

Improved action for contact EFTs

How to simplify our life preserving renormalizability

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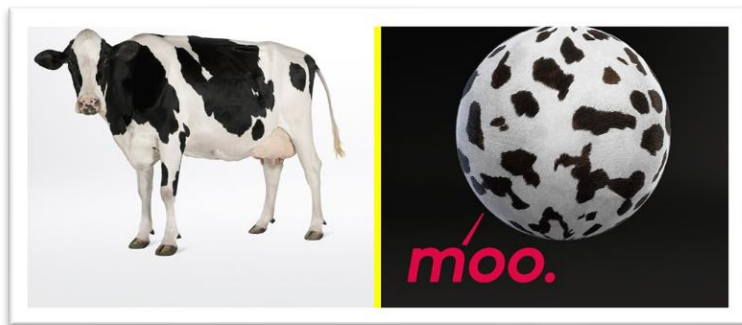
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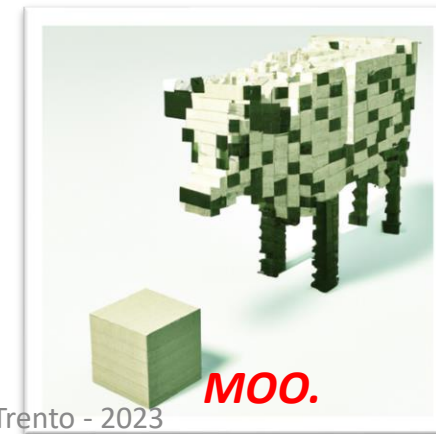
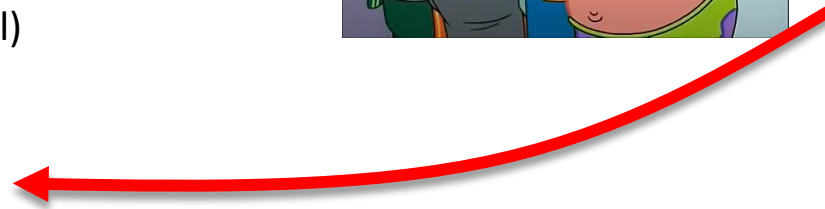
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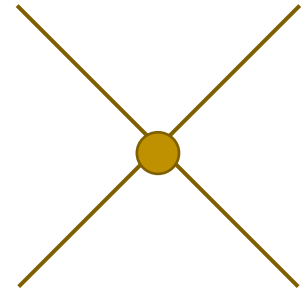
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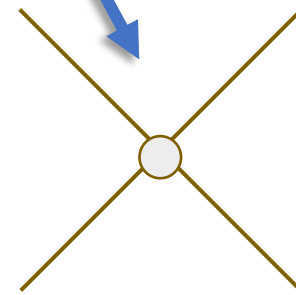
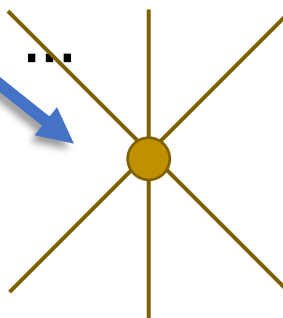
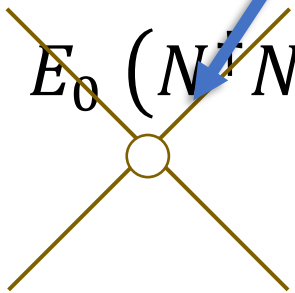
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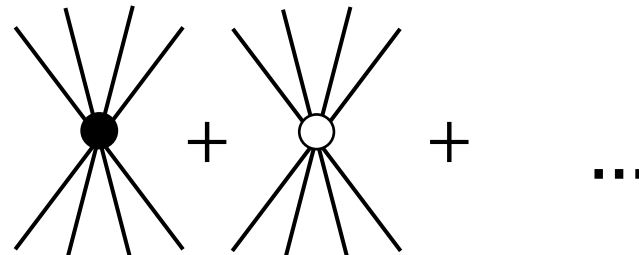
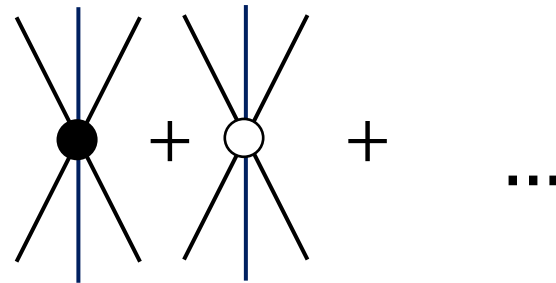
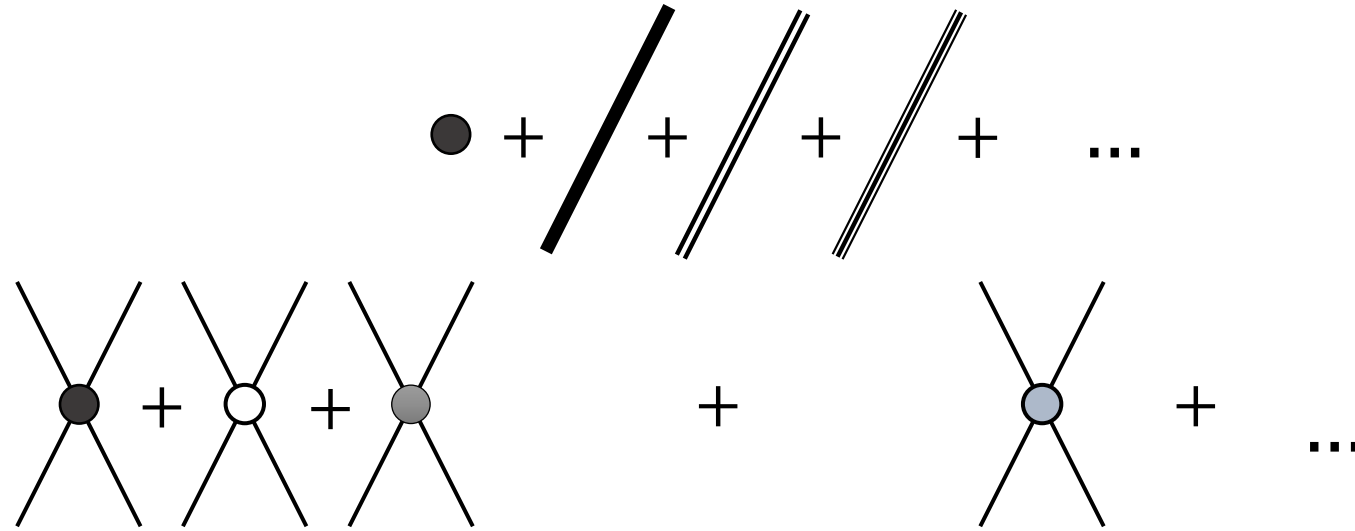
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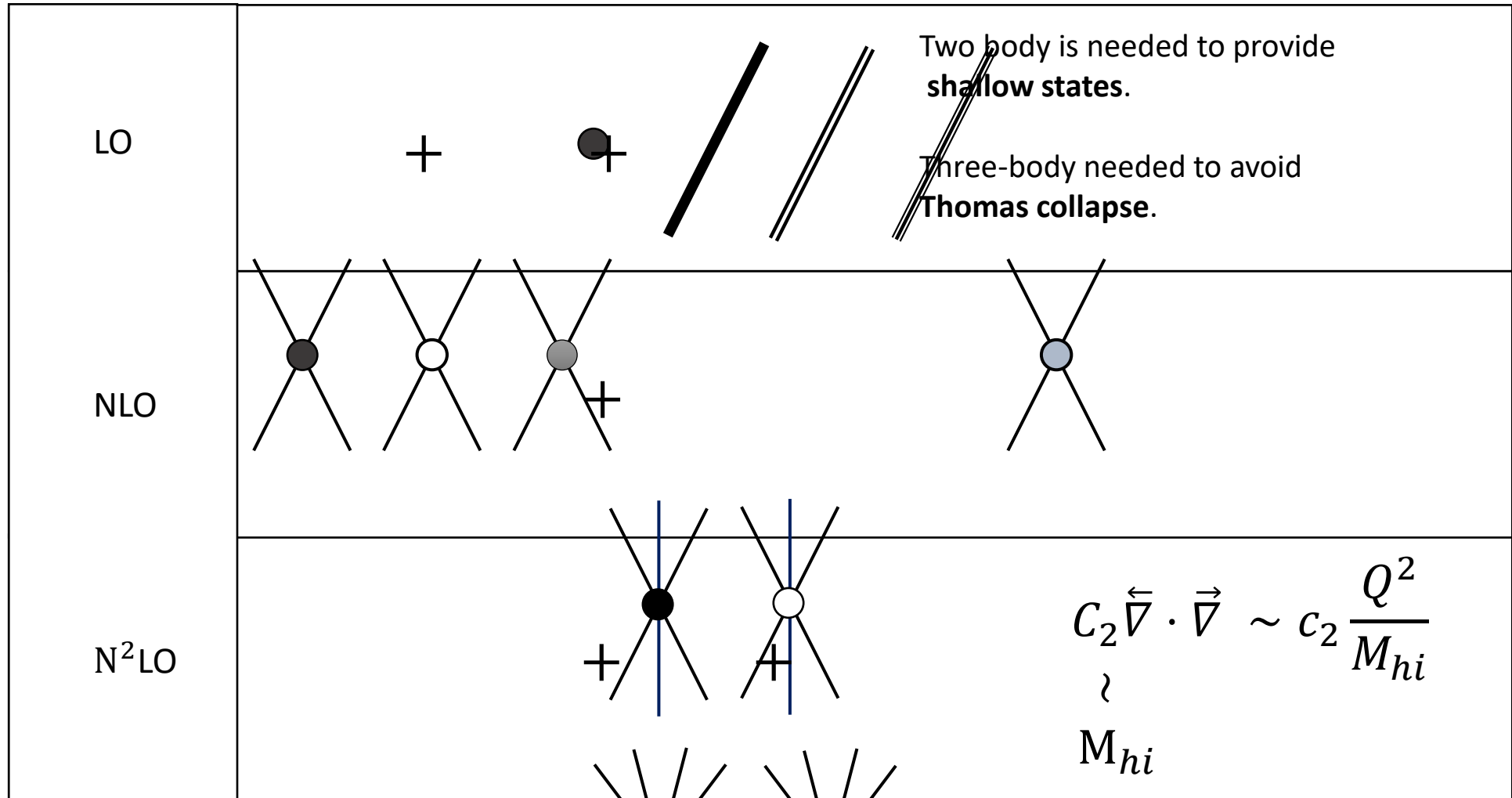


