

## Bern-Bonn collaboration

# Cusps in the kaon decays

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# Plan

- $\pi\pi$  scattering lengths
- Cusps in the  $K \rightarrow 3\pi$  decays
  - Experiment*
  - Physics background*
- Non-relativistic effective theory
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- $\pi\pi$  scattering lengths from  $K_{e4}$  decays
  - Analysis of the experimental data*
  - Fate of Watson's theorem in case of isospin breaking*
  - Corrections due to  $m_d - m_u$*
- Conclusions

# The $\pi\pi$ scattering lengths

Two-loop Chiral perturbation theory + Roy equations:

G. Colangelo, J. Gasser and H. Leutwyler, PLB 488 (2000) 261; NPB 603 (2001) 125

$$a_0 = 0.220 \pm 0.005, \quad a_2 = -0.0444 \pm 0.0010$$

- *Theoretical precision  $\simeq 1.5\%$*
- *Test of large/small condensate scenario in QCD*

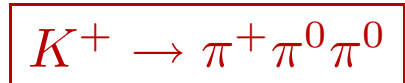
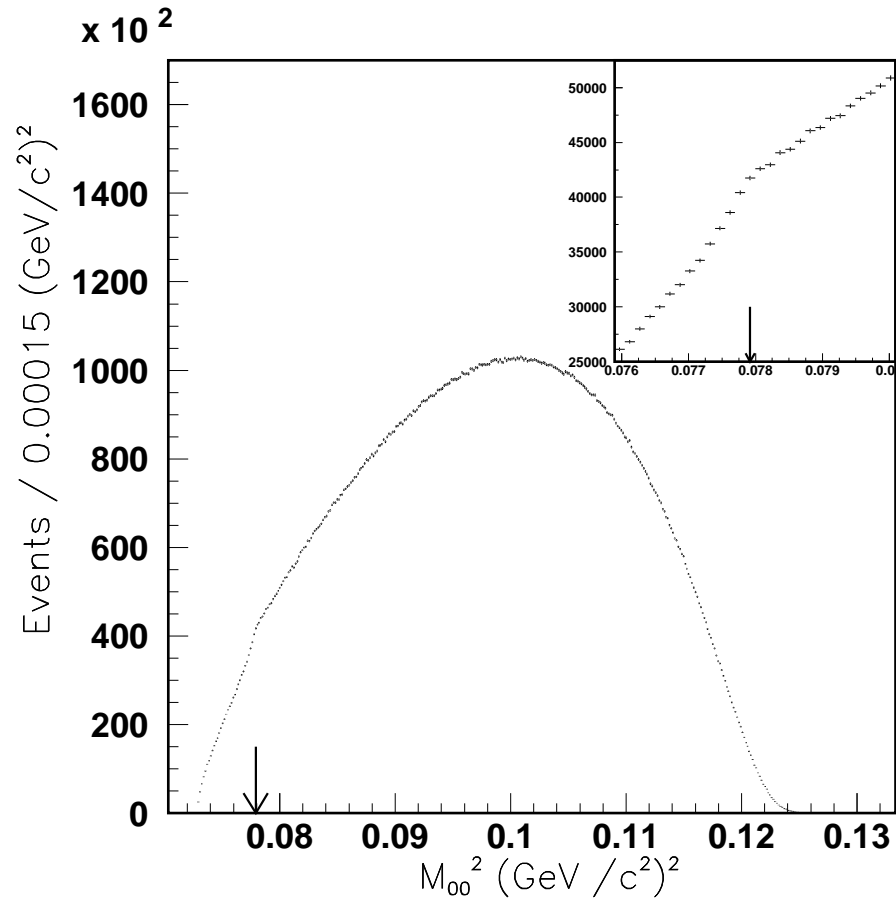
Experiments to measure  $\pi\pi$  scattering lengths:

- *Cusps in  $K \rightarrow 3\pi$  decays: NA48/2 (CERN)*
- *$K_{e4}$  decays: Geneva-Saclay, E865 (BNL), NA48/2 (CERN)*
- *Pionium lifetime: DIRAC (CERN)*
- *$\pi N \rightarrow \pi\pi N$ : Berkeley, CERN-Munich, Kurchatov Inst.*

