

Correlation analysis and statistical uncertainty of three-nucleon scattering observables

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Introduction

- Nucleon-deuteron scattering
- Theoretical uncertainties in few-nucleon sector

Tools

- Forces: OPE-Gaussian, chiral SMS
- The Faddeev approach to $3N$ scattering

Results

- Propagation of potential uncertainties to the elastic nucleon-deuteron scattering $3N$ observables up to $E = 200$ MeV.
- Angular dependence of correlation coefficients between various three-nucleon observables

Summary

Why to study nucleon-deuteron scattering?



- Because this relatively simple reaction beyond $2N$ system makes the demanding test of two-nucleon force models (which are usually fitted to all $2N$ data).
- Exact theoretical methods and numerical solutions are available (including three-nucleon force, Coulomb interaction, relativity and etc.).
- Many observables are sensitive to various terms of interaction and it gives deeper insight to structure of nuclear interactions.
- Understanding of nuclear force is the basics of nuclear physics and can be investigated in this way.

Theoretical uncertainties in few-nucleon sector

Uncertainty quantification for nuclear interactions:

- An estimation by comparing predictions based on various models of nuclear interactions
 - The spread of predictions obtained by numerous models like AV18, CD-Bonn, chiral models, ...
- Application of a covariance matrix of $2N$ potential parameters to estimate uncertainty
 - the statistical uncertainties from an error propagation of potential parameters uncertainties to various nuclear observables
- Utilizing power-counting arguments to estimate the systematic uncertainties
 - truncation errors for χ EFT's
- Bayesian: can fit the above methods into this framework
- Theoretical methods introduce their own uncertainties (small in the Faddeev approach for Nd scattering) and suffer from finite computational accuracy

Two-nucleon forces from χ EFT

From E. Epelbaum's lecture at the summer school of "Strong interaction in the nuclear medium: new trends"

Chiral expansion of the $2N$ force: $V_{2N} = V_{2N}^{(LO)} + V_{2N}^{(NLO)} + V_{2N}^{(N^2LO)} + V_{2N}^{(N^3LO)} + V_{2N}^{(N^4LO)} + \dots$

- LO:



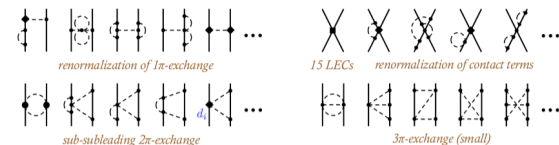
- NLO:



- N^2LO :



- N^3LO :



+ isospin-breaking corrections...

van Kolck et al. '93,'96; Friar et al. '99,'03,'04; Niskanen '02; Kaiser '06; E.E. et al. '04,'05,'07; ...

- The newest and the best model "SMS" is chiral N^4LO potential with semilocal regularization in momentum space, the SMS N^4LO+ (2018, Bochum (LENPIC)) \leftarrow 27 LECs

P. Reinert presented this model at the session yesterday.

P. Reinert, H. Krebs, and E. Epelbaum, Eur. Phys. J. A 54, 86 (2018).

The OPE-Gaussian potential

R. Navarro Pérez, J. E. Amaro, and E. Ruiz Arriola, *Phys. Rev. C* 89 (2014) 064006

- The OPE-Gaussian interaction can be decomposed as

$$V(\vec{r}) = V_{short}(\vec{r})\theta(r_c - r) + V_{long}(\vec{r})\theta(r - r_c)$$

where $r_c = 3$ fm.

- The long range part has two parts: OPE part and electromagnetic corrections

$$V_{long}(\vec{r}) = V_{OPE}(\vec{r}) + V_{em}(\vec{r})$$

- The short range part is

$$V_{short}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{n=1}^{18} \hat{O}_n \left[\sum_{i=1}^4 V_{i,n} F_i(r) \right], F_i(r) = e^{-r^2/(2a_i^2)}$$

where \hat{O}_n are the same operators as in the AV18 + three additional operators; $V_{i,n}$ and a_i are unknown coefficients to be determined from NN data, F_i are radial Gaussian functions.

- Authors prepared and used “ 3σ self-consistent database” to fix free parameters.
- Finally, they obtained values of all 42 free parameters and their uncertainties (statistically well defined standard deviations and correlation coefficients).**
- The OPE-Gaussian force can be seen as a remastered the AV18 interaction.

