

# INTRODUCTION TO EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORIES OF QCD

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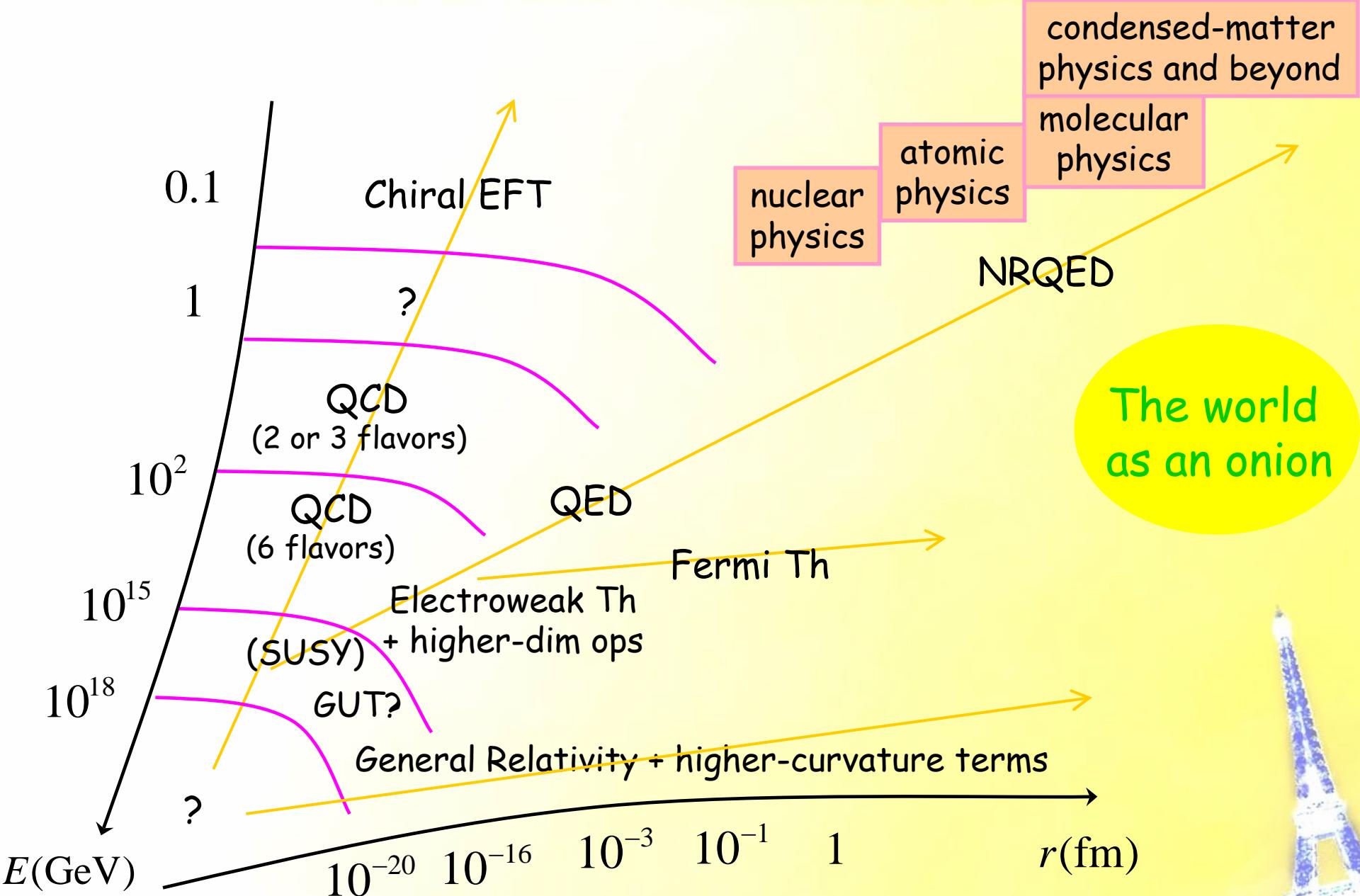
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# EFT at a few GeV = underlying theory for nuclear physics

d.o.f.s      leptons:  $l_f = \begin{pmatrix} l^+ \\ \nu \end{pmatrix}_f$       quarks:  $q = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}$       photon:  $A_\mu$       gluons:  $G_\mu^a$

symmetries:  $SO(3,1)$  global,  $U_{em}(1)$  gauge,  $SU_c(3)$  gauge

$$\mathcal{L}_{und} = \sum_{f=1}^3 \bar{l}_f \left( i\cancel{D} + eQ_l A - m_f \right) l_f - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \bar{q} \left( i\cancel{D} + eQ_q A + g_s \cancel{G} \right) q - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[ G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} \right] - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{m}_u + \mathbf{m}_d) \bar{q} q - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{m}_u - \mathbf{m}_d) \bar{q} \tau_3 q + \frac{m_u m_d}{m_u + m_d} \bar{\theta} \bar{q} i\gamma_5 q + \dots$$

$Q_l = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$Q_q = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1+3\tau_3}{6}$

higher-dimension interactions:  
suppressed by larger masses      e.g.  $G_F \propto 1/M_{W,Z}^2$   
unnaturally small T violation  
(strong CP problem)       $\bar{\theta} \lesssim 10^{-9}$

# Focus on strong-interacting sector: four parameters

1)  $m_u = m_d = 0, e = 0, \bar{\theta} = 0$

"chiral limit"

single, dimensionless parameter

$$\int d^4x \mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \int d^4x \left\{ \bar{q} (i\partial + g_s G) q - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr } G^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu} \right\}$$

invariant under scale transformations

$$\begin{cases} x \rightarrow \lambda^{-1}x \\ q \rightarrow \lambda^{3/2}q \\ G \rightarrow \lambda G \end{cases}$$

but in

$$Z = \int D G \int D \bar{q} \int D q \exp \left( i \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_{QCD} \right)$$

scale invariance

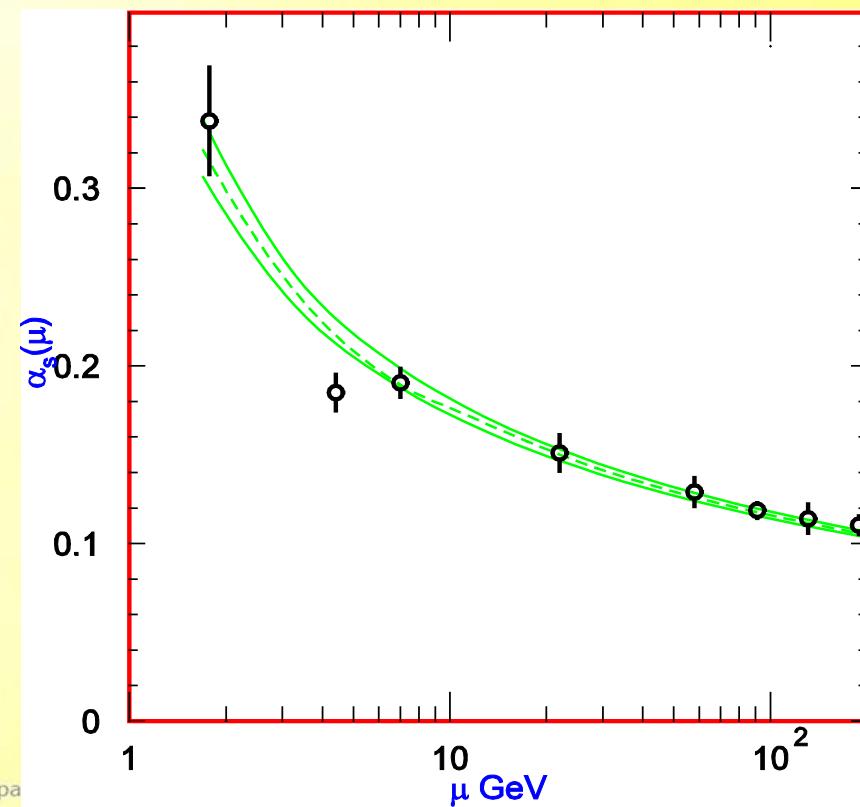
"anomalously **broken**"

by *dimensionful* regulator

⇒ coupling runs

$$\alpha_s(Q \sim 1 \text{ GeV}) \sim 1$$

("dimensional transmutation")



Non-perturbative physics at  $Q \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$

Assumption 1: confinement

only colorless states ("hadrons") are asymptotic

Observation: (almost) all hadron masses  $\gtrsim 1 \text{ GeV}$

Assumption 2: naturalness

masses are determined by characteristic scale

$$\rightarrow M_{QCD} \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$$

Observation: pion mass  $m_\pi \simeq 140 \text{ MeV} \ll M_{QCD}$

breakdown of naturalness? NO!

"spontaneous breaking" of chiral symmetry

# Why is the pion special?

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \bar{q}_L (i\partial + g_s G) q_L + \bar{q}_R (i\partial + g_s G) q_R - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} G^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}$$

$$q = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix} \quad \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \frac{1-\gamma_5}{2} q \quad \xleftarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \quad \frac{1+\gamma_5}{2} q$$

invariant under chiral symmetry

$$q_{L(R)} \rightarrow \exp(i\alpha_{L(R)} \cdot \tau) q_{L(R)} \quad SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \sim SO(4)$$

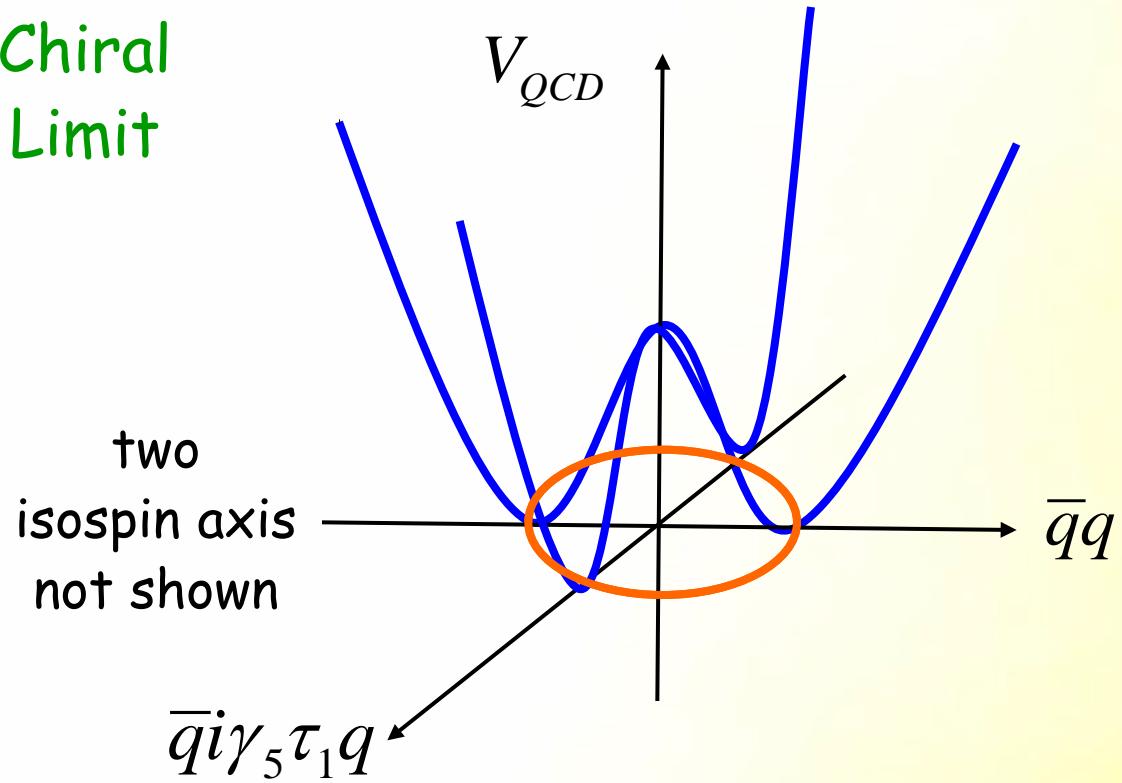
$$m_\sigma \gg m_\pi$$

$$m_{N_-} \gg m_{N_+}$$

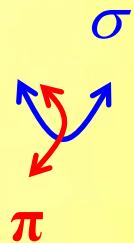
**broken** by vacuum down to isospin

$$q \rightarrow \exp(i\alpha \cdot \tau) q \quad SU(2)_{L+R} \sim SO(3)$$

# Chiral Limit



chiral circle



$f_\pi$   
pion decay constant (in chiral limit)

$$\mathcal{L}_{EFT} = \text{piece invariant under } \pi \rightarrow \pi + \varepsilon \quad [\text{function of } \underbrace{\partial_\mu \pi \text{ on chiral circle}}_{\left(1 - \frac{\pi^2}{4f_\pi^2} + \dots\right) \partial_\mu \pi}]$$

2)  $m_u \neq 0 \neq m_d$ ,  $e = 0$ ,  $\bar{\theta} = 0$

$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = \bar{q} (i\partial + g_s G) q - \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} G^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}$$

v.K. '93

$$+ \frac{1}{2} (m_u + m_d) \underbrace{\bar{q}q}_{\text{}} + \frac{1}{2} (m_u - m_d) \underbrace{\bar{q}\tau_3 q}_{\text{}} + \dots$$

