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# Modern Theory of nuclear forces

Lectures 1+2: Foundations

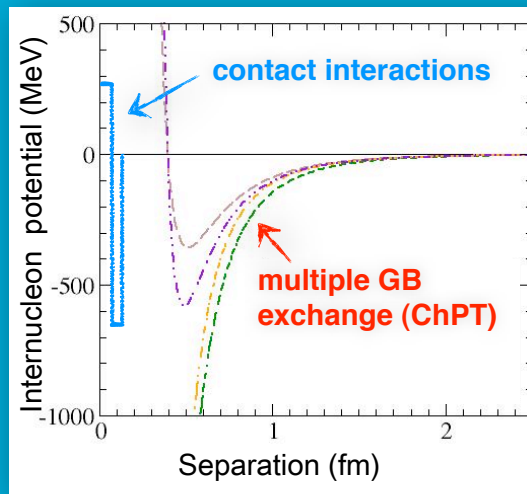
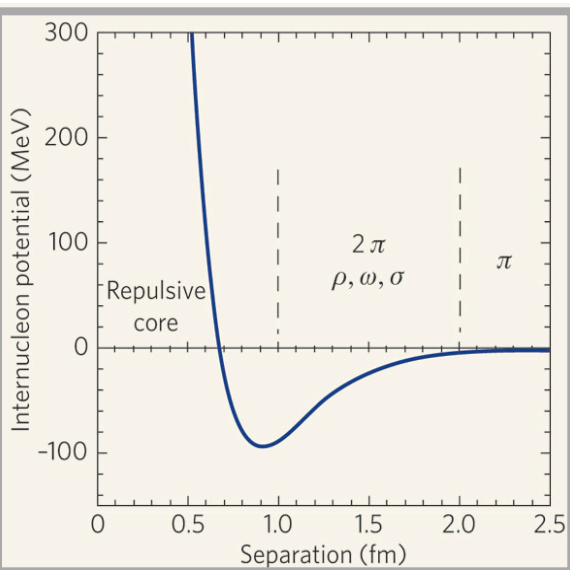
Lecture 3: Foundations (cont.) + derivation of nuclear forces

Lecture 4: (i) Chiral nuclear forces: State of the art  
(ii) Nuclear lattice simulations






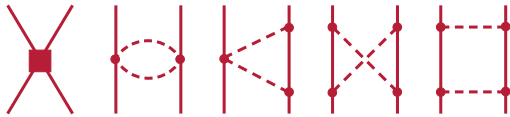






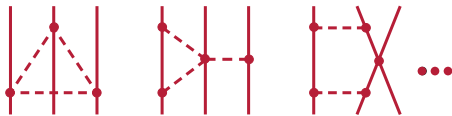
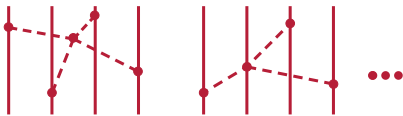
# Intermediate summary: Nuclear chiral EFT a-la Weinberg

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



- unified description of  $\pi\pi$ ,  $\pi N$  and  $NN$
- consistent many-body forces and currents
- systematically improvable
- bridging different reactions (electroweak,  $\pi$ -prod., ...)
- precision physics with/from light nuclei

# Chiral expansion of nuclear forces

	Two-nucleon force	Three-nucleon force	Four-nucleon force
LO ( $Q^0$ )			
NLO ( $Q^2$ )			
N <sup>2</sup> LO ( $Q^3$ )			
N <sup>3</sup> LO ( $Q^4$ )			

$\langle V_{2N} \rangle \sim 20$  MeV/pair

$\langle V_{3N} \rangle \sim 1$  MeV/triplet

$\langle V_{4N} \rangle \sim 0.1$  MeV/quartet

(numbers from Pudliner et al. PRL 74 (95) 4396)

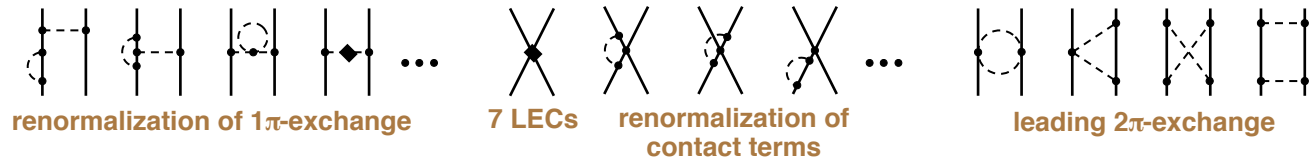
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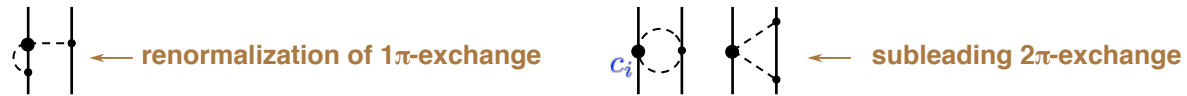
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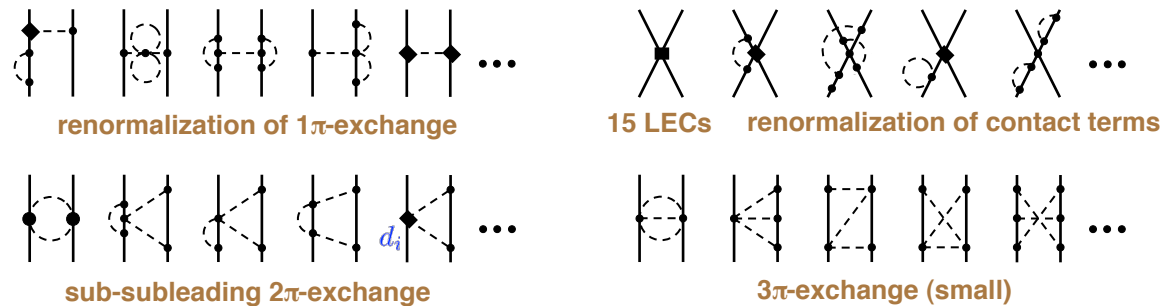
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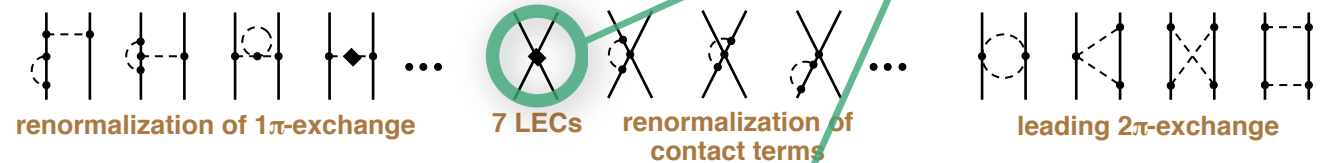
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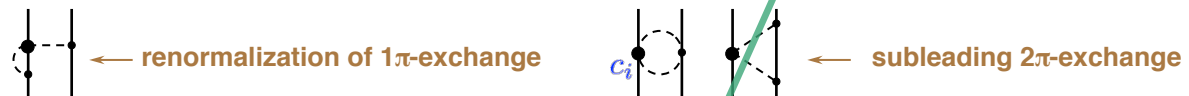


24 LECs fit to np data

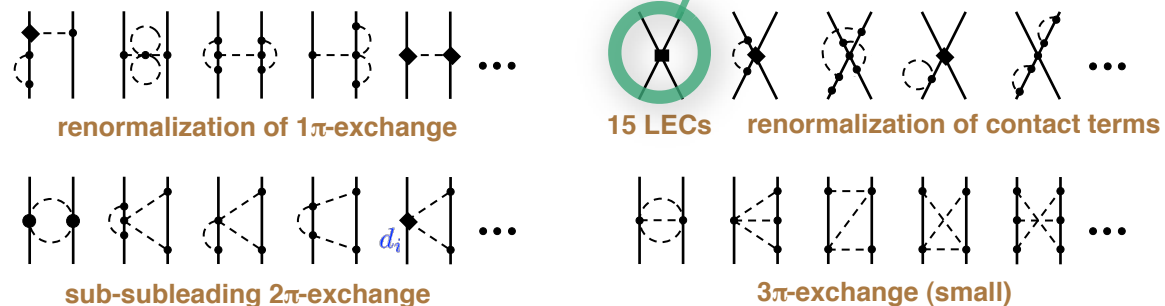
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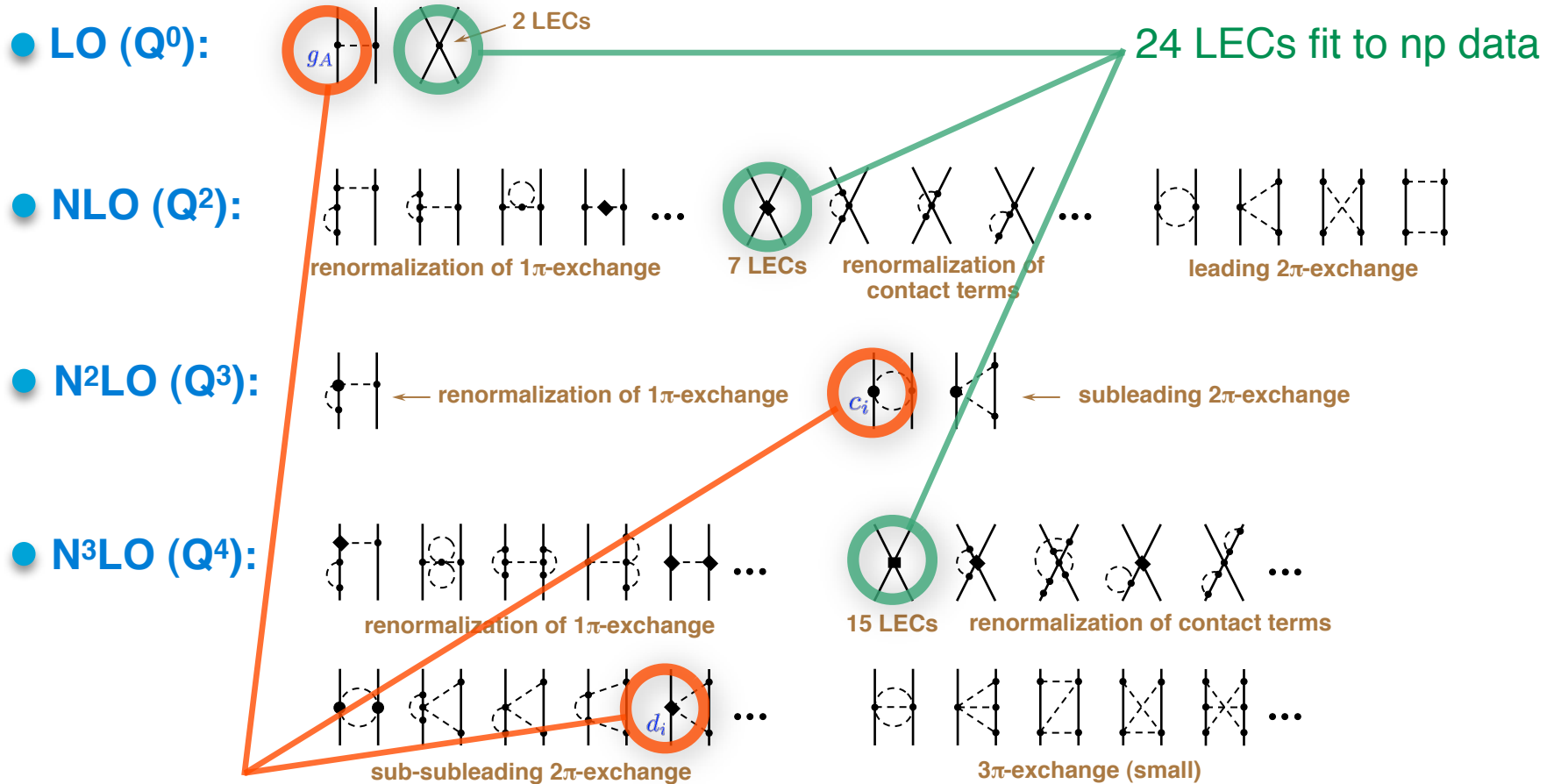


