

# More is different: Particle-number-dependence in EFT

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# A story

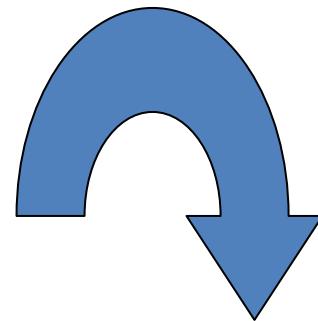




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Full (expensive) checks/fixes

# Normally you choose...



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(Let's continue using WPC)

- Entem, Machleidit, Epelbaum, Meissner, Kaiser, ..., (00-present): Refinements ( $\chi^2 \approx 1$ ) and carried out to higher orders.

- Ekstrom et al (13-present): Refinement to fit nuclei (NNLOopt, NNLOsat, NNLOgo, ... etc.)

Bayesian error analysis (on-going): Uncertainty quantifications of WPC.

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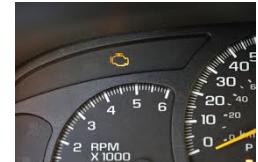
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For further information/opinions, see:

arXiv:2107.11675

and

arXiv:2111.00930

Nuclear Effective Field Theories:  
Reverberations of the early days

What Can Possibly Go Wrong?

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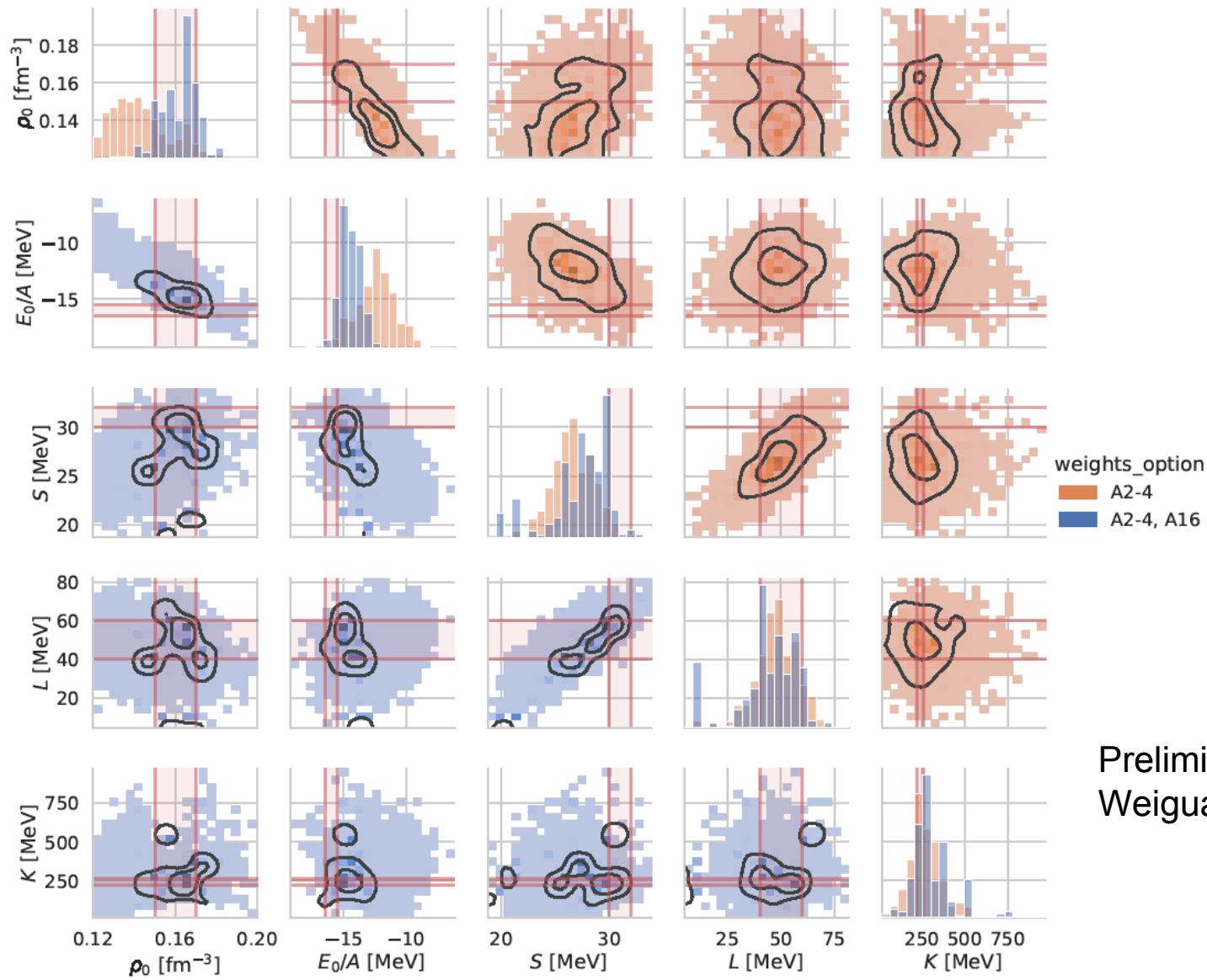
**Abstract** A lot.

July 27, 2021

# Current status: nuclear structure

- Most ab-initio calculations adopt chiral EFT potential organized under **Weinberg power counting (WPC)**. Van Kolck, Epelbaum, Machleidt, and more.
- Good results (w.r.t. exp. data) for light systems, if low-energy constants (LECs) are renormalized at NN/NNN-level.
- But not quite the same for  $^{16}\text{O}$  (or heavier) → **need to refit** (optimize) the potential and **sacrifice NN**.

# Optimizing NNLO with $\Delta(1232)$



# Possibilities for improvements

WPC is wrong, one needs to organize things differently.

Current approach is correct, just need to include more higher-order potentials.

Need improvement

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**This work:**

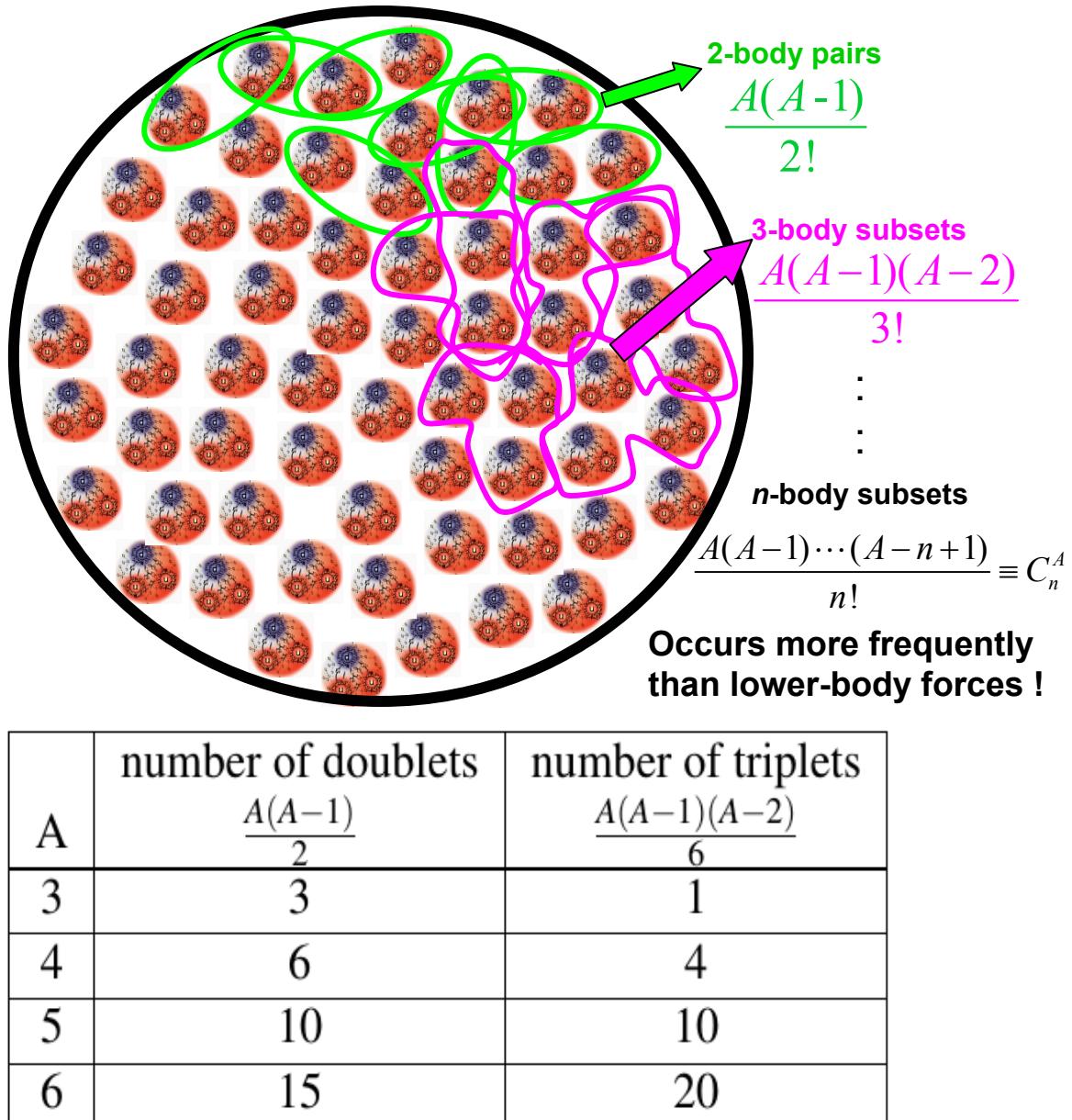
The importance of higher-body forces (3,4-body forces) need to grow with number of the particles in the system.

C.-J. Yang et al: [arXiv:2109.13303](https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.13303)

# Many-body forces in complex systems

- Some of many-body couplings are genuine and unknown, i.e., cannot be derived from NN couplings.
- They are estimated to be weaker by naïve dimension analysis (NDA).
- However, their importance can grow in a large system.

