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# Modern Theory of nuclear forces

Lectures 1+2: Foundations

Lecture 3: Foundations (cont.) + state of the art for NN force

Lecture 4: Many-body forces & nuclear lattice simulations



# Summary of parts I + II

- Effective field theories aim to describe phenomena in a certain energy range/distance scale. Crucial: use the proper degrees of freedom and exploit the symmetries.
- Low-energy interactions of pions can be systematically described in Chiral Perturbation Theory (the EFT of QCD).
- NN interaction is strong, need some resummation beyond perturbation theory.
- NN at very low momenta  $Q \ll M_\pi$  can be described by pionless EFT ( $\sim$  ERE).
- To go to higher energies one needs to include pions. There is evidence that OPEP is nonperturbative in certain spin-triplet channels.

## Today:

- Few-N in chiral EFT: Weinberg's approach in a nutshell
- From effective Lagrangians to nuclear forces: Method of Unitary Transformation
- Chiral expansion for the 2N force: State of the art

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- Naively, power counting for a N-nucleon connected Feynman graph is:  
Weinberg '90

$$\nu = 2 - N + 2L + \sum_i V_i \Delta_i \quad \text{where} \quad \Delta_i = -2 + \frac{1}{2} n_i + d_i$$

$\swarrow$  power of  $Q$ 
 $\swarrow$  # of loops
 $\swarrow$  # of vertices of type  $\Delta_i$ 
 $\swarrow$  # of derivatives
 $\swarrow$  # of nucleon field operators

Examples:

$$\mathcal{L}_{NN}^{(0)} \sim Q^0$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(1)} \sim Q^0$$

$\nu = 2$  [derivatives]  
 $-2$  [ $\pi$ -propagator]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(1)} \sim Q^2$$

$\nu = 4$  [loop int.]  
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 $-4$  [2  $\pi$ -propagators]  
 $-2$  [2 HB nucl. propagators]

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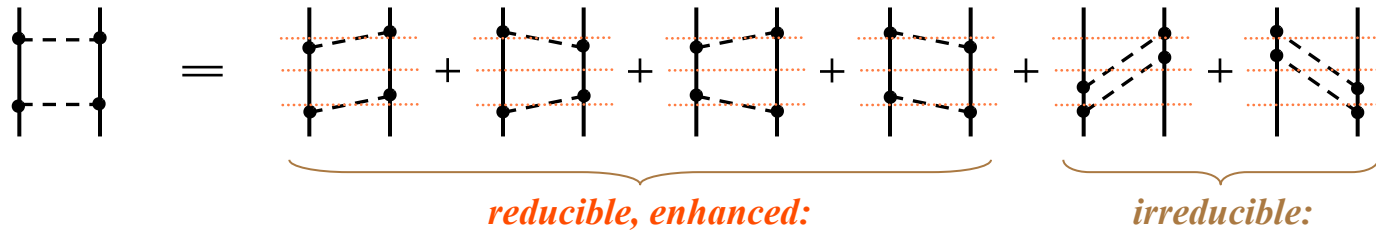
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## Weinberg's approach

- Use ChPT to compute irreducible graphs = nuclear forces/currents
- Resum enhanced reducible graphs by solving the Schrödinger/LS eq.

$$\text{V}_{\text{eff}} = \text{---} \text{---} + \text{---} \text{---} + \dots$$

$$\text{T} = \text{V}_{\text{eff}} + \text{V}_{\text{eff}} \text{T}$$

$$\left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^A \frac{-\vec{\nabla}_i^2}{2m_N} + \mathcal{O}(m_N^{-3}) \right) + \underbrace{V_{2N} + V_{3N} + V_{4N} + \dots}_{\text{derived within ChPT}} \right] |\Psi\rangle = E|\Psi\rangle$$

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# From effective Lagrangian to nuclear forces

