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Chiral effective field theory for light nuclei

Introduction

New chiral NN potentials

Chiral 3NF: Ongoing developments

Summary



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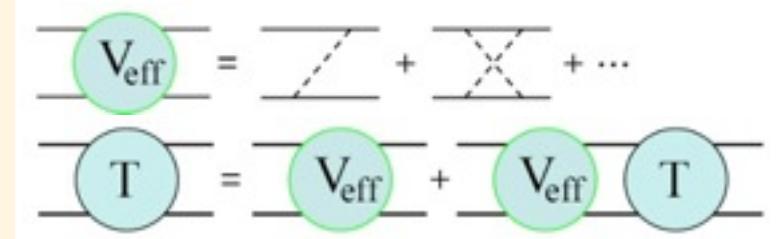
Nuclear chiral effective field theory

Nuclear chiral EFT

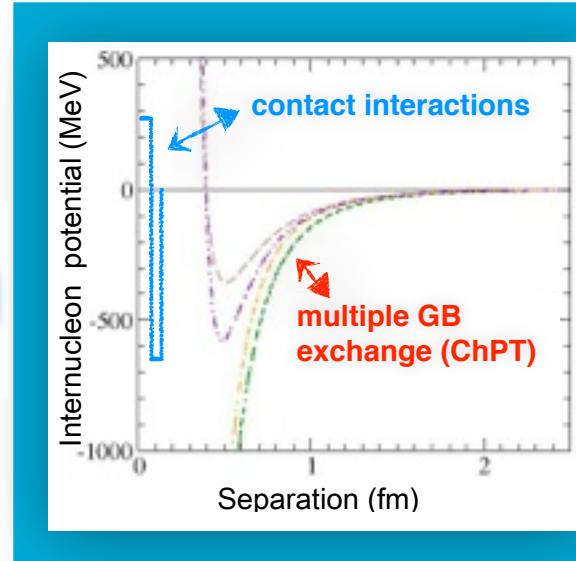
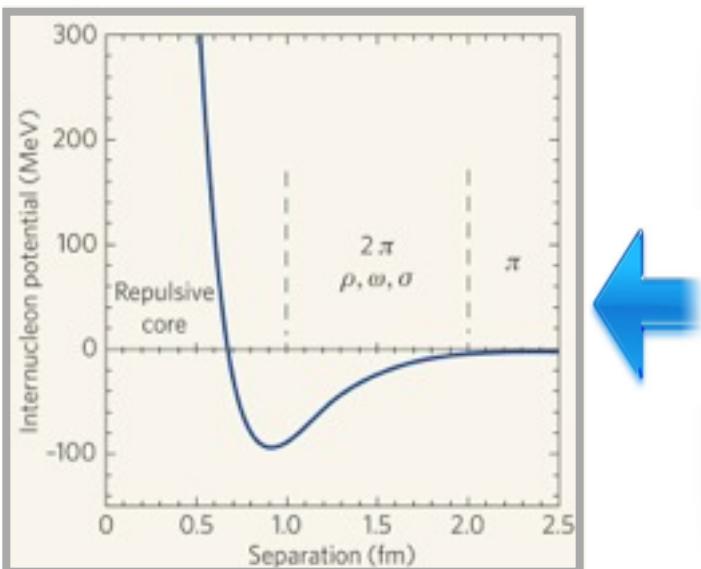
Weinberg, van Kolck, EE, Glöckle, Meißner, Machleidt, Entem...

- Schrödinger equation for nucleons interacting via contact forces and long-range potentials (pion exchanges)

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



- access to heavier nuclei (ab initio few-/many-body methods)



- unified description of $\pi\pi$, πN and NN
- consistent many-body forces and currents
- systematically improvable
- bridging different reactions (electroweak, π -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)			
$N^2LO (Q^3)$			
$N^3LO (Q^4)$			

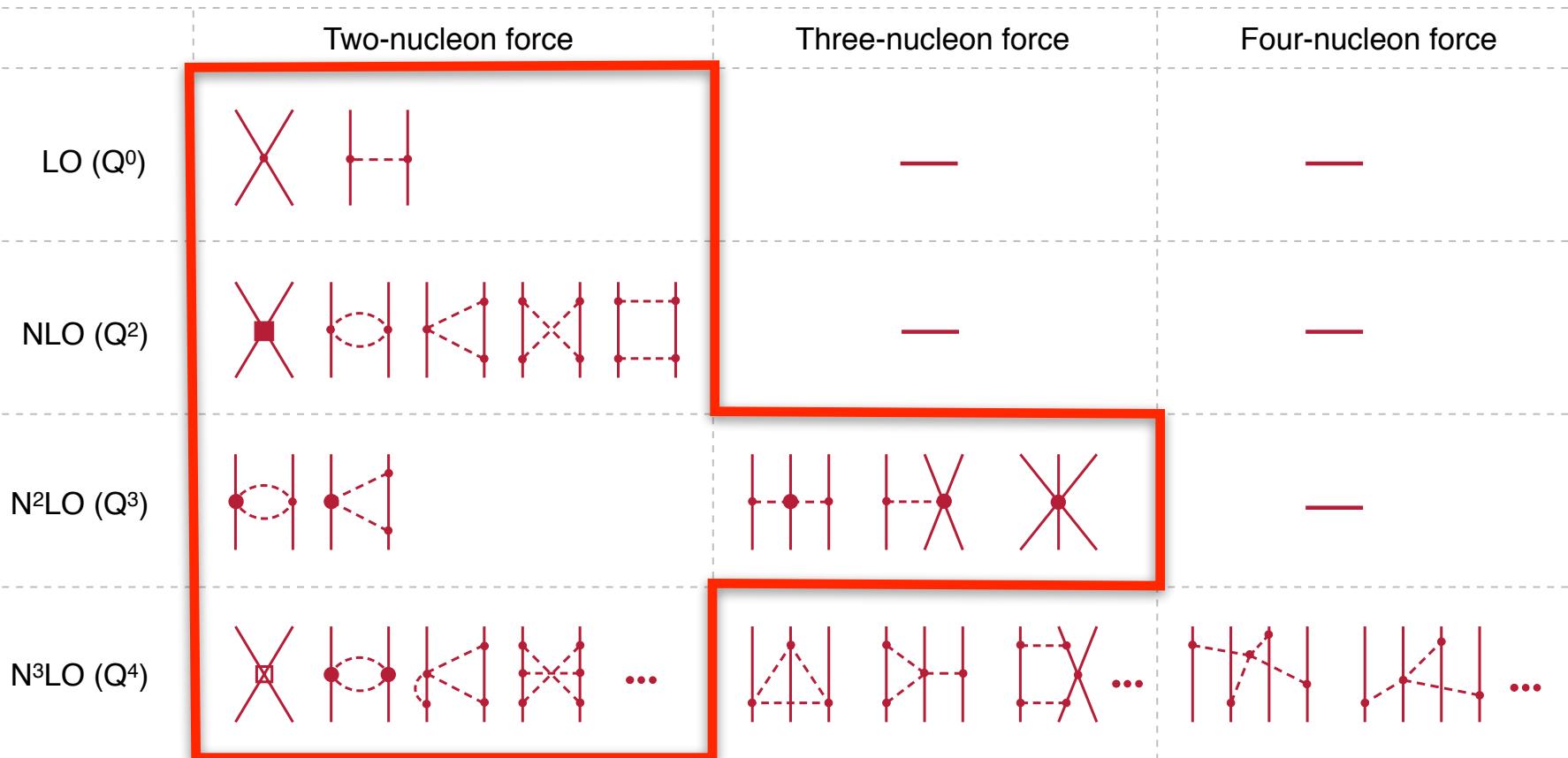
2N force: accurate N^3LO potentials are available [Entem-Machleidt '03; EE-Glöckle-Meißner '04](#)

3N force: N^2LO 3NF included in most calculations

N^3LO 3NF worked out [Bernard, EE, Krebs Mei  ner '08,'11](#); (probably) not yet converged → higher orders
numerical PWD developed [Golak, Skibinski, Krebs, Hebeler, ...](#), first results available [Witala et al.'13](#)

4N force: leading (i.e. N^3LO) terms worked out [EE '06](#); contrib. to ${}^4\text{He}$ BE ~ few 100 keV [Rospedzik et al. '06](#)

