

Good LO Hunting

— Chiral EFT for Nuclear Forces

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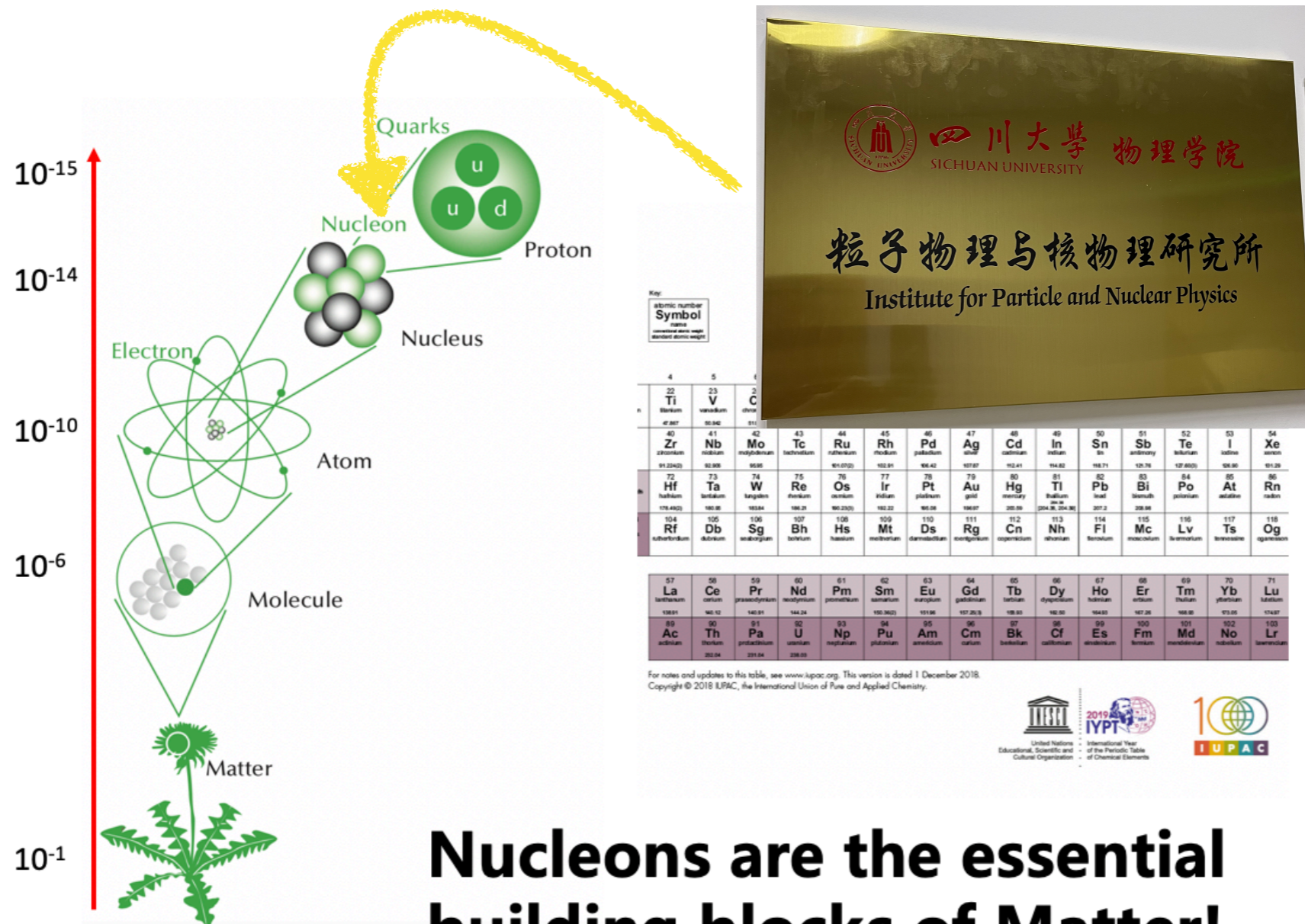
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Outline

- From chiral Lagrangian to nuclear forces
- Simplifying EFT nuclear forces:
 - Towards perturbative-pion interaction: Why and How?

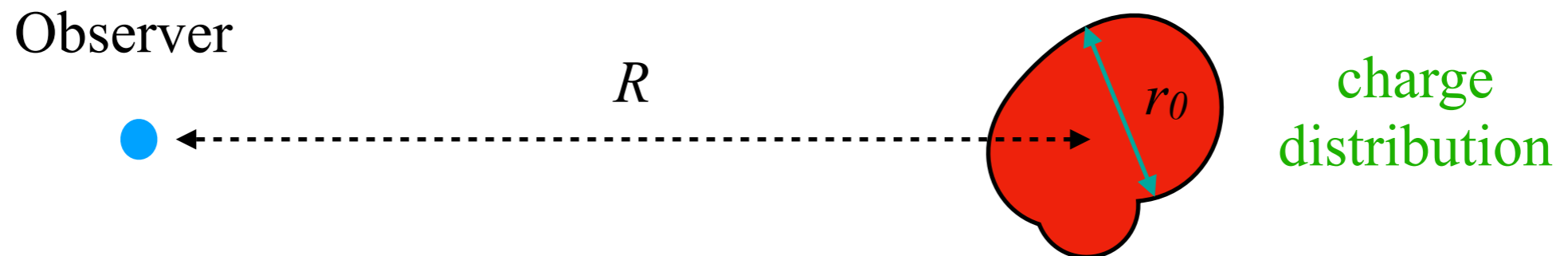
粒子物理与核物理结合，大有可为



Nucleons are the essential building blocks of Matter!

Multipole expansion

A classical example of EFT



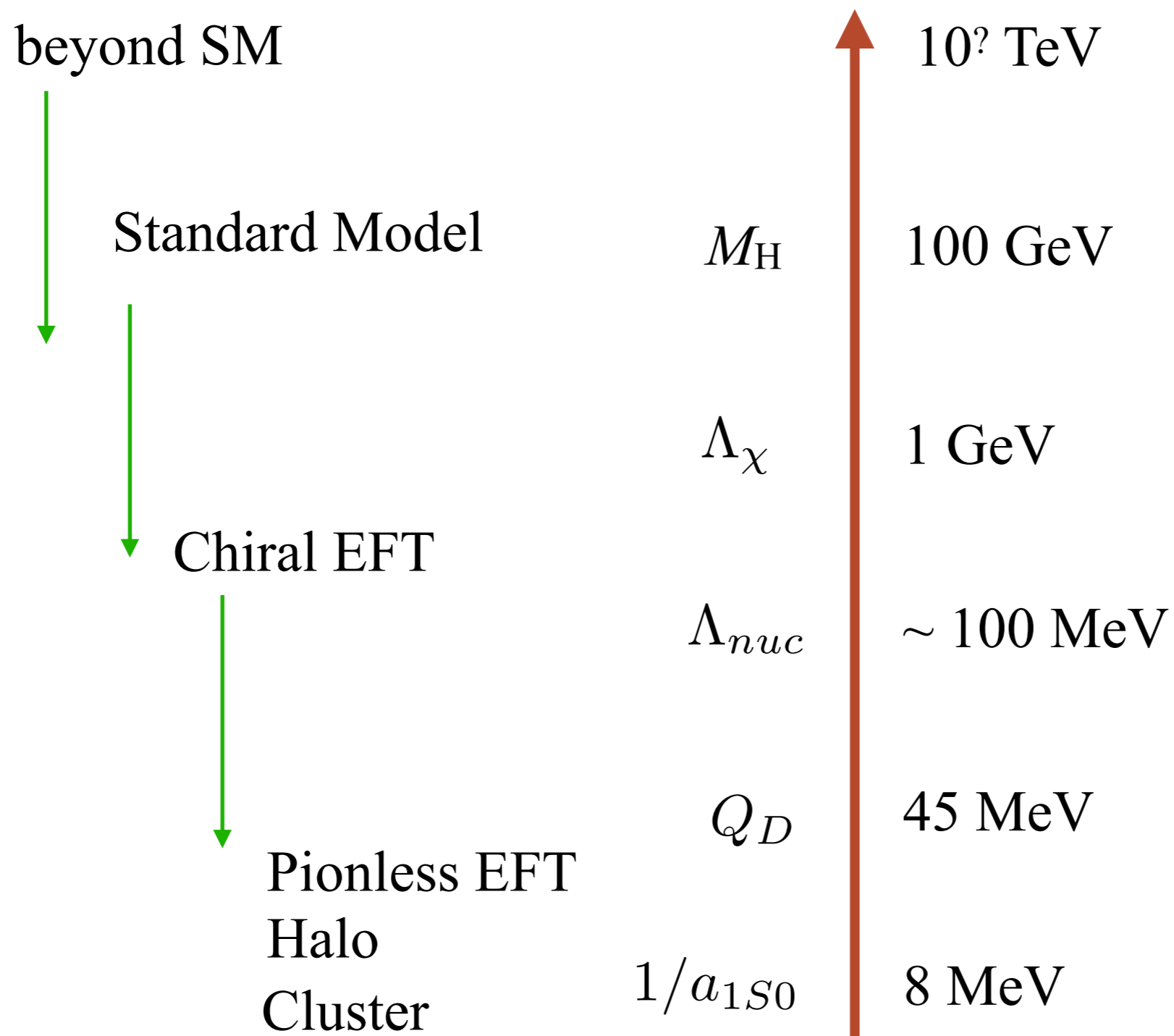
- Separation of scales: $R \gg r_0$
- Controlled approximation, able to estimate uncertainty

$$V = \frac{q}{R} + \frac{d_i R_i}{R^3} + \frac{Q_{ij} R_i R_j}{R^5} + \dots$$

- Naturalness $|d_i| \sim q r_0$ $|Q_{ij}| \sim q r_0^2 \Rightarrow$ power counting based on naive dim. analysis (NDA)
- What if it is a rod?
Slow convergence of a regular PC \Rightarrow possible fine-tuning \Rightarrow change PC