see also lectures by Rocco

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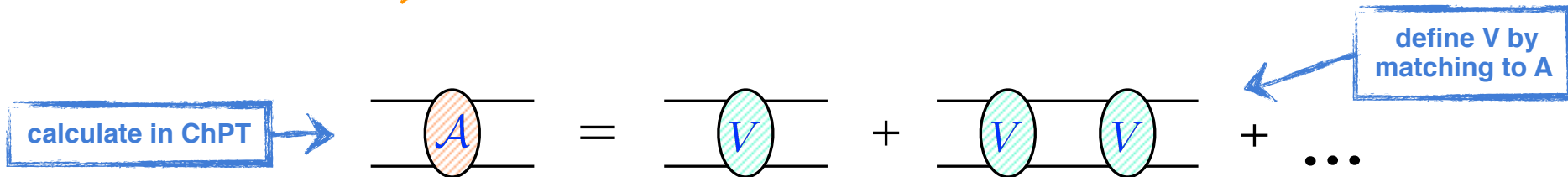
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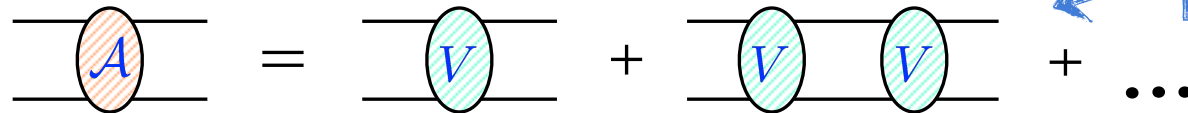


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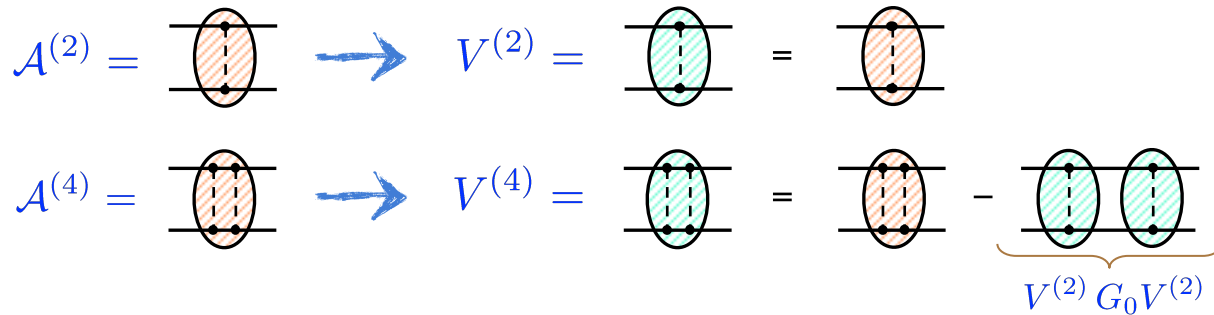
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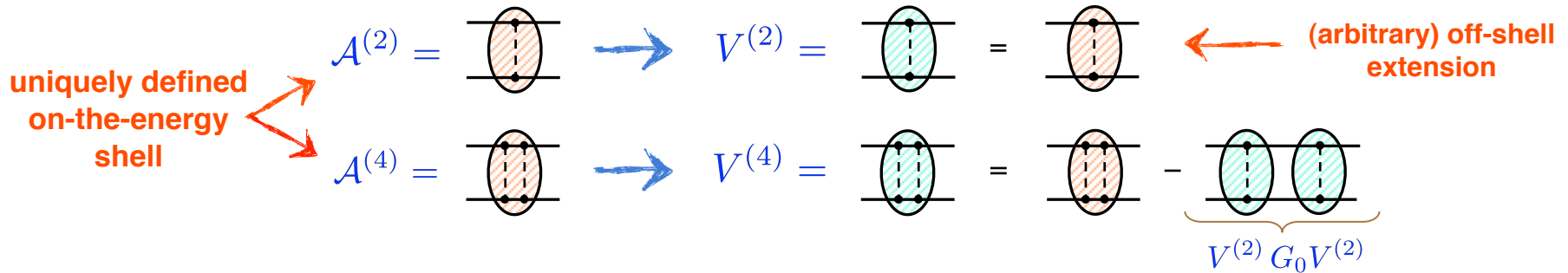
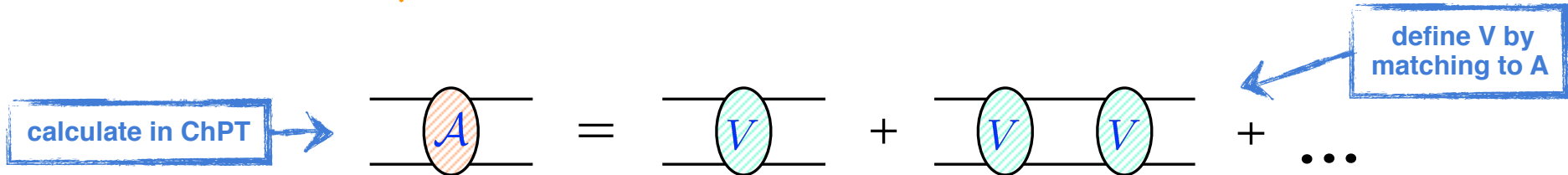
define  $V$  by matching to  $A$



