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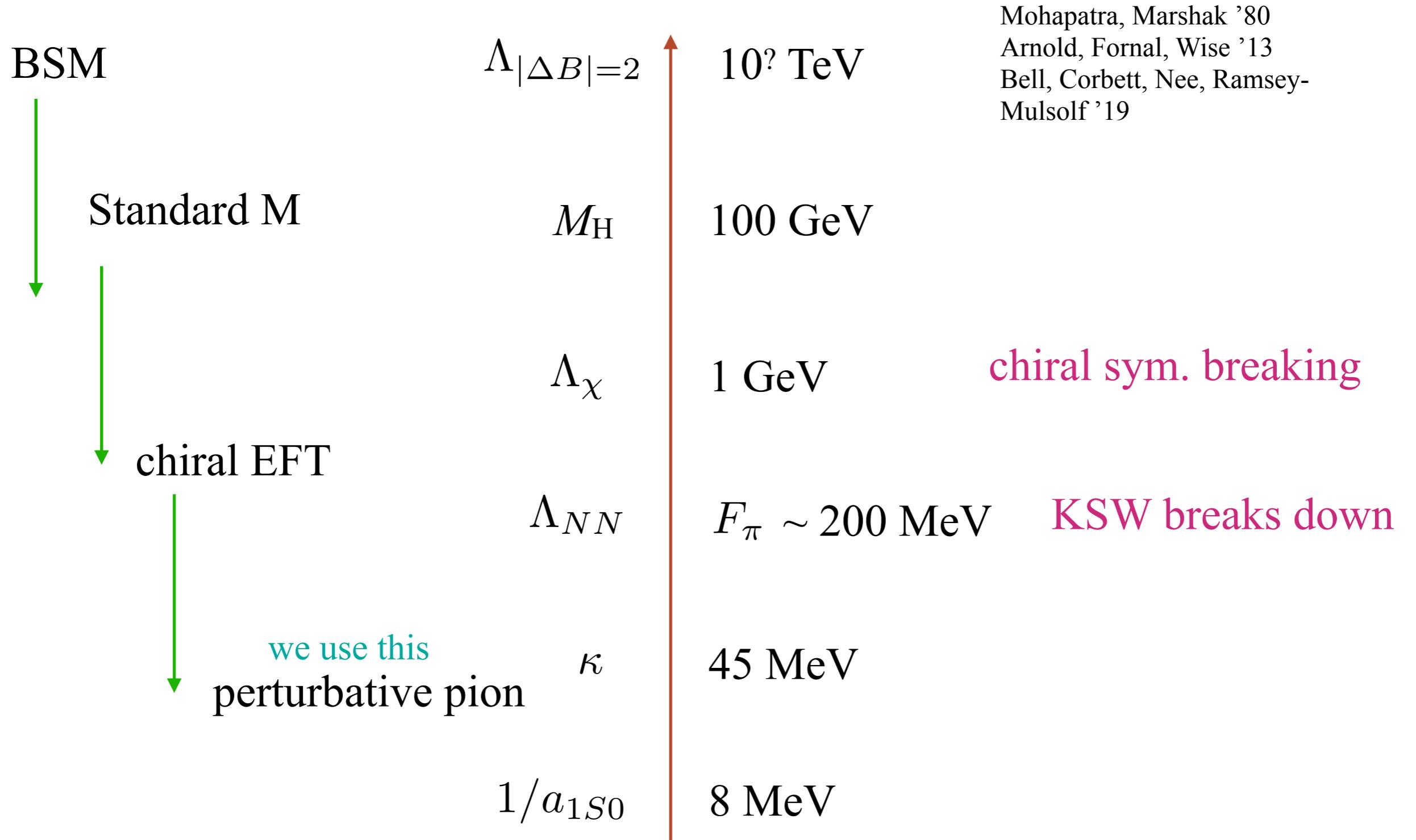
n-nbar oscillation and deuteron life time

