

nucleon- α scattering in EFT

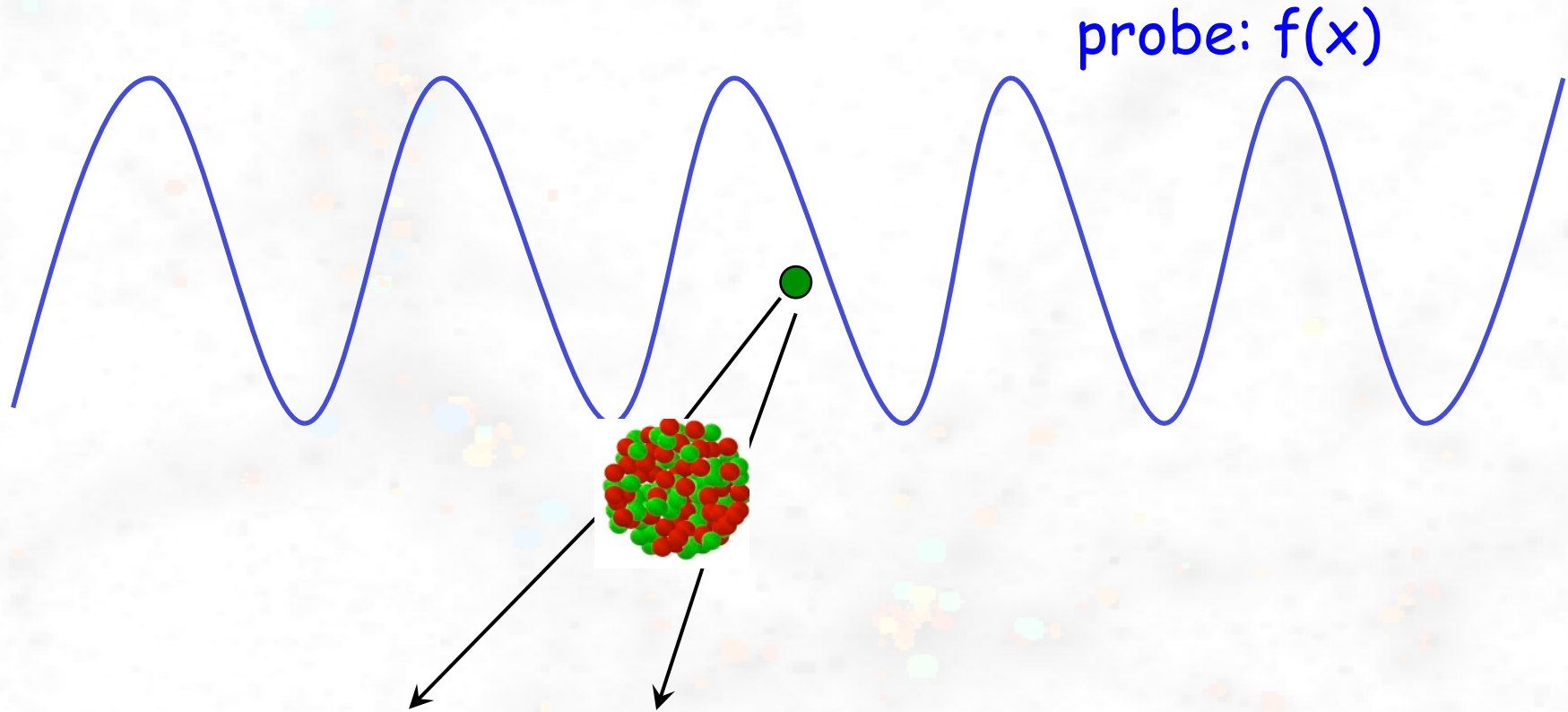
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Effective Theories



$$f(\mathbf{x}) = f(0) + \mathbf{p} \cdot (\nabla f) \Big|_0 + \mathbf{Q} \cdot (\nabla^2 f) \Big|_0 + \dots$$

monopole: ●

dipole: ●●

quadrupole: ●●●●

controlled precision

Low energy scattering

Scattering amplitude

$$f(\theta) = \sum_l (2l+1) P_l(\cos\theta) T_l(k)$$

Bethe, Peierls, 1935
Bethe, 1949

T-matrix

$$T_1(k) = \frac{1}{k} e^{i\delta_1(k)} \sin \delta_1(k)$$

$$= \frac{1}{k \cot \delta_1(k) - ik}$$

$$k^{2l+1} \cot \delta_l = -\frac{1}{a_l} + \frac{1}{2} r_l k^2 - \frac{\rho_l}{4} k^4 + \dots$$

Effective Range Expansion (ERE)

“monopole”:
(scattering length)

“dipole”:
(effective range)

“quadrupole”:
(shape parameter)



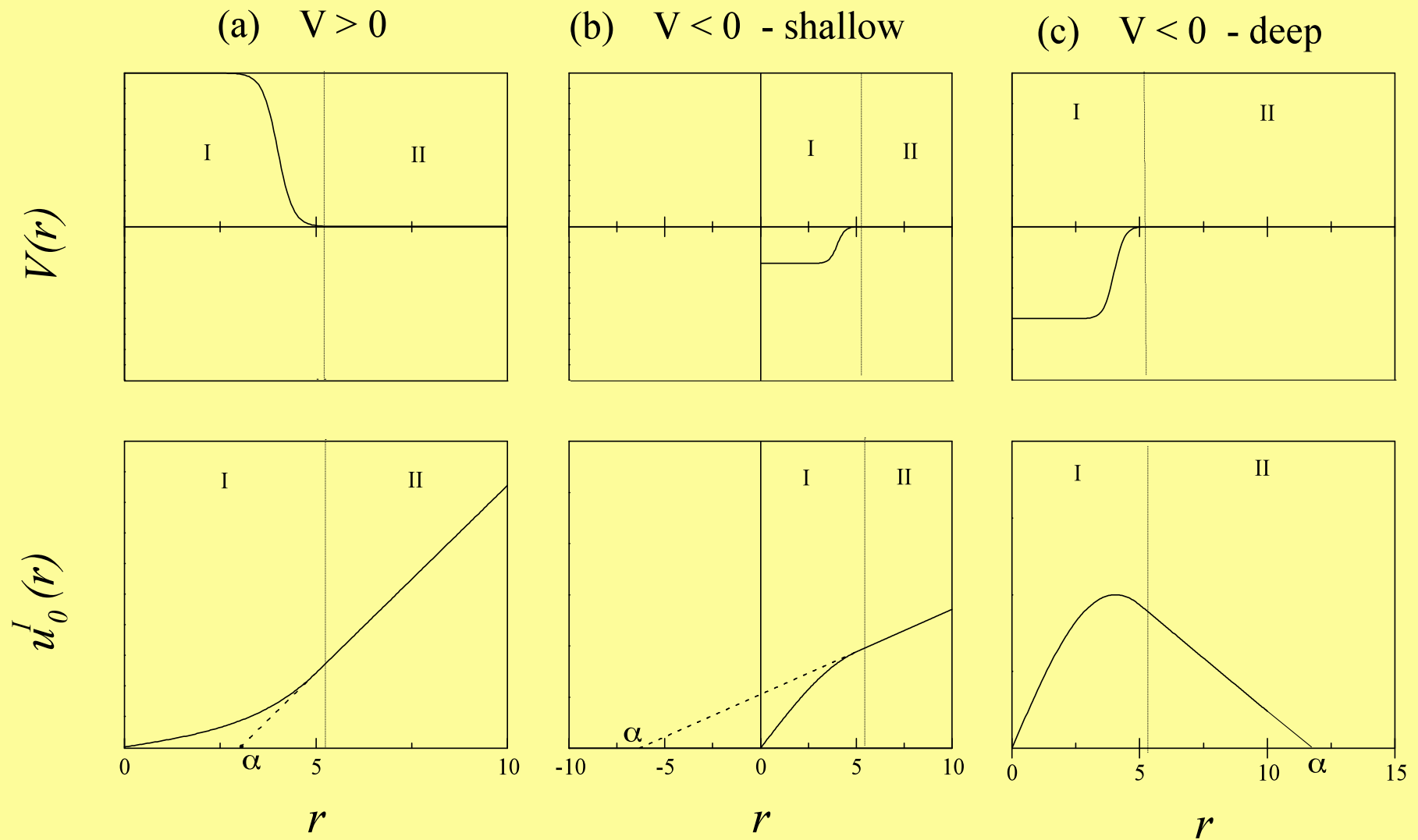
$$u(r) \sim k(r - a)$$

$$a \sim R \left(1 + \frac{1}{L(R)} \right) \quad \text{sharp surface (L = logarith. der.)}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} r_l \sim \int [u_{\text{asympt}}^2(r) - u^2(r)] dr$$

⋮

Low energy scattering



Nucleon-Nucleon Scattering

$${}^1S_0 \text{ nn - channel} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_0^{\text{nn}} = -18.8 \text{ fm} \\ r_0^{\text{nn}} = 1.7 \text{ fm} \end{array} \right.$$

$${}^1S_0 \text{ np - channel} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_0^{\text{np}}(I=1) = -23.7 \text{ fm} \\ r_0^{\text{np}}(I=1) = 2.73 \text{ fm} \end{array} \right.$$

$${}^3S_1 \text{ np - channel} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_0^{\text{nn}}(I=0) = 5.74 \text{ fm} \\ r_0^{\text{nn}}(I=0) = 1.73 \text{ fm} \end{array} \right.$$

particularly large scattering lengths

$a \gg r_{\text{NN}} \sim 1 \text{ fm}$
(unnatural)

$a > 0$ existence of a bound state (deuteron)

$$u_0(r) \sim e^{-\kappa r} - S_0(k) e^{i\kappa r}$$

$$S_0 \sim \frac{i}{-1/a + r_0 k^2 / 2 - i\kappa}$$

pole on imaginary axis ($k = i\kappa$)

$$-1/a - r_0 \kappa^2 / 2 + \kappa = 0$$

$$\kappa = -0.2137 \text{ fm}^{-1}; \quad E_B = \frac{\hbar^2 \kappa^2}{m_N} = 2.23 \text{ MeV}$$



(deuteron)

Coulomb Interaction

Bethe, 1949

Jackson, Blatt, 1950

$$e^{-ikr}, e^{ikr} \rightarrow F(kr), G(kr)$$

$$F \sim C_\eta [1 - r/a_B + \dots]$$

$$G \sim (1/C_\eta) \left[1/kr + 2\eta (h_\eta + 2\gamma - 1 + \ln 2r/a_B) + \dots \right]$$

match logarithmic derivative:

$$k \cot \delta C_\eta^2 + \frac{2}{a_B} \left(h_\eta - \ln \frac{a_B}{2R} + 2\gamma - 1 \right) \\ \sim -\frac{1}{R} \left(1 + \frac{1}{L(R)} \right) = -\frac{1}{a_S}$$

$$\gamma = 0.577215\dots, \quad a_B = 1/m\alpha, \quad \eta = 1/ka_B$$

$$C_\eta^2 = 2\pi\eta / (e^{2\pi\eta} - 1), \quad h_\eta = \text{Re} H(i\eta)$$

$$H(x) = \psi(x) + 1/2x - \ln x$$

definition of pp-scattering length, a_C :

$$k \cot \delta C_\eta^2 + \frac{2}{a_B} h_\eta = -\frac{1}{a_C} + \dots$$

$$-\frac{1}{a_S} = -\frac{1}{a_C} - \frac{2}{a_B} \left(\ln \frac{a_B}{2R} + 1 - 2\gamma \right)$$

$$a_C = a_0^{\text{pp}} = -7.82 \text{ fm}$$

$$r_0^{\text{pp}} = 2.83 \text{ fm}$$

$$a_S = -17 \text{ fm} \sim a_0^{\text{nn}}$$

small difference from $a_0^{\text{nn}} = -18.8 \text{ fm}$ due to $m_n \neq m_p$

S-wave scattering - pionless EFT (spin-isospin indices not shown)

Invariance: (a) parity, (b) Galilean, (c) time reversal, (d) particle number

$$\mathbf{L}_{\text{EFT}} \sim \mathbf{N}^\dagger \left(i\partial_t + \frac{\nabla^2}{2m_N} \right) \mathbf{N} + \left(\frac{\mu}{2} \right)^{4-D} \left\{ -C_0 (\mathbf{N}^\dagger \mathbf{N})^2 + \frac{C_2}{8} \left[\mathbf{N}^\dagger \mathbf{N} (\mathbf{N}^\dagger \vec{\nabla}^2 \mathbf{N}) + \text{h.c.} + \dots \right] \right\}$$