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LECs fixed from  $\pi N$

- long-range tail of the nuclear force fixed by chiral symmetry and exp. information on the  $\pi N$  system

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The profile functions (in Dimensional Regularization)

$$V_C^{TPE}(r) = \frac{3g^2 m^6}{32\pi^2 f^4} \frac{e^{-2x}}{x^6} \left\{ \left( 2c_1 + \frac{3g^2}{16M} \right) x^2 (1+x)^2 + \frac{g^5 x^5}{32M} + \left( c_3 + \frac{3g^2}{16M} \right) (6 + 12x + 10x^2 + 4x^3 + x^4) \right\}$$

$$W_T^{TPE}(r) = \frac{g^2 m^6}{48\pi^2 f^4} \frac{e^{-2x}}{x^6} \left\{ - \left( c_4 + \frac{1}{4M} \right) (1+x)(3+3x+x^2) + \frac{g^2}{32M} (36 + 72x + 52x^2 + 17x^3 + 2x^4) \right\},$$

$$V_T^{TPE}(r) = \frac{g^4 m^5}{128\pi^3 f^4 x^4} \left\{ -12K_0(2x) - (15 + 4x^2)K_1(2x) + \frac{3\pi m e^{-2x}}{8Mx} (12x^{-1} + 24 + 20x + 9x^2 + 2x^3) \right\},$$

$$\begin{aligned} W_C^{TPE}(r) = & \frac{g^4 m^5}{128\pi^3 f^4 x^4} \left\{ [1 + 2g^2(5 + 2x^2) - g^4(23 + 12x^2)] K_1(2x) + x [1 + 10g^2 - g^4(23 + 4x^2)] K_0(2x), \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{g^2 m \pi e^{-2x}}{4Mx} [2(3g^2 - 2)(6x^{-1} + 12 + 10x + 4x^2 + x^3)] + g^2 x (2 + 4x + 2x^2 + 3x^2) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$V_S^{TPE}(r) = \frac{g^4 m^5}{32\pi^3 f^4} \left\{ 3xK_0(2x) + (3 + 2x^2)K_1(2x) - \frac{3\pi m e^{-2x}}{16Mx} (6x^{-1} + 12 + 11x + 6x^2 + 2x^3) \right\},$$

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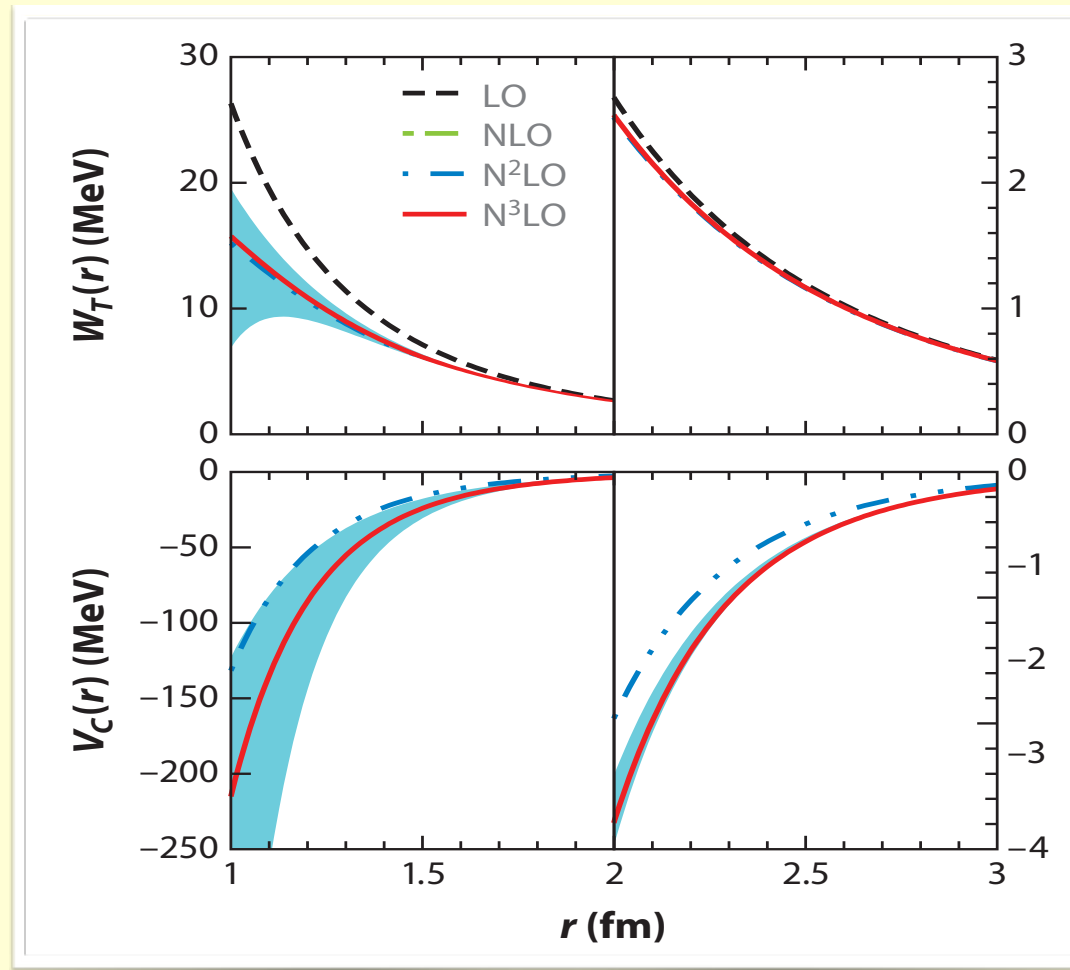
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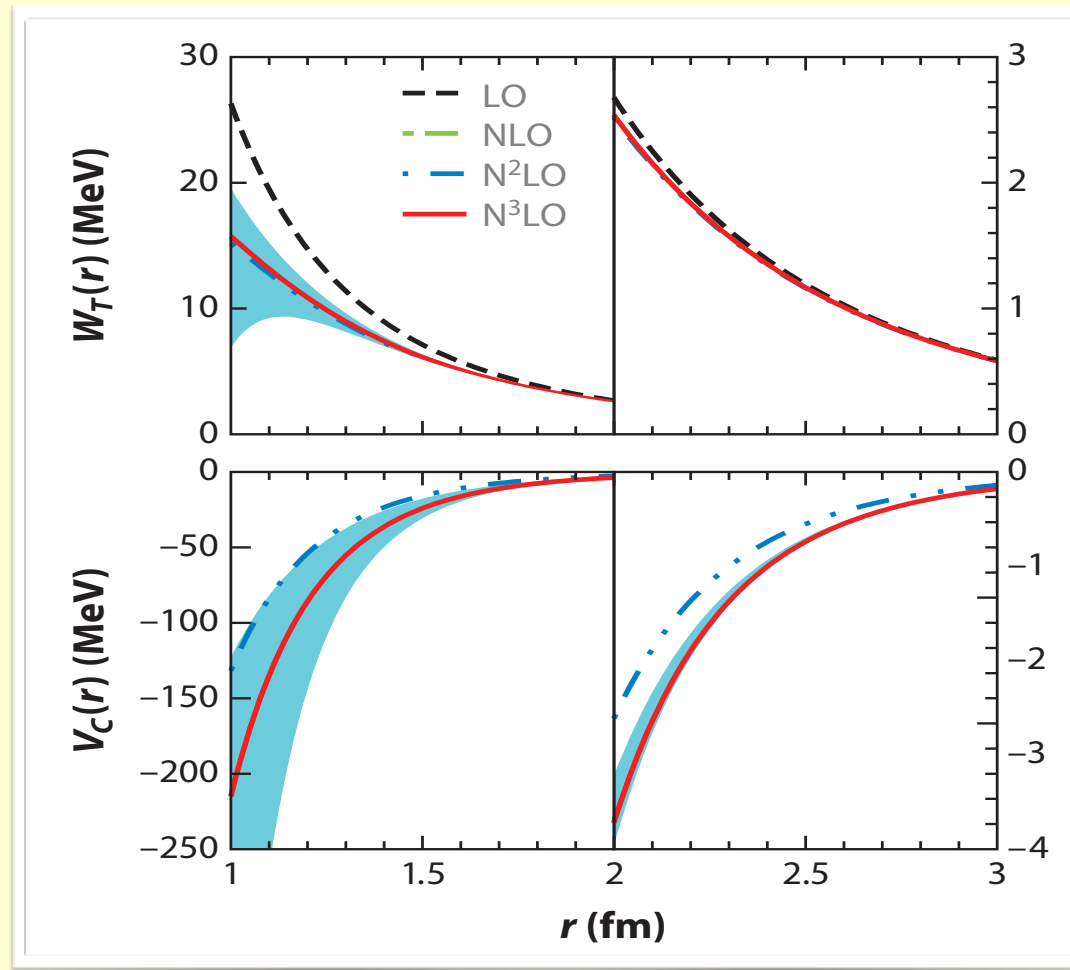
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Is there any evidence from NN data?

