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The nuclear interaction: post-modern developments,  
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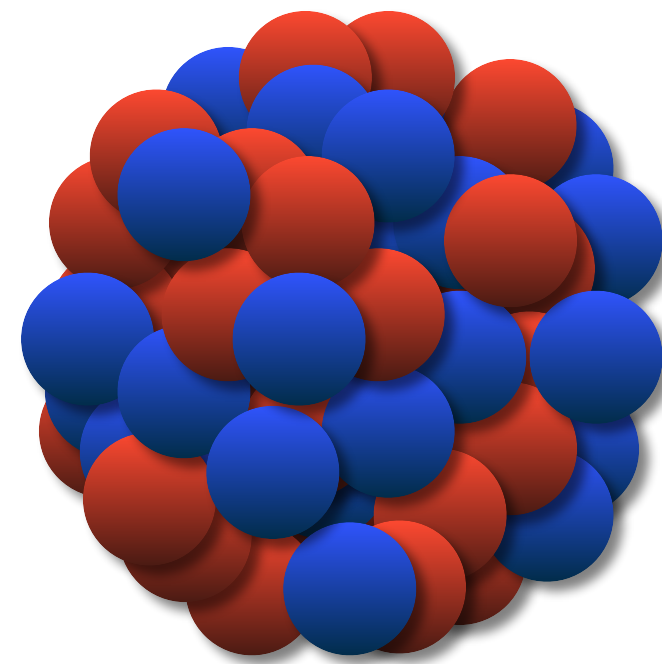


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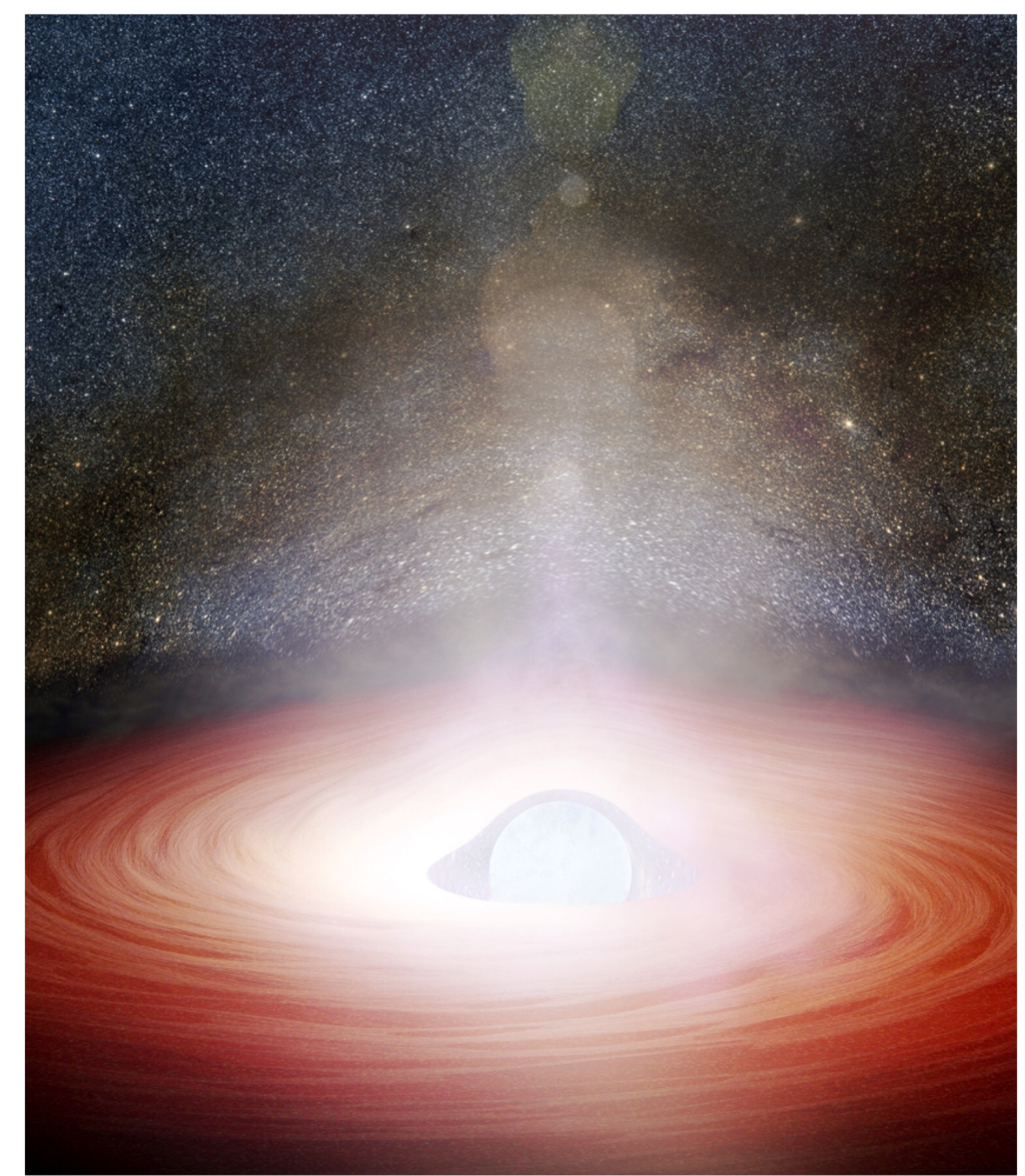
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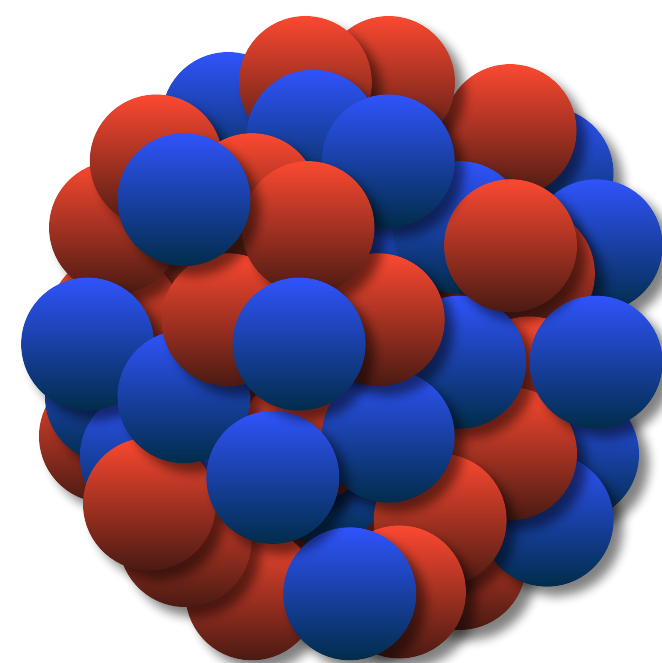


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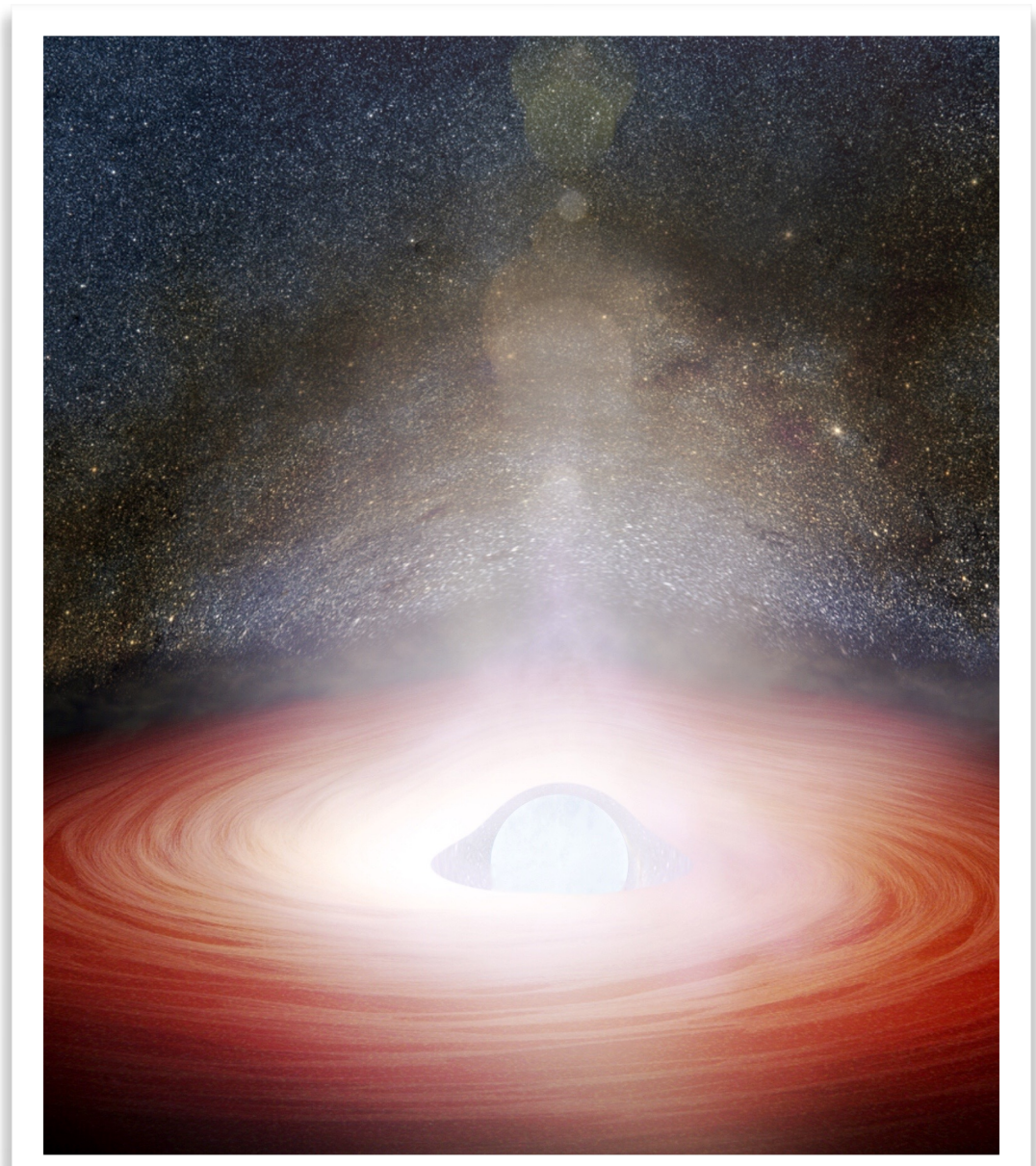


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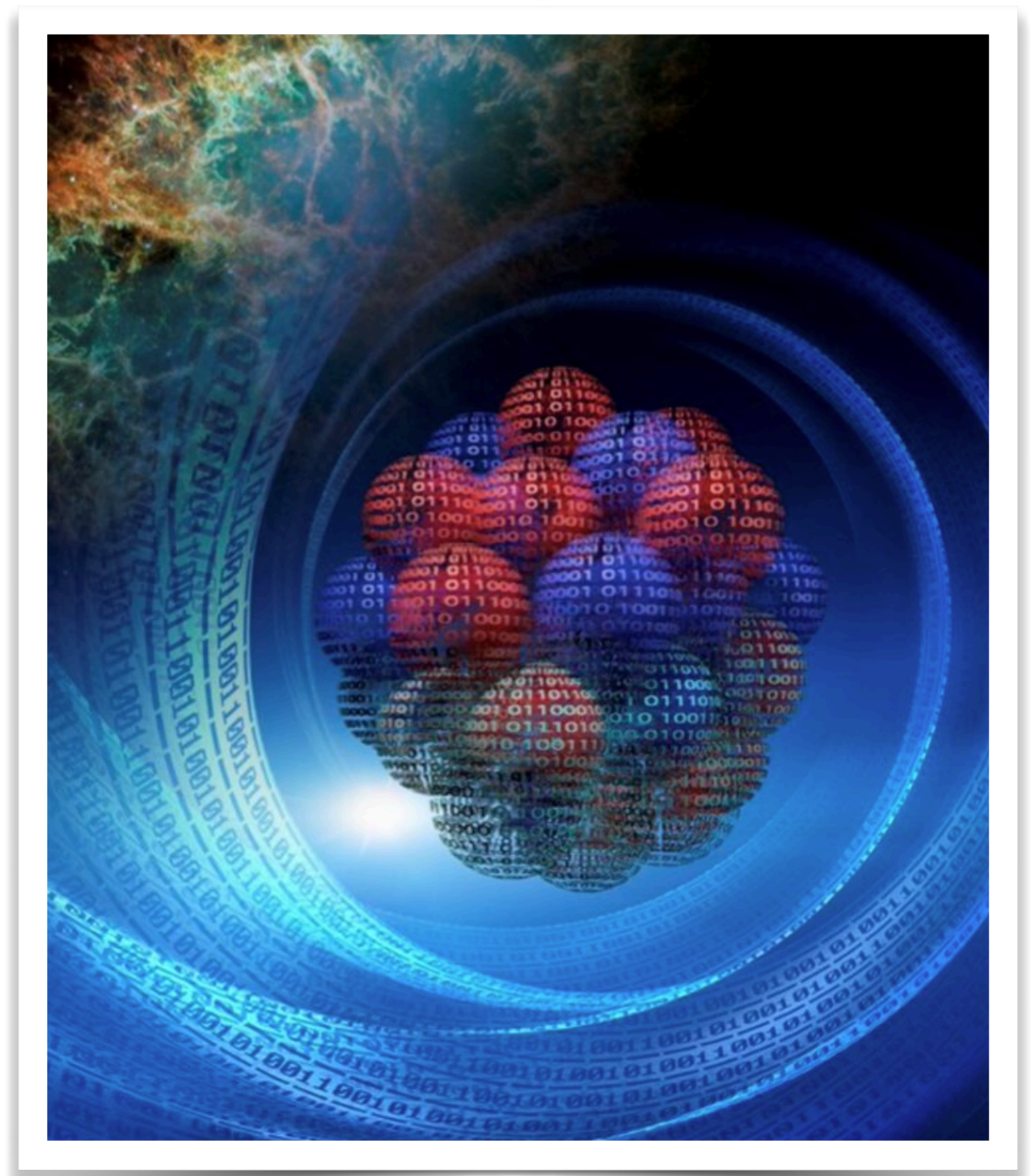
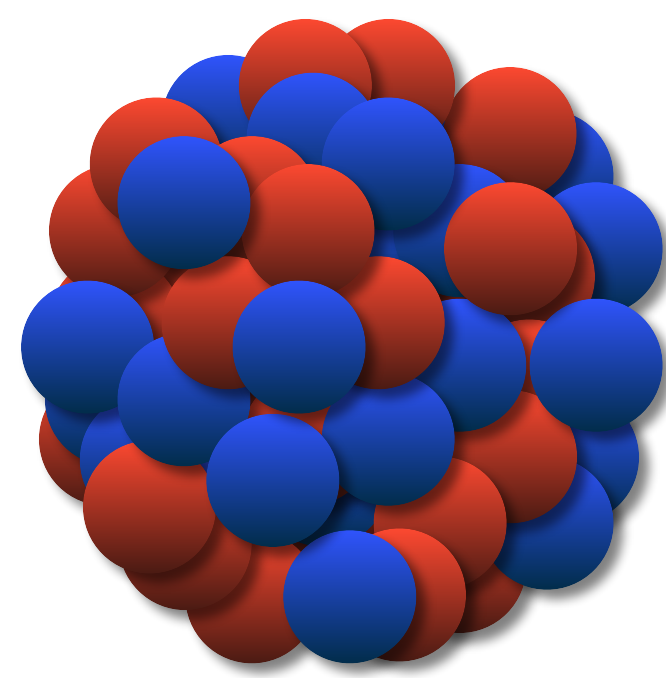


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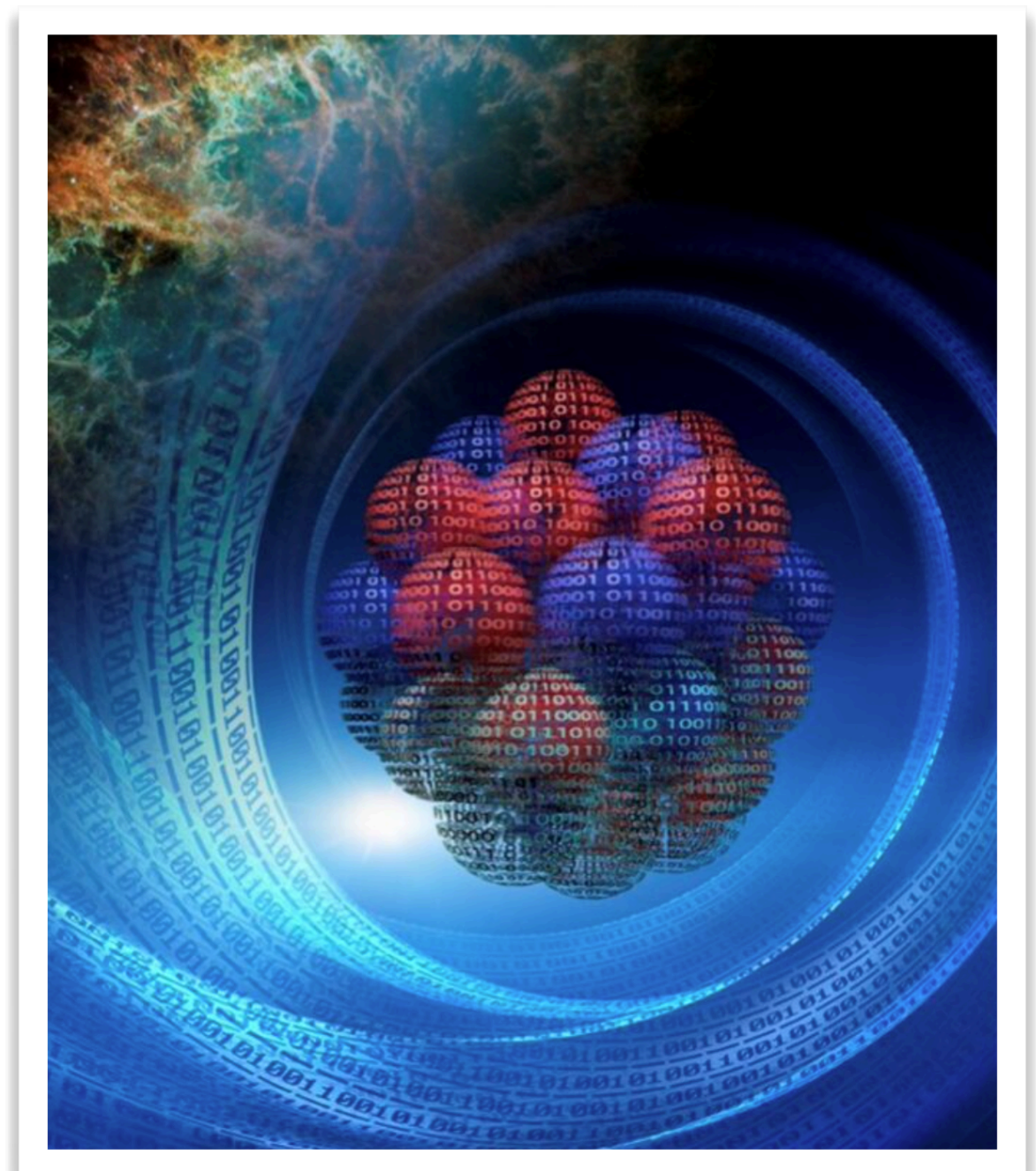
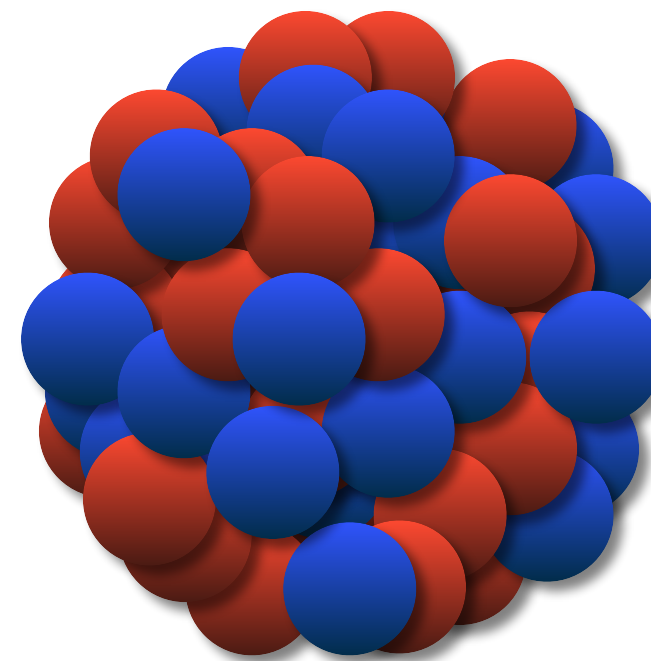
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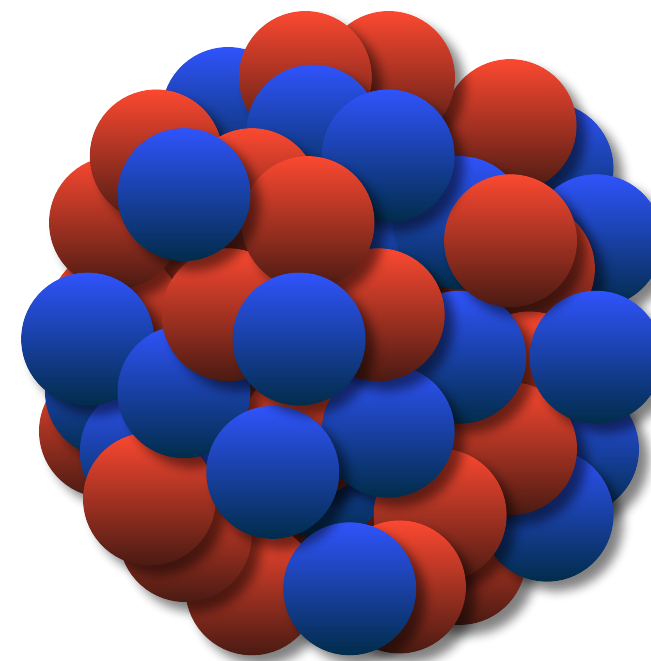
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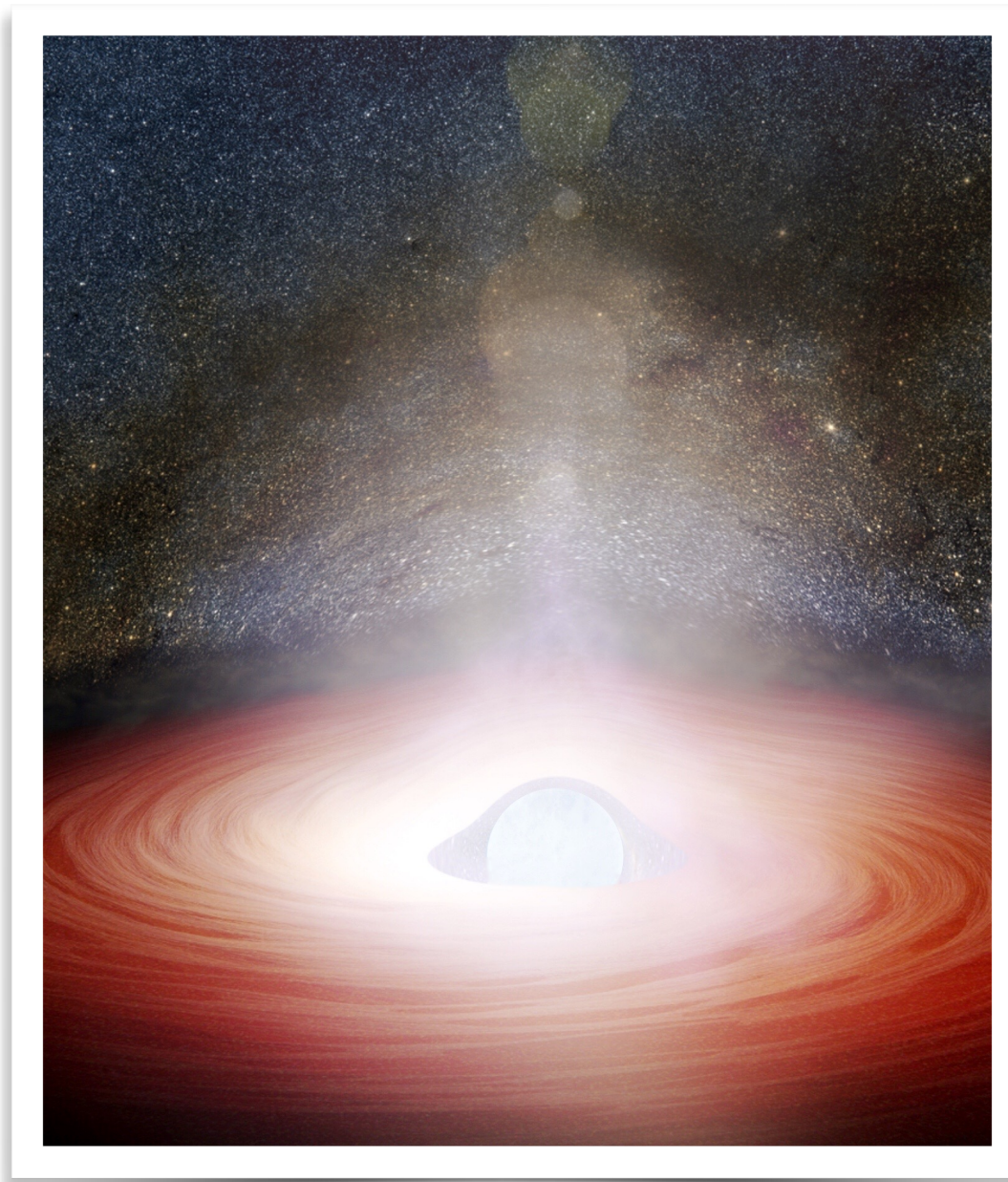
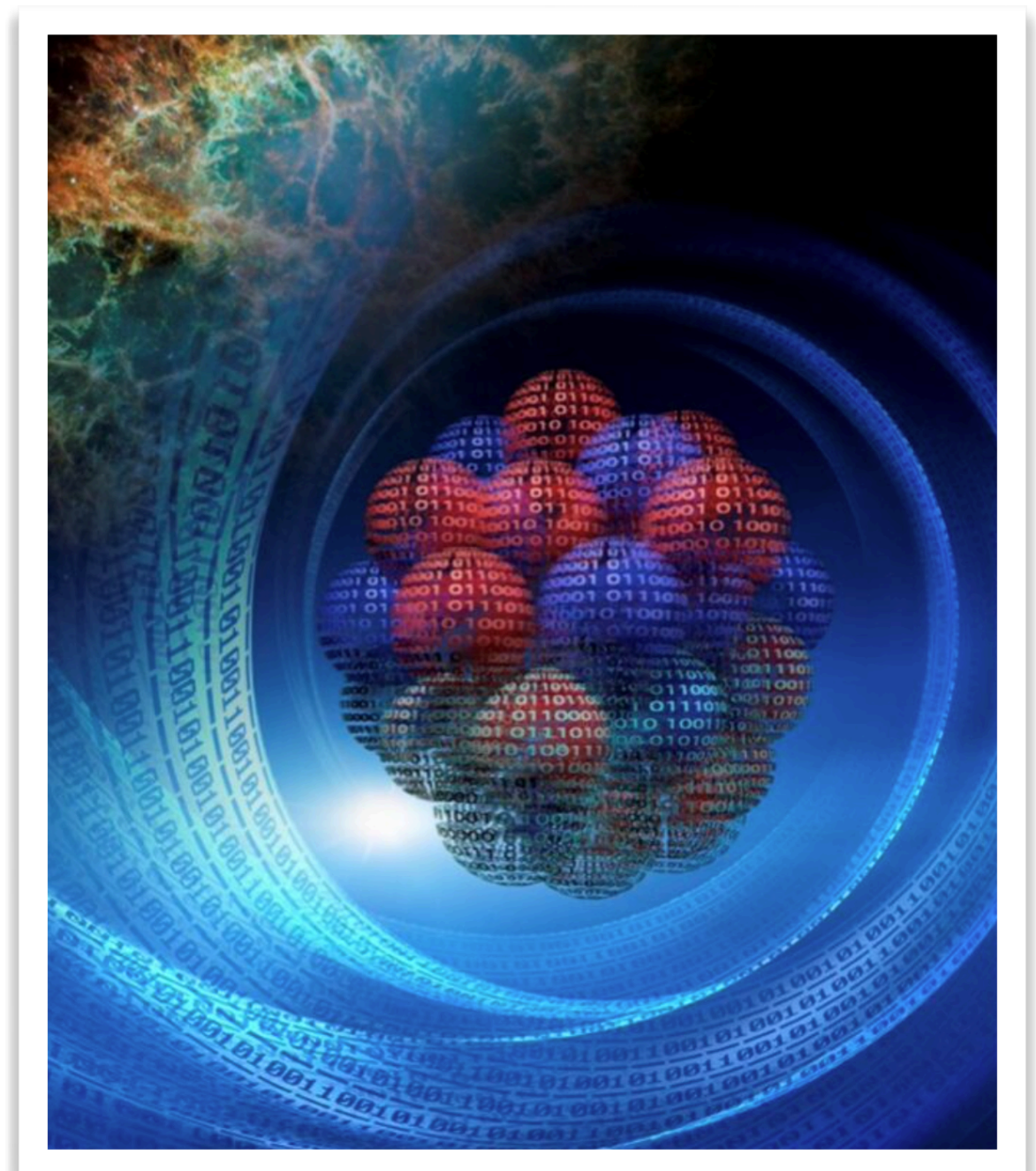
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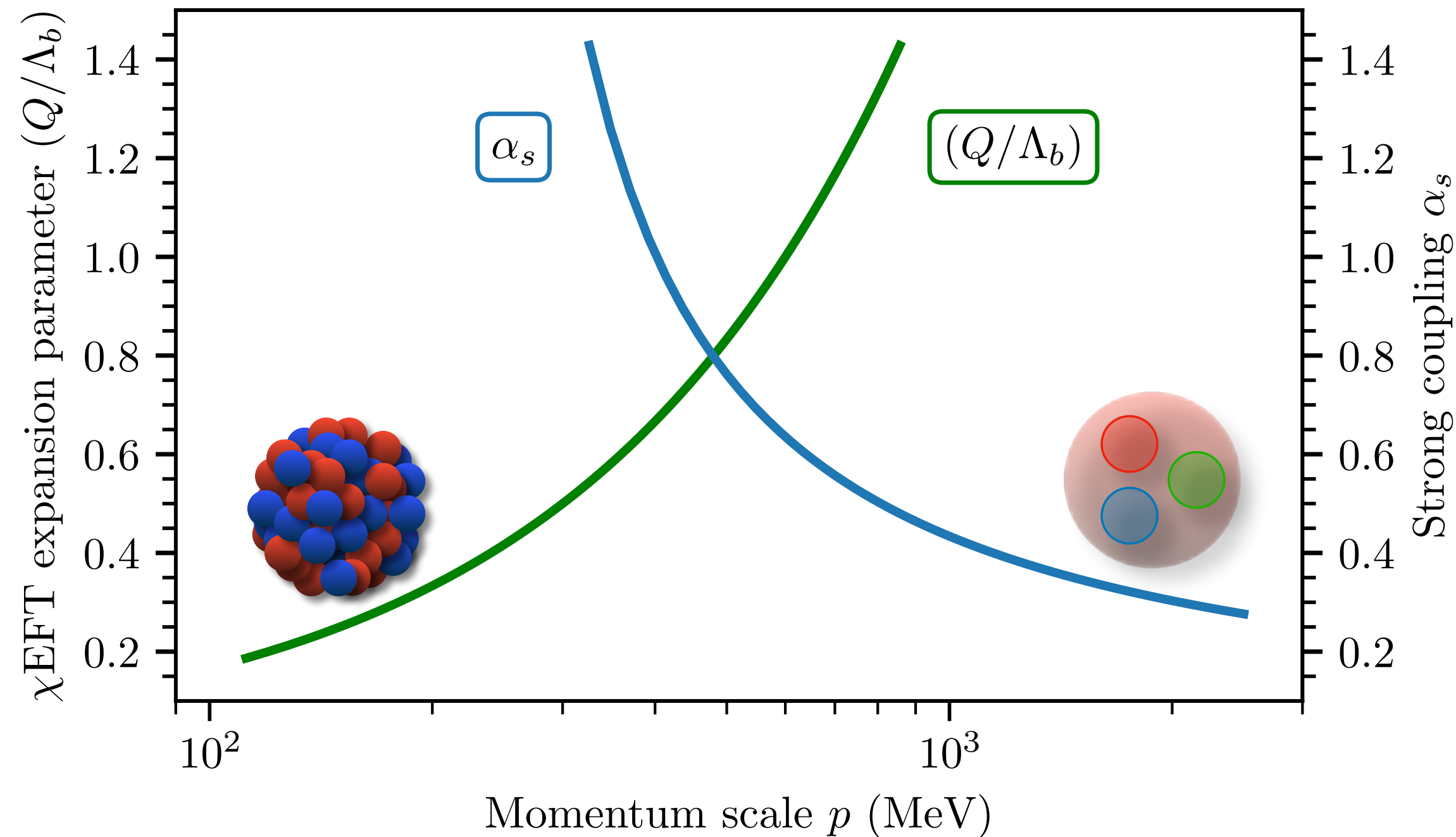
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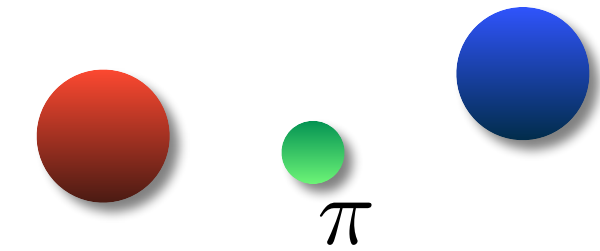
# Key questions

