

An aerial photograph of a city skyline across a body of water. In the foreground, a large crane is visible, lifting a large, cylindrical object. The city skyline features several tall buildings. The sky is filled with clouds.

Three-Nucleon Forces at N³LO and Beyond

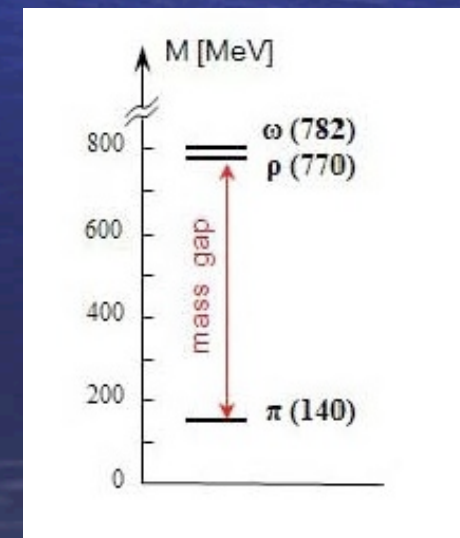
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Outline

- **Nuclear forces from chiral EFT:
Overview & achievements**
- **Beyond the current status**
- **3NFs at N3LO**
- **3NFs at N4LO**
- **When does it stop?**
- **Outlook: How not to get crushed by the
Dinosaur?**

From QCD to nuclear physics via chiral EFT (in a nutshell)

- QCD at low energy is strong.
- Quarks and gluons are confined into colorless hadrons.
- Nuclear forces are residual forces (similar to van der Waals forces)
- Separation of scales



- **Calls for an EFT**
soft scale: $Q \approx m_\pi$, hard scale: $\Lambda_\chi \approx m_\rho$;
pions and nucleon relevant d.o.f.
 - **Low-energy expansion: $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^\nu$**
with ν bounded from below.
 - **Most general Lagrangian consistent with all symmetries of low-energy QCD.**
 - **n - n and n - N perturbatively**
 - **NN has bound states:**
 - (i) **NN potential perturbatively**
 - (ii) **apply nonpert. in LS equation.**
- (Weinberg)**

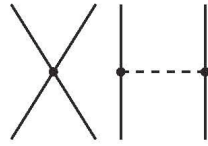
2N forces

3N forces

4N forces

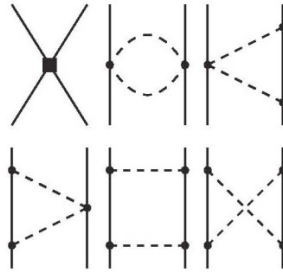
Leading Order

Q^0
LO



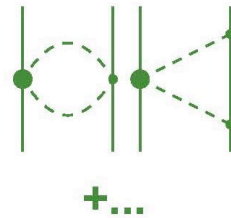
Next-to Leading Order

Q^2
NLO



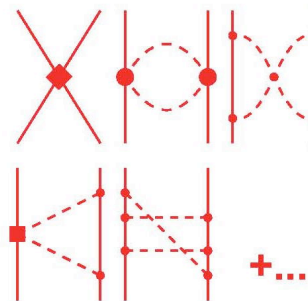
Next-to-Next-to Leading Order

Q^3
 N^2LO

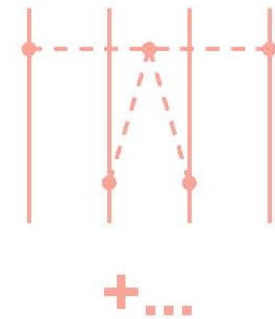
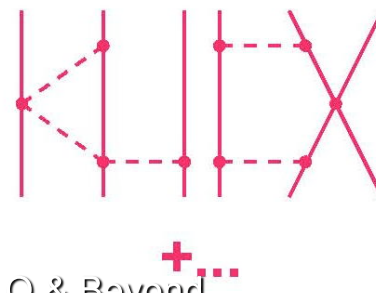
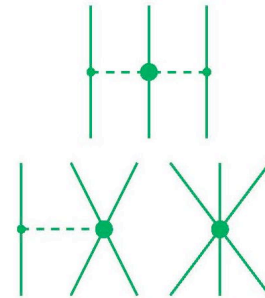


Next-to-Next-to-Next-to Leading Order

Q^4
 N^3LO



The Hierarchy of Nuclear Forces



3NFs at N3LO & Beyond

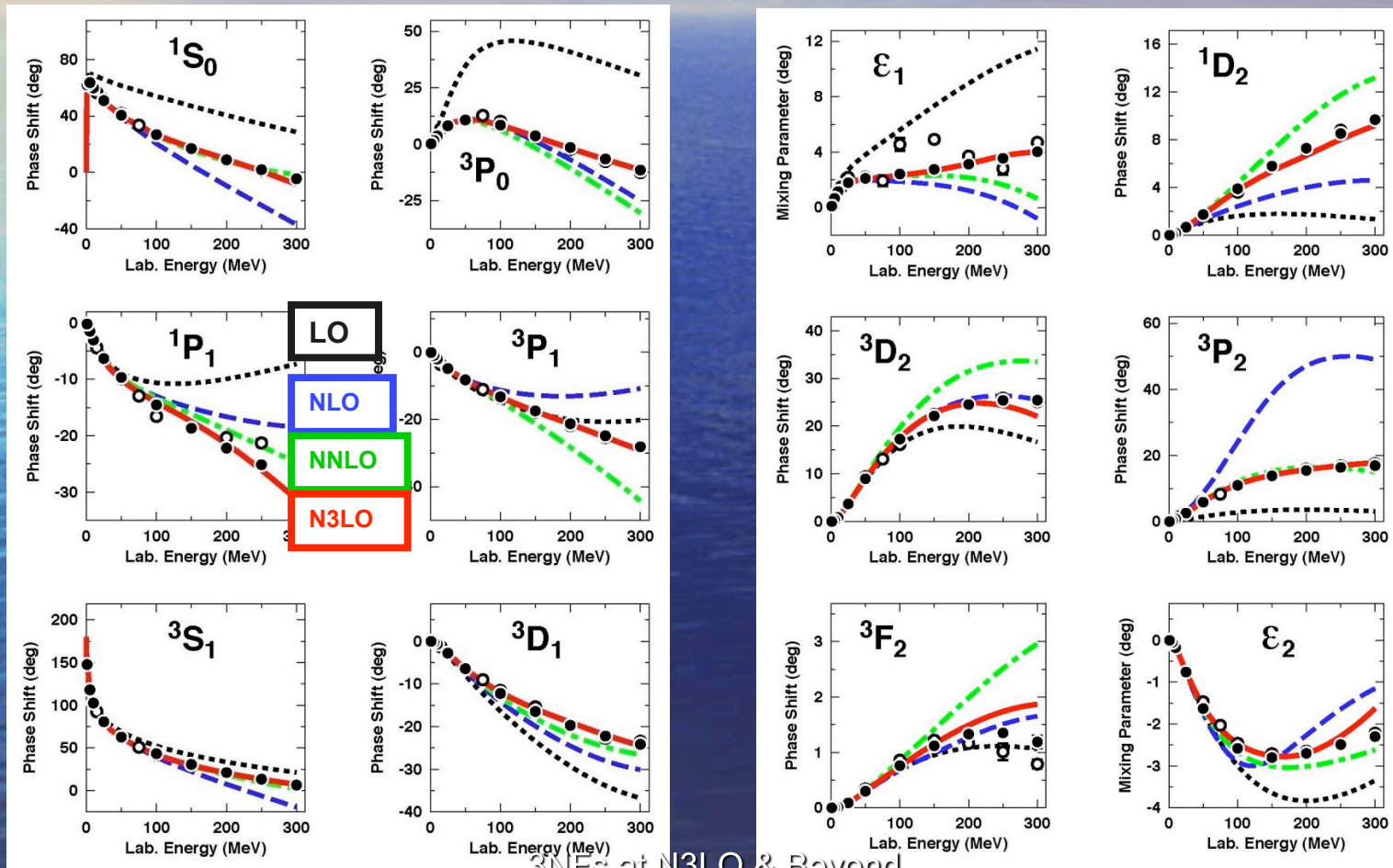
NN phase shifts up to 300 MeV

Red Line: N3LO Potential by Entem & Machleidt, PRC 68, 041001 (2003).

Green dash-dotted line: NNLO Potential, and

blue dashed line: NLO Potential

by Epelbaum et al., Eur. Phys. J. A19, 401 (2004).



χ^2/datum for the reproduction of the
1999 *np* database

Bin (MeV)	# of data	N ³ LO	NNLO	NLO	AV18
0–100	1058	1.05	1.7	4.5	0.95
100–190	501	1.08	22	100	1.10
190–290	843	1.15	47	180	1.11
0–290	2402	1.10	20	86	1.04

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Applications of the chiral NN potential at N³LO

Medium-Mass Nuclei from Chiral Nucleon-Nucleon Interactions

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We compute the binding energies, radii, and densities for selected medium-mass nuclei within coupled-cluster theory and employ a bare chiral nucleon-nucleon interaction at next-to-next-to-next-to-leading order. We find rather well-converged results in model spaces consisting of 15 oscillator shells, and the doubly magic nuclei ^{40}Ca , ^{48}Ca , and the exotic ^{48}Ni are underbound by about 1 MeV per nucleon within the coupled-cluster singles-doubles approximation. The binding-energy difference between the mirror nuclei ^{48}Ca and ^{48}Ni is close to theoretical mass table evaluations. Our computation of the one-body density matrices and the corresponding natural orbitals and occupation numbers provides a first step to a microscopic foundation of the nuclear shell model.

Chiral NN potential at $N^3\text{LO}$
underbinds by $\sim 1\text{MeV/nucleon}$.
(Size extensivity at its best.)