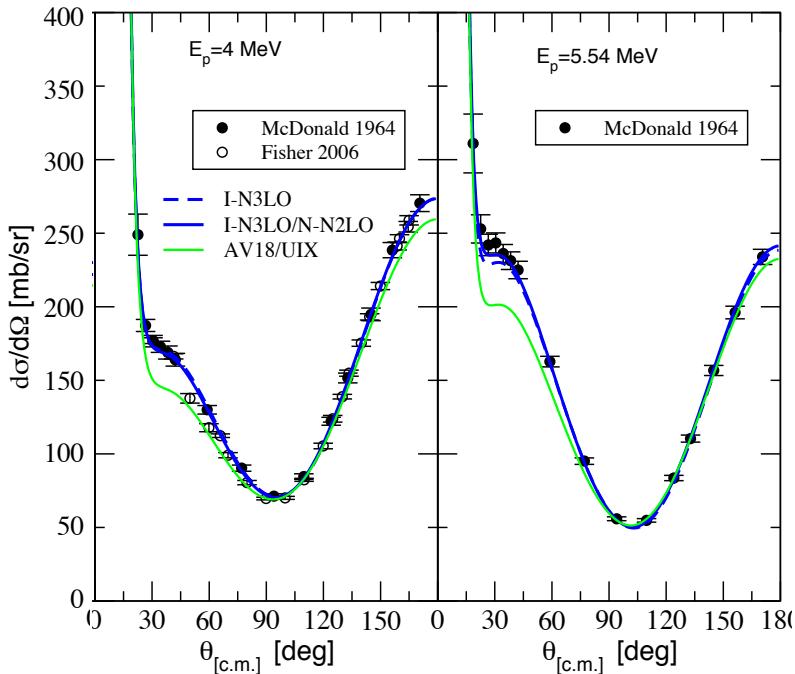
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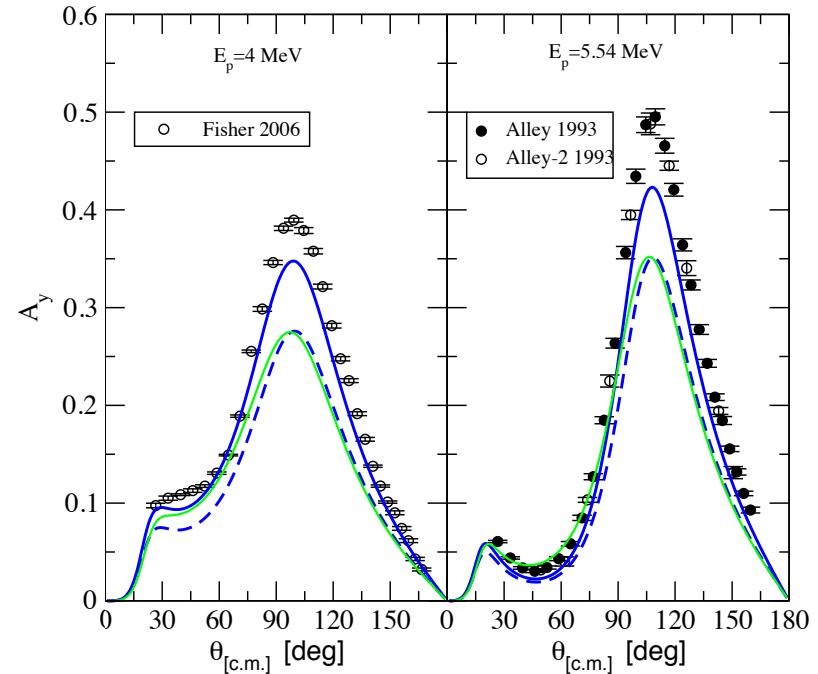
The „standard“ nuclear chiral Hamiltonian has been extensively tested in few- and many-body systems

Chiral Hamiltonian & the 3N/4N continuum

p- ^3He differential cross section



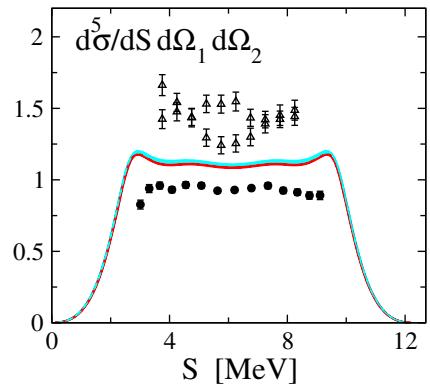
A_y -puzzle in p- ^3He elastic scattering



LECs D,E tuned to the ${}^3\text{H}$ and ${}^4\text{He}$ binding energies, figure from Viviani et al., arXiv:1004.1306

To summarize:

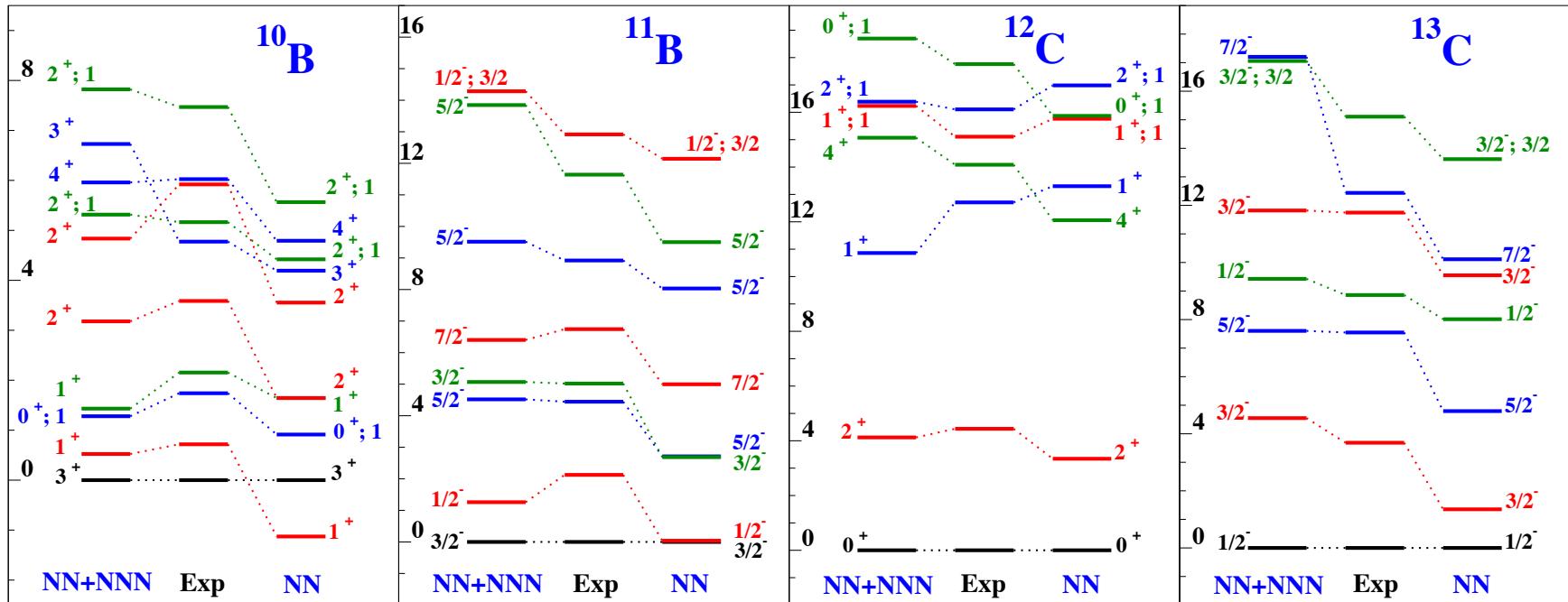
- Nd scattering: accurate description at low energy except for A_y (fine tuned) and Space Star breakup configuration
- Uncertainty increases with energy (higher-order 3NF?)
- 4N continuum: an emerging field...



Chiral Hamiltonian & nuclear structure

Ab initio methods (NCSM, GFMC, CCM, Lattice, ...) + renormalization ideas (SRG, $V_{\text{low-}k}$, UCOM)
+ computational resources → precision ab initio nuclear structure calculations

NCSM calculation of p-shell nuclei with chiral 2NF+3NF Navratil et al. '07



- sensitive to details of the 3NF
- promising results (neutron-rich nuclei, long lifetime of ^{14}C , neutron star radii, ...)
- still room for improvement and some open questions

