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Thank you, Rimas!

Towards the Unitarity Limit in EFTs with Pions



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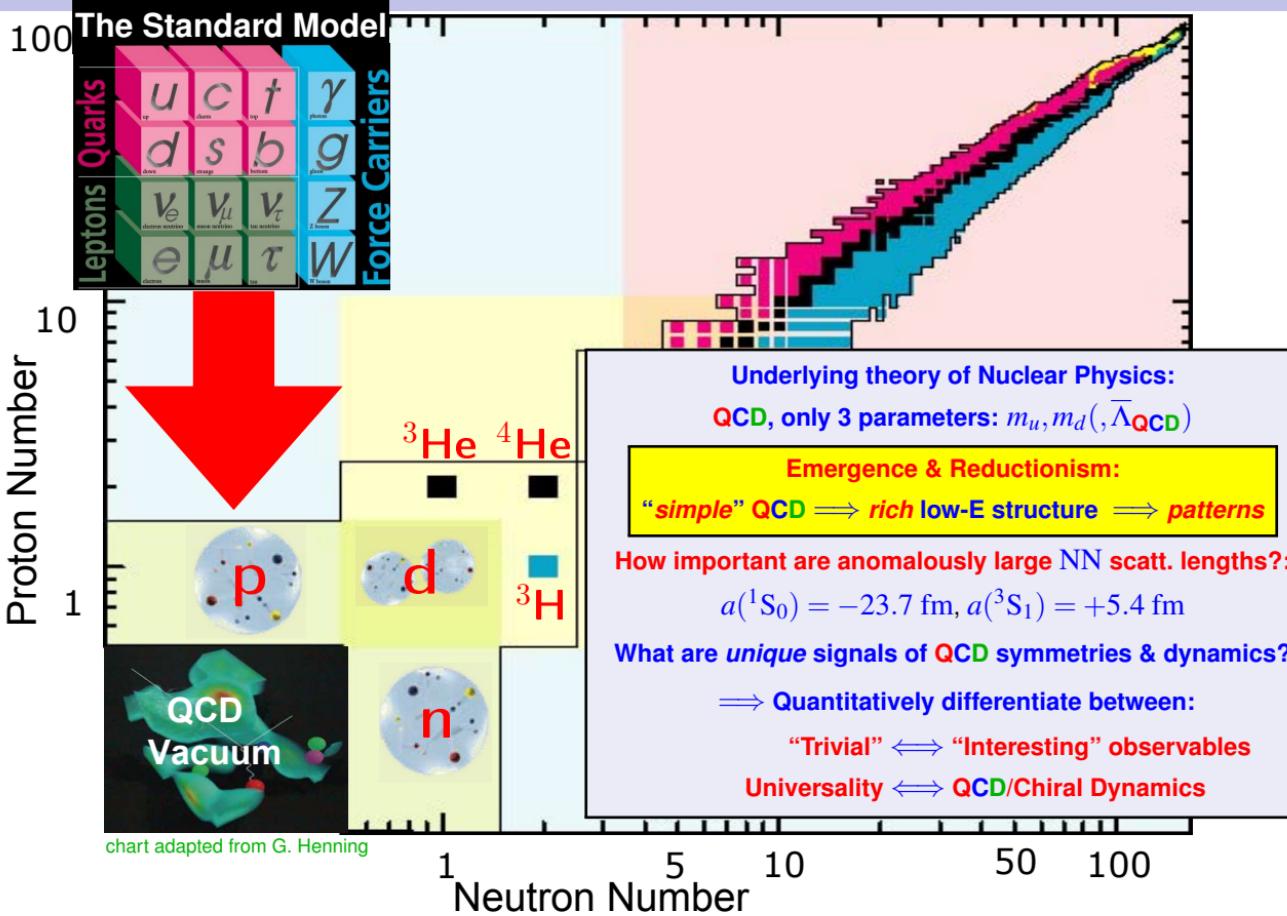
How to root Nuclear Physics in QCD?
What is the underlying principle that makes simple
structures emerge from complex nuclear dynamics?



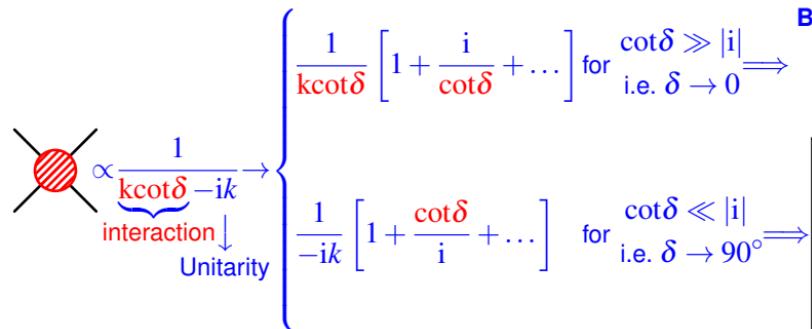
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Teng/hg: MSc Thesis GW 2023 and [2410.09653 [nucl-th]]

1. Emergent Phenomena in Nuclear Physics: “Order From Chaos”



2. What Is The Unitarity Limit? And Why Should I Care?



Born Approximation:

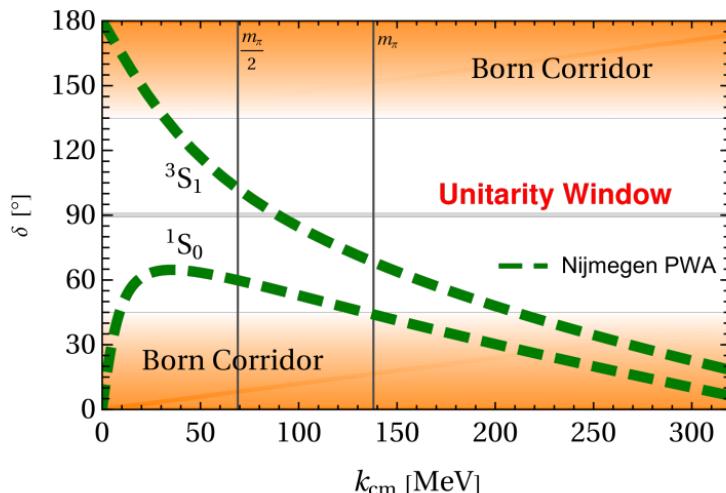
interactions small & perturbative,
their details & scales drive A_{NN}
no bound states

Unitarity Limit implies Universality:

interaction strong: *non-perturbative*,
details irrelevant, unitarity drives A_{NN} :

Unitarity Expansion at LO

no scales in A_{NN} , bound state at $k=0$.



Unitarity Window: $|\cot\delta| \leq 1$ ($45^\circ \leq \delta \leq 135^\circ$)

\implies LO NN nonperturbative in 1S_0 & 3S_1 for

$$30 \text{ MeV} \leq k_{\text{cm}} \leq [1.5\dots 2]m_\pi$$

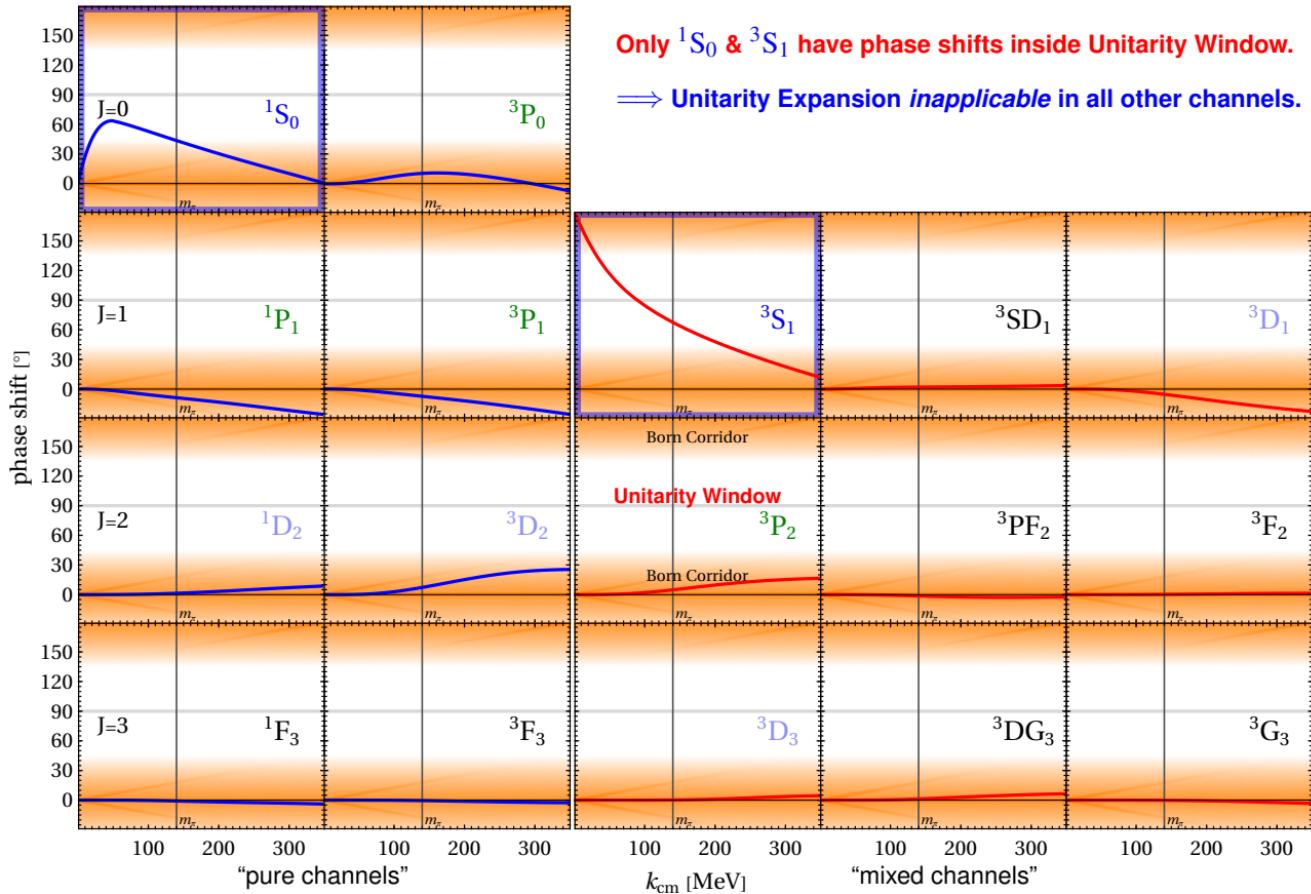
Outside: **Born Corridors**

LO perturbative for $|\cot\delta| \geq 1$ ($|\delta| \leq 45^\circ$)

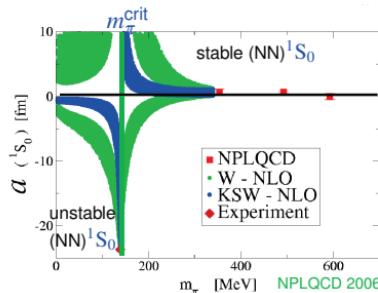
How much of Nuclear Physics does really depend on details of QCD?