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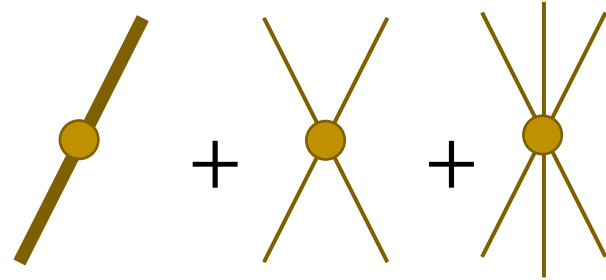


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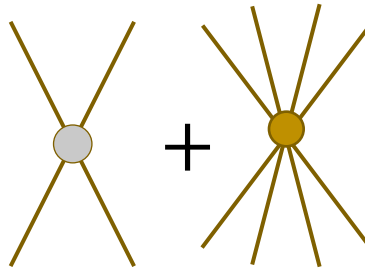
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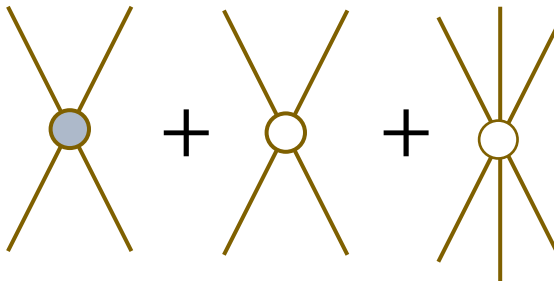
NLO



Momentum dependent / 4-body

$O(\Gamma)$

N²LO



$O(\Gamma^2)$

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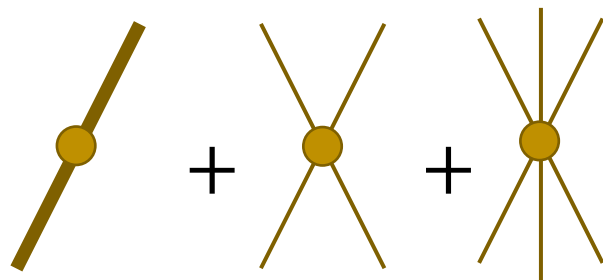
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Renormalization

C^λ and D^λ fitted for each cutoff λ .

If $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ any observable becomes λ independent

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Nuclear physics is not a dead field that have been completely solved 50 years ago

References:

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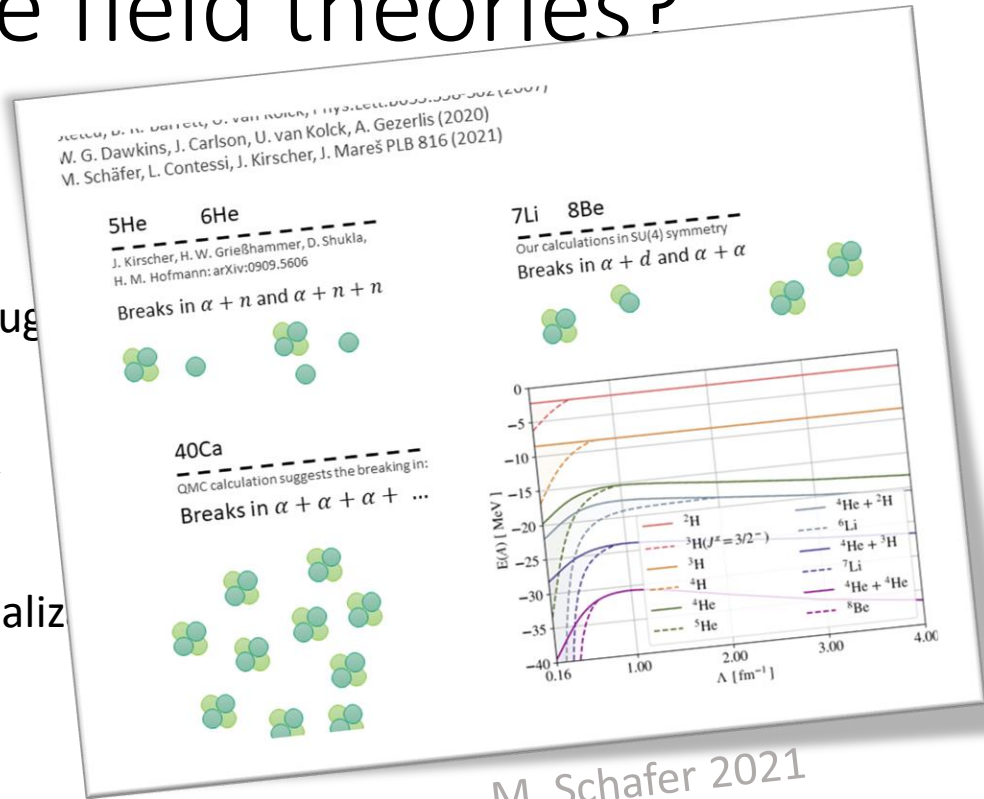
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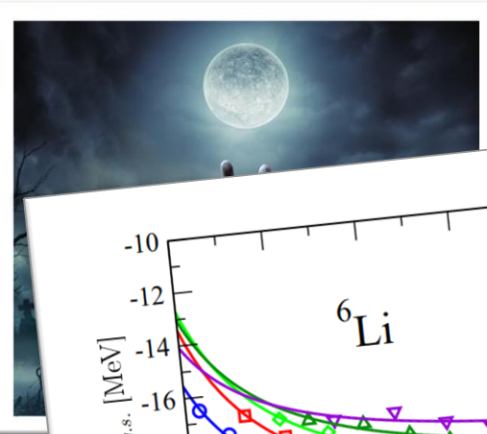
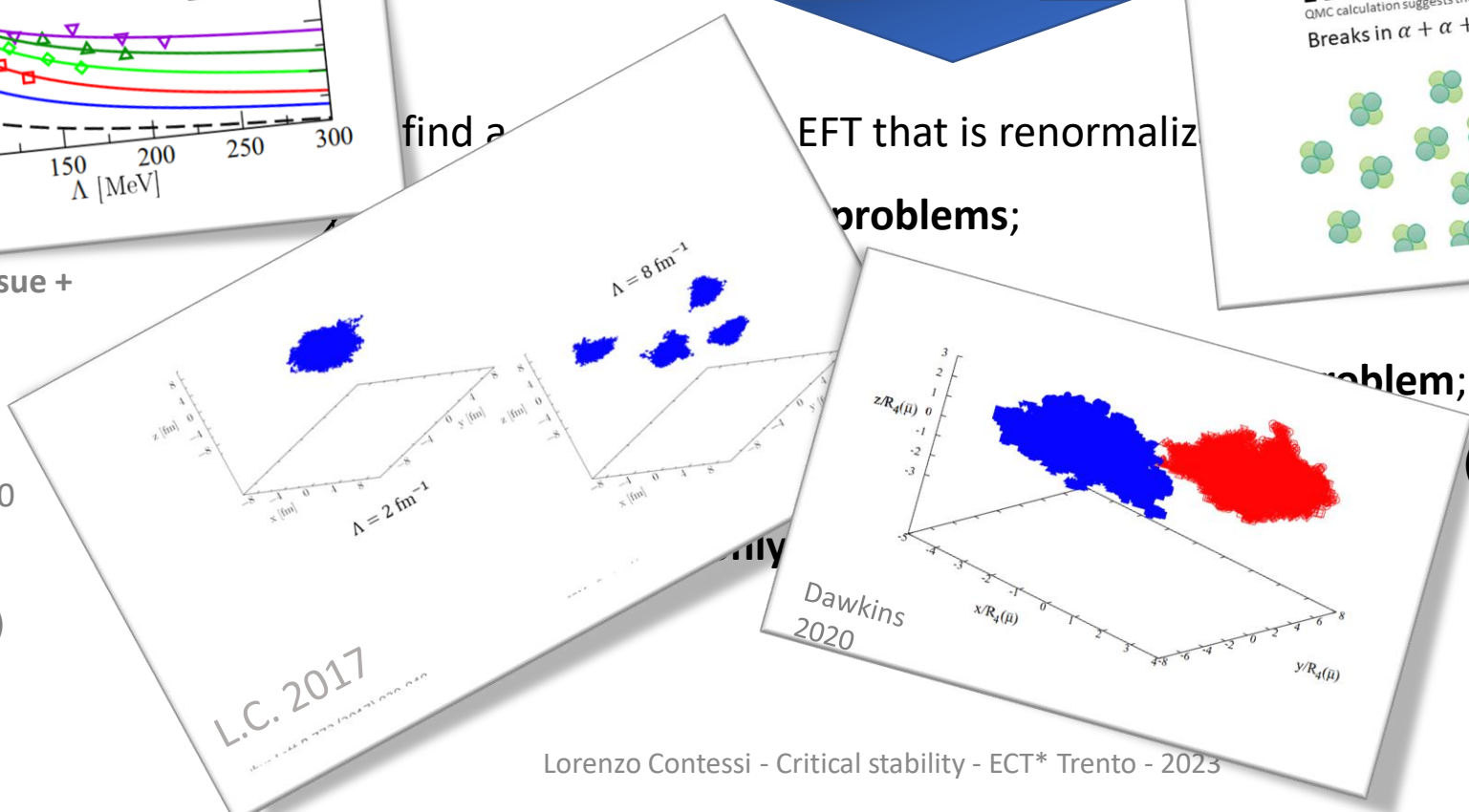
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Can a perturbative subleading insertion stabilize a state?

What can we do to avoid cutoff and regulator dependence?

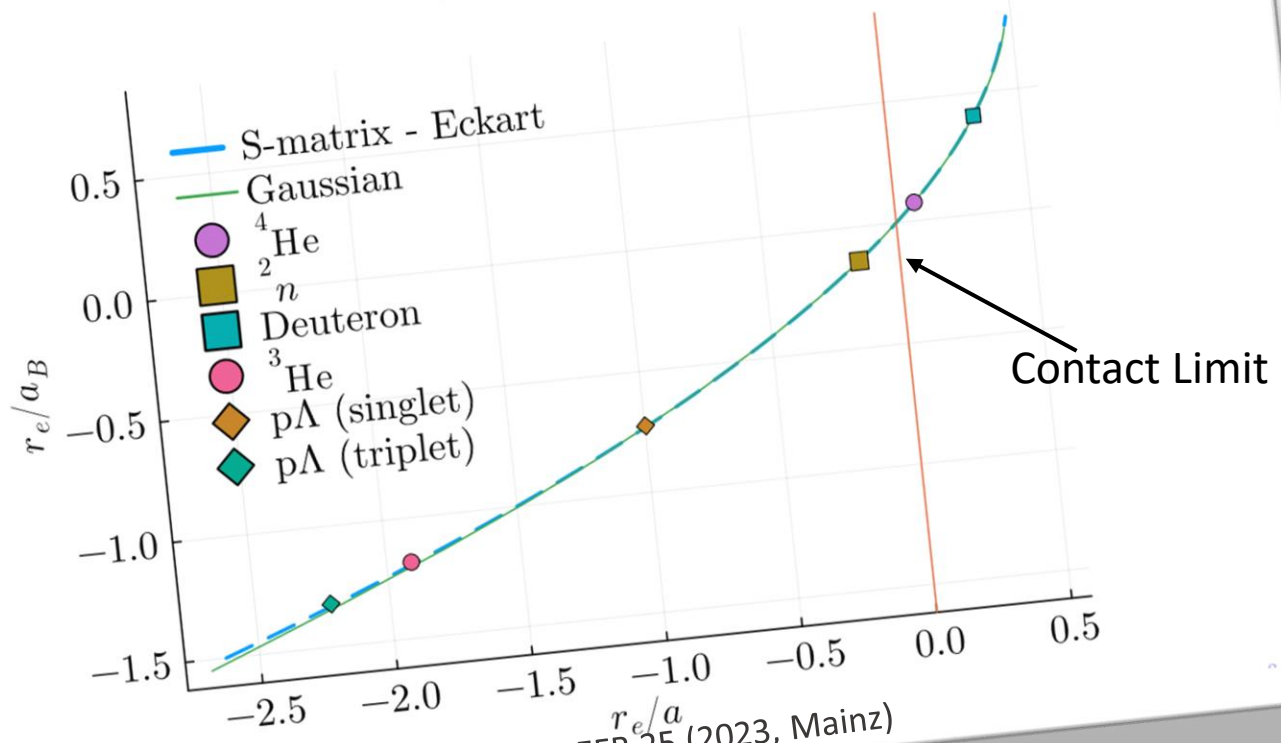
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New many-body methods?