π -less EFT

$\delta(r)$ + higher derivatives of $\delta(r)$

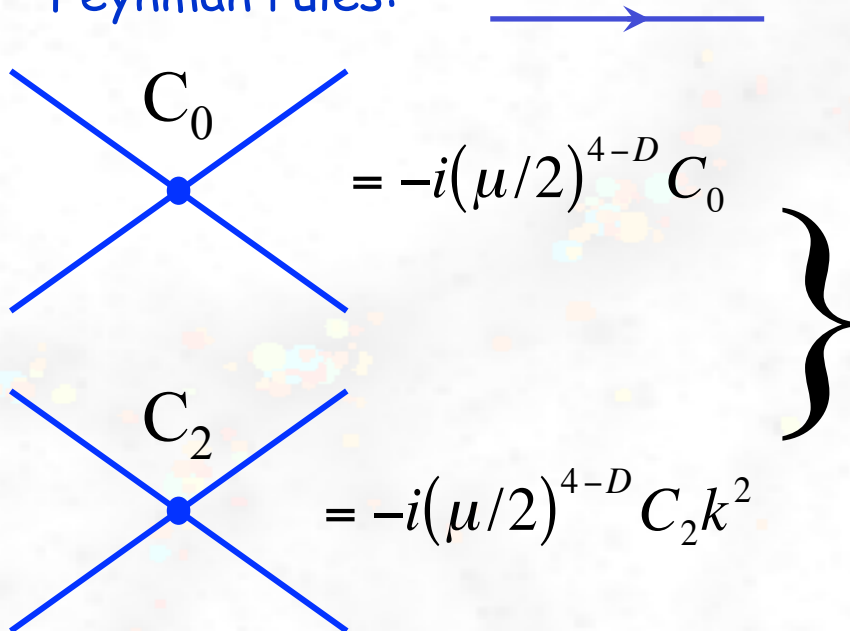
$$\mathbf{N}^T = \begin{pmatrix} p \\ n \end{pmatrix} = \text{isospin doublet}; \quad \vec{\nabla}^2 = \vec{\nabla}^2 - 2\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla} + \vec{\nabla}^2$$

$\frac{\mu}{2}$ = arbitrary mass to make $C_{2n} \nabla^{2n}$ same dimension for any D

Weinberg, 1991

Short-range physics (quarks, gluons) encoded in C_0, C_2, \dots

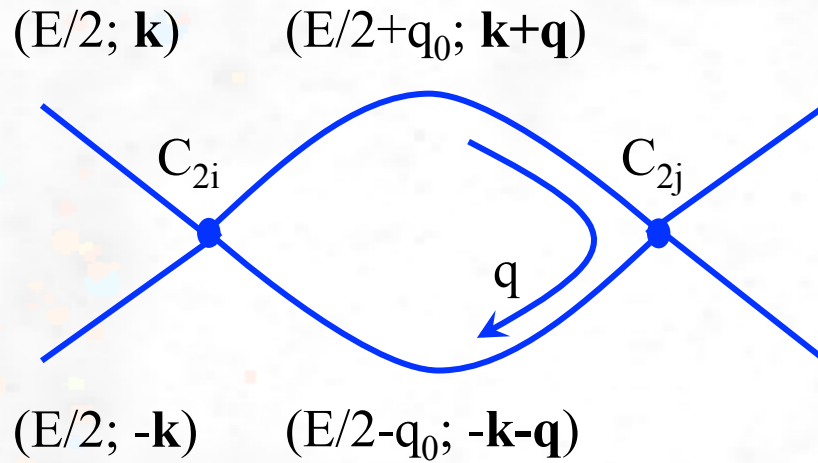
Feynman rules:



$$iS_N = \frac{i}{q_0 - \mathbf{q}^2 / 2m + i\epsilon}$$

$$\begin{aligned} iT_{\text{tree}} &= -i(\mu/2)^{4-D} C_0 - i(\mu/2)^{4-D} C_2 k^2 + \dots \\ &= -i(\mu/2)^{4-D} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{2n} k^{2n} \end{aligned}$$

Loops

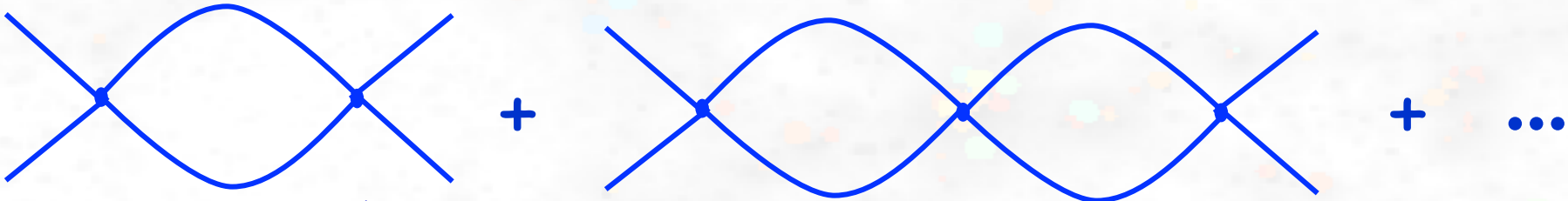


$$= -i(\mu/2)^{4-D} C_{2i} C_{2j} I_{i+j}$$

residues + minimal subtraction scheme*

$$I_n = (\mu/2)^{4-D} \int \frac{d^{D-1}q}{(2\pi)^{D-1}} \frac{q^{2n}}{E - q^2/m_N + i\epsilon}; \quad m_N E = k^2$$

$$I_n^{MS} = i \left(\frac{m_N}{4\pi} \right) k^{2n+1}$$



$$T = T_{\text{tree}} + T_{\text{loops}}$$

$$= - \left(\sum_1 C_{2l} k^{2l} \right) \left\{ 1 + \sum_m \left(-i \frac{m_N}{4\pi} \right) C_{2m} k^{2m} + \sum_{m,n} \left(-i \frac{m_N}{4\pi} \right)^2 C_{2m} k^{2m} C_{2n} k^{2n} + \dots \right\} = \frac{-\sum_n C_{2n} k^{2n}}{1 + i \frac{m_N}{4\pi} k \sum_n C_{2n} k^{2n}}$$

* MS = subtract any $1/(D - 4)$ pole before taking the $D \rightarrow 4$ limit.

Key points

$$\exp(i\theta) = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$$

“mathematical jewel for physicists”
(Feynman Lectures of Physics)

$$1 + x + x^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

“mathematical jewel for quantum field theorists”

Power counting

$$M_{hi} \sim m_\pi$$

naturalness: physical parameters with dimension (mass)^d scale as $(M_{hi})^d$.

$$C_{2n} \sim \frac{4\pi}{m_N} \frac{1}{M_{hi}^{2n+1}}$$

higher derivative contact terms suppressed

$$C_0 I_0 \sim C_0 \frac{m_N}{4\pi} k \sim \frac{k}{M_{hi}}$$

loops also suppressed



EFT series perturbative: can be organized in powers of k/M_{hi}

Matching to ERE

$$T_{\text{EFT}} = -C_0 \left\{ 1 - i \frac{m_N}{4\pi} C_0 k - \left[\left(\frac{m_N}{4\pi} \right)^2 C_0 - \frac{C_2}{C_0} \right] k^2 + \dots \right\}$$

$$T_{\text{ERE}} = -\frac{4\pi}{m_N} a \left[1 - iak - \left(a^2 - \frac{ar_0}{2} \right) k^2 + \dots \right]$$



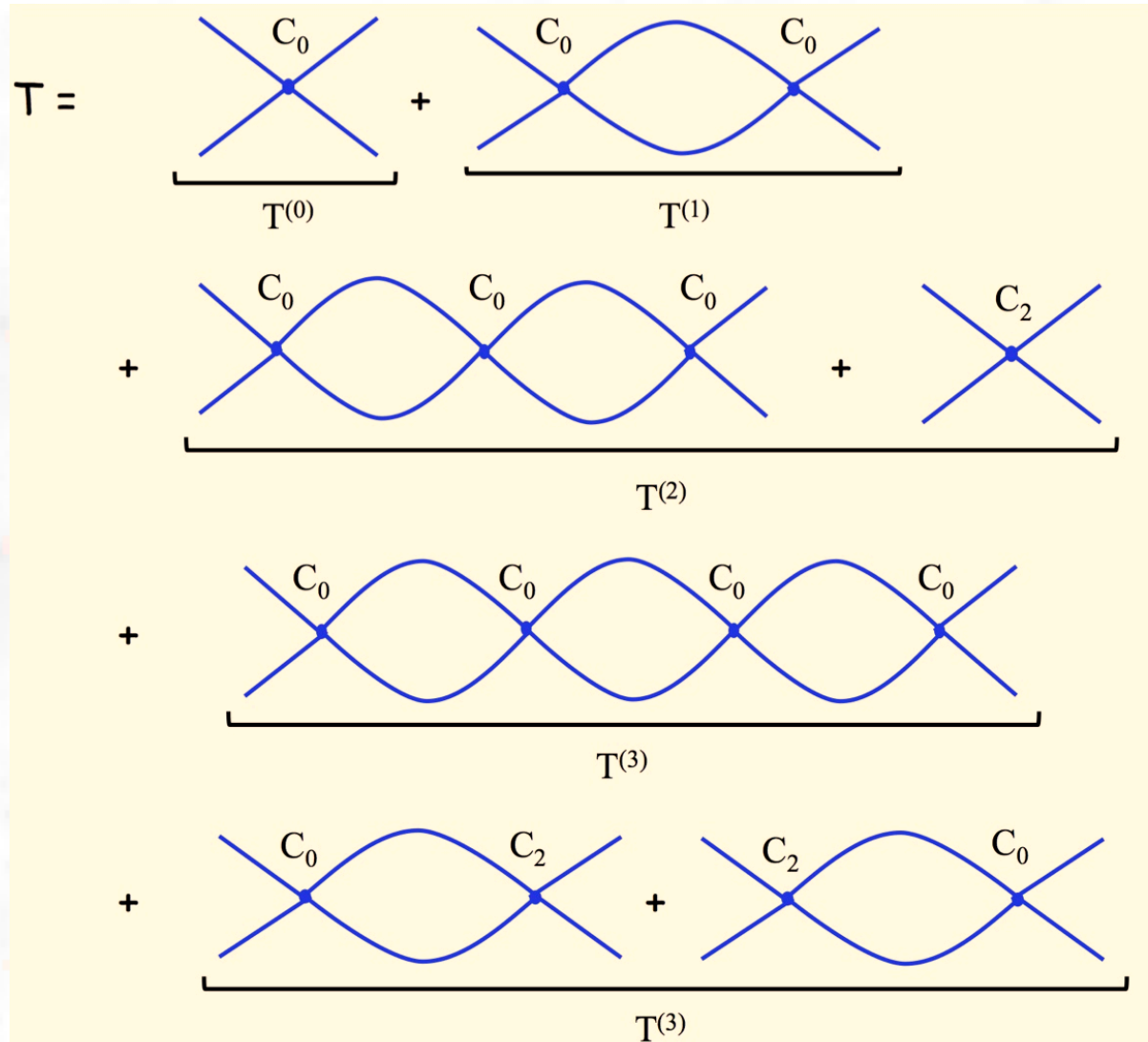
$$C_0 \sim \frac{4\pi}{m_N} a$$

$$C_2 \sim C_0 \frac{ar_0}{2}$$

valid for $a, r_n \sim \frac{1}{M_{\text{hi}}}$

(natural case)

in general $C_{2n} \sim \frac{4\pi}{m_N M_{\text{hi}}} \frac{1}{M_{\text{hi}}^{2n}}$



Unnatural case (large a , shallow bound states)

deuteron, halo nuclei

T expansion in terms of ka fails for $k \sim 1/a$

→ use ERE keeping all orders in ka :

van Kolck, 1997

Gegelia, 1998

Kaplan, Savage,

Wise, 1998

$$T_{\text{eff.range}} = -\frac{4\pi}{m_N} \frac{1}{1/a + ik} \left[1 + \frac{r_0/2}{1/a + ik} k^2 + \frac{(r_0/2)^2}{(1/a + ik)^2} k^4 + \dots \right]$$

