

Momentum dependent nucleon-nucleon contact interactions and their effect on p-d scattering observables

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Motivations

- A more sophisticated version of the three-body force is needed to
 - ▶ Equation of state for neutron matter \Rightarrow Neutron stars \Rightarrow Gravitational waves
 - ▶ Structure of nuclei
 - ▶ Calculations on the fusion between polarized nuclei (d-d, p-7Li, p-11B) [Lecce-Pisa group]

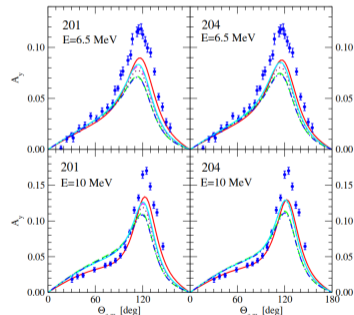
- ▶ Long-standing discrepancies: The N-d A_y puzzle

$$A_y \equiv \frac{\sigma_{\uparrow} - \sigma_{\downarrow}}{\sigma_{\uparrow} + \sigma_{\downarrow}}$$

$\sigma_{\uparrow}, \sigma_{\downarrow}$ = differential cross section with the spin of the incoming nucleon normal to the scattering plane

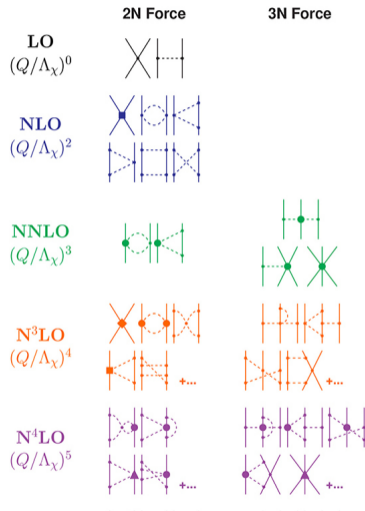
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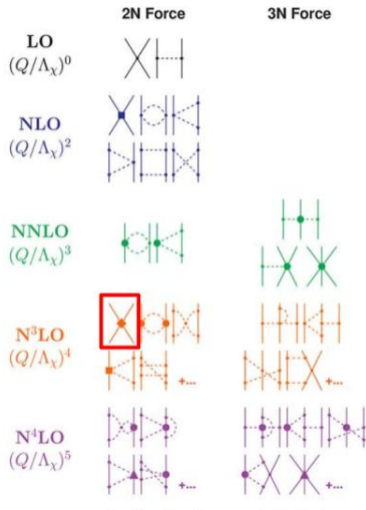


[J. Golak et al. Eur. Phys. J. A 50 (2014) 177]

Chiral EFT potentials



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N3LO 2N Contact Interactions from Poincaré symmetry

From Poincaré algebra constrains:

Generators:

$$P = P_0, \quad J = J_0, \quad H = H_0 + V, \quad K = K_0 + W,$$

P = total momentum, J = total angular momentum, K = boost generator.

Commutation relations:

$$[P_i, P_j] = 0, \quad [J_i, P_j] = i\epsilon_{ijk} P_k,$$

$$[P_i, H] = 0, \quad [J_i, J_j] = i\epsilon_{ijk} J_k,$$

$$[J_i, H] = 0, \quad [J_i, K_j] = i\epsilon_{ijk} K_k,$$

$$[H, K_i] = -iP_i,$$

$$[K_i, K_j] = -i\epsilon_{ijk} J_k/c^2,$$

$$[P_i, K_j] = -i\delta_{ij} H/c^2$$

Expanding in powers of $(\frac{1}{m^2})$ as

$$H = Mc^2 + H^{(0)} + H^{(1)} + \dots,$$

$$K = K^{(0)} + K^{(1)} + \dots,$$

and solving the commutation relation at each order, relativistic correction can be found.

