

# *S*-matrix solution of the Lippmann-Schwinger equation for regular and singular potentials

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# Lippmann-Schwinger equation (LS)

Potential two-body scattering. Given a potential  $V$

**Scattering  $T$ -matrix**  $T(z)$ ,  $\text{Im}(z) \neq 0$

$$T(z) = V - V R_0(z) T(z)$$

$$R_0(z) = [H_0 - z]^{-1}$$

$$H_0 = -\frac{1}{2\mu} \nabla^2$$

$$H = H_0 + V$$

- LS in partial waves

$$T_\ell(p', p, z) = V_\ell(p', p) + \frac{\mu}{\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dq q^2 \frac{V_\ell(p', q) T_\ell(q, p, z)}{q^2 - 2\mu z}$$

# Criterion for Singular Potentials

$$V(r) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow 0} \alpha r^{-\gamma}$$

$$\bar{\alpha} = \alpha + \ell(\ell + 1)$$

Potential	Ordinary	Singular
$\gamma$	$< 2$	$> 2$
$\gamma = 2$	$\bar{\alpha} > 0$	$\bar{\alpha} \leq 0$

## Ordinary/Regular Potentials:

Standard quantum mechanical treatment

Boundary condition:  $u(0) = 0$

No extra free parameters

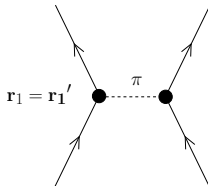


The One-Pion-Exchange (OPE) potential for the singlet  $NN$  interaction ( $r > 0$ ):

Yukawa potential

$$V(r) = - \tau_1 \cdot \tau_2 \left( \frac{g_A m_\pi}{2f_\pi} \right)^2 \frac{e^{-m_\pi r}}{4\pi r}$$

Exchange of a pion between two nucleons



In many instances one has **singular potentials**

- **Molecular physics: Van der Waals Force**

$$V(r) = -\frac{3\alpha_A\alpha_B I_A I_B / 2(I_A + I_B)}{r^6} + \sum_{n=4} \frac{\lambda_n}{r^{2n}}$$

**Nuclear physics**

Triplet component of one-Pion Exchange (OPE)

$$T(r) = \frac{e^{-m_\pi r}}{r} \left[ 1 + \frac{3}{m_\pi r} + \frac{3}{(m_\pi r)^2} \right] \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow 0} r^{-3}$$

Higher orders in CHPT add extra powers of  $1/r^n$

**Particle physics:**

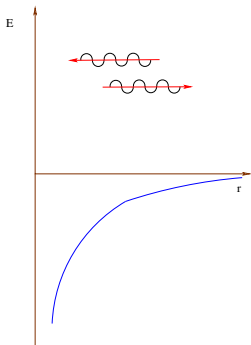
**Scattering of heavy-quarkonium states**, color dipoles, QCD analog to Van der Waals forces

**pNRQCD, pNRQED**

**NR Quark Models, etc**

- Full range  $r \in ]0, \infty[$ : Case, PR60,797(1950)

$$-u''(r) + \left( 2\mu V(r) + \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{r^2} - k^2 \right) u(r) = 0$$



- Singular Attractive Potential

Two linearly independent wave functions

One has to fix a relative phase,  $\varphi(p)$  **How to do it?**

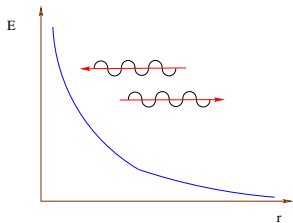
Which are the appropriate boundary conditions?

**Historical Mess**

Theoretical control within LS only for  $\varphi(p) = \text{const.}$

Case, PR60,797('50); Arriola, Pavón, PRC72,054002('05)

The attractive singular potential does not determine uniquely the scattering problem Plesset, PR41,278(1932), Case, PR60,797(1950)



- Singular Repulsive Potential

There is only one finite (vanishing) reduced wave function at  $r = 0$

The solution is fixed

Pavón Valderrama, Ruiz Arriola,  
Ann.Phys.323,1037(2008)

# New exact equation in NR scattering theory

Yukawa potential,

$$V(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{2g}{\mathbf{q}^2 + m_\pi^2}$$

