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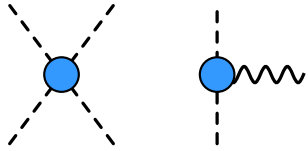
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...but what does this actually mean??

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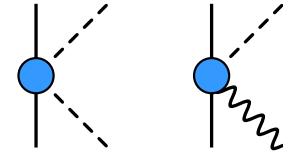


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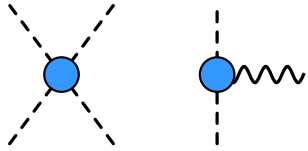
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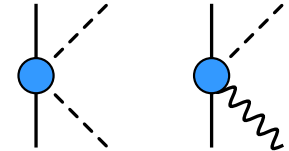
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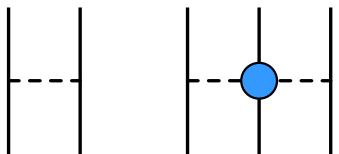
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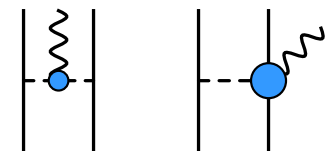


Auxilliary quantities (not observable):

More difficult to calculate than Feynman graphs  
(renormalizability, off-shell consistency...)

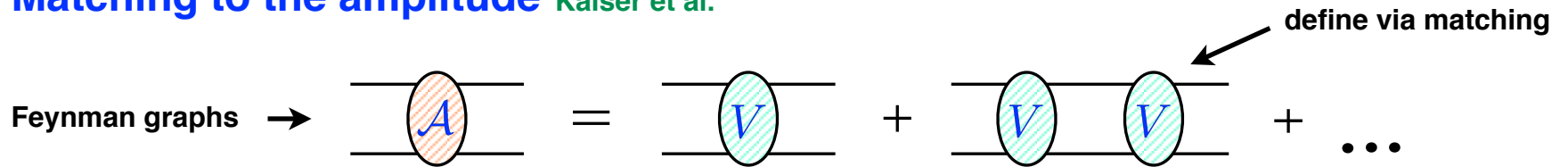
## Nuclear currents

Park et al, Bochum-Bonn, JLab-Pisa



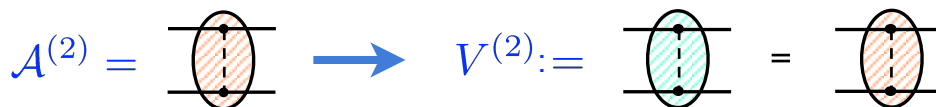
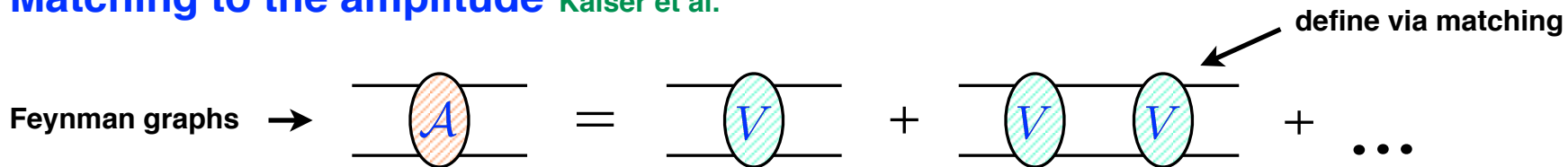
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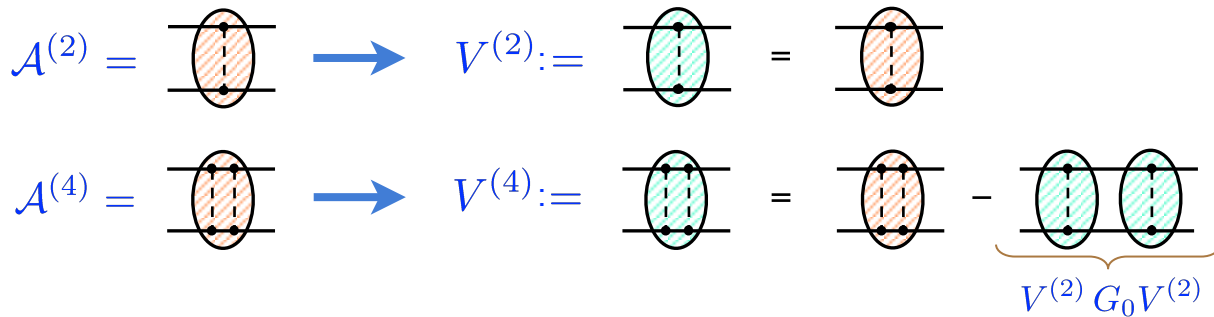
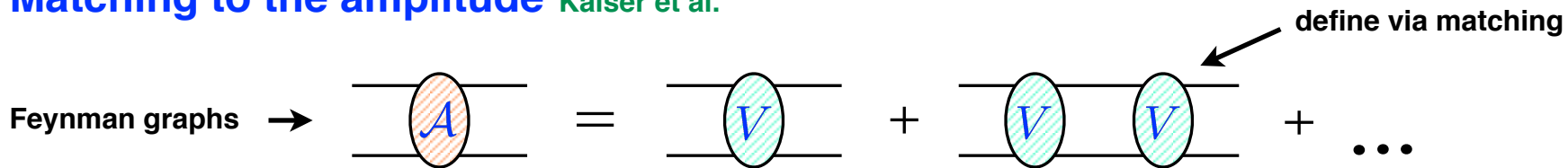
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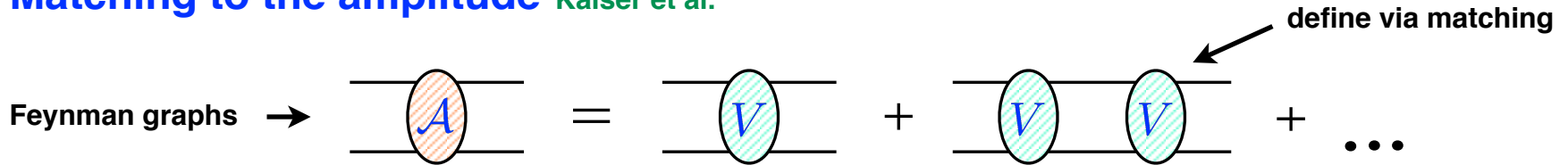
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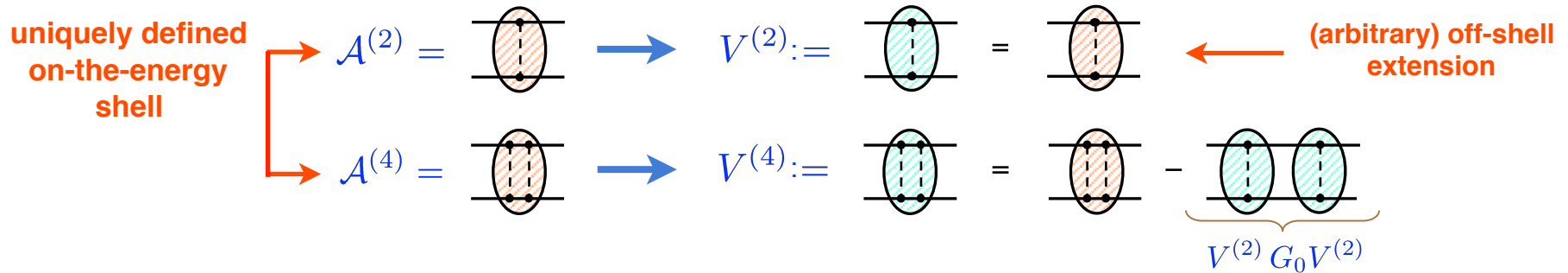


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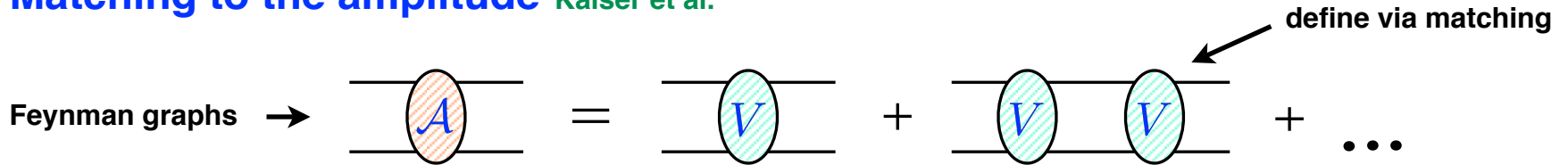


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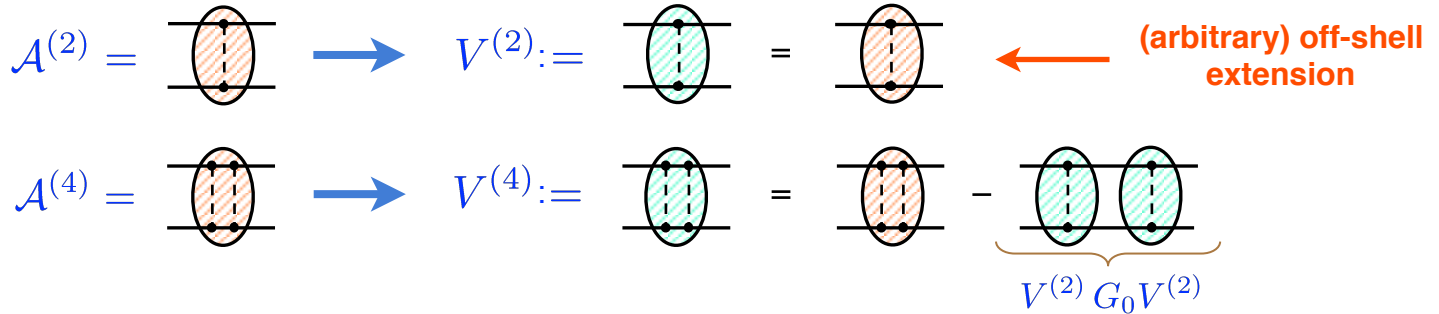


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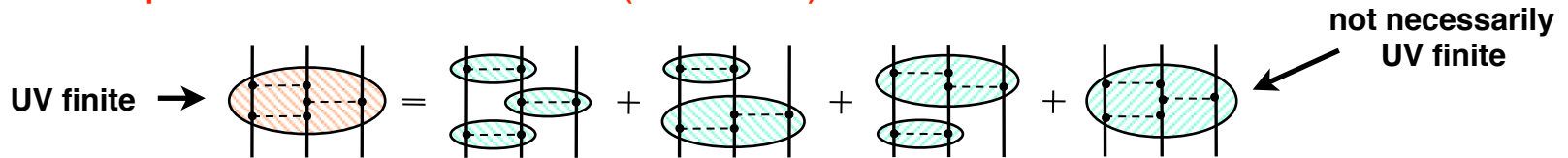


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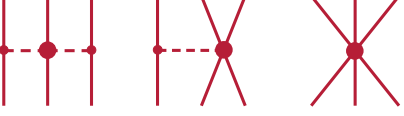

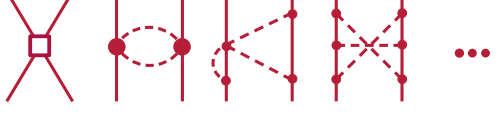

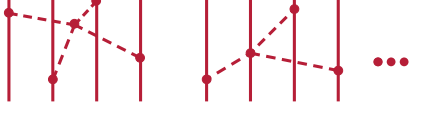
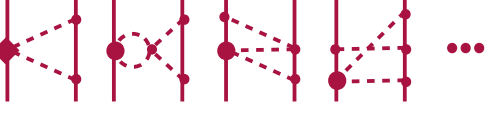


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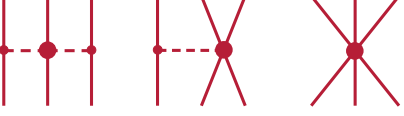

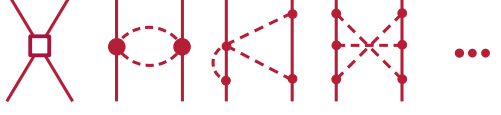

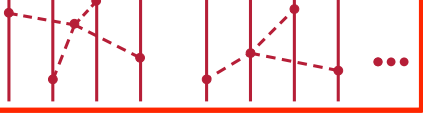
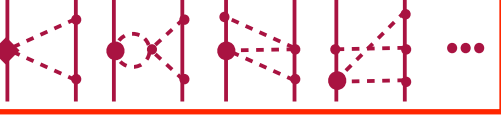


So far, it was always possible to renormalize nuclear forces by systematically exploiting their unitary ambiguity...

