

# Twisted-mass QCD, $O(a)$ improvement and Wilson chiral perturbation theory

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# Twisted-mass QCD(tmQCD)

Twisted mass term:  $m' e^{i\omega\gamma_5\tau_3} = m + i\mu\gamma_5\tau_3$   $\omega$ : twist angle

Advantages of tmQCD with Wilson fermion:

- No zero mode at  $\mu \neq 0$   $\Rightarrow$  No exceptional configurations
- Simplified renormalization of weak matrix elements
- **Automatic  $O(a)$  improvement** at maximal twist  $\omega = \frac{\pi}{2}$  Frezzotti, Rossi '03

But: Definition of maximal twist on the lattice is non-trivial !

Caveat: Definition of Frezzotti/Rossi works only if  $m' \gg a^2$

# Outline of the talk

- Automatic  $O(a)$  improvement at maximal twist
  - Argument a la Frezzotti and Rossi
  - Caveat for small quark masses
  - Alternative proposal for maximal twist
- Pion mass in ChPT at non-zero lattice spacing
  - Brief introduction into ChPT at non-zero lattice spacing
  - Example:  $O(a)$  improvement of the pion mass at maximal twist
- Alternative scenario (  $c_2 < 0$  )
- Summary

# Twisted mass term on the lattice

Mass term + Wilson term on the lattice :

$$\bar{\psi}(x) \left[ \left( -a \frac{r}{2} \sum_{\mu} \nabla_{\mu}^* \nabla_{\mu} + M_{\text{cr}}(r) \right) + m_q \exp(i\omega \gamma_5 \tau_3) \right] \psi(x)$$

$$m_q = m_0 - M_{\text{cr}}(r)$$



Field redefinition:

bare quark mass

critical quark mass

$$\psi_{\text{ph}} = \exp\left(i \frac{\omega}{2} \gamma_5 \tau_3\right) \psi,$$

$$\bar{\psi}_{\text{ph}} = \bar{\psi} \exp\left(i \frac{\omega}{2} \gamma_5 \tau_3\right)$$

$$\bar{\psi}_{\text{ph}}(x) \left[ \left( -a \frac{r}{2} \sum_{\mu} \nabla_{\mu}^* \nabla_{\mu} + M_{\text{cr}}(r) \right) \exp(-i\omega \gamma_5 \tau_3) + m_q \right] \psi_{\text{ph}}(x)$$

# Wilson average and $O(a)$ improvement

The Wilson average  $\langle O \rangle^{WA}(r, m_q, \omega) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left[ \langle O \rangle(r, m_q, \omega) + \langle O \rangle(-r, m_q, \omega) \right]$

can be shown to be  $O(a)$  improved:  $= \langle O \rangle^{\text{cont}}(m_q) + O(a^2)$

Crucial assumption:  $M_{\text{cr}}(-r) = -M_{\text{cr}}(r)$

# Automatic $O(a)$ improvement at maximal twist

Consider the twist average:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle O \rangle^{TA}(r, m_q, \omega = \frac{\pi}{2}) &\equiv \frac{1}{2} \left[ \langle O \rangle(r, m_q, \omega = \frac{\pi}{2}) + \langle O \rangle(r, m_q, \omega = -\frac{\pi}{2}) \right] \\ & \exp(-i\frac{\pi}{2}\gamma_5\tau_3) = -\exp(i\frac{\pi}{2}\gamma_5\tau_3) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \langle O \rangle(r, m_q, \omega = \frac{\pi}{2}) + \langle O \rangle(-r, m_q, \omega = \frac{\pi}{2}) \right]\end{aligned}$$

For observables even in  $\omega$  (e.g. masses):

$$\langle O \rangle(r, m_q, \omega = \frac{\pi}{2}) = \langle O \rangle^{TA}(r, m_q, \omega = \frac{\pi}{2}) = \langle O \rangle^{\text{cont}}(m_q) + O(a^2)$$

**$O(a)$  improvement without taking an average !**

Crucial assumption:  $M_{\text{cr}}(-r) = -M_{\text{cr}}(r)$

“Proof”:

