

# Hypernuclear physics with pionless EFT

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# $\Lambda$ - Hypernuclei



# Protons  
(periodic table)

# Lambda

# Neutrons  
(isotopes)

# Experimental ferment

STAR collaboration

J-parc

HALQCD

BES III

J-Lab

PANDA

LHC

## Abundant open queries

- **Description** of few-body hypernuclei
- **Double  $\Lambda$**  hypernuclei description
- **Life time** of  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}$  and  ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{n}$
- **Charge symmetry breaking** ( ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H} - {}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ )
- **$\Lambda^*(1405)$  matter**
- **Neutron star** equation of state
- ...

# Theoretical and experimental challenge

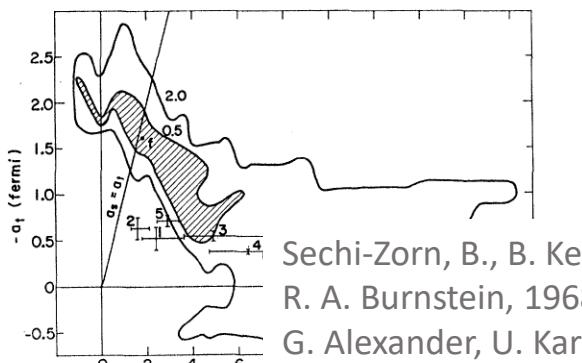
Experiments are more complex to be performed than for nuclear physics



Less data to constrain theory. (Less precise predictions)

Theory likes few-body

Two-body scattering length

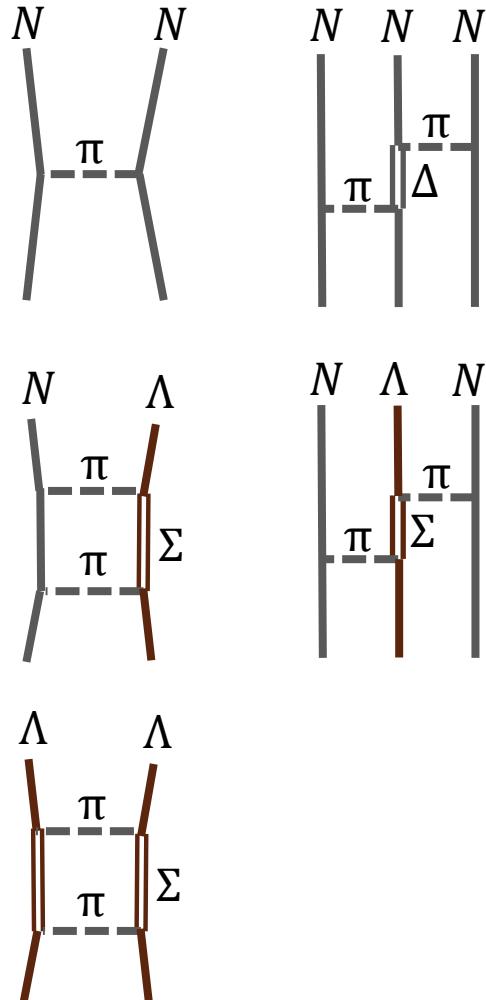


Few-body energy

Emulsion:  $E(^3\Lambda H) = 0.13(5)$  MeV  
M. Juric et al., Nucl. Phys. B 52, 1 (1973).

STAR:  $E(^3\Lambda H) = 0.41(12 + 11)$  MeV  
J. Adam et al. (STAR Collaboration), Nature Physics 16, 409 (2020).

# $\pi$ -EFT (A)

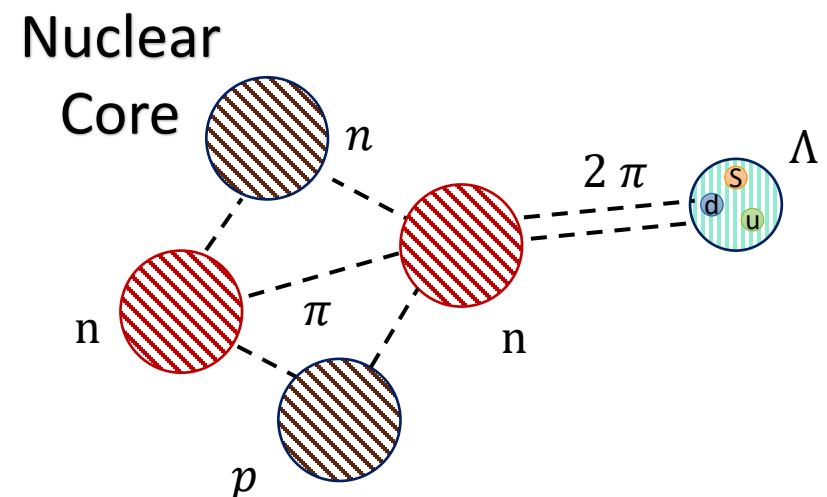


*The interaction is mediated by pions*

$$m_\pi \sim 140 \text{ MeV}$$

$\Lambda - \Sigma$  mixing

$$m_\Sigma - m_\Lambda \sim 80 \text{ MeV}$$

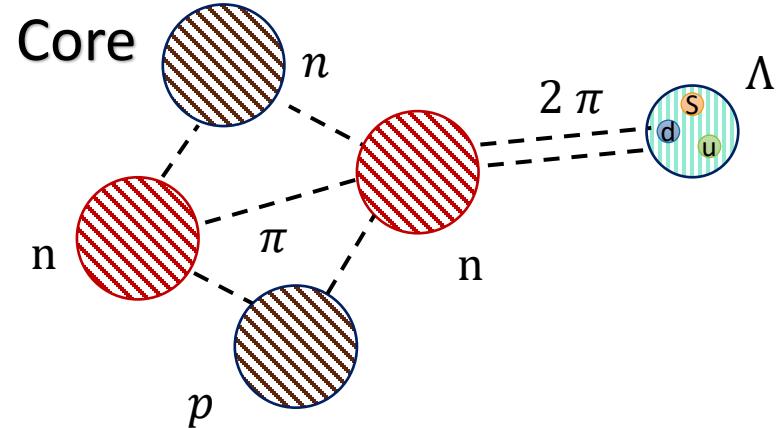


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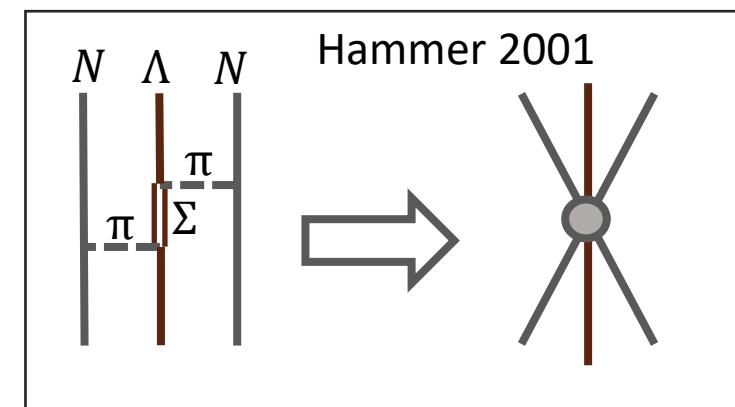
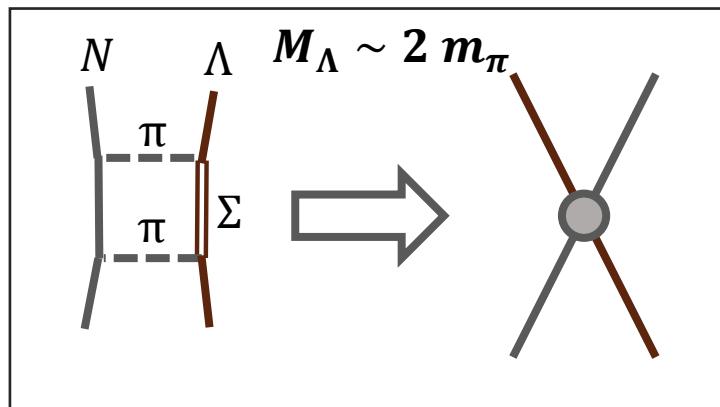
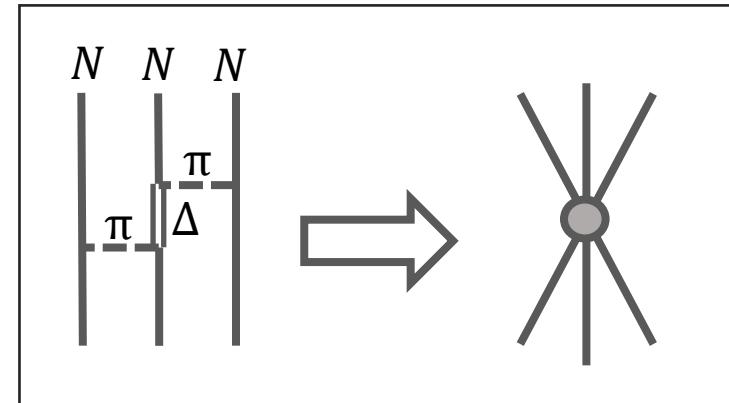
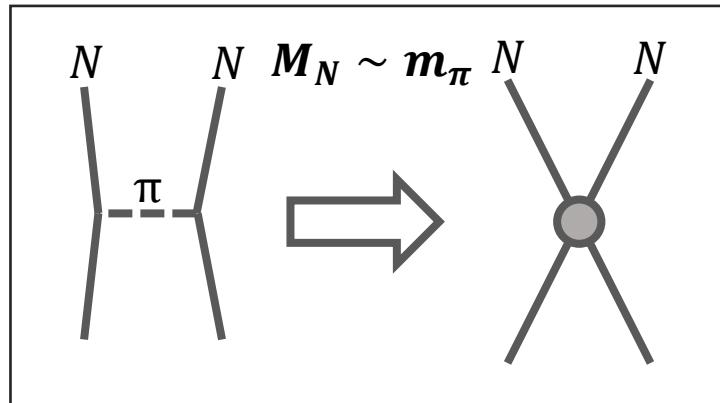
$Q$  = Typical exchanged momentum

## Nuclear



Typical binding momentum of  $\Lambda$  is low  
(few MeV per particle)

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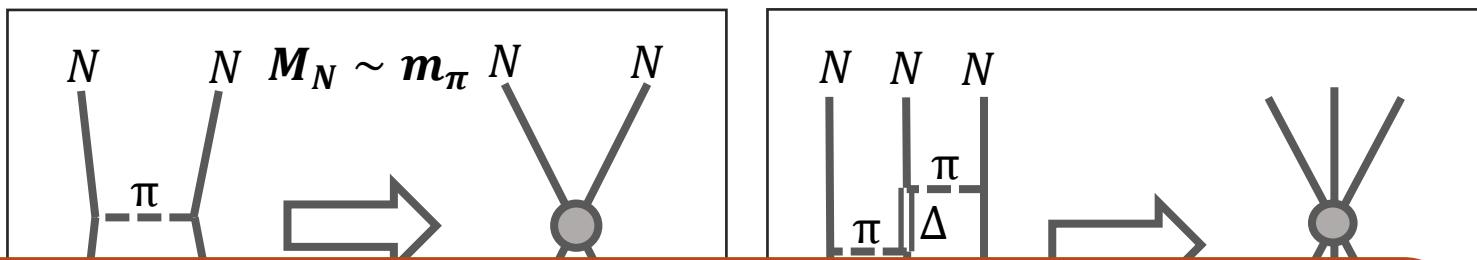
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2001 H.-W. Hammer  
2018 LC, N. Barnea, A. Gal  
2019 F. Hildenbrand, H.-W. Hammer  
2019 LC, M. Schäfer, N. Barnea, A. Gal, J. Mareš

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$O$  = Typical exchanged momentum



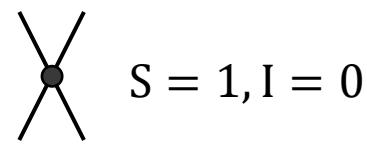
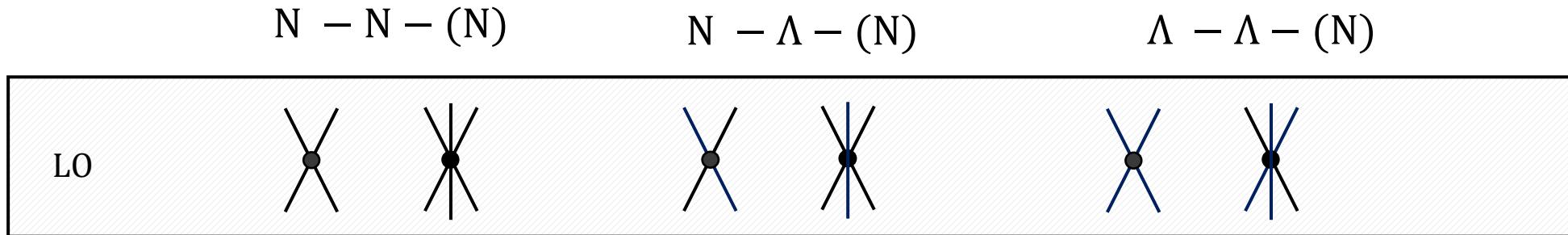
Looking for the **simplest theory** for Lambda hyperons

- Easier to be interpreted
- Can be fixed by small amount of experimental data
- Model independence? (Only if I can do an error estimation)

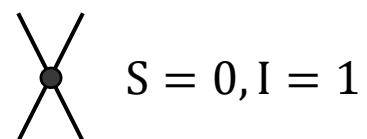
See. Hoai Le and Daniel's talks for a different approach

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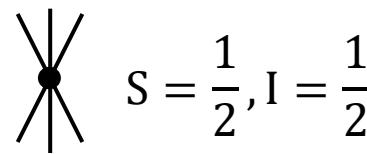
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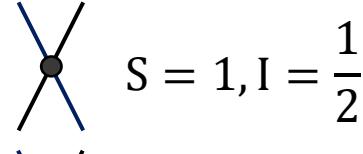
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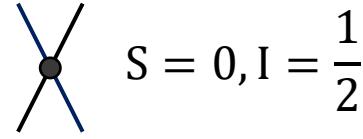
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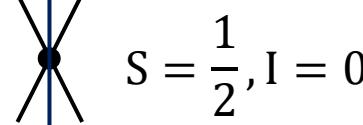
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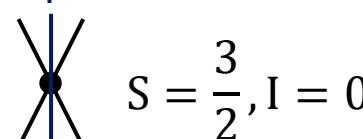
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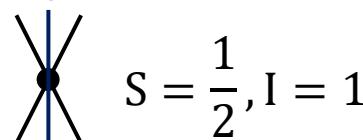
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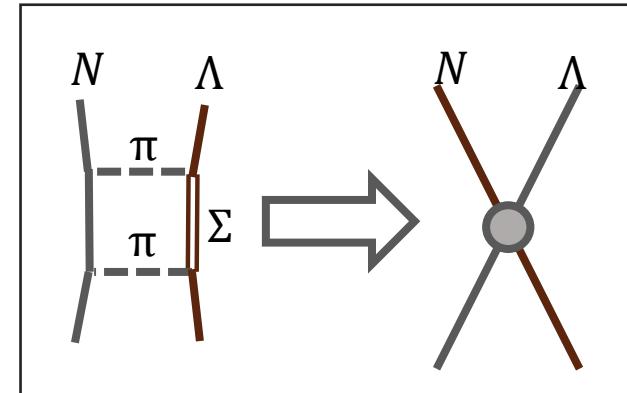
The hypernuclear interaction if fitted on

