

Staggered chiral perturbation theory in the two-flavor case and $SU(2)$ analysis of the MILC data

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Staggered fermions

- Staggered fermion action in terms of one-component field $\chi(x)$

$$S^{KS} = m_q \sum_x \bar{\chi}(x)\chi(x) + \frac{1}{2a} \sum_{x,\mu} \bar{\chi}(x)\eta_\mu(x) [\chi(x + a\hat{\mu}) - \chi(x - a\hat{\mu})],$$

$$\eta_\mu(x) = (-1)^{\sum_{\nu < \mu} x_\nu/a}.$$

- Staggered action in spin-taste basis (free theory)

$$S^{KS} = 16 \sum_y \bar{q}(y) \left\{ m(I \otimes I) + \sum_\mu [(\gamma_\mu \otimes I) \nabla_\mu + a(\gamma_5 \otimes \xi_\mu \xi_5) \Delta_\mu] \right\} q(y)$$

$$q(y)_{\alpha i} = \frac{1}{8} \sum_A (\Gamma_A)_{\alpha i} \chi(2y + aA), \quad \bar{q}(y)_{i\alpha} = \frac{1}{8} \sum_A \bar{\chi}(2y + aA) (\Gamma_A)_{i\alpha}^\dagger,$$

- In interacting case, the staggered action takes the form

$$S_{int}^{KS} = 16 \sum_y \bar{q}(y) \left\{ m(I \otimes I) + \sum_\mu [(\gamma_\mu \otimes I) \nabla_\mu + aS_5 + a^2 S_6 + \dots] \right\} q(y) \quad (1)$$

- Lattice discretization effects break taste symmetry
- Taste breaking effects are incorporated in the chiral perturbation theory for staggered fermions \rightarrow (rooted) staggered chiral perturbation theory (rS χ PT)

Staggered chiral perturbation theory (S χ PT)

- Constructing the staggered chiral perturbation theory
 - Symanzik effective theory (SET) for staggered fermions
 - Map the terms in SET to operators in the chiral Lagrangian by using spurion analysis
- Power counting scheme depends on the action formalism. For Asqtad staggered action

$$p^2 \sim m_\pi^2 \sim \mu m_q \sim a^2 \delta \quad (p^2 \sim m_q \sim a^2) \quad (2)$$

- Assume the usage of fourth-root procedure is legitimate
 - Violate locality at non-zero lattice spacing.
C. Bernard, M. Golterman and Y. Shamir [PRD 73:114511 (2006)]
 - Locality and universality are apparently restored in the continuum limit.
C. Bernard [PRD 73:114503 (2006)], Y. Shamir [PRD 71:034509 (2005)]
- In the chiral theory, fourth-root procedure can be taken by associating factors of 1/4 with sea quark loops in quark flow diagrams, or by using the “replica” method (more systematic)

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- m_s is much larger than m_u, m_d . Expansions in m_K^2/Λ_χ^2 do not converge as fast as m_π^2/Λ_χ^2
- Expanding around the two-flavor chiral limit $m_u = m_d = 0, m_s = m_s^{phys}$. \Rightarrow Converges faster
- Generalize SU(2) χPT to SU(2) $rS\chi PT$ in the same way as constructing SU(3) $rS\chi PT$
- Find the most general SU(2) $rS\chi PT$ Lagrangian up to NLO, and calculate pion mass and decay constant in the partially quenched case
- Obtain relations between SU(2) LECs and SU(3) LECs
 - Ordinary LECs: results available in literature
 - Taste-violating parameters: results of this work

