

Phenomenology with Wilson fermions using smeared sources

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We investigate the use of two types of nonlocal (“smeared”) sources for quark propagators in quenched lattice QCD at $\beta=6.0$ using Wilson fermions at $\kappa=0.154$ and 0.155 . We present results for the hadron mass spectrum, meson decay constants, quark masses, the chiral condensate, and the quark distribution amplitude of the pion. The use of smeared sources leads to a considerable improvement over previous results. We find a disturbing discrepancy between the baryon spectra obtained using Wuppertal and wall sources. We find good signals in the ratio of correlators used to calculate the quark mass and the chiral condensate and show that the extrapolation to the chiral limit is smooth.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In addition to reducing systematic errors in lattice QCD due to finite lattice volume, finite lattice spacing, and extrapolation from heavy-quark masses to physical m_u and m_d , it is important to improve the signal in observables. The particular observables we are interested in are matrix elements within hadronic states; the corresponding correlation functions from which these are extracted are made up of products of quark propagators. Even though at present the quark propagators are calculated without specific information on the motion of the other valence quarks in a given bound state, it has been shown that the signal is significantly improved by using smeared quark sources [1,2].

A number of different smearing methods have been investigated and some of these have been reviewed in Ref. [3]. Our choices here are motivated by the requirements of a parallel calculation of weak matrix elements using Wilson fermions [4]. Our calculation requires two kinds of hadron sources: one that produces hadrons with zero momenta and the other that couples to all momenta. We construct zero-momentum hadron correlators using “wall” source propagators while the “Wuppertal” source propagators [2] yield hadron correlators that have overlap with all momenta. In this paper we demonstrate the efficacy of these two kinds of correlators by investigating the signal in both the amplitudes and the masses obtained

from two-point correlation functions. The improvement is exemplified by the results obtained for the spectrum and meson decay constants.

We do, however, find a disconcerting difference between the masses of baryons extracted using Wuppertal and wall sources. Even though at this stage the difference between the central values is $1-3\sigma$, it has a significant effect on the nucleon-to- ρ mass ratio.

An important prerequisite when using Wilson fermions to calculate matrix elements is an understanding of the realization of chiral symmetry. It was shown in Refs. [5] and [6] that the conventional continuum current algebra can be reproduced on the lattice provided suitably modified chiral Ward identities are used. Among other things, this requires multiplying lattice fermion bilinears by renormalization constants to relate them to their continuum counterparts. We use the definitions

$$\begin{aligned}
 S^{\text{cont}}(x) &= Z_S S(x), & S(x) &= \bar{\psi}(x)\psi(x), \\
 P^{\text{cont}}(x) &= Z_P P(x), & P(x) &= \bar{\psi}(x)\gamma_5\psi(x), \\
 V_\mu^{\text{cont}}(x) &= Z_V V_\mu(x), & V_\mu(x) &= \bar{\psi}(x)\gamma_\mu\psi(x), \\
 A_\mu^{\text{cont}}(x) &= Z_A A_\mu(x), & A_\mu(x) &= \bar{\psi}(x)\gamma_\mu\gamma_5\psi(x).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{1.1}$$

If we were working with a chirally invariant regulator and a mass-independent continuum renormalization scheme, we would have $Z_V=Z_A=1$ and $Z_S=Z_P=1/Z_{\text{mass}}$, where Z_{mass} is the mass renormalization. The latter three constants have anomalous dimensions and therefore depend on the momentum scale. On the lattice with Wilson fermions Z_V and Z_A are finite renormalization constants and $Z_P \neq Z_S$. Although all these

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constants can be calculated in perturbation theory (see Appendix A), it appears that for present couplings ($g^2 \approx 1$) there are large nonperturbative contributions. For Z_A and Z_V , nonperturbative calculations are possible, and have been performed by a number of authors. These estimates include, in general, large $O(a)$ effects, and therefore different nonperturbative techniques can give different estimates. We use the estimates most appropriate for our study, $Z_A = 0.86$ and $Z_V = 0.57$ [7].

The constants Z_S and Z_P are more problematic because, unlike Z_A and Z_V , they depend upon the choice of continuum renormalization scheme. We need to determine these constants if we are to relate the cutoff-dependent lattice results for the chiral quantities m_s and $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_{m_q=0}$ to the scale-dependent continuum values. A convenient continuum scheme is the modified minimal subtraction ($\overline{\text{MS}}$) scheme at $\mu = 1$ GeV. Since this is a perturbative scheme, the most natural thing to do is to use the lattice perturbative results for Z_S and Z_P . These are discussed in the Appendix. If perturbation theory is accurate (which is unlikely in the present simulation) then one can make unambiguous predictions for m_s and $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_{m_q=0}$ in the continuum.

Alternatively, one can proceed in a phenomenological fashion and demand, for example, that the lattice results reproduce the value of m_s in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme. With this assumption Z_P is fixed, and the Ward identities then determine Z_S nonperturbatively. The question is then one of consistency: with Z_S and Z_P fixed in this way, can all lattice quantities whose definitions depend upon Z_S and Z_P be made to agree with the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme? In quenched QCD we can expect this to be only approximately true. We address these questions further in Secs. VII and IX. For the present study we simply state that our data do favor values of Z_P and Z_S very different from their perturbative values.

This paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II we describe the lattices used and our method for extracting physical parameters from two-point correlators. The types of quark sources used to construct the hadron correlators are defined in Sec. III. We present an analysis of the spectrum in Sec. IV and of the meson decay constants f_π and f_V^{-1} in Secs. V and VI. The calculation of the current quark mass and chiral condensate is presented in Sec. VII, and of the second moment of the pion distribution amplitude in Sec. VIII. The extrapolation to the chiral limit is discussed in Sec. IX, and we end with conclusions in Sec. X. The perturbative results for the renormalization constants are given in the Appendix.

II. LATTICE PARAMETERS AND FITTING PROCEDURE

Our statistical sample consists of 35 lattices of size $16^3 \times 40$ at $\beta = 6.0$, generated as two independent streams. The first stream consists of 14 lattices, generated using a pseudo-heat-bath algorithm, which are separated by 1000 sweeps. The second stream consists of 21 lattices generated using a combination of overrelaxed and Metropolis algorithms, and are separated by 300 combination

sweeps. These sets of lattices have been used previously for spectrum and weak matrix element analysis using both Wilson and staggered fermions [8].

The major thrust of this study is to explore improved numerical techniques for Wilson fermions. For this purpose we use only two values of the quark mass, $\kappa = 0.154$ and 0.155 . Translated to physical units these correspond to pion mass values of roughly 660 and 540 MeV, respectively. The criterion used to judge whether the quark propagator has converged is $R = |(M\chi - \phi)/\chi|^2$, where χ is the solution, ϕ is the source vector, and M is the Wilson operator. We find no significant difference in the long time tail of propagators when reducing R from 10^{-15} to 10^{-18} , at either quark mass. To be conservative, we adopt $R = 3 \times 10^{-16}$ as our convergence criterion.

To extract the amplitudes and masses from the long time behavior of the two-point correlators, we make fits assuming that the lowest mass state dominates the correlation function. To ensure this we first examine the effective mass plot for a plateau and then make a single fit selecting the range of the fit based on the following criteria: (a) t_{\min} always lies in the plateau, (b) t_{\max} is selected to be as large as possible consistent with a signal. In most cases we find that the central value obtained from the fits is the same with and without using the full covariance matrix. In some cases we cannot use the full range of the plateau because the covariance matrix is close to being singular. In such cases the problem is not that we cannot invert the covariance matrix but that the result is very sensitive to the range of the fit (the central value can change by one or more standard deviations on the addition of a single point to the fit range). Our tests using subsets of the data show that this instability is a result of inadequate statistics. We, therefore, reduce the range of the fit to get a stable result. For example, even though the signal in the pion correlators lasts until $t \approx 40$, we use $t_{\max} < 25$ in order to avoid fits based on almost singular covariance matrices.

All error estimates are obtained using a single-elimination jackknife procedure. Previous analysis [8,9] leads us to believe that the lattices used are sufficiently decorrelated for this method to be adequate.

III. QUARK PROPAGATORS AND HADRON CORRELATORS

The calculation of quark propagators is done on lattices doubled in the time direction, i.e., $16^3 \times 40 \rightarrow 16^3 \times 80$. We use periodic boundary conditions in all four directions. These propagators on doubled lattices are identical to a linear combination of propagators calculated with periodic (P) and antiperiodic (A) boundary conditions on the original $16^3 \times 40$ lattice. For the source on time slice 1, the forward moving solution (time slices 2–40) is $F = (P + A)/2$ while the backward moving solution (time slices 80–42) is $B = (P - A)/2$. We find no numerical difference between calculating F and B directly or from the combination of P and A . We use doubled lattices because our weak matrix element calculations require both forward and backward moving solutions. We will show that doubling also helps in the spec-

trum analysis.

We calculate quark propagators using two different types of smeared sources: ‘‘Wuppertal’’ and ‘‘wall.’’ The wall source for a given spin and color consists of a δ function at each point on time slice $t = 1$, with the wall time slice fixed to Coulomb gauge. The hadron correlators built from these propagators have overlap with only zero-momentum states.

The Wuppertal source is the covariant solution of the three-dimensional Klein-Gordon operator K with a δ -function source at $x = y = z = 1$ on time slice $t = 1$

$$K(x; y) = \delta_{x,y} - \kappa_{\text{KG}} \sum_{i=1}^3 [U(x, i)\delta_{x+i,y} + U^\dagger(x, i)\delta_{x-i,y}], \quad (3.1)$$

where the parameter κ_{KG} controls the size of the smearing. The implementation of this smearing method is the same as that used in Ref. [10], and the details have been

presented there. We choose $\kappa_{\text{KG}} = 0.181$, for which the size of the smeared source (defined in Ref. [10]) varies between 4.1 and 4.5. A statistical problem when using the Wuppertal source is that, as one increases κ_{KG} , the configuration to configuration fluctuations in the hadron correlators increase. For our value of κ_{KG} , the fluctuations at long time separation are less than a factor of 5.

We also construct a third kind of quark propagator which is smeared at both the source and sink points. This is obtained by applying the inverse of the Klein-Gordon operator to the result of Wuppertal source propagator at each time slice.

