# Light-nuclei spectra from chiral dynamics

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#### Nuclear Physics in a Nutshell:



• Atomic nuclei are complex quantum many-body systems of strongly interacting fermions (nucleons) displaying interesting properties: shell structure, pairing, deformation, strong clustering, etc

• QCD is the underlying theory of the strong interaction but nucleons are the relevant degree of freedom for the low-energy nuclear physics nuclear interactions

Nuclear forces: very complicated problem to derive in terms of quarks and gluons

• Historically research on the nuclear force has proceeded along different ways for example:

Phenomenological approach:use the general form of a potential allowed by the symmetries (rotation,<br/>translation, isospin, etc);<br/>potential terms are responsible to describe various phenomena remarked in NN<br/>interactions: for example the tensor term is important for the long-range part of<br/>potential and arises naturally from pion-exchange<br/>In these potentials, the IR and SR parts are usually determined in a fully<br/>phenomenological way while for the LR part, an OPEP is often used $\chi$ EFT approach:pions, nucleons,  $\Delta$ 's as degrees of freedom<br/>construct their interactions consistently with the symmetries of the<br/>underlying theory, low-energy QCD

## Atomic nuclei:

Collection of point-like particles whose dynamics is dictated by:

$$H = \sum_{i} \frac{\mathbf{p}_{i}^{2}}{2m} + \sum_{i < j} v_{ij} + \sum_{i < j < k} V_{ijk} + \dots$$

- $v_{ij}$ : 2NF fitted on NN scattering data, deuteron BE, nn scattering length
- $V_{ijk}$  : 3NF fitted on properties of light nuclei
- 2NF > 3NF > 4NF > ...
- Calculations of the properties of light nuclei based upon the bare nuclear forces shown that 3NFs are important

Models of nuclear interactions: • phenomenological: Argonne (NN) + Urbana-Illinois (NNN)

• local, chiral effective field theory: χEFT (NN+NNN+...)

Numerical methods: • Ab initio approaches are aimed at solving the many-body Schrödinger equation associated with the nuclear Hamiltonian

#### $H\Psi(\mathbf{R}; s_1, ..., s_A; t_1, ..., t_A) = E\Psi(\mathbf{R}; s_1, ..., s_A; t_1, ..., t_A)$

• Our many-body method of choice is Quantum Monte Carlo (in particular VMC and GFMC) which allows for solving the nuclear Schrödinger equation with the required 1-2% accuracy level for both the ground- and the low-lying excited states of A  $\leq$  12 nuclei

#### Nuclear Models: NN phenomenological potentials

• is a r-space potential controlled by ~4300 np and pp scattering data below 350 MeV of the Nijmegen database with a total  $\chi^2 \cong 1$ 

2NF Argonne V18 (AV18):

Wiringa. Stoks, Schiavilla PRC **51**, 38 (1995) • it is expressed as a sum of EM and OPE terms and phenomenological intermediate- and short-range parts

$$v_{18}(r_{12}) = v_{12}^{\gamma} + v_{12}^{\pi} + v_{12}^{I} + v_{12}^{S} = \sum_{p=1}^{18} v^{p}(r_{12})O_{12}^{p}$$

Static part:



$$O_{12}^{l=1,...,6} = [\mathbf{1}, \, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \,, \, S_{12}] \otimes [\mathbf{1}, \, \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2]$$

Spin-orbit, (Spin-orbit)<sup>2</sup>, L<sup>2</sup> part:  $Q_{12}^{l \neq \overline{2}7, \dots, \overline{1}4} = \mathbf{L}[\mathbf{L}^{\mathbf{S}} \mathbf{S}, (\mathbf{L}^{\mathbf{S}} \cdot \mathbf{S})^{2}] \otimes [\mathbf{L}, \boldsymbol{\tau}_{1}^{\mathbf{S}})^{2} \boldsymbol{\tau}_{2}^{\mathbf{L}^{2}}, \mathbf{L}^{2}, \mathbf{L}^{2}]$  $O_{12}^{l=12,\dots,16} = \mathbf{L}^{2}, \mathbf{L}^{2}_{1}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1}^{\perp}, \boldsymbol{\tau}_{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}^{2}], \otimes [\mathbf{L}, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{2}, T_{12}]S_{12}T$ 

 $O_{12}^{l=15,...,18} = [\mathbf{1}, \, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2, \, S_{12}] \otimes T_{12}, \, \tau_1^z + \tau_2^z$ 

$$S_{12} = 3\,\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}\,\boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} - \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \qquad T_{12} = 3\,\tau_{1z}\tau_{2z} - \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2$$

