

Nuclear Physics (20)



Nuclear Forces from the
Effective Field Theory
perspective

Part 2: pion_{NP} EFT

RECAP

DERIVATION OF
NUCLEAR FORCES

QCD non-solvable
at low energies

EFT approach

Expansion in $\frac{Q}{M}$
(depends on choice
of Q & M)

Pionless
 $Q \sim \Lambda_0$
 $M \sim m_\pi$

Pionful
 $Q \sim m_\pi$
 $M \sim m_p$

Powerful EFT

EFT (Λ)
→

1) Degrees of Freedom:

N, π (+ sometimes Δ 's)

2) Symmetries: chiral symmetry

→ General form of the interaction

3) Renormalization

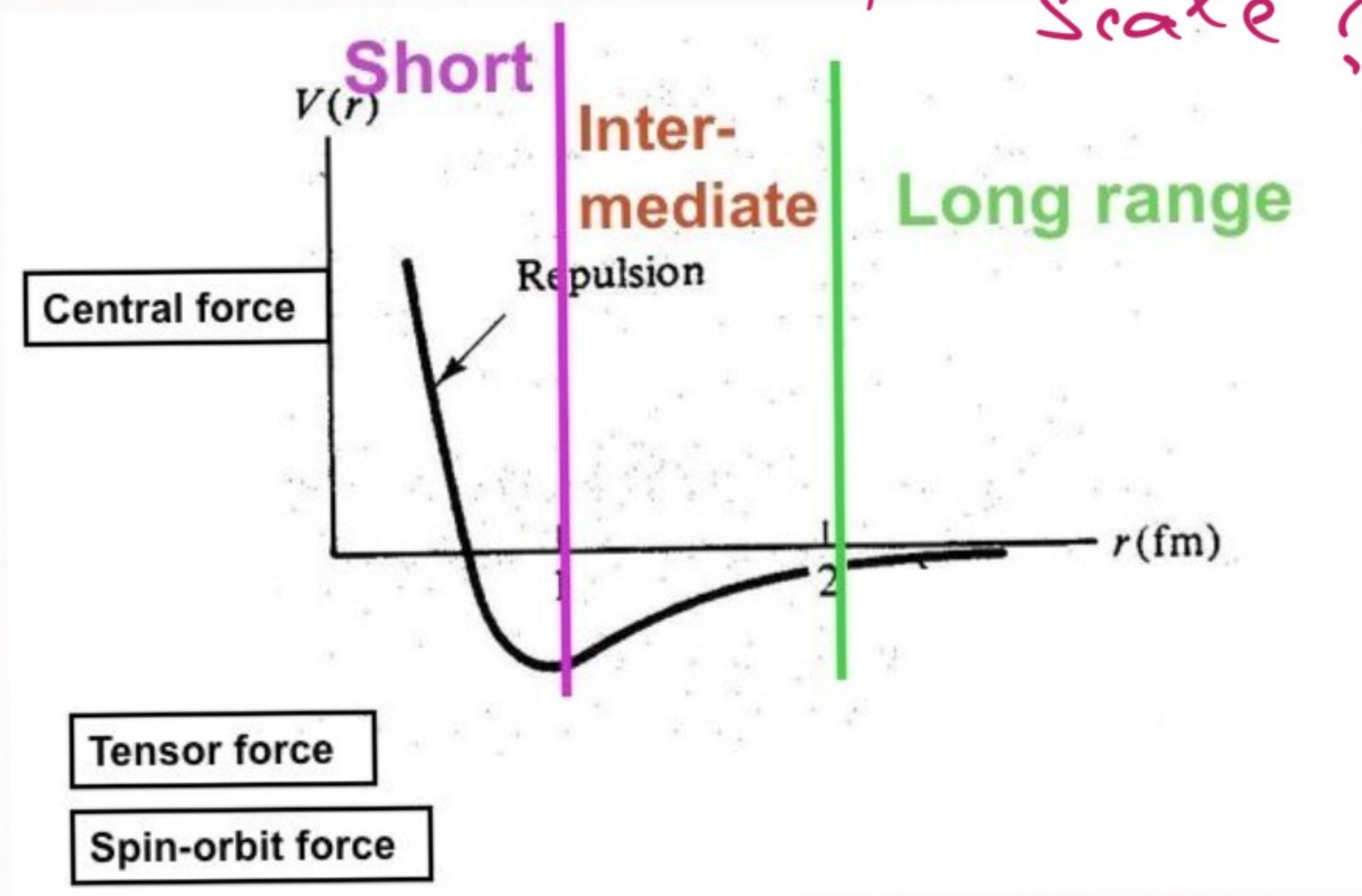
4) Power counting

(LO, NLO, N²LO, ...)

→ The REALLY difficult part

(status: open problem)

KEY POINT → Where is the separation scale?



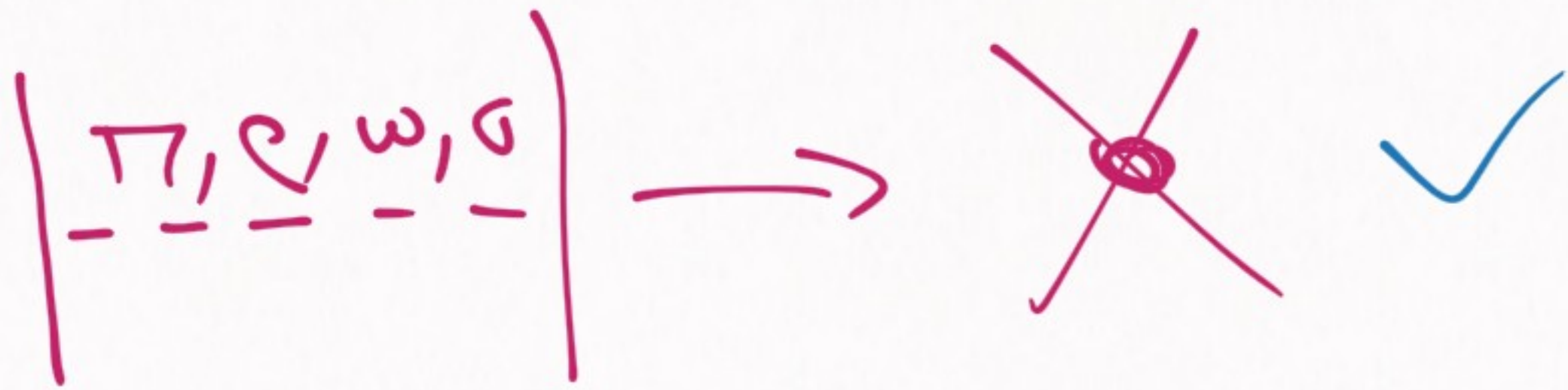
1) $R_{SM} \sim 1 \Rightarrow$ Pionless EFT

