

$A = 2, 3, 4$ nuclear contact coefficients in the generalized contact formalism

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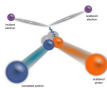
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Short-range correlations in nuclei

Aim: understanding nuclear wave function behavior at high momenta and short distances go beyond nuclear shell model – see, for example, [Hen et al., RMP, 2017]
[CLAS and Hall A Collaborations, Jefferson Lab.]



Experimental evidences

- Inclusive (e, e') experiments [Egiyan et al., 2003], [Fomin et al., 2012]
- Exclusive reactions (NN knockout) [Hen et al., 2014]
- (e, e') reactions at large Bjorken x_B values [Korover et al., 2014]
- $\rightarrow n - p$ pairs dominates the high-momentum components of the nuclear wave function [Subedi, et al., 2008], [Piasetzky et al., 2006], [...]
- $\rightarrow$ all nuclei exhibit similar momentum distributions at high momenta

The “contact” hypothesis

- For $r_{12} \rightarrow 0$:
 $\Psi(1, \dots, A) \approx \varphi(1, 2) \tilde{\Psi}(3, \dots, A)$
- Consequences: Two-body momentum distribution

$$n_2(k) \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} C_A \times |\tilde{\varphi}(k)|^2$$

- C_A “contact” coefficient [Tan, 2008], [Weiss et al., 2015-2018], [Ciofi degli Atti, 2015], [Cruz-Torres et al., 2021], ...
- This study: calculation of C_A for ${}^3\text{He}$, ${}^3\text{H}$, and ${}^4\text{He}$ using various interactions
- Extension of [Cruz-Torres et al., 2021]

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Two-body Momentum/Density Distributions

Two-body momentum distributions – 2BMD

Pair 1, 2: $\mathbf{k} = \frac{\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2}{2}$ relative momentum; $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2$ total momentum

$$n_{N_1 N_2}^S(k) = \int d\hat{\mathbf{k}} \int d\mathbf{K} d\mathbf{k}_3 \cdots d\mathbf{k}_A \Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{k}_3, \dots, \mathbf{k}_A) P_{N_1 N_2} P^S \Psi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{k}_3, \dots, \mathbf{k}_A)$$

Two-body density functions – 2BDF

Pair 1, 2: $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2$ relative distance; $\mathbf{R} = \frac{\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2}{2}$ pair CM position

$$\rho_{N_1 N_2}^S(r) = \int d\hat{\mathbf{r}} \int d\mathbf{R} d\mathbf{r}_3 \cdots d\mathbf{r}_A \Psi^\dagger(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r}_3, \dots, \mathbf{r}_A) P_{N_1 N_2} P^S \Psi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r}_3, \dots, \mathbf{r}_A)$$

$$N_1 N_2 = pp, pn, nn; P^{S=1} \equiv P^3 S_1; P^{S=0} \equiv P^1 S_0$$

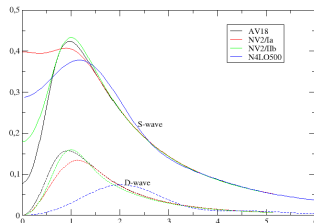
The generalized contact formalism

The “contact” hypothesis [Tan, 2008], [Ciofi degli Atti, 2015], [Weiss *et al.*, 2015] . . .

$$\Psi \xrightarrow{r_{ij} \rightarrow 0} \sum_{LSJ, N_1 N_2} \varphi_{N_1 N_2}^{LSJ}(\mathbf{r}_{ij}) A_{ij}^{LSJ}(\mathbf{R}_{ij}, \mathbf{r}_{k \neq ij}),$$

- $N_1 N_2 \equiv pp, pn, nn$ (or better, $T, T_z = 00, 1+1, 10, 1-1$)
- LSJ angular-spin state of the pair
- $(-)^{L+S+T} = -1$ antisymmetry
- We study the 3S_1 and 1S_0 cases
- 3S_1 case ($T = 0$): $\varphi \equiv \varphi_d$
- 1S_0 case ($T = 1$): $\varphi \equiv \varphi_{1S_0}$ at $E = 0$ (virtual state)
- We can just distinguish the two cases specifying $S = 0, 1$

Deuteron u & w



Normalization ($k_F = 1.3 \text{ fm}^{-1}$)

$$n_{N_1 N_2, A}^S(k) \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{C}_{N_1 N_2, A}^S \times |\tilde{\varphi}_{N_1 N_2}^S(k)|^2$$

$$\rho_{N_1 N_2, A}^S(r) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow 0} C_{N_1 N_2, A}^S \times |\varphi_{N_1 N_2}^S(r)|^2$$

