

Lattice QCD with light quarks  
compares to chiral perturbation theory

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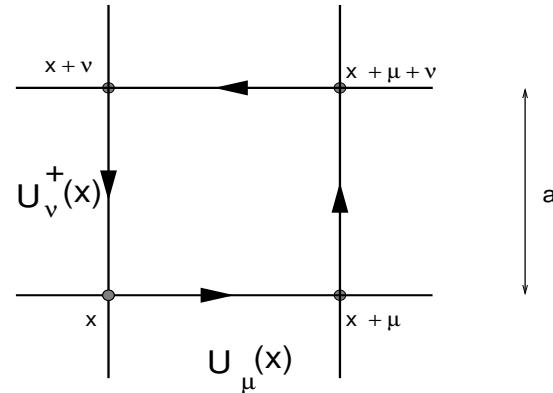
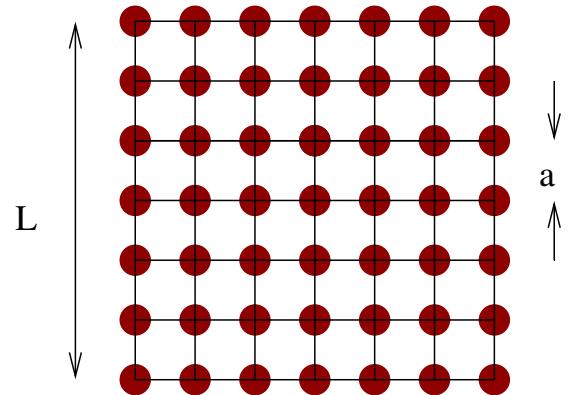
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In Collaboration with L. Del Debbio (Edinburgh), M. Lüscher (CERN), R. Petronzio and N. Tantalo (Tor Vergata)

- QCD with two flavors with Wilson fermions
- ChPT with two flavors
- A new algorithm for full QCD simulations: SAP
- Simulation parameters and costs
- Results for meson masses and decay constants
- Scaling of  $M_P^2$  and  $F_P$  with the lattice spacing
- Lattice results confront ChPT
- Conclusions

## QCD with two degenerate flavors with the Wilson action



- The Wilson action for the  $SU(3)$  Yang–Mills theory is ( $\beta = 6/g^2$ )

$$S_{\text{YM}} = \beta \sum_{x,\mu<\nu} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{6} \text{Tr} \left[ U_{\mu\nu}(x) + U_{\mu\nu}^\dagger(x) \right] \right\}$$

$$U_{\mu\nu}(x) = U_\mu(x)U_\nu(x+\mu)U_\mu^\dagger(x+\nu)U_\nu^\dagger(x)$$

- Periodic boundary conditions for gauge fields

## QCD with two degenerate flavors with the Wilson action

- The fermion Wilson action we use is

$$S_F = \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{x,y} \bar{\psi}_i(x) D_m(x,y) \psi_i(y) \quad \psi \equiv \{\psi_1, \psi_2\}$$

$$D_m = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \gamma_\mu (\nabla_\mu^* + \nabla_\mu) - a \nabla_\mu^* \nabla_\mu \right\} + m_0$$

where  $am_0 = (1/k - 8)/2$  and

$$\nabla_\mu \psi_i(x) = \frac{1}{a} [U_\mu(x) \psi_i(x + a\hat{\mu}) - \psi_i(x)]$$

$$\nabla_\mu^* \psi_i(x) = \frac{1}{a} [\psi_i(x) - U_\mu^\dagger(x - a\hat{\mu}) \psi_i(x - a\hat{\mu})]$$

- Fermion fields with periodic boundary conditions in space and anti-periodic in time

- It is possible to define renormalized operators

$$\hat{A}_\mu^a(x) = Z_A A_\mu^a(x) \quad A_\mu^a(x) = \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \frac{\sigma^a}{2} \psi(x)$$

$$\hat{P}^a(x) = Z_P P^a(x) \quad P^a(x) = \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma_5 \frac{\sigma^a}{2} \psi(x)$$

that satisfy renormalized axial Ward identities of the form

$$\partial_\mu^* \langle \hat{A}_\mu^a(x) \hat{P}^a(0) \rangle = 2 \hat{m} \langle \hat{P}^a(x) \hat{P}^a(0) \rangle + \mathcal{O}(a) \quad x \neq 0$$

- The “on-shell” non-perturbative definition of the quark mass is

$$m = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial_\mu^* \langle A_\mu^a(x) P^a(0) \rangle}{\langle P^a(x) P^a(0) \rangle} \quad \hat{m} = \frac{Z_A}{Z_P} m$$

## Non-linear sigma model with two degenerate flavors

- The fundamental fields

$$U \equiv \exp \left\{ \frac{2i}{F} \Phi \right\}, \quad \Phi = \sum_a \phi^a \frac{\sigma^a}{2}$$

transforms under chiral symmetry as

$$U \rightarrow V_R U V_L^\dagger, \quad U^\dagger \rightarrow V_L U^\dagger V_R^\dagger$$

with  $V_L V_L^\dagger = I$  and  $V_R V_R^\dagger = I$

- The  $\mathcal{O}(p^2)$  Euclidean action which encodes the SSB is

$$\mathcal{S}^{(2)} = \int d^4x \frac{F^2}{4} \left\{ \text{Tr} \left[ \partial_\mu U^\dagger \partial_\mu U \right] - M^2 \text{Tr} \left[ U^\dagger + U \right] \right\}$$

where  $M^2 = 2B\hat{m}$

## Meson mass and decay constant at NLO

- The  $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$  Euclidean Action is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{S}^{(4)} = & \int d^4x \left\{ \frac{M^4(\hat{l}_4 - \hat{l}_3)}{16} \text{Tr}[U^\dagger + U] \text{Tr}[U^\dagger + U] + \right. \\ & \left. \frac{M^2 \hat{l}_4}{8} \text{Tr}[\partial_\mu U^\dagger \partial_\mu U] \text{Tr}[U^\dagger + U] + \text{four deriv. terms} \right\}\end{aligned}$$

- The meson mass and decay constant at  $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$  are given by

$$M_P^2 = M^2 \left\{ 1 + \frac{M^2}{32\pi^2 F^2} \log\left(\frac{M^2}{\mu^2}\right) + \frac{2M^2}{F^2} \hat{l}_3(\mu) \right\}$$

$$F_P = F \left\{ 1 - \frac{M^2}{16\pi^2 F^2} \log\left(\frac{M^2}{\mu^2}\right) + \frac{M^2}{F^2} \hat{l}_4(\mu) \right\}$$

- If we define

$$\hat{l}_3(\mu) = \frac{-1}{64\pi^2} \left( \bar{l}_3 + \log \left( \frac{M^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right) \Big|_{M=139.6\text{MeV}}$$

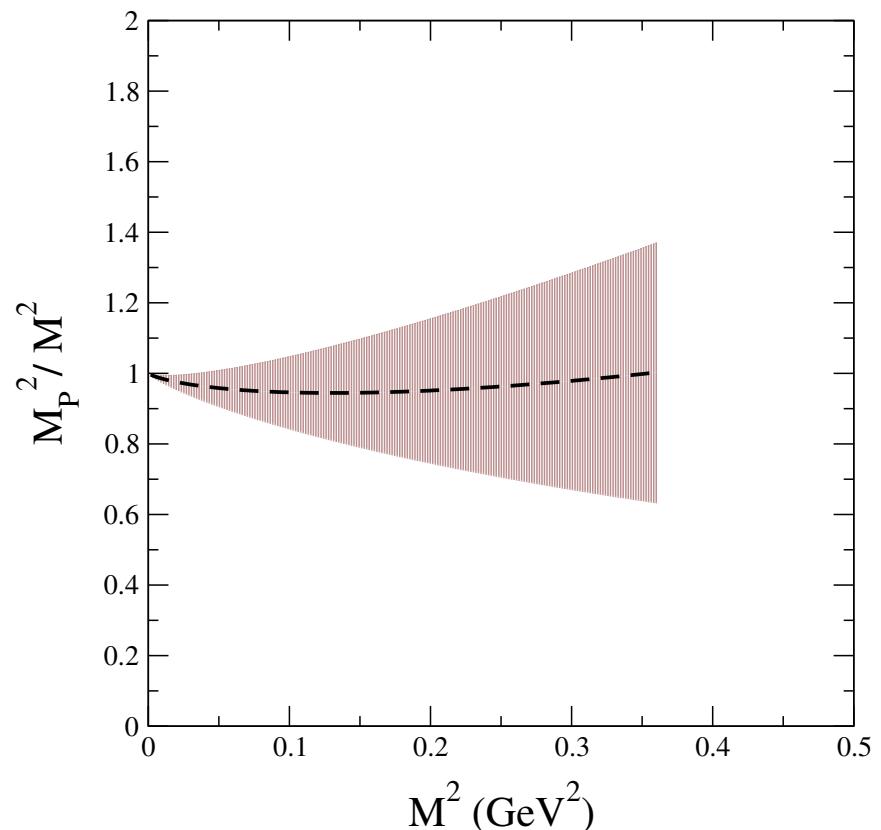
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- A crude estimate from experimental values of meson masses gives