To match with above EFT expansion scale as $(k^{-1}, k^0, k^1, \dots)$

1 - Expansion should be:

$$T = \sum_{n=-1}^{\infty} T_n; \quad T_n \sim O(k^n)$$

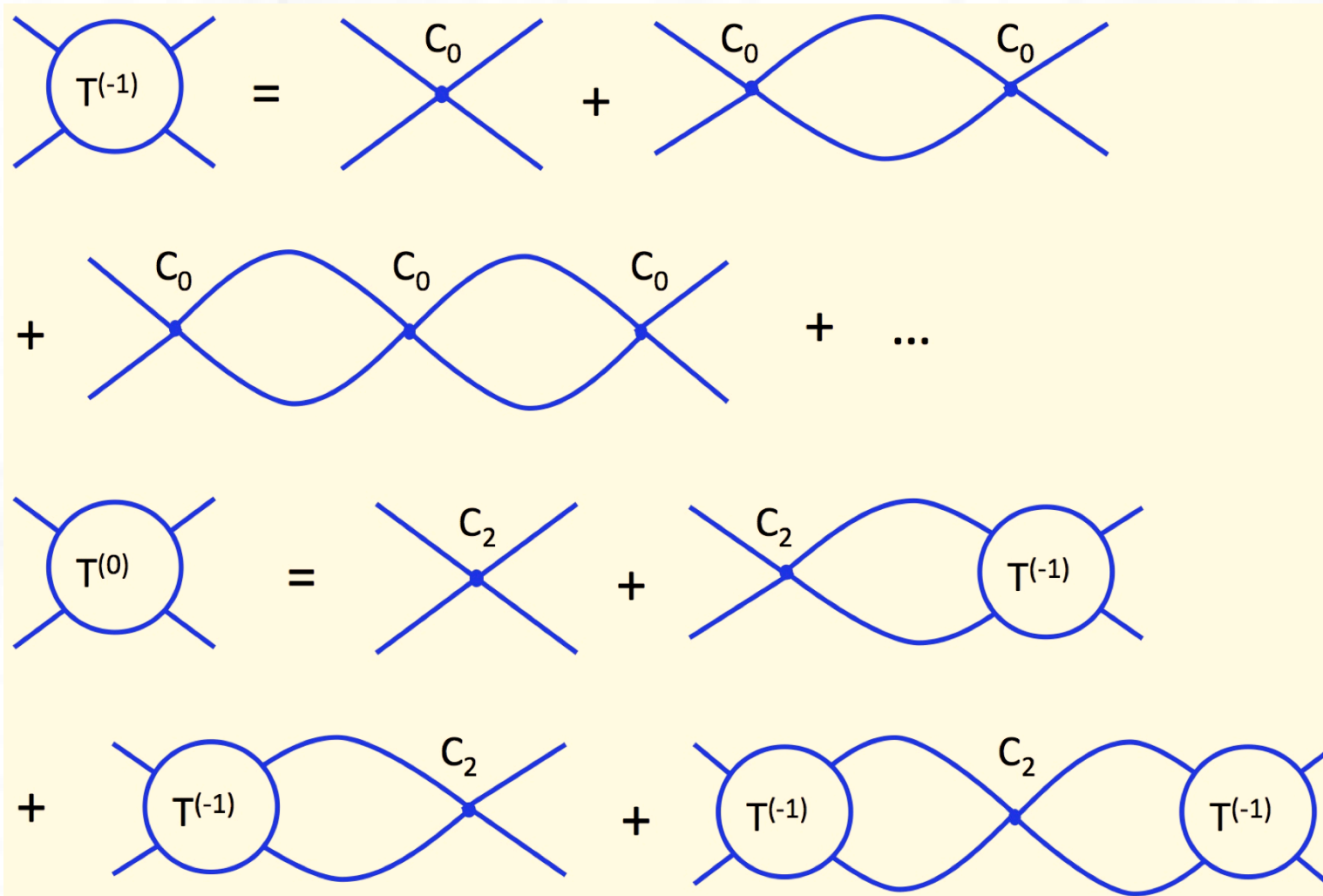
2 - Use PDS regularization* scheme (Kaplan, Savage, Wise):

- subtract not only $1/(D-4)$ poles corresponding to log divergences but also poles of lower dimension D (e.g., I_n has a pole at $D = 3$) by adding a counterterm:

$$\delta I_n = -\frac{m_N (m_N E)^n \mu}{4\pi(D-3)} \quad \longrightarrow \quad I_n^{\text{PDS}} = I_n + \delta I_n = -k^2 \left(\frac{m_N}{4\pi} \right) (\mu + ik)$$

* PDS = Power Divergence Subtraction.

Unnatural case (leading and subleading terms)



Using subtraction scheme \rightarrow

$$T_{-1} = -C_0 \left[1 + \frac{C_0 m_N}{4\pi} (\mu + ik) \right]^{-1}$$

$$T_0 = -C_2 k^2 \left[1 + \frac{C_0 m_N}{4\pi} (\mu + ik) \right]^{-2}$$

Unnatural case (matching to ERE)

$$C_0(\mu) = \frac{4\pi}{m_N} \left(\frac{1}{-\mu + 1/a} \right); \quad C_2(\mu) = \frac{4\pi}{m_N} \left(\frac{1}{-\mu + 1/a} \right)^2 \frac{r_0}{2}; \quad \dots$$

$$T_1 = - \frac{(C_2 k^2)^2 m_N (\mu + ik) / 4\pi}{\left[1 + \frac{C_0 m_N}{4\pi} (\mu + ik) \right]^3} - \frac{C_4 k^4}{\left[1 + \frac{C_0 m_N}{4\pi} (\mu + ik) \right]^4}; \quad \dots$$

power counting:

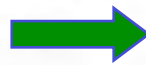
$$C_{2n} \sim \frac{4\pi}{m_N} \frac{1}{M_{hi}^n \mu^{n+1}}$$

T-matrix for physics at $k \sim 1/a$ scale: has a pole in $k = i\kappa$ corresponding to real or virtual bound states $\kappa \sim i/a + \text{higher order corrections}$

T_{EFT} should not depend on μ

e.g.

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \left(\frac{1}{T} \right) = 0$$



renormalization group equations

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} C_{2n} = \frac{m_N}{4\pi} \sum_{m=0}^n C_{2m} C_{2(n-m)}$$

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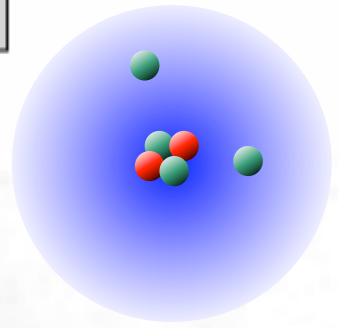
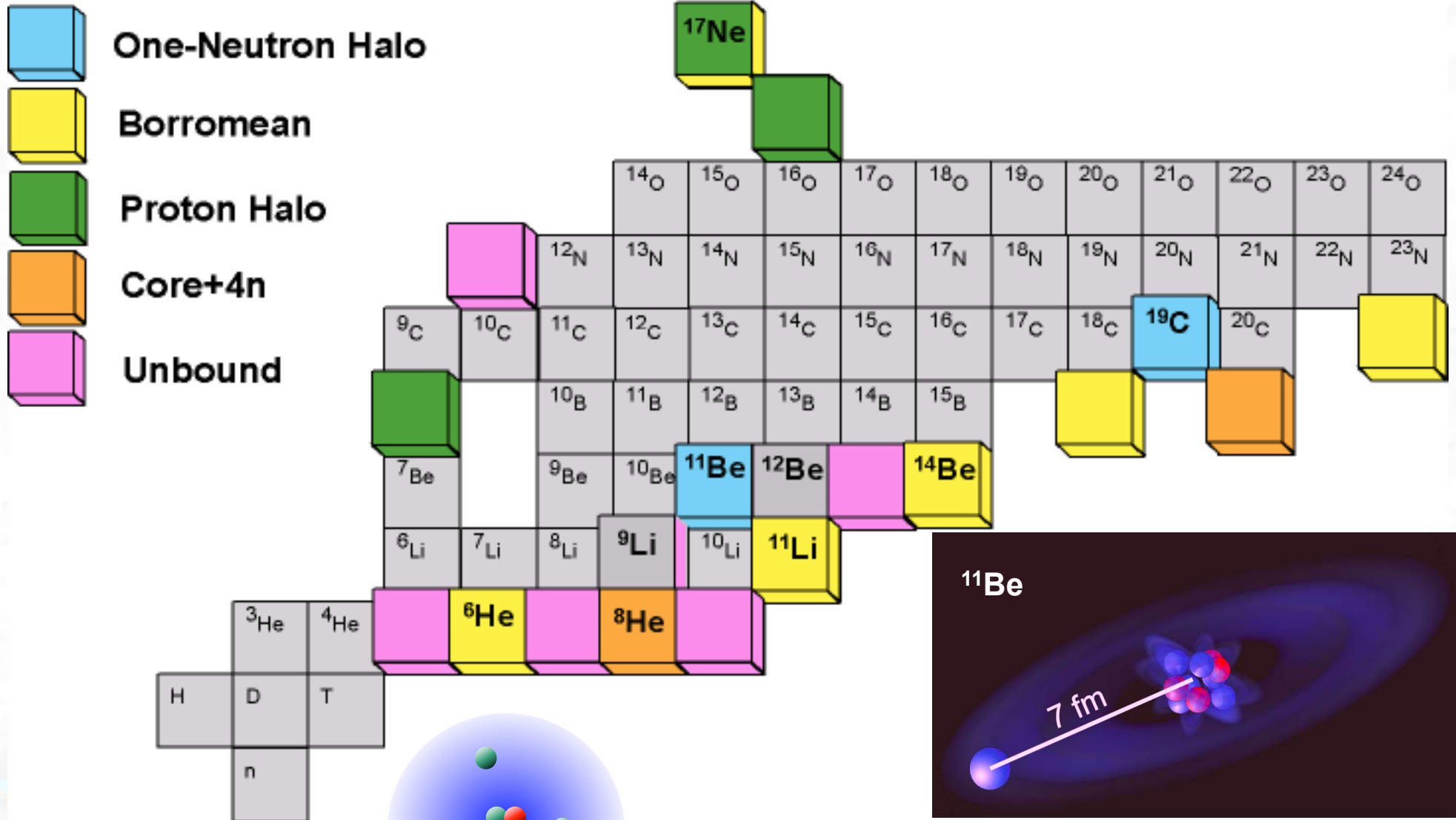
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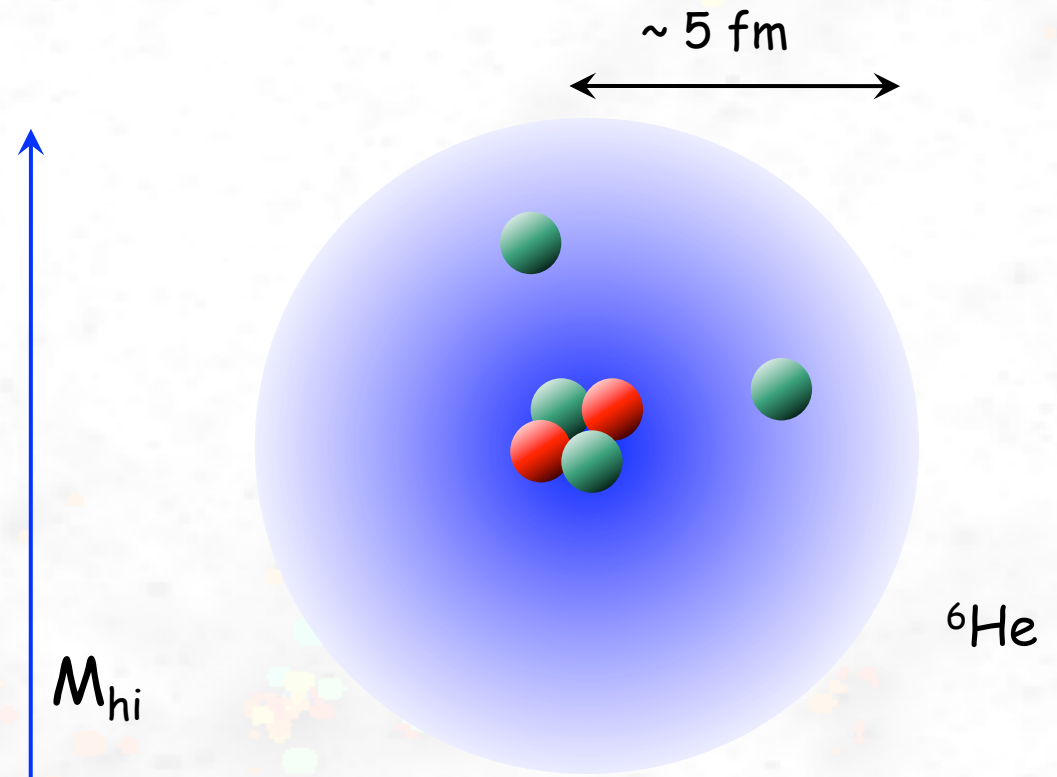
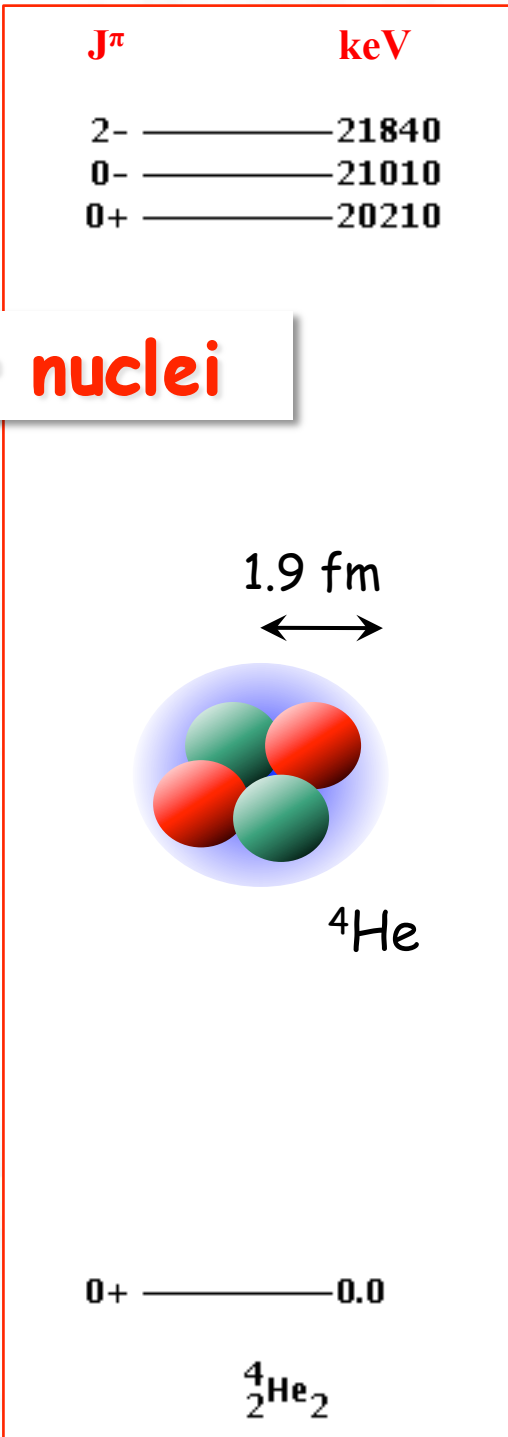
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Halo nuclei

