

# With Wilson quarks towards the epsilon regime

## $O(a^2)$ corrections in ChPT

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### Outline

- The epsilon regime: What and Why
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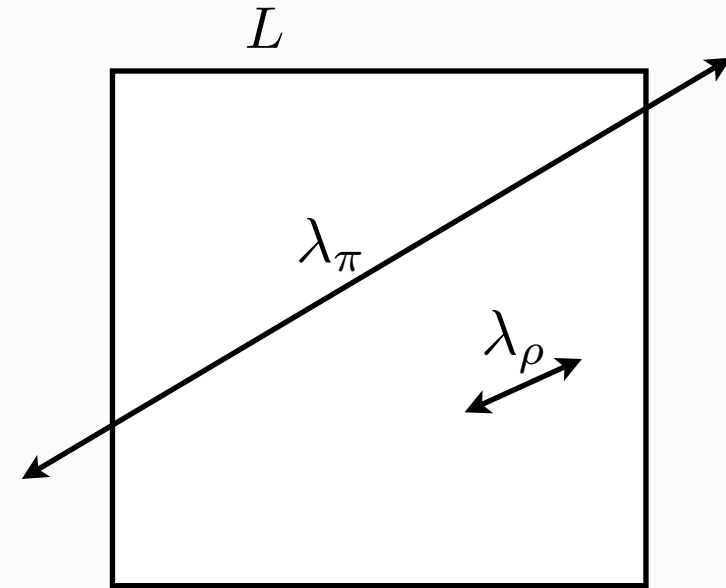
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# QCD in the epsilon regime

- Epsilon regime: QCD in a finite volume such that

a)  $L \ll 1/M_\pi = \lambda_\pi$

b)  $L \gg 1/M_\rho = \lambda_\rho$



- Finite size effects are large instead of exponentially suppressed and prop to  $e^{-M_\pi L}$

- ChPT analysis of the epsilon regime shows

J.Gasser, H. Leutwyler 1987  
F. Hansen 1990

- NLO results depend on two low-energy couplings (LECs) only:  $F, \Sigma$

- Gasser-Leutwyler coefficients  $L_i$  enter at NNLO and higher

➔ Use lattice simulations in the epsilon regime to get  $F, \Sigma$

# epsilon regime on the lattice

- Simulations in the epsilon regime need
  - large volumes ( expansion parameter is  $\frac{1}{(FL)^2}$  )
  - small pion (quark) masses
- Widespread belief: Ginsparg-Wilson fermions are necessary
  - many quenched simulations in the epsilon regime have been done
  - bottleneck: unquenched. So far only one simulation by JLQCD  
H. Fukaya et.al. 2008
- Recently: Simulation with (tree-level improved) **Wilson fermions**  
A.Hasenfratz, R. Hoffmann, S. Schaefer 2008
  - small quark masses reached using reweighting
  - lattice spacing  $a \approx 0.115$  fm
- Surprise: data very well described by continuum ChPT predictions  
no sign of explicit chiral symmetry breaking by the Wilson term

Can we understand this ?

## Answer: Yes \*

- An analysis in ChPT for nonzero lattice spacing  $a$  shows  
 $a, a^2$  corrections are highly suppressed, typically to NNLO

\* but ... ( will be explained later on )

### References:

OB, S. Necco, S. Schaefer, JHEP 0903 (2009) 006

essentially same conclusion in

A. Shindler, Phys. Lett. B 672 (2009) 82

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# ChPT for Lattice QCD: strategy

Two-step matching to effective theories

Lee, Sharpe 1998  
Sharpe, Singleton 1998

Lattice QCD

Fundamental theory



1. Symanzik effective theory

= Continuum QCD plus  $\alpha$ -corrections  
Symanzik 1983



2. Chiral perturbation theory  
(ChPT)

= Continuum ChPT plus  $\alpha$ -corrections  
( for Wilson fermions  $\rightarrow$  Wilson ChPT )

For an introduction  
and references



Les Houches lecture notes by M. Golterman, arXiv: 912.4042 [hep-lat]

# Wilson ChPT

## Chiral Lagrangian

- Continuum part for  $N_f = 2$ , degenerate quark mass  $m$ ,  $\hat{m} = 2Bm$

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = \frac{F^2}{4} \text{Tr} (\partial_\mu U \partial_\mu U^\dagger) - \frac{F^2}{4} \hat{m} \text{Tr} (U + U^\dagger)$$

$$U(x) = \exp \left( \frac{2i}{F} \pi^a(x) T^a \right) \quad F, B: \text{low-energy couplings (LECs)}$$

