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Search for an Intrinsic Scale in Chiral Effective Field Theory

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 - Created a procedure to determine a preferred range of FRR scale based on nonperturbative lattice results — **without phenomenological prejudice.**

'The Challenge'

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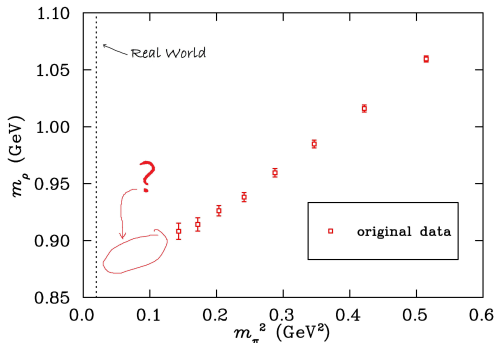
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- We want to **predict the mass of the quenched ρ meson, m_ρ** , at physical pion mass.
- We have **quenched lattice QCD results** from the Kentucky Group, excluding the results for lighter pion masses.
- We cannot rely on the experimental value of m_ρ because we are doing Quenched QCD (QQCD).
- What is the best way to use **Chiral Effective Field Theory (χ EFT)** to make a prediction?

- The following data from Kentucky Group is **missing points close to the chiral limit** ($m_q = 0$).
- Data illustrated lies in the range $380 < m_\pi < 720$ MeV, but the missing data are as low as 200 MeV.
- Using the standard relation: $m_q \sim m_\pi^2$:



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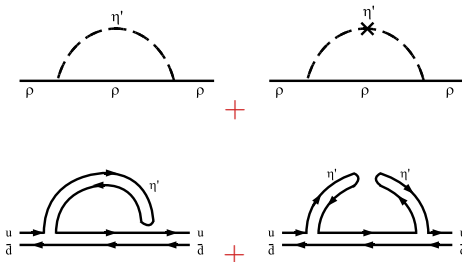
- A perturbative quantum field theory using **low-energy** degrees of freedom. (mesons, baryons etc)
- General low-energy expansion formula, about chiral limit:

$$\begin{aligned}
 m_\rho^2 &= \{ \text{Terms analytic in } m_q \} + \{ \text{Chiral loop corrections} \} \\
 &= \{ a_0 + a_2 m_\pi^2 + a_4 m_\pi^4 + \dots \} + \{ \Sigma_{\text{total}} \}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- **Analytic Terms** :
 - To be determined via analysis of Lattice QCD results.
 - Related to the low energy constants of Chiral Perturbation Theory (χ PT).
- **Chiral loops** :
 - Predict nonanalytic behaviour in the quark mass.
 - Coefficients are known and are model independent.

- In meson sector of QCD, we consider the **single and the double hairpin diagrams**:

$$\Sigma_{\text{total}} = \Sigma_{\eta'} + \Sigma_{\eta'\eta'}$$



- The **quenched approximation in lattice QCD** means no 'disconnected loops' allowed in diagrams.
- Therefore these flavour singlet η' loops are the **only contributors to the quenched m_ρ** (to this order).

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- Each diagram represents a loop integral that can be evaluated using standard dimensional regularisation:

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_{\eta'} &= \chi_3 \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dk \frac{k^4}{k^2 + m_\pi^2} \\ &= \infty + \infty m_\pi^2 + \chi_3 m_\pi^3 + 0 m_\pi^4 + \dots,\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_{\eta'\eta'} &= \chi_1 \frac{-4}{3\pi} \int_0^\infty dk \frac{k^4}{(k^2 + m_\pi^2)^2} \\ &= \infty + \chi_1 m_\pi + 0 m_\pi^2 + \dots.\end{aligned}$$

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- The a_i coefficients undergo infinite renormalisation:

$$\begin{aligned} m_\rho^2 &= \{a_0 + a_2 m_\pi^2 + a_4 m_\pi^4 + \dots\} + \Sigma_{\eta'} + \Sigma_{\eta'\eta'} \\ &= c_0 + \chi_1 m_\pi + c_2 m_\pi^2 + \chi_3 m_\pi^3 + c_4 m_\pi^4 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

- We can use Finite-Range Regularisation (FRR) to **cut off momenta at** the finite scale Λ .
- Idea is to **prevent large momenta** from flowing through low energy effective degrees of freedom (Ultraviolet suppression for $k > \Lambda$).
- This can be done in a chiral symmetry-preserving way if desired.