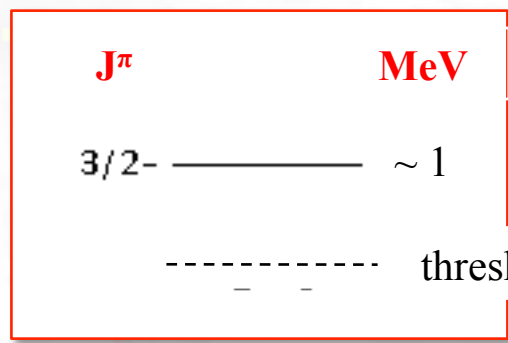


Halo nuclei



M_{hi}

M_{lo}



$n + {}^4\text{He}$

Spinless $n + {}^4\text{He}$

CB, Hammer, van Kolck, 2002

Goal: use EFT to reproduce ERE for p-wave

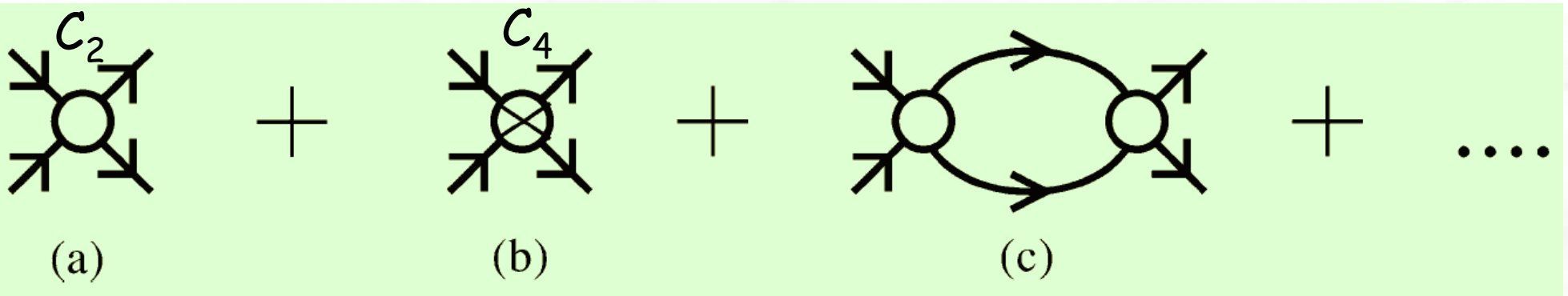
$$T_1(k, \cos\theta) = -\frac{12\pi a_1}{m} k^2 \cos\theta \left\{ 1 + \frac{a_1 r_1}{2} k^2 - ia_1 k^3 + \frac{a_1}{4} (a_1 r_1^2 - \wp_1) k^4 + \dots \right\}$$

Natural case, assuming spinless particles - most general p-wave interaction:

$$L_{\text{EFT}} \sim N^\dagger \left(i\partial_0 + \frac{\nabla^2}{2m} \right) N + \frac{C_2^p}{8} (N \vec{\nabla} N)^\dagger (N \vec{\nabla} N) - \frac{C_4^p}{64} \left[(N \vec{\nabla}^2 \vec{\nabla}_i N)^\dagger (N \vec{\nabla}_i N) + \text{h.c.} \right] + \dots$$

$$\vec{\nabla} = \vec{\nabla} - \vec{\nabla} \quad \text{Galilean derivative}$$

$$\longrightarrow iS(p_0, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{i}{p_0 - \mathbf{p}^2/2m + i\epsilon} \quad \text{propagator}$$

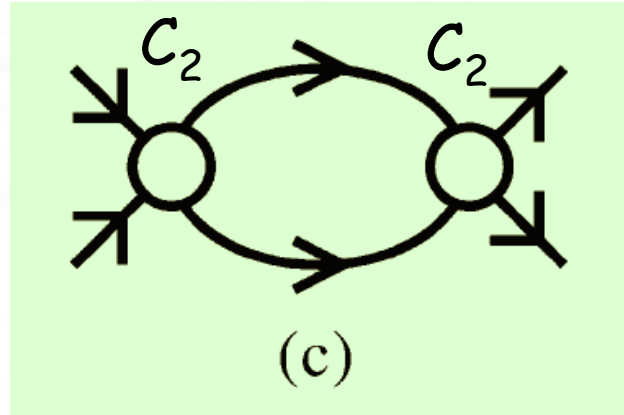


$$iT_{1(a)} = -iC_2^p \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k}'$$

$$iT_{1(b)} = -iC_4^p k^2 \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k}'$$

Spinless $n + {}^4\text{He}$

Natural case:



$$i\mathcal{T}_{1(c)} = (-iC_2^p)^2 \int \frac{d^4q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{k}}{E/2 - q_0 - \mathbf{q}^2/2m + i\epsilon} \frac{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{k}'}{E/2 - q_0 - \mathbf{q}^2/2m + i\epsilon}$$

$$= (C_2^p)^2 imk'_i k_j \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{q_i q_j}{q^2 - k^2 + i\epsilon}$$

→
$$i\mathcal{T}_{1(c)} = (C_2^p)^2 \frac{im}{6\pi^2} \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k}' \left[L_3 + k^2 L_1 + \frac{\pi}{2} ik^3 \right]$$

L_1 and L_3 are (ultraviolet) infinities that can be absorbed in C_2 and C_4

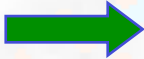
Matching to ERE →
$$\mathcal{T}_{1(a)} \rightarrow C_2^p = 12\pi \frac{a_1}{m}$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{1(b)} \rightarrow C_4^p = C_2^p r_1 \frac{a_1}{2}$$

+ $\mathcal{T}_{1(c)}$ reproduces 3rd term of ERE expansion

Spinless $n + {}^4\text{He}$

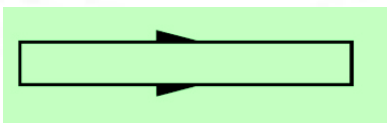
Unnatural case (shallow state) - p waves: with C_{P_2} and C_{P_4} to all orders

Kaplan, 1997  introduce auxiliary field d (dimeron) which reproduces same physics as original EFT Lagrangian

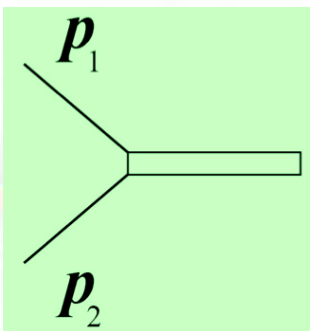
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} \sim N^\dagger \left(i\partial_0 + \frac{\nabla^2}{2m} \right) N + \eta_1 d_i^\dagger \left(i\partial_0 + \frac{\nabla^2}{4m} - \Delta_1 \right) d_i + \frac{g_1}{4} \left[d_i^\dagger (N \vec{\nabla} N) + \text{h.c.} \right] + \dots$$

1- parameters $\eta_1 = \pm 1$, g_1 and Δ_1 fixed from matching

2- advantage: get quicker to the answer, appropriate for large a 's



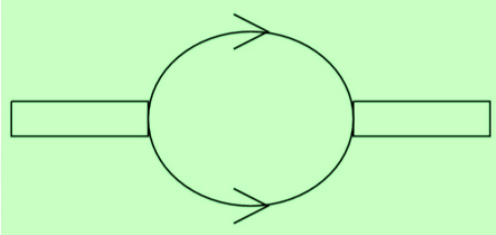
dimeron propagator:
$$iD_1^0(p_0, \mathbf{p})_{ij} = \frac{i\eta_1 \delta_{ij}}{p_0 - \mathbf{p}^2 / 4m - \Delta_1 + i\epsilon}$$



Feynman rules:

nucleon-dimeron vertex:
$$V_{N-d} = \frac{g_1}{4} (\mathbf{p}_1 - \mathbf{p}_2)$$

Spinless $n + {}^4\text{He}$

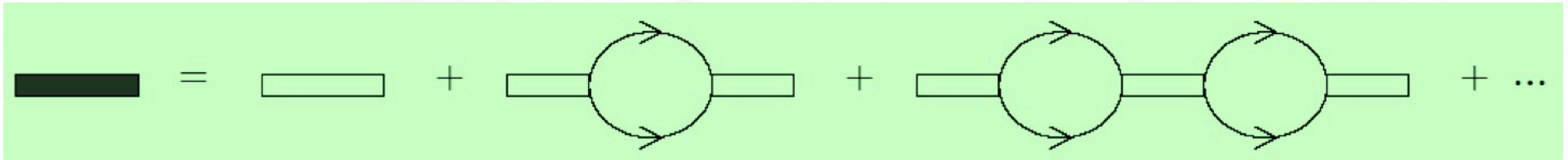


self-energy Σ_1

full dimeron propagator:

$$-i\Sigma_1 = i\delta_{ij} \frac{mg_1^2}{12\pi} \left[\frac{2}{\pi} L_3 + \frac{2}{\pi} L_1 (mp_0 - \mathbf{k}^2/4) + i(mp_0 - \mathbf{k}^2/4)^{3/2} \right]$$

infinite constants
absorbed into g_1 and Δ_1



$$iD_1^0 = iD_1^0 + iD_1^0(-\Sigma_1)iD_1^0 + \dots = \frac{iD_1^0}{1 - \Sigma_1 D_1^0}$$

attach external legs to full dimeron propagator \rightarrow

$$T_{\text{EFT}}^{(\text{p-wave})} = \frac{12\pi}{m} k^2 \left(\eta_1 \frac{12\pi\Delta_1^R}{m(g_1^R)^2} - \eta_1 \frac{12\pi\Delta_1^R}{m(g_1^R)^2} k^2 - ik \right)$$

With renormalized
parameters g^R, Δ^R

Now match to $T_{\text{EFE}}^{(\text{p-wave})} = \frac{12\pi}{m} k^2 \left(-\frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{r_1}{2} k^2 - ik^3 \right)^{-1}$ to get η_1^R, g_1^R and Δ_1^R

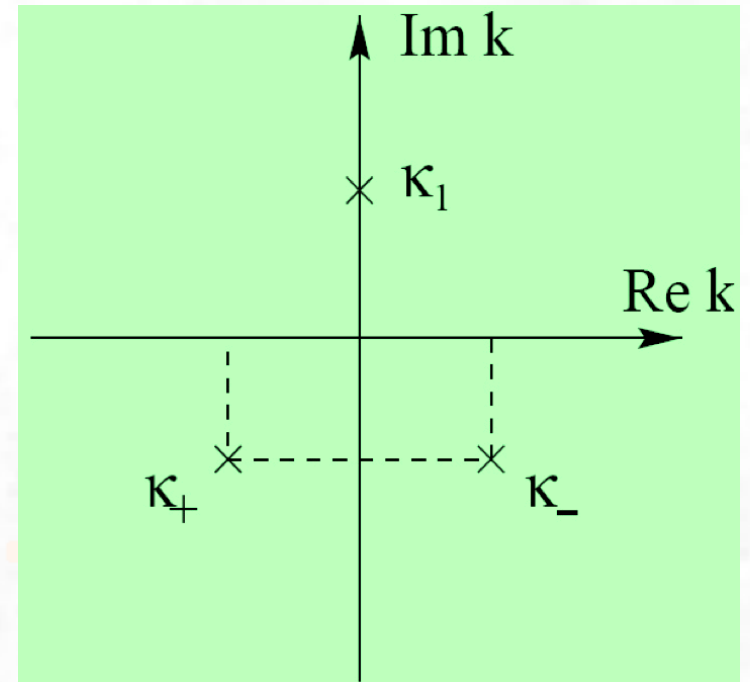
Spinless $n + {}^4\text{He}$

Pole structure

for $a_1, r_1 < 0$ (e.g., $n + {}^4\text{He}$)

$$-\frac{1}{a_1} - \frac{r_1 \kappa^2}{2} - i\kappa^3 = 0; \Rightarrow \kappa_1 = i\gamma_1; \quad \kappa_{\pm} = i(\gamma \pm i\tilde{\gamma})$$

bound-state resonance



$$\delta_1 = \frac{1}{2} \arctan\left(\frac{2\sqrt{EB}}{E - B}\right) - \arctan\left(\frac{\Gamma(E)}{2(E - E_0)}\right);$$

$$E = \frac{k^2}{2m}; \quad E_0 = \frac{\gamma^2 + \tilde{\gamma}^2}{2m}; \quad \Gamma(E) = -4\gamma\sqrt{\frac{E}{2m}}; \quad B = \frac{\gamma_1^2}{2m}$$

n (with spin) + ⁴He

CB, Hammer, van Kolck, 2002

Partial wave l_{\pm}	$a_{l_{\pm}}$ [fm ^{1+2l}]	$r_{l_{\pm}}$ [fm ^{1-2l}]	$\mathcal{P}_{l_{\pm}}$ [fm ^{3-2l}]
0 ⁺	2.4641(37)	1.385(41)	--
1 ⁻	-13.821(68)	-0.419(16)	--
1 ⁺	-62.951(3)	-0.8819(11)	-3.002(62)

