A Microscopic Approach to Shell Model

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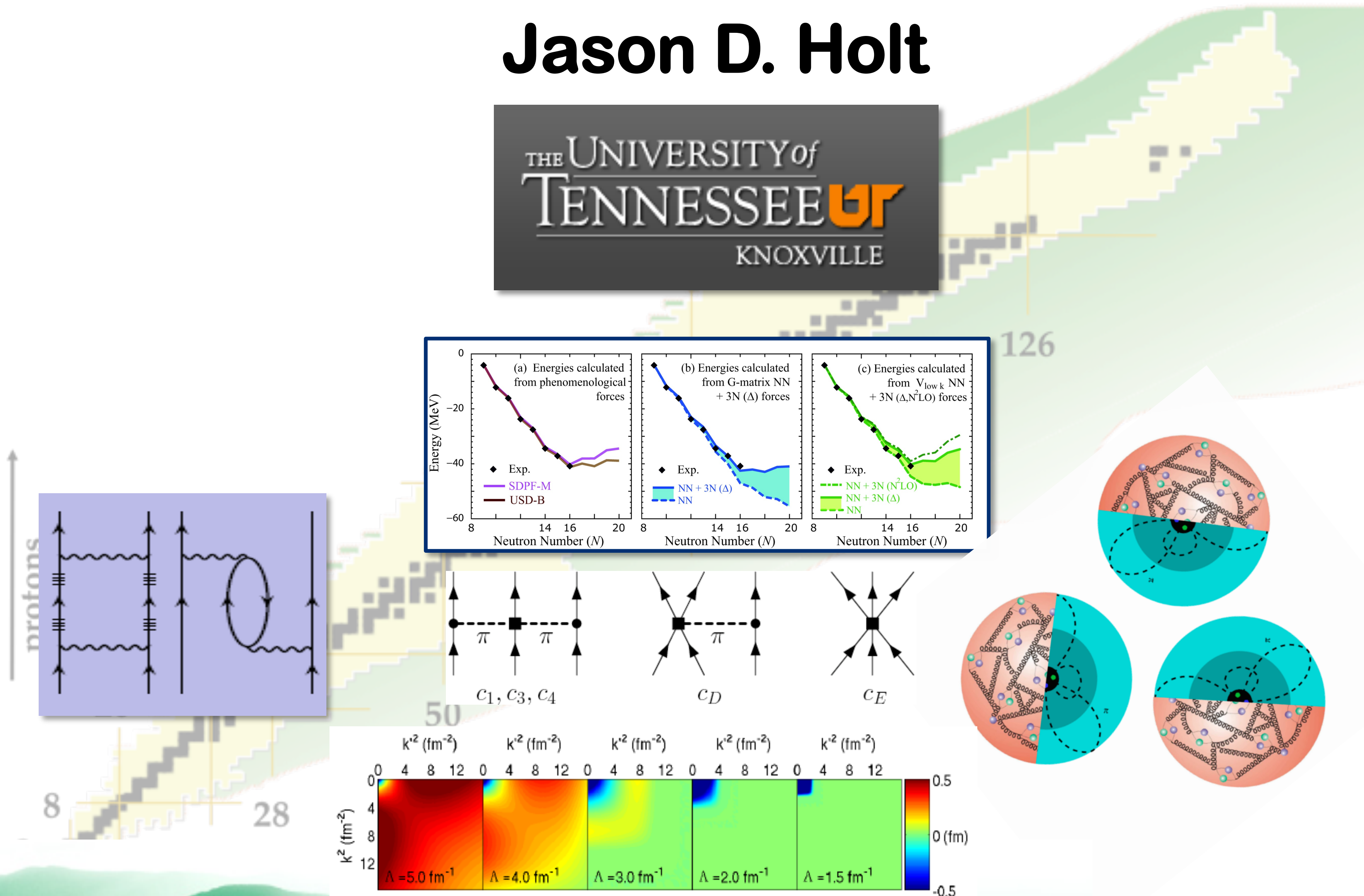

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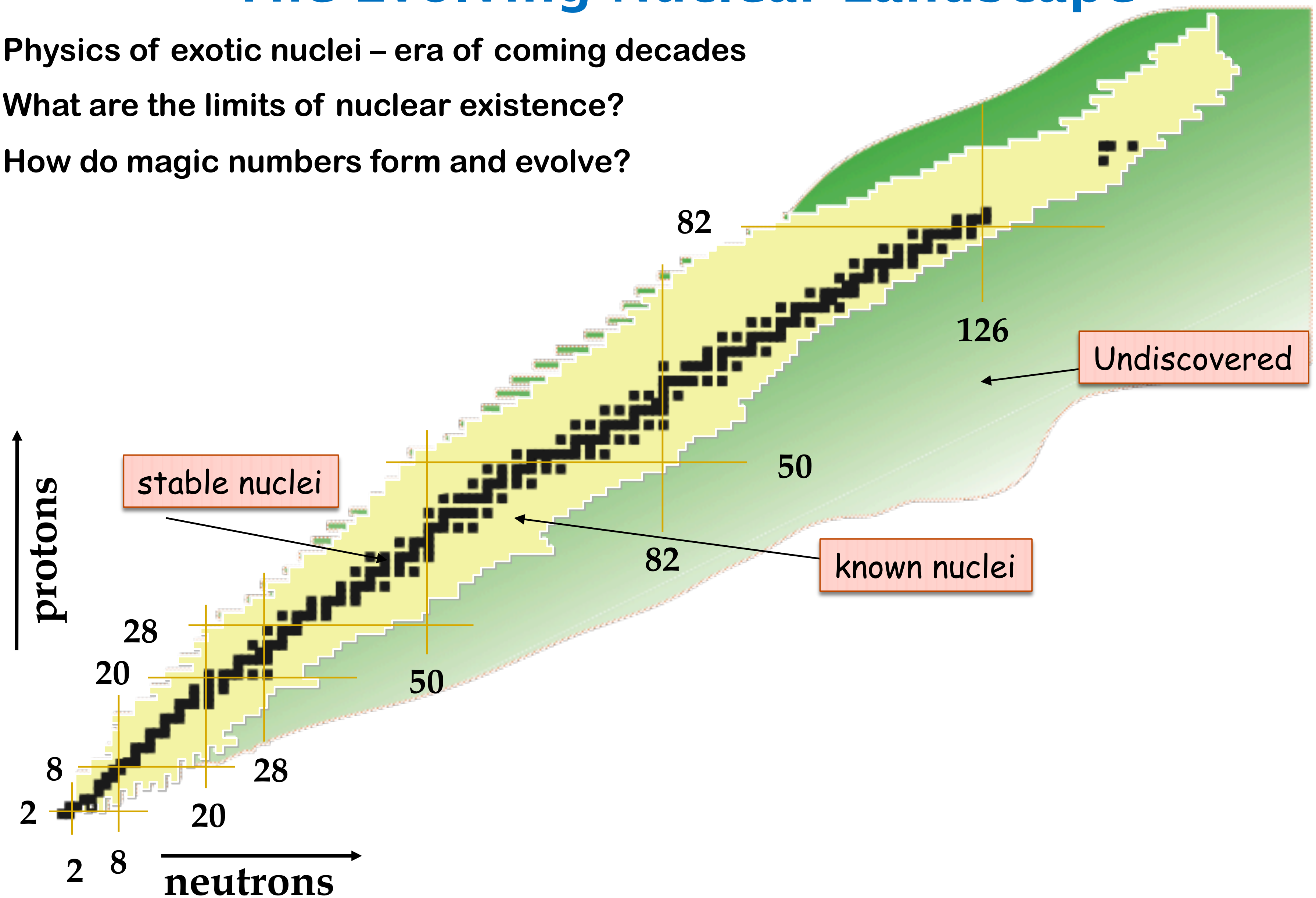

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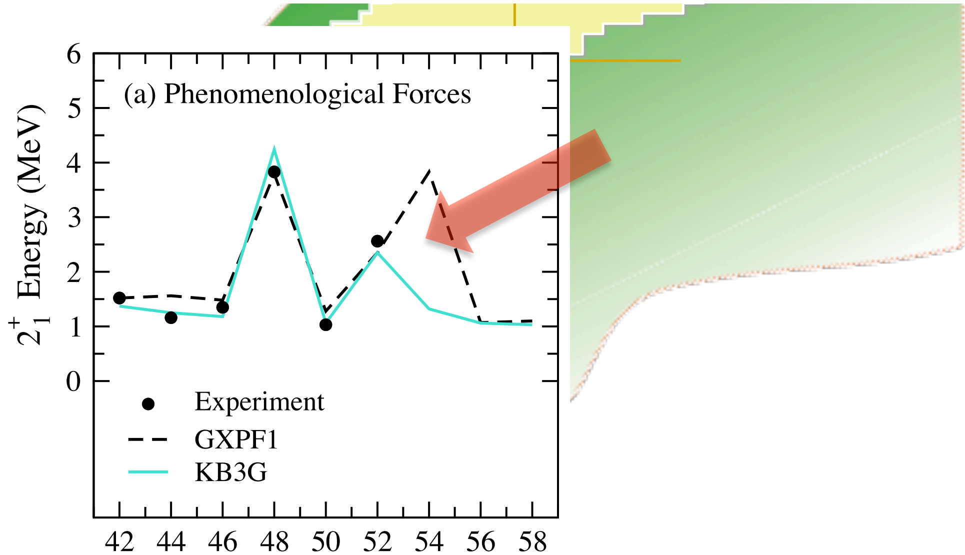

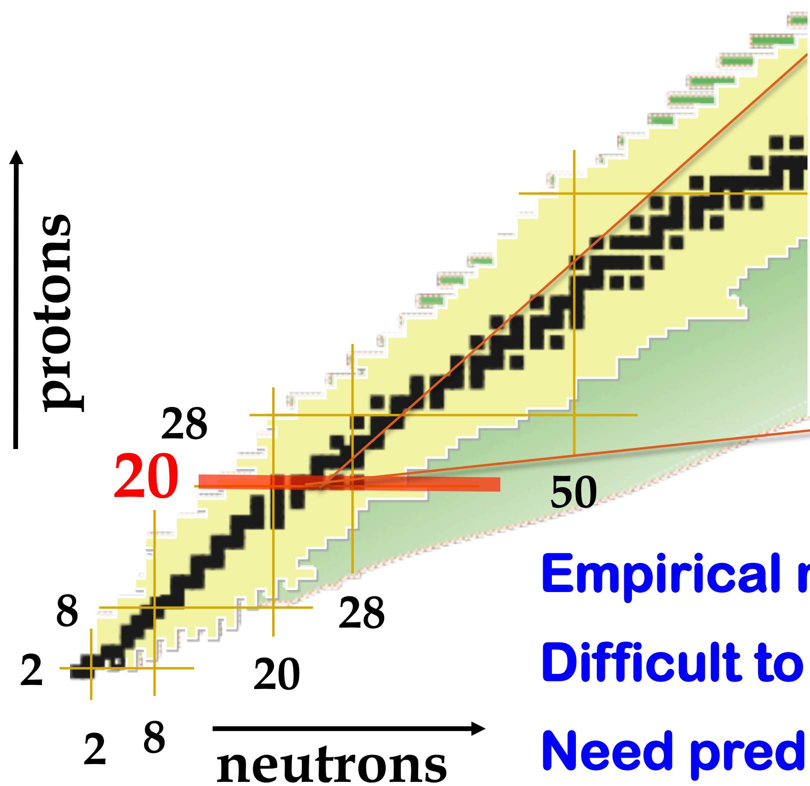

Empirical models can extrapolate unreliably

Difficult to extract physics: continuum, deformation

Need predictive microscopic theory

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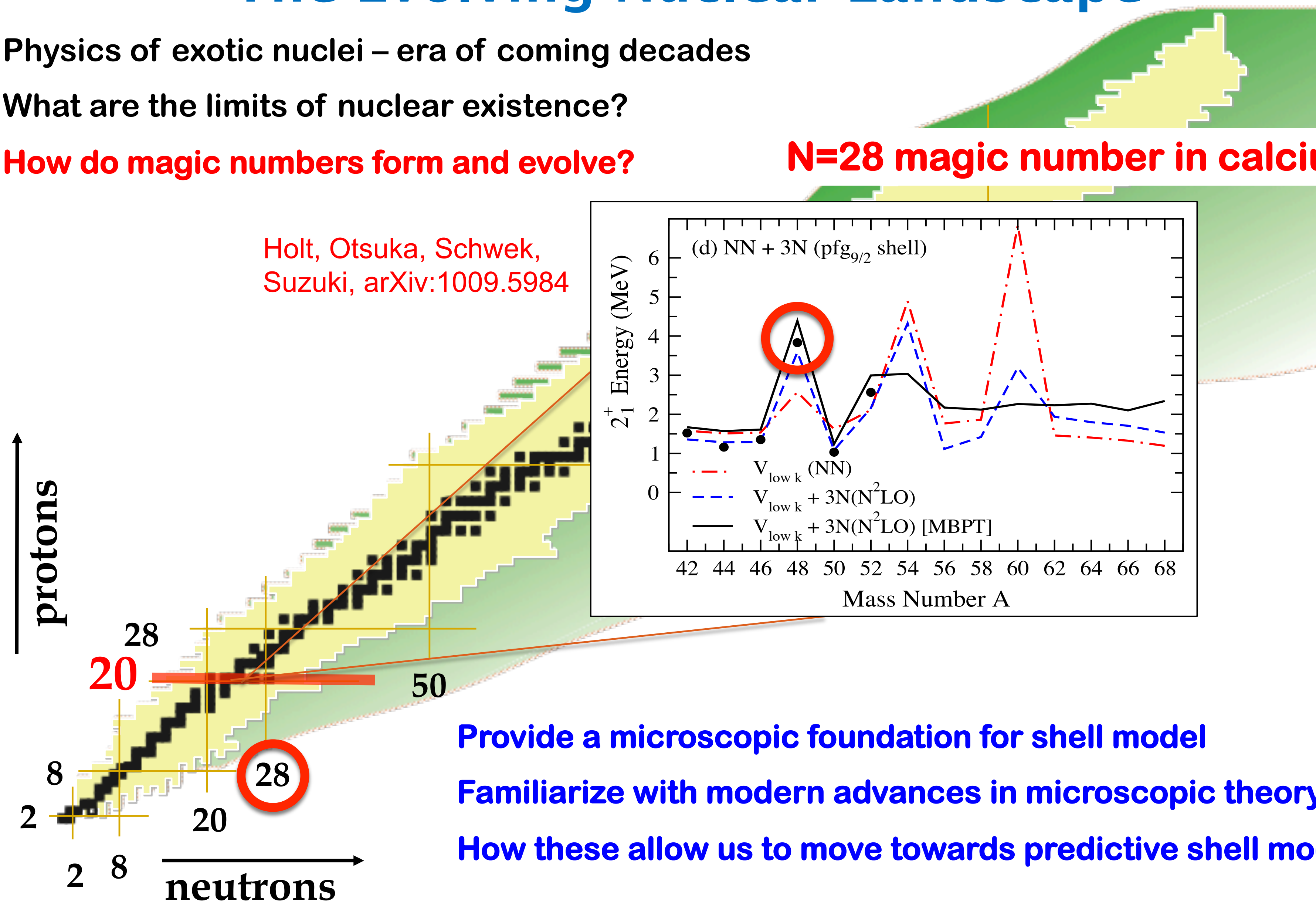

Provide a microscopic foundation for shell model

Familiarize with modern advances in microscopic theory

How these allow us to move towards predictive shell model

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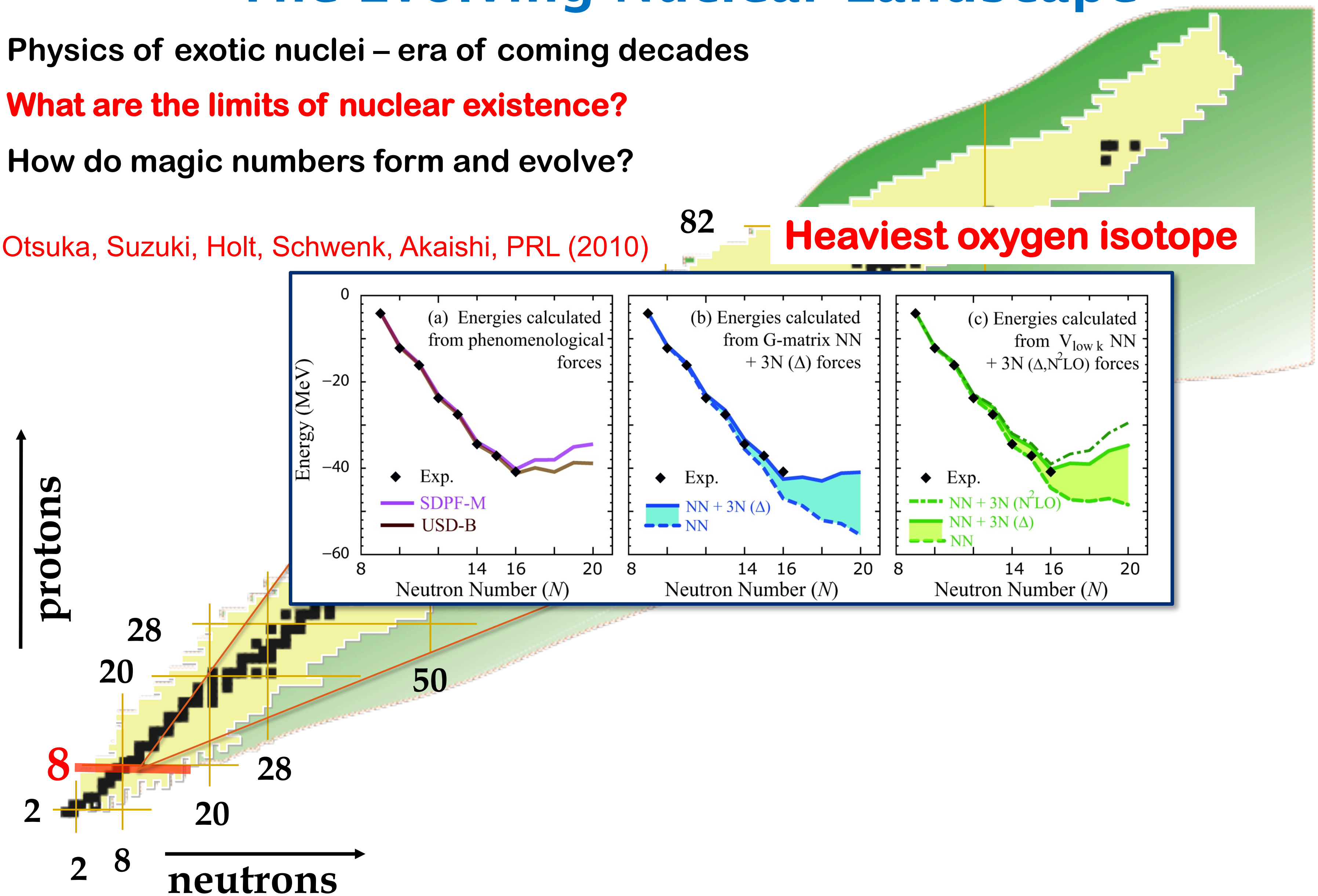
Otsuka, Suzuki, Holt, Schwenk, Akaishi, PRL (2010)



Approaches to Nuclear Structure

"The first, the basic approach, is to study the elementary particles, their properties and mutual interaction. Thus one hopes to obtain knowledge of the nuclear forces. If the forces are known, one should, in principle, be able to calculate deductively the properties of individual nuclei. Only after this has been accomplished can one say that one completely understands nuclear structure…

The other approach is that of the experimentalist and consists in obtaining by direct experimentation as many data as possible for individual nuclei. One hopes in this way to find regularities and correlations which give a clue to the structure of the nucleus…The shell model, although proposed by theoreticians, really corresponds to the experimentalist's approach."

–M. Goeppert-Mayer, Nobel Lecture

Purpose of these lectures is to show how shell model can be based on the first approach!

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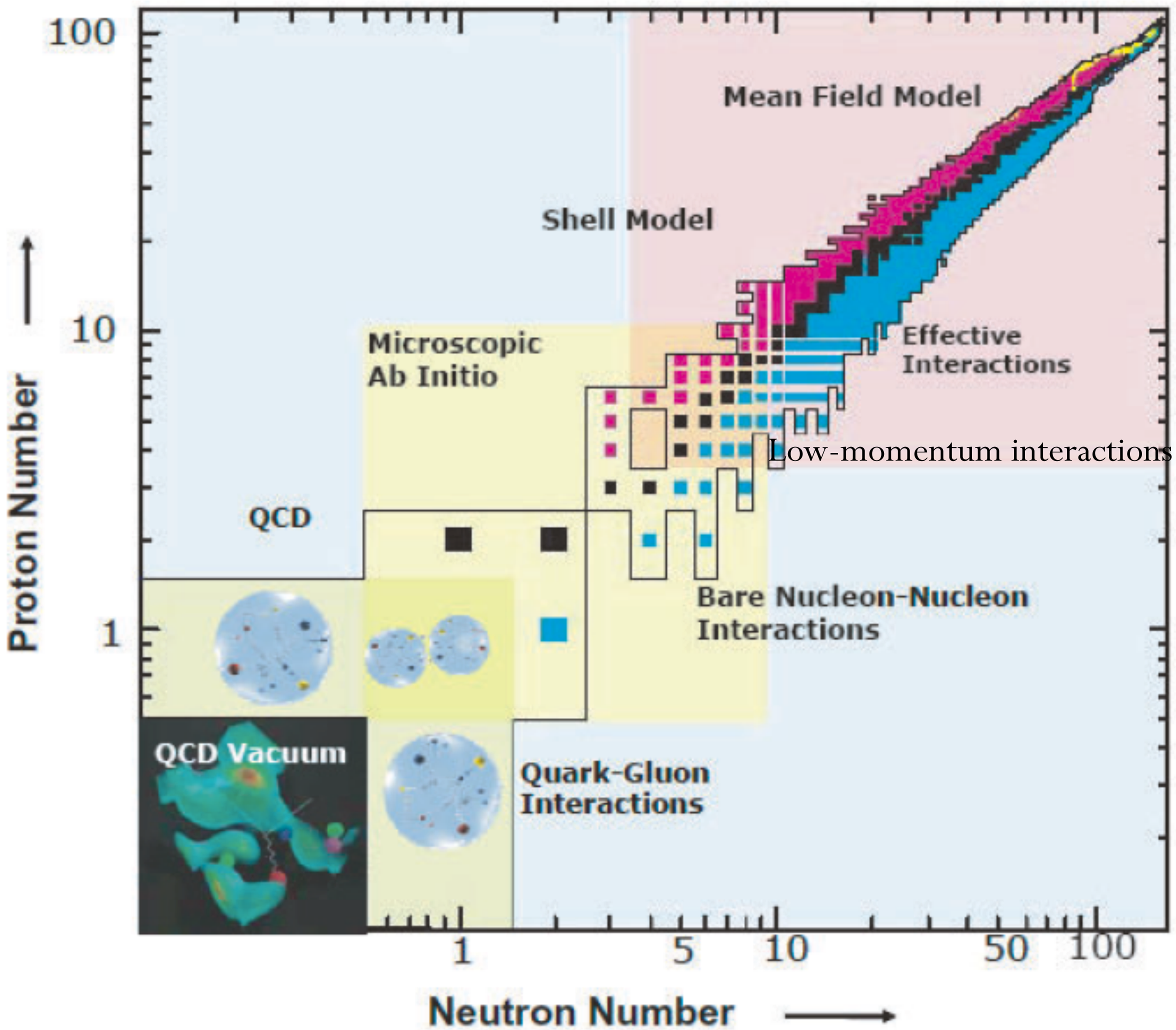

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Not well understood

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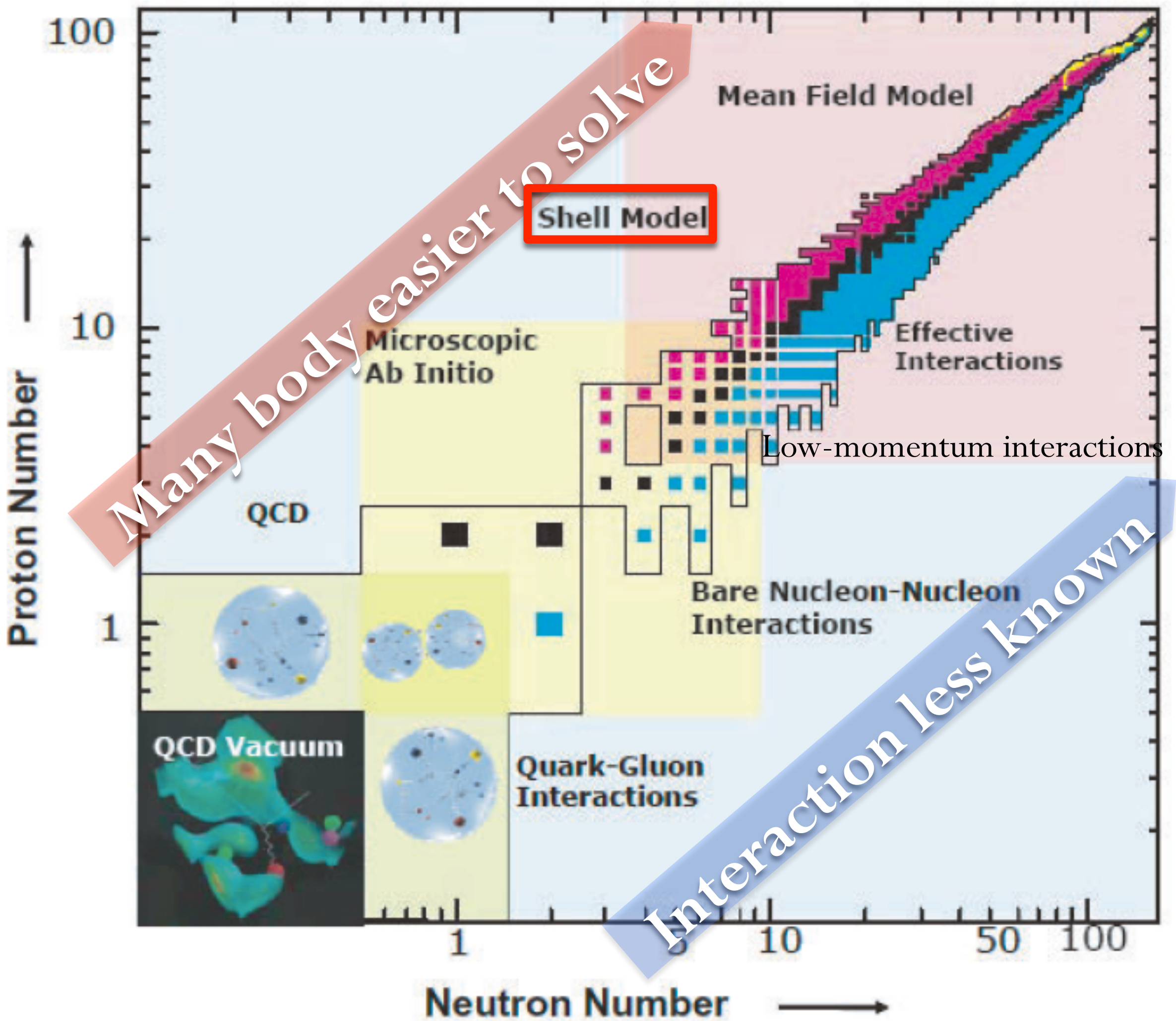

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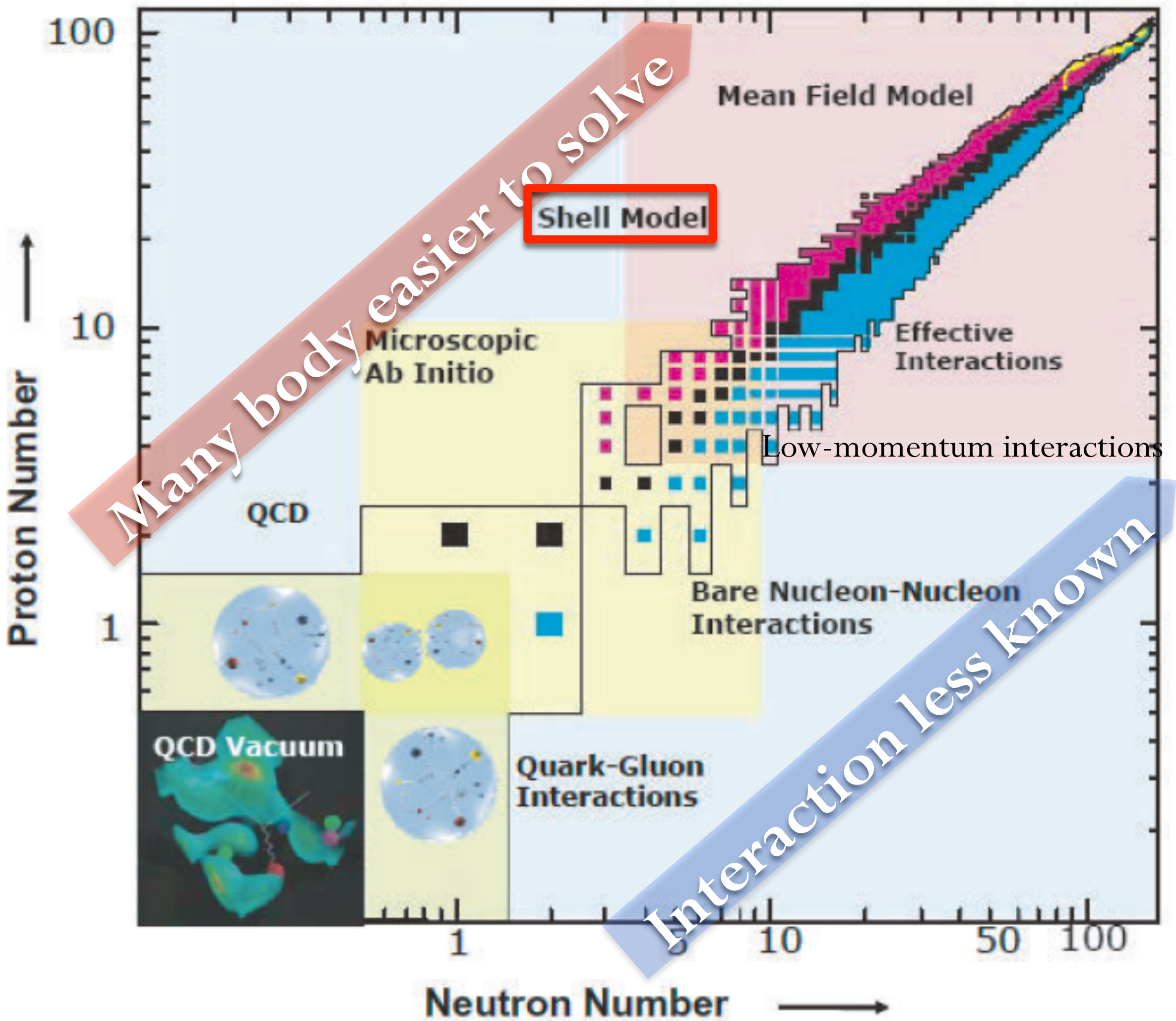

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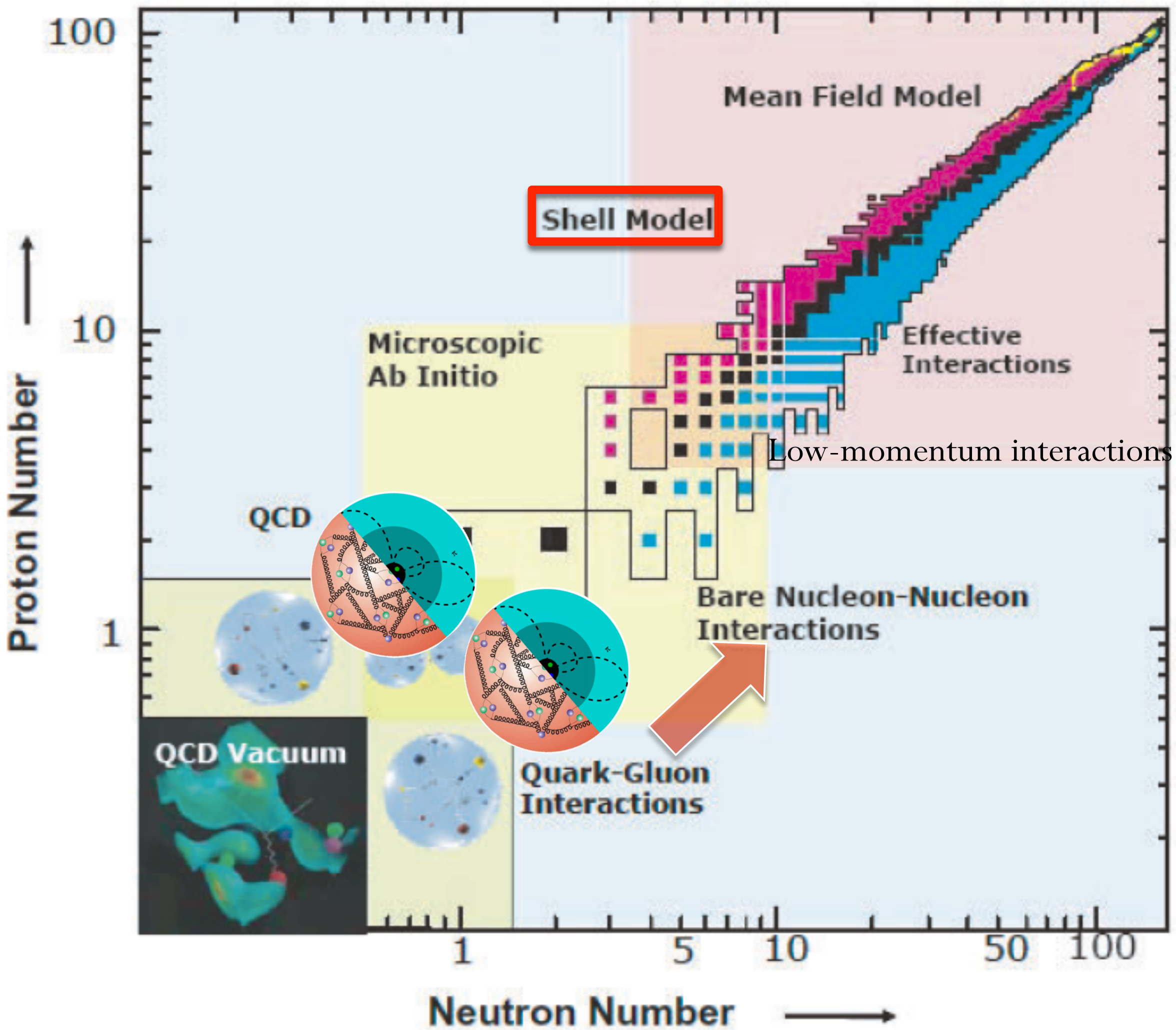

Nucleon-nucleon interaction

Some history

Anatomy of an NN interaction

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Ideas of Effective Field Theory

Chiral EFT for nuclear forces

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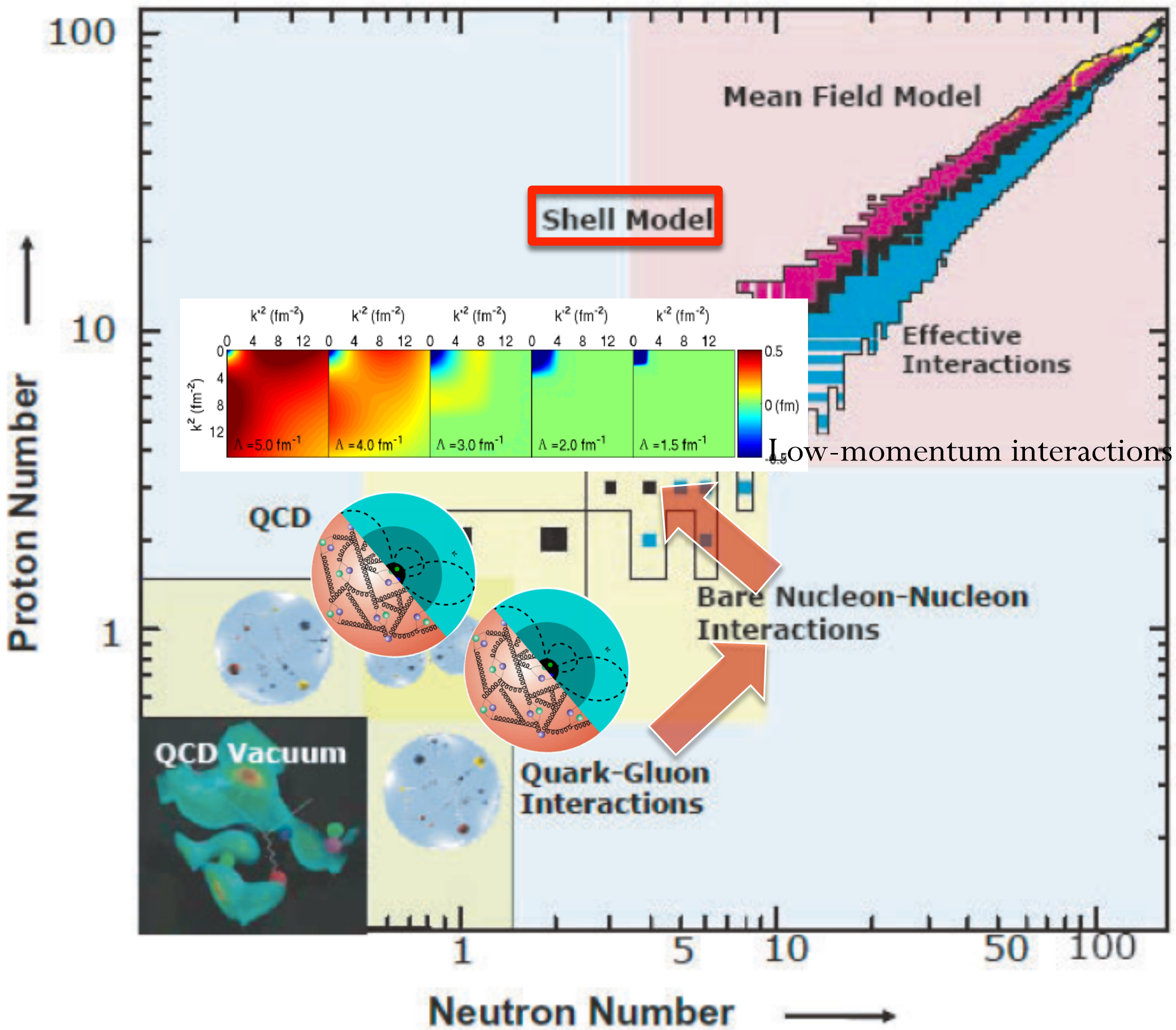

Renormalizing NN Interactions

Basic ideas of RG

Calculating low-momentum interactions

Benefits of low cutoffs

G-matrix renormalization

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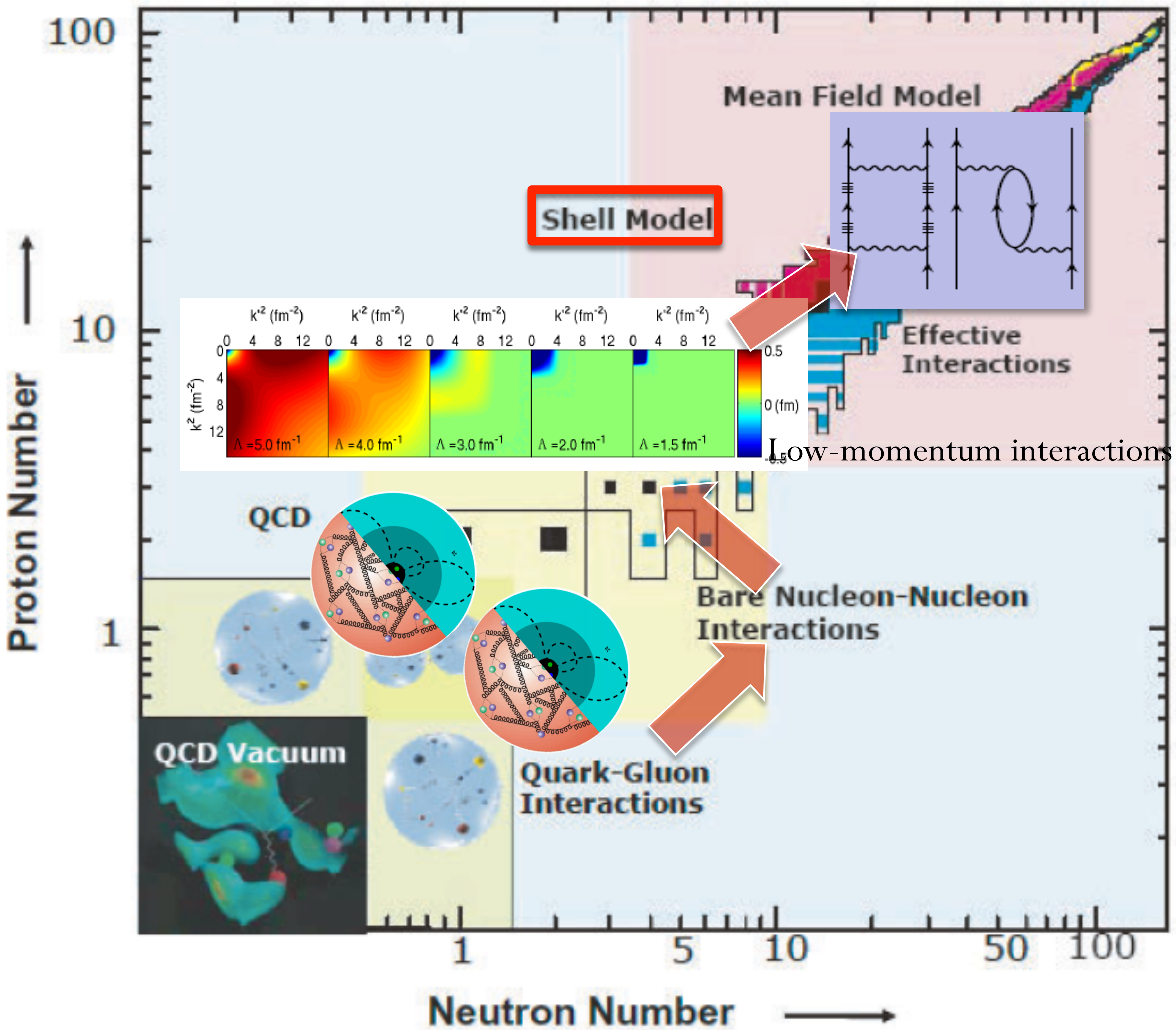

Microscopic Valence-Space Interactions

Model spaces

Many-body perturbation theory (MBPT)

Calculating effective interaction

Monopole part of interaction

Deficiencies of this approach

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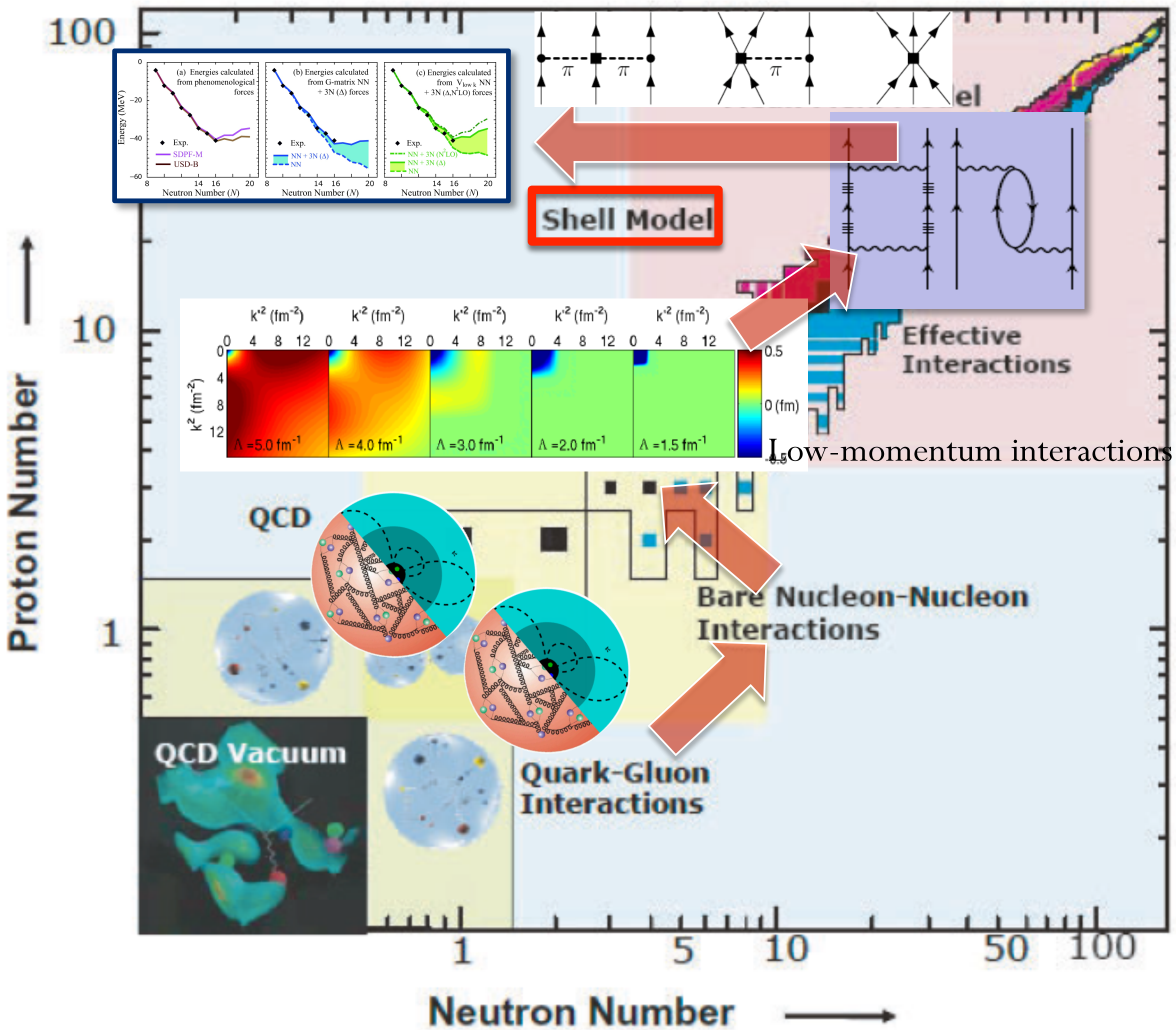

Three-Nucleon Forces

Basic ideas – why do we need?

