

# Chiral Nuclear Forces with Gradient Flow Regulator

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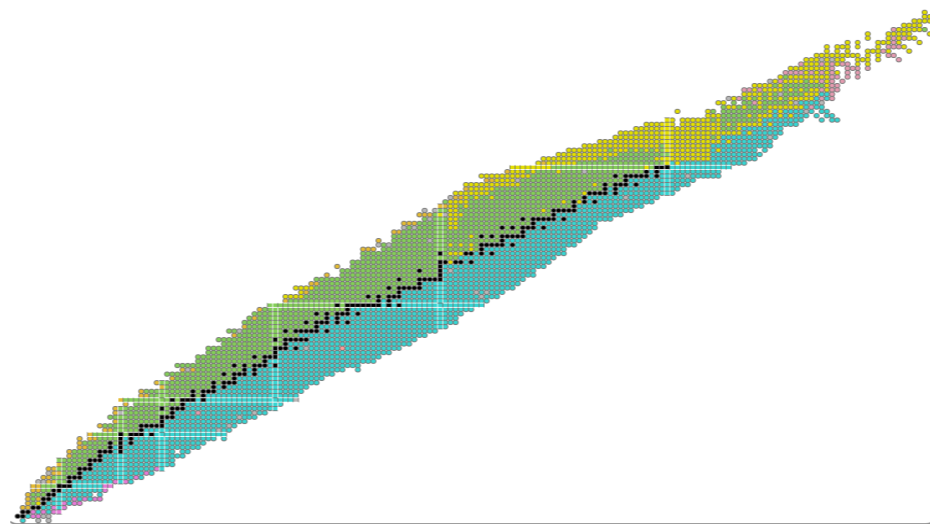
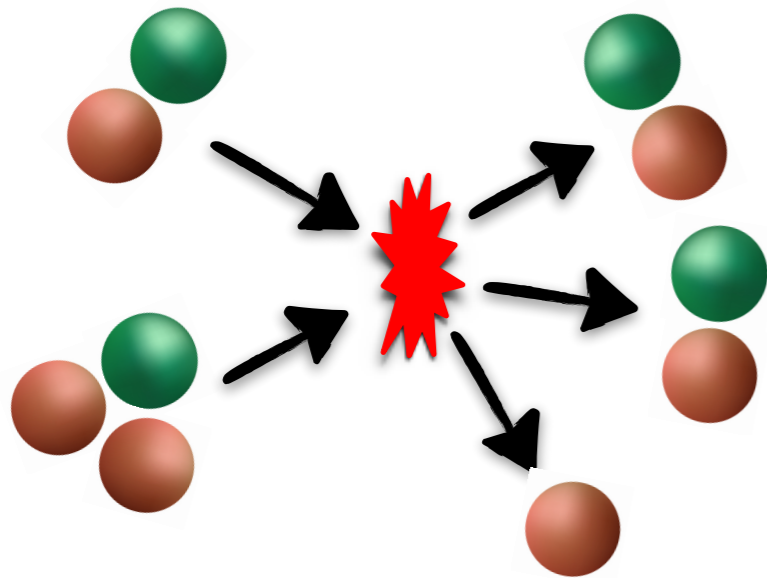
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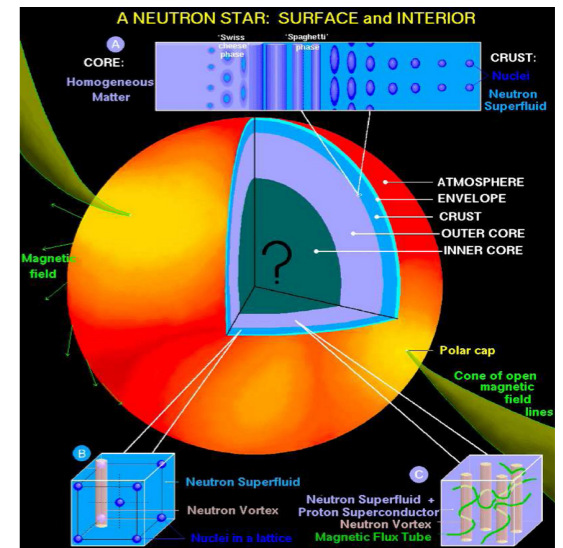
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# Outline

- Three-pion-exchange for NN at N<sup>3</sup>LO within UT
- Status report on 3NF
  - Method for derivation of nuclear forces in chiral EFT
  - Pion-nucleon scattering within GF
  - PWD of 3NF at N<sup>3</sup>LO
  - Short-range 3NF-LECs up to N<sup>4</sup>LO



Livechart, IAEA: <https://www-nds.iaea.org>

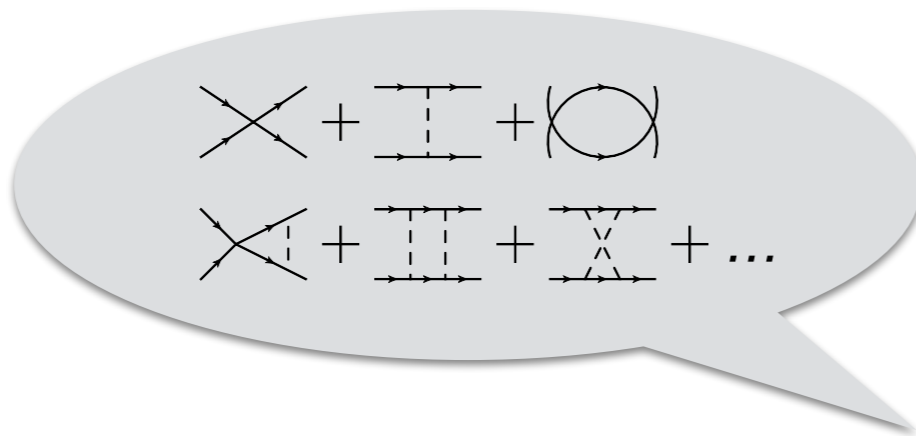


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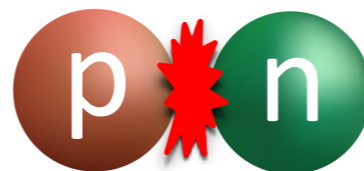
### QM A-body problem

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

Weinberg '91



Chiral EFT is a systematic tool for derivation of nuclear forces below pion-production threshold



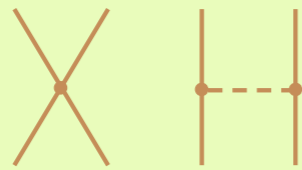
# Chiral Expansion of the Nuclear Forces

Two-nucleon force

Three-nucleon force

Four-nucleon force

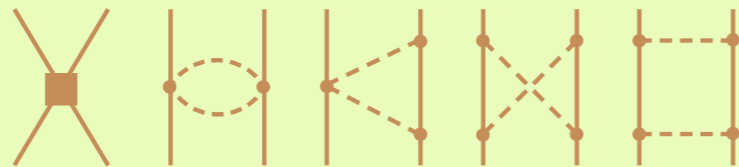
LO ( $Q^0$ )



Weinberg '90



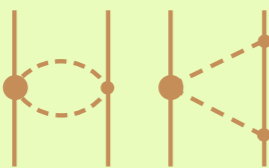
NLO ( $Q^2$ )



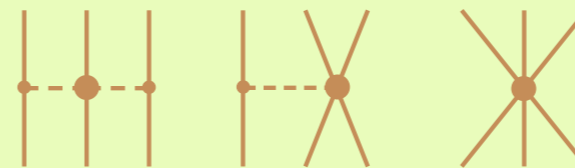
Ordonez, van Kolck '92



$N^2$ LO ( $Q^3$ )



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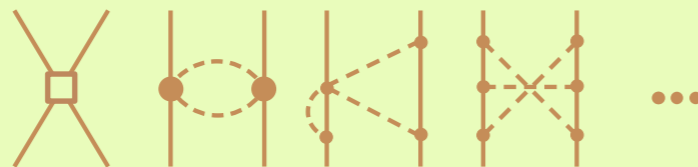
van Kolck '94; Epelbaum et al. '02



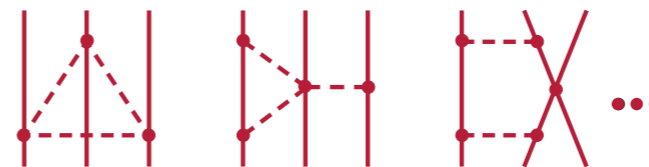
Available matrix elements  
LENPIC '19



$N^3$ LO ( $Q^4$ )

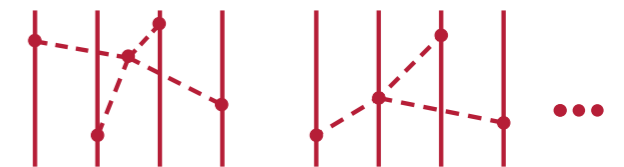


Kaiser '00 - '02



Bernard, Epelbaum, HK, Meißner, '08, '11

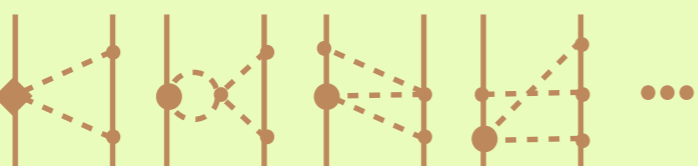
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Epelbaum '06

$N^4$ LO ( $Q^5$ )



Entem, Kaiser, Machleidt, Nosyk '15  
Epelbaum, HK, Meißner '15



Girlanda, Kievsky, Viviani '11  
HK, Gasparyan, Epelbaum '12, '13  
Huessmann, HK, Epelbaum, '26  
(short-range loop contrib. still missing)

