

Hyper(nuclear) \neq EFT at next-to-leading order: status and perspectives

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neutron sTARs equation of state**

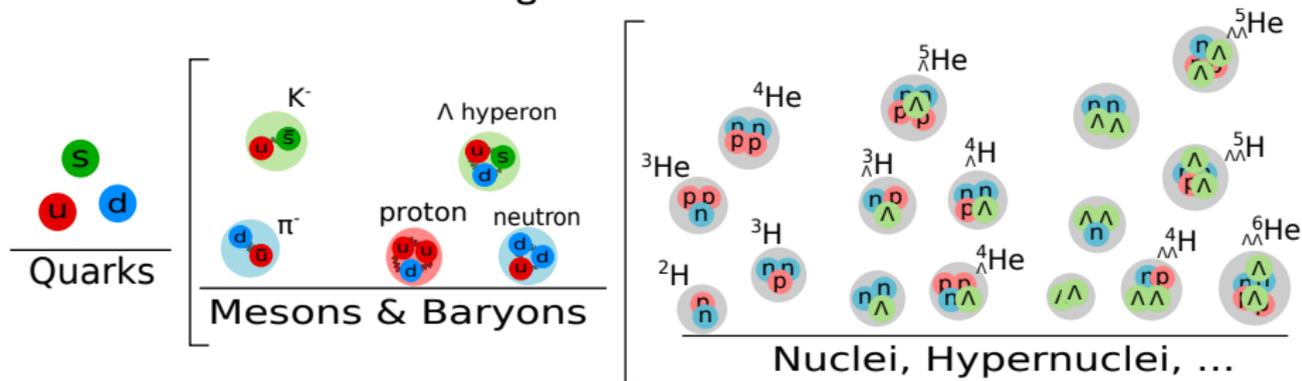
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Hypernuclei

Interactions of hadrons :

- currently described by QCD

At low and intermediate energies ...



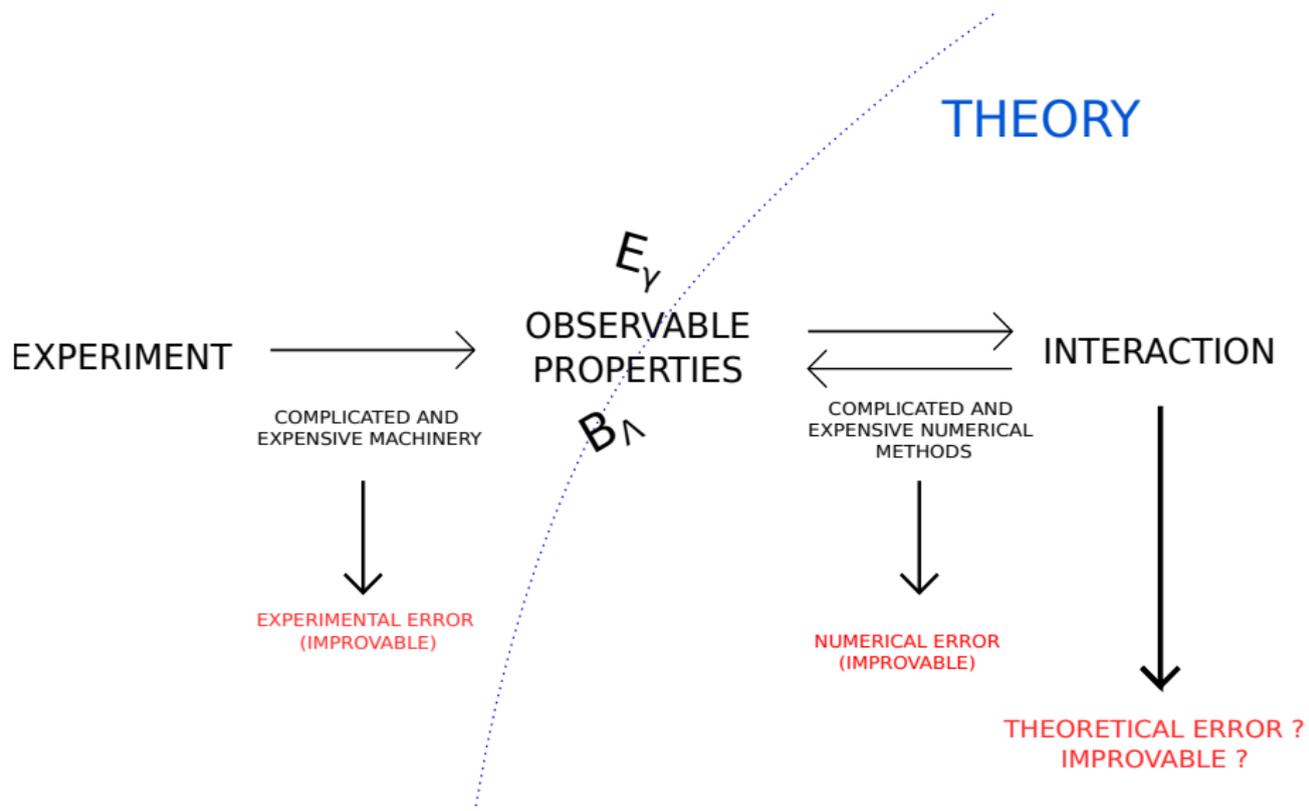
- QCD is notoriously difficult to solve in this energy regime !**
→ lattice QCD and effective field theories (EFTs)

