
Staggered Chiral Perturbation Theory for Neutral B Mixing

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Effective Weak Operators for B Mixing

- Neutral B_q mixing dominated by short distance contributions from the operators:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_1^q &= \bar{b}_i \gamma^\nu Lq_i \bar{b}_j \gamma^\nu Lq_j \\ \mathcal{O}_2^q &= \bar{b}_i Lq_i \bar{b}_j Lq_j \\ \mathcal{O}_3^q &= \bar{b}_i Lq_j \bar{b}_j Rq_i \\ \mathcal{O}_4^q &= \bar{b}_i Lq_i \bar{b}_j Rq_j \\ \mathcal{O}_5^q &= \bar{b}_i Lq_j \bar{b}_j Rq_i \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Standard Model} \\ \text{BSM .} \end{array}$$

- q is either d or s . i, j are color indices.
 $R = (1 + \gamma_5)/2$, $L = (1 - \gamma_5)/2$.
- These are a complete set (“SUSY-basis”) [Gabbiani et al., NPB 477 ('96) 321].
 - Matrix elements of all others can be written in terms of these 5 using Fierz, parity,...[see, e.g., C. Bouchard, FERMILAB-THESIS-2011-32.]

Effective Weak Operators for B Mixing

- \mathcal{O}_1 (which mixes with \mathcal{O}_2 under renormalization) gives ΔM_q in SM:

$$\langle \bar{B}_q^0 | \mathcal{O}_1^q | B_q^0 \rangle (\mu) = \frac{2}{3} M_{B_q}^2 f_{B_q}^2 \hat{B}_{B_q} (\mu)$$

$$\Delta M_q^{\text{SM}} = |V_{tq}^* V_{tb}|^2 \underbrace{\frac{G_F^2 M_W^2}{6\pi^2} \eta_2^B S_0(x_t) M_{B_q}}_{\text{known stuff}} \underbrace{f_{B_q}^2 \hat{B}_{B_q}}_{\text{lattice}}$$

- Quantity ξ is particularly useful in CKM unitarity triangle analysis.

$$\xi \equiv \frac{f_{B_s} \sqrt{\hat{B}_{B_s}}}{f_{B_d} \sqrt{\hat{B}_{B_d}}}$$

$$\left| \frac{V_{td}}{V_{ts}} \right| = \xi \sqrt{\frac{\Delta M_d M_{B_s}}{\Delta M_s M_{B_d}}}$$

Lattice Calculations of B Mixing

- Calculations with $2 + 1$ flavors by HPQCD [[Gámiz et al., PRD 80 \('09\) 014503](#)] and Fermilab/MILC [[Bazavov et al., arXiv:1205.7013](#)] use staggered light quarks with NRQCD or Fermilab heavy quarks.
- To make heavy-light bilinears or 4-quark ops., convert staggered fermion $\chi(x)$ to naive fermion $\Psi(x)$ [[Wingate et al., PRD 67 \('03\) 054505](#)].
- Then couple locally
 - bilinear: $\bar{Q}(x)\Gamma\Psi(x)$.
 - 4-quark operator: $\bar{Q}(x)\Gamma\Psi(x) \bar{Q}(x)\Gamma'\Psi(x)$
(Γ, Γ' some Dirac spin matrices).

Lattice Operators

- Bilinear $\bar{Q}(x)\Gamma\Psi(x)$ works exactly as desired:
 - Sum over x includes sum over spatial cubes.
 - Properly converts χ to spin-taste basis.
- Four quark operators $\bar{Q}(x)\Gamma\Psi(x)$ $\bar{Q}(x)\Gamma'\Psi(x)$ are more complicated.
 - Each bilinear not separately summed over spatial cubes, so undesired spin-tastes can enter.

Naive Fermions

- Naive light quark action can be rewritten as four copies of the staggered action:

$$\Psi(x) = \Omega(x) \underline{\chi}, \quad \Omega(x) = \gamma_0^{x_0} \gamma_1^{x_1} \gamma_2^{x_2} \gamma_3^{x_3} .$$

- $\underline{\chi}$ is a “copied” staggered field, with each Dirac component $\underline{\chi}_i$ separately having the staggered action.
- “Copy symmetry”: the $SU(4)$ that acts on copy index i . Copy symmetry an exact lattice symmetry, so

$$\langle \underline{\chi}_i(x) \bar{\underline{\chi}}_{i'}(y) \rangle = \delta_{i,i'} \langle \chi(x) \bar{\chi}(y) \rangle .$$

(χ is normal (uncopied) staggered field.)