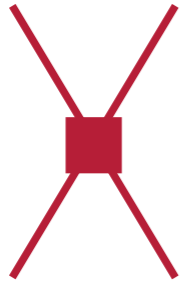


still have to be worked out

# 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  $\varepsilon_1$ )
- N<sup>2</sup>LO [ $Q^3$ ]: no new terms
- N<sup>3</sup>LO [ $Q^4$ ]: + 12 operators (S-, P-, D-waves and  $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$ )
- N<sup>4</sup>LO [ $Q^5$ ]: + 5 IB operators
- N<sup>4</sup>LO+ [ $Q^6$ ]: + 4 operators (F-waves)

# of adjustable LECs = 25 IC + 5 IB + 3  $\pi$ N constants = 33 parameters

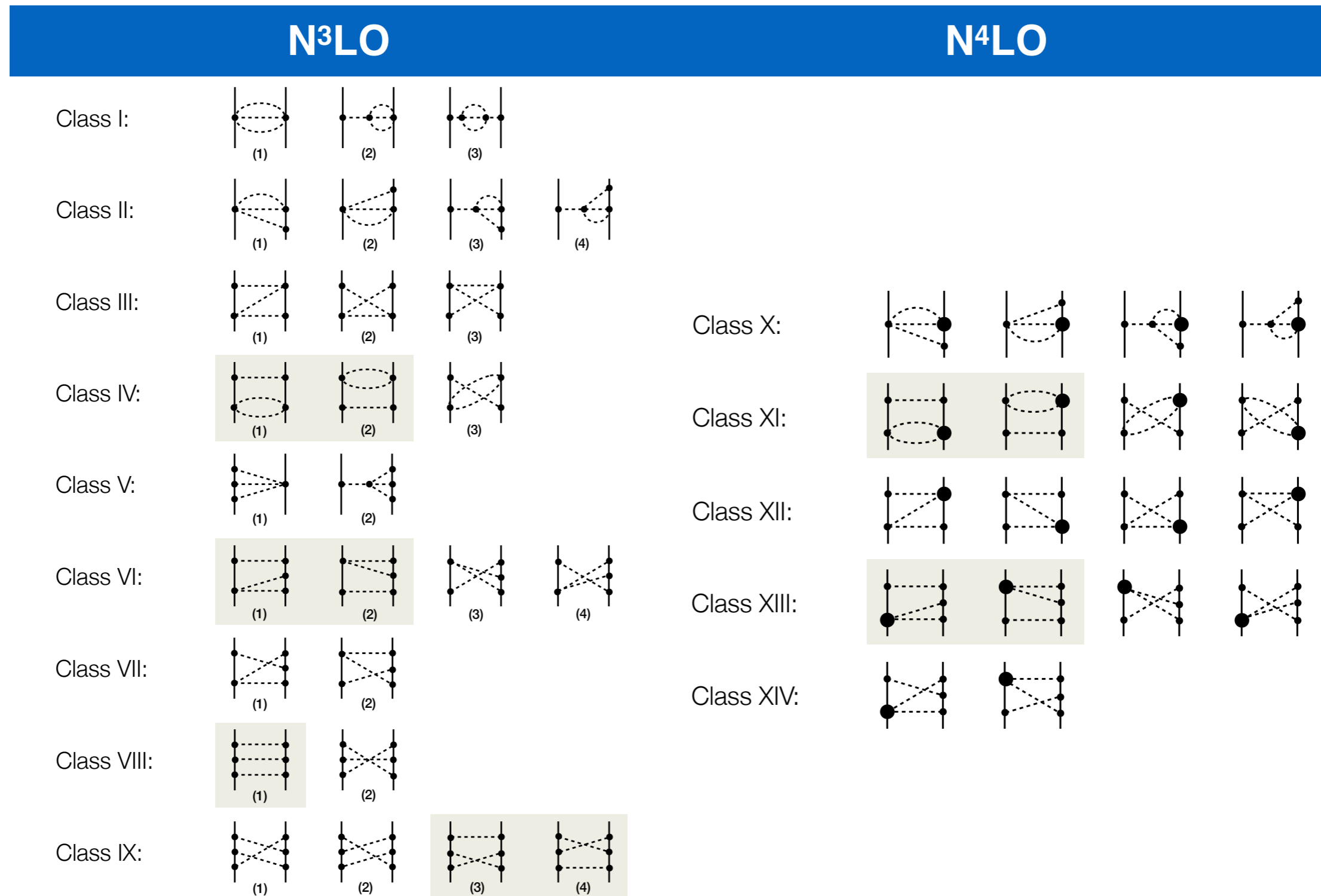
## Summary on NN

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

# Possible Improvements in NN Sector

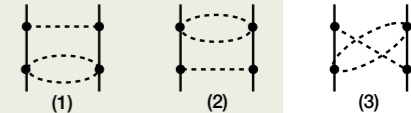
1/m correction to 2PE is scheme dependent → Scheme-dependence of 3PE

3PE calculated by Kaiser '00 - '02 can not be used in unitary transformation approach

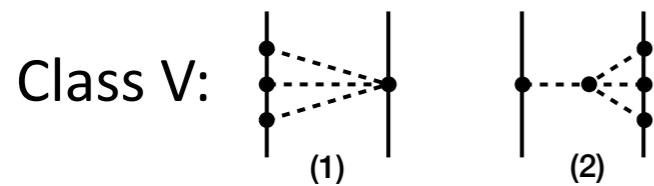


# Two Schemes Results: Summarized

- For the Classes VI, VIII and IX we get for most of the potentials stronger 3PE contributions

- Despite reducible-like diagrams we do not see any deviation for the Class IV 

- We reproduced all results of Kaiser with one exception:



Different sign in **Kaiser PRC 62 (2000) 024001, Eq. (8)**

$$\text{Im } W_T^V(i\mu) = \frac{1}{\mu^2} \text{Im } W_S^V(i\mu) - \frac{g_A^4 (\mu^2 - M_\pi^2)^{-1}}{\mu^2 (8\pi F_\pi^2)^3} \iint_{z^2 < 1} d\omega_1 d\omega_2 \left[ (6\mu^2 + 2M_\pi^2) (\omega_1 + \omega_2) - \mu (4\mu^2 + 3M_\pi^2) \right] \left[ \left( (\mu^2 + M_\pi^2) \left( 2\omega_1 - \frac{\mu}{2} \right) - 2\mu\omega_1\omega_2 \right) \frac{\arccos(-z)}{l_1 l_2 \sqrt{1-z^2}} + \mu + 2z\omega_1 \frac{l_2}{l_1} \right]$$

- At N<sup>4</sup>LO we don't see any deviation for all classes of diagrams

Remains to be seen if we observe an evidence of 3PE from NN scattering data.

Work in progress

# Methods for Derivation of 3NF beyond N<sup>2</sup>LO

HK, Epelbaum, PRC110 (2024) 4, 044003

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# Symmetry Preserving Regulator

HK, Epelbaum, PRC 110 (2024) 4, 044004

# Gradient-Flow Equation (GFE)

Balitsky, Yung, PL168B (1986) 113; Irwin, Manton, PLB 385 (1996) 187

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

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

$B_\mu$  is a regularized gluon field

- Apply this idea to ChPT: HK, Epelbaum, PRC 110 (2024) 4, 044004

(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

# 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:  $\tilde{\phi}^{(n)}(q, \tau) = \int d^4x e^{iq \cdot x} \phi_b^{(n)}(x, \tau)$

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

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

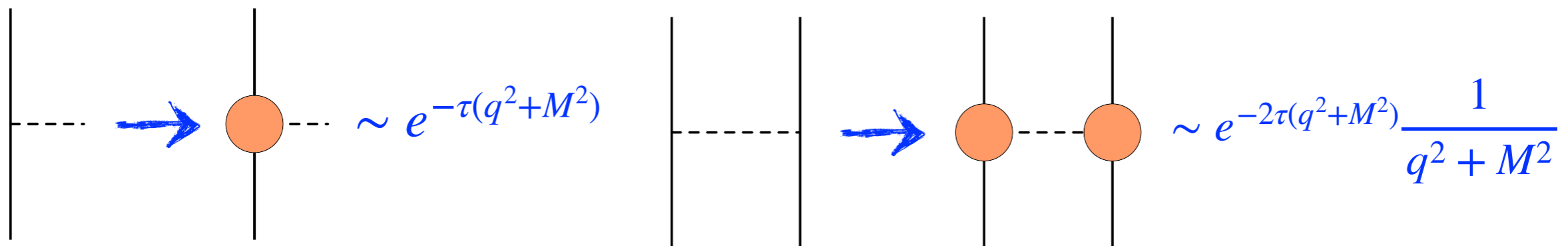
Integration over momenta of pion fields with Gaussian prefactor introduces smearing

# 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  $\mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(4)}$ :  $U \rightarrow W$

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



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

# Path-Integral Framework for Derivation of Nuclear Forces

HK, Epelbaum, PRC110 (2024) 4, 044003

# Path-integral Approach

We start with generating functional:

$$Z[\eta^\dagger, \eta] = \int [DN^\dagger][DN][D\pi] \exp\left(i \int d^4x (\mathcal{L}_\pi + \mathcal{L}_{\pi N} + \mathcal{L}_{NN} + \mathcal{L}_{NNN} + \eta^\dagger(x)N(x) + N^\dagger(x)\eta(x))\right)$$