Observed properties
of few-body hadronic
systems ↔

Precise few-body
methods ↔

Underlying interaction
models

Experiment & Theory



Momentum scales

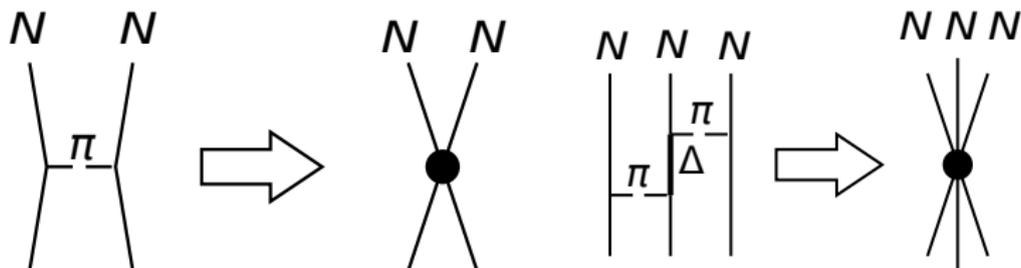
M_{hi} ... momentum scale of underlying theory

→ interest in processes at typical momentum Q comparable to lower momentum scale

$$Q \approx M_{\text{lo}} \ll M_{\text{hi}}$$

Effective Field Theory :

- focus on the low-momentum M_{lo} region in more general case
- most general effective Lagrangian, while keeping the symmetries of the underlying theory
- high-momentum M_{hi} degrees of freedom integrated out
- systematic expansion of an interaction in $(M_{\text{lo}}/M_{\text{hi}})$
- power counting

Nuclear \neq EFT

Scales :

→ no pionic degrees of freedom

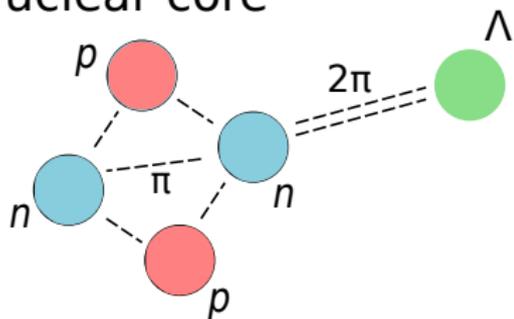
- breakup scale $M_{hi} = m_\pi$
- **rough** typical momentum estimates :

$$Q(^4\text{He}) \approx \sqrt{2M_N B(^4\text{He})/4} \approx 115 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow \frac{Q}{M_{hi}} \approx 0.8 < 1$$

$$Q(^3\text{H}) \approx \sqrt{2M_N B(^3\text{H})/3} \approx 72 \text{ MeV} \rightarrow \frac{Q}{M_{hi}} \approx 0.5 < 1$$

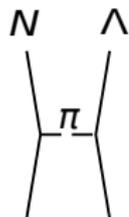
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Nuclear core

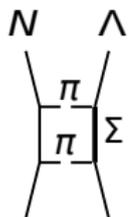


- Λ is weakly bound to the nuclear core (small typical exchange momentum Q)
- long distance forces $\rightarrow 2\pi$ exchange ($M_{hi} = 2m_\pi \approx 280$ MeV)

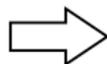
$$\frac{Q}{M_{hi}} \approx \frac{\sqrt{2M_\Lambda B_\Lambda}}{2m_\pi} \approx 0.3 < 1$$

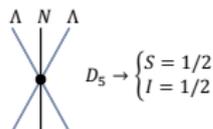
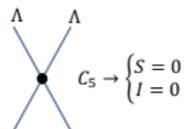
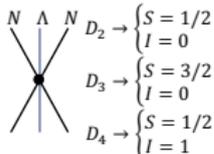
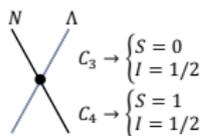
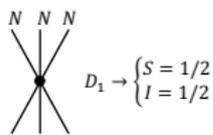
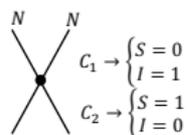


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(Hyper)nuclear $\not\equiv$ EFT at LO