- How to construct  $H$  to keep the connection to QCD?
- How to obtain precise predictions for nuclear observables with quantified theoretical error?

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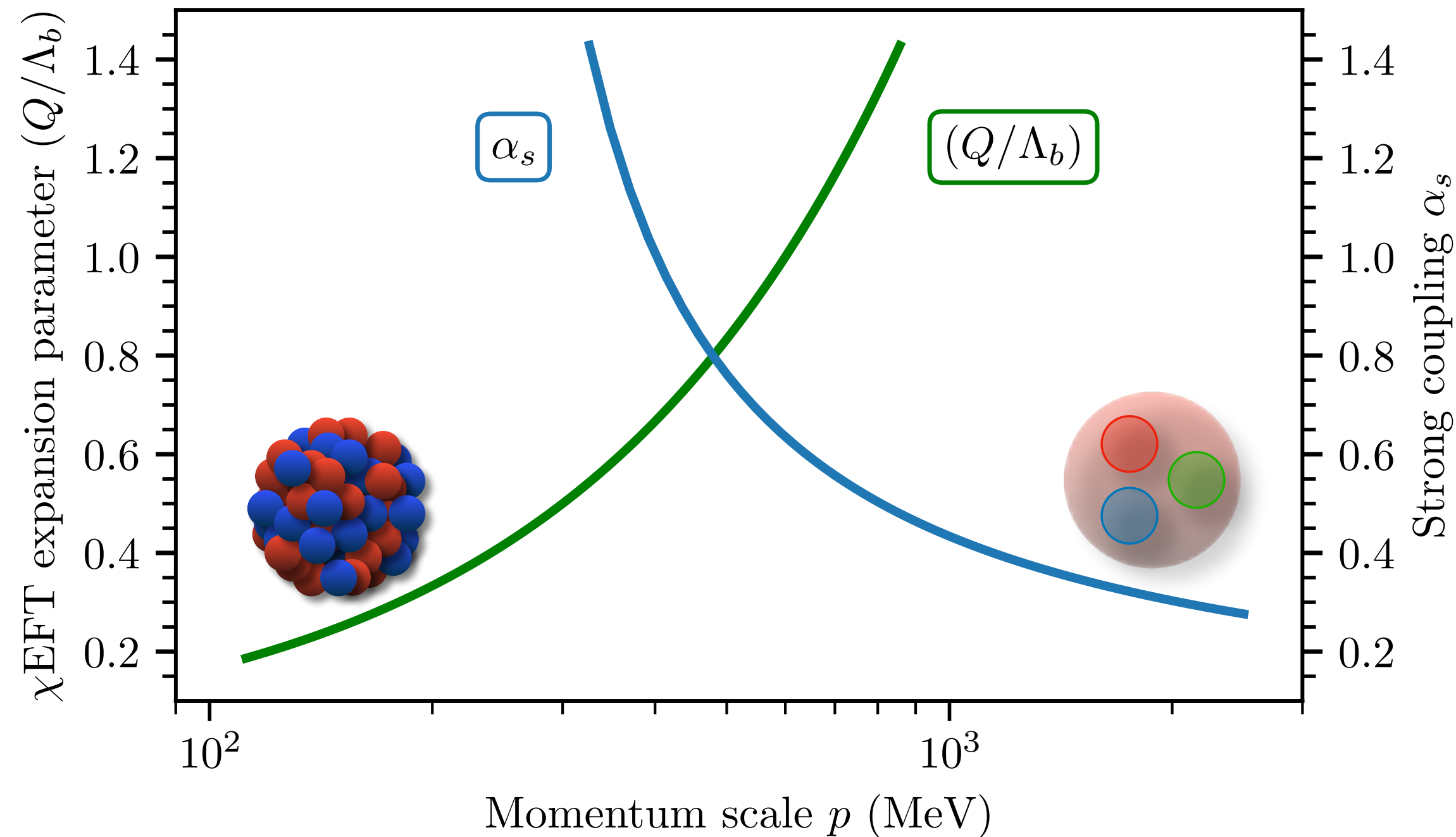


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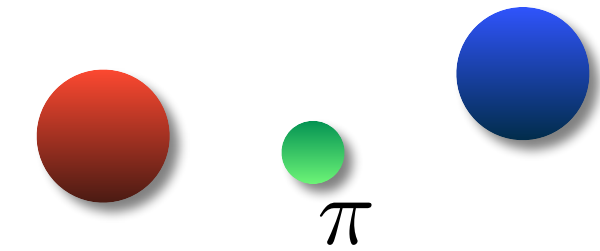




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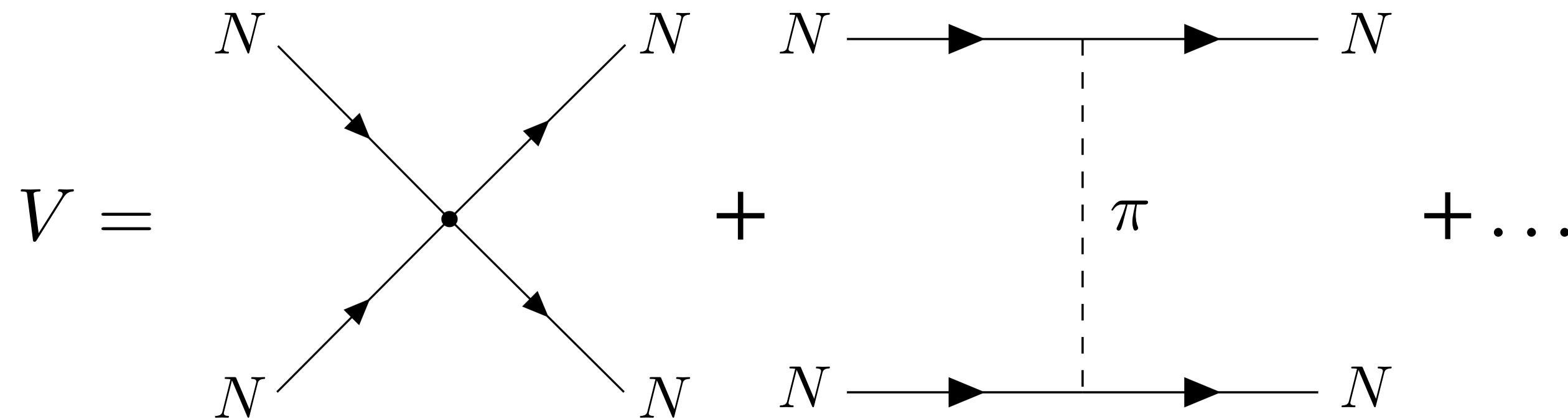


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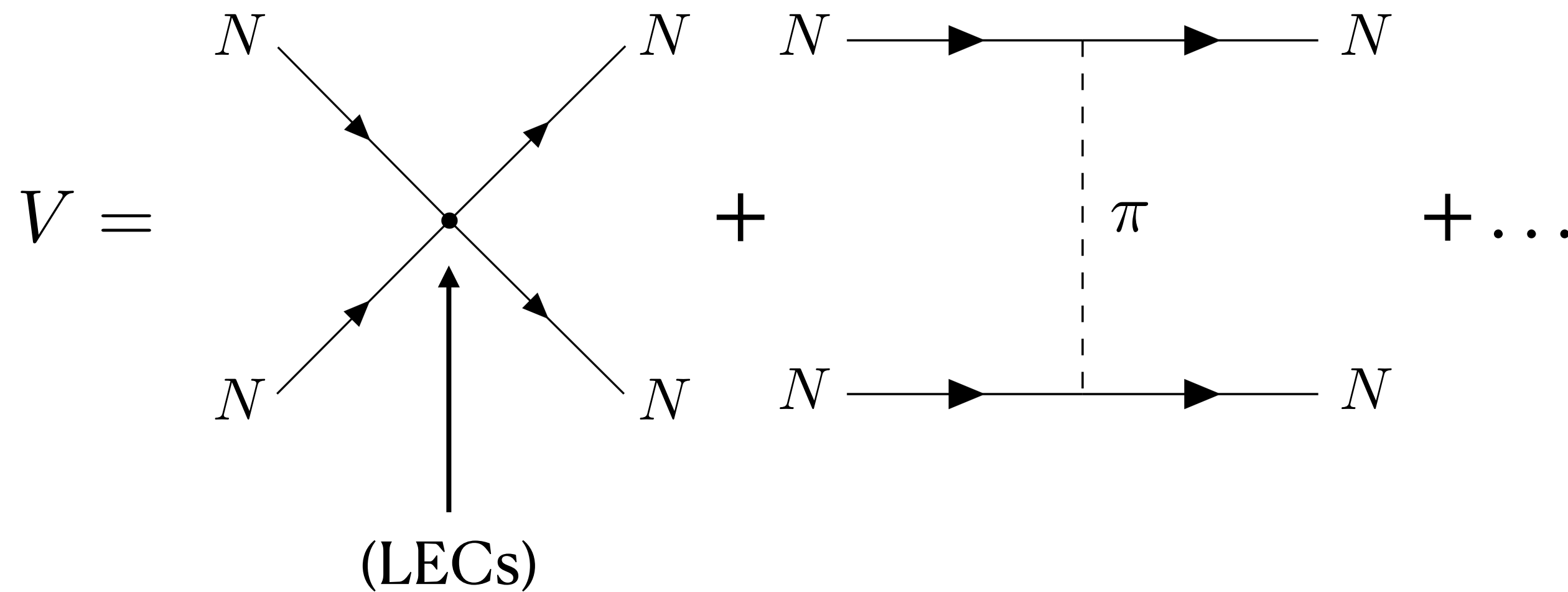
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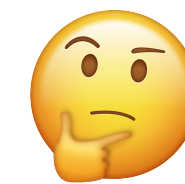
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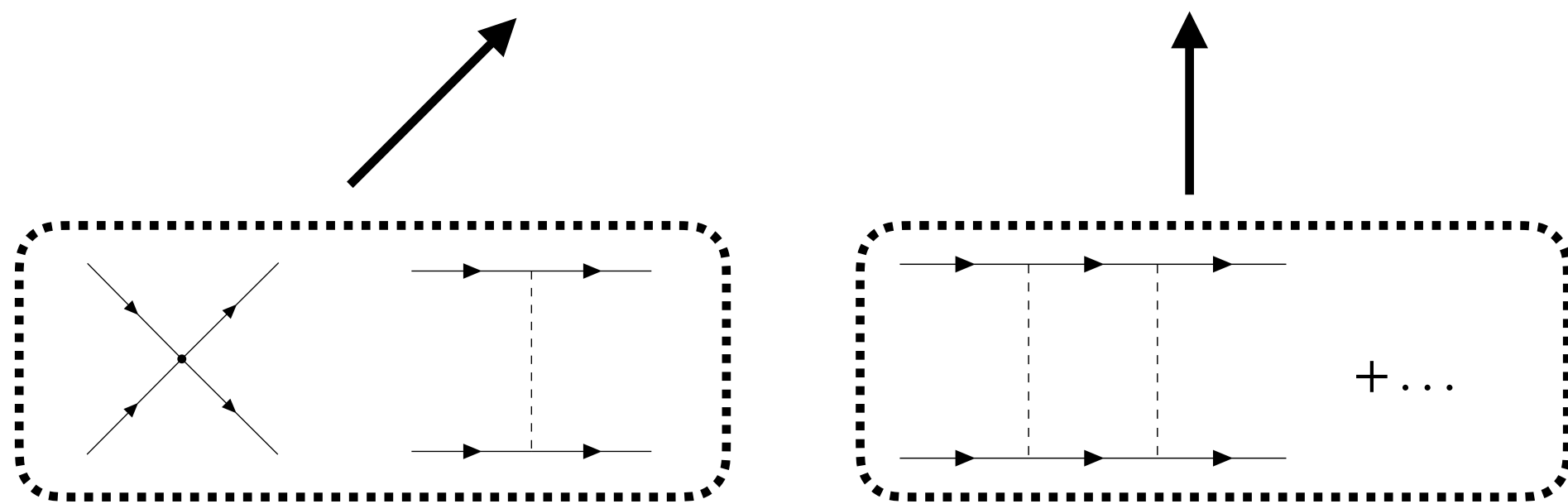
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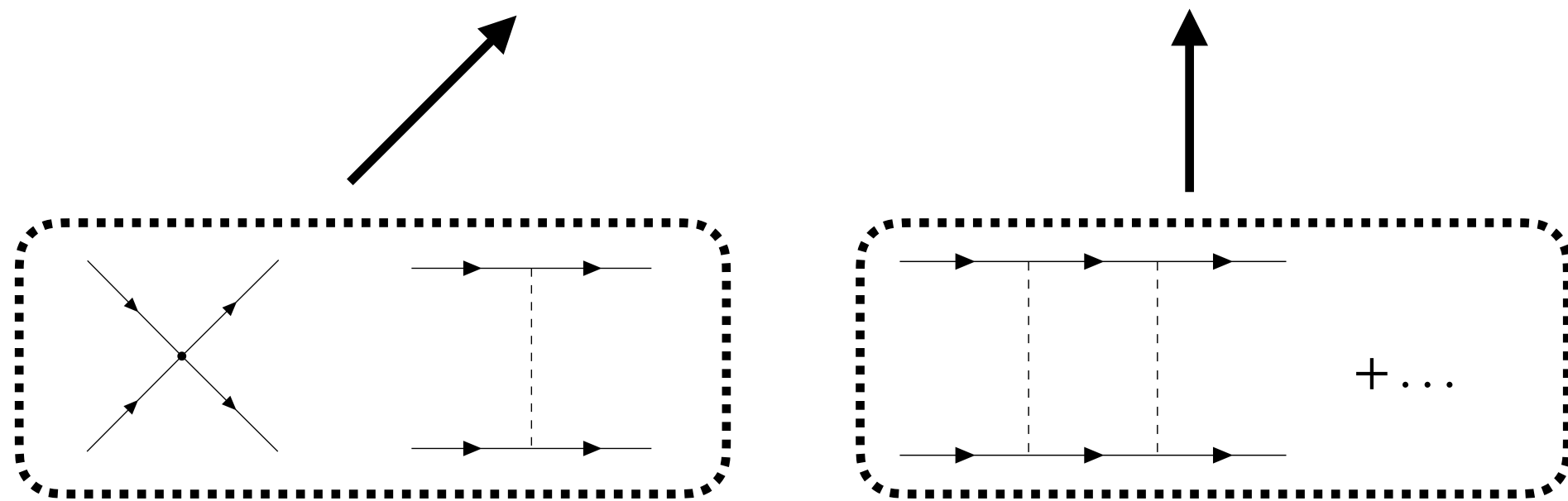
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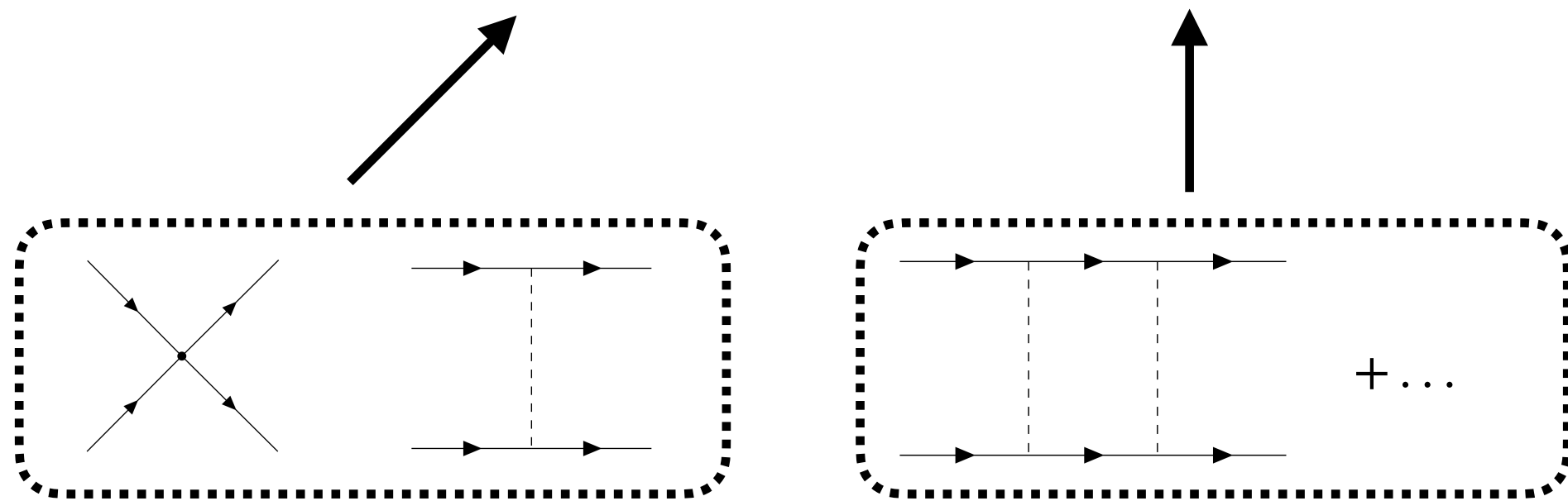
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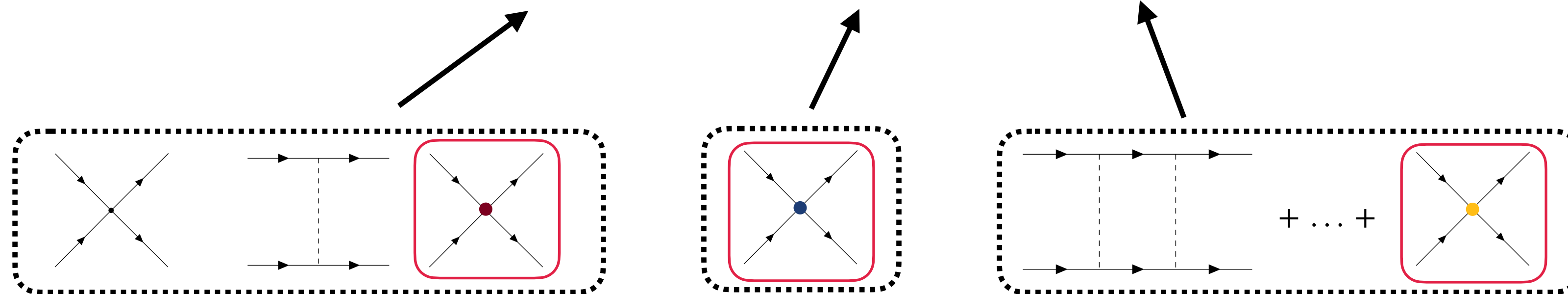
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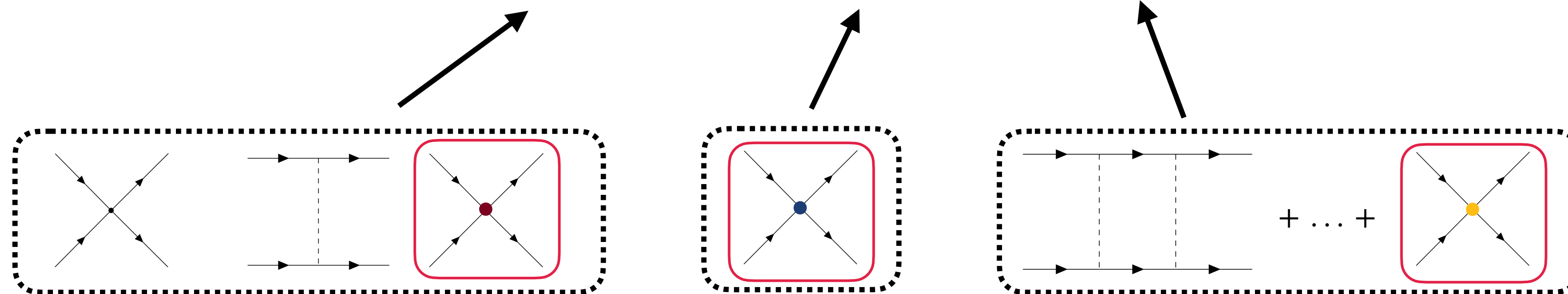


