

# FUNDAMENTAL SYMMETRIES AND CHIRAL EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY

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# Outline

- The way of EFT
- Nuclear EFTs
- Role of chiral symmetry
- Conclusion

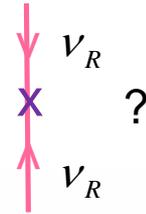
H.-W. Hammer, S. König, and U. van Kolck,  
“Nuclear Effective Field Theory: Status and perspectives”,  
arXiv:1906.12122 [nucl-th]



$Q$

$M_{\mathcal{L}} \sim ?$

unknown physics



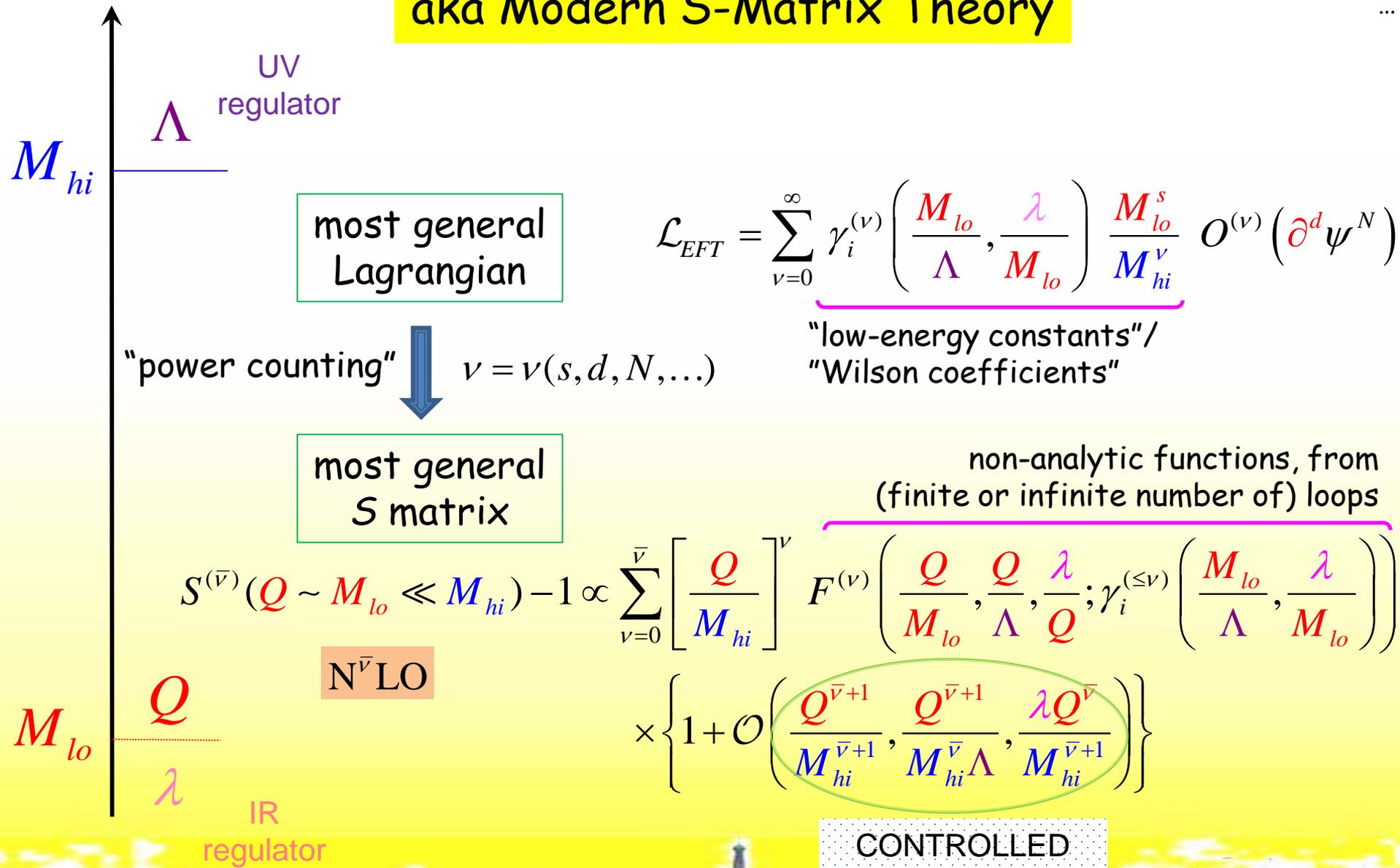
$M_{nuc} \sim f_{\pi}, 1/r_{NN}, m_{\pi}, \dots$   
 $\sim 100 \text{ MeV}$

$\mathcal{N} \sim 1/a_{NN}$   
 $\sim 30 \text{ MeV}$

} relevant for  
precision experiments  
with nuclei

# EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY aka Modern S-Matrix Theory

Euler + Heisenberg '36  
Weinberg '67 ... '79  
...



CONTROLLED  
UNCERTAINTY

renormalization-  
group  
invariance

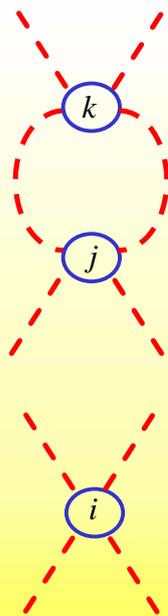
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\Lambda}{S^{(\bar{\nu})}} \frac{\partial S^{(\bar{\nu})}}{\partial \Lambda} = \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{Q^{\bar{\nu}+1}}{M_{hi}^{\bar{\nu}} \Lambda} \right) \\ \frac{\lambda}{S^{(\bar{\nu})}} \frac{\partial S^{(\bar{\nu})}}{\partial \lambda} = \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{Q^{\bar{\nu}} \lambda}{M_{hi}^{\bar{\nu}+1}} \right) \end{array} \right.$$

MODEL  
INDEPENDENCE  
(insensitivity to  
arbitrary regulators)

Want large  
"model space"

$$\Lambda \gtrsim M_{hi}$$

$$\lambda \lesssim M_{lo}$$



uncertainty principle

momenta  $\gtrsim \Lambda$   
= short-range physics

"naturalness"

$$\gamma_i(\alpha\Lambda) \sim \gamma_i(\Lambda)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Lambda \sim M_{hi} \\ \alpha = \mathcal{O}(1) \end{array} \right.$$

otherwise  
"fine tuning"

→ power counting



# renormalization of perturbative amplitudes

Georgi + Manohar '86

number of fields in operator

$$\gamma_i = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{(4\pi)^{N-2}}{M_{hi}^{D-4}} \gamma_i^{\text{red}}\right)$$

NDA:  
naive dimensional analysis

dimension of operator

$$\gamma_i^{\text{red}} = \mathcal{O}\left((g^{\text{red}})^{\#}\right)$$

reduced coupling

reduced

underlying theory parameter

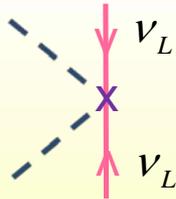
insertions

arbitrary diagram

naturalness  
 $(4\pi)^{-2}$  per loop

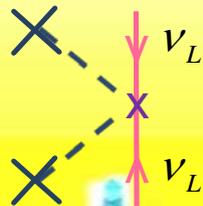
example:

Weinberg '79  
Weldon + Zee '80  
...

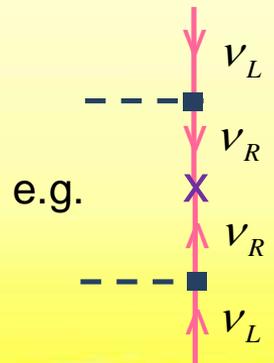


$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_5 &= c_5 \left[ (\ell^T C \tilde{\varphi})(\tilde{\varphi}^T \ell) + \text{H.c.} \right] \\ &= \frac{c_5 v^2}{2} (\bar{v}_L v_R^c + \text{H.c.}) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

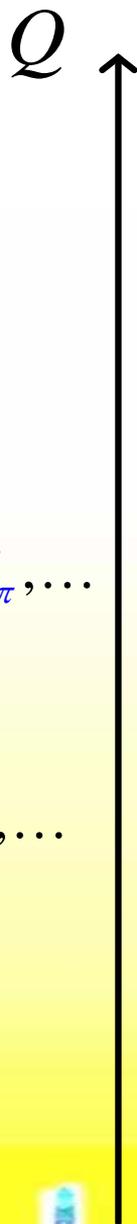
$|\Delta L| = 2$



$$\begin{aligned} c_5 &= \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{(4\pi)^2}{M_\ell} c_5^{\text{red}}\right) \\ &= \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{(4\pi)^2}{M_\ell} \left(\frac{e}{4\pi}\right)^2\right) \\ &= \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{e^2}{M_\ell}\right) \end{aligned}$$



# The Way of EFT



$$M_{\mathcal{L}} \sim ?$$

$$M_{EW} \sim v, m_Z, m_W \\ \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_{QCD} \sim m_N, m_\rho, 4\pi f_\pi, \dots \\ \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_{nuc} \sim f_\pi, 1/r_{NN}, m_\pi, \dots \\ \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\mathcal{N} \sim 1/a_{NN} \\ \sim 30 \text{ MeV}$$

