

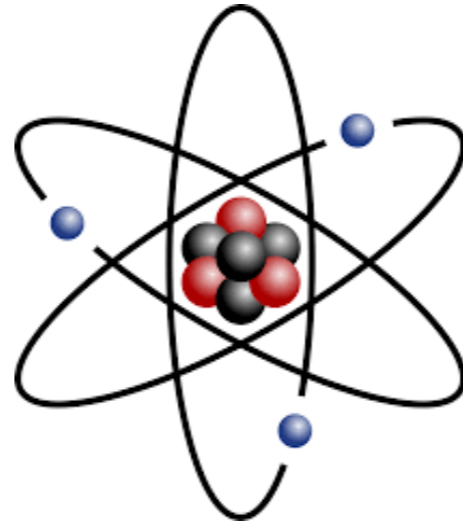
# Nuclear structure corrections in light muonic atoms

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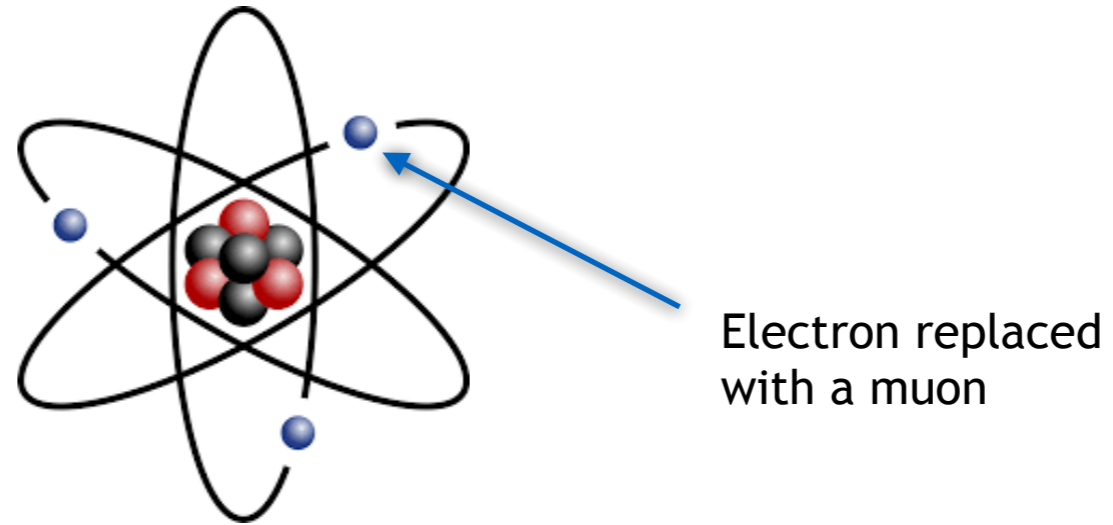
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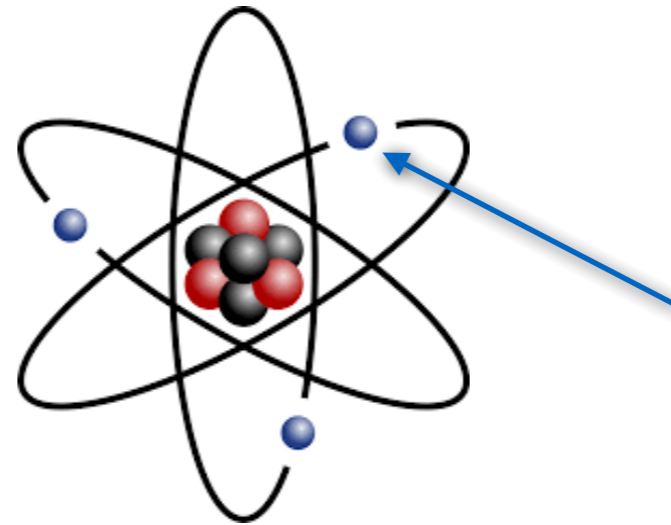
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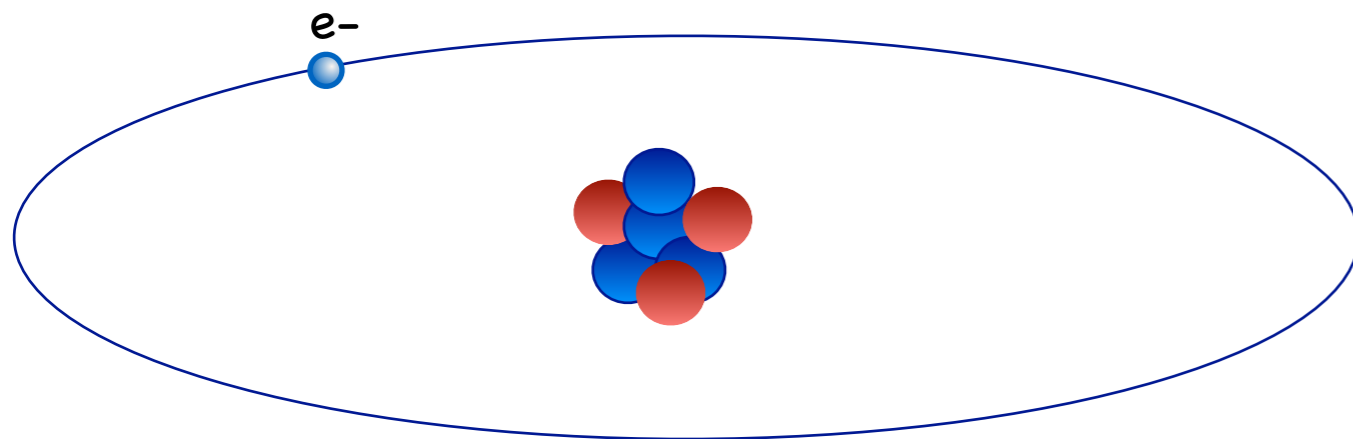
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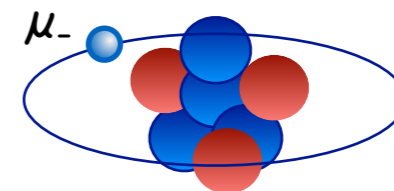
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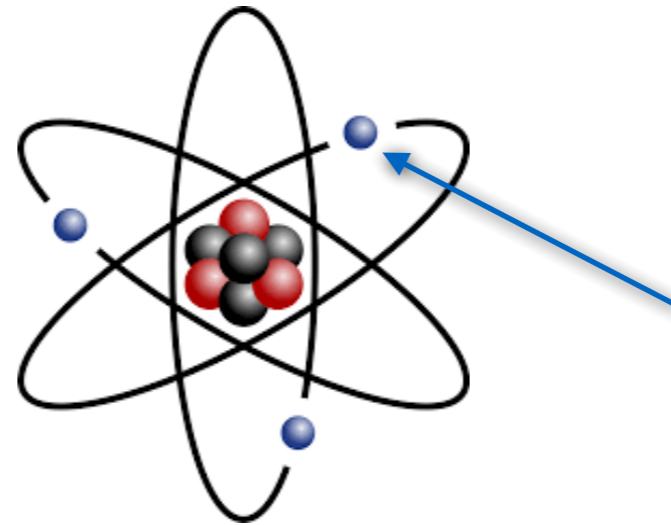
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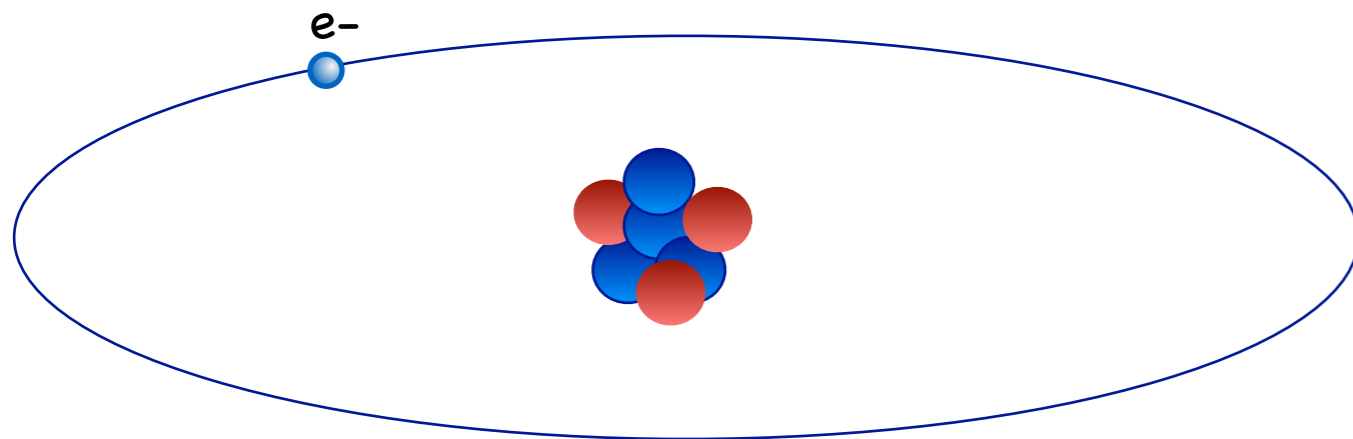
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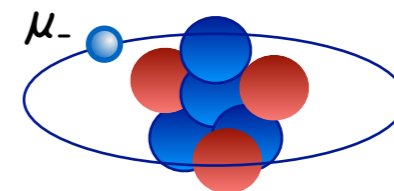
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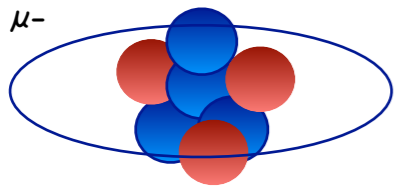