From the three kinds of quark propagators we construct three kinds of hadron correlators: (a) wall source and local (point) sink (labeled henceforth as LW), (b) Wuppertal smeared source and local sink (LS), and (c) Wuppertal smeared source and sink (SS). We use the following notation to define the two-point hadron correlators:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\text{LW}}(t) &= \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}^{\text{local}}(t) J^{\text{wall}}(0) | 0 \rangle \stackrel{t \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{\langle 0 | \mathcal{O}^{\text{local}} | h \rangle \langle h | J^{\text{wall}} | 0 \rangle}{2M} e^{-Mt}, \\ \Gamma_{\text{LS}}(t) &= \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}^{\text{local}}(t) J^{\text{smeared}}(0) | 0 \rangle \stackrel{t \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{\langle 0 | \mathcal{O}^{\text{local}} | h \rangle \langle h | J^{\text{smeared}} | 0 \rangle}{2M} e^{-Mt}, \\ \Gamma_{\text{SS}}(t) &= \langle 0 | \mathcal{O}^{\text{smeared}}(t) J^{\text{smeared}}(0) | 0 \rangle \stackrel{t \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{\langle 0 | \mathcal{O}^{\text{smeared}} | h \rangle \langle h | J^{\text{smeared}} | 0 \rangle}{2M} e^{-Mt}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

where $|h\rangle$ is the appropriate hadronic state that saturates the two-point correlator at large t and M its mass. The operator J creates the hadron and is always constructed from smeared (Wuppertal or wall) quark sources in our calculation, and \mathcal{O} is the operator used to destroy it. The projection onto a definite momentum state is always done at the sink time slice. We compare the efficacy of these correlators for the three types of quark sources in the next section.

IV. SPECTRUM

The flavor-nonsinglet meson and the baryon interpolating operators we have used are

$$\begin{aligned} \pi &= \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \psi, \quad \pi_2 = \bar{\psi} \gamma_4 \gamma_5 \psi \equiv A_4, \quad \rho = \bar{\psi} \gamma_i \psi, \quad \rho_2 = \bar{\psi} \gamma_4 \gamma_i \psi, \quad a_0 = \bar{\psi} \psi, \quad a_1 = \bar{\psi} \gamma_i \gamma_5 \psi, \quad b_1 = \bar{\psi} \sigma_{ij} \psi, \\ N^{1/2} &= \epsilon_{abc} (u^a \mathcal{O} \gamma_5 d^b) u_1^c = \epsilon_{abc} (u^a \mathcal{O} \gamma_5 d^b) u_2^c, \\ \Delta_1^{3/2+} &= \epsilon_{abc} \left[u^a \mathcal{O} \frac{\gamma_1 - i\gamma_2}{2} u^b \right] u_1^c, \quad \Delta_1^{3/2+} = \epsilon_{abc} \left[u^a \mathcal{O} \frac{\gamma_1 + i\gamma_2}{2} u^b \right] u_2^c, \\ \Delta_2^{3/2+} &= \epsilon_{abc} (u^a \mathcal{O} \gamma_3 u^b) u_1^c - \epsilon_{abc} \left[u^a \mathcal{O} \frac{\gamma_1 - i\gamma_2}{2} u^b \right] u_2^c, \\ \Delta_2^{3/2+} &= \epsilon_{abc} (u^a \mathcal{O} \gamma_3 u^b) u_2^c + \epsilon_{abc} \left[u^a \mathcal{O} \frac{\gamma_1 + i\gamma_2}{2} u^b \right] u_1^c, \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

where $\mathcal{O} = \gamma_4 \gamma_2$ is the charge conjugation matrix. We specify the total angular momentum and the parity for the baryons (the opposite parity baryons are obtained from the backward moving solutions using the same operators). For the Δ we use two different Lorentz structures ($\Delta_1^{3/2+}$ has $J_Z = \pm \frac{3}{2}$ while $\Delta_2^{3/2+}$ has $J_Z = \pm \frac{1}{2}$) to

check for systematic errors. The correlators for the two J_Z terms are averaged to improve the statistics. The subscript on u^c specifies the Dirac index of the spinor. The results for the masses in lattice units along with the range and χ^2/N_{DF} of the fit are given in Tables I–IV. The effective mass plots for each of the three sources at

TABLE I. Meson masses at $\kappa=0.154$. For each operator and correlator we give the χ^2 per degree of freedom, the fit range, and the mass estimate.

Γ	π	π_2	ρ	ρ_2	a_1	a_0	b_1
SS	0.53	1.25	1.23	0.69	1.42	0.82	1.02
	10–22	8–24	10–20	8–16	5–13	5–10	5–10
	0.362(6)	0.368(10)	0.459(14)	0.465(11)	0.759(31)	0.708(37)	0.772(38)
LS	0.94	0.89	0.48	1.16	0.36	1.27	0.62
	10–25	15–25	10–22	10–19	7–11	7–11	7–11
	0.365(6)	0.364(14)	0.460(7)	0.467(8)	0.732(38)	0.717(40)	0.766(44)
LW	0.63	0.83	0.35	0.25	1.13	0.57	0.42
	10–22	9–30	10–20	8–16	6–10	6–10	6–10
	0.361(4)	0.365(6)	0.463(6)	0.460(9)	0.727(30)	0.676(34)	0.714(31)

$\kappa=0.155$ are shown in Figs. 1(a)–1(c). The corresponding plots at the heavier quark mass, $\kappa=0.154$, have smaller errors.

We find that the effective mass $m_{\text{eff}}(t)$ converges from above for SS (as it must with a positive definite transfer matrix) and for LS correlators, and from below for the LW correlator. An agreement between the different methods therefore provides a good test of whether the mass estimate is asymptotic.

In the pion channel we find that $m_{\text{eff}}(t)$ reaches a plateau at $t=10$ for LS correlators, at $t=8$ for SS correlators, while the LW correlators stabilize even earlier at $t=6$. The onset of the plateau is independent of the quark mass in the two cases considered. In the plateau region the three different sets of correlators give consistent results. The signal in all three cases extends all the way across the lattice and the errors stay roughly constant with t . A theoretical analysis of why this occurs for the pion and not for other states has been given by Lepage [11]. The errors in $m_{\text{eff}}(t)$ are comparable for LS and LW correlators and roughly a factor of 2 larger in SS. In Ref. [10] we gave an argument for why, with Wuppertal smearing, the errors in Γ_{SS} are larger than those in Γ_{LS} . On the other hand, an analysis of the eigenvalues of the covariance matrix shows that the time slice to time slice correlations in Γ_{SS} are significantly smaller. The interplay of these two effects makes the errors in the

fit parameters comparable in the two cases.

Within the plateau region we have investigated the dependence of the fit parameters on the fit range used and on whether or not we use the full covariance matrix. We find that while the variation in M_π is no greater than 1%, the result for the amplitude can change by as much as 12%. This is one reason why the extraction of matrix elements is prone to large errors.

We find that the operator π_2 has a better overlap with the pion and $m_{\text{eff}}(t)$ reaches a plateau earlier. On the other hand the errors in $m_{\text{eff}}(t)$ are much larger. A comparison of signals for the two channels can be made from Figs. 1(b) and 2(a).

In Fig. 2(a) we plot $m_{\text{eff}}(t)$ for the four lowest momentum states coupled to the $A_4 A_4$ LS correlator. It is desirable to get a good signal in nonzero momentum channels as these correlators play an important part in the calculation of many matrix elements, for example structure functions and form factors. The data show a reasonable plateau for $\mathbf{p}=(0,0,2\pi/16)$ and the possible beginning of one for $\mathbf{p}=(0,2\pi/16,2\pi/16)$. We compare the resulting energy estimates with the continuum dispersion relation in Fig. 2(b).

The signal in the ρ correlators is also very satisfactory. There is a plateau between $t=10$ and 30 for all three types of correlators, but unlike the case of the pion the errors do increase with t . The final estimates from the

TABLE II. Baryon masses at $\kappa=0.154$. For each operator and correlator we give the χ^2 per degree of freedom, the fit range, and the mass estimate.

Γ	N^+	N^-	Δ_1^+	Δ_2^+	Δ_1^-	Δ_2^-
SS	0.60	1.58	0.65	1.55	1.51	0.48
	8–16	6–10	9–16	8–15	5–12	5–10
	0.733(17)	1.034(48)	0.796(47)	0.824(24)	1.105(47)	1.134(36)
LS	0.86	0.47	0.40	0.68	1.24	0.46
	10–17	7–10	10–16	10–16	7–11	7–11
	0.740(14)	1.069(42)	0.805(14)	0.822(12)	1.111(69)	1.130(37)
LW	0.30	0.40	0.28	0.25	1.87	0.73
	9–16	6–10	9–15	9–15	5–12	6–10
	0.708(18)	0.935(23)	0.767(21)	0.761(20)	0.958(25)	1.009(42)

TABLE III. Meson masses at $\kappa=0.155$. For each operator and correlator we give the χ^2 per degree of freedom, the fit range, and the mass estimate.

Γ	π	π_2	ρ	ρ_2	a_1	a_0	b_1
SS	1.39	0.79	1.65	1.45	1.04	1.70	0.52
	10–22	7–16	10–22	8–20	5–9	4–8	4–8
	0.297(9)	0.303(7)	0.411(14)	0.425(20)	0.714(45)	0.738(64)	0.748(54)
LS	1.60	1.15	0.44	1.40	0.28	1.75	0.93
	10–25	12–24	10–22	10–18	7–10	6–10	7–10
	0.297(9)	0.298(17)	0.411(10)	0.428(13)	0.700(43)	0.696(44)	0.744(55)
LW	1.36	1.45	0.51	0.65	0.88	0.66	0.41
	10–22	8–20	9–20	8–18	5–10	5–10	5–10
	0.295(5)	0.301(7)	0.420(10)	0.431(9)	0.692(24)	0.657(53)	0.693(21)

three sets are consistent. We find that the signal is a little better for the ρ than for the ρ_2 operator.

There is a reasonable signal in the nucleon ($N^{1/2+}$) channel with a plateau extending between $t=10$ and 18. We find that the plateau in the $\Delta_2^{3/2+}$ channel has a marginally better signal than in the $\Delta_1^{3/2+}$, and for this reason we quote results using Δ_2 . The big surprise is the systematic difference in the baryon spectrum as extracted using the Wuppertal and wall sources. In Fig. 3 we show an effective mass plot comparing the LS and LW correlators for both nucleon and Δ_2 . (We emphasize that either Wuppertal correlator, SS or LS, could equally well have been used for the comparison with LW.) Both types of correlators appear to reach plateaus, though from opposite directions. The problem is that the asymptotic values differ, the LW results lying below the LS. The same is true for both values of the quark mass. To explore the statistical significance of this difference we performed a jackknife analysis of the difference of the masses. We find that the difference for the nucleon is only 1σ , while that for Δ is $2-3\sigma$. Even though the effect is of marginal significance in each channel, the fact that in all three baryon channels the LW masses lie below the LS and SS masses suggests that the difference is systematic.