Singularity for  $\mathbf{q}^2 = -m_\pi^2$

$^1S_0$  potential: ( $^{2S+1}L_J$ )  $g = (g_A m_\pi / \sqrt{8} f_\pi)^2$

$$V(p) = \frac{g}{2p^2} \log(4p^2/m_\pi^2 + 1)$$

$$\Delta_{1\pi}(p^2) = \frac{V(p^2 + i0^+) - V(p^2 - i0^+)}{2i} = \text{Im}V(p^2 + i0^+) = \frac{g\pi}{2p^2}$$

Left-hand cut (LHC) discontinuity for On-shell scattering

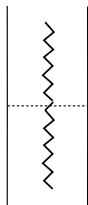
$$p^2 < -m_\pi^2/4 = L$$

Born approximation

**Full LHC Discontinuity** ,  $p^2 = -k^2 < L$

$$2i\Delta(p^2) = T(p^2 + i0^+) - T(p^2 - i0^+)$$

$$\Delta(p^2) = \text{Im}T(p^2 + i0^+)$$



The LS generates contributions with any number of pions to  $\Delta(p^2)$ ,  $p^2 < L$

$$\Delta_{n\pi}(p^2) \text{ for } p^2 < -n^2 m_\pi^2 / 4$$

## Notation: $A = p^2$ ; How to calculate $\Delta(A)$ ?:

G.E. Brown, A.D. Jackson "The Nucleon-Nucleon interaction", North-Holland, 1976. Page 86: *"In practice, of course, we do not know the exact form of  $\Delta(p^2)$  for a given potential ..."*

$$\begin{aligned}
 p &= ik \pm \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon = 0^+, \quad p^2 = -k^2 < L \\
 T(ik \pm \varepsilon, ik \pm \varepsilon) &= V(ik \pm \varepsilon, ik \pm \varepsilon) \\
 &+ \frac{\mu}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dq q^2 \frac{V(ik \pm \varepsilon, q)T(q, ik \pm \varepsilon)}{q^2 + k^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

**The last integral, so calculated, IS PURELY REAL!!**

You can try to calculate numerically just the once iterated OPE

$$\frac{\mu}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dq q^2 \frac{V(ik \pm \varepsilon, q)V(q, ik \pm \varepsilon)}{q^2 + k^2} \in \mathbb{R}$$

- **GENERAL method:**

Analytic extrapolation of the LS from its integral expression

$$\Delta(A) = \frac{1}{2}f(-k), \quad A = -k^2$$

$$f(\nu) = \Delta v(\nu, k) + \frac{\theta(k - 2m_\pi - \nu)m}{2\pi^2} \int_{m_\pi + \nu}^{k - m_\pi} \frac{d\nu_1 \nu_1^2}{k^2 - \nu_1^2} \Delta v(\nu, \nu_1) f(\nu_1)$$

$$\text{IE} : -k + m_\pi < \nu < k - m_\pi$$

- The limits in the IE ARE FINITE
- The denominator never vanishes,  $|\nu_1| \leq k - m_\pi$  in the IE
- **NO FREE PARAMETERS**

**Reason:** Contact interactions (monomials) do not contribute to the discontinuity of  $T(A)$

Short-distance physics is not resolved  $\rightarrow$  Contact interactions



$$\Delta(A) = \frac{f(-k)}{2}, \quad k = \sqrt{-A}$$

$$f(\nu) = \Delta v(\nu, k) + \frac{\theta(k - 2m_\pi - \nu)m}{2\pi^2} \int_{m_\pi + \nu}^{k - m_\pi} \frac{d\nu_1 \nu_1^2}{k^2 - \nu_1^2} \Delta v(\nu, \nu_1) f(\nu_1)$$

$$\text{IE: } -k + m_\pi < \nu < k - m_\pi$$

It can be applied to:

- Any local potential (spectral decomposition:)

$$V(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mu_0^2}^{\infty} d\mu^2 \frac{\eta(\mu^2)}{\mathbf{q}^2 + \mu^2}, \quad \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{p}' - \mathbf{p}$$

- Higher partial waves,  $\ell \geq 0$
- Coupled Channels
- Nonlocal potentials due to relativistic corrections  $\rightarrow \eta(\mu^2)$

