

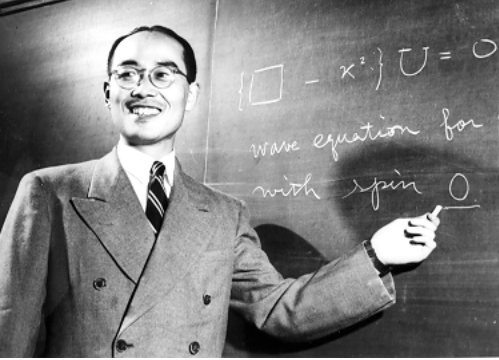
# Effective Field Theory and Nuclear Forces

## Lecture 1: Introduction & first look into ChPT

- The history
- How to cook up a “realistic” potential
  - General structure of the 2N force
  - Modern “high-precision” NN potentials
  - Beyond two nucleons
- Chiral Perturbation Theory
  - Introduction
  - Chiral symmetry of QCD
  - Effective Lagrangian
  - Power counting
- 2 nucleons at very low energy ( $\pi$ -EFT)

## Lecture 2: Chiral EFT for two nucleons





# Historical overview

Yukawa's theory

Proca  
 Kemmer  
 Moller  
 Rosenfeld  
 Schwinger  
 Pauli ...

discovery of pions

two-pion exchange, meson theory...

discovery of heavy mesons

1930

1940

1950

1960

1970

BE models  
 inverse scattering  
 dispersion theory  
 quark cluster models  
 phenomenology  
 ...

AV18  
 CD Bonn  
 Nijm I,II  
 Reid93  
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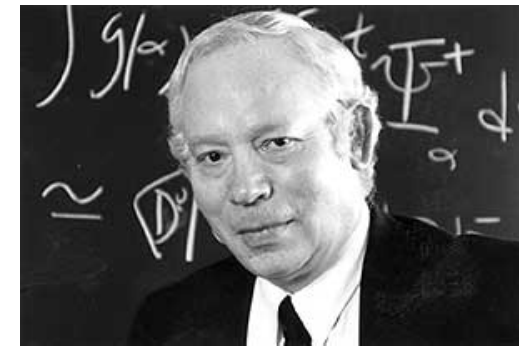
(Chiral) Effective Field Theory  
 Lattice QCD  
 Covariant OBE  
 $V_{\text{low-K}}$   
 ...

1980

1990

2000

2010



# 2N force: operator structure

Available vectors:  $\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2, \vec{\sigma}_1, \vec{\sigma}_2$  and isovectors:  $\tau_1, \tau_2$

Invariance under translations and Galilei boost:  $V_{2N}(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2) = V_{2N}(\vec{r}, \vec{p})$

$$\text{where } \vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2, \quad \vec{p} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{p}_1 - \vec{p}_2) = -i\vec{\nabla}_r$$

Invariance under rotations, space reflection, time reversal & isospin rotations

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\{1, \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2, S_{12}(\vec{r}), S_{12}(\vec{p}), \vec{L} \cdot \vec{S}, (\vec{L} \cdot \vec{S})^2\}}_{\text{spin-space}} \otimes \underbrace{\{1, \tau_1 \cdot \tau_2\}}_{\text{isospin}}$$

where:  $\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$ ,  $\vec{S} = 1/2(\vec{\sigma}_1 + \vec{\sigma}_2)$ ,  $S_{12}(\vec{x}) = 3(\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \hat{x})(\vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \hat{x}) - \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2$

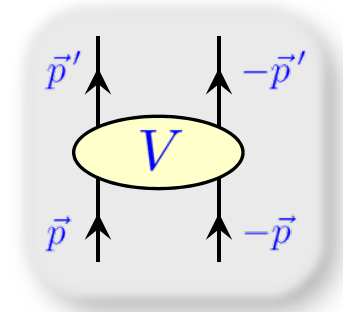
Operators are to be multiplied with scalar functions of  $r^2, p^2, \vec{r} \cdot \vec{p}$  or, equivalently,  $r^2, p^2, L^2$

**Momentum space:**  $\langle \vec{p}' | V | \vec{p} \rangle$

$$\underbrace{\{1, \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2, S_{12}(\vec{q}), S_{12}(\vec{k}), i\vec{S} \cdot \vec{q} \times \vec{k}, \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{q} \times \vec{k}, \vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{q} \times \vec{k}\}}_{\text{spin-momentum}} \otimes \underbrace{\{1, \tau_1 \cdot \tau_2\}}_{\text{isospin}}$$

where  $\vec{q} = \vec{p}' - \vec{p}$ ,  $\vec{k} = \vec{p}' + \vec{p}$ .

Operators are to be multiplied with scalar functions of  $\vec{q}^2, \vec{k}^2, \vec{q} \cdot \vec{k}$ .



# 2N force: isospin dependence

Henley, Miller '79

**Class I** (isospin invariant forces):  $[V_I^{2N}, \mathbf{T}] = 0 \Rightarrow V_I^{2N} = \alpha + \beta(\boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2)$

**Class II** (charge independence breaking):

$$[V_{II}^{2N}, \mathbf{T}] \neq 0, \quad [V_{II}^{2N}, P_{\text{cr}}] = [V_{II}^{2N}, (\mathbf{T})^2] = 0 \Rightarrow V_{II}^{2N} = \alpha \tau_1^3 \tau_2^3$$

$P_{\text{cr}} = \exp(i\pi T_2)$

Evidence:  $1/2(\delta_{nn}^\alpha + \delta_{pp, \text{str}}^\alpha) \neq \delta_{np}^\alpha$

In particular:  $a_{nn}^{1S_0} \simeq -18.9 \text{ fm}$ ,  $a_{pp, \text{str}}^{1S_0} \simeq -17.5 \text{ fm}$ ,  $a_{np}^{1S_0} = -23.74(2) \text{ fm}$

**Class III** (charge symmetry breaking, no isospin mixing):

$$[V_{III}^{2N}, \mathbf{T}] \neq 0, \quad [V_{III}^{2N}, P_{\text{cr}}] \neq 0, \quad [V_{III}^{2N}, (\mathbf{T})^2] = 0 \Rightarrow V_{III}^{2N} = \alpha (\tau_1^3 + \tau_2^3)$$

Evidence:  $\delta_{nn}^\alpha \neq \delta_{pp, \text{str}}^\alpha$ , BE difference of mirror nuclei, ...

**Class IV** (charge symmetry breaking and isospin mixing):

$$[V_{IV}^{2N}, \mathbf{T}] \neq 0, \quad [V_{IV}^{2N}, P_{\text{cr}}] \neq 0, \quad [V_{IV}^{2N}, (\mathbf{T})^2] \neq 0 \Rightarrow V_{IV}^{2N} = \alpha (\tau_1^3 - \tau_2^3) + \beta[\boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \times \boldsymbol{\tau}_2]^3$$

Evidence: different neutron/proton analyzing powers in np scattering, ...

# Long-range electromagnetic interactions

Electromagnetic interaction between point-like nucleons up to and including  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$ - and  $\mathcal{O}(1/m_N^2)$ -terms:

$$V_{\text{EM}}(pp) = V_C^{\text{improved}} + V_{\text{VP}} + V_{\text{MM}}(pp), \quad V_{\text{EM}}(np) = V_{\text{MM}}(np), \quad V_{\text{EM}}(nn) = V_{\text{MM}}(nn)$$

## Improved Coulomb potential (leading $1/m_N^2$ -corrections to $1\gamma + 2\gamma$ -exchange)

Austin, de Swart '83

$$V_C^{\text{improved}} = \frac{\alpha'}{r} \left( 1 - \frac{\alpha}{m_p r} \right) \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha' = \alpha \frac{m_p^2 + 2k^2}{m_p \sqrt{m_p^2 + k^2}} \quad \leftarrow \text{scattering (on-shell) momentum}$$

## Vacuum polarization

Ueling '35, Durand III '57

$$V_{\text{VP}} = \frac{2\alpha}{3\pi} \frac{\alpha'}{r} \int_1^\infty dx e^{-2m_e r x} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2x^2} \right) \frac{(x^2 - 1)^{1/2}}{x^2},$$