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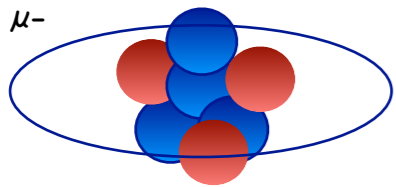
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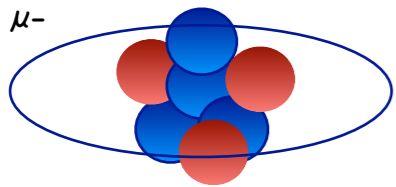
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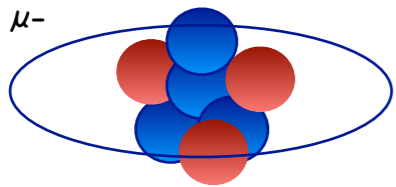


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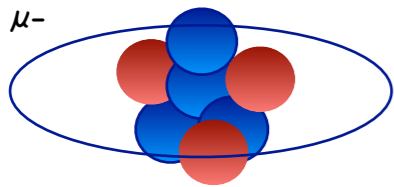
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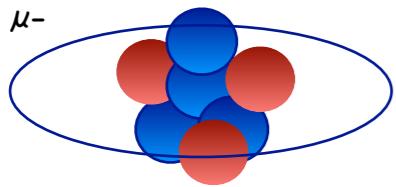