4<sup>th</sup> component of  $SO(4)$  vector

$$S = (\bar{q}i\gamma_5 \tau q, \bar{q}q)$$

3<sup>rd</sup> component of  $SO(4)$  vector

$$P = (\bar{q}\tau q, \bar{q}i\gamma_5 q)$$

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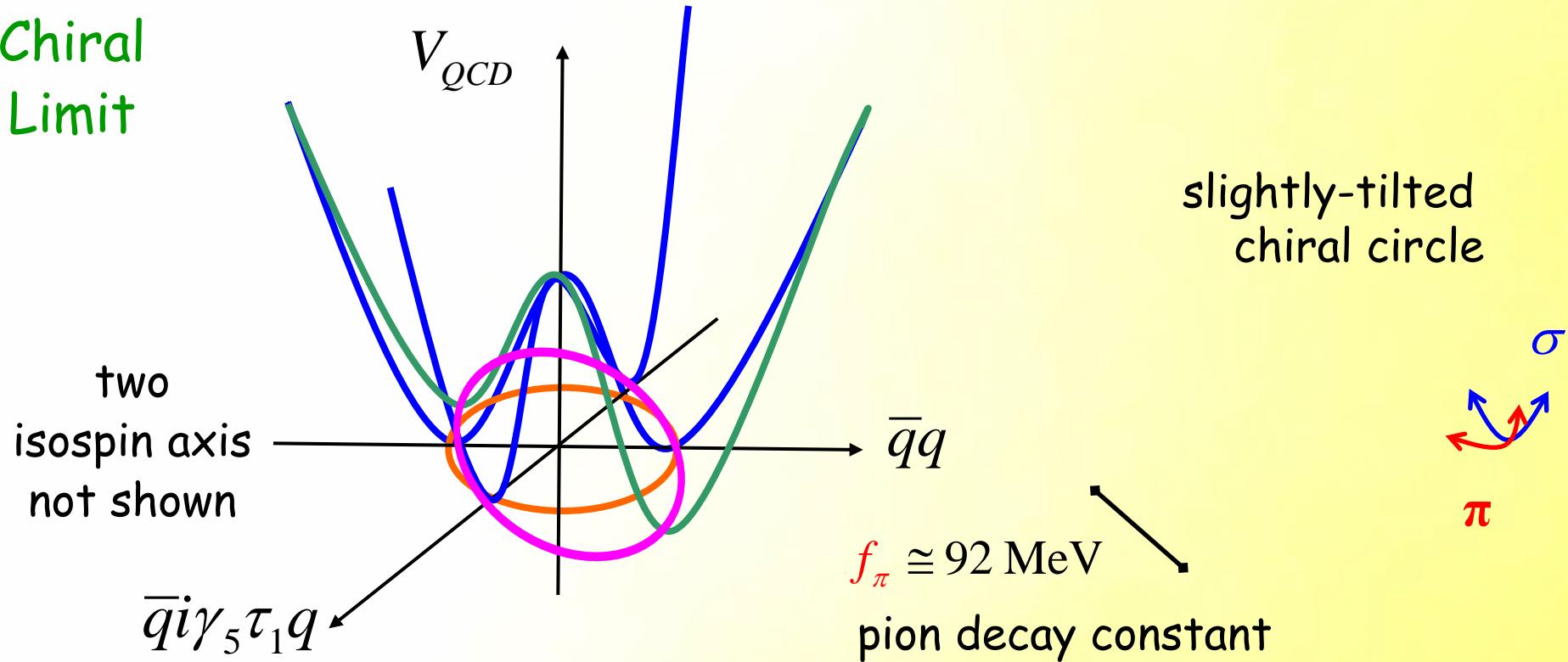
$$SO(4) \rightarrow SO(3)$$

(explicit chiral-symmetry breaking)

$$\rightarrow U(1)$$

(isospin violation)

# Chiral Limit



$\mathcal{L}_{EFT}$  = piece invariant under  $\pi \rightarrow \pi + \varepsilon$  [function of  $\partial_\mu \pi$ ]  $\propto Q$

+ piece in  $\bar{q}q$  direction [function of  $\pi$  explicitly]  $\propto (m_u + m_d)$

+ isospin breaking  $\propto (m_u - m_d)$

CHIRAL SYMMETRY  $\rightarrow$  WEAK PION INTERACTIONS

$$3) \ e \neq 0, \bar{\theta} = 0$$

Two types of interactions:

- "soft" photons - explicit d.o.f. in the EFT

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ieQ_q A_\mu$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$$

- "hard" photons - "integrated out" of EFT

v.K. '93

$$\mathcal{L}_{und} = \dots - e^2 \overline{q} Q_q \gamma_\mu q D^{\mu\nu} (\partial^2) \overline{q} Q_q \gamma_\nu q + \dots$$

  
34 comp of  
antisymmetric tensor

$$F_\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_{ijk} \bar{q} i \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \tau_k q & \bar{q} i \gamma_\mu \tau_j q \\ -\bar{q} i \gamma_\mu \tau_i q & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

**breaks**  $SO(4)$  (and  $SO(3)$  in particular)  $\rightarrow U(1)$



$\mathcal{L}_{EFT} =$  soft photons  $\propto e$   
+ further isospin breaking  $\propto \alpha / 4\pi$

4)  $\bar{\theta} \neq 0$

$$\mathcal{L}_{und} = \dots + \frac{m_u m_d}{m_u + m_d} \bar{\theta} \underbrace{\bar{q} i \gamma_5 q}_{\text{in pink}} + \dots$$

4<sup>th</sup> component of  $SO(4)$  vector  $P = (\bar{q} \tau q, \bar{q} i \gamma_5 q)$

T violation linked to isospin violation: in EFT, combination is

$$-\frac{1}{2} (m_u - m_d) P_3 + \frac{m_u m_d}{m_u + m_d} \bar{\theta} P_4$$

Hockings, Mereghetti + v.K., '10

5) continue with higher-order operators,  
e.g. T-violating quark EDM and color-EDM  
P-violating four-quark operators

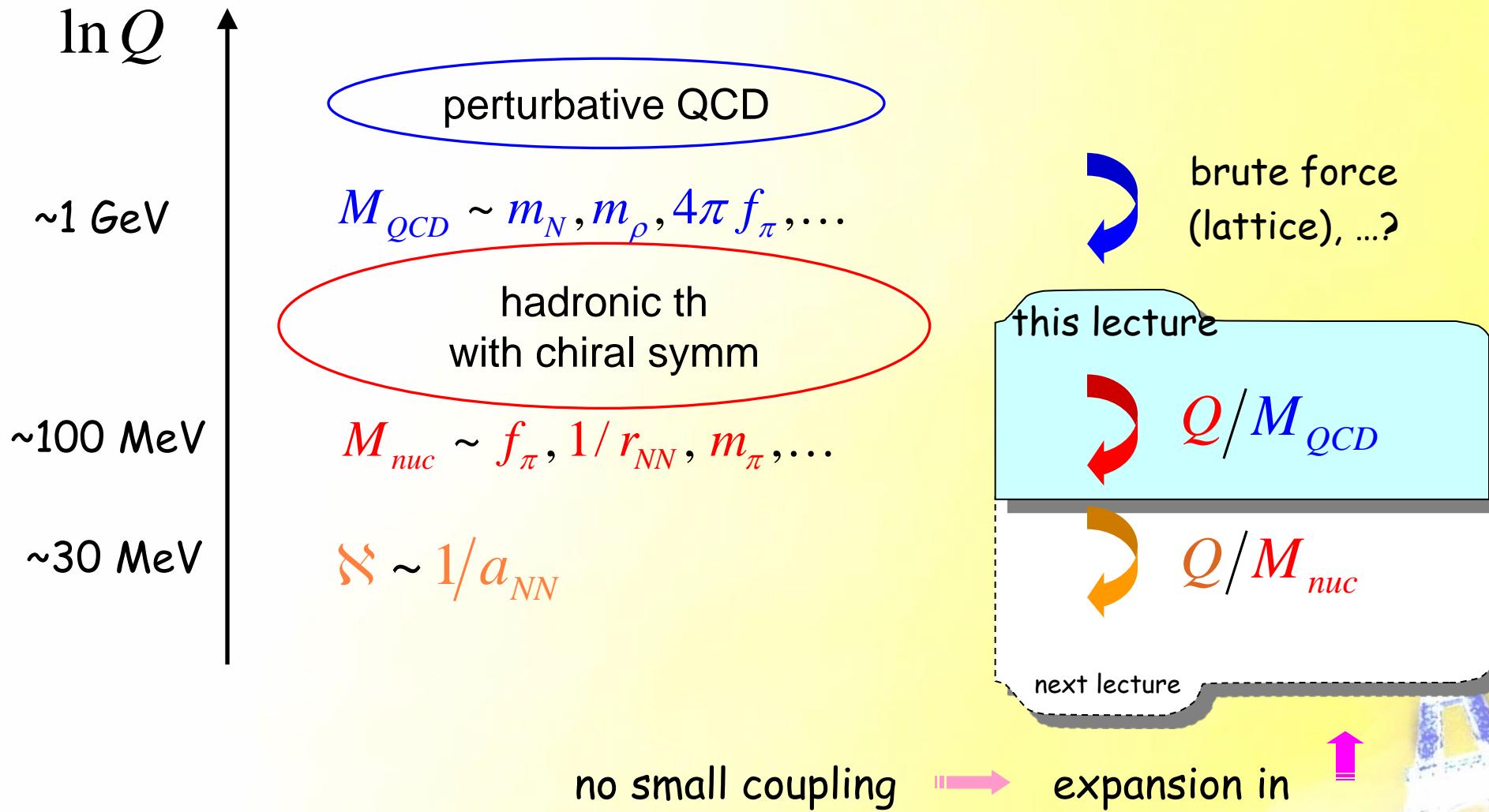
De Vries, Mereghetti,  
Timmermans + v.K., '12

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Kaplan + Savage '96  
Zhu, Maekawa, Holstein, Musolf + v.K. '02

# Nuclear physics scales

"His scales are His pride", Book of Job



# Nuclear EFT

$$Q \sim m_\pi \ll M_{QCD}$$

- d.o.f.s: nucleons, pions, deltas ( $m_\Delta - m_N \sim 2m_\pi$ )

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} p \\ n \end{pmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\pi} = \begin{pmatrix} \pi_1 \\ \pi_2 \\ \pi_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (\pi^+ + \pi^-)/\sqrt{2} \\ -i(\pi^+ - \pi^-)/\sqrt{2} \\ \pi^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- symmetries: Lorentz, ~~P, T, chiral~~

pionful EFT

$$\Delta = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta^{++} \\ \Delta^+ \\ \Delta^0 \\ \Delta^- \end{pmatrix}$$

## Non-linear realization of chiral symmetry

Weinberg '68

Callan, Coleman, Wess + Zumino '69

### chiral invariants

(chiral) covariant derivatives	<p>pion <math>\mathbf{D}_\mu \equiv \left( \frac{\partial_\mu \pi}{f_\pi} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{\pi^2}{4f_\pi^2} + \dots \right)</math></p> <p>fermions <math>\mathcal{D}_\mu \equiv \left( \partial_\mu - \frac{i}{2} \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \mathbf{E}_\mu \right)</math></p>
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$$\mathbf{E}_\mu \equiv \frac{\pi}{f_\pi} \times \mathbf{D}_\mu$$

+  $S_4$ 's,  $P_3$ 's,  $F_{34}$ 's

$$m_\pi^2 = \mathcal{O}\left((m_u + m_d) M_{QCD}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow m_u + m_d = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_\pi^2}{M_{QCD}}\right)$$

Schematically,

$$\mathcal{L}_{EFT} = \sum_{\{n,p,f\}} c_{\{n,p,f\}} \left( \frac{\mathbf{D}, \mathcal{D}, m_\Delta - m_N}{M_{QCD}} \right)^n \left( \frac{m_\pi^2}{M_{QCD}^2} \frac{\pi^2}{f_\pi^2} \right)^{p/2} \left( \frac{\psi^+ \psi}{f_\pi^2 M_{QCD}} \right)^{f/2} f_\pi^2 M_{QCD}^2$$

{ calculated from QCD: lattice, ...  
fitted to data

$$= \mathcal{O}(1) \\ = \mathcal{O}\left(\varepsilon, \frac{\alpha}{4\pi}\right)$$

isospin conserving

isospin breaking

(NDA: naïve  
dimensional  
analysis)

$$= \sum_{\Delta=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{L}^{(\Delta)}$$

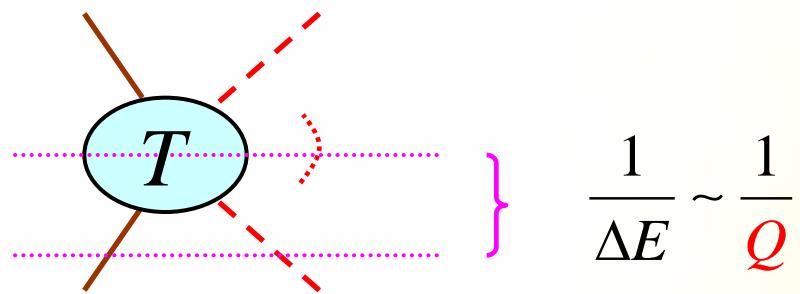
$$\Delta \equiv n + p + \frac{f}{2} - 2 \equiv d + \frac{f}{2} - 2 \geq 0$$