$$\int_{k_F}^{\infty} dk k^2 |\tilde{\varphi}_{N_1 N_2}^S(k)|^2 = 1$$

Interactions

Name	DOF	O_χ	(R_S, R_L) or Λ	E range	L/NL	$B(^3\text{He})$	$B(^4\text{He})$
AV18/UIX	N	—	—	0–300 MeV	L	7.750	28.46
NV2+3/Ia*	π, N, Δ	N3LO	(0.8, 1.2) fm	0–125 MeV	L	7.730	28.24
NV2+3/Ib*	π, N, Δ	N3LO	(0.7, 1.0) fm	0–125 MeV	L	7.727	28.21
NV2+3/IIa*	π, N, Δ	N3LO	(0.8, 1.2) fm	0–200 MeV	L	7.728	28.08
NV2+3/IIb*	π, N, Δ	N3LO	(0.7, 1.0) fm	0–200 MeV	L	7.727	28.11
N2LO450	π, N	N2LO	450 MeV	0–300 MeV	NL	7.714	28.34
N2LO500	π, N	N2LO	500 MeV	0–300 MeV	NL	7.727	28.03
N2LO550	π, N	N2LO	550 MeV	0–300 MeV	NL	7.727	27.99
N3LO450	π, N	N3LO	450 MeV	0–300 MeV	NL	7.715	28.38
N3LO500	π, N	N3LO	500 MeV	0–300 MeV	NL	7.724	28.00
N3LO550	π, N	N3LO	550 MeV	0–300 MeV	NL	7.728	28.14
N4LO450	π, N	N4LO	450 MeV	0–300 MeV	NL	7.716	28.34
N4LO500	π, N	N4LO	500 MeV	0–300 MeV	NL	7.723	27.94
N4LO550	π, N	N4LO	550 MeV	0–300 MeV	NL	7.729	28.29

[Wiringa *et al.*, 1995], [Piarulli *et al.*, 2016], [Entem *et al.*, 2017]
 All chiral interactions include **local** 3N potential at N2LO

The wave functions – $A = 3$ case

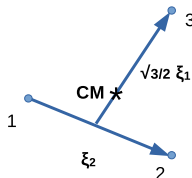
Definitions

- Jacobi vectors
 - $\xi_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}(\mathbf{r}_3 - \frac{\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2}{2})$
 - $\xi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1)$
- Hyperradius $\rho = \sqrt{\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2}$
- Hyperangles $\Omega = \{\hat{\xi}_1, \hat{\xi}_2, \varphi_2\}$,
 $\cos \varphi_2 = \xi_2 / \rho$

Hyperspherical Harmonic expansion of the wave function

[Kievsky *et al.*, 2008]

[Marcucci *et al.*, 2020]



Hamiltonian written in terms of the new coordinates

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left[\frac{\partial^2}{d^2 \rho} + \frac{5}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{d\rho} - \frac{\Lambda^2(\Omega)}{\rho^2} \right] + V(\rho, \Omega)$$

Hyperspherical harmonics (HH) functions = eigenstates of $\Lambda^2(\Omega)$
Complete set in Ω space

The wave functions – $A = 3$ case

Expansion basis: HH $\times$ spin-isospin states

$K = \ell_1 + \ell_2 + 2n_2$ grand angular quantum number

$$\mathcal{H}_\mu(\Omega_{ijk}) = N_{[K]} \left\{ \left[Y_{\ell_1}(\hat{\xi}_1) Y_{\ell_2}(\hat{\xi}_2) \right]_L \left[(s_i s_j)_{S_a} s_k \right]_S \right\}_{j,jz} \left[(t_i t_j)_{T_a} t_k \right]_{T,T_z} \\ \times (\cos \varphi_2)^{\ell_2} (\sin \varphi_2)^{\ell_1} P_{n_2}^{\ell_1 + \frac{1}{2}, \ell_2 + \frac{1}{2}}(\cos 2\varphi)$$

Expansion of the wave function

$$\Psi = \sum_{\mu} u_{\mu}(\rho) \sum_{perm} \mathcal{H}_{\mu}(\Omega_{ijk})$$

- $\mu \equiv \{\ell_1, \ell_2, L, S_a, S, T_a, T, n_2\}$
- Expansion of the hyperradial functions
 $u_{\mu}(\rho) = \sum_{l=1, N_L} a_{\mu, l} f_l(\rho)$
- $f_l(\rho) \sim L_{l-1}(\gamma\rho) \exp[-\gamma\rho/2]$
- We include states up to a given K_{max} and N_L

Convergence

^3He - N3LO500 case

K_{max}	N_L	$C_{np}^{S=1}$
80	16	4.118
80	20	4.113
80	24	4.112
80	28	4.112
100	28	4.112

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Extraction of the contact coefficients (CCs)

$$\begin{aligned} n_{N_1 N_2, A}^S(k) &\xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{C}_{N_1 N_2, A}^S \times |\tilde{\varphi}_{N_1 N_2}^S(k)|^2 \\ \rho_{N_1 N_2, A}^S(r) &\xrightarrow{r \rightarrow 0} C_{N_1 N_2, A}^S \times |\varphi_{N_1 N_2}^S(r)|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Using the 2BDM