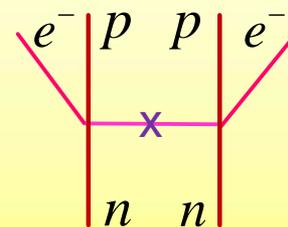
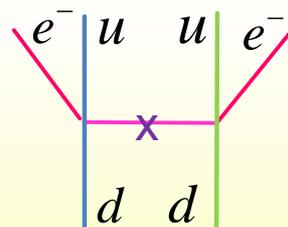
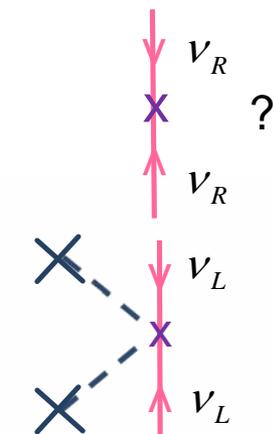
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Standard Model  
+ higher-dim

QCD

Chiral EFT  
( $\chi$ PT)

Pionless EFT

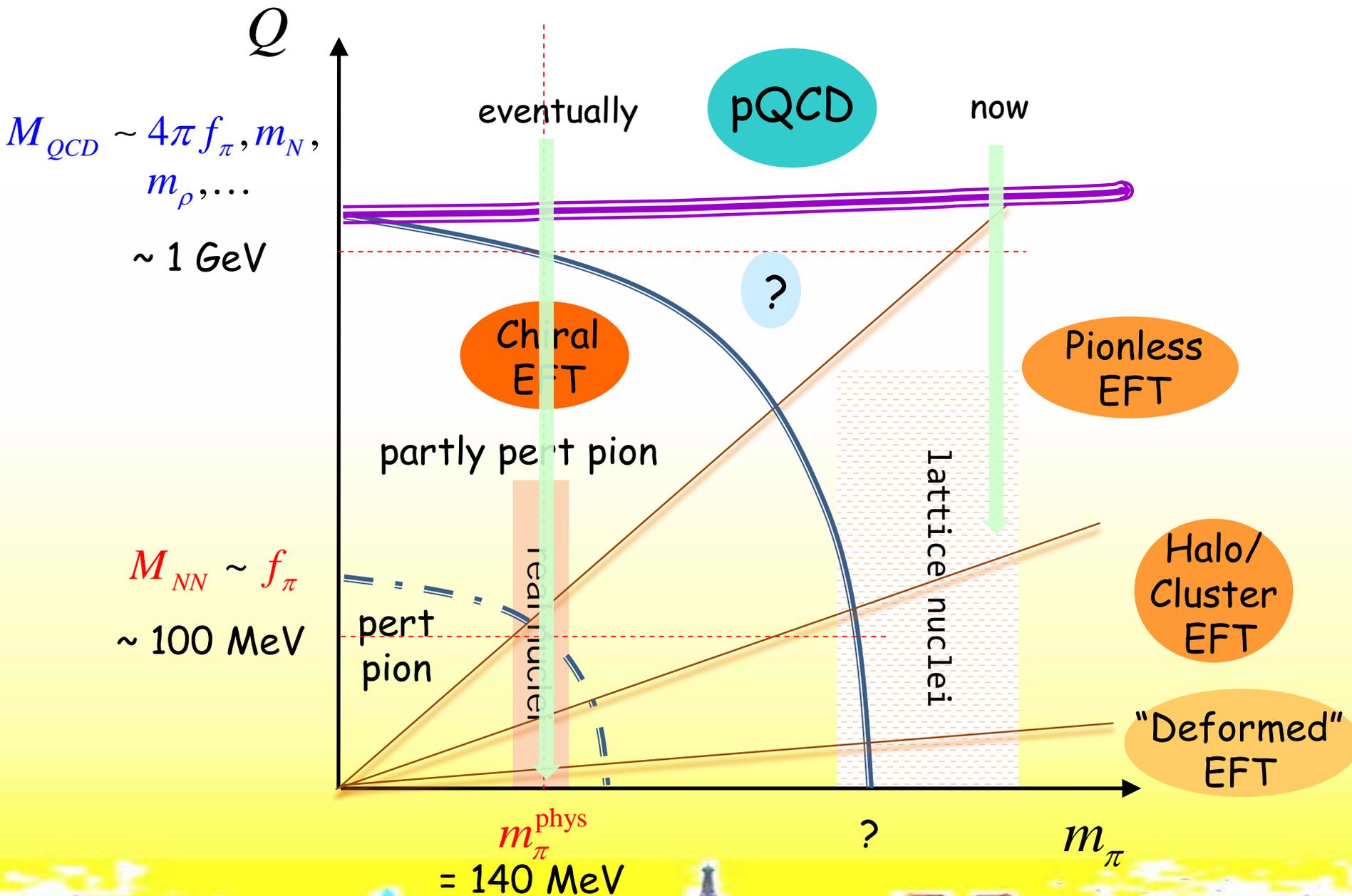


run  
RG

match  
with  
lattice,  
...

...

# The Nuclear EFT Landscape



# Pionless (or Contact) EFT

$$M_{lo} \sim \sqrt{2m_N B_3/3}$$

$$M_{hi} \sim m_\pi$$

- d.o.f.: nucleons
- symmetries:  $SO(3,1)$ ,  $P$ ,  $T$ ,  $B$ ,  $SU(3)_c$ ,  $U(1)_e$   
(trivial)

projector on isospin  $I$

$$\mathcal{L}_\pi = N^+ \left( i\partial_0 + \frac{\vec{\nabla}^2}{2m_N} \right) N - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{I=0,1} C_{0I} N^+ N^+ P_I NN - \frac{D_0}{3} N^+ N^+ N^+ NNN$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \sum_{I=0,1} C_{2I} N^+ N^+ P_I \vec{\nabla}^2 NN - \frac{E_0}{4} N^+ N^+ N^+ N^+ NNNN + \dots$$

more derivatives,  
more bodies,  
isospin violation

Universality:  
first orders  
apply also to  
neutral atoms

$$m_\pi \rightarrow 1/l_{\text{vdW}} \quad \text{where} \quad V(r) = -\frac{l_{\text{vdW}}^4}{2mr^6} + \dots$$

Bedaque, Hammer  
+ v.K. '99'00  
Bedaque, Braaten  
+ Hammer '01  
...

# Pionful (or Chiral) EFT

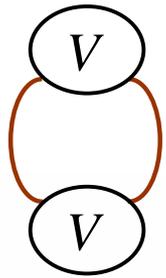
- d.o.f.: nucleons, pions, and Deltas
- symmetries:  $SO(3,1)$ ,  $P$ ,  $T$ ,  $B$ ,  $SU(3)_c$ ,  $U(1)_e$ ,  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$   
(trivial)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_\pi = & \mathcal{L}_\pi + \frac{1}{2} \left[ (\partial_\mu \boldsymbol{\pi})^2 - m_\pi^2 \boldsymbol{\pi}^2 \right] \left( 1 + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\pi}^2}{f_\pi^2} \right) \right) \\
 & + \frac{g_A}{2f_\pi} N^+ \boldsymbol{\tau} \vec{\sigma} N \cdot \vec{\nabla} \boldsymbol{\pi} \left( 1 + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\pi}^2}{f_\pi^2} \right) \right) + \dots \\
 & + D_2 m_\pi^2 \sum_{I=0,1} N^+ N^+ P_I N N \left( 1 + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\pi}^2}{f_\pi^2} \right) \right) + \dots \\
 & + \Delta^+ [i\partial_0 - (m_\Delta - m_N)] \Delta \left( 1 + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\pi}^2}{f_\pi^2} \right) \right) \\
 & + \frac{h_A}{2f_\pi} (N^+ \mathbf{T} \vec{S} \Delta + \text{H.c.}) \cdot \vec{\nabla} \boldsymbol{\pi} \left( 1 + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\pi}^2}{f_\pi^2} \right) \right) + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

more derivatives,  
more bodies,  
isospin violation

# Are nuclear amplitudes perturbative?

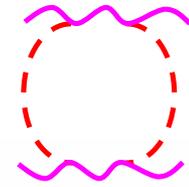
Weinberg's IR enhancement



$$\sim \frac{m_N Q}{4\pi} \quad (\text{after renormalization})$$

4π enhancement compared to NDA

vs.

