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# Nucleon–nucleon interaction in manifestly Lorentz–invariant ChEFT

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# OUTLINE

- Introduction
- Theoretical framework
- Results and discussion
- Summary

# Nuclear forces — Weinberg's seminal work

- Apply **chiral perturbation theory (ChPT)**, as the low-energy EFT of QCD, to derive nuclear forces *S. Weinberg, PLB251(1990)288-292; NPB363(1991)3-18*

- **Self-consistently** include many-body forces

$$V = V_{2N} + V_{3N} + V_{4N} + \dots$$

- **Systematically improve** order by order (heavy baryon ChPT)

$$V_{iN} = V_{iN}^{\text{LO}} + V_{iN}^{\text{NLO}} + V_{iN}^{\text{NNLO}} + \dots$$

- Scattering amplitude: **Schrödinger equation** (or integral equations in momentum space, e.g. Lippmann-Schwinger eq.)

$$\left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^A -\frac{\nabla_i^2}{2m_N} \right) + V_{2N} + V_{3N} + V_{4N} + \dots \right] |\Psi\rangle = E |\Psi\rangle$$

- Provide a systematic and solid theoretical approach to study the few-nucleon scattering

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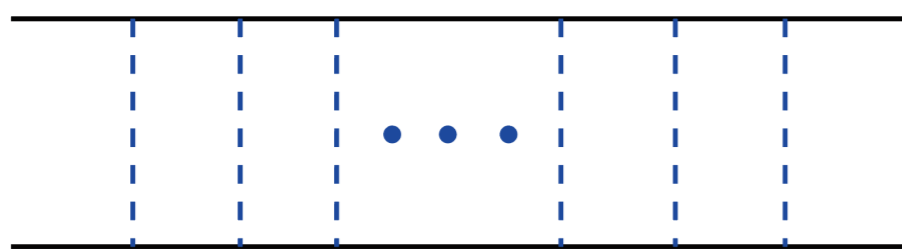
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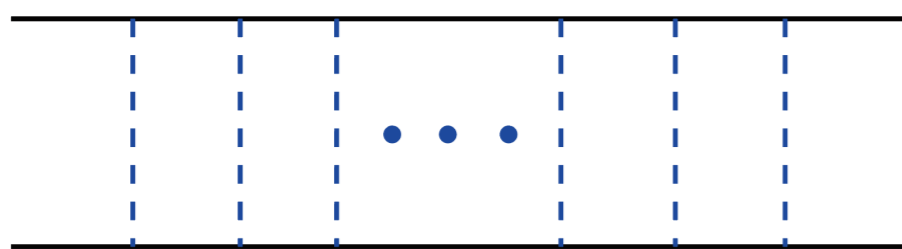
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**WPC is inconsistent with renormalization, even at LO!**

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- **Lorentz invariant framework to reformulate chiral force**

✓ **Fundamental symmetry of our nature**

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- Based on this idea, we proposed a **systematic framework** within the **time-ordered perturbation theory (TOPT)** using the covariant chiral Lagrangians

- Formulate the NN interaction up to **next-to-next-to-leading order**

V. Baru, E. Epelbaum, J. Gegelia, XLR, Phys. Lett. B 798, 134987 (2019)

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# Chiral Lagrangian up to NNLO

## □ Lorentz-invariant effective Lagrangians

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\pi\pi}^{(2)} + \mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(1)} + \mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(2)} + \mathcal{L}_{NN}^{(0)} + \mathcal{L}_{NN}^{(2)}$$

- Purely pionic sector *J.Gasser, H. Leutwyler, Ann.Phys.(1984)*

$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi\pi}^{(2)} = \frac{f_\pi^2}{4} \langle u_\mu u^\mu + \chi_+ \rangle.$$

- One-nucleon sector *J. Gasser, M. E. Sainio, and A. Svarc, NPB(1988)*

$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(1)} = \bar{\Psi}_N \left\{ i\not{D} - m_N + \frac{1}{2} g_A \psi \gamma^5 \right\} \Psi_N$$

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✓  $f_\pi = 92.4$  MeV,  $g_A = 1.267$ ,  $c_{1,2,3,4}$  determined by  $\pi N$  scattering data

- Two-nucleon sector (with unknown LECs)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{NN}^{(0)} = & \frac{1}{2} [C_S (\bar{\Psi}_N \Psi_N) (\bar{\Psi}_N \Psi_N) + C_A (\bar{\Psi}_N \gamma_5 \Psi_N) (\bar{\Psi}_N \gamma_5 \Psi_N) + C_V (\bar{\Psi}_N \gamma_\mu \Psi_N) (\bar{\Psi}_N \gamma^\mu \Psi_N) \\ & + C_{AV} (\bar{\Psi}_N \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \Psi_N) (\bar{\Psi}_N \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \Psi_N) + C_T (\bar{\Psi}_N \sigma_{\mu\nu} \Psi_N) (\bar{\Psi}_N \sigma^{\mu\nu} \Psi_N)] \end{aligned}$$