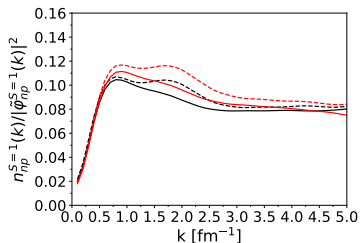
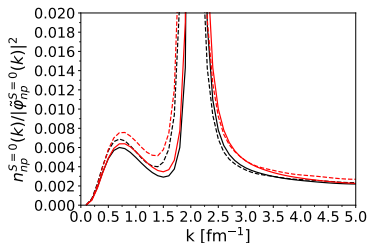
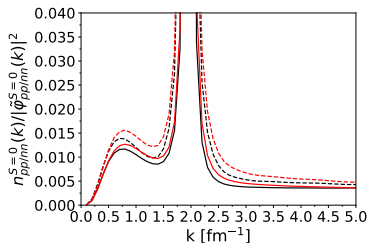
$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{C}_{pp/nn}^{S=0}(k) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ n_{pp/nn}^{S=0}(k) / |\tilde{\varphi}_{pp/nn}^{S=0}(k)|^2 \right\}, \\ \tilde{C}_{pn}^{S=1}(k) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ n_{pn}^{S=1}(k) / |\tilde{\varphi}_{pn}^{S=1}(k)|^2 \right\}, \\ \tilde{C}_{pn}^{S=0}(k) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ n_{pn}^{S=0}(k) / |\tilde{\varphi}_{pn}^{S=0}(k)|^2 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the 2BDF

$$\begin{aligned} C_{pp/nn}^{S=0}(r) &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \rho_{pp/nn}^{S=0}(r) / |\varphi_{pp/nn}^{S=0}(r)|^2 \right\}, \\ C_{pn}^{S=1}(r) &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \rho_{pn}^{S=1}(r) / |\varphi_{pn}^{S=1}(r)|^2 \right\}, \\ C_{pn}^{S=0}(r) &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \rho_{pn}^{S=0}(r) / |\varphi_{pn}^{S=0}(r)|^2 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

We disregard the difference between C_{pp} and C_{nn}

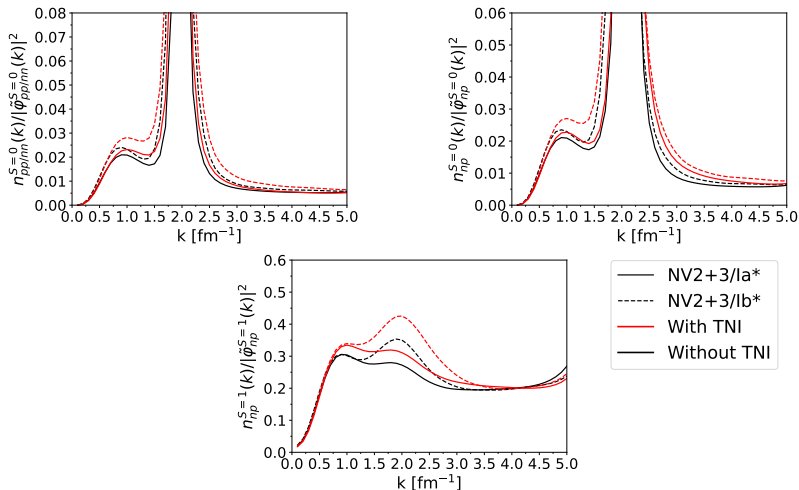
From the 2BMD - local potentials – ^3He



- NV2+3/1a*
- - - NV2+3/1b*
- With TNI
- - - Without TNI

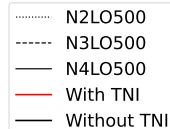
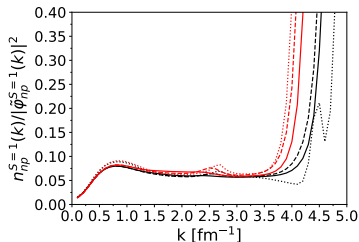
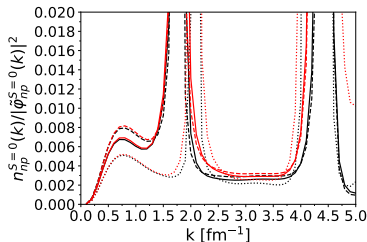
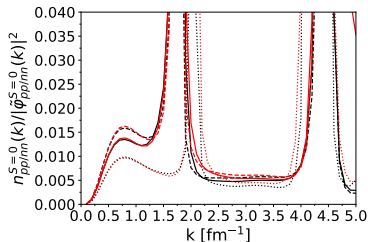
Extraction zone: $3.5 - 4.5 \text{ fm}^{-1}$

