

# THEORETICAL UNCERTAINTY QUANTIFICATION AND PRECISION NUCLEAR PHYSICS

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## INTRODUCTION

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# Uncertainty quantification in ab initio nuclear theory

# Ab initio nuclear physics – Nucleonic degrees of freedom

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- ▶ Start from nucleonic degrees of freedom and construct an effective inter-nucleon force.

**AIM: Connection with underlying theory**

$\sigma_{\text{model}}$

- ▶ This force will have to be constrained by data.

$\sigma_{\text{data}}$

**REALISTIC INTERACTIONS: NN scattering data reproduced**

- ▶ Solve the few- or many-nucleon problem and compute observables.

**AB INITIO METHODS: NCSM, CC, IM-SRG, ...**

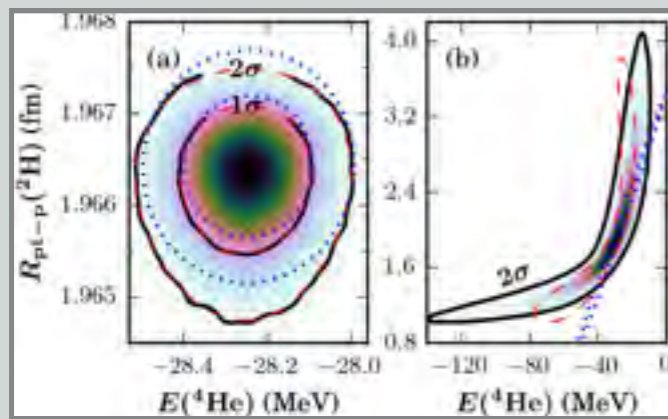
$\sigma_{\text{num+method}}$

***EACH STEP INTRODUCES UNCERTAINTIES***

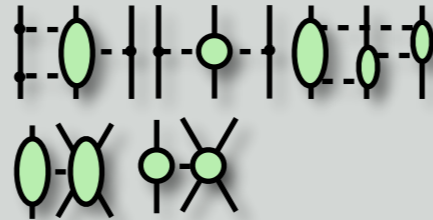
# Overview of our research efforts

We aim to develop the technology and ability to:

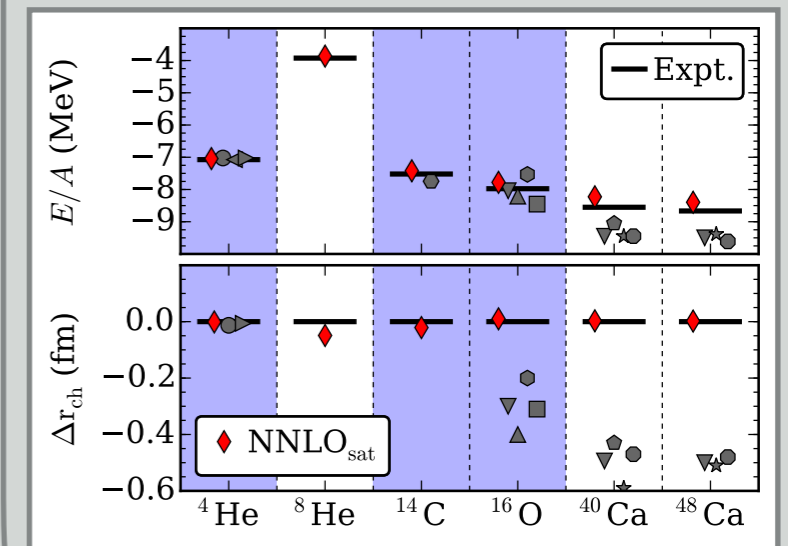
1. Diversify and extend the statistical analysis and perform a sensitivity analysis of input data.



2. Continue efforts towards higher orders of the chiral expansion, and possibly revisit the power counting.



3. Explore alternative strategies of informing the model about low-energy many-body observables.



**THE NUCLEAR FEW- AND MANY-BODY PROBLEMS**

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**Ab initio methods**

# Ab initio capabilities (a selection)

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**LATTICE EFT  
HOYLE STATE  
ALPHA SCATTERING**

*Ab initio* alpha-alpha scattering

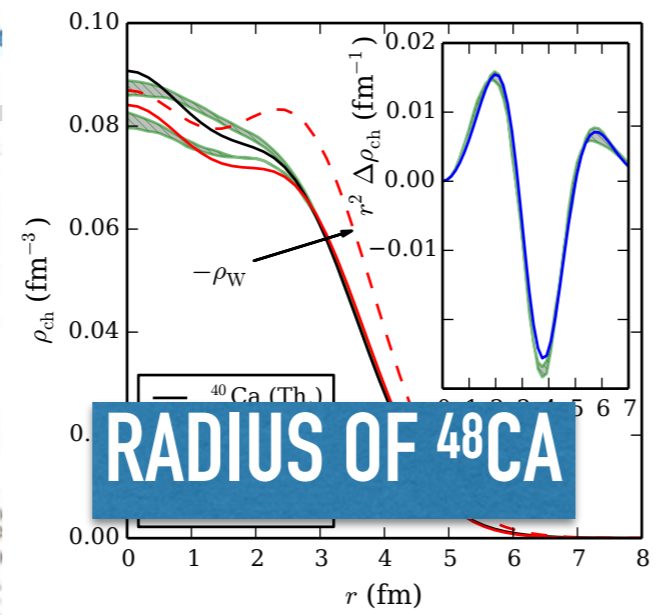
Serdar Elhatisari, Dean Lee, Gautam Rupak, Evgeny Epelbaum, Hermann Krebs, Dean Lee, and Ulf-G. Meißner

**ENERGY SPECTRA**

Argonne v18 with Illinois-7 GFMC Calculations 10 January 2014

- IL7: 4 parameters fit to 23 states
- 600 keV rms error, 51 states
- ~60 isotopic analogs also computed

AV18, AV18+IL7 (20%)

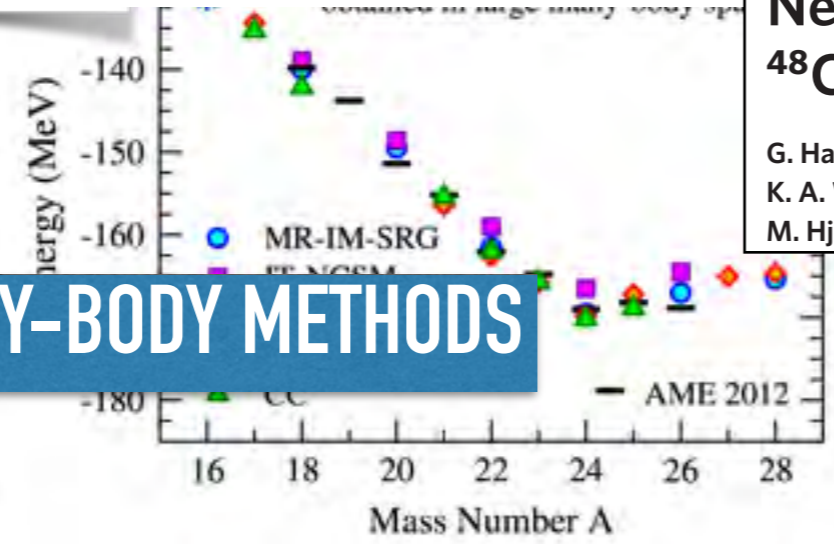


No-core shell model (Importance-truncated)  
Hergert et al. PRL110 242501 (2013)

In-medium SRG  
Hergert et al. PRL110 242501 (2013)

Self-consistent Green's functions  
Ciprari et al. PRL113 142502 (2014)

Coupled-cluster  
Jansen et al. PRL113 142502 (2014)



**CONSISTENT MANY-BODY METHODS**

Selected for a Viewpoint in *Physics*  
PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS week ending 13 MAY 2011

**Ab Initio Calculation of the Hoyle State**  
Evgeny Epelbaum,<sup>1</sup> Hermann Krebs,<sup>1</sup> Dean Lee,<sup>2</sup> and Ulf-G. Meißner<sup>3,4</sup>

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS week ending 7 NOVEMBER 2014

**Ab Initio Description of p-Shell Hypernuclei**  
Roland Wirth,<sup>1,\*</sup> Daniel Gazda,<sup>2,3</sup> Petr Navrátil,<sup>4</sup> Angelo Calci,<sup>1</sup> Joachim Langhammer,<sup>1</sup> and Robert Roth<sup>1,†</sup>

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS week ending 31 DECEMBER 2014

**Effects of Three-Nucleon Forces and Two-Body Currents on Gamow-Teller Strengths**  
A. Ekström,<sup>1</sup> G. R. Jansen,<sup>2,3</sup> K. A. Wendt,<sup>3,2</sup> G. Hagen,<sup>2,3</sup> T. Papenbrock,<sup>3,2</sup> S. Bacca,<sup>3,5</sup> B. Carlsson,<sup>6</sup> and D. Gazit<sup>7</sup>

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS week ending 3 OCTOBER 2014

**Ab Initio Coupled-Cluster Effective Interactions for the Shell Model: Application to Neutron-Rich Oxygen and Carbon Isotopes**  
G. R. Jansen,<sup>1,2</sup> J. Engel,<sup>3</sup> G. Hagen,<sup>1,2</sup> P. Navrátil,<sup>4</sup> and A. Signoracci<sup>1,2</sup>