- Implies

$$\langle \Psi(x) \bar{\Psi}(y) \rangle = \Omega(x) \Omega^\dagger(y) \langle \chi(x) \bar{\chi}(y) \rangle .$$

- Standard way to convert from naive to staggered quarks
[Wingate et al, PRD 67 ('03) 054505].
- In practice, use this for propagators; don't need to construct naive field Ψ itself.

Naive Fermions: Bilinears

- Construct interpolating field $\mathcal{H}(x)$ for a heavy-light pseudoscalar meson by writing

$$\mathcal{H}(x) = \bar{Q}(x) \gamma_5 \Psi(x) = \bar{Q}(x) \gamma_5 \Omega(x) \underline{\chi}(x),$$

- $\mathcal{H}(x)$ is always summed over a time-slice (either explicitly, or implicitly by using translation invariance).
- To leading order in a , $Q(x)$ varies smoothly (up to gauge transformation) between neighboring spatial sites, but $\underline{\chi}$ does not, due to taste doubling.
- Staggered fields are smooth in the spin-taste basis on the doubled lattice: need to sum over hypercubes.

Naive Fermions: Bilinears

- Focus on the average of $\mathcal{H}(x)$ over a spatial cube.
 - Let $x = (t, \mathbf{x})$ with $\mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{y}$ even, & let $\eta = (\eta_0, \boldsymbol{\eta})$ have all components 0 or 1.
- For t even ($t = 2\tau$):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{H}^{(\text{av})}(t, \mathbf{x}) &= \frac{1}{8} \sum_{\boldsymbol{\eta}} \bar{Q}(t, \mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\eta}) \gamma_5 \Omega(2\tau, \boldsymbol{\eta}) \underline{\chi}(2\tau, 2\mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\eta}) \\
 &\cong \frac{1}{8} \bar{Q}(t, \mathbf{x}) \gamma_5 \sum_{\boldsymbol{\eta}} \Omega(\boldsymbol{\eta}) \underline{\chi}(2\tau, 2\mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\eta}) \\
 &\cong \frac{1}{16} \bar{Q}(t, \mathbf{x}) \gamma_5 \sum_{\boldsymbol{\eta}} \left[\Omega(\boldsymbol{\eta}) \underline{\chi}(2\tau + \eta_0, 2\mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\eta}) + \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + (-1)^{\eta_0} \Omega(\boldsymbol{\eta}) \underline{\chi}(2\tau + \eta_0, 2\mathbf{y} + \boldsymbol{\eta}) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

- (Inserted gauge links for point-split quantities implicit.)

Naive Fermions: Bilinears

- For t odd ($t = 2\tau + 1$), result the same except the term on the last line changes sign. This is usual oscillating state with opposite parity.
- For simplicity, assume from now on that oscillating state is removed by fitting procedure & all components of x are even.
- Then

$$\mathcal{H}^{(\text{av})}(x) \rightarrow \frac{1}{16} \bar{Q}(x) \gamma_5 \sum_{\eta} \Omega(\eta) \underline{\chi}(2y + \eta)$$

- To convert to spin-taste basis, use:

$$q^{\alpha a}(y) = \frac{1}{8} \sum_{\eta} \Omega^{\alpha a}(\eta) \chi(2y + \eta),$$

where α a spin index, and a a taste index.

