

Nuclear Lattice EFT with Wave Function Matching for Light Nuclei

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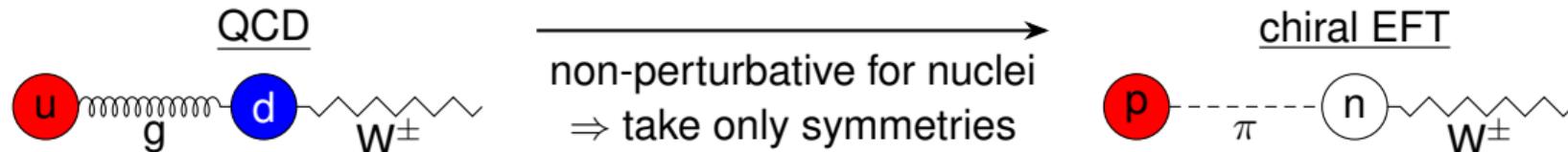
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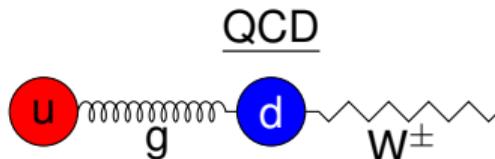
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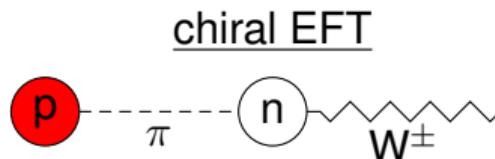
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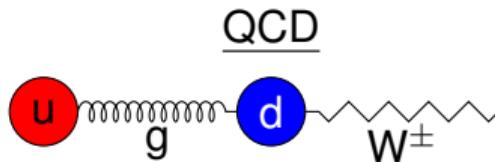


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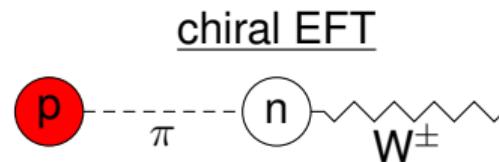
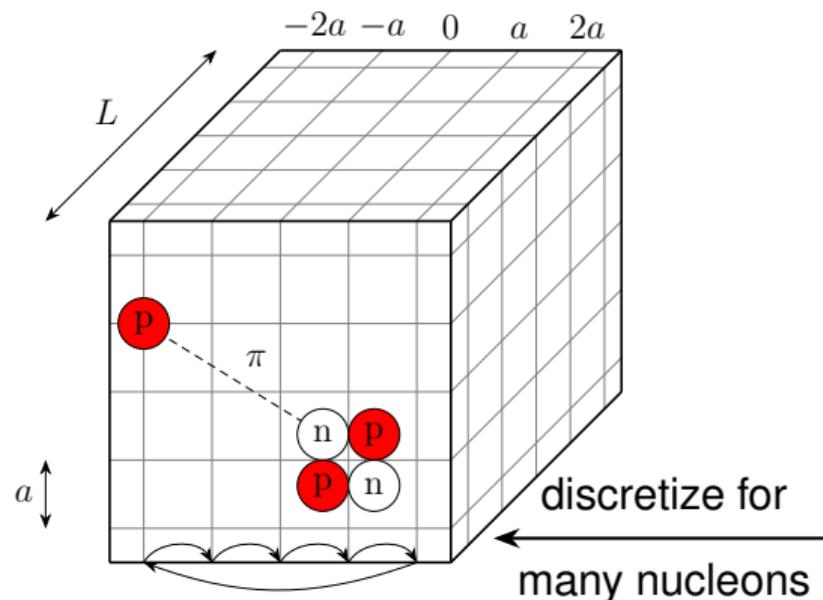


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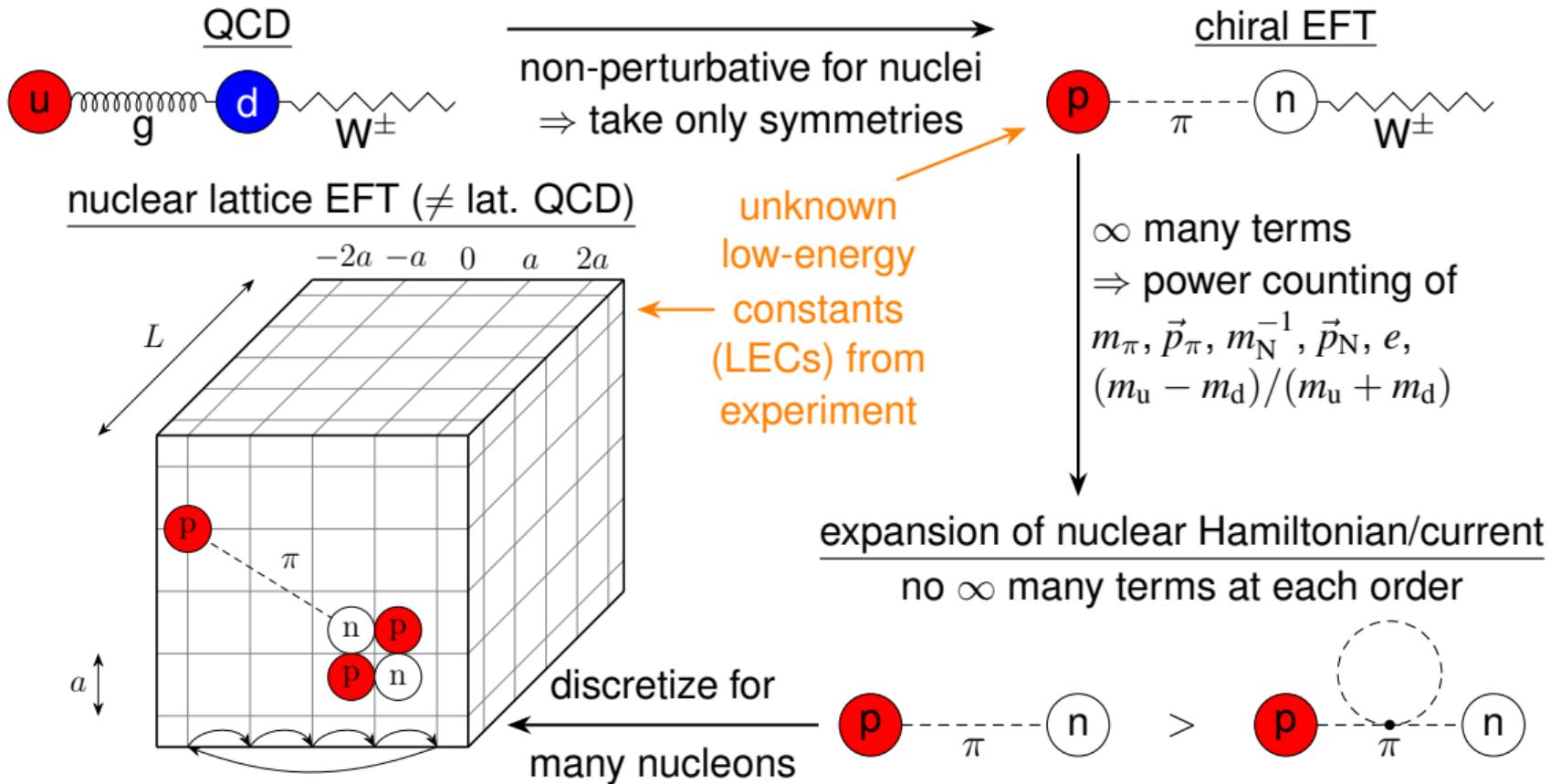