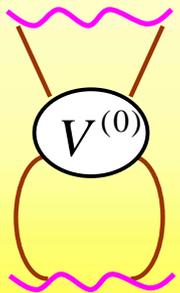


$$\sim \frac{Q^2}{(4\pi)^2}$$

Chiral Perturbation Theory

$$V(Q, M_{lo}, M_{hi}, \lambda, \Lambda) \propto \sum_{\mu=\mu_{\min}}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{Q}{M_{hi}} \right]^{\mu} \underbrace{\tilde{F}^{(\mu)} \left( \frac{Q}{M_{lo}}, \frac{Q}{\Lambda}, \frac{\lambda}{Q}; \gamma_i^{(\leq \mu)} \left( \frac{M_{lo}}{\Lambda}, \frac{\lambda}{M_{lo}} \right) \right)}_{V^{(\mu)}(Q, M_{lo}, M_{hi}, \lambda, \Lambda)}$$

$$V^{(0)} \sim \frac{4\pi}{m_N M_{lo}} \quad (\text{after renormalization})$$



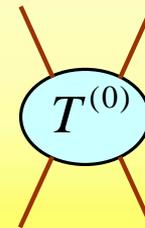
$$\sim \frac{Q}{M_{lo}}$$

expansion in

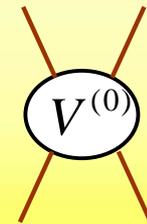
$$Q/M_{lo}$$

b.s. at

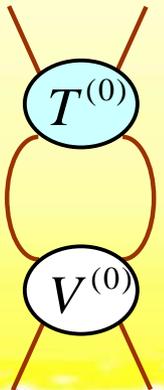
$$B \sim \frac{M_{lo}^2}{m_N}$$



=



+



but still keep  
perturbative expansion in

$$Q/M_{hi}$$

CANNOT JUST COUNT POWERS OF  $Q$

$$V^{(\mu)}(Q \sim M_{lo}) \sim \frac{4\pi}{m_N M_{lo}} \left( \frac{Q}{M_{hi}} \right)^\mu$$

various orders in the potential

DWBA



same order in amplitude

e.g.  $V^{(1)2}, V^{(2)}$

in

$$T^{(2)}$$

potential **must** depend on regulator

each order in potential  
**must** contain enough LECs



amplitude renormalization

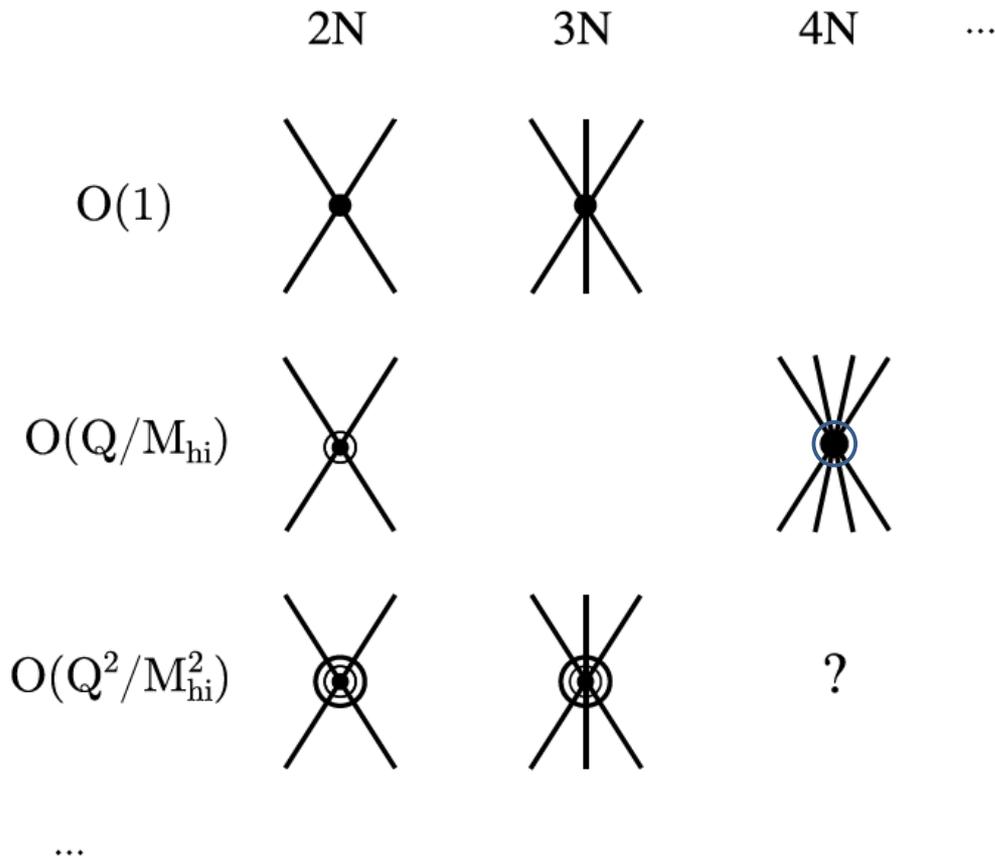


not trivial when resumming higher orders

e.g.  $V^{(1)\infty}$



# Pionless EFT



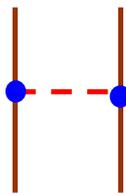
- very little to do with NDA
- enhancements required by renormalization

v.K. '97  
Kaplan, Savage  
+ Wise '98  
...

Bedaque, Hammer  
+ v.K. '99 '00  
Hammer  
+ Mehen '00  
...

Bazak, Kirscher, König  
Pavón Valderrama,  
Barnea + v.K. '18

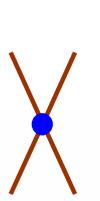




$$\sim \frac{1}{f_\pi^2} \equiv \frac{4\pi}{m_N M_{NN}} \Rightarrow B \sim \frac{M_{NN}^2}{m_N} \approx 10 \text{ MeV}$$

suggests

$$M_{NN} = \frac{4\pi f_\pi}{m_N} f_\pi \sim M_{lo}$$



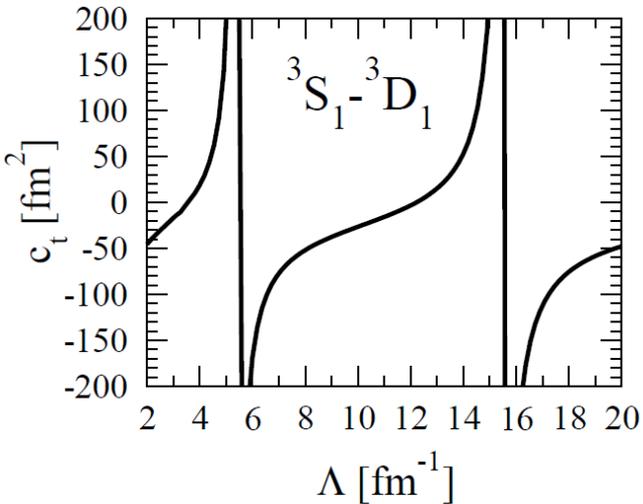
dim. anal.  ~~$\frac{1}{M_{QCD}^2}$~~  NDA  $\frac{1}{f_\pi^2} = \frac{4\pi}{m_N M_{NN}}$

Chiral EFT

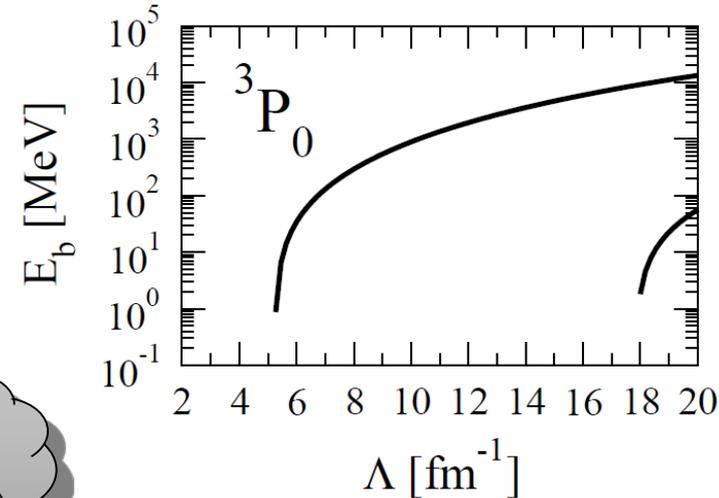
Weinberg '90

...

Other attractive-tensor channels

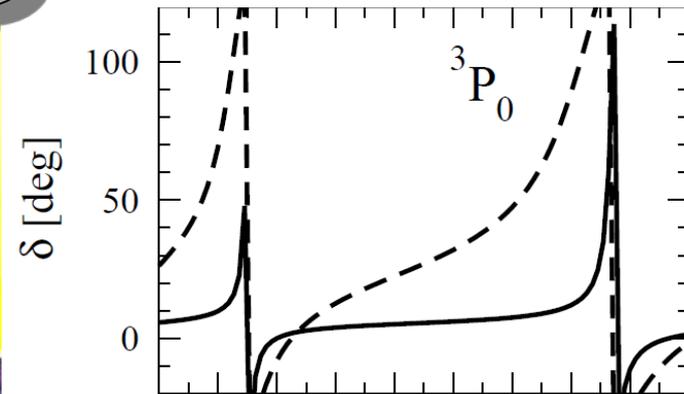
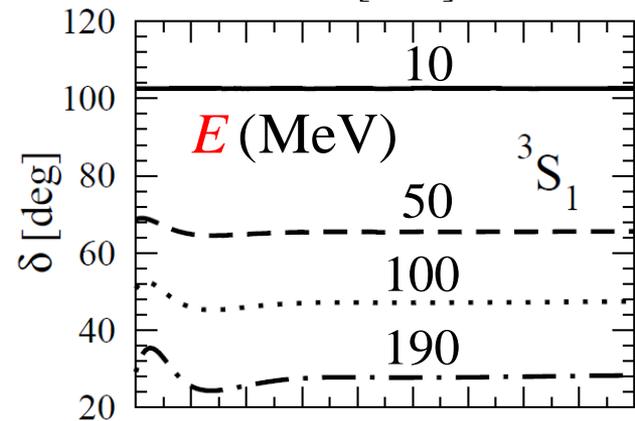


Frederico, Timóteo + Tomio '99  
 Beane, Bedaque, Savage + v.K. '02  
 Nogga, Timmermans + v.K. '05  
 ...