Hierarchy of EFTs

Momentum / Energy



Relay: from quarks & gluons to Uranium

Low-energy constants



Chiral EFTs

Lattice QCD

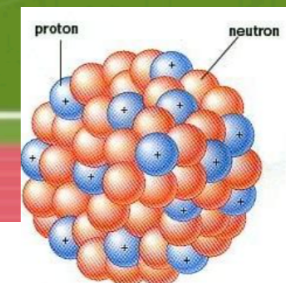
${}^2\text{H}$ & ${}^3\text{H}$

A: number of nucleons \uparrow

Light nuclei :
 $A = 4 \sim 12$

Cluster/Halo EFTs/Other EFTs

Many-body methods



QCD → Chiral Lagrangian

External sources: v, a, s, p_s

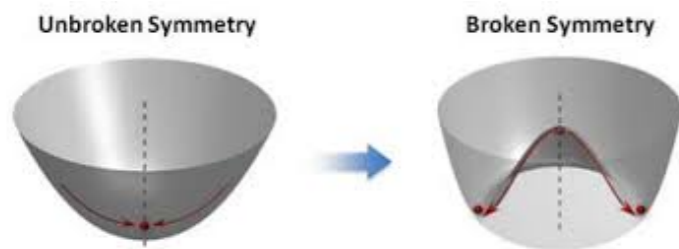
$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \bar{q}_R i \gamma_\mu D^\mu q_R + \bar{q}_L i \gamma_\mu D^\mu q_L - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu} + \bar{q} \gamma^\mu (v_\mu + \gamma_5 a_\mu) q - \bar{q} (s - i \gamma_5 p_s) q + \dots$$

$$r_\mu = v_\mu + a_\mu = -eQ A_\mu,$$

$$l_\mu = v_\mu - a_\mu = -eQ A_\mu - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} (W_\mu^\dagger T_+ + h.c.),$$

$$s = \mathcal{M} \equiv \text{diag}(m_q, m_q),$$

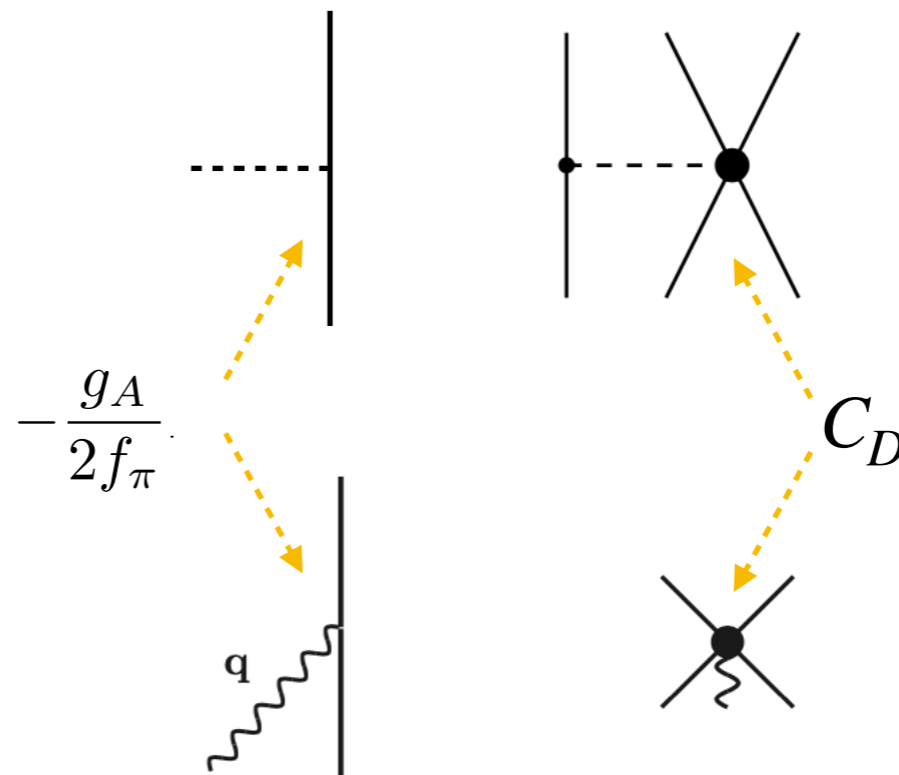
$$p_s = 0.$$



nonlinear realization

CCWZ; Weinberg; ...

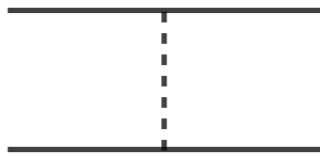
Constraints by chiral symmetry



Wavy lines: axial currents

Potential diagrams

- One-pion exchange



$$V_{1\pi}(\vec{r}) = \frac{m_\pi^3}{12\pi} \left(\frac{g_A}{2f_\pi} \right)^2 \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 [T(r)S_{12} + Y(r)\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2]$$

Tensor F

$$S_{12} = 3(\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \hat{r})(\vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \hat{r}) - \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2$$

- Tensor force dominant

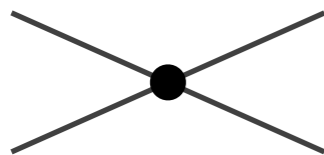
$$T(r) = \frac{e^{-m_\pi r}}{m_\pi r} \left[1 + \frac{3}{m_\pi r} + \frac{3}{(m_\pi r)^2} \right]$$

$$r = m_\pi^{-1} : \frac{\langle {}^3S_1 | \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \hat{S}_{12} T(1) | {}^3D_1 \rangle}{\langle {}^1S_0 | \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 Y(1) | {}^1S_0 \rangle} = 14\sqrt{2},$$

$$Y(r) = \frac{e^{-m_\pi r}}{m_\pi r}$$

- Many contact terms parametrizing NN short-range forces, e.g.,

$$V_{1S0} = c_0^{1S0} + c_2^{1S0}(p^2 + p'^2) + \dots$$



$$V_{3P0} = c_0^{3P0} pp' + \dots$$

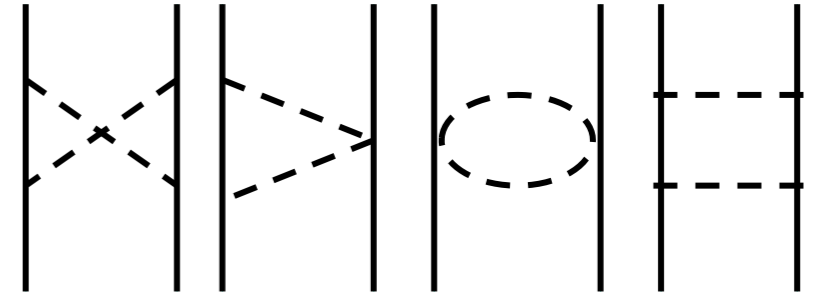
- For $Q \ll m_\pi \longrightarrow$ pionless EFT w/ only contact interactions

Power counting for loops (HBChPT)

- Nucleon propagator — $1/Q$ or m_N/Q^2 $\frac{i}{p_0 - \frac{p^2}{2m_N}}$

- Pion propagator — $1/Q^2$ $\frac{i}{k_0^2 - \vec{k}^2 - m_\pi^2}$ $Q \sim m_\pi$

- Loop integral — $Q^4/(16\pi^2)$ $\int \frac{d^4l}{(2\pi)^4}$



- Vertex with v derivatives — Q^v $-\frac{g_A}{2f_\pi} N^\dagger \tau_a \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \pi_a N$

- A pion loop brings a suppression factor of $\left(\frac{Q}{4\pi f_\pi}\right)^2$

NN potentials from ChEFT

- Contact forces doing heavy lifting

24 contact terms
in NDA up to Q^4

NDA = naive dim. analysis

van Kolck et al. '92

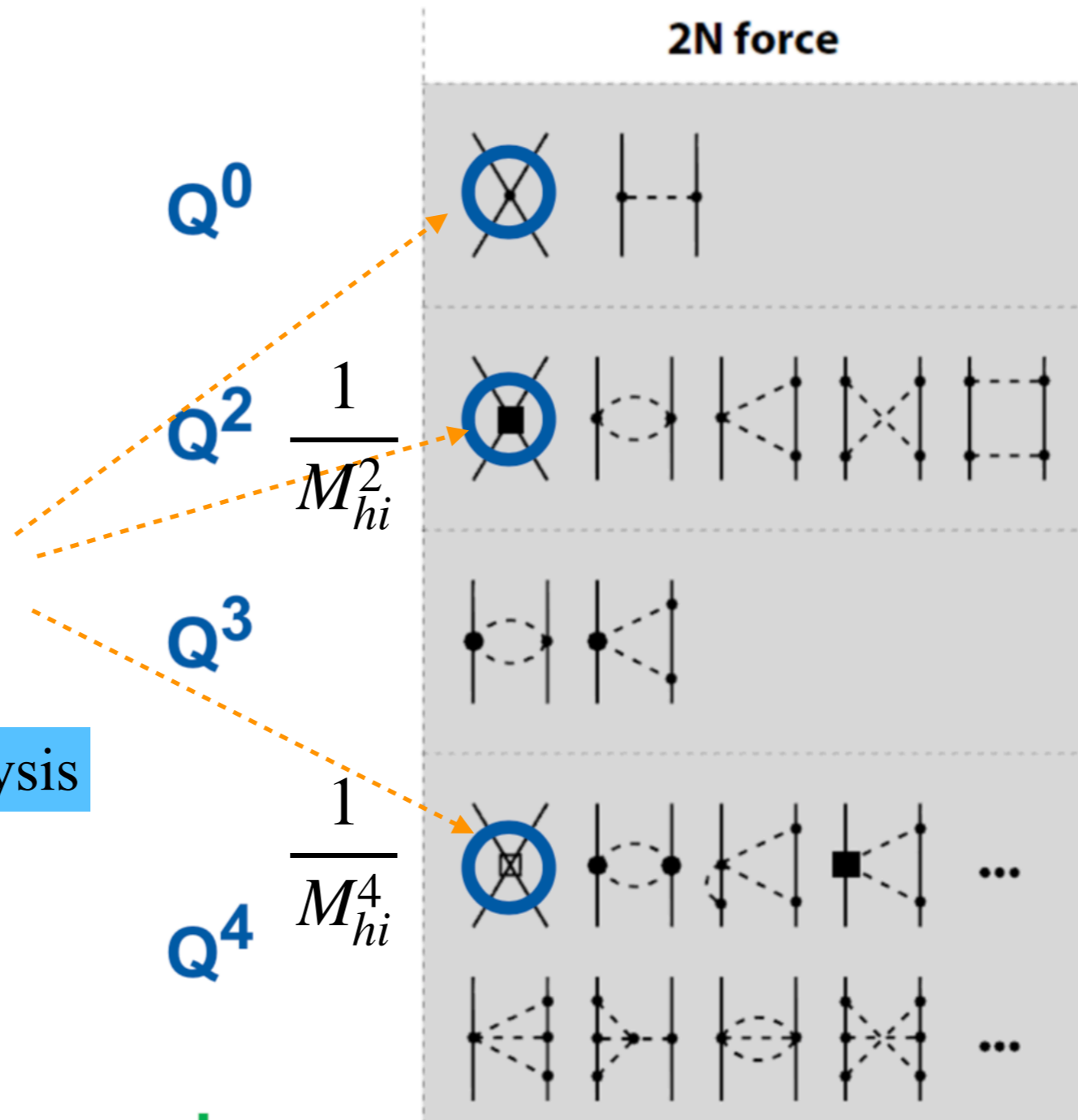
Entem & Machleidt '03

Epelbaum et al. '99

Pastore, Piarulli, et al. '09

Ekstrom, et al. '13

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To promote, or not to promote ?