Nucleus	$\Delta E / A$ [MeV]
^4He	1.08 (0.73 ^{FY})
^{16}O	1.25
^{40}Ca	0.84
^{48}Ca	1.27
^{48}Ni	1.21

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***Ab initio* coupled-cluster approach to nuclear structure with modern nucleon-nucleon interactions**

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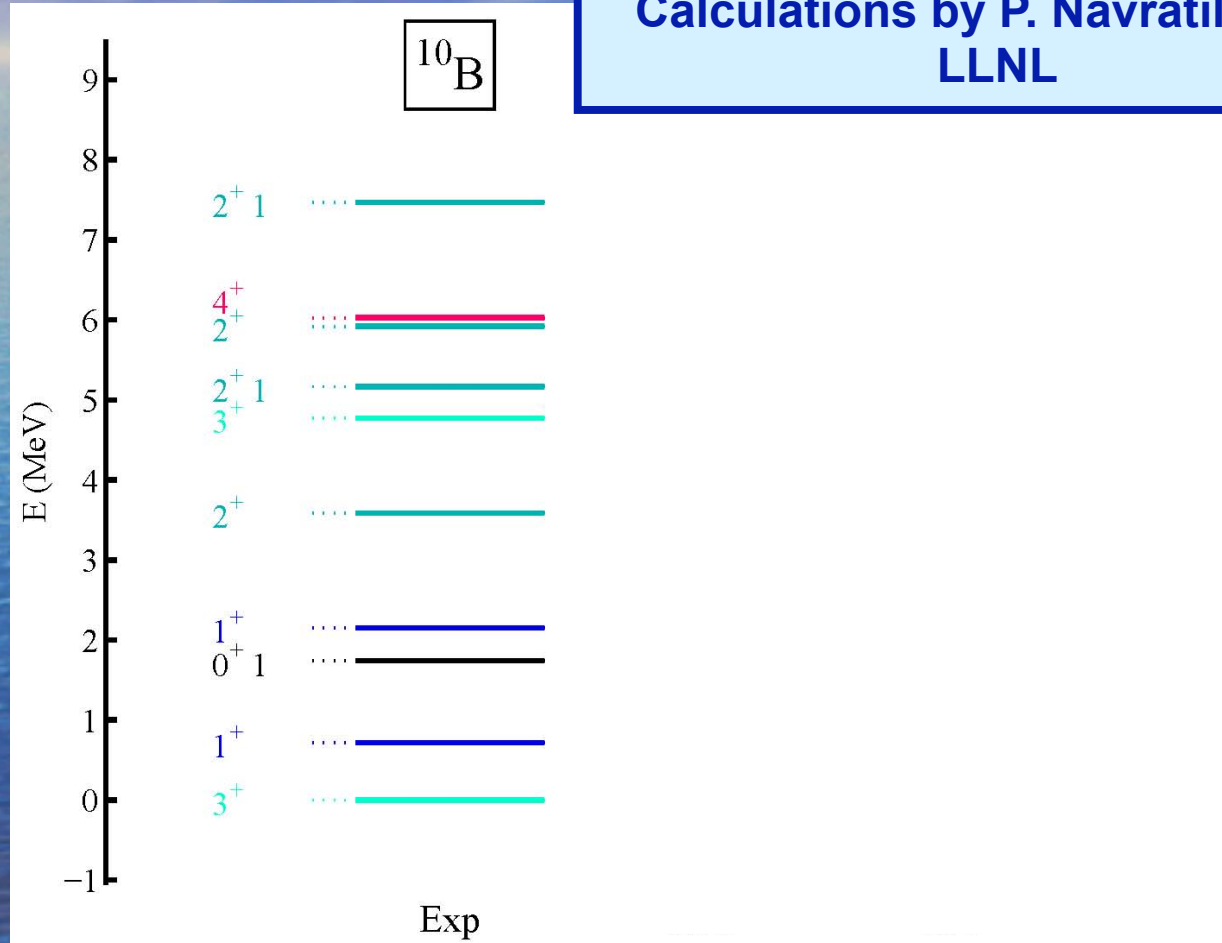
We perform coupled-cluster calculations for the doubly magic nuclei ${}^4\text{He}$, ${}^{16}\text{O}$, ${}^{40,48}\text{Ca}$, for neutron-rich isotopes of oxygen and fluorine, and employ “bare” and secondary renormalized nucleon-nucleon interactions. For the nucleon-nucleon interaction from chiral effective field theory at order next-to-next-to-next-to leading order, we find that the coupled-cluster approximation including triples corrections binds nuclei within 0.4 MeV per nucleon compared to data. We employ interactions from a resolution-scale dependent similarity renormalization group transformations and assess the validity of power counting estimates in medium-mass nuclei. We find that the missing contributions from three-nucleon forces are consistent with these estimates. For the unitary correlator model potential, we find a slow convergence with respect to increasing the size of the model space. For the G -matrix approach, we find a weak dependence of ground-state energies on the starting energy combined with a rather slow convergence with respect to increasing model spaces. We also analyze the center-of-mass problem and present a practical and efficient solution.

**... including the
chiral 3NF
at N2LO**

**For medium-mass nuclei,
see talks by
Papenbrock;
Roth et al.;
and others.**

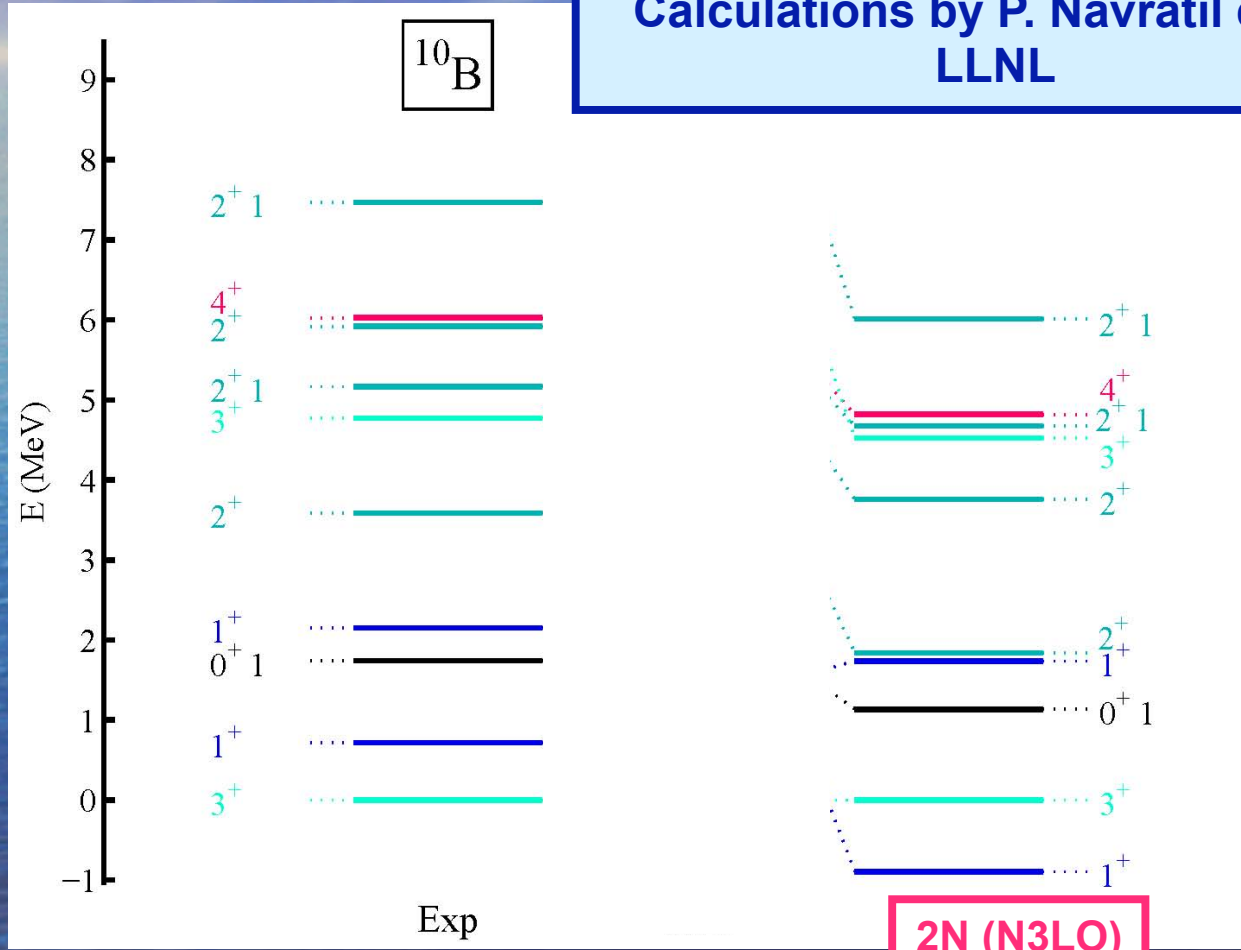
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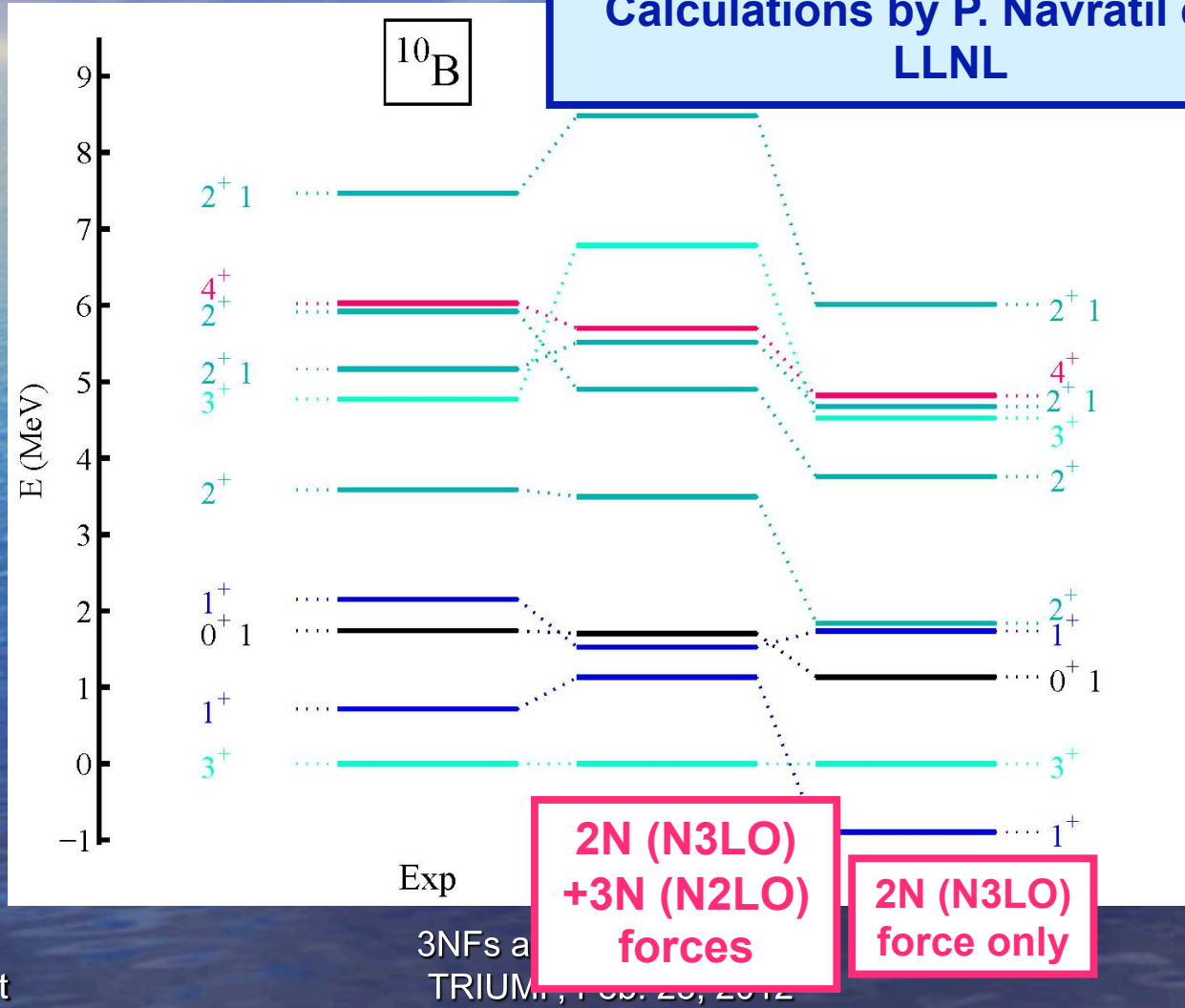