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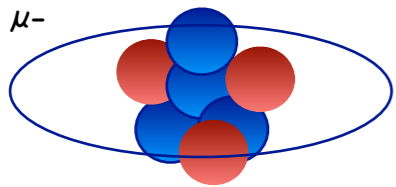
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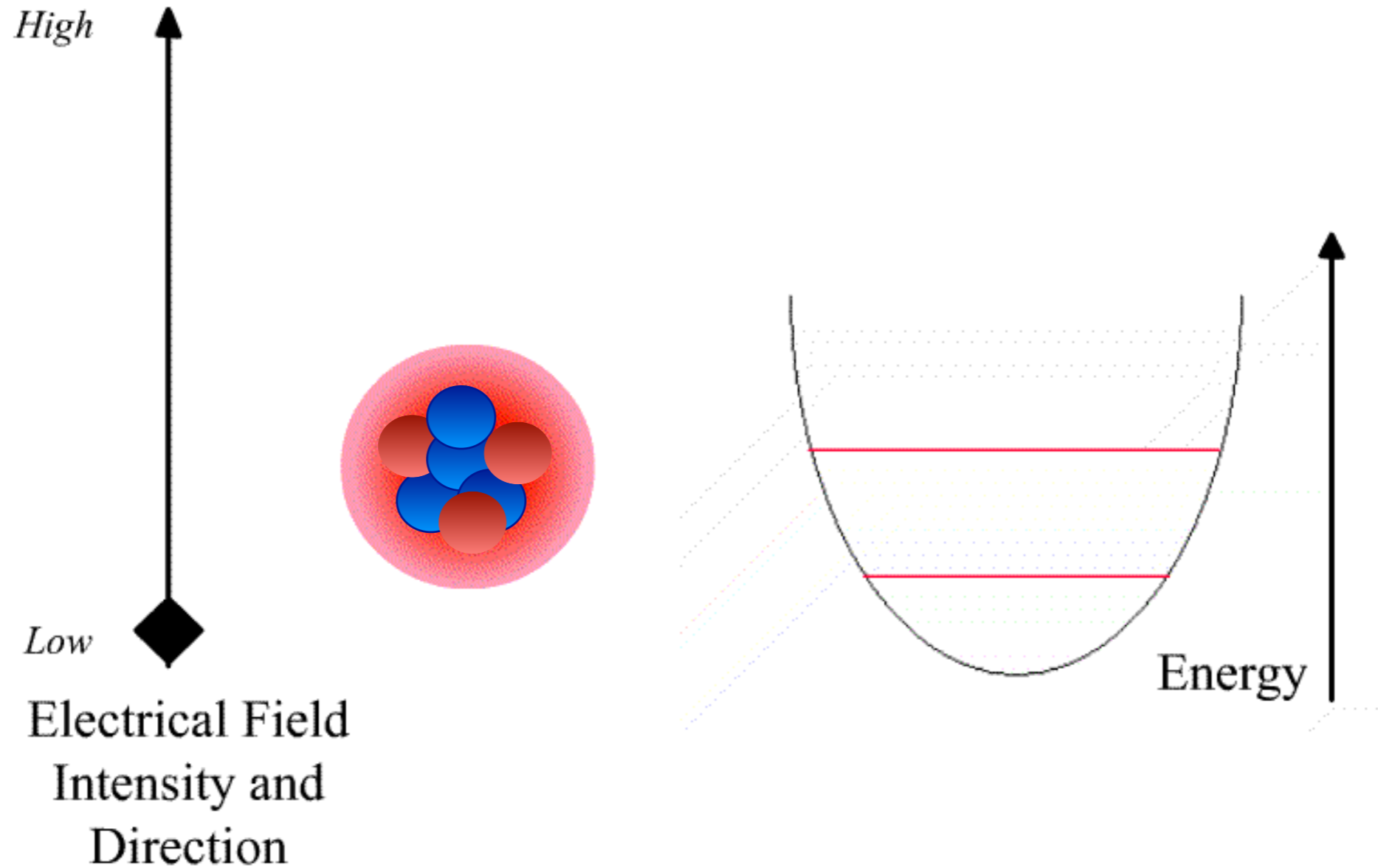
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