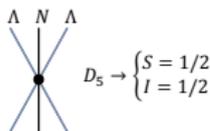
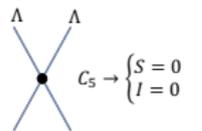
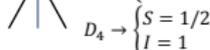
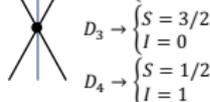
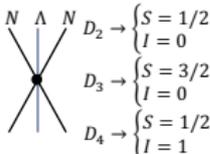
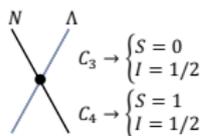
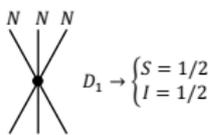
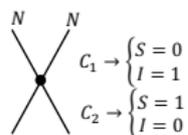
A=2	A=3	A=4	A=5	A=6
$a_{NN}(^1S_0)$	^3H			
$a_{NN}(^3S_1)/^2\text{H}(1^+)$				
$a_{N\Lambda}(^1S_0)$	$^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$	$^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$		
$a_{N\Lambda}(^3S_1)$		$^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}^*$		
$a_{\Lambda\Lambda}(^1S_0)$				$^6_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}$

Hamiltonian :

$$H_{\lambda}^{(\text{LO})} = T_{\mathbf{k}} + V_2 + V_3$$

$$V_2 = \sum_{l,S} C_{\lambda}^{l,S} \sum_{i<j} \mathcal{P}_{ij}^{l,S} \delta_{\lambda}(r_{ij})$$

$$V_3 = \sum_{l,S,\alpha} D_{\lambda,\alpha}^{l,S} \sum_{i<j<k} \mathcal{Q}_{ijk}^{l,S,\alpha} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \delta_{\lambda}(r_{ij}) \delta_{\lambda}(r_{jk})$$

(Hyper)nuclear $\not\equiv$ EFT at LO

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	$a_{N\Lambda}(^3S_1)$	$^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}^*$	$^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}^*$		
		Λnn			
	$a_{\Lambda\Lambda}(^1S_0)$	$\Lambda\Lambda\text{n}$	$^4_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{H}$	$^5_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{H}$	$^6_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}$
			$\Lambda\Lambda\text{nn}$		

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Regularization and renormalization

Regularization :

For singular interaction the solution of the Schrödinger equation requires regularization.

→ regulator function smears the δ -function over λ^{-1}

$$\delta_\lambda(r_{ij}) = \frac{\lambda^3}{8\pi^{3/2}} \exp\left(-\lambda^2 r^2/4\right)$$

→ all low-energy constants (LECs) gain specific λ dependencies $C(\lambda)$, $D(\lambda)$, ...

→ all observables are independent of arbitrary λ value (renormalization)

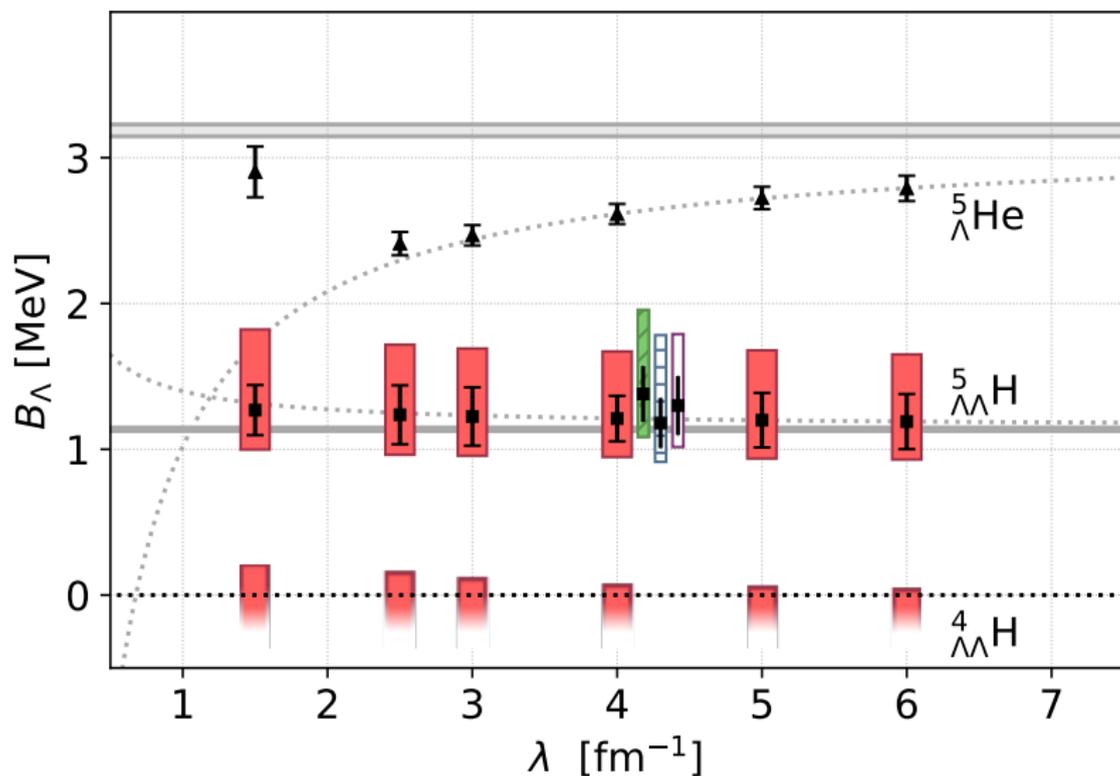
Truncation of the EFT at the selected order :