# LS equation in the complex plane

## Analytical properties of the potential

- Local potential, spectral decomposition:

$$V(\mathbf{q}^2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\mu_0^2}^{\infty} d\mu^2 \frac{\eta(\mu^2)}{\mathbf{q}^2 + \mu^2}, \quad \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{p}_2 - \mathbf{p}_1$$

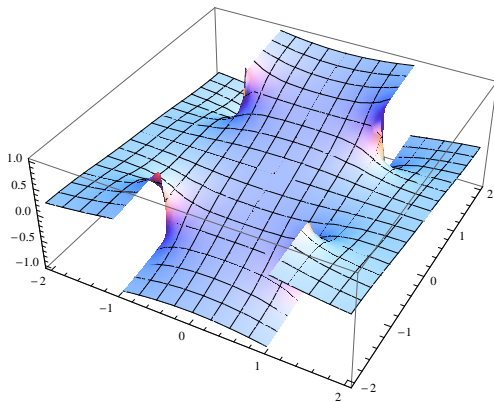
- S-wave projection:

$$\begin{aligned} v(p_1, p_2) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-1}^{+1} dt \int_{\mu_0^2}^{\infty} d\mu^2 \frac{\eta(\mu^2)}{p_1^2 + p_2^2 - 2p_1 p_2 t + \mu^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi p_1 p_2} \int_{\mu_0^2}^{\infty} d\mu^2 \eta(\mu^2) \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \log [\mu^2 + (p_1 + p_2)^2] - \log [\mu^2 + (p_1 - p_2)^2] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Vertical cuts:

$$p_2 = \pm(p_1 \pm i\sqrt{m_\pi^2 + x^2}) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Analogously for  $p_1$



$p_1 = m_\pi$ . Branch points at  $\pm(p_1 \pm im_\pi)$

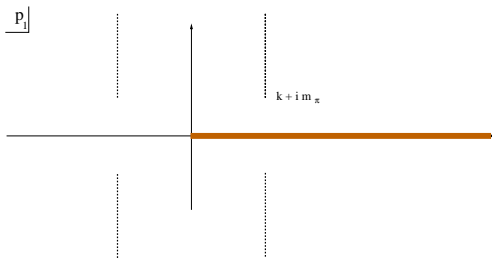
## Deforming the integration contour in the LS equation

$k, k' \in \mathbb{R}$  in the half-off-shell  $T$ -matrix  $t(k, k'; k'^2/m)$ ,

$$t(k, k'; \frac{k'^2}{m}) = v(k, k') + \frac{m}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{dp_1 p_1^2}{p_1^2 - k'^2} v(k, p_1) t(p_1, k'; \frac{k'^2}{m}),$$

$v(k, p_1)$  implies the vertical cuts

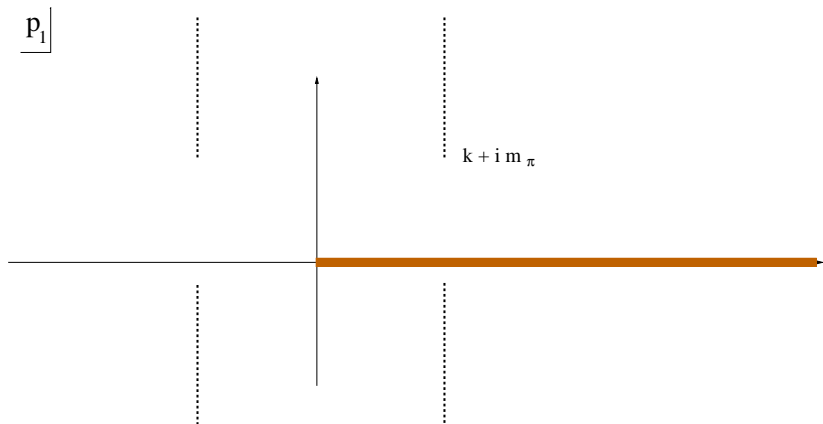
$$p_1 = \pm(k \pm i\sqrt{m_\pi^2 + x^2}) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$



