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Chiral effective field theory for nuclear forces

Concepts

Effective field theory, chiral perturbation theory, renormalization, predictive power, KSW vs Weinberg, power counting...

Methods

S-matrix matching, method of unitary transformation to derive nuclear forces (and currents), ...

Useful literature

- **General:** EE, *Nuclear forces from chiral EFT: A primer*, arXiv:1001.3229
- **Organization of nuclear chiral EFT (renormalization, power counting, ...)**
 - Weinberg, *Effective chiral Lagrangians for nucleon-pion interactions and nuclear forces*, Nucl. Phys. B363 (1991) 3
 - Lepage, *How to renormalize the Schrödinger equation*, nucl/th:9706029
 - Kaplan, Savage, Wise, *Two nucleon systems from EFT*, Nucl. Phys. B534 (1998) 617
 - Nogga, Timmermans, van Kolck, *Renormalization of one-pion exchange and power counting*, Phys. Rev. C72 (2005) 054006
 - EE, Gegelia, *Regularization, renormalization and „peratization“ in EFT for two nucleons*, Eur. Phys. J. A41 (2009) 341
 - Birse, *The renormalization group and nuclear forces*, Phil. Trans. Roy. Soc. Lond. A369 (2011) 2662
 - EE, Gegelia, Meißner, *Wilsonian renormalization group versus subtractive renormalization in EFTs for nucleon-nucleon scattering*, Nucl. Phys. B925 (2017) 161
- **Derivation of nuclear forces and currents using the method of UT**
 - Okubo, *Diagonalization of Hamiltonian and Tamm-Dancoff equation*, Prog. Theor. Phys. 12 (1954) 603
 - EE, *Four-nucleon force using the method of unitary transformation*, Eur. Phys. J. A34 (2007) 197
 - Krebs, EE, Meißner, *Nuclear axial current operators to fourth order in chiral EFT*, Annals Phys. 378 (2017) 317

Useful literature

- **Uncertainty quantification in nuclear chiral EFT**

- Ekström et al., *Statistical uncertainties of a chiral interaction at next-to-next-to-leading order*, J. Phys. G42 (2015) 034003
- EE, Krebs, Meißner, *Improved chiral NN potential up to next-to-next-to-next-to-leading order*, Eur. Phys. J. A51 (2015) 53
- Wesolowski, Klco, Furnstahl, Phillips, *Bayesian parameter estimation for effective field theories*, J.Phys. G43 (2016) 074001

- **Review articles on nuclear forces (and beyond)**

- EE, *Few-nucleon forces and systems in chiral EFT*, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 57 (2006) 654
- EE, Hammer, Meißner, *Modern theory of nuclear forces*, Rev. Mod. Phys. 81 (2009) 1773
- Entem, Machleidt, *Chiral EFT and nuclear forces*, Phys. Rept. 53 (2011) 1
- EE, Meißner, *Chiral dynamics of few- and many-nucleon systems*, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 62 (2012) 159
- Machleidt, Sammarruca, *Chiral EFT based nuclear forces: Achievements and challenges*, Phys. Scripta 91 (2016) 083007
- Hammer, König, van Kolck, *Nuclear effective field theory: Status and perspectives*, arXiv:1906.12122 [nucl-th]

Lecture Syllabus

Introduction

Part I: Chiral perturbation theory in a nutshell

Part II: Two-nucleon scattering: Pionless EFT

Part III: Two-nucleon scattering: Inclusion of pions

Part IV: Nuclear forces/currents from chiral EFT

Introduction

Effective Theories



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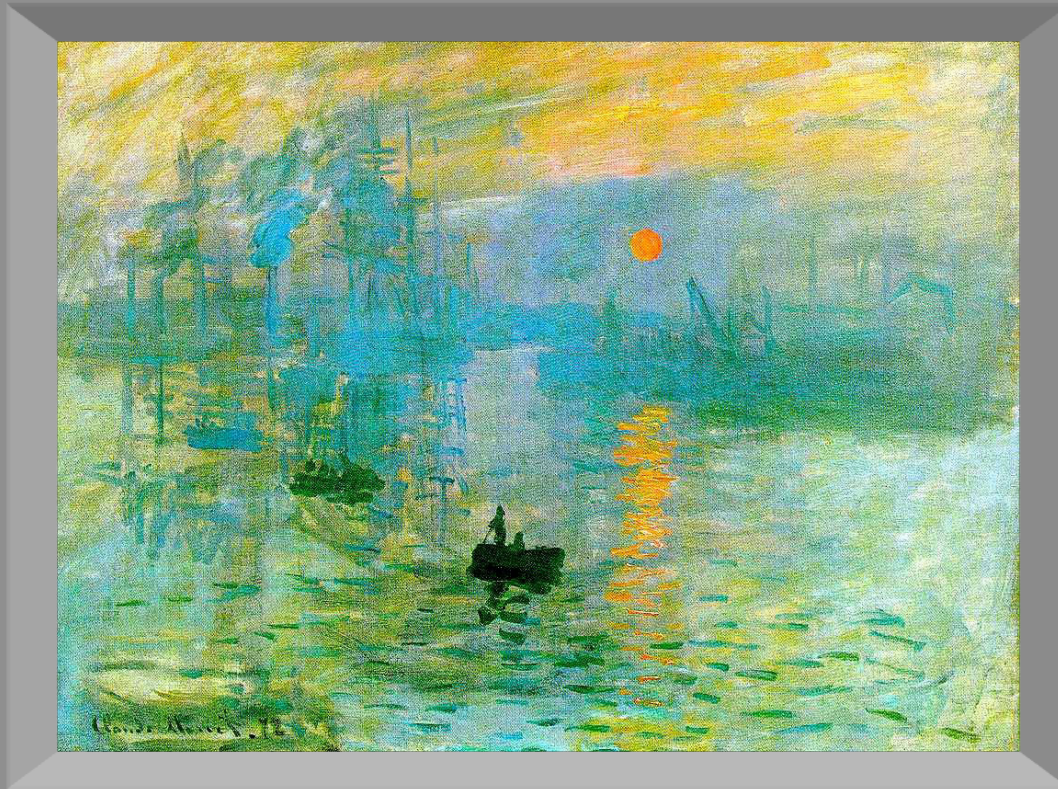
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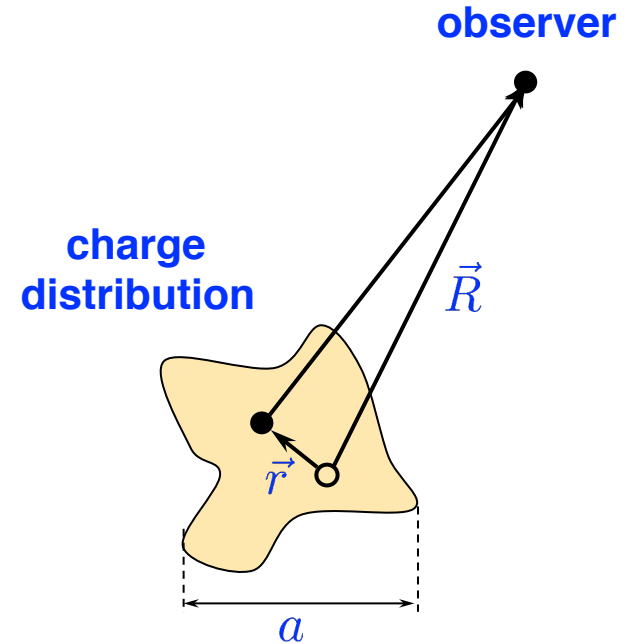


→ it is crucial to choose a proper resolution !

