

Lecture scattering theory 2

Theme: What NN phase shifts tell us about NN forces?

NN scattering

orbital angular momentum \vec{l} $l=0,1,2,\dots$ Q: Which of these are conserved?

spin conserved $\vec{S} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{\sigma}_1 + \vec{\sigma}_2)$ $S=0,1$

total angular momentum $\vec{J} = \vec{l} + \vec{S}$ $J = |l-S|, \dots, l+S$
 conserved (rotational symmetry)

isospin $\vec{T} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{\tau}_1 + \vec{\tau}_2)$

$\Rightarrow J = \begin{cases} l, S=0 \\ |l-1|, l, l+1, S=1 \end{cases}$

allowed partial waves for NN scattering: Pauli principle for fermions

even $l=0,2,4,\dots$ spatial wf. sym.	$\rightarrow S=0$ \times antisym.	$\rightarrow T=1$ \times sym = antisym
	$\rightarrow S=1$	$\rightarrow T=0$
odd $l=1,3,5,\dots$ antisym.	$\rightarrow S=0$	$\rightarrow T=0$
	$\rightarrow S=1$	$\rightarrow T=1$

isospin is determined by antisymmetry

need only $l, S, J \rightarrow T$ is specified

use spectroscopic notation $^{2S+1}l_J$ low l dominant at low energies

Q: Write down the few lowest. $l=0,1,2,3,4,\dots$
 S, P, D, F, G, \dots

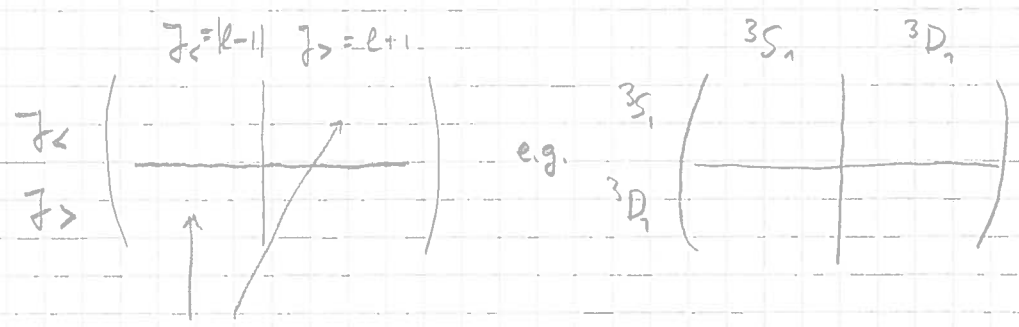


same S, J conserved, but l can change due to interactions
 \rightarrow coupled channel for $S=1$, given $J \rightarrow |l-1|, l+1$

Q: Why does $J=l$ not mix? \rightarrow parity

Coupled channels

potential V , Hamiltonian H in partial-wave basis
 scattering amplitude f , S - and T -matrix
 are given by 2×2 matrix for S, J



channels are coupled due to the tensor force \rightarrow Thursday

Conventional choice to parametrize S -matrix in terms of "bar" phase shifts δ_{J_l, J_u}
 and mixing angle ϵ_J

(other convention "eigen" p.s. α, ϵ)

$$S\text{-matrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{2i\delta_{J_l}} \cos 2\epsilon_J & i e^{i(\delta_{J_l} + \delta_{J_u})} \sin 2\epsilon_J \\ i e^{i(\delta_{J_l} + \delta_{J_u})} \sin 2\epsilon_J & e^{2i\delta_{J_u}} \cos 2\epsilon_J \end{pmatrix}$$

Q: $\epsilon_J = 0$ reduces to uncoupled S -matrix $= e^{2i\delta}$

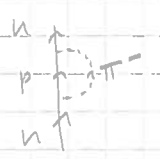
We will consider strong interactions, but to compare with experimental cross sections one needs to include electromagnetic interactions (long-range!)
 (see Phys. Rev. C 51, 38 (1995) \rightarrow Argonne v_{18} potential)

$V_{em}(pp) =$ one- and two-photon exchange Coulomb terms

- Darwin-Foldy correction
- vacuum polarization $\left. \begin{matrix} \text{pion} \\ \text{etc} \end{matrix} \right\}$
- magnetic moment interactions

