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Putting the subleading three-nucleon contact force to (good) use

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Discovery,
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Some history

All realistic NN forces underbind the triton [7], and small differences among them can be traced to nonlocalities.

[*J.L. Friar et al, PRC (1999)*]

Overbound nuclear matter (wrong saturation density)

[*A. Akmal et al, Phys. Rev. C 58 (1998)*]

- *Fujita-Miyazawa*: One of the earliest (1957)
- *UIX*: starting from Fujita-Miyazawa
- *Tucson-Melbourne / Brazil*
- \vdots
- Chiral 3NFs: N2LO (1994), N3LO (\sim 2010), N4LO (2011).

Outstanding problems

- **A_y puzzle:** long-standing underestimation of the polarization asymmetry in $N-d$ scattering by 30 %.

Known since 1990s: ascribed to (lack of) spin-orbit 3NFs.

- **Space-star anomaly:** similar discrepancy in the break-up channel of $N-d$.

2NFs + modifications offer no resolution

3NFs up to N3LO have offer no resolution

[J. Golak et al, EPJA (2014)]

[H. Witala et al, PRC (2021)]

Why better 3NF?

Prospects

- **Scattering exp.:** $d-p$, $p-^3\text{He}$, etc. scattering can provide high quality data.

[K. Sekiguchi, FBS (2024)]

Possible fit of the 14 LECs for 3NF like the 24 LECs for 2NF (at N4LO).

This will require controlled regulator effects, etc.

	NN	3N	4N
LO $\alpha(Q^2/\Lambda^6)$	1990 [151,152] 2 	—	—
NLO $\alpha(Q^2/\Lambda^2)$	1992 [164,165] 7 	1992,1994 [166-169] —	—
N ² LO $\alpha(Q^2/\Lambda^2)$	1992 [164,165] 0 	1994 [167,170] 2 	—
N ³ LO $\alpha(Q^2/\Lambda^4)$	2000–2002 [179-182] 12 	2008–2011 [183-185] 0 	2006 [186] 0
N ⁴ LO $\alpha(Q^2/\Lambda^2)$	2015 [188,189] 0 	2011– [190-192] 34 	7

Three-nucleon force LECs

N2LO #2 : c_D, c_E

N3LO #0

N4LO #13 : E_i

[Girlanda et al, PRC (2011)]

Adapted from [K. Hebeler, Phys. Rept. (2021)]

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N4LO three-nucleon contacts

Thirteen new contacts at N4LO, originally in momentum space ($\mathbf{k}_i = \mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}'_i$):

$$O_1 = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} (-k_i^2), \quad O_2 = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} (-k_i^2) \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j, \quad O_3 = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} (-k_i^2) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j,$$

$$O_4 = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} (-k_i^2) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j$$

$$O_5 = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} (-3\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j + k_i^2 \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j), \quad O_6 = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} (-3\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j + k_i^2 \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j) \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j$$

$$O_7 = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} \left(-\frac{i}{4} \mathbf{k}_i \right) \times (\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_j) \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j), \quad O_8 = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} \left(-\frac{i}{4} \mathbf{k}_i \right) \times (\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{p}_j) \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j) \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j$$

$$O_9 = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} (-\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \mathbf{k}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j), \quad O_{10} = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} (-\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \mathbf{k}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j) \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j$$

$$O_{11} = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} (-\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \mathbf{k}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i), \quad O_{12} = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} (-\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \mathbf{k}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i) \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j$$

$$O_{13} = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} (-\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \mathbf{k}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i) \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_k.$$

[Girlanda et al, PRC **84** (2011)]

These will have to be regulated

$$V(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3; \mathbf{p}'_1, \mathbf{p}'_2, \mathbf{p}'_3) \rightarrow F(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3) V(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3; \mathbf{p}'_1, \mathbf{p}'_2, \mathbf{p}'_3) F(\mathbf{p}'_1, \mathbf{p}'_2, \mathbf{p}'_3)$$

with choices

non-local regulator : $F(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3) = \exp \left[-\frac{1}{4} (\pi_1^2 + \pi_2^2)^2 / \Lambda^4 \right]$

local regulator : $F(\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3) = \prod_i \exp(-k_i^4 / \Lambda^4)$

