

NN scattering from the dispersive N/D method including leading two-pion exchange

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Introduction

NN interaction is important for nuclear matter, neutron stars, nucleosynthesis, nuclear structure, nuclear reactions, etc . . .

Application of Chiral Perturbation Theory (ChPT) to NN

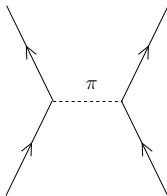
S. Weinberg, PLB **251** (1990) 288; NPB **363** (1991) 3; PLB **295** (1992) 114.

Weinberg's scheme: Calculate the two-nucleon irreducible graphs in ChPT (the NN potential V_{NN}) and then solve the Lippmann-Schwinger (LS) equation

$$T_{NN}(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) = V_{NN}(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) + \int d\mathbf{p}'' V_{NN}(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}'') \frac{m}{\mathbf{p}^2 - \mathbf{p}''^2 + i\epsilon} T_{NN}(\mathbf{p}'', \mathbf{p})$$

C. Ordóñez, L. Ray and U. van Kolck, PRL **72** (1994) 1982; PRC **53** (1996) 2086.

In 1935 H. Yukawa introduced the pion as the carrier of the strong nuclear force



The pion mass was inferred from the range of strong nuclear forces

This was estimated from the radius of the atomic nucleus
Relativistic-Quantum-Mechanical argument

Thanks to ChPT we can calculate TPE and its role in NN scattering is also well established N. Kaiser, R. Brockmann and W. Weise, Nucl. Phys. A **625** (1997) 758.

Heisenberg uncertainty principle: $\Delta t \Delta E \geq \hbar$

Relativity: Velocity of light is the Maximum velocity c

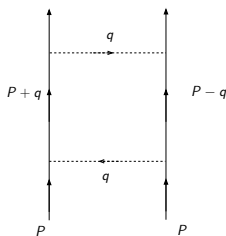
$$\Delta t \Delta E = \frac{\Delta \ell}{c} \Delta E \geq \hbar$$
$$\Delta E = \frac{\hbar c}{\Delta \ell}$$

$$\Delta \ell \sim 2 \text{ fm} \quad (1 \text{ fm} = 10^{-15} \text{ m})$$

$$M_\pi \sim \frac{\hbar c}{2 \text{ fm}} \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$$

$$M_\pi = 138 \text{ MeV}$$

- A typical **three-momentum cut-off** $\Lambda \sim 600$ MeV (fine tuned to data) is used in order to regularize the Lippmann-Schwinger equation because chiral potentials are singular.
E.g. The tensor part of One-Pion Exchange (OPE) diverges as $1/r^3$ for $r \rightarrow 0$
- *NN* scattering is nonperturbative: Presence of bound states (deuteron) in 3S_1 and anti-bound state in 1S_0 .
Spectroscopic notation $^{2S+1}L_J$



$$\int d^4q (q^0 + i\epsilon)^{-1} (q^0 - i\epsilon)^{-1} (\mathbf{q}^2 + M_\pi^2)^{-2} P(q)$$

Infrared enhancement

$$1/|\mathbf{q}| \rightarrow 1/|\mathbf{q}| \times m/|\mathbf{q}|.$$

$$1/q^0 \rightarrow 1/[q^0 - \mathbf{q}^2/(2m)],$$

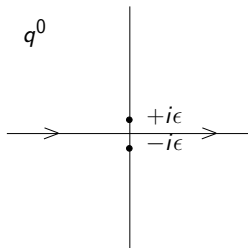
non-relativistic nucleon propagator

Extreme non-relativistic propagator (or Heavy-Baryon propagator)

$$\frac{1}{q^0 + i\epsilon}$$

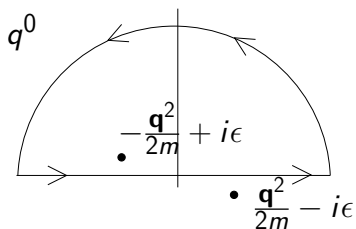
Non-relativistic propagator

$$\frac{1}{q^0 - \frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{2m} + i\epsilon}$$



"Pinch" singularity

The integration contour cannot
be deformed



$$\int dq^0 (q^0 - \frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{2m} + i\epsilon)^{-1} (q^0 + \frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{2m} - i\epsilon)^{-1} = -2\pi i \frac{m}{\mathbf{q}^2}$$

- V_{NN} is calculated up to next-to-next-to-next-to-leading order (N^3LO) and applied with great phenomenological success

Entem and Machleidt, PLB **254** (2002) 93; PRC **66** (2002) 014002; PRC **68** (2003) 041001

Epelbaum, Glöckle, Meißner, NPA **637** (1998) 107; **671** (2000) 195; **747** (2005) 362

- **On the cut-off dependence**

Chiral counterterms introduced in V_{NN} following naive chiral power counting are not enough to reabsorb the dependence on the cut-off when solving the LS equation

Nogga, Timmermans and van Kolck, PRC **72** (2005) 054006

Pavón Valderrama and Arriola, PRC **72** (2005) 054002; **74** (2006) 054001; **74** (2006) 064004

Kaplan, Savage, Wise NPB **478** (1996) 629

Birse, PRC **74** (2006) 014003 ; C.-J. Yang, Elster and Phillips, PRC **80** (2009) 034002; *idem* 044002.

▷ In Nogga *et al.* one counterterm is promoted from higher to lower orders in 3P_0 , 3P_2 and 3D_2 and then stable results for $\Lambda < 4$ GeV are obtained.

▷ *Higher order contributions would be treated perturbatively*

Pavón Valderrama, PRC **83** (2011) 024003; **84** (2011) 064002

B. Long, C.-J. Yang, PRC **84** (2011) 057001; **85** (2011) 034002; **86** (2012) 024001

- This procedure is **criticized** by Epelbaum and Gegelia, Eur.Phys. J. A41 (2009) 341.

It is not enough to obtain a finite T -matrix in the limit $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$

One should absorb all divergences from loops in counterterms

To avoid renormalization scheme dependence and violation of low energy theorems when $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$

- Change your LO: Avoid $1/m$ expansion in nucleon denominators
Epelbaum and Gegelia, Phys.Lett.B716,338 (2012) + OPE

Higher orders would be considered perturbatively

N/D Method

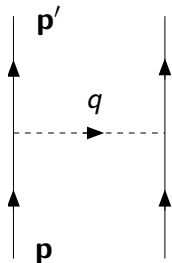
Chew and Mandelstam, Phys. Rev. **119** (1960) 467

A NN partial wave amplitude has two type of cuts:

Unitarity or Right Hand Cut (RHC)

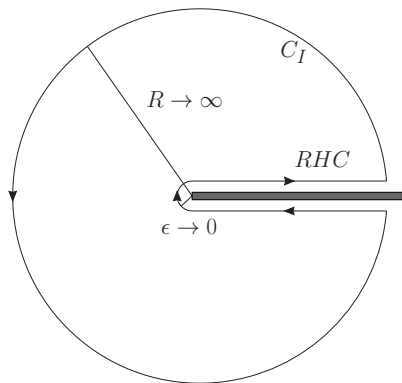
$$\Im T = \frac{m|\mathbf{p}|}{4\pi} TT^\dagger, \quad \mathbf{p}^2 > 0 \longrightarrow \Im T^{-1} = -\frac{m|\mathbf{p}|}{4\pi} \mathbb{I}$$

Left Hand Cut (LHC)

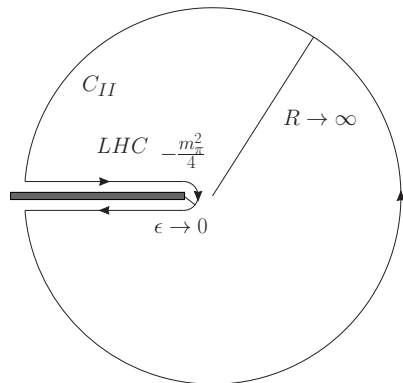


$$\frac{1}{(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}')^2 + M_\pi^2}$$

$$\mathbf{p}^2 = -\frac{M_\pi^2/2}{1 - \cos \theta} \rightarrow \mathbf{p}^2 \in] -\infty, -M_\pi^2/4]$$



$$T_{J\ell S}(A) = \frac{N_{J\ell S}(A)}{D_{J\ell S}(A)}$$



$N_{J\ell S}(A)$ has Only LHC

$D_{J\ell S}(A)$ has Only RHC

Uncoupled Partial Waves

$$T_{J\ell S}(A) = N_{J\ell S}(A)/D_{J\ell S}(A)$$

$$\Im D_{J\ell S}(A) = -N_{J\ell S}(A) \frac{m\sqrt{A}}{4\pi}, \quad A > 0$$

$$\Im N_{J\ell S}(A) = D_{J\ell S}(A) \Im T_{J\ell S}(A), \quad A < -M_\pi^2/4$$

$$A \equiv |\mathbf{p}|^2$$

E.g. taking one subtraction in $D(A)$ and $N(A)$

$$\begin{aligned} \oint_{C_I} dz \frac{D_{J\ell S}(z)}{(z-A)(z-D)} &= 2\pi i \frac{D_{J\ell S}(A) - D_{J\ell S}(D)}{A-D} \\ &= \int_0^\infty dq^2 \frac{[D_{J\ell S}(q^2 + i\epsilon) - D_{J\ell S}(q^2 - i\epsilon)]}{(q^2 - A + i\epsilon)(q^2 - D + i\epsilon)} \end{aligned}$$

Schwartz's reflection principle:

If $f(z)$ is real along an interval of the real axis and is analytic then:

$$f(z^*) = f(z)^*$$

$$D_{J\ell S}(q^2 + i\epsilon) - D_{J\ell S}(q^2 - i\epsilon) = 2i\Im D(q^2 + i\epsilon)$$

