

PION-PION SCATTERING FROM NUCLEON-MESON FLUCTUATIONS

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Nucleon-meson model with parity doubling

► **Euclidean effective action of investigated model:**

$$\Gamma_k [\varphi, \bar{\psi}_1, \psi_1, \bar{\psi}_2, \psi_2] = \int_x \left\{ \frac{1}{2} Z_k (\partial_\mu \varphi) \cdot \partial_\mu \varphi + V_k(\varphi^2) - h\sigma \right. \\ \left. + \bar{\psi}_1 \left[Z_k^\psi \gamma_\mu \partial_\mu + y_{1,k} (\sigma + i\gamma_5 \vec{\pi} \cdot \vec{\tau}) \right] \psi_1 \right. \\ \left. + \bar{\psi}_2 \left[Z_k^\psi \gamma_\mu \partial_\mu - y_{2,k} (\sigma - i\gamma_5 \vec{\pi} \cdot \vec{\tau}) \right] \psi_2 \right. \\ \left. + m_{0,k} (\bar{\psi}_1 \psi_2 + \bar{\psi}_2 \psi_1) \right\}$$

► O(4)-vector $\varphi = (\vec{\pi}, \sigma)$, wave-function renormalizations Z_k, Z_k^ψ

► Mirror-assigned fermion doublet (ψ_1, ψ_2)

⇒ Chiral-invariant fermion mass: $m_0 (\bar{\psi}_1 \psi_2 + \bar{\psi}_2 \psi_1)$

[Detar, Kunihiro ('89); Hatsuda, Prakash ('89); Jido, Nemoto, Oka, Hosaka ('00); Jido, Oka, Hosaka ('01)]

Nucleon and chiral partner

- ▶ Fermion doublet (ψ_1, ψ_2) defined to be parity-even

- ▶ **Transformation into physical parity-opposite basis:**

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{nucleon} \\ \text{chiral partner} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} N_+ \\ N_- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1} & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma_5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \omega & \sin \omega \\ -\sin \omega & \cos \omega \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ Rotation angle ω for the parity doublet:

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2} \arctan \left[\frac{2m_0}{(y_1 + y_2)\sigma_0} \right], \quad \lim_{\sigma_0 \rightarrow 0} \omega = \frac{\pi}{4}, \quad \lim_{m_0 \rightarrow 0} \omega = 0$$

- ▶ Order parameter for chiral symmetry breaking: isoscalar condensate σ_0
- ▶ Interpretation of chiral partner: lightest resonance $N(1535)$
- ▶ Frequently discussed, also at nonzero densities

[Gallas, Giacosa, Rischke ('10); Weyrich, Strodthoff, von Smekal ('15); Marczenko, Blaschke, Redlich, Sasaki ('18); Tripolt, Jung, von Smekal, Wambach ('21); Minamikawa, Kojo, Harada ('21)]

Compute S-wave pion-pion scattering lengths:

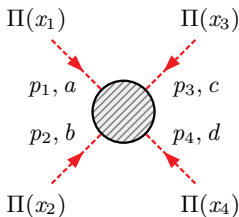
- ▶ Present a “fresh” view on the topic
- ▶ Include loop corrections in an efficient manner, i.e., by means of the **functional renormalization group (FRG)**
- ▶ Test and exemplify the class of **linear sigma models (LSMs)**

Draw connection between the nucleon-meson model/LSM and the corresponding nonlinear sigma model (NLSM):

- ▶ Use stereographic coordinates
- ▶ Verify convergence of the employed low-energy expansion
- ▶ Elucidate subtleties and intricacies concerning the truncation of higher-derivative pion interactions in the effective action

Pion-pion scattering

► Pion-pion scattering process:



► Formulation in terms of **stereographic projections** and elimination of the radial θ -field through the **equation of motion (EOM)**

$$\Pi^{\bar{a}} = 2f_{\pi} \frac{\pi^{\bar{a}}}{\theta + \sigma}, \quad \bar{a} = 1, 2, 3, \quad \theta = |\varphi| = \sqrt{\vec{\pi}^2 + \sigma^2}$$

$$\text{Metric: } g_{\bar{a}\bar{b}} = \frac{16f_{\pi}^2 \delta_{\bar{a}\bar{b}}}{(4f_{\pi}^2 + \Pi^2)^2}, \quad \text{EOM: } \frac{\delta\Gamma}{\delta\theta} = 0$$