Pion mass and decay constant in SU(2) $rS\chi PT$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{m_{P_5^+}^2}{(m_x + m_y)} = & \mu^{(2)} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{16\pi^2 f_{(2)}^2} \left[\sum_j R_j^{[2,1]}(\{\mathcal{M}_{X Y_I}^{[2]}\}) I(m_j^2) \right. \right. \\
 & - 2a^2 \delta_V'^{(2)} \sum_j R_j^{[3,1]}(\{\mathcal{M}_{X Y_V}^{[3]}\}) I(m_j^2) + (V \leftrightarrow A) + a^2 (\tilde{L}''_{(2)} + \tilde{L}'_{(2)}) \left. \right] \\
 & + \frac{\mu^{(2)}}{f_{(2)}^2} (4l_3 + p_1 + 4p_2)(m_u + m_d) + \frac{\mu^{(2)}}{f_{(2)}^2} (-p_1 - 4p_2)(m_x + m_y) \left. \right\}, \quad (3)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{P_5^+} = & f_{(2)} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{16\pi^2 f_{(2)}^2} \left[-\frac{1}{32} \sum_{Q,B} I(m_{Q_B}^2) \right. \right. \\
 & + \frac{1}{4} \left(I(m_{X_I}^2) + I(m_{Y_I}^2) + (m_{U_I}^2 - m_{X_I}^2) \tilde{l}(m_{X_I}^2) + (m_{U_I}^2 - m_{Y_I}^2) \tilde{l}(m_{Y_I}^2) \right) \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \left(R_{X_I}^{[2,1]}(\{\mathcal{M}_{X Y_I}^{[2]}\}) I(m_{X_I}^2) + R_{Y_I}^{[2,1]}(\{\mathcal{M}_{X Y_I}^{[2]}\}) I(m_{Y_I}^2) \right) \\
 & + \frac{a^2 \delta_V'^{(2)}}{2} \left(R_{X_V}^{[2,1]}(\{\mathcal{M}_{X V}^{[2]}\}) \tilde{l}(m_{X_V}^2) + \sum_j D_{j, X_V}^{[2,1]}(\{\mathcal{M}_{X_V}^{[2]}\}) I(m_j^2) \right. \\
 & + (X \leftrightarrow Y) + 2 \sum_j R_j^{[3,1]}(\{\mathcal{M}_{X Y_V}^{[3]}\}) I(m_j^2) \left. \right) + (V \leftrightarrow A) \\
 & \left. + a^2 (\tilde{L}''_{(2)} - \tilde{L}'_{(2)}) \right] + \frac{\mu^{(2)}}{2f_{(2)}^2} (4l_4 - p_1)(m_u + m_d) + \frac{\mu^{(2)}}{2f_{(2)}^2} (p_1)(m_x + m_y) \left. \right\}. \quad (4)
 \end{aligned}$$

(All LECs are one-loop renormalized)

Relation of SU(2) and SU(3) $S\chi PT$

- Expect the SU(2) theory to be generated from the SU(3) theory when

$$\frac{m_x}{m_s}, \frac{m_y}{m_s}, \frac{m_l}{m_s}, \frac{a^2 \Delta_B}{\mu m_s}, \frac{a^2 \delta'_{V(A)}}{\mu m_s} \sim \epsilon \ll 1$$

- Expand NLO SU(3) formulae for m_π^2 and f_π in powers of ϵ
- Expansion has the same pattern as SU(2) formulae
- Compare $\Delta_B^{(2)}$ and $\delta'_{V(A)}^{(2)}$ with Δ_B and $\delta'_{V(A)}$, only need their relations at LO

$$m_{U_B}^2 = 2\mu m_l + a^2 \Delta_B$$

$$m_{U_B}^2 = 2\mu m_l + a^2 \Delta_B^{(2)}$$

$$m_{\eta'_V}^2 = m_{U_V}^2 + \frac{1}{2} a^2 \delta'_{V(2)}$$

$$m_{\eta'_V}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(m_{U_V}^2 + m_{S_V}^2 + \frac{3}{4} a^2 \delta'_V - Z \right)$$

$$Z = \sqrt{(m_{S_V}^2 - m_{U_V}^2)^2 - \frac{a^2 \delta'_V}{2} (m_{S_V}^2 - m_{U_V}^2) + \frac{9(a^2 \delta'_V)^2}{16}}$$

\Rightarrow

$$a^2 \Delta_B^{(2)} = a^2 \Delta_B, \quad (5)$$

$$a^2 \delta'_{V(2)} = a^2 \delta'_V, \quad (6)$$

$$a^2 \delta'_{A(2)} = a^2 \delta'_A \quad (7)$$

Relation of SU(2) and SU(3) $S\chi PT$

- Compare coefficients of terms m_x, m_y, m_l, a^2 separately, obtain

$$f_{(2)} = f \left(1 - \frac{1}{16\pi^2 f^2} \mu m_s \log \frac{\mu m_s}{\Lambda^2} + \frac{16L_4}{f^2} \mu m_s \right), \quad (8)$$