How much just from (corrections to)
universal aspects around Unitarity?

(a) Use Unitarity Expansion Only for Channels with Large NN Phase Shifts!



(b) Symmetries in the Unitarity Limit



χ EFT cannot explain anomalous scatt. lengths/shallow binding: Worlds with $a \lesssim \frac{1}{m_\pi}$!

Noether Theorem 1918 [physics/0503066]

Symmetries and their breaking result in conserved quantities.



- (1) **Amplitude saturated at Unitarity Limit:** $\sigma = \frac{4\pi}{k^2}$ maximal (probability conservation).
 (2) **Scale Invariance:** $\vec{k} \rightarrow e^\lambda \vec{k}$. actually nonrel. Conformal/Schrödinger Symmetry... Mehen/Stewart/Wise 2000
 Nishida/Son 2007

$$\ln \text{NN}: \text{Diagram} = \frac{4\pi}{M} \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{a} - ik} = A_{\text{NN}}(^3S_1) = A_{\text{NN}}(^1S_0) \quad \text{if } a(^3S_1) = a(^1S_0).$$

Theorists love Unitarity Limit as Nontrivial Fixed Point characterised by high symmetry:
 Wigner-SU(4)+ scale-invariance close to FP protected in renormalisation.

What About Nature?

(c) Unitarity Expansion in EFT(ℓ)

$$\text{EFT}(\delta)/\text{ERE: } \text{X} \propto \frac{1}{-ik} \left[1 + \frac{k \cot \delta = -\frac{1}{a} + \frac{r}{2}k^2 + \dots}{ik} + \dots \right] \rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{1}{-ik}}_{\text{LO}} \left[1 + i \left(\underbrace{\frac{1}{ka}}_{< 1?} - \underbrace{\frac{kr}{2}}_{< 1?} \right) + \dots \right] \quad \text{NLO correction}$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} \textit{a priori} & \text{inverse scatt. length/} & \text{NEC correction} \\ \text{justified if} & \text{NN system size/} & 0 \leftarrow \frac{1}{a} \ll \text{typ. momentum } k \ll \Lambda_k^{\text{???}} m_\pi \sim \frac{1}{r} \text{ breakdown/} \\ & \text{NN binding momentum} & \text{resolution scale.} \end{array}$$

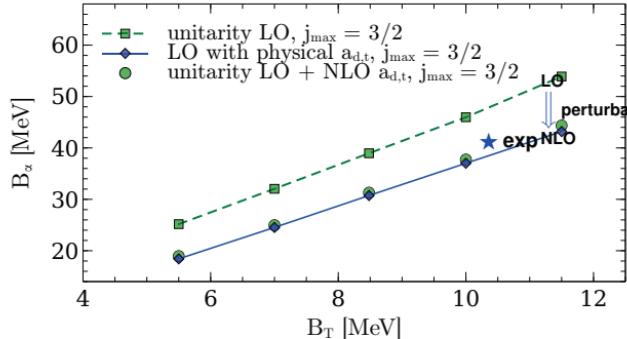
LO: No NN scale. \implies Nuclear Physics correlated to just one 3N RG scale fixed by B_3 via Efimov effect.

PARADIGM SHIFT: *Unitarity* de-emphasises details of NN & pions, emphasises 3N scale & Universality.

Information Theory in EFT: lossless compression into smallest number of parameters at given accuracy.

⇒ Explore Sweet Spot for patterns, unique signals of QCD:

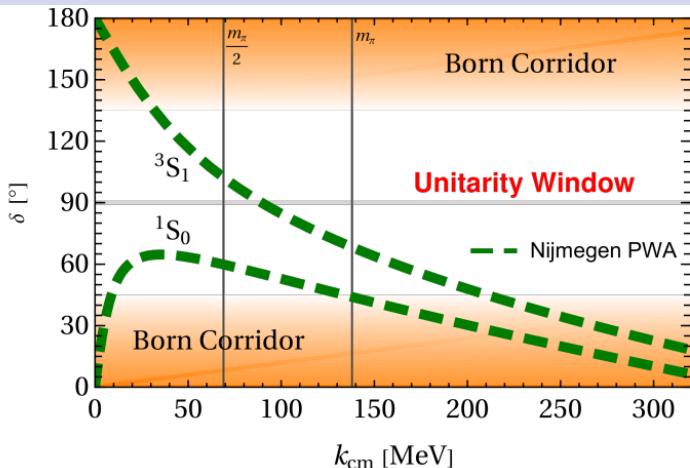
bound weakly enough to be insensitive to interaction details ($\frac{kr}{2} \ll 1$),
 but strongly enough to be insensitive to exact large system size ($ka \gg 1$).



| $B_{^3\text{H}} - B_{^3\text{He}}$: | NLO: $[0.92 \pm 0.18]$ | MeV |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| | exp: 0.764 | |
| | Fermion Unitarity LO \rightarrow NLO | exp ${}^4\text{He} / {}^3\text{H}$ |
| ground: B_4/B_3 | $4.6 \rightarrow 3.8 \pm 0.2$ | 3.66 |
| excited: B_4^*/B_3 | $\sim 1.1 \rightarrow \sim 0.98 \pm 0.05$ | 0.96 |

| Symm. Nucl. Matter | ρ_0 [fm $^{-3}$] | B/A [MeV] | E_{sym} [MeV] | L[MeV] slope of E_{sym} | K_∞ [MeV] compressib. |
|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Kievsky/... | 0.15 | -16 | 35 | 70 | 251 |
| EFT($\#$)-inspired | | | | | |
| exp | 0.16 | -16 | ≈ 30 | [40...60] | 210 |

(d) χ EFT Should Work In the Unitarity Expansion!



NN S waves well in **Unitarity Window** $|\cot\delta| < 1$
for $30 \text{ MeV} \lesssim k_{\text{cm}} \lesssim [1.5 \dots 2]m_\pi$.

Window's upper limit close to scale

$$\bar{\Lambda}_{\text{NN}} = \frac{16\pi f_\pi^2}{g_s^2 M} \approx 300 \text{ MeV}$$

where OPE becomes nonperturbative

⇒ How to embed pions/~~χ~~iral symmetry inside Unitarity Window?

Problem: Pions break scaling by f_π, m_π , Wigner by mixing.

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} \text{Diagram } \downarrow \vec{q} : & -\frac{g_A^2}{4f_\pi^2} \frac{1}{\vec{q}^2 + m_\pi^2} \left[\underbrace{\frac{1}{3} (\vec{\tau}_1 \cdot \vec{\tau}_2) (\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2) \vec{q}^2}_{\text{central: Wigner-Irrep}} + \underbrace{(\vec{\tau}_1 \cdot \vec{\tau}_2) \left((\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{q})(\vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{q}) - \frac{1}{3} (\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2) \vec{q}^2 \right)}_{\text{tensor: Wigner-breaking, mixes } S \leftrightarrow D, D \rightarrow D} \right] \\ & \text{dictated by Ciral Symmetry!} \end{aligned}}$$

Explore transition “no → nonperturbative pions” via Perturbative (“KSW”) Pions (only undisputedly consistent χ EFT).

⇒ Clash of symmetries: Wigner/Unitarity vs. Chiral??

χ EFT(p π)UE: χ EFT with Perturbative Pions in the Unitarity Expansion: $Q \sim \frac{1}{ka}, \frac{k, m_\pi}{\bar{\Lambda}_{\text{NN}}} \ll 1$

3. Unitarity Expansion With Perturbative Pions in NN

(a) χ EFT(p_π)_{UE} at N²LO with $\mathcal{Q} \sim \frac{1}{ka}, \frac{kr}{2}, \frac{k_m m_\pi}{\Lambda_{\text{NN}}} \ll 1$

based on Rupak/Shores [nucl-th/9902077] (1S_0),
 Fleming/Mehen/Stewart [nucl-th/9911001] ($^1S_0, ^3S_1$)
 mod. for unitarity Teng/hg MSc thesis GW 2023, [2410.09653]

$\mathcal{O}(Q^{-1})$ (**LO**): Nonperturbative; no scale, perfect Wigner, pure **S** wave.

$$A_{-1}^{(s)} = \frac{4\pi i}{M} \frac{1}{k} = s \text{ } \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \diagdown \end{array} \text{ } s = \text{ } \begin{array}{c} \textcolor{blue}{C} \\ \times \end{array} + \text{ } \begin{array}{c} \textcolor{blue}{C} \\ \circ \end{array} + \text{ } \begin{array}{c} \textcolor{blue}{C} \\ \circ \circ \end{array} + \dots$$

from structureless
contacts $C(N^\dagger N)^2$

$\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{Q}^0)$ (NLO): Scaling and Wigner broken by contacts determined to reproduce PWA values of a, r .

Non-iterated OPE: central only, does not break Wigner but scaling; first non-analyticity: branch point $\pm i \frac{m_\pi}{2}$.

$$A_0^{(S)} = \underbrace{\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \text{H} \end{array} \right)}_{\text{LO S wave}} \otimes \left(\begin{array}{c} \textcolor{red}{a,r} \\ \text{---} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{I} \\ \text{I} \end{array} \right) \otimes \underbrace{\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \text{H} \end{array} \right)}_{\text{LO S wave}}$$

→ Unitarity, Wigner-SU(4) spin-isospin symmetry align naturally for Perturbative Pions at NLO.

$\mathcal{O}(Q^1)$ ($N^2\text{LO}$): Contacts adjusted to keep a, r at PWA values; multiplied with non-iterated OPE (central only).

Once-iterated OPE added: first and second non-analyticity: branch points $\pm i\frac{m_\pi}{2}, \pm im_\pi$.

$A_{1\text{sym}}$: Central $S \rightarrow S \rightarrow S$ does not break Wigner but scaling: identical in 1S_0 and 3S_1 .

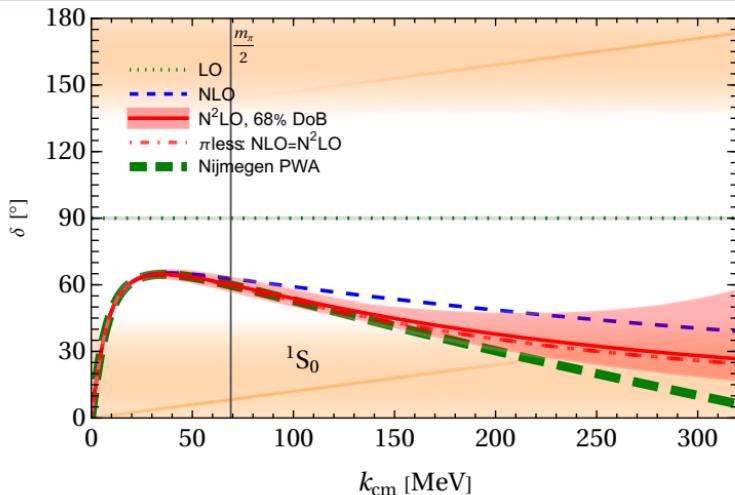
$A_{1\text{break}}$: Tensor $S \rightarrow D \rightarrow S$ breaks Wigner and scaling: only in 3S_1 .

$$A_1^{(S)} = \underbrace{\left[\text{---} + \text{---} \right]}_{\text{LO S wave}} \otimes \left[\left(\begin{array}{c} a,r \\ \bullet \end{array} \right) + \text{---} \right] \otimes \text{---} \otimes \left(\begin{array}{c} a,r \\ \bullet \end{array} \right) + \text{---} \otimes \left(\begin{array}{c} \Delta a, \Delta r \\ \bullet \end{array} \right) + \text{---} + \text{---} \otimes \text{---} \otimes \left[\text{---} + \text{---} \right] \underbrace{\text{---} + \text{---}}_{\text{LO S wave}}$$

→ Is breaking of Wigner-SU(4) spin-isospin symmetry for Perturbative Pions at N²LO indeed small?