3N from chiral EFT

Implementing in shell model

Relation to monopoles

Predictions/Results

Density-dependent 3N

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Interaction Between Two Nucleons

"In the past quarter century physicists have devoted a huge amount of experimentation and mental labor to this problem – probably more man-hours than have been given to any other scientific question in the history of mankind."

–H. Bethe

So let's burn a few more man-hours of mental labor on this…

Part I: The Nucleon-Nucleon Interaction

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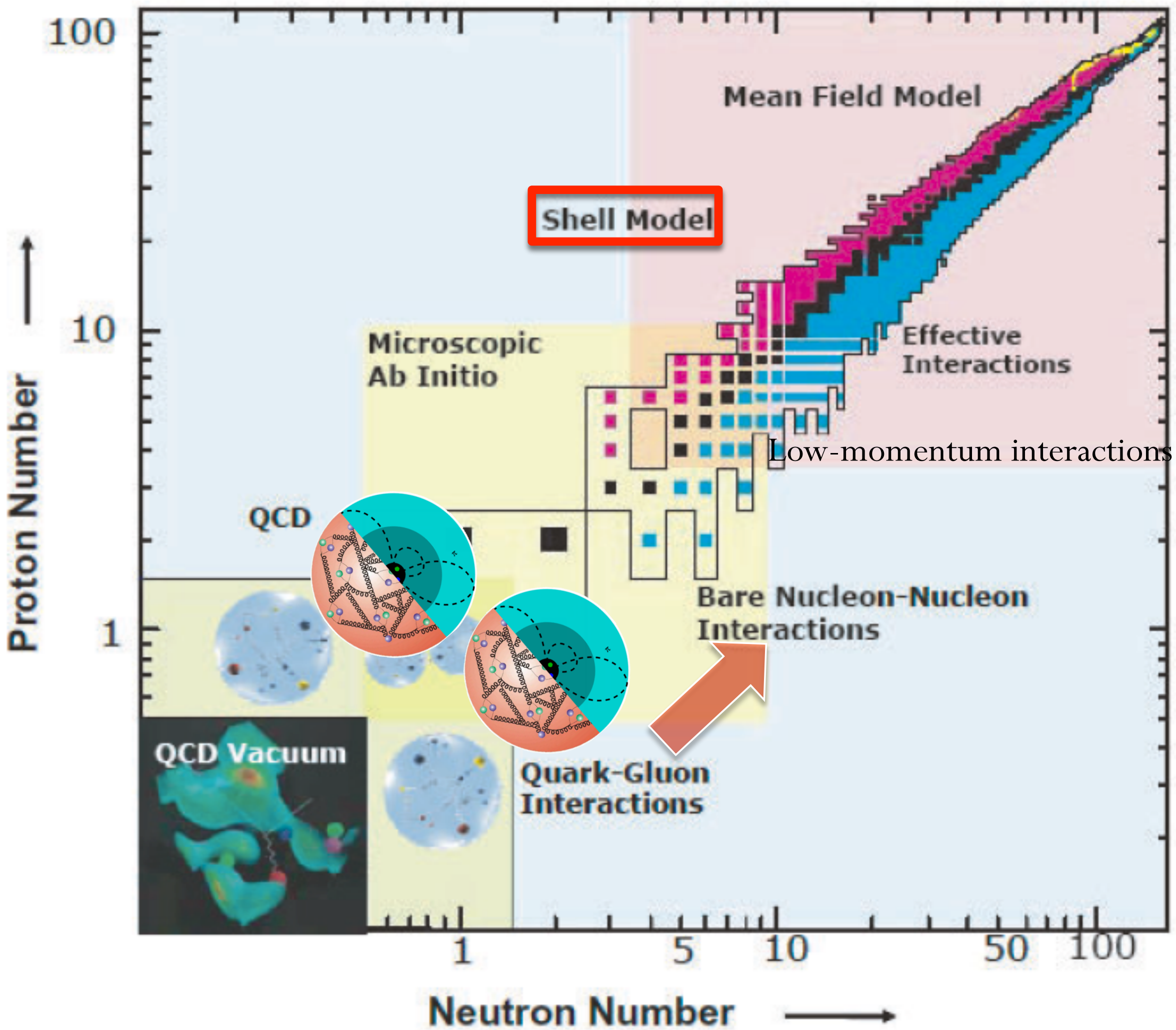

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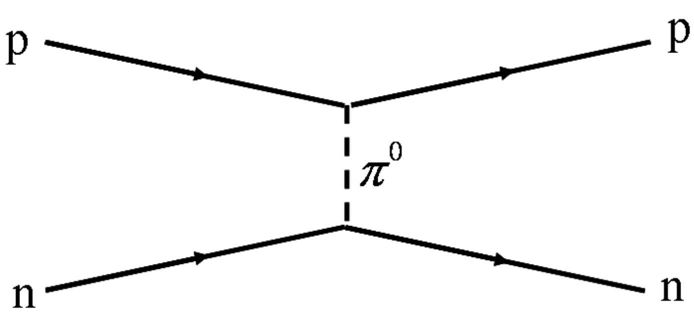
Meson-Exchange Potentials: Yukawa

- First field-theoretical model of nucleon interaction proposed by **Yukawa** 1935
- Pion discovered 1947

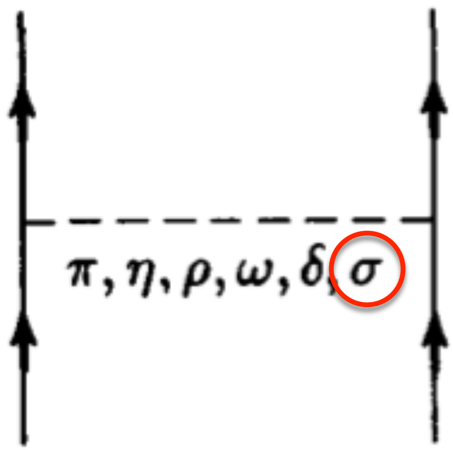


$$V(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{f_\pi^2}{m_\pi^2}\left\{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 + C_T\left(1+\frac{3}{m_\alpha r}+\frac{3}{(m_\alpha r)^2}\right)S_{12}(\hat{r})\right\}\frac{e^{-m_\pi r}}{m_\pi r}.$$

- **Attractive, long range, spin dependent, non-central (tensor) part**
- Successful in explaining scattering data, deuteron
- Advanced to multi-pion theories in 1950's – failed

One-Boson Exchange Potentials

- Heavy mesons discovered in 1950s – theories developed based on these
- Intermediate range – **attractive central, spin-orbit**



$$V^{\sigma} = g_{\sigma NN}^{2} \frac{1}{\mathbf{k}^2 + m_{\sigma}^2} \left(-1 + \frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{2M_N^2} - \frac{\mathbf{k}^2}{8M_N^2} - \frac{\mathbf{LS}}{2M_N^2} \right)$$

$$\vec{q}_i \equiv \vec{p}_i' - \vec{p}_i \qquad \vec{k}_i \equiv \frac{1}{2}(\vec{p}_i' + \vec{p}_i)$$

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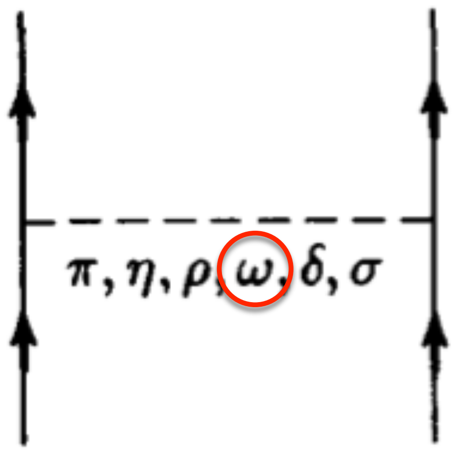

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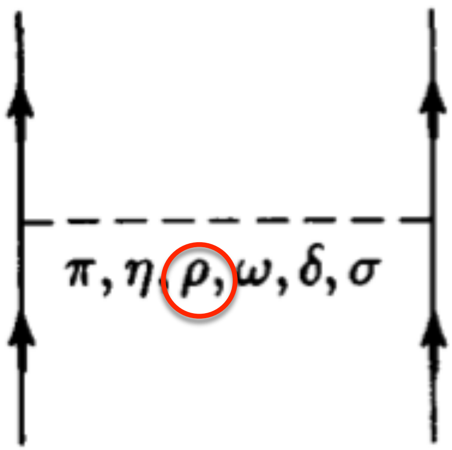

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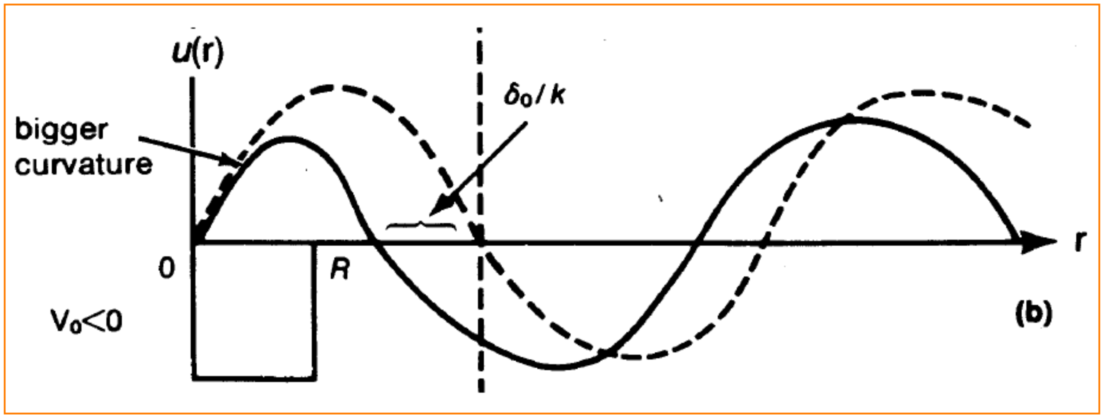
Note intermediate momentum allowed to infinity (but cutoff by regulators)

Coupling of low-to-high momentum in V

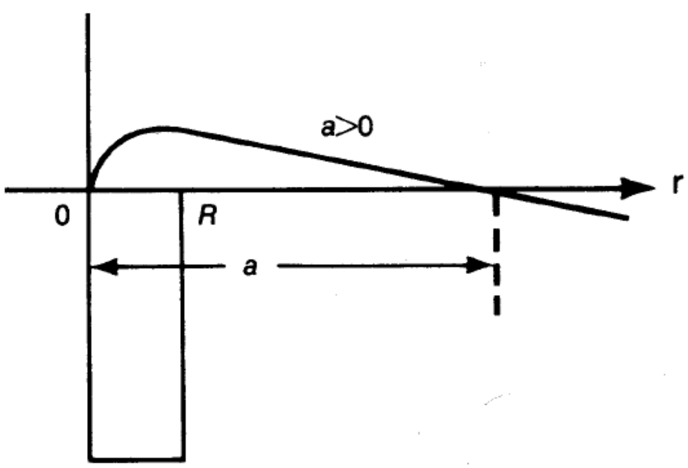
Constraining NN Scattering Phase Shifts

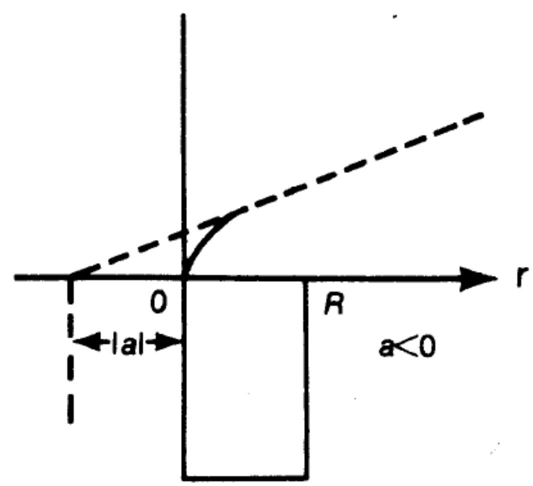
Phase shift is a function of relative momentum k; Figure shows s-wave



Scattering length:

$$k \cot \delta(k) \approx -\frac{1}{a}; \quad \sigma_{\text{tot}} \approx 4\pi a^2 \quad \text{for} \quad k \to 0$$





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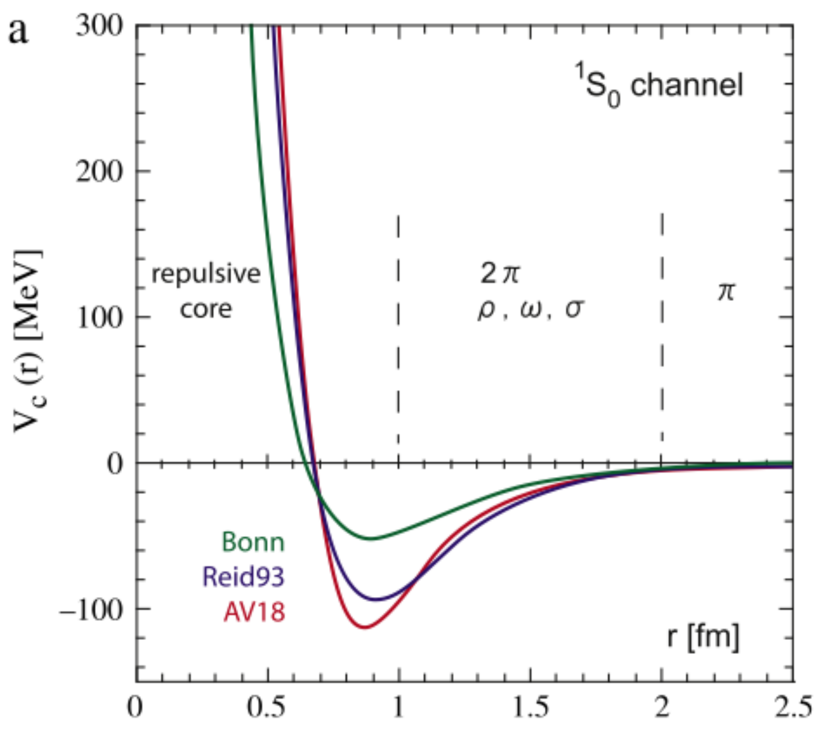

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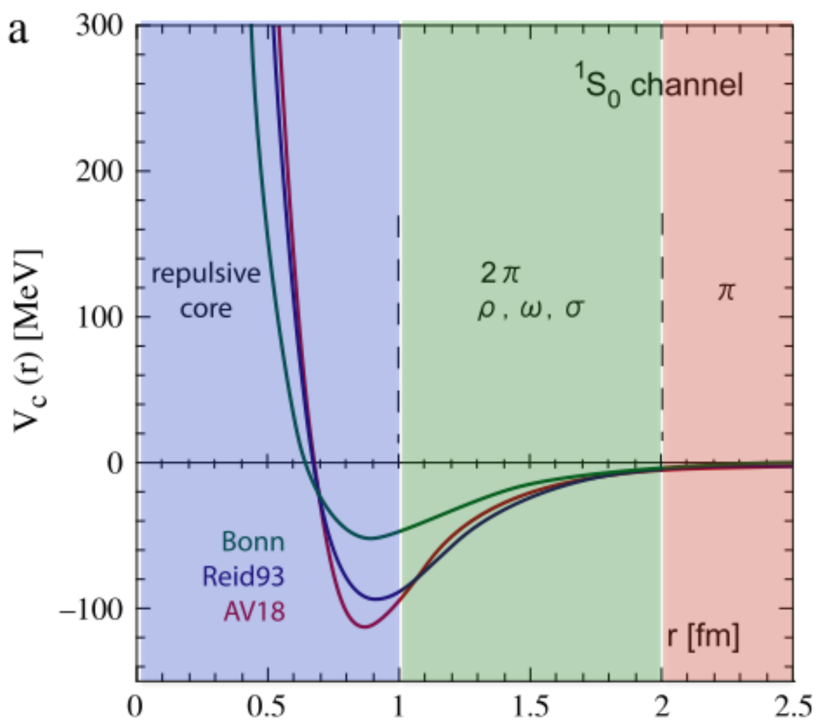

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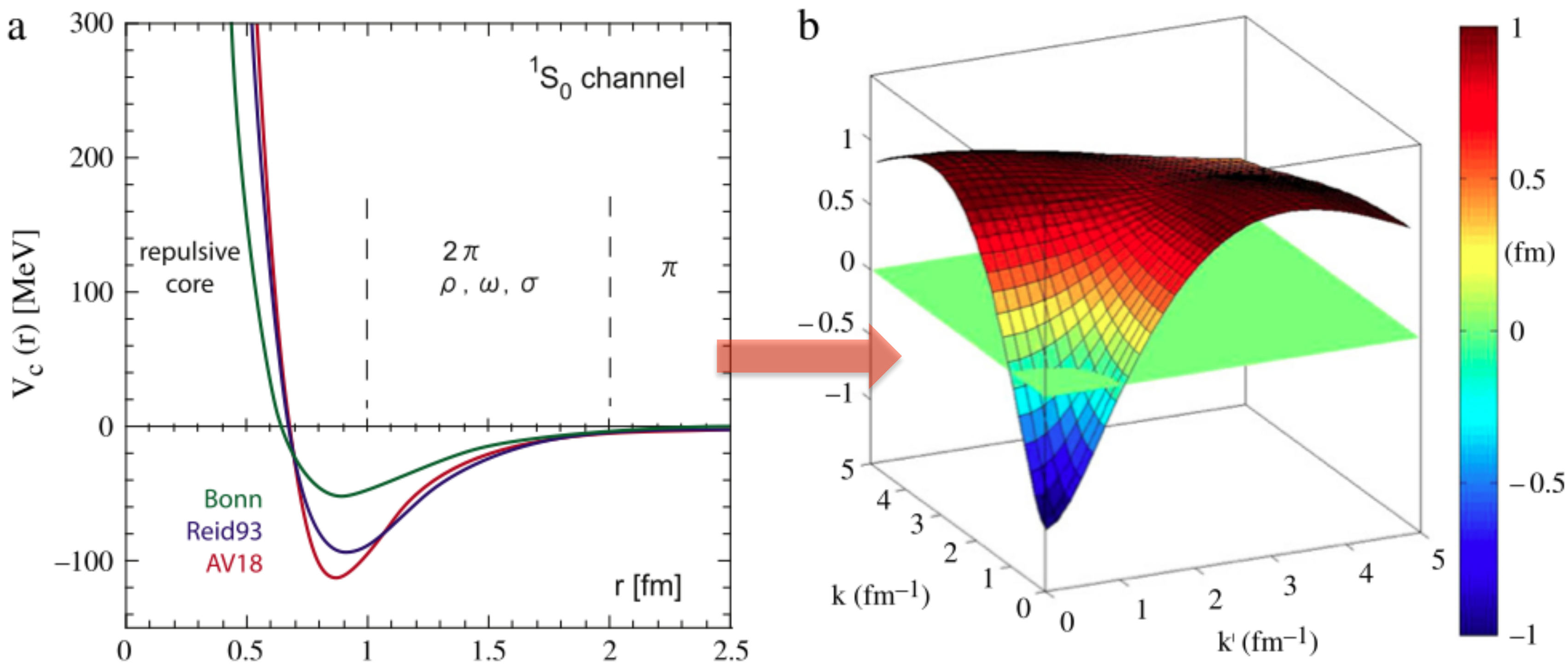

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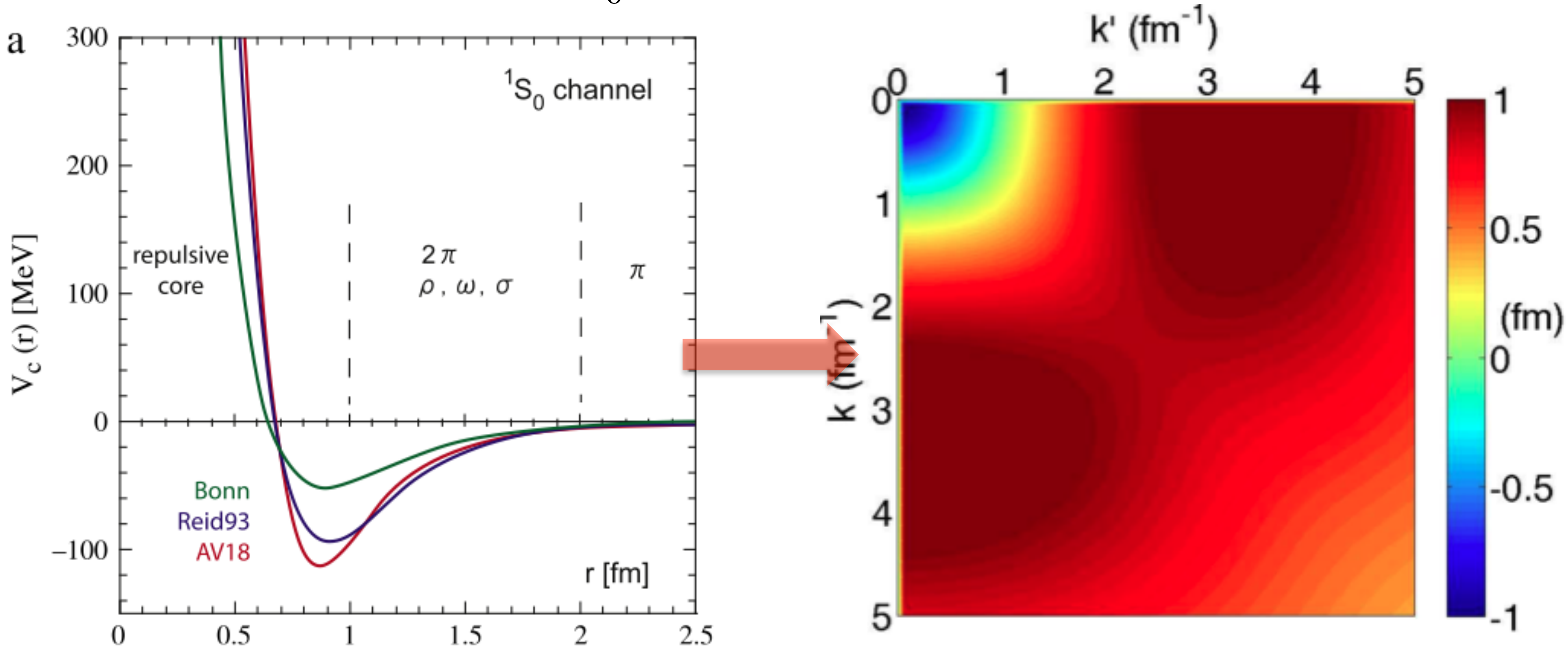

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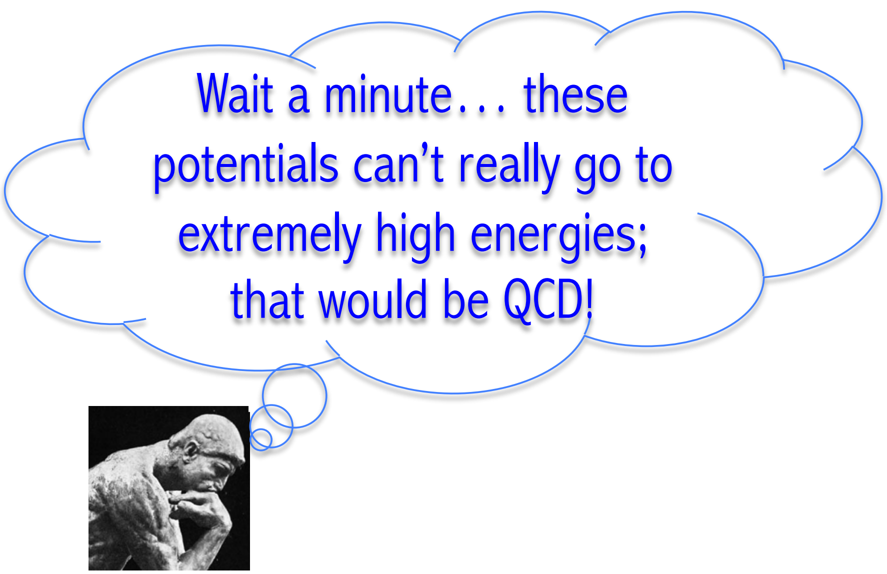

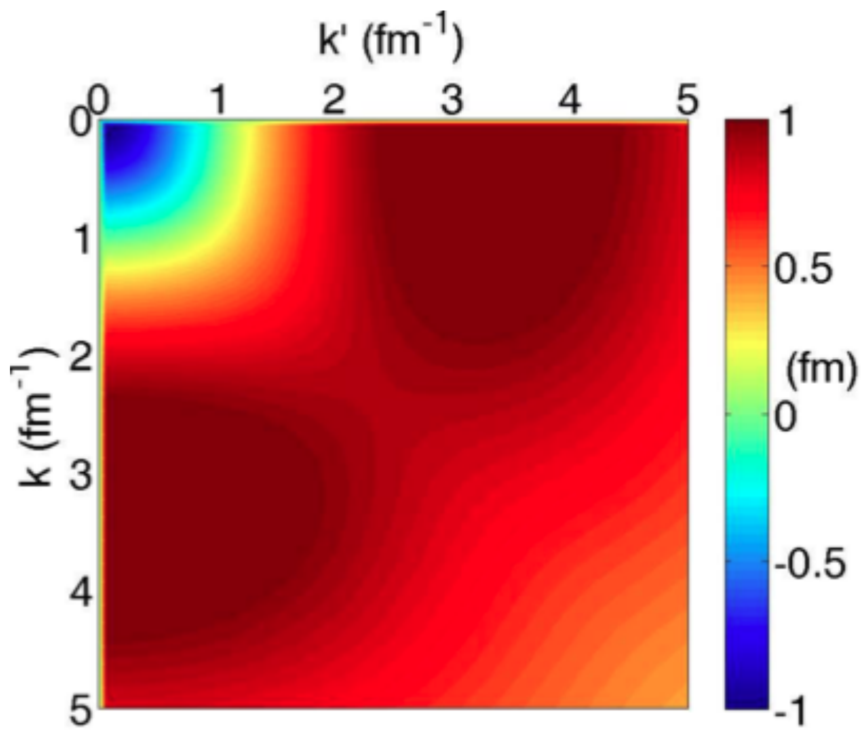

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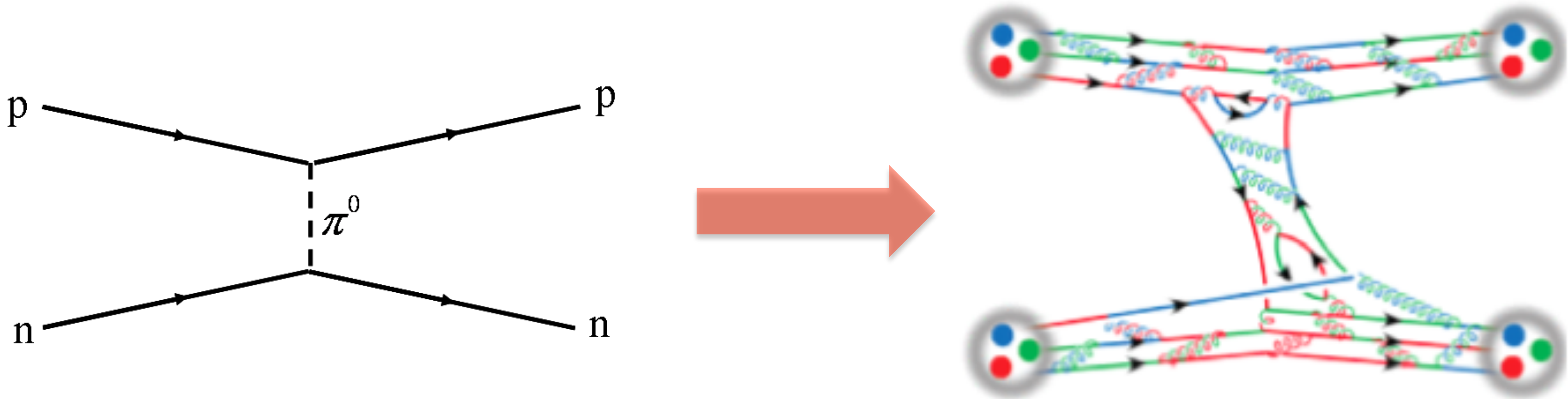

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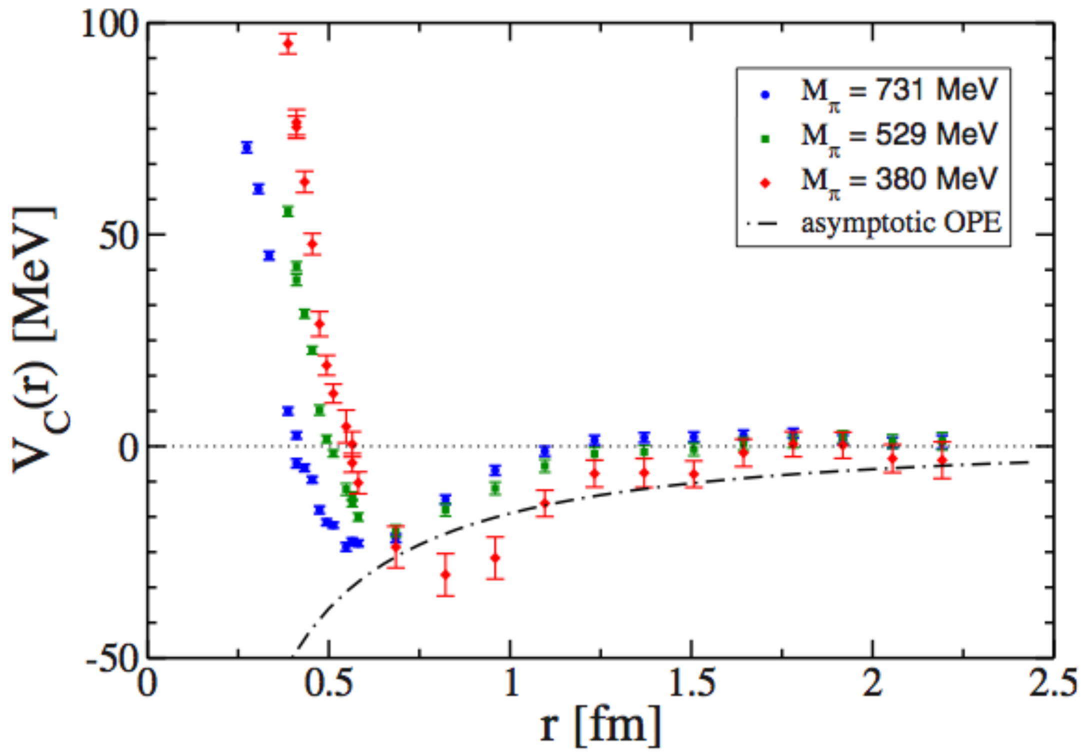

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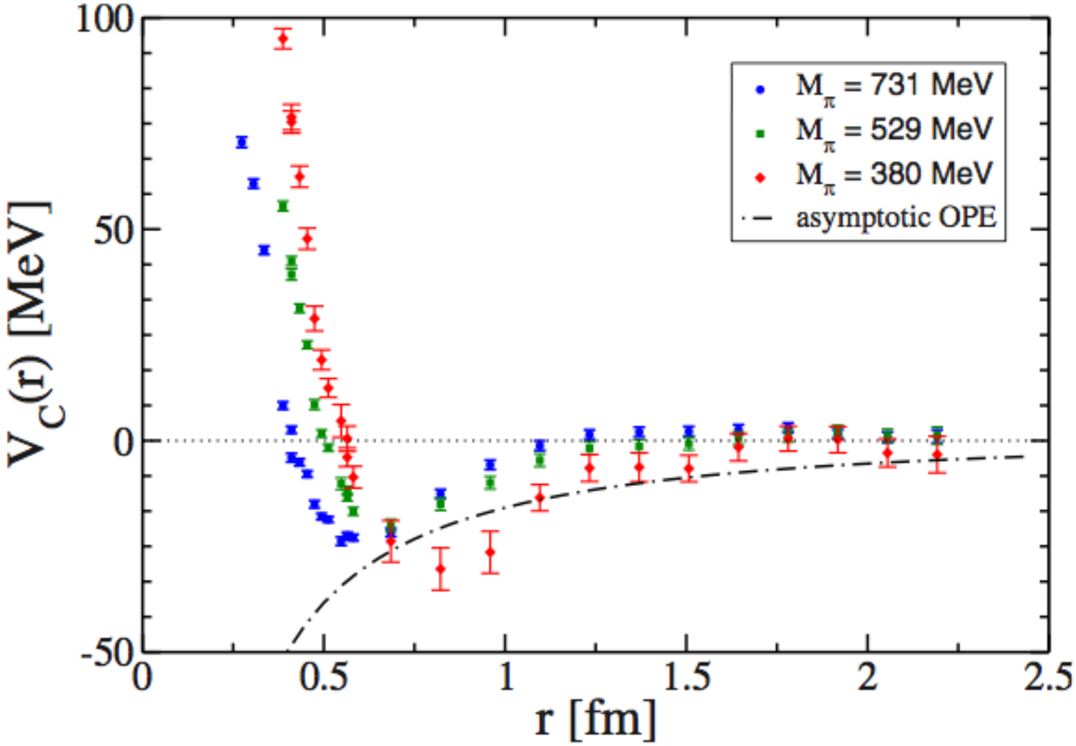

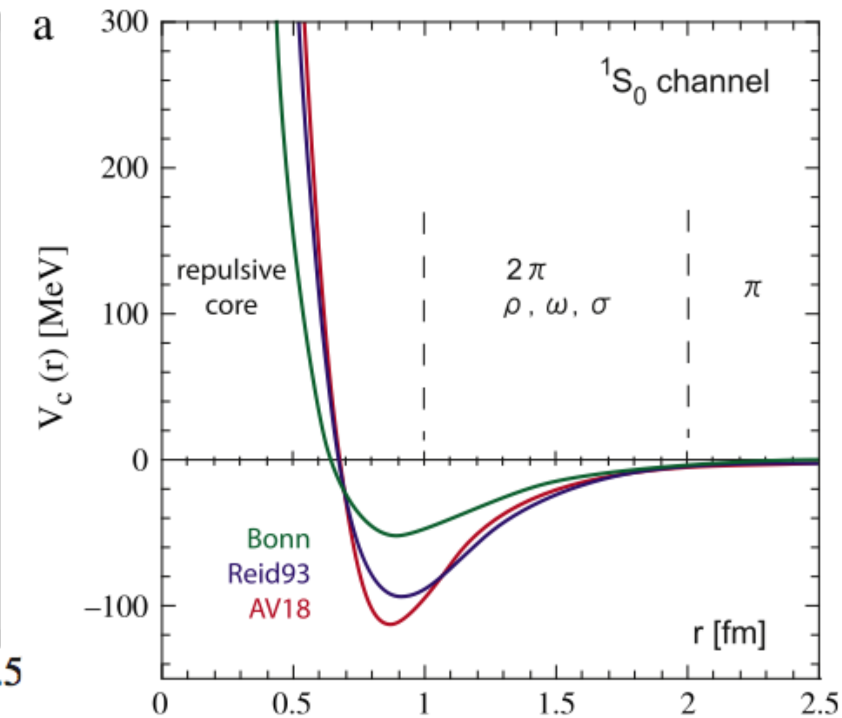

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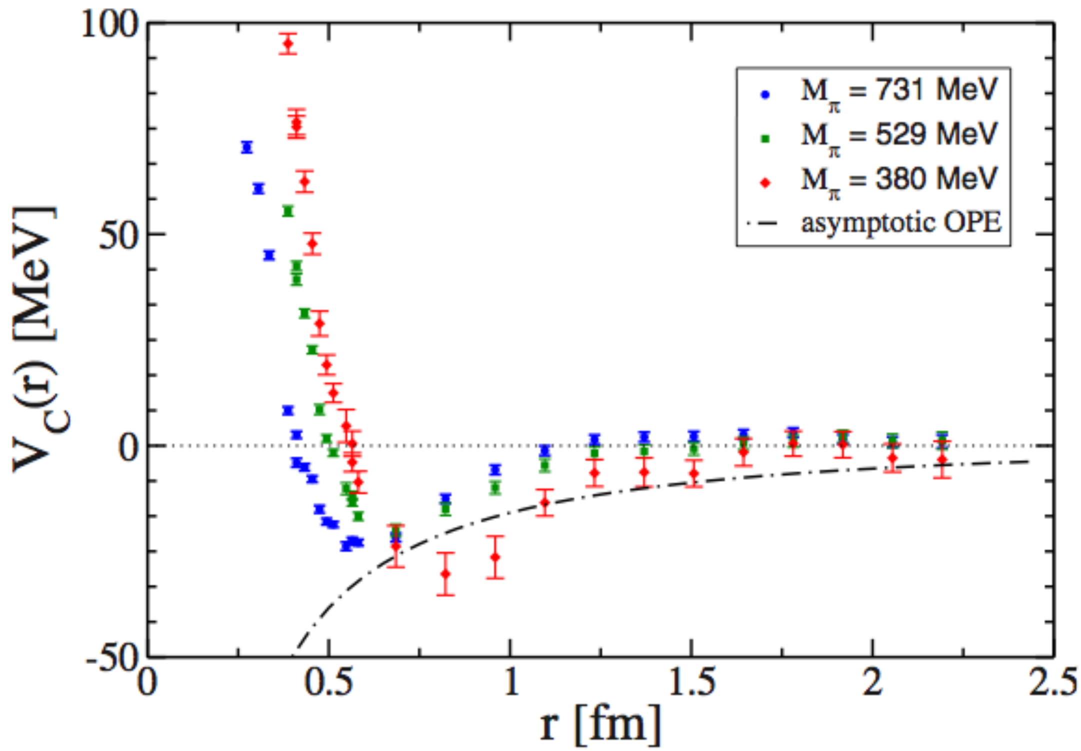
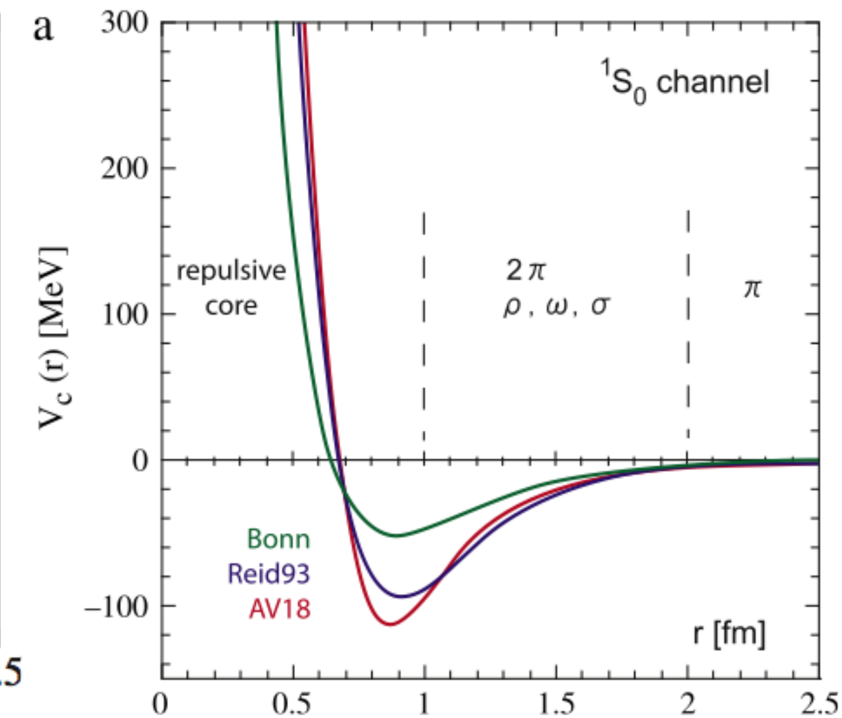
Not yet to physical pion mass – work in progress – so we're done, right?

