

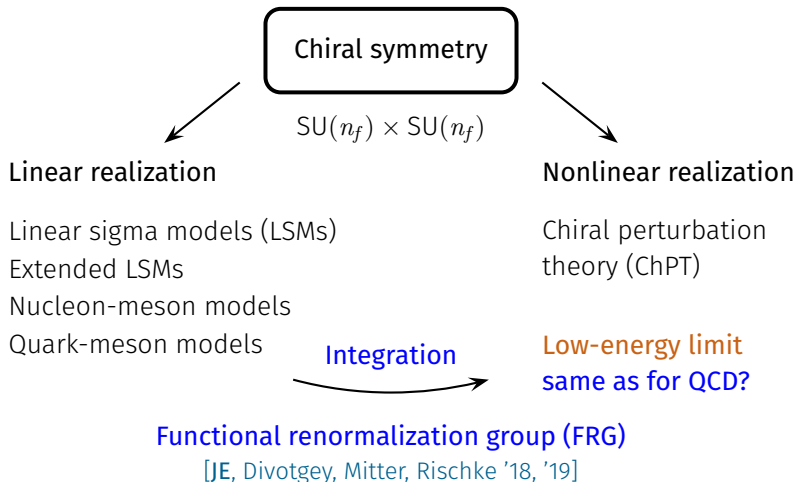
# Linear and nonlinear realizations of chiral symmetry

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# Motivation: QCD at low energies



Symmetry realizations: [Weinberg '68; Callan, Coleman, Wess, Zumino '69]

## Synergies with the (nuclear) EOS

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# Validity of (hybrid) microscopic calculations

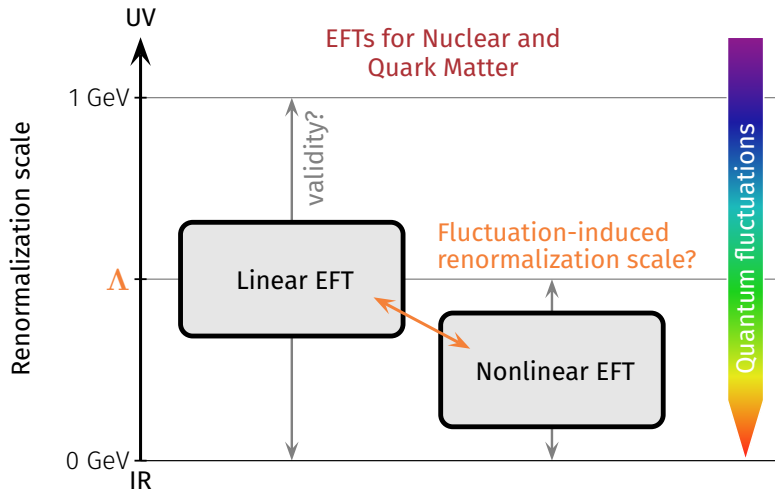


Figure 1: Hierarchy of effective field theories (EFTs); adapted from [Weise '18].

## EOS scenarios: Combine symmetry realizations

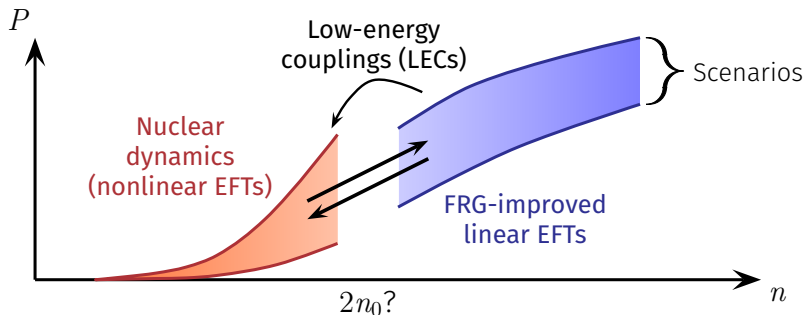


Figure 2: Sketch of the EOS; pressure  $P$  as function of the baryon density  $n$ .