*N.Fettes, U.-G. Meißner, S. Steininger, NPA(1998)*

$$\mathcal{L}_{NN}^{(2)} = \sum_{i=1} \bar{\Psi}_N \bar{\Psi}_N \mathcal{O}_i \Psi_N \Psi_N$$

*L.Girlanda, S. Pastore, R. Schiavilla, M. Viviani, PRC(2010)*

*Yang Xiao, Li-Sheng Geng, XLR, PRC(2019)*

*E. Filandri, L. Girlanda, PLB (2023)*

# Diagrammatic rules in TOPT

XLR, PoS(CD2021)007

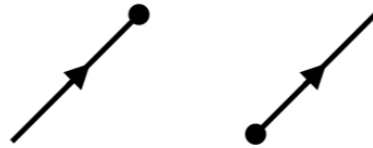
## ▶ External lines

Spin 0 boson (in, out)



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Spin 1/2 fermion (in, out)



$u(\mathbf{p}), \bar{u}(\mathbf{p}')$

## ▶ Internal lines

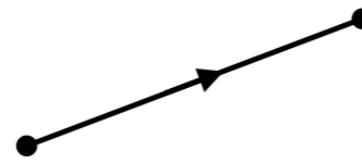
Spin 0 (anti-)boson



$\frac{1}{2\epsilon_q}$

$\epsilon_q \equiv \sqrt{\mathbf{q}^2 + M^2}$

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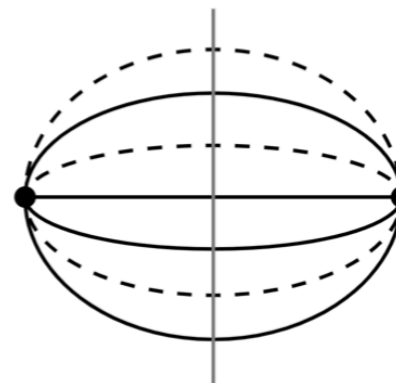
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$\frac{m}{\omega_p} \sum u(\mathbf{p})\bar{u}(\mathbf{p}) - \gamma_0$

## ▶ Intermediate state

A set of lines between two vertices



$\frac{1}{E - \sum_i \omega_{p_i} - \sum_j \epsilon_{q_j} + i\epsilon}$

## ▶ Interaction vertices: the standard Feynman rules

- Zeroth components of integration momenta

✓ particle  $p^0 \rightarrow \omega(p, m)$

✓ antiparticle  $p^0 \rightarrow -\omega(p, m)$

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**Potential and scattering equation are obtained on an equal footing!**

# Results and discussion

# Leading order potentials

- Follow TOPT rules



- Perform the expansion for the nucleon energies (Weinberg P.C.)

$$V_{LO,C} = (C_S + C_V) - (C_{AV} - 2C_T) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2$$

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- Consistent with the non-relativistic contact terms

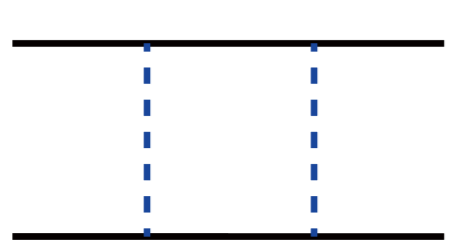
$$V_{\text{OPE}} = -\frac{g_A^2}{4f_\pi^2} \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \frac{4m_N^2}{\omega(q, M_\pi) (m_N + \omega(p, m_N)) (m_N + \omega(p', m_N))} \\ \times \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \mathbf{q} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \mathbf{q}}{\omega(p, m_N) + \omega(p', m_N) + \omega(q, M_\pi) - E - i\epsilon}$$

- Milder UV behaviour than that of the non-relativistic OPEP

$$V_{\text{OPE}}(p', k) \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} \text{Our } \frac{1}{k} \text{ vs. Non-Rel. } \frac{1}{1}$$

# UV behavior of the OPE potential

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$$\xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} \text{Finite}$$