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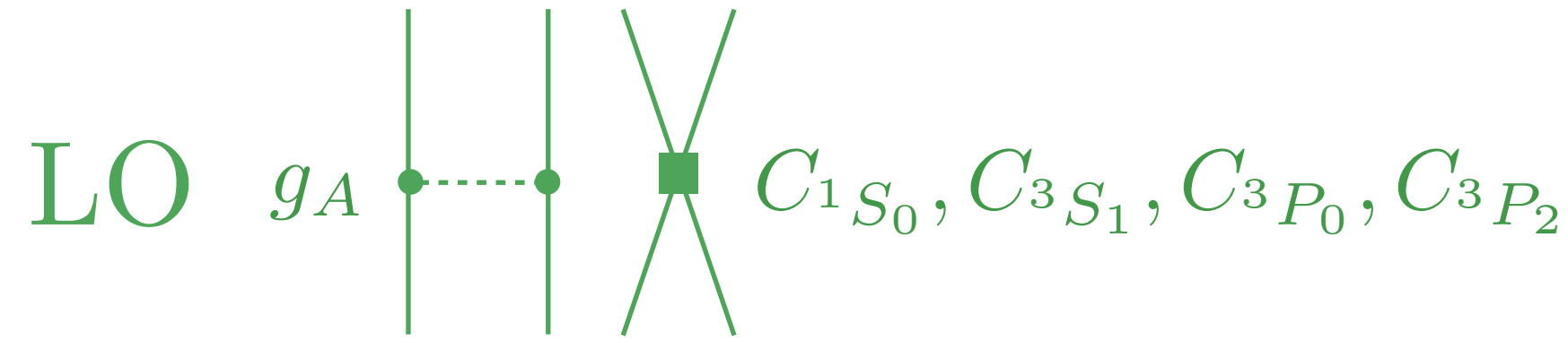
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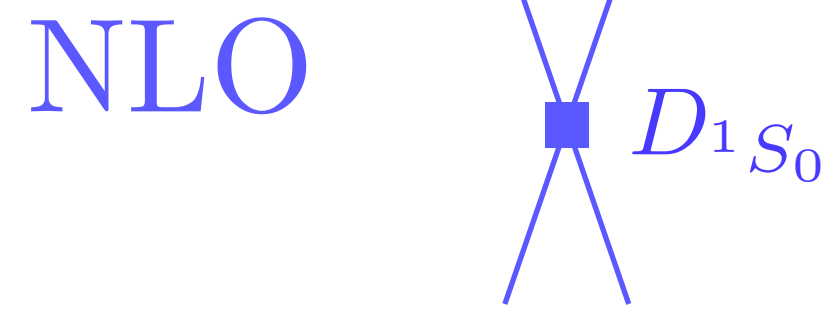
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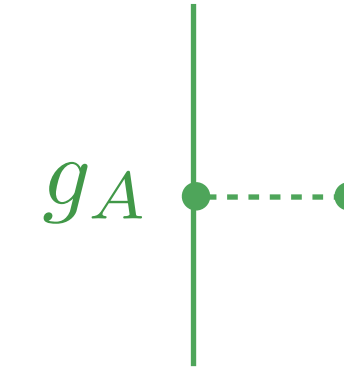
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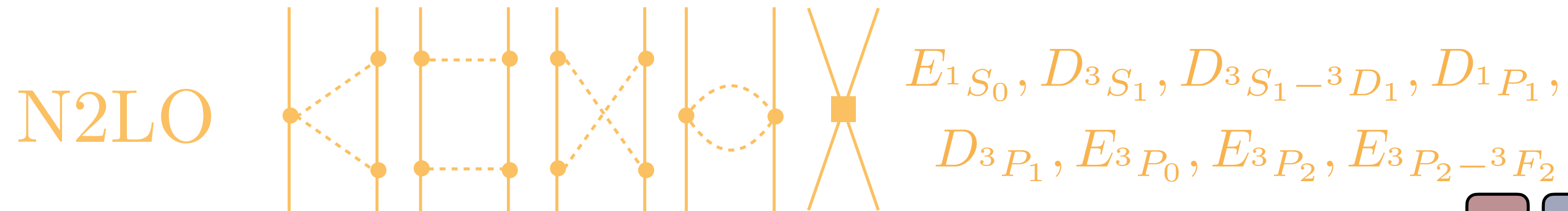
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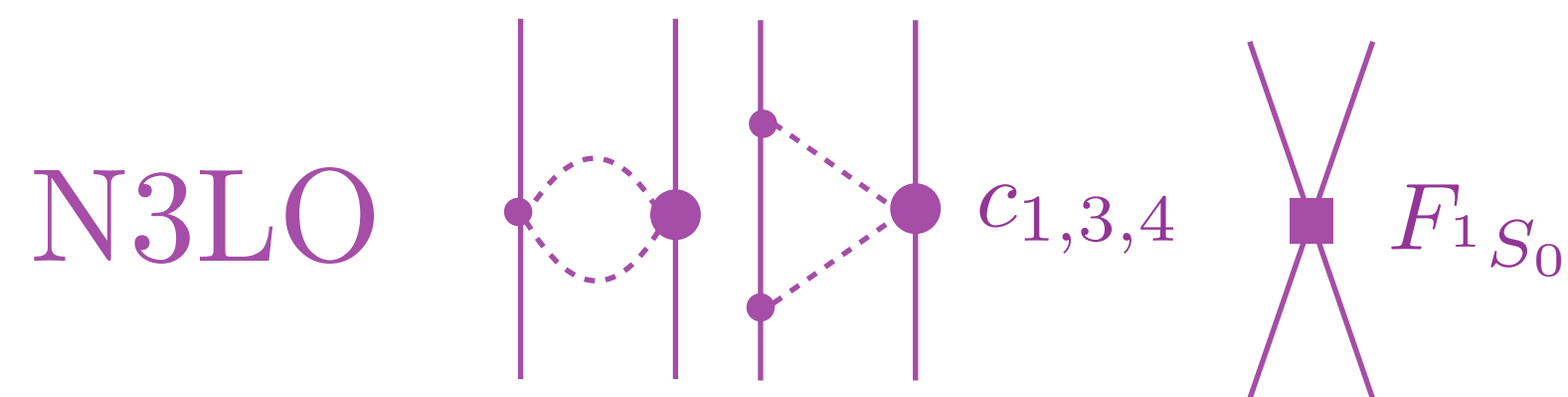
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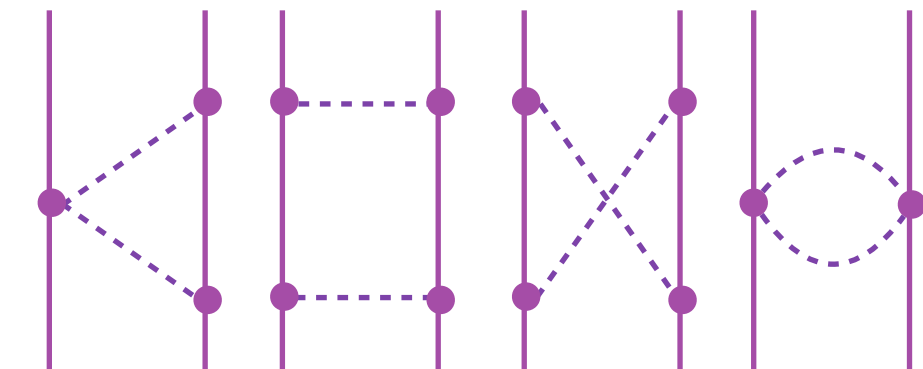
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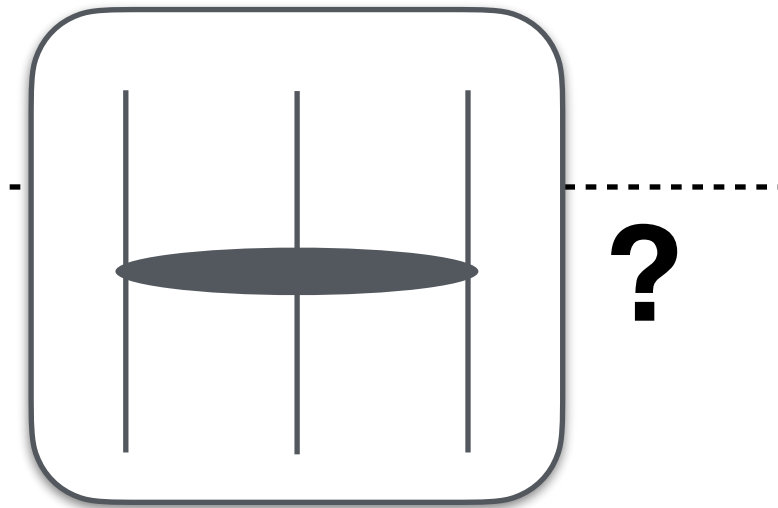
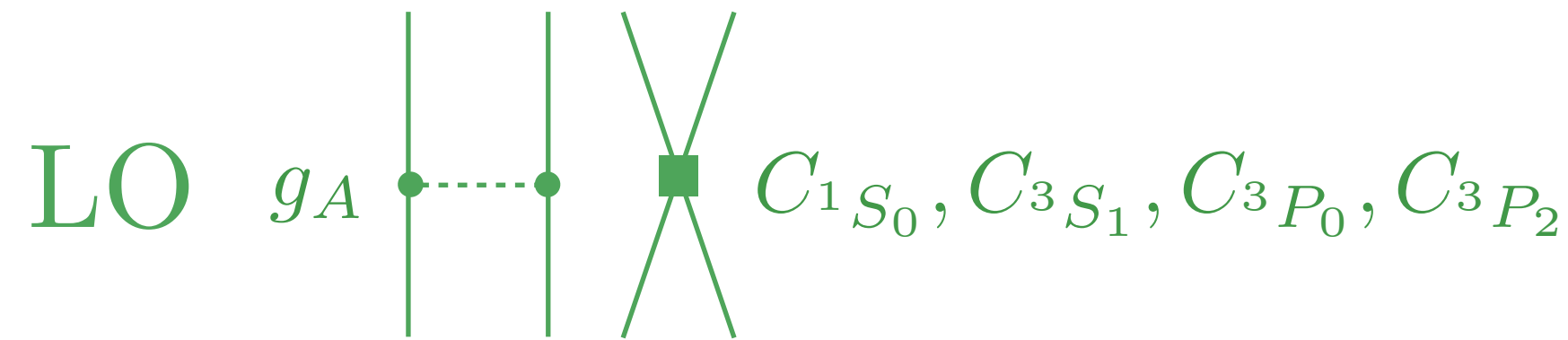
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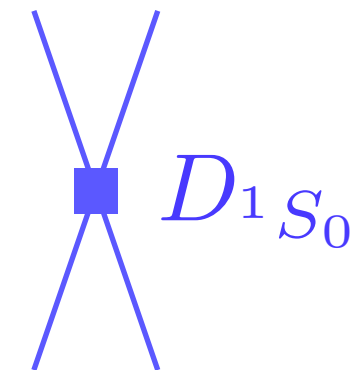
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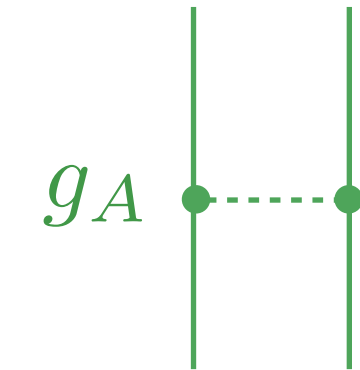
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perturbative contributions

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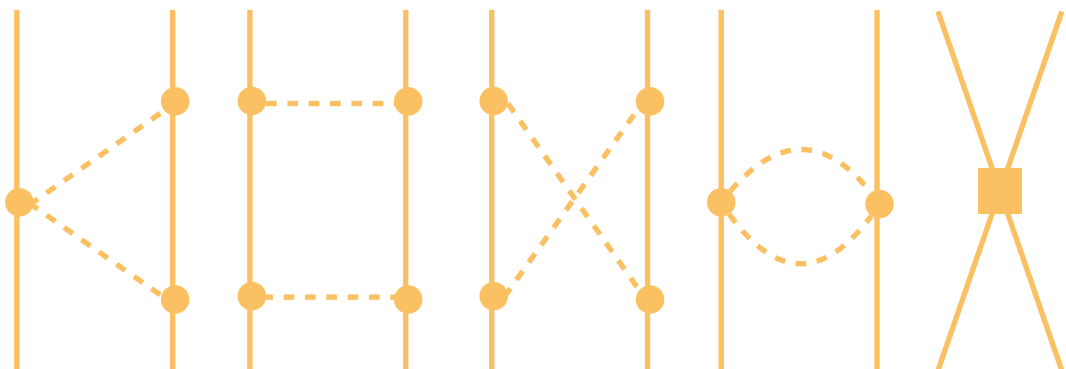


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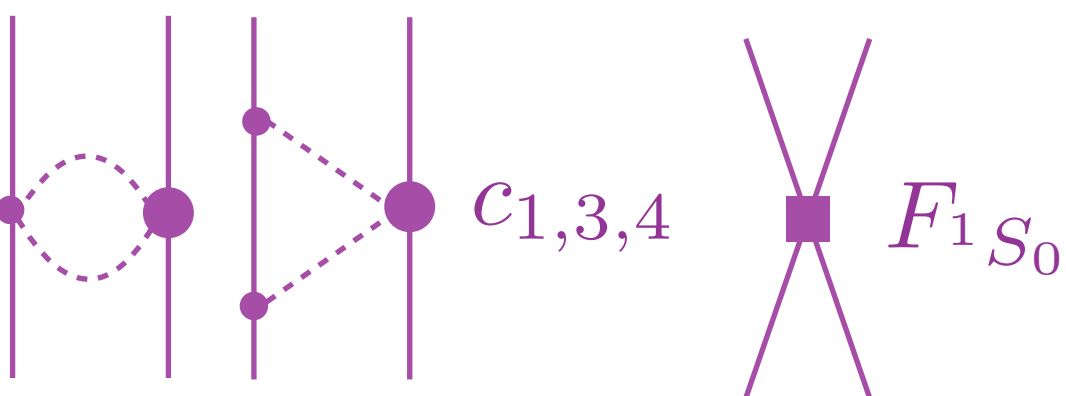
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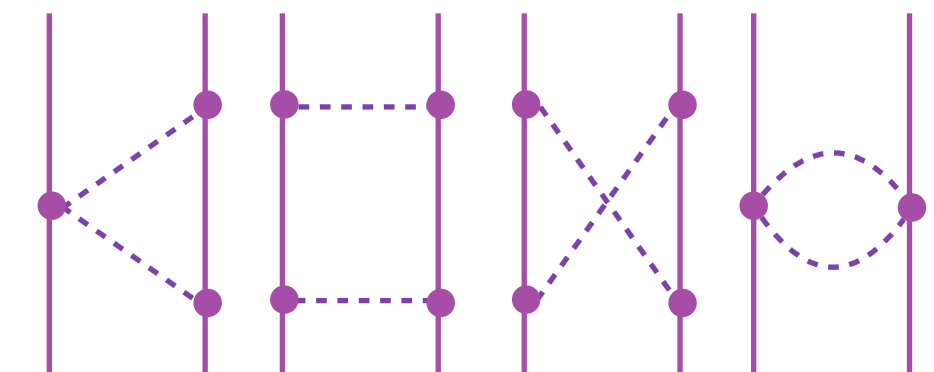
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# Why do we study this PC?

- This modified PC is less studied than Weinberg PC.
- Yang *et al.* observed inaccurate predictions in nuclei with  $A > 4$  using this PC at next-to-leading order (NLO). [C. J. Yang et al., Phys. Rev. C 103, \(2021\)](#)
- Studies of this modified PC can give us new insights about  $\chi$ EFT.
- **We want to:**
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  - Quantify prediction uncertainties with probability distributions.
  - Evaluate predictions for  $A > 2$  systems beyond NLO.

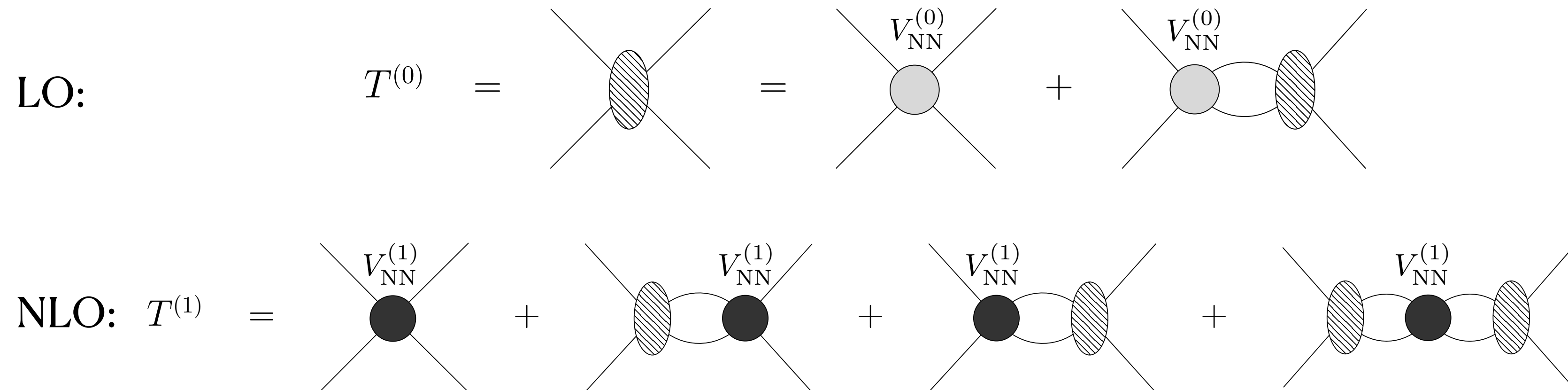
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- Compute LO non-perturbatively.
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$\implies$  RG-invariance holds also at higher orders.