- Leading lattice spacing corrections

$$\hat{a} = 2W_0 a$$

$$\mathcal{L}_a = \hat{a} W_{45} \text{Tr} (\partial_\mu U \partial_\mu U^\dagger) \text{Tr} (U + U^\dagger) - \hat{a} \hat{m} W_{68} (\text{Tr} (U + U^\dagger))^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{a^2} = \frac{F^2}{16} c_2 a^2 (\text{Tr} (U + U^\dagger))^2 \quad W_{45}, W_{68}, c_2 : \text{additional LECs}$$

Subtlety: quark mass in cont ChPT and WChPT are **not** the same !

# Wilson ChPT

## Currents and densities

- Continuum part

$$A_{\mu, \text{ct}}^a = i \frac{F^2}{2} \text{Tr} (T^a (U^\dagger \partial_\mu U - U \partial_\mu U^\dagger))$$

$$P_{\text{ct}}^a = i \frac{F^2 B}{2} \text{Tr} (T^a (U - U^\dagger))$$

- Leading lattice spacing corrections

$W_{10}$ : additional LEC

$$A_{\mu, \text{WChPT}}^a = A_{\mu, \text{ct}}^a \left( 1 + \frac{4}{F^2} \hat{a} W_{45} \text{Tr} (U + U^\dagger) \right) + 2 \hat{a} W_{10} \partial_\mu \text{Tr} (T^a (U - U^\dagger))$$

$$P_{\text{WChPT}}^a = P_{\text{ct}}^a \left( 1 + \frac{4}{F^2} \hat{a} W_{68} \text{Tr} (U^\dagger + U) \right)$$

# Wilson ChPT

## Power counting schemes in infinite volume

- Two parameters that explicitly break chiral symmetry:  $m$  and  $a$ 
  - ➔ power counting determined by their relative size
- Relevant “regimes” for today’s simulations

GSM regime  $m \sim a\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$   $\mathcal{L}_{\text{LO}} = \mathcal{L}_2$

Aoki regime  $m \sim a^2\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^3$   $\mathcal{L}_{\text{LO}} = \mathcal{L}_2 + \mathcal{L}_{a^2}$

GSM: generically small quark masses S. Sharpe, J. Wu 2006



# Wilson ChPT

## Pion and PCAC quark mass at LO

- Pion mass  
GSM regime  $M_\pi^2 = 2Bm$   
Aoki regime  $M_\pi^2 = 2Bm - 2c_2a^2$

Aoki regime: Different phase diagram depending on the sign of  $c_2$

S. Sharpe, R. Singleton 1998

- PCAC mass  
GSM regime  $m_{\text{PCAC}} = m(1 + a[d_A - d_P])$   
Aoki regime  $m_{\text{PCAC}} = \left(m - \frac{c_2}{B}a^2\right)(1 + a[d_A - d_P])$

$d_A, d_P$  : combinations of previously defined LECs

- Combine results  $\rightarrow M_\pi^2$  as a function of  $m_{\text{PCAC}}$

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# Continuum ChPT in finite volume

- $p$ -expansion for  $M_\pi L \gg 1$

$$\partial_\mu \sim p \quad m \sim p^2 \quad 1/L \sim p$$

- $p$ -expansion breaks down for  $M_\pi L \approx 1$  or smaller  
collective zero-mode  $U_0$  has to be treated exactly:

$$U(x) = \exp\left(\frac{2i}{F}\xi^a(x)T^a\right) U_0$$

$$\int \prod_{x,a} [d\xi^a(x)]$$

perturbative  
Saddle-point expansion

$$\int [dU_0]$$

exact

# Continuum ChPT in the epsilon regime

Why exact integration over the constant mode ?

