

# A determination of the gradient flow scale $t_0$ on $N_f = 2 + 1$ CLS ensembles

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For details of this analysis and others see: [poster](#), **Wolfgang Söldner**



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**Precision determinations of the scale are needed:**  $m_N$ ,  $m_\Omega$ , the leptonic decay constants  $f_\pi$  and  $f_K$ , ... have been used.

**Intermediate or “theory” scales such as the gradient flow scales  $t_0$  and  $w_0$ .** are also employed.

Generally, these are observables that depend on the gauge fields, such that the dependence on  $m_q$  is mild and they can also be computed very precisely.

**Gradient flow equation** [Lüscher,1006.4518]:

$$a^2 \frac{d}{dt} V_t(x, \mu) = -g_0^2 \cdot \partial_{x,\mu} S_G(V_t) \cdot V_t(x, \mu) \quad V_t(x, \mu)|_{t=0} = U(x, \mu)$$

where  $S_G$  is the lattice gauge action. **Flow time  $t$  has dimensions  $a^2$ .**

**Define the gradient flow time  $t_0$  in terms of the average action density  $E(t)$**

$$t^2 E(t)|_{t=t_0} = c = 0.3, \quad E(t) = \frac{1}{V_4} \int_{V_4} d^4x \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a(x, t) G_{\mu\nu}^a(x, t)$$

where  $G_{\mu\nu}^a(x, t)$  is the field strength tensor evaluated using  $V_t$ .

**Determine  $t_{0,ph}$  via  $(\sqrt{t_0} M_\Xi)^{latt} = (\sqrt{t_0} M_\Xi)^{phys}$ . Why  $m_\Xi$ ? Statistically precise. Simultaneously fit baryon octet ( $N, \Lambda, \Sigma, \Xi$ ) with SU(3) BChPT (a lot of data fitted with few parameters).**

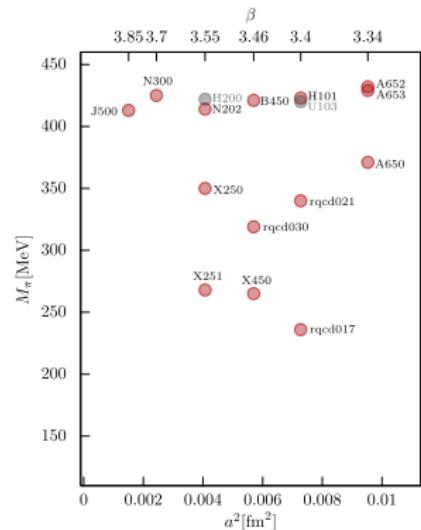
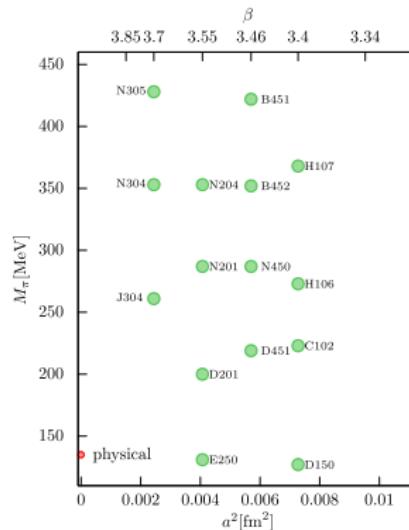
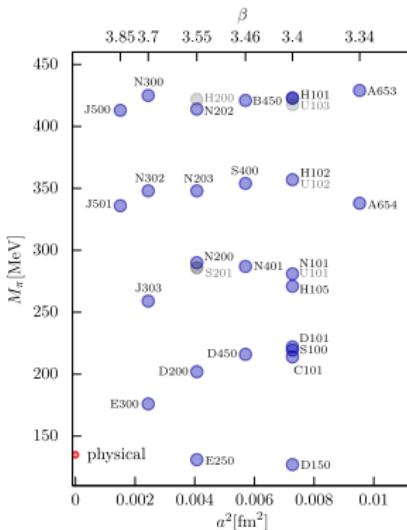
# CLS ensembles: $m_\pi$ vs $a^2$

$N_f = 2 + 1$  flavours of non-perturbatively  $O(a)$  improved Wilson fermions on tree level Symanzik improved glue.

**High statistics:** typically 6000-8000 MDUs, 1000-2000 configurations.

**Aim to control all main sources of systematics ( $a$ ,  $m_q$  and  $V$ ):** Six lattice spacings:

$a = 0.1 - 0.04$  fm,  $Lm_\pi \gtrsim 4$  with additional smaller volumes,  $m_\pi = 410$  MeV down to  $m_\pi^{phys}$ .