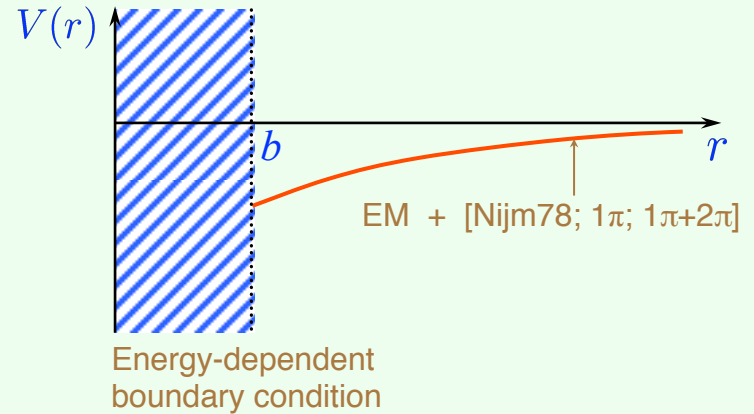
# Chiral two-pion exchange and NN data

## Nijmegen Partial Wave Analysis

Rentmeester et al. '99, '03

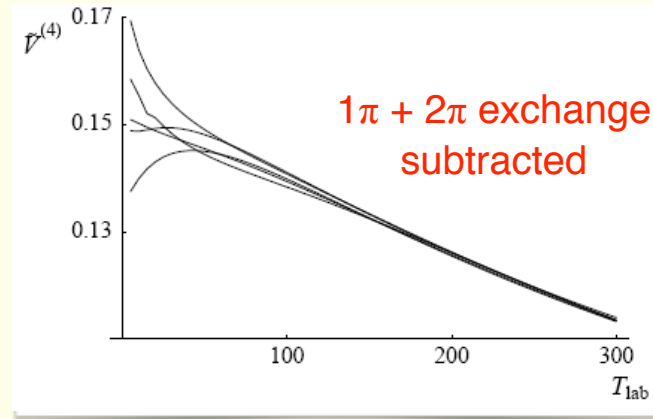
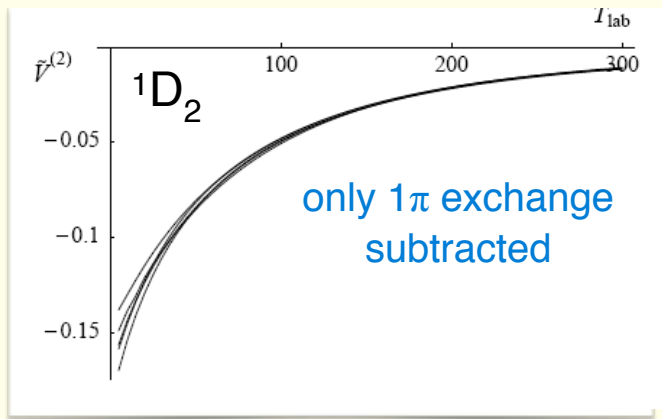
Number of BC parameters needed to achieve  $\chi^2_{\text{datum}} \sim 1$  for a given long-range part (input)

31 ( $1\pi$ )  $\rightarrow$  28 ( $1\pi + 2\pi$  [NLO])  $\rightarrow$  23 ( $1\pi + 2\pi$  [N<sup>2</sup>LO])



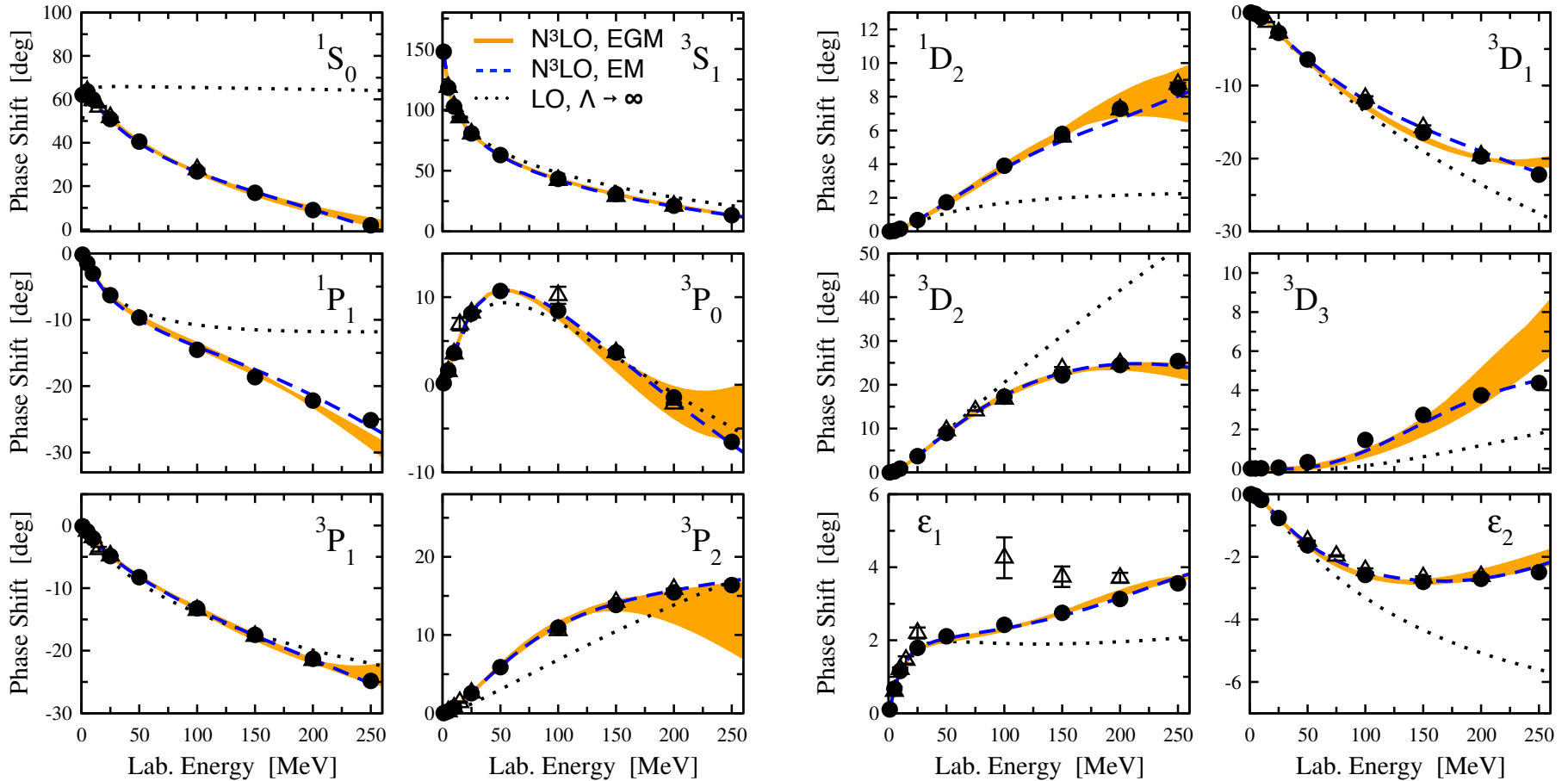
## „Deconstructing“ neutron-proton phase shifts Birse, McGovern '06

Idea: Subtract effects of the long-range interaction from phase shifts (DWBA) and look at the residual energy dependence



# Neutron-proton phase shifts at N<sup>3</sup>LO

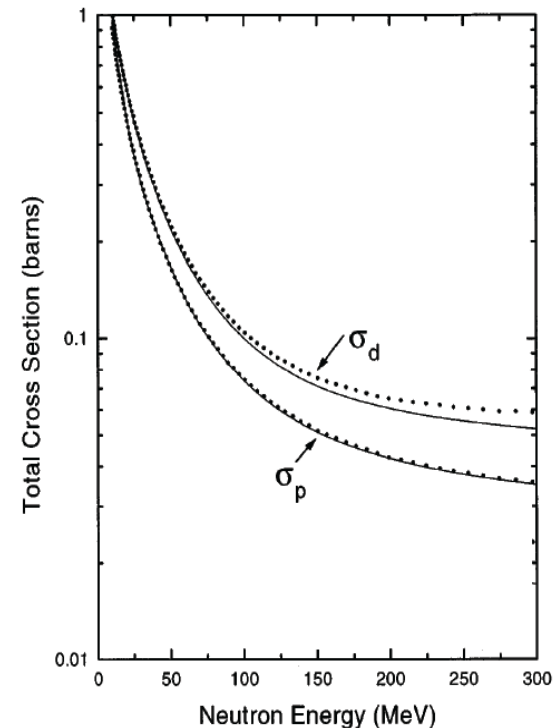
Entem, Machleidt '04; E.E., Glöckle, Meißner '05



# The challenge: Understanding the 3N force

- Today's few- and many-body calculations have reached the level of accuracy at which it is necessary to include 3NFs
- In spite of decades of efforts, the structure of the 3NF is still poorly understood

Kalantar-Nayestanaki, EE, Messchendorp, Nogga, Rev. Mod. Phys. 75 (2012) 016301



# Most general structure of a local 3NF

Krebs, Gasparyan, EE, arXiv:1302.2872 [nucl-th]

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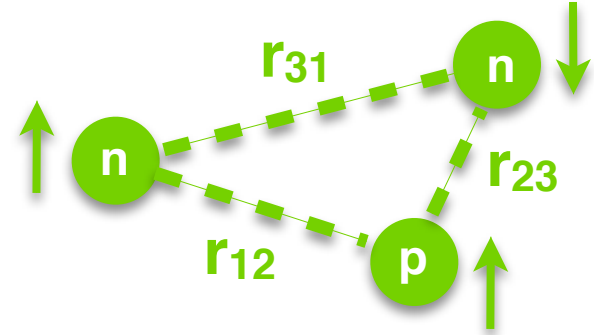
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Building blocks:

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Constraints:

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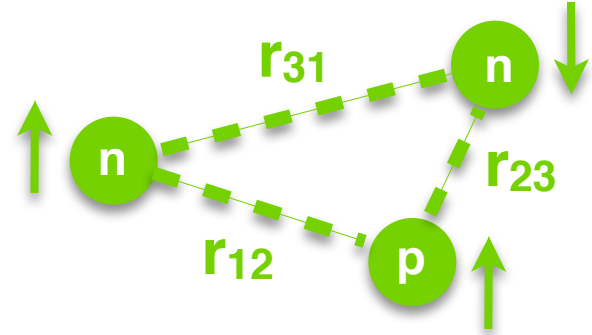
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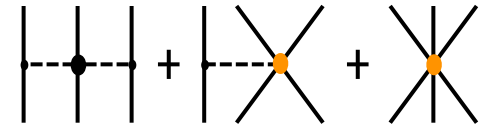
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**derivable in ChPT; long-range  
terms parameter-free  
predictions**