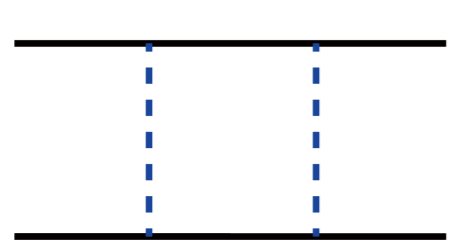
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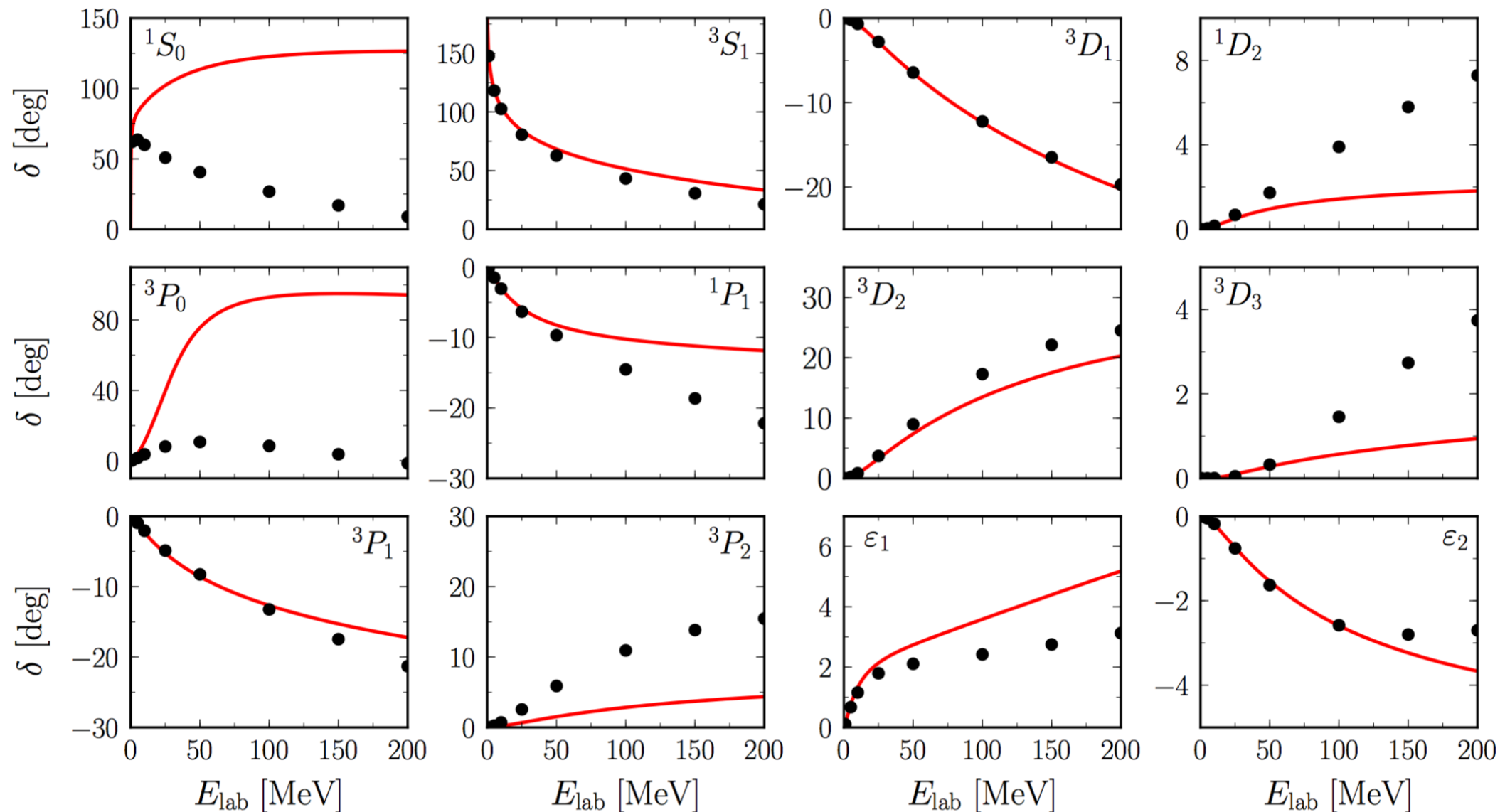
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→ **Our LO potential is renormalizable!**

- Unique solutions for all partial waves, no limit-cycle behavior
- Avoid finite-cutoff artefacts inherent to the conventional NR framework

# Phase shifts at LO

□ Two LECs: fixed by scattering lengths of  $^1S_0$  and  $^3S_1$  ( $\Lambda = 20$  GeV)