$a_{N-\Lambda}$  and  $a_{\Lambda-\Lambda}$

$B_\Lambda(^3H)$

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# Pionless powercounting

N – N

N –  $\Lambda$

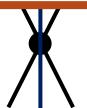
$\Lambda$  –  $\Lambda$

- Contact operators **can not be used directly!**
- Delta potentials need to be **smeared** and a **cutoff** introduced
- Results should be “**independent**” from the cutoff

$a_{N-\Lambda}$  and  $a_{\Lambda-\Lambda}$

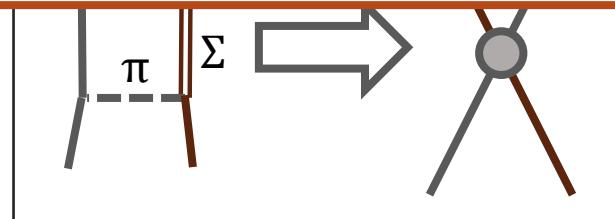
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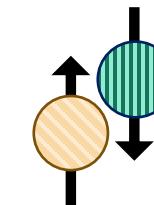
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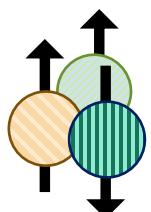
LEC	State	Fitting
$C_{02}$	$S = 1, I = 0$	$^2\text{H}$
$C_{20}$	$S = 0, I = 1$	$\text{N} - \text{N}$
$C_{01}$	$S = 1, I = \frac{1}{2}$	$\Lambda - \text{N}$
$C_{21}$	$S = 0, I = \frac{1}{2}$	$\Lambda - \text{N}$
$C_{00}$	$S = 0, I = 0$	$\Lambda - \Lambda$

Boundstate      **Two body**



Scattering

**Three body**



Boundstates

LEC	State	Fitting
$D_{11}$	$S = \frac{1}{2}, I = \frac{1}{2}$	$^3\text{H}$
$D_{01}$	$S = \frac{1}{2}, I = 0$	$^3\Lambda\text{H}$
$D_{03}$	$S = \frac{1}{2}, I = 1$	$^4\text{H}_{S=0, I=\frac{1}{2}}$
$D_{21}$	$S = \frac{3}{2}, I = 0$	$^4\text{H}_{S=1, I=\frac{1}{2}}$
$D_{00}$	$S = \frac{1}{2}, I = 0$	$^6\Lambda\Lambda\text{He}$

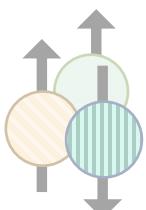
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$\Lambda$ pn

$\Lambda\Lambda$ N

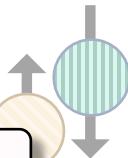
LEC	State	Fitting	
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$C_{20}$	$S = 0, I = 1$	$\text{N} - \text{N}$	
$C_{01}$	$S = 1, I = \frac{1}{2}$	$\Lambda - \text{N}$	Scattering
$C_{21}$	$S =$		
$C_{00}$	$S =$		

Three body



$\Lambda\text{N}$ model	$a_s(NN)$	$a_s(\Lambda N)$	$a_t(\Lambda N)$
Alexander A	-23.72	-1.8	-1.6
Alexander B	-18.63	-1.8	-1.6
NSC97f	-18.63	-2.6	-1.7
$\chi\text{EFT(LO)}$	-18.63	-1.91	-1.23
$\chi\text{EFT(NLO)}$	-18.63	-2.91	-1.54

Two body



Fitting

$^3\text{H}$

$^3\Lambda\text{H}$

$S=0, I=\frac{1}{2}$

$\Lambda\text{nn}$

$\Lambda\text{pn}$

$\Lambda\Lambda N$

$D_{21}$	$S = \frac{1}{2}, I = 0$	$\Lambda\bar{\Lambda} S=1, I=\frac{1}{2}$
$D_{00}$	$S = \frac{1}{2}, I = 0$	$^6\Lambda\Lambda\text{He}$

IN

$^2\text{H}$

$\text{N} - \text{N}$

$\Lambda - \text{N}$

$\Lambda - \Lambda$

$^3\text{H}$

$^4\text{H}_{S=0,I=\frac{1}{2}}$

$^4\text{H}_{S=1,I=\frac{1}{2}}$

$^6\Lambda\text{He}$

OUT

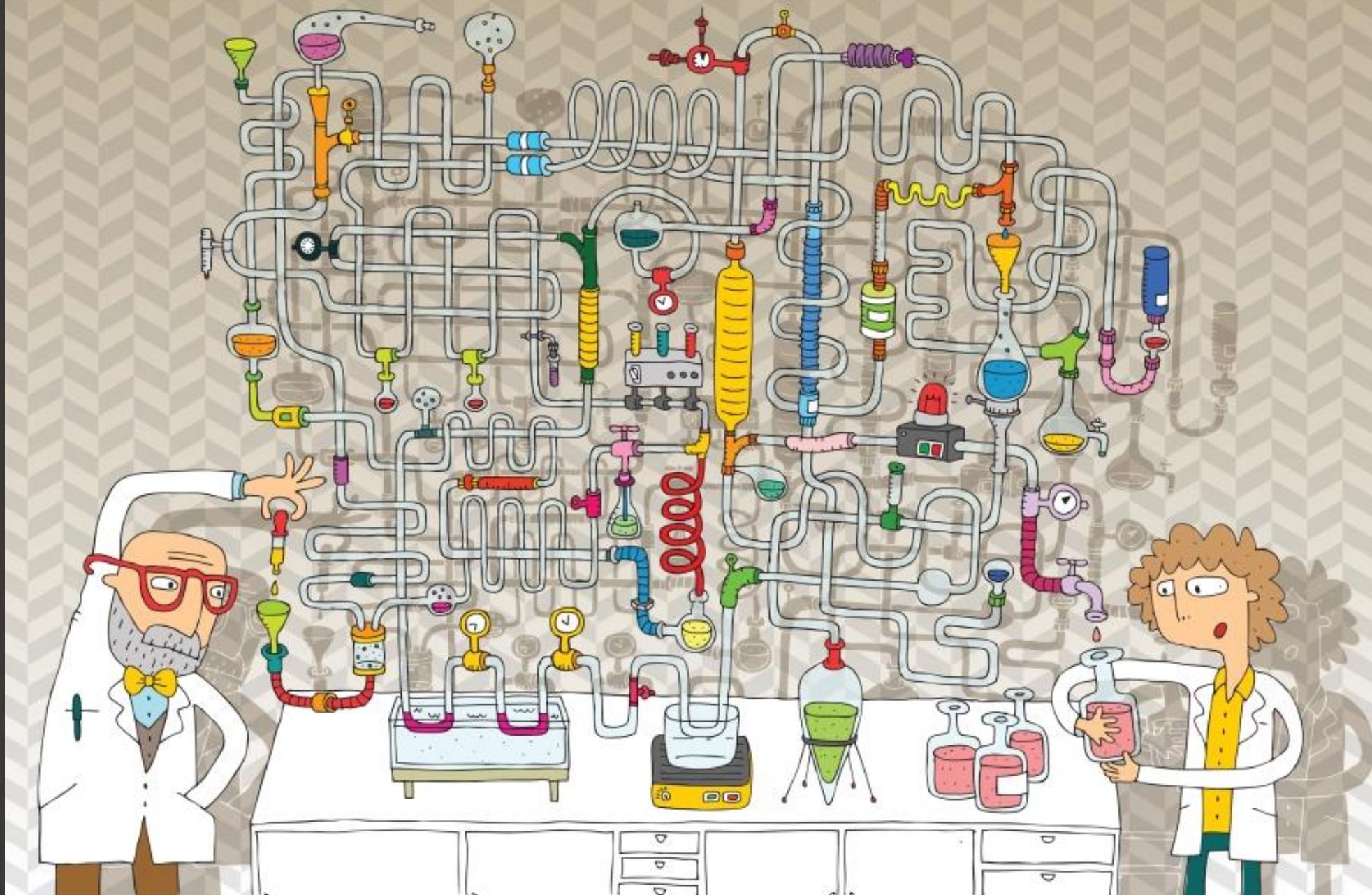
$^5\Lambda\text{He}$

$np\Lambda$

$nn\Lambda$

$^4\Lambda\Lambda\text{H}$

$^5\Lambda\Lambda\text{H}$



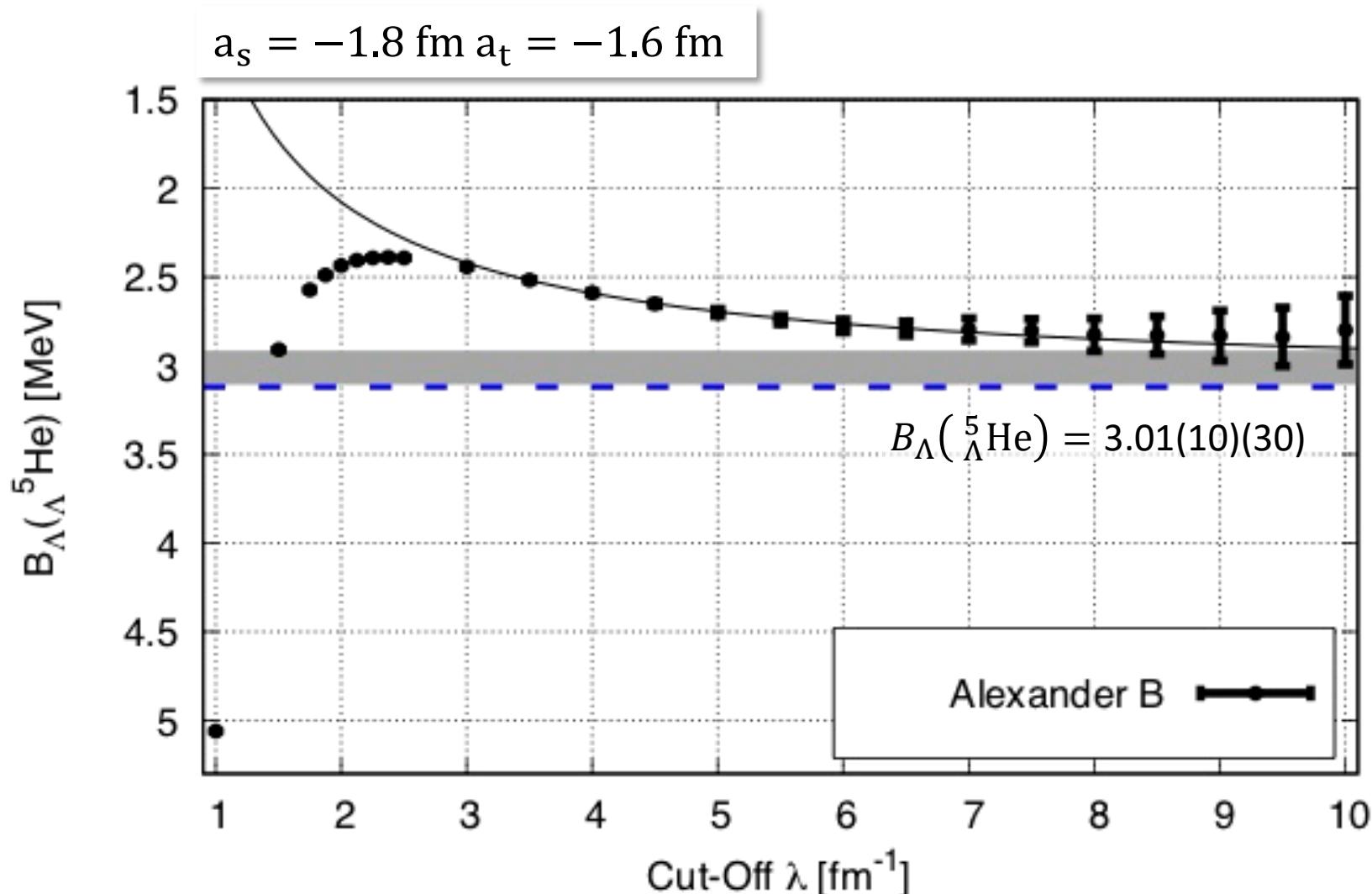
# RESULTS: $^5_{\Lambda}\text{He}$ Overbinding problem

	$B_{\Lambda}(^3_{\Lambda}H)$	$B_{\Lambda}(^4_{\Lambda}H_{g.s.})$	$B_{\Lambda}(^4_{\Lambda}H_{exc.})$	$B_{\Lambda}(^5_{\Lambda}He)$
Exp.	0.13(5) [4]	2.16(8) [5]	1.09(2) [6]	3.12(2) [4]
DHT [7]	0.10	2.24	0.36	$\geq 5.16$
AFDMCa	-	1.97(11) [8]	-	5.1(1) [9]
AFDMCb'	0.23(9) [13]	1.95(9) [13]	-	2.60(6) [13]
$\chi$ EFTa	0.11 [10]	2.31 (3) [11]	0.95(15) [11]	5.82(2) [12]
$\chi$ EFTa	-	2.13 (3) [11]	1.39(15) [11]	4.43(2) [12]
$\chi$ EFT NLO(2019)	0.091 [16]	1.462 [16]	1.055 [16]	2.16-5.63 [17]

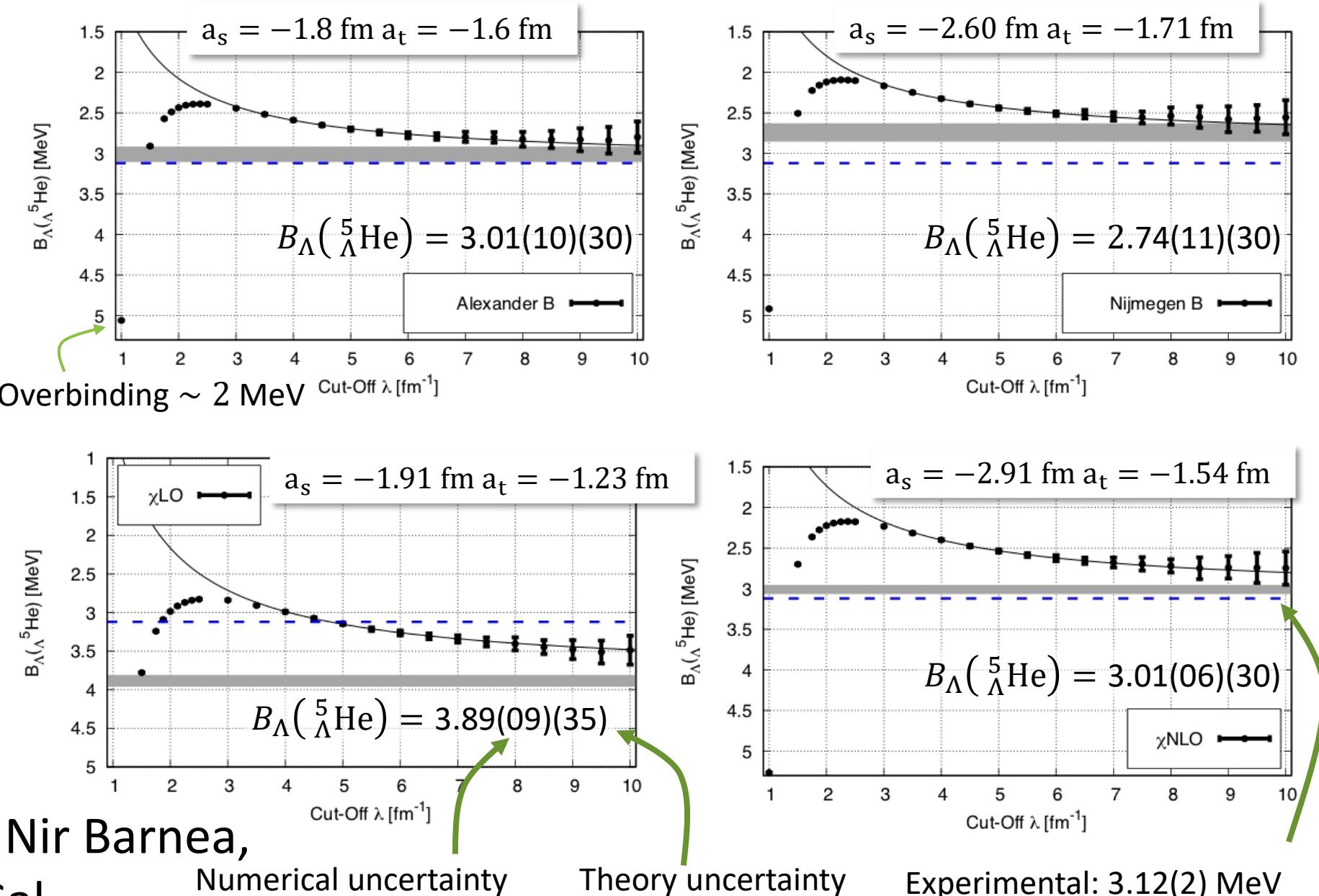
All the energies are in MeV.