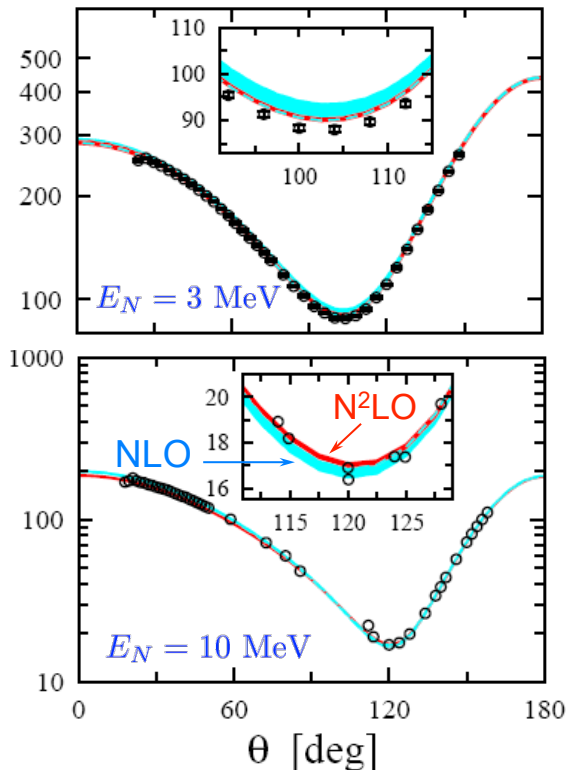
# Leading chiral 3NF and 3N/4N continuum

- Nd scattering: accurate description at low energy except for  **$A_y$ -puzzle** (fine tuned) and some breakup configurations
- Uncertainty grows rapidly with energy (**higher orders ?**)
- **4N continuum**: an emerging field (lectures by Michele)



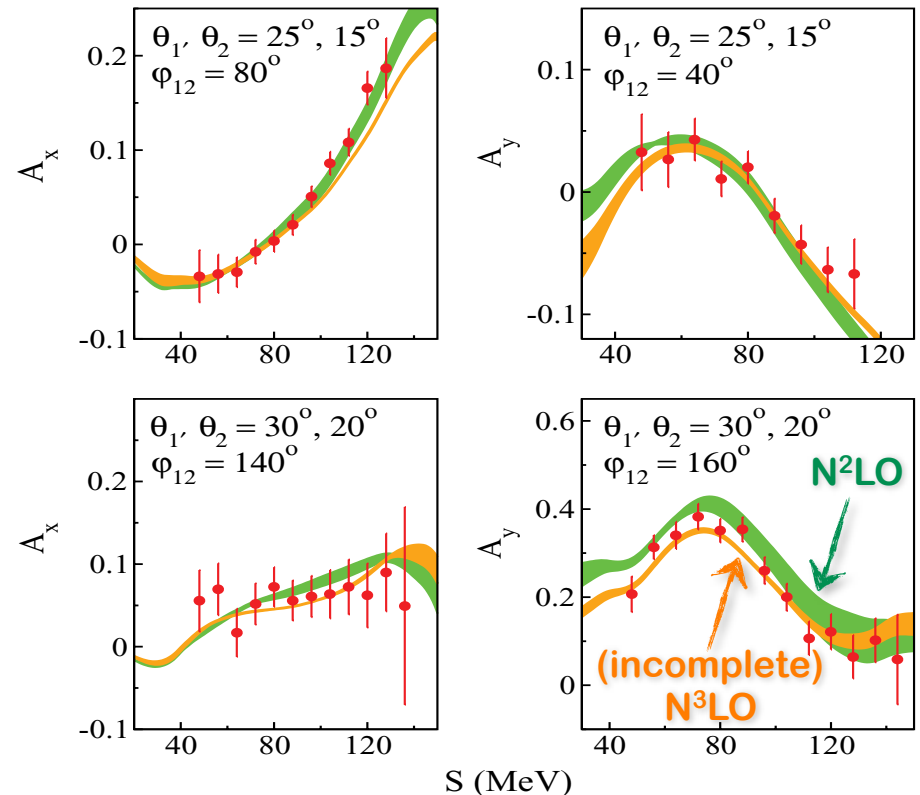
2 LECs tuned to few-N data  
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## Nd elastic cross sections at low energies



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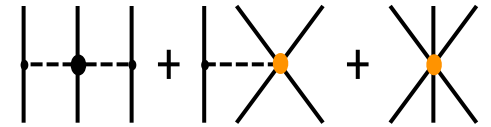
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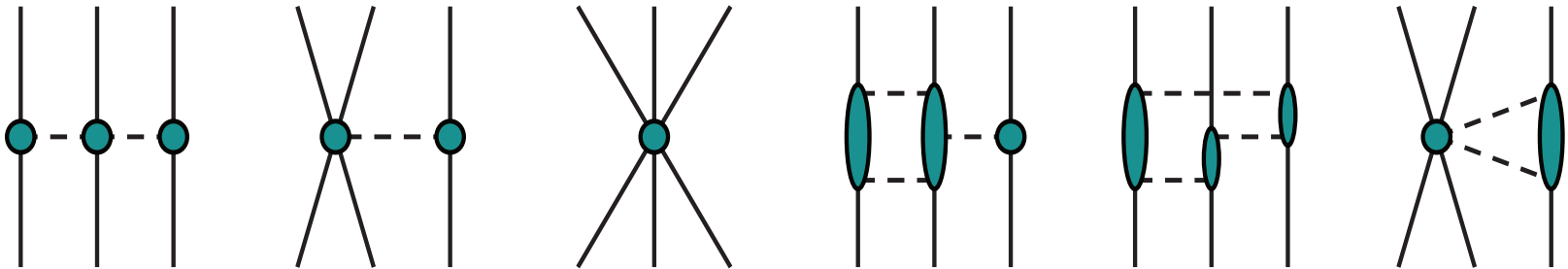


# Leading chiral 3NF and 3N/4N continuum

- Nd scattering: accurate description at low energy except for  **$A_y$ -puzzle** (fine tuned) and some breakup configurations
- Uncertainty grows rapidly with energy (**higher orders ?**)
- **4N continuum**: an emerging field (**lectures by Michele**)



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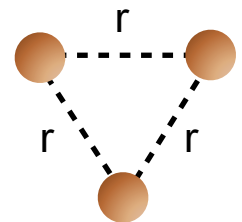
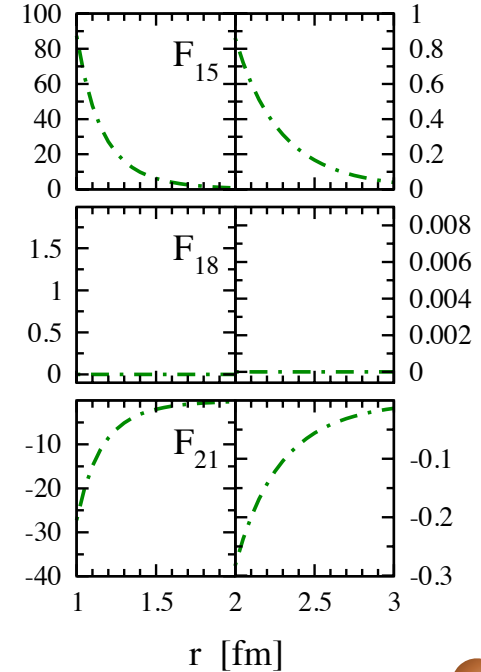
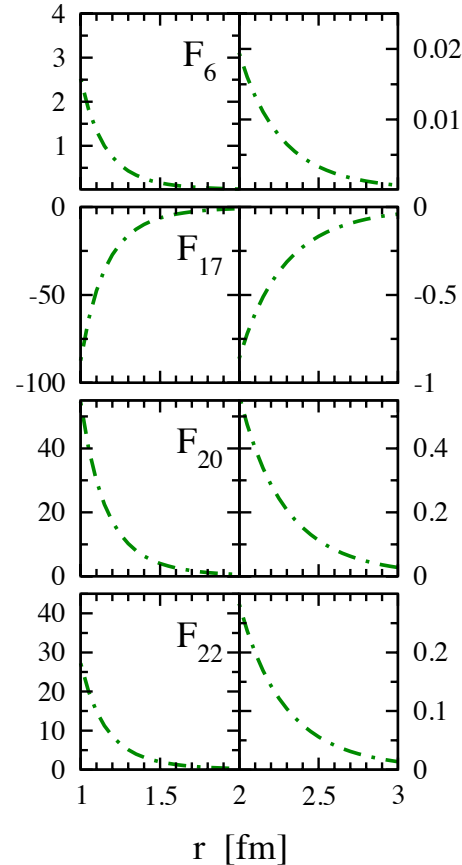
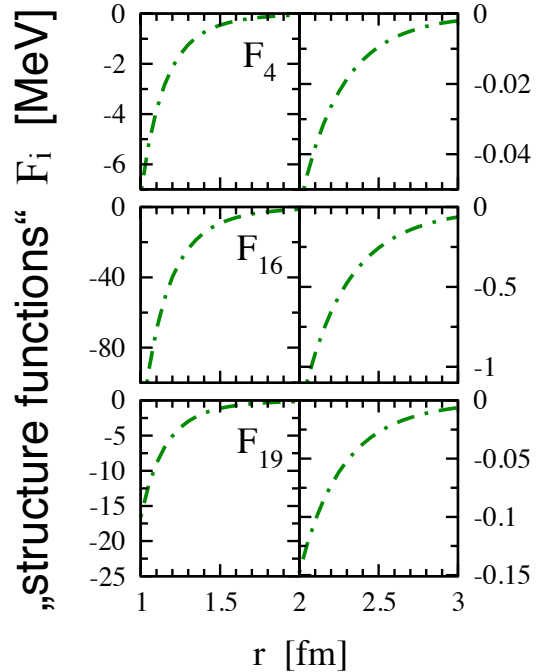
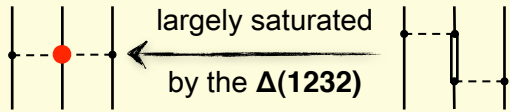