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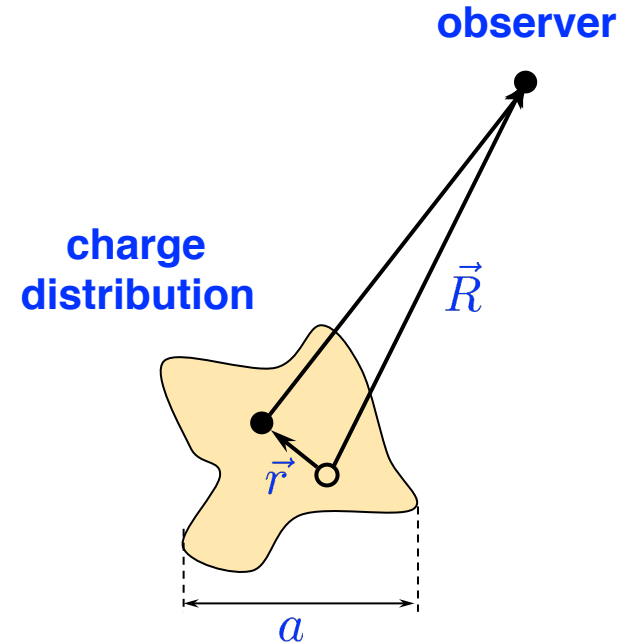


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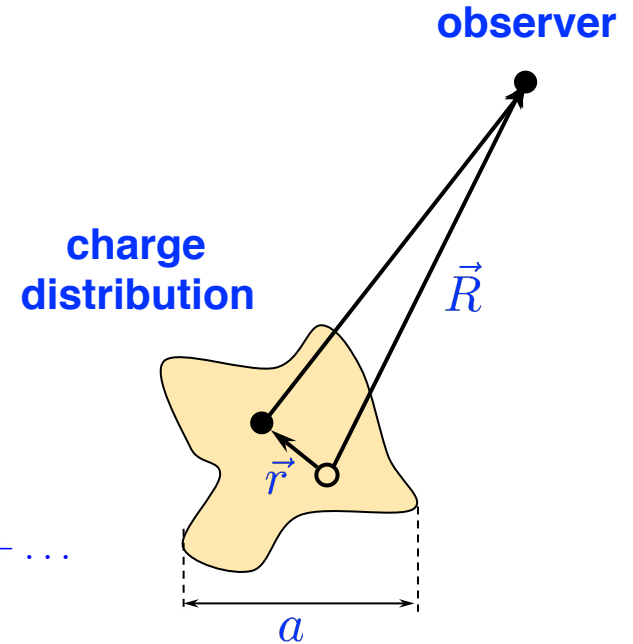
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Remember: multipole expansion just follows from:

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{R} - \vec{r}|} = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^l P_l(\cos \alpha) = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^l \frac{4\pi}{2l+1} \sum_m Y_{lm}(\hat{R}) Y_{lm}^*(\hat{r})$$