Formalism for 2N and 3N scattering

- 2N bound state: Schrödinger equation,
- 2N scattering state: Lippmann-Schwinger equation for the t -matrix (interaction + free propagation)

$$t(E) = VG_0(E)V + VG_0(E)VG_0(E)V + \dots$$

$$G_0(E) \equiv \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{E - H_0 + i\epsilon}$$

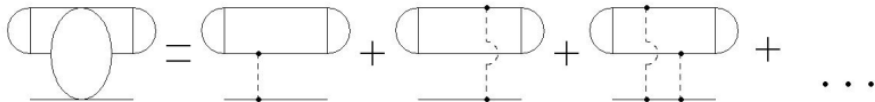
- 3N: Faddeev equation:

$$T = tP\phi + (1 + tG_0)V_{123}^{(1)}(1 + P)\phi + tPG_0T + (1 + tG_0)V_{123}^{(1)}(1 + P)G_0T$$

- In the presented work we neglect the 3N interactions and apply only the two-body force, which enters the Faddeev equation via the t -matrix operator

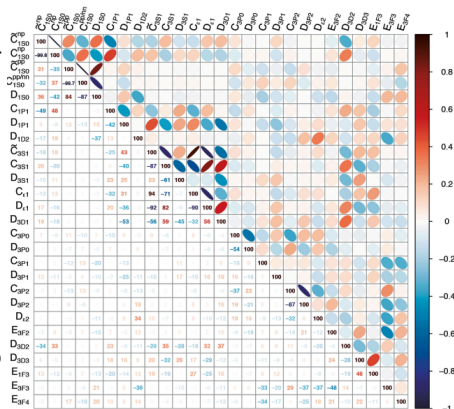
$$T = tP\phi + tPG_0T$$

and in this case, we have the transition amplitude $U = PG_0^{-1} + PT$ which can be represented given this diagram



How to estimate statistical uncertainties?

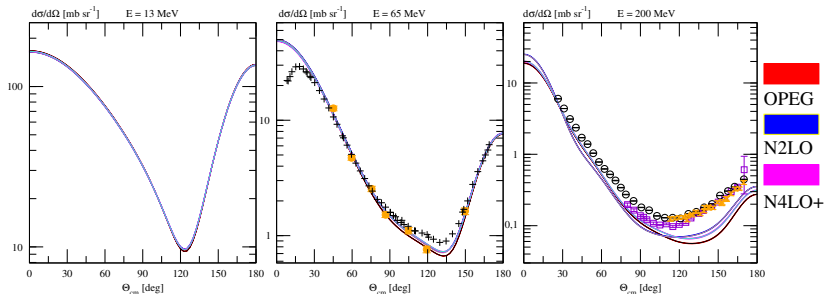
- Statistical uncertainties – here: uncertainties of $3N$ observables arising from uncertainties of $2N$ force parameters.
- Knowing $2N$ force parameters and their correlation matrix we sample many (50) sets of potential parameters.
- For each set we solve Faddeev equation and compute $3N$ observables.
- Thus for each observable (at given energy and scattering angle) we have $50+1$ predictions.
- Basing on these predictions we estimate the uncertainty of given $3N$ observable. This can be done in various ways, which in practice leads to similar results. We use $\Delta_{68\%}$ – a difference between maximal and minimal value which are taken over 34 (68% of 50) predictions based on different sets of the $2N$ potential parameters.



Correlations between the various LECs for the case of the N4LO+ potential with cutoff dependence $\Lambda = 450$ MeV. The lower triangle gives the correlation coefficients in percent. P. Reinert, H. Krebs, and E. Epelbaum, *Eur. Phys. J. A* 54, 86(2018).

Propagation of statistical errors with chiral forces

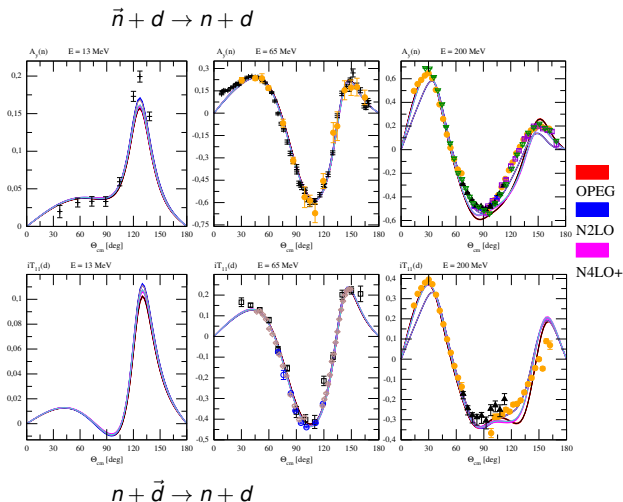
- The OPE-Gaussian and the new SMS potentials allow us to study propagation of uncertainties to $3N$ system.



