

$I = 2$ Pion Scattering Phase Shift with Wilson Fermions *

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We present results of phase shift for $I = 2$ S -wave $\pi\pi$ system with the Wilson fermions in the quenched approximation. The finite size method proposed by Lüscher is employed, and calculations are carried out at $\beta = 5.9$ ($a^{-1} = 1.934(16)$ GeV from m_ρ) on $24^3 \times 60$, $32^3 \times 60$, and $48^3 \times 60$ lattices.

1. Introduction

Lattice calculation of phase shifts is an important step for understanding of strong interactions beyond the hadron mass spectrum. For scattering lengths which are the threshold values of phase shifts, there are already several studies in literature. For the $I = 2$ $\pi\pi$ scattering calculations have been carried out with the staggered [1,2], the standard [2–4] and the improved Wilson fermion actions [5]. Recent studies by JLQCD [4] and by Liu *et.al.* [5] carried out the calculation at several lattice cutoffs and obtained the scattering length in the continuum limit. For the scattering phase shift, in contrast, there is only one calculation for $I = 2$, which used lattice data to estimate an effective $\pi\pi$ potential and a quantum mechanical analysis to calculate the phase shift from the potential [6].

We present a lattice QCD calculation of the $I = 2$ S -wave $\pi\pi$ phase shift using the finite-size method [7]. We work in quenched lattice QCD employing the standard plaquette action for gluons at $\beta = 5.9$ and the Wilson fermion action for quarks. The number of configurations (lattice sizes) are 200 ($24^3 \times 60$), 286 ($32^3 \times 60$), and 56

($48^3 \times 60$). Quark propagators are solved with the Dirichlet boundary condition imposed in the time direction and the periodic boundary condition in the space directions. Quark masses are chosen to be the same as in the previous study of quenched hadron spectroscopy by CP-PACS [8] (*i.e.*, $m_\pi/m_\rho = 0.491, 0.593, 0.692, 0.752$) for all lattice sizes. Preliminary results of the present work was presented at Lattice'01 [9].

2. Method

The energy eigenvalue W_p of an S -wave $\pi\pi$ system with momentum \vec{p} and $-\vec{p}$ in a finite periodic box of a size L^3 is shifted from twice the pion energy $2 \cdot E_p$ by finite-size effects. Lüscher derived a relation between the energy shift $\Delta W_p = W_p - 2 \cdot E_p$ and the scattering phase shift $\delta(p)$, which takes the form [7]

$$\nu_n \frac{\tan \delta(p)}{\pi L p} = -x_p - A_n x_p^2 - B_n x_p^3 + O(x_p^4), \quad (1)$$

where $p^2 = n \cdot (2\pi/L)^2$, ($n = 0, 1, \dots, 6$), $x_p = \Delta W_p \cdot (2E_p L^2)/(16\pi^2) = O(1/L)$, and ν_n , A_n , and B_n are geometrical constants. The scattering length is given by $a_0 = (\tan \delta(p)/p)_{p \rightarrow 0}$.

In order to obtain the energy eigenvalue W_p we construct $\pi\pi$ 4-point functions $G_{pk}(t) =$

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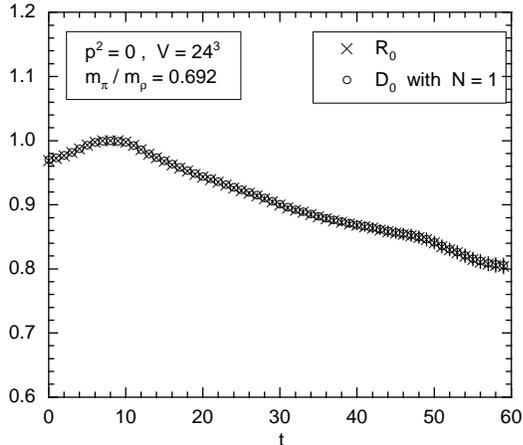


Figure 1. $R_p(t)$ and $D_p(t)$ for $p^2 = 0$.

$\langle 0|\Omega_p(t)\Omega_k(0)|0\rangle$. Here $\Omega_p(t)$ is an interpolating field for the S -wave $\pi\pi$ system at time t given by $\Omega_p(t) = \sum_R \pi(R(\vec{p}), t)\pi(-R(\vec{p}), t)$ where R is an element of the cubic group. In numerical calculations we construct the source operator $\Omega_k(0)$ using the noisy source method with $U(1)$ random numbers.

Since the 4-point function $G_{pk}(t)$ contains many exponential terms as pointed out by Miani and Testa [10], the extraction of energy eigenvalues from $G_{pk}(t)$ is non-trivial. We solve this problem by the method proposed by Lüscher and Wolf [11]. In their method, one diagonalize the $M_{pk}(t_0, t) \equiv [G(t_0)^{-1/2} G(t)G(t_0)^{-1/2}]_{pk}$ at each t where t_0 is fixed at some small value. The eigenvalues are given by $\lambda_p(t) = \exp(-W_p(t - t_0))$.

In the actual diagonalization we have to cut off the set of momenta. Here we expect that the components of $G_{pk}(t)$ or $M_{pk}(t_0, t)$ for $p, k \leq q$ are dominant for the eigenvalue $\lambda_q(t)$ in the large t region, while the components $p, k > q$ are less important.

With this expectation, we calculate the energy eigenvalue for the ground state ($n = 0$) and the first excited state ($n = 1$) for $V = 24^3$, and also that of the second excited state ($n = 2$) for $V = 32^3$ and $V = 48^3$. The cut-off dependence is investigated by varying the number of momenta $N \geq n$ for $N = 0, 1, 2, 3$.