"chiral index"

chiral symmetry

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}^{(0)} &= \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \boldsymbol{\pi})^2 \left( 1 - \frac{\boldsymbol{\pi}^2}{2 f_\pi^2} + \dots \right) - \frac{1}{2} m_\pi^2 \boldsymbol{\pi}^2 \left( 1 - \frac{\boldsymbol{\pi}^2}{4 f_\pi^2} + \dots \right) \\
&\quad + N^+ \left[ i \partial_0 - \frac{1}{4 f_\pi^2} \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\pi} \times \partial_0 \boldsymbol{\pi}) + \dots \right] N + \frac{g_A}{2 f_\pi} N^+ \boldsymbol{\tau} \vec{\sigma} N \cdots (\vec{\nabla} \boldsymbol{\pi}) \left( 1 - \frac{\boldsymbol{\pi}^2}{4 f_\pi^2} + \dots \right) \\
&\quad + \Delta^+ \left[ i \partial_0 - (m_\Delta - m_N) + \dots \right] \Delta + \dots + \frac{h_A}{2 f_\pi} \left( N^+ \mathbf{T} \vec{S} \Delta + \text{H.c.} \right) \cdots (\vec{\nabla} \boldsymbol{\pi}) (1 + \dots) \\
&\quad - C_S (N^+ N)^2 - C_T (N^+ \vec{\sigma} N)^2 \\
\mathcal{L}^{(1)} &= N^+ \left[ \frac{1}{2 m_N} \left( \vec{\nabla} + \frac{1}{4 f_\pi^2} \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\pi} \times \vec{\nabla} \boldsymbol{\pi}) + \dots \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (m_p - m_n) \left( \tau_3 - \frac{1}{2 f_\pi^2} \pi_3 \boldsymbol{\pi} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} + \dots \right) \right] N \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{f_\pi^2} N^+ \left[ b_2 (\partial_0 \boldsymbol{\pi})^2 - b_3 (\vec{\nabla} \boldsymbol{\pi})^2 - 2 b_1 m_\pi^2 \boldsymbol{\pi}^2 + i b_4 \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{abc} \sigma_k \tau_c (\partial_i \pi_b) (\partial_j \pi_c) \right] N + \dots \\
&\quad - \frac{g_A}{4 m_N f_\pi} \left[ i N^+ \boldsymbol{\tau} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} N + \text{H.c.} \right] \cdots (\partial_0 \boldsymbol{\pi}) (1 + \dots) \\
&\quad - \frac{h_A}{4 m_N f_\pi} \left[ i N^+ \mathbf{T} \vec{S} \cdot \vec{\nabla} N + \text{H.c.} \right] \cdots (\partial_0 \boldsymbol{\pi}) (1 + \dots) \\
&\quad + \frac{d}{f_\pi} N^+ N N^+ \boldsymbol{\tau} \vec{\sigma} N \cdots (\vec{\nabla} \boldsymbol{\pi}) (1 + \dots) \\
&\quad - E (N^+ N)^3 \\
\mathcal{L}^{(2)} &= \dots
\end{aligned}$$

*Form of pion interactions  
determined by  
chiral symmetry*

$A=0, 1$ : chiral perturbation theory

$$\sim \sum_{\nu} c_{\nu} \left( \frac{Q}{M_{QCD}} \right)^{\nu} F_{\nu} \left( \frac{Q}{m_{\pi}} \right)$$

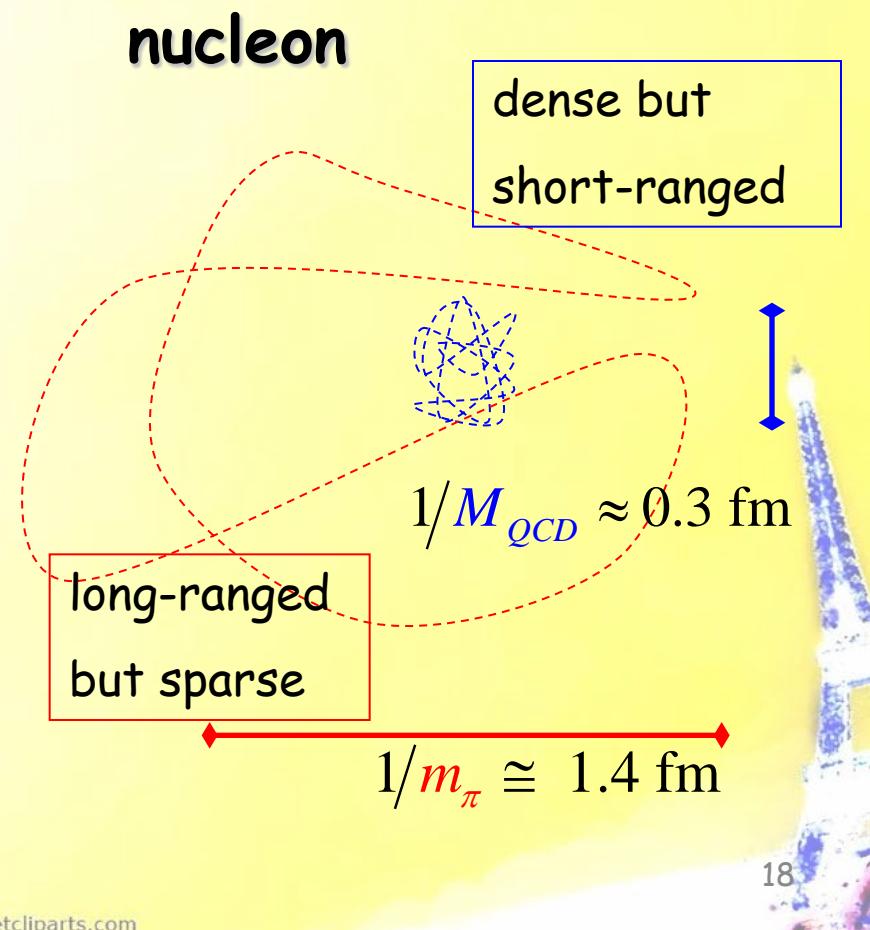
$$\nu = 2 - A + 2L + \sum_i V_i \Delta_i \geq \nu_{\min} = 2 - A$$

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# loops    # vertices of type  $i$

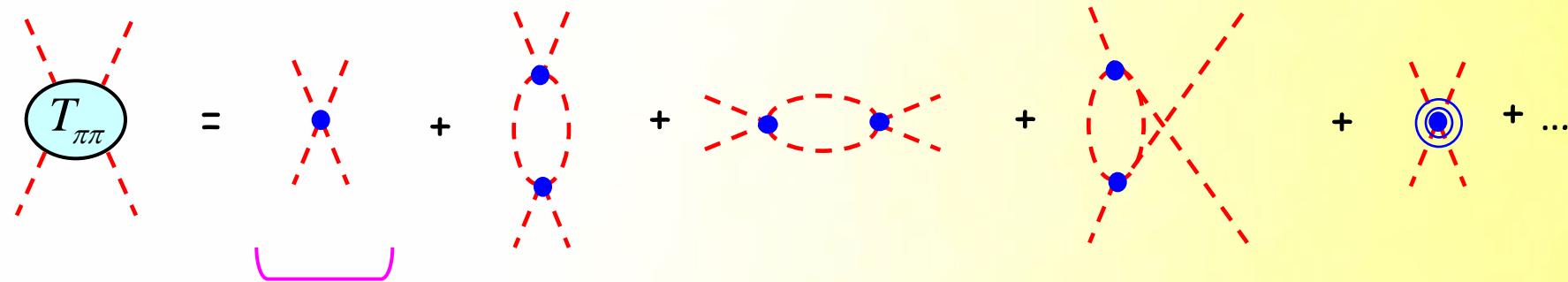
expansion in

$$\frac{Q}{M_{QCD}} \sim \begin{cases} Q/m_N & \text{non-relativistic} \\ Q/m_{\rho}, \dots & \text{multipole} \\ Q/4\pi f_{\pi} & \text{pion loop} \end{cases}$$



Analogous to NRQED...

Weinberg '79  
Gasser + Leutwyler '84



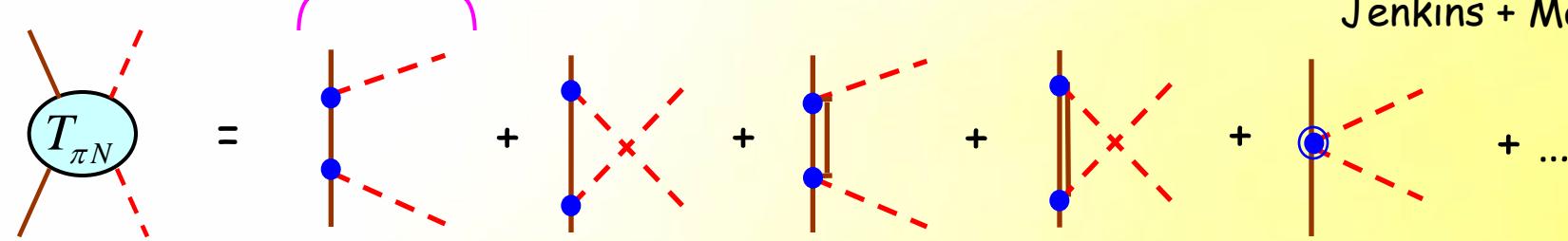
current  
algebra

Weinberg '66

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Gasser, Sainio + Svarc '87  
Bernard, Kaiser + Meissner '90  
Jenkins + Manohar '91

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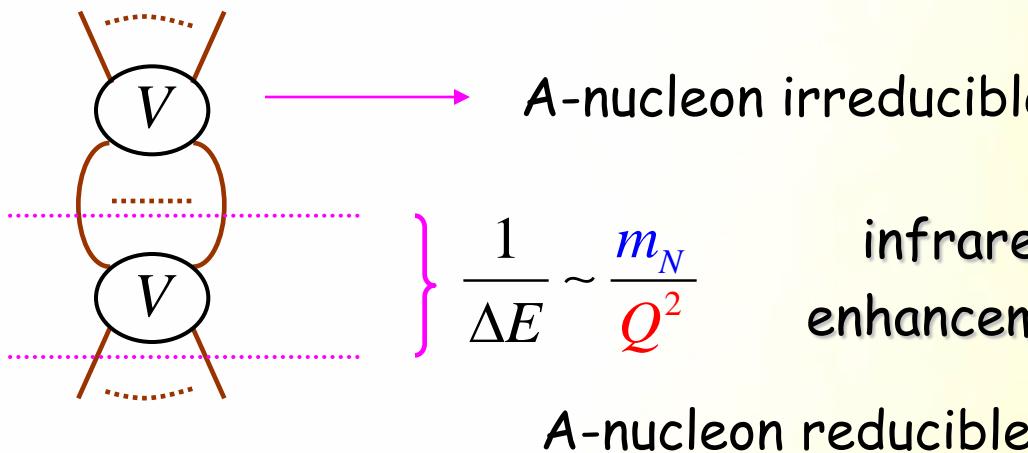
etc.

N.B. For  $|E - (m_\Delta - m_N)| \lesssim \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q^3}{M_{QCD}^2}\right)$  a resummation is necessary

Phillips + Pascalutsa '02  
Long + v.K. , '08

# $A \geq 2$ : resummed chiral perturbation theory

Weinberg '90, '91



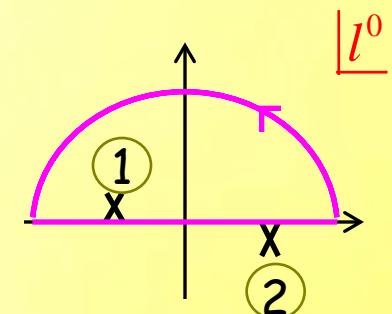
e.g.

A vertical stack of two  $V$  vertices connected by a horizontal line. An upward-pointing red arrow next to the line is labeled  $E = \frac{k^2}{m_N}$ .

$$\simeq i \int \frac{d^4 l}{(2\pi)^4} V \frac{1}{l^0 + k^2/m_N - l^2/m_N - i\varepsilon} \frac{1}{-l^0 + k^2/m_N - l^2/m_N - i\varepsilon} V$$

$$= \int \frac{d^3 l}{(2\pi)^3} V \frac{m_N}{l^2 - k^2} V + \dots$$

$$\sim \mathcal{O}\left(\underbrace{\frac{m_N Q}{4\pi}}_{\text{instead of } \frac{Q^2}{(4\pi)^2}} V^2\right)$$



$$\sim i \left( \frac{g_A}{2 f_\pi} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\vec{q}^2}{\vec{q}^2 + m_\pi^2} \right) \frac{(S_{12}(\hat{q}) + \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2)}{3} \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \sim \frac{1}{f_\pi^2}$$

tensor force

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

$$\sim \frac{1}{f_\pi^4} \frac{Q^3}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{1}{Q} \frac{1}{Q} \frac{Q^2}{Q^2} \frac{Q^2}{Q} \sim \frac{1}{f_\pi^2} \frac{Q^2}{(4\pi f_\pi)^2} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q^2}{M_{QCD}^2}\right)$$

$$\sim \frac{1}{f_\pi^4} \frac{Q^3}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{1}{m_\Delta - m_N} \frac{1}{Q} \frac{Q^2}{Q^2} \frac{Q^2}{Q} \sim \frac{1}{f_\pi^2} \underbrace{\frac{Q^2}{(4\pi f_\pi)^2}}_{m_\Delta - m_N} \frac{Q}{m_\Delta - m_N} = \mathcal{O}(1)$$

$$\sim \frac{1}{f_\pi^4} \frac{Q^3}{4\pi} \frac{m_N}{Q^2} \frac{Q^2}{Q^2} \frac{Q^2}{Q^2} \sim \frac{1}{f_\pi^2} \frac{\frac{m_N}{4\pi f_\pi} Q}{f_\pi} \sim \frac{1}{f_\pi^2} \frac{Q}{M_{NN}}$$

$$\equiv \frac{1}{M_{NN}} = \mathcal{O}(1) \text{ for } Q \sim M_{NN}$$



$$\sim \frac{1}{f_\pi^2} \left\{ 1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q}{M_{NN}}\right) + \dots \right\} \sim \frac{1}{f_\pi^2} \frac{1}{1 - \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q}{M_{NN}}\right)}$$

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

Nuclear scale  
arises naturally  
from  
chiral symmetry

$$= V^{(0)} + + \dots = V^{(0)} +$$

$$V^{(0)} = + ?$$

Is 1PE all there is in leading order?  
That is, are observables cutoff  
independent with 1PE alone?

