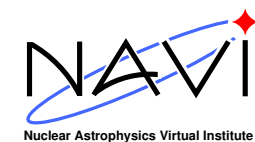
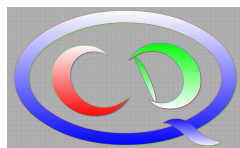
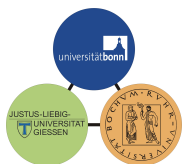




# NUCLEAR PHYSICS as PRECISION SCIENCE

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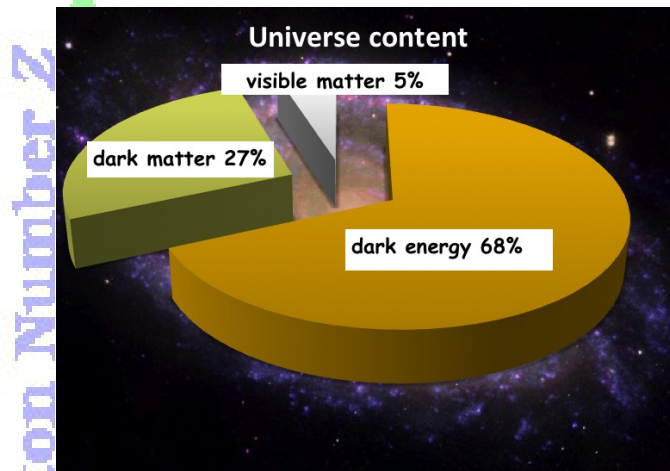
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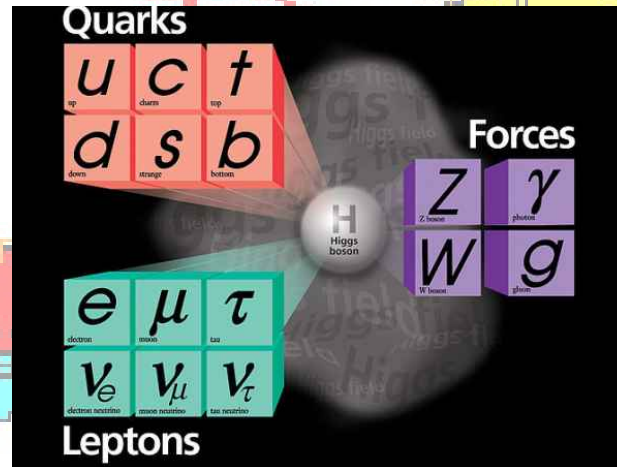
# Introduction

# WHY NUCLEAR PHYSICS?

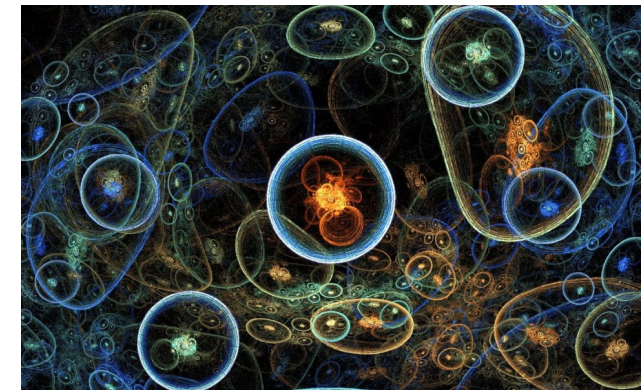
- The matter we are made off



- The last frontier of the SM



- Access to the Multiverse



Neutron Number  $N$

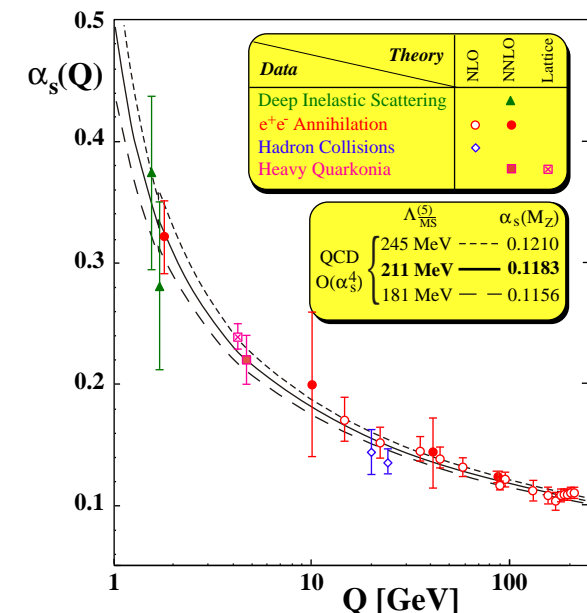
# EMERGENCE of STRUCTURE in QCD

- The strong interactions are described by QCD:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4g^2} G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu} + \sum_{f=u,d,s,c,b,t} \bar{q}_f (i\gamma_\mu D^\mu - m_f) q_f + \dots$$

- **up** and **down** quarks are very light, a few MeV
- Quarks and gluons are confined within **hadrons**  
↳ playground of lattice QCD
- Protons and neutrons form **atomic nuclei**

⇒ This requires the inclusion of electromagnetism described by QED with  $\alpha_{EM} \simeq 1/137$  [+ weak int.]



- How can one describe nuclei *ab initio*? → chiral EFT
- How sensitive are these strongly interacting composites to variations of the fundamental parameters of QCD+QED?

# NUCLEAR CHIRAL EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY

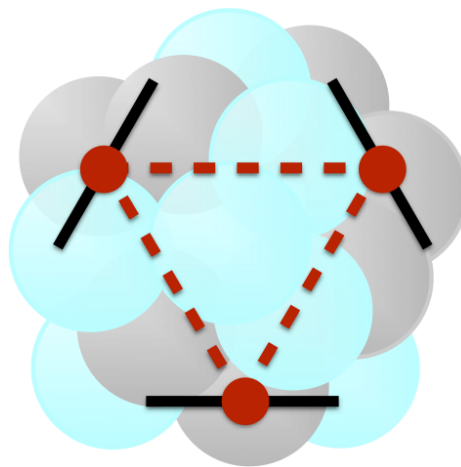
- The silver jubilee of Weinberg's work extending chiral EFTs to nuclear physics

S. Weinberg,  
“Nuclear forces from chiral Lagrangians,”  
Phys. Lett. B **251** (1990) 288 [submitted 14 August 1990].  
954 citations counted in INSPIRE as of 09 November 2015

S. Weinberg,  
“Effective chiral Lagrangians for nucleon - pion interactions and nuclear forces,”  
Nucl. Phys. B **363** (1991) 3 [submitted 02 April 1991].  
915 citations counted in INSPIRE as of 09 November 2015

- after 25 years, a mature field?      Epelbaum, Hammer, UGM, Rev. Mod. Phys. **81** (2009) 1773  
[534 cites]
- yes *and* no → let's discuss some recent developments

# Continuum chiral EFT physics



**LENPIC**

# The NUCLEAR HAMILTONIAN

- Nucleons in nuclei are slow-moving particles, binding momenta  $\sim M_\pi$

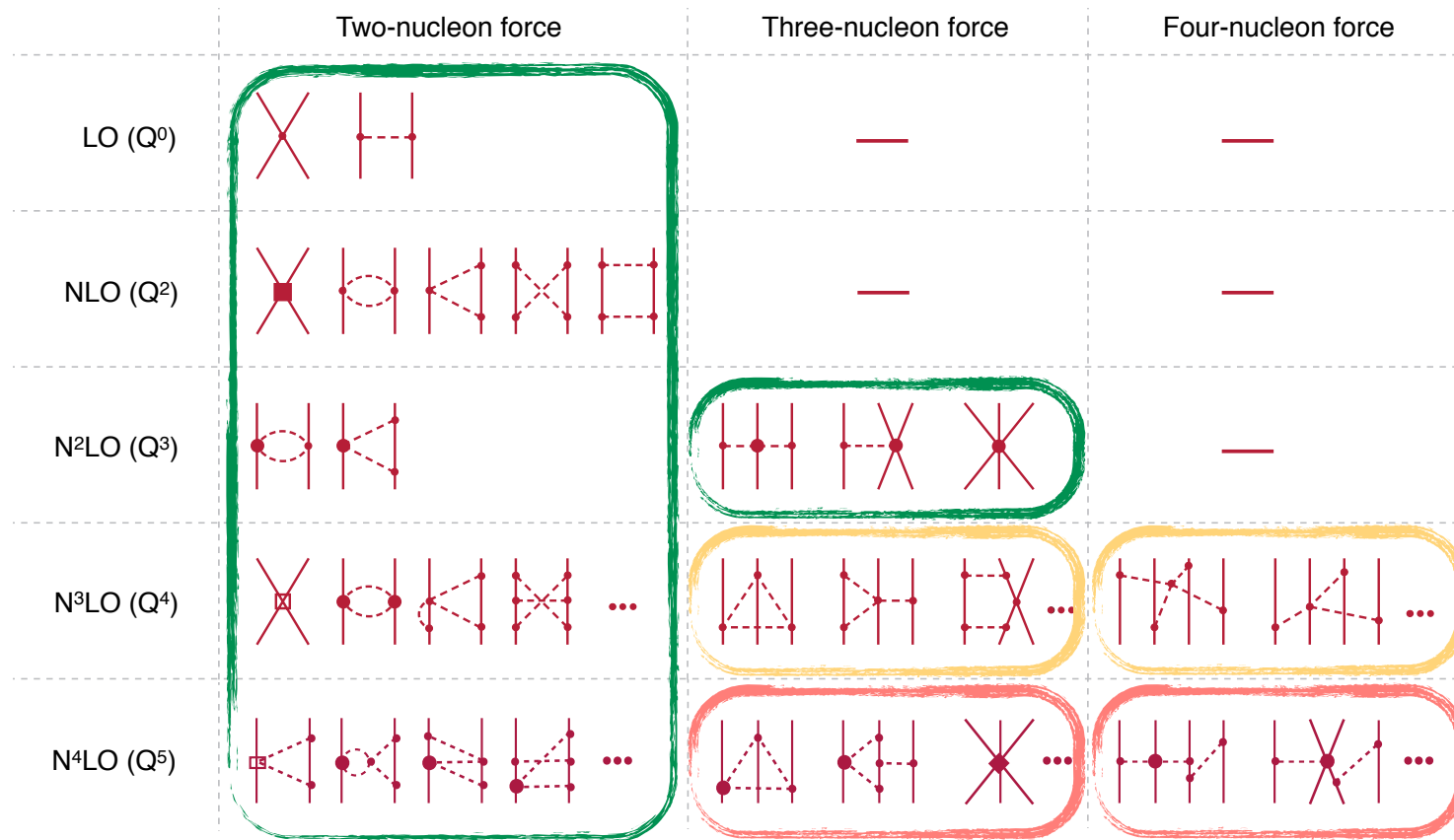
$$\left( -\sum_{i=1}^A \frac{\nabla_i^2}{2m_N} + V \right) |\Psi\rangle = E|\Psi\rangle, \quad V = V_{NN} + V_{NNN} + \dots$$

- The nuclear potential  $V$  classically build from meson exchange models
- Weinberg's idea: use chiral perturbation theory to construct  $V$ 
  - ↪ direct link to QCD via symmetries and their breakings
  - ↪ systematic approach that can be improved order-by-order
  - ↪ allows for a consistent calculation of two-, three- and four-body forces
  - ↪ allows for a consistent calculation of forces and currents
  - ↪ systematic approach that allows for uncertainty quantifications
  - ↪ gives access to the multiverse



# NUCLEAR FORCES in CHIRAL NUCLEAR EFT

- expansion of the potential in powers of  $Q$  [small parameter]
- explains observed hierarchy of the nuclear forces



worked out and applied

worked out and being applied

calculations in progress

# NN FORCES to FOURTH ORDER

Epelbaum, Krebs, UGM, Eur. Phys. J. **A 51**: 53 (2015)

- so far: momentum space cut-off regularization, works but not ideal
- new regularization of long-range physics [coordinate space cut-off]:

$$V_{\text{long-range}}^{\text{reg}}(\vec{r}) = V_{\text{long-range}}(\vec{r}) f_{\text{reg}}\left(\frac{r}{R}\right), \quad f_{\text{reg}} = \left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{R^2}\right)\right]^6$$

⇒ No distortion of the long-range potential → better at higher energies

⇒ Study of the chiral expansion of multi-pion exchanges:  $R = 0.8 \dots 1.2$  fm

Baru et al., EPJ A48 (12) 69

- new way of estimation the theoretical uncertainty [before: only cut-off variations]

⇒ Expansion parameter depending on the region:  $Q = \max\left(\frac{M_\pi}{\Lambda_b}, \frac{p}{\Lambda_b}\right)$

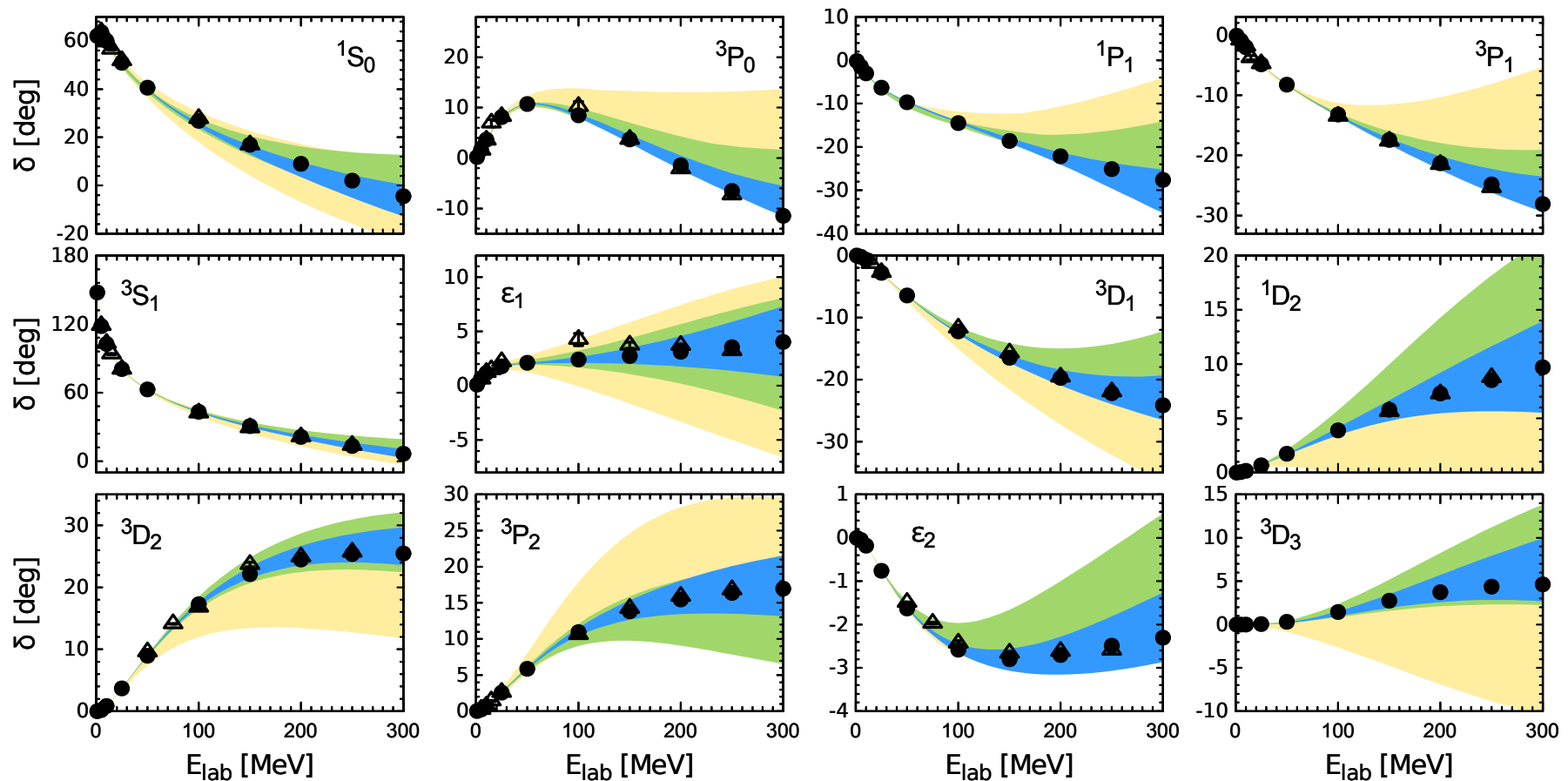
⇒ Breakdown scale  $\Lambda_b = 600$  MeV for  $R = 0.8 \dots 1.0$  fm

# NN FORCES at FOURTH ORDER

- clear improvement comp. to earlier N<sup>3</sup>LO potentials [momentum space reg.]