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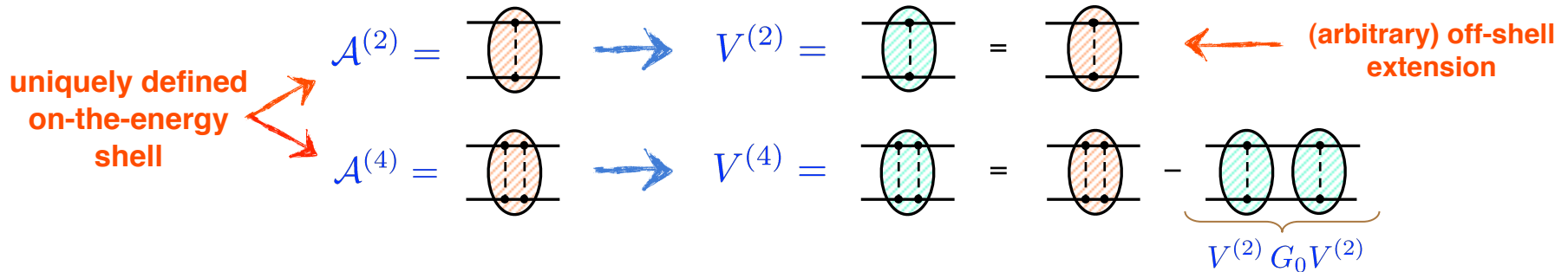
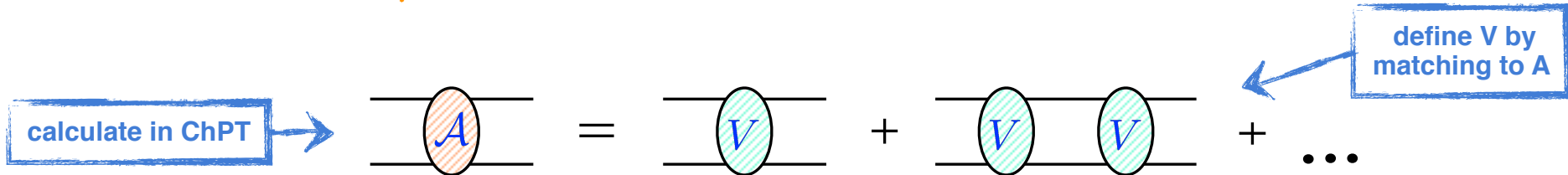
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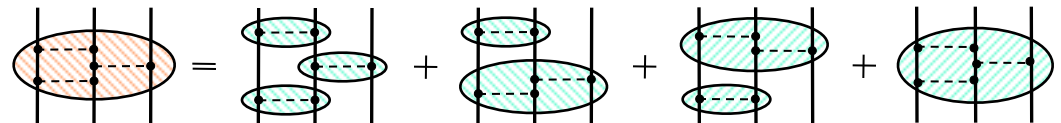
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- Higher-order terms in the Hamiltonian „know“ about the choice made for the off-shell extension (consistency...)

- Finite (=renormalized) matrix elements only for specific choices possible...



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## Method of unitary transformation

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Annotations:  
 -  $\eta H \eta$  and  $\lambda H \lambda$  are labeled as *projectors*.  
 -  $|\phi\rangle$  and  $|\psi\rangle$  are labeled as *nucleonic states*  $|N\rangle, |NN\rangle, \dots$  and *states with mesons*  $|N\pi\rangle, |N\pi\pi\rangle, \dots$  respectively.  
 - An arrow points from the equation to the text: *can not solve (infinite-dimensional eq.)*

2. Decouple pions via a suitable UT:  $\tilde{H} \equiv U^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} \eta H \eta & \eta H \lambda \\ \lambda H \eta & \lambda H \lambda \end{pmatrix} U = \begin{pmatrix} \eta \tilde{H} \eta & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \tilde{H} \lambda \end{pmatrix}$

A minimal parametrization of  $U$ :  $U = \begin{pmatrix} \eta(1 + A^\dagger A)^{-1/2} & -A^\dagger(1 + AA^\dagger)^{-1/2} \\ A(1 + A^\dagger A)^{-1/2} & \lambda(1 + AA^\dagger)^{-1/2} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $A = \lambda A \eta$   
 Okubo '54

Require:  $\eta \tilde{H} \lambda = \lambda \tilde{H} \eta = 0 \longrightarrow \boxed{\lambda (H - [A, H] - AHA) \eta = 0}$

The major problem is to solve the nonlinear decoupling equation.