• The AV18 model has a total of 42 independent parameters. While the fit was made up to 350 MeV, the phase shifts are qualitatively good up to much larger energies  $\geq 600 \text{ MeV}$ 

# Nuclear Models: NNN phenomenological potentials

**3NF Urbana-Illinois (UIX-IL7):** • an Hamiltonian which only includes AV18 does not provide enough binding in the light nuclei

**Urbana IX: J. Carlson et al. NP A401, 59 (1983)** contains the attractive Fujita and Miyazawa two-pion exchange interaction and a phenomenological repulsive term; the two parameters were obtained by fitting the binding energy of <sup>3</sup>H and the density of nuclear matter in conjunction with the AV18

Illinois 7: S. Pieper et al. PRC 64, 014001 (2001) also includes terms originating from three-pion rings containing one or two  $\Delta$ s and the two-pion S-wave contribution; the four parameters were searched to obtain a best fit, in conjunction with the AV18, for energies of about 20 nuclear ground and low-lying excited states in A $\leq$ 10 nuclei



Good description for s-shell nuclei (A=3,4); inadequate description of the absolute binding energies and spin-orbit splitting of heavier nuclei



Good description for light nuclei up to A=12; inadequate description of the neutron star matter equation of state

AV18/IL7: the structure of light nuclei



**Pros:** • Very good description of several nuclear binding energies using AV18+IL7 (GFMC ground-state: uncertainties within 1-2%)

Cons: • Phenomenological interactions are phenomenological, not clear how to improve their quality
• They do not provide rigorous schemes to consistently derive 2N and 3N forces and compatible electroweak currents

#### The nuclear χEFT approach:

S. Weinberg, Phys. Lett. B251, 288 (1990); Nucl. Phys. B363, 3 (1991); Phys. Lett B295, 114 (1992)

• In  $\chi$ EFT, the symmetries of quantum chromodynamics (QCD), including its approximate chiralsymmetry, are employed to constrain the interactions of pions ( $\pi$ ) among themselves, with baryons (N and  $\Delta$ -isobars) or with external fields (such as electroweak)

• In particular,  $\pi$ 's couple to baryons by powers of its momentum Q, and the Lagrangian ( $\mathcal{L}_{eff}$ ) can be expanded systematically in powers of  $Q/\Lambda$  (according to a power counting scheme); ( $Q \ll \Lambda \approx 1$  GeV is the chiral-symmetry breaking scale and  $Q \sim m_{\pi}$ )

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \mathcal{L}^{(0)} + \mathcal{L}^{(1)} + \mathcal{L}^{(2)} + \dots$$

•  $\chi$ EFT allows for a perturbative treatment in terms of powers of a Q- as opposed to a coupling constant- expansion

• The unknown coefficients in this perturbative expansion are called LEC's and are fixed by comparison with experimental data

• The  $\chi$ -expansion provides a practical calculation scheme to construct two- and many-body potential as well as external currents, capable (in principle) of systematic improvements



#### Chiral 2N potentials: some recent developments

- First generation of chiral NN potential up to N3LO: Entem-Machleidt PRC **68**, 041001 2003; Epelbaum-Gloeckle-Meissner JNP A747, 362 2005
- Optimized N2LO NN potential (πN LECs are tuned to NN peripheral scattering): Ekström et al. PRL 110, 192502 2013; JPG 42, 034003 2015
- N2LO potential: a simultaneous fit of NN and 3N forces to low NN data (E<sub>lab</sub>=35 MeV), deuteron BE, BE and CR of hydrogen, helium, carbon and oxygen isotopes;
   Carlsson et al. PRC 91, 051301(R) 2015
- New generation of chiral NN potentials up to N4LO: improved choice of the regulator, no SFR; Epelbaum et al. PRL 112, 102501 2014; EPJ A51, 53 2015; PRL 115, 122301 2015
- Chiral 2π and 3π exchange up to N4LO and up to N5LO in NN peripheral scattering; Entem et al. PRC 91, 014002 2015; PRC 92, 064001 2015, arXiv:1703.05454 2017
- The LENPIC collaboration arXiv: 1705.01530v1

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Note: Many of the available versions of chiral potentials are formulated in momentumspace and are strongly nonlocal:  $\Rightarrow \mathbf{p} \rightarrow -i\nabla$  hard to use in QMC methods Nonlocalities due to contact interactions and to regulator functions



