

Three-Nucleon Forces with Symmetry Preserving Regulator

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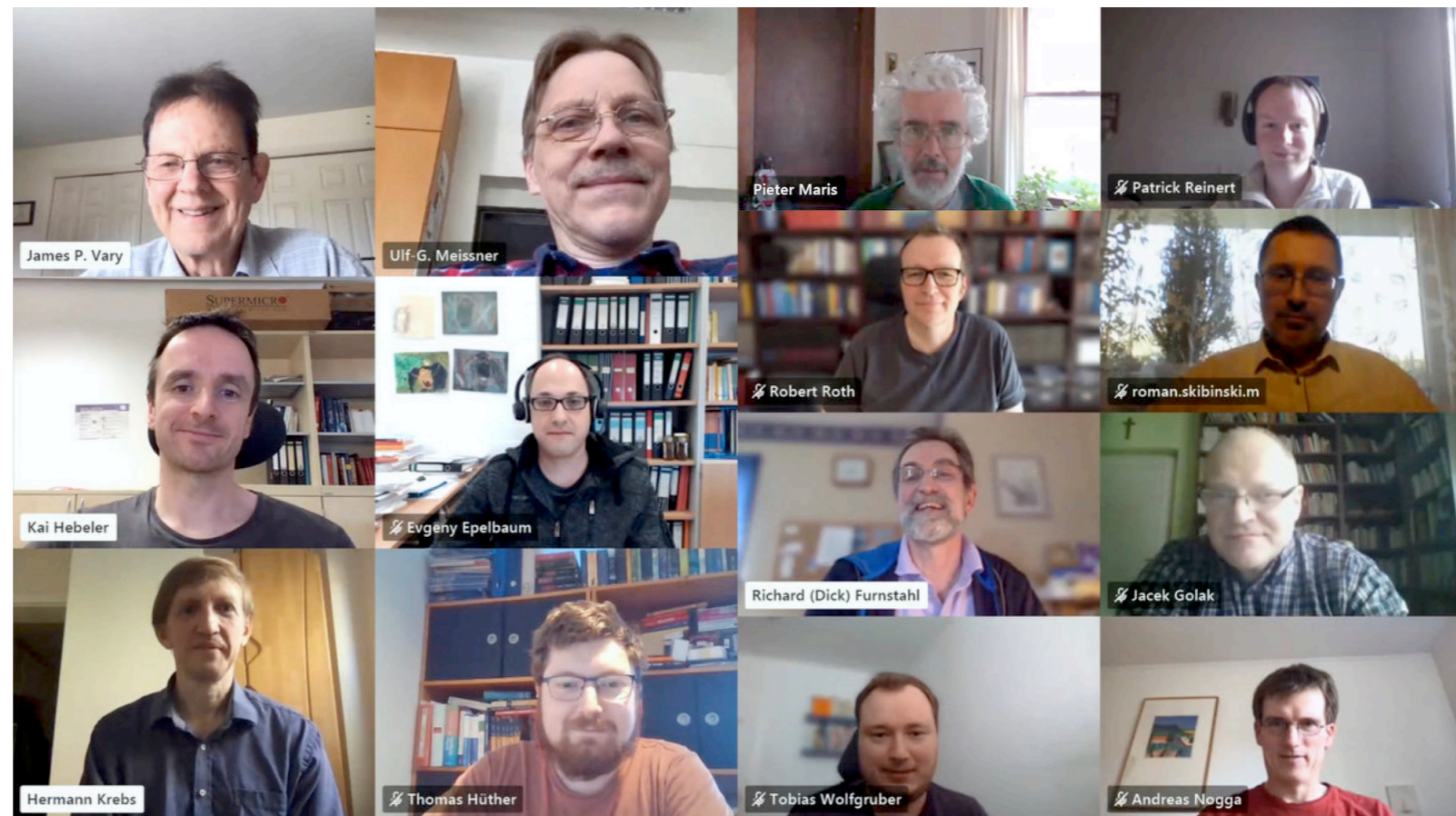
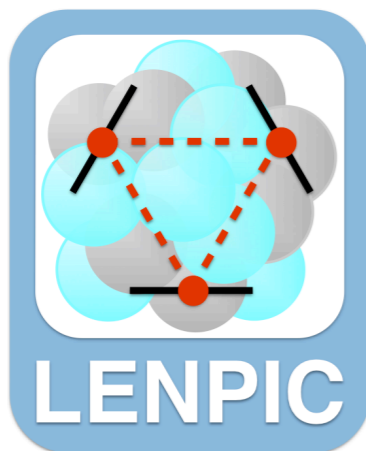
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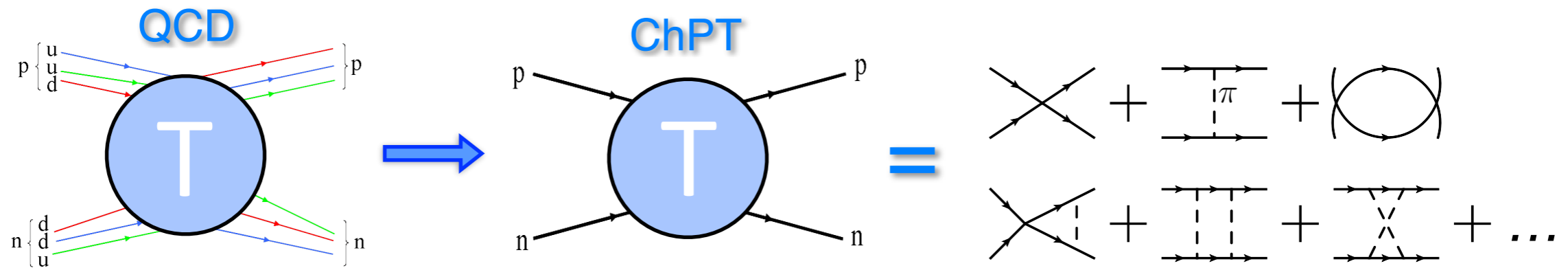
LENPIC aims to solve the structure and reactions of light nuclei including electroweak observables with consistent treatment of the corresponding exchange currents



Outline

- Nuclear forces in chiral EFT
- Selected observables in three-nucleon (3N) sector
- 3N forces (3NF) at $N^3\text{LO}$
 - Gradient flow regularization
 - Nuclear forces within path-integral formalism
 - Long range part of 3NF

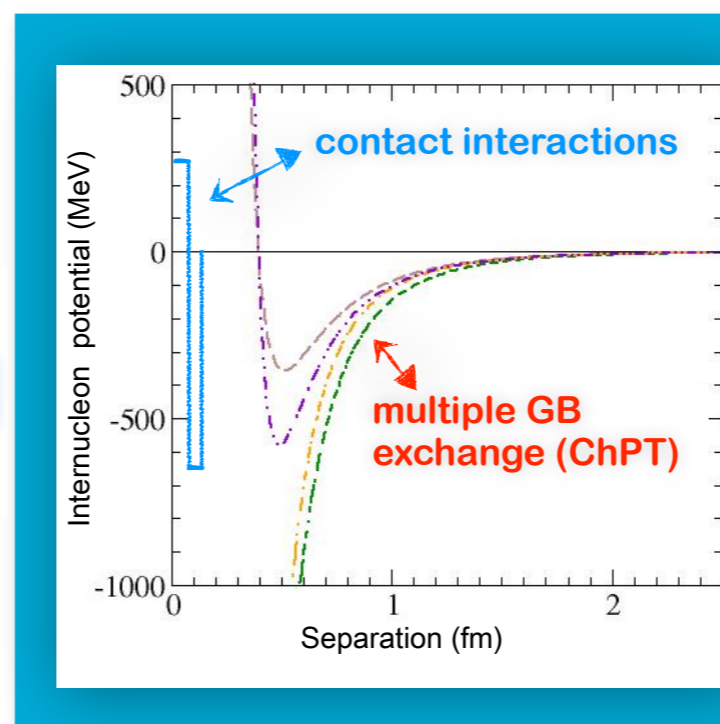
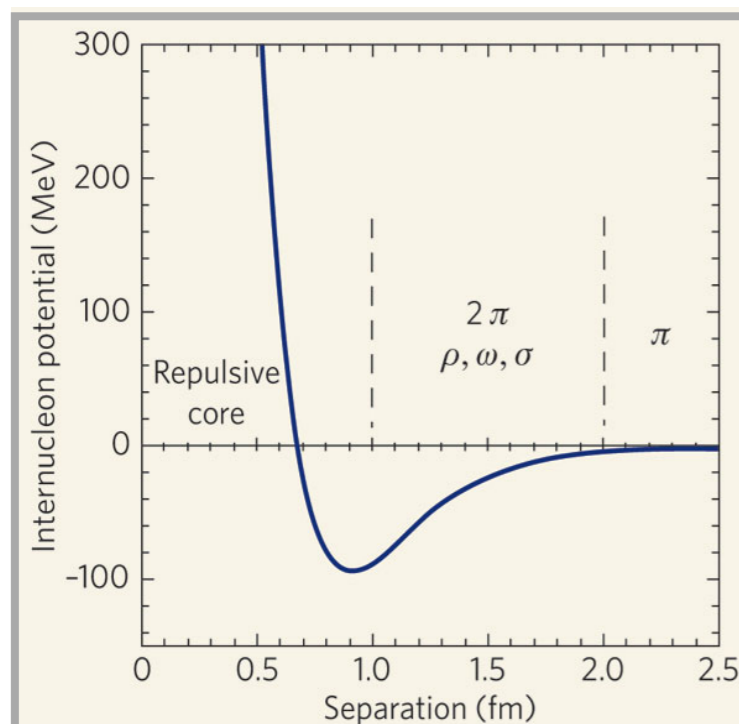
From QCD to nuclear physics



- **NN interaction is strong:** resummations/nonperturbative methods needed
- $1/m_N$ - expansion: nonrelativistic problem ($|\vec{p}_i| \sim M_\pi \ll m_N$) \Rightarrow the QM A-body problem