$V_{em}(np) =$ Coulomb term due to neutron charge distribution

MM interaction



$V_{em}(nn) = V_{MM}$

NN partial-wave analysis: Nijmegen nn-online.org/NN

attractive/repulsive
 Q for S-waves \rightarrow bound state?
 + ϵ_1 3

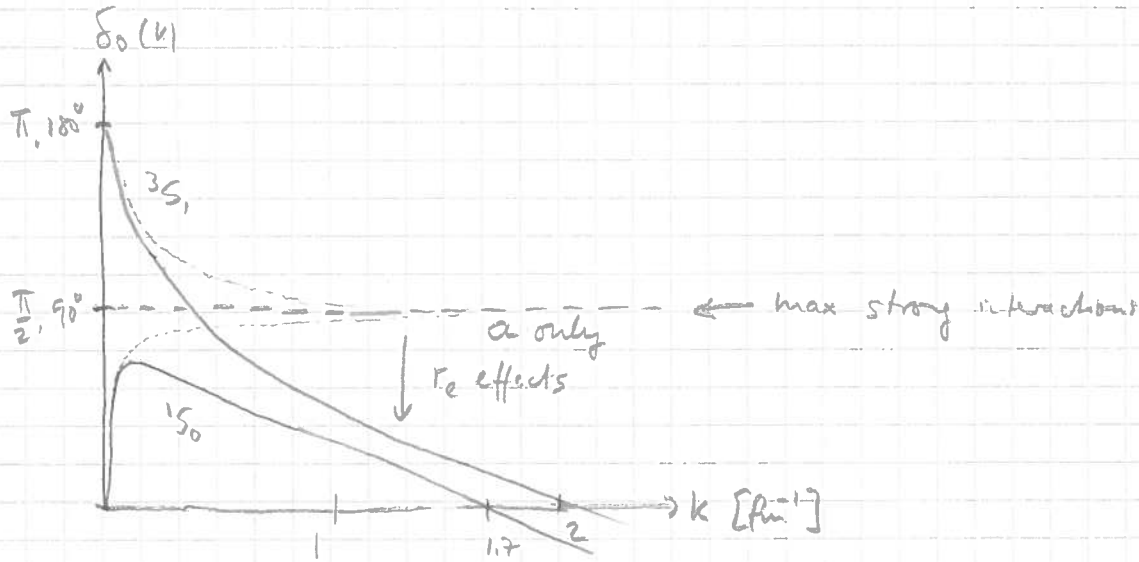
both S-waves have large scattering a: 1S_0 $a_{un} \approx (a_{pp} - \text{em effects}) \approx -18 \text{ fm}$

large compared to range $\sim \text{fm}$

$a_{np} = -23.7 \text{ fm} \rightarrow$ almost bound/resonance

3S_1 $a_{np} = +5.4 \text{ fm} \rightarrow$ bound deuteron

mixing angle $\epsilon_1 < 5^\circ$ small for $E_{lab} < 300 \text{ MeV}$



What are maximally strong interactions? Consider S-waves

unitary limit of cross section $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$

$$\frac{1}{(k \cot \delta)^2 + k^2}$$

$\Rightarrow \delta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ for all k

$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{a} = 0$ and all $r_{e, \dots} = 0$

NN interactions in S-waves strong at low energies \rightarrow large a but weaker for higher energies due to effective range effects

S-waves are attractive at low energies, repulsive at high energies \rightarrow so local core or repulsive non-dependence