- Local NN potentials up to N2LO: Gezerlis et al. PRL 111, 032501 2013; PRC 90, 054323 2014; Lynn et al. PRL 113, 192501 2014
  Minimally poplecal/local NN potentials including N2LO A contributions:
- Minimally nonlocal/local NN potentials including N2LO Δ contributions; Piarulli et al. PRC 91, 024003 2015; PRC 94, 054007 2016

# Local chiral NN potential:

The local chiral NN potential we designed can be written as:

 $v_{12} = v_{12}^{\rm EM} + v_{12}^{\rm L} + v_{12}^{\rm S}$ 

 $v_{12}^{\rm EM}$ : EM component including Coulomb, DF, VP and MM interactions

 $v_{12}^{L}$  : long-range component including

$$LO: Q^{0} \begin{bmatrix} p' \\ k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -p' \\ -p \end{bmatrix}$$

NLO: 
$$Q^2$$
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• dependence only on the momentum transfer **k**=**p**'-**p** 

• known LECs: 
$$g_A, F_{\pi}, h_A = 3 g_A / \sqrt{2}$$

 $c_1, \bullet c_{\text{unknown}} \mathcal{A}_{\pi N}^{(2)} \mathbb{C}s: c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 (\mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(2)})$  $b_3 + b_8 \ (\mathcal{L}_{\pi N\Delta}^{(2)})$  taken from  $\pi$ -N scattering (Krebs at al. EPJ A32, 127 2007)

At NLO and N3LO strongly nonlocal contact terms: proportional to  $K^2$  and  $K^4$  where K=(p'+p)/2; we use Fierz rearrangements to remove these nonlocalities (see also Gezerlis et al. PRL 111, 032501 2013; PRC **90**, 054323 2014)

Contact terms of type  $\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{K}$  or  $k^2 K^2$  still persist: they can not Fierz-transformed away

# Coordinate-space $v_{12}^{L}$ :

In coordinate-space the long-range part of the interaction can be written as

$$v_{12}^{\rm L} = \left[\sum_{l=1}^{6} v_{\rm L}^{l}(r) O_{12}^{l}\right] + v_{\rm L}^{\sigma T}(r) O_{12}^{\sigma T} + v_{\rm L}^{tT}(r) O_{12}^{tT}$$

- Charge-independent part:  $O_{12}^{l=1,\ldots,6} = [\mathbf{1}, \, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2, \, S_{12}] \otimes [\mathbf{1}, \, \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2]$
- Charge-dependent part:  $O_{12}^{\sigma T} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 T_{12}$  $O_{12}^{tT} = S_{12}T_{12}$   $T_{12} = 3 \tau_{1z}\tau_{2z} - \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2$

The radial functions have divergencies of type  $1/r^n$ ,  $1 \le n \le 6$ ; we need a regulator function which ensures that the short-distance part of the long-range potential at *r* smaller than  $R_L$  are smoothly cut off

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$$C_{R_{\rm L}}(r) = 1 - \frac{1}{(r/R_{\rm L})^6 e^{(r-R_{\rm L})/a_L} + 1}$$
  
 $R_L = (0.8, 1.0, 1.2) \, \text{fm}$   
 $a_L = R_L/2$ 



# Coordinate-space $v_{12}^{S}$ :

In coordinate-space the short-range part of the interaction can be written as

$$v_{12}^{\rm S} = \sum_{l=1}^{16} v_{\rm S}^l(r) \, O_{12}^l$$

- Static part:
- Spin-orbit, (Spin-orbit)<sup>2</sup>, L<sup>2</sup> part:
- Charge-dependent part:

$$\begin{array}{c} O_{12=1,...,6}^{l=1,...,6} = [\mathbf{1},\,\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1}\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{2},\,S_{12}]\otimes[\mathbf{1},\,\boldsymbol{\tau}_{1}\cdot\boldsymbol{\tau}_{2}]\\ O_{12=1,...,16}^{l=1,...,6} \equiv \mathbf{I}_{1}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{2}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{1}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{2}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{12}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{2}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{12}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{2}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{12}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{2}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{12}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{2}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{12}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{2}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{12}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{2}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{12}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{2}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{12}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{2}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{12}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{2}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{12}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{2}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{12}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{2}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{12}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{12}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{2}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{12}\cdot\boldsymbol{s}_{$$

In order to a have a fully nonlocal interaction, we are neglecting  $\mathbf{p}^2$ -terms of type

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$$v_{\rm S}^p(r) + v_{\rm S}^{p\sigma}(r) \, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 + v_{\rm S}^{pt}(r) \, S_{12} + v_{\rm S}^{pt\tau}(r) \, S_{12} \, \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \, , \, \mathbf{p}^2$$
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The FT of the single contact terms is carried out with a Gaussian regulator, depending only on the momentum transfer *k*, such that