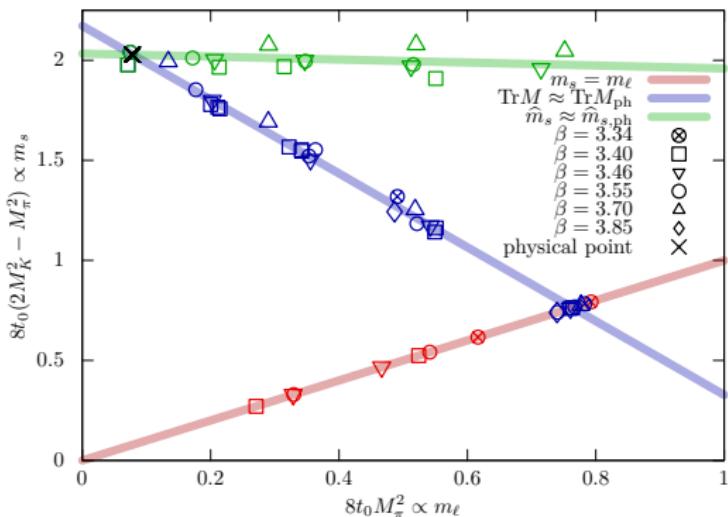
$$2m_\ell + m_s = \text{const.}$$

$$m_s = \text{const.}$$

$$m_\ell = m_s$$

$a < 0.06$  fm: open-boundary (ob) conditions in time.  $a > 0.06$  fm: mixture of ensembles with periodic and ob conditions.

# CLS ensembles: $m_\ell$ - $m_s$ plane



**Three trajectories:** good control over the quark mass dependence. Can correct for mis-tuning of the trajectories. Observables sensitive to  $m_s$ , e.g.  $m_{\Xi}$ , are tightly constrained.

$2m_\ell + m_s = \text{const.}$ : investigate SU(3) flavour breaking (flavour average quantities roughly constant), approach to physical point involves  $m_\pi \downarrow$  and  $m_K \uparrow$ .

$m_\ell = m_s$ : important for determination of SU(3) ChPT low energy constants (and renormalisation factors).

$t_{0,ph}$ ,  $t_0^*$  and  $t_{0,ch}$

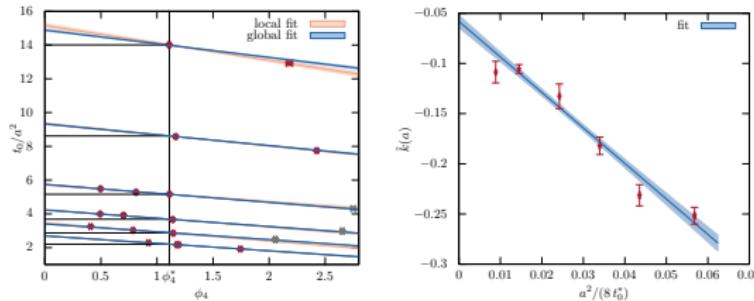
$t_0$  depends (mildly) on the quark mass: [Bär and Golterman, 1312.4999]

$$t_0(\overline{M}, \delta M) = t_{0,ch} \left( 1 + k_1 \frac{3\overline{M}^2}{(4\pi F_0)^2} \right) \approx t_{0,ch} (1 + \tilde{k}_1 8 t_0 \overline{M}^2),$$

Define the scale  $t_0^*$  at the point along the symmetric line  $m_s = m_\ell$  where

$$\phi_4^* = 8t_0^* \left( M_K^2 + \frac{M_\pi^2}{2} \right) = 12t_0^* M_\pi^2 = 1.110.$$

Only requires an interpolation. Useful for representing relative change in the lattice spacing.



From a global fit to  $t_0$ :

$$\tilde{k}_1 = -0.0466(62), \quad t_0^* = 0.9655(46) t_{0,ch}, \quad t_0^* = 0.99947(7) t_{0,ph}.$$

# Extrapolation of baryon multiplets

Extracting meson and baryon masses: **poster, Wolfgang Söldner**

**Determine  $t_{0,ph}$  using  $m_{\Xi}$**  by performing a continuum, quark mass and finite volume extrapolation of the baryon octet (and decuplet) masses.

$$\overline{M}^2 = \frac{1}{3}(2M_K^2 + M_\pi^2) \propto \overline{m} = \frac{1}{3}(2m_\ell + m_s), \quad \delta M^2 = 2(M_K^2 - M_\pi^2) \propto \delta m = m_s - m_\ell$$

**Rescale all masses by  $\sqrt{8t_0}$ :**  $B \in \{N, \Lambda, \Sigma, \Xi, \Delta, \Sigma^*, \Xi^*, \Omega\}$

$$\overline{\mathbb{M}} = \sqrt{8t_0} \overline{M}, \quad \delta \mathbb{M} = \sqrt{8t_0} \delta M, \quad m_B = \sqrt{8t_0} m_B, \quad a = \frac{a}{\sqrt{8t_0^*}},$$

**Extrapolation performed using the fit form**

$$m_B(\mathbb{M}_\pi, \mathbb{M}_K, L, a) = [m_B(\mathbb{M}_\pi, \mathbb{M}_K, \infty, 0) + \delta m_B^{FV}(\mathbb{M}_\pi, \mathbb{M}_K, L)] \\ \times [1 + a^2 (c + \bar{c} \overline{\mathbb{M}}^2 + \delta c_B \delta \mathbb{M}^2)].$$

Simultaneous fit to baryon multiplets with **all correlations taken into account.**

**Discretisation coefficients:** 6 parameters for the octet and decuplets baryons separately.

Natural choice for  $m_B(\mathbb{M}_\pi, \mathbb{M}_K, \infty, 0)$  is to use SU(3) baryon ChPT (and in a finite volume for  $\delta m_B^{FV}$ ).