The quest for high-precision chiral Hamiltonian

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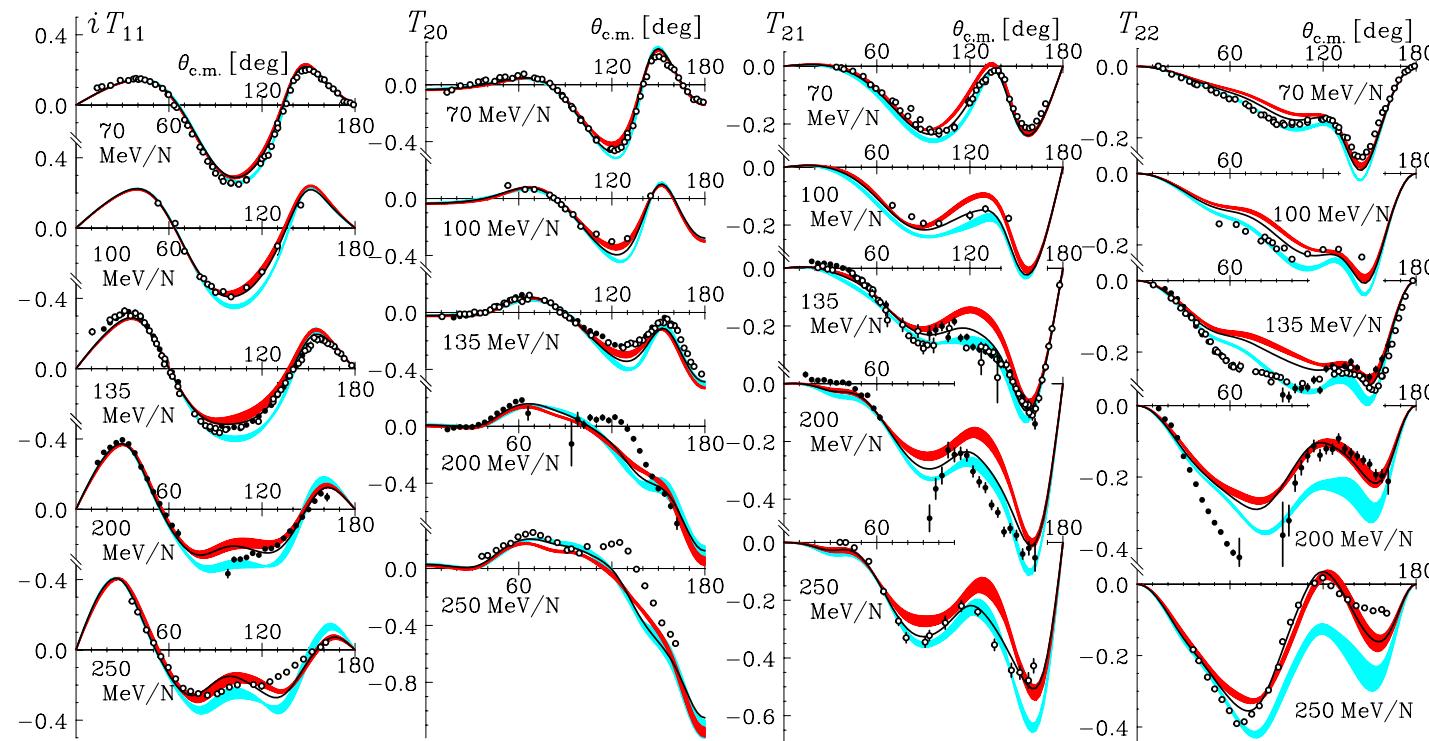
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Actually, the spin structure of the 3NF is still poorly understood in spite of decades of effort! (one of the biggest challenges in nuclear physics)



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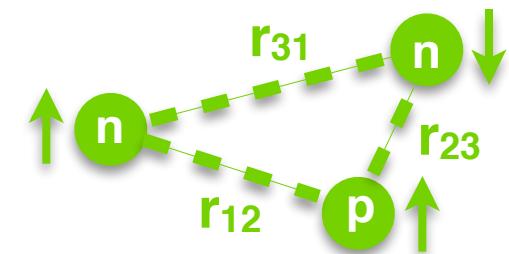
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Most general structure of a local, isospin-symmetric 3NF

Krebs, Gasparyan, EE '13; Phillips, Schat '13; EE, Gasparyan, Krebs, Schat, in preparation

Generators \mathcal{G} in momentum space	Generators $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$ in coordinate space
$\mathcal{G}_1 = 1$	$\tilde{\mathcal{G}}_1 = 1$
$\mathcal{G}_2 = \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_3$	$\tilde{\mathcal{G}}_2 = \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_3$
$\mathcal{G}_3 = \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_3$	$\tilde{\mathcal{G}}_3 = \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_3$
$\mathcal{G}_4 = \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_3 \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_3$	$\tilde{\mathcal{G}}_4 = \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_3 \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_3$
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$\mathcal{G}_6 = \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot (\boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \times \boldsymbol{\tau}_3) \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot (\vec{\sigma}_2 \times \vec{\sigma}_3)$	$\tilde{\mathcal{G}}_6 = \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot (\boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \times \boldsymbol{\tau}_3) \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot (\vec{\sigma}_2 \times \vec{\sigma}_3)$
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Assuming hermiticity, time reversal & parity invariance,
20 structure functions are needed:

$$V(r_{12}, r_{23}, r_{31}) = \sum_{i=1}^{20} \tilde{\mathcal{G}}_i F_i(r_{12}, r_{23}, r_{31}) + \text{permutations}$$

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Reduce finite- Λ artifacts by employing regularization which maintains the analytic structure of the amplitude → better performance at higher energies.

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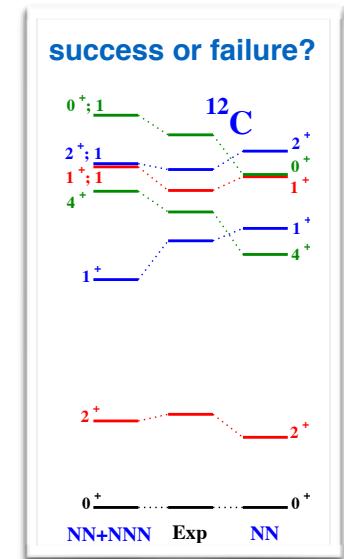
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Reliable estimation of theoretical uncertainties

is needed in order to test chiral dynamics in nuclear systems, identify/
resolve possible puzzles (is A_y-puzzle a real puzzle?), make reliable
predictions and guide new experiments



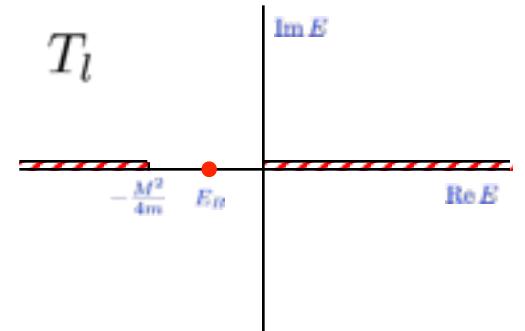
New chiral NN potential (preliminary)

- Regularization which maintains the analytic structure

Old EM/EGM potentials

$$V_{\text{long-range}}^{\text{reg}}(\vec{p}', \vec{p}) = V_{\text{long-range}}(\vec{p}', \vec{p}) \exp \left[-\frac{p^n + p'^n}{\Lambda^n} \right]$$

affects the discontinuity across the left-hand cut



New potentials

$$V_{\text{long-range}}^{\text{reg}}(\vec{r}) = V_{\text{long-range}}(\vec{r}) f_{\text{reg}}\left(\frac{r}{R}\right) \rightarrow V_{\text{long-range}}^{\text{reg}}(\vec{q}) = V_{\text{long-range}}(\vec{q}) - \int d^3l V_{\text{long-range}}(\vec{q} - \vec{l}) \tilde{f}_{\text{reg}}(\vec{l})$$

no distortion of the long-range potential!

Fourier Transform $[f(r/R) - 1]$

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manifestly short-range

- No need for an additional spectral function regularization in the TPEP
- Use LECs c_i, d_i from πN scattering without any fine tuning

	Entem-Machleidt potential	Epelbaum-Glöckle-Meißner potential	πN scattering to leading one loop (Q^3)
c_1	-0.81	were tuned to improve the fit	-0.81 ± 0.15^b
c_2	2.80	3.28	3.28 ± 0.23^c
c_3	-3.20	-3.40	-4.69 ± 1.34^b
c_4	5.40	3.40	3.40 ± 0.04^b
$\bar{d}_1 + \bar{d}_2$	3.06	3.06	3.06 ± 0.21^c
\bar{d}_3	-3.27	-3.27	-3.27 ± 0.73^c
\bar{d}_5	0.45	0.45	0.45 ± 0.42^c
$\bar{d}_{14} - \bar{d}_{15}$	-5.65	-5.65	-5.65 ± 0.41^c

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- Total cross section for neutron-proton scattering

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● Total cross section for neutron-deuteron scattering

$E_{\text{lab}} = 10 \text{ MeV}$ [$p = 69 \text{ MeV}$]

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$\rightarrow \text{expect: } \sim 80 \sim 24 \sim 7$