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- Loop integrals are modified to include a regulator $u^2(k)$, eg:

- Dipole form: $u(k) = \left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{\Lambda^2 + k^2} \right)^2$

- Sharp cutoff form: $u(k) = \theta(\Lambda - k)$

$$\Sigma_{\eta'} = \chi_3 \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dk \frac{k^4 u^2(k^2)}{k^2 + m_\pi^2}$$

$$\Sigma_{\eta'\eta'} = \chi_1 \frac{-4}{3\pi} \int_0^\infty dk \frac{k^4 u^2(k^2)}{(k^2 + m_\pi^2)^2}$$

- Integrals are be evaluated for finite Λ .
- Taylor expand the integral about the chiral limit ($m_\pi^2 = 0$):

$$\Sigma_{\eta'}(k; \Lambda) = b_0^{(3)} \Lambda^3 + b_2^{(3)} \Lambda m_\pi^2 + \chi_3 m_\pi^3 + \dots,$$

$$\Sigma_{\eta'\eta'}(k; \Lambda) = b_0^{(1)} \Lambda + \chi_1 m_\pi + \frac{b_2^{(1)}}{\Lambda} m_\pi^2 + \dots$$

- Terms involving b_i coefficients are **dependent on scale Λ** .
- Note that terms $\chi_3 m_\pi^3$ and $\chi_1 m_\pi$ are **independent of Λ** .
- The renormalised expansion coefficients c_i are also **independent of Λ** :

$$\begin{aligned} m_\rho^2 &= (a_0^\Lambda + b_0^\Lambda) + \chi_1 m_\pi + (a_2^\Lambda + b_2^\Lambda) m_\pi^2 + \chi_3 m_\pi^3 + \dots \\ &= c_0 + \chi_1 m_\pi + c_2 m_\pi^2 + \chi_3 m_\pi^3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

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- Within the power-counting regime (PCR) of χ PT ($m_\pi < 200$ MeV), higher-order terms are negligible by definition.
- Within the **finite order** of the expansion:
 - Terms are **independent of Λ** .
 - Results are **independent** of the regularisation scheme used.
 - FRR is **mathematically equivalent** to Dimensional Regularisation.
- **Beyond** the finite order of the expansion:
 - Terms are **dependent on Λ** .
 - This region lies **outside the PCR**.

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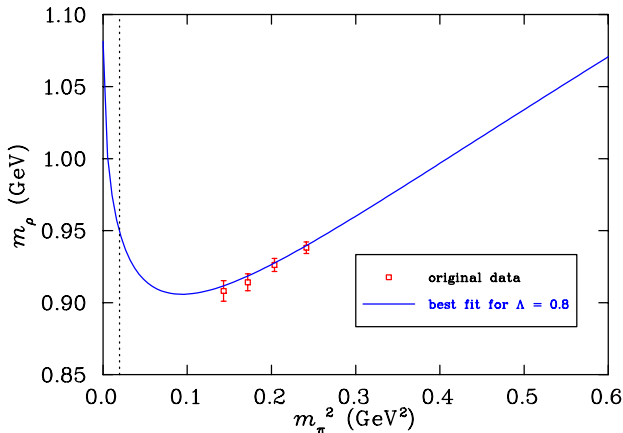
- Recall the low energy expansion:

$$m_\rho^2 = \{a_0^\Lambda + a_2^\Lambda m_\pi^2 + a_4^\Lambda m_\pi^4 + \dots\} + \Sigma_{\eta'}^\Lambda + \Sigma_{\eta'/\eta'}^\Lambda$$

- Use Chiral Effective Field Theory: calculate the self energies to see the correct curvature near chiral regime.
- Example:** consider **dipole form factor** with $\Lambda = 0.8 \text{ GeV}$.
- Choose the **lightest four points** to determine the a_i^Λ parameters.

Extrapolation of the ρ Meson Mass

- Infinite volume **extrapolation curve** for **dipole regulator** shown.
- Non-trivial **low-energy curvature** improves result over a naive linear fit (eg: full QCD $m_\rho = 770$ MeV).