Unique NN Potential?

What does this tell us in our quest for an NN-potential?

Expected form seems to be confirmed by QCD





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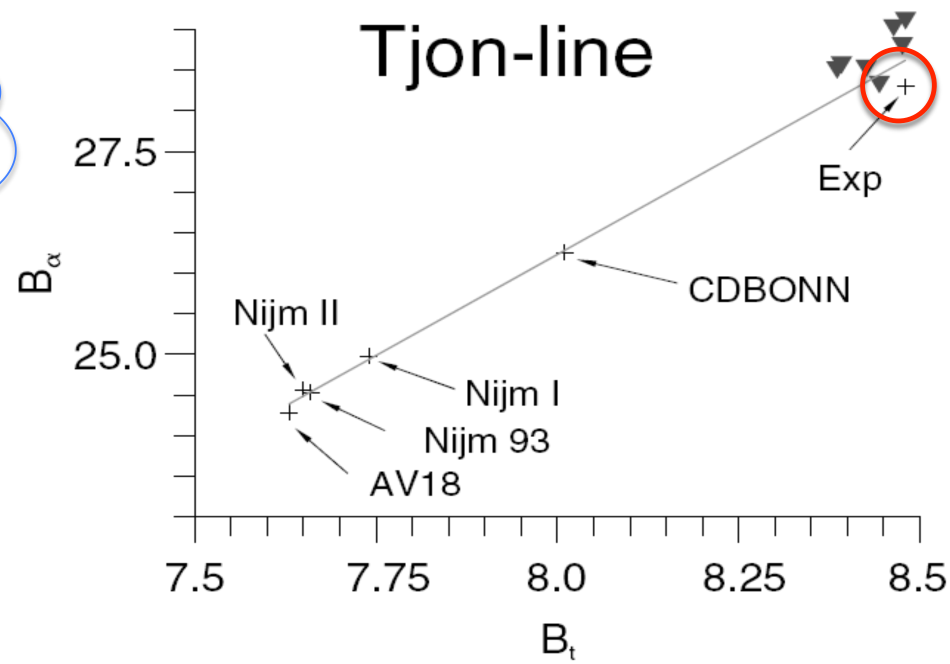

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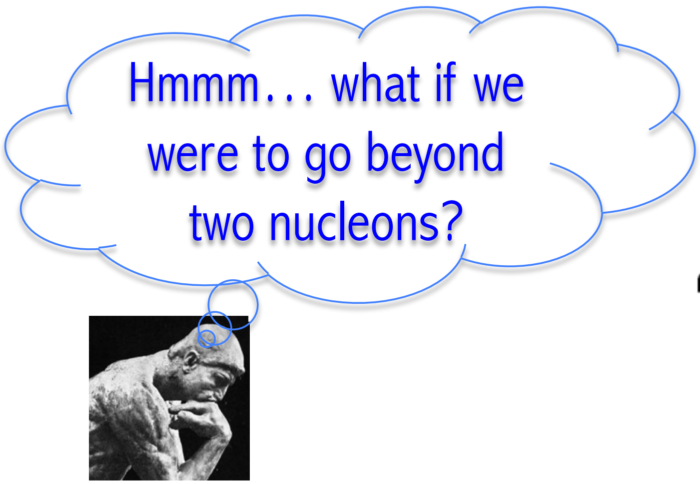
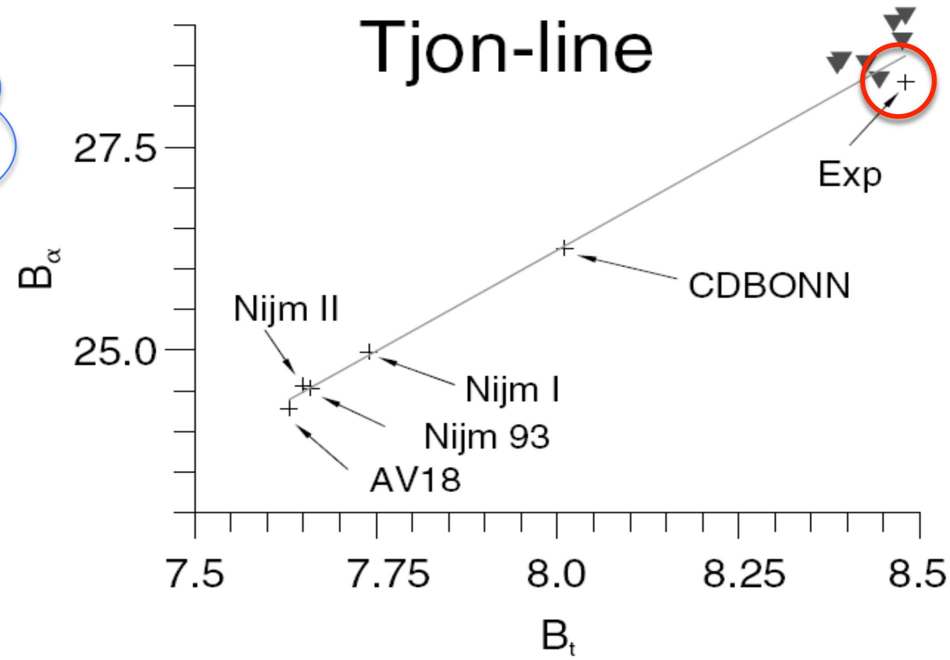


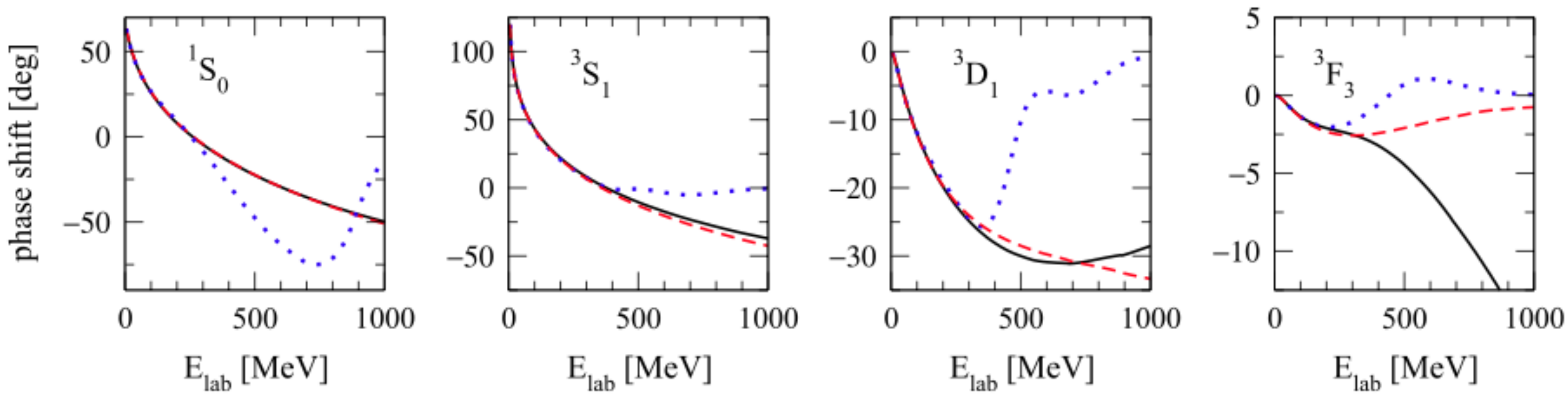


Many successes, but…

1) Difficult (impossible) to assign
2) 3N forces not consistent with NN forces
3) No clear connection to QCD
4) Clear **model dependence**…

Meson-Exchange Potentials and Phase Shifts

Examples of phase shift reproduction by NN potentials



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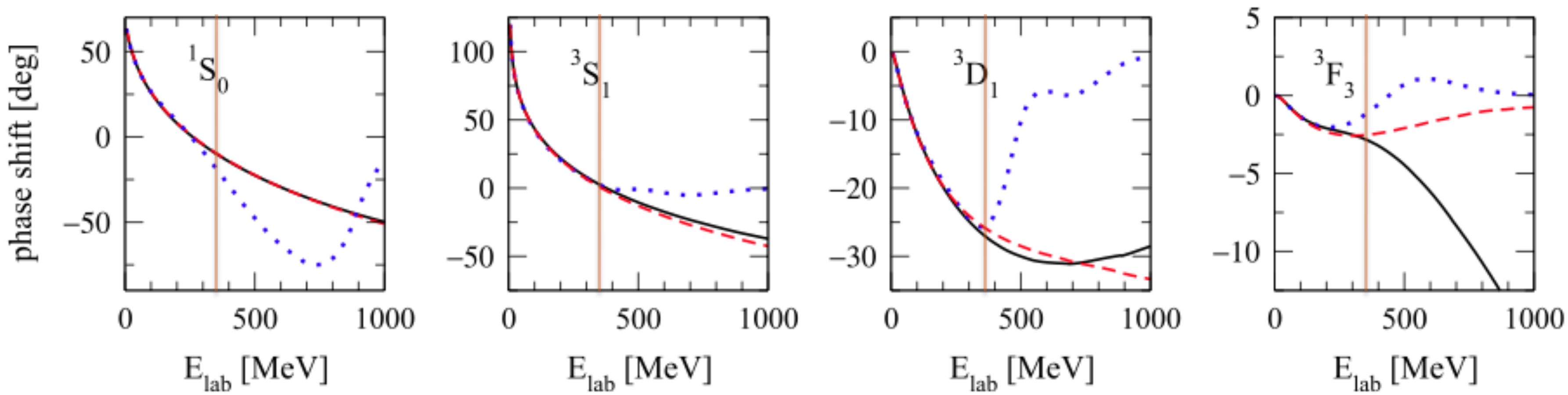
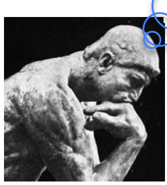


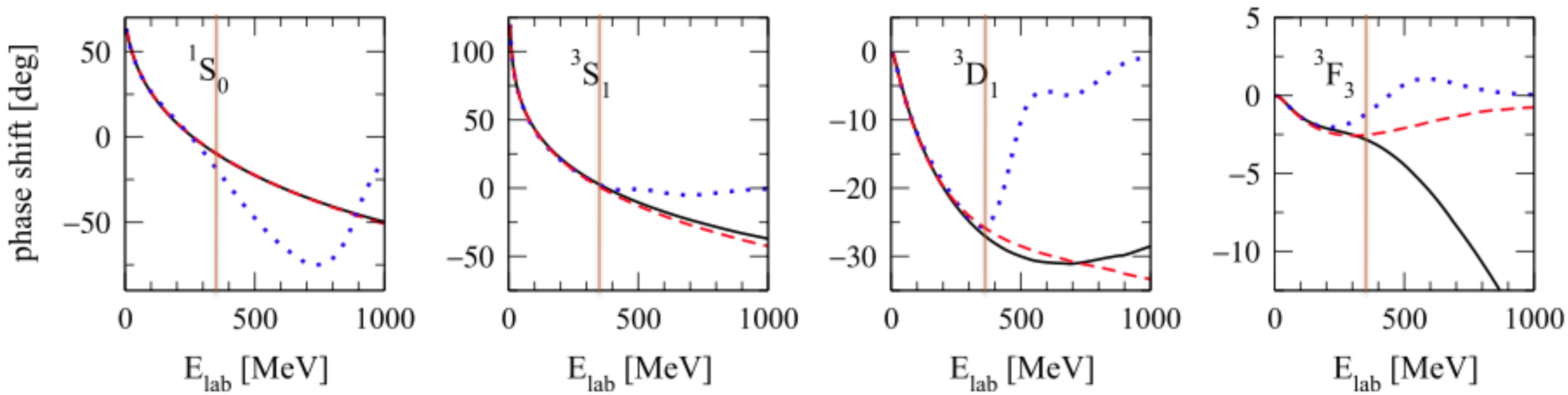
That's strange…
why do they only
agree to 350MeV?

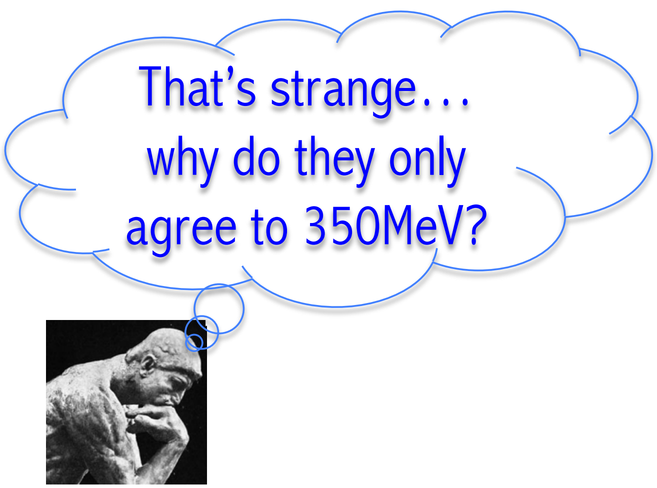


Remember, all have: $\chi^2/\text{dof} \approx 1$

Meson-Exchange Potentials and Phase Shifts

More model dependence: examples of phase shift reproduction by NN potentials





Agree well up to **pion-production threshold** ~350MeV

Data sparse – most models don't fit above this point - **unconstrained**

From QCD to Nuclear Interactions

How do we determine interactions between nucleons?

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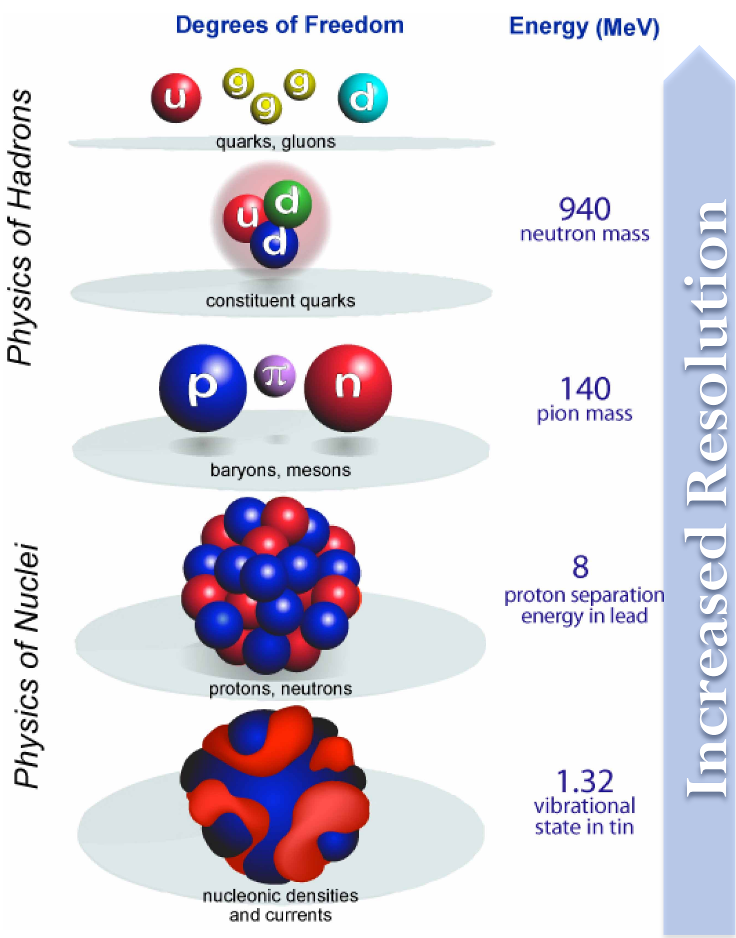


Old view:

Multiple scales complicate life

No meaningful way to connect them

Modern view:

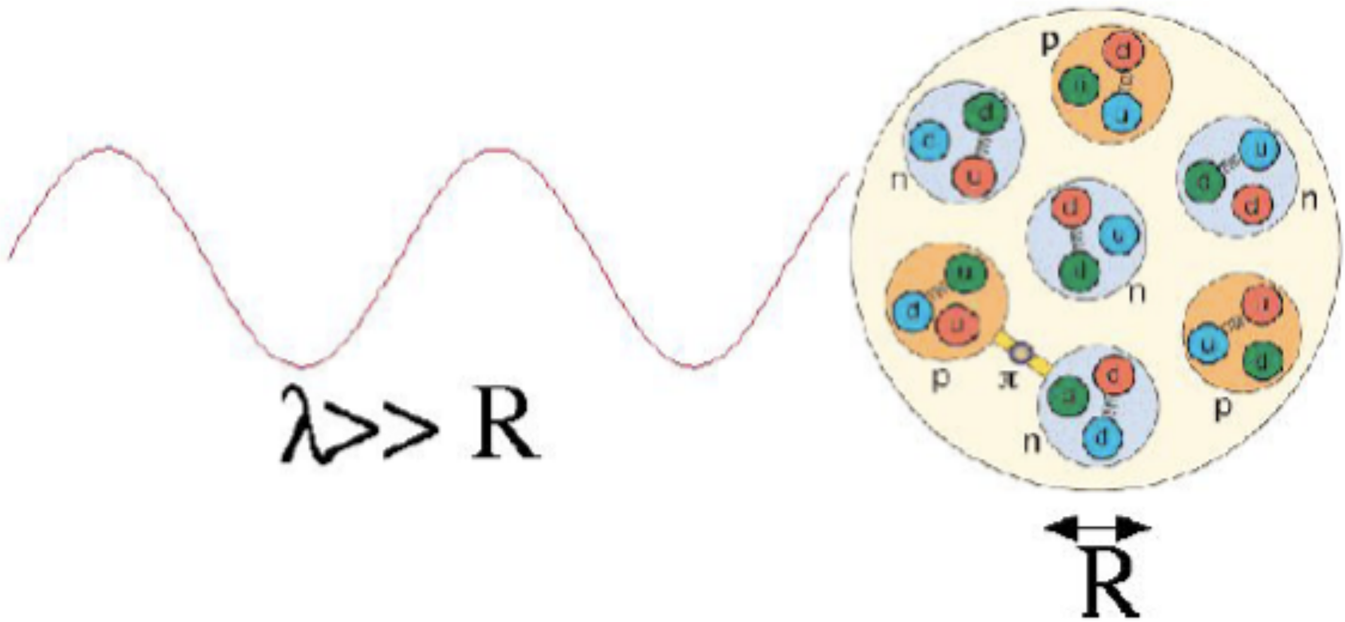
Ratio of scales – small parameters

Effective field theory at each scale
connected by RG

Choose convenient resolution scale

Ideas Behind Effective Theories

Resolution scales



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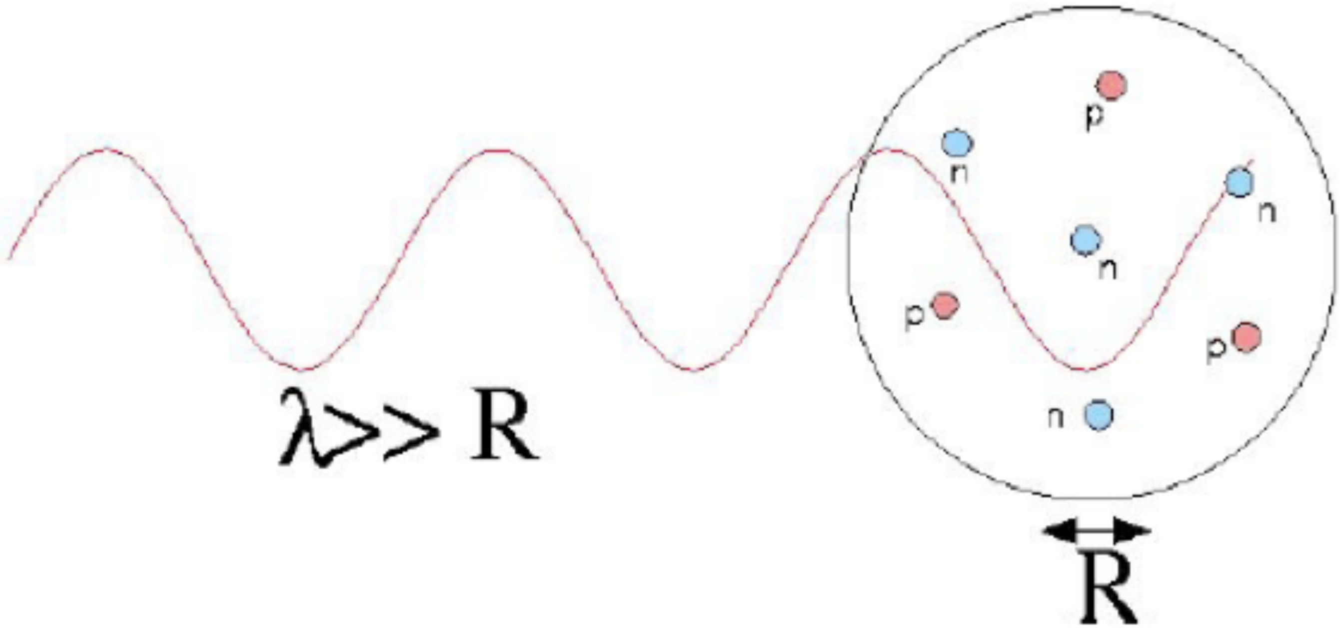

Low-energy probe doesn't resolve such details

Don't need high-energy degrees of freedom – replace with something simpler

Use dof that are more convenient, but preserve low-energy observables

Ideas Behind Effective Theories

Underlying theory with cutoff Λ_∞

$$V = V_L + V_S$$

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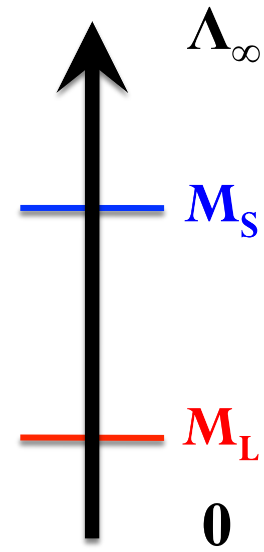

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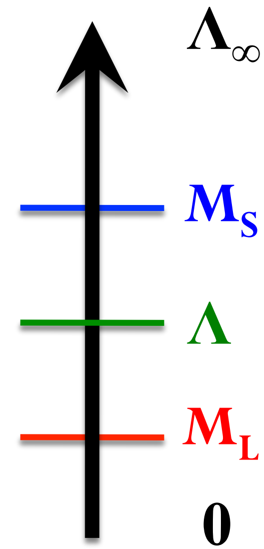

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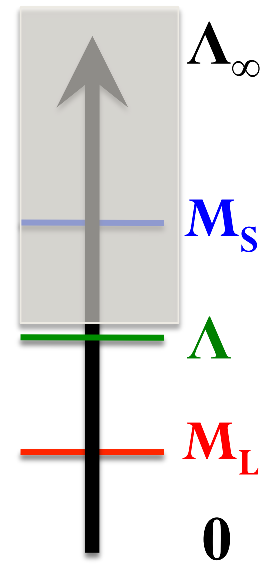

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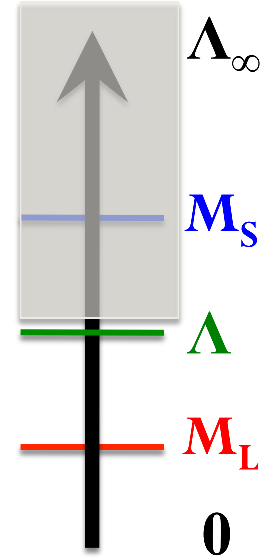

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Encodes effects of high-E dof on low-energy observables

Universal; depends only on symmetries

TWO choices:

Short distance structure of "true theory" captured in several numbers
- **Calculate from underlying theory**

When short-range physics is unknown or too complicated
- **Extract from low-energy data**

How do we apply these ideas to nuclear physics?

Chiral Effective Field Theory: Philosophy

"At each scale we have different degrees of freedom and different dynamics. Physics at a larger scale (largely) decouples from physics at a smaller scale… thus a theory at a larger scale remembers only finitely many parameters from the theories at smaller scales, and throws the rest of the details away.

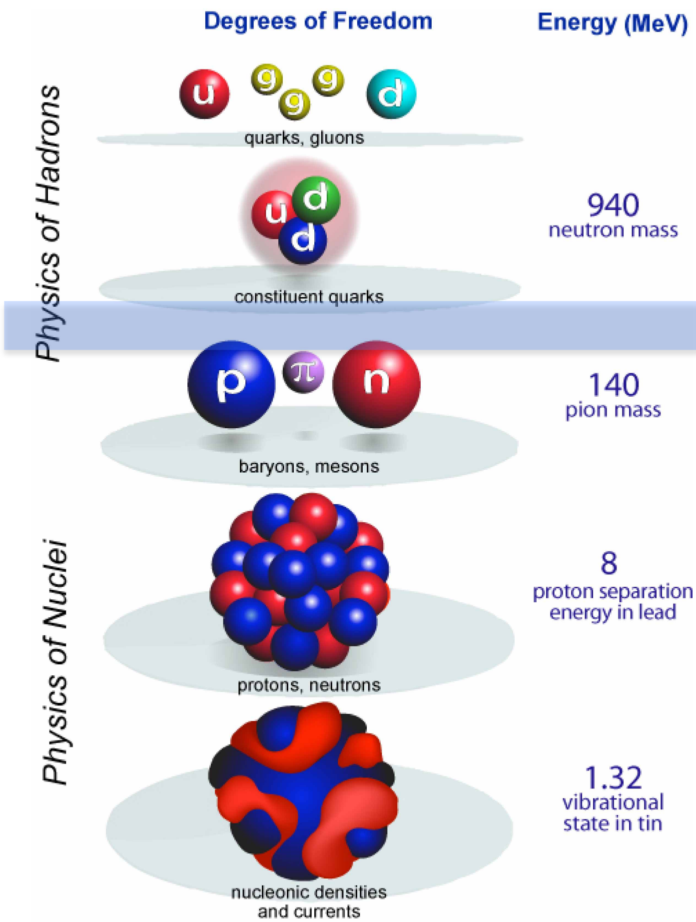
More precisely, when we pass from a smaller scale to a larger scale, we average out irrelevant degrees of freedom… The general aim of the RG method is to explain how this decoupling takes place and why exactly information is transmitted from one scale to another through finitely many parameters."
- ***David Gross***

"The method in its most general form can.. be understood as a way to arrange in various theories that the degrees of freedom that you're talking about are the relevant degrees of freedom for the problem at hand."
- ***Steven Weinberg***

5 Steps to constructing the theory

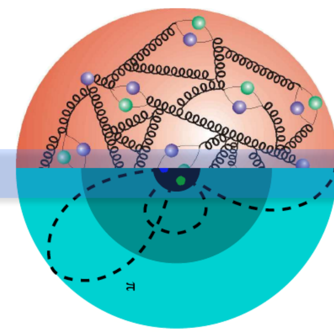
Separation of Scales in Nuclear Physics

Step I: Identify appropriate separation of scales, degrees of freedom



Appropriate separation of scales

Typical momenta in nucleus Q~ $\mathbf{m}_\pi$

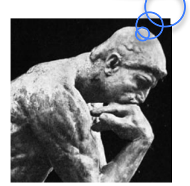


$\Lambda_{chiral} \sim 700\text{MeV}$

Only degrees of freedom relevant to energy scale

Effective theory: only nucleons and pions

It seems like
we're forgetting
something…



Chiral EFT Symmetries

Step II: Identify relevant symmetries of underlying theory QCD

1. SU(3) color symmetry from QCD
   (Nucleons and pions are color singlets)

2. Chiral symmetry: u and d quarks are almost massless
   - Left and right-handed (massless) quarks do not mix: $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ symmetry
   - Explicit symmetry breaking: u and d quarks have a small mass
   - Spontaneous breaking of chiral symmetry (no parity doublets observed in Nature)
     - $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ symmetry spontaneously broken to $SU(2)_V$
     - Pions are the Nambu-Goldstone bosons of spontaneously broken symmetry
     - Low-energy pion Lagrangian completely determined

Construct Lagrangian based on these symmetries

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\pi\pi} + \mathcal{L}_{N\pi} + \mathcal{L}_{NN}$$

Chiral EFT Lagrangian

Step III: Construct Lagrangian based on identified symmetries

Pion-pion Lagrangian: U is SU(2) matrix parameterized by three pion fields

$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi}^{(0)} = \frac{F^2}{4} \langle \nabla^{\mu} U \nabla_{\mu} U^{\dagger} + \chi_{+} \rangle,$$

Leading-order pion-nucleon

$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(0)} = \bar{N}(iv \cdot D + \mathring{g}_A u \cdot S)N,$$

Leading-order nucleon-nucleon (encodes unknown short-range physics)

$$\mathcal{L}_{NN}^{(0)} = -\frac{1}{2} C_S (\bar{N}N)(\bar{N}N) + 2C_T (\bar{N}SN) \cdot (\bar{N}SN)$$

EFT Power Counting

Step IV: Design an organized scheme to distinguish more from less important processes: Power Counting

Organize theory in powers of $\left(\frac{Q}{\Lambda_\chi}\right)$ where $Q \sim m_\pi$, typical momentum in nucleus

Expansion only valid for small expansion parameter, *i.e.*, low momentum

Irreducible time-ordered diagram has order $\left(\frac{Q}{\Lambda_\chi}\right)^\nu$, where

$$\nu = -4 + 2N + 2L + \sum_i V_i \Delta_i \qquad \Delta_i = d_i + \frac{1}{2} n_i - 2$$ "Chiral dimension"

N = Number of nucleons

L = Number of pion loops

V_i = Number of vertices of type i

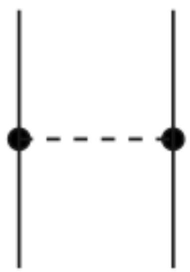
d = Number of derivatives or insertions of m_π

n = Number of nucleon field operators

Chiral EFT: Lowest Order (LO)

Step V: Calculate Feynmann diagrams to the desired accuracy

Leading order $(\nu = 0)$



One-pion exchange

$$V_{NN}^{(0)} = -\frac{g_A^2}{4F_\pi^2}\frac{\vec{\sigma}_1\cdot\vec{q}\,\vec{\sigma}_2\cdot\vec{q}}{\vec{q}^2+M_\pi^2}\boldsymbol{\tau}_1\cdot\boldsymbol{\tau}_2$$

$\vec{q}_i \equiv \vec{p}_i' - \vec{p}_i$

$g_A = 1.26$

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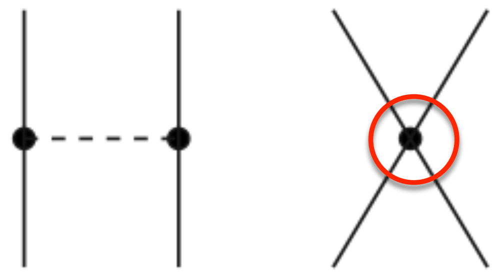

One-pion exchange
NN contact interaction

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Two **low-energy constants (LECs)**: C_S, C_T

Chiral EFT

Step V: Calculate Feynmann diagrams to the desired accuracy

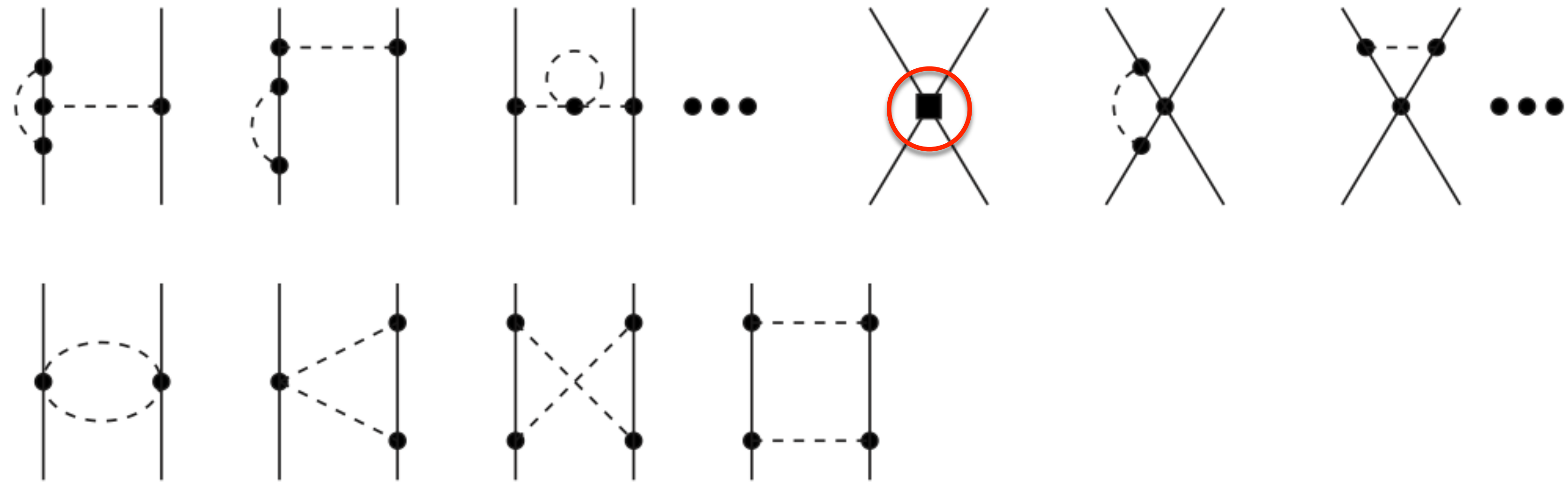
Question: What will $\nu = 1$ look like?