We add an increasing positive imaginary part to  $k$

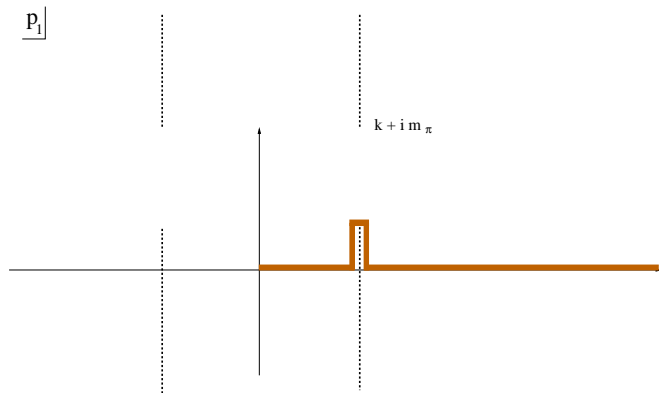
$$k = k_r + i k_i, \quad k_i > 0$$

$$p_1 = \pm (k_r + i k_i \pm i \sqrt{m_\pi^2 + x^2}) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$



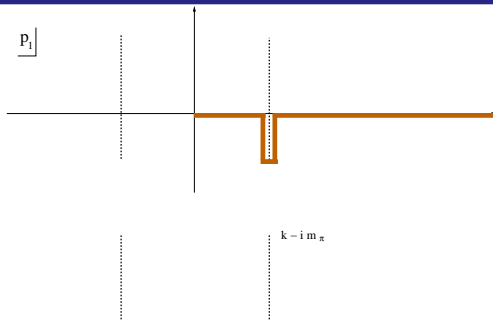
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$$k_r > 0, \quad k_i > m_\pi$$

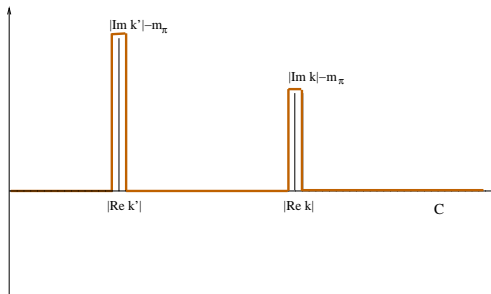
$$k_r < 0, \quad k_i < -m_\pi$$



$$k_r > 0, \quad k_i < -m_\pi$$

$$k_r < 0, \quad k_i > m_\pi$$

- $t(p_1, k'; k'^2/m)$  follows the same pattern in terms of  $k'$ .



# Calculation of $\Delta(-k^2)$ : Discontinuity across the LHC

**On-shell scattering**  $t(k, k; k^2/m)$

LHC:

$$p = -p \pm i\sqrt{m_\pi^2 + x^2} \longrightarrow p = \pm \frac{i}{2}\sqrt{m_\pi^2 + x^2}$$

$$p^2 = -\frac{1}{4}(m_\pi^2 + x^2) \longrightarrow p^2 \in ]-\infty, L], \quad L = -m_\pi^2/4$$

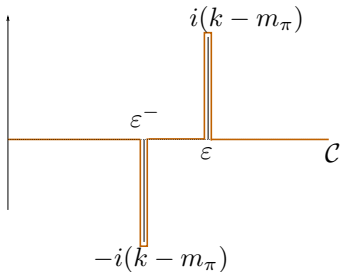
$$2i\Delta(-k^2) = t(ik + i\varepsilon, ik + i\varepsilon) - t(ik - i\varepsilon, ik + i\varepsilon)$$

$$= (-1)^\ell \left\{ t(-ik + \varepsilon^-, ik + \varepsilon) - t(-ik + \varepsilon^+, ik + \varepsilon) \right\}$$

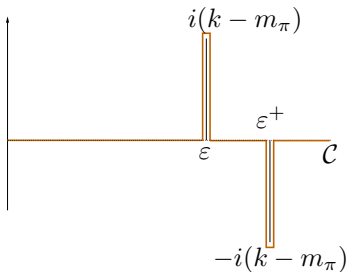
$$\varepsilon^- < \varepsilon < \varepsilon^+$$