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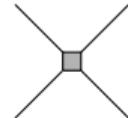
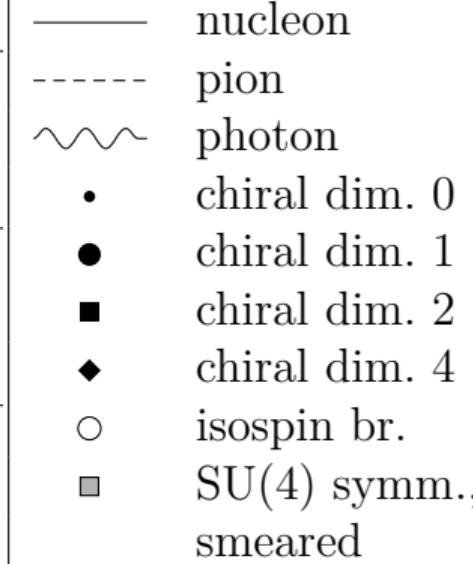
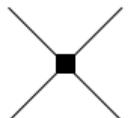
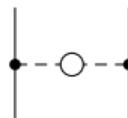
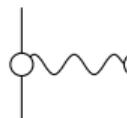
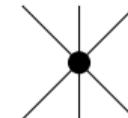
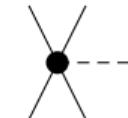
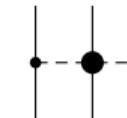
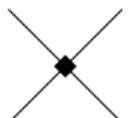
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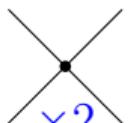
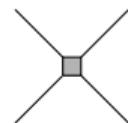
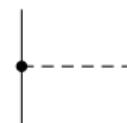
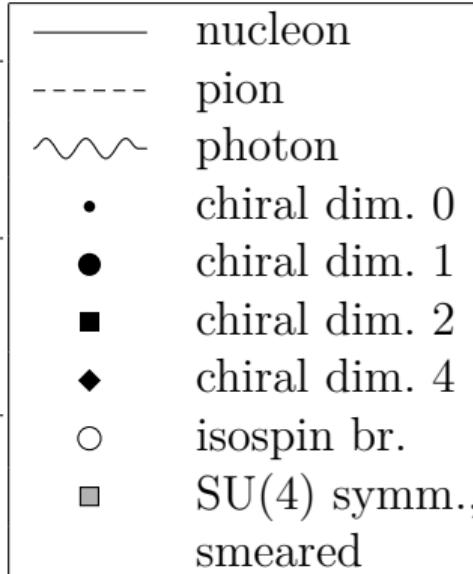
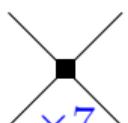
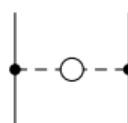
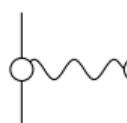
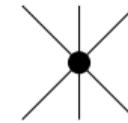
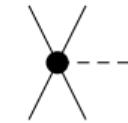
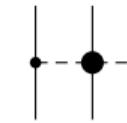
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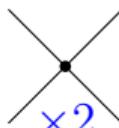
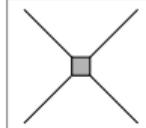
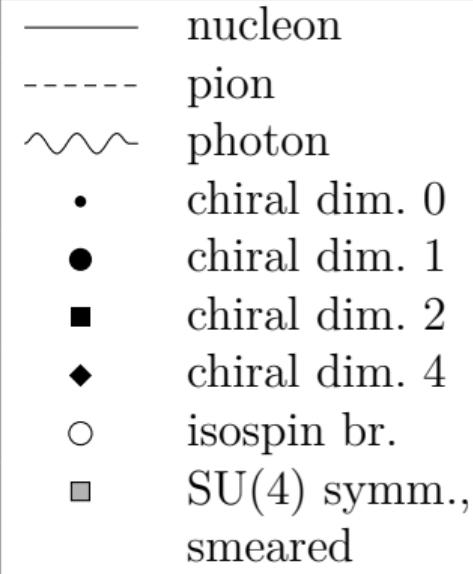
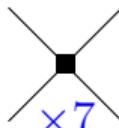
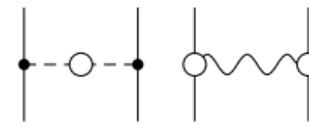
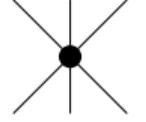
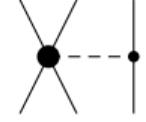
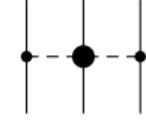
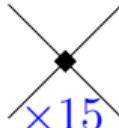
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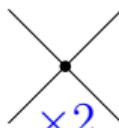
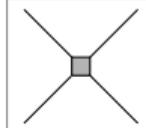
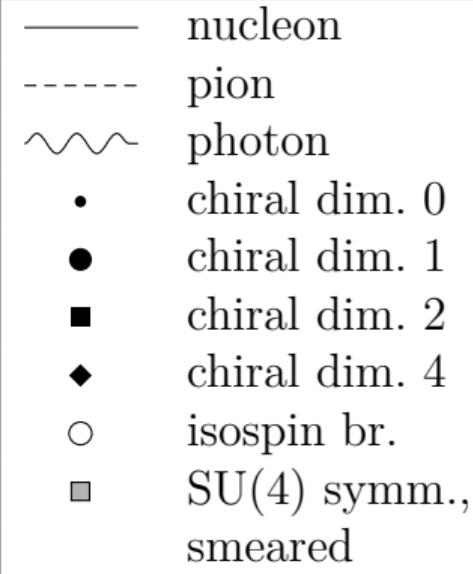
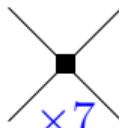
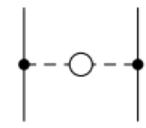
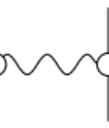
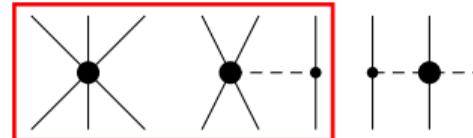
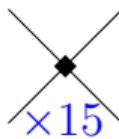
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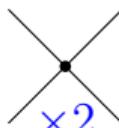
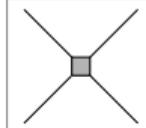
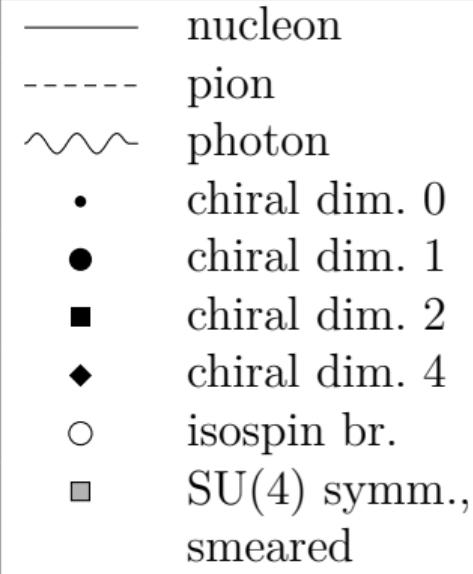
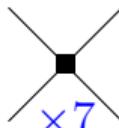
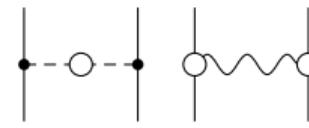
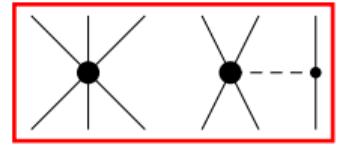
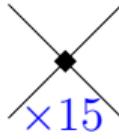
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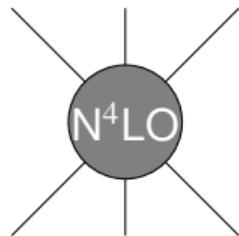
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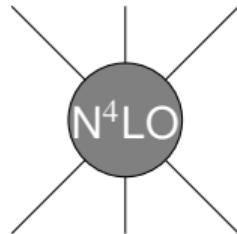
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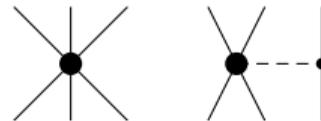
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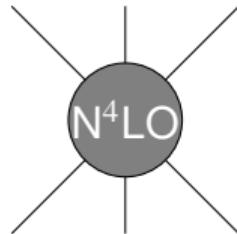
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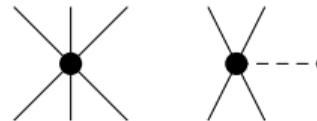
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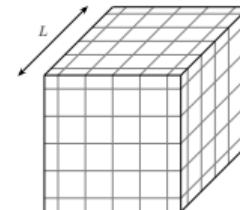
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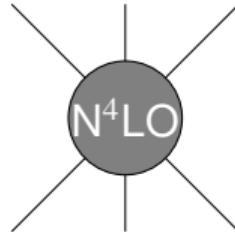