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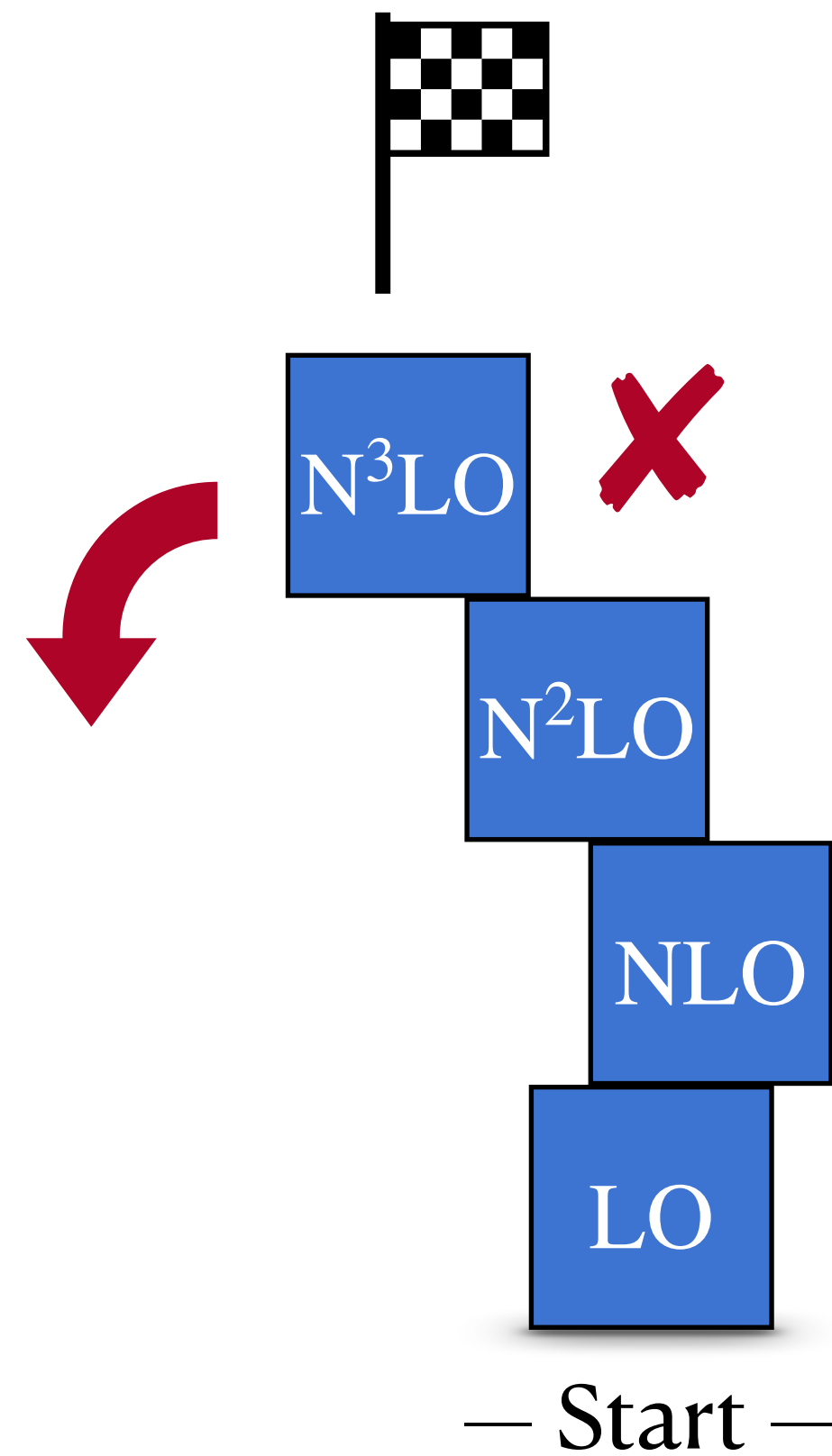
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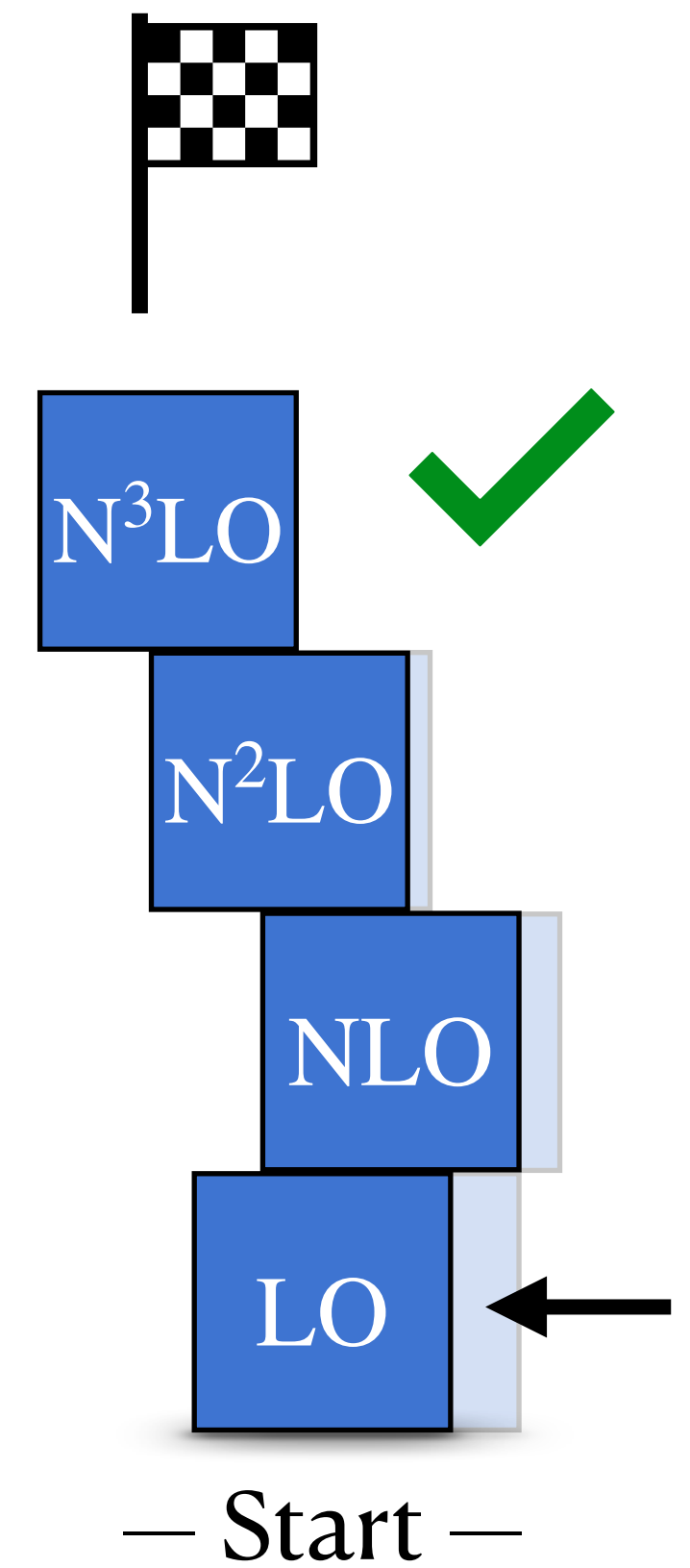
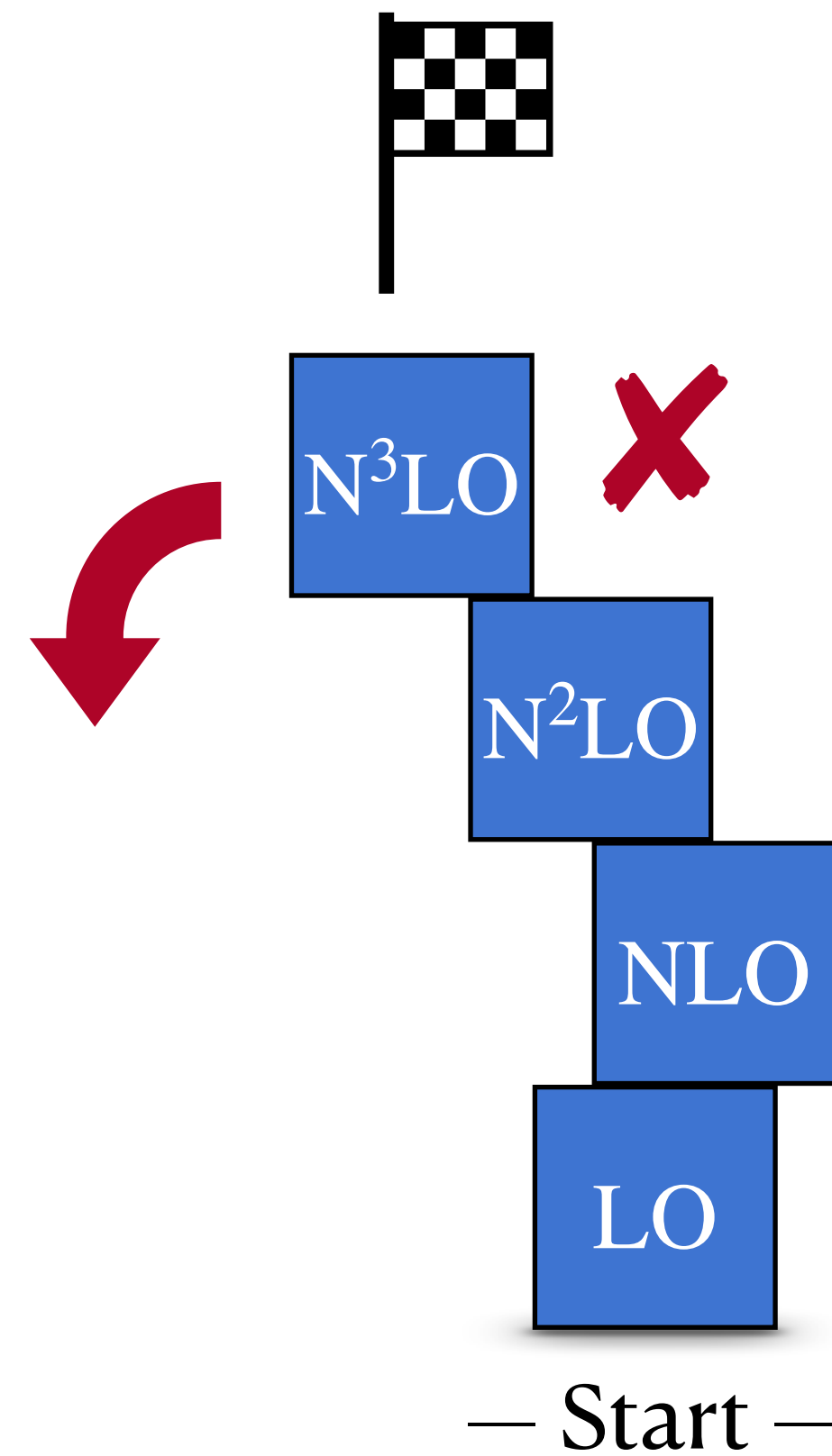


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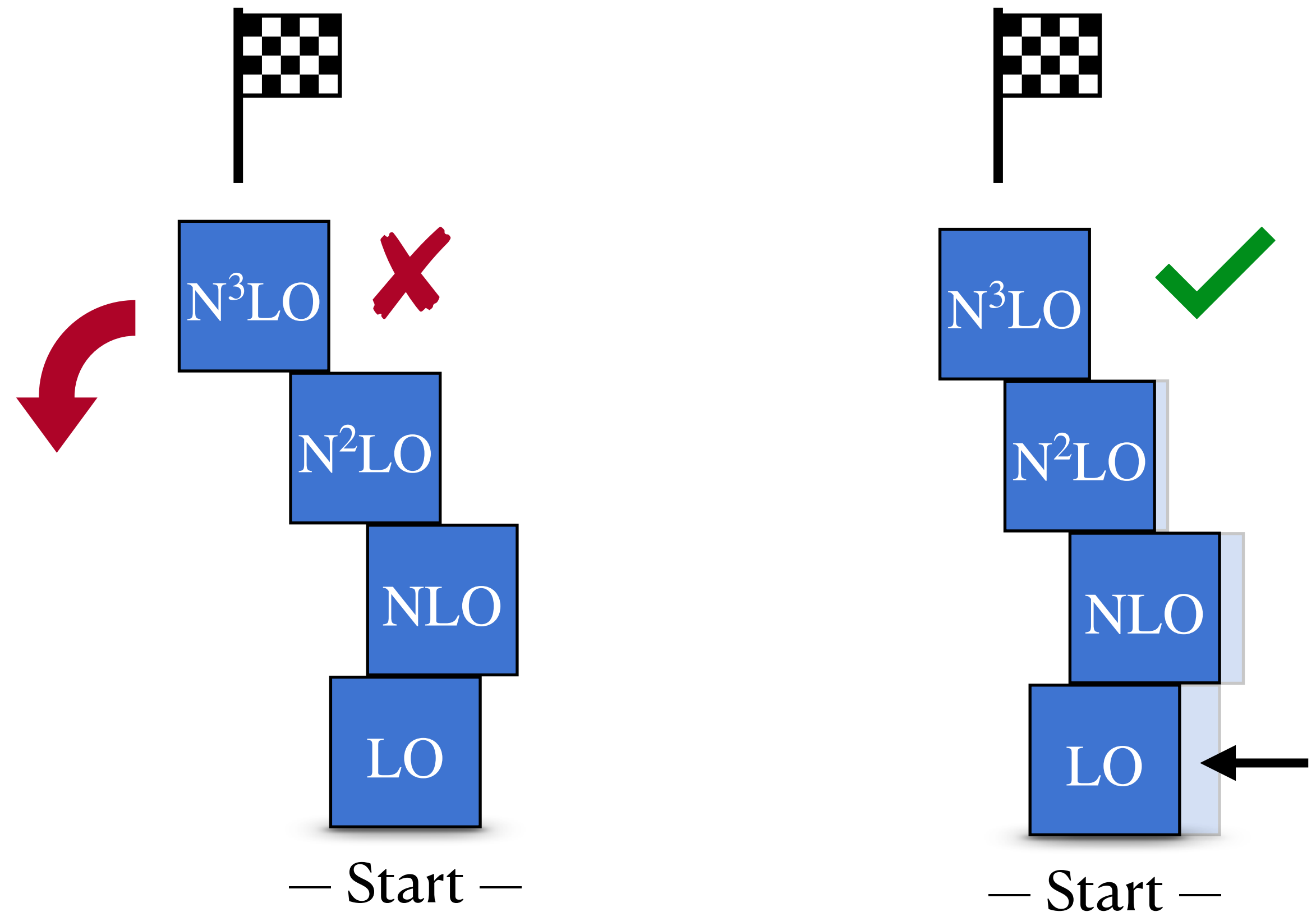
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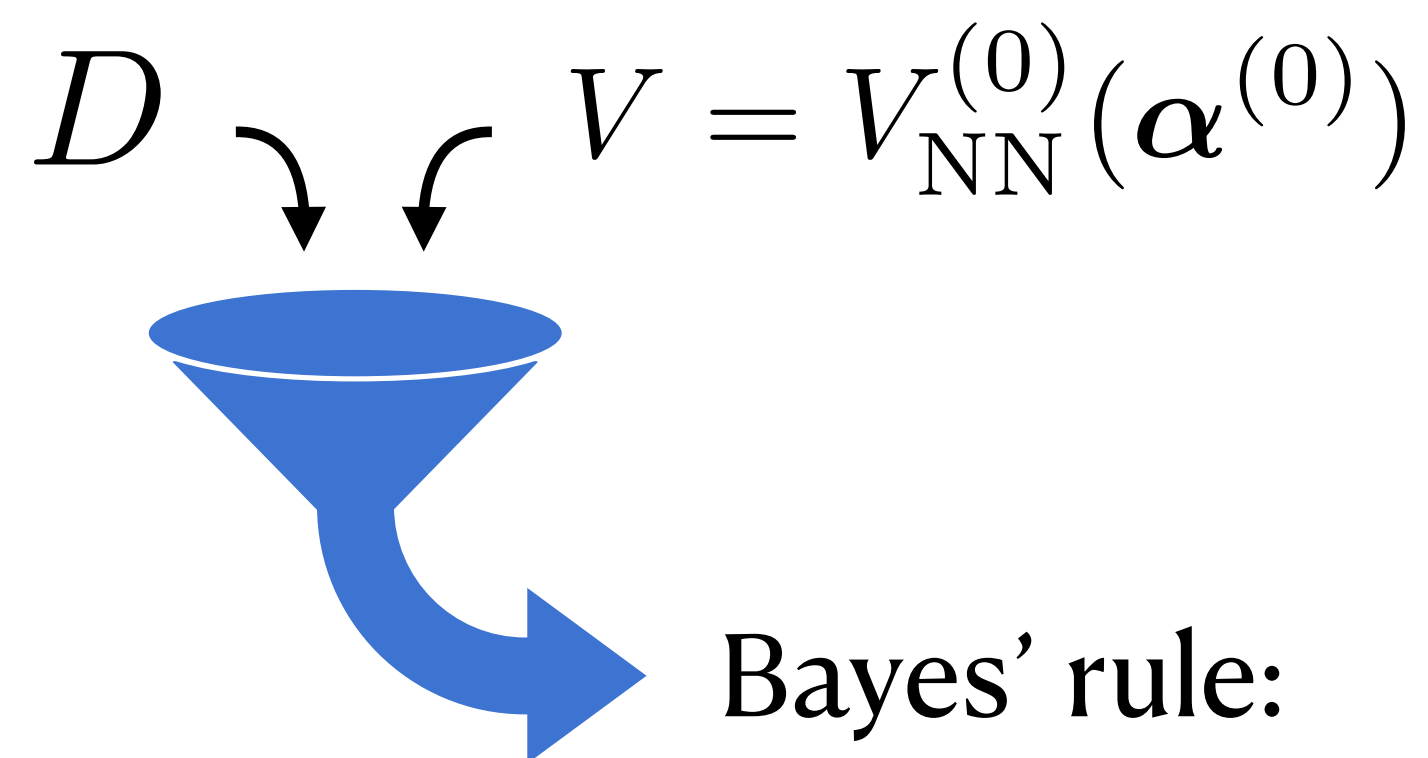
- Conclusion: The foundation (LO) is very important!
- What is the starting point?



# Calibrating the LO potential

- Use *NN* scattering observables to calibrate LO LECs.
- Bayesian inference: Treat LECs as random variables.

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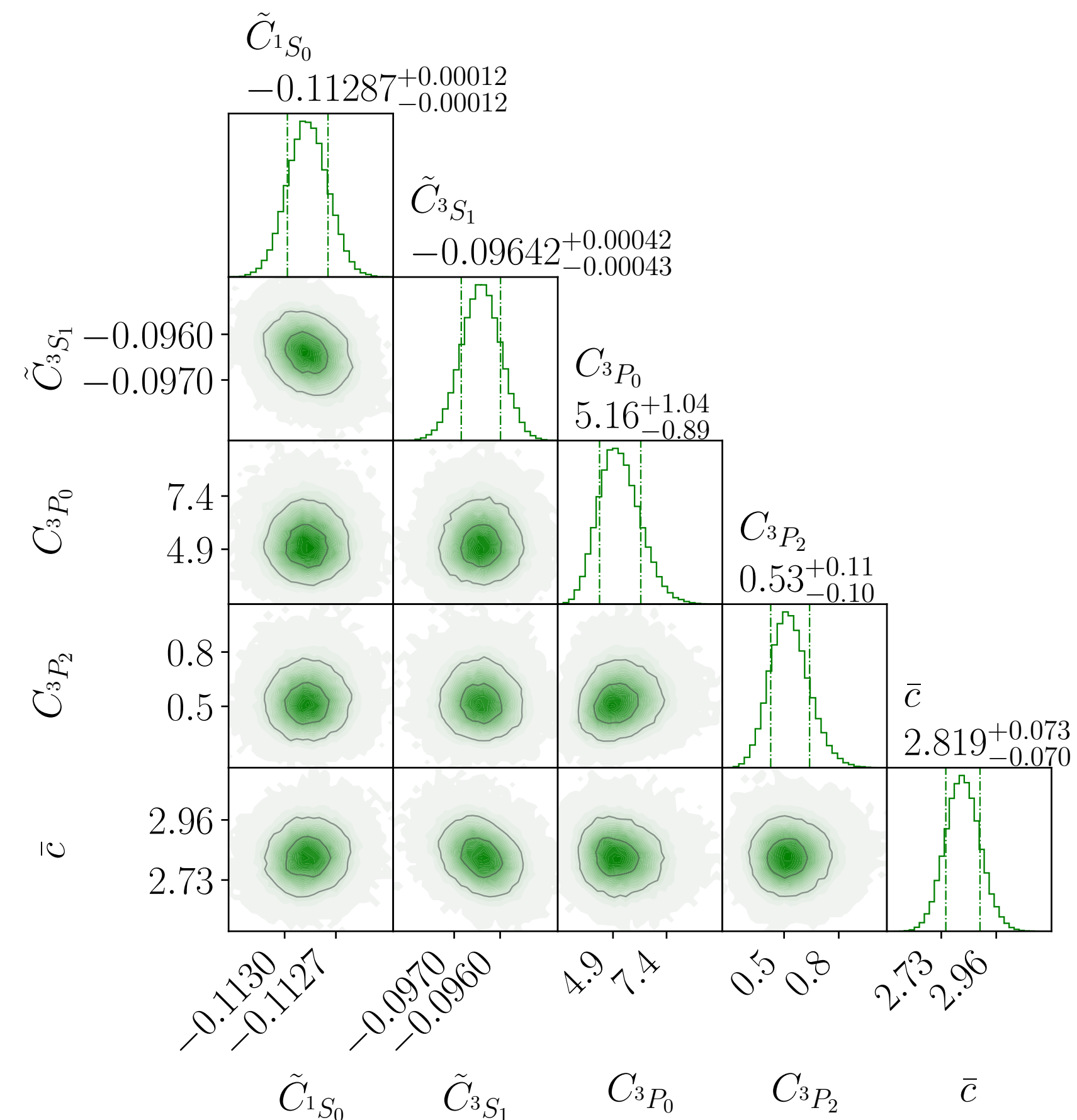


$$\text{Bayes' rule: } \frac{\overset{\text{Likelihood}}{\text{pr}(D|\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(0)}, I)} \cdot \overset{\text{Prior}}{\text{pr}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(0)}|I)}}{\underset{\text{Evidence}}{\text{pr}(D|I)}} = \overset{\text{Posterior}}{\text{pr}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(0)}|D, I)}$$

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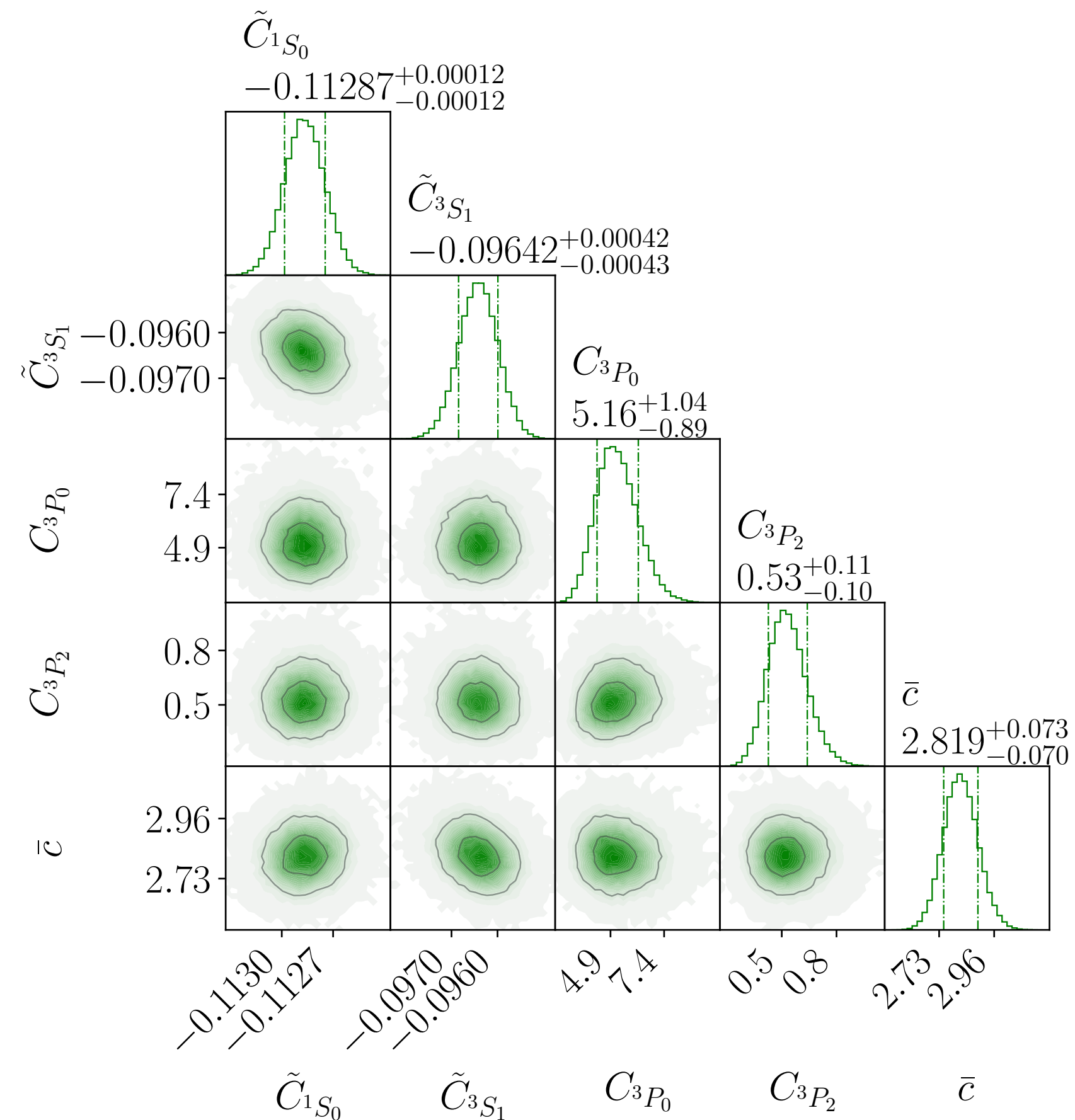
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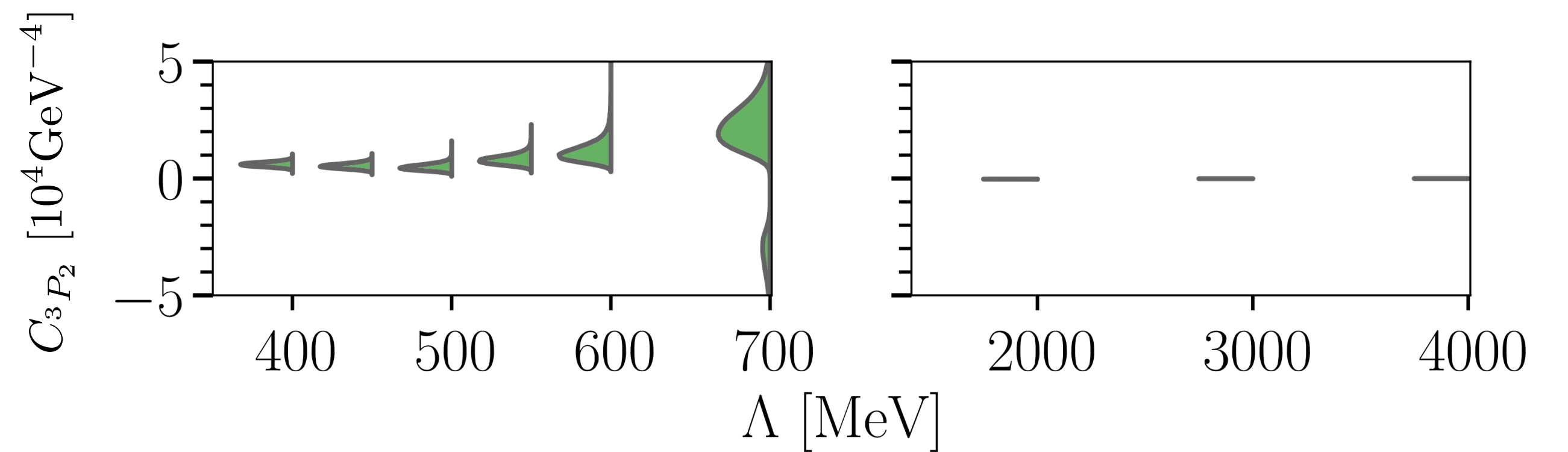
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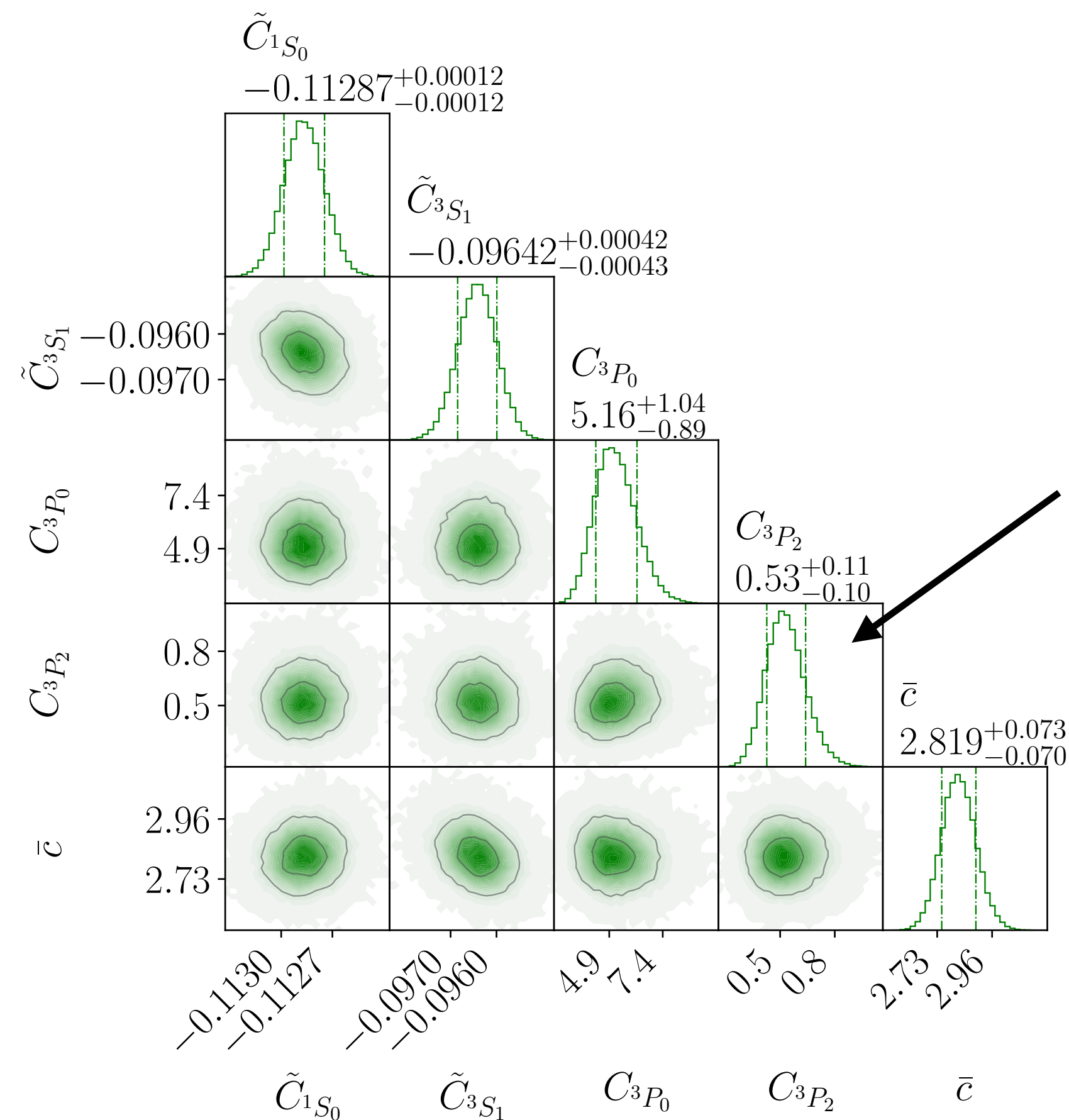
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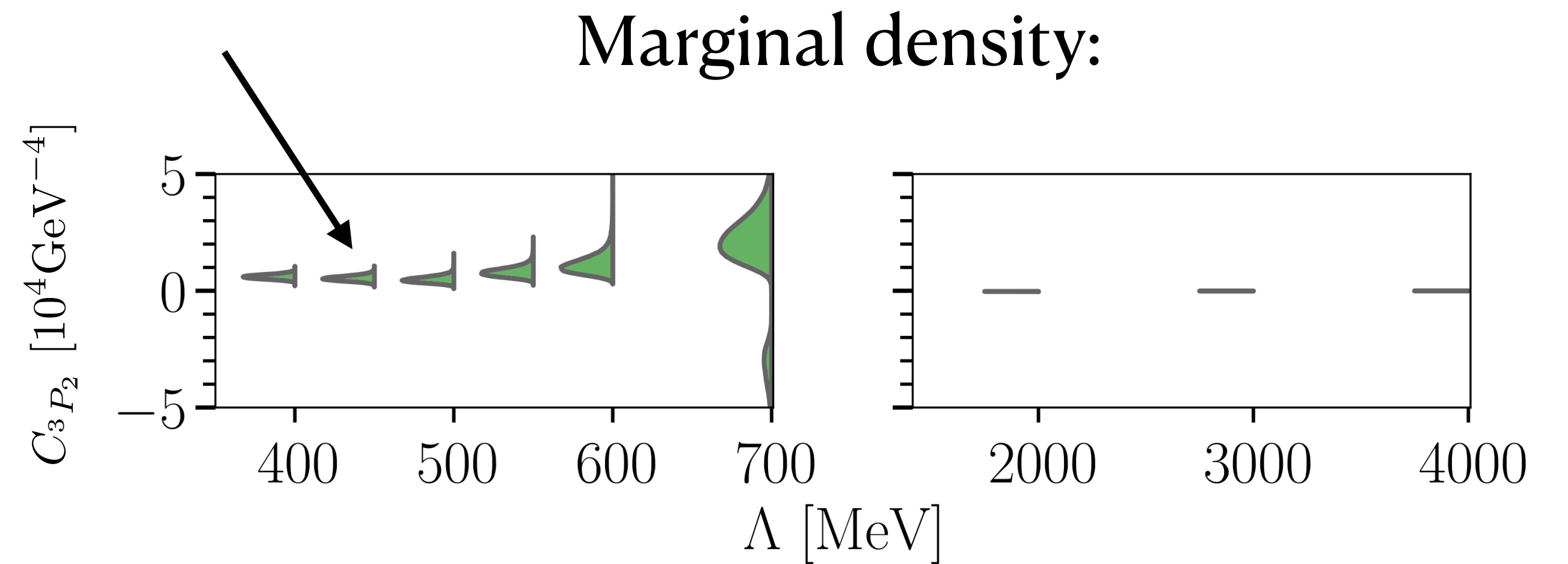