Entem, Machleidt; Epelbaum, Glöckle, UGM

- uncertainties show expected pattern



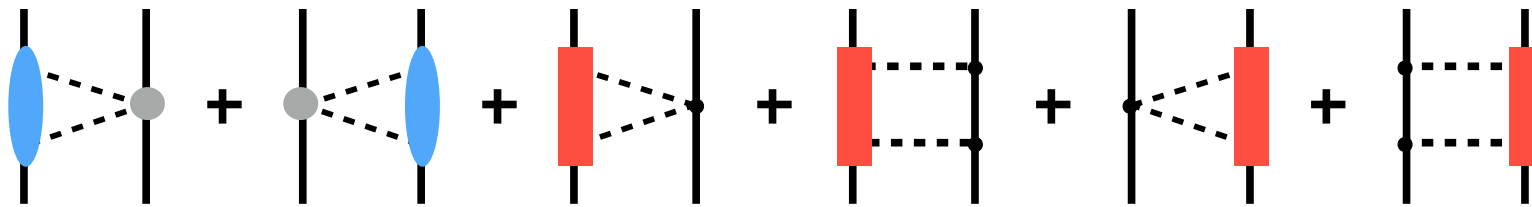
NLO    N<sup>2</sup>LO    N<sup>3</sup>LO

# NN FORCES to FIFTH ORDER

Epelbaum, Krebs, UGM, Phys. Rev. Lett. **115** (2015) 122301 [arXiv:1412.4623]

- No contact interactions at this order - odd in  $Q$
- New contributions fixed from  $\pi N$  scattering, LECs  $c_i, d_i, e_i$ :

Büttiker, Fettes, UGM, Steininger (1998-2000); Krebs, Gasparian, Epelbaum (2012)



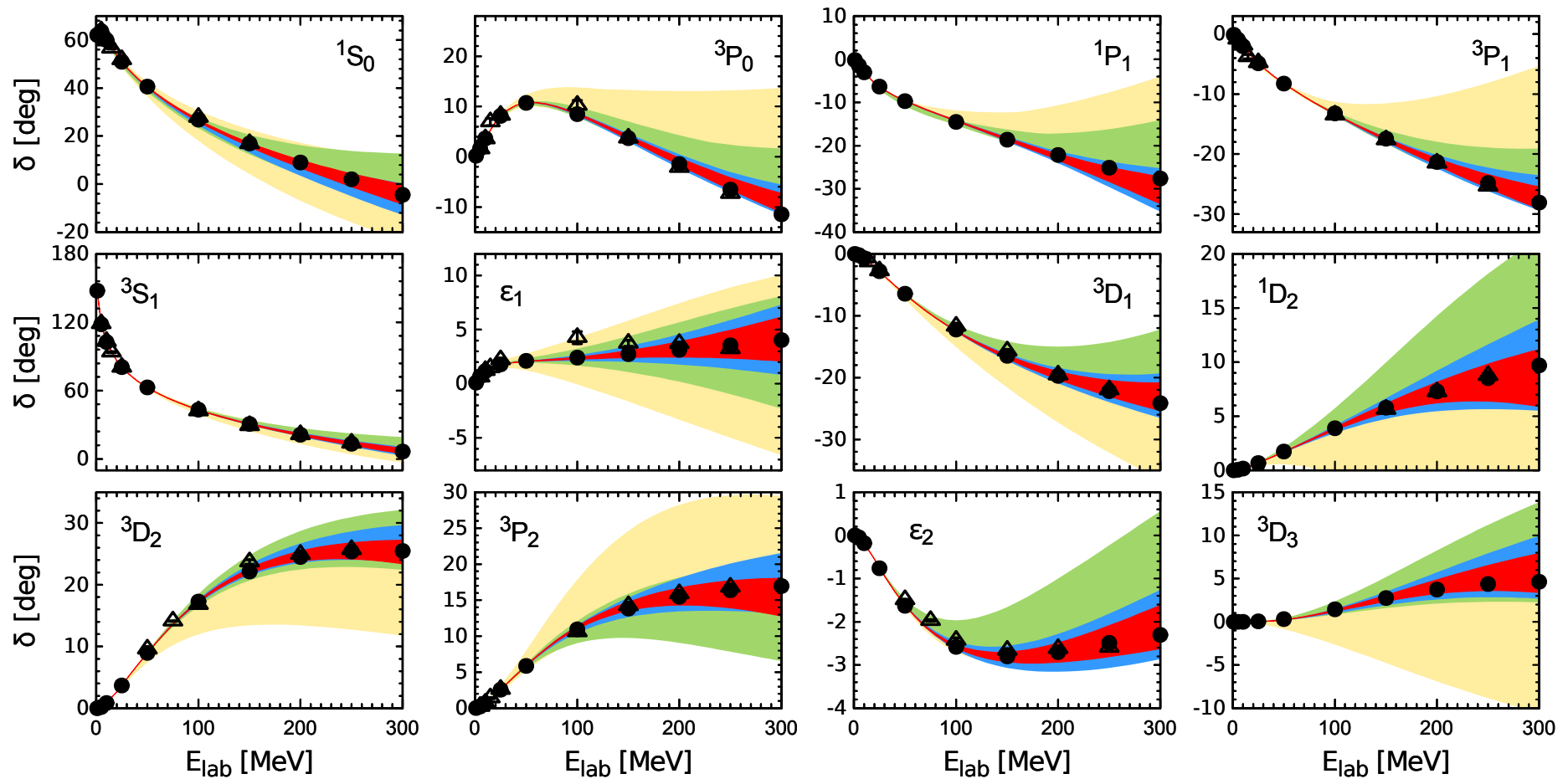
$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi N} = \mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(1)} + \mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(2)}(c_i) + \mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(3)}(d_i) + \mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(4)}(e_i)$$

- Three-pion exchange can be neglected
  - explicit calculation of the dominant NLO contribution
  - no influence on phase shifts or deuteron properties

Kaiser (2001)

# PHASE SHIFTS at N<sup>4</sup>LO

⇒ Precision phase shifts with small uncertainties up to  $E_{\text{lab}} = 300$  MeV



NLO N<sup>2</sup>LO N<sup>3</sup>LO N<sup>4</sup>LO

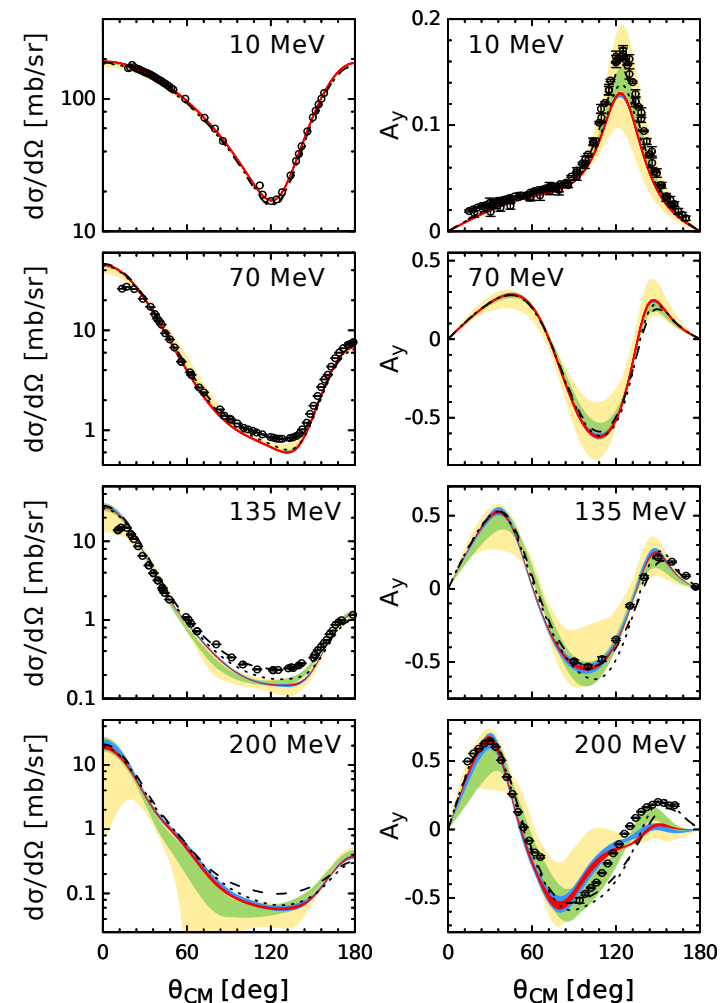
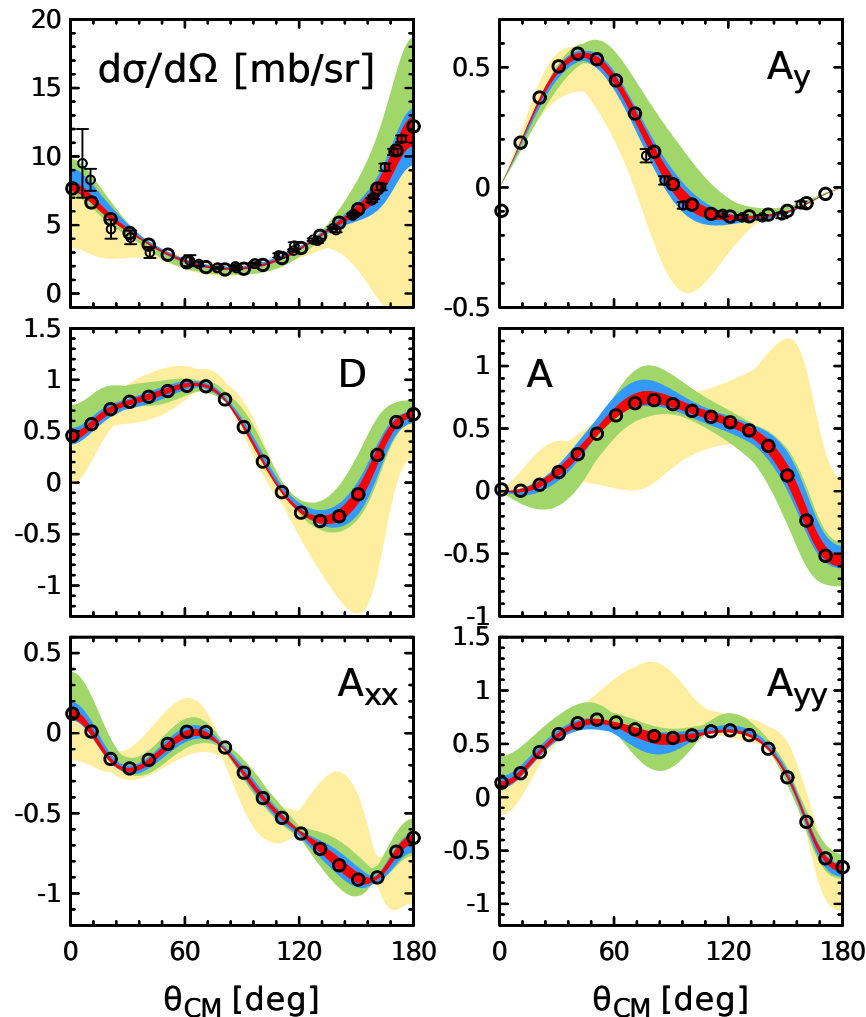
# EVIDENCE for THREE-NUCLEON FORCES

- Two-nucleon system under control, three-nucleon system requires 3NFs!

→ being implemented [LENPIC collaboration]

- np scattering at 200 MeV

- nd scattering [2NFs only]

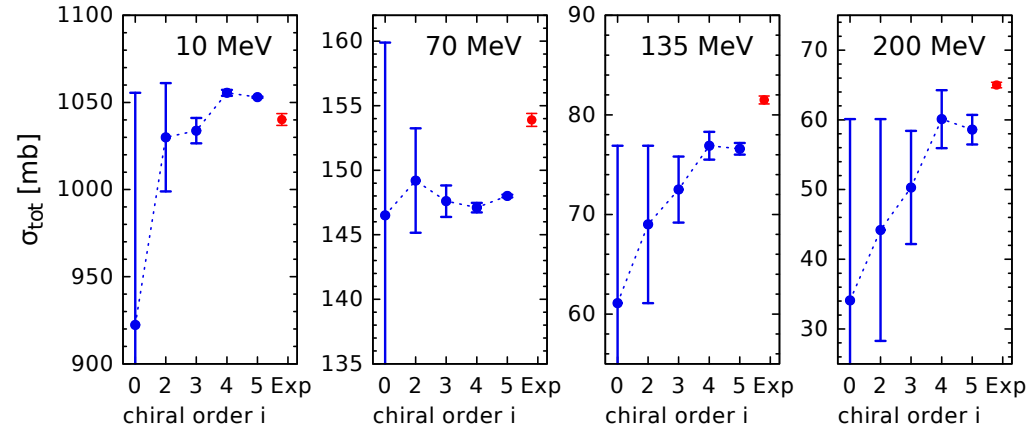


NLO  
 $N^2$ LO  
 $N^3$ LO  
 $N^4$ LO

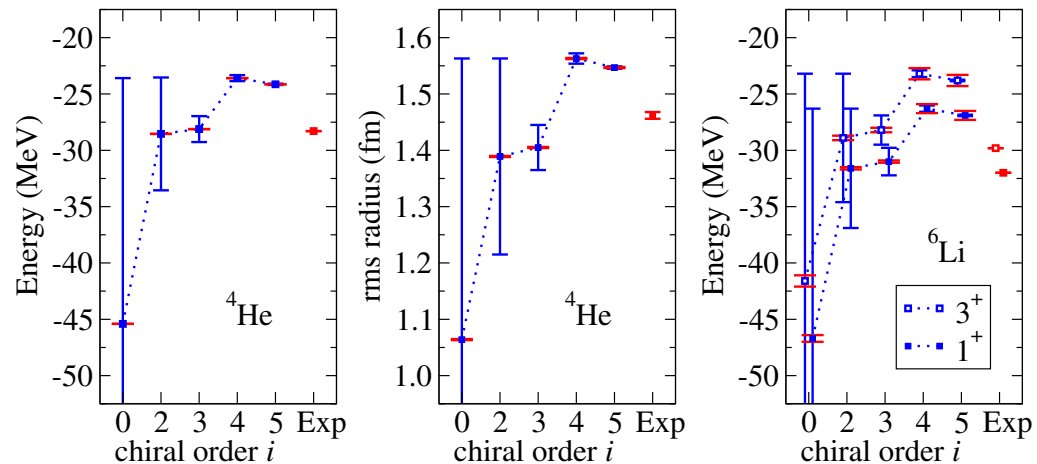
# MORE EVIDENCE for THREE-NUCLEON FORCES

Binder et al. [LENPIC collaboration], arXiv:1505.07218

- Total cross section for Nd scattering [2NFs only]



- Binding energy and rms radius of  ${}^4\text{He}$ , lowest levels in  ${}^6\text{Li}$  [2NFs only]



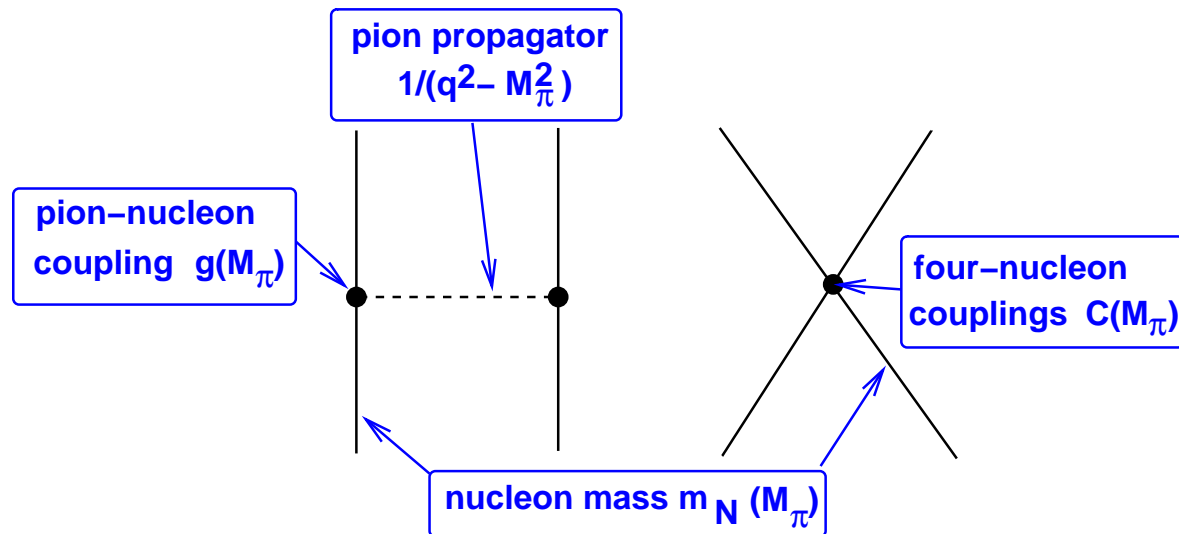
# Quark mass dependence of the nuclear forces and impact on BBN