(b) Perturbative Pions at N²LO: 1S_0

perturbative pions to N²LO: Rupak/Shores 2000, Fleming/Mehen/Stewart 2000
 unitarity for them: Teng/hg MSc Thesis GW 2023, [2410.09653]



1S_0 : central OPE \implies Wigner-symmetric.

f_π, m_π break scaling.

Strict perturbation in “basic interaction part”

$$\begin{aligned} \text{kcot}\delta &= 0_{\text{LO}} + \text{kcot}\delta_{\text{NLO}} + \text{kcot}\delta_{\text{N}^2\text{LO}} \\ &= 0_{\text{LO}} - \frac{4\pi}{M} \left[\frac{A_0}{A_{-1}^2} - \frac{A_0^2}{A_{-1}^3} + \frac{A_1}{A_{-1}^2} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow Get δ from $k \cot \delta$

1S_0 is “**boring**” partial wave: no tensor int.

Bayesian truncation uncertainty at 68% DoB.

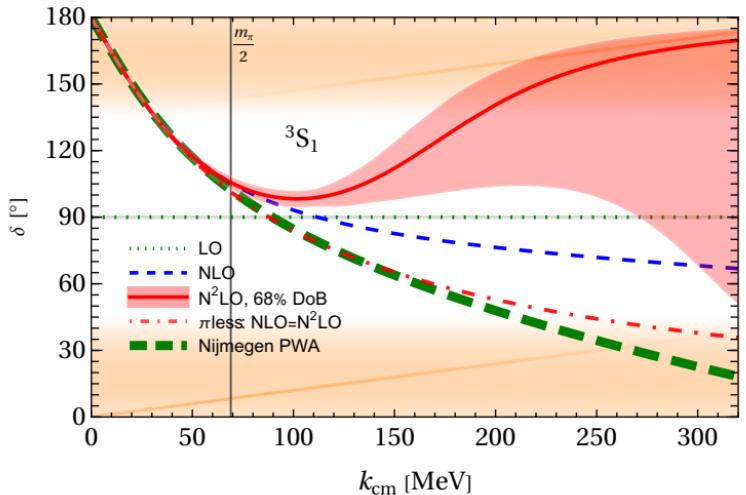
⇒ Converges order-by-order $\lesssim 300$ MeV.

Agrees within uncertainties with PWA for
 $\lesssim 250\text{MeV}$ (even outside Unitarity Window).

Compare to EFT(π): minuscule impact of π .

(c) Perturbative Pions at N²LO: 3S_1

perturbative pions to N²LO: Fleming/Mehen/Stewart 2000
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3S_1 : pions break Wigner-SU(4) & scale inv.

3S_1 is “interesting” partial wave:

tensor-OPE \implies SD mixing from

$$kcot\delta = -\frac{4\pi}{M} \left[\frac{A_0}{A_{-1}^2} - \frac{A_0^2}{A_{-1}^3} + \frac{A_1}{A_{-1}^2} + \frac{A_{SD}^2}{A_{-1}^3} \right]$$

\implies Terrible convergence (already in FMS):

Converges order-by-order $\lesssim 80$ MeV.

Agrees within uncertainties with PWA only for $\lesssim 70$ MeV (not even in Unitarity Window).

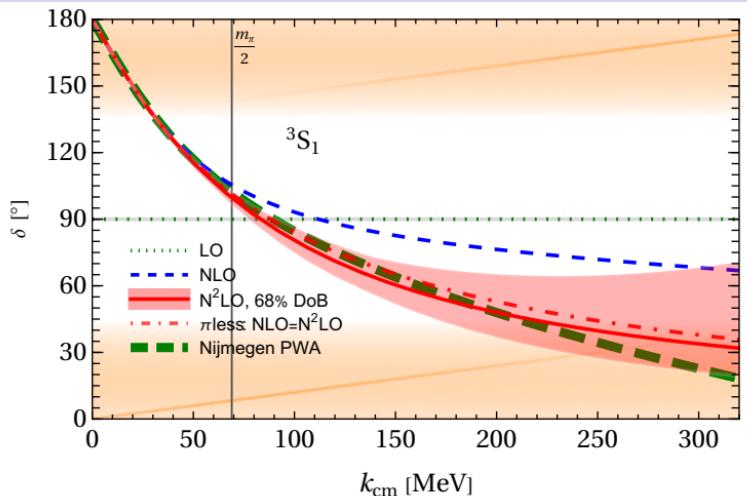
Compare to EFT(λ): huge impact of pion.

Source of discrepancy: tensor int. (via SD).

(central is identical in 3S_1 & 1S_0)

(c) Perturbative Pions at N²LO: 3S_1

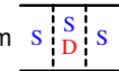
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${}^3\text{S}_1$: pions break Wigner-SU(4) & scale inv.

3S_1 is “interesting” partial wave:

tensor-OPE \implies SD mixing from $s \mid s_D \mid s$



Broken Wigner-SU(4) spoils convergence!

Idea: Use Wigner-SU(4)-symmetric pion part.

⇒ Only $^1S_0 - ^3S_1$ differences of a & r break Wigner-SU(4).

RG-invariant, mildly χ symmetry-breaking.

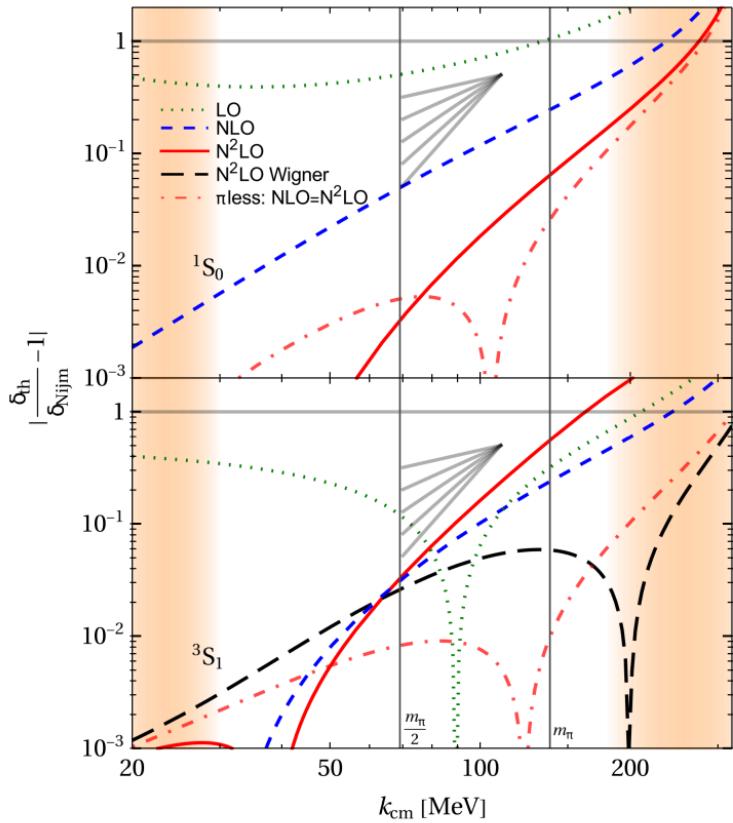
⇒ Converges order-by-order $\gtrsim 300$ MeV.

Agrees within uncertainties with PWA for
 $\gtrsim 300 \text{ MeV}$ (even outside Unitarity Window).

Compare to EFT(π): tiny impact of pion.

\Rightarrow All very similar to 1S_0 .

(d) Convergence to Data



$$\frac{\delta(\text{N}^n\text{LO}) - \delta(\text{PWA})}{\delta(\text{PWA})} \sim \left(\frac{k, m_\pi}{\Lambda} \right)^{n+1}$$

at N^n LO with empirical breakdown scale $\bar{\Lambda}$.

1S_0 and Wigner-symmetric 3S_1 :

consistent slopes and

$\bar{\Lambda} \approx 270$ MeV $\approx \bar{\Lambda}_{\text{NN}}$ OPE scale.

Full 3S_1 :

N^2LO worse than NLO for $\gtrsim 70$ MeV.

Picture obscured by points where
theory & PWA identical (“artificial zero”),
or PWA close to zero (“artificial ∞ ”).

4. Concluding Conjecture and Questions

χ EFT with Perturbative Pions in Unitarity Expansion $\mathcal{Q} \sim \frac{1}{ka}, \frac{kr}{2}, \frac{m_\pi}{\Lambda_{NN}} \ll 1$: needs $\delta \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} \implies {}^1S_0, {}^3S_1$ only!

Chiral Physics: $m_\pi, f_\pi, (\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{q})(\vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{q})(\tau_1 \cdot \tau_2)$ seem opposed to Wigner, but NN/few-N projection forces into it.

Conjecture (at least for Perturbative Pions): Tensor/Wigner-SU(4) symmetry-breaking part of One-Pion Exchange is *super-perturbative* in few-N systems, i.e. does *not enter before* $N^3\text{LO}$.
 \iff Persistence: Footprint of Symmetries in Unitarity Limit extends far into $p_{\text{typ}} \gtrsim m_\pi$, more relevant than γ ral symmetry in few-N?! \iff Better lossless compression of Information

Evidence: NN S-waves at $N^2\text{LO}$ converge order-by-order and to PWA

inside all of **Unitarity Window** $30 \text{ MeV} \leq k \leq \bar{\Lambda}_{\text{NN}} \approx 300 \text{ MeV}$.

Successful extension of EFT(π) to pions.

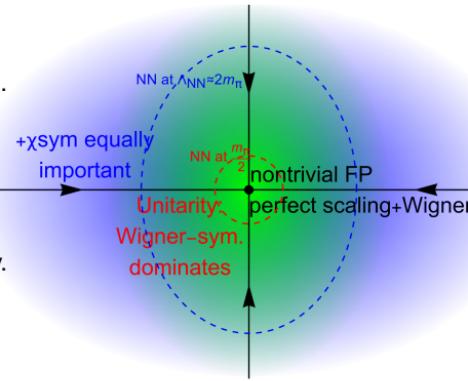
Appeal: Fine-Tuning \implies High Symmetry at Nontrivial Fixed Point

Universality/scaling + Wigner-SU(4)

protected in renormalisation at FP \Rightarrow weakly broken in vicinity.

Chiral symmetry not explicit at FP: less protected? \Rightarrow Quantify!