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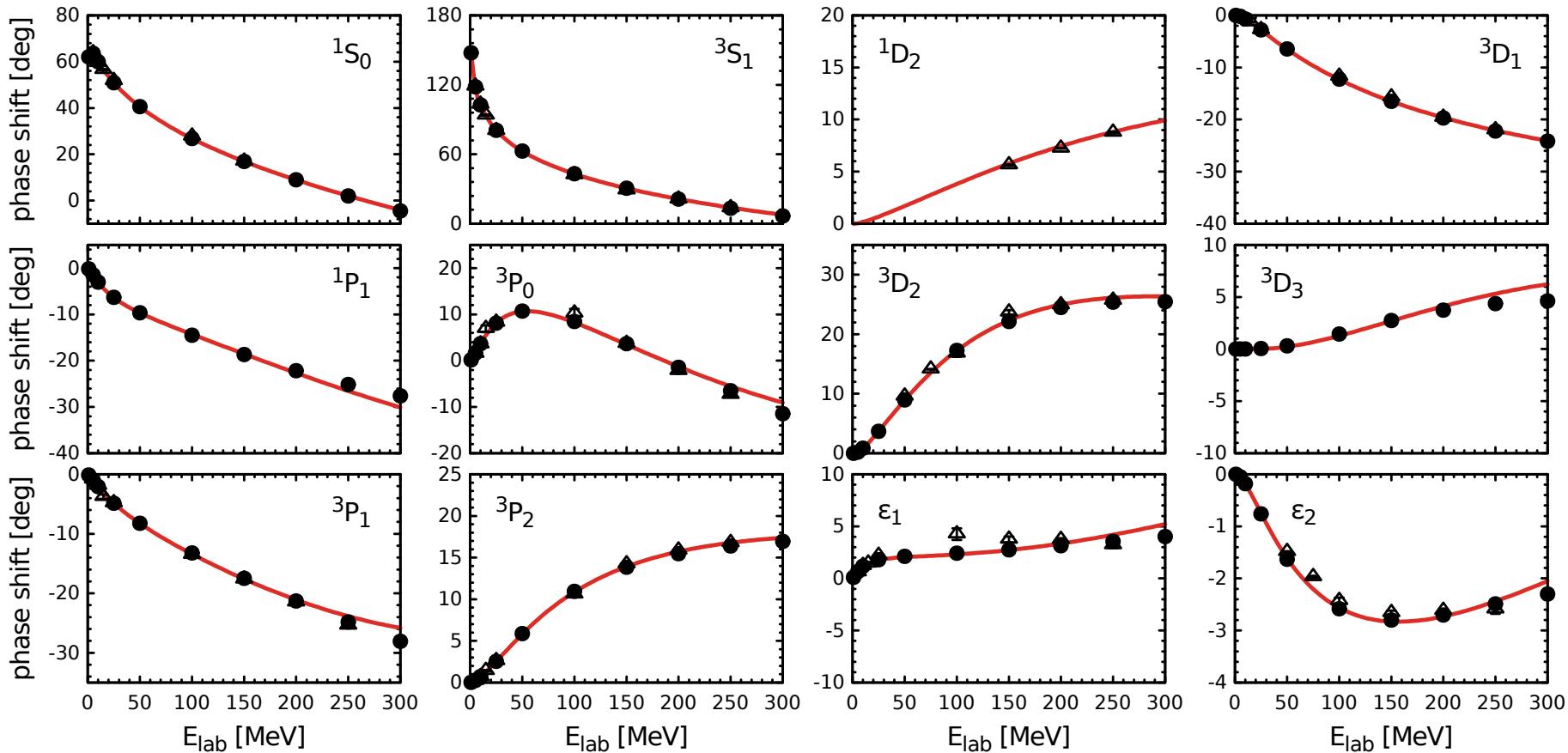
$$R = 0.9 \text{ fm} [\Lambda = 440 \text{ MeV}]: \quad \sigma_{\text{tot}} = 43 + \underbrace{11}_{Q \sim 0.7} + \underbrace{8}_{\sim 21} - \underbrace{1}_{\sim 14} = 61 \text{ mbarn}$$

$\rightarrow \text{expect: } \sim 21 \sim 14 \sim 10$

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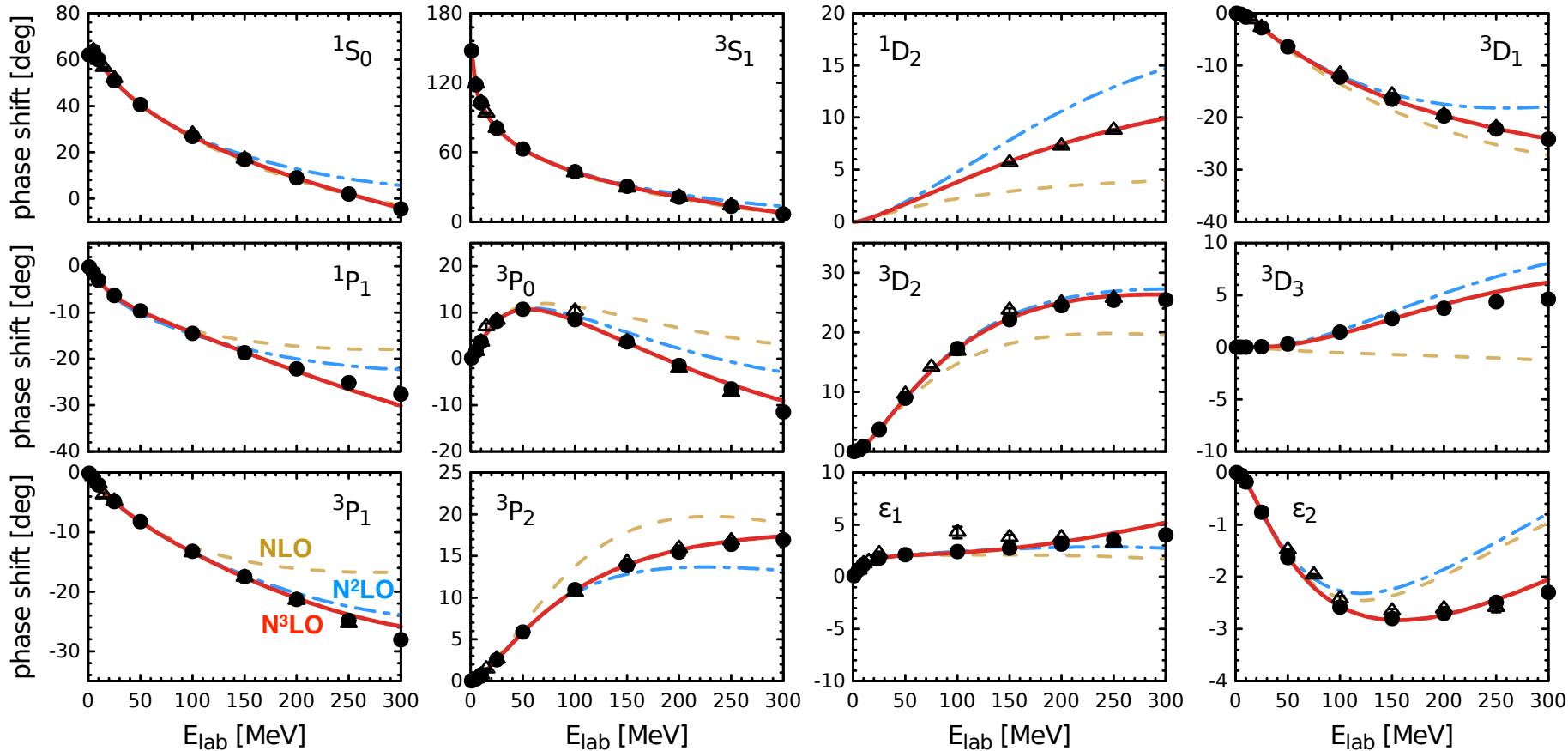
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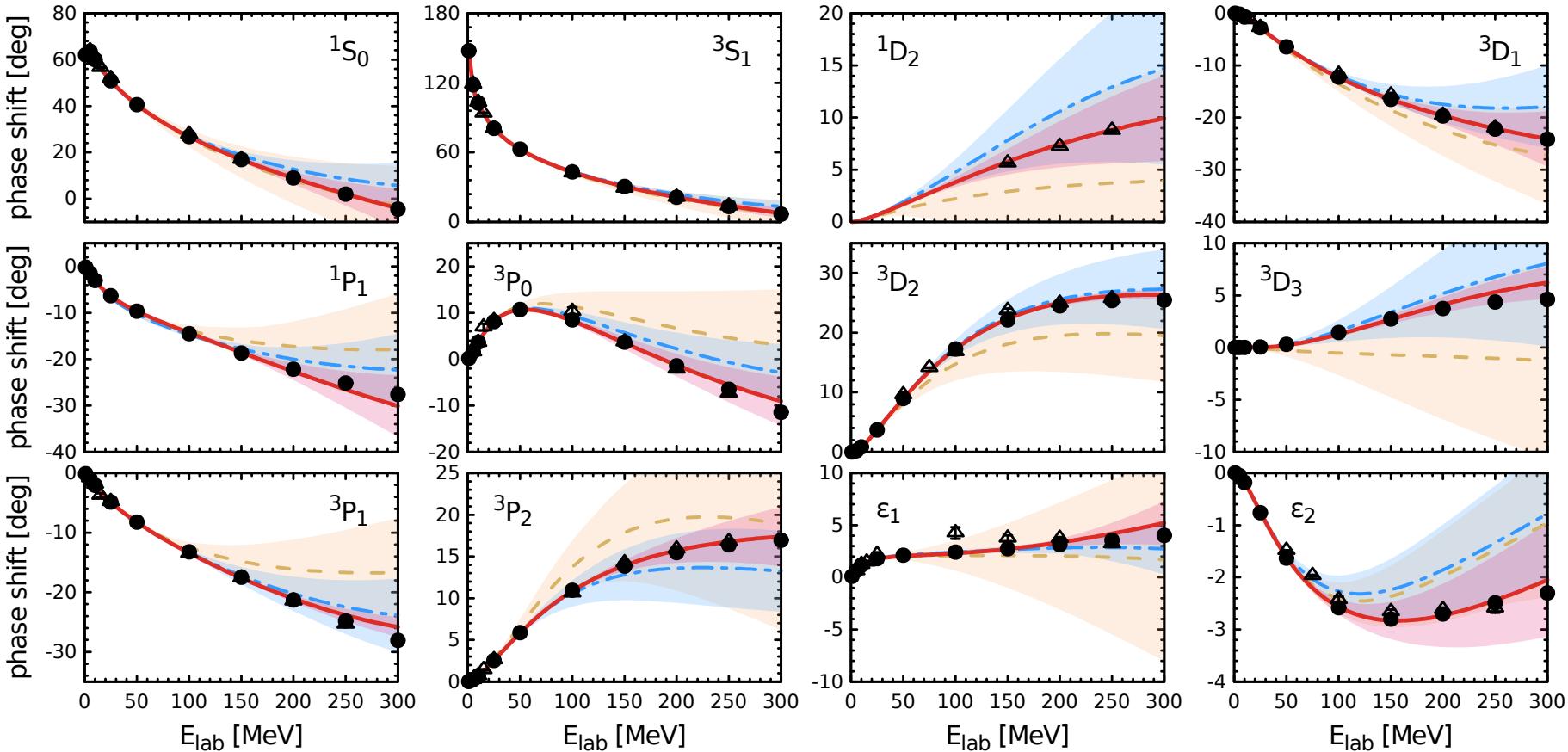