# Cusps

- $M_\pi \neq M_{\pi^0} \Rightarrow$  *cusps in the decay amplitudes*
- $K \rightarrow 3\pi$  decays:
  - *The cusp is kinematically accessible*
  - $a_0, a_2$  *can be extracted from measuring the parameters of the cusp*
- $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ \nu_e$ :
  - *The cusp in the phase at  $\pi^+ \pi^-$  threshold*
  - *Modifies the analytic structure of the amplitude in the vicinity of threshold*
  - *Comparing experiment with theory, isospin-breaking corrections should be taken into account*

# The cusp in the $\pi^0\pi^0$ invariant mass distribution (NA48/2)



Partial sample of  
 $\sim 2.3 \cdot 10^7$  decays

J. R. Batley *et al.* [NA48/2 Collaboration], PLB 633 (2006) 173

# Heuristic theory of the cusp

Interference of tree + 1 loop (*N. Cabibbo, PRL 93 (2004) 121801*)

$$M_{00+} = \text{tree} + \text{1 loop}$$

$$\frac{d\Gamma_{00+}}{ds_{\pi\pi}} \propto \int |\mathcal{M}_{00+}|^2$$

$$s \rightarrow \text{loop} = \text{“smooth”} + \underbrace{\frac{i}{16\pi} \left(1 - \frac{4M_\pi^2}{s}\right)^{1/2}}_{= \sigma_c(s)}$$

Parameters of the cusp  $\Rightarrow$   $S$ -wave  $\pi\pi$  scattering lengths  $a_0, a_2$

*At present experimental precision a simple parameterization of the cusp does not suffice. A systematic theoretical framework is needed that describes  $K \rightarrow 3\pi$  in the vicinity of the cusp*

# $K \rightarrow 3\pi$ decays: theory

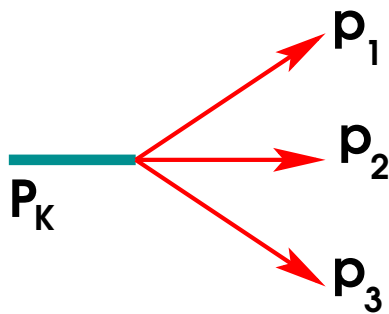
- N. Cabibbo and G. Isidori, JHEP 0503 (2005) 021:  
Parameterization of the decay amplitudes up to and including two loops, using analyticity and unitarity
- Also: E. Gamiz, J. Prades, and I. Scimemi, EPJC 50 (2007) 405:  
A supplementary approach, merger to ChPT at one loop
  - ⇒ *Not a full dynamical scheme (photons?)*
  - ⇒ *The analytic ansatz for the amplitudes, which has been assumed, is not valid beyond one loop*

One needs a systematic theory of  $K \rightarrow 3\pi$ , which would provide a reliable control on the accuracy!

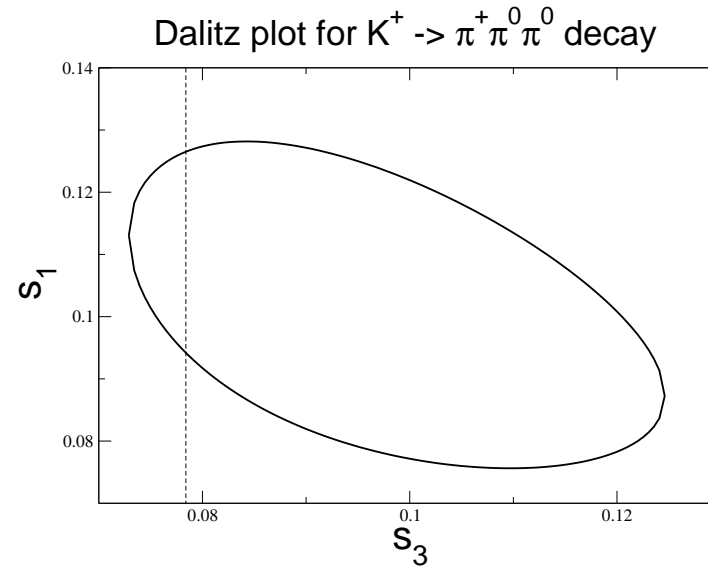
# $K \rightarrow 3\pi$ decays: the kinematics