From the 2BMD - local potentials – ^4He



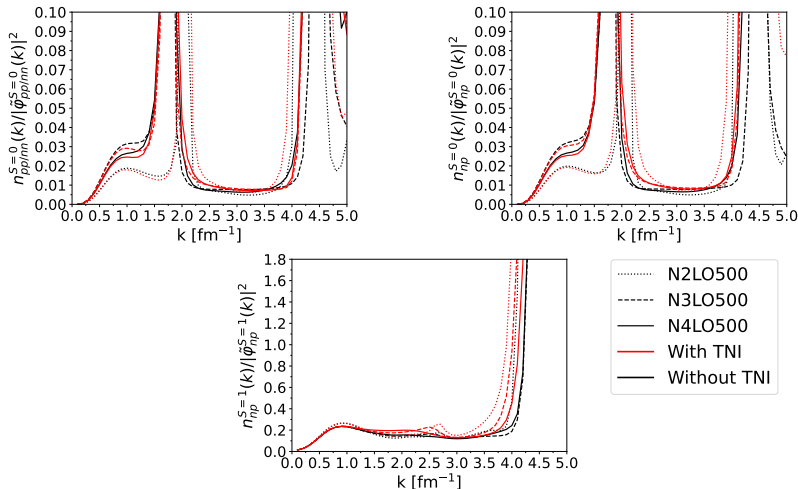
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From the 2BMD - non-local potentials – ^3He



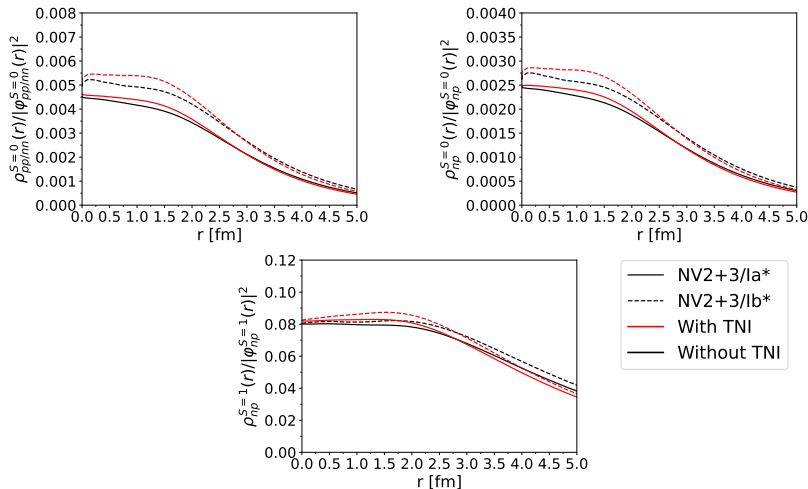
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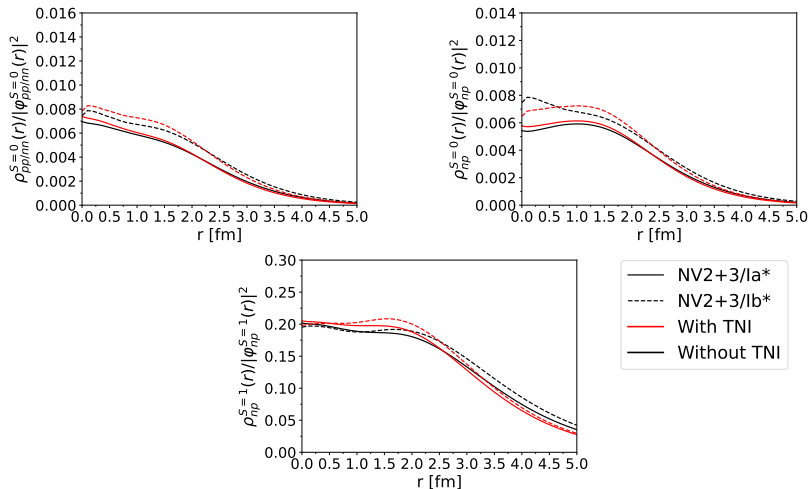
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From the 2BDF - local potentials – ^3He



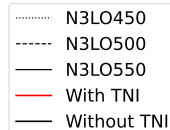
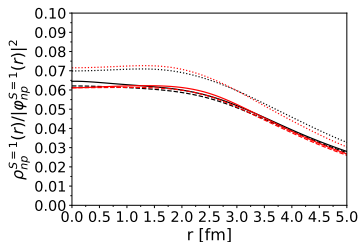
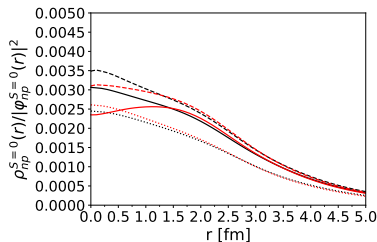
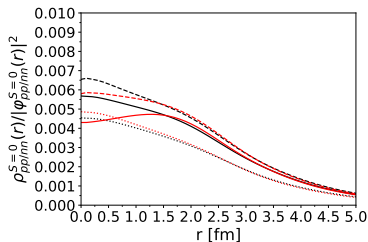
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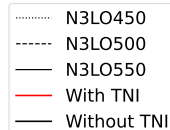
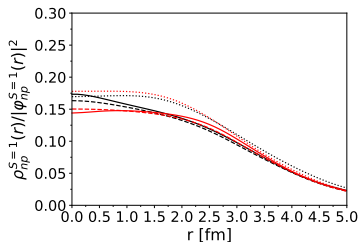
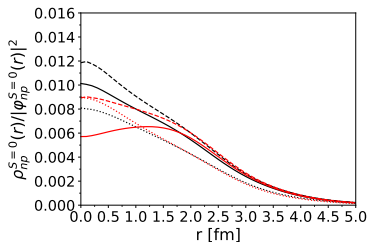
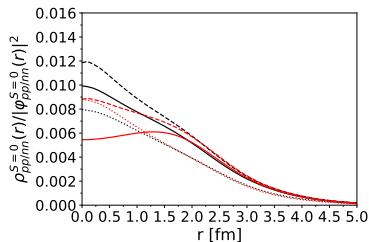
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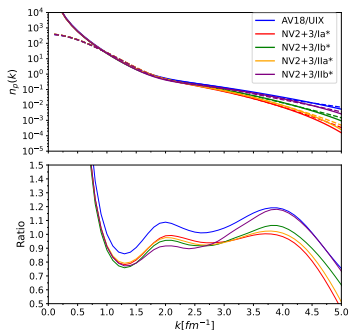
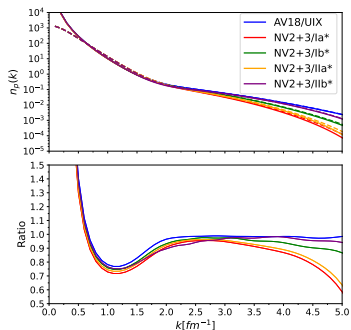
Numerical tests