Naive Fermions: Bilinears

- The copied version of spin-taste basis:

$$q_i^{\alpha a}(y) = \frac{1}{8} \sum_{\eta} \Omega^{\alpha a}(\eta) \underline{\chi}_i(2y + \eta) .$$

- Note: $\mathcal{H}^{(\text{av})}(x) \propto \gamma_5 \sum_{\eta} \Omega(\eta) \underline{\chi}(2y + \eta)$ has matrix multiplication \Rightarrow couples taste and copy indices.
- Get (with spin indices implicit from now on):

$$\mathcal{H}^{(\text{av})}(x) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \bar{Q}(x) \gamma_5 q_i^a(y) \delta_i^a .$$

- Using copy symmetry, contraction of \mathcal{H} with \mathcal{H}^\dagger automatically averaged over tastes:

$$\langle \mathcal{H}(x) \mathcal{H}^\dagger(x') \rangle \sim \frac{1}{4} \langle \bar{Q}(x) \gamma_5 q^a(y) \bar{q}^a(y') \gamma_5 Q(x') \rangle .$$

Naive Fermions: Four-Quark Operators

- Two bilinears not separately summed over space.
- Disentangle using:

$$\frac{1}{256} \sum_K \text{tr} \left(\Omega(\eta) K \Omega^\dagger(\eta) K \right) \text{tr} \left(\Omega(\eta') K \Omega^\dagger(\eta') K \right) = \delta_{\eta, \eta'} .$$

(K runs over 16 independent Hermitian gamma matrices.)

- Get, for operator \mathcal{O}_n ($n = 1, \dots, 5$)

$$\mathcal{O}_n^{(av)}(x) \rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \sum_K (\bar{Q} \Gamma_n K q_k^c \bar{Q} \Gamma'_n K q_\ell^d) K_{ck} K_{d\ell}$$

- Contributions with $K \neq I$ have wrong spin, and funny coupling of taste (c, d) and copy (k, ℓ) indices.
 - Have dropped “wrong parity” part, which doesn’t contribute if oscillating terms are removed from fit.

Naive Fermions: Four-Quark Operators

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- Recall:

$$\mathcal{H}^{(av)}(x) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \bar{Q}(x) \gamma_5 q_i^a(y) \delta_i^a .$$

- Copy symmetry then implies

$$\langle \mathcal{H}^\dagger \mathcal{O}_n^{(av)} \mathcal{H}^\dagger \rangle \propto \langle D^{ac} D^{ed} \rangle K_{ca} K_{de} + (\text{2nd equivalent contraction}),$$

where D^{ac} is quark propagator (in a given background) for taste a into taste c .

- When taste symmetry exact, $\langle D^{ac} D^{ed} \rangle \propto \delta_{ac} \delta_{ed} \Rightarrow$ only correct spin ($K = I$) contributes.
- So continuum limit is correct.

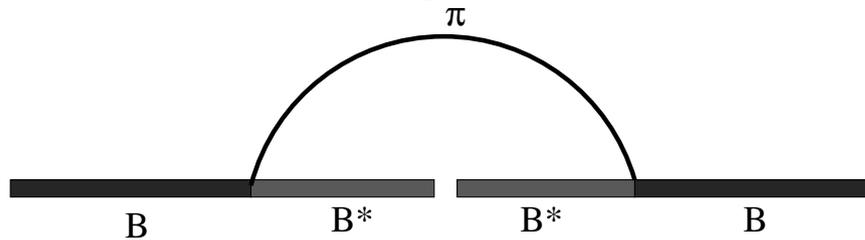
Naive Fermions: Four-Quark Operators

- But at one loop, taste-violations mean that $\langle D^{ac} D^{ed} \rangle$ doesn't have to be proportional to $\delta_{ac} \delta_{ed} \Rightarrow$ wrong spins can contribute.
- For example, the taste-violating hairpin with vector taste can give a term proportional to $\xi_{ac}^{\mu} \xi_{ed}^{\mu}$
 - then the spin of the operator is $\Gamma_n \gamma_{\mu} \otimes \Gamma'_n \gamma_{\mu}$ instead of $\Gamma_n \otimes \Gamma'_n$
- This is different from wrong spin/wrong taste operators from perturbative corrections. They are already suppressed by $\alpha_S/4\pi$, and one loop makes them $\mathcal{O}(a^2 \alpha_S/4\pi)$, which is effectively NNLO.