1. Defining equation:  $m_{\pi}(r, M_{\text{cr}}(r)) = 0,$

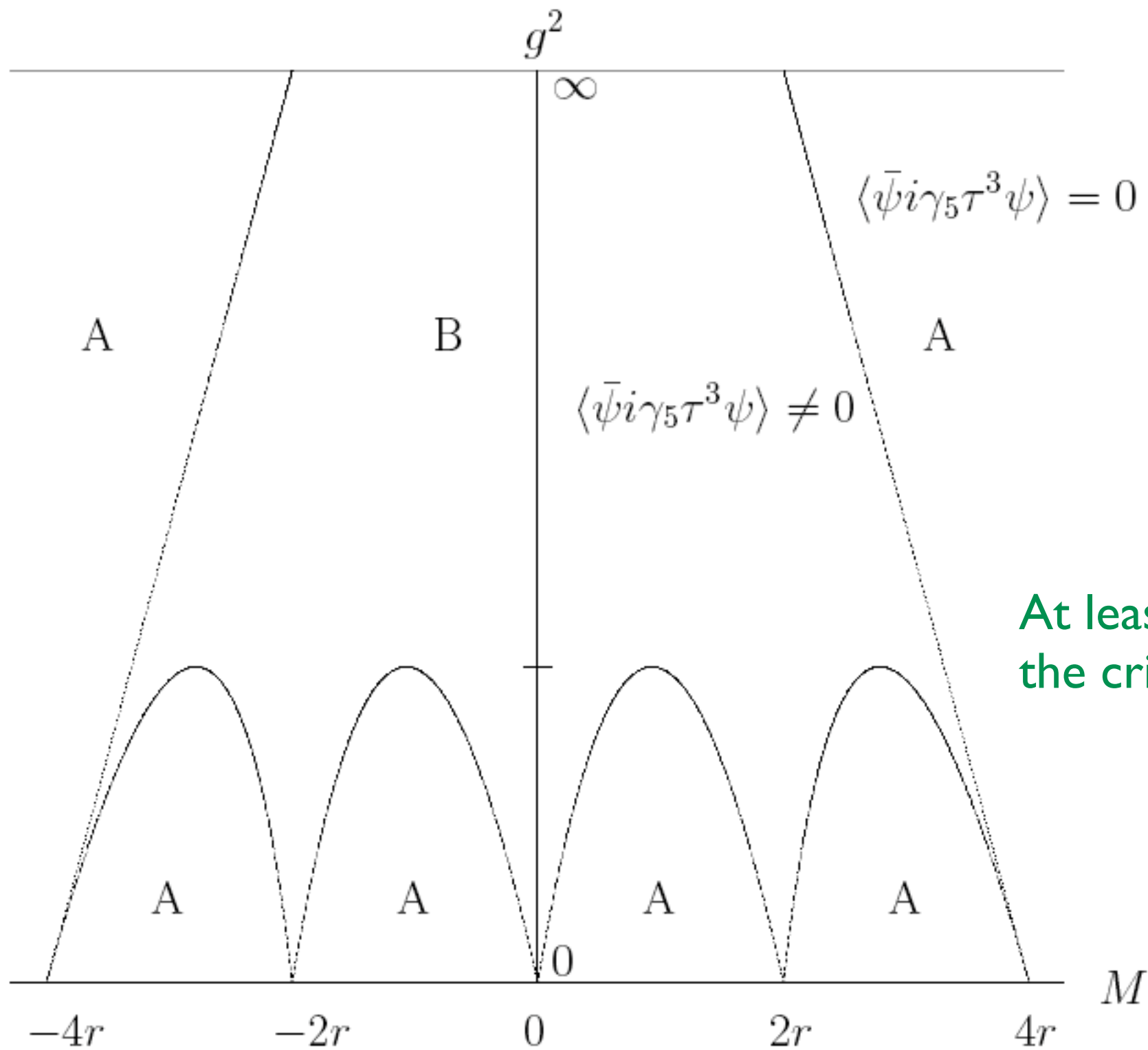
2. Symmetries of the lattice theory:  $m_{\pi}(r, m_0) = m_{\pi}(-r, -m_0)$

1 & 2:  $m_{\pi}(r, M_{\text{cr}}(r)) = m_{\pi}(-r, M_{\text{cr}}(-r)) = m_{\pi}(r, -M_{\text{cr}}(-r)) = 0$

3. “Conclusion”:  
 $M_{\text{cr}}(r) = -M_{\text{cr}}(-r)$

**Only true if the defining equation has a unique solution !**

# Critical Mass: Phase diagram with Wilson fermion Aoki '85



At least 2 values for the critical mass !



# Critical Mass: ChPT analysis

Sharpe, Singleton '98

Two possible scenarios:

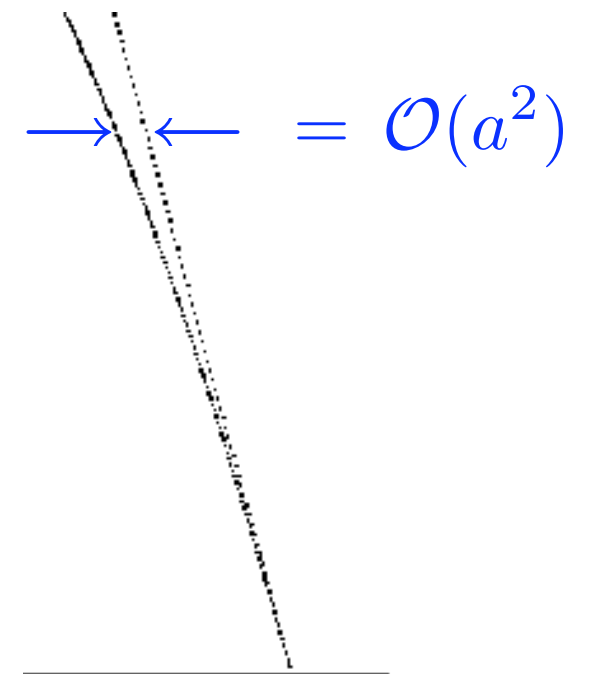
Scenario 1: No massless pion at non-zero  $a$