# FRG-improved EFTs

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- **FRG**: Readily change degrees of freedom in **Yukawa interactions** (from quarks to nucleons and vice versa)
- Complement/assist (perturbative) EFT calculations with the computation of **LECs**
- (Qualitatively) contribute to unraveling the **nature of the EOS** at intermediate densities:
  - (a) **Transition scales** between linear and nonlinear realizations of chiral symmetry
  - (b) Compare FRG results to ChPT (chiral EFTs),  
e.g. [Baym, Braun, De, Drews, Drischler, Entem, Epelbaum, Hammer, Hebeler, Holt, Kaiser, Kojo, Krüger, Lattimer, Leonhardt, Lim, Lynn, Machleidt, Meißner, Reddy, Schallmo, Schwenk, Tews, Weise, Wellenhofer, ...]
  - (c) Focus on **higher-derivative interactions**

# Effective field theories

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# Chiral perturbation theory (ChPT)

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- **Nonlinear realization** of chiral symmetry
- Systematic analysis of **hadronic n-point functions** of QCD  
[Gasser, Leutwyler '84, '85; Leutwyler '94; ...]
- Pion interactions dominate the low-energy regime ( $n_f = 2$ )
- **Chiral expansion** contains the LECs of QCD,  
 $\{\mathcal{C}_{i,\text{ChPT}}\}, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{ChPT}} = & \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \vec{\pi})^2 - \frac{1}{2} m_\pi^2 \vec{\pi}^2 + \mathcal{C}_{1,\text{ChPT}} (\vec{\pi}^2)^2 + \mathcal{C}_{2,\text{ChPT}} \vec{\pi}^2 (\partial_\mu \vec{\pi})^2 \\ & + \mathcal{C}_{3,\text{ChPT}} (\partial_\mu \vec{\pi})^2 (\partial_\nu \vec{\pi})^2 + \mathcal{C}_{4,\text{ChPT}} (\partial_\mu \vec{\pi} \cdot \partial_\nu \vec{\pi})^2 \\ & + \mathcal{O}(\pi^6, \partial^6),\end{aligned}$$

$\vec{\pi}$ : “stereographic pions”



## SO(4) quark-meson model

- **Linear realization** of chiral symmetry  
[Schwinger '57; Gell-Mann, Lévy '60; Weinberg '67; ...]
- Two dynamical quark flavors ( $n_f = 2$ )
- **(Euclidean) action:** [Jungnickel, Wetterich '96]

$$S = \int_{\mathbb{E}^4} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma) \partial_\mu \sigma + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \vec{\pi}) \cdot \partial_\mu \vec{\pi} + V(\rho) - h_{\text{ESB}} \sigma \right. \\ \left. + \bar{\psi} (\gamma_\mu \partial_\mu + y \Phi_5) \psi \right\},$$

$$\Phi_5 = \sigma t_0 + i \gamma_5 \vec{\pi} \cdot \vec{t},$$

$$\rho = \sigma^2 + \vec{\pi}^2$$

- **Explicit** and **spontaneous** symmetry breaking implemented,

$$\text{SO}(4) \longrightarrow \text{SO}(3): \quad h_{\text{ESB}} \neq 0, \quad \sigma \rightarrow \langle \sigma \rangle + \sigma$$

- **Research objective:**

(Ab initio) generation of mesonic (and baryonic) **LECs** from quantum fluctuations (**quark-meson interactions**)

[JE, Divotgey, Mitter, Rischke '18, '19]

- **Ongoing works:**

(a) Verification of LECs via  $\pi\pi$  scattering

(b) Computation of LECs in various EFTs

(nucleon-meson, quark-meson-diquark models)

[Cichutek, Divotgey, JE, in preparation]

- **Planned projects:**

(a) Exploit synergies with (hybrid) calculations of the **(nuclear) EOS** (at nonzero temperatures and densities)

(b) Determine appropriate **renormalization scales** for pionic interactions as obtained from the FRG