\Rightarrow Only contact potential

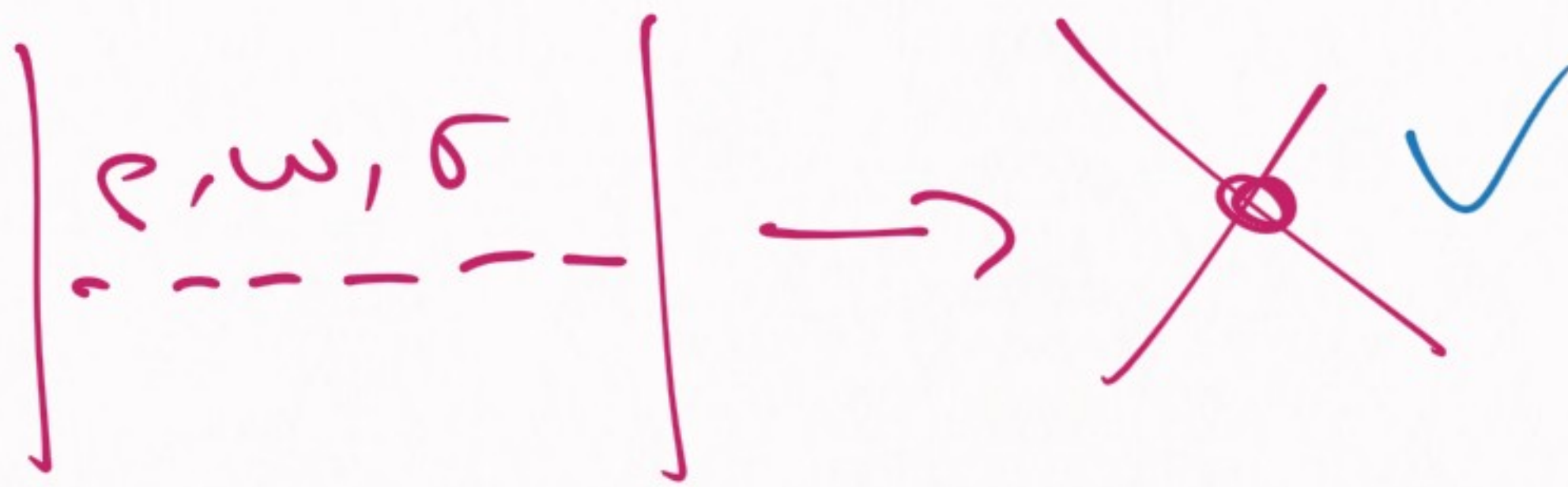
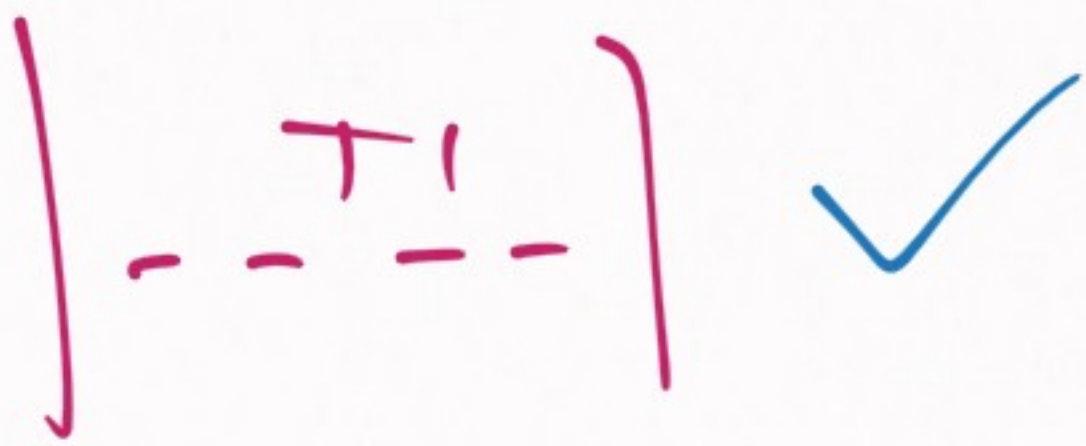
2) $R_{SM} \sim 1 \Rightarrow$ Pionful EFT

\Rightarrow Pions + contacts

1) Pionless EFT:



2) Pionful EFT:



1) & 2) \Rightarrow * Same ideas
* Different ingredients

A tour around EFT(π):

1) LO 

$$V_{\text{EFT}} = V_C + V_F$$

contact

finite-range

$$V_C^{\text{LO}} = C_S + C_T \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2$$

$$V_F^{\text{LO}} = -\frac{g_a^2}{4f_\pi^2} \frac{1}{r_1 r_2} \frac{1}{q^2 + m_\pi^2} \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 \vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{q}_2$$

$$V_{\text{EFT}}^{\text{LO}} = V_C^{\text{LO}} + V_F^{\text{LO}}$$

Leading order EFT potential

→ Regularization &
Renormalization

→ Just as before

1) Momentum space:

$$\langle \vec{p}' | V_{\text{EFT}}^{\text{reg}} | \vec{p} \rangle = \otimes$$

$$\otimes = \langle \vec{p}' | V_{\text{EFT}}^{\text{unreg}} | \vec{p} \rangle f\left(\frac{p}{\Lambda}\right) f\left(\frac{p}{\Lambda}\right)$$

$$f(x) = e^{-x^{2n}} \quad (\text{popular choice})$$

$$f(x) = \theta(1-x)$$

etc ...

$$C_{2n} \rightarrow C_{2n}(\Lambda) \quad \text{for} \quad \frac{d}{d\Lambda} [\dots] = 0$$

2) Coordinate space: endless options

2.a) Delta-shell

$$C_0 \delta(\vec{r}) \rightarrow C_0(R_c) \frac{\delta(r - R_c)}{4\pi R_c^2}$$

$$V_F(\vec{r}) \rightarrow V_F(\vec{r}) \Theta(r - R_c)$$

2.b) Gaussian

$$C_0 \delta(\vec{r}) \rightarrow C_0(R_c) \frac{e^{-(r/R_c)^{2n}}}{I(R_c)}$$

$$V_F(\vec{r}) \rightarrow V_F(\vec{r}) \left[1 - e^{-(r/R_c)^{2n}} \right]^m$$

Or any other choice...

RECAP

Why do we renormalize?

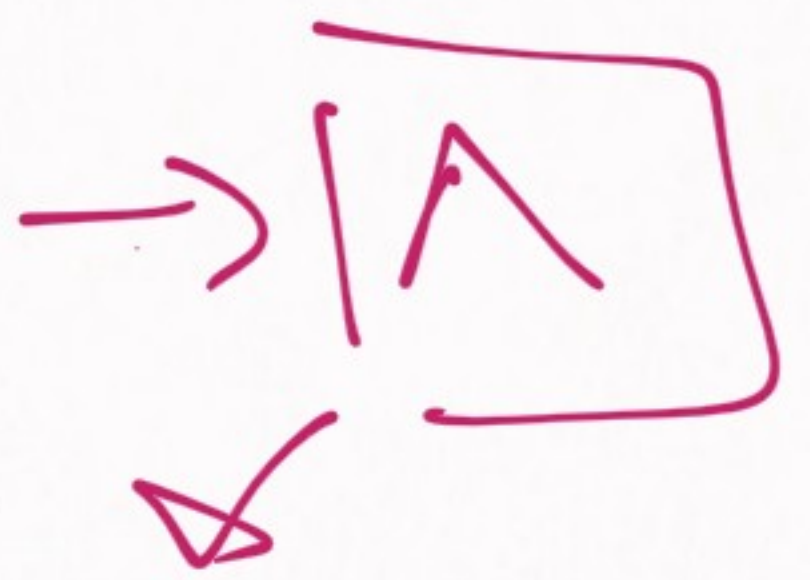
1) EFTs are based on a scale separation

1.a) Q, M → M physical breakdown scale

1.b) Λ (or R_c) → $\Lambda \neq M$, but a theoretical device

(a tool)