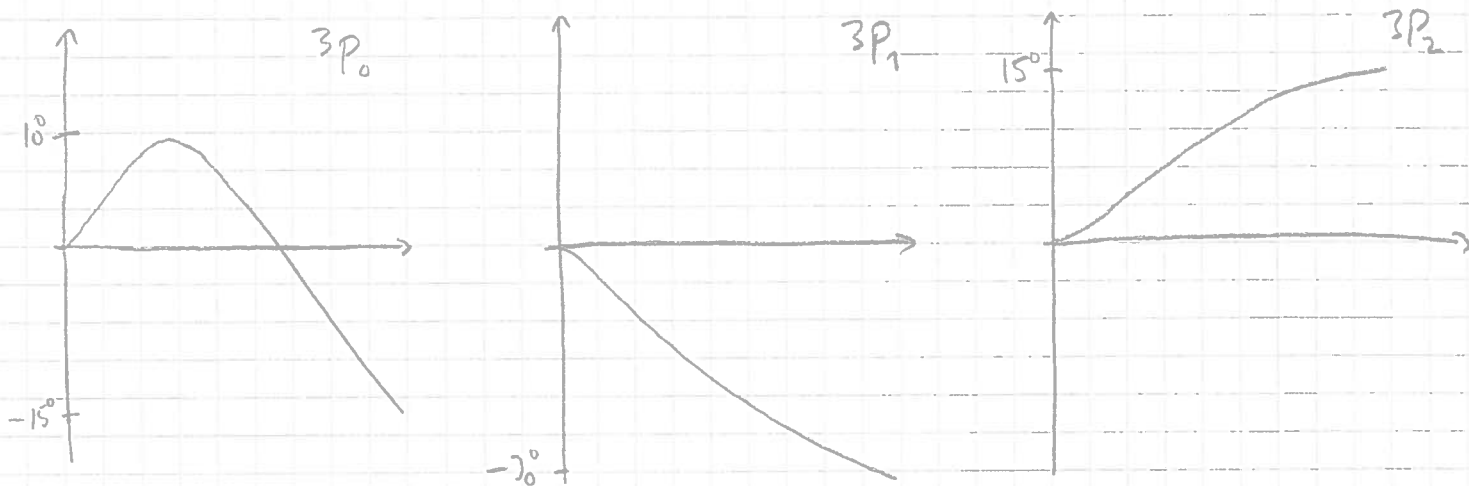
in both spin channels large scattering lengths \rightarrow lead to approximate symmetry at low energies

\Rightarrow approximate $SU(2)_{iso\ spin} \times SU(2)_{spin} = SU(4)$ symmetry = Wigner symmetry

Q: broken in nuclei due to spin-orbit splitting (breaks symmetry of spin \uparrow and \downarrow)

Triplet P-waves and insights to nuclear forces

$l=1, S=1 \Rightarrow j=0, 1, 2 \rightarrow$ un-online.org \rightarrow attractive/repulsive? \rightarrow Q: why?



central interactions $V_{\perp} + V_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2$ give identical contributions to ${}^3P_{0,1,2}$ Q: why?

central part of 3P waves = average of 3P weighted by $2j+1$

$$= \overline{\delta_{l=1}}(k) = \frac{\sum_j (2j+1) \delta_{l=1}^j(k)}{\sum_j (2j+1)}$$

HW: Calculate $\overline{\delta_{l=1}} < 5^\circ$ for $E_{lab} < 150 \text{ MeV}$ small!

\Rightarrow central 3P interactions are small

Q: What can contribute to the splitting of the 3P waves?

\Rightarrow spin-orbit force $\sim \vec{l} \cdot \vec{s} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{j}^2 - \vec{l}^2 - \vec{s}^2) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(j(j+1) - l(l+1) - s(s+1))$

$$= \begin{cases} -2 & {}^3P_0 \\ -1 & {}^3P_1 \\ 1 & {}^3P_2 \end{cases}$$

need

\Rightarrow $V_{\vec{l} \cdot \vec{s}}$ with attractive spin-orbit interaction $V_{\vec{l} \cdot \vec{s}} < 0$

\rightarrow 3P_2 attractive o.k. + 3P_1 repulsive o.k.

but 3P_2 only works for high energies and only the sign

⇒ There must be additional contributions to nuclear forces beyond central and $\vec{l} \cdot \vec{s}$ interactions

→ tensor interactions $S_{12}(\hat{r}) = \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \hat{r}_1 \vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \hat{r}_2 - \frac{1}{3} \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2$

Couples spin and space → couples $J_<, J_>$ partial waves

Q: Why doesn't $\vec{l} \cdot \vec{s}$ do this?

⇒ Can learn a lot from phase shifts about nuclear forces!

Scales in nuclear forces momentum scales Q

i) $\left| \frac{1}{a} \right| = \frac{1}{1-20 \text{ fm}} \approx 10-40 \text{ MeV}$
 $\propto \frac{1}{5 \text{ fm}}$

ii) $m_\pi = 140 \text{ MeV}$

$\frac{1}{r_e} = \frac{1}{2.7 \text{ fm}} \sim m_\pi$

iii) $m_\Delta - m_N \sim 2m_\pi$

iv) $m_{\text{heavy}} = \rho, \omega, \dots \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$

⇒ Separation of scales