- Statistical errors for the chiral SMS force are of similar magnitude as the ones for the OPE-Gaussian.
- Similar magnitudes at N²LO and N⁴LO+.

Propagation of statistical errors with chiral forces

$A_y(n)$ — the neutron
vector analyzing power
 $iT_{11}(d)$ — the deuteron
tensor analyzing power



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Correlations among observables in few-nucleon systems

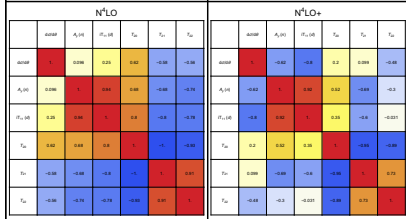
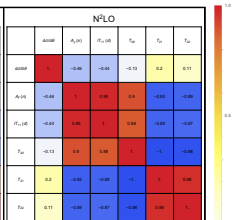
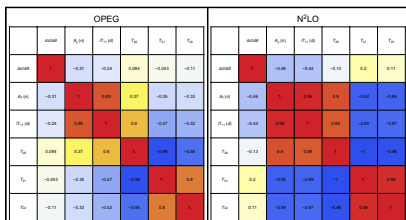
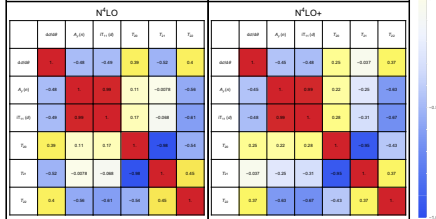
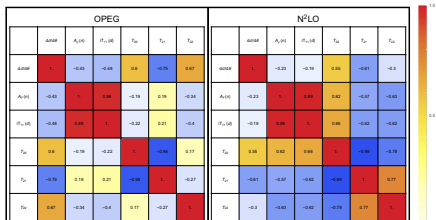
GOAL:

- explore correlations between $2N$ and $3N$ observables
- could impact on future methods of fixing free parameters of the $2N$ and N -body potentials, especially the case of correlations in a $3N$ system should deliver information on possible restrictions on data sets used during fitting the $3N$ potential parameters

Examples

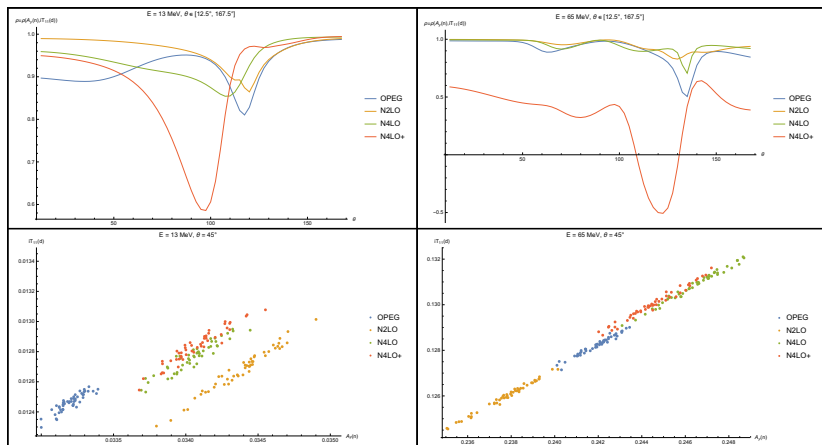
- Analysis of correlations among the $3N$ observables.
- Angular dependence of correlation coefficients for pairs of $3N$ observables. Correlation coefficient for a given pair of $3N$ observables can depend on:
 - a scattering energy;
 - a scattering angle;
 - a model of NN interaction;
 - an order of chiral expansion

Correlation coefficients between chosen 3N observables


 $E = 13 \text{ MeV}, \theta = 45^\circ$

 $E = 65 \text{ MeV}, \theta = 45^\circ$

A few pairs of 3N observables which are strongly correlated/uncorrelated independently on the nuclear model and scattering energy exist! They are, e.g., A_y vs iT_{11} ; T_{20} vs T_{21} ; T_{20} vs T_{22} .