Further evidence for this conclusion comes from a comparison of our results with those from the APE Collaboration [12], both of which are collected in Table V.

(Our results use the operators π , ρ , N , and Δ_2 .) The APE Collaboration uses yet another type of source, the “multicube,” which is, in a sense, intermediate between wall and Wuppertal sources. The meson masses are in good agreement, while the APE results for baryons lie in between ours for Wuppertal and wall sources.

A similar effect has been observed in hadron mass calculations using staggered fermions [13,14]. Meson masses agree, while baryon mass estimates with multicube source again lie a couple of standard deviations higher than those with wall sources.

If this is a systematic effect, it means that the extracted mass estimate is not asymptotic. Any such difference has important implications for the M_N/M_ρ ratio. Calculations over the last two years have found a smaller value for this ratio than previous lattice results. This improvement has come, however, from calculations that use wall or similar sources [3]. Clearly this is an issue deserving further study.

For the positive parity mesons and the negative parity baryons the signal is marginal. In most cases the plateau is noisy and extends only over ~ 5 time slices. For this reason we give the results of the fits but do not present a detailed analysis of the data.

The signal in the π and ρ channels extends beyond half the length of the original gauge configuration ($t=20$), so we can address the question raised by the HEMCGC Col-

TABLE IV. Baryon masses at $\kappa=0.155$. For each operator and correlator we give the χ^2 per degree of freedom, the fit range, and the mass estimate.

Γ	N^+	N^-	Δ_1^+	Δ_2^+	Δ_1^-	Δ_2^-
SS	0.70	1.21	0.94	2.35	1.81	0.48
	8–17	5–10	8–17	9–15	6–12	5–10
	0.664(15)	0.989(37)	0.752(25)	0.778(32)	1.010(95)	1.099(44)
LS	0.80	1.67	0.82	1.01	0.76	0.18
	9–17	7–18	10–16	9–15	7–11	8–11
	0.665(15)	0.942(73)	0.740(18)	0.778(21)	1.075(90)	1.035(97)
LW	0.35	0.38	0.93	0.63	0.57	0.52
	8–16	6–10	8–14	8–16	4–8	6–10
	0.634(28)	0.885(32)	0.718(22)	0.697(37)	0.910(21)	0.951(60)

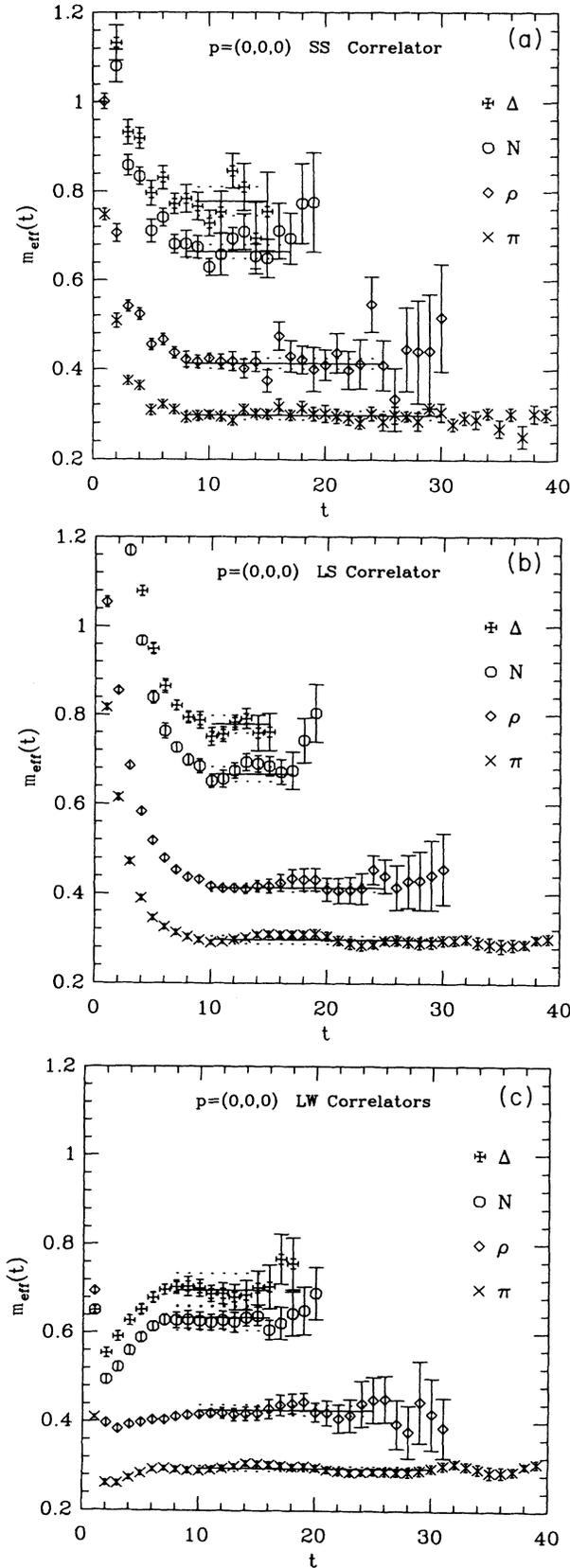


FIG. 1. (a) The effective mass plots for the π, ρ , nucleon and the Δ at $\kappa=0.155$ using SS correlators. (b) Same as in (a) except the data are for LS correlators. (c) Same as in (a) except the data are for LW correlators.

laboration about fluctuations in the effective mass induced by doubling the lattices [15]. The plateaus in our $m_{\text{eff}}(t)$ plots do show fluctuations, but these are not correlated with the lattice periodicity. Furthermore, if we analyze different subsets of lattices we do not find fluctuations at the same values of t . In addition, we have calculated the spectrum using quark propagators on the undoubled $16^3 \times 40$ lattices with periodic boundary conditions in the time direction. These results are included in Table V. There is no significant difference between the mass estimates from doubled or undoubled lattices. In sum, our data show no evidence that the fluctuations are anything other than statistical. It remains possible, how-

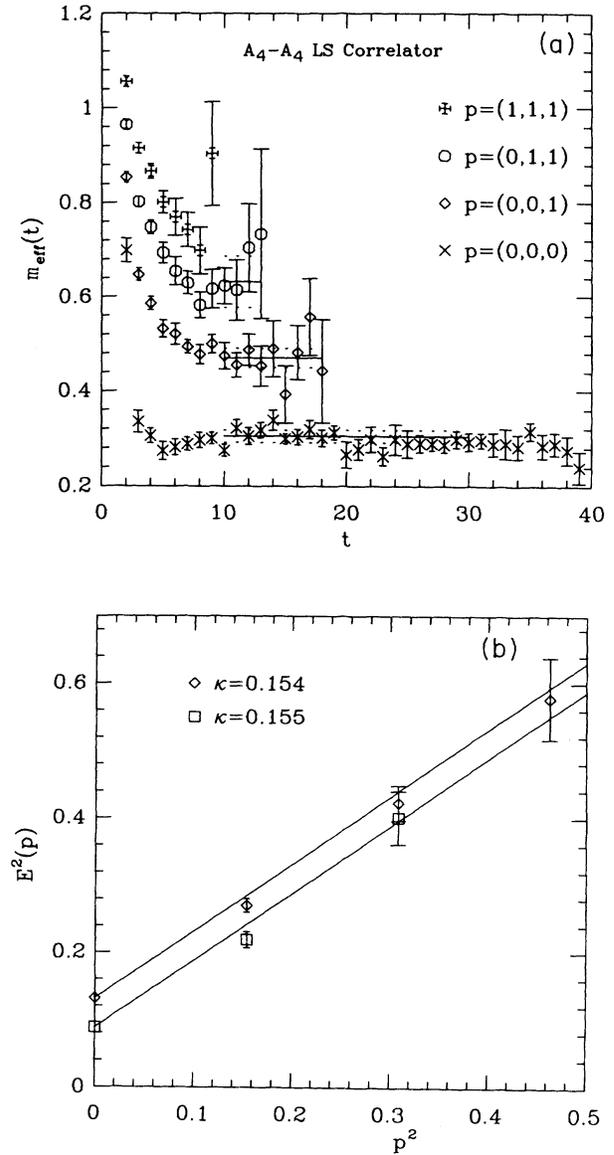


FIG. 2. (a) The $m_{\text{eff}}(t)$ plot for $\pi_2\pi_2$ LS correlator for the four values of momentum, $p=(0,0,0)$, $(0,0,1)$, $(0,1,1)$, and $(1,1,1)$, at $\kappa=0.155$. (b) Comparison of lattices pion spectrum with the continuum dispersion relation $E^2 = m^2 + p^2$. Calculations were done only for the four lowest values of momentum. We do not quote a result at $\kappa=0.155$ for $P=(1,1,1)$ as there is no credible plateau in $m_{\text{eff}}(t)$ [see 2(a)].

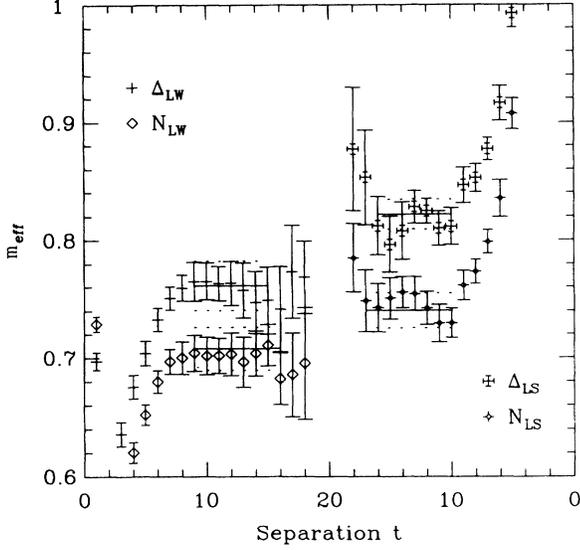


FIG. 3. Comparison of the $m_{\text{eff}}(t)$ plots for the baryons at $\kappa=0.154$ using LW and LS correlators.

ever, that systematic fluctuations would appear if the statistical errors were reduced.