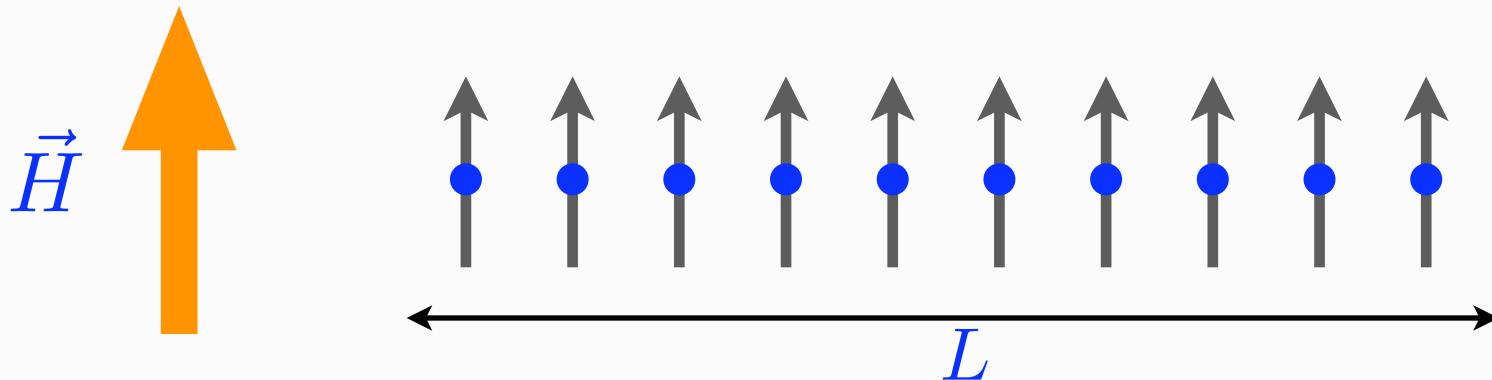
- Switch to *magnetic* language: Spin system in an external magnetic field

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{F^2}{2} \partial_\mu \vec{S} \cdot \partial_\mu \vec{S} - \Sigma \vec{H} \cdot \vec{S} \quad \vec{S} \in S^n$$

effective Lagrangian for the linear  $O(N)$  sigma model with SSB  $O(N) \rightarrow O(N-1)$

P. Hasenfratz, H. Leutwyler 1990

- Alignment by the magnetic field  $\rightarrow$  spins point into direction of  $\vec{H}$



# Continuum ChPT in the epsilon regime

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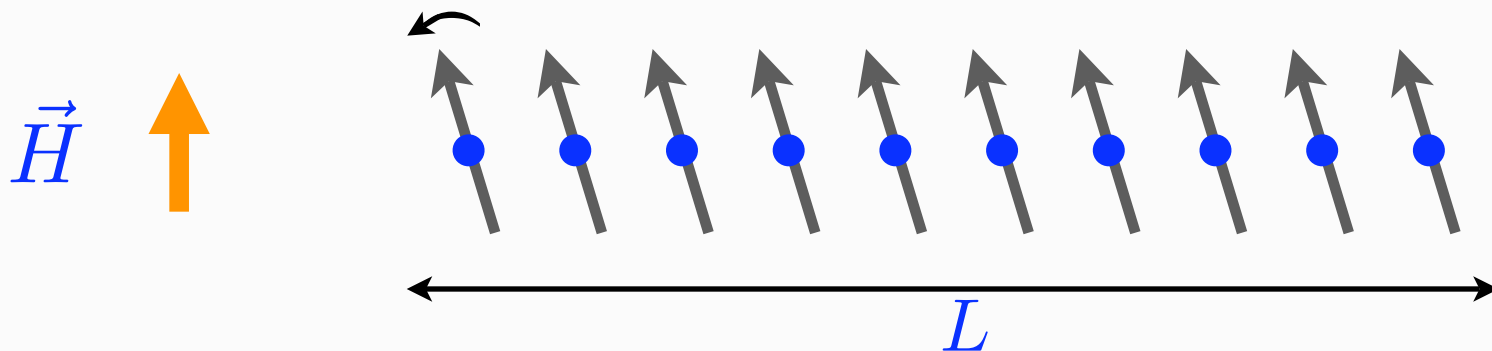
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effective Lagrangian for the linear  $O(N)$  sigma model with SSB  $O(N) \rightarrow O(N-1)$

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- Alignment by weaker magnetic field  $\rightarrow$  spins are allowed to move collectively



constant collective mode is no longer suppressed

# Continuum ChPT in the epsilon regime

## Why exact integration over the constant mode ?

- Same physics in QCD with replacement
  - Spin(field)  $\rightarrow$  Pion(field)
  - Magnetic field  $\rightarrow$  Quark mass

# Continuum ChPT in the epsilon regime

## Modified power counting

- Pion propagator

$$G(x - y) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_k \frac{e^{-ik(x-y)}}{E_k^2} = \frac{1}{M_\pi^2 V} + \dots$$

diverges in the chiral limit

- Reordering of the perturbative expansion necessary

J. Gasser, H. Leutwyler 1987

Achieved by the so-called **epsilon-expansion**

$$\partial_\mu \sim \epsilon \quad 1/L \sim \epsilon \quad M_\pi \sim \epsilon^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad m \sim \epsilon^4$$

$$\Rightarrow M_\pi^2 V \sim \epsilon^0$$

Zero-mode propagator is unsuppressed in the epsilon expansion  
equivalent to treating the zero-mode exactly

# Wilson ChPT in the epsilon regime

How to count  $a$  ?