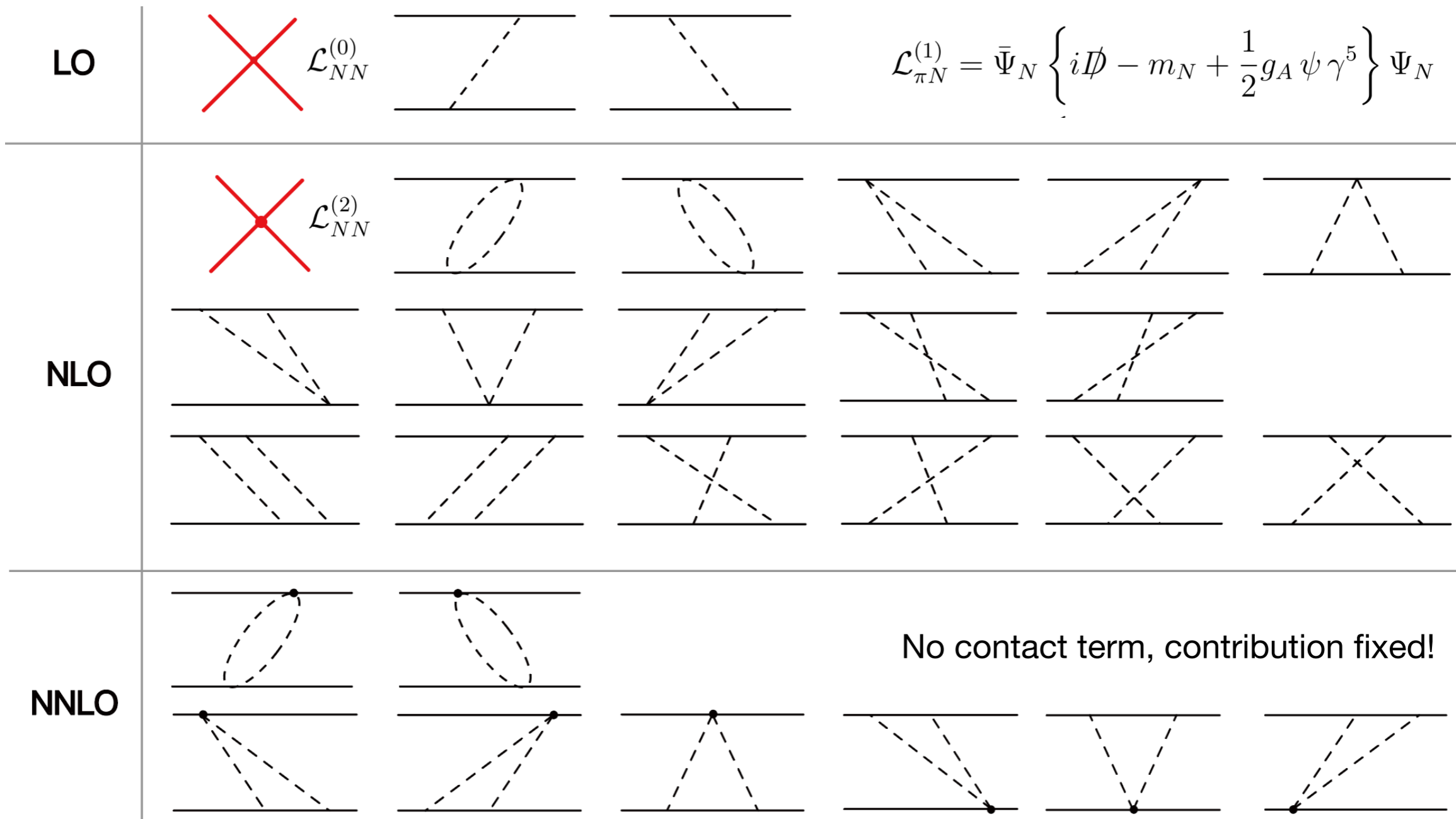
- Provides a reasonable description of the empirical phase shifts
  - ✓  $^1S_0$  and  $^3P_0$ : Large deviation
  - ✓ Part of the subleading corrections must be treated non-perturbatively

Beyond LO

V. Baru, E. Epelbaum, J. Gegelia, XLR\*, Phys. Lett. B 798, 134987 (2019)

# NNLO potential in TOPT

## Time ordered diagrams up to NNLO



$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(2)} = \bar{\Psi}_N \left\{ c_1 \langle \chi^+ \rangle - \frac{c_2}{4m_N^2} \langle u^\mu u^\nu \rangle (D_\mu D_\nu + \text{h.c.}) + \frac{c_3}{2} \langle u^\mu u_\mu \rangle - \frac{c_4}{4} \gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu [u_\mu, u_\nu] \right\} \Psi_N$$

$$c_1 = -0.74, c_2 = 1.81, c_3 = -3.61, c_4 = 2.17 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$