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- [15] H. Nemura, Y. Akaishi, and Y. Suzuki, Phys. Rev. Lett. 89, 142504 (2002); see also Y. Akaishi, T. Harada.
- [16] J. Haidenbauer 1 , U.-G. Meißner 2 , 1 , 3 , 4 , A. Nogga 1 , 4 (only cut-ff 600 MeV)
- [17] Johann Haidenbauer and Isaac Vidana Eur.Phys.J.A 56 (2020) 2 , 55 (cut-offs 500 to 700 MeV )

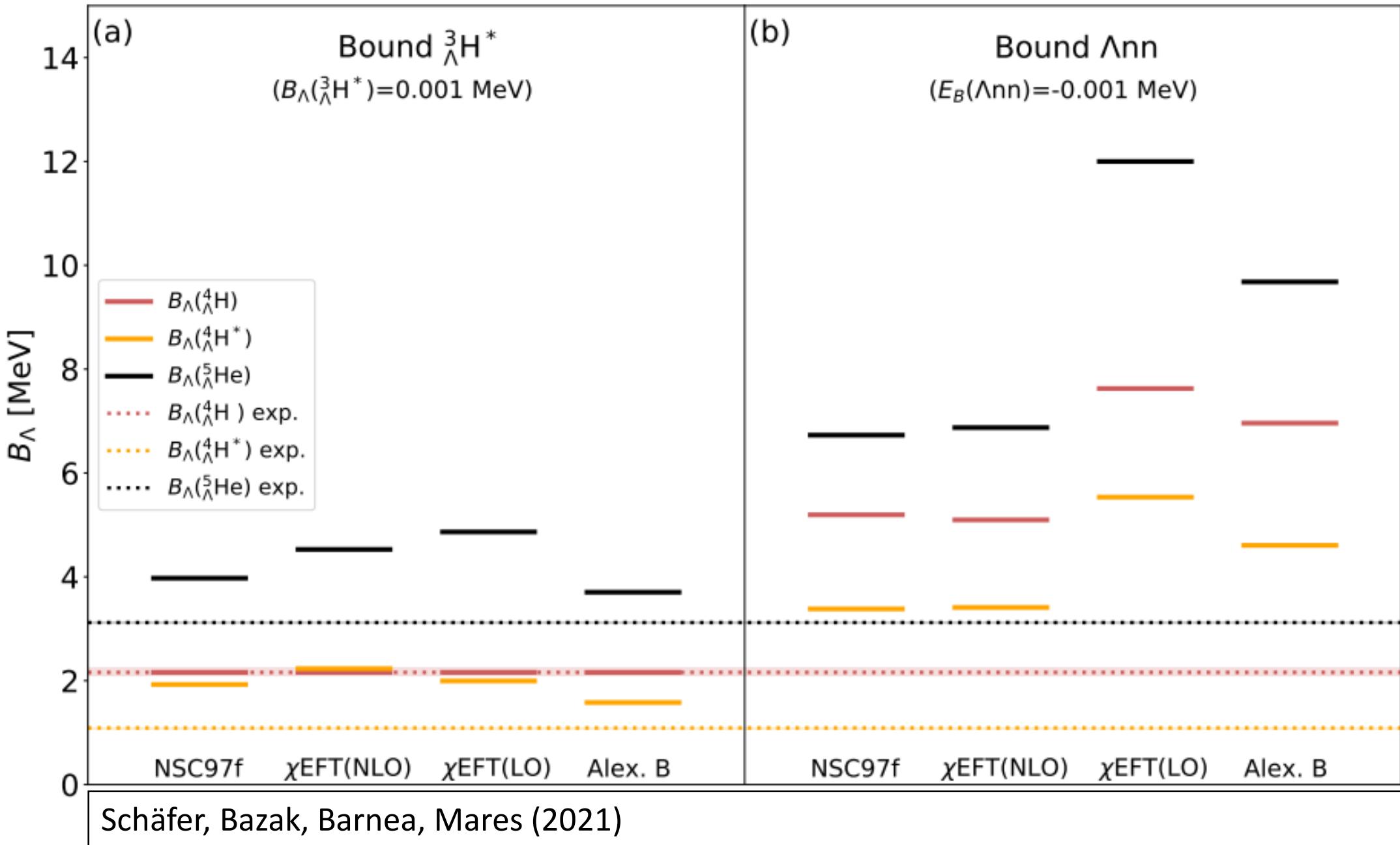
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# What is the nature of ${}^3_{\Lambda}\text{H}^*$ and $\Lambda nn$ ?



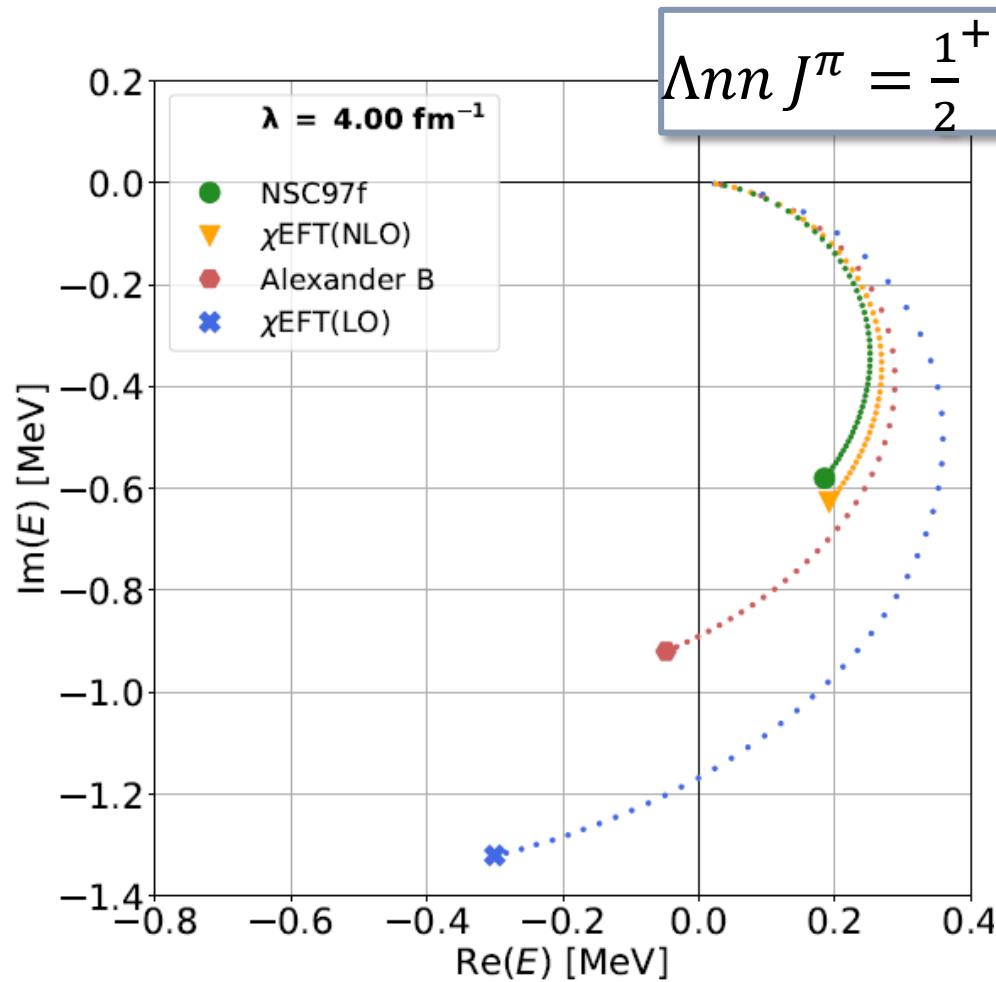


FIG. 2. Trajectories of the  $\Lambda nn$  resonance pole in the complex energy plane determined by a decreasing attractive strength  $d_\lambda^{I=1,S=1/2}$  for selected sets of  $\Lambda N$  scattering length, calculated at  $\lambda = 4.00 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ . Larger symbols stand for the physical position of the  $\Lambda nn$  pole ( $d_\lambda^{I=1,S=1/2} = 0$ ).

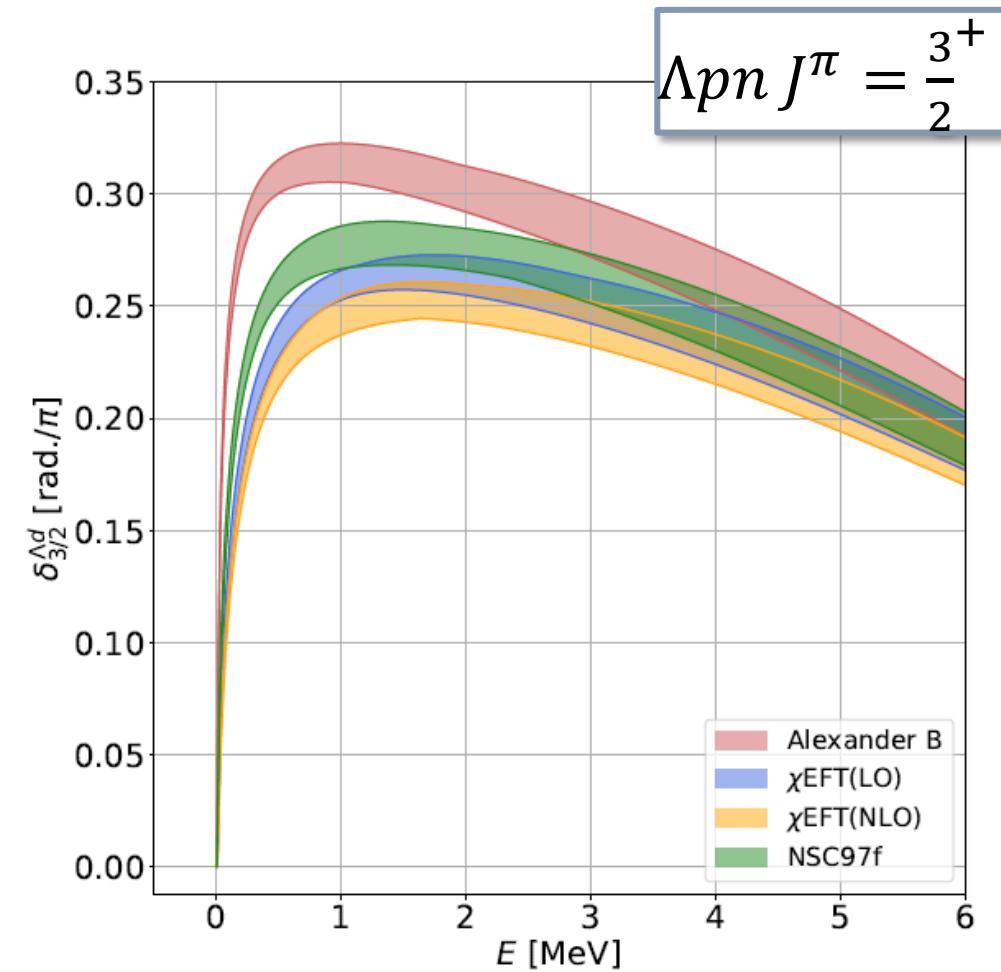
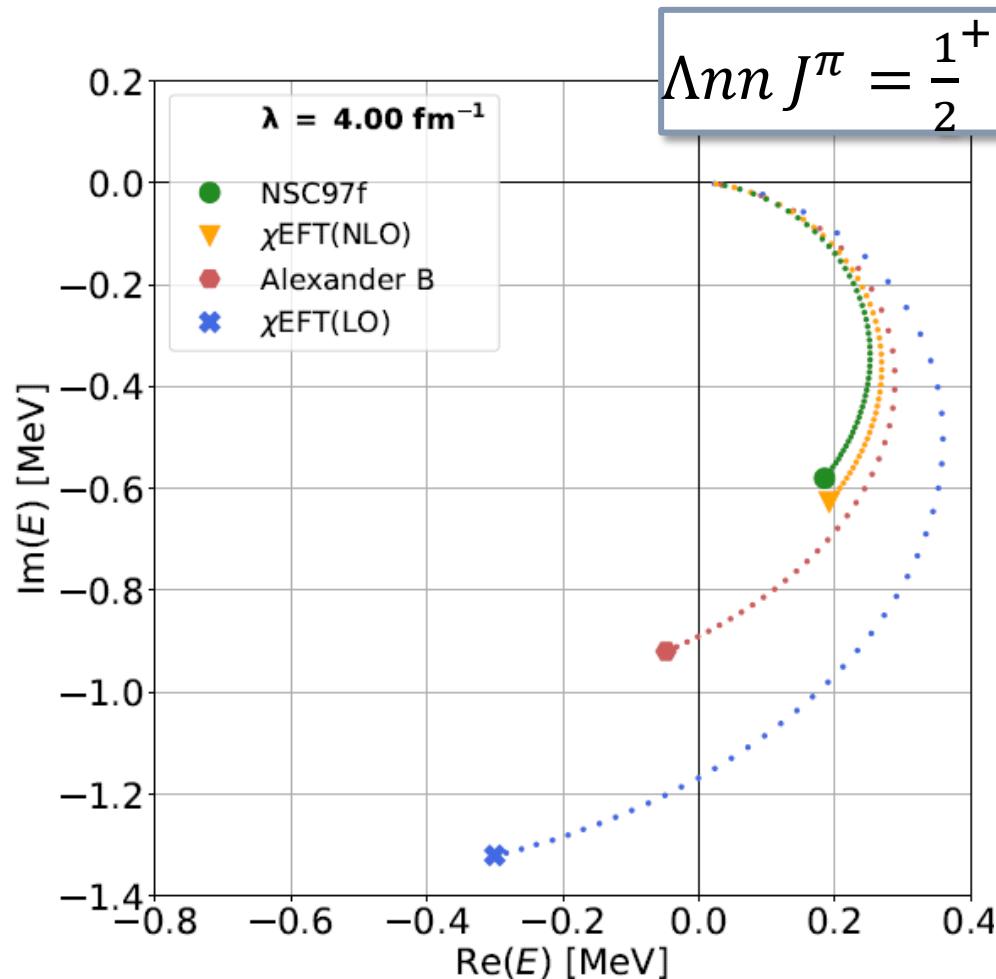
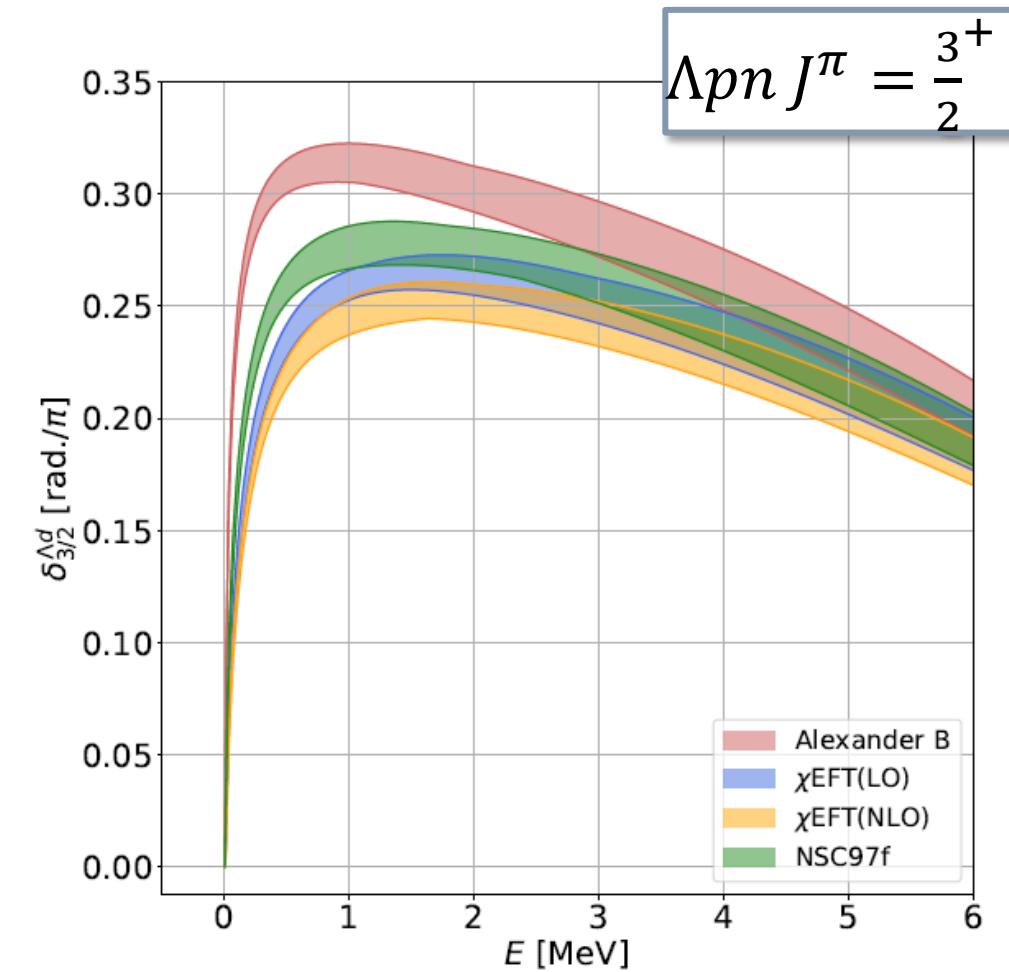