Scenario 2: Spontaneous breaking of flavor and parity

⇒ Massless pions

Quantitative result for critical mass:

Width of “fingers” is  $\mathcal{O}(a^2)$



$$\Rightarrow M_{\text{cr}}(r) = M_{\text{odd}}(r) + a^2 c M_{\text{even}}(r) \equiv M_{\text{cr}}^{(1)}(r)$$

$$-M_{\text{cr}}(-r) = M_{\text{odd}}(r) - a^2 c M_{\text{even}}(r) \equiv M_{\text{cr}}^{(2)}(r)$$

$$\Rightarrow M_{\text{cr}}(r) \neq -M_{\text{cr}}(-r)$$

# What happens to $O(a)$ improvement ?

Ansatz: 
$$M_{\text{cr}}(r) = M_{\text{odd}}(r) + a^2 c M_{\text{even}}(r)$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle O \rangle(r, m_q, \omega = \frac{\pi}{2})^{TA} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \langle O \rangle(r, m_q, \omega = \frac{\pi}{2}) + \langle O \rangle(-r, m'_q, \omega = \frac{\pi}{2} + \omega') \right]$$

$$m'_q = \sqrt{m_q^2 + (2a^2 c M_{\text{even}}(r))^2} \quad \tan \omega' = \frac{2a^2 c M_{\text{even}}(r)}{m_q}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Twist average = Wilson average only if  $m_q \gg a^2$

$\Rightarrow$  Automatic  $O(a)$  improvement only if  $m_q \gg a^2$

# Alternative definition for the twist angle

Define:

$$\overline{M}_{\text{cr}}(r) = \frac{M_{\text{cr}}(r) - M_{\text{cr}}(-r)}{2} = -\overline{M}_{\text{cr}}(-r)$$

$$\Delta M_{\text{cr}}(r) = \frac{M_{\text{cr}}(r) + M_{\text{cr}}(-r)}{2} = \Delta M_{\text{cr}}(-r)$$

⇒ New definition for the twist angle:

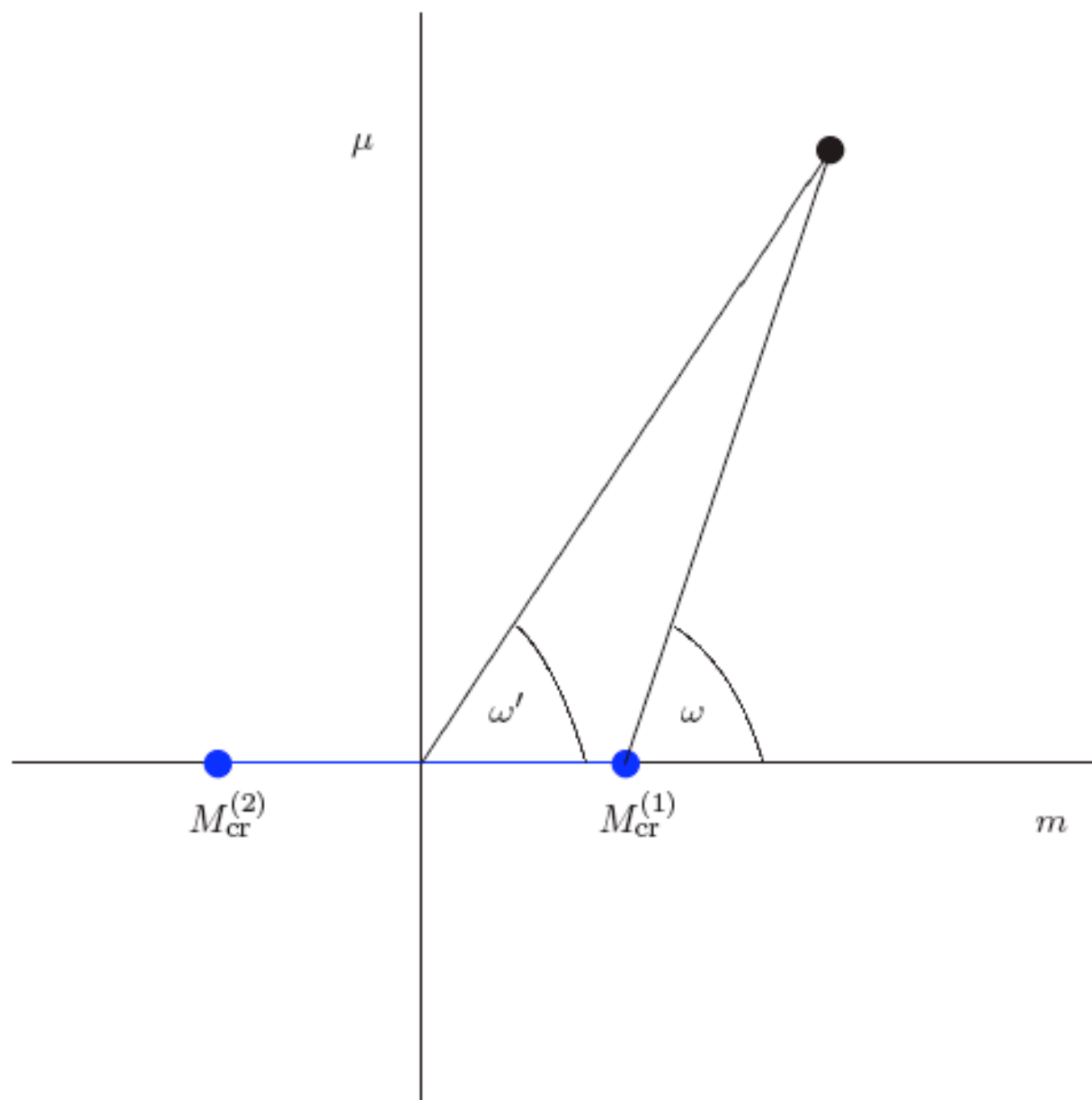
$$\bar{\psi}_{\text{ph}}(x) \left[ - \left( -a \frac{r}{2} \sum_{\mu} \nabla_{\mu}^* \nabla_{\mu} + \overline{M}_{\text{cr}}(r) \right) \exp(-i\omega \gamma_5 \tau_3) + m_q + \Delta M_{\text{cr}}(r) \right] \psi_{\text{ph}}(x)$$