Neutral mode :  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^+$

Charged mode :  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$



$$s_i = (P_K - p_i)^2 \quad p_i^2 = M_i^2, \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$



*Non-relativistic description is valid in the region:*

$$|\mathbf{p}_i|/M_i = O(\epsilon), \quad \text{small momenta}$$

$$T_i = w(\mathbf{p}_i) - M_i = O(\epsilon^2), \quad \text{small kinetic energies}$$

$$M_K - \sum_i M_i = \sum_i T_i = O(\epsilon^2) \ll M_i, \quad \Delta M_\pi^2 = O(\epsilon^2)$$



# Non-relativistic EFT: essentials

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⇒ *Include distant singularities, emerging in relativistic QFT, into the effective couplings of non-relativistic Lagrangian*

$$\frac{1}{M_\pi^2 - p^2} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2w(\mathbf{p})} \frac{1}{w(\mathbf{p}) - p^0}}_{\text{particles}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2w(\mathbf{p})} \frac{1}{w(\mathbf{p}) + p^0}}_{\text{antiparticles}}$$

$$w(\mathbf{p}) = M_\pi + \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2M_\pi} - \frac{\mathbf{p}^4}{8M_\pi^3} + \dots \quad \text{at } |\mathbf{p}| \ll M_\pi$$

- *Two-particle sector: Lagrangian*

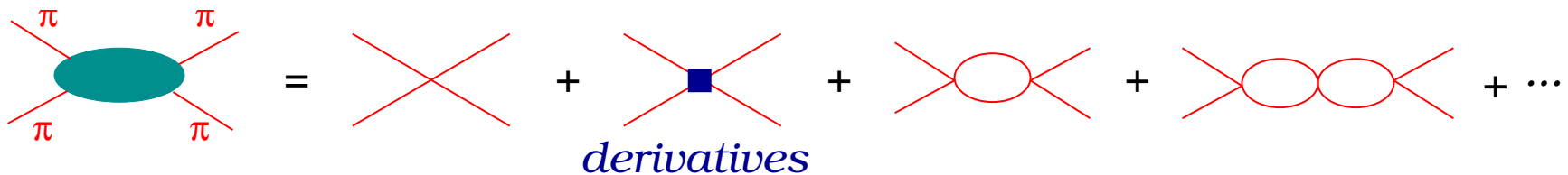
$$\mathcal{L}_{NR} = \Phi^\dagger (2W) (i\partial_t - W) \Phi + C_0 \Phi^\dagger \Phi^\dagger \Phi \Phi + \text{deriv. couplings}$$

⇒ *Do loops with this Lagrangian in dim. reg. + threshold expansion*

⇒ *Covariant 2-particle scattering amplitude in moving frames*

# Why non-relativistic theory?

- It is a full dynamical scheme based on a Lagrangian (photons!)
- Analyticity + unitarity automatically taken into account



⇒ *Each loop*  $\propto i|\mathbf{p}|$ , *vanishes at threshold,  $O(\epsilon)$  suppressed*

$$\text{Re } T_{NR} = \underset{\text{tree}}{a} + \underset{\text{tree} + \text{two-loop}}{b\mathbf{p}^2} + \underset{\dots}{c\mathbf{p}^4} + \dots$$

*Non-relativistic theory = effective range expansion*

*Non-relativistic couplings = scattering lengths  $a, \dots$*

*On the contrary, in ChPT:  $a = O(M_\pi^2) + O(M_\pi^4) + O(M_\pi^6) + \dots$*

# Non-relativistic approach for $K \rightarrow 3\pi$ decays

$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi\pi} = C_x (\pi_-^\dagger \pi_+^\dagger \pi_0 \pi_0 + \text{h.c.}) + \dots, \quad C_x = (a_0 - a_2) + \text{isospin br.}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^+} = \frac{G_0}{2} (K^+ \pi_+ \pi_0^2 + \text{h.c.}) + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-} = \frac{H_0}{2} (K^+ \pi_- \pi_+^2 + \text{h.c.}) + \dots$$

...