# Issue: relative importance of pion exchange and short-range interactions

$\sim i \left( \frac{g_A}{2f_\pi} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\vec{q}^2}{\vec{q}^2 + m_\pi^2} \right) \frac{(S_{12}(\hat{q}) + \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2)}{3} \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \sim \frac{4\pi}{m_N M_{NN}}$

$$\begin{cases} V(r) = \left( \frac{g_A}{2f_\pi} \right)^2 \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \left( -\delta^{(3)}(\vec{r}) + \frac{m_\pi^2}{4\pi r} e^{-m_\pi r} \right) & S=0 \\ V(r) = \left( \frac{g_A}{2f_\pi} \right)^2 \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \left\{ \frac{1}{3} \left( \delta^{(3)}(r) - \frac{m_\pi^2}{4\pi r} e^{-m_\pi r} \right) + \frac{m_\pi^2}{4\pi r} \left( \frac{1}{(m_\pi r)^2} + \frac{1}{m_\pi r} + \frac{1}{3} \right) e^{-m_\pi r} \langle S_{12}(\hat{r}) \rangle \right\} & S=1 \end{cases}$$

much more singular --and complicated!-- than

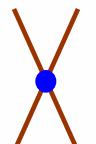
$\sim \frac{i e^2}{(\vec{p} - \vec{p}')^2 - i\varepsilon} \sim \frac{4\pi\alpha}{Q^2} \rightarrow V(r) = \frac{\alpha}{r}$

$\langle S_{12} \rangle$	$j-1$	$j$	$j+1$
$j-1$	$-2 \frac{j-1}{2j+1}$	0	$6 \frac{\sqrt{j(j+1)}}{2j+1}$
$j$	0	2	0
$j+1$	$6 \frac{\sqrt{j(j+1)}}{2j+1}$	0	$-2 \frac{j+2}{2j+1}$

Assume contact interactions are driven by heavier dofs, and scale with  $M_{QCD}$   
 according to naïve dimensional analysis  
 (W power counting)

Weinberg '90, '91  
 Ordóñez + v.K. '92  
 Ordóñez, Ray + v.K. '96  
 ...

Entem + Machleidt '03...  
 Epelbaum, Gloeckle + Meissner '04  
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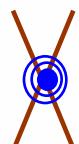


$$\sim C_0^{(0)} \frac{(\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 + 1)}{4} - C_0^{(1)} \frac{(\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 - 3)}{4}$$

$$\equiv \frac{4\pi}{m_N M^{(0)}} \quad \equiv \frac{4\pi}{m_N M^{(1)}}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V(r) = \frac{4\pi}{m_N M^{(0)}} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r}) \quad S = 0 \\ V(r) = \frac{4\pi}{m_N M^{(1)}} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r}) \quad S = 1 \end{array} \right.$$

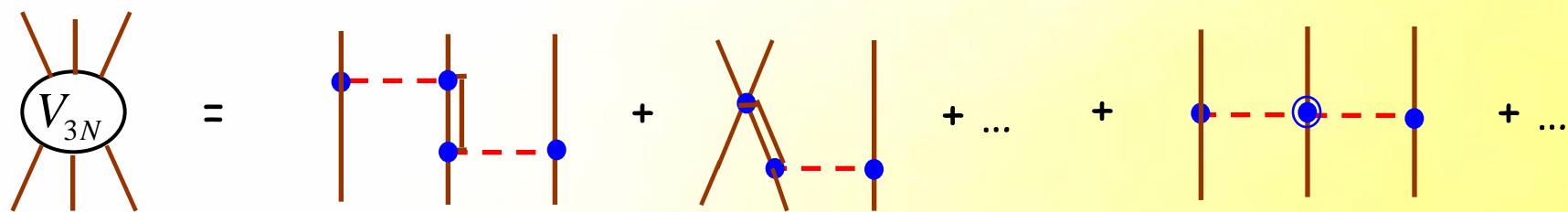
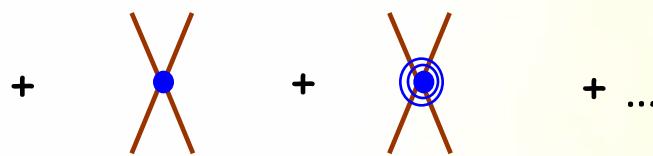
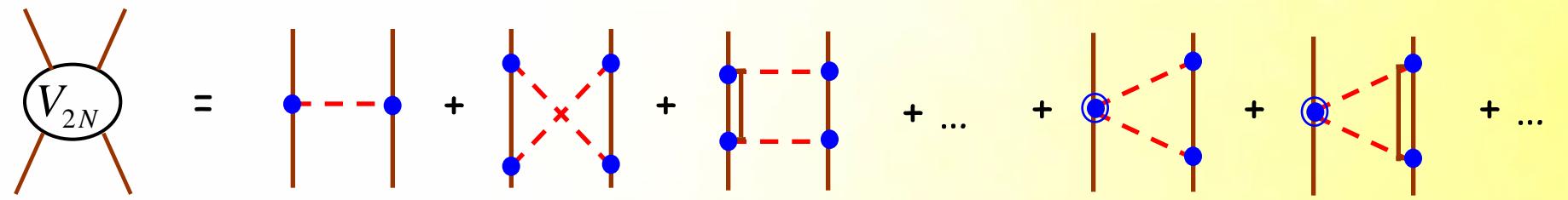
$$M^{(i)} \sim M_{NN} \quad \Rightarrow \quad C_0^{(i)} \quad \text{in LO}$$



$$\sim \frac{4\pi}{m_N M_{NN}} \frac{Q^2}{M_{QCD}^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{in NNLO}$$

(NLO terms, linear in  $Q/M_{QCD}$ , break  $P, T$ )

etc.



etc.

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more nucleons

higher powers of  $Q$

2-body

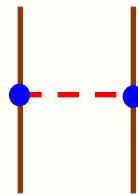
3-body

4-body

...

LO

$$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{f_\pi^2}\right)$$



in German

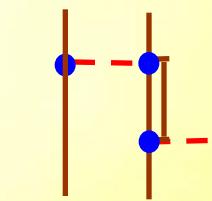
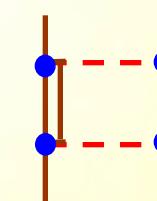
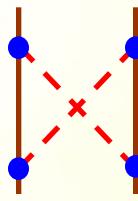
NLO

$$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{f_\pi^2} \frac{Q}{M_{QCD}}\right)$$

(parity violating)

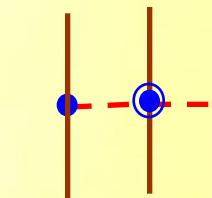
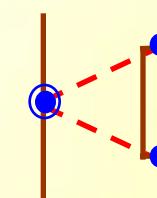
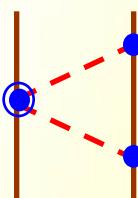
NNLO

$$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{f_\pi^2} \frac{Q^2}{M_{QCD}^2}\right)$$



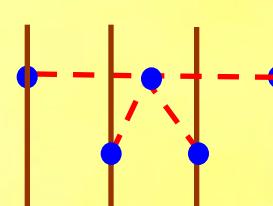
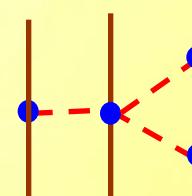
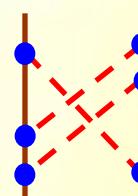
NNNLO

$$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{f_\pi^2} \frac{Q^3}{M_{QCD}^3}\right)$$



NNNNLO

$$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{f_\pi^2} \frac{Q^4}{M_{QCD}^4}\right)$$



ETC.

# Hierarchies

many-body forces

$$V_{2N} \gg V_{3N} \gg V_{4N} \gg \dots$$

A canon emerges!

Weinberg '90, '91

Similar explanation for

isospin-breaking forces

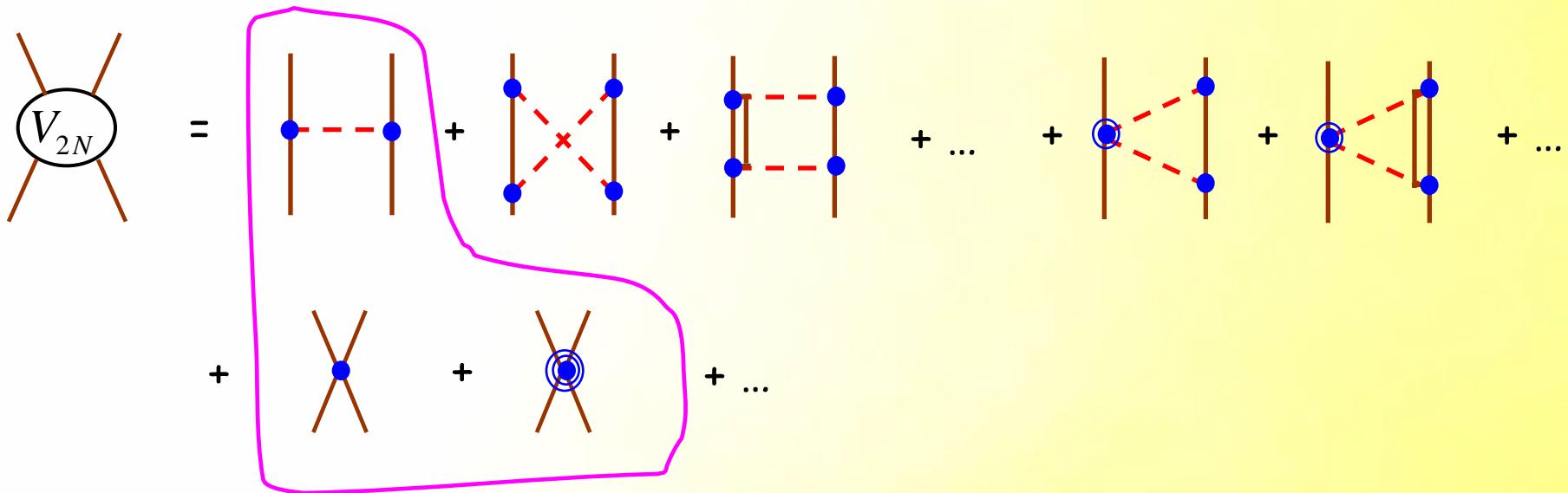
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V_{IS} \gg V_{IV} \gg V_{CSB} \\ J_{1N} \gg J_{2N} \gg J_{3N} \gg \dots \end{array} \right.$$

v.K. '93

Rho '92

external currents

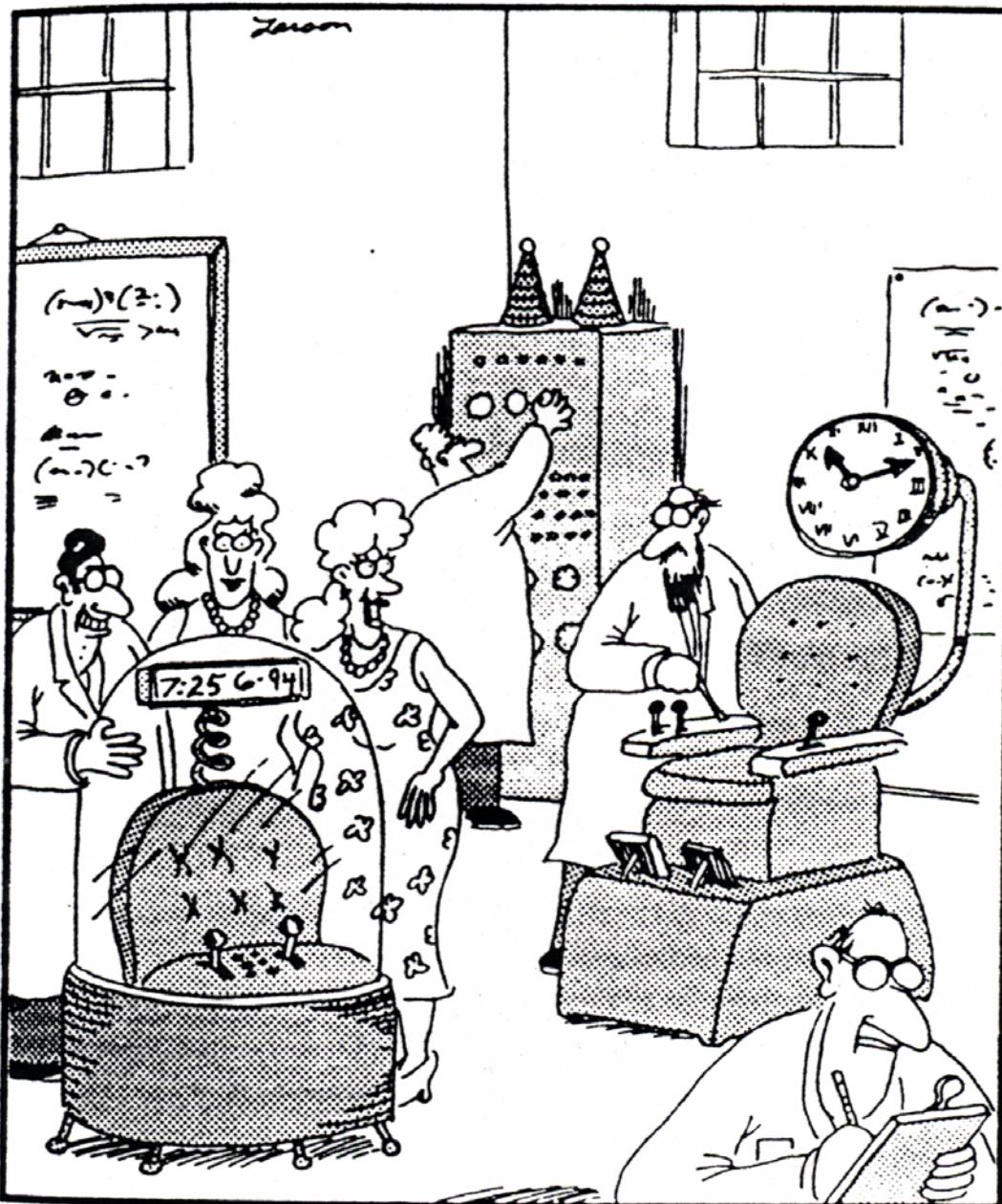
other canons emerge!