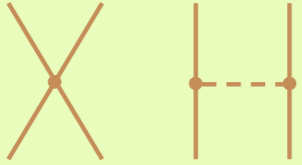


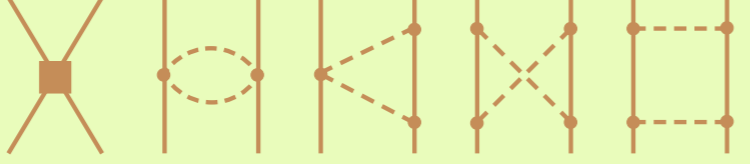


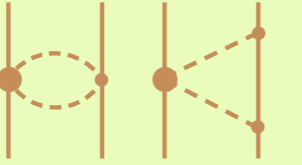
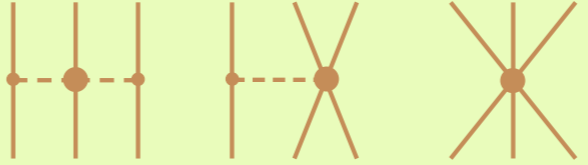

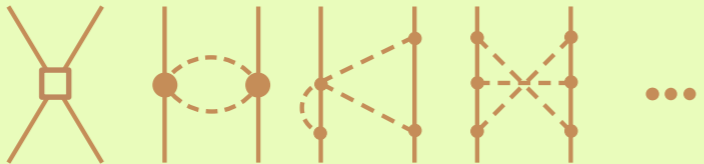
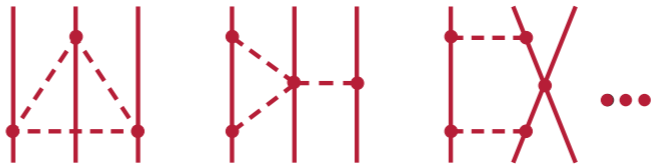
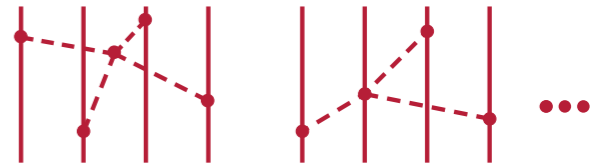
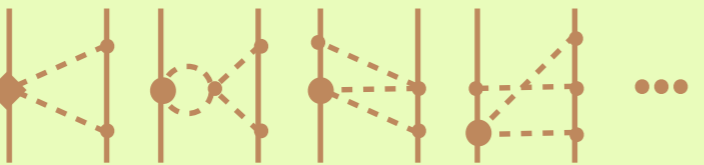


$$\left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^A \frac{-\nabla_i^2}{2m_N} + \mathcal{O}(m_N^{-3}) \right) + \underbrace{V_{2N} + V_{3N} + V_{4N} + \dots}_{\text{derived within ChPT}} \right] |\Psi\rangle = E|\Psi\rangle$$

Weinberg '91



- 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

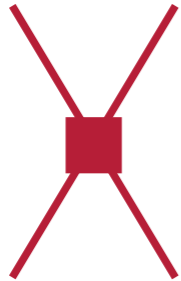
Chiral Expansion of the Nuclear Forces

	Two-nucleon force	Three-nucleon force	Four-nucleon force
LO (Q^0)	 <p>Weinberg '90</p>		
NLO (Q^2)	 <p>Ordonez, van Kolck '92</p>		
N ² LO (Q^3)	 <p>Ordonez, van Kolck '92</p>	 <p>van Kolck '94; Epelbaum et al. '02</p>	 <p>← Available matrix elements LENPIC '19</p>
N ³ LO (Q^4)	 <p>Kaiser '00 - '02</p>	 <p>[parameter-free] Bernard, Epelbaum, HK, Meißner, '08, '11</p>	 <p>[parameter-free] Epelbaum '06</p>
N ⁴ LO (Q^5)	 <p>Entem, Kaiser, Machleidt, Nosyk '15 Epelbaum, HK, Meißner '15</p>	 <p>Girlanda, Kievsky, Viviani '11 HK, Gasparyan, Epelbaum '12, '13 (short-range loop contrib. still missing)</p>	 <p>still have to be worked out</p>

Adjustable Parameters in NN

Reinert, HK, Epelbaum PRL126 (2021) 092501

Couplings of short-range interactions are fixed from NN - data



- LO [Q^0]: 2 operators (S-waves)
- NLO [Q^2]: + 7 operators (S-, P-waves and ε_1)
- N²LO [Q^3]: no new terms
- N³LO [Q^4]: + 12 operators (S-, P-, D-waves and $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$)
- N⁴LO [Q^5]: + 5 IB operators
- N⁴LO⁺ [Q^6]: + 4 operators (F-waves)

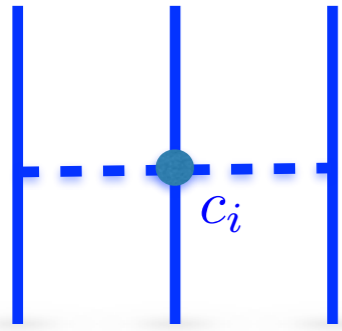
of adjustable LECs = 25 IC + 5 IB + 3 π N constants = 33 parameters

Summary on NN

- Employed a Bayesian approach to account for statistical and systematic uncertainties
- Extracted π N couplings from NN data within chiral EFT
- Achieved a statistically perfect description of NN data
 $\chi^2/\text{dat} = 1.005$ for ~ 5000 data in the energy range $E_{\text{lab}} = 0 - 280$ MeV

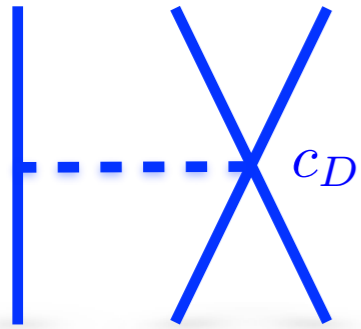
Three-Nucleon Force at N²LO

Epelbaum et al. EPJA56 (2020) 92; Maris et al. PRC103 (2021) 054001



c_i 's are extracted from solutions of Roy-Steiner equation in pion-nucleon scattering: Hoferichter et al. PRL115 (2015) 192301

$$c_1 = -0.74 \text{ GeV}^{-1} \quad c_3 = -3.61 \text{ GeV}^{-1} \quad c_4 = 2.44 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$$



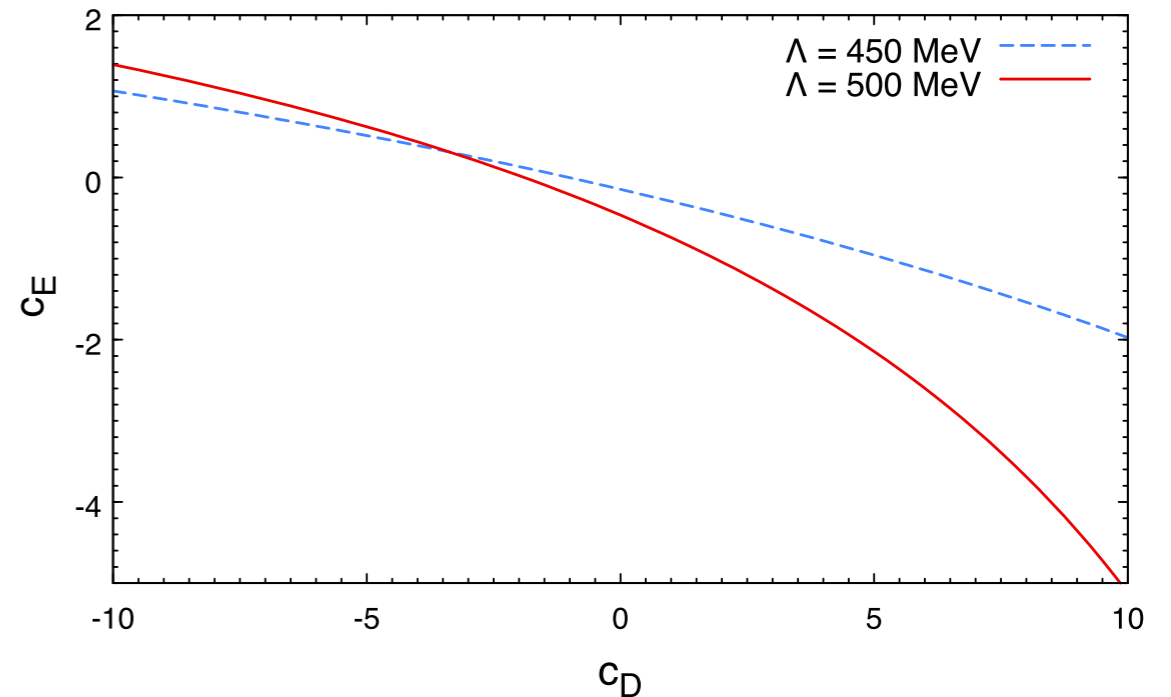
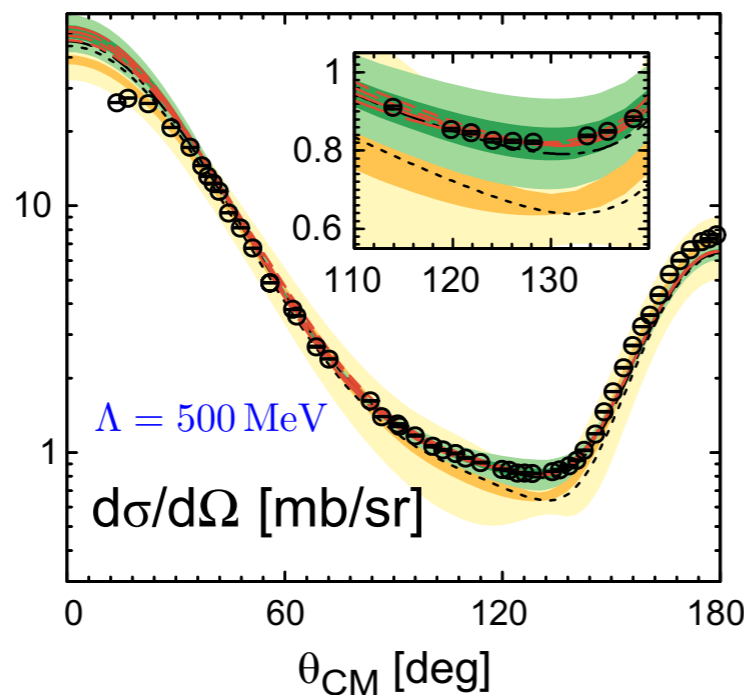
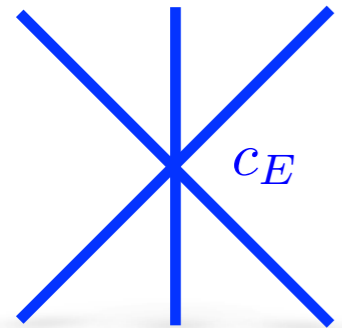
Requirement to reproduce ³H correlates c_D & c_E

c_D is fitted to the minimum of Nd-scattering cross section at $E_{\text{lab}}^N = 70 \text{ MeV}$