Berengut, Epelbaum, Flambaum, Hanhart, UGM, Nebreda, Pelaez,  
Phys. Rev. D **87** (2013) 085018



# INGREDIENTS

- Nuclear forces: Pion-exchange contributions & short-distance multi-N operators
- graphical representation of the quark mass dependence of the LO potential



- always use the Gell-Mann–Oakes–Renner relation:

$$M_{\pi^\pm}^2 \sim (m_u + m_d)$$

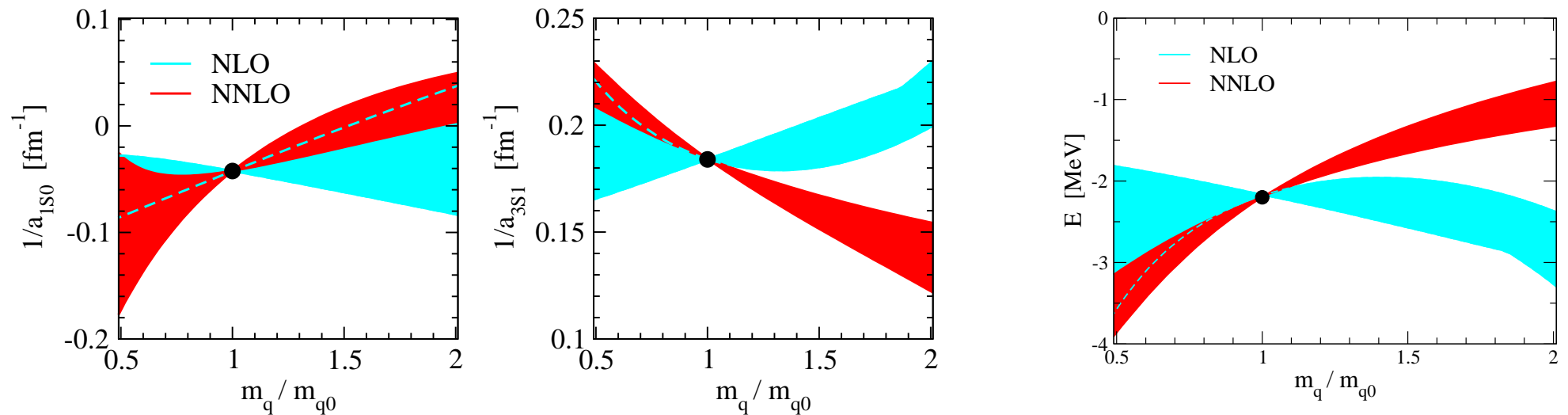
- fulfilled in QCD to better than 94%

Colangelo, Gasser, Leutwyler 2001

⇒ Quark mass dependence of hadron properties from lattice QCD,  
contact interaction require modelling

# RESULTS for the NN SYSTEM

- Putting pieces together for the two-nucleon system:



- uncertainties mostly due to modelling the contact interactions

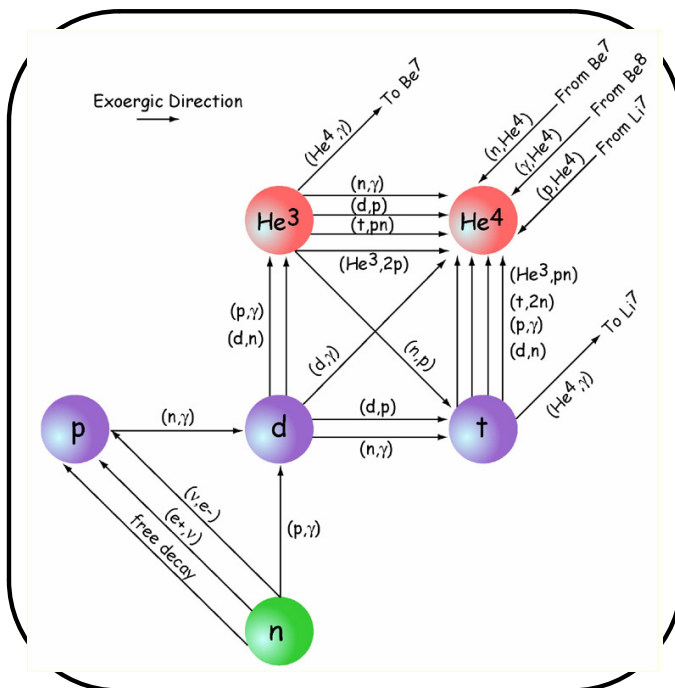
↪ contact to lattice QCD required

Baru et al., Phys.Rev. C92 (2015) 014001

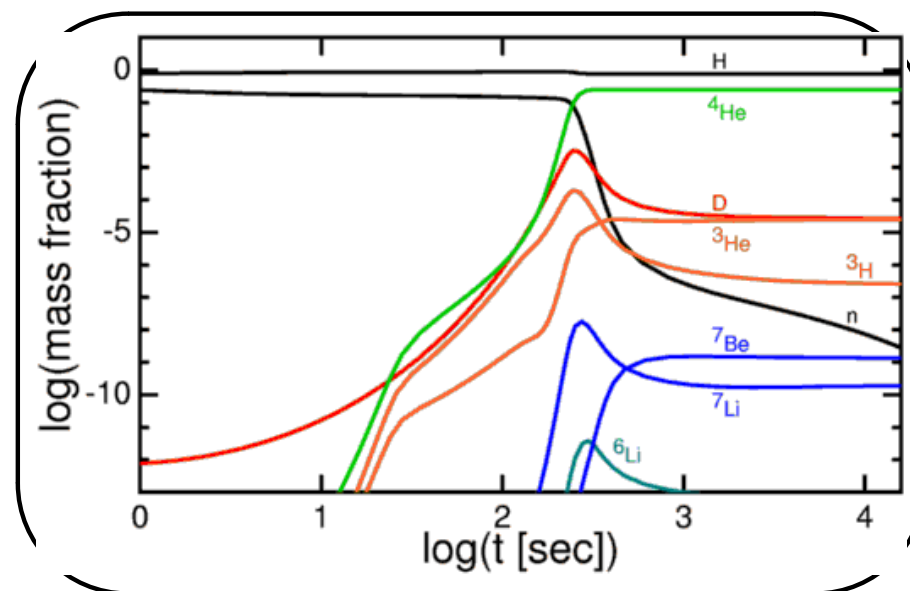
- extends and improves earlier work based on EFTs and models

Beane, Savage (2003), Epelbaum, UGM, Glöckle (2003), Mondejar, Soto (2007),  
Flambaum, Wiringa (2007), Bedaque, Luu, Platter (2011), . . .

# BBN NETWORK & ELEMENT ABUNDANCES



from Cococubed.com



from Burles, Nollett & Turner

- consider element generation in the Big Bang up to  $^7\text{Li}$ ,  $^7\text{Be}$
- how does this network / the abundances of the elements change under variations of the quark masses?

⇒ use results just shown, extended also to  $A = 3, 4$

# LIMITS for the QUARK MASS VARIATION

- Work first in the isospin limit: Average of [deut/H] and  ${}^4\text{He}(Y_p)$ :

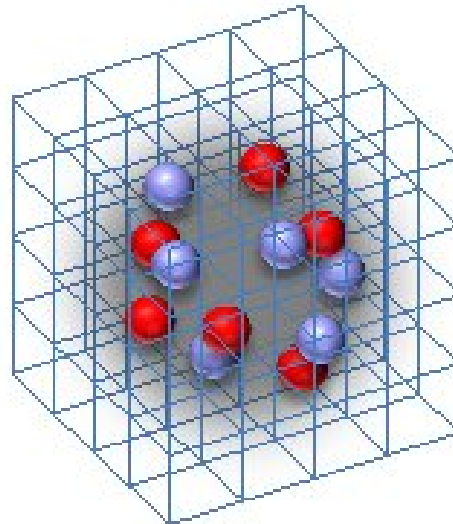
$$\frac{\delta m_q}{m_q} = 0.02 \pm 0.04$$

- in contrast to earlier studies, we provide reliable error estimates (EFT)
- Isospin breaking: stronger constraint due to the neutron life time (affects  $Y({}^4\text{He})$ )
- re-evaluate this under the model-independent assumption that *all* quark & lepton masses vary with the Higgs VEV  $v$

⇒ results are dominated by the  ${}^4\text{He}$  abundance:

$$\left| \frac{\delta v}{v} \right| = \left| \frac{\delta m_q}{m_q} \right| \leq 0.9\%$$

# Lattice chiral EFT physics



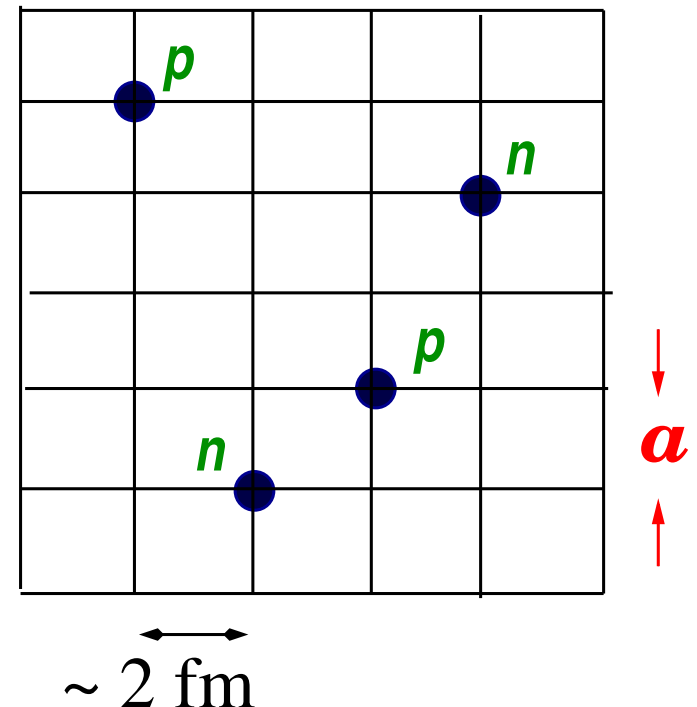
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# THE TOOL: NUCLEAR LATTICE SIMULATIONS

Frank, Brockmann (1992), Koonin, Müller, Seki, van Kolck (2000), Lee, Schäfer (2004), . . .  
Borasoy, Krebs, Lee, UGM, Nucl. Phys. **A768** (2006) 179; Borasoy, Epelbaum, Krebs, Lee, UGM, Eur. Phys. J. **A31** (2007) 105

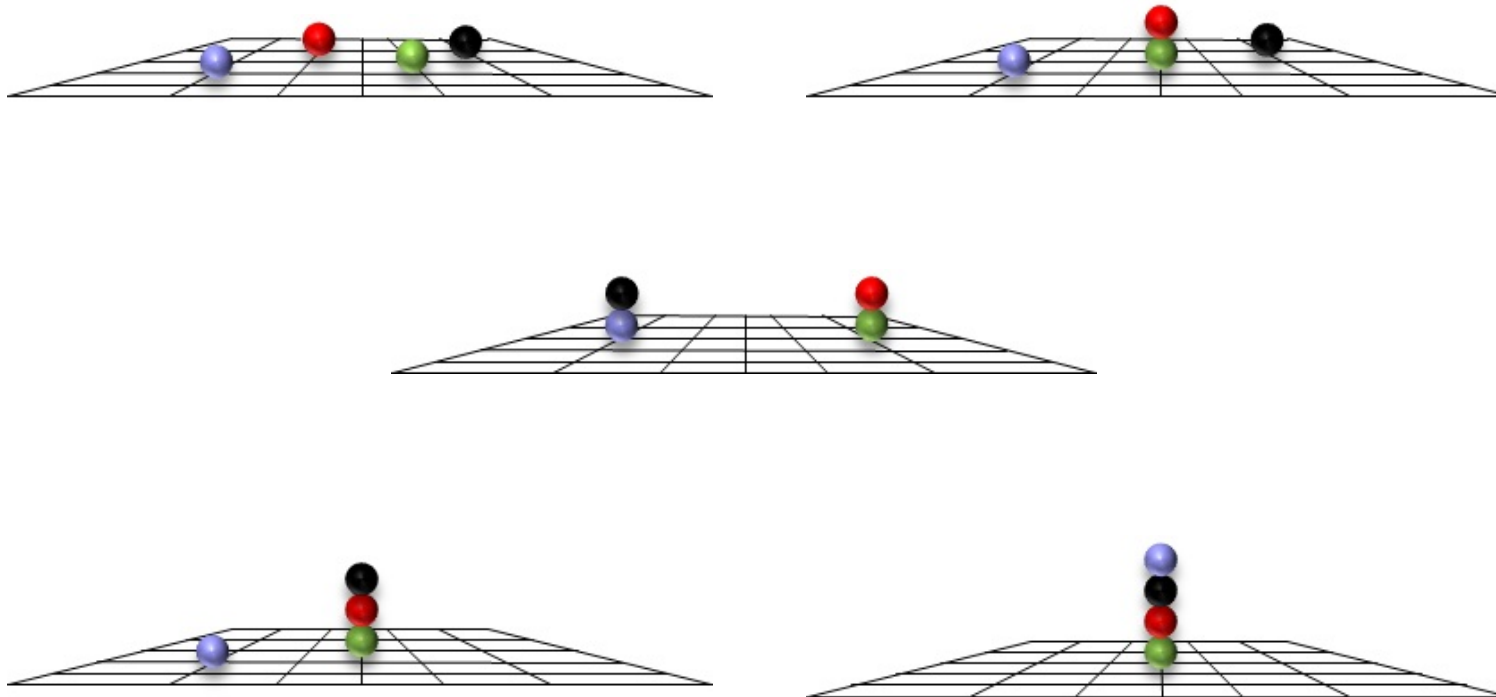
- *new method* to tackle the nuclear many-body problem
- discretize space-time  $V = L_s \times L_s \times L_s \times L_t$ :  
nucleons are point-like fields on the sites
- discretized chiral potential w/ pion exchanges  
and contact interactions + Coulomb
- typical lattice parameters

$$\Lambda = \frac{\pi}{a} \simeq 300 \text{ MeV [UV cutoff]}$$



- strong suppression of sign oscillations due to approximate Wigner SU(4) symmetry
- J. W. Chen, D. Lee and T. Schäfer, Phys. Rev. Lett. **93** (2004) 242302, T. Lähde et al., *arXiv:1502.06787*
- hybrid Monte Carlo & transfer matrix (similar to LQCD)

# CONFIGURATIONS



⇒ all *possible* configurations are sampled  
⇒ *clustering emerges naturally*

# COMPUTATIONAL EQUIPMENT

- Present = JUQUEEN (BlueGene/Q)



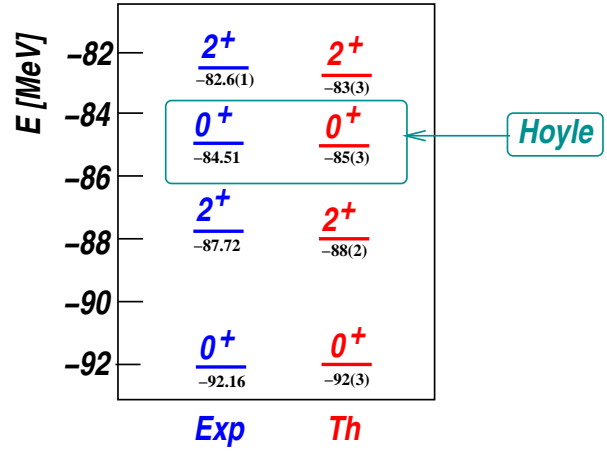
6 Pflops



# RESULTS from LATTICE NUCLEAR EFT

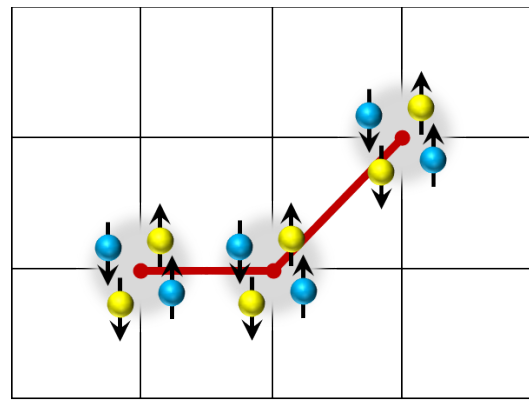
● Hoyle state in  $^{12}\text{C}$

PRL 106 (2011)