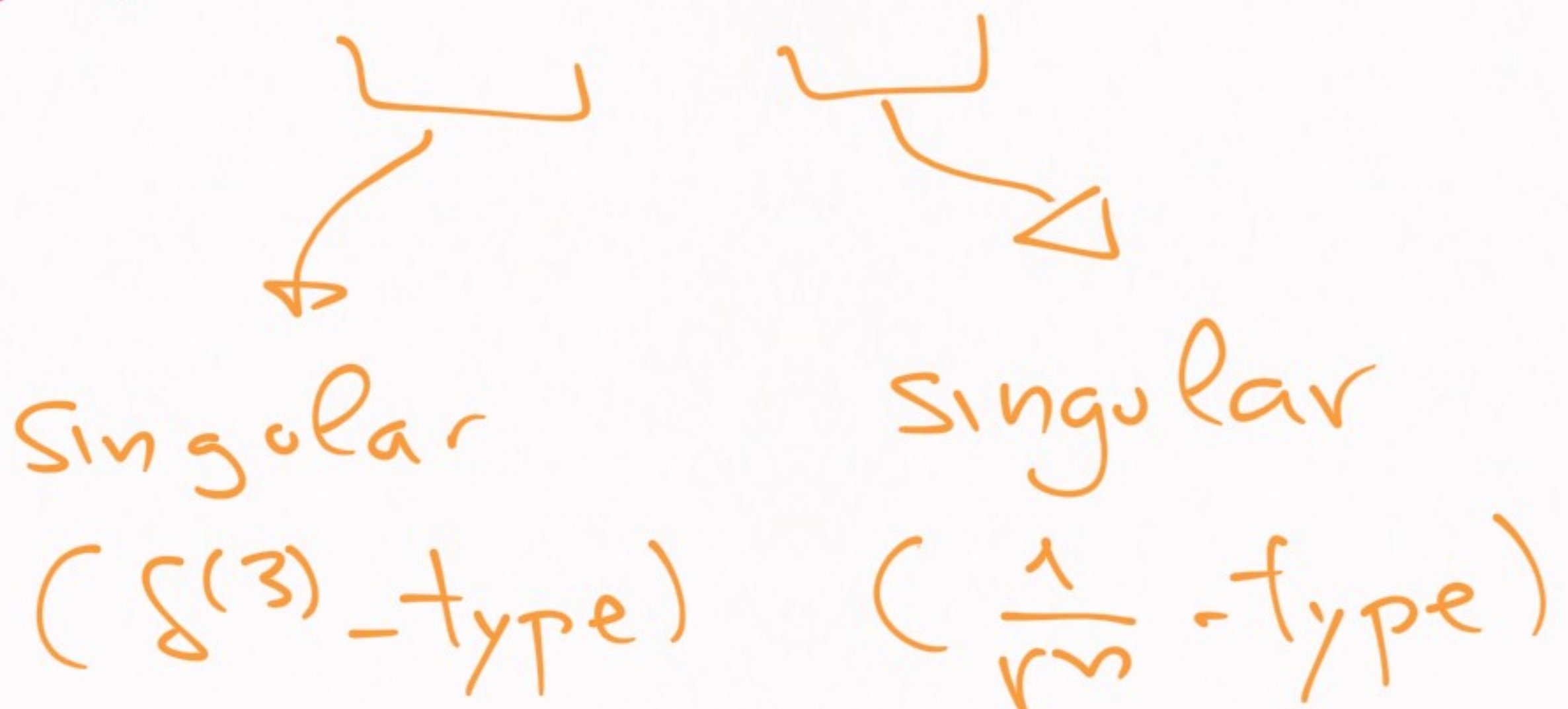
$$\frac{d}{d\Lambda}(\dots) \approx 0$$



You don't want it once your theory is finished

2) EFTs involve singular interactions

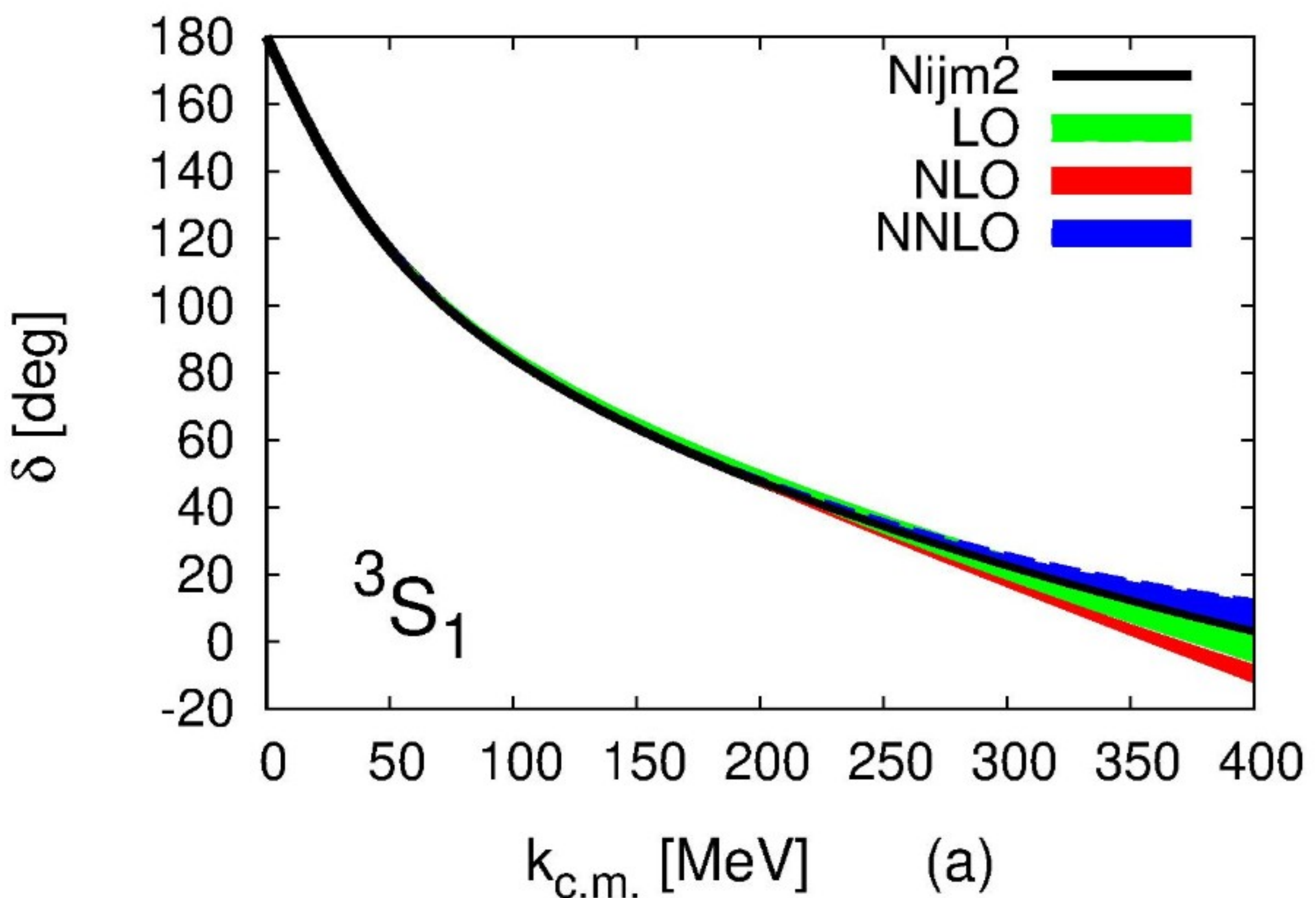
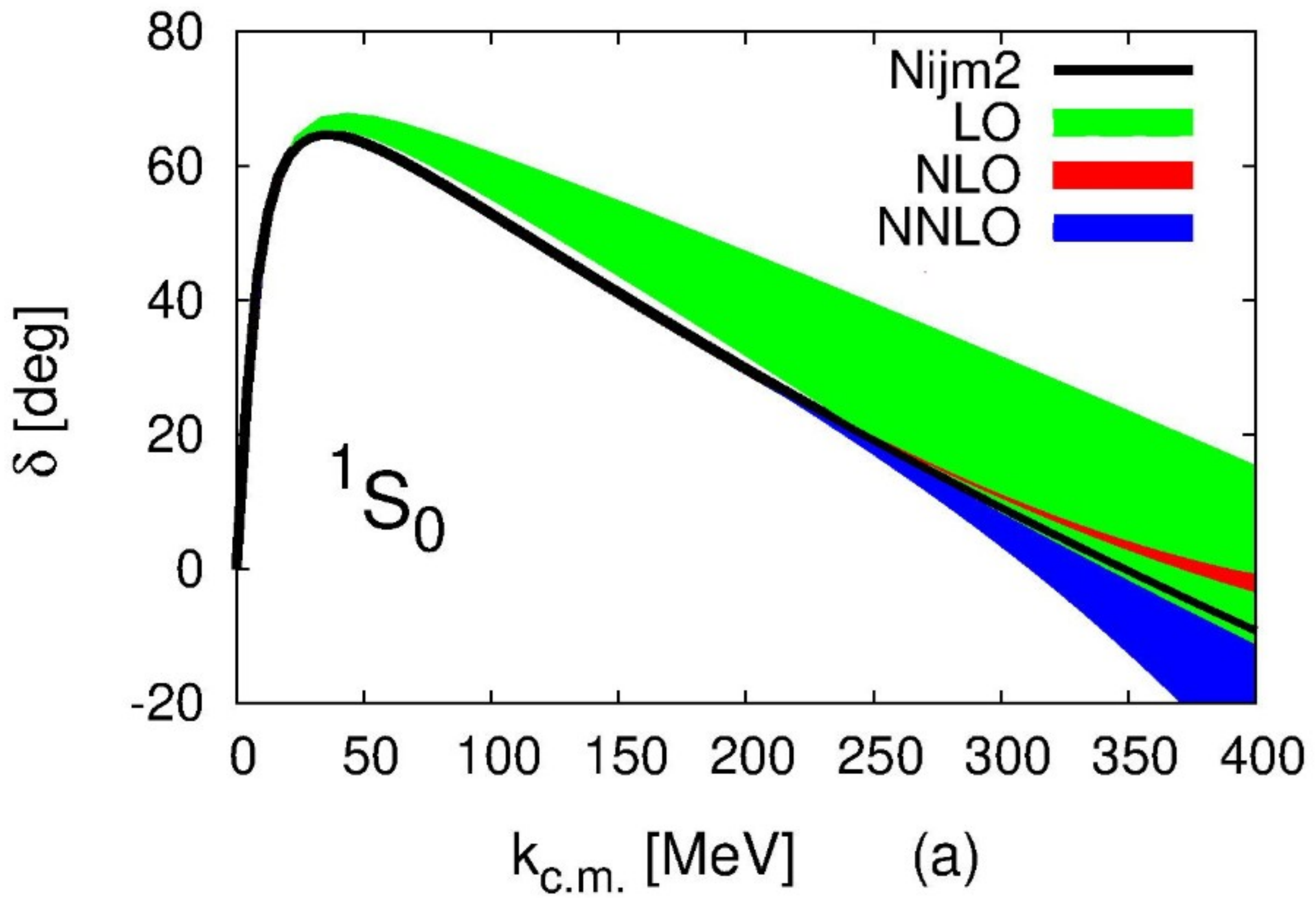
$$V_{\text{EFT}} = V_C + V_F$$