Sekiguchi et al. PRC65 (2002) 034003

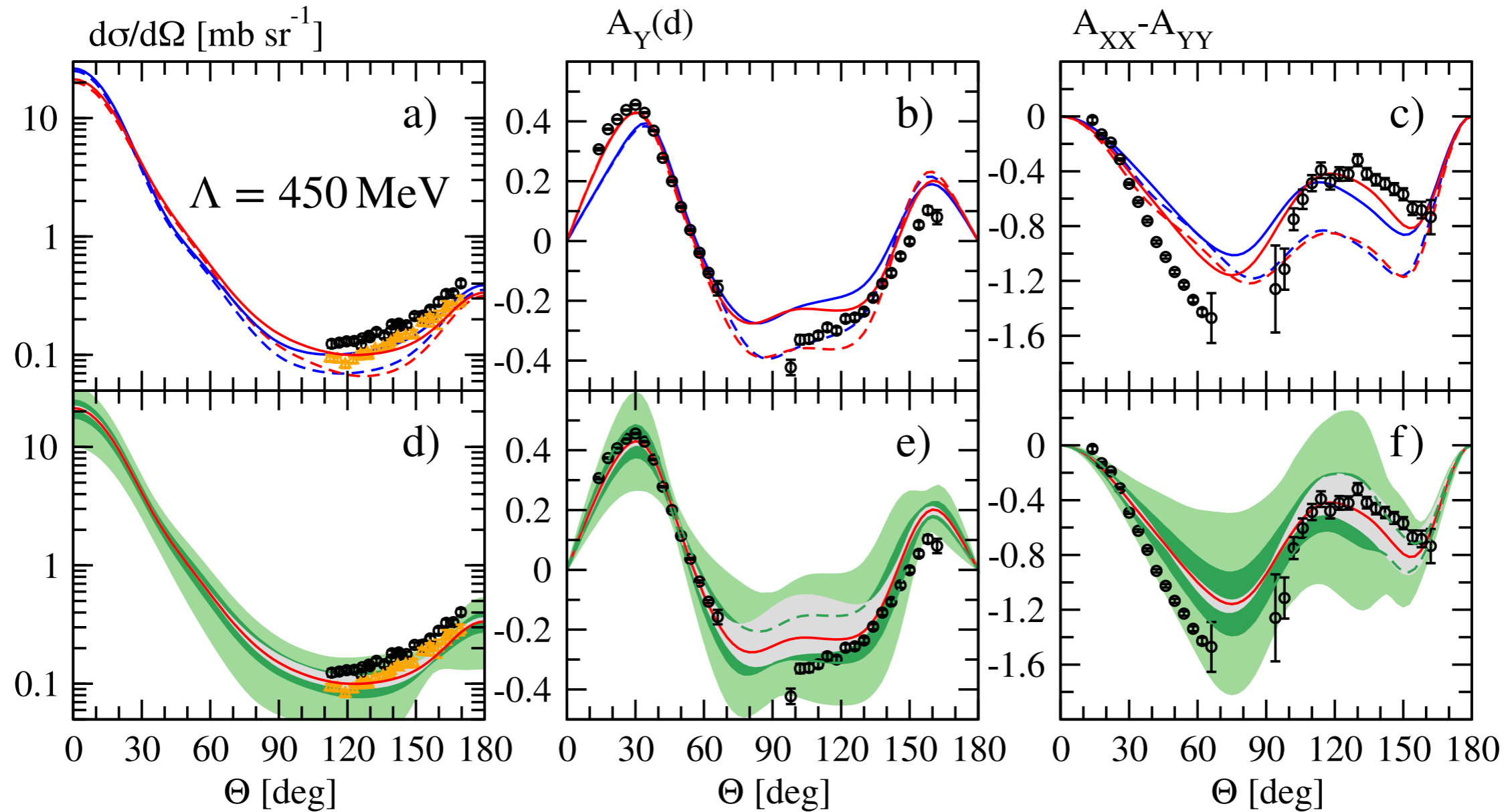
$$c_D = 2.485, \quad c_E = -0.528 \quad \text{for } \Lambda = 450 \text{ MeV}$$

$$c_D = -1.626, \quad c_E = -0.063 \quad \text{for } \Lambda = 500 \text{ MeV}$$



Nd Scattering

Differential cross section and selected analyzing powers of elastic Nd scattering at $E_N = 200$ MeV



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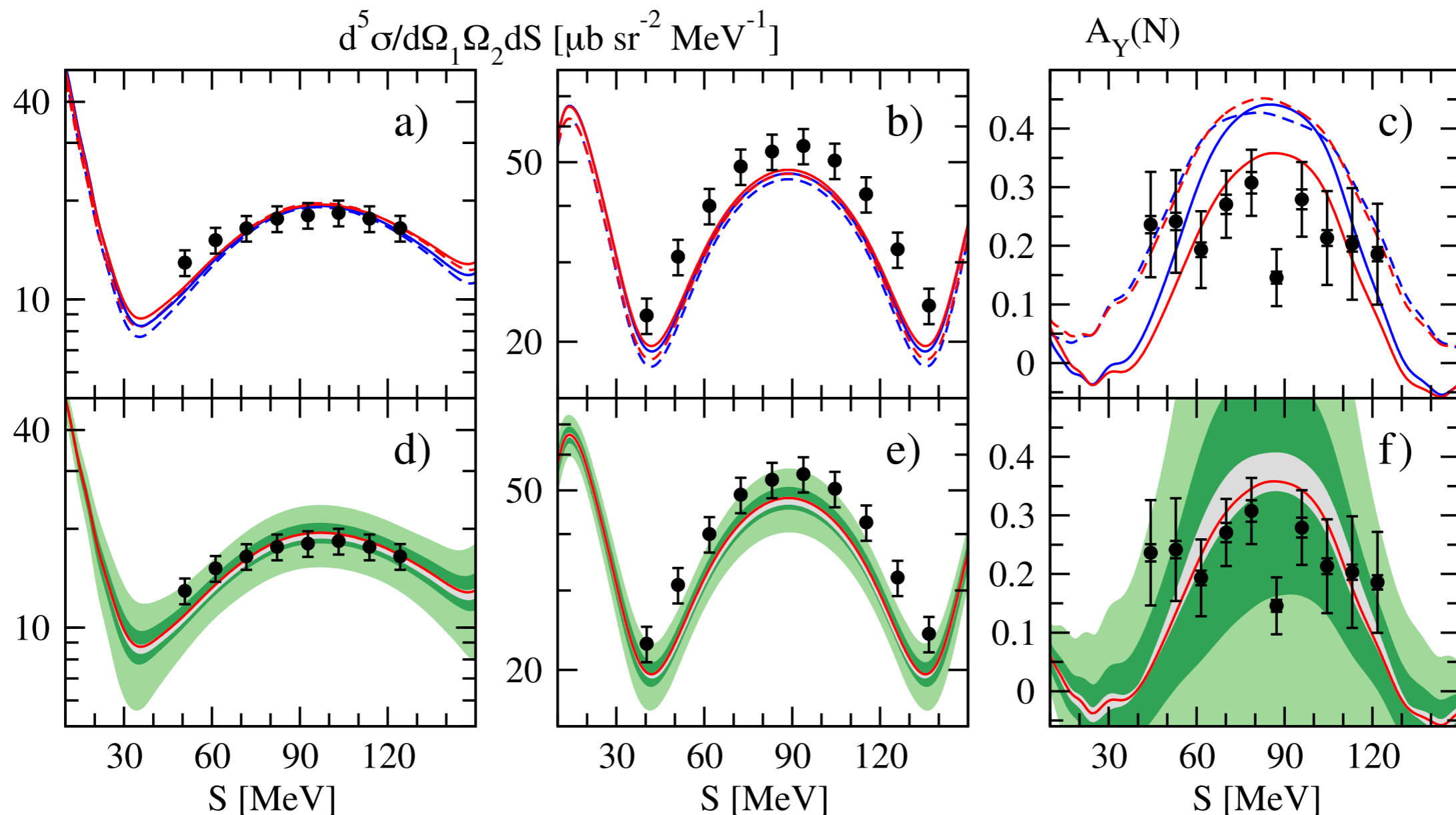
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● Similar to phenomenological forces $d\sigma/d\Omega$ is slightly underestimated

Nd Breakup Scattering

Maris et al. PRC106 (2022) 6

Differential cross section and selected analyzing powers of Nd breakup at $E_N = 135$ MeV