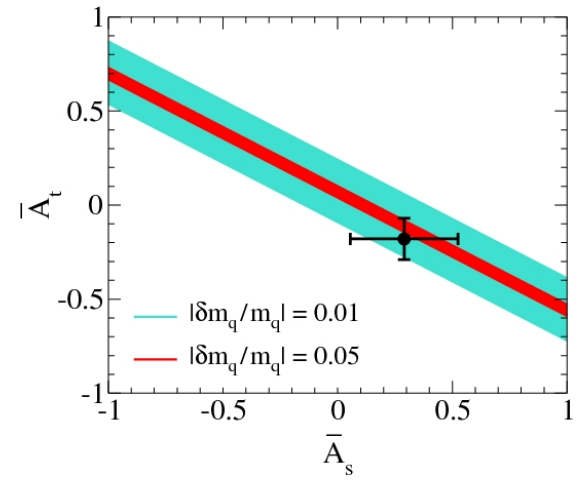
● Structure of the Hoyle state

PRL 109 (2012)



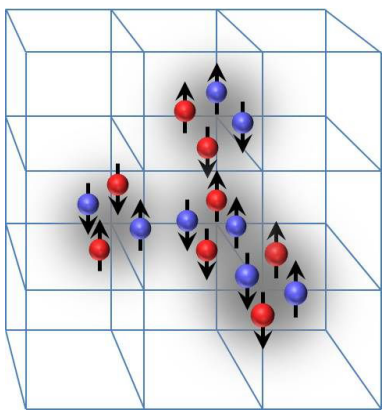
● Fate of carbon-based life

PRL 110 (2013), EPJ A49 (2013)



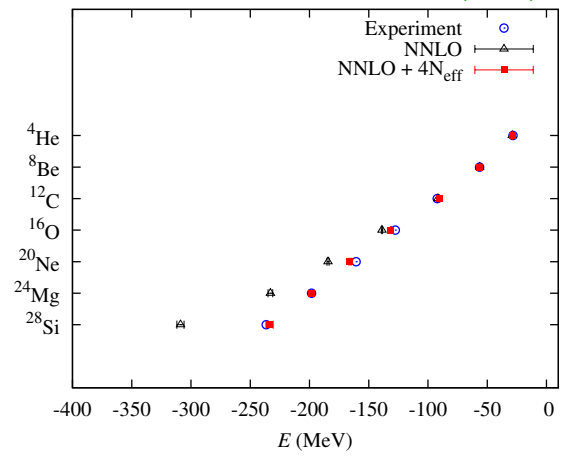
● Spectrum of  $^{16}\text{O}$

PRL 112 (2014)



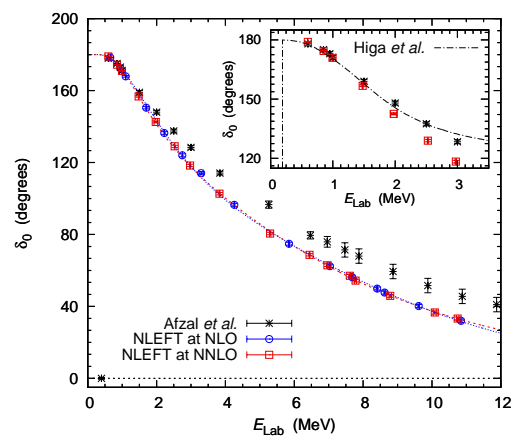
● Going up the  $\alpha$ -chain

PLB 732 (2014)



● Ab initio  $\alpha$ - $\alpha$  scattering

Nature (2015) in press

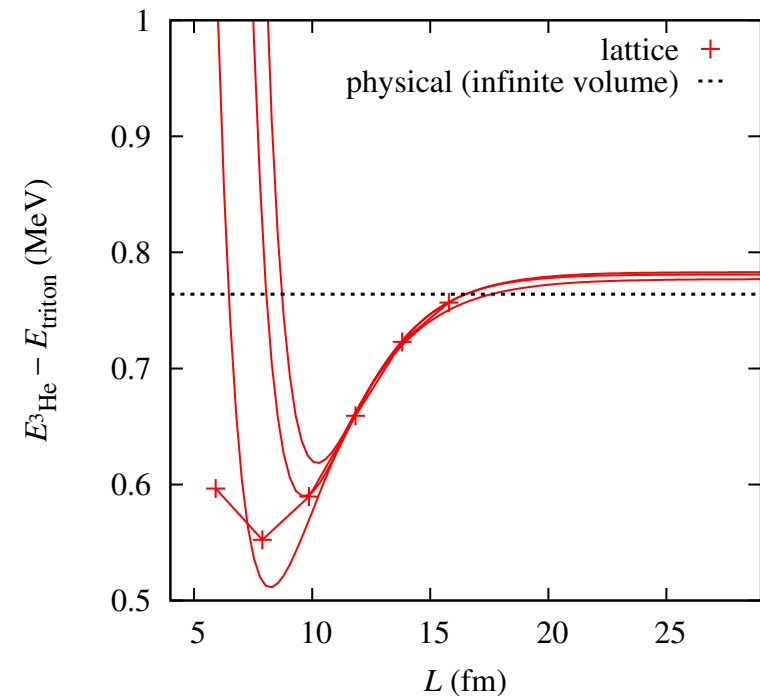


# RESULTS

Epelbaum, Krebs, Lee, UGM, Phys. Rev. Lett. 104 (2010) 142501; Eur. Phys. J. A45 (2010) 335

- some groundstate energies and differences [NNLO, 11+2 LECs]

	E [MeV]	NLEFT	Exp.
old algorithm	${}^3\text{He} - {}^3\text{H}$	0.78(5)	0.76
	${}^4\text{He}$	-28.3(6)	-28.3
	${}^8\text{Be}$	-55(2)	-56.5
	${}^{12}\text{C}$	-92(3)	-92.2
new algorithm	${}^{16}\text{O}$	-131(1)	-127.6
	${}^{20}\text{Ne}$	-166(1)	-160.6
	${}^{24}\text{Mg}$	-198(2)	-198.3
	${}^{28}\text{Si}$	-234(3)	-236.5



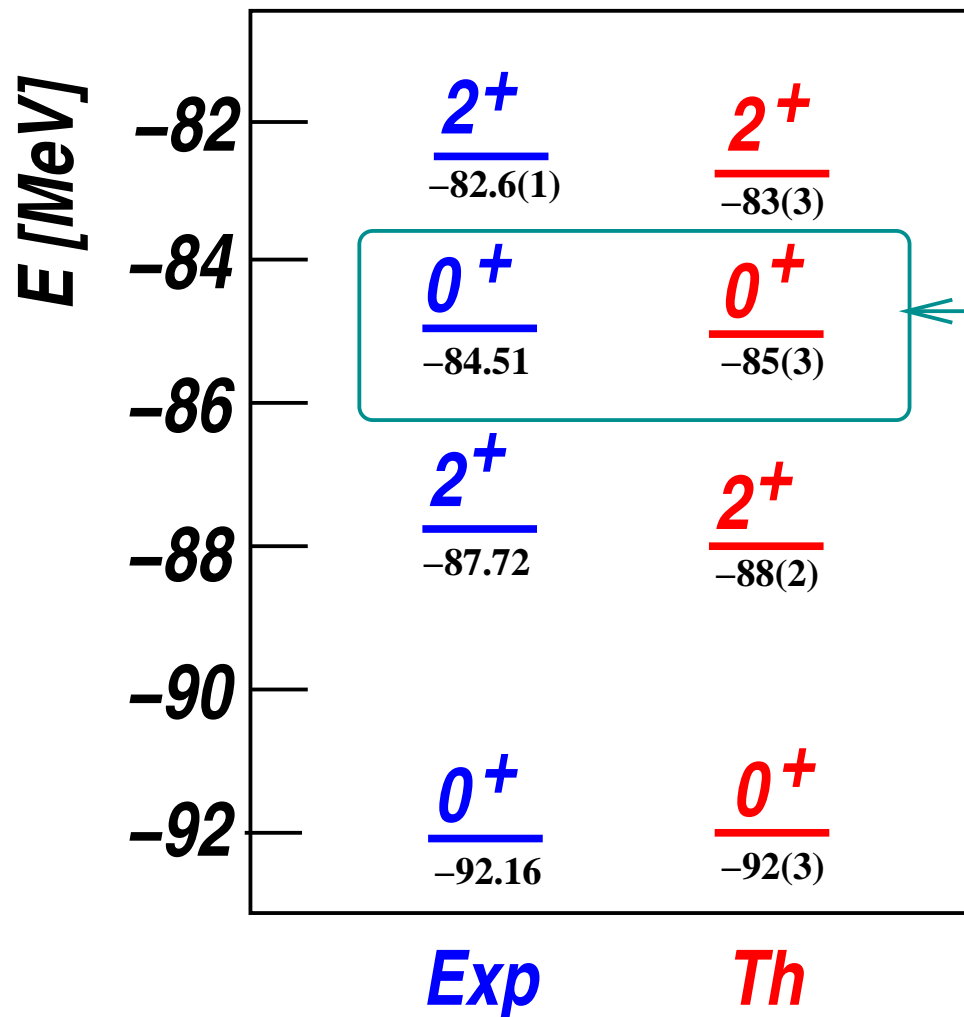
- promising results  $\Rightarrow$  uncertainties down to the 1% level
- excited states more difficult  $\Rightarrow$  projection MC method + triangulation

# The SPECTRUM of CARBON-12

Epelbaum, Krebs, Lee, UGM, Phys. Rev. Lett. 106 (2011) 192501

Epelbaum, Krebs, Lähde, Lee, UGM, Phys. Rev. Lett. 109 (2012) 252501

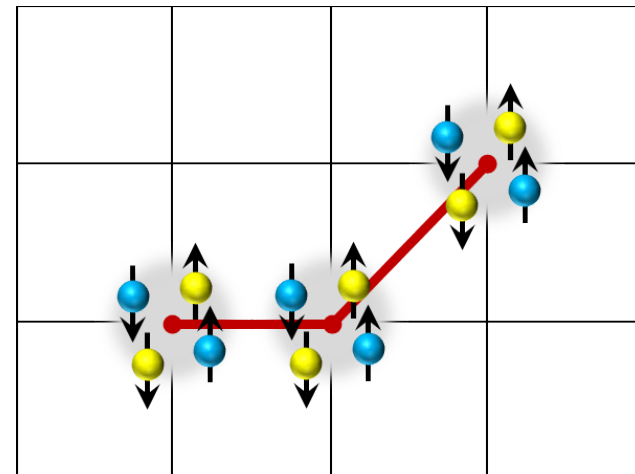
- After  $8 \cdot 10^6$  hrs JUGENE/JUQUEEN (and “some” human work)



⇒ First ab initio calculation of the Hoyle state ✓

Hoyle

Structure of the Hoyle state:



# The RELEVANT QUESTION

Date: Sat, 25 Dec 2010 20:03:42 -0600

From: Steven Weinberg <weinberg@zippy.ph.utexas.edu>

To: Ulf-G. Meissner <meissner@hiskp.uni-bonn.de>

Subject: Re: Hoyle state in  $^{12}\text{C}$

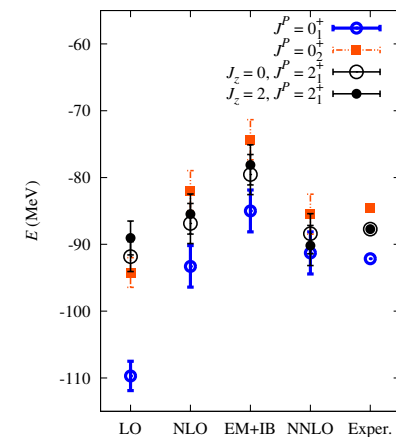
Dear Professor Meissner,

Thanks for the colorful graph. It makes a nice Christmas card. But I have a detailed question. Suppose you calculate not only the energy of the Hoyle state in  $^{12}\text{C}$ , but also of the ground states of  $^4\text{He}$  and  $^8\text{Be}$ . How sensitive is the result that the energy of the Hoyle state is near the sum of the rest energies of  $^4\text{He}$  and  $^8\text{Be}$  to the parameters of the theory? I ask because I suspect that for a pretty broad range of parameters, the Hoyle state can be well represented as a nearly bound state of  $^8\text{Be}$  and  $^4\text{He}$ .

All best,

Steve Weinberg

- How does the Hoyle state move relative to the  $^4\text{He}+^8\text{Be}$  threshold, if we change the fundamental parameters of QCD+QED?
- not possible in nature, *but on a high-performance computer!*





# EARLIER STUDIES of the ANTHROPIC PRINCIPLE

- rate of the  $3\alpha$ -process:  $r_{3\alpha} \sim \Gamma_\gamma \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta E_{h+b}}{kT}\right)$

$$\Delta E_{h+b} = E_{12}^* - 3E_\alpha = 379.47(18) \text{ keV}$$

- how much can  $\Delta E_{h+b}$  be changed so that there is still enough  $^{12}\text{C}$  and  $^{16}\text{O}$ ?

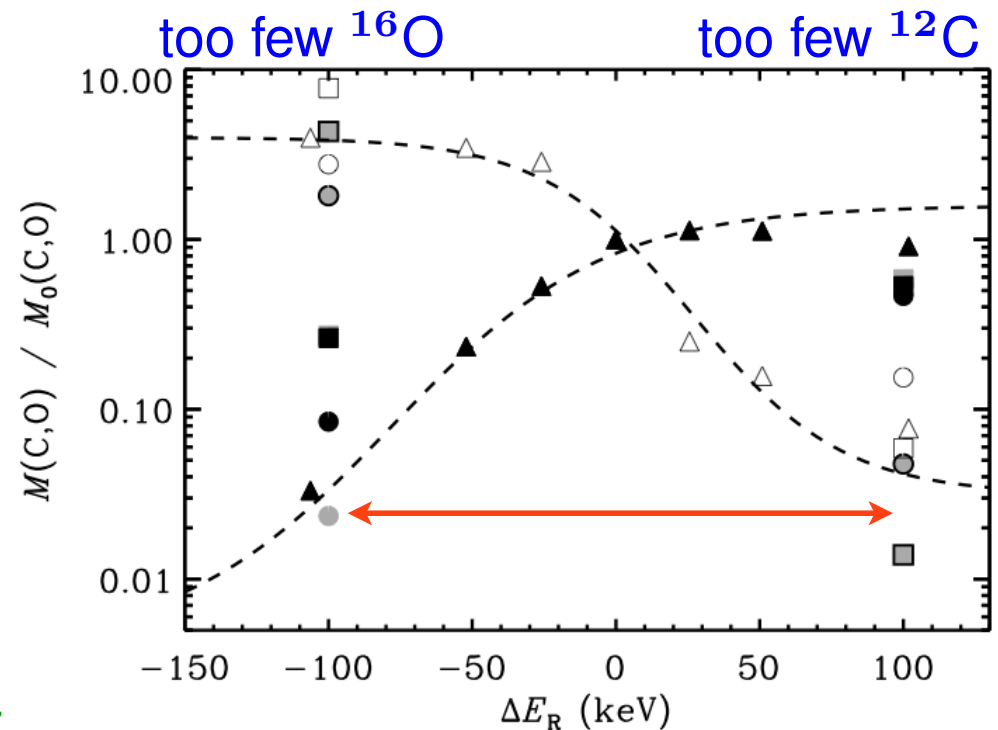
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\delta|\Delta E_{h+b}| \lesssim 100 \text{ keV}}$$

Oberhummer et al., Science **289** (2000) 88

Csoto et al., Nucl. Phys. A **688** (2001) 560

Schlattl et al., Astrophys. Space Sci. **291** (2004) 27

[Livio et al., Nature **340** (1989) 281]



Epelbaum, Krebs, Lähde, Lee, UGM, PRL **110** (2013) 112502

- consider first QCD only  $\rightarrow$  calculate  $\partial\Delta E/\partial M_\pi$
- relevant quantities (energy *differences*)

$$\Delta E_h \equiv E_{12}^* - E_8 - E_4, \quad \Delta E_b \equiv E_8 - 2E_4$$

- energy differences depend on parameters of QCD (LO analysis)

$$E_i = E_i \left( M_\pi^{\text{OPE}}, m_N(M_\pi), g_{\pi N}(M_\pi), C_0(M_\pi), C_I(M_\pi) \right)$$

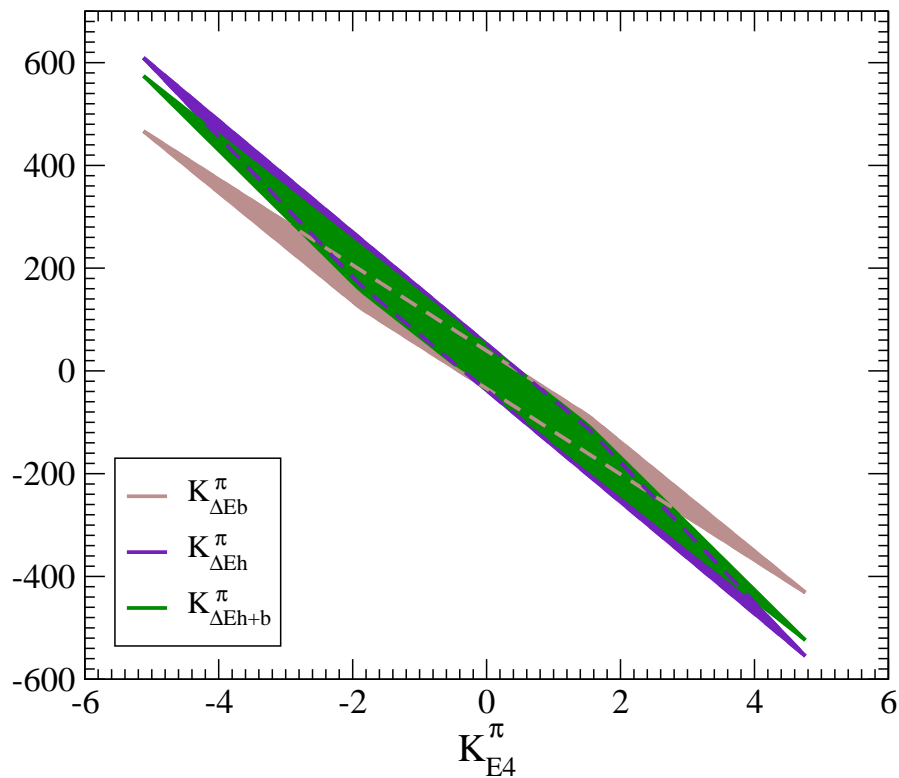
$$g_{\pi N} \equiv g_A / (2F_\pi)$$

- remember:  $M_{\pi^\pm}^2 \sim (m_u + m_d)$  Gell-Mann, Oakes, Renner (1968)

$\Rightarrow$  quark mass dependence  $\equiv$  pion mass dependence

# CORRELATIONS

- map  $C_{0,I}(M_\pi)$  onto  $\bar{A}_{s,t} \equiv \partial a_{s,t}^{-1} / \partial M_\pi |_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}}$  [singlet/triplet scatt. length]
- vary the derivatives  $\bar{A}_{s,t} \equiv \partial a_{s,t}^{-1} / \partial M_\pi |_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}}$  within  $-1, \dots, +1$ :



$$\Delta E_b = E(^8\text{Be}) - 2E(^4\text{He})$$

$$\Delta E_h = E(^{12}\text{C}^*) - E(^8\text{Be}) - E(^4\text{He})$$

$$\Delta E_{h+b} = E(^{12}\text{C}^*) - 3E(^4\text{He})$$

$$\frac{\partial O_H}{\partial M_\pi} = K_H^\pi \frac{O_H}{M_\pi}$$

- clear correlations:  $\alpha$ -particle BE and the energies/energy differences

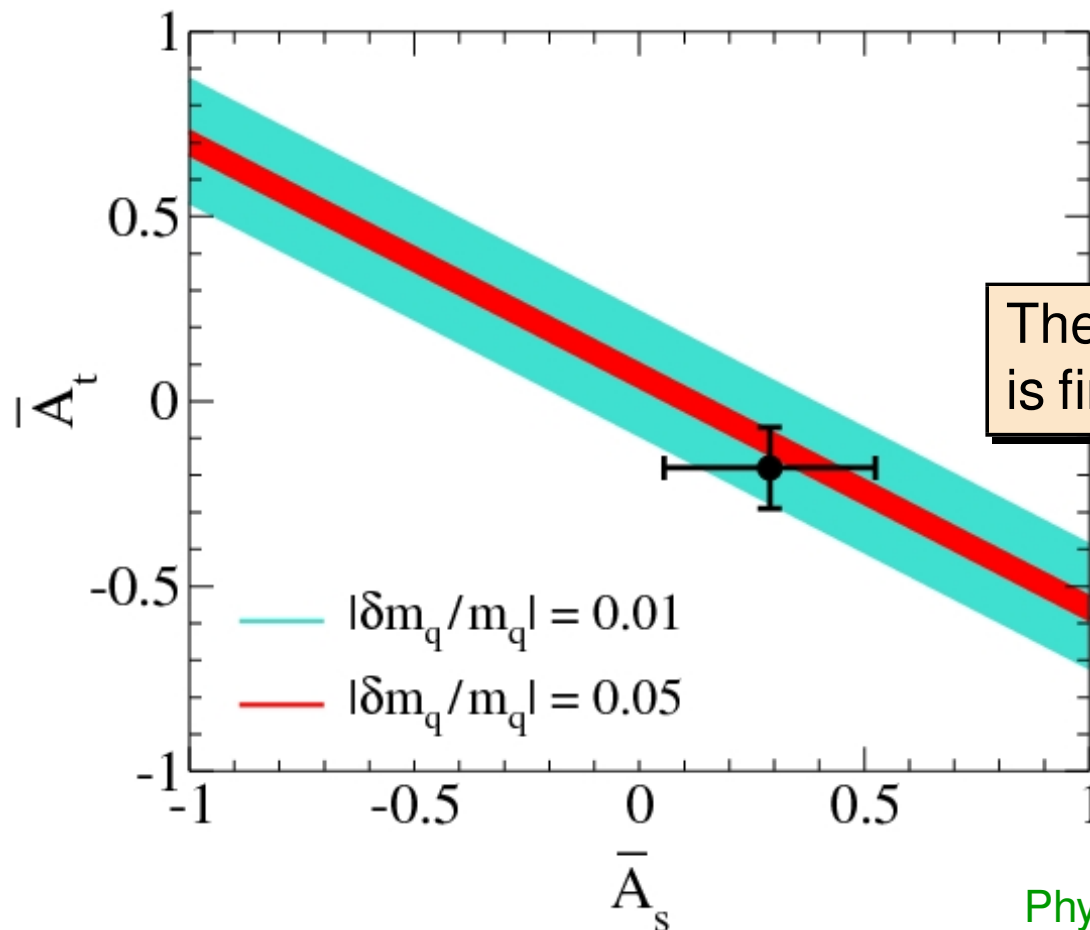


# THE END-OF-THE-WORLD PLOT

- $|\delta(\Delta E_{h+b})| < 100$  keV [exp: 387 keV]

Oberhummer et al., Science (2000)

$$\rightarrow \left| \left( 0.571(14)\bar{A}_s + 0.934(11)\bar{A}_t - 0.069(6) \right) \frac{\delta m_q}{m_q} \right| < 0.0015$$



$$\bar{A}_{s,t} \equiv \left. \frac{\partial a_{s,t}^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}}$$

The light quark mass is fine-tuned to  $\simeq 2 - 3 \%$

Similarly:  $\alpha_{\text{EM}}$  is fine-tuned to  $\simeq 2.5\%$

$\blacktriangleleft$  Berengut et al.,

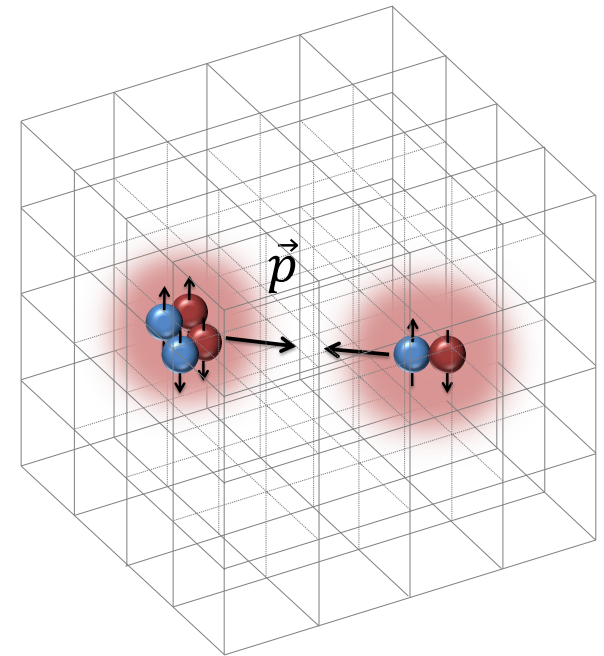
Phys. Rev. D **87** (2013) 085018

# Ab initio calculation of $\alpha$ - $\alpha$ scattering

Elhatisari, Lee, Rupak, Epelbaum, Krebs, Lähde, Luu, UGM,  
*Nature* (2015) in press [arXiv:1506.03513]

# TWO-BODY SCATTERING on the LATTICE

- Processes involving  $\alpha$ -particles and  $\alpha$ -type nuclei comprise a major part of stellar nucleosynthesis, and control the production of certain elements in stars
- Ab initio calculations of scattering and reactions using standard many-body methods suffer from computational scaling with the of nucleons in the clusters



Lattice EFT computational scaling  $\Rightarrow (A_1 + A_2)^2$

Rupak, Lee, Phys. Rev. Lett. 111 (2013) 032502  
 Pine, Lee, Rupak, Eur. Phys. J. A49 (2013) 151  
 Elhatisari, Lee, Phys. Rev. C90 (2014) 064001  
 Elhatisari, et al., arXiv:1505.02967

# ADIABATIC PROJECTION METHOD

- Basic idea to treat scattering and inelastic reactions:  
split the problem into two parts

First part:

use Euclidean time projection to construct an *ab initio* low-energy cluster Hamiltonian, called the **adiabatic Hamiltonian**

Second part:

compute the two-cluster scattering phase shifts or reaction amplitudes using the adiabatic Hamiltonian

# ADIABATIC PROJECTION METHOD II

- Construct a low-energy effective theory for clusters
- Use initial states parameterized by the relative separation between clusters

$$|\vec{R}\rangle = \sum_{\vec{r}} |\vec{r} + \vec{R}\rangle \otimes |\vec{r}\rangle$$

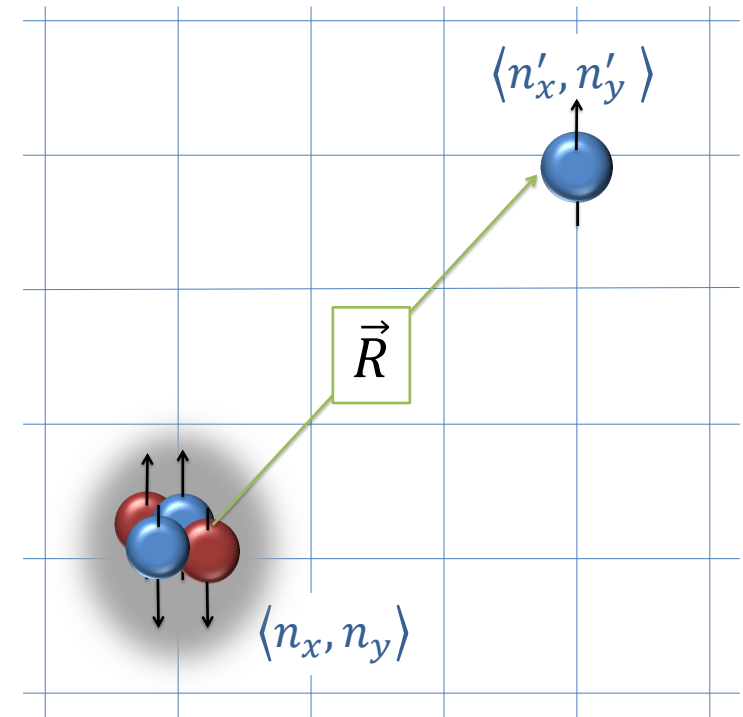
- project them in Euclidean time with the chiral EFT Hamiltonian  $H$

$$|\vec{R}\rangle_{\tau} = \exp(-H\tau)|\vec{R}\rangle$$

→ “dressed cluster states”

- Construct the adiabatic Hamiltonian from the dressed cluster states:

$$[H_{\tau}]_{\vec{R}\vec{R}'} = {}_{\tau}\langle \vec{R} | H | \vec{R}' \rangle_{\tau}$$



# SCATTERING CLUSTER WAVE FUNCTIONS

- During Euclidean time interval  $\tau_\epsilon$ , each cluster undergoes spatial diffusion:

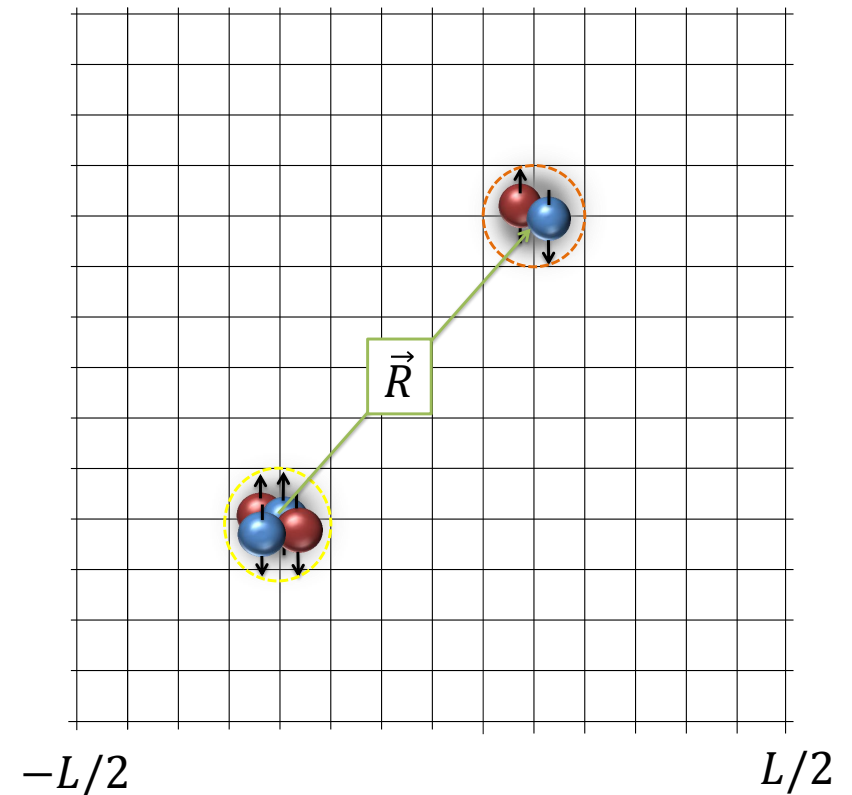
$$d_{\epsilon,i} = \sqrt{\tau_\epsilon/M_i}$$

- Only non-overlapping clusters if

$$|\vec{R}| \gg d_{\epsilon,i} \Rightarrow |\vec{R}\rangle_{\tau_\epsilon}$$

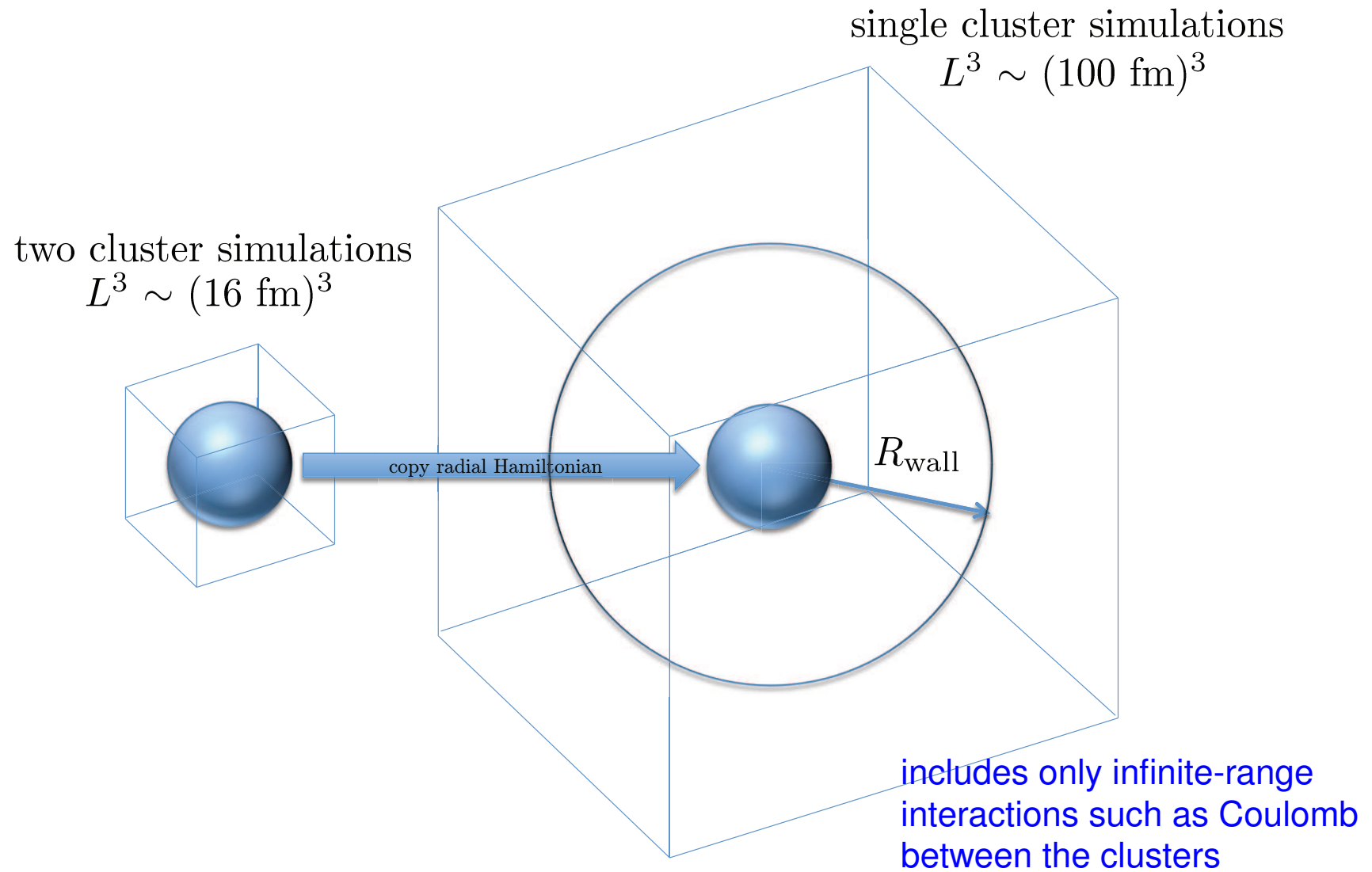
- Defines asymptotic region, where the amount of overlap between clusters is less than  $\epsilon$

$$|\vec{R}| > R_\epsilon$$



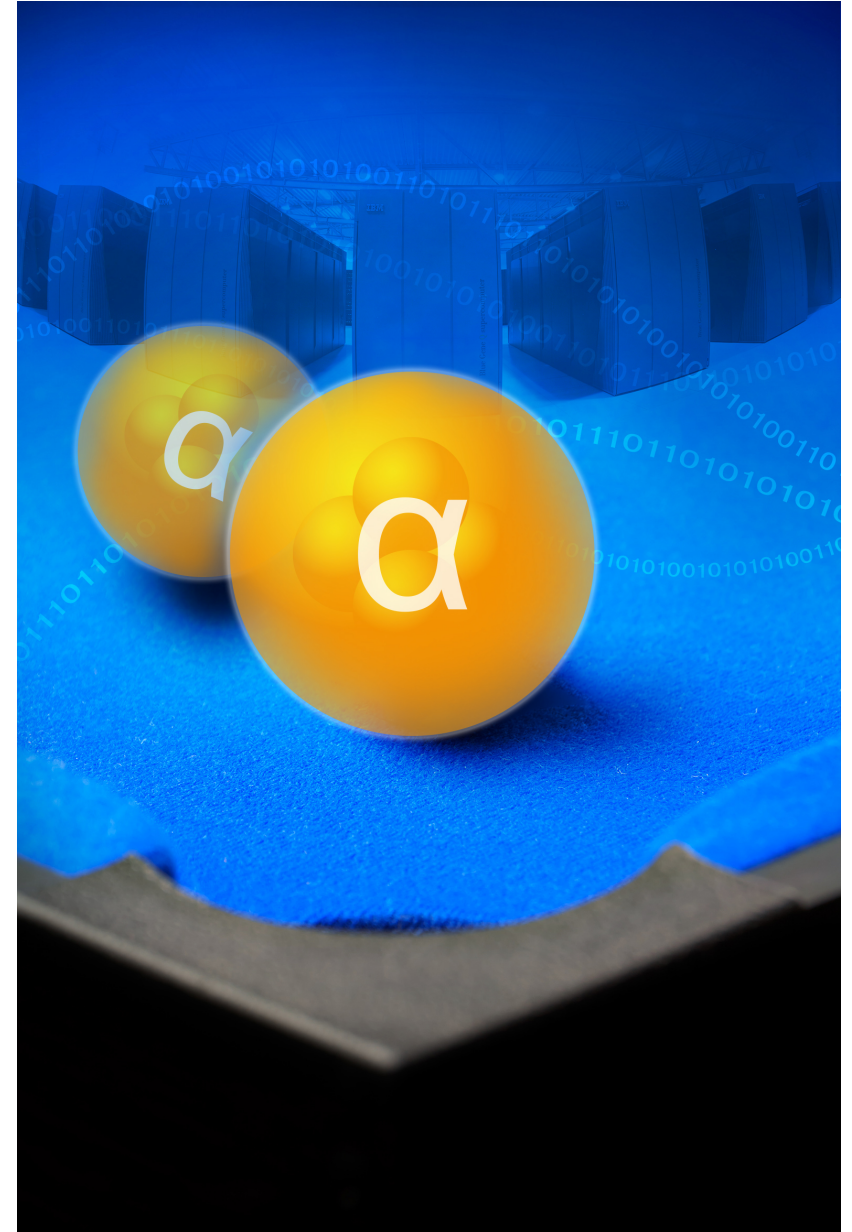
$\Rightarrow$  In the asymptotic region we can describe the system in terms of an effective cluster Hamiltonian (the free lattice Hamiltonian for two clusters) plus infinite-range interactions (like the Coulomb int.)

# ADIABATIC HAMILTONIAN plus COULOMB



# ALPHA-ALPHA SCATTERING

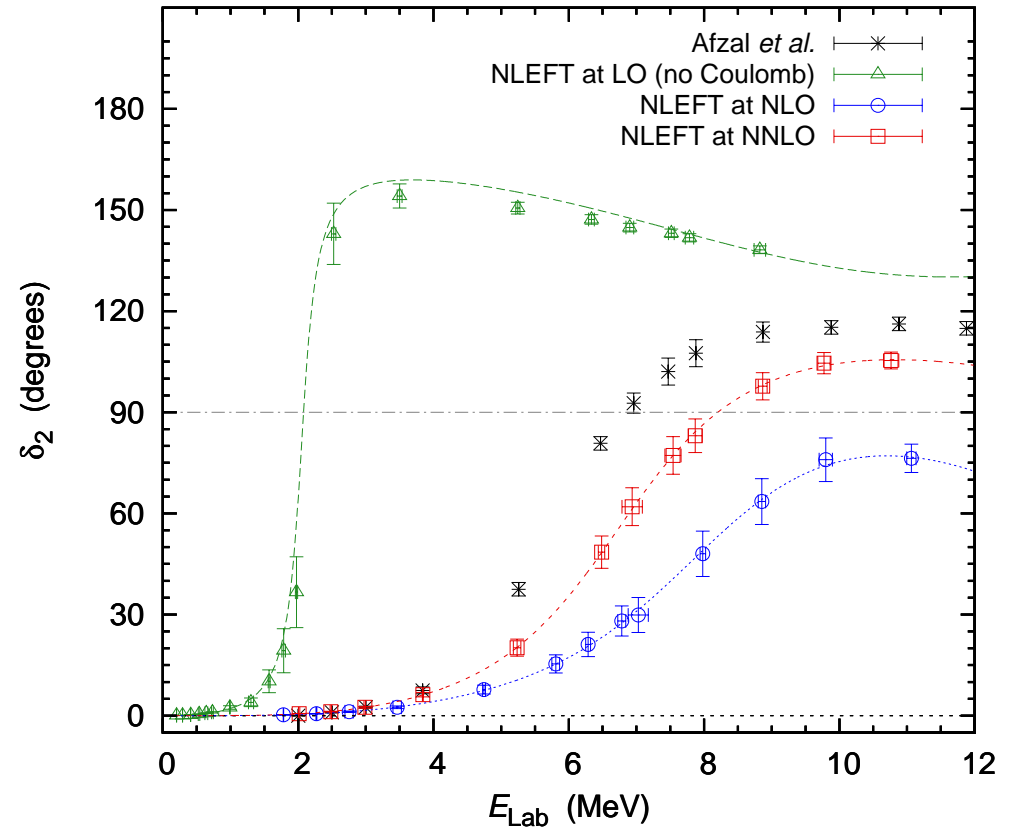
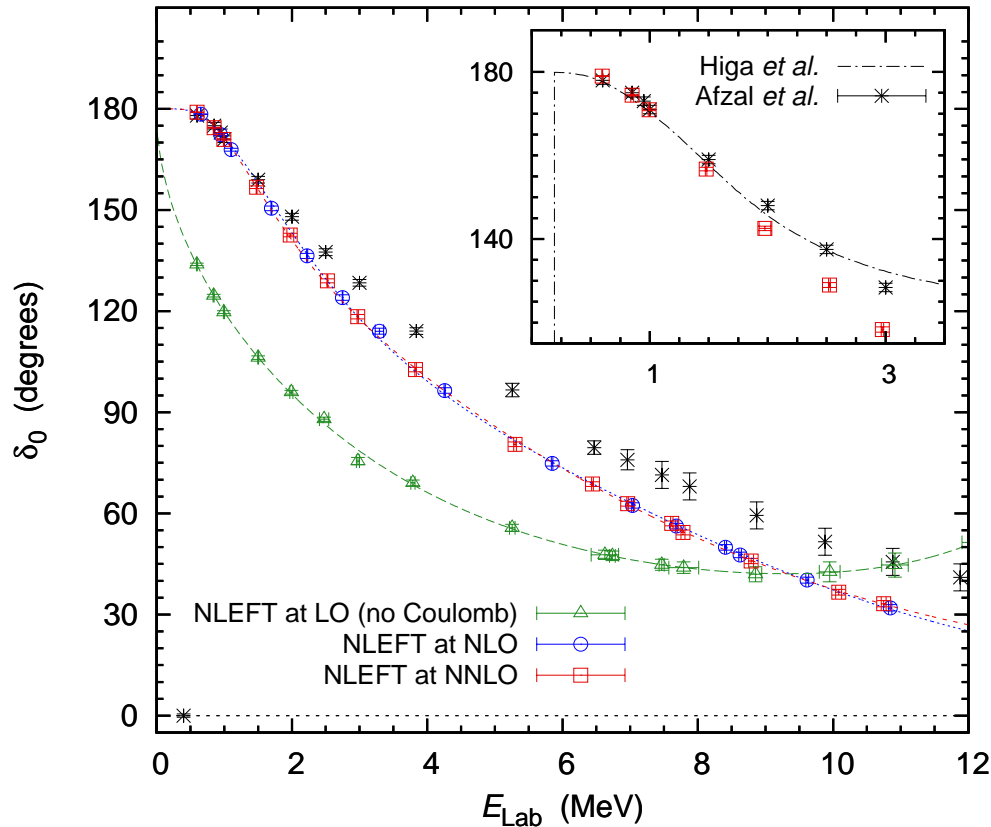
- same lattice action as for the Hoyle state in  $^{12}\text{C}$  and the structure of  $^{16}\text{O}$
- 11 NN + 2 3N LECs, coarse lattice  $a = 1.97 \text{ fm}$ ,  $N = 8$
- new algorithm for Monte Carlo updates and alpha clusters
- adiabatic projection method to construct a two-alpha Hamiltonian
- spherical wall method to extract the phase shifts using radial Hamiltonian  
Borasoy, Epelbaum, Krebs, Lee, UGM, EPJA 34 (2007) 185





# PHASE SHIFTS

- S-wave and D-wave phase shifts (LO has no Coulomb)



$$E_R^{\text{NNLO}} = -0.11(1) \text{ MeV } [+0.09 \text{ MeV}]$$

$$E_R^{\text{NNLO}} = 3.27(12) \text{ MeV } [2.92(18) \text{ MeV}]$$

$$\Gamma_R^{\text{NNLO}} = 2.09(16) \text{ MeV } [1.35(50) \text{ MeV}]$$

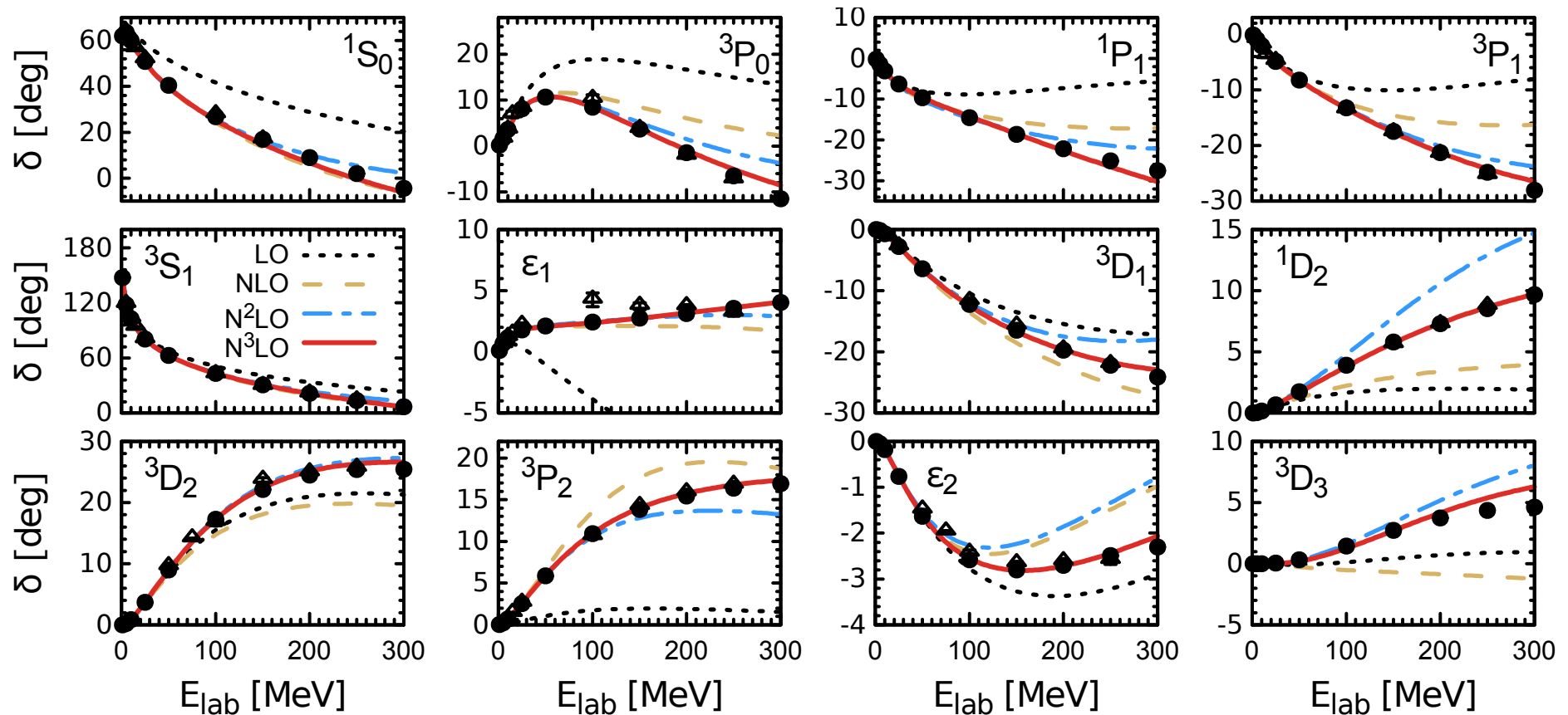
Afzal et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 41 (1969) 247 [data]; Higa et al., Nucl.Phys. A809 (2008) 171 [halo EFT]

- Chiral nuclear EFT: best approach to nuclear forces and few-body systems
  - new, solid method to estimate the theoretical uncertainties
  - high-precision NN potential to fifth order available
  - pinning down the 3NFs under way
- Nuclear lattice simulations as a new quantum many-body approach
  - many promising results at NNLO using coarse lattices
  - clustering emerges naturally,  $\alpha$ -cluster nuclei
  - scattering and inelastic reactions can also be calculated *ab initio*
  - holy grail of nuclear astrophysics ( $\alpha + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow {}^{16}\text{O} + \gamma$ ) in reach

# SPARES

# CONVERGENCE of the CHIRAL SERIES

- phase shifts show expected convergence [large N<sup>2</sup>LO corrections understood]



⇒ clear improvement comp. to earlier N<sup>3</sup>LO potentials [momentum space reg.]

Entem, Machleidt; Epelbaum, Glöckle, UGM

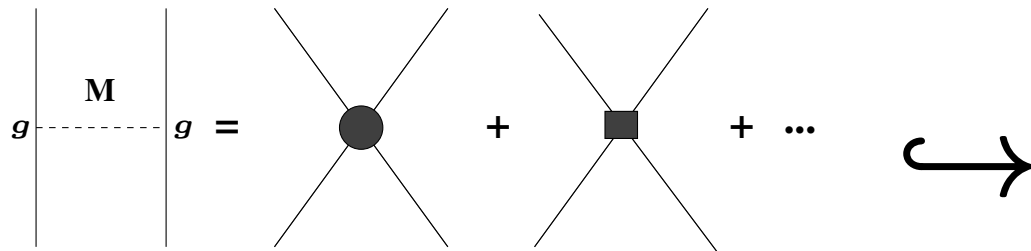
# QUARK MASS DEPENDENCE of HADRON MASSES etc<sup>45</sup>

- Quark mass dependence of hadron properties:

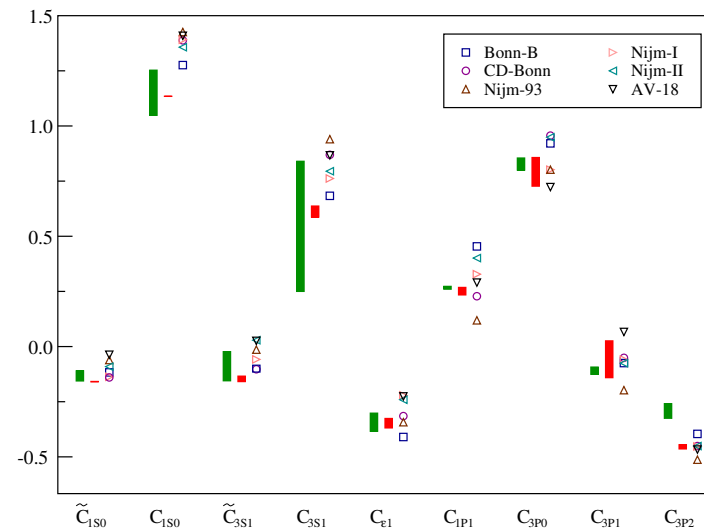
$$\frac{\delta O_H}{\delta m_f} \equiv K_H^f \frac{O_H}{m_f}, \quad f = u, d, s$$

- Pion and nucleon properties from lattice QCD combined with CHPT
- Contact interactions modeled by heavy meson exchanges

Epelbaum, UGM, Glöckle, Elster (2002)



$$\frac{g^2}{t-M^2} = -\frac{g^2}{M^2} - \frac{g^2 t}{M^4} + \dots$$



# QUARK MASS VARIATIONS of HEAVIER NUCLEI

- In BBN, we also need the variation of  ${}^3\text{He}$  and  ${}^4\text{He}$ . All other BEs are kept fixed.
- use the method of BLP: Bedaque, Luu, Platter, PRC 83 (2011) 045803

$$K_{A\text{He}}^q = K_{a, 1\text{S}0}^q K_{A\text{He}}^{a, 1\text{S}0} + K_{\text{deut}}^q K_{A\text{He}}^{\text{deut}}, \quad A = 3, 4$$

with

$$K_{3\text{He}}^{a, 1\text{S}0} = 0.12 \pm 0.01, \quad K_{3\text{He}}^{\text{deut}} = 1.41 \pm 0.01$$

$$K_{4\text{He}}^{a, 1\text{S}0} = 0.037 \pm 0.011, \quad K_{4\text{He}}^{\text{deut}} = 0.74 \pm 0.22$$

so that

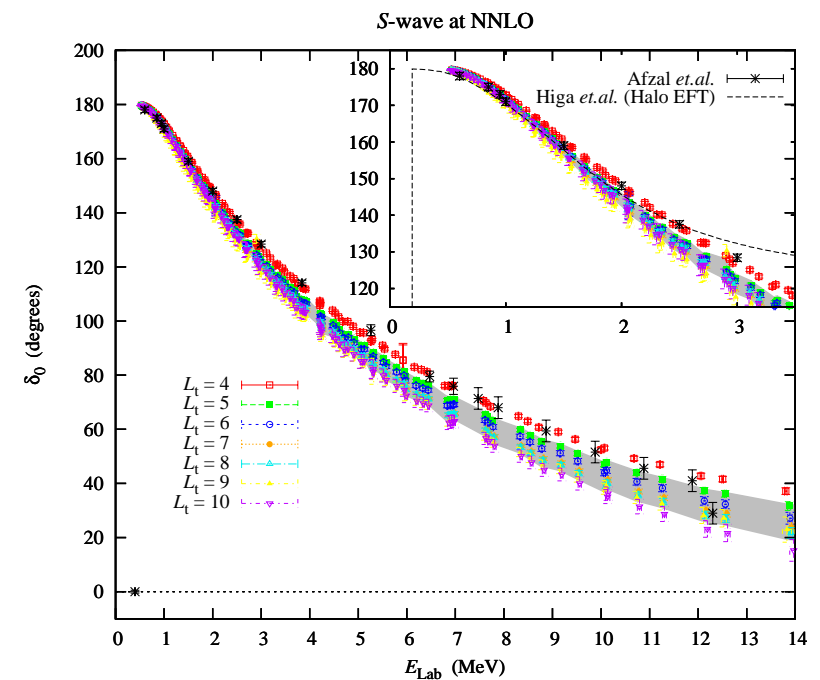
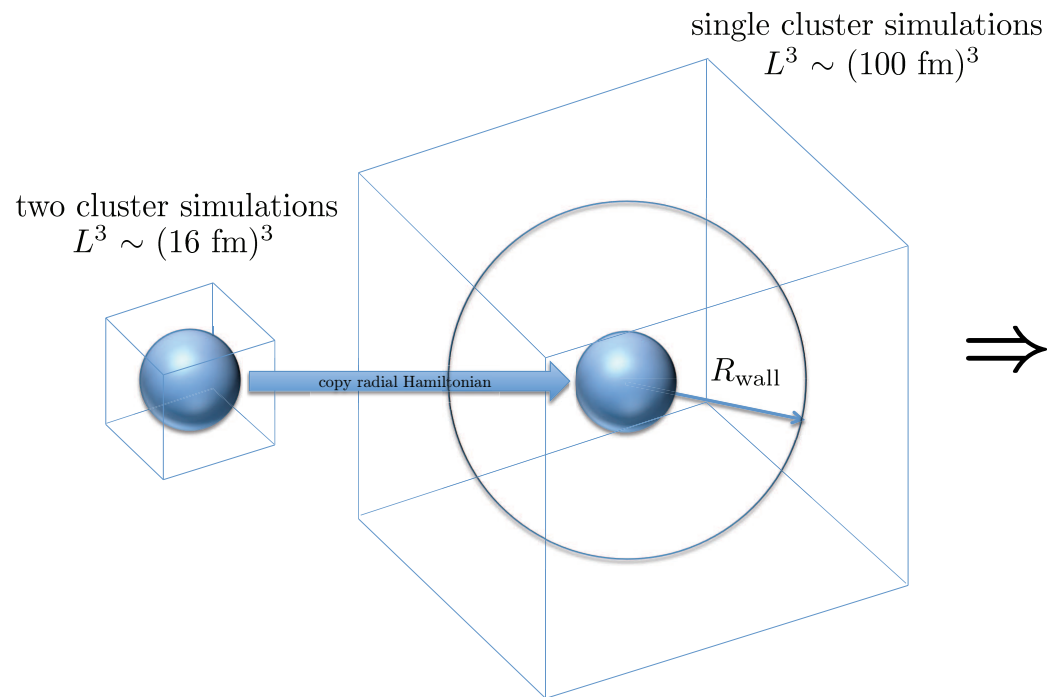
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{K_{3\text{He}}^q = -0.94 \pm 0.75, \quad K_{4\text{He}}^q = -0.55 \pm 0.42}$$

- calculate BBN response matrix of primordial abundances  $Y_a$  ( $a = {}^2\text{H}, {}^3\text{H}, {}^3\text{He}, {}^4\text{He}, {}^6\text{Li}, {}^7\text{Li}, {}^7\text{Be}$ ) at fixed baryon-to-photon ratio ( $n_B/n_\gamma \simeq 6 \cdot 10^{-10}$ )

# AB INITIO CALCULATION of $\alpha$ - $\alpha$ SCATTERING

- use lattice MC to construct an ab-initio cluster (adiabatic) Hamiltonian
- Use adiabatic Hamiltonian to compute scattering/reaction amplitudes

Elhatisari et al. 2015



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- D-wave equally well described

# ADIABATIC HAMILTONIAN

- Construct the adiabatic Hamiltonian from the dressed cluster states:

$$[H_\tau]_{\vec{R}\vec{R}'} = {}_\tau \langle \vec{R} | H | \vec{R}' \rangle_\tau$$

- States are i.g. not normalized, require *norm matrix*:

$$[N_\tau]_{\vec{R}\vec{R}'} = {}_\tau \langle \vec{R} | \vec{R}' \rangle_\tau$$

- construct the full adiabatic Hamiltonian:

$$[H_\tau^a]_{\vec{R}\vec{R}'} = \sum_{\vec{R}_n \vec{R}_m} [N_\tau^{-1/2}]_{\vec{R}\vec{R}_n} [H_\tau]_{\vec{R}_n \vec{R}_m} [N_\tau^{-1/2}]_{\vec{R}_m \vec{R}'}$$

- The structure of the adiabatic Hamiltonian is similar to the Hamiltonian matrix used in recent ab initio NCSM/RGM calculations

Navratil, Quaglioni, Phys. Rev. C 83 (2011) 044609  
 Navratil, Roth, Quaglioni, Phys. Lett. B 704 (2011) 379  
 Navratil, Quaglioni, Phys. Rev. Lett. 108 (2012) 042503



# TESTING the ADIABATIC HAMILTONIAN

- Consider fermion-dimer scattering:

Microscopic Hamiltonian

$$L^{3(A-1)} \times L^{3(A-1)}$$



Two-cluster adiabatic Hamiltonian

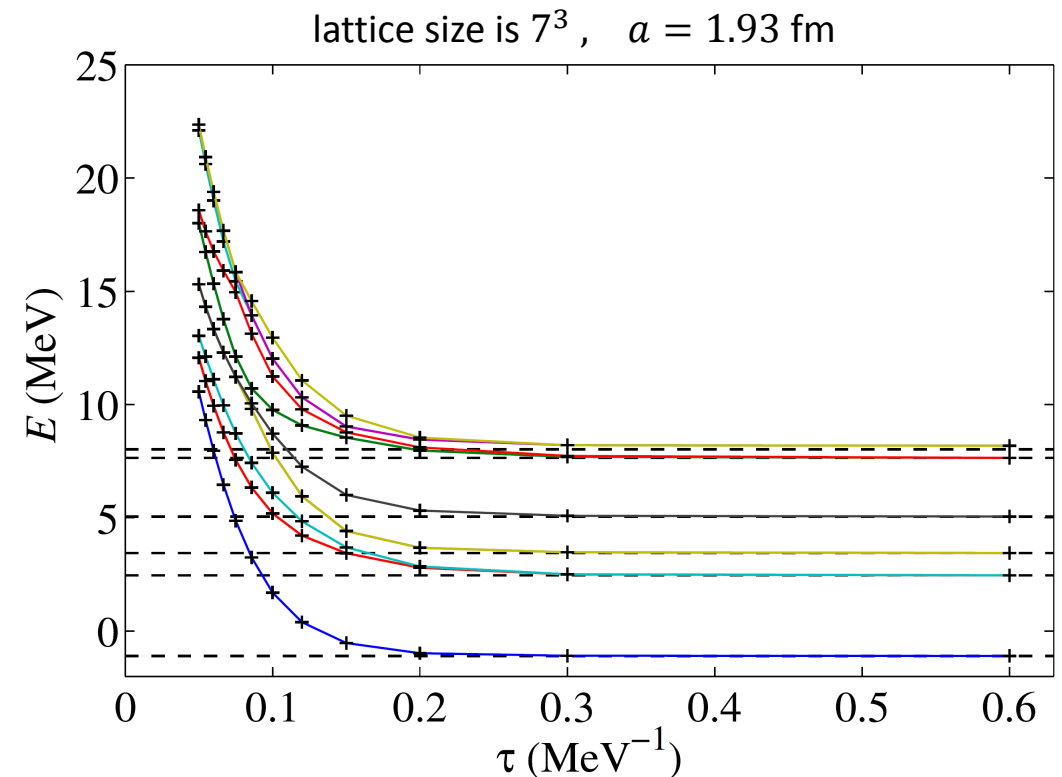
$$L^3 \times L^3$$

- calculation of a  $7^3$  lattice,  
lattice spacing  $a = 1.93$  fm

Pine, Lee, Rupak, EPJA 49 (2013) 151

exact Lanczos: black dashed lines

adiab. Ham.: solid colored lines



# EXTRACTING PHASE SHIFTS on the LATTICE

- Lüscher's method:

Two-body energy levels below the inelastic threshold on a periodic lattice are related to the phase shifts in the continuum

Lüscher, Comm. Math. Phys 105 (1986) 153

Lüscher, Nucl. Phys 354 (1991) 531

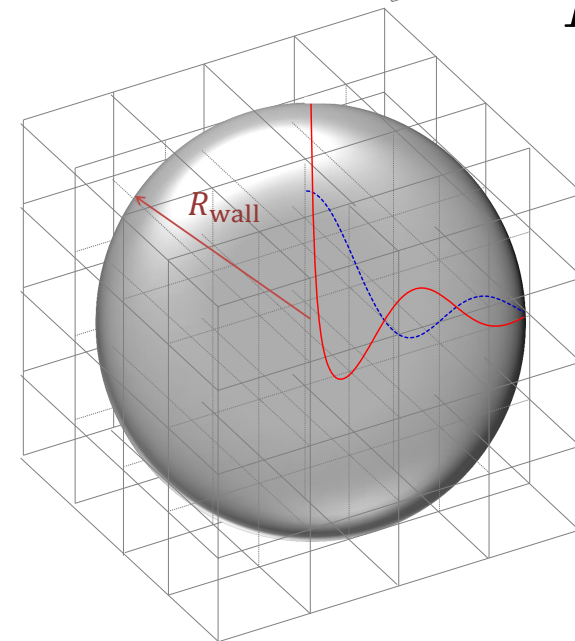
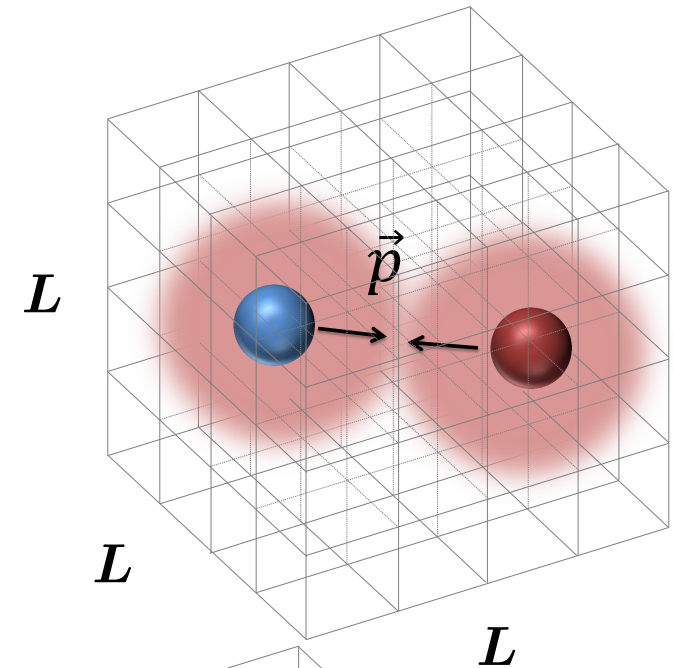
- Spherical wall method:

Impose a hard wall on the lattice and use the fact that the wave function vanishes for  $r = R_{\text{wall}}$ :

$$\psi_{\ell}(r) \sim [\cos \delta_{\ell}(p) F_{\ell}(pr) + \sin \delta_{\ell}(p) G_{\ell}(pr)]$$

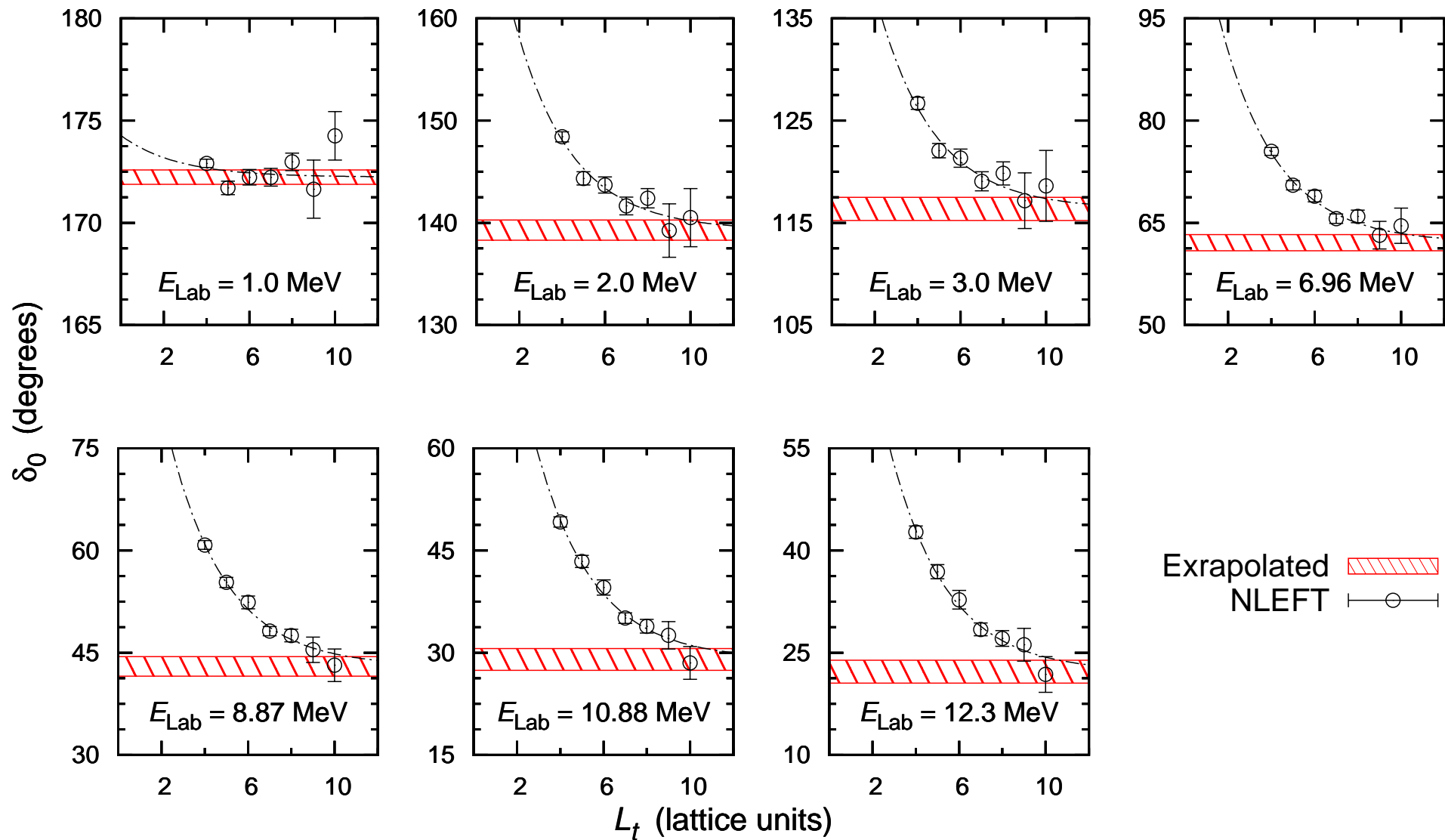
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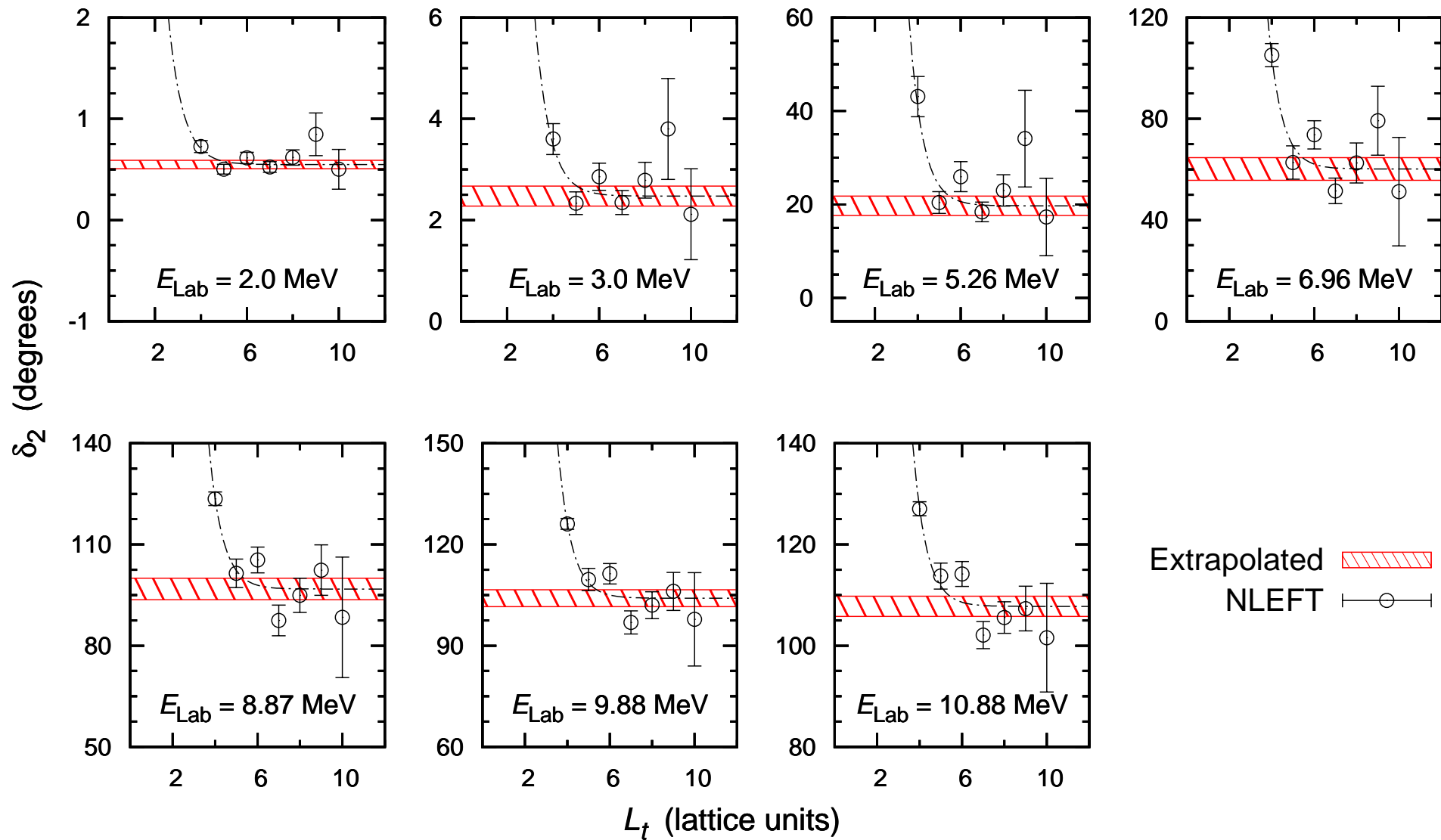
# LATTICE DATA I

- Show data for the S-wave:



# LATTICE DATA II

- Show data for the D-wave:

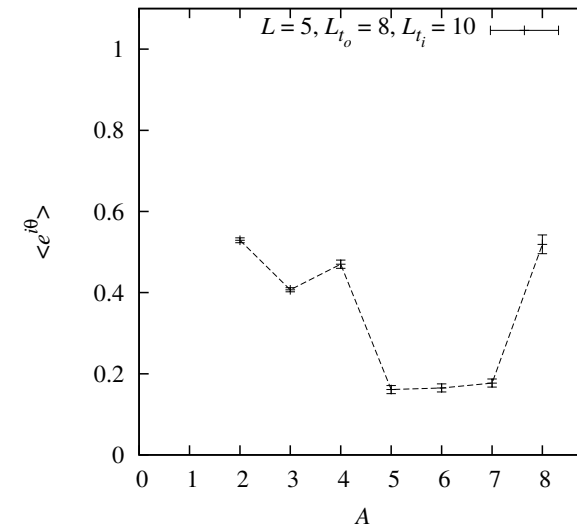


Epelbaum, Krebs, Lähde, Lee, Luu, UGM, Rupak, arXiv:1502.06787

- so far: nuclei with  $N = Z$ , and  $A = 4 \times \text{int}$  as these have the least sign problem due to the approximate SU(4) symmetry

$$\langle \text{sign} \rangle = \langle \exp(i\theta) \rangle = \frac{\det M(t_o, t_i, \dots)}{|\det M(t_o, t_i, \dots)|}$$

$M(t_o, t_i, \dots)$  is the transition matrix



Borasoy et al. (2007)

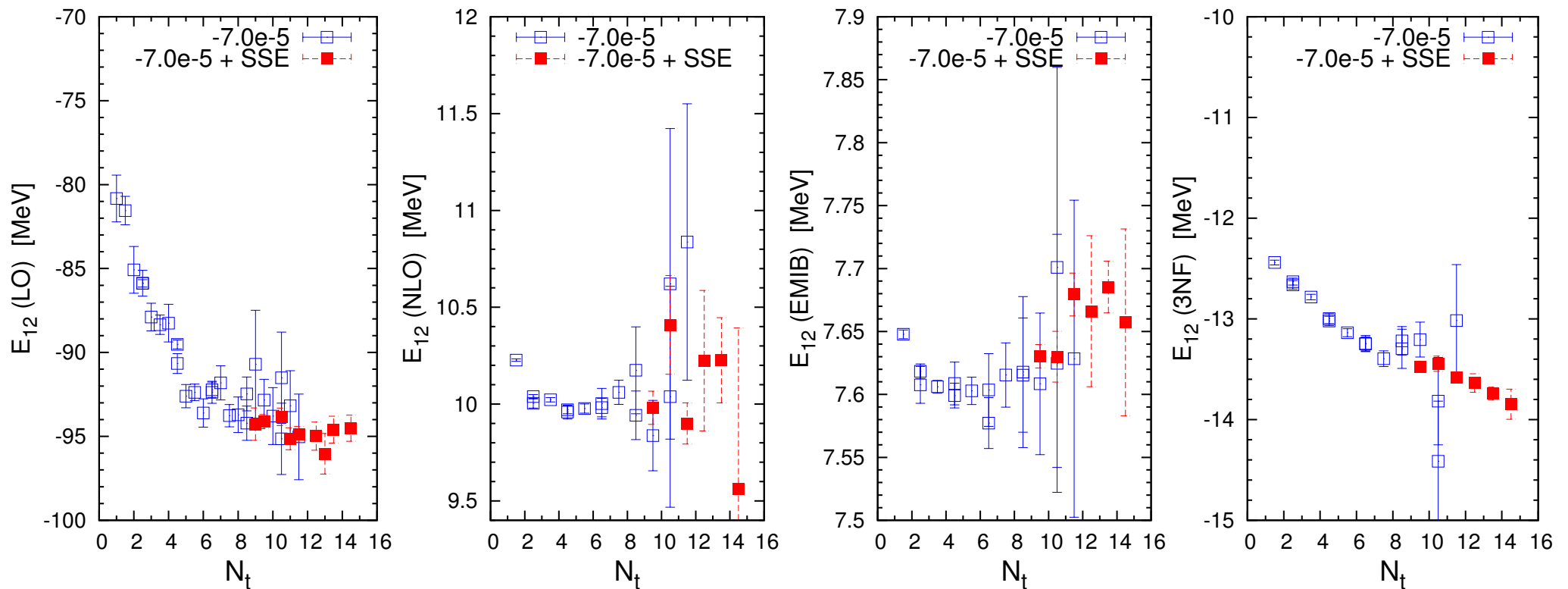
- Symmetry-sign extrapolation (SSE) method: control the sign oscillations

$$H_{d_h} = d_h \cdot H_{\text{phys}} + (1 - d_h) \cdot H_{\text{SU}(4)}$$

$$H_{\text{SU}(4)} = \frac{1}{2} C_{\text{SU}(4)} (N^\dagger N)^2$$

- ↔ family of solutions for different SU(4) couplings  $C_{\text{SU}(4)}$  that converge on the physical value for  $d_h = 1$

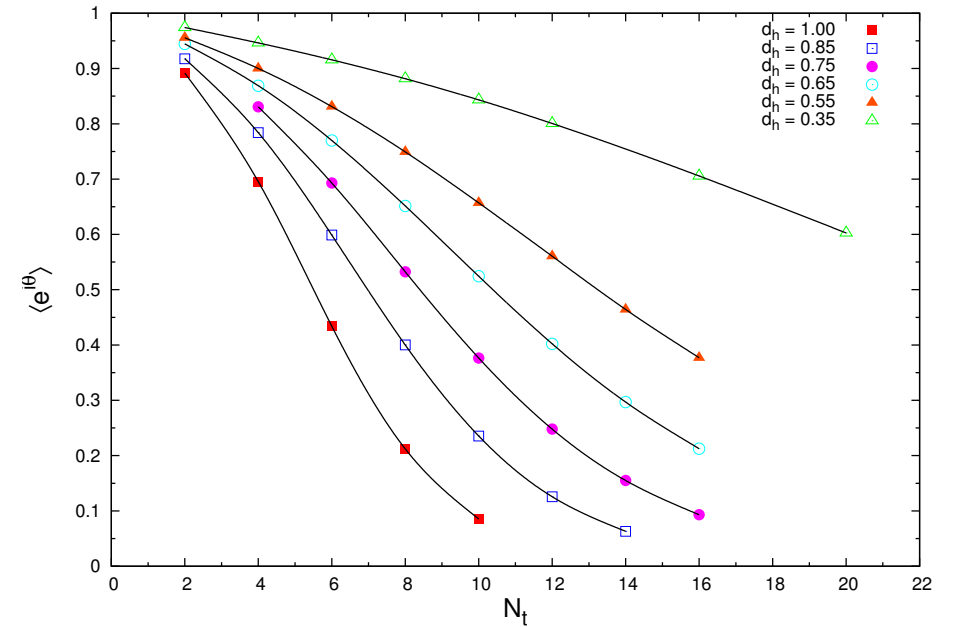
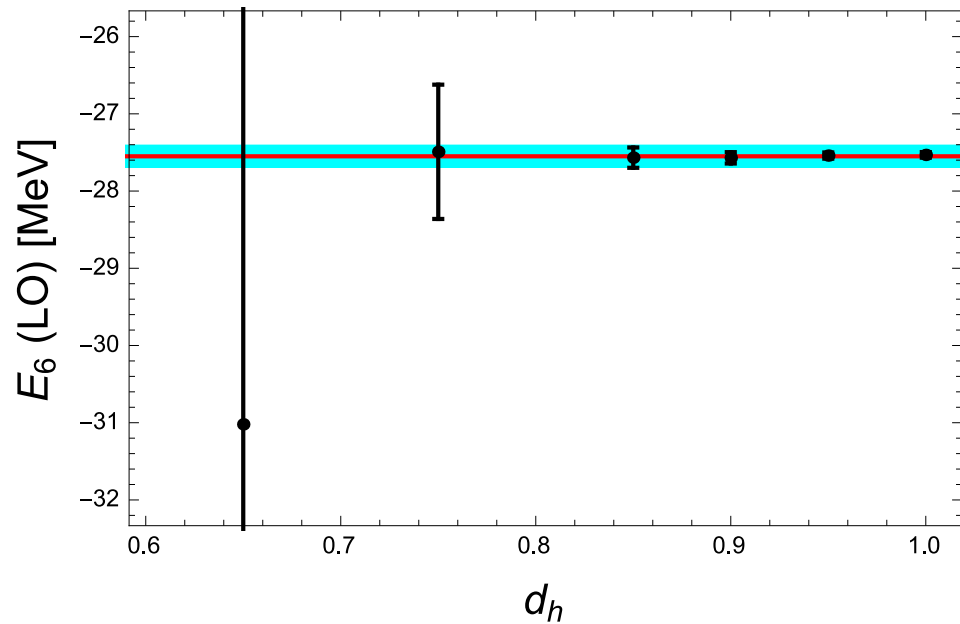
- generate a few more MC data at large  $N_t$  using SSE



- promising results  $\rightarrow$  no more exponential deterioration of the MC data
- results w/ small uncertainties for  $d_h \geq 0.8$

# RESULTS for $A = 6$

## • Simulations for ${}^6\text{He}$ and ${}^6\text{Be}$



⇒ methods works for nuclei with  $A \neq Z$

⇒ neutron-rich nuclei can now be systematically explored (larger volumes)