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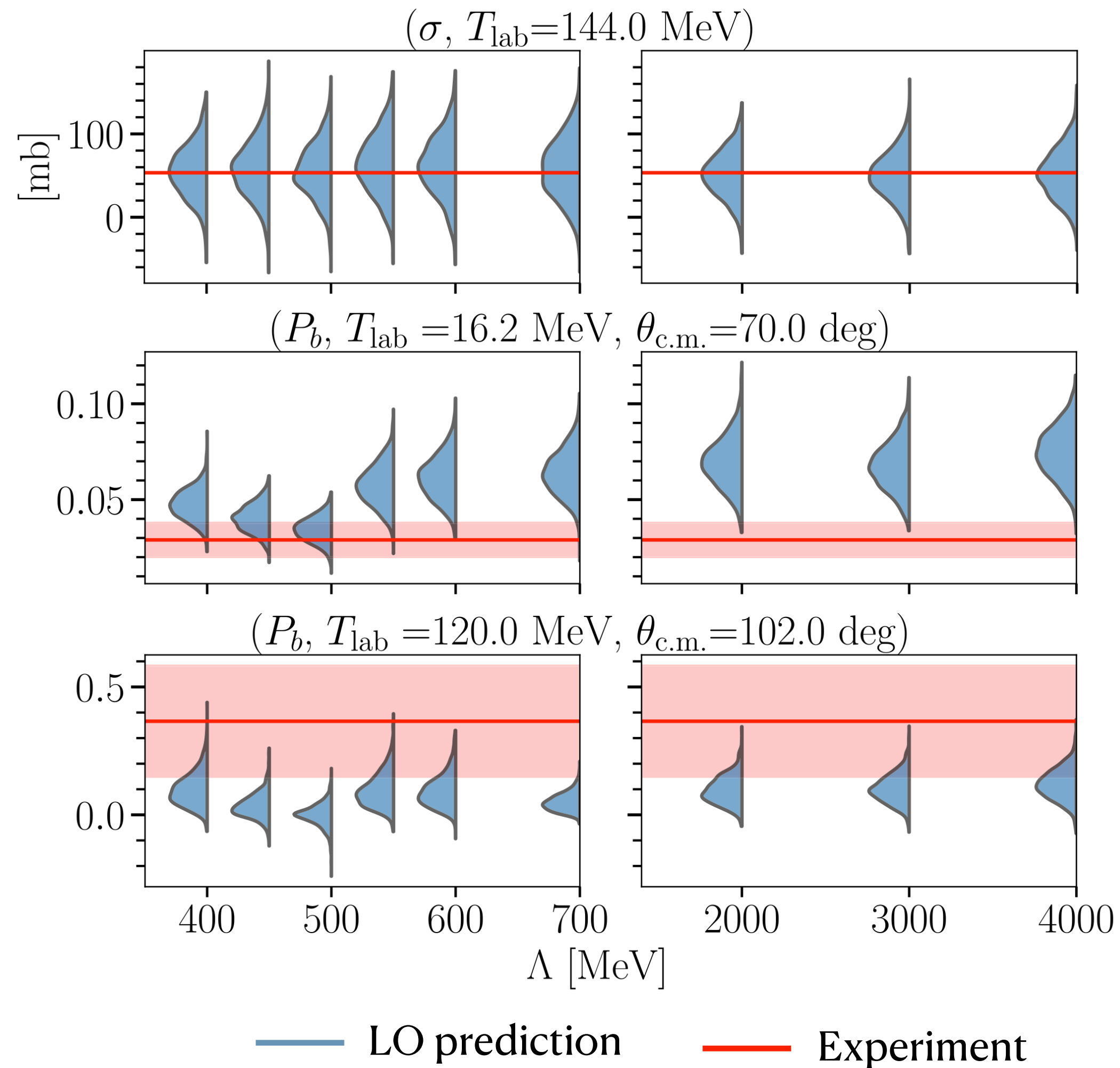
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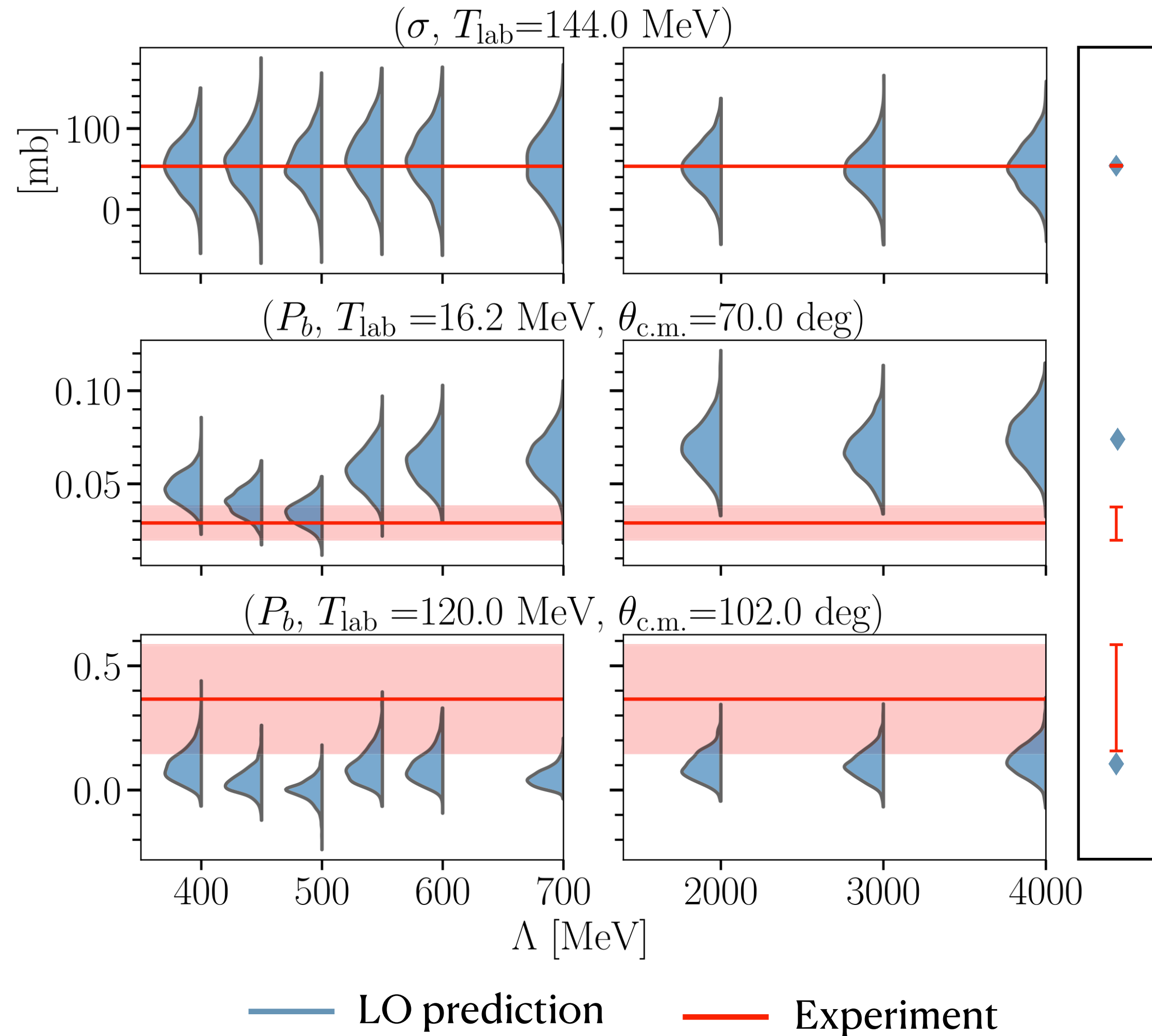


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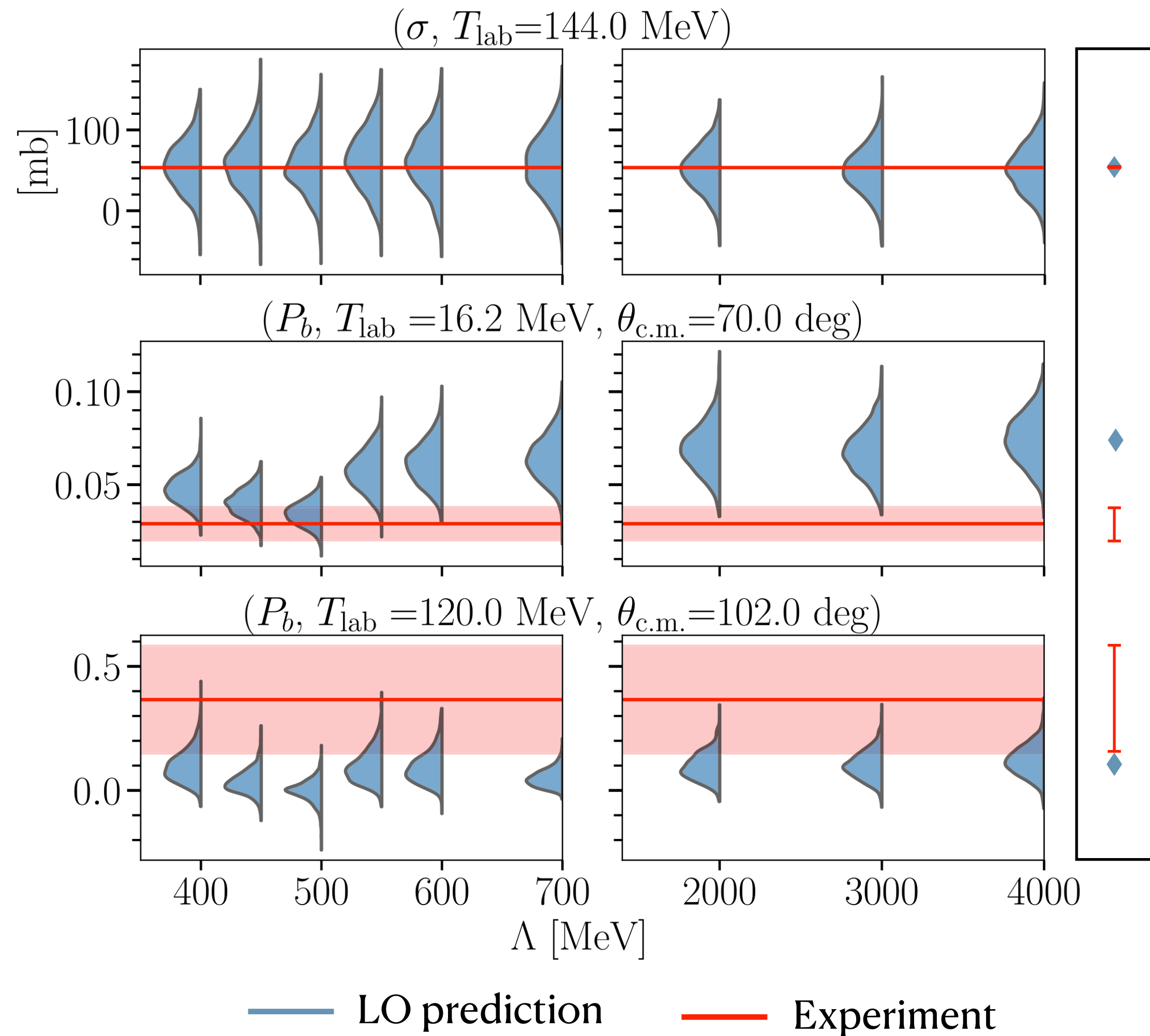


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- Predictions are RG-invariant.
- Uncertainties are crucial for conclusions!
- The error model used is insufficient, higher orders are needed.



# Adding perturbative corrections

$$V = \underbrace{V_{\text{NN}}^{(0)}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(0)})}_{\text{LO}} + \underbrace{V_{\text{NN}}^{(1)}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(1)}) + V_{\text{NN}}^{(2)}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(2)}) + V_{\text{NN}}^{(3)}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(3)}) + \dots}_{\text{Perturbative corrections}}$$

- More LECs:  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(0)}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(1)}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(2)}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{(3)}$ .
- A first step: Calibrate LECs using **phase shifts** and compute predictions for **scattering observables**.

# Perturbatively computed phase shifts

Sub-leading amplitudes using DWBA:

$$T^{(1)} = \Omega_-^\dagger V^{(1)} \Omega_+,$$

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$$\Omega_+ = \mathbb{1} + G_0^+ T^{(0)}$$

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Phase shifts (uncoupled channels):

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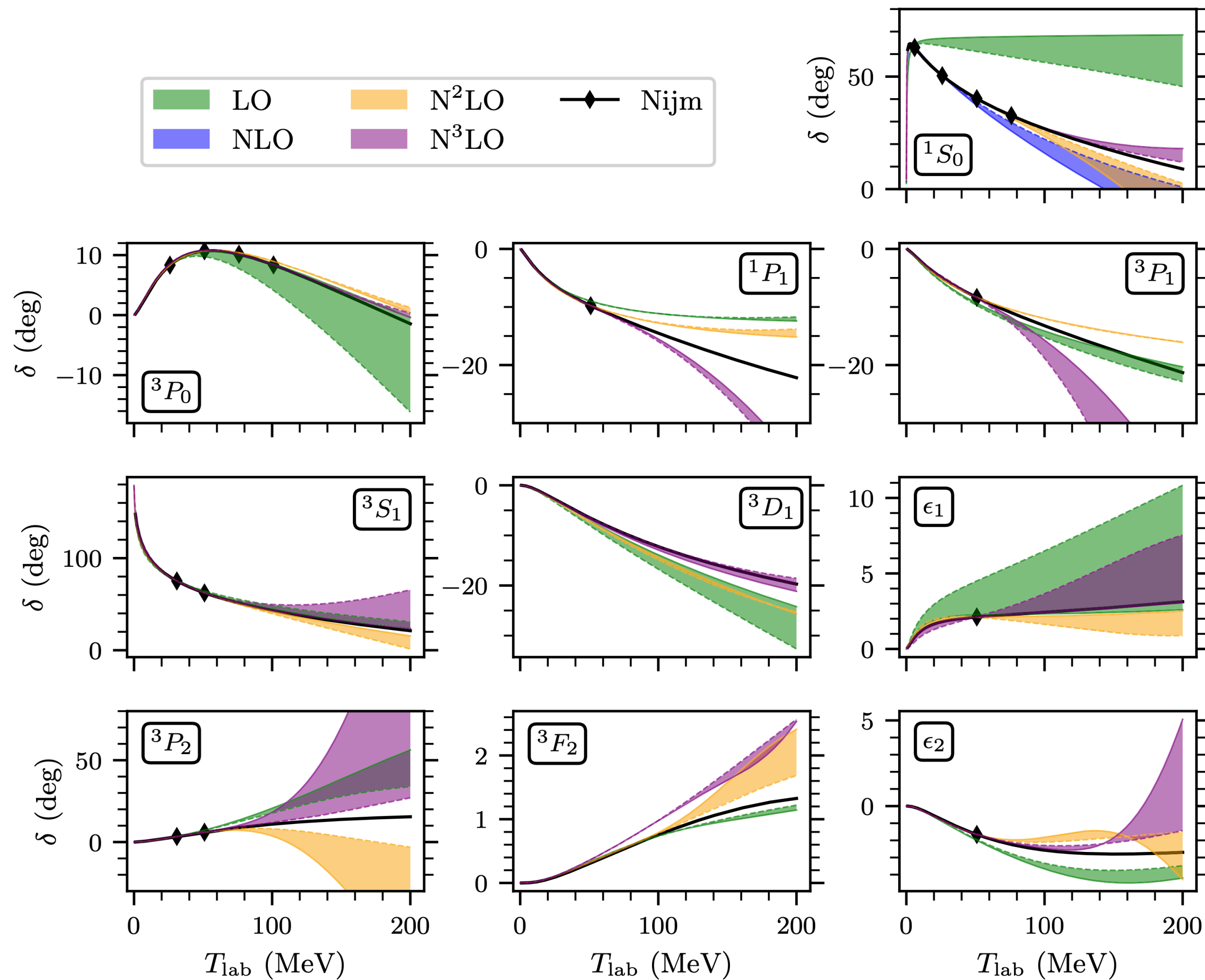
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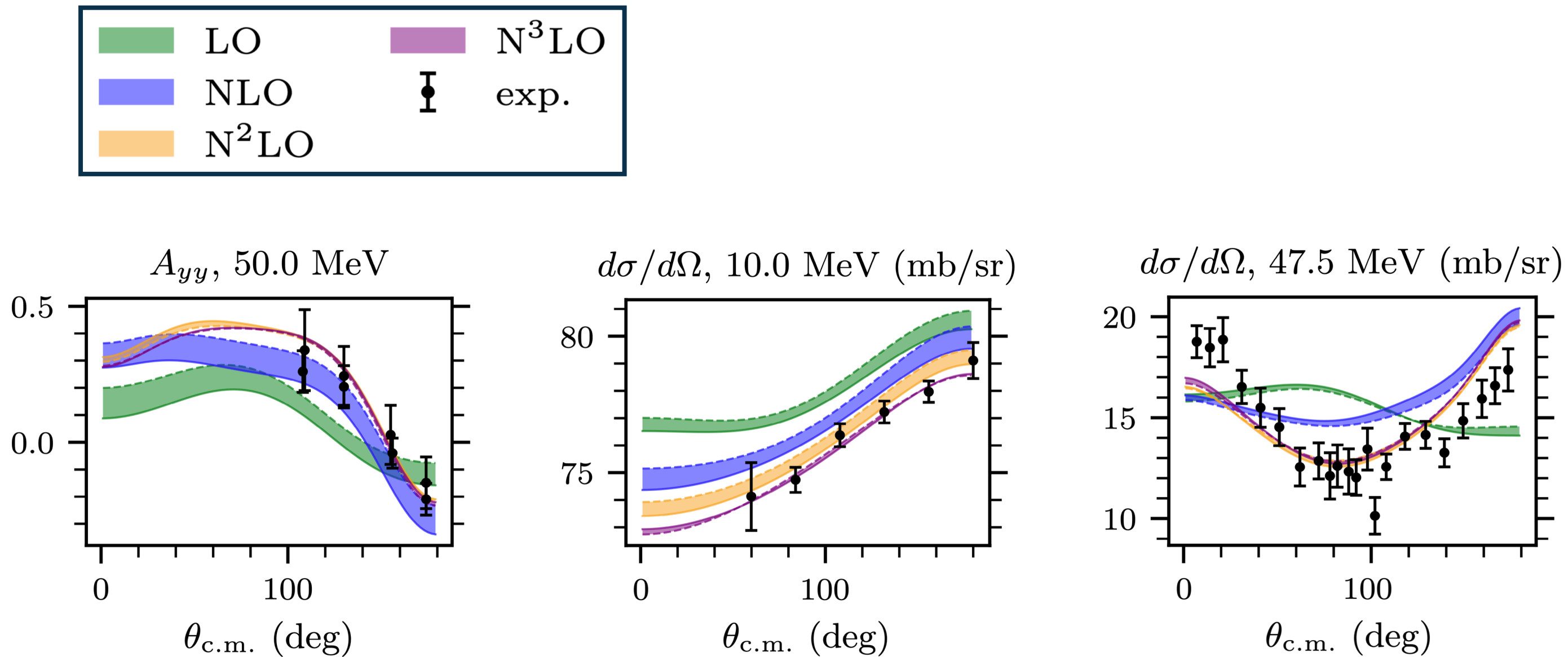
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# Calibrate LECs using $np$ phase shifts



- Phase shifts are computed perturbatively.
- LECs are inferred by reproducing phase shifts at specific energies (♦).
- Two cutoffs:
 
$$\Lambda = 500 \text{ MeV}, \quad \Lambda = 2500 \text{ MeV}$$
- Note: NLO = LO except in  $^1S_0$ .