We want these two singular behaviours to cancel out

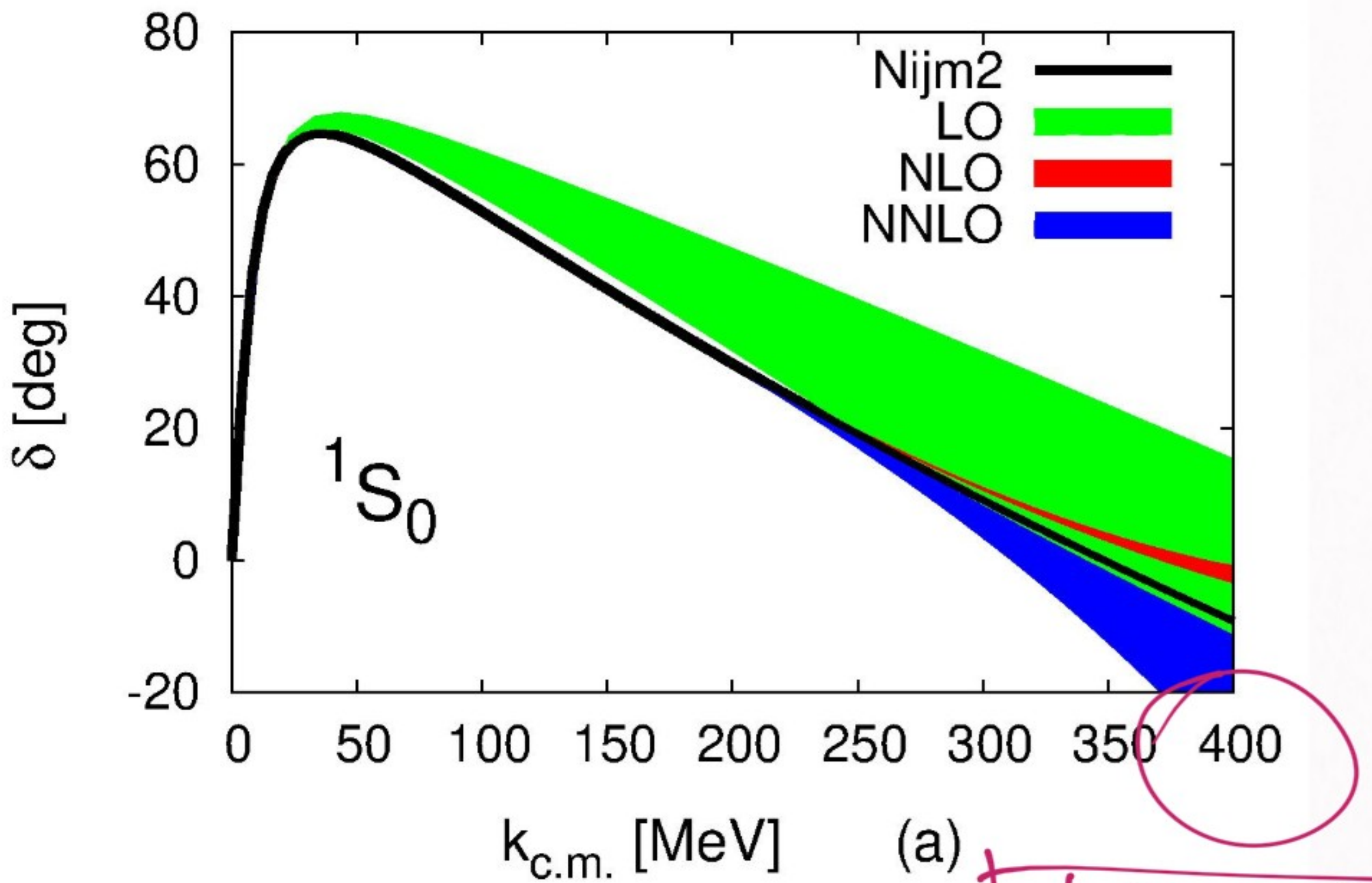
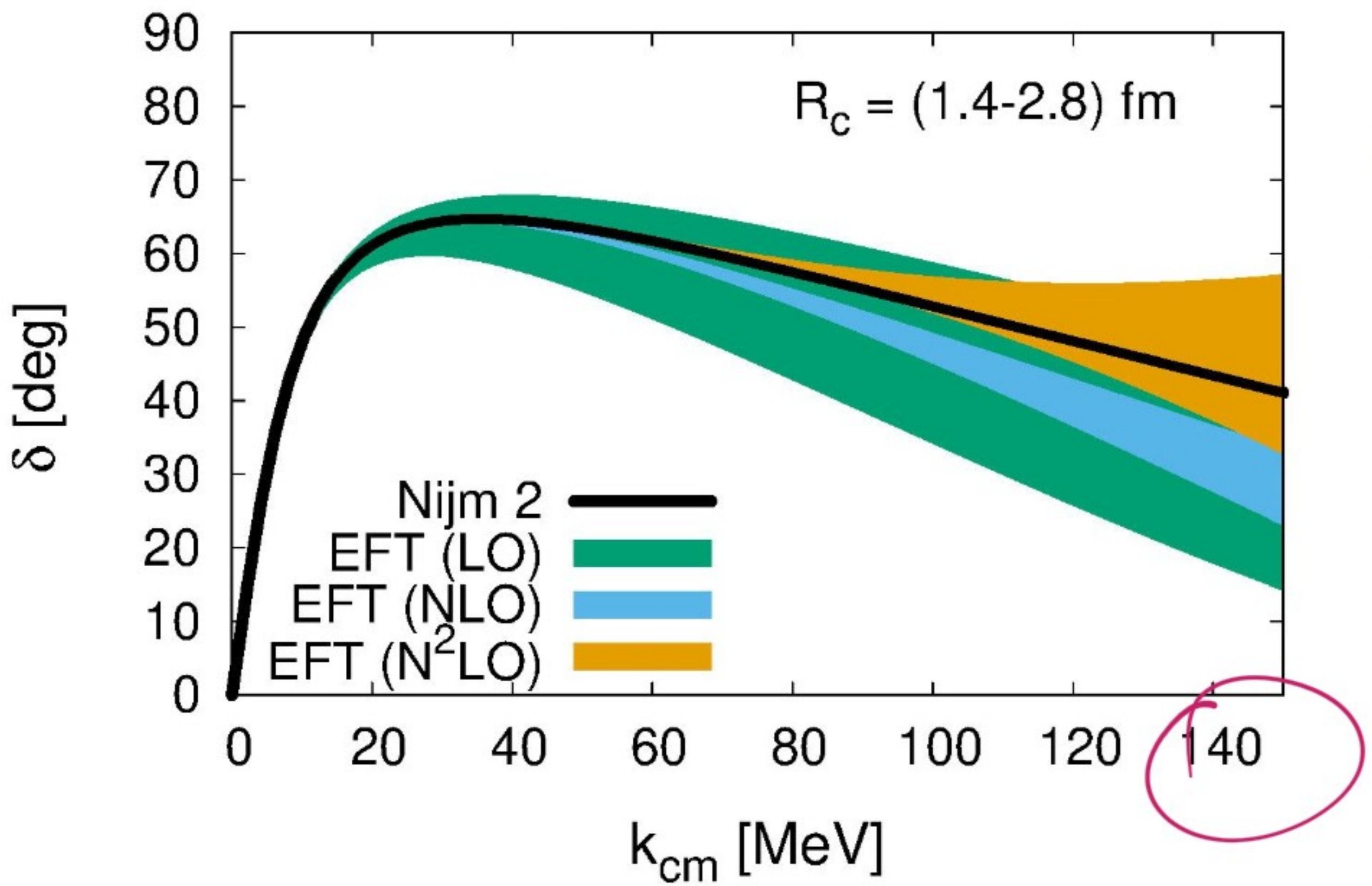