2N (N3LO)
force only

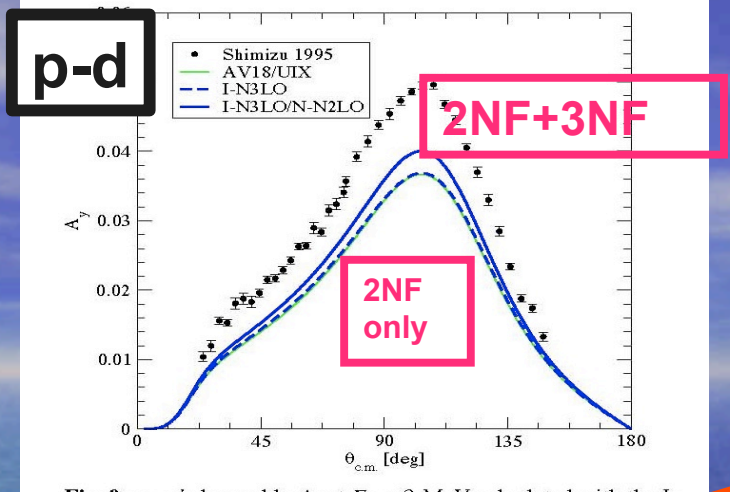
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Analyzing Power A_y



Calculations by
the Pisa Group

Fig. 9. $p-d$ observable A_y at $E_p = 3$ MeV calculated with the I-N3LO (blue dashed line), I-N3LO/N-N2LO (blue solid line) and AV18/UIX (thin green solid line) interaction models at $E_p = 3$ MeV. The experimental data are from Ref. [37].

The A_y puzzle is NOT solved by the 3NF at NNLO.

p-³He

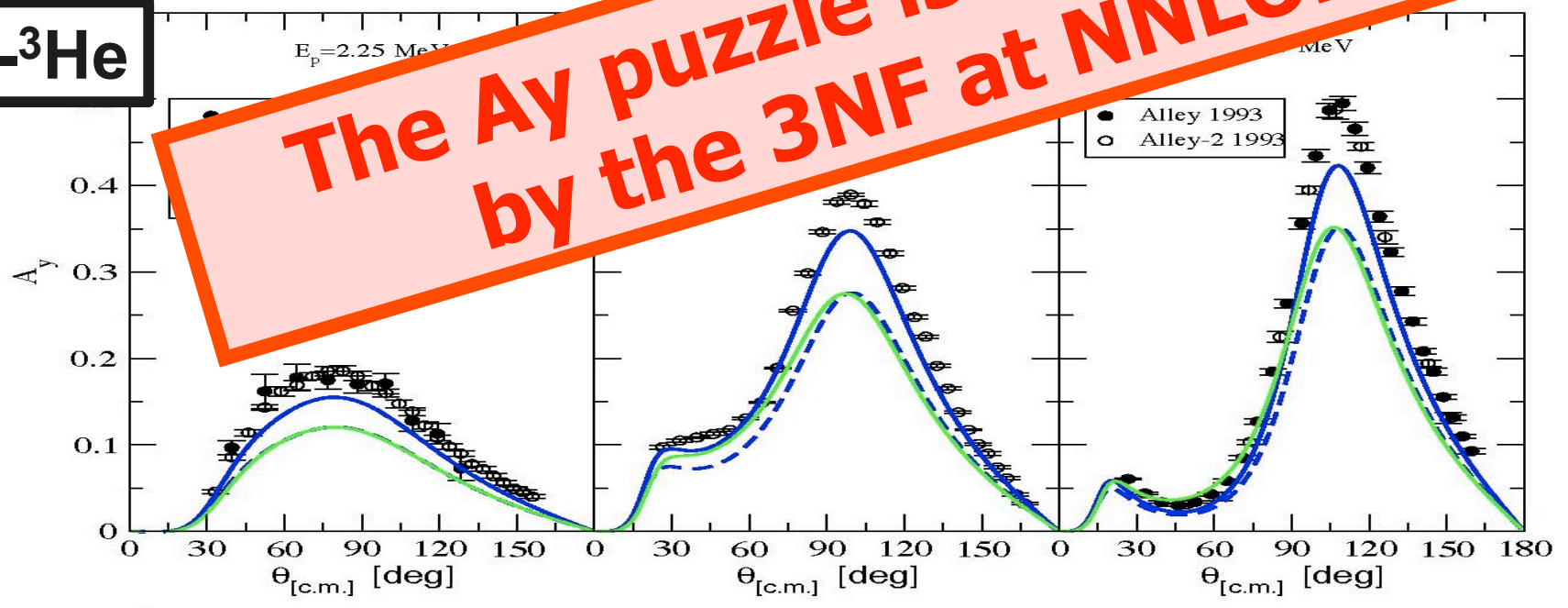


Fig. 6. $p-^3\text{He}$ A_y observable calculated with the I-N3LO (blue dashed line), the I-N3LO/N-N2LO (blue solid line), and the AV18/UIX (thin green solid line) interaction models for three different incident proton energies. The experimental data are from Refs. [37,22,36].

The currently popular scheme:

2NF at N3LO

3NF at NNLO

No 4NF

Going beyond the current scheme

- The 2NF is N3LO;
consistency requires that all contributions are at the same order, so **3NF has to be N3LO, too.**
- There are unresolved problems in 3N, 4N scattering and nuclear structure, where additional 3NFs (and 4NFs) may help.



**So, let's take a close look at the development
of chiral 3NFs.**

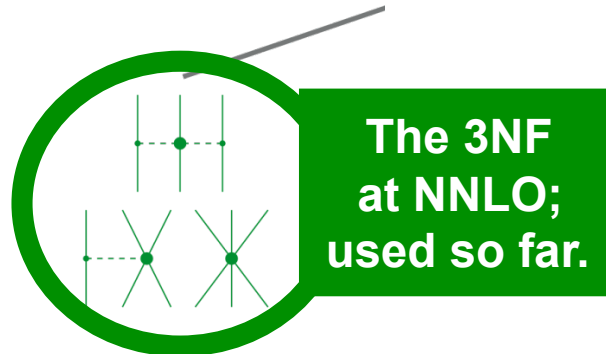
Chiral 3N Force

Δ -less

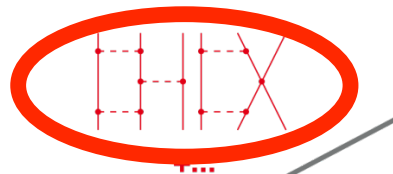
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 $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^4$



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The 3NF at N3LO explicitly

One-loop, leading vertices

2π -exchange

$$= \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} + \text{diagram 3} + \text{diagram 4} + \text{diagram 5} + \dots$$

2π - 1π -exchange

$$= \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} + \text{diagram 3} + \text{diagram 4} + \text{diagram 5} + \dots$$

ring diagrams

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contact- 1π -exchange

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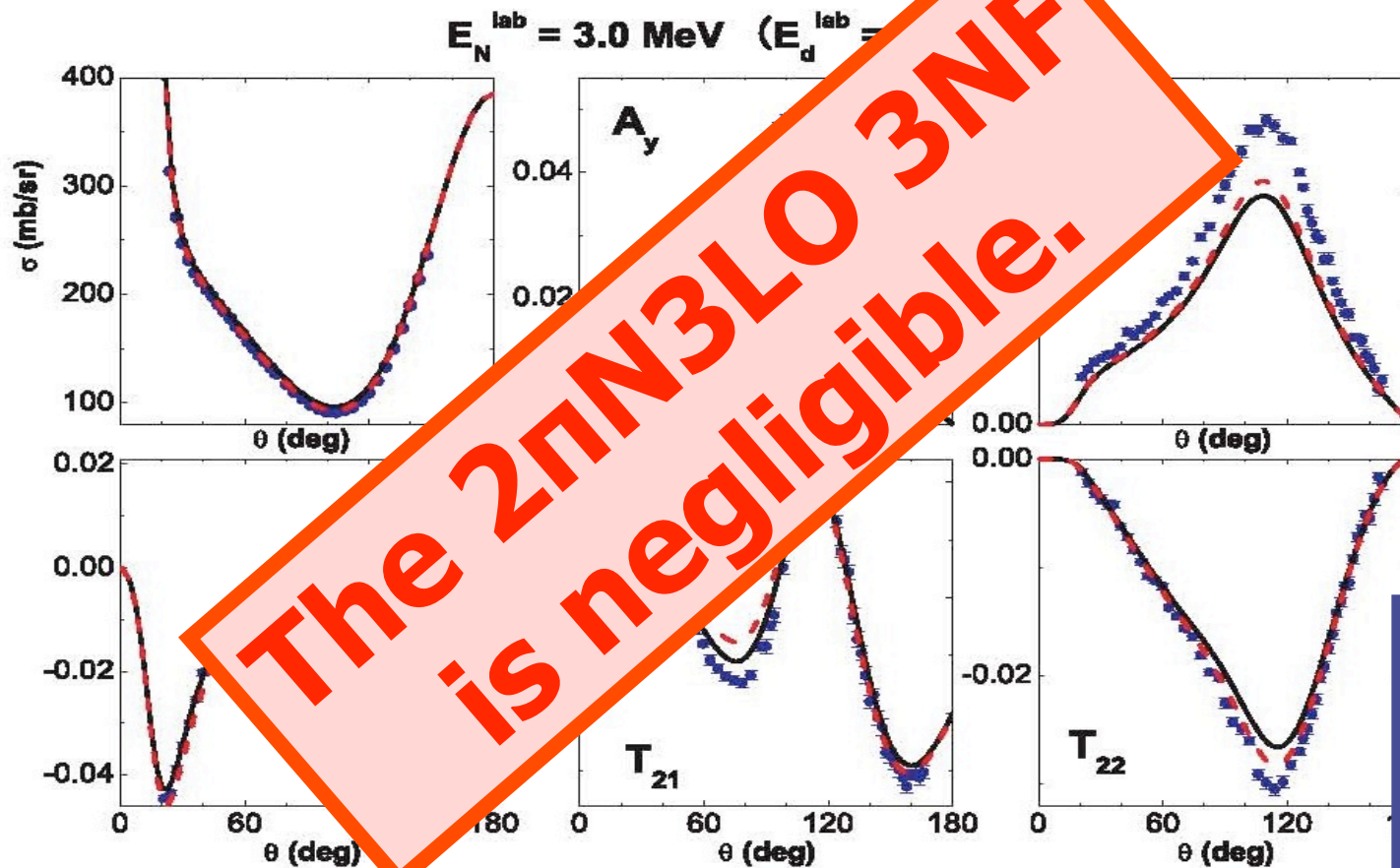
Ishikawa & Robilotta,
PRC 76, 014006 (2007)

Bernard,
Epelbaum,
Krebs,
Meissner,
PRC 77, 064004
(2008); PRC 84,
054001 (2011).