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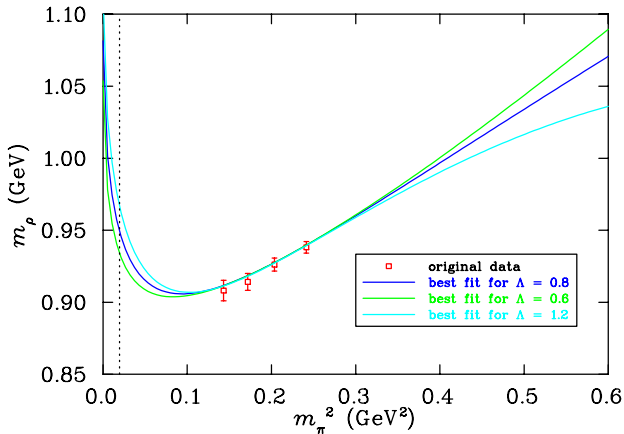
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- What if we were to choose $\Lambda = 0.6$ or 1.2 GeV?



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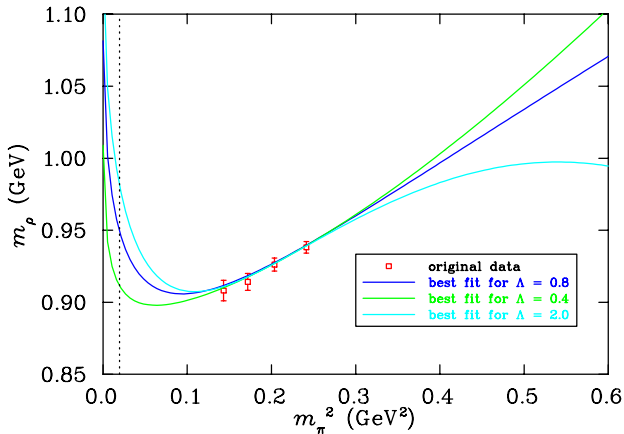
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- What if we were to choose $\Lambda = 0.4$ or 2.0 GeV?



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- results are **dependent on Λ** .
- Is there an intrinsic scale for Λ embedded in the data?
 - To explore this idea will will create some 'pseudodata'.
 - We know this artificial data has an intrinsic scale governed by the Λ_c used to create it.
- We want to **graph the renormalised coefficients c_0, c_2, c_4** against arbitrary Λ . If the renormalisation is successful they **should be constant**.

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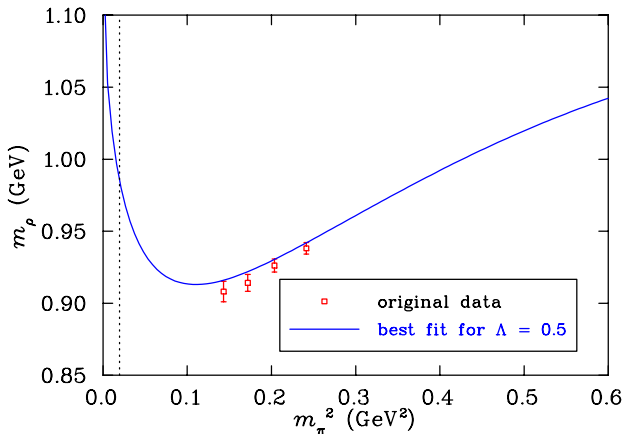
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- Pseudodata: Infinite volume extrapolation curve for sharp cutoff regulator at $\Lambda_c = 0.5$ GeV.



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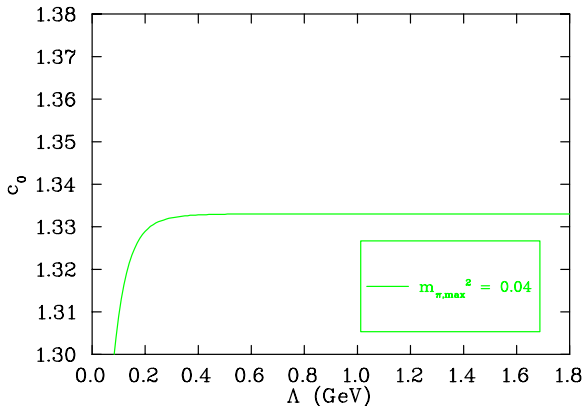
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- Let us look at pseudodata created using the **sharp cutoff** regulator at $\Lambda_c = 0.5$ GeV for $m_{\pi, \max}^2 = 0.04$ GeV².
- Pseudodata is just **inside the PCR**.