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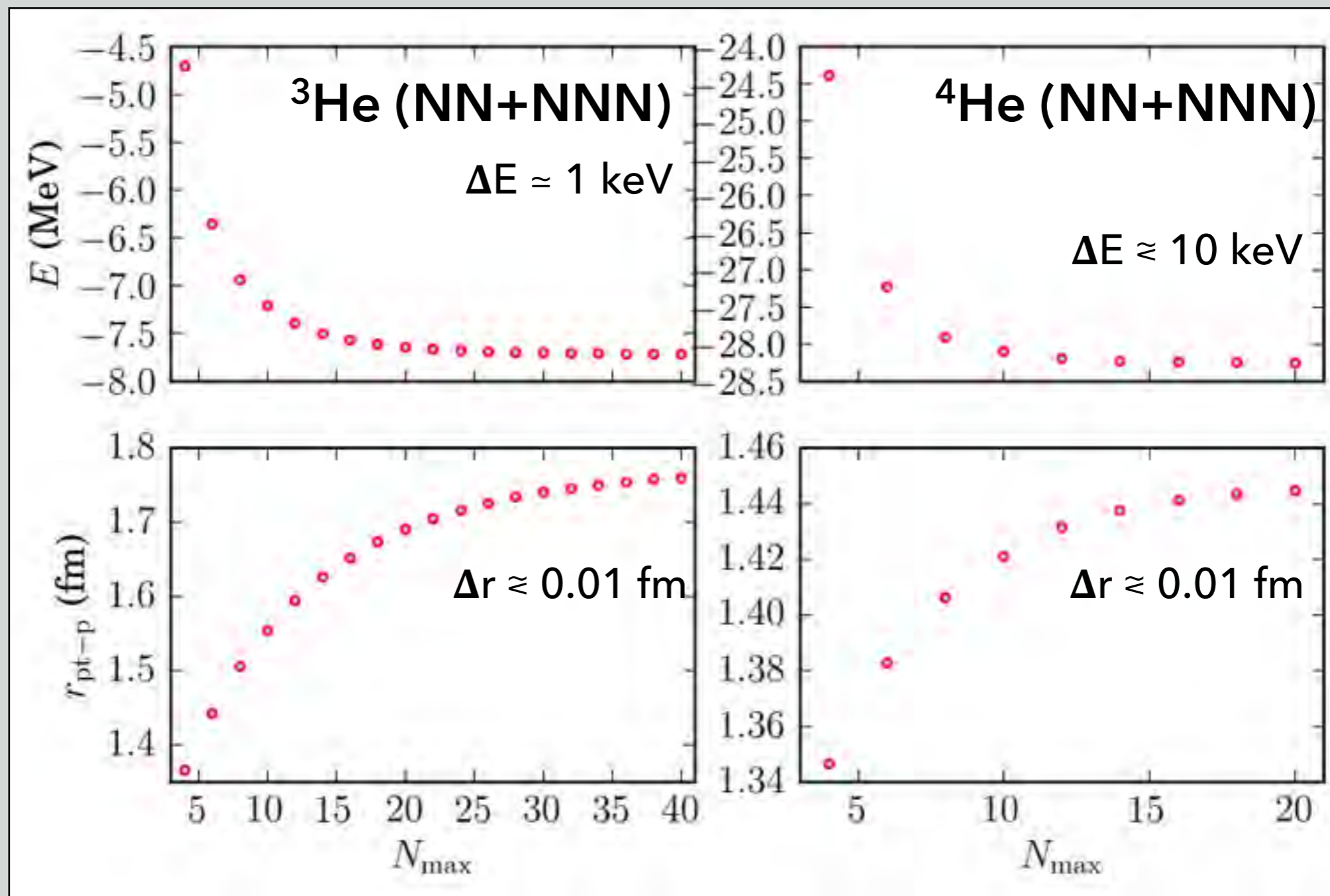
## Neutron and weak-charge distributions of the <sup>48</sup>Ca nucleus

G. Hagen<sup>1,2\*</sup>, A. Ekström<sup>1,2</sup>, C. Forssén<sup>1,2,3</sup>, G. R. Jansen<sup>1,2</sup>, W. Nazarewicz<sup>1,4,5</sup>, T. Papenbrock<sup>1,2</sup>, K. A. Wendt<sup>1,2</sup>, S. Bacca<sup>6,7</sup>, N. Barnea<sup>8</sup>, B. Carlsson<sup>3</sup>, C. Drischler<sup>9,10</sup>, K. Hebeler<sup>9,10</sup>, M. Hjorth-Jensen<sup>4,11</sup>, M. Miorelli<sup>6,12</sup>, G. Orlandini<sup>13,14</sup>, A. Schwenk<sup>9,10</sup> and J. Simonis<sup>9,10</sup>

**Several Many-Body Solvers:**  
GFMC, NCSM, Coupled Cluster, Many-Body Perturbation Theory, Hyperspherical harmonics, NCSM-RGM, Gamow Shell Model, Continuum Shell-Model, Self-Consistent Green's Functions, Faddeev, Bogoliubov CC, Gorkov SCGF, Monte Carlo Shell-Model, ...

# Few-body calculations

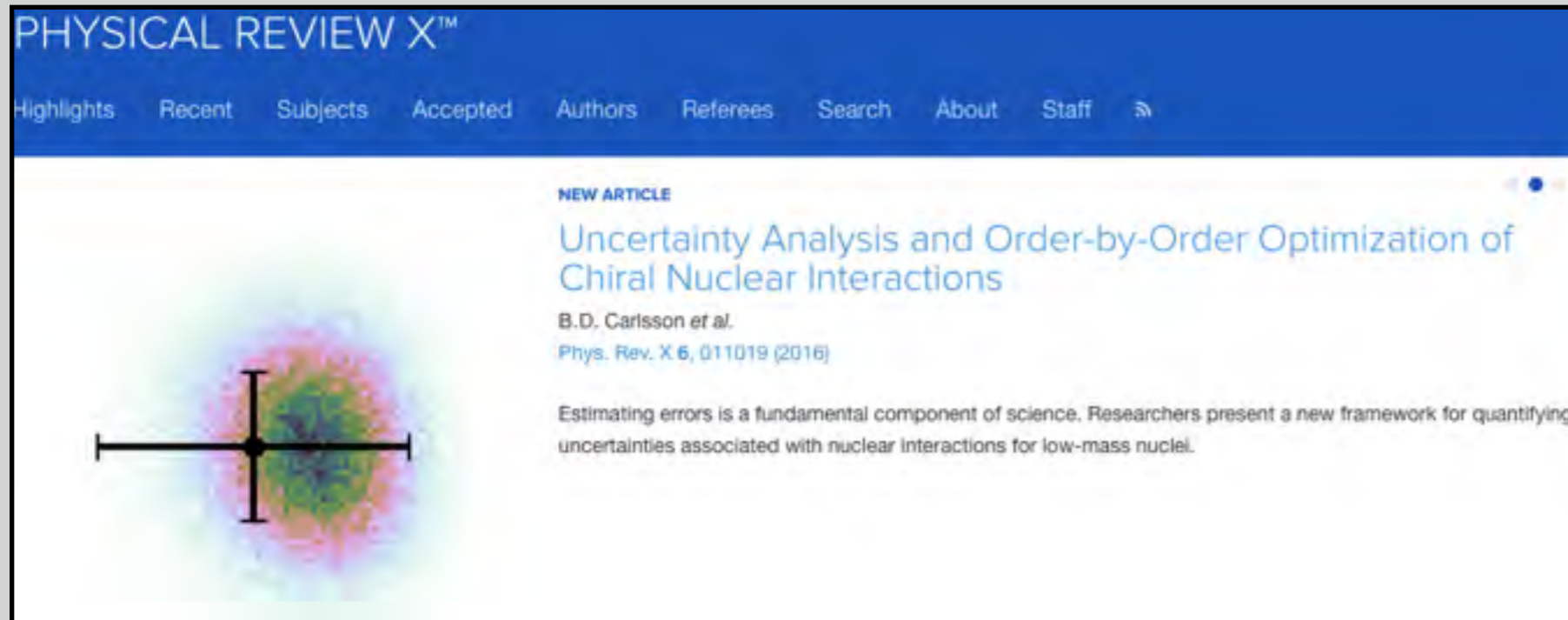
## NCSM (rel. coord.)



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Based on: B.D. Carlsson, A. Ekström, C. Forssén et al, Phys. Rev. X 6 (2016) 011019



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NEW ARTICLE

Uncertainty Analysis and Order-by-Order Optimization of Chiral Nuclear Interactions

B.D. Carlsson *et al.*  
Phys. Rev. X 6, 011019 (2016)

Estimating errors is a fundamental component of science. Researchers present a new framework for quantifying uncertainties associated with nuclear interactions for low-mass nuclei.

# THEORETICAL UNCERTAINTY QUANTIFICATION

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Ab initio (from few to many) with  $\chi(p)$ EFT  
and error analysis

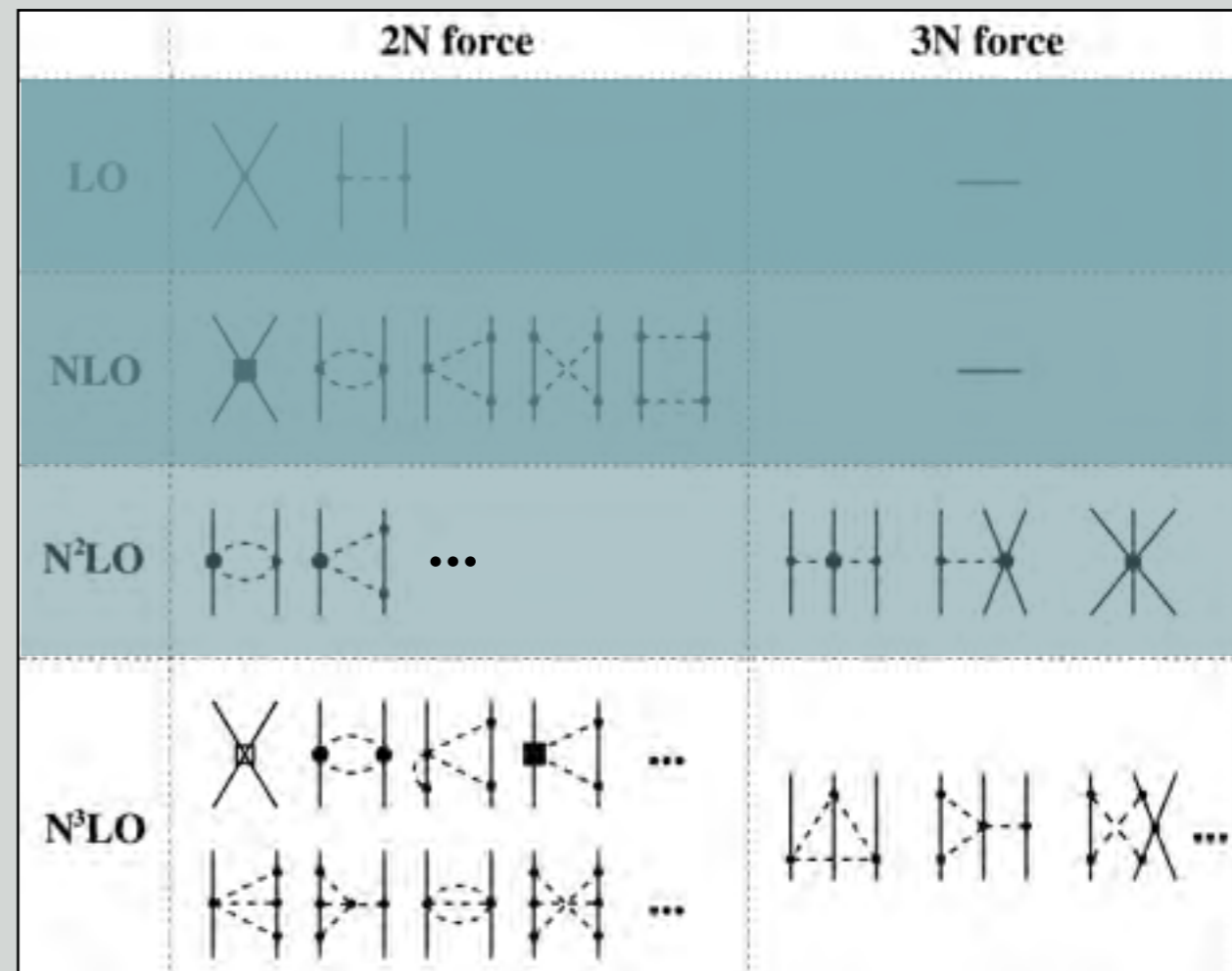


# Chiral nuclear interactions

## Chiral EFT

- Systematic low-energy expansion:  $(q/\Lambda_\chi)^\nu$
- Connects several sectors:  $\pi N$ ,  $NN$ ,  $NNN$ ,  $j_N$
- Short-range physics included as contact interactions.
- LECs need to be fitted to data.

$$\chi^2(\vec{p}) = \sum_i \left( \frac{O_i^{\text{theo}}(\vec{p}) - O_i^{\text{exp}}}{\sigma_{\text{tot},i}} \right)^2$$



• E. Epelbaum, H. Hammer, U. Meissner  
Rev. Mod. Phys. 81 (2009) 1773

• R. Machleidt, D. Entem, Phys. Rep. 503  
(2011) 1

# Optimization strategy

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**Low-energy constants (LECs) enter through contact interactions and need to be fitted to experimental data.**

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**Standard approach:**

- nN LECs determined first** from Pion-Nucleon scattering phase shifts or from NN phase shifts in peripheral waves
- (NN-only) objective function based on Nijmegen phase shift analysis**
  - Chi-by-eye optimization
  - N<sup>3</sup>LO needed for high-accuracy fit up to  $T_{\text{lab}}=290$  MeV
- NNN LECs determined at the end** given the NN part. Usually at NNLO. First results at N<sup>3</sup>LO are coming.