S χ PT for B Mixing

- Meson Diagrams:

- Sunset diagram:



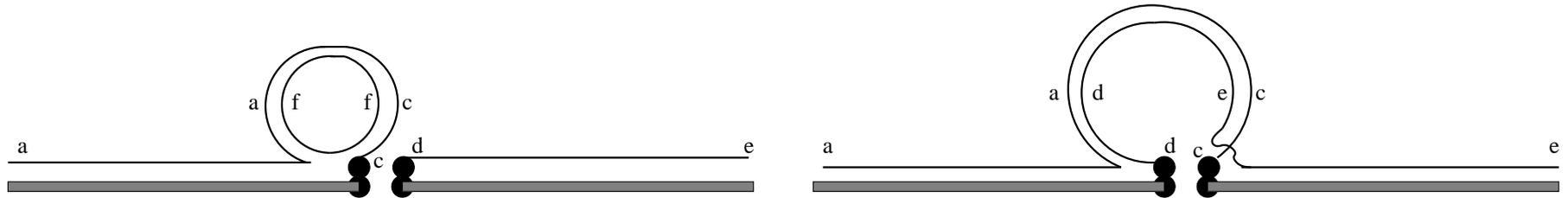
- Tadpoles:



- There are also wave-function renormalization diagrams.

Quark Flow Diagrams

- Effect of wrong spins depends quark flow. As example, look at tadpoles with connected (no hairpin) pion propagators.



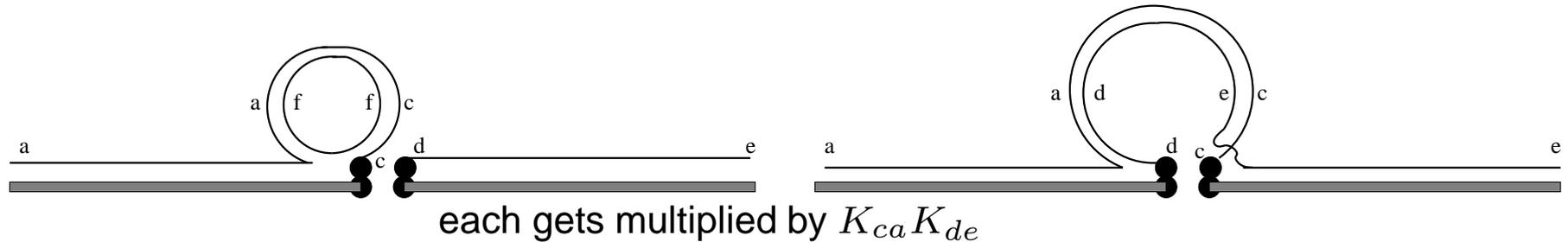
each gets multiplied by $K_{ca}K_{de}$

- Left diagram for pion of taste Ξ (one of 16) is proportional to

$$\Xi_{af}^{\mu} \Xi_{fc}^{\mu} \delta_{ed} K_{ca} K_{de} = [\text{tr}(K)]^2$$

- Only correct spin/taste ($K = I$) contributes.

Quark Flow Diagrams



- Right diagram for pion of taste Ξ is proportional to

$$\Xi_{ad} \Xi_{ec} K_{ca} K_{de} = \text{tr}(\Xi K \Xi K)$$

- Because of taste violations, rest of diagram (pion propagator) depends on Ξ (i.e., whether it's S,V,T,A or P).
- \Rightarrow Various K values contribute \Rightarrow various wrong spins.
- (If propagator were independent of Ξ , sum on tastes would give $K = I$.)

Calculation

- Wrong spin terms \Rightarrow different operators \Rightarrow different chiral representatives.
- Fortunately, all operators can be written as linear combination of “SUSY basis” ($\mathcal{O}_1, \dots, \mathcal{O}_5$).
- Detmold and Lin give chiral representatives of all five operators [PRD 76 ('07) 014501].
- With P, P^* heavy-light mesons, σ pion field, x light flavor, c, d tastes, get:

$$O_1^{xc;xd} = \beta_1 \left[\left(\sigma P^{(b)\dagger} \right)_{x,c} \left(\sigma P^{(\bar{b})} \right)_{x,d} + \left(\sigma P_\mu^{*(b)\dagger} \right)_{x,c} \left(\sigma P^{*(\bar{b}),\mu} \right)_{x,d} \right] \quad [\text{or } c \leftrightarrow d],$$