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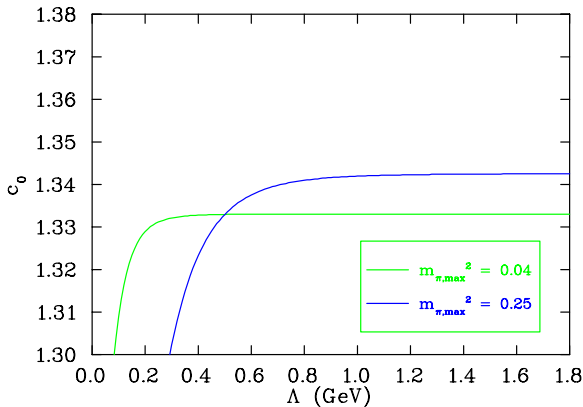
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- Now add more data points so that $m_{\pi, \max}^2 = 0.25 \text{ GeV}^2$:
outside the PCR.



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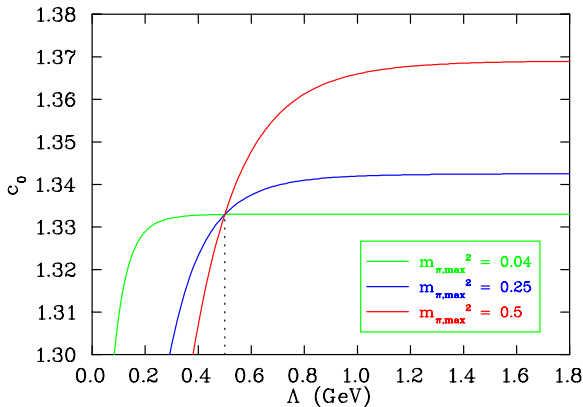
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- Now add more data points so that $m_{\pi,\max}^2 = 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$:
further outside the PCR.



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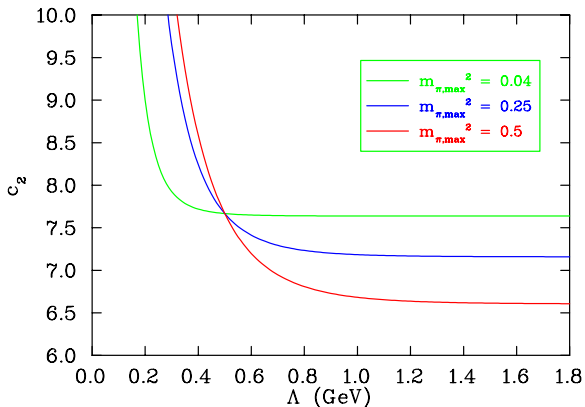
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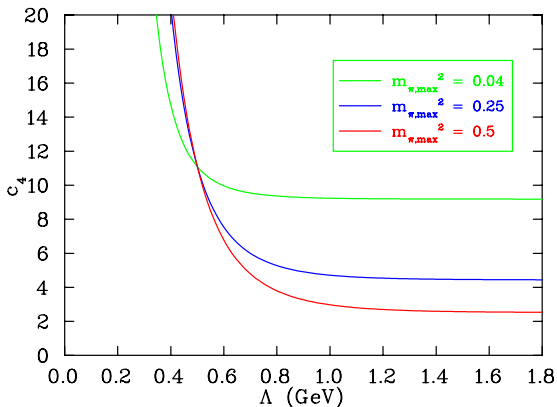
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- c_4 can be analyzed in the same way:



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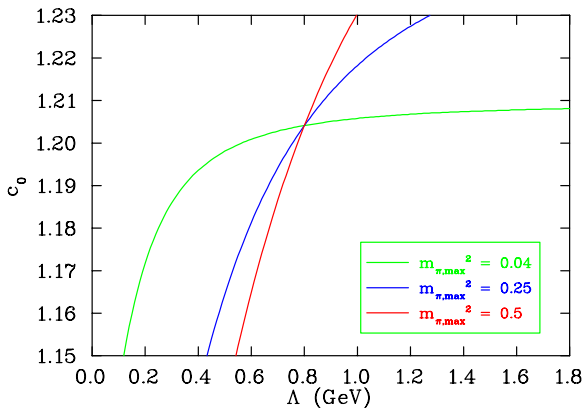
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- Now let's check to see if results are regulator independent.
- Consider pseudodata created using the dipole regulator, with $\Lambda_c = 0.8$ GeV. For c_0 :