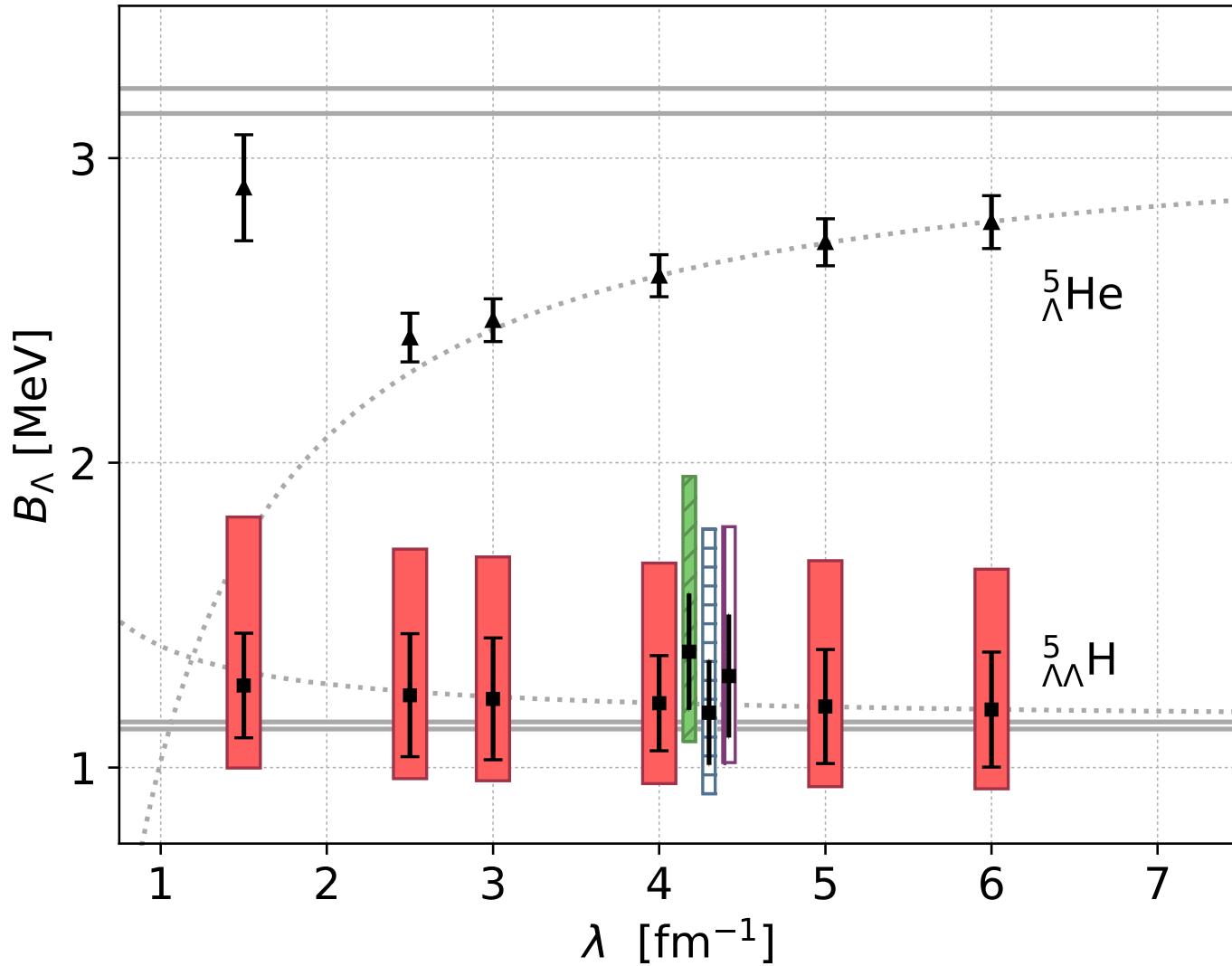
FIG. 4.  $S$ -wave  $\Lambda d$  phase-shifts in the  $J^\pi = 3/2^+$  channel  $\delta_{3/2}^{\Lambda d}$  as a function of energy  $E$  above the  $\Lambda + d$  threshold, extracted from the continuum level density of the rotated CSM spectra. The phase-shifts are calculated for cut-off  $\lambda = 6 \text{ fm}^{-1}$  and several  $\Lambda N$  interaction strengths. Shaded areas mark uncertainty introduced by the rotation angle  $\theta$  within interval  $15^\circ < \theta < 20^\circ$ .

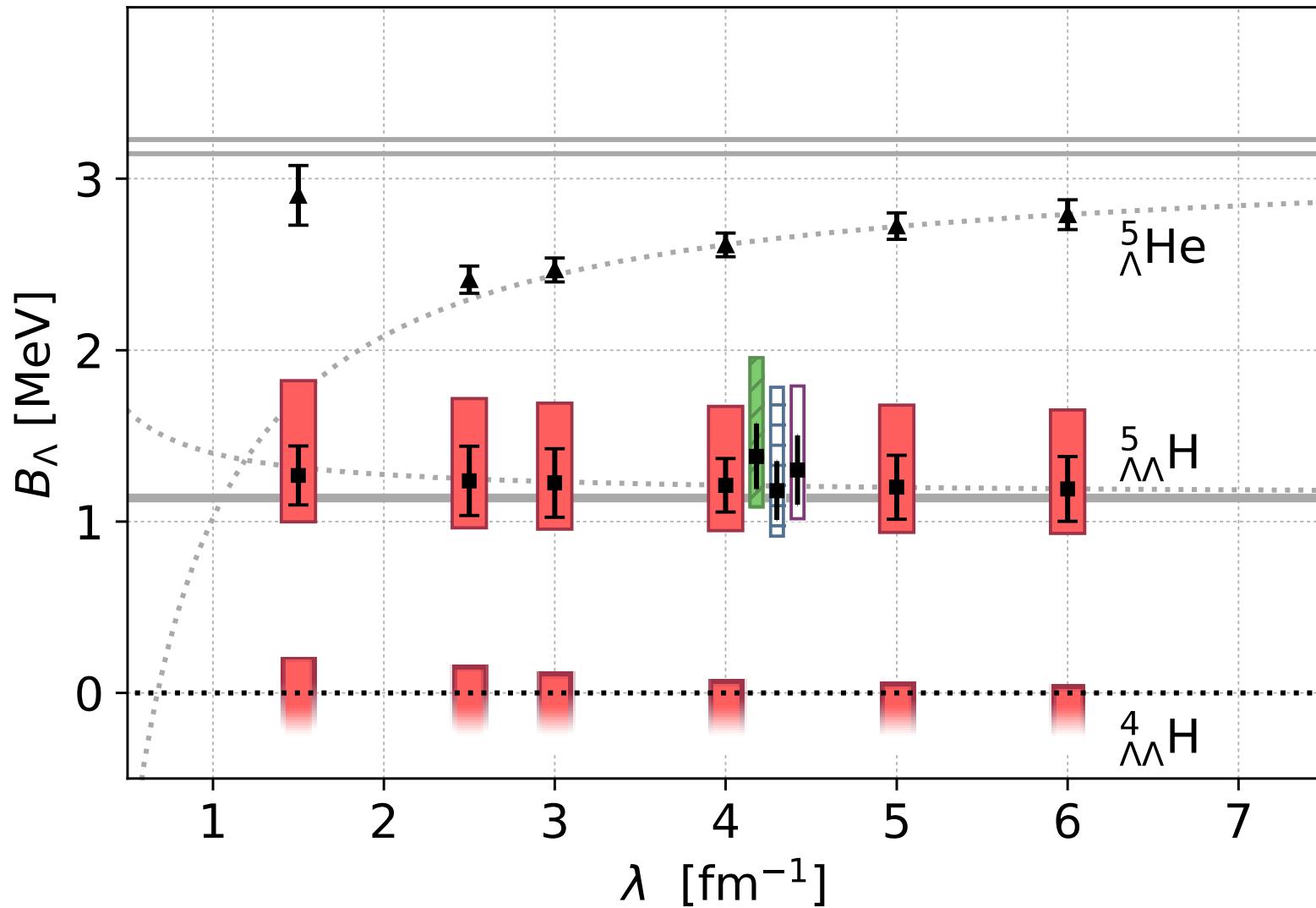


Resonance



Virtual state

$^5_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{H}$ 

$^4_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{H}$ 

See. Talk of Emiko Hiyama of Monday

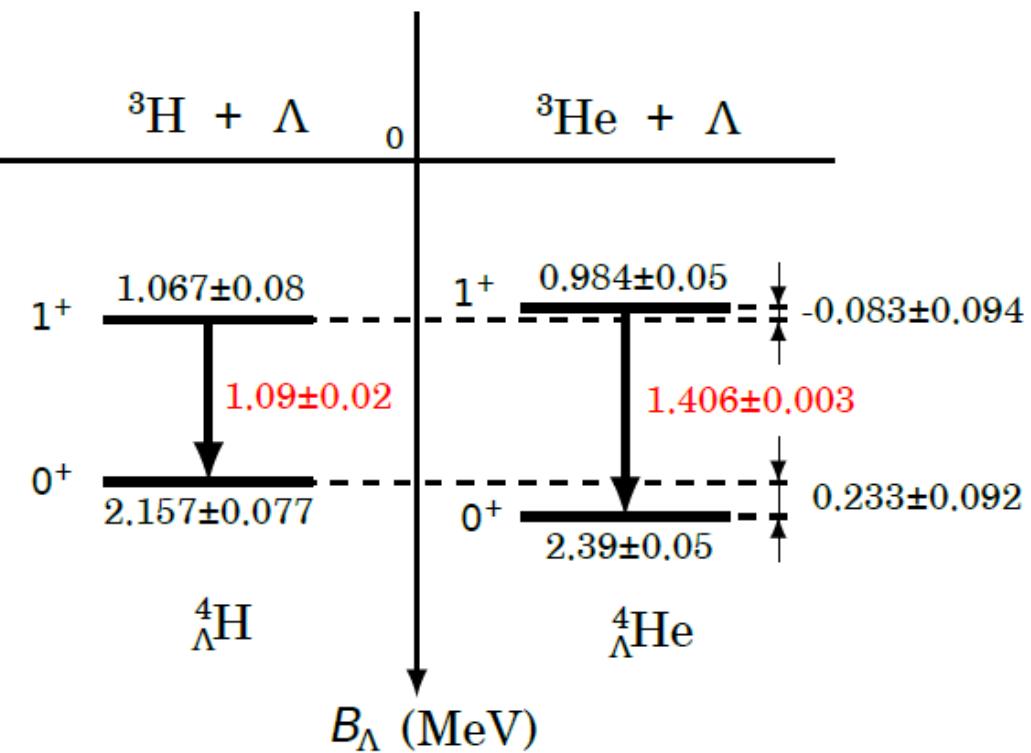
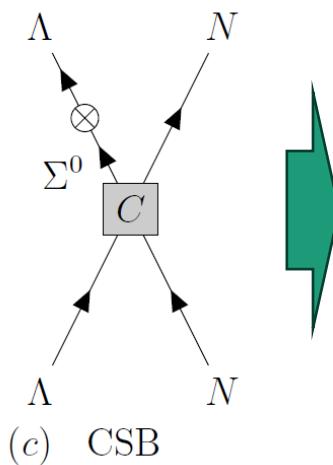
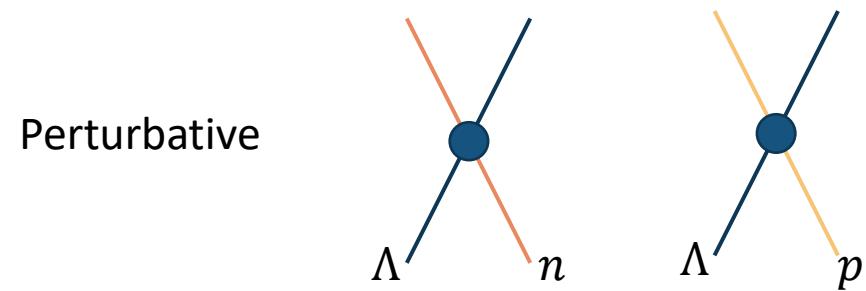
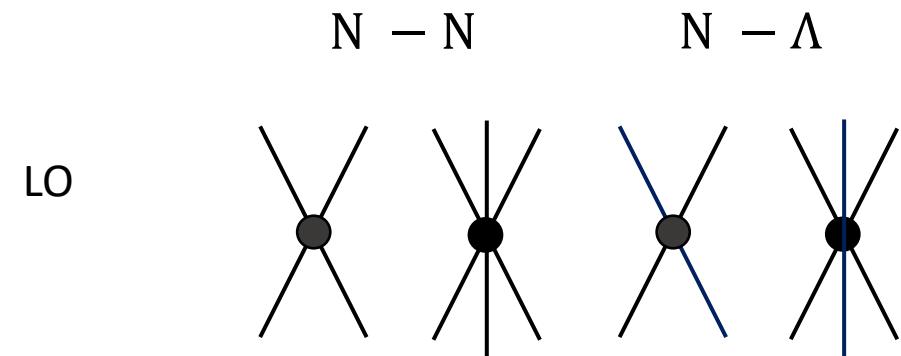