- Non-relativistic region = whole decay region, and slightly beyond
- Double expansion in:  
 $a$  (scattering lengths, effective ranges...) and  $\epsilon$  (small momenta)
- Expansion in  $a$  and  $\epsilon$  are correlated: adding one pion loop increases powers of both  $a$  and  $\epsilon$  by one
- One expects that the expansion in  $a$  is convergent, as  $a \ll 1$



# The result for $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^+$

$\Rightarrow$  Our result:  $O(\epsilon^4)$ ,  $O(a\epsilon^5)$ ,  $O(a^2\epsilon^2)$ ; valid in the whole NR region

$$\mathcal{M}_N(s_1, s_2, s_3) = \underbrace{\mathcal{M}_N^{\text{tree}} + \mathcal{M}_N^{1\text{-loop}} + \mathcal{M}_N^{2\text{-loops}} + \dots}_{O(\epsilon^4) + O(a\epsilon^5) + O(a^2\epsilon^2) + \dots}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_N^{\text{tree}} = G_0 + G_1(p_3^0 - M_\pi) + G_2(p_3^0 - M_\pi)^2 + G_3(p_1^0 - p_2^0)^2 + \dots$$

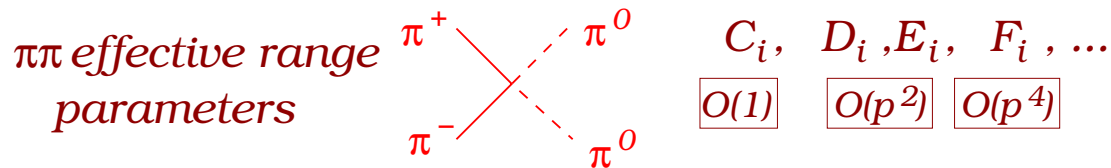
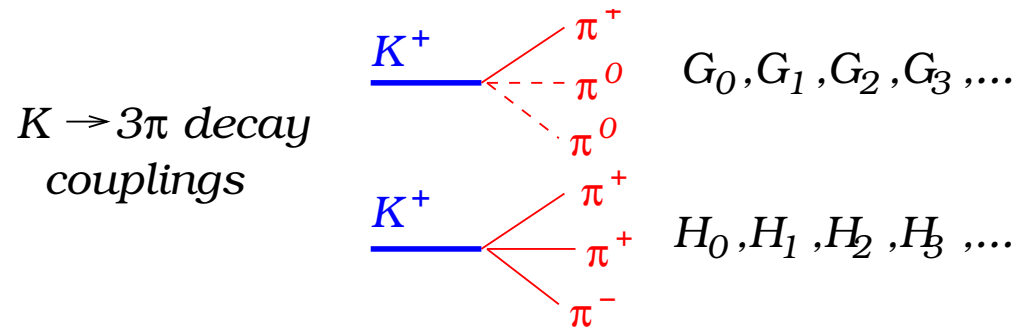
$$\mathcal{M}_N^{1\text{-loop}} = B_{N1} J_{+-}(s_3) + B_{N2} J_{00}(s_3) + [B_{N3} J_{+0}(s_1) + (s_1 \leftrightarrow s_2)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_N^{2\text{-loops}} = & \underbrace{4H_0 C_x C_{+-} J_{+-}^2(s_3) + \dots}_{\text{double loops}} \\ & + \underbrace{4H_0 C_x C_{+-} F_+(M_\pi, M_\pi, M_\pi, M_\pi; s_3) + \dots}_{\text{overlapping loops}} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Similar result for  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$  decay amplitude