Proton-deuteron elastic scattering

Black line: 2NF only

Red dashed line: 2NF + 3NF(N2LO+2 π N3LO) \approx 2NF + 3NF(N2LO)



From:
Ishikawa &
Robilotta,
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**Triton calculation with long-range
N3LO 3NF exists:
Skibinski et al., PRC 84, 054005 (2011).
Strong cutoff dependence of results.
For best fit NN potential, N3LO 3NF
contributions about -0.1 MeV.**

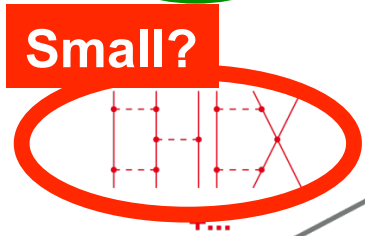
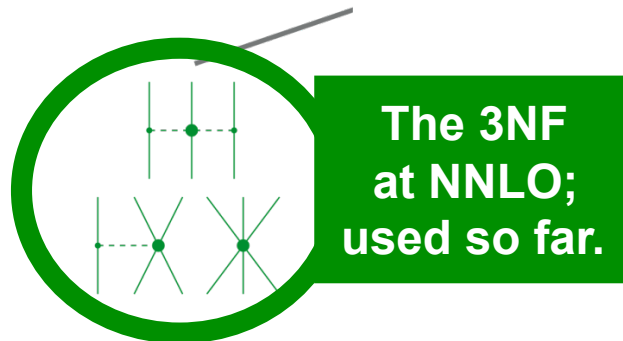
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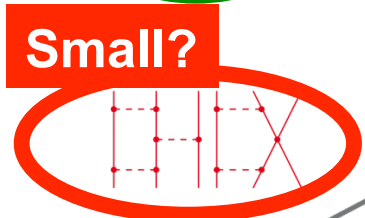
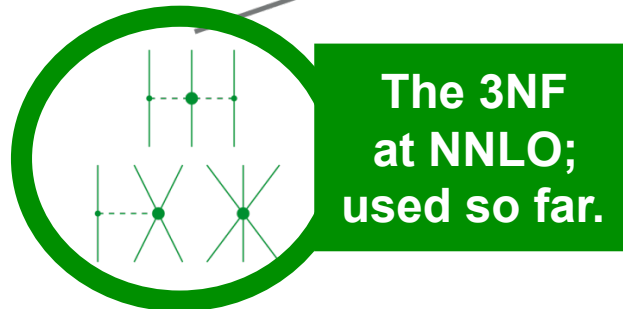
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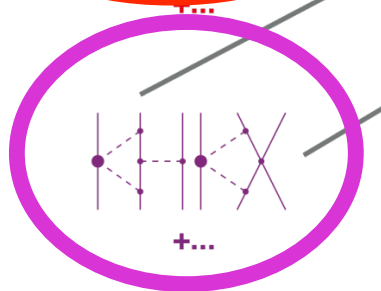
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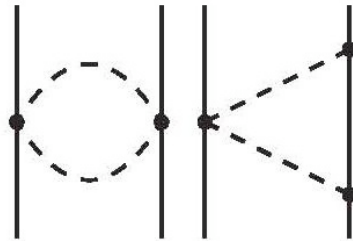
What to expect from those N4LO 1-loop diagrams?

Compare to “similar” 2NF diagrams.

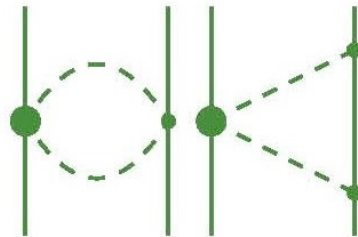
Corresponding 2NF contributions

2π

**1-loop
lead. vert.**



**1-loop
One c_i vert.**



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3 π

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Kaiser (2000)

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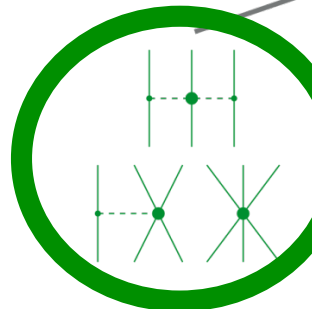
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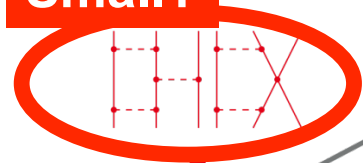
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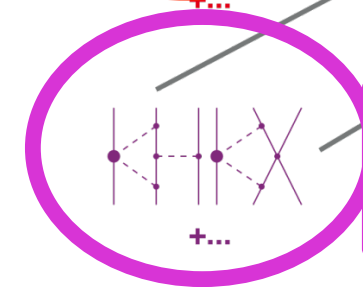
The 3NF
at NNLO;
used so far.

Small?

N³LO
 $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^4$



N⁴LO
 $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^5$



Large!!



**A variation of the theory is possible:
Introduce Δ degrees of freedom**

Chiral 3N Force

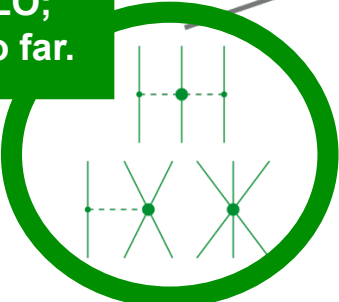
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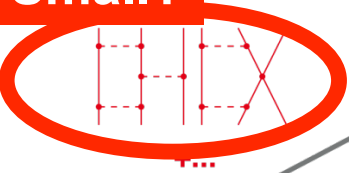
NNLO
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The NNLO diagrams consist of two parts. The top part shows two nucleons connected by a single pion exchange (dashed line) and a contact interaction (solid line). The bottom part shows two nucleons connected by two pion exchanges (dashed lines) and a contact interaction (solid line).

Small?

N^3LO
 $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^4$



The N³LO diagrams are more complex, involving multiple pion exchanges and contact interactions between three nucleons.

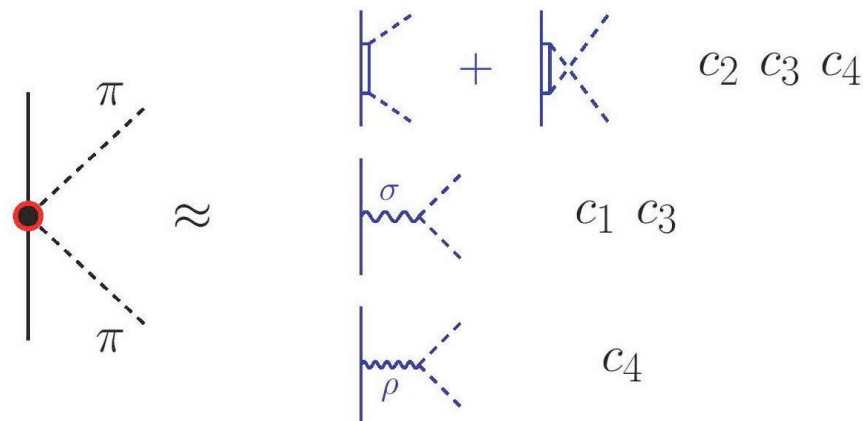
N^4LO
 $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^5$



The N⁴LO diagrams are even more complex, involving multiple pion exchanges and contact interactions between three nucleons.

pi-N Lagrangian with two derivatives ("next-to-leading" order)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\pi N, c_i}^{(2)} = & \bar{N} \left[2 c_1 m_\pi^2 (U + U^\dagger) \right. \\
 & + \left(c_2 - \frac{g_A^2}{8M_N} \right) u_0^2 \\
 & + c_3 u_\mu u^\mu \\
 & \left. + \frac{i}{2} \left(c_4 + \frac{1}{4M_N} \right) \vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{u}) \right] N
 \end{aligned}$$



Bernard et al. '97

Chiral 3N Force

Δ -less

Additional in Δ -full

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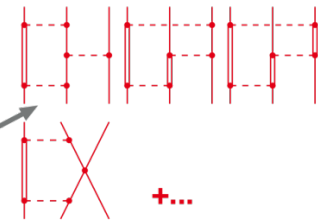
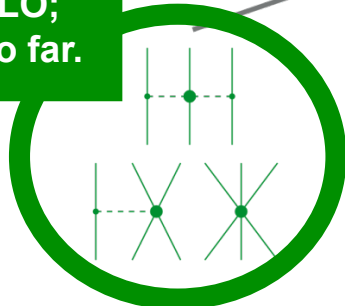
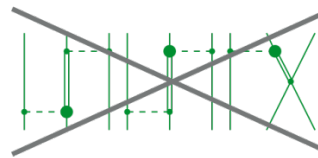
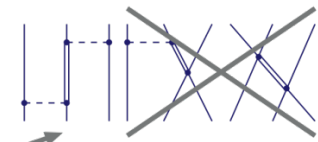
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N³LO
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N⁴LO
 $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^5$

The 3NF at NNLO; used so far.

Small?