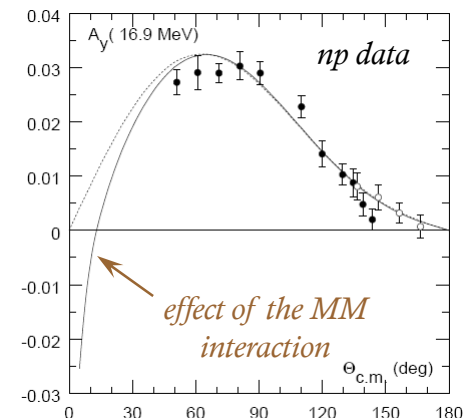
## Magnetic moment interaction

Schwinger'48; Breit'55,'62; Stoks, de Swart, PRC 42 (1990) 1235

$$V_{\text{MM}}(pp) = -\frac{\alpha}{4m_p^2 r^3} \left[ \mu_p^2 S_{12} + (6 + 8\kappa_p) \vec{L} \cdot \vec{S} \right],$$

$$V_{\text{MM}}(np) = -\frac{\alpha \kappa_n}{2m_n r^3} \left[ \frac{\mu_p}{2m_p} S_{12} + \frac{1}{m} \left( \vec{L} \cdot \vec{S} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{L} \cdot (\vec{\sigma}_1 - \vec{\sigma}_2) \right) \right],$$

$$V_{\text{MM}}(nn) = -\frac{\alpha \mu_n^2}{4m_n^2 r^3} S_{12}$$



# NN potential: cookbook recipe

**Strategy:** take into account the known longest-range physics due to EM force and  $1\pi$ -exchange

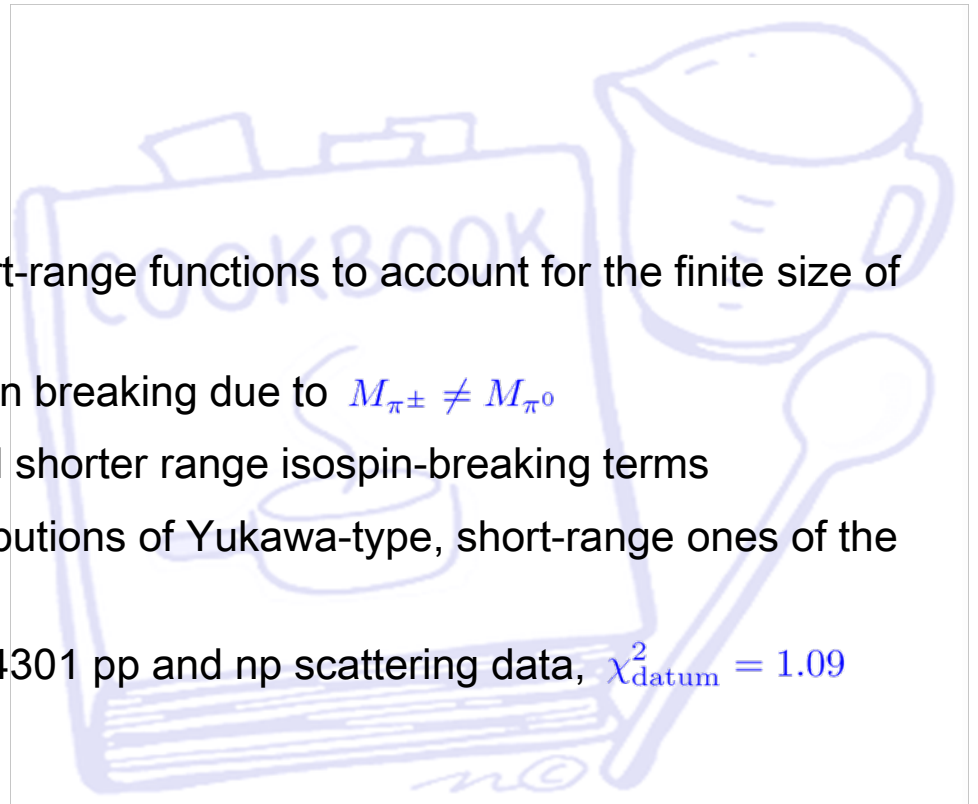
$$V_{1\pi}(\vec{q}) \propto \frac{\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{q} \vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{q}}{q^2 + M_\pi^2} \tau_1 \cdot \tau_2 \quad \text{or in r-space:} \quad V_{1\pi}^{\text{long}}(\vec{r}) \propto \frac{e^{-M_\pi r}}{r} \left[ S_{12} \left( 1 + \frac{3}{M_\pi r} + \frac{3}{(M_\pi r)^2} \right) + \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 \right] \tau_1 \cdot \tau_2$$

and parametrize the medium- and short-range contributions in a most general way.

## Example: AV18 potential

*Wiringa, Stoks, Schiavilla '94*

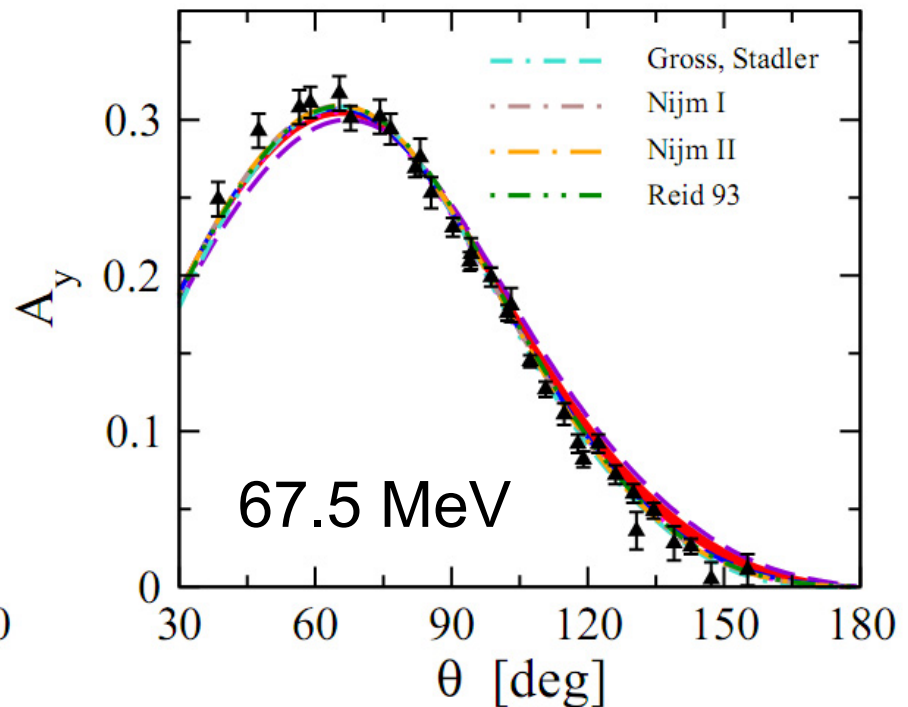
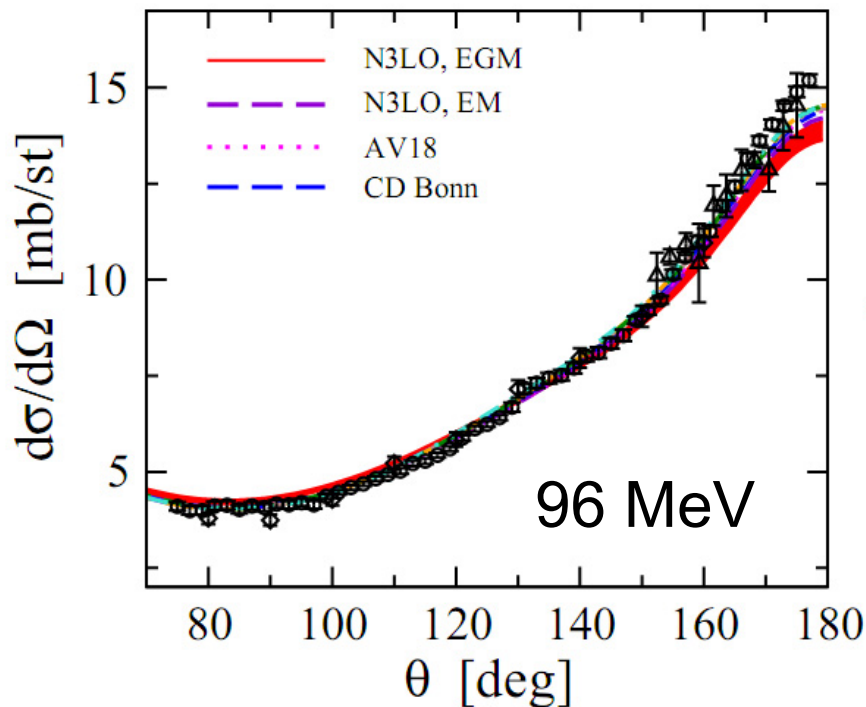
- Local r-space potential
- EM contributions multiplied by short-range functions to account for the finite size of the nucleons
- Regularized OPEP including isospin breaking due to  $M_{\pi^\pm} \neq M_{\pi^0}$
- Some additional phenomenological shorter range isospin-breaking terms
- Medium-range ( $r \sim (2M_\pi)^{-1}$ ) contributions of Yukawa-type, short-range ones of the Woods-Saxon type
- 40 adjustable parameters fitted to 4301 pp and np scattering data,  $\chi_{\text{datum}}^2 = 1.09$