Angular dependence of correlation coefficients between $A_Y(n)$ and $iT_{11}(d)$ at $E = 13$ and 65 MeV



Predictions obtained with the chiral N⁴LO+ SMS force differs from remain results.

Summary

Part I

- The dominant theoretical uncertainties arise from using various models of the NN interaction.
- The statistical errors are small.
- In general, the theoretical uncertainties remain smaller than the experimental ones.

More discussion about theoretical uncertainties in

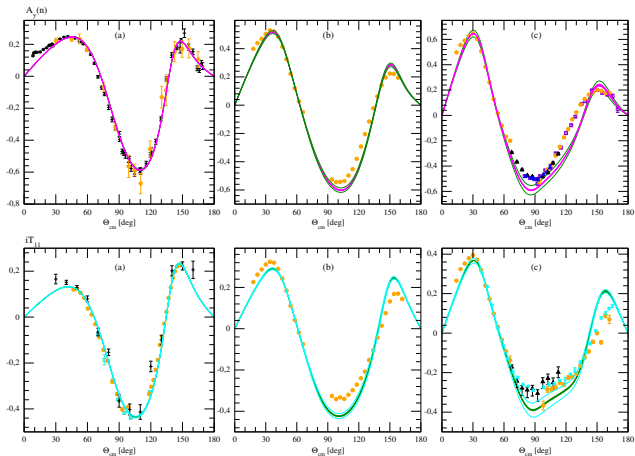
R. Skibiński, Yu. Volkotrub. et al., *Phys. Rev. C* **98**, 014001 (2018).

Part II

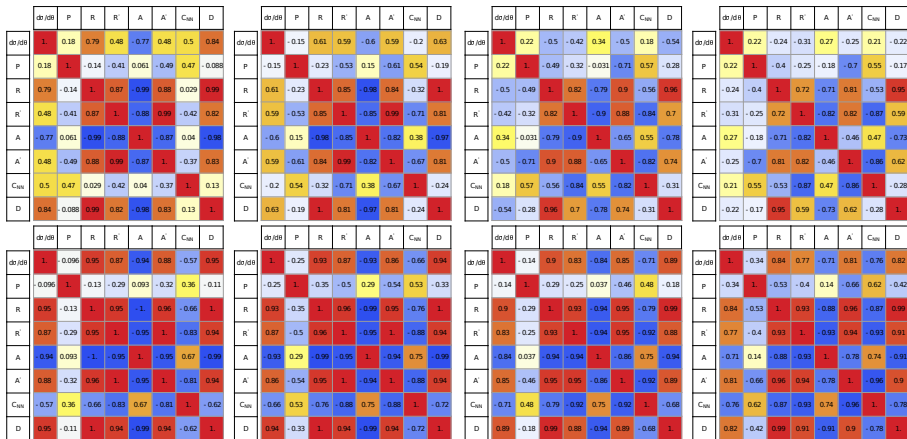
- We have investigated correlations between various three-nucleon observables.
- We have found pairs of $3N$ observables which are strongly correlated or remain uncorrelated independently on the model of nuclear forces and reaction energy.
- We expect the reason is probably as a sensitivity of various observables to different partial waves contributions to the scattering amplitude.
- This research is ongoing.

Thank you for your kind attention!

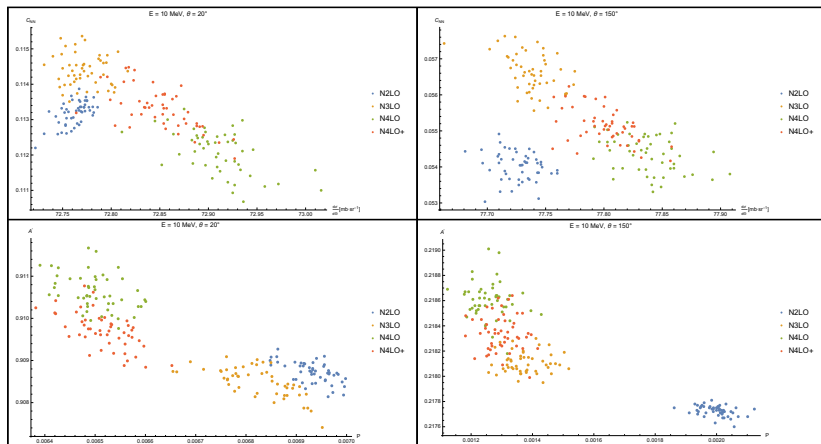
Statistical & Systematic (truncation) Errors



