

# Few-nucleon effective field theory with *perturbative* pions

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# Outline

- Motivation
- Flavors of pionful EFT
  - Weinberg and its problems
  - KSW and its problems
- A new formulation of  $EFT(\pi)$
- Conclusion

NN phase shifts



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NN potentials

Till recently, study of Nuclear Forces has relied on **modeling** that is disconnected from the Standard Model of particle interactions

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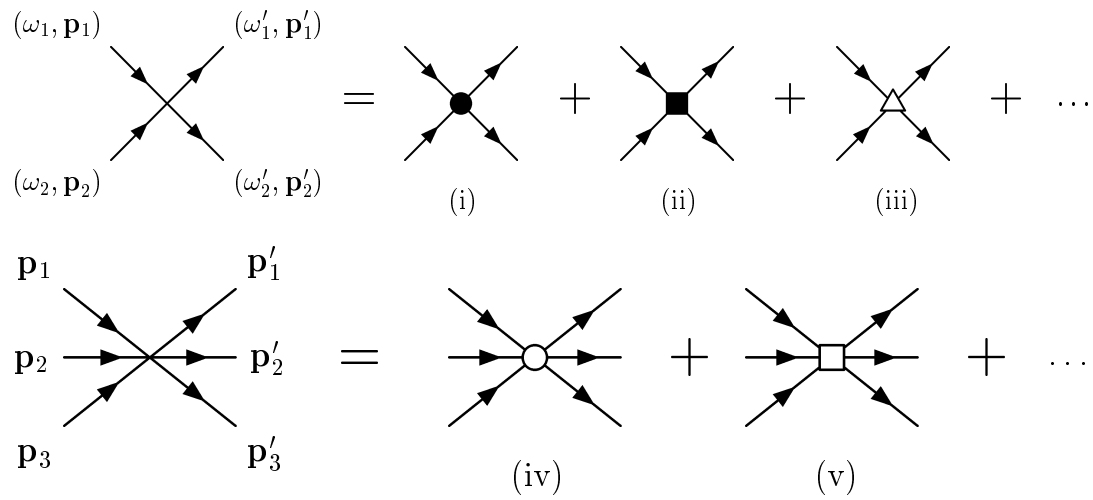
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## Disadvantages of traditional method

- No systematic expansion (*i.e.* no controlled error estimates)
- “Off-shell” ambiguities
- Difficult to incorporate symmetries, relativity, inelasticities, *etc.*
- Includes vast range of scales ( $\equiv$  numerically intensive)

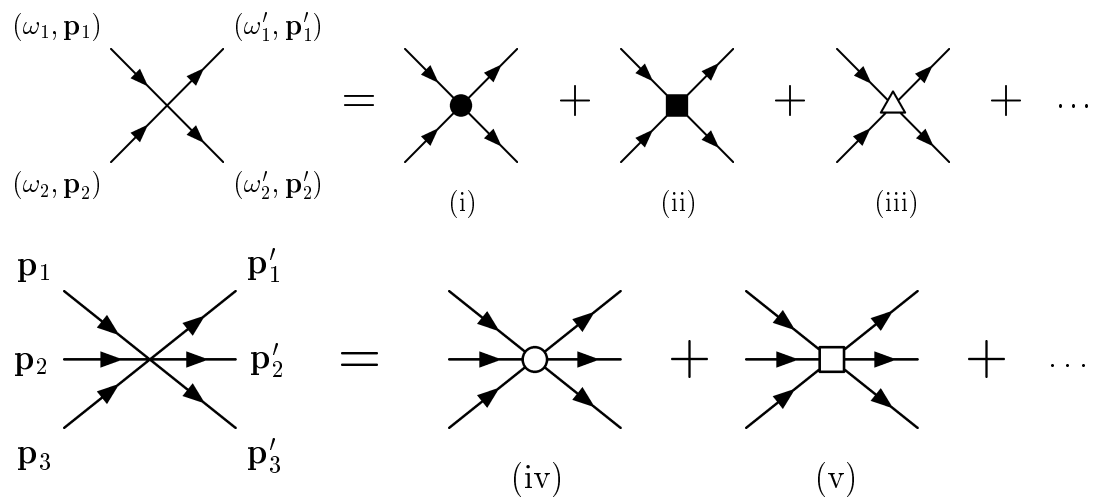
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### What is “short range”?

- $p \ll m_\pi$  ... everything!
- $m_\pi \leq p < 2m_\pi$  ... everything except one-pion exchange, *etc.*



IF a systematic expansion can be found:

- NO “Off-shell” ambiguities
- Easy to incorporate symmetries, relativity, inelasticities, *etc.*
- Short range interactions are *separable* –  
greatly simplifies calculations

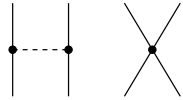
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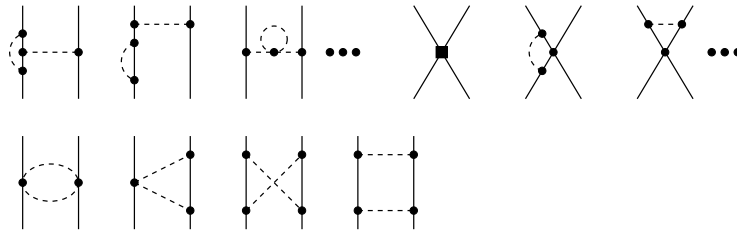
## Initial proposal due to Weinberg:

- Two-nucleon irreducible diagrams  $\rightarrow$  the potential
- Plug potential into Lipmann-Schwinger equation  $\rightarrow \delta$
- Regularization and renormalization not considered:  
operators organized by *dimensional analysis*

Leading order

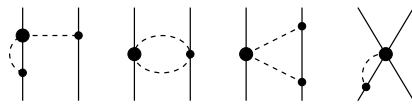


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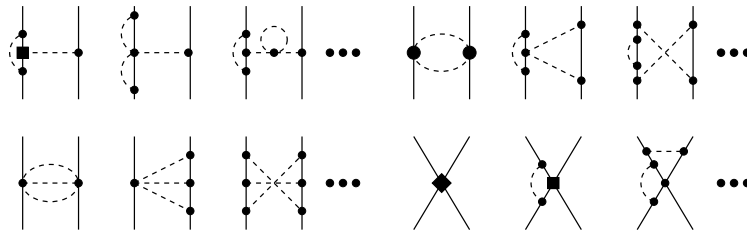


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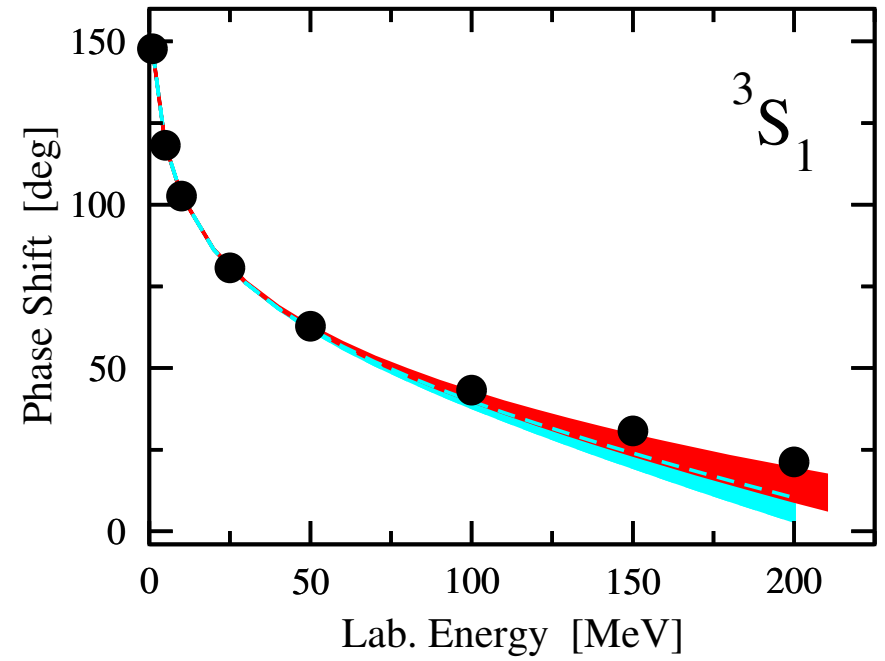
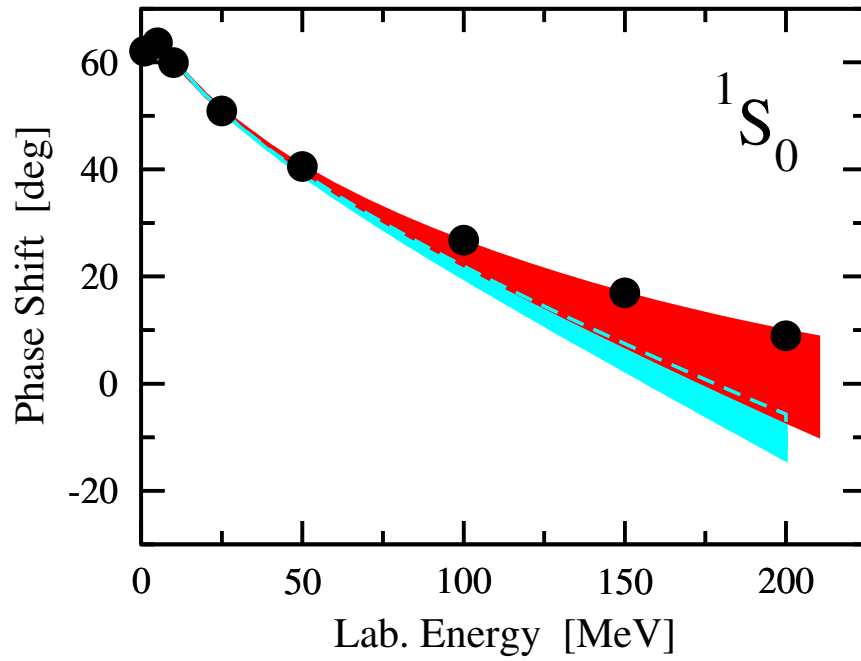