Arndt, Roper, 1973

- n + ⁴He: p_{3/2} resonance
- shallow: ~ 1 MeV
 - has to be treated non-perturbatively
 - p_{1/2} weak → perturbatively
 - s_{1/2} also perturbatively

neutron spin →

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{m_0} (F + i\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n}G); \quad \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = |F(\theta)|^2 + |G(\theta)|^2$$

$$F(k, \theta) = \sum_{l \geq 0} [(1+1)f_{l+}(k) + 1f_{l-}(k)] P_l(\cos \theta)$$

$$G(k, \theta) = \sum_{l \geq 1} [f_{l+}(k) - f_{l-}(k)] P_l^1(\cos \theta)$$

$$f_{l_{\pm}} = \frac{1}{k \cot \delta_{l_{\pm}} - ik}$$

$n + {}^4\text{He}$

parity- and time-reversal-invariant Lagrangians:

$$L_{\text{LO}} = \phi^\dagger \left[i\partial_0 + \frac{\nabla^2}{2m_\alpha} \right] \phi + N^\dagger \left[i\partial_0 + \frac{\nabla^2}{2m_N} \right] N + \eta_{1+} t^\dagger \left[i\partial_0 + \frac{\nabla^2}{2(m_\alpha + m_N)} - \Delta_{1+} \right] t \\ + \frac{g_{1+}}{2} \left\{ t^\dagger \mathbf{S}^+ \cdot [N \nabla \phi - (\nabla N) \phi] + \text{h.c.} - r [t^\dagger \mathbf{S}^+ \cdot \nabla(N\phi) + \text{h.c.}] \right\}$$

$$L_{\text{NLO}} = \eta_{0+} s^\dagger [-\Delta_{0+}] s + g_{0+} [s^\dagger N \phi + \phi^\dagger N^\dagger s] + g'_{1+} t^\dagger \left[i\partial_0 + \frac{\nabla^2}{2(m_\alpha + m_N)} \right] t$$

notation: $\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{d}, \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{s}_{1/2}, \mathbf{p}_{1/2}, \mathbf{p}_{3/2}$ $\phi = {}^4\text{He}$ scalar field
 $\mathbf{S}_i = 2 \times 4$ spin-transition matrices

$$\mathbf{S}_i \mathbf{S}_j^\dagger = \frac{2}{3} \delta_{ij} - \frac{i}{3} \varepsilon_{ijk} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_k, \quad \mathbf{S}_i^\dagger \mathbf{S}_j = \frac{3}{4} \delta_{ij} - \frac{1}{6} \left\{ \mathbf{J}_i^{3/2}, \mathbf{J}_j^{3/2} \right\} + \frac{i}{3} \varepsilon_{ijk} \mathbf{J}_k^{3/2}$$

$$\left[\mathbf{J}_i^{3/2}, \mathbf{J}_j^{3/2} \right] = i \varepsilon_{ijk} \mathbf{J}_k^{3/2}$$

generators of the $J = 3/2$
 representation of the rotation group

$n + {}^4\text{He}$

α and nucleon propagators ($a, b = \text{spin}$, $\alpha, \beta = \text{isospin}$)

$$iS_\phi(p_0, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{p_0 - \mathbf{p}^2 / 2m_\alpha + i\varepsilon}, \quad iS_N(p_0, \mathbf{p})_{\alpha\beta}^{ab} = \frac{i\delta_{\alpha\beta}\delta_{ab}}{p_0 - \mathbf{p}^2 / 2m_N + i\varepsilon}$$

Dimeron propagators

$$iD_{1+}^0(p_0, \mathbf{p})_{\alpha\beta}^{ab} = \frac{i\eta_{1+}\delta_{\alpha\beta}\delta_{ab}}{p_0 - \mathbf{p}^2 / 2(m_N + m_\alpha) - \Delta_{1+} + i\varepsilon}, \quad iD_{0+}^0(0, \mathbf{0})_{\alpha\beta}^{ab} = -\frac{i\eta_{0+}\delta_{\alpha\beta}\delta_{ab}}{\Delta_{0+}}$$
$$iD_{1-}^0(p_0, \mathbf{p})_{\alpha\beta}^{ab} = iD_{0+}^0(0^+ \rightarrow 1^-)_{\alpha\beta}^{ab}$$

- Leading contribution for $k \sim M_{l_0}$ is $\sim 12\pi/mM_{l_0}$ solely from the 1+ partial wave with the scattering-length and effective-range terms included to all orders.
- NLO order correction suppressed by M_{l_0}/M_{hi} and fully perturbative.
- 1- partial wave still vanishes at NLO.

$n + {}^4\text{He}$

1+ dimeron propagator, using

$$iD = \frac{iD}{1 - \Sigma_1 D}$$

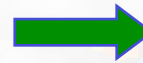
+ attaching the external particle lines ($m_0 =$ reduced mass)

$$iD_{1+}^0(p_0, \mathbf{p})_{\alpha\beta}^{ab} = i\eta_{1+} \delta_{\alpha\beta} \delta_{ab} \left(p_0 - \frac{p^2}{2(m_\alpha + m_N)} - \Delta_{1+} + \frac{\eta_{1+} \mu g_{1+}^2}{6\pi} (2m_0)^{3/2} \left[-p_0 + \frac{p^2}{2(m_\alpha + m_N)} - i\epsilon \right]^{3/2} + i\epsilon \right)^{-1}$$

$$\longrightarrow T^{\text{LO}} = \frac{2\pi}{m_0} k^2 (2 \cos \theta + i \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n}) \sin \theta \left(\eta_{1+} \frac{6\pi \Delta_{1+}}{m_0 g_{1+}^2} - \eta_{1+} \frac{3\pi}{m_0^2 g_{1+}^2} k^2 - i k^3 \right)^{-1}$$

Matching to ERE:

$$a_{1+} = -\eta_{1+} \frac{m_0 g_{1+}^2}{6\pi \Delta_{1+}}; \quad r_{1+} = -\eta_{1+} \frac{6\pi}{m_0^2 g_{1+}^2}$$



$g_{1+}, \Delta_{1+}, \text{sign } \eta_{1+}$
in terms of a_{1+} and r_{1+}

$$F_{\text{LO}} = \frac{2k^2 \cos \theta}{-1/a_{1+} + r_{1+} k^2 / 2 - i k^3}, \quad G_{\text{LO}} = \frac{k^2 \cos \theta}{-1/a_{1+} + r_{1+} k^2 / 2 - i k^3}$$

$n + {}^4\text{He}$

NLO contributions come from the shape parameter \mathcal{P}_{1+} and the s-wave scattering length a_{0+}



$$T^{\text{NLO}} = \frac{\eta_{0+} g_{0+}^2}{2\pi\Delta_{0+}} + \frac{6\pi^2 g'_{1+}}{2m_0^4 g_{1+}^2} \frac{k^6 (2\cos\theta + i\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n}) \sin\theta}{\left(1/a_{1+} - r_{1+}k^2/2 - ik^3\right)^2}$$

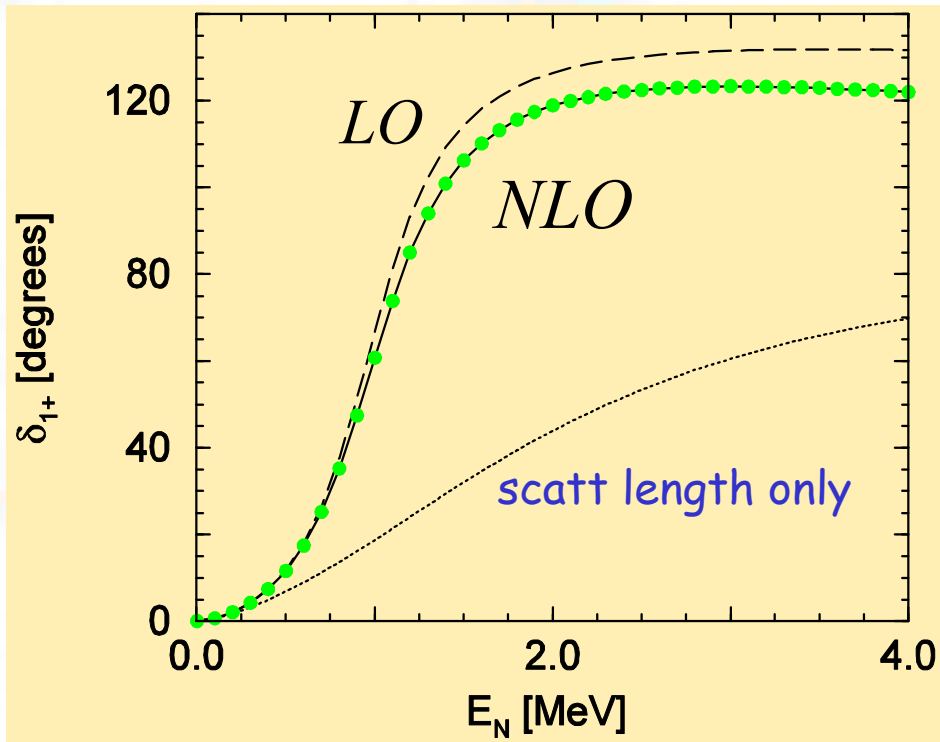
$$a_{0+} = -\eta_{0+} \frac{m_0 g_{0+}^2}{2\pi\Delta_{0+}}; \quad \mathcal{P}_{1+} = \frac{6\pi g'_{1+}}{m_0^2 g_{1+}^2}$$

$$F_{\text{NLO}} = -a_{0+} + \frac{\mathcal{P}_{1+}}{4} \frac{2k^6 \cos\theta}{\left(-1/a_{1+} + r_{1+}k^2/2 - ik^3\right)^2}$$

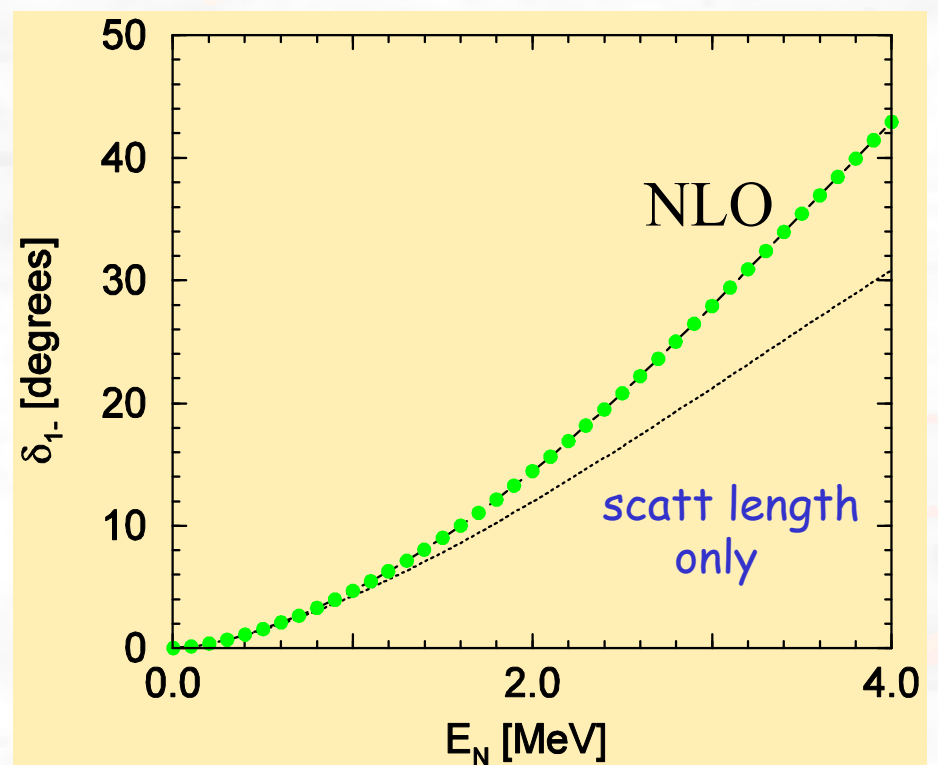
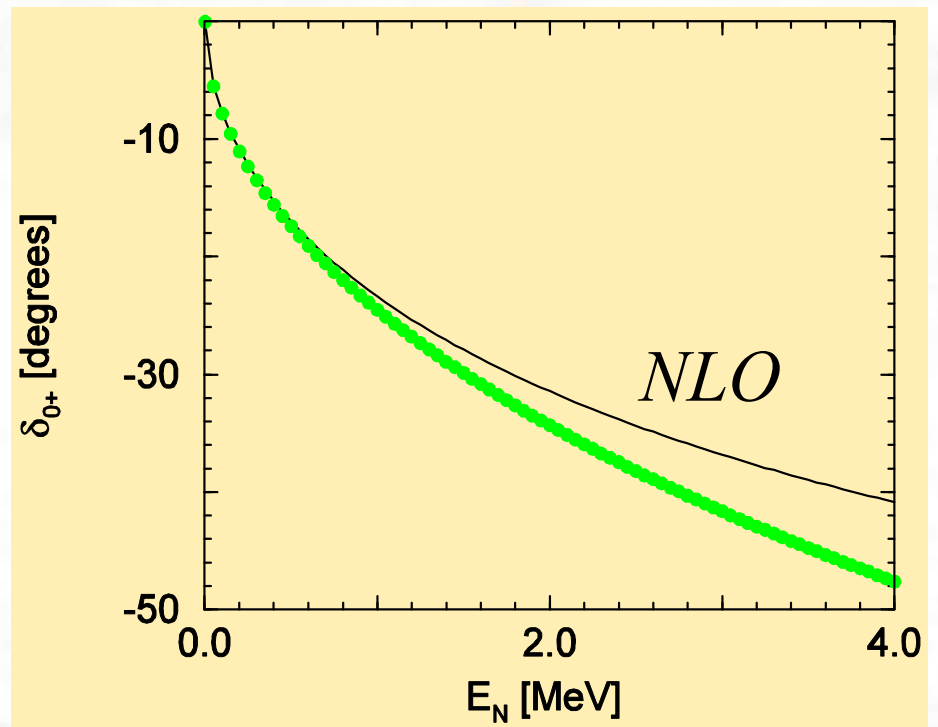
$$G_{\text{NLO}} = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{1+}}{4} \frac{k^6 \cos\theta}{\left(-1/a_{1+} + r_{1+}k^2/2 - ik^3\right)^2}$$