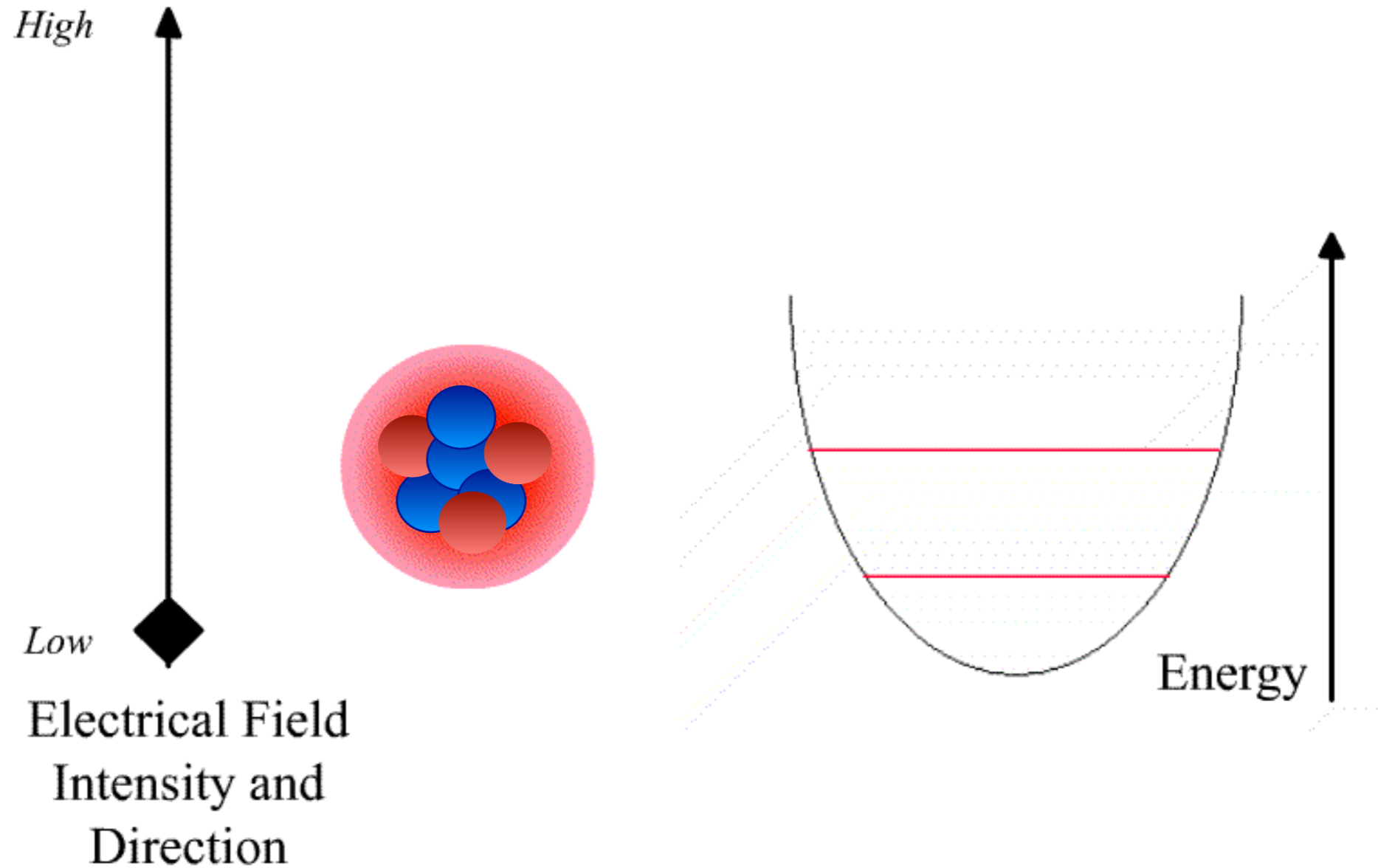
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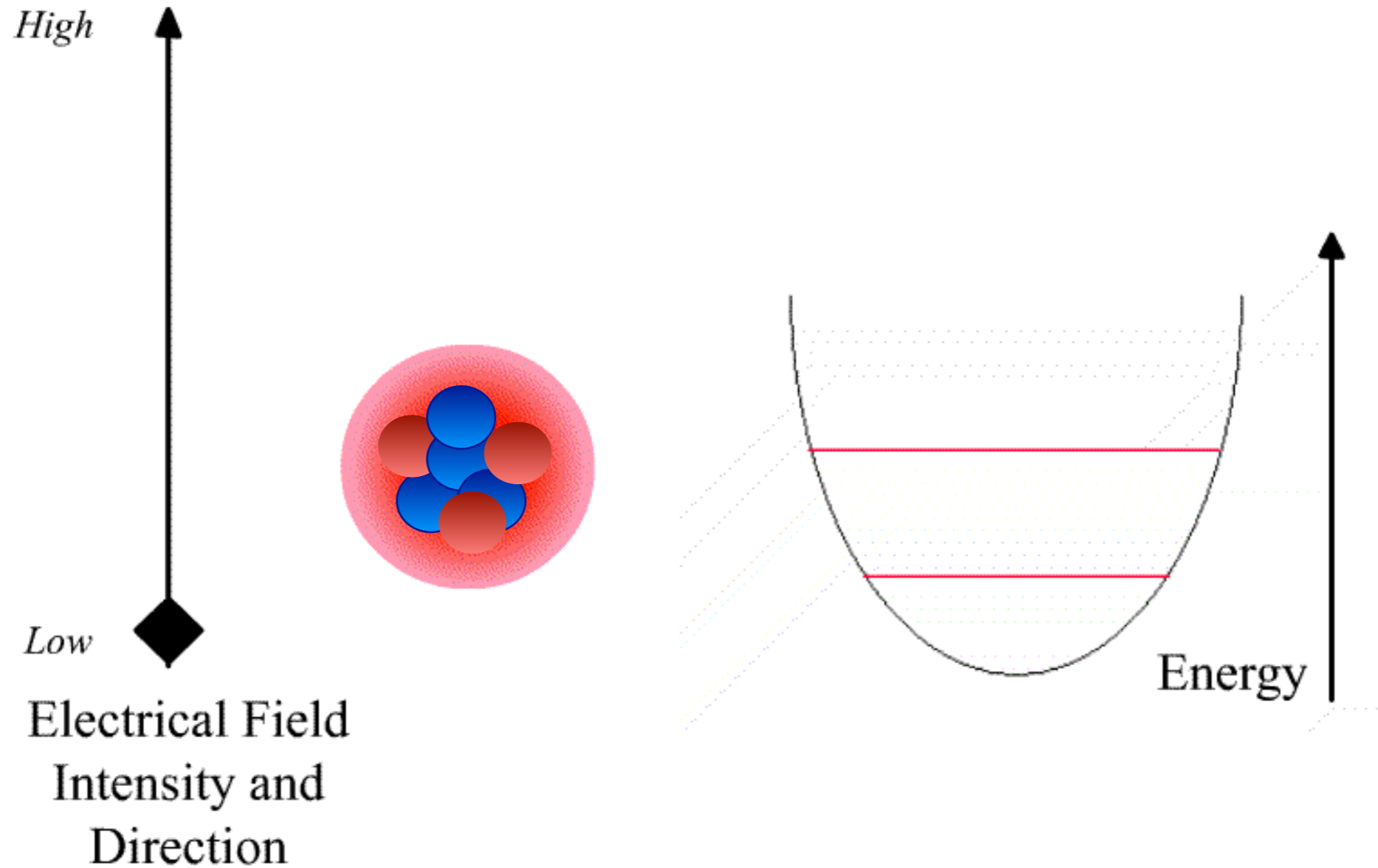
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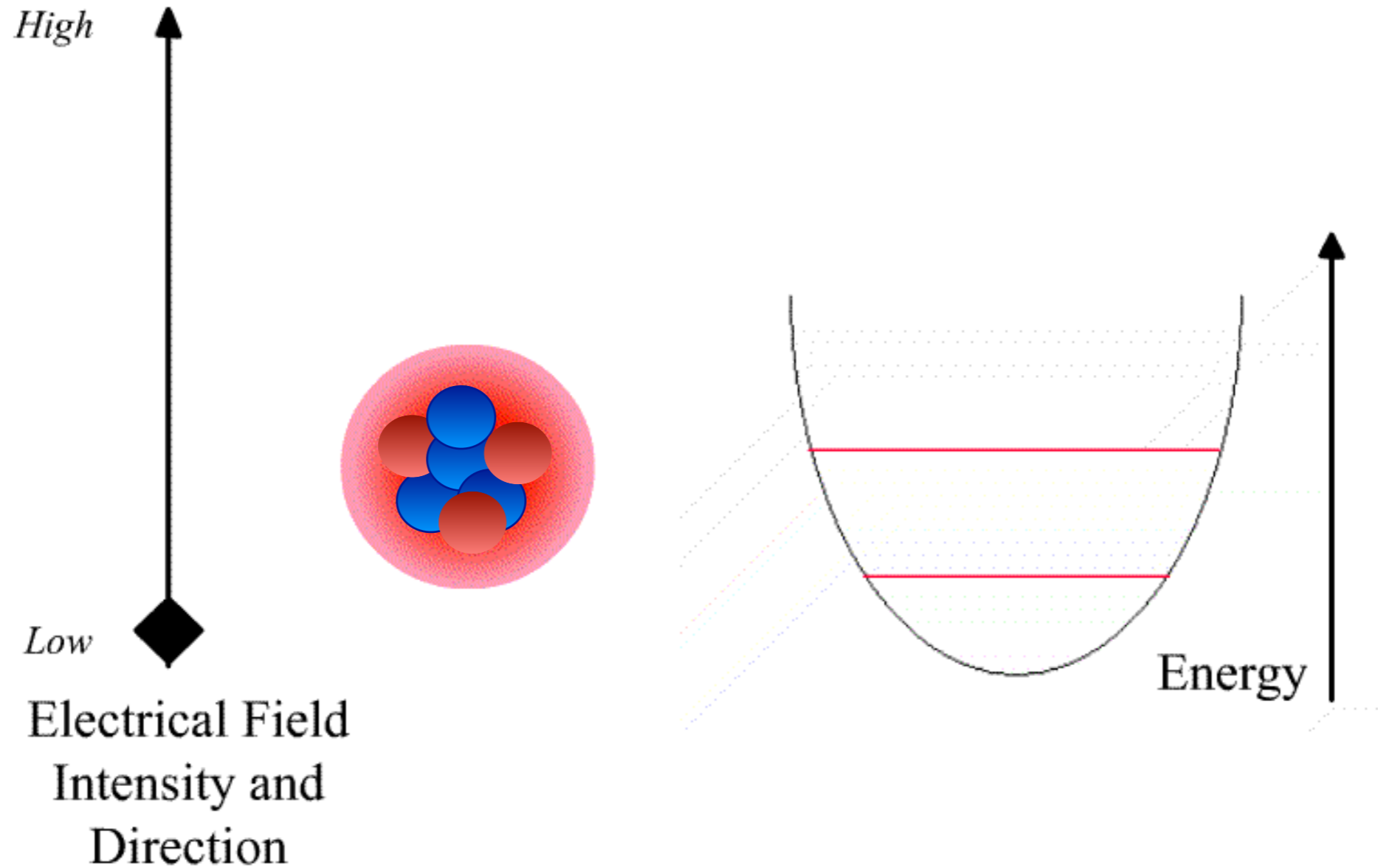