Let's see how this looks like



$(R_c = 0.9 - 1.2 \text{ fm})$

Comparison EFT(π) & EFT(π)



LARGER MOMENTA

But I have cheated:

LO , NLO , N^2LO , ...

Not explained yet

(polemic topic)

only thing we have actually studied

— ⊗ —

Let's explain NLO , N^2LO , etc

Problem 1: NLO, N²LO?

not so clear

Let's count powers!

1) $V_{\text{EFT}} = V_C + V_F$

$g, m_\pi \sim Q$

2) $V_C^{\text{LO}} = C_0 \Rightarrow Q^0$

3) $V_F^{\text{LO}} = -\frac{g^2}{4I_\pi^2} \frac{\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{g} \vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{g}}{g^2 + m_\pi^2}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{Q^2}{Q^2} \sim Q^0$

Seems clear, right?

→ Well, no!

Let's see the contact:

$$1) V_c = C_0(\lambda) \delta_\lambda(\vec{r})$$

1.a) Perturbative system

$$C_0(\lambda) = \frac{2\pi}{\mu} a_0 \left[\begin{array}{l} C_0 \sim Q^0 \\ a_0 \sim Q^0, \mu \sim Q^0 \end{array} \right] \boxed{C_0 \sim Q^0}$$

1.b) Non-perturbative system

$$\frac{1}{C_0(\lambda)} = \frac{\mu}{2\pi} \left(\frac{1}{a_0} - \frac{2}{\pi} \lambda \right) \left[\begin{array}{l} -1 \\ a_0 \sim Q^{-1} \end{array} \right] \boxed{C_0 \sim Q^{-1}}$$

⇒ Power counting depends
on the situation

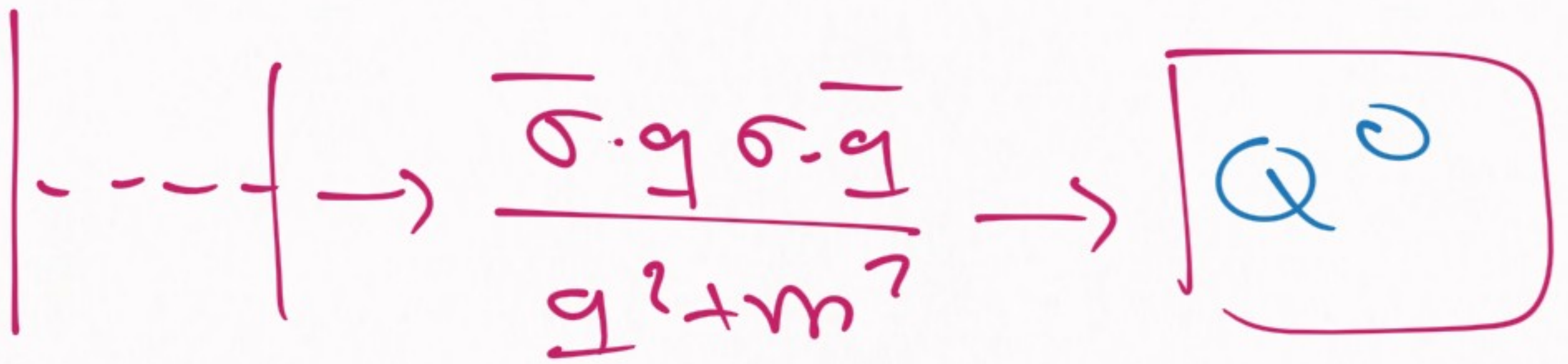
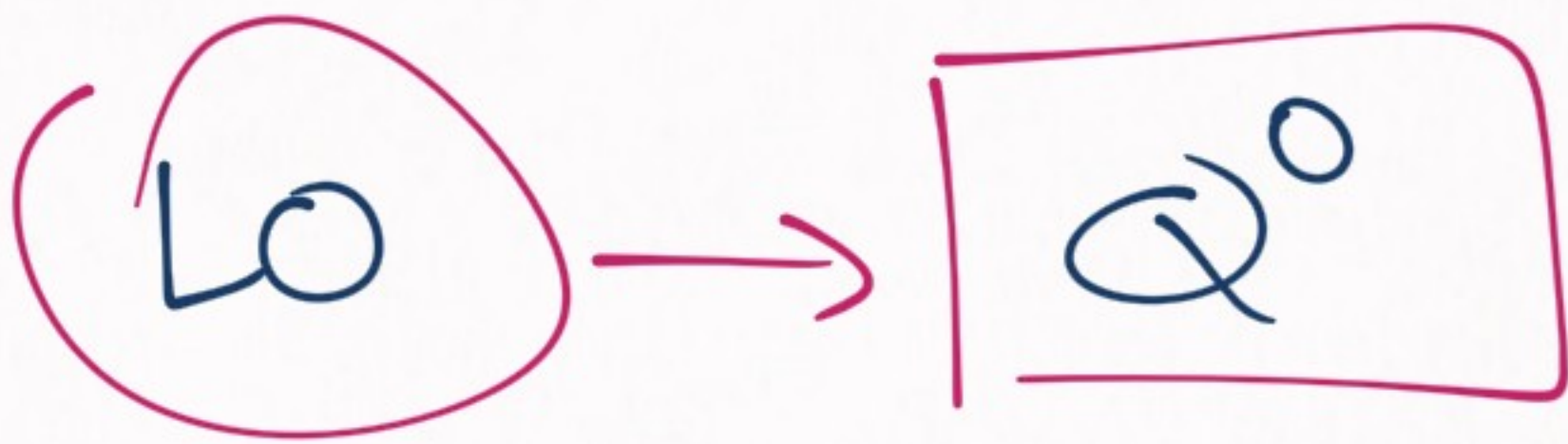
Remember the Cup & Pot
theory