$n + {}^4\text{He}$ phase shifts

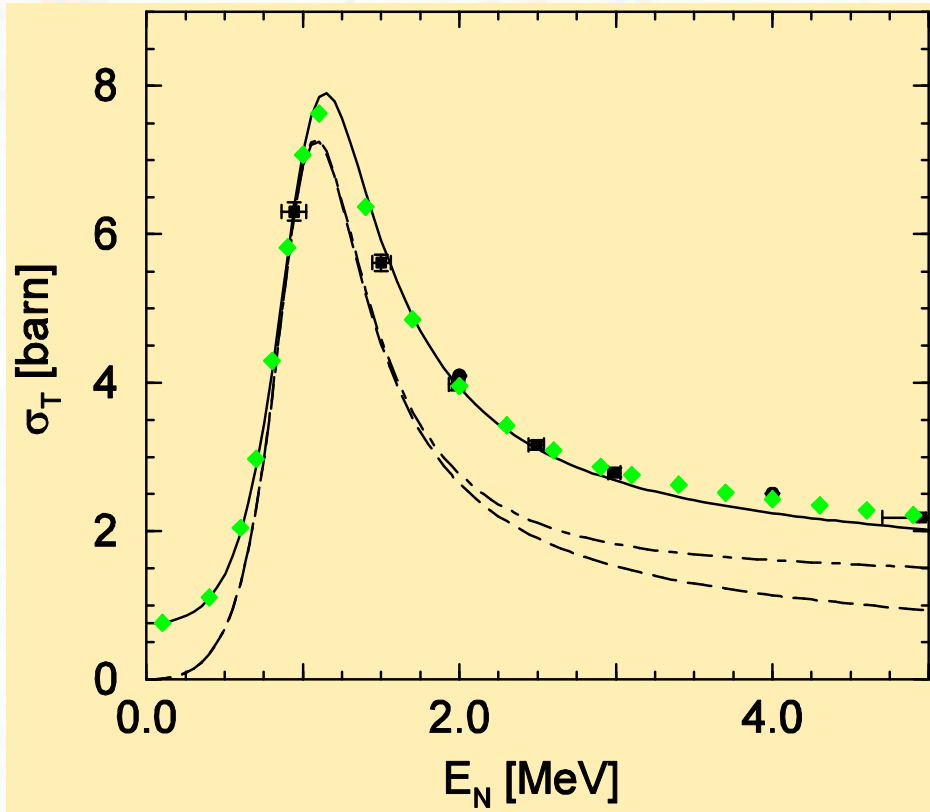
● PSA, Arndt et al. '73



$$E_0 \cong 0.80 \text{ MeV}$$
$$\Gamma(E_0) \cong 0.55 \text{ MeV}$$

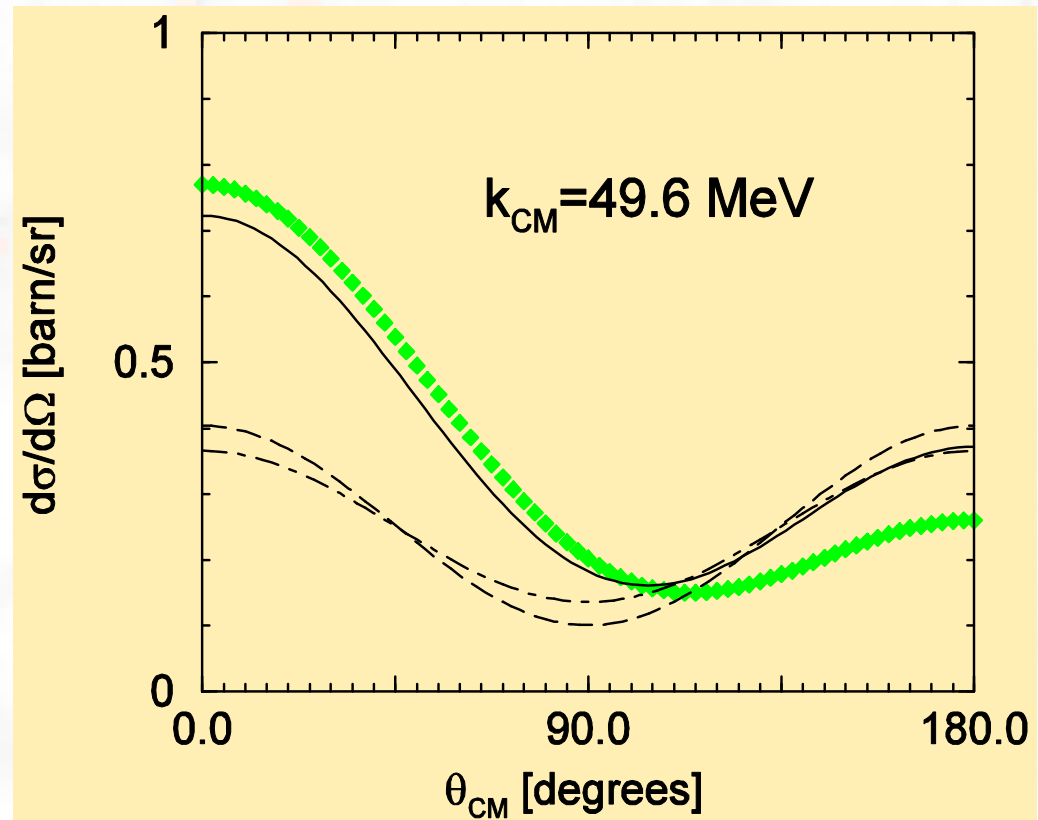


$n + {}^4\text{He}$ cross sections



- ◆ NNDC, BNL
- Haesner et al. '83

- LO
- NLO
- · - $LO = p_{1/2}$

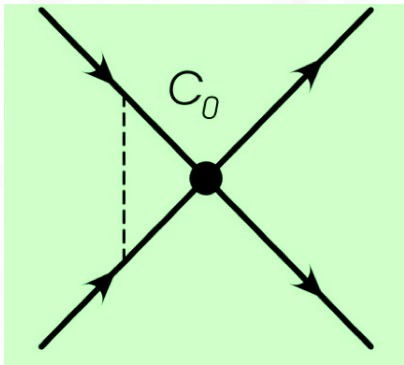


Coulomb Interaction

Kong, Ravndal, 2000

e.g., pp-scattering

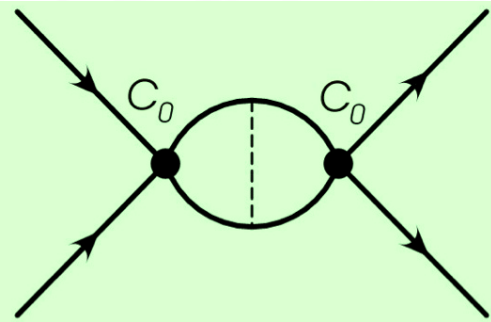
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} \sim N^\dagger \left(i\partial_t + \frac{\nabla^2}{2m_N} \right) N - C_0 (N^\dagger N)^2$$



$$\begin{aligned} \delta T &= C_0 \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e^2}{\mathbf{k}^2 + \lambda^2} \frac{1}{E - (\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q})^2/m_N + i\epsilon} \left(\sim C_0 \frac{\alpha m_N}{k} = C_0 \eta \right) \\ &= -C_0 \eta \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + i \ln \frac{2k}{\lambda} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda) \Rightarrow \text{non-perturbative for } k < \alpha m_N \end{aligned}$$



external legs strongly influenced by Coulomb repulsion



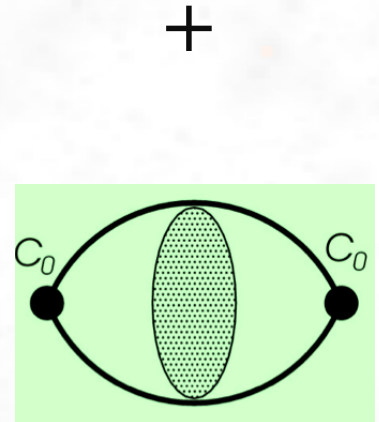
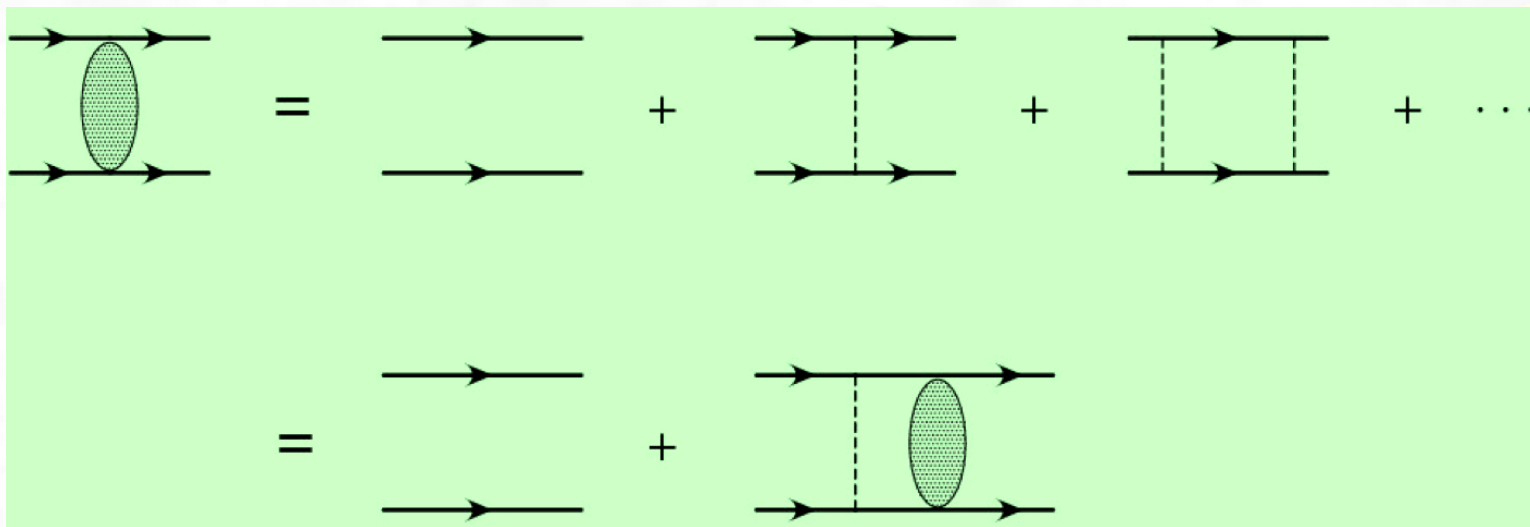
$$\delta I_0 \sim \frac{\eta m_N}{8\pi} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} + 2 \ln \frac{\mu \sqrt{\pi}}{2k} + \# \right) \Rightarrow \text{non-perturbative for } k < \alpha m_N$$

pole at $D = 4 \rightarrow$ need renorm of C_0



strong interaction also much modified by Coulomb interaction

Coulomb Interaction



$$T = C_0 C_\eta^2 e^{2i\sigma_0} + C_0^2 C_\eta^2 e^{2i\sigma_0} J_0(k) + \dots = C_\eta^2 \frac{C_0 e^{2i\sigma_0}}{1 - C_0 J_0(k)}$$

$$J_0(k) = m_N \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{2\pi\eta(q)}{e^{2\pi\eta(q)} - 1} \frac{1}{k^2 - q^2 + i\epsilon}$$

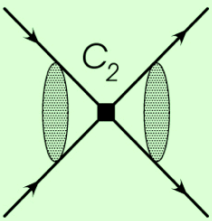
$$= -\frac{\alpha m_N^2}{4\pi} \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon} + H(\eta) + \ln \frac{\mu\sqrt{\pi}}{\alpha m_N} - \frac{3}{2} (0.5772..) \right] - \frac{\mu m_N}{4\pi}$$

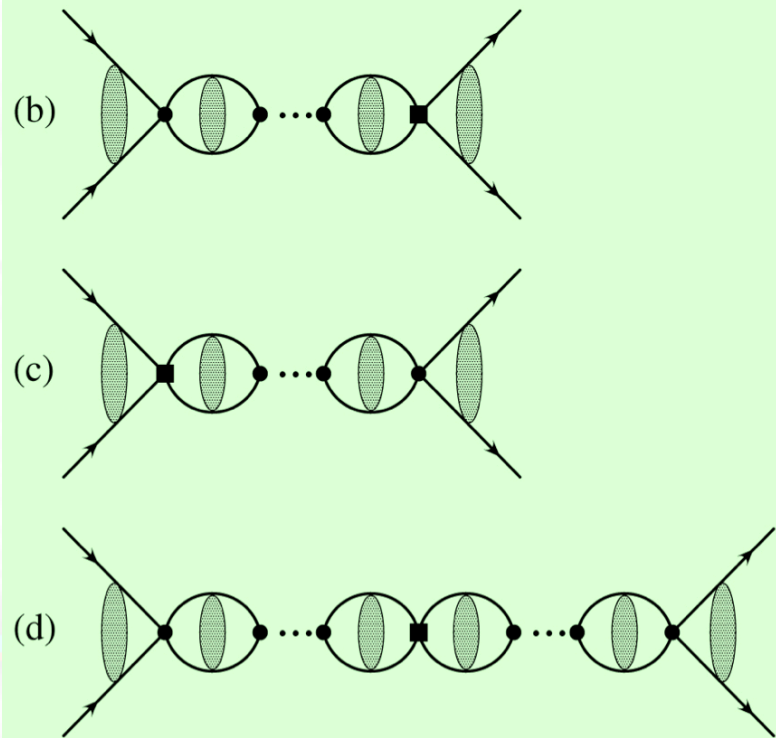
pole at $D = 4 \rightarrow$ need renorm of C_0
 use PDS and get rid of pole at $D = 3$, too.