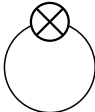
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# Functional renormalization group (FRG)

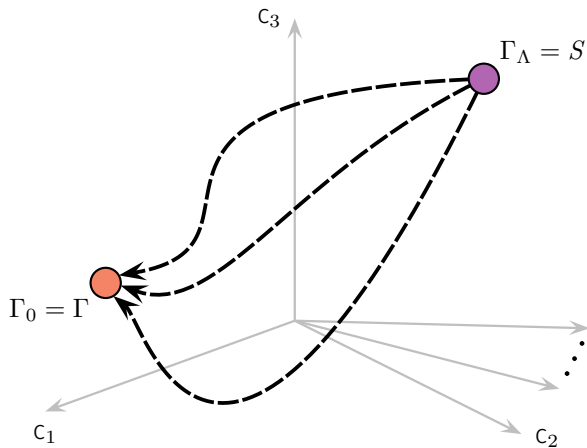
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- Implementation of the **Wilsonian RG** philosophy
- Renormalization scale( $k$ )-dependent **effective action**  $\Gamma_k$
- FRG flow equation: [Wetterich '93]

$$\partial_k \Gamma_k = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left[ \partial_k \mathcal{R}_k \left( \Gamma_k^{(2)} + \mathcal{R}_k \right)^{-1} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left[ \text{tr} \left( \text{tr} \left( \Gamma_k^{(2)} + \mathcal{R}_k \right)^{-1} \right) \right]$$
A Feynman diagram representing a tadpole loop. It consists of a circle with a cross inside, connected to a single external line that loops back to the circle.

- Regulator function  $\mathcal{R}_k$  provides correct integration limits
- **Truncations** needed for solving the flow equation
- **Nonperturbative continuum method**

## Flow in theory space



**Figure 3:** Theory space; spanned by the generic couplings  $\{c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots\}$ .

## SO(4) quark-meson model: Truncations

- **LPA (local potential approximation):** Consider scale-dependent **effective potential**  $V_k$ ,

$$\Gamma_k = \int_{\mathbb{E}^4} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma) \partial_\mu \sigma + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \vec{\pi}) \cdot \partial_\mu \vec{\pi} + V_k(\rho) - h_{\text{ESB}} \sigma + \bar{\psi} (\gamma_\mu \partial_\mu + y_k \Phi_5) \psi \right\}$$

- **LPA':** Include **wave-function renormalization**  $Z_k$ ,

$$\Gamma_k = \int_{\mathbb{E}^4} \left\{ \frac{Z_k^\sigma}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma) \partial_\mu \sigma + \frac{Z_k^\pi}{2} (\partial_\mu \vec{\pi}) \cdot \partial_\mu \vec{\pi} + V_k(\rho) - h_{\text{ESB}} \sigma + \bar{\psi} \left( Z_k^\psi \gamma_\mu \partial_\mu + y_k \Phi_5 \right) \psi \right\}$$

## Low-energy couplings

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# Higher-derivative interactions

- $\mathbb{E}^4$  field-space variable  $\varphi = (\vec{\pi}, \sigma)$
- Introduce complete sets of **higher-derivative couplings**,

$$\Gamma_k = \int_{\mathbb{E}^4} \left\{ \frac{Z_k}{2} (\partial_\mu \varphi) \cdot \partial_\mu \varphi + V_k(\rho) - h_{\text{ESB}} \sigma \right. \\ + C_{2,k} (\varphi \cdot \partial_\mu \varphi)^2 + Z_{2,k} \varphi^2 (\partial_\mu \varphi) \cdot \partial_\mu \varphi \\ - C_{3,k} [(\partial_\mu \varphi) \cdot \partial_\mu \varphi]^2 - C_{4,k} [(\partial_\mu \varphi) \cdot \partial_\nu \varphi]^2 \\ - C_{5,k} \varphi \cdot (\partial_\mu \partial_\mu \varphi) (\partial_\nu \varphi) \cdot \partial_\nu \varphi \\ - C_{6,k} \varphi^2 (\partial_\mu \partial_\nu \varphi) \cdot \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \varphi \\ - C_{7,k} (\varphi \cdot \partial_\mu \partial_\mu \varphi)^2 - C_{8,k} \varphi^2 (\partial_\mu \partial_\mu \varphi)^2 \\ \left. + \bar{\psi} \left( Z_k^\psi \gamma_\mu \partial_\mu + y_k \Phi_5 \right) \psi \right\}$$