↓ Explained in:



# “A choose n” enhancements

$$C_n^A = \frac{A(A-1)(A-2)\dots(A-n+1)}{n!}$$

- In a self-bound system, the above enhancement won't be fully counted. For example, an n-body subset will have nearly zero contribution if its constituents span a distance much larger than the range of the n-body forces. → density saturates, not  $\rightarrow \infty$ .
- On the other hand, those small contributions could still add up to become sizable, due to the fact that there are many of them.
- Thus, the growth of n-body forces in large systems depends on multiple factors such as the **range** and the **form** of interactions, the mass of particles, etc., → **Require ab-initio calculations to know the PC.**

# N-body forces in NDA

$$F_n = f_\pi^2 M_{hi}^2 \left( \frac{\nabla^2}{M_{hi}^2} \right)^s \left( \frac{N^+ N}{f_\pi^2 M_{hi}} \right)^n$$

$$f_\pi \approx 93 \text{ MeV}$$



$$3\text{NFs}/2\text{NFs} \approx \frac{N^+ N}{f_\pi^2 M_{hi}}$$

$$M_{hi} \approx 500 - 1000 \text{ MeV}$$

$N^{(+)} : \text{nucleon field}, N^+ N \approx \rho.$

s: number of derivatives

\*Version: Follows J. L. Friar, Few-Body Systems, 22(4):161–193 (1997) to include the  $4\pi$  factor in the infrared enhancement. Otherwise n-body forces further suppressed by one chiral order  $\sim 1/3$  w.r.t. 2-body forces.

# Estimations

- Combine NDA and “A choose n”:

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# Let's start from light systems: ignore 3NFs first

For  $^3\text{H}$ ,  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $^4\text{He}$ , use no-core shell model (NCSM).

For  $^{16}\text{O}$  and nuclear matter, use coupled-cluster method (CC).

We want to test RG also, so  
adopt modified Weinberg counting  
(MWPC)

# Modified Power counting

(Decided by RG)

Long & Yang, (2010-2013).

LO: Still iterate to all order (at least for  $\langle \rangle^2$ ).

Reason: van Kolck, Bedaque, ... etc.

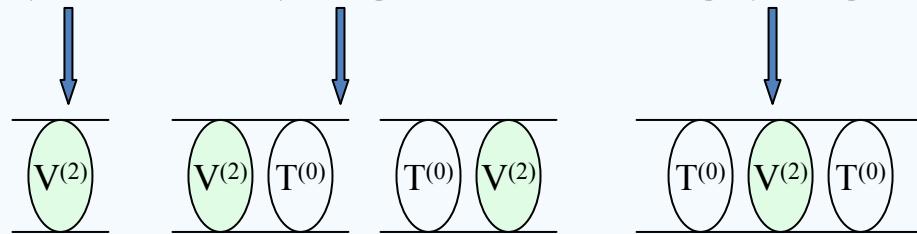
Thus,  $O(Q^0)$ :

$$\text{Diagram: } \text{Two vertical lines (T) connected by a diagonal line, followed by a sequence of vertical lines (T) with horizontal lines above them. A wavy line labeled } Q \text{ connects the first vertical line to the second.} \\ \sim \frac{g_A^2 M}{8\pi f_\pi^2} Q \\ \text{Diagram: } \text{A vertical line (T) followed by ellipses, followed by an equivalence symbol } \equiv \text{ followed by a vertical line enclosed in an oval labeled } T^{(0)}.$$

Start at NLO, do perturbation.  $(T = T^{(0)} + T^{(1)} + T^{(2)} + T^{(3)} + \dots)$

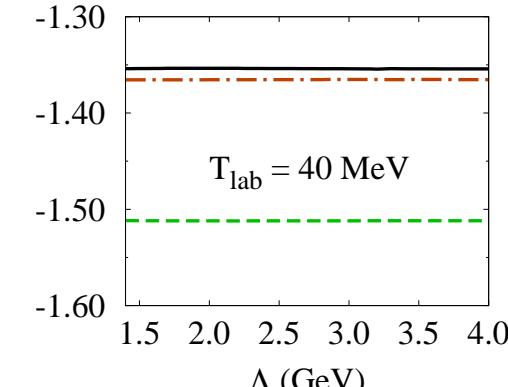
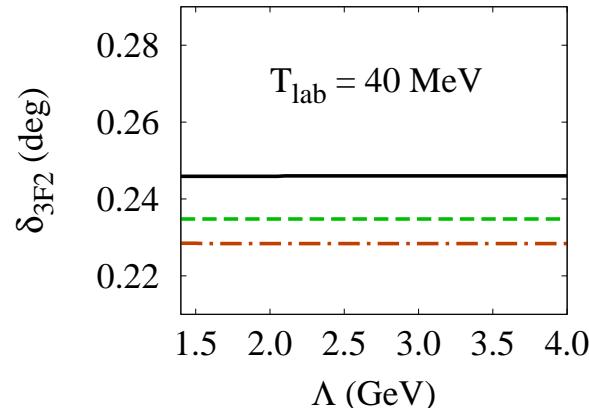
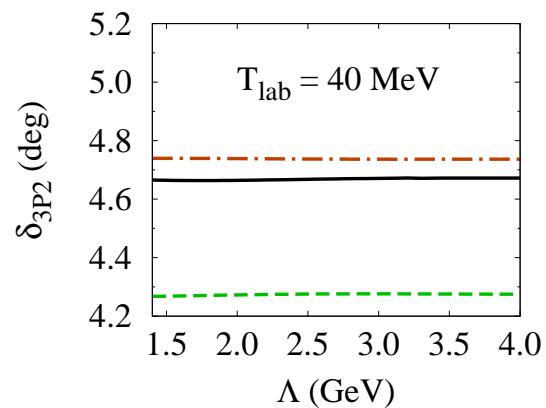
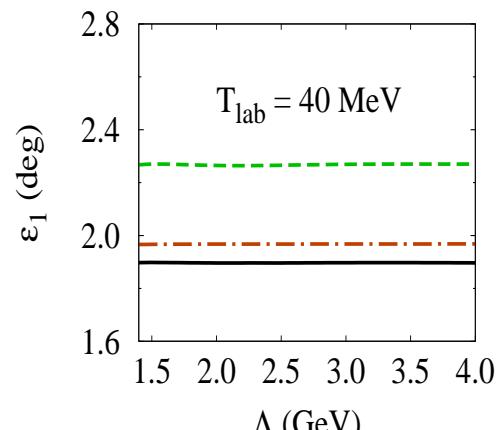
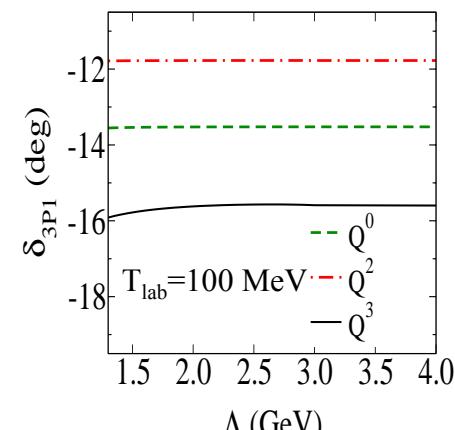
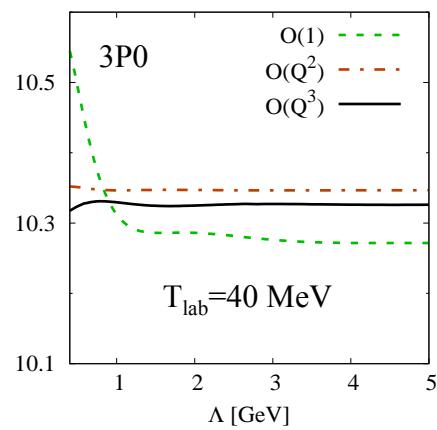
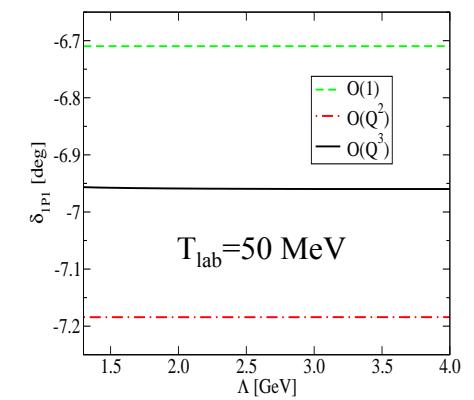
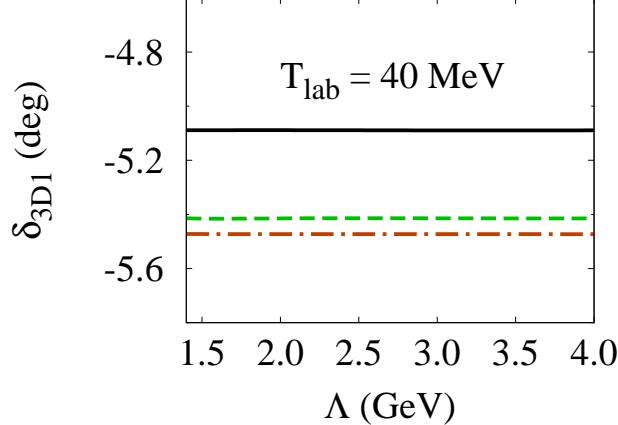
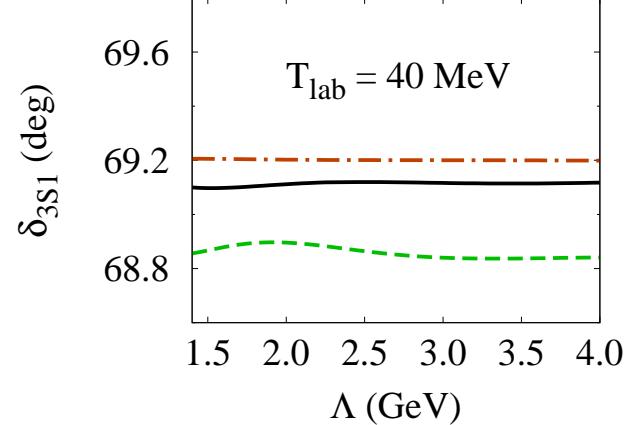
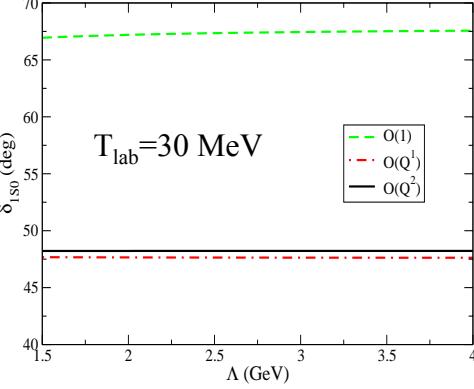
If  $V^{(1)}$  is absent:

$$T^{(2)} = V^{(2)} + 2V^{(2)}GT^{(0)} + T^{(0)}GV^{(2)}GT^{(0)}.$$

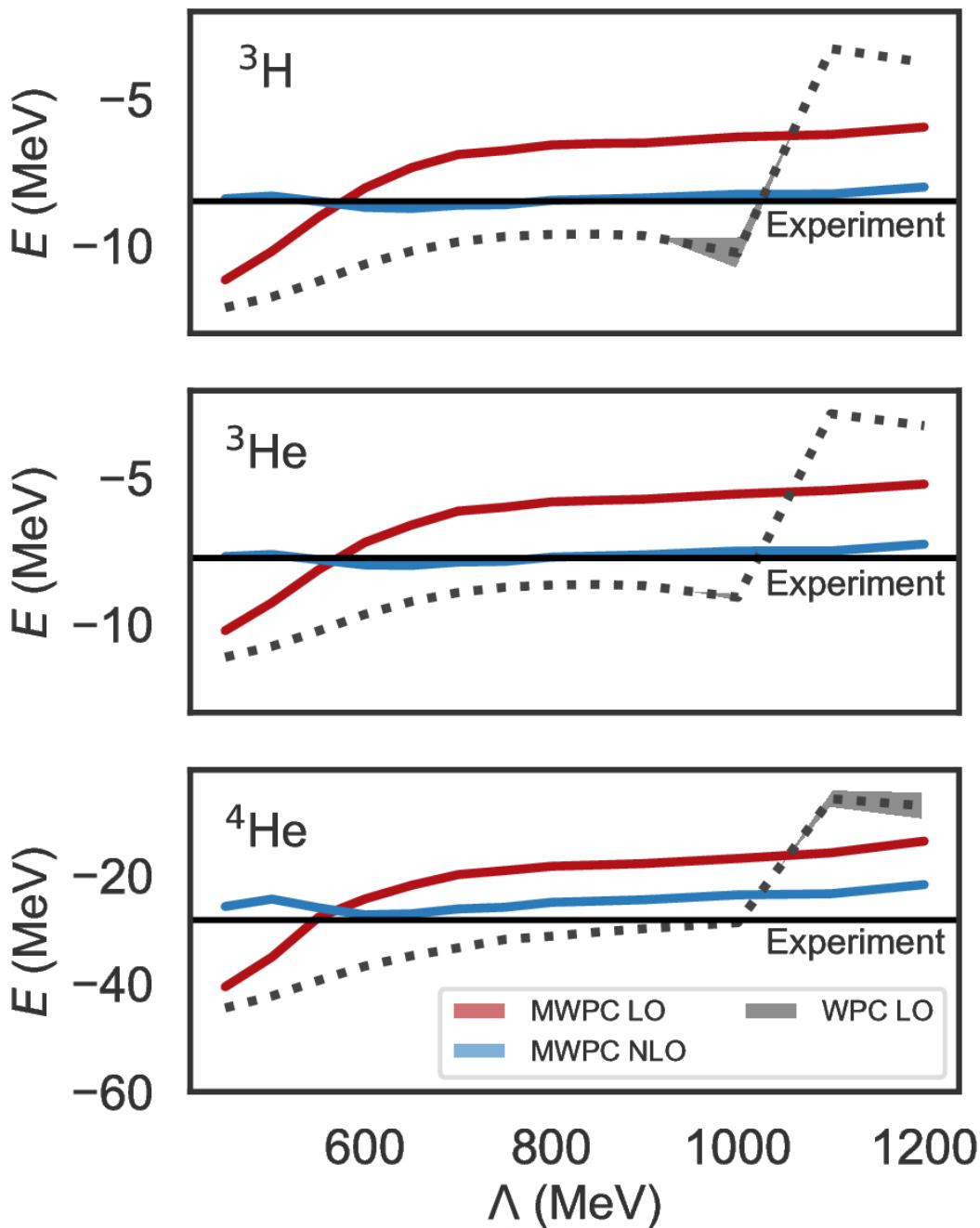


$$G \equiv \frac{2M_N}{\pi} \int_0^\Lambda \frac{p^2 dp}{p_0^2 - p^2 + i\varepsilon}$$

$$T^{(3)} = V^{(3)} + 2V^{(3)}GT^{(0)} + T^{(0)}GV^{(3)}GT^{(0)}.$$



# Few-body results



**Conclusion:**  
New power counting (MWPC)  
works, at least for  $A \leq 4$  systems.

C.-J. Yang, A. Ekstrom, C. Forssen, G. Hagen,  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.11584>

For  $A$  up to 3 see also:  
 Nogga et al, PRC 72 (2005), 054006  
 Song et al, PRC 96 (2017), 024002.

# Wrong $^{16}\text{O}$ pole

The same NN interaction generates  $^{16}\text{O}$  with the **wrong pole structure** (not stable w.r.t.  $4\alpha$  decay) at LO. Also, deformed state becomes deeper than spherical state.

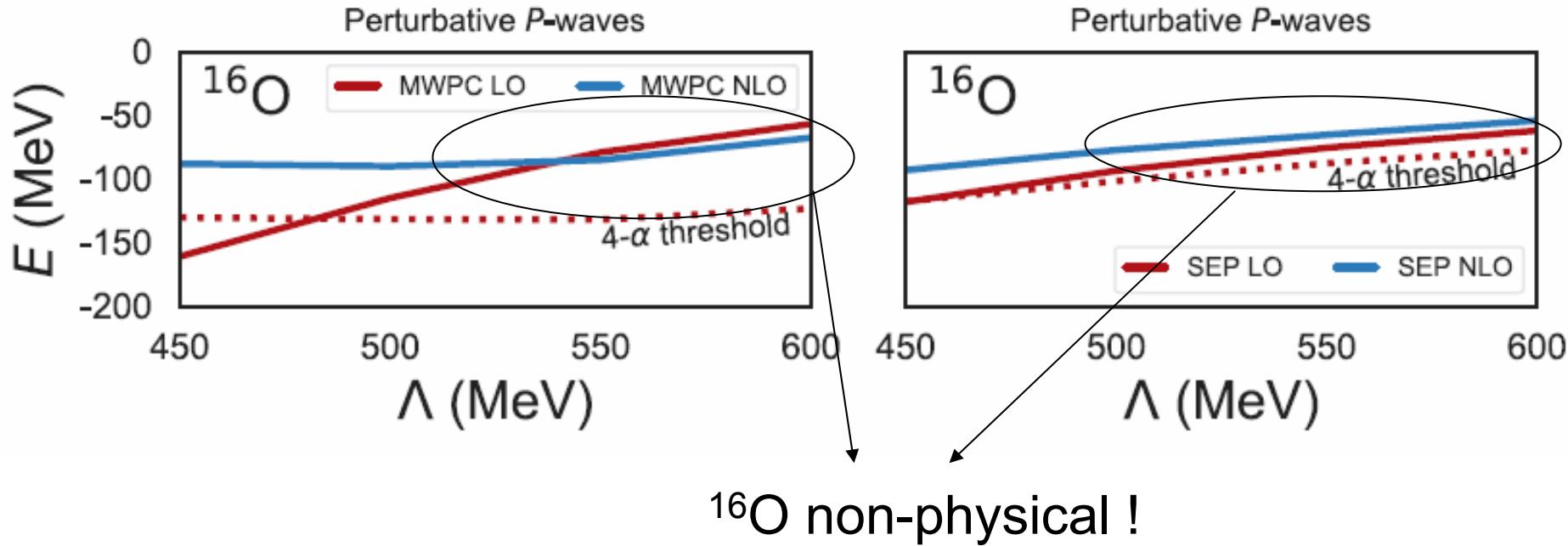
Same thing for PC improved with auxiliary dibaryon fields, Weinberg counting and pionless EFT.



M. S. Sánchez, C.-J. Yang, Bingwei Long, U. van Kolck, Phys.Rev. C97 (2018) no.2, 024001.

In fact, nobody got  $^{16}\text{O}$  right at LO yet!

# $^{16}\text{O}$ results (LO, NN only)



MWPC:

At LO, Nogga, Timmerman, van Kolck PC

(*Phys. Rev. C* 72 (2005) 054006)

NLO, plus Long & Yang PC

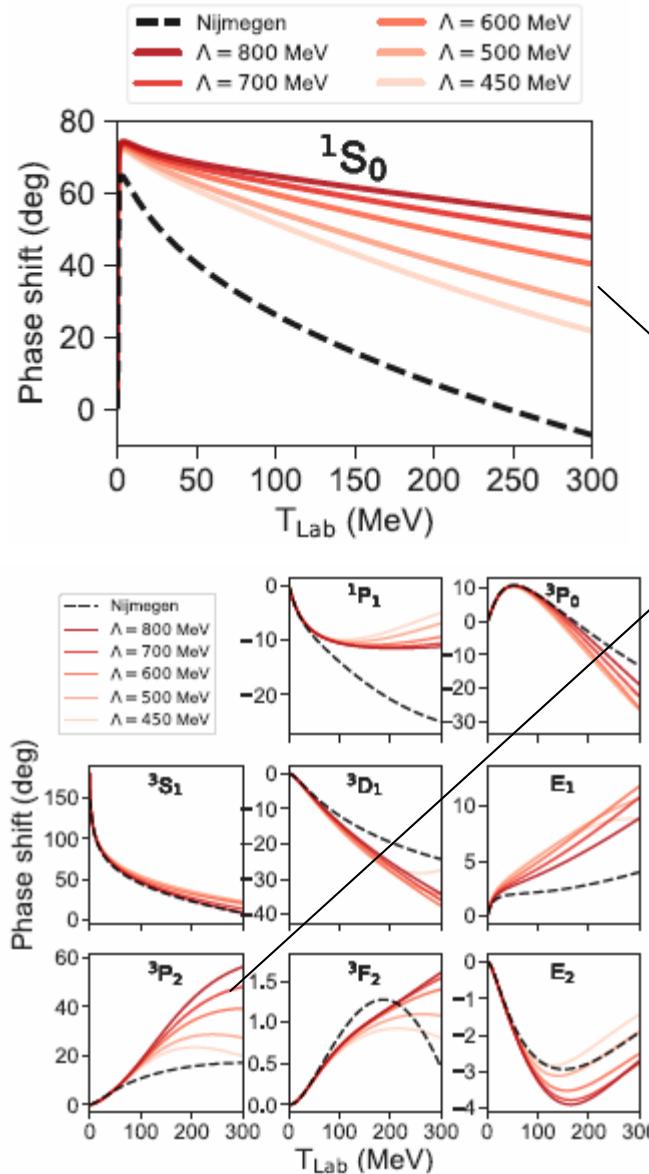
(*Phys. Rev. C* 86 (2012) 024001)

SEP: NN 1s0 adopts dibaryon field

(*Phys. Rev. C* 97 (2018) 2, 024001)