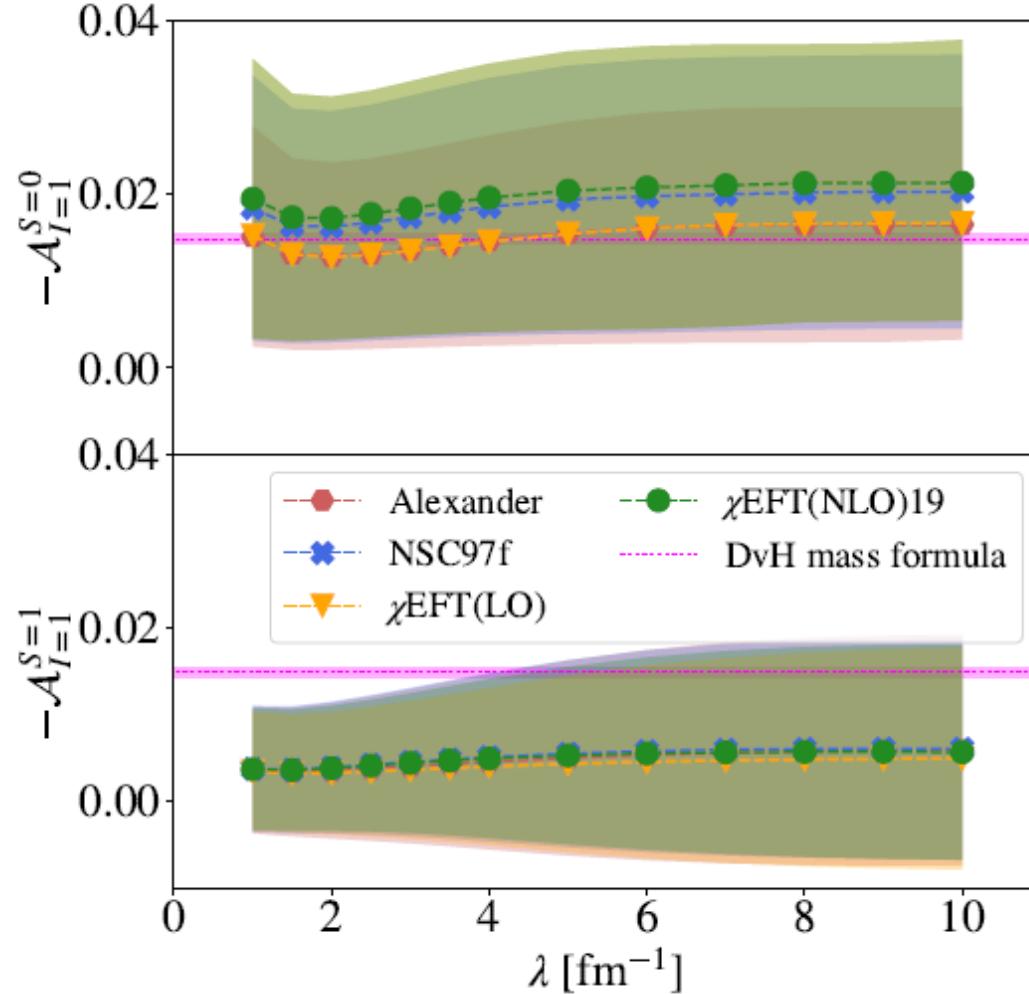
FIG. 1:  $A = 4$  hypernuclear level scheme [11–13] with  $\gamma$ -ray energies [11] marked in red. CSB splittings are shown in MeV to the right of the  ${}^4\Lambda\text{He}$  levels. Figure adapted from Ref. [13].



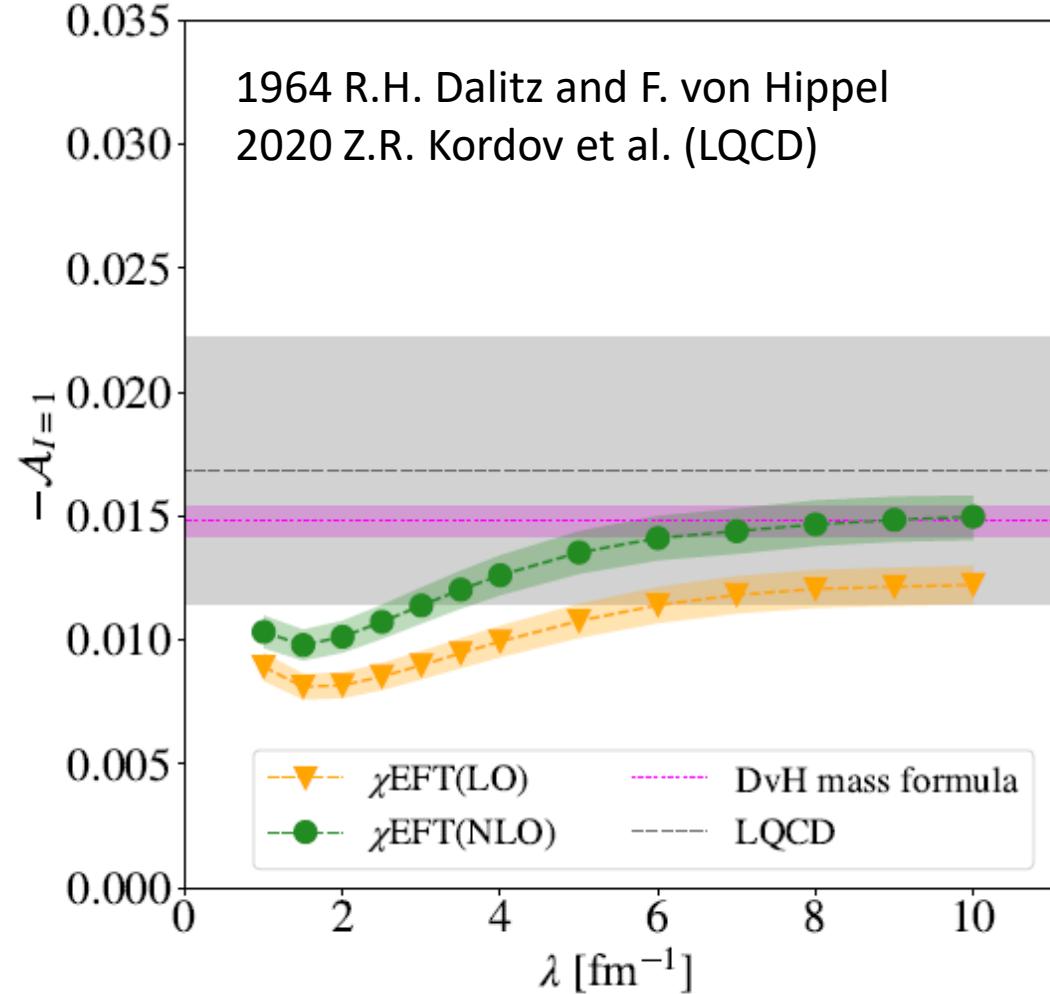
Difference between  
 $a(\Lambda p)$  and  $a(\Lambda n)$