$$\bar{l}_3 = 2.9 \pm 2.4$$



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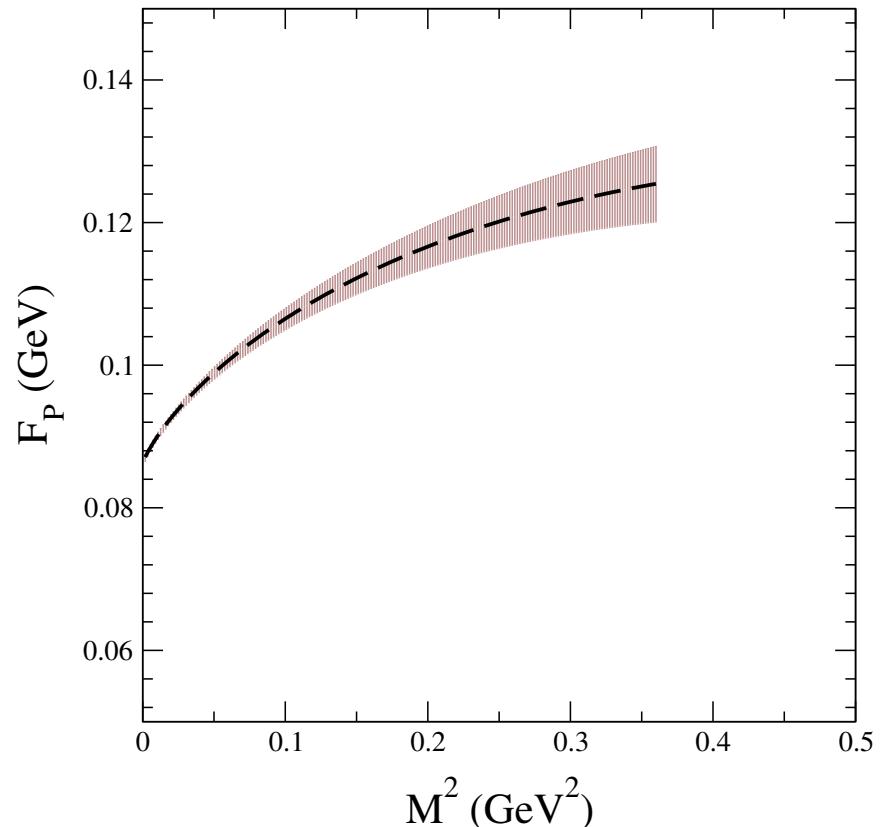
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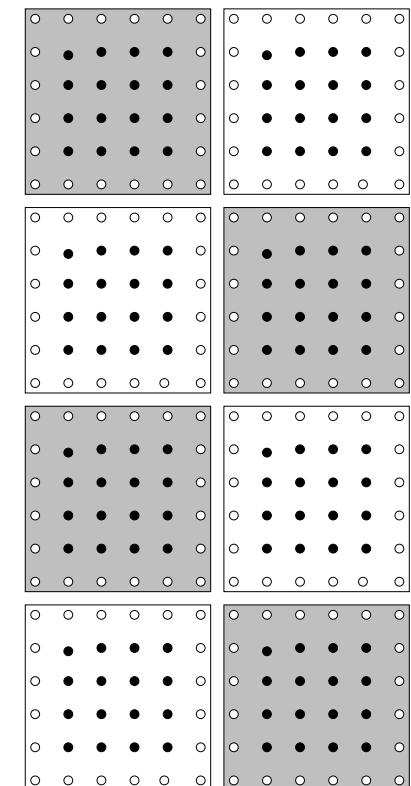
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- An estimate from the scalar radius of the pion gives

$$\bar{l}_4 = 4.4 \pm 0.2$$



- Decomposition of the lattice into blocks with Dirichlet b.c.  
with  $q \geq \pi/L > 1 \text{ GeV}$
- **Asymptotic freedom:** quarks are weakly interacting in the blocks  
 $\implies$  QCD easy (*cheaper*) to simulate
- Block interactions are weak and are taken into account exactly



$$S(x, y) \sim \frac{1}{|x - y|^3}$$

## Block decomposition of the Dirac operator

### • The Wilson–Dirac operator

$$D_m = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \gamma_\mu (\nabla_\mu^* + \nabla_\mu) - \nabla_\mu^* \nabla_\mu \right\} + m_0$$

can be decomposed as

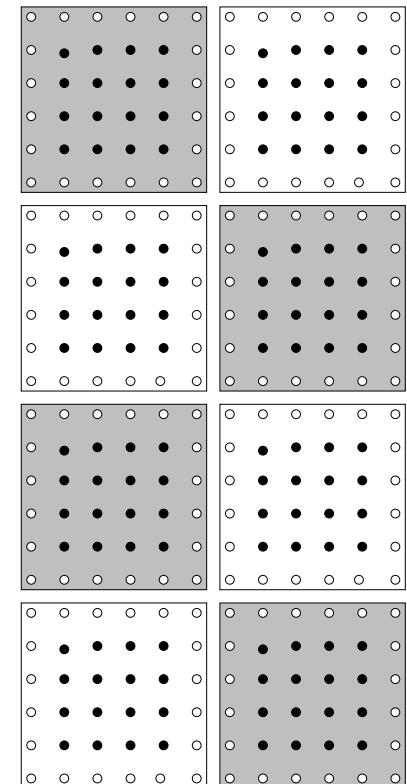
$$D = D_{\Omega^*} + D_\Omega + D_{\partial\Omega^*} + D_{\partial\Omega}$$

where

$$D_{\Omega^*} = \sum_{\text{white } \Lambda} D_\Lambda$$

$$D_\Omega = \sum_{\text{black } \Lambda} D_\Lambda$$

$\Omega^*$ ,  $\Omega$  are white and black blocks,  $\partial\Omega$ ,  $\partial\Omega^*$  are exterior boundaries



## Factorization of the determinant

- The determinant of the Dirac operator written as

$$\det D_W = \prod_{\text{all } \Lambda} \det \hat{D}_\Lambda \det R$$

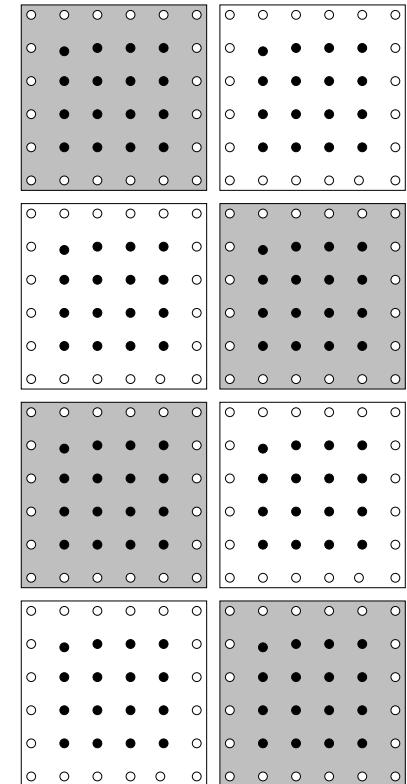
with the block interaction

$$R = 1 - P_{\partial\Omega^*} D_\Omega^{-1} D_{\partial\Omega} D_{\Omega^*}^{-1} D_{\partial\Omega^*}$$

- For two flavors can be written as integral over scalar fields

$$S_{\phi\chi} = \sum_{\text{all } \Lambda} \|\hat{D}_\Lambda^{-1} \phi_\Lambda\|^2 + \|R^{-1} \chi\|^2$$

where  $\phi_\Lambda$  defined on  $\Lambda$  and  $\chi$  on  $\partial\Omega^*$



- In molecular dynamics force naturally split

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Pi(x, \mu) = -F_G(x, \mu) - F_\Lambda(x, \mu) - F_R(x, \mu)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} U(x, \mu) = \Pi(x, \mu) U(x, \mu)$$

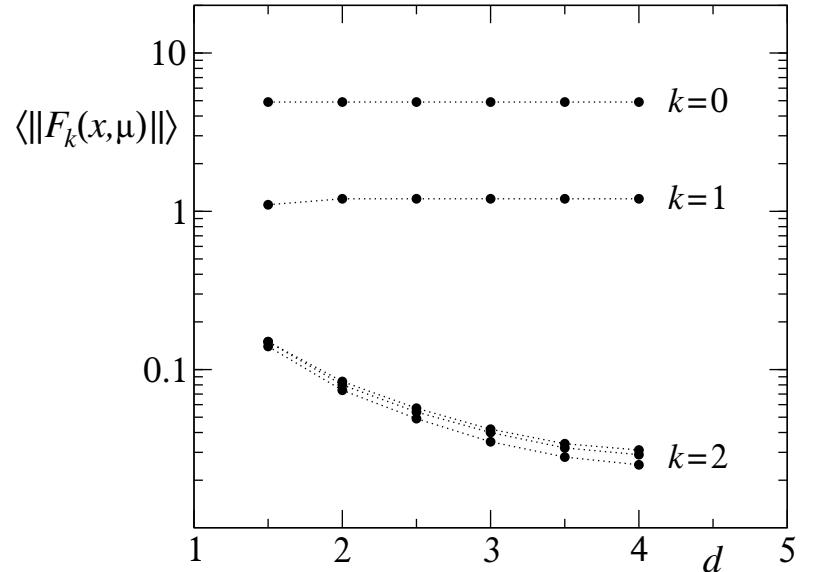
- Integration step-sizes chosen such that

$$\epsilon_G \|F_G\| \sim \epsilon_\Lambda \|F_\Lambda\| \sim \epsilon_R \|F_R\|$$

i.e. the most expensive force computed less often!