# Predicted scattering observables



- Clear improvement order-by-order.
- **Sufficiently accurate** cross sections to use in inference of LECs.
- Energy-dependent accuracy.
- Hints that the breakdown scale can be as low as  $\Lambda_b \sim 200 - 300$  MeV.

OT, A. Ekström, and C. Forssén, Phys. Rev. C **109**, (2024)

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$$V(x) = \sum_{\nu=0}^3 x^\nu V^{(\nu)} \implies \delta(x) = f(V(x))$$

$\implies$  Taylor expansion of  $\delta(x)$  must be real!

## Coupled channels:

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(2\epsilon)e^{2i\delta_1} & i \sin(2\epsilon)e^{i(\delta_1+\delta_2)} \\ i \sin(2\epsilon)e^{i(\delta_1+\delta_2)} & \cos(2\epsilon)e^{2i\delta_2} \end{pmatrix}$$

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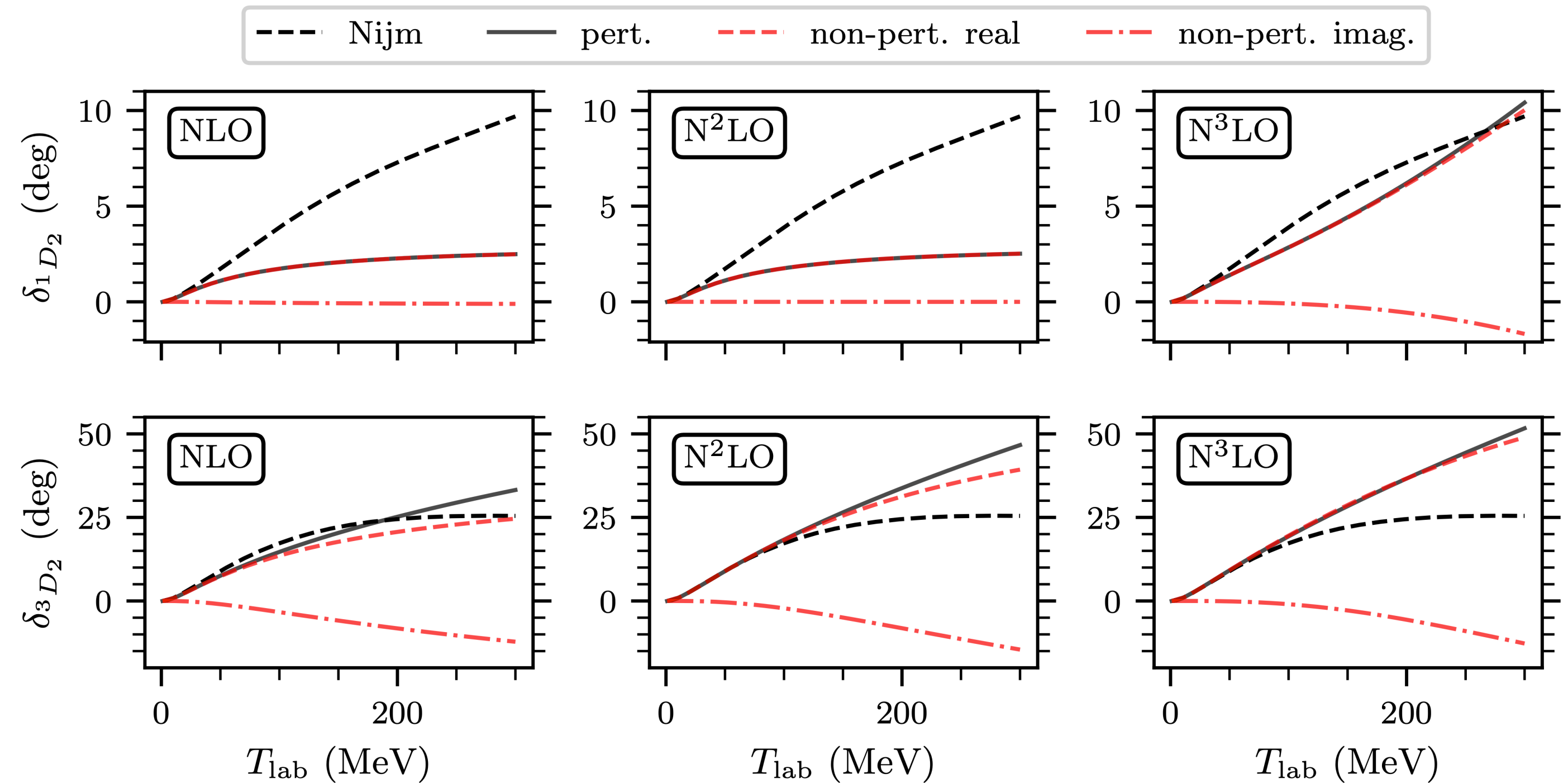
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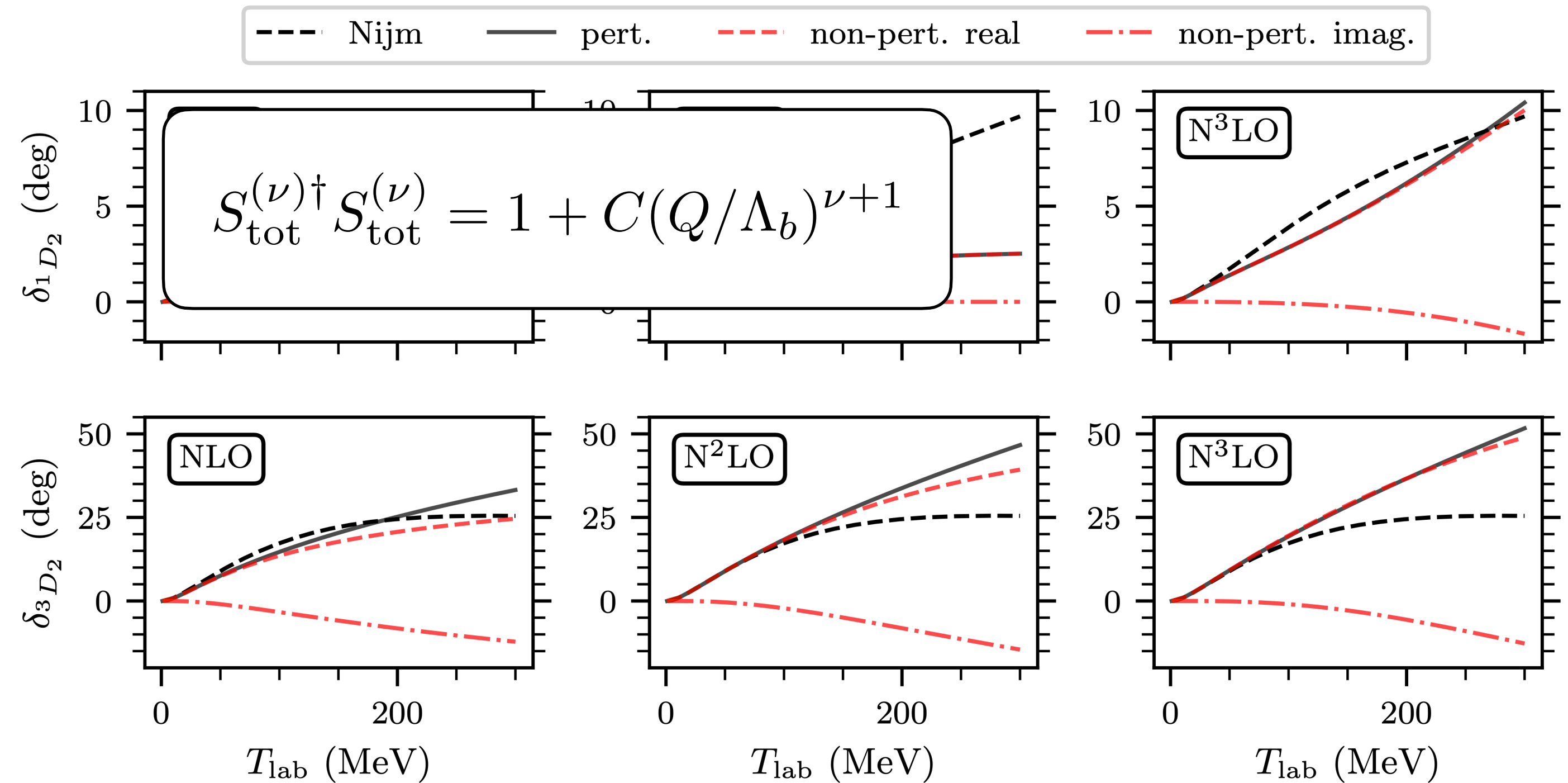
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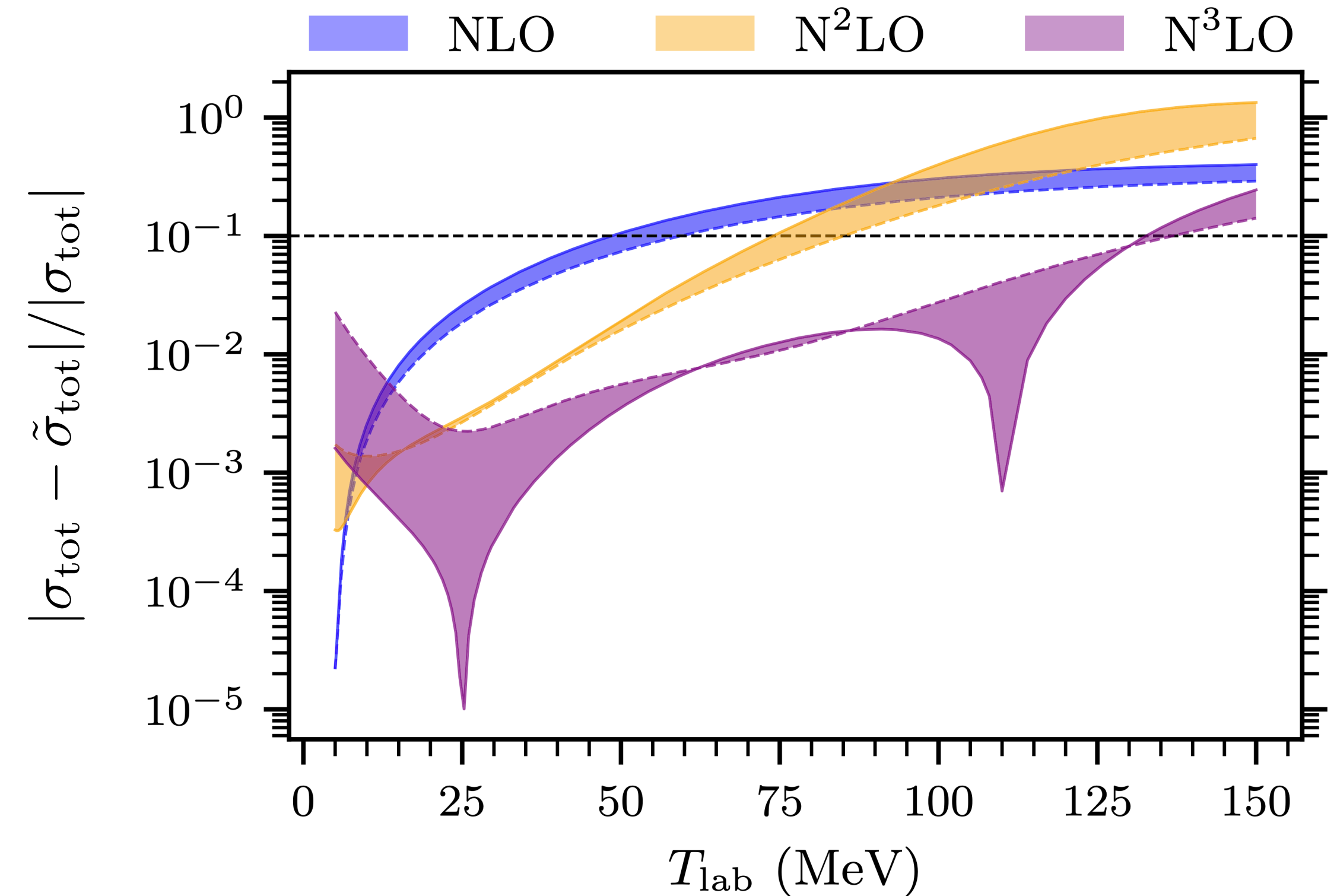
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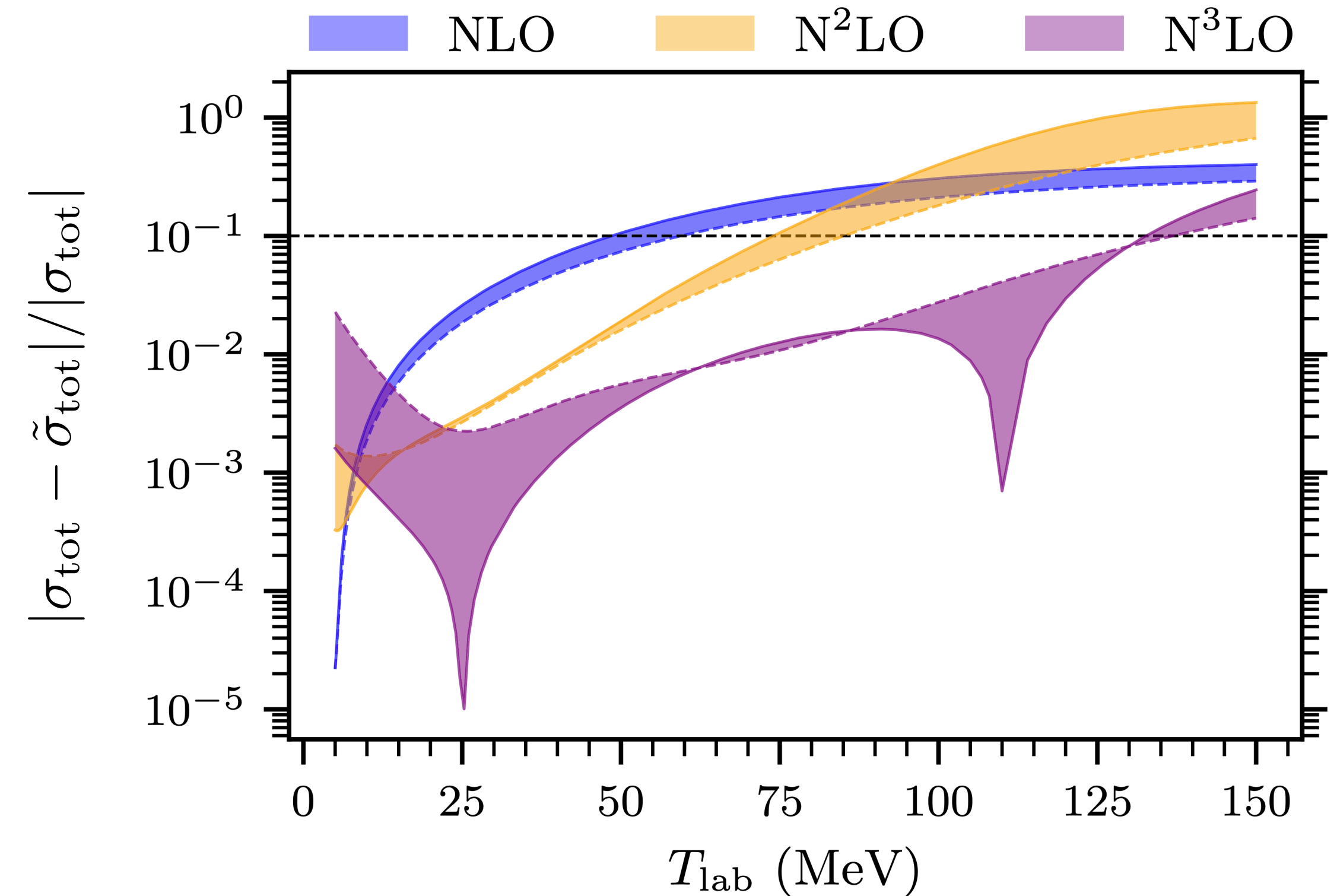
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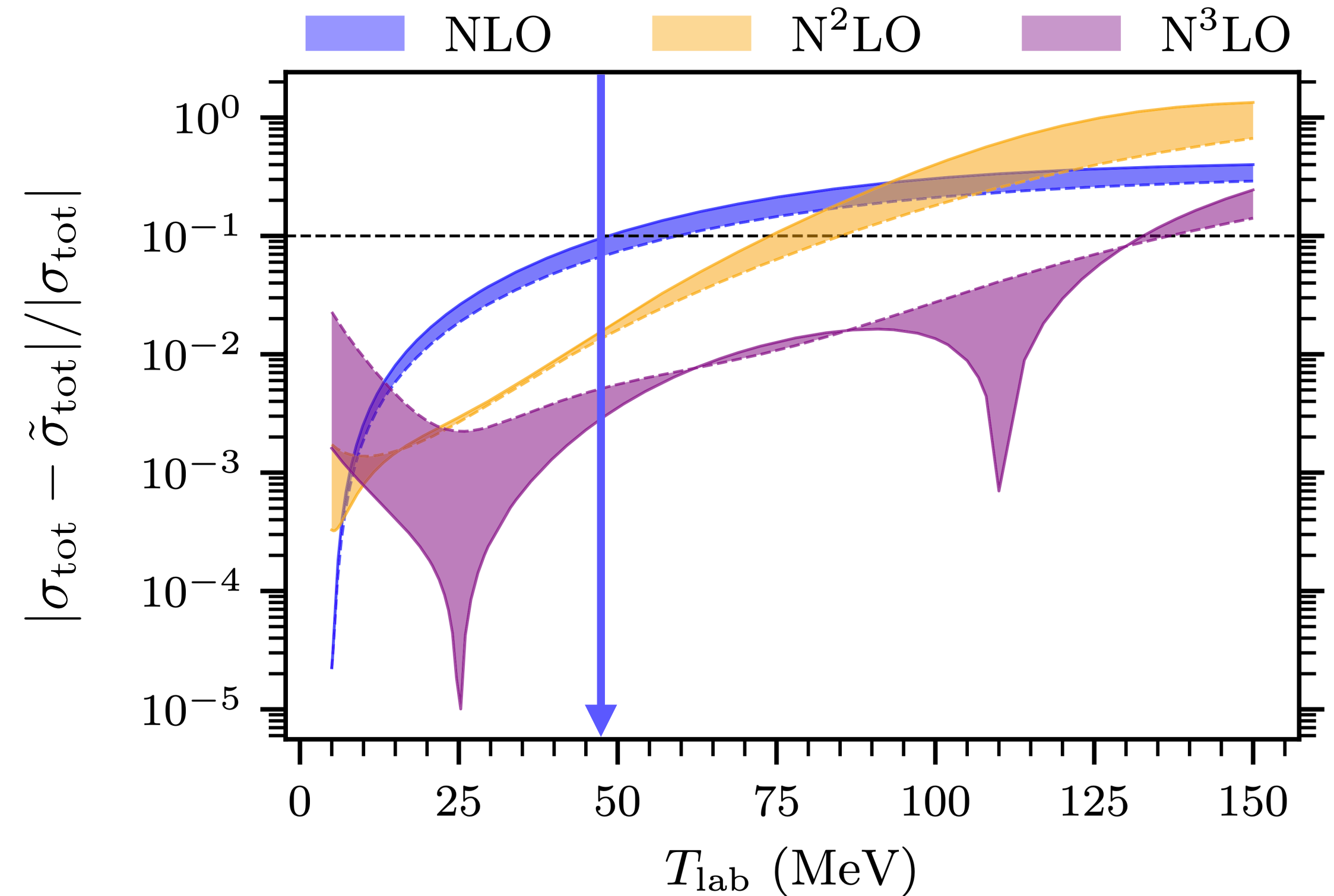
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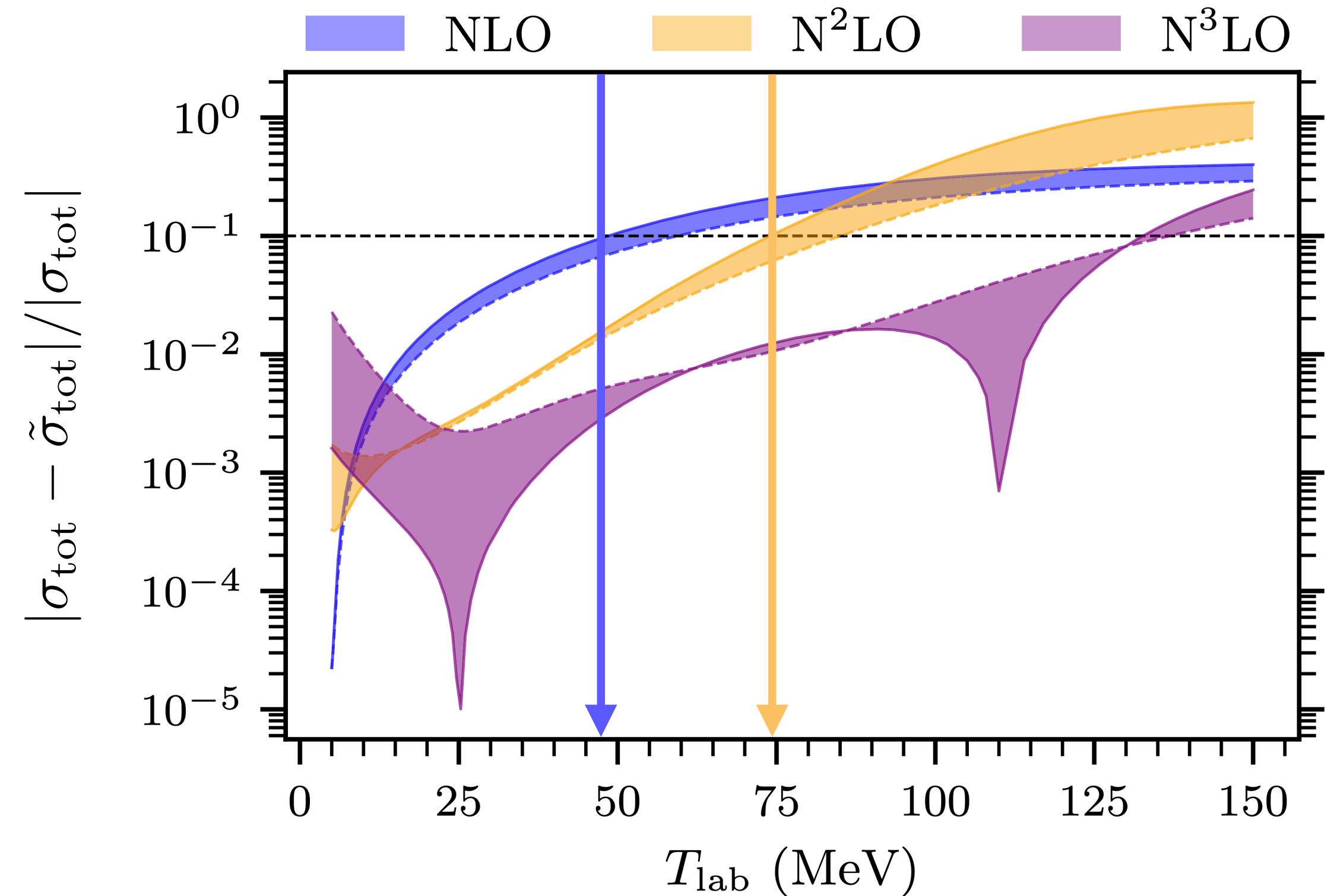
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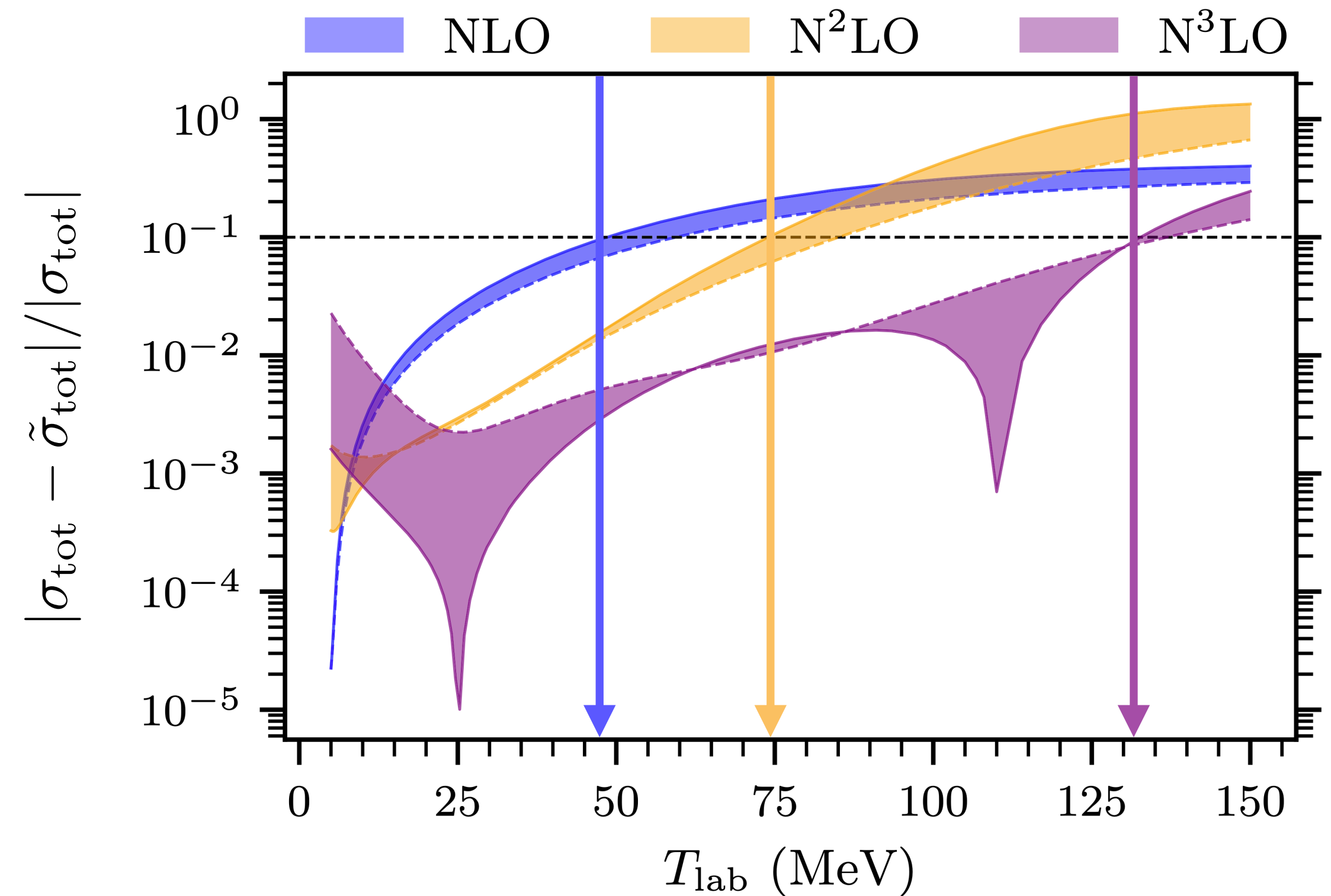
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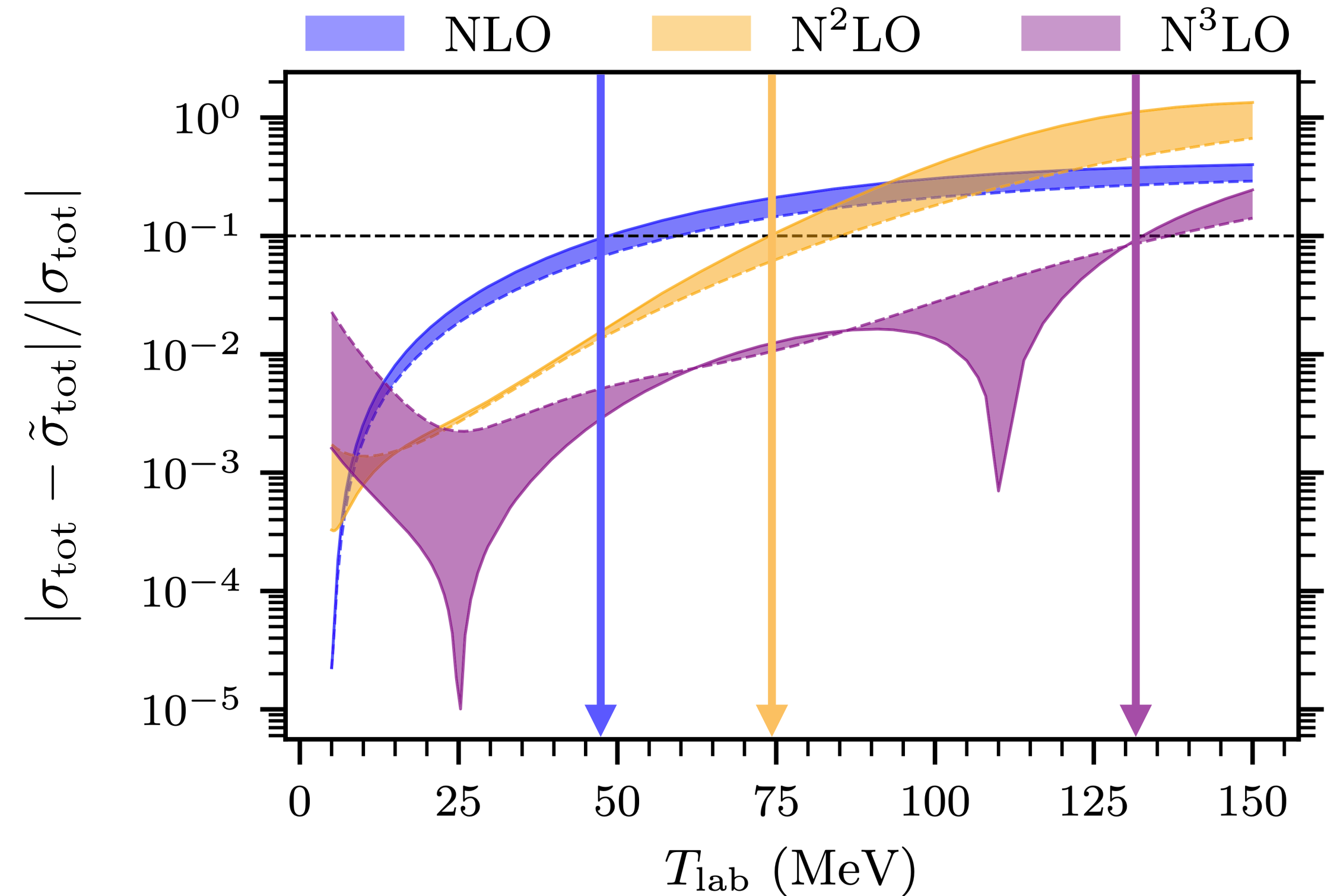
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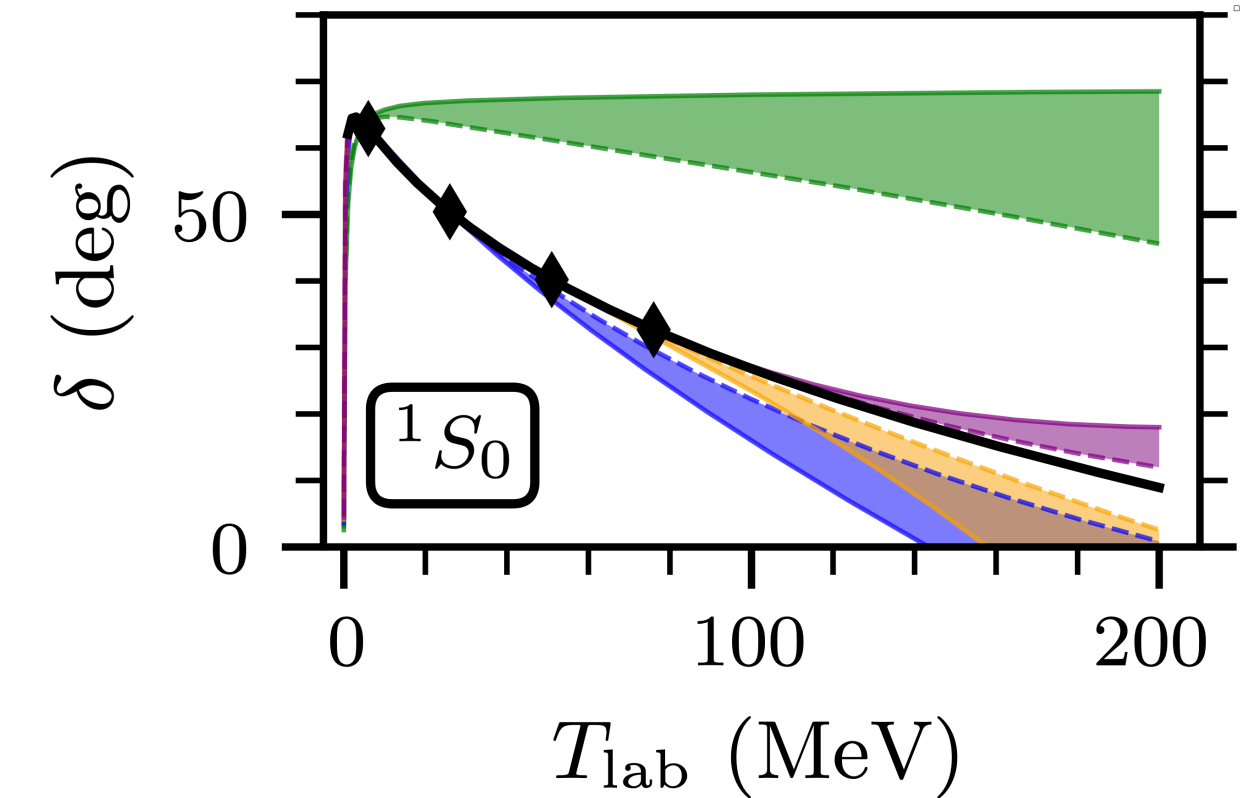
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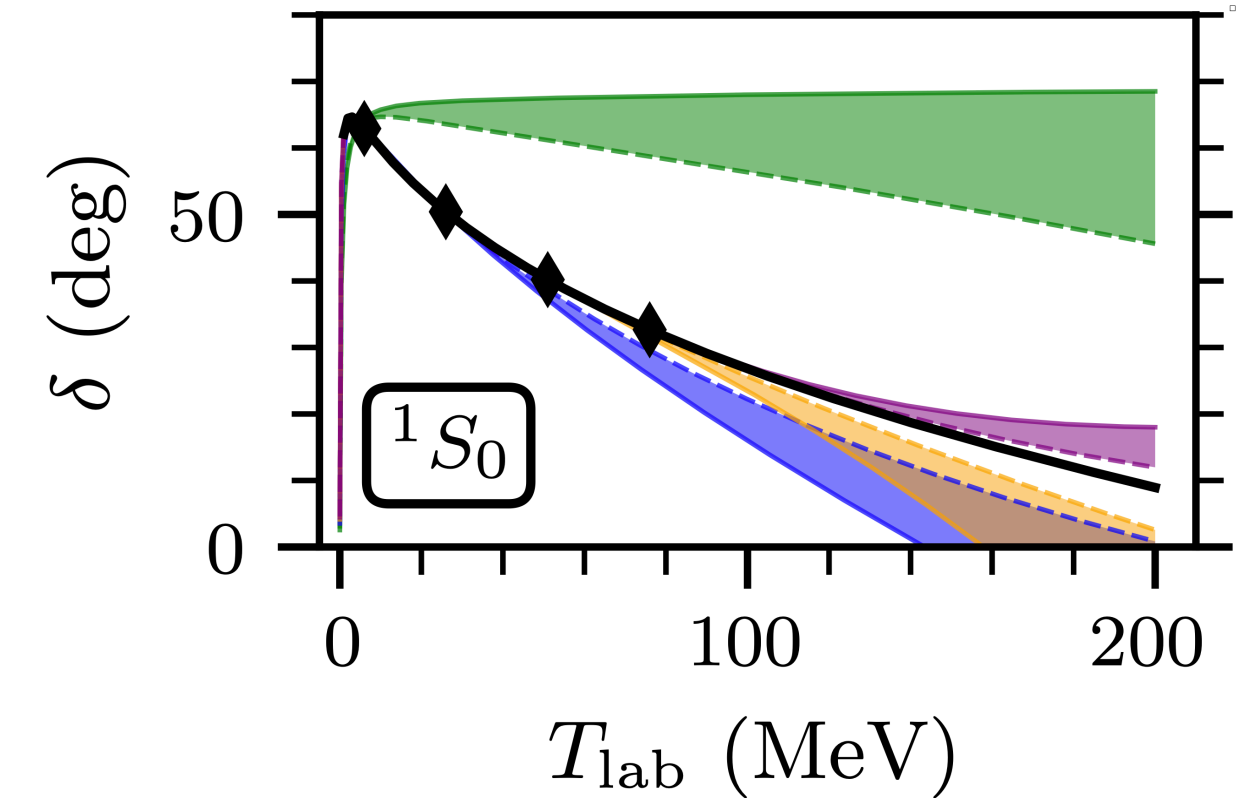