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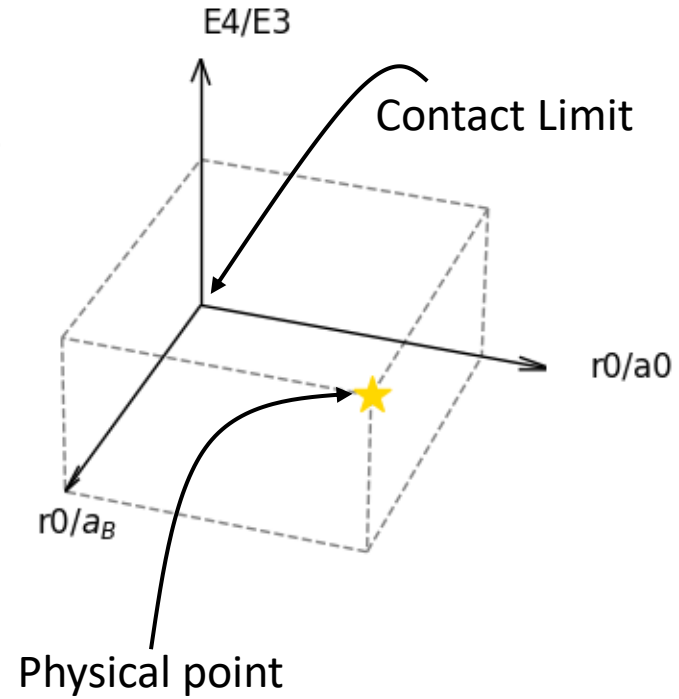
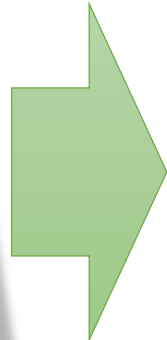
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Effective Description using Gaussian Potential
 $V(r) = V_0 e^{-(r/r_0)^2}$

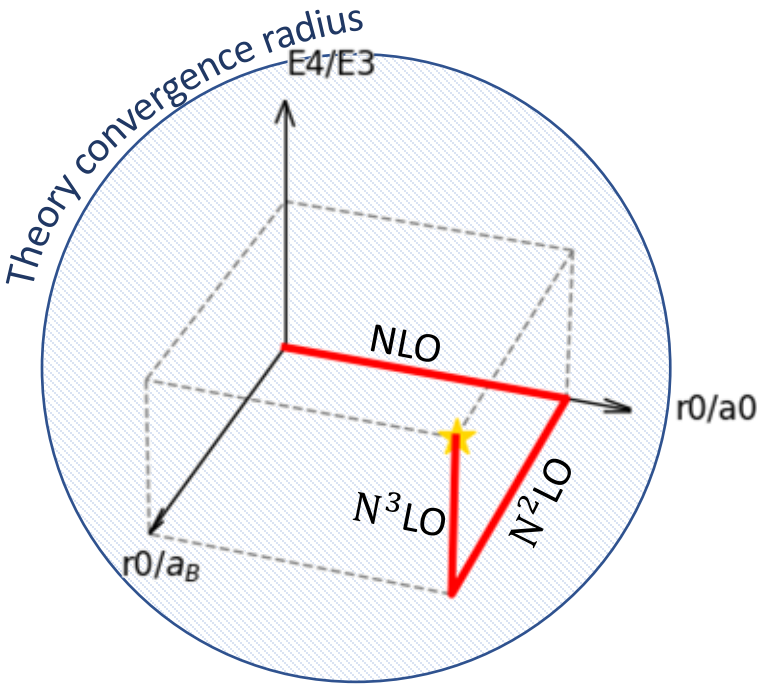
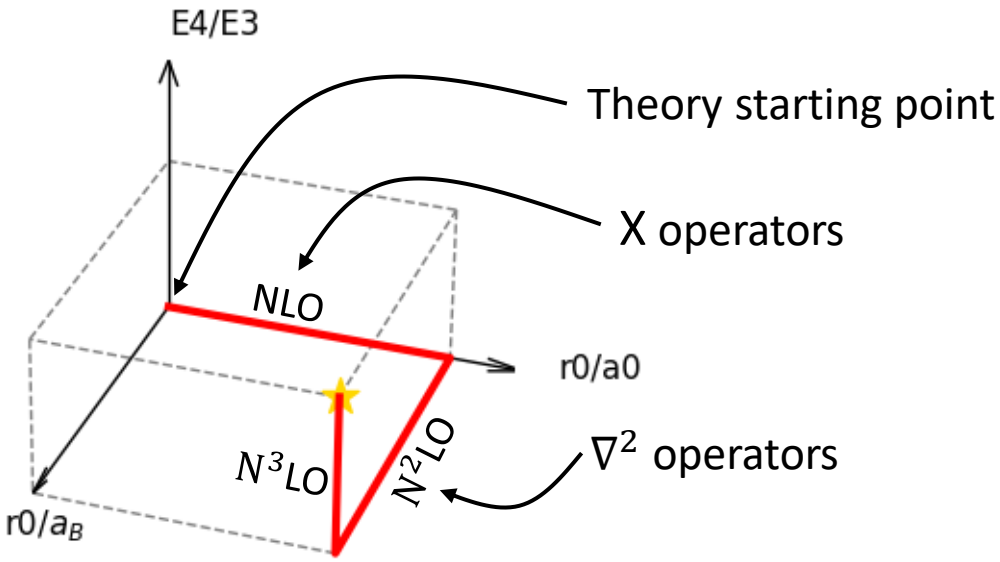


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Can be generalized
For each observable



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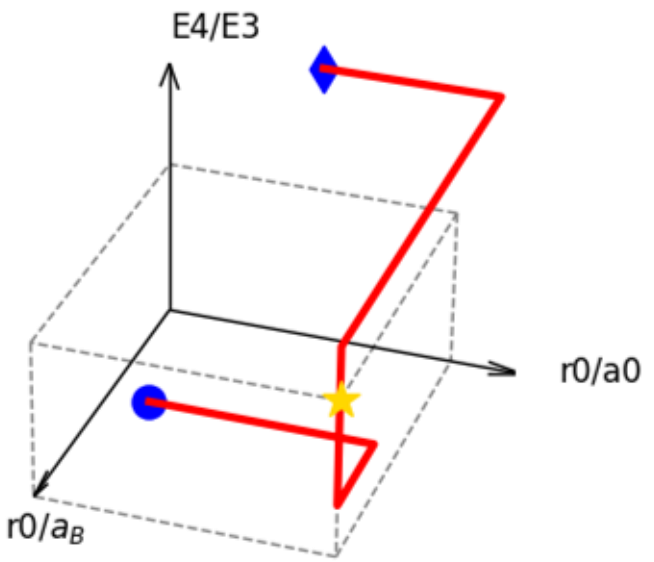


Starting from the **universal point** one can reach the **physical point** with perturbative inclusions.