COUPLED SYSTEM OF LINEAR INTEGRAL EQUATIONS

$$D_{J\ell S}(A) = 1 - \frac{A - D}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dq^2 \frac{\rho(q^2) N_{J\ell S}(q^2)}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - D)}$$

$$N_{J\ell S}(A) = N_{J\ell S}(D) + \frac{A - D}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta_{J\ell S}(k^2) D_{J\ell S}(k^2)}{(k^2 - A)(k^2 - D)}$$

$$L \equiv -\frac{M_\pi^2}{4}$$

$$\rho(A) = m\sqrt{A}/4\pi, \quad A > 0$$

$$\Delta(A) = \Im T_{J\ell S}(A), \quad A < L$$

$$D_{J\ell S}(A) = 1 - AN_{J\ell S}(0)\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{0}) + \frac{A}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta_{J\ell S}(k^2) D_{J\ell S}(k^2)}{k^2} \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{k}^2)$$

$$\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{k}^2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} dq^2 \frac{\rho(q^2)}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - k^2)}$$

Convergent, $\rho(A) \propto \sqrt{A}$

CHANGE OF VARIABLE:

$$A = \frac{L}{x}, \quad x \in [1, 0]$$

$$D_{J\ell S}(x) = 1 - \frac{L}{x} N_{J\ell S}(0)\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{0}) + \frac{L}{\pi x} \int_0^1 dy \frac{\Delta(y)\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{y} D(y)$$

Fredholm Integral Equation of the Second Kind

$$D_{J\ell S}(x) = f_{J\ell S}(x) + \int_0^1 dy K(x, y) D(y)$$

$$K(x, y) = \frac{L}{\pi} \frac{\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{x y} \Delta(y)$$

- Not L_2
- Not symmetric

We discretize the equation:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} K(x, y) &= k_{rs} \left(\frac{r-1}{n} < x \leq \frac{r}{n}, \frac{s-1}{n} < y \leq \frac{s}{n} \right) \\ f(x) &= f_r \left(\frac{r-1}{n} < x \leq \frac{r}{n} \right) \\ \phi(x) &= \phi_r \left(\frac{r-1}{n} < x \leq \frac{r}{n} \right) \end{aligned} \right\} (r, s = 1, 2, \dots, n)$$

$$\sum_{s=1}^n \left(\delta_{rs} - \frac{1}{n} k_{rs} \right) \phi_s = f_r$$

We indeed make use of more efficient numerical methods to calculate integrals !

High-Energy behavior

- Let $|D(A)| \leq A^n$ for $A \rightarrow \infty$

$$N(A) = T(A)D(A)$$

$$T(A) = \frac{S(A) - 1}{2\rho(A)}$$

$$N(A) \leq A^{n-1/2}$$

We divide $N(A)$ and $D(A)$ by $(A - C)^m$ with $m > n$

$$\frac{D(A)}{A^m} \rightarrow 0, \text{ when } A \rightarrow \infty$$

$$L < C < 0$$

$$d(A) = \frac{D(A)}{(A - C)^m}$$

$$n(A) = \frac{N(A)}{(A - C)^m}$$

Unsubtracted dispersion relation (DR)

$$d(A) = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\delta_i}{(A - C)^i} - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} dq^2 \frac{\rho(q^2)n(q^2)}{q^2 - A}$$

$$n(A) = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\nu_i}{(A - C)^i} + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2)d(k^2)}{k^2 - A}$$

In terms of the original functions $D(A)$ and $N(A)$

$$D(A) = \sum_{i=1}^m \delta_i (A - C)^{m-i} - \frac{(A - C)^m}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dq^2 \frac{\rho(q^2) N(q^2)}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - C)^m}$$

$$N(A) = \sum_{i=1}^m \nu_i (A - C)^{m-i} + \frac{(A - C)^m}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2) D(k^2)}{(k^2 - A)(k^2 - C)^m}$$

$m = 1$ IS THE MINIMUM

Once-subtracted DR for $N(A)$ and $D(A)$

- C could be taken different in $D(A)$ and $N(A)$
 - $N(A)$: $C = 0$
 - $D(A)$: One subtraction at $C = 0$ and the rest at $C = -M_\pi^2$.
 - Normalization: $D(0) = 1$

- In connection with ChPT this dispersive method was recently applied to NN scattering in
 - LO: M. Albaladejo and J.A. Oller, PRC **84** (2011) 054009; **86** (2011) 034005 employing OPE
 - NLO: Z.-H. Guo, G. Ríos, J.A. Oller, arXiv:1305.5790
OPE+leading TPE

The N/D method provides nonperturbative scattering equations that requires an input $\Delta(A)$ that is calculated in perturbation theory

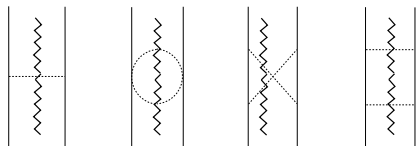
Integrals of infinite extent are convergent by introducing enough number of subtractions

In A. M. Gasparyan, M. F. M. Lutz and E. Epelbaum, arXiv:1212.3057 integrals were truncated \longrightarrow loss of perfect analytical properties and self-control on the number of subtraction constants required.

$\Delta(A)$ is given by $\frac{-i}{2}$ the discontinuity of $T(A)$ across the LHC:

- OPE
- Leading TPE (irreducible)
- Once-iterated OPE

Kaiser, Brockmann and Weise, NPA625(1997)758



$\Delta(A)$ is finite

$$\lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \Delta(A) \rightarrow A$$

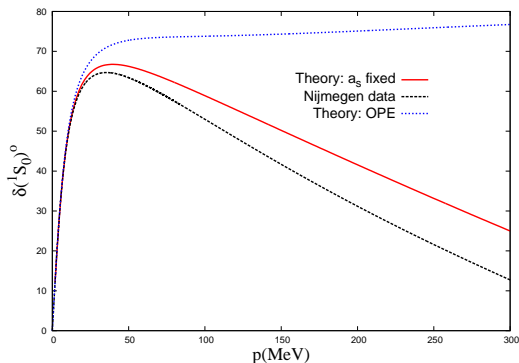
For once-subtracted DR:

- $D(A)$ should decrease $1/A^\alpha$, $\alpha > 0$, for $A \rightarrow \infty$
- $N(A)$ should decrease as $1/A^{\alpha+\frac{1}{2}}$ for $A \rightarrow \infty$

1S_0 : Once-subtracted DR

$$D(A) = 1 - A\nu_1 g(A, 0) + \frac{A}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2) D(k^2)}{k^2} g(A, k^2)$$

Fixed in terms of scattering length: $\nu_1 = -4\pi a_s/m$



$$r_s = \frac{m}{2\pi^2 a_s} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2) D(k^2)}{(k^2)^2} \left\{ \sqrt{-k^2} - \frac{1}{a_s} \right\}$$

Correlation between a_s and r_s

$$r_s = 2.64 \text{ fm}$$

Exp: $2.75 \pm 0.05 \text{ fm}$

NijmII: 2.670 fm Arriola,

Pavón, nucl-th/0407113

$$-\frac{A}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2) D(k^2)}{k^2} g(A, k^2) + D(A) = 1 + A \frac{4\pi a_s}{m} g(A, 0)$$

$D(A) = D_0(A) + a_s D_1(A)$ with $D_{0,1}(A)$ independent of a_s

Low-energy correlation:

$$r_s = \alpha_0 + \frac{\alpha_{-1}}{a_s} + \frac{\alpha_{-2}}{a_s^2}, \quad \alpha_0 = \frac{m}{2\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2) D_1(k^2)}{(k^2)^2} \sqrt{-k^2}$$

$$\alpha_0 = 2.44 \text{ fm}, \quad \alpha_{-1} = \frac{m}{2\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2)}{(k^2)^2} [D_0(k^2) \sqrt{-k^2} - D_1(k^2)]$$

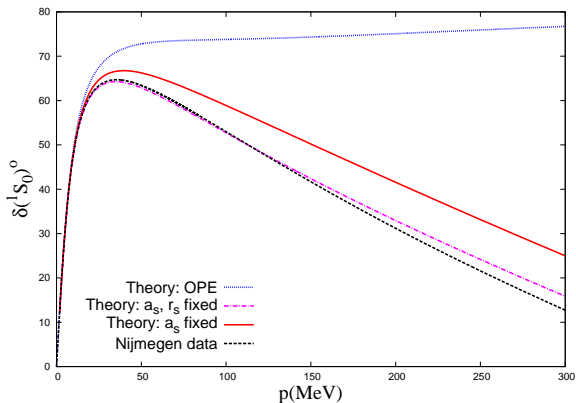
$$\alpha_{-1} = -4.61 \text{ fm}^2, \quad \alpha_{-2} = -\frac{m}{2\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2) D_0(k^2)}{(k^2)^2}$$

$$\alpha_{-2} = 5.26 \text{ fm}^3.$$

Pavón Valderrama, Ruiz Arriola PRC74(2006)054001: solving a Lippmann-Schwinger equation with V_{NN} that includes OPE+TPE + boundary conditions + **orthogonality of wave functions**

Twice-subtracted DR: a_s and r_s fixed — ν_2 is fitted

$$\begin{aligned}
 D(A) = & 1 + A \left\{ \frac{a_s}{M_\pi} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} r_s M_\pi \right) + \frac{\nu_2}{\nu_1} \left[1 + \nu_1 M_\pi^2 g(0, -M_\pi^2) \right] \right\} \\
 & - A(A + M_\pi^2) \left[\nu_2 g(A, -M_\pi^2) - \nu_1 \frac{g(A, -M_\pi^2) - g(A, 0)}{M_\pi^2} \right] \\
 & + \frac{A}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2) D(k^2)}{(k^2)^2} \left\{ \frac{A + M_\pi^2}{k^2 + M_\pi^2} \left[k^2 g(A, k^2) + M_\pi^2 g(A, -M_\pi^2) \right] - M_\pi^2 g(k^2, -M_\pi^2) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$