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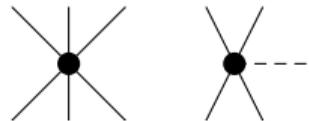


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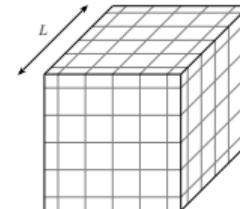
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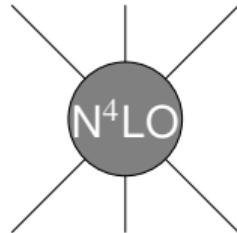
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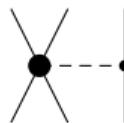
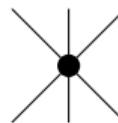


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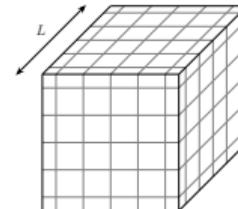
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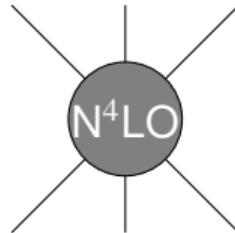
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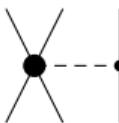
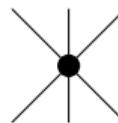


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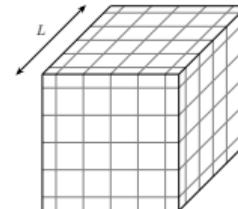
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[LB (chapter of PhD thesis in progress)]

