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Improved chiral nuclear potentials

Motivation

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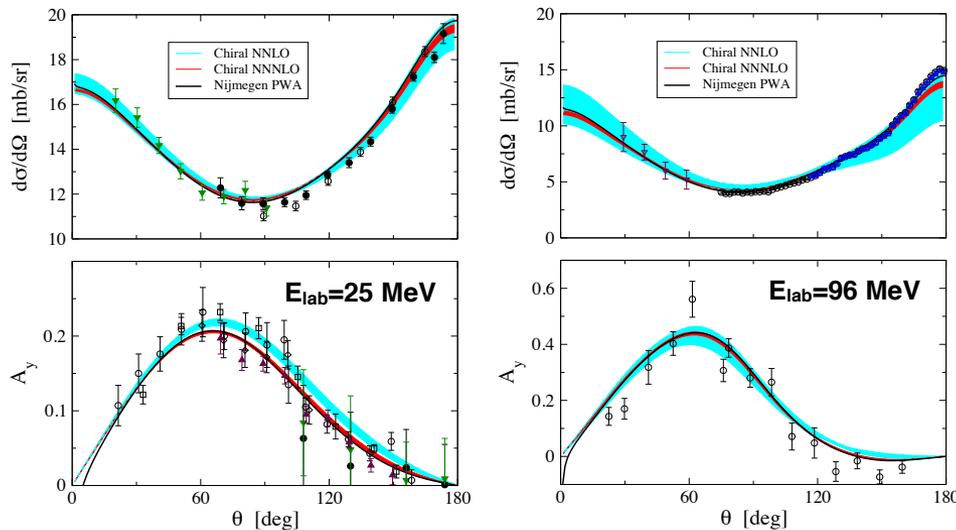
Some results

Summary & outlook

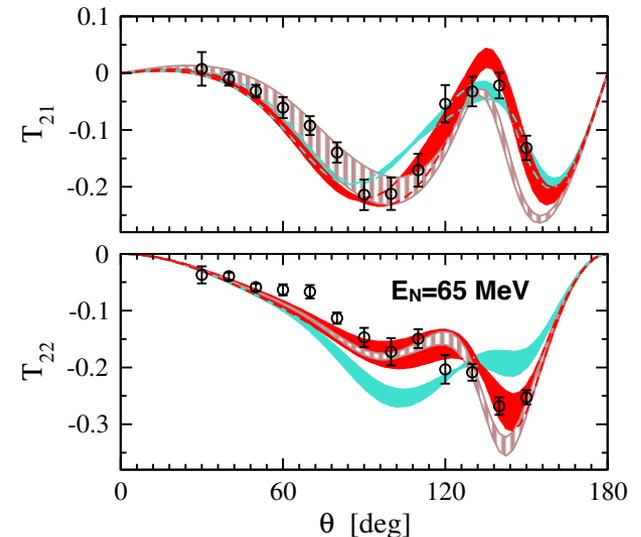
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- Chiral 3NF at $N^3\text{LO}$ & $N^4\text{LO}$ are derived using DR while the EGM 2NFs employ SFR...
- Would like to update πN LECs (and have a flexibility to use different sets of them)
- Need to think about relativistic corrections
- Nd scattering is the most natural testing ground for chiral 3NF. Large 3NF effects are expected/needed at intermediate & higher energies [Nasser's talk]
 - need to increase the accuracy of chiral 2NF:
 - go to higher orders in the chiral expansion
 - try to reduce finite-cutoff artefacts [similar philosophy for NLEFT, Dean's talk]

np differential cross section & analyzing power



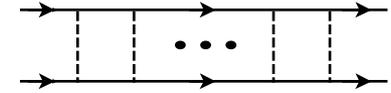
Nd tensor analyzing powers at 65 MeV



Finite-cutoff artifacts

Why cutoff?

$$T = \underbrace{V + VG_0T}_{\text{truncated at a given order in the expansion}} = \underbrace{V + VG_0V + VG_0VG_0V + \dots}_{\text{increasingly UV divergent integrals are generated through iterations}}$$



Ideally, would like to calculate the integrals

$$T^{(n)} = V[G_0V]^{n-1} = m^{n-1} \int_0^\Lambda d^3l_1 \dots d^3l_{n-1} \frac{V(\vec{p}', \vec{l}_1) V(\vec{l}_1, \vec{l}_2) \dots V(\vec{l}_{n-1}, \vec{p})}{[p^2 - l_1^2 + i\epsilon] \dots [p^2 - l_{n-1}^2 + i\epsilon]}$$

subtract the UV divergences ($\sim \log \Lambda; \Lambda; \Lambda^2; \dots$) and take the limit $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$. This is not possible in practice (except for pionless EFT) \longrightarrow let Λ finite and adjust bare C_i to exp data (= implicit renormalization). Λ should be not taken too high [Lepage, EE, Meißner, Gegelia], in practice $\max[\Lambda] \sim 600$ MeV (otherwise spurious BS...)

Price to pay: **finite cutoff artifacts** (i.e. terms $\sim 1/\Lambda; 1/\Lambda^2; 1/\Lambda^3; \dots$), may become an issue at higher energies (e.g. $E_{\text{lab}} \sim 200$ MeV corresponds to $p \sim 310$ MeV/c)

Is it possible to eliminate or at least reduce finite cutoff artifacts?

1st option: Renormalizable chiral EFT for NN ($\Lambda=\infty$)

Refrain from doing non relativistic expansion prior to solving the integral equation [EE, Gegelia '12](#)

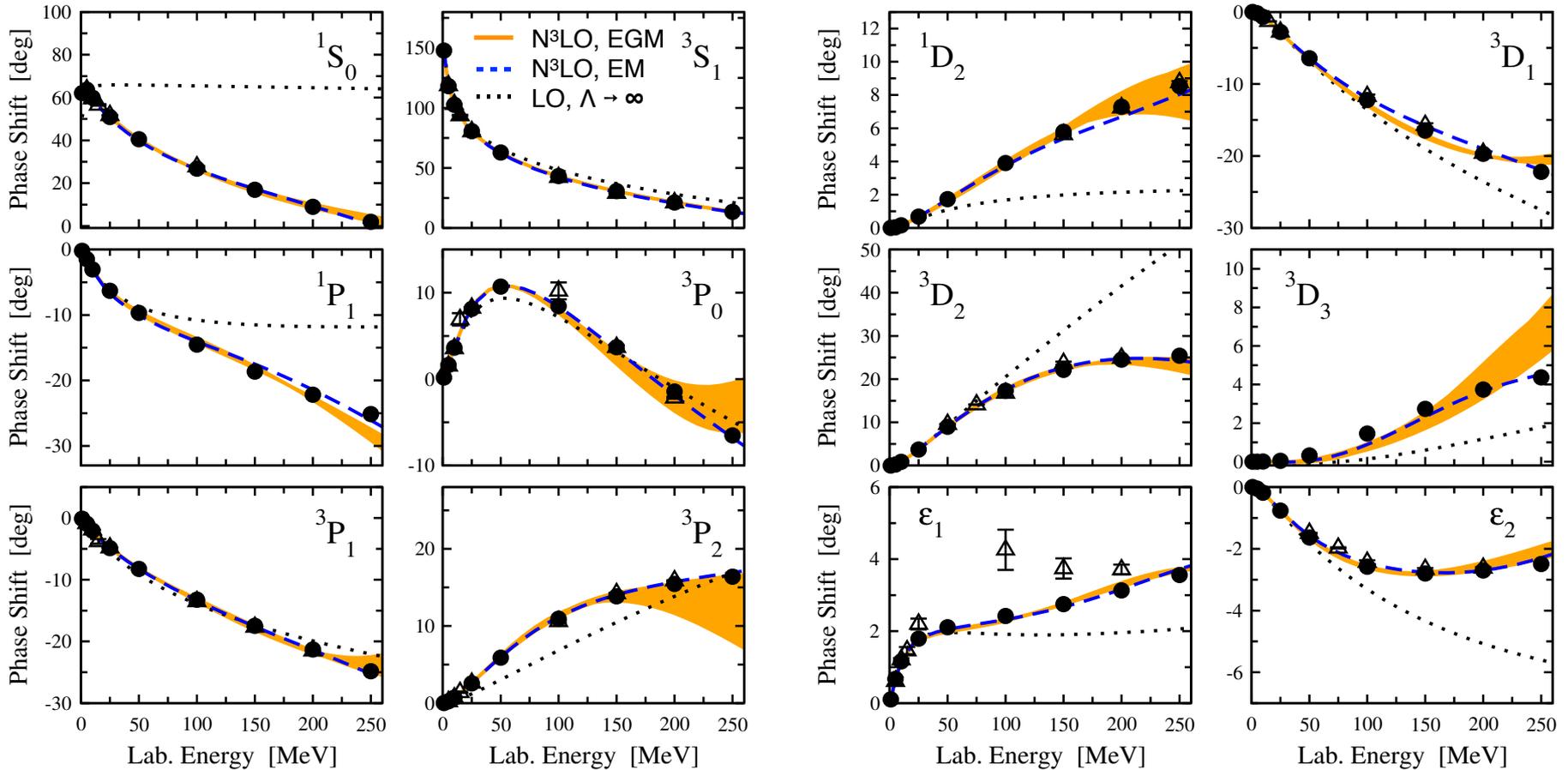
→ 3D equations which fulfill relativistic elastic unitarity, e.g.:

$$T(\vec{p}', \vec{p}) = V_{2N}^{(0)}(\vec{p}', \vec{p}) + \frac{m_N^2}{2} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{V_{2N}^{(0)}(\vec{p}', \vec{k}) T(\vec{k}, \vec{p})}{(k^2 + m_N^2)(E - \sqrt{k^2 + m_N^2} + i\epsilon)} \quad \text{Kadyshevsky '68}$$

- LO equation is log-divergent (i.e. renormalizable) → can safely take $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$!
- corrections beyond LO are to be included perturbatively
- parameter-free results for m_q dependence of NN observables [\[EE, Gegelia '13\]](#) and the deuteron form factors at LO [\[EE, Gasparyan, Gegelia, Schindler '14\]](#)

Neutron-proton phase shifts at LO

EE, Gegelia '12



2nd option:

Keep Λ finite but try to reduce finite- Λ artifacts

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Claim: while the above nonlocal regulator simplifies the determination of the LECs, it cuts off some model-independent long-range physics one would like to keep and leaves some model-dependent short-range physics one would like to cut off...