Strength of OPE

Typical size of external momenta: $Q \sim m_\pi$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \end{array} \sim \frac{1}{f_\pi^2} \frac{Q^2}{m_\pi^2 + Q^2} \sim \frac{1}{f_\pi^2} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \end{array} \sim \frac{1}{f_\pi^2} \frac{m_N}{4\pi f_\pi} \frac{Q}{a_l f_\pi}$$

NN reducible

- Focus on loop momenta \sim external momenta Q
- Pion line or photon line $\sim 1/Q^2$, nucleon line in **irreducible** diagrams $\sim 1/Q$
- Nucleon line in **reducible** diagrams $\sim m_N/Q^2$
 \Rightarrow Explain why we solve the Schrodinger eqn
 \Rightarrow Explain why nuclei bound
- Strength of OPE $\sim a_l f_\pi$ (numerical factor $a_l \sim 1$ for small l , $a_l \gg 1$ for large l by centrifugal suppression)

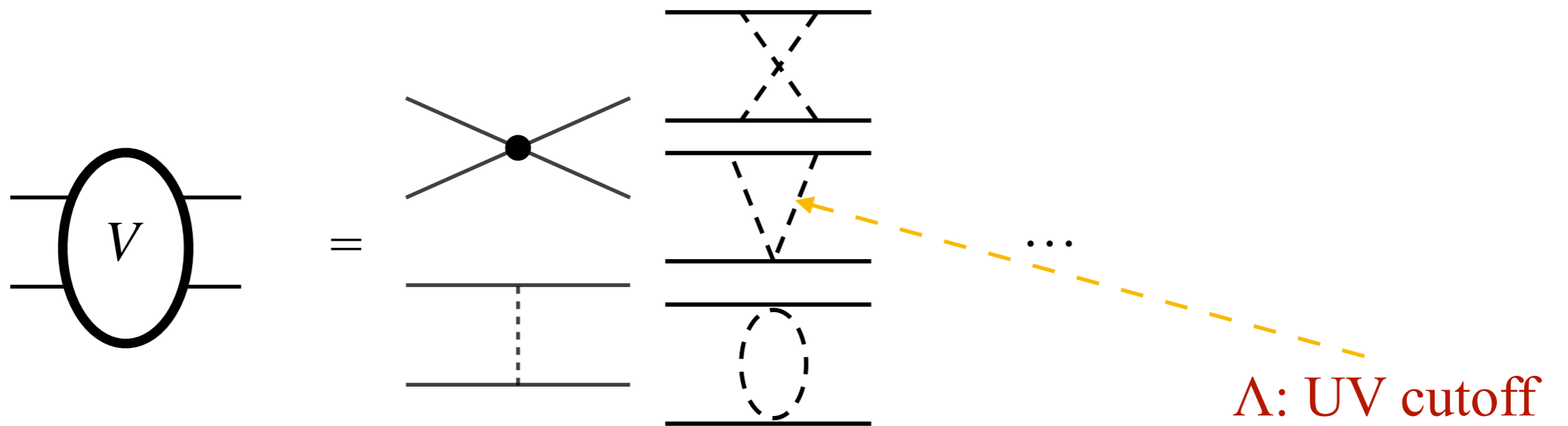
Power counting: short-range physics



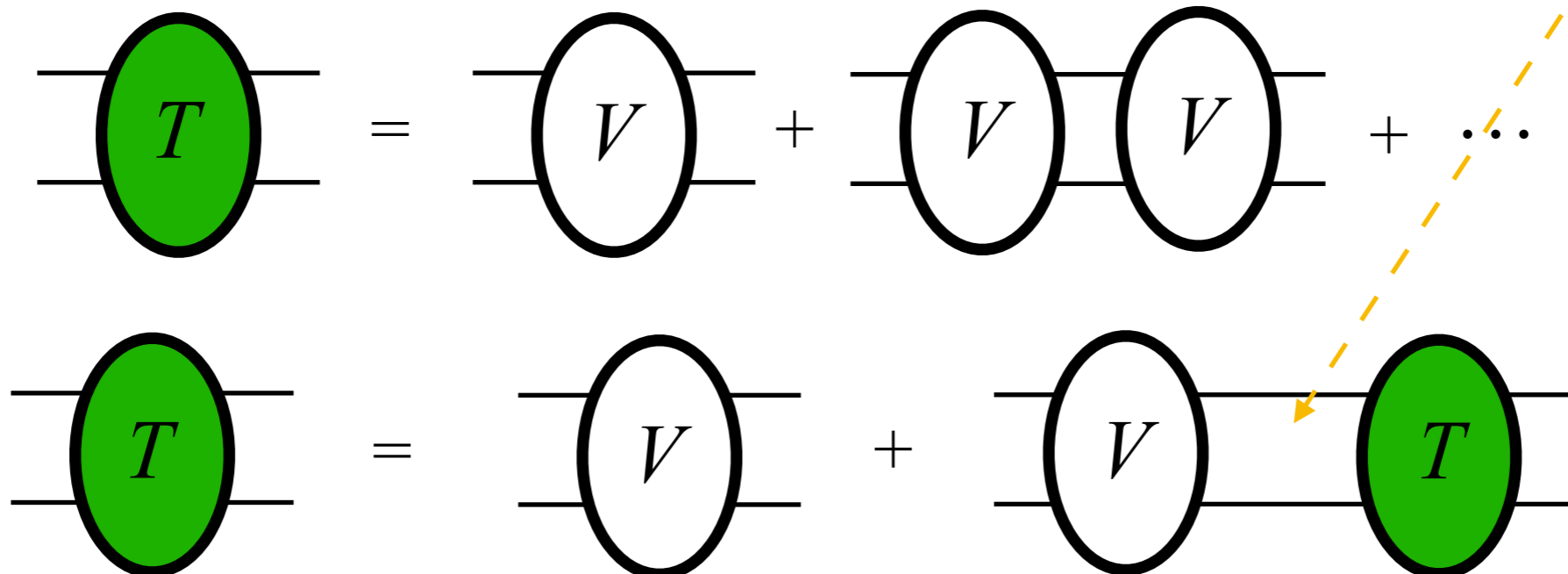
- Strength of OPE $a_l f_\pi$ may have impact on contacts through renormalization
- Coexistence of $a_l f_\pi$ and M_{hi} makes NDA no longer reliable
- Operators gaining large anomalous dimension through nuclear dynamics \rightarrow “irrelevant” operators become relevant

UV cutoff

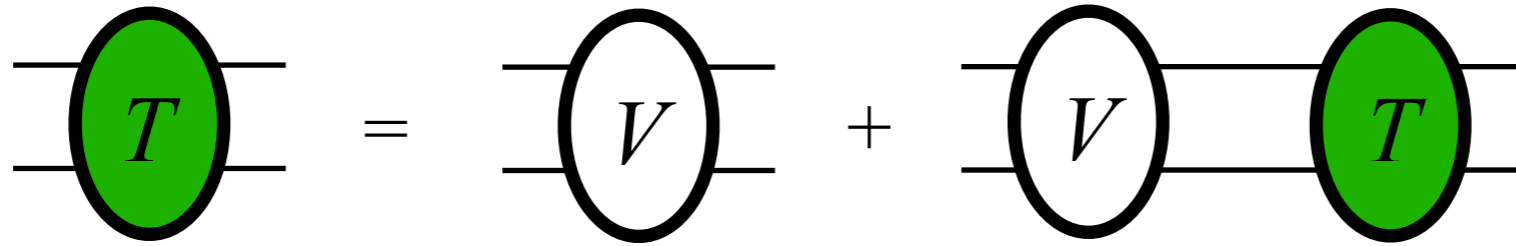
- “ NN Potential”: two-nucleon irreducible diagrams



- Lippmann-Schwinger eqn (equivalent to Schrodinger eqn)



Lippmann-Schwinger equation



$$T(\vec{p}', \vec{p}) = V(\vec{p}', \vec{p}) + \int \frac{d^3 l}{(2\pi)^3} V(\vec{p}', \vec{l}) \frac{T(\vec{l}, \vec{p})}{E - \vec{l}^2/m_N + i\epsilon}$$

- Nucleons only propagate “forward”, so l_0 can be integrated out
Otherwise, antifermion-fermion pairs make this a many-body problem
- $p \ll m_N$, relativistic corrections added as perturbations
- $A = 3, 4 \dots$ nonrelativistic few-body diagrams similarly resummed
- Regularized by UV cutoffs, numerically solved

Renormalization group and power counting

- Power counting of subleading pot. = how (ir)relevant they are in Wilson's RG

$$\frac{\Lambda}{T^{(\nu)}(Q, \Lambda)} \frac{dT^{(\nu)}(Q, \Lambda)}{d\Lambda} = \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{Q^{\nu+1}}{M_{hi}^\nu \Lambda} \right)$$

- Program 1: Explicitly solving RG equation \rightarrow PC of contacts

Birse et al. '99

Pavon Valderrama & Phillips '15

- Program 2: Speculating a PC and testing it against cutoff indep
 \rightarrow one possible solution of RGE, thus an acceptable PC