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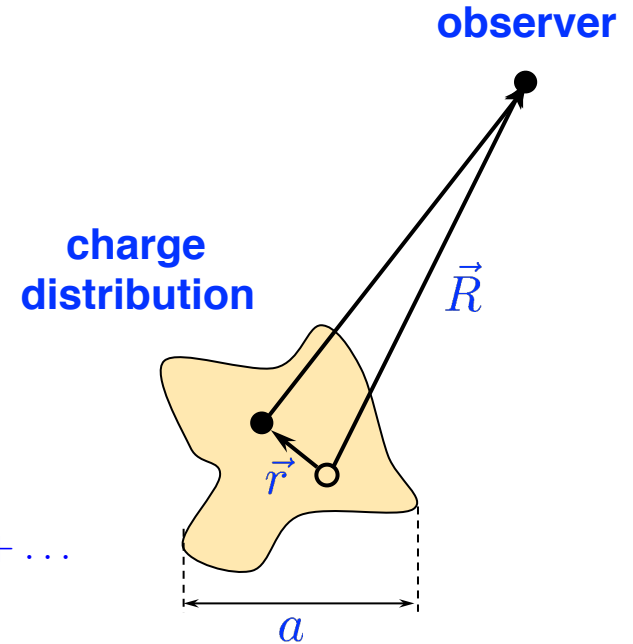
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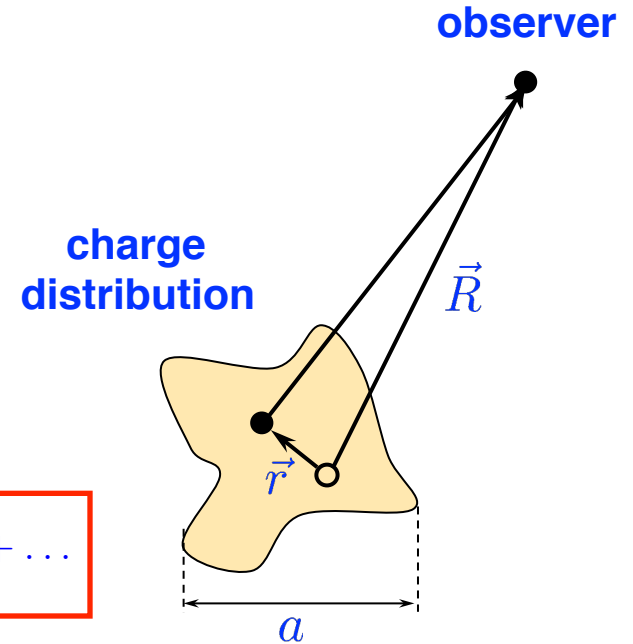
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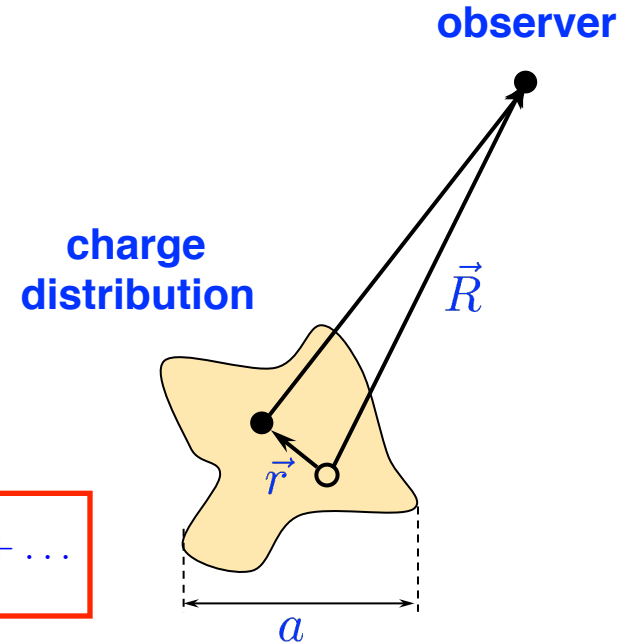
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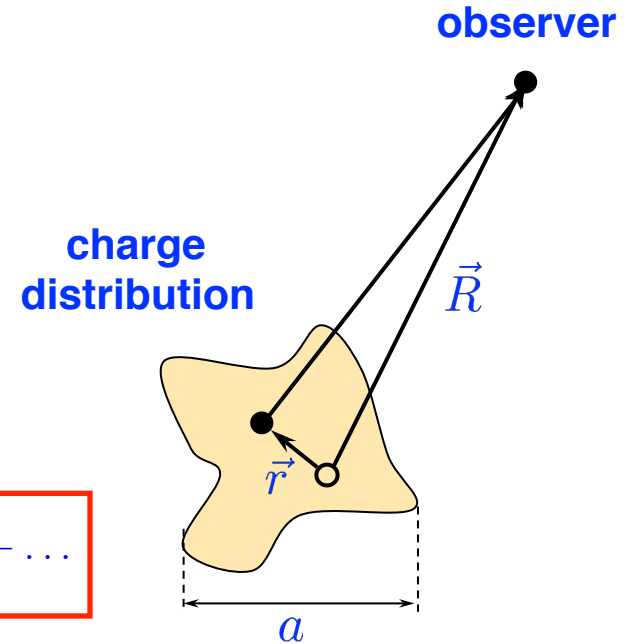
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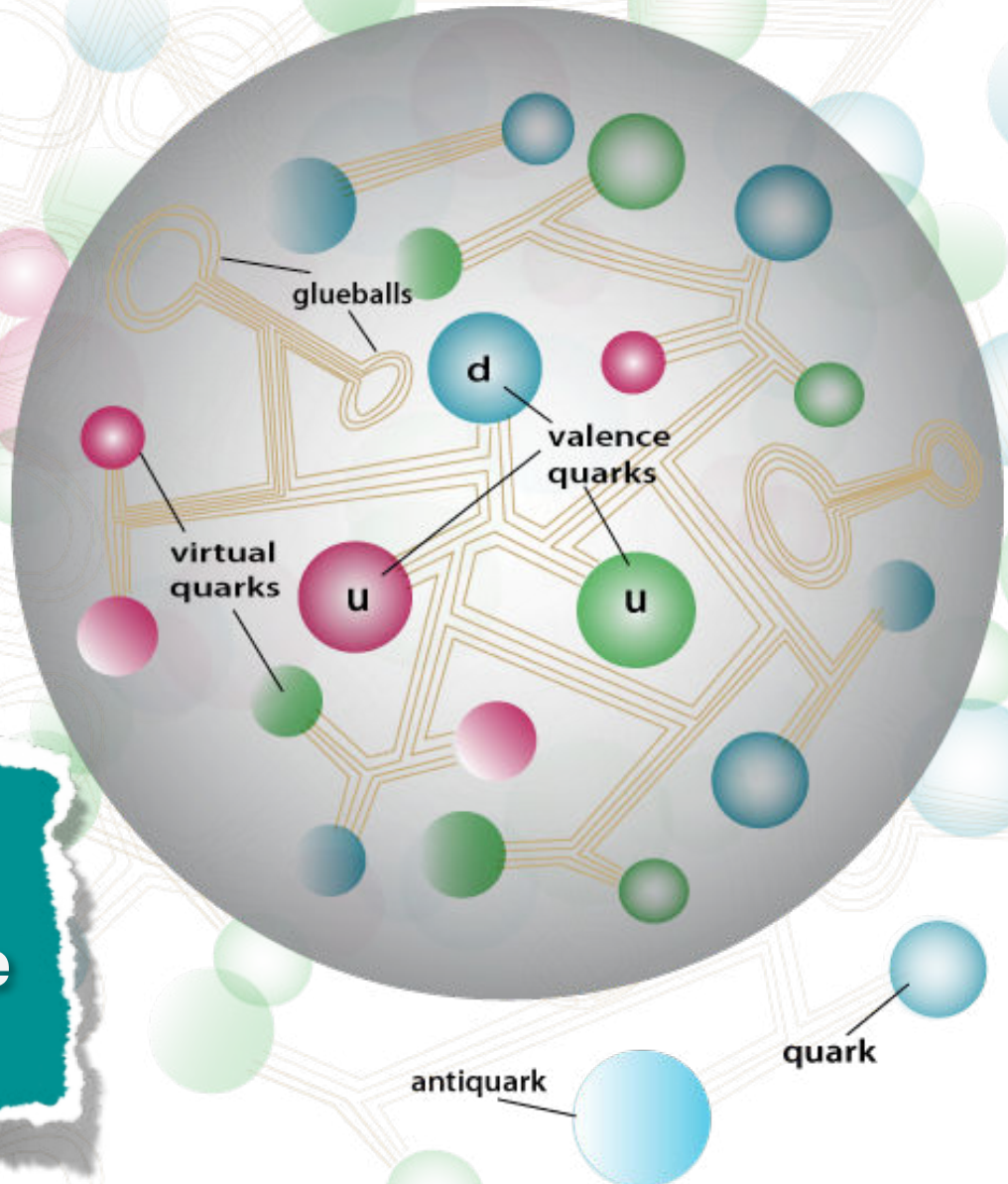
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 - measure **LECs** & compute $V(\vec{R})$ via expansion in $\frac{a}{R}$ (**power counting, separation of scales**)