Calculated by energy difference between G. and EX. states



Calculated by energy difference between emitted  $\gamma$ s



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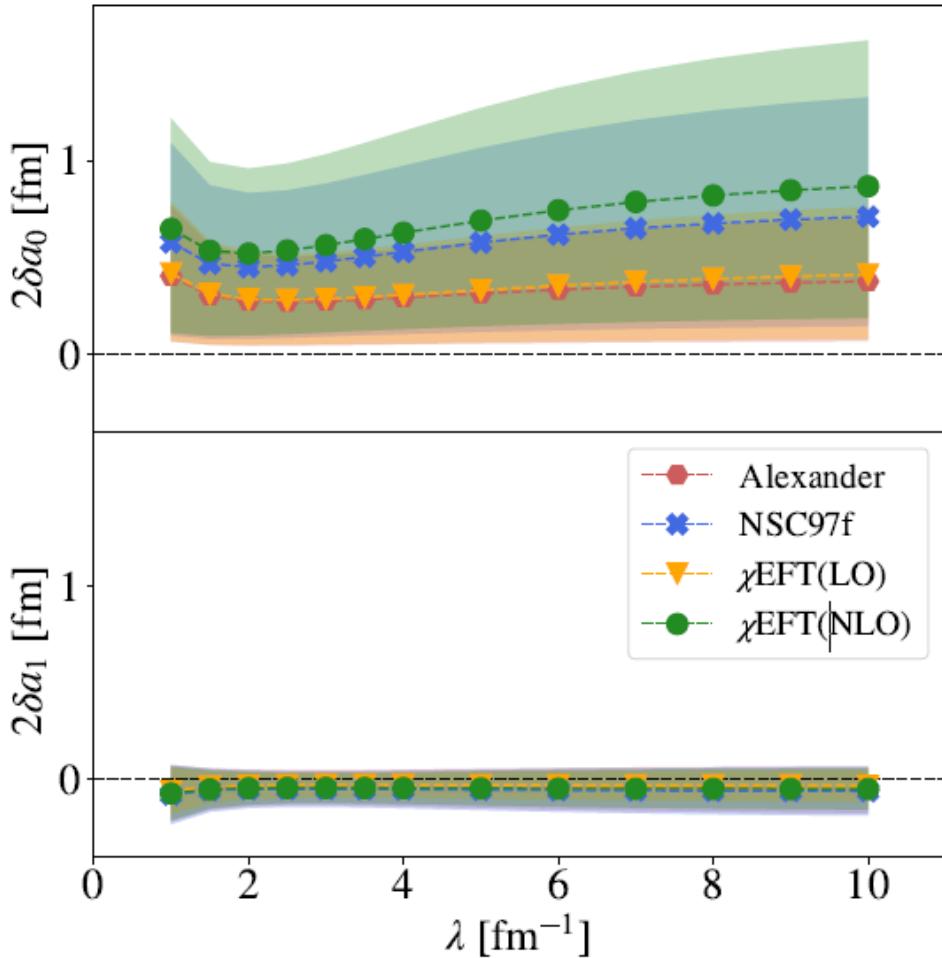
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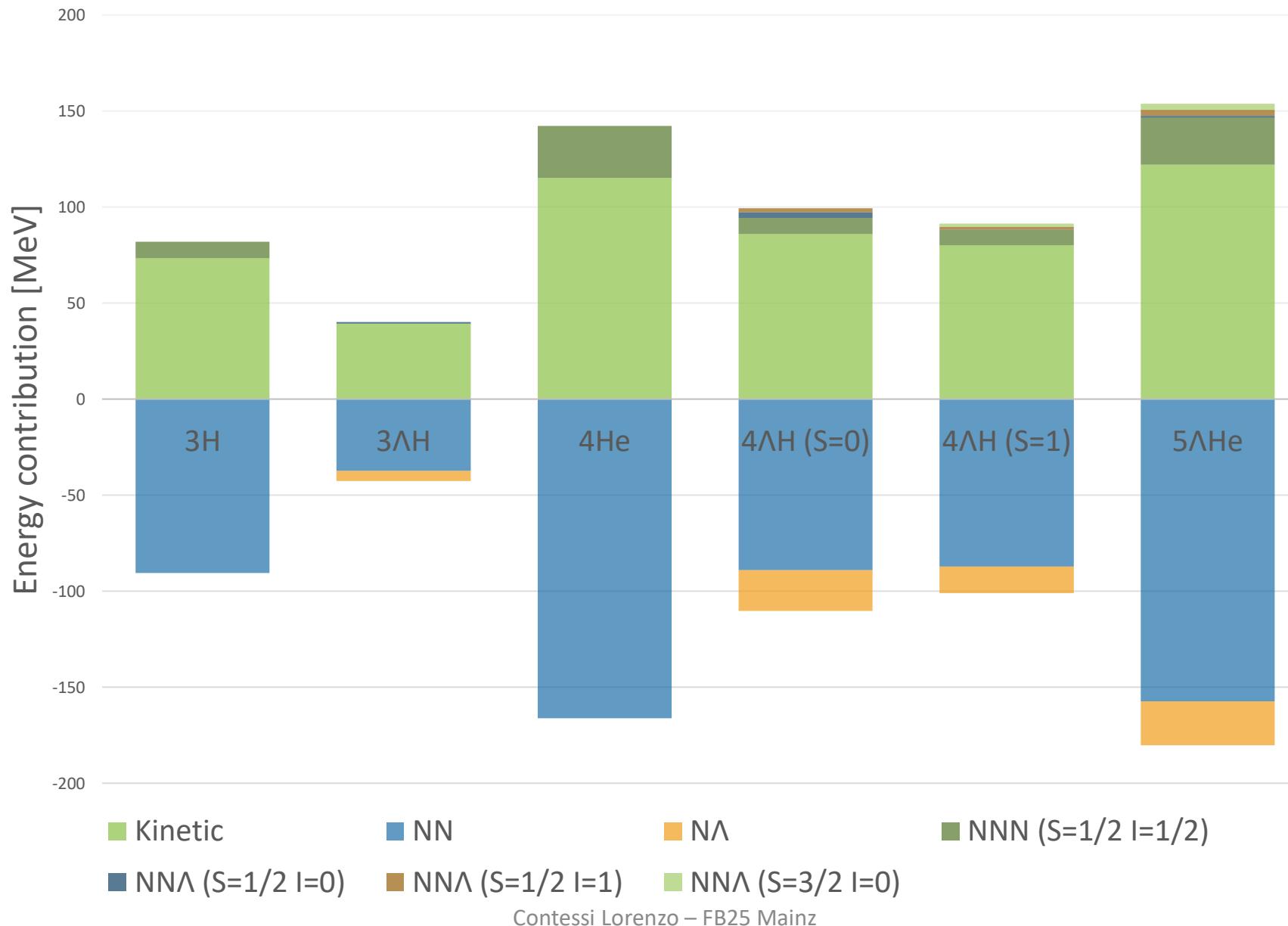
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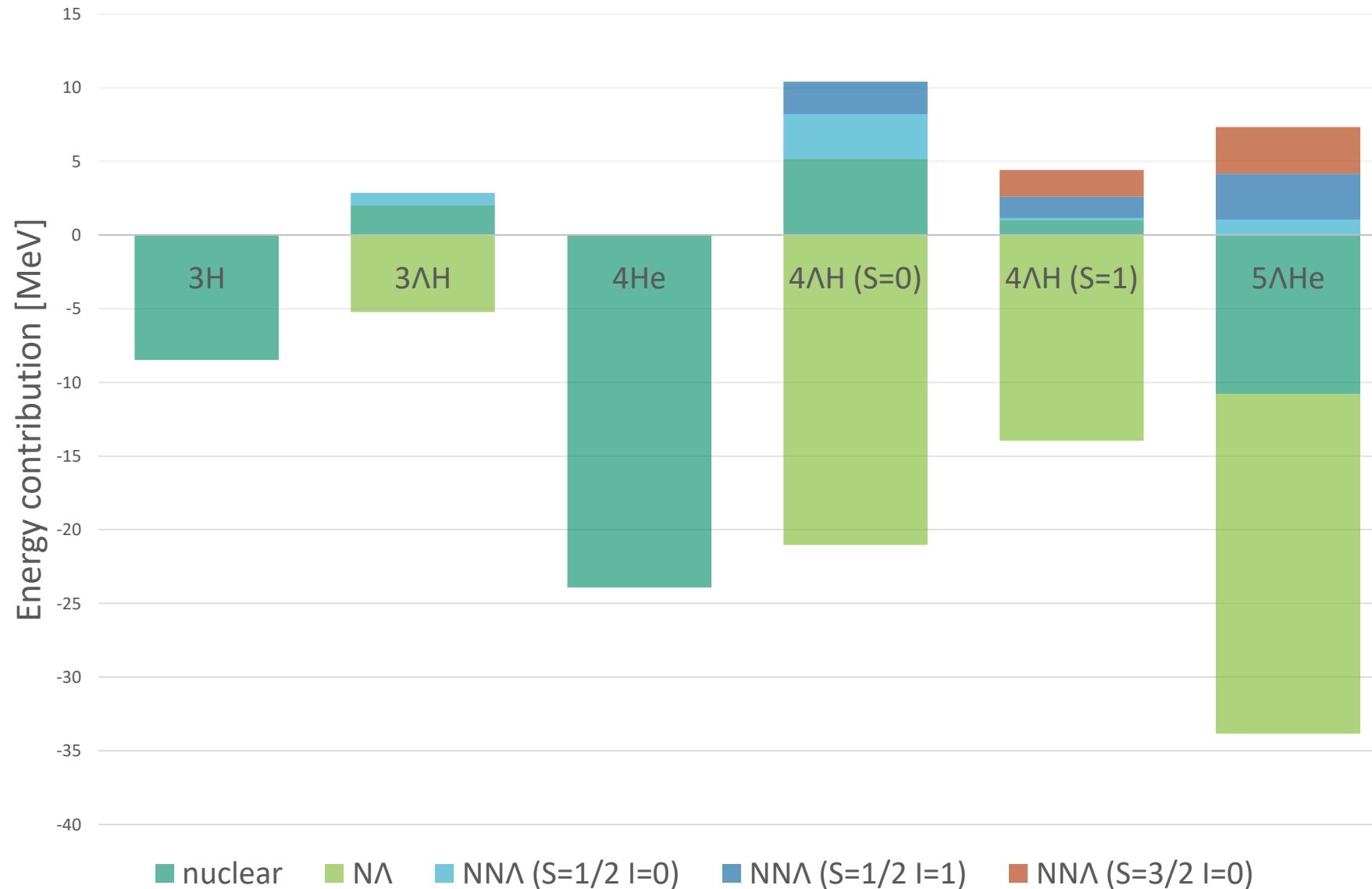
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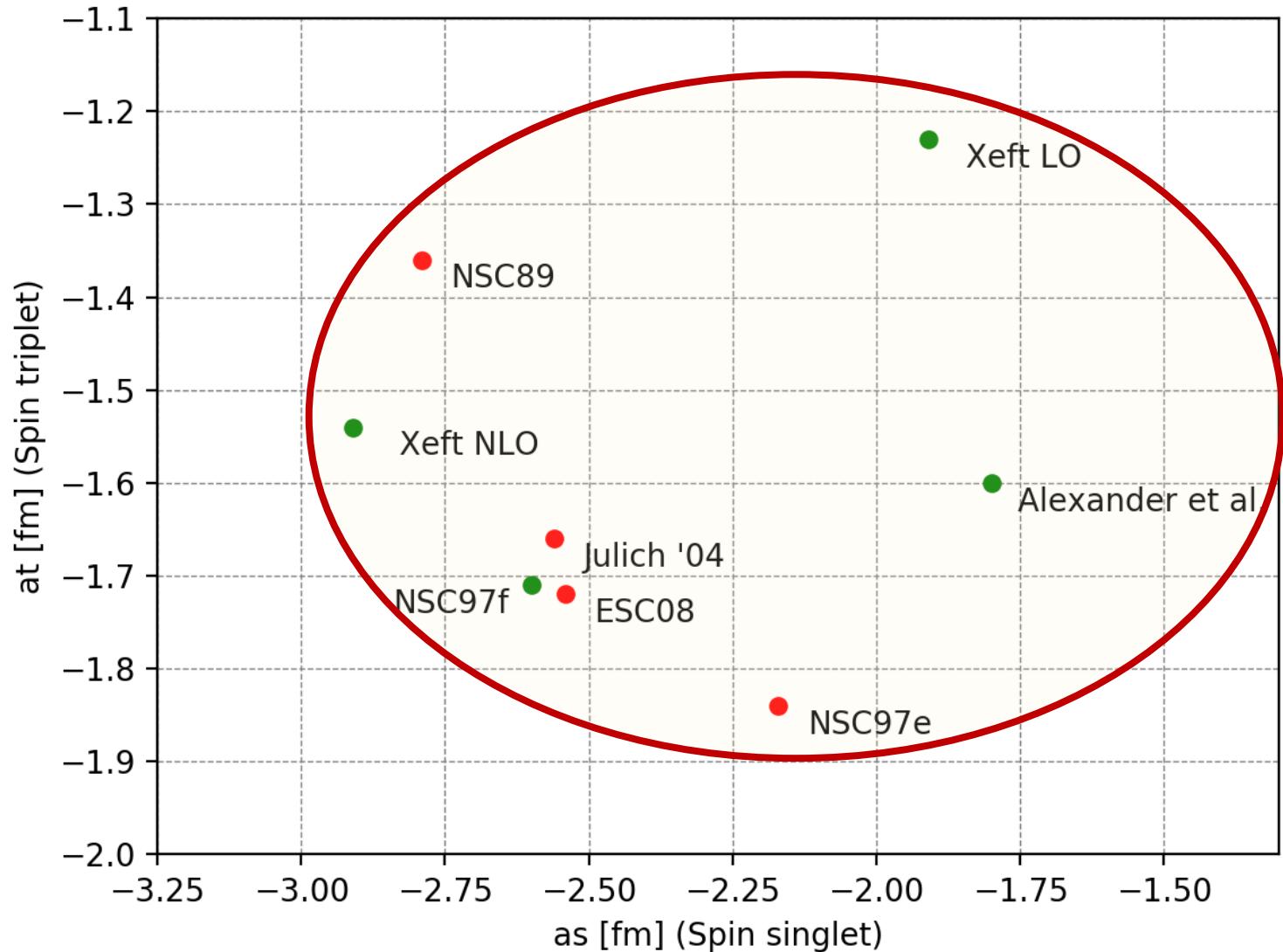


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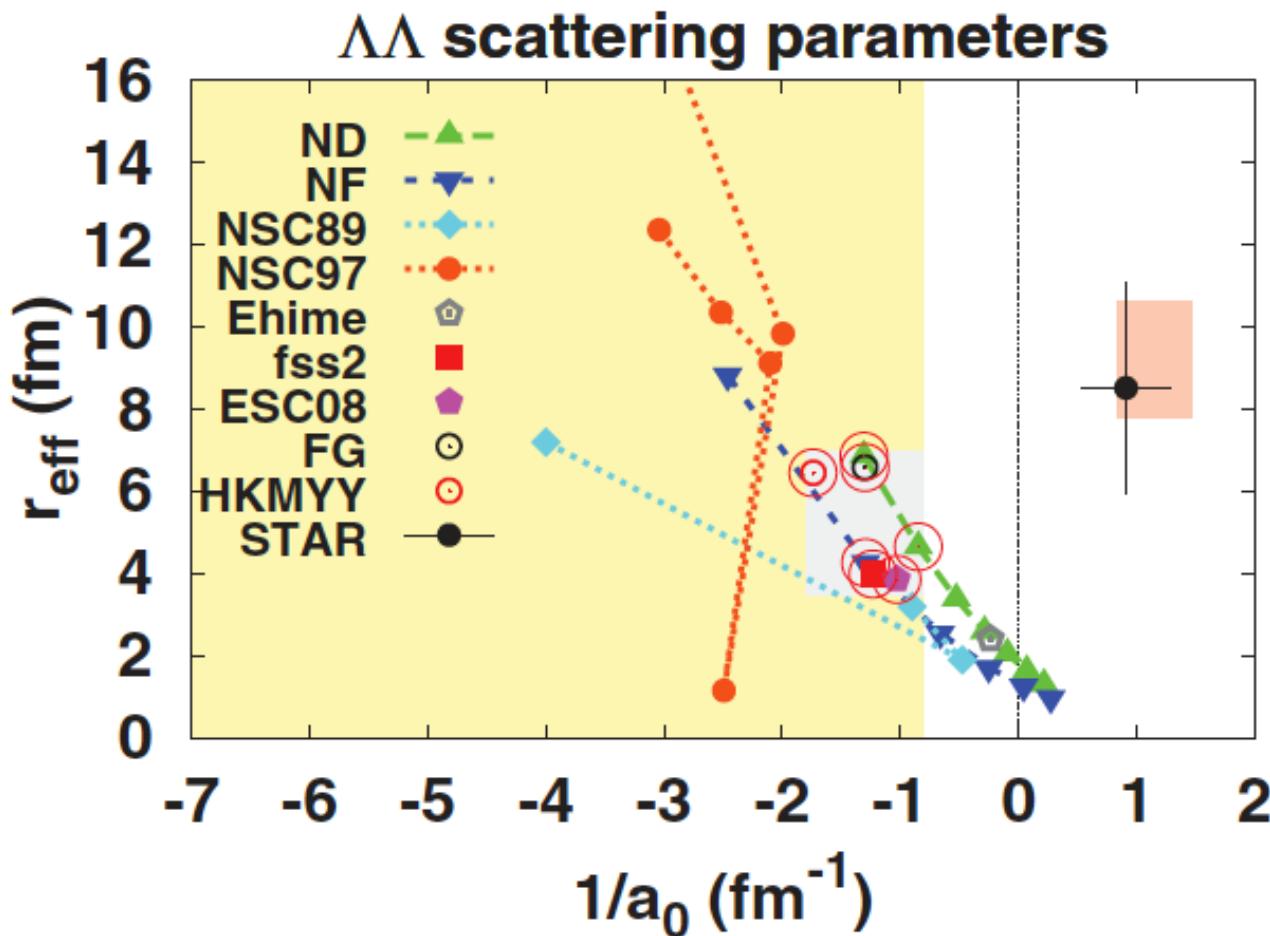


# $N\text{-}\Lambda$ scattering length

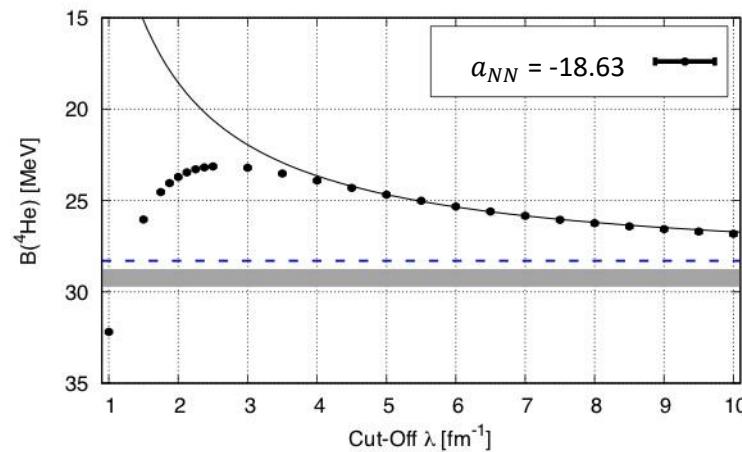
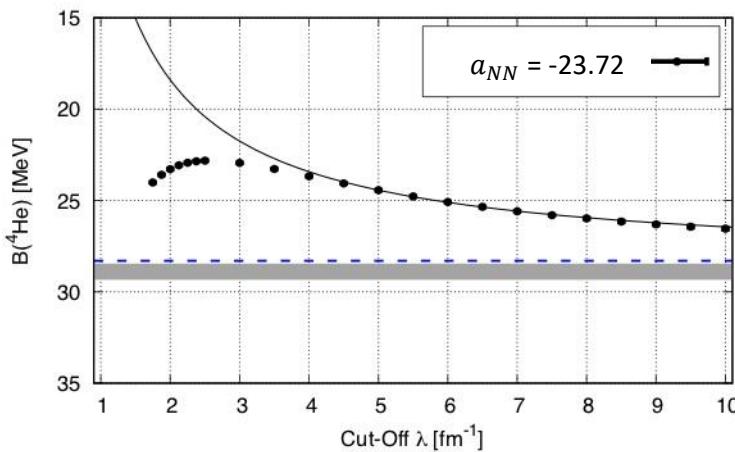
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# $\Lambda\Lambda$ Scattering data