Given that $V_{1\pi}^{(0)} + V_{2\pi}^{(2)} + V_{2\pi}^{(3)}$ **is local, local regulator will do a better job!**

Reminder:

$$V_{\text{local}}(\vec{p}', \vec{p}) \equiv \langle \vec{p}' | V_{\text{local}} | \vec{p} \rangle = V(\vec{p}' - \vec{p}) \quad \longrightarrow \quad V(\vec{r}', \vec{r}) \equiv \langle \vec{r}' | V | \vec{r} \rangle = \delta^3(\vec{r}' - \vec{r}) V(\vec{r})$$

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- **Local regularization**

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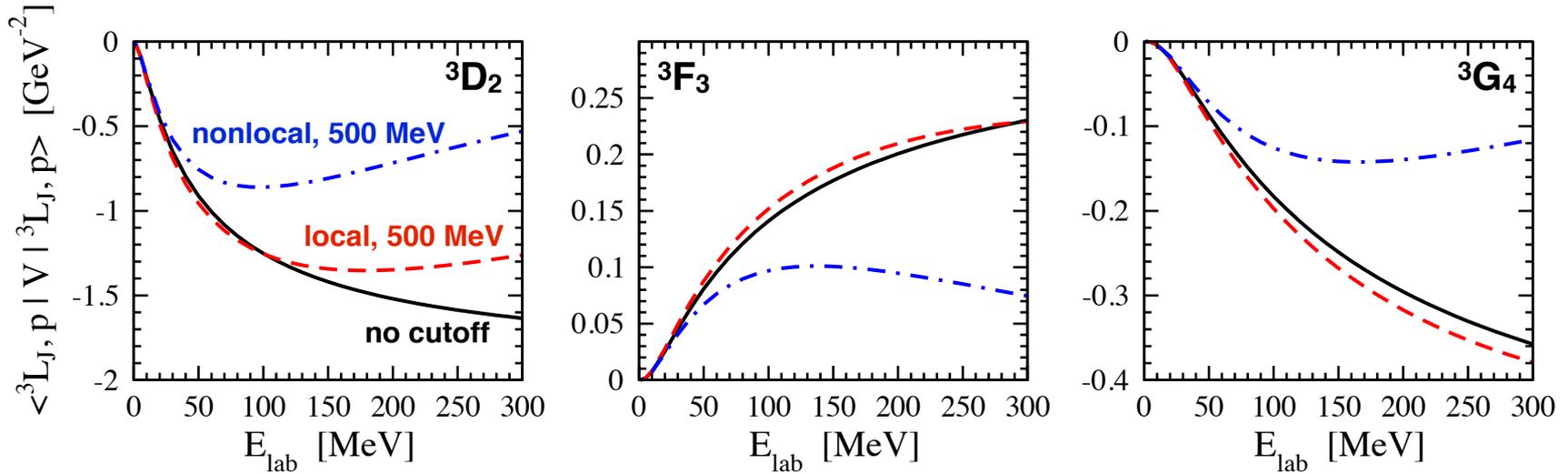
Partial-wave matrix elements in momentum space:

$$\langle p', \alpha' | V_{1\pi}^{\text{reg}} | p, \alpha \rangle \sim \underbrace{\int r^2 dr j_{l'}(p'r) \left[V_{1\pi}^{\alpha'\alpha}(r) F(r/R_0) \right] j_l(pr)}$$

becomes insensitive to F for high l, l'

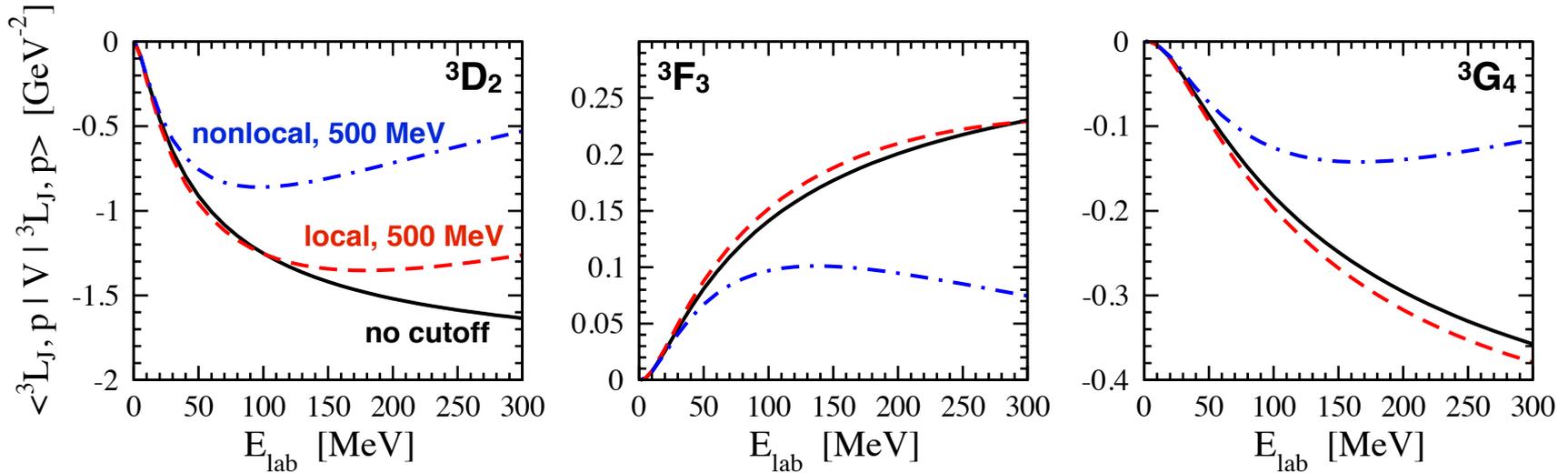
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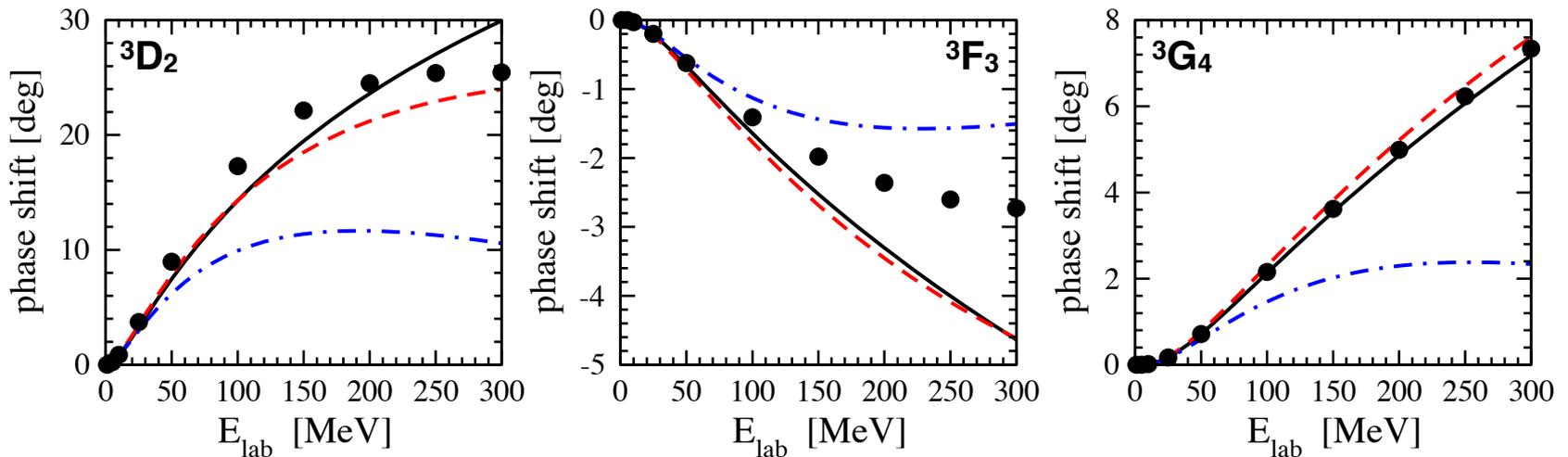


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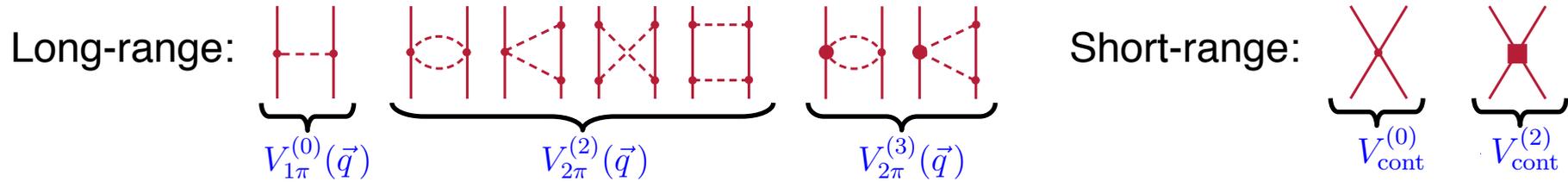


Peripheral partial waves based on the OPE potential (Born approx.)