No Wigner in meson/1N sector \implies no change to χ PT, HB χ PT PC.



"Coincidence": $N^2\text{LO}$ Perturbative Pions overpredict ${}^3\text{SD}_1$ mixing, ${}^3\text{D}_1 \rightarrow$ Zero without tensor int. at $N^2\text{LO}$

Some Crucial Tests: If either fails without good reason, Conjecture falsified.

N³LO cf. Beane/
Kaplan/Vuorinen
2009, Kaplan 2020

e/
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$d\pi \rightarrow d\pi$, $\gamma d \rightarrow \pi d$
cf. Borasoy/hg 2003

Nd scattering cf. Bedaque/hq 2000

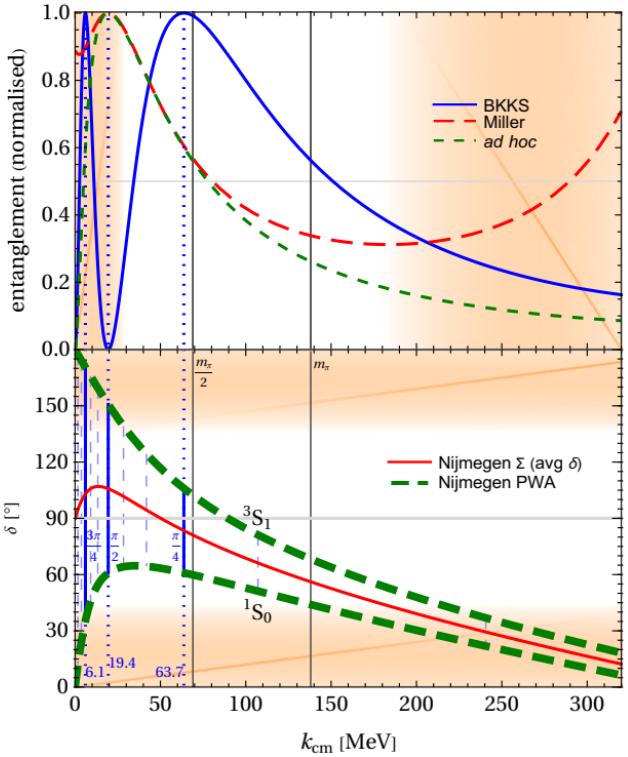
Nonperturbative Pions to N²LO in strict perturbation LO: hg 2023

(a) What is the Small Parameter?: QM Entanglement?

Einstein/Podolsky/Rosen 1935
Bell 1964, 1981

Need expansion parameter related to Wigner-SU(4) to characterise tensor suppression near Fixed Point.

Entanglement Power \mathcal{E} : Deviation of QM states from direct product $\underbrace{\text{position} \otimes \text{spin} \otimes \text{isospin}}_{\text{classical}} \implies \text{operators!}$



$$S = e^{2i\Sigma} [\mathbb{1} \cos \Delta + i \text{SWAP}_\sigma \sin \Delta], \quad \begin{array}{l} \Sigma : \text{phase avg.} \\ \Delta : \text{phase diff.} \end{array}$$

$$\text{spin swap : } \text{SWAP}_{\sigma} := \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{1} + \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2) = \begin{cases} +1: {}^3S_1 \\ -1: {}^1S_0 \end{cases}$$

Unitarity: $S = e^{2i(\Sigma=\frac{\pi}{2}, \Delta=0)} = -\mathbb{1} \implies \mathcal{E} = 0$: classical

How to Define Entanglement Power \mathcal{E} of Operator?:

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{BKKS}} = \sin^2[2\Delta] \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{R\'enyi entropy of 1N density matrix} \\ \text{of avg. over direct-product } |\text{in}\rangle \\ \text{Beane/Kanian/Klco/Savage 2019} \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{Miller}} = H \left[\frac{\cos^2 \Delta (\cos \Delta - \cos 2\Sigma)^2}{(1 - \cos \Delta \cos 2\Sigma)^2} \right] \text{ von Neumann entropy Miller 2023}$$

$$H[f] = -x \ln x - (1-x) \ln(1-x), x = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{f})$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{ad hoc}} = H[\sin^2 \Delta]$$

relative von Neumann entropy
SWAP vs total hqrie 2024

In Unitarity Window, $\mathcal{E} \in [0; 1]$, saturates at $k \approx \frac{m_\pi}{2}$.

⇒ Relevance of Entanglement in Unitarity Window??

How to find \mathcal{E} before computation??

(b) What is the Small Parameter?: Large- N_c Limit of QCD?

't Hooft 1974

Need expansion parameter related to Wigner-SU(4) to characterise tensor suppression near Fixed Point.

Candidate Expansion of QCD for a large number $N_C \rightarrow \infty$ of colours:

Kaplan/Savage [hep-ph/9509371]
Kaplan/Manohar [nucl-th/9612021]
Calle Córdón/Ruiz Arriola [0807.2918]

Predicts that all V_{NN} in S waves are suppressed against central (Wigner-SU(4)) – except tensor $\not\perp$.

Way out?: Wigner-SU(4) only realised in long-range parts, strongly broken in short-range?? Calle Córdón/Ruiz Arriola [0807.2918]

Here: Wigner-SU(4) breaking only in LECs: short-range – long-range ($k \rightarrow 0$) still Wigner-SU(4) symmetric.

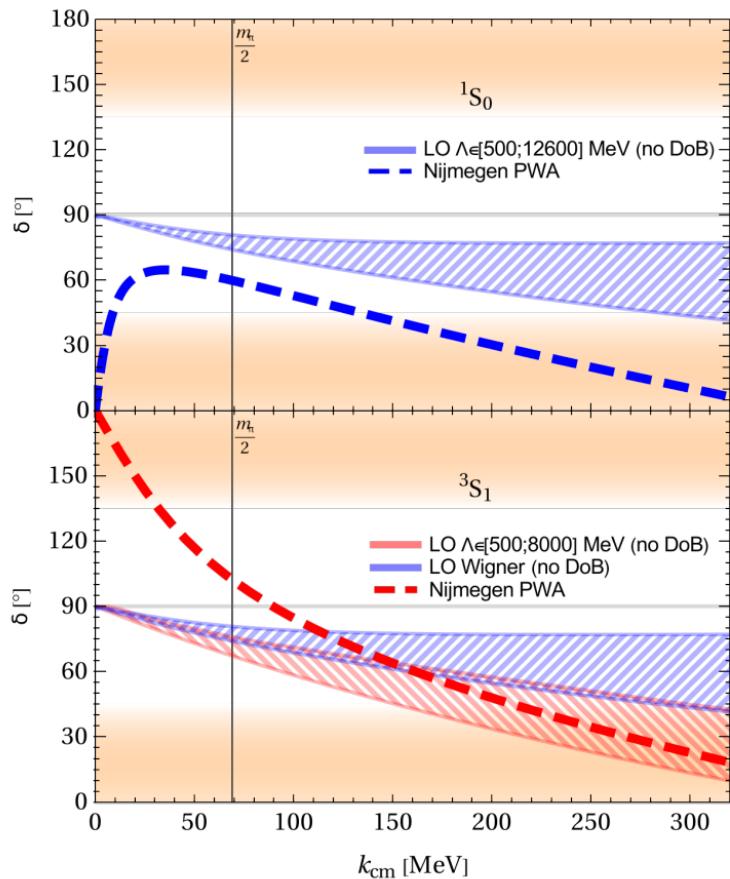
Way out?!: $1/N_c$ expansion assumes that coefficients “of natural size”.

Wigner-SU(4)/proximity to Unitarity forces leading- $1/N_c$ coefficient of tensor- V_{NN} to be exact zero.

Advantage: Guaranteed to survive renormalisation by Unitarity FP symmetry.

(c) Nonperturbative Pions at LO: Maybe Not Hopeless

hg 2023
Carter/Thiem/hg in preparation



LO, 1 mom.-indep. CT, Gaussian regulator.

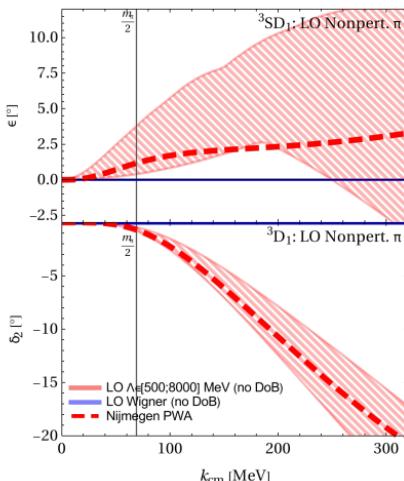
Already deviates from Unitarity $\delta = 90^\circ$.

→ Explicit scale breaking at LO,

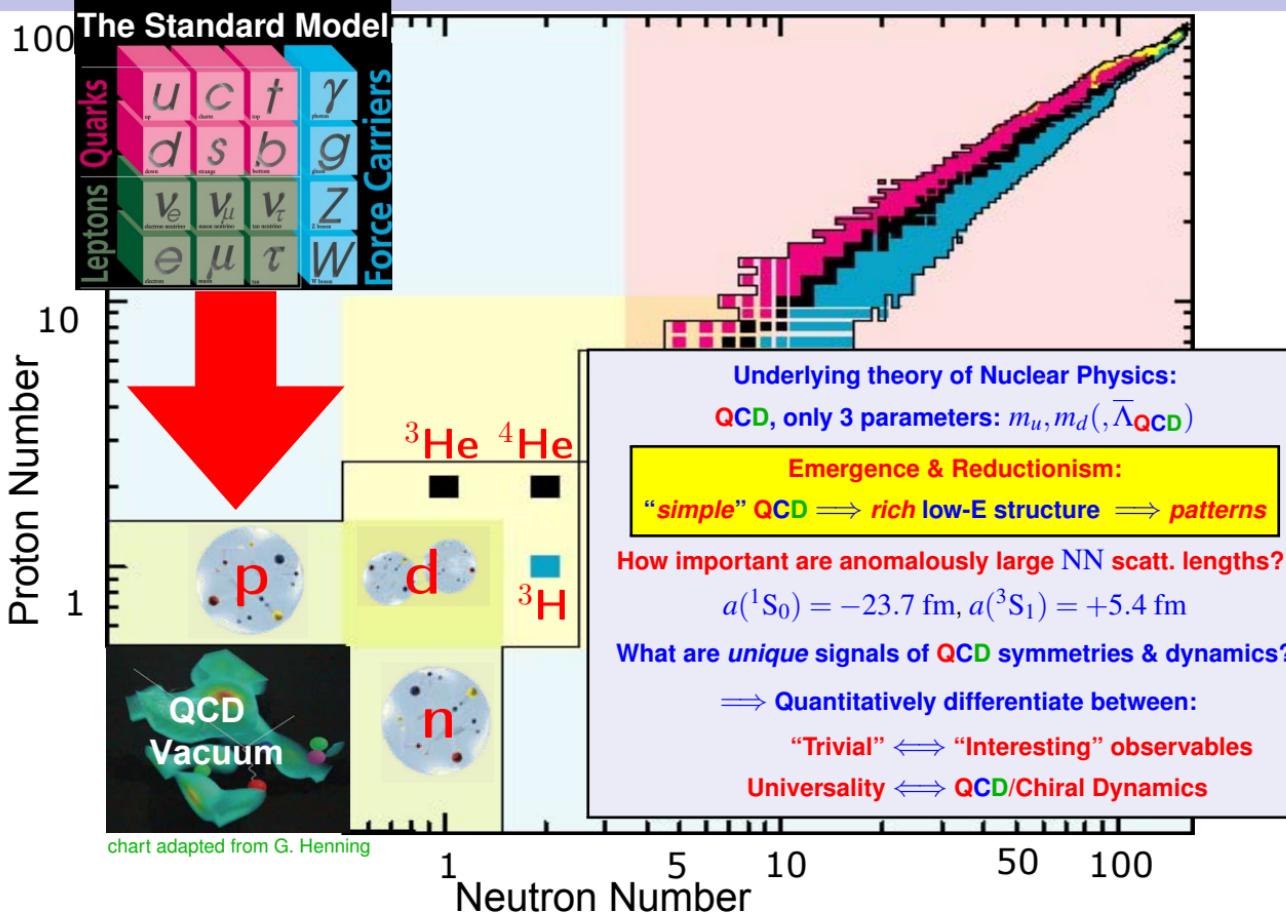
$$r = \begin{cases} ^1S_0/\text{Wigner } [1 \dots 2] \text{ fm}; ^3S_1 [1.2 \dots 2.5] \text{ fm} \\ \text{PWA } 2.767(9) \text{ fm } 1.852(2) \text{ fm} \end{cases}$$