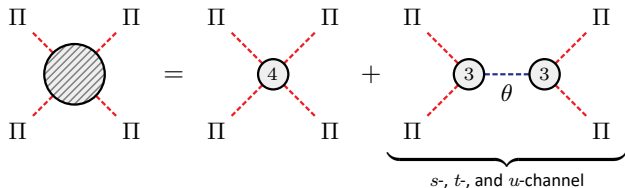
Stereographic action

⇒ **Stereographic form of the (bosonic) effective action:**

$$\Gamma[\Pi] = \int_x \left[\frac{\theta^2}{2} g_{\bar{a}\bar{b}} (\partial_\mu \Pi^{\bar{a}}) \partial_\mu \Pi^{\bar{b}} + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \theta) \partial_\mu \theta + V(\theta^2) - h\theta \frac{4f_\pi^2 - \Pi^2}{4f_\pi^2 + \Pi^2} \right],$$

$$\theta = f_\pi + \epsilon \xi_1(\Pi) + \epsilon^2 \xi_2(\Pi) + \dots, \quad \epsilon = \frac{M_\pi^2}{M_\sigma^2}$$

- Formulation constitutes **low-energy expansion** in $\epsilon \simeq 0.0844$
- To lowest order, NLSM on three-sphere recovered: $\theta = f_\pi$
- Employing EOM equivalent to summation of all tree diagrams (based on Γ):



Scattering amplitude

⇒ Computation of the scattering amplitude reduces to a **single Feynman diagram**

$$\text{EOS: } \frac{\delta\Gamma}{\delta\theta} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{M}_{\pi\pi} \sim \begin{array}{c} \Pi \\ \text{---} \diagup \\ \text{---} \diagdown \\ \Pi \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \Pi \\ \text{---} \diagdown \\ \text{---} \diagup \\ \Pi \end{array} \equiv i\Gamma^{(4)}[\Pi]$$

► General structure of scattering amplitude:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\pi\pi}^{abcd}(s, t, u) = i\mathfrak{A}(s, t, u) \delta^{ab} \delta^{cd} + i\mathfrak{A}(t, u, s) \delta^{ac} \delta^{bd} + i\mathfrak{A}(u, s, t) \delta^{ad} \delta^{bc}$$

► **S-wave isospin-zero and isospin-two scattering lengths:**

$$a_0^0 = \frac{1}{32\pi} [3\mathfrak{A}(s, t, u) + \mathfrak{A}(t, u, s) + \mathfrak{A}(u, s, t)] \Big|_{s=4M_\pi^2, t=u=0},$$

$$a_0^2 = \frac{1}{32\pi} [\mathfrak{A}(t, u, s) + \mathfrak{A}(u, s, t)] \Big|_{s=4M_\pi^2, t=u=0}$$

Scattering lengths

⇒ Findings up to $\mathcal{O}(p^{12})$:

$$a_0^0 = \frac{M_\pi^2}{32\pi f_\pi^2} (7 + 29\epsilon + 108\epsilon^2 + 432\epsilon^3 + 1728\epsilon^4 + 6912\epsilon^5 + 15360\epsilon^6 + 12288\epsilon^7) \longrightarrow \frac{M_\pi^2}{32\pi f_\pi^2} (1 - \epsilon) \left[7 + 9 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (4\epsilon)^n \right],$$

$$a_0^2 = -\frac{M_\pi^2}{16\pi f_\pi^2} (1 - \epsilon), \quad \text{expressions correct up to } \epsilon^5 = \left(\frac{M_\pi^2}{M_\sigma^2} \right)^5 \sim 10^{-6}$$

