

# Final results on the strange quark mass and the Lambada parameter at $N_f = 2$ ?

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# GENERAL SETUP

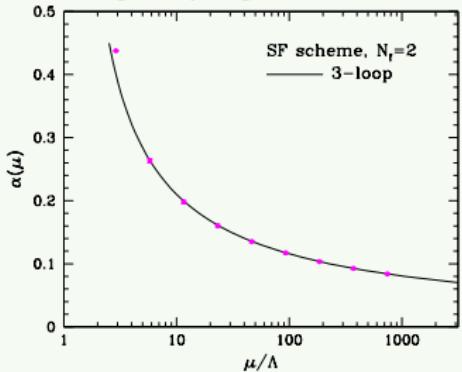


# Non-perturbative Renormalization

Ingredient: Schrödinger functional as intermediate renormalization scheme

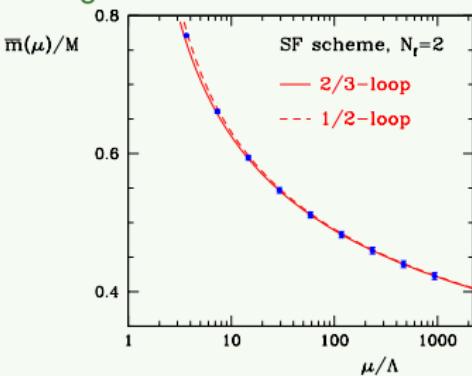
- massless, finite volume renorm. scheme in the continuum
- IR regulator on the lattice (Dirichlet b.c. in time)  $\Rightarrow m = 0$  possible
- NP definition of a running coupling  $\Rightarrow \bar{g}^2(\mu)$ , w/ box size  $L = 1/\mu$
- $N_f = 2$ : QCD running coupling [ALPHA'04] and mass [ALPHA'05] known through finite size scaling technique

NP running coupling:



$\hookrightarrow \Lambda$ -parameter, low energy scale  $\mu \equiv 1/L_1$

NP running mass:



$\hookrightarrow$  RGI quark masses  $M_i$

# Dynamical fermion simulations

e.g.: O7 ensemble,  $64^3 \times 128$ ,  $m_\pi \sim 270$  MeV

## Lattice framework:

- plaquette gauge action
- mass-degenerate doublet of non-perturbatively improved Wilson fermions

## Our criteria:

- FV effects negligible due to

$$Lm_\pi \geq 4.0$$

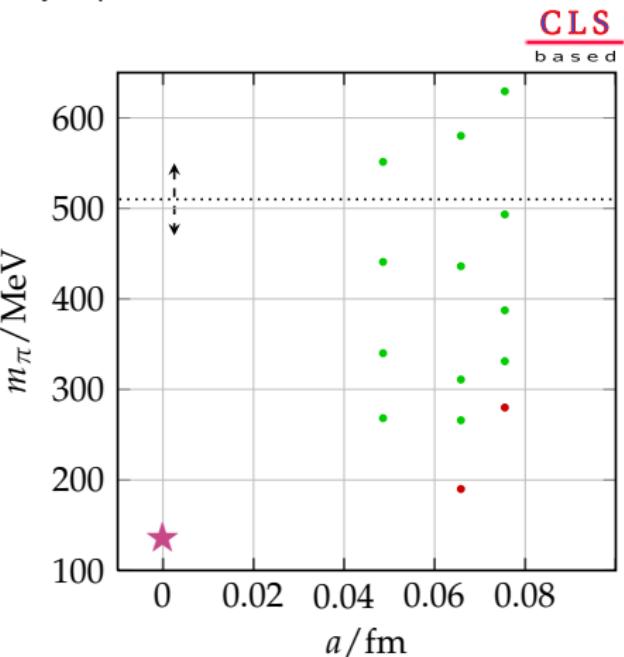
- data for chiral extrapolation uses

$$m_\pi \lesssim 500 \text{ MeV}$$

- three lattice spacings

$$< 0.08 \text{ fm}$$

Goal: controlled extrapol. to physical point ★



# TWO STRATEGIES FOR CHIRAL EXTRAPOLATIONS



# Setting the scale

Standard procedure, still room for improvements though

- calibrate lattice spacing  $a$  through dimensionful reference quantity  $Q$ :

$$a^{-1}[\text{MeV}] = \frac{Q|_{\text{exp}}[\text{MeV}]}{[aQ]_{\text{latt}}} , \quad Q \in \{f_\pi, f_K, m_N, m_\pi, \dots\}$$