V. PSEUDOSCALAR DECAY CONSTANT f_π

The definition of the pseudoscalar decay constant on the lattice is [16]

$$f_\pi = \frac{Z_A \langle 0 | A_4^{\text{local}} | \pi(\mathbf{p}) \rangle}{E_\pi(\mathbf{p})}, \quad (5.1)$$

where Z_A is the axial-vector current renormalization, and we are using the convention that the experimental value is $f_\pi=132$ MeV. In order to extract f_π we study two kinds of ratios of correlators:

$$R_1(t) = \frac{\Gamma_{\text{LS}}(t)}{\Gamma_{\text{SS}}(t)} \underset{t \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{\langle 0 | A_4^{\text{local}} | \pi \rangle}{\langle 0 | A_4^{\text{smearred}} | \pi \rangle}, \quad (5.2)$$

$$R_2(t) = \frac{\Gamma_{\text{LS}}(t)\Gamma_{\text{LS}}(t)}{\Gamma_{\text{SS}}(t)} \underset{t \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{|\langle 0 | A_4^{\text{local}} | \pi \rangle|^2}{2M_\pi} e^{-M_\pi t},$$

TABLE V. Quenched Wilson fermion spectrum at $\beta=6.0$. We present results from Wuppertal (denoted by superscript a in a third column) and wall sources (superscript b) on $16^3 \times 80$ lattices separately. Our Wuppertal source results on both doubled and undoubled lattices are the mean of the LS and SS values. We include results on $18^3 \times 32$ and on $24^3 \times 32$ lattices from the APE Collaboration [12] for comparison. To get the value for f_π in lattice units we have used $Z_A=0.86$.

κ	Lattice	N_{conf}	π	ρ	N	Δ	f_π
0.154	$16^3 \times 40$	35	0.365(4)	0.465(7)	0.736(11)	0.82(2)	0.093(3)
0.154	$16^3 \times 80$	35 ^a	0.364(6)	0.460(7)	0.737(14)	0.82(2)	0.091(4)
0.154	$16^3 \times 80$	35 ^b	0.361(4)	0.463(6)	0.708(18)	0.76(2)	
0.154	$18^3 \times 32$	104	0.361(1)	0.463(3)	0.721(7)	0.782(10)	
0.155	$16^3 \times 409$	35	0.301(6)	0.420(12)	0.663(15)	0.78(2)	0.086(3)
0.155	$16^3 \times 80$	35 ^a	0.297(9)	0.411(10)	0.665(15)	0.78(2)	0.087(4)
0.155	$16^3 \times 80$	35 ^b	0.295(5)	0.420(10)	0.634(28)	0.70(4)	
0.155	$18^3 \times 32$	104	0.295(1)	0.422(4)	0.651(10)	0.723(14)	
0.155	$24^3 \times 32$	78	0.297(3)	0.428(4)	0.647(6)	0.745(15)	0.083(3)

where the Γ are defined in Eq. (3.2). In the case of R_1 we have to extract $\langle 0 | A_4^{\text{smearred}} | \pi \rangle$ separately from the Γ_{SS} correlator. For each of the two ratios R_1 and R_2 the smeared source J used to create the pion can be either π or π_2 . Thus we calculate f_π in four different ways, which we label as f_π^a (using ratio R_1 with $J=\pi$), f_π^b (using ratio R_1 with $J=\pi_2$), f_π^c (using ratio R_2 with $J=\pi$), and f_π^d (using ratio R_2 with $J=\pi_2$). The results are given in Table VI. Errors are estimated by applying single-elimination jackknife to the estimate of f_π itself. We note in passing that the “naive” estimate obtained by combining the errors in each of the fit parameters in quadrature results in errors that agree with quoted errors to better than 10%.

We find that all four methods give consistent estimates of f_π . Since we have to combine different correlators in order to extract f_π we select the fit range based on the following criteria: (1) goodness of the fit, (2) presence of a plateau with a similar mass estimate from each of the individual correlators. Otherwise, as stated before, there can be a large variation in the estimate of the amplitude. The quality of the signals for the correlator ratios leading to f_π^a and f_π^c are exemplified by Figs. 4(a) and 4(b).

Bernard *et al.* [17] have calculated f_π using point sources at the same two values of κ and using a subset of the lattices analyzed by us (they use every other lattice). They get $f_\pi=0.094(7)$ and $0.086(9)$ at $\kappa=0.154$ and 0.155 , respectively, in good agreement with our values. We also find agreement with recent point-source results of the QCDPAX Collaboration [18]. The results of the APE Collaboration [12] are in error by a factor $\sqrt{e^{-M_\pi}}$ [19]. After correcting for this factor their value at $\kappa=0.155$ (obtained using extended cube sources) is consistent with our corresponding result f_π^a .

We have also calculated f_π at nonzero momentum, and find that its value is stable to the addition of one unit of momentum. The results are included in Table VI. The overall quality of the signal is good even though the plateaus in the effective mass are much shorter than those for the $\mathbf{p}=(0,0,0)$ case. At $\mathbf{p}=(0,2\pi/16,2\pi/16)$ the errors are larger and the determination is far less reliable.

TABLE VI. Results for the pseudoscalar decay constant, f_π , calculated in the four ways described in the text, and using $Z_A=0.86$. For each measurement we give the χ^2 per degree of freedom, the fit range, and the estimate.

	f_π^a	f_π^b	f_π^c	f_π^d
$\kappa=0.1540$	0.95	1.56	1.33	1.00
$\mathbf{p}=(0,0,0)$	15–22	12–22	12–22	12–22
	0.090(4)	0.090(7)	0.092(5)	0.093(7)
$\kappa=0.1540$	0.73	1.84	0.21	0.32
$\mathbf{p}=(0,0,1)$	10–16	8–16	9–16	10–16
	0.093(12)	0.094(5)	0.094(7)	0.094(8)
$\kappa=0.1550$	1.93	1.18	1.49	1.85
$\mathbf{p}=(0,0,0)$	8–24	10–20	8–28	9–21
	0.086(4)	0.079(8)	0.088(5)	0.087(7)
$\kappa=0.1550$	0.92	1.23	0.93	0.23
$\mathbf{p}=(0,0,1)$	8–14	8–14	7–14	9–16
	0.090(7)	0.085(4)	0.084(9)	0.088(8)

VI. VECTOR DECAY CONSTANT f_V

We use the local vector current V_i to define the dimensionless number f_V^{-1} as [16]

$$\langle 0|V_i|\rho\rangle = \frac{\epsilon_i M_V^2}{Z_V f_V}. \quad (6.1)$$

This matrix element can be extracted in two ways analogous to Eq. (5.2). We use V_i to both create and annihilate the vector meson. The results are given in Table VII, where we use the nonperturbative estimate $Z_V=0.57$ obtained using two-point correlators in an earlier calculation of f_V at the same β [7]. We point out that due to the existence of a conserved vector current on the lattice, this estimate of Z_V is free of $O(g^2)$ ambiguities.

The quality of the signal in correlator ratios R_1 and R_2 is very good as shown in Figs. 5(a) and 5(b). The final data are shown in Fig. 6 where for comparison we have also included results from the Wuppertal [20], APE [12], and QCDPAX Collaborations [18]. The experimental points have been taken from Ref. [20]. Our results lie significantly below Wuppertal estimates and are in agreement with the results obtained by the QCDPAX Collaboration and the APE Collaboration (the latter after correction by a factor $\sqrt{e^{-M_\rho}}$ [19]). The data by the QCDPAX Collaboration, obtained using point-source propagators measured on 160 lattices of size $24^3 \times 54$, show that smeared and local sources yield consistent results once systematic errors are under control.

VII. QUARK MASSES AND THE CHIRAL CONDENSATE

In order to extract the quark masses and the condensate with Wilson fermions one must understand how continuum current algebra relations are realized on the lattice. This was explained in Refs. [5] and [6], and we recall here the relevant results.

In the continuum, the PCAC (partial conservation of axial-vector current) relation is

$$\langle \alpha|\partial_\mu A_\mu^a|\beta\rangle = \langle \alpha|\bar{\psi}\{\lambda^a/2, m_q\}\gamma_5\psi|\beta\rangle, \quad (7.1)$$

where $|\alpha\rangle$ and $|\beta\rangle$ are physical states, and λ^a is a flavor Gell-Mann matrix. Individually m_q and $\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\psi$ are scale dependent, and one must choose a particular scheme to precisely define them. The standard choice is the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme at a scale $\mu=1$ GeV [21].

The lattice relation corresponding to Eq. (7.1) is [6]

$$\langle \alpha|Z_A\partial_\mu A_\mu^a|\beta\rangle = Z_P\langle \alpha|\bar{\psi}\{\lambda^a/2, m_q\}\gamma_5\psi|\beta\rangle + O(a), \quad (7.2)$$

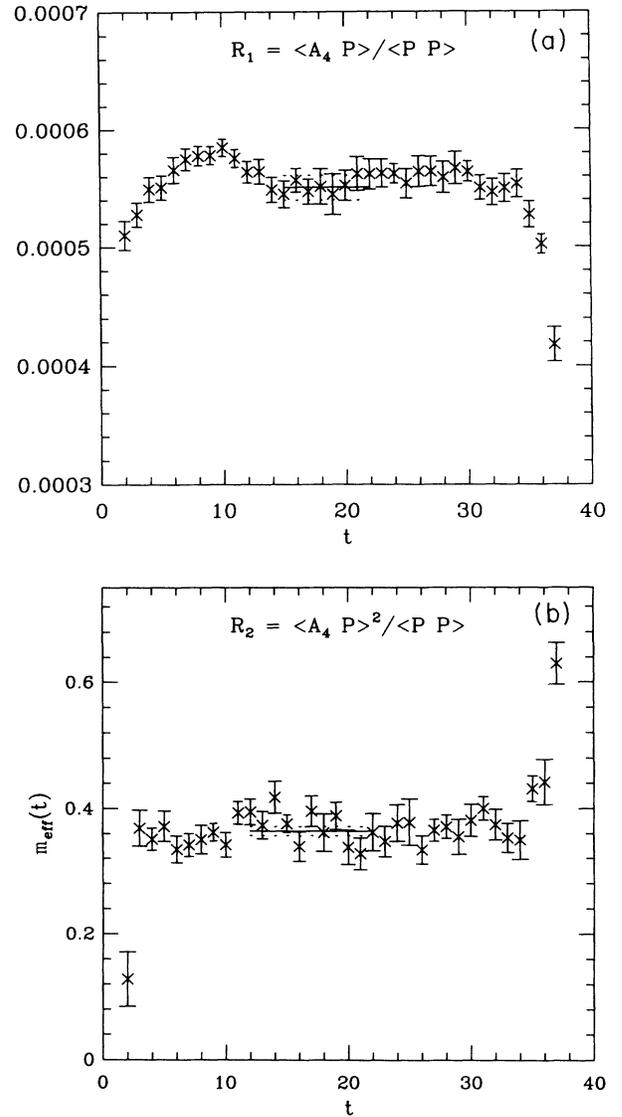


FIG. 4. (a) The ratio of correlators R_1 at $\kappa=0.154$ from which f_π^a as defined in the text, is extracted. (b) The $m_{\text{eff}}(t)$ plot for the ratio of correlators R_2 at $\kappa=0.154$ from which f_π^c as defined in the text, is extracted.