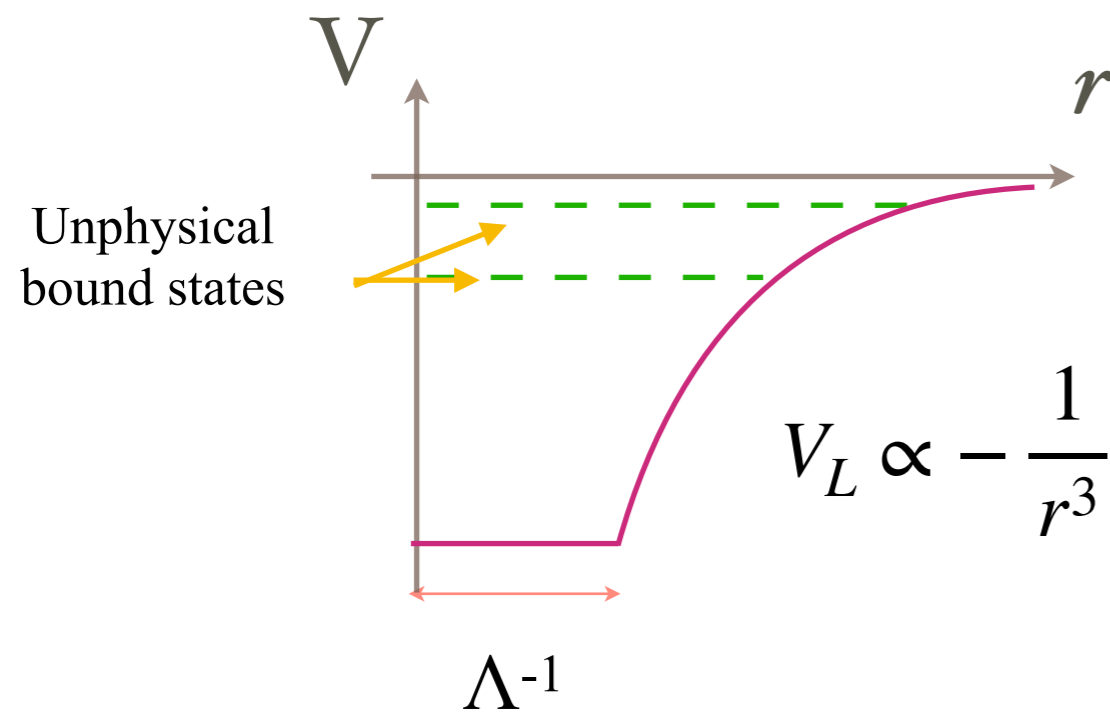
Renormalizing singular attraction

Beane et al '01

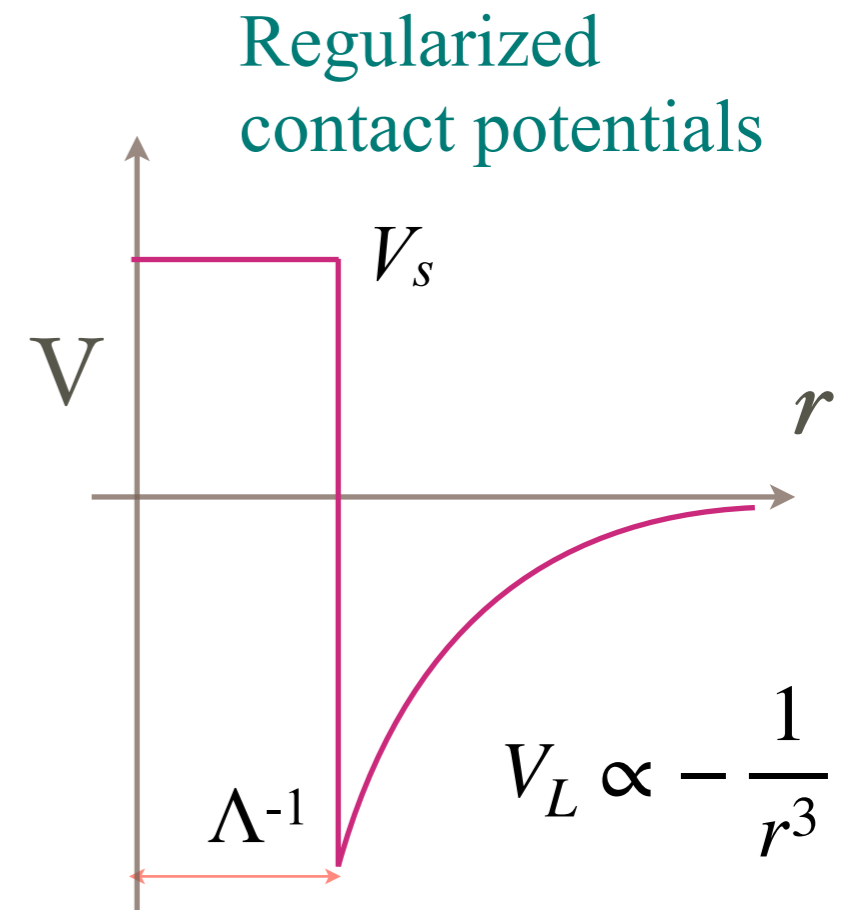
Pavon Valderrama & Ruiz Arriola '05, '07

Nogga et al '05

BwL & van Kolck '07



Modify PC

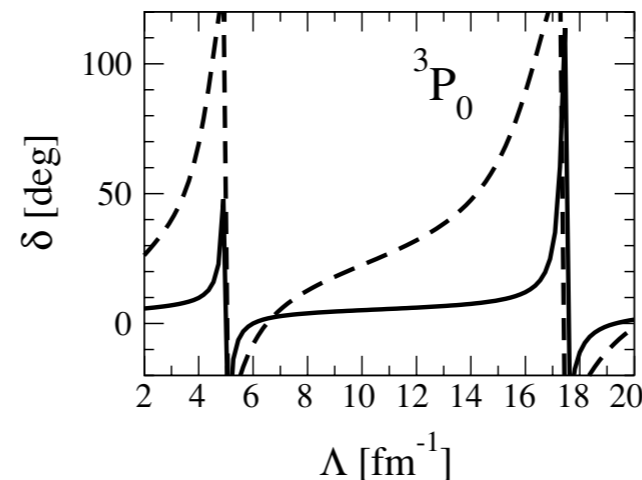


Renormalizing singular attraction

Nogga, Timmerman & van Kolck (2005)

- Manifestation via cutoff dependence

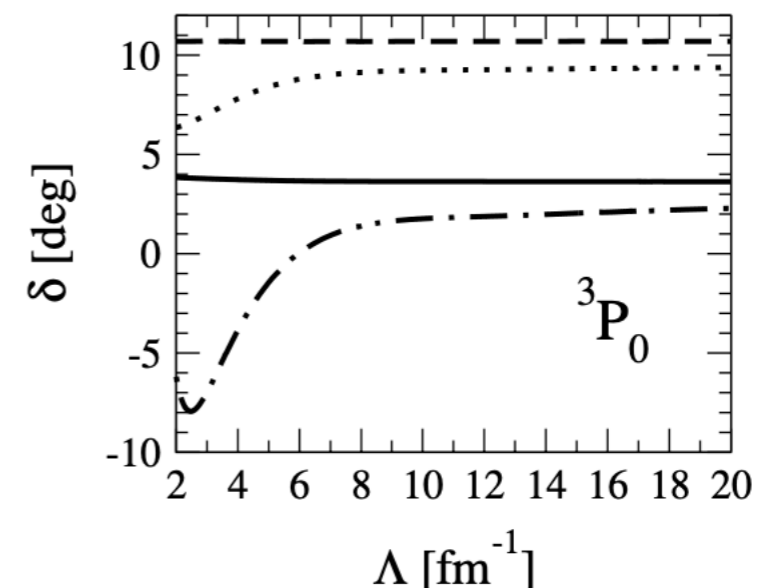
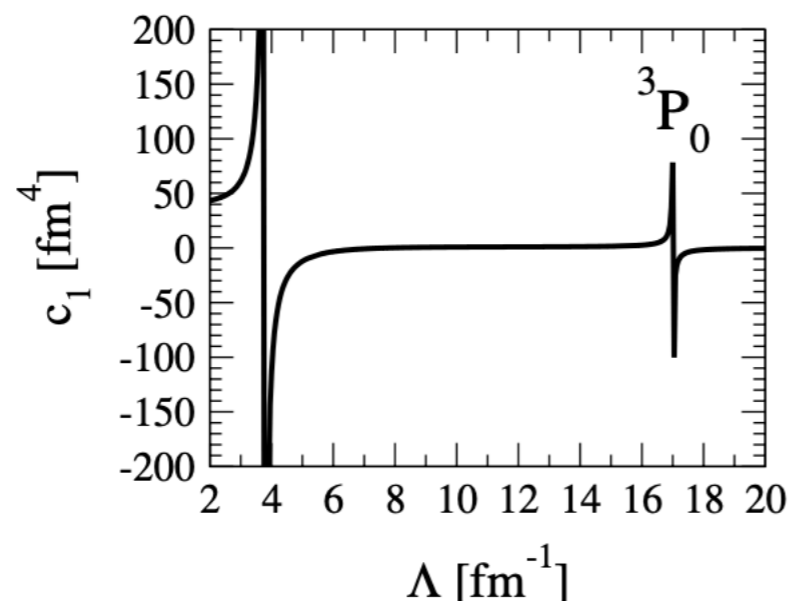
Phase shifts vs. Λ :



Solid: $T_{lab} = 10$ MeV, dashed: 50 MeV

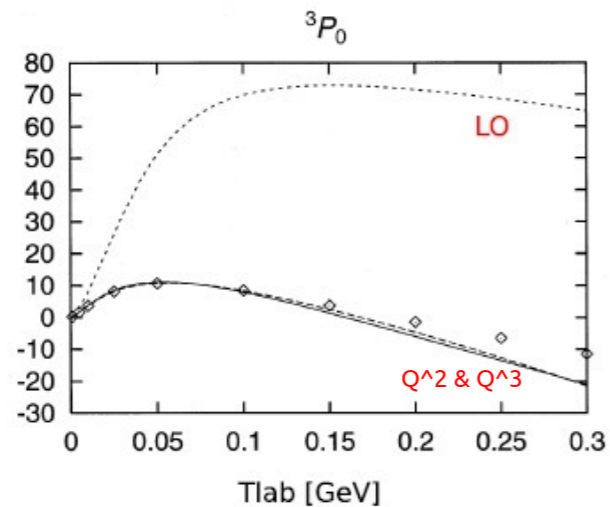
- Solution: change power counting

$$C_{3P0} \vec{p} \cdot \vec{p}' \sim \frac{Q^2}{m_{hi}^2} \xrightarrow{\text{promote}} C_{3P0} \vec{p} \cdot \vec{p}' \sim \frac{Q^2}{m_{lo}^2}$$

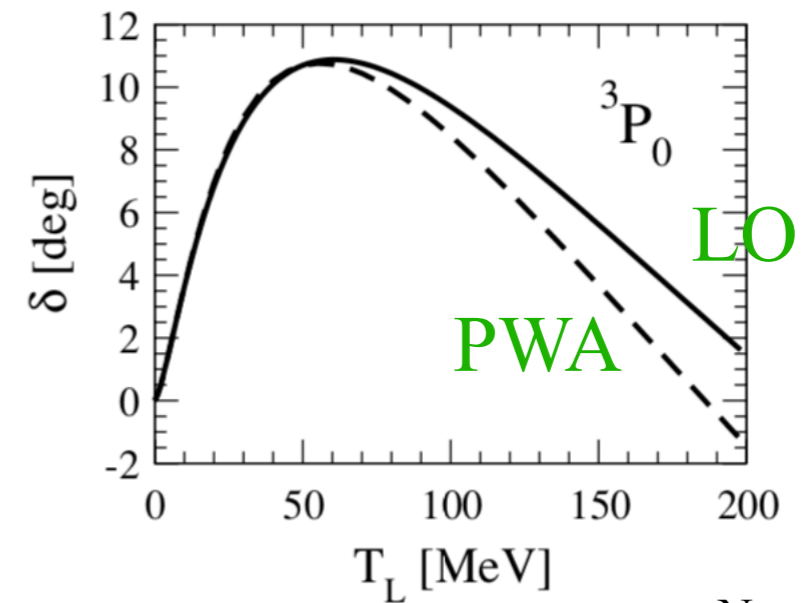


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Epelbaum et al, NPA 671, 295



Nogga et al ('05)

Can we simplify these nuclear
interactions?