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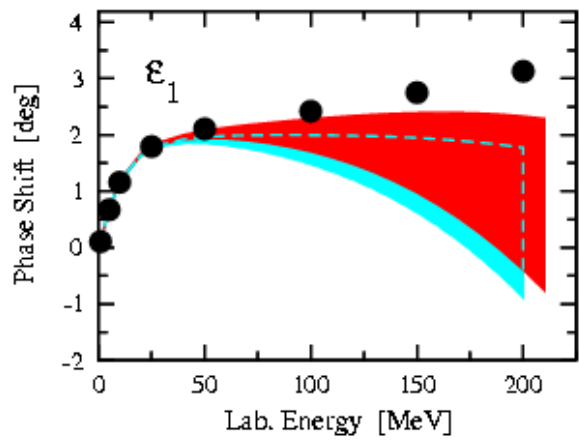
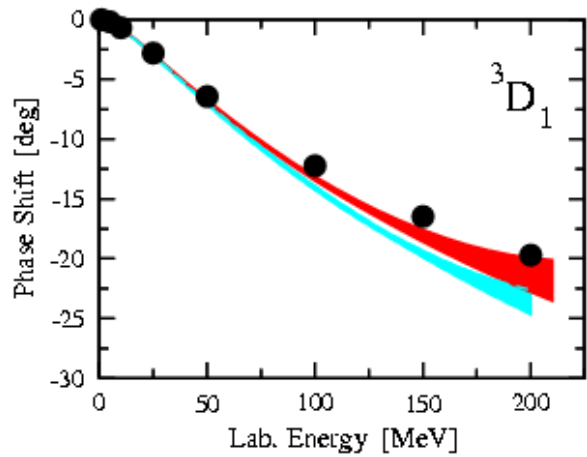
# Phase shifts at NNLO

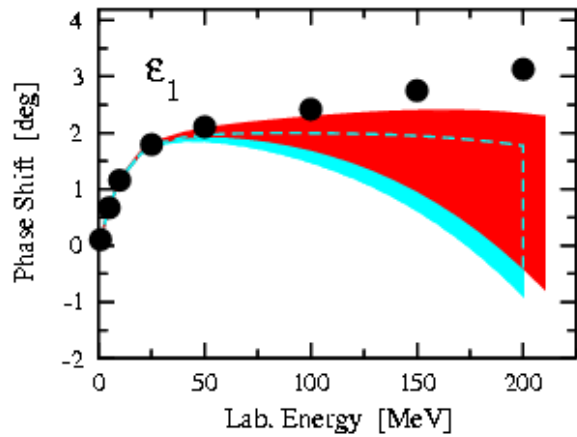
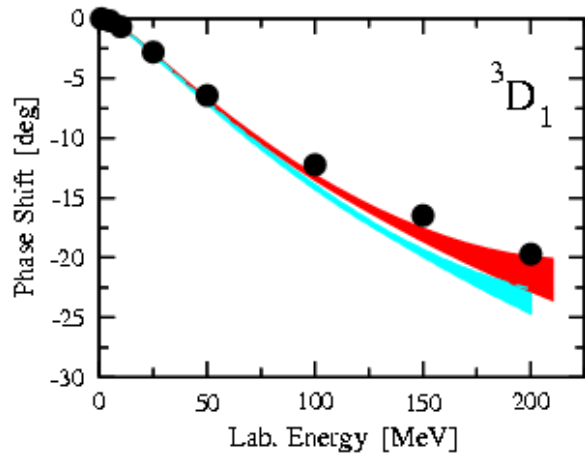
(Epelbaum, Glockle, Meissner '04)



$$\Lambda = 450 - 600 \text{ MeV} \quad ; \quad \tilde{\Lambda} = 500 - 700 \text{ MeV}$$

Momentum cutoff in  $V$  and in L-S equation!





*Weinberg calculations now at NNNLO:*

*lines through the data!*

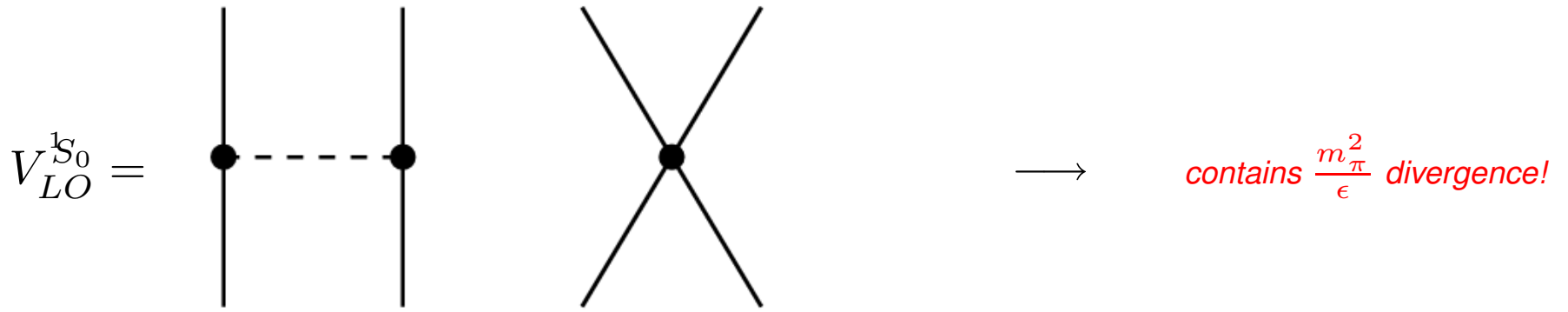
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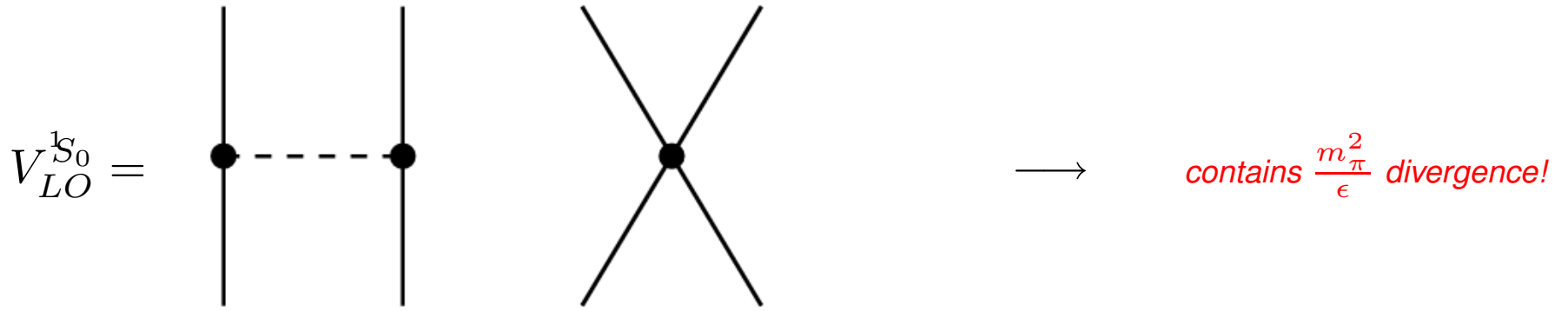
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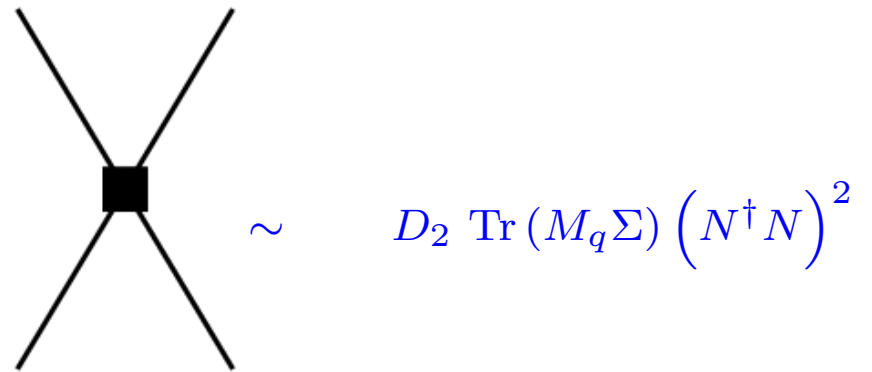


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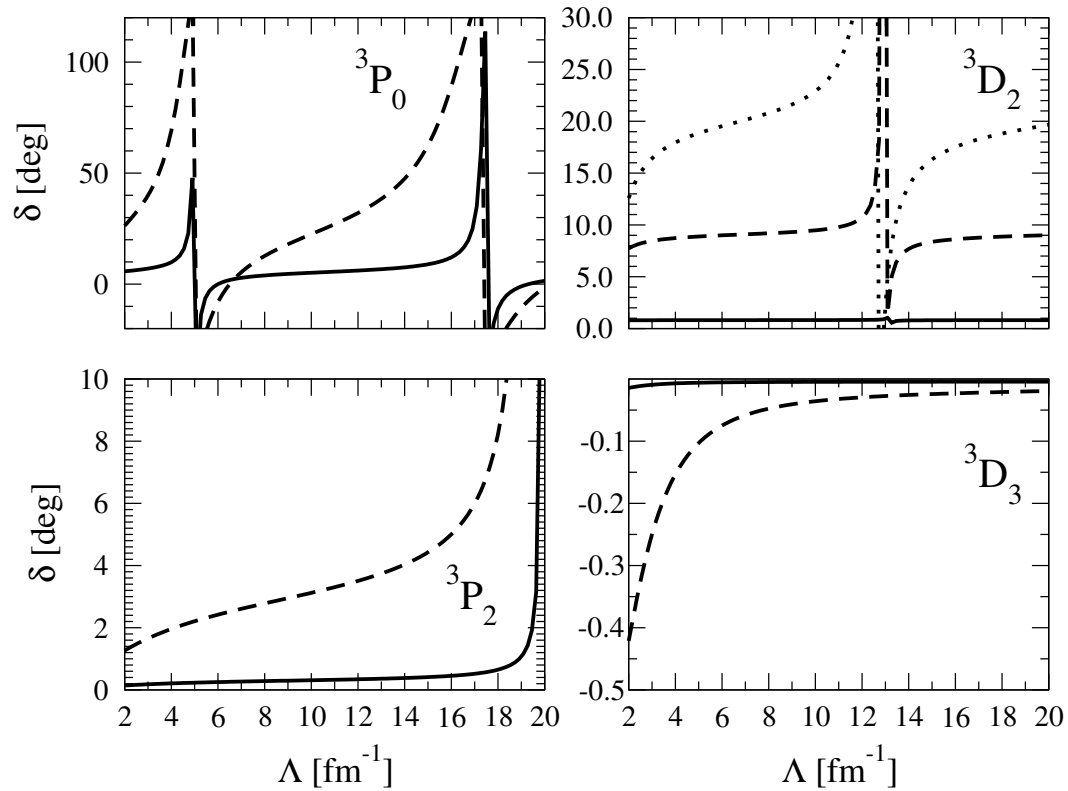