From Non-Relativistic expansion of:

$\Gamma_A \otimes \Gamma_B$

$$1 \otimes 1$$

$$1 \otimes \gamma$$

$$1 \otimes \gamma\gamma_5$$

$$\gamma_5 \otimes \gamma_5$$

$$\gamma_5 \otimes \sigma$$

$$\gamma \otimes \gamma$$

$$\gamma \otimes \gamma\gamma_5$$

$$\gamma\gamma_5 \otimes \gamma\gamma_5$$

$$\gamma\gamma_5 \otimes \sigma$$

$$\sigma \otimes \sigma$$

Operators

$$\tilde{O}_{1-6} = \bar{\psi}\psi\bar{\psi}\psi$$

$$\tilde{O}_{7-9} = \frac{i}{2m}\bar{\psi}\bar{\partial}^\mu\psi\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\psi$$

$$\tilde{O}_{10-12} = \frac{-1}{8m^3}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\bar{\psi}\bar{\partial}^\mu\psi\partial_\nu\bar{\psi}\gamma_\alpha\gamma_5\bar{\partial}^\beta\psi$$

$$\tilde{O}_{13-15} = -\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\psi\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\psi$$

$$\tilde{O}_{16} = \frac{1}{16m^4}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\bar{\partial}^\mu\psi\partial_\nu\bar{\psi}\sigma_{\alpha\gamma}\bar{\partial}^\beta\psi$$

$$\tilde{O}_{17-19} = \bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\psi\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi$$

$$\tilde{O}_{20-22} = \frac{-1}{4m^2}\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\bar{\partial}^\mu\psi\bar{\psi}\gamma^\nu\bar{\partial}^\nu\psi$$

$$\tilde{O}_{23} = \frac{-i}{16m^4}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\bar{\partial}^\mu\psi\partial_\nu\bar{\psi}\gamma_\alpha\gamma_5\bar{\partial}^\beta\psi$$

$$\tilde{O}_{24} = \frac{-i}{16m^4}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\bar{\partial}^\mu\psi\partial_\nu\bar{\psi}\gamma_\alpha\gamma_5\bar{\partial}^\beta\psi$$

$$\tilde{O}_{25-27} = \frac{i}{4m^2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\bar{\partial}^\mu\psi\partial_\nu\bar{\psi}\gamma_\beta\gamma_5\psi$$

$$\tilde{O}_{28-30} = \frac{i}{4m^2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\psi\partial_\nu\bar{\psi}\gamma_\alpha\gamma_5\bar{\partial}^\beta\psi$$

$$\tilde{O}_{31-36} = \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\psi\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5\psi$$

$$\tilde{O}_{37-39} = \frac{-1}{4m^2}\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\bar{\partial}^\mu\psi\bar{\psi}\gamma_\nu\gamma_5\bar{\partial}^\nu\psi$$

$$\tilde{O}_{40-42} = \frac{-i}{8m^4}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5\bar{\partial}^\mu\psi\partial_\nu\bar{\psi}\sigma_{\alpha\gamma}\bar{\partial}^\beta\psi$$

$$\tilde{O}_{43-45} = \frac{i}{2m}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5\psi\bar{\psi}\sigma_{\nu\alpha}\bar{\partial}^\beta\psi$$

$$\tilde{O}_{46-48} = \frac{i}{2m}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5\bar{\partial}^\mu\psi\bar{\psi}\sigma_{\alpha\beta}\psi$$

$$\tilde{O}_{49-51} = \bar{\psi}\sigma_{\mu\nu}\psi\bar{\psi}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\psi$$

$$\tilde{O}_{52-54} = \frac{-1}{4m^2}\bar{\psi}\sigma^{\mu\alpha}\bar{\partial}^\beta\psi\bar{\psi}\sigma_{\mu\beta}\bar{\partial}^\alpha\psi$$

Gradient structures

$$\{1, \overleftrightarrow{d}_A \cdot \overleftrightarrow{d}_B, d^2, (\overleftrightarrow{d}_A \cdot \overleftrightarrow{d}_B)^2, (\overleftrightarrow{d}_A \cdot \overleftrightarrow{d}_B)d^2, d^4\}$$

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A complete non-minimal set of relativistic contact operators. Here $\overleftrightarrow{d}_X = \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_X / (2m)$ ($X = A, B$) and $d = \partial / (2m)$.