A motivation: Wigner SU(4) symmetry

- **Approximate** SU(4) invariance of nuclear forces

$$\begin{pmatrix} p \uparrow \\ p \downarrow \\ n \uparrow \\ n \downarrow \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{SU(4) transformation}$$

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On the Consequences of the Symmetry of the Nuclear Hamiltonian
on the Spectroscopy of Nuclei

E. WIGNER*
Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey
(Received October 23, 1936)

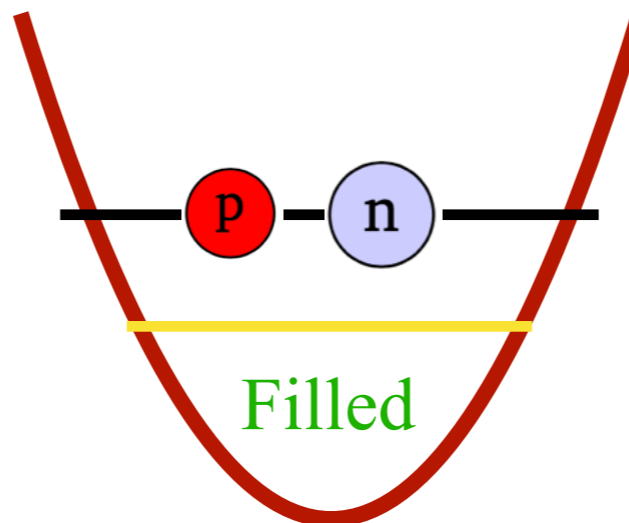
- Interactions between NN pairs : $(S = 0, T = 1) \approx (S = 1, T = 0)$

2-body: $a_{1S0} \simeq -20 \text{ fm}$; $a_{3S1} \simeq 5 \text{ fm}$

$$\frac{1}{-1/a + \frac{r}{2}k^2 + \dots - ik}$$

Approximate degenerate
states of nuclei:

^4He , ^{12}C , ^{16}O , etc. can be
viewed as alpha clusters



Wigner symmetry via Chiral EFT?

- OPE tensor force breaks SU(4), badly

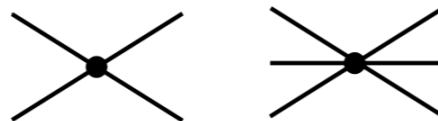
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- But, SU(4) can implemented in pionless EFT by letting C_T to be perturbation



$$-\frac{1}{2}C_S(N^\dagger N)^2 - \frac{1}{2}C_T(N^\dagger \vec{\sigma} N)^2 \quad -h_0(N^\dagger N)^3$$

Success of pionless-like interactions

- Microscopic explanation for recent pionless-like (short-ranged) structure calculations:

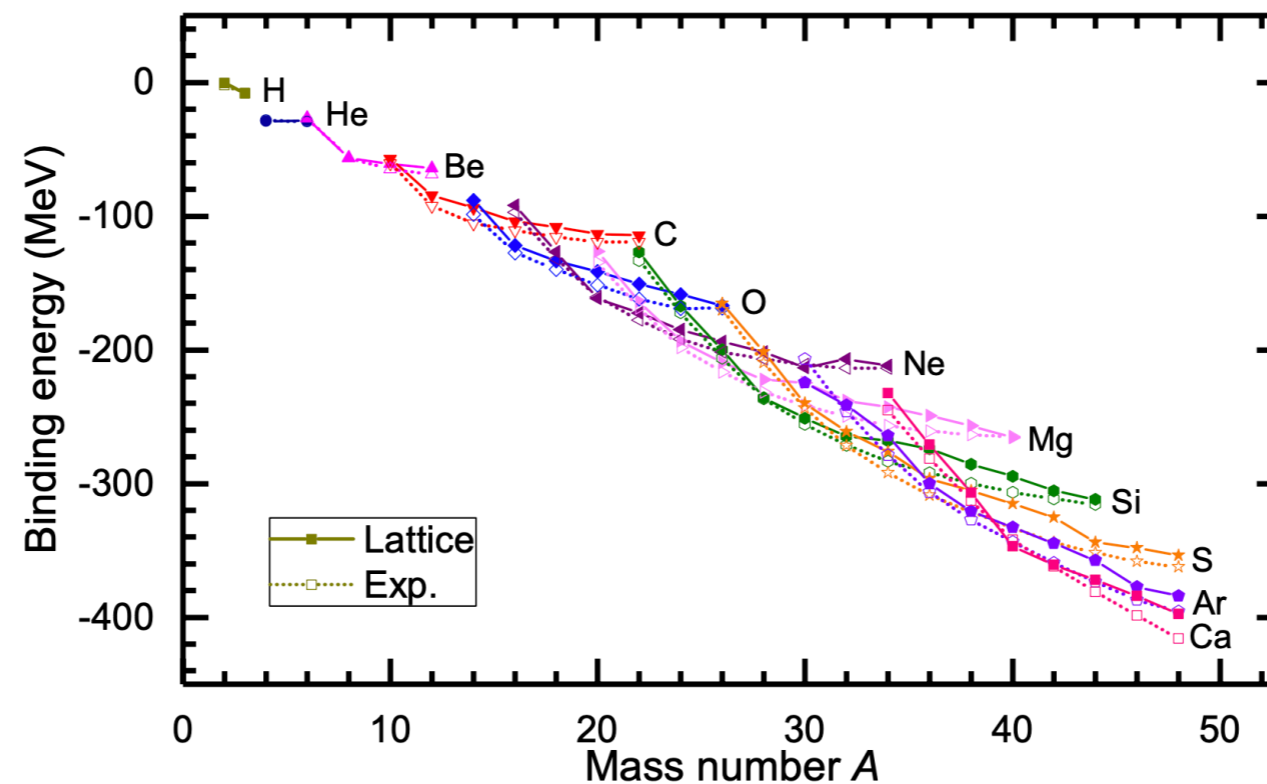
Koenig et al. '16

Lyu BN et al. '18

Gattobigio et al. '19

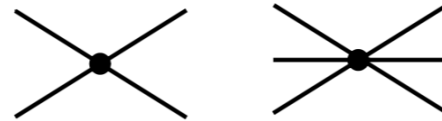
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Lyu et al. '18, Lattice EFT collaboration



Perturbative pions?

- Same LO as pionless:

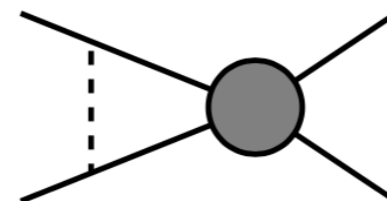


Kaplan, Savage & Wise '98
Fleming, Mehen & Stewart '99
Beane, Kaplan & Vuorinen '08

- LO of NN = bubble sums = 

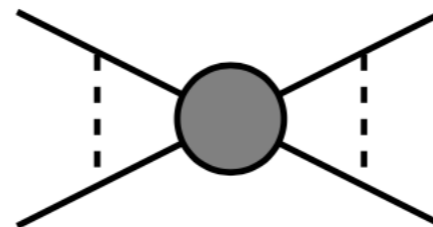
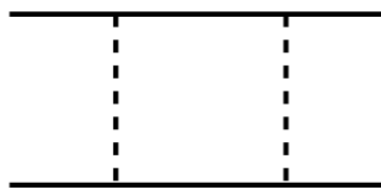
- Subleading orders = distorted-wave expansion in OPE

NLO:



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N2LO:

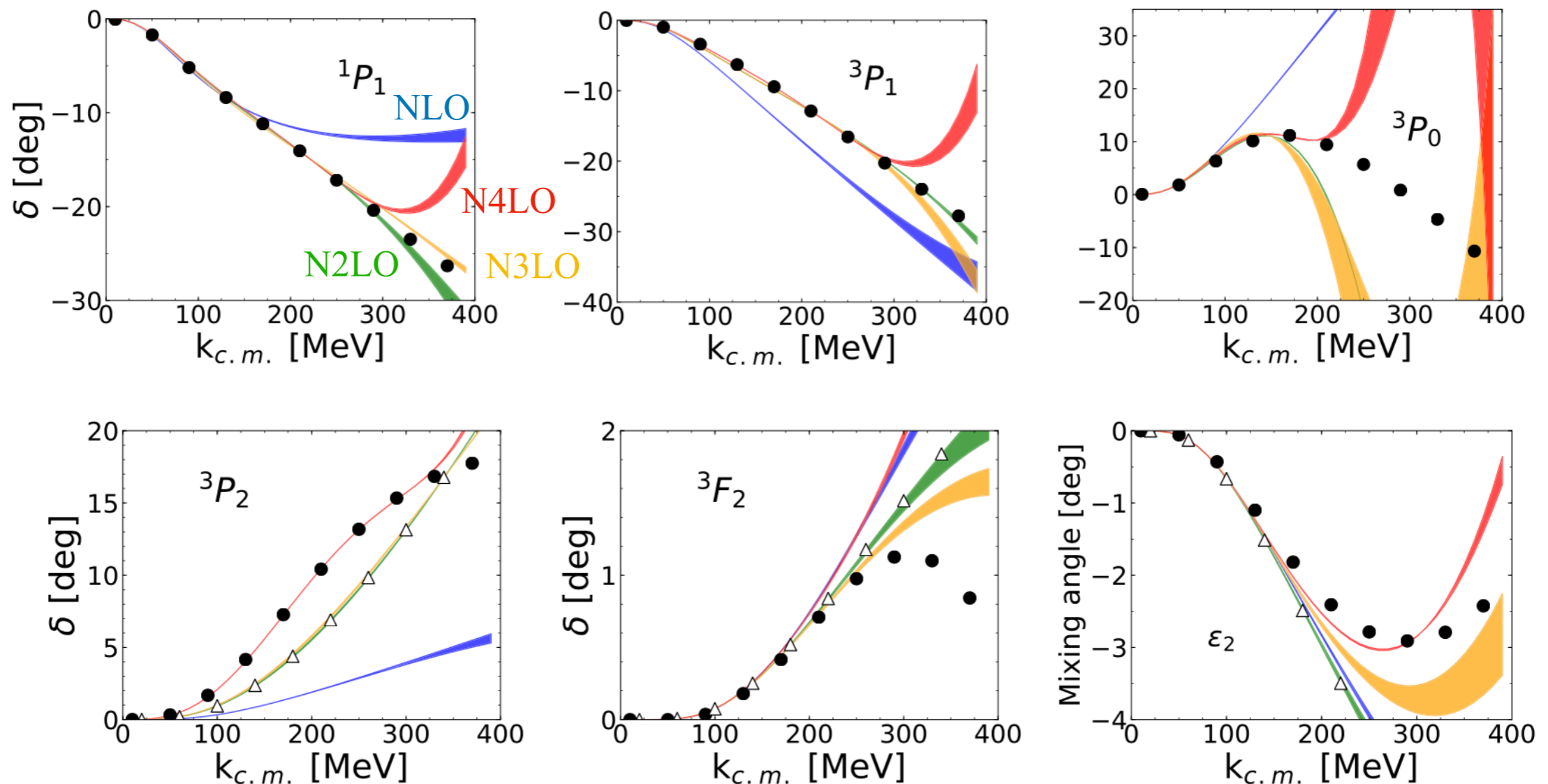


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Where KSW works

- OK for $k < \Delta \simeq 290$ MeV for $l > 0$ except $3P_0$ Wu & Long '18
Kaplan '19
- TPEs included in N3LO & N4LO