similar to phenomenological  
potential models,

e.g. AV18 -  $(OPE)^2$  + non-local terms

Stoks, Wiringa + Pieper '94

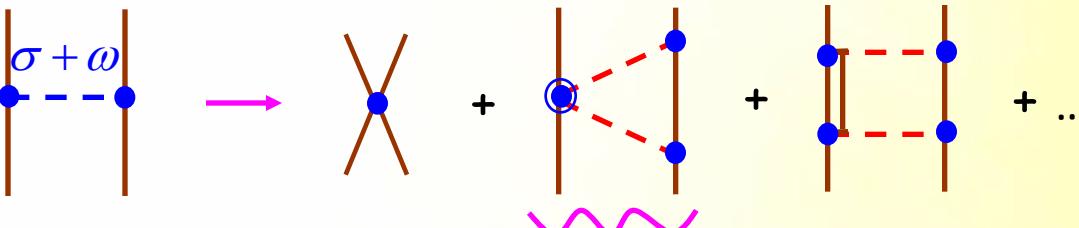


"Oh, Professor DeWitt! Have you seen Professor Weinberg's time machine? ... It's digital!"

But: NOT your usual potential!

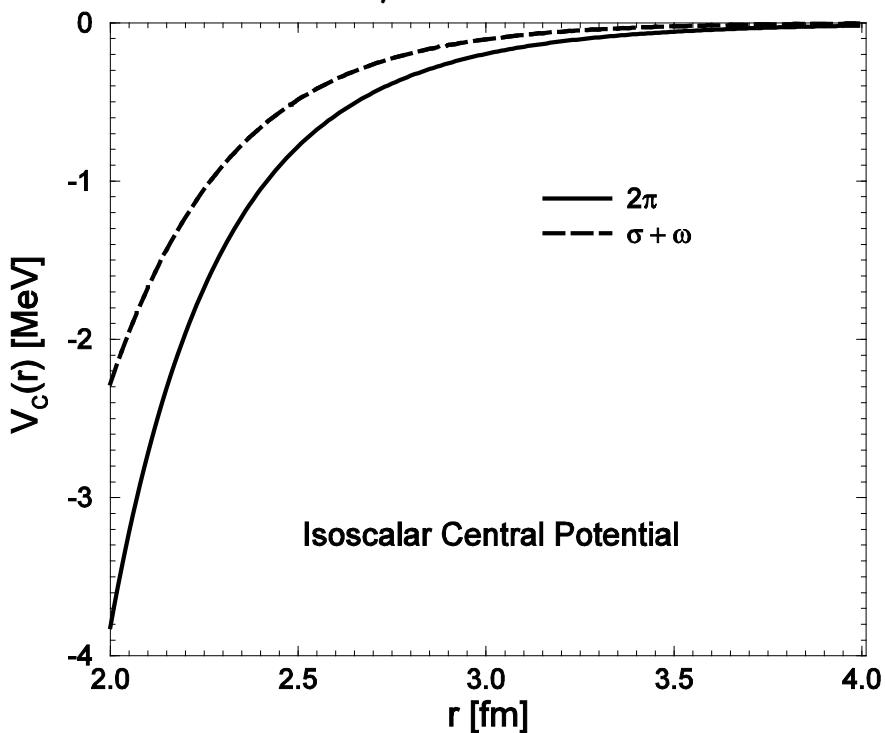
Ordonez + v.K. '92  
(cf. Stony Brook TPE)

e.g.,



$$\text{chiral v.d. Waals force} \sim \frac{1}{r^6} \text{ for } m_\pi^2 \rightarrow 0$$

Kaiser, Brockmann + Weise '97



Similar results in other channels,  
e.g. spin-orbit force!

Rentmeester et al. '01, '03

Nijmegen PSA of 1,951  $pp$  data

long-range pot	#bc	$\chi^2_{\min}$
OPE	31	2026.2
OPE + TPE ( <i>lo</i> )	28	1984.7
OPE + TPE ( <i>nlo</i> )	23	1934.5
Njm78	19	1968.7

parameters found  
consistent with  $\pi N$  data!

at least  
as good!

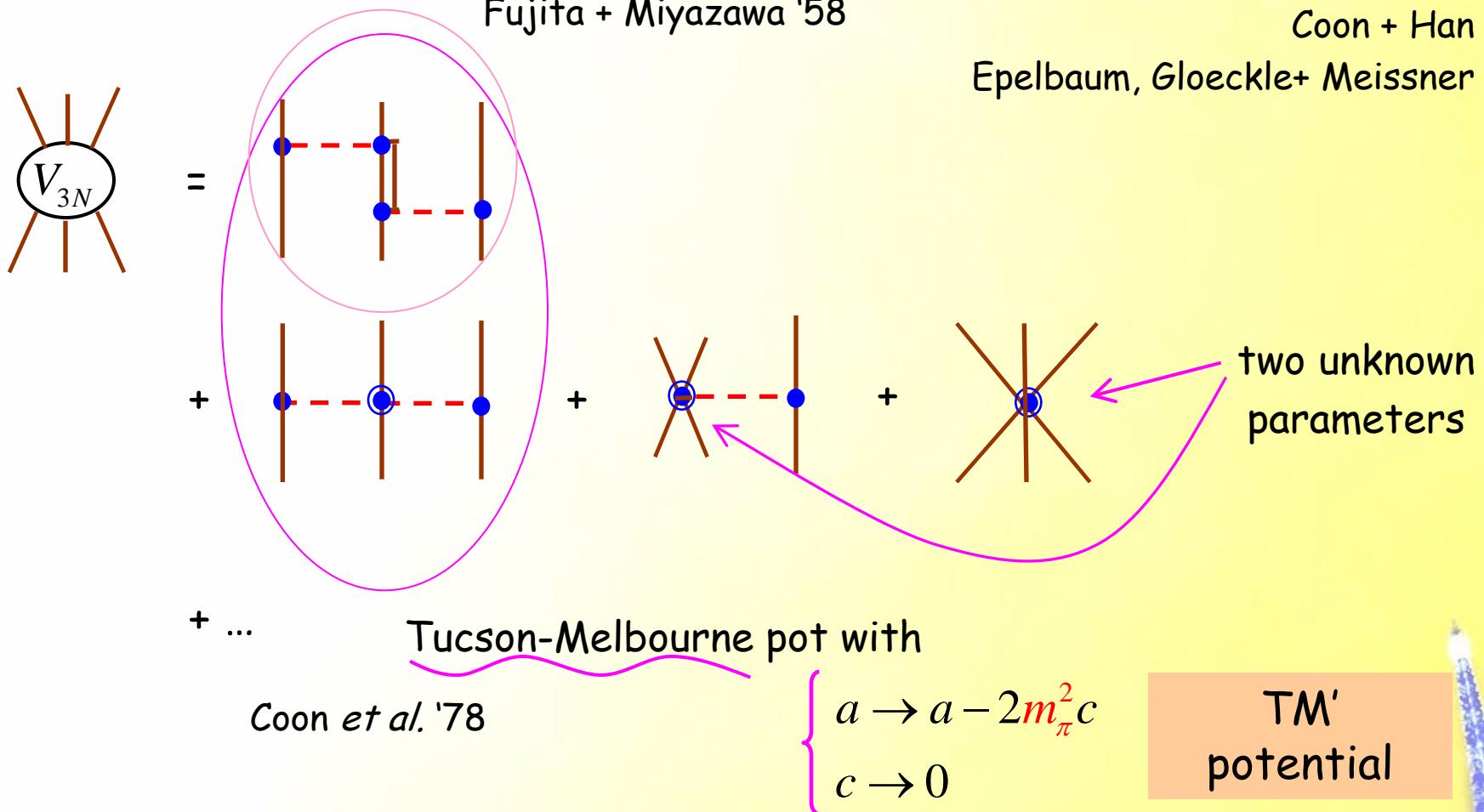
models with  $\sigma, \omega, \dots$   
might be misleading...

Friar, Hueber + v.K. '99

Coon + Han '99

Epelbaum, Gloeckle+ Meissner '02

...

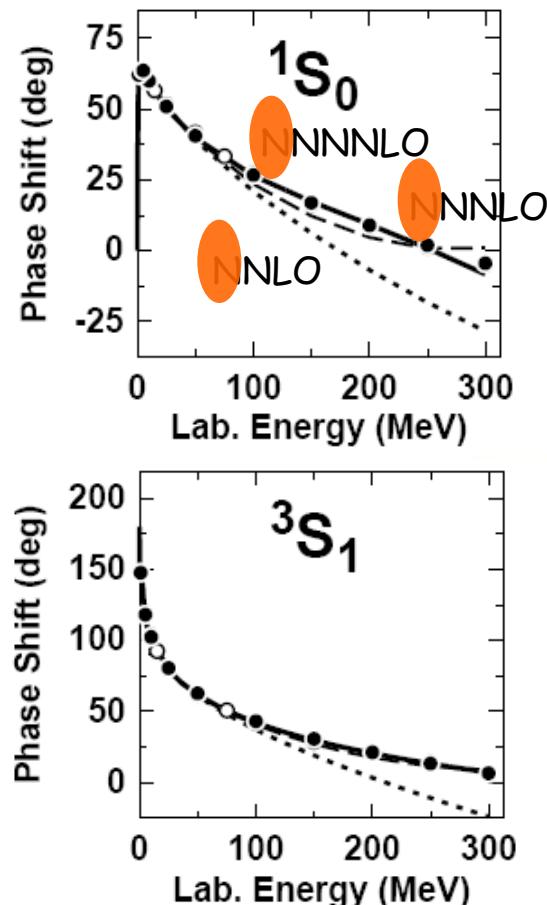


$$(t_{\pi N}(\vec{q}, \vec{q}'))_{\alpha\beta} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} \left[ a + b \vec{q} \cdot \vec{q}' + c (\vec{q}^2 + \vec{q}'^2) \right] - d \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \tau_{3\gamma} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{q} \times \vec{q}' + \dots$$

# Many successes of Weinberg's counting, e.g.,

- ✓ To  $\text{NNNNLO}$  (w/o deltas), fit to NN phase shifts comparable to those of "realistic" phenomenological potentials

Epelbaum, Gloeckle + Meissner '02  
Entem + Machleidt '03



Entem + Machleidt '03

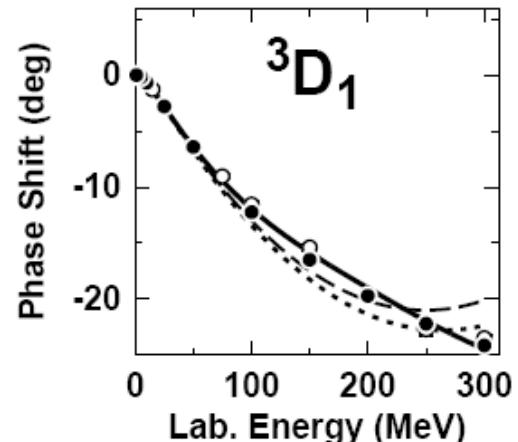
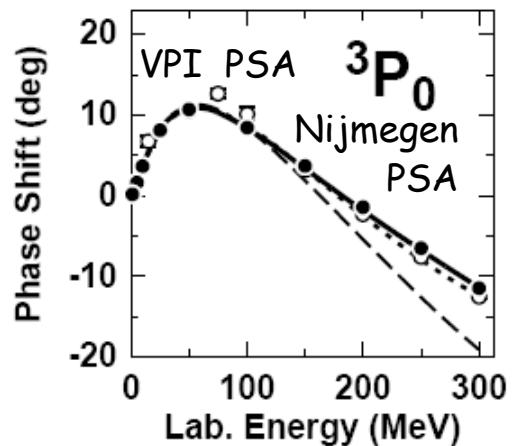


TABLE II.  $\chi^2/\text{datum}$  for the reproduction of the 1999  $np$  database [40] below 290 MeV by various  $np$  potentials.

Bin (MeV)	No. of data	$\text{N}^3\text{LO}^a$	$\text{NNLO}^b$	$\text{NLO}^b$	$\text{AV18}^c$
0–100	1058	1.06	1.71	5.20	0.95
100–190	501	1.08	12.9	49.3	1.10
190–290	843	1.15	19.2	68.3	1.11
0–290	2402	1.10	10.1	36.2	1.04

TABLE V. Two- and three-nucleon bound-state properties. (Deuteron binding energy  $B_d$ ; asymptotic  $S$  state  $A_S$ ; asymptotic  $D/S$  state  $\eta$ ; deuteron radius  $r_d$ ; quadrupole moment  $Q$ ;  $D$ -state probability  $P_D$ ; triton binding energy  $B_t$ .)