$$\mu_{(2)} = \mu \left(1 - \frac{1}{48\pi^2 f^2} \frac{4\mu m_s}{3} \log \frac{\mu m_s}{\Lambda^2} + \frac{32(2L_6 - L_4)}{f^2} \mu m_s \right), \quad (9)$$

$$p_1 = 16L_5 - \frac{1}{16\pi^2} (1 + \log \frac{\mu m_s}{\Lambda^2}), \quad (10)$$

$$p_2 = -8L_8 + \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{6} \left(\log \frac{\mu m_s}{\Lambda^2} \right) + \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{4} (1 + \log \frac{\mu m_s}{\Lambda^2}), \quad (11)$$

$$l_3 = 8(2L_6 - L_4) + 4(2L_8 - L_5) - \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{36} (1 + \log \frac{\mu m_s}{\Lambda^2}), \quad (12)$$

$$l_4 = 8L_4 + 4L_5 - \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{4} (1 + \log \frac{\mu m_s}{\Lambda^2}), \quad (13)$$

$$\tilde{L}''_{(2)} = \tilde{L}'' - \frac{1}{6} \Delta_l (1 + \log \frac{\mu m_s}{\Lambda^2}) - \frac{1}{2} \Delta_{av} (1 + \log \frac{\mu m_s}{\Lambda^2}), \quad (14)$$

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Overview of the MILC data and chiral fitting

- Dynamical simulations with $2 + 1$ asqtad staggered fermions
- Lattice spacings range from 0.15fm to 0.045fm
- Various combinations of sea and valence quark masses
- Pseudoscalar meson masses and decay constants are measured on each ensemble
- Data need to be analyzed by using $rS\chi PT$
 - Taste-breaking effects are compatible to effects from quark masses
- Results from $SU(3)$ analysis are very successful
- $SU(2)$ analysis is of interest
 - $SU(2)$ χPT probably converges faster than $SU(3)$ χPT
 - Extract $SU(2)$ LECs: l_3 and l_4
 - Study systematic errors resulting from the truncations of each version of χPT

SU(2) chiral fitting

- Fitting formulae for m_π^2 and f_π up to NNLO
 - NLO formulae from SU(2) $rS\chi PT$ are available
 - Include NNLO analytic terms. NNNLO analytic terms are added to estimate systematic errors.
 - Use continuum NNLO chiral logarithms from Bijnens. RMS pion mass is used.

$$m_{RMS}^2 = m_{xy}^2 + a^2 \overline{\Delta} \quad (16)$$

- Select datasets suitable for SU(2) analysis
 - Valence and sea quark masses significantly smaller than the strange quark mass

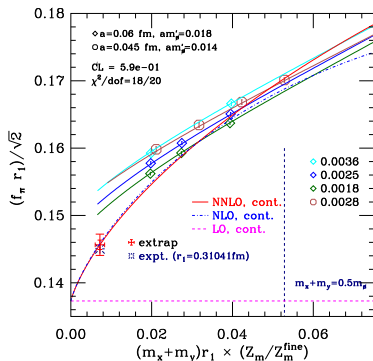
$$m_l \leq 0.2m_s, \quad m_x + m_y \leq 0.5m_s, \quad \max(m_x, m_y) < 0.3m_s \quad (17)$$

- Taste-splittings are much smaller than kaon and pion masses. Superfine ($a \approx 0.06\text{fm}$) and ultrafine ($a \approx 0.045\text{fm}$) lattices are used for the central value fit.
- Correlated least chi square fit with Bayesian analysis
- Modify quark masses in NNLO analytic terms to make the NNLO LECs scale invariant on the lattice

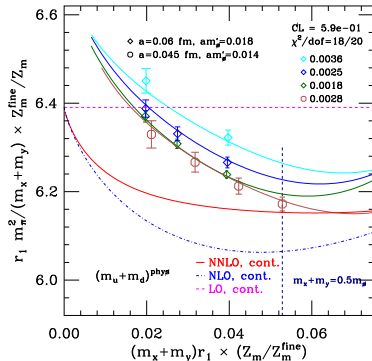
$$m \rightarrow \tilde{m} = m + \frac{a^2}{2\mu} \quad (18)$$

Central value fit

- Use ensembles $(am_l, am_s) = \{(0.0018, 0.018), (0.0025, 0.018), (0.0036, 0.018), (0.0028, 0.014)\}$, 50 data points
- 30 fitting parameters with appropriate constraints
- $\chi^2/\text{DOF} = 18/20$. $\text{CL} \approx 0.6$