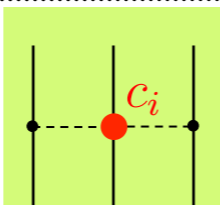
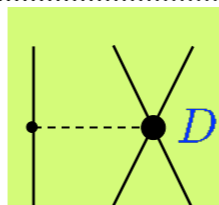
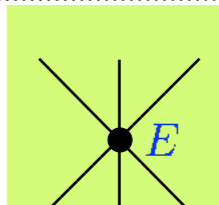
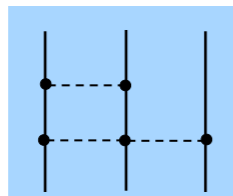
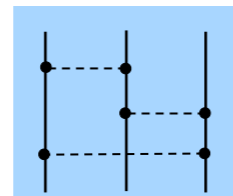
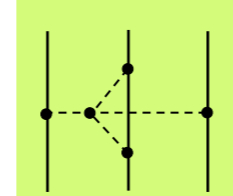
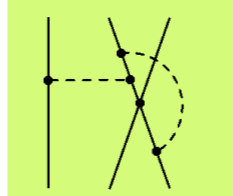
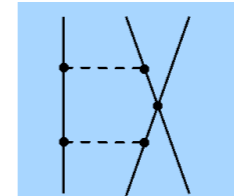
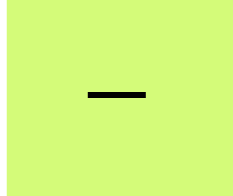
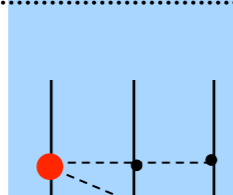
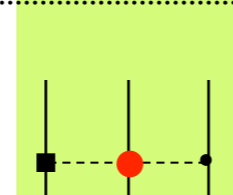
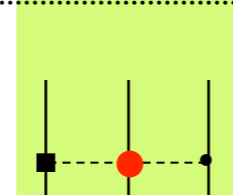
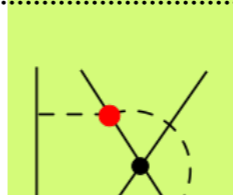
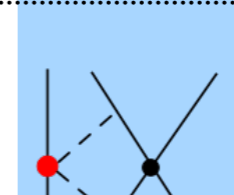
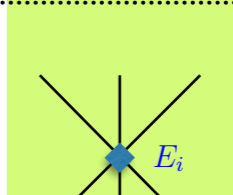
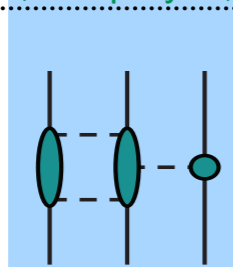
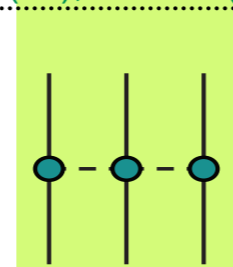
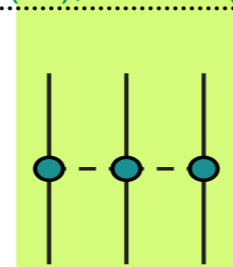
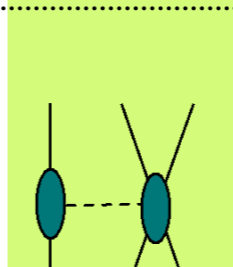
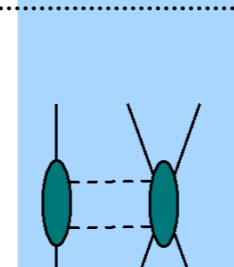
- Integrate over pion fields via loop-expansion of the action
  - ➔ expansion of the action around the classical pion solution
- Perform instant decomposition of the remaining interactions between nucleons
- Perform nucleon-field redefinitions to eliminate non-instant part of the interaction
- Calculate functional determinant to get one-loop corrections to few-nucleon forces

Checks in dimensional regularization

Unitary transformation (Okubo) & path-integral approaches lead to the same chiral EFT nuclear forces up to N<sup>4</sup>LO

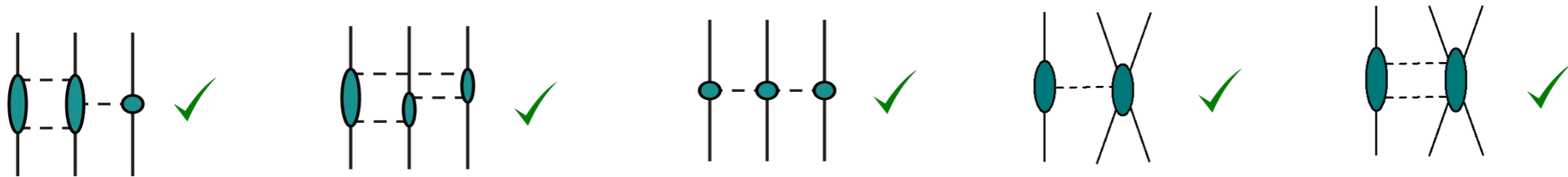
# Status Report on 3NF

# 3NF up to N<sup>4</sup>LO

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

# Status Report on 3N at N<sup>3</sup>LO

- We calculated all long- and short-range contributions to 3NF & 4NF at N<sup>3</sup>LO



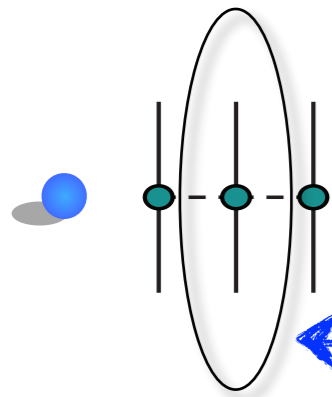
3NF's are given in terms of integrals over Schwinger parameters