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$$\widetilde{C}_{R_{\rm S}}(k) = e^{-R_{\rm S}^2 k^2/4} \longrightarrow C_{R_{\rm S}}(r) = \frac{1}{\pi^{3/2} R_{\rm S}^3} e^{-(r/R_{\rm S})^2}$$

In combination with  $R_L = (R_R, \pm .00.82)$  in we consider  $(R, f, \pm .00.68)$  in corresponding to typical momentum space cut of some  $R_R$  is (0.82) in  $R_R$  in  $R_R$  in  $R_R$  is (0.68). The  $R_R$  is (0.68) in  $R_R$  is (0.68). The  $R_R$  is (0.68). The  $R_R$  is (0.68) in  $R_R$  is (0.68). The  $R_R$  is (0.68) is (0.68). The  $R_R$  is (0.68) is (0.68). The  $R_R$  is (0.68). The  $R_R$  is (0.68). The  $R_R$  is (0.68). The  $R_R$  is (0.68) is (0.68). The  $R_R$  is (0.68) is (0.68). The  $R_R$  is (0.68) is (0.68) is (0.68). The  $R_R$  is (0.68) is (0.68). The  $R_R$  is (0.68) is (0.68) is (0.68). The  $R_R$  is (0.68) is (0.68) is (0.68) is (0.68). The  $R_R$  is (0.68) is (0.68) is (0.68) is (0.68) is (0.68) is (0.68). The  $R_R$  is (0.68) is (0.68) is (0.68). The  $R_R$  is (0.68) is (

# Fitting procedure:

The LECs fixed by fitting the pp and np Granada database up to two ranges of  $E_{lab} = 125$  MeV and 200 MeV, the deuteron BE and the nn scattering length: we first fit the phase shifts then we refine the fit with a direct comparison with the database

To minimizing  $\chi^2$  the we use the Practical Optimization Using No Derivatives (for Squares), POUNDers (M. Kortelainen, PRC 82, 024313 2010)



model	order	$R_{\rm L}~({\rm fm})$	$R_{\rm S}~({\rm fm})$	$E_{\rm LAB} ({\rm MeV})$	$\chi^2/datum$
Model b	LO	1.0	0.7	125	59.88
Model b	NLO	1.0	0.7	125	2.18
Model b	N2LO	1.0	0.7	125	2.32
Model b	N3LO	1.0	0.7	125	1.07
Model a	N3LO	1.2	0.8	125	1.05
Model c	N3LO	0.8	0.6	125	1.11
Model $\widetilde{a}$	N3LO	1.2	0.8	200	1.37
$\mathrm{Model}\; \widetilde{b}$	N3LO	1.0	0.7	200	1.37
Model $\widetilde{c}$	N3LO	0.8	0.6	200	1.40

Model a : $(R_L, R_S) = (1.2, 0.8)$ Model b : $(R_L, R_S) = (1.0, 0.7)$ Model c : $(R_L, R_S) = (0.8, 0.6)$ 

model	order	$R_{\rm L}~({\rm fm})$	$R_{\rm S}$
Model b	LO	1.0	
Model b	NLO	1.0	

#### Local chiral 3N potential:

Inclusion of 3N forces at N2LO:



# Quantum Monte Carlo (QMC) methods:

• Encompasses a large family of computational methods whose common aim is the study of complex quantum systems

• Provide a reliable solution (or an accurate approximation) of the quantum many-body problem

VMC, GFMC: sampling in coordinate space

limited number of nucleons A=12 R.B. Wiringa, PRC **43**, 1585 (1991) Carlson, *et al.*, Rev. Mod. Phys. **87**, 1067 (2015)

**AFDMC:** sampling in coordinate space + spin-isospin coordinate

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larger nuclei A~50 & nuclear matter
Smith and Fantoni, Phys. Lett. B 446, 99 (1999)
Carlson, et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 87, 1067 (2015)
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CVMC:

sampling in coordinate space + cluster expansion

closed shell nuclei (+/- 1): A=40 Pieper, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C **46**, 1741 (1992) Lonardoni, *et al.*, arXiv:1705.04337

#### QMC: Variational Monte Carlo (VMC)

R.B. Wiringa, PRC 43, 1585 (1991)

• Minimize the expectation value of H:

$$E_T = \frac{\langle \Psi_T | H | \Psi_T \rangle}{\langle \Psi_T | \Psi_T \rangle} \ge E_0$$