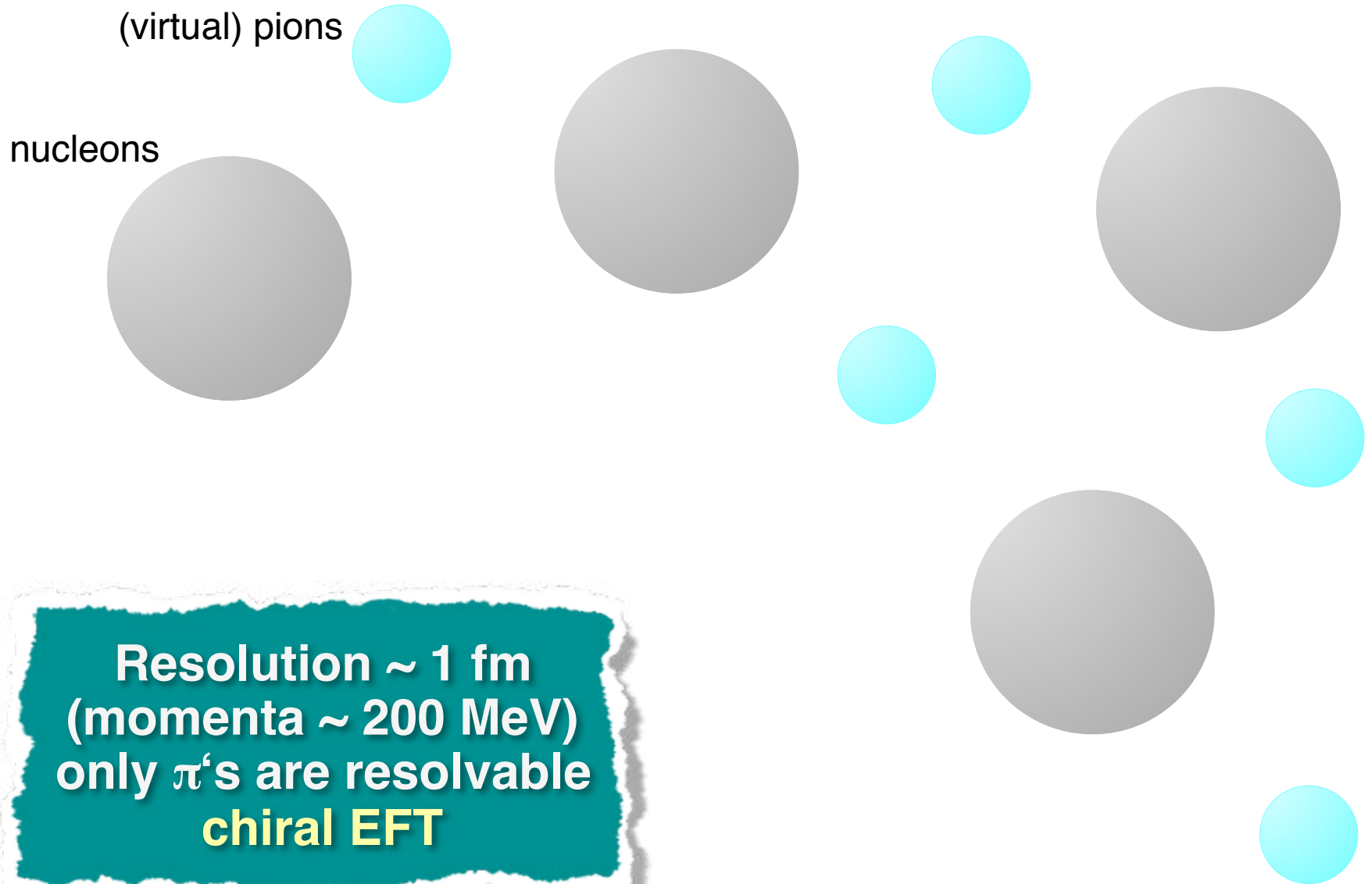


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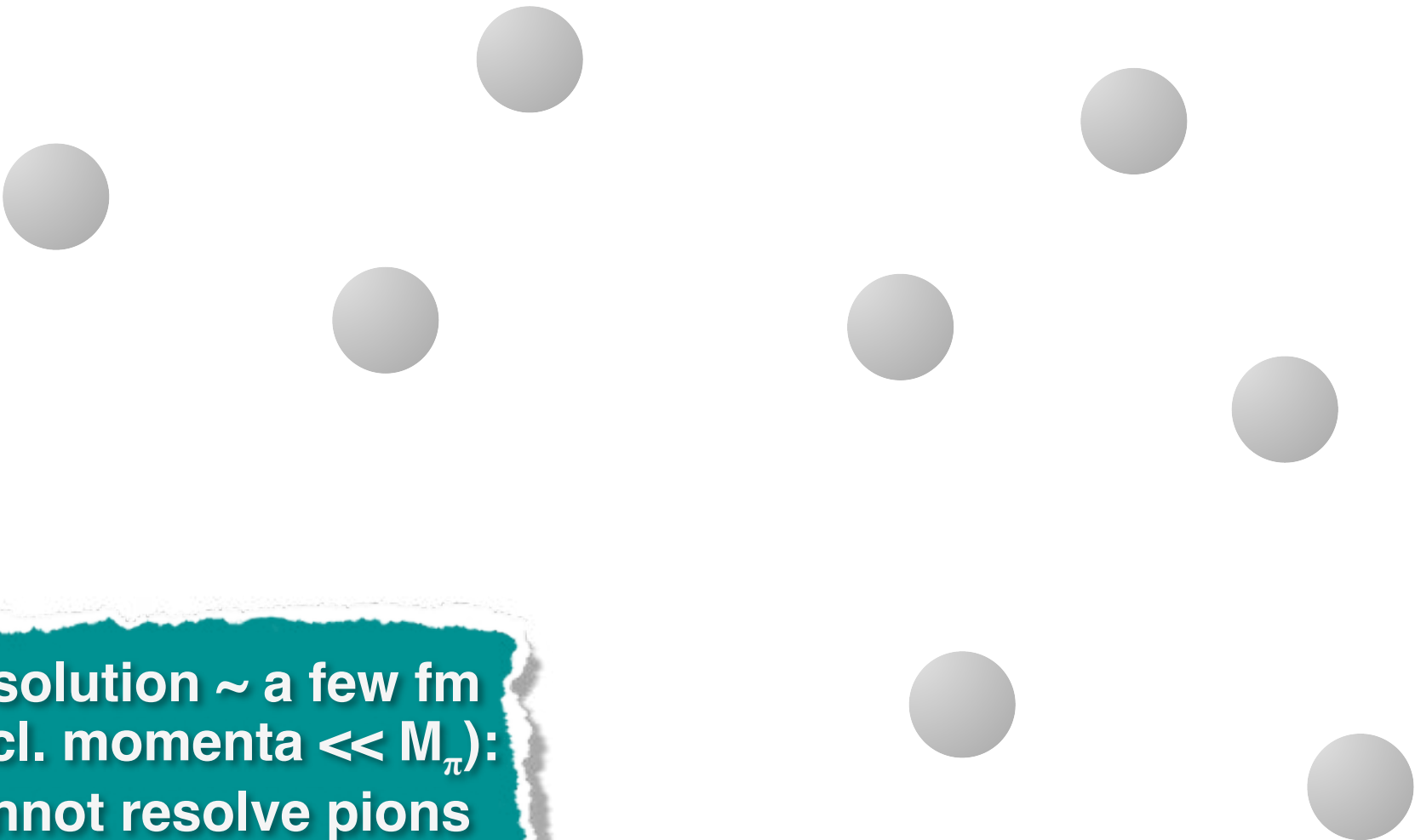
Resolution
scale $\ll 1$ fm:
probing the structure
of the nucleons...