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

Dimension of integrals over Schwinger parameters depends on topology

Space			
Momentum	2	1	3
Coordinate	4	1	0

# Pion-Nucleon Scattering up to $Q^3$

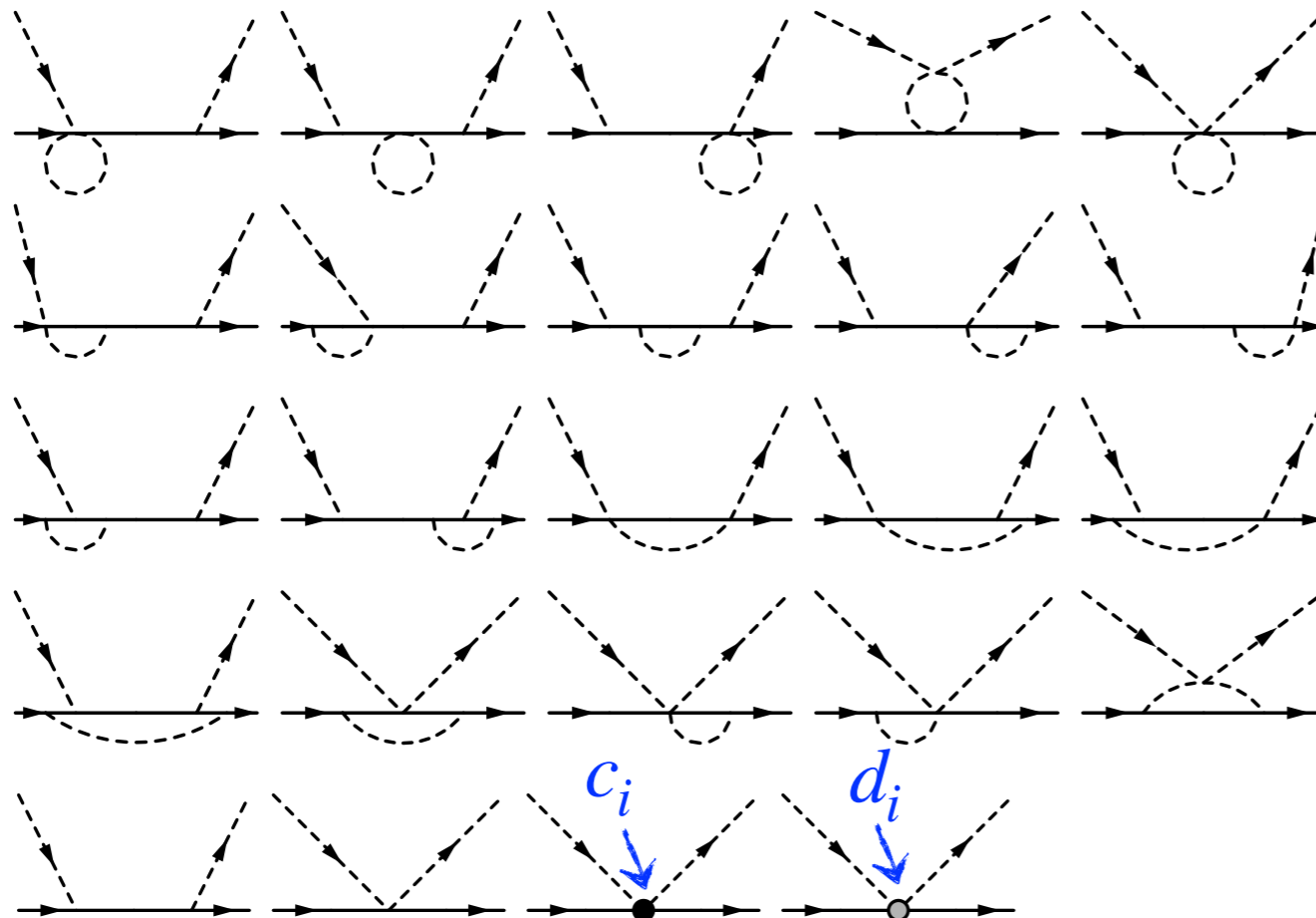


TPE topology includes pion-nucleon amplitude as a subprocess

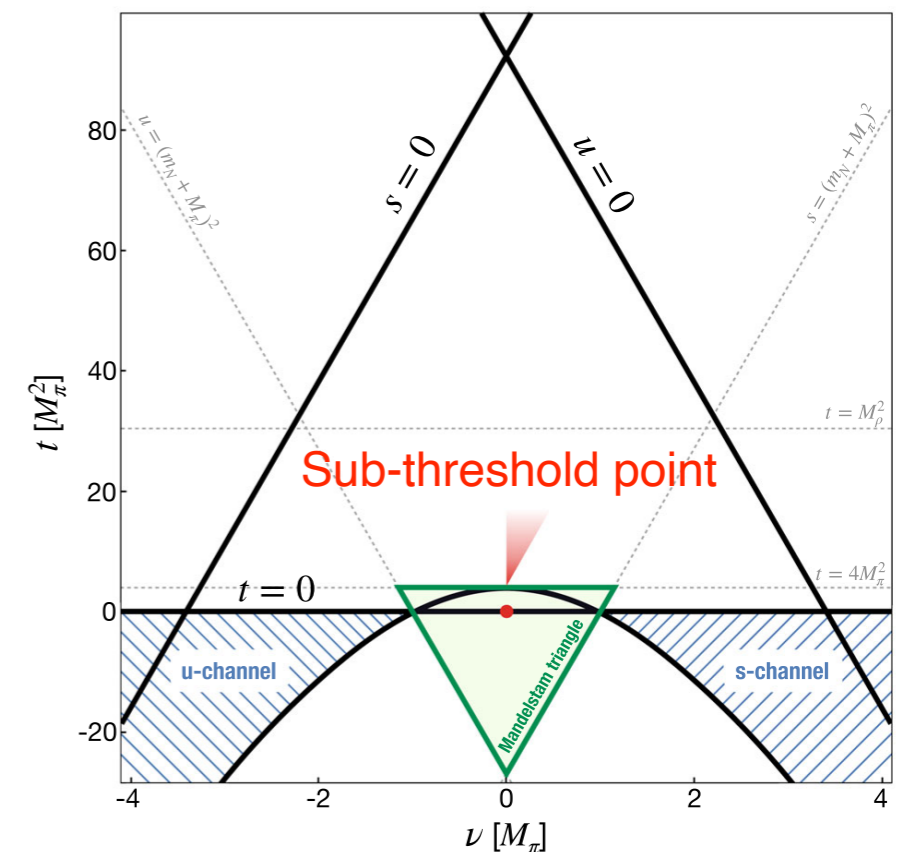
← Pion-nucleon amplitude with gradient-flow regulator depends on  $c_i$ 's

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

→ Patrick Walkowiak's master thesis



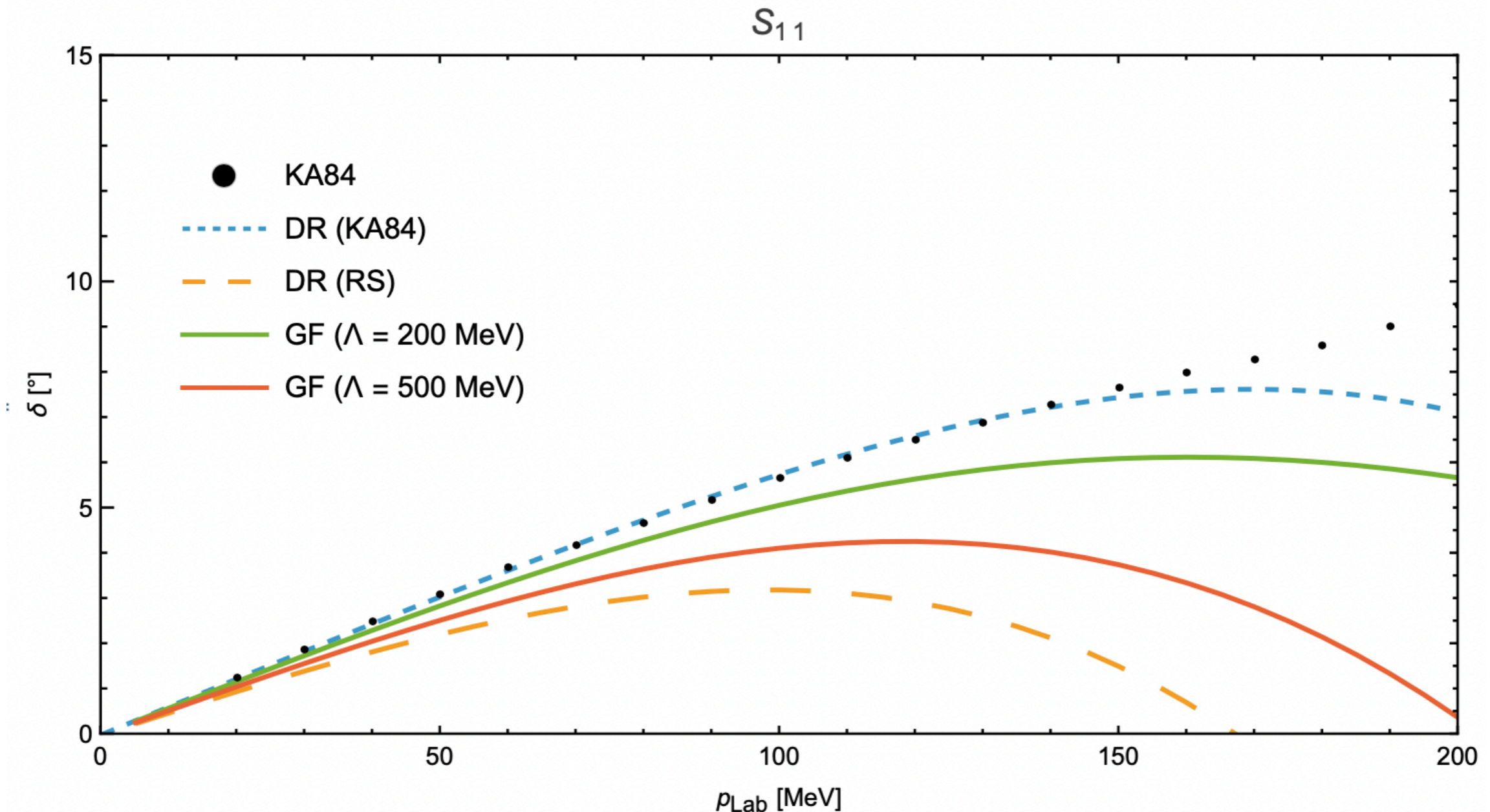
Fit LECs to pion-nucleon sub-threshold coefficients which are determined from Roy-Steiner equation



# Pion-Nucleon Scattering up to $Q^4$

$S_{11}$  phase-shift with different fits of LECs (RS vs DR)

- Better convergence at lower cutoff  $\Lambda$



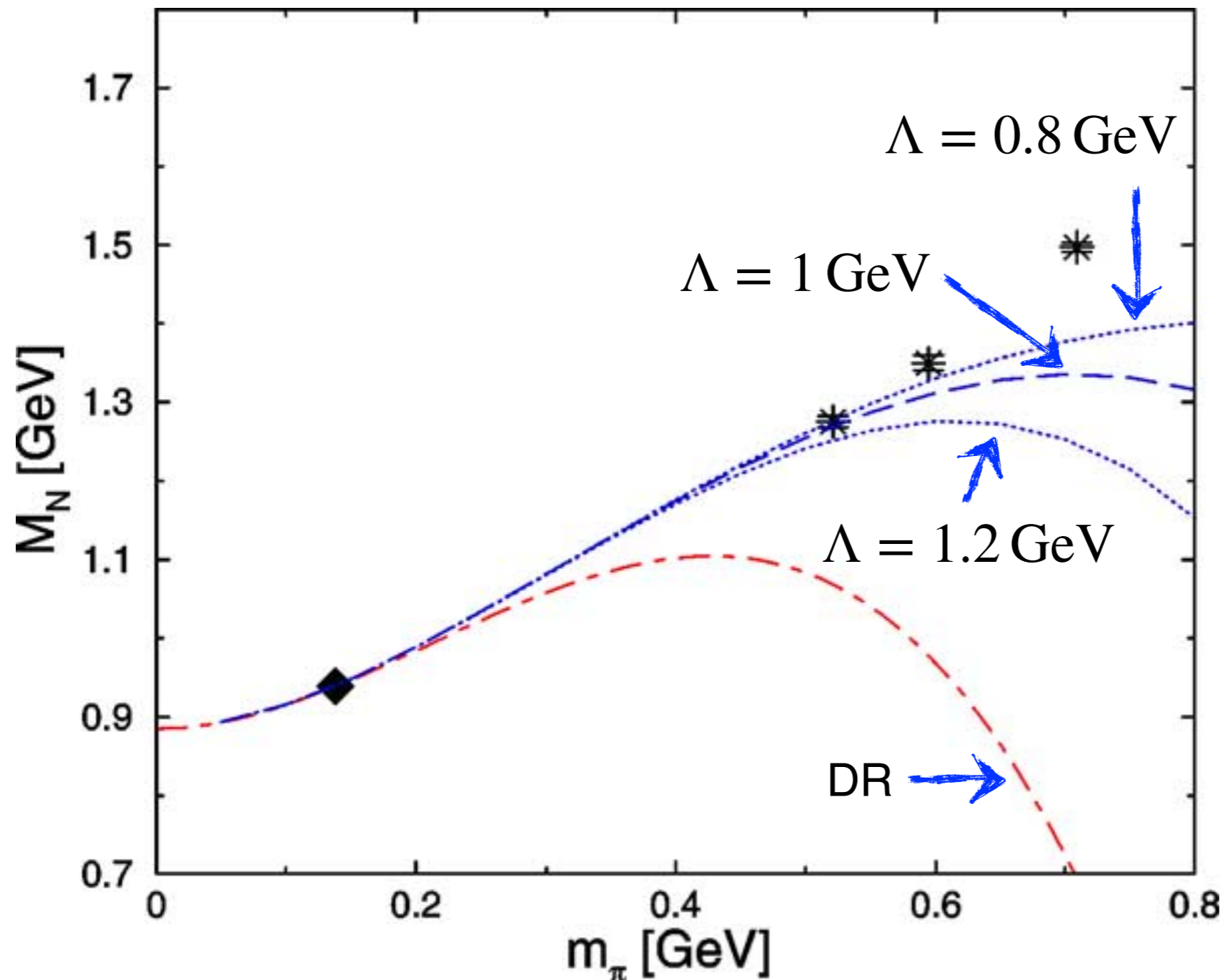
[1] R. Koch, *A calculation of low-energy  $\pi N$  partial waves based on fixed- $t$  analyticity*, Nucl. Phys. A 448, 707 (1986)