Answer: No contribution at this order

Chiral EFT: NLO

Step V: Calculate Feynmann diagrams to the desired accuracy

Next–to–leading order ($\nu = 2$)



Higher order contact interaction: 7 new LECs, spin-orbit

$$+ C_1 \vec{q}^{\,2} + C_2 \vec{k}^{2} + (C_3 \vec{q}^{\,2} + C_4 \vec{k}^{2}) \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2$$

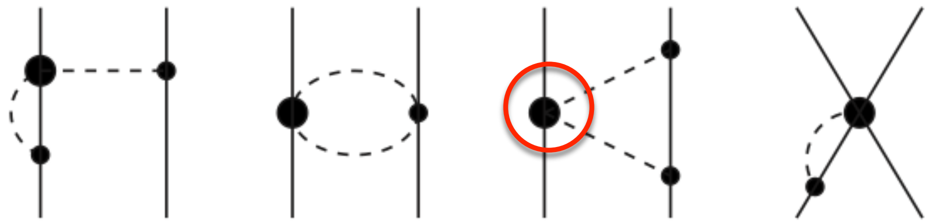
$$+ i C_5 \frac{1}{2} (\vec{\sigma}_1 + \vec{\sigma}_2) \cdot \vec{q} \times \vec{k} + C_6 \vec{q} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_1 \vec{q} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2$$

$$+ C_7 \vec{k} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_1 \vec{k} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 ,$$

Chiral EFT: N^{2}LO

Step V: Calculate Feynmann diagrams to the desired accuracy

Next–to–next–to–leading order $(\nu = 3)$



3 new LECs from ππNN vertex

$$V_{NN}^{(3)} = -\frac{3g_A^2}{16\pi F_\pi^4}[2M_\pi^2(2c_1 - c_3) - c_3\vec{q}^2] \times (2M_\pi^2 + \vec{q}^2)A^{\tilde{\Lambda}}(q) - \frac{g_A^2 c_4}{32\pi F_\pi^4}\boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2(4M_\pi^2 + q^2)A^{\tilde{\Lambda}}(q)(\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{q}\vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{q} - \vec{q}^2\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2),$$

Chiral EFT: N^{3}LO

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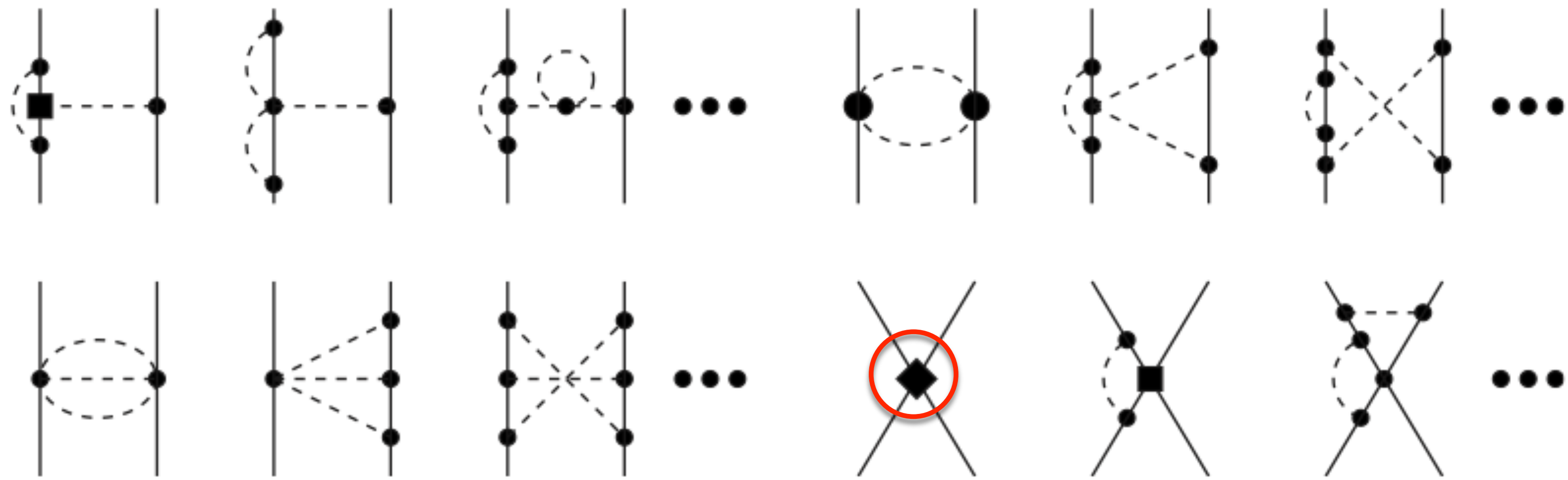
Next–to–next–to–next–to–leading order $(\nu = 4)$



Higher order contact interaction: 15 new LECs

Regularization of Chiral potentials

Remember: constructing potential involves solving **L-S equation**

All NN potentials cutoff loop momenta at some value > 1GeV

Impose exponential regulator, Λ, in Chiral EFT potentials – **not in integral**

$$\widehat{T}(\vec{p}\,', \vec{p}) = \widehat{V}(\vec{p}\,', \vec{p}) + \int d^3p''\, \widehat{V}(\vec{p}\,', \vec{p}\,'')\, \frac{M}{p^2 - p''^2 + i\epsilon}\, \widehat{T}(\vec{p}\,'', \vec{p})$$

$$\widehat{V}(\vec{p}\,', \vec{p}) \quad \longmapsto \quad \widehat{V}(\vec{p}\,', \vec{p})\, \boldsymbol{e}^{-(p'/\Lambda)^{2n}}\; \boldsymbol{e}^{-(p/\Lambda)^{2n}}$$

LECs will depend on regularization approach and Λ

Infinitely many ways to do this

Infinitely many chiral potentials

Indeed, many on the market – some fit well to phase shifts, others not

Chiral EFT:
Resulting fits to Phase shifts

Systematic improvement of chiral EFT potentials fit to phase shifts

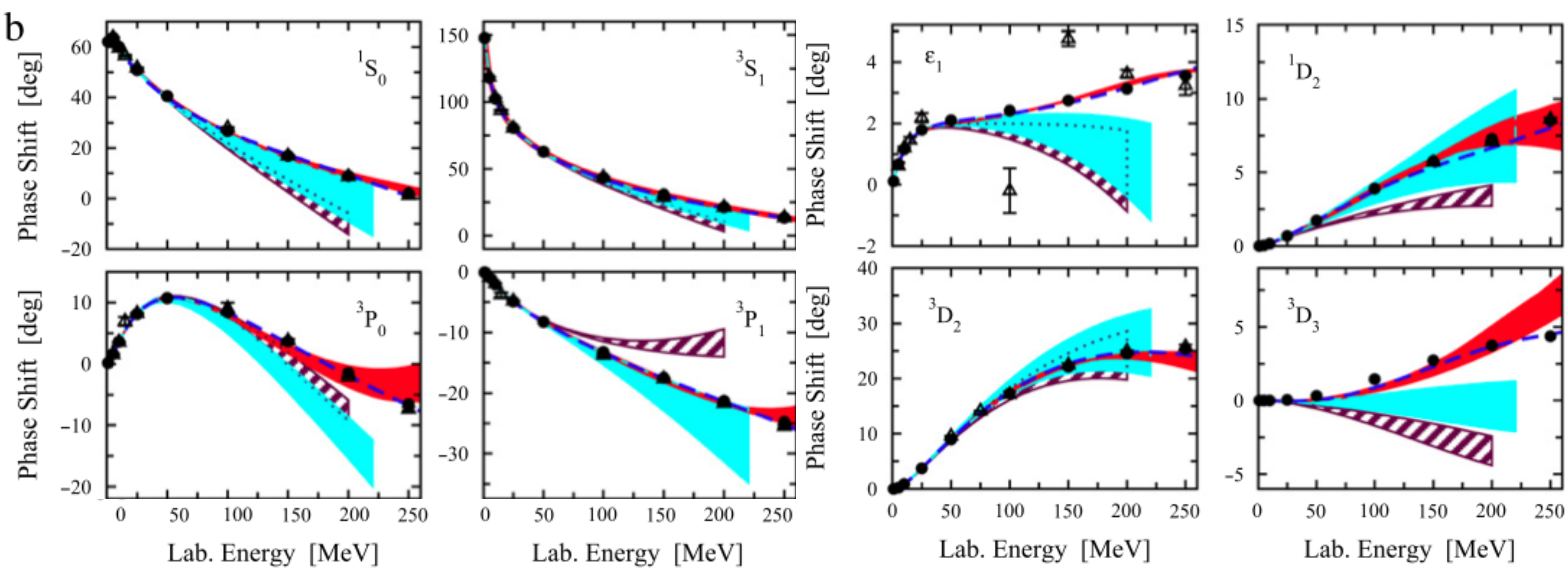
Cutoff variation – information about missing physics

NLO: dashed band 9 Parameters

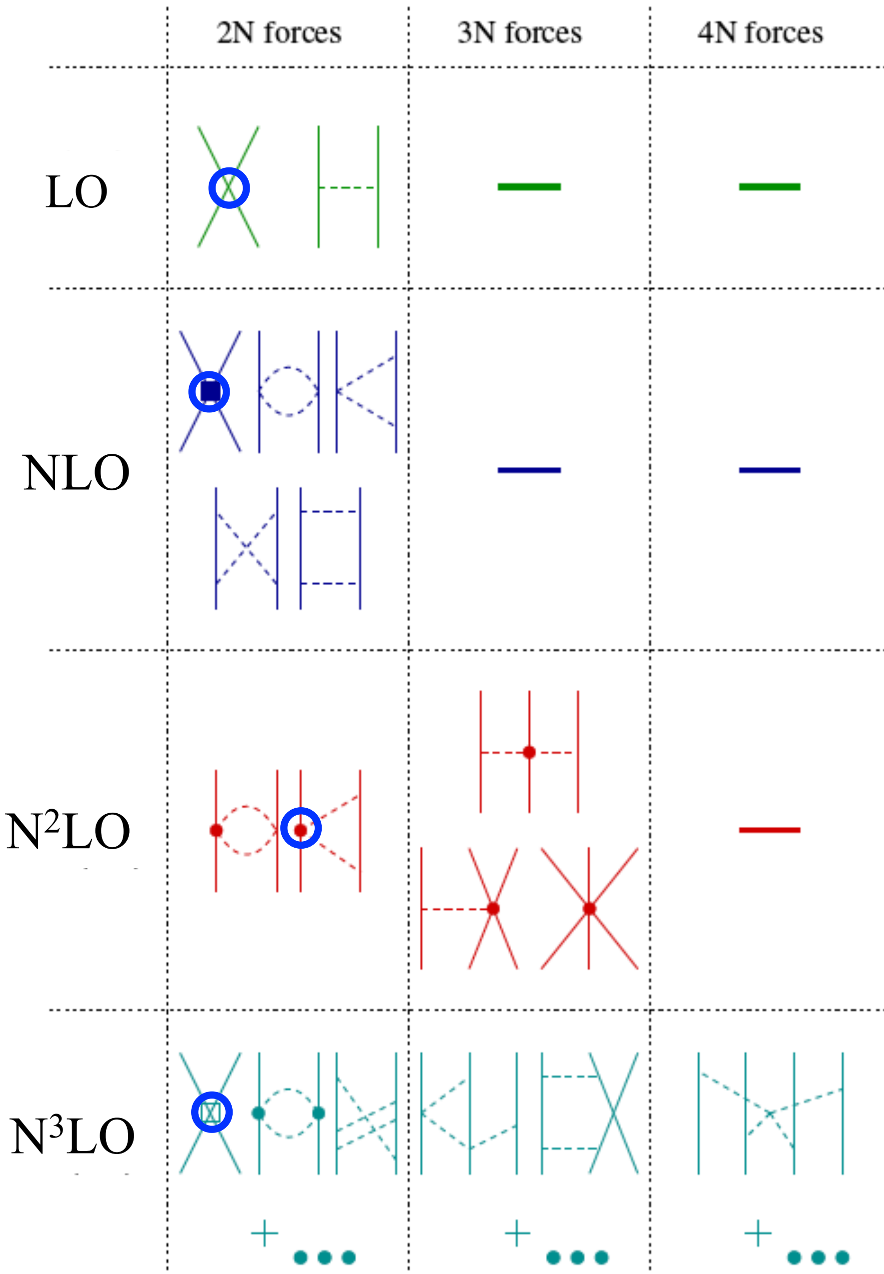
N^2LO: light band 12 Parameters

N^3LO: dark band 27 Parameters

Generally decreasing error and increasing accuracy – not entirely…



Chiral Effective Field Theory: Nuclear Forces



Meson exchange potentials were an admirable effort

Using ideas of **effective field theory:**

Nucleons interact via pion exchanges and contact interactions

Lower momentum
Systematic – can assign error
Connected to QCD

Hierarchy: $V_{NN} > V_{3N} > \ldots$

Consistent treatment of NN, 3N, … electroweak operators

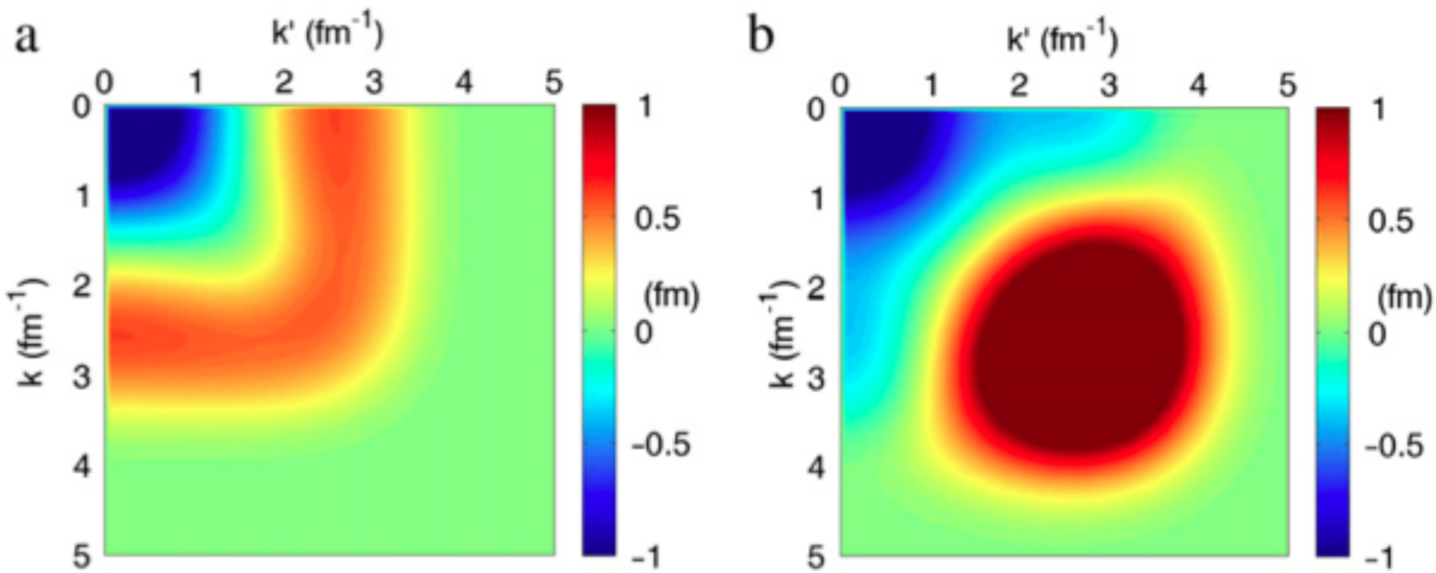
Couplings fit to experiment once

Weinberg, van Kolck, Kaplan, Savage, Wise, Epelbaum, Kaiser, Meissner,…

Chiral NN Potentials

Two chiral potentials with regulators of 500MeV and 600MeV

Still low-to-high momentum coupling: poor convergence, non perturbative, etc.



How do these compare to the potential you drew?

Lesson: Infinitely many phase-shift equivalent potentials

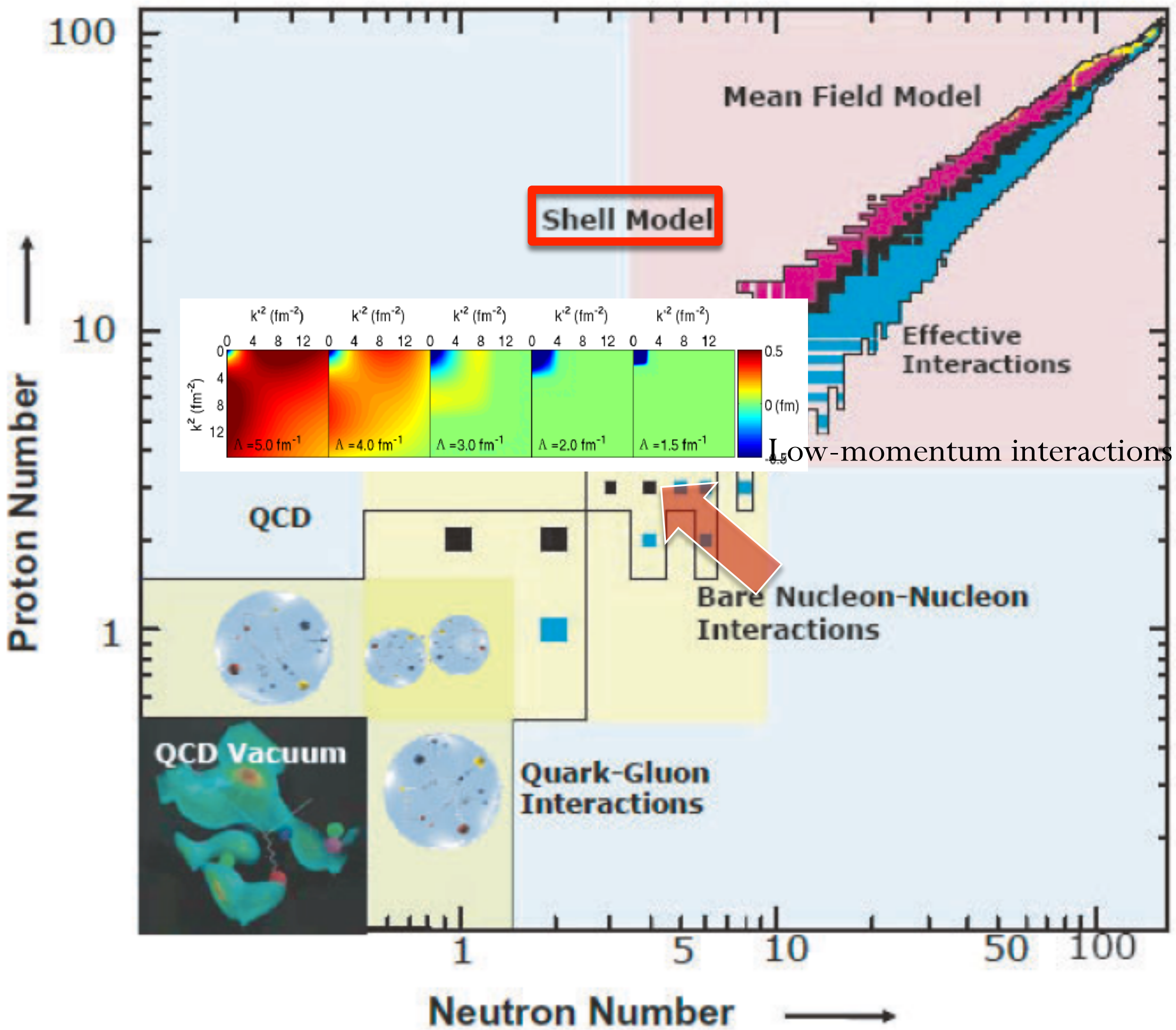
$$E_n = \langle \Psi_n | H | \Psi_n \rangle = \left(\langle \Psi_n | U^\dagger \right) U H U^\dagger \left(U | \Psi_n \rangle \right) = \langle \widetilde{\Psi}_n | \widetilde{H} | \widetilde{\Psi}_n \rangle$$

NN interaction not observable

Low-to-high momentum makes life difficult for low-energy nuclear theorists

Part II: RG and Low-Momentum Interactions

To understand the properties of complex nuclei from elementary interactions



Renormalizing NN Interactions

Basic ideas of RG

Calculating low-momentum interactions

Benefits of low cutoffs

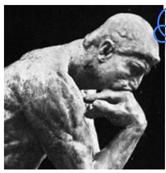
G-matrix renormalization

How will we approach this problem:

QCD → NN (3N) forces → Renormalize → Solve many-body problem → Predictions

Renormalization of Meson-Exchange Potentials

Ok, high momentum is a pain. I wonder what would happen to low-energy observables…



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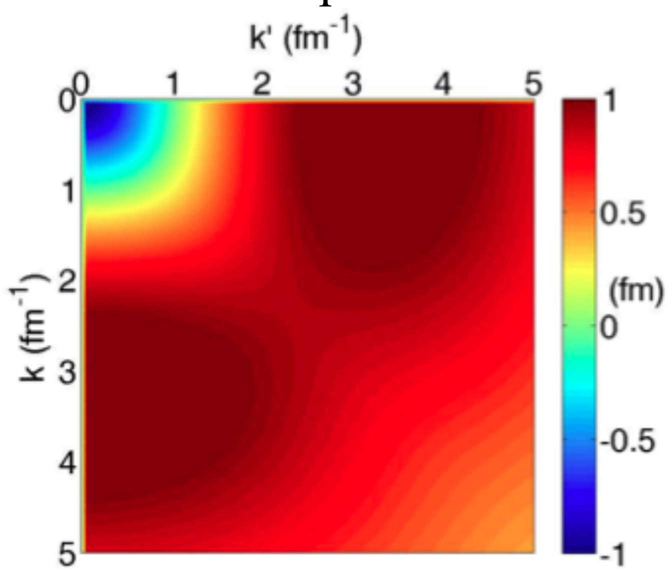
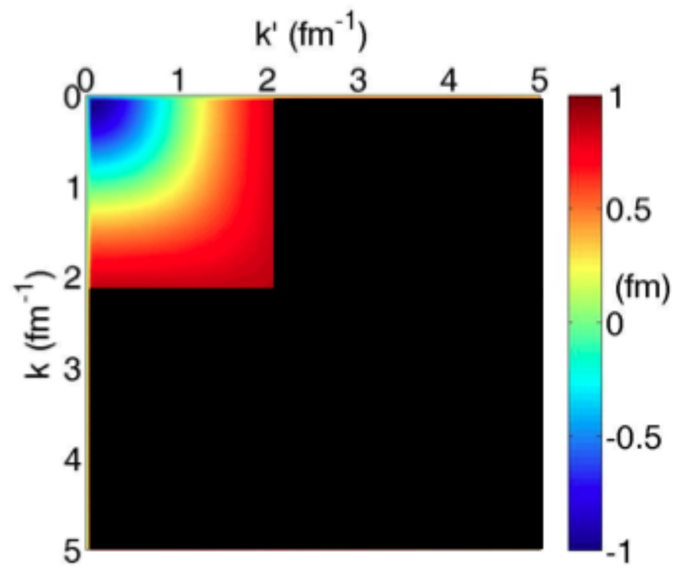
Can we just make a sharp cut and see if it works?





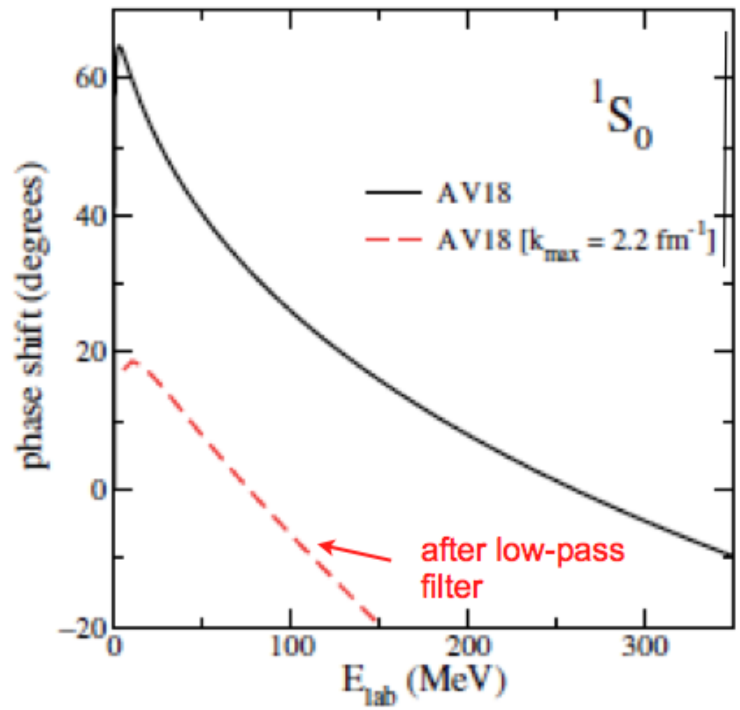
$$V_{filter}(k', k) \equiv 0 \quad k, k' > 2.2 \text{ fm}^{-1}$$

Renormalization of Meson-Exchange Potentials

Can we just make a sharp cut without renormalizing?

Low-energy physics is not correct

Lesson: Must ensure low-energy physics is preserved



Low and high k are coupled by quantum fluctuations (virtual states)

$$\langle k|V|k'\rangle + \sum_{q=0}^{\Lambda} \frac{\langle k|V|q\rangle\langle q|V|k'\rangle}{\epsilon_{k'} - \epsilon_q} + \sum_{q=\Lambda}^{\infty} \frac{\langle k|V|q\rangle\langle q|V|k'\rangle}{\epsilon_{k'} - \epsilon_q}$$

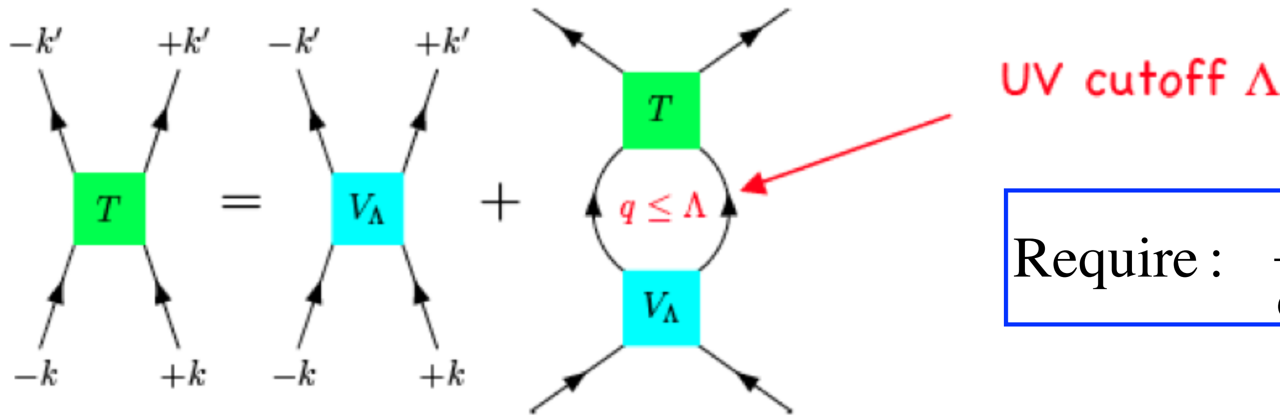
Can't simply drop high q without changing low k observables.

Renormalization of Meson-Exchange Potentials

To do properly: from T-matrix equation, define **low-momentum** equation:

$$T(k', k; k^2) = V_{\rm NN}(k', k) + \frac{2}{\pi}\,\mathcal{P}\int_0^{\Lambda\infty} \frac{V_{\rm NN}(k', p)\,T(p, k; k^2)}{k^2 - p^2}\,p^2 dp,$$

$$= V^{\Lambda}_{{\rm low}\,k}(k', k) + \frac{2}{\pi}\,\mathcal{P}\int_0^{\Lambda} \frac{V^{\Lambda}_{{\rm low}\,k}(k', p)\,T(p, k; k^2)}{k^2 - p^2}\,p^2 dp,$$



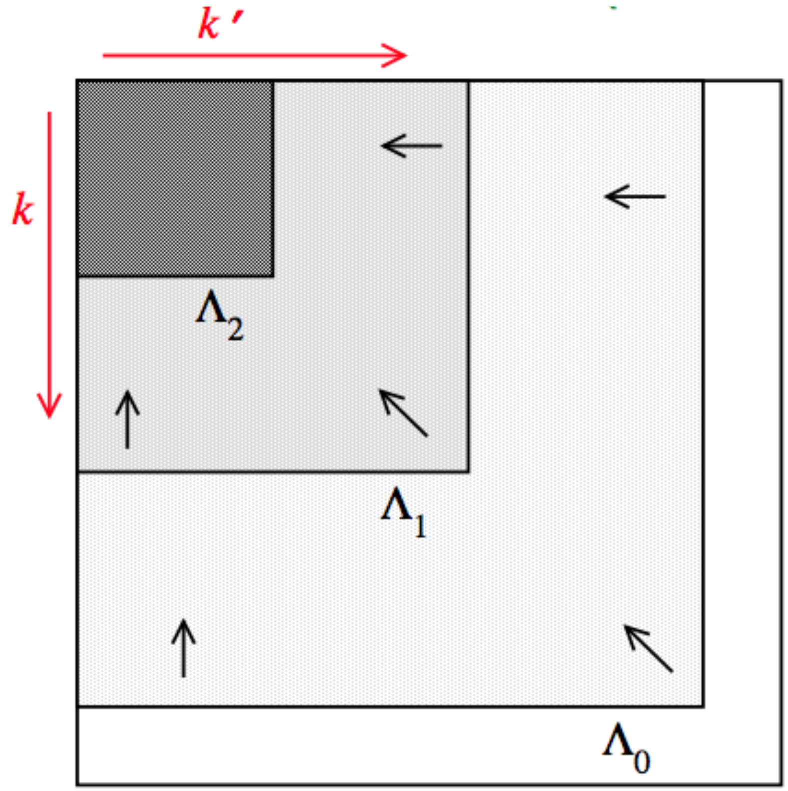
$$\text{Require:}\quad \frac{d}{d\Lambda}T = 0$$

Leads to **renormalization group** equation for low-momentum interaction

$$\frac{d}{d\Lambda}V^{\Lambda}_{{\rm low}\,k}(k', k) = \frac{2}{\pi}\,\frac{V^{\Lambda}_{{\rm low}\,k}(k', \Lambda)\,T^{\Lambda}(\Lambda, k; \Lambda^2)}{1 - (k/\Lambda)^2}$$

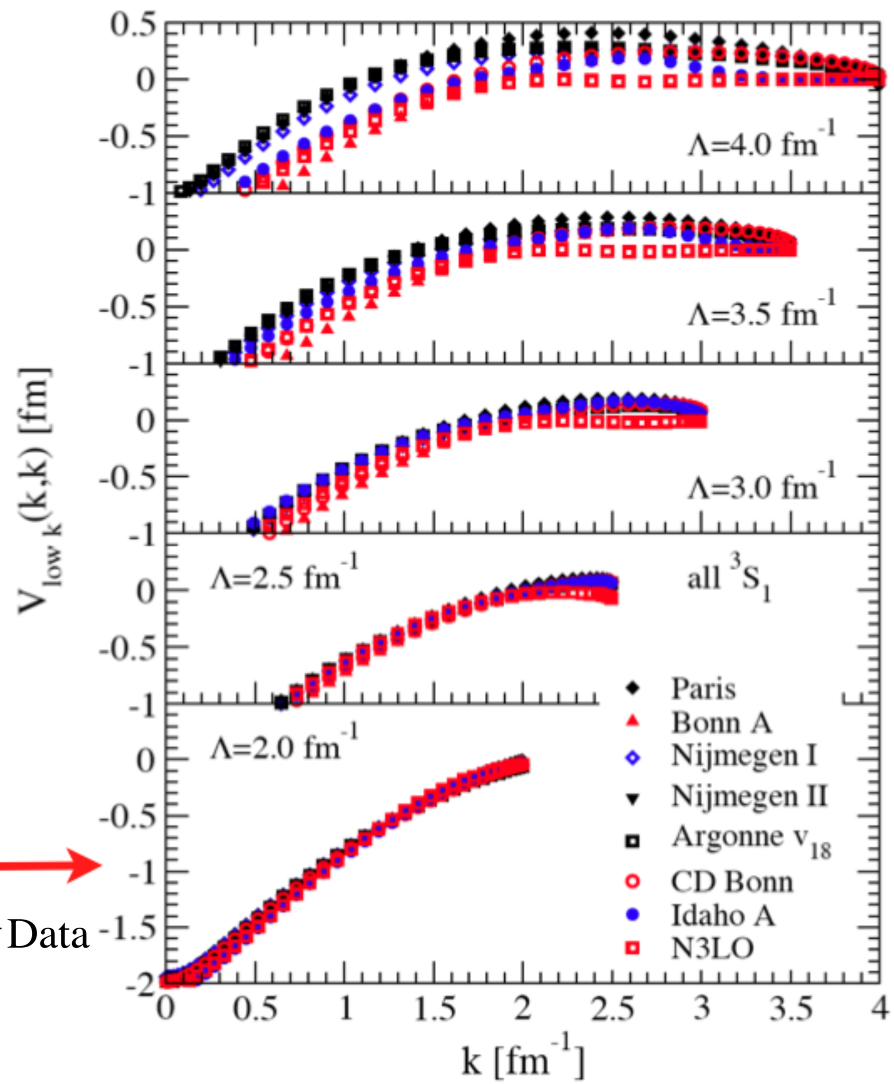
Renormalization of Meson-Exchange Potentials

Run cutoff to lower values – decouples high-momentum modes



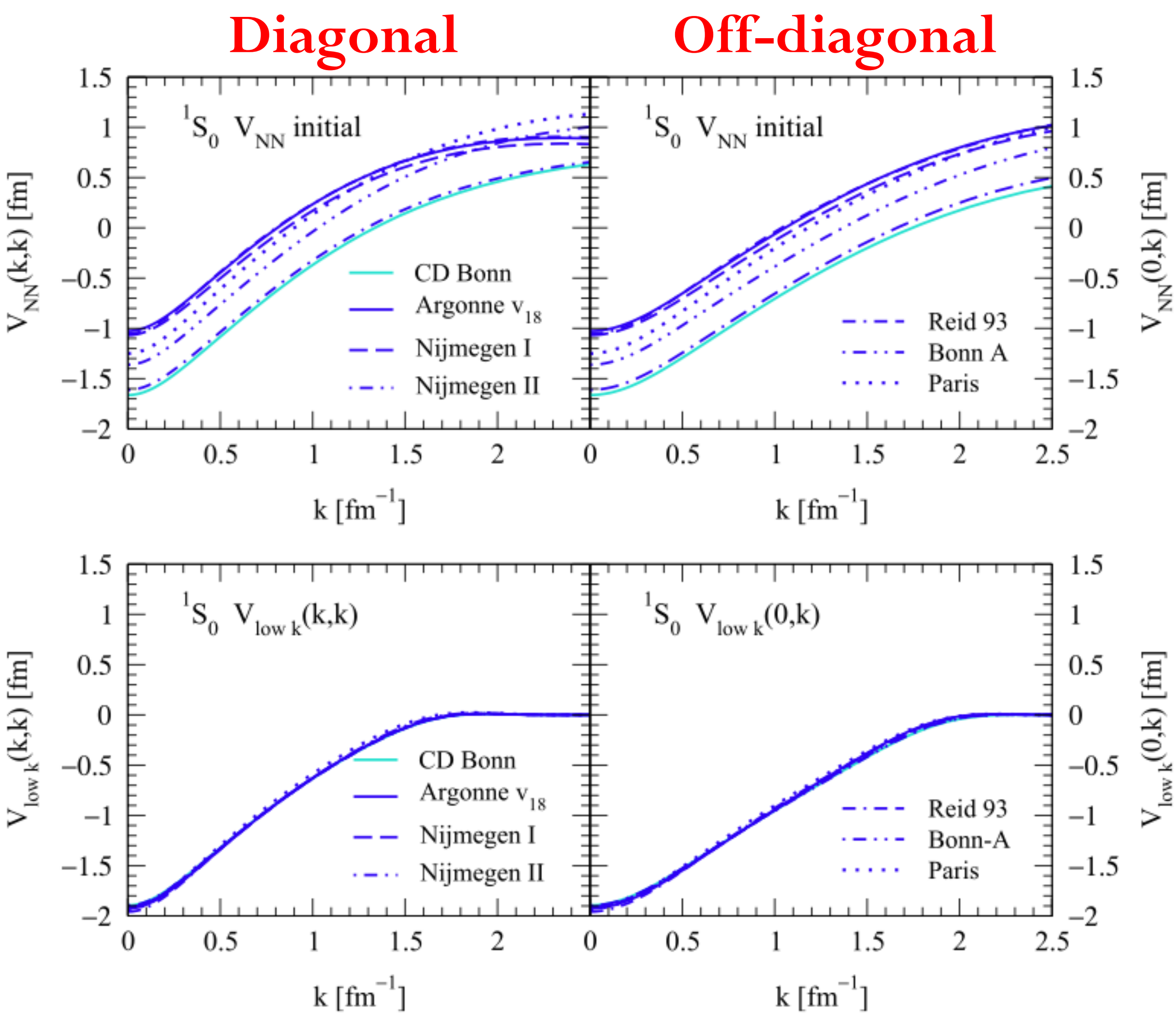
Start from some "bare" NN potential at high cutoff

$\Lambda \approx \Lambda_{Data}$



Universality at low momentum

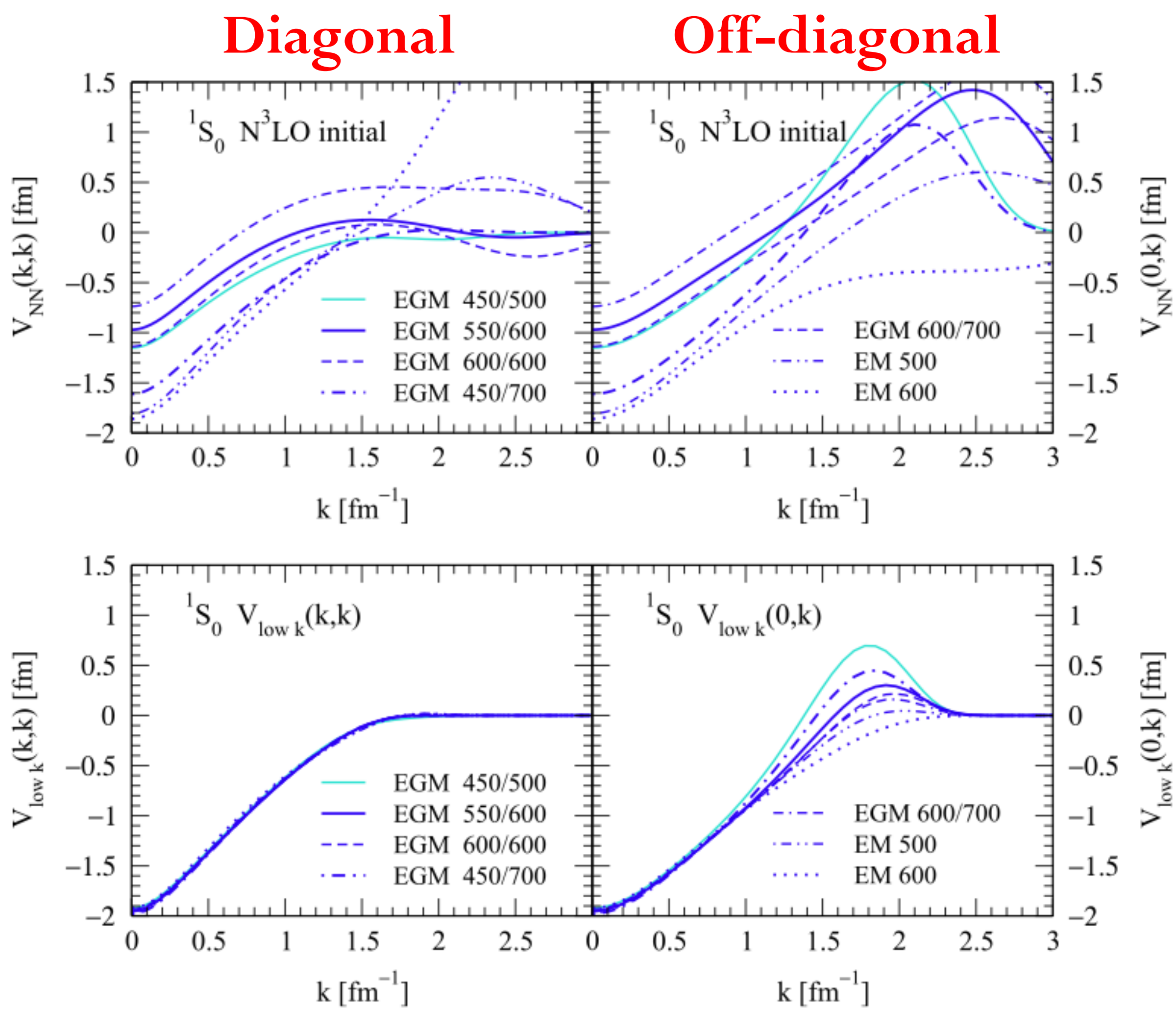
Renormalization of Meson-Exchange Potentials



These are all our favorite OBE NN potentials…

These are all our favorite OBE NN potentials… **at low momentum**

Renormalization of Chiral EFT Potentials



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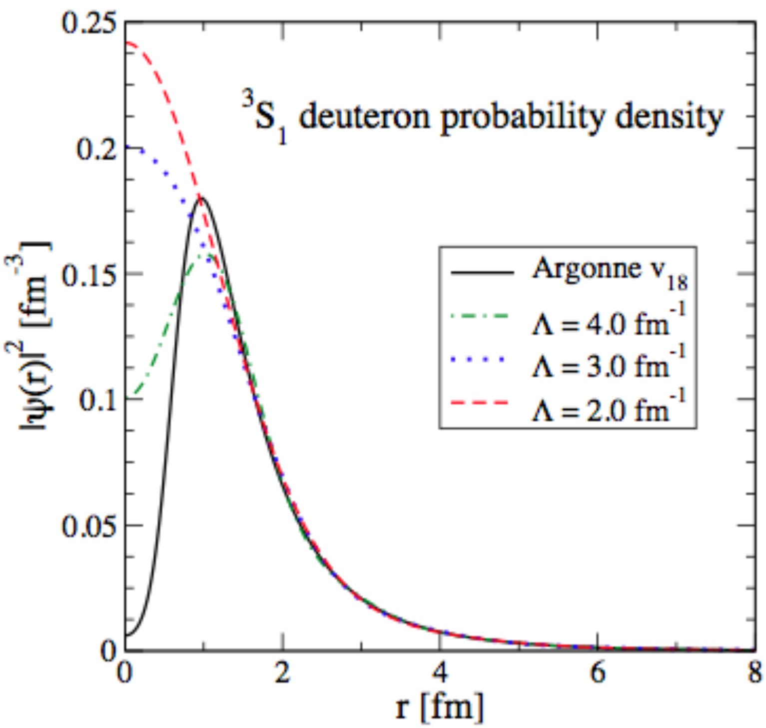
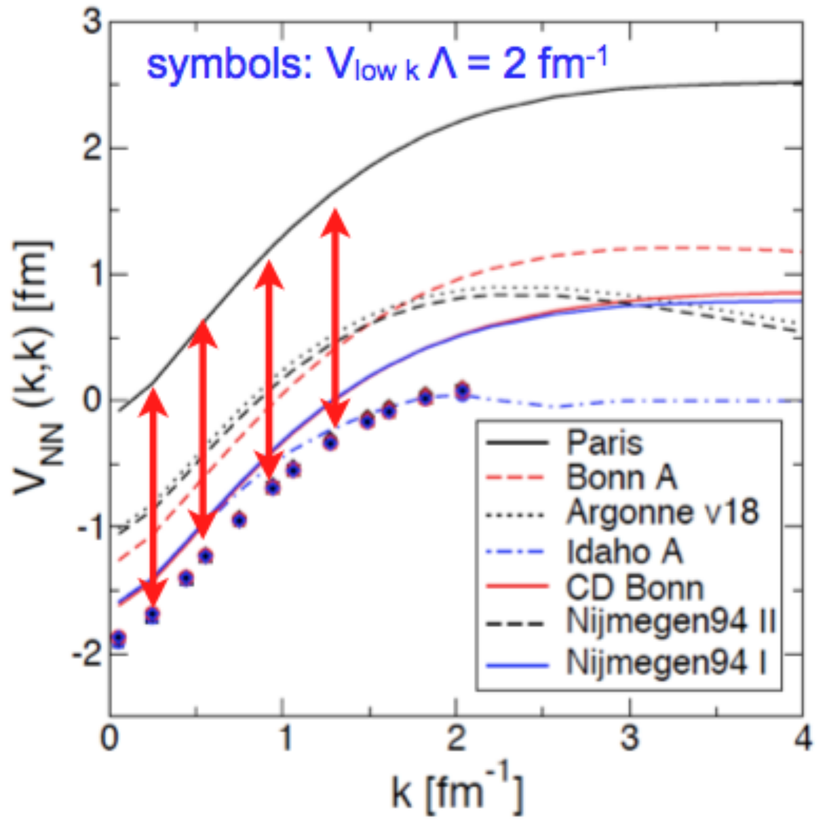
at low momentum

Differences remain in off-diagonal matrix elements

Sensitive to agreement for phase shifts (not all fit perfectly)

Renormalization of NN Potentials





$$V_{eff} = V_L + \delta V_{c.t.}(\Lambda)$$

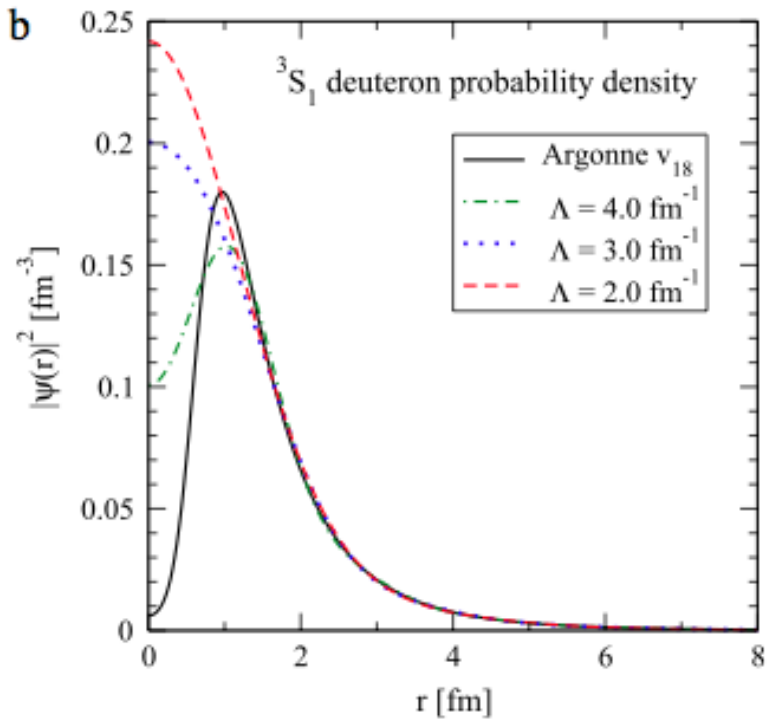
Long-range tail of deuteron wavefunction preserved

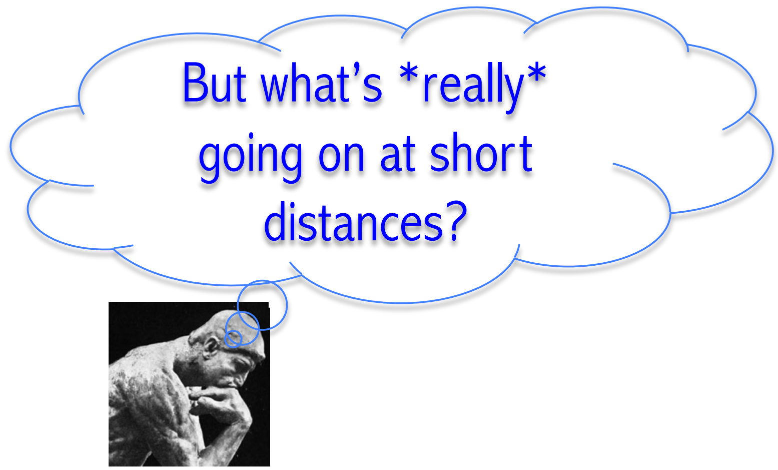
Main effect is shift in momentum space – delta function

Removes hard core!