# Phenomenological NN potentials

## Other phenomenological potentials

- OBE motivated nonlocal (Nijm I, 41 parameters; CD Bonn, 43 parameters) and local (Nijm II, 47 parameters; Reid93, 50 parameters) potentials, covariant OBE (Gross, Stadler).
- BE models (Nijm93, Bonn): less parameters but higher  $\chi^2_{\text{datum}}$



# Three-nucleon force

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## Many-Body Interactions in Atomic and Nuclear Systems

H. PRIMAKOFF, *Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, Brooklyn, New York*

AND

T. HOLSTEIN,\* *New York University, University Heights, New York, New York*

(Received March 28, 1938)

*„...replacement of field interactions by two-body action-at-a-distance potentials is a poor approximation in nuclear physics.“*

„Evidence“ for missing 3NF:  ${}^3\text{H}$  based on 2NF is typically underbound by about 1 MeV.

Phenomenological parametrization of the 3NF seems not feasible:

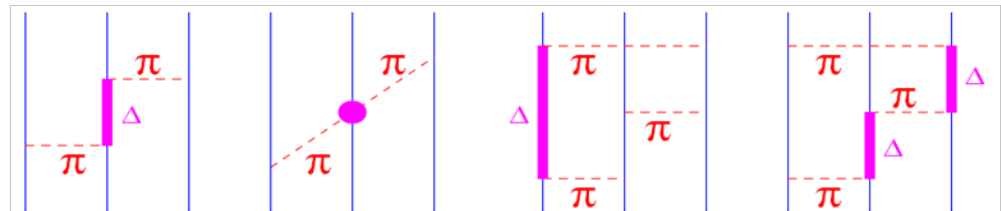
- too many possible structures ( $> 100$ )
- too scarce data base available
- too involved calculations



need guidance from a theory

## Three-nucleon force models

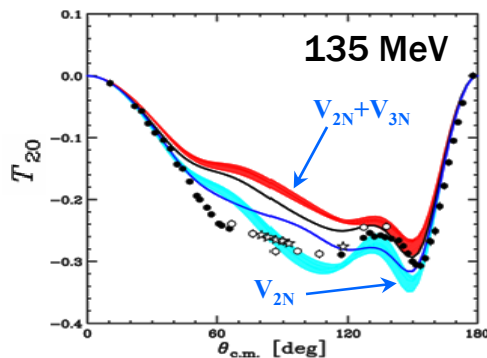
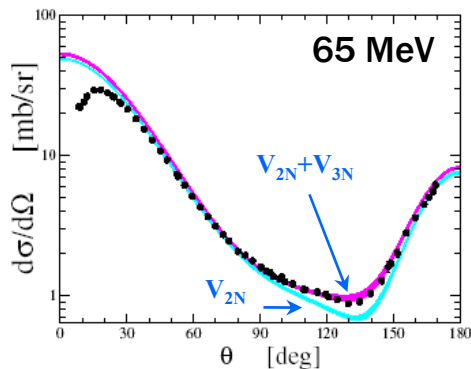
*Fujita-Miyazawa, Brazil,  
Tucson-Melbourne,  
Urbana IX,  
Illinois, ...*



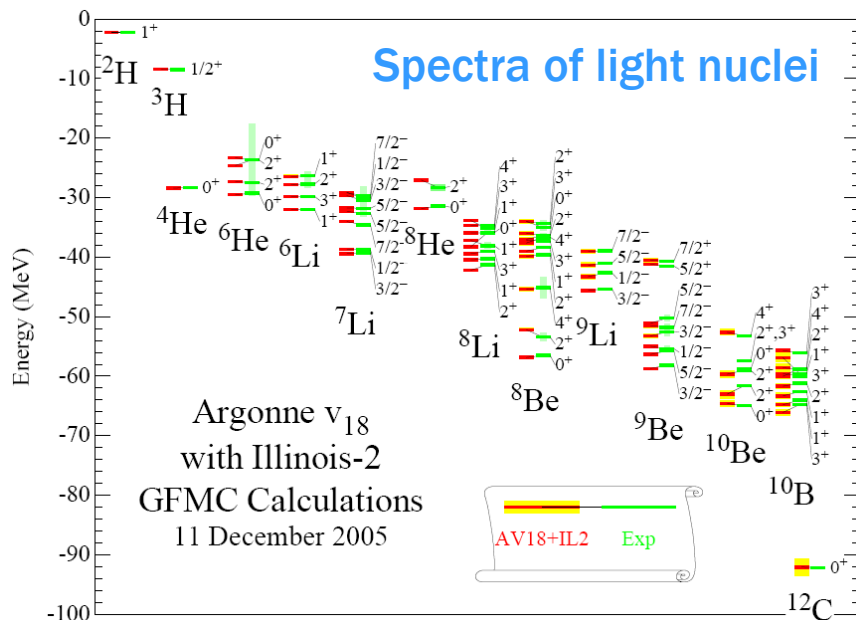
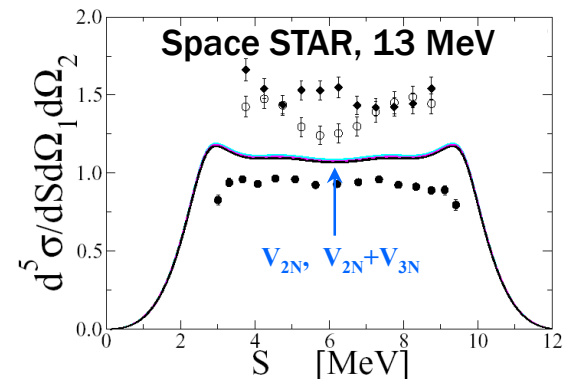


# Successes and failures

## Elastic scattering observables



## Deuteron breakup



Inclusion of the 3NF sometimes leads to improvements, sometimes — not. Situation, in part, chaotic.

Need a **theoretical** approach which would:

- be based on QCD,
- yield consistent many-body forces,
- be systematically improvable,
- allow for error estimation



**chiral effective field theory**

# Further reading

## Some modern high-precision nucleon-nucleon potentials

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- [Wiringa, Stoks, Schiavilla, Phys. Rec. C51 \(95\) 38 \[Argonne V18\]](#)
- [Machleidt, Phys. Rev. C63 \(01\) 024001 \[CD Bonn 2000\]](#)
- [Machleidt, Slaus, J. Phys. G27 \(01\) R69 \[review article\]](#)
- [Gross, Stadler, Phys. Rev. C78 \(2008\) 014005 \[covariant OBE\]](#)

## Three-nucleon force models

- [Fujita, Miyazawa, Prog. Theor. Phys. 17 \(57\) 360 \[Fujita-Miyazawa 3NF model\]](#)
- [Coon, Han, Few-Body Syst. 30 \(01\) 131 \[Tucson-Melbourne 3NF model\]](#)
- [Coelho, Das, Robilotta, Phys. Rev. C28 \(83\) 1812 \[Brazilian 3NF model\]](#)
- [Pudliner, Pandharipande, Carlson, Pieper, Wiringa, Phys. Rev. C56 \(97\) 1720 \[Urbana IX 3NF model\]](#)
- [Pieper, Wiringa, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 51 \(01\) 53 \[Illinois 3NF model\]](#)

## Review articles on 3N scattering & 3N force effects

- [Glöckle, Witala, Huber, Kamada, Golak, Phys. Rept. 274 \(96\) 107](#)
- [Kalantar-Nayestanaki, E.E., Nucl. Phys. News 17 \(07\) 22](#)

# Effective field theories

Effective (field) theories: approximate theories to describe phenomena which occur at a chosen length (or energy) range.