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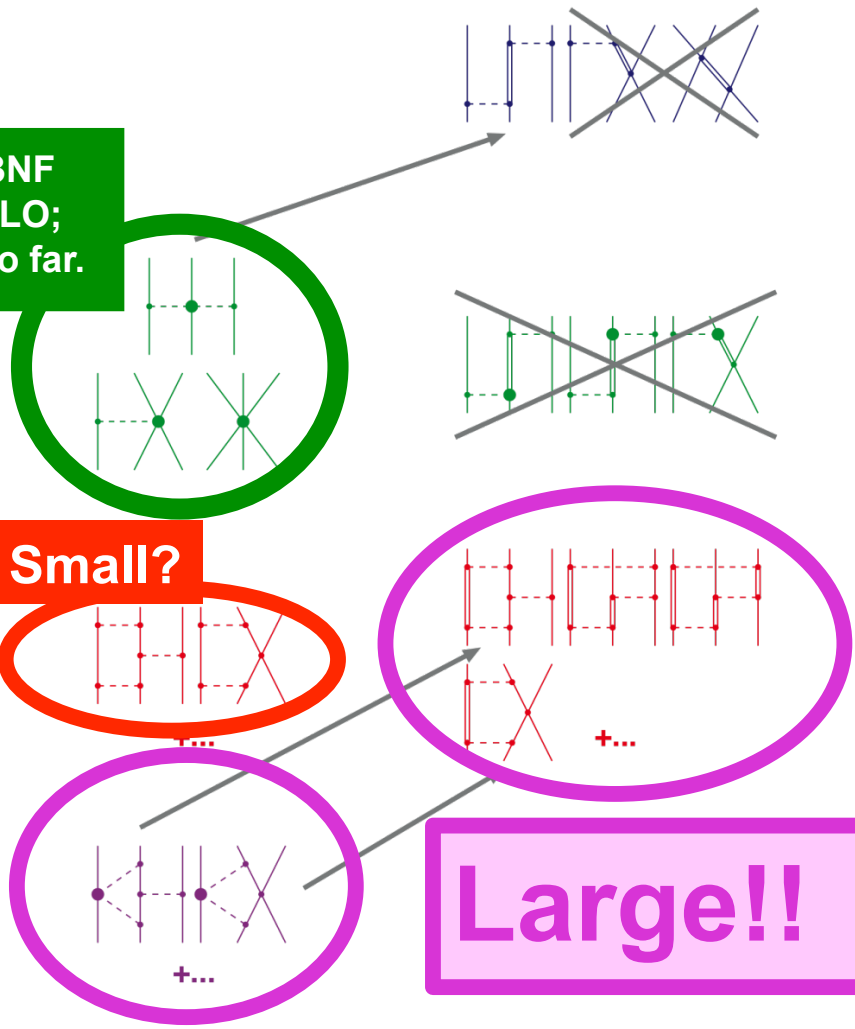
N³LO
 $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^4$

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The 3NF at NNLO; used so far.

Small?

Large!!



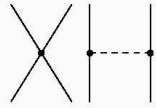
**So, with Δ 's you have to go "only" to N3LO
(to catch the large 3NFs),
But notice that there are many more diagrams
At N3LO with Δ 's as compared to Δ -less.
So, it's not necessarily simpler.**

**Notice further that in the Δ -full theory the 2NF
Gets also more complicated.**

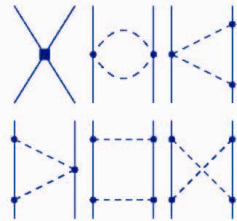
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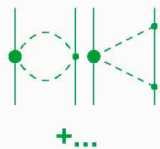
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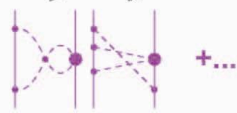
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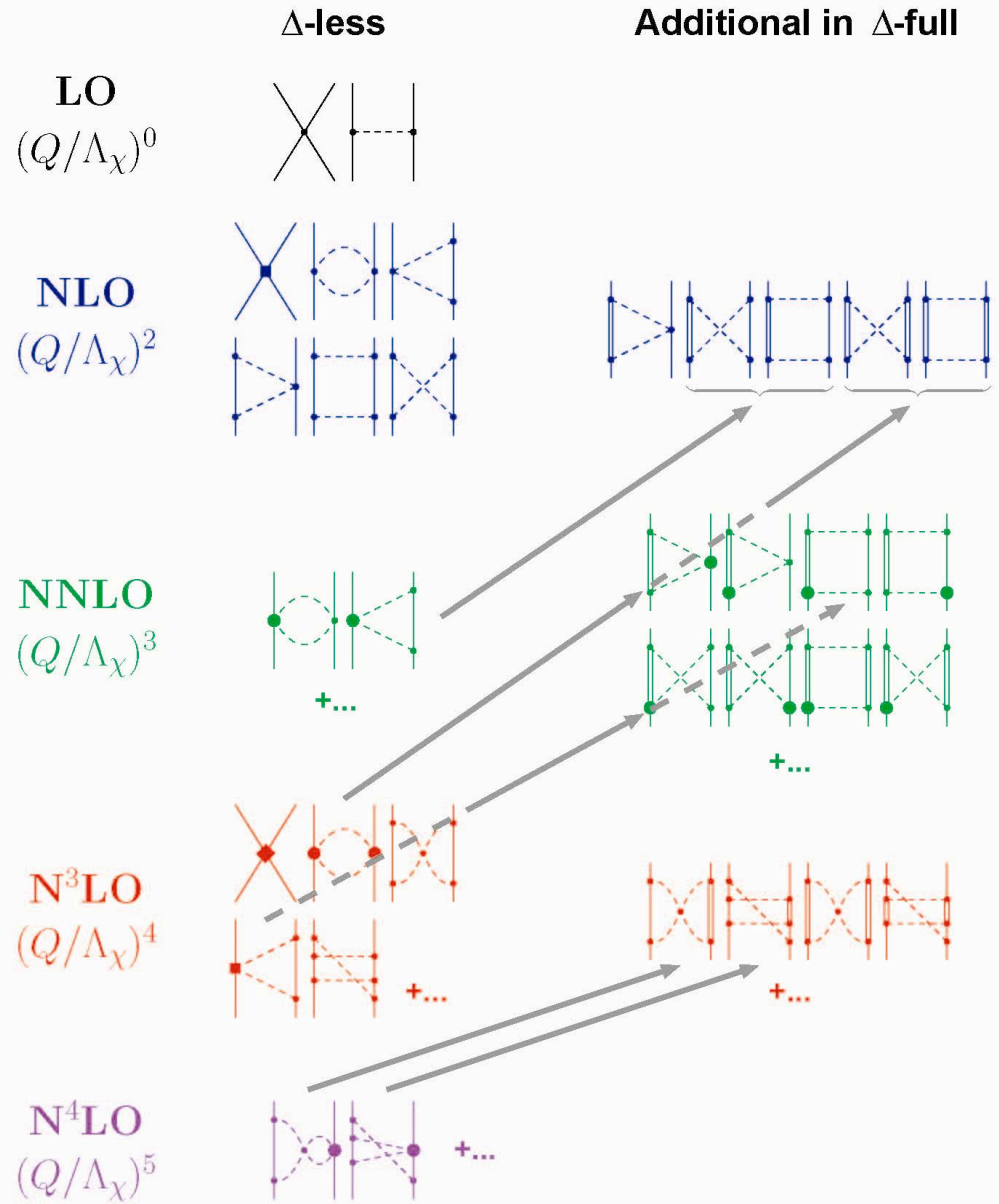
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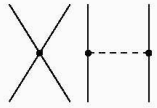


Summarize: Δ -full vs. Δ -less (2NF and 3NF).

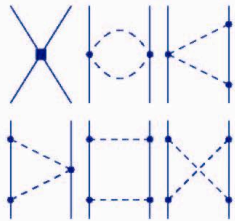
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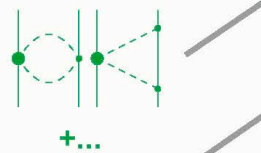
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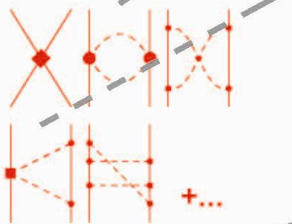
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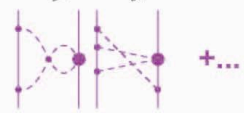
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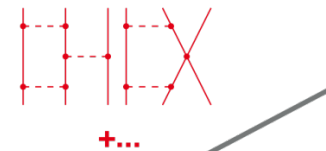
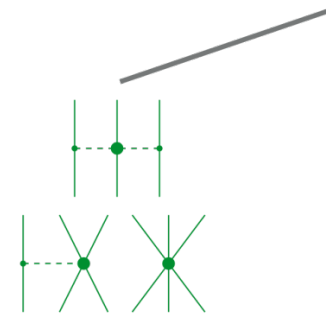
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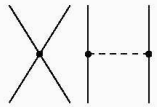
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Additional in Δ -full