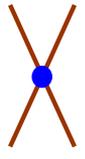


Problems!

Nogga, Timmermans + v.K. '05  
 Pavón Valderrama + Ruiz-Arriola '06  
 ...



➤ perturbative pions



$$\sim \frac{4\pi}{m_N M_{lo}}$$

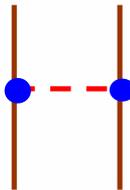
LO

$$M_{lo} \sim \sqrt{2m_N B_3/3}, m_\pi$$

$$M_{hi} \sim M_{NN}$$

Kaplan, Savage  
+ Wise '98

...  
Fleming, Mehen  
+ Stewart '01



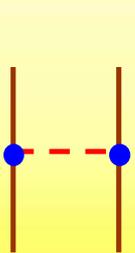
$$\sim \frac{4\pi}{m_N M_{hi}}$$

NLO

all pion exchanges perturbative;  
contact ordering and  
LO same as Pionless EFT

for physical pion masses does not seem to converge in lower spin-triplet waves  
much beyond regime of Pionless EFT

➤ partly perturbative pions



$$\sim \frac{4\pi}{m_N \alpha_l M_{NN}}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \sim \frac{4\pi}{m_N M_{lo}} \text{ low waves } \text{LO} \\ \sim \frac{4\pi}{m_N M_{hi}} \left( \frac{M_{lo}}{M_{hi}} \right)^{n_l \geq 0} \text{ high waves } \text{N}^{1+n_l}\text{LO} \end{array} \right.$$

$$M_{lo} \sim M_{NN}, m_\pi$$

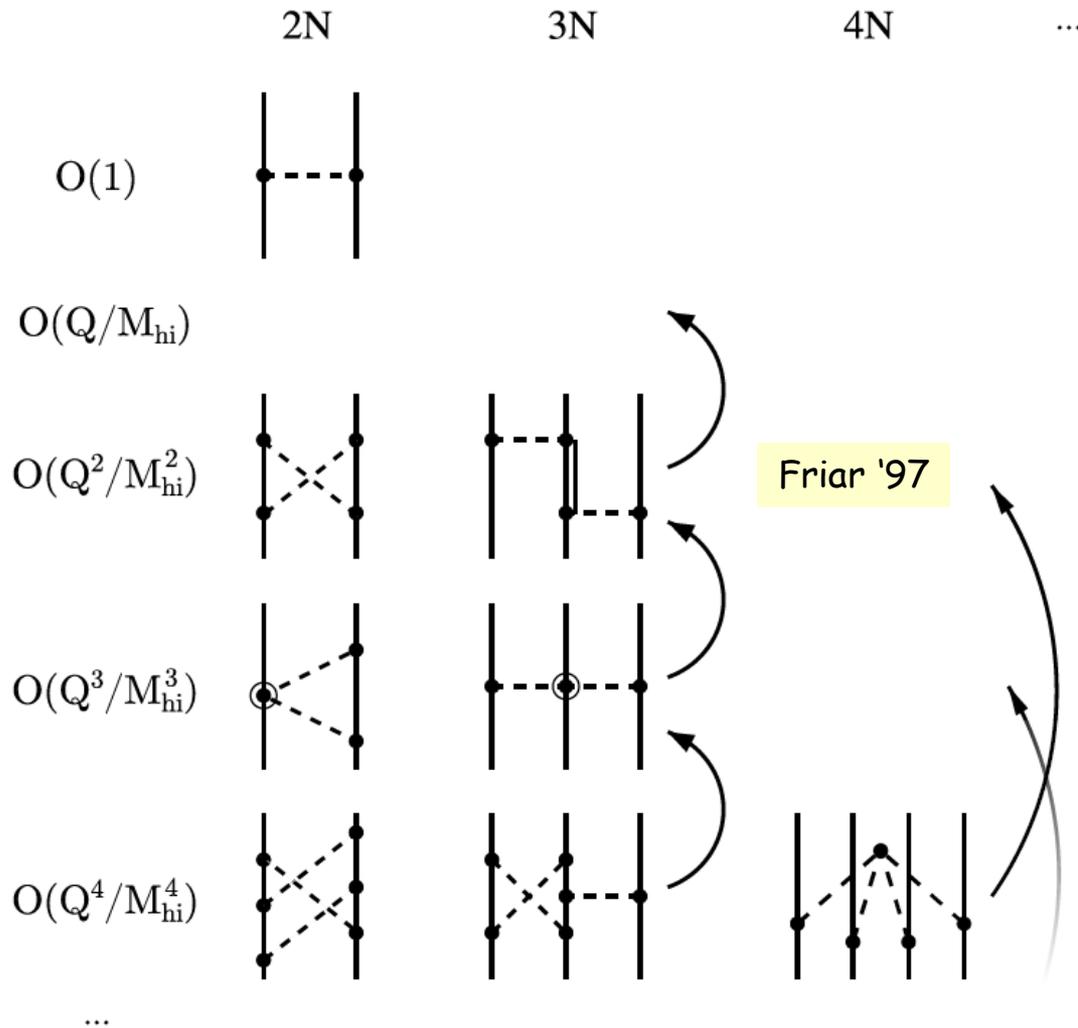
$$M_{hi} \sim M_{QCD} \equiv 4\pi f_\pi, m_N, \dots$$

Nogga, Timmermans  
+ v.K. '05  
Birse '06

Pavón Valderrama '11'11  
Long + Yang '11'12'12



# Chiral EFT



- NDA + counting  $4\pi s$  as in Pionless EFT and  $m_N$  as  $M_{QCD}$  (Friar)
- long-range pot only

short-range pot obeying NDA except when running dominated by pions, *i.e.* low waves where the one-pion-exchange tensor force is attractive

Weinberg '91    Ordóñez + v.K. '92    Epelbaum '06'07  
 Ordóñez + v.K. '92    v.K. '94    ...  
 Ordóñez, Ray + v.K. '94'96    Epelbaum *et al.* '02  
 Kaiser '00'01'02'15    ...



$$\sim \frac{Q^2}{f_\pi^4}$$

LO

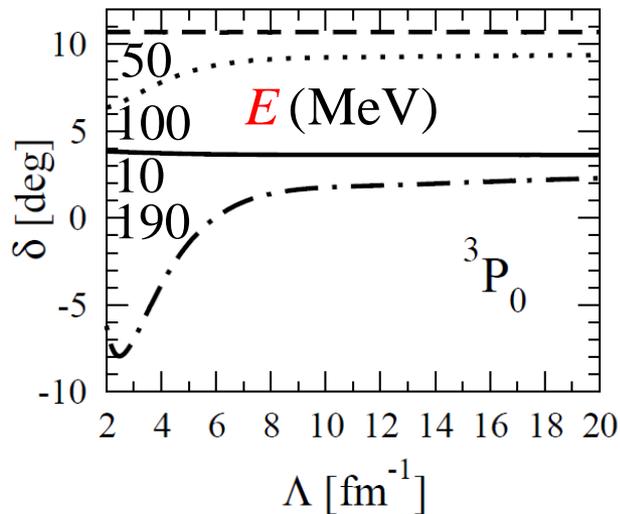
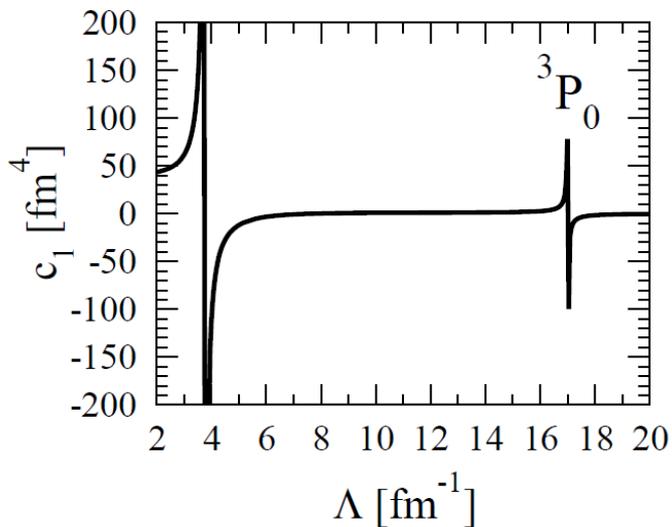
cf.  $\longleftrightarrow$