N4LO three-nucleon contacts

Instructive to look at them in coordinate space with a local regulator depending on momentum exchange

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{\text{cont}}^{(\text{N4LO})} = & \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} \left\{ (E_1 + E_2 \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j + E_3 \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j + E_4 \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j) \left[Z_0''(r_{ij}) + 2 \frac{Z_0'(r_{ij})}{r_{ij}} \right] Z_0(r_{ik}) \right. \\
 & + (E_5 + E_6 \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j) S_{ij} \left[Z_0''(r_{ij}) - \frac{Z_0'(r_{ij})}{r_{ij}} \right] Z_0(r_{ik}) \\
 & + (E_7 + E_8 \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_k) (\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S})_{ij} \frac{Z_0'(r_{ij})}{r_{ij}} Z_0(r_{ik}) \\
 & + (E_9 + E_{10} \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_k) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ij} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_k \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ik} Z_0'(r_{ij}) Z_0'(r_{ik}) \\
 & \left. + (E_{11} + E_{12} \boldsymbol{\tau}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_k + E_{13} \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_k \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ij} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{ik} Z_0'(r_{ij}) Z_0'(r_{ik}) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$Z_0(r) = \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} F(\mathbf{k}^2; \Lambda)$$

We won't (over)fit 13 new contacts.

We'll take a subset from an isospin basis (separating by system relevance).

$$\sum_{i=1}^{13} E_i O_i = \sum_{T=1/2}^{3/2} \sum_i h_i^{(T)} D_i^{(T)} \quad (1)$$

$$D_i^{(T)} = \sum_j c_{ij}^{(T)} O_j \quad (2)$$

where $h_i^{(T)}$ are new LECs.

Two isospin channels: $D_i^{(1/2)}$, $D_i^{(3/2)}$, defined from the solutions

$$P_T D_i^{(T)} P_T = D_i^{(T)}$$

where P_T are isospin projection operators.

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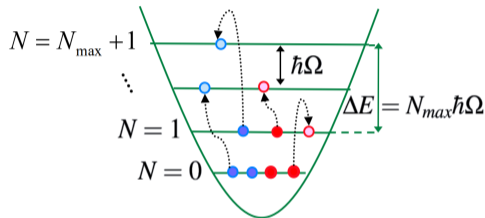
O_1		$D_1^{(1/2)} = -O_1 + O_2$
O_2		$D_2^{(1/2)} = -O_7 + O_8$
O_3		$D_i^{(1/2)} = O_i, \quad i = 3, 4, 5, 6$
O_4		$D_7^{(1/2)} = \frac{1}{2}O_1 + O_7 + O_9$
O_5		$D_8^{(1/2)} = \frac{1}{2}O_1 - O_7 + O_{10}$
O_6	\rightarrow	$D_9^{(1/2)} = \frac{1}{2}O_1 - O_7 + O_{11}$
O_7		$D_{10}^{(1/2)} = \frac{1}{2}O_1 - O_7 + O_{12}$
O_8		$D_{11}^{(1/2)} = \frac{1}{2}O_1 - O_7 + O_{13}$
O_9		
O_{10}		
O_{11}		
O_{12}		$D_1^{(3/2)} = O_2 - \frac{1}{3}(O_4 + O_6) - (O_3 + O_5) - \frac{3}{2}O_9 - \frac{1}{2}O_{10} + O_{13}$
O_{13}		$D_2^{(3/2)} = -2O_2 + 2(O_3 + O_5) + \frac{2}{3}(O_4 + O_6) + 3O_9 + O_{10} + 3O_{11} + O_{12}$

Originally derived in [Alessia Nasoni, MSc Thesis]

No Core Shell Model

Solution via a systematic expansion on A -body harmonic oscillator states.

Characterized by the HO frequency ($\hbar\Omega$, energy spacing of excitations) and number of excitations (N_{\max}).