- Do not give up first-principles: teach Physics to exact algorithms for being smarter (*faster*)!

$$C_{\text{cost}} \propto m_q^{-1}$$



## Collaboration and PC clusters

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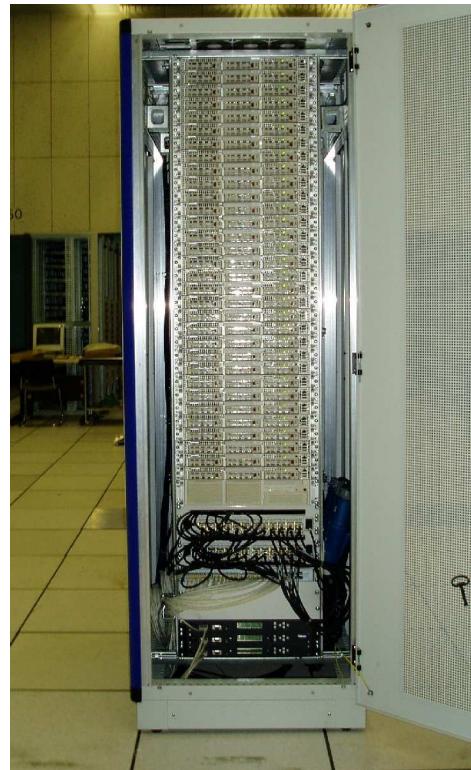


Fermi Institute PC cluster with 80 nodes (160 Xeon procs)

64 nodes used for this project ( $\sim 200$  Gflops sustained)

Bern Physics Institute PC cluster with 32 nodes (64 Xeon procs)

8 nodes used for this project ( $\sim 25$  Gflops sustained)



CERN PC cluster with 32 nodes (64 Xeon procs)

All nodes used for this project ( $\sim 160$  Gflops sustained)

## Parameters of the runs with the Wilson action

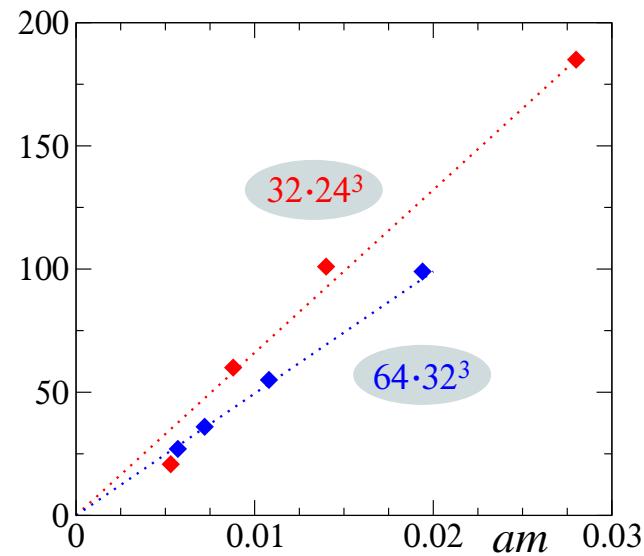
	$k$	$N_{\text{trj}}$	$N_{\text{sep}}$	$N_{\text{conf}}$
	0.15750	6400	100	64
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$\beta = 5.6$	0.15825	10000	100	100
	<b>0.15835</b>	5000	50	100
	0.15410	5000	50	100
$V = 32^3 \times 64$	0.15440	5050	50	101
$\beta = 5.8$	0.15455	5200	50	104
	<b>0.15462</b>	5100	50	102

- Parameter ranges:

- $m \sim \frac{1}{4}m_s - m_s$
- $a \sim 0.050 - 0.075 \text{ fm}$
- $L \sim 1.75 \text{ fm}$

- All confs archived @ CERN

- All following results preliminary!



Accepted gauge field configurations generated per day

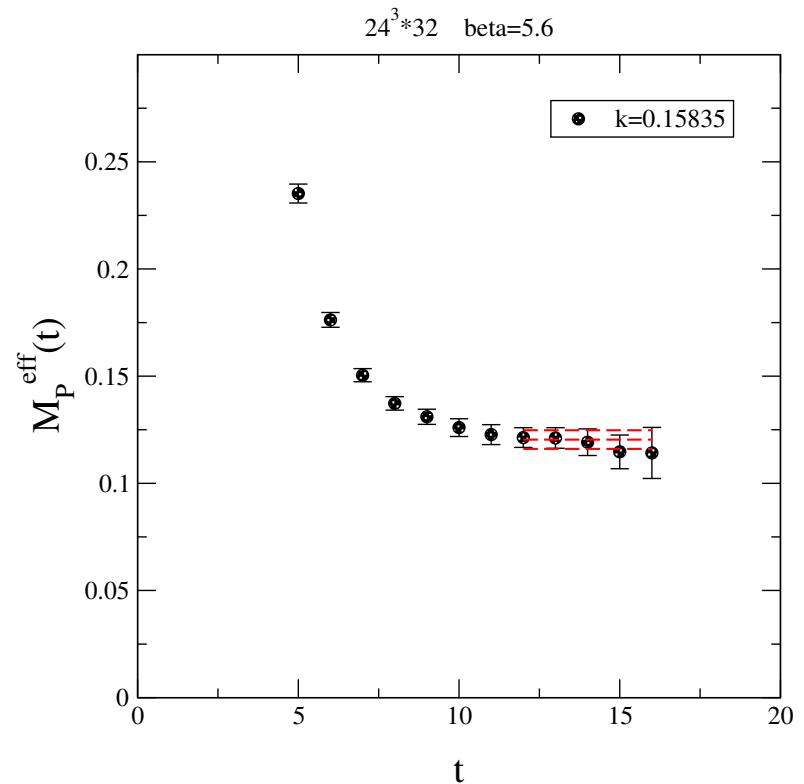
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by fitting the effective mass to a plateaux



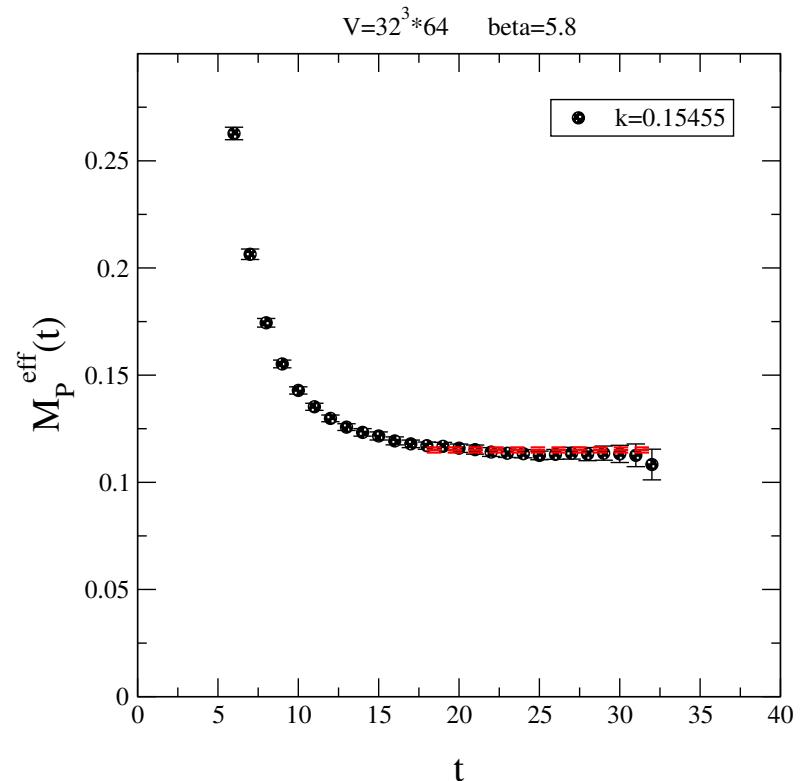
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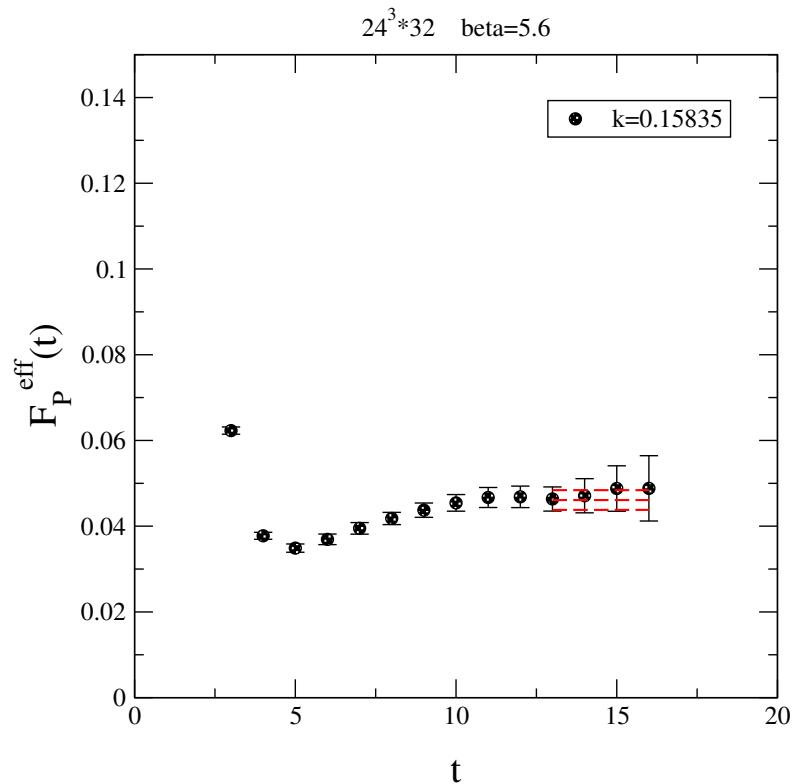
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- Pseudoscalar decay constant extracted by combining  $C_{PP}(t)$  with