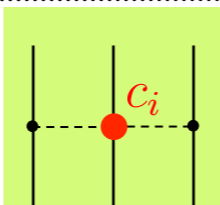
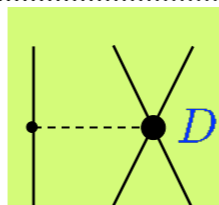
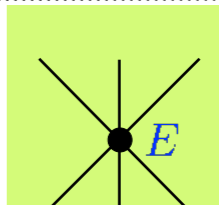
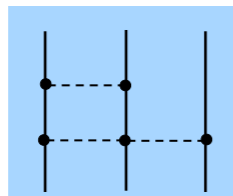
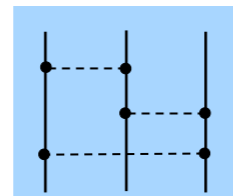
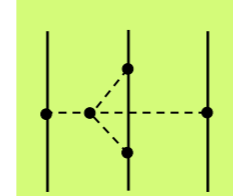
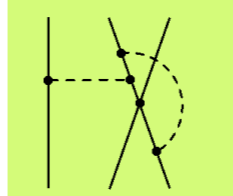
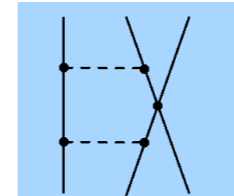
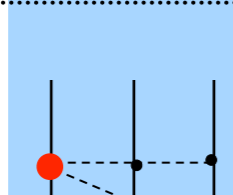
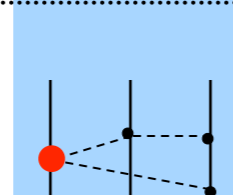
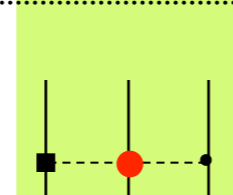
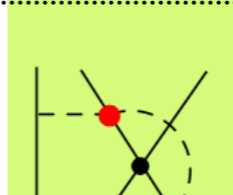
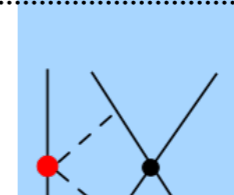
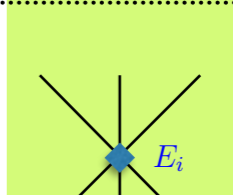
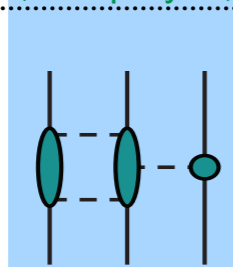
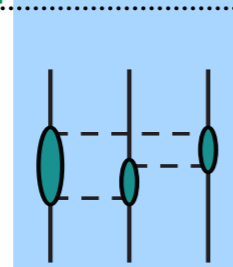
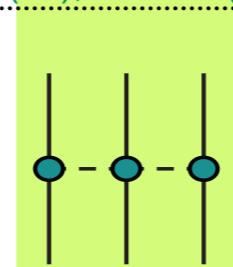
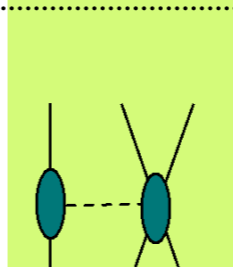
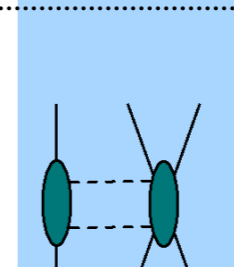
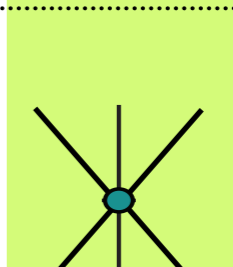
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Satisfactory description of 3N data leaving room for corrections from higher order

Three-Nucleon Forces at N³LO

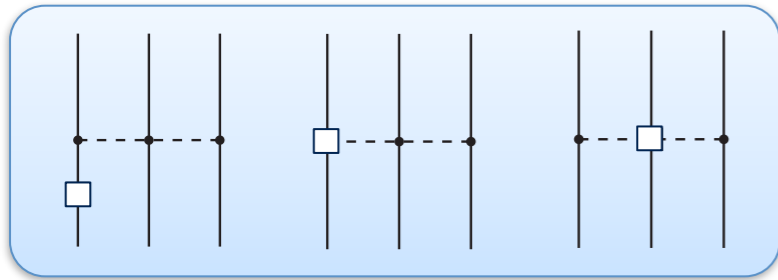
3NF up to N⁴LO

	Long - range			Short - range		
NLO	—			—		
N ² LO						
	van Kolck '94, Epelbaum et al. '02					
N ³ LO						— ...
	Ishikawa, Robilotta, PRC76 (07); Bernard, Epelbaum, HK, Meißner, PRC77 (08); PRC84 (11)			Bernard, Epelbaum, HK, Meißner, PRC84 (11)		
N ⁴ LO						
	HK, Gasparyan, Epelbaum PRC85 (12); PRC87 (13)			Work in progress		Girlanda, Kievsky, Viviani, PRC84 (11)
	 <p>2π-1π</p>	 <p>ring</p>	 <p>2π</p>			

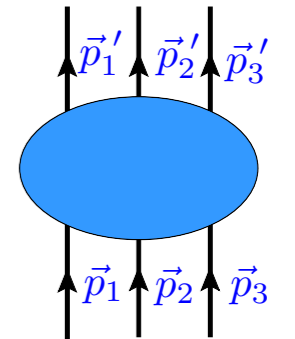
Call for Consistent Regularization

Violation of chiral symmetry due to different regularizations: Dim. reg. vs cutoff reg.

Epelbaum, HK, Reinert, *Front. in Phys.* 8 (2020) 98



← 1/m - corrections to TPE 3NF $\sim g_A^2$



$$V_{2\pi,1/m}^{g_A^2} = i \frac{g_A^2}{32mF_\pi^4} \frac{\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{q}_1 \vec{\sigma}_3 \cdot \vec{q}_3}{(q_1^2 + M_\pi^2)(q_3^2 + M_\pi^2)} \tau_1 \cdot (\tau_2 \times \tau_3) (2\vec{k}_1 \cdot \vec{q}_3 + 4\vec{k}_3 \cdot \vec{q}_3 + i [\vec{q}_1 \times \vec{q}_3] \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2)$$

$$\vec{q}_i = \vec{p}'_i - \vec{p}_i$$

$$\vec{k}_i = \frac{1}{2} (\vec{p}'_i + \vec{p}_i)$$

Naive local cut-off regularization of the current and potential

$$V_{2\pi,1/m}^{g_A^2,\Lambda} = V_{2\pi,1/m}^{g_A^2} \exp\left(-\frac{q_1^2 + M_\pi^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{q_3^2 + M_\pi^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) \quad \& \quad V_{1\pi}^{Q^0,\Lambda} = -\frac{g_A^2}{4F_\pi^2} \tau_1 \cdot \tau_2 \frac{\vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_1 \vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2}{q_1^2 + M_\pi^2} \exp\left(-\frac{q_1^2 + M_\pi^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)$$

First iteration with OPE NN potential

$$V_{2\pi,1/m}^{g_A^2,\Lambda} \frac{1}{E - H_0 + i\epsilon} V_{1\pi}^{Q^0,\Lambda} + V_{1\pi}^{Q^0,\Lambda} \frac{1}{E - H_0 + i\epsilon} V_{2\pi,1/m}^{g_A^2,\Lambda} = \Lambda \frac{g_A^4}{128\sqrt{2}\pi^{3/2}F_\pi^6} (\tau_2 \cdot \tau_3 - \tau_1 \cdot \tau_3) \frac{\vec{q}_2 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 \vec{q}_3 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_3}{q_3^2 + M_\pi^2} + \dots$$

No such D-like term in chiral Lagrangian



The problematic divergence is canceled by the one $V_{2\pi-1\pi}$ if calculated via cutoff regularization

In dim. reg. $V_{2\pi-1\pi} =$ $+ \dots$ is finite

Gradient-Flow Equation (GFE)

Yang-Mills gradient flow in QCD: [Lüscher, JHEP 04 \(2013\) 123](#)

$$\partial_\tau B_\mu = D_\nu G_{\nu\mu} \quad \text{with} \quad B_\mu|_{\tau=0} = A_\mu \quad \& \quad G_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu + [B_\mu, B_\nu]$$

B_μ is a regularized gluon field

- Apply this idea to ChPT: [HK, Epelbaum, arXiv:2312.13932](#)

(Proposed in various talks by D. Kaplan for nuclear forces)

Introduce a smoothed pion field W with $W|_{\tau=0} = U$ satisfying GFE

$$\partial_\tau W = i w \text{EOM}(\tau) w \quad \text{with} \quad w = \sqrt{W} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{EOM}(\tau) = [D_\mu, w_\mu] + \frac{i}{2} \chi_- - \frac{i}{4} \text{Tr}(\chi_-)$$

$$w_\mu = i(w^\dagger(\partial_\mu - i r_\mu)w - w(\partial_\mu - i l_\mu)w^\dagger), \quad \chi_- = w^\dagger \chi w^\dagger - w \chi^\dagger w, \quad \chi = 2B(s + ip)$$

Note: The shape of regularization is dictated by the choice of the right-hand side of GFE

- Our choice is motivated by a Gaussian regularization of one-pion-exchange in NN

Properties under Chiral Transformation

Replace all pion fields in pion-nucleon Lagrangians $\mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(4)}$: $U \rightarrow W$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(1)} = N^\dagger \left(D^0 + g u \cdot S \right) N \rightarrow N^\dagger \left(D_w^0 + g w \cdot S \right) N$$

Chiral transformation: by induction, one can show

$$U \rightarrow RUL^\dagger \rightarrow W \rightarrow RWL^\dagger$$

- Regularized pion fields transform under τ - independent transformations
- Nucleon fields transform in τ - dependent way

$$N \rightarrow KN, \quad K = \sqrt{LU^\dagger R^\dagger R} \sqrt{U} \rightarrow N \rightarrow K_\tau N, \quad K_\tau = \sqrt{LW^\dagger R^\dagger R} \sqrt{W}$$

Gradient-Flow Equation

Analytic solution is possible of $1/F$ - expanded gradient flow equation:

$$W = 1 + i\tau \cdot \phi(1 - \alpha\phi^2) - \frac{\phi^2}{2} \left[1 + \left(\frac{1}{4} - 2\alpha \right) \phi^2 \right] + \mathcal{O}(\phi^5), \quad \phi_b = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{F^n} \phi_b^{(n)}$$

In the absence of external sources we have

$$[\partial_\tau - (\partial_\mu^x \partial_\mu^x - M^2)] \phi_b^{(1)}(x, \tau) = 0, \quad \phi_b^{(1)}(x, 0) = \pi_b(x)$$

$$[\partial_\tau - (\partial_\mu^x \partial_\mu^x - M^2)] \phi_b^{(3)}(x, \tau) = (1 - 2\alpha) \partial_\mu \phi^{(1)} \cdot \partial_\mu \phi^{(1)} \phi_b^{(1)} - 4\alpha \partial_\mu \phi^{(1)} \cdot \phi^{(1)} \partial_\mu \phi_b^{(1)} \\ + \frac{M^2}{2} (1 - 4\alpha) \phi^{(1)} \cdot \phi^{(1)} \phi_b^{(1)}, \quad \phi_b^{(3)}(x, 0) = 0$$