→ for $\Lambda \gg M_{hi}$ observables acquire residual cutoff dependence $\mathcal{O}(Q/\Lambda)$

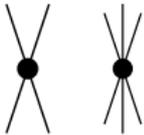
→ truncation of the Lagrangian at the given order induces relative error of $\mathcal{O}(Q/M_{hi})$

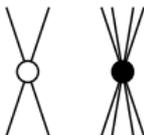
The onset of $\Lambda\Lambda$ hypernuclear binding

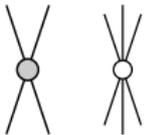
(L. Contessi, M. Schäfer, N. Barnea, A. Gal, and J. Mareš, Phys. Lett. B **797**, 134893 (2019))



Hierarchy of interaction terms - power counting

LO  $C_0^{(0)}\delta(r_{12}), D_0^{(0)}\delta(r_{12})\delta(r_{23})$

NLO  $C_1^{(1)}\nabla_{r_{12}}^2\delta(r_{12}), E_0^{(1)}\delta(r_{12})\delta(r_{23})\delta(r_{34})$

N²LO  ... $C_2^{(2)}(\nabla_{r_1} \cdot \nabla_{r_2})\delta(r_{12}),$ more 3-body, higher-body

N^{>2}LO ...

Nuclear $\not\equiv$ EFT LO and NLO potential

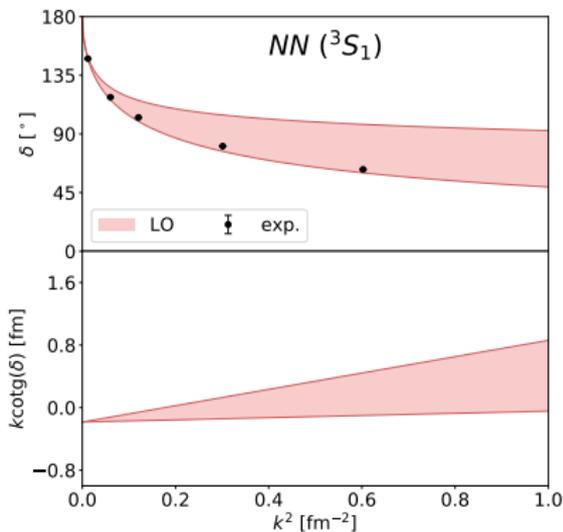
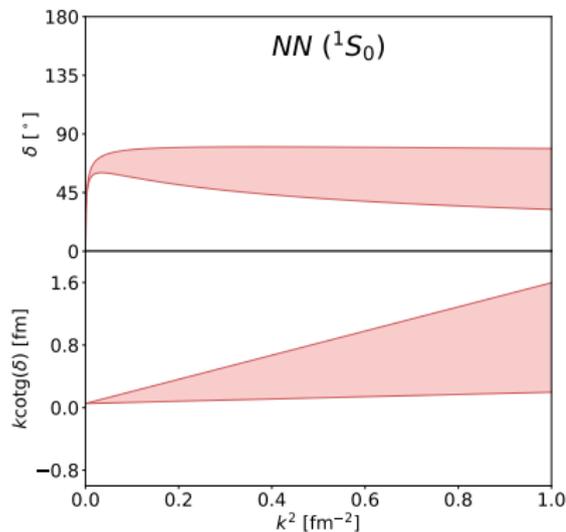
Leading order potential (3 LECs) :

$$V_{\lambda}^{(\text{LO})} = \sum_{i < j} \left[C_0^{(0)}(\lambda) P_{ij}^{I=1, S=0} + C_1^{(0)}(\lambda) P_{ij}^{I=0, S=1} \right] e^{-\frac{\lambda^2}{4} r_{ij}^2} \\ + D_0^{(0)}(\lambda) \sum_{i < j < k} Q_{ijk}^{I=1/2, S=1/2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} e^{-\frac{\lambda^2}{4} (r_{ij}^2 + r_{jk}^2)}$$