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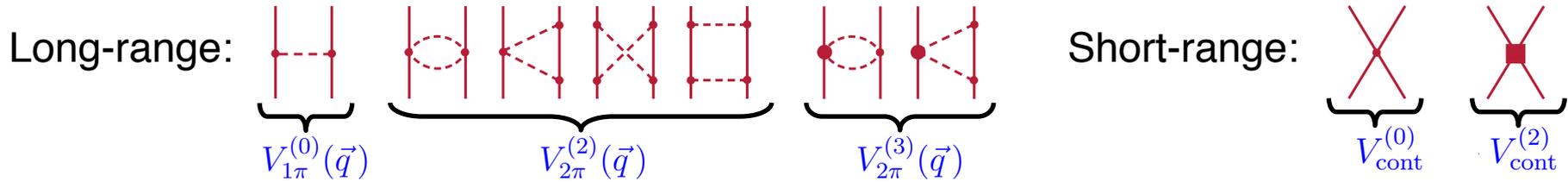
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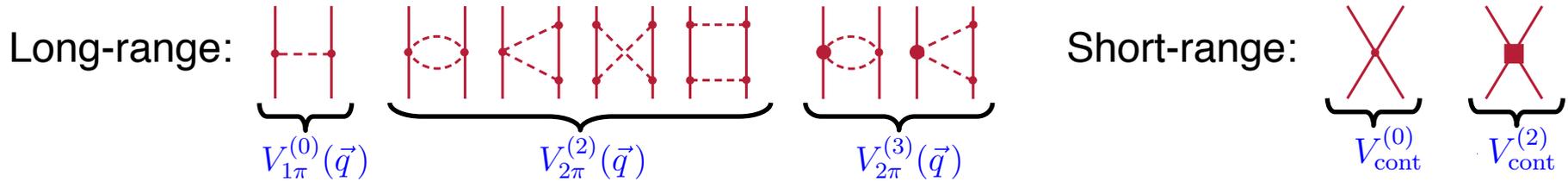
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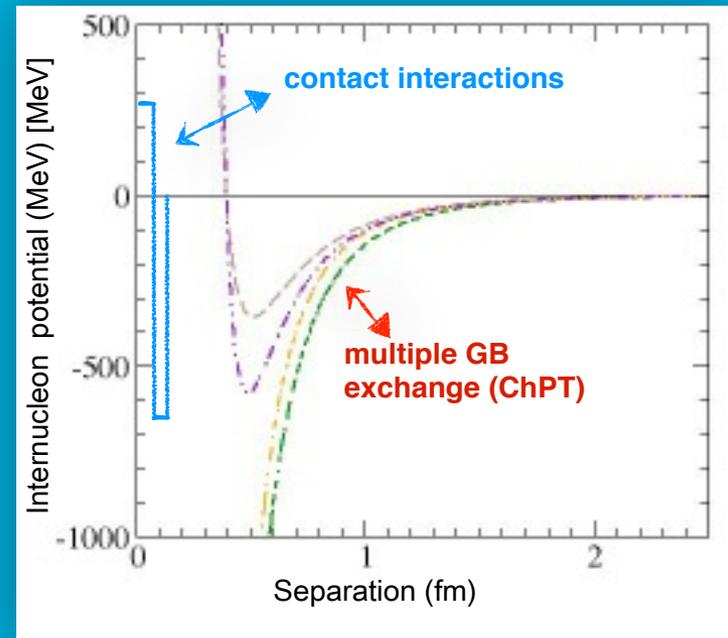
Make Fourier Transform and **regularize in configuration space, e.g.:**

$$V_{\text{long}}(\vec{r}) \rightarrow V_{\text{long}}(\vec{r}) \left[1 - e^{-r^4/R_0^4}\right] \quad \text{and} \quad \delta^3(\vec{r}) \rightarrow \alpha e^{-r^4/R_0^4} \quad \text{where} \quad \alpha = \frac{1}{\pi\Gamma(3/4)R_0^3}$$

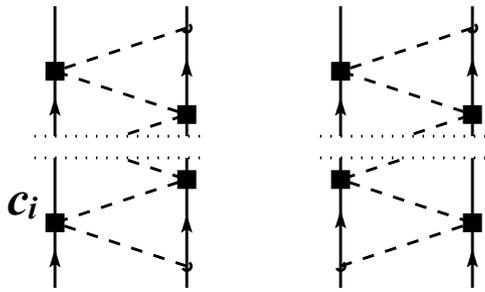
The LECs are determined from NN S-, P-waves and the mixing angle ε_1

Choice of the cutoff

What is the breakdown distance of the chiral expansion of the multiple-pion exchange ?



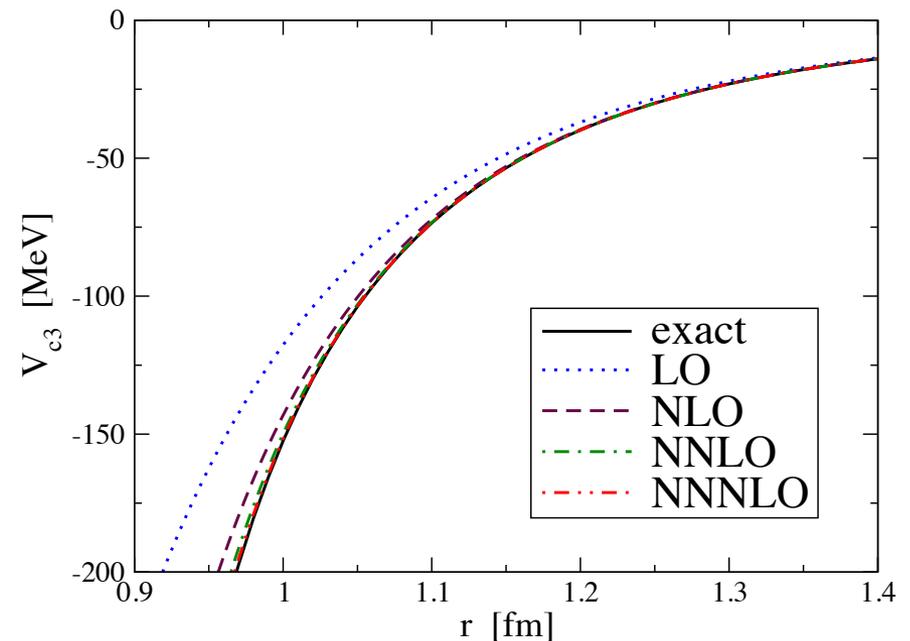
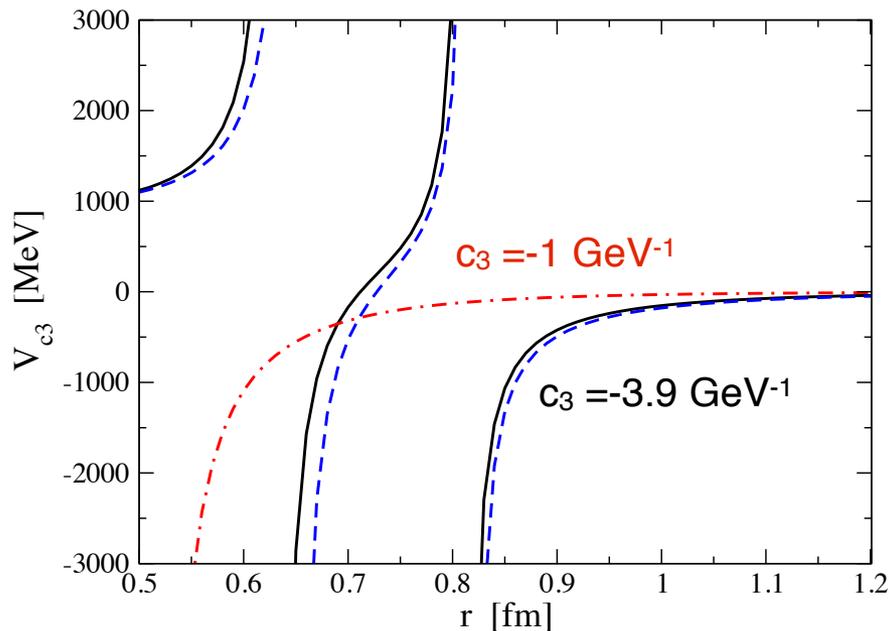
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Certain classes of multiple-pion exchange diagrams (MSS) can be calculated analytically to an infinite order and resummed