↪ This was not a joke

NDA: naive dimensional analysis

Simplest counting possible



Now we continue to NLO,
N²LO,
etc

NDA looks like this:

	NN	3N	4N
LO $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^0$			
NLO $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^2$			
NNLO $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^3$			
N³LO $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^4$			

↳ NLO as example

NLO

$$V_{\text{EFT}}^{\text{NLO}} = V_{\text{C}}^{\text{NLO}} + V_{\text{F}}^{\text{NLO}}$$

$$V_{\text{C}}^{\text{NLO}} = C_2 (p^2 + p'^2) + \text{variations}$$

Q²

$$V_{\text{F}}^{\text{NLO}} = \text{[diagram 1]} + \text{[diagram 2]} + \text{[diagram 3]} + \text{[diagram 4]}$$

(= cross-box, box, football, triangle)

$$= V_{\text{C}}(\vec{q}) \vec{r}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_2 + V_{\text{S}}(\vec{q}) \vec{r}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_1$$

$$+ V_{\text{T}}(\vec{q}) \vec{r}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_2 + V_{\text{A}}(\vec{q}) \vec{r}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_1$$

W_C, V_S, V_T given by:

$$W_C(\mathbf{q}) = -\frac{L(q)}{192\pi^2 f_\pi^2} \left[4m_\pi^2 (5g_A^4 - 4g_A^2 - 1) + q^2 (23g_A^4 - 10g_A^2 - 1) + \frac{48g_A^4 m_\pi^2}{w(\mathbf{q})} \right],$$

$$V_T(\mathbf{q}) = -\frac{1}{q^2} V_S(\mathbf{q}) = -\frac{3g_A^3 L(q)}{32\pi^2 f_\pi^2},$$

with $L(q) = \frac{w(q)}{q} \log \left[\frac{w(q) + q}{2m_\pi} \right]$

$$w(q) = \sqrt{4m_\pi^2 + q^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow W_C \overline{\tau}_1 \cdot \overline{\tau}_2 \sim \boxed{Q^2}$$

$$V_S \overline{\sigma}_1 \cdot \overline{\sigma}_2 \sim \boxed{Q^2}$$

$$V_T \overline{\sigma}_1 \cdot \overline{\sigma}_2 \cdot \overline{\tau}_1 \cdot \overline{\tau}_2 \sim \boxed{Q^2}$$

$$\underbrace{Q^0 \quad Q^2}$$

	NN	3N	4N	
LO $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^0$		$\rightarrow Q^0$	checked 	
NLO $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^2$		$\rightarrow Q^2$		
NNLO $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^3$			$\rightarrow Q^3$	
N³LO $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^4$				$\rightarrow Q^4$

$(Q^1 \rightarrow$ no diagrams, because
the possible diagrams
are forbidden by
symmetry)

PROBLEM

NDA fails for non-perturbative systems (e.g. nucleons)



If we use NDA, bad things will happen



But most applications of EFT(π) use NDA



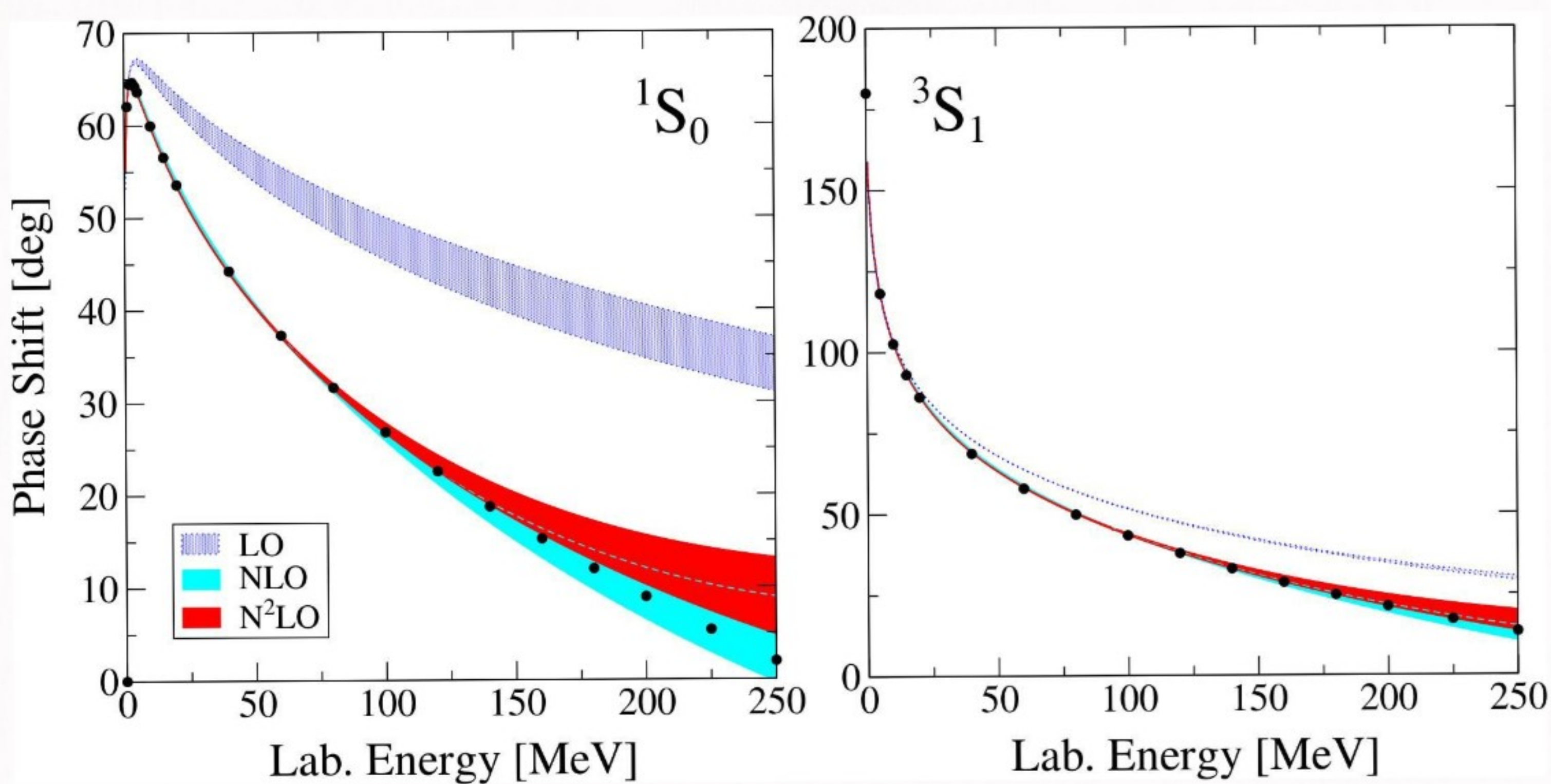
Oops!