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**Local** (implemented in coordinate space)

$$V_\pi(\vec{r}) \longrightarrow V_\pi(\vec{r}) \left[1 - \exp(-r^2/R^2)\right]^n \quad \text{used in EE, Krebs, Meißner (EKM) '15}$$

- still an ad hoc procedure
- (technically) difficult to apply to 3NF and exchange currents

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[inspired by Thomas Rijken] Reinert, Krebs, EE '18;

→ does not affect long-range physics at any order in  $1/\Lambda^2$ -expansion

- Application to  $2\pi$  exchange does not require re-calculating the corresponding diagrams:

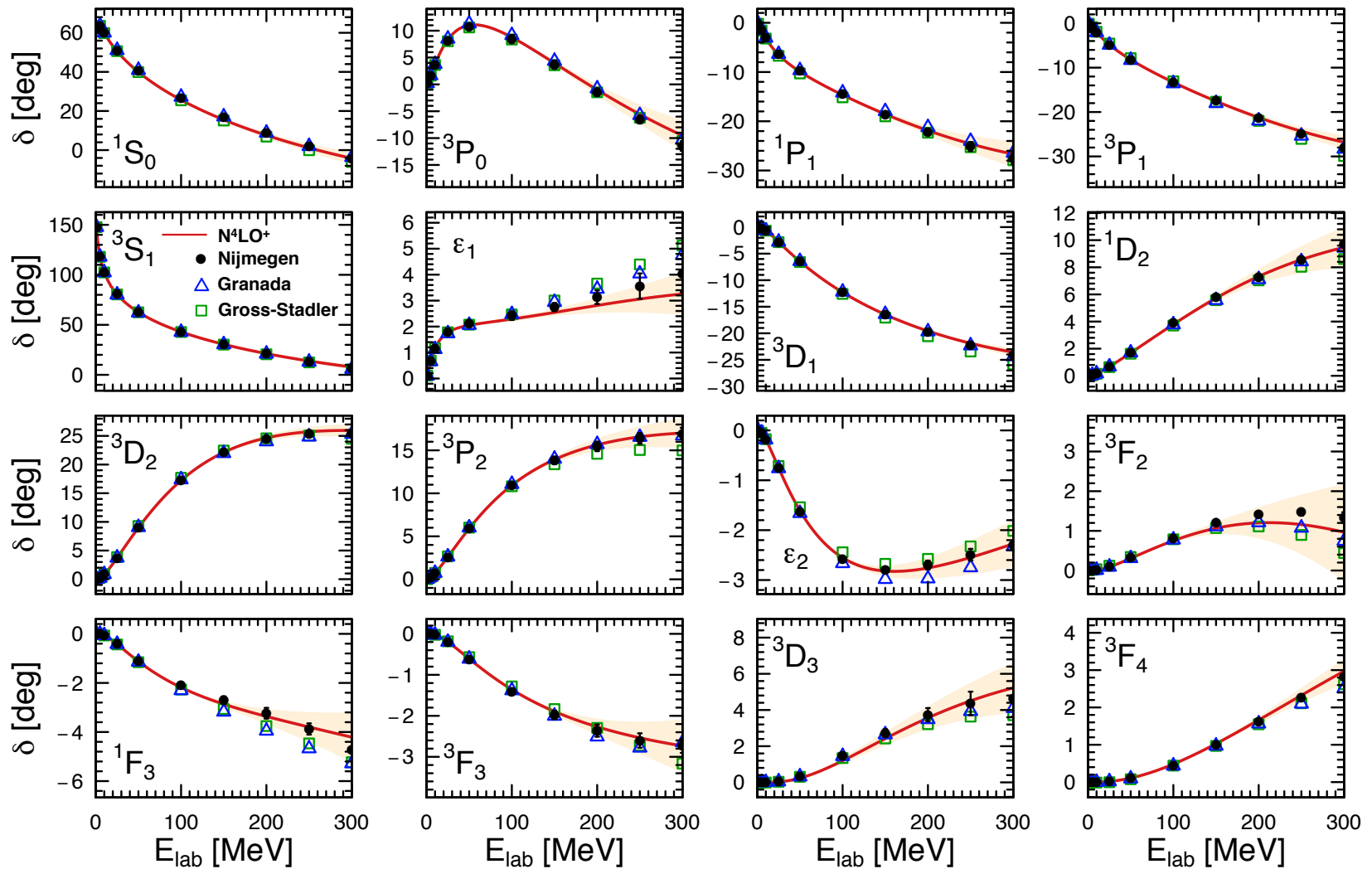
$$V(q) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{2M_\pi}^{\infty} \mu d\mu \frac{\rho(\mu)}{q^2 + \mu^2} + \dots \xrightarrow{\text{reg.}} V_\Lambda(q) = e^{-\frac{q^2}{2\Lambda^2}} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{2M_\pi}^{\infty} \mu d\mu \frac{\rho(\mu)}{q^2 + \mu^2} e^{-\frac{\mu^2}{2\Lambda^2}} + \dots$$

*polynomial in  $q^2, M_\pi$*

- Convention: choose polynomial terms such that  $\Delta^n V_{\Lambda, \text{long}}(\vec{r})|_{r=0} = 0$

# Partial wave analysis of NN data

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- Contacts at  $N^4LO^+$ : 2 [ $Q^0$ ] + 7 [ $Q^2$ ] + **12** [ $Q^4$ ] + 4 [F-waves,  $Q^6$ ] + IB; Gauss regulator
- Clear evidence of the parameter-free chiral  $2\pi$  exchange (Roy-Steiner LECs)!



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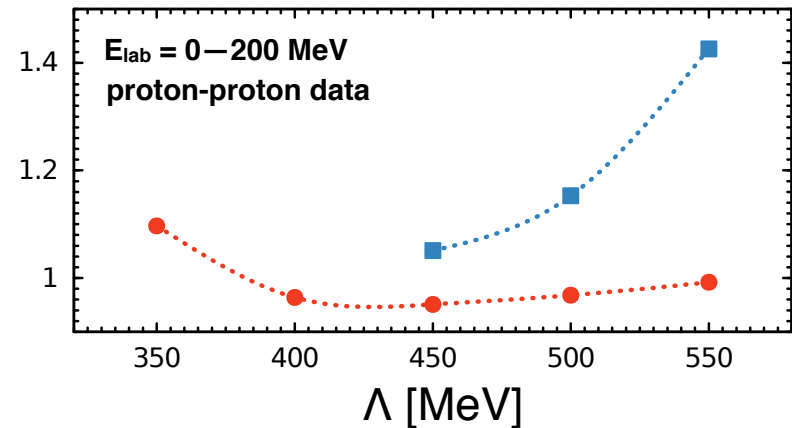
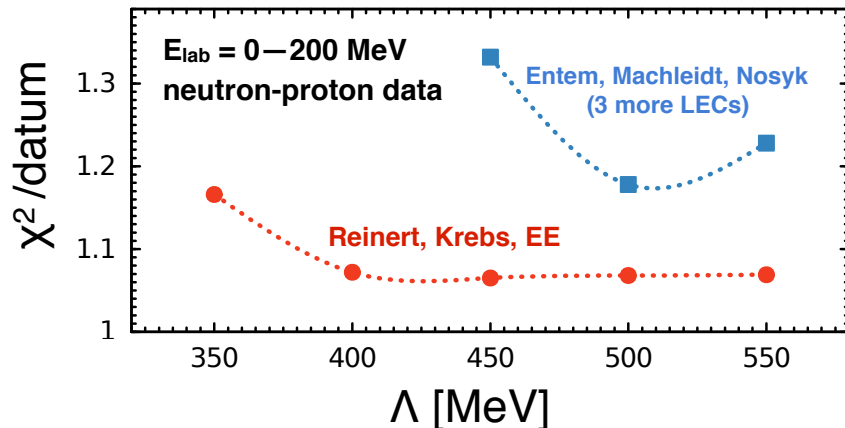
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## $\chi^2/\text{datum}$ for the description of the Granada-2013 database: $\chi$ EFT vs. phenomenology

$E_{\text{lab}}$ bin	CD Bonn <sub>(43)</sub>	Nijm I <sub>(41)</sub>	Nijm II <sub>(47)</sub>	Reid93 <sub>(50)</sub>	$N^4\text{LO}^+$ <sub>(27+1)</sub> , this work
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0 – 200	0.98	0.99	1.00	0.99	0.95
0 – 300	1.01	1.05	1.06	1.04	1.00

For the first time, chiral EFT potentials qualify for being regarded as PWA!

## $N^4\text{LO}^+$ : semilocal (Reinert, Krebs, EE) vs. nonlocal (Entem, Machleidt, Nosyk)



# Error analysis

Error analysis: statistical, truncation,  $\pi$ N LECs, fit energy. In most cases, **the uncertainty is dominated by truncation errors**. At N<sup>4</sup>LO & low energies, other errors become comparable.

**Example: deuteron asymptotic normalizations** (relevant for nuclear astrophysics)

Our determination:

$$A_S = 0.8847_{(-3)}^{(+3)} (3)(5)(1) \text{ fm}^{-1/2}$$

truncation error ———> (3)(5)(1)  
 statistical error ———> 0.8847  
 $\pi$ N LECs ———> (3)(5)(1)  
 variation of  $E_{\text{max}}$  ———> (3)(5)(1)

$$\eta \equiv \frac{A_D}{A_S} = 0.0255_{(-1)}^{(+1)} (1)(4)(1)$$

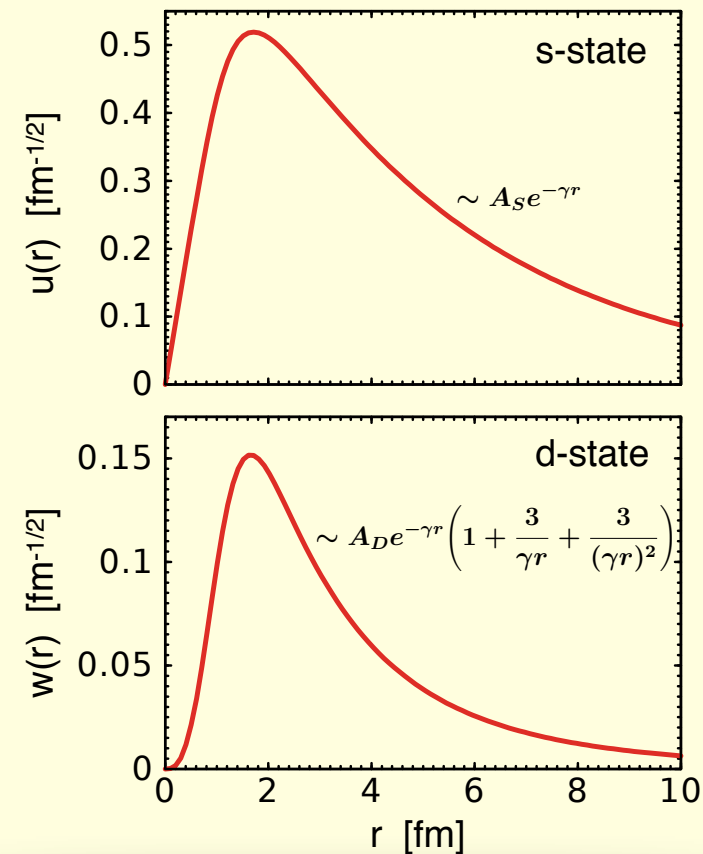
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Borbely et al. '85 Rodning, Knutson '90