Tensor/Wigner-breaking less compatible with unitarity than central/Wigner-symmetric.

Not Bayesian DoBs but cutoff-variation.



4. Concluding Conjecture and Questions



😊 You have much skill in expressing yourself to be effective. 😊

(a) Analytic Answers Shorter By Unitarity

based on Rupak/Shoresh [nucl-th/9902077] (1S_0),
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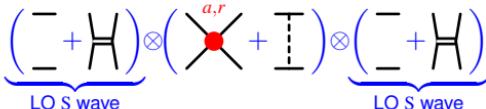
$$\text{LO: } A_{-1}^{(S)}(k) = \frac{4\pi i}{M} \frac{1}{k}$$

is only S wave



$$\text{NLO: } A_0^{(S)}(k) = -\frac{4\pi}{Mk} \left(\frac{1}{ka} - \frac{kr}{2} \right) - \frac{g_A^2}{4f_\pi^2} \left(1 - \frac{m_\pi^2}{4k^2} \ln[1 + \frac{4k^2}{m_\pi^2}] \right)$$

Non-iterated OPE does not break Wigner.



$$\text{N}^2\text{LO: } \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{-} + \text{H} \right)}_{\text{LO S wave}} \otimes \left[\left(\frac{a,r}{-} + \text{I} \right) \otimes \text{H} \otimes \left(\frac{a,r}{-} + \text{I} \right) + \underbrace{\Delta a, \Delta r}_{\bullet} + \underbrace{\frac{a,r}{-} + \text{S}^S_D}_{\text{LO S wave}} \right] \otimes \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{-} + \text{H} \right)}_{\text{LO S wave}}$$

Once-iterated OPE breaks Wigner: $S \rightarrow D \rightarrow S$

$$A_1^{(^1S_0)}(k) \equiv A_{1\text{sym}}^{(S)}(k) = \frac{\left[A_0^{(S)}(k) \right]^2}{A_{-1}^{(S)}(k)} + \frac{g_A^2}{2f_\pi^2} \left[\frac{4}{3am_\pi} - \frac{m_\pi}{k} \left(\frac{1}{ka} - \frac{kr}{2} \right) \right] - \frac{g_A^2 M m_\pi}{16\pi f_\pi^2} \left\{ A_0^{(S)}(k) \underbrace{\frac{m_\pi}{k} \arctan[\frac{2k}{m_\pi}]}_{1\pi \text{ cut}} + \frac{g_A^2}{2f_\pi^2} \left[\frac{1}{12} + \left(\frac{m_\pi^2}{4k^2} - \frac{1}{3} \right) \ln 2 - \underbrace{F_\pi(\frac{k}{m_\pi})}_{1,2\pi \text{ cut}} \right] \right\}$$

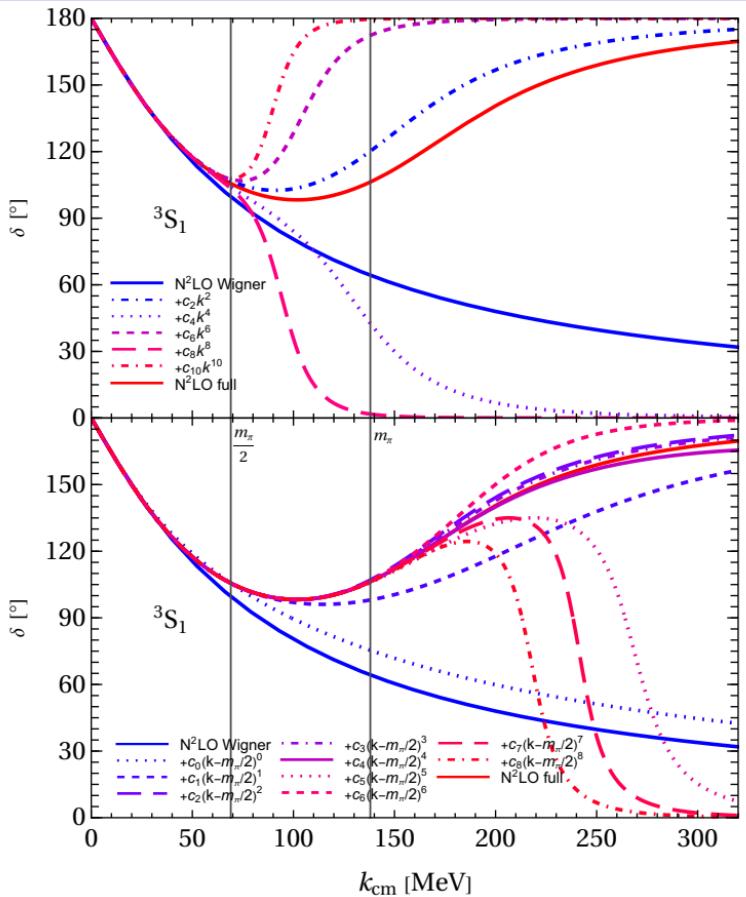
$$A_1^{(^3S_1)}(k) = A_{1\text{sym}}^{(S)}(k) + A_{1\text{break}}^{(S)}(k)$$

$$A_{1\text{break}}^{(S)}(k) = -\frac{\left[A_0^{(SD)}(k) \right]^2}{A_{-1}^{(S)}} + \frac{g_A^2 g_A^2 M m_\pi}{f_\pi^2 16\pi f_\pi^2} \left\{ \frac{571 - 352 \ln 2}{210} - \left(1 + \frac{3m_\pi^2}{2k^2} + \frac{9m_\pi^4}{16k^4} \right) \underbrace{F_\pi(\frac{k}{m_\pi})}_{2\pi \text{ cut}} + \frac{2m_\pi^2}{5k^2} (\ln 4 - 1) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{3m_\pi^4}{16k^4} - \frac{3}{2} \left[\frac{k}{m_\pi} + \frac{m_\pi}{k} - \frac{m_\pi^3}{8k^3} - \frac{3m_\pi^5}{16k^5} \right] \underbrace{\arctan[\frac{k}{m_\pi}]}_{1,2\pi \text{ cut}} + \frac{3}{16} \left(\frac{m_\pi^4}{k^4} + \frac{3m_\pi^6}{4k^6} \right) \ln \left[\frac{16(k^2 + m_\pi^2)}{4k^2 + m_\pi^2} \right] \right\}$$

$$F_\pi(x) := \frac{1}{8x^3} \left(\underbrace{\arctan[2x] \ln[1 + 4x^2]}_{1\pi \text{ cut}} - \underbrace{\text{Im} \left[\text{Li}_2 \left[\frac{2ix+1}{2ix-1} \right] - 2 \text{Li}_2 \left[\frac{1}{2ix-1} \right] \right]}_{2\pi \text{ cut}} \right)$$

(b) Whence the Hockey Stick in 3S_1 ?

Teng/hg [2410.09653]



Expand Wigner-breaking in Taylor:

$$A_{\text{sym}}^{(S)}(k) + \sum \frac{1}{n!} [A_{\text{break}}^{(S)}]^{(n)}(k_0)(k - k_0)^n$$

Expand about 0:

$k \lesssim \frac{m_\pi}{2}$: convergent, Wigner-breaking tiny

$k \gtrsim \frac{m_\pi}{2}$: no convergence

⇒ ERE not the problem.

Sorry, no Cohen/Hansen 1999.

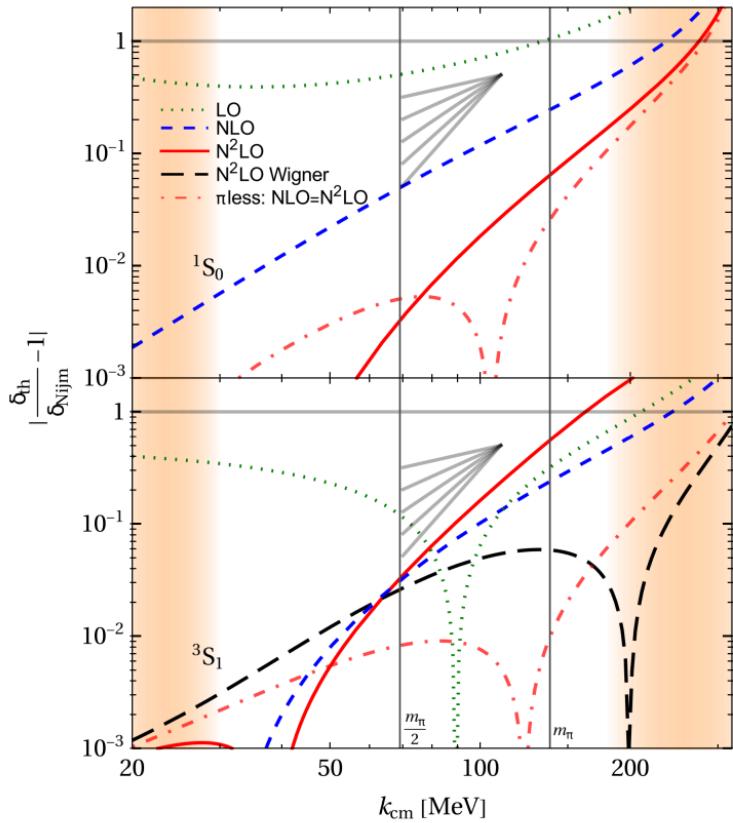
Expand about 1st branch point scale $\frac{m_\pi}{2}$:

$k \lesssim \frac{m_\pi}{\sqrt{2}}$: convergent, Wigner-breaking tiny
(larger distance to branch point)

$k \lesssim \frac{3}{2}m_\pi$ ($>$ 2nd br. pt. scale): convergent

$k \gtrsim \frac{3}{2}m_\pi$: asymptotic (optimal: incl. k^4)

(c) Convergence to Data



$$\frac{\delta(\text{N}^n\text{LO}) - \delta(\text{PWA})}{\delta(\text{PWA})} \sim \left(\frac{k, m_\pi}{\Lambda} \right)^{n+1}$$

at N^n LO with empirical breakdown scale $\bar{\Lambda}$.