- ▶ Geometric series convergent for $\epsilon < 1/4$, yields **“radius of convergence”**
- ▶ Reference values: Experiment/Chiral perturbation theory

$$a_0^0 = 0.2198 \pm 0.0126, \quad a_0^2 = -0.0445 \pm 0.0023$$

[Weinberg ('66); Gasser, Leutwyler ('84, '85); Leutwyler ('94, '12); Bijmans et al. ('96, '97); Colangelo, Gasser, Leutwyler ('00, '01); Ananthanarayan, Colangelo, Gasser, Leutwyler ('01); Gasser ('09)]

General procedure

1. Compute dressed vertices from **FRG integration** within nucleon-meson model

$$\Gamma_{UV} = S \quad \text{[Colorful arrow pointing right]} \quad \Gamma_{IR} = \Gamma$$

$$\partial_k \Gamma_k = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left[(\partial_k \mathcal{R}_k) \left(\Gamma_k^{(2)} + \mathcal{R}_k \right)^{-1} \right]$$

⇒ Constraint: chiral symmetry breaking at $\Lambda_\chi = 1.2 \text{ GeV} \simeq 4\pi f_\pi$

2. Transform to nonlinear **stereographic action**

3. Perform **low-energy expansion** up to $\mathcal{O}(p^{12})$, accurate up to ϵ^5

4. Compute **S-wave isospin-zero and isospin-two scattering lengths**

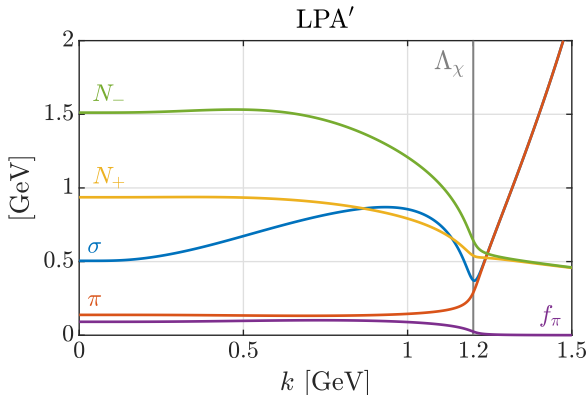
⇒ Compare to mean-field (MF) and one-loop calculations (“backwards”)

⇒ Comment on model parameters: σ -mass and chiral-invariant nucleon mass m_0

[Wetterich ('93); Ellwanger ('94); Morris ('94); Pawłowski ('07); Dupuis et al. ('21)]

FRG integration

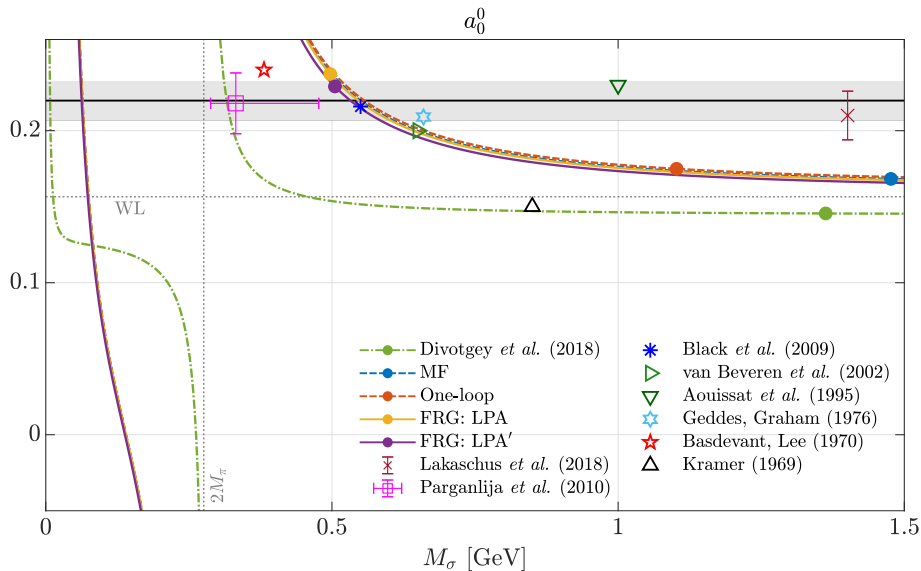
- ▶ FRG flow in LPA'-truncation (found to reproduce scattering lengths):