Next-to-leading order potential (6 LECs) :

$$V_{\lambda}^{(\text{NLO})} = \sum_{i < j} \left[C_0^{(1)}(\lambda) P_{ij}^{I=1, S=0} + C_1^{(1)}(\lambda) P_{ij}^{I=0, S=1} \right] e^{-\frac{\lambda^2}{4} r_{ij}^2} \\ + \sum_{i < j} \left[C_2^{(1)}(\lambda) P_{ij}^{I=1, S=0} + C_3^{(1)}(\lambda) P_{ij}^{I=0, S=1} \right] \left(e^{-\frac{\lambda^2}{4} r_{ij}^2} \vec{\nabla}_{ij}^2 + \overleftarrow{\nabla}_{ij}^2 e^{-\frac{\lambda^2}{4} r_{ij}^2} \right) \\ + D_0^{(1)}(\lambda) \sum_{i < j < k} Q_{ijk}^{I=1/2, S=1/2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} e^{-\frac{\lambda^2}{4} (r_{ij}^2 + r_{jk}^2)} \\ + E_0^{(1)}(\lambda) \sum_{i < j < k < l} Q_{ijkl}^{I=0, S=0} e^{-\frac{\lambda^2}{4} (r_{ij}^2 + r_{ik}^2 + r_{il}^2 + r_{jk}^2 + r_{jl}^2 + r_{kl}^2)}$$

LO ≠EFT



Leading order (LO) :

(exp. constraints)

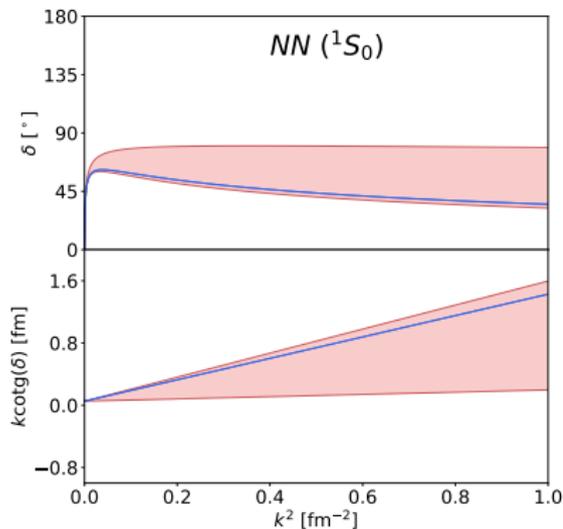
$$a_{NN}^0 (a_{nn}^0) = -18.95(40) \text{ fm}$$

$$a_{NN}^1 (a_{np}^1) = 5.419(7) \text{ fm}$$

$$B(^3\text{H}) = 8.482 \text{ MeV}$$

Effective range expansion :

$$k \cotg(\delta) = -\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{2} r k^2 + \dots$$

NLO $\not\equiv$ EFT

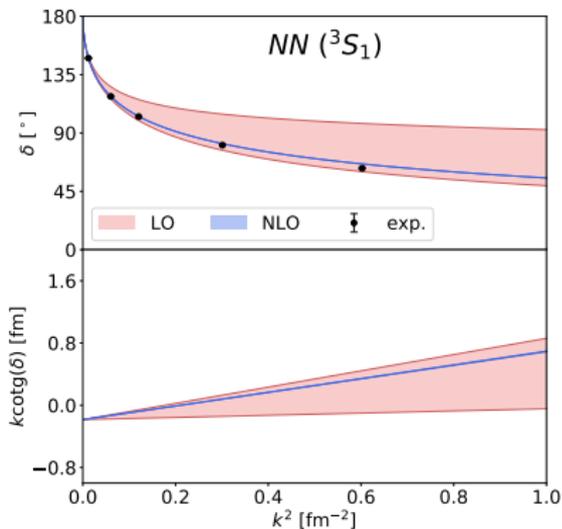
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Next-to-leading order (NLO) :

(exp. constraints)

$$r_{NN}^0 (r_{nn}^0) = 2.75(11) \text{ fm}$$

$$r_{NN}^1 (r_{np}^1) = 1.753(8) \text{ fm}$$

$$B(^4\text{He}) = 28.296 \text{ MeV}$$

Nuclear $\not\propto$ EFT up to NLO

Where we stand ?

- NLO $\not\propto$ EFT using 6 experimental constraints
(a, r) of $NN(^1S_0)$ and $NN(^3S_1)$, $B(^3\text{H})$, $B(^4\text{He})$