REQUIRES NLO counterterm:



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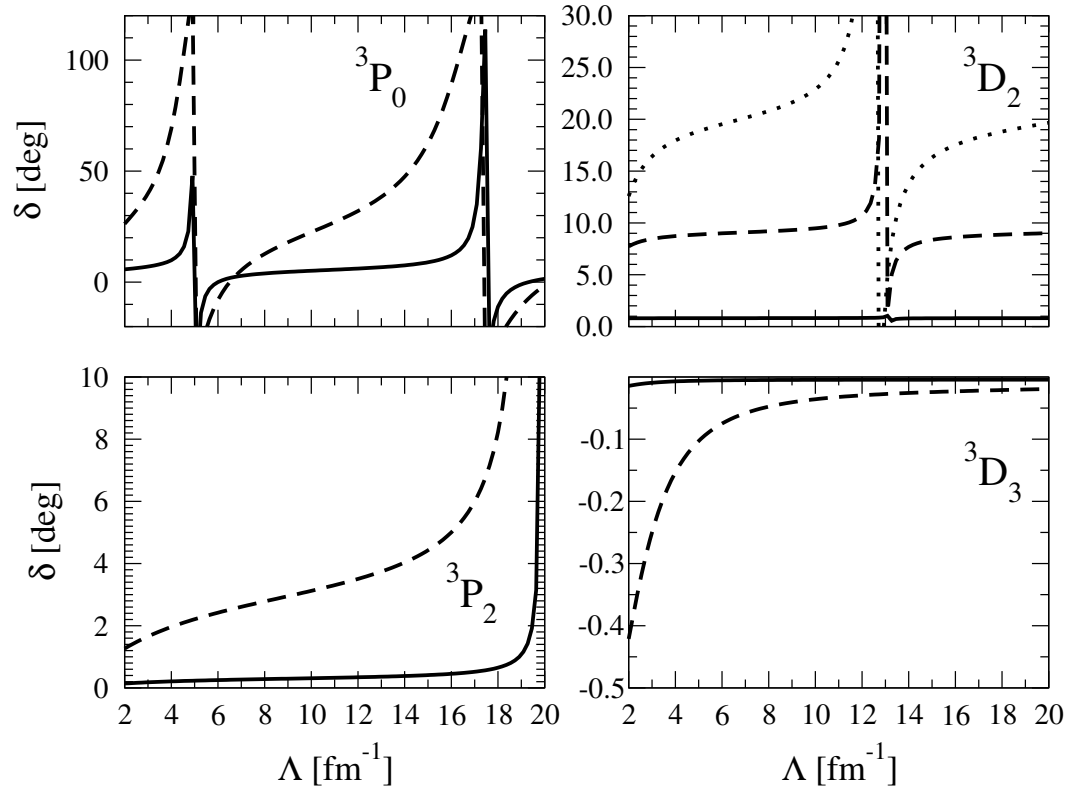


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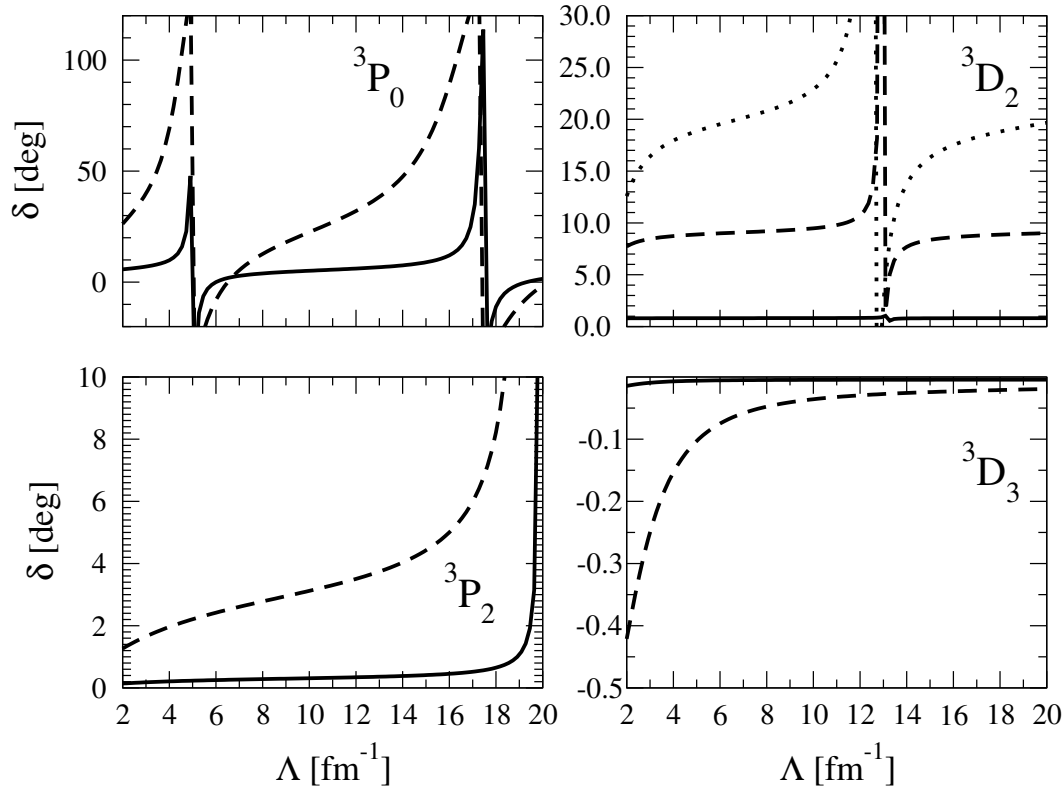
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**Solution: promote counterterms to lower order!**

## Weinberg pros

- Long-range pion physics correctly incorporated
- In principle, systematically improvable
- At NNNLO accuracy approaches that of potential models

*Weinberg counting*

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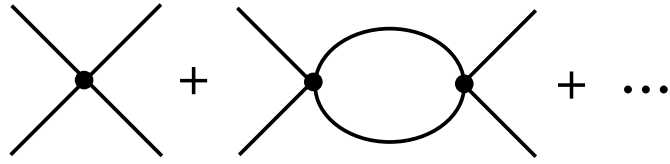
*Suggests expansion parameter:*

$$\frac{g_A^2 m_\pi M}{8\pi f^2} \equiv \frac{m_\pi}{\Lambda_{NN}} \sim 0.5$$

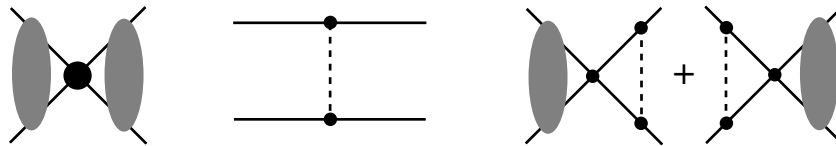
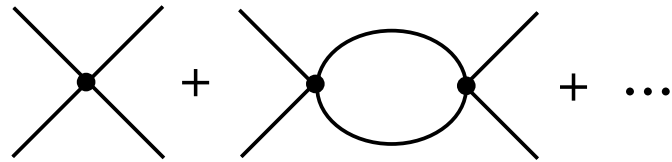
$\Rightarrow$  KSW power counting

Taken to NNLO!