- Counting determined

1. as in continuum  $1/L \sim \epsilon$  and  $M_\pi^2 L^4 \sim \epsilon^0$

2. by the relative size of  $m$  and  $a$

- GSM regime:  $M_\pi^2 = 2Bm \Rightarrow m \sim \epsilon^4 \Rightarrow a \sim \epsilon^4$

- Aoki regime:  $M_\pi^2 = 2Bm - 2c_2 a^2$

a)  $c_2 < 0 \Rightarrow m \sim a^2 \sim \epsilon^4 \Rightarrow a \sim \epsilon^2$

b)  $c_2 > 0$   $a^2 \sim \epsilon^4 \Rightarrow m \sim \epsilon^4 \Rightarrow a \sim \epsilon^2$   
assumption !

In practice:  $a < 0.1$  fm

# Wilson ChPT in the epsilon regime

## How to count $a$ ?

- Summary

GSM regime  $a \sim \epsilon^4$

GSM\* regime  $a \sim \epsilon^3$

Aoki regime  $a \sim \epsilon^2$

Intermediate regime between GSM and Aoki: GSM\*

# Epsilon expansion of correlators

- Split into continuum part + correction  $O(x) = O_{\text{ct}}(x) + \delta O(x)$

$$S = S_{\text{ct}} + \delta S$$

- Two-point correlator  $\langle O_1 O_2 \rangle_W = \langle O_{1,\text{ct}} O_{2,\text{ct}} \rangle + \delta \langle O_1 O_2 \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \langle O_1 O_2 \rangle &= \langle O_{1,\text{ct}} \delta O_2 + \delta O_1 O_{2,\text{ct}} \rangle \\ &\quad - \langle O_{1,\text{ct}} O_{2,\text{ct}} \delta S \rangle + \langle O_{1,\text{ct}} O_{2,\text{ct}} \rangle \langle \delta S \rangle \end{aligned}$$


$\langle \dots \rangle_W$  functional integral with  $e^{-S}$

$\langle \dots \rangle$   $e^{-S_{\text{ct}}}$

# Epsilon expansion of correlators


Example: Pseudo scalar correlator  $\langle PP \rangle$

● Pseudo scalar density

$$P^c = P_{ct}^c + \delta P^c \quad \delta P^c \propto a P_{ct}^c$$


$$\Rightarrow \delta P^c \sim \epsilon^{n_a} \quad n_a = 2, 3, 4$$

● Action  $\delta S = \delta S_a + \delta S_{a^2}$

$$\delta S_a \propto a m \int d^4x \dots$$


$$\Rightarrow \delta S_a \sim \epsilon^{n_a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta S_{a^2} \sim \epsilon^{2n_a - 4}$$

# Epsilon expansion of correlators

Example: Pseudo scalar correlator  $\langle PP \rangle$

●  $PP$  correlator in the GSM regime  $\Rightarrow n_a = 4$

$\Rightarrow$  LO continuum part  $\langle P_{ct}^c P_{ct}^c \rangle \sim \epsilon^0$

correction  $\delta \langle P^c P^c \rangle \sim \epsilon^4$

● Strong suppression by **four** powers of epsilon  $\Rightarrow$  NNLO correction

● possible explanation\* for success of continuum formulae in describing the lattice data

\* but: why is data in the GSM regime ?

# Epsilon expansion of correlators

Example: Pseudo scalar correlator  $\langle PP \rangle$

- $PP$  correlator in the GSM\* regime  $\Rightarrow n_a = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \quad & \text{LO continuum part} & \langle P_{\text{ct}}^c P_{\text{ct}}^c \rangle & \sim \epsilon^0 \\ & \text{correction} & \delta \langle P^c P^c \rangle & \sim \epsilon^2 \end{aligned}$$

- Still suppression by **two** powers of epsilon  $\Rightarrow$  NLO correction
  - Interesting: caused only by  $a^2$  term in the action  $\delta S_{a^2} \sim \epsilon^2$   
corrections linear in  $a$  are  $\sim \epsilon^3$
- ➔ Symanzik improvement affects sub-leading corrections only

