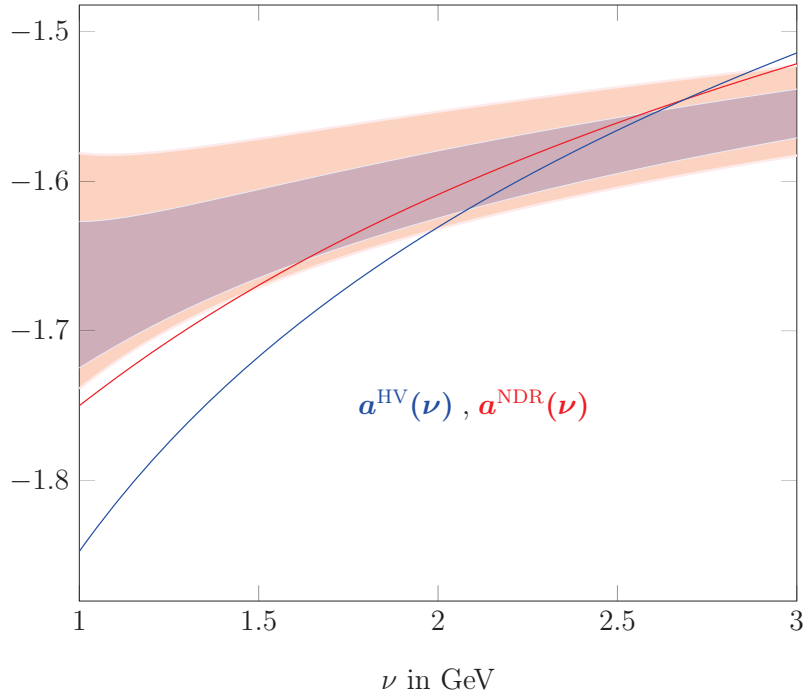
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Difficult to assess theoretical errors at this stage

Values come in the right ballpark (encouraging)...

... for $\beta_+ \cdot 10^{-8} = -0.85!$

IV. Summary - Conclusions

- $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \ell^+ \ell^-$ and $K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$ offer a window to BSM physics (as, in general, other rare kaon decays)
- Unfortunately, they are long-distance dominated
- Amplitudes can be described by two parameters, $a_{+,S}$ and $b_{+,S}$ (assuming $\alpha_{+,S}$ and $\beta_{+,S}$ known)
- Rather precise data on decay distribution available for $K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^\pm \ell^+ \ell^-$
- Can expect more in the future (NA62), also for $K_S \rightarrow \pi^0 \ell^+ \ell^-$ (LHCb)

E. Goudzovski, <https://indico.cern.ch/event/648004/contributions/2987967>

R. Aaij et al. (LHCb coll.), arXiv:1808.08865

A. A. Alves Junior et al., arXiv:1808.03477

- Determinations of $a_{+,S}$ and $b_{+,S}$ require to go beyond the low-energy expansion
- Proposed structure of the form factor

$$W_+(z) = W_+^{\pi\pi}(z) + W_+^{\text{res}}(z; \nu) + W_+^{\text{SD}}(z; \nu)$$

Contribution from the two-pion state

- Phenomenological evaluation from unsubtracted dispersion relation
- Absorptive part provided by the e.m. form factor of the pion and by the P -wave projection of the $K^\pm \pi^\mp \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ amplitude
- Simple approach (IAM unitarization) (β_+ ?)
- More elaborate tools (e.g. Khuri-Treiman eqs.) available

V. Bernard, S. Descotes-Genon, M. K., B. Moussallam, in progress

- Room for improvement in the future ($\bar{K} K?$, $K \pi?$...)

$$\longrightarrow W_{+S}(z) = W_{+,S}^{\pi\pi}(z) + W_{+,S}^{K\bar{K}}(z) + W_{+,S}^{\text{res}}(z; \nu) + W_{+,S}^{\text{SD}}(z; \nu)$$

Matching with the short-distance regime

- Form factors behave, in the asymptotic euclidian region, as $\sim \ln^p(-s/\nu^2)$, where ν is the renormalization scale
- Renormalization of SD singularity implemented through the operator Q_{7V} and its Wilson coefficient $C_{7V}(\nu)$
- SD behaviour results from the pile-up of more and more complex intermediate states
- This process has been described through a, necessary infinite, set of zero-width resonances intermediate states
- Possible to adjust the couplings of these resonances such as to reproduce the correct high-energy behaviour at LO and at NLO

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Complementary to existing and future efforts to address this issue through lattice QCD

Thank you for your attention