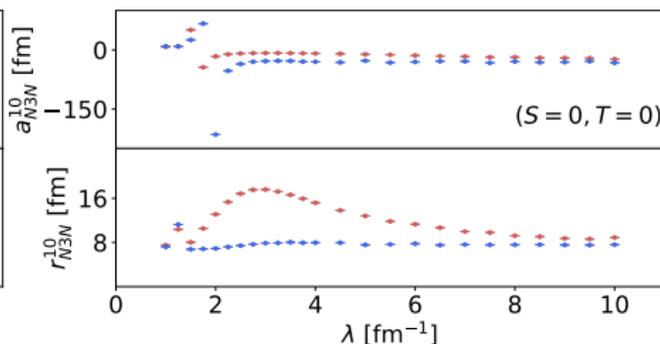
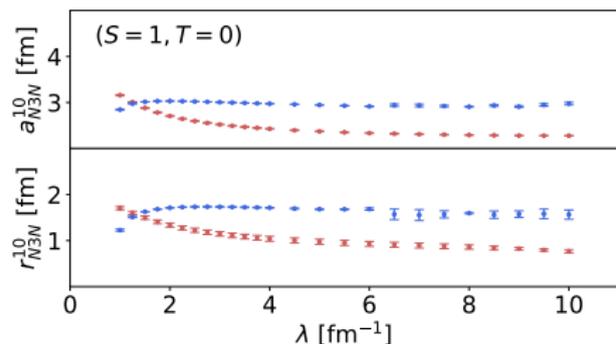
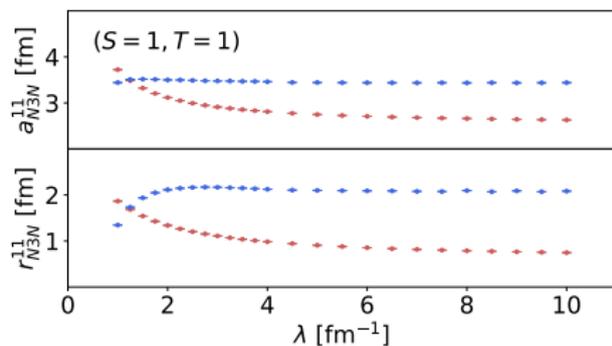
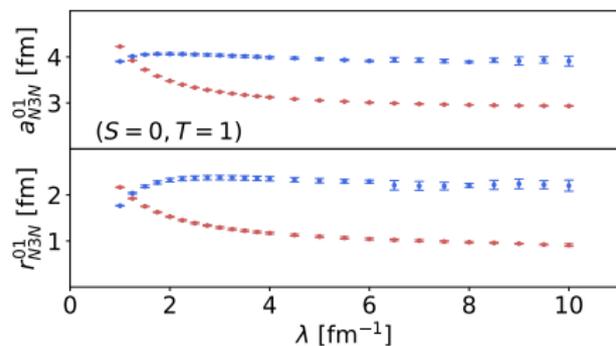
What we want to study ?

- behavior of $\not\propto$ EFT predictions with increasing order (LO to NLO)
- comparison with experimental results

Test of the theory \longrightarrow predictions of few-body nuclear scattering

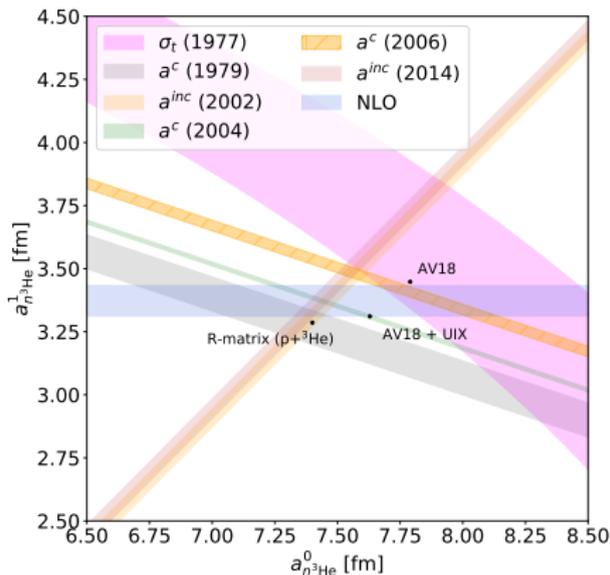
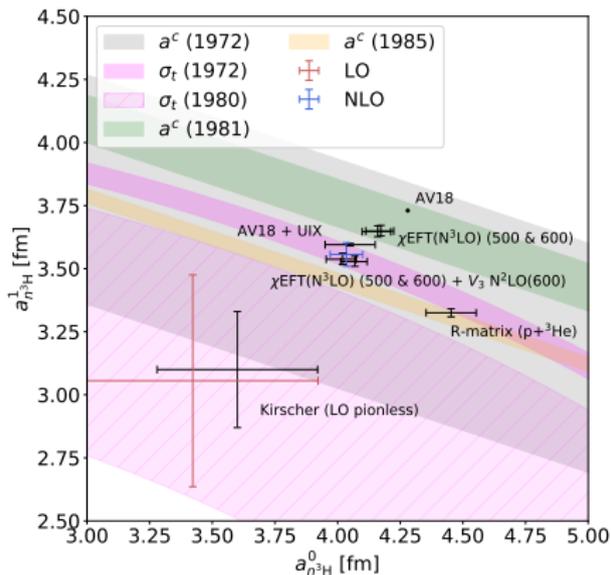
$n + {}^3\text{H}$ and $n + {}^3\text{He}$ scattering (Phys. Rev. C 107 (2023) 064001)

