



# Chiral-Scale Perturbation Theory

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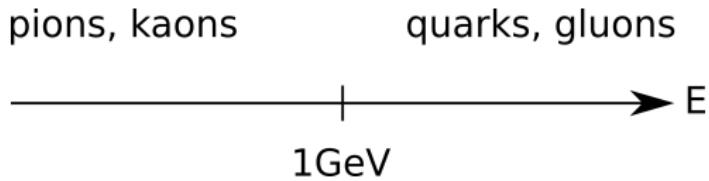
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# Outline

- Chiral Perturbation Theory
- Chiral-Scale Perturbation Theory
- Comparison at one loop

# Chiral Perturbation Theory ( $\chi_3$ PT)

- QCD becomes non-perturbative at energies  $\lesssim 1\text{ GeV}$
- Change of degrees of freedom



$m_u, m_d, m_s \ll 1\text{GeV} \Rightarrow$  neglect light quark masses

$\implies$  QCD Lagrangian exhibits  $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R$  symmetry:

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \bar{q}_L i \not{D} q_L + \bar{q}_R i \not{D} q_R - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}(G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu})$$

$$q_L = \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \\ s_L \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow e^{-i\Theta_L^a T^a} \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \\ s_L \end{pmatrix} = g_L q_L$$

likewise for  $q_R$

$SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R$  symmetry predicts the existence of degenerate baryon octets of opposite parity

Observation: **There is only one baryon octet in nature!**

Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking:

$$SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R \longrightarrow SU(3)_V$$

Pseudoscalar mesons ( $\pi, K, \eta$ ) are much lighter than vector mesons or baryons

$\implies$  Goldstone bosons

CCWZ formalism → Construct effective field theory for  $\pi$ ,  $K$ ,  $\eta$ :

Chiral Perturbation Theory (Gasser and Leutwyler, 1984)

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = \frac{f_\pi^2}{4} \text{Tr}(u_\mu u^\mu + \chi_+)$$

$$u = e^{i\pi^a T^a / f_\pi}, \quad u_\mu = iu\partial_\mu(u^\dagger)^2 u$$

$$\chi = 2B_0 \text{ diag}(m_u, m_d, m_s), \quad \chi_+ = u^\dagger \chi u^\dagger + u \chi^\dagger u$$

Applications of  $\mathcal{L}_2$ :

- Gell-Mann-Oaks-Renner relations ( $\hat{m} = m_u = m_d$ ):

$$m_\pi^2 = 2\hat{m}B_0, \quad m_K^2 = (\hat{m} + m_s)B_0, \quad m_\eta^2 = \frac{2}{3}(\hat{m} + 2m_s)B_0$$

- Scattering Amplitude  $\pi^i \pi^k \rightarrow \pi^m \pi^n$ :

$$\mathcal{A} = -\frac{1}{f_\pi} (s\delta_{ik}\delta_{mn} + t\delta_{im}\delta_{kn} + u\delta_{in}\delta_{mk})$$

- Many more...

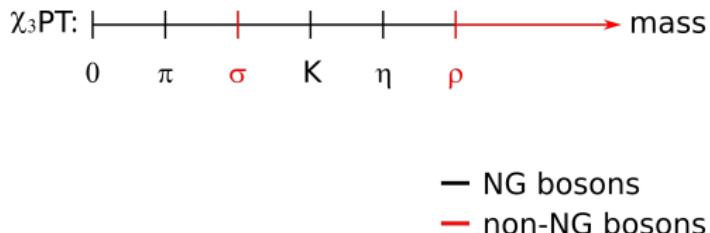
## Problems of $\chi_3$ PT:

- Less accurate when dealing with  $K$  or  $\eta$  scattering
- No explanation of the  $\Delta I = \frac{1}{2}$  rule

$\implies$  Extend  $\chi_3$ PT by adding one new degree of freedom

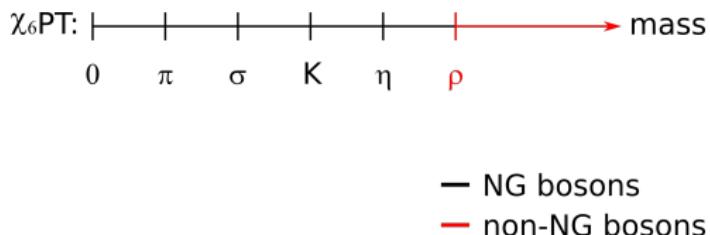
# Chiral-Scale Perturbation Theory ( $\chi_\sigma$ PT)

$\chi_3$ PT: Eight Goldstone bosons ( $\pi, K, \eta$ )



→ promote  $f(500) = \sigma$  to ninth Goldstone boson

$\chi_\sigma$ PT: Nine Goldstone bosons ( $\pi, K, \eta, \sigma$ )



Question: Which additional symmetry can be broken?