- **Goal:** Compute IR values of all scale-dependent quantities



# Dynamical chiral symmetry breaking

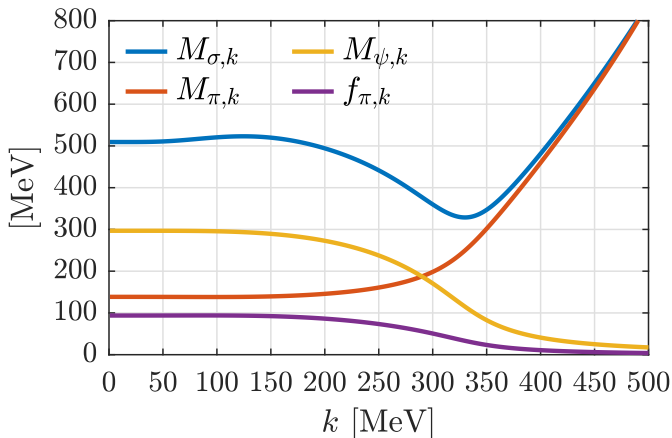


Figure 4: Scale evolution of the (renormalized) meson and quark masses as well as the pion decay constant; [Divotgey, JE, Mitter '19].

## Dynamical generation of LECs of $\mathcal{O}(\partial^2)$

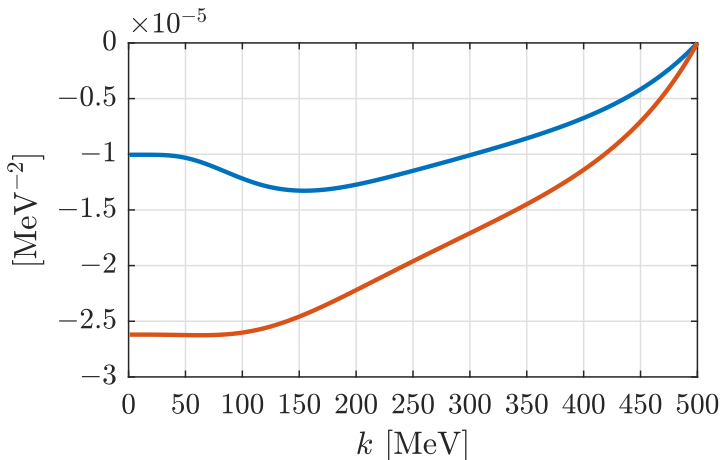


Figure 5: Scale evolution of the (renormalized) higher-derivative couplings of  $\mathcal{O}(\partial^2)$ ; [Divotgey, JE, Mitter '19].