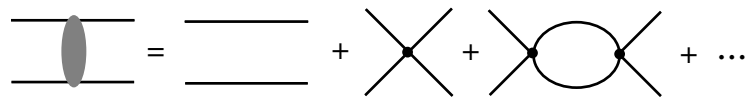
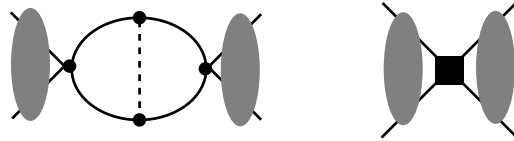
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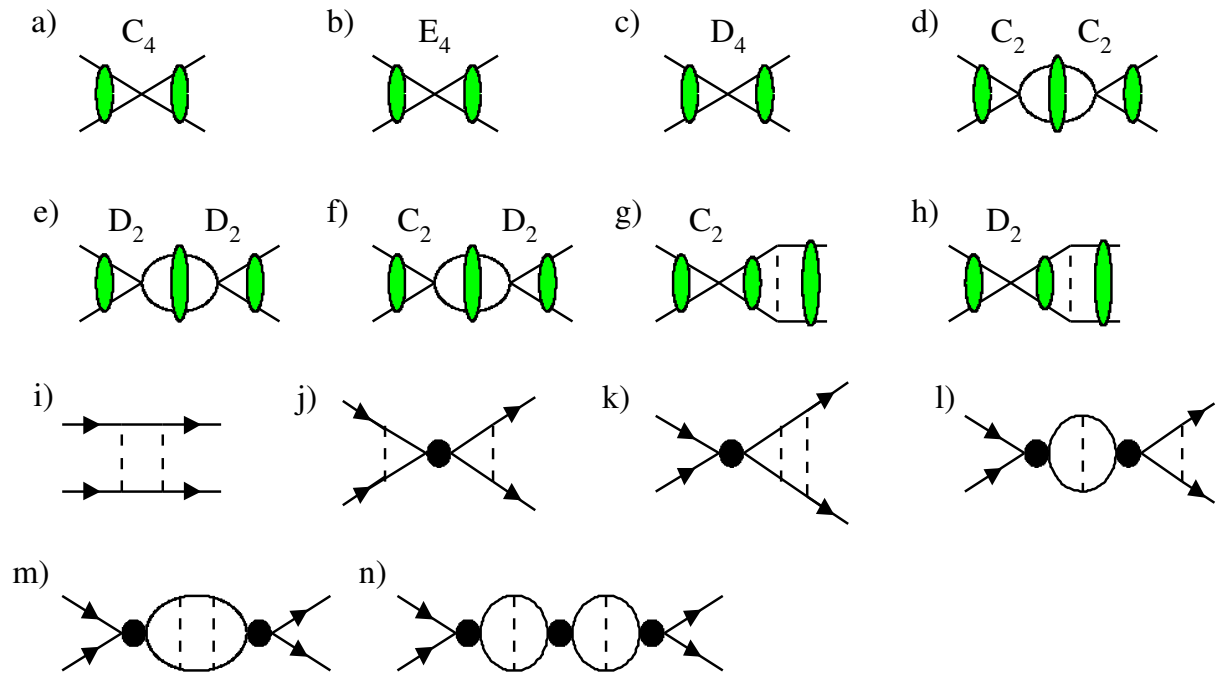
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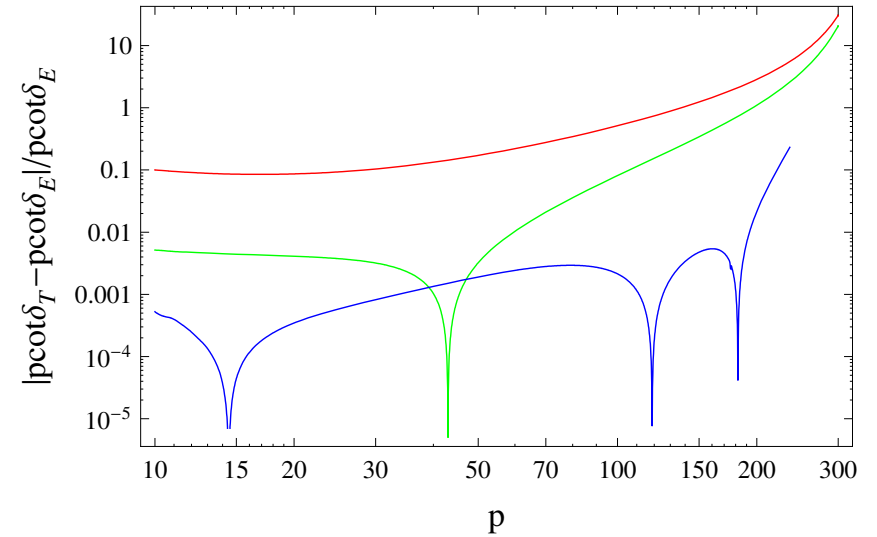
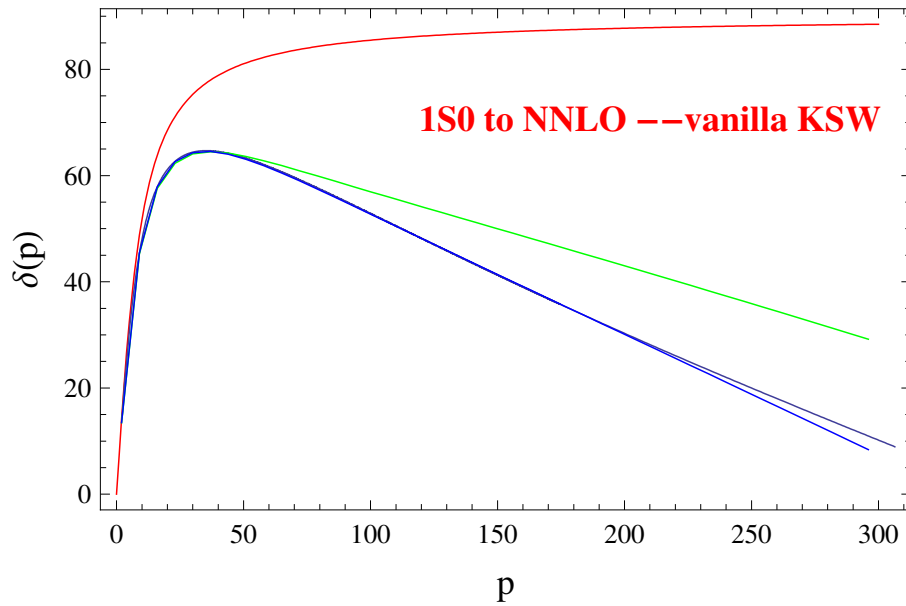
NNLO :



$$\text{Green Oval} = \text{Two Parallel Lines} + \text{Crossing Lines with Central Dot}$$

# NNLO Results

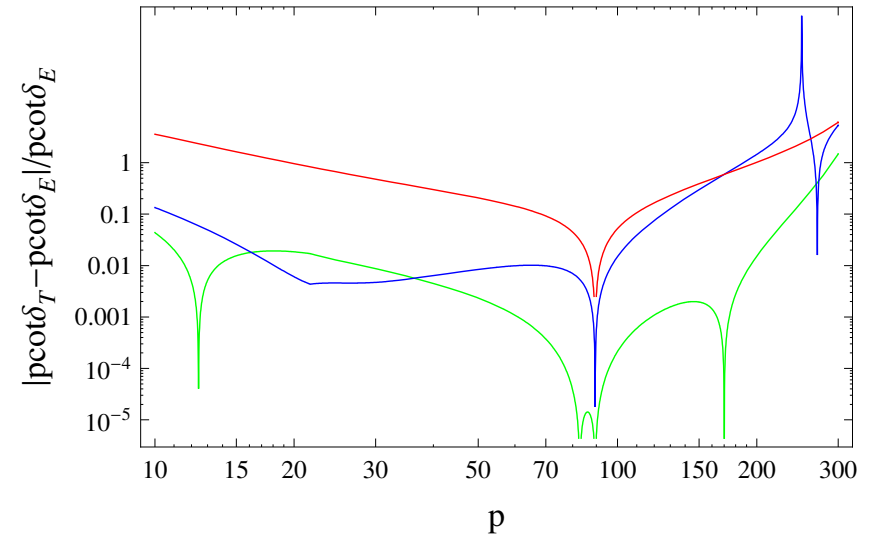
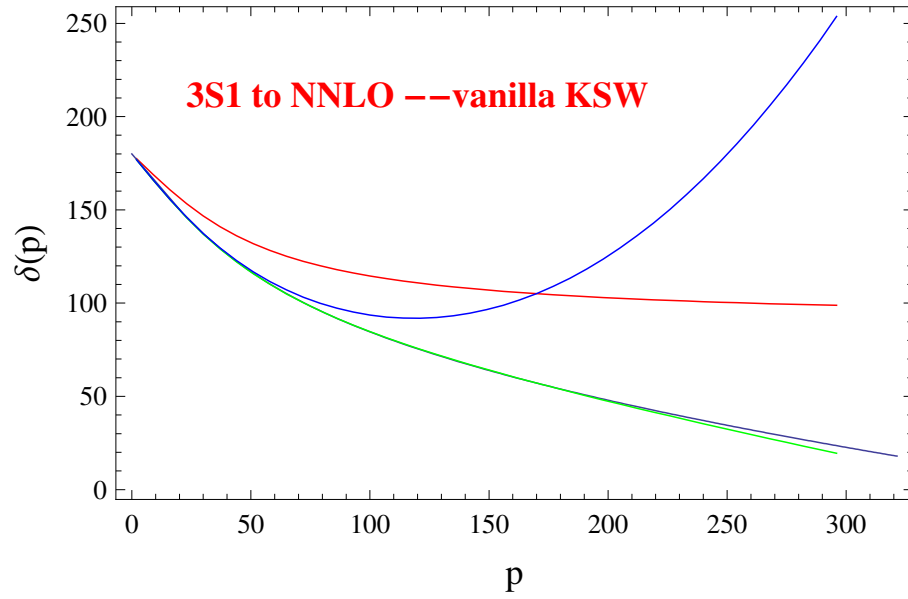
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- $^1S_0$  looks good!
- RG invariant at each order
- Two fit parameters at NNLO