[2] H. Krebs et al., *Chiral three-nucleon force at N4LO I: Longest-range contributions*, Phys.Rev.C 85 (2012), 054006

# Chiral Extrapolation of Nucleon Mass

Bernard, Hemmert, Meißner, NPA 732 (2004) 149

- Chiral extrapolation of the nucleon mass to  $Q^3$  in HB approach at various cutoffs



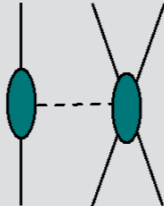
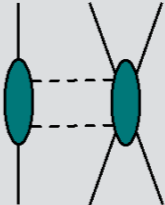
Convergence improvement of chiral expansion within cut-off scheme has also been explored in SU(3) baryon - CHPT

Donoghue, Holstein, Borasoy, PRD 59 (1999) 036002

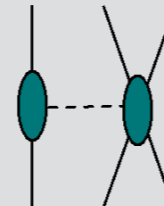
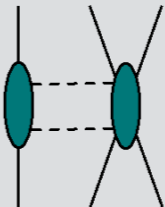
# Short Range 3NF at N<sup>3</sup>LO

Two versions of 3NF

Version 1: Non-local short-range 3NF which can be used with SMS potential

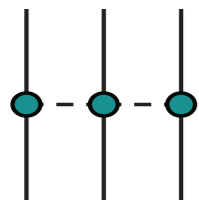
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Version 2: Local short-range 3NF to be used with the new NN potential

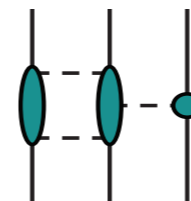
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# Partial Wave Decomposition of 3NF

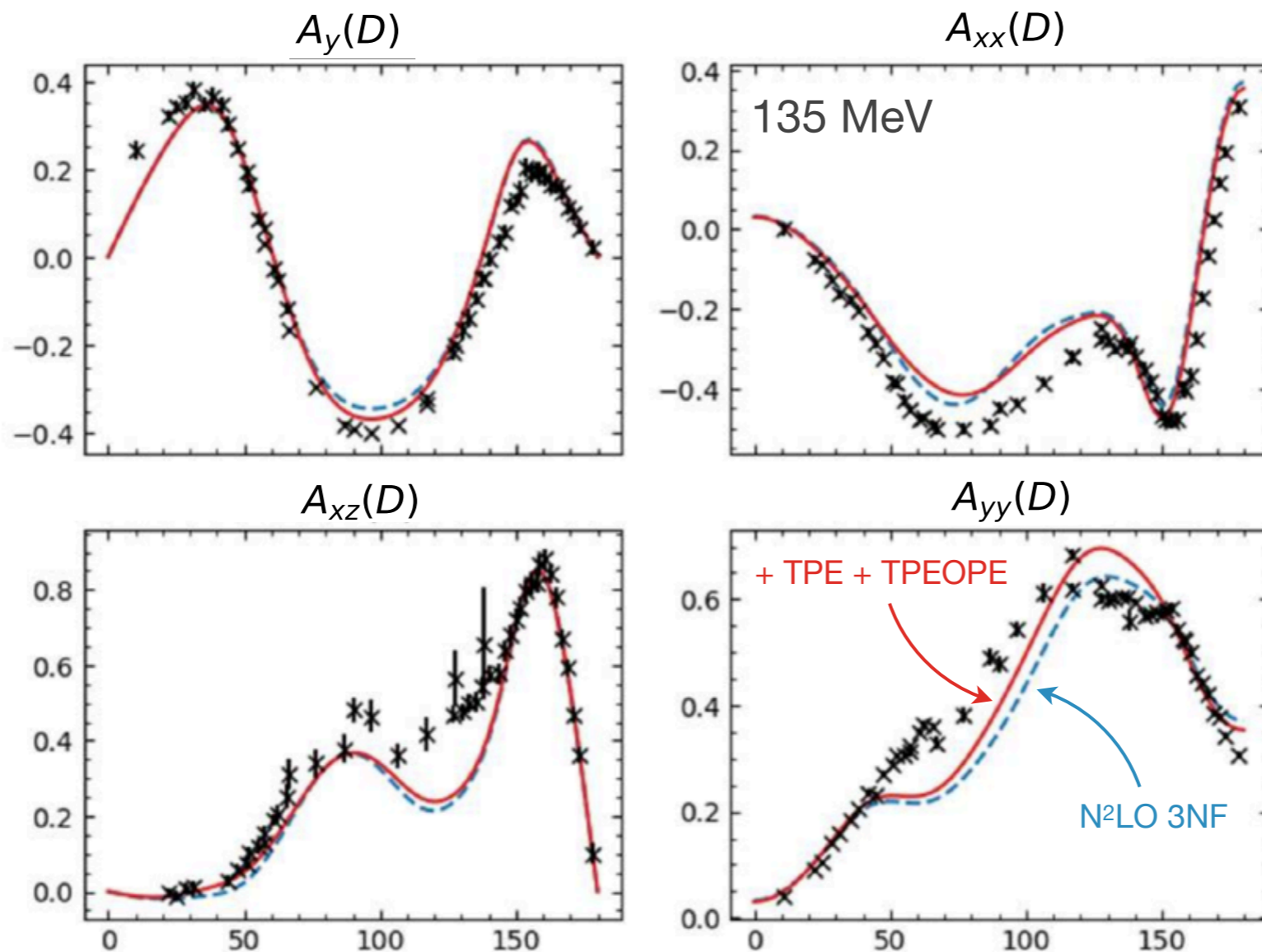
- PWD all N<sup>3</sup>LO contributions to 3NF finished **Kai Hebeler, Andreas Nogga**
- first experience with TPE & TPE-OPE: sizable, but cancelations