	$\text{N}^3\text{LO}^a$	CD-Bonn [10]	AV18 [22]	Empirical <sup>b</sup>
Deuteron				
$B_d(\text{MeV})$	2.224575	2.224575	2.224575	2.224575(9)
$A_S(\text{fm}^{-1/2})$	0.8843	0.8846	0.8850	0.8846(9)
$\eta$	0.0256	0.0256	0.0250	0.0256(4)
$r_d(\text{fm})$	1.978 <sup>c</sup>	1.970 <sup>c</sup>	1.971 <sup>c</sup>	1.97535(85)
$Q(\text{fm}^2)$	0.285 <sup>d</sup>	0.280 <sup>d</sup>	0.280 <sup>d</sup>	0.2859(3)
$P_D(\%)$	4.51	4.85	5.76	
Triton				
$B_t(\text{MeV})^e$	7.855	8.00	7.62	8.48

✓ With N NNNLO 2N and N NNNLO 3N potentials (w/o deltas),  
good description of

- 3N observables and 4N binding energy
- levels of p-shell nuclei

Gueorguiev, Navratil, Nogga, Ormand + Vary '07

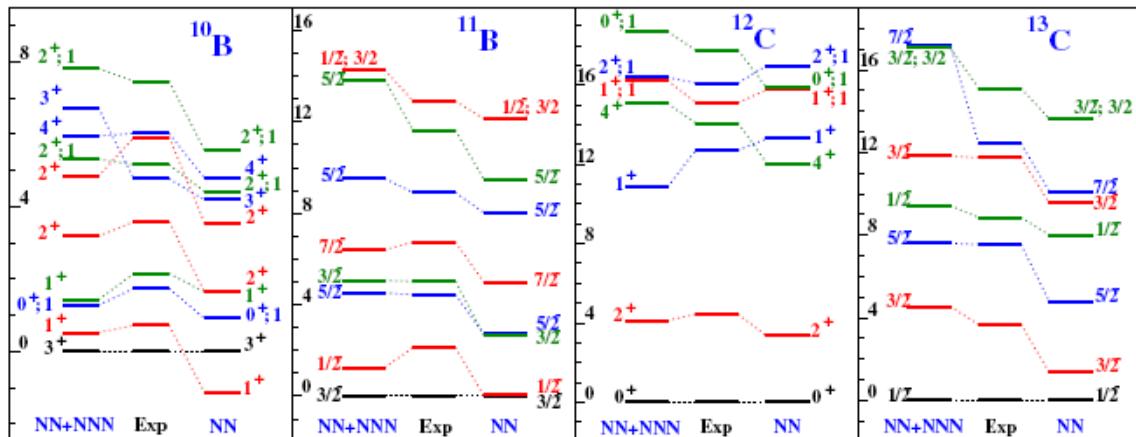


FIG. 4 (color online). States dominated by  $p$ -shell configurations for  $^{10}\text{B}$ ,  $^{11}\text{B}$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}$ , and  $^{13}\text{C}$  calculated at  $N_{\max} = 6$  using  $\hbar\Omega = 15$  MeV (14 MeV for  $^{10}\text{B}$ ). Most of the eigenstates are isospin  $T = 0$  or  $1/2$ , the isospin label is explicitly shown only for states with  $T = 1$  or  $3/2$ . The excitation energy scales are in MeV.

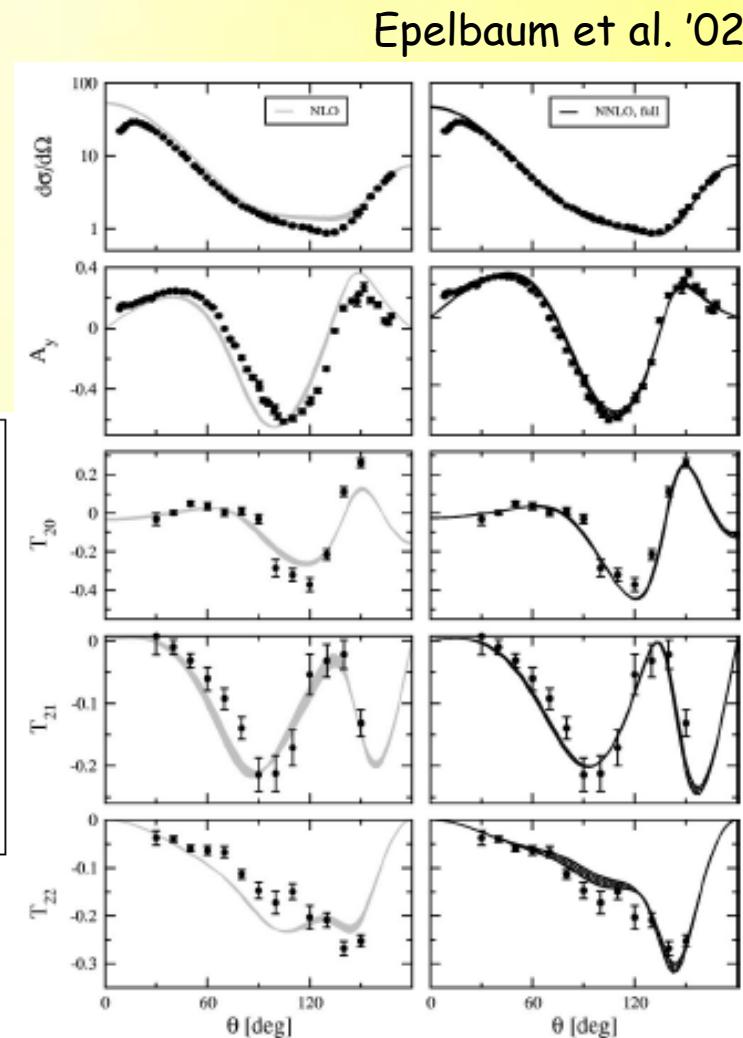


FIG. 6.  $nd$  elastic scattering observables at 65 MeV at NLO (left column) and NNLO (right column). The filled circles are  $pd$  data [63,69]. The bands correspond to the cutoff variation between 500 and 600 MeV. The unit of the cross section is mb/sr.

## Many reactions:



measured: Illinois '94, SAL '00, Lund '03

extracted nucleon polarizabilities: Beane, Malheiro, McGovern,  
Phillips + v.K. '04



threshold amplitude predicted: Beane, Bernard, Lee, Meissner  
+ v.K. '97

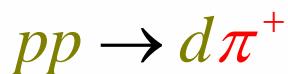
confirmed: SAL '98, Mainz '01



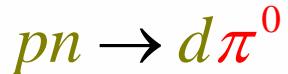
measured: IUCF '90-..., TRIUMF '91-..., Uppsala '95-...



S waves sensitive to high orders: Miller, Riska + v.K. '96

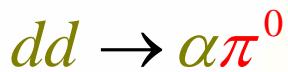


P waves converge, fix 3BF LEC: Hanhart, Miller + v.K. '00



CSB asymmetry sign predicted: Miller, Niskanen + v.K. '00

confirmed: TRIUMF '03



measured: IUCF '03

mechanisms surveyed: Fonseca, Gardestig, Hanhart, Horowitz,  
Miller, Niskanen, Nogga +v.K. '04 '06

+ PARITY, TIME-REVERSAL VIOLATION, etc.

Chiral EFT has been recognized as  
the basis for nuclear physics.  
Now it is the favorite input for  
the blossoming *ab initio* methods  
that are revolutionizing  
nuclear structure/reaction physics

BUT

Is Weinberg's power counting consistent?

No!

$$\text{Diagram: Two vertical lines with blue dots connected by a dashed red line.} \sim \left( \frac{g_A}{2f_\pi} \right)^2 \frac{m_\pi^3}{4\pi} \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \left\{ \frac{S_{12}(\hat{r})}{(m_\pi r)^3} + \dots \right\} e^{-m_\pi r}$$

attractive in  
some channels

singular  
potential

not enough contact interactions  
for renormalization-group invariance even at LO

Problems!

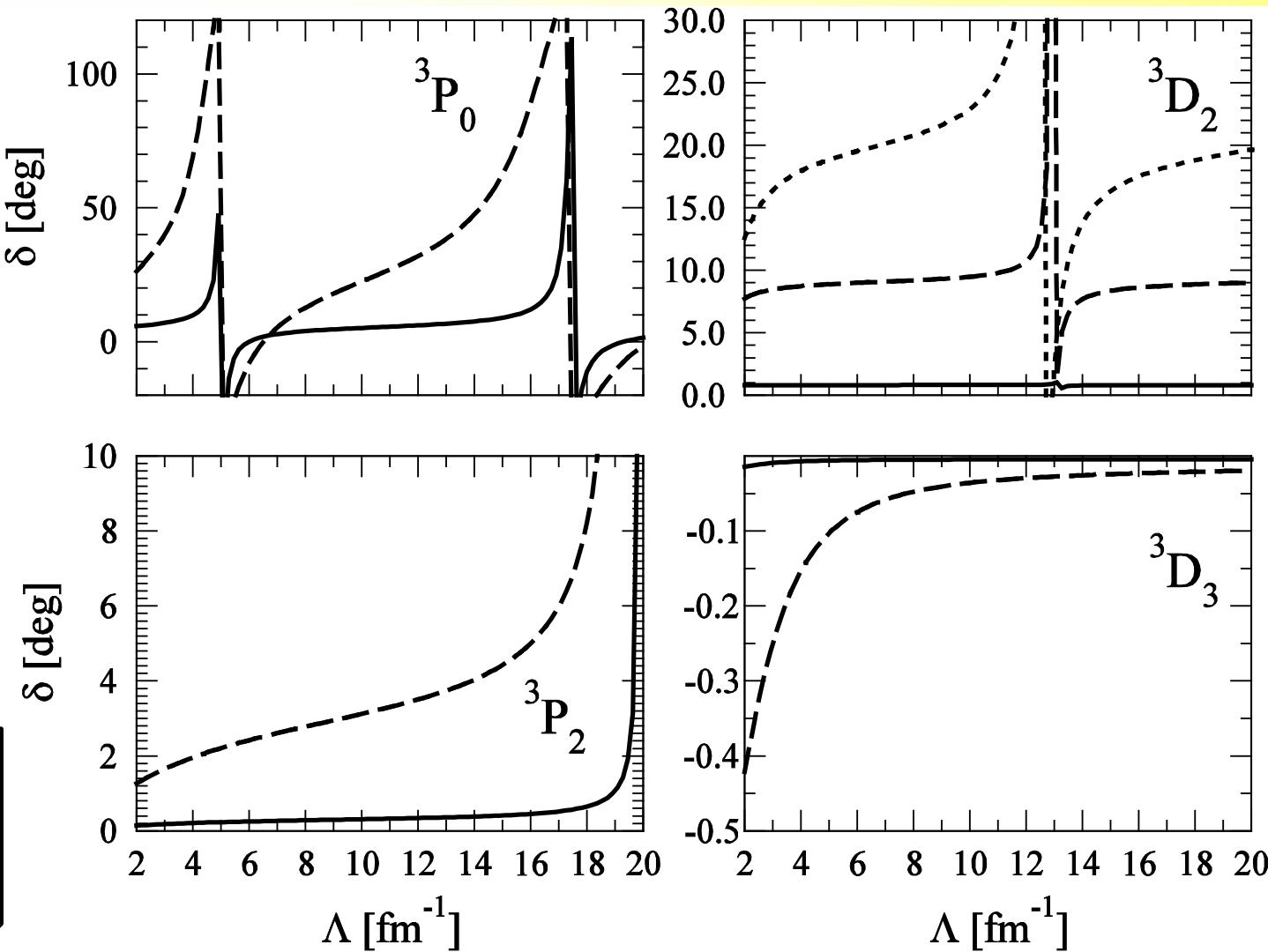
$E$ (MeV)