Iterative solution in momentum space: $\tilde{\phi}^{(n)}(q, \tau) = \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \phi_b^{(n)}(x, \tau)$

$$\tilde{\phi}_b^{(1)}(q) = e^{-\tau(q^2 + M^2)} \tilde{\pi}_b(q)$$

$$\tilde{\phi}_b^{(3)}(q) = \int \frac{d^4q_1}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{d^4q_2}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{d^4q_3}{(2\pi)^4} (2\pi)^4 \delta(q - q_1 - q_2 - q_3) \int_0^\tau ds e^{-(\tau-s)(q^2 + M^2)} e^{-s \sum_{j=1}^3 (q_j^2 + M^2)} \\ \times \left[4\alpha q_1 \cdot q_3 - (1 - 2\alpha) q_1 \cdot q_2 + \frac{M^2}{2} (1 - 4\alpha) \right] \tilde{\pi}(q_1) \cdot \tilde{\pi}(q_2) \tilde{\pi}_b(q_3)$$

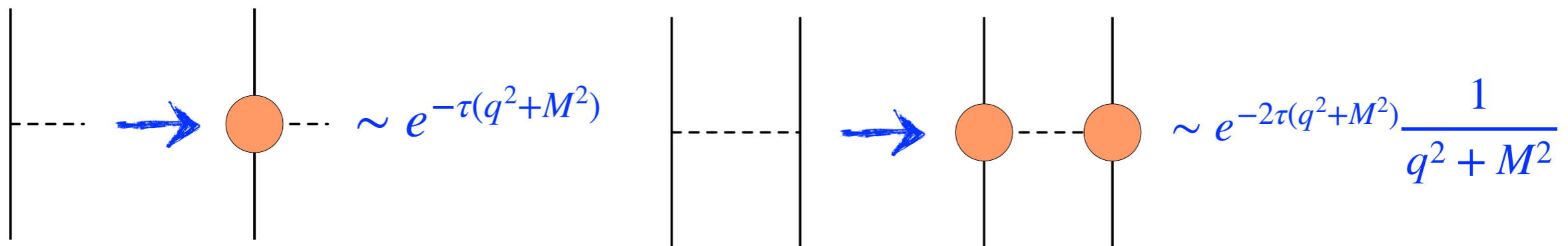
Integration over momenta of pion fields with Gaussian prefactor introduces smearing

Regularization for Nuclear Forces

To regularize long-range part of the nuclear forces and currents

- Leave pionic Lagrangians $\mathcal{L}_\pi^{(2)}$ & $\mathcal{L}_\pi^{(4)}$ unregularized (essential)
- Replace all pion fields in pion-nucleon Lagrangians $\mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(4)}$: $U \rightarrow W$

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For $\tau = \frac{1}{2\Lambda^2}$ this regulator reproduces SMS regularization of OPE

Conceptual Challenge

$$\phi^c = e^{-\tau(-\partial^2+M^2)}\pi^c + \dots = e^{-\tau(-\partial_0^2-\vec{\nabla}^2+M^2)}\pi^c + \dots$$

Appearance of second and higher order in time-derivatives of pion fields

- ➔ Canonical quantization of the regularized theory becomes difficult (Ostrogradski - approach, Constrains, ...)
 - Unitary transformation (UT) approach can not be used any more
- ➔ Use path-integral (PI) quantization

Canonical Quantization of QFT

Hamiltonian & Hilbert space
Creation/annihilation operators
Time-ordered perturbation theory



Path-Integral Quantization of QFT

Lagrangian & action
Summation over all classical paths
Loop expansion & Feynman rules

- PI approach was a natural choice in pionic and single-nucleon sector

Gasser, Leutwyler, *Annals Phys.* 158 (1984) 142;

Bernard, Kaiser, Kambor, Meißner, *Nucl. Phys. B* 388 (1992) 315

Nuclear Forces in PI Formulation

In two - and more - nucleon sector Weinberg used canonical quantization language

Weinberg Nucl. Phys. B 362 (1991) 3

In using **old-fashioned perturbation theory** we must work with the Hamiltonian rather than the Lagrangian. The application of the usual rules of **canonical quantization** to the leading terms in (1) and (9) yields the total

Formulation where we can work with the Lagrangian: HK, Epelbaum, arXiv:2311.10893

Derivation steps of nuclear forces in PI formulation

Inspired by: Friar et al. Phys. Rev. C 70 (2004) 044001, Borasoy et al. EPJA 31 (2007)105

- Perform a perturbative loop expansion in pion fields

→ Non-instant NN, 3N & 4N interactions

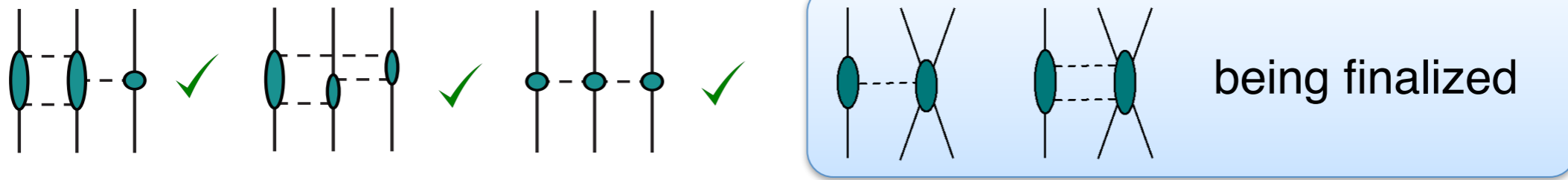
- Perform non-local nucleon field redefinitions to bring all non-instant interactions into instant form

- Due to non-locality of nucleon-field redefinitions we get functional determinants

→ $\det \left(\frac{\delta(N^\dagger, N')}{\delta(N^\dagger, N)} \right)$ include loop corrections to nuclear forces

Status Report on 3N at N³LO

- UT and PI approaches lead to the same 3NF & 4NF up to N⁴LO within dim. reg.
- We calculated all long-range contributions to 3NF & 4NF at N³LO



3NF's are given in terms of integrals over Schwinger parameters

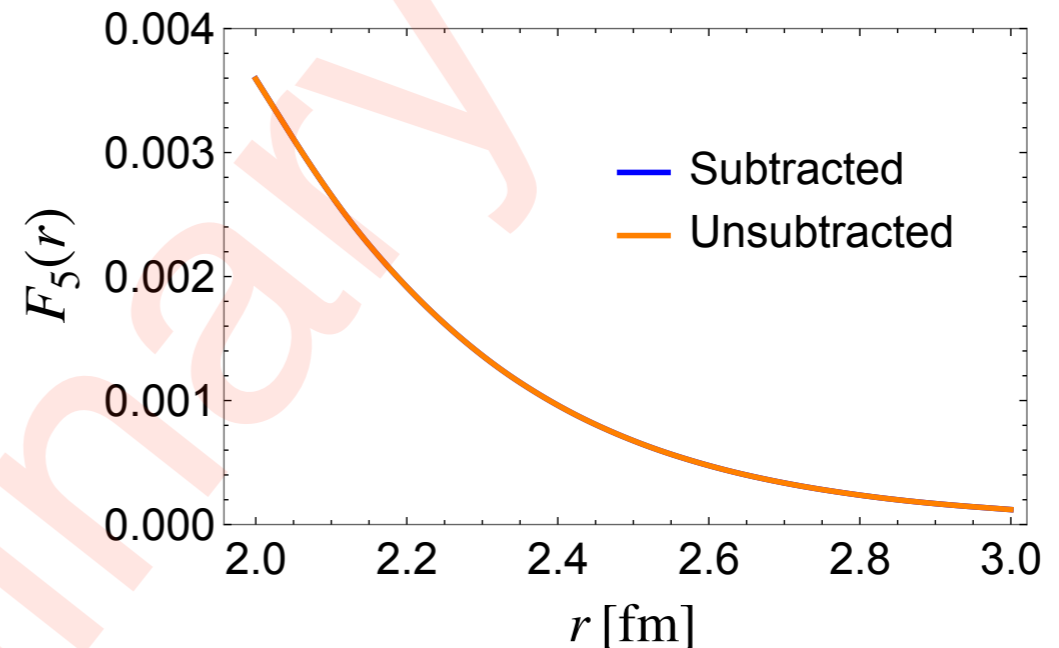
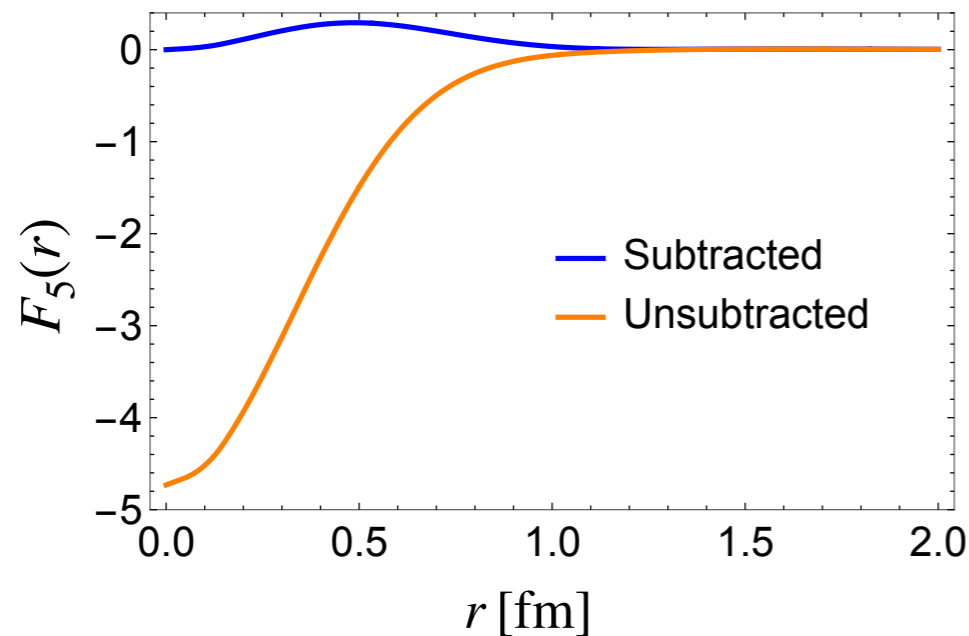
$$V_{3N}^{2\pi-1\pi} = \tau_1 \cdot \tau_2 \times \tau_3 \vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_1 \times \vec{\sigma}_2 \vec{q}_3 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_3 \frac{e^{-\frac{q_3^2 + M_\pi^2}{\Lambda^2}}}{q_3^2 + M_\pi^2} \left(-\frac{g_A^4}{F_\pi^6} \frac{q_1}{2048\pi} \int_0^\infty d\lambda \operatorname{erfi} \left(\frac{q_1 \lambda}{2\Lambda \sqrt{2 + \lambda}} \right) \frac{\exp \left(-\frac{q_1^2 + 4M_\pi^2}{4\Lambda^2} (2 + \lambda) \right)}{2 + \lambda} + \dots \right) + \dots$$