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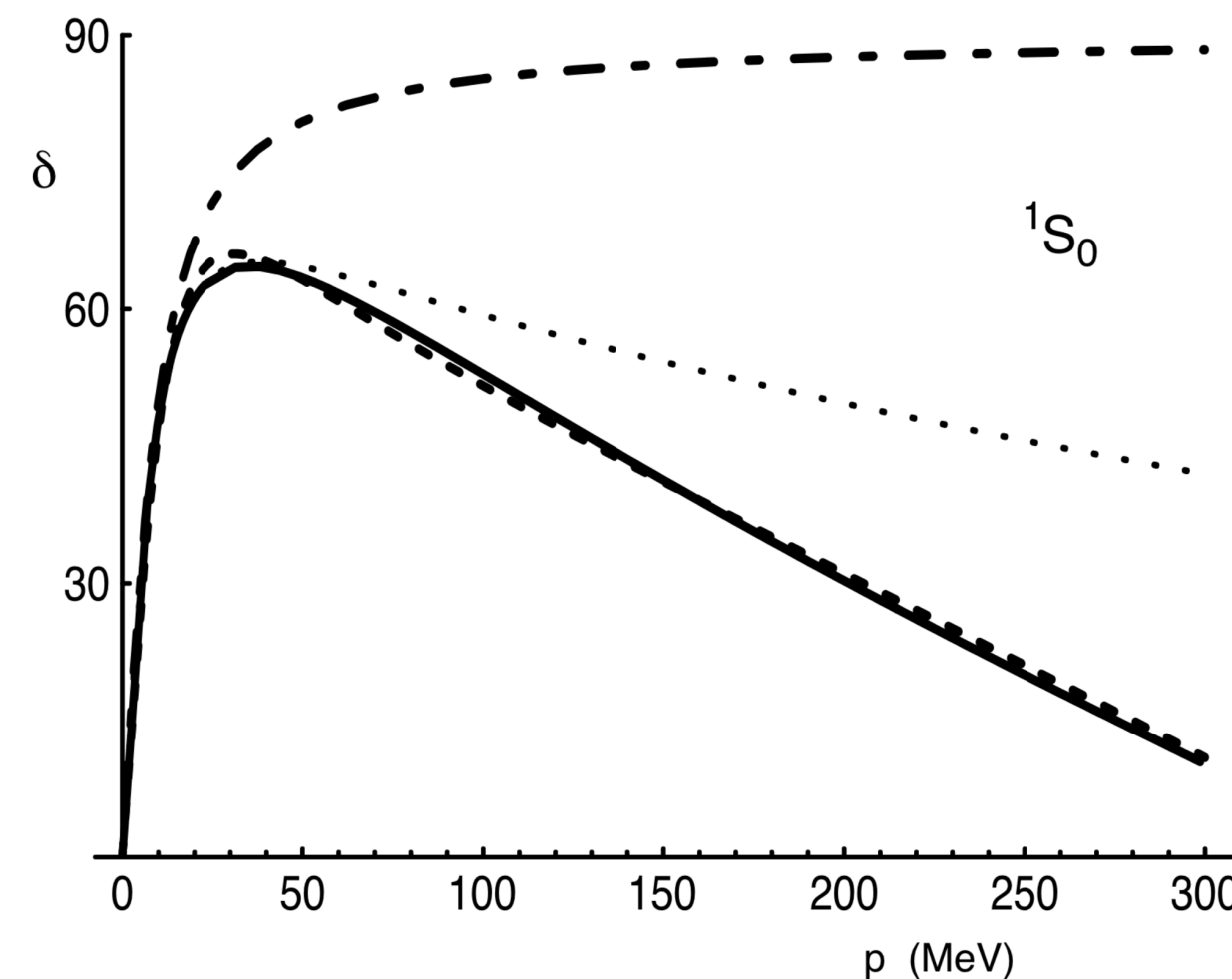
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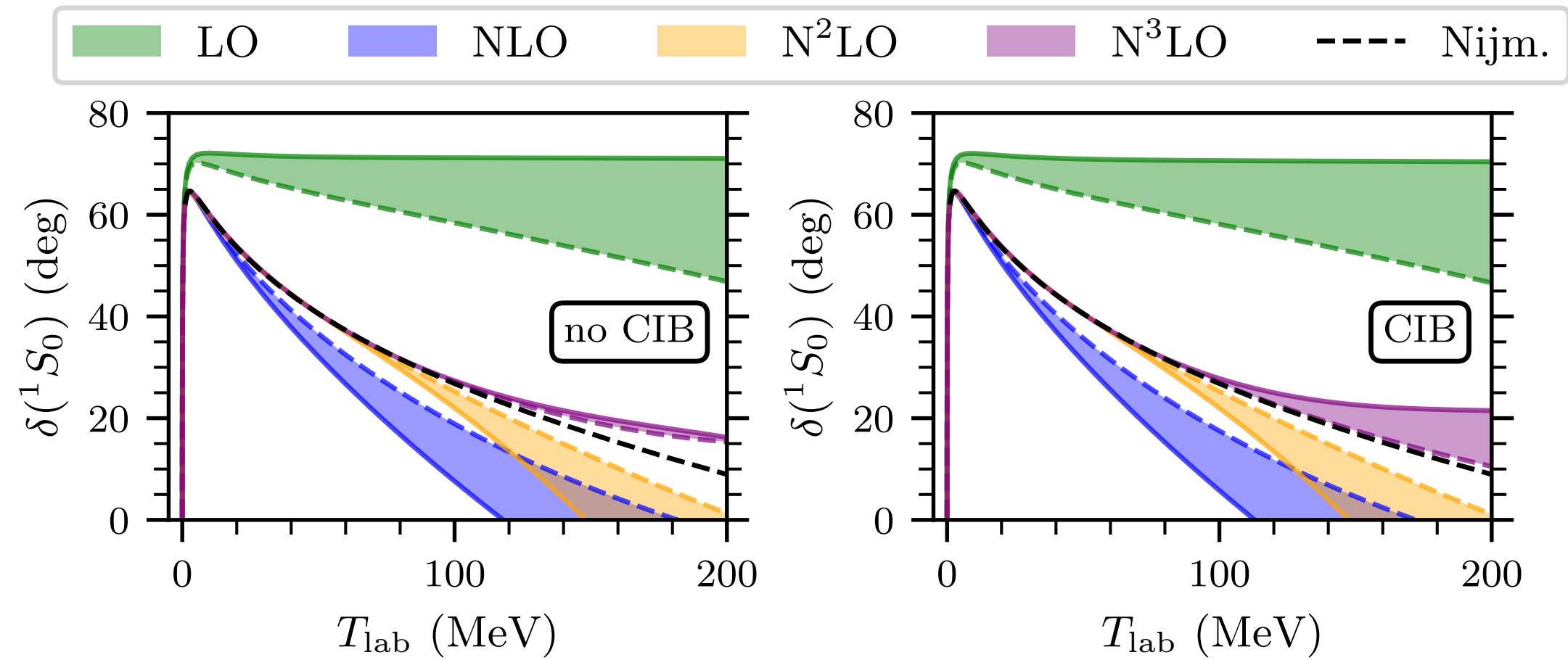
D.B. Kaplan *et al.*, Nucl. Phys. B **534** (1998)

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low energy theorem	-0.95	4.6	-25.0
partial wave analysis	0.04	0.67	-4.0
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low energy theorem	3.9	-86.0	$1.8 \times 10^3$
partial wave analysis	1.7	-26.0	$2.2 \times 10^2$

T.D. Cohen, J.M. Hansen, Phys. Rev. C **59**, (1999)

# Low-energy theorems: $^1S_0$

Phase shifts in  $^1S_0$



Predicted effective range parameters (LETs)

$^1S_0$ partial wave	$a$ [fm]	$r$ [fm]	$v_2$ [fm <sup>3</sup> ]	$v_3$ [fm <sup>5</sup> ]	$v_4$ [fm <sup>7</sup> ]
Empirical (Ref. [27])	-23.735(16)	2.68(3)	-0.48(2)	3.9(1)	-19.6(5)
$\Lambda = 500$ MeV, (no CIB)					
LO	*	1.71(0)	-1.77(0)	8.54(0)	-47.0(3)
NLO	*	*	-0.64(0)	4.79(0)	-29.9(2)
N <sup>2</sup> LO	*	2.72(0)	-0.71(0)	5.05(0)	-29.3(2)
N <sup>3</sup> LO	*	2.69(0)	-0.66(0)	5.42(0)	-31.0(2)
$\Lambda = 500$ MeV, (CIB)					
LO	*	1.68(0)	-1.55(0)	6.63(0)	-31.64(8)
NLO	*	*	-0.45(0)	3.42(0)	-18.95(8)
N <sup>2</sup> LO	*	2.70(0)	-0.55(0)	3.77(0)	-18.8(2)
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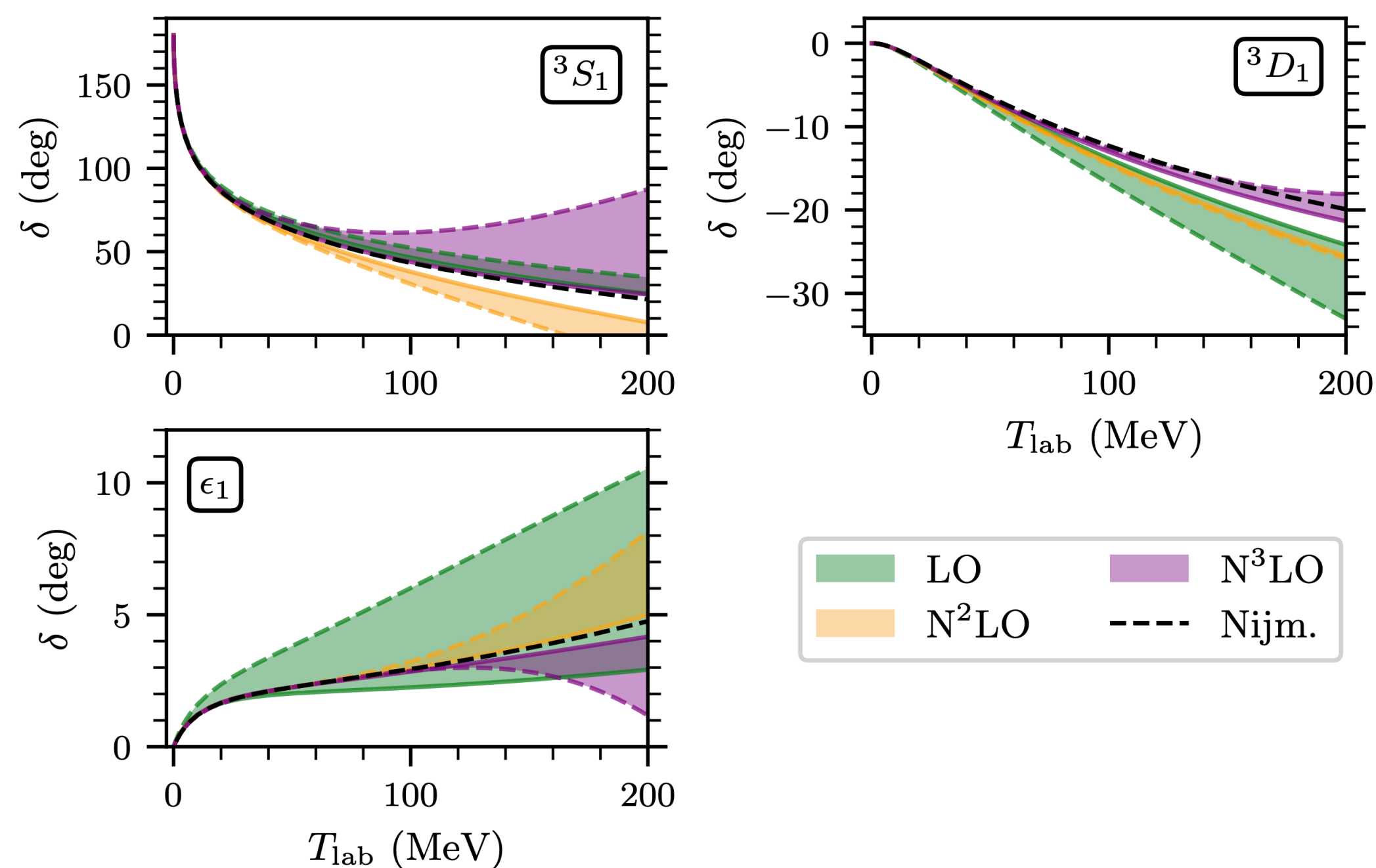
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# Low-energy theorems: ${}^3S_1$