$$\delta B_{3H} = -315 \text{ keV (repulsive)}$$

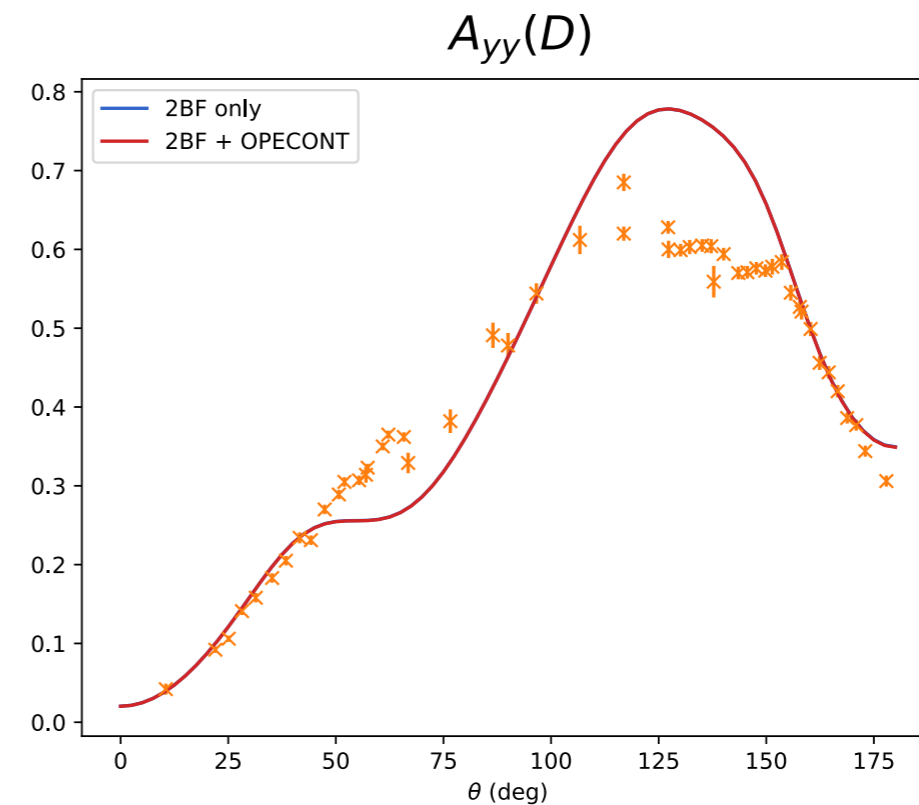
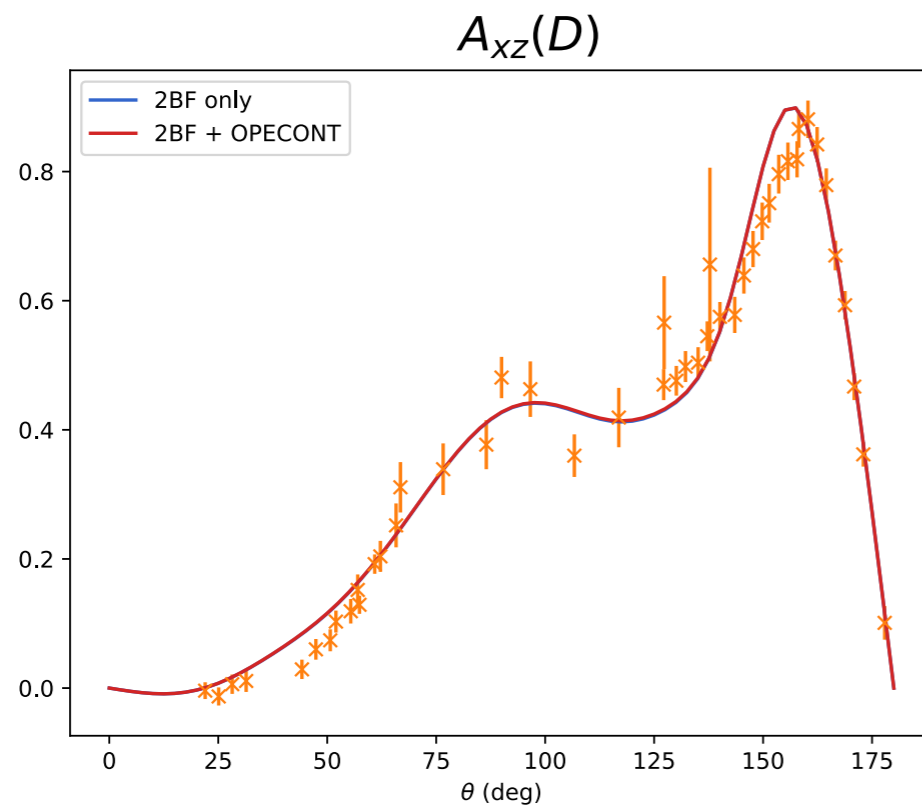
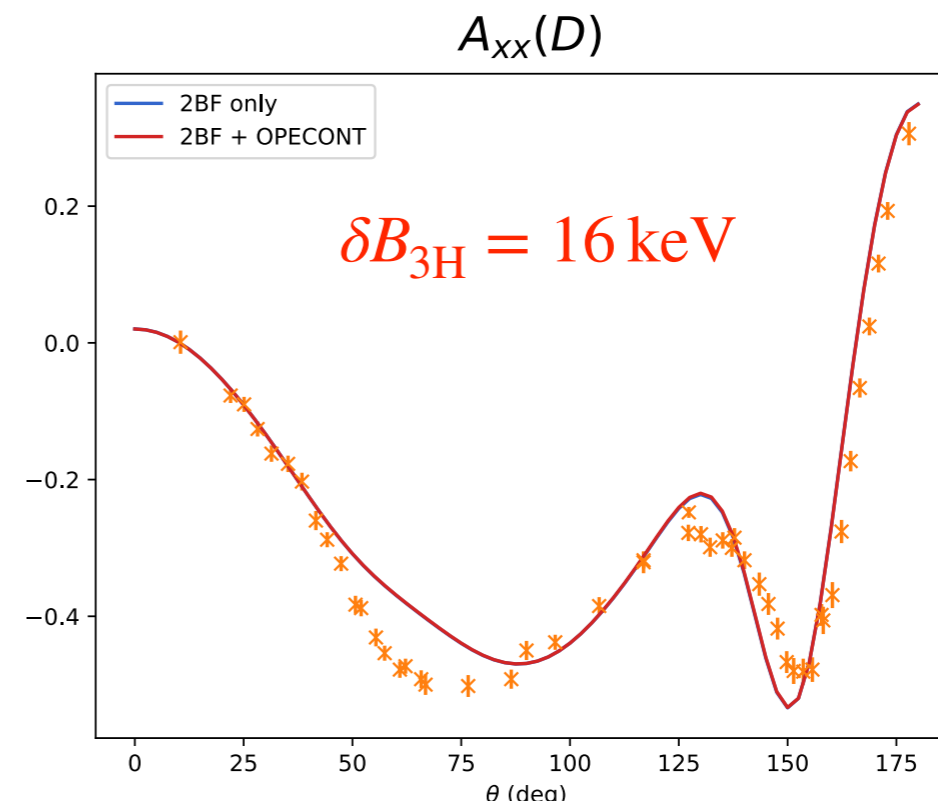
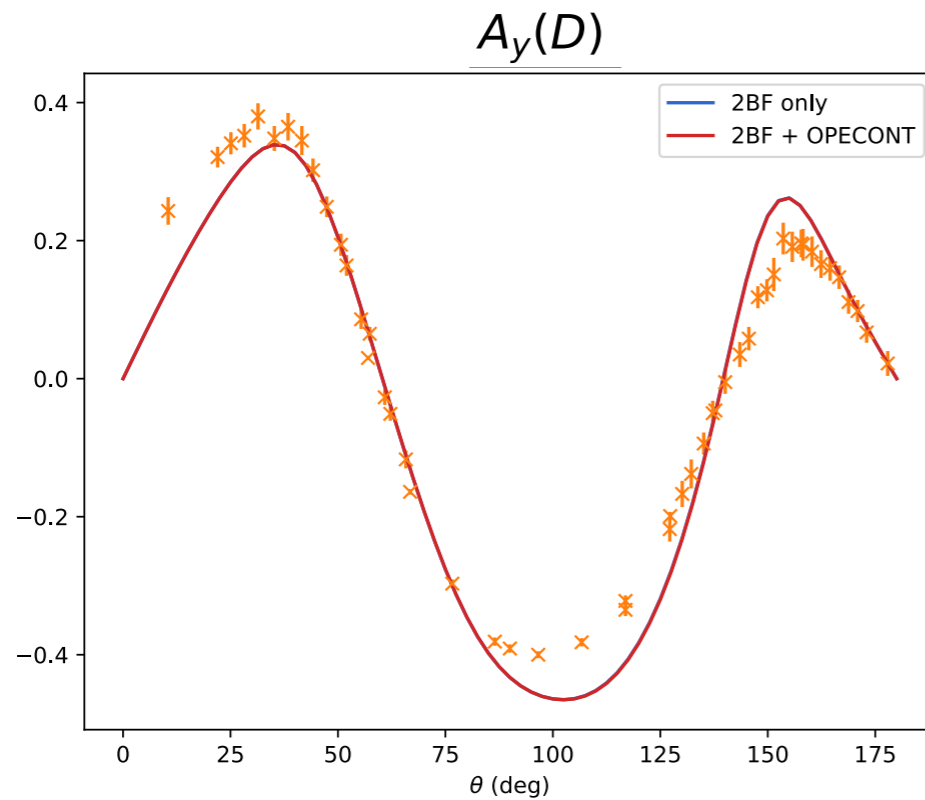
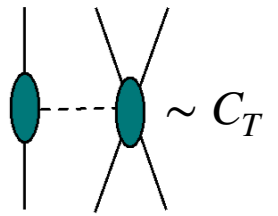