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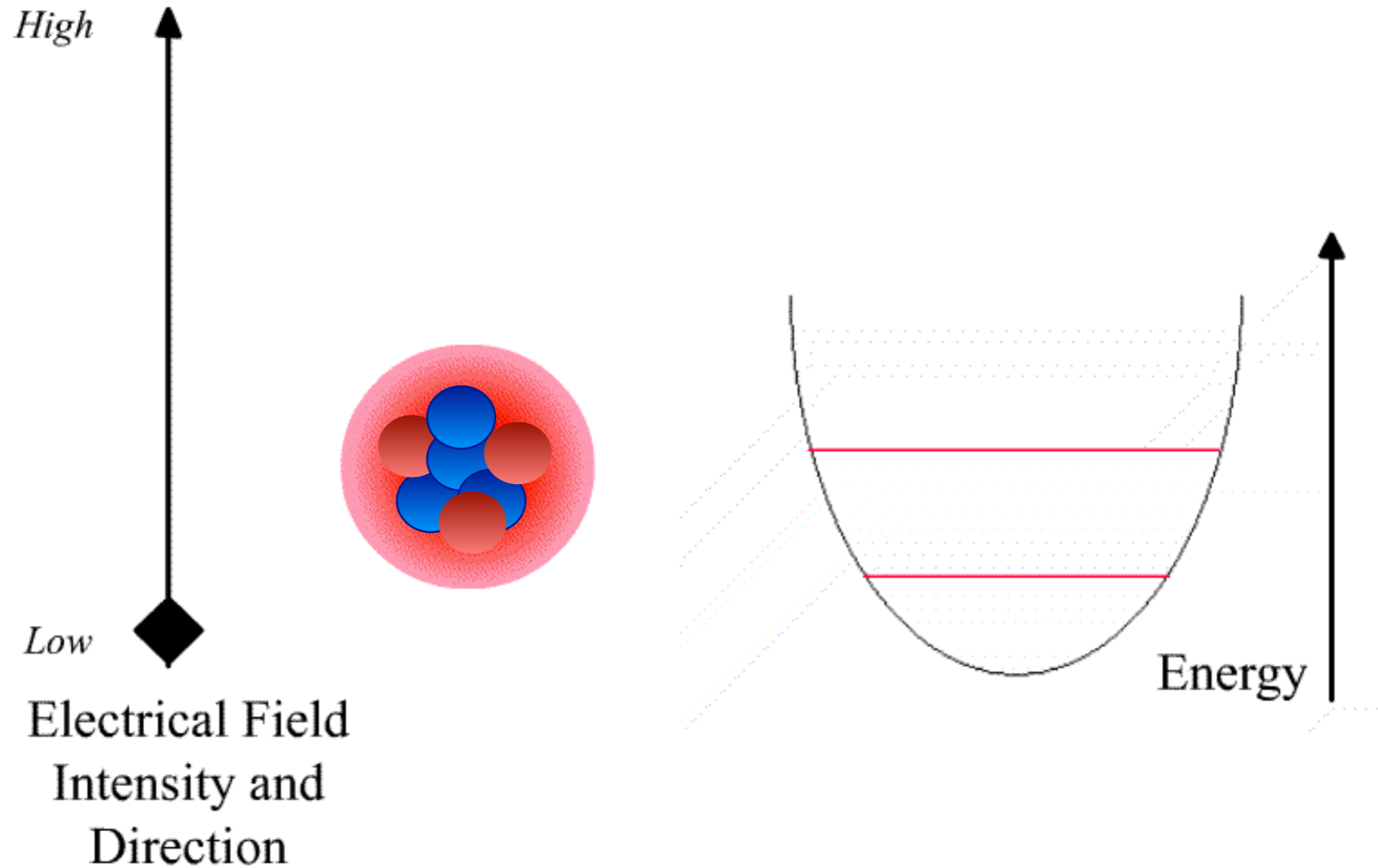