$$O_{2(3)}^{xc;xd} = \beta_{2(3)} \left(\sigma P^{(b)\dagger} \right)_{x,c} \left(\sigma P^{(\bar{b})} \right)_{x,d} + \beta'_{2(3)} \left(\sigma P_\mu^{*(b)\dagger} \right)_{x,c} \left(\sigma P^{*(\bar{b}),\mu} \right)_{x,d} \quad [\text{or } c \leftrightarrow d],$$

$$O_{4(5)}^{xc;xd} = \frac{\beta_{4(5)}}{2} \left[\left(\sigma P^{(b)\dagger} \right)_{x,c} \left(\sigma^\dagger P^{(\bar{b})} \right)_{x,d} + \left(\sigma^\dagger P^{(b)\dagger} \right)_{x,c} \left(\sigma P^{(\bar{b})} \right)_{x,d} \right] \\ + \frac{\beta'_{4(5)}}{2} \left[\left(\sigma P_\mu^{*(b)\dagger} \right)_{x,c} \left(\sigma^\dagger P^{*(\bar{b}),\mu} \right)_{x,d} + \left(\sigma^\dagger P_\mu^{*(b)\dagger} \right)_{x,c} \left(\sigma P^{*(\bar{b}),\mu} \right)_{x,d} \right] \quad [\text{or } c \leftrightarrow d].$$

- Effect of copy indices \Rightarrow external taste- a quark contracts with operator taste c ; similarly for e and d .

Calculation

- Write complete answer as

$$\langle \bar{B}_x^0 | O_n^x | B_x^0 \rangle = \beta_n \left(1 + \mathcal{W}_B + \mathcal{T}_x^{(n)} + \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_x^{(n)} \right) + \beta'_n \left(\mathcal{Q}_x^{(n)} + \tilde{\mathcal{Q}}_x^{(n)} \right) + \text{analytic terms},$$

where \mathcal{W}_B is B wave function renormalization, \mathcal{T} and $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$ are the right- and wrong-spin tadpole diagrams, and \mathcal{Q} and $\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}$ are the right- and wrong-spin sunset diagrams.

- x labels light quark flavor.
- $\beta'_1 = \beta_1$ by heavy-quark spin argument [Detmold and Lin].
- \mathcal{W}_B is standard — same in naive quark version as in normal S χ PT.

Final χ PT Results

- For operator \mathcal{O}_1^x (others are similar):