Power Counting Wars

1996 - TODAY

Standard EFT(π) applications
based on NDA

↳ Easy & convenient



But there is a price to pay:

Can't take $R_c \rightarrow 0$

↳ RG invariance broken

Problem discovered by these guys:

Renormalization of one-pion exchange and power counting

A. Nogga (Julich, Forschungszentrum), R.G.E. Timmermans (Groningen, KVI), U. van Kolck (Arizona U.)

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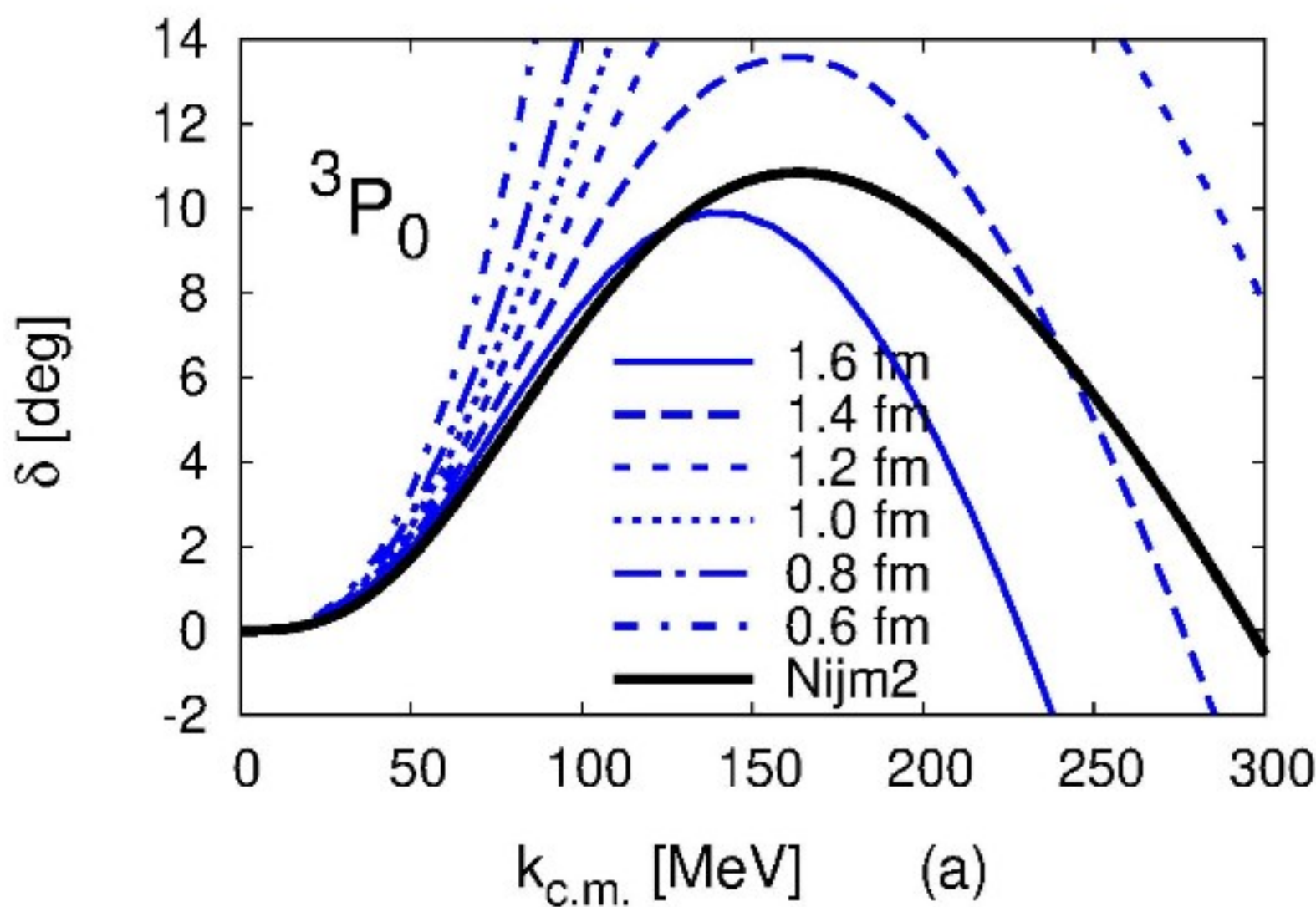
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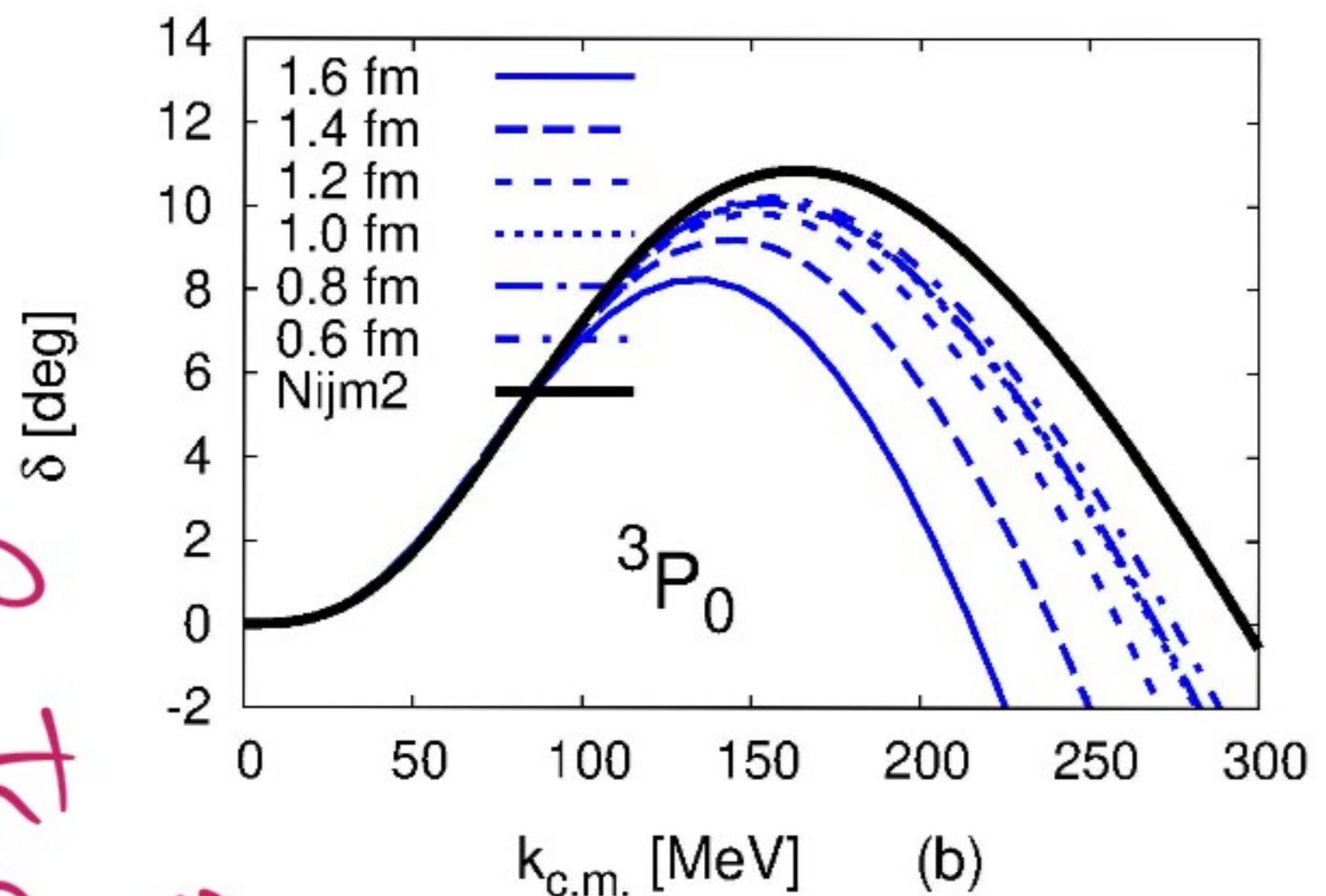
Classic paper
in EFT(π)

EXAMPLE: 3P_0 phase shift at ω



\rightarrow NDA
(no $R_c \rightarrow 0$ limit)

Include Δ
 $C_{\pi\bar{p}\cdot\bar{p}}$
contact $\approx \omega$
($R_c \rightarrow 0$ limit
restablished)