Nijmegen PWA [errors are „educated guesses“] Stoks et al. '95

$$A_S = 0.8845(8) \text{ fm}^{-1/2}, \quad \eta = 0.0256(4)$$

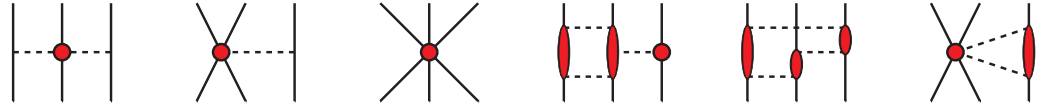
Granada PWA [errors purely statistical] Navarro Perez et al. '13

$$A_S = 0.8829(4) \text{ fm}^{-1/2}, \quad \eta = 0.0249(1)$$



# Beyond the two-nucleon system

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van Kolck '94; EE et al '02



**N<sup>3</sup>LO:** leading 1 loop, **parameter-free**

Ishikawa, Robilotta '08; Bernard, EE, Krebs, Meißner '08, '11

**N<sup>4</sup>LO:** full 1 loop, almost completely worked out, several new LECs

Girlanda, Kievski, Viviani '11; Krebs, Gasparyan, EE '12,'13; EE, Gasparyan, Krebs, Schat '14



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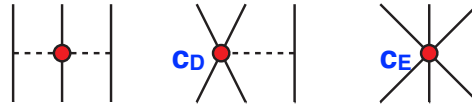


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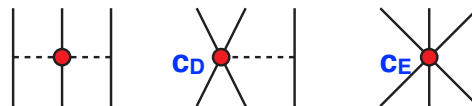


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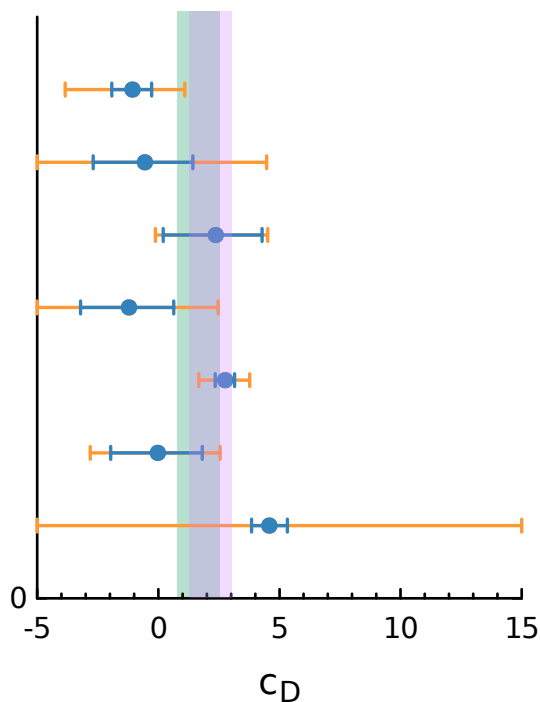
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## Determination of the LECs $c_D$ , $c_E$

- Triton BE ( $c_D$ - $c_E$  correlation)
- Explore various 3N observables and let theory and/or data decide...



pd minimum of  $d\sigma/d\theta$  at 135 MeV [Sekiguchi et al.'02]

nd  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$  at 135 MeV [Abfalterer et al.'01]

pd minimum of  $d\sigma/d\theta$  at 108 MeV [Ermisch et al.'03]

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pd minimum of  $d\sigma/d\theta$  at 70 MeV [Sekiguchi et al.'02]

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nd scattering length  $^2a$  [Schoen et al.'03]

LENPIC, 1807.02848 [based on EKM,  $R = 0.9$  fm]



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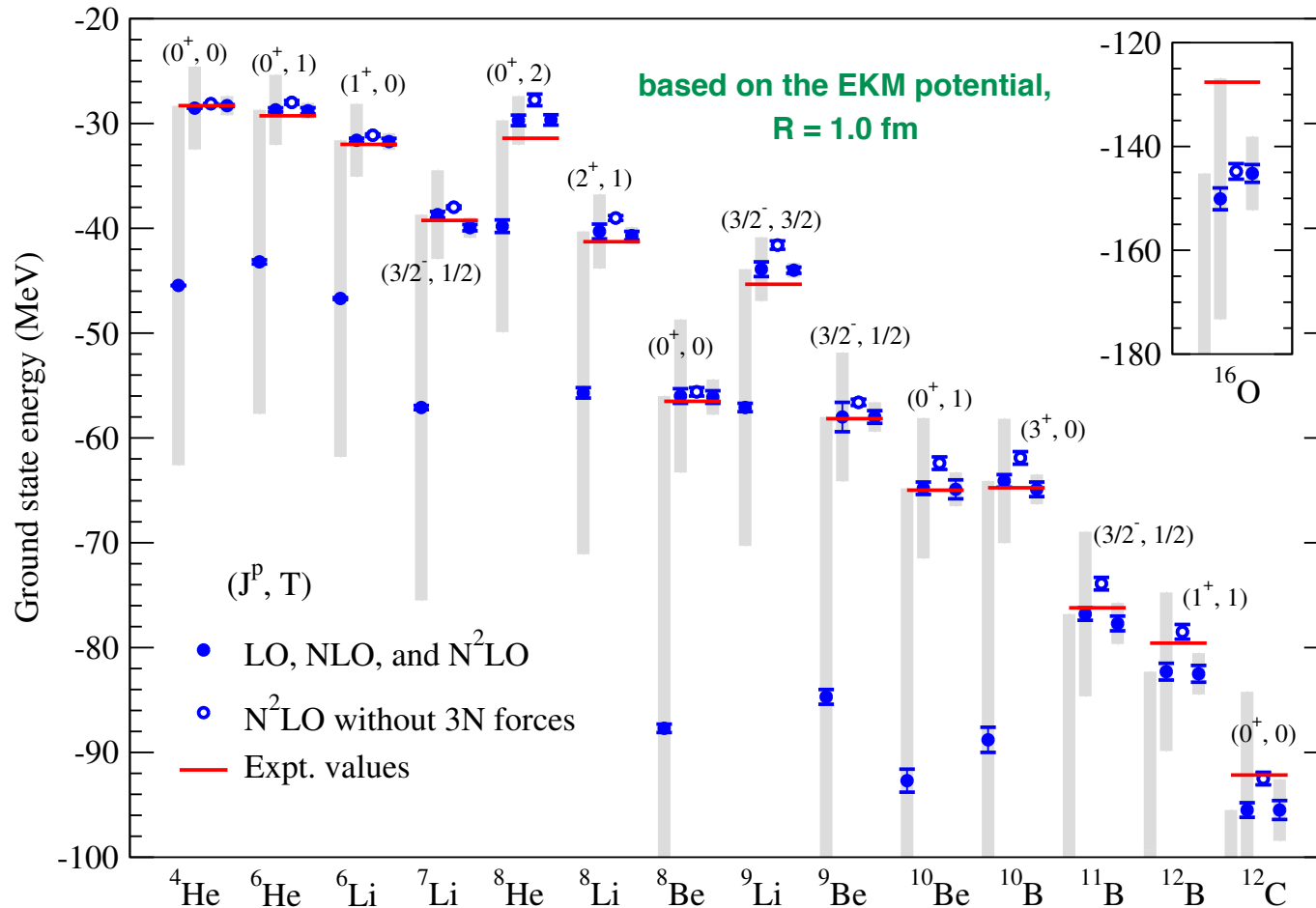


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# Light nuclei up to N<sup>2</sup>LO

EE et al. (LENPIC), arXiv:1807.02848



( $c_D, c_E$  fixed from <sup>3</sup>H BE and Nd scattering)

More results in the talks by James Vary and Roman Skibinski



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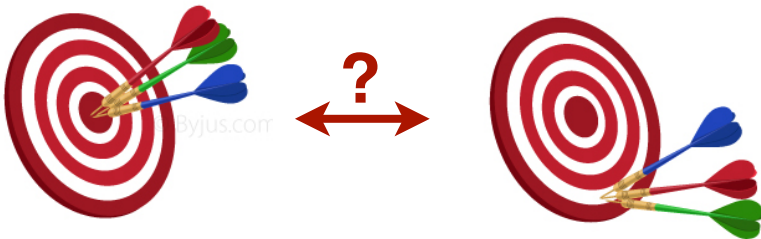
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Few-N@N<sup>3,4</sup>LO (not yet available):  
precise, **hopefully also accurate**

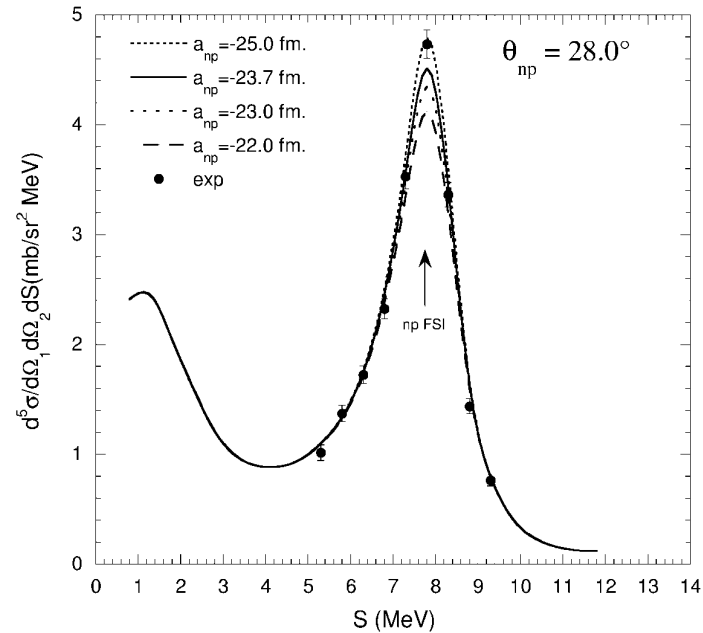
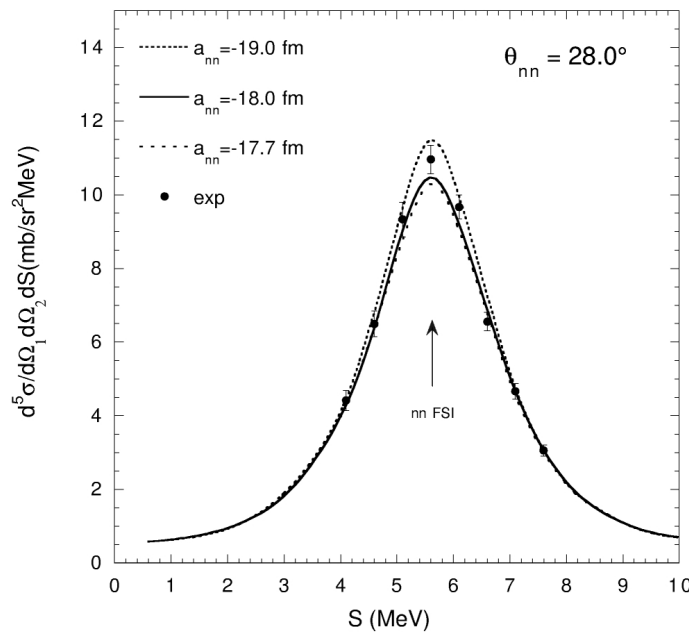
→ **challenge the theory!**  
(consistency, error analysis)