Quantifying contributions to $\Delta(A)$

A typical integral from twice-subtracted DR:

$$\frac{A(A + M_\pi^2)}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2) D(k^2)}{(k^2)^2} \int_0^\infty dq^2 \frac{q^2 \rho(q^2)}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - k^2)(q^2 + M_\pi^2)}$$

$$D(k^2) \rightarrow 1$$

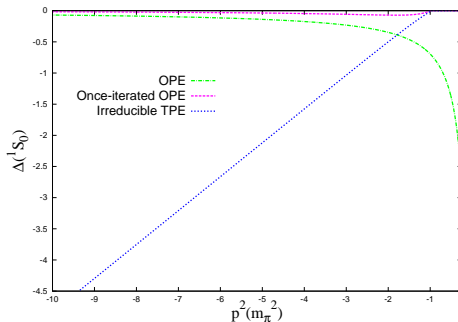
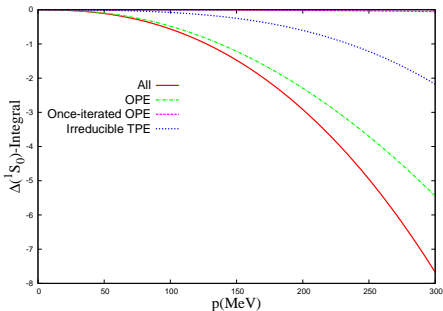
For that two subtractions at least must be taken for the previous integral to converge

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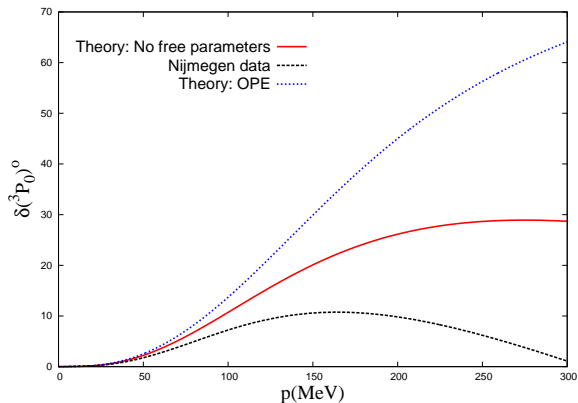
The integral displays the dominant role played by the nearest region in the LHC



3P_0 : **Once-subtracted DR. NO FREE PARAMETERS**

$\nu_1 = 0$ because for a P-wave $T(0) = 0 = N(0)$, $D(0) = 1$

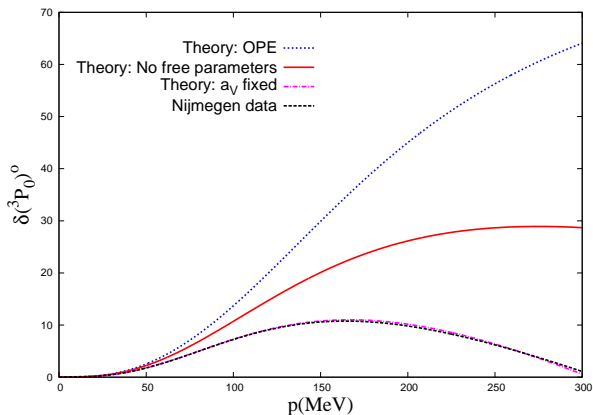
$$D(A) = 1 - \frac{A}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2) D(k^2)}{k^2} g(A, k^2) \quad N(A) = \frac{A}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2) D(k^2)}{k^2(k^2 - A)}$$



Twice-subtracted DR

$$N(A) = A\nu_2 + \frac{A^2}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2)D(k^2)}{(k^2)^2(k^2 - A)} \quad \nu_2 = \frac{4\pi a_V}{m}, \quad a_V = 0.89 M_\pi^{-3}$$

$$D(A) = 1 + A\delta_2 - A^2\nu_2 g(A, 0) + \frac{A^2}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2)D(k^2)}{(k^2)^2} g(A, k^2)$$



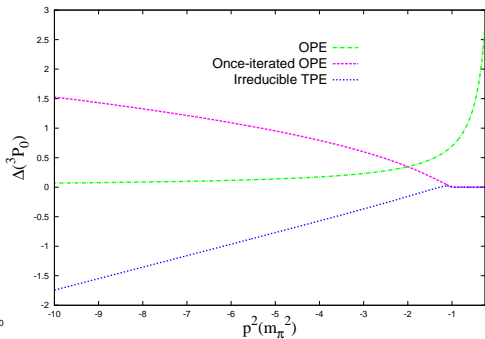
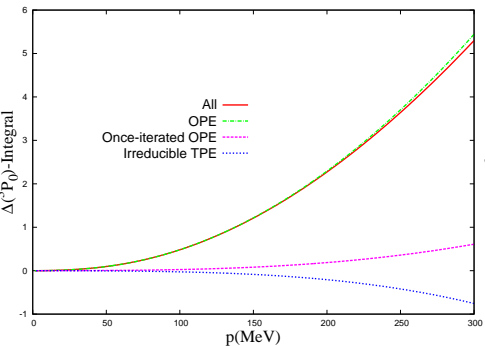
δ_2 is fitted

$$\delta_2 \simeq -0.30 M_\pi^{-2}$$

Quantifying contributions to $\Delta(A)$

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Discussion on LHC and chiral counting

$$\frac{A(A + M_\pi^2)}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2)}{(k^2)^2} \int_0^\infty dq^2 \frac{q^2 \rho(q^2)}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - k^2)(q^2 + M_\pi^2)}$$

- 1) Low-energy enhancement in the integrand $1/(k^2)^2$
- 2) From $-M_\pi^2/4$ to $-M_\pi^2$ large OPE $\Delta(A)$

OPE dominates the integral.

Typical value of derivative $1/A^2 \rightarrow 16/M_\pi^4$ in an interval of length $3/4 M_\pi^2$ relative change ~ 3 (quite steep function)

- 3) Rapid convergence pattern at low energies:

$$1\pi \gg 2\pi \gg 3\pi > \dots > n\pi$$

$$(e^{-M_\pi r} \gg e^{-2M_\pi r} \gg e^{-3M_\pi r} \gg \dots) \quad r \gg M_\pi^{-1}$$

- 4) Increasing n in multi- π ladder: VGV \dots VGV

Three-(n -)times iterated OPE gives rise to $3\pi(n\pi)$ cut for $A < -9M_\pi^2/4$ ($A < -n^2 M_\pi^2/4$) \rightarrow Further suppressed

5) $A < -M_\pi^2$ Numeric enhancement of irreducible TPE

$${}^3P_0 : \frac{\Delta_{VGV}}{\Delta_{IRR}} \rightarrow -\frac{\pi m}{(-A)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{36}{245} \simeq \frac{3M_\pi}{(-A)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \simeq \mathcal{O}(1)$$

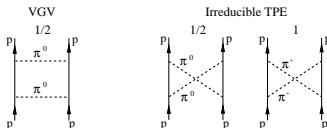
5) This numerical enhancement makes VGV and Irre-TPE to have similar size.

6) For a given $n\pi$ -exchange: Higher order corrections.

Subleading in the chiral counting \rightarrow **perturbative treatment.**

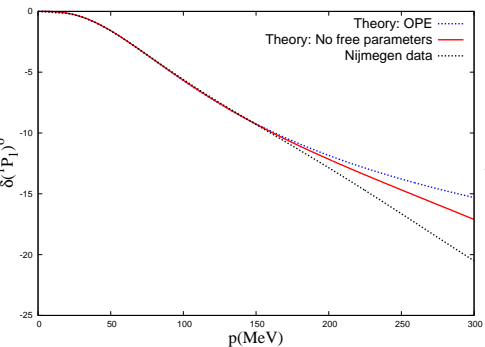
8) We advocate for counting in $\Delta(A)$: each iteration GV as $\mathcal{O}(p^2) \sim$ extra loop in Irre-TPE

It would have this numerical enhancement.

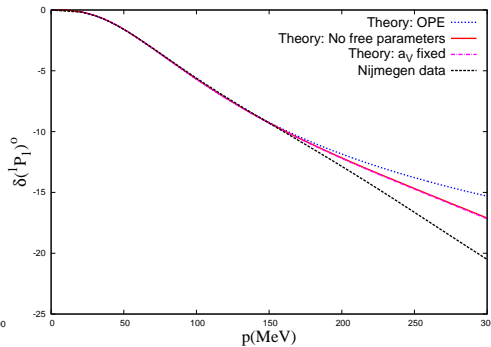


└ Uncoupled waves: 1P_1

1P_1 : Once-subtracted DR:
No free parameters



Twice-Subtracted DR:
 $a_V = -0.94 M_\pi^{-3}$

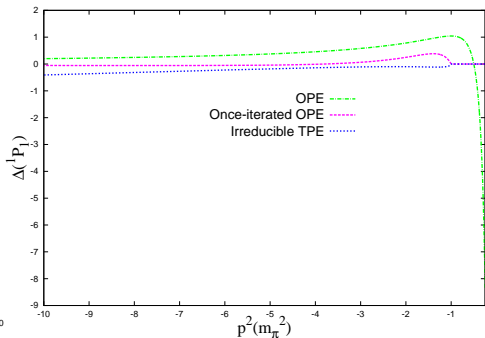
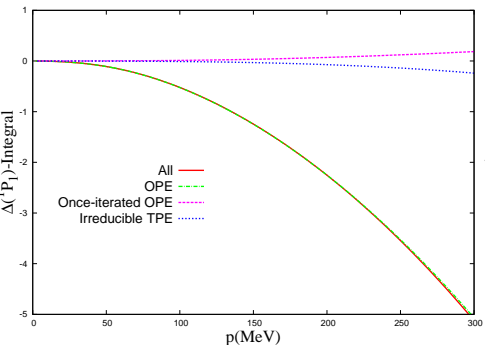


They are the same!