# The strategy for determining scattering lengths

$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^0 \pi^+$  and  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$  decay amplitudes depend on:



**Fit**  $G_i, H_i, C_i, \dots$  to the decay data;  $C_i \Rightarrow \pi\pi$  scattering lengths

$$a_0 - a_2 = 0.268 \pm 0.010 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.004 \text{ (syst)} \pm 0.013 \text{ (ext)}$$

$$a_2 = -0.041 \pm 0.022 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.014 \text{ (syst)}$$

B. Bloch-Devaux (NA48/2 coll.), NPB 174 (2007) 91 (proc. suppl.)

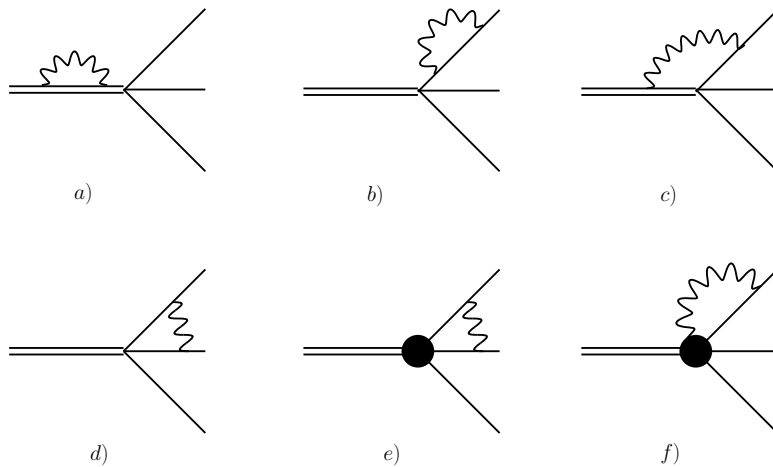
# Including photons in the non-relativistic EFT

M. Bissegger, A. Fuhrer, J. Gasser, B. Kubis and AR, work in preparation

- *Minimal substitution:*

$$\partial_\mu \Phi_\pm \rightarrow (\partial_\mu \mp ieA_\mu) \Phi_\pm, \quad \partial_\mu K_+ \rightarrow (\partial_\mu - ieA_\mu) K_+$$

- *Add all possible non-minimal gauge-invariant terms*



+ 2-loop diagrams

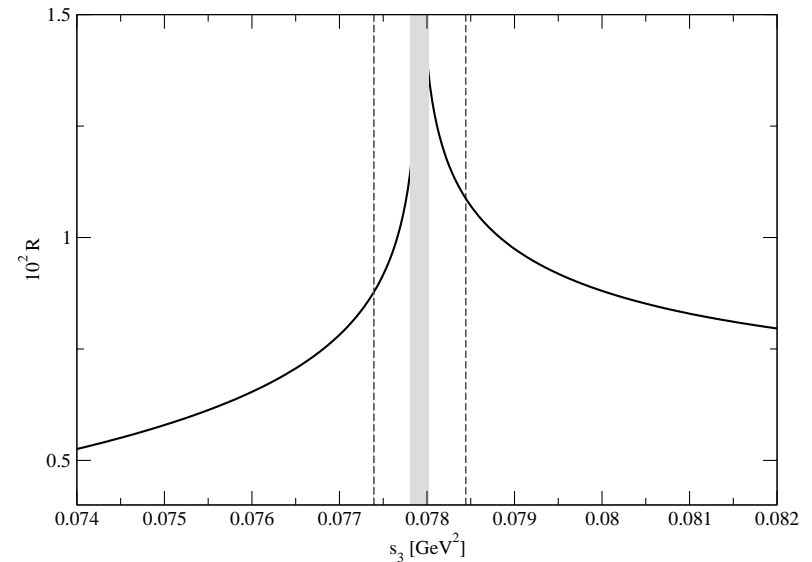
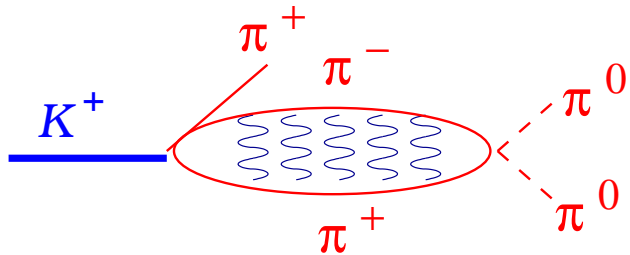
+ Bremsstrahlung

