# Phenomenological Four-Body Interactions in the NCSM



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### **Motivation**



Why look at four-body interactions?

- $\blacktriangleright$  chiral effective field theory (EFT) at N<sup>3</sup>LO gives rise to 4N force terms
- similarity renormalization group (SRG) induces many-body forces

#### Why use a phenomenological 4N interaction?

- initial or induced 4N forces in general not computationally feasible in many-body calculations
- use phenomenological interaction to bypass expensive calculation steps
- $\Rightarrow$  develop a phenomenological four-body interaction that can be computed on-the-fly during a NCSM calculation

# Many-Body Toolchain with Phenomenological 4N Interaction





# **Gaussian Four-Body Interaction**



#### Why use a Gaussian four-body interaction?

- more flexible than e.g. contact interaction
- comparatively intuitive to understand and simple to calculate
- completely different matrix element calculation without PWD, relative basis, ...

$$\hat{V}_{4\mathrm{N}} = \mathcal{C}_{4\mathrm{N}} \exp\left\{-rac{1}{a_{4\mathrm{N}}^2} \sum_{\substack{i,j=1\ i < j}}^4 \left(\hat{\vec{r}_i} - \hat{\vec{r}_j}
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#### Interaction has two free parameters

- $\triangleright$  C<sub>4N</sub>: strength of the interaction, also determines if attractive/repulsive
- a<sub>4N</sub>: range of the interaction

# **N**<sub>max</sub> convergence behavior of Gaussian 4N Interaction





 $\blacktriangleright \ \hbar \Omega = 20 \text{ MeV}, \ N^3 \text{LO}_{\text{EMN},500} + N^3 \text{LO}_{\text{NL},500,\text{cD4}} + \text{Gaussian 4N}$ 

- no significant effect on  $N_{\text{max}}$  convergence
- attractive interaction increases energy and reduces radius, repulsive vice-versa

# Outlook





- explore other light nuclei
- combine with importance truncation to improve convergence
- calculate other observables besides ground-state energies and radii
- implement ability to use superposition of two Gaussians
- mittigate SRG induced effects and correct energy/radius

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