# IB effects and precision few-N physics

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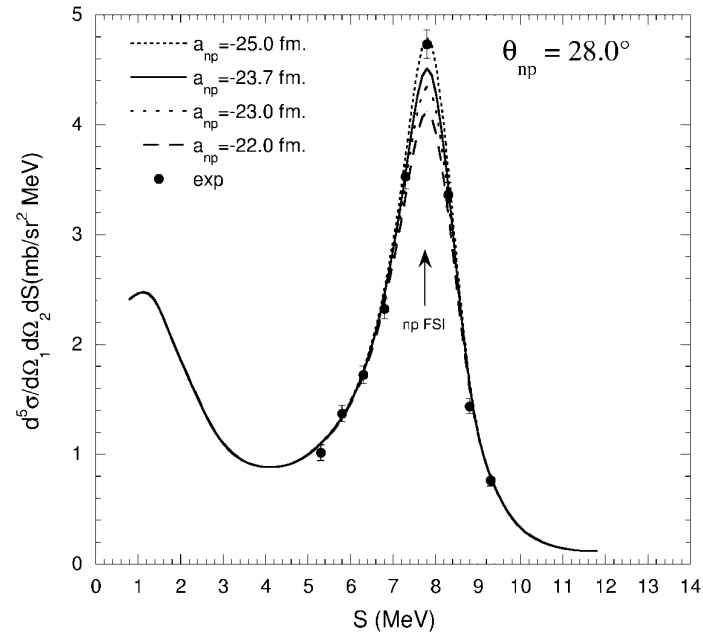
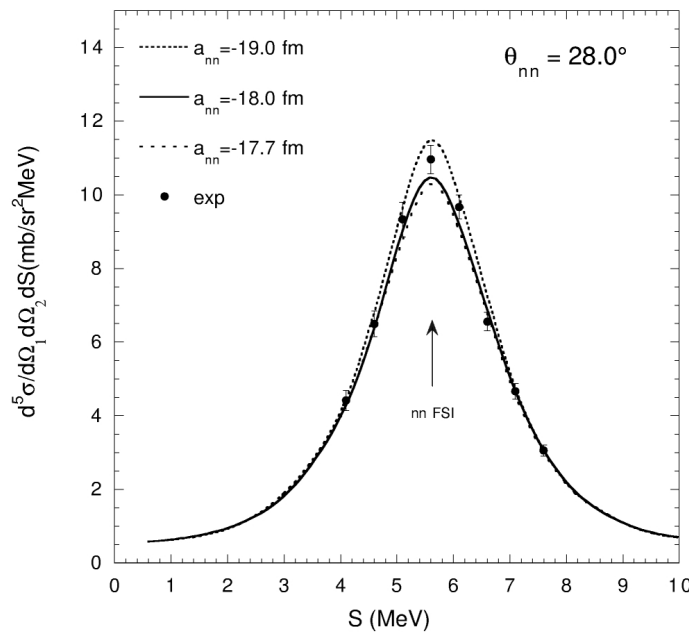
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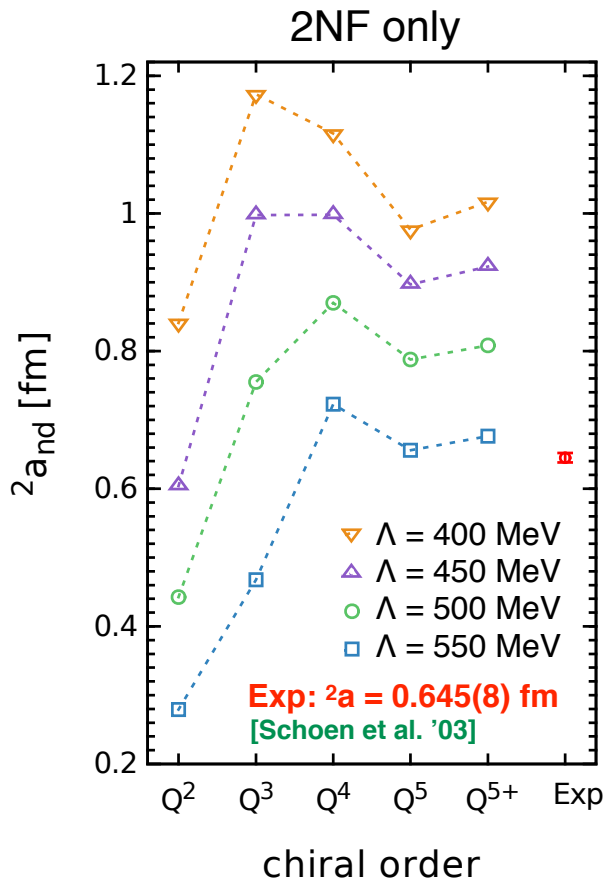
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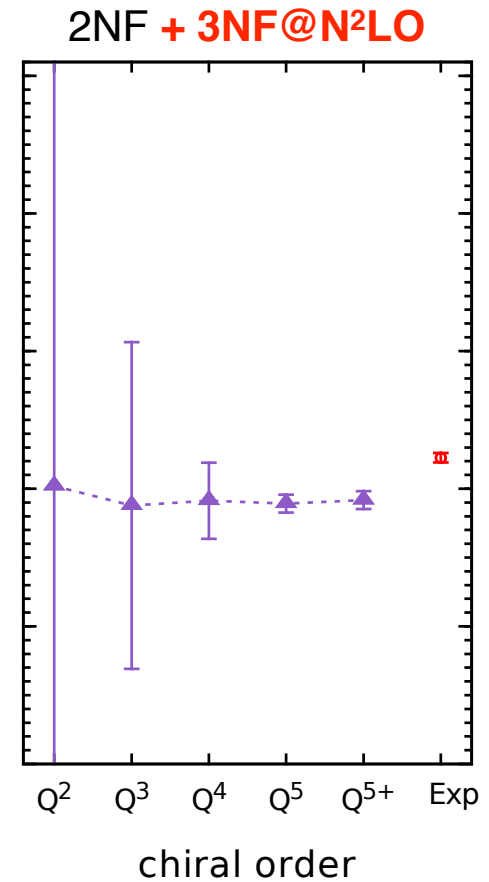
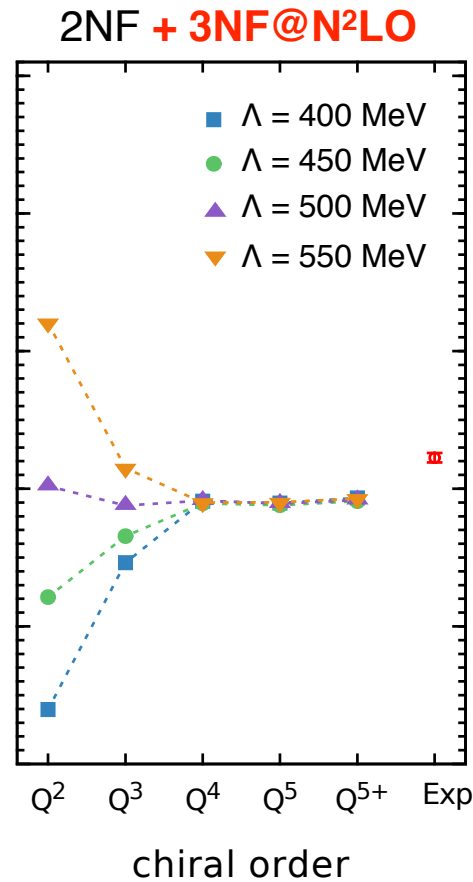
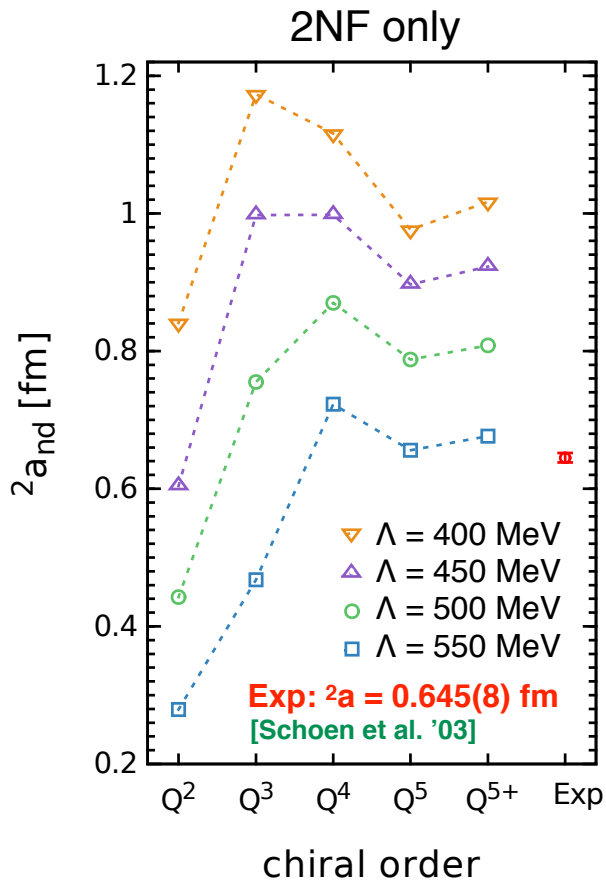


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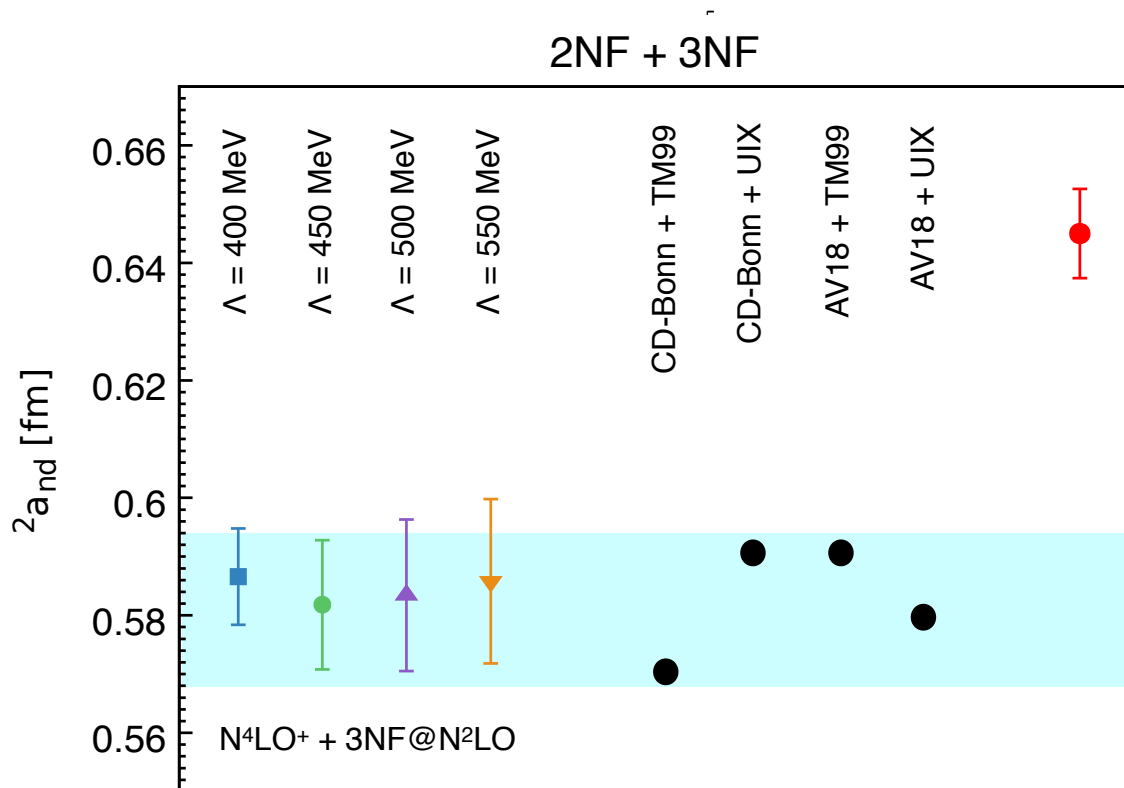