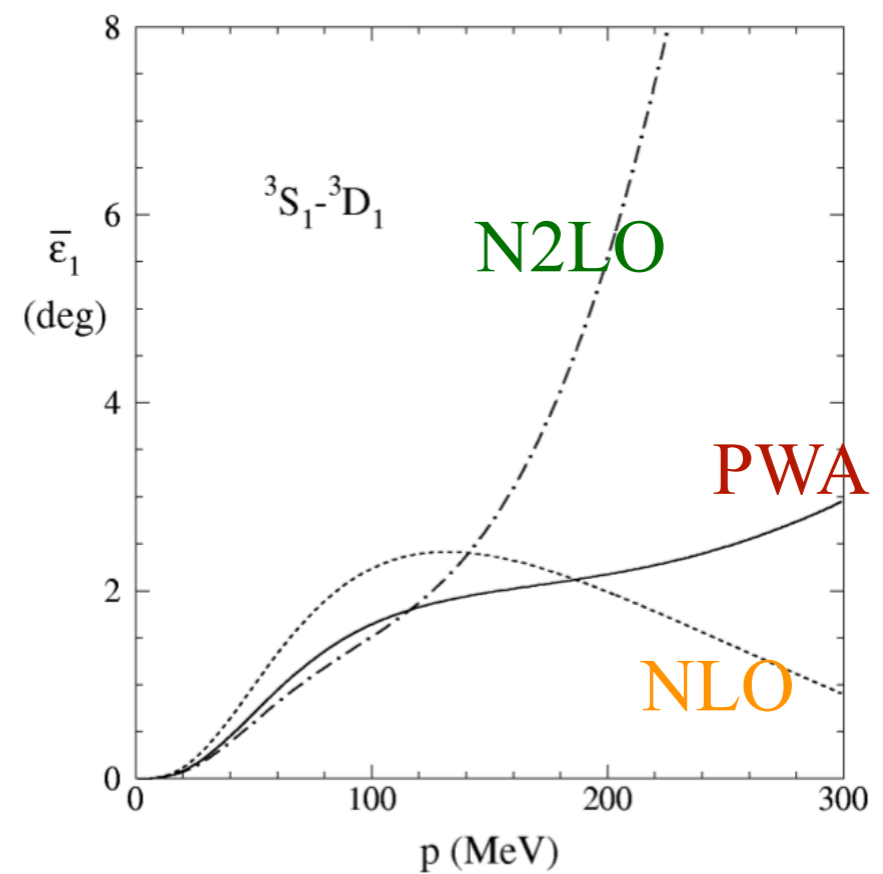
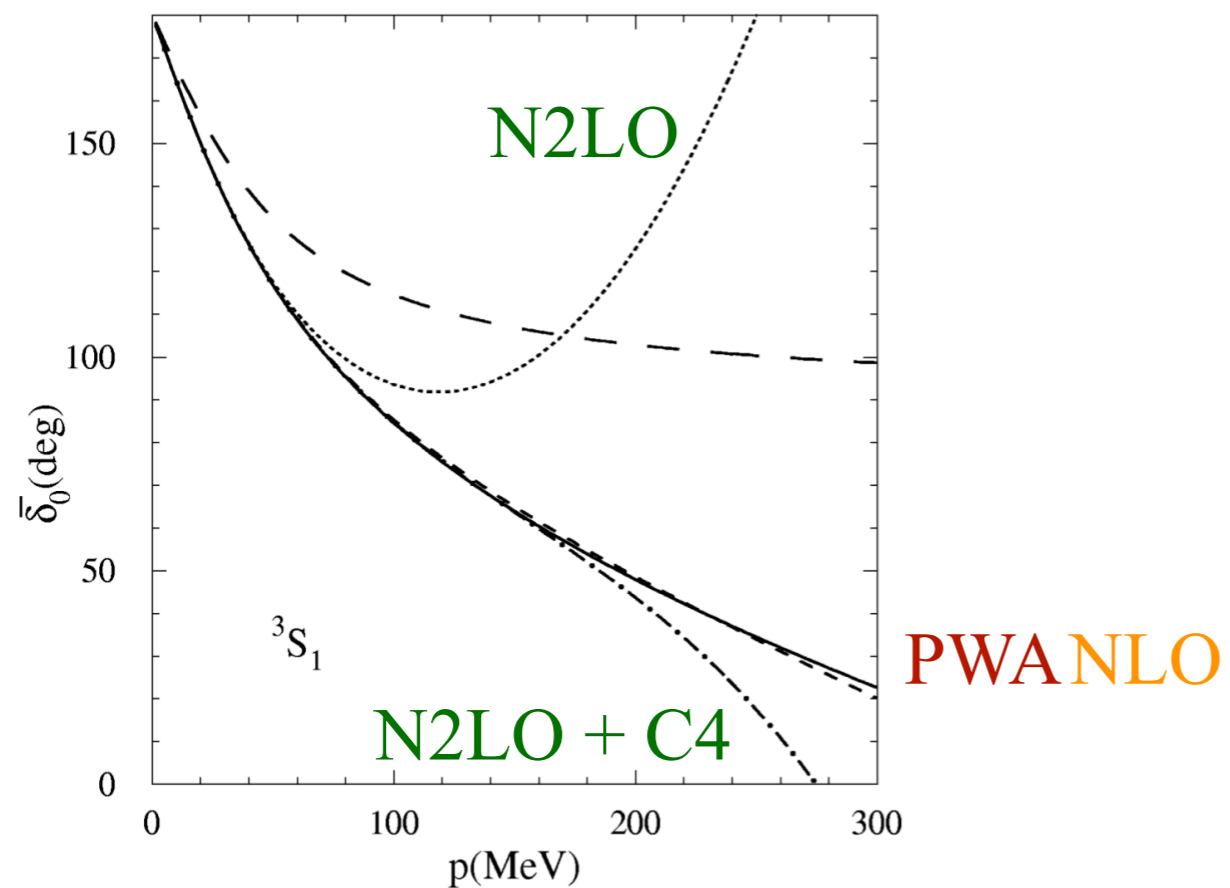
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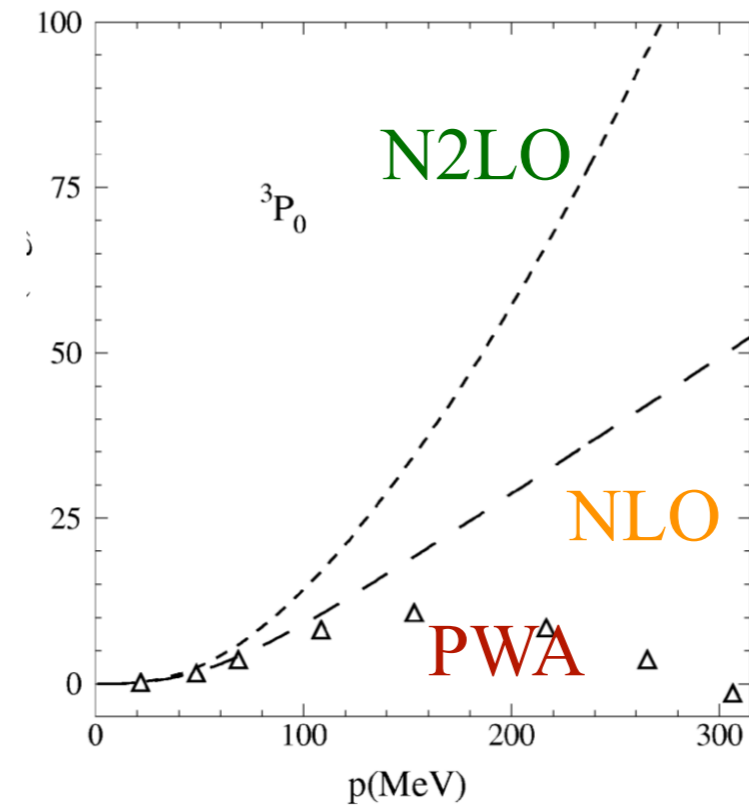
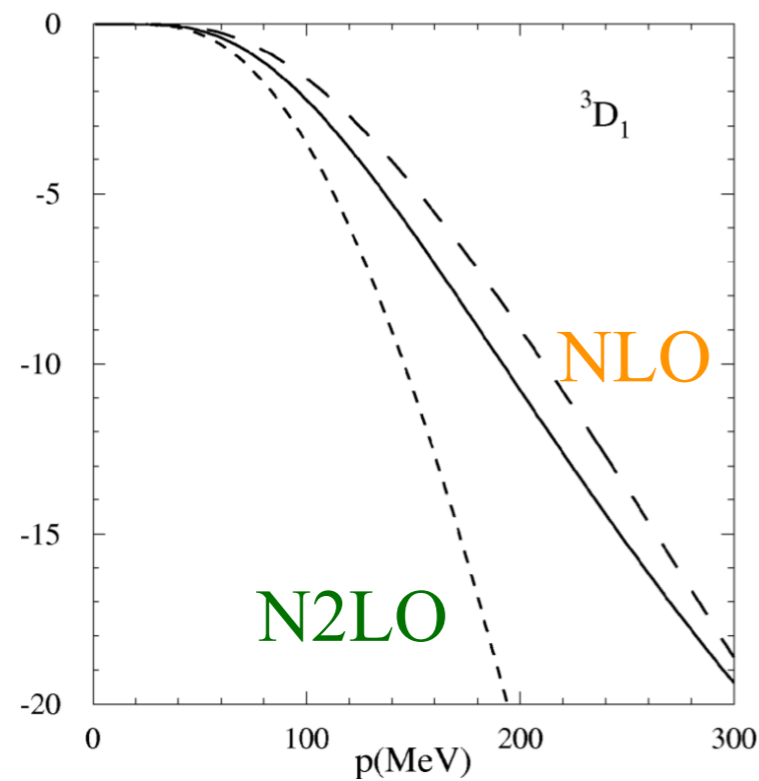
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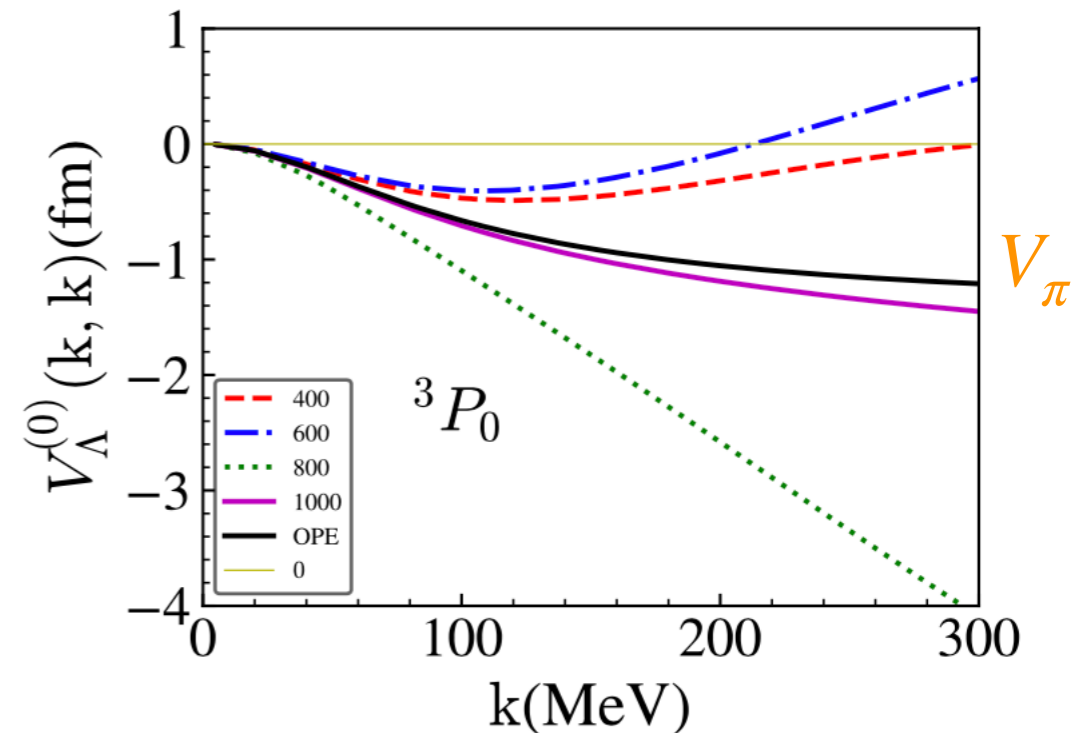
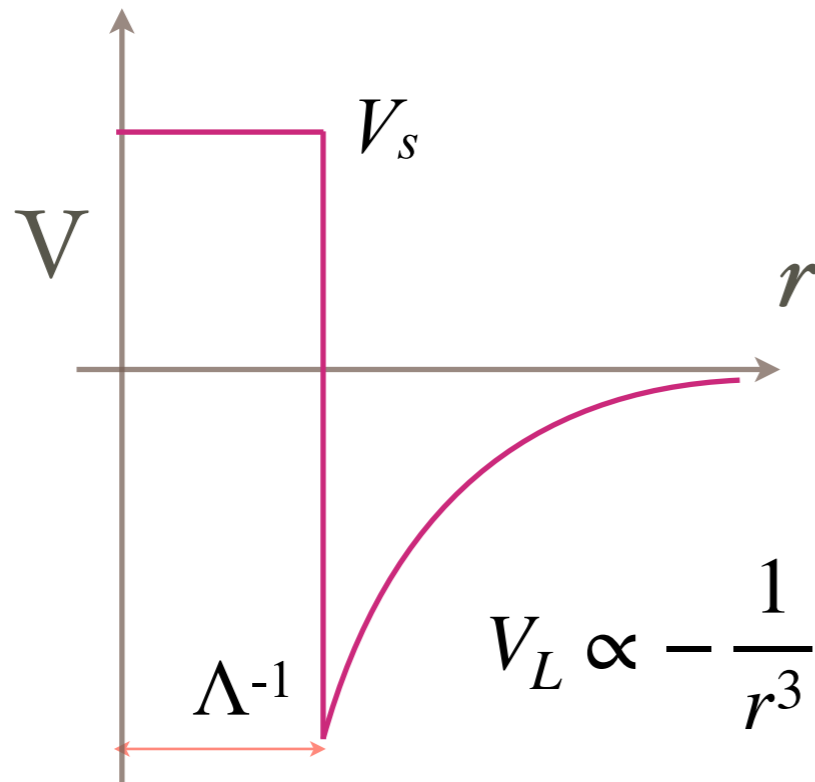