NR expansions of relativistic operators can be expressed via a complete basis of NR operators.

[E. Filandri and L. Girlanda, Phys. Lett. B (2023)]

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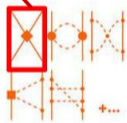
- 26 independent combinations:

- ▶ 2 LO
- ▶ 7 NLO
- ▶ 17 N3LO

- Existence of 2 free LECs which parameterize an interaction that depends on P

$$\begin{aligned}
V_{NN}^{(4)} = & D_1 k^4 + D_2 Q^4 + D_3 k^2 Q^2 + D_4 (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{Q})^2 \\
& + [D_5 k^4 + D_6 Q^4 + D_7 k^2 Q^2 + D_8 (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{Q})^2] (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2) \\
& + \frac{i}{2} (D_9 k^2 + D_{10} Q^2) (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2) \cdot (\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{k}) \\
& + (D_{11} k^2 + D_{12} Q^2) (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}) (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \mathbf{k}) \\
& + (D_{13} k^2 + D_{14} Q^2) (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \mathbf{Q}) (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \mathbf{Q}) \\
& + D_{15} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{Q}) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{Q}) \\
& + i D_{16} \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{P} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 - \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2) \\
& + D_{17} \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{Q} (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{P}) \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \times \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2)
\end{aligned}$$

N³LO
(Q/Λ_χ)⁴



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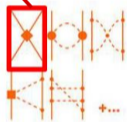
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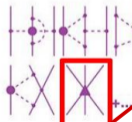
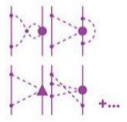
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 & + [D_5 k^4 + D_6 Q^4 + D_7 k^2 Q^2 + D_8 (k \times Q)^2] (\sigma_1 \sigma_2) \\
 & + \frac{i}{2} (D_9 k^2 + D_{10} Q^2) (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2) \cdot (Q \times k) \\
 & + (D_{11} k^2 + D_{12} Q^2) (\sigma_1 \cdot k) (\sigma_2 \cdot k) \\
 & + (D_{13} k^2 + D_{14} Q^2) (\sigma_1 \cdot Q) (\sigma_2 \cdot Q) \\
 & + D_{15} \sigma_1 \cdot (k \times Q) \sigma_2 \cdot (k \times Q) \\
 & + i D_{16} k \cdot Q Q \times P \cdot (\sigma_1 - \sigma_2) \\
 & + D_{17} k \cdot Q (k \times P) \cdot (\sigma_1 \times \sigma_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

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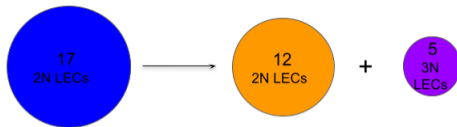


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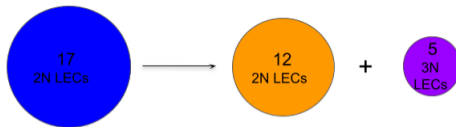
$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{3N}^{(2)} = & \sum_{ijk} \left(-E_1 k_i^2 - E_2 k_i^2 \tau_i \cdot \tau_j \right. \\
 & - E_3 k_i^2 \sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j - E_4 k_i^2 \sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j \tau_i \cdot \tau_j \\
 & - E_5 (3k_i \cdot \sigma_i k_i \cdot \sigma_j - k_i^2 \sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j) \\
 & - E_6 (3k_i \cdot \sigma_i k_i \cdot \sigma_j - k_i^2 \sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j) \tau_i \cdot \tau_j \\
 & + \frac{i}{2} E_7 k_i \times (Q_i - Q_j) \cdot (\sigma_i + \sigma_j) \\
 & + \frac{i}{2} E_8 k_i \times (Q_i - Q_j) \cdot (\sigma_i + \sigma_j) \tau_j \cdot \tau_k \\
 & - E_9 k_i \cdot \sigma_i k_j \cdot \sigma_j - E_{10} k_i \cdot \sigma_i k_j \cdot \sigma_j \tau_i \cdot \tau_j \\
 & - E_{11} k_i \cdot \sigma_j k_j \cdot \sigma_i - E_{12} k_i \cdot \sigma_j k_j \cdot \sigma_i \tau_i \cdot \tau_j \\
 & \left. - E_{13} k_i \cdot \sigma_j k_j \cdot \sigma_i \tau_i \cdot \tau_k \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Redundancy at N3LO