## Example: multipole expansion for electric potentials

Electric potential from a localized charge distribution:

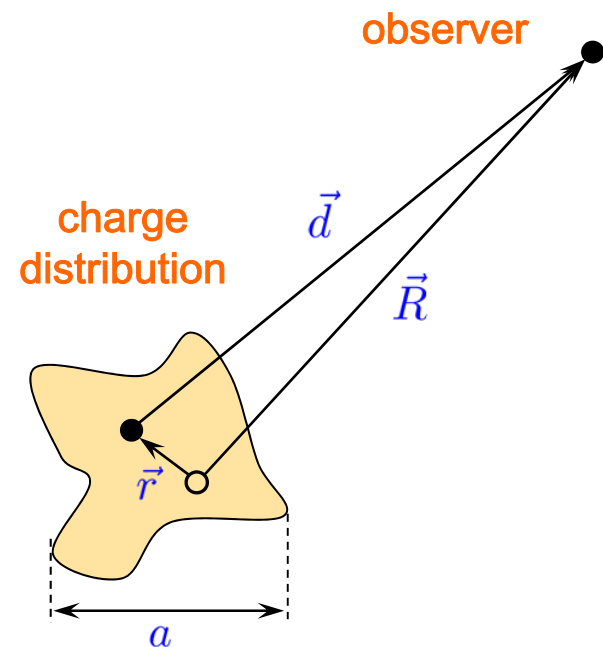
$$V(\vec{R}) \propto \int d^3r \frac{\rho(\vec{r})}{|\vec{R} - \vec{r}|}$$

Multipole expansion ( $a \ll R$ ):

$$V(\vec{R}) = \frac{q}{R} + \frac{1}{R^3} \sum_i R_i P_i + \frac{1}{6R^5} \sum_{ij} (3R_i R_j - \delta_{ij} R^2) Q_{ij} + \dots$$

with the “low-energy constants” which depend on  $\rho(\vec{r})$ :

$$q = \int d^3r \rho(\vec{r}), \quad P_i = \int d^3r \rho(\vec{r}) r_i, \quad Q_{ij} = \int d^3r \rho(\vec{r}) (3r_i r_j - \delta_{ij} r^2).$$



# Weinberg's Folk Theorem

*“if one writes down the most general possible Lagrangian, including all terms consistent with the assumed symmetry principles, and then calculates  $S$ -matrix elements with this Lagrangian to any order in perturbation theory, the result will simply be the most general possible  $S$ -matrix consistent with analyticity, perturbative unitarity, cluster decomposition and the assumed symmetry principles”*

**S.Weinberg, *Physica* A96 (79) 327**

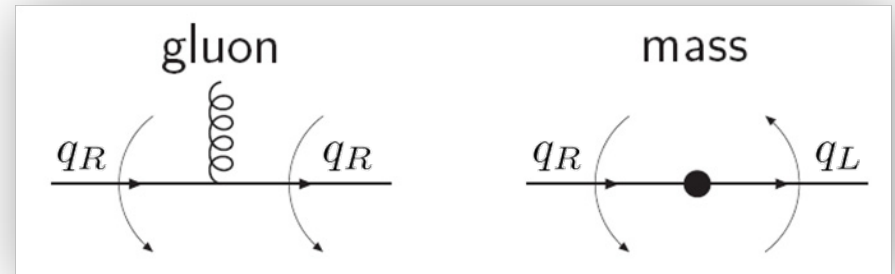
# Chiral symmetry of QCD Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = -\frac{1}{4}G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu} + \bar{q}(i\mathcal{D} - \mathcal{M})q = -\frac{1}{4}G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu} + \underbrace{\bar{q}_L i\mathcal{D}q_L + \bar{q}_R i\mathcal{D}q_R}_{\text{SU}(N_f)_L \times \text{SU}(N_f)_R \text{ invariant}} - \underbrace{\bar{q}_L \mathcal{M}q_R - \bar{q}_R \mathcal{M}q_L}_{\text{breaks chiral symmetry}}$$

Left- & right-handed quark fields:

$$q_{L,R} = \frac{1}{2}(1 \pm \gamma_5)q.$$

$q_{L,R}$  do not “talk” to each other in the massless limit  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}$  is invariant against independent flavor rotations (chiral symmetry):



$$q_L \longrightarrow q'_L = Lq_L = \exp(-i\boldsymbol{\theta}_L \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}/2)q_L, \quad q_R \longrightarrow q'_R = Rq_R = \exp(-i\boldsymbol{\theta}_R \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}/2)q_R,$$

$m_u \simeq 1.5 \dots 3.3 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $m_d \simeq 3.5 \dots 6.0 \text{ MeV}$  ( $\overline{MS}$ ,  $\mu=2 \text{ GeV}$ )  $\Rightarrow$  accurate symmetry for 2 flavors

**Conserved currents** (Noether Theorem)

$$L_\mu^i = \bar{q}_L \gamma_\mu \frac{\tau^i}{2} q_L, \quad R_\mu^i = \bar{q}_R \gamma_\mu \frac{\tau^i}{2} q_R, \quad \text{or equivalently} \quad V_\mu^i = L_\mu^i + R_\mu^i, \quad A_\mu^i = R_\mu^i - L_\mu^i$$

**Lie algebra generated by conserved charges**

$$[Q_V^i, Q_V^j] = i\epsilon^{ijk}Q_V^k, \quad [Q_A^i, Q_A^j] = i\epsilon^{ijk}Q_V^k, \quad [Q_V^i, Q_A^j] = i\epsilon^{ijk}Q_A^k$$

# Spontaneous symmetry breaking

There is a strong evidence that chiral symmetry of QCD is **spontaneously broken** down to the isospin group:

- Only isospin but not chiral multiplets are observed in the particle spectrum (axial charges would lead to parity doublets)
- Triplet of unnaturally light pseudoscalar mesons (pions) — natural candidates for Goldstone bosons

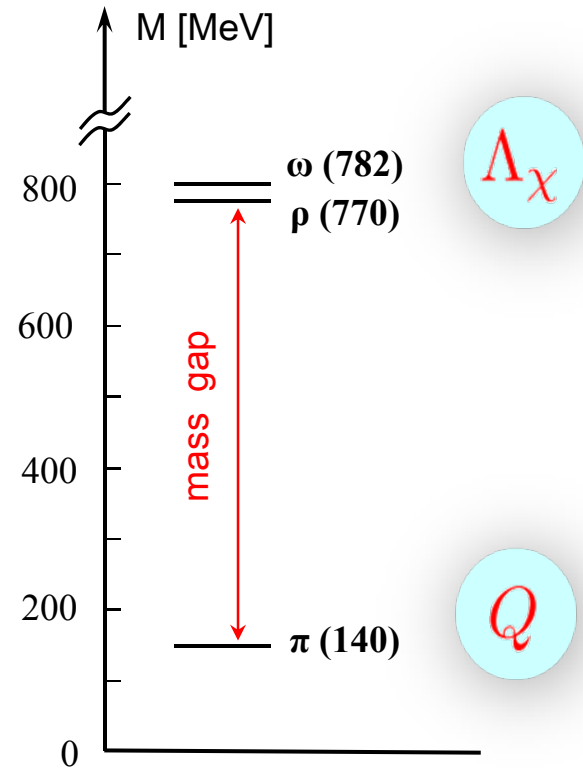
- Scalar quark condensate:

$$\langle 0 | \bar{q}q | 0 \rangle \Big|_{\overline{MS}, 2 \text{ GeV}} = -(273 \pm 12 \text{ MeV})^3$$