$$\left. \frac{d\Gamma}{ds_3} \right|_{E_\gamma < E_{max}} = \frac{d\Gamma(K \rightarrow 3\pi)}{ds_3} + \frac{d\Gamma(K \rightarrow 3\pi\gamma)}{ds_3} \Big|_{E_\gamma < E_{max}} + O(\alpha^2)$$

# Coulomb photons

- *Singularity structure changed at threshold at  $O(\alpha)$*   
see also S.R. Gevorkyan *et al*, hep-ph/0612129, hep-ph/0702154

$$i\sigma(s) \rightarrow i\sigma(s) - \alpha \ln \sigma(s)$$



- *Coulomb corrections are perturbative everywhere except a very small region around the cusp – exclude this region*
- *Result: a systematic parameterization of the decay amplitudes, including real and virtual photons*



# The decay $K^+(p) \rightarrow \pi^+(p_1)\pi^-(p_2)e^+(p_e)\nu_e(p_\nu)$

*Kinematics:*

$$s_\pi = (p_1 + p_2)^2, t = (p_1 - p_2)^2, u = (p_2 - p)^2, s_l = (p_e + p_\nu)^2$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{us}^* \langle \pi^+ \pi^- | V^\mu - A^\mu | K^+ \rangle \bar{u}(p_\nu) \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) v(p_e)$$

$$\langle \pi^+ \pi^- | V^\mu - A^\mu | K^+ \rangle = \frac{-i}{M_K} (F(p_1 + p_2)^\mu + G(p_1 - p_2)^\mu) + \dots$$

*Partial-wave expansion:*

$$F_1 = F + \frac{(M_K^2 - s_\pi - s_l)\sigma}{\lambda^{1/2}(M_K^2, s_\pi, s_l)} \cos \theta_\pi G, \quad F_1 = \sum_k P_k(\cos \theta_\pi) f_k(s_\pi, s_l)$$

*Watson theorem (isospin symmetric world):*

$$f_k(s_\pi + i\varepsilon, s_l) = e^{2i\delta_k} f_k(s_\pi - i\varepsilon, s_l), \quad \begin{cases} \delta_0 = \delta_0^0 \\ \delta_1 = \delta_1^1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{measure} \\ \delta_0^0 - \delta_1^1 \end{array}$$

# Isospin breaking (the scalar formfactor)

G. Colangelo, J. Gasser and AR, work in preparation

$$\begin{aligned} -F_c(s) &= \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}(0) | \pi^+(p_1) \pi^-(p_2); \text{in} \rangle \\ F_0(s) &= \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}(0) | \pi^0(p_1) \pi^0(p_2); \text{in} \rangle \end{aligned} \quad , \quad F = \begin{pmatrix} F_c \\ F_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

*Non-relativistic effective Lagrangian:*

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{O}} = \mathcal{O} \left( -f_c \Phi_+^\dagger \Phi_-^\dagger + \frac{f_0}{2} \Phi_0^\dagger \Phi_0^\dagger \right) + \text{h.c.} + \text{deriv. terms}$$

$$\text{---} \underset{f_c}{\text{---}} \text{---} + \text{---} \underset{f_c}{\text{---}} \text{---} + \text{---} \underset{f_0}{\text{---}} \text{---} + \dots$$

*Unitarity relation:*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Im } F(s) &= T(s) \rho(s) F^*(s) \\ \text{Im } T(s) &= T(s) \rho(s) T^*(s) \end{aligned} \quad , \quad \begin{aligned} T &= \begin{pmatrix} t_{cc} & -t_{c0} \\ -t_{c0} & t_{00} \end{pmatrix} \\ \rho &= \text{diag}(2\sigma_c, \sigma_0) \end{aligned}$$