TABLE VII. The value of the vector meson decay constant, f_V^{-1} , calculated in the two ways described in the text, and using $Z_V=0.57$. For each measurement we give the χ^2 per degree of freedom, the fit range, and the estimate.

κ	$1/f_V^a$	$1/f_V^b$
0.1540	1.03	1.53
	8–18 0.24(2)	10–20 0.25(2)
0.1550	1.19	2.84
	8–18 0.26(2)	10–22 0.26(2)

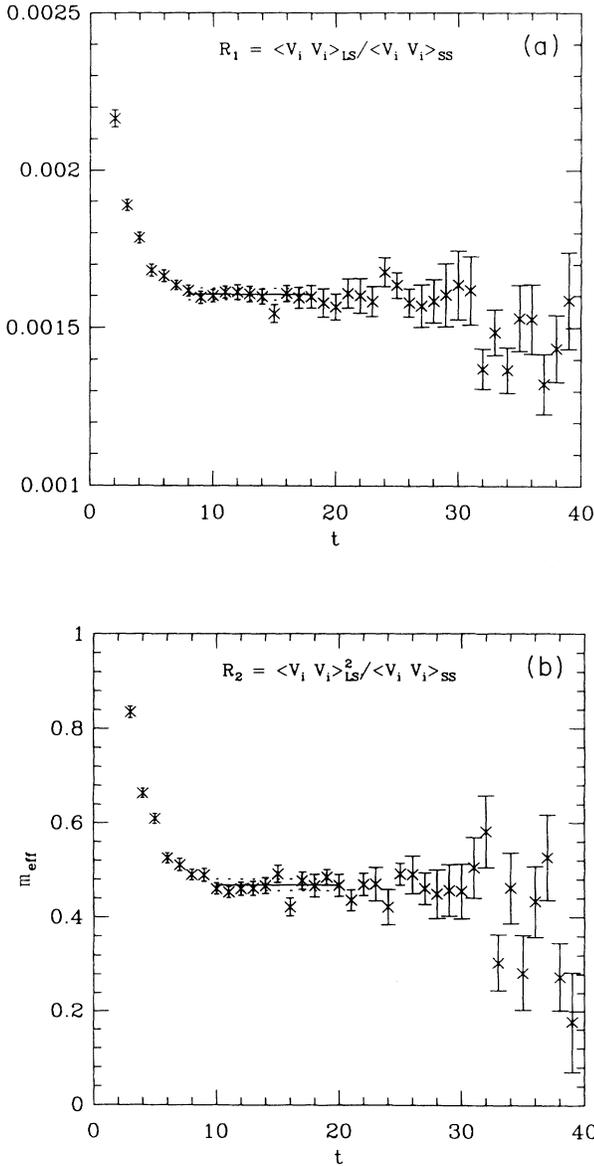


FIG. 5. (a) The ratio of correlators R_1 at $\kappa=0.154$ from which $1/f_V^a$, as defined in the text, is extracted. (b) The $m_{\text{eff}}(t)$ plot for the ratio of correlators R_2 at $\kappa=0.154$ from which $1/f_V^b$, as defined in the text, is extracted.

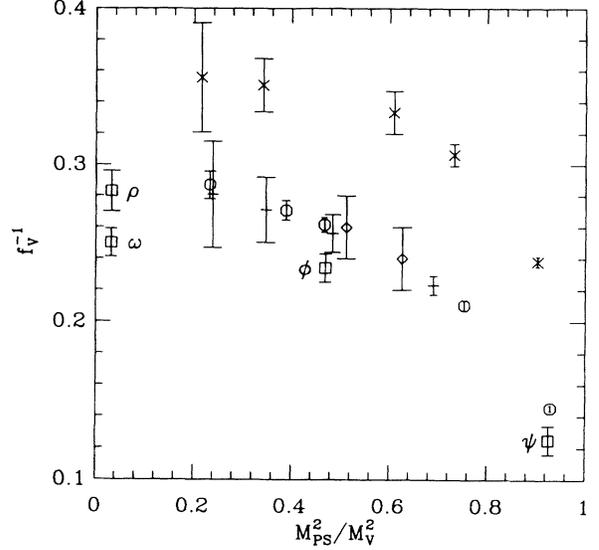


FIG. 6. Comparison of the lattice estimates of $1/f_V$ with experimental data. Points labeled by $+$ are the corrected data from Ref. [12], \circ from Ref. [18], \times from Ref. [20], and \diamond from this calculation. Experimental points are indicated by \square .

where m_q , the quark mass, is related to the bare lattice quark mass by

$$m_q = Z_{\text{mass}} m_q^{\text{latt}}, \quad m_q^{\text{latt}} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\kappa} - \frac{1}{\kappa_c} \right]. \quad (7.3)$$

In this and the following equations we assume degenerate quarks. We stress that Z_{mass} is the mass renormalization and differs from the finite constant Z_m defined in Ref. [6] ($Z_m = Z_p Z_{\text{mass}}$ in our notation). In Ref. [22] it was shown that for $m_q \rightarrow 0$, $Z_{\text{mass}} = Z_S^{-1}$. In the Appendix we rederive this result in perturbation theory to all orders, and argue that it remains true for general m_q in the continuum limit. For this reason, we will express all our results in terms of Z_S and Z_p by requiring $Z_{\text{mass}} = Z_S^{-1}$ identically. It should be borne in mind, however, that for nonzero lattice spacing there are $O(ma)$ corrections to the individual Z factors which depend on the initial and final states. Thus Z_S factor extracted from different matrix elements may differ by terms of $O(ma)$.

For Wilson fermions, the absence of chiral symmetry means that Z_S and Z_p differ, and as discussed in the Introduction they must either be calculated perturbatively or else fixed by some phenomenological requirement, since the continuum quantities we are comparing to are defined perturbatively. Their ratio Z_p/Z_S , however, is finite and can be extracted nonperturbatively, as we now describe.

From Eq. (7.2) we can extract $m_q Z_p/Z_A$. To do this we calculate the ratios

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{M_\pi}{2} \frac{\langle 0 | A_4(t) J(0) | 0 \rangle}{\langle 0 | P(t) J(0) | 0 \rangle} &\stackrel{t \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{Z_p}{Z_A} m_q^a, \\ \frac{1}{2} \frac{\langle 0 | \partial_4 A_4(t) J(0) | 0 \rangle}{\langle 0 | P(t) J(0) | 0 \rangle} &\stackrel{t \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{Z_p}{Z_A} m_q^c, \end{aligned} \quad (7.4)$$

TABLE VIII. The value of $Z_P m_q$, calculated in the four ways described in the text, using $Z_A = 0.86$. For each measurement we give the χ^2 per degree of freedom, the fit range, and the estimate. Also given are the lattice quark mass and the renormalization constant Z_P/Z_S .

κ	$Z_P m_q^a$	$Z_P m_q^b$	$Z_P m_q^c$	$Z_P m_q^d$	m_q^{latt}	Z_P/Z_S
0.1540	1.29	0.79	1.76	0.79	0.062	0.68(1)
	12–25 0.042(1)	12–22 0.041(2)	10–30 0.043(1)	12–28 0.042(1)		
0.1550	1.41	0.85	1.52	1.06	0.042	0.66(2)
	12–20 0.027(1)	12–22 0.027(2)	12–28 0.028(1)	12–28 0.028(1)		

where P and A_4 are the local operators and the smeared source $J = \pi$. Thus, given Z_A and assuming $m_q = Z_S^{-1} m_q^{\text{latt}}$, we can make a nonperturbative evaluation of Z_P/Z_S . Two other estimates, m_q^b and m_q^d , are obtained by substituting $J = \pi_2$. All four methods give consistent results, as shown in Table VIII. The quality of the signal is displayed in Figs. 7(a) and 7(b). Also given in Table VIII are the values for m_q^{latt} and the results for Z_P/Z_S . Our values are consistent with the earlier estimate of Ref. [7], $Z_P/Z_S \approx 0.7$.

To calculate the chiral condensate we use two variants of the method suggested in Ref. [6]. This is based upon the continuum Ward identity

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle^{\text{WI}} &\equiv \langle 0|S(0)|0 \rangle \\ &= \lim_{m_q \rightarrow 0} m_q \int d^4x \langle 0|P(x)P(0)|0 \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (7.5)$$

where $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle^{\text{WI}}$ is the chiral condensate per light flavor. The lattice equivalent of this is [6]

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle^{\text{WI}} = \lim_{m_q \rightarrow 0} m_q \sum_x \langle 0|Z_P P(x)Z_P P(0)|0 \rangle. \quad (7.6)$$

Using Eq. (7.4) one can rewrite this as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle^{\text{WI}} &= \lim_{m_q \rightarrow 0} \frac{Z_A}{2Z_P} \frac{\langle 0|\partial_4 A_4(t)J(0)|0 \rangle}{\langle 0|P(t)J(0)|0 \rangle} \\ &\quad \times Z_P^2 \sum_{t'} \langle 0|P(t')P(0)|0 \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (7.7)$$

where the ratio of correlators is evaluated at large t . We cannot use (7.7) since we only have LS and SS correlators available, so instead we use

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle^{\widetilde{\text{WI}}}}{Z_P Z_A} &= \lim_{m_q \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\langle 0|\partial_4 A_4(t)J(0)|0 \rangle}{\langle 0|P^{\text{smeared}}(t)J(0)|0 \rangle} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{t'} \langle 0|P(t')P^{\text{smeared}}(0)|0 \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (7.8)$$

This is equivalent to Eq. (7.7) if the pion pole dominates the sum on the right-hand side, which occurs in the limit $m_q \rightarrow 0$. The results are given in Table IX for the two choices of the source J . A typical example of the quality of the signal is shown in Fig. 8(a) for $J = \pi$.