You can show:

Twist average = Wilson average irrespective of  $m_q$

Automatic  $\mathcal{O}(a)$  improvement holds for all  $m_q$

# Sketch of the different definitions



$\omega$  : Frezzotti / Rossi

$\omega'$  : Alternative definition

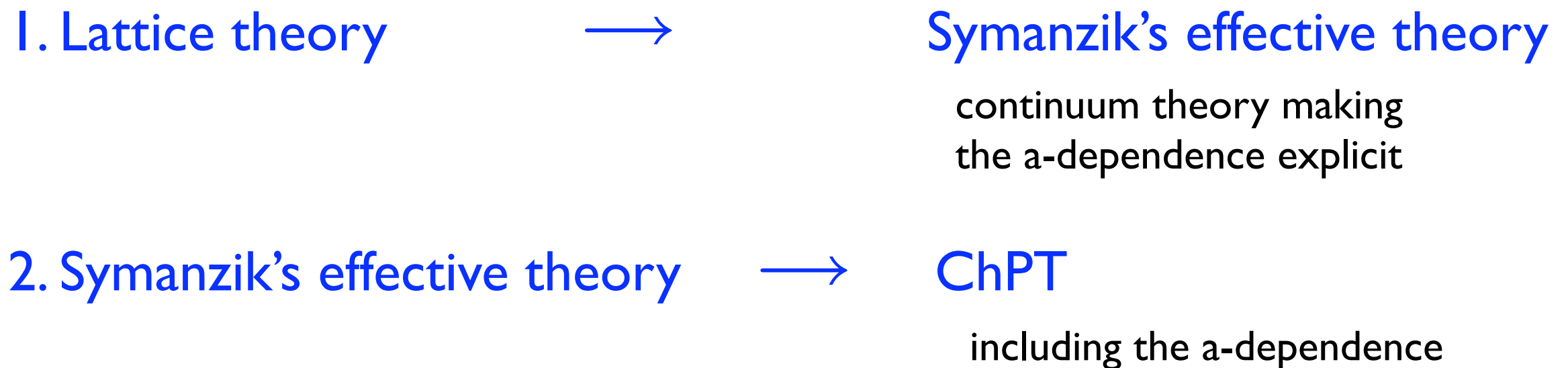
## Part 2: ChPT analysis of the pion mass

- Brief introduction into ChPT at non-zero  $a$  (Wilson ChPT)
- Example: Pion mass at maximal twist: Are the linear  $a$ -effects absent ?