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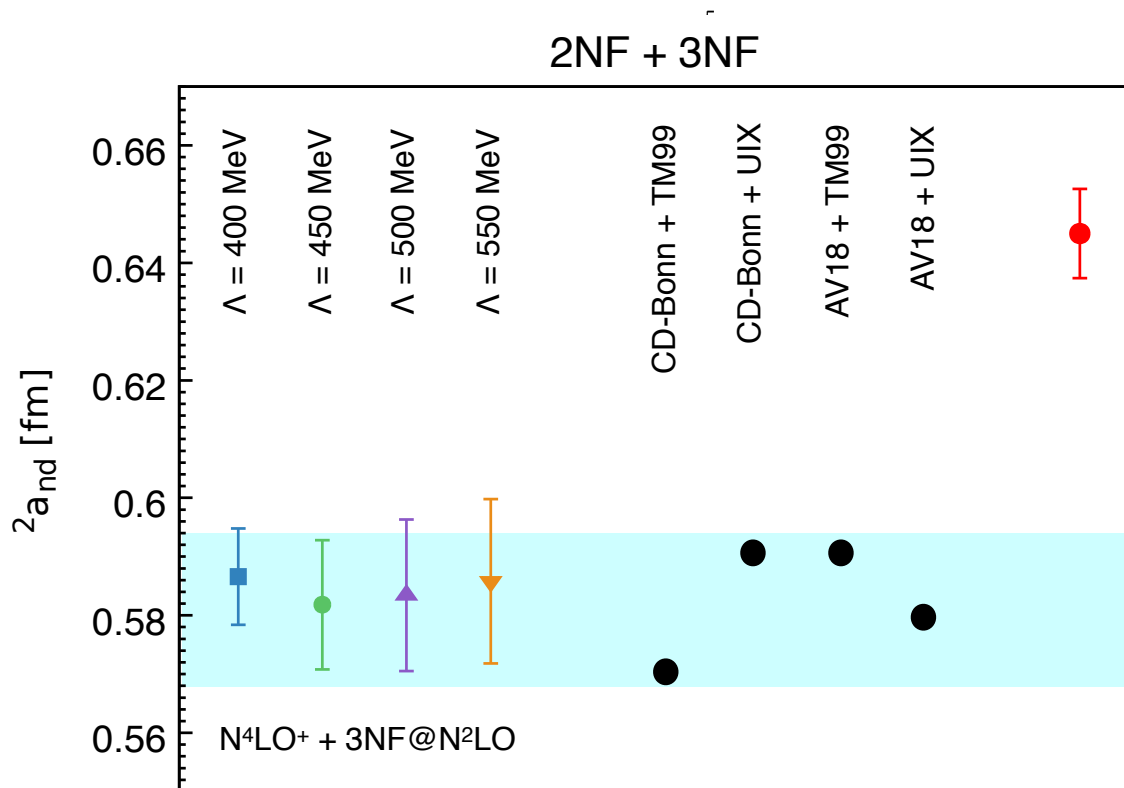


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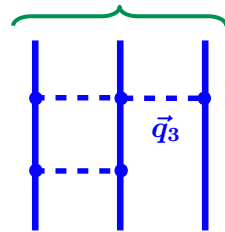
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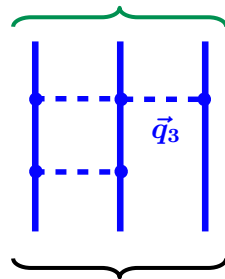
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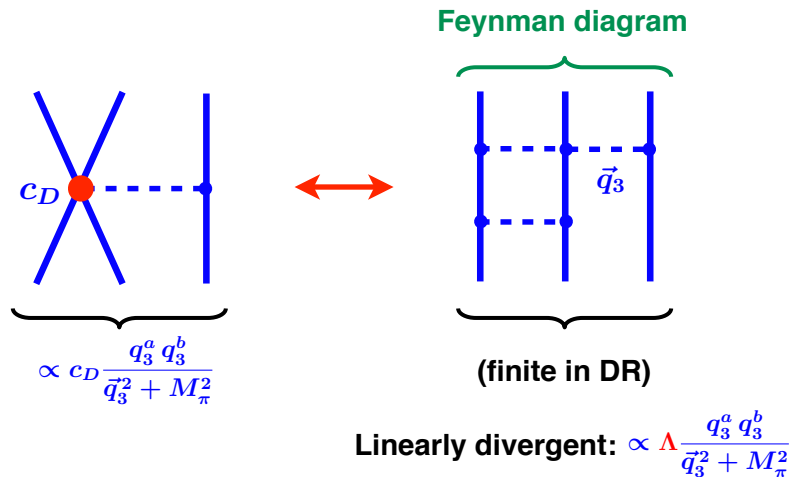
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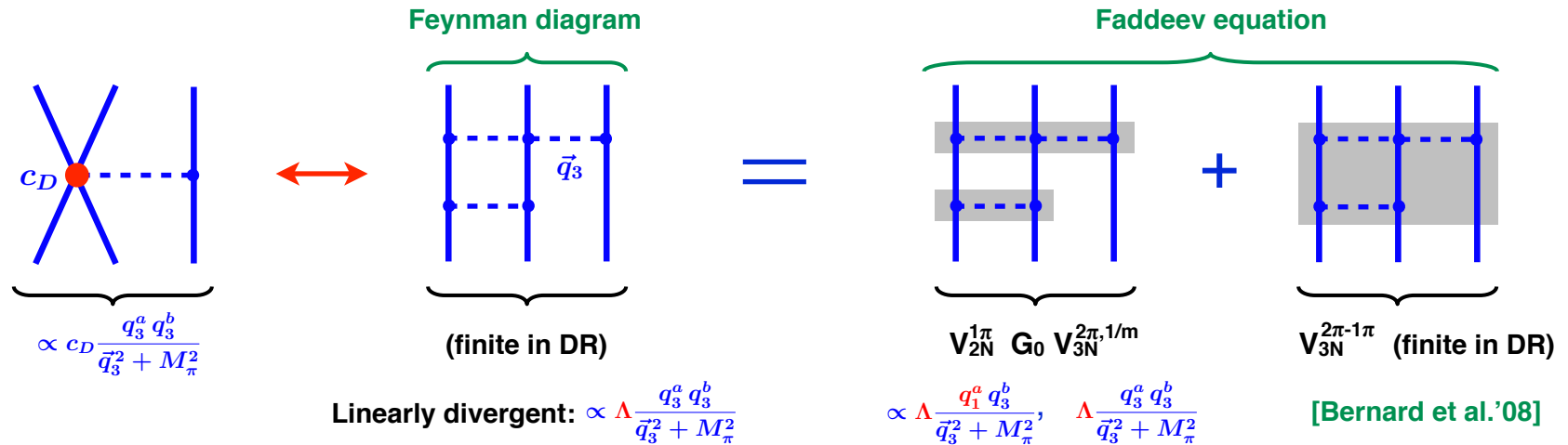


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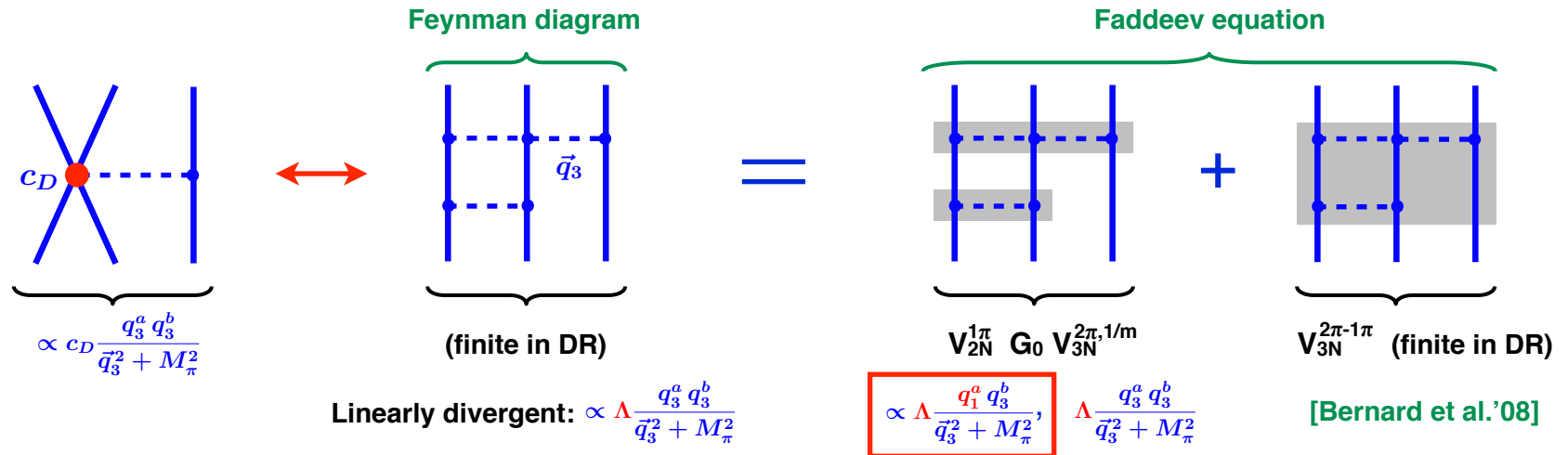