The description of phase shifts at N³LO is nearly perfect. **But what is the expected theoretical uncertainty?**

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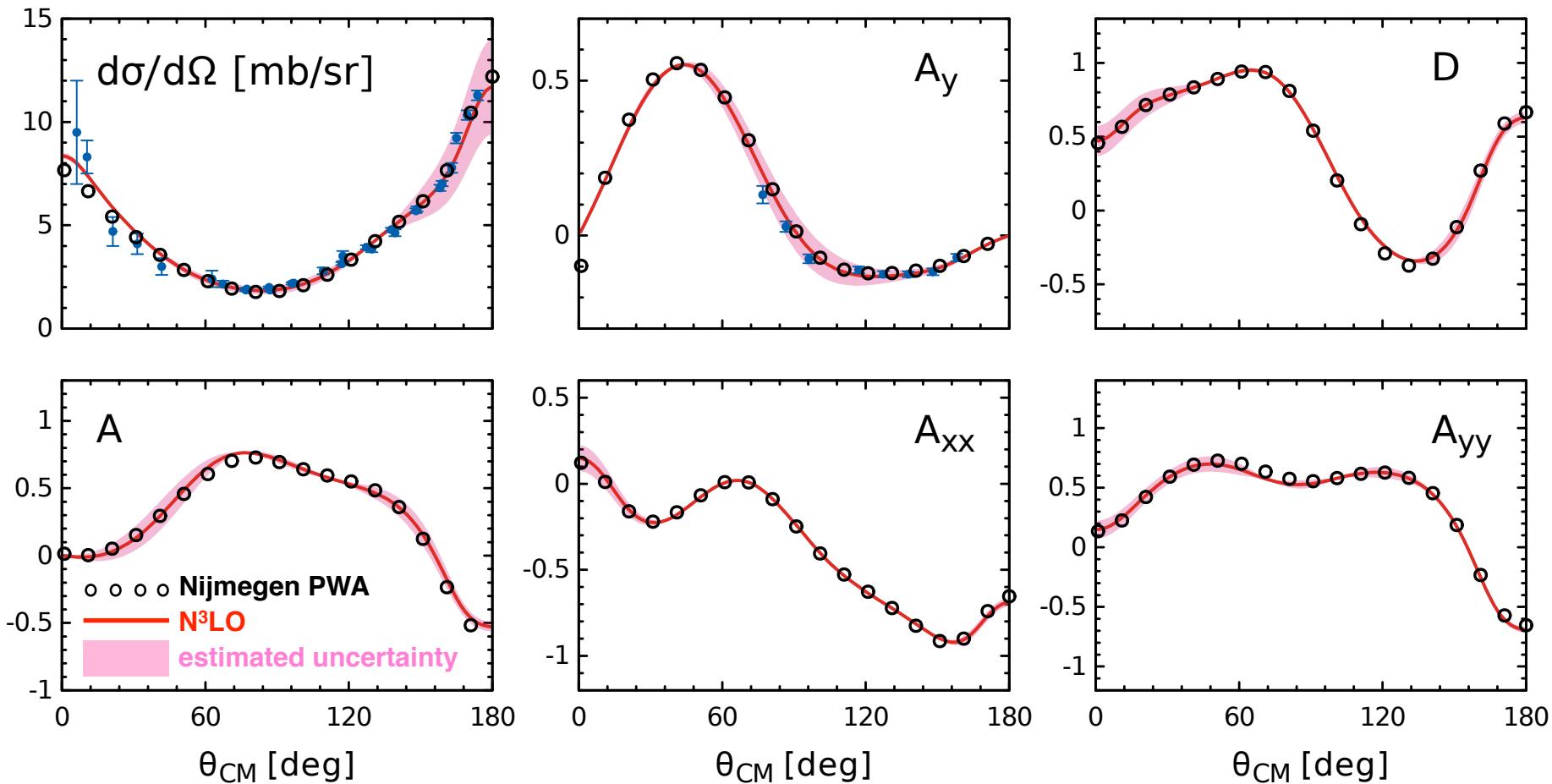
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For an observable $X(p)$, we assign: $\Delta X^{(n)}(p) = \text{Abs}(X^{(n)}(p) - X^{(n-1)}(p)) \times \text{Max}\left(\frac{p}{\Lambda}, \frac{M_\pi}{\Lambda}\right)$
 to estimate the size of corrections beyond the order Q^n .
 (if higher-order corrections are available, we use them as a lower bound)

Nucleon-nucleon scattering (preliminary)

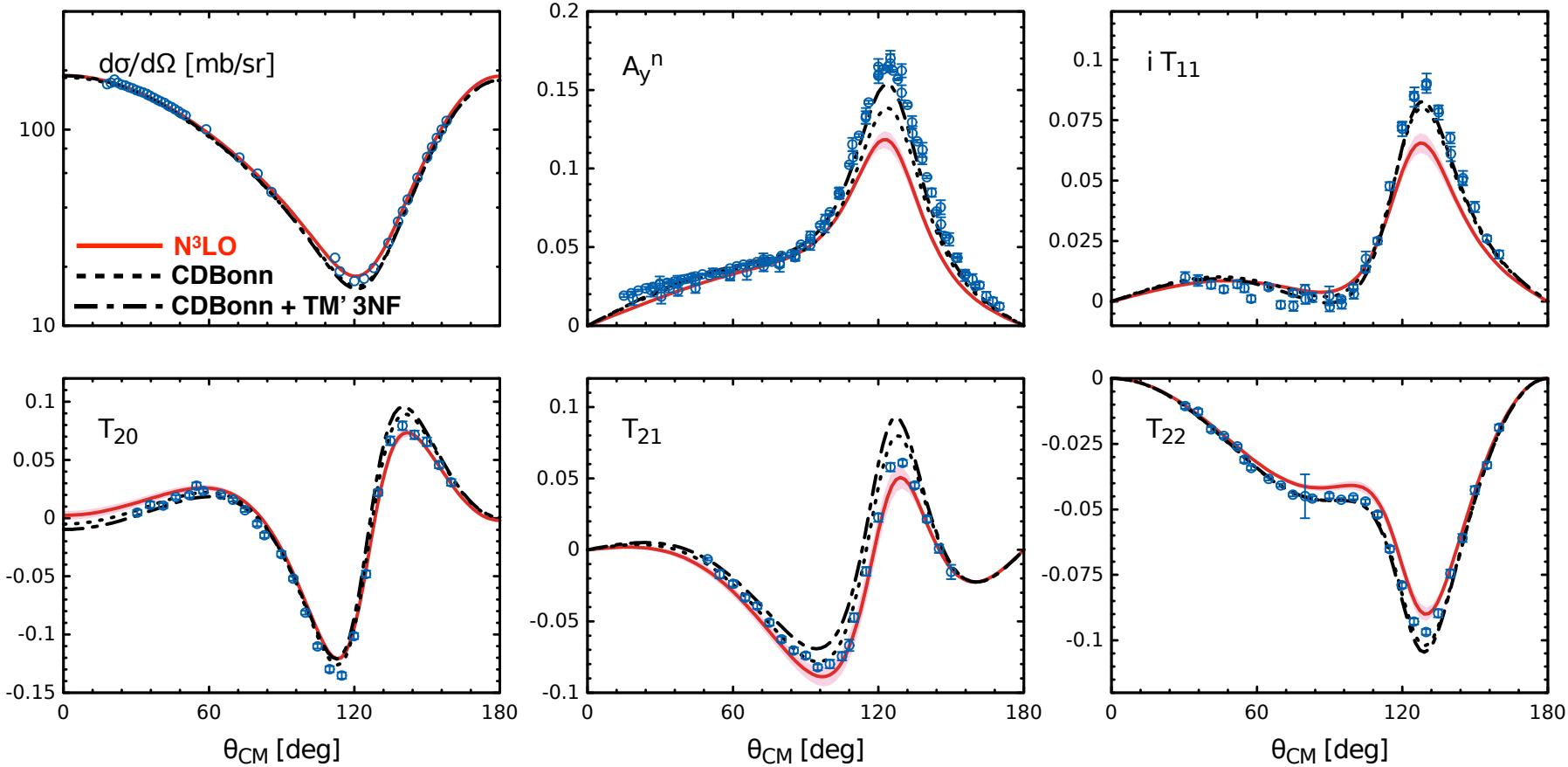
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At N³LO, 2N observables are accurately described up to at least $E_{\text{lab}} \sim 200$ MeV