# ChPT at nonzero $a$ : Strategy

Two-step matching to effective theories:

Lee, Sharpe '98  
Sharpe, Singleton '98



$\Rightarrow$  Chiral expressions for  $m_\pi, f_\pi \dots$  with explicit  $a$ -dependence

# Symanzik's action for Lattice QCD with Wilson fermions

Locality and symmetries of the lattice theory

$$\Rightarrow S_{eff} = S_{QCD} + a c \int \bar{\psi} i \sigma_{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu} \psi + \mathcal{O}(a^2)$$

- At  $O(a)$  only one additional operator ( making use of EOM )
- $c$  : unknown coefficient ("low-energy constant")
- $O(a^2)$  : dim-6 operators: - fermion bilinears  
- 4-fermion operators
- $\frac{1}{a}$  divergence in quark mass must be subtracted

Sheikholeslami, Wohlert

# Reminder: Chiral Lagrangian

Fields:  $\Sigma(x) = \exp\left(\frac{2i}{F} \pi^a(x) T^a\right)$   $T^a$ : Group generators

Lagrangian:  $\mathcal{L}_{eff}[\Sigma, M] = \mathcal{L}_{eff}[\Sigma', M']$   $M$ : Quark mass matrix

$$\Sigma' = L\Sigma R^\dagger \quad M' = LMR^\dagger \quad L, R : \text{Left, Right transformations}$$

Expand in powers of derivatives and masses:  $\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}_2 + \mathcal{L}_4 + \dots$

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = \frac{f^2}{4} \text{tr} [\partial_\mu \Sigma \partial_\mu \Sigma^\dagger] - \frac{f^2 B}{2} \text{tr} [\Sigma^\dagger M + M^\dagger \Sigma]$$

$f, B$ : undetermined low-energy constants



# Chiral Lagrangian including $a$

$$S_{eff} = S_{QCD} + a c \int \bar{\psi} i \sigma_{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu} \psi + \mathcal{O}(a^2)$$

Pauli term breaks the chiral symmetry exactly like the mass term in  $S_{QCD}$

$\Rightarrow$   $a$  enters chiral Lagrangian exactly like the mass term

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_2 = \frac{f^2}{4} \text{tr} [\partial_\mu \Sigma \partial_\mu \Sigma^\dagger] - \frac{f^2 B}{2} \text{tr} [\Sigma^\dagger M + M^\dagger \Sigma] - \frac{f^2 W_0}{2} a \text{tr} [\Sigma + \Sigma^\dagger]$$

Sharpe, Singleton '98  
Rupak, Shoresh '02

$W_0$  : new undetermined low-energy constant

includes  $c = c(g_0^2)$  not really a constant (weak  $a$  dependence)

## $\mathcal{L}_4$ -Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_4 = \mathcal{L}_4(p^4, p^2 m, m^2) + \mathcal{L}_4(p^2 a, ma) + \mathcal{L}_4(a^2)$$

Gasser, Leutwyler '85

Rupak, Shores '02

Rupak, Shores, Baer '03  
Aoki '03

- No  $O(4)$  symmetry breaking terms in  $\mathcal{L}_4(a^2)$  ( start at  $\mathcal{O}(a^2 p^4)$  )
- Total number of low-energy constants:  $10 L_i + (5 + 3) W_i = 18$

# Power counting

The power counting is non-trivial because of

1. the additive mass renormalization  $\propto \frac{1}{a}$
2. two symmetry breaking parameters ,  $m_{\text{quark}}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  their relative size matters

Leading order pion mass ( degenerate case )

$$M_\pi^2 = 2Bm + 2aW_0 \quad m = m_u = m_d$$

- Leading  $a$ -effect: Shift in the pion mass
- $M_\pi^2$  does not vanish for  $m = 0$

Common practice on the lattice:

$$M_\pi^2 = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad m' = Z_m(m_0 - m_{\text{cr}}) = 0$$

In ChPT this corresponds to

$$m' = m \left( 1 + \frac{W_0}{B} a \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow M_\pi^2 = 2Bm'$$



$$M_\pi^2 < 0 \text{ for } m' < 0$$

Tachyon !

$a^2$  effect must be included for small  $m'$

Different power countings have been discussed:

If  $m' \gg a^2 \rightarrow$  continuum like ChPT + small  $\mathcal{O}(a^n)$  corrections

Rupak, Shores, Baer '03

If  $m' \approx a^2 \rightarrow$  qualitatively different :

Non-trivial phase diagram

Sharpe, Singleton '98

Modification of chiral logs

Aoki '03

# Spontaneous flavor and parity breaking

Potential energy:  
( $N_f = 2$ )

Sharpe, Singleton '98

$$V = -c_1 m' \text{tr} [\Sigma + \Sigma^\dagger] + c_2 a^2 (\text{tr} [\Sigma + \Sigma^\dagger])^2$$

$c_1(f, B)$   
 $c_2(f, B, W_i)$

A:  $\text{sign } c_2 = +1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Sigma_{\text{vacuum}} \neq \pm 1$       flavor and parity are broken  
massless pions at  $a \neq 0$

B:  $\text{sign } c_2 = -1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Sigma_{\text{vacuum}} = \pm 1$       no flavor/parity breaking  
no massless pions

The realized scenario depends on the details of the underlying lattice theory  
( i.e. the particular Lattice action )

# ChPT for tmQCD

Symanzik action:  $S_{eff} = S_{tmQCD} + a \text{ Pauli term} + \mathcal{O}(a^2)$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{chiral}} [m, \omega, a, a^2]$

$a$ : Muenster, Schmidt  
 $a^2$ : Sharpe, Wu

$\Rightarrow m_\pi^2, f_\pi$  as a function of  $m, \omega, a, a^2$

Again: Proper parameter matching required !