1S_0 and Wigner-symmetric 3S_1 :

consistent slopes and

$\bar{\Lambda} \approx 270$ MeV $\approx \bar{\Lambda}_{\text{NN}}$ OPE scale.

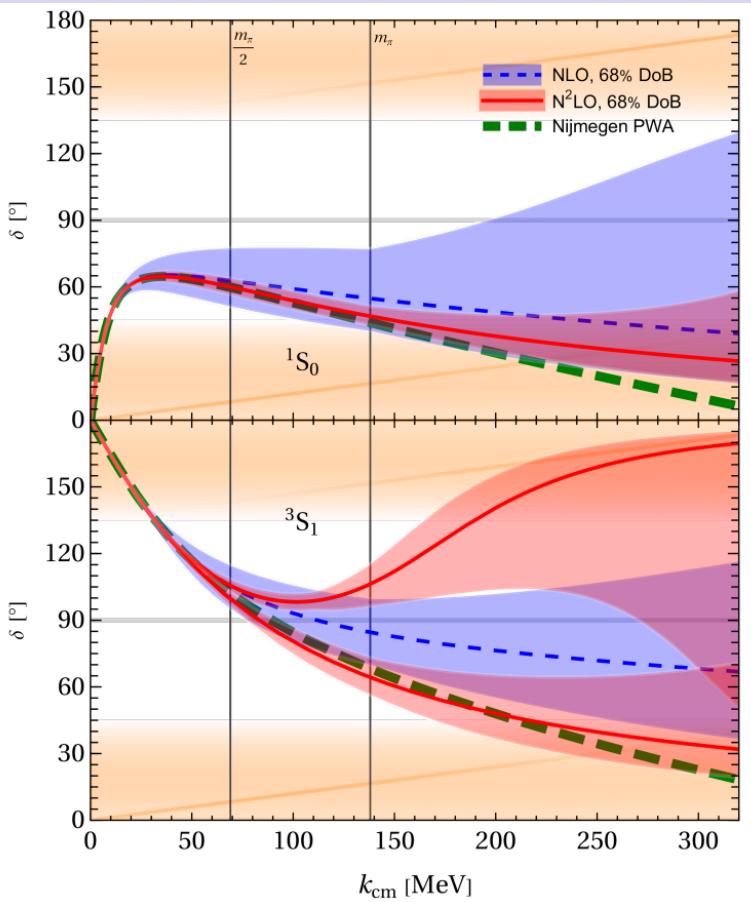
Full 3S_1 :

N^2LO worse than NLO for $\gtrsim 70$ MeV.

Picture obscured by points where
theory & PWA identical (“artificial zero”),
or PWA close to zero (“artificial ∞ ”).

(d) NLO & N²LO Bayesian Truncation Uncertainties

hg/... [1203.6834], Cacciari/Houdeau [1105.5152]
BuQEYE [1506.01343], hg/... [1511.01952]
Tena/ha [2410.09653]



Apply “max” criterion to $\cot\delta$ order-by-order:

Unitarity: $\text{k cot } \delta_{\text{LO}} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{"-ik" sets scale.}$

Bayesian N²LO truncation uncertainty at k :

$$\pm Q^3 \max \left\{ \frac{\cot \delta_0(k) - \cot \delta_0(0)}{O}, \frac{\cot \delta_1(k)}{O^2} \right\}$$

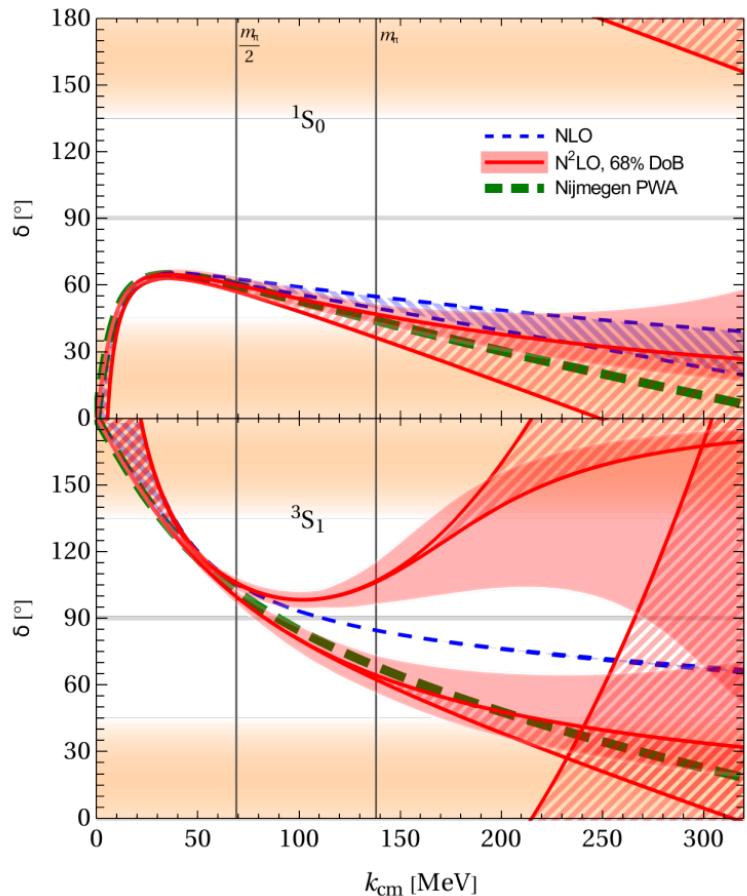
with $Q = \frac{\max\{k; m_\pi\}}{\Lambda_{\text{NN}} \sim 300 \text{ MeV}}$

NLO: rescaled to 68% DoB,
assuming uniform&log-uniform prior.

Only Wigner-symmetric forms have
 N^2LO uncertainties consistent with NLO ,
 and $NLO \& N^2LO$ consistent with PWA.

(e) Different Ways To Extract Phase Shifts at NLO and $N^2\text{LO}$

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So far:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{kcot}\delta &= 0_{\text{LO}} + \text{kcot}\delta_{\text{NLO}} + \text{kcot}\delta_{\text{N}^2\text{LO}} \\ &= -\frac{4\pi}{M} \left[\frac{A_0}{A_{-1}^2} - \frac{A_0^2}{A_{-1}^3} + \frac{A_1}{A_{-1}^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

is fundamental, derive $\delta(k)$ from it.

$$\xrightarrow{k \rightarrow 0} 0_{\text{LO}} + \left(-\frac{1}{a} + \frac{r}{2} k^2 \right)_{N^{1+2} \text{LO}} + \mathcal{O}(k^4)$$

constructed to reproduce ERE.

Hatched: difference to
directly from amplitude KSW 1999,FMS 2000

$$\delta(k) = \frac{\pi}{2} \Big|_{-1} + \left(\frac{1}{ka} - \frac{kr}{2} \right) \Big|_0 + \dots$$

$\rightarrow \infty$ for $k \rightarrow 0$ outside Unitarity Window.

Methods agree inside Unitarity Window

$$\frac{1}{ka}, \frac{kr}{2} < 1 \text{ (must be in centre)} | \cot\delta | \rightarrow 0$$

Independent assessment of truncation uncertainty, consistent with Bayes.

(g) Virtual/Real Bound-State Pole Positions and Residues

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$$\frac{1}{A_{-1}(i\gamma_{-1} + i\gamma_0 + i\gamma_1 + \dots) + A_0(i\gamma_{-1} + i\gamma_0 + i\gamma_1 + \dots) + A_1(i\gamma_{-1} + i\gamma_0 + i\gamma_1 + \dots) + \dots} = 0$$

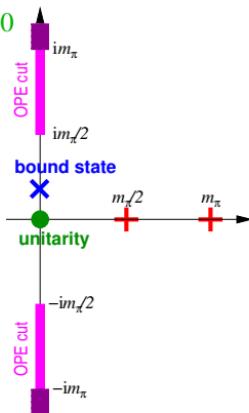
$$\frac{1}{Z} = i \frac{d}{dk} (\text{kcot}\delta(k) - ik) \Big|_{k=i\gamma_{-1} + i\gamma_0 + i\gamma_1 + \dots}$$

For $k_{\text{fit}} = 0$, pions cannot correct a, r since we force the ERE values Granada [1911.09637]

$$\Rightarrow \text{pole at binding momentum } i\gamma = \frac{i}{a} \left(1 + \frac{r}{2a} + \frac{r^2}{2a^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{r^3}{a^3}\right) \right)$$

$$\text{with residue } Z = 1 + \frac{r}{a} + \frac{3r^2}{2a^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{r^3}{a^3}\right).$$

For general k_{fit} , match to $\text{kcot}\delta_{\text{PWA}}(k_{\text{fit}})$, $\frac{d}{dk} \text{kcot}\delta_{\text{PWA}}(k_{\text{fit}})$. \Rightarrow Predict a, r .



| k_{fit} | 1S_0 | | | | 3S_1 | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | scatt. length a [fm] | eff. range r [fm] | (bind. mom.,residue) (γ [MeV], Z) | scatt. length a [fm] | eff. range r [fm] | (bind. mom.,residue) (γ [MeV], Z) | | |
| ERE pole | -23.735(6)* -23.7104 | 2.673(9)* 2.7783 | (-7.892, 0.9034) | 5.435(2)* 5.6128 | 1.852(2)* 2.3682 | (+47.7023 , 1.689)* | | |
| $\frac{m_\pi}{2}$ N ² LO sym. | -38.988 -25.428 | 3.3270 2.7281 | (-4.86 , 0.925) (-7.34 , 0.910(2)) | 4.9310 4.7768 5.4625 | 2.4966 2.4492 1.6124 | (+55. , 1.9) (+57(3). , 1.9(2)) (+43.0(5) , 1.42(4)) | | |
| m_π N ² LO sym. | + 9.2856 +34.3335 | 4.2285 2.8956 | (+28. , 1.8) (+6.01 , 1.10) | 3.3442† 1.8376† 4.5344 | 3.1886† 3.3741† 1.7006 | (+114. , 3.) (+387(330), 7(9)). (+54(1) , 1.5(1)) | | |