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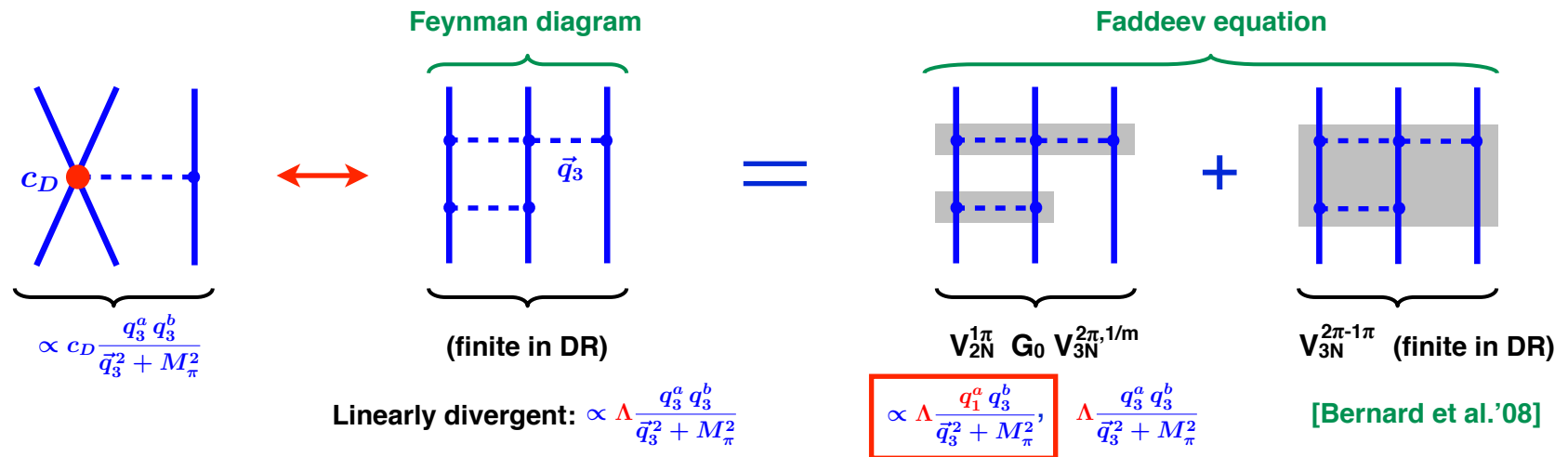
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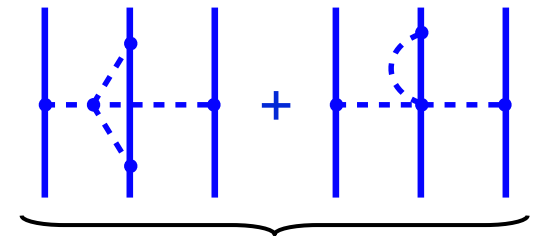
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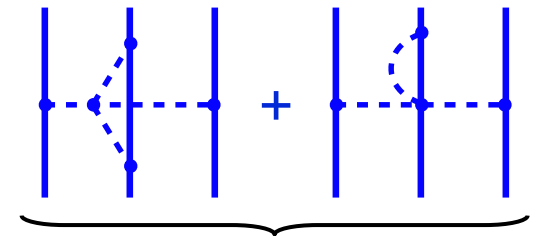
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**Solution: higher-derivative regularization** [Slavnov, Nucl. Phys. B31 (1971) 301]

(designed to coincide with the employed local regularization in the NN sector)

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with  $\text{EOM} \equiv -[D_\mu, u^\mu] + \frac{i}{2}\chi_- - \frac{i}{4}\text{Tr}(\chi_-)$  and  $\text{ad}_X Y \equiv [X, Y]$

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# Summary and outlook

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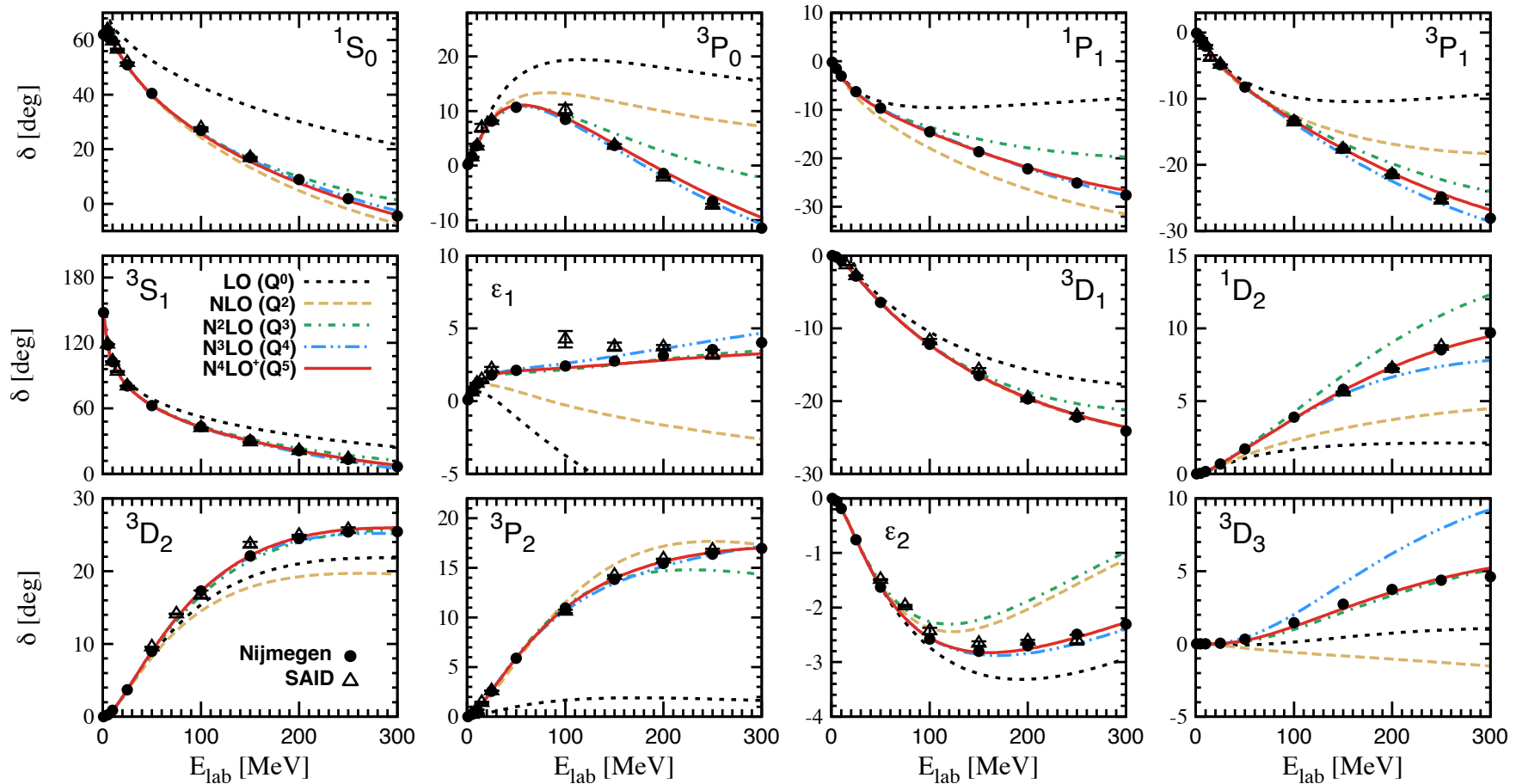




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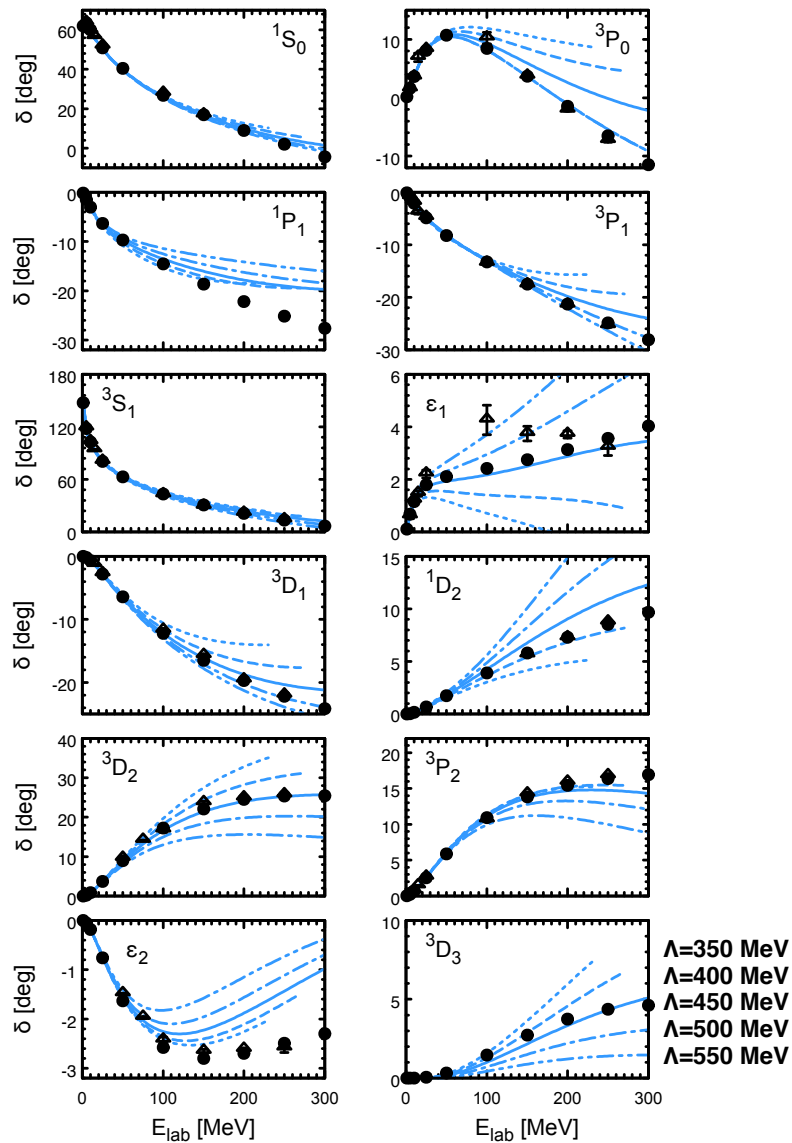
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## Convergence of the chiral expansion for np phase shifts

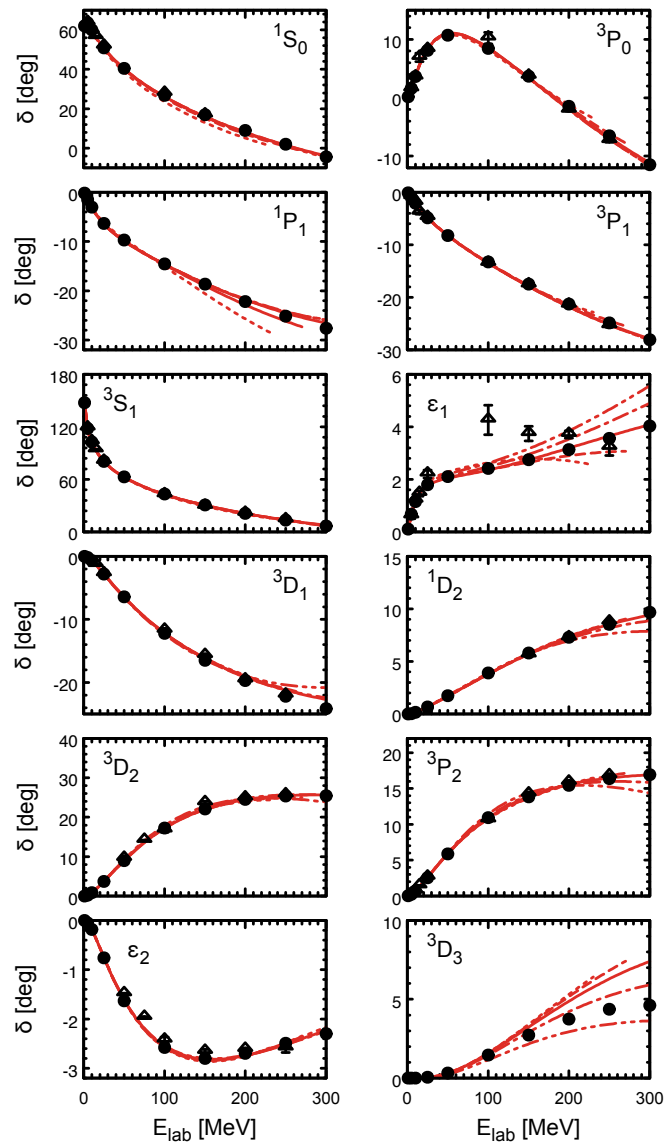




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# Description of the scattering data