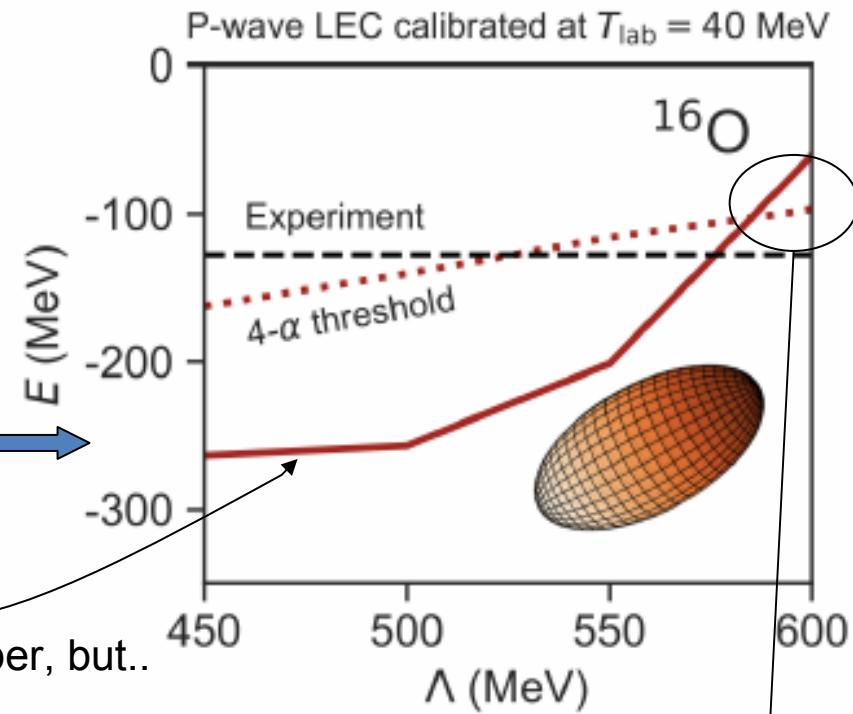
Perturbative P-waves: PC by S. Wu & B. Long (*Phys. Rev. C* 99 (2019) 2, 024003)

# Further fine-tune (LO, NN only)



over-attractive

Make  $^{16}\text{O}$  deeper, but..



$^{16}\text{O}$  is still non-physical  
(deformed and unbound) !

- We have exhausted all possibilities (dibaryon, perturbative P-waves, different fitting of LECs) we could think of in the NN sector.
- Maybe need NNN force at LO.

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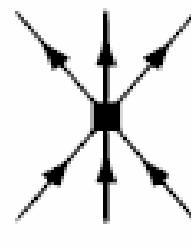
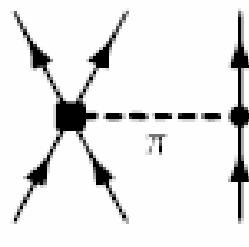
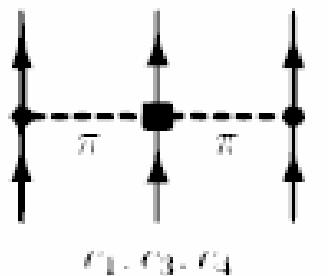
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$^{16}\text{O}$  has A=16!

# 3-body force at LO for $^{16}\text{O}$

What to include?



NNLO in WPC

All LECs are fixed by NN,  $\pi\text{N}$

This diagram contributes repulsively  
In  $^{16}\text{O}$  or larger nuclei. For  $A \leq 4$  it's  
also weakly repulsive.

$C_D, C_E$  are free parameters. Renormalization  
needed.  
It turns out, adding only one of them will  
destroy RG.

(Values  $C_{1,3,4}$  from Siemens, et al, PLB 770, 27 (2017))

# Boundary condition is important

Including only 1 diagram won't work (Long and Bira, Annal. phys. 323 (2008) 1304)

$\Lambda$ (MeV)	$c_E$	$E(^3\text{H})$ (MeV)	$E(^4\text{He})$ (MeV)
450	-0.40	-8.48	-24.37
500	-0.205	-8.48	-24.96
550	-0.066	-8.48	-25.69
600	0.0534	-8.48	-26.7
650	0.158	-8.48	-28.09

$C_D = 0$ ,  $C_E$  fixed to  $^3\text{H}$  binding

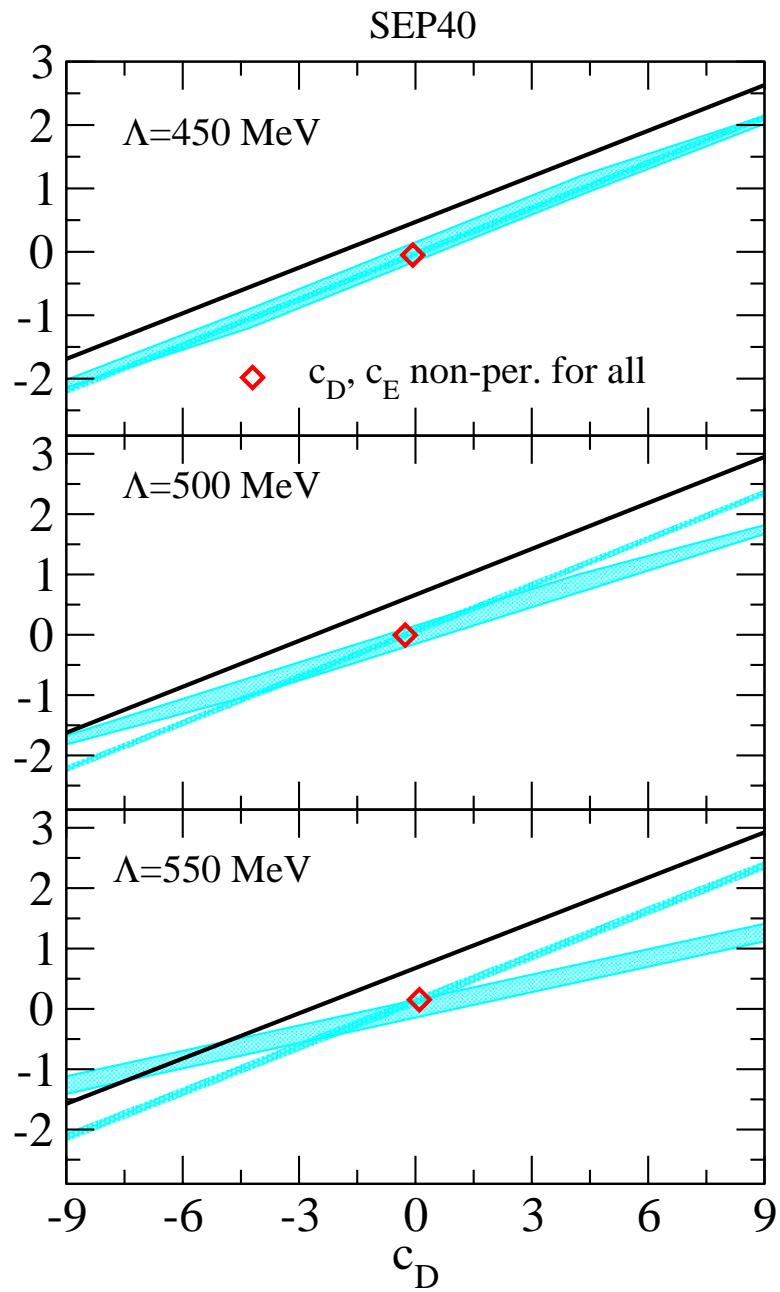
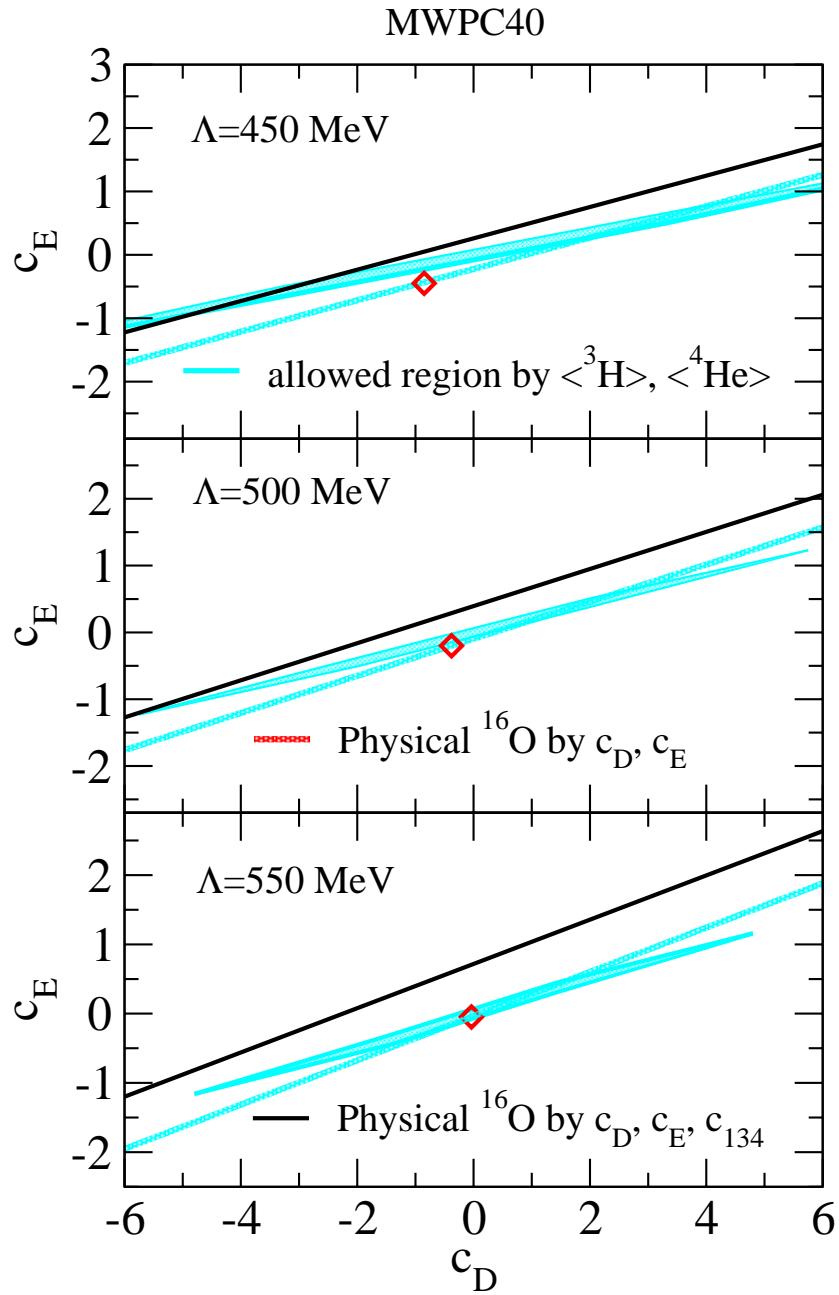
${}^4\text{He}$  diverges w.r.t. cutoff!