TAKE HOME MESSAGES

1) Powerful theory is difficult

\exists open problems

\hookrightarrow A good research topic

2) Power counting not unique

$$\text{Powerless} \rightarrow \frac{d}{dR_c} [C(R_c)] = 0$$

from exercise set 1

$$\frac{d}{dR_c} \left[\frac{C(R_c)}{R_c} \right] = 0$$

3) Renormalization is not guaranteed to work

$$\frac{d}{dR_c} [k(\epsilon) S(\epsilon, \tau)] = 0 \quad \text{requires hard work}$$

CHALLENGES w/ RG INVARIANCE

$$V_{\text{EFT}} = V_{\text{LO}} + \sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} V^{(\nu)}$$

subleading
corrections

1) Power counting implies:

$$\left(\sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} V^{(\nu)} \right) \ll V_{\text{LO}}$$

subleading corrections
are indeed subleading
(small)

2) RG invariance requires

that $\left(\sum_{\nu=0}^{\infty} V^{(\nu)} \right)$ is included

as perturbations

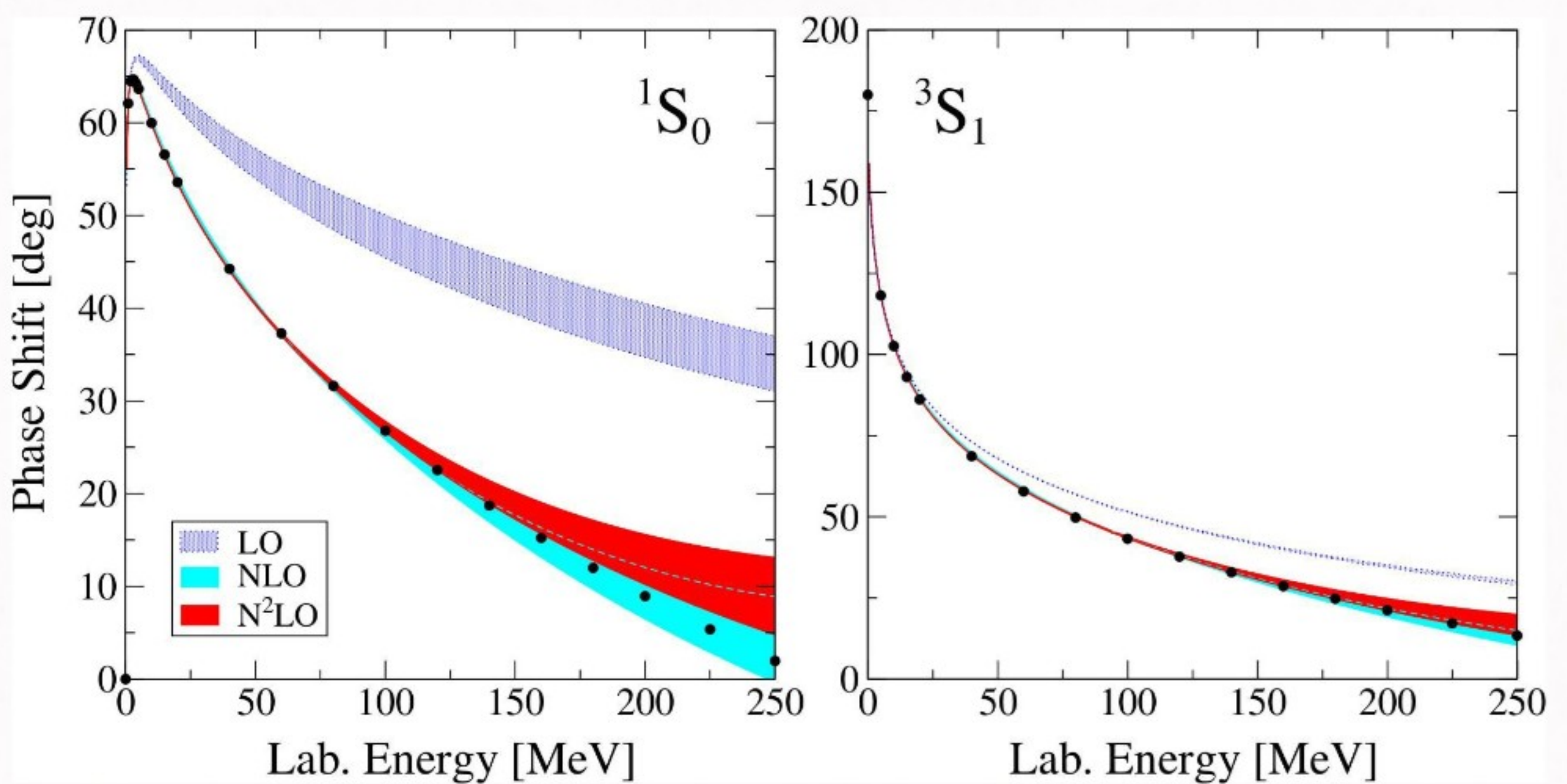
→ DIFFICULT

⇒

Nowadays most implementations do not include subleading corrections as perturbations

↓
technically difficult

like in this example ↘



Further reading : NDA (non-renormalizable)

1) The classic (Weinberg counting)

Accurate charge dependent nucleon nucleon potential at fourth order of chiral perturbation theory #1
D.R. Entem (Idaho U. and Salamanca U.), R. Machleidt (Idaho U.) (Apr 8, 2003)
Published in: *Phys.Rev.C* 68 (2003) 041001 • e-Print: [nucl-th/0304018](#) [nucl-th]
[pdf](#) [DOI](#) [cite](#) ↻ 1,194 citations

2) The other classic implementation

The Two-nucleon system at next-to-next-to-next-to-leading order #2
E. Epelbaum (Jefferson Lab), W. Glockle (Ruhr U., Bochum), Ulf-G. Meissner (Bonn U., HISKP and Julich, Forschungszentrum) (May 19, 2004)
Published in: *Nucl.Phys.A* 747 (2005) 362-424 • e-Print: [nucl-th/0405048](#) [nucl-th]
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3) The easy-to-program potential

Local chiral effective field theory interactions and quantum Monte Carlo applications #2
A. Gezerlis (Guelph U.), I. Tews (Darmstadt, Tech. Hochsch. and Darmstadt, EMMI), E. Epelbaum (Ruhr U., Bochum), M. Freunek (Ruhr U., Bochum), S. Gandolfi (Los Alamos) et al. (Jun 2, 2014)
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4) One of the latest implementations

Precision nucleon-nucleon potential at fifth order in the chiral expansion #8
E. Epelbaum (Ruhr U., Bochum), H. Krebs (Ruhr U., Bochum), U.G. Meißner (Bonn U., HISKP and IAS, Julich and JCHP, Julich and Julich, Forschungszentrum) (Dec 15, 2014)
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The problem w/ Weinberg counting
(i.e. NDA)

1) The first problem (1996)

Nucleon - nucleon scattering from effective field theory

David B. Kaplan (Washington U., Seattle), Martin J. Savage (Carnegie Mellon U.), Mark B. Wise (Caltech)

May 3, 1996

35 pages

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Renormalizable implementations:

1) Coordinate space (by me)

Perturbative renormalizability of chiral two pion exchange in nucleon-nucleon scattering

M.Pavon Valderrama (Julich, Forschungszentrum and JCHP, Julich) (Dec 3, 2009)

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Perturbative Renormalizability of Chiral Two Pion Exchange in Nucleon-Nucleon Scattering: P- and D-waves #12

M. Pavon Valderrama (Valencia U., IFIC) (Aug 3, 2011)

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2) Momentum space

Short-range nuclear forces in singlet channels #6

Bingwei Long (Jefferson Lab), C.J. Yang (Jefferson Lab) (Feb 20, 2012)

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Renormalizing Chiral Nuclear Forces: Triplet Channels #7

Bingwei Long (Jefferson Lab), C.J. Yang (Arizona U. and Ohio U., Inst. Nucl. Part. Phys.) (Nov 17, 2011)

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