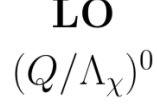
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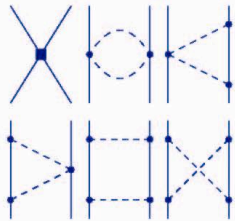
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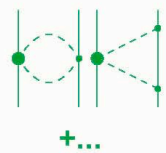
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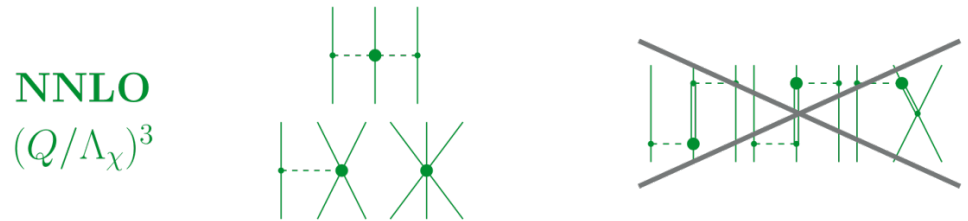
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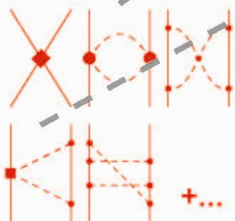
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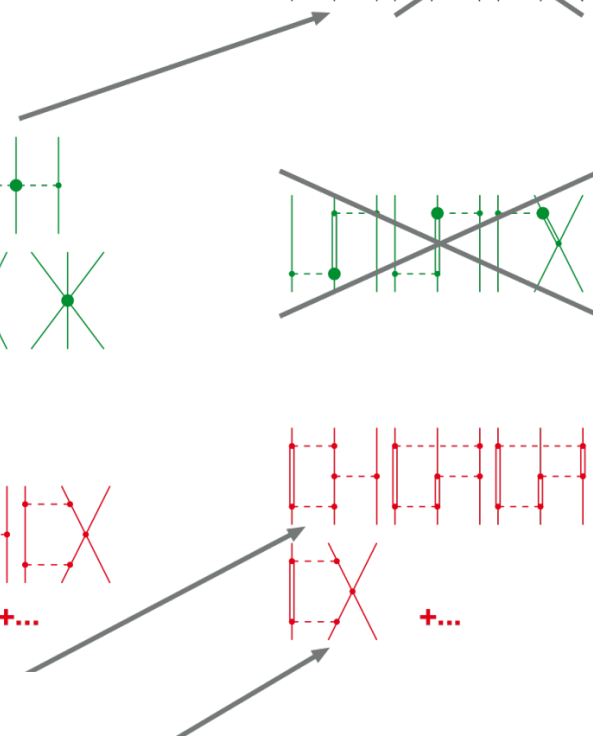
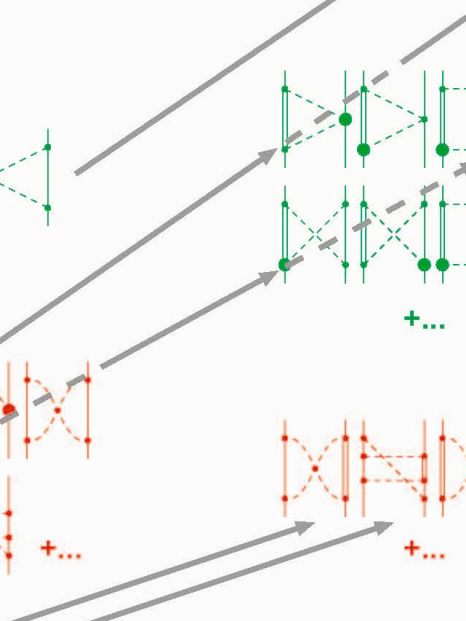
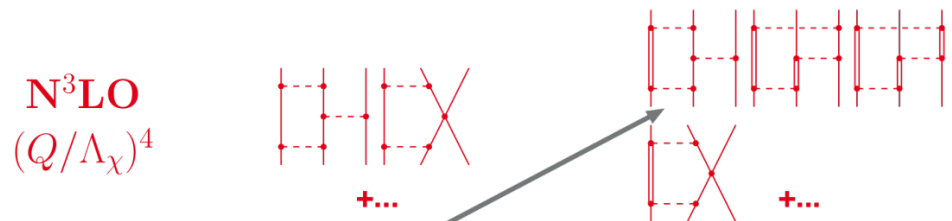
NNLO
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N³LO
 $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^4$



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What's the better approach is a matter of taste

- **Bochum (E. Epelbaum & H. Krebs) pursues Δ -full**
- **Idaho (R. M. & D. R. Entem) Δ -less**

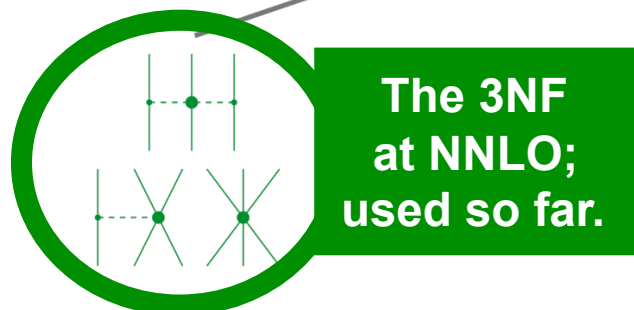
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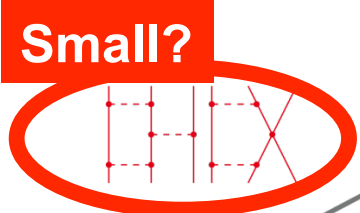
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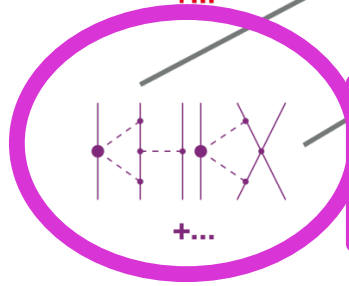


The 3NF
at NNLO;
used so far.



Small?

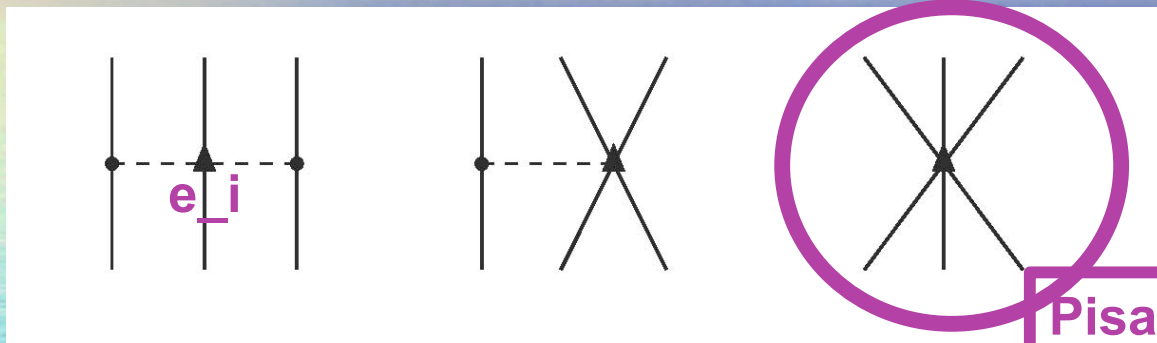
N³LO
 $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^4$



Large!!

N⁴LO
 $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^5$

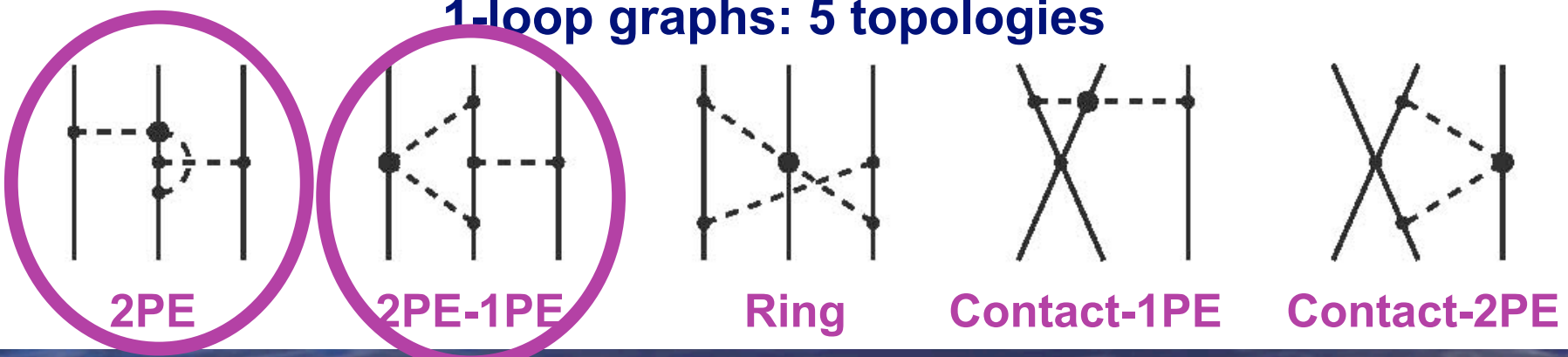
The Δ -less N4LO ($v=5$) 3NF in more detail: Tree diagrams and 1-loop graphs



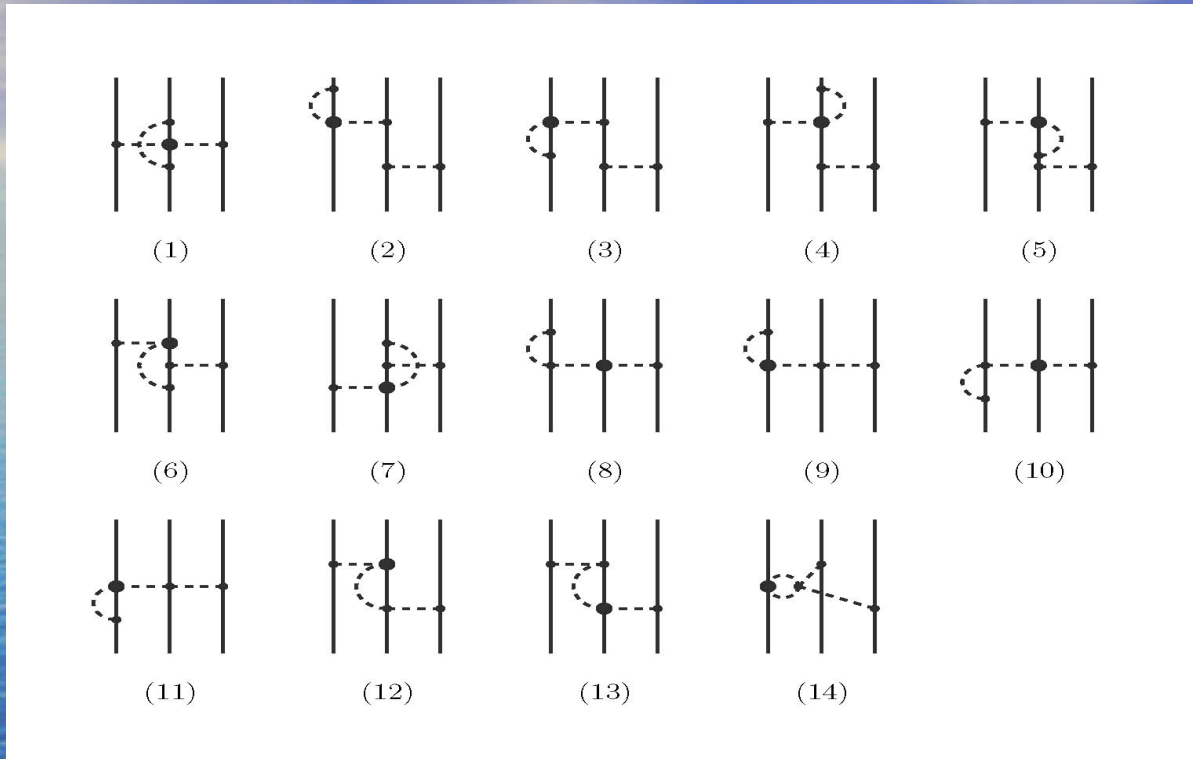
$$\text{Power} = 2 + 2L + \sum_{\text{all vertices}} \Delta_i$$