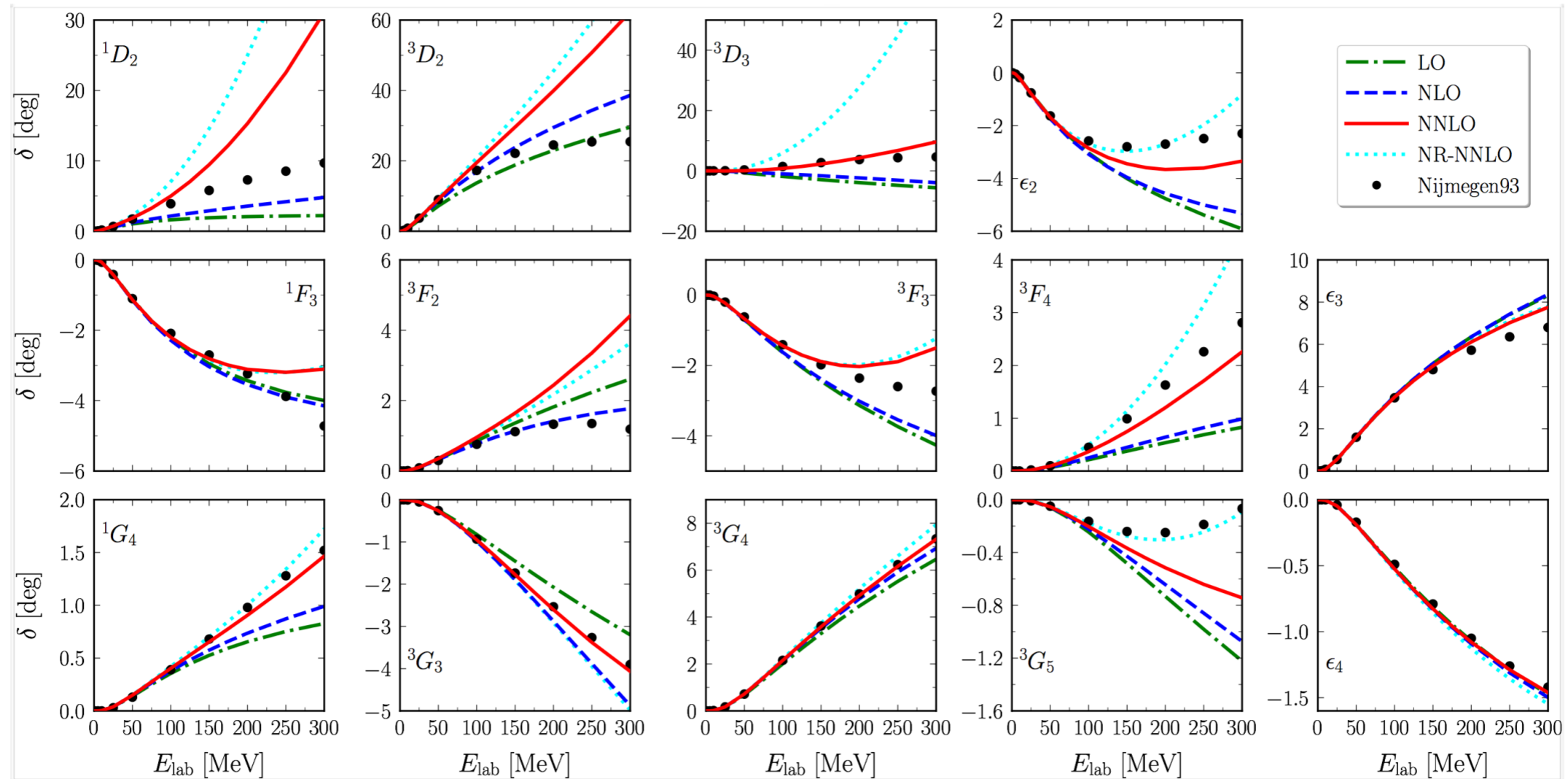
*D. Siemens, et al., PLB 770 (2017) 27-34*

# Pion-exchange contribution

- On-shell T-matrix under the Born approximation

$$T(p', p) = V_{\text{OPE}}(p', p) + V_{2\pi, \text{irr}}^{(2)}(p', p) + V_{2\pi, \text{irr}}^{(3)}(p', p) + V_{\text{OPE}} G V_{\text{OPE}}$$

- Prediction: phase shifts of D, F, G waves



✓ **Improve the description** of D waves; globally similar results for F, G waves

- $^3G_5$ : non-rel. result is accidental,  $c_i/m_N$  effect (N<sup>4</sup>LO) is large *D. Entem, et al., 1411.5335*