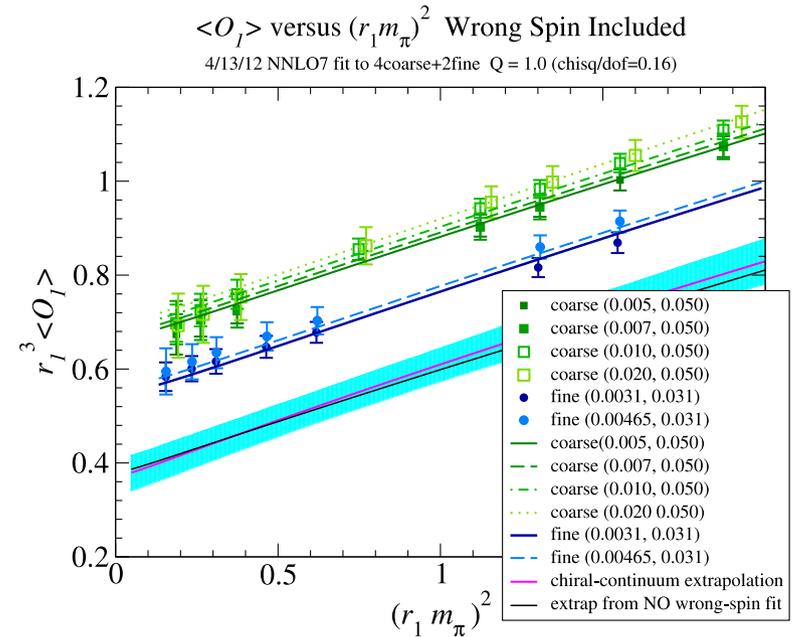
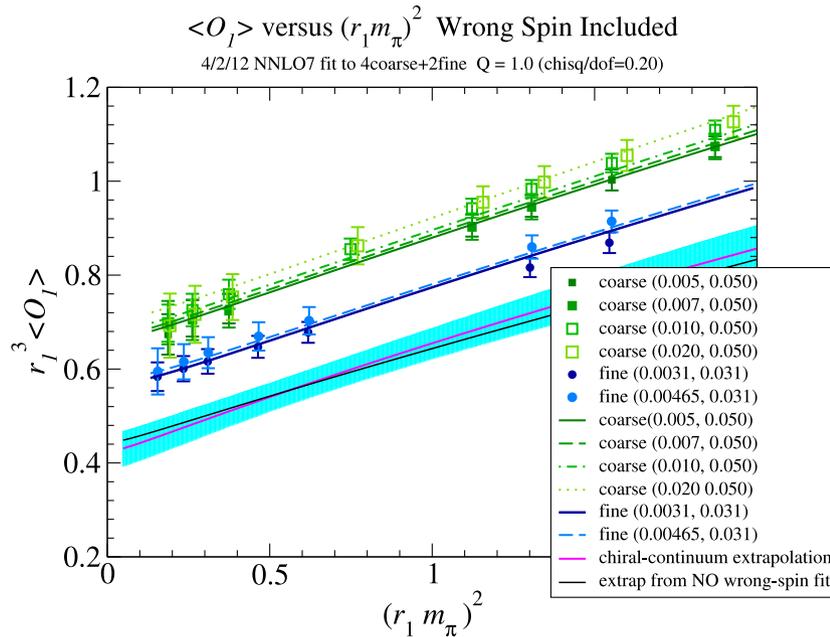
$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{T}_x^{(1)} &= \frac{-i}{f_\pi^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{16} \sum_{\mathcal{S}, \rho} N_\rho \mathcal{I}_{x\mathcal{S}, \rho} + \frac{1}{16} \sum_{\rho} N_\rho \mathcal{I}_{X, \rho} + \frac{2}{3} \left[R_{X_I}^{[2,2]} (\{M_{X_I}^{(5)}\}; \{\mu_I\}) \frac{\partial \mathcal{I}_{X, I}}{\partial m_{X_I}^2} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. - \sum_{j \in \{M_I^{(5)}\}} D_{j, X_I}^{[2,2]} (\{M_{X_I}^{(5)}\}; \{\mu_I\}) \mathcal{I}_{j, I} \right] + a^2 \delta'_V \left[R_{X_V}^{[3,2]} (\{M_{X_V}^{(7)}\}; \{\mu_V\}) \frac{\partial \mathcal{I}_{X, V}}{\partial m_{X_V}^2} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. - \sum_{j \in \{M_V^{(7)}\}} D_{j, X_V}^{[3,2]} (\{M_{X_V}^{(7)}\}; \{\mu_V\}) \mathcal{I}_{j, V} \right] + (V \rightarrow A) \right\}, \\
 \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_x^{(1)} &= \frac{-i}{f_\pi^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{16} \left(-5\mathcal{I}_{X, P} - 4\mathcal{I}_{X, A} + 18\mathcal{I}_{X, T} - 4\mathcal{I}_{X, V} - 5\mathcal{I}_{X, I} \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{2(\beta_2 + \beta_3)}{\beta_1} \left(-\mathcal{I}_{X, V} + \mathcal{I}_{X, A} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + a^2 \delta'_V \left[R_{X_V}^{[3,2]} (\{M_{X_V}^{(7)}\}; \{\mu_V\}) \frac{\partial \mathcal{I}_{X, V}}{\partial m_{X_V}^2} - \sum_{j \in \{M_V^{(7)}\}} D_{j, X_V}^{[3,2]} (\{M_{X_V}^{(7)}\}; \{\mu_V\}) \mathcal{I}_{j, V} \right] \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. - a^2 \delta'_A \left[R_{X_A}^{[3,2]} (\{M_{X_A}^{(7)}\}; \{\mu_A\}) \frac{\partial \mathcal{I}_{X, A}}{\partial m_{X_A}^2} - \sum_{j \in \{M_A^{(7)}\}} D_{j, X_A}^{[3,2]} (\{M_{X_A}^{(7)}\}; \{\mu_A\}) \mathcal{I}_{j, A} \right] \right) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Final χ PT Results