Contact operators make these lines as perpendicular as possible (Other expansions are possible)

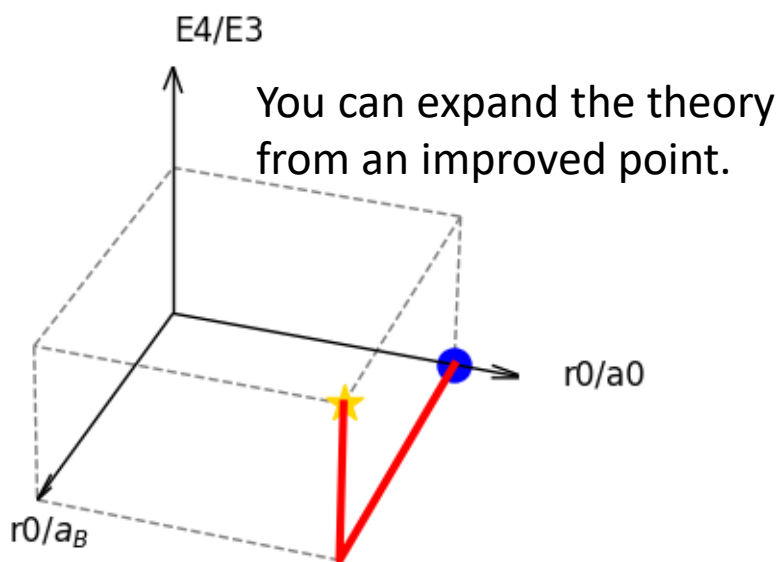
The radius of convergence of the theory: **points reachable in this way.**

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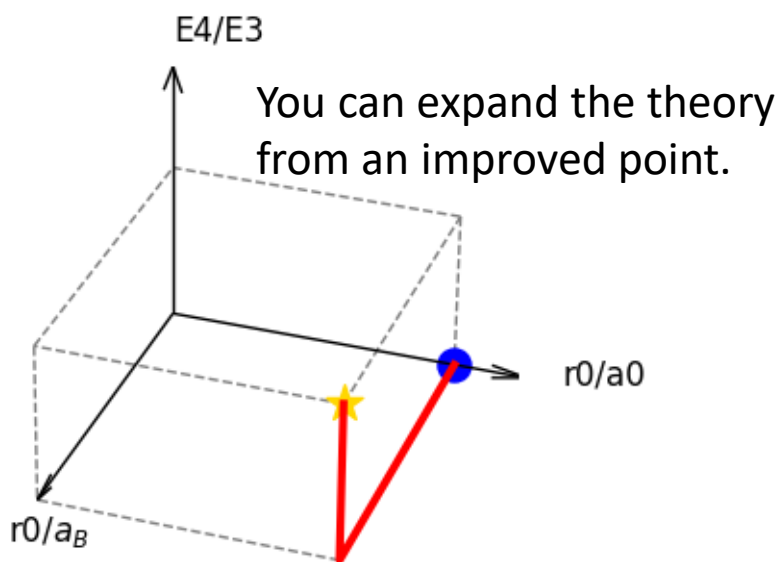
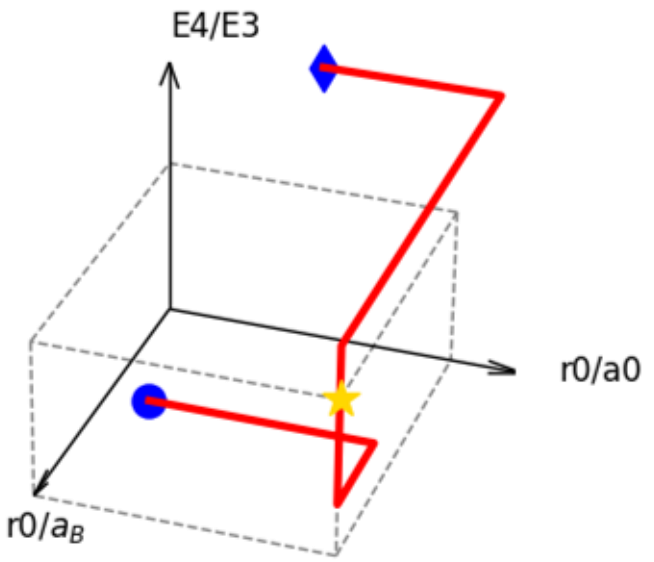
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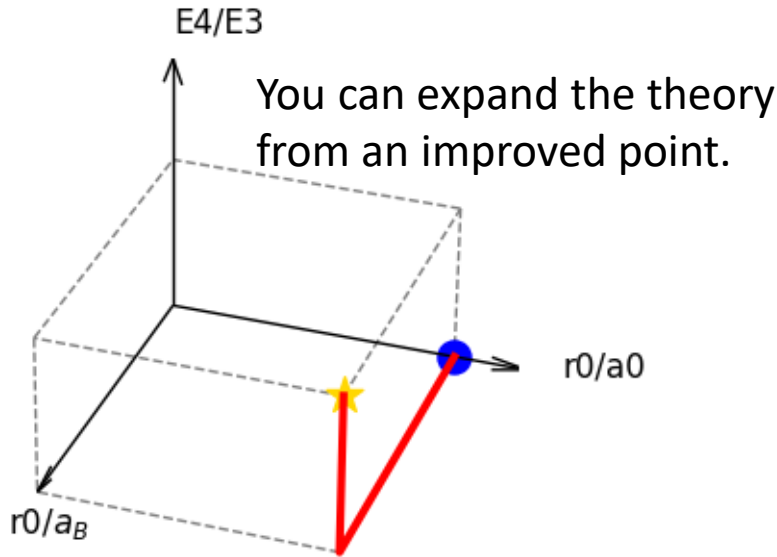
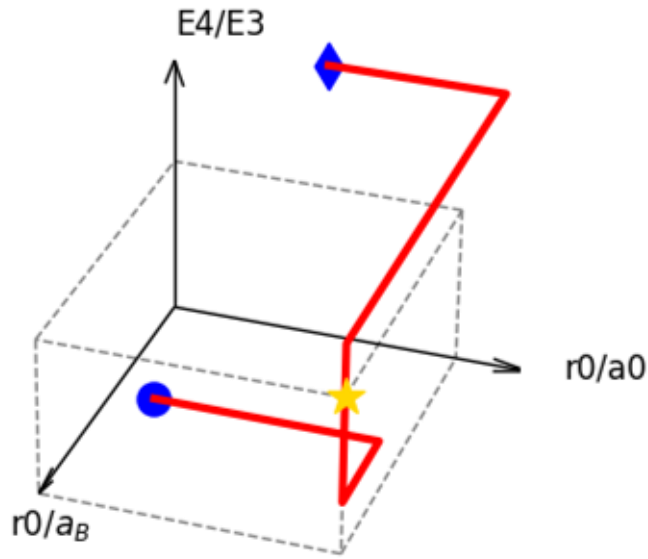
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Fit to $a_0, r_0 = 0$
And B_3

U. Van Kolck (1999) Fit to r_0
B. Bazak (2018) And B_4

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Improve action mechanism:
K. Symanzik (1983)

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$$H^{N \geq 2LO}$$

Small (perturbative) auxiliary interaction

Reproduces $(a_0, r^*, \delta\omega, \delta\omega_2, \dots)$

Corrects $r^* \rightarrow r_0$ and fit B_4

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See also:
P. Recchia 2022

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Do not forget the four-body force!

Hamiltonian formulation

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See similarities with:
R. Schiavilla (2021)

(but also notice that
the effective range is still subleading!)