NDA

$$\sim \frac{Q^2}{f_\pi^2 M_{QCD}^2}$$

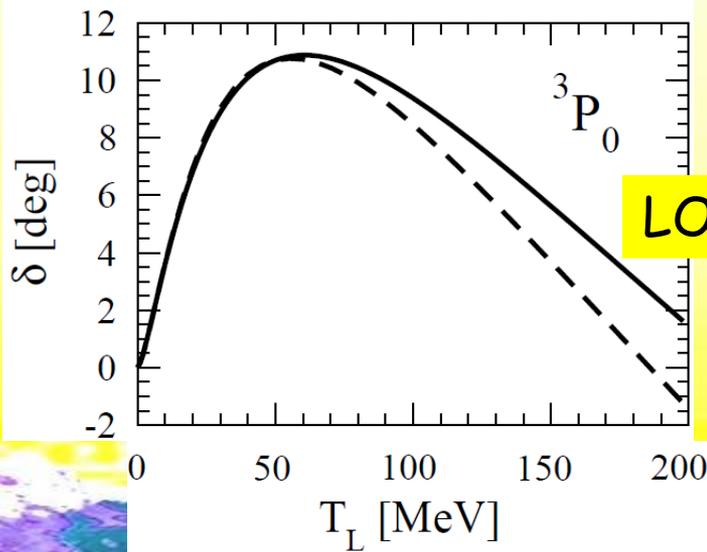
W's  
N<sup>2</sup>LO

renormalization of non-perturbative amplitudes



Nogga,  
Timmermans  
+ v.K. '05

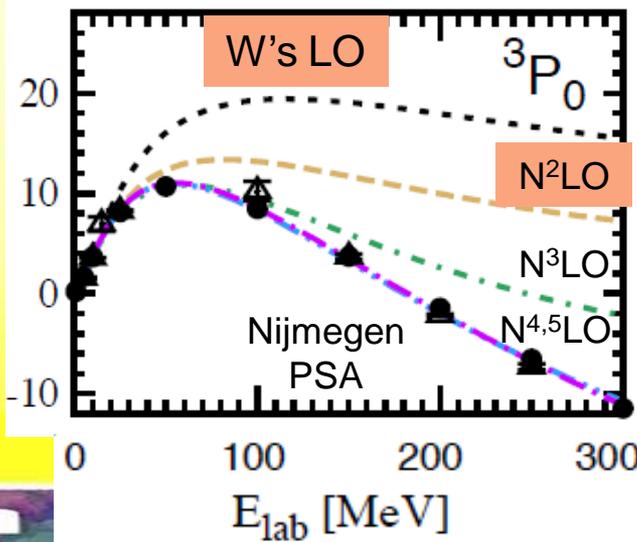
$\Lambda = 450$  MeV



$\Lambda = 4$  GeV

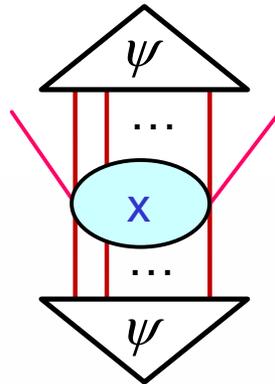
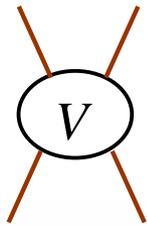
Nijmegen  
PSA

cf.  $\longleftrightarrow$



Reinert, Krebs + Epelbaum '18

# Processes with external probes



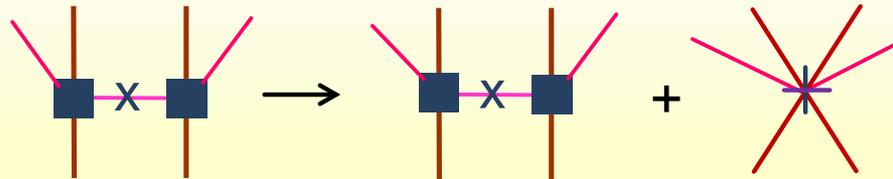
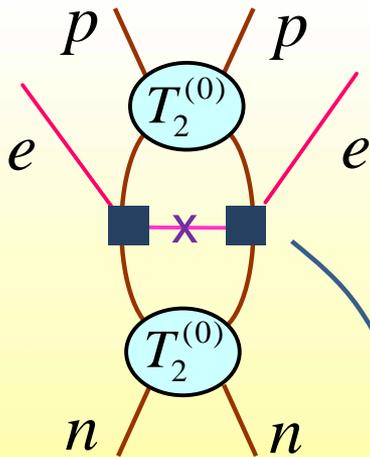
similar renormalization issues

Pavón Valderrama + Phillips '15

$0\nu 2\beta$  decay

$$|\Delta L| = 2$$

Cirigliano, Dekens, De Vries, Graesser, Mereghetti, Pastore + v.K '18

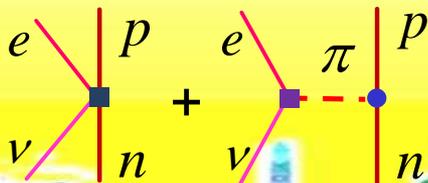


See talks by De Vries, Dekens

LO

counterterm needed!

in Pionless and Chiral EFTs (partly or fully perturbative pions)

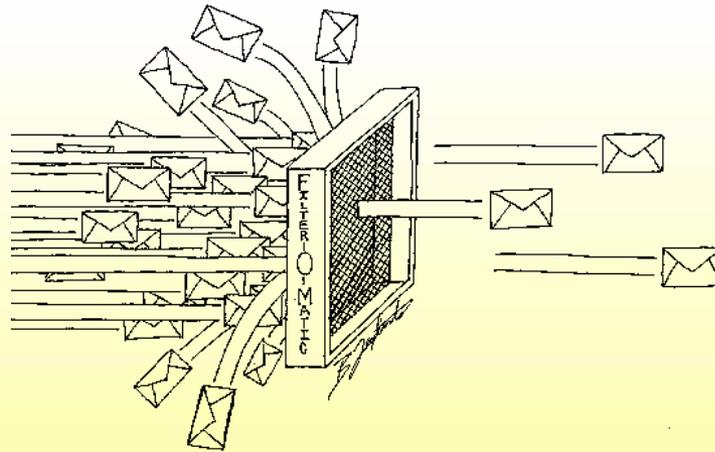


$$g_\nu = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{M_{lo}^2}\right) \gg \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{M_{hi}^2}\right)$$

NDA

## An advantage of Chiral EFT

Possibility to disentangle symmetry-violating sources:  
each breaks chiral symmetry in a particular way,  
and thus produces *different* hadronic interactions

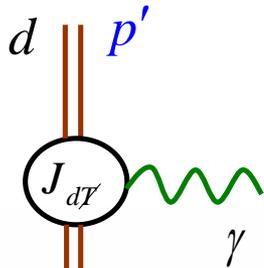


(For Pionless EFT, only isospin is left...)

# Deuteron Electric Dipole Form Factor

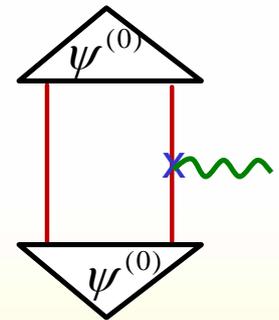
$\mathcal{T}$

$$\langle p', j | J_{d\mathcal{X}}^\mu | p, i \rangle = -2iS_{\sigma ij} \left[ v^\mu q^\sigma - \eta^{\mu\sigma} v \cdot q + \dots \right] F_{E1} \left( \frac{|\vec{q}|}{4\kappa} \right) + \dots$$



perturbative pions

LO



$$q = p - p'$$

$$v^\mu = (1, \vec{0})$$

$$S_{ij}^\mu = (0, i\epsilon_{ijk})$$

$$F_{E1}(x) = (d_n + d_p) \frac{\arctan x}{x}$$

$\theta$  term, qEDM,  
gCEDM, CIC

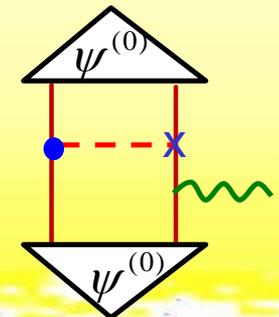
rest frame

$$\kappa = \sqrt{mB_d}$$

$$\xi = \kappa / m_\pi$$

$$-\frac{eg_A \bar{g}_1}{6m_\pi} \frac{m_N}{4\pi f_\pi^2} \frac{1+\xi}{(1+2\xi)^2} \left[ 1 - x^2 \frac{10 + 65\xi + 144\xi^2 + 73\xi^3}{30(1+\xi)(1+2\xi)^2} + \dots \right]$$

qCEDM, LRC



$\theta$  term, qEDM,  
gCEDM, CIC

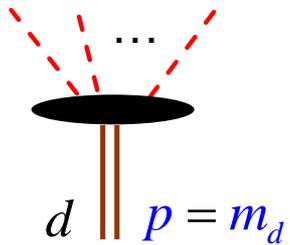
qCEDM, LRC

$$\frac{d_d}{d_n}$$

$$\mathcal{O}(1)$$

$$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{M_{QCD}^2}{m_\pi M_{NN}}\right)$$