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Optimization technology significantly improved:

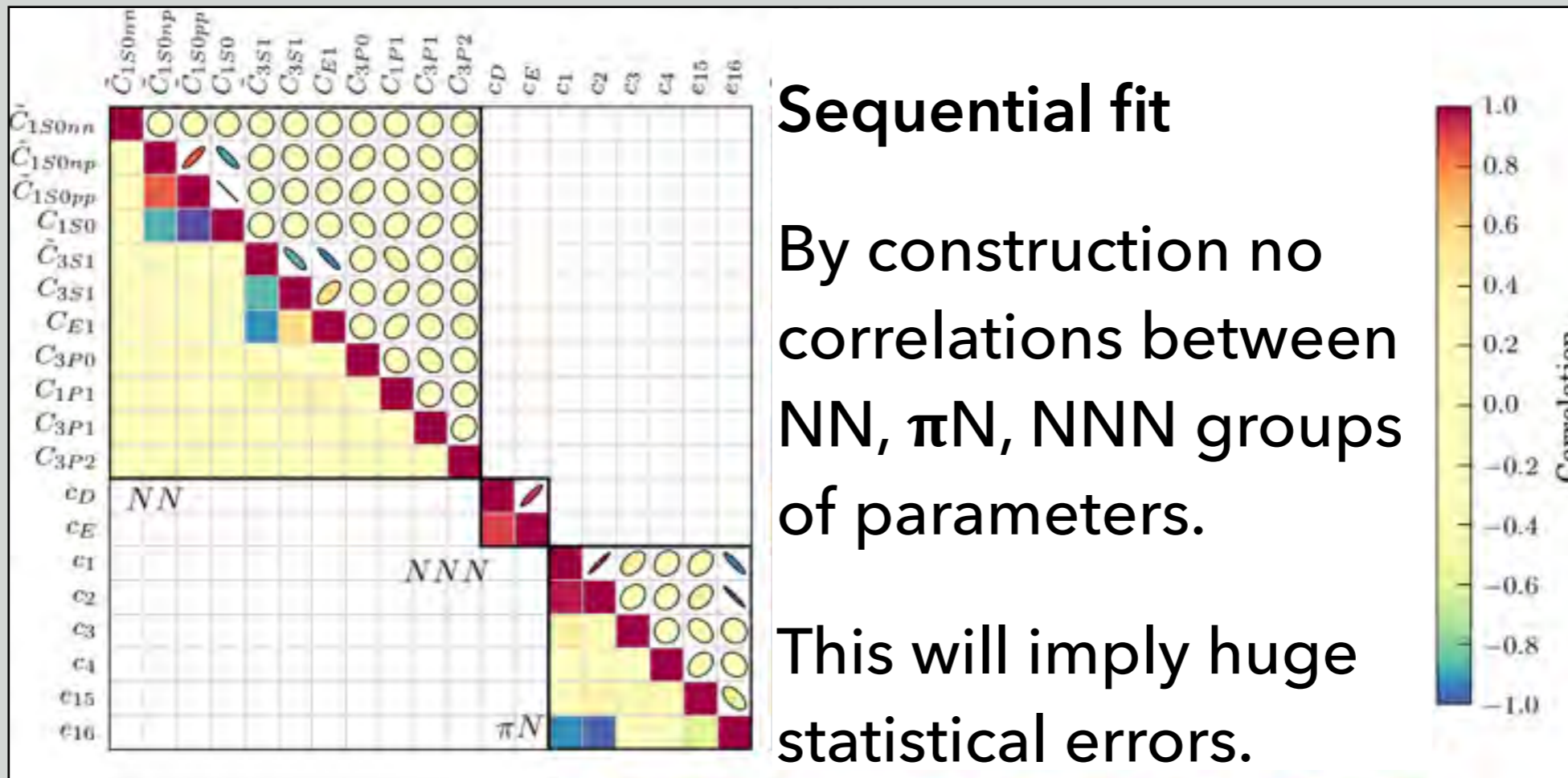
- ▶ Our first approach: Derivative-free optimization using POUNDerS\*
- ▶ More efficient minimization algorithms (Levenberg-Marquardt, Newton), and statistical error analysis require **derivatives**

$$\frac{\partial r_i}{\partial p_j} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 r_i}{\partial p_j \partial p_k}$$

- ▶ Numerical derivation using **finite differences** is plagued by **low numerical precision** and is **computationally costly**.
- ▶ Instead, we use **Algorithmic Differentiation (AD)**.

# Sequential optimization

$$\chi^2(\vec{p}) \equiv \sum_i r_i^2(\vec{p}) = \underbrace{\sum_{j \in NN} r_j^2(\vec{p})}_1 + \underbrace{\sum_{k \in \pi N} r_k^2(\vec{p})}_2 + \underbrace{\sum_{l \in 3N} r_l^2(\vec{p})}_3$$

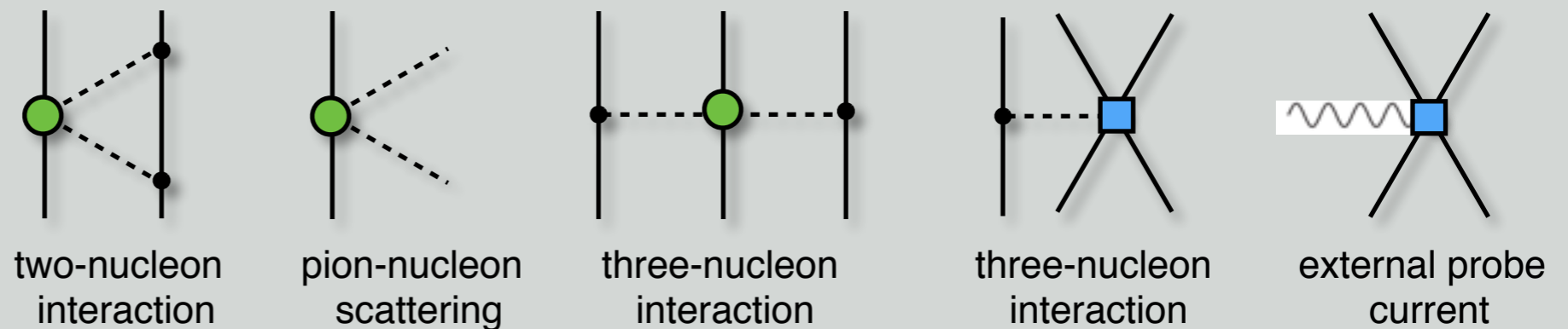


# Simultaneous optimization

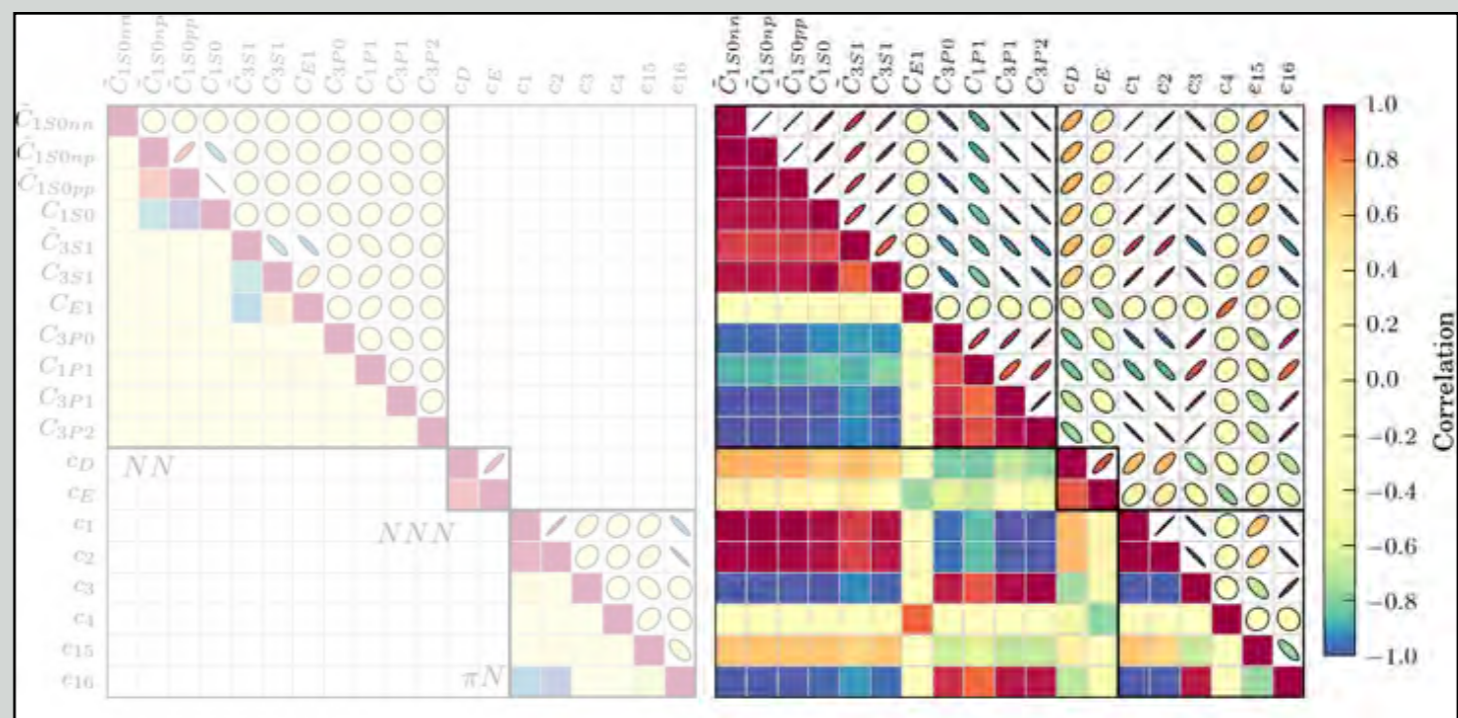
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## Simultaneous