Baru, EE, Hanhart, Hoferichter, Kudryavtsev, Phillips, EPJA 48 (12) 69

Resummed central potential generated by multi-pion exchange (c_3 -part)



pole(!) at $r \sim 0.8$ fm but good convergence of the chiral expansion for $r > 1$ fm

New chiral NN interactions

Already available:

- Completely local (except for the short-range LS-term) potentials @ LO, NLO, N²LO [$R_0 = 1.0, 1.1$ and 1.2 fm and $\Lambda_{\text{SFR}} = 0.8 \dots 1.4$ GeV]

Freunek '08; Gezerlis, Tews, EE, Gandolfi, Hebeler, Nogga, Schwenk, PRL 111 (2013) 032501; in preparation

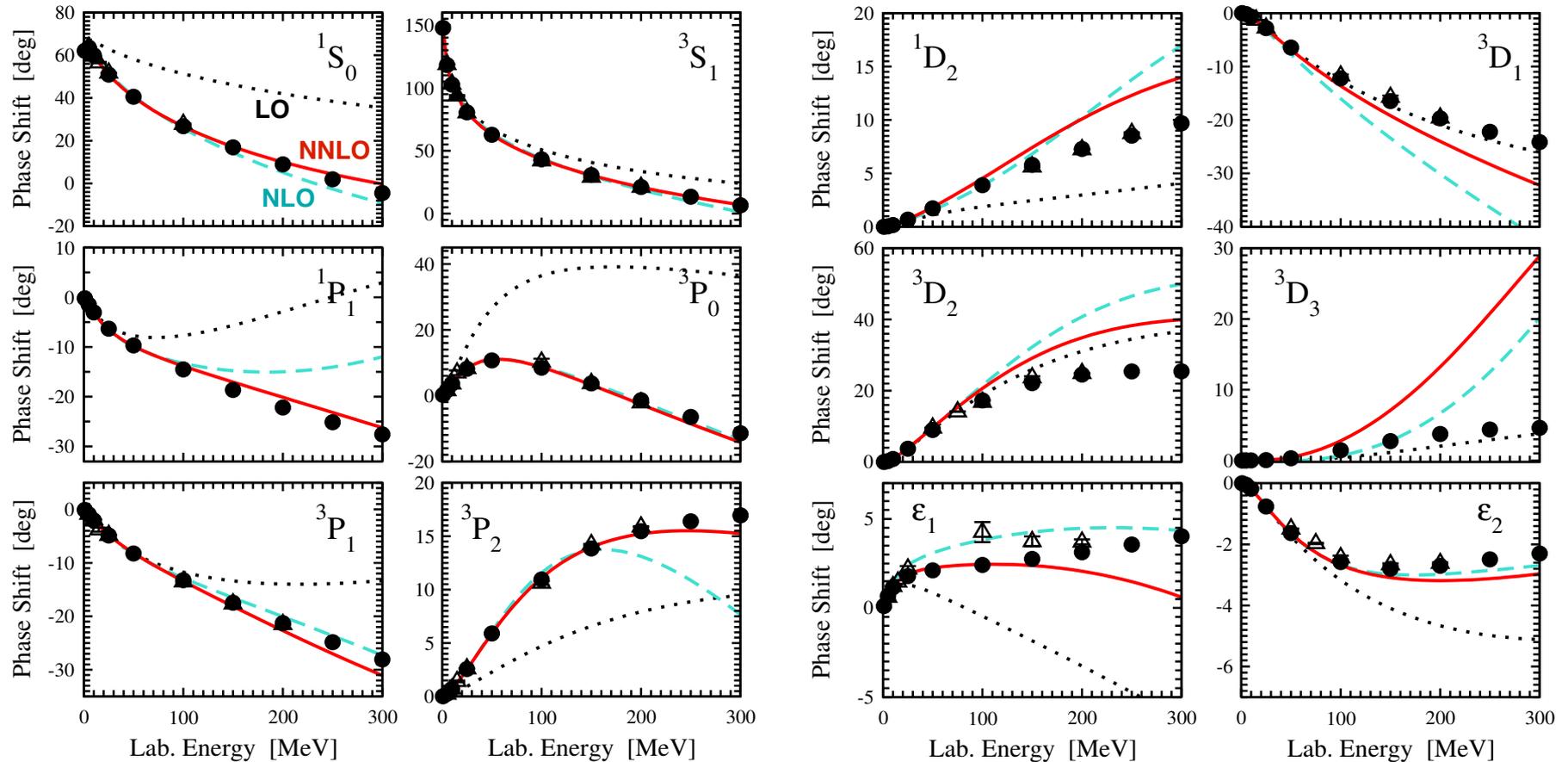
In development (testing) [in collaboration with: Krebs, Nogga, Meißner, Golak, Skibinski, Witala, Kamada]

- New version of **local-chiral** potentials @ LO, NLO, N²LO [Λ_{SFR} up to Infinity, PWD MEs and operator form both in r-space and p-space]
- New **improved-chiral** potentials up to N³LO [Λ_{SFR} up to Infinity, PWD MEs and operator form in p-space]

Some results
(everything very preliminary)

I-chiral 2NF: Order-by-order improvement

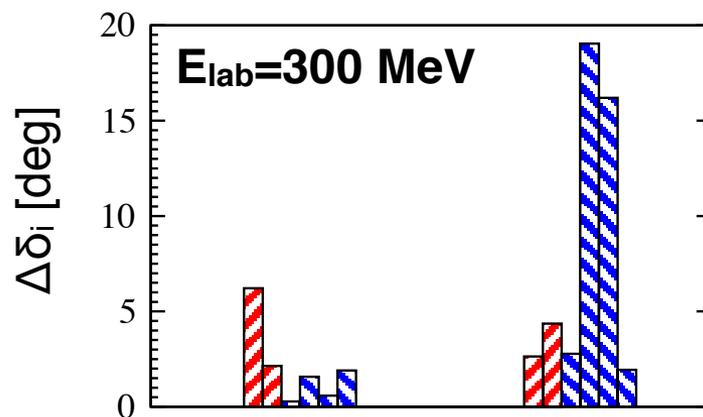
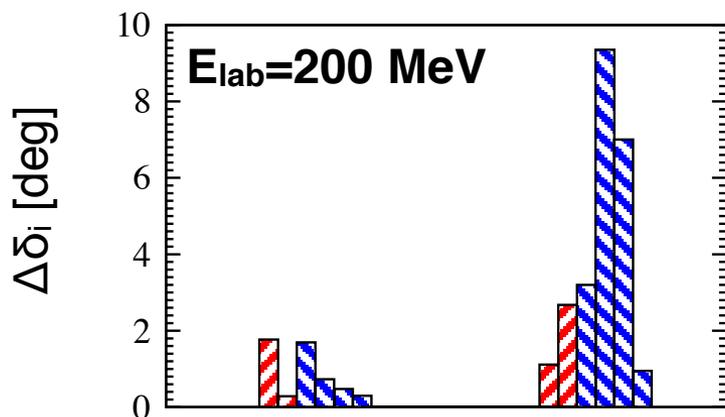
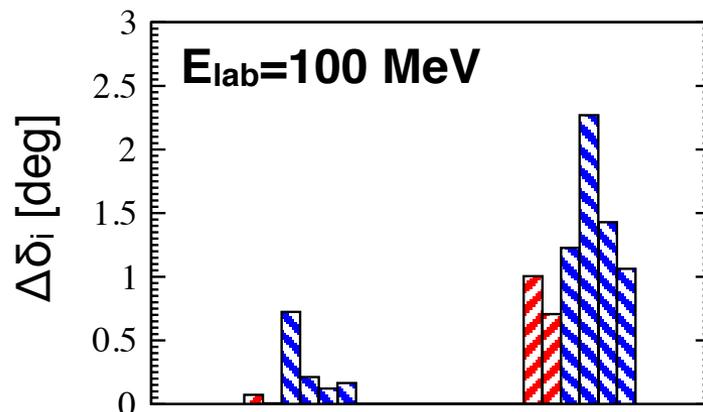
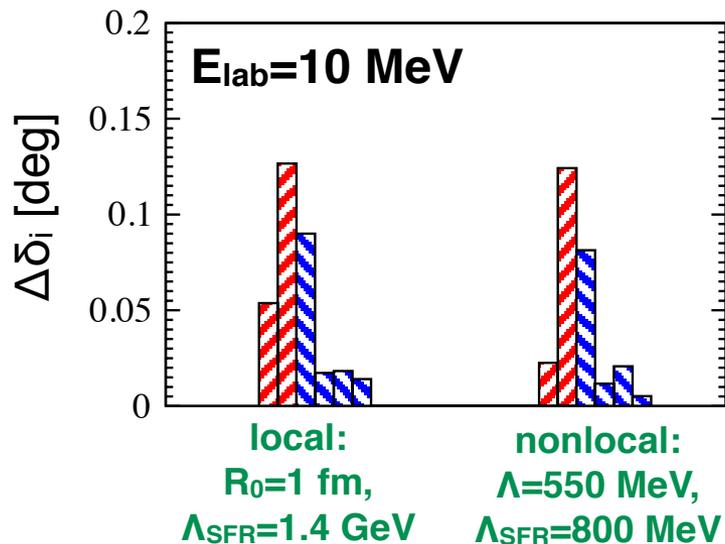
neutron-proton phase shifts on I-chiral 2NF at LO, NLO and N²LO