**XLR, E. Epelbaum, J. Gegelia, Phys. Rev. C 106, 034001 (2022)**

# S, P partial wave phases

## □ Partial wave T-matrix

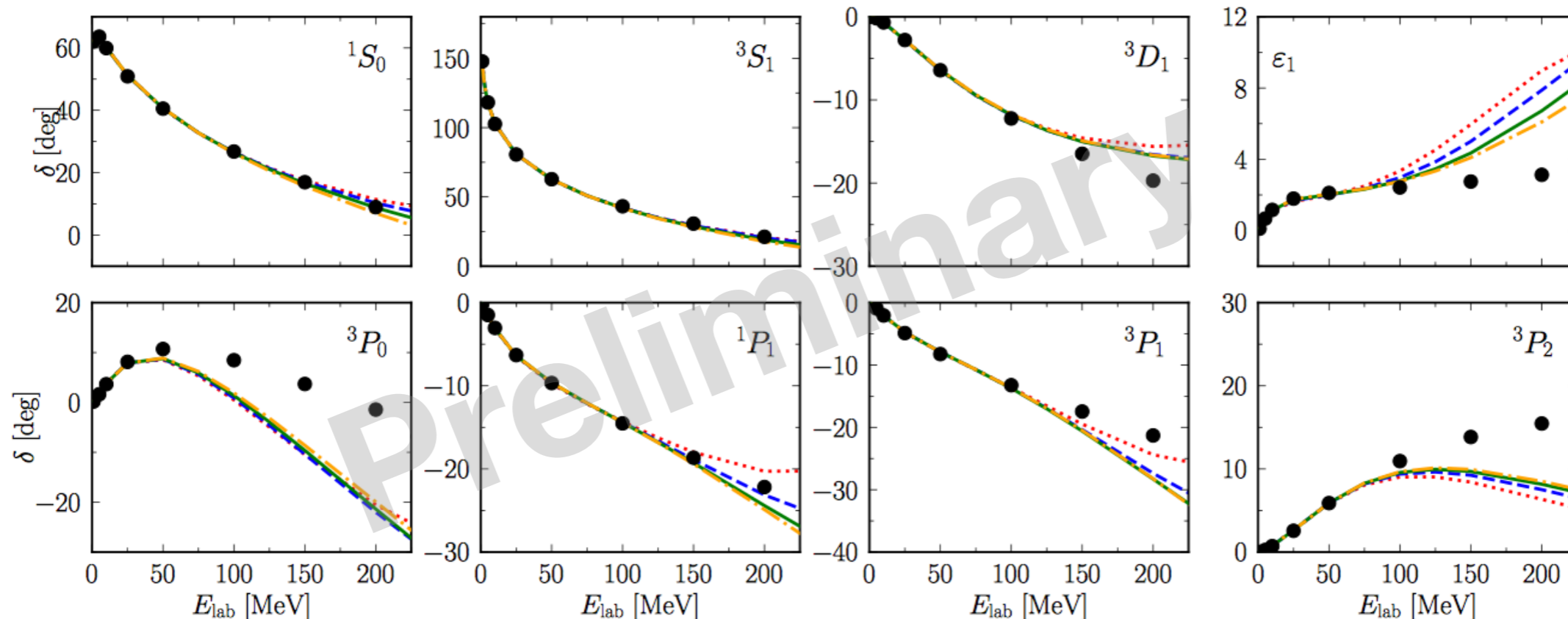
- $V_{\text{NNLO}}$  **non-perturbatively** iterated in the Kadyshevsky equation

$$T_{ll'}^{sj}(p', p) = V_{ll'}^{sj}(p', p) + \sum_{l''} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} V_{ll''}^{sj}(p', k) \frac{m_N^2}{2(k^2 + m_N^2)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{p^2 + m_N^2} - \sqrt{k^2 + m_N^2} + i\epsilon} T_{l''l'}^{sj}(k, p)$$

- Pion-loop potential: cutoff regularization with  $k_{\text{max.}} = 500$  MeV  
✓ Effective remove the short range contribution
- Exponential regulator:  $F(p) = \exp(-p^{2n}/\Lambda^{2n})$ , with  $n = 2$ ,  $\Lambda = 400 \sim 550$  MeV

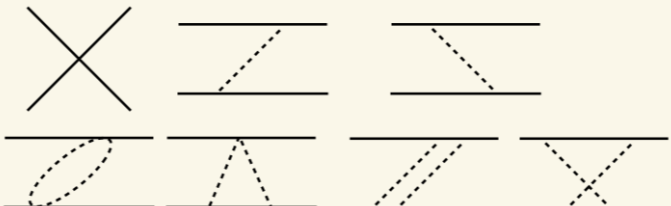
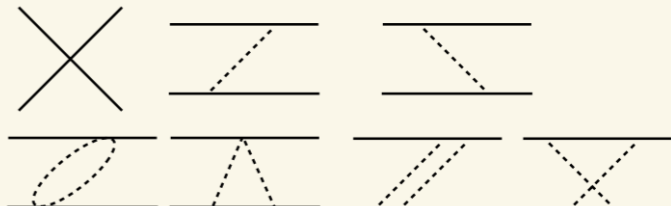
## □ Phase shifts

- Fit **NPWA** ( $E_{\text{lab}} \leq 100$  MeV): **np** scattering Nijmegen 93



# Summary

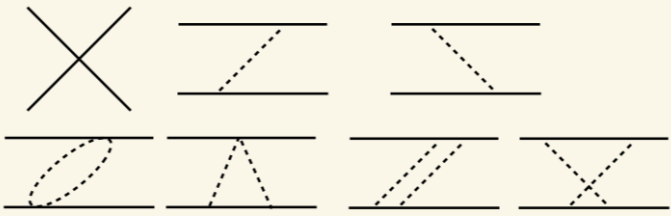
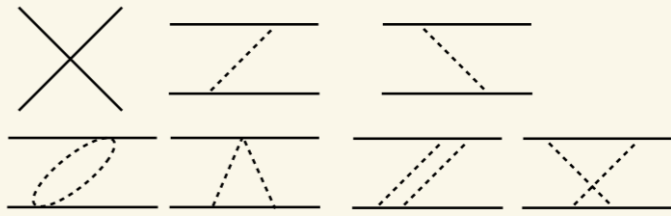
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Potential TOPT diagrams		
Scattering equations ( $T = V + VGT$ )	Lippmann-Schwinger eq.	Kadyshevsky eq.
Power counting	Weinberg p.c.	Weinberg p.c.