Quantifying contributions to $\Delta(A)$

A typical integral from twice-subtracted DR:

$$\frac{A(A + M_\pi^2)}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2)}{(k^2)^2} \int_0^\infty dq^2 \frac{q^2 \rho(q^2)}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - k^2)(q^2 + M_\pi^2)}$$



3P_1 : **Once- and Twice-Subtracted DRs** No stable solution. It depends on the integration numerical limit

Three Time-Subtracted DR

$$D(A) = 1 + \delta_2 A + \delta_3 A^2 + (\nu_2 - \nu_3 M_\pi^2) A (A + M_\pi^2)^2 \frac{\partial g(A, -M_\pi^2)}{\partial M_\pi^2} \\ - \nu_3 A (A + M_\pi^2)^2 g(A, -M_\pi^2) + \frac{A (A + M_\pi^2)^2}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2) D(k^2)}{(k^2)^3} g(A, k^2, -M_\pi^2; 2)$$

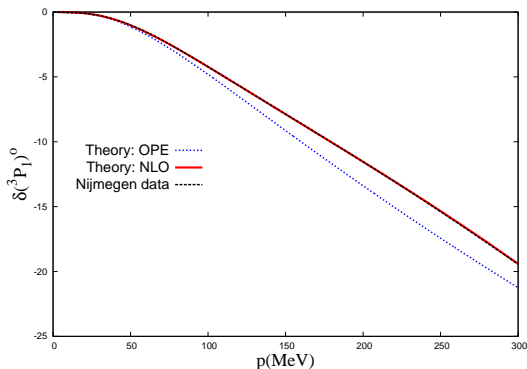
$$N(A) = \nu_2 A + \nu_3 A^2 + \frac{A^3}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2) D(k^2)}{(k^2 - A)(k^2)^3} .$$

$$\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{k}^2, \mathbf{C}; \mathbf{n}) = \int_0^\infty dq^2 \frac{\rho(q^2)(q^2)^n}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - k^2)(q^2 - C)^n} .$$

└ Uncoupled waves: 3P_1

$$\nu_2 = \frac{4\pi a_V}{m}, \quad a_V = -0.54 M_\pi^{-3}$$

$\nu_3 = 0^*$ Fixed. Its effects are reabsorbed in the other free parameters



δ_2, δ_3 are fitted

$$\delta_2 \simeq 2.7 \sim 2.9 M_\pi^{-2}$$

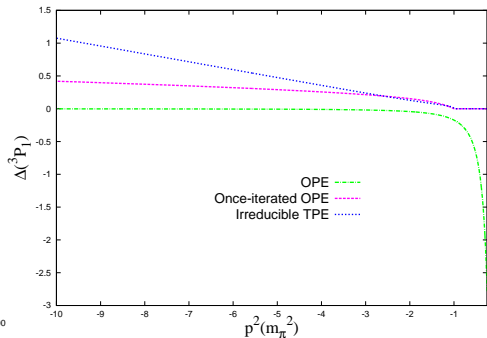
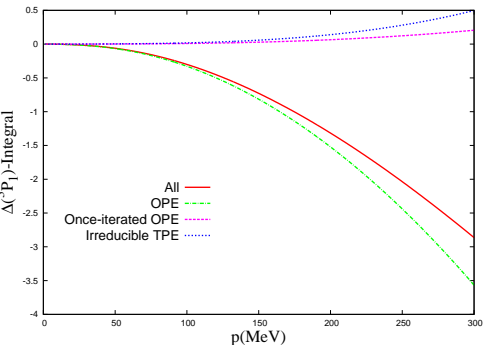
$$\delta_3 \simeq 0.3 \sim 0.4 M_\pi^{-4}$$

Highly correlated !

Quantifying contributions to $\Delta(A)$

A typical integral from twice-subtracted DR:

$$\frac{A(A + M_\pi^2)}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2)}{(k^2)^2} \int_0^\infty dq^2 \frac{q^2 \rho(q^2)}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - k^2)(q^2 + M_\pi^2)}$$



A partial wave should vanish as A^ℓ in the limit $A \rightarrow 0^+$ (threshold)

Method: ℓ -TIME-SUBTRACTED DR

$$N(A) = \frac{A^\ell}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2) D_{J\ell S}(k^2)}{(k^2)^\ell (k^2 - A)}$$

$$\lim_{A \rightarrow 0} N(A) \longrightarrow A^\ell$$

$$D(A) = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{\ell-1} \delta_i A^i + \frac{A^\ell}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2) D(k^2)}{(k^2)^\ell} g(A, k^2)$$

$$\lim_{A \rightarrow 0} D(A) \longrightarrow 1 + \mathcal{O}(A)$$

$$\lim_{A \rightarrow 0} \frac{N(A)}{D(A)} \longrightarrow A^\ell$$

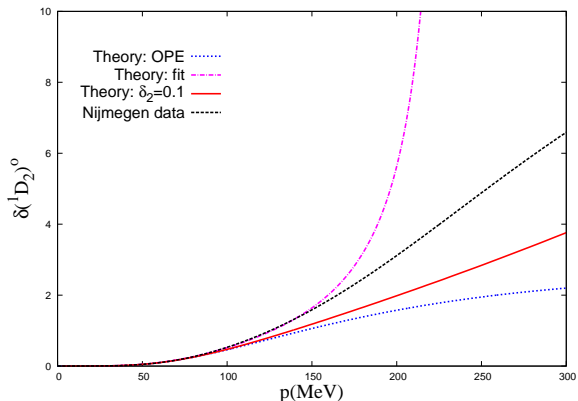
Price to pay: $\ell - 1$ free
parameters:

δ_i ($i = 1, \dots, \ell - 1$)

Tend to become irrelevant as ℓ
increases

1D_2 : Twice-subtracted DR

$$D(A) = 1 + A\delta_2 + \frac{A^2}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2)D(k^2)}{(k^2)^2} g(A, k^2)$$



Fit $\delta_2 = -0.22 M_\pi^{-2}$

Magenta line

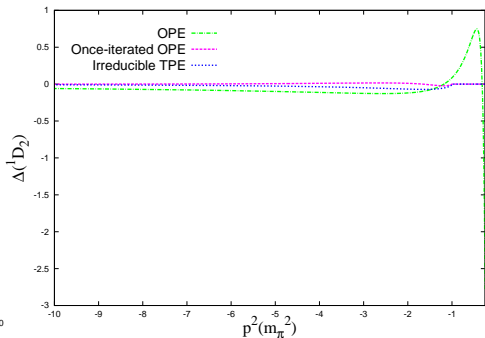
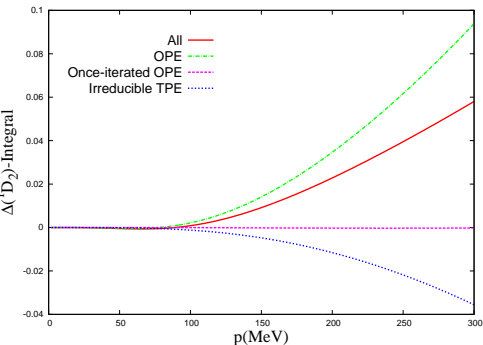
Low-energy resonance.

$\delta_2 = 0.1 M_\pi^{-2}$ Red line

Quantifying contributions to $\Delta(A)$

A typical integral from twice-subtracted DR:

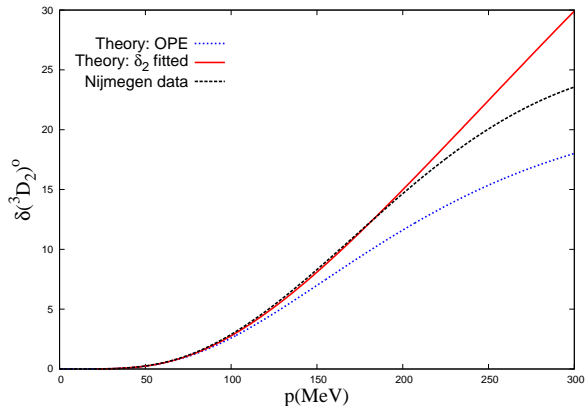
$$\frac{A^2}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2)}{(k^2)^2} \int_0^{\infty} dq^2 \frac{\rho(q^2)}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - k^2)}$$



3D_2 : Twice-subtracted DR

$$D(A) = 1 + A\delta_2 + \frac{A^2}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2)D(k^2)}{(k^2)^2} g(A, k^2)$$

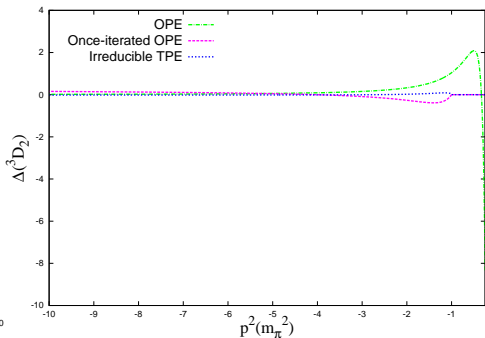
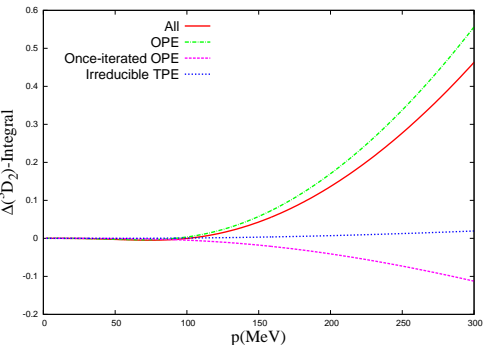
- $\delta_2 = -0.18 M_\pi^{-2}$ is fitted to data $\sqrt{A} \leq 200$ MeV



Quantifying contributions to $\Delta(A)$

A typical integral from twice-subtracted DR:

$$\frac{A^2}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2)}{(k^2)^2} \int_0^{\infty} dq^2 \frac{\rho(q^2)}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - k^2)}$$



1F_3 : Three-time-subtracted DR

$$D(A) = 1 + A\delta_2 + A^2\delta_3 + \frac{A^3}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2)D(k^2)}{(k^2)^3} g(A, k^2)$$

Principle of maximal smoothness for $D(A)$:

All the $\delta_i = 0$ except δ_ℓ

$$D(0) = 1, \quad D^{(n)}(0) = 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq n \leq \ell - 2,$$