A variant of this method is to assume pion dominance of Eq. (7.7), and derive a lattice version of the Gell-Mann–Oakes–Renner relation [23,21]

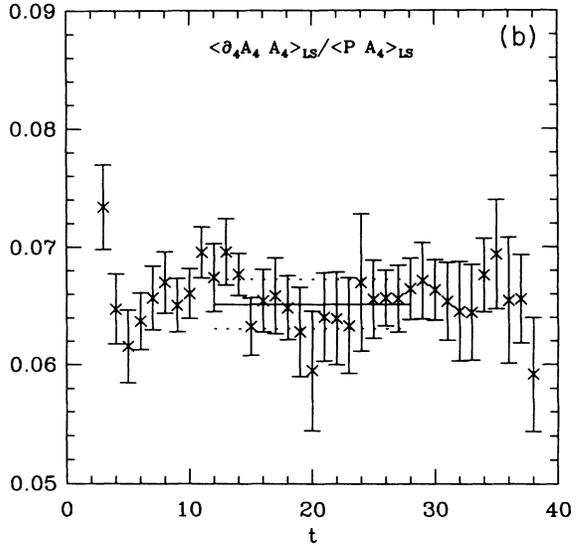
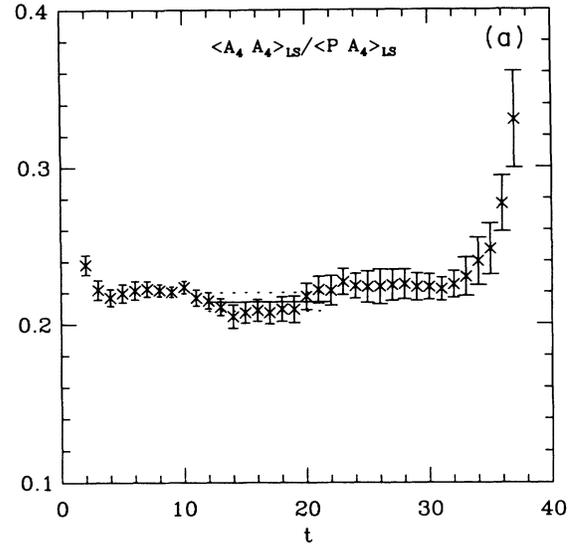


FIG. 7. (a) Plot of the ratio of correlators at $\kappa=0.155$ from which m_q^b , as defined in the text, is extracted. (b) Plot of the ratio of correlators at $\kappa=0.155$ from which m_q^d , as defined in the text, is extracted.

TABLE IX. The value of the chiral condensate on the lattice. For each measurement we give the χ^2 per degree of freedom, the fit range, and the estimate. We have to multiply all numbers by $Z_P Z_S$ in order to get physical values. The result at $\kappa_c = 0.15704$ is obtained by linear extrapolation.

κ	$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_\pi^{\text{W1}}$	$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_{\pi_2}^{\text{W1}}$	$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_\pi^{\text{GMOR}}$	$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_{\pi_2}^{\text{GMOR}}$
0.1540	1.12	0.84	1.78	1.22
	12–22	8–18	10–20	8–18
	–0.0080(8)	–0.0079(8)	–0.0147(8)	–0.0149(8)
0.1550	1.89	1.48	1.82	1.07
	8–22	10–22	8–18	8–18
	–0.0073(7)	–0.0072(13)	–0.0118(7)	–0.0118(8)
0.15704	–0.0059(26)	–0.0058(42)	–0.0060(26)	–0.0056(29)

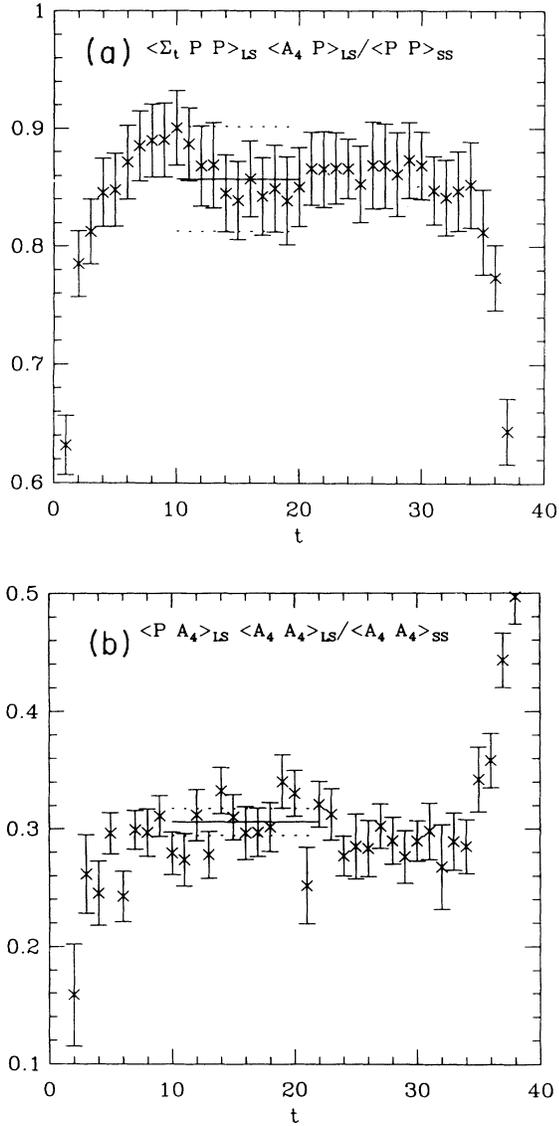


FIG. 8. (a) The plot for the ratio of correlators yielding $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle^{\text{W1}}$ at $\kappa=0.154$. The result has to be multiplied by $4\kappa^2$ to take into account our normalization of quark propagators. (b) The $m_{\text{eff}}(t)$ plot for the ratio of correlators yielding $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle^{\text{GMOR}}$ at $\kappa=0.155$.

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle^{\text{GMOR}} = \lim_{m_q \rightarrow 0} \frac{f_\pi^2 M_\pi^2}{4m_q}. \quad (7.9)$$

Using Eqs. (5.2) and (7.4), this can be extracted from the combination of correlators

$$\frac{\langle 0|P(t)J(0)|0\rangle\langle 0|A_4(t)J(0)|0\rangle}{\langle 0|J(t)J(0)|0\rangle} \sim \frac{\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle^{\text{GMOR}}}{Z_P Z_A} e^{-M_\pi t}, \quad (7.10)$$

where the pion source can again be $J=\pi$ or π_2 . [To derive this result one must bear in mind the normalization factors of $2M_\pi$, as shown explicitly in Eq. (5.2).] The results using this method are also given in Table IX, and in Fig. 8(b) we show a typical $m_{\text{eff}}(t)$ plot for the above ratio.

These two methods should only agree for $m_q=0$, in which limit they give the condensate. In an expansion

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_{m_q=0} + cm_q + \dots, \quad (7.11)$$

the linear (and higher order) terms are contaminated by lattice artifacts. We also include in Table IX the results of linearly extrapolating $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle$ to $\kappa_c=0.15704$. It is very encouraging to see that the four values agree with each other within our statistical resolution, and this leads us to believe that the results are physical. Therefore we compare them with those obtained using staggered fermions and with the experimental values in Sec. IX.

VIII. SECOND MOMENT OF THE QUARK DISTRIBUTION AMPLITUDE IN THE PION

The quark distribution amplitude of a hadron is a wave function describing the distribution of the hadron momentum between valence quarks near the light cone limit. For the pion, the second moment of the distribution amplitude, $\langle \xi^2 \rangle$, parametrizes the matrix element of an axial operator with two derivatives:

$$\langle 0|A_{\mu\nu\rho}(0)|\pi(\mathbf{p})\rangle = Z^{-1} f_\pi \langle \xi^2 \rangle p_\mu p_\nu p_\rho, \quad (8.1)$$

$$A_{\mu\nu\rho}(x) = (-i)^2 \bar{\psi}(x) \gamma_5 \gamma_\mu \vec{D}_\nu \vec{D}_\rho \psi(x) - \text{traces}.$$

Equation (8.1) holds independent of the symmetrization of Lorentz indices, though for certain analyses such a

symmetrization is desirable in order to project out an operator of definite twist. On the lattice, the renormalization constant Z is unknown, and depends on the Lorentz indices. In one-loop perturbation theory, assuming that the dominant contribution to the renormalization comes from the tadpole terms which are independent of the Lorentz indices, one can estimate $Z \sim 1.3$. There is no reason to trust this perturbative result, however, and the results given below support a value substantially larger.

Using the lattice transcription of operators given in Ref. [24], we have measured $\langle \xi^2 \rangle^{\text{latt}} \equiv Z^{-1} \langle \xi^2 \rangle$ from the following correlator ratios:

$$\begin{aligned} R_J^{[433]} &= \frac{\langle 0 | A_{[433]}(\mathbf{p}, t) J(0) | 0 \rangle}{\langle 0 | A_4(\mathbf{p}, t) J(0) | 0 \rangle} = \langle \xi^2 \rangle^{\text{latt}} p_3 p_3, \\ R_J^{[343]} &= \frac{\langle 0 | A_{[343]}(\mathbf{p}, t) J(0) | 0 \rangle}{\langle 0 | A_4(\mathbf{p}, t) J(0) | 0 \rangle} = \langle \xi^2 \rangle^{\text{latt}} p_3 p_3, \\ R_J^{(433)} &= \frac{\langle 0 | A_{(433)}(\mathbf{p}, t) J(0) | 0 \rangle}{\langle 0 | A_4(\mathbf{p}, t) J(0) | 0 \rangle} = \langle \xi^2 \rangle^{\text{latt}} p_3 p_3, \end{aligned} \quad (8.2)$$

where $J = \pi, \pi_2$ and $\mathbf{p} = (0, 0, 2\pi/16)$. Square brackets around indices indicate that an appropriate combination of operators has been taken to nonperturbatively subtract quadratic divergences [25] and parentheses indicate that symmetrization over the Lorentz indices has also been performed:

$$\begin{aligned} A_{[433]} &= A_{433} - A_{411}, \\ A_{[343]} &= A_{343} - A_{141}, \\ A_{(433)} &= (A_{[433]} + 2A_{[343]})/3. \end{aligned} \quad (8.3)$$

Our results are given in Table X. Examples of the quality of the data are shown in Figs. 9(a) and 9(b). In general using π as the pion source seems to give better results: with π_2 it takes longer to reach the asymptotic plateau.

For the symmetrized operator, $A_{(433)}$, the results are consistent with a previous analysis [24] in which configurations with dynamical quarks with masses in the range $m_s < m_q < 3m_s$ were used. This suggests that $\langle \xi^2 \rangle^{\text{latt}} \approx 0.1$. However, examination of the two unsymmetrized operators separately reveals a surprising feature: $\langle \xi^2 \rangle^{\text{latt}}$ from the operator with a time derivative, $A_{[343]}$, is much larger than from that with only spatial derivatives, $A_{[433]}$.