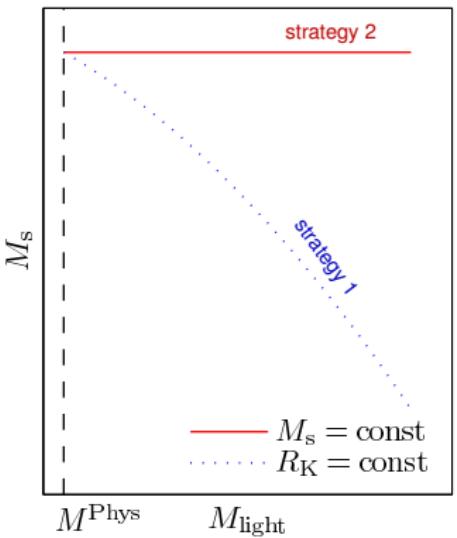
choose well behaved quantity  $Q$  according to

- experimentally available input
- reasonable signal-to-noise ratio
- well-controlled and understood chiral behaviour
- mild cut-off effects
- ...

Our choice: kaon decay constant  $f_K$

- milder chiral extrapolation compared to  $f_\pi$
- strange quark is still quenched, i.e., no contribution to sea
- better control over systematic errors from chiral extrapolation (2 strategies)

# Two chiral extrapolations

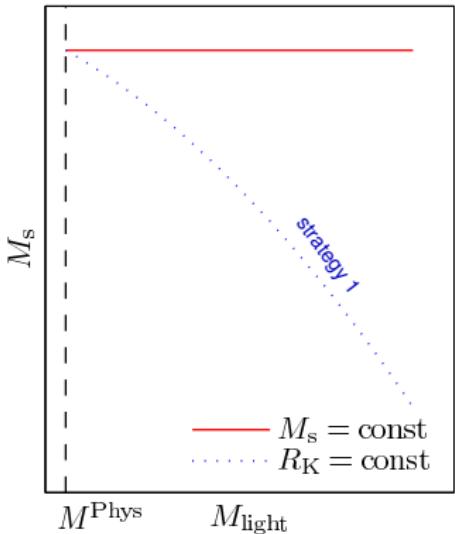


# Strategy 1

fix ratio  $R_K$ :

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## Strategy 1, Strategy 2



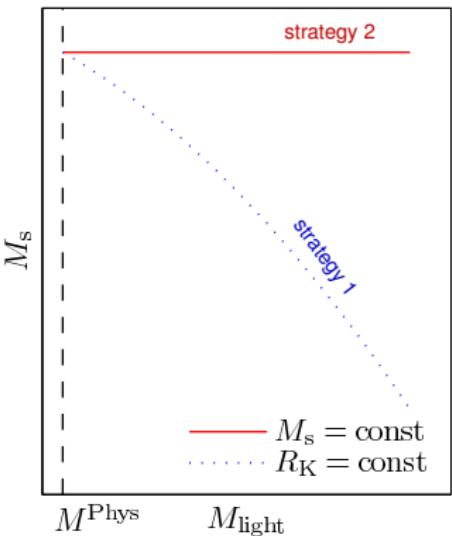
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fix strange quark's PCAC mass:

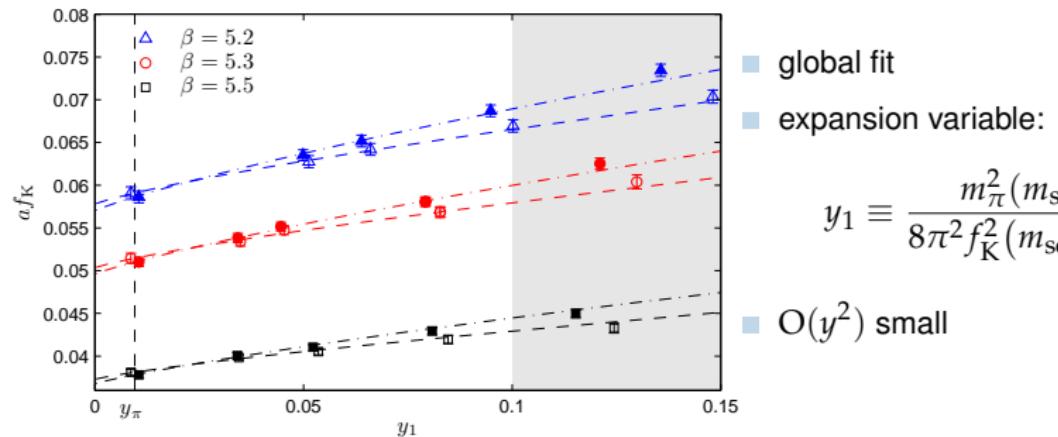
$$am_s(m_{\text{sea}}) \stackrel{!}{=} \text{const}$$