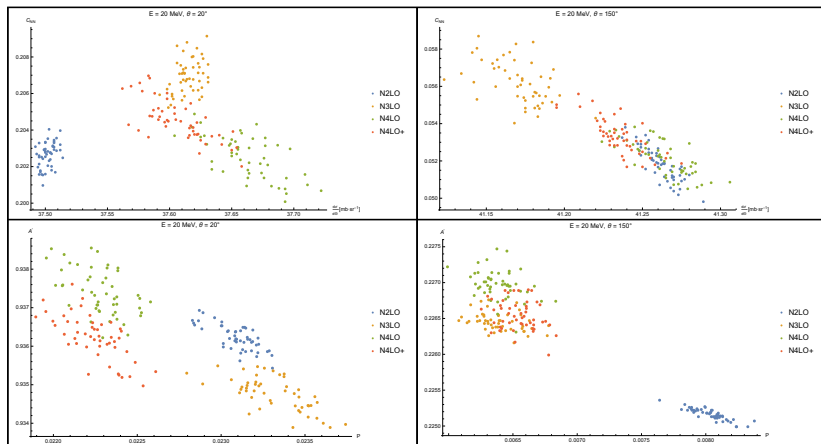
Correlation coefficients between 2N observables with various chiral forces

 $E = 10 \text{ MeV}, \theta = 45^\circ$ $E = 20 \text{ MeV}, \theta = 45^\circ$

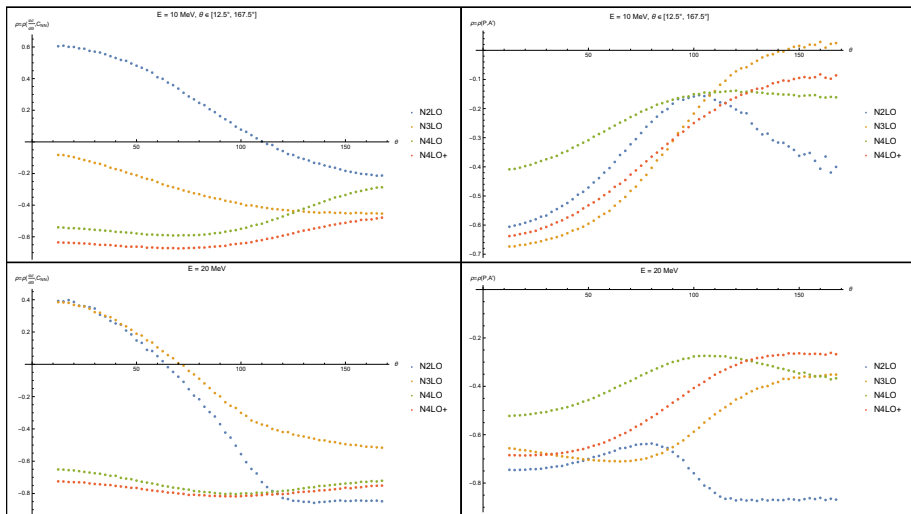
Correlation table of correlation coefficients between 2N observables with various chiral forces at $E = 10$ MeV



Correlation coefficients between 2N observables with various chiral forces at $E = 20$ MeV



Angular dependence of correlation coefficients between 2N observables with various chiral forces



Nuclear forces from χ EFT - regularization

- Chiral forces (2N,3N, ...) require regularization to avoid divergences in the Lippmann-Schwinger equation and in $\pi - \pi$ loops. Various solutions have been proposed. They are:
- Nonlocal regularization**
(convenient for applications but introduces unwanted artifacts in a long-range part of interaction)
in momentum space $V(p', p) \rightarrow V(p', p)f(p', p)$ with
 $f(p', p) \equiv \exp\left(-\left(\frac{p'}{\Lambda}\right)^{2n} - \left(\frac{p}{\Lambda}\right)^{2n}\right)$ where $\Lambda = 450 - 550$ MeV and $n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$