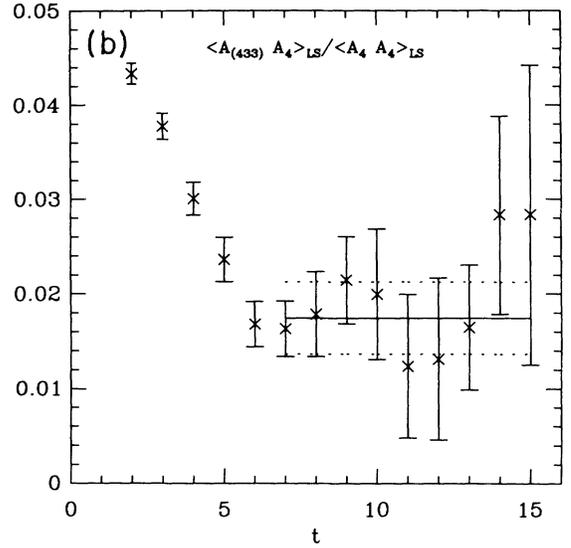
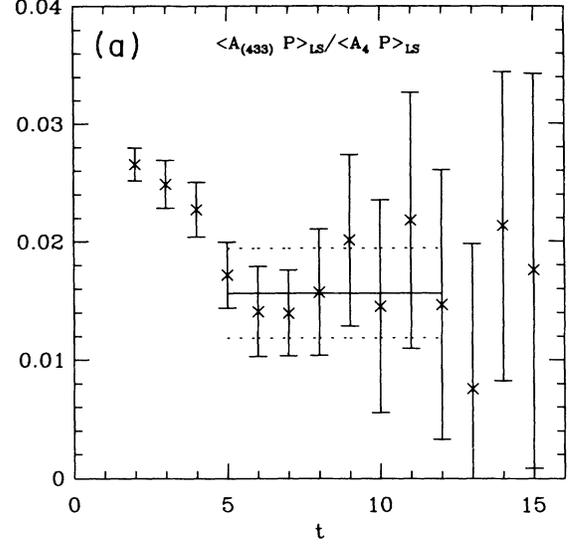


FIG. 9. (a) Plot of the ratio of correlators, $R_\pi^{(433)}$, at $\kappa=0.155$ from which the lattice value of $\langle \xi^2 \rangle$ is extracted. (b) Plot of the ratio of correlators, $R_{\pi_2}^{(433)}$, at $\kappa=0.155$ from which the lattice value of $\langle \xi^2 \rangle$ is extracted.

TABLE X. The value of $\langle \xi^2 \rangle^{\text{latt}}$ from A_{433} calculated in the six ways described in the text. For each measurement we give the χ^2 per degree of freedom, the fit range used, and the estimate.

κ	$\langle \xi^2 \rangle_\pi^{[433]}$	$\langle \xi^2 \rangle_\pi^{[343]}$	$\langle \xi^2 \rangle_\pi^{(433)}$	$\langle \xi^2 \rangle_{\pi_2}^{[433]}$	$\langle \xi^2 \rangle_{\pi_2}^{[343]}$	$\langle \xi^2 \rangle_{\pi_2}^{(433)}$
0.1540	0.61	0.51	0.82	0.47	1.27	1.32
	5–10	5–10	5–10	10–16	10–20	6–16
	0.06(2)	0.13(2)	0.10(2)	0.07(4)	0.16(3)	0.11(1)
0.1550	0.66	0.54	0.91	0.16	1.70	1.37
	5–10	6–12	5–12	10–15	7–15	7–15
	0.06(3)	0.12(3)	0.10(2)	0.09(5)	0.18(2)	0.11(2)

TABLE XI. The value of $\langle \xi^2 \rangle^{\text{latt}}$ from A_{423} calculated in the six ways described in the text. For each measurement we give the χ^2 per degree of freedom, the fit range used, and the estimate.

κ	$\langle \xi^2 \rangle_{\pi}^{432}$	$\langle \xi^2 \rangle_{\pi}^{243}$	$\langle \xi^2 \rangle_{\pi}^{(423)}$	$\langle \xi^2 \rangle_{\pi_2}^{423}$	$\langle \xi^2 \rangle_{\pi_2}^{243}$	$\langle \xi^2 \rangle_{\pi_2}^{(423)}$
0.1540	1.34	0.70	1.62	2.09	2.19	3.58
	6–12 0.14(2)	6–12 0.10(2)	6–15 0.12(2)	8–12 0.08(4)	8–15 0.11(3)	7–14 0.11(2)
0.1550	0.82	1.17	1.05	1.77	2.02	3.66
	6–12 0.15(4)	5–10 0.13(4)	6–12 0.12(3)	7–12 0.08(4)	8–15 0.09(3)	6–12 0.15(3)

There are various possible explanations of this discrepancy, but note in particular that $A_{[433]}$ and $A_{[343]}$ renormalize differently (they do, of course, mix). This can resolve the problem only if there are large nonperturbative contributions to the renormalization constants. Lattice spacing corrections may also play a large role, and repeating these calculations with an improved fermion action should be very helpful.

We have also tried to determine $\langle \xi^2 \rangle^{\text{latt}}$ from A_{423} at $\mathbf{p}=(0,2\pi/16,2\pi/16)$. The results are given in Table XI, though we are less confident of the signal at this higher momentum. We associate the poor signal with the lack of a plateau in the effective mass plot for the pion correlator with two units of momentum. The renormalization of A_{423} is independent of the ordering of the indices, and the data do not show any significant difference.

IX. LATTICE SCALE AND COMPARISON OF RESULTS

In order to study the chiral limit, we extrapolate our results for the various quantities to the value of κ at which the pion mass vanishes. This is shown in Fig. 10,

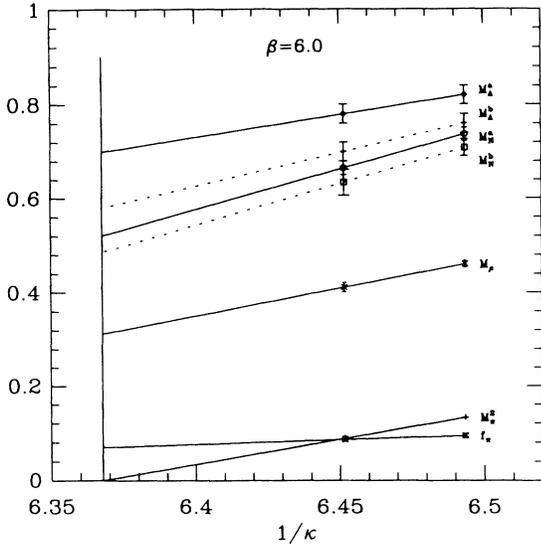


FIG. 10. Linear extrapolation of the lattice masses to the chiral limit. We show both sets of baryon masses, those obtained using Wuppertal (superscript a) and using wall (superscript b) sources.

where we have made separate extrapolation for baryon masses obtained using Wuppertal (superscript a) and wall (superscript b) sources. We extrapolate using m_q^{latt} . We find $\kappa_c=0.15704$, in agreement with the results given in Ref. [12]. The results of these fits are

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{\pi}^2 a^2 &= 0.000(16) + 2.1(3)m, \\
 f_{\pi}^a &= 0.070(14) + 0.38(27)m, \\
 M_{\rho} a &= 0.313(33) + 2.3(6)m, \\
 M_N^a a &= 0.521(53) + 3.4(1.0)m, \\
 M_N^b a &= 0.486(91) + 3.5(1.6)m, \\
 M_{\Delta}^a a &= 0.700(72) + 1.9(1.4)m, \\
 M_{\Delta}^b a &= 0.58(13) + 2.9(2.1)m,
 \end{aligned} \tag{9.1}$$

from which we can extract the lattice scale. Using the experimental values for f_{π} , M_{ρ} , M_N , and M_{Δ} we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 a^{-1}(f_{\pi}) &= 1.9(4) \text{ GeV}, \\
 a^{-1}(M_{\rho}) &= 2.5(3) \text{ GeV}, \\
 a^{-1}(M_N^a) &= 1.8(2) \text{ GeV}, \\
 a^{-1}(M_N^b) &= 1.93(36) \text{ GeV}, \\
 a^{-1}(M_{\Delta}^a) &= 1.76(18) \text{ GeV}, \\
 a^{-1}(M_{\Delta}^b) &= 2.1(5) \text{ GeV}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{9.2}$$

The large errors in the extrapolated values reflect the fact that we have data at just two values of κ . The a^{-1} extracted from M_{ρ} is significantly larger. Also, the wall source estimates for the nucleon mass give a slightly better value for the ratio M_N/M_{ρ} .

A linear extrapolation of $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle$ to the chiral limit gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_{m_q=0} &= -Z_P Z_A 0.0058(18) a^{-3} \\
 &\sim -Z_P Z_A 0.034 \text{ GeV}^3,
 \end{aligned} \tag{9.3}$$

where we have used $a^{-1}=1.8 \text{ GeV}$. Assuming $Z_P Z_A \sim 1$, we note that this result is approximately three times larger than the continuum value $\langle \bar{u}u \rangle = -0.0114 \text{ GeV}^3$ [21]. To make a meaningful comparison we need to estimate Z_P .

One-loop perturbative result for Z_P using Wilson fermions is discussed in the Appendix. It is

$$Z_P = 1 + \frac{g^2 C_F}{16\pi^2} [6 \ln(a\mu) - 22.596], \quad (9.4)$$

where $C_F = \frac{4}{3}$. This estimate does not address possible $O(a)$ and other nonperturbative effects. We use the continuum MS renormalization scheme at $\mu = 1$ GeV so that $Z_P = 1 - 0.221g^2$ for $a^{-1} = 1.8$ GeV. This leaves one source of uncertainty in applying this formula, namely the choice of g^2 . Using $g^2 \approx 2$, as advocated by Lepage and Mackenzie [26], we get $Z_A Z_P \approx 0.5$. Given the many uncertainties in this estimate, what we can say with some confidence is that including these corrections moves the lattice estimate closer to the continuum result.

Using Eq. (9.1) we can also attempt to extract the mass of the strange quark. Our estimate varies by a factor of 2 depending on the method we use. For example, by demanding that the ratio $2M_K^2/f_\pi^2$ attain its physical value at $m = m_s$ we get $m_s^{\text{latt}} a \approx 0.066$, while the ratio $M_{K^*}^2/2M_K^2$ gives $m_s^{\text{latt}} a \approx 0.036$. Translated into physical units these correspond to $Z_S m_s = 81$ and 44 MeV, respectively. If we assume $Z_S \approx 1$, then these values are a factor of 2–3 smaller than the conventional estimate. This discrepancy is similar to the results obtained with staggered fermions [13]. Once again, a value of $Z_S < 1$ would increase these estimates.