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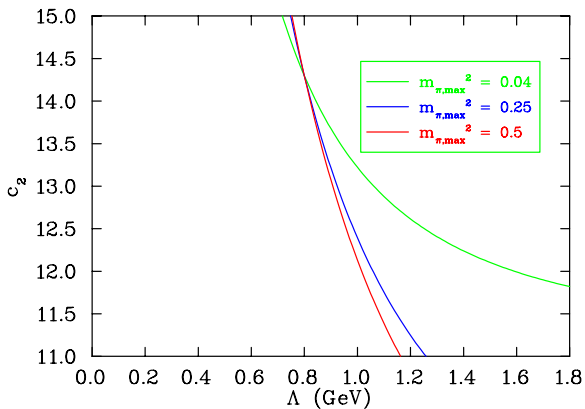
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- For c_2 : (scale matched to the sharp cutoff analysis)



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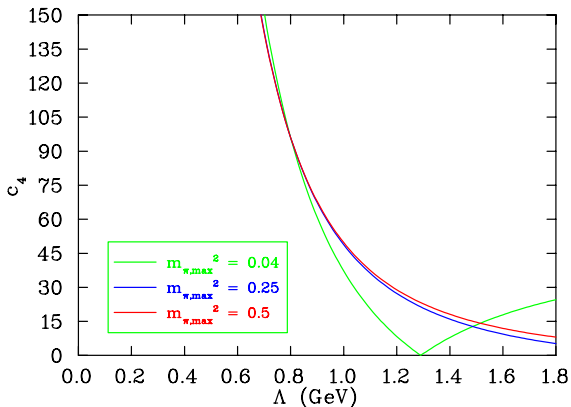
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- c_4 is also problematic



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- The **dipole** regulator does not preserve chiral symmetry.
- There are **extra Λ -dependent nonanalytic terms** in the chiral expansion that have not been catered for in the fit.

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{\eta'}(k; \Lambda) &= \Lambda^3 b_0^{(3)} + \Lambda b_2^{(3)} m_\pi^2 + \chi_3 m_\pi^3 \\ &+ \frac{b_4^{(3)}}{\Lambda} m_\pi^4 + \frac{b_5^{(3)}}{\Lambda^2} m_\pi^5 + \mathcal{O}(m_\pi^6), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{\eta'\eta'}(k; \Lambda) &= \Lambda b_0^{(1)} + \chi_1 m_\pi + \frac{b_2^{(1)}}{\Lambda} m_\pi^2 + \frac{b_3^{(1)}}{\Lambda^2} m_\pi^3 \\ &+ \frac{b_4^{(1)}}{\Lambda^3} m_\pi^4 + \frac{b_5^{(1)}}{\Lambda^4} m_\pi^5 + \mathcal{O}(m_\pi^6). \end{aligned}$$

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- **Choice:** We could use an a_3 and an a_5 parameter to contain the contribution from these terms, or:
- **Better:** choose a regulator which respects chiral symmetry to finite order.
- The sharp cutoff $\theta(\Lambda - k)$ preserves chiral symmetry but finite volume is awkward.
- Let us choose something like a **dipole**, of the form:

$$u(k) = \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{k^2}{\Lambda^2} \right)^n \right\}^{-m}$$

- Choosing $n = 1$ & $m = 2$ gives us a **dipole** form.
- Choosing $n = 3$ is sufficient to suppress the $m_{\pi}^{3,5}$ terms.
- We will call this the '**triple dipole**' regulator.

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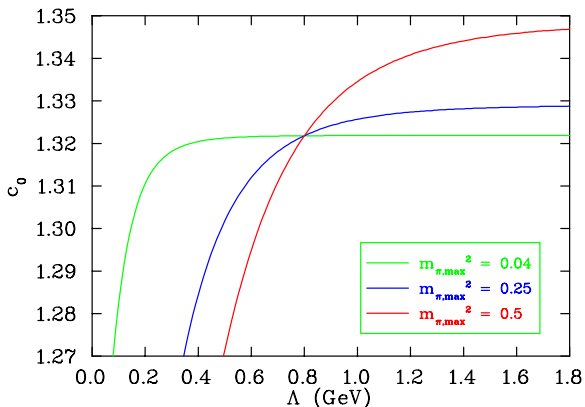
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- Now consider pseudodata created using our triple dipole regulator. For c_0 :