- 1) $C_{N_1 N_2, A}^S$ should be the same extracted from either the 2BMD or the 2NDF (see later)
- 2) Relation between the 1-body MD and the 2BMD in the GCF [Weiss *et al.* 2018]

$$n_{p,A}^{\text{GCF}}(k) = 2\tilde{C}_{pp,A}^{S=0}|\tilde{\varphi}_{pp}^{S=0}(k)|^2 + \tilde{C}_{np,A}^{S=0}|\tilde{\varphi}_{np}^{S=0}(k)|^2 + \tilde{C}_{np,A}^{S=1}|\tilde{\varphi}_{np}^{S=1}(k)|^2$$

${}^3\text{He}$ (dashed lines: 1BMD) Local potentials

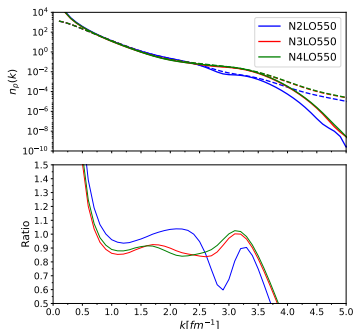
${}^4\text{He}$ (dashed lines: 1BMD)



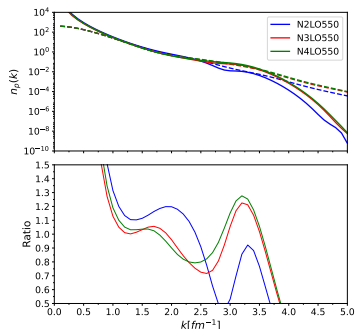
Numerical tests – non-local potentials

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${}^3\text{He}$ (dashed lines: 1BMD)



${}^4\text{He}$ (dashed lines: 1BMD)

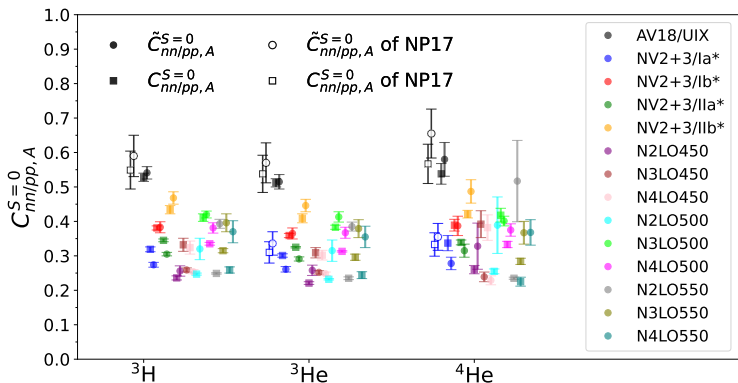


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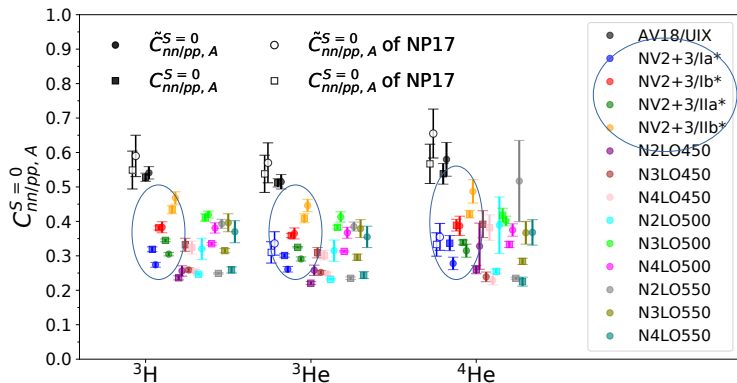
Results for $C_{pp/nn,A}^{S=0}$