# NNLO BChPT: octet baryons

BChPT:  $O(p^3)$  baryon ChPT [Ellis et al., nucl-th/9904017] with EOMS regularisation:

$$m_O(M_\pi, M_K, \infty, 0) = m_0 + \bar{b} \overline{M}^2 + \delta b_O \delta M^2 + \frac{m_0^3}{(4\pi F_0)^2} \left[ g_{O,\pi} f_O \left( \frac{M_\pi}{m_0} \right) + g_{O,K} f_O \left( \frac{M_K}{m_0} \right) + g_{O,\eta_8} f_O \left( \frac{M_{\eta_8}}{m_0} \right) \right],$$

where

$$f_O(x) = -2x^3 \left[ \sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{4}} \arccos \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) + \frac{x}{2} \ln(x) \right].$$

and  $M_{\eta_8}^2 = (4M_K^2 - M_\pi^2)/3$ .

Depends on 6 low energy constants (LECs):  $m_0$ ,

$\bar{b}$  and  $\delta b_O$  (depending only on  $b_0$ ,  $b_F$  and  $b_D$  due to SU(3) constraints),

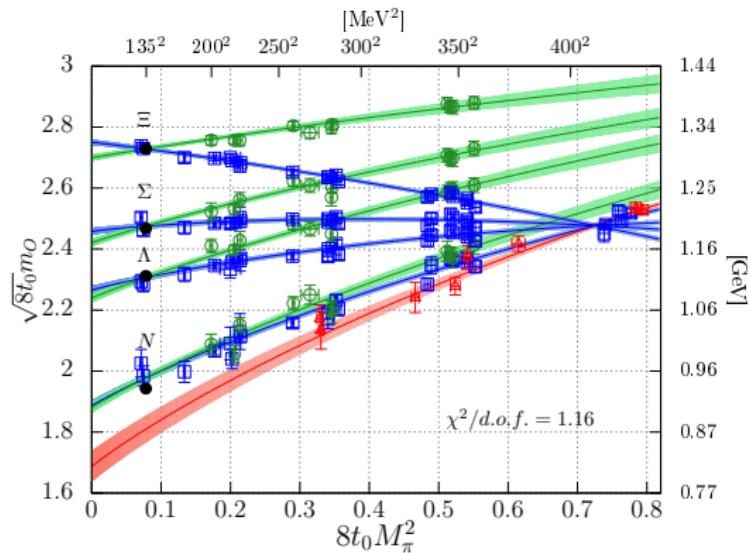
$g_{O,\pi,K,\eta_8}$  (depending only on  $F$  and  $D$ , also appearing in ChPT expressions for  $g_A^O$ ), appear in combination with  $F_0$ .

**Heavy baryon limit (HBChPT)** [Jenkins and Manohar, Phys. Lett. B 255 (1991) 558.]:  $f(x) = -x^3 + \mathcal{O}(x^4)$ .

**BChPT in a finite volume (FV)** gives the finite volume dependence of  $m_B$  (see e.g. [Ren et al., 1209.3641]). **No additional LECs!**

# NNLO BChPT fit to the baryon octet: $m_q$ dependence

Finite  $a$  and  $V$  terms included in the fit. 12 parameters to fit the 4 octet baryon masses.

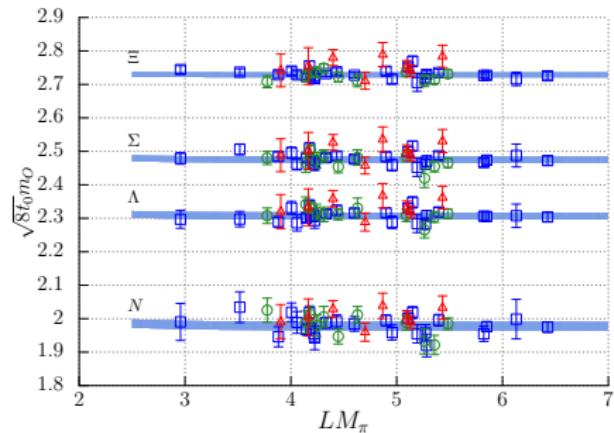
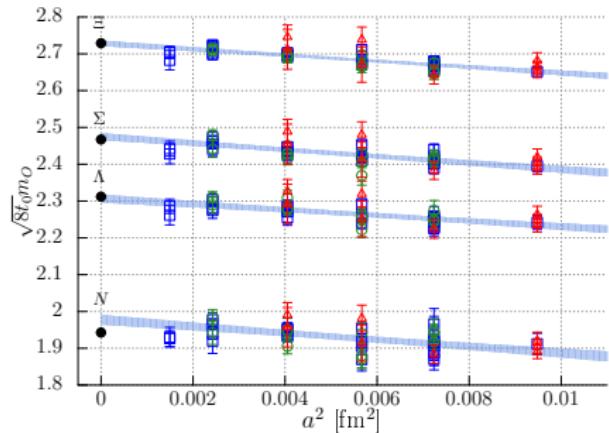