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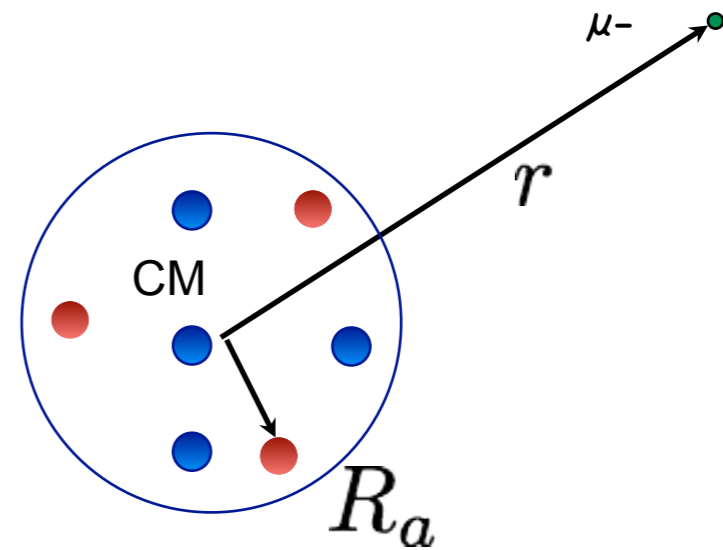