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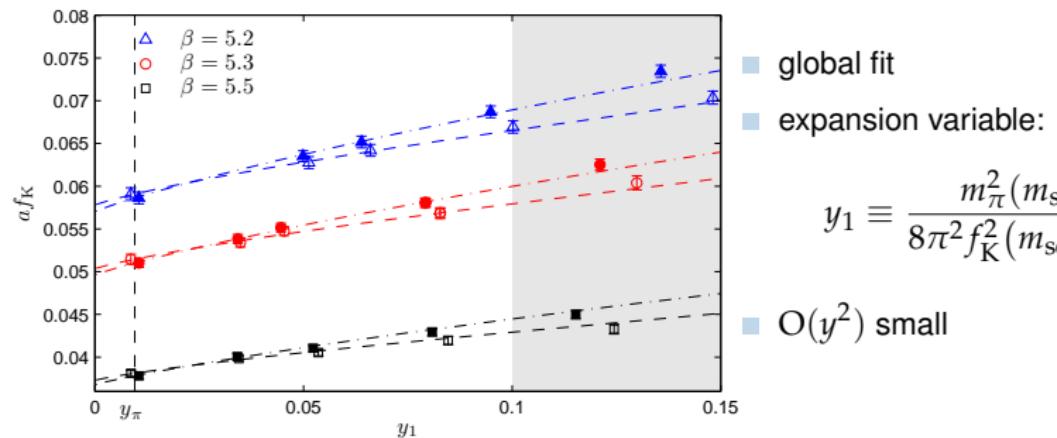
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$$y_1 \equiv \frac{m_\pi^2(m_{\text{sea}})}{8\pi^2 f_K^2(m_{\text{sea}}, m_s)} \leq 0.1$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \left. \frac{[a f_K(y_1)]}{f_{K,\text{phys}}} \right|_{y_1=y_\pi} \quad \text{with } f_{K,\text{phys}} = 155 \text{ MeV [FLAG'11]} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{isospin symmetric limit \&} \\ \text{QED effects removed} \end{array} \right.$$

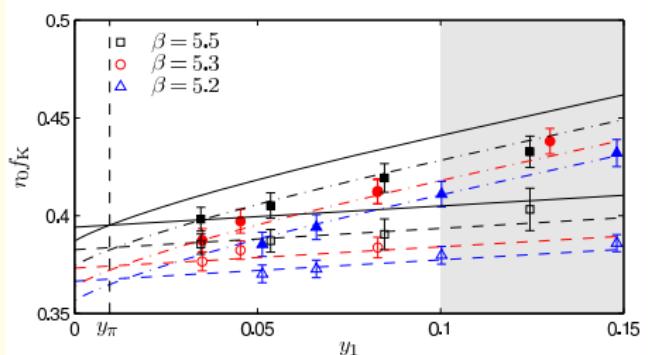
- systematic expansion includes  $M$ ,  $M \cdot \ln M$ ,  $a^2$  [no  $M \cdot a^2$ , but checked]
- agreement also with simple linear extrapolation [i.e., not  $M \cdot \ln M$ ]

# The scale parameter $r_0$

from static potential  $V(r)$  by solving

$$r^2 F(r) \Big|_{r=r_0} = 1.65 , \quad \text{with } F(r) \equiv V'(r) , \quad \Rightarrow r_0/a$$

Chiral extrapolation of  $r_0 f_K$ :



- same expansion parameter:  

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- ▲○□  $r_0, f_K$  at finite quark mass linear in  $y_1$
- ▲●■  $r_0$  in  $\chi$ -limit,  $f_K$  as before includes leading log

- both (independent) extrapolations in very good agreement
- smallness of  $y_1 \cdot a^2$  checked

$$\Rightarrow r_0 = 0.503(10) \text{ fm}$$

# RESULTS

## $\Lambda$ , $M_s$



# The $\Lambda$ parameter of $N_f = 2$ QCD

Master formula:

[ALPHA'05]

$$\frac{\Lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^{(2)}}{f_K} = \frac{1}{[f_K L_1]_{\text{cont}}} \times [L_1 \Lambda_{\text{SF}}^{(2)}]_{\text{cont}} \times \frac{\Lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^{(2)}}{\Lambda_{\text{SF}}^{(2)}}$$