[Navratil et al, *Phys.Rev.C* **61** (2000)]

[Barrett et al. *PPNP* **69** (2013)]

$$\left| \Psi_A^{J^\pi T} \right\rangle = \sum_{N=0}^{N_{\max}} \sum_n c_{Nn}^{J^\pi T} \left| \Phi_{Nn}^{J^\pi T} \right\rangle$$

The basis for decomposition

Choosing the standard Jj -coupled three-body partial wave basis:

[*W. Glöckle (1983)*]

$$|N\alpha JT\rangle = |N[(ls)j(\mathcal{L}\mathcal{S})\mathcal{J}]JT(t\tau)\rangle$$

$$|N\alpha JT\rangle = |N[(l_{ij}s_{ij})j_{ij}(\mathcal{L}_k\mathcal{S}_k)\mathcal{J}_k]JT(t_{ij}\tau_k)\rangle, \quad \text{i.e., only antisymm. in } (ij)$$

Each three-body partial wave is specified by $J, T, \mathcal{P} = (-1)^{l+\mathcal{L}}$ and the quantum numbers $\alpha = (l, s, j\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{J}, t)$.

$$O_1 = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} (-k_i^2), \quad O_2 = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} (-k_i^2) \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j,$$

$$V_{1,2} = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} (E_1 + E_2 \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j) \left[Z_0''(r_{ij}) + 2 \frac{Z_0'(r_{ij})}{r_{ij}} \right] Z_0(r_{ik})$$

Similar to c_E . Partial wave decomposition

$$E_1 W_1 + E_2 W_2 = \delta_{ss'} \left[E_1 \delta_{tt'} + E_2 \hat{t} \hat{t}' (-1)^{t+t'+T+\frac{1}{2}} \begin{Bmatrix} t & t' & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} t & t' & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & T \end{Bmatrix} \right] \times$$

$$\times \hat{j} \hat{j}' \hat{J} \hat{J}' \hat{l} \hat{L}' (-1)^{J-\frac{1}{2} \mathcal{J}' - \mathcal{J} + l + \mathcal{L} + s} \times$$

$$\times \sum_X (-1)^X \hat{X}^2 \begin{Bmatrix} l & s & j \\ j' & X & l' \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} X & j & j' \\ J & \mathcal{J}' & \mathcal{J} \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \mathcal{L}' & 1/2 & \mathcal{J}' \\ \mathcal{J} & X & \mathcal{L} \end{Bmatrix} C_{000}^{l' X l} C_{000}^{\mathcal{L}' X \mathcal{L}} \times$$

$$\times \int d\xi_{12} \xi_1^2 \xi_2^2 R_{nl}(\xi_1, b) R_{N\mathcal{L}}(\xi_1, b) R_{n'l'}(\xi_1', b) R_{N'\mathcal{L}'}(\xi_1, b)$$

$$\times Z_0^{(2)}(\sqrt{2}\xi_1; \Lambda) Z_{0,X} \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}\xi_1, \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\xi_2; \Lambda \right).$$

$$O_3 + O_5 = \tilde{O}_5 = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} (-3\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \mathbf{k}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j) , \quad O_4 + O_6 = \tilde{O}_6 = \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} (-3\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \mathbf{k}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j) \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j .$$

Similar to c_D . Partial wave decomposition

$$\begin{aligned} E_5 \tilde{W}_5 + E_6 \tilde{W}_6 = & -36\delta_{ss'} \left[E_5 \delta_{tt'} + E_6 3\hat{t}\hat{t}' (-1)^{t+t'+T+\frac{1}{2}} \begin{Bmatrix} t & t' & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} t & t' & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & T \end{Bmatrix} \right] \hat{j}\hat{j}' \hat{J}\hat{J}' \hat{s}\hat{s}' \\ & \times (-1)^{J-\mathcal{J}+s+j'} \begin{Bmatrix} s & s' & 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{Bmatrix} \hat{l}'\hat{\mathcal{L}}' \sum_{K=0,2} \hat{K} (-1)^{K/2} \sum_{VX} (-1)^V \hat{V}\hat{X}^2 C_{000}^{11K} C_{000}^{Vl'l'} C_{000}^{XKlV} C_{000}^{X\mathcal{L}'\mathcal{L}} \\ & \times \sum_Z \hat{Z}^2 \begin{Bmatrix} l & s & j \\ l' & s' & j' \\ V & 1 & Z \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \mathcal{L} & \frac{1}{2} & \mathcal{J} \\ \mathcal{L}' & \frac{1}{2} & \mathcal{J}' \\ X & 1 & Z \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} j & j' & Z \\ \mathcal{J}' & \mathcal{J} & J \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} V & 1 & Z \\ 1 & X & K \end{Bmatrix} \\ & \times \int d\xi_{12} \xi_1^2 \xi_2^2 R_{nl}(\xi_1, b) R_{N\mathcal{L}}(\xi_2, b) R_{n'l'}(\xi_1, b) R_{N'\mathcal{L}'}(\xi_2, b) f_K(\sqrt{2}\xi_1; \Lambda) Z_{0,X} \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}\xi_1, \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\xi_2; \Lambda \right) \end{aligned}$$