# Dynamical generation of LECs of $\mathcal{O}(\partial^4)$

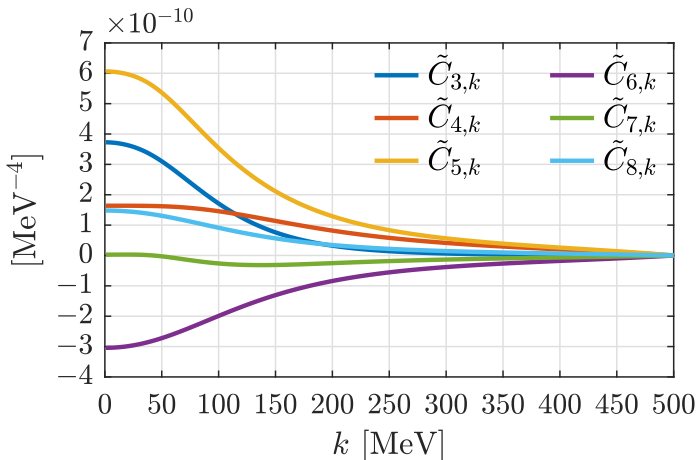
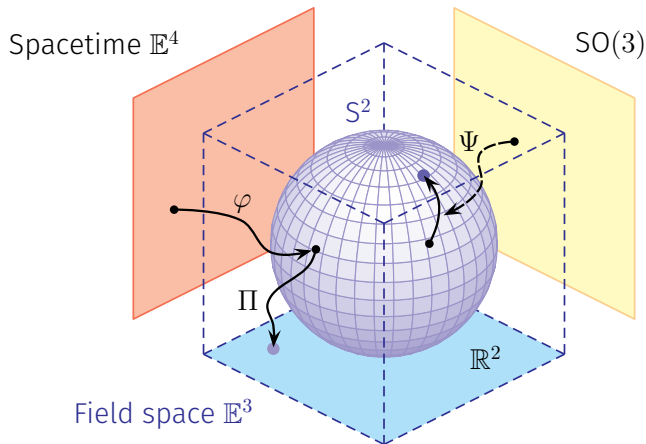


Figure 6: Scale evolution of the (renormalized) higher-derivative couplings of  $\mathcal{O}(\partial^4)$ ; [Divotgey, JE, Mitter '19].

# Vacuum manifold: Transition to nonlinear realization



**Figure 7:** Spheres as vacuum manifolds of the breaking  $SO(n+1) \rightarrow SO(n)$ ; the two-sphere ( $n=2$ ) is shown; [JE, in preparation].

## Effective pion action

- (Momentum-dependent) pion self-interactions (cf. ChPT)
- Exploit “circle condition,”  $\varphi^2 = f_\pi^2$
- (Nonlinear, stereographic) pion action ( $\tilde{\Pi}^a$ ,  $a = 1, 2, 3$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_k = \int_{\mathbb{E}^4} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left( \partial_\mu \tilde{\Pi}_a \right) \partial_\mu \tilde{\Pi}^a + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\tilde{\Pi},k}^2 \tilde{\Pi}_a \tilde{\Pi}^a - \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{1,k} \left( \tilde{\Pi}_a \tilde{\Pi}^a \right)^2 \right. \\ + \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_{2,k} \tilde{\Pi}_a \tilde{\Pi}^a \left( \partial_\mu \tilde{\Pi}_b \right) \partial_\mu \tilde{\Pi}^b \\ - \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{3,k} \left[ \left( \partial_\mu \tilde{\Pi}_a \right) \partial_\mu \tilde{\Pi}^a \right]^2 - \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{4,k} \left[ \left( \partial_\mu \tilde{\Pi}_a \right) \partial_\nu \tilde{\Pi}^a \right]^2 \\ - \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{5,k} \tilde{\Pi}_a \left( \partial_\mu \partial_\mu \tilde{\Pi}^a \right) \left( \partial_\nu \tilde{\Pi}_b \right) \partial_\nu \tilde{\Pi}^b \\ - \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{6,k} \tilde{\Pi}_a \tilde{\Pi}^a \left( \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \tilde{\Pi}_b \right) \partial_\mu \partial_\nu \tilde{\Pi}^b \\ \left. - \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{8,k} \tilde{\Pi}_a \tilde{\Pi}^a \left( \partial_\mu \partial_\mu \tilde{\Pi}_b \right) \partial_\nu \partial_\nu \tilde{\Pi}^b \right\}\end{aligned}$$