Notice: similar methods widely used in nuclear & many-body physics (Lee-Suzuki)

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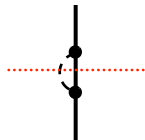
$$g^2 : \quad \lambda(H_I A^{(1)} - [A^{(2)}, H_0])\eta = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad A^{(2)} = -\lambda \frac{H_I A^{(1)}}{E_\eta - E_\lambda} \eta$$

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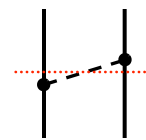
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1-nucleon operator  
(renormalization of  $m_N$ )



2-nucleon operator  
(one-pion exchange potential)



$$V_{1\pi} = -\left(\frac{g_A}{2F_\pi}\right)^2 \frac{\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{q} \vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{q}}{\vec{q}^2 + M_\pi^2} \tau_1 \cdot \tau_2$$

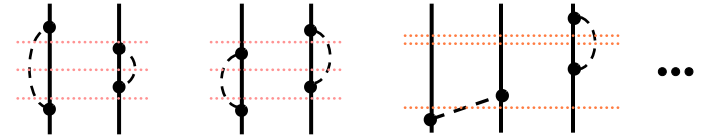
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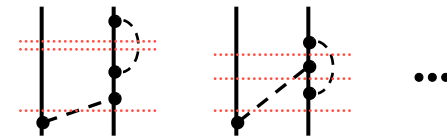
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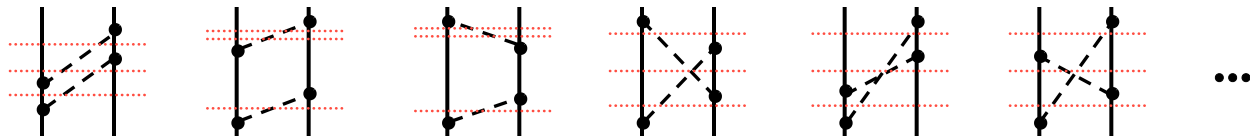


2. 1N contribution again only leads to renormalization of the nucleon mass

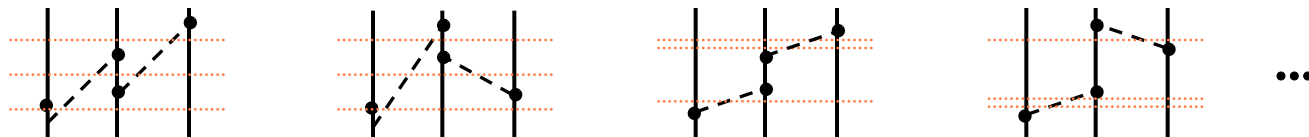
3. 1-loop contributions to the OPE 2N potential do not produce any new structures (renormalization of  $m_N$ ,  $g_A$ ,  $F_\pi$ ) EE, Glöckle, Meißner '02



## 4. Two-pion exchange 2N potential

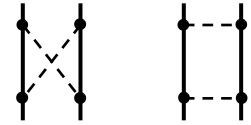


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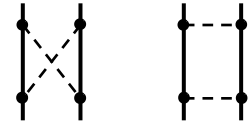
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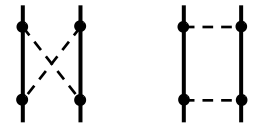
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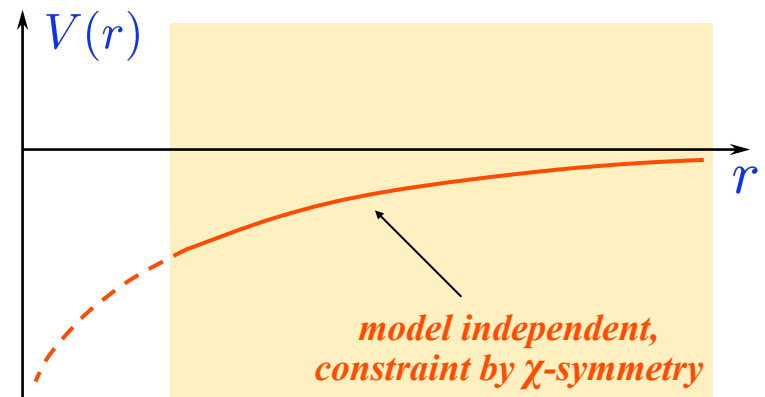
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 &= -\frac{g_A^4}{384\pi^2 F_\pi^4} \left[ \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \left( 20M_\pi^2 + 23q^2 + \frac{48M_\pi^4}{4M_\pi^2 + q^2} \right) - 18 (\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{q} \vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{q} - q^2 \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2) \right] L(q) + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