$R_0 = 1 \text{ fm}$, $\Lambda_{\text{SFR}} = 2 \text{ GeV}$

Error budget: local vs nonlocal regulators

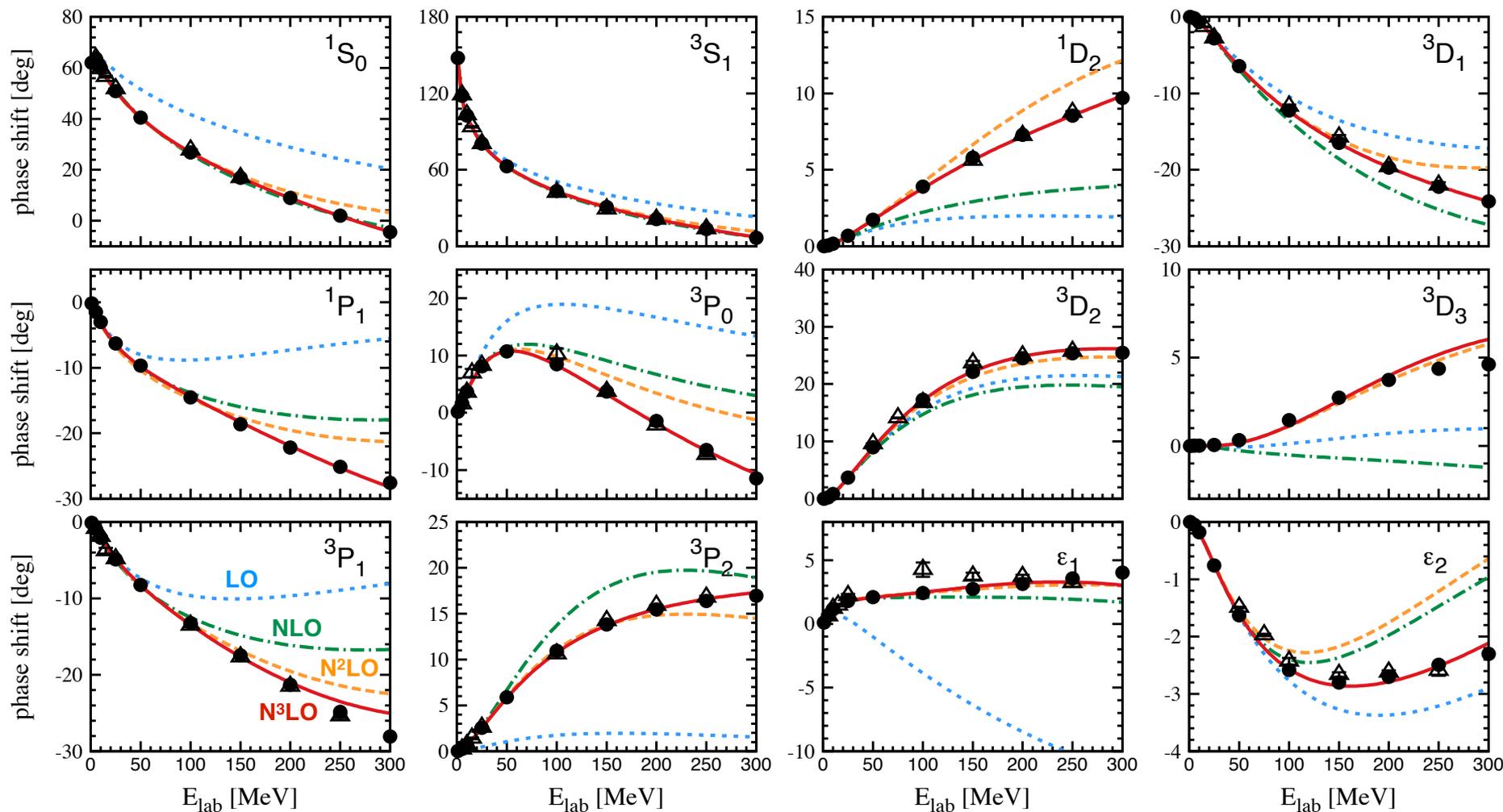
Absolute errors in S- and P-wave phase shifts at N²LO



Ordering of partial waves: ¹S₀, ³S₁, ¹P₁, ³P₀, ³P₁, ³P₂

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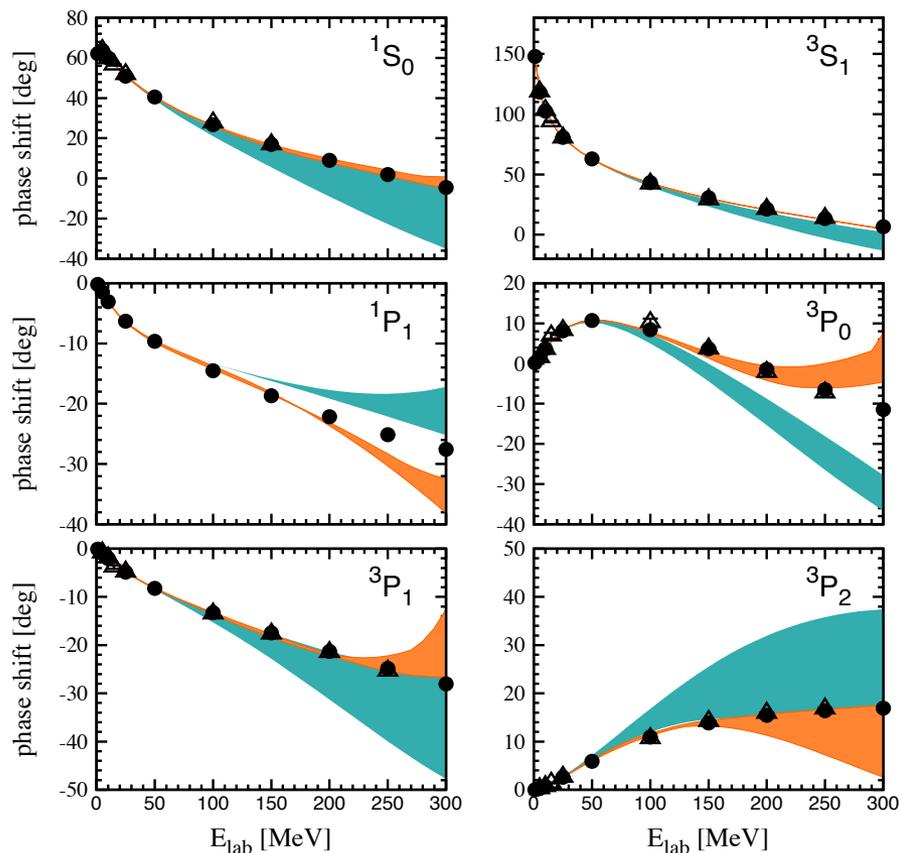
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$R_0 = 0.9 \text{ fm}$, $\Lambda_{\text{SFR}} = \text{Infinity}$ [i.e. DR]