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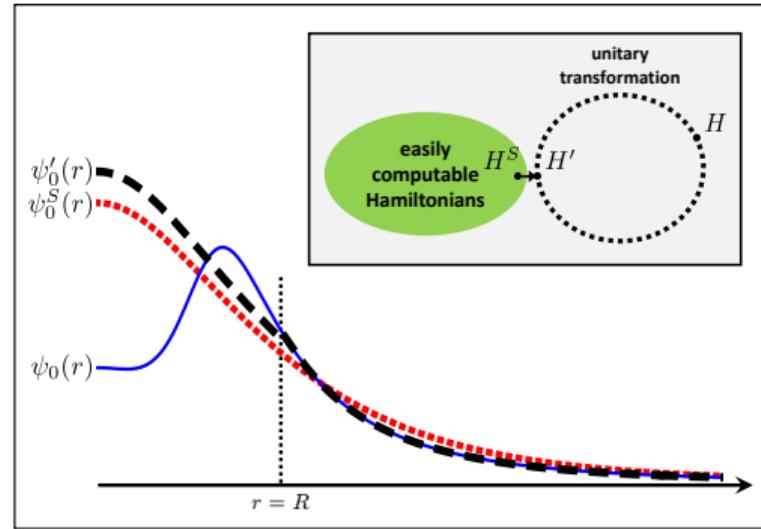
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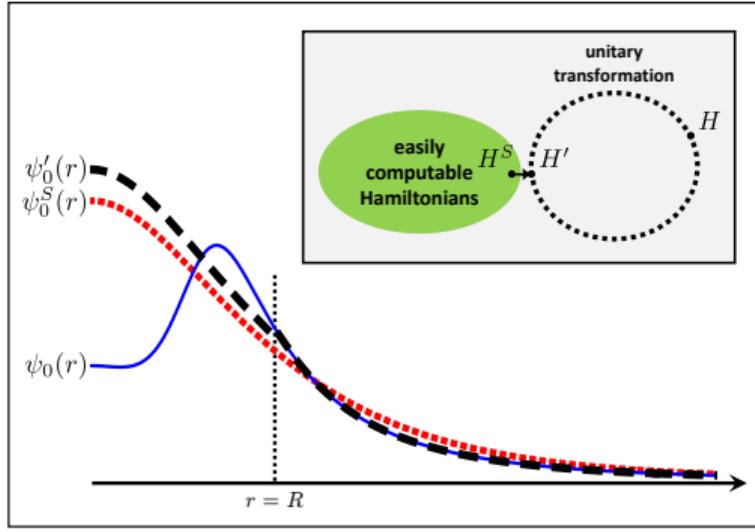
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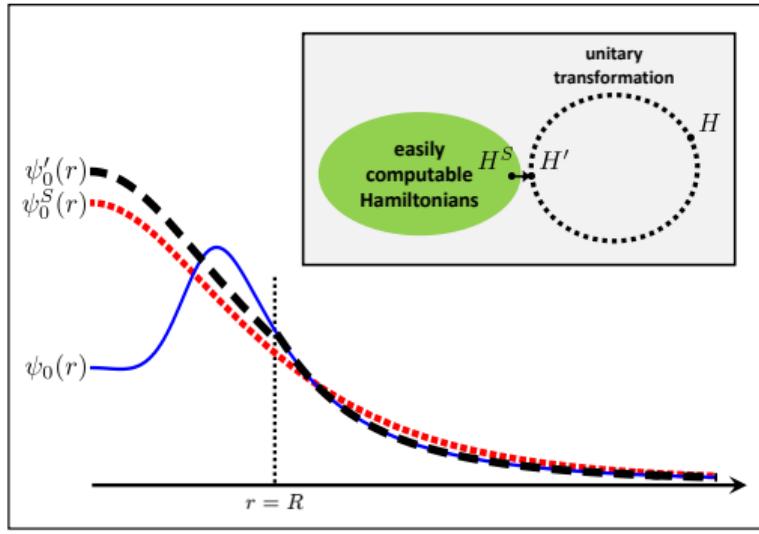
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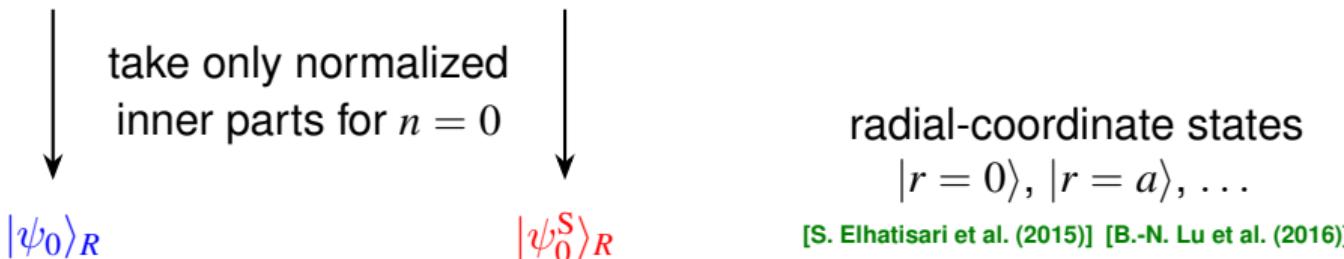
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idea originated from [LB et al. (2022)]