# Deuteron Lifetime



$$\tau_d = \frac{1}{\Gamma_d}$$

$$|\Delta B| = 2$$

perturbative pions

Oosterhof, De Vries, Timmermans + v.K. '19

$$\kappa = \sqrt{mB_d}$$

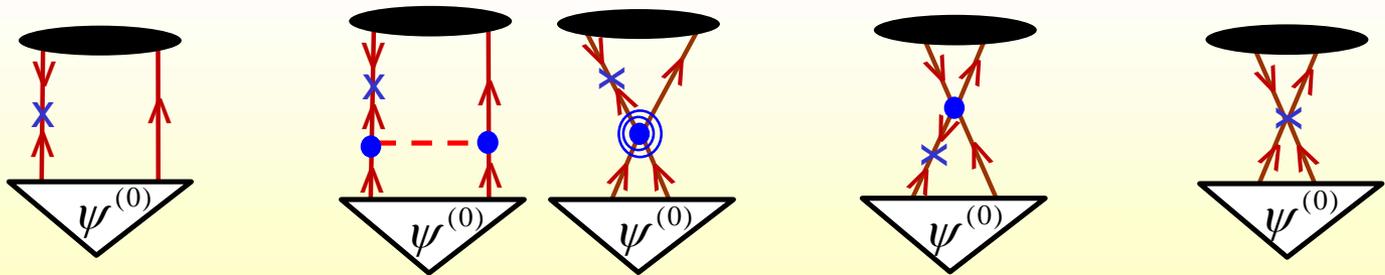
$$\xi = \kappa/m_\pi$$

LO

NLO

$$\Gamma_d = -\frac{m_N}{\kappa\tau_{n\bar{n}}^2} \text{Im} a_{np} \left[ 1 + \kappa \left( r_{np} - \frac{g_A^2}{3} \frac{m_N}{4\pi f_\pi^2} \frac{2 - 2\xi - 5\xi^2 + 6\xi^3}{1 + 2\xi} + 2 \text{Re} a_{np} - \frac{\tau_{n\bar{n}}(\kappa - \mu) \text{Im} B_0(\mu)}{\sqrt{2\pi} \text{Im} a_{np}} \right) \right]$$

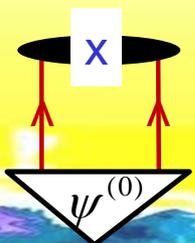
≈ 2.5 larger than pot models



Rao + Shrock '82

LO

$$\Gamma_d = -\frac{4\kappa^3}{m_N} \text{Im} a_{np}$$



could be separated

combo's of diquarks

Buchhoff + Wagman '16

	Operator	Notation of Ref. [16]	Chiral irrep
$Q_1$	$-\mathcal{D}_R \mathcal{D}_R \mathcal{D}_R^+ T^{AAS}/4$	$\mathcal{O}_{RRR}^3$	$(\mathbf{1}_L, \mathbf{3}_R)$
$Q_2$	$-\mathcal{D}_L \mathcal{D}_R \mathcal{D}_R^+ T^{AAS}/4$	$\mathcal{O}_{LRR}^3$	$(\mathbf{1}_L, \mathbf{3}_R)$
$Q_3$	$-\mathcal{D}_L \mathcal{D}_L \mathcal{D}_R^+ T^{AAS}/4$	$\mathcal{O}_{LLR}^3$	$(\mathbf{1}_L, \mathbf{3}_R)$
$Q_4$	$-\mathcal{D}_R^{33+} T^{SSS}/4$	$(\mathcal{O}_{RRR}^1 + 4\mathcal{O}_{RRR}^2)/5$	$(\mathbf{1}_L, \mathbf{7}_R)$

# Conclusion

EFTs connect symmetry violation beyond the Standard Model and nuclear physics in a controlled and systematic way

Nonperturbative renormalization in nuclear EFTs generically leads to violation of NDA

Chiral symmetry allows the partial separation of symmetry-violating sources



P.S.

Response to a question of E. Epelbaum:  
(paraphrasing)

What is wrong with the argument against taking the cutoff to infinity  
in the case of the EFT for the toy model in

Epelbaum + Gegelia, arXiv:0906.3822 [nucl-th]

(I had no access to printed version when preparing this answer)





but still keep  
perturbative expansion in

$$Q/M_{hi}$$

CANNOT JUST COUNT POWERS OF  $Q$

$$V^{(\mu)}(Q \sim M_{lo}) \sim \frac{4\pi}{m_N M_{lo}} \left( \frac{Q}{M_{hi}} \right)^\mu$$

various orders in the potential

DWBA



same order in amplitude

e.g.  $V^{(1)2}, V^{(2)}$

in

$$T^{(2)}$$

potential **must** depend on regulator

each order in potential  
**must** contain enough LECs



amplitude renormalization



not trivial when resumming higher orders

e.g.  $V^{(1)\infty}$



In other words,

Different orders in the potential contribute to the same order in amplitudes

Observables are properties of amplitudes

If you iterate subleading terms in the potential,  
in general there will be problems

(Well understood in EFT; example:

$1/m_Q$  effects in heavy quark EFT -- treated exactly, prevent continuum limit)

eg Sommer '10 for pedagogical explanation

if, nevertheless, you insist to iterate subleading terms in the potential,

- i) you should first make sure that lower orders have been renormalized properly;
- ii) the burden is on YOU to show that you don't run into problems  
- and please do not blame me if you do



## Toy model:

completely removing (or taking very large values of) the cutoff. To that aim, we construct effective theory for an exactly solvable quantum mechanical model with long- ( $r_l \sim m_l^{-1}$ ) and short-range ( $r_s \sim m_s^{-1} \ll m_l^{-1}$ ) interactions of a separable type valid for momenta of the order  $k \sim m_l$ . This can be viewed as a toy-model for pionful EFT. We explain the meaning

$$V(p, p') = v_l F_l(p) F_l(p') + v_s F_s(p) F_s(p'), \quad F_l(p) \equiv \frac{\sqrt{p^2 + m_s^2}}{p^2 + m_l^2}, \quad F_s(p) \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{p^2 + m_s^2}}$$

specific form of the interaction potential. We fine tune the strengths of the long- and short-range interactions in such a way that they generate scattering lengths of a natural size. More



Perturbative-  
contact  
approach :

$$\begin{aligned}
 T^{(-1)} &= \text{---} \begin{array}{c} | \\ \vdots \\ | \end{array} \text{---} + \text{---} \begin{array}{c} | \\ \vdots \\ | \end{array} \text{---} + \text{---} \begin{array}{c} | \\ \vdots \\ | \end{array} \text{---} + \dots \equiv \text{---} \begin{array}{c} | \\ \color{red}{\blacksquare} \\ | \end{array} \text{---} - \text{---} \text{---} \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

It is then easy to verify that the scattering amplitude  $T^{(-1)} + T^{(0)} + T^{(1)}$  is  $\mu$ -independent up to terms of order  $Q^2$ . Further, the effective range function is given at this order by

where  $Q = \{m_l, \mu\}$ . As expected, the first three terms in the “chiral” expansion of *all* ERE coefficients are reproduced correctly at NNLO. Notice further that the contributions beyond the order of accuracy of the calculation are explicitly renormalization-scale dependent, see section II for a general discussion. The above results reveal the meaning of the LETs in the present context. All  $i$ -th terms  $\alpha_x^{(i)}$  in the “chiral” expansion of the coefficients in the ERE,  $x = \{a, r, v_2, \dots\}$  are correlated with each other due to the long-range interaction and its interplay with the short-range interaction in the underlying model. The knowledge of  $\alpha_{x_j}^{(i)}$  for one particular  $x_j$  is sufficient to predict  $\alpha_{x_k}^{(i)}$  for all  $k \neq j$ . In an EFT, short-range physics is incorporated in a systematic way by taking into account contact interactions with an increasing number of derivatives. Matching the strengths of the corresponding LECs to the first  $n$  terms in the “chiral” expansion of some of the ERE coefficients allows to correctly describe the “chiral” expansion of *all* ERE coefficients up to order  $m_l^n/m_\pi^n$ . It should be emphasized that at low energies and in the absence of external sources, the appearance of the above mentioned correlations is *the only* signature of the long-range interaction in the 2N system.

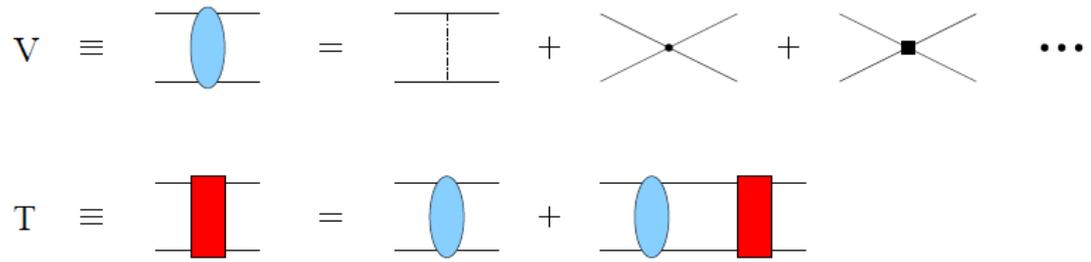
## My conclusion:

The power counting in this situation is one in which the contact interactions should be treated perturbatively

which, btw, is consistent with:  
the scattering length is natural  
and  
the long-range potential is not singular



Nonperturbative-  
contact  
approach:



the characteristic hard scale in the problem,  $\Lambda \sim m_s$ . Taking values  $\Lambda \gg m_s$  artificially enhances certain higher-order contributions in the “chiral” expansion of the ERE coefficients spoiling the predictive power of the theory.

My conclusion:

A good example of the statement in my talk that

each order in potential  
**must** contain enough LECs

not trivial when resumming higher orders

e.g.  $V^{(1)\infty}$



My answer:

The argument is consistent with the fact that, in general, you cannot take the cutoff to infinity when iterating subsets of subleading interactions. It does not contradict the view that what matters is renormalization of the amplitude at each order in the appropriate power counting.