Need both  $C_D$  and  $C_E$   
how to fix them?

# Linear correlated $C_D$ , $C_E$

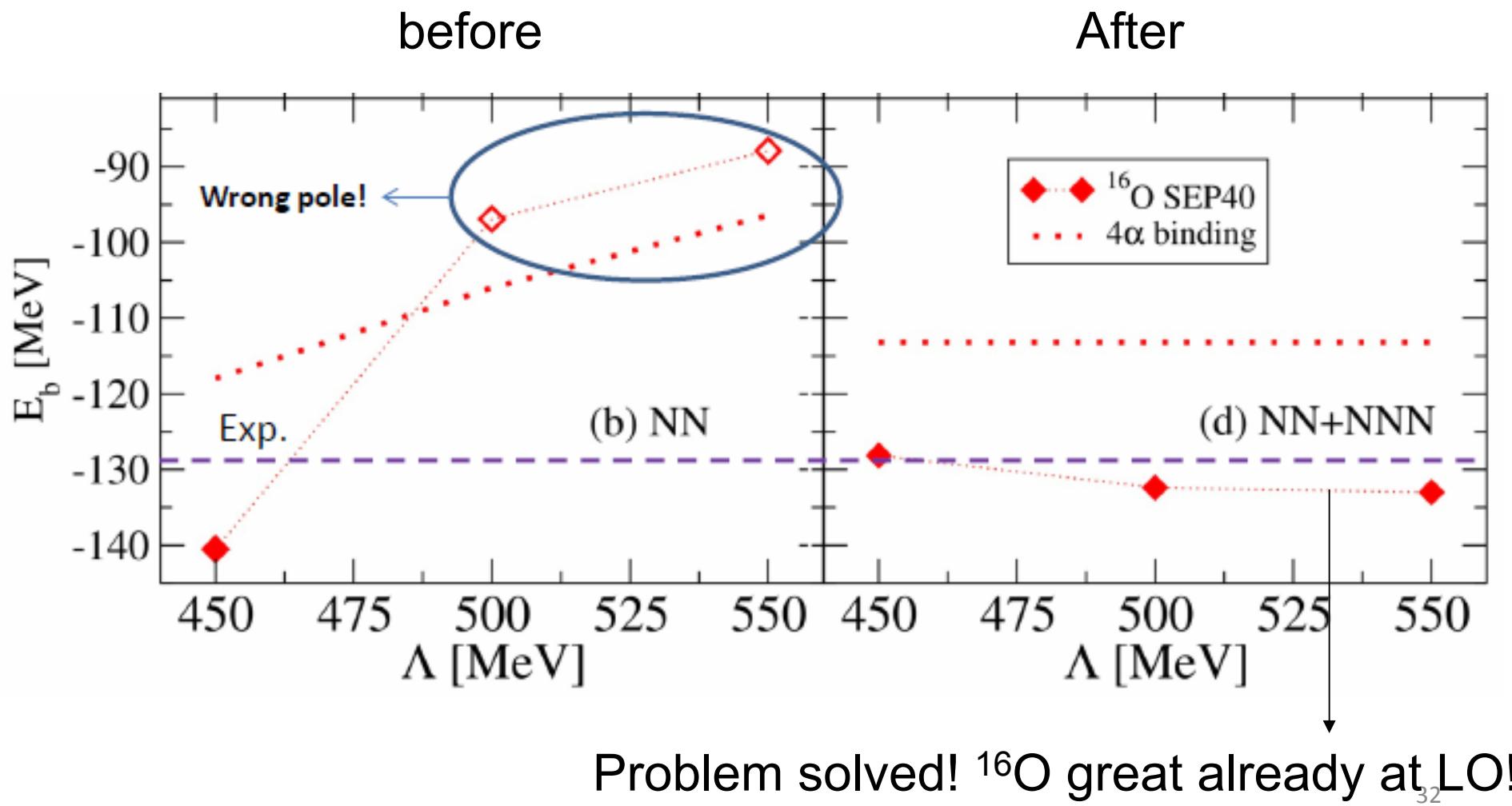
- $C_D$ ,  $C_E$ ,  $C_{134}$  should enter at **higher order** (probably at NNLO or later) for  $A \leq 4$  nuclei.
- But they will enter **non-pertur.** at LO for  $^{16}\text{O}$ .

=>Require  $| \langle \phi_{\text{LO,3or4}} | C_D + C_E | \phi_{\text{LO,3or4}} \rangle |$  to be smaller than  $1/6$  of the  $^3\text{H}$ ,  $^4\text{He}$  binding (need to satisfy in both  $A=3$  &  $4$  cases). → **Denoted as the blue region in next page.**



Red and black lines are the  $(c_D, c_E)$  and  $(c_D, c_E, c_{134})$  reproduce  ${}^{16}\text{O} = -128 \pm 10\%$ .

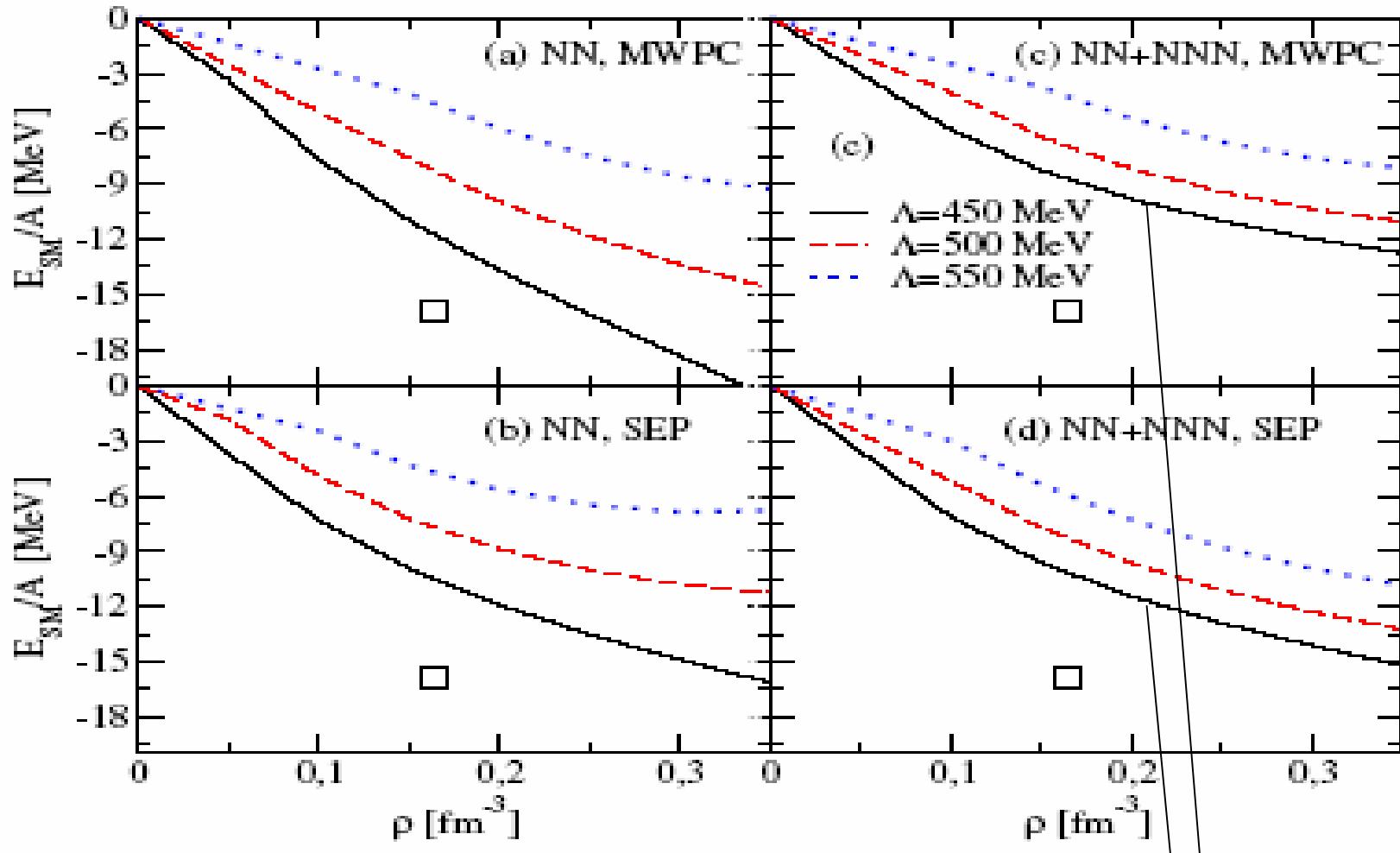
Using the overlap of the red and blue lines, i.e., ( $C_D$ ,  $C_E$ ) fixed by  $\langle {}^3\text{H} \rangle$  and  $\langle {}^4\text{He} \rangle$ , we got:



This suggests:  
3NFs are LO at least for  $A \geq 16$

# NNNN at LO?

No-go test by nuclear matter (EoS)



Conclusion: NN+NNN seems **no enough** !

# Comments on current status of ab-initio approaches

- With the advance of ab-initio techniques, today the biggest **uncertainty** of nuclear structure calculations comes from the **input potential**. => **One needs to improve this first.**

## Without A-dependent PC

- State-of-the-art calculations includes at least  $V_{\text{NNLO}}$  in WPC, i.e., where 3NFs first appears.
- Fitting LECs at few-body sector → Bad saturation properties.
- Fitting LECs overall → Sacrifices NN and few-body sector.

# Our study suggests

- **Maybe we really need to include the A-dependent power counting! Where the orders 3NFs and 4NFs enter dep. on A.**  
(more flexible in some sense, as their LECs don't need to accommodate every nuclei at the same time.)

# Summary

- Starting from  $A=16$  (or lower), we need to promote 3-body force ( $c_D, c_E$ ) at LO in chiral EFT.
- For saturation properties to be reasonably described, a further promotion of 4-body forces to LO is likely.