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Similar to c_1 . Partial wave decomposition

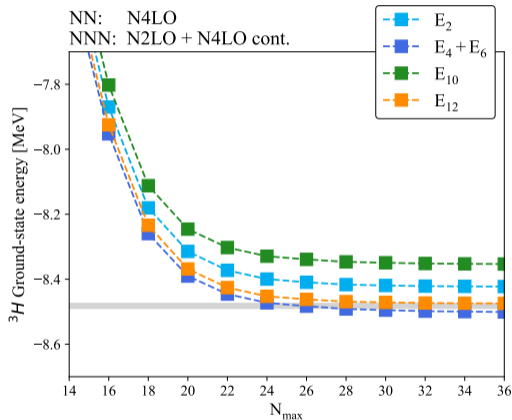
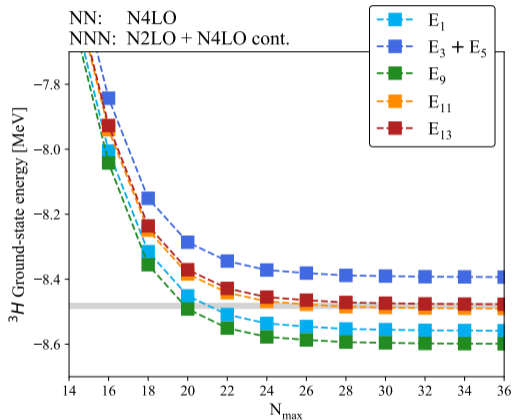
$$\begin{aligned}
 E_9 W_9 + E_{10} W_{10} &= -6 [E_5 \delta_{tt'} + E_6 \langle \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_3 \rangle] (-1)^{s+j'+J-\mathcal{J}} \hat{l} \hat{\mathcal{L}}' \hat{s} \hat{s}' \hat{j} \hat{j}' \hat{\mathcal{J}} \hat{\mathcal{J}}' \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & s & s' \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right\} \\
 &\times \sum_{XVRY} \sum_{K_3=0}^1 (-1)^Y \hat{X}^2 \hat{V} \hat{R} \hat{Y} \widehat{1-K_3} [(2K_3)]^{\frac{1}{2}} C_{000}^{XK_3Y} C_{000}^{X1-K_3R} C_{000}^{Y1V} C_{000}^{V1\mathcal{L}} C_{000}^{\mathcal{L}'R\mathcal{L}} \times \\
 &\times \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} Y & X & K_3 \\ 1-K_3 & 1 & R \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} Y & j' & j \\ J & \mathcal{J} & \mathcal{J}' \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} j & l & s \\ j' & l' & s' \\ Y & V & 1 \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{J} & \mathcal{L} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \mathcal{J}' & \mathcal{L}' & \frac{1}{2} \\ Y & R & 1 \end{array} \right\} \\
 &\times \int d\xi_{12} \xi_1^2 \xi_2^2 R_{nl}(\xi_1) R_{N\mathcal{L}}(\xi_2) R_{n'l'}(\xi_1) R_{N'\mathcal{L}'}(\xi_2) f_1(\sqrt{2}\xi_1) \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}\xi_1\right)^{K_3} \left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\xi_2\right)^{1-K_3} \\
 &\times f_{1,X} \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}\xi_1, \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\xi_2; \Lambda \right)
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Partial wave decomposition