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0 – 300	<b>75</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>1.99</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>1.10</b>
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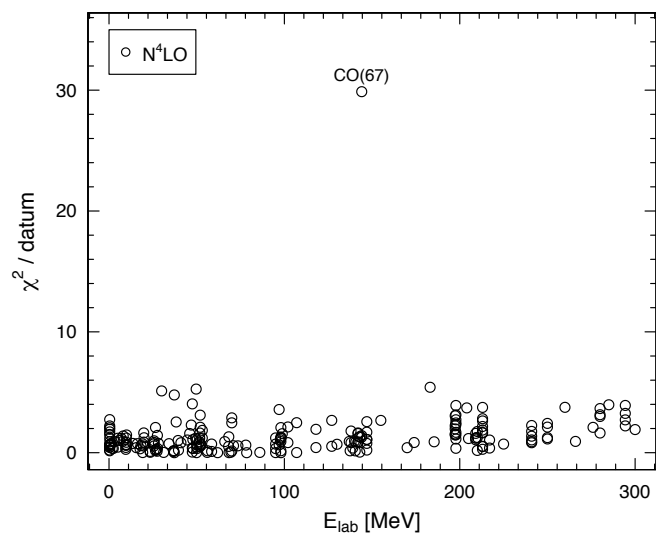
$E_{\text{lab}}$ bin	LO ( $Q^0$ )	NLO ( $Q^2$ )	N <sup>2</sup> LO ( $Q^3$ )	N <sup>3</sup> LO ( $Q^4$ )	N <sup>4</sup> LO ( $Q^5$ )	N <sup>4</sup> LO <sup>+</sup>
neutron-proton scattering data						
0 – 100	73	2.2	1.2	1.08	1.08	1.07
0 – 200	62	5.4	1.8	1.09	1.08	1.06
0 – 300	75	14	4.4	1.99	1.18	1.10
proton-proton scattering data						
0 – 100	2300	10	2.1	0.91	0.88	0.86
0 – 200	1780	91	33	2.00	1.42	0.95
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Clear evidence of the (parameter-free) chiral  $2\pi$ -exchange!

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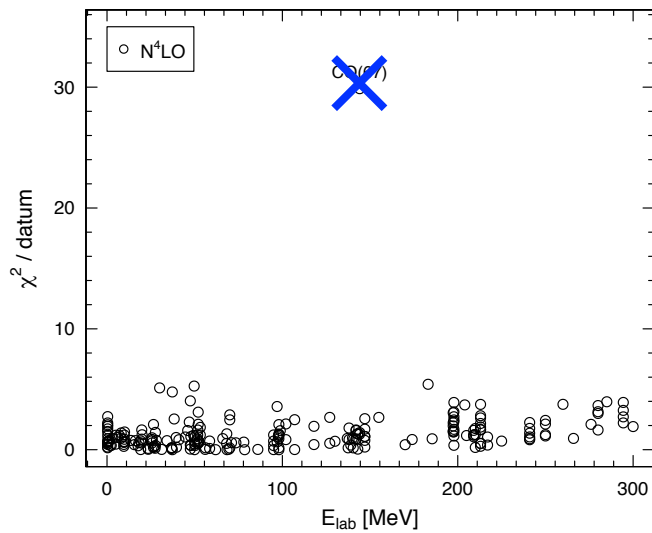
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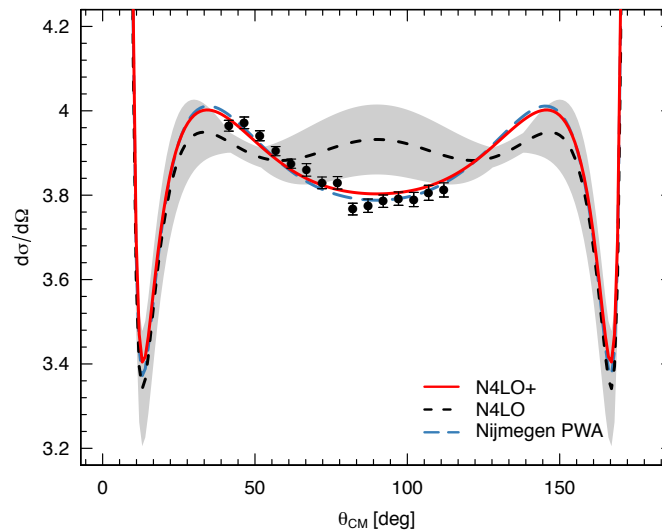
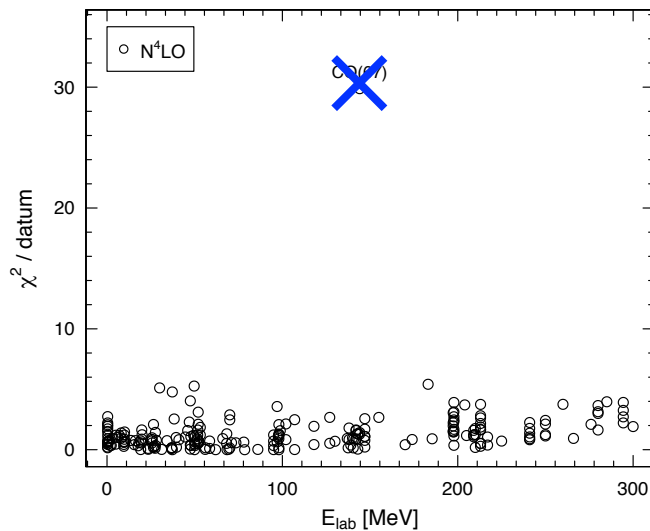
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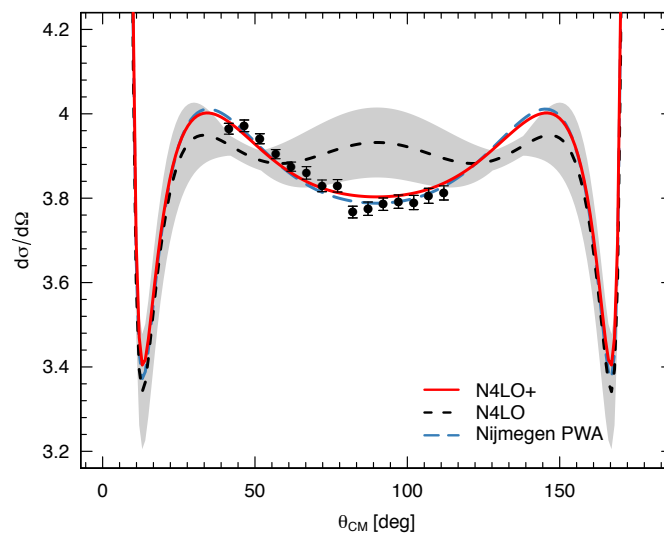
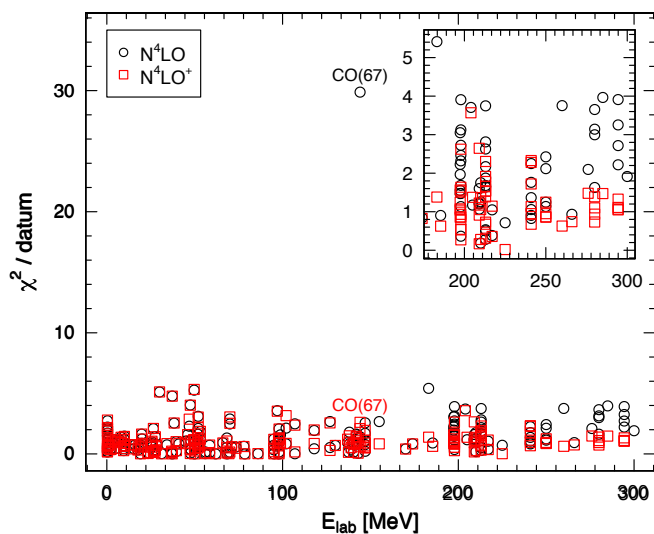
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- probe  $l > 2$  waves which are parameter-free at  $N^4\text{LO}$ ...

**$N^4\text{LO}^+$ :**  
include  $N^5\text{LO}$   
contacts in  $^3F_2$ ,  
 $^1F_3$ ,  $^3F_3$  and  $^3F_4$

# Step 4: Uncertainty quantification

## 1. Truncation error [use the algorithm of EE, Krebs, Meißner, EPJA 51 (2015) 53]

For any observable:  $X^{(i)}(p) = X^{(0)} + \underbrace{\Delta X^{(2)}}_{\sim Q^2 X^{(0)}} + \dots + \underbrace{\Delta X^{(i)}}_{\sim Q^i X^{(0)}}$  with  $Q = \max(p/\Lambda_b, M_\pi/\Lambda_b)$  estimated from the error plots  $\Lambda_b \sim 600$  MeV

Use the explicitly calculated  $\Delta X^{(i)}$  to estimate the uncertainty  $\delta X^{(i)}$  at order  $Q^i$ :

$$\delta X^{(0)} = Q^2 |X^{(0)}|,$$

$$\delta X^{(i)} = \max_{2 \leq j \leq i} (Q^{i+1} |X^{(0)}|, Q^{i+1-j} |\Delta X^{(j)}|)$$

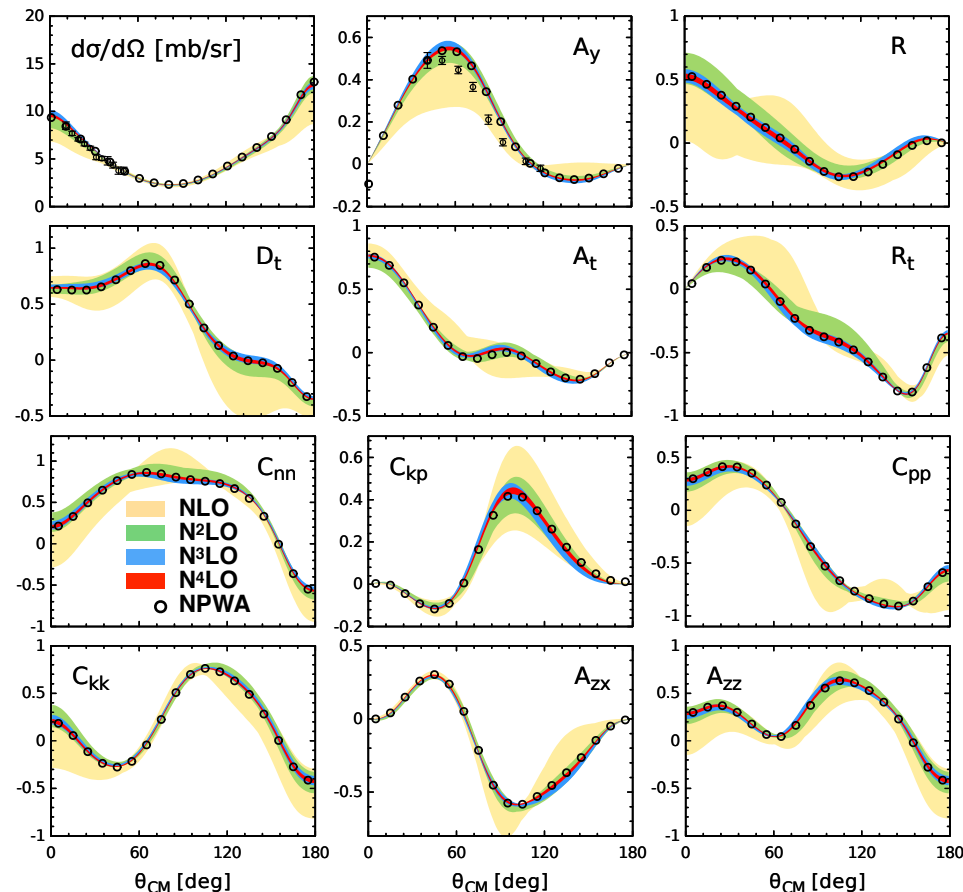
subject to the additional constraint

$$\delta X^{(i)} \geq \max_{j,k} (|X^{(j \geq i)} - X^{(k \geq i)}|).$$

- no reliance on the cutoff variation (not reliable)
- easily applicable to any observable (scattering, bound states, 3N, ...)
- no reliance on experimental data
- for  $\sigma_{\text{tot}}$ , errors found to be consistent with 68% degree-of-belief intervals