Coulomb Interaction

$$-\frac{1}{a_{pp}(\mu)} = -\frac{1}{a_{pp}^C} - \frac{2}{a_B} \left(\ln \frac{\mu\sqrt{\pi}}{\alpha m_N} + 1 - \frac{3}{2}\gamma - \frac{1}{2}\mu r_0 \right)$$

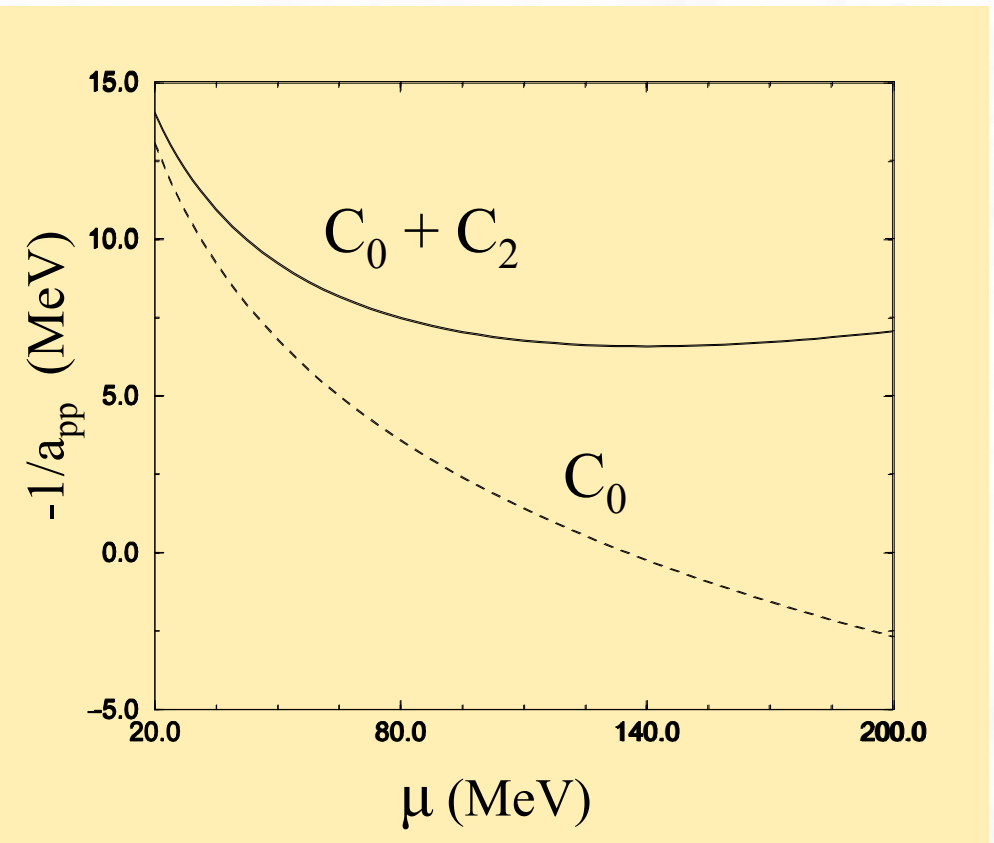
now add:

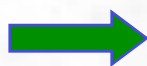
(a)  $+ L_2 = \frac{C_2}{2} [N^+ N N^+ \vec{\nabla}^2 N + h.c. + \dots]$



= Jackson, Blatt, 1950
with renormalization of C_0 :

$$\frac{1}{a_{pp}(\mu)} = -\frac{4\pi}{m_N C_0(\mu)} + \mu$$



 $a_{pp}(\mu = m_\pi) = -29.9 \text{ fm}$

$a_{pn}^{\text{exp}}(\mu = m_\pi) = -23.7 \text{ fm}$

Kong, Ravndal, 2000

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_{N\alpha}^{\text{LO}} = & \phi^\dagger \left[i\mathbf{D}_0 + \frac{\mathbf{D}^2}{2m_\alpha} \right] \phi + N^\dagger \left[i\mathbf{D}_0 + \frac{\mathbf{D}^2}{2m_\alpha} \right] N + \zeta_{0+} s^\dagger \left[-\Delta_{0+} \right] s \\
 & + \zeta_{1+} t^\dagger \left[i\mathbf{D}_0 + \frac{\mathbf{D}^2}{2(m_\alpha + m_N)} - \Delta_{1+} \right] t - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \\
 & + \frac{g_{1+}}{2} \left\{ t^\dagger \mathbf{S}^+ \cdot \left[n\mathbf{D}\phi - (\mathbf{D}N)\phi \right] + \text{h.c.} - r \left[t^\dagger \mathbf{S}^+ \cdot \mathbf{D}(N\phi) + \text{h.c.} \right] \right\} \\
 & + g_{0+} \left[s^\dagger N\phi + \phi^\dagger N^\dagger s \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

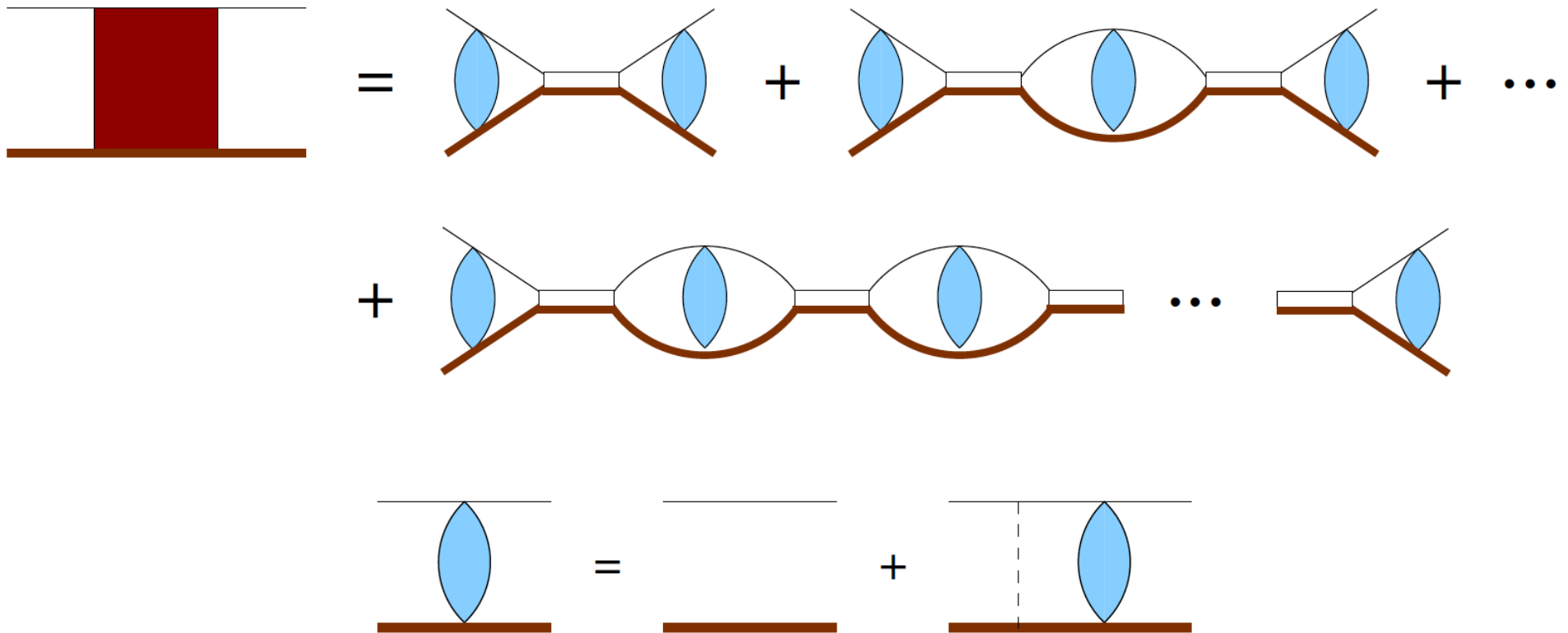
- t and s = dimeron fields coupling $N\alpha$ in $P_{3/2}$ and $S_{1/2}$
- with leading-order coupling constants g_{1+} and g_{0+}
- $S_i = 2 \times 4$ spin-transition matrices between $J = 1/2$ and $J = 3/2$
- sign variables $\zeta_{0+}, \zeta_{1+} = \pm 1$ adjusted to reproduce the signs of the respective effective ranges.

$$r = \frac{m_\alpha - m_N}{m_\alpha + m_N}$$

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu + ieZ \frac{1 + \tau_3}{2} A_\mu$$

p- α scattering

$$L_{N\alpha}^{\text{NLO}} = \zeta_{0+} s^+ \left[iD_0 + \frac{\mathbf{D}^2}{2(m_\alpha + m_N)} - \Delta_{1+} \right] s + g'_{1+} t^+ \left[iD_0 + \frac{\mathbf{D}^2}{2(m_\alpha + m_N)} \right]^2 t$$




p- α scattering

k_r (MeV)	k_i (MeV)	E_R (MeV)	$\Gamma_R/2$ (MeV)
51.1	9.0	1.69	0.61

$p_{3/2}$ p α resonance parameters

Csoto, Hale, 1997

 $k_p = k_r - ik_i$ $k_r \sim M_{lo} \sim 50 \text{ MeV}$, $k_i \sim M_{lo}^2 / M_{hi} \sim 10 \text{ MeV}$

a_{0+} (fm)	r_{0+} (fm)
4.97 ± 0.12	1.295 ± 0.082

$S_{1/2}$ p α ERE parameters

Arndt, Long, Roper, 1997

a_{0+} (fm ³)	r_{1+} (fm ⁻¹)	\mathcal{P}_{1+} (fm)
-44.83 ± 0.51	-0.365 ± 0.013	-2.39 ± 0.15

$P_{1/2}$ p α ERE parameters

$\mathcal{P}_{1+}/4 \sim r_{0+}/2 \sim 1/M_{hi} \rightarrow$ natural

$a_{0+} \sim 1/M_{lo}$, $a_{1+} \sim 1/M_{lo}^3$ and $r_{1+}/2 \sim M_{lo} \rightarrow$ fine tuned

p- α scattering

$$\rightarrow T_{0+} = -\frac{2\pi}{\mu} \frac{C_\eta^2 e^{2i\sigma_0}}{-1/a_{0+} - 2k_C H(\eta)} \left[1 - \frac{r_{0+} k^2 / 2}{-1/a_{0+} - 2k_C H(\eta)} \right]$$

now p α reduced mass

$$k_C = Z_p Z_\alpha \alpha_{em} \mu$$

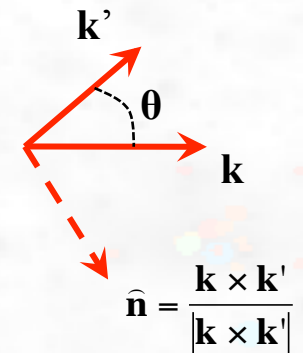
$$T_{1+} = -\frac{2\pi}{\mu} \frac{C_\eta^{(1)2} e^{2i\sigma_1} k^2 P_{1+}(\theta)}{-1/a_{1+} + r_{1+} k^2 / 2 - 2k_C H^{(1)}(\eta)} \left[1 + \frac{\mathcal{P}_{1+} k^4 / 4}{-1/a_{1+} + r_{1+} k^2 / 2 - 2k_C H^{(1)}(\eta)} \right]$$

$$C_\eta^{(1)2} = (1 + \eta^2) C_\eta^2$$

$$H^{(1)}(\eta) = k^2 (1 + \eta^2) H(\eta)$$

$$k_C = Z_\alpha Z_p \mu \alpha$$

$$P_{1+}(\theta) = 2 \cos \theta + \vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n} \sin \theta$$



$$T^{(LO)} = T_{0+} + T_{01}$$

p- α scattering

$$T_{p\alpha}^{\text{NLO}} = -\frac{2\pi}{\mu} \left\{ -\frac{r_{0+} k^2}{2} \frac{(C_\eta^{(0)})^2 e^{2i\sigma_0}}{[-1/a_{0+} - 2k_C H(\eta)]^2} + \frac{\mathcal{P}_{1+} k^4}{4} \frac{(C_\eta^{(1)})^2 e^{2i\sigma_1} k^2 \mathcal{P}_{1+}(\theta)}{[-1/a_{1+} + r_{1+} k^2 / 2 - 2k_C (k^2 + k_C^2) H(\eta)]^2} \right\}$$