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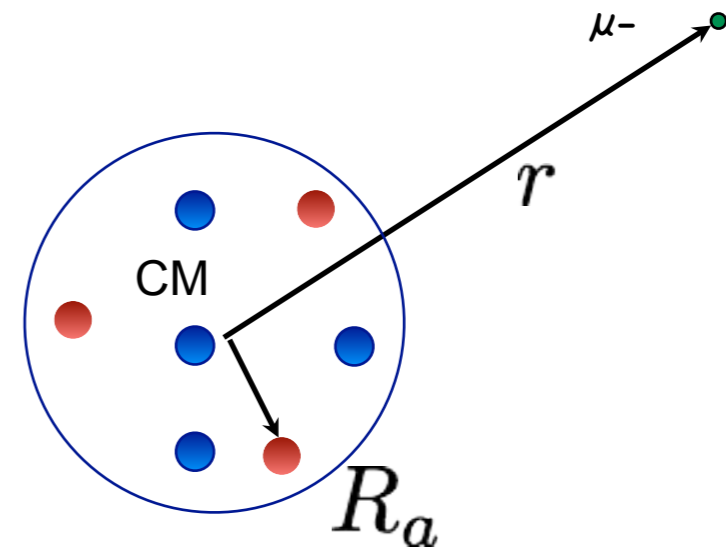
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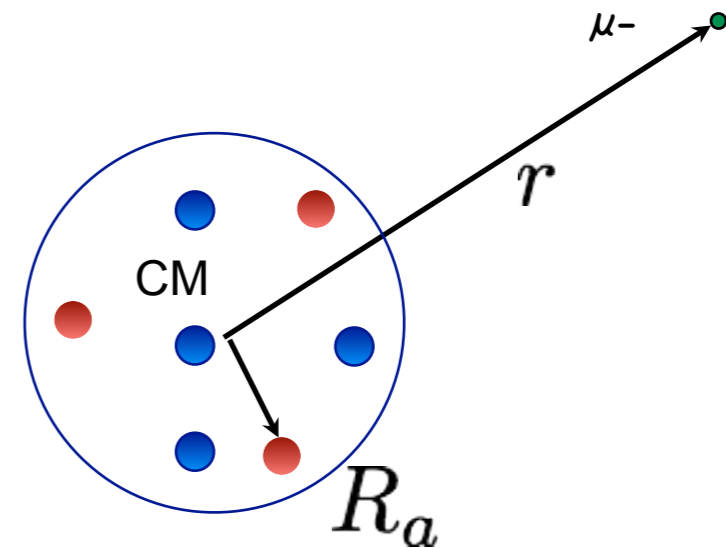
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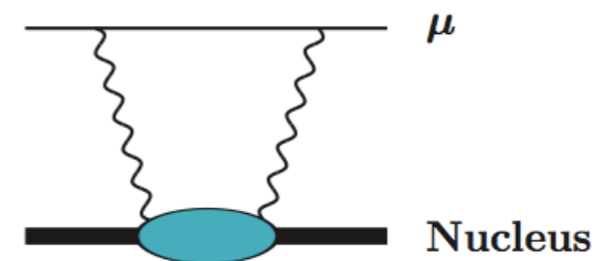
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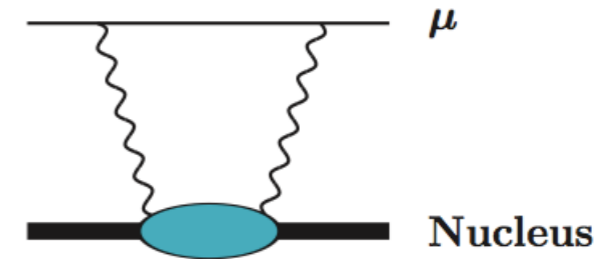
Using perturbation theory at second order one obtains the expression for TPE up to order  $(Z\alpha)^5$



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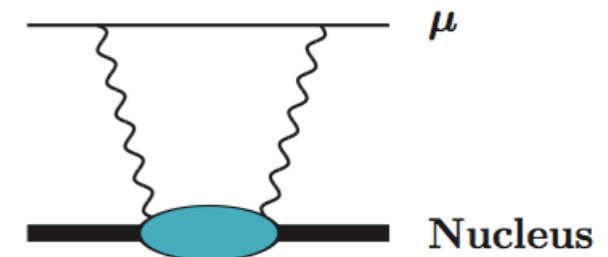


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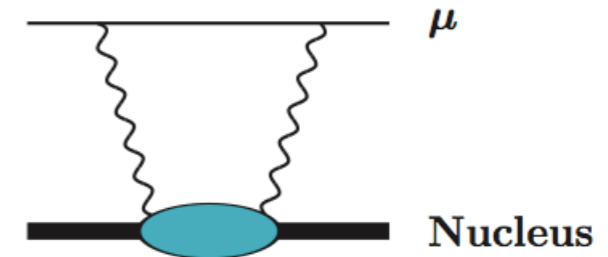
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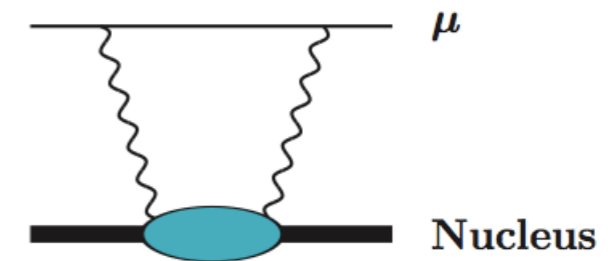
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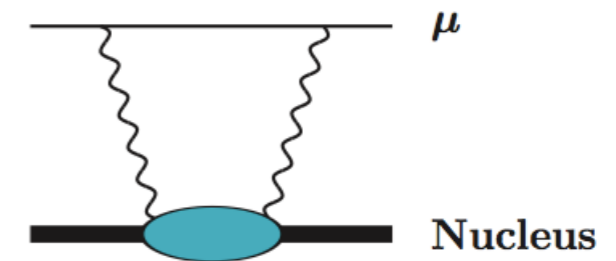