$$t(-ik + \varepsilon^-, ik + \varepsilon)$$



$$t(-ik + \varepsilon^+, ik + \varepsilon)$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& \operatorname{Im} t(-ik + \varepsilon^-, ik + \varepsilon) - \operatorname{Im} t(-ik + \varepsilon^+, ik + \varepsilon) \\
&= \operatorname{Im} v(i\nu + \varepsilon^-, ik + \varepsilon) - \operatorname{Im} v(i\nu + \varepsilon^+, ik + \varepsilon) \\
&+ \theta(k - \nu - 2m_\pi) \frac{m}{2\pi^2} \int_{-k+m_\pi}^{k-m_\pi} \frac{d\nu_1 \nu_1^2}{k^2 - \nu_1^2} \\
&\times [\operatorname{Im} v(i\nu + \varepsilon^-, i\nu_1 + \varepsilon) - \operatorname{Im} v(i\nu + \varepsilon^+, i\nu_1 + \varepsilon)] \\
&\times [\operatorname{Im} t(i\nu_1 + \varepsilon - \delta, ik + \varepsilon) - \operatorname{Im} t(i\nu_1 + \varepsilon + \delta, ik + \varepsilon)] .
\end{aligned}$$

- One needs to know

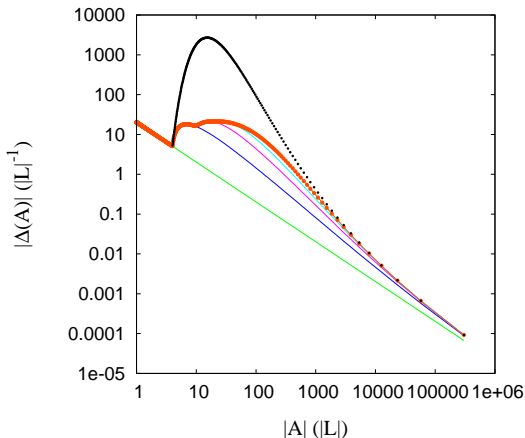
$$\begin{aligned}
& \operatorname{Im} t(i\nu + \varepsilon^-, ik + \varepsilon) - \operatorname{Im} t(i\nu + \varepsilon^+, ik + \varepsilon) \\
& -k + m_\pi < \nu < k - m_\pi
\end{aligned}$$

Proceeding in the same way

Integral Equation  $-k + m_\pi < \nu < k - m_\pi$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(\nu) &\equiv \text{Im } t(i\nu + \varepsilon^-, ik + \varepsilon) - \text{Im } t(i\nu + \varepsilon^+, ik + \varepsilon) \\
 &= \text{Im } v(i\nu + \varepsilon^-, ik + \varepsilon) - \text{Im } v(i\nu + \varepsilon^+, ik + \varepsilon) \\
 &+ \theta(k - \nu - 2m_\pi) \frac{m}{2\pi^2} \int_{\nu+m_\pi}^{k-m_\pi} \frac{d\nu_1 \nu_1^2}{k^2 - \nu_1^2} \\
 &\times [\text{Im } v(i\nu + \varepsilon^-, i\nu_1 + \varepsilon) - \text{Im } v(i\nu + \varepsilon^+, i\nu_1 + \varepsilon)] \\
 &\times [\text{Im } t(i\nu_1 + \varepsilon - \delta, ik + \varepsilon) - \text{Im } t(i\nu_1 + \varepsilon + \delta, ik + \varepsilon)] .
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta(A) = (-1)^\ell \frac{f(-k)}{2}$$

log-log plot for  $^1S_0$  (Yukawa Pot.)  $\Delta(A)$ ;  $g_A = 6.80$ 

- $|L| = m_\pi^2/4$ ;  $\Delta_{1\pi}$ ,  $\Delta_{2\pi}$ ,  $\Delta_{3\pi}$ ,  $\Delta_{4\pi}$ ,  
Asymptotic sol. (dots)  $|A| \gg m_\pi^2$
- Full solution  $\Delta(A)$

# Yukawa potential

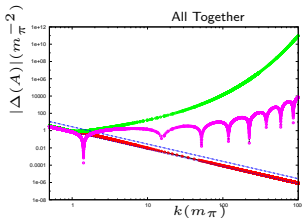
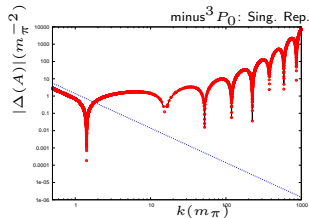
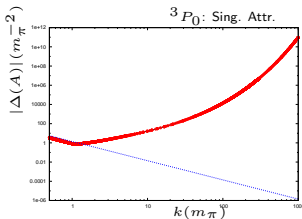
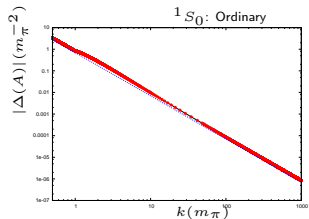
- Asymptotic solution for  $k \gg m_\pi$