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$$U = e^{\alpha_i T_i}$$



$$T_1 = \int d^3x N^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}^i N \nabla^i (N^\dagger N)$$

$$T_2 = \int d^3x N^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}^i \sigma^j N \nabla^i (N^\dagger \sigma^j N)$$

$$T_3 = \int d^3x \left[N^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}^i \sigma^i N \nabla^j (N^\dagger \sigma^j N) + N^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}^i \sigma^j N \nabla^j (N^\dagger \sigma^i N) \right] \quad [\text{P. Reinert et al., Eur. Phys. J. A (2018)}]$$

$$T_4 = i \epsilon^{ijk} \int d^3x N^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}^i N N^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}^j \sigma^k N$$

$$T_5 = \int d^3x \left[N^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}^i \sigma^i N \nabla^j (N^\dagger \sigma^j N) - N^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}^i \sigma^j N \nabla^j (N^\dagger \sigma^i N) \right] \quad [\text{L. Girlanda et al., Phys. Rev. C (2020)}]$$

$$U^\dagger H_0 U = H_0 + \alpha_i [H_0, T_i] + \dots \equiv H_0 + \alpha_i \delta_i H_0 + \dots \Rightarrow$$



$$U^\dagger H_{C_S/C_T} \left(\text{Diagram} \right) U = H_{C_S/C_T} + \alpha_i [H_{C_S/C_T}, T_i] + \dots \equiv H_{C_S/C_T} + \alpha_i \delta_i H_{C_S/C_T} + \dots \Rightarrow$$



α_i are related with the D_i and E_i LECs

$$\delta E_1 = \alpha_1 (C_S + C_T) + \alpha_2 (C_S - 2C_T)$$

$$\delta E_2 = 3\alpha_2 C_T + 2\alpha_3 C_T - 8\alpha_4 C_T + 2\alpha_5 C_T$$

$$\delta E_3 = 2\alpha_1 C_T + \alpha_2 (2C_S - C_T) + \frac{2}{3}\alpha_3 (2C_S - C_T) + 8\alpha_4 C_T - 2\alpha_5 C_T$$

$$\delta E_4 = \frac{2}{3}\alpha_1 C_T + \frac{1}{3}\alpha_2 (2C_S - 7C_T) - \frac{2}{3}\alpha_3 C_T + \frac{8}{3}\alpha_4 C_T - \frac{2}{3}\alpha_5 C_T$$

$$\delta E_5 = 2\alpha_1 C_T + 2\alpha_2 (C_S - 2C_T) + \frac{2}{3}\alpha_3 (2C_S - C_T) + 8\alpha_4 C_T - 2\alpha_5 C_T$$

$$\delta E_6 = \frac{2}{3}\alpha_1 C_T + \frac{2}{3}\alpha_2 (C_S - 2C_T) - \frac{2}{3}\alpha_3 C_T + \frac{8}{3}\alpha_4 C_T - \frac{2}{3}\alpha_5 C_T,$$

$$\delta E_7 = 24\alpha_4 C_T$$

$$\delta E_8 = \frac{1}{3}\delta E_7$$

$$\delta E_9 = 3\alpha_1 C_T + 3\alpha_2 (C_S - 2C_T) + 2\alpha_3 (C_S - 2C_T) - \alpha_4 (C_S - 11C_T) + 2\alpha_5 (C_S - 2C_T)$$

