

## Streamlining the Nuclear Force

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The Department of Energy has highlighted the work of **adjunct assistant professor Gaute Hagen, postdoc Gustav Jansen, physics faculty Witek Nazarewicz and Thomas Papenbrock, and their colleagues**. Their paper, "Optimized Chiral Nucleon-Nucleon Interaction at Next-to-Next-to-Leading Order," discusses the generation of

a two-body nuclear interaction and its application in neutron-rich Oxygen isotopes. This newer model demands fewer computational resources than the traditional approach with three-body forces and reflects good agreement with experimental data. See more at the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science website:

<http://science.energy.gov/np/highlights/2014/np-2014-05-e/>  
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