$$C_{AP}(t) = \sum_{\vec{x}} \langle A_0^a(x) P^a(0) \rangle$$

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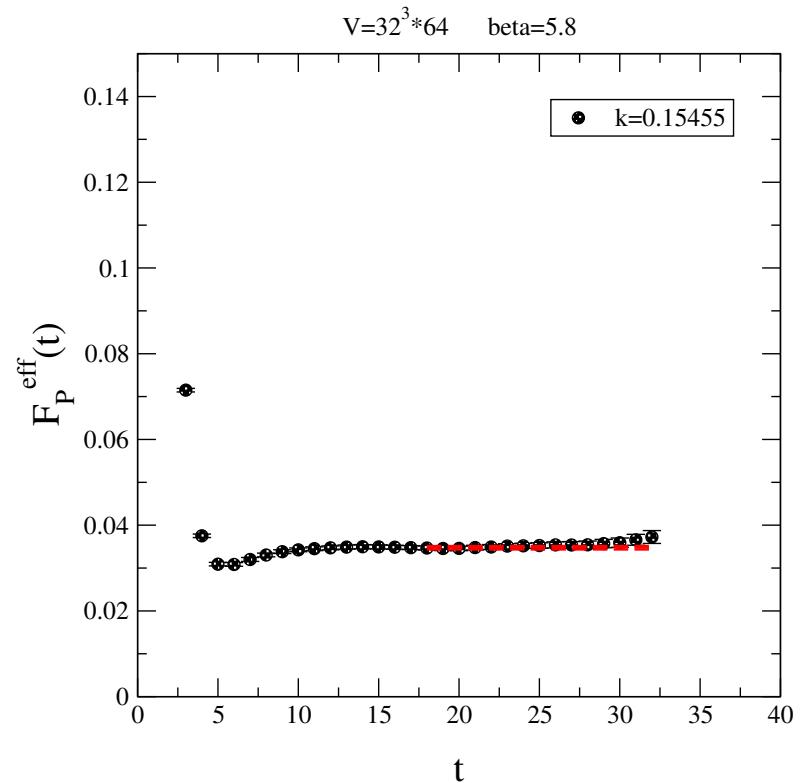
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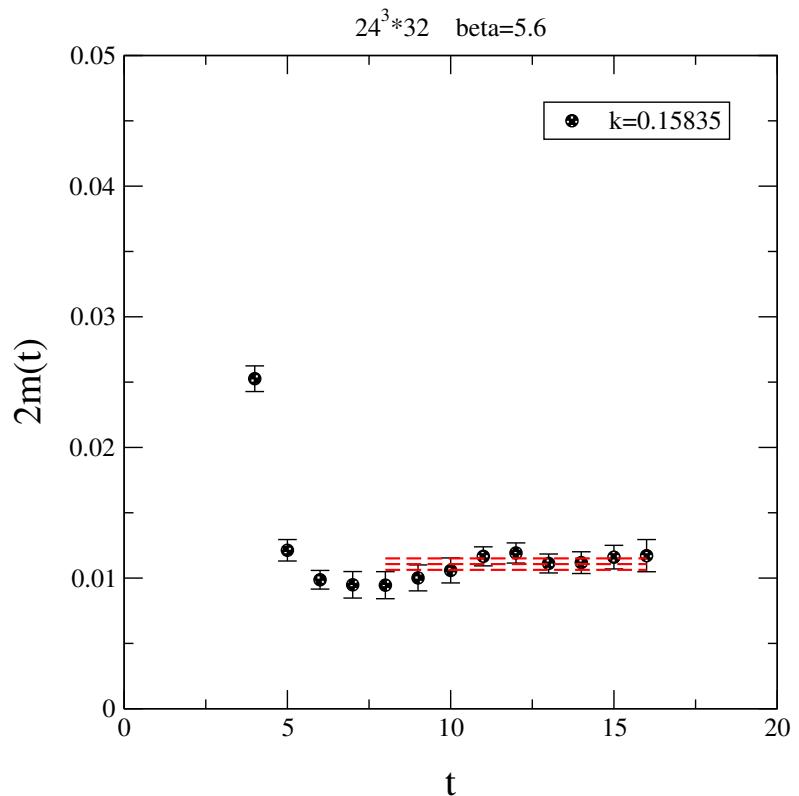
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$t_1 - t_2 = 8 - 16$	<b>0.15835</b>	<b>0.01107(44)</b>
	0.15410	0.03898(16)
$V = 32^3 \times 64$	0.15440	0.02170(11)
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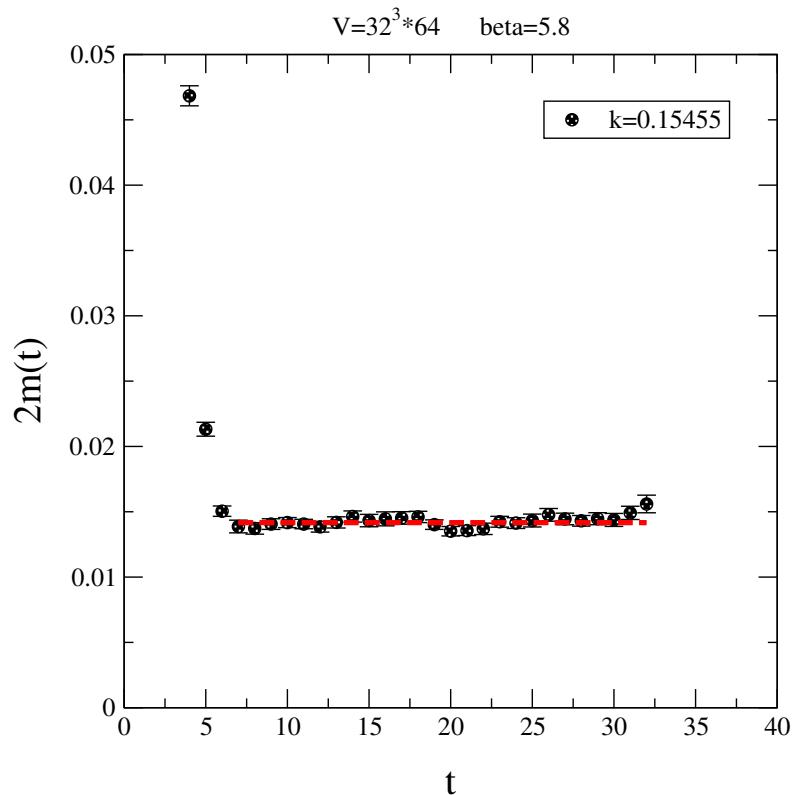
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## Statistical gain with five sources

- Two-point pseudoscalar correlation functions computed for 5 sources

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- A general error reduction observed

- A clear pattern of error reduction in  $F_P$

## Finite volume corrections

	$k$	$2am$	$a^2 M_P^2$	$aF_P$
$V = 24^3 \times 32$	0.15750	0.05477(53)	0.0753(11)	0.0648(8)
	0.15800	0.02853(31)	0.0388(6)	0.0544(9)
	0.15825	0.01724(42)	0.0241(10)	0.0500(17)
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$V = 32^3 \times 64$	0.15410	0.03898(16)	0.0386(3)	0.0457(4)
	0.15440	0.02170(11)	0.0219(3)	0.0379(4)
	0.15455	0.01417(12)	0.0132(3)	0.0347(4)
	<b>0.15462</b>	<b>0.01139(16)</b>	<b>0.0108(2)</b>	<b>0.0339(6)</b>

- Meson masses and decay constants at  $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$  in finite volume

$$M_P^2 = M^2 \left\{ 1 + \frac{M^2}{32\pi^2 F^2} \log \left( \frac{M^2}{\Lambda_\pi^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2F^2} g_1^4(M^2) \right\}$$

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- The finite volume corrections in  $M_P^2$  for the various masses are

$$\begin{aligned} \beta = 5.6 \\ \{0\%, 0.2\%, 0.7\%, \textcolor{red}{2.1\%}\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \beta = 5.8 \\ \{0\%, 0.6\%, 0.9\%, \textcolor{red}{1.3\%}\} \end{aligned}$$

## Reference point

- Reference point defined to be

$$\left(\frac{M_P}{M_V}\right)^2 \Big|_{m=m_{\text{ref}}} = \left(\frac{M_K^{\text{exp}}}{M_{K^*}^{\text{exp}}}\right)^2 = 0.30657$$