Here  $m$  and  $\omega$

# Check for $\mathcal{O}(a)$ improvement of the pion mass

1. Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{chiral}} \longrightarrow$  potential Energy  $\mathcal{V}_{\text{chiral}}$
2. Find ground state  $\Sigma_0 = e^{i\phi\tau_3}$  by  $\frac{d\mathcal{V}_{\text{chiral}}}{d\phi} = 0$
3. Expand around  $\Sigma_0$  and find  $M_\pi^2$  ( to LO )
4. Express  $M_\pi^2$  in terms of the twist angle  $\omega$  corresponding to the lattice theory
5. Go to  $\omega = \frac{\pi}{2}$  and check for  $\mathcal{O}(a)$

$$m_{\pi_a}^2 = \frac{2Bm + 2W_0a}{\cos \phi} - 2c_2a^2$$

$$m = m' \cos w$$

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# Definition of Frezotti / Rossi

Definition of  $\omega$  : Lattice theory

$$(m_0 - M_{\text{cr}}(r))e^{i\omega\tau_3\gamma_5}$$

Effective theory

$$\tan \omega = \frac{2Bm_L \sin \omega_L}{2Bm_L \cos \omega_L + 2W_0a - 2c_2a^2}$$

For  $\omega = \pi/2$  ( $\mu := m_L \sin \omega_L$ )

1.  $2B\mu \geq \mathcal{O}(a)$   $\Rightarrow$

$$m_{\pi_a}^2 = 2B\mu$$

$$m_{\pi_3}^2 - m_{\pi_a}^2 = 2c_2a^2$$

2.  $2B\mu \ll 2c_2a^2$   $\Rightarrow$

$$m_{\pi_a}^2 = (c_2a^2)^{1/3} (2B\mu)^{2/3}$$

$$m_{\pi_3}^2 - m_{\pi_a}^2 = 2(c_2a^2)^{1/3} (2B\mu)^{2/3}$$

$\mathcal{O}(a)$  improvement only in case 1

# Alternative definition for the twist

Definition of  $\omega$  :

Lattice theory

$$\left( m_0 - \frac{M_{\text{cr}}(r) - M_{\text{cr}}(-r)}{2} \right) e^{i\omega\tau_3}$$

Effective theory

$$\tan \omega = \frac{2Bm_L \sin \omega_L}{2Bm_L \cos \omega_L + 2W_0 a}$$

For  $\omega = \pi/2$  ( $\mu := m_L \sin \omega_L$ )