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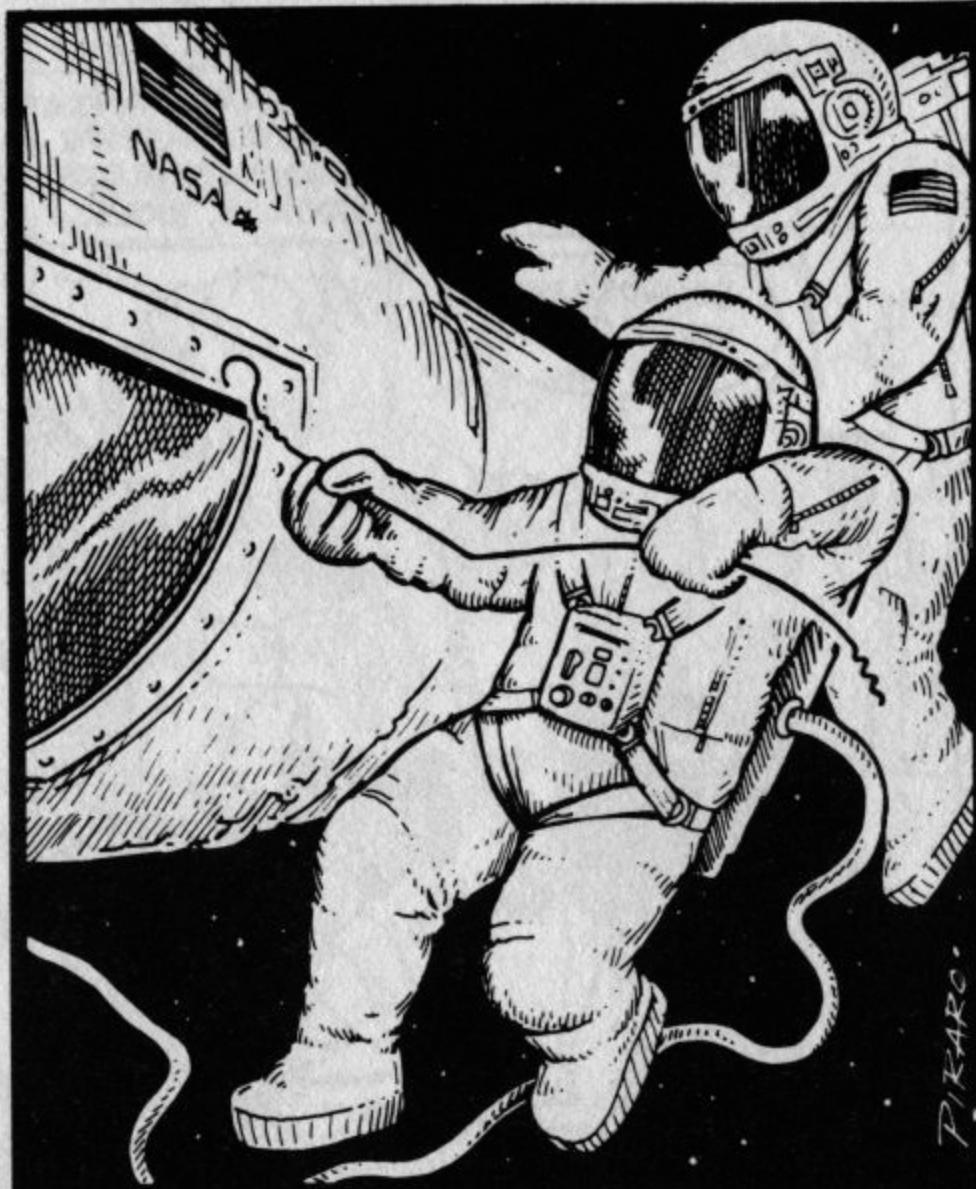
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### Attractive-tensor channels:



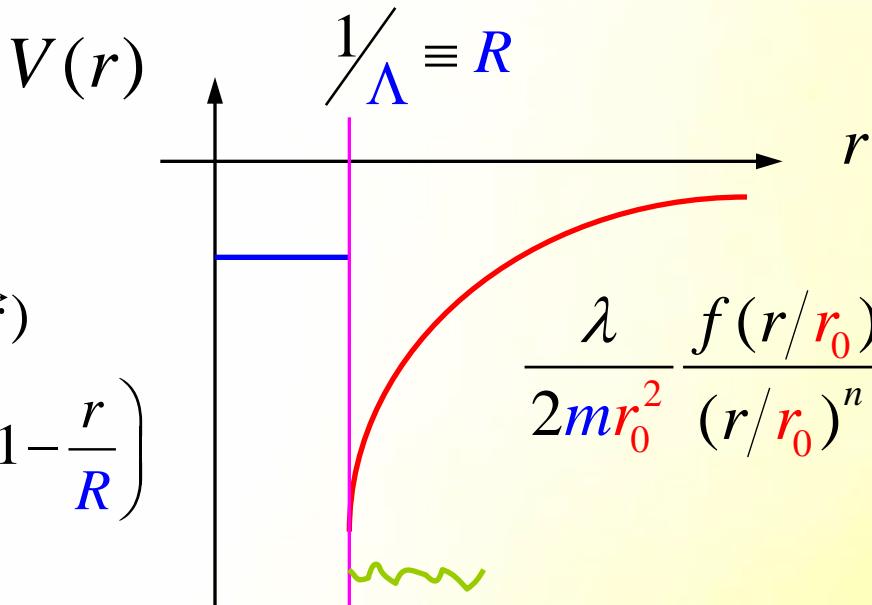
incorrect

renormalization...



# Renormalization of the $1/r^n$ potential

$$C_0(\Lambda) \delta_{\Lambda}^{(3)}(\vec{r}) \\ \rightarrow V_0(R) \theta\left(1 - \frac{r}{R}\right)$$



s wave

matching

$$\psi_n(r \sim R \ll r_0) \equiv \frac{u_n(r)}{r}$$

OPE:

$$m = m_N/2$$

$$r_0 = 1/m_\pi$$

$$\lambda = m_\pi/M_{NN}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(r/r_0) = \exp(-r/r_0) \end{array} \right.$$

so that

$$\sqrt{-2mR^2V_0} \cot \sqrt{-2mR^2V_0} = F_n(\lambda, r_0, R) \quad \frac{R}{T_s} \frac{\partial T_s}{\partial R} (k \sim 1/r_0) = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{R}{r_0}\right)$$

$n \geq 2$

Beane, Bedaque, Childress, Kryjevski, McGuire + v.K. '02

Two **regular** solutions  
that oscillate!

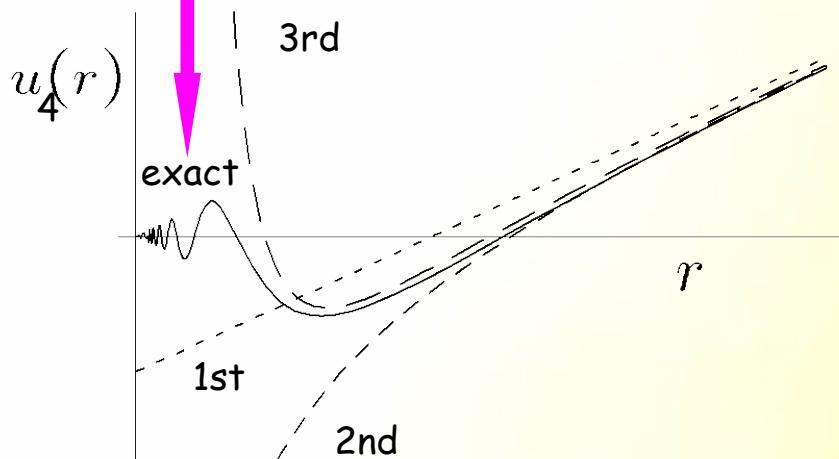
if no counterterm, will depend on cutoff  $R$

➡ model dependence

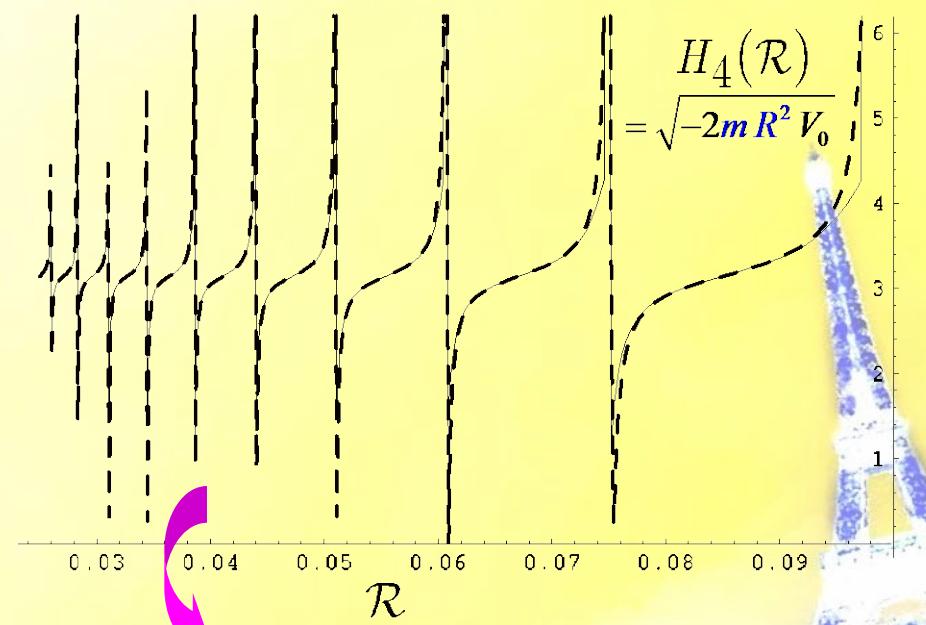
determined by  
low-energy data

$$u_n(r \ll r_0) = \left( \frac{\lambda}{(r/r_0)^n} \right)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \cos \left( \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{(n/2-1)(r/r_0)^{n/2-1}} + \delta_n \right) + \dots$$

$$F_n(\lambda, r_0, R) = \frac{n}{4} - \sqrt{\lambda} \left( \frac{R}{r_0} \right)^{1-n/2} \tan \left( \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{(n/2-1)(R/r_0)^{n/2-1}} + \delta_n \right) + \dots$$

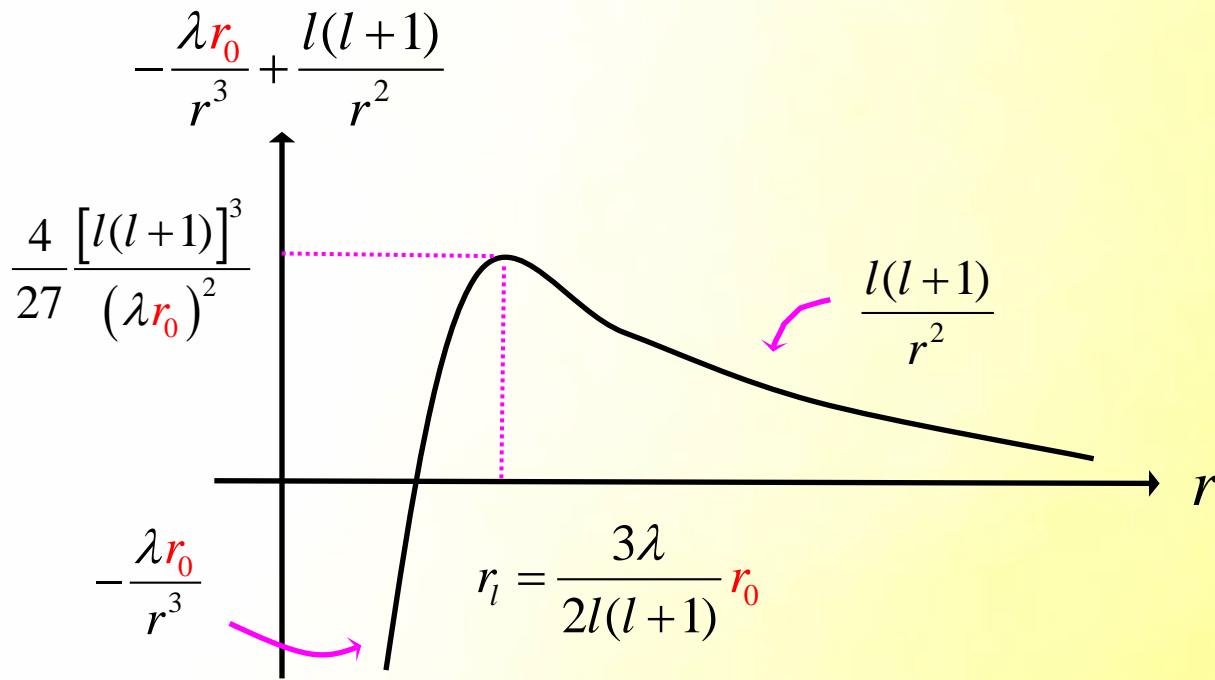


exact vs perturbation th



limit-cycle-like behavior

Same is true in all channels where attractive singular potential is iterated



but  $r_l \sim \frac{1}{M} \ll r_0$  for  $l(l+1) \gg \lambda$



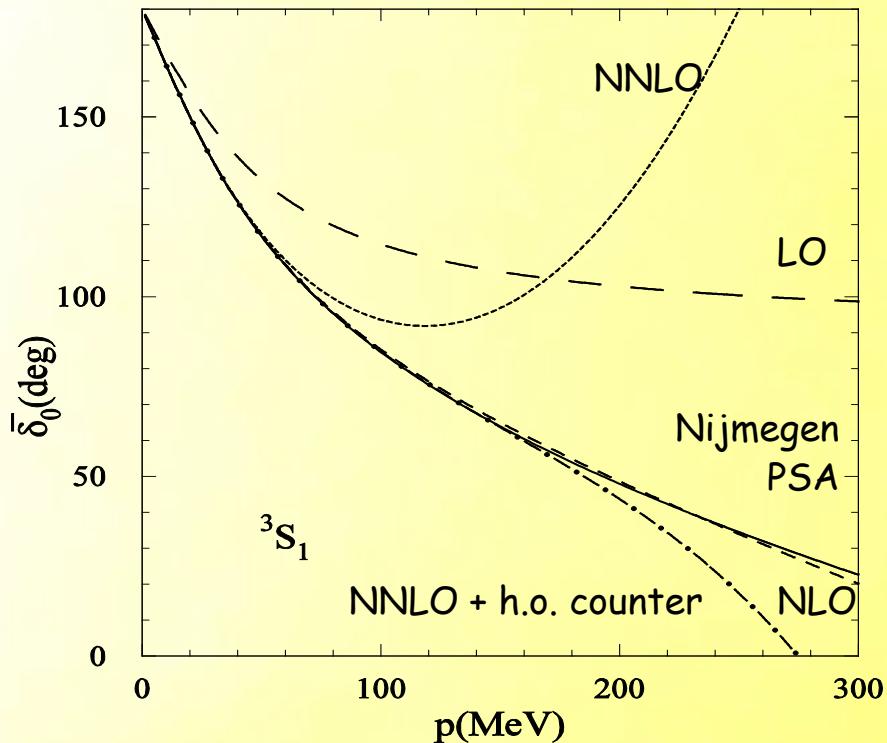
singular potential only needs to be iterated in a few waves,  
where counterterms are needed