- If we fix  $M_{\text{ref}} = M_K^{\text{exp}}$  to fix the lattice spacing

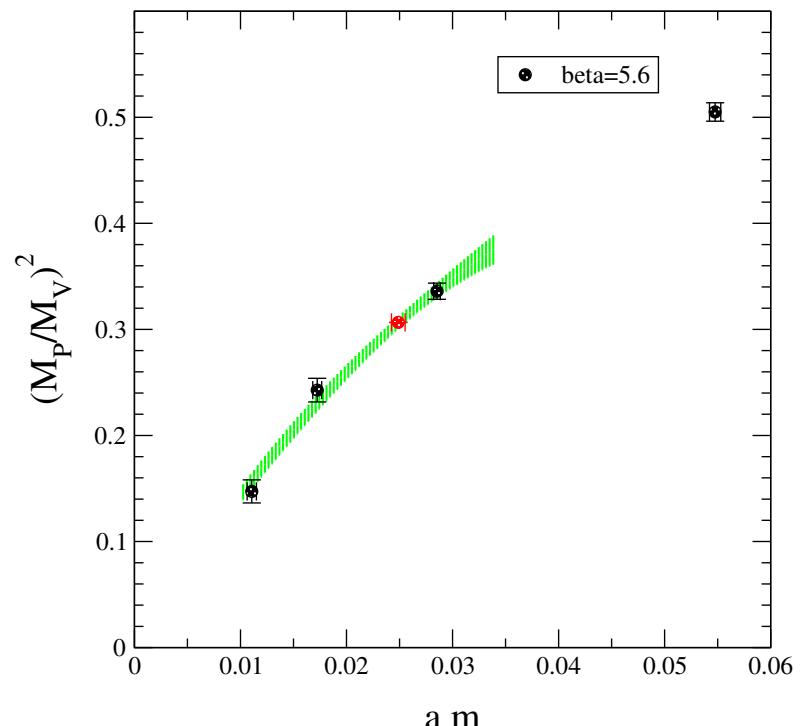
$$a^{-1} = 2.70(3) \text{ GeV} \quad \beta = 5.6$$

$$a^{-1} = 3.77(4) \text{ GeV} \quad \beta = 5.8$$

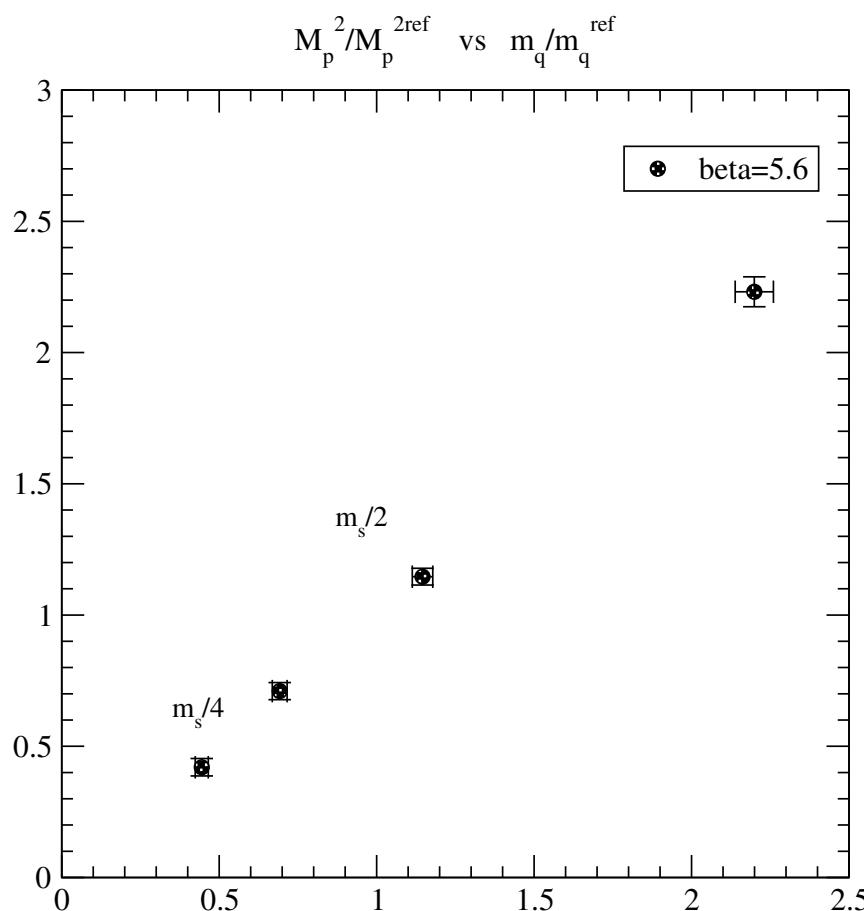
- If we use  $Z_A$  from RI-MOM D. Bećirević et al 05