(Lattice QCDSF/UKQCD, *Schierholz et al. '07*)

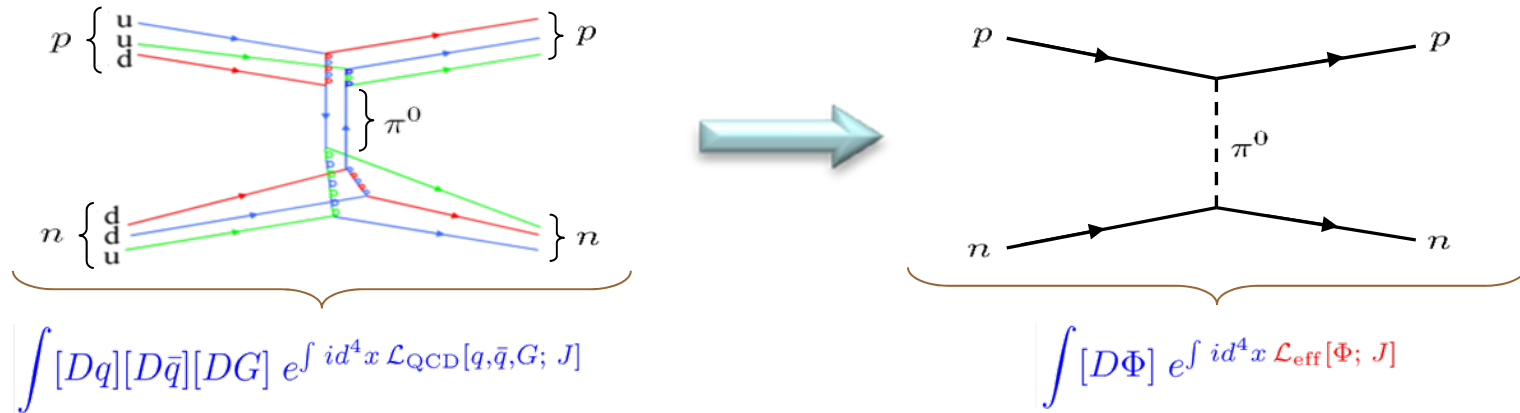
- Further theoretical arguments

*Vafa & Witten '84; 't Hooft '80; Coleman & Witten '80*



# Chiral Perturbation Theory

Weinberg, Gasser, Leutwyler, Bernard, Kaiser, Meißner, ...



Cannot derive  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}$   $\Rightarrow$  write down **most general** expression

- including all possible  $\chi$ -invariant terms,
- including all terms that break  $\chi$ -symmetry in the same way as  $\bar{q}mq$  in  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}}$

The simplest case: pure Goldstone Boson sector in the chiral limit.

- How to write down most general  $\chi$ -invariant  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}$ ?
- How do  $\pi$ 's transform under  $G$ ?
- Isospin subgroup  $H \in G$  realized linearly ( $\pi$ 's build an isospin triplet).
- Chiral group necessarily realized nonlinearly:

$SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \sim SO(4) \Rightarrow$  need  $\geq 4$  dimensions for a nontrivial linear realization

# Chiral rotations & pion fields

Infinitesimal SO(4) rotation  
of the 4-vector  $(\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \sigma)$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \vec{\pi} \\ \sigma \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\pi}' \\ \sigma' \end{pmatrix} = [1 + \vec{\theta}^V \cdot \vec{V} + \vec{\theta}^A \cdot \vec{A}] \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\pi} \\ \sigma \end{pmatrix}$$

where:  $\vec{\theta}^V \cdot \vec{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\theta_3^V & \theta_2^V & 0 \\ \theta_3^V & 0 & -\theta_1^V & 0 \\ -\theta_2^V & \theta_1^V & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\vec{\theta}^A \cdot \vec{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \theta_1^A \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \theta_2^A \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \theta_3^A \\ -\theta_1^A & -\theta_2^A & -\theta_3^A & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

One reads off:  $\vec{\pi}' = \vec{\pi} + \vec{\theta}^V \times \vec{\pi} + \vec{\theta}^A \sigma$  and  $\sigma' = \sigma - \vec{\theta}^A \cdot \vec{\pi}$

Switch to the **nonlinear realization** of SO(4):

only 3 out of 4 components of the vector  $(\vec{\pi}, \sigma)$  are independent, i.e.  $\vec{\pi}^2 + \sigma^2 = F^2$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{F^2 - \vec{\pi}^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} \vec{\pi} \xrightarrow{\vec{\theta}^V} \vec{\pi}' = \vec{\pi} + \vec{\theta}^V \times \vec{\pi} & \leftarrow \text{linear under } \vec{\theta}^V \\ \vec{\pi} \xrightarrow{\vec{\theta}^A} \vec{\pi}' = \vec{\pi} + \vec{\theta}^A \sqrt{F^2 - \vec{\pi}^2} & \leftarrow \text{nonlinear under } \vec{\theta}^A \end{cases}$$

It is more convenient to use a 2 x 2 matrix notation:

$$U = \frac{1}{F} (\sigma I + i\vec{\pi} \cdot \vec{\tau}) \xrightarrow{\text{nonlinear realization}} U = \frac{1}{F} (I\sqrt{1 - \vec{\pi}^2} + i\vec{\pi} \cdot \vec{\tau})$$

Chiral rotations:  $U \rightarrow U' = LUR^\dagger$  with  $L = e^{-i/2(\vec{\theta}^V - \vec{\theta}^A) \cdot \vec{\tau}}$  and  $R = e^{-i/2(\vec{\theta}^V + \vec{\theta}^A) \cdot \vec{\tau}}$



# Effective Lagrangian

The above realization of  $G$  is not unique. **How does this non-uniqueness affect S-matrix?**

- All realizations of  $G$  are equivalent to each other by means of nonlinear field redefinitions  $\vec{\pi} \rightarrow \vec{\pi}' = \vec{\pi} F[\vec{\pi}]$ ,  $F[0] = 1$  (Coleman, Callan, Wess & Zumino '69)
- Field redefinitions do not affect S-matrix (Haag '58)

**Derivative expansion for the effective Lagrangian**  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\pi}^{(2)} + \mathcal{L}_{\pi}^{(4)} + \dots$

- 0 derivatives:  $UU^\dagger = U^\dagger U = 1$  — plays no role
- 2 derivatives:  $\text{Tr}(\partial_\mu U \partial^\mu U^\dagger) \xrightarrow{g \in G} \text{Tr}(L \partial_\mu U R^\dagger R \partial^\mu U^\dagger L^\dagger) = \text{Tr}(\partial_\mu U \partial^\mu U^\dagger)$   
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\pi}^{(2)} = \frac{F^2}{4} \text{Tr}(\partial_\mu U \partial^\mu U^\dagger)$   
 $\swarrow$  derivatives act only on the next  $U$
- 4 derivatives:  $[\text{Tr}(\partial_\mu U \partial^\mu U^\dagger)]^2$ ,  $\text{Tr}(\partial_\mu U \partial_\nu U^\dagger) \text{Tr}(\partial^\mu U \partial^\nu U^\dagger)$ ,  $\text{Tr}(\partial_\mu U \partial^\mu U^\dagger \partial_\nu U \partial^\nu U^\dagger)$   
 (terms with  $\partial_\mu \partial_\nu U$ ,  $\partial_\mu \partial_\nu \partial_\rho U$ ,  $\partial_\mu \partial_\nu \partial_\rho \partial_\sigma U$  can be eliminated via EOM/partial integration)

...

**What is the meaning of  $F$ ?**

Axial current from  $\mathcal{L}_{\pi}^{(2)}$ :  $J_{A\mu}^i = i \text{Tr}[\tau^i (U^\dagger \partial_\mu U - U \partial_\mu U^\dagger)] = -F \partial_\mu \pi^i + \dots$   $\swarrow$  more pion fields

$\langle 0 | J_{A\mu}^i | \pi^j(\vec{p}) \rangle \equiv i p_\mu F_\pi \delta^{ij} \Rightarrow F = F_\pi = 92.4 \text{ MeV}$

# Effective Lagrangian

How to account for explicit  $\chi$ -symmetry breaking due to nonvanishing quark masses?