LO → NLO

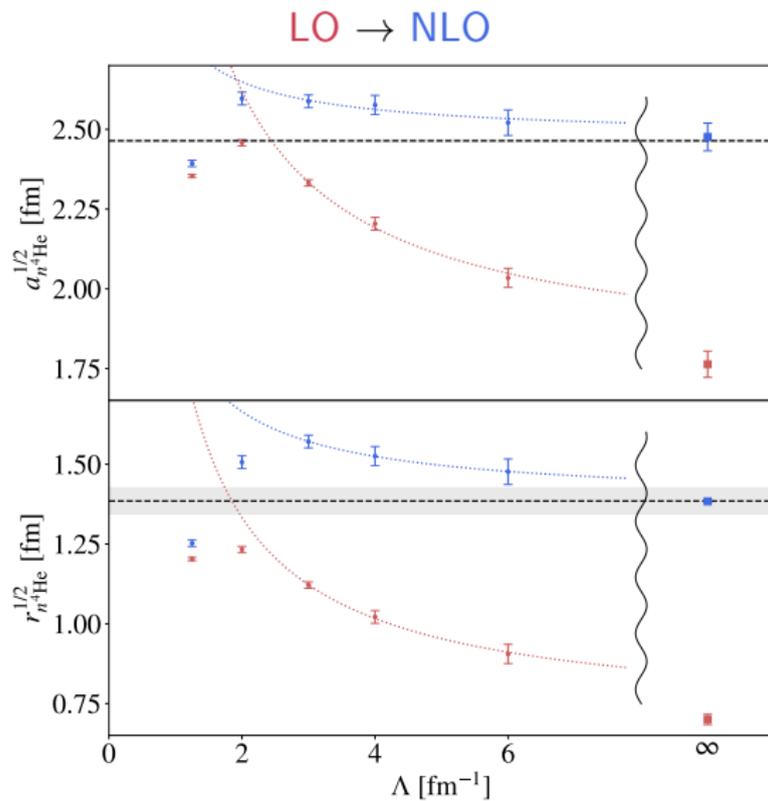


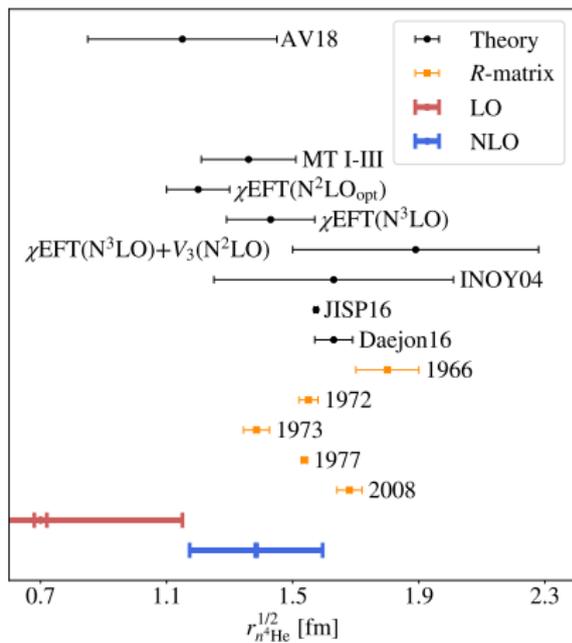
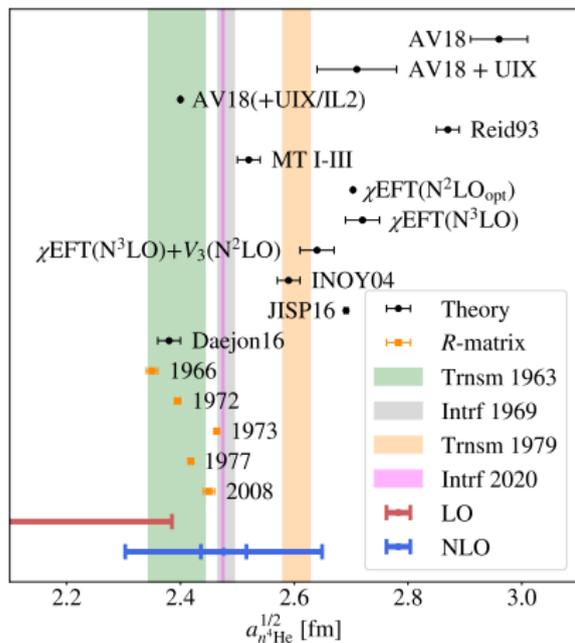
Experiment & Theory : $n + {}^3\text{H}$ and $n + {}^3\text{He}$ scattering lengths

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For references to all theoretical results see (Phys. Lett. B 844 (2023) 138078).