$$F_{\text{ref}} = 111(2) \quad \beta = 5.6$$

$$F_{\text{ref}} = 108(2) \quad \beta = 5.8$$

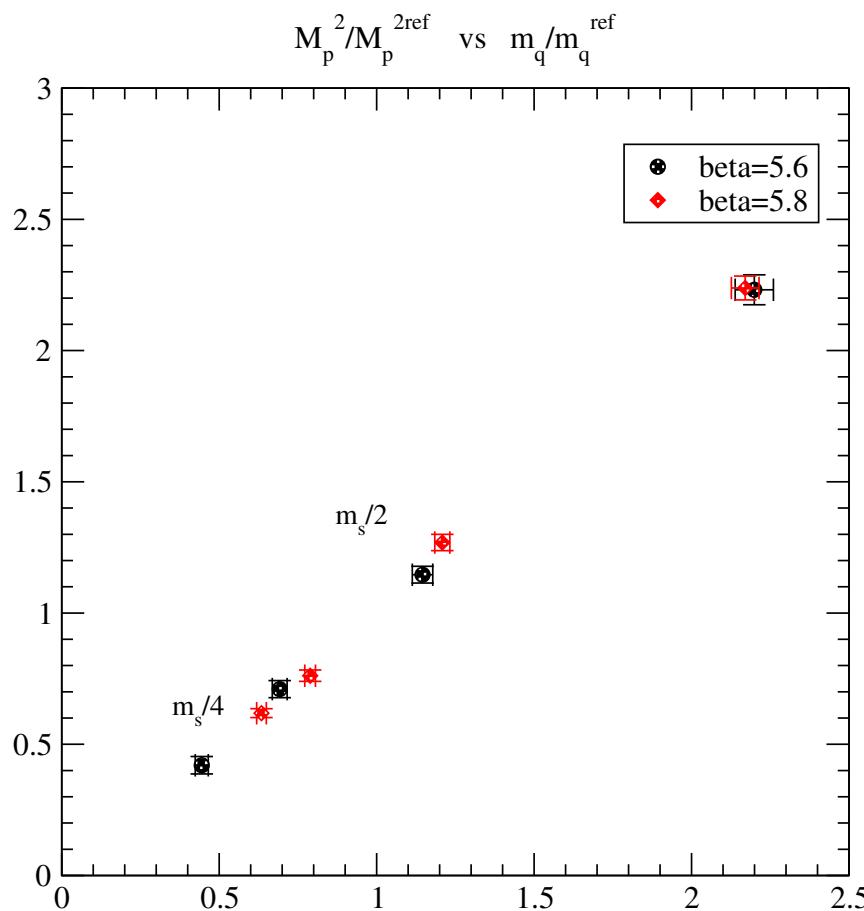


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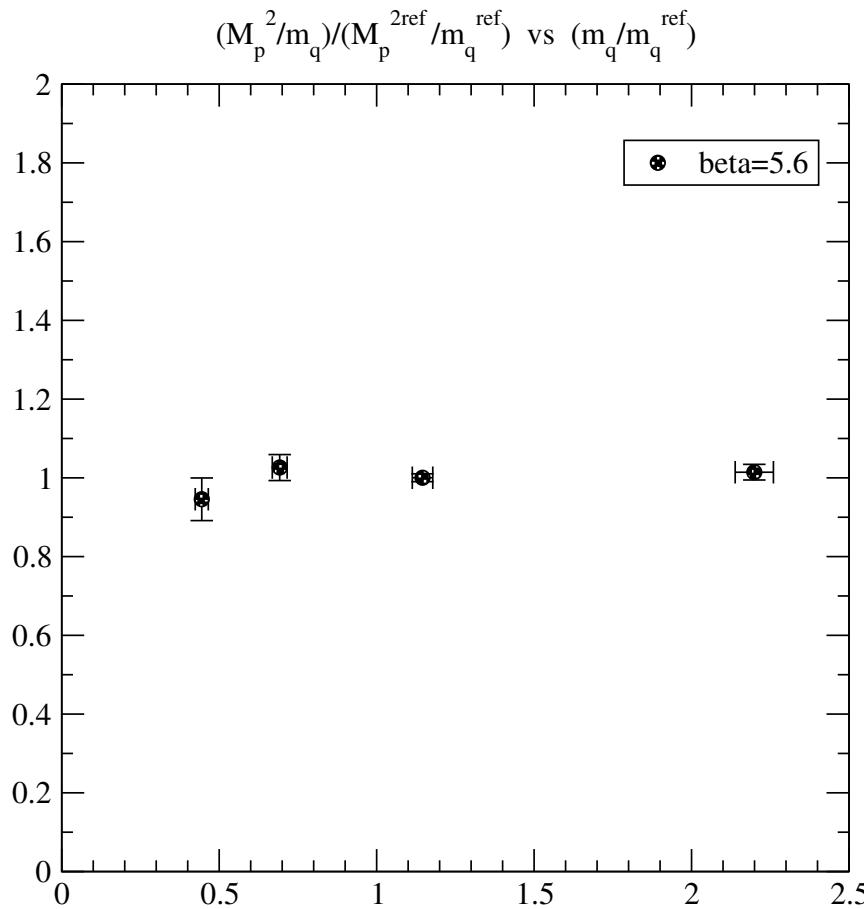
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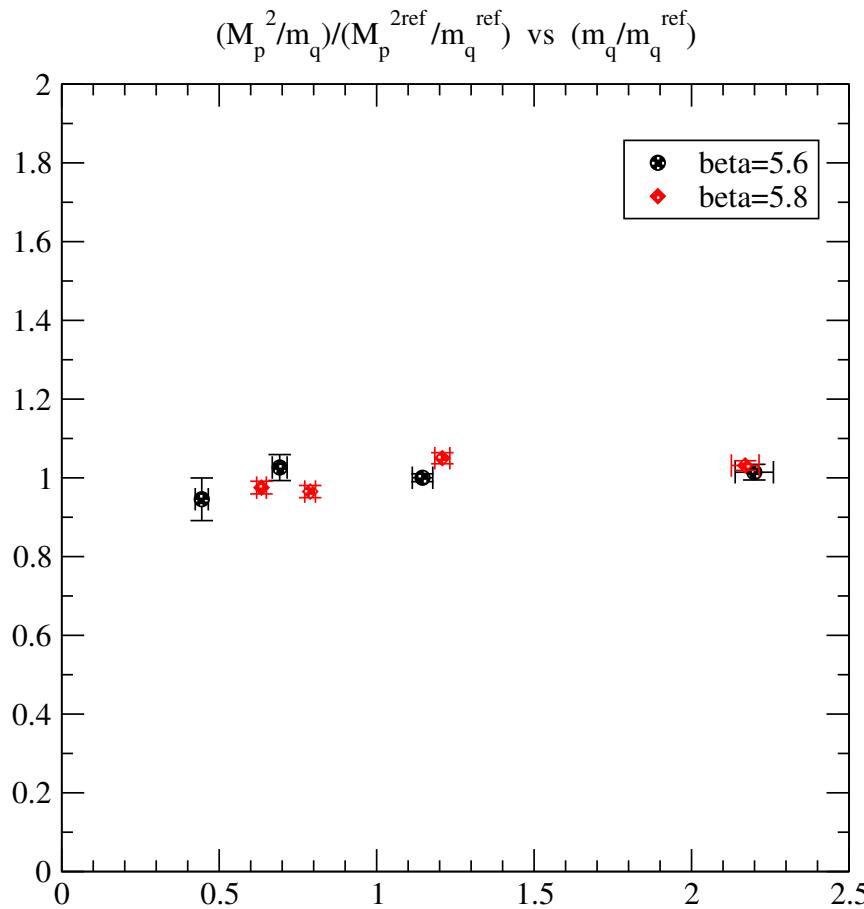
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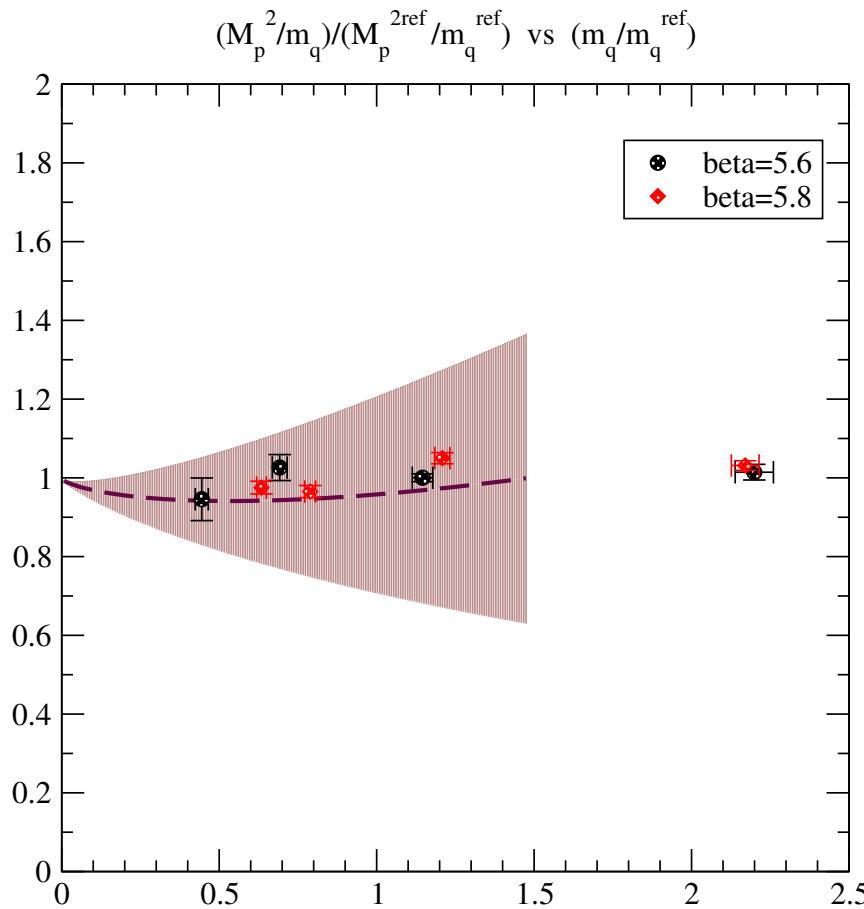
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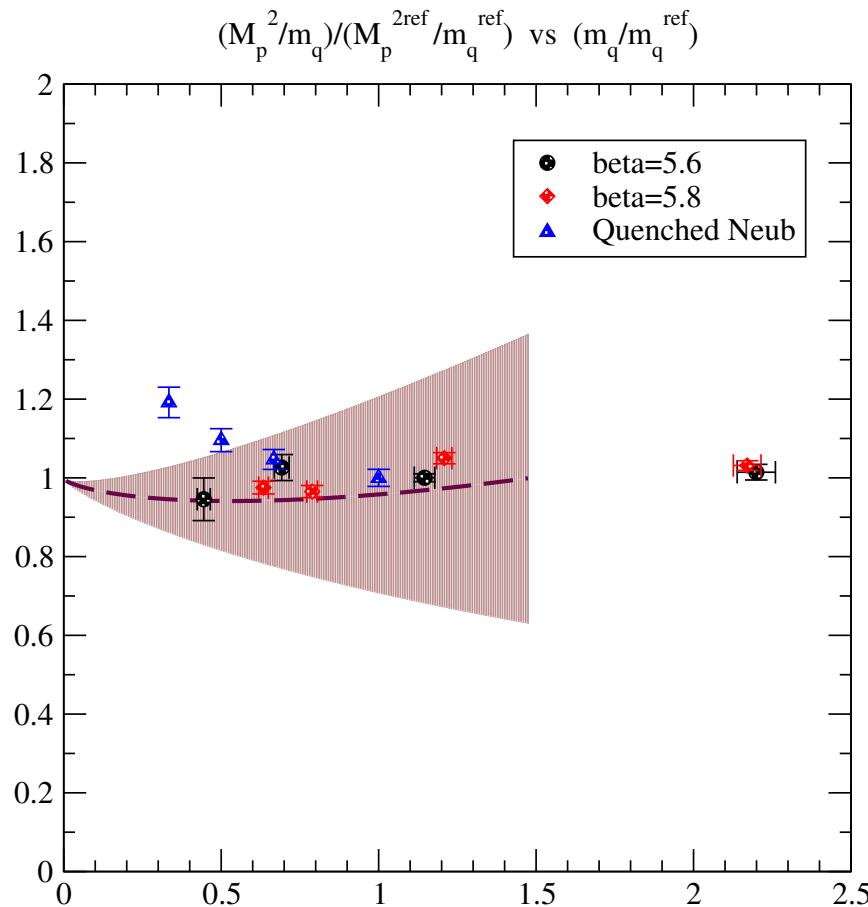
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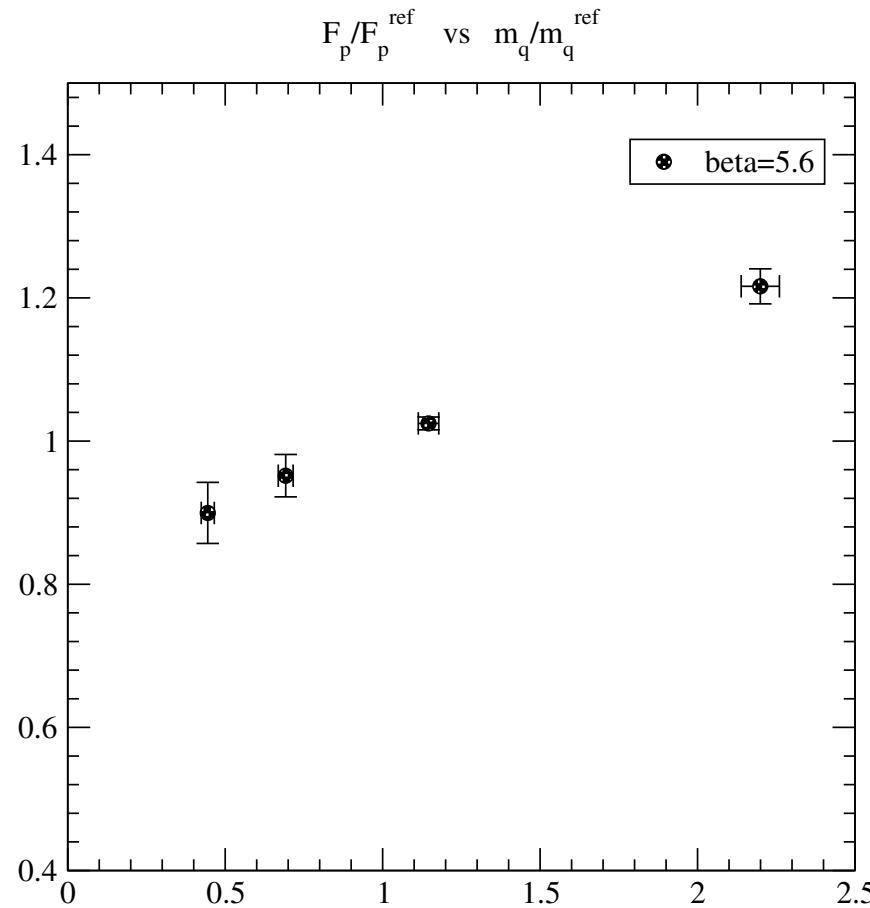
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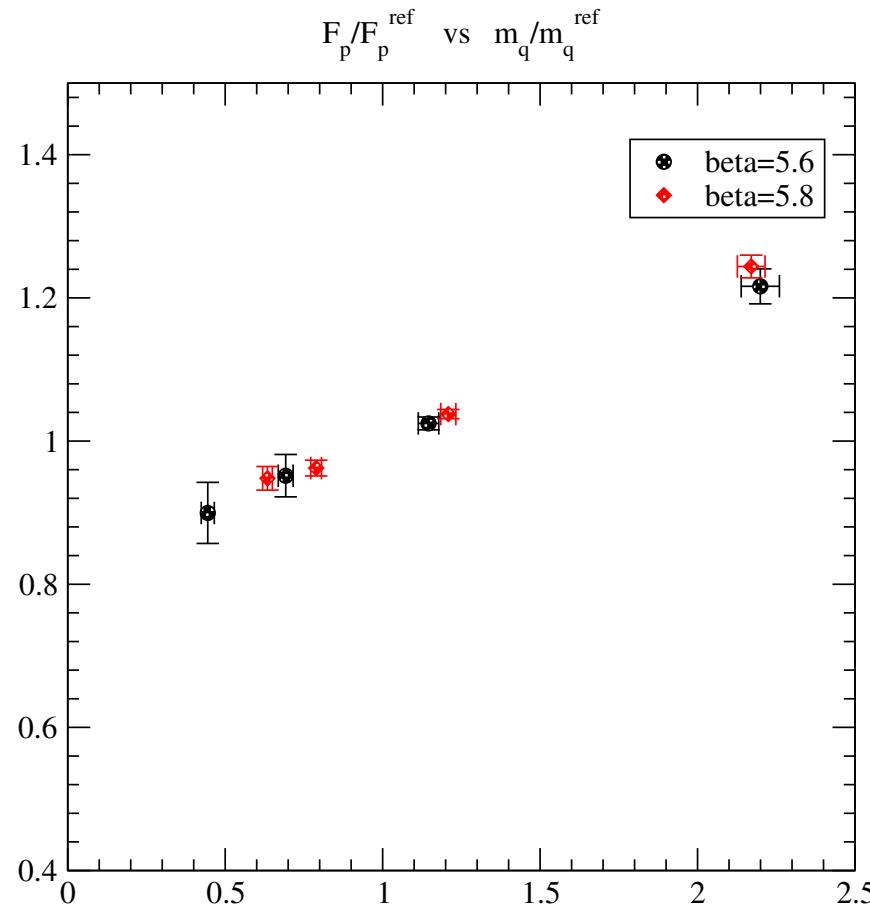
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## Pseudoscalar decay constant versus the quark mass