# Epsilon expansion of correlators

Example: Pseudo scalar correlator  $\langle PP \rangle$

●  $PP$  correlator in the Aoki regime  $\Rightarrow n_a = 2$

$\Rightarrow$  LO continuum part  $\langle P_{ct}^c P_{ct}^c \rangle \sim \epsilon^0$

``correction''  $\delta \langle P^c P^c \rangle \sim \epsilon^0$

●  $\delta S_{a^2}$  gives zero-mode contribution  $\sim \epsilon^0$

➔ cannot be expanded

➔ modified integrals over the constant mode  $U_0$

➔ non-trivial change to continuum results

# Epsilon expansion of correlators

## Other correlators

- Analogous results for currents
  - vector-vector
  - axial vector-axial vector
  - left-left
- Lattice spacing corrections are NNLO in the GSM regime
- Bottom line:

Chiral symmetry breaking effects due to the Wilson term are highly suppressed (and less severe than previously thought)

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# Leading correction in the GSM\* regime

## Motivation

- Q: How do we know in which regime we are ?
- A: Compare data with formulae for each regime and use formulae that the data favors

- In practice: restrict yourself to NLO

Reason: Only two LECs      decay constant in the chiral limit  $F$

chiral condensate  $\Sigma = F^2 B = -\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle$

- Relevant NLO formulae

- GSM regime → continuum results F.C. Hansen 1990

- GSM\* regime → continuum results +  $a^2$  correction      OB, Necco, Schaefer 2008  
advantage: Only one more LEC:  $c_2$       Shindler 2008

# Leading correction in the GSM\* regime

- Leading correction in the GSM\* regime:

$$\delta\langle PP\rangle\Big|_{\text{leading}} = -\langle P_{\text{ct}}P_{\text{ct}}\delta S_{a^2}\rangle + \langle P_{\text{ct}}P_{\text{ct}}\rangle\langle\delta S_{a^2}\rangle$$

↳ leading order continuum expression

$$\delta S_{a^2} = \frac{\rho}{16} (\text{Tr}(U_0 + U_0^\dagger))^2 \quad \rho = F^2 c_2 a^2 V$$

- Expectation values → SU( $N_f$ ) integrals, here  $N_f = 2$

$$\langle \dots \rangle = \frac{1}{Z_0} \int_{SU(2)} [dU_0] \dots e^{\frac{\mu}{2} \text{Tr}(U_0 + U_0^\dagger)} \quad \mu = m \Sigma V$$
$$Z_0 = \langle 1 \rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \langle \delta S_{a^2} \rangle = \rho \left( 1 - \frac{3}{2\mu} \frac{I_2(2\mu)}{I_1(2\mu)} \right) \quad I_n(z): \text{ modified Bessel functions}$$

# Leading correction in the GSM\* regime

## PCAC mass

- The PCAC mass

$$m_{\text{PCAC}} = \frac{\langle \partial_\mu A_\mu^a(x) P^a(0) \rangle}{2 \langle P^a(x) P^a(0) \rangle}$$

- PCAC mass as a function of  $m$

- Continuum ChPT  $m_{\text{PCAC}} = m$

- WChPT incl.  $a^2$   $m_{\text{PCAC}} = m \left[ 1 + \rho \left( \frac{2}{\mu^2} - \frac{I_1(2\mu)}{\mu I_2(2\mu)} \right) \right]$

➔  $m = m(m_{\text{PCAC}})$

express correlators as functions of the PCAC mass

# Leading correction in the GSM\* regime

## Results for PP correlator

- Used in practice: integrated correlator

$$C_{PP}(t) = \int_{x_0=t} d^3 \vec{x} C_{PP}(x-y) \Big|_{y=0} = C_{PP,ct}(t) + C_{PP,a^2}(t)$$

- Continuum part (schematic)  $C_{PP,ct}(t) = \alpha + \beta t^2$   $\alpha, \beta$ : functions of  $m_{PCAC}$   
F.C. Hansen 1990

- $a^2$  part  $C_{PP,a^2}(t) = \rho L^3 \Sigma^2 \Delta_{a^2}$   $\rho = F^2 c_2 a^2 V$

$\Delta_{a^2}$  is a complicated function of the PCAC mass

$$\Delta_{a^2} = \frac{4\mu^2 I_1^3(2\mu) - 11\mu I_1^2(2\mu) I_2(2\mu) + 2(3 - 2\mu^2) I_1(2\mu) I_2^2(2\mu) + 5\mu I_2^3(2\mu)}{2\mu^3 I_1^2(2\mu) I_2(2\mu)}$$

# Leading correction in the GSM\* regime

## Results for other correlators

- Results for other correlators

vector-vector  $C_{VV,a^2}(t) = -\rho \frac{F^2}{T} \Delta_{a^2}$

axial vector-axial vector  $C_{AA,a^2}(t) = +\rho \frac{F^2}{T} \Delta_{a^2}$

left-left  $C_{LL,a^2}(t) = 0$

- All correlators involve the same  $\Delta_{a^2}$

- All correlators depend on 3 LECs only:  $F, \Sigma, c_2$

➔ 3 fit parameter in practice

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# How big are the $a^2$ corrections?