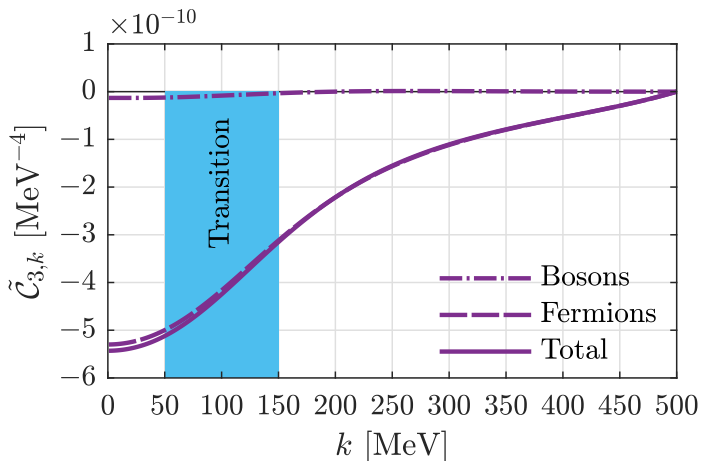
- Renormalized pion mass:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\Pi,k}^2 = \frac{\tilde{h}_{\text{ESB}}}{f_\pi}, \quad \tilde{h}_{\text{ESB}} = \frac{h_{\text{ESB}}}{\sqrt{Z_k^\pi}}$$

- Nonlinear LECs** as linear combinations of linear LECs,

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{1,k} &= \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\Pi,k}^2}{8f_\pi^2}, & \tilde{\mathcal{Z}}_{2,k} &= -\frac{1}{4f_\pi^2}, \\ \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{3,k} &= \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{3,k} - \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{5,k} + \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{7,k} + 2\left(\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{6,k} + \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{8,k}\right), \\ \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{4,k} &= \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{4,k}, & \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{5,k} &= 2\left(\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{6,k} + \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{8,k}\right), \\ \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{6,k} &= -\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{6,k} - \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{8,k}, & \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{8,k} &= \frac{1}{2}\left(\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{6,k} + \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{8,k}\right)\end{aligned}$$

## Mapping onto the nonlinear effective action



**Figure 8:** Scale evolution of the nonlinear LEC  $\tilde{C}_{3,k}$ ; dominance of fermion fluctuations, which decouple below 50-150 MeV; [Divotgey, JE, Mitter '19].

## Summary

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## Conclusions:

- Fluctuation dynamics strongly **dominated** by fermionic loops
- **Renormalization scales** of 50-150 MeV for the purely pionic effective action as obtained from the **FRG**

## Outlook:

- Compute  $\pi\pi$  scattering lengths
- Determine LECs from quark-gluon fluctuations
- Confront the FRG calculation with ChPT (chiral EFTs); compatibility analysis of **renormalization schemes**

Backup

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## Summary of numerical results

- LECs evaluated at  $k_{\text{IR}} = 1$  MeV: [Divotgey, JE, Mitter '19]

Linear model		Nonlinear model	
$\tilde{C}_2 [1/f_\pi^2] \times 10$	-0.88	...	
$\tilde{Z}_2 [1/f_\pi^2] \times 10$	-2.30	$\tilde{Z}_2 [1/f_\pi^2] \times 10$	-2.50
$\tilde{C}_3 [1/f_\pi^4] \times 10^2$	2.88	$\tilde{C}_3 [1/f_\pi^4] \times 10^2$	-4.20
$\tilde{C}_4 [1/f_\pi^4] \times 10^2$	1.27	$\tilde{C}_4 [1/f_\pi^4] \times 10^2$	1.27
$\tilde{C}_5 [1/f_\pi^4] \times 10^2$	4.69	$\tilde{C}_5 [1/f_\pi^4] \times 10^2$	-2.41
$\tilde{C}_6 [1/f_\pi^4] \times 10^2$	-2.35	$\tilde{C}_6 [1/f_\pi^4] \times 10^2$	1.21
$\tilde{C}_7 [1/f_\pi^4] \times 10^2$	0.02	...	
$\tilde{C}_8 [1/f_\pi^4] \times 10^2$	1.14	$\tilde{C}_8 [1/f_\pi^4] \times 10^2$	-0.60

- $\tilde{C}_{1,k_{\text{IR}}} = 0.27$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{\text{II},k_{\text{IR}}} = 138.5$  MeV