where the loop function is given by (in DR):

$$L(q) = \frac{1}{q} \sqrt{4M_\pi^2 + q^2} \ln \frac{\sqrt{4M_\pi^2 + q^2} + q}{2M_\pi}$$

The integral has logarithmic and quadratic divergences can be absorbed into short-range terms:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{\text{cont}} &= (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 q^2) \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 + \alpha_3 (\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{q}) (\vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{q}) \cdot \\
 &\quad + \alpha_4 (\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2) q^2
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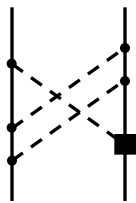
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$\sim \left(\frac{Q}{\Lambda}\right)^\nu$  where  $\nu = 2 - N + 2L + \sum_i V_i \Delta_i$  and  $\Delta_i = -2 + \frac{1}{2}n_i + d_i$

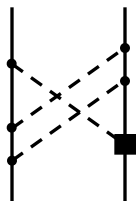
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So far, we assumed an expansion in powers of the coupling constant. In chiral EFT, we are doing an **expansion in powers of the soft scales** ( $Q \sim M_\pi$ ).

Recall: **chiral power counting for N-nucleon connected irreducible diagrams:**



$\sim \left(\frac{Q}{\Lambda}\right)^\nu$  where  $\nu = 2 - N + 2L + \sum_i V_i \Delta_i$  and  $\Delta_i = -2 + \frac{1}{2}n_i + d_i$

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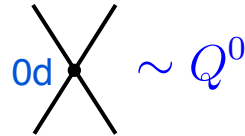
Let's rewrite the power counting in a more suitable way. Trick: count the powers of the *hard* scale  $\Lambda$  rather than the soft scale  $Q$ . Given that the only way for  $\Lambda$  to emerge is through the LECs of the effective Lagrangian, the power  $\nu$  is given by:

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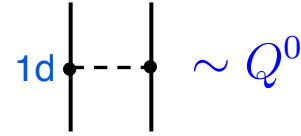
$\mathcal{L}_i = c_i (N^\dagger(\dots)N)^{\frac{n_i}{2}} \pi^{p_i} (\partial_\mu, M_\pi)^{d_i} \rightarrow [c_i] = (mass)^{-\kappa_i}$  with  $\kappa_i = d_i + \frac{3}{2}n_i + p_i - 4$

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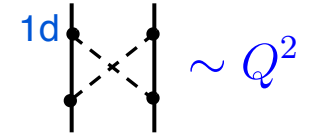
## Examples:



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Notice: chiral symmetry guarantees that **only non-renormalizable interactions with  $\kappa > 0$** , i.e. the so called irrelevant interactions, **appear in  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}$**   $\rightarrow$  **perturbative expansion for nuclear forces**

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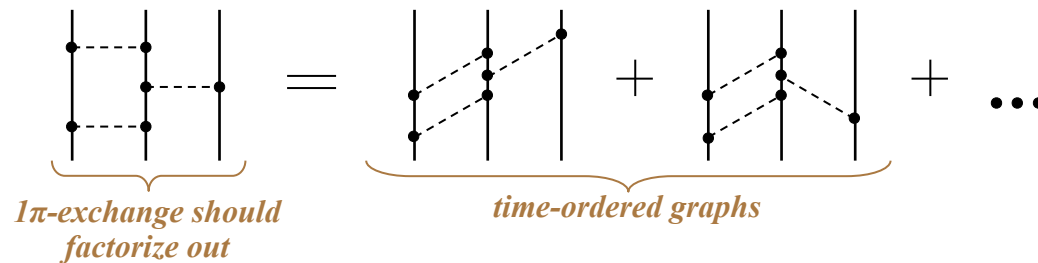
$$H_I = \sum_{\kappa=1}^{\infty} H^{(\kappa)} \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{ansatz:} \quad A = \sum_{\alpha=1}^{\infty} A^{(\alpha)}$$