- Consider the ratios

$$R_{PP} = \left| \frac{C_{PP,a^2}}{C_{PP,ct}} \right| \quad \text{at } t = \frac{T}{2}$$

$$R_{AA} = \text{same but } P \rightarrow A$$

- Typical parameter values

$$F = 90 \text{ MeV}$$

$$a = 0.08 \text{ fm}$$

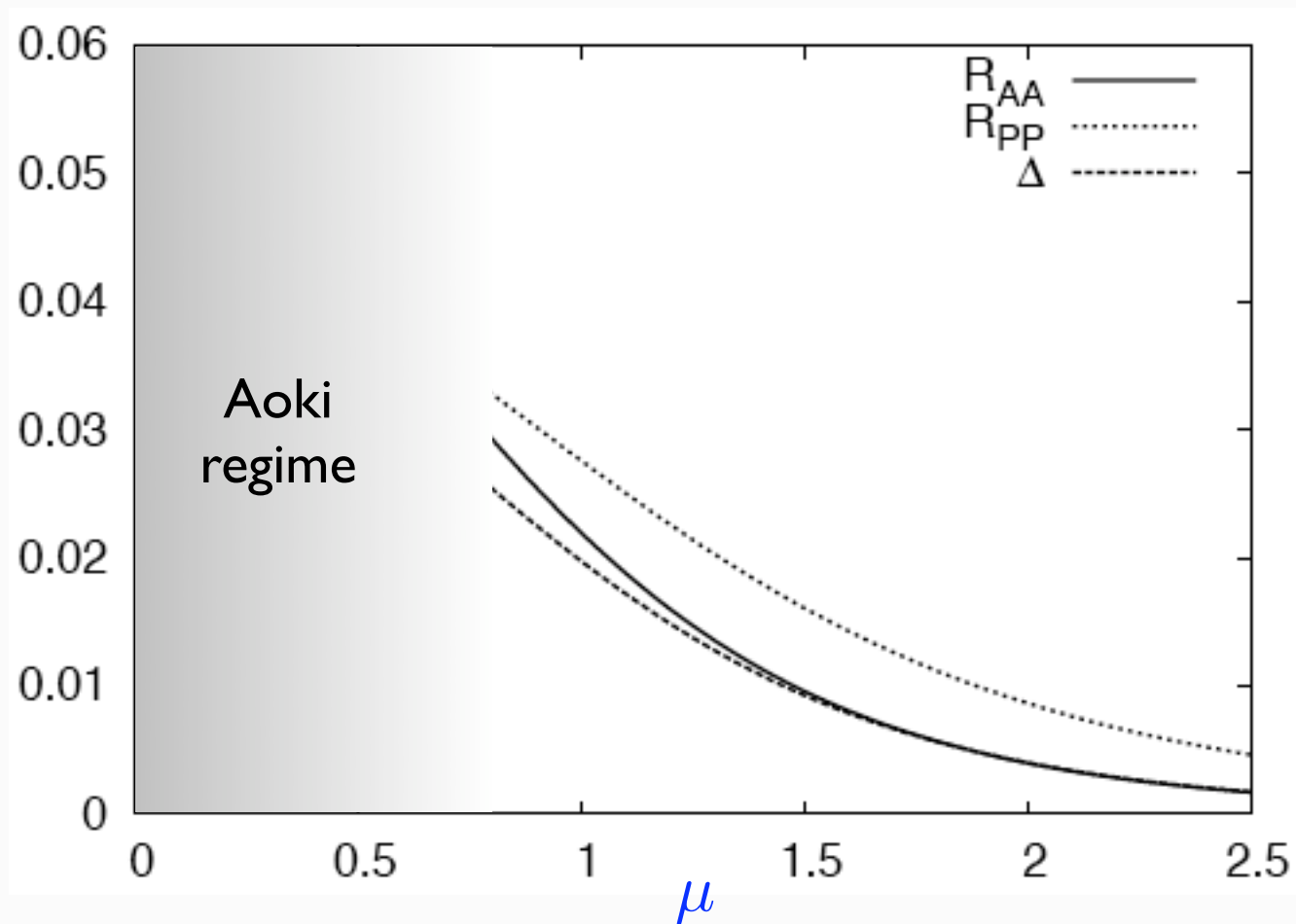
$$L = 1.92 \text{ fm} \quad N = 24 \quad L = T$$