# Watson theorem in case of isospin breaking

*Isospin symmetry limit  $F_c = F_0$ :*

$$\text{Im } F_c = t_0^0 \sigma_c F_c^* \quad \Rightarrow \quad F_c = e^{i\delta_0^0} |F_c|$$

*Isospin broken:  $F = T \cdot R$ ,  $R = \begin{pmatrix} R_c \\ R_0 \end{pmatrix}$  is real,*

*$\beta(s) = R_c/R_0$ , depends on  $f_c/f_0$  (not fixed by  $\pi\pi$  interaction)*

$$\tan \delta_c = \frac{\text{Im } t_{cc} + \beta(s) \text{Im } t_{c0}}{\text{Re } t_{cc} + \beta(s) \text{Re } t_{c0}}, \quad \tan \delta_0 = \frac{\text{Im } t_{c0} + \beta(s) \text{Im } t_{00}}{\text{Re } t_{c0} + \beta(s) \text{Re } t_{00}}$$

- Phases  $\delta_c, \delta_0$  are not determined by the  $\pi\pi$  amplitude alone

- $\text{Im } F_c \Big|_{s=4M_\pi^2} = - \left( 1 - \frac{M_{\pi 0}^2}{M_\pi^2} \right)^{1/2} t_{c0} F_0^* \Rightarrow \delta_c \neq 0 \text{ at } s = 4M_\pi^2$

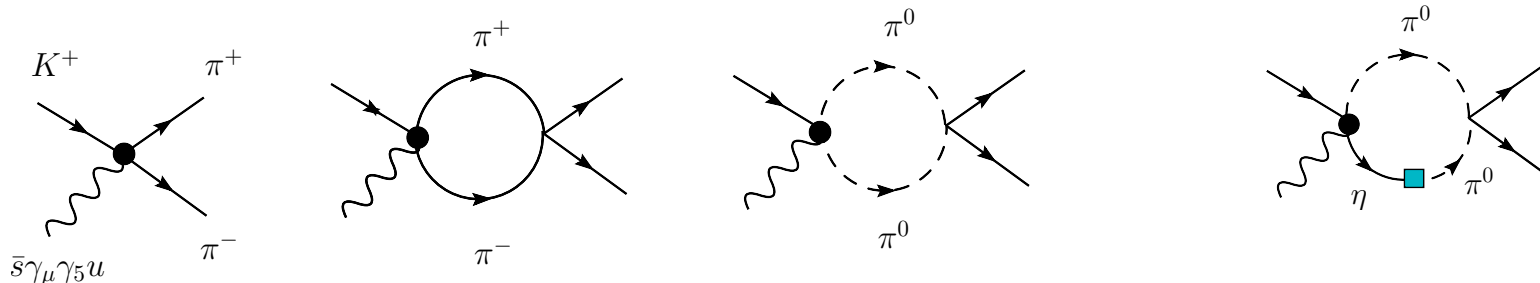
- $F_c = e^{i\delta_c} \hat{F}_c$  with  $\hat{F}_c \propto \sigma_c \sigma_0 + \dots$  *non-analytic* at  $s = 4M_\pi^2$

*cf with S.R. Gevorkyan et al, hep-ph 0704.2675, 0711.4618*

# One-loop result in ChPT

⇒ Use ChPT with no photons, calculate isospin-breaking corrections, subtract from the measured phase shifts

$$\mathcal{L}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_2 + C \langle QUQU^\dagger \rangle, \dots \quad Q = \frac{e}{3} \text{diag}(2, -1, -1)$$



Scalar FF:

$m_d - m_u$  effect:

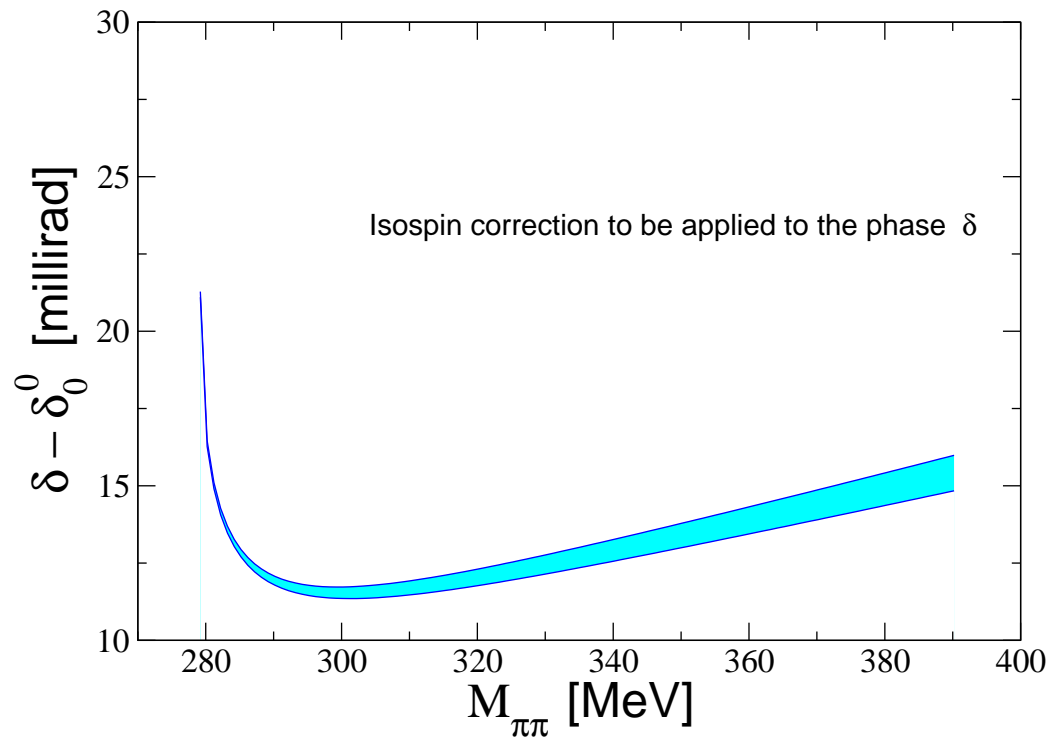
$$\delta_c = \frac{1}{32\pi F_0^2} \left\{ 4(M_\pi^2 - M_{\pi^0}^2 + s)\sigma_c(s) + (s - M_{\pi^0}^2) \left( 1 + \frac{3}{2R} \right) \sigma_0(s) \right\}$$

$$R = \frac{m_s - \frac{1}{2}(m_d + m_u)}{m_d - m_u} \simeq 37 \pm 4 \quad (\text{preliminary})$$

also: A. Nehme, PRD 69 (2004) 094012; EPJC 40 (2005) 367; V. Cuplov and A. Nehme, hep-ph/0311274

S. Descotes-Genon and M. Knecht, in progress

# Including isospin-breaking correction



$$a_0 = 0.233 \pm 0.016 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.007 \text{ (syst)}$$

$$a_2 = -0.0471 \pm 0.0011 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.0004 \text{ (syst)}$$

No constraints, NA48/2 coll., EPJC 54 (2008) 411

**Downward shift  $\delta a_0 \simeq -0.02$  due to isospin-breaking correction!**

# Conclusions

- Cusp in the  $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0 \pi^0$  invariant mass distribution (also, in  $K_L \rightarrow 3\pi^0$ ,  $\eta \rightarrow 3\pi^0$ ):
  - *Emerges in the kinematically allowed region*
  - *Allows extracting the values of  $a_0, a_2$*
- Cusp in the phase of the formfactor in  $K_{e4}$  decays:
  - *$\delta_c \neq 0$  at charged pion threshold, Watson theorem modified*
  - *Isospin-breaking effects crucial for confronting theory with experiment*
- Non-relativistic effective theories:
  - *The most efficient tool to parameterize amplitudes in the cusp region*
  - *Electromagnetic effects can be systematically included*