$$\text{with } \Delta_i = d_i + \frac{n_i}{2} - 2$$

1-loop graphs: 5 topologies



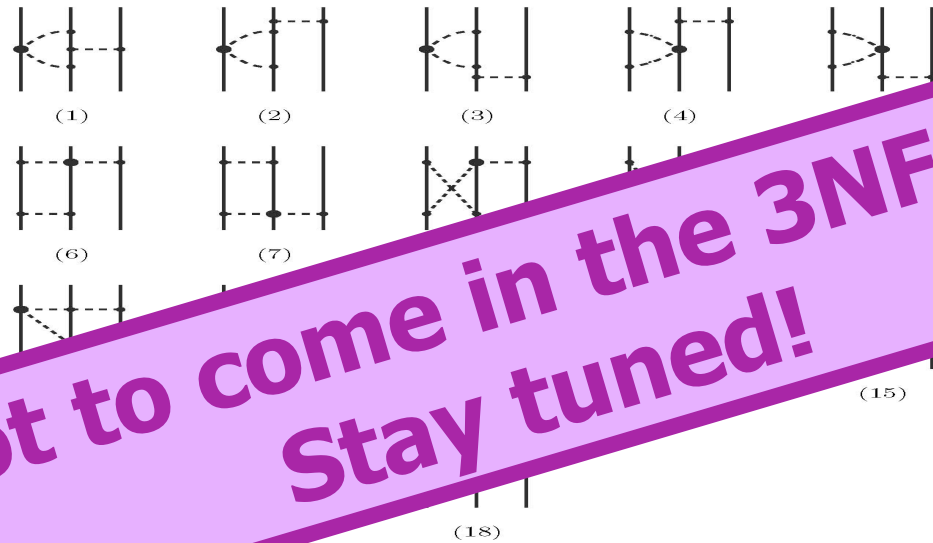
The N4LO 3NF 2PE diagrams



$$V_{2PE}^{(N4LO)} = \frac{g_A^2}{8f_\pi^4} \frac{\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{q}_1 \vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{q}_2}{(q_1^2 + m_\pi^2)(q_2^2 + m_\pi^2)} \left\{ \vec{\tau}_1 \cdot \vec{\tau}_2 (-4 \tilde{c}_1 m_\pi^2 + 2 \tilde{c}_3 \vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{q}_2 + \tilde{c}_4 \vec{\tau}_1 \cdot (\vec{\tau}_2 \times \vec{\tau}_3) \vec{\sigma}_3 \cdot (\vec{q}_1 \times \vec{q}_2)) \right\}$$

same structure as NNLO 2PE 3NF, but \tilde{c}_1 , \tilde{c}_3 , and \tilde{c}_4 get renormalized.

The N4LO 3NF 2PE-1PE diagrams



**Still a lot to come in the 3NF business.
Stay tuned!**

**Many new isospin/spin/momentum structures,
some similar to N3LO 2PE-1PE 3NF.**

$$2PE-1PE = \frac{\vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{q}_2}{q_2^2 + m_\pi^2} \times$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \{ \vec{\tau}_1 \cdot \vec{\tau}_2 [\vec{\sigma}_3 \cdot \vec{q}_1 \vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{q}_2 F_1(q_1) + \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{q}_1 \vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{q}_2 F_2(q_1) \\ & \quad + \vec{\sigma}_3 \cdot \vec{q}_1 F_3(q_1) + \vec{\sigma}_3 \cdot \vec{q}_2 F_4(q_1) + \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{q}_2 F_5(q_1)] \\ & + \vec{\tau}_2 \cdot \vec{\tau}_3 [\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{q}_1 \vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{q}_2 F_6(q_1) + \vec{\sigma}_3 \cdot \vec{q}_1 \vec{q}_1 \cdot \vec{q}_2 F_7(q_1) \\ & \quad + \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{q}_2 F_8(q_1) + \vec{\sigma}_3 \cdot \vec{q}_1 F_9(q_1) + \vec{\sigma}_3 \cdot \vec{q}_2 F_{10}(q_1)] \\ & + \vec{\tau}_1 \cdot (\vec{\tau}_2 \times \vec{\tau}_3) \vec{q}_1 \cdot (\vec{\sigma}_1 \times \vec{\sigma}_3) F_{11}(q_1) \} \end{aligned}$$

General Summary

- Substantial advances in chiral nuclear forces during the past decade. The major milestone of the decade: “high precision” NN pots. at N3LO; good for nuclear structure.
- But there are still important open issues concerning three-nucleon forces (3NF), **which is one reason why we are here.**
- Large 3NFs with many new structures to be expected at N3LO of Δ -full or N4LO at Δ -less. Construction is under way.
- There will be many new 3NFs to check out in the near future. **Stay tuned.**



Some after-thoughts

“There will be many new 3NFs ...”

How many?

Too many?!

**How not to get crushed
by the Dinosaur?**

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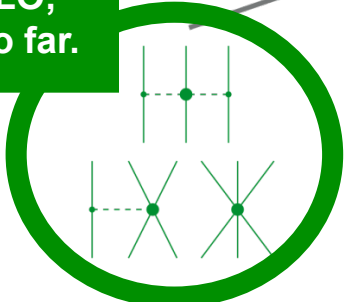
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Additional in Δ -full

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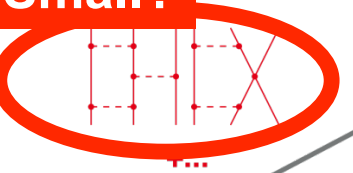
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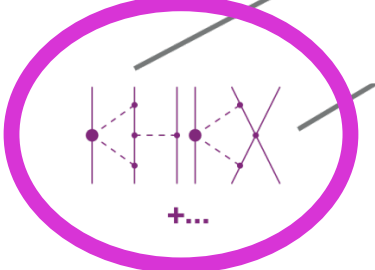
NNLO
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N³LO
 $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^4$



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N⁴LO
 $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^5$

Chiral 3N Force

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2π -exchange

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2π - 1π -exchange

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ring diagrams

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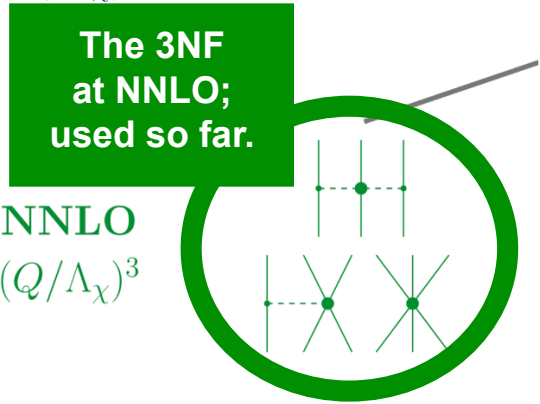
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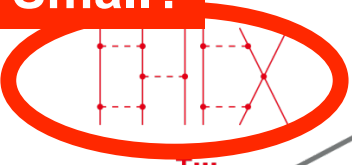
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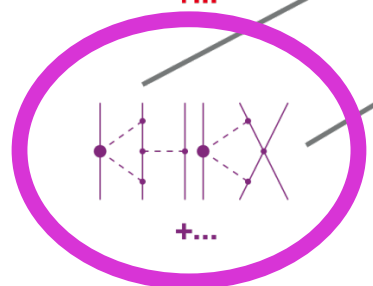
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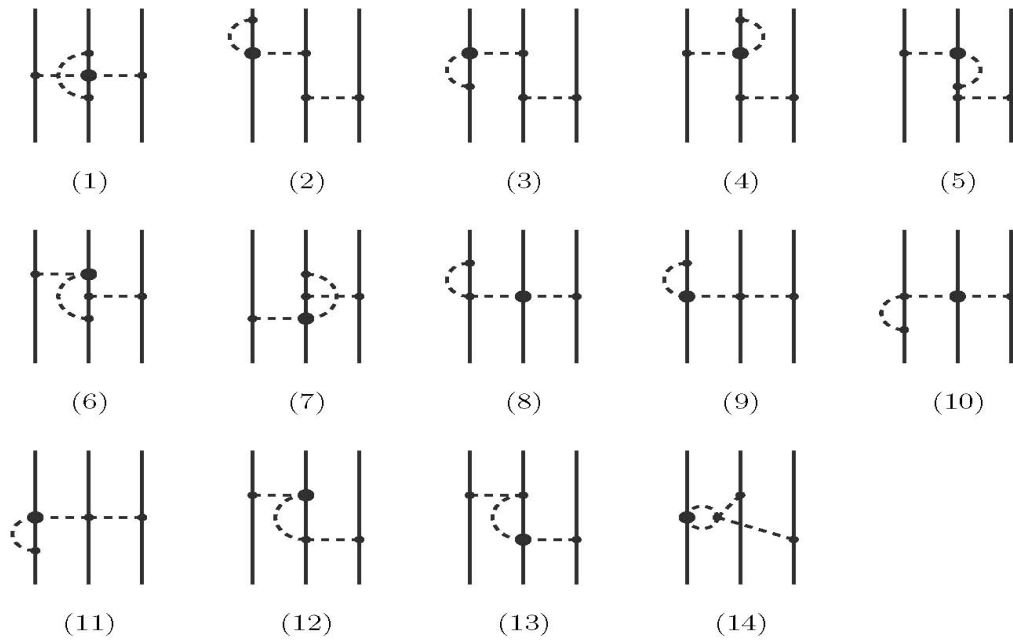
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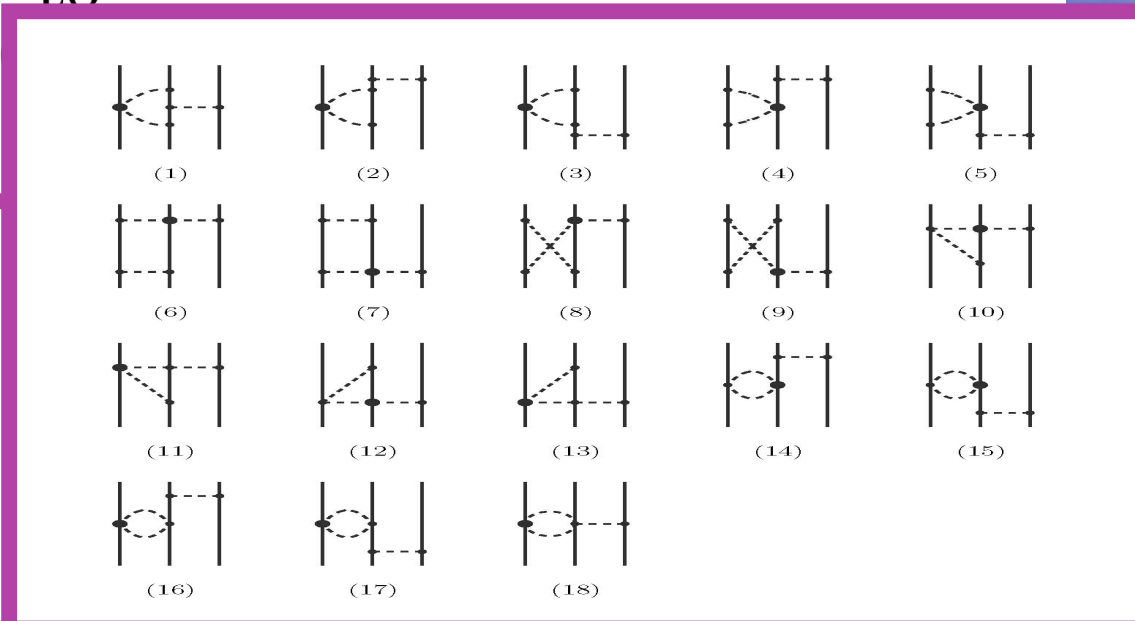
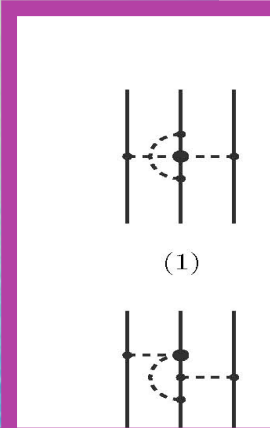
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$V_{2PE}^{(N4LO)}$