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Resolution $\sim$ a few fm
(nucl. momenta $\ll M_\pi$):
cannot resolve pions
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Selected review articles

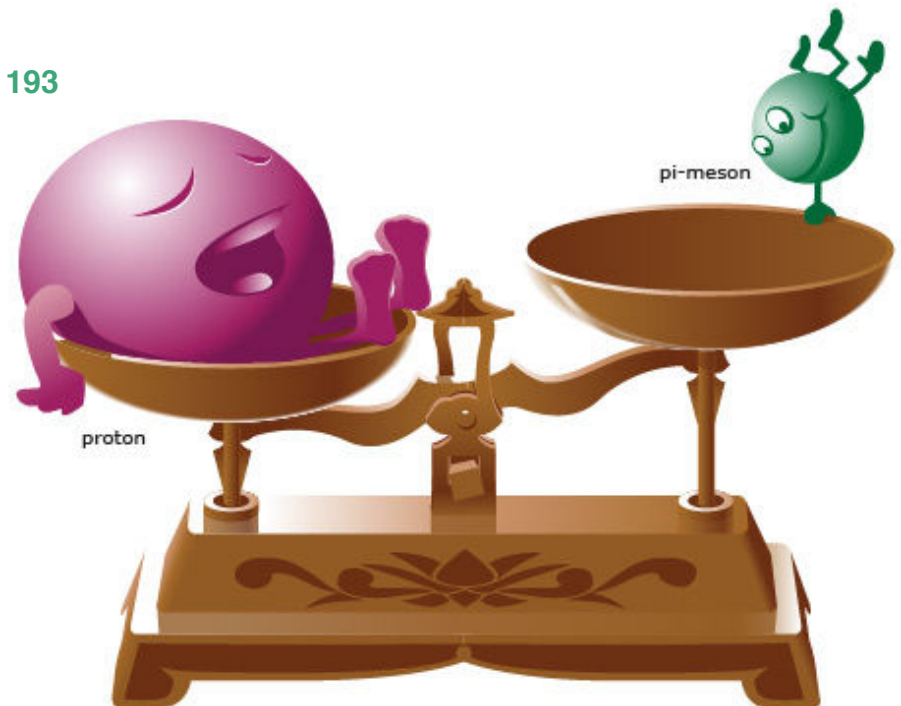
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- Gasser, Lect. Notes Phys. 629 (2004) 1

Text book

- Scherer, Schindler, A Primer for Chiral Perturbation Theory, Springer, Lecture Notes in Physics, 2012



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2. From effective Lagrangian to S-matrix
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4. Summary of part I

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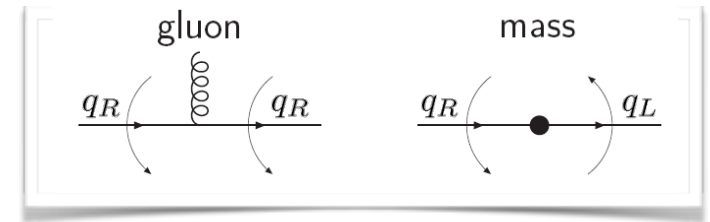
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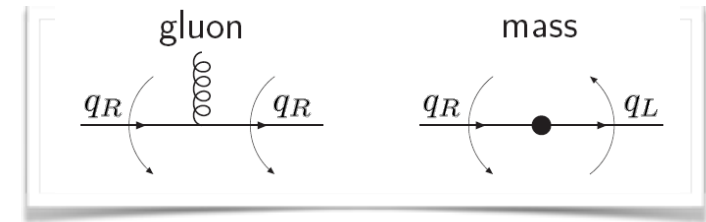
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- Ideal world [$m_u = m_d = 0$], zero-energy limit: non-interacting massless GBs (+ strongly interacting massive hadrons)
- Real world [$m_u, m_d \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$], low energy: weakly interacting light GBs (+ strongly interacting massive hadrons)

→ expand about the ideal world (ChPT)

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Example of an explicit construction:

Infinitesimal $\text{SO}(4)$ rotation of the 4-vector $(\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \sigma)$: $\begin{pmatrix} \pi \\ \sigma \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{SO}(4)} \begin{pmatrix} \pi' \\ \sigma' \end{pmatrix} = \left[\mathbf{1}_{4 \times 4} + \sum_{i=1}^3 \theta_i^V V_i + \sum_{i=1}^3 \theta_i^A A_i \right] \begin{pmatrix} \pi \\ \sigma \end{pmatrix}$

where:
$$\sum_{i=1}^3 \theta_i^V V_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\theta_3^V & \theta_2^V & 0 \\ \theta_3^V & 0 & -\theta_1^V & 0 \\ -\theta_2^V & \theta_1^V & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^3 \theta_i^A A_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \theta_1^A \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \theta_2^A \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \theta_3^A \\ -\theta_1^A & -\theta_2^A & -\theta_3^A & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Switch to **nonlinear realization**: only 3 out of 4 components of the vector (π, σ) are independent, i.e. $\pi^2 + \sigma^2 = F^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi &\xrightarrow{\theta^V} \pi' = \pi + \theta^V \times \pi, & \longleftarrow \text{linear under } \vec{\theta}^V \\ \pi &\xrightarrow{\theta^A} \pi' = \pi + \theta^A \sqrt{F^2 - \pi^2} & \longleftarrow \text{nonlinear under } \vec{\theta}^A \end{aligned}$$

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$\swarrow$ derivatives act only on the next U

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Chiral symmetry breaking terms

$\delta \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = -\bar{q}_L \mathcal{M} q_R - \bar{q}_R \mathcal{M}^\dagger q_L$ can be made χ -invariant by requiring: $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow L \mathcal{M} R^\dagger$

$\longrightarrow$ construct all possible χ -invariant terms involving $\mathcal{M}$ and freeze out $\mathcal{M}$ at the end

$$\text{LO term: } \delta \mathcal{L}_{\text{SB}} = \frac{BF^2}{2} \text{Tr}[\mathcal{M} U^\dagger + U \mathcal{M}^\dagger] = 2BF^2 m_q - B m_q \vec{\pi}^2 + \dots \longrightarrow M_\pi^2 = 2m_q B + \mathcal{O}(m_q^2)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_\pi^{(4)} = & \frac{l_1}{4} \langle \partial_\mu U \partial^\mu U^\dagger \rangle^2 + \frac{l_2}{4} \langle \partial_\mu U \partial_\nu U^\dagger \rangle \langle \partial^\mu U \partial^\nu U^\dagger \rangle + \frac{l_3}{16} \langle 2B\mathcal{M}(U + U^\dagger) \rangle^2 + \dots \\ & - \frac{l_7}{16} \langle 2B\mathcal{M}(U - U^\dagger) \rangle^2 \end{aligned}$$