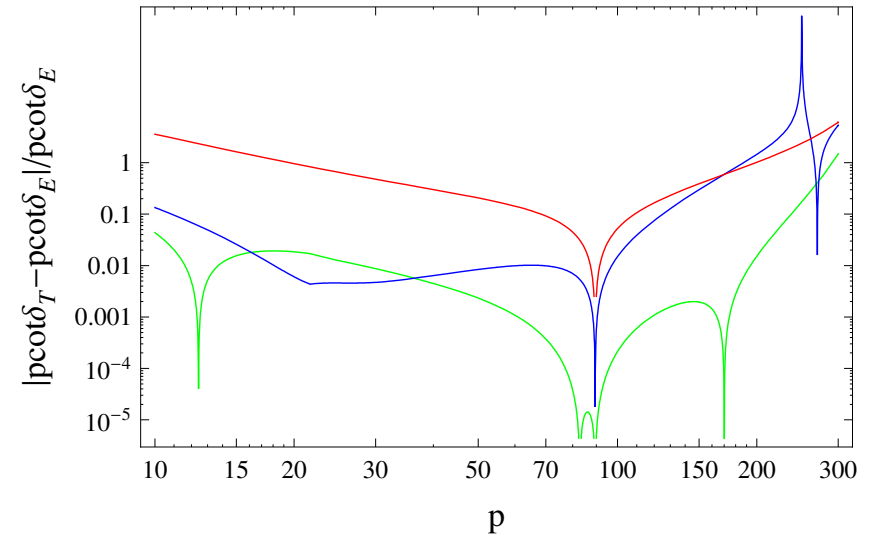
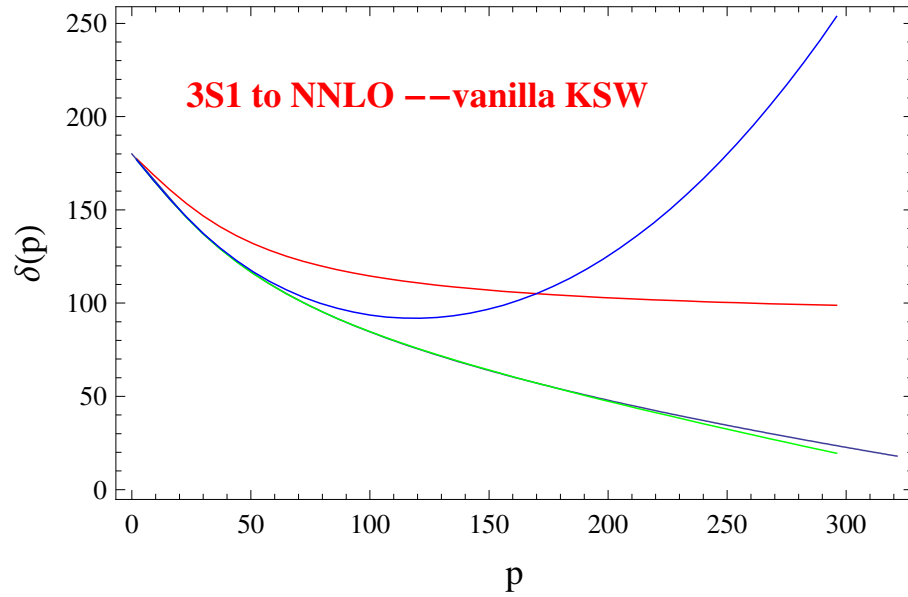
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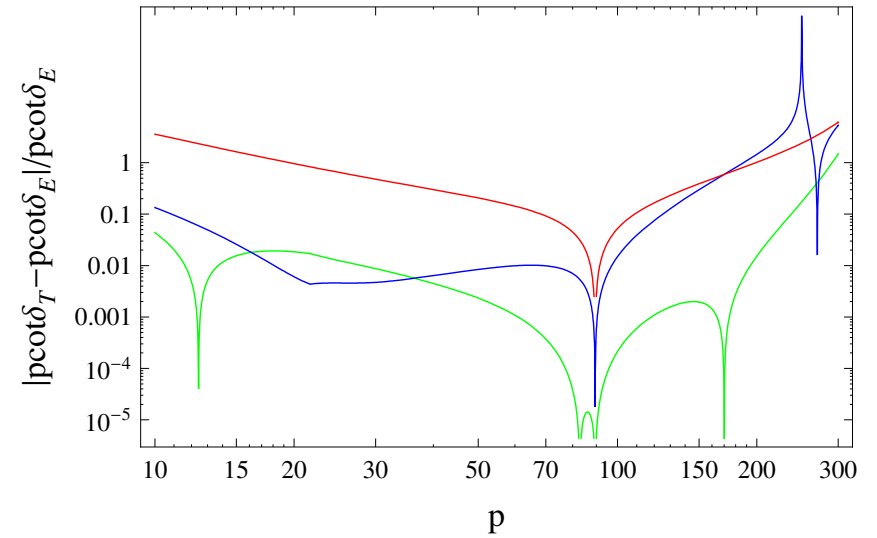
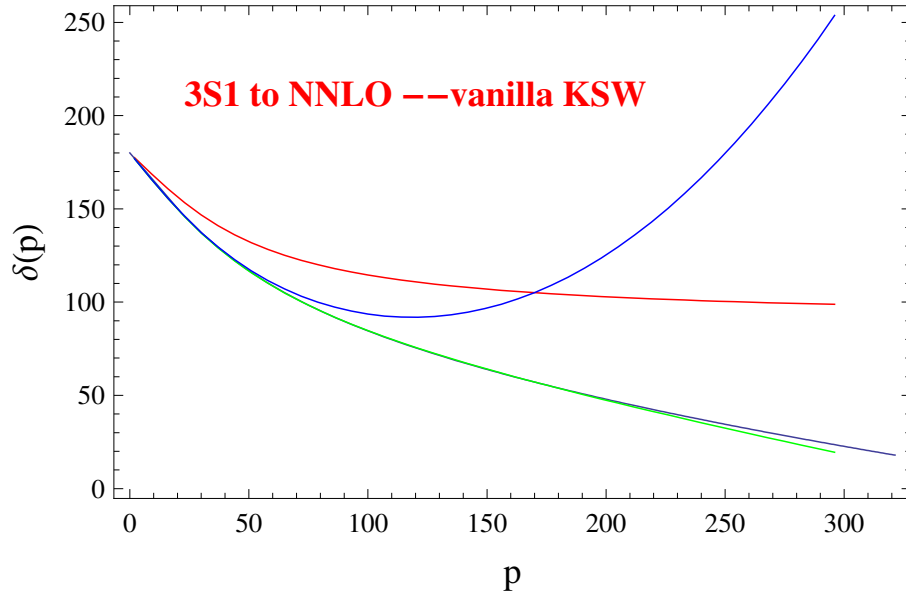


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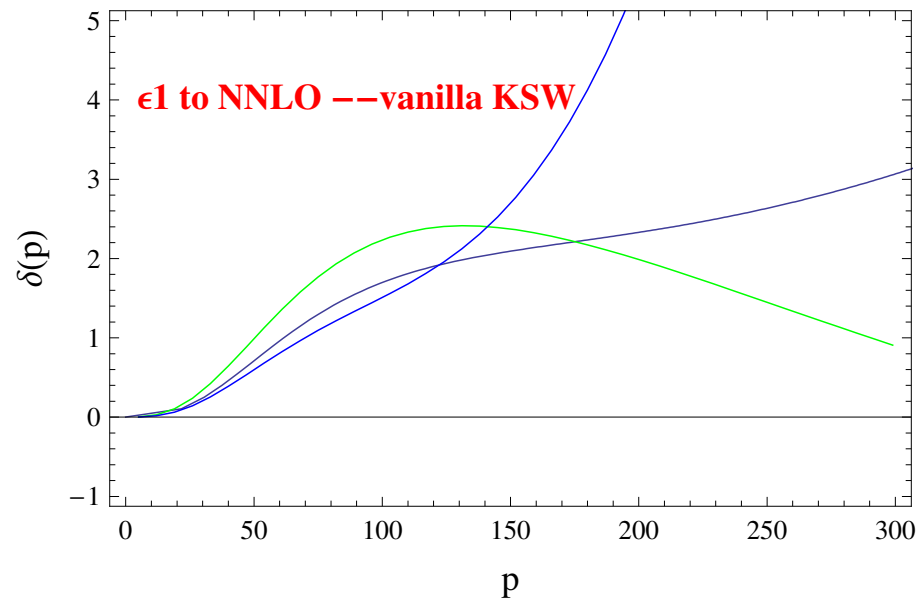
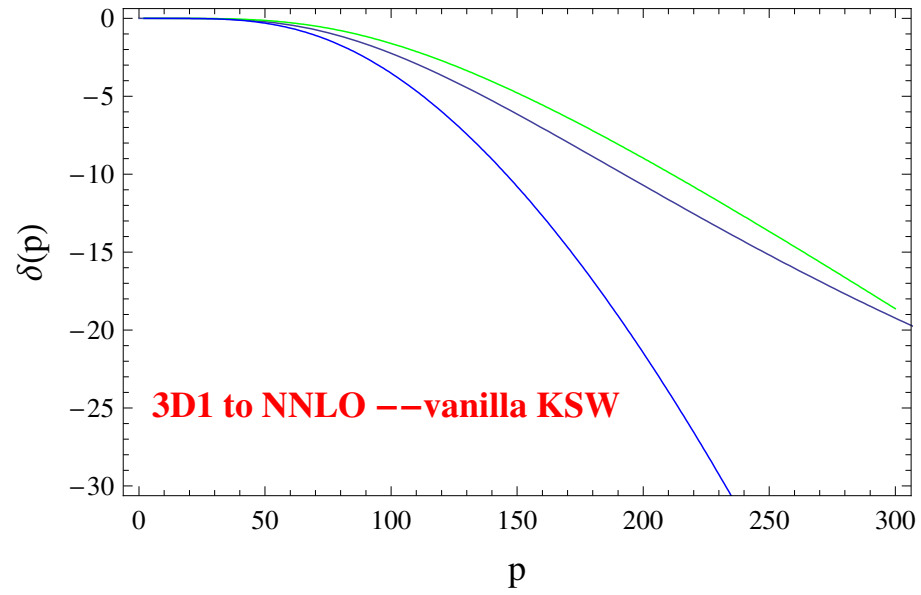


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$$\mathcal{A} \sim 6 \left( \frac{4\pi}{M} \frac{1}{\gamma + ip} \right)^2 \frac{M}{4\pi} \left( \frac{g_A^2 M}{8\pi f^2} \right)^2 p^3 \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{p}{m_\pi} \right) \xrightarrow{p \rightarrow \infty} p$$

*Survives in the chiral limit!*

# NNLO Results



## Configuration space viewpoint

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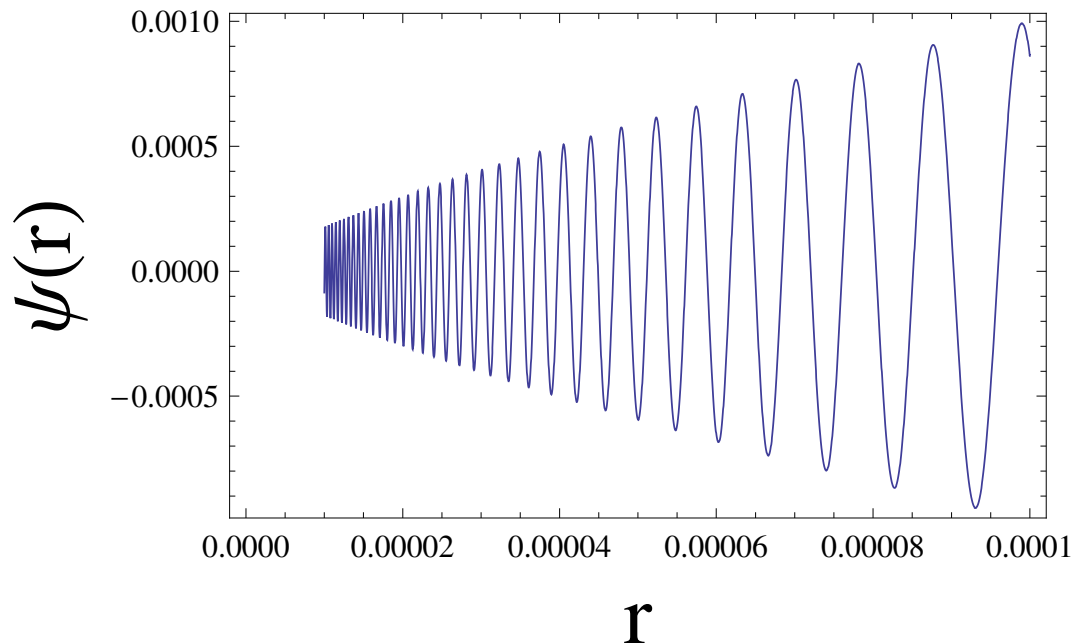
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Pauli-Villars Regularization