Curves show  $m_O(M_\pi, M_K, \infty, 0)$ , while the data points are shifted to correct for finite  $a$ , finite  $V$  and mis-tuning of the trajectory.

$t_{0,ph}$  determined via an iterative procedure with QCD “expt.” values for  $M_{\pi,ph}$ ,  $M_{K,ph}$  and  $m_{\Xi,ph}$ .  $\sqrt{8t_{0,ph}} \sim 0.409$  fm.

# Discretisation and finite volume effects

The data points are shifted to the physical point  $(M_{\pi,ph}, M_{K,ph})$ .



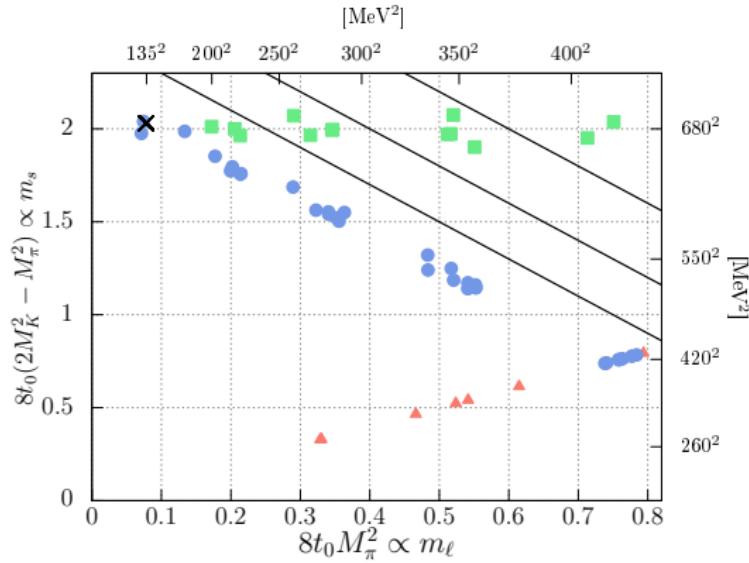
Discretisation effects are mild:  $1 + a^2 (c + \bar{c} \bar{M}^2 + \delta c_O \delta M^2)$ . Around 3% from  $a = 0.1$  fm to  $a = 0$ .

$a^2 \delta c_O \delta M^2$  terms are small. Higher order terms are not significant.

Finite volume effects are small, however, including FV terms in the fit (which involves no extra coefficients) improves the fit quality.

## Assess the systematics of the fits: cuts on the data

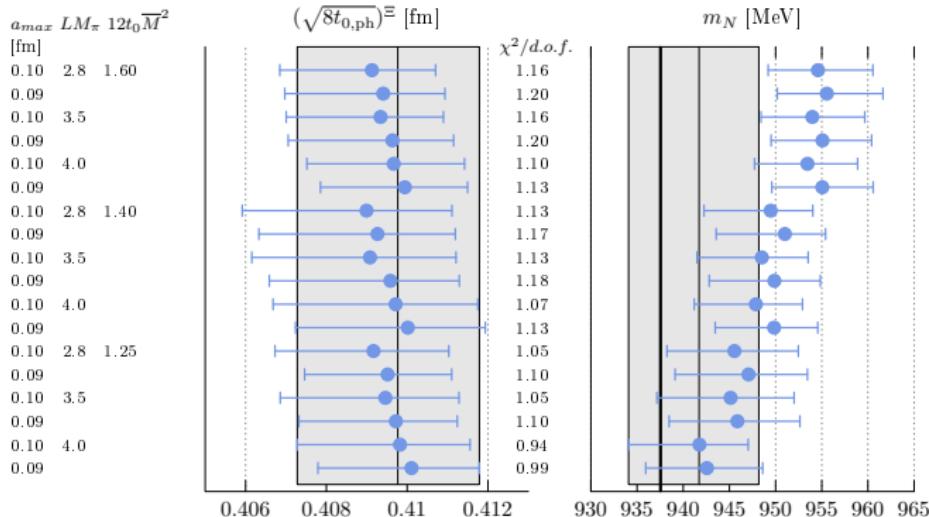
$m_q$  dependence: (SU(3) BChPT) include  $\overline{M}^2 < 498^2$  MeV $^2$  and impose further cuts  $\overline{M}^2 < 466^2$  MeV $^2$ ,  $\overline{M}^2 < 440^2$  MeV $^2$ .