Pushing pert-pion interactions

Nonpert ren of OPE

$$V_\pi + C_{3P0} p' p$$

- Re-organizing higher contact terms



- From nonpert renormalization: V_s always repulsive (towards lower Λ)
- Using V_s to moderate the OPE tensor force

PPI in 3P0

Peng, Lyu & BwL '20

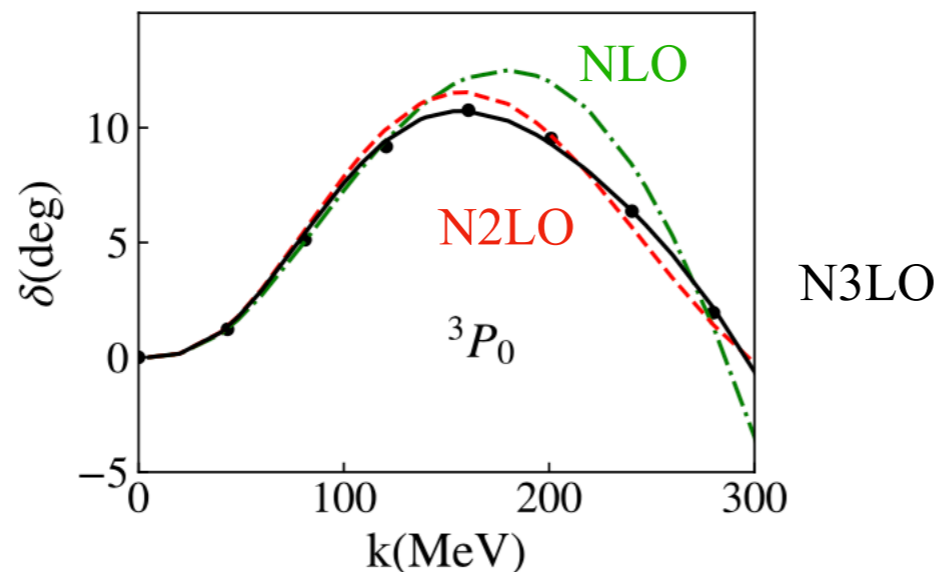
- Expansion in $V_\pi + C_{3P_0} p' p$ (Born approximation)

$$V^{(1)}(^3P_0) = V_\pi + C_2 ^3P_0 p' p$$

- Higher-order contacts are identified when needed for renormalization at second, third-order Born approximation

| | LO | NLO | N ² LO | N ³ LO |
|---------|-------|-----|-------------------|-------------------|
| π | OPE | | TPE0 | |
| 3P_0 | C_2 | | C_4 | C_6 |

Updated fit $\Lambda = 800$ MeV



PPI: 3S1-3D1

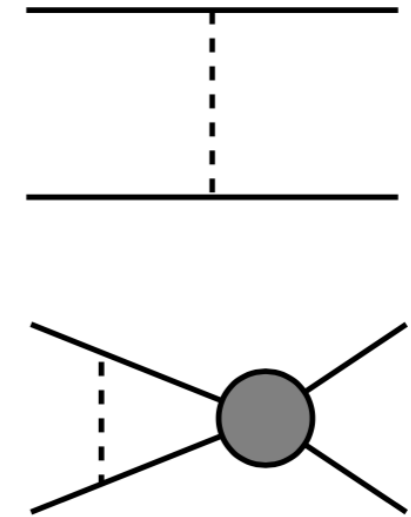
Lyu, Zuo, Peng, Koenig & BwL

- Mixing angle vanishing at unitarity & chiral limits despite strong OPE tensor force

$$\epsilon_1 = \frac{m_N k}{4\pi} \frac{k}{(a_t^{-2} + k^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \times \left[\frac{1}{a_t k} \langle k, {}^3S_1 | V_\pi | k, {}^3D_1 \rangle - \frac{g_A^2}{\sqrt{2} f_\pi^2} \Pi(0, \frac{m_\pi}{k}) \right]$$