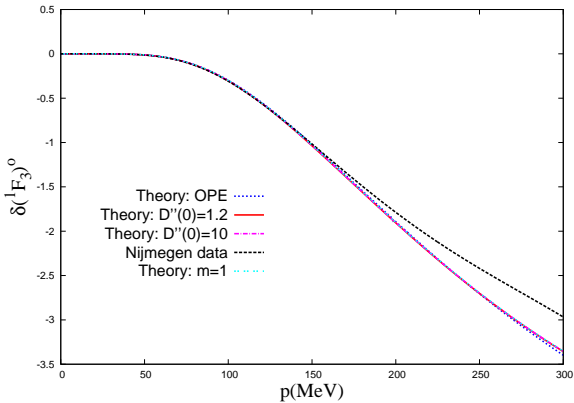
$$D^{(\ell-1)}(0) \neq 0$$

1F_3 : Three-time-subtracted DR

$$D(A) = 1 + A\delta_2 + A^2\delta_3 + \frac{A^3}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2)D(k^2)}{(k^2)^3} g(A, k^2)$$

Principle of maximal smoothness for $D(A)$:

- $\delta_2 = 0^*$; δ_3 is left undetermined by the fit



Red line:

$$D''(0) = 1.2 M_\pi^{-4}$$

Magenta line:

$$D''(0) = 10 M_\pi^{-4}$$

Curve with Once-Subtracted
DR, cyan line

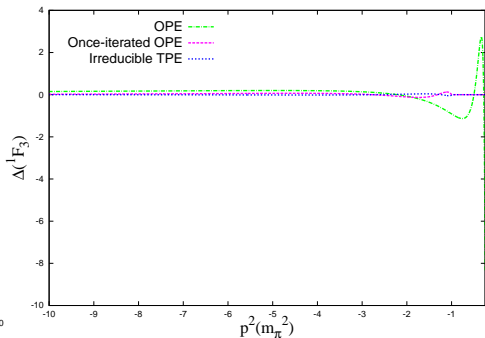
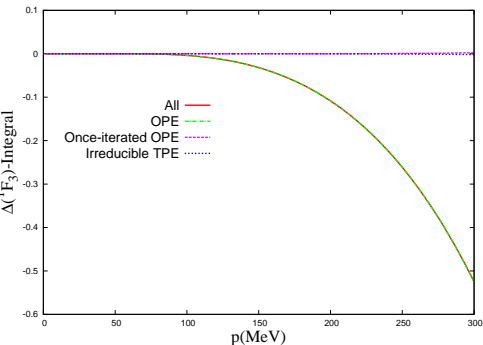
Similar Results

F waves are perturbative

Quantifying contributions to $\Delta(A)$

A typical integral from three-time-subtracted DR:

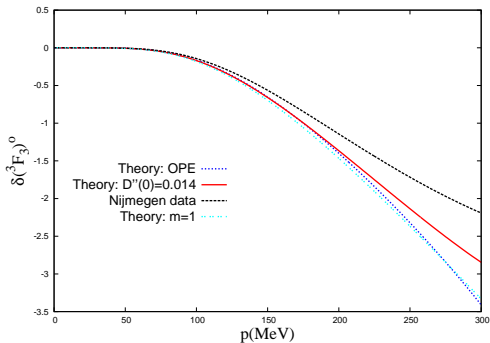
$$\frac{A^3}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2)}{(k^2)^3} \int_0^{\infty} dq^2 \frac{\rho(q^2)}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - k^2)}$$



3F_3 : Three-time-subtracted DR

$$D(A) = 1 + A\delta_2 + A^2\delta_3 + \frac{A^3}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2)D(k^2)}{(k^2)^3} g(A, k^2)$$

- $\delta_2 = 0^*$, δ_3



Red line: Fit

$$D''(0) \simeq 0.014 M_\pi^{-4}$$

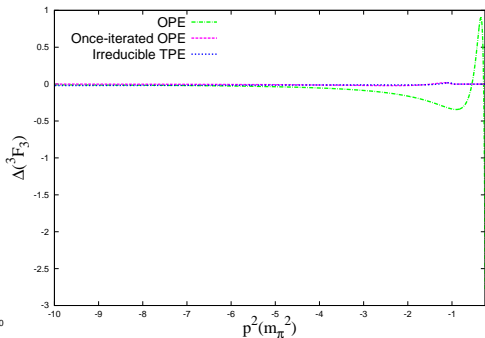
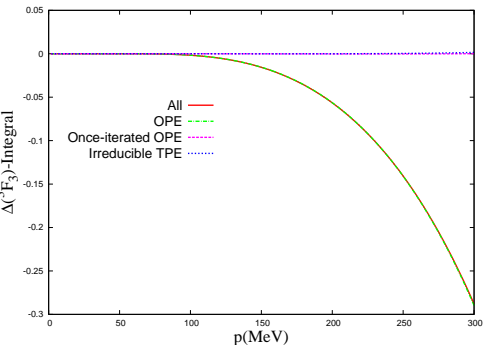
Cyan line:

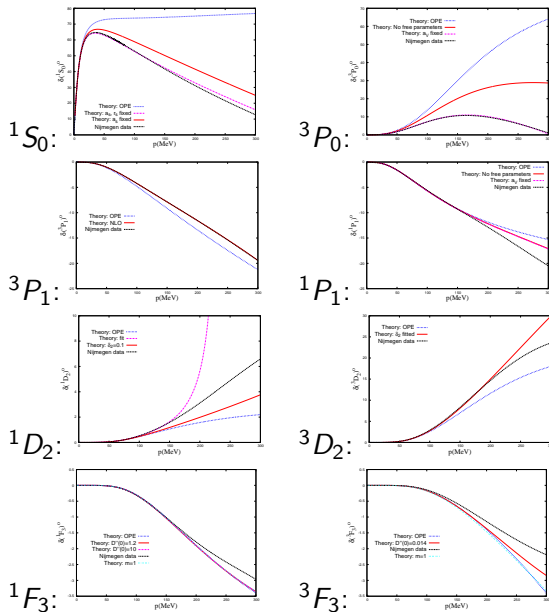
Once-subtracted DR

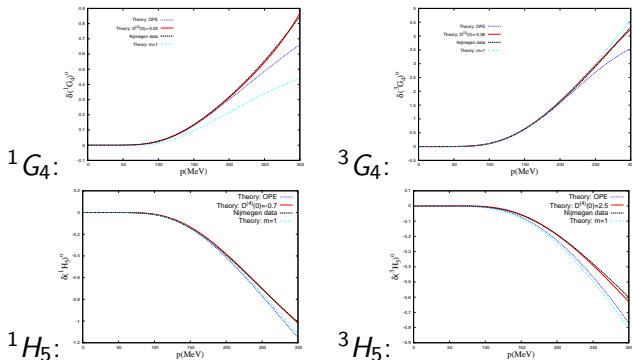
Quantifying contributions to $\Delta(A)$

A typical integral from three-time-subtracted DR:

$$\frac{A^3}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2)}{(k^2)^3} \int_0^{\infty} dq^2 \frac{\rho(q^2)}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - k^2)}$$







G-waves: $D'(0) = 0$, $D''(0) = 0$

$${}^1G_4 : D^{(3)}(0) \simeq -0.03 M_\pi^{-6}$$

$${}^3G_4 : D^{(3)}(0) \simeq -0.04 M_\pi^{-6}$$

H-waves: $D'(0) = 0$, $D''(0) = 0$, $D^{(3)}(0) = 0$

$${}^1H_5 : D^{(4)}(0) = -1.0 M_\pi^{-8}$$

$${}^3H_5 : D^{(4)}(0) \simeq 2.5 M_\pi^{-8}$$

Coupled Waves

$$S_{JIS} = I + i \frac{|\mathbf{p}|m}{4\pi} T$$

Along the RHC $A \geq 0$

$$S_{JIS} \cdot S_{JIS}^\dagger = S_{JIS}^\dagger \cdot S_{JIS} = I$$

$$S_{JIS} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2\epsilon e^{i2\delta_1} & i \sin 2\epsilon e^{i(\delta_1+\delta_2)} \\ i \sin 2\epsilon e^{i(\delta_1+\delta_2)} & \cos 2\epsilon e^{i2\delta_2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad |\mathbf{p}|^2 \geq 0$$

ϵ is the mixing angle: $i = 1$ ($\ell = J - 1$), $i = 2$ ($\ell = J + 1$)

$$\text{Im} \frac{1}{T_{ii}(A)} = -\rho(A) \left[1 + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \sin^2 2\epsilon}{1 - \cos 2\epsilon \cos 2\delta_i} \right]^{-1} \equiv -\nu_{ii}(A)$$

$$\text{Im} \frac{1}{T_{12}(A)} = -2\rho(A) \frac{\sin(\delta_1 + \delta_2)}{\sin 2\epsilon} \equiv -\nu_{12}(A)$$

$$T_{ij}(A) = \frac{N_{ij}(A)}{D_{ij}(A)}, \quad (ij = 11, 12, 22)$$

$$N_{ij}(A) = N(0)\delta_{\ell_{ij}0} + \frac{A^{\ell_{ij}}}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta_{ij}(k^2) D_{ij}(k^2)}{(k^2)^{\ell_{ij}} (k^2 - A)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_{ij}(A) &= 1 + \sum_{p=2}^{\ell_{ij}} \delta_p^{(ij)} A(A-C)^{p-2} - \frac{A(A-C)^{\ell_{ij}-1}}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dq^2 \frac{\nu_{ij}(q^2) N_{ij}(q^2)}{q^2 (q^2 - C)^{\ell_{ij}-1} (q^2 - A)} \\ &= 1 + \sum_{p=2}^{\ell_{ij}} \delta_p^{(ij)} A(A-C)^{p-2} + \frac{A(A-C)^{\ell_{ij}-1}}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta_{ij}(k^2) D_{ij}(k^2)}{(k^2)_{ij}^{\ell_{ij}}} \times \\ &\quad \times \int_0^\infty dq^2 \frac{\nu_{ij}(q^2) (q^2)^{\ell_{ij}-1}}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - k^2)(q^2 - C)^{\ell_{ij}-1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{A \rightarrow 0^+} \nu_{22}(A) \propto A^{-3/2}$$

$C \neq 0$ to avoid infrared divergences for $ij = 22$

$$\delta_p^{(ij)} = \frac{(-1)^p}{C^{p-1}} \left[\sum_{n=0}^{p-2} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} C^n D^{(n)}(C) - 1 \right]$$

Principle of maximal smoothness for $D(A)$:

$$D_{ij}(C) = 1, \quad D^{(p)}(C) = 0 \quad 1 \leq p < n-2; \quad D_{ij}^{(n-2)}(C) \neq 0$$

One proceeds in a coupled-iterative way:

- ① We take an input.
- ② Solve the integral equations and get new $\nu_{ij}(A)$.
- ③ Repeat the process until convergence is obtained.