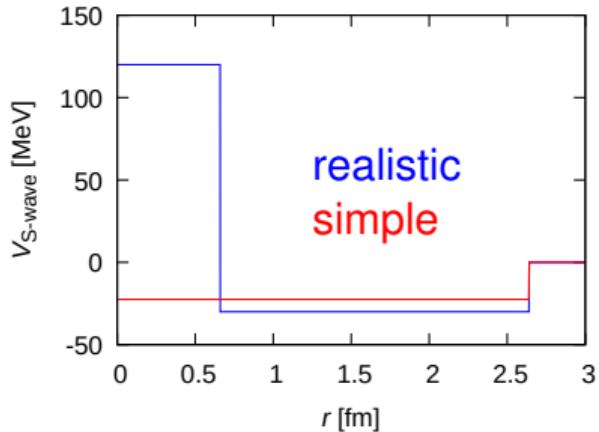
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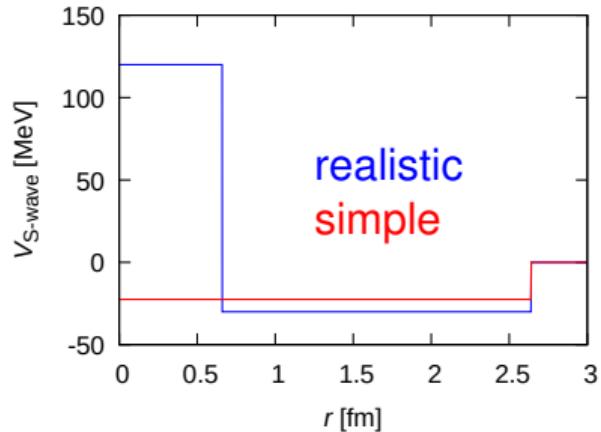
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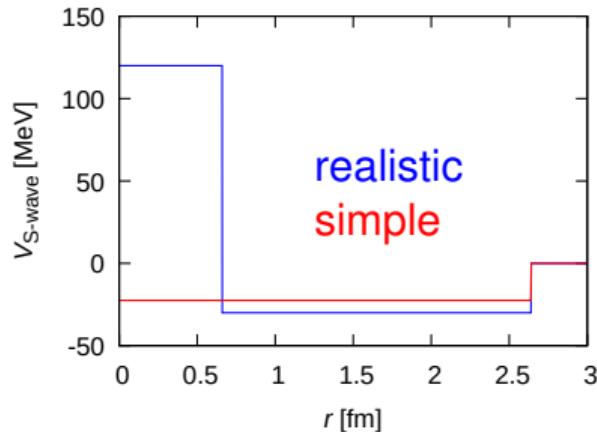
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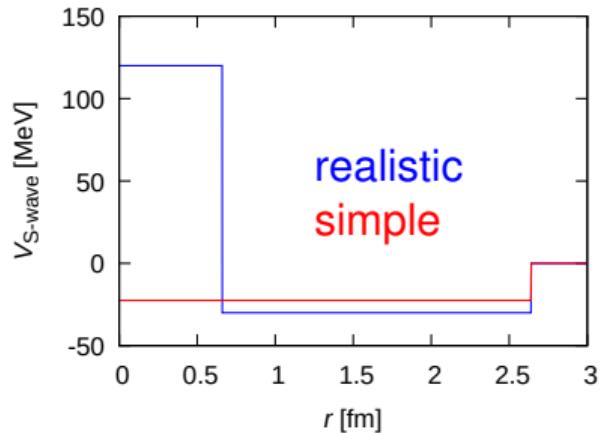
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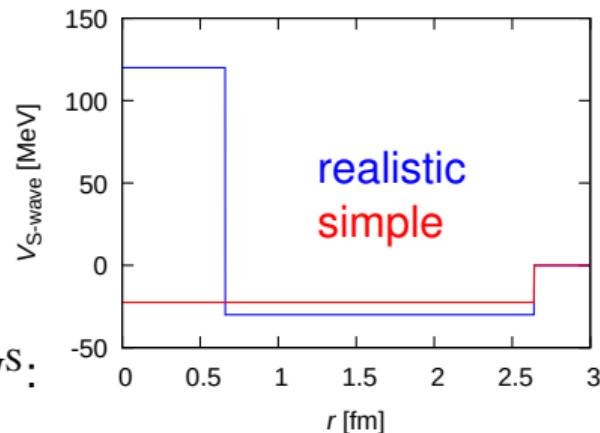
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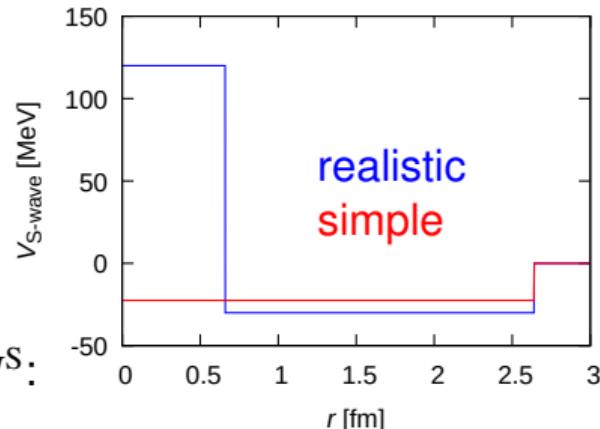


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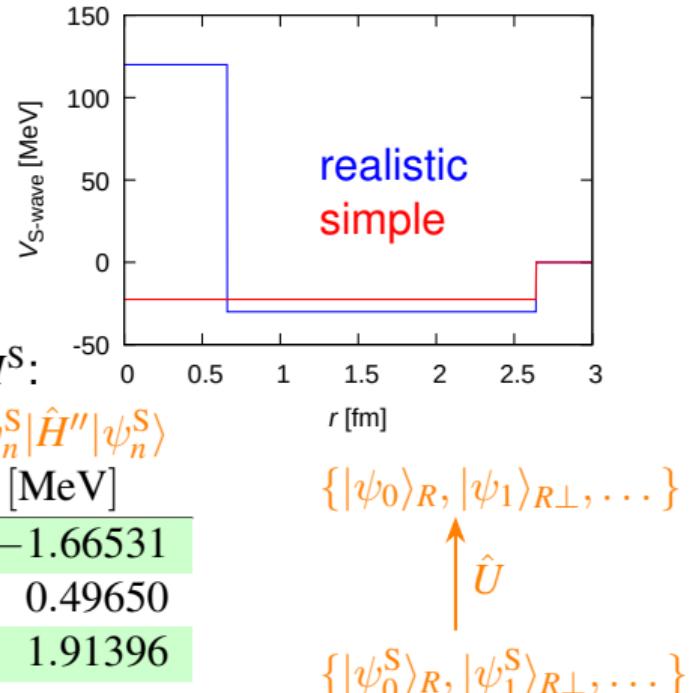