(a)



(b)

Fitting results

- Physical results are obtained by setting taste-violating parameters to zero, valence and light sea quark masses equal to physical values of average u, d quarks masses and using the scale $r_1 = 0.3133(23)\text{fm}$ [C. T. H. Davies *et al.*, PRD 81:034506 (2010)]

$$f_\pi = 130.2 \pm 1.4 \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +2.0 \\ -1.6 \end{smallmatrix} \right) \text{ MeV} \quad (19)$$

Agrees with PDG 2008: $f_\pi = 130.4 \pm 0.2 \text{ MeV}$

- Using the scale $r_1 = 0.31041\text{fm}$ from the SU(3) f_π analysis, we obtain the following results:

$$\begin{aligned} f_2 &= 123.8 \pm 1.4 \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +1.0 \\ -3.7 \end{smallmatrix} \right) \text{ MeV} & B_2 &= 2.91(5)(5)(14) \text{ MeV} \\ \bar{l}_3 &= 2.85 \pm 0.81 \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +0.37 \\ -0.92 \end{smallmatrix} \right) & \bar{l}_4 &= 3.98 \pm 0.32 \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +0.51 \\ -0.28 \end{smallmatrix} \right) & (20) \\ \hat{m} &= 3.19(4)(5)(16) \text{ MeV} & \langle \bar{u}u \rangle_2 &= -[281.5(3.4) \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +2.0 \\ -5.9 \end{smallmatrix} \right) (4.0) \text{ MeV}]^3 \end{aligned}$$

Quark masses and chiral condensate are evaluated in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme at 2GeV by using the 2-loop renormalization factor.

Conclusions and outlook

- Conclusions:
 - Calculate the pion mass and decay constant through NLO in $SU(2)$ $rS\chi PT$
 - Obtain relations between $SU(2)$ and $SU(3)$ LECs
 - Perform a systematic NNLO chiral analysis to the MILC lattice data
 - Results agree with experiments and $SU(3)$ chiral analysis
 - χPT converges significantly faster for $SU(2)$ than for $SU(3)$ as expected
 - Including effects from variations of strange quark masses can improve the fit, but not significantly
- Outlook:
 - Include kaon as a heavy particle in $SU(2)$ $S\chi PT$
 - Chiral analysis of the HISQ data



Thank you

From WallPepper

The replica method in the two-flavor case

- Take n'_r copies of each valence quark and n_r copies of each sea quark. Chiral symmetry group is enlarged to $SU(8(n'_r + n_r))_L \times SU(8(n'_r + n_r))_R$.

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} X^{11} & \dots & X^{1n'_r} & P_+^{11} & \dots & P_+^{1n'_r} & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ X^{n'_r 1} & \dots & X^{n'_r n'_r} & P_+^{n'_r 1} & \dots & P_+^{n'_r n'_r} & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ P_-^{11} & \dots & P_-^{1n'_r} & \gamma^{11} & \dots & \gamma^{1n'_r} & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ P_-^{n'_r 1} & \dots & P_-^{n'_r n'_r} & \gamma^{n'_r 1} & \dots & \gamma^{n'_r n'_r} & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & U^{11} & \dots & U^{1n_r} & \pi_+^{11} & \dots & \pi_+^{1n_r} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & U^{n_r 1} & \dots & U^{n_r n_r} & \pi_+^{n_r 1} & \dots & \pi_+^{n_r n_r} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \pi_-^{11} & \dots & \pi_-^{1n_r} & D^{11} & \dots & D^{1n_r} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \pi_-^{n_r 1} & \dots & \pi_-^{n_r n_r} & D^{n_r 1} & \dots & D^{n_r n_r} \end{pmatrix}$$

- LO chiral Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}^{(4)} &= \frac{f_{(2)}^2}{8} \text{Tr}(D_\mu \Sigma D_\mu \Sigma^\dagger) - \frac{f_{(2)}^2}{8} \text{Tr}(\chi \Sigma^\dagger + \chi \Sigma) \\ &+ \frac{2m_0^2}{3} (U_I^{11} + \dots + U_I^{n_r n_r} + D_I^{11} + \dots + D_I^{n_r n_r})^2 + a^2 \mathcal{V} \\ \chi &= 2\mu_{(2)} \text{Diag}(\underbrace{m_x l, \dots, m_x l}_{n'_r}, \underbrace{m_y l, \dots, m_y l}_{n'_r}, \underbrace{m_u l, \dots, m_u l}_{n_r}, \underbrace{m_d l, \dots, m_d l}_{n_r})\end{aligned}\tag{21}$$