Typically, $C = -M_\pi^2$

${}^3P_2 - {}^3F_2$

- 3P_2 : $\ell_{11} = 1$ Two types of DR are included:
 - 1 Minimal: Once-subtracted DR
 - 2 Twice-subtracted DR

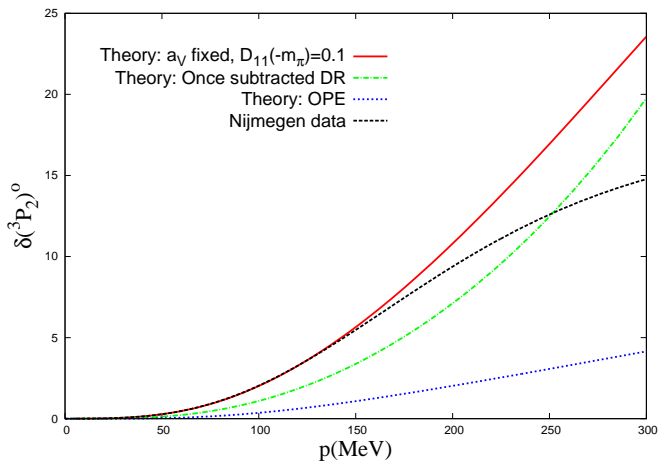
$$\nu_2 = \frac{4\pi a_V}{m}, \quad a_V = 0.0964 M_\pi^{-3}$$

- ${}^3P_2 - {}^3F_2$: $\ell_{12} = 2 \rightarrow$ Twice-subtracted DR
- 3F_2 : $\ell_{22} = 3 \rightarrow$ Three-time-subtracted DR

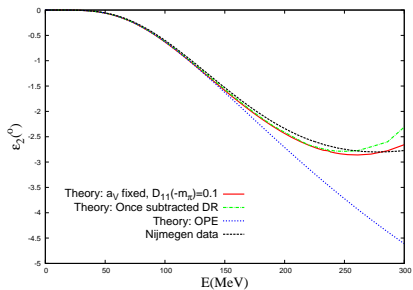
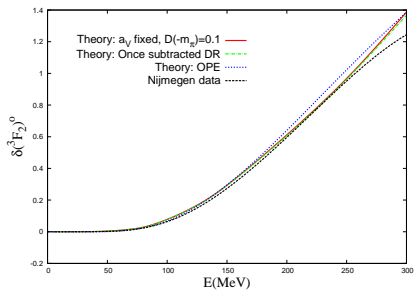
Results are very similar for $D'_{22}(C) \lesssim -1$ and insensitive to $D_{22}(C)$ fixed to 1*

Phase shifts

From fit to data: $D_{12}(-M_\pi^2) = 1.1$



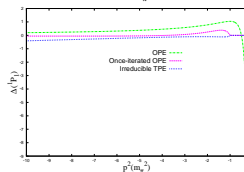
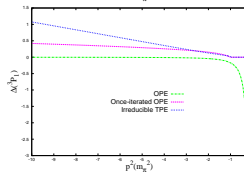
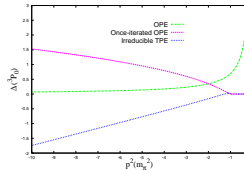
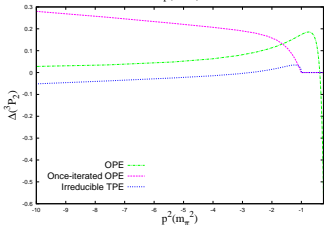
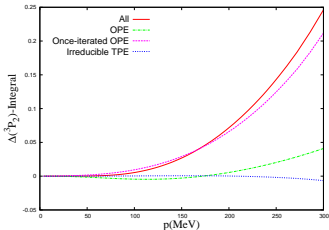
└ Coupled waves: ${}^3P_2 - {}^3F_2$



Coupled waves: ${}^3P_2 - {}^3F_2$

Quantifying contributions to $\Delta(A)$: 3P_2

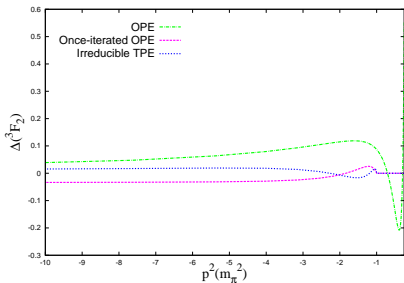
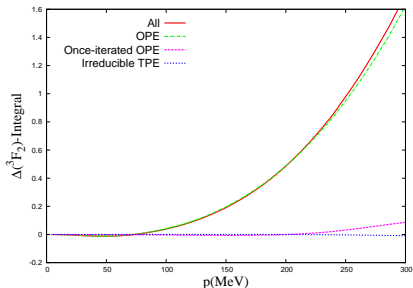
$$\frac{A^2}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2)}{(k^2)^2} \int_0^{\infty} dq^2 \frac{\nu_{11}(q^2)}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - k^2)}$$



Coupled waves: ${}^3P_2 - {}^3F_2$

- The OPE contribution to $\Delta(A)$ for 3P_2 has an **anomalously** small size compared to the other P-waves
- 3F_2

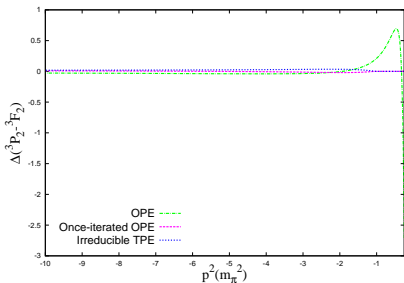
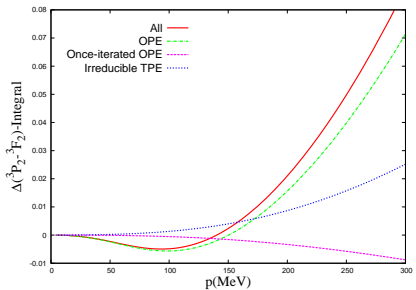
$$\frac{A(A + M_\pi^2)^2}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2)}{(k^2)^3} \int_0^\infty dq^2 \frac{\nu_{22}(q^2)(q^2)^2}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - k^2)(q^2 + M_\pi^2)^2}$$



Coupled waves: ${}^3P_2 - {}^3F_2$

 • ${}^3P_2 - {}^3F_2$

$$\frac{A(A + M_\pi^2)}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2)}{(k^2)^2} \int_0^\infty dq^2 \frac{\rho(q^2)q^2}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - k^2)(q^2 + M_\pi^2)}$$



${}^3D_3 - {}^3G_3$

- 3D_2 : $\ell_{11} = 2 \rightarrow$ Twice-subtracted DR

$$D_{11}(C) = 1^*$$

- ${}^3D_3 - {}^3G_3$: $\ell_{12} = 3 \rightarrow$ Three-time-subtracted DR

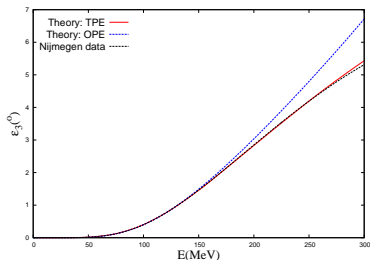
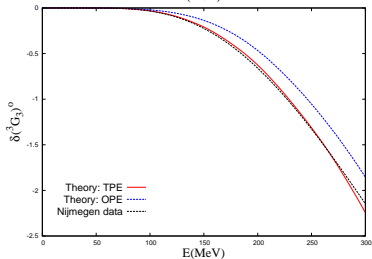
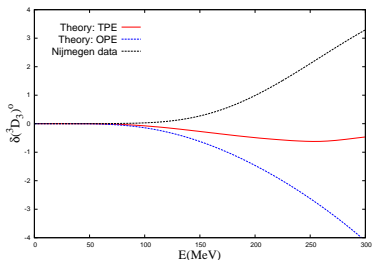
$$D'_{12}(C) \simeq -0.1 M_\pi^{-2}$$

- 3G_3 : $\ell_{22} = 4 \rightarrow$ Four-time-subtracted DR

$$D''_{22}(C) > 1 M_\pi^{-4}$$

Coupled waves: ${}^3D_3 - {}^3G_3$

Phase shifts



$$D_{11}(C) = 1^*$$

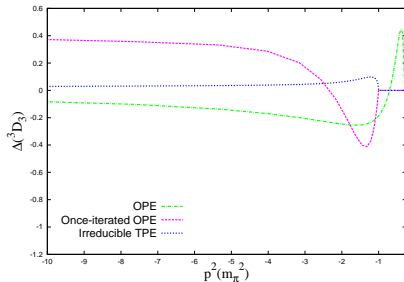
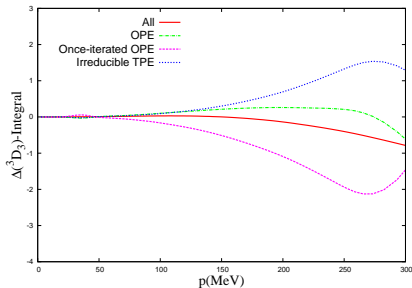
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Quantifying contributions to $\Delta(A)$