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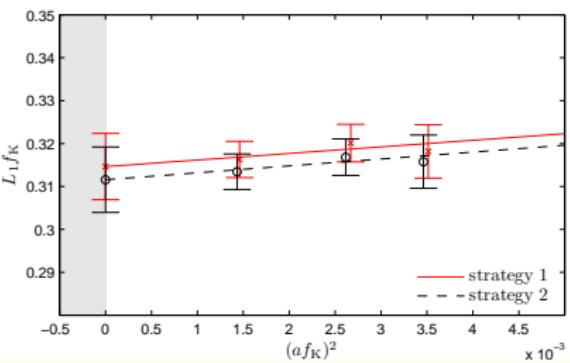
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using result from **strategy 1**

$$L_1 f_K = 0.315(8)(2)$$



$$\Lambda_{\text{SF}}^{(2)} / f_K = 0.84(6)$$



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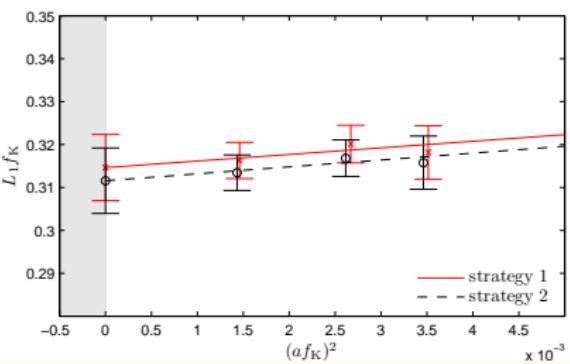
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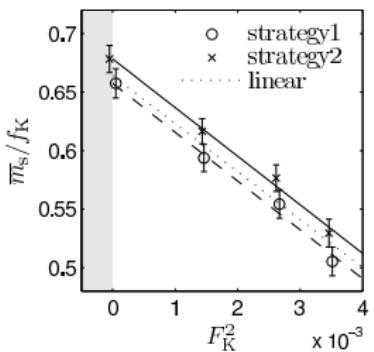
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## Strategy 1:

- only combination  $\bar{m}_s + \hat{\bar{m}}$  directly accessible
- remove average light quark mass  $\hat{\bar{m}}$   
 ↵ additional systematic uncertainty
- combination of LEC  $\alpha_4$  &  $\alpha_6$  from constrained global fit



## Strategy 2:

(conceptually preferred)

- no additional LEC's involved
- $\bar{m}_s/f_K = 0.678(12)(5)$

$$M_s = 138(3)(1) \text{ MeV},$$

$$\bar{m}_s^{\overline{\text{MS}}} (\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}) = 102(3)(1) \text{ MeV}$$

# Summary

- complete analysis of CLS based  $N_f = 2$  ensembles;  
 $a = (0.05 - 0.08)\text{fm}$
- Conservative error estimates through autocorrelation analysis
- Scale setting with  $f_K$ 
  - Two strategies for chiral extrapolation in agreement
  - simple linear extrapolation also agrees within errors
  - small cut-off effects

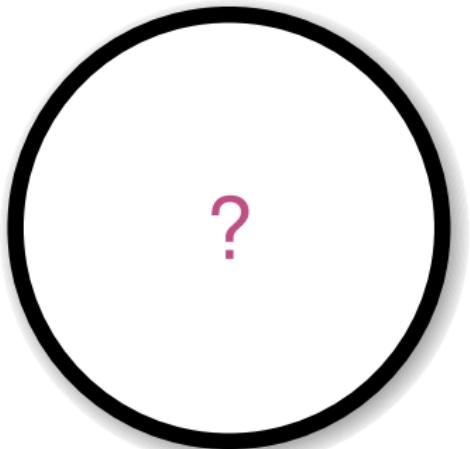
~~ control over systematic effects in scale setting
- Main results

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- controlled reduction of statistical & systematic error achieved (since 2005)



# Comparison to other collaborations

**Note:** two flavour results expressed in units of  $r_0$  to make it **unambiguous**

$r_0 \Lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^{(2)}$	method	reference
0.790(51)	NP running coupling, PT matching @ $\sim 100$ GeV	[ALPHA 2012]
0.72(5)	ghost-gluon-v., PT matching @ $\sim 3$ GeV	[BlossierEtAl 2010]
0.658(55)	static potential, PT matching @ $\sim 1$ GeV	[ETMC 2011]
0.59(2) $(^{+4}_{-0})$	Adler functions, PT matching @ $\sim 1$ GeV	[JLQCD 2009]

*Do some systematic errors not show up in standard criteria used?*

Questions to be asked:

- impact of the matching scale ?
- different methods → different systematic errors; good estimates ?
- Quenching errors? presumably small from  $N_f = 2 \rightarrow 3$
- ...

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