– $|\Delta B| = 2$ in chiral effective field theory

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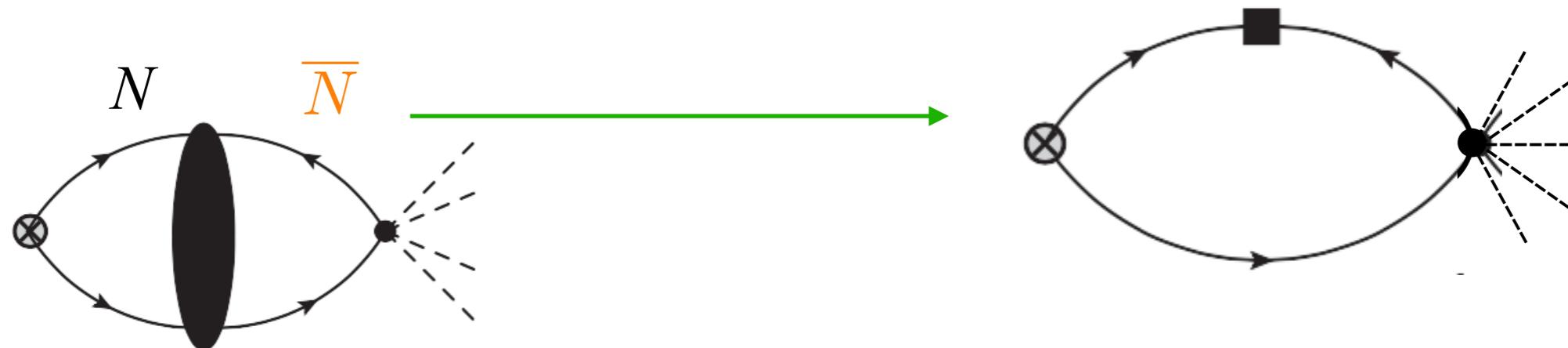
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$|\Delta B| = 2$ nuclear physics