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Absorb effect of singular interaction into contact operators

We would like to leave  $^1S_0$  unaffected

## Modification of the pion propagator:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \end{array} = G_\pi(p, m) = i \frac{g_A^2}{4f_\pi^2} \frac{(\mathbf{q} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1)(\mathbf{q} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2)(\boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2)}{\mathbf{q}^2 + m^2}$$

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$$G_\pi(p, m_\pi) \rightarrow \tilde{G}_\pi(p, m_\pi, \lambda) = G_\pi(p, m_\pi) - G_\pi(p, \lambda) + G_{(1,0)}(p, \lambda)$$

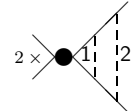


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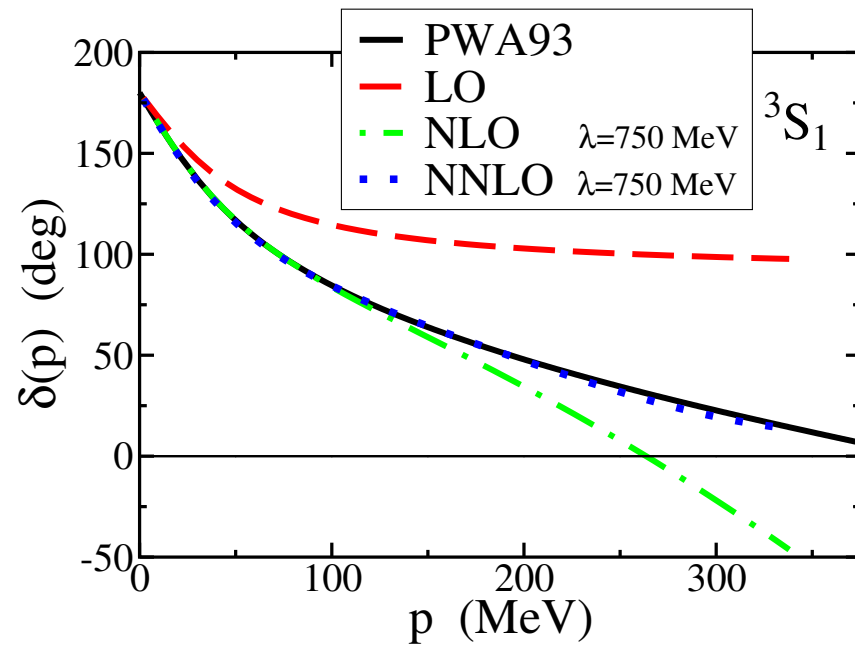
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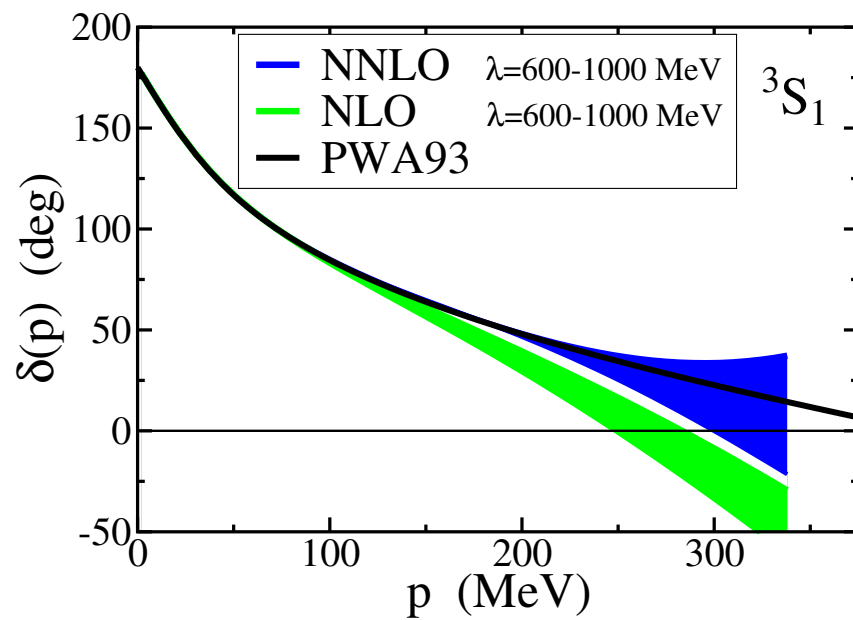
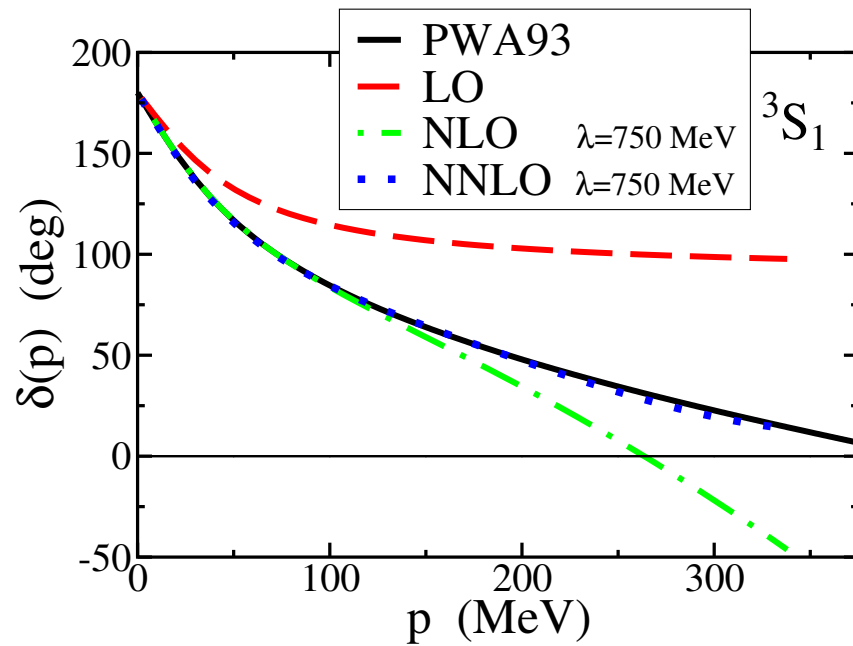
- Count  $\lambda \sim m_\pi \sim Q$  (with  $\lambda \geq 2\Lambda_{NN}$ !)
- Positive powers of  $\lambda$  absorbed into C.T.s
- $\lambda \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow$  KSW