Elastic Nd scattering with N³LO 2NF

Selected neutron-deuteron scattering observables at $E_{\text{lab}} = 10 \text{ MeV}$
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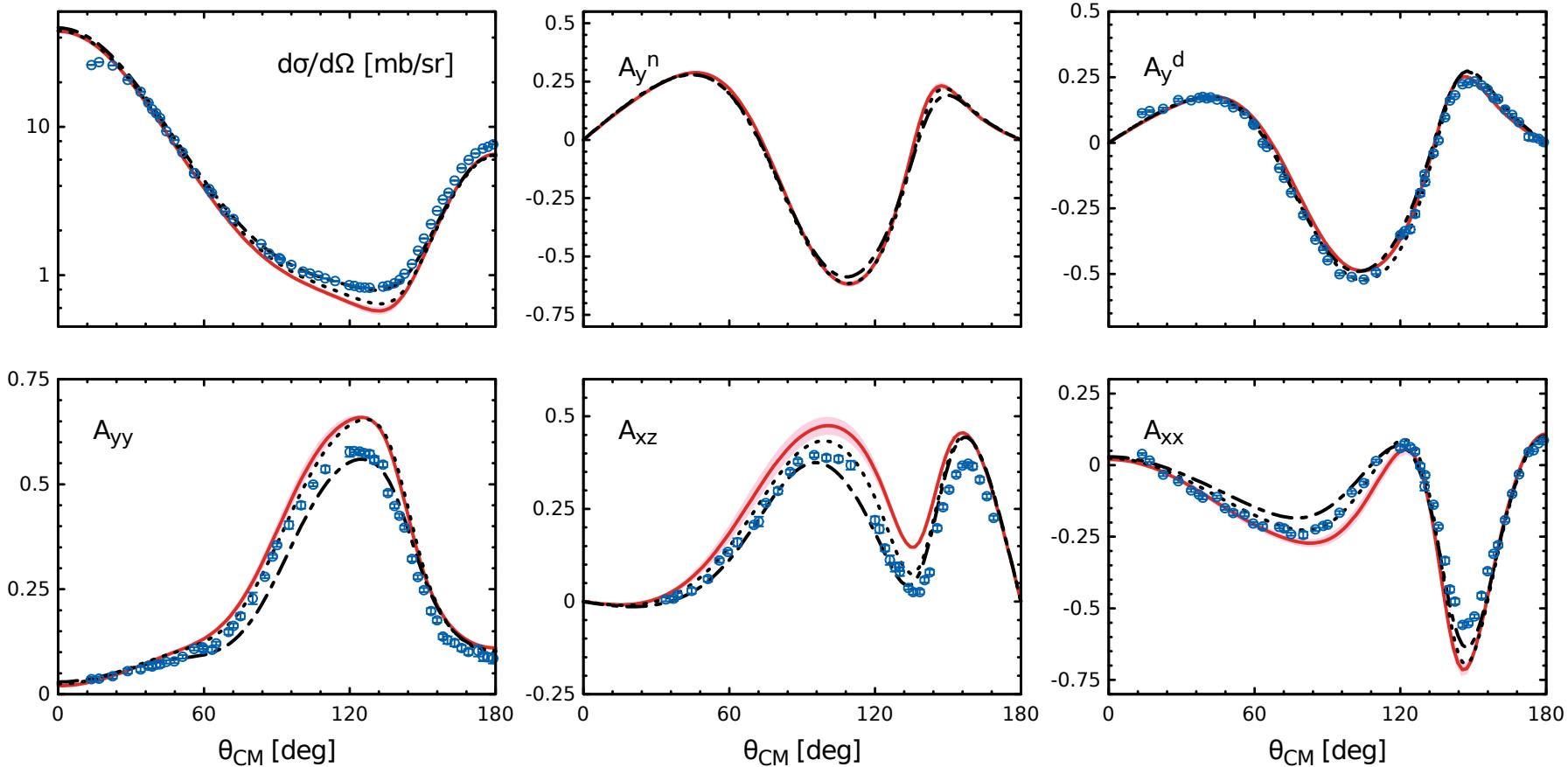


Clear room for 3NF effects in A_y and iT_{11}

Most of the data are Coulomb-corrected pd data

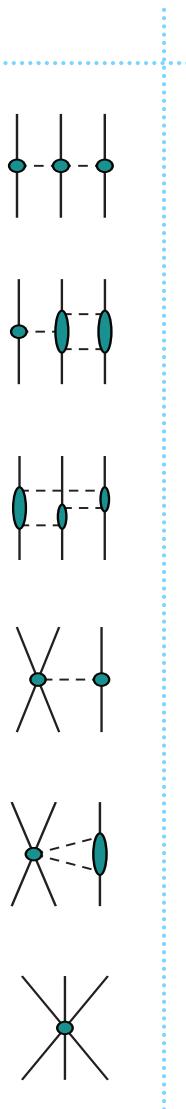
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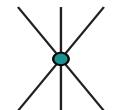
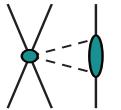
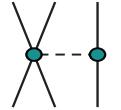
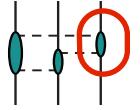
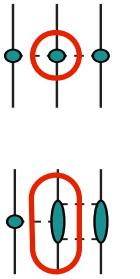


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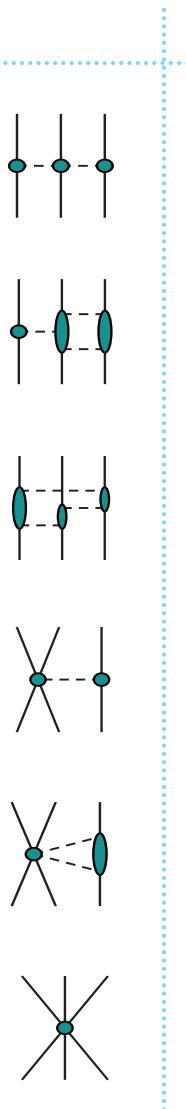


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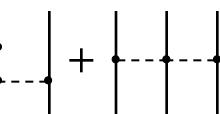
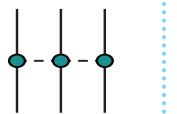
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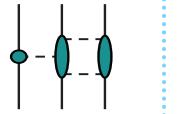


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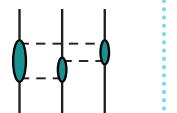
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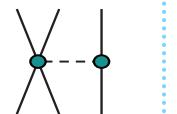
Weinberg '91, van Kolck '94



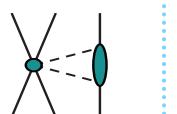
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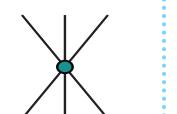
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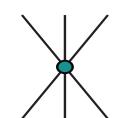
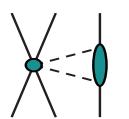
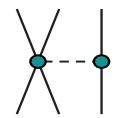
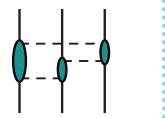
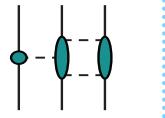
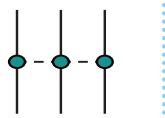
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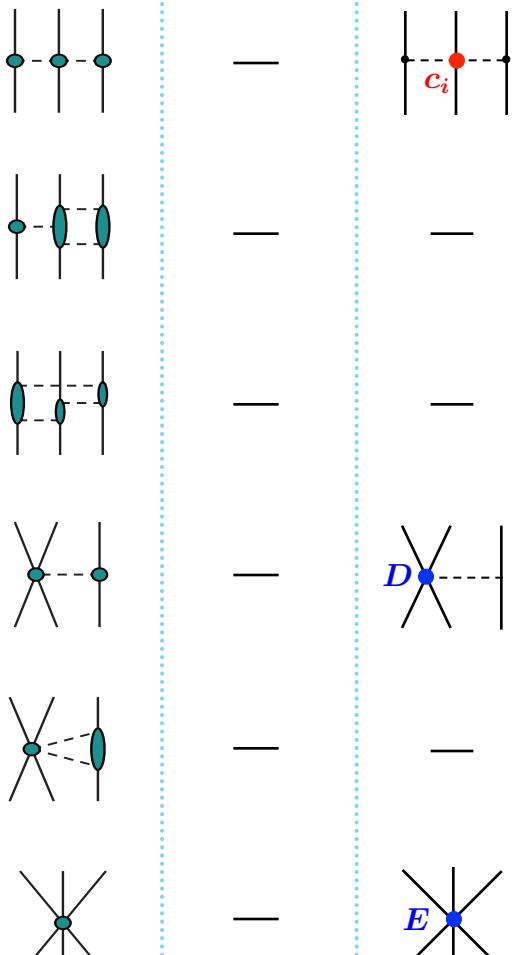
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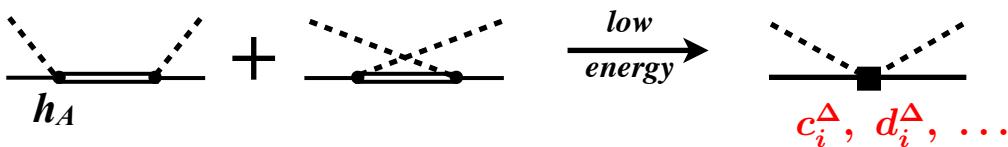
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N²LO (Q^3)