Renormalization of Nuclear Interactions

Short-distance behaviour of the deuteron – striking difference between potentials





A) Argonne is correct: Short range repulsion prohibits nucleons from

B) Vlowk is correct: the nucleons really will overlap in space

C) Some superposition of these

D) It doesn't matter

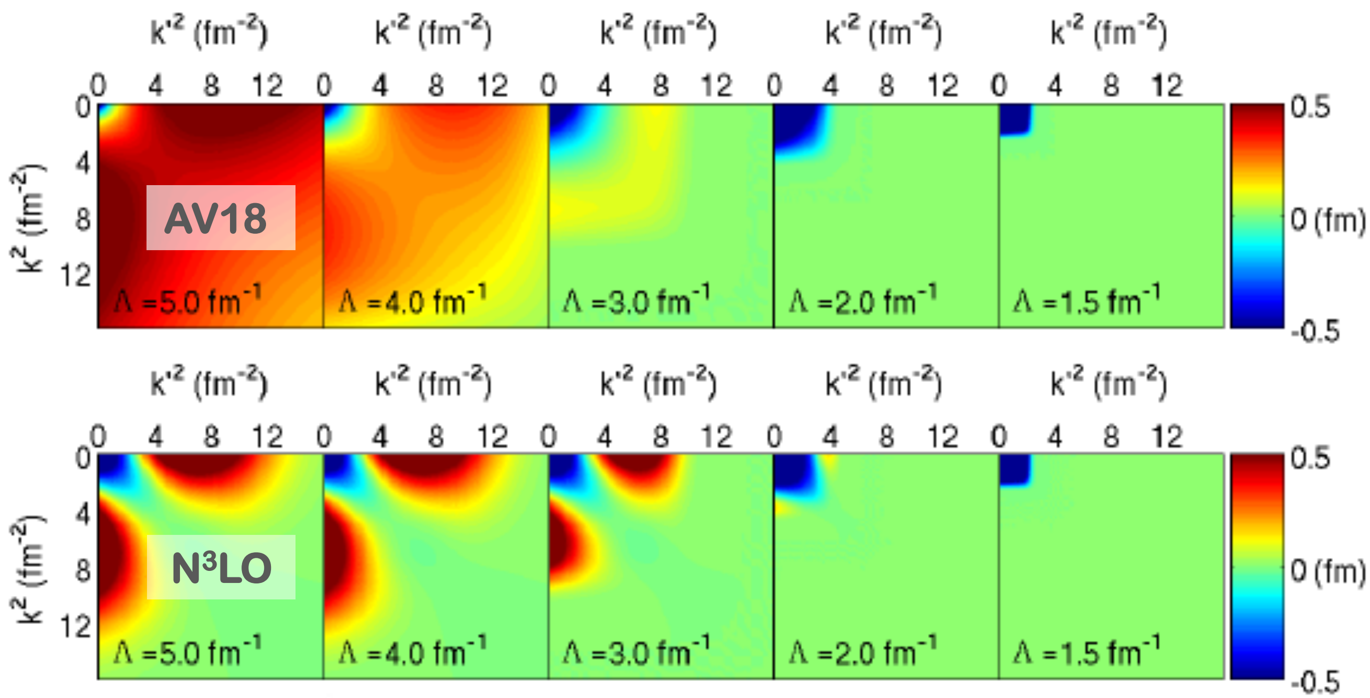
Renormalization of Nuclear Interactions

$$H(\Lambda) = T + V_{\rm NN}(\Lambda) + V_{\rm 3N}(\Lambda) + V_{\rm 4N}(\Lambda) + \ldots$$

Evolve momentum resolution scale of chiral interactions from initial Λ_χ

Remove coupling to high momenta, low-energy physics unchanged

Bogner, Kuo, Schwenk, Furnstahl



Universal at low-momentum

$V_{{\rm low}\,k}(\Lambda)$: lower cutoffs advantageous for nuclear structure calculations

Smooth vs. Sharp Cutoffs

$$H(\Lambda) = T + V_{NN}(\Lambda) + V_{3N}(\Lambda) + V_{4N}(\Lambda) + \ldots$$

Can have sharp as well as smooth cutoffs (codes only do sharp)

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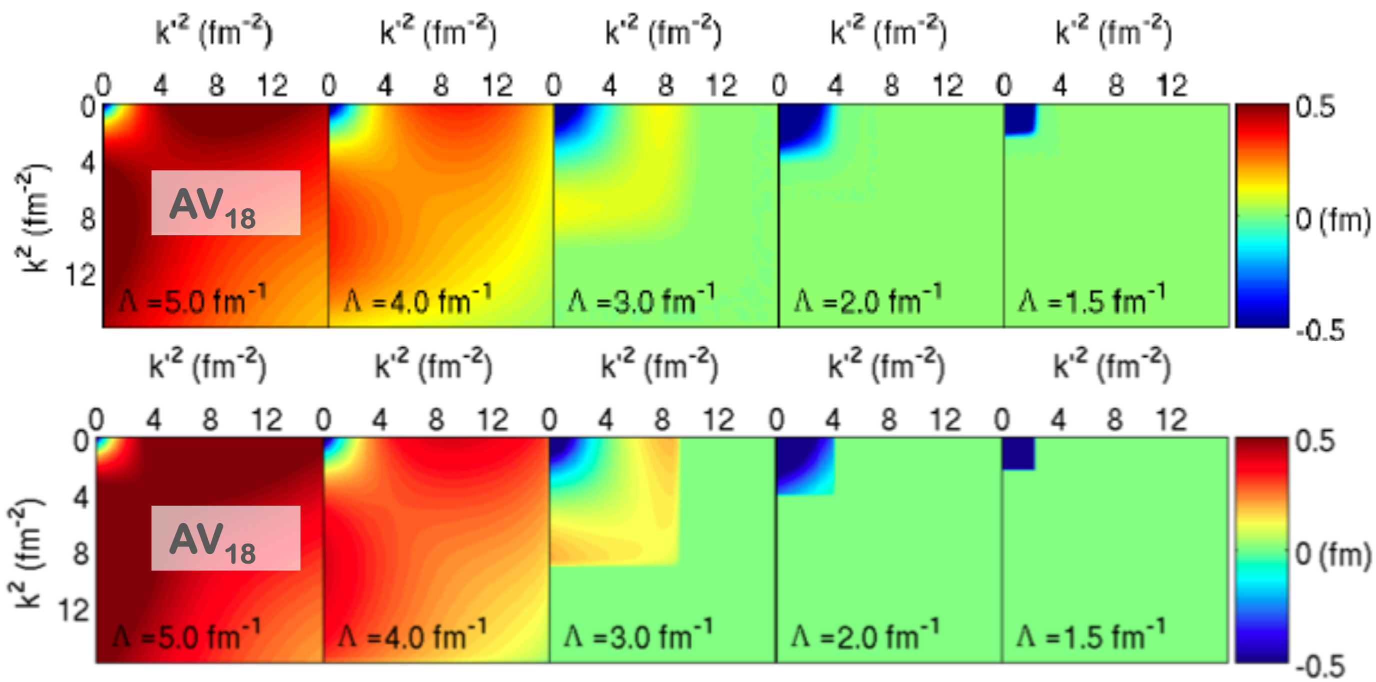


Similar but not exact same results – will be differences in calculations

Benefits of Lower Cutoffs

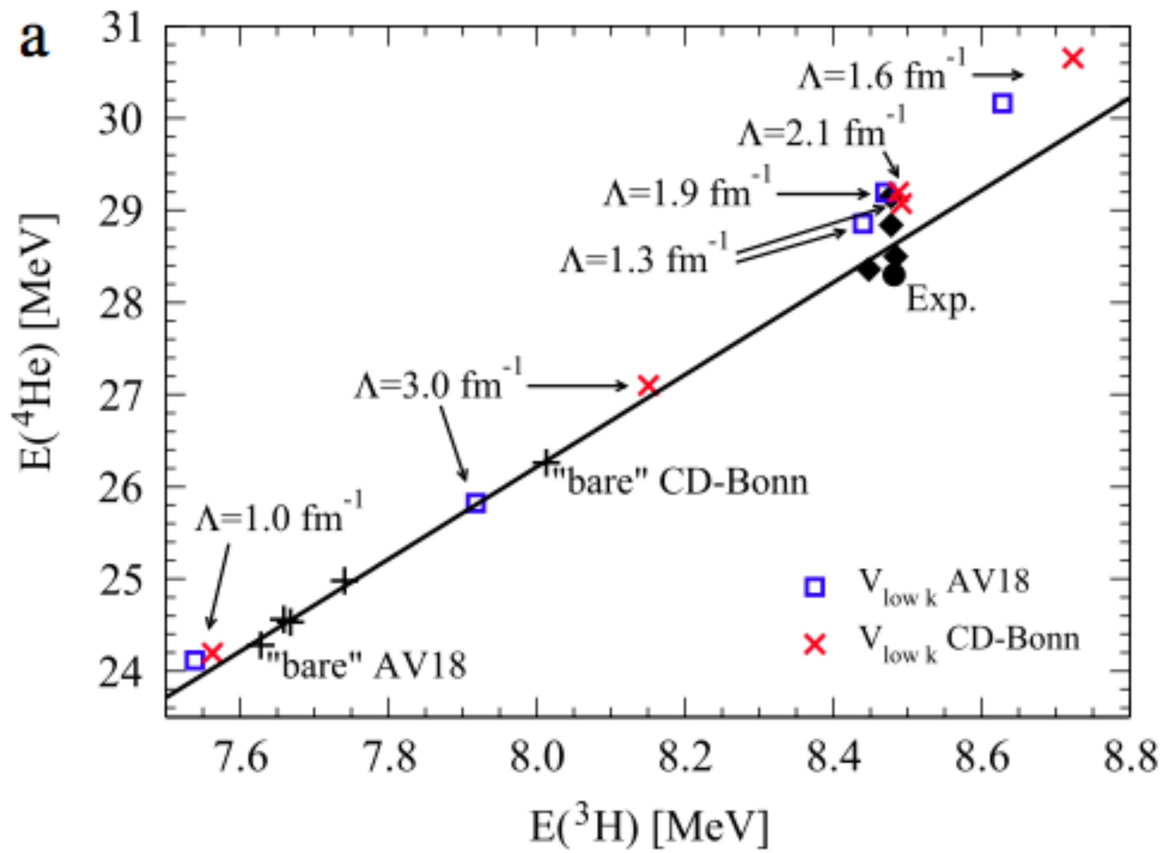
Also use cutoff dependence to assess missing physics: return to Tjon line

Varying cutoff moves along line

Never breaks off to experiment

Lesson: Variation in physical observables with cutoff denotes missing physics beyond NN

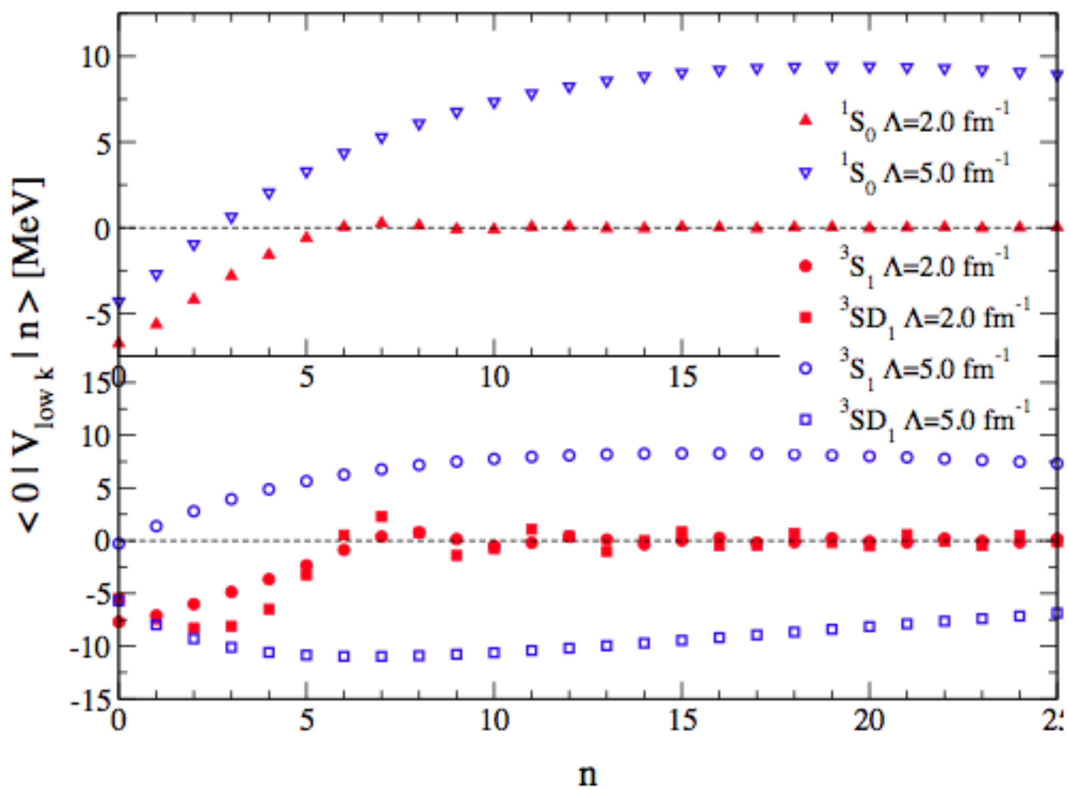
Tool not a parameter!



Benefits of Lower Cutoffs

Removes coupling from low-to-high harmonic oscillator states

Expect to speed convergence in HO basis

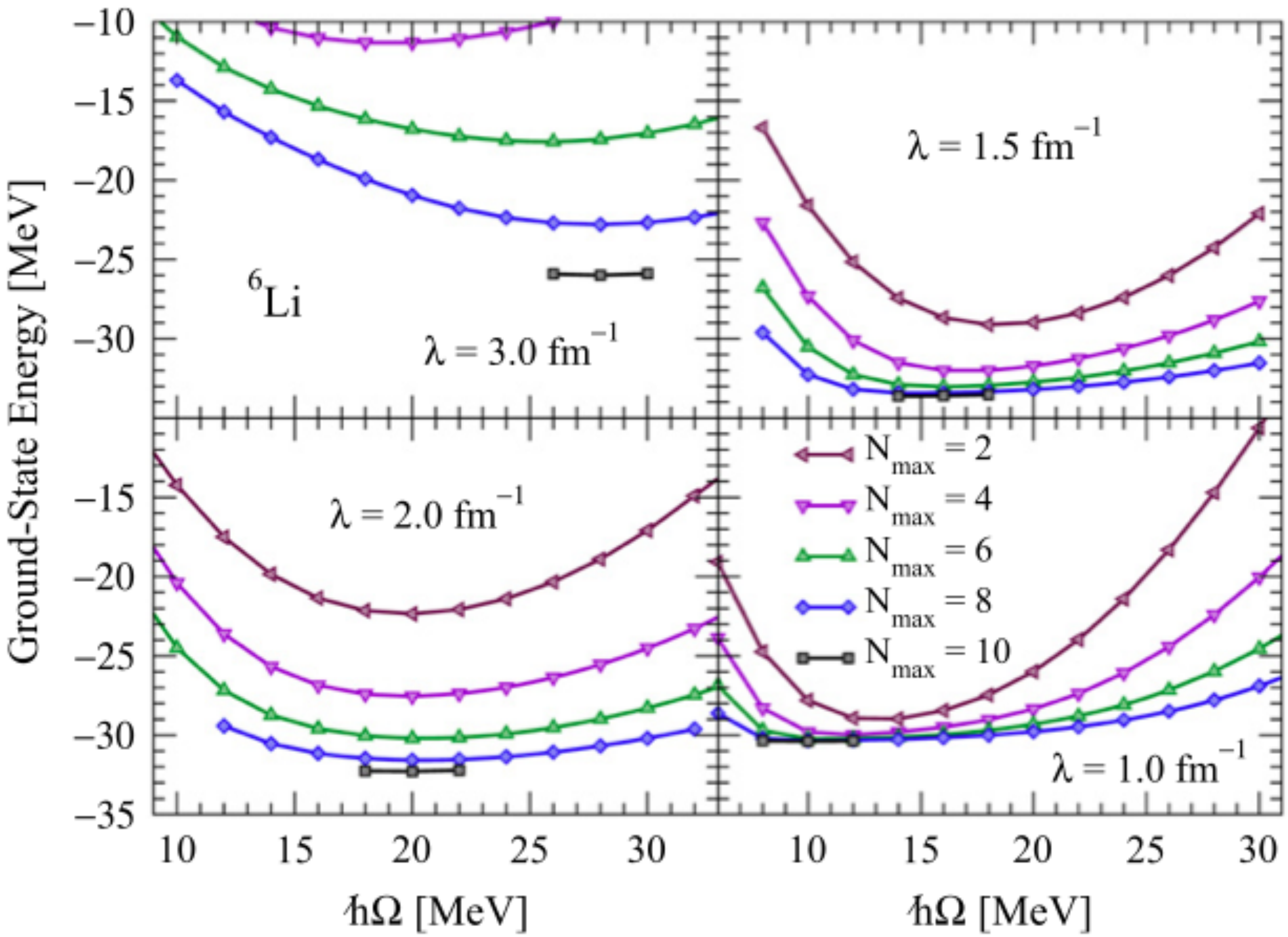


Benefits of Lower Cutoffs

Exactly what happens in no-core shell model calculations

Probably equally helpful in normal shell model calculations

Come back to this later…



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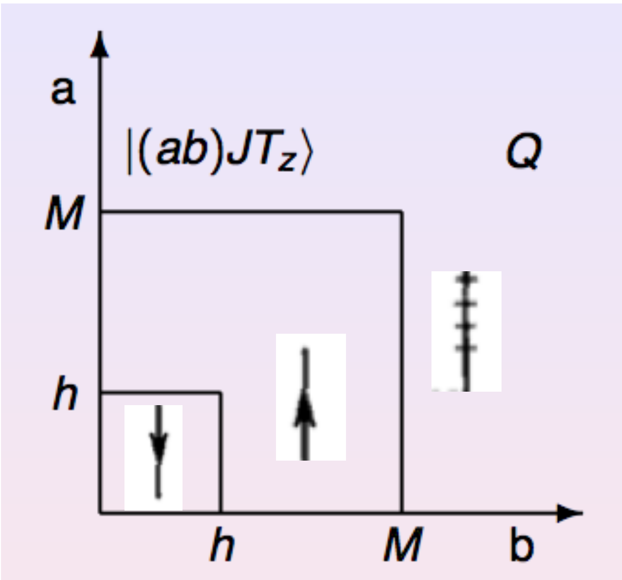

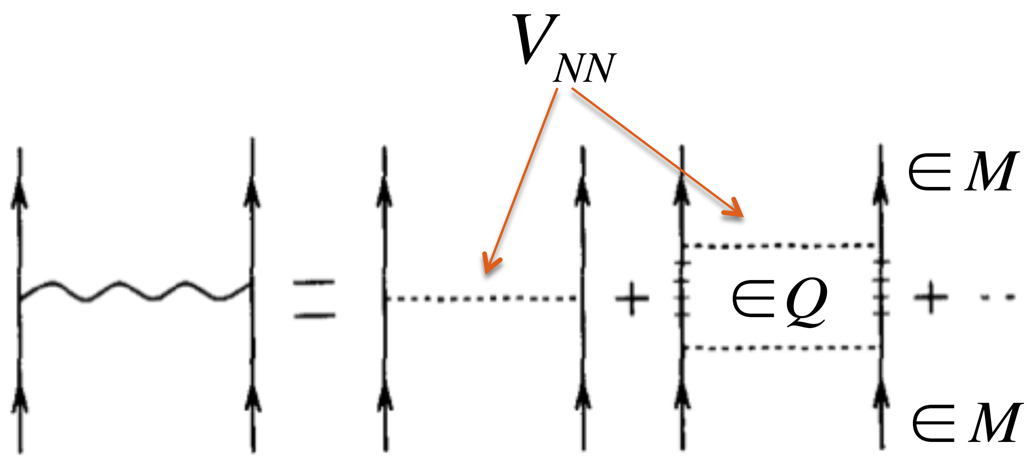

Infinite summation of ladder diagrams

Need two model spaces:

1) **M** space in which we will want to calculate (excitations allowed in M)

2) Large space **Q** in which particle excitations are allowed

To avoid double counting, can't overlap – **matrix elements depend on M**

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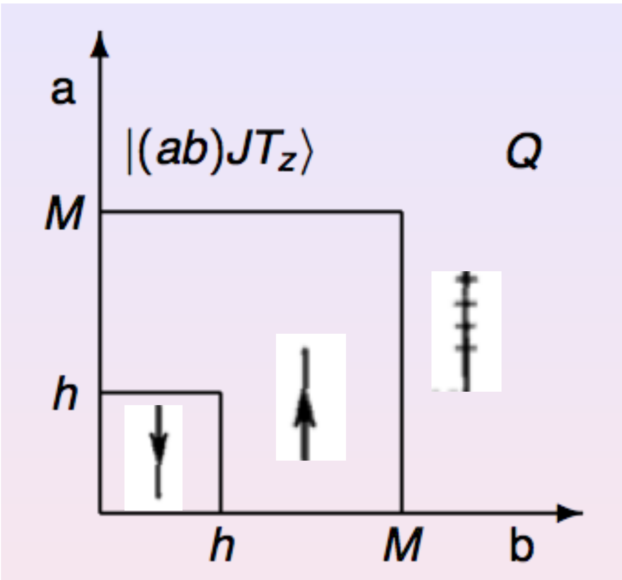

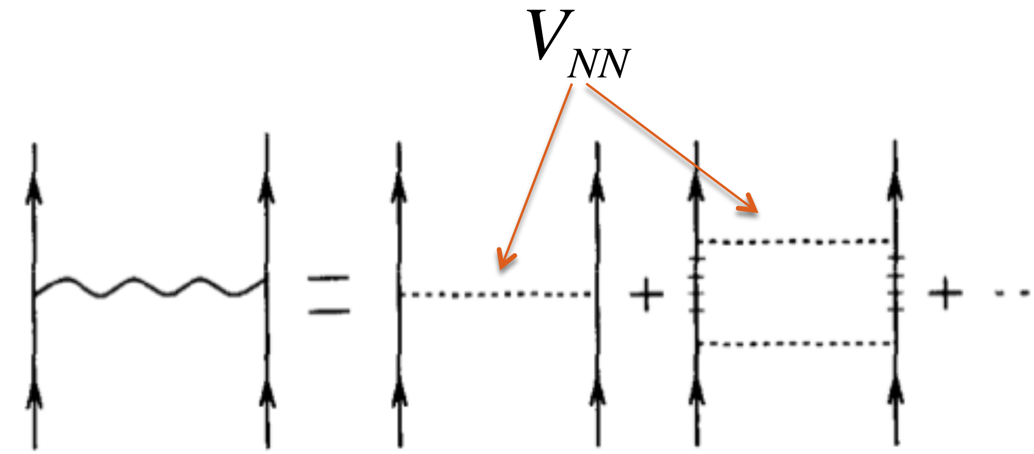

$$G_{ijkl}(\omega) = V_{ijkl} + \sum_{mn \in Q} V_{ijmn} \frac{Q}{\omega - \varepsilon_m - \varepsilon_n} G_{mnkl}(\omega)$$

Iterative procedure

Dependence on arbitrary starting energy!

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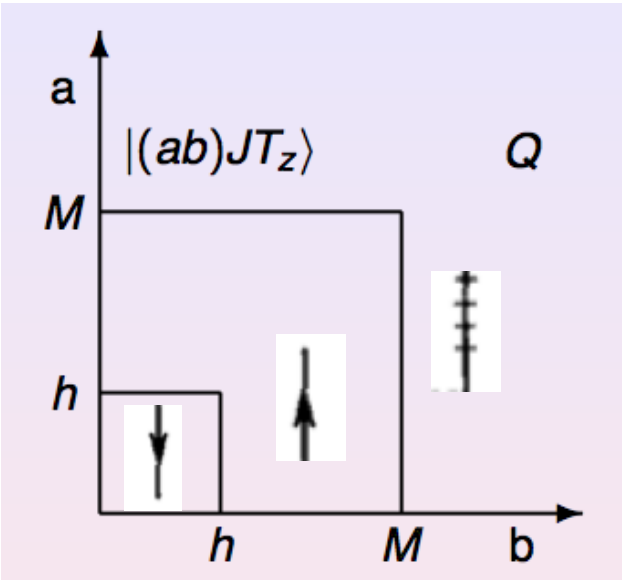

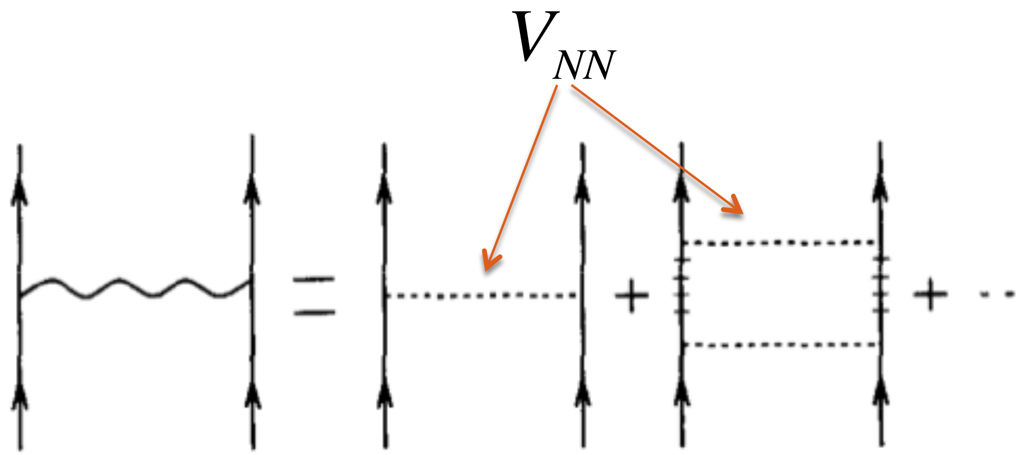

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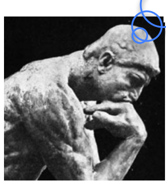
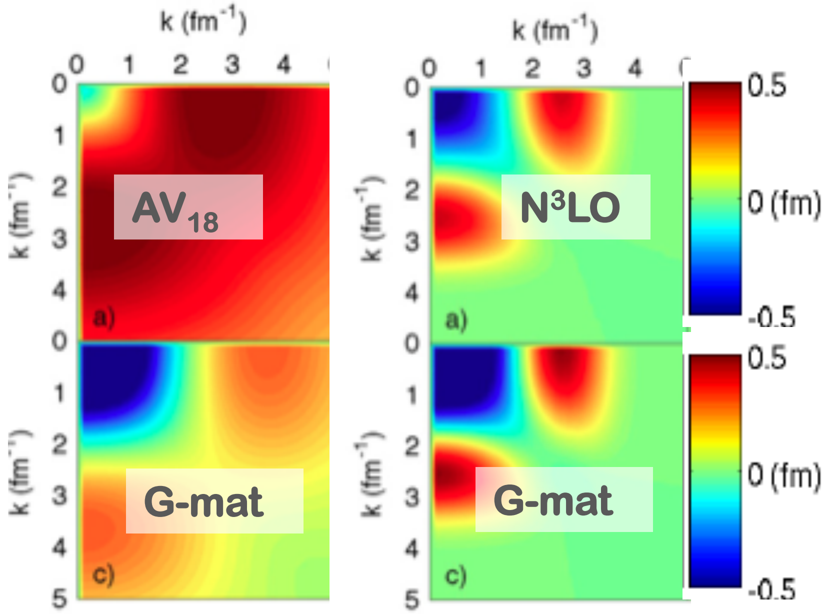


G-matrix Renormalization

Results of **G-matrix** renormalization:



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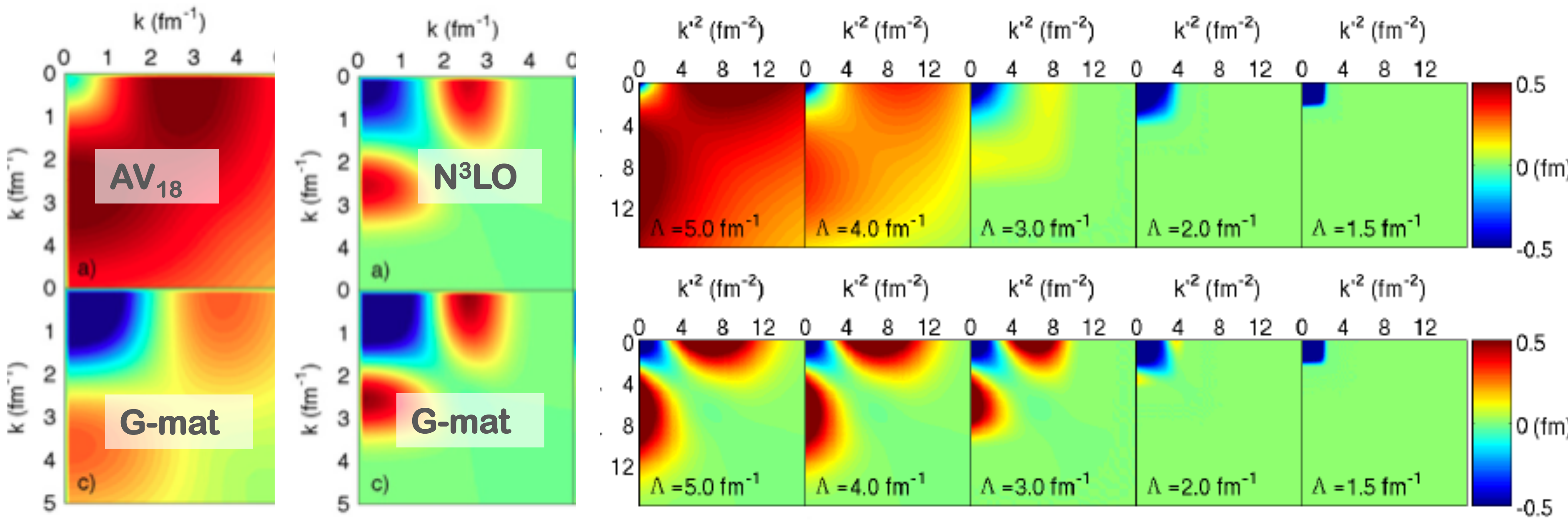

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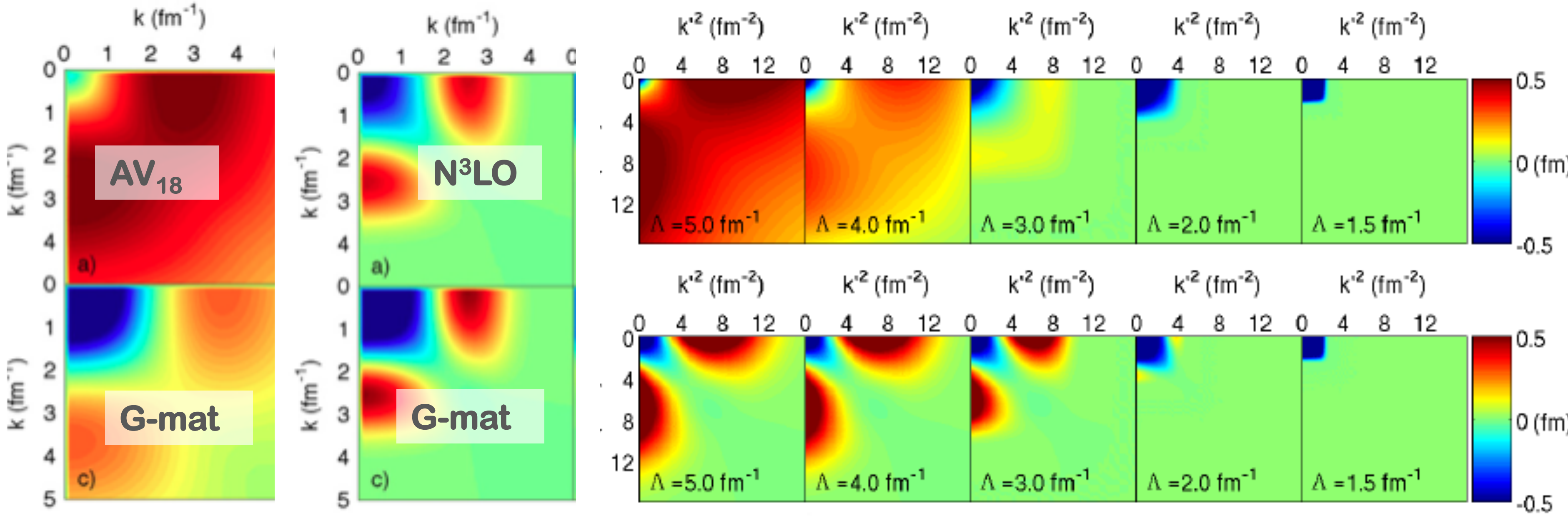
Summary

Low-momentum interactions can be constructed from any V_{NN} via RG



Low-to-high momentum coupling not desirable in low-energy nuclear physics

Evolve to low-momentum while preserving low-energy physics

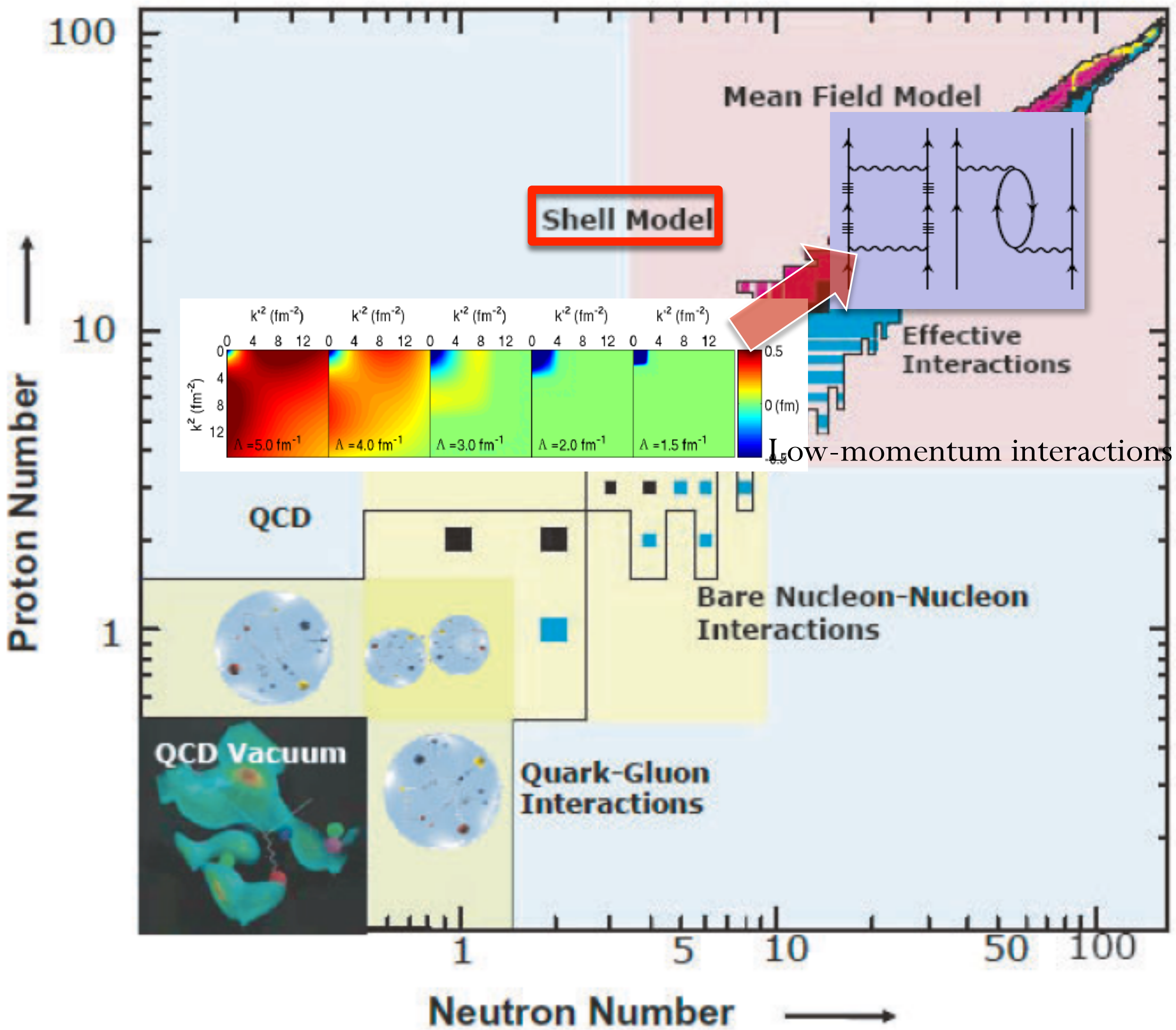
Universality attained near cutoff of data

Low-momentum cutoffs remove low-to-high harmonic oscillator couplings

Cutoff variation assesses missing physics at the level of interactions: tool not a parameter

Part III: Many-Body Perturbation Theory

To understand the properties of complex nuclei from elementary interactions



Microscopic Valence-Space Interactions

Model spaces

Many-body perturbation theory (MBPT)

Calculating effective interaction

Monopole part of interaction

Deficiencies of this approach

How will we approach this problem:

QCD → NN (3N) forces → Renormalize → Solve many-body problem → Predictions

Solving the Many-Body Problem

Matrix elements now given in momentum space, partial waves

$$\langle kK, lL; JST | V | k'K, l'L; JS'T \rangle$$

To go to finite nuclei begin from Hamiltonian

$$H|\psi\rangle = (T+V)|\psi\rangle = E|\psi\rangle$$

Assume many particles in the nucleus generate a **mean field** *U*:
U a one-body potential simple to solve (typically Harmonic Oscillator)

$$H = H_0 + H_1 \quad H_0 = T + U \qquad H_1 = V - U$$

So transform from momentum space to **Harmonic Oscillator Basis**

$$|nl, NL; JST\rangle = \int k^2 dk\, K^2 dK\, R_{nl}(\sqrt{2}\alpha k) R_{NL}(\sqrt{1/2}\alpha K) |kl, KL; JST\rangle$$

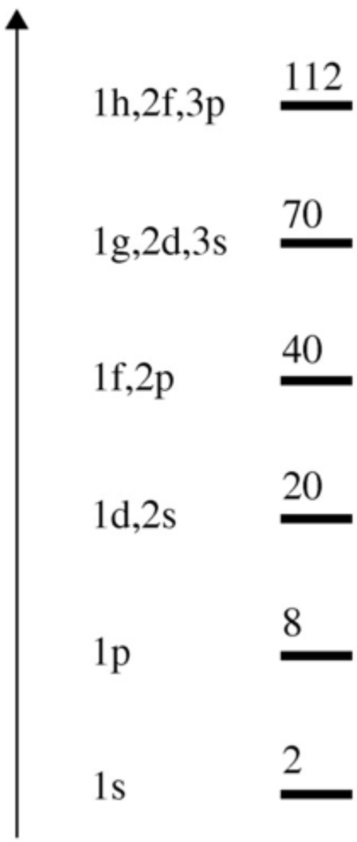
One more (ugly) transformation from center-of-mass to lab frame:

$$\langle ab; JT | V | cd; JT \rangle$$

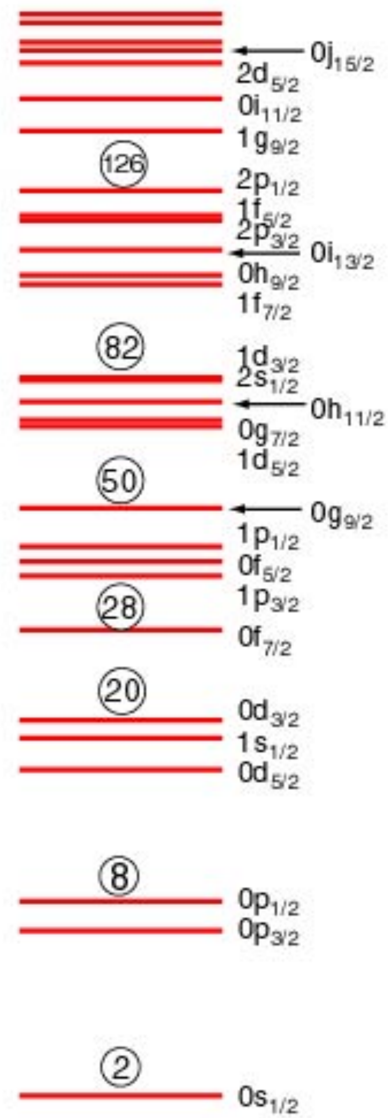
Solving the Nuclear Many-Body Problem

Matrix elements now given between degenerate HO levels

$$\langle ab;JT|V|cd;JT\rangle$$



Physics of V gives a more realistic picture



Shell Model of Nuclei

Non-degeneracy of levels must come from theory

Problem: Can't solve Schrodinger equation in full Hilbert space

Possible with approximations only in light nuclei (*ab initio*)