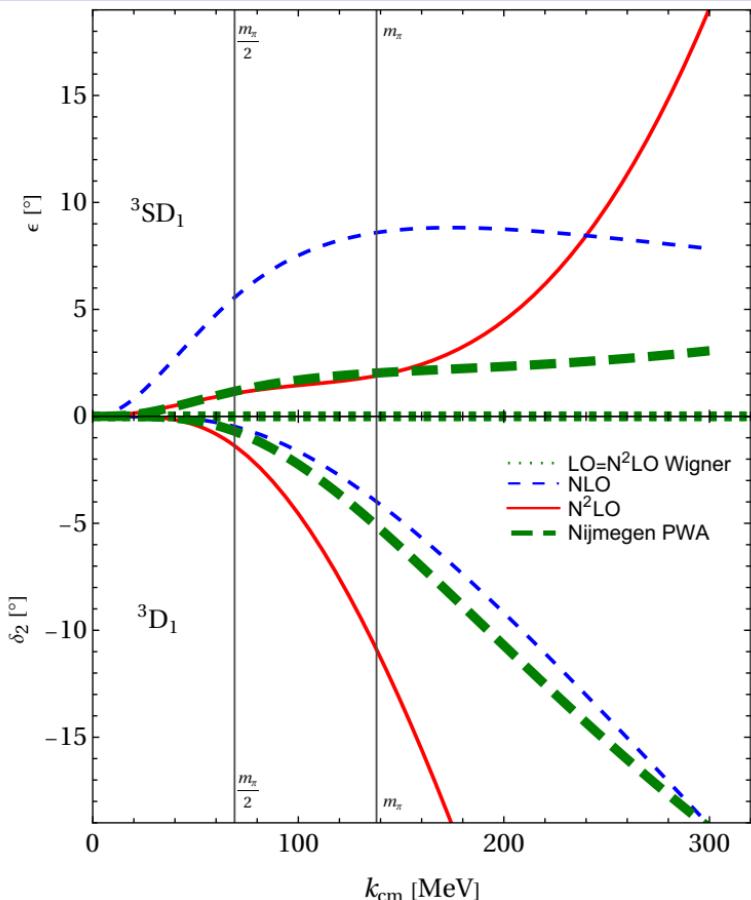
Bayesian N²LO uncertainties

*: input

⚡: cannot converge: $Q \sim \frac{1}{ka}, \frac{kr}{2} \ll 1 \implies \frac{r}{2a} \ll 1$ ⚡

(h) $^3\text{SD}_1$ Mixing: Full vs. Wigner

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No other channels close to Unitarity Window:

$$|\delta_{l \geq 1}| < 25^\circ \quad (\cot \delta_{l \geq 1} > 2).$$

$^3\text{SD}_1$ mixing only by tensor/Wigner-breaking.

In Unitarity Expansion very similar to FMS:

$k \gtrsim 70$ MeV:

No order-by-order convergence,
convergence to PWA elusive.

Zero by Wigner at N²LO.

Natural size at N³LO at $k \approx m_\pi$:

$$90^\circ \times (Q \approx 0.5)^3 \approx 10^\circ$$

$$\iff \text{PWA: } \lesssim 10^\circ.$$

\Rightarrow Not inconsistent.

SD & DD contacts at N³LO

\Rightarrow Reproducing PWA possible.

1. Three-Boson Bound States in Resummed-Range EFT

hg/van Kolck
[2308.01394]

(a) Two Identical Bosons in Resummed-Range EFT

follow Habashi/Sen/Fleming/van Kolck
[\[2007.07360\]](#), [\[2012.14995\]](#),
[\[2209.08432\]](#)

If effective range $|r_0| \ll |a| \rightarrow \infty$ scattering length $\Rightarrow r_0$ perturbative: $\mathcal{A}_{\text{LO}} \propto \frac{1}{\frac{1}{a} + ik}$ “Short-Range” EFT

If $|r_0|$ also large, both non-perturbative at LO: $\mathcal{A}_{\text{LO}} \propto \frac{1}{\frac{1}{a} - \frac{r}{2}k^2 + ik}$ “Resummed-Range EFT”

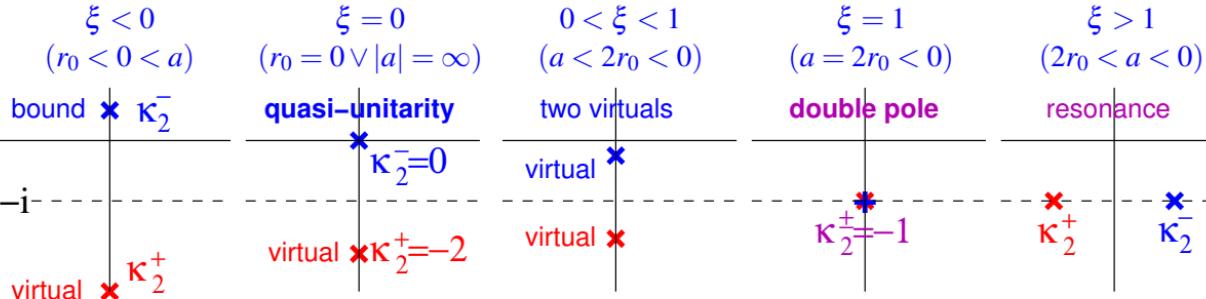
Let $|r_0|$ set scale. \Rightarrow Momenta K in $|r_0^{-1}|$ etc. \Rightarrow Universal, i.e. depend only on dimensionless $\xi := \frac{2r_0}{a}$

Wigner bound, causality: momentum-dependent BB contact interactions **only renormalisable for**

Fewster [hep-th/9412050], Phillips/Cohen [nucl-th/9607048], Phillips/Beane/Cohen [hep-th/9706070], [nucl-th/9709062], ...

Alternative: Second-simplest $S = \frac{K + ik_2^-}{K - ik_2^-} \frac{K + ik_2^+}{K - ik_2^+}$: 2 poles ik_2^\pm in complex-momentum plane ($B_2 = \frac{(k_2^\pm)^2}{M|r_0|^2}$).

Poles of BB propagator $\frac{2}{\xi - K^2 - 2ik}$ from $r_0 \leq 0, a$: $k_2^\pm = -\left[1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \xi(a, r_0)}\right] \xrightarrow[\text{un-scale}]{r_0 \ll a} \left(-\frac{2}{|r_0|}, \frac{1}{a}\right)$

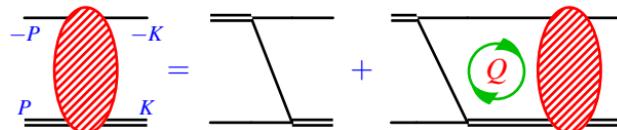


We Will Deal With These Three Cases

(b) Three Identical Bosons in Resummed-Range EFT

hg/van Kolck [2308.01394]

Faddeev integral equation for half off-shell S-wave amplitude $T(\mu^2; K, Q)$, total cm energy μ^2 , rescaled by $M^m |r_0^{-1}|^n$:



with $V_{S\text{-ex}}(\mu^2; P, Q) = \frac{1}{PQ} \ln \frac{P^2 + Q^2 + PQ - \mu^2}{Q^2 + O^2 - PO - \mu^2}$

$$T(\mu^2; K, P) = 4\pi V_{S-\text{ex}}(\mu^2; P, K) + \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dQ Q^2 \underbrace{\frac{V_{S-\text{ex}}(\mu^2; P, Q)}{\xi + \frac{3Q^2 - 4\mu^2}{4} + \sqrt{3Q^2 - 4\mu^2}}}_{\text{kernel } \mathcal{K}(\mu^2; P, Q)} T(\mu^2; K, Q)$$

3B Binding Expectations from (BB) propagator ($\mu^2 = -\kappa_3^2$)

$$\frac{1}{\xi + \underbrace{\frac{3Q^2 + 4\kappa_3^2}{4}}_{\text{eff. range effect}} + \sqrt{3Q^2 + 4\kappa_3^2}}:$$

$$Q \gg \kappa_3, \xi \implies \frac{1}{Q^2} \text{ tames UV, no divergence} \implies \text{no 3BI} \implies \text{no limit cycle.}$$

$$\frac{3Q^2 + 4\kappa_3^2}{4} \gg \sqrt{3Q^2 + 4\kappa_3^2} \gtrsim 4 \implies \text{Quick convergence – can bound state be supported?}$$

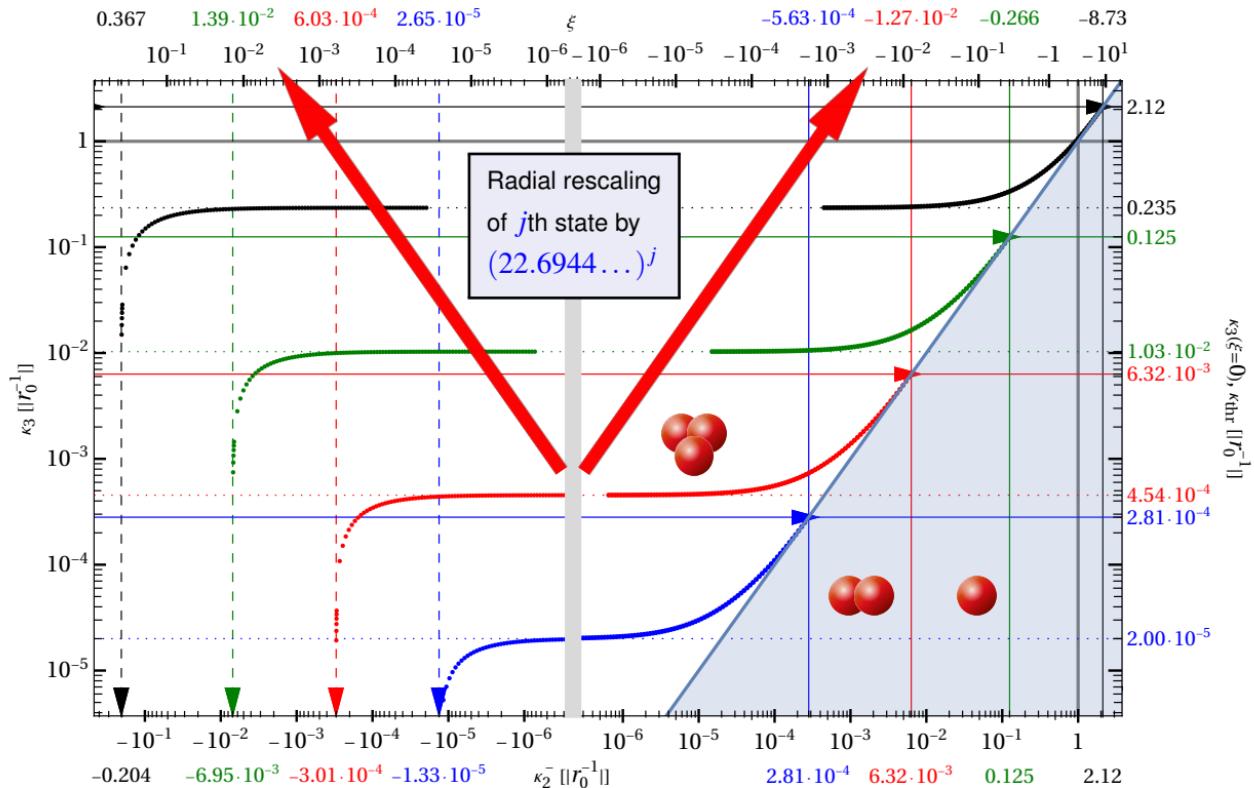
$\frac{3Q^2 + 4\kappa_3^2}{4} \gtrsim 4 \gtrsim \sqrt{3Q^2 + 4\kappa_3^2}$ \implies All of similar size. $\implies \kappa_3 \lesssim 2$ likely, effective-range effects large.