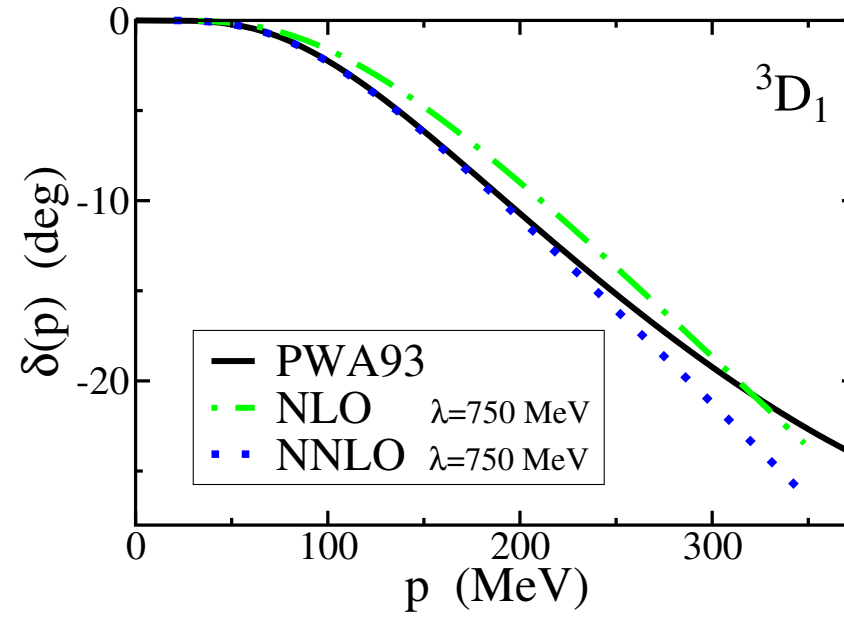
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\overline{\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline \end{array}} \overline{\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 2 \\ \hline \end{array}} &= 3 \frac{iM}{4\pi} \left( \frac{g_A^2}{2f^2} \right)^2 \left\{ \frac{3im_2^2 m_1^2}{8p^3} - \frac{m_1 m_2 (m_1 + m_2)}{4p^2} - \frac{i(m_1^2 + m_2^2)}{4p} - (m_1 + m_2) + \frac{ip}{2} + \frac{4\mu}{3} \right. \\
&+ \left( \frac{3m_1^2 m_2^2 (m_1^2 + m_2^2)}{16p^5} - \frac{m_1^4 + m_2^4 - 4m_1^2 m_2^2}{8p^3} - \frac{m_1^2 + m_2^2}{p} - 2p \right) \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2p}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \\
&- \frac{i}{4} \left( \frac{3m_1^4 m_2^2}{4p^5} - \frac{m_1^4}{2p^3} + \frac{m_1^2 m_2^2}{p^3} \right) \log \left( 1 - \frac{2ip}{m_1} \right) \\
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&+ \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{3m_1^3 m_2^3 (m_1 + m_2)}{4p^6} + \frac{m_1^3 m_2^2}{p^4} + \frac{m_1^2 m_2^3}{p^4} \right) \log \left( 1 + \frac{4p^2}{(m_1 + m_2)^2} \right) \\
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&\left[ \operatorname{Im} \operatorname{Li}_2 \left( -\frac{m_1 - 2ip}{m_2} \right) + \operatorname{Im} \operatorname{Li}_2 \left( -\frac{m_2 - 2ip}{m_1} \right) + \operatorname{Im} \operatorname{Li}_2 \left( -\frac{m_1 + 2ip}{m_2 - 2ip} \right) \right. \\
&\left. - \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2p}{m_2} \right) \log \left( \frac{m_2^2 + 4p^2}{m_1^2} \right) - \frac{i}{2} \log \left( 1 - \frac{2ip}{m_1} \right) \log \left( 1 + \frac{4p^2}{m_2^2} \right) \right] \Bigg\}; \\
&\equiv 3 \frac{iM}{4\pi} \left( \frac{g_A^2}{2f^2} \right)^2 \mathcal{K}_i.
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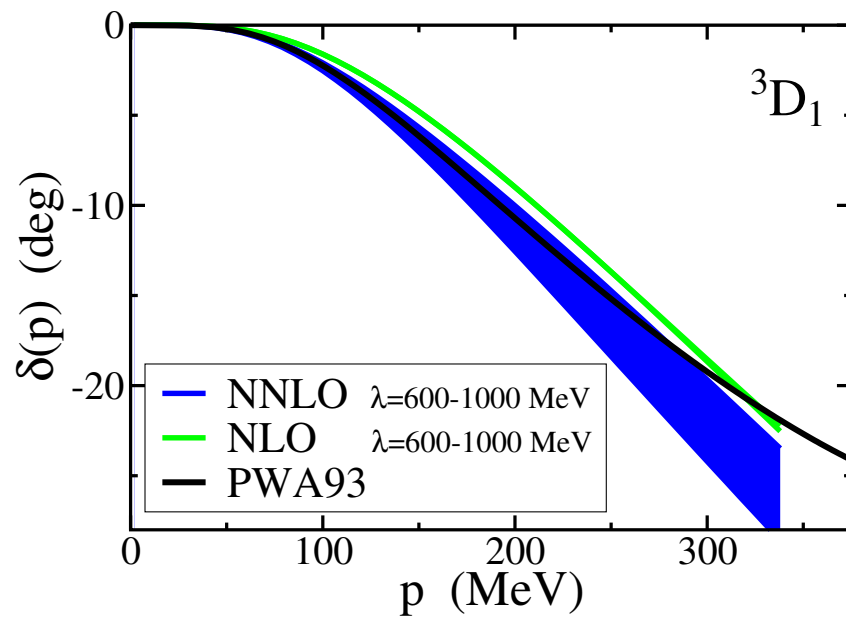
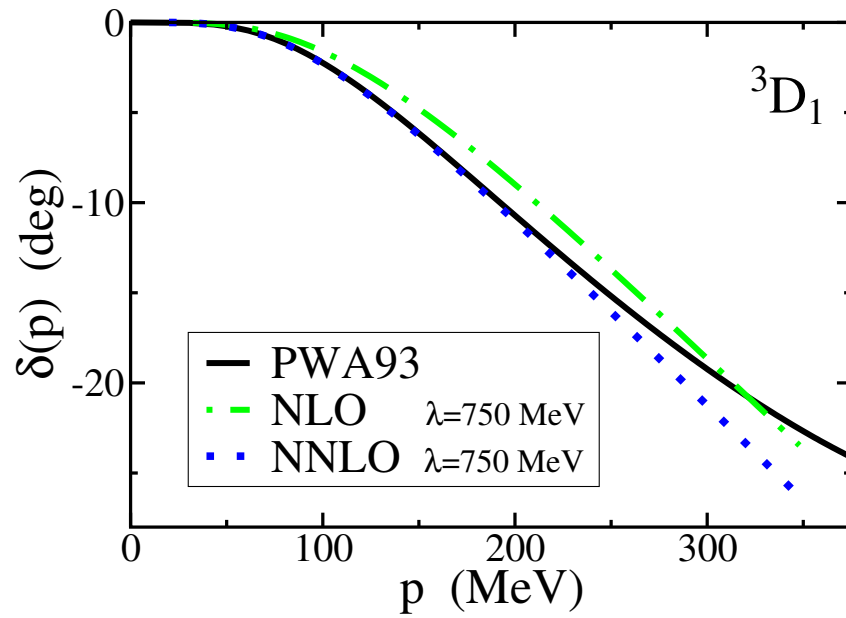


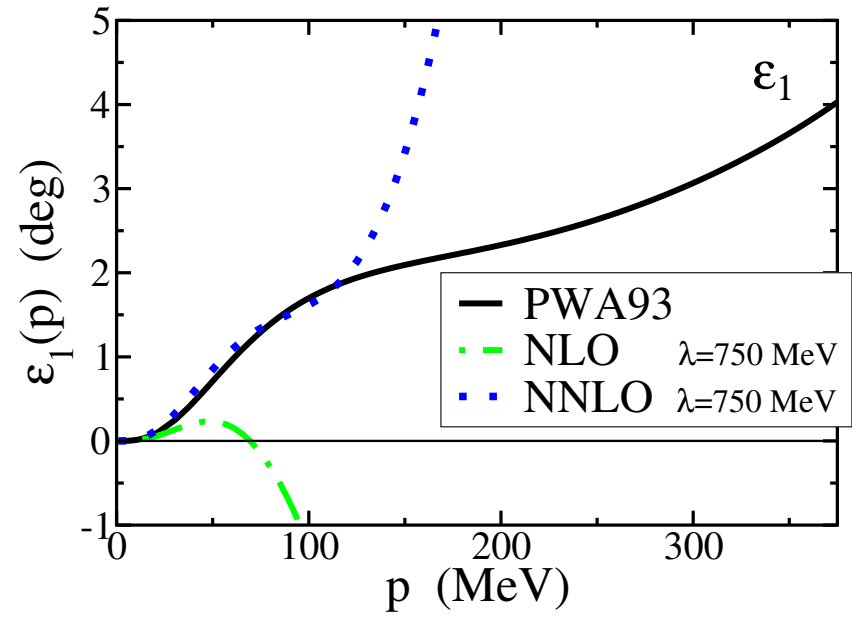
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&+ \frac{11m_1^2}{6} - m_1 m_2 + \frac{4m_2^2}{3} - 2i(m_1 + m_2)p + \frac{8i\mu p}{3} + \frac{4\mu^2}{3} \\
&- 2(2p^2 + m_1^2 + m_2^2) \ln \frac{2\mu}{m_1 + m_2 - 2ip} \\
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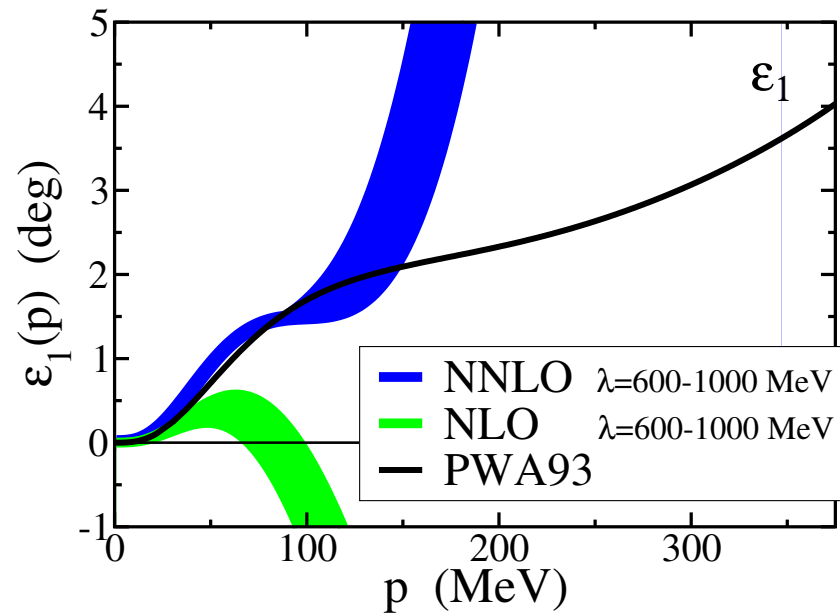
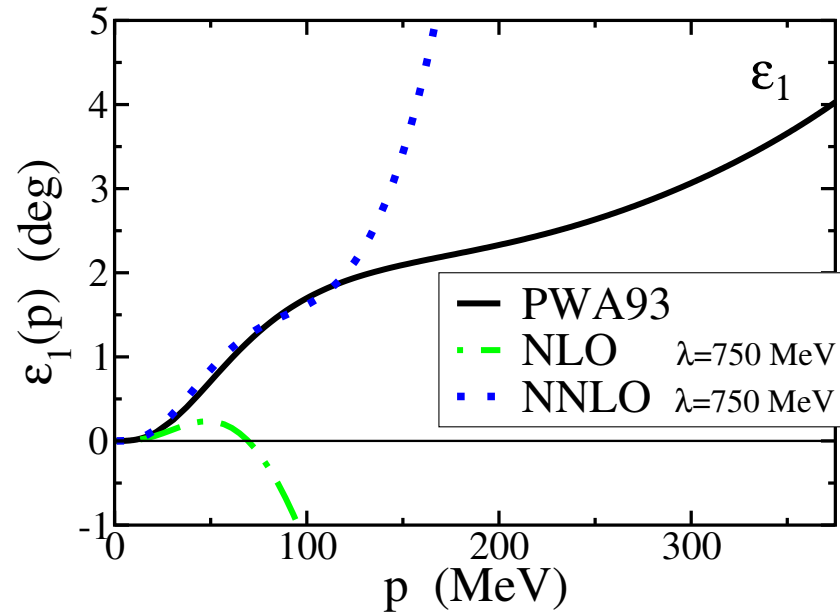