Without restrictions on  $2B\mu \Rightarrow$

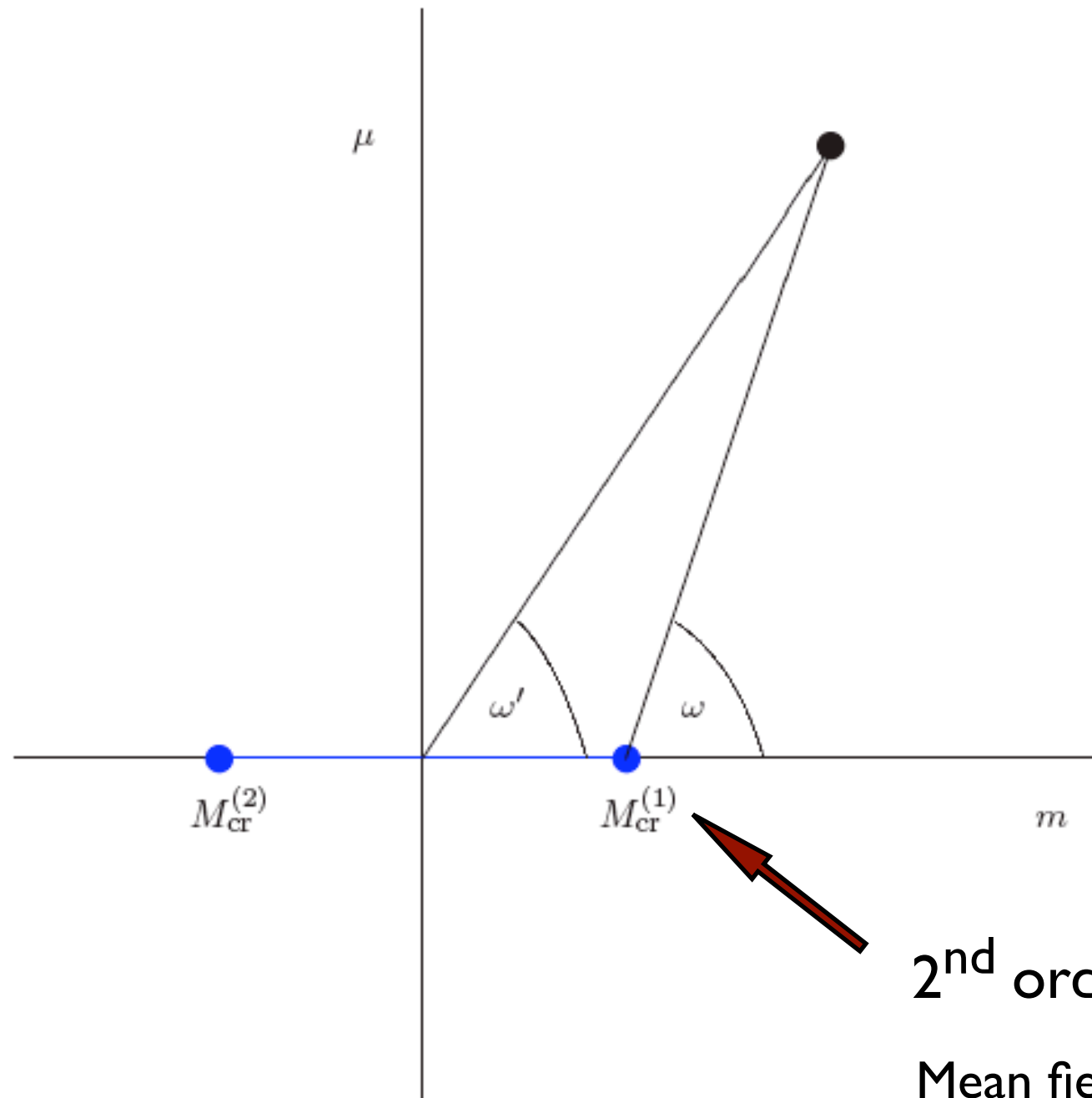
$$m_{\pi_a}^2 = 2B\mu$$

$$m_{\pi_3}^2 - m_{\pi_a}^2 = 2c_2 a^2$$

Automatic  $\mathcal{O}(a)$  improvement irrespective of the size of  $\mu$  !

Note:

$$m_{\pi_3} = \sqrt{2c_2} a = \mathcal{O}(a) \text{ at } \mu = 0$$



$\omega$  : Frezzotti / Rossi

$\omega'$  : Alternative definition

# Twist angle from Ward identities

In continuum tmQCD:  $\tan \omega_{\text{WT}} = \frac{\langle \partial_\mu V_\mu^2 P^1 \rangle}{\langle \partial_\mu A_\mu^1 P^1 \rangle}$

Vector and Axial vector WT identities:

$$\partial_\mu V_\mu^a = -2\mu \epsilon^{3ab} P^b$$
$$\partial_\mu A_\mu^a = 2m P^a + 2i\mu S^0 \delta_{a3}$$

$\Rightarrow \tan \omega_{\text{WT}} = \frac{\mu}{m}$

# $\omega_{\text{WT}}$ in the effective theory

I. Maximal twist of Frezzotti / Rossi :

$$\text{For } 2B\mu \ll 2c_2a^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tan \omega_{\text{WT}} \simeq \left( \frac{2B\mu}{2c_2a^2} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \omega_{\text{WT}} \neq \pi/2 \quad (\omega_{\text{WT}} = 0 \text{ for } \mu = 0)$$