Gasser, Leutwyler '84

*terms involving
external fields*



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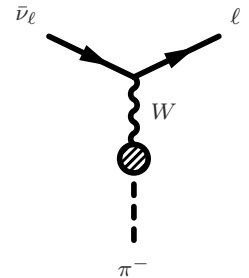
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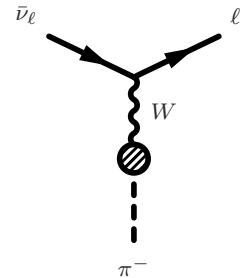
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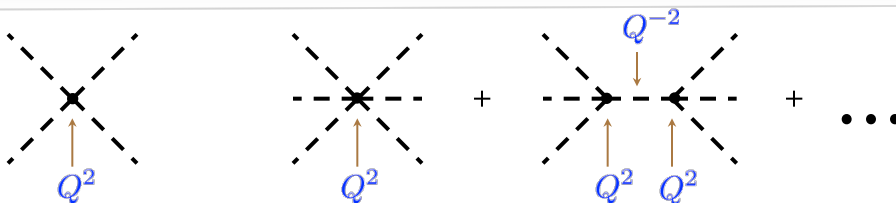
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- all diagrams scale as Q^2
- insertions from $\mathcal{L}_\pi^{(4)}$, $\mathcal{L}_\pi^{(6)}$, ...
suppressed by powers of Q^2
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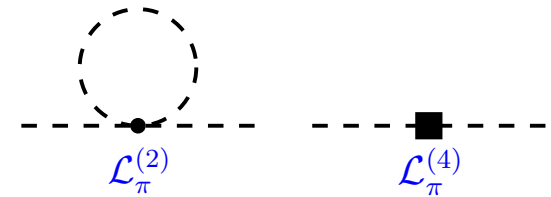
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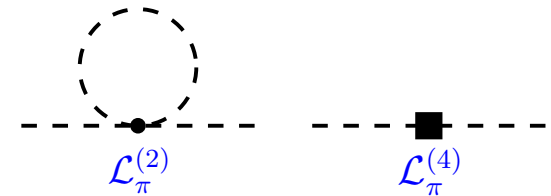
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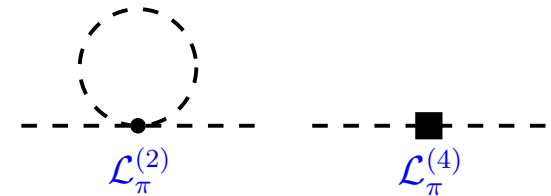
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Power counting (Naive Dimensional Analysis)

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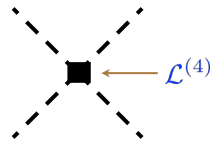
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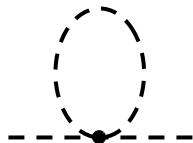
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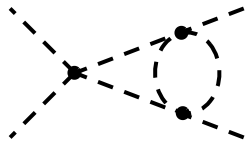
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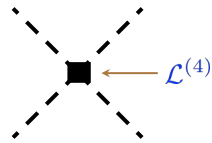


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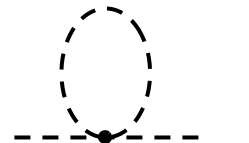
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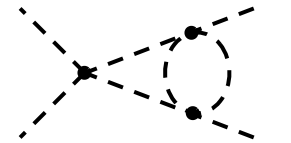
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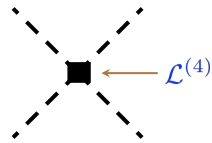
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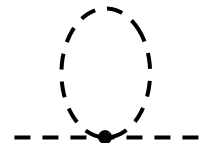
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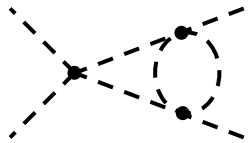
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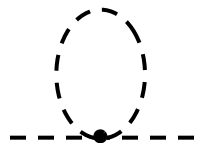
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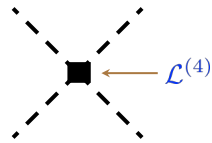