Corrections to the leading 3NF beyond  $N^2\text{LO}$   
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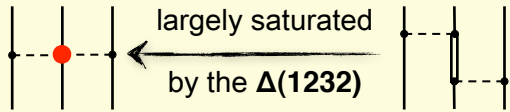
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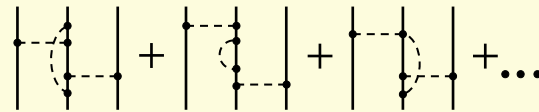
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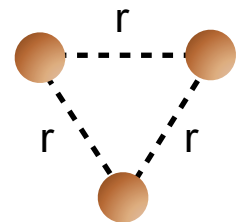
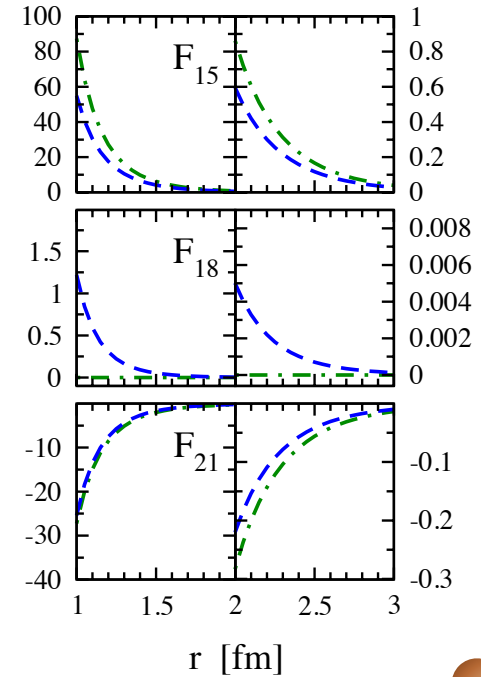
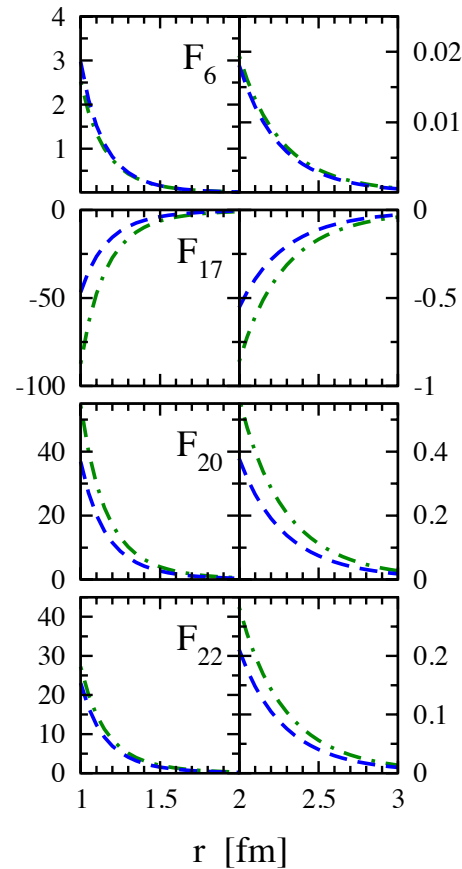
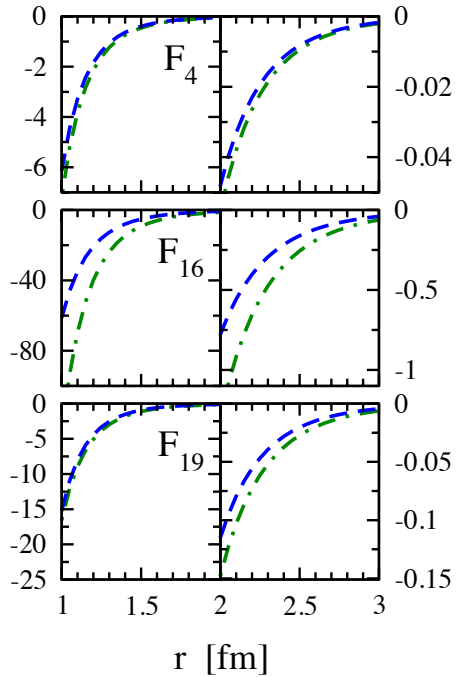
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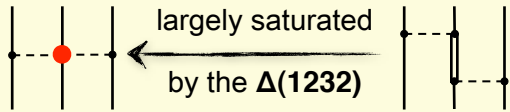
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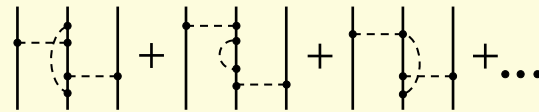
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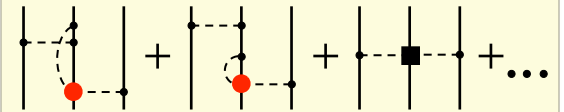
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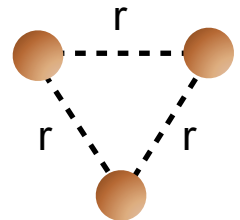
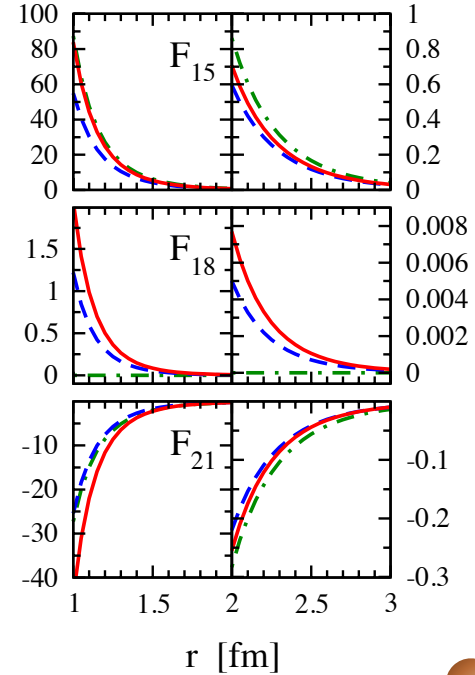
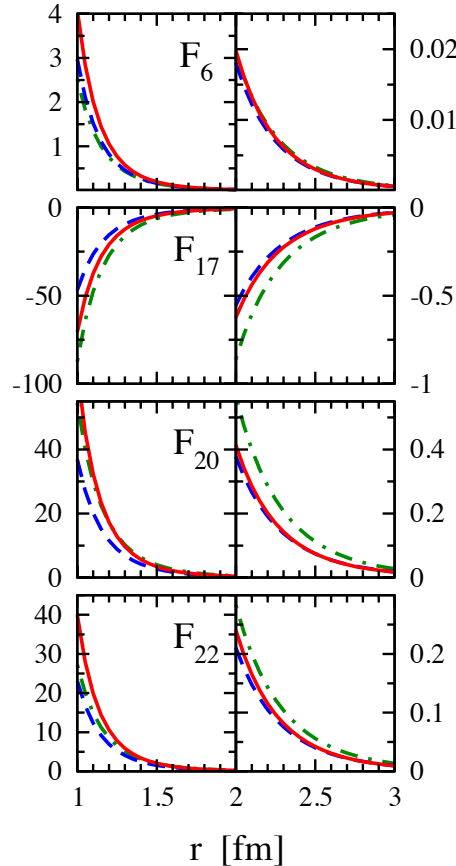
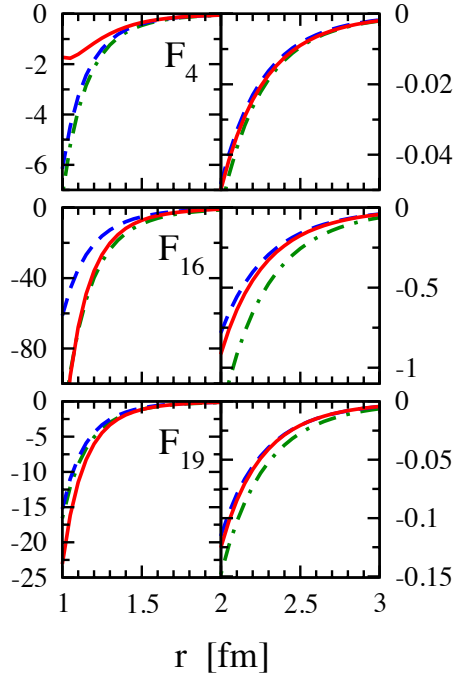
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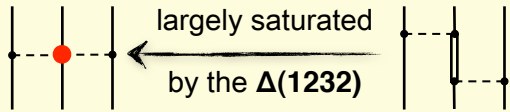
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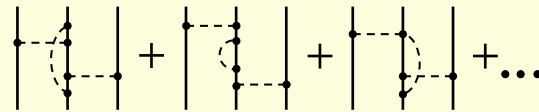
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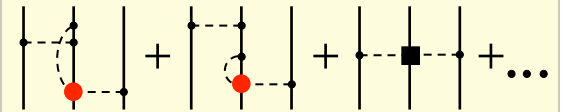
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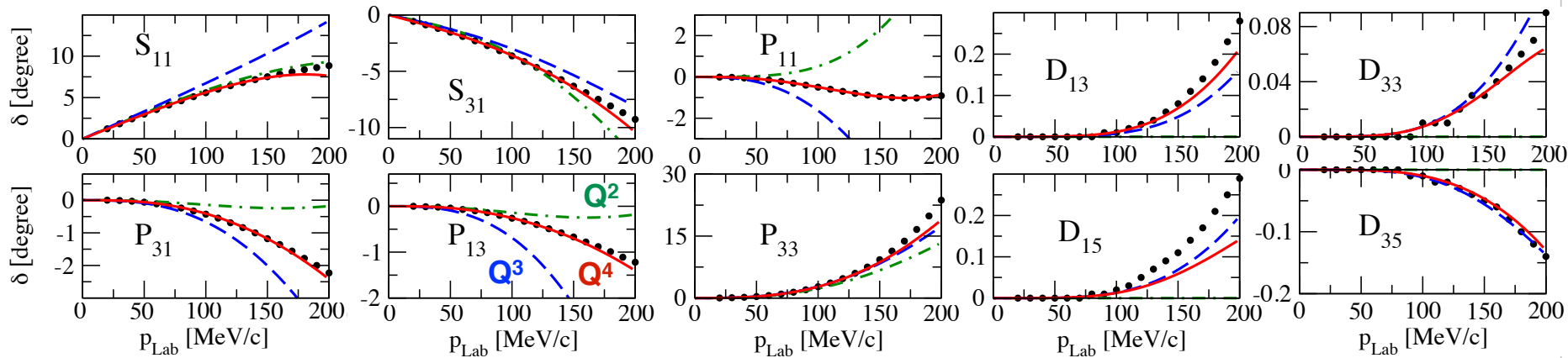
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## Pion-nucleon phase shifts in HB ChPT up to Q<sup>4</sup> (KH PWA)