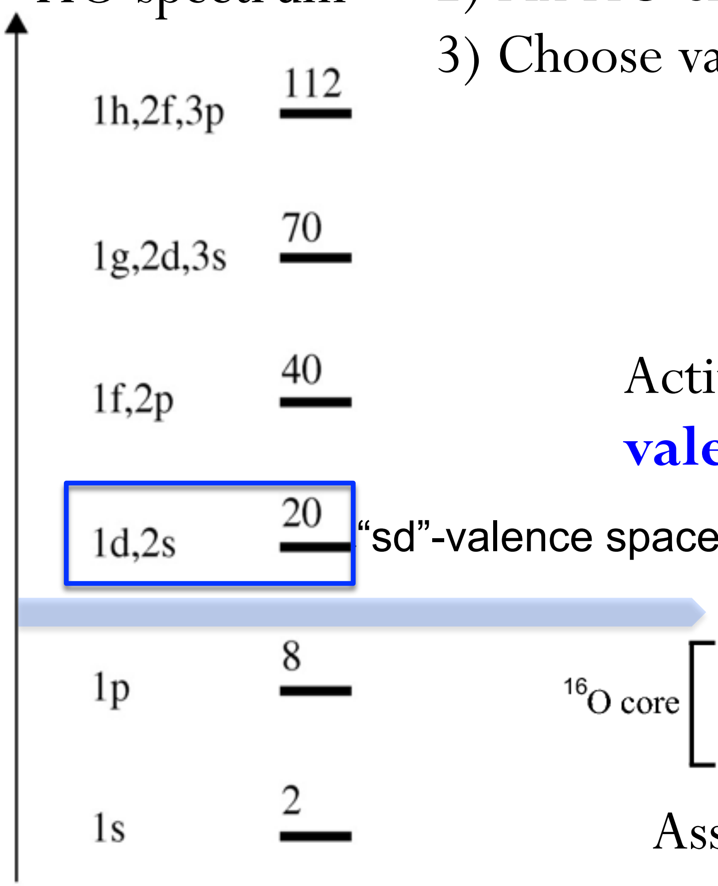
Solving the Nuclear Many-Body Problem

Nuclei understood as many-body system starting from closed shell, add nucleons

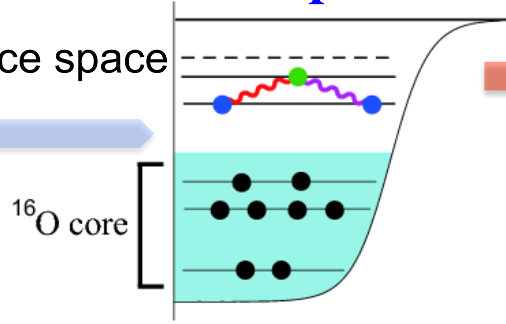
Recipe

1) Choose appropriate core
2) Fix HO energy level spacing (hw)
3) Choose valence space

Unperturbed
HO spectrum

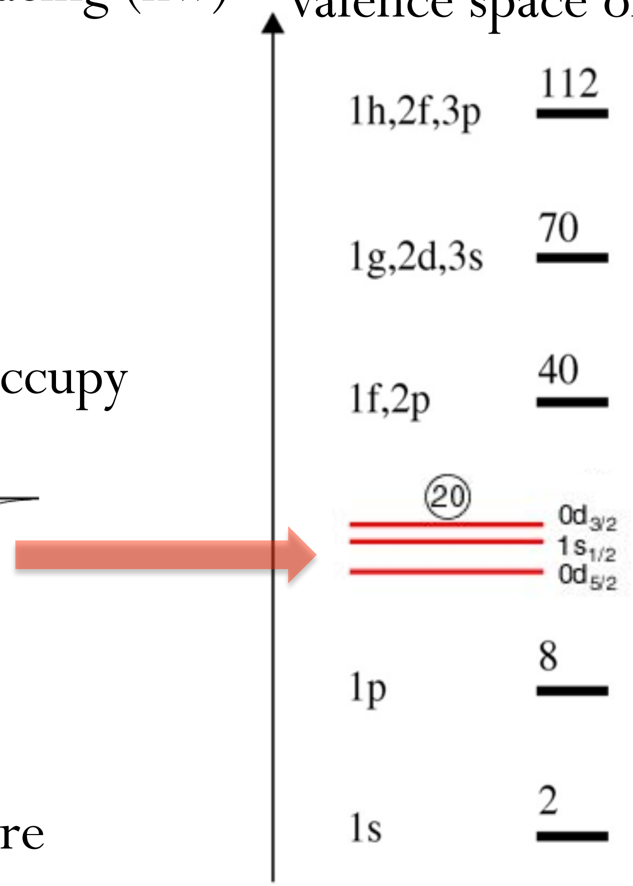


Active nucleons occupy
valence space



Assume filled core

Removes degeneracy in valence space only



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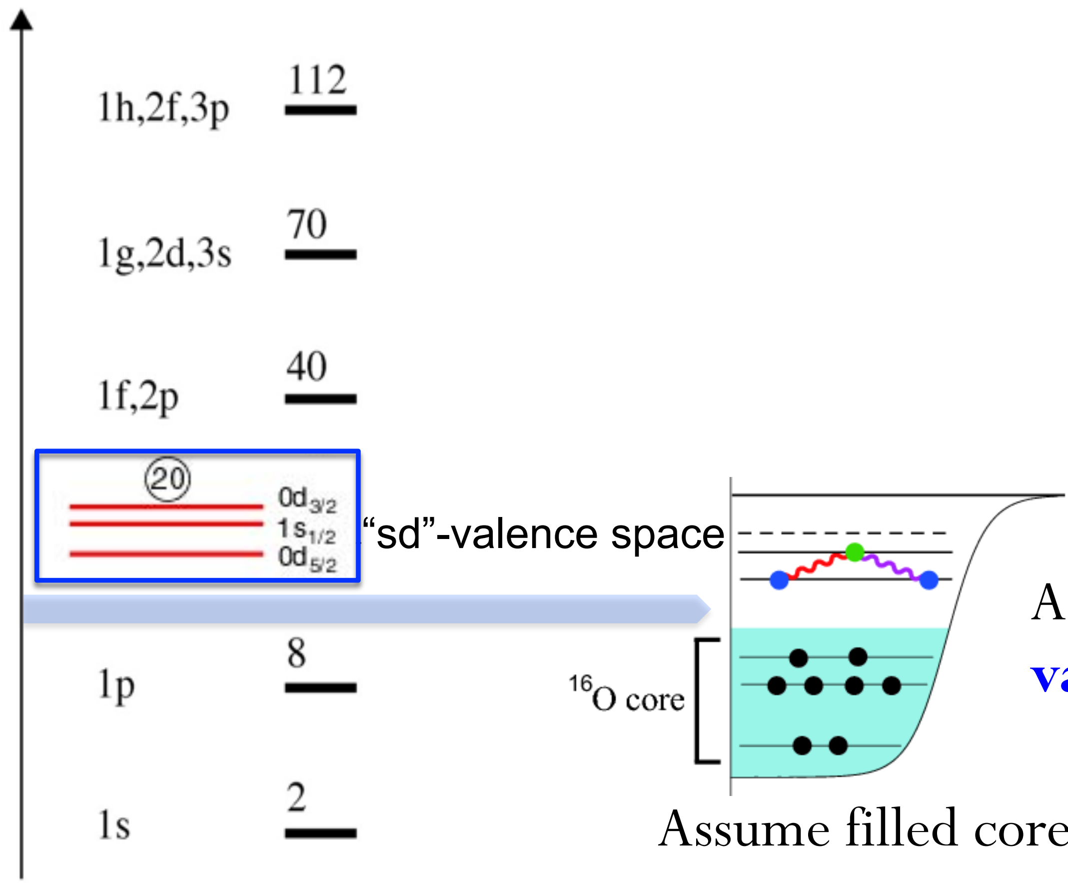
This alone does not reproduce experimental data



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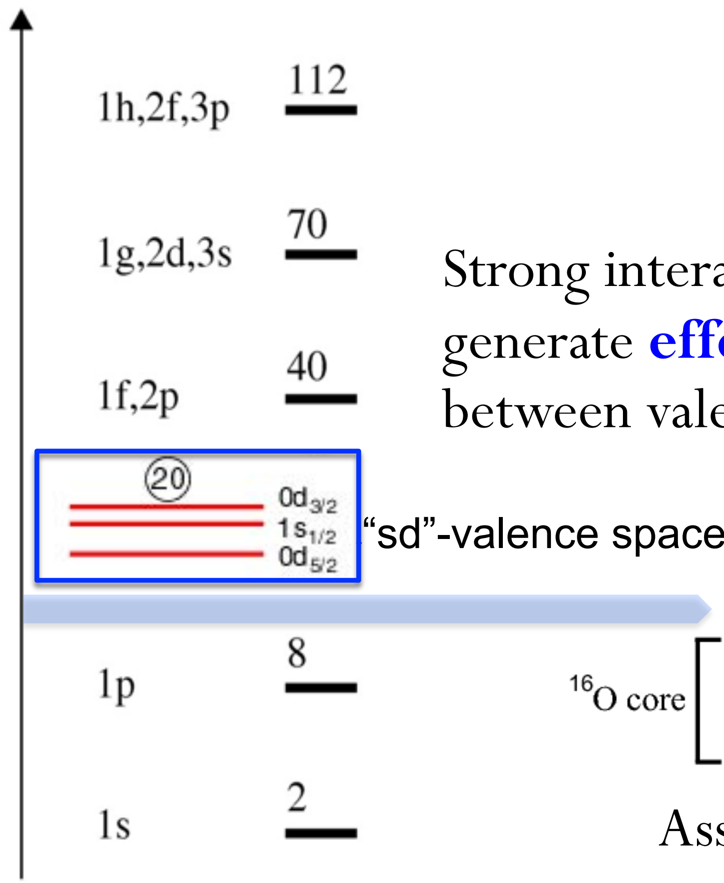

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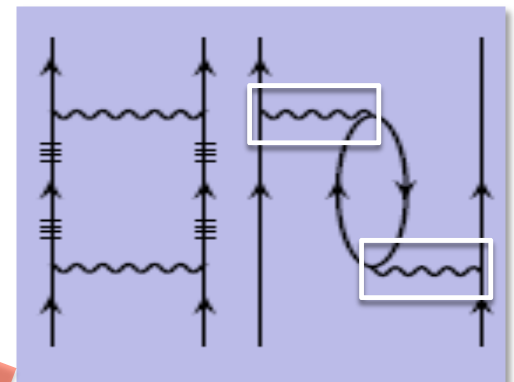

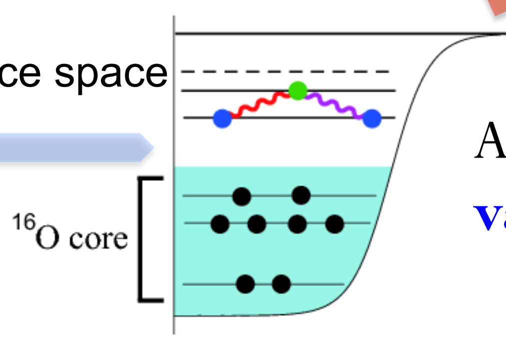

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Effective two-body matrix elements
Single-particle energies (SPEs)

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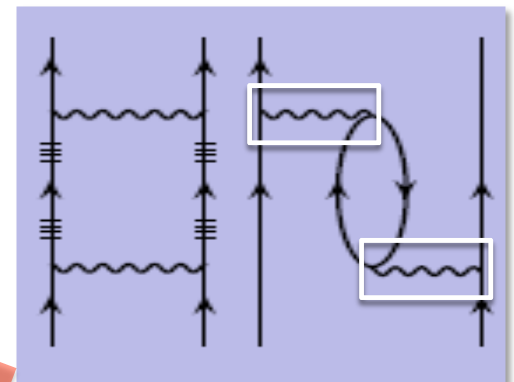

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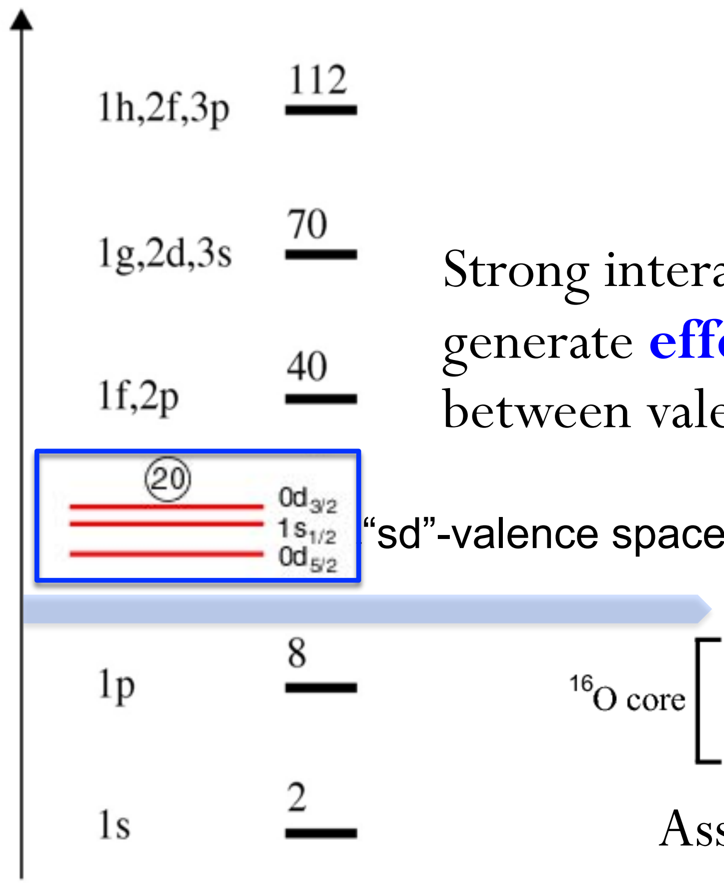

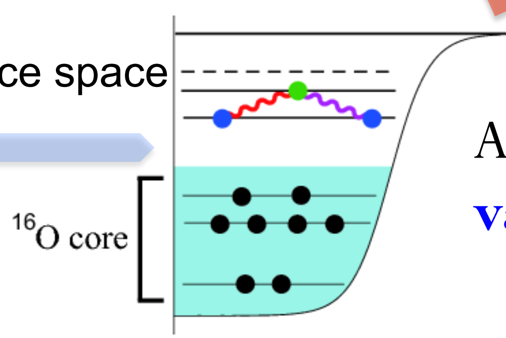

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Many-Body Perturbation Theory

How do we calculate valence space interactions and SPEs??

Define operator P that projects onto the model space

$$P = \sum_{i=1}^{D} |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i| \qquad Q = \sum_{i=1+D}^{\infty} |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_i|$$

With relations:

$$PQ = 0 \qquad P^2 = P \qquad Q^2 = Q \qquad P + Q = 1$$

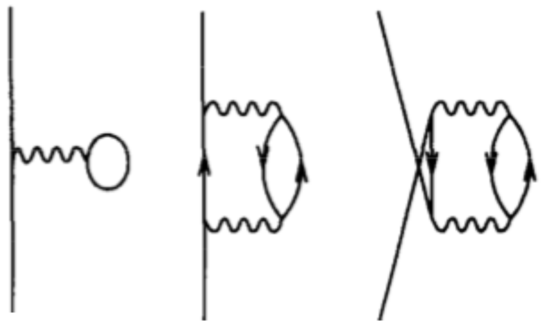
Project full Schrodinger equation into model space eqn that's easy to solve:

$$PH_{eff}P\psi = EP\psi; \quad H_{eff} = H_0 + V_{eff}$$

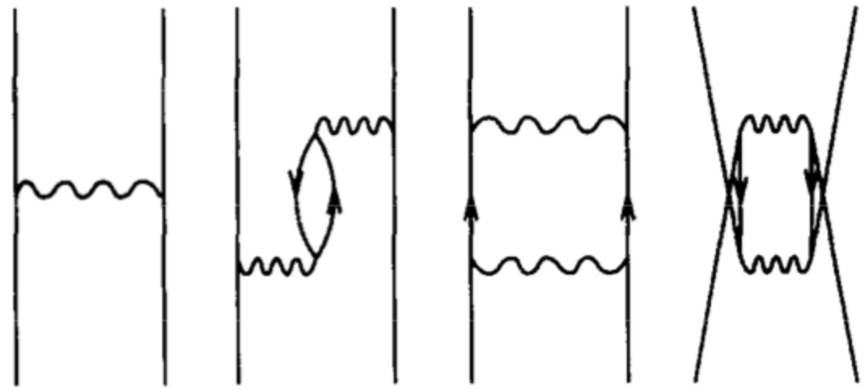
Need to construct Veff

Many-Body Perturbation Theory

To construct the effective interaction, define $\hat{Q}$-box = sum of all possible topologically distinct diagrams which are **irreducible** and **valence linked:**



1-body Q-box to 2nd order



2-body Q-box to 2nd order

Single-particle energies can be calculated from one-body part

Traditionally taken from experimental one-particle spectrum or empirical values

Calculation Details

Convergence in terms of Harmonic Oscillator basis size

NN matrix elements derived from:

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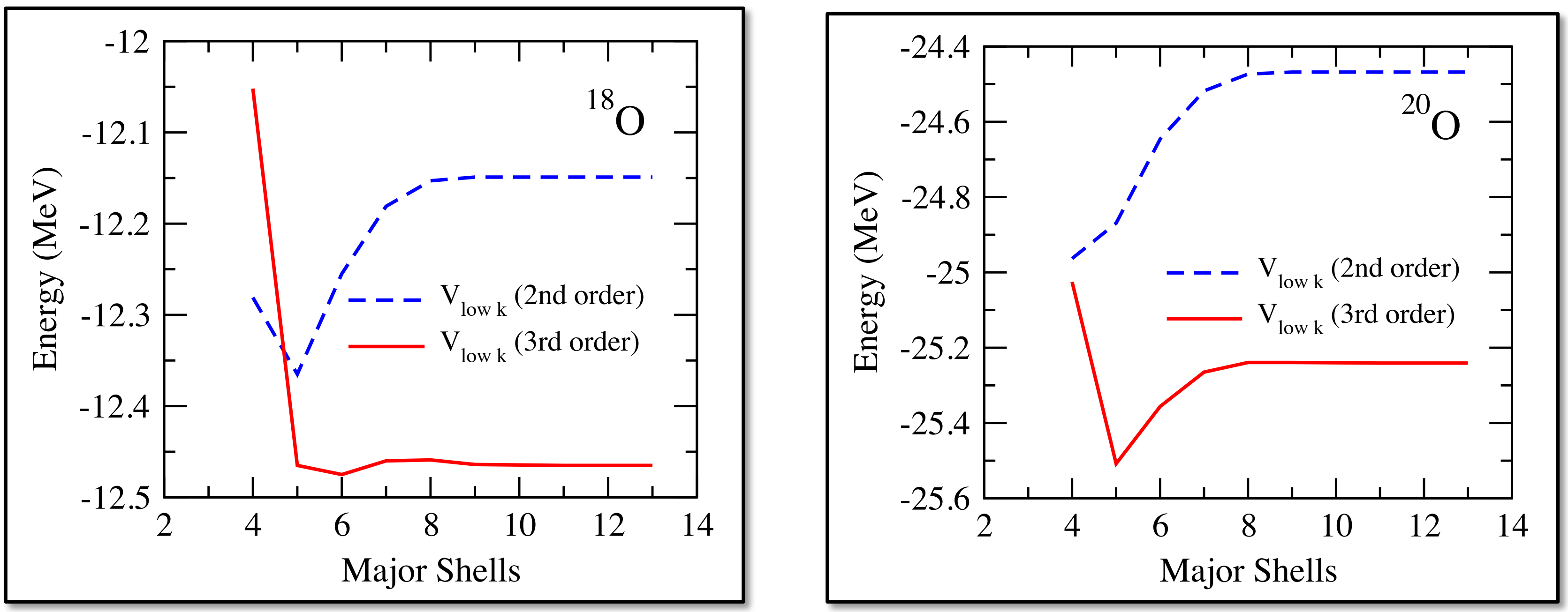

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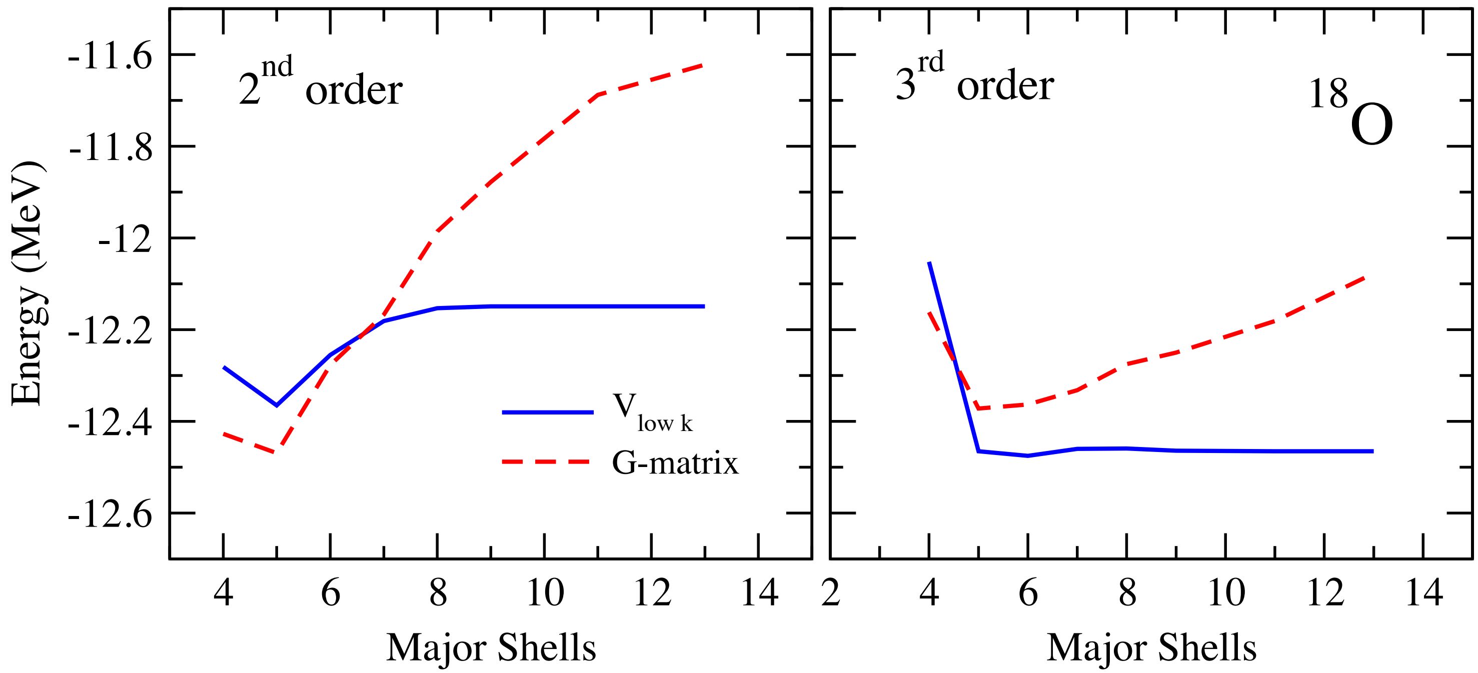


Monopole Part of Valence-Space Interactions

Microscopic MBPT – effective interaction in chosen model space

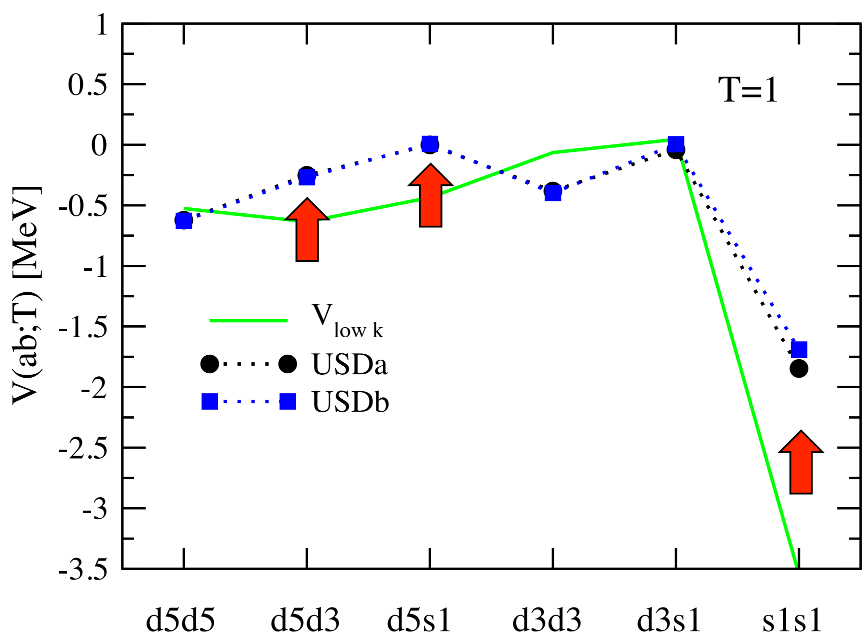
Works near closed shells: deteriorates beyond this

Deficiencies improved adjusting particular two-body matrix elements

Monopoles:
Angular average of interaction

$$V_{ab}^{T} = \frac{\sum_J (2J+1)\ V_{abab}^{JT}}{\sum_J (2J+1)}$$

Determines interaction of orbit *a* with *b*: *evolution of orbital energies*



$$\Delta\varepsilon_a = V_{ab} n_b$$

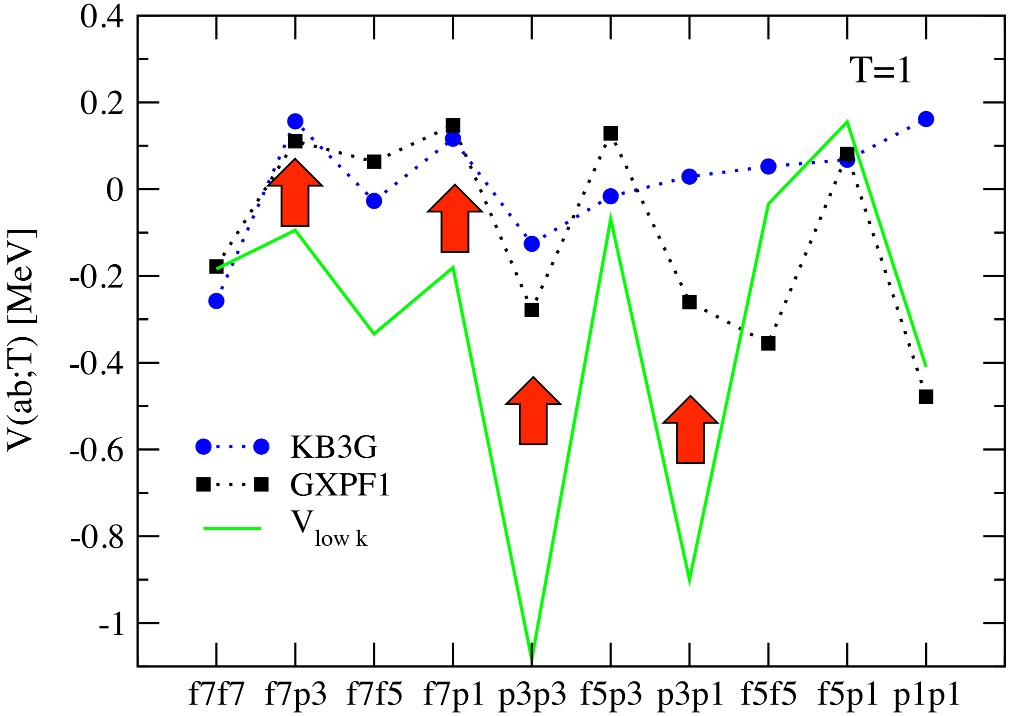
Microscopic **low-momentum** interactions

Phenomenological **USD** interactions

Clear shifts in **low-lying orbitals**:

- T=1 repulsive shift

Phenomenological vs. Microscopic



Compare monopoles from:

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Phenomenological **KB3G**, **GXPF1** interactions

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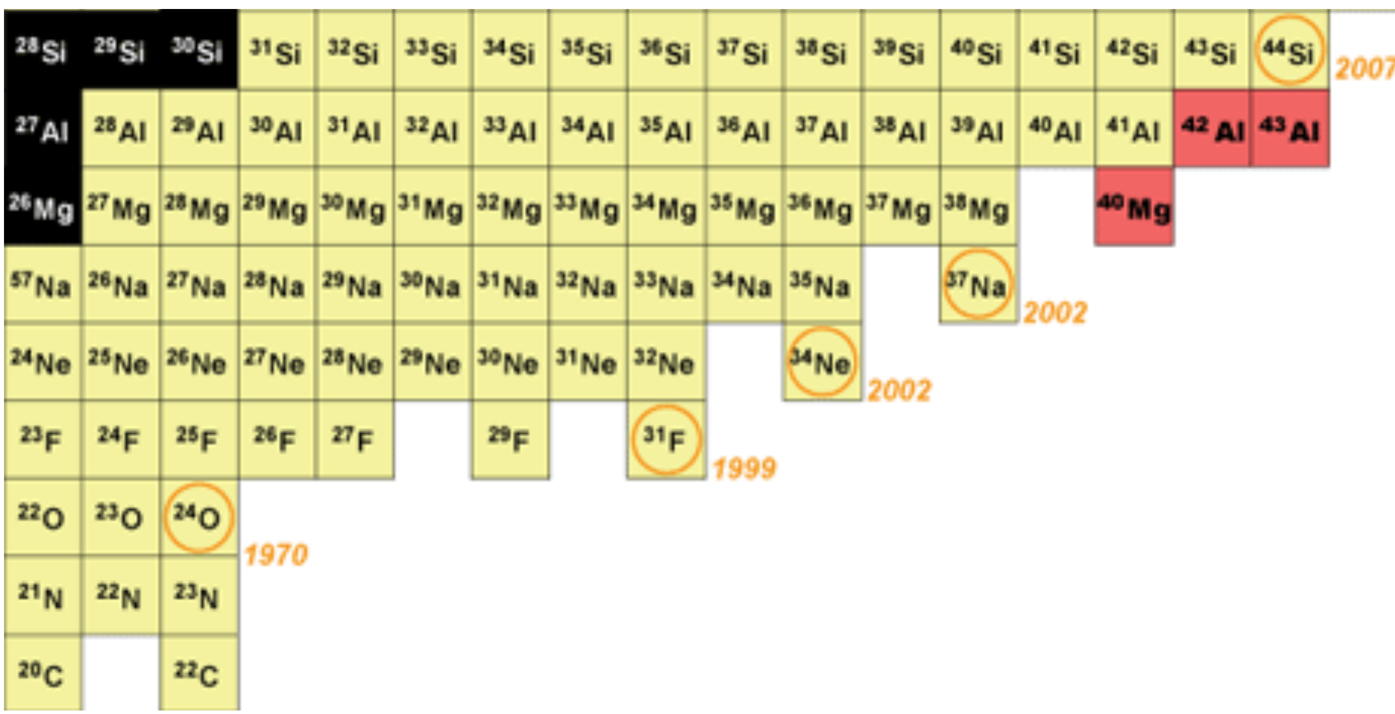

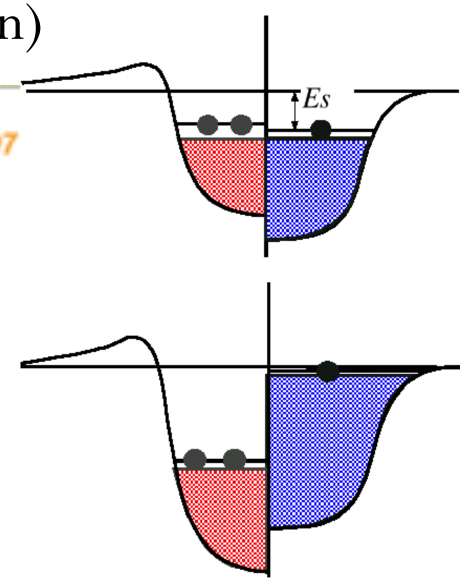

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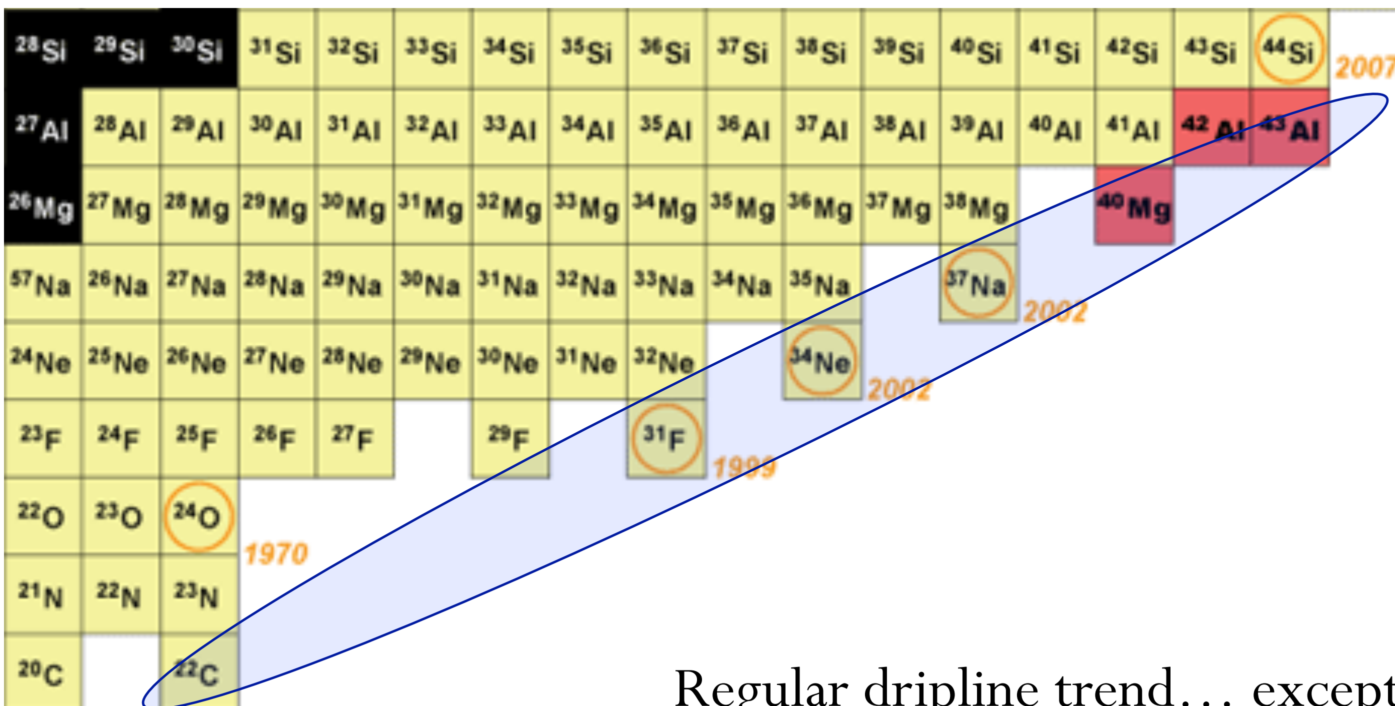

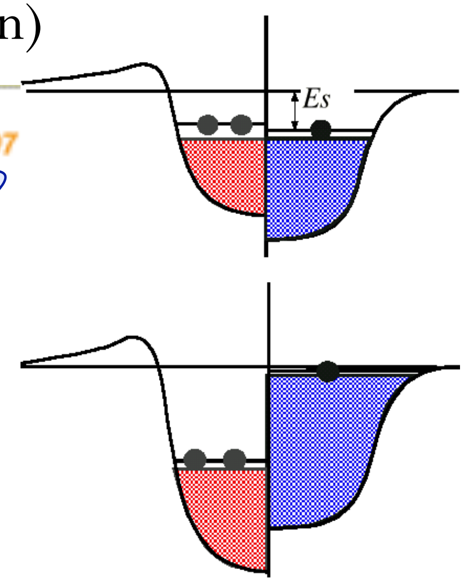

Regular dripline trend… except oxygen

Adding one proton binds 6 additional neutrons

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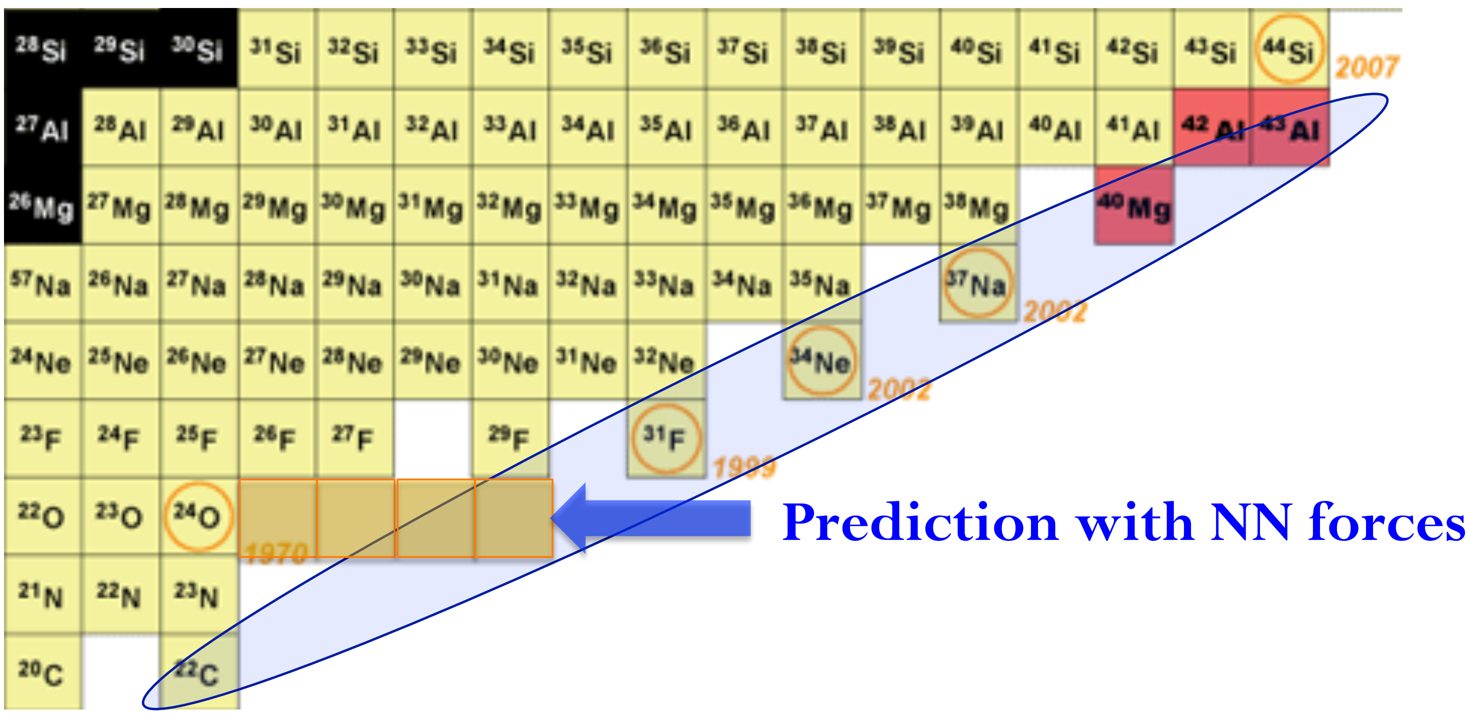

Microscopic picture: **NN-forces too attractive**

Incorrect prediction of dripline

Physics in Oxygen Isotopes

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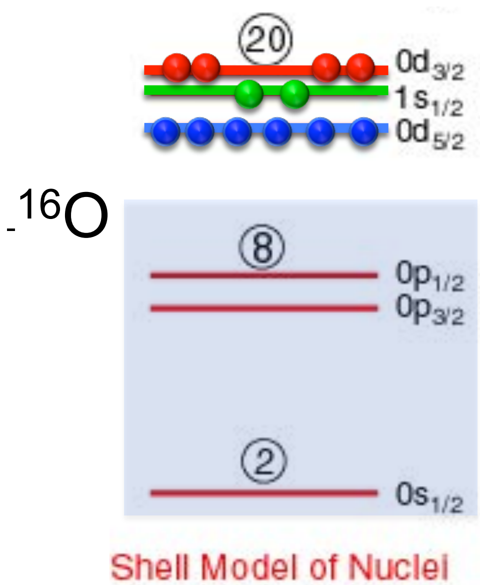