$$c_2 = (500 \text{ MeV})^4 *$$

\* from pion mass splitting in twisted mass QCD (ETM collaboration)

$$M_{\pi^0}^2 - M_{\pi^\pm}^2 = 2c_2 a^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_2 \approx (550 \text{ MeV})^4$$

# How big are the $a^2$ corrections?



Conclusion: small correction  $\approx$  few %

# Reanalysis of lattice data

- Lattice data of A. Hasenfratz, R. Hoffmann and S. Schaefer  
Phys. Rev. D78 (2008) 054511

$N_f = 2$  tree-level improved nHYP Wilson fermions

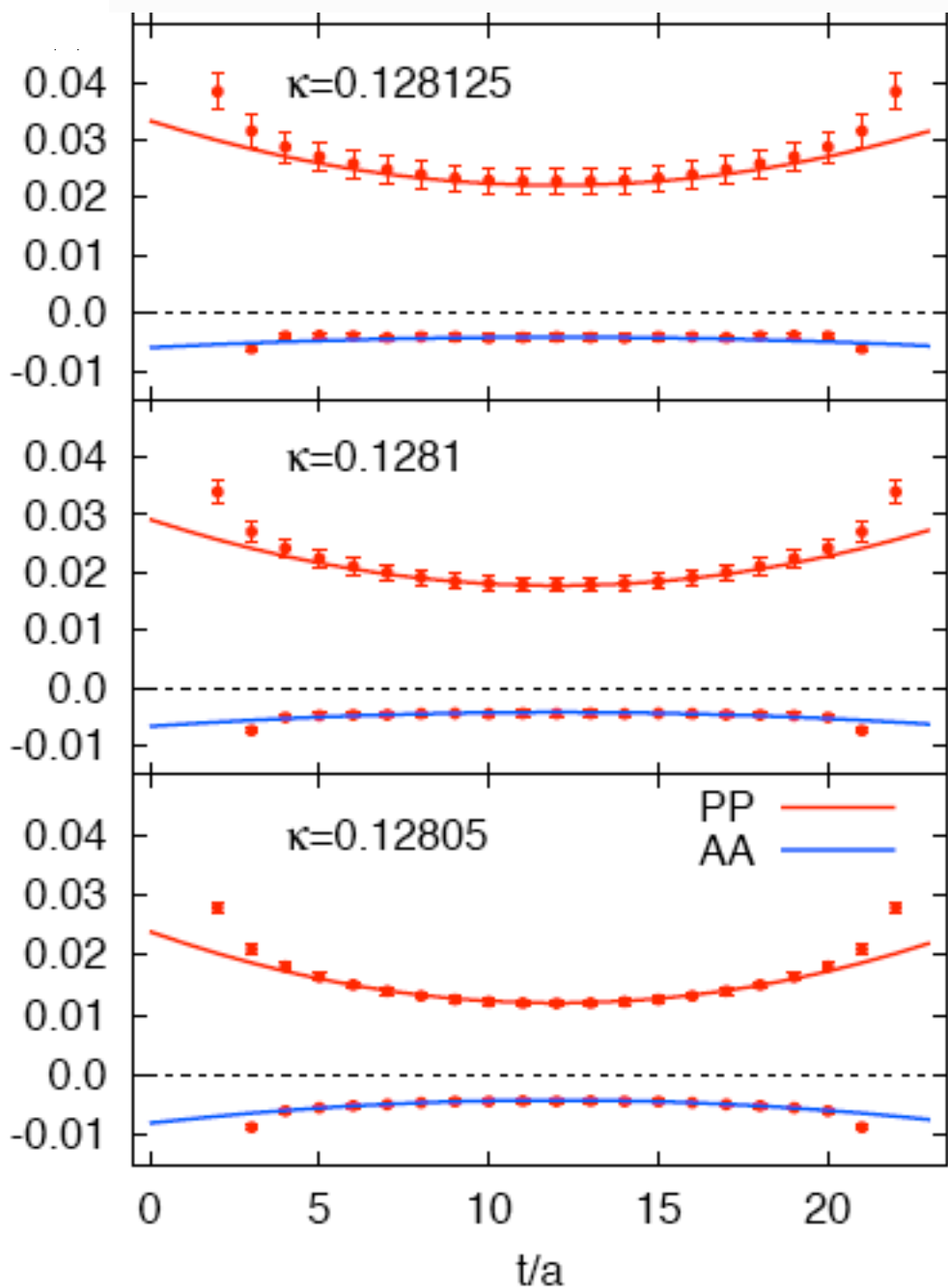
$$a \approx 0.115 \text{ fm}$$

$$L \approx 2.8 \text{ fm} \quad N = 24$$

$$\mu \approx 2.1 \dots 5.0 \quad (4 \text{ quark masses})$$

$$\mu = m_{\text{PCAC}} \Sigma V$$

# Reanalysis of lattice data



Simultaneous fit to data for

- all 4 masses (3 shown)
- PP and AA correlator

$$\chi^2/\text{dof} = 0.3(1) \quad (\text{uncorr.})$$

Results for fit parameter

$$\Sigma^{1/3} = 250(4) \text{ MeV}^*$$

$$F = 87(3) \text{ MeV}$$

$$c_2 = 0.02(8) \text{ GeV}^4$$

\* at scale 2 GeV

# Reanalysis of lattice data

## Main conclusions

- $c_2$  is compatible with zero
  - ➔ Effects of explicit chiral symmetry breaking are negligible
- Results for  $F$  and  $\Sigma$  are unchanged for  $c_2 \equiv 0$ 
  - ➔ Data is in the GSM regime
- Question\*: Why are the corrections so small ? Use of nHYP links ???
- Caution: Other lattice actions may have larger corrections

\* recall the “but”

# Comment on twisted mass Wilson ChPT

- Include twisted mass term:  $m \longrightarrow m + i\mu\sigma^3$
- Essentially unchanged
  - epsilon expansion of correlation functions
  - high suppression of lattice artifacts to
    - ◆ NNLO in GSM regime
    - ◆ NLO in GSM\* regime
    - ◆ LO in Aoki regime
- Slightly changed
  - details in the leading correction for the GSM\* regime, among others breaking of isospin:

$$\Delta_{a^2} \longrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta_{a^2}^{11,22} \\ \Delta_{a^2}^{33} \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} \longleftarrow \\ \longleftarrow \end{array} \text{SU(2) flavor indices}$$