Trick (method of external sources):  $\delta\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = -\bar{q}\mathcal{M}q \Big|_{\mathcal{M}=m}$  external hermitian field

$$-\bar{q}\mathcal{M}q = -\bar{q}_L\mathcal{M}q_R - \bar{q}_R\mathcal{M}q_L \quad \text{is } \chi \text{-invariant if: } \mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{G} \mathcal{M}' = g_R\mathcal{M}g_L^{-1} = g_L\mathcal{M}g_R^{-1}$$

⇒ write down all possible  $\chi$ -invariant terms with  $\mathcal{M}$  and then set  $\mathcal{M} = m$

The leading (i.e. no  $\partial_\mu$  and  $\propto \mathcal{M}$ ) SB term in  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}$ :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SB}} = \frac{BF^2}{2} \text{Tr}[(U + U^\dagger)\mathcal{M}] \Big|_{\mathcal{M}=m} = 2BF^2m_q - Bm_q\vec{\pi}^2 + \mathcal{O}(\vec{\pi}^4) \quad \Rightarrow \quad M_\pi^2 = 2m_qB + \mathcal{O}(m_q^2)$$

The LEC  $B$  is related to the scalar quark condensate via  $\langle 0|\bar{u}u|0\rangle = \langle 0|\bar{d}d|0\rangle = -BF^2 + \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{M})$

Notice: the generalized scenario (Stern et al. '91) in which  $2m_qB \ll M_\pi^2$  is ruled out by recent data on  $\pi\pi$  scatt. length.

# Effective Lagrangian

Gasser, Leutwyler, Nucl. Phys. B250 (1985) 465

$$\mathcal{L}_\pi^{(2)} = \frac{F^2}{4} \left[ \text{Tr}(\partial_\mu U \partial^\mu U^\dagger) + \text{Tr}(U\chi + U^\dagger\chi) \right],$$

*low-energy constants*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_\pi^{(4)} = & L_1 [\text{Tr}(\partial_\mu U^\dagger \partial^\mu U)]^2 + L_2 \text{Tr}(\partial_\mu U^\dagger \partial_\nu U) \text{Tr}(\partial^\mu U^\dagger \partial^\nu U) + L_3 \text{Tr}(\partial_\mu U^\dagger \partial^\mu U \partial_\nu U^\dagger \partial^\nu U) \\ & + L_4 \text{Tr}(\partial_\mu U^\dagger \partial^\mu U) \text{Tr}(U\chi + U^\dagger\chi) + L_5 \text{Tr}(\partial_\mu U^\dagger \partial^\mu U (U\chi + U^\dagger\chi)) + L_6 [\text{Tr}(U\chi + U^\dagger\chi)]^2 \\ & + L_7 [\text{Tr}(U\chi - U^\dagger\chi)]^2 + L_8 \text{Tr}(\chi U \chi U + \chi U^\dagger \chi U^\dagger) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\chi = 2B\mathcal{M}$ .

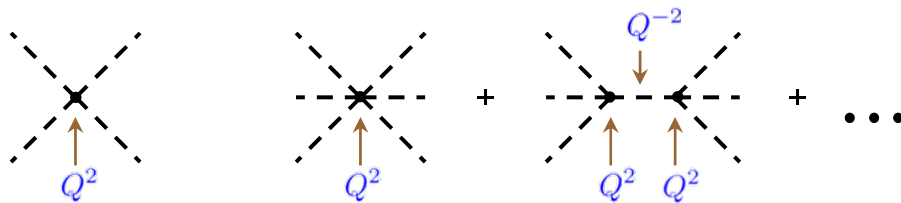
- Only those terms are shown which do not involve external sources (there are 3 more terms which describe the interaction of GBs with external fields).
- The Lagrangian is shown for the SU(3) x SU(3) case. Some terms are redundant in the case of SU(2) x SU(2) chiral symmetry.
- How to calculate observables ??

# From effective Lagrangian to S-matrix

Lowest-order effective Lagrangian:  $\mathcal{L}_\pi^{(2)} = \frac{F^2}{4} [\text{Tr}(\partial_\mu U \partial^\mu U^\dagger) + \text{Tr}(U\chi + U^\dagger\chi)]$

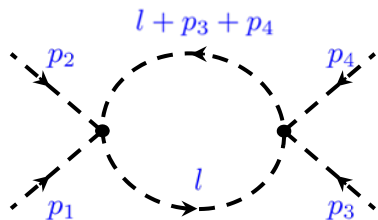
$$U = \frac{1}{F} [\sqrt{F^2 - \pi^2} + i\tau \cdot \pi] = 1 + \frac{i\tau \cdot \pi}{F} - \frac{\pi^2}{2F^2} + \dots \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_\pi^{(2)} = \frac{\partial_\mu \pi \cdot \partial^\mu \pi}{2} - \frac{M^2 \pi^2}{2} + \frac{(\partial_\mu \pi \cdot \pi)^2}{2F^2} - \frac{M^2 \pi^4}{8F^2} + \dots$$

Tree-level multi-pion connected diagrams from  $\mathcal{L}_\pi^{(2)}$  at low energy ( $p_i \sim |\vec{p}_i| \sim M_\pi \sim Q$ ):



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

What about quantum corrections (loop diagrams)?



$$\int \frac{d^4 l}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{p_1 \cdot p_2 p_3 \cdot p_4}{[l^2 - M_\pi^2 + i\epsilon][(l + p_3 + p_4)^2 - M_\pi^2 + i\epsilon]} \sim \mathcal{O}(E^4) \Rightarrow \text{suppressed...}$$

UV divergences removed e.g. using DR,  $\int d^4 l \rightarrow \mu^{d-4} \int d^d l$ , and redefining LECs from  $\mathcal{L}_\pi^{(4)}$

**General observation:**  $n$ -loop diagrams are suppressed by the factor  $Q^{2n}$  compared to the tree ones  $Q^2$ .

# Power counting

Weinberg '79

Consider S-matrix element:  $S = \delta^4(p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_N) M \Pi$

$\xrightarrow{\text{amplitude}}$   $M$   $\xleftarrow{\text{phase space factors}}$   $\Pi$

The amplitude can be rewritten as:  $M \equiv M(E, \mu, g^r) = E^D f\left(\frac{E}{\mu}, g^r\right)$

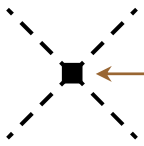
$\xrightarrow{\text{combination of LECs}}$

Dimensional analysis:

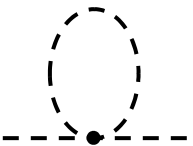
- pion propagators:  $1/(p^2 - M_\pi^2) \sim 1/Q^2$
- momentum integrations:  $d^4l \sim Q^4$
- delta functions:  $\delta^4(p - p') \sim 1/Q^4$
- derivatives:  $\partial_\mu \sim Q$

$\xrightarrow{\text{# of loops}}$   $D = 2 + 2L + \sum_d N_d(d - 2)$   $\xleftarrow{\text{# of vertices with derivatives}}$

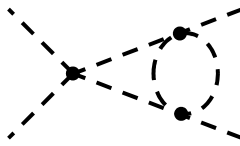
Examples:



$D = 2 + 0 + 2 = 4$



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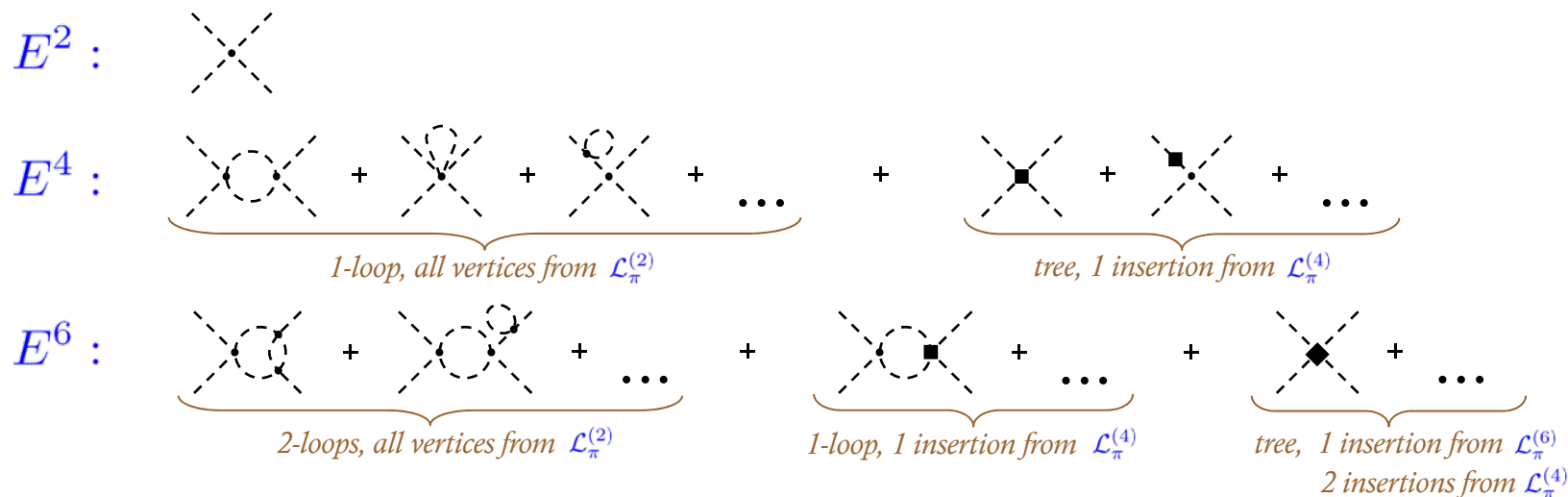


$D = 2 + 4 + 0 = 6$

Amplitude is obtained via expansion in  $E/\Lambda_\chi$ . **What is the value of  $\Lambda_\chi$ ?**

- Chiral expansion breaks down for  $E \sim M_\rho \Rightarrow \Lambda_\chi \sim M_\rho = 770 \text{ MeV}$
- Consistency arguments imply:  $\Lambda_\chi \leq 4\pi F_\pi = 1.2 \text{ GeV}$  (Manohar & Georgi '84)

# Pion scattering lengths in ChPT



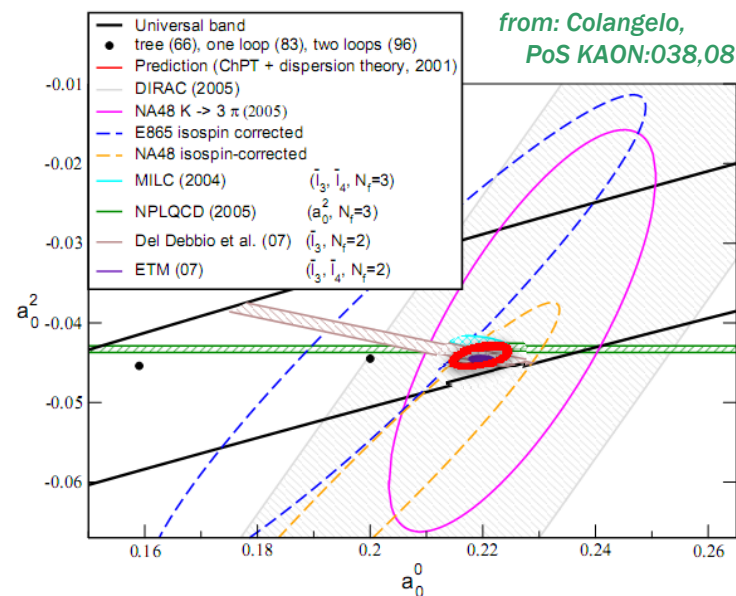
Predictive power?

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\pi}^{(2)} + \mathcal{L}_{\pi}^{(4)} + \mathcal{L}_{\pi}^{(6)} + \dots$$

# of LECs increasing...

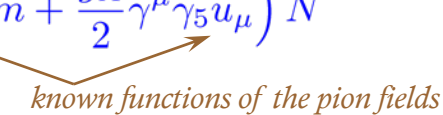
## S-wave $\pi\pi$ scattering length

- LO:**  $a_0^0 = 0.16$  (Weinberg '66)  
**NLO:**  $a_0^0 = 0.20$  (GL '83)  
**NNLO:**  $a_0^0 = 0.217$  (Bijnens et al. '95)  
**NNLO + disp. relations:** (Colangelo et al.)  
 $a_0^0 = 0.217 \pm 0.008$  (exp)  $\pm 0.006$  (th)




# ChPT in the single-baryon sector

General formalism to construct the most general  $\chi$ -invariant  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}$  with matter fields (like e.g. nucleons) is given in *Coleman, Callan, Wess, Zumino, PR 177 (1969) 2239; 2247*.

Lowest-order: 
$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(1)} = \bar{N} \left( i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m + \frac{g_A}{2} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 u_\mu \right) N$$

*known functions of the pion fields*

Problem (?): new hard mass scale  $m \Rightarrow$  power counting ??

For example: 1-loop correction to  $m$  (*Gasser, Sainio & Svarc '88*)



$$\delta m \xrightarrow{\mathcal{M} \rightarrow 0} -\frac{3g_A^2 m^3}{(4\pi F)^2} \left[ \log \frac{m}{\mu} + \mu^{d-4} \left( \frac{1}{d-4} + \text{const} \right) \right]$$

**Making power counting manifest: HBChPT** (*Jenkins & Manohar '91; Bernard et al. '92*)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(1)} = N'^\dagger \left( iD_0 + \frac{g_A}{2} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{u} \right) N' + \mathcal{O}(1/m)$$

$m$  disappeared from  $\mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(1)} \Rightarrow$  **power counting manifest!** For example:  $(\delta m)^{\text{HB}} = -\frac{3g_A^2 M_\pi^3}{32\pi F^2}$

**Notice:** Lorentz invariant formulations preferable in certain cases!

*Ellis & Tang '98; Becher & Leutwyler '99; Gegelia et al. '03; ...*

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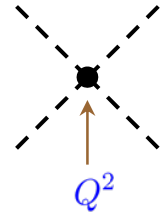
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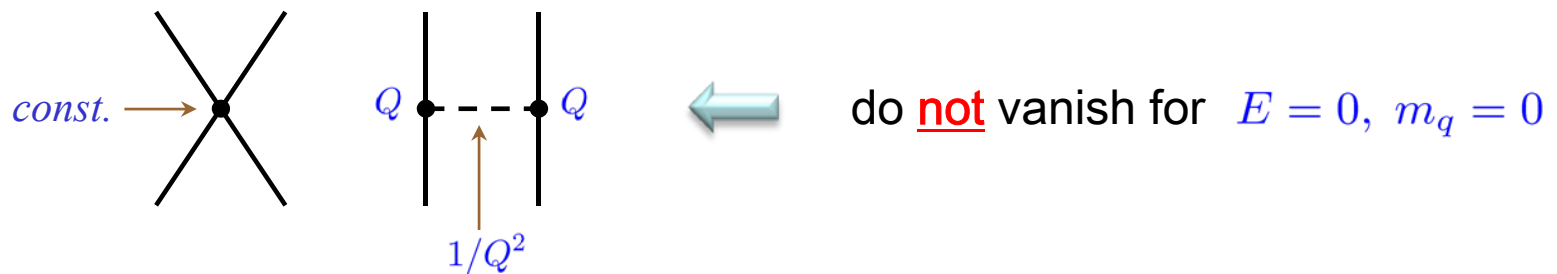


# Two nucleons

In the  $\pi\pi$ ,  $\pi N$  sectors, S-matrix can be evaluated in perturbation theory (Goldstone bosons do not interact at  $E = 0$ ,  $m_q = 0$ )



But this is not the case for 2 and more nucleons:



The presence of shallow bound states ( ${}^2\text{H}$ ,  ${}^3\text{H}$ ,  ${}^3\text{He}$ ,  ${}^4\text{He}$ , ...) indicates breakdown of perturbation theory even at very low energy!