## Values of low-energy constants extracted at Q<sup>4</sup> (in powers of GeV)

	$c_1$	$c_2$	$c_3$	$c_4$	$\bar{d}_1 + \bar{d}_2$	$\bar{d}_3$	$\bar{d}_5$	$\bar{d}_{14} - \bar{d}_{15}$	$\bar{e}_{14}$	$\bar{e}_{15}$	$\bar{e}_{16}$	$\bar{e}_{17}$	$\bar{e}_{18}$
Q <sup>4</sup> fit to GW	-1.13	3.69	-5.51	3.71	5.57	-5.35	0.02	-10.26	1.75	-5.80	1.76	-0.58	0.96
Q <sup>4</sup> fit to KH	-0.75	3.49	-4.77	3.34	6.21	-6.83	0.78	-12.02	1.52	-10.41	6.08	-0.37	3.26

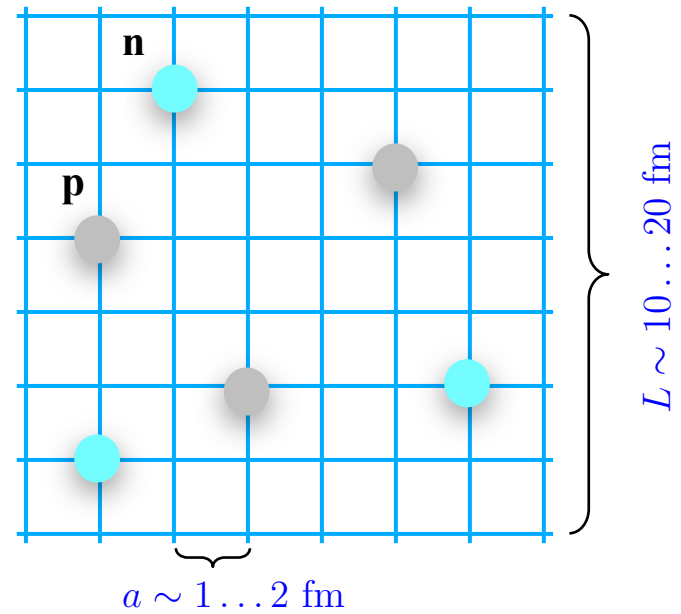
# Summary: chiral nuclear forces

- Chiral NN potentials are available at N<sup>3</sup>LO and provide accurate description of NN scattering up to  $E_{\text{lab}} \sim 200$  MeV.
- 3NF: promising results at N<sup>2</sup>LO; corrections are under investigation
- 4NF: starts contributing at N<sup>3</sup>LO; probably small (expectation value for the  $\alpha$ -particle about a few 100 keV...)

# Nuclear Lattice Effective Field Theory

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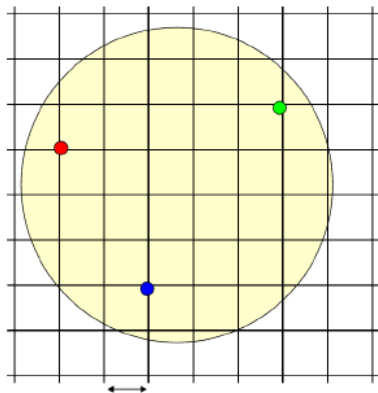


# Nuclear lattice simulations

Discretized version of chiral EFT for nuclear dynamics

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

## Lattice QCD

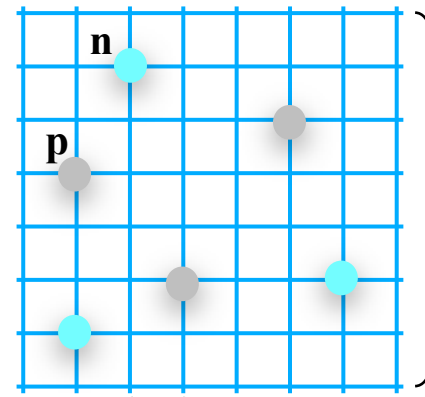


$\sim 0.1$  fm

- **fundamental**, the only parameters are  $m_q$ ,  $\alpha_{\text{strong}}$
- hard to go beyond 1 hadron...



## Chiral EFT on the lattice



$a \sim 1 \dots 2$  fm

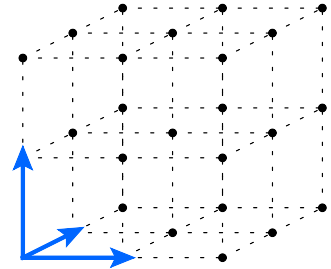
$L \sim 10 \dots 20$  fm

- effective hadronic description, LECs to be determined from the data/LQCD
- **much more efficient for atomic nuclei**



# Leading-order action

- $\vec{n}$  refer to integer-valued spatial lattice vectors
- $\vec{l} = \{\hat{1}, \hat{2}, \hat{3}\}$  are unit lattice vectors in the spatial directions
- $\alpha_t = a_t/a$  is the ratio of the lattice spacings



- Derivatives (order- $a^4$  improved)

$$\nabla_l f(\vec{n}) = \frac{3}{4} [f(\vec{n} + \vec{l}) - f(\vec{n} - \vec{l})] - \frac{3}{20} [f(\vec{n} + 2\vec{l}) - f(\vec{n} - 2\vec{l})] + \frac{1}{60} [f(\vec{n} + 3\vec{l}) - f(\vec{n} - 3\vec{l})]$$

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- Free Hamiltonian for non-relativistic nucleons:  $H_{\text{free}} = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{\vec{n}, i, j} a_{ij}^\dagger(\vec{n}) \sum_l \nabla_l^2 a_{ij}(\vec{n})$

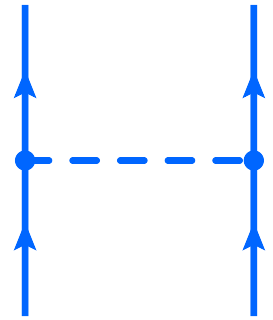
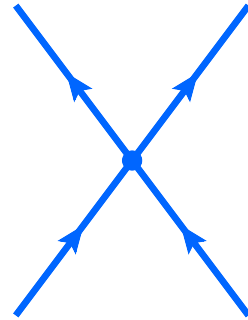
- Nucleon local density operators  $\rho(\vec{n}) = \sum_{i, j} a_{i, j}^\dagger(\vec{n}) a_{i, j}(\vec{n})$ ,  $\rho_S(\vec{n}) = \sum_{i, j, k} a_{i, j}^\dagger(\vec{n}) [\sigma_S]_{ik} a_{k, j}(\vec{n})$

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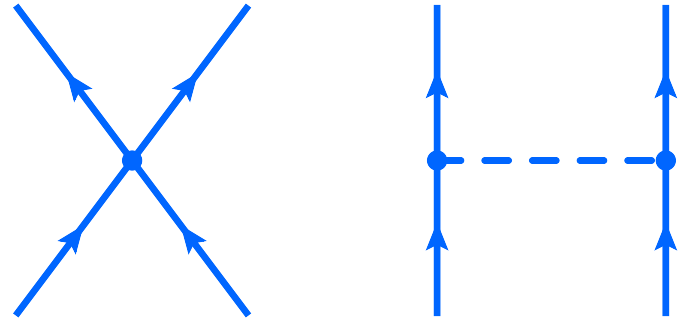
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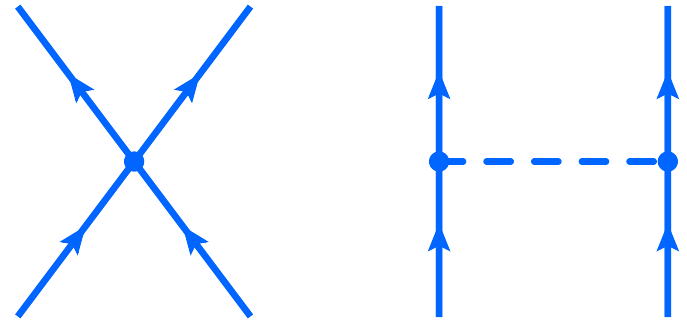
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Other LO lattice actions used in the simulations:

- LO<sub>1</sub>: no smearing, LO<sub>2</sub>: Gaussian smearing in all waves

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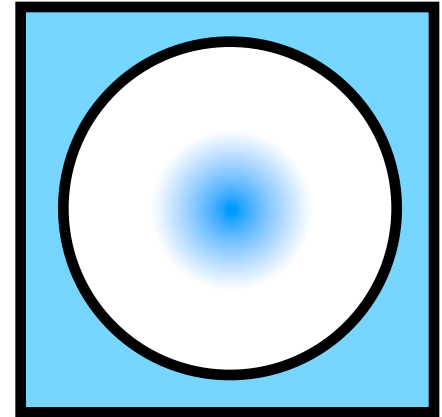
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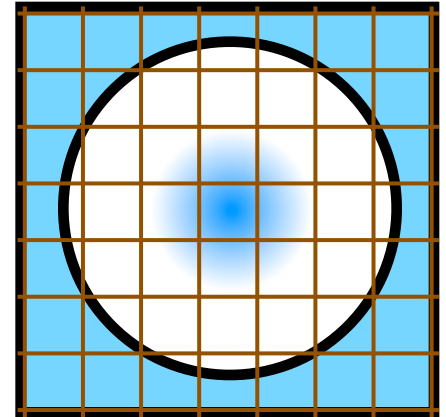
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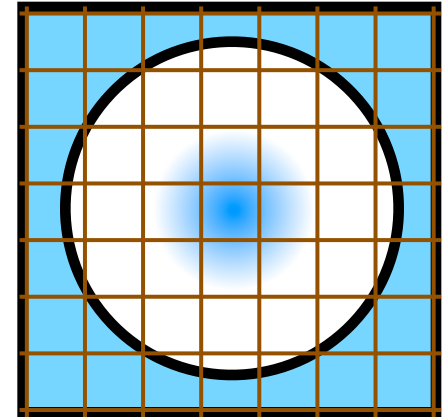
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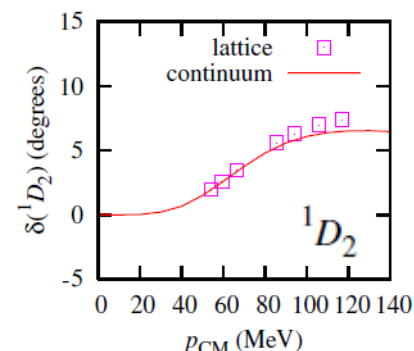
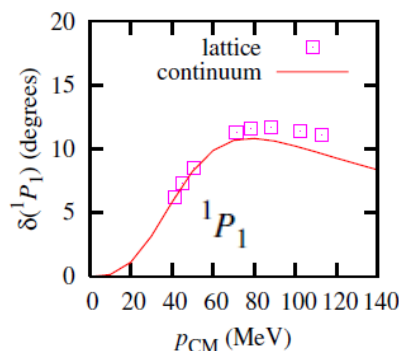
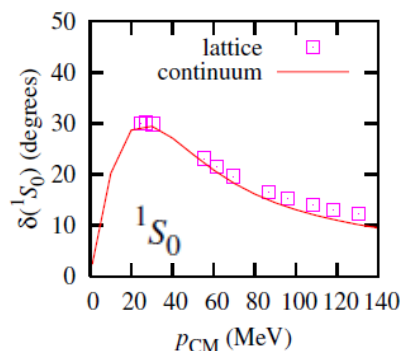
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**Example: a toy-model potential**  $V(\vec{r}) = C \left\{ 1 + \frac{r^2}{R_0^2} [3(\hat{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_1)(\hat{r} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2) - \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2] \right\} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{r^2}{R_0^2}\right)$