Test:

4He atoms up to 5 particles

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	PCKLJS	LM2M2
a_2 [Å]	90.42(92)	100.23
r_2 [Å]	7.27	7.326
B_2 [mK]	1.3094	1.6154
B_3 [mK]	131.84	126.50
B_3^* [mK]	2.6502	2.2779
B_4 [mK]	573.90	559.22
B_5 [mK]	-	1306.7

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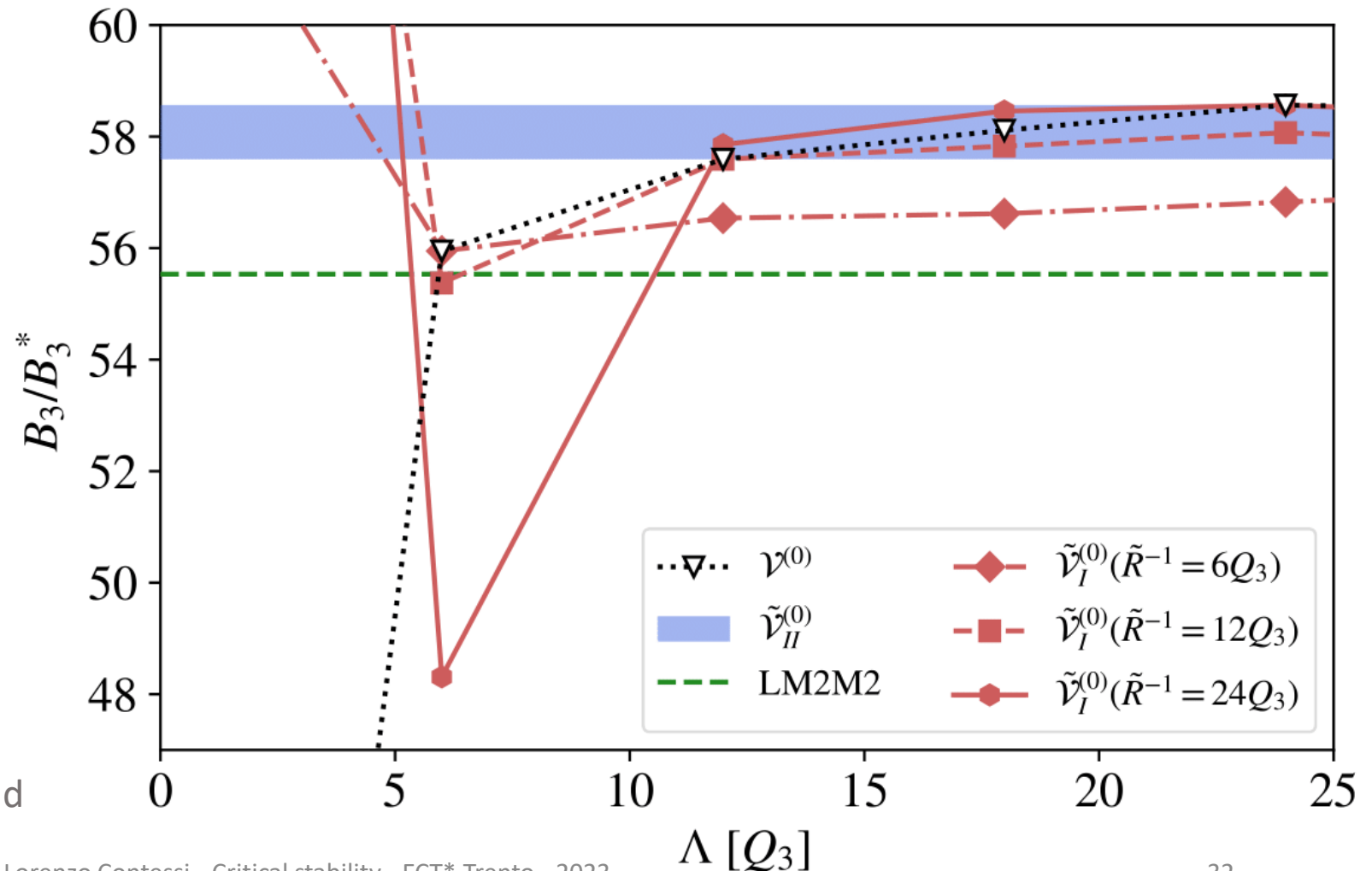
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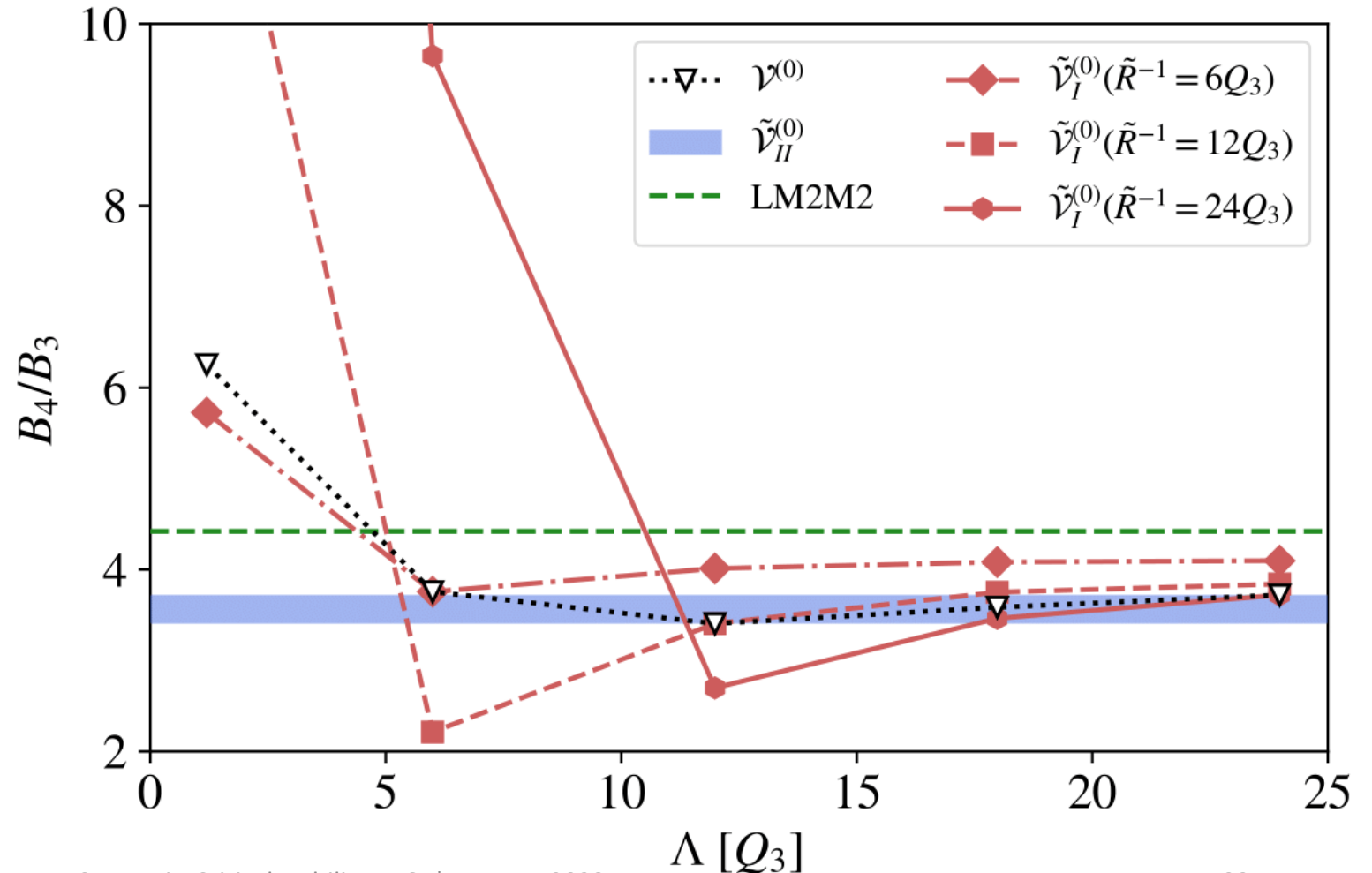
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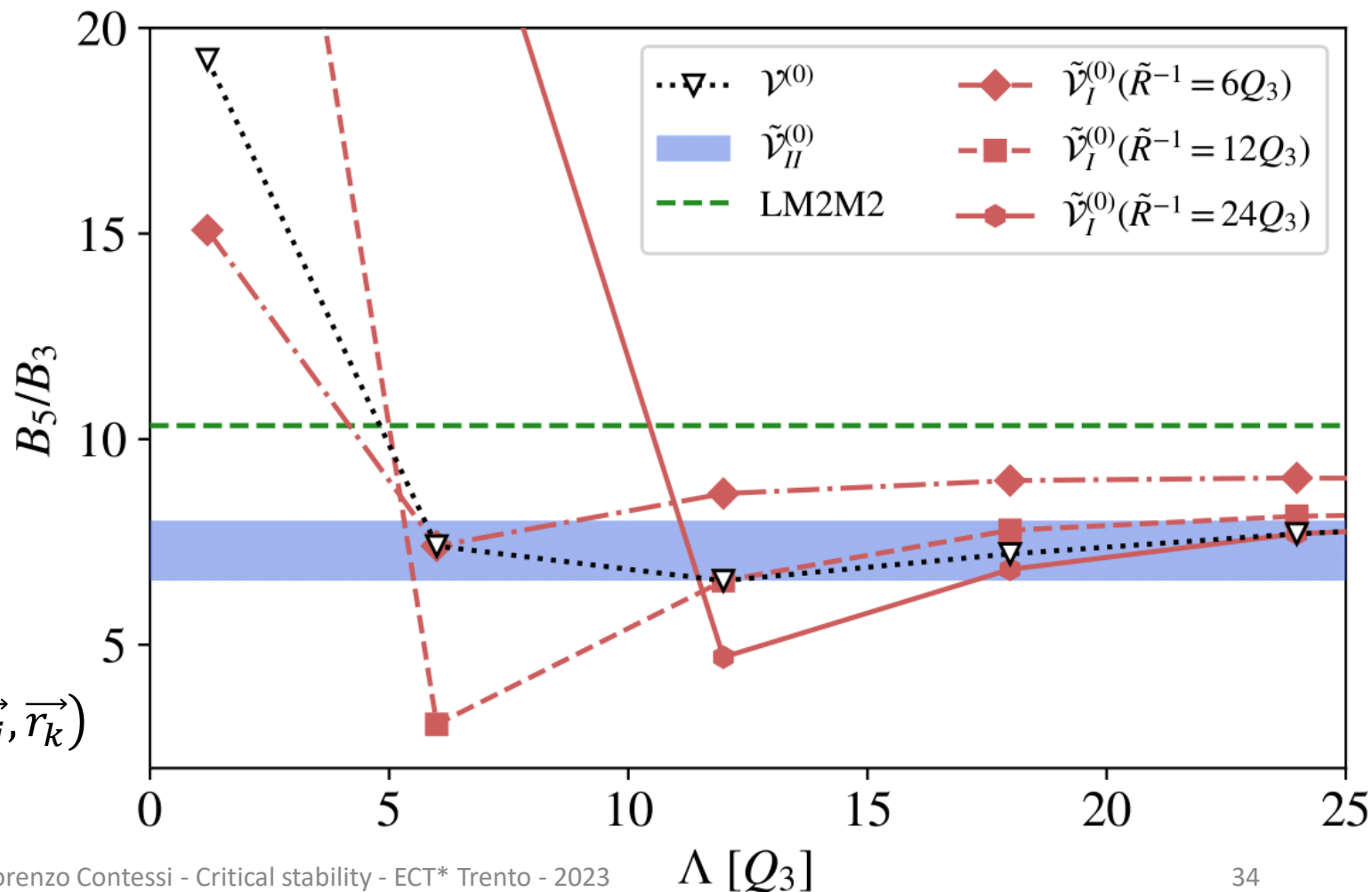