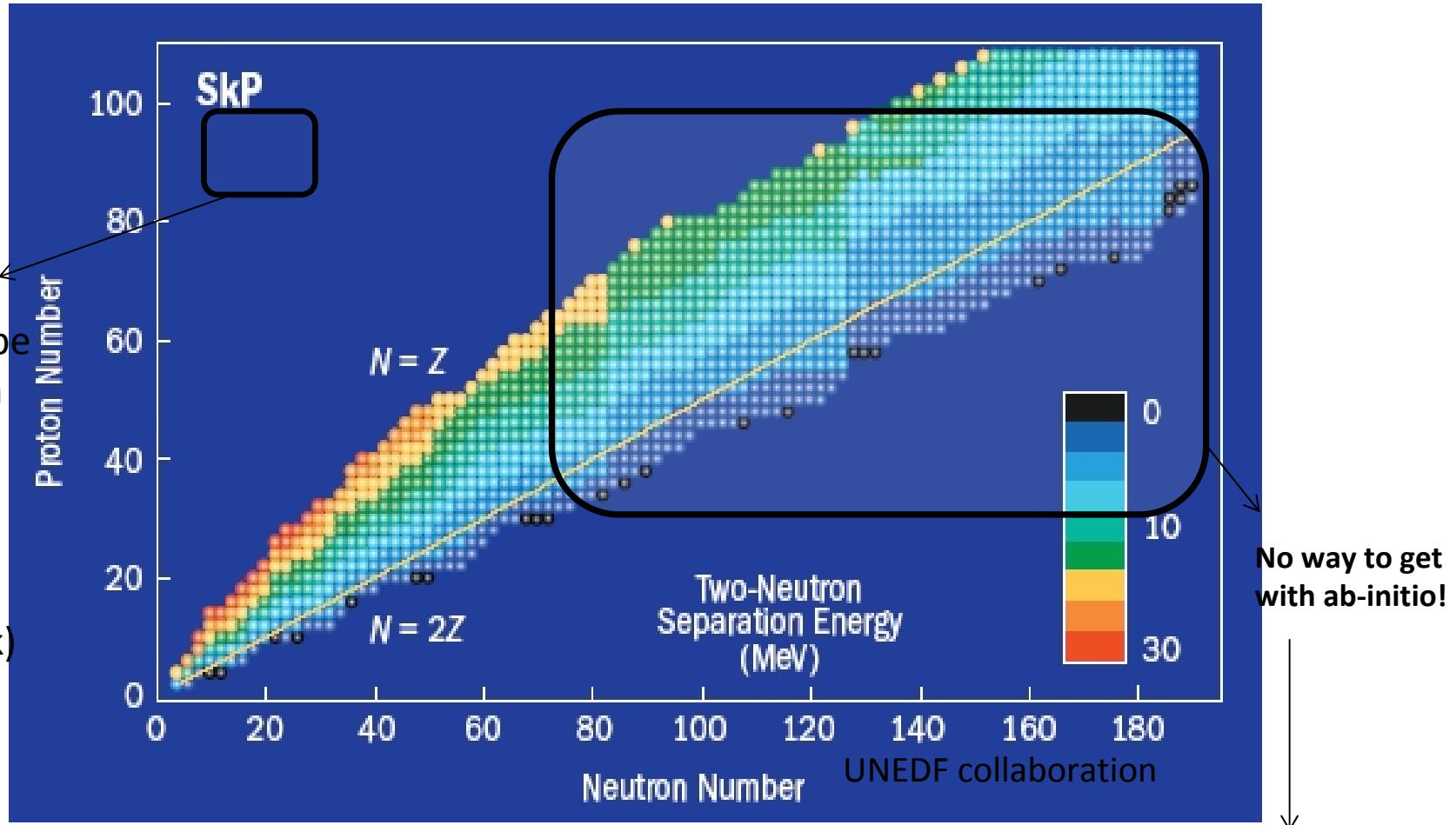
Solutions:

- In short term, might play with  $\Lambda$  and regulator form to avoid 4-body forces ( $c_D(\Lambda), c_E(\Lambda)$ ... go through zero).
- In the long term, need to further develop ab-initio codes/technique to include up to 4-body forces.

Any other way (to get heavier nuclei)?

# Mean field with Skyrme-type

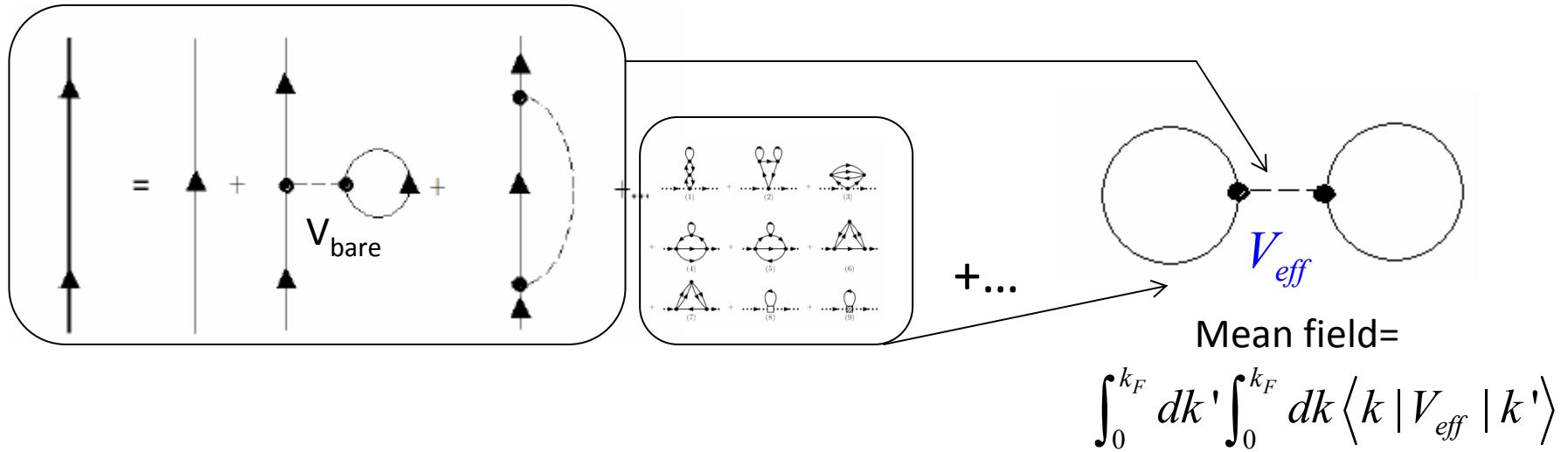
Skyrme-type interaction works o.k.  
(able to do the fitting in EDF framework)



Need to think about other expansion (than on NN d.o.f.).

# From bare interaction $\rightarrow V_{\text{eff}}$

Analogue: from QCD to  $V_{NN}$



$$V_{\text{eff}} = \underbrace{t_0(1+x_0 P_\sigma)}_{S\text{-wave } O(0)} + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{t_1(1+x_1 P_\sigma)(k'^2+k^2)}_{S\text{-wave } O(q^2)} + \underbrace{t_2(1+x_2 P_\sigma)\mathbf{k}' \cdot \mathbf{k}}_{p\text{-wave } O(q^2)}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{6} \underbrace{t_3(1+x_3 P_\sigma)}_{s\text{-wave, higher body force}} \rho^\alpha .$$

$$P_\sigma = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2)$$

I.e., CTs in pionless EFT

Has many-body force to begin with!

By the way, this (MF EDF) is a pure perturbative approach (i.e., you *do not* iterate  $V_{\text{eff}}$  at all).

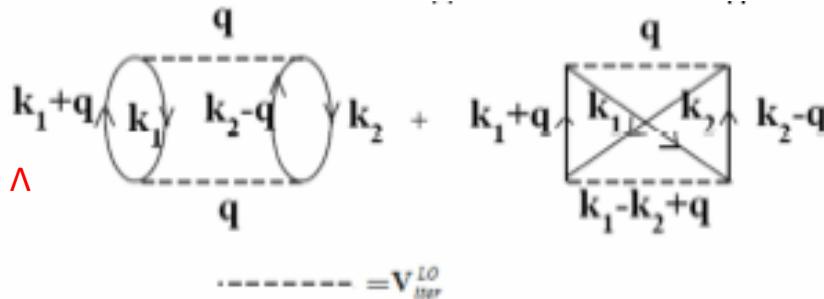
One would like to add some EFT features to it.

First step, need an NLO correction to MF.

# Between ab-initio and EDF

Diagrams of vgv:

diverge, need  $\Lambda$



## MBPT(ab-initio)

V defined in **vacuum**

Improvable:  $v + vgv + \dots$

Exact when include all diagrams (iterated to all order).

### Pros:

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### Issues:

Calculations too costly (model-space is large). Could be very sensitive to detail of V.

## EDF

V defined in **medium** (mean field)

Improvable:  $\langle nlm | V | nlm \rangle$ , i.e., V itself, or need multi-reference.

Pros: Simple and effective

### Issues:

Missing correlations beyond MF,  
*V is a model!*

## Our approach

V re-defined at each order

Approach by:  $v + vgv + \dots$ , but we want to stop at certain order.

Advantages: Hopefully have advantages from both EDF & MBPT.

### Interpretation

LO=MF in EDF

Subleading: included via Perturbation theory

# A novel approach toward finite nuclei: between *ab initio* and energy-density-functional theories

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We propose a novel idea to construct an effective interaction under energy-density-functional (EDF) theories which is adaptive to the enlargement of the model space. Guided by effective field theory principles, iterations of interactions as well as enlargements of the model space through particle-hole excitations are carried out for infinite nuclear matter and selected closed-shell nuclei ( $^4\text{He}$ ,  $^{16}\text{O}$  and  $^{40}\text{Ca}$ ) up to next-to-leading order. Our approach provides a new way for handling nuclear matter and finite nuclei within the same scheme, with advantages from both EDF and *ab initio* approaches.