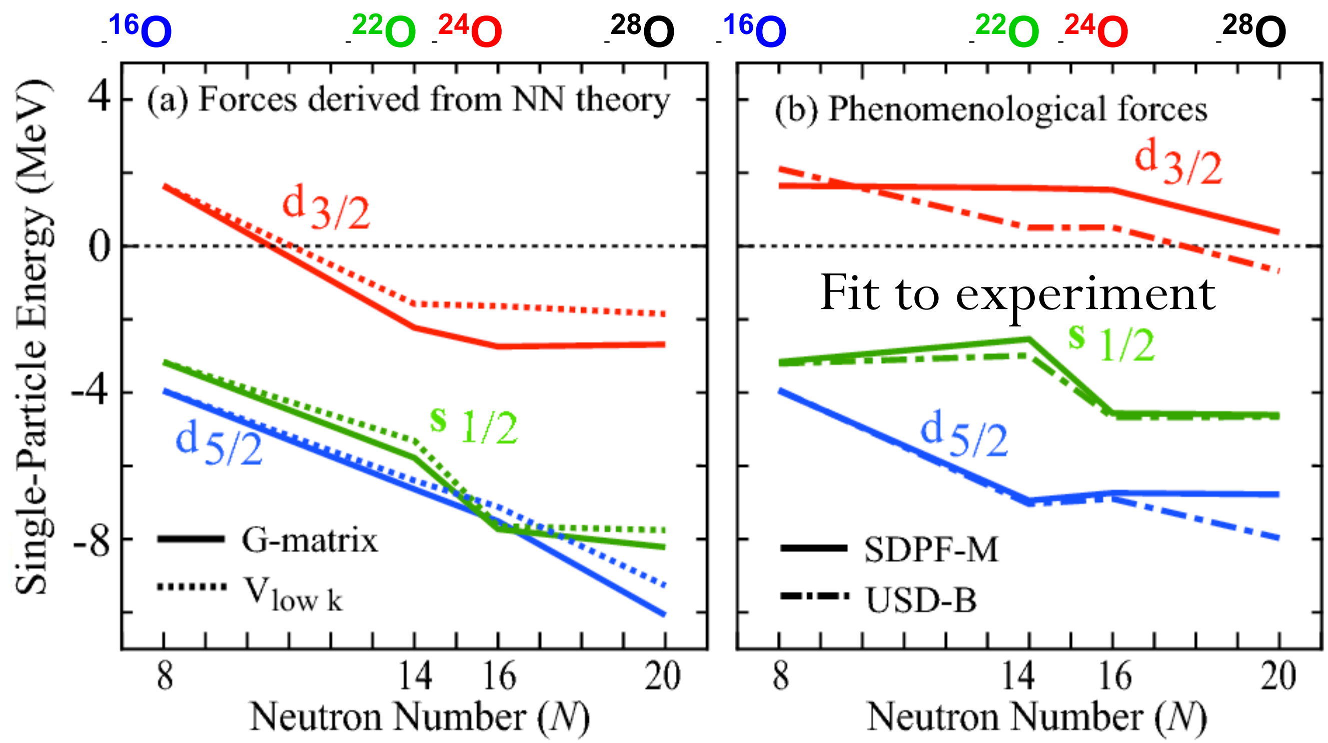

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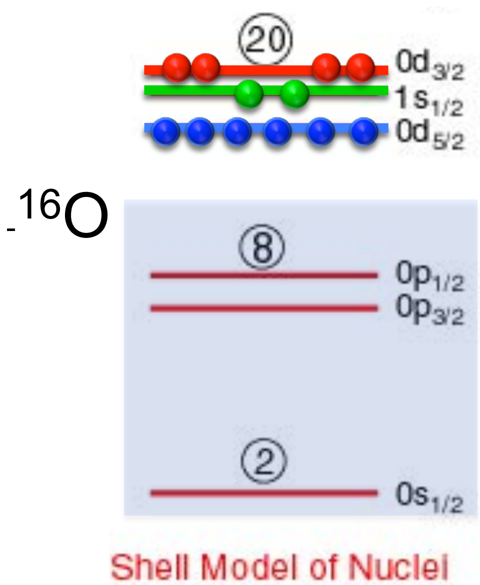

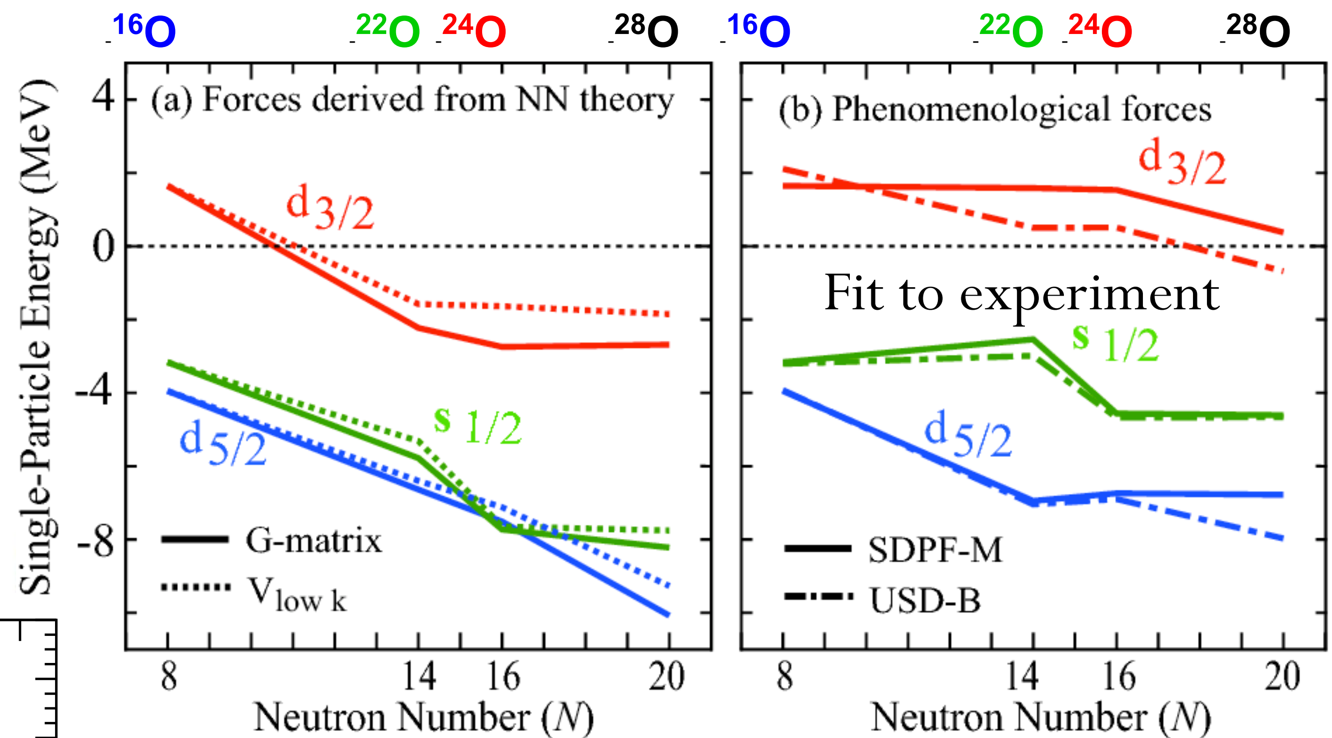

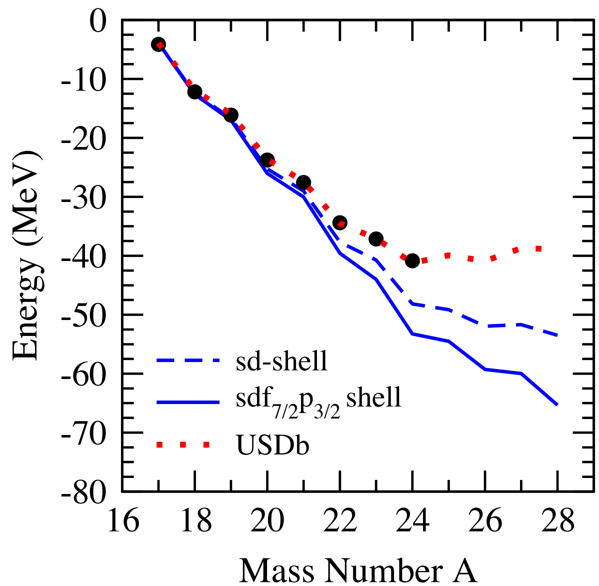

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Oxygen anomaly unexplained with NN forces

Origin of monopole shifts: Neglected 3N forces

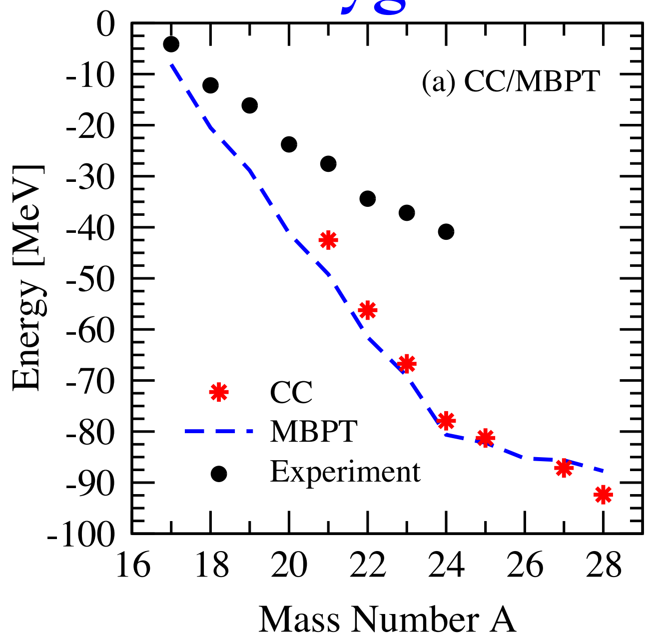
-- **Zuker (2003)**

Comparison to Coupled Cluster

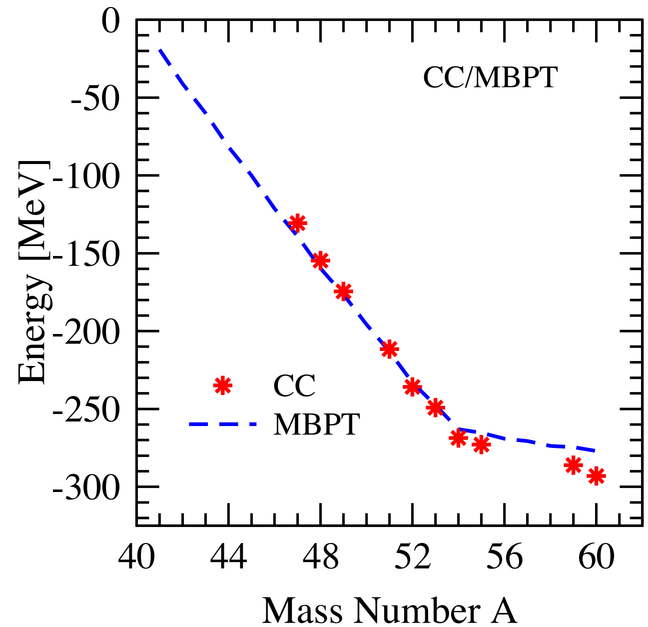
Many-body method insufficient?

Benchmark against *ab-initio* Coupled Cluster at NN-only level

Oxygen



Calcium



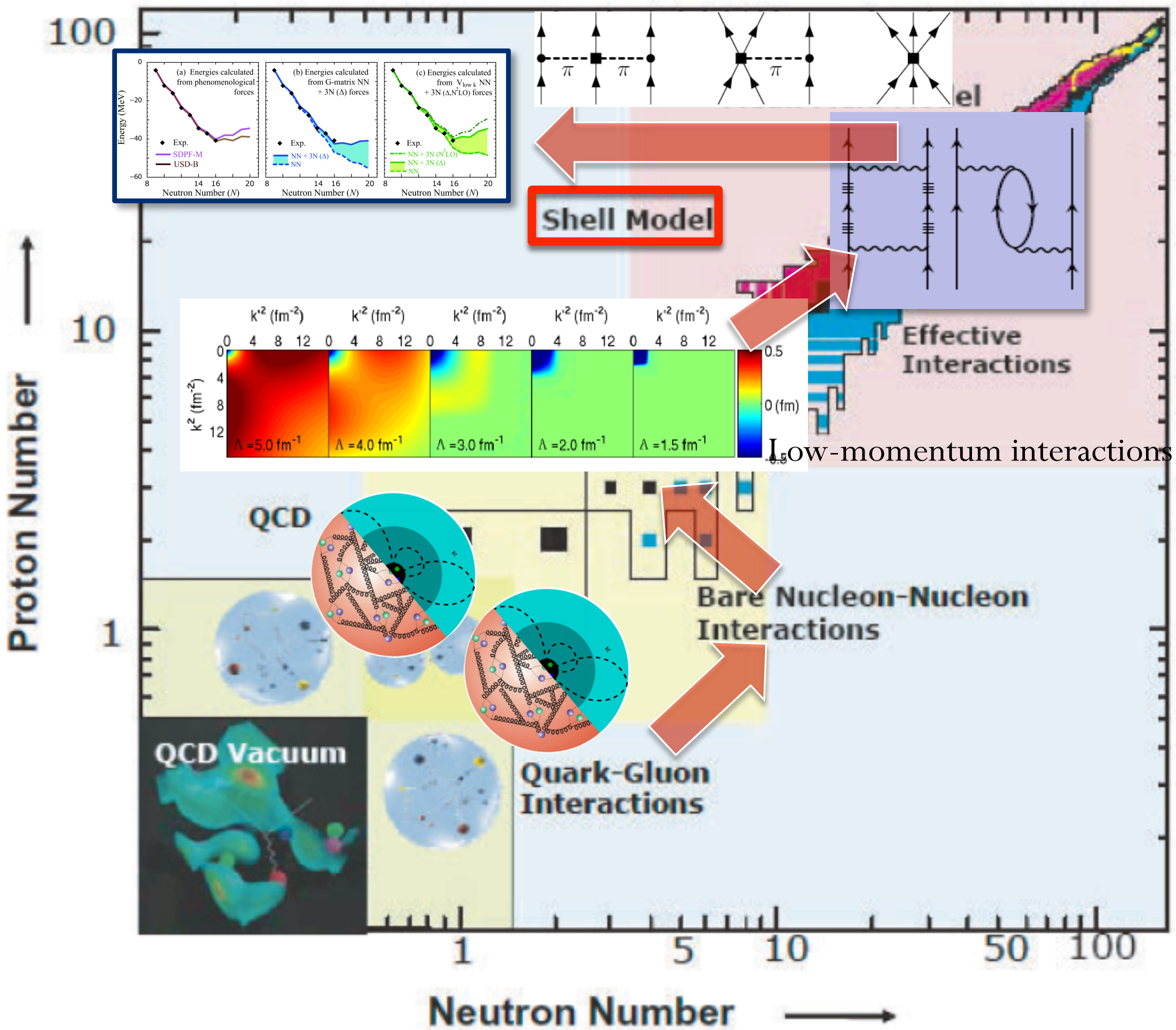
SPEs: one-particle attached CC energies in ^{17}O and ^{41}Ca

Small difference in many-body methods

Include **3N forces** to improve agreement with experiment

The Challenge of Microscopic Nuclear Theory

To understand the properties of complex nuclei from elementary interactions



Three-Nucleon Forces

Basic ideas – why do we need?

3N from chiral EFT

Implementing in shell model

Relation to monopoles

Predictions/Results

Density-dependent 3N

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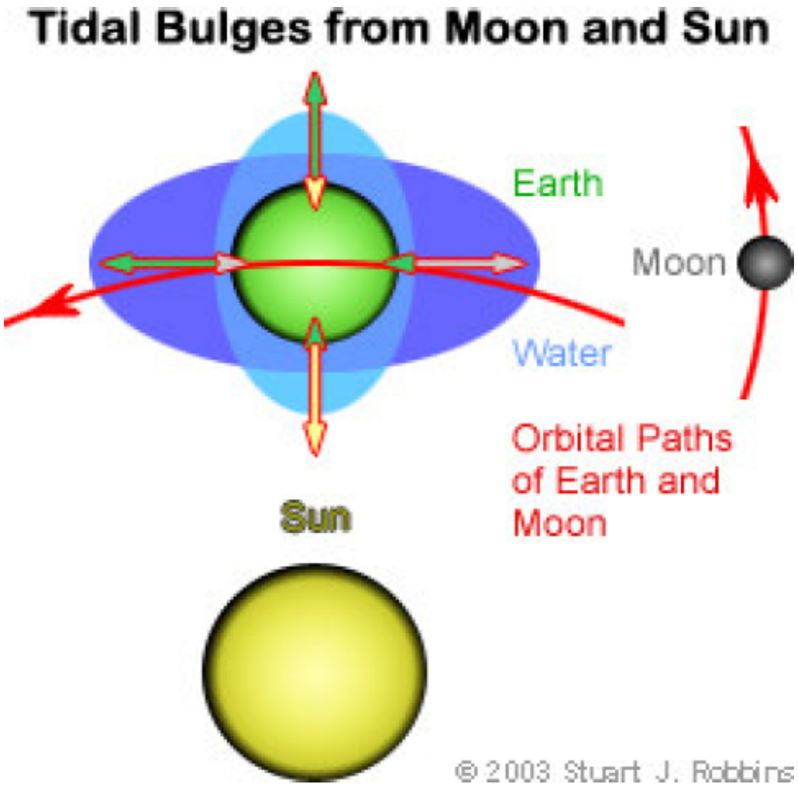

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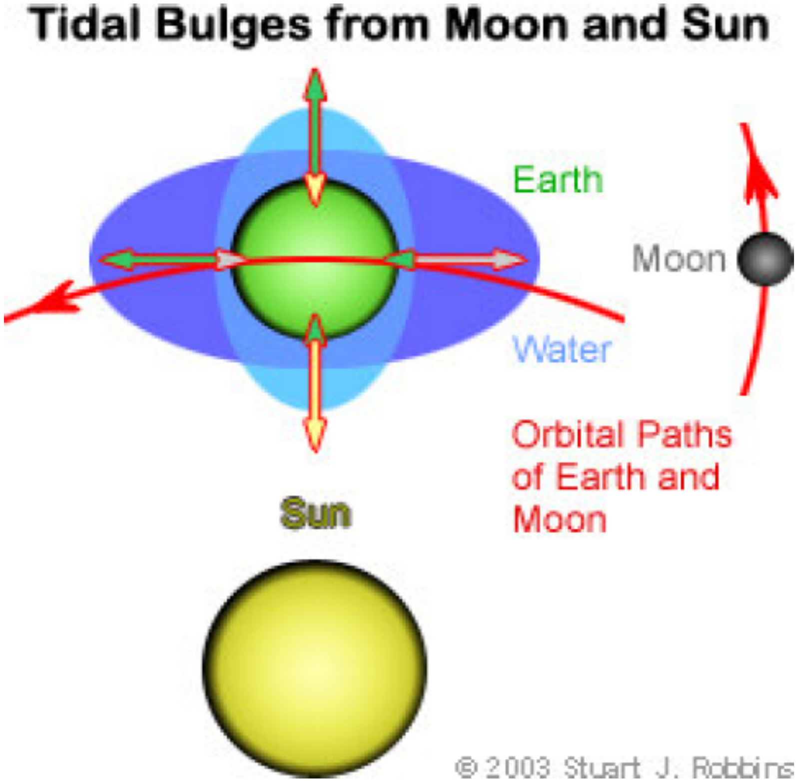

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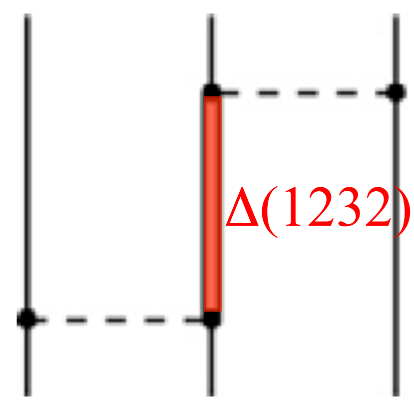
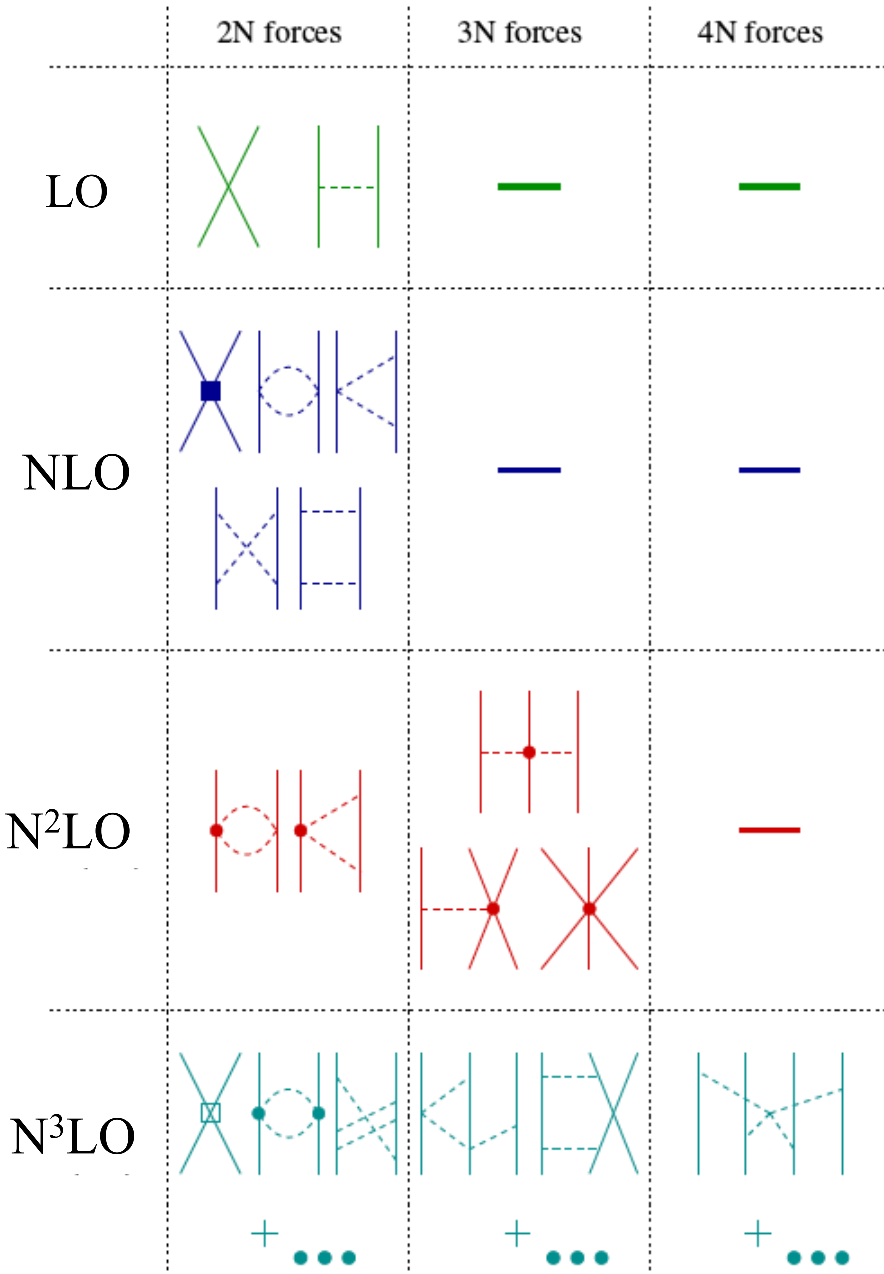
Nucleons are composite particles

Can be excited to resonances



Leads to non-negligible effects

Chiral Effective Field Theory: Summary



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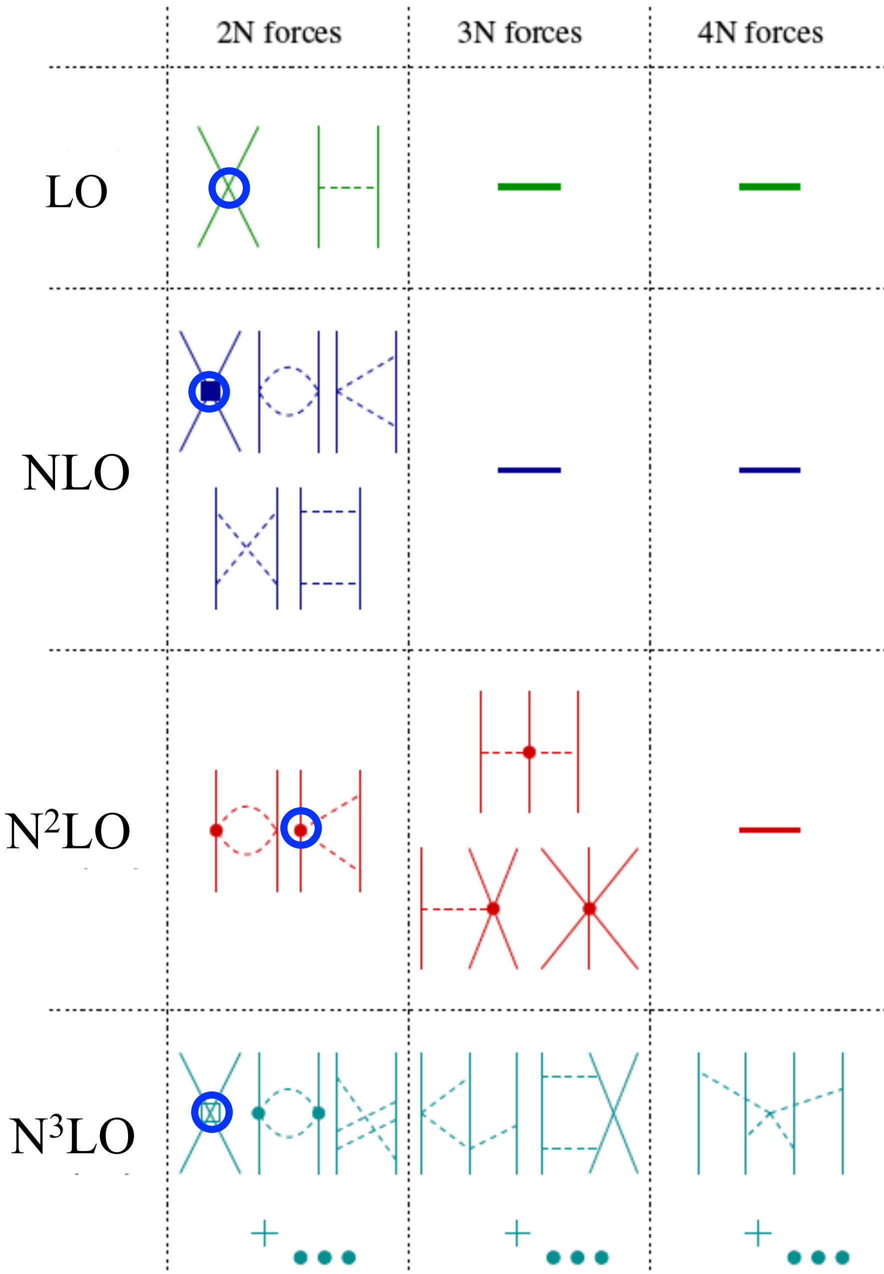

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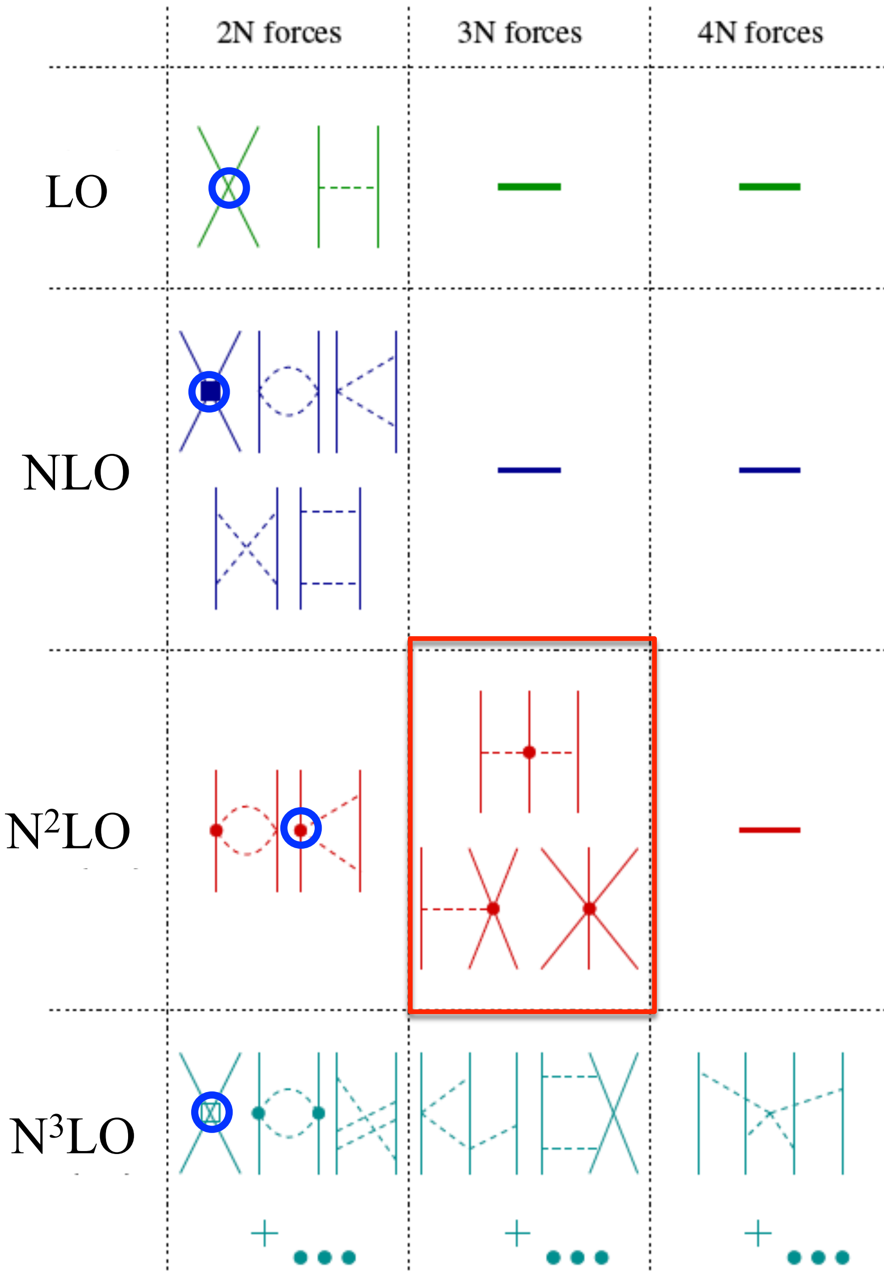

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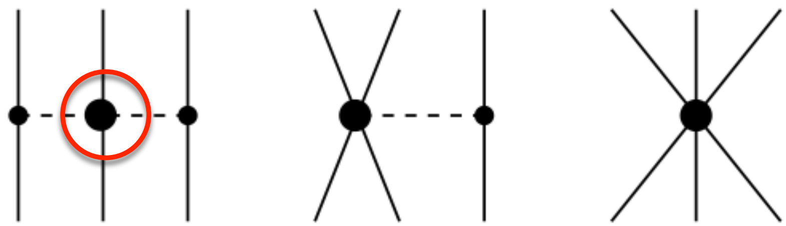

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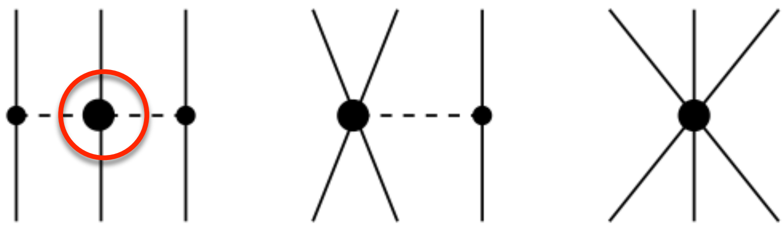

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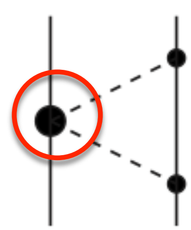

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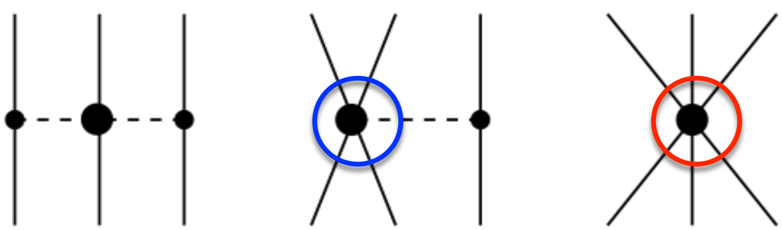

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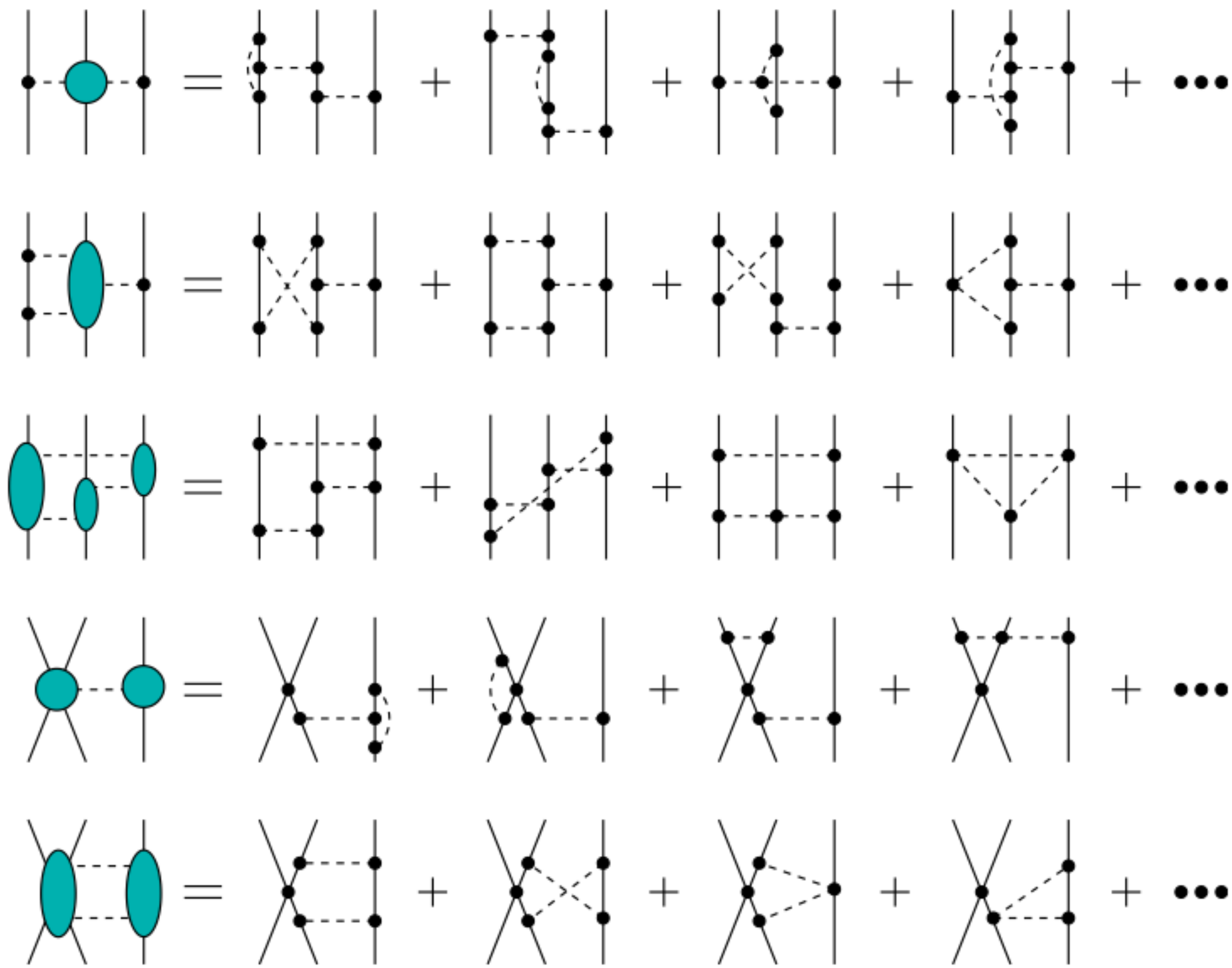
$$V^{(3)}_{\text{cont}} = \frac{1}{2}\sum_{j\neq k} E\,(\boldsymbol{\tau}_j\cdot\boldsymbol{\tau}_k)$$

Two new unconstrained couplings D,E: what should we fit to?

Chiral EFT: N^{3}LO

Next–to–next–to–next–to–leading order $(\nu = 4)$



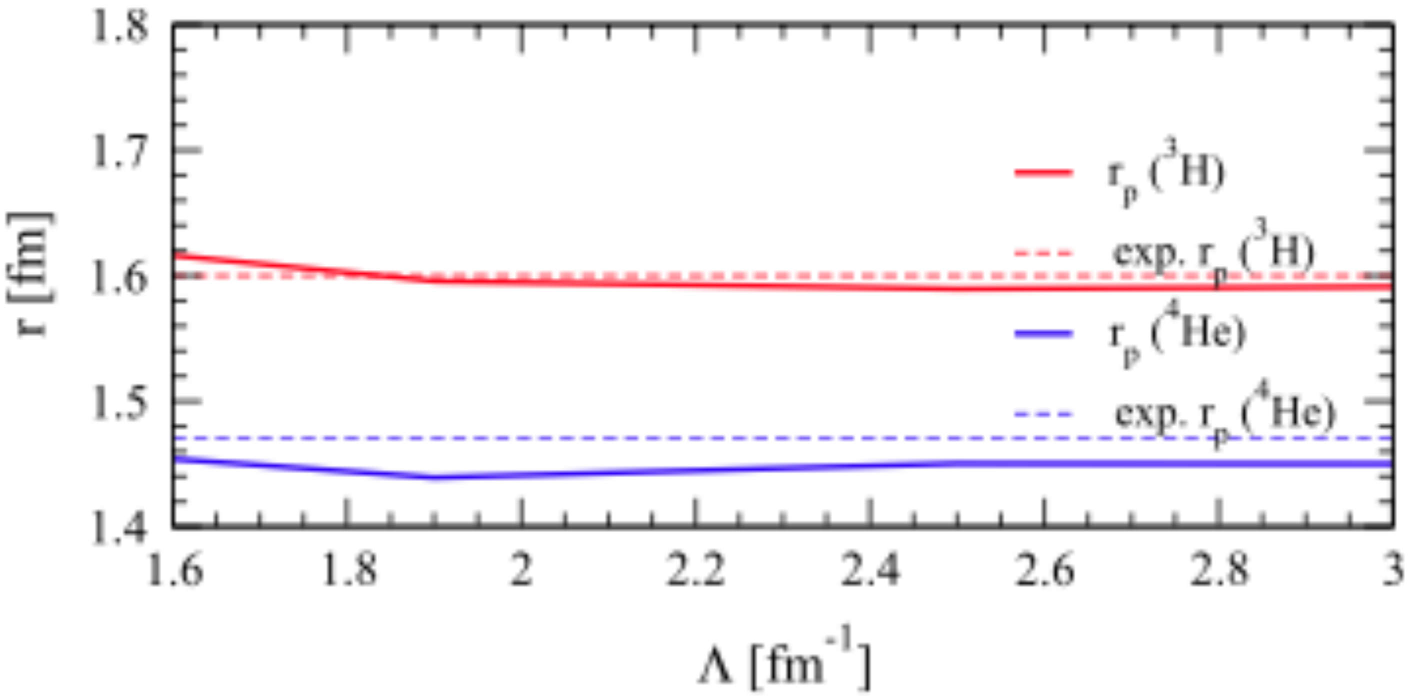
Good news: **no new constants**

Bad news: it's not obvious?

Cutoff Variation with 3N Forces

Use cutoff variation to assess missing physics in few body systems

Radii of triton and alpha particle calculated from NN+3N forces

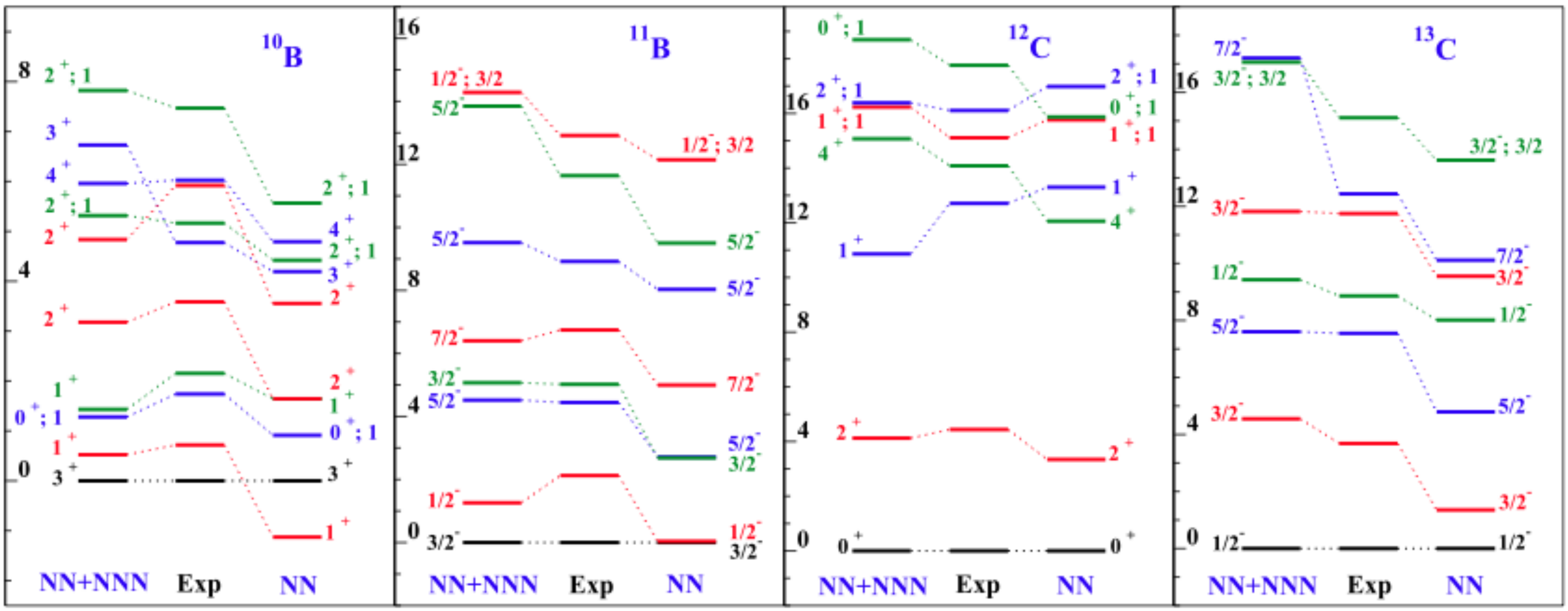


Clearly minimal cutoff variation

Chiral Three-Body Forces in Light Nuclei

Importance of chiral 3N forces established in light nuclei $A \leq 12$

Converged No-core shell model Navratil et al., 2007

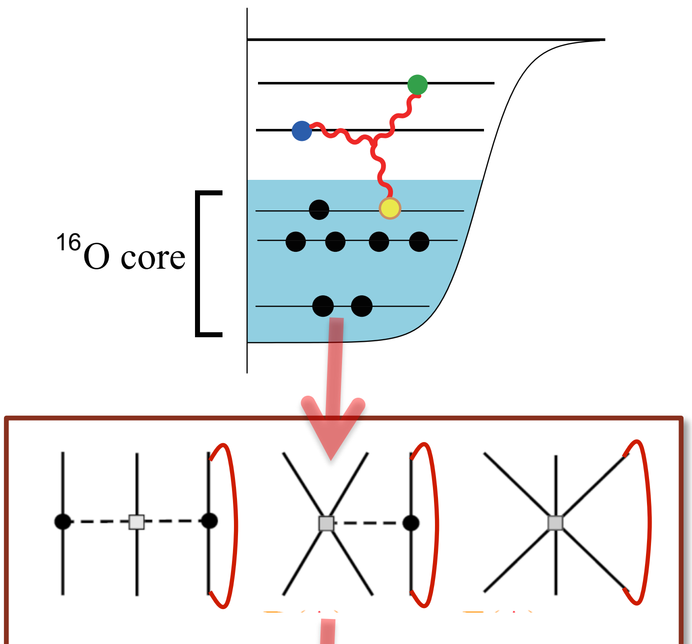


They work! What about medium-mass and exotic nuclei?