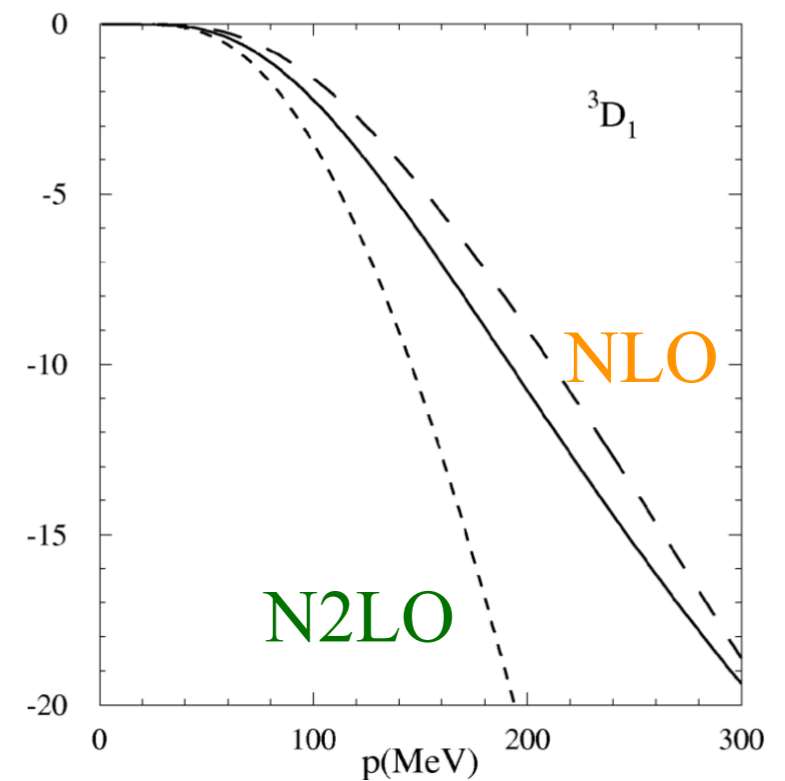
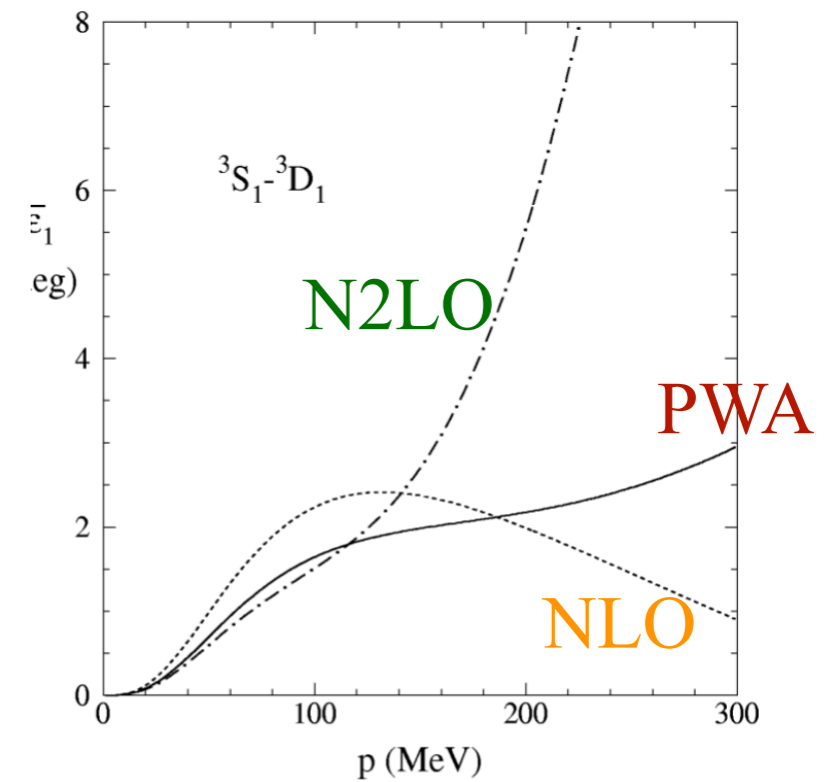
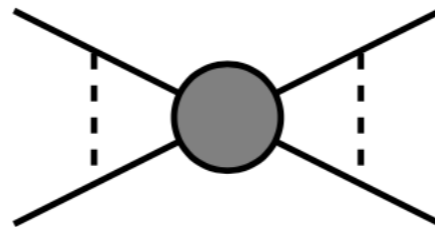
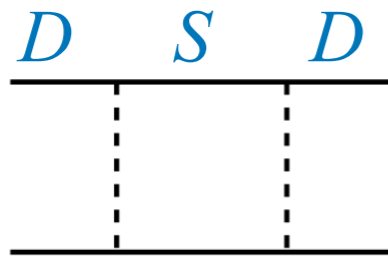
$$\Pi(kr, \frac{m_\pi}{k}) \equiv m_\pi^3 \int_r^\infty dr' r'^2 n_0(kr') T(m_\pi r') j_2(kr')$$

$$m_\pi \rightarrow 0 : \int_0^\infty dr r^2 n_0(kr) \frac{1}{r^3} j_2(kr) = 0$$



PPI: 3S1-3D1

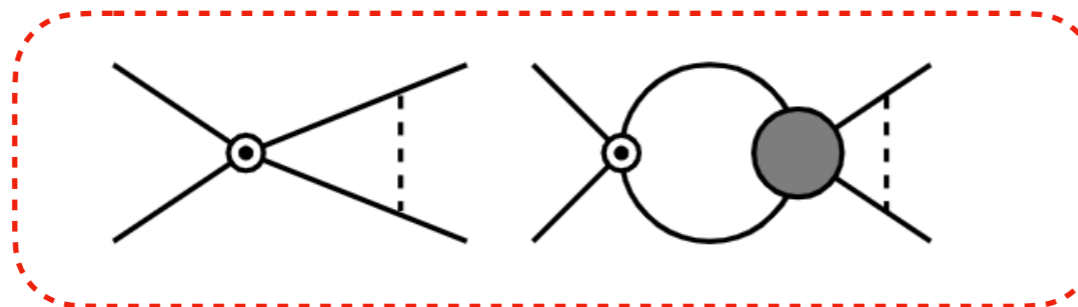
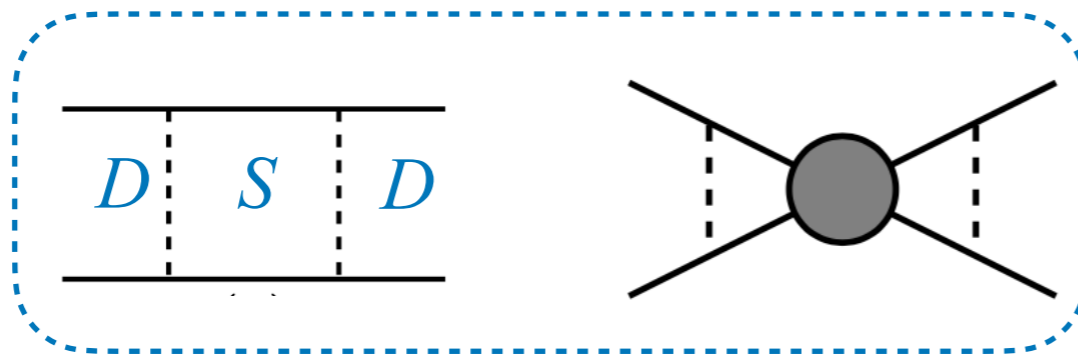
- Not enough though
- Only works for on-shell kinematics
- N2LO 3D1, mixing angle are large



PPI: 3S1-3D1

- Expansion in $(V_\pi + SD \text{ mixing contact})$

$$V^{(1)}(^3S_1 - ^3D_1) = V_\pi + \begin{pmatrix} C_0^{(1)} + C_2^{^3S_1}(p'^2 + p^2) & -C_2^{SD}p^2 \\ -C_2^{SD}p'^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

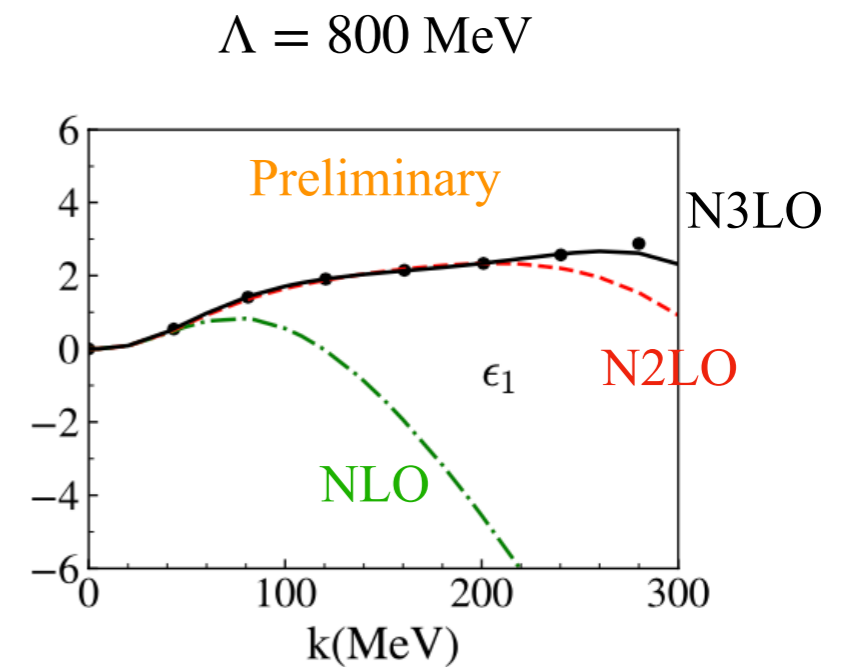
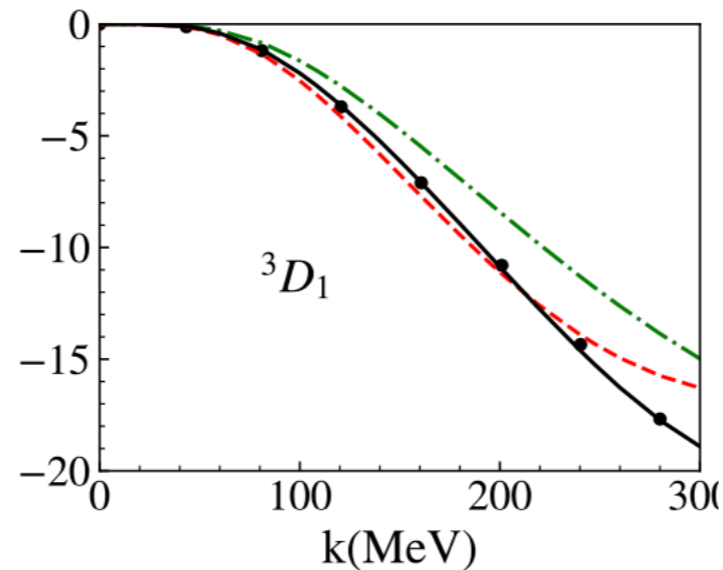
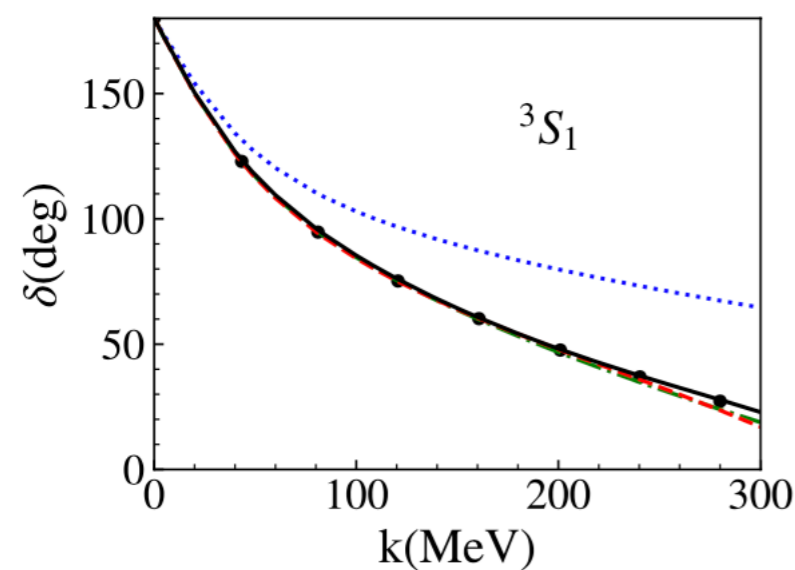


Cancellation

PPI: 3S1-3D1

- PC of high-order contacts by counting divergence

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| π | OPE | | TPE0 | |
| 3S_1 1S_0 | C_0 | C_2 | C_4 | C_6 |
| SD | | C_2 | C_4 | C_6 |
| 3D_1 | | | | C_4 |



Lyu, Zuo, Peng, Koenig & BwL

Summary

- A new perturbative-pion scheme with re-organized contacts
- Simplify LO nuclear interactions to emphasize accidental symmetries like SU(4)-Wigner, unitarity limits, etc.
- W/ larger validity range and 3NF at LO, implies 3NF important even for $Q > m_\pi$