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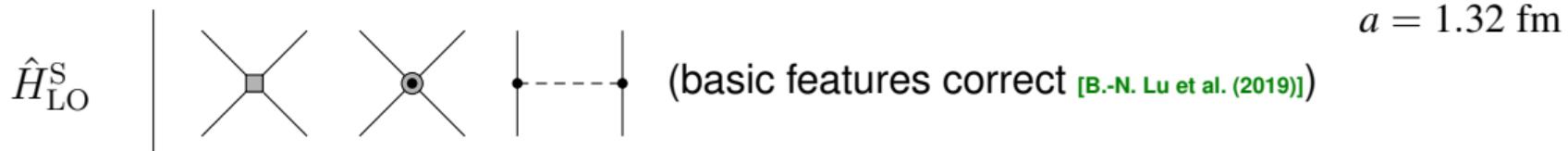
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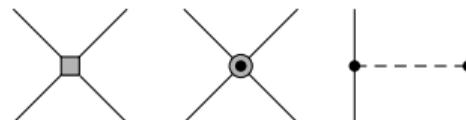
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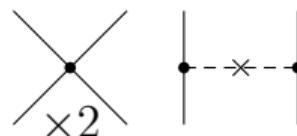
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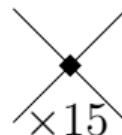
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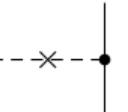
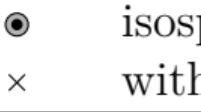
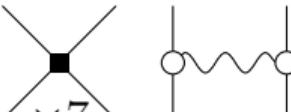
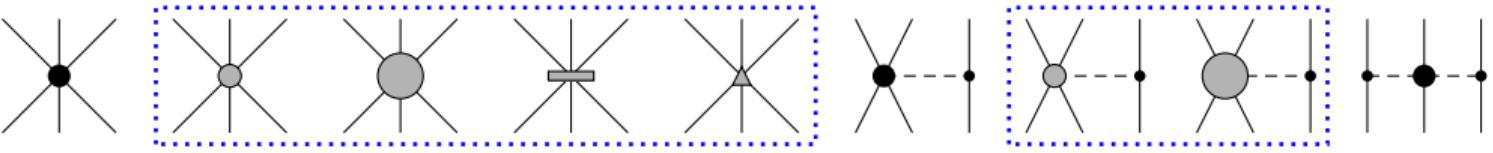
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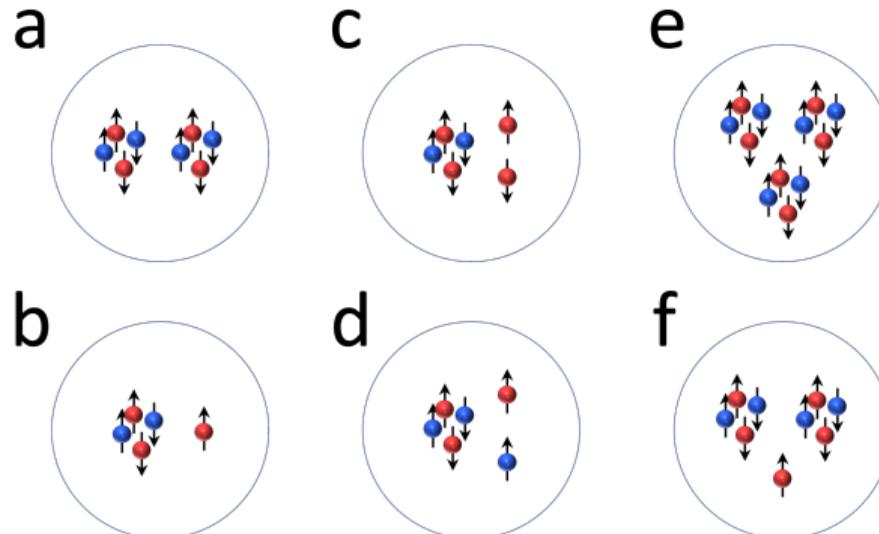
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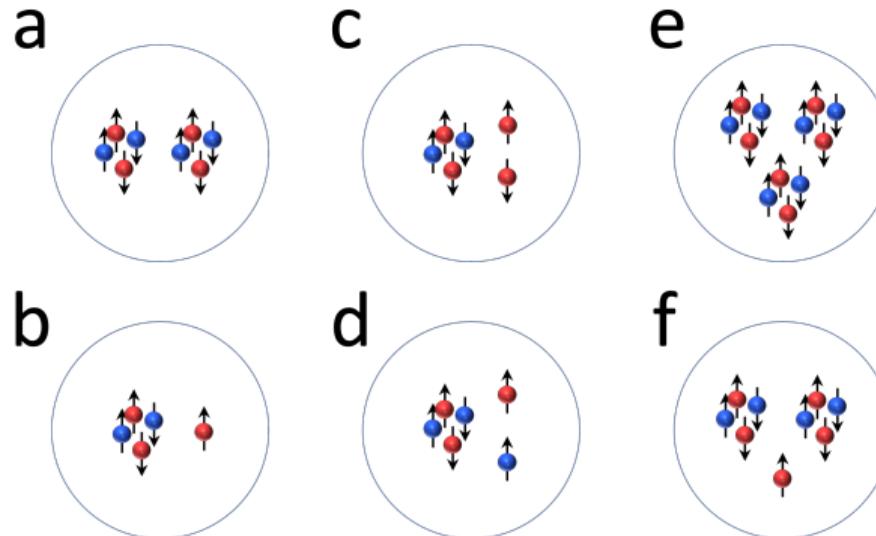
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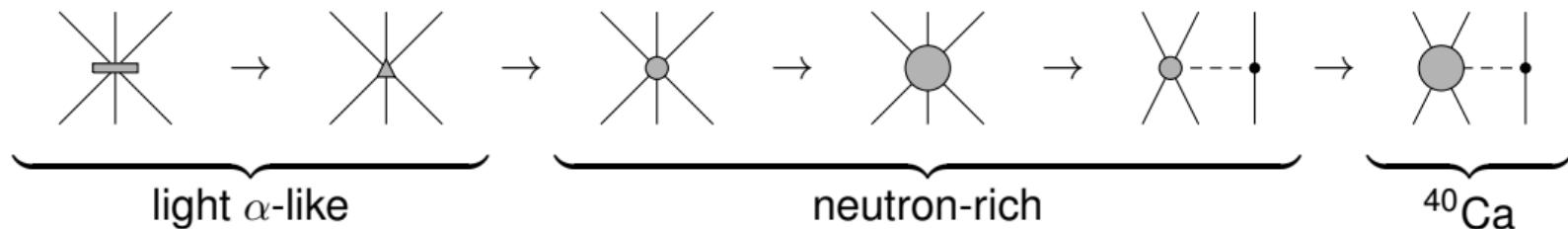
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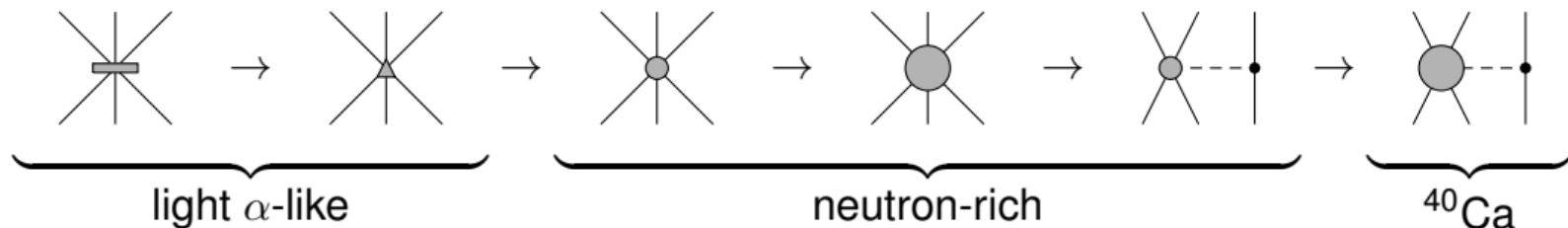
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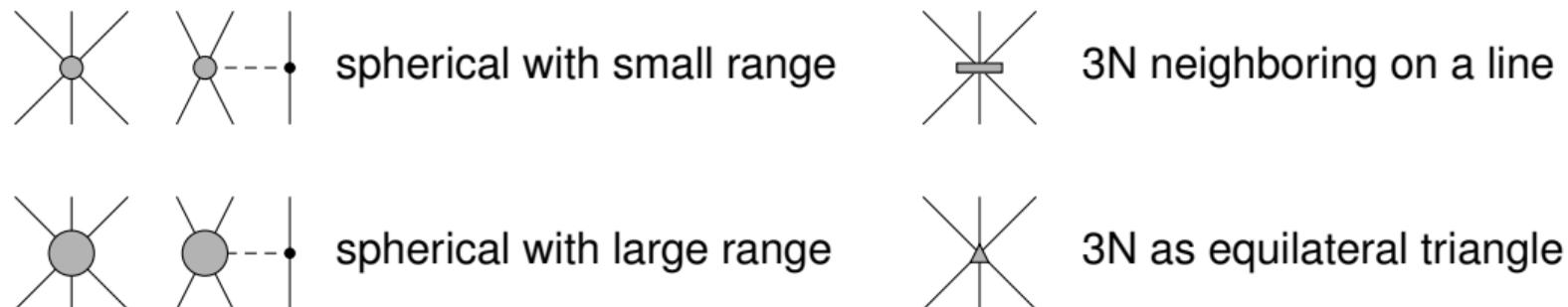