BUT, the same LECs appear in the expressions for various low-energy processes



- ◆ e.g. the  $c_i$  (green dot)
- ◆ and  $c_D$  (blue square)



# Input and technology

## $\pi N$ scattering

- WI08 database
- $T_{\text{lab}}$  between 10-70 MeV
- $N_{\text{data}} = 1347$
- $\chi\text{EFT}(Q^4)$  to avoid underfitting

## NN scattering

- SM99 database
- $T_{\text{lab}}$  between 0-290 MeV
- $N_{\text{data}} = 2400(\text{np}) + 2045(\text{pp})$
- $\chi\text{EFT}(Q^0, Q^2, Q^3)$

**All 6000 residuals computed on 1 node in ~90 sec.**

## A=3 bound states

- ${}^3\text{H}, {}^3\text{He}$  (binding energy, radius,  ${}^3\text{H}$  half life)

**On 1 node in ~10 sec**

**+ derivatives! ( $\times 2-20$  cost)**

## Many-body predictions

### A=4 bound state

- ${}^4\text{He}$  (binding energy, radius)
- $\text{NCSM}_{\text{rel}}, N_{\text{max}}=20, \hbar\Omega=36$  MeV

### A=16 bound state

- ${}^{16}\text{O}$  (binding energy, radius)
- $\Lambda\text{-CCSD(T)}, N_{\text{max}}=15, \hbar\Omega=20$  MeV


# Total error budget

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- ▶ The total error budget is

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}^2 = \sigma_{\text{exp}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{method}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{numerical}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{model}}^2$$

E.g., NCSM      Neglected



- ▶ At a given chiral order  $\nu$ , the omitted diagrams should be of order

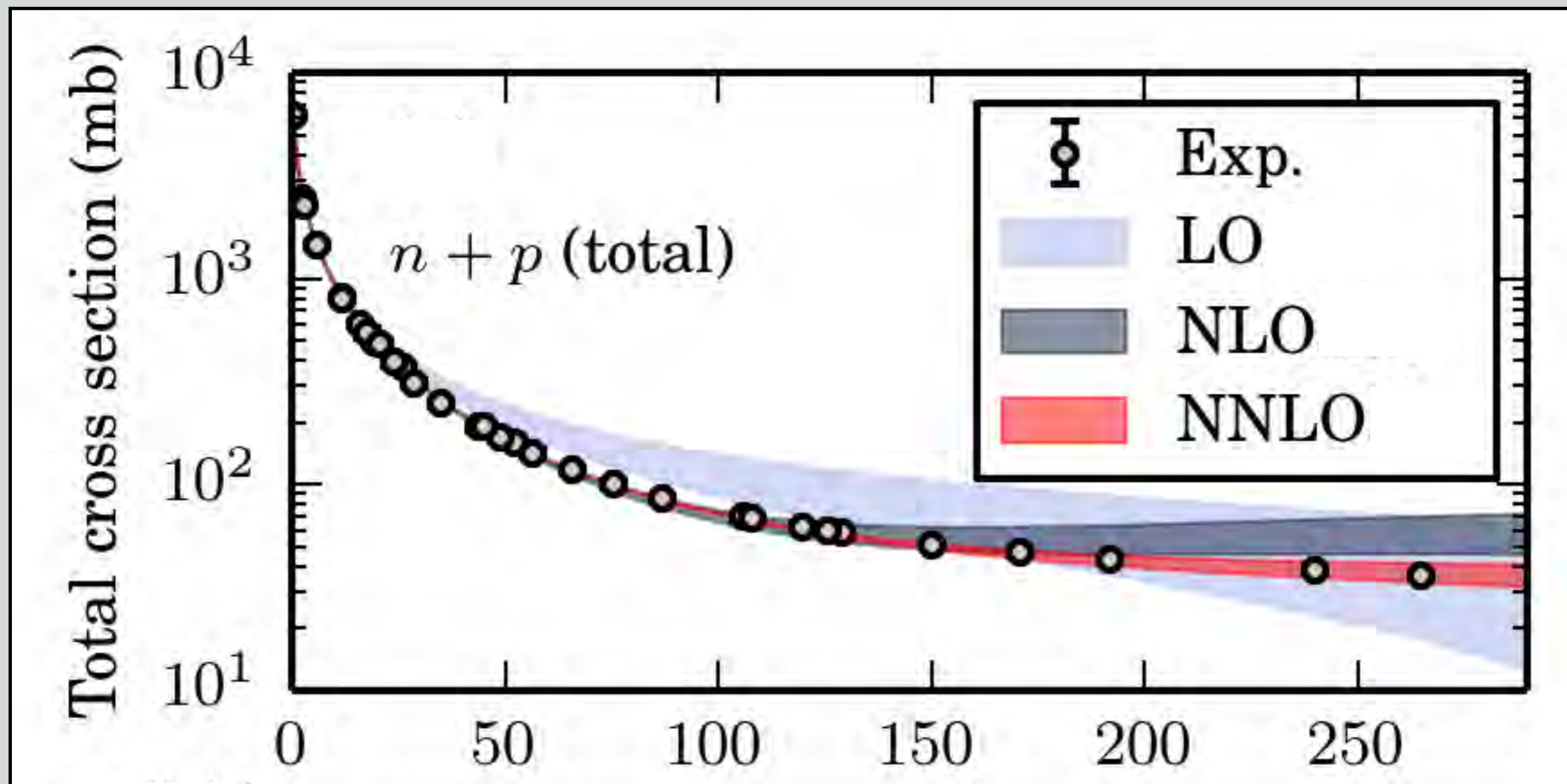
$$\mathcal{O}\left(\left(Q/\Lambda_\chi\right)^{\nu+1}\right)$$

- ▶ Still needs to be converted to actual numbers  $\sigma_{\text{model}}$
- ▶ We translate this EFT knowledge into an error in the scattering amplitudes

$$\sigma_{\text{model},x}^{(\text{amp})} = C_x \left(\frac{Q}{\Lambda_\chi}\right)^{\nu+1}, \quad x \in \{NN, \pi N\}$$

- ▶ which is then propagated to an error in the observable.

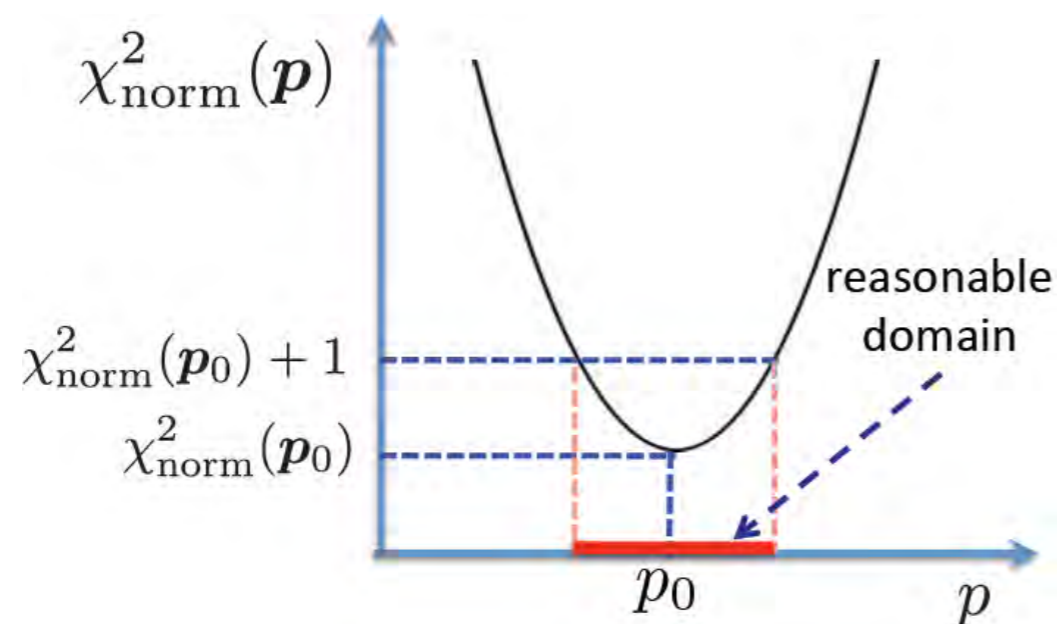
# Total np cross section



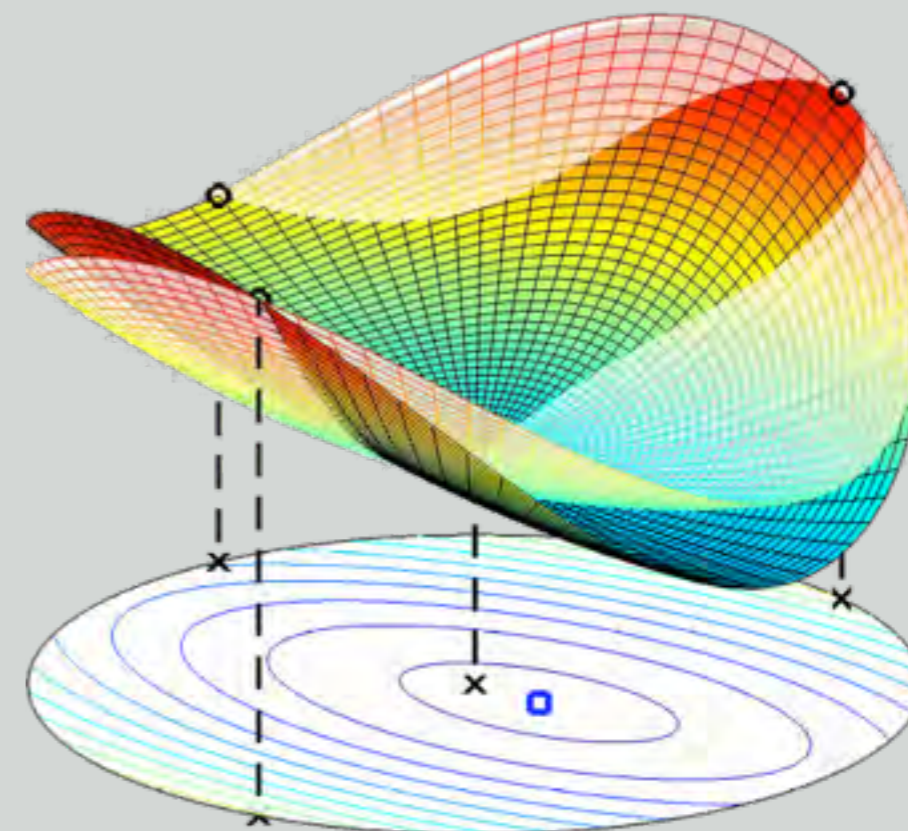


# Statistical error analysis

- ▶ In a minimum there will be an **uncertainty in the optimal parameter values  $p_0$**  given by the  $\chi^2$  surface.<sup>1</sup>



- ▶ From the hessian at  $p_0$  we can calculate a **covariance matrix** and from that a **correlation matrix**.