- Obtained **the non-singular LO potential**, achieve **the cutoff independence**
- Formulated **the chiral potential up to NNLO**
  - Calculated the complicated two-pion-exchange potential at one-loop level
  - Achieved a rather reasonable description of phase shifts**

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- Proposed a systematic framework to formulate chiral forces

	Non-relativistic (Heavy-baryon)	Manifestly Lorentz invariant
Chiral Lagrangians	$N^\dagger [i(v \cdot D) + g_A(S \cdot u)] N$ $-\frac{1}{2}C_S(N^\dagger N)(N^\dagger N) - \frac{1}{2}C_T(N^\dagger \vec{\sigma} N)(N^\dagger \vec{\sigma} N) + \dots$	$\bar{\Psi}_N \left\{ i\gamma_\mu D^\mu - m_N + \frac{1}{2}g_A \psi \gamma^5 \right\} \Psi_N$ $+ \frac{1}{2} \left[ C_S(\bar{\Psi}_N \Psi_N)(\bar{\Psi}_N \Psi_N) + C_A(\bar{\Psi}_N \gamma_5 \Psi_N)(\bar{\Psi}_N \gamma_5 \Psi_N) \right.$ $+ C_V(\bar{\Psi}_N \gamma_\mu \Psi_N)(\bar{\Psi}_N \gamma^\mu \Psi_N) + C_{AV}(\bar{\Psi}_N \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \Psi_N)(\bar{\Psi}_N \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \Psi_N)$ $\left. + C_T(\bar{\Psi}_N \sigma_{\mu\nu} \Psi_N)(\bar{\Psi}_N \sigma^{\mu\nu} \Psi_N) \right] + \dots$
Potential TOPT diagrams		
Scattering equations ( $T = V + VGT$ )	Lippmann-Schwinger eq.	Kadyshevsky eq.
Power counting	Weinberg p.c.	Weinberg p.c.

- Obtained **the non-singular LO potential**, achieve **the cutoff independence**
- Formulated **the chiral potential up to NNLO**
  - Calculated the complicated two-pion-exchange potential at one-loop level
  - Achieved a rather reasonable description of phase shifts**

Thank you for your attention!