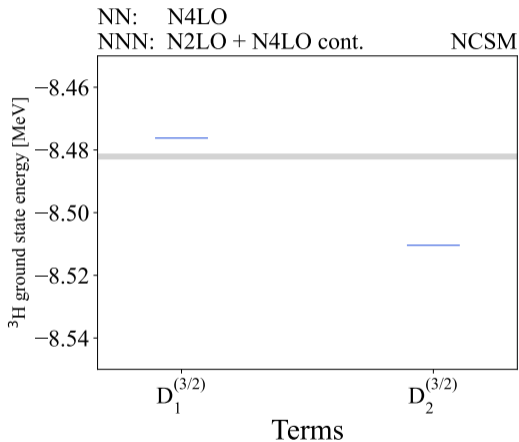
$$\begin{aligned} E_{11}W_{11} + E_{12}W_{12} + E_{13}W_{13} &= -6 [E_{11}\delta_{tt'} + E_{12} \langle \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_3 \rangle + E_{13} \langle \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_3 \rangle] \\ &\times \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & s & s' \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right\} \hat{l}' \hat{L}' \hat{s} \hat{s}' \hat{j} \hat{j}' \hat{J} \hat{J}' (-1)^{s+j'+J-J} \sum_{VR} \hat{V} \hat{R} C_{000}^{l'Vl} C_{000}^{L'R\mathcal{L}} \sum_Y \hat{Y} C_{000}^{Y1V} \times \\ &\times \sum_G (-1)^G \hat{G}^2 \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} 1 & V & G \\ 1 & R & Y \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} G & j' & j \\ J & \mathcal{J} & \mathcal{J}' \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} j & l & s \\ j' & l' & s' \\ G & V & 1 \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{J} & \mathcal{L} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \mathcal{J}' & \mathcal{L}' & \frac{1}{2} \\ G & R & 1 \end{array} \right\} \times \\ &\times \sum_{K_3=0}^1 \left[\left(\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ 2K_3 \end{array} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \widehat{1-K_3} \sum_X \hat{X}^2 C_{000}^{XK_3Y} C_{000}^{X1-K_3R} \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} Y & X & K_3 \\ 1-K_3 & 1 & R \end{array} \right\} \times \\ &\times \int d\xi_{12} \xi_1^2 \xi_2^2 R_{nl}(\xi_1) R_{N\mathcal{L}}(\xi_2) R_{n'l'}(\xi_1) R_{N'\mathcal{L}'}(\xi_2) f_1(\sqrt{2}\xi_1) \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}\xi_1 \right)^{K_3} \left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\xi_2 \right)^{1-K_3} \\ &\times f_{1,X} \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}\xi_1, \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\xi_2; \Lambda \right) \end{aligned}$$

N4LO three-nucleon contacts at ${}^3\text{H}$



[G. P. and P. Navratil, in preparation (2025)].

Triton ground state



$T = 3/2$ terms shouldn't
 contribute at a $T = 1/2$
 ground state

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Typically **one** of the **three** possible terms is taken (rest related by permutations)

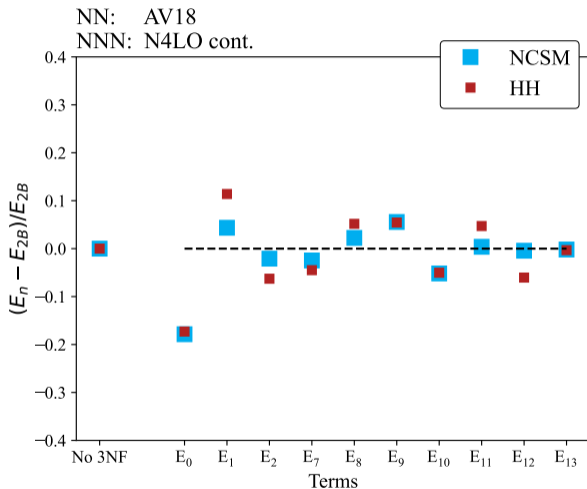
$$\sum_{i \neq j \neq k} W_{ijk} = W_1 + W_2 + W_3$$

For a properly antisymmetrized many-body wavefunction, they are equal so

$$\langle N\alpha JT | \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} W_{ijk} | N'\alpha' JT \rangle = 3 \langle N\alpha JT | W_2 | N'\alpha' JT \rangle$$

But the local regulator breaks this.