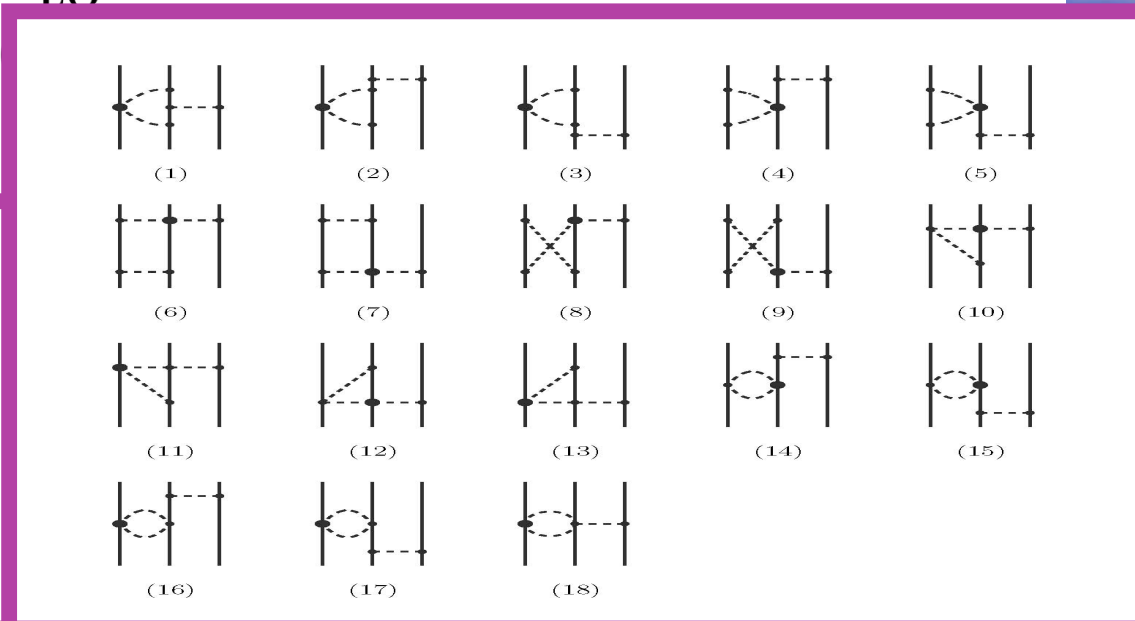
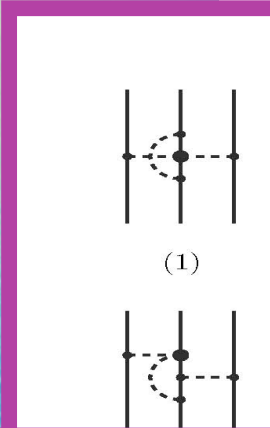
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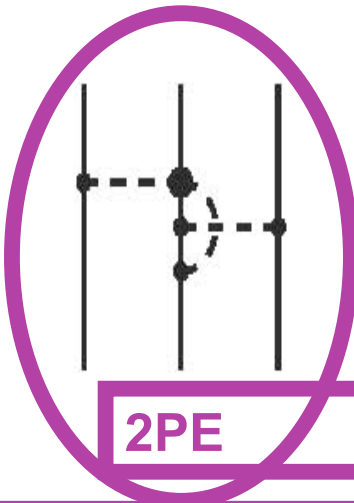
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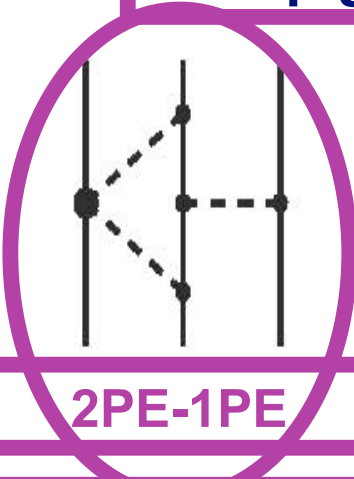
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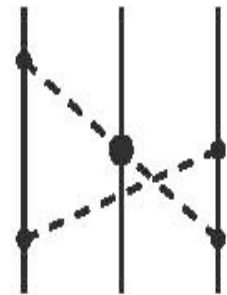
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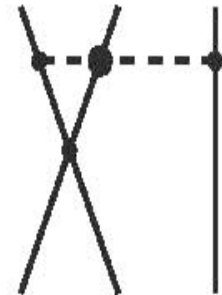
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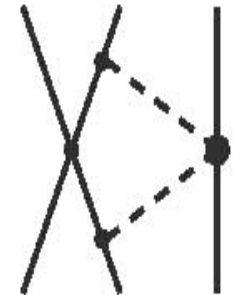
2PE-1PE



Ring



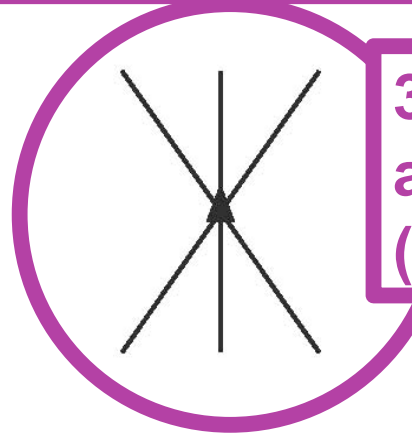
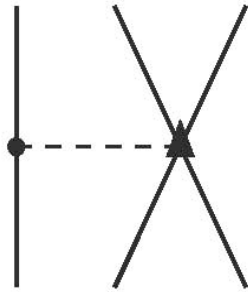
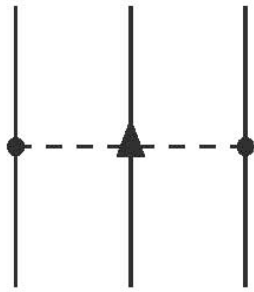
Contact-1PE



Contact-2PE

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Δ -less



3NF contacts
at N4LO
(Pisa)


3NF contacts at N4LO

Girlanda, Kievsky, Viviani, PRC 84, 014001 (2011)

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Spin-Orbit
Force!

$$\begin{aligned}
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 & - E_5 (3\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j - \mathbf{k}_i^2) - E_6 (3\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j - \mathbf{k}_i^2) \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j \\
 & + \frac{i}{9} E_7 \mathbf{k}_i \times (\mathbf{Q}_i - \mathbf{Q}_j) \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j) + \frac{i}{2} E_8 \mathbf{k}_i \times (\mathbf{Q}_i - \mathbf{Q}_j) \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j) \boldsymbol{\tau}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_k \\
 & \left. - E_9 \mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \mathbf{k}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j - E_{10} \mathbf{k}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \mathbf{k}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j \right], \tag{15}
 \end{aligned}$$



**To avoid
the Dinosaur/
the nightmare/
the Pandora's Box,
take a pragmatic
Approach:**

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Δ -less

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 $(Q/\Lambda_\chi)^0$

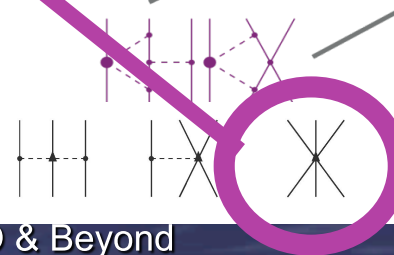
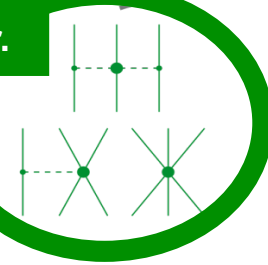
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The 3NF
at NNLO;
used so far.



A working model:

- use Δ -less
- include NNLO 3NF
- skip N³LO 3NF (small in Δ -less!)
- at N⁴LO start with contact 3NF, use one term at a time, e.g. spin-orbit
- that may already solve your problems.

A working 3NF model (to be used on an “investigational” basis)

NNLO 3NF

$$V_{\text{TPE}}^{3\text{NF}} = \left(\frac{g_A}{2f_\pi}\right)^2 \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} \frac{(\vec{\sigma}_i \cdot \vec{q}_i)(\vec{\sigma}_j \cdot \vec{q}_j)}{(q_i^2 + m_\pi^2)(q_j^2 + m_\pi^2)} F_{ijk}^{\alpha\beta} \tau_i^\alpha \tau_j^\beta \quad (2)$$

with $\vec{q}_i \equiv \vec{p}_i' - \vec{p}_i$, where \vec{p}_i and \vec{p}_i' are the initial and final momenta of nucleon i , respectively, and

$$F_{ijk}^{\alpha\beta} = \delta^{\alpha\beta} \left[-\frac{4c_1 m_\pi^2}{f_\pi^2} + \frac{2c_3}{f_\pi^2} \vec{q}_i \cdot \vec{q}_j \right] + \frac{c_4}{f_\pi^2} \sum_\gamma \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma} \tau_k^\gamma \vec{\sigma}_k \cdot [\vec{q}_i \times \vec{q}_j] \quad (3)$$

$$V_{\text{OPE}}^{3\text{NF}} = D \frac{g_A}{8f_\pi^2} \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} \frac{\vec{\sigma}_j \cdot \vec{q}_j}{q_j^2 + m_\pi^2} (\tau_i \cdot \tau_j) (\vec{\sigma}_i \cdot \vec{q}_j)$$

$$V_{\text{ct}}^{3\text{NF}} = E \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j \neq k} \tau_j \cdot \tau_k \cdot$$

+ N4LO 3NF Contacts

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**Spin-Orbit
Force!**