<sup>1</sup>J Dobaczewski et al 2014 J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 41 074001

## HESSIAN

$$H_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left. \frac{\partial^2 \chi^2}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}_\mu}$$

## COVARIANCE MATRIX

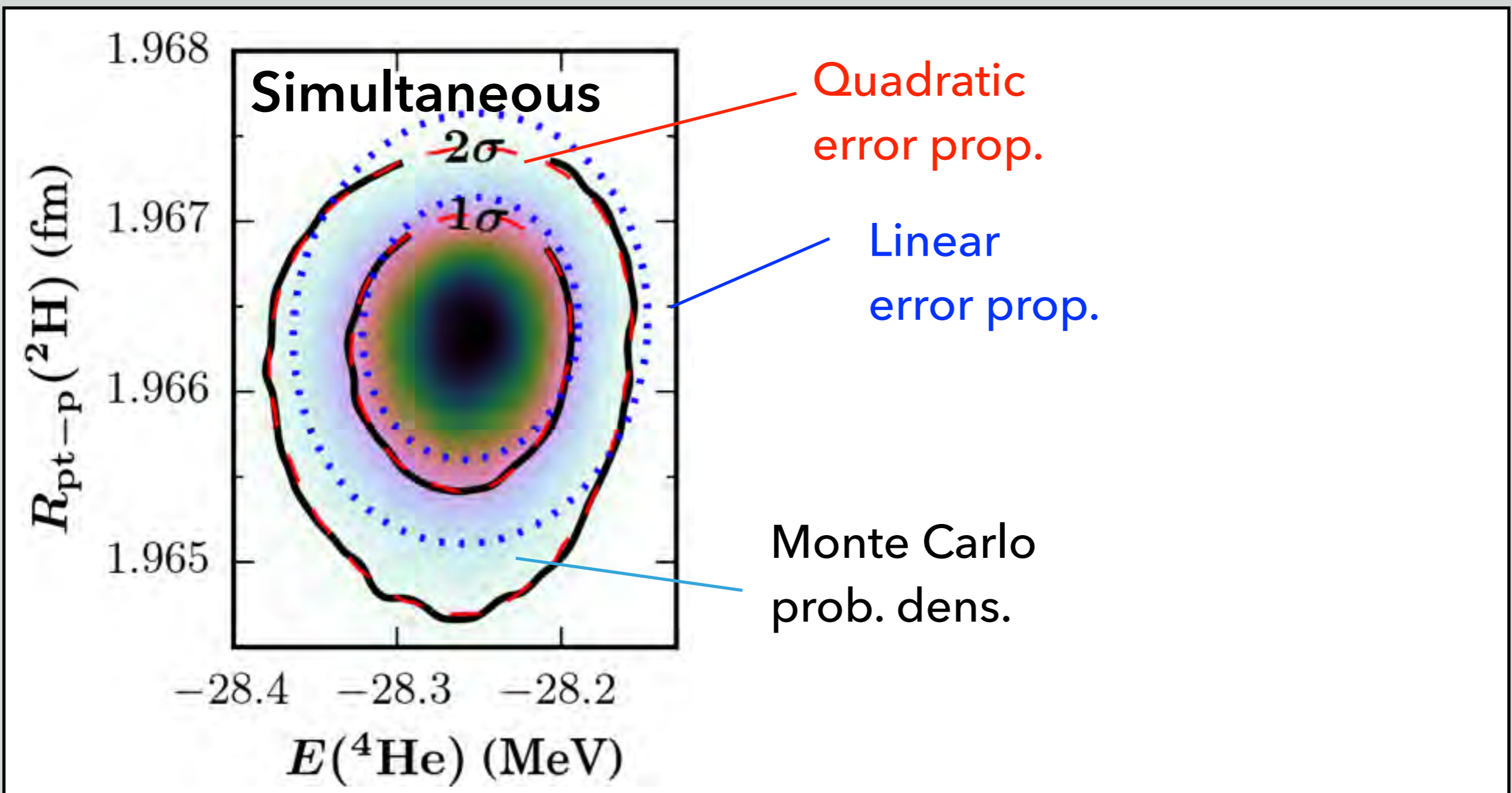
$$\Sigma = \frac{\chi^2}{N_{df}} \mathbf{H}^{-1}$$

## CORRELATION MATRIX

$$R_{ij} = \frac{\Sigma_{ij}}{\sqrt{\Sigma_{ii}\Sigma_{jj}}}$$

# Quadratic error propagation vs Brute force sampling

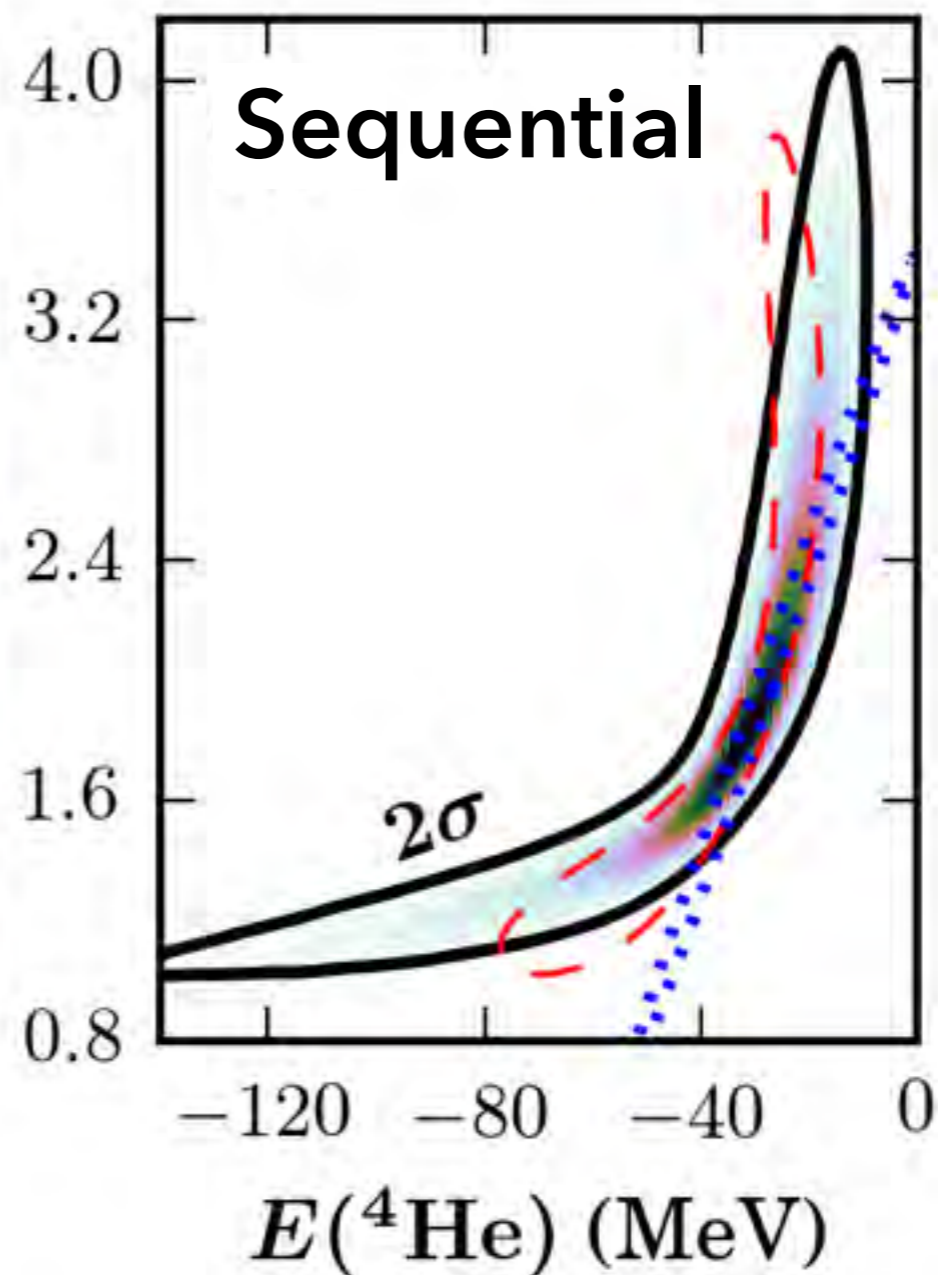
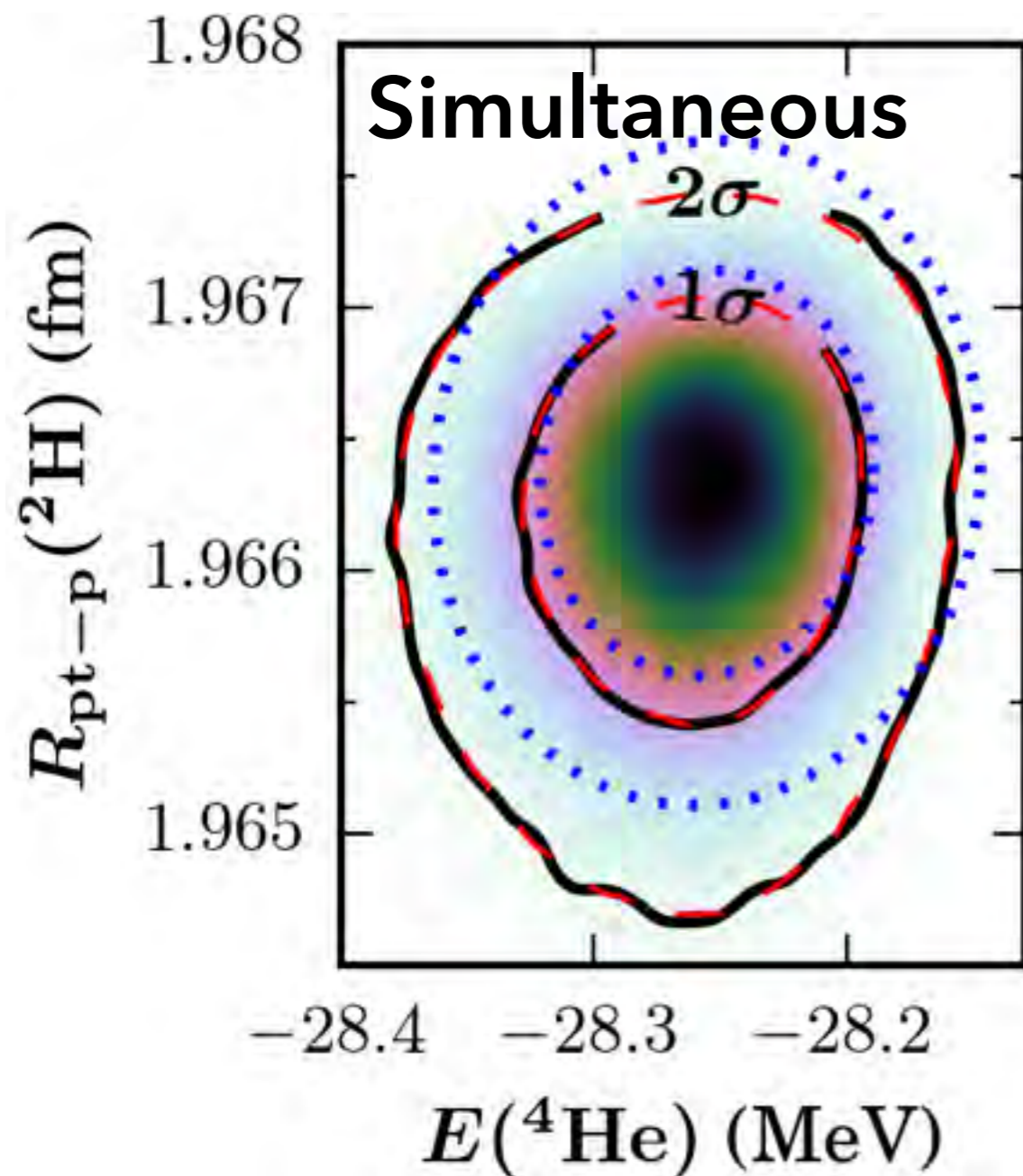
$$O(\mathbf{p}) \approx O(\mathbf{p}_0) + J_O \Delta \mathbf{p} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \mathbf{p}^T H_O \Delta \mathbf{p}$$