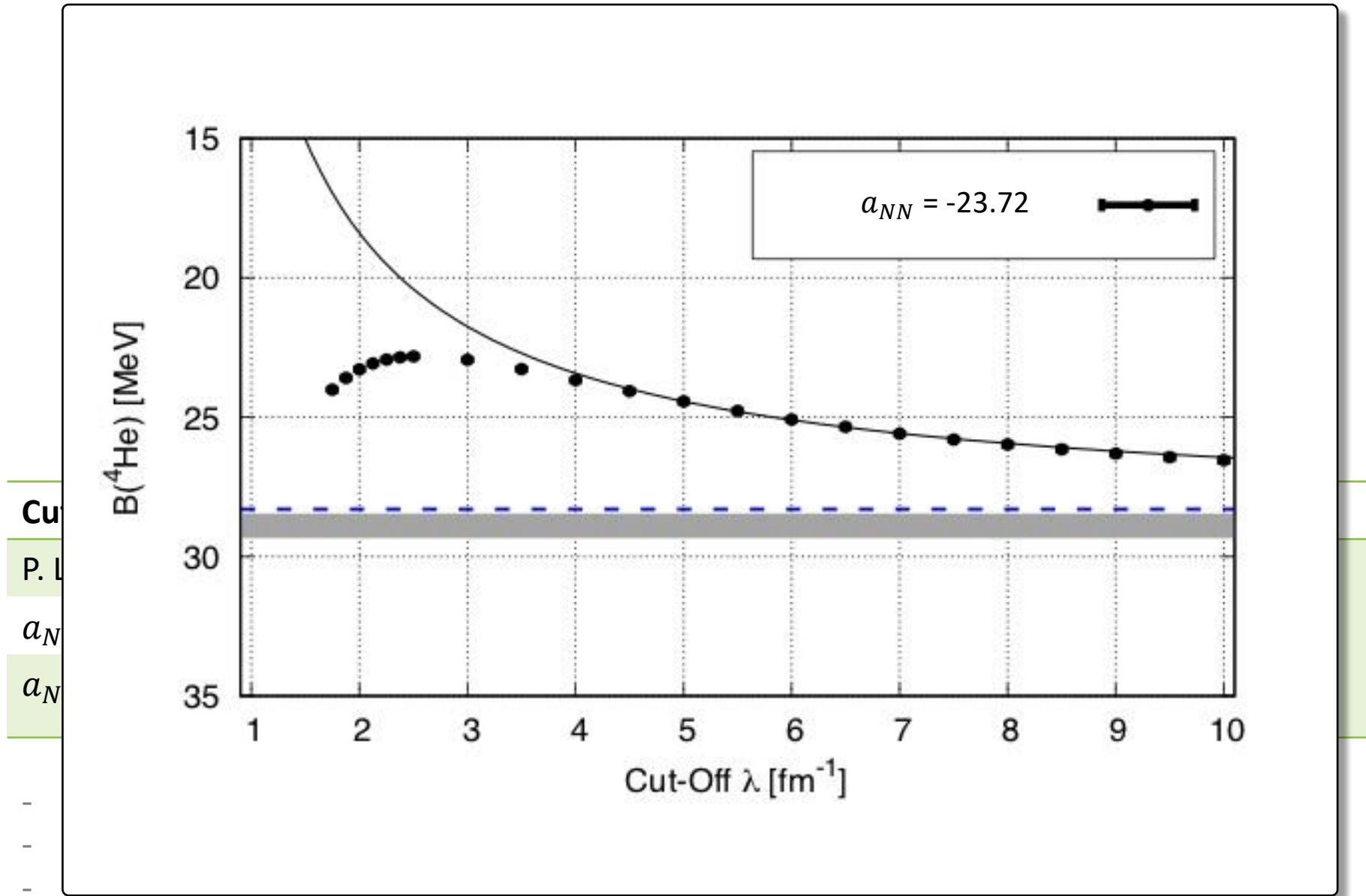
# Results: ${}^4\text{He}$



Cut-off $\lambda$	2	4	6	8	$\infty$	Exp.
P. L. B 772, 839 (2017).	-23.17(2)	-24.63(3)	-24.06(2)	-26.04(5)	-30 (2)	
$a_{1S_0} = -23.72 \text{ fm}$	-23.28	-23.67	-25.08(1)	-25.99(1)	-28.5 (2)	-28.296
$a_{1S_0} = -18.63 \text{ fm}$	-23.71	-26.50	-25.33(1)	-26.25(5)	-28.8 (3)	

- Cut-off in  $[\text{fm}^{-1}]$ .
- Energies in [MeV].
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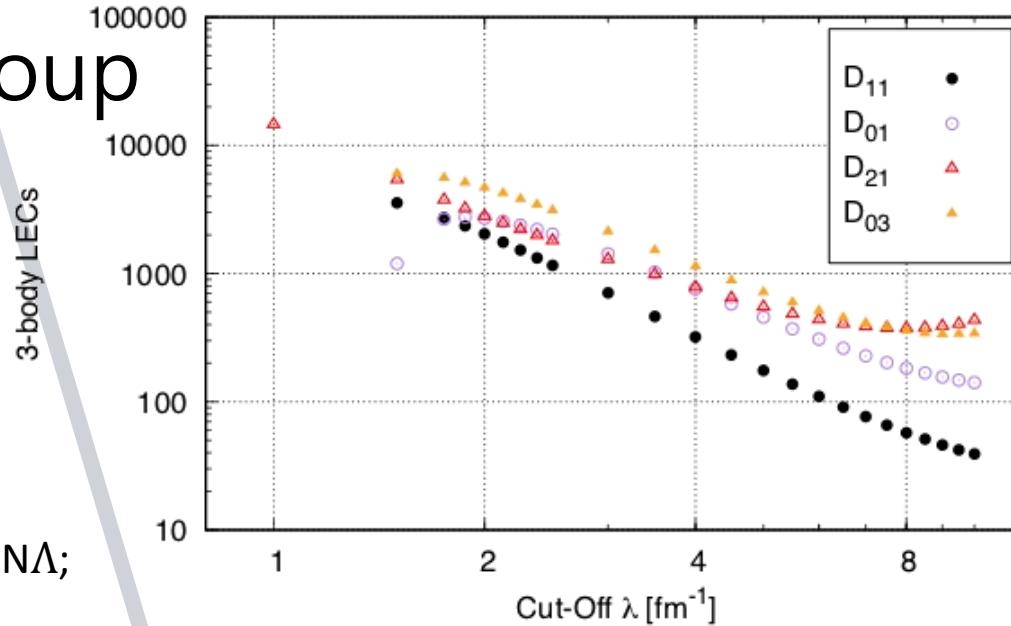
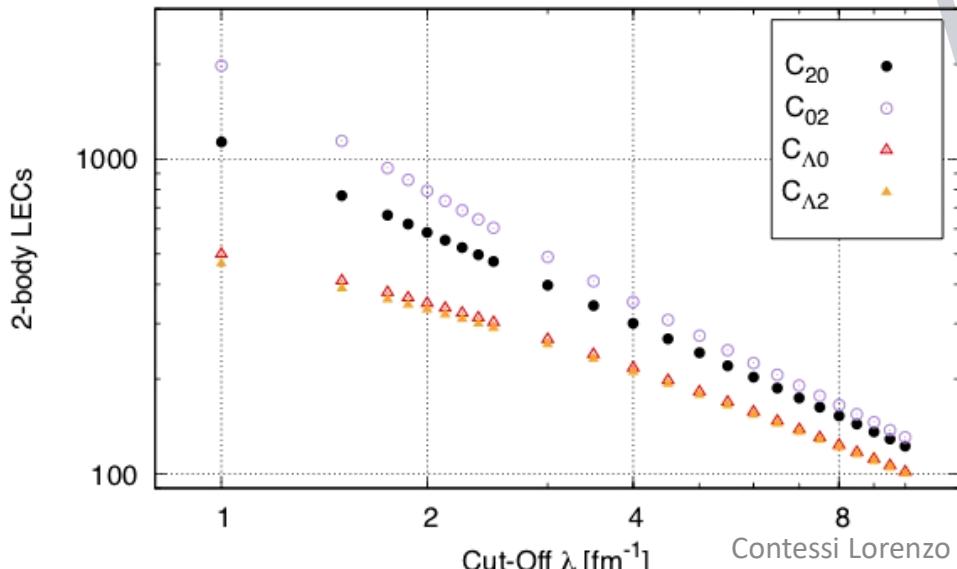
# Low Energy Constants

## Renormalization Group

$$C(\lambda) \delta_\lambda = C(\lambda) \frac{\lambda^3}{8\pi^{3/2}} e^{\frac{-\lambda^2 r_{ij}^2}{4}}$$

### 2B LECs:

- **SU(4)** symmetry for NN and N $\Lambda$ ;
- $\Lambda N$  softer than NN;
- Smooth.



### 3B LECs:

- $D_{21}$ - $D_{03}$  behave differently than  $D_{11}$ - $D_{01}$ ;
- For  $\Lambda < 2$  fm $^{-1}$  few 3b-LECs have a flex;
- Attractive three body for  $\lambda = 1$ .

# LO Interaction

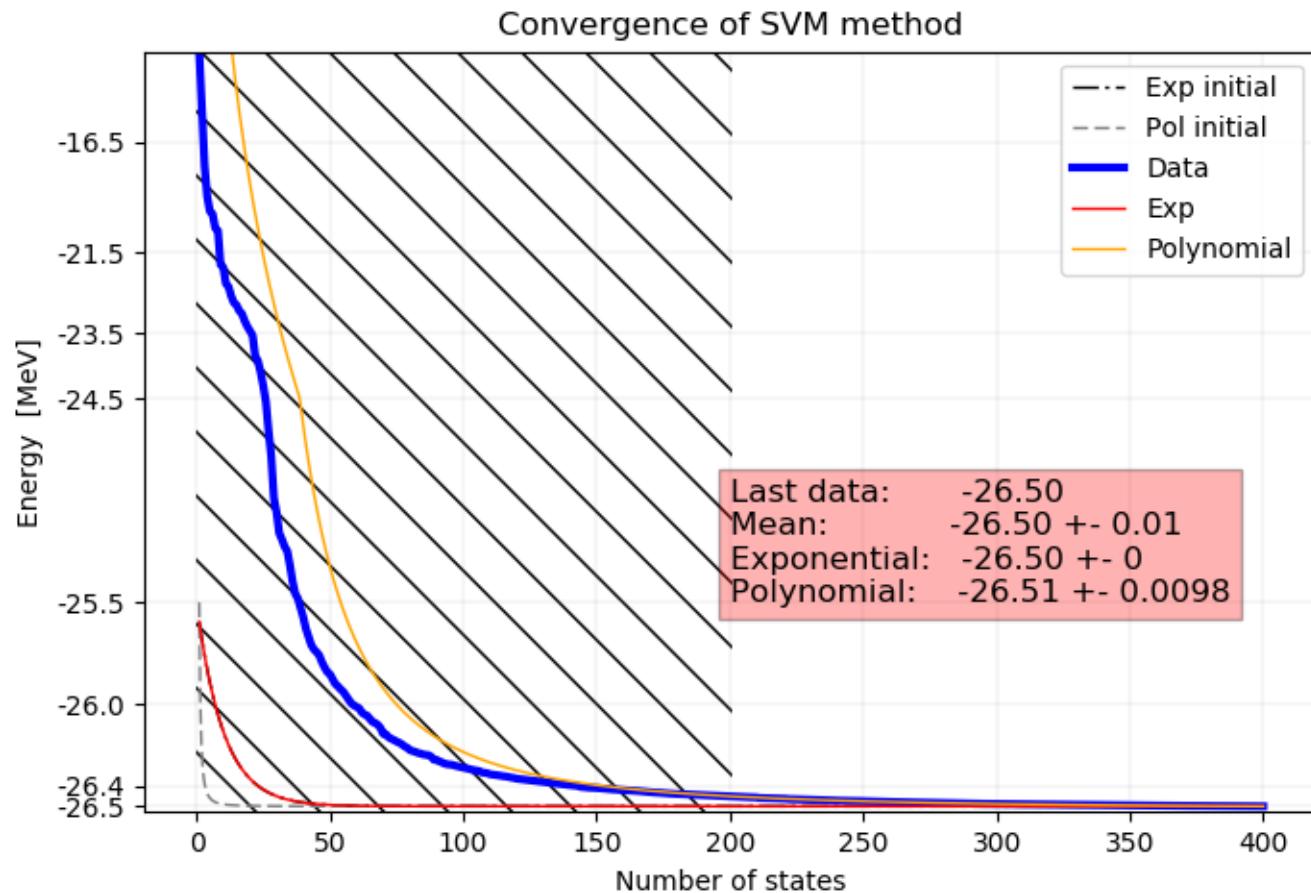
$\alpha \rightarrow N - N$  states  
 $\beta \rightarrow N - \Lambda$  states  
 $\gamma \rightarrow N - \Lambda - N$  states