Dimension of integrals over Schwinger parameters depends on topology

Space			
Momentum	2	1	3
Coordinate	4	1	0

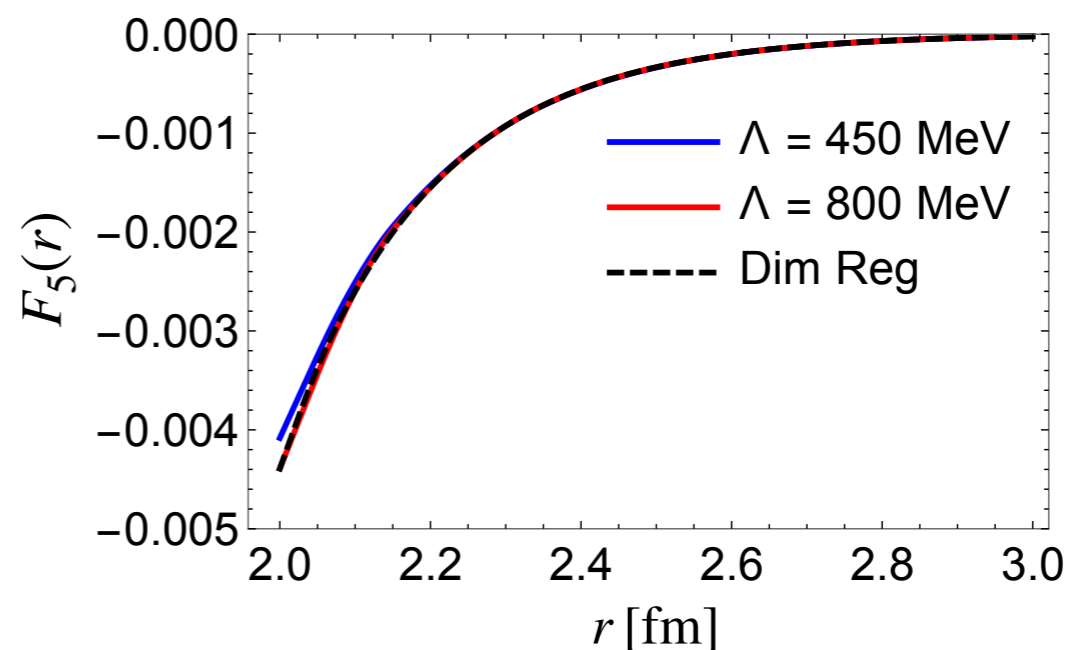
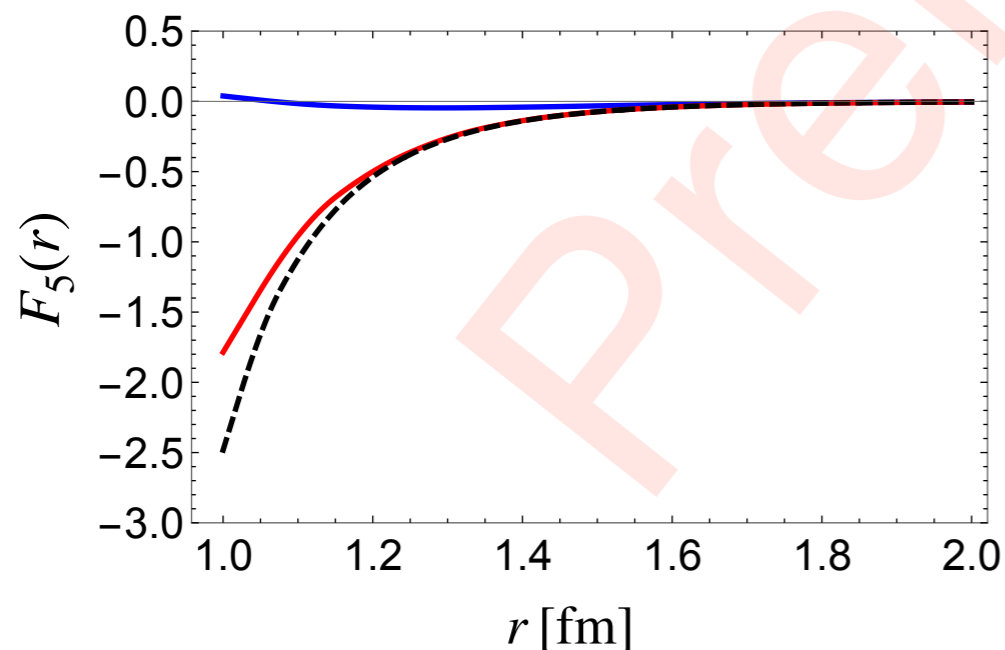
Selected Profile Functions

$$V_{3N}^{\text{ring}} = F_1(r_{12}, r_{23}, r_{13}) + \dots + \tau_2 \cdot \tau_3 \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 F_5(r_{12}, r_{23}, r_{13}) + \dots \quad F_5(r) = F_5(r, r, r) \text{ [MeV]}$$

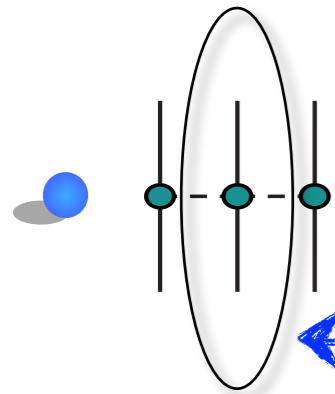


By construction: subtracted & unsubtracted forces differ in the short-range region

At $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$ regularized 3NF reproduce dim. reg. results from [Bernard et al. PRC77 \(08\)](#)



Homework



TPE topology includes pion-nucleon amplitude as a subprocess

Pion-nucleon amplitude with gradient-flow regulator depends on c_i 's

Fit c_i 's to pion-nucleon sub-threshold coefficients which are determined from Roy-Steiner equation

Calculation of pion-nucleon scattering with gradient-flow regulator required

PWD is computationally more expensive, due to higher dimension of integrals over Schwinger parameters

Summary on 3N

- Gradient flow regularization preserves chiral symmetry
- Path-integral approach for derivation of nuclear forces
- Long-range part of 3NF at $N^3\text{LO}$ has been calculated

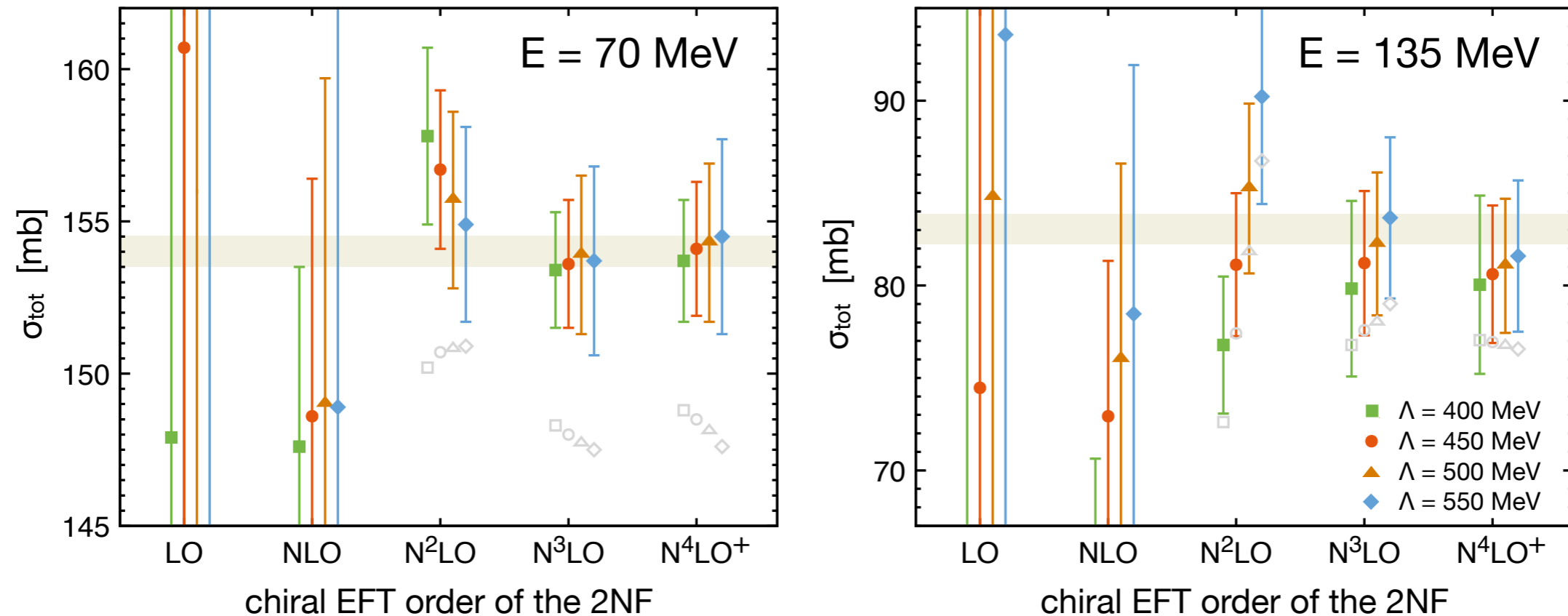
Outlook

- Short-range part of 3NF at $N^3\text{LO}$
- Partial wave decomposition
- Symmetry preserving regularized nuclear currents