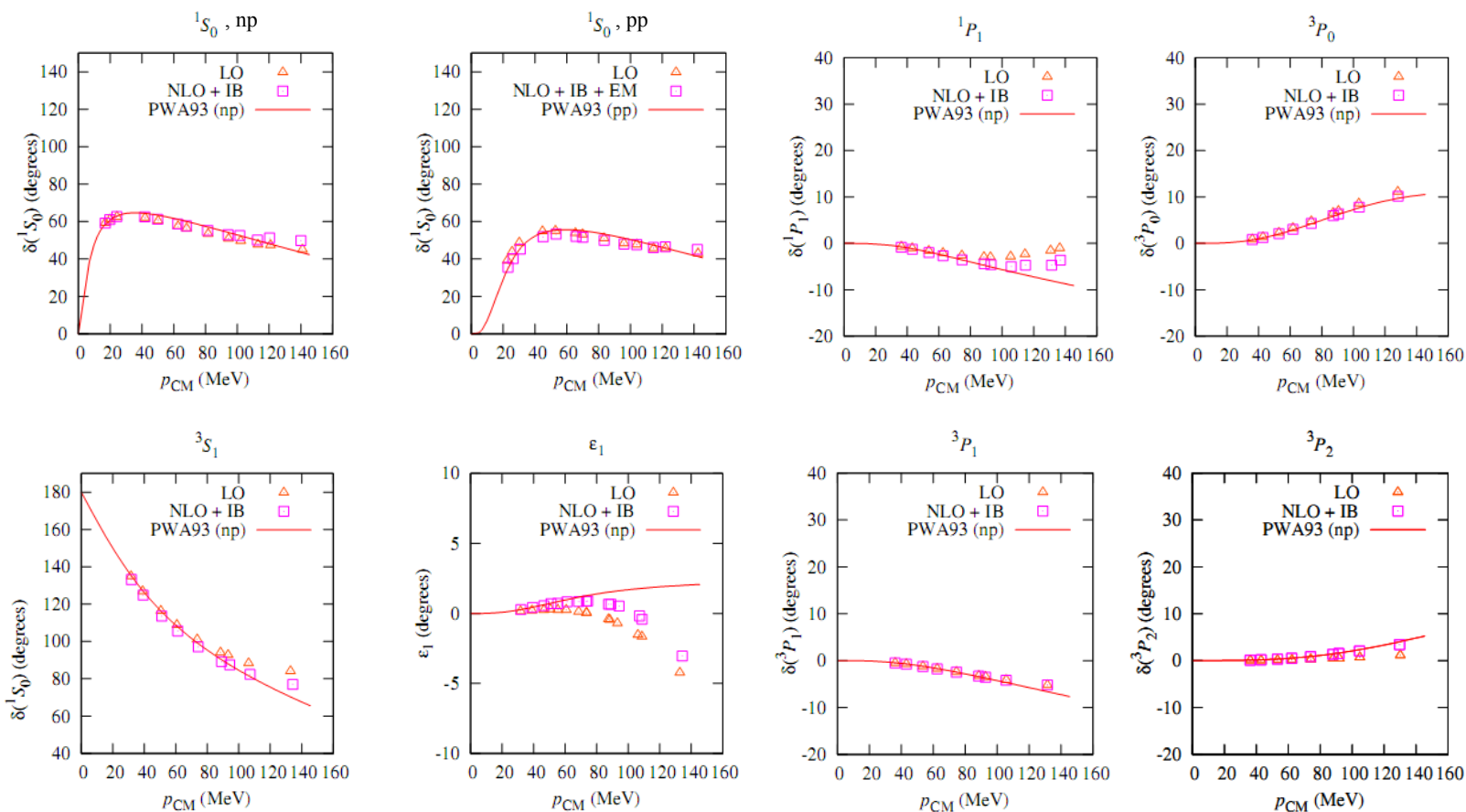




# Two-nucleon phase shifts (LO<sub>3</sub>)

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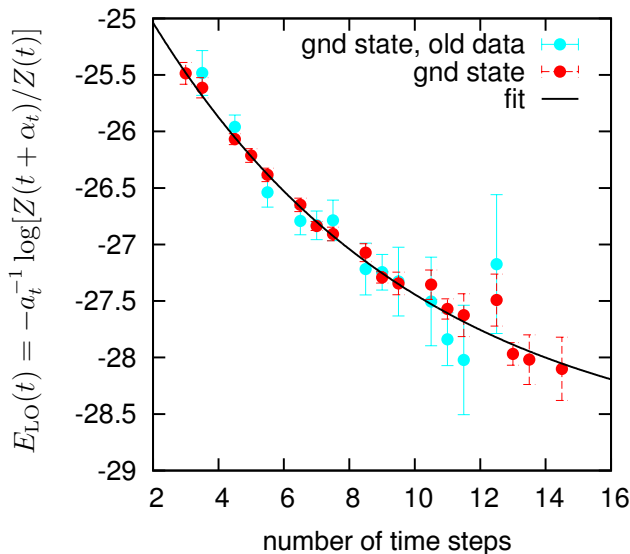
- 9 LECs fitted to S- and P-waves and the deuteron quadrupole moment
- Coulomb repulsion and isospin-breaking effects taken into account
- Accurate results, deviations consistent with the expected size of higher-order terms



# Calculation strategy

- **Eucl.-time propagation of A nucleons** → transition amplitude  $Z_A(t) = \langle \Psi_A | \exp(-tH) | \Psi_A \rangle$   
 → ground-state energies  $E_A = -\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} d(\ln Z_A)/dt$
- **Excited state energies** can be obtained from a large-t limit of a correlation matrix  
 $Z_A^{ij}(t) = \langle \Psi_A^i | \exp(-tH) | \Psi_A^j \rangle$  between A-nucleon states  $\Psi_A^j$  with the proper quantum numb.
- Use  $H_{LO}$  to run the simulation, **higher-order terms** (incl. Coulomb, 3NF, ...) **taken into account perturbatively** via  $Z_A^O(t) = \langle \Psi_A | \exp(-tH/2) O \exp(-tH/2) | \Psi_A \rangle$

## AFQMC calculation of the $^4\text{He}$ BE



- We use temporal spacing  $a_t = 1.32$  fm and vary propagation time  $L_t$  to carry out the  $L_t \rightarrow \infty$  **extrapolation** via  $E(N_t) = E(\infty) + c_E \exp(-N_t/\tau)$

## Large-t extrapolated and exact results for $^2\text{H}$ ( $3^3$ , $L=5.92$ fm)

	$^2\text{H}$ (extr.)	$^2\text{H}$ (exact)
$E(\text{LO})$ [MeV]	-9.070(12)	-9.078
$\Delta E(\Delta \tilde{M}_\pi)$ [MeV]	-0.003548(12)	-0.003569
$\Delta E(\Delta M_\pi^{\text{IB}})$ [MeV]	-0.002372(8)	-0.002379

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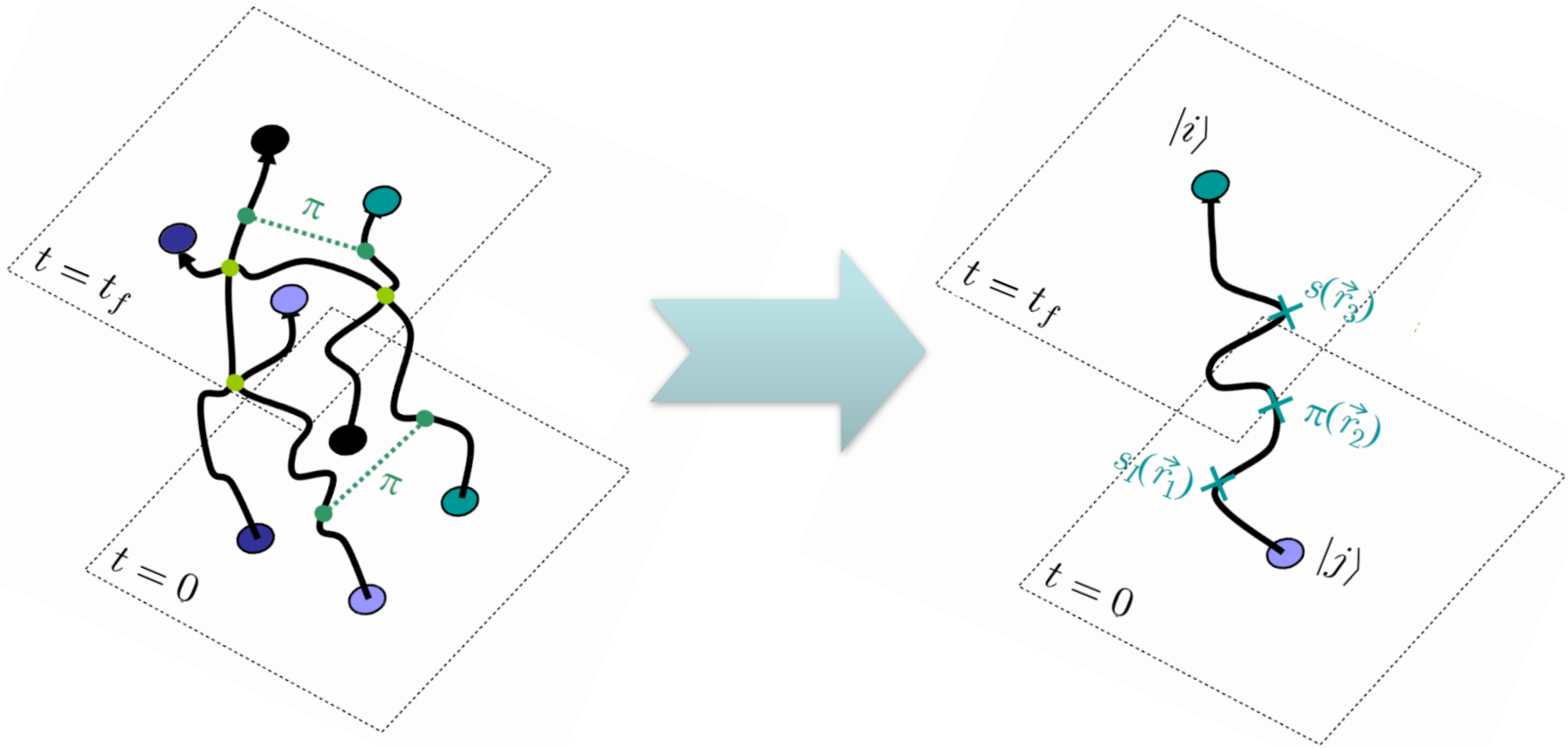
- Transfer matrix with (instantaneous) pion and auxiliary fields