$$\frac{f'(\nu)}{f(\nu)} = -\lambda \frac{\theta(k - 2m_\pi - \nu)}{k^2 - (m_\pi + \nu)^2}$$

$$\Delta(A) = \frac{\lambda\pi^2}{M_N A} e^{\frac{2\lambda}{\sqrt{-A}} \operatorname{arctanh}\left(1 - \frac{m_\pi}{\sqrt{-A}}\right)}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{gM_N}{2\pi}$$

# ${}^3P_0$ : singular attractive potential; $m^3P_0$ : singular repulsive potential ( $g \rightarrow -g$ )



$k \rightarrow +\infty$ :  
 ${}^3P_0$ : "Exponential" growth  
 $m^3P_0$ : Oscillatory  
 "Exponential" growth  
 ${}^1S_0$ : Vanishes

## Qualitative difference

- Ordinary Potential  $\Delta(A)$  vanishes for  $A \rightarrow -\infty$
- For the attractive singular potentials  $|\Delta(A)|$  grows faster than any power
- **The full non-perturbative solution for a singular and ordinary potentials are qualitatively different**

**With singular potentials short- and long-range physics are interrelated**

**Nonperturbative Solutions: Any number of counterterms are not effective**

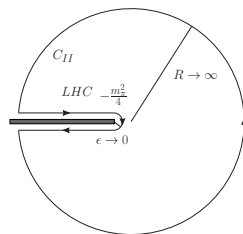
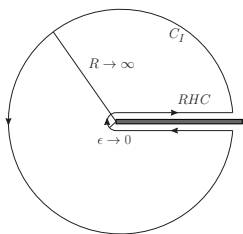
# N/D method with non-perturbative $\Delta(A)$

Once we now the exact  $\Delta(A)$  for a given potential we can use  $S$ -matrix theory to solve the LS: **N/D method with the full  $\Delta(A)$**

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

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

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



$$\text{Im}D_{\ell}(A) = -N_{\ell}(A)\rho(A) , A > 0 \text{ (RHC - Unitarity)}$$

$$\text{Im}N_{\ell}(A) = D_{\ell}(A) \Delta(A) , A < L \text{ (LHC)}$$



$(m_1, m_2)$  N/D equations for  $D(A)$  and  $N(A)$

$N/D_{m_1, m_2}$

$$N(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} \nu_i (A - C)^{m_1 - i} + \frac{(A - C)^{m_1}}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^L dk^2 \frac{\Delta(k^2) D(k^2)}{(k^2 - A)(k^2 - C)^{m_1}}$$

$$D(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{m_2} \delta_i (A - C)^{m_2 - i} - \frac{(A - C)^{m_2}}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} dq^2 \frac{\rho(q^2) N(q^2)}{(q^2 - A)(q^2 - C)^{m_2}}$$

- $N(A)$  is substituted in  $D(A)$
- Linear IE for  $D(A)$  arises
- $D(0) = 1$ . To fix a floating constant in the ratio  
 $T(A) = N(A)/D(A)$

# Regular interactions

- $N/D_{01}$ : **Regular solution for an ordinary potential**

Scattering is completely fixed by the potential

$$D(A) = 1 - \frac{i\mu\sqrt{A}}{2\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L d\omega_L \frac{\Delta(\omega_L)D(\omega_L)}{\sqrt{\omega_L}(\sqrt{\omega_L} + \sqrt{A})}$$

- $N/D_{11}$ : **Additional subtraction in  $N(A)$  is fixed in terms of scattering length**

$$D(A) = 1 + ia\sqrt{A} + i\frac{M_N}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L d\omega_L \frac{D(\omega_L)\Delta(\omega_L)}{\omega_L} \frac{A}{\sqrt{A} + \sqrt{\omega_L}}$$

## Effective Range Expansion (ERE)

$$k \cot \delta(k) = -\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{2}rk^2 + \sum_{i=2} v_i k^{2i}$$