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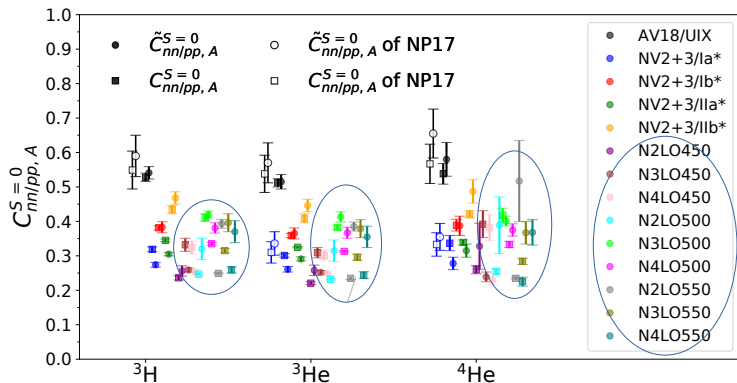
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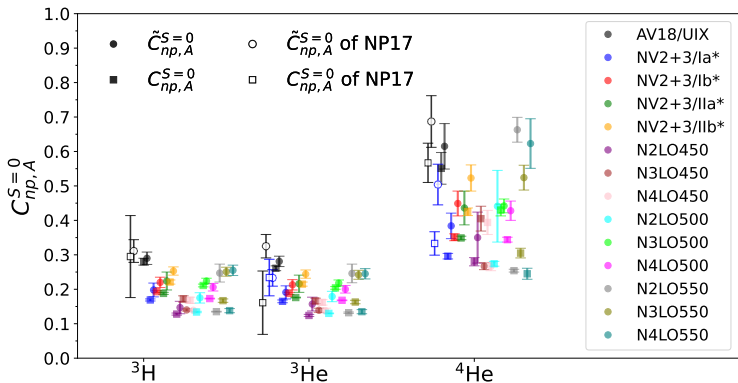
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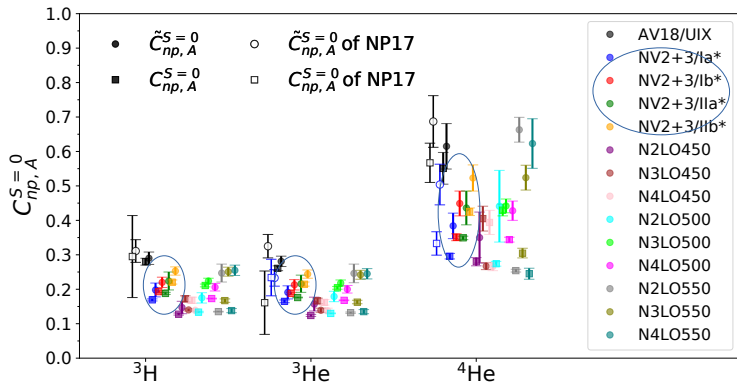
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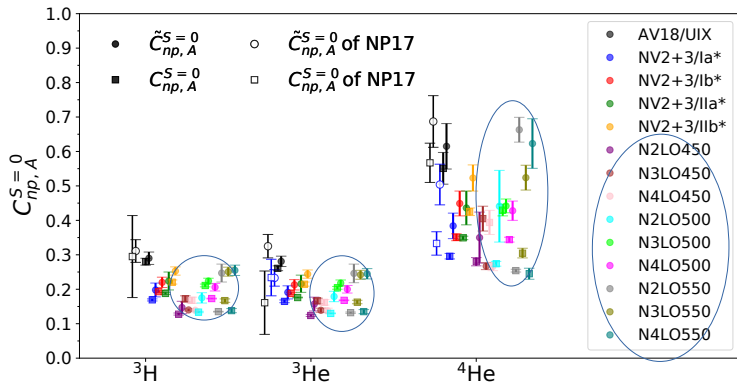
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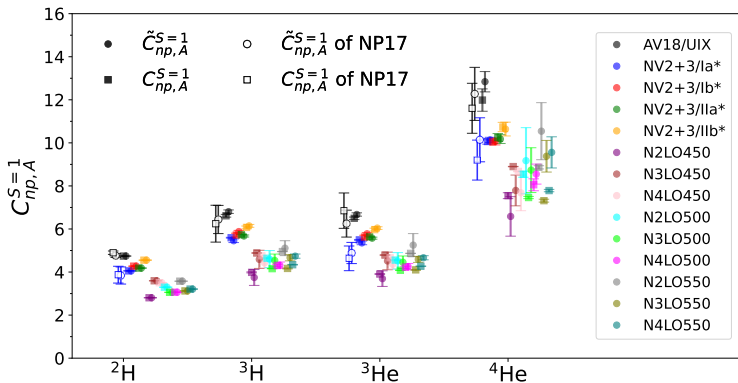
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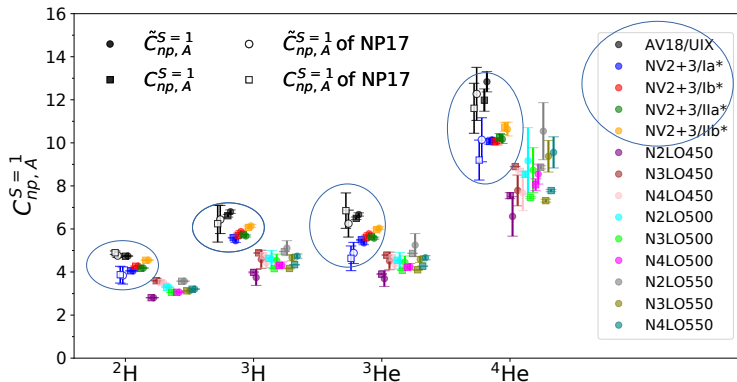
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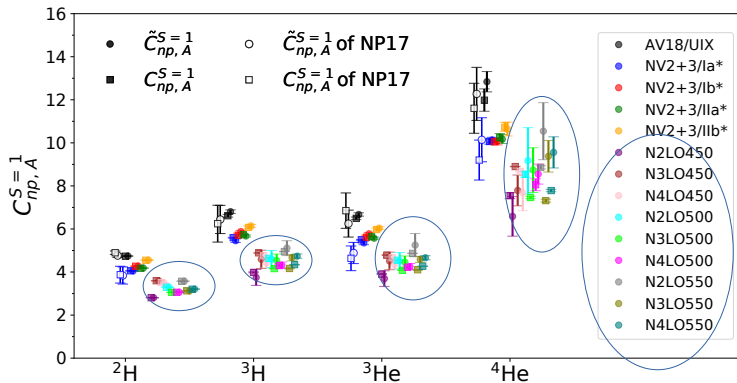
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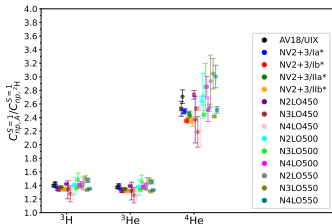