Furnstahl et al., PRC 92 (2015) 024005

### np scattering observables at $E_{\text{lab}}=143$ MeV





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## 2. Statistical uncertainties

Assume  $\chi^2(c) \approx \chi_{\min}^2 + \frac{1}{2}(c - c_{\min})^T H(c - c_{\min})$  where  $H_{ij} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 \chi^2}{\partial c_i \partial c_j} \right|_{c=c_{\min}}$

Quadratic approximation is employed to propagate stat. errors in observables

$O(c) = O(c_{\min}) + J_O(c - c_{\min}) + \frac{1}{2}(c - c_{\min})^T H_O(c - c_{\min})$  see also: Carlsson et al., PRX 6 (16) 011019

## 3. Uncertainties due to $\pi N$ LECs $c_{1,2,3,4}$ , $d_{1,2,3,5,14,15}$ and $e_{14,17}$

Estimated based on the results using a different set of LECs (KH PWA of  $\pi N$  scattering)

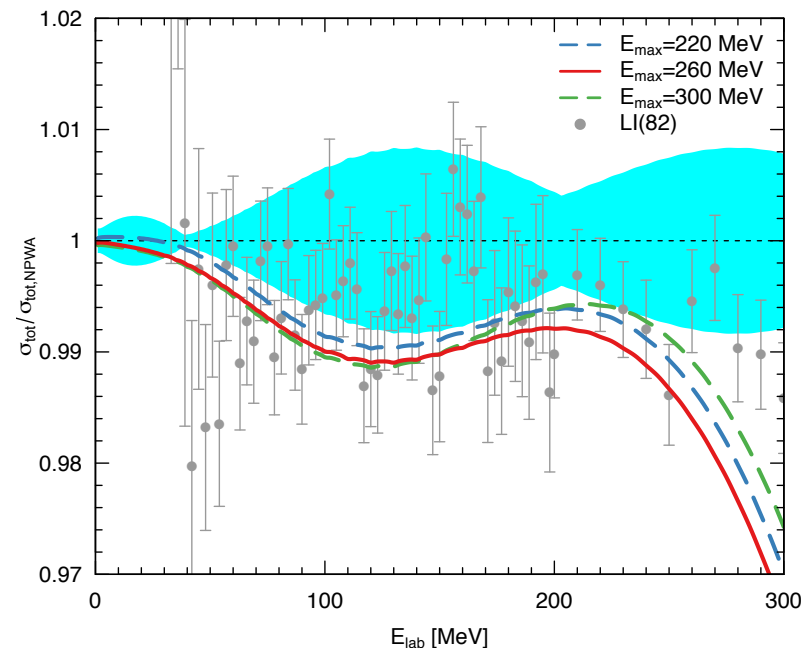
see EE, Krebs, Meißner, PRL 115 (15) 122301

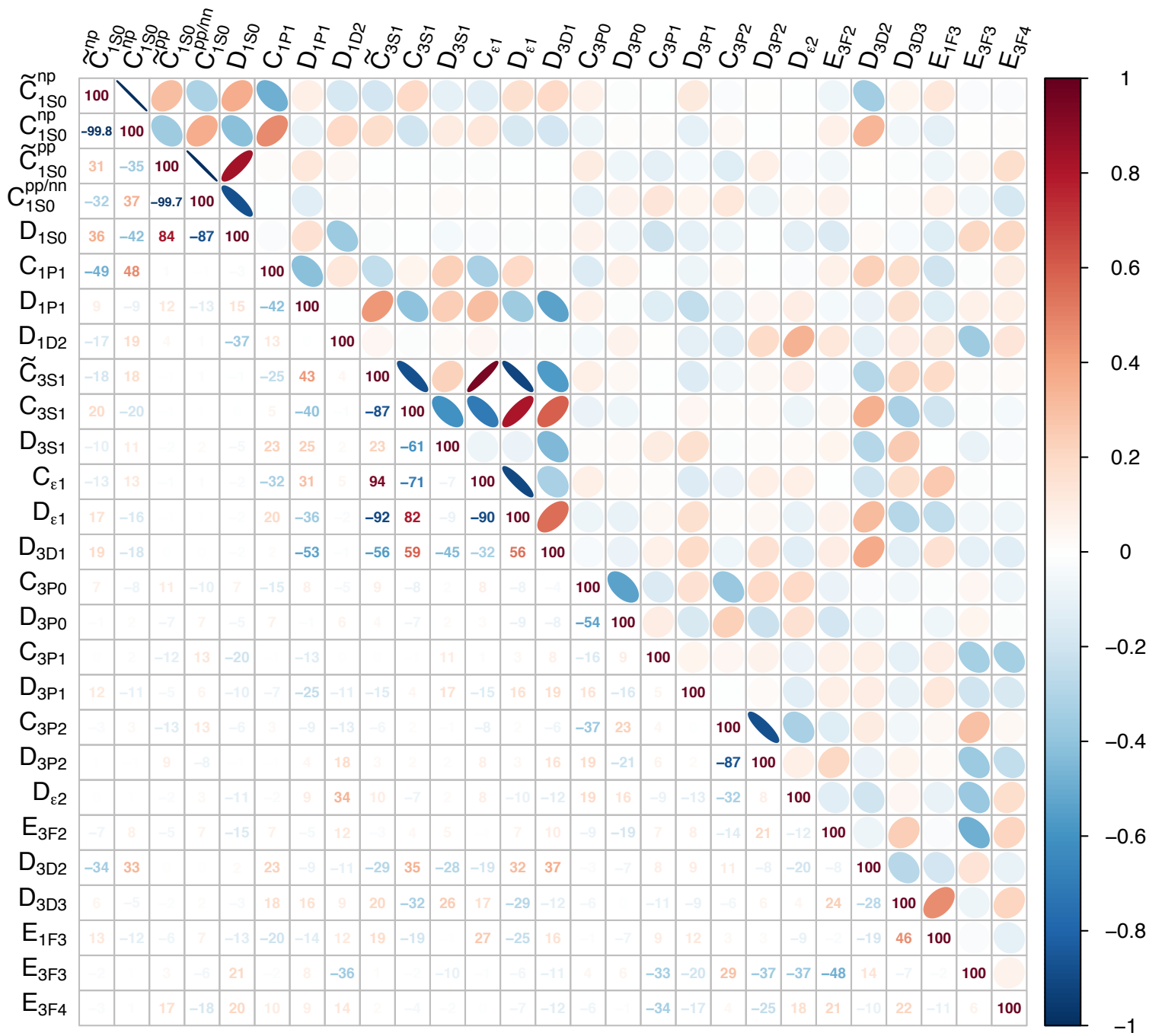
## 4. Choice of $E_{\max}$ in the fits

Uncertainty estimated at N<sup>4</sup>LO/N<sup>4</sup>LO+ by performing fits with  $E_{\max} = 220 \dots 300$  MeV

$E_{\text{lab}}$ bin	220 MeV	260 MeV	300 MeV
neutron-proton scattering data			
0 – 100	1.07	1.07	1.08
0 – 200	1.06	1.07	1.07
0 – 300	1.10	1.06	1.06
proton-proton scattering data			
0 – 100	0.86	0.86	0.87
0 – 200	0.95	0.95	0.96
0 – 300	1.00	1.00	0.98

N<sup>4</sup>LO+,  $\Lambda = 450$  MeV





	$c_1$	$c_2$	$c_3$	$c_4$	$\bar{d}_1 + \bar{d}_2$	$\bar{d}_3$	$\bar{d}_5$	$\bar{d}_{14} - \bar{d}_{15}$	$\bar{e}_{14}$	$\bar{e}_{15}$	$\bar{e}_{16}$	$\bar{e}_{17}$	$\bar{e}_{18}$
Fit to the GW PWA [79]	-1.31	0.11	-2.54	1.85	1.43	-0.90	-0.16	-2.09	0.07	-3.44	1.65	-0.46	0.47
Statistical error	0.19	0.48	0.08	0.04	0.14	0.19	0.11	0.28	0.02	0.04	0.33	0.17	1.48
Fit to the KH PWA [80]	-1.35	-0.89	-2.19	1.63	2.08	-2.13	0.45	-3.69	-0.05	-6.59	7.22	-0.35	1.88
Statistical error	0.21	0.51	0.08	0.05	0.15	0.20	0.11	0.29	0.02	0.04	0.37	0.22	1.57

Eigenvalues of the  
covariance matrix:

29.2681  
0.3481  
0.2025  
0.1225  
0.0841  
0.0144  
0.0025  
0.0009  
0.0009  
0.0004  
0.0004  
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Eigenvalues of the covariance matrix

$$\Sigma = 2 \frac{\chi^2}{N_{\text{dof}}} H^{-1}$$

for LECs taken in natural units  
(N<sup>4</sup>LO<sup>+</sup>,  $\Lambda = 450$  MeV)

4.274396e-02  
2.474783e-02  
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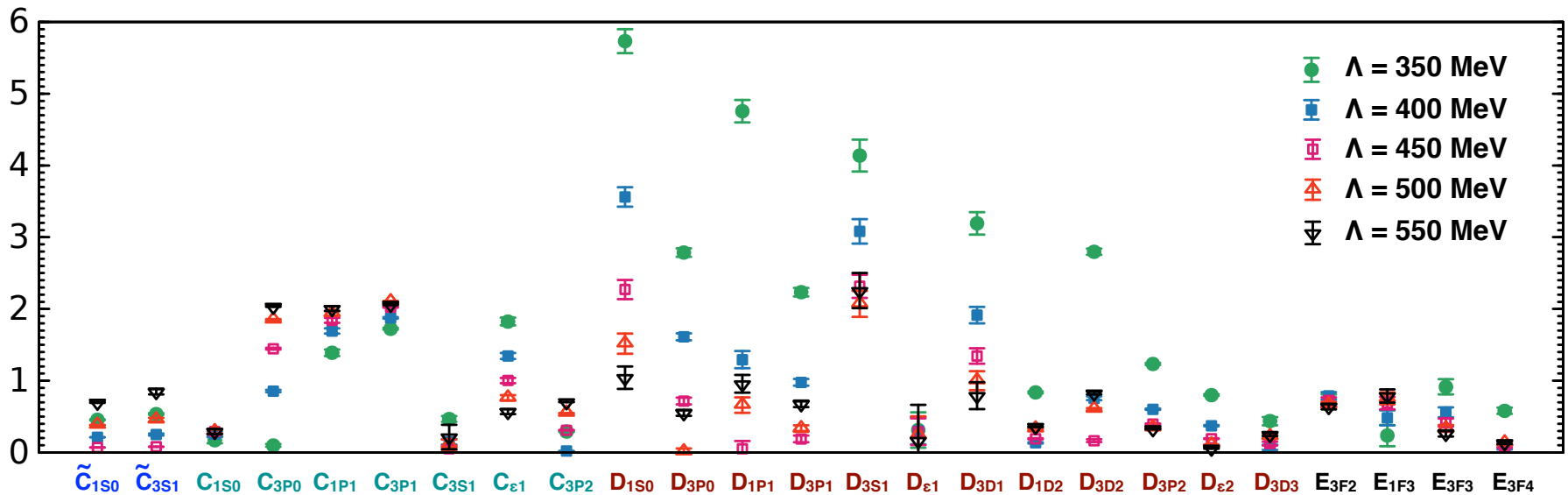


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