Matching to ERE: 

$$a_{1+} = -\zeta_{1+} \frac{\mu g_{1+}^{(R)2}}{6\pi \Delta_{1+}^{(R)}}, \quad r_{1+} = -\zeta_{1+} \frac{6\pi}{\mu g_{1+}^{(R)2}}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{P}_{1+} = -\frac{6\pi g_{1+}'}{\mu^3 g_{1+}^{(R)2}}$$

$p_{3/2}$ channel

$$a_{0+} = -\zeta_{0+} \frac{\mu g_{0+}^{(R)2}}{2\pi \Delta_{01+}^{(R)}}, \quad \text{and} \quad r_{0+} = -\zeta_{0+} \frac{2\pi}{\mu g_{0+}^{(R)2}}$$

$s_{1/2}$ channel

p- α scattering

$S_{1/2}$ p α ERE fits with EFT

$S_{1/2}$	a_{0+} (fm)	r_{0+} (fm)
LO	7.4 + 8.0 – 2.2	-
NLO	4.81 + 0.05 – 0.21	1.7 + 1.3 – 0.8

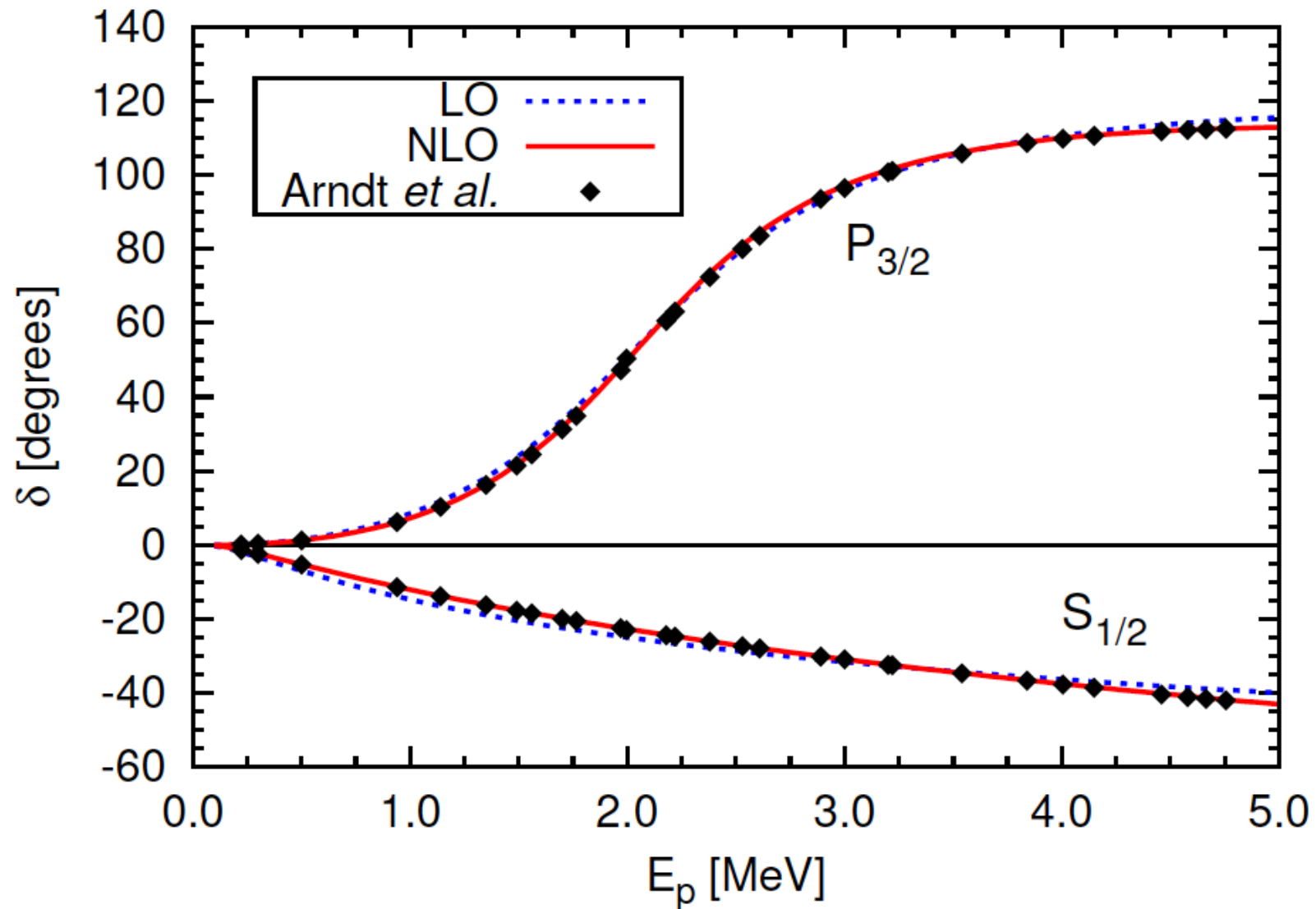
$P_{1/2}$ p α ERE fits with EFT

$P_{3/2}$	a_{1+} (fm ³)	r_{1+} (fm ⁻¹)	\mathcal{P}_{1+} (fm)
LO	-58.0 + 11.0 – 29.0	-0.15 + 0.14 – 0.09	-
NLO	-44.5 + 1.6 – 0.1	-0.40 + 0.04 – 0.10	-2.8 + 1.0 – 1.8

$P_{3/2}$ p α ERE resonance fits with EFT

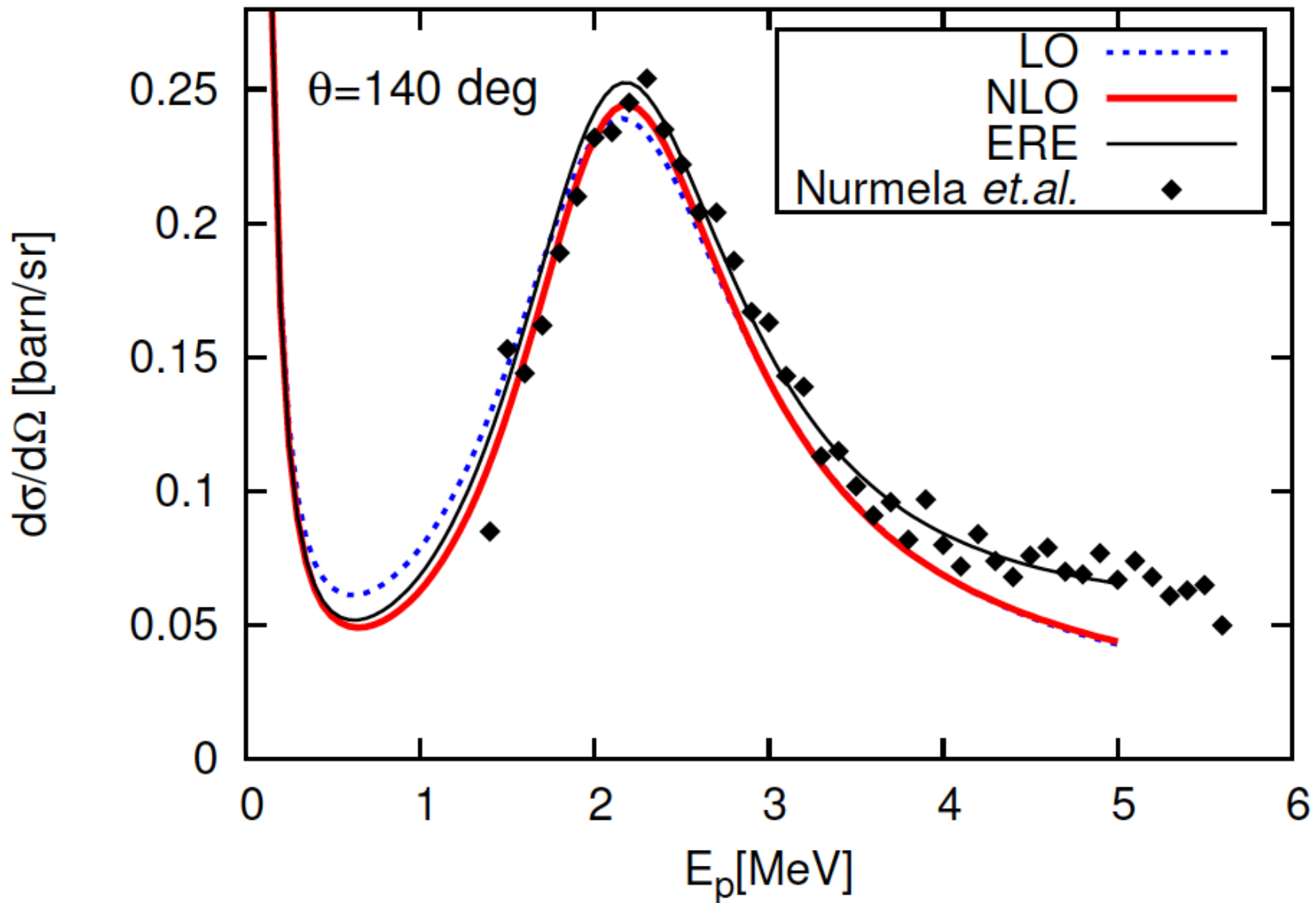
$P_{3/2}$	k_r (MeV)	k_i (MeV)	E_R (MeV)	$\Gamma_R/2$ (MeV)
LO	-50.6 + 1.2 – 2.5	-10.3 + 1.4 – 0.8	1.64 + 0.09 – 0.18	0.70 + 0.12 – 0.09
NLO	-50.7 + 0.5 – 0.6	9.40 + 0.01 – 0.10	1.66 + 0.04 – 0.04	0.63 + 0.01 – 0.02

p- α scattering



EFT results for $S_{1/2}$ and $P_{3/2}$ scattering phase shifts at LO (dotted) and NLO (solid), compared against the partial wave analysis (diamonds).

p- α scattering



EFT at LO (dotted) and NLO (thick solid) for $p\alpha$ elastic cross-section at $\theta_{\text{lab}} = 140^\circ$, compared against the partial wave analysis (thin solid) and measured data points.

Summary

Recent results for $p\alpha$ system:

- 1 - We include P-waves with resonance and Coulomb interactions.
- 2 - We perform an expansion of the $P_{3/2}$ amplitude around the resonance pole to extract the resonance properties directly from a fit to the phase shift.
- 3- Our results at LO and NLO exhibit good convergence and the resonance energy and width are consistent with the ones using the extended R-matrix analysis.
- 4- Comparison with the differential cross-section at 140° reassures the consistency of the power counting, with $P_{1/2}$ contribution showing up only for proton energies beyond 3.5 MeV.
- 5 - Final adjustments necessary: a shallow bound state appears in the s-wave
→unitary correction necessary in the absence of Coulomb might need test.

Additional slides

For $P_{3/2}$ resonance amplitude \rightarrow resonance pole expansion

$$T_{1+} = -\frac{2\pi}{\mu} \frac{C_{\eta}^{(1)2} e^{2i\sigma_1} k^2 P_{1+}(\theta)}{\frac{\bar{r}_{1+}}{2} (k^2 - k_p^2) - 2k_C \left[H^{(1)}\left(\frac{k_C}{k}\right) - H^{(1)}\left(\frac{k_C}{k_p}\right) \right]}$$

$$\times \left\{ 1 + \frac{\mathcal{P}_{1+} (k^2 - k_p^2) / 4}{\frac{\bar{r}_{1+}}{2} (k^2 - k_p^2) - 2k_C \left[H^{(1)}\left(\frac{k_C}{k}\right) - H^{(1)}\left(\frac{k_C}{k_p}\right) \right]} \right\}$$

$$\bar{r}_{1+} = -k_r \left\{ \underbrace{2L_i}_{\widetilde{LO}} - \underbrace{2ik_i \mathcal{P}_{1+}}_{\widetilde{NLO}} \right\}$$

L_i, L_r defined at the pole from

$$2k_C H^{(1)}(k_C/k_p) = k_r^3 L_r + 2ik_r^2 k_i L_i$$

$$\frac{r_{1+}}{2} = -k_r \left[\underbrace{L_i}_{\widetilde{LO}} - \frac{k_r \mathcal{P}_{1+}}{2} \left(1 - \frac{k_i^2}{k_r^2} \right) \right] \cong -k_r \left[\underbrace{L_i}_{\widetilde{LO}} - \underbrace{\frac{k_r \mathcal{P}_{1+}}{2}}_{\widetilde{NLO}} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{a_{1+}} = -k_r^3 \left[\underbrace{L_r + L_i}_{\widetilde{LO}} \left(1 - \frac{k_i^2}{k_r^2} \right) - \frac{k_r \mathcal{P}_{1+}}{4} \left(1 - \frac{k_i^2}{k_r^2} \right) \right] \cong -k_r^3 \left[\underbrace{L_r + L_i}_{\widetilde{LO}} - \underbrace{\frac{k_r \mathcal{P}_{1+}}{4}}_{\widetilde{NLO}} \right]$$