2. Alternative definition :

$$\tan \omega_{\text{WT}} = \infty$$

$$\omega_{\text{WT}} = \pi/2 = \omega$$

# Part 3: Alternative Scenario ( $c_2 < 0$ )

$$\mu = 0$$

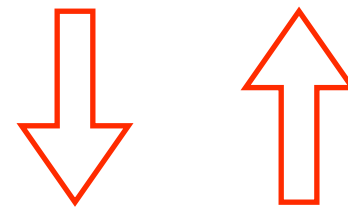
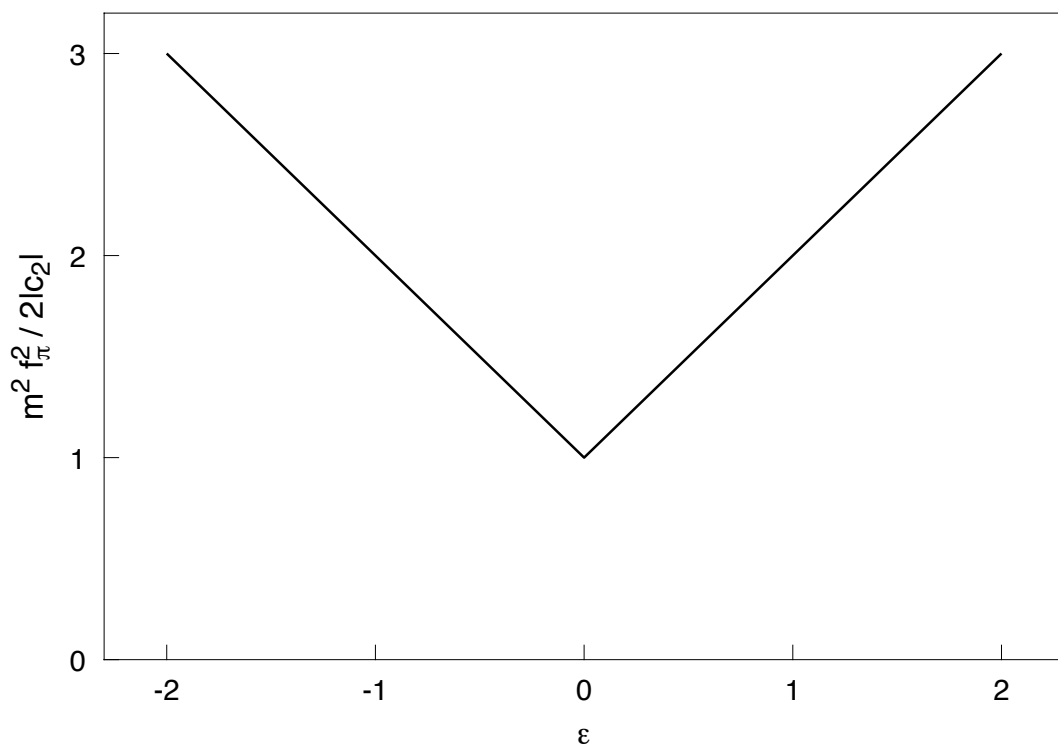
- Vacuum  $\cos \phi = \begin{cases} 1 & c_1 > 0 \\ -1 & c_1 < 0 \end{cases} \quad c_1 := 2Bm + 2W_0a$

- Pion mass  $m_{\pi_3}^2 = m_{\pi_a}^2 = |c_1| - 2c_2a^2$

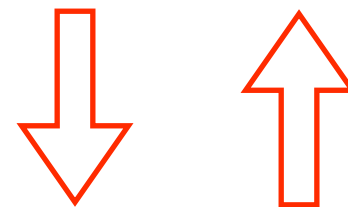
- AWI quark mass  $m_{\text{AWI}} \propto \begin{cases} m_{\pi}^2 & c_1 > 0 \\ -m_{\pi}^2 & c_1 < 0 \end{cases}$

➔ No massless point (Minimum:  $m_{\pi}^2 = -2c_2a^2$ ) ➔ No  $M_{\text{cr}}$

Sharpe, Singleton '98



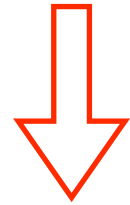
No Flavor-Parity breaking phase



No zero modes for Wilson-Dirac operator

$$\mu \neq 0$$

Define  $M_{\text{cr}} \Leftrightarrow c_1 = 2Bm + 2W_0a = 0$



Maximal twist  $c_1 = 0, \mu \neq 0$

- Vacuum  $\cos \phi = \begin{cases} \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{(2B\mu)^2}{(2c_2a)^2}} & |2B\mu| < -2c_2a^2 & c_1 \rightarrow 0^\pm \\ 0 & |2B\mu| \geq -2c_2a^2 & \forall c_1 \end{cases}$

- Twist angle from WTI

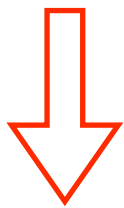
$$\tan w_{\text{WT}} = \begin{cases} \pm \frac{2B\mu}{-2c_2a^2} & |2B\mu| < -2c_2a^2 & c_1 \rightarrow 0^\pm \\ \pm \infty & |2B\mu| \geq -2c_2a^2 & \pm |\mu| \end{cases}$$

Twist angle becomes maximal ( $w_{\text{WT}} = \pm\pi/2$ ) only for  $|2B\mu| \geq -2c_2a^2$

- Pion mass

$$m_{\pi_a}^2 = \begin{cases} -2c_2 a^2 & |2B\mu| < -2c_2 a^2 \\ |2B\mu| & |2B\mu| \geq -2c_2 a^2 \end{cases}$$

$$m_{\pi_3}^2 = \begin{cases} -2c_2 a^2 \left( 1 - \frac{(2B\mu)^2}{(2c_2 a^2)^2} \right) & |2B\mu| < -2c_2 a^2 \\ 0 & |2B\mu| = -2c_2 a^2 \\ |2B\mu| + 2c_2 a^2 & |2B\mu| > -2c_2 a^2 \end{cases}$$



$$m_{\pi_3}^2 < m_{\pi_a}^2$$



# Summary

- Twisted mass QCD can be automatically  $O(a)$  improved at max. twist
- Tricky: Definition of the proper twist angle
- Definition of Frezzotti / Rossi works only for  $m \gg a^2$
- Alternative definition can be given that ensures  $O(a)$  improvement without restrictions on the quark mass
- $O(a)$  improvement can be explicitly demonstrated for the pion mass in ChPT at non-zero lattice spacing
- Physics at  $c_2 < 0$  is different from the one at  $c_2 > 0$ 
  - No massless pion
  - No critical quark mass
  - No zero mode