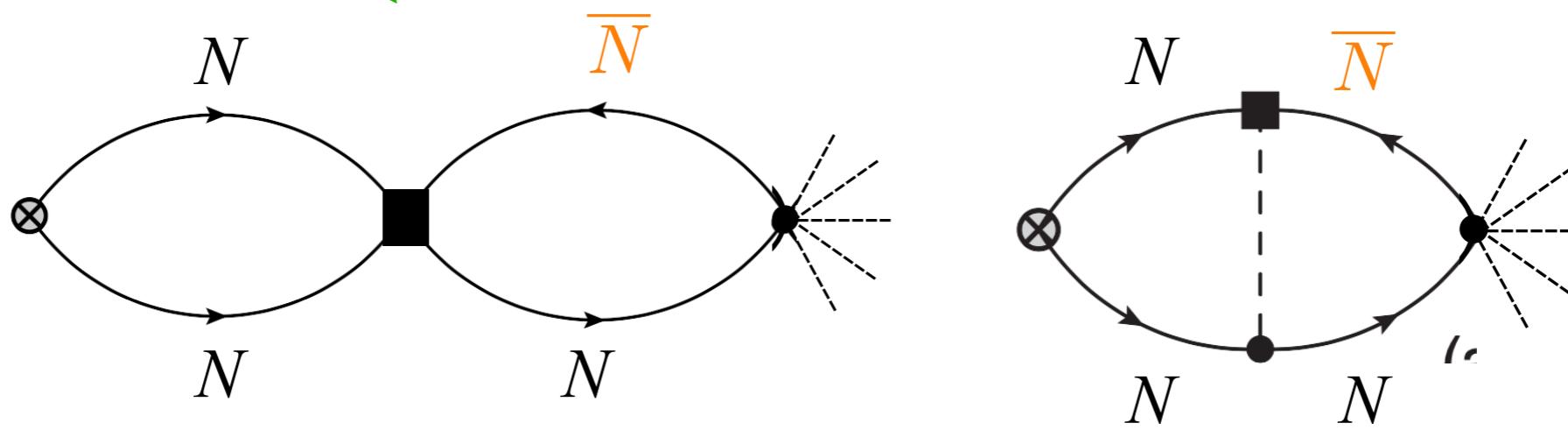


$NN \rightarrow NN\bar{n}$

$$R_d \equiv \Gamma_d^{-1} / \tau_{n\bar{n}}^2$$

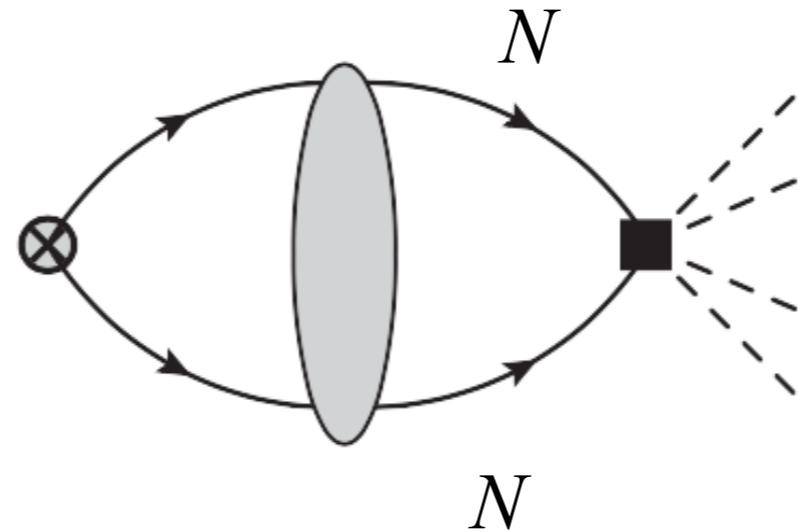


1-body



2-body

Direct NN annihilation



- To what extent can we disentangle these mechanisms?

Four Dim-9 operators

- SM gauge invariant $SU(3)_c \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$
- 6-quark operators to produce $|\Delta B| = 2$

iso-breaking

Operator	Chiral irrep	Important for building hadronic operators in chiral Lagrangian
$\mathcal{Q}_1 -\mathcal{D}_R \mathcal{D}_R \mathcal{D}_R^+ T^{AAS}/4$	$(1_L, \mathbf{3}_R)$	Kuo & Love '80
$\mathcal{Q}_2 -\mathcal{D}_L \mathcal{D}_R \mathcal{D}_R^+ T^{AAS}/4$	$(1_L, \mathbf{3}_R)$	Rao & Shrock '82
$\mathcal{Q}_3 -\mathcal{D}_L \mathcal{D}_L \mathcal{D}_R^+ T^{AAS}/4$	$(1_L, \mathbf{3}_R)$	Caswell et al. '83
$\mathcal{Q}_4 -\mathcal{D}_R^{33+} T^{SSS}/4$	$(1_L, \mathbf{7}_R)$	Basecq & Wolfenstein '83

$$\mathcal{D}_{L,R} \equiv q^{iT} CP_{L,R} i\tau^2 q^j, \quad \mathcal{D}_{L,R}^a \equiv q^{iT} CP_{L,R} i\tau^2 \tau^a q^j,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_{L,R}^{abc} \equiv & \mathcal{D}_{L,R}^{\{a} \mathcal{D}_{L,R}^b \mathcal{D}_{L,R}^{c\}} - \frac{1}{5} (\delta^{ab} \mathcal{D}_{L,R}^{\{d} \mathcal{D}_{L,R}^d \mathcal{D}_{L,R}^{c\}} \\ & + \delta^{ac} \mathcal{D}_{L,R}^{\{d} \mathcal{D}_{L,R}^b \mathcal{D}_{L,R}^{d\}} + \delta^{bc} \mathcal{D}_{L,R}^{\{a} \mathcal{D}_{L,R}^d \mathcal{D}_{L,R}^{d\}}), \end{aligned}$$

$$T^{SSS} \equiv \epsilon_{ikm} \epsilon_{jln} + \epsilon_{ikn} \epsilon_{jlm} + \epsilon_{jkm} \epsilon_{iln} + \epsilon_{jkn} \epsilon_{ilm},$$

$$T^{AAS} \equiv \epsilon_{ikm} \epsilon_{jln} + \epsilon_{ikn} \epsilon_{jlm}.$$

Chiral EFT

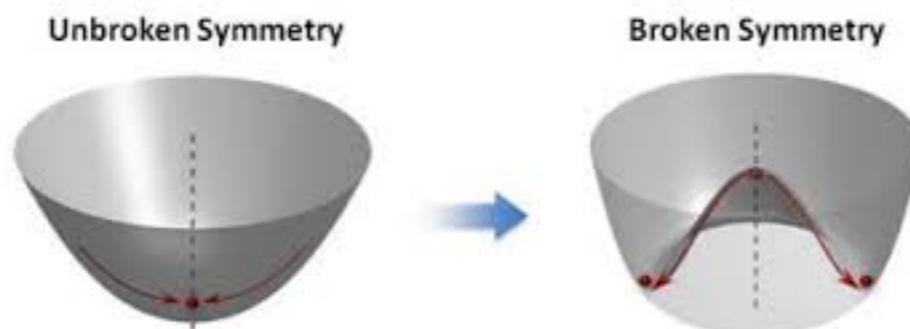
- Includes all symmetries of QCD, especially (approximate) chiral symmetry and its spontaneous breaking