$$\delta E_{10} = \alpha_1 C_T + \alpha_2 (C_S - 2C_T) - \frac{1}{3}\alpha_4 (3C_S - 15C_T)$$

$$\delta E_{11} = 3\alpha_1 C_T + 3\alpha_2 (C_S - 2C_T) + 2\alpha_3 (C_S - 2C_T) + \alpha_4 (C_S - 11C_T) - 2\alpha_5 (C_S - 2C_T)$$

$$\delta E_{12} = \alpha_1 C_T + \alpha_2 (C_S - 2C_T) + \frac{1}{3}\alpha_4 (3C_S - 15C_T)$$

$$\delta E_{13} = -16\alpha_4 C_T + 4\alpha_5 C_T$$

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{m}{16} (16D_1 + D_2 + 4D_3)$$

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{m}{16} (16D_5 + D_6 + 4D_7)$$

$$\alpha_3 = \frac{m}{32} (D_{14} + 16D_{11} + 4D_{12} + 4D_{13})$$

$$\alpha_4 = \frac{m}{2} D_{16}$$

$$\alpha_5 = \frac{m}{16} (8D_{17} - D_{14} - 16D_{11} - 4D_{12} - 4D_{13})$$

Therefore:

- The five LECs parametrizing the N3LO NN off-shell interaction can be fitted to observables of the 3N system and interpreted as a 3N interaction

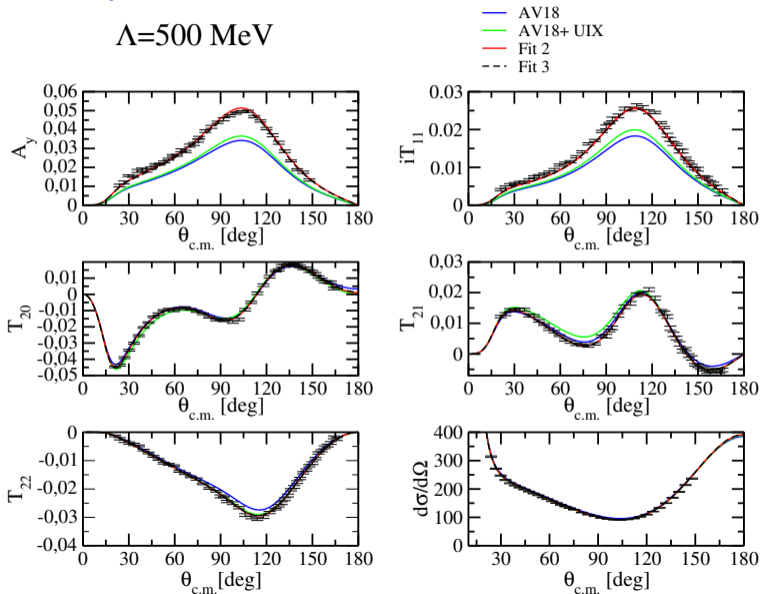


To see the effect of D_{16} and D_{17} free LECs, we tried to fit the α_4 and α_5 parameters to the p-d scattering observables

As a first step, we used a hybrid model with a phenomenological two body potential (the Av18) plus the α_4 and α_5 contributions

Fit on p-d observables

$\Lambda=500$ MeV



Fitting procedure	2-param.	3-param.
$\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.}$	2.1	1.9
e_0	-	0.459
$\tilde{\alpha}_4 C_S$	1.751	1.894
$\tilde{\alpha}_5 C_S$	-0.495	-1.175
$^2a_{nd}$ (fm)	0.573	0.599

Conclusions

- Preliminary investigations show that the **N-d A_y problem** could be solved including the **two free LECs** in the 3N force at **N3LO**

.. and Outlook

- Use of **unitary transformations** in the full **N3LO Chiral potential**
- **Calculation** of scattering **observables** also exploring the energy dependence and quantitative **error estimation**
- Analysing the effect of **D_{16}** and **D_{17}** in systems with $A \geq 3$