- $N/D_{12}$ : **Additional subtraction in  $D(A)$ ,  $r$  is fixed**

$$D(A) = 1 + ia\sqrt{A} - \frac{ar}{2}A - i\frac{M_N A}{4\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^L d\omega_L \frac{D(\omega_L)\Delta(\omega_L)}{\omega_L}$$

$$\times \left[ \frac{\sqrt{A}}{(\sqrt{\omega_L} + \sqrt{A})\sqrt{\omega_L}} - \frac{i}{a\omega_L} \right]$$

- $N/D_{22}$ :  $v_2$  is fixed additionally

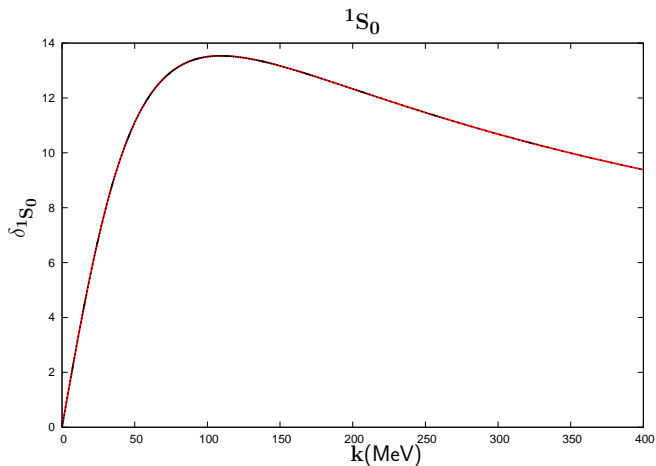
$$D(A) = \left(1 - \frac{2v_2}{r}A\right)(1 + ia\sqrt{A}) - \frac{ar}{2}A$$

$$+ i\frac{M_N}{4\pi^2}A \int_{-\infty}^L d\omega_L \frac{D(\omega_L)\Delta(\omega_L)}{\omega_L^2}$$

$$\times \left[ \frac{A}{\sqrt{A} + \sqrt{\omega_L}} + i\frac{2}{ra^2\omega_L}(1 + ia\sqrt{\omega_L})(1 + ia\sqrt{A}) \right]$$

The results are just dependent on  $\Delta(A)$  (input potential) and experimental ERE parameters

# Example: Regular case. $^1S_0$ Yukawa potential



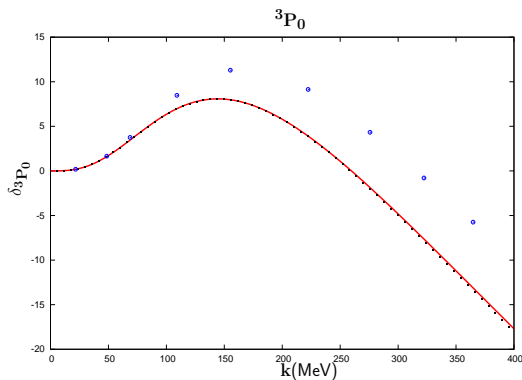
$N/D_{01}$ ; LS (black dots)

# Analytical properties determine the solutions for singular potentials

**Attractive singular interaction:  ${}^3P_0$**

$N/D_{12}$   $T(A) = 0$  ( $N/D_{11}$  does not converge)

**At least one parameter is needed** The scattering volume is fixed



We compare with

LS renormalized with  
one contact term  $C_1$ :

$$V(p_1, p_2) \rightarrow V(p_1, p_2) + C_1 p_1 p_2$$

$N/D_{12}$ ;

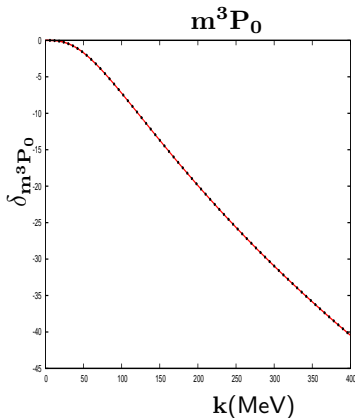
LS (black dots);

Phase shifts: Granada  
analysis

## Repulsive singular interaction: Minus- $^3P_0$ ( $g \rightarrow -g$ )

N/D<sub>01</sub> No free parameters

Repulsive Singular Potential: LS is insensitive to all  $C_i$



$N/D_{12}$ ;  
**LS** (black dots);