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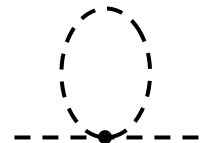
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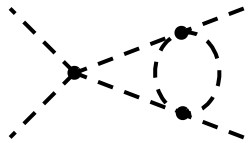
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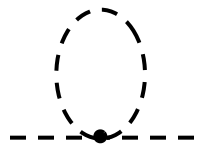
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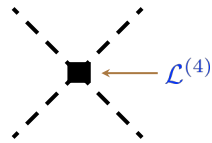
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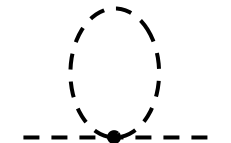
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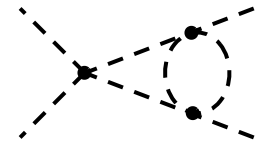
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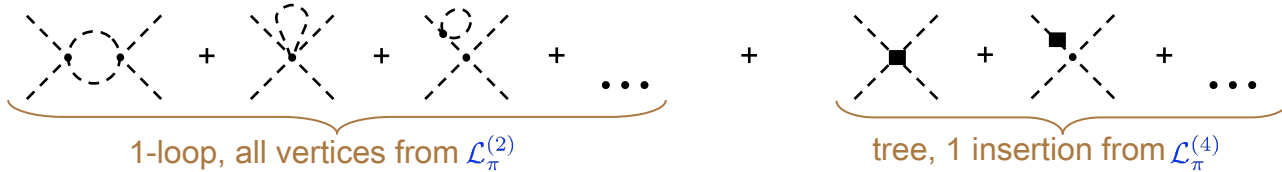
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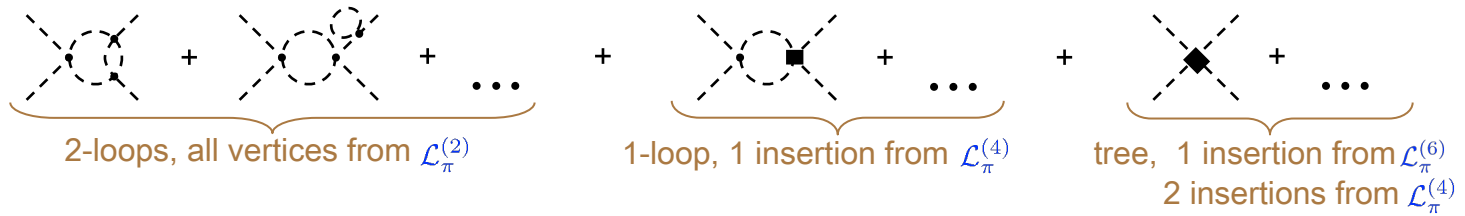
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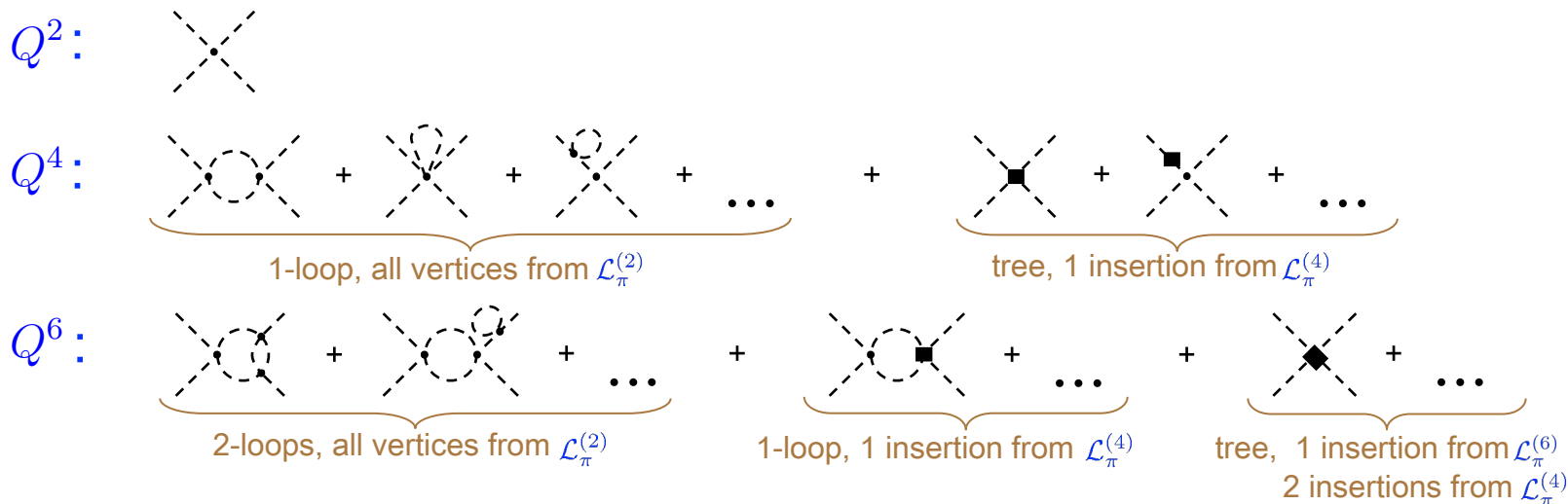
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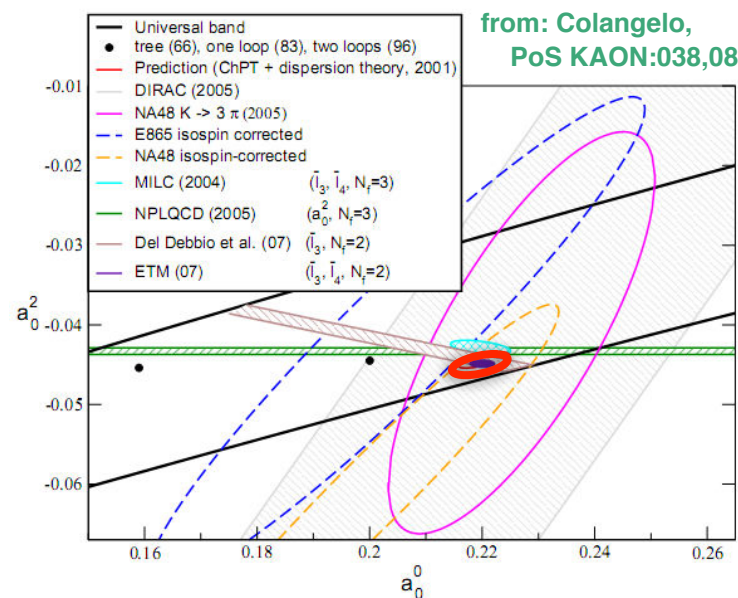
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NNLO + disp. relations: [Colangelo et al.]

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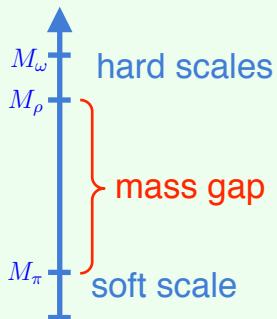
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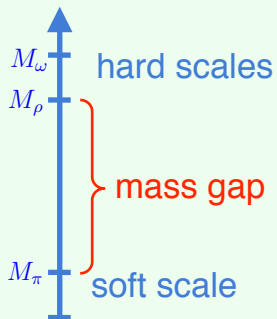
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$\uparrow$ # of loops $\uparrow$ # of vertices of type i $\uparrow$ # of derivatives & M_π

[exercises]

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to write terms like: $\bar{N}O_1 \dots O_n N \quad \text{Tr}(O_{n+1} \dots O_m) \dots \text{Tr}(O_{m+1} \dots O_k)$

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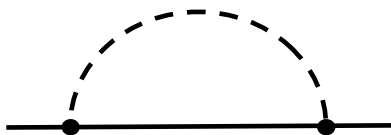
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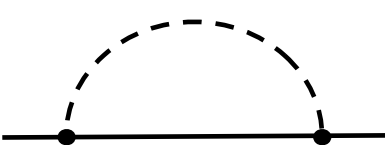
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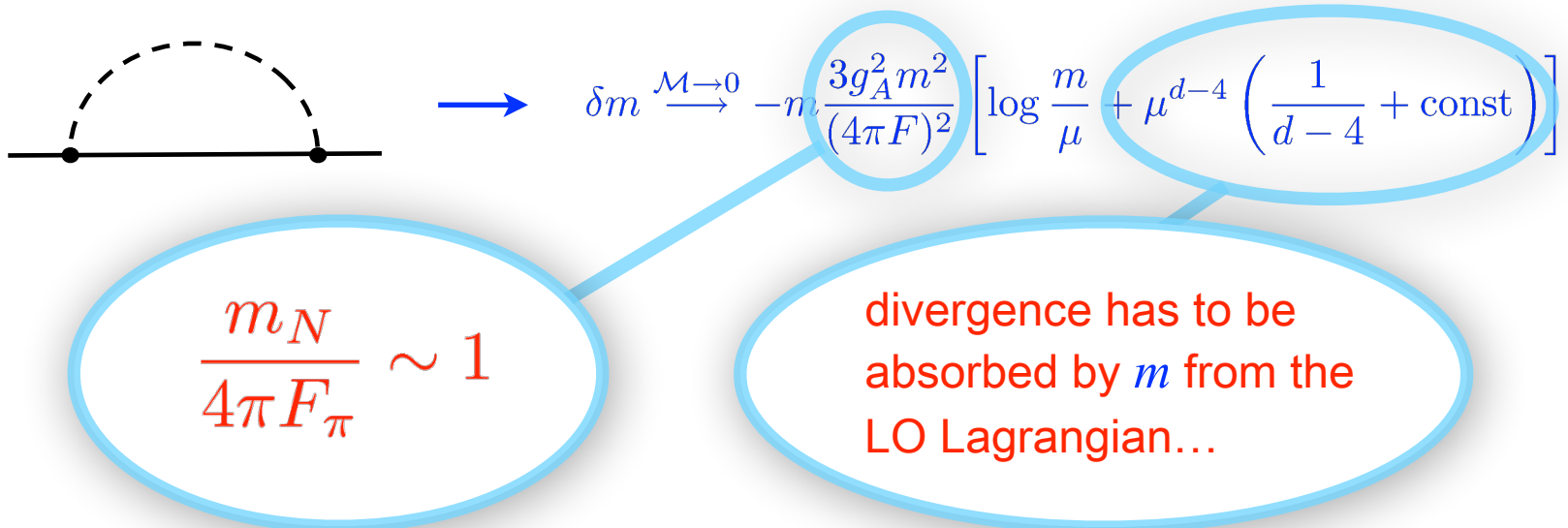
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[Exercises: verify the form of the HB propagator by performing 1/m expansion of the standard Dirac propagator for the fermion field.]