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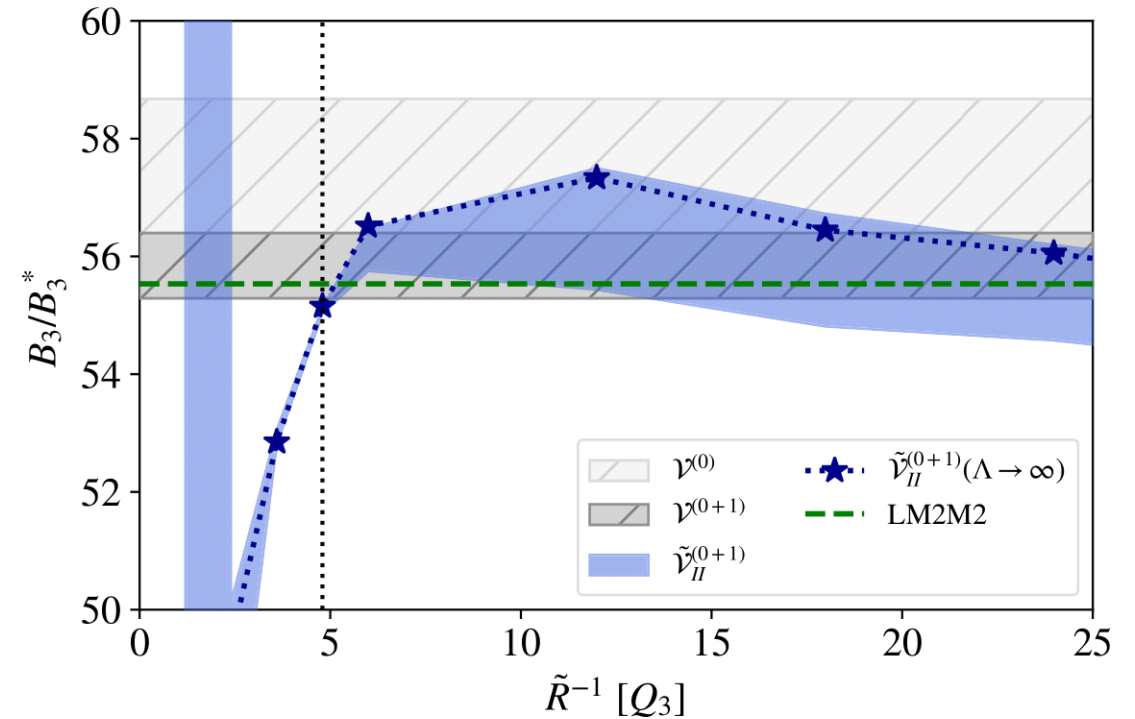
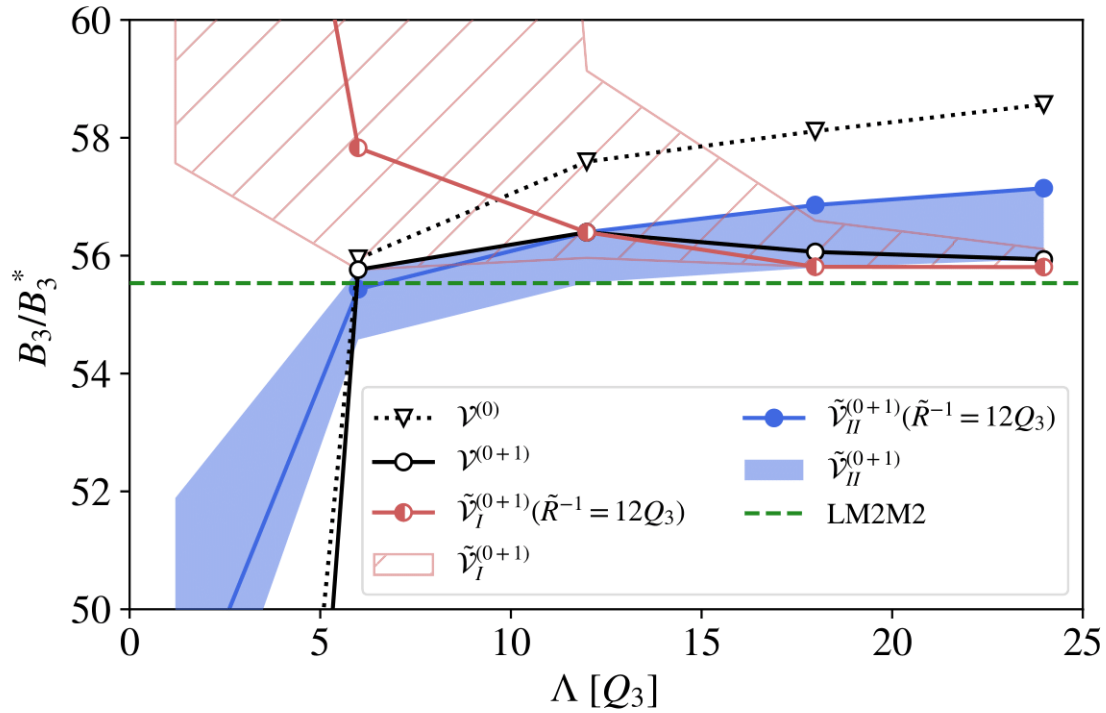
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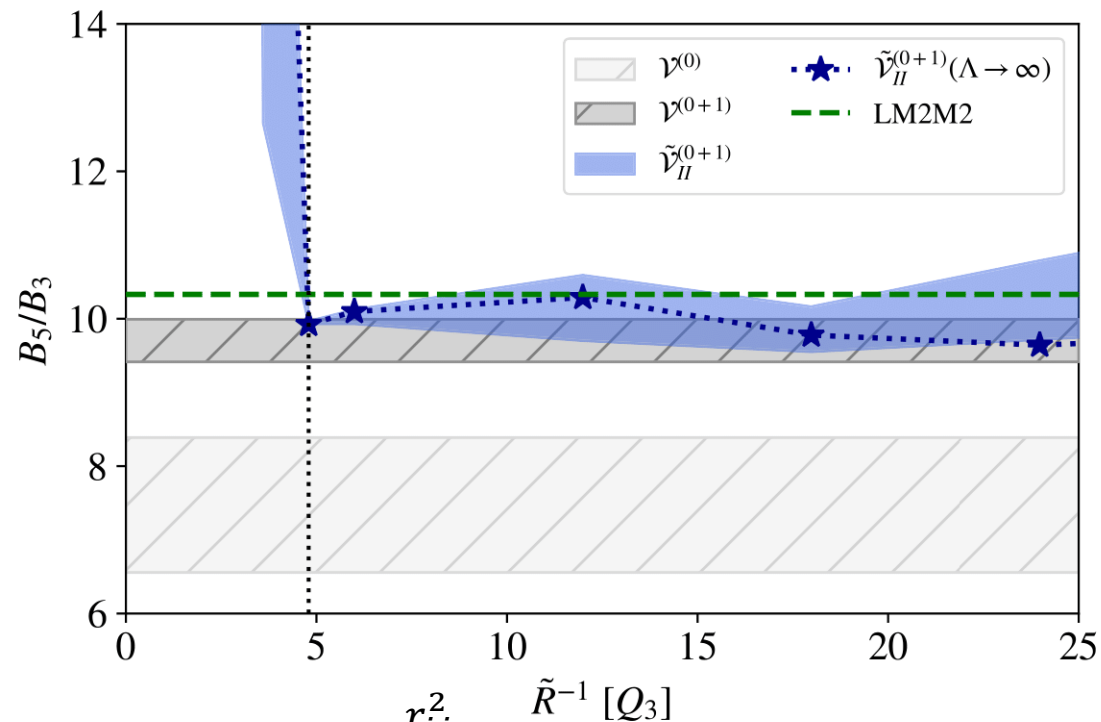
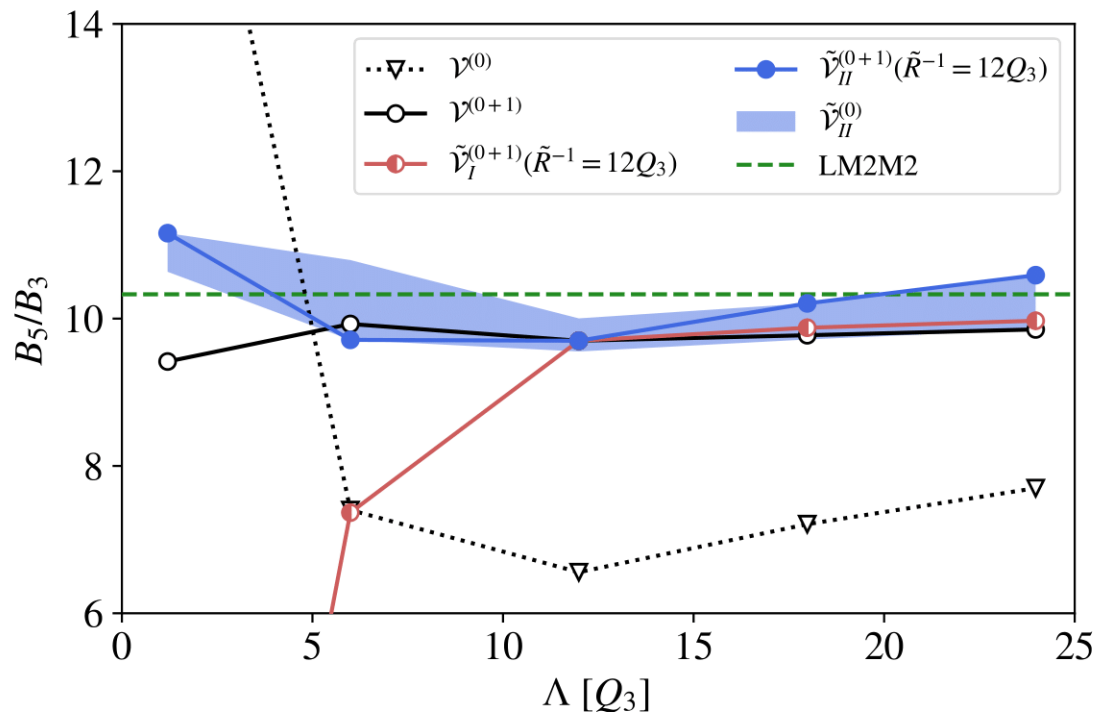
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Conclusions (Just two slides left)

- **Resum and treat exactly subleading contributions** without Wigner bound/renormalizability issues.
- **Powercounting not affected** and the auxiliary interaction it is “reabsorbed” order by order.
- Renormalization is preserved check it by **perturbative insertion of the next order (do it!).**
- **NLO results in ^4He are promising** (and expandible).
- **Convergence of the powercounting** is the only limit for what can be resummed **(check it!).**

Discussion, applications, perspectives

Model to EFT
improvement

Simplify Many-body calculations
Without compromise renormalizability
(error control and renormalizability)

Minimize **problematic operators**:
Many-body forces, stiff potentials
?SRG – ladder resummation?

Add **entire orders** non-perturbatively?
(It might be problematic to “improve” N-body forces)

Thank you for the endurance and attention