[arXiv:2110.01959](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.01959)

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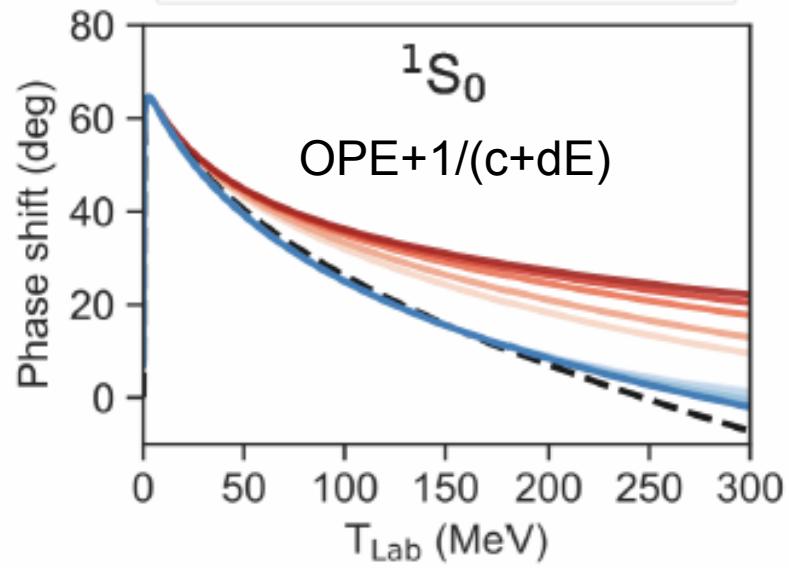
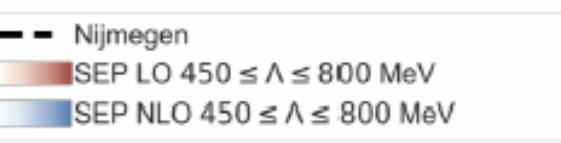
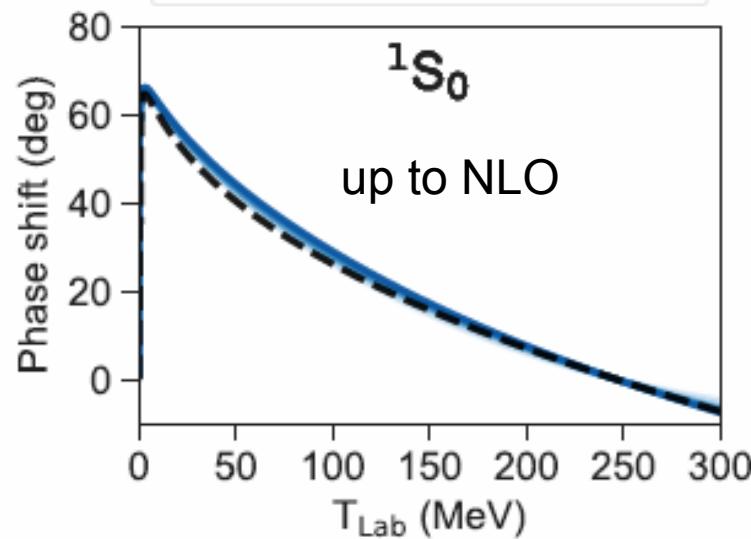
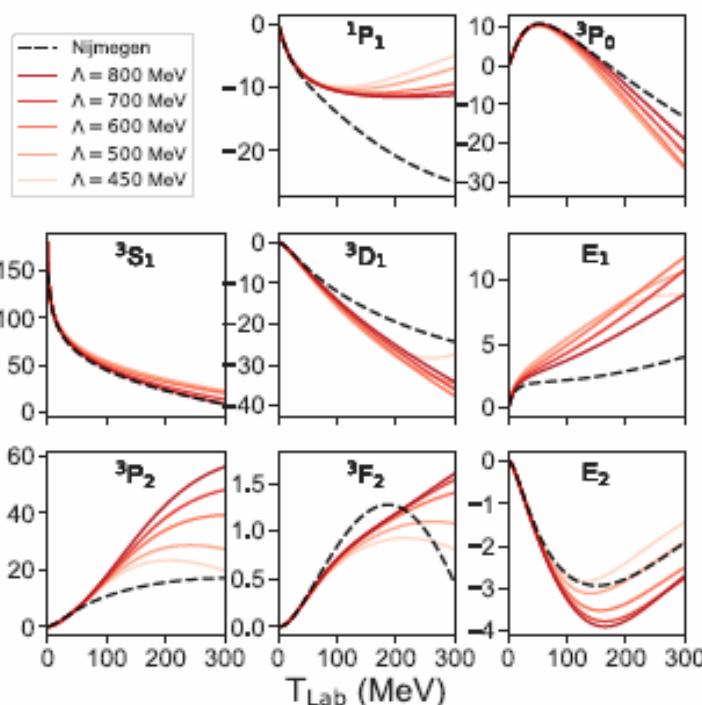
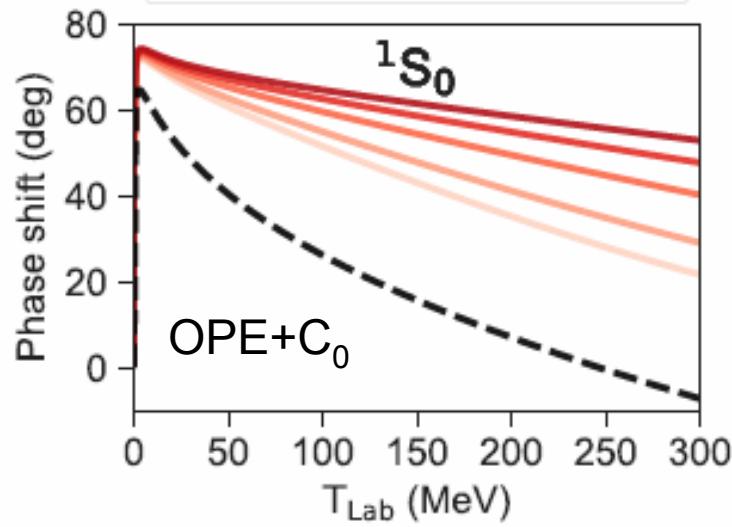
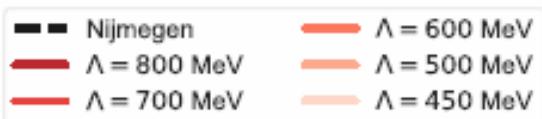
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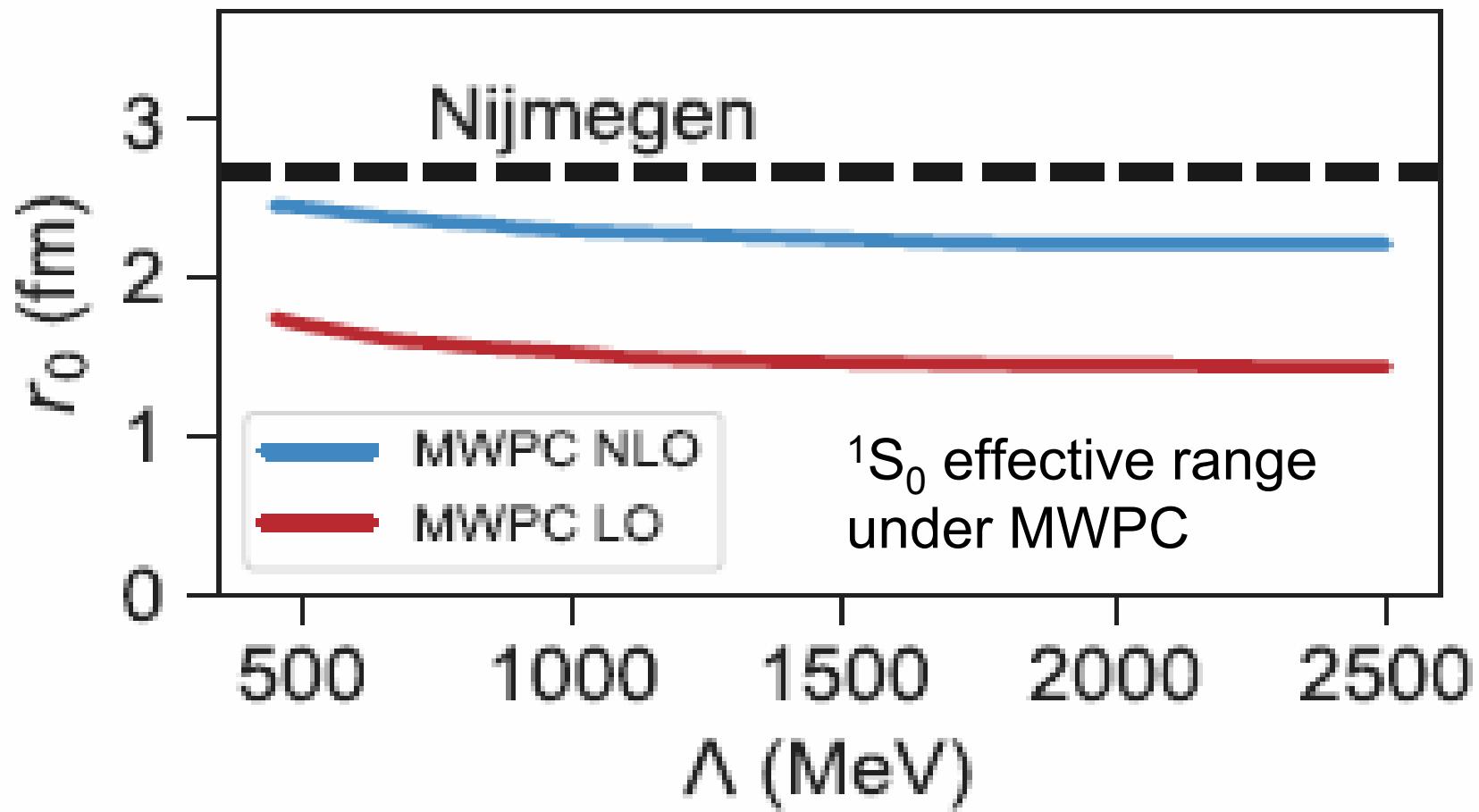
- We are at the **beginning** of a whole new, exciting paradigm!
- Lots of following works (NLO, NNLO,  $\Delta(1232)$ , PC for nuclei away from closed shell, core of the neutron star, etc.) to be done.

Thank you!