Cutoff dependence: i-chiral vs old EGM'04

np phase shifts based on EGM'04 N²LO/N³LO 2NF

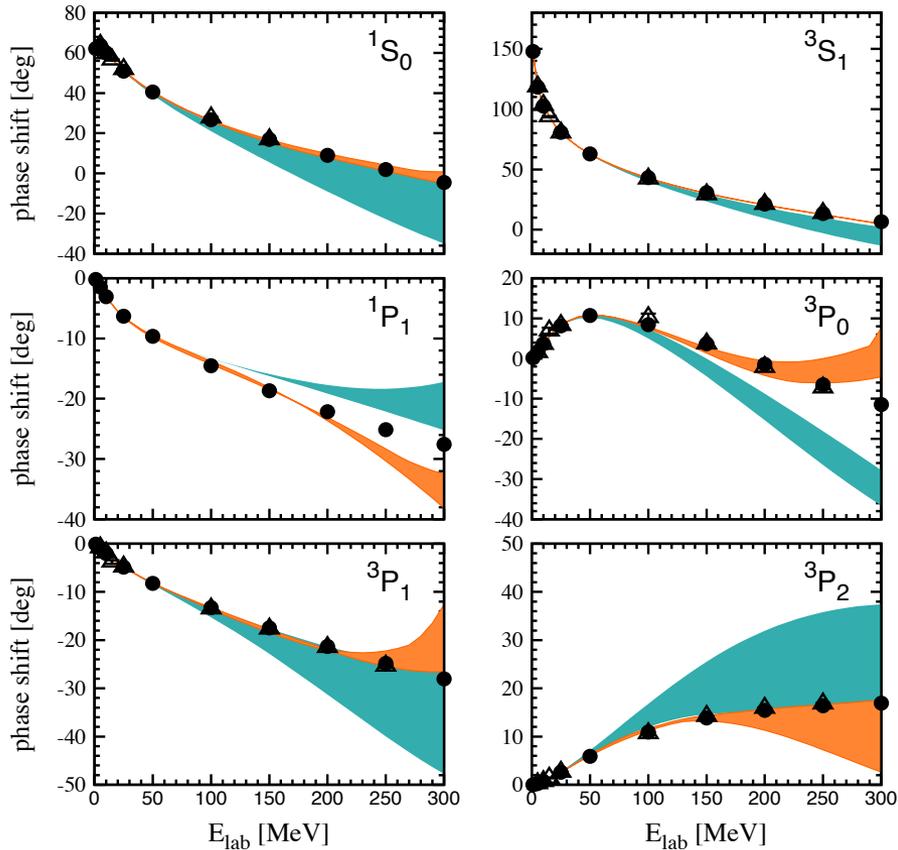


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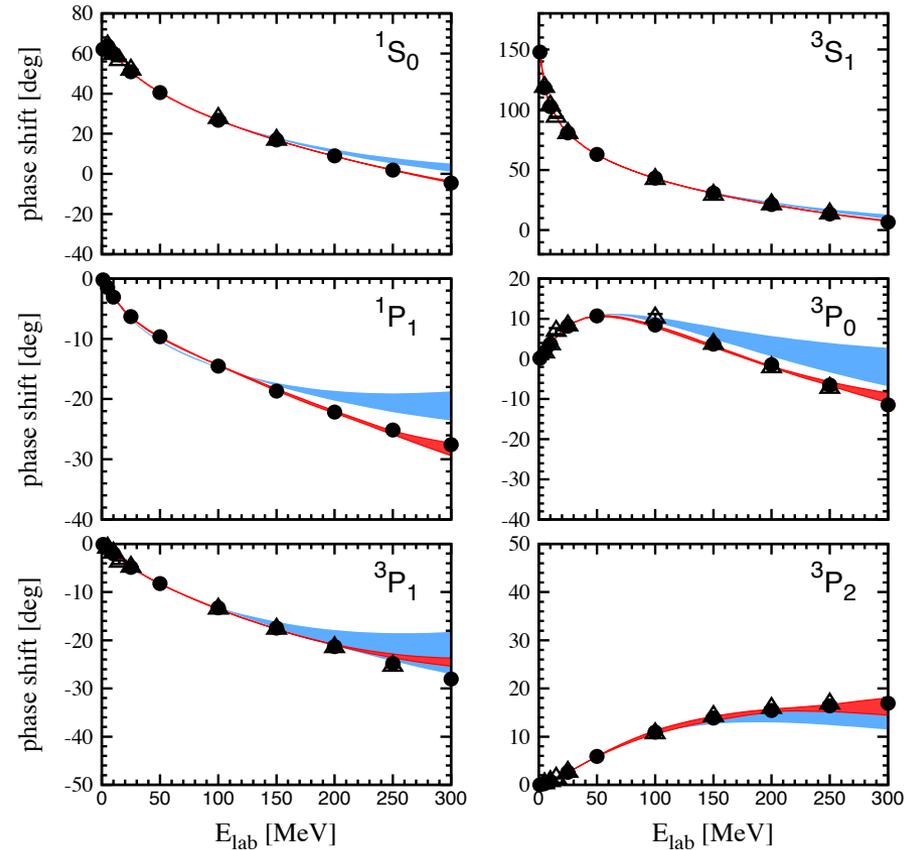
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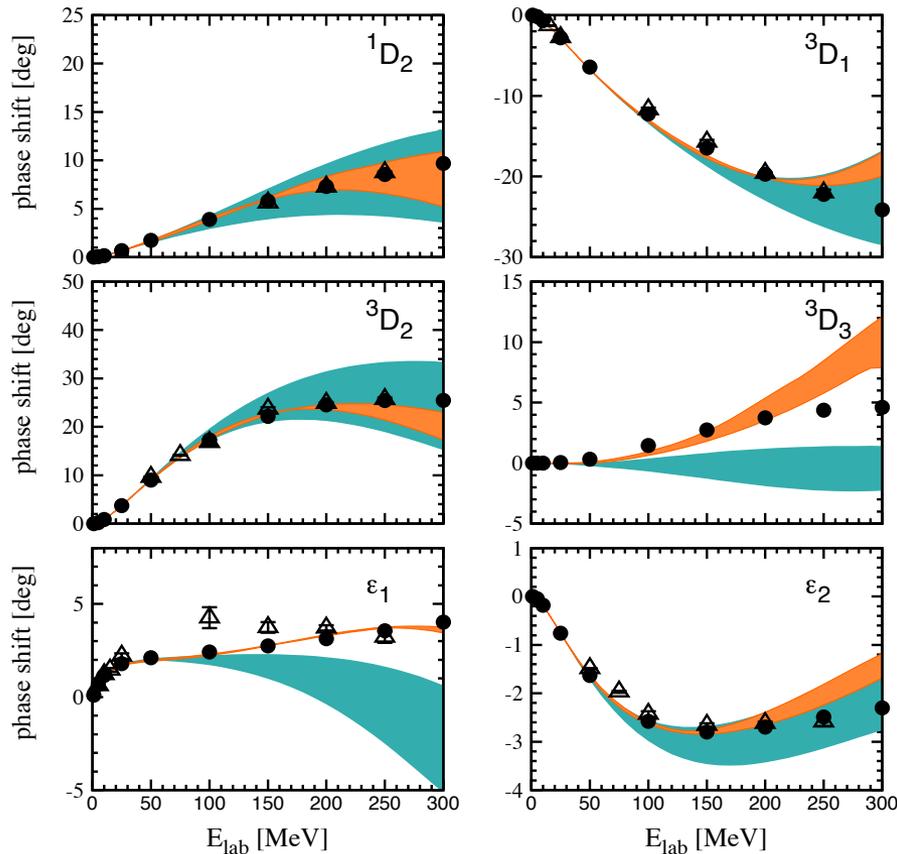