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \sum_{f=u,d,s} \bar{q}_f (iD - m_f) q_f - \frac{1}{4} G_{a\mu\nu} G_a^{\mu\nu}$$

$$q_L \equiv \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \\ s_L \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \left(\text{SU}(3)_L \right) \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \\ s_L \end{pmatrix} \quad q_R \equiv \begin{pmatrix} u_R \\ d_R \\ s_R \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \left(\text{SU}(3)_R \right) \begin{pmatrix} u_R \\ d_R \\ s_R \end{pmatrix}$$

- Only two flavors used in present work

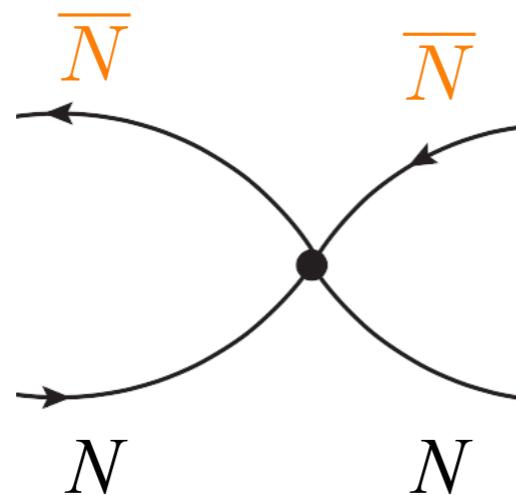
Lagrangian invariant when $m_f \rightarrow 0$, but broken by QCD ground state



CCWZ; Weinberg; ...
→ chiral symmetry nonlinearly
realized by hadronic Dofs

More Lagrangian terms

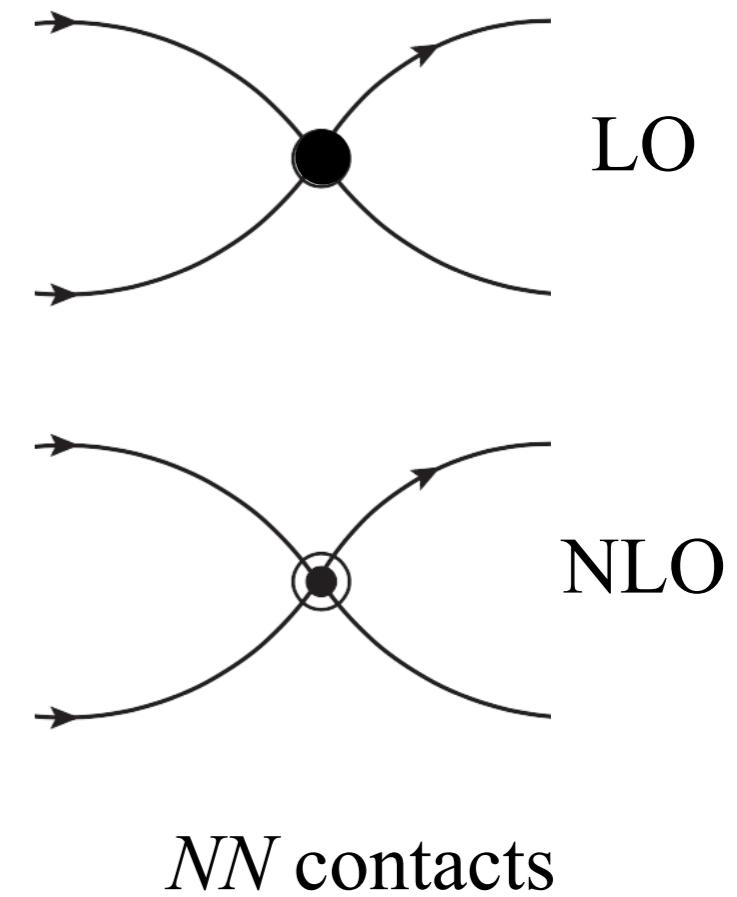
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\Delta B=0}^{(4)} = & -(C_0 + D_2 m_\pi^2) (N^T P_i N)^\dagger (N^T P_i N) \\ & + \frac{C_2}{8} [(N^T P_i N)^\dagger (N^T P_i (\vec{\nabla} - \vec{\nabla})^2 N) + \text{H.c.}] \\ & - H_0 (N^c T \tau^2 Y_i^a N)^\dagger (N^c T \tau^2 Y_i^a N) + \dots,\end{aligned}$$