Notice: c_i receive large $\Delta(1232)$ contributions

Bernard, Kaiser, Meißner '97



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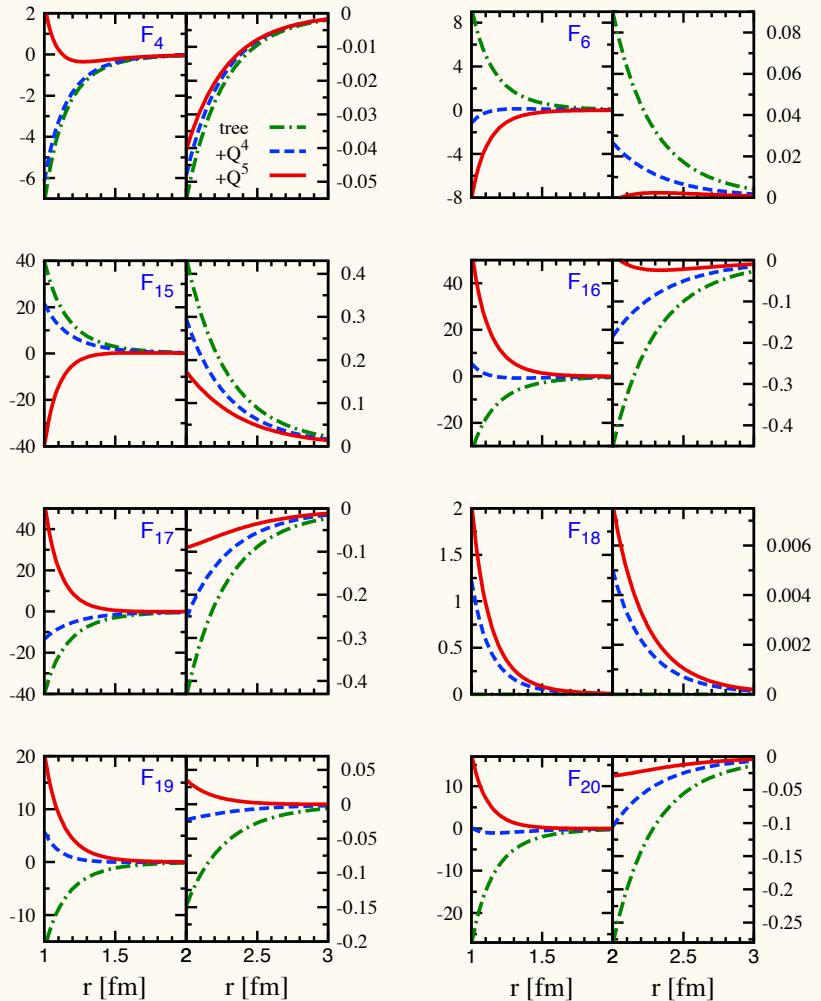
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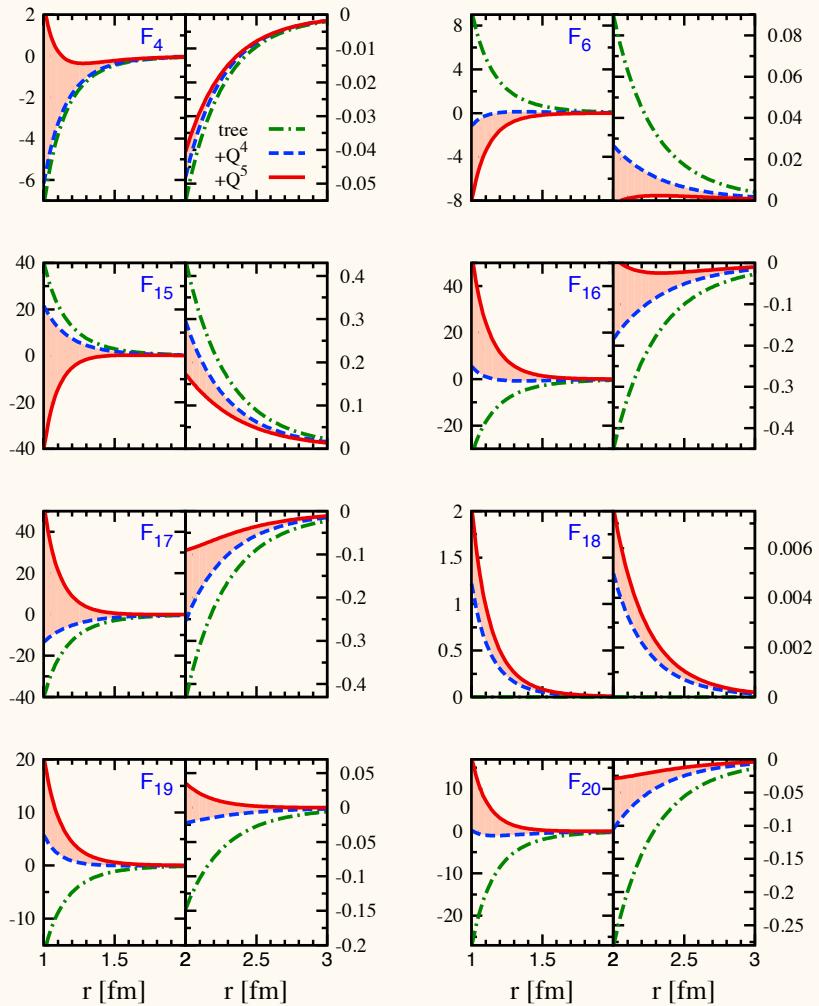
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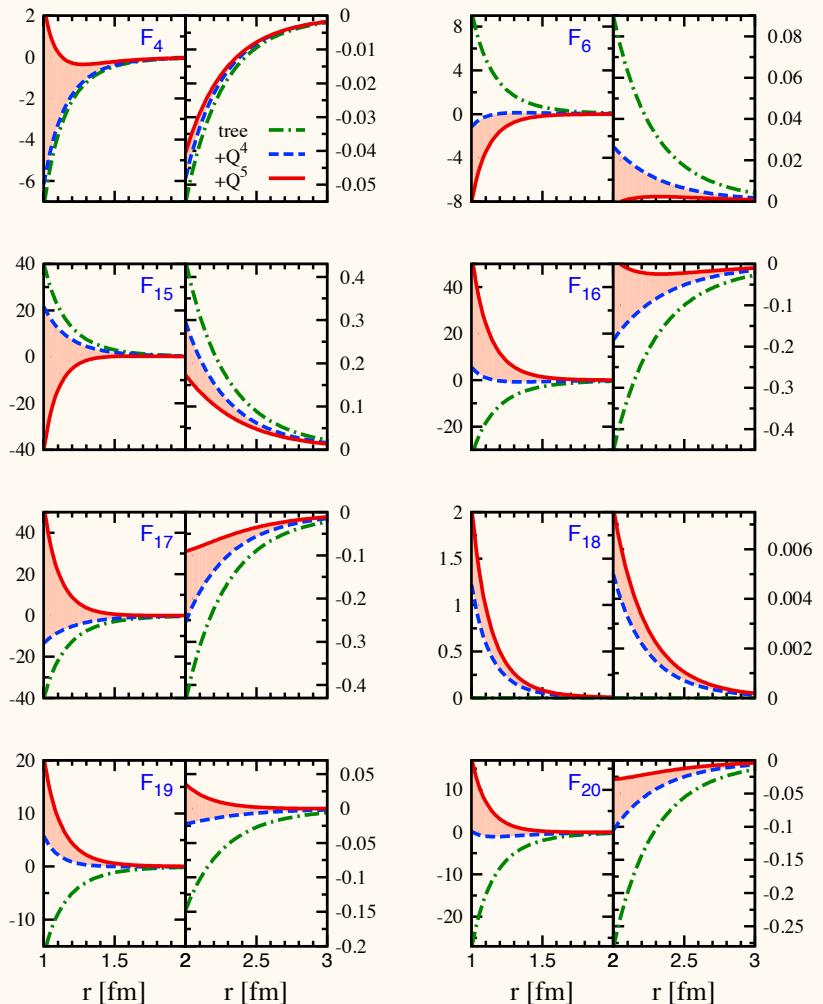
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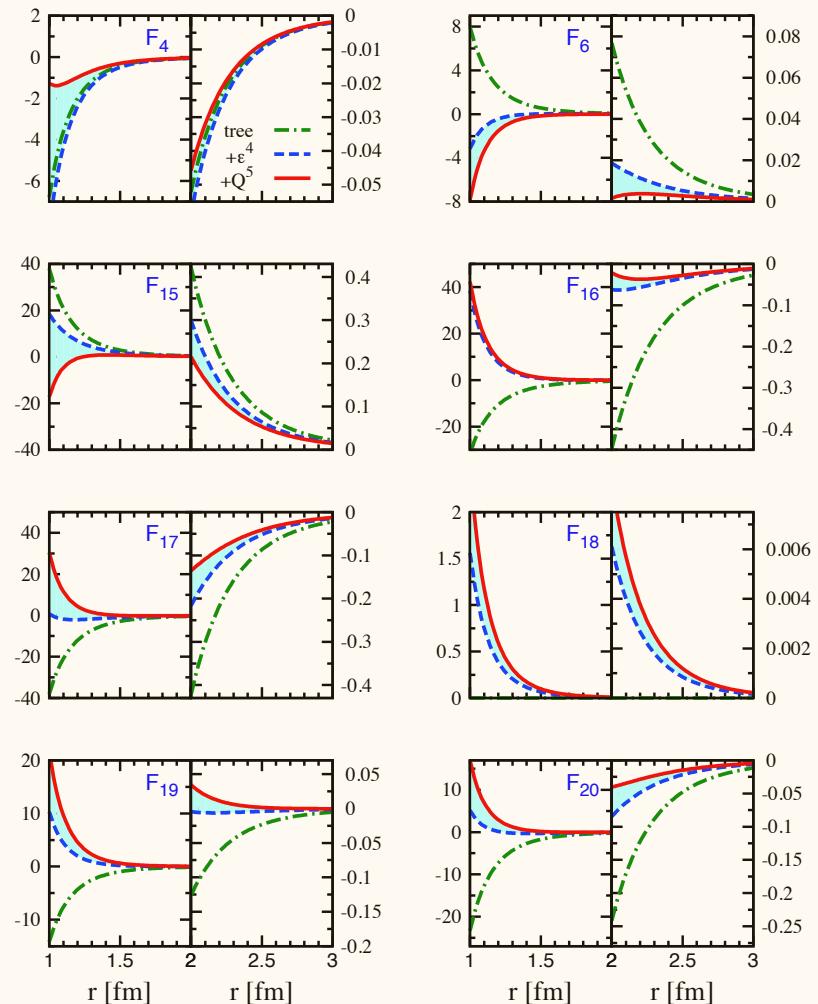
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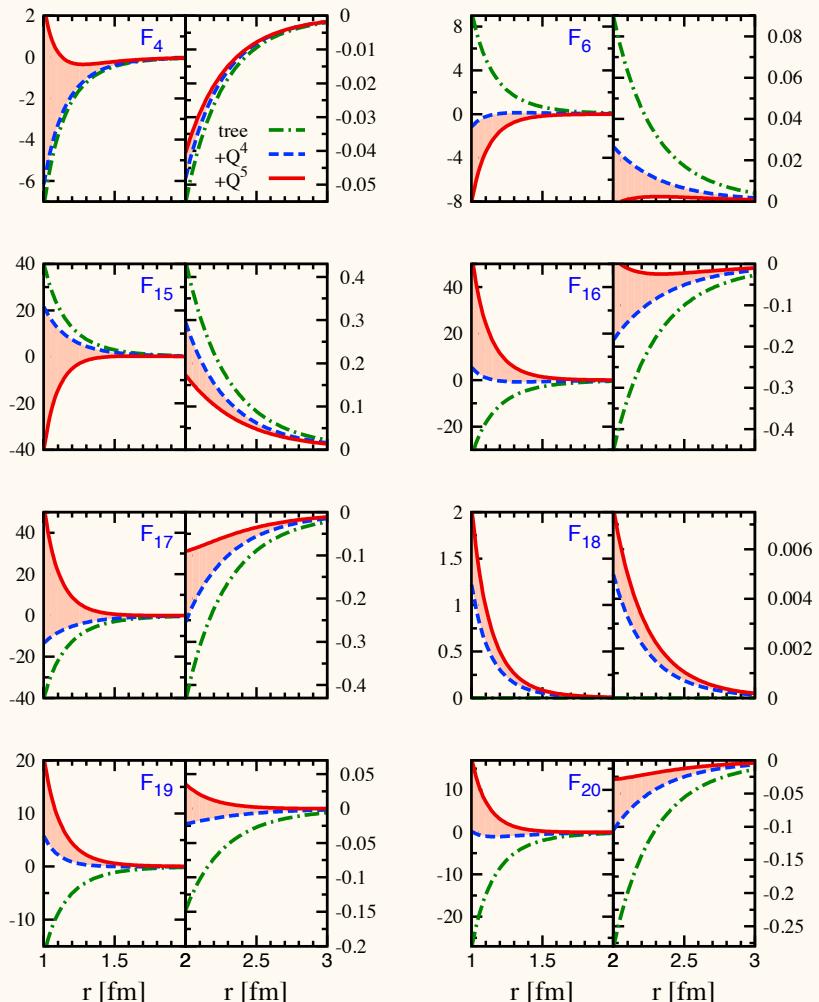
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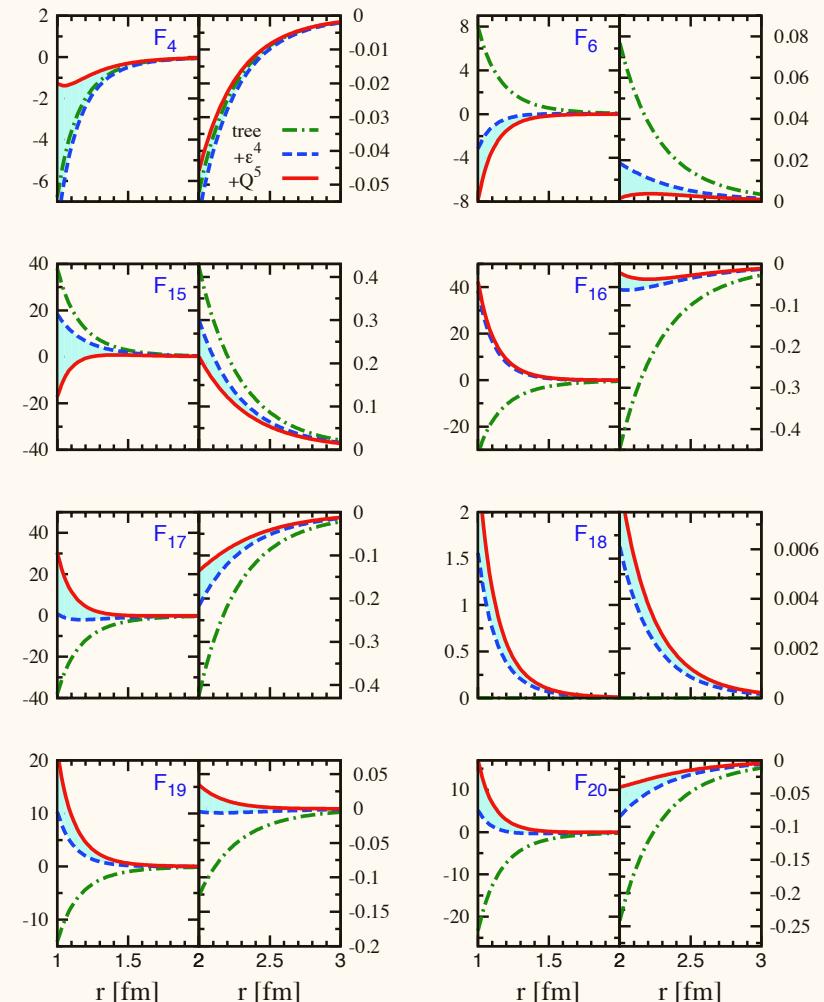
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- Δ -full and Δ -less EFT predictions agree well with each other
- Δ -full approach shows clearly a superior convergence
- remarkably, the final 2π 3NF turns out to be rather weak at large distances...

Summary

Chiral two-nucleon force

- A new generation of chiral NN potentials is underway
 - regulator maintains analytic structure of the ampl. → better performance at high E
 - no need for additional spectral function regularization
 - LECs from πN without fine tuning

Error estimations

- Instead of a cutoff variation, we suggest to use a standard ChPT procedure by estimating the size of the (missing) higher-order corrections.

Three-nucleon force

- Clear evidence for missing 3NF effects in elastic Nd scattering at $E \sim 70\text{-}150$ MeV
- 3NF beyond N2LO:
 - Worked out completely at N³LO and, to a large extent, at N⁴LO. The N⁴LO contributions are driven by the Δ and appear to be large (as expected).
 - Alternatively, EFT with explicit Δ DOF. For 2 π 3NF both approaches yield similar results (with the Δ -full approach converging faster). Other topologies in progress.
- Good progress on the PWD of the 3NF.