If  $X$  (where  $X$  is a short- or long-range interaction) is perturbative, renormalize in perturbation theory.

If  $Y$  (where  $Y$  is a short- or long-range interaction) is non-perturbative, renormalize nonperturbatively.

(Not very profound, I know.)



# While at it:

Epelbaum, Gasparyan, Gegelia + Meißner, arXiv:1810.02646 [nucl-th]

Let us consider the potential

$$V(r) = \frac{\alpha (e^{-m_1 r} - e^{-Mr})}{r^3} + \frac{\alpha (m_1 - M) e^{-m_1 r}}{r^2} + \frac{\alpha (M - m_1)^2 e^{-m_2 r}}{2r} - \frac{1}{6} \alpha (2m_1 - 3m_2 + M) (M - m_1)^2 e^{-m_1 r}, \quad (14)$$

where the light mass  $M$  is the small scale and the heavy masses  $m_1, m_2$  are the large scales. Our choice of parameters is  $\alpha = -36 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ ,  $M = 0.1385 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_1 = 0.75 \text{ GeV}$  and  $m_2 = 1.15 \text{ GeV}$ . The factor  $\alpha$  sets the strength of the interaction. This strength is taken equal for all terms, so that the potential  $V(r)$  vanishes for  $r \rightarrow 0$  and it behaves as  $-\alpha e^{-Mr}/r^3$  for large  $r$ . In Fig. 2 we show the full potential and its long range part extended to small values of  $r$ .

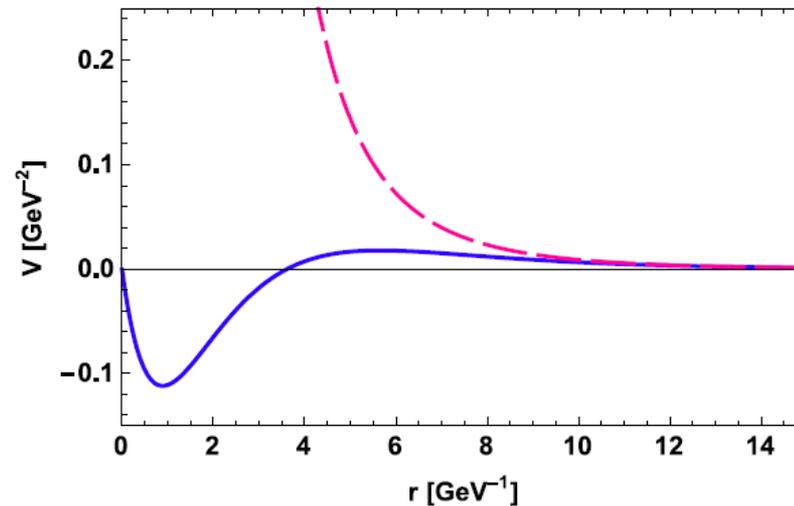


FIG. 2: Exact and approximate potentials as discussed in the text. The solid (blue) and the long-dashed (magenta) lines corresponds to the exact and the approximate potentials, respectively.

Considering the expression of Eq. (14) as an “underlying fundamental” potential, we can construct the corresponding EFT. The LO EFT potential consists of a constant contact interaction corresponding to the delta potential in coordinate space and the long range part  $-\alpha e^{-Mr}/r^3$ , which is singular if extended to the small  $r$  region. The coupling constant  $\alpha = -36 \text{ GeV}^{-2} \approx -1/(0.167 \text{ GeV})^2$  is chosen such that the full LO potential as well as its long range part are non-perturbative for the momenta  $k \sim M = 0.1385 \text{ GeV}$ . A simple UV analysis shows that the

are reasonably well described by the LO EFT potential. For increasing cutoff, the region where the phase shifts are well described at LO decreases eventually vanishing in the removed cutoff limit. Note further that the phase shifts



## My conclusion:

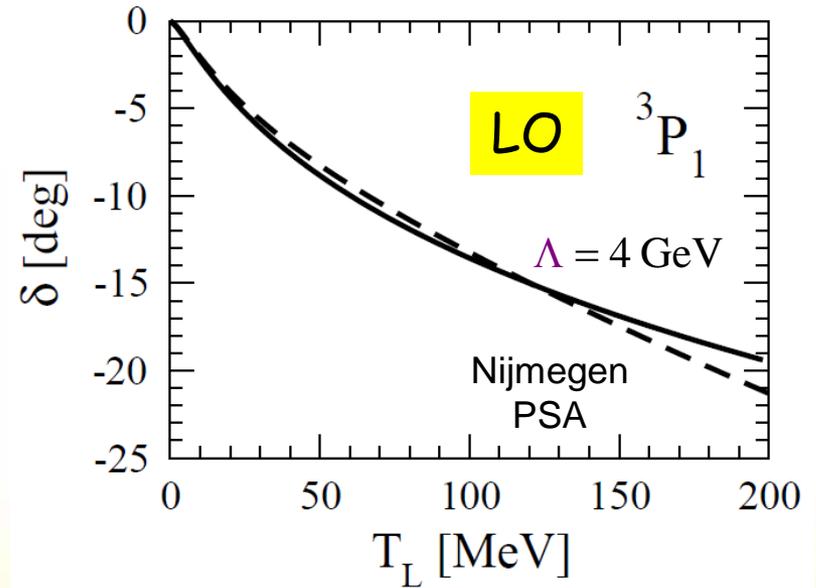
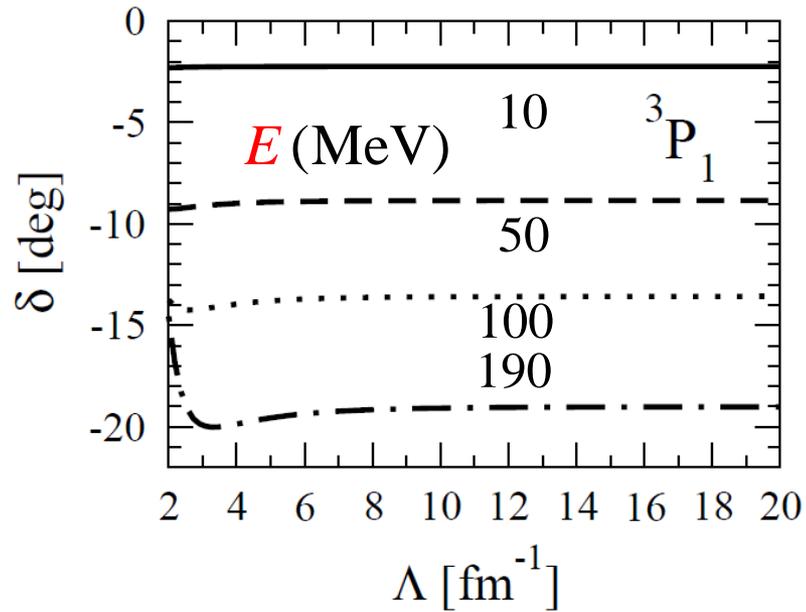
The power counting in this situation is one in which the contact interactions should be treated perturbatively

which, btw, is consistent with the repulsive singular potential being properly renormalized without a contact interaction



nonperturbative one-pion exchange alone:

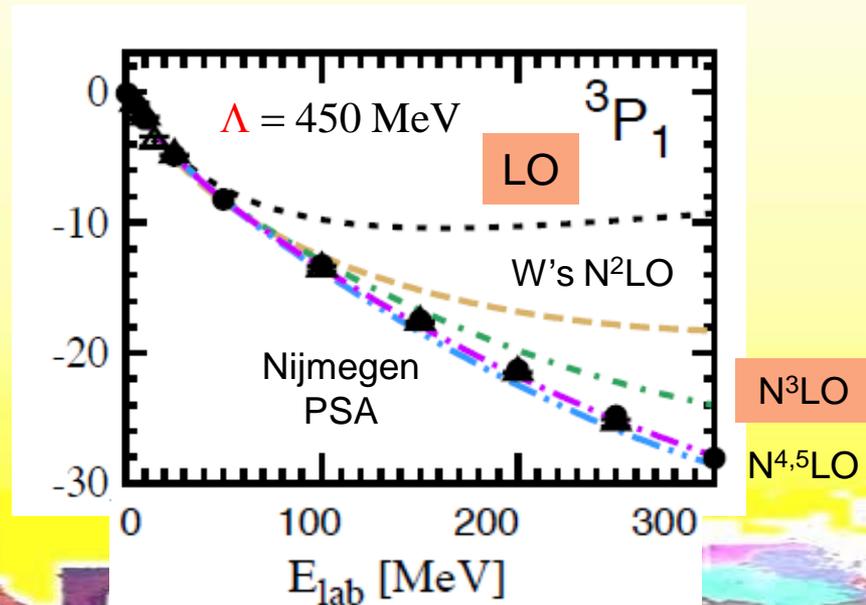
Nogga, Timmermans+ v.K. '05



I.e. no need to revise NDA on the basis of RG invariance in this channel

cf.