The combination $m_s \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_{m_q=0}$ can be extracted with less ambiguity because it involves the finite ratio Z_P/Z_S , for which we have a nonperturbative estimate. Taking $Z_A = 0.86$ and $Z_P/Z_S = 0.68$, and using the two extreme values for m_s quoted above, we find -0.0024 GeV⁴ and -0.0013 GeV⁴, to be compared to the experimental value of approximately -0.0017 GeV⁴.

X. CONCLUSIONS

We show that both Wuppertal and wall quark sources yield very good signals for the π and ρ mesons at $\mathbf{p} = (0,0,0)$. There is an unambiguous plateau in the effective mass plots for all three types of correlators studied and the mass estimates are consistent. Since the estimates converge from opposite directions with the two kinds of sources, consistency of the results implies that we have extracted the asymptotic value. We find that the signal in the Wuppertal source pion correlator with $\mathbf{p} = (0,0,2\pi/16)$ is good enough to allow the calculation of matrix elements with nonzero momentum flow.

There are strong indications that we have not extracted the asymptotic value of the baryon masses. The disturbing difference between the results from the Wuppertal and wall sources needs to be understood before we can quote the baryon masses with confidence.

The signal in the ratios of Wuppertal source correlators used to extract f_π , f_V^{-1} , m_q , and $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle$ is very good. We show how to extract the current quark mass and the chiral condensate using smeared sources, although comparing with experiment is difficult in the absence of reliable values for Z_P and Z_S . We show internal consistency of the results by using different hadronic operators and by using different combinations of correlators. We find that our estimate of f_V^{-1} is in good agreement with exper-

imental values.

Lastly, we have calculated the second moment of the pion distribution amplitude, $\langle \xi^2 \rangle^{\text{latt}}$. We find a significant difference between the results extracted from $A_{[433]}$ and $A_{[343]}$ at $\mathbf{p} = (0,0,2\pi/16)$. The average value of $\langle \xi^2 \rangle^{\text{latt}} \sim 0.1$ is consistent with earlier results obtained using lattices with two dynamical flavors of Wilson fermions.

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APPENDIX A: PERTURBATIVE EVALUATION OF Z_S , Z_P , AND Z_{mass}

The perturbative calculations required to evaluate the constants Z_S , Z_P , and Z_{mass} with Wilson fermions have been performed by a variety of authors [27–32]. It is, however, rather difficult to extract the precise values from these papers, and for this reason we collect some of the relevant results here. We restrict ourselves to $r = 1$, and take $\overline{\text{MS}}$ as our continuum scheme.

The calculation of the renormalization constants requires the evaluation of the fermion self-energy (wave function and mass renormalization) and vertex corrections. The continuum fermion self-energy in the MS scheme has the form

$$\Sigma^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(p, m) = i\gamma \cdot p \Sigma_1^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(p, m) + m \Sigma_2^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(p, m), \quad (\text{A1})$$

with the one-loop results

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_1^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(p, m) &= \lambda \left\{ 1 + 2 \int_0^1 dx (1-x) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \ln \left[\frac{xm^2 + x(1-x)p^2}{\mu^2} \right] \right\}, \\ \Sigma_2^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(p, m) &= \lambda \left\{ 2 + 4 \int_0^1 dx \ln \left[\frac{xm^2 + x(1-x)p^2}{\mu^2} \right] \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A2})$$

where $\lambda = g^2 C_F / (16\pi^2)$ and $C_F = \frac{4}{3}$. The lattice self-energy is

$$\Sigma^{\text{latt}}(p, m) = \frac{1}{a} \Sigma_0^{\text{latt}} + i\gamma \cdot p \Sigma_1^{\text{latt}}(p, m) + m \Sigma_2^{\text{latt}}(p, m), \quad (\text{A3})$$

where at one-loop

$$\begin{aligned}
\Sigma_0^{\text{latt}} &= \lambda(-51.435) , \\
\Sigma_1^{\text{latt}}(p, m) &= \lambda \left[13.852 + 2 \int_0^1 dx (1-x) \ln \{ a^2 [xm^2 + x(1-x)p^2] \} \right] + O(ma, pa) , \\
\Sigma_2^{\text{latt}}(p, m) &= \lambda \left[1.901 + 4 \int_0^1 dx \ln \{ a^2 [xm^2 + x(1-x)p^2] \} \right] + O(ma, pa) .
\end{aligned} \tag{A4}$$

We have taken the most precise values available for the finite constants [30]. These are obtained by numerical integration and are accurate to better than one part in the last decimal place. The linearly divergent piece Σ_0^{latt} shifts the position of κ_c , and plays no role in the following discussion. Neglecting this term, and adopting a slightly modified version of the notation of Ref. [28], we write the difference between continuum and lattice schemes (in the limit $a \rightarrow 0$) as

$$\Sigma^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(p, m) - \Sigma^{\text{latt}}(p, m) = i\gamma \cdot p \Delta_{\Sigma_1} + m \Delta_{\Sigma_2} . \tag{A5}$$

At one-loop, let us define $\Delta_i = \lambda \Delta_i^{(1)}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_{\Sigma_1}^{(1)} &= -2 \ln(a\mu) - 12.852 , \\
\Delta_{\Sigma_2}^{(1)} &= -8 \ln(a\mu) + 0.099 .
\end{aligned} \tag{A6}$$

With these results the one-loop mass renormalization constant is

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_{\text{mass}} &= 1 + \lambda(\Delta_{\Sigma_2}^{(1)} - \Delta_{\Sigma_1}^{(1)}) \\
&= 1 + \lambda[1 - 6 \ln(a\mu) + 12.951] .
\end{aligned} \tag{A7}$$

In Ref. [27] the result for Z_{mass} is in error, because the expression for $\Delta_{\Sigma_2}^{(1)}$ is incorrect. This error was pointed out in Ref. [29], where a result consistent with Eq. (A7) is obtained.

Notice that like the Δ 's, the perturbative Z 's are defined neglecting terms of $O(a)$ and, in particular, terms of $O(ma)$.

To calculate Z_S and Z_P one also needs the difference between the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ and lattice vertex corrections for insertions of $\bar{\psi}\psi$ and $\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\psi$. Following Ref. [28], we write these differences as Δ_1 and Δ_{γ_5} , respectively. The above-mentioned error in Ref. [27] propagates into an error in the one-loop result for $\Delta_1 = \lambda \Delta_1^{(1)}$ given in Ref. [28]. The result for $\Delta_{\gamma_5}^{(1)}$ is correct. More precise one-loop values may be deduced by combining the results of Refs. [32], [31], and [28]:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_1^{(1)} &= +8 \ln(a\mu) - 0.100 , \\
\Delta_{\gamma_5}^{(1)} &= +8 \ln(a\mu) - 9.744 .
\end{aligned} \tag{A8}$$

To extract these results one needs to know that in the dimensional reduction scheme used in Ref. [31], both $\Delta_1^{(1)}$ and $\Delta_{\gamma_5}^{(1)}$ are larger by +2 than in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme.

With these results at hand we can now calculate the

one-loop renormalization constants

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_S &= 1 + \lambda(\Delta_1^{(1)} + \Delta_{\Sigma_1}^{(1)}) \\
&= 1 + \lambda[+6 \ln(a\mu) - 12.952] ; \\
Z_P &= 1 + \lambda(\Delta_{\gamma_5}^{(1)} + \Delta_{\Sigma_1}^{(1)}) , \\
&= 1 + \lambda[+6 \ln(a\mu) - 22.596] .
\end{aligned} \tag{A9}$$

Equations (A7) and (A9) imply that, because $\Delta_1^{(1)} = -\Delta_{\Sigma_2}^{(1)}$ within the numerical errors, the relation $Z_{\text{mass}} Z_S = 1$ is satisfied. As mentioned in the text, this relation is expected on the basis of the functional integral derivation given in Ref. [22]. In fact, as we now discuss, it is straightforward to understand this result in perturbation theory.

To establish the equality $\Delta_1 = -\Delta_{\Sigma_2}$ at one-loop we begin by noting that, to this order,

$$\lambda \Delta_{\Sigma_2}^{(1)} = \frac{\partial}{\partial m} [\Sigma^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(p, m) - \Sigma^{\text{latt}}(p, m)]|_{m=0} , \tag{A10}$$

which follows from Eqs. (A5) and (A6). The crucial observation is that the derivative with respect to m inserts minus the scalar density on the internal fermion line, and so gives the difference of continuum and lattice vertex diagrams. These are precisely the diagrams which, in the limit $m \rightarrow 0$, define $-\Delta_1^{(1)}$. Note that terms suppressed by powers of ma (which are present in Σ^{latt}) are irrelevant since the Δ 's are defined dropping all terms of $O(a)$.

This derivation extends straightforwardly to all others. Taking the derivative with respect to m in a general self-energy diagram is equivalent to the insertion of minus the scalar density in all possible ways, and so by definition gives the corresponding set of graphs for $-\Delta_1$. Note that this is true for any r . The crucial assumption is that the difference of continuum and lattice self-energies which defines the Δ 's is infrared finite, and thus has a smooth chiral limit. This forbids contributions to the difference of Σ 's which would make the derivative infrared singular, i.e., terms of the form $\ln(ma)$, $\ln(m^2/p^2)$, p^2/m^2 , etc. Dimensional analysis then shows that the only dependence on m comes from polynomials in ma and $ma \ln(ma)$, which give no contribution in the continuum limit.

This discussion makes clear that the relation $Z_S Z_{\text{mass}} = 1$, which we use in the text, holds exactly in perturbation theory. The individual renormalization fac-

tors we observe in a simulation at finite lattice spacing, however, also contain $O(ma)$ corrections, the precise values of which depend upon the external states. Consequently, the replacement $Z_{\text{mass}} \rightarrow Z_S^{-1}$ may have corrections of $O(ma)$ if the two are extracted from different matrix elements.

Finally, we give the finite constant

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\text{mass}} Z_P &= 1 + \lambda(\Delta_{\gamma_5}^{(1)} + \Delta_{\Sigma_2}^{(1)}), \\ &= 1 + \lambda(-9.644), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A11})$$

which is denoted Z_m in Ref. [6]. Note that in order to reproduce our nonperturbative result using this formula, one would have to take $g^2 \approx 4$.

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