NNbar contacts

suppressed by

$$\frac{\kappa_d}{F_\pi} \simeq 0.24$$



$|\Delta B| = 2$ terms

(For LQCD calculation on delta m, Rinaldi et al. '18 & '19)

$$\mathcal{L}_{|\Delta B|=2}^{(2)} = -\delta m n^c \bar{n} + \text{H.c.} + \dots,$$

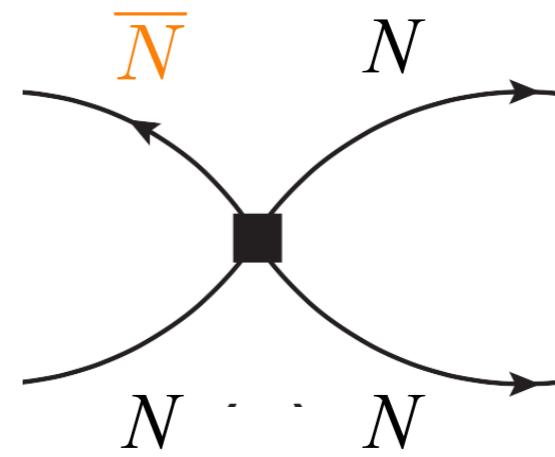
$$\tau_{n\bar{n}} = (\delta m)^{-1} [1 + \mathcal{O}(m_\pi^2/\Lambda_\chi^2)]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{|\Delta B|=2}^{(4)} = i \tilde{B}_0 [(N^T P_i N)^\dagger (N^{cT} \tau^2 Y_i^- N) - \text{H.c.}] + \dots,$$