Finite  $V$ : start with  $L > 2.3$  fm and impose further cuts  $LM_\pi > 3.5$  and  $LM_\pi > 4.0$ .

Finite  $a$ : include six lattice spacings ( $0.04 \leq a \leq 0.1$  fm) and only consider cut  $a < 0.09$  fm.

# Variation with cuts on the data



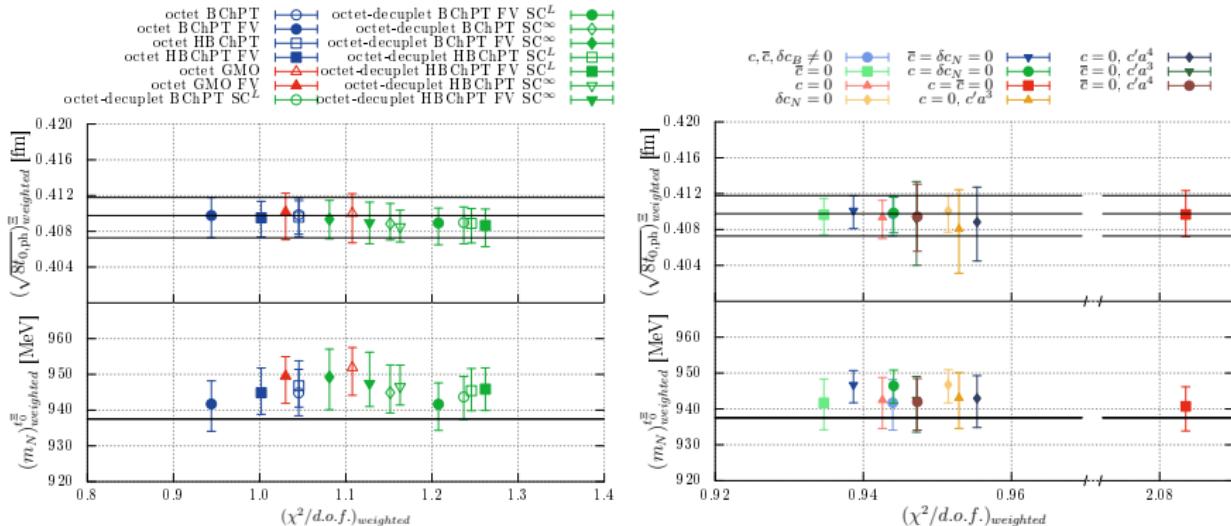
$\chi^2/d.o.f$  improves with cuts on  $\bar{M}^2$ . Note,  $73 \leq N_{DF,j} \leq 125$

Values of  $\sqrt{8t_{0,\text{ph}}}$  obtained are consistent. Agreement of  $m_N$  with QCD “expt.” value improves with cuts on  $\bar{M}^2$ .

Grey bands indicate the weighted average of the results using a modified AIC (following [BMWc,2002.12347])  $w_j = A \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\chi_j^2 - N_{DF,j}) \right]$

**Final result:**  $\sqrt{8t_{0,\text{ph}}} = 0.4098^{(20)}_{(25)} \text{ fm}$

# Variation with the continuum fit form and discretisation terms



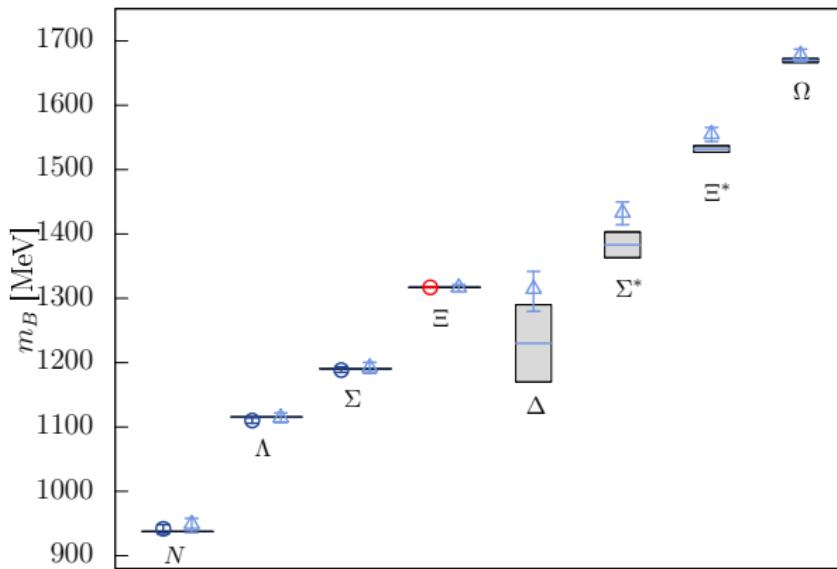
Quality of the fit varies depending on the fit form, however,  
**the results for  $\sqrt{8t_{0,ph}}$  are very stable** ( $m_\Xi$  is tightly constrained).