# Conclusions

- Epsilon expansion in Wilson ChPT shows
  - Lattice spacing corrections are highly suppressed, typically to NNLO
- May explain the good fit of recent lattice data by continuum ChPT
- Leading corrections for smaller quark masses are  $O(a^2)$  and
  - involve one unknown low-energy coupling  $c_2$
  - are computable by standard methods
- Main conclusions
  - Epsilon regime simulations with Wilson fermions are in good shape
  - Spend time on large volumes, not on
    - ◆ exact chiral symmetry
    - ◆ small lattice spacings

# Outlook

- Higher corrections ( linear in  $a$  ) for the GSM\* regime
- Aoki regime  $\rightarrow$  you do not want to be there in practice but the math is interesting
- Residual pion mass in a finite volume

$$M_{\pi,L} = \frac{3}{2F^2 L^3} \left[ 1 + \frac{4}{15} F^2 L^3 B^2 m^2 + \dots \right] \rightarrow \frac{3}{2F^2 L^3} = M_{\pi,\text{res}}$$

SU(2) Cont ChPT  
Leutwyler 1987

Studied on the lattice with Wilson fermions by Bietenholz et.al.

[arXiv:1002.1696\[hep-lat\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1002.1696)

Question: How modified in WChPT ??? Necessarily in the Aoki regime ...

# Additional material

- Phase diagram

## Digression: $c_2$

- $c_2$  determines the phase diagram

S.Sharpe, R.Singleton '99

- $c_2 > 0$  Existence of Aoki phase separated by a 2<sup>nd</sup> order phase transition  
parity and flavor are spontaneously broken  
existence of massless pions  $a \neq 0$

- $c_2 < 0$  1<sup>st</sup> order phase transition  
Pions have minimal pion mass  $M_{\pi, \min}^2 = 2|c_2|a^2$

- Hard to measure in practice

- Isospin 2 scattering length  
Aoki, OB, Biedermann 2008 
$$a_0^2 = -\frac{1}{16\pi F^2} (M_\pi^2 + 2c_2 a^2)$$

tree-level !

- Pion mass splitting  
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Scorzato 2004 
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