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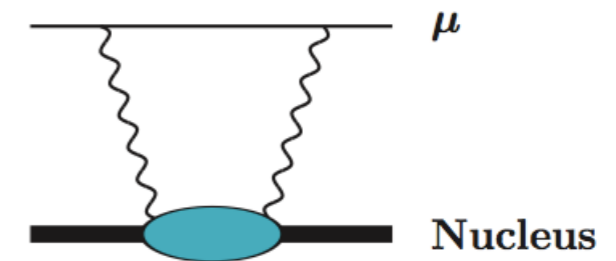
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Consider finite nucleon-size by including their charge distributions and obtain terms, e.g.,

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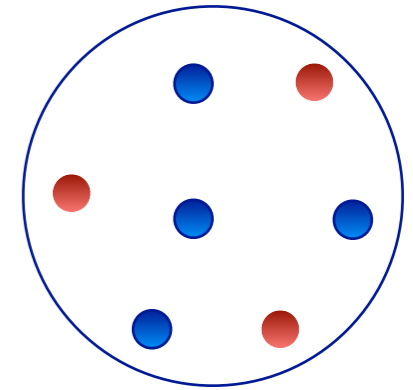
Atom	$\Delta E_{2S-2P}$	$\Delta \delta_{\text{TPE}}$
$\mu^2\text{H}$	0.003 meV	0.03 meV
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$\mu^4\text{He}^+$	0.06 meV	0.6 meV
$\mu^{6,7}\text{Li}^{++}$	0.7 meV	4 meV

# Ab Initio Nuclear Theory

- Solve the Schrödinger equation for few-nucleons

$$H_N |\Psi_{NJ}\rangle = E_{NJ} |\Psi_{NJ}\rangle$$

using numerical methods that allow to assign uncertainties



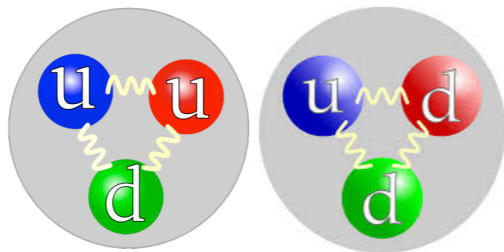
- Starting from a nuclear Hamiltonian

$$H_N = T + V$$

$V$  Phenomenology or Chiral Effective Field Theory

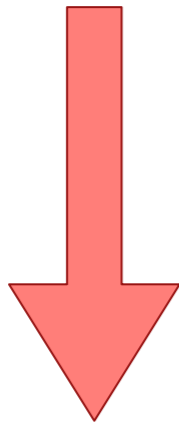
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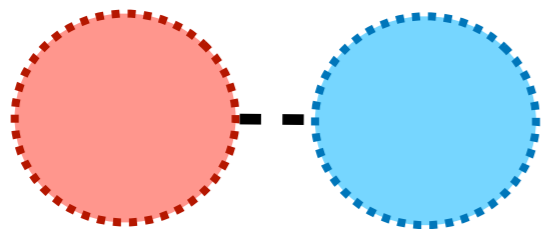


## Fundamental: Quarks/gluons

Explicit and spontaneously broken **chiral symmetry**



*Weinberg*



## Effective: Nucleons/pions

Construct the most general theory compatible with explicit and spontaneous **chiral symmetry breaking**. **Low-energy constants** encapsulate the non-resolved high energy physics

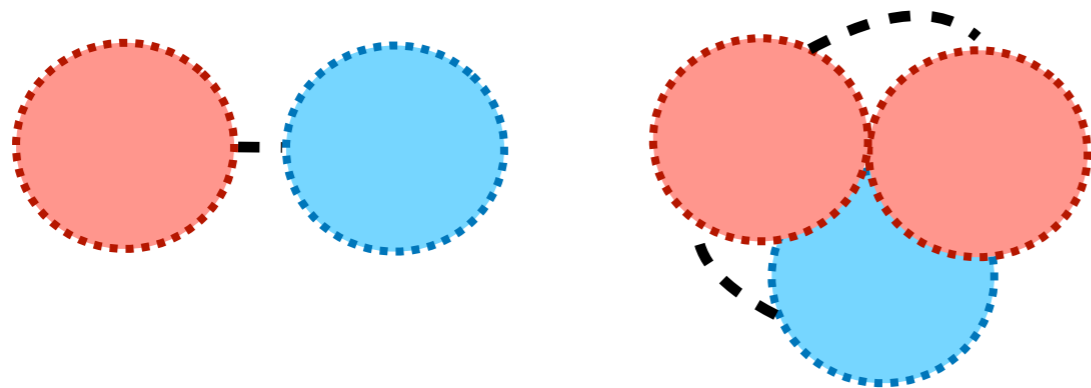
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Systematic expansion in powers of  $Q/\Lambda$

$$V = V_{\text{LO}} + V_{\text{NLO}} + V_{\text{NNLO}} \dots$$

Three-nucleon forces appear naturally and consistently with two-nucleon forces