The variations are well within overall error for final value of  $\sqrt{8t_{0,ph}}$ .

Including FV terms in the fit improves the fit quality.

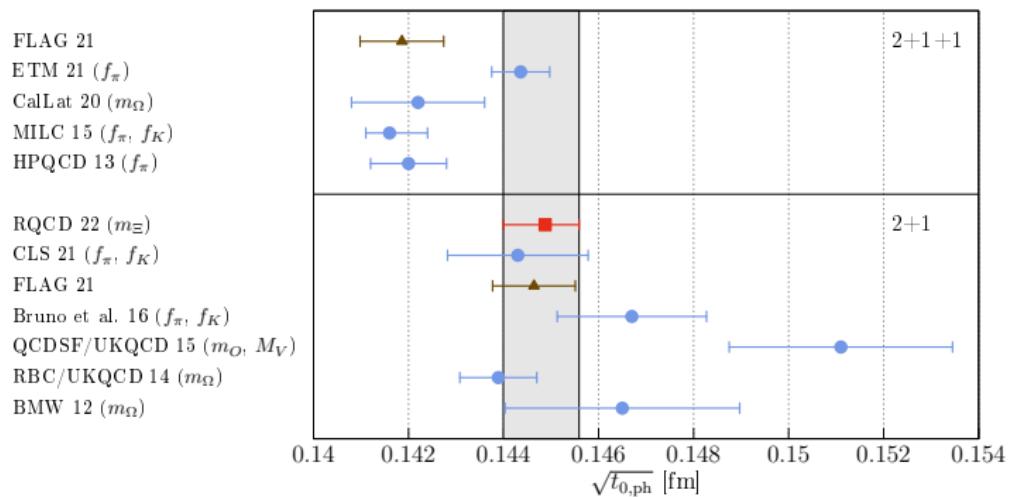
## Low lying baryon spectrum

- Octet baryon spectrum from BCChPT, finite  $a$  and  $FV$  fits (determine  $\sqrt{8t_{0,ph}}$ ) Agreement with QCD “expt.” masses within 1% overall uncertainty.
- Octet and decuplet masses from SSE BCChPT, finite  $a$  and  $FV$  fits.



Unstable decuplet baryons: grey bands indicate the expt. Breit-Wigner width.  
Proper treatment via the Lüscher formalism required.

# Comparison with other determinations of $\sqrt{t_{0,ph}}$



Previous determinations on the  $N_f = 2 + 1$  CLS ensembles, [Bruno et al., 1608.08900] and [CLS 21, 2112.06696] (preliminary).

## Baryon sigma terms: $\sigma_{\pi B}$ and $\sigma_{sB}$

The sigma terms, can be obtained via the Feynman-Hellmann theorem.

$$\sigma_{qB} = m_q \left[ \frac{\langle B | \bar{q} \mathbb{1} q | B \rangle}{\langle B | B \rangle} - \langle \Omega | \bar{q} \mathbb{1} q | \Omega \rangle \right] = m_q \frac{\partial m_B}{\partial m_q},$$

where  $|\Omega\rangle$  denotes the vacuum. Consider  $\sigma_{\pi B} = \sigma_{uB} + \sigma_{dB}$  and  $\sigma_{sB}$ .

Using the Gell-Mann-Oakes-Renner (GMOR) relation:  $M_{PS}^2 \approx B_0(m_{q1} + m_{q2})$

$$\sigma_{\pi B} \approx \tilde{\sigma}_{\pi B} = M_\pi^2 \frac{\partial m_B}{\partial M_\pi^2} \quad \sigma_{sB} \approx \tilde{\sigma}_{sB} = M_{s\bar{s}}^2 \frac{\partial m_B}{\partial M_{s\bar{s}}^2}$$

where  $M_{s\bar{s}}^2 = 2M_K^2 - M_\pi^2$ .

Difficult to determine  $\sigma_{sN}$  via indirect (FH) approach (in particular if  $m_s$  is kept roughly constant).

# Baryon octet sigma terms

Weighted avg.	$\tilde{\sigma}_{\pi N}$	$\tilde{\sigma}_{\pi \Lambda}$	$\tilde{\sigma}_{\pi \Sigma}$	$\tilde{\sigma}_{\pi \Xi}$
MeV	44.0 <sup>(4.4)</sup> (4.7)	27.6 <sup>(4.3)</sup> (4.9)	24.9 <sup>(4.6)</sup> (5.0)	10.1 <sup>(4.4)</sup> (5.4)
	$\tilde{\sigma}_{sN}$	$\tilde{\sigma}_{s\Lambda}$	$\tilde{\sigma}_{s\Sigma}$	$\tilde{\sigma}_{s\Xi}$
MeV	3.7 <sup>(59.3)</sup> (60.8)	112.7 <sup>(63.3)</sup> (59.9)	194.1 <sup>(67.8)</sup> (60.7)	266.69 <sup>(70.3)</sup> (68.4)

cf. [\[BMWc,1109.4265\]](#) (more precise results for the nucleon in [\[BMWc,1510.08013\]](#) and [\[BMWc,2007.03319\]](#))