Neutron-Deuteron Scattering at N⁴LO⁺

Maris et al. PRC106 (2022) 6; Maris et al. PRC103 (2021) 054001

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Error bar from Bayesian analysis: 68% DoB

Epelbaum et al. EPJA56 (2020) 92

Furnstahl et al. PRC92 (2015) 2, 024005

$$X = X_{\text{ref}} (c_0 + c_2 Q^2 + c_3 Q^3 + \dots) \quad Q = \max\left(\frac{p}{\Lambda_b}, \frac{M_{\pi}^{\text{eff}}}{\Lambda_b}\right) \quad \Lambda_b = 650 \text{ MeV}$$

- Similar to phenomenological potentials NN only from N²LO on underestimate σ_{tot}
- N²LO 3NF increases the total cross section bringing the calculations in agreement with the data

A = 3 & 4 Nuclei

Faddeev and Yakubovsky equations in momentum space: [Nogga et al. PRC65 \(2002\) 054003](#)

All angular momenta ≤ 5 of the two-body subsystem are taken into account

Numerical accuracy ~ 1 keV reached for $A = 3$ binding energies and expectation values

[Maris et al. PRC 106 \(2022\) 064002](#)

		Λ	E	$\langle V_{3NF} \rangle$
${}^3\text{H}$	LO	450	-12.22	—
	NLO		-8.515	—
	N ² LO		-8.483	-0.459
	N ³ LO		-8.483	-0.520
	N ⁴ LO		-8.483	-0.430
	N ⁴ LO ⁺		-8.483	-0.460
${}^3\text{H}$	LO	500	-12.52	—
	NLO		-8.325	—
	N ² LO		-8.482	-0.660
	N ³ LO		-8.483	-0.724
	N ⁴ LO		-8.483	-0.628
	N ⁴ LO ⁺		-8.484	-0.672
Expt. ${}^3\text{H}$		-8.482	—	

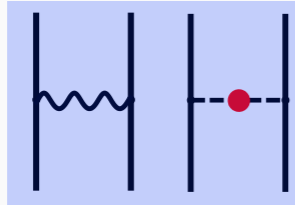
Attractive contribution of 3NF brings E to its physical value

		Λ	E	$\langle V_{3NF} \rangle$
${}^3\text{He}$	LO	450	-11.34	—
	NLO		-7.751	—
	N ² LO		-7.734	-0.452
	N ³ LO		-7.737	-0.509
	N ⁴ LO		-7.739	-0.423
	N ⁴ LO ⁺		-7.740	-0.452
${}^3\text{He}$	LO	500	-11.63	—
	NLO		-7.574	—
	N ² LO		-7.739	-0.641
	N ³ LO		-7.738	-0.705
	N ⁴ LO		-7.743	-0.615
	N ⁴ LO ⁺		-7.744	-0.658
Expt. ${}^3\text{He}$		-7.718	—	

Point Coulomb interaction has been included for pp system in ${}^3\text{He}$ calc

Isospin-breaking in the Nuclear Force

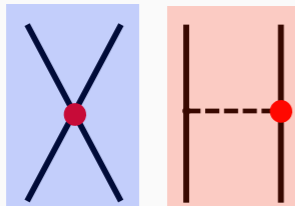
NLO



Have been employed in Reinert, HK, Epelbaum, EPJA 54 (2018) 88

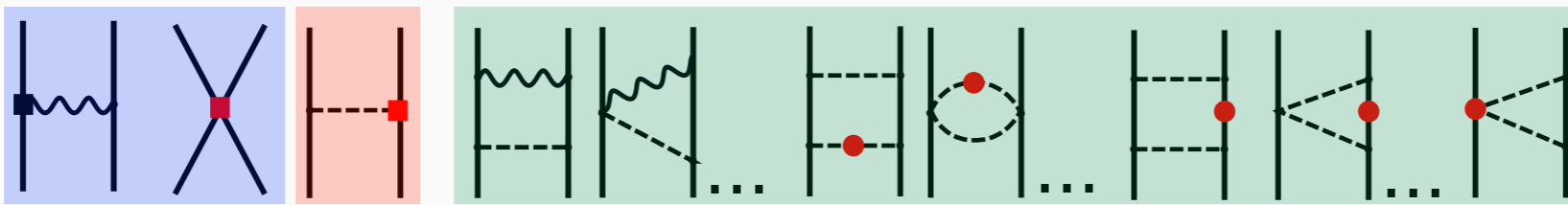
Parameter-free: depend on δM_π , $\delta m = 1.29$ MeV and $(\delta m)^{\text{QCD}} = -1.87(16)$ MeV [Gasser, Leutwyler, Rusetsky '21]

N²LO

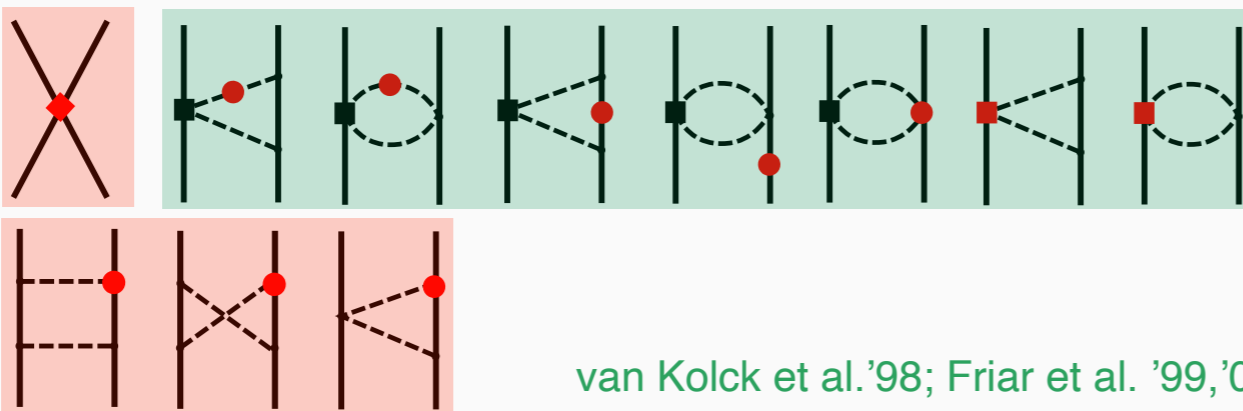


Depend on 3 πN coupling constants + 3 IB contact terms in p-waves

N³LO



N⁴LO



van Kolck et al.'98; Friar et al. '99,'03,'04; Niskanen '02; Epelbaum, Meißner '05

Away from the isospin limit, one introduces 3 πN coupling constants:

$$f_{\pi^0 pp} = \frac{M_{\pi^\pm} g_{\pi^0 pp}}{2\sqrt{4\pi}m_p}$$

$$f_{\pi^0 nn} = \frac{M_{\pi^\pm} g_{\pi^0 nn}}{2\sqrt{4\pi}m_n}$$

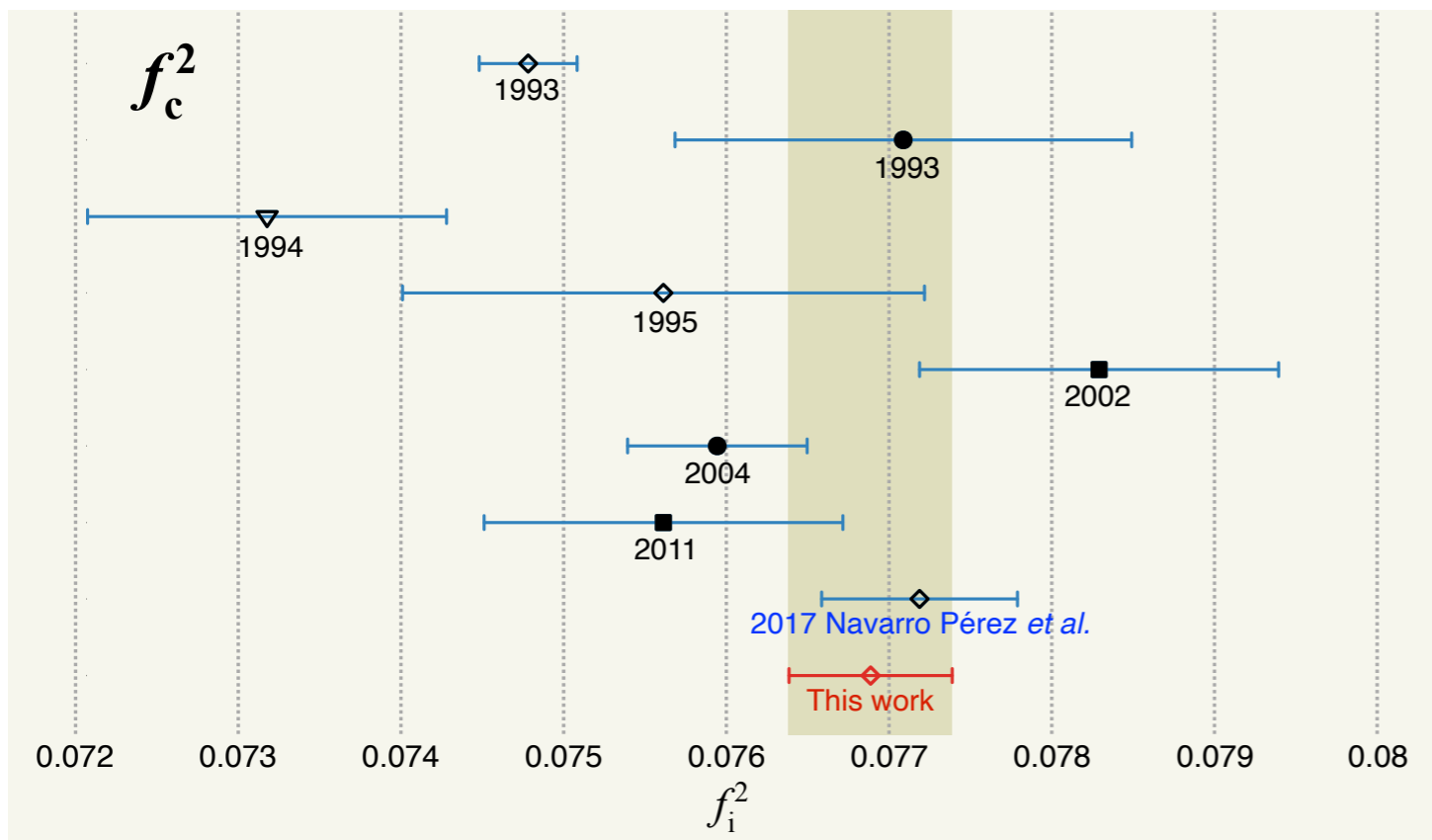
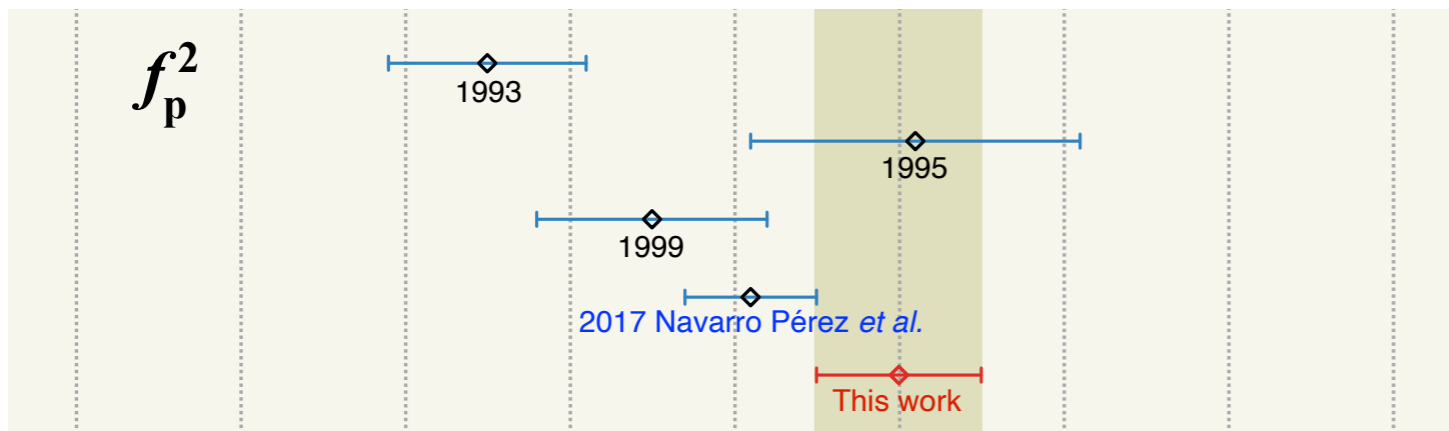
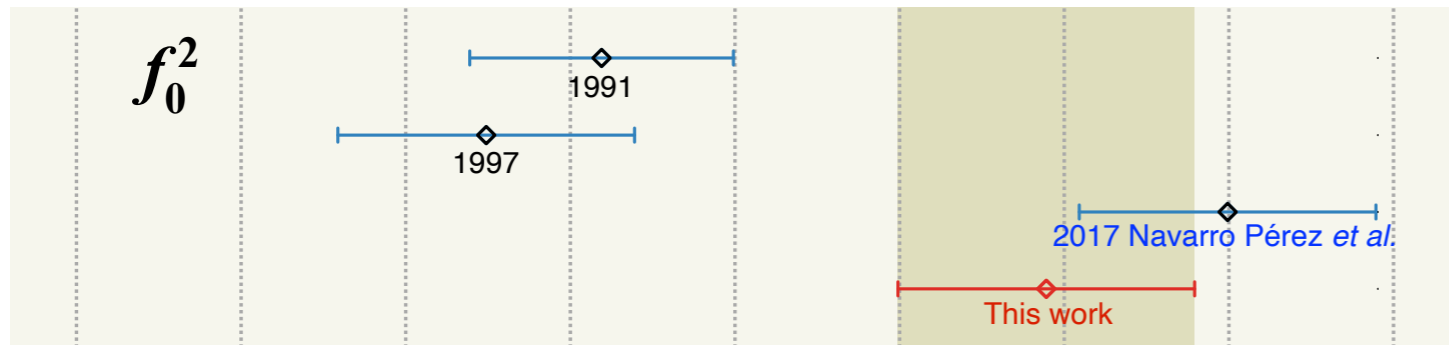
$$f_{\pi^\pm pn} = \frac{M_{\pi^\pm} g_{\pi^\pm pn}}{\sqrt{4\pi}(m_p + m_n)}$$

$$f_0^2 = -f_{\pi^0 nn} f_{\pi^0 pp}$$

$$f_p^2 = f_{\pi^0 pp} f_{\pi^0 pp}$$

$$2f_c^2 = f_{\pi^\pm pn} f_{\pi^\pm pn}$$

Determination of πN constants



Reinert, HK, Epelbaum PRL126 (2021) 092501

$$f_0^2 = 0.0779(9)(1.3)$$

$$f_p^2 = 0.0770(5)(0.8)$$

$$f_c^2 = 0.0769(5)(0.9)$$

statistical and systematic errors due to the EFT truncation, choice of E_{\max} and data selection

uncertainty in the subleading πN LECs

No evidence for charge dependence of the πN coupling constants

Our f_c^2 value is consistent with the extractions from the πN system

$$f_c^2 \text{ corresponds to } g_{\pi NN} = 13.23 \pm 0.04$$

Pionic hydrogen exp. at PSI Hirtl *et al.*'21

$$\epsilon_{1s}^{\pi H} + \epsilon_{1s}^{\pi D} : g_{\pi NN} = 13.10 \pm 0.10$$

$$\Gamma_{1s}^{\pi H} : g_{\pi NN} = 13.24 \pm 0.10$$

Iterative solution in Coordinate Space

$$\phi(x_\mu, \tau) = \text{[Diagram 1]} + \text{[Diagram 2]} + \dots$$

[integrated over \vec{x}_1, t_1, τ_1]

Light-shaded area visualizes smearing in Euclidean space of size $\sim \sqrt{2\tau}$

Solid line stands for Green-function:

$$[\partial_\tau - (\partial_\mu^x \partial_\mu^x - M^2)] G(x - y, \tau - s) = \delta(x - y) \delta(\tau - s)$$

$$G(x, \tau) = \theta(\tau) \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-\tau(q^2 + M^2)} e^{-i q \cdot x}$$

$$\phi_b^{(1)}(x, \tau) = \int d^4 y G(x - y, \tau) \pi_b(y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_b^{(3)}(x, \tau) = & \int_0^\tau ds \int d^4 y G(x - y, \tau - s) \left[(1 - 2\alpha) \partial_\mu \phi^{(1)}(y, s) \cdot \partial_\mu \phi^{(1)}(y, s) \phi_b^{(1)}(y, s) \right. \\ & \left. - 4\alpha \partial_\mu \phi^{(1)}(y, s) \cdot \phi^{(1)}(y, s) \partial_\mu \phi_b^{(1)}(y, s) + \frac{M^2}{2} \phi^{(1)}(y, s) \cdot \phi^{(1)}(y, s) \phi_b^{(1)}(y, s) \right] \end{aligned}$$

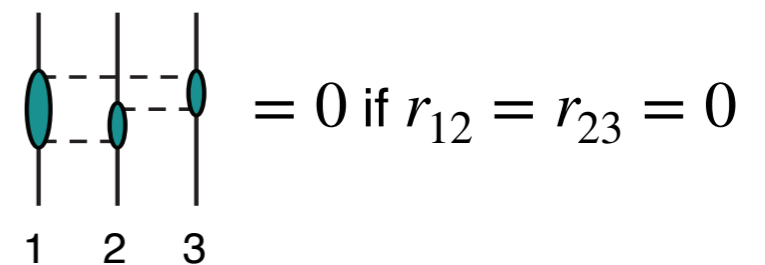
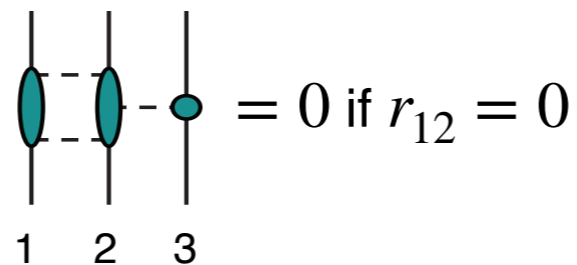
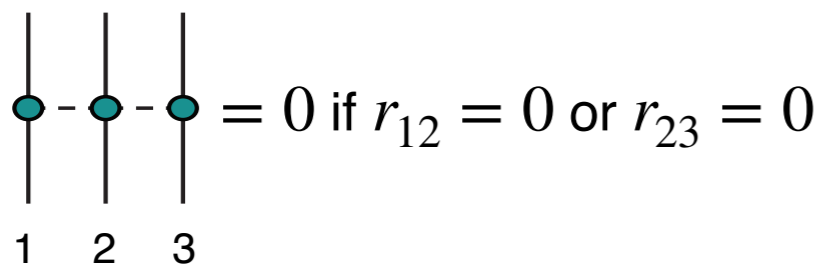
Subtraction Scheme

Choice of the short-range scheme

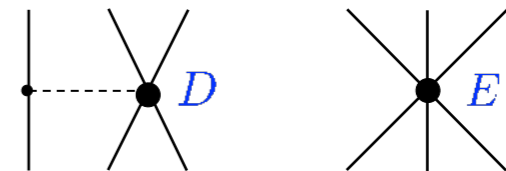
- NN case: local part of NN force vanishes if distance between nucleons vanishes

➔ leads to natural size of LECs

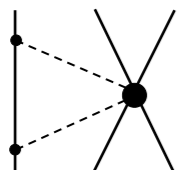
- 3N case: vanishing of the local part of 3NF is topology dependent



Can be achieved by adjustment of D- and E-like terms:



Vanishing of 3NF for any $r_{ij} = 0$ would require inclusion of two-pion-contact terms



Appear first at N⁵LO and are expected to be small