Recursive solution of the decoupling equation:

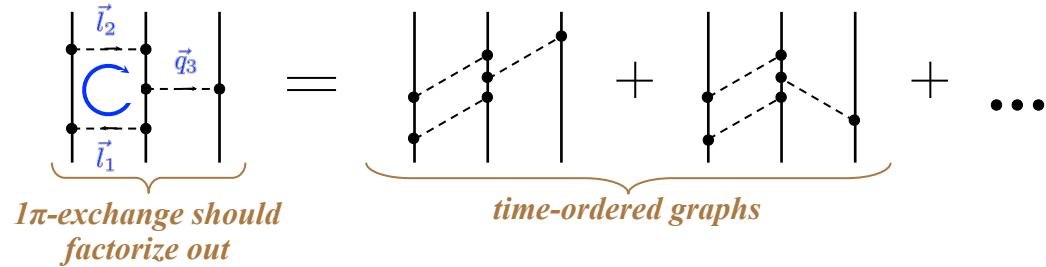
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$\rightarrow \tilde{V}_{\text{eff}}^{\text{UT}} = \dots$  (can be straightforwardly implemented in e.g. FORM, MATHEMATICA, ...)

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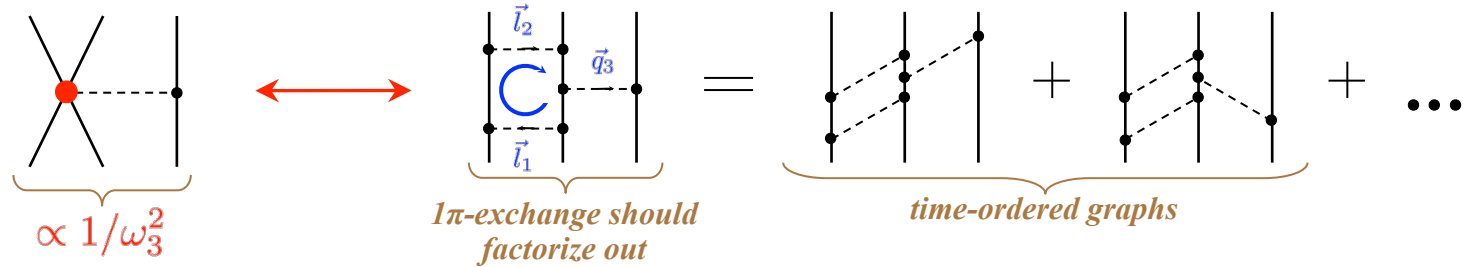
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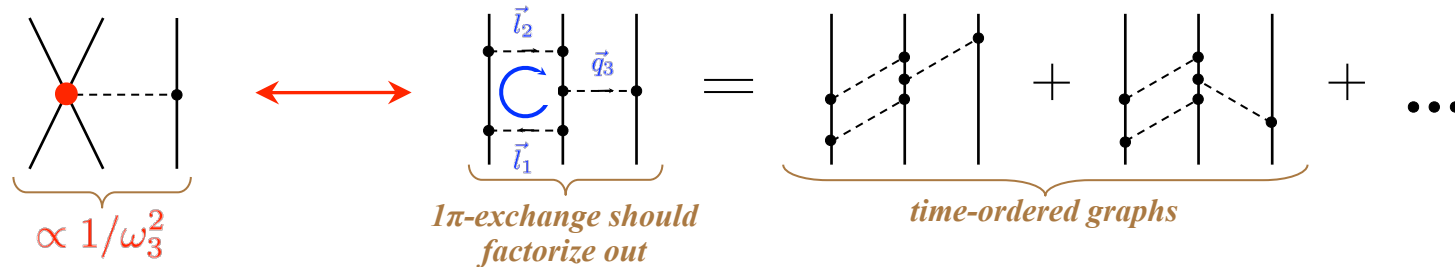
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## Solution EE '06

Nuclear potentials are not uniquely defined. Employing **additional UTs** in Fock space, it was (so far) always possible to maintain renormalizability at the level of the nuclear Hamiltonian. Same problem emerges for the current operators...

# Summary of part III

- **Weinberg's approach** to nuclear chiral EFT: use ChPT to derive the potential & solve the Schrödinger eq. (nonperturbative resummations).
- Nuclear potentials can be derived from the effective chiral Lagrangian e.g. using the **method of unitary transformation**.

**Next: (i) Chiral nuclear forces,  
(ii) Nuclear lattice simulations**