Reinert, Krebs + Epelbaum '18



well described at LO decreases eventually vanishing in the removed cutoff limit. Note further that the phase shifts corresponding to a repulsive long-range singular potential without adding a strong attractive contact interaction have a well defined removed cutoff limit which strongly deviates from the data as seen in Fig. 3. One might be tempted to try to reproduce the data by treating the higher order contact interactions perturbatively. However, and on top to the conceptual problems discussed above, such a perturbative treatment would be questionable due to the large discrepancy between the data and the LO phase shifts, see also Ref. [74] for a related discussion. Thus, as mentioned

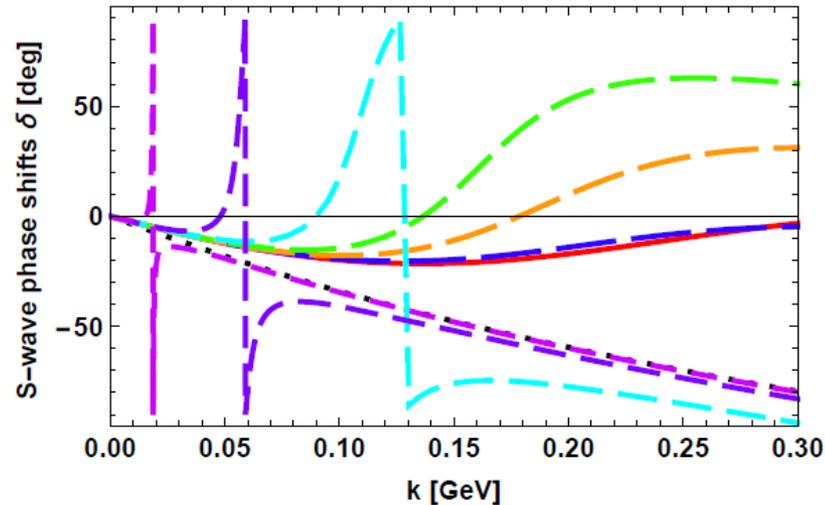
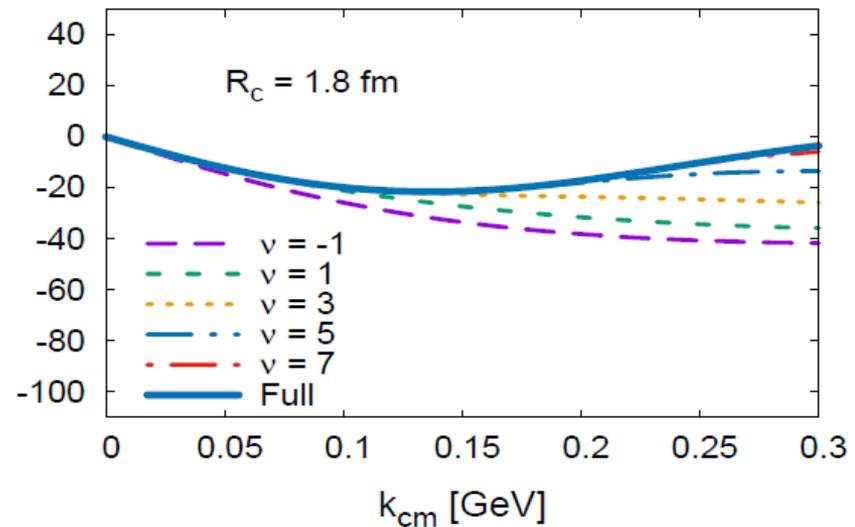
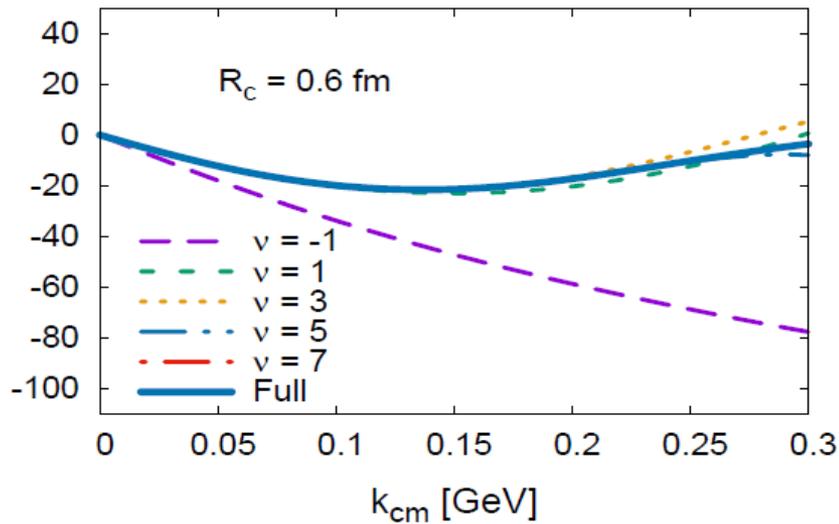
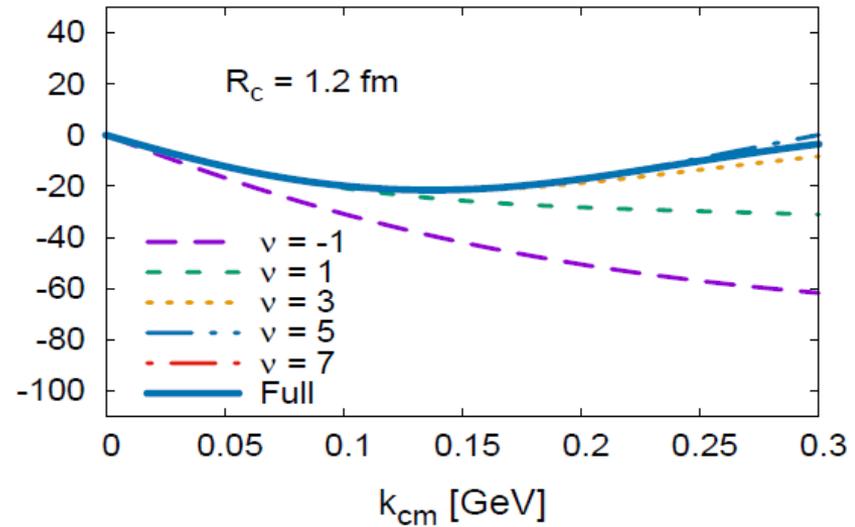
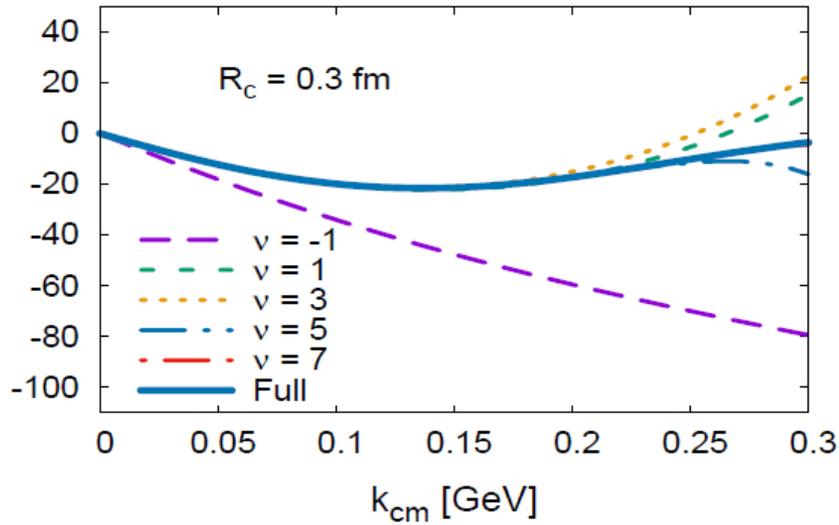


FIG. 3: S-wave phase shifts versus the particle momentum in the center-of-mass frame. The solid (red) line corresponds to the underlying potential and the dashed lines with decreasing length of dashes are phase shifts for the cutoff  $\Lambda = 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 1.4, 2.0$  and  $3.0$  GeV, respectively. The constant contact interaction term is fitted to reproduce the scattering length. The dotted (black) line represents the phase shifts corresponding to the singular long range potential in the infinite cutoff limit.



plus similar expressions for its derivatives, where a local contact-range potential is used:  $C_{2n}q^{2n}$ . The regularization is slightly different than in the original manuscript, but it is certainly simpler and nonetheless equivalent. The details of the calculation are analogous to those of Ref. [8], but extended to higher orders. The  $C_{2n}$  couplings are determined by fitting to the toy model phase shifts in the 20 – 80 MeV (80 – 200 MeV) range for  $\nu = 1, 3$  ( $\nu = 5, 7$ ). Calculations are shown for the cutoffs  $R_c = 0.3, 0.6, 1.2$  and 1.8 fm up to order  $Q^7$  (N<sup>8</sup>LO) in the EFT expansion. The conclusion is that the standard EFT approach of Ref. [2] is perfectly able to describe the physics of the toy model of Epelbaum et al. [1]. In addition it improves over the proposal of Ref. [1] (namely, a purely non-perturbative approach with a judiciously chosen cutoff), in the sense that there are no strong restrictions on the cutoff (besides the numerical ones,  $R_c \geq 0.3$  fm in this case), which can be taken harder than the breakdown scale if one wishes to. Notice that even though the existence of the  $R_c \rightarrow 0$  limit has not been proven, this is not a necessary condition for the present approach to be useful.

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Epelbaum + Gegelia, arXiv:1207.2420 [nucl-th]

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