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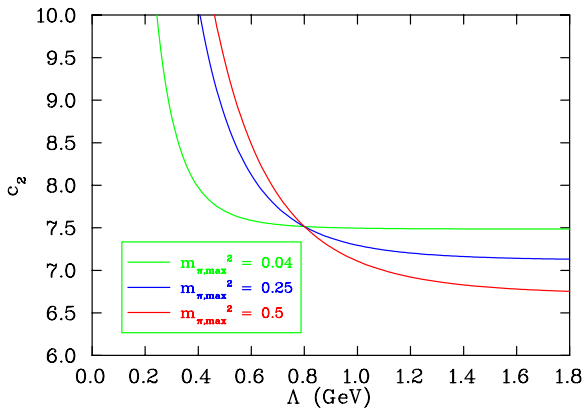
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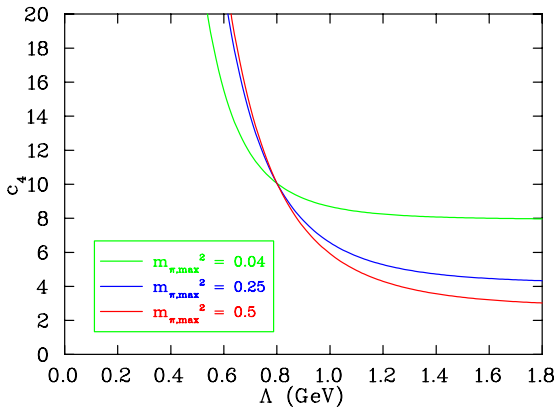
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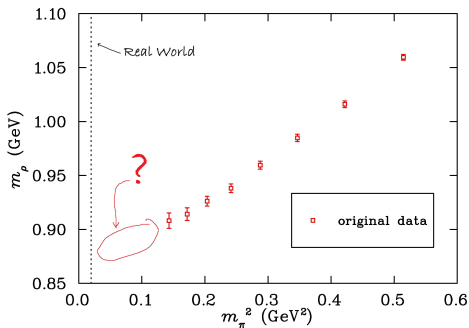
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- For c_4 :



- We are now in a position to analyze the **actual data** using this **triple dipole** regulator.



- We will take the **lightest four data points** we have, then increase $m_{\pi,\max}$ by adding another data point each time.

Test for an Intrinsic Scale

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- The analysis is done on a **finite volume box** the same size as the lattice data.
- An **intrinsic scale** will reveal itself in the intersection points.
- Since these data are not 'perfect' pseudodata but rather have some scatter due to statistical uncertainties, the intersection point will **not be unique**.
- This will give us a **range of Λ values**.

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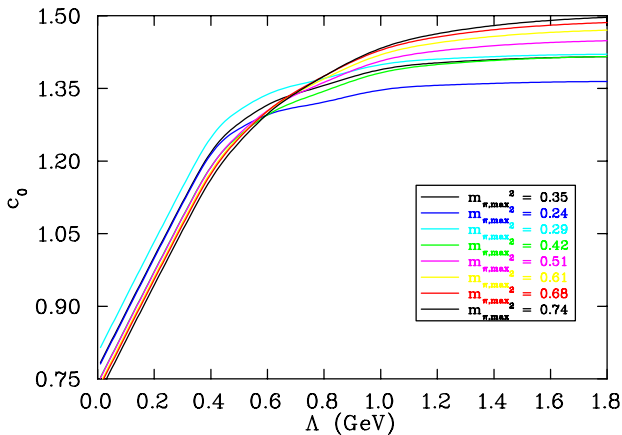
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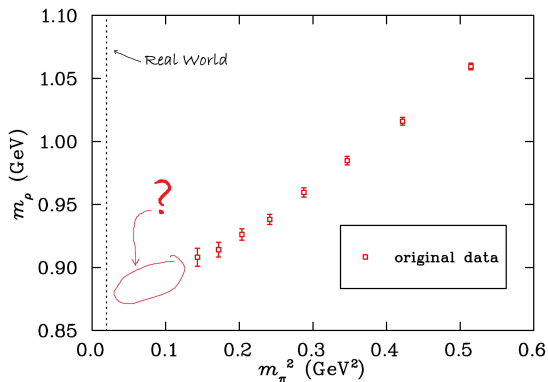
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- To make these points clearer, we subtract all curves from the centre line corresponding to $m_{\pi, \text{max}}^2 = 0.35 \text{ GeV}^2$.