Comparison with HH

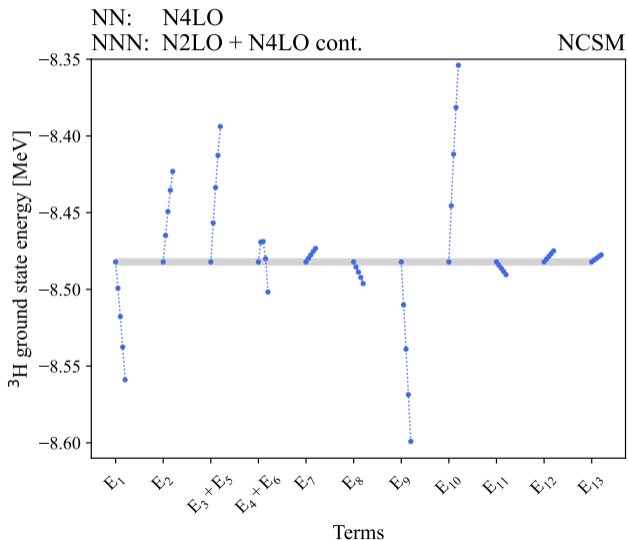


With only a 2NF:
 varying degree of
 agreement due to
 regulator effects.

■ *from Luca
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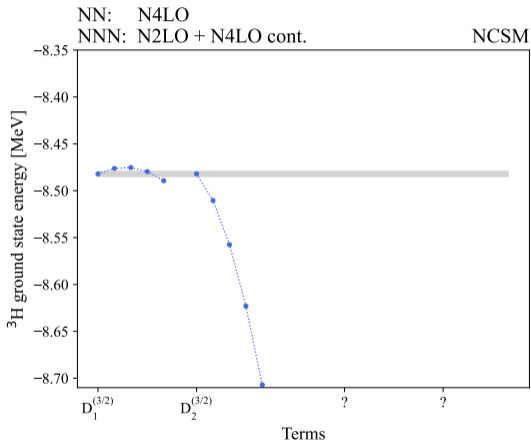
Varying the LECS



Varying the dimensionless LECS:

$$c_{E_i} = \frac{E_i}{F_\pi^4 \Lambda_\chi^3} = 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1.0$$

N4LO $T = 3/2$ 3NF contacts

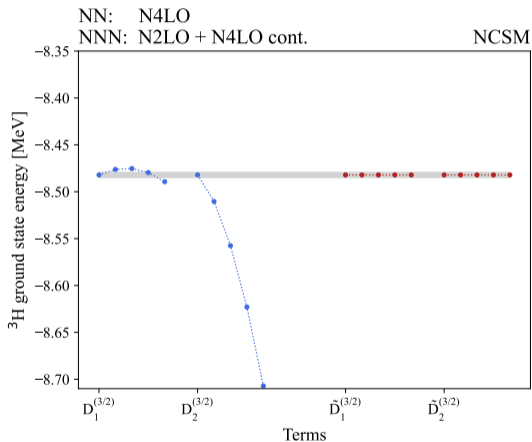


But they **shouldn't**: we have $T = 1/2$ components.

What to do?

1. Complete all $3 \times 13 = 39$ combinations
2. Take a shortcut, see results, and re-evaluate

N4LO $T = 3/2$ 3NF contacts



But they **shouldn't**: we have $T = 1/2$ components which we can kill:

$$\tilde{D}_i^{(3/2)} = P_{3/2} D_i^{(3/2)} P_{3/2}$$

$$P_{3/2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6}(\boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 + \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_3 + \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_3)$$

Summary

- We have a consistent implementation of the subleading 3NF contacts at the N4LO.
- Given available data, these terms can now be fitted.
- A way of “purifying” $D_1^{(3/2)}$, $D_2^{(3/2)}$ operators from $T = 1/2$ contributions. These can imminently be fitted to light nuclei.

Next steps

0. Tune the $D_i^{(3/2)}$ combinations to light nuclei (i.e., *our job*)
 1. Explore their importance for neutron rich-er nuclei
 2. Neutron drops
 3. Explore other subleading 3NFs (see Wouter’s talk and posters)

Thank you.