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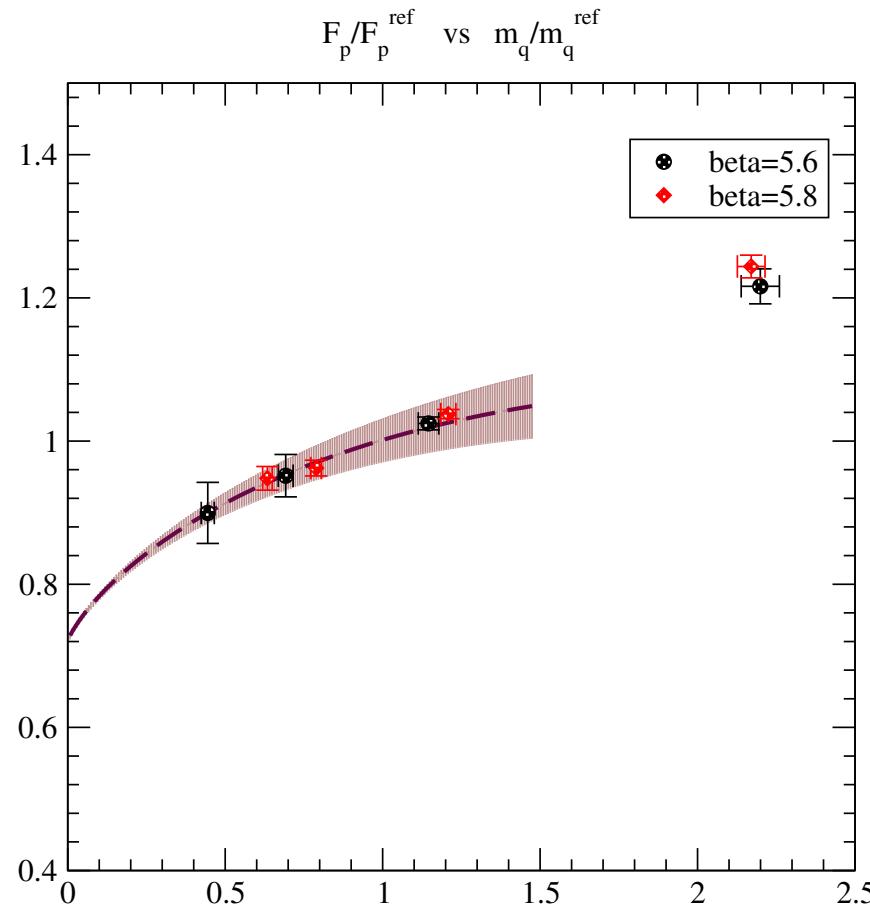
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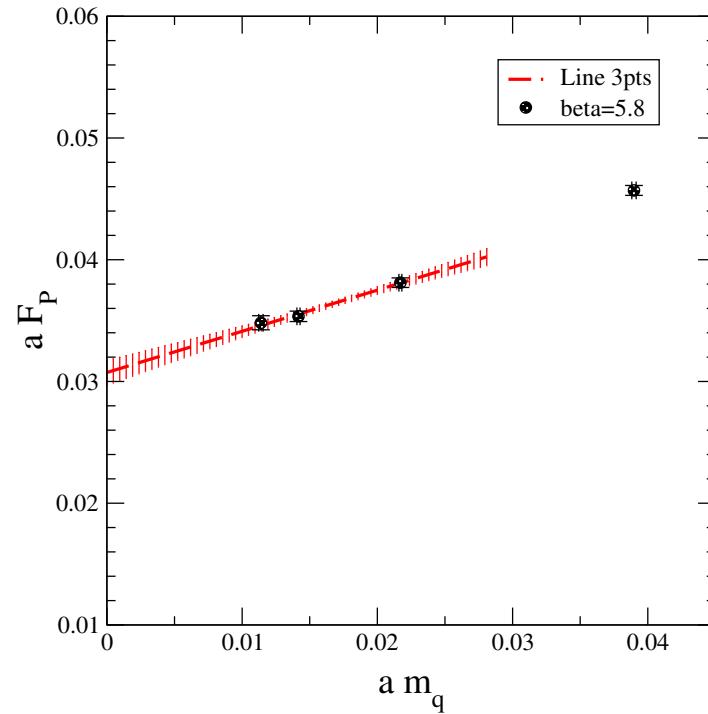
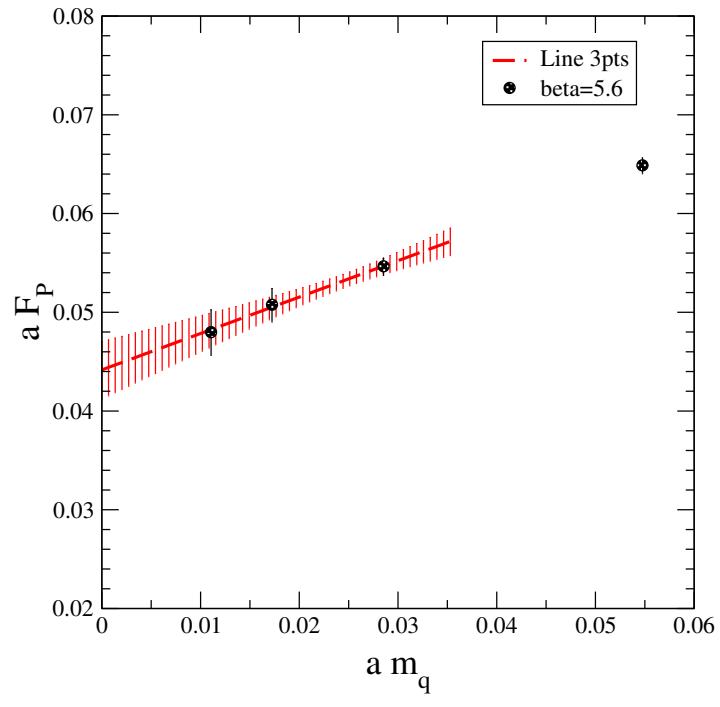
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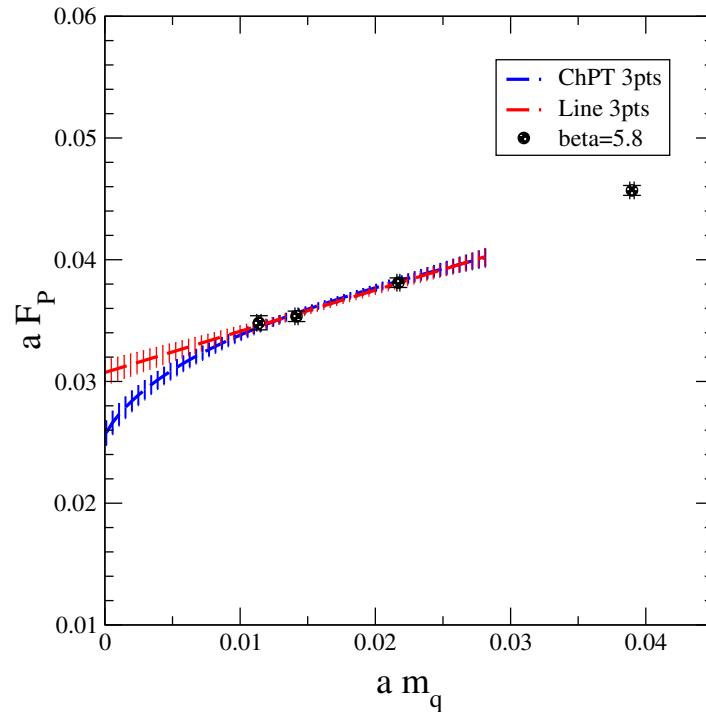
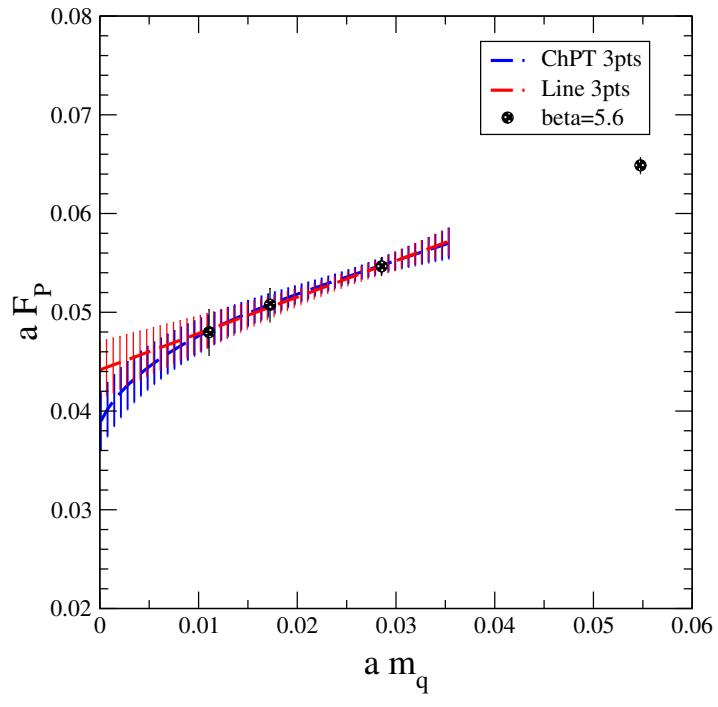
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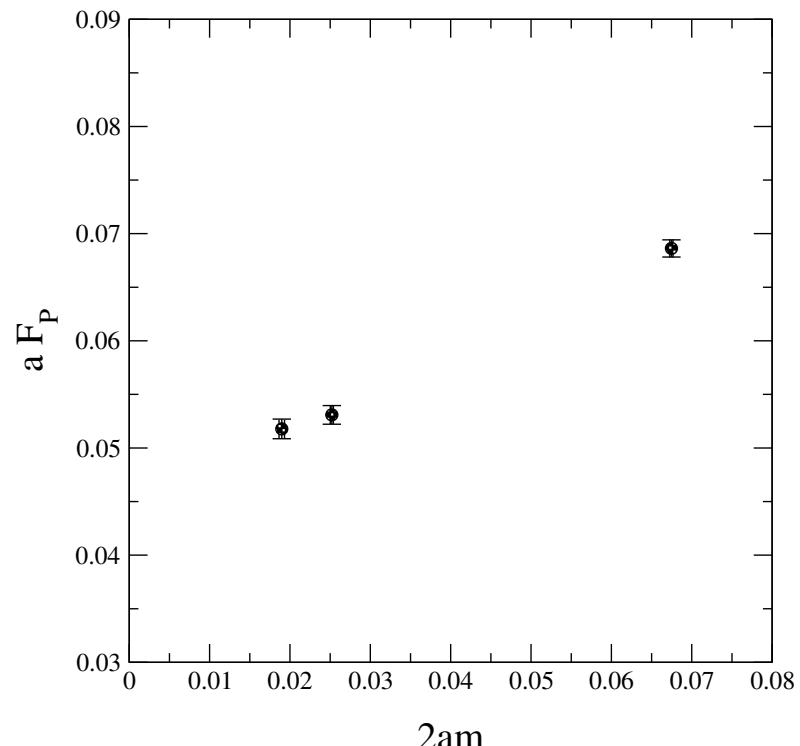
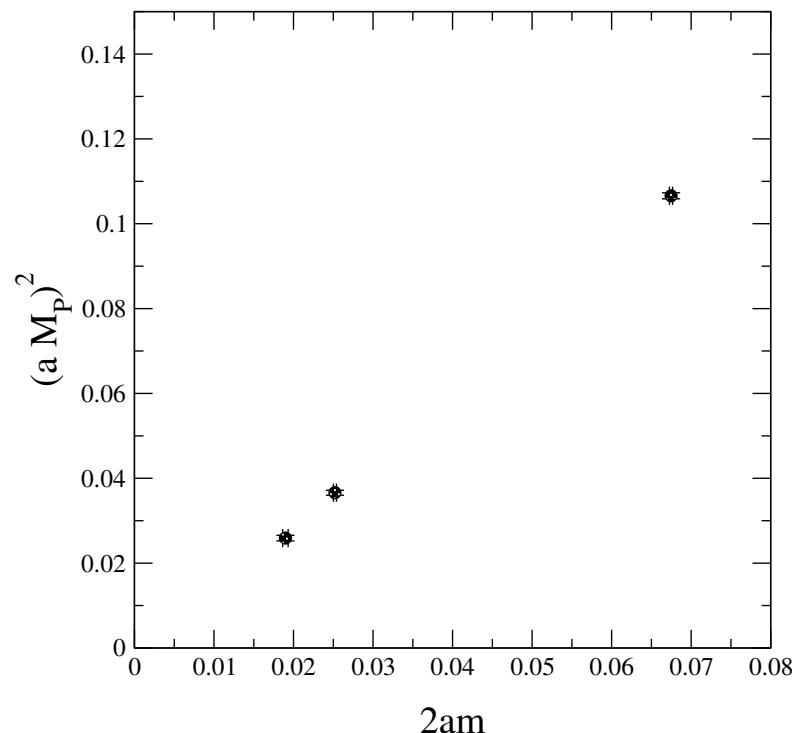
## ChPT fits for the pseudoscalar decay constant