$$E(^4\text{He}) = -28.24_{-11}^{+9} \text{ (MeV)}$$

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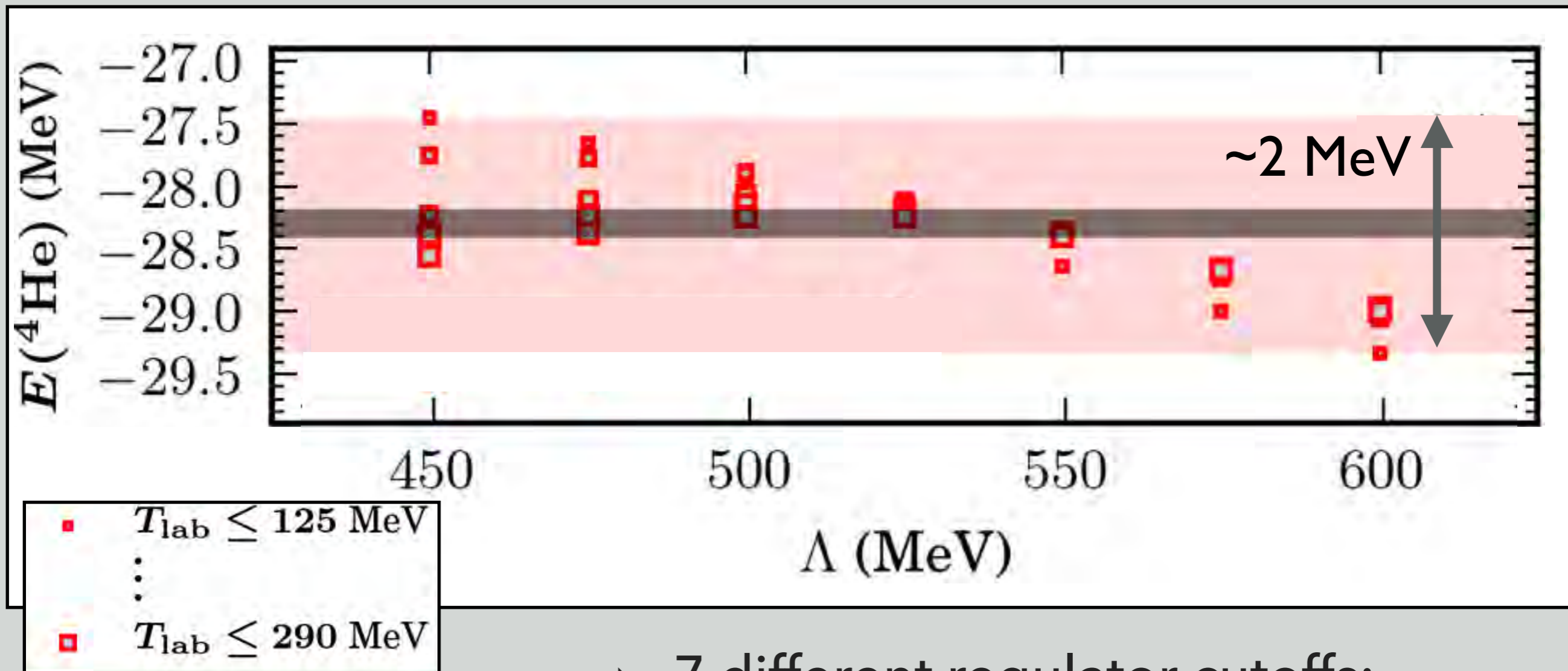
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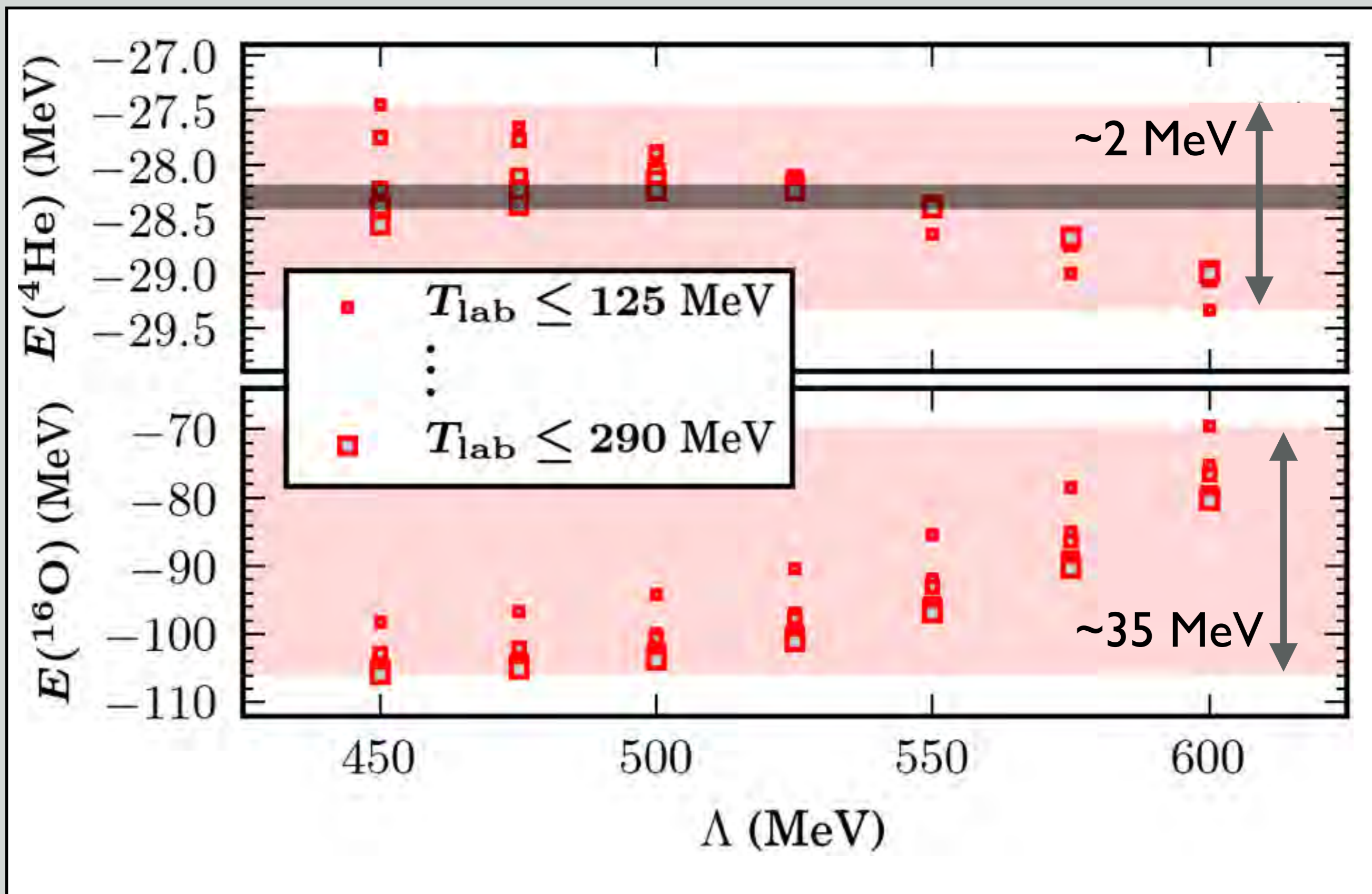
$$E(^4\text{He}) = -28_{-18}^{+8} \text{ (MeV)}$$

# Systematic uncertainties: input data, regulator cutoff



- ▶ 7 different regulator cutoffs:  
 $\Lambda=450, 475, \dots, 575, 600$  MeV
- ▶ 6 different NN-scattering datasets  
 $T_{\text{lab}} \in [0, T_{\text{lab,max}}]$ , with  
 $T_{\text{lab,max}}=125, \dots, 290$  MeV

# Systematic uncertainties: input data, regulator cutoff



# Do-it-yourself

All 42 different sim/sep potentials, as well as the respective covariance matrices are available as supplemental material.