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- In the HB formulation, the nucleon mass does not appear in the nucleon propagator and contribute only through $1/m$ corrections to vertices

→ power counting is manifest!

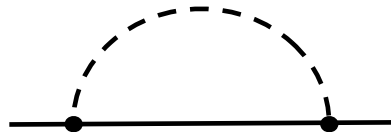
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of nucleon fields

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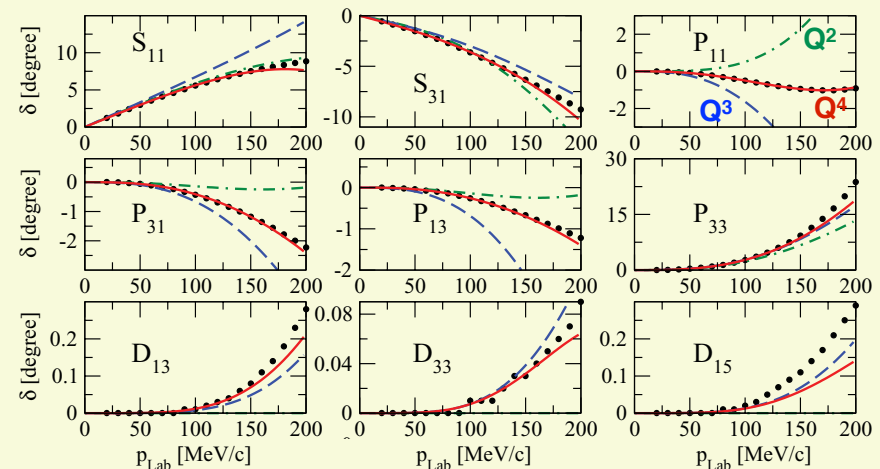
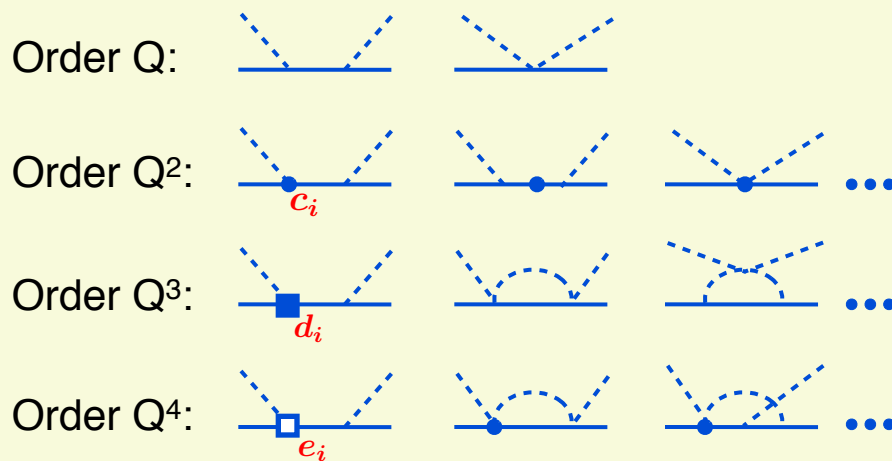
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(Some) topics in and beyond ChPT

- **Resummation of leading Log's**

Weinberg, Bijnens, Colangelo, Bissiger, Fuhrer, Kivel, Polyakov, Vladimirov, ...

Leading logs can be computed for higher loops, all orders possible in certain cases

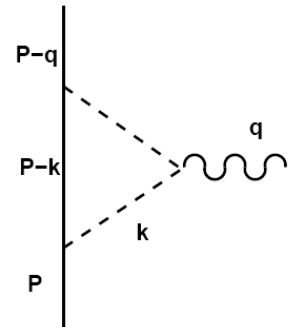
- **Combining ChPT and dispersion theory**

Colangelo, Gasser, Leutwyler, Bernard, Meißner, Descotes Genon, Knecht, Pelaez, Hoferichter, Kubis, Ruiz de Elvira, ...

- **Covariant baryon ChPT**

Becher, Leutwyler, Bernard, Meißner, Kubis, Gegelia, Scherer, Camalich, Geng, Ren, ...

HB expansion has a very limited convergence range for some types of diagrams → better to resum $1/m$ recoil corrections up to infinite order (IR-ChPT). Alternatively, use manifestly covariant framework + appropriate subtraction (EOMS) to enforce power counting



- **ChPT with explicit spin-3/2 degrees of freedom**

Hemmert, Bernard, Fettes, Meißner, Pascalutsa, Vanderhaeghen, Kaiser, Gegelia, EE, Gasparyan, Krebs, Siemens, ...

$\Delta(1232)$ has low excitation energy ~ 300 MeV → better to include as an explicit DOF...

- **ChPT and/or lattice QCD**

Colangelo, Beane, Savage, Jiang, Tiburzi, Procura, Weise, Walker Loud, Bernard, Meißner, Rusetsky, Hemmert, ...

Chiral extrapolations, finite volume corrections, quenched ChPT, ...

- **Unitarized ChPT and resonance physics**

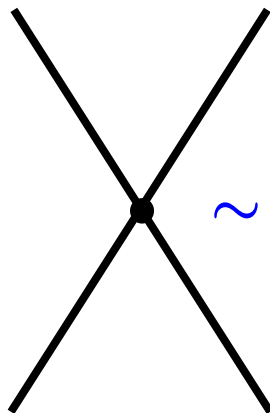
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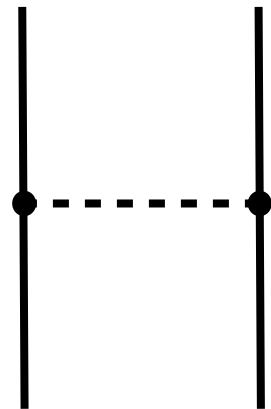
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Low-energy nucleon-nucleon interactions are NOT suppressed in the chiral limit

No reason to expect perturbation theory to be valid

(indeed, there are shallow bound states...)