$$\delta B_{3H} = 308 \text{ keV (attractive)}$$



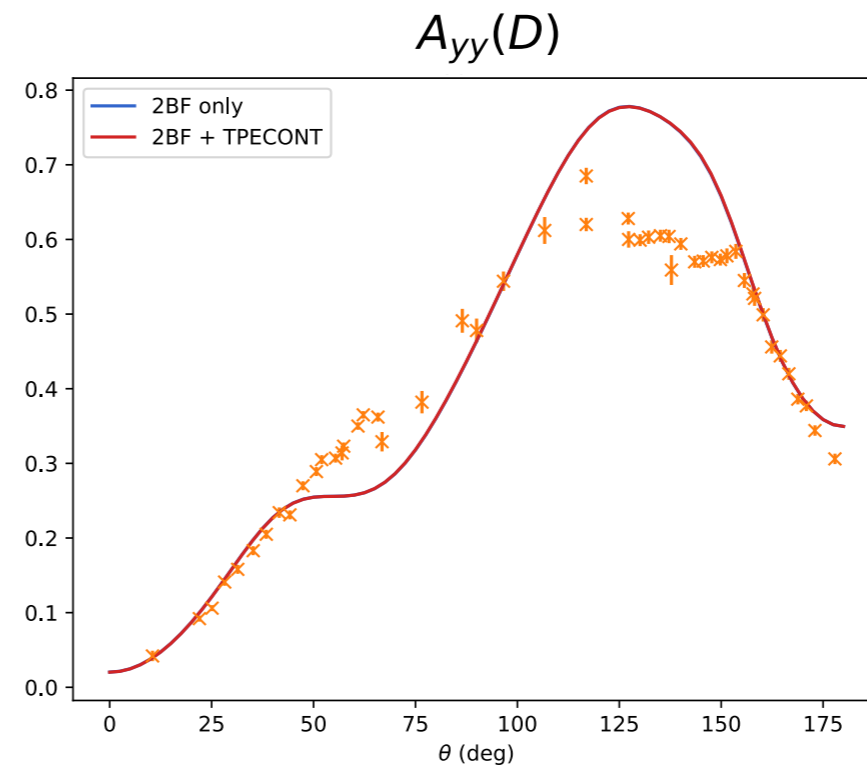
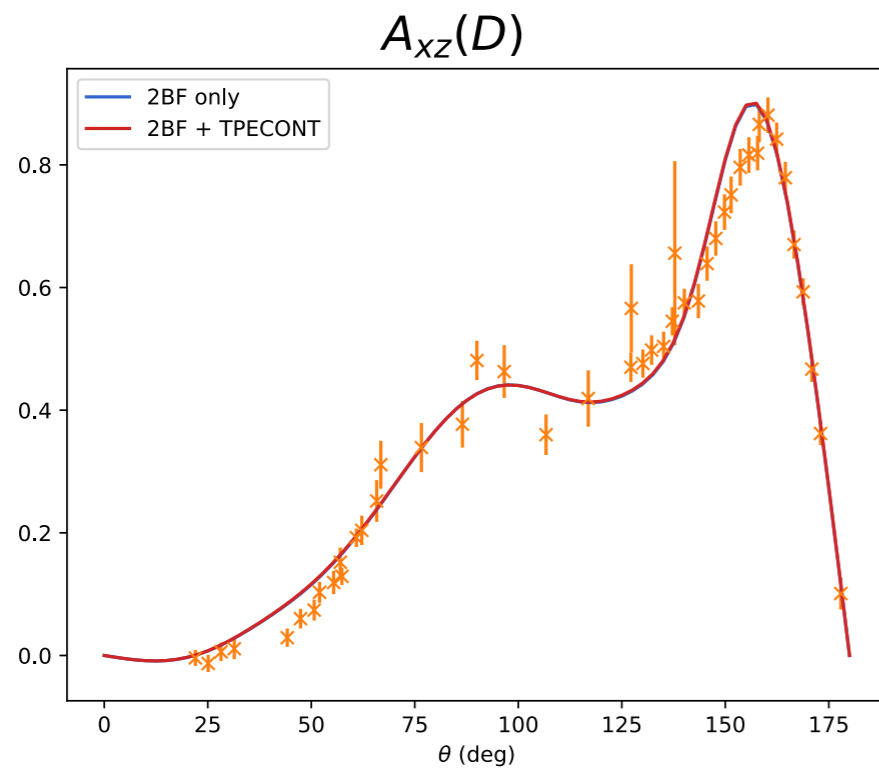
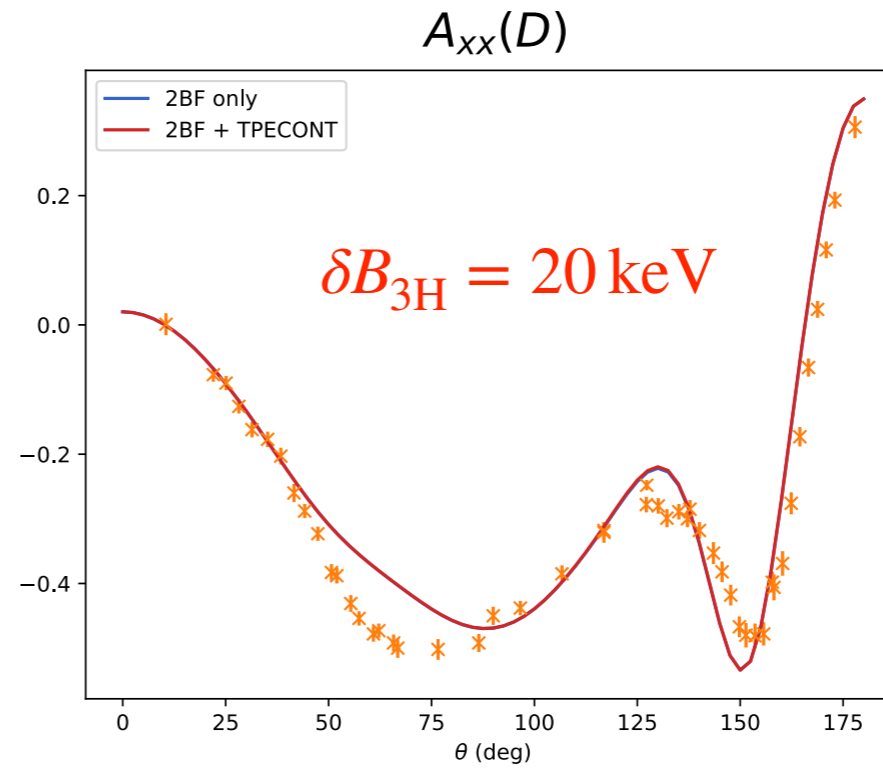
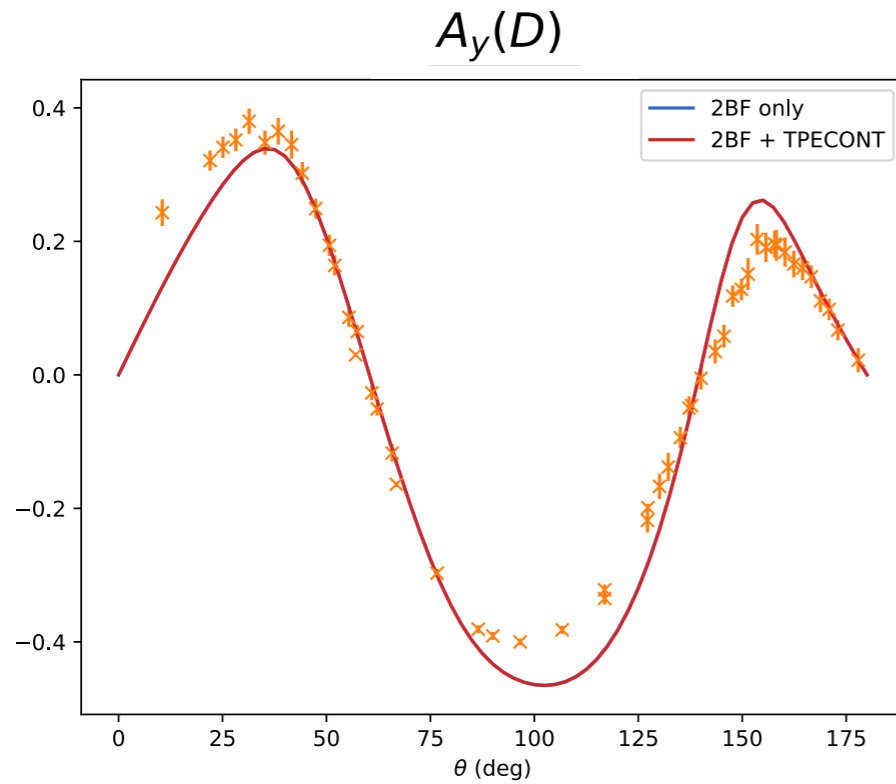
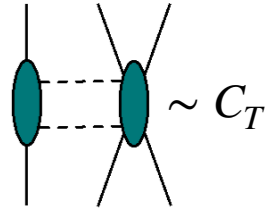
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- Small contribution to ND-scattering at  $E = 135$  MeV from short-range part



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# Three-Nucleon Forces

Counter Terms at N<sup>4</sup>LO

# Induced 3NF from Short-Range NN UT

Girlanda, Kievsky, Viviani, PRC84 (2011) 014001; PRC102 (2020) 019903(E)

$$U = \exp\left(-\sum_j \beta_j T_j\right) \rightarrow \delta H = U^\dagger H U - H_0 \simeq \sum_j \left[ (H_0 + V_{\text{short-range}}^{\text{LO}} + H_{1\pi}^{\text{LO}}), \beta_j T_j \right]$$

$$\langle \vec{p}'_1 \vec{p}'_2 | T_1 | \vec{p}_1 \vec{p}_2 \rangle = \vec{k} \cdot \vec{q}, \quad \langle \vec{p}'_1 \vec{p}'_2 | T_2 | \vec{p}_1 \vec{p}_2 \rangle = \vec{k} \cdot \vec{q} \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2, \quad \langle \vec{p}'_1 \vec{p}'_2 | T_3 | \vec{p}_1 \vec{p}_2 \rangle = \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{k} \vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{q} + \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{q} \vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{k}$$

$$\langle \vec{p}'_1 \vec{p}'_2 | T_4 | \vec{p}_1 \vec{p}_2 \rangle = i(\vec{\sigma}_1 - \vec{\sigma}_2) \cdot (\vec{P} \times \vec{k}), \quad \langle \vec{p}'_1 \vec{p}'_2 | T_5 | \vec{p}_1 \vec{p}_2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{P} \vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{q} - \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{q} \vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{P})$$

lead to  $O(m^2)$  enhanced boost operators:

incompatible with assumed non-relativistic limit for interacting nucleons

$\rightarrow \beta_{4,5} = O(m^{-1} F_\pi^{-2} \Lambda_b^{-2}) \rightarrow$  Induced 3NF is N<sup>5</sup>LO

$\delta H$  has the form of N<sup>4</sup>LO 3NF, however  $\beta_i = O(m F_\pi^{-2} \Lambda_b^{-4})$

$$m/\Lambda_b = (m/Q)(Q/\Lambda_b) \sim (Q/\Lambda_b)^{-2}(Q/\Lambda_b) = (Q/\Lambda_b)^{-1}$$

$\rightarrow$  Induced 3NFs contribute already at N<sup>3</sup>LO

# E-Like 3NF LECs at N<sup>4</sup>LO

Girlanda, Kievsky, Viviani, PRC84 (2011) 014001; PRC102 (2020) 019903(E)

Complete set of independent operators

$$\mathcal{O}_1 = -\vec{q}_1^2,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_2 = -\vec{q}_1^2 \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_3 = -\vec{q}_1^2 \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_4 = -\vec{q}_1^2 \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_5 = -(3 \vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_1 \vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 - \vec{q}_1^2 \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_6 = -(3 \vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_1 \vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 - \vec{q}_1^2 \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2) \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_7 = -i ((\vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2) \times \vec{q}_1) \cdot (\vec{\sigma}_1 + \vec{\sigma}_2)/2,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_8 = -i ((\vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2) \times \vec{q}_1) \cdot (\vec{\sigma}_1 + \vec{\sigma}_2) \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_3/2,$$

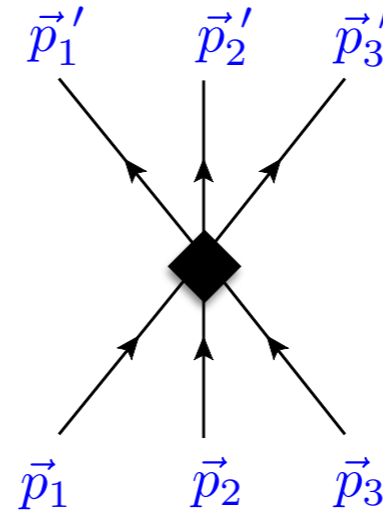
$$\mathcal{O}_9 = -\vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_1 \vec{q}_2 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{10} = -\vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_1 \vec{q}_2 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{11} = -\vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 \vec{q}_2 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_1,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{12} = -\vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 \vec{q}_2 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_1 \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{13} = -\vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 \vec{q}_2 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_1 \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_3.$$