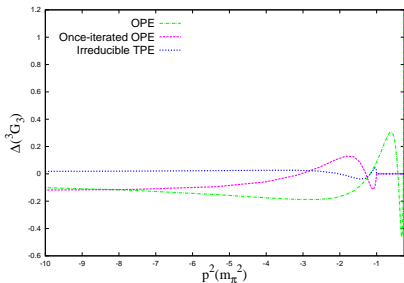
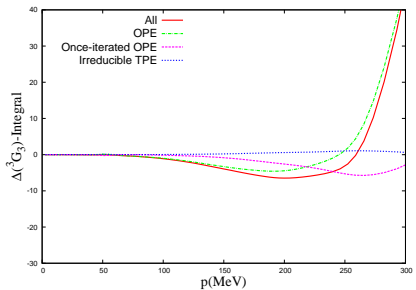
• 3D_3

$$\frac{A(A + M_\pi^2)}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta_{11}(k^2)}{(k^2)^2} \int_0^\infty dq^2 \frac{\nu_{11}(q^2)q^2}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - k^2)(q^2 + M_\pi^2)}$$



• 3G_3

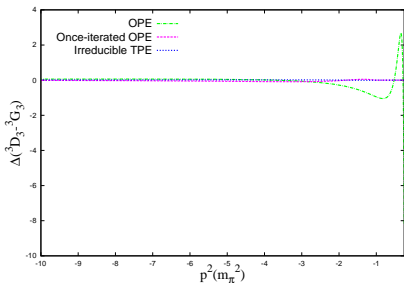
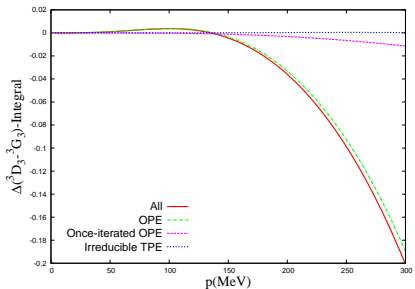
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Coupled waves: ${}^3D_3 - {}^3G_3$

 • ${}^3D_3 - {}^3G_3$

$$\frac{A(A + M_\pi^2)^2}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta_{12}(k^2)}{(k^2)^3} \int_0^\infty dq^2 \frac{\rho(q^2)(q^2)^2}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - k^2)(q^2 + M_\pi^2)^2}$$



${}^3S_1 - {}^3D_1$

- 3S_1 : The 3S_1 scattering length $a_t = 5.424$ fm is fixed
- 3D_1 and **mixing wave**: The deuteron is located at the same position as it is obtained in 3S_1 .

$$D_{11}(A) = 1 + A \frac{4\pi a_t}{m} g_{11}(A, 0) + \frac{A}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta_{11}(k^2) D_{11}(k^2)}{k^2} g_{11}(A, k^2)$$

$$g_{11}(A, k^2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} dq^2 \frac{\nu_{11}(q^2)}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - k^2)}$$

For $(i, j = 1 \text{ or } 2)$: $k_D^2 = -E_D({}^3S_1)/m$

$$D_{ij}(A) = 1 - \frac{A}{k_D^2} + \frac{A(A - k_D^2)}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta_{ij}(k^2) D_{ij}(k^2)}{k^{2\ell_{ij}}} g_{ij}^d(A, k^2)$$

$$g_{ij}^d(A, k^2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} dq^2 \frac{\nu_{ij}(q^2) q^{2(\ell_{ij}-1)}}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - k^2)(q^2 - k_D^2)}$$

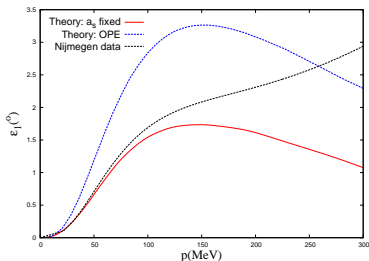
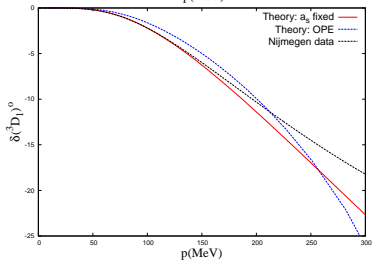
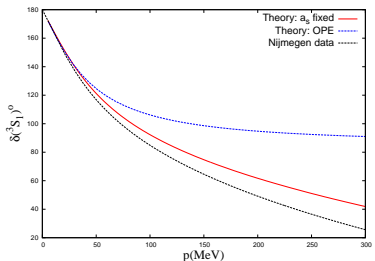
- There is dependence on the input used to solve the integral equations
- We require the maximum stability under changes in the input.

E.g.

$$a_\epsilon \equiv \lim_{p \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \epsilon_1}{p^3} = 1.128 M_\pi^{-3} |_{\text{experiment}}$$

has its **minimum** value for our best results $a_\epsilon = 1.1 - 1.14 M_\pi^{-3}$

Phase Shifts:



- Great improvement of the OPE results

▷ **Deuteron binding energy:** $E_D = 2.37$ MeV,
 experimentally $E_D = 2.22$ MeV,
 with OPE we obtained $E_D = 1.7$ MeV.

▷ **Effective range:** $r_t = 1.36 - 1.39$ fm,
 experimentally $r_t = 1.75$ fm,
 with OPE we obtained $r_t = 0.46$ fm

$$r_t = -\frac{m}{2\pi^2 a_t} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta_{11}(k^2) D_{11}(k^2)}{(k^2)^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{a_t} + \frac{4\pi k^2}{m} g_{11}(0, k^2) \right\}$$

$$- \frac{8}{m} \int_0^{\infty} dq^2 \frac{\nu_{11}(q^2) - \rho(q^2)}{(q^2)^2}$$

$$g_{11}(0, k^2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} dq^2 \frac{\nu_{11}(q^2)}{q^2(q^2 - k^2)}$$

More complicated correlation between $r_t - a_t$ than in 1S_0 : $\nu_{11}(A)$
 depends nonlinearly on $D_{11}(A)$

Diagonalizing S -matrix

$$S = \mathcal{O} \begin{pmatrix} S_0 & 0 \\ 0 & S_2 \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{O}^T$$

$$\mathcal{O} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varepsilon & -\sin \varepsilon \\ \sin \varepsilon & \cos \varepsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

Asymptotic D/S ratio of the deuteron

$$\eta = -\tan \varepsilon$$

Residue of S_0 at the deuteron pole

$$S_0 = \frac{N_p^2}{\sqrt{-k_D^2 + i\sqrt{A}}} + \text{reg. terms}$$

Ours results: $\eta = 0.029$, $N_p^2 = 0.73$

Other determinations:

Ericson, Rosa-Clot, 1983: $\eta = 0.02741(4)$

Conzett *et al.*, 1979: $\eta = 0.0263(13)$

Nijmegen PWA: $\eta = 0.02543(7)$, $N_p^2 = 0.7830(7) \text{ fm}^{-1}$

- We also tried other possibilities for the integral equations by including more subtractions
- **They did not work:**
 - Either the coupled-channel iterative process did not converge
 - Or it converged to the uncoupled-wave case

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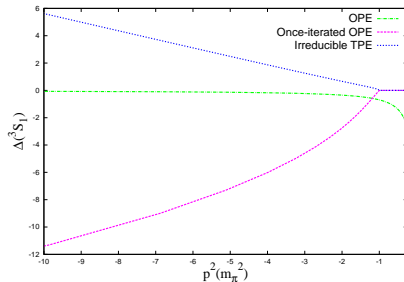
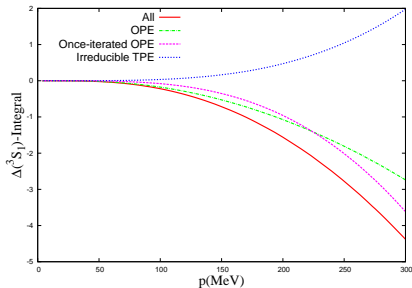
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Case 3 Fixing from data: a_t , r , E_d and a_ϵ

Quantifying contributions to $\Delta(A)$

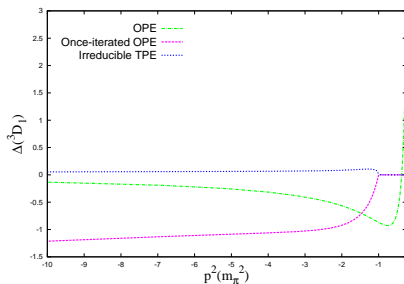
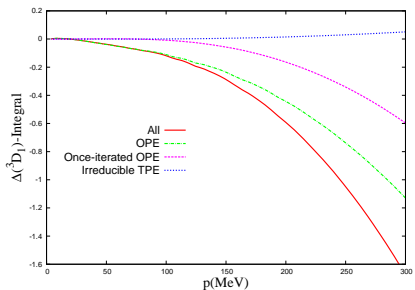
• 3S_1

$$\frac{A^2}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta_{11}(k^2)}{(k^2)^2} \int_0^{\infty} dq^2 \frac{\nu_{11}(q^2)}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - k^2)}$$



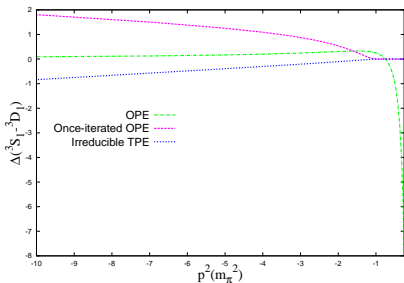
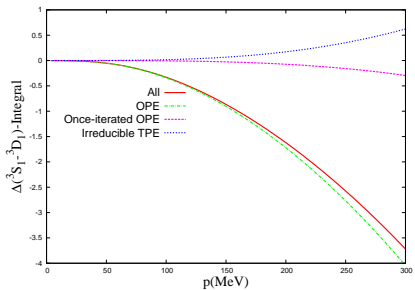
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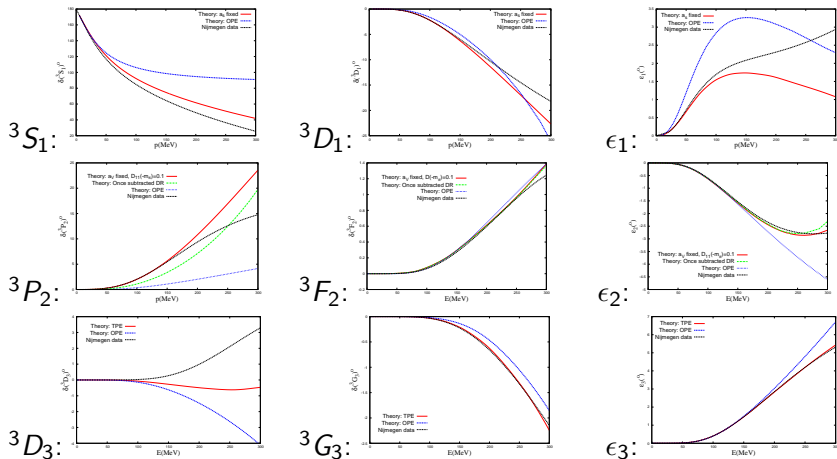
$$\frac{A(A - k_D^2)}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta_{22}(k^2)}{(k^2)^2} \int_0^\infty dq^2 \frac{\nu_{22}(q^2)q^2}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - k^2)(q^2 - k_D^2)}$$