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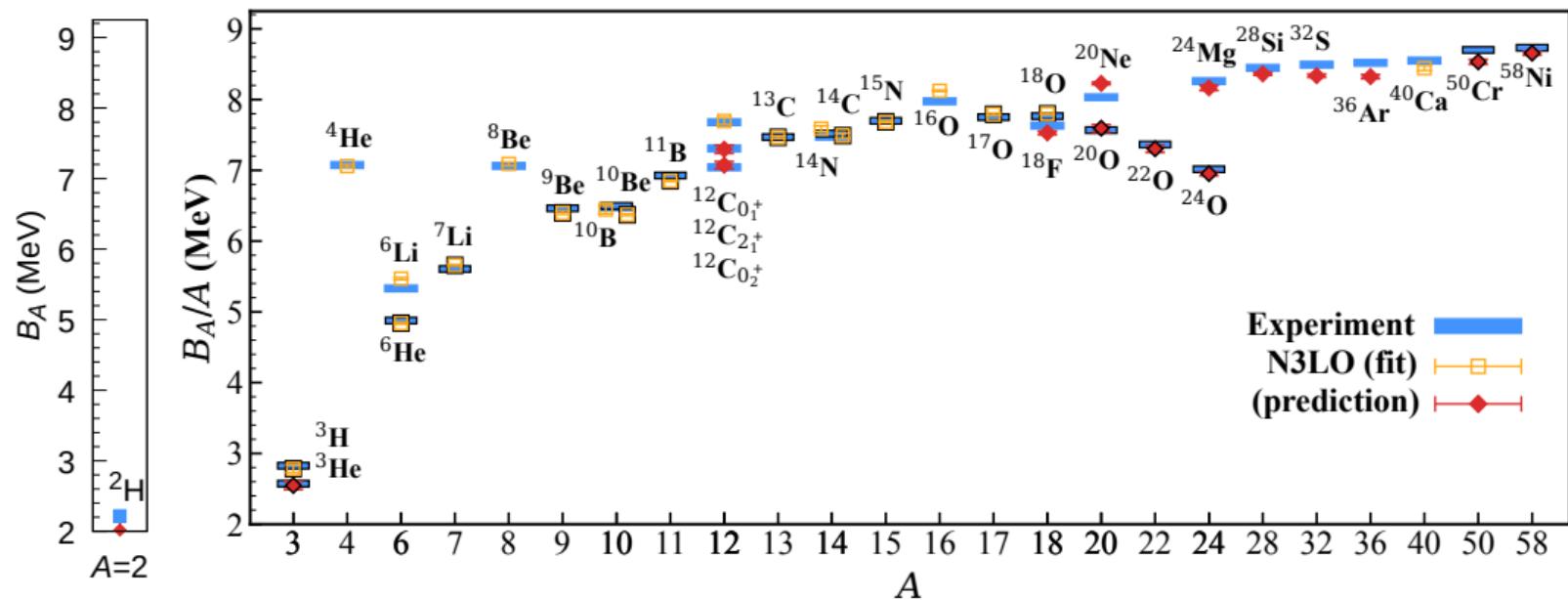
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cf. prolate/oblate configurations of carbon-12 [S. Shen et al. (2023)]