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

$$\vec{k}_j = (\vec{p}'_j + \vec{p}_j)/2$$

$$V = \sum_{j=1}^{13} E_j \mathcal{O}_j + 5 \text{ perm}$$

# D-Like 3NF LECs at N<sup>4</sup>LO

Huesmann, HK, Epelbaum, arXiv: 2602.12879v1

Complete set of independent operators

$$\mathcal{O}_1 = i(\vec{q} \times \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{q}_3 (\tau_1 + \tau_2),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_2 = i(\vec{\sigma}_1 - \vec{\sigma}_2) \cdot \vec{k} \vec{q} \cdot \vec{q}_3 (\tau_1 \times \tau_2),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_3 = i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{q}(\vec{\sigma}_1 - \vec{\sigma}_2) \cdot \vec{q}_3 (\tau_1 \times \tau_2),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_4 = i(\vec{\sigma}_1 - \vec{\sigma}_2) \cdot \vec{q} \vec{k} \cdot \vec{q}_3 (\tau_1 \times \tau_2),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_5 = q^2(\vec{\sigma}_1 \times \vec{\sigma}_2) \cdot \vec{q}_3 (\tau_1 \times \tau_2),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_6 = (\vec{\sigma}_1 \times \vec{\sigma}_2) \cdot \vec{q} \vec{q} \cdot \vec{q}_3 (\tau_1 \times \tau_2),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_7 = q^2(\vec{\sigma}_1 - \vec{\sigma}_2) \cdot \vec{q}_3 (\tau_1 - \tau_2),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_8 = q^2(\vec{\sigma}_1 + \vec{\sigma}_2) \cdot \vec{q}_3 (\tau_1 + \tau_2),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_9 = (\vec{\sigma}_1 - \vec{\sigma}_2) \cdot \vec{q} \vec{q} \cdot \vec{q}_3 (\tau_1 - \tau_2),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{10} = (\vec{\sigma}_1 + \vec{\sigma}_2) \cdot \vec{q} \vec{q} \cdot \vec{q}_3 (\tau_1 + \tau_2),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{11} = i\vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{q}(\vec{\sigma}_1 \times \vec{k}) \cdot \vec{q}_3 (\tau_1 + \tau_2),$$

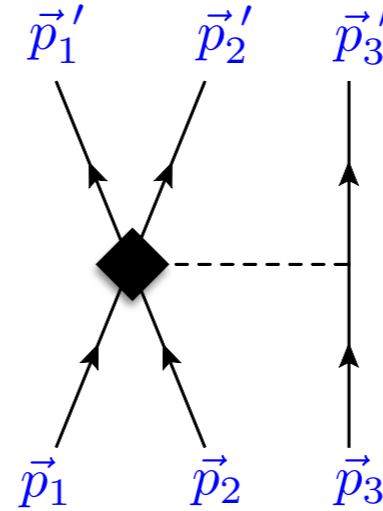
$$\mathcal{O}_{12} = i\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{q}_3(\vec{q} \times \vec{\sigma}_2) \cdot \vec{q}_3 (\tau_1 \times \tau_2),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{13} = (\vec{\sigma}_1 + \vec{\sigma}_2) \cdot \vec{q}_3 \vec{q} \cdot \vec{q}_3 (\tau_1 - \tau_2),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{14} = (\vec{\sigma}_1 - \vec{\sigma}_2) \cdot \vec{q}_3 \vec{q} \cdot \vec{q}_3 (\tau_1 + \tau_2),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{15} = (\vec{\sigma}_1 + \vec{\sigma}_2) \cdot \vec{q} q_3^2 (\tau_1 - \tau_2),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{16} = (\vec{\sigma}_1 - \vec{\sigma}_2) \cdot \vec{q} q_3^2 (\tau_1 + \tau_2).$$



$$\vec{q}_3 = \vec{p}'_3 - \vec{p}_3$$

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

$$\vec{k} = (\vec{p}' + \vec{p})/2$$

$$\vec{p}' = (\vec{p}'_1 - \vec{p}'_2)/2$$

$$\vec{p} = (\vec{p}_1 - \vec{p}_2)/2$$

$$V = \frac{g_A^2}{4F_\pi^2} \frac{\vec{\sigma}_3 \cdot \vec{q}_3}{q_3^2 + M_\pi^2} \tau_3 \cdot \sum_{j=1}^{16} F_j \mathcal{O}_j + 5 \text{ perm}$$

Constraints:

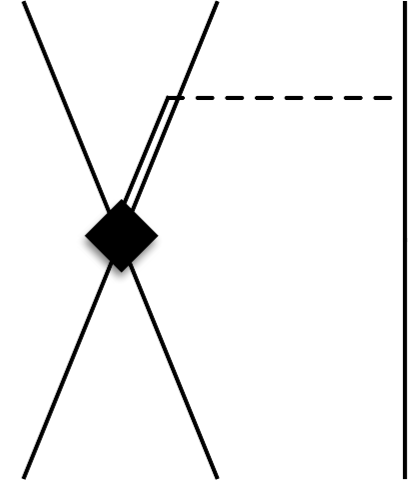
- Isospin symmetry
- Chiral symmetry
- Parity and time - reversal invariance
- Rotation - invariance in 3-dim
- Galilei - invariance

# Resonance Saturation of LECs

Huesmann, HK, Epelbaum, arXiv: 2602.12879v1

Complete set of independent  $NN \rightarrow N\Delta$  transition operators

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{O}_1^\Delta &= [i(\vec{q}_3 \cdot \vec{S}_2 \vec{S}_2^\dagger \cdot ((\vec{q} - \vec{q}_3/2) \times (\vec{k} - \vec{q}_3/4)) \mathcal{T}_2 \mathcal{T}_2^\dagger \cdot \tau_1 + 1 \leftrightarrow 2)] - \text{h.c.}, \\ \mathcal{O}_2^\Delta &= [\vec{q}_3 \cdot \vec{S}_2 \vec{S}_2^\dagger \cdot \vec{\sigma}_1 (\vec{q} - \vec{q}_3/2)^2 \mathcal{T}_2 \mathcal{T}_2^\dagger \cdot \tau_1 + 1 \leftrightarrow 2] - \text{h.c.}, \\ \mathcal{O}_3^\Delta &= [\vec{q}_3 \cdot \vec{S}_2 \vec{S}_2^\dagger \cdot (\vec{q} - \vec{q}_3/2) \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot (\vec{q} - \vec{q}_3/2) \mathcal{T}_2 \mathcal{T}_2^\dagger \cdot \tau_1 + 1 \leftrightarrow 2] - \text{h.c.}, \\ \mathcal{O}_4^\Delta &= [\vec{q}_3 \cdot \vec{S}_2 \vec{S}_2^\dagger \cdot (\vec{k} - \vec{q}_3/4) \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot (\vec{k} - \vec{q}_3/4) \mathcal{T}_2 \mathcal{T}_2^\dagger \cdot \tau_1 + 1 \leftrightarrow 2] - \text{h.c.}.\end{aligned}$$



$\vec{S}$  &  $\mathcal{T}$  spin & isospin  $1/2 \rightarrow 3/2$  transition matrices

$$V = \frac{g_A^2}{4F_\pi^2} \frac{\vec{\sigma}_3 \cdot \vec{q}_3}{q_3^2 + M_\pi^2} \tau_3 \cdot \sum_{j=1}^4 \alpha_j \mathcal{O}_j^\Delta + 5 \text{ perm} = \frac{g_A^2}{4F_\pi^2} \frac{\vec{\sigma}_3 \cdot \vec{q}_3}{q_3^2 + M_\pi^2} \tau_3 \cdot \sum_{j=1}^{16} F_j^\Delta \mathcal{O}_j + 5 \text{ perm}$$

$$F_1^\Delta = -4F_2^\Delta = 4F_4^\Delta = \frac{8\alpha_1}{9\Delta},$$

$$F_7^\Delta = \frac{8\alpha_2 - \alpha_4}{18\Delta},$$

$$F_{13}^\Delta = \frac{2\alpha_1 - 8\alpha_2 - 4\alpha_3 + \alpha_4}{18\Delta},$$

$$F_3^\Delta = F_{11}^\Delta = 0,$$

$$F_8^\Delta = \frac{4\alpha_2}{9\Delta},$$

$$F_{14}^\Delta = \frac{-2\alpha_1 - 16\alpha_2 - 8\alpha_3 + \alpha_4}{36\Delta},$$

$$F_5^\Delta = -\frac{4\alpha_2 + 2\alpha_3}{9\Delta},$$

$$F_9^\Delta = \frac{8\alpha_3 + \alpha_4}{18\Delta},$$

$$F_{15}^\Delta = \frac{-2\alpha_1 - 4\alpha_3 + \alpha_4}{18\Delta},$$

$$F_6^\Delta = \frac{2\alpha_3 + \alpha_4}{9\Delta},$$

$$F_{10}^\Delta = 4F_{12}^\Delta = \frac{4\alpha_3 - \alpha_4}{9\Delta},$$

$$F_{16}^\Delta = \frac{2\alpha_1 - 8\alpha_3 - \alpha_4}{36\Delta},$$

# Summary I

- Leftovers in NN up to N<sup>4</sup>LO
  - 3PE expressions are worked out within UT approach
- Method for derivation of the regularized nuclear forces in chiral EFT
  - Gradient flow regularization preserves chiral symmetry
  - Path-integral approach for derivation of nuclear forces
- Calculation of 3NF at N<sup>3</sup>LO is finished
  - Pion-nucleon scattering within GF is calculated up to  $Q^4$ 
    - Chiral expansion seems to converge better at lower cutoff
  - PWD of 3NF at N<sup>3</sup>LO is finished
    - From 3H expectation values we see sizable TPE and TPE-OPE contributions that almost cancel each other
    - Short-range contributions seem to be small (due to  $\sim C_T$ )

# Summary II

- At N<sup>4</sup>LO: 16 D-like counter terms worked out → 16 D-like + 13 E-like = 29 LECs
  - One can reduce the number of D-like terms by using  $\Delta$  - resonance saturation
    - 4 D-like LECs ( $\alpha_{1,2,3,4}$ )
- At N<sup>3</sup>LO: induced terms from short-range NN UT  $\sim \beta_{1,2,3}$  need to be fitted in 3N sector