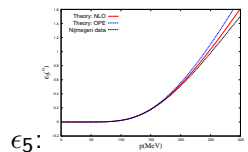
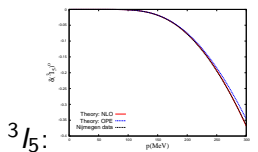
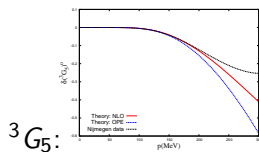
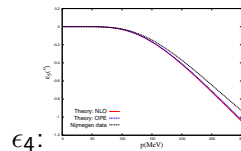
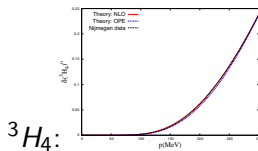
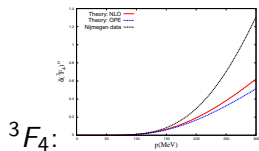


• ${}^3S_1 - {}^3D_1$

$$\frac{A(A - k_D^2)}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta_{12}(k^2)}{(k^2)^2} \int_0^\infty dq^2 \frac{\rho(q^2)q^2}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - k^2)(q^2 - k_D^2)}$$







${}^3F_4 - {}^3H_4$

- 3F_4 : $\ell_{11} = 3 \rightarrow$ Three-time-subtracted DR
- ${}^3F_4 - {}^3H_4$: $\ell_{12} = 4 \rightarrow$ Four-time-subtracted DR
- 3G_3 : $\ell_{22} = 5 \rightarrow$ Five-time-subtracted DR **does not converge**
 \rightarrow Six-time-subtracted DR

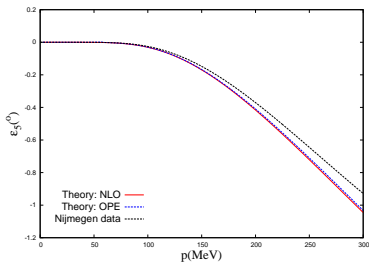
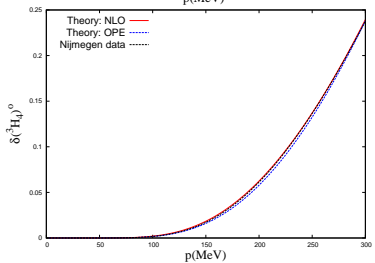
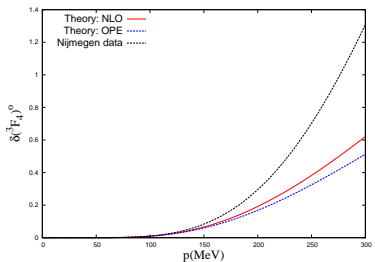
$$D_{22} = 1 + \sum_{p=2}^6 \delta_p^{(22)} A(A-C)^{p-2} + \frac{A(A-C)^5}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta_{22}(k^2) D_{22}(k^2)}{(k^2)^6} g_{22}(A, k^2, C; 5)$$

$$N_{22}(A) = \nu_6^{(22)} A^5 + \frac{A^6}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta_{22}(k^2) D_{22}(k^2)}{(k^2)^6 (k^2 - A)}$$

$\nu_6 = 0.079 M_\pi^{-12}$ predicted from uncoupled once-subtracted DR

Coupled waves: ${}^3F_4 - {}^3H_4$

Phase shifts



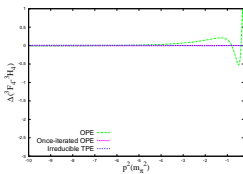
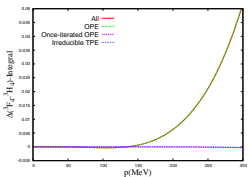
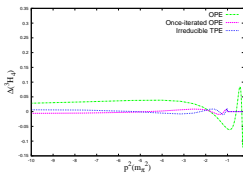
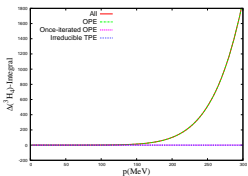
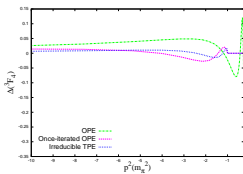
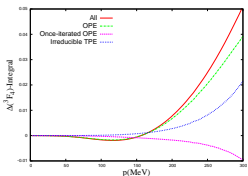
$$D'_{11}(C) = 0^*$$

$$D''_{12}(C) = 0^*$$

$$\delta_6 = -\mathcal{O}(1)$$

└ Coupled waves: ${}^3F_4 - {}^3H_4$

Quantifying contributions to $\Delta(A)$



${}^3G_5 - {}^3I_5$

- 3G_5 : $l_{11} = 4 \rightarrow$ Four-time-subtracted DR
- ${}^3G_5 - {}^3I_5$: $l_{12} = 5 \rightarrow$ Five-time-subtracted DR
- 3I_5 : $l_{22} = 6 \rightarrow$ Six-time-subtracted DR **does not converge** \rightarrow Seven-time-subtracted DR

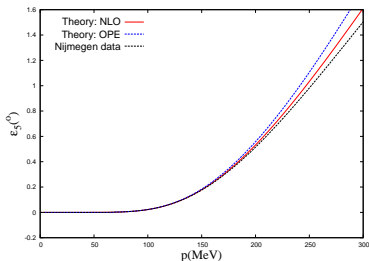
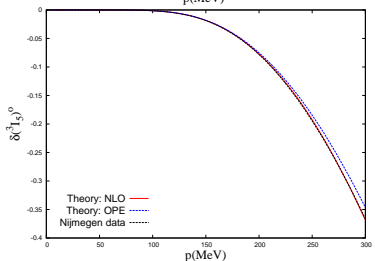
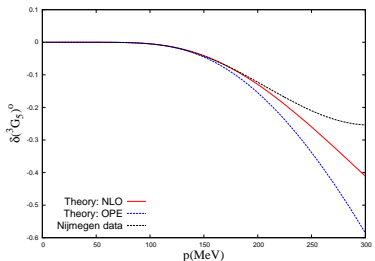
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$$N_{22}(A) = \nu_7^{(22)} A^6 + \frac{A^7}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta_{22}(k^2) D_{22}(k^2)}{(k^2)^7 (k^2 - A)}$$

$\nu_7 = -0.178 M_\pi^{-14}$ predicted from uncoupled once-subtracted DR

Coupled waves: ${}^3G_5 - {}^3I_5$

Phase shifts

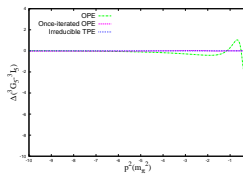
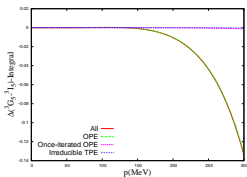
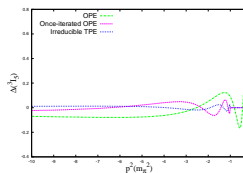
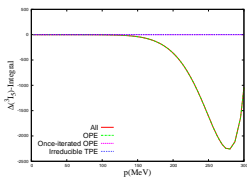
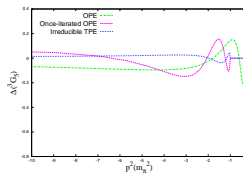
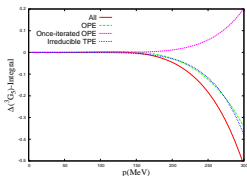


$$D''_{11}(C) < -0.5 M_\pi^{-4}$$

$$D_{12}^{(3)}(C) < -0.5 M_\pi^{-6}$$

$$\delta_7 = -\mathcal{O}(1)$$

Quantifying contributions to $\Delta(A)$



Minimum number of free parameter per partial wave:

1S_0	1	3P_0	0	${}^3S_1 - {}^3D_1$	1
3P_1	3	1P_1	0	${}^3P_2 - {}^3F_2$	1
1D_2	0	3D_2	1	${}^3D_3 - {}^3G_3$	1
1F_3	0	3F_3	1	${}^3F_4 - {}^3H_4$	1
1G_4	1	3G_4	1	${}^3G_5 - {}^3I_5$	1
1H_5	1	3H_5	1		

Conclusions:

- 1 Great improvement of the results from OPE to TPE. Our results typically reproduce data as well or better than pure NLO Weinberg scheme.
- 2 Contributions to $D(A)$, $A > 0$, from LHC integrals of $\Delta(A)$ are suitable for a chiral expansion:
 - OPE is $\mathcal{O}(p^0)$: Dominant.
 - Once-iterated OPE and irreducible TPE can be booked of the same size: Subleading.
- 3 Adding more pion ladders in reducible NN diagrams is suppressed because of its “threshold” $A < -M_\pi^2 n^2/4$
- 4 We count iterated and irreducible two-pion loops on the same footing, $\mathcal{O}(p^2)$. Numerical enhancement of the latter.
- 5 Perturbative treatment of higher order contributions with a fixed number of exchanged pions.

- 1 This should be further confronted with calculations of $\Delta(A)$ at $\mathcal{O}(p^3)$ and $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$.