Backup slides

Choosing [Reinert, et al., Eur. Phys. J. A 54, 86 (2018)]

$$\alpha_1 = m(D_1 + D_2 + 4D_3), \quad \alpha_2 = m(16D_5 + D_6 + 4D_7), \quad \alpha_3 = m(8D_{11} + 2D_{12} + 2D_{13} + D_{14}/2), \quad \alpha_4 = -\frac{m}{2}D_{16}, \quad \alpha_5 = -\frac{m}{2}D_{17}$$

it is possible to transform the N3LO two body contact potential

$$\begin{aligned} V^{(4)} = & D_1 k^4 + D_2 Q^4 + D_3 k^2 Q^2 + D_4 (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{Q})^2 + (D_5 k^4 + D_6 Q^4 + D_7 k^2 Q^2 + D_8 (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{Q})^2) (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2) \\ & + \frac{i}{2} (D_9 k^2 + D_{10} Q^2) (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2) \cdot (\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{k}) + (D_{11} k^2 + D_{12} Q^2) (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}) (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \mathbf{k}) + (D_{13} k^2 + D_{14} Q^2) (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \mathbf{Q}) (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \mathbf{Q}) \\ & + D_{15} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{Q}) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{Q}) + iD_{16} \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{P} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 - \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2) + D_{17} \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{Q} (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{P}) \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \times \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} V^{(4)} = & D'_1 (k^4 - 4(\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{k})^2) + D'_2 \left(Q^4 - \frac{1}{4}(\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{k})^2 \right) + D'_3 (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{Q})^2 \\ & + \left(D'_4 (k^4 - 4(\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{k})^2) + D'_5 \left(Q^4 - \frac{1}{4}(\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{k})^2 \right) + D'_6 (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{Q})^2 \right) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 + \frac{i}{2} (D'_7 k^2 + D'_8 Q^2) (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2) \cdot (\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{k}) \\ & + D'_9 \left(-\frac{1}{4} k^2 \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \mathbf{k} + 4Q^2 \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \mathbf{Q} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \mathbf{Q} \right) + D'_{10} Q^2 (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \mathbf{k} - 4\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \mathbf{Q} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \mathbf{Q}) + D'_{11} (k^2 - 4Q^2) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \mathbf{Q} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \mathbf{Q} \\ & + D'_{12} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{Q}) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{Q}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{with } k = p' - p, \quad Q = \frac{p' + p}{2}, \quad P = p_1 + p_2$$

As long as we promote 5 terms of the N4LO 3B potential to N3LO

Bound and scattering wave functions

The 3H wave function is written as an expansion over spin-isospin-Hyperspherical Harmonics (HH) states times hyperradial functions, which are themselves expanded on a basis of Laguerre polynomials,

$$\Psi = \sum_{\mu} c_{\mu} \phi_{\mu} \quad (1)$$

where μ denotes collectively the quantum numbers specifying the combination ϕ_{μ} of spin-isospin-HH states.

The Rayleigh-Ritz variational principle,

$$\delta \langle \Psi | H - E | \Psi \rangle = 0$$

is used to determine the expansion coefficients c_{μ} and bound state energy E

To describe $N - d$ scattering states below the deuteron breakup threshold the w.f. is taken as

$$\Psi = \Psi_C + \Omega^R + \sum_{\mu} \mathcal{R}_{\mu} \Omega_{\mu}^I$$

Ψ_C describes configurations in which all the particles of the system are close to each other and is decomposed as Eq (1), $\Omega^{\lambda=I,R}$ are functions describing the asymptotic region. \mathcal{R}_{μ} are the \mathcal{R} -matrix elements.

The Ψ_C coefficients c_{μ} and \mathcal{R}_{μ} are determined by using the Kohn variational principle which guarantees that the \mathcal{R} -matrix elements, considered as functionals of the w.f., are stationary with respect to variations of all the trial parameters