"Perturbative pions"     $\lambda = \frac{m_\pi}{M_{NN}} \ll 1$

Kaplan, Savage + Wise '98

Fleming, Mehen + Stewart '01

→  $M_{NN} \sim f_\pi$     indeed



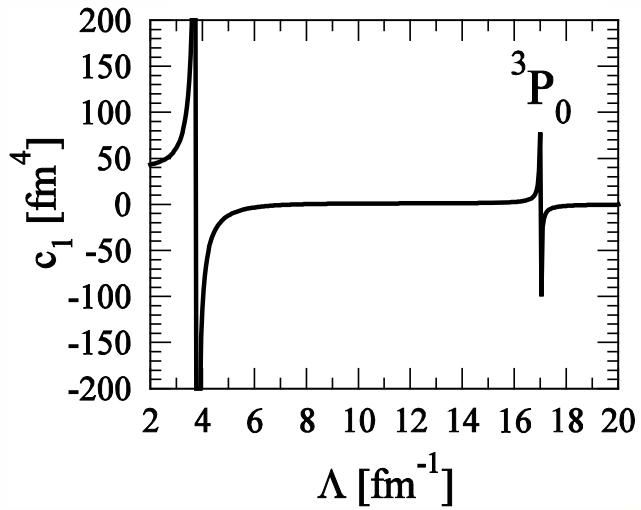
Non-perturbative pions

$$l(l+1) \lesssim \frac{3M_{QCD}}{2M_{NN}} \sim 5 \rightarrow l \lesssim 2$$

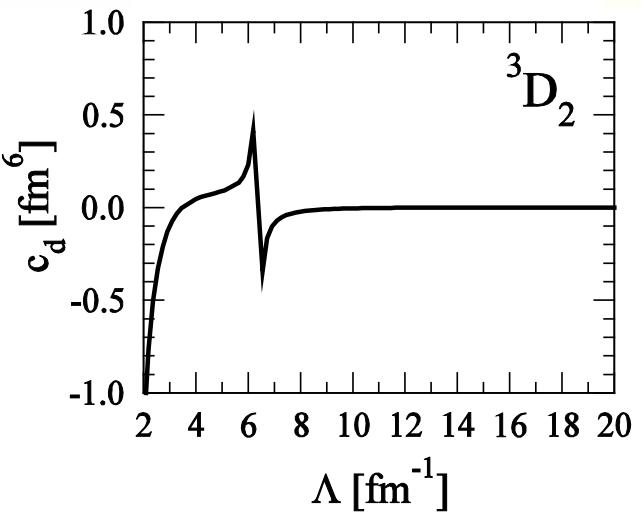
+ subleading orders: in perturbation theory, as in NRQED

Beane, Bedaque, Savage + v.K. '02  
 Nogga, Timmermans + v.K. '05  
 Pavon Valderrama + Ruiz-Arriola '06  
 Birse, '06, '07  
 Long + v.K. '07  
 Pavon Valderrama '10  
 ...

$$V_{l=1,j=0} = \frac{c_1}{(2\pi)^3} \textcolor{red}{pp'}$$

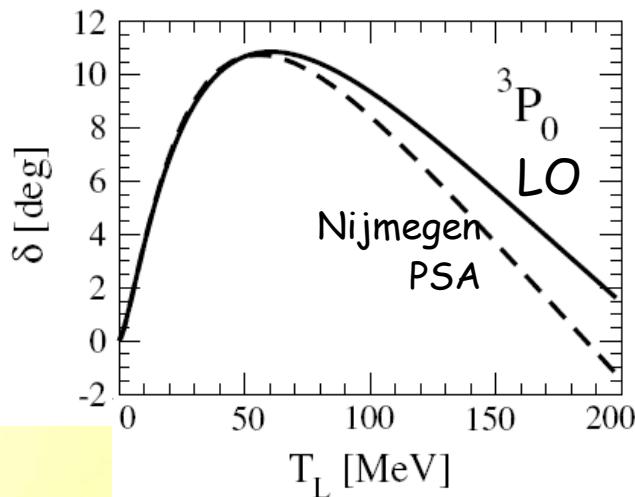
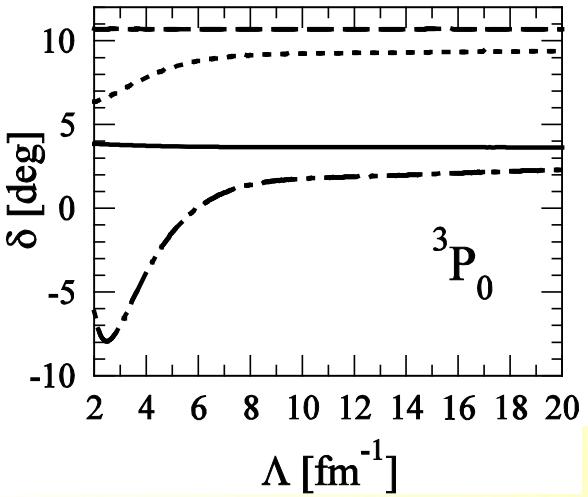


$$V_{l=2,j=2} = \frac{c_d}{(2\pi)^3} \textcolor{red}{p^2 p'^2}$$

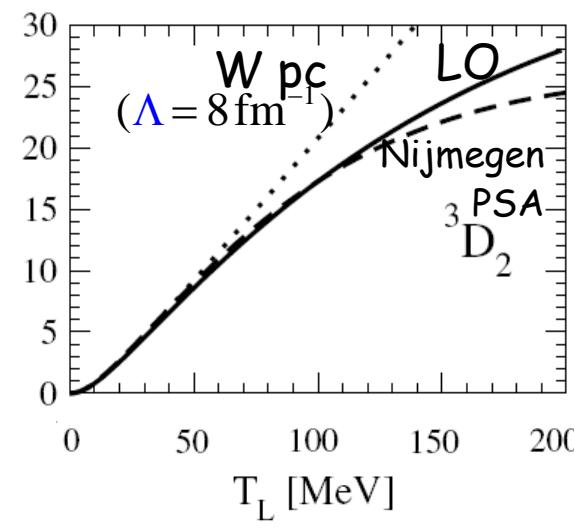
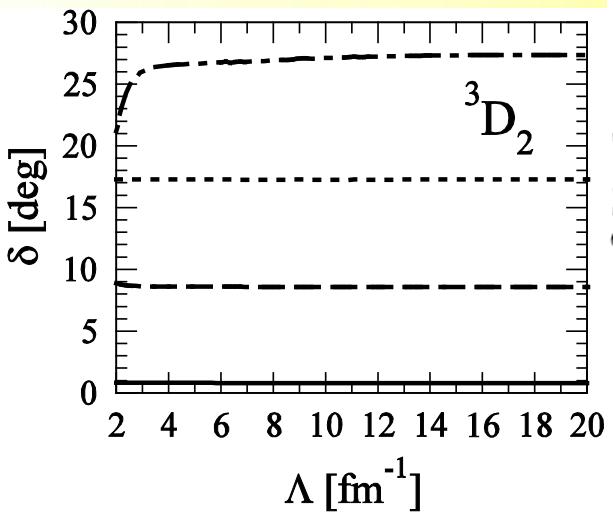


Add  
counterterms

Nogga, Timmermans + v.K. '05  
(cf. Pavon Valderrama + Ruiz-Arriola, '06)



$E$  (MeV)      10 —  
                      50 - - -  
                      100 .....  
                      190 - . .



certain counterterms that in Weinberg's counting

were assumed suppressed by powers of  $\frac{Q}{M_{QCD}}$

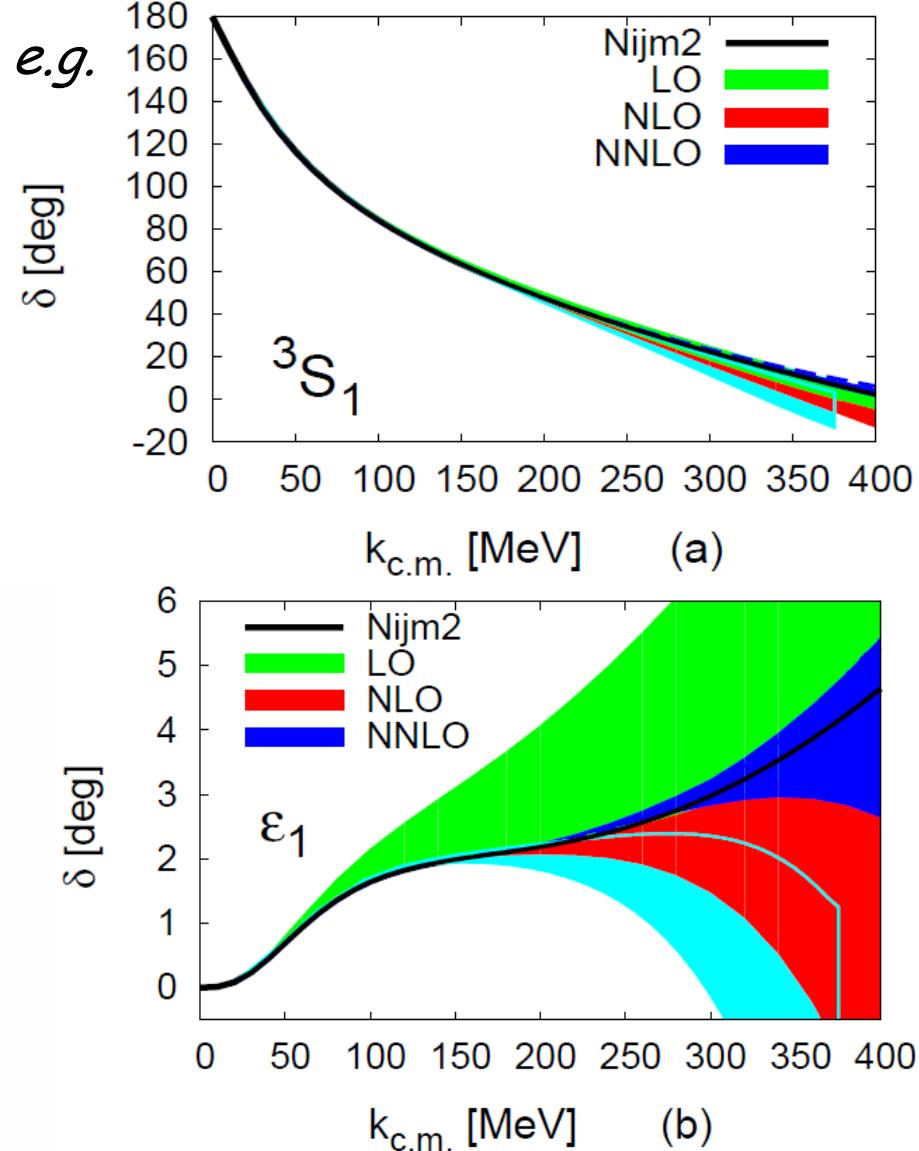
are in fact suppressed by powers of  $\frac{Q}{lf_\pi}$



short-range physics more important than assumed by Weinberg's;  
most qualitative conclusions unchanged,  
but quantitative results need improvement

ACTIVE RESEARCH AREA

new PC

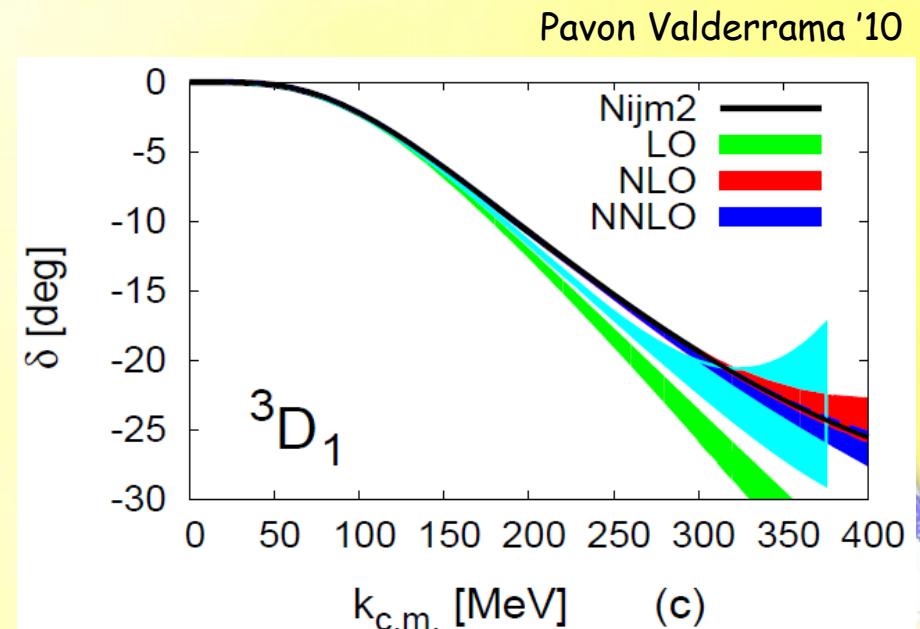


Fits to data

Pavon Valderrama '10, '11  
Long + Yang '11, 12

bands (not error estimates):  
coordinate-space cutoff variation  
0.6 - 0.9 fm

cyan:  
NNLO in Weinberg's scheme



# Summary

- ◆ A low-energy EFT of QCD **has been** constructed and used to describe nuclear systems
- ◆ Chiral symmetry plays an important role, in particular setting the **scale** for nuclear bound states
- ◆ Nuclear physics canons **emerge** from chiral potential
- ◆ A **new** power counting has been formulated: more counterterms at each order relative to Weinberg's; expect even better description of observables

Stay tuned:  
next, how to extend EFT to larger systems