$$\frac{\sqrt{3Q^2 + 4\kappa_3^2}}{4} \ll \sqrt{3Q^2 + 4\kappa_3^2} \lesssim 4 \implies \frac{1}{\xi + \sqrt{3Q^2 + 4\kappa_3^2}}: \text{Effective range perturbative.} \implies \text{Efimov'ish.}$$

(c) 3B Bound States in Resummed Range EFT

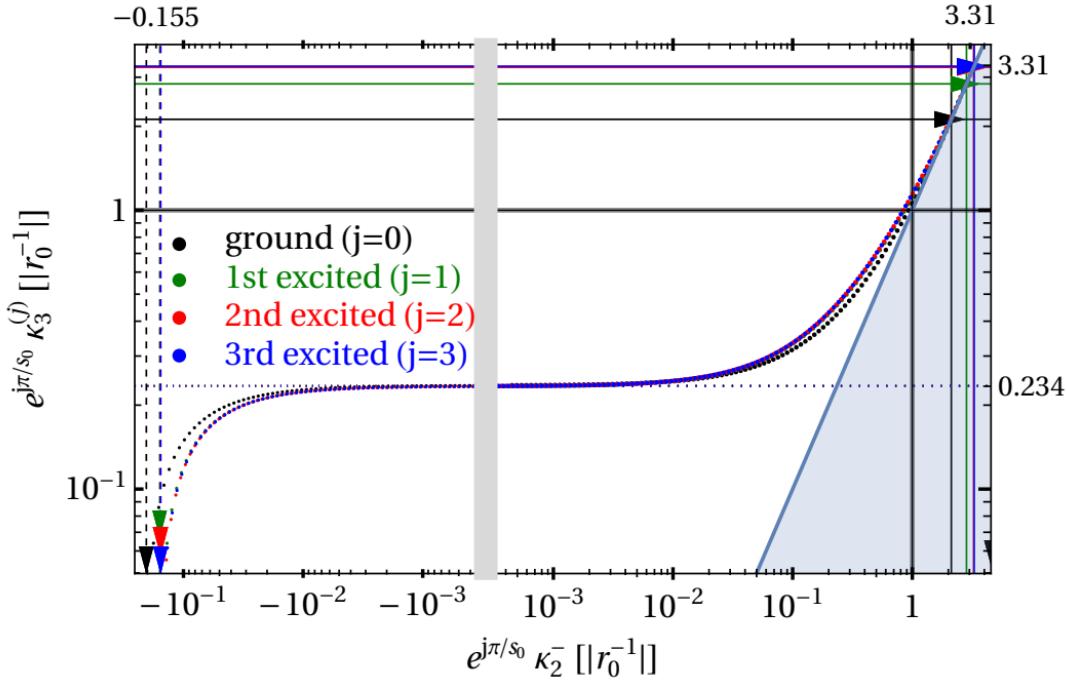
Renormalisable at LO without 3B Interaction. \Rightarrow Stable ground state, no (new) 3B parameter.

Meets expectations: $\kappa_3^{(0)} \leq 2.1 \leftrightarrow \lesssim 2$; no state for large $|\kappa_2^-|$; Efimov's Discrete Scale Invariance approximate.



(d) Are Trajectories Self-Similar?: Lay On Top Of Each Other!

Radially Rescale j th state by Efimov's Discrete Scale Invariance factor $e^{j\pi/s_0} = (22.6944\dots)^j$, $s_0 = 1.0062\dots$



Points Of Interest relative to Efimov

Threshold: ground state 30% smaller
1st excited 15%

Zero Binding: ground state 30% bigger
1st excited 10%

Meets expectations: $r_0 \neq 0$ has biggest effect on lowest states.

(e) Short-Range EFT as Low-Energy ReΣRangeEFT: Fixing Efimov's Tower

From 2B
propagator
in 3B kernel
to Efimov:

$$\xi + \underbrace{\frac{1}{4}(3Q^2 + 4\kappa_3^2)}_{\text{eff. range}} + \sqrt{3Q^2 + 4\kappa_3^2}$$

Q.

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{\xi + \sqrt{3Q^2 + 4k_3^2}}$$

Short-Range EFT

Change EFT

1
 $\sqrt{3} Q$

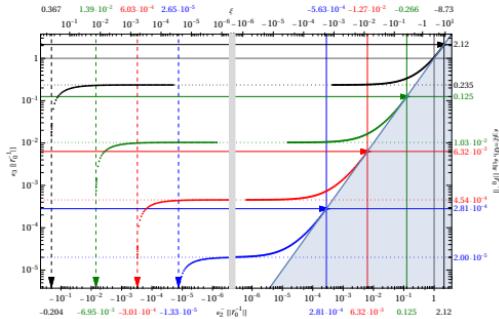
Ellinov's
Discrete Scale Inv.

$\kappa_+^+(\xi = 0) = -2|r_0^{-1}| \neq 0$ still sets scale of 2B. \implies Quasi-unitarity: No 2B scale invariance, except around 0.

\Rightarrow “Near-Discrete Scale Invariance” in 3B, Efimov tower fixed in limit $\xi = \frac{2r_0}{r} \rightarrow 0$ at $r_0 < 0$.

⇒ (Over-accurately) predict binding energies in systems with large $|a|$ and $r_0 < 0$?

| state | zero binding | quasi-unitarity | threshold |
|------------------------|--|--|---|
| | $\kappa_2^- (\kappa_3 = 0) [r_0^{-1}]$ | $\kappa_3 (\kappa_2^- = 0) [r_0^{-1}]$ | $\kappa_3 \doteq \kappa_2^- [r_0^{-1}]$ |
| ground | $-2.04318(6) \cdot 10^{-1}$ | $2.35412(3) \cdot 10^{-1}$ | $2.11862(2)$ |
| 1st exc. | $-6.9517(5) \cdot 10^{-3}$ | $1.03030(5) \cdot 10^{-2}$ | $1.25108(1) \cdot 10^{-1}$ |
| 2nd exc. | $-3.0144(1) \cdot 10^{-4}$ | $4.53987(1) \cdot 10^{-4}$ | $6.320(1) \cdot 10^{-3}$ |
| 3rd exc. | $-1.3269(2) \cdot 10^{-5}$ | $2.00039(5) \cdot 10^{-5}$ | $2.810(3) \cdot 10^{-4}$ |
| $j \rightarrow \infty$ | $-0.1551(1) e^{-j\frac{\pi}{s_0}}$ | $0.23381(8) e^{-j\frac{\pi}{s_0}}$ | $3.31(2) e^{-j\frac{\pi}{s_0}}$ |



ReΣRangeEFT for $\xi \rightarrow 0$ encompasses SREFT. \implies

Match Efimov scale Λ_* of 3BI in “hard cutoff regularisation”

$$\text{X} \quad H_0(\Lambda) \simeq -A \frac{\sin[s_0 \ln \frac{\Lambda}{\Lambda_*} - \arccot s_0]}{\sin[s_0 \ln \frac{\Lambda}{\Lambda_*} + \arccot s_0]} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Bedaque/} \\ \text{Hammer/} \\ \text{van Kolck} \\ [\text{nucl-th/9809025}] \end{array}$$

to ReΣRangeEFT at same 2B binding $\kappa_2^-(\xi = 0)$ per state.

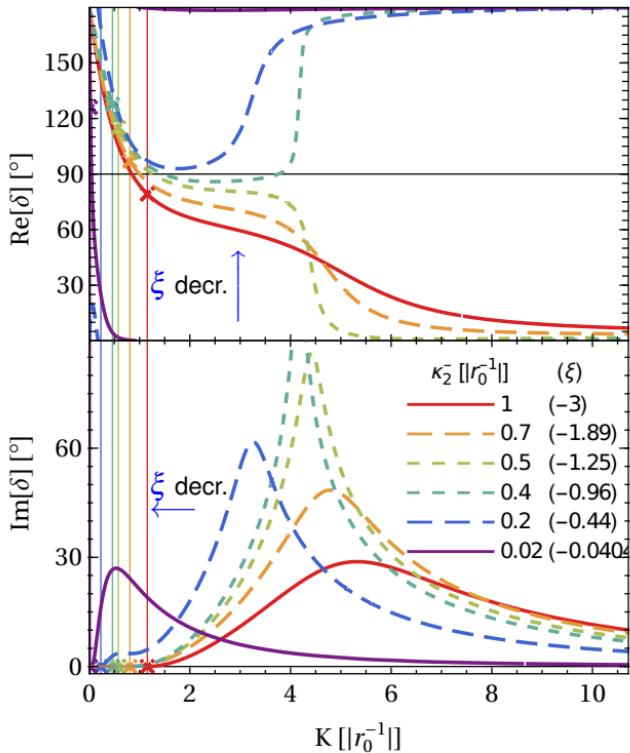
| state | Efimov's Λ_* [$ r_0^{-1} $] | amplitude A |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| ground | 0.614379(2) | 0.87866(2) |
| 1st excited | 0.610223(1) | 0.87866(1) |
| 2nd excited | 0.610206(1) | 0.87866(1) |
| 3rd excited | 0.610206(1) | 0.87866(1) |
| $j \rightarrow \infty$ | 0.610206(1) | 0.87866(1) |

A: cf. Braaten/Kang/Platter[1101.2854]: 3 SigFig, no uncertainty

2. Quick Look At Scattering in Resummed-Range EFT

(a) Scattering B on Bound (BB) at cm Momentum K , Energy $\frac{3K^2}{4} - (\kappa_2^-)^2$

3B breakup threshold at $\sqrt{\frac{4}{3} \kappa_2^-} > 0$ (vertical lines) \implies Hetherington-Schick contour deformation.



$\kappa_2^- = 1$ (red) same as previous.

3B binding thresholds $\kappa_{\text{thr}}^{(0)} = 2.12\dots$, $\kappa_{\text{thr}}^{(1)} = 0.12\dots$

Plateau continues to flatten & grow to $K \in [1;4]$,

turns into trough at $\kappa_2^- \approx 0.43$ (\approx ln-mean of $\kappa_{\text{thr}}^{(0,1)}$).

$\delta(K \in [1;4]) \approx 80^\circ$ smells unitary, but $\kappa_2 \neq 0$ bound.

“Near-Unitarity Window”

Cliff in **Re** correlates to huge inelasticity (peak in **Im**).

⇒ Resonance?? (not BW+const. background)

hg/UvK investigating

$K \searrow \kappa_{\text{thr}}^{(2)}$: trough disappears, $\delta \approx 0$ except for $K \rightarrow 0$.

$\delta(K \rightarrow \infty)$ flips $0 \rightarrow 180^\circ$, more rapid with $K \searrow 0$.

⇒ Perturbative, BB propagator $\sim \frac{1}{Q^2}$ Coulomb-like.

B(BB) eff. range $r_3 > 0$ always, while BB $r_0 < 0$.