Phase shifts in  ${}^3S_1 - {}^3D_1$



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${}^3S_1$ partial wave	$a$ [fm]	$r$ [fm]	$v_2$ [fm <sup>3</sup> ]	$v_3$ [fm <sup>5</sup> ]	$v_4$ [fm <sup>7</sup> ]
Empirical (Ref. [27])	5.42	1.75	0.045	0.67	-3.94
$\Lambda = 500$ MeV					
LO	*	1.58(0)	-0.10(0)	0.89(0)	-5.5(2)
N <sup>2</sup> LO	*	*	0.14(0)	0.80(0)	-4.2(2)
N <sup>3</sup> LO	*	*	-0.06(0)	0.46(0)	-3.7(2)
$\Lambda = 2500$ MeV					
LO	*	1.66(0)	-0.01(0)	0.79(0)	-4.7(2)
N <sup>2</sup> LO	*	*	0.09(0)	0.74(0)	-4.2(7)
N <sup>3</sup> LO	*	*	0.04(0)	0.67(2)	-4.0(9)

- CIB in one-pion exchange is **not** significant in  ${}^3S_1$ .
- Cutoff independence for  $\Lambda \gtrsim 750$  MeV.
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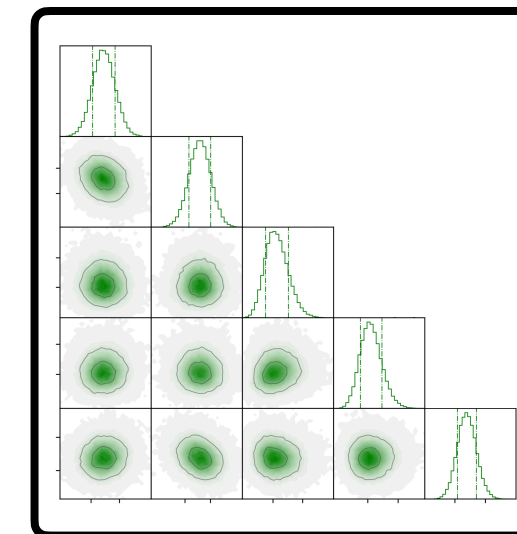
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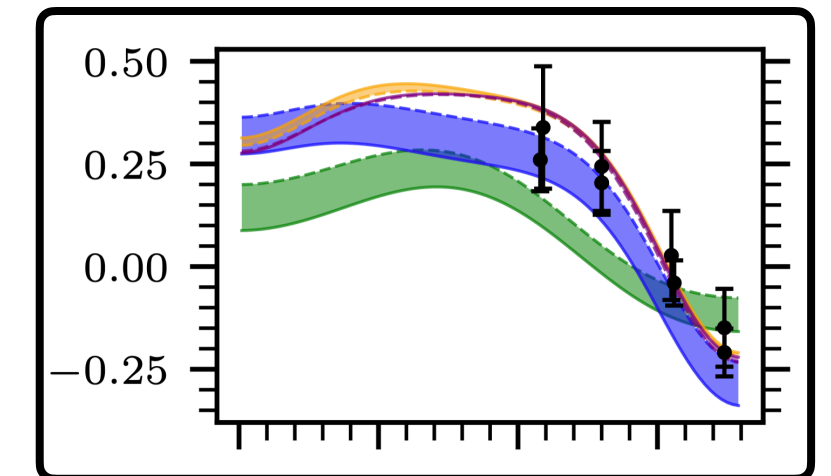
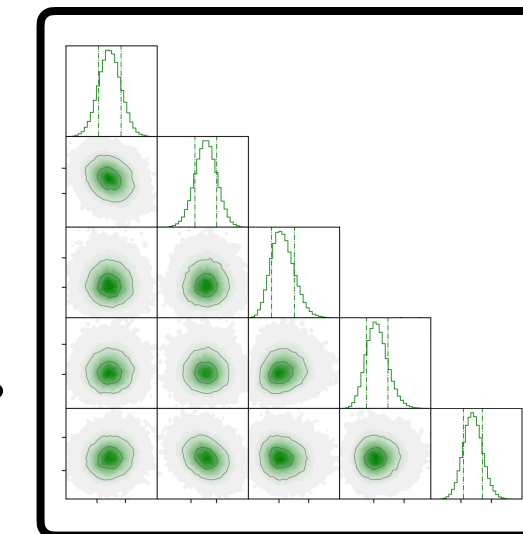
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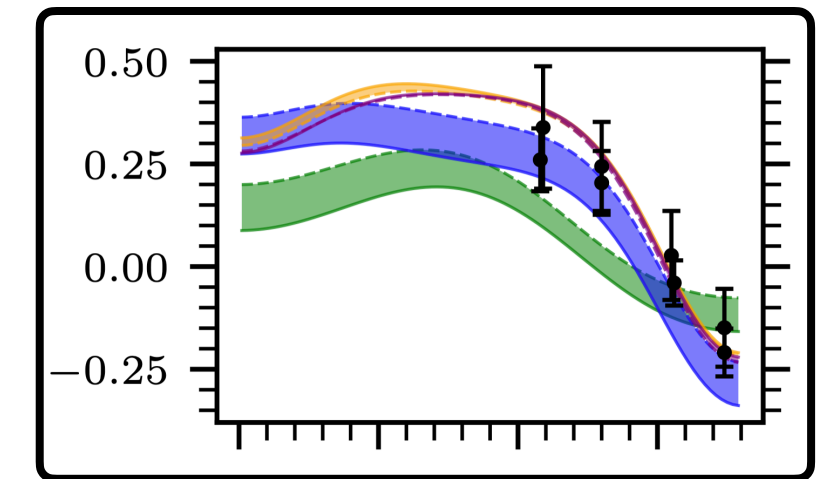
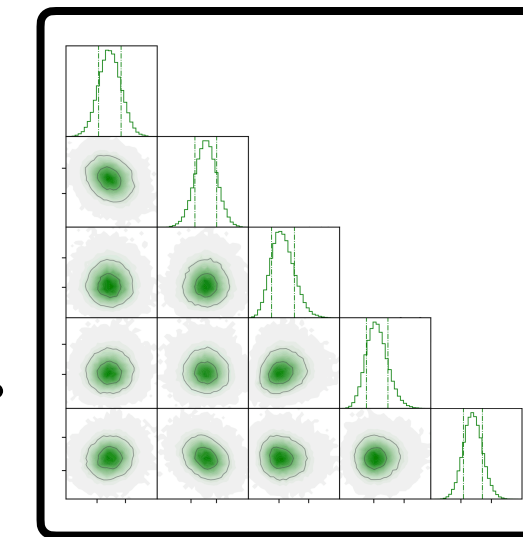
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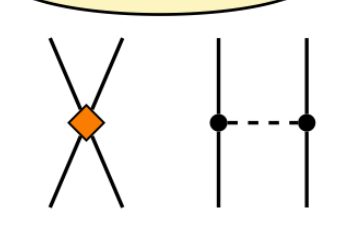
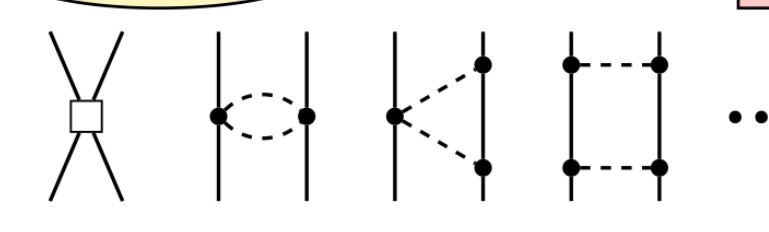
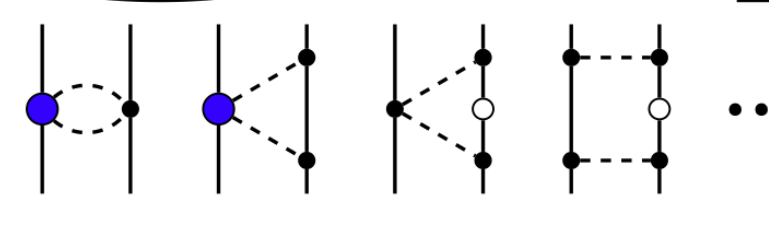
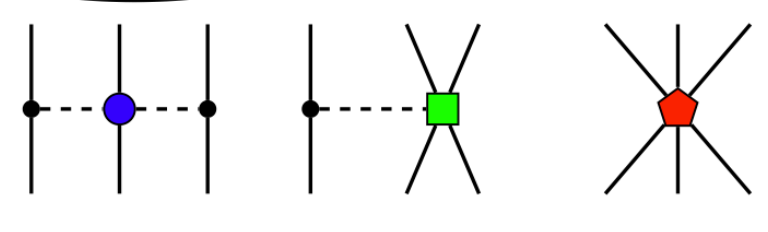
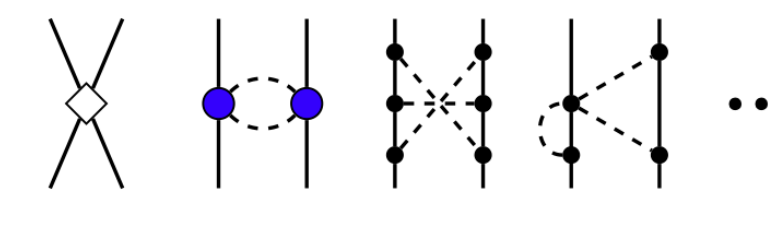
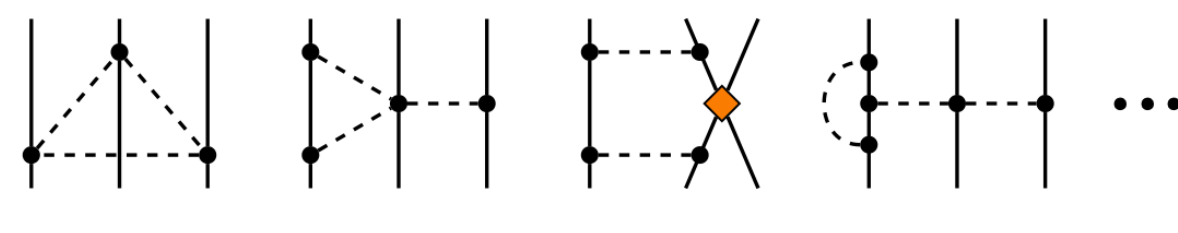
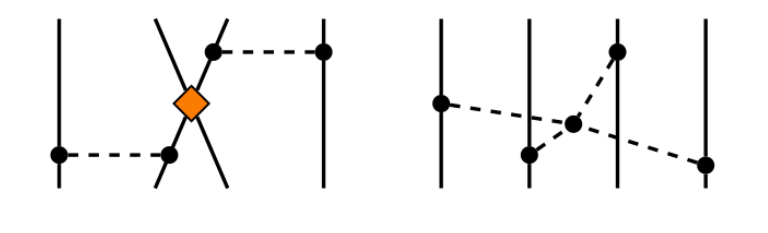
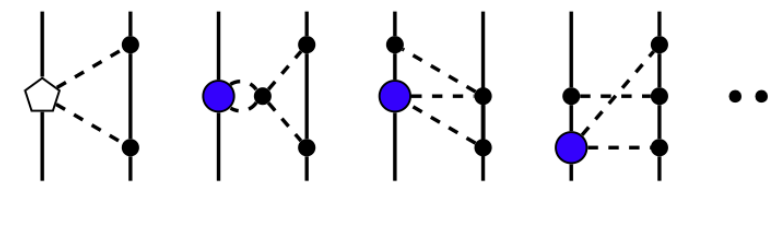
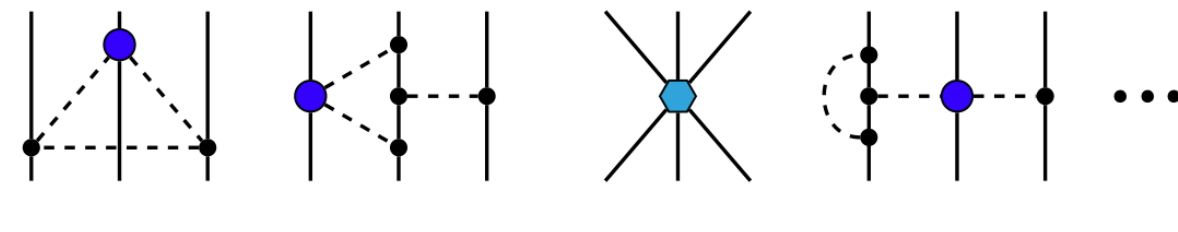
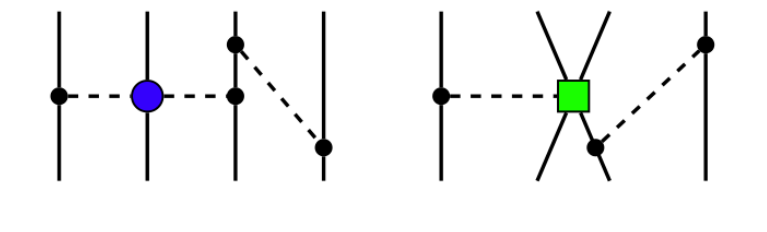
# Discussion points

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2. Can perturbative computations of observables contribute to learning about the LO interaction?
3. What can be gained from connecting perturbative unitarity breaking and EFT errors?
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# Extra slides

# Weinberg PC

	NN	3N	4N
LO $O(Q^0/\Lambda_b^0)$	1990 [151,152] <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2</span> 	—	—
NLO $O(Q^2/\Lambda_b^2)$	1992 [164,165] <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">7</span> 	1992,1994 [166-169] —	—
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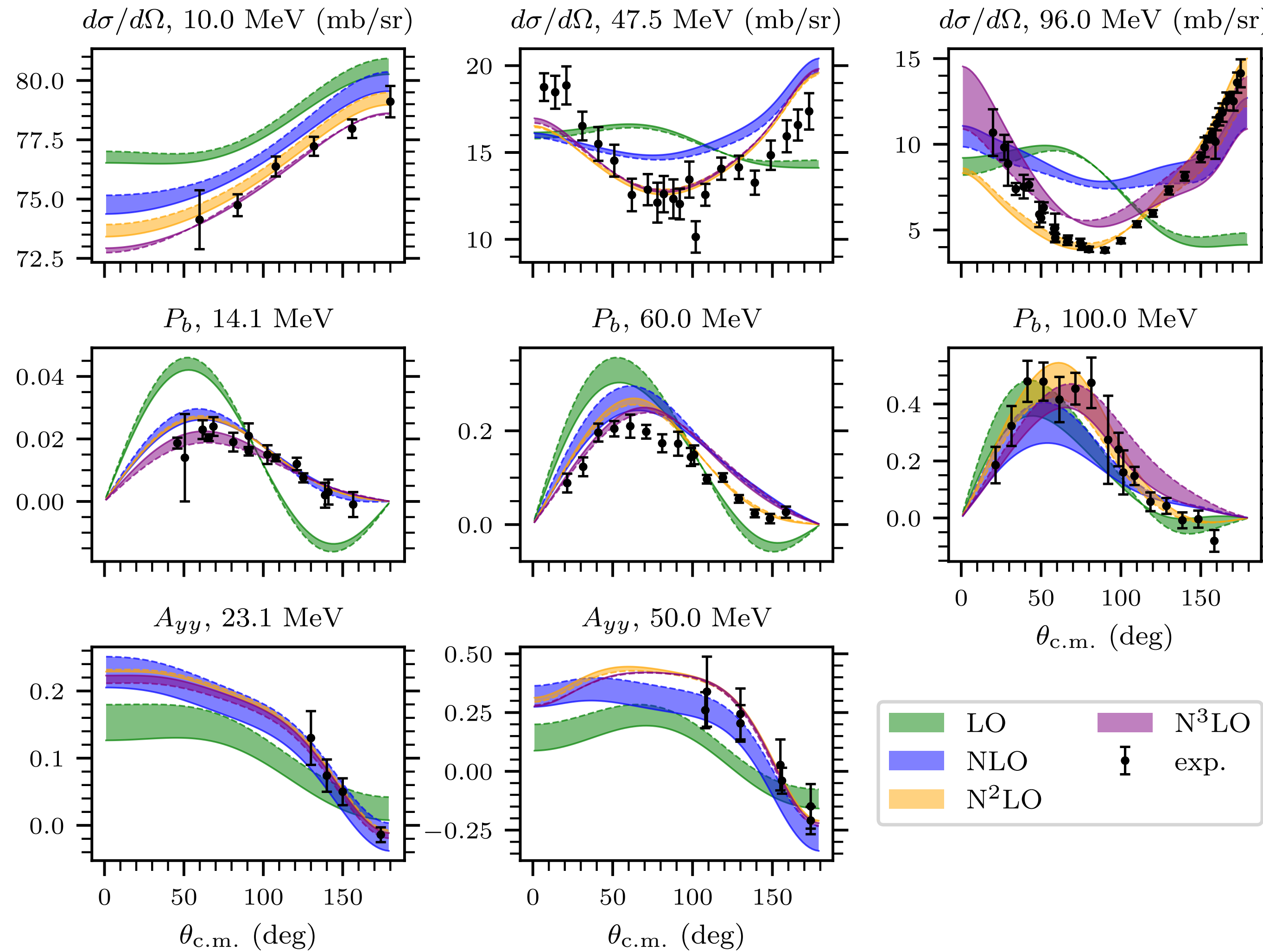
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# MWPC by Long and Yang

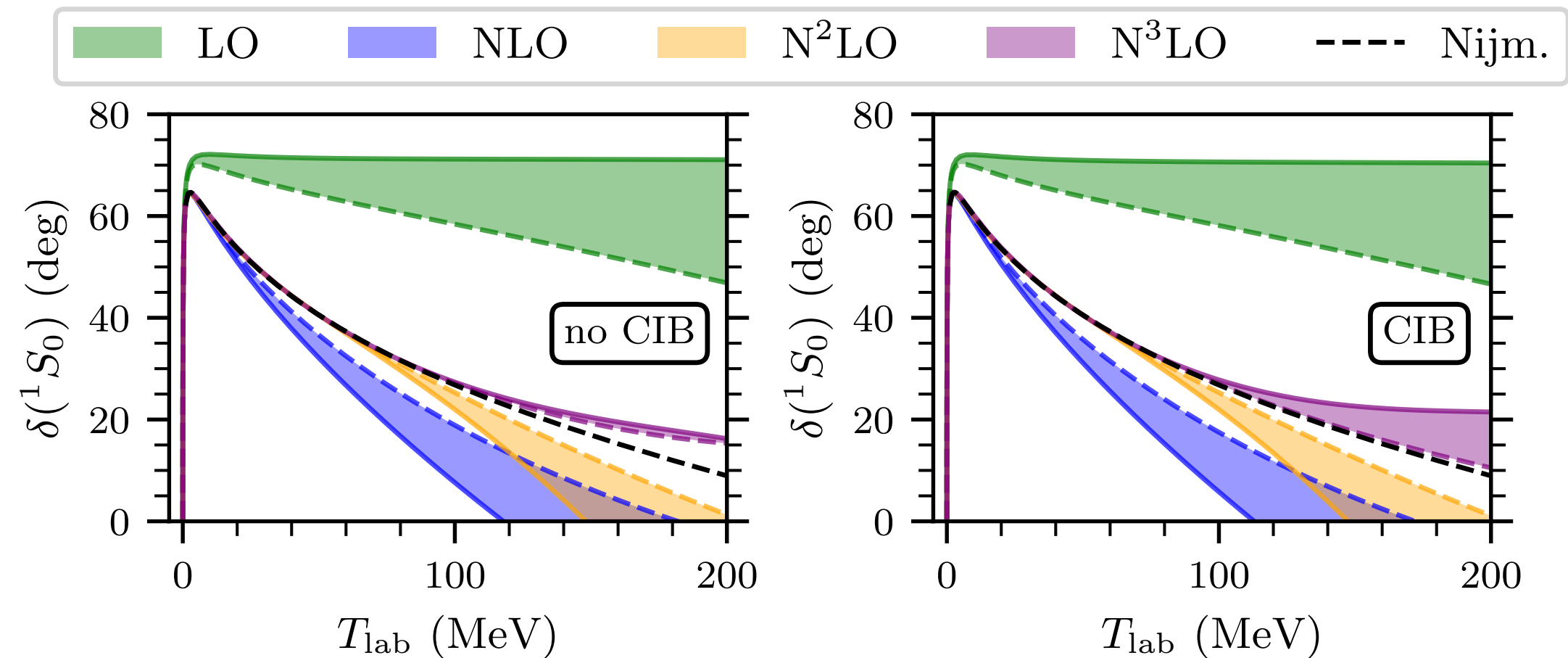
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LO	$V_{1\pi}^{(0)}$	$V_{\text{ct}}^{(0)}$ : $C_{1S_0}^{(0)}, \begin{pmatrix} C_{3S_1}^{(0)} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, D_{3P_0}^{(0)} p'p, \begin{pmatrix} D_{3P_2}^{(0)} p'p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
NLO	-	$V_{\text{ct}}^{(1)}$ : $D_{1S_0}^{(0)} (p'^2 + p^2), C_{1S_0}^{(1)}$
N <sup>2</sup> LO	$V_{2\pi}^{(2)}$	$V_{\text{ct}}^{(2)}$ : $E_{1S_0}^{(0)} p'^2 p^2, D_{1S_0}^{(1)} (p'^2 + p^2), C_{1S_0}^{(2)},$ $\begin{pmatrix} D_{3S_1}^{(0)} (p'^2 + p^2) & D_{SD}^{(0)} p^2 \\ D_{SD}^{(0)} p'^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} C_{3S_1}^{(1)} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$ $E_{3P_0}^{(0)} p'p (p'^2 + p^2), D_{3P_0}^{(1)} p'p,$ $p'p \begin{pmatrix} E_{3P_2}^{(0)} (p'^2 + p^2) & E_{PF}^{(0)} p^2 \\ E_{PF}^{(0)} p'^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} D_{3P_2}^{(1)} p'p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$ $D_{1P_1}^{(0)} p'p, D_{3P_1}^{(0)} p'p$

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# Predicted scattering observables



# Low-energy behavior: $^1S_0$



$$F(k) - ik = -\frac{2}{\pi m_N T^{(0)}} \left[ 1 - \frac{T^{(1)}}{T^{(0)}} + \left( \left[ \frac{T^{(1)}}{T^{(0)}} \right]^2 - \frac{T^{(2)}}{T^{(0)}} \right) + \left( 2 \frac{T^{(1)}T^{(2)}}{(T^{(0)})^2} - \frac{T^{(3)}}{T^{(0)}} - \left[ \frac{T^{(1)}}{T^{(0)}} \right]^3 \right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{Q^4}{\Lambda_b^4}\right) \right].$$

$^1S_0$ partial wave	$a$ [fm]	$r$ [fm]	$v_2$ [fm <sup>3</sup> ]	$v_3$ [fm <sup>5</sup> ]	$v_4$ [fm <sup>7</sup> ]
Empirical (Ref. [27])	-23.735(16)	2.68(3)	-0.48(2)	3.9(1)	-19.6(5)
$\Lambda = 500$ MeV, (no CIB)					
LO	*	1.71(0)	-1.77(0)	8.54(0)	-47.0(3)
NLO	*	*	-0.64(0)	4.79(0)	-29.9(2)
N <sup>2</sup> LO	*	2.72(0)	-0.71(0)	5.05(0)	-29.3(2)
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LO	*	1.49(0)	-2.06(0)	9.34(0)	-50.7(3)
NLO	*	*	-0.55(0)	4.70(0)	-30.1(2)
N <sup>2</sup> LO	*	2.75(0)	-0.75(0)	4.80(0)	-28.1(2)
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LO	*	1.68(0)	-1.55(0)	6.63(0)	-31.64(8)
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LO	*	1.47(0)	-1.81(0)	7.27(0)	-34.23(8)
NLO	*	*	-0.36(0)	3.35(0)	-19.13(8)
N <sup>2</sup> LO	*	2.72(0)	-0.59(0)	3.56(0)	-17.7(3)
N <sup>3</sup> LO	*	2.67(0)	-0.52(0)	4.26(2)	-20.0(7)

$$\text{OPE no CIB: } V_{1\pi}^{(0)} = -\frac{g_A^2}{4f_\pi^2} \frac{(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \mathbf{q})(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \mathbf{q})}{q^2 + m_\pi^2} \left[ 2I(I+1) - 3 \right]$$

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# Low-energy behavior: ${}^3S_1$ (no CIB)

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Empirical (Ref. [27])	5.42	1.75	0.045	0.67	-3.94
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LO	*	1.58(0)	-0.10(0)	0.89(0)	-5.5(2)
N <sup>2</sup> LO	*	*	0.14(0)	0.80(0)	-4.2(2)
N <sup>3</sup> LO	*	*	-0.06(0)	0.46(0)	-3.7(2)
<u><math>\Lambda = 750</math> MeV</u>					
LO	*	1.69(0)	0.01(0)	0.77(0)	-4.5(4)
N <sup>2</sup> LO	*	*	0.10(0)	0.77(0)	-4.2(4)
N <sup>3</sup> LO	*	*	0.01(0)	0.62(0)	-4.0(4)
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N <sup>2</sup> LO	*	*	0.09(0)	0.75(0)	-4.2(7)
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