- ▶ LO-NLO-NNLO
- ▶ with 7 different cutoffs:  
450,475,...,600 MeV
- ▶ from 6 different NN-scattering datasets

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}(A, B) &\equiv \mathbb{E}[(\mathcal{O}_A(\mathbf{p}) - \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{O}_A(\mathbf{p})])(\mathcal{O}_B(\mathbf{p}) - \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{O}_B(\mathbf{p})])] \\ &\approx \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\tilde{J}_{A,i}x_i + \frac{1}{2}\tilde{H}_{A,ij}x_ix_j - \frac{1}{2}\tilde{H}_{A,ii}\sigma_i^2\right)\right. \\ &\quad \left.\times \left(\tilde{J}_{B,k}x_k + \frac{1}{2}\tilde{H}_{B,kl}x_kx_l - \frac{1}{2}\tilde{H}_{B,kk}\sigma_k^2\right)\right] \\ &= \tilde{\mathbf{J}}_A^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \tilde{\mathbf{J}}_B + \frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^2)^T (\tilde{\mathbf{H}}_A \circ \tilde{\mathbf{H}}_B) \boldsymbol{\sigma}^2,\end{aligned}$$

compute the derivatives of your own observables wrt LECs, then explore:

- ▶ cutoff variations
- ▶ order-by-order evolution
- ▶ LEC UQ/correlations

Based on: B. Acharya, B. D. Carlsson, A. Ekström, C. Forssén, and L. Platter, arXiv: 1603.01593

arXiv.org > nucl-th > arXiv:1603.01593

Nuclear Theory

## Uncertainty quantification for proton–proton fusion in chiral effective field theory

B. Acharya, B. D. Carlsson, A. Ekström, C. Forssén, L. Platter

*(Submitted on 4 Mar 2016)*

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# Uncertainty Quantification for pp fusion in $\chi$ EFT

# Uncertainty quantification applied to pp fusion

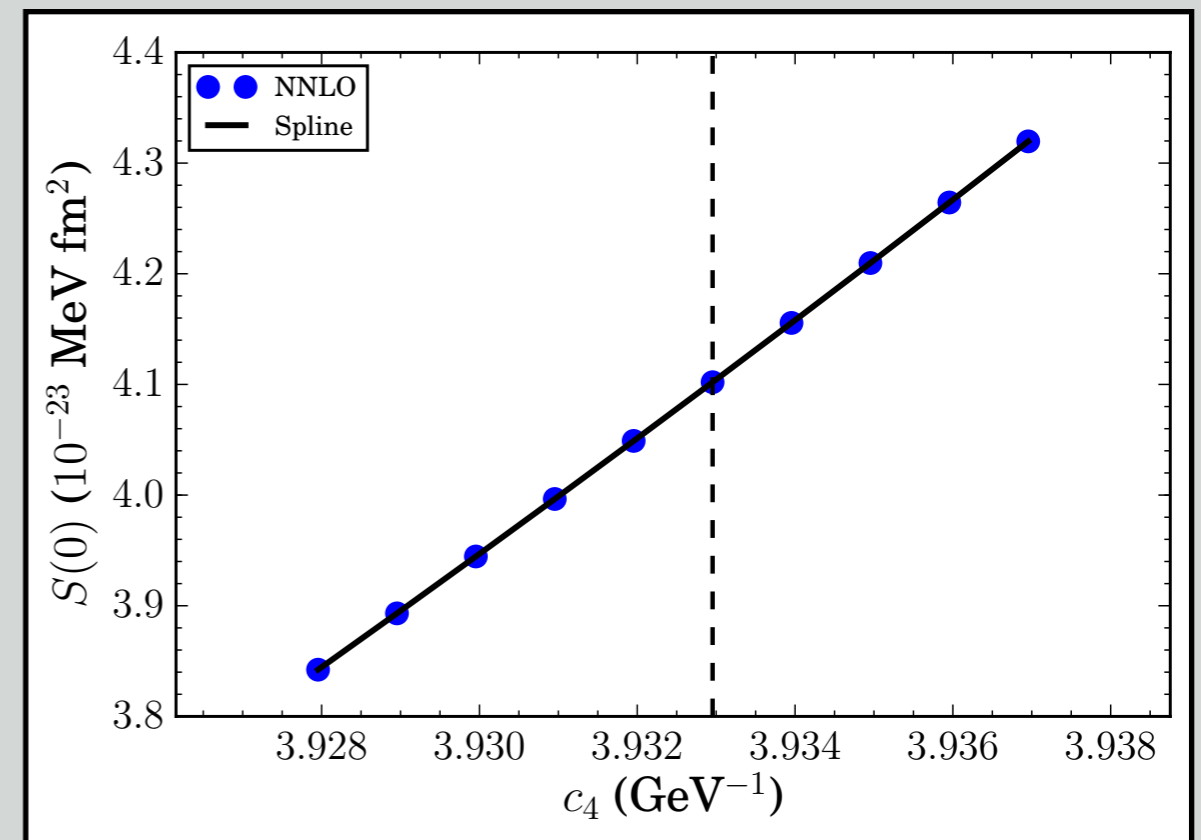
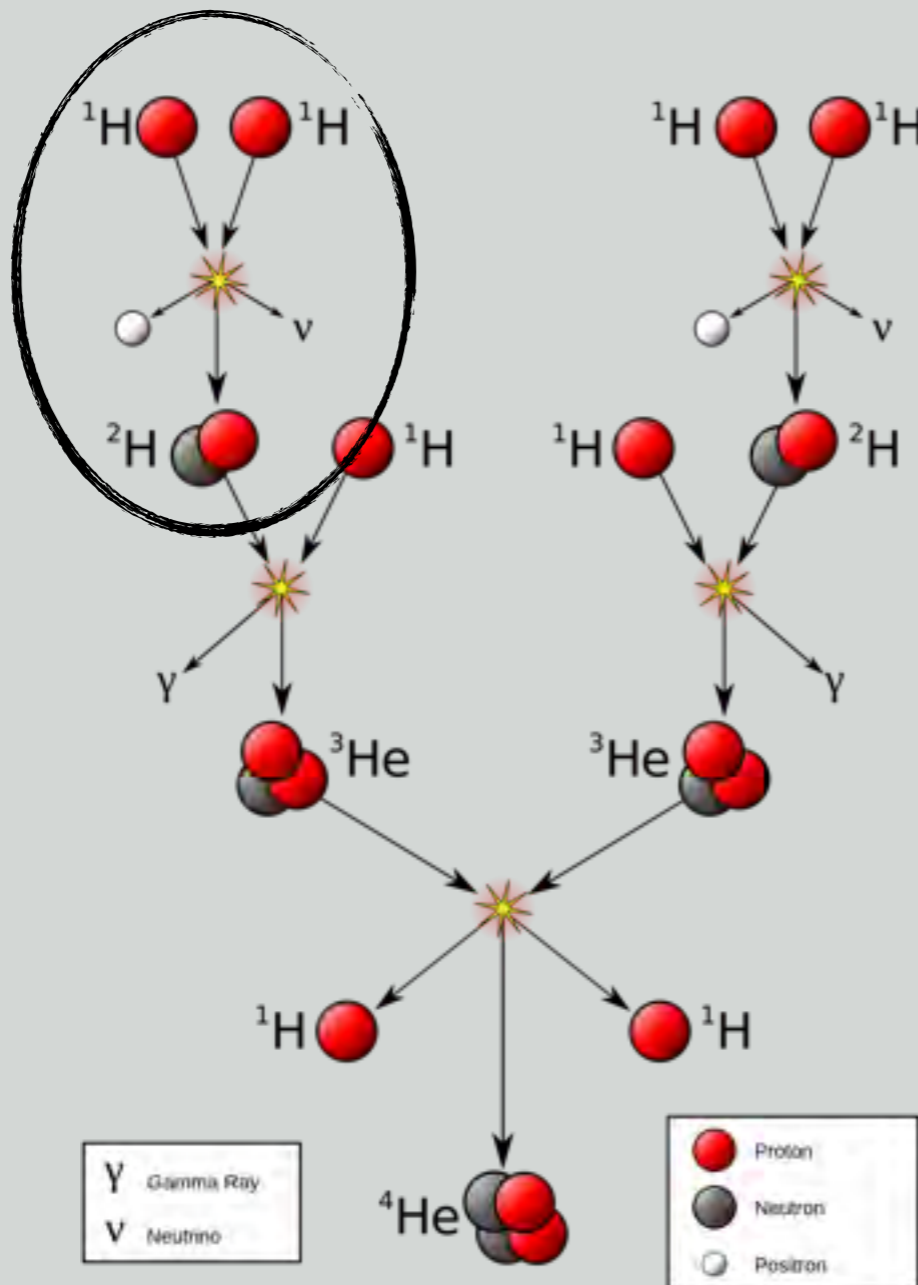
$$p + p \rightarrow d + e^+ + \nu_e$$

$$S(E) = \sigma(E) E e^{2\pi\eta}$$

$$\sigma(E) = \int \frac{d^3 p_e}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 p_\nu}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2E_e} \frac{1}{2E_\nu} \times$$

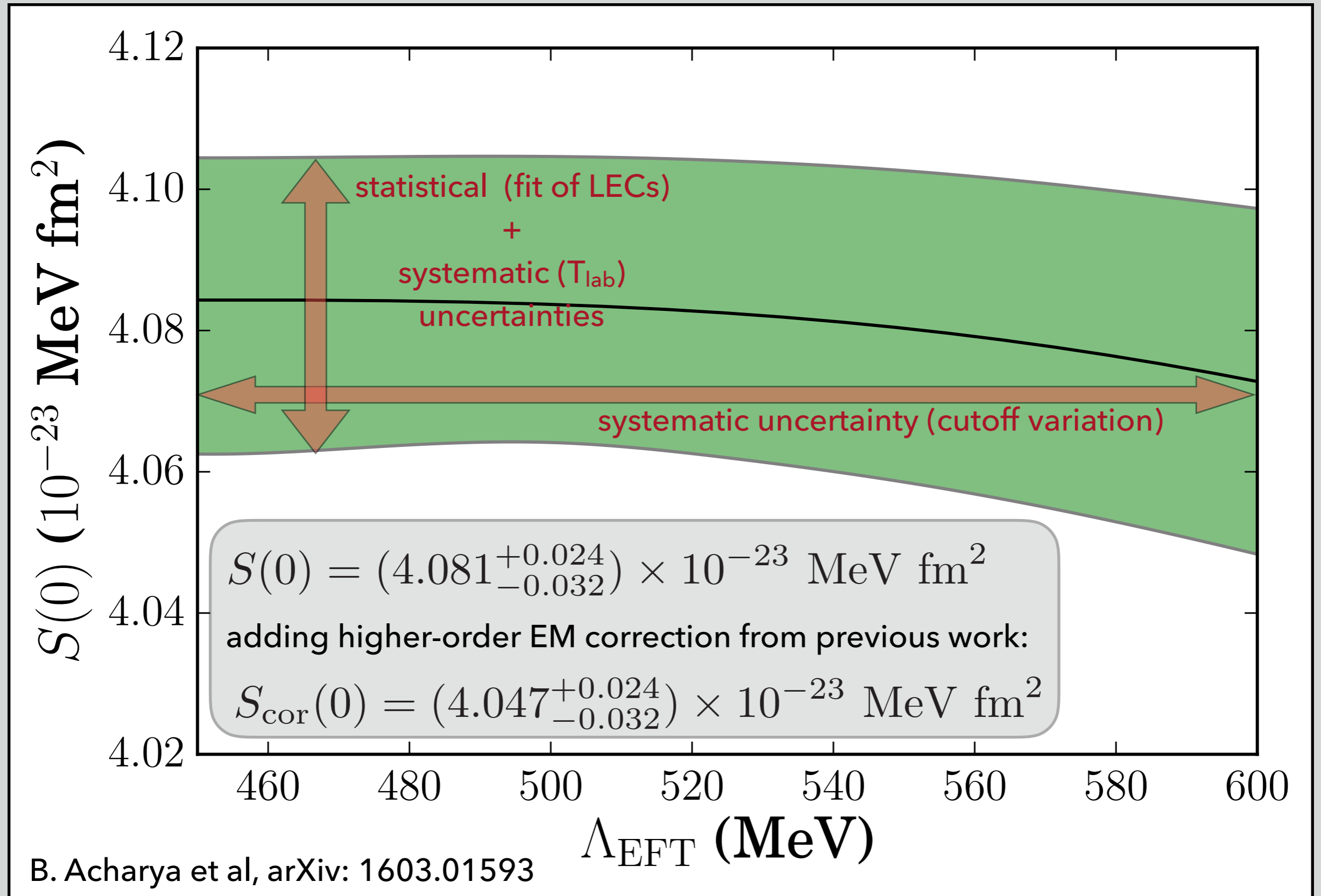
$$2\pi\delta\left(E + 2m_p - m_d - \frac{q^2}{2m_d} - E_e - E_\nu\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{v_{rel}} F(Z, E_e) \frac{1}{4} \sum |\langle f | \hat{H}_W | i \rangle|^2$$