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_x^{(1)} &= \frac{-ig_{B^*B\pi}^2}{f_\pi^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{16} \sum_\rho N_\rho \mathcal{H}_{X,\rho}^{\Delta^*} + \frac{1}{3} \left[R_{X_I}^{[2,2]}(\{M_{X_I}^{(5)}\}; \{\mu_I\}) \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_{X,I}^{\Delta^*}}{\partial m_{X_I}^2} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. - \sum_{j \in \{M_I^{(5)}\}} D_{j,X_I}^{[2,2]}(\{M_{X_I}^{(5)}\}; \{\mu_I\}) \mathcal{H}_{j,I}^{\Delta^*} \right] \right\}. \\
 \tilde{Q}_x^{(1)} &= \frac{-ig_{B^*B\pi}^2}{f_\pi^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{16} \left(-5\mathcal{H}_{X,P}^{\Delta^*} - 4\mathcal{H}_{X,A}^{\Delta^*} + 18\mathcal{H}_{X,T}^{\Delta^*} - 4\mathcal{H}_{X,V}^{\Delta^*} - 5\mathcal{H}_{X,I}^{\Delta^*} \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{2(\beta'_2 + \beta'_3)}{\beta_1} \left(-\mathcal{H}_{X,V}^{\Delta^*} + \mathcal{H}_{X,A}^{\Delta^*} + \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + a^2 \delta'_V \left[R_{X_V}^{[3,2]}(\{M_{X_V}^{(7)}\}; \{\mu_V\}) \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_{X,V}^{\Delta^*}}{\partial m_{X_V}^2} - \sum_{j \in \{M_V^{(7)}\}} D_{j,X_V}^{[3,2]}(\{M_{X_V}^{(7)}\}; \{\mu_V\}) \mathcal{H}_{j,V}^{\Delta^*} \right] \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. - a^2 \delta'_A \left[R_{X_A}^{[3,2]}(\{M_{X_A}^{(7)}\}; \{\mu_A\}) \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}_{X,A}^{\Delta^*}}{\partial m_{X_A}^2} - \sum_{j \in \{M_A^{(7)}\}} D_{j,X_A}^{[3,2]}(\{M_{X_A}^{(7)}\}; \{\mu_A\}) \mathcal{H}_{j,A}^{\Delta^*} \right] \right) \right\},
 \end{aligned}$$

Fermilab/MILC, arXiv:1205.7013

- Using final expression (including wrong spins):



- Left and right are two versions of chiral priors.
- Overall effect of wrong spins is smaller than statistical or chiral errors.
- But wrong spins systematically raise $\langle O_1 \rangle$ for B_s and lower it for $B_{B_d} \Rightarrow$ raise ξ .

Table 1: Complete error budget (in %) for ξ .

Source of uncertainty	Error (%)
Statistics \oplus light-quark disc. \oplus chiral extrapolation	3.7
Mixing with wrong-spin operators	3.2
Heavy-quark discretization	0.3
Scale uncertainty (r_1)	0.2
$g_{BB^*\pi}$	0.7
Light-quark masses	0.5
One-loop matching	0.5
Tuning κ_b	0.4
Finite volume	0.1
Mistuned coarse u_0	0.1
Total Error	5.0

Result: $\xi = 1.268(63)$

Conclusions

- Calculated one-loop B mixing in $S\chi PT$.
- Operators are local (i.e., not point split) \Rightarrow contributions from wrong-spin operators.
- Fact that naive field = 4 copies of staggered enters non-trivially.
- Luckily, no new LECs at one loop (if already analyzing complete basis of 5 operators).
- Recent Fermilab/MILC calculation analyzed only $\mathcal{O}_1 \Rightarrow$ systematic error associated with wrong spin ops is present (and included in final result).
- Earlier HPQCD calculation did not consider effects of wrong spins \Rightarrow additional systematic error was not included.
- Ongoing Fermilab/MILC calculation looks at all 5 operators; will have no additional error from wrong-spinning effects. (Just normal chiral extrap error.) [talk by E. Freeland, Thurs., 3:10 PM]