Answer: **Scale symmetry!**

Strong trace anomaly:

$$\theta_\mu^\mu = \frac{\beta(\alpha_s)}{4\alpha_s} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu} + \left(1 + \gamma_m(\alpha_s)\right) \sum_{q=u,d,s} m_q \bar{q} q$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta(\alpha_{IR}) = 0$$

Assumption in  $\chi_\sigma$ PT:

There exists an infrared fixed point of the renormalization group equation for the strong coupling constant.

Modify  $\mathcal{L}_2$  by introducing scale compensator  $\hat{\chi}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{f_\pi^2}{4} \text{Tr}(u_\mu u^\mu) &\longrightarrow \frac{f_\pi^2}{4} \text{Tr}(u_\mu u^\mu) \hat{\chi}^2 \\ \frac{f_\pi^2}{4} \text{Tr}(\chi_+) &\longrightarrow \frac{f_\pi^2}{4} \text{Tr}(\chi_+) \hat{\chi}^\gamma\end{aligned}$$

Include kinetic and potential terms for  $\hat{\chi}$ :

$$\frac{f_\sigma^2}{4} \partial_\mu \hat{\chi} \partial^\mu \hat{\chi} + c_1 \hat{\chi}^\delta - c_2 \hat{\chi}^4$$

Fix coefficients:

- Introduce non-linear field  $\sigma \implies \hat{\chi} = e^{\frac{\sigma}{f_\sigma}}$
- Compute trace of energy momentum tensor and compare with strong trace anomaly  $\implies \gamma = 3 - \gamma_m$  and  $\delta = 4 + \beta'$
- Match  $m_\sigma^2$  with curvature of potential  $\implies c = c(m^2, f, \gamma_m, \beta')$

Chiral-Scale Perturbation Theory (Crewther and Tunstall, 2014)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_2 = & \left( \frac{f_\pi^2}{4} Tr(u_\mu u^\mu) + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma \right) e^{\frac{2\sigma}{f_\sigma}} + \\ & + \frac{f_\pi^2}{4} Tr(\chi_+) e^{\frac{(3-\gamma_m)\sigma}{f_\sigma}} + c_1 e^{\frac{(4+\beta')\sigma}{f_\sigma}} - c_2 e^{\frac{4\sigma}{f_\sigma}}\end{aligned}$$

# Comparison at one loop

Apply power counting rules to construct next-to-leading-order Lagrangians

$$\chi_3\text{PT: } \mathcal{L}_4 = L_1 \text{Tr}(u_\mu u^\mu)^2 + L_2 \text{Tr}(u_\mu u_\nu)^2 + L_3 \text{Tr}((u_\mu u^\mu)^2) + \dots$$

$$\chi_\sigma\text{PT: } L_i \longrightarrow L_i(\sigma), \quad G_1(\sigma)(\partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma)^2 + G_2(\sigma) \text{Tr}(u_\mu u^\mu) \partial_\nu \sigma \partial^\nu \sigma + \dots$$

Renormalization via  $\widetilde{MS}$  renormalization scheme:

$$L_i = L_i^r + \frac{\Gamma_i}{32\pi^2} \left( \frac{2}{d-4} - \ln(4\pi) + \gamma - 1 \right)$$

$$\frac{dL_i^r}{d\mu} = - \frac{\Gamma_i}{16\pi^2 \mu}$$

Usual approach via Feynman diagrams is too complicated for  $\chi_\sigma PT$

→ Apply functional methods instead:

- Background field method
- Heat-kernel expansion

Claim: Derive a master formula for one-loop divergences  $\rightarrow \Gamma_i$

Background field method:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(\phi, \partial\phi)$$

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi + \varphi$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\phi + \varphi) = \mathcal{L}(\phi) + \varphi_i \mathcal{L}'_i(\phi) + \partial_\mu \varphi_i W_{ij}^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu \varphi_j - \varphi_i 2\Gamma_{ij}^\mu \partial_\mu \varphi_j - \varphi_i M_{ij} \varphi_j + \mathcal{O}(\varphi^3)$$

$$\mathcal{L}'_i(\phi) = 0 \text{ (Classical equations of motion)}$$

Only one loop  $\rightarrow$  drop  $\mathcal{O}(\varphi^3)$

Assume  $W_{ij}^{\mu\nu} = \delta_{ij} g^{\mu\nu}$ ,  $\Gamma_{ij}^\mu = -\Gamma_{ji}^\mu$  and  $M_{ij} = M_{ji}$  (Canonical form)