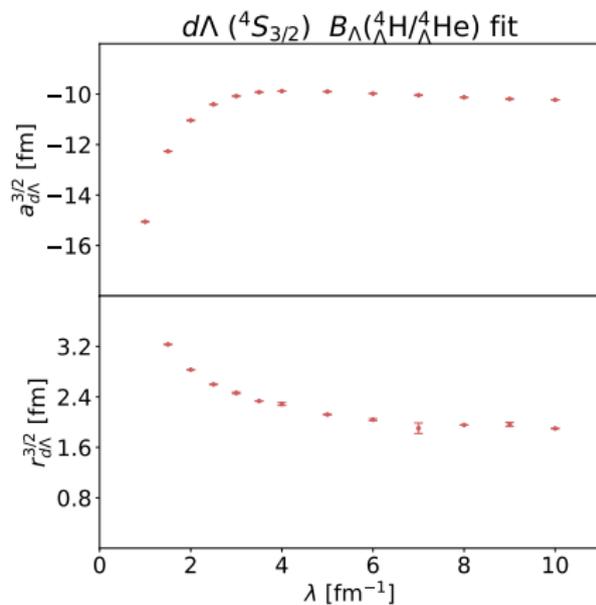
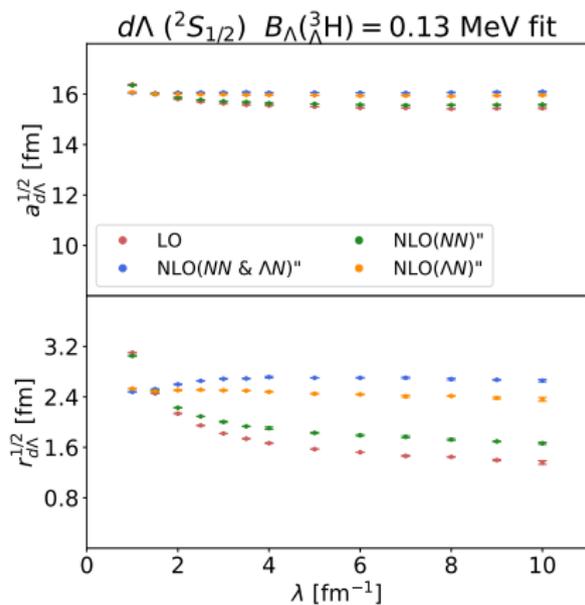
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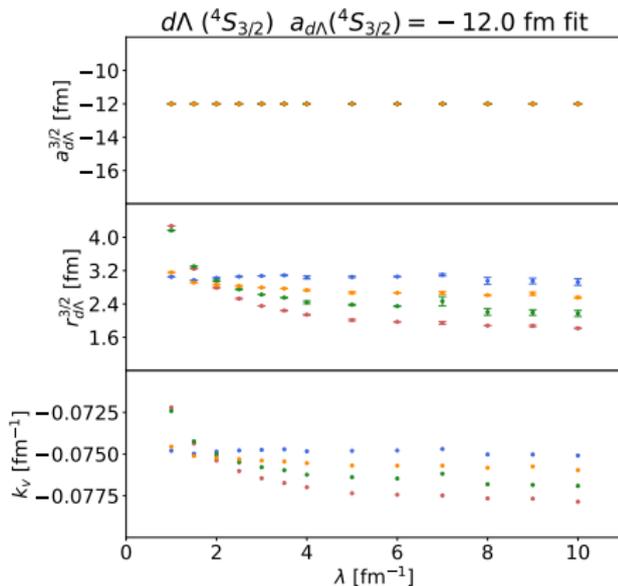
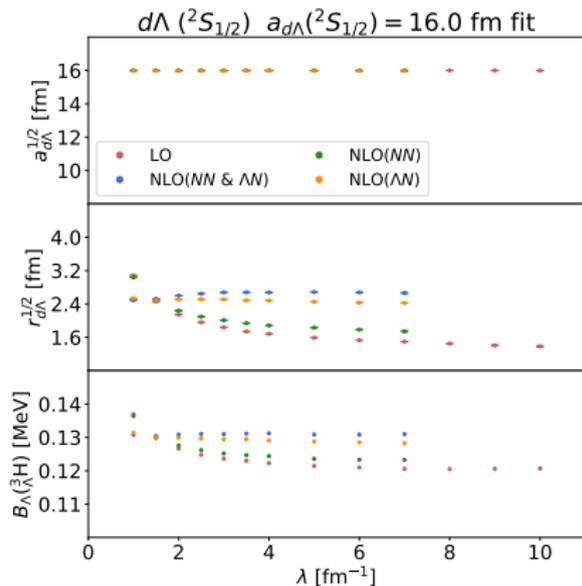
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Hypertriton channels (preliminary)



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Summary

Nuclear NLO $\not\approx$ EFT

- no problem to fit all LECs (6 input data up to NLO)
- works very well in studies of n - ^3H , n - ^3He , n - ^4He scattering

Λ -hypernuclear NLO $\not\approx$ EFT

- difficulties in constraining all LECs (9 input data up to NLO)
 - 1 three-body $S = 3/2, I = 0$ ΛNN channel $\rightarrow \Lambda d$ femtoscopy ?
 - 2 three-body $S = 1/2, I = 1$ ΛNN channel $\rightarrow \Lambda pp$ femtoscopy ?

$\Lambda\Lambda$ -hypernuclear NLO $\not\approx$ EFT

- currently not enough data (5 input data required up to NLO)