3N Forces for Valence-Shell Theories

Normal-ordered 3N: contribution to valence neutron interactions

Effective two-body



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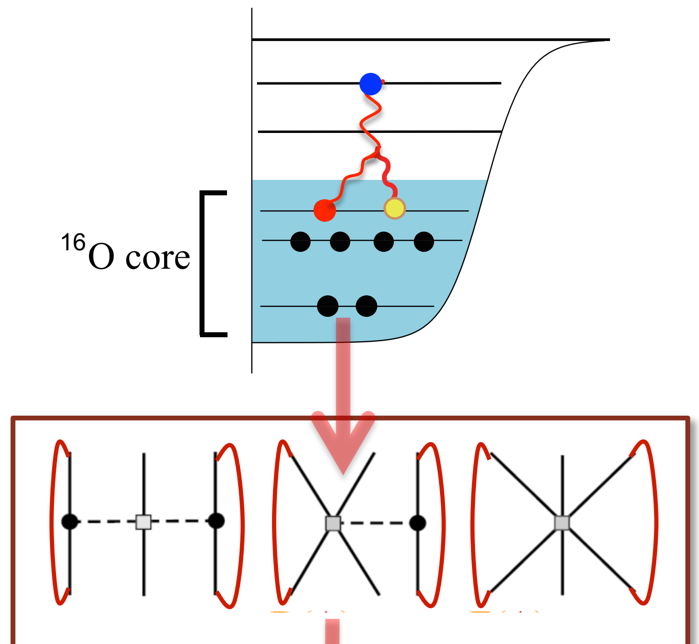

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Combine with microscopic NN: eliminate empirical adjustments

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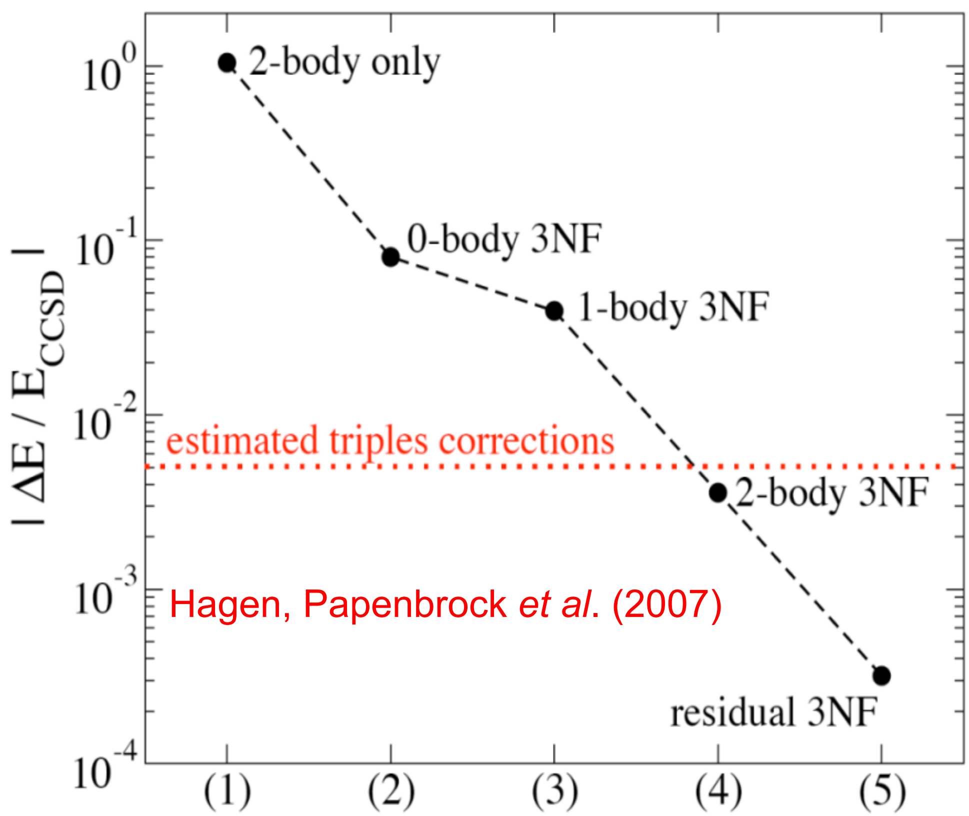


Coupled-Cluster theory with 3N:
benchmark of ^{4}He

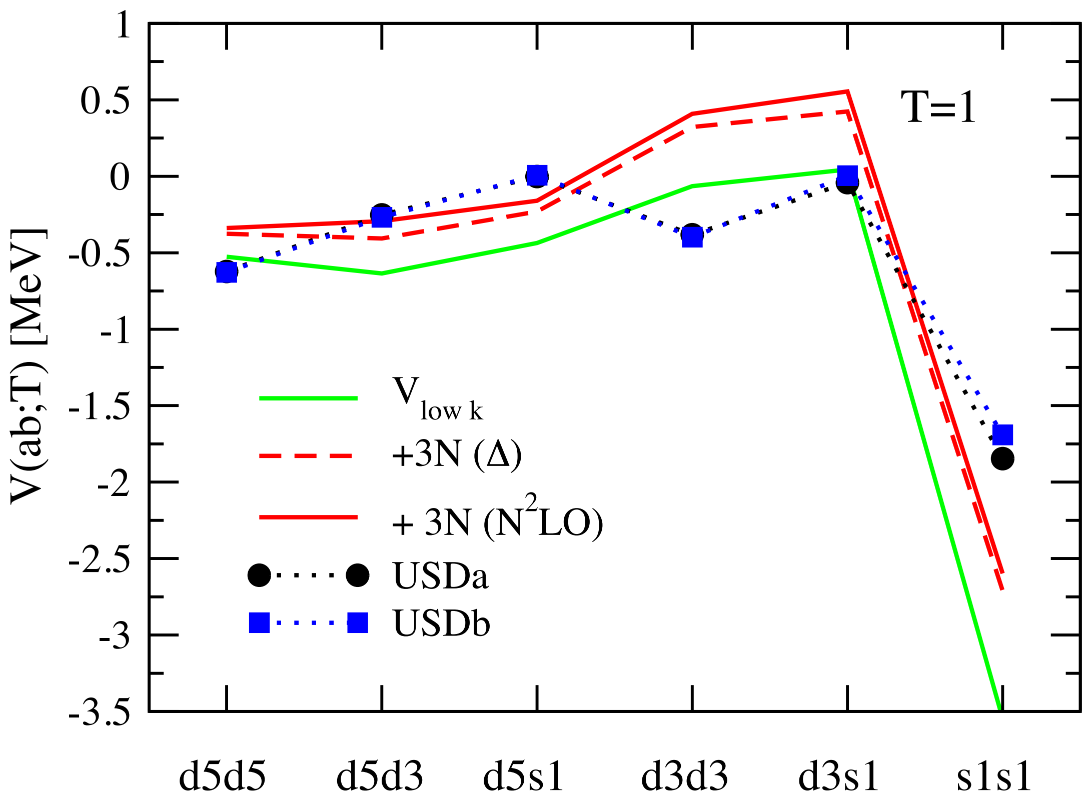
0- 1- and 2-body of 3NF dominate

Residual 3N can be neglected

Work on ^{16}O in progress

Approximated residual 3N by summing over valence nucleon
– Nucleus-dependent: effect small, not negligible by ^{24}O

Two-body 3N: Monopoles in *sd*-shell



Dominant effect from **one-Δ** – as expected from cutoff variation

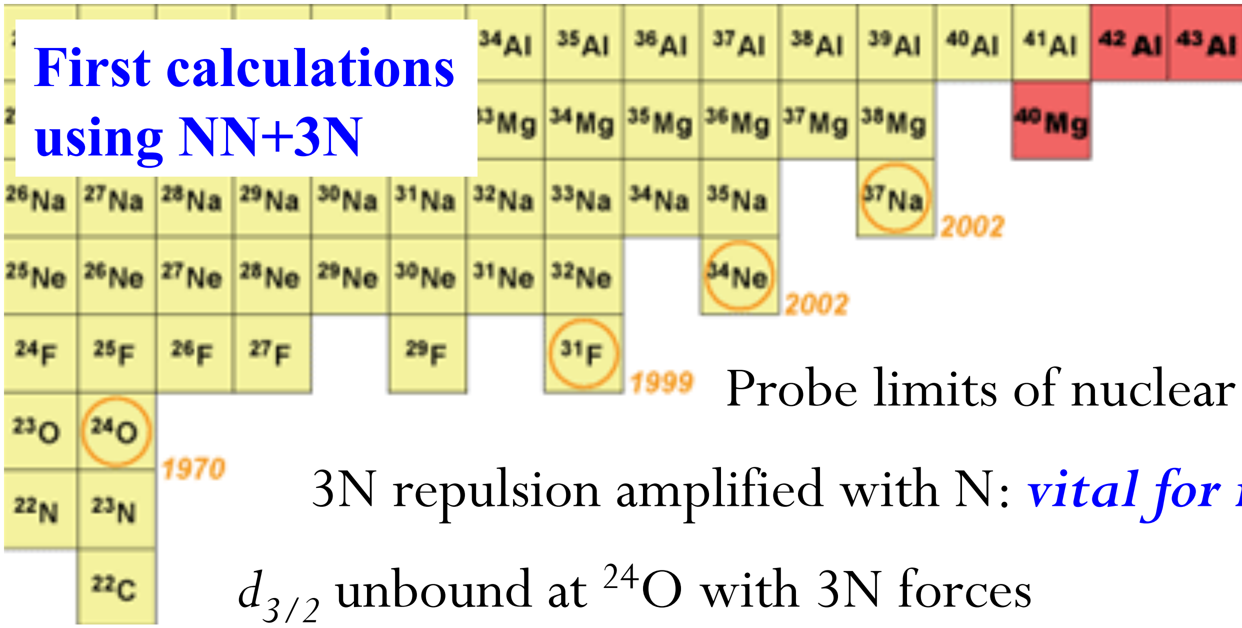
3N forces produce clear repulsive shift in monopoles

First calculations to show missing monopole strength due to neglected 3N

Future: Improved treatment of high-lying orbits

Oxygen Anomaly

First calculations using NN+3N



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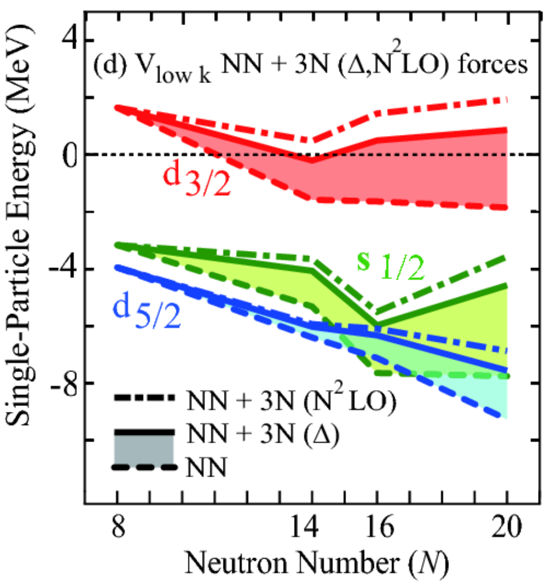

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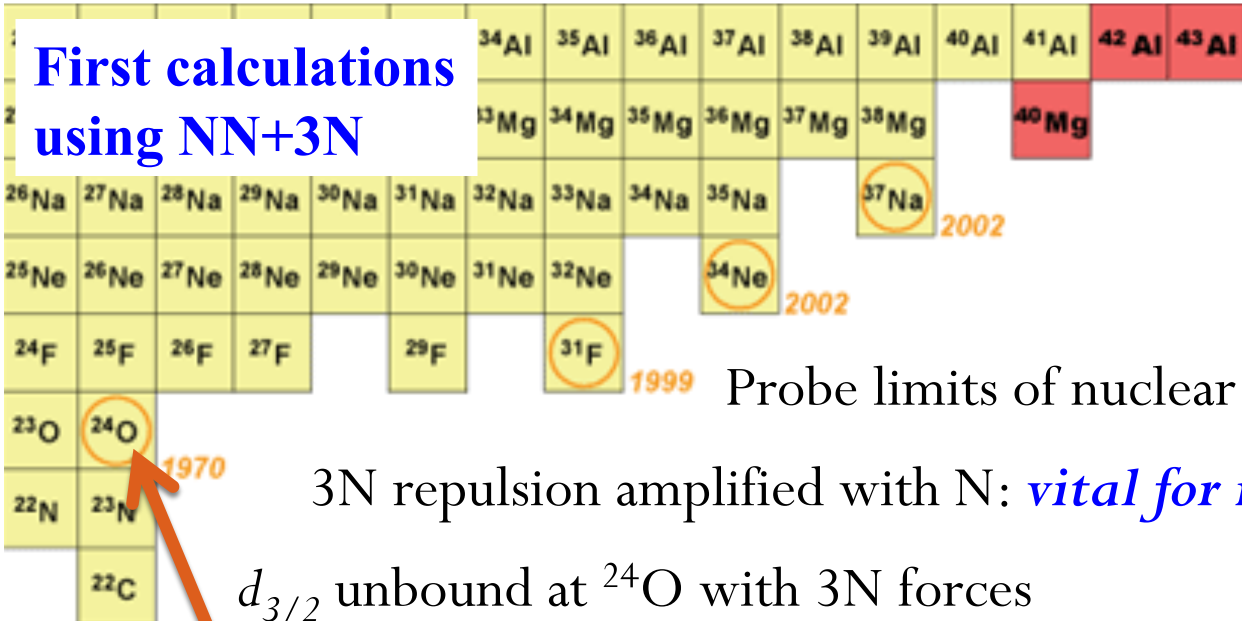

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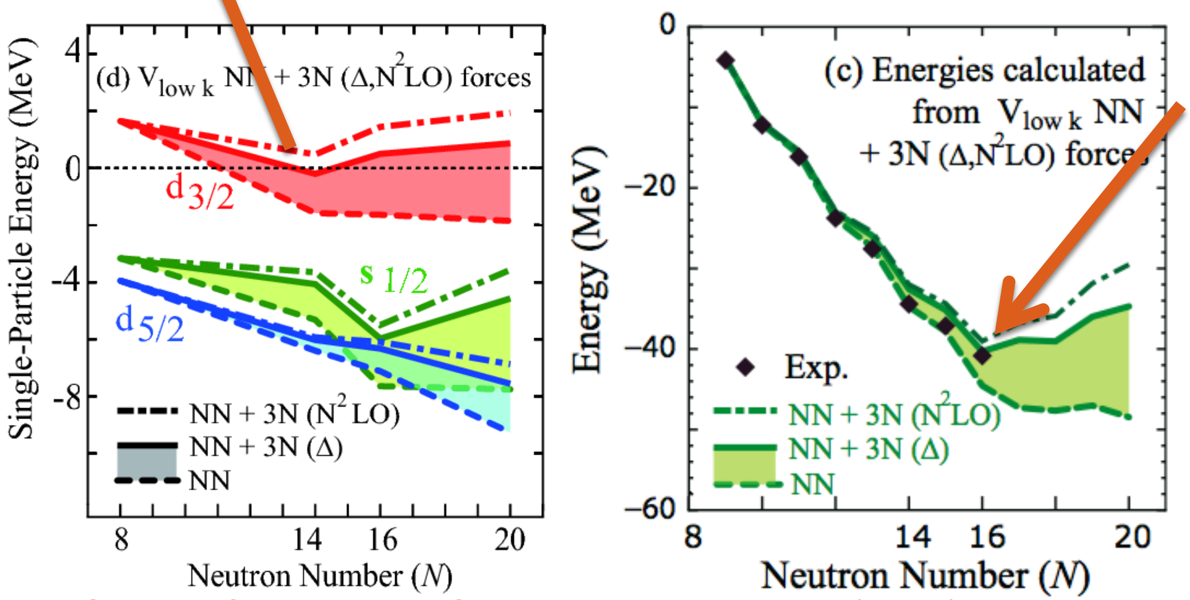
Isotopes unbound beyond ^{24}O



First microscopic explanation of oxygen anomaly

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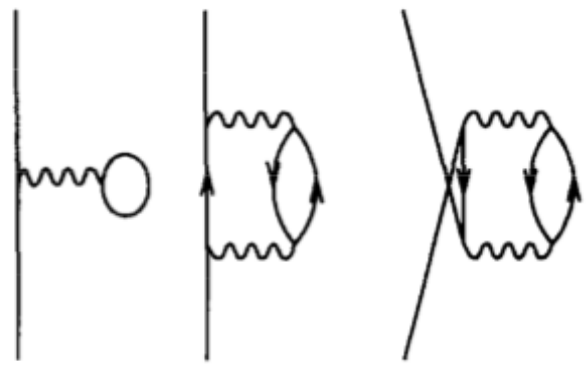

sd-shell: SPEs much too bound, unreasonable splitting

Orbit	"Exp"	USDb	$T+V_{NN}$
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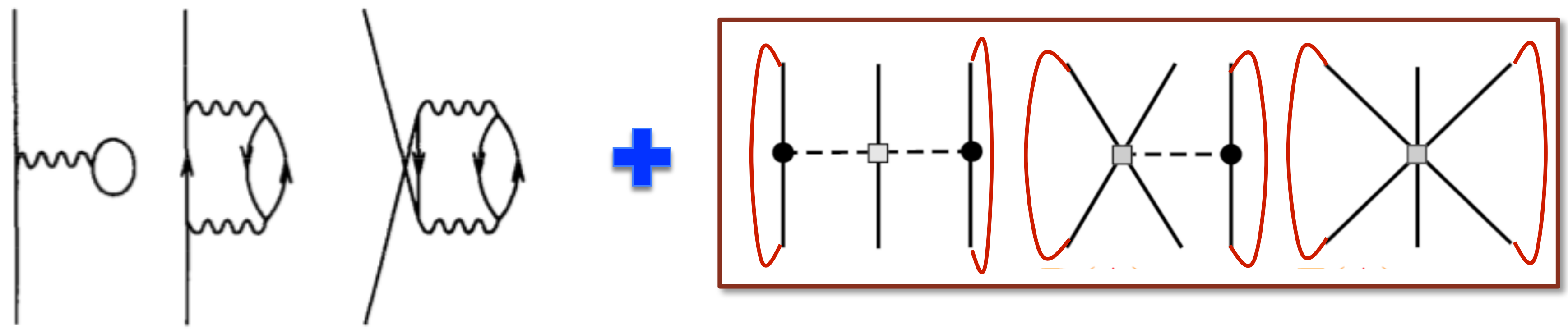

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3N forces: additional repulsion – reasonable values!

Orbit	USDb	$T+V_{NN}+V_{3N}$
$d_{5/2}$	-3.93	-3.82
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$d_{3/2}$	2.11	2.01

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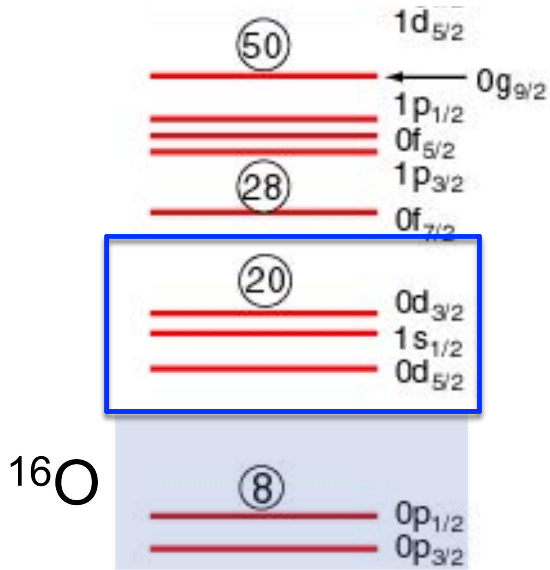
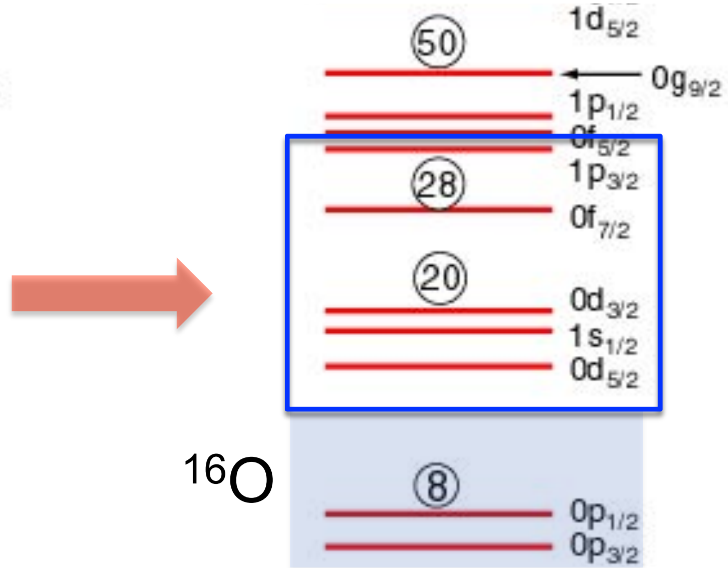
Effects of correlations beyond one major oscillator shell:





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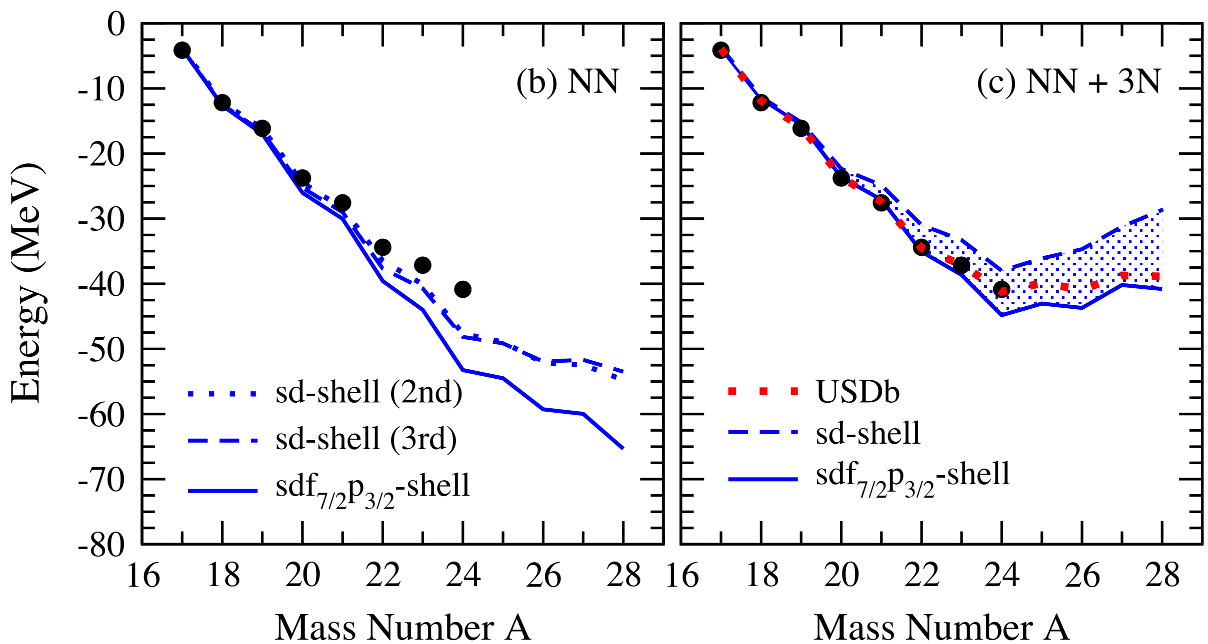
$d_{3/2}$	2.11	2.01	1.65	2.13
$f_{7/2}$			3.10	2.96
$p_{3/2}$			3.10	4.82

Fully microscopic framework and extended valence space

Fully-Microscopic Calculations

Interaction and self-consistent SPEs from NN+3N

Empirical SPEs for NN-only



Holt, Schwenk, arXiv:1108.2680

NN-only: dripline at ^{28}O

NN+3N: dripline at ^{24}O

sd-shell results underbound; improved in $sdf_{7/2}\ p_{3/2}$

Continuum: ~300keV more binding beyond ^{24}O (from CC)

Impact on Spectra: ^{23}O

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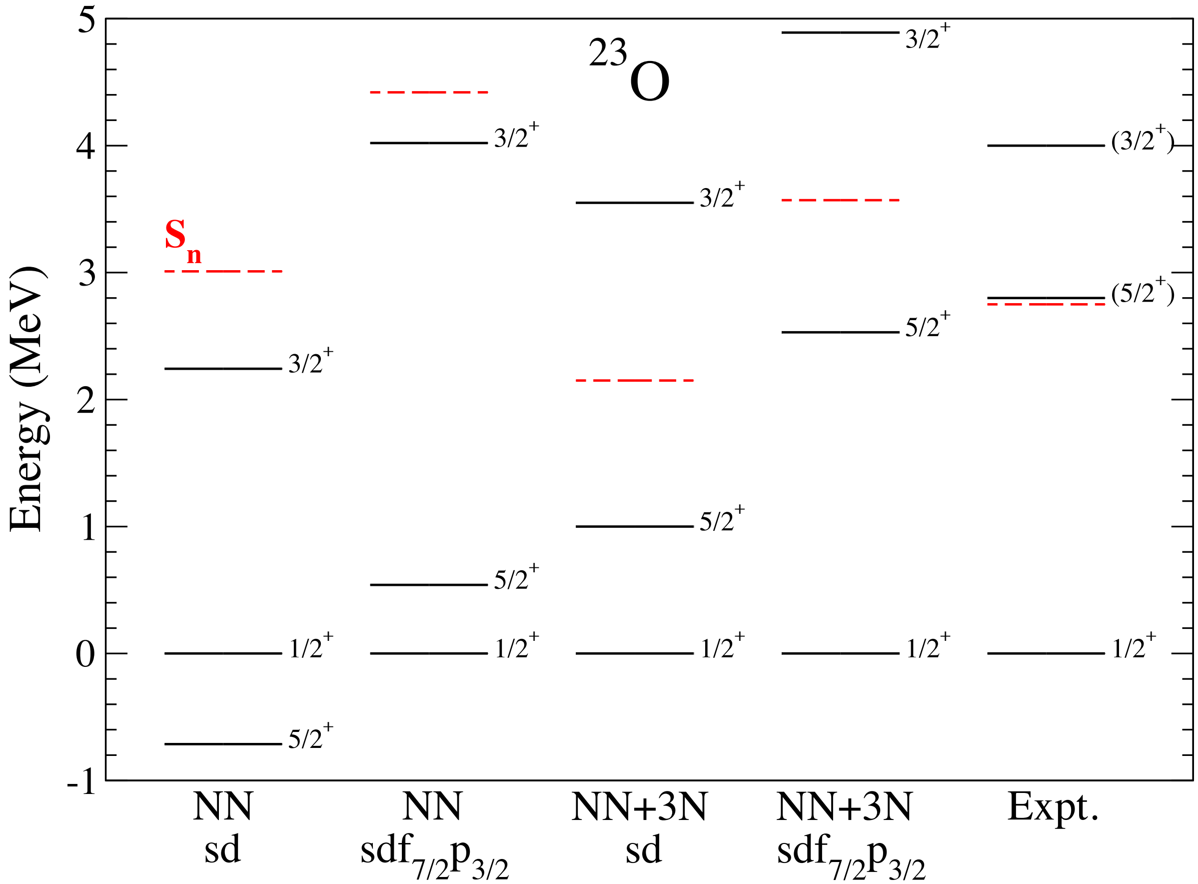

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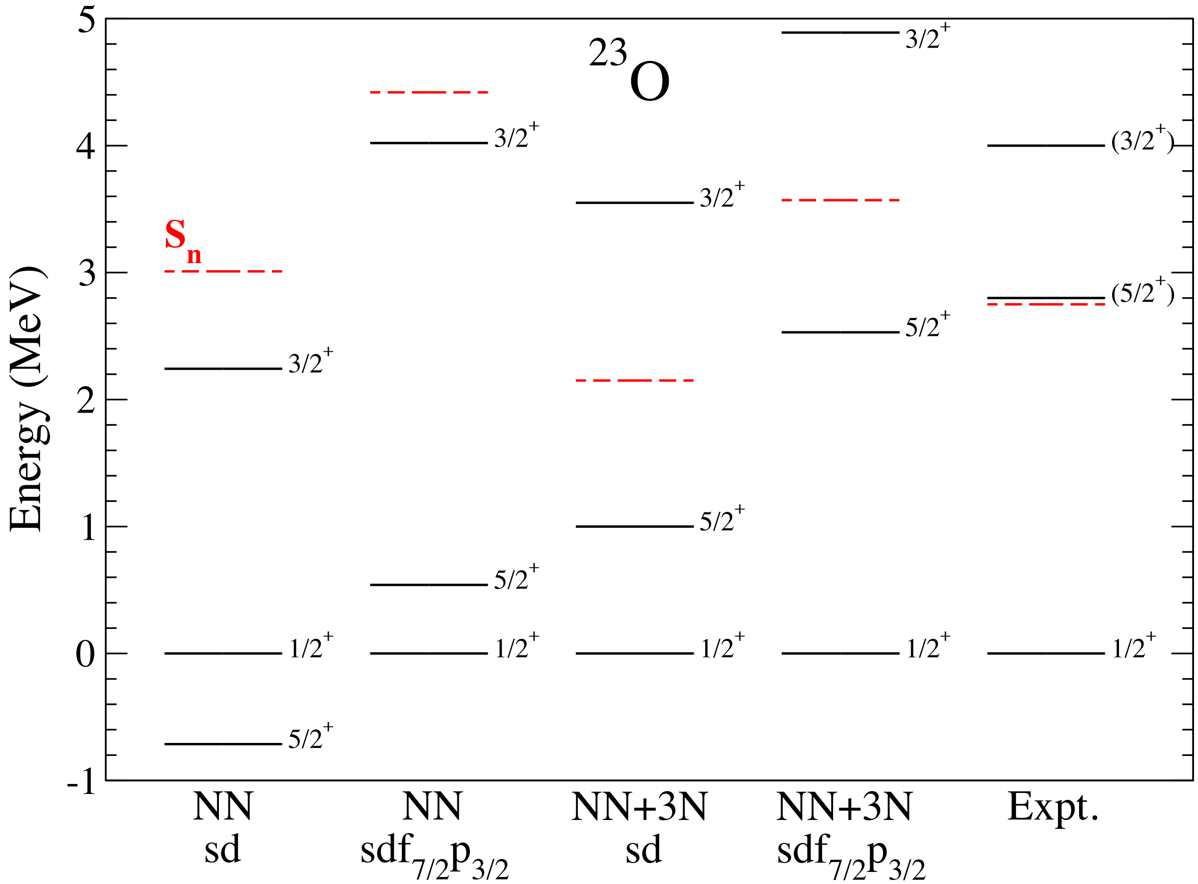

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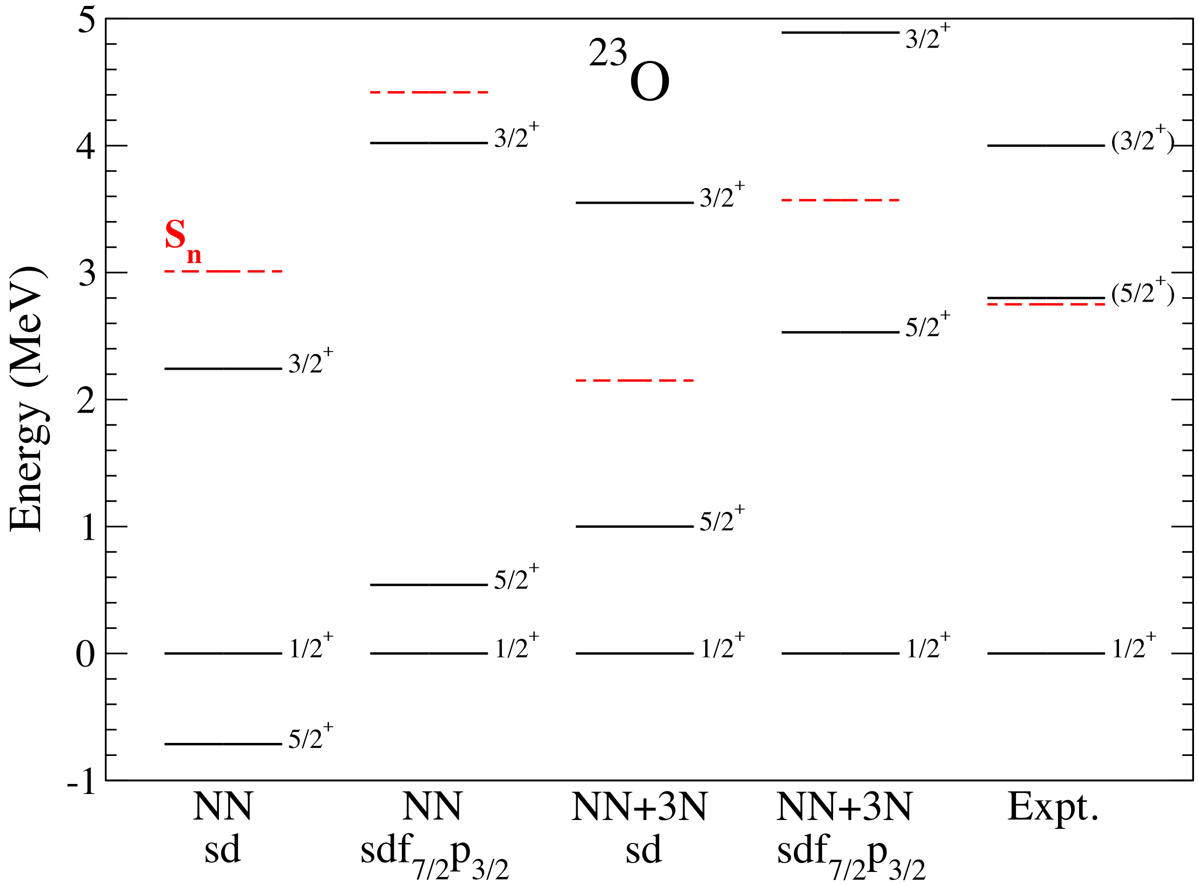

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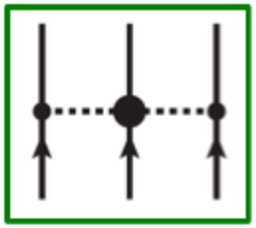
Coupled Cluster spectrum reasonably close to extended space results

Continuum effectively lowers $3/2^+$ - vital for $^{24\text{-}28}O$ Hagen et al., arXiv:1202.2839

In-medium NN interactions

JWH, N. Kaiser, W. Weise, PRC (2009)



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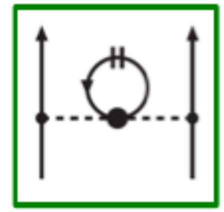

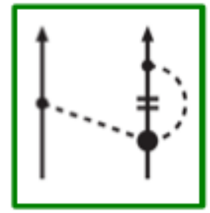

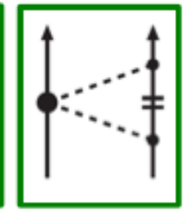

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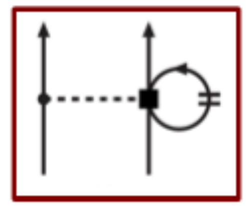

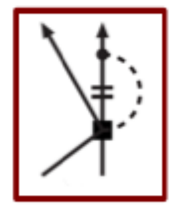

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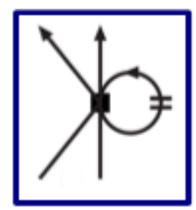
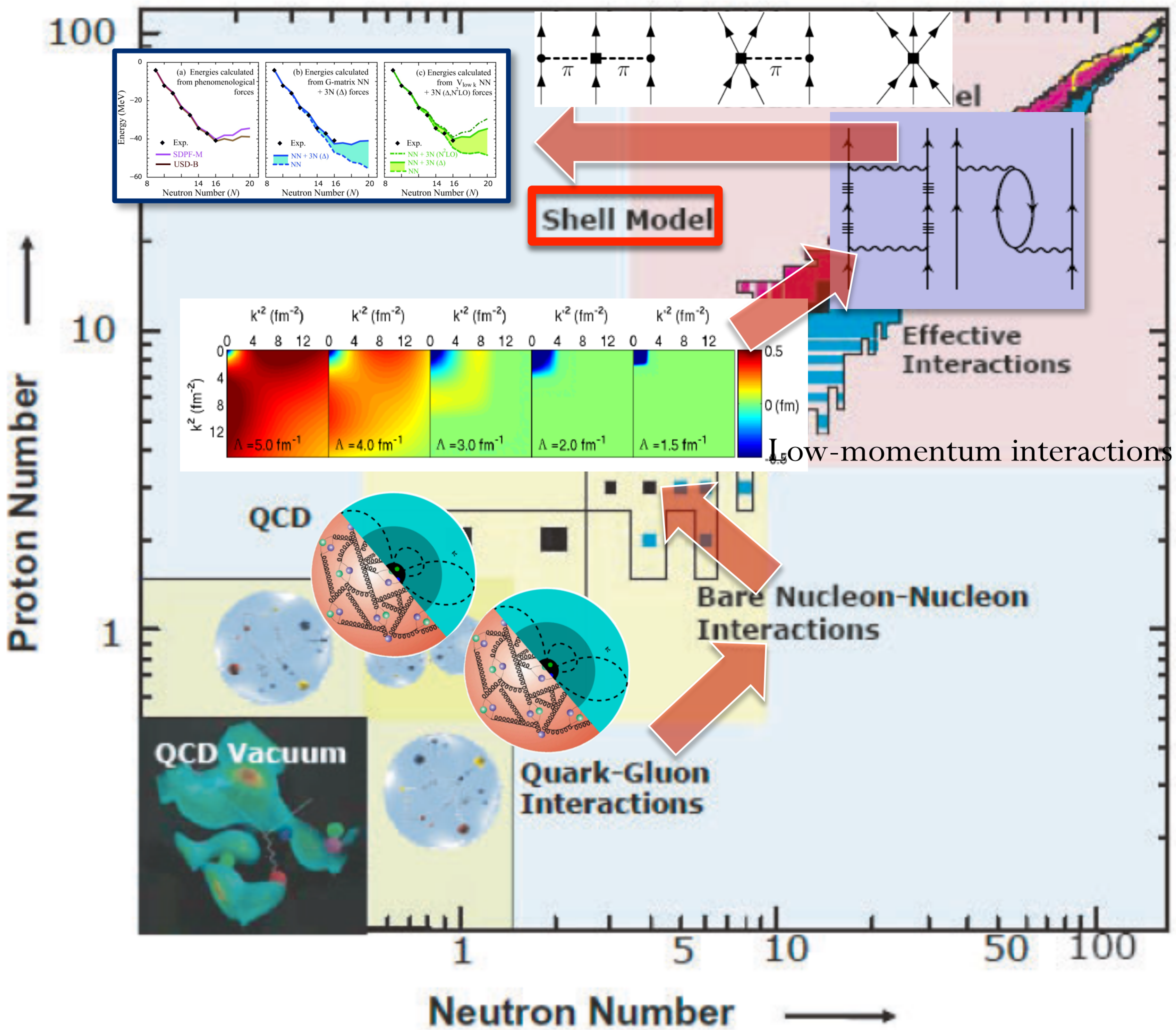


The Challenge of Microscopic Nuclear Theory

To understand the properties of complex nuclei from elementary interactions



Three-Nucleon Forces

Clear path from symmetries of QCD to shell model

Ideas of effective field theories

Renormalization group

essential for this progress

Much to do:

How will we approach this problem:

QCD → NN (3N) forces → Renormalize → Solve many-body problem → Predictions

Chiral Effective Field Theory: Philosophy

"Very soft potentials must be excluded because they do not give saturation; they give too much binding and too high density."
 - ***H. Bethe***

How might you respond?