$$M_{\text{LO}} = \frac{\int D\pi_I Ds Ds_I e^{-S_{\pi\pi}^{(n_t)} - S_{ss}^{(n_t)}} M_{\text{LO}}^{(n_t)}(\pi_I, s, s_I)}{\int D\pi_I Ds Ds_I e^{-S_{\pi\pi}^{(n_t)} - S_{ss}^{(n_t)}}}$$

with  $M_{\text{LO}}^{(n_t)}(\pi_i, s, s_I) = : \exp \left( -H_{\text{free}}\alpha_t + \sqrt{-C\alpha_t} \sum_{\vec{n}} s(\vec{n}, n_t) \rho(\vec{n}) + i\sqrt{C_I\alpha_t} \sum_{\vec{n},I} s_I(\vec{n}, n_t) \rho_I(\vec{n}) - \frac{g_A\alpha_t}{2F_\pi} \sum_{S,I,\vec{n}} (\nabla_S \pi_I(\vec{n}, n_t)) \rho_{S,I}(\vec{n}) \right) :$

and  $S_{ss}^{(n_t)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{n}} (s(\vec{n}, n_t))^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{n},I} (s_I(\vec{n}, n_t))^2$ ,  $S_{\pi\pi}^{(n_t)} = \frac{\alpha_t}{2} \sum_{\vec{n},I} \pi_I(\vec{n}, n_t) [-\Delta + M_\pi^2] \pi_I(\vec{n}, n_t)$

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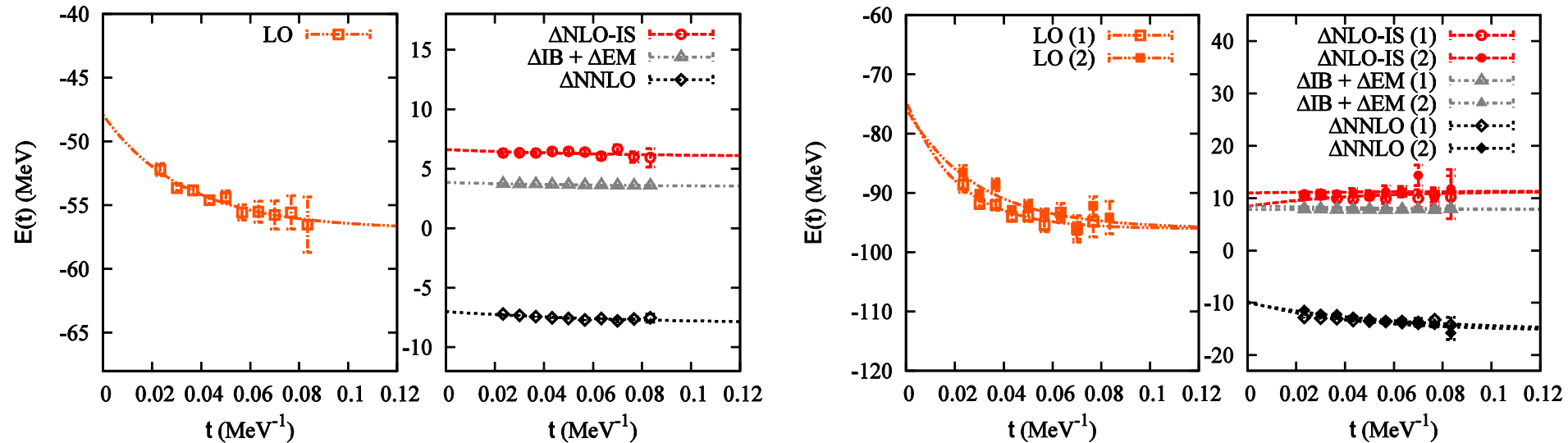
For a given configuration of the auxiliary & pion fields:

$$\langle \Psi^{\text{init}} | e^{-H(s, s_I, \pi_I)t} | \Psi^{\text{init}} \rangle = \det \mathbf{G}_{ij}(s, s_I, \pi_I) \text{ with } \mathbf{G}_{ij}(s, s_I, \pi_I) = \langle i | e^{-H(s, s_I, \pi_I)t} | j \rangle$$

# Ground states of ${}^8\text{Be}$ and ${}^{12}\text{C}$

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## Simulations for ${}^8\text{Be}$ and ${}^{12}\text{C}$ , $L=11.8$ fm



## Ground state energies ( $L=11.8$ fm) of ${}^4\text{He}$ , ${}^8\text{Be}$ , ${}^{12}\text{C}$ & ${}^{16}\text{O}$

	${}^4\text{He}$	${}^8\text{Be}$	${}^{12}\text{C}$	${}^{16}\text{O}$
LO [ $Q^0$ ], in MeV	-28.0(3)	-57(2)	-96(2)	-144(4)
NLO [ $Q^2$ ], in MeV	-24.9(5)	-47(2)	-77(3)	-116(6)
NNLO [ $Q^3$ ], in MeV	<b>-28.3(6)</b>	<b>-55(2)</b>	<b>-92(3)</b>	<b>-135(6)</b>
Experiment, in MeV	-28.30	-56.5	-92.2	-127.6

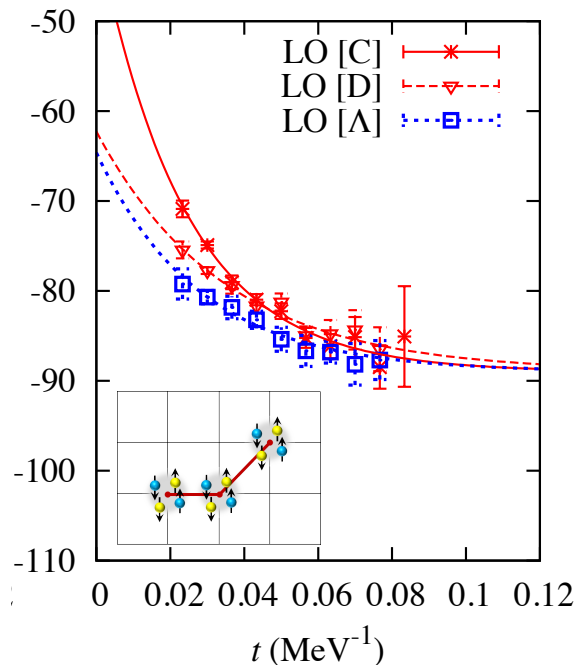
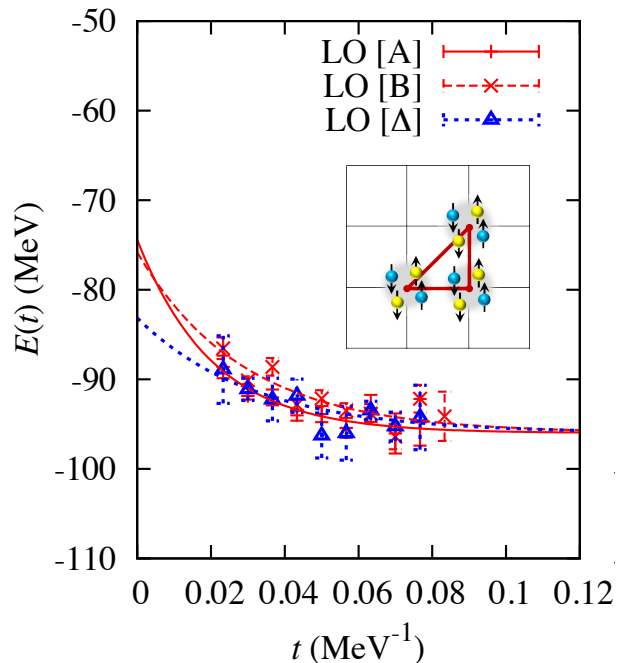
# The Hoyle state

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## Lattice results for low-lying even-parity states of $^{12}\text{C}$

	$0_1^+$	$2_1^+(E^+)$	$0_2^+$	$2_2^+(E^+)$
LO	-96(2)	-94(2)	-89(2)	-88(2)
NLO	-77(3)	-74(3)	-72(3)	-70(3)
NNLO	-92(3)	-89(3)	-85(3)	-83(3)
Exp	-92.16	-87.72	-84.51	-82(1)

### Probing ( $\alpha$ -cluster) structure of the $0_1^+$ , $0_2^+$ states



### RMS radii and quadrupole moments

	LO	Experiment
$r(0_1^+)$ [fm]	2.2(2)	2.47(2) [26]
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$Q(2_1^+)$ [ $e \text{ fm}^2$ ]	6(2)	6(3) [27]
$r(0_2^+)$ [fm]	2.4(2)	—
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$Q(2_2^+)$ [ $e \text{ fm}^2$ ]	-7(2)	—



# Summary: nuclear lattice simulations

- combining EFT and lattice simulations → access to (light) nuclei
- exciting results for the  $^{12}\text{C}$  spectrum, first ab initio calculation of the Hoyle state
- Work in progress: spectrum of  $^{16}\text{O}$ , volume dependence, reactions ...