SU(2) $S\chi PT$ chiral Lagrangian

- SU(2) $S\chi PT$ at LO

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}^{(4)} = & \frac{f_{(2)}^2}{8} \text{Tr}(D_\mu \Sigma D_\mu \Sigma^\dagger) - \frac{f_{(2)}^2}{8} \text{Tr}(\chi \Sigma^\dagger + \chi \Sigma) \\ & + \frac{2m_0^2}{3} (U_i^{11} + \dots + U_i^{n_r n_r} + D_i^{11} + \dots + D_i^{n_r n_r})^2 + a^2 \mathcal{V}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}-\mathcal{U} = & C_1^{(2)} \text{Tr}(\xi_5^{(R)} \Sigma \xi_5^{(R)} \Sigma^\dagger) \\ & + C_3^{(2)} \frac{1}{2} \sum_\nu [\text{Tr}(\xi_\nu^{(R)} \Sigma \xi_\nu^{(R)} \Sigma) + h.c.] \\ & + C_4^{(2)} \frac{1}{4} \sum_\nu [\text{Tr}(\xi_{\nu 5}^{(R)} \Sigma \xi_{5\nu}^{(R)} \Sigma) + h.c.] \\ & + C_6^{(2)} \sum_{\mu < \nu} \text{Tr}(\xi_{\mu\nu}^{(R)} \Sigma \xi_{\nu\mu}^{(R)} \Sigma^\dagger)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}-\mathcal{U}' = & C_{2V}^{(2)} \frac{1}{4} \sum_\nu [\text{Tr}(\xi_\nu^{(R)} \Sigma) \text{Tr}(\xi_\nu^{(R)} \Sigma) + h.c.] \\ & + C_{2A}^{(2)} \frac{1}{4} \sum_\nu [\text{Tr}(\xi_{\nu 5}^{(R)} \Sigma) \text{Tr}(\xi_{5\nu}^{(R)} \Sigma) + h.c.] \\ & + C_{5V}^{(2)} \frac{1}{2} \sum_\nu [\text{Tr}(\xi_\nu^{(R)} \Sigma) \text{Tr}(\xi_\nu^{(R)} \Sigma^\dagger)] \\ & + C_{5A}^{(2)} \frac{1}{2} \sum_\nu [\text{Tr}(\xi_{\nu 5}^{(R)} \Sigma) \text{Tr}(\xi_{5\nu}^{(R)} \Sigma^\dagger)]\end{aligned}$$

$\Sigma = \exp(i\Phi/f)$, ξ^R is the product of ξ with the identity in flavor and replica space

- LECs in the SU(2) chiral Lagrangian are different from LECs in the SU(3) chiral Lagrangian

SU(2) PQ – S χ PT at NLO

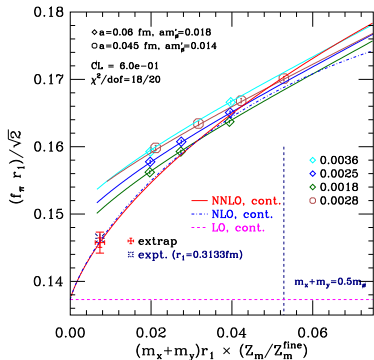
- SU(2) PQ – S χ PT chiral Lagrangian at NLO