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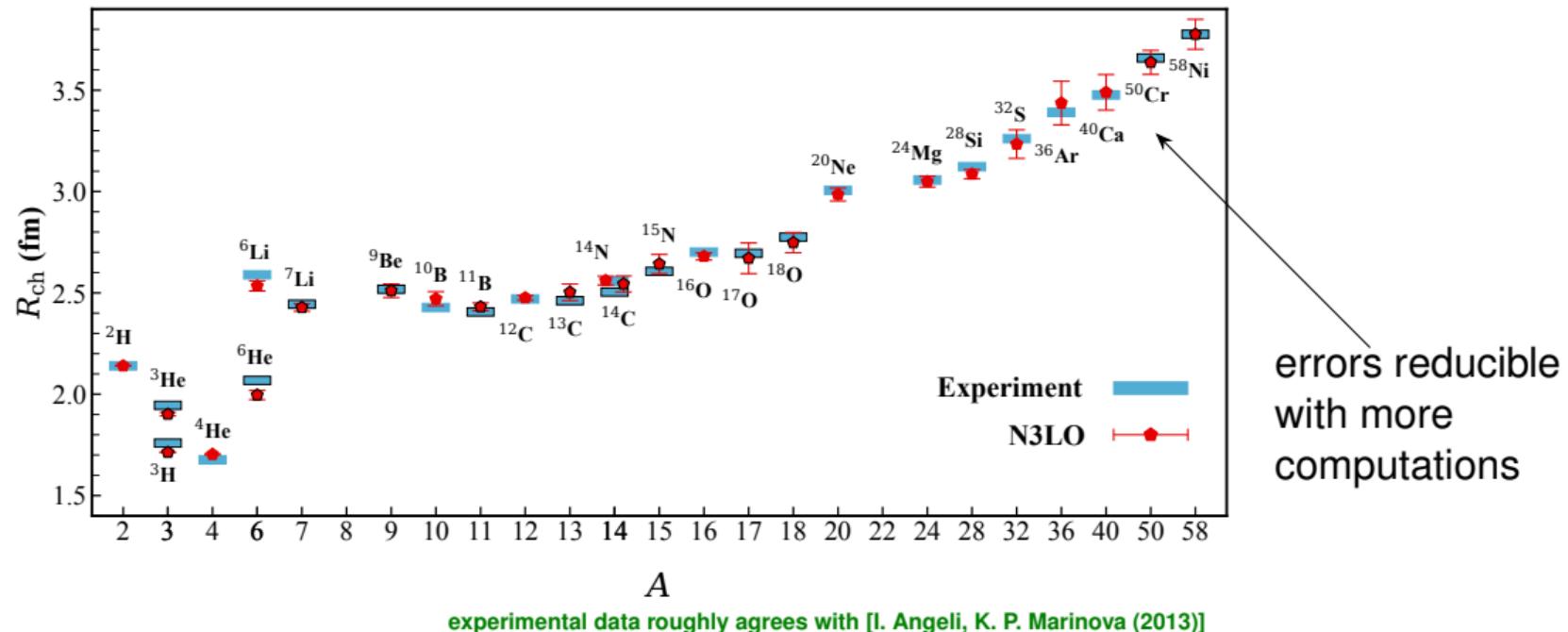


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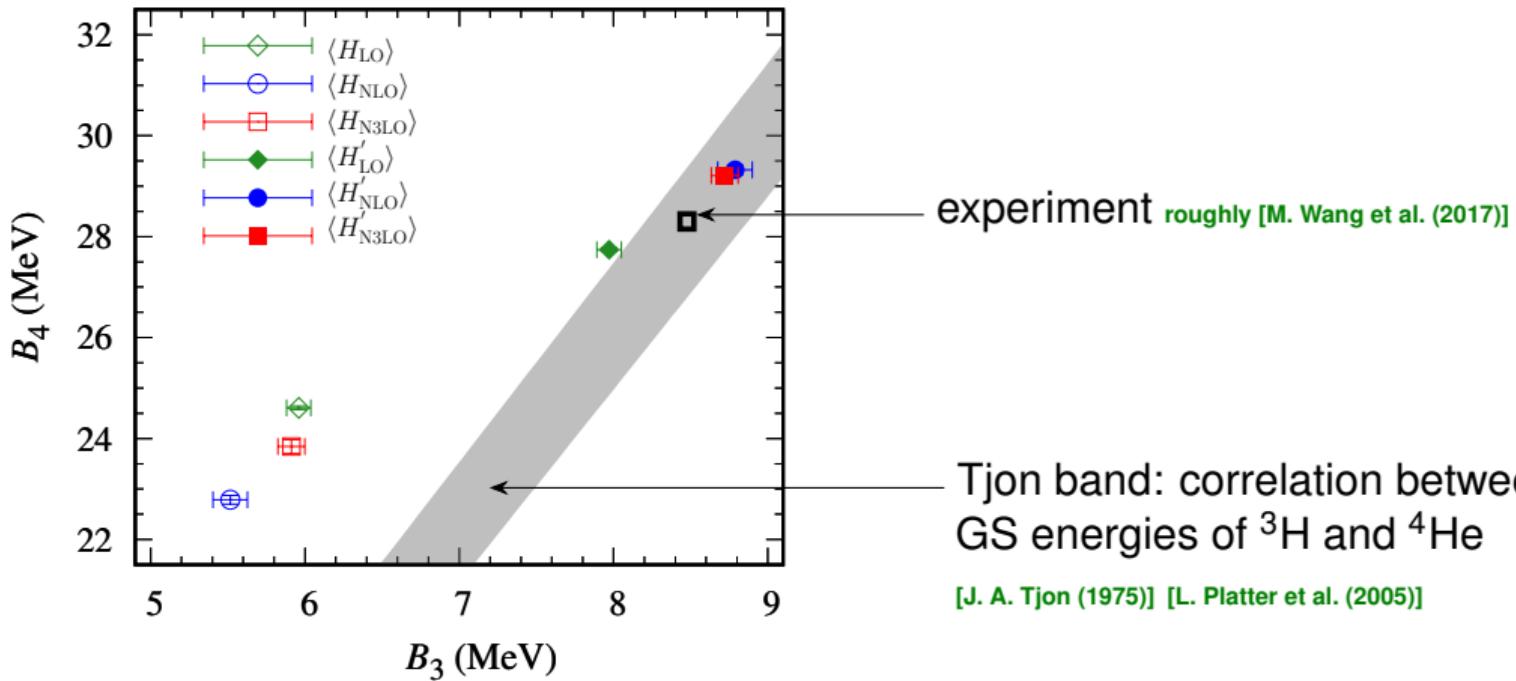
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Thank you for your attention!

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- charge radii: [S. Elhatisari et al. (2017)] [D. K. Frame (2019)]
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Backup: Differences of WFM Hamiltonians compared to part 1

- exact kinetic-energy term (both Hamiltonians)
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