$$\text{Re} \tilde{B}_0 = \mathcal{O}(4\pi \delta m / \kappa^2 \Lambda_{NN})$$

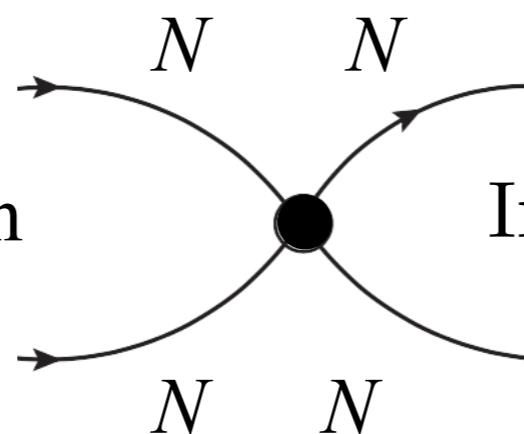


nnbar oscillation



$NN \leftrightarrow N\bar{N}$ interactions

NN direct annihilation

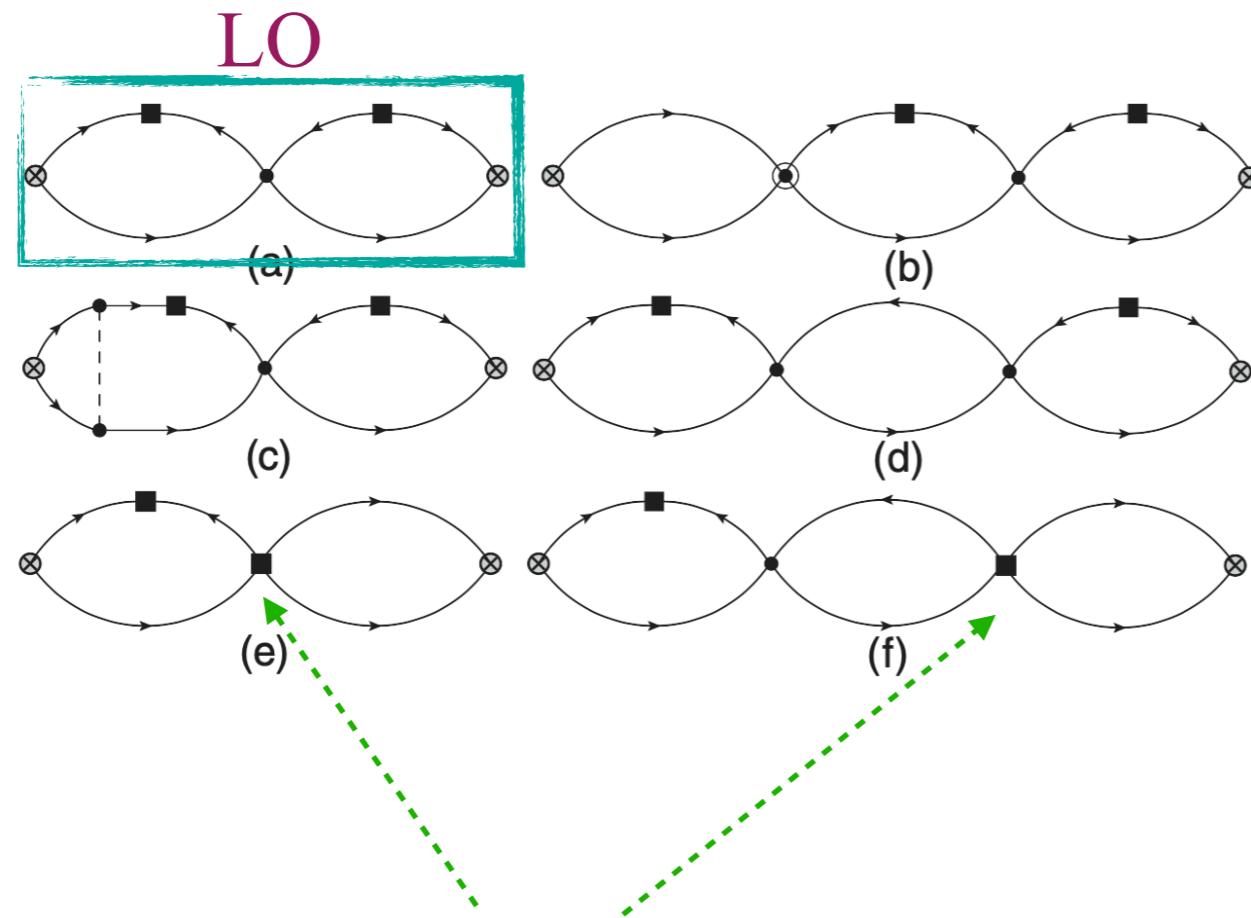


$$\text{Im} C_0 \quad \mathcal{O}(\delta m^2 \Lambda_\chi^2 / \kappa^2 \Lambda_{NN}^4)$$

One more trick

- NNbar annihilation releases 2GeV kinetic energy, way beyond chiral EFT break down scale
- To get around, calculate deuteron life time by imaginary part of deuteron self energy
- Hard pions as intermediate states are integrated out

Deuteron self energy up to NLO



Perturbative pion
counting rule
(Kaplan, Savage & Wise
PLB 424, 390 (98))

expansion parameter

$$\rightarrow \frac{\kappa_d}{F_\pi} \simeq 0.24$$

κ_d : deuteron binding
momentum ~ 45 MeV

- By RG analysis, $NN \rightarrow NN\bar{n}$ appears at NLO $\rightarrow \tilde{B}_0$
- Range correction of NN interaction (B-conserving)
- $NN\bar{n}$ interaction parametrized by (anti-n p) scattering length $a_{n\bar{n}-p} = (0.44 - i 0.96)$ fm (Zhou & Timmermans '12 & '13)
- pion-exchange transition and direct annihilation at N2LO

$$\text{Re}\tilde{B}_0 = -m_N \delta m \text{Re}C_2/\sqrt{2} + \dots$$

Finally...

$$R_d \equiv \Gamma_d^{-1} / \tau_{n\bar{n}}^2$$

See also calculation by
Haidenbauer & Meissner, CPC, 44,
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$$R_d = - \left[\frac{m_N}{\kappa} \text{Im} a_{\bar{n}p} (1 + \underset{\text{NN range}}{\text{Re}(a_{\text{nbar-p}})} + \underset{\text{pion}}{0.40 + 0.20 - 0.13 \pm 0.4}) \right]^{-1}$$

$$= (1.1 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{22} \text{ s}^{-1}.$$

- Perturbative pion allows for analytic expression
- Loosely bound neutron helps sensitivity (nbar-n potential energy diff. smaller if further out)
- B_0 gives largest uncertainty
- With nonperturbative pion EFT, unknown LECs may have smaller impact