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{cont}}^{(6)} = & -\frac{l_1^0}{4} [\text{Tr}(D_\mu \Sigma^\dagger D_\mu \Sigma)]^2 - \frac{l_7^0}{4} \text{Tr}(D_\mu \Sigma^\dagger D_\nu \Sigma) \text{Tr}(D_\mu \Sigma^\dagger D_\nu \Sigma) \\
 & + p_3^0 (\text{Tr}(D_\mu \Sigma^\dagger D_\mu \Sigma D_\nu \Sigma^\dagger D_\nu \Sigma) - \frac{1}{2} [\text{Tr}(D_\mu \Sigma^\dagger D_\mu \Sigma)]^2) \\
 & + p_4^0 (\text{Tr}(D_\mu \Sigma^\dagger D_\nu \Sigma D_\mu \Sigma^\dagger D_\nu \Sigma) + 2 \text{Tr}(D_\mu \Sigma^\dagger D_\mu \Sigma D_\nu \Sigma^\dagger D_\nu \Sigma) \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} [\text{Tr}(D_\mu \Sigma^\dagger D_\mu \Sigma)]^2 - \text{Tr}(D_\mu \Sigma^\dagger D_\nu \Sigma) \text{Tr}(D_\mu \Sigma^\dagger D_\nu \Sigma)) \\
 & - \frac{l_3^0 + l_4^0}{16} [\text{Tr}(\chi \Sigma^\dagger + \Sigma \chi^\dagger)]^2 + \frac{l_4^0}{8} \text{Tr}(D_\mu \Sigma^\dagger D_\mu \Sigma) \text{Tr}(\chi \Sigma^\dagger + \Sigma \chi^\dagger) \\
 & + \frac{p_1^0}{16} (\text{Tr}(D_\mu \Sigma^\dagger D_\mu \Sigma (\chi \Sigma^\dagger + \Sigma \chi^\dagger)) - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(D_\mu \Sigma^\dagger D_\mu \Sigma) \text{Tr}(\chi \Sigma^\dagger + \Sigma \chi^\dagger)) \\
 & + \frac{p_2^0}{16} (2 \text{Tr}(\Sigma^\dagger \chi \Sigma^\dagger \chi + \Sigma \chi^\dagger \Sigma \chi^\dagger) - \text{Tr}(\chi \Sigma^\dagger + \Sigma \chi^\dagger)^2 - \text{Tr}(\chi \Sigma^\dagger - \Sigma \chi^\dagger)^2) \\
 & + \frac{l_7^0}{16} [\text{Tr}(\chi \Sigma^\dagger - \Sigma \chi^\dagger)]^2 \\
 & - \frac{l_5^0}{5} \text{Tr}(\Sigma^\dagger F_{R\mu\nu} \Sigma F_{L\mu\nu}) - \frac{i l_6^0}{2} \text{Tr}(F_{L\mu\nu} D_\mu \Sigma^\dagger D_\nu \Sigma + F_{R\mu\nu} D_\mu \Sigma D_\nu \Sigma^\dagger), \tag{22}
 \end{aligned}$$

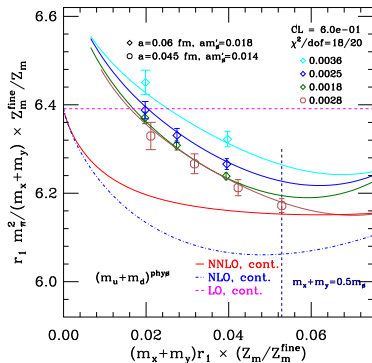
- $l_1^0 - -l_7^0$: (bare) LECs in ordinary SU(2) χ PT
- $p_1^0 - -p_4^0$: New (bare) LECs in SU(2) PQ χ PT

red: unphysical operators

Plots with scale $r_1 = 0.3133\text{fm}$



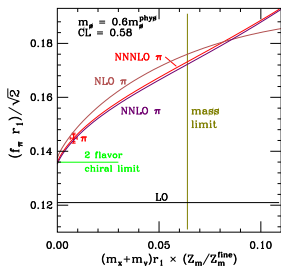
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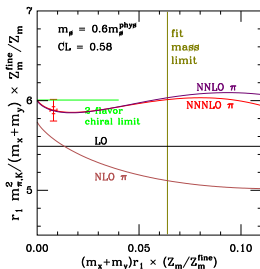
(d)

Comparison with SU(3) fit

- Results from SU(2) and SU(3) fits agree within errors
- SU(2) $S\chi PT$ within its applicable region converges much faster than SU(3) $S\chi PT$ [Figure is from arXiv:0910.3618]



(e)



(f)

At $x = 0.05$, ratios of NNLO corrections to results through NLO are

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{SU(2):} & 1\% (f_\pi) & 1\% (m_\pi^2/(m_x + m_y)) \\
 \text{SU(3):} & 2.9\% (f_\pi) & 15.6\% (m_\pi^2/(m_x + m_y))
 \end{array} \quad (23)$$