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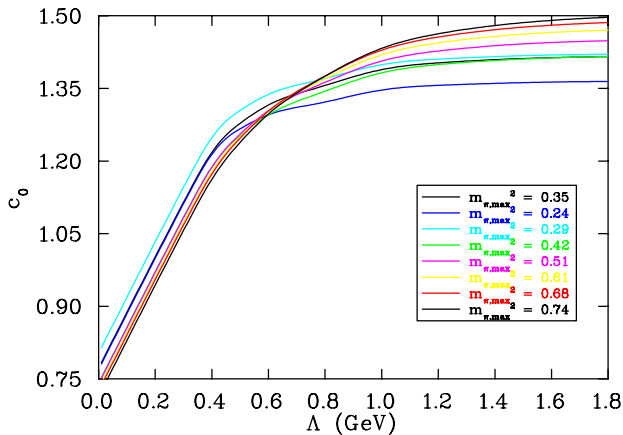
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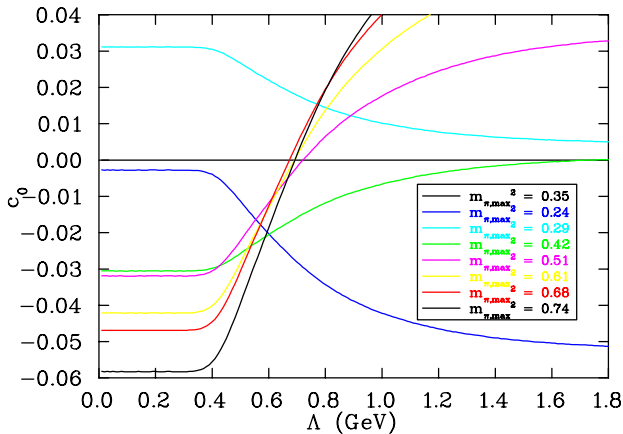
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- For 'modified' c_0 about the central number of data points:



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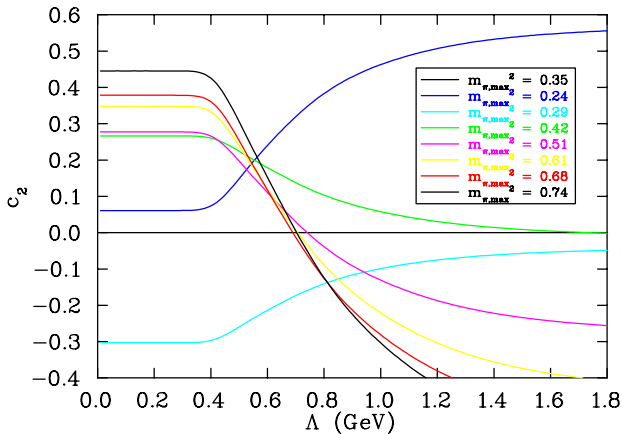
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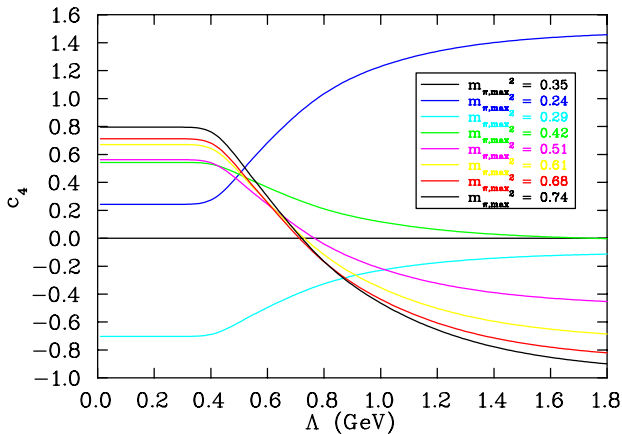
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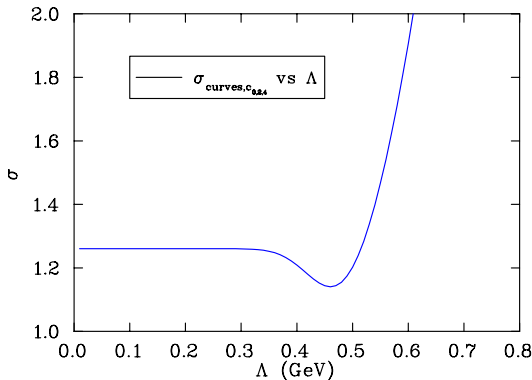
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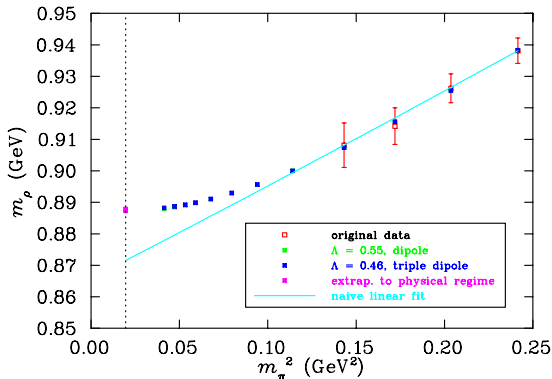
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- The **intrinsic scale** Λ_0 is realised by the lattice data.
- **Minimise the (weighted) variance** with respect to the most constrained curve of $m_{\pi,\max}^2 = 0.24 \text{ GeV}^2$.