Ratio of contact coefficients

Ratios of the extracted CCs with respect to a reference nucleus

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{N_1 N_2, A}^S(r) / \rho_{N_1 N_2, A_0}^S(r) &\xrightarrow{r \rightarrow 0} C_{N_1 N_2, A}^S / C_{N_1 N_2, A_0}^S \\ n_{N_1 N_2, A}^S(k) / n_{N_1 N_2, A_0}^S(k) &\xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{C}_{N_1 N_2, A}^S / \tilde{C}_{N_1 N_2, A_0}^S \end{aligned}$$

- For the $S = 1$ CC: the deuteron
- For the $S = 0$ CCs: ${}^4\text{He}$
- Ratio $C_{pn,A}^{S=1} / C_{pn,d}^{S=1}$:



- Hypothesis: independent on the interaction [Cruz-Torres *et al.*, 2021], [Weiss *et al.*, 2015]
- CCs of $A \gg 1$ nuclei:

- compute the CC for a **soft** potential, C_A^{soft}
- then, the CC of a **realistic** potential can be obtained using

$$C_A^{\text{real}} / C_{A_0}^{\text{real}} = C_A^{\text{soft}} / C_{A_0}^{\text{soft}}$$

- Knowing $C_{A_0}^{\text{real}}$ and $C_{A_0}^{\text{soft}}$, C_A^{real} can be calculated

Ratio of contact coefficients & averages

Now, we want to compute these ratios, averaging over the interactions
 $i = 1$ AV18/UIX $i = 2, \dots, 5$ local potentials NV2+3 (4) $i = 6, \dots, 14$ N2LO-N4LO potentials (9)

$$\langle C \rangle = \sum_i C_i P_i \quad \delta^2 \langle C \rangle = \delta C_i P_i + \delta^2 C_{\text{syst}} \quad \delta^2 C_{\text{syst}} = \left[\sum_i C_i^2 P_i \right] - \left[\sum_i C_i P_i \right]^2$$