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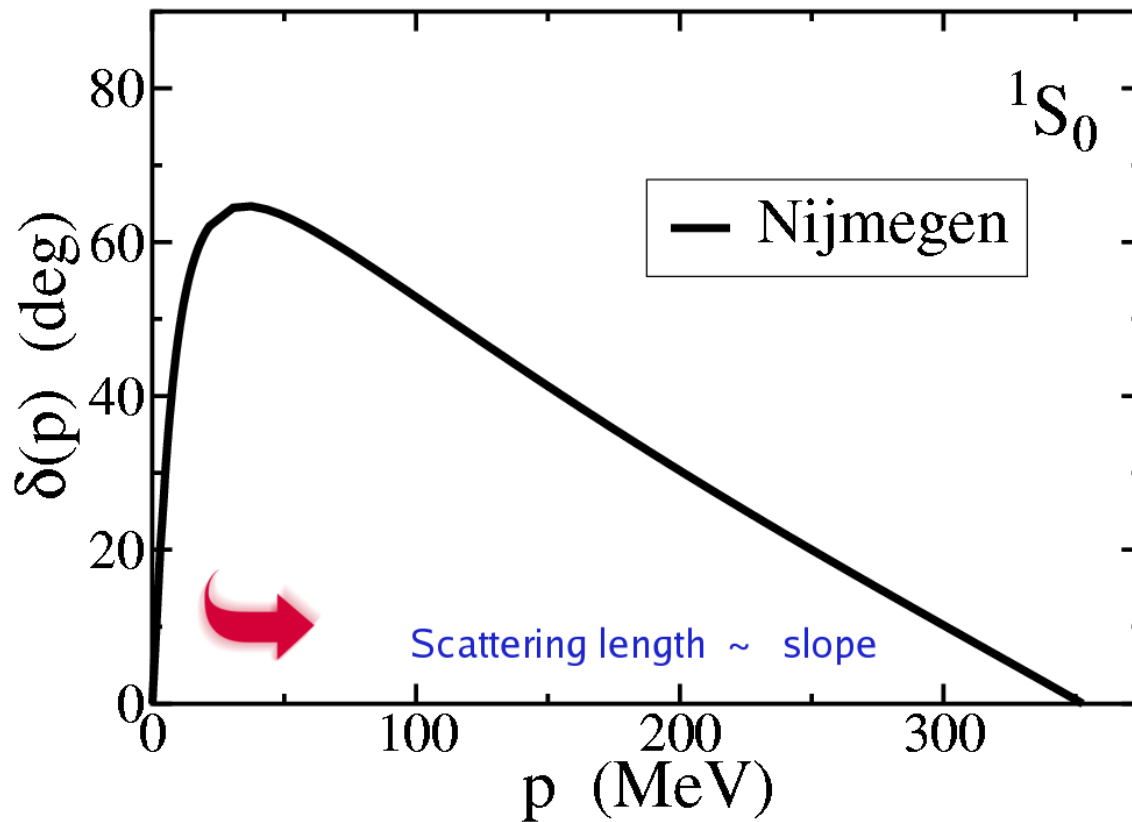
- New EFT scheme for NN scattering with perturbative pions seems to cure convergence problems of KSW. Dimensionful parameter  $\lambda$  regulates singular tensor interaction. New scheme describes s and d waves well.
- Analytic formulas for amplitudes available, which allows detailed study of renormalization issues. However, as with KSW scheme, amplitudes are slowly converging.
- Many processes to calculate: deuteron form factor,  $\pi$ d scattering, Compton, *etc.*!
- In progress: beta functions, higher partial waves, starting point for many-body theory.

## Effective field theory strategy:

- Fit LO, NLO, *etc.* couplings in  $\mathcal{L}_{EFF}$  to low-energy  $NN$  scattering data.
- Use these couplings to compute:
  - electromagnetic form factors of deuteron
  - deuteron compton scattering, polarizability
  - $np \rightarrow d\gamma$
  - anapole moment
  - muon capture, *etc.*
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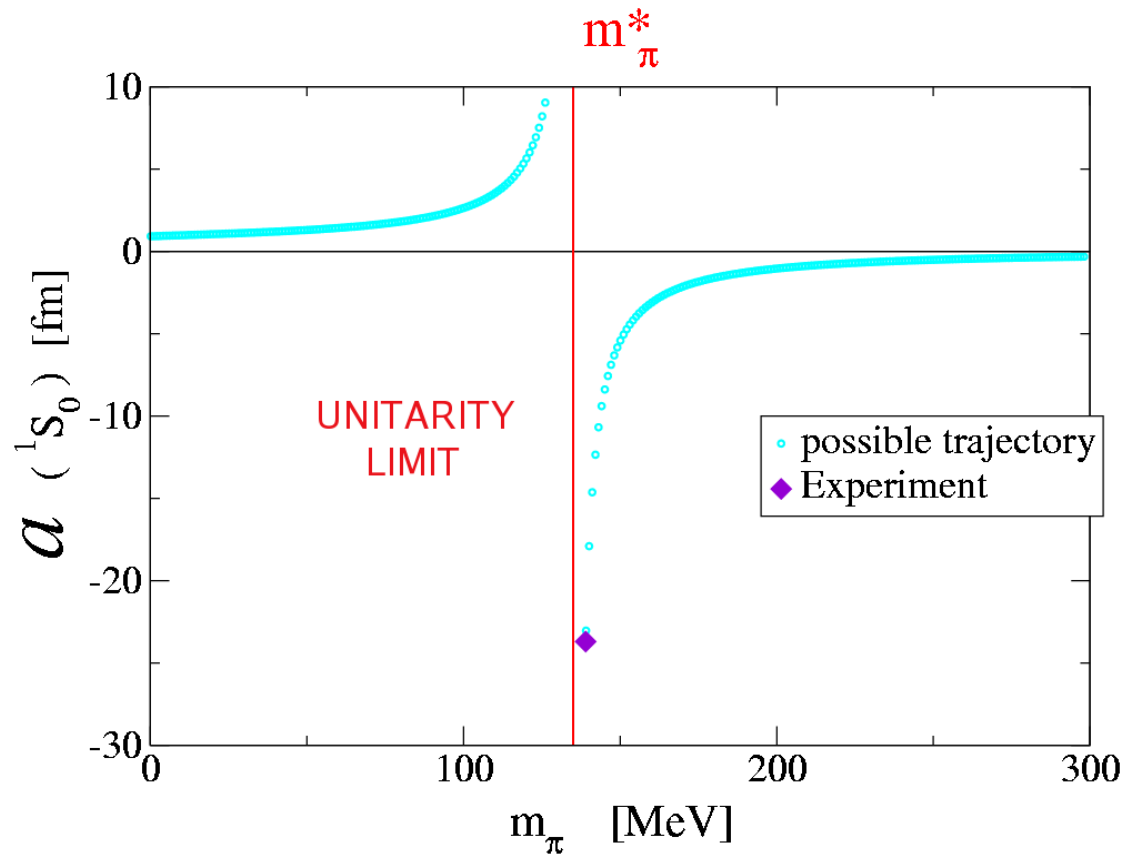
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Expand in  $p$  with  $a_s p \sim 1$ :

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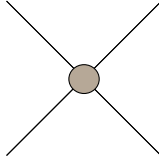
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The diagrammatic expansion shows three terms:
 

- Term 1: A central grey dot with four lines extending outwards in a cross shape.
- Term 2: Two grey dots connected by two curved lines (forming a lens shape). Each dot has two lines extending outwards.
- Term 3: Three grey dots connected by two curved lines in a chain. The first and second dots are connected, and the second and third dots are connected. Each dot has two lines extending outwards.

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$$\xrightarrow{PDS} -\frac{M}{4\pi} (\mu + ip)$$

## Power counting

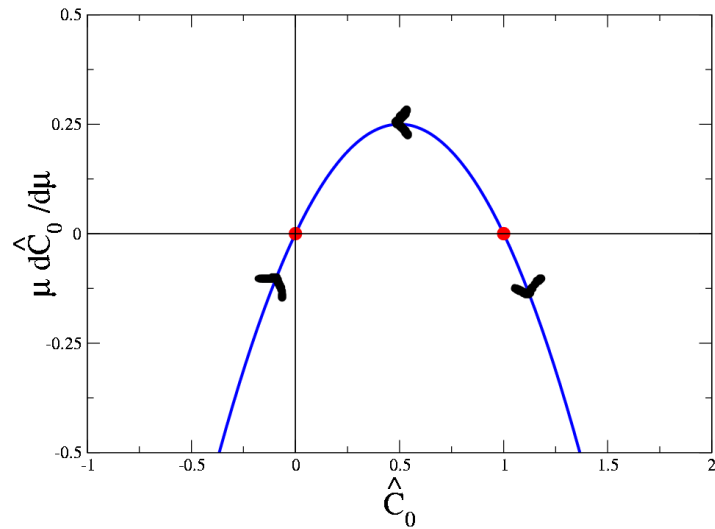
$$C_0(\mu) = -\frac{4\pi}{M} \frac{1}{\mu - 1/a_s}, \quad C_2(\mu) = \frac{4\pi}{M} \frac{r_s}{(\mu - 1/a_s)^2}, \quad \dots$$

$$A(p) = -\frac{C_0}{\left(1 + \frac{C_0 M}{4\pi}(\mu + ip)\right)} \left[ 1 + \frac{C_2 p^2 / C_0}{\left(1 + \frac{C_0 M}{4\pi}(\mu + ip)\right)} + \dots \right]$$

$$Q \sim \mu \sim m_\pi$$

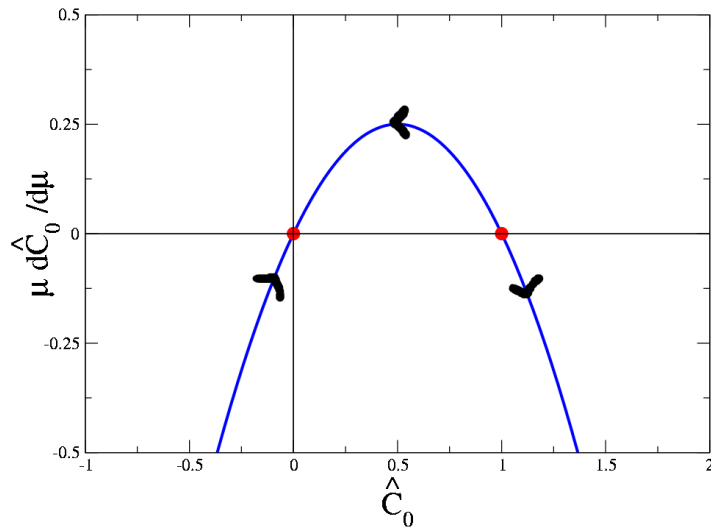
$C_0$  operator treated to all orders!       $C_n$  with  $n \geq 2$  perturbative!

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$$a_s \rightarrow \pm\infty \leftrightarrow \hat{C}_0(\mu) = 1$$

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EFT( $\not{\tau}$ ) defines conformal field theory!!