3. Results

In order to examine the effects of diagonalization, we calculate two ratios defined

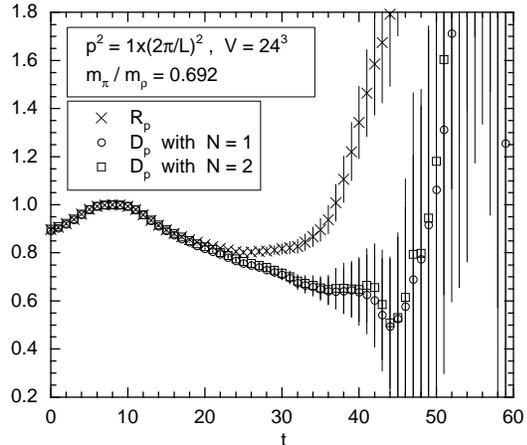


Figure 2. $R_p(t)$ and $D_p(t)$ for $p^2 = (2\pi/L)^2$.

by $R_p(t) \equiv G_{pp}(t)/[G_p^\pi(t)]^2$ and $D_p(t) \equiv \lambda_p(t)/[G_p^\pi(t_0)/G_p^\pi(t)]^2$, where $G_p^\pi(t)$ is the pion propagator with momentum p . If $G_{pp}(t)$ or $\lambda_p(t)$ behaves as a single exponential function, we can obtain the energy shift ΔW_p from the ratio $R_p(t)$ or $D_p(t)$ by a single exponential fit.

In Fig. 1 we compare the ratios for $p^2 = 0$. The two-pion source is placed at $t = 8$. The momentum cut-off is set at $N = 1$. The signals are very clear and diagonalizations do not affect the result. We checked the cut-off dependence by taking $N = 2$ and confirmed that it is negligible. In previous calculations of scattering lengths[1–4] the ratio $R_0(t)$ was used to extract the energy shift ΔW_0 . Our calculation demonstrates the reliability of these calculations.

We compare the ratios for $p^2 = (2\pi/L)^2$ in Fig. 2. The momentum cutoff is set at $N = 1$ and $N = 2$. In contrast to the $p^2 = 0$ case, the diagonalization is very effective. We can observe a convincing single exponential behavior only after the diagonalization. The cut-off dependence is negligible.

The analysis shown here, and additional ones for $p^2 = (2\pi/L)^2 \cdot 2$ for $V = 32^3$ and $V = 48^3$, lead us to conclude that the momentum cut-off should be taken $N \geq n$ for the energy shift ΔW_p ($p^2 = (2\pi/L)^2 \cdot n$).

In Fig. 3 we plot our results for the scattering amplitude $T/(32\pi) = E_p \cdot (\tan \delta(p)/p)$ at $m_\pi/m_\rho = 0.491$ and 0.593 obtained by substituting our data for ΔW_p into (1). In order to obtain the phase shift for various momenta at

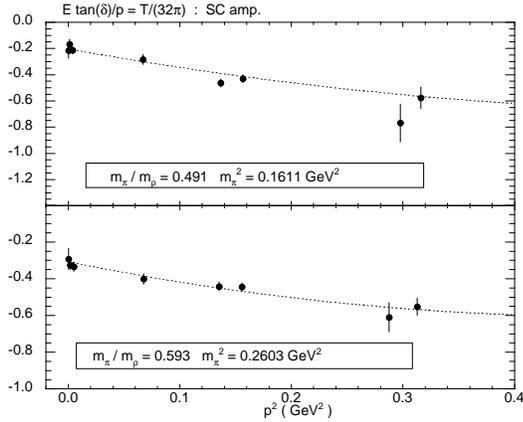


Figure 3. Results for scattering amplitude.

the physical pion mass, we extrapolate our data with the following fitting assumption : $T/(32\pi) = A_{10} \cdot (m_\pi^2) + A_{20} \cdot (m_\pi^2)^2 + A_{01} \cdot (p^2) + A_{02} \cdot (p^2)^2 + A_{11} \cdot (m_\pi^2 p^2)$. The fit curves are also plotted in Fig. 3.

In Fig. 4 we compare the calculated phase shift $\delta(p)$ at physical pion mass with the fit above with experiments [12]. Our results for $\delta(p)$ are 30% smaller in magnitude than those of experiments, and our result for scattering length, $a_0 m_\pi = -0.0272(16)$, differs from the ChPT prediction given by $a_0 m_\pi = -0.0444(10)$ [13], but consistent with the result of JLQCD at the same lattice spacing, $a_0 m_\pi = -0.0300(31)$ [4].

A possible cause of the discrepancy is finite lattice spacing effects. The JLQCD results for scattering length show sizable scaling violation [4]. Hence that of the scattering phase shift cannot be considered small. Further calculations nearer to the continuum limit or calculations with improved actions are desirable.

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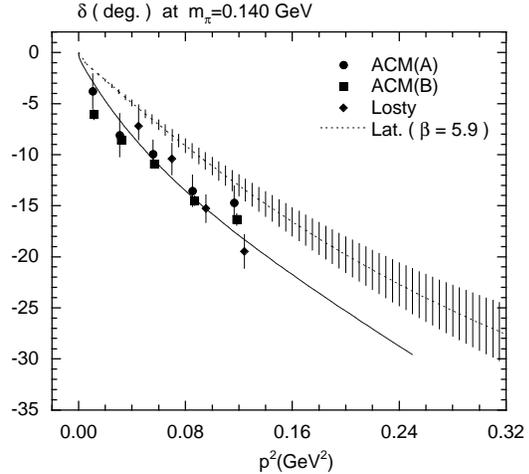


Figure 4. Comparison of our results of scattering phase shift $\delta(p)$ and experiments.

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