Advantage: Path integral is Gaussian

Heat-kernel expansion:

$$\sigma_{ij} = M_{ij} - (\Gamma_\mu \Gamma^\mu)_{ij}, \quad d_{ij}^\mu = \delta_{ij} \partial^\mu + \Gamma_{ji}^\mu, \quad \Gamma_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu \Gamma_\nu - \partial_\nu \Gamma_\mu + \Gamma_\mu \Gamma_\nu - \Gamma_\nu \Gamma_\mu$$

$$Z = e^{iW} = \int \mathcal{D}\varphi e^{i \int d^4x \varphi_i (d_\mu d^\mu + \sigma)_{ij} \varphi_j}$$

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \frac{i}{2} \int d^4x \operatorname{Tr} \langle x | \ln(d_\mu d^\mu + \sigma) | x \rangle = \\ &= \frac{1}{16\pi^2(4-d)} \int d^4x \operatorname{Tr} \left( \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{12} \underbrace{[d_\mu, d_\nu][d^\mu, d^\nu]}_{\Gamma_{\mu\nu}\Gamma^{\mu\nu}} + \frac{1}{6} \underbrace{[d_\mu, [d^\mu, \sigma]]}_{\text{boundary term}} \right) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

⇒ Master Formula ('t Hooft, 1973)

$$\Delta \mathcal{L} = -\mathcal{L}^{\text{div}} = -\frac{1}{16\pi^2(4-d)} \operatorname{Tr} \left( \frac{1}{12} \Gamma_{\mu\nu} \Gamma^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 \right)$$

Ansatz:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{f_\pi^2}{4} \text{Tr}(u_\mu u^\mu) f(\sigma) + \frac{f_\pi^2}{4} \text{Tr}(\chi_+) g(\sigma) + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma h(\sigma) - V(\sigma)$$

Anomalous Dimensions for  $\chi_3$ PT (Gasser and Leutwyler, 1984):

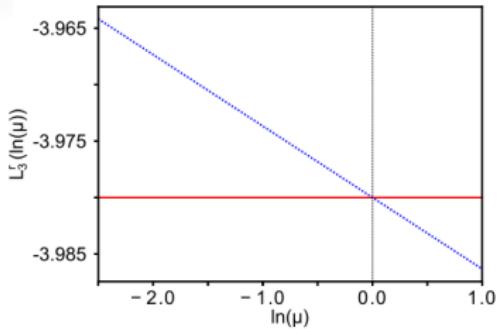
$$\Gamma_1 = \frac{1}{32}, \quad \Gamma_2 = \frac{3}{16}, \quad \Gamma_3 = 0$$

Anomalous Dimensions for  $\chi_\sigma$ PT (Catà and C.M., 2019):

$$\Gamma_1 = \frac{1}{32} - \frac{11}{12} \frac{f_\pi^2}{f_\sigma^2} + \frac{17}{24} \frac{f_\pi^4}{f_\sigma^4}, \quad \Gamma_2 = \frac{3}{16} - \frac{1}{3} \frac{f_\pi^2}{f_\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{6} \frac{f_\pi^4}{f_\sigma^4}, \quad \Gamma_3 = 0 + \frac{f_\pi^2}{f_\sigma^2}$$

Comparison between  $\chi_3$ PT and  $\chi_\sigma$ PT:

$$L_3^\sigma(\mu) = L_3^\chi(\mu) + \frac{\Gamma_3^\sigma - \Gamma_3^\chi}{16\pi^2} \ln\left(\frac{\mu_0}{\mu}\right) = L_3^\chi(\mu) + \frac{f_\pi^2/f_\sigma^2}{16\pi^2} \ln\left(\frac{\mu_0}{\mu}\right)$$



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given precision  $10^{-4}$   $\rightarrow$  deviate 2% from reference scale  $\mu_0$  for  $\frac{f_\pi^2}{f_\sigma^2} \approx 1$

# Conclusions

$\chi_\sigma$ PT...

- ...enlarges  $\chi_3$ PT by a ninth degree of freedom
- ...assumes an infrared fixed point of QCD renormalization group equation
- ...can be distinguished from  $\chi_3$ PT via running of  $L_i$

Thanks for your attention!