# Attractive singular interaction: Sensitivity to scatter inner structure

One can go beyond the case of just one counterterm

Example: NN  $^1S_0$  partial wave

LS renormalized with contact terms:

$$V(p_1, p_2) \rightarrow V(p_1, p_2) + C_0 + C_1(p_1^2 + p_2^2) + \dots$$

**LS is insensitive or not convergent when including  $C_i, i > 0$**

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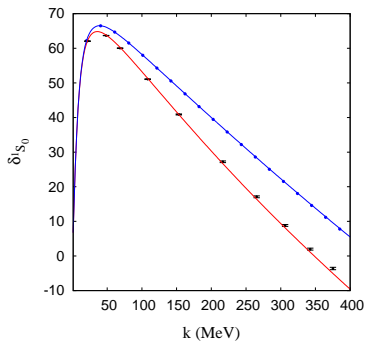
**NLO and NNLO ChPT  $NN$  potentials**

Full spectral decomposition of the potential

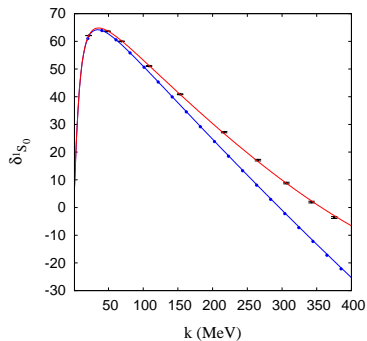
- **Not all the  $N/D$  types of IE's converge for sing. pot. (they do for ord. pot.)**
- $N/D_{11}(a)$  and  $N/D_{22}(a, r, v_2)$  are convergent
- $N/D_{01}$  (at least one parameter is needed) and  $N/D_{12}$  are not convergent



## NLO



## NNLO



$N/D_{11}$  ,  $N/D_{22}$

Subtractive-renormalized LS: **points**

One counterterm *It cannot reproduce  $r$*

Yang, Elster, Phillips, PRC80,044002('09)

$$a = -23.75 \text{ fm} , r = 2.655 \text{ fm} , v_2 = -0.6265 \text{ fm}^3$$

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Look for and study resonances, virtual states and bound states

For bound states one does not need to solve the full-off-shell LS equation or Schrödinger equation

Bound State  $p = ik$ ,  $A = -k^2$

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$A = (ik)^2$	N/D <sub>01</sub>	N/D <sub>11</sub>	Schrödinger
$\Delta_{1\pi}$		2.02	
$\Delta_{2\pi}$		2.18	
$\Delta_{3\pi}$		2.21	
$\Delta_{4\pi}$	0.89	2.22	
Non-perturbative	2.22	2.22	2.22

- **Anti-bound (virtual) state for  $^1S_0$**

$$\begin{aligned} T_{II}^{-1}(A) &= T_I^{-1}(A) + 2i\rho(A) \\ &= \frac{D_I + N_I 2i\rho(A)}{N_I}, \quad \text{Im}\sqrt{A} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Look for zero of  $D_{II}(A)$ .  $E = A/M_N =$

$N/D_{11}$ :

$-0.070$  (LO),  $-0.067$  (NLO, NNLO) MeV

For the other  $N/D_{m_1 m_2}$ :  $-0.066$  MeV always

G.E. Brown, A.D. Jackson "The Nucleon-Nucleon interaction", North-Holland, 1976. Page 86: *"In practice, of course, we do not know the exact form of  $\Delta(p^2)$  for a given potential and the  $N/D$  equations do not represent a practical alternative to the exact solution of the LS equation for potential scattering. . ."*

**Now this statement is superseded**

Furthermore: This method is superior for singular potentials.

# Conclusions

- A new non-singular IE allows to calculate the exact  $\Delta(A)$  in potential scattering for a given potential
- One can calculate the scattering amplitude for regular/singular potentials from its analytical/unitarity properties.
- Any proper solution for singular potentials can be found with this method
- We reproduce the LS outcome with/without one counterterm
- One can go go beyond LS+one counterterm for an attractive singular potential.

- It can be straightforwardly used in the whole complex plane (bound states, resonances, virtual states)
- Including as well higher order chiral  $NN$  potentials.