- $\Lambda_0^{\text{trip}} = 0.46 \text{ GeV}$

- **Finite volume** extrapolation of m_ρ using **triple dipole** at $\Lambda_0^{\text{trip}} = 0.46$ GeV.
- Try comparing the value of $\langle k^2 \rangle$ to the **dipole** regulator.
- Λ_0^{trip} corresponds to the **dipole** value of **0.55 GeV**.



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- Within the power-counting regime (PCR), a mathematical correspondence to dim. reg. is known.
- **Outside the PCR, results of observables are Λ dependent.**
Does the data indicate a 'best value'?
- Created a procedure to determine a preferred range of FRR scale based on nonperturbative lattice results — **without phenomenological prejudice.**
- Promises a robust scale determination procedure that will facilitate *ab initio* studies.

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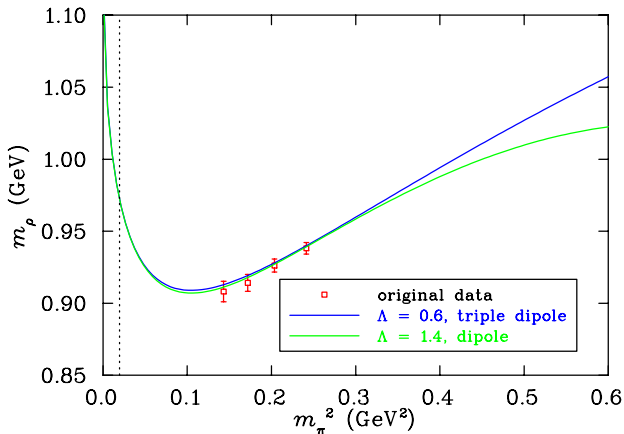
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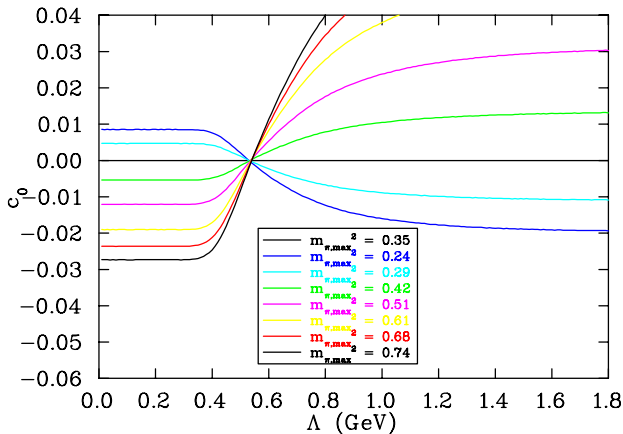
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- Choose a value of $\bar{\Lambda}_{\text{dip}}$ such that both curves match at the physical pion value:



- **Triple dipole** analysis of pseudodata based on finite volume **dipole** created at $\Lambda = 0.8$ GeV. For c_0 :



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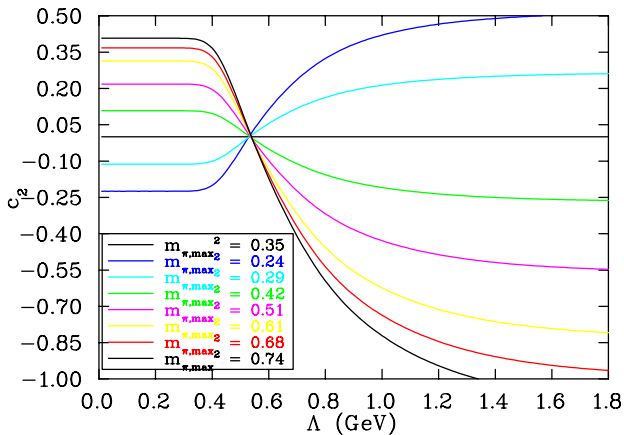
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