Is EFT still useful for strongly interacting nucleons?

# Effective Range Expansion

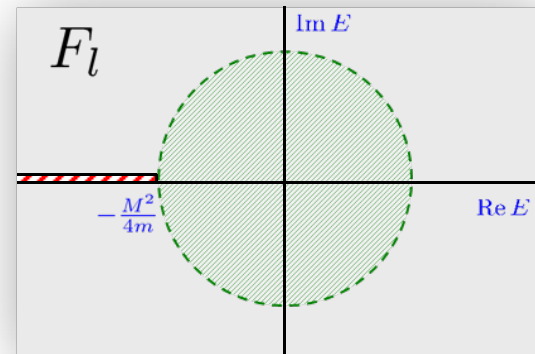
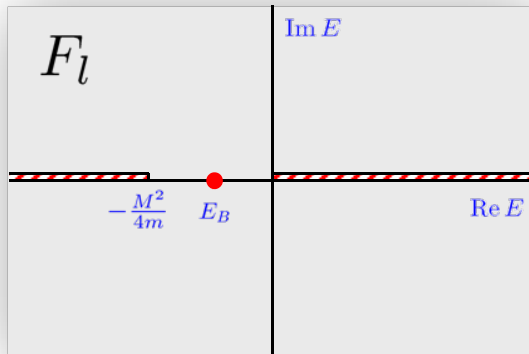
Blatt, Jackson '49; Bethe '49

Nonrelativistic nucleon-nucleon scattering (uncoupled case):

$$S_l(k) = e^{2i\delta_l(k)} = 1 + i \frac{mk}{2\pi} T_l(k) \quad \text{where} \quad T_l(k) = \frac{4\pi}{m} \frac{k^{2l}}{F_l(k) - ik^{2l+1}} \quad \text{and} \quad F_l(k) \equiv k^{2l+1} \cot \delta_l(k)$$

*effective-range function* ↙

If  $V(r)$  satisfies certain conditions,  $F_l$  is a meromorphic function of  $k^2$  near the origin



⇒ effective range expansion (ERE):

$$F_l(k^2) = -\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{2}rk^2 + v_2k^4 + v_3k^6 + v_4k^8 + \dots$$

The range of convergence of the ERE depends on the range  $M^{-1}$  of  $V(r)$  defined as

$$M = \min(\mu) \quad \text{such that} \quad \int_{R>0}^{\infty} |V(r)| e^{\mu r} dr = \infty$$

# Pionless EFT: natural scattering length

Effective Lagrangian: for  $Q \ll M_\pi$  only point-like interactions

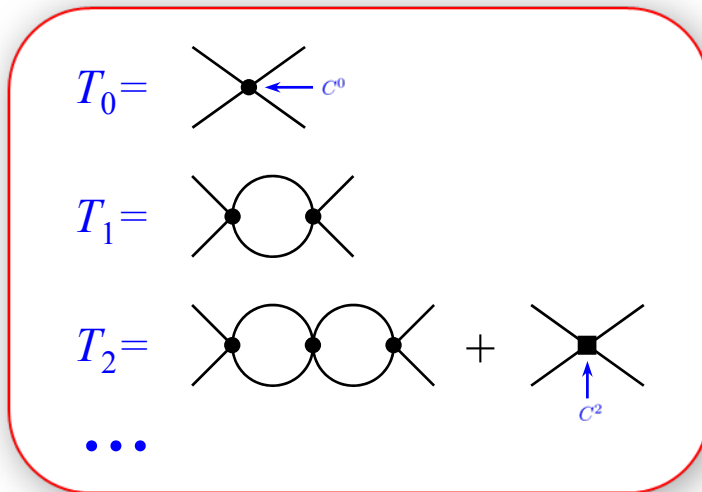
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = N^\dagger \left( i\partial_0 + \frac{\vec{\nabla}^2}{2m} \right) N - \frac{1}{2} C_1^0 (N^\dagger N)^2 - \frac{1}{2} C_2^0 (N^\dagger \vec{\sigma} N)^2 - \frac{1}{4} C_1^2 (N^\dagger \vec{\nabla}^2 N) (N^\dagger N) + \text{h.c.} + \dots$$

Scattering amplitude (S-waves):

$$S = e^{2i\delta} = 1 - i \left( \frac{km}{2\pi} \right) T, \quad T = -\frac{4\pi}{m} \frac{1}{k \cot \delta - ik} = -\frac{4\pi}{m} \frac{1}{\left( -\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{2} r_0 k^2 + v_2 k^4 + v_3 k^6 + \dots \right) - ik}$$

## ● Natural case

$$|a| \sim M_\pi^{-1}, |r| \sim M_\pi^{-1}, \dots \Rightarrow T = T_0 + T_1 + T_2 + \dots = \frac{4\pi a}{m} \left[ \underset{\sim Q^0}{1} - \underset{\sim Q^1}{iak} + \underbrace{\left( \frac{ar_0}{2} - a^2 \right)}_{\sim Q^2} k^2 + \dots \right]$$



The EFT expansion can be arranged to match the above expansion for  $T$ .

Using e.g. dimensional or subtractive regularization yields:

- perturbative expansion for  $T$ ;
- scaling of the LECs:  $C^i \sim Q^0$

In reality:  $a_{1S_0} = -23.741 \text{ fm} = -16.6 M_\pi^{-1}$      $a_{3S_1} = -5.42 \text{ fm} = 3.8 M_\pi^{-1}$

# Pionless EFT: large scattering length

- **Unnatural case:**  $|a| \gg M_\pi^{-1}$  (Kaplan, Savage & Wise '97)

Keep  $ak$  fixed, i.e. count  $a \sim Q^{-1}$ :

$$T = -\frac{4\pi}{m} \frac{1}{\left(-\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{2}r_0k^2 + v_2k^4 + v_3k^6 + \dots\right) - ik} = \frac{4\pi}{m} \frac{1}{(1+iak)} \left[ \underset{\sim Q^{-1}}{\uparrow} a + \underbrace{\frac{ar_0}{2(a^{-1}+ik)} k^2}_{\sim Q^0} + \dots \right] \underset{\sim Q^1}{\uparrow}.$$

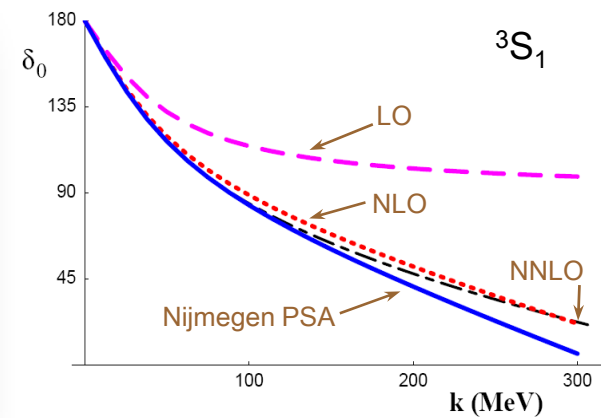
**Notice:** perturbation theory breaks down  
( $T$  has a pole at  $|k| \sim |a|^{-1} \ll M_\pi$ )

**KSW expansion (DR + Power Divergence Subtraction)**  $\Rightarrow C^0 \sim 1/Q, C^2 \sim 1/Q^2, \dots$

$$T^{(-1)} = \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 1} \\ \uparrow \\ C^0 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 2} \\ \uparrow \\ C^0 \end{array} + \dots = \frac{-C^0(\mu)}{\left[1 + \frac{C^0(\mu)m}{4\pi}(\mu + ik)\right]},$$

$$T^{(0)} = \begin{array}{c} \text{diagram 3} \\ \uparrow \\ C^2 \end{array} = \frac{-C^2(\mu)k^2}{\left[1 + \frac{C^0(\mu)m}{4\pi}(\mu + ik)\right]^2}$$

where:  $\text{diagram 3} = \text{diagram 4} + \text{diagram 5} + \text{diagram 6} + \dots$



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