- The lightest three points are compatible with a linear behavior  
..... and also with the NLO ChPT fit function
- Light and precise points are needed for an accurate determination of  $F$

## First clover run

	$k$	$N_{\text{trj}}$	$N_{\text{sep}}$	$N_{\text{conf}}$
	0.13550	5200	50	104
$V = 24^3 \times 48$	0.13590	4620	30	154
$\beta = 5.3$	0.13610	5070	30	169
$c_{sw} = 1.90952$	<b>0.13620</b>	1770	30	59
	TBD			



## Conclusions

- Our experience for two flavor QCD shows that SAP is **very stable** in the ranges
  1.  $m \sim \frac{1}{4}m_s - m_s$
  2.  $a \sim 0.050 - 0.075 \text{ fm}$
  3.  $L \sim 1.75 \text{ fm}$
- The production for two Wilson lattices completed. **The first clover run is finishing**
- Discretization effects in the quark mass dependence of  $M_P^2$  and  $F_P$  are small
- The mass dependence of  $M_P^2$  turns out to be **very linear** for  $M_P = 300 - 600 \text{ MeV}$   
Data compatible with NLO ChPT + exp.
- $F_P$  shows a clear quark mass dependence. Data compatible with NLO ChPT + exp.
- Precise points at light quark masses are necessary to extract the LECs reliably