Potential	Lambda	B3LO	B4LO	$\langle cD \rangle_3$	$\langle cE \rangle_3$	$\langle cD \rangle_4$	$\langle cE \rangle_4$	$\langle c1 \rangle_3$	$\langle c3 \rangle_3$	$\langle c4 \rangle_3$	$\langle c1 \rangle_4$	$\langle c3 \rangle_4$	$\langle c4 \rangle_4$	
MWPC40		450	-11.17156	-40.61872	-1.4	-3.66	-8.5	25.7	-0.0102	1.816	-2.25	1.065	25.175	-21.375
MWPC40		500	-10.19628	-35.12708	-0.71	1.97	-5.98	13.9	-0.0884	1.26	-2.49	0.768	25.24	-24.85
MWPC40		550	-9.07575	-29.02803	-0.0825	0.45	-0.61	2.7	-0.166	-0.192	-2.01	0.0387	11.24	-17.84

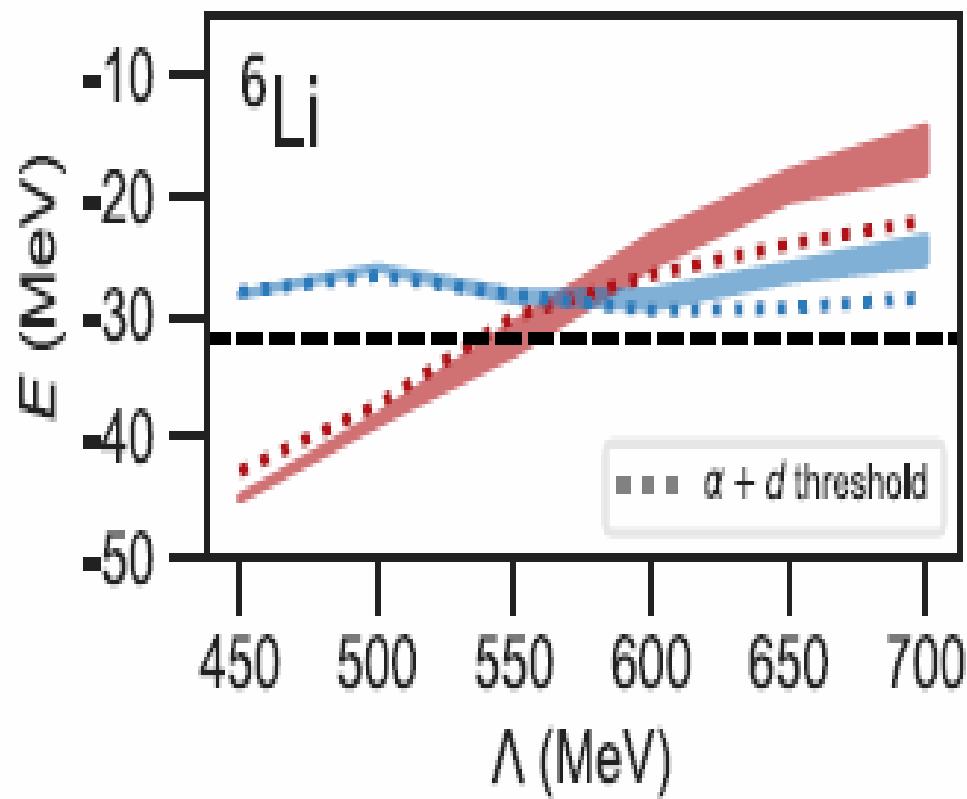
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SEP40		450	-8.705024	-29.522573	-0.064	0.23	-0.518	1.59	-0.0484	0.439	-1.067	0.313	9.85	-10.21
SEP40		500	-8.197143	-26.527799	-0.235	0.026	-1.74	0.16	-0.106	-0.289	-0.989	-0.0736	4.85	-8.83
SEP40		550	-7.727850	-24.116944	0.067	-0.77	0.425	-4.53	-0.155	-1.36	-0.667	-0.46	-3.25	-5.1



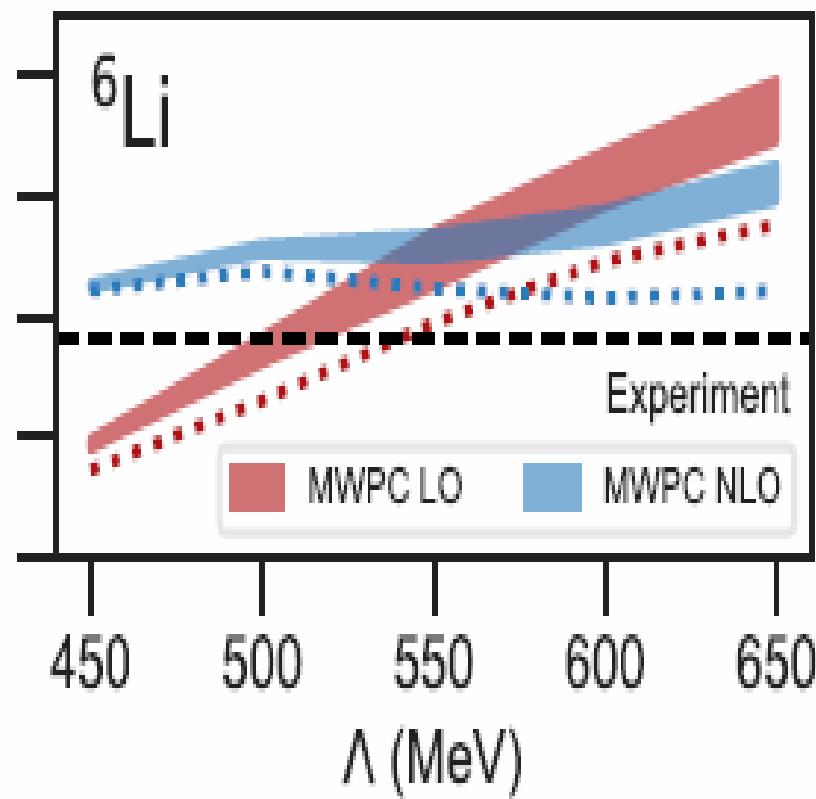


\*SEP (dibaryon field) has  $r_0$  fitted to data already at LO.

P-wave LEC calibrated at  $T_{\text{lab}} = 40$  MeV



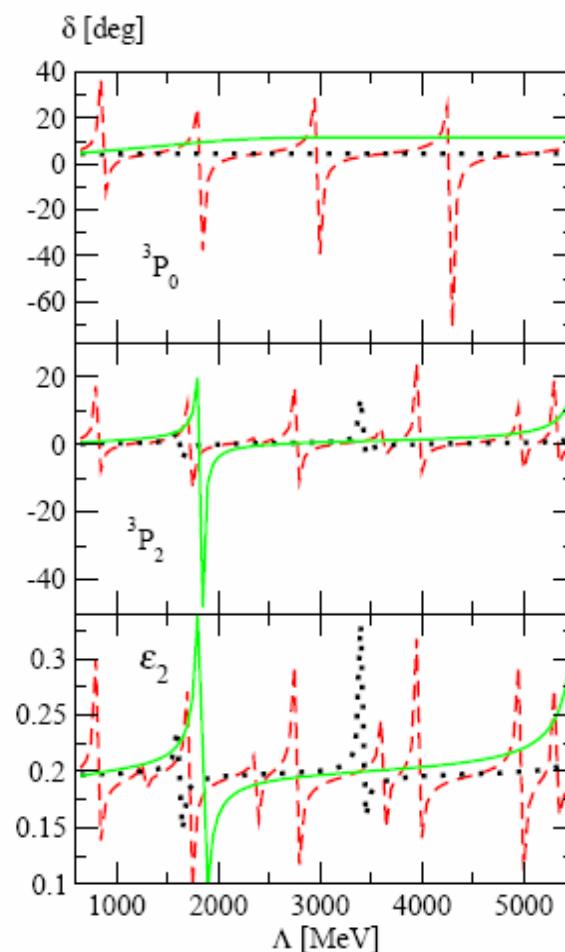
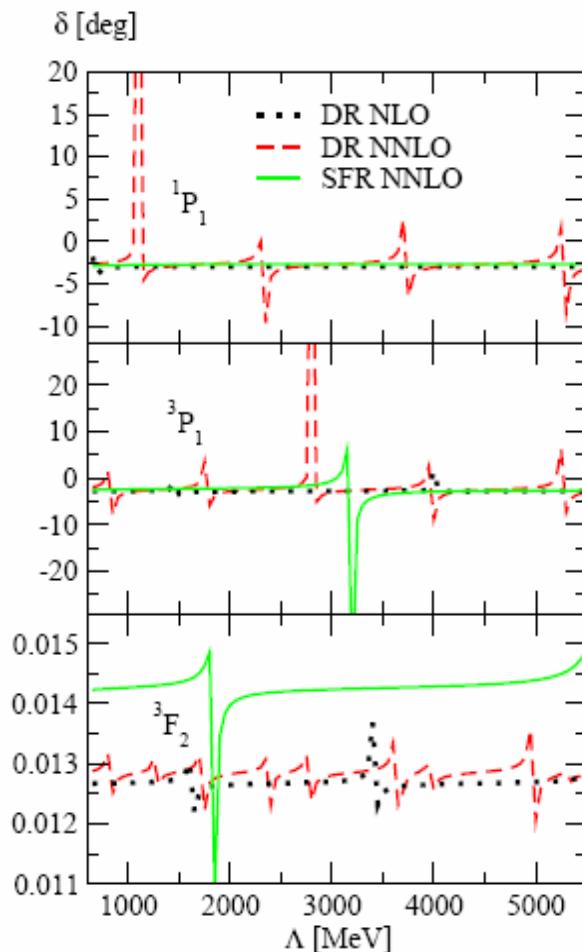
P-wave LEC calibrated at  $T_{\text{lab}} = 200$  MeV



# Problems of WPC

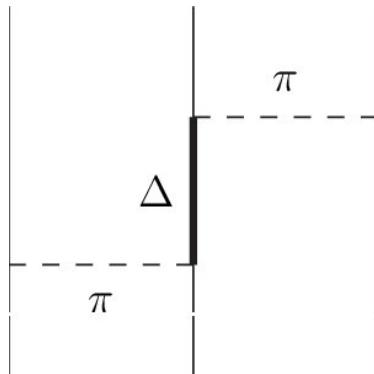
WPC is wrong at LO ! (Nogga, Timmermans, van Kolck, *PRC* 72 (2005) 054006)

- Beyond LO: (Yang, Elster, Phillips (2008-2010))



# $\Delta(1232)$ NNN?

Fujita-Miyazawa



Appear at NLO, i.e., one order before  $c_D, c_E, c_{134}$ .

So far we include it by the “*resonant saturated*” way[1,2], but then it appears to be repulsive for  $^{16}\text{O}$ , at least up to the highest cutoff (550 MeV) we can test.

- [1] Epelbaum, et al, Nucl. Phys. A 806, 65 (2008).
- [2] Ekstrom, et al, PRC 97, 024332 (2018).

# EFT-like approaches

**Select a model space**

(since we cannot do calculations in (or even actually know the structure of) the entire Hilbert space)

**Build/Derive the interactions in that model space**  
(normally utilize properties of symmetry)

**Solve for any observable desired**

Compare to data (check your assumptions)

# Renormalization group (RG)

**Select a model space**

(since we cannot do calculations in (or even actually know the structure of) the entire Hilbert space)

**Build/Derive the interactions in that model space**

**Solve for specified observable desired**

**Vary your model space** (mostly enlarge → more shouldn't hurt)



Compare to data (check your assumptions)

# Minimum requirement of EFT<sup>©</sup>

For more details: see, e.g., publication list: 1

## Select a model space

(since we cannot do calculations in (or even actually know the structure of) the entire Hilbert space)

Renormalize the interactions in that model space

Describe observable within the validity of EFT

Vary your model space (mostly enlarge → more shouldn't hurt)



Compare to data (check your assumptions)