**Additional slides**



# D, F, G partial wave phases

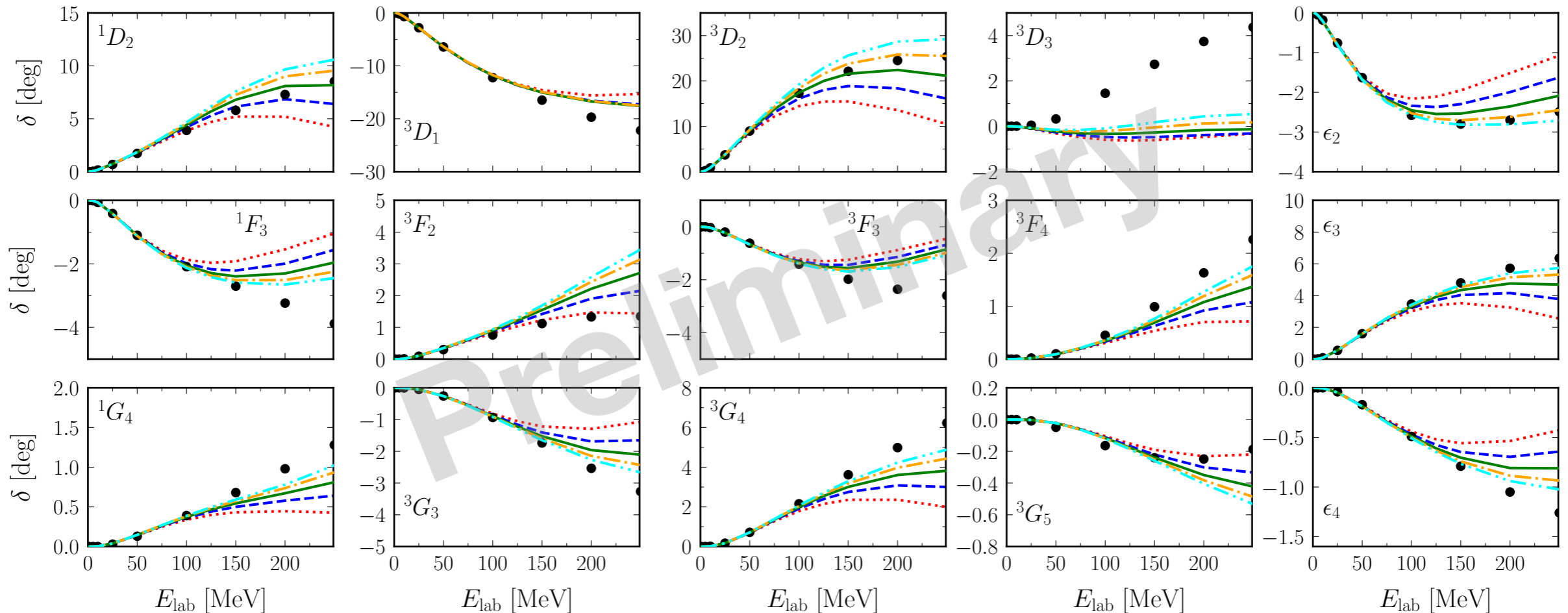
## Partial wave T-matrix

- $V_{\text{NNLO}}$  **non-perturbatively** iterated in the Kadyshevsky equation

$$T_{ll'}^{sj}(p', p) = V_{ll'}^{sj}(p', p) + \sum_{l''} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} V_{ll''}^{sj}(p', k) \frac{m_N^2}{2(k^2 + m_N^2)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{p^2 + m_N^2} - \sqrt{k^2 + m_N^2} + i\epsilon} T_{l''l'}^{sj}(k, p)$$

- Pion-loop potential: cutoff regularization:  $k_{\text{max.}} = 500$  MeV  
 ✓ Effective remove the short range contribution
- Exponential regulator:  $F(p) = \exp(-p^{2n}/\Lambda^{2n})$ , with  $n = 2$ ,  $\Lambda = 400 \sim 600$  MeV

## Prediction of phase shifts



# NN potential concept

## □ Often-thought as a non-relativistic quantity

- Appear in the Schrödinger equation

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2\Psi(t, \mathbf{r}) + V(\mathbf{r})\Psi(t, \mathbf{r}) = i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\Psi(t, \mathbf{r}).$$

- (or) Appears in the Lippmann-Schwinger equation

$$T(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) = V(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) + \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} V(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{k}) \frac{m_N}{\mathbf{p}^2 - \mathbf{k}^2 + i\epsilon} T(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}).$$

## □ Generalize the definition of potential

- An interaction quantity appearing in a three-dimensional scattering equation can be referred as a **NN potential**.
- If one employs a **relativistic scattering equation**, one can define a **relativistic NN potential**.

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# Time-ordered perturbation theory

## □ Definition

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*G.F. Sterman, "An introduction to quantum field theory", Cambridge (1993)*

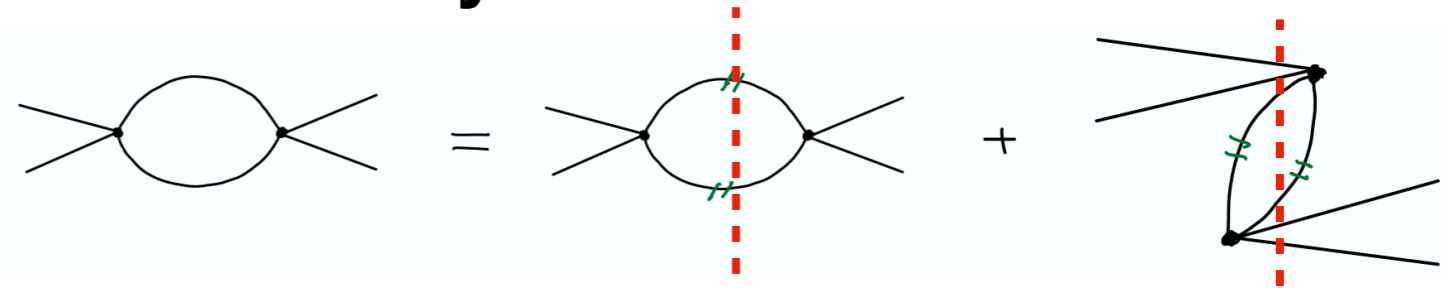
- Re-express the Feynman integral in a form that **makes the connection with on-mass-shell (off-energy shell) state explicit.**

✓ Instead the propagators for internal lines as the energy denominators for intermediate states

- **TOPT or old-fashioned perturbation theory**

## □ Advantages

- Explicitly show the unitarity
- Easily to tell the contributions of a particular diagram



## □ Obtain the rules for time-ordered diagrams

- Perform Feynman integrations over the zeroth components of the loop momenta
- Decompose Feynman diagram into sums of time-ordered diagrams
- Match to the rules of time-ordered diagrams