• Trial wave function (involves variational parameters):

$$|\Psi_T\rangle = \left[1 + \sum_{i < j < k} U_{ijk}\right] \left[S \prod_{i < j} \left(1 + U_{ij}\right)\right] |\Psi_J\rangle$$

 $|\Psi_J\rangle = \left[\prod_{i < j} f_c(r_{ij})\right] |\Phi(JMTT_z)\rangle$  (s-shell nuclei): Jastrow wave function, fully antisymmetric

 $S \prod_{i < j}$ : represents a symmetrized product

$$U_{ij} = \sum_{p=2,6} u_p(r_{ij}) O_{ij}^p$$
: pair correlation operators

 $U_{ijk} = \sum_{x} \epsilon_x V_{ijk}^x$ : three-body correlation operators  $|\Psi_T\rangle$  are spin-isospin vectors in 3A dimension with  $2^A \begin{pmatrix} A \\ Z \end{pmatrix}$ 

• The search in the parameter space is made using COBYLA (Constrained Optimization BY Linear Approximations) algorithm available in NLopt library

• The typical number of variational parameters for s-shell nuclear wave functions is about two dozen for a two-body potential; four to six parameters are added if a three-body potential is included in the Hamiltonian

## QMC: Green's function Monte Carlo (GFMC)

J. Carlson et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 87, 1067 (2015)

• The diffusion Monte Carlo (DMC) method such as GFMC, overcomes the limitation of VMC calculation by using a projection technique to enhance the true ground-state component of a starting trial wave function

• The method relies on the observation that the trial wave function can be expanded in the complete set of eigenstates of the Hamiltonian according to

$$|\Psi_T\rangle = \sum_n c_n |\Psi_n\rangle \qquad \qquad H|\Psi_n\rangle = E_n |\Psi_n\rangle$$

which implies

$$\lim_{T \to \infty} |\Psi(\tau)\rangle = \lim_{\tau \to \infty} e^{-(H - E_0)\tau} |\Psi_T\rangle = c_0 |\Psi_0\rangle \qquad \qquad |\Psi(\tau = 0)\rangle = |\Psi_T\rangle$$

where  $\tau$  is the imaginary time. The GFMC projects out lowest energy state from the best variational trial wave function

• The evaluation of  $\Psi(\tau)$  is done stochastically in small time steps  $\Delta \tau$  ( $\tau = n \Delta \tau$ ) using a Green's function formulation

#### Propagator does not contain $p^2$ , $L^2$ , $(\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S})^2$

• it is carried out with a simplified version H' of the full Hamiltonian H; H' is a projection of H on the first eight-operator preserving the potential in all S and P waves as well as the deuteron channel; the remaining terms are calculated perturbatively

### QMC for A $\leq$ 6 with only local NN interaction

• The A $\leq$ 6 ground- and excited state energies with only local NN chiral interaction compared with the corresponding GFMC results obtained with AV18 and experimental values



3N interactions are needed!!

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• For A=3, 4 benchmark with the HH calculations

• For A=3, 4, and 6 the energies differ by about 0.2-0.3, 1.0, and 0.5-1.3 MeV, respectively, from the corresponding ones obtained using the AV18

### QMC for A $\leq$ 12 with local NN+NNN interactions

• The A $\leq$ 12 ground- and excited state energies with local NN+NNN chiral interaction, AV18+IL7, and the corresponding experimental values



• Compared to the AV18+UIX, these local chiral potentials give better description for absolute binding energies and spin-orbit splitting for p-shell nuclei

• Polarization observables in pd elastic scattering at 3 MeV, obtained in HH calculations with the NV2+3 models Ia-Ib (IIa-IIb), are shown by the green (blue) band. The black dashed line are results obtained with only the two-body interaction NV2-Ia



subleading contact terms in 3N interaction??? Additional 10 LECs

# Conclusions:

• We have constructed a family of local NN potential with chiral TPE including  $\Delta$ -isobar up to N2LO and contact interactions up to N3LO in the chiral expansion

• Three versions of this NN chiral potential for three different cutoff values have been developed with good fits to np and pp Granada database

• Corresponding local NNN chiral interaction up N2LO have been also developed; they involve two new LECs fixed by fitting the binding energy of <sup>3</sup>H and nd scattering length

• A subset of these local NN and NN+NNN chiral interactions have been used to in HH and QMC calculations of binding energies and rms proton radii for some nuclei with A $\leq$ 12

# Plans:

- Test other versions of NV2+3 with different energy fits and regulators and compare
- Studies of the effect of subleading 3N contact interactions in light nuclei
- Different strategies to fit 3NI

• Comprehensive treatment of radii, moments, electroweak transitions in VMC/GFMC including exchange currents