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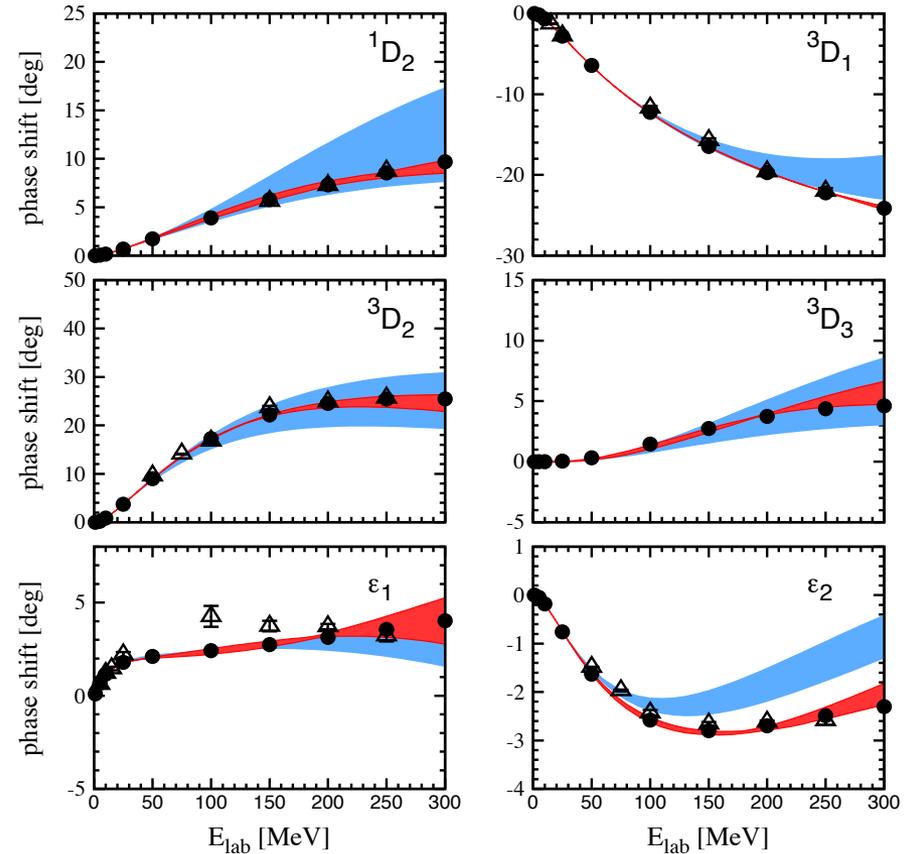
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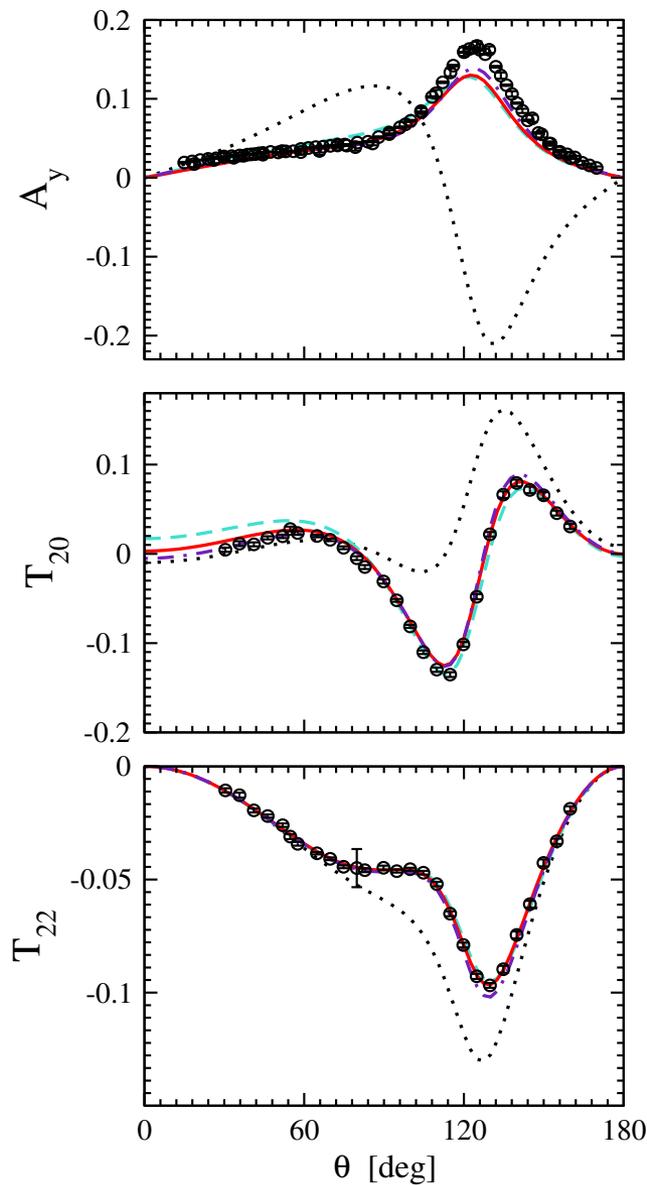
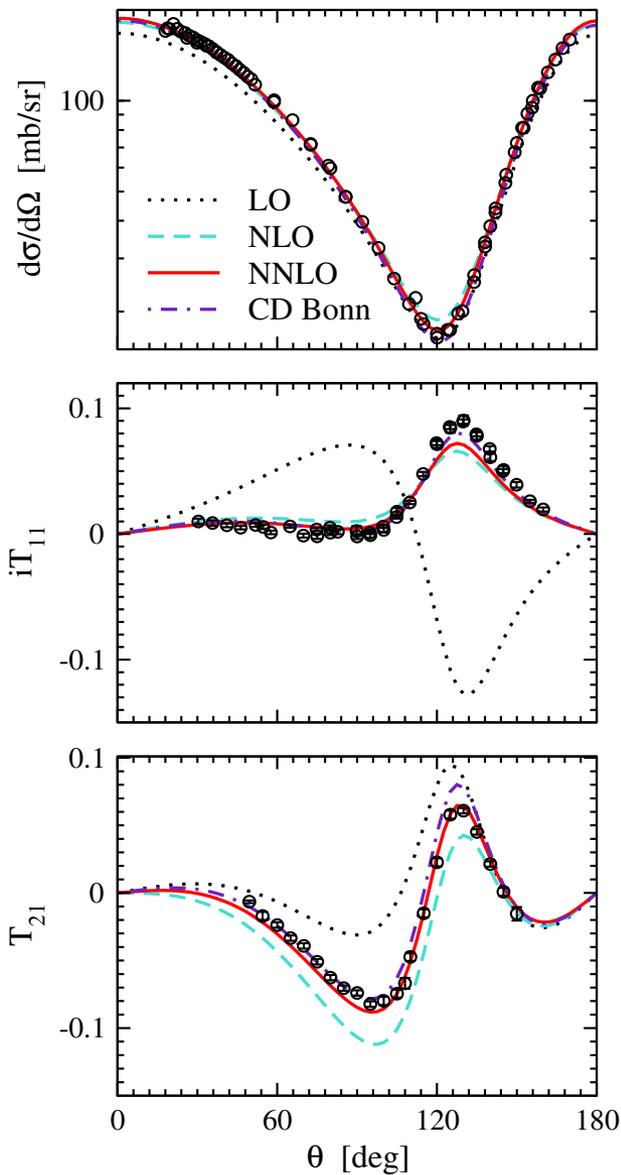
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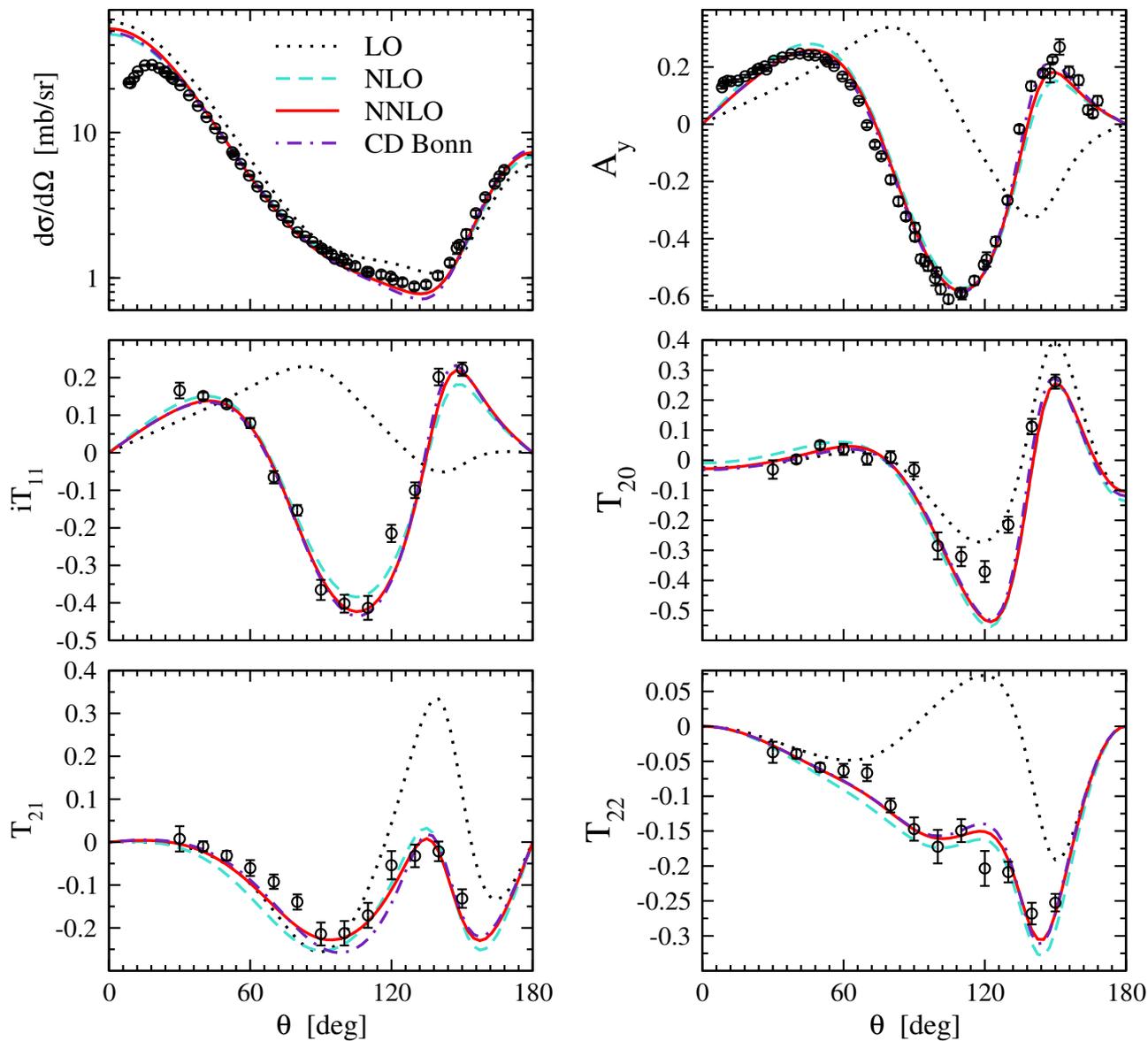