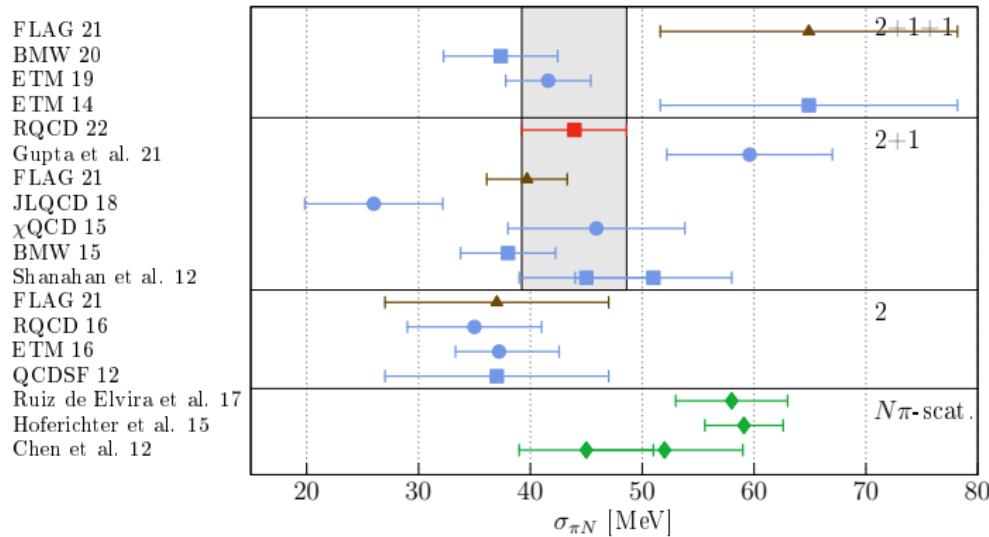
	$\sigma_{\pi N}$	$\sigma_{\pi \Lambda}$	$\sigma_{\pi \Sigma}$	$\sigma_{\pi \Xi}$
MeV	39(4) <sup>(18)</sup> (7)	29(3) <sup>(11)</sup> (5)	23(3) <sup>(19)</sup> (3)	15(2) <sup>(8)</sup> (3)
	$\sigma_{sN}$	$\sigma_{s\Lambda}$	$\sigma_{s\Sigma}$	$\sigma_{s\Xi}$
MeV	67(27) <sup>(55)</sup> (47)	180(26) <sup>(48)</sup> (77)	245(29) <sup>(50)</sup> (72)	312(32) <sup>(72)</sup> (77)

and [\[Shanahan et al.,1205.5365\]](#) (single lattice spacing)

	$\sigma_{\pi N}$	$\sigma_{\pi \Lambda}$	$\sigma_{\pi \Sigma}$	$\sigma_{\pi \Xi}$
MeV	47(6)(5)	26(3)(2)	20(2)(2)	8.9(7)(4)
	$\sigma_{sN}$	$\sigma_{s\Lambda}$	$\sigma_{s\Sigma}$	$\sigma_{s\Xi}$
MeV	22(6)(0)	141(8)(1)	172(8)(1)	239(8)(1)

# Comparison with other determinations of $\sigma_{\pi N}$

$\tilde{\sigma}_{\pi B} \rightarrow \sigma_{\pi B}$ :  $\partial M_\pi / \partial m_\ell$ ,  $\partial M_K / \partial m_\ell$ ,  $\partial M_K / \partial m_s$  obtained from fit of  $m_{\ell,s}$  w.r.t.  $M_\pi$  and  $M_K$  using  $O(p^4)$  SU(3) ChPT, see **talk by G. Bali, Wed. 14:00**.



Some tension between the lattice results and the phenomenological results of [\[Hoferichter et al., 1506.04142\]](#) obtained using  $N\pi$  scattering data.

Direct determination by [\[Gupta et al., 2105.12095\]](#) is also larger.

**Consistency with direct determinations:** [talk by Pia Petrak, Tues. 18:10](#)

## Summary and outlook

Determination of Wilson flow scale at the physical point with 0.5% uncertainty via  $m_{\Xi}$ :

$$\sqrt{8t_{0,ph}} = 0.4098^{(20)}_{(25)} \text{ fm}$$

- ★ Utilising data along three trajectories in the quark mass plane means mistuning of the trajectories can easily be corrected. Provided tight constraints on  $m_{\Xi}$  at the physical point.
- ★ Discretisation and finite volume effects are mild for our ensembles.
- ★ Covariant BChPT provided a reasonable description of the data for our range of  $M_\pi$  and  $M_K$  ( $\overline{M}^2 < 440^2$  [MeV $^2$ ]). (Large  $N_{DF}$  for the fits).
- ★ QCD “expt.” octet baryon spectrum reproduced to within 1% uncertainties.
- ★ As a by product extract the sigma terms  $\sigma_{\pi B}$  and  $\sigma_{sB}$ .
- ★ Also extracted the LECs which are not well known for SU(3) BChPT.