Criterion 1

Average separately the local and non-local potentials

- $P_{1-5} = 1/10$
- $P_{5-14} = 1/18$

Criterion 2

Average separately the local and non-local potentials, excluding AV18/UIX

- $P_1 = 0$
- $P_{2-5} = 1/8$
- $P_{5-14} = 1/18$

Criterion 3

Treat all potentials equally

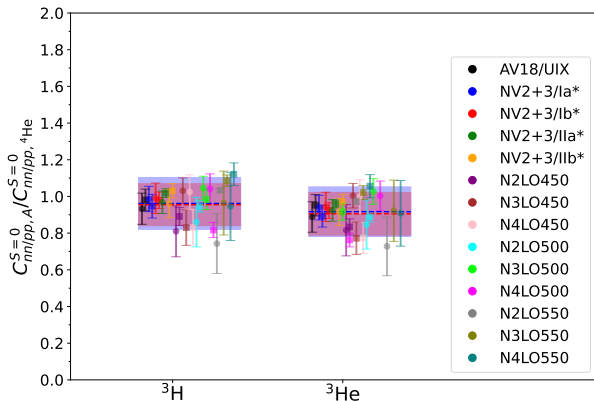
- $P_{1-14} = 1/14$

Criterion 4

Consider only N3LO potentials

- $P_1 = 0$
- $P_{2-5} = 1/8$
- $P_{6-8,12-14} = 0$
- $P_{9-11} = 1/6$

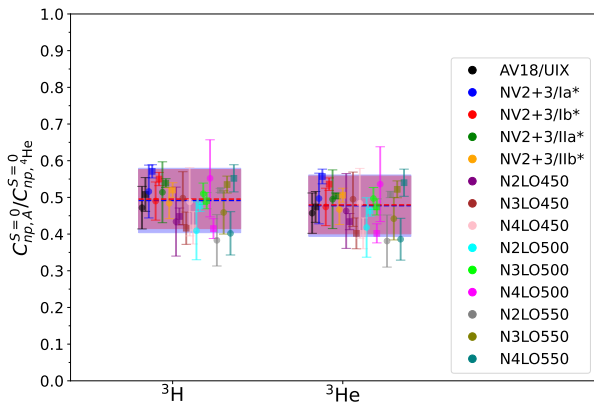
Ratio $C_{pp/nn,A}^{S=0} / C_{pp/nn,{}^4\text{He}}^{S=0}$



Bands: average+error
violet: criterium 1
magenta: criterium 4

nn/pp $S = 0$	Criterium 1	Criterium 2	Criterium 3	Criterium 4
${}^3\text{H}$	0.978 ± 0.147	0.981 ± 0.147	0.978 ± 0.162	0.968 ± 0.119
${}^3\text{He}$	0.932 ± 0.140	0.934 ± 0.139	0.933 ± 0.153	0.918 ± 0.123

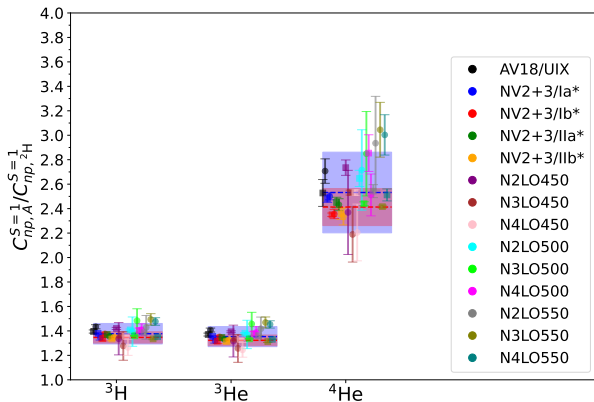
Ratio $C_{pn,A}^{S=0}/C_{pn,^4\text{He}}^{S=0}$



Bands: average+error
violet: criterium 1
magenta: criterium 4

$np\ S=0$	Criterium 1	Criterium 2	Criterium 3	Criterium 4
^3H	0.496 ± 0.083	0.499 ± 0.084	0.490 ± 0.086	0.501 ± 0.072
^3He	0.481 ± 0.079	0.485 ± 0.080	0.477 ± 0.082	0.485 ± 0.071

Ratio $C_{pn,A}^{S=1}/C_{pn,d}^{S=1}$



Bands: average+error
violet: criterium 1
magenta: criterium 4

$np\ S = 1$	Criterium 1	Criterium 2	Criterium 3	Criterium 4
^3H	1.377 ± 0.084	1.371 ± 0.082	1.380 ± 0.092	1.347 ± 0.046
^3He	1.353 ± 0.082	1.348 ± 0.081	1.356 ± 0.090	1.323 ± 0.044
^4He	2.520 ± 0.332	2.499 ± 0.329	2.540 ± 0.360	2.400 ± 0.143

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Conclusions and perspectives

Calculation of the CC for ${}^2\text{H}$, ${}^3\text{H}$, ${}^3\text{He}$, and ${}^4\text{He}$

- For local potentials, $\tilde{C}_{N_1 N_2, A}^S = C_{N_1 N_2, A}^S$ fairly well
- For non-local potentials, some discrepancies, most for $S = 0$
- N#LOXXX potentials: NN non-local, but TNI local, mismatch?
- Less problems with the ratios. Estimates:
 - $C_{pn, {}^3\text{He}}^{S=1} / C_{pn, d}^{S=1} = 1.353 \pm 0.082$
 - $C_{pn, {}^4\text{He}}^{S=1} / C_{pn, d}^{S=1} = 2.520 \pm 0.332$

Perspectives

- Extracted CCs to be used to analyze (e, e') experiments [CLAS and Hall A Collaborations, Jefferson Lab.], [...]
- Calculation of CCs for $A = 6$ (HH wave functions [Gnech *et al.*, 2020])
- Using other methods (Neural Networks, GFMC, AFMC, ...)
- Use the local NN chiral potentials [Saha *et al.*, 2023] (consistency NN+3N int.)
- Long term: calculation of spectral functions

Thank you for your attention!