$$\vec{r}_{ij} = \vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j$$

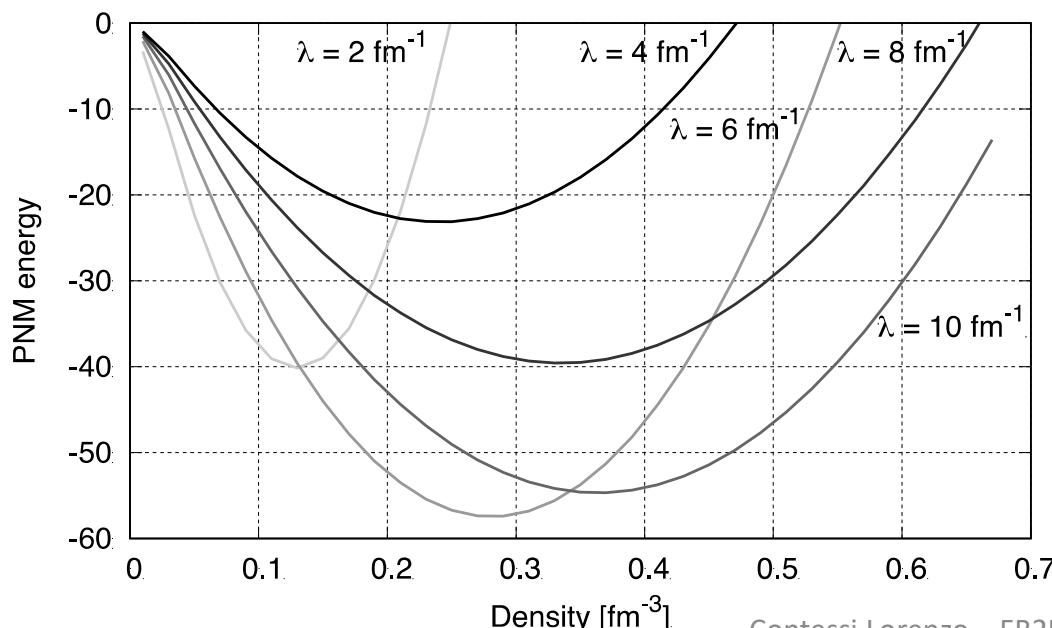
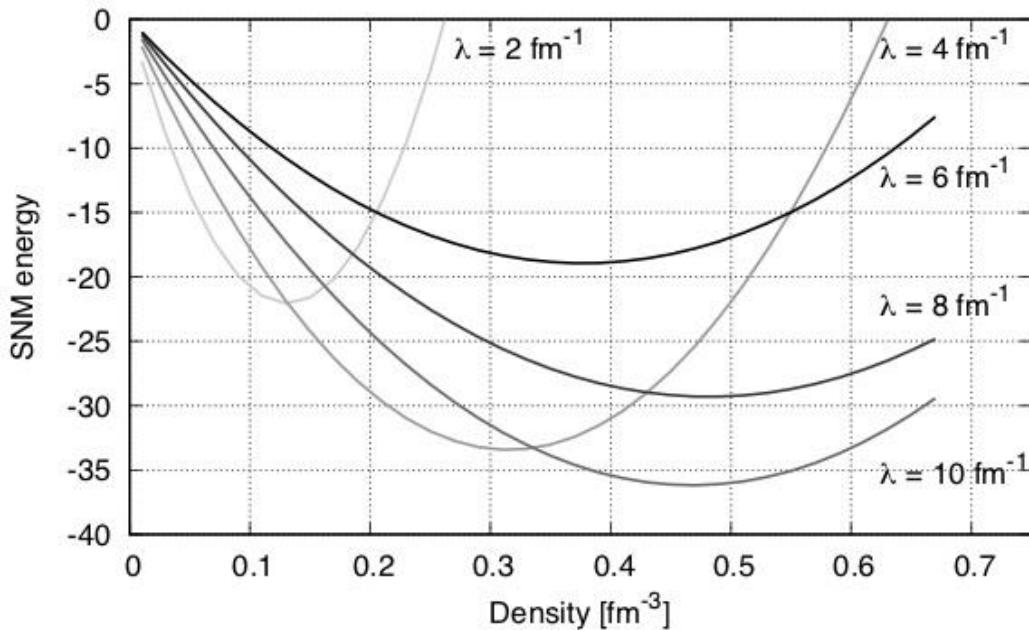
$$V^{LO} =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{i < j} \sum_{\alpha} \left[ C_{\alpha}(\lambda) P_{\alpha} e^{\frac{-\lambda^2 r_{ij}^2}{4}} \right] + \sum_i \sum_{\beta} \left[ C_{\beta}(\lambda) P_{\beta} e^{\frac{-\lambda^2 r_{i\Lambda}^2}{4}} \right] \\
 &+ \sum_{(i < j) \neq k} \sum_{\beta} D_0(\lambda) \sum_{cyc} \left[ e^{\frac{-\lambda^2 (r_{ij}^2 + r_{jk}^2)}{4}} \right] \\
 &+ \sum_{i < j} \sum_{\gamma} D_{\gamma}(\lambda) P_{\gamma} \sum_{cyc} \left[ e^{\frac{-\lambda^2 (r_{ij}^2 + r_{j\Lambda}^2)}{4}} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

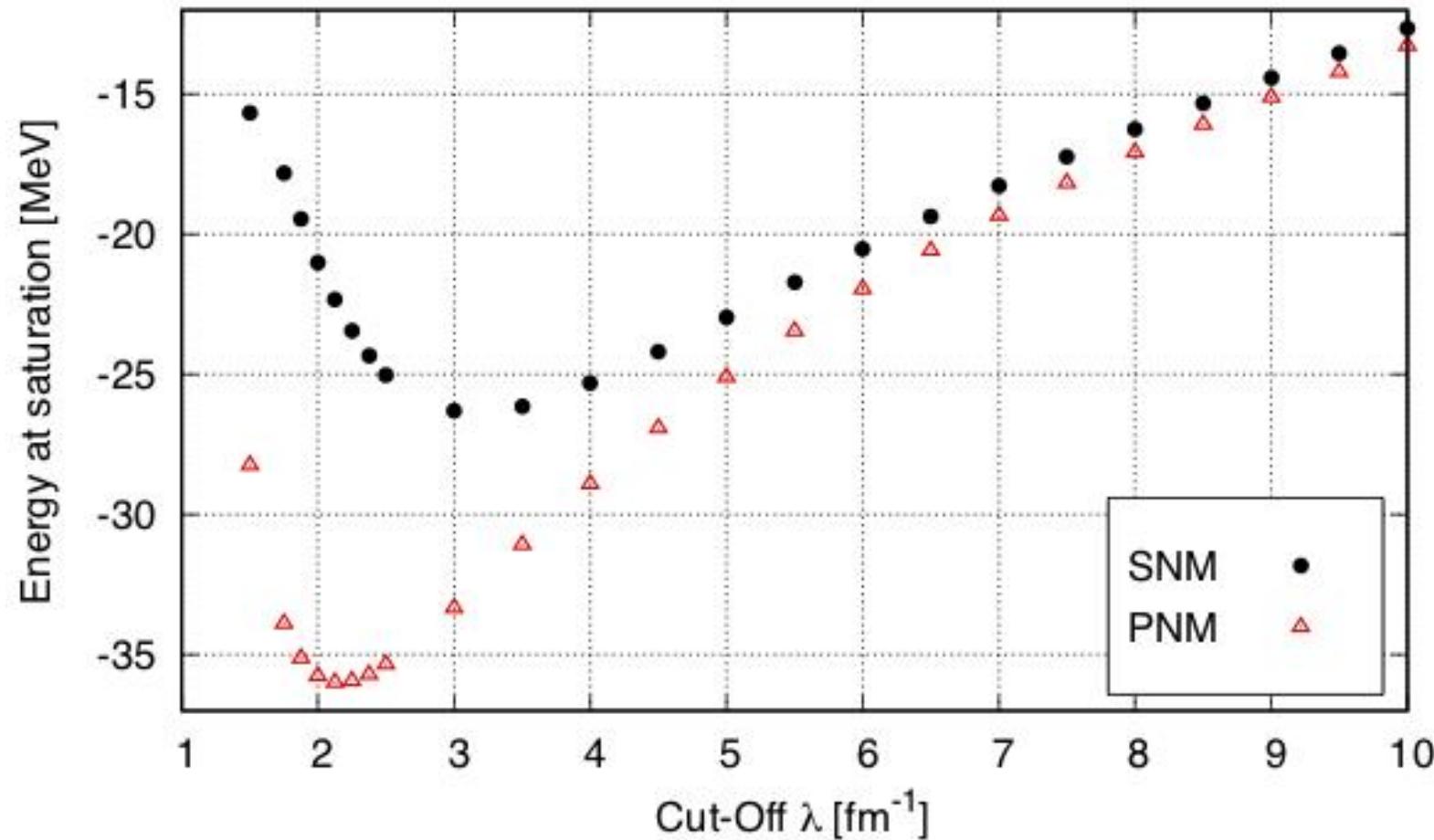
# SVM convergence



# SNM and PN

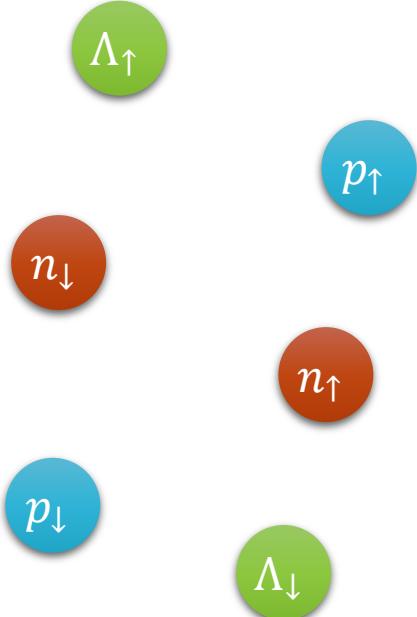


# SNM and PNM energy at saturation

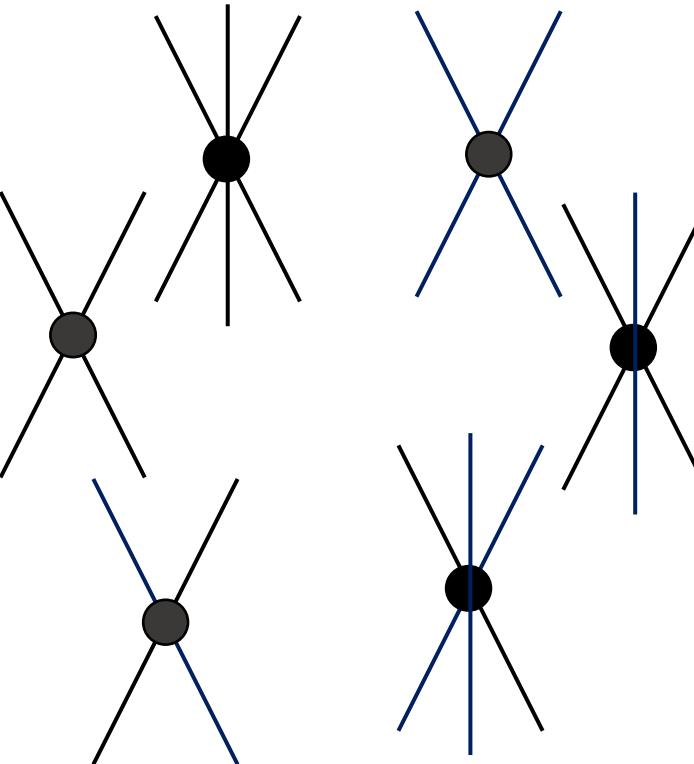


# The simplest theory to be defined

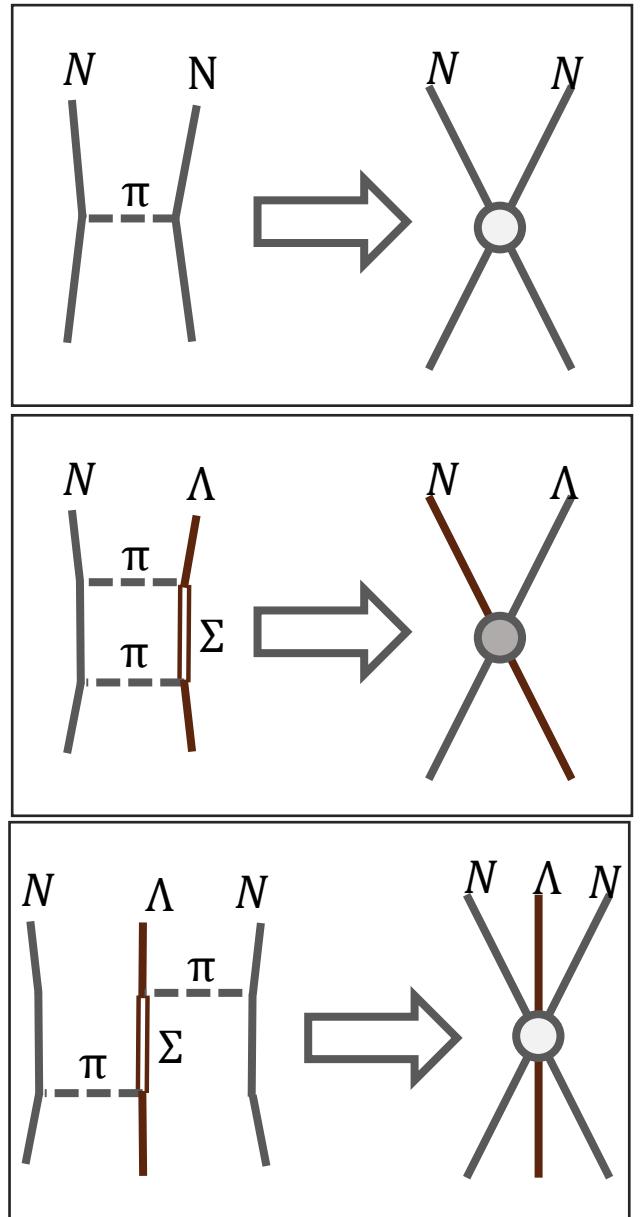
6-kinds  
of fermions



How many operators?



3 two-body and  
4 three-body



# The simplest theory to be defined

How many operators?



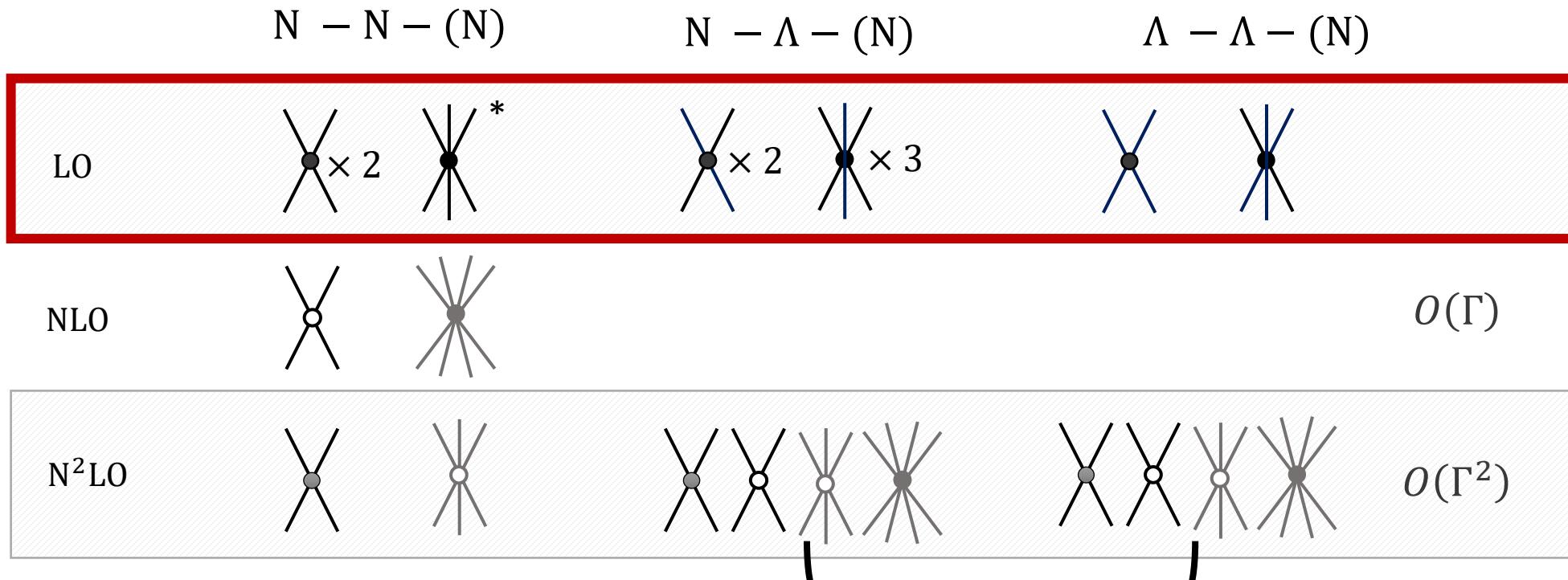
Looking for the **simplest theory** for Lambda hyperons

- Easier to be interpreted
- Can be fixed by small amount of experimental data
- Model independence? (Only if I can do an error estimation)

5 three-body



# Pionless powercounting



$$\Gamma_{NN} = \frac{Q}{m_\pi} = 0.5 \sim 0.8$$

$$\Gamma_{N\Lambda} = \frac{Q}{2 m_\pi} \approx 0.2/0.3$$

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\* Three body force is necessary  
to avoid Thomas collapse

\*\* OPE not allowed