In the future:

- ★ Improve the  $t_{0,ph}$  determination: e.g. already have additional measurements on many ensembles, which are not included in the current analysis.
- ★ Test ChPT further through determination of LECs via simultaneous fits to related observables, e.g.  $M_{\pi,K}$ ,  $m_{\ell,s}$  and  $F_{\pi,K}$  and  $m_B$  and  $g_A^B$ .

# Correcting expt. masses for electrical and quark mass isospin breaking effects

QCD values for  $M_\pi$  and  $M_K$  from [FLAG 16,1607.00299].

mass	value/MeV	Expt./MeV	mass	value/MeV	Expt./MeV
$M_\pi$	<b>134.8(3)</b>	134.98 ( $\pi^0$ )			
$M_K$	<b>494.2(3)</b>	497.61 ( $K^0$ )			
$m_N$	937.53(6)	938.27 ( $p$ )	$m_\Delta$	1231(60)	1231(56) ( $\Delta^0$ )
$m_\Lambda$	1115.68(1)	1115.68	$m_{\Sigma^*}$	1383(20)	1383(18) ( $\Sigma^{*+}$ )
$m_\Sigma$	1190.67(12)	1192.64 ( $\Sigma^0$ )	$m_{\Xi^*}$	1532(5)	1532(5) ( $\Xi^{*0}$ )
$m_\Xi$	<b>1316.9(3)</b>	1314.86 ( $\Xi^0$ )	$m_\Omega$	1669.5(3.0)	1672.45(29)

For the octet: convention that neutral particles do not receive QED corrections.

Assume same charge-isospin breaking effects for the whole octet  $\Delta m_N - \Delta m_\Sigma - \Delta m_\Xi = 0$ , Coleman-Glashow theorem (verified to within 0.13 MeV by [BMWc,1406.4088]),

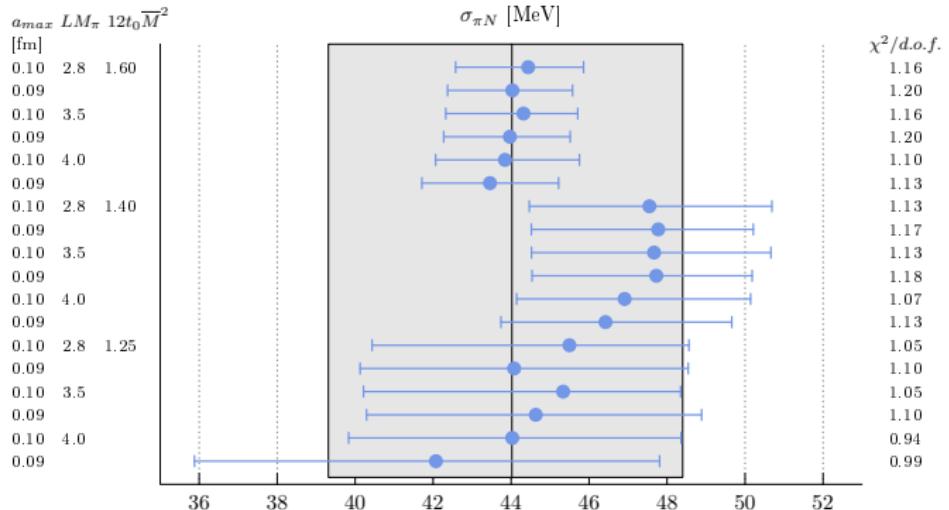
$$\begin{aligned} \Delta m_N &= m_p - m_n \approx -\delta m^{\text{QCD}} + \delta m^{\text{QED}}, & \Delta m_\Sigma &= m_{\Sigma^+} - m_{\Sigma^-} \approx -2\delta m^{\text{QCD}}, \\ \Delta m_\Xi &= m_{\Xi^0} - m_{\Xi^-} \approx -\delta m^{\text{QCD}} - \delta m^{\text{QED}}, & m_\Xi &= \frac{1}{2} (m_{\Xi^0} + m_{\Xi^-} - \delta m^{\text{QED}}) \end{aligned}$$

$\delta m^{\text{QCD}} \approx 4$  MeV and  $\delta m^{\text{QED}} \approx 3$  MeV. Assume same  $\delta m^{\text{QED}}$  for  $m_\Omega$ .

For the unstable decuplet baryons, the Breit-Wigner mass is given with an error of  $\Gamma/2$  (with rounding).

# Variation of $\tilde{\sigma}_{\pi N}$ with cuts on the data

NNLO BChPT, continuum limit, finite volume fits to the baryon octet.



# Variation of $\tilde{\sigma}_{\pi N}$ with the continuum fit form