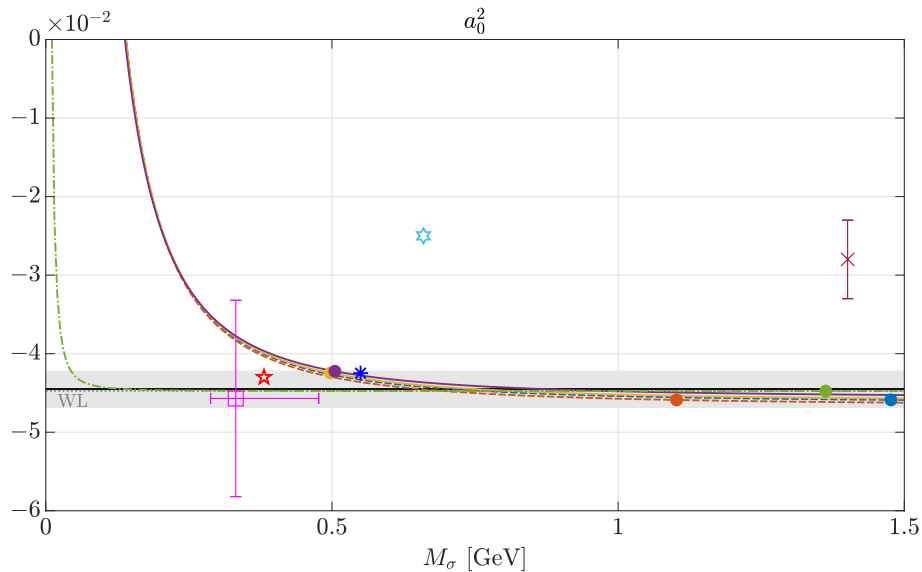
⇒ σ -mass in FRG (with given conditions) typically around $M_\sigma \simeq 500$ MeV

⇒ Chiral-invariant nucleon mass amounts to $m_0 = 824.5$ MeV in the IR

Isospin-zero scattering length

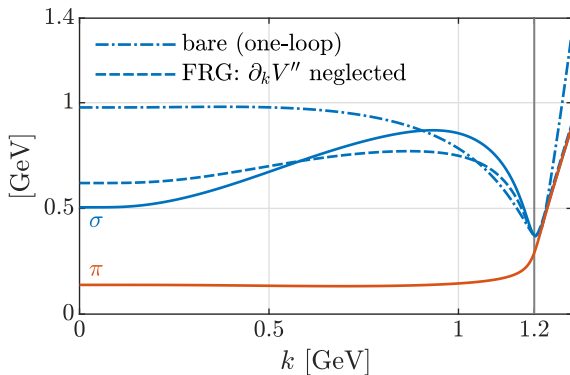


Isospin-two scattering length



Isoscalar mass in FRG

- Scale dependence of M_σ for different approximations:

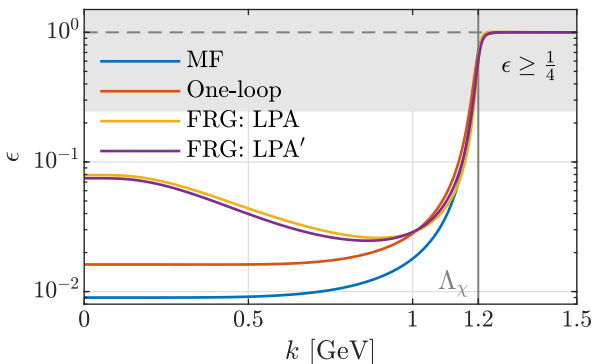


\Rightarrow “Down-bending” of M_σ with advancing the approximation

\Rightarrow M_σ successively shrinks, leading to improved results on the scattering lengths

Radius of convergence

- Dynamic ratio $\epsilon = M_\pi^2/M_\sigma^2$:

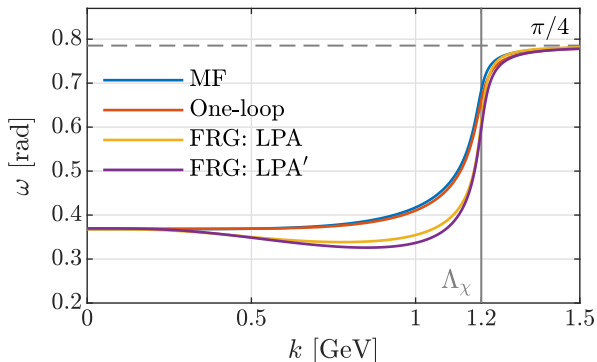


- Geometric series convergent for $\epsilon < 1/4$, divergent for $\epsilon \geq 1/4$

⇒ Low-energy expansion valid for $k \lesssim \Lambda_\chi$ (“radius of convergence” w.r.t. k -scale)

Rotation angle

- Dynamic rotation angle ω :



- ω parametrizes transformation to physical basis

⇒ Angles coincide in the IR, reflecting the common fermion parameters

Conclusion

- ▶ Pion-pion scattering as **interesting application** of parity-doublet model
- ⇒ Scattering lengths brought into **simultaneous agreement** with experiment, with the requirement of chiral symmetry breaking roughly at $4\pi f_\pi$

$$\text{FRG: } a_0^0 = 0.2291, \quad a_0^2 = -0.0422;$$

$$\text{experiment: } a_0^0 = 0.2198 \pm 0.0126, \quad a_0^2 = -0.0445 \pm 0.0023$$

- ▶ Embedding of the topic into the **dynamical context of the FRG**
- ▶ **“Backwards”-determination of σ -mass**: insisting on pertinent scales and employing common parameters when “reducing” the approximation
- ⇒ σ -mass **tends to shrink** with advancing the approximation, from $M_\sigma > 1 \text{ GeV}$ (MF, one-loop) towards $M_\sigma \simeq 500 \text{ MeV}$ (FRG)
- ⇒ Model study suggests a **chiral-invariant mass** around $m_0 = 824.5 \text{ MeV}$

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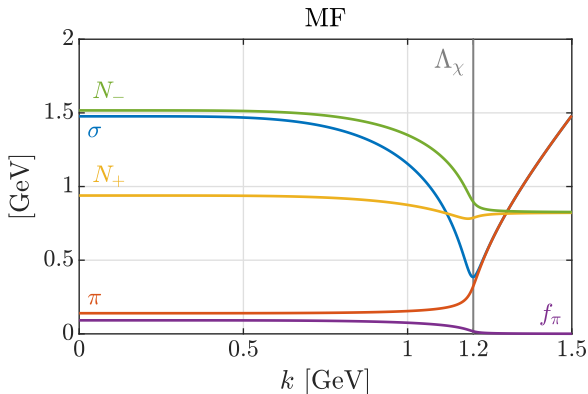
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MF approximation

- ▶ MF integration (with chiral-symmetry breaking scale Λ_χ):

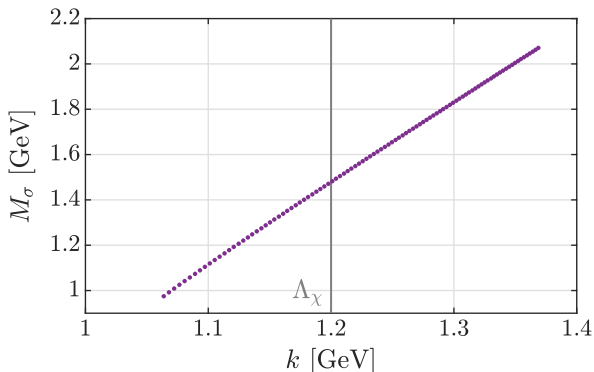


\Rightarrow σ -mass in MF (with given conditions): $M_\sigma > 1$ GeV

- ▶ Chiral-invariant nucleon mass fixed to LPA'-value to achieve comparability

Isoscalar-mass prediction in MF

- M_σ in the IR, depending on the scale of chiral symmetry breaking:



$\Rightarrow M_\sigma \simeq 1.5$ GeV in the IR, with the required breaking scale of $\Lambda_\chi \simeq 4\pi f_\pi$

$\Rightarrow M_\sigma$ uniquely determined, once fermionic model parameters fixed