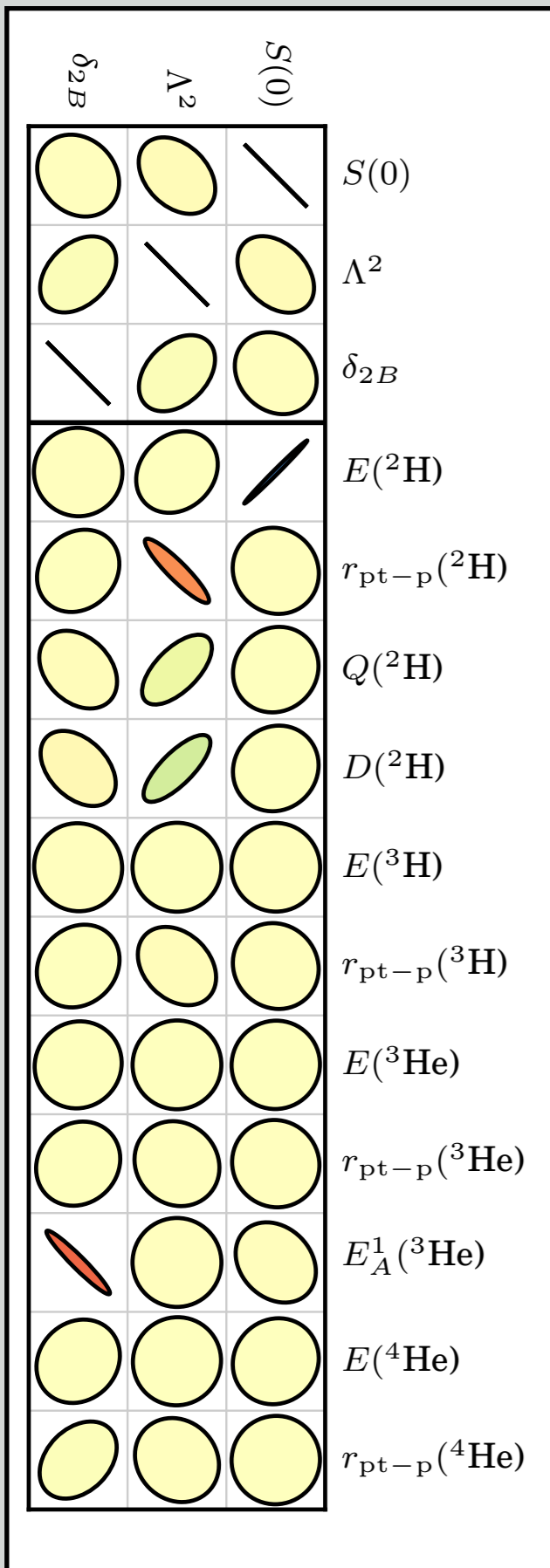




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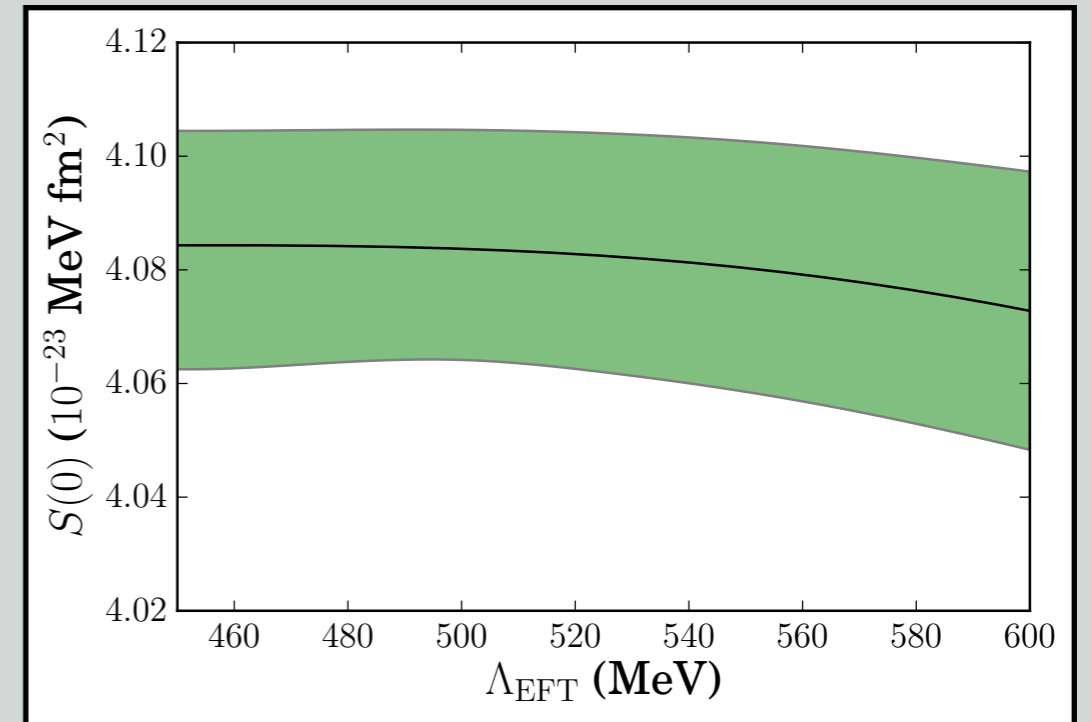
Correlation analysis:

$S(0)$  -  $E(^2\text{H})$ : *phase space*

$L^2$ - $r(^2\text{H})$ : *radial overlap*

$L^2$ - $rQ(^2\text{H})$ : *radial overlap*

$d_{2B}$ - $E1A$ : *2B-current operator*



B. Acharya et al, arXiv: 1603.01593

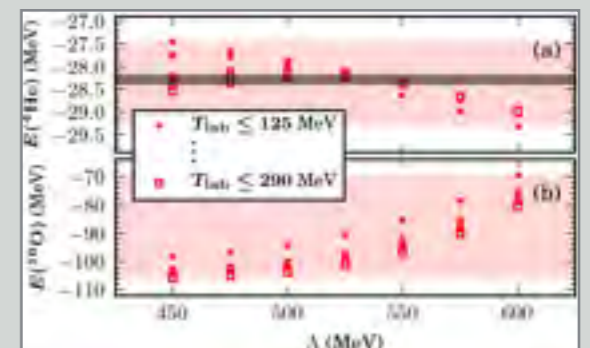
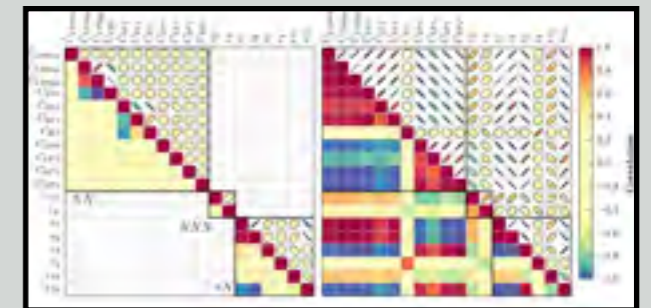
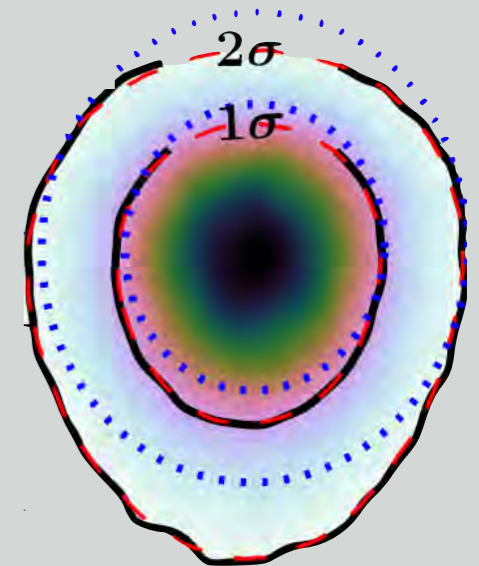
- ▶ Insofar most consistent  $\chi$ EFT-study of this reaction
- ▶ Correlation study indicates sound statistical analysis
- ▶ Cutoff variation not large source of error
- ▶ Statistical error in  $S(0)$  is 3 times larger than what was previously thought
- ▶ Central value is most likely also larger due to previously neglected systematic uncertainties.

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# Conclusion

# Summary

- ▶ **Uncertainty quantification** is a unique opportunity when employing **systematic approaches** (EFT + ab initio).
- ▶ First results for correlations, parameter uncertainties and **error propagation in the few and many-body sectors**.
- ▶ **Simultaneous optimization of all LECs** at LO, NLO, NNLO using NN, NNN and piN data is critical in order to:
  - ▶ capture all correlations between the parameters, and
  - ▶ reduce the statistical errors.
- ▶ **Covariance matrices** for optimized LO-NLO-NNLO potentials available for download
- ▶ **Small variations** in the nuclear interaction renders **large fluctuations** in predictions for heavier nuclei



# Many thanks to my collaborators

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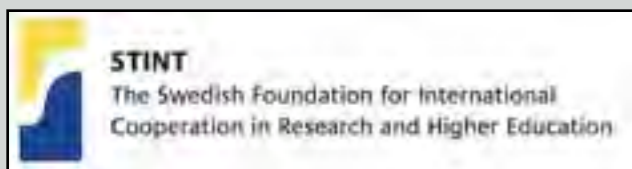
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