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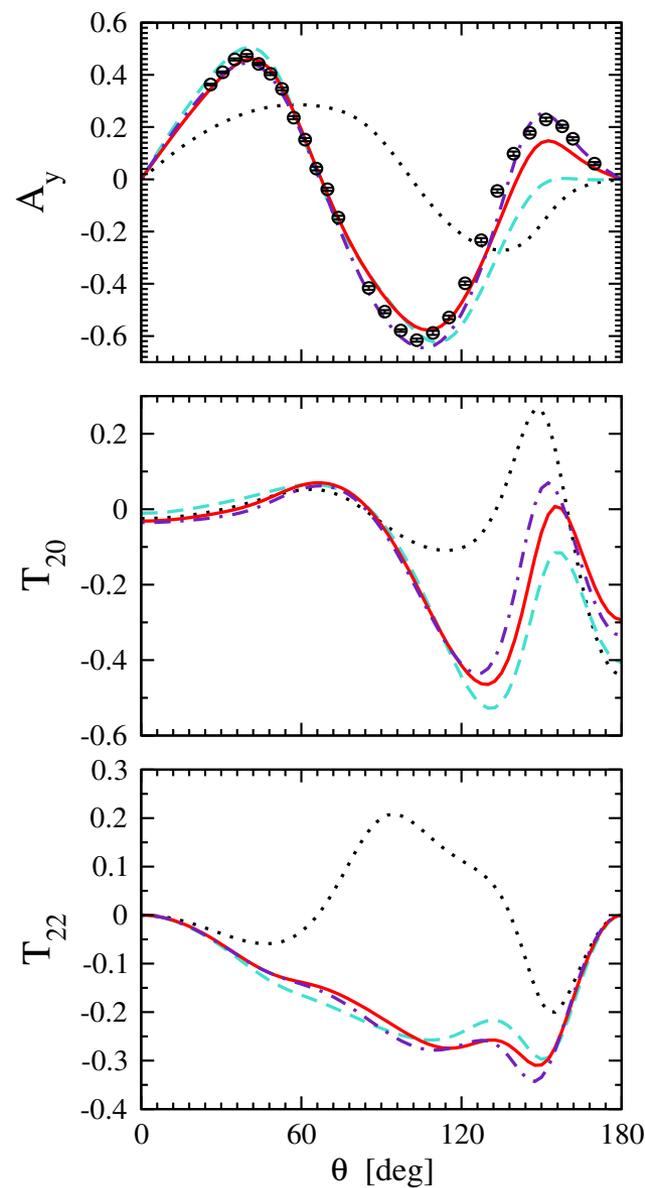
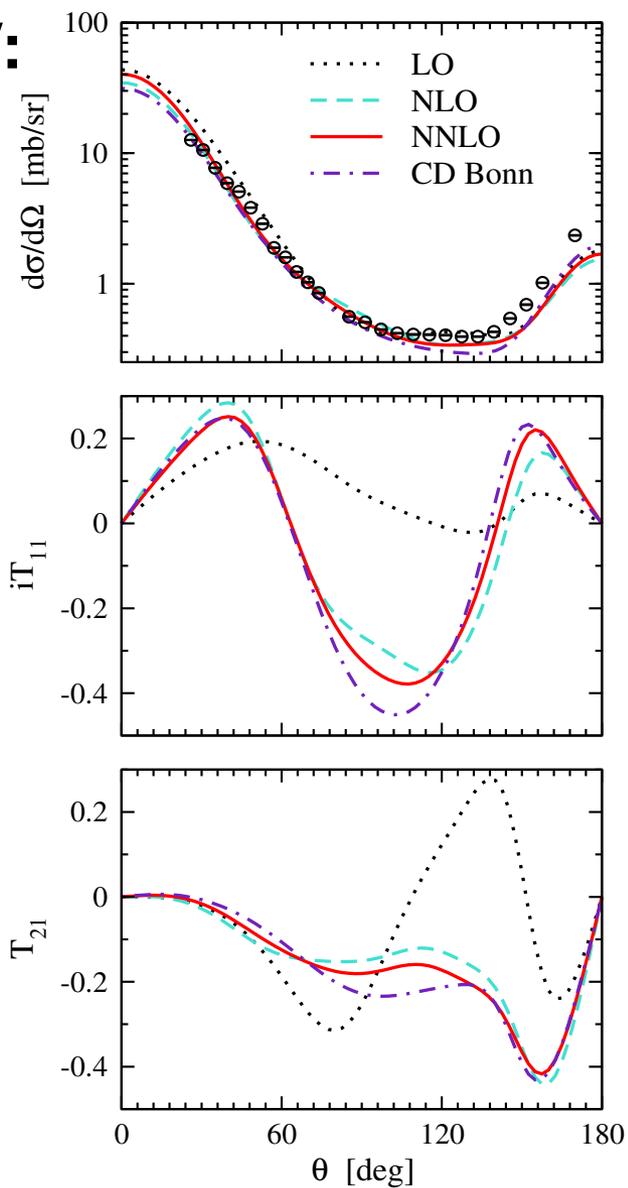
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108 MeV:

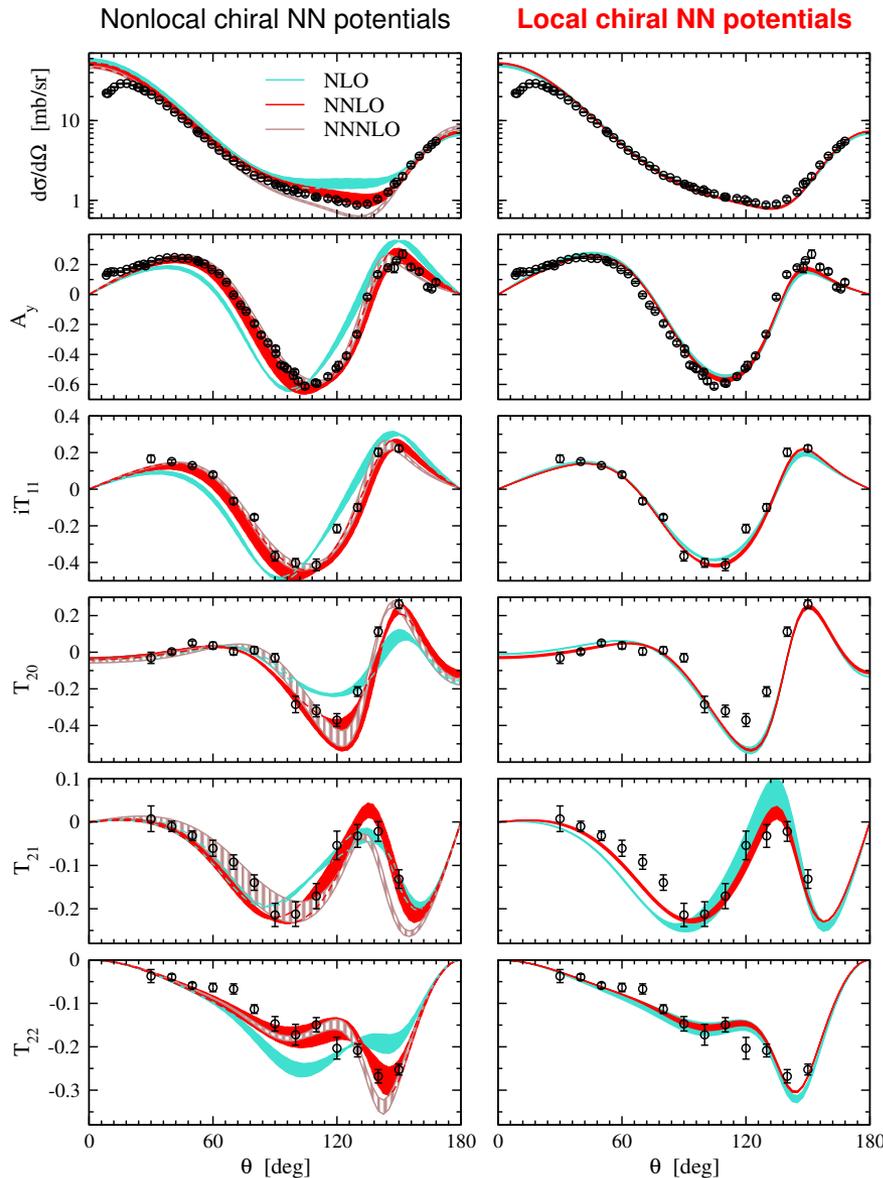


$R_0 = 1$ fm
 $\Lambda_{\text{SFR}} = 2$ GeV

nd scattering with I-chiral 2NF: Cutoff dependence

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65 MeV:



nonlocal NLO/N²LO/N³LO:

$\Lambda = 450 \dots 600$ MeV,

$\Lambda_{\text{SFR}} = 500 \dots 700$ MeV

local NLO/N²LO:

$R_0 = 1 \dots 1.2$ fm,

$\Lambda_{\text{SFR}} = 1 \dots 2$ GeV

Summary and outlook

A new generation of chiral NN potentials up to $N^3\text{LO}$ is being developed:

local-chiral (up to $N^2\text{LO}$): local interactions, can be used in QMC

improved-chiral (up to $N^3\text{LO}$): nonlocal potentials

Common features: better performance at higher energies, less sensitivity to cutoffs, no need for SFR, can use c_i 's from πN .

First applications to Nd scattering (no 3NF yet) look very promising: given the increased accuracy at intermediate energies, can do interesting physics even at the $N^2\text{LO}$ level. **Ongoing work: elastic Nd scattering and breakup, inclusion of the 3NF using the same regularization, sensitivity to c_i 's, ...**

Longer-term plans: Nd scattering and light nuclei at $N^3\text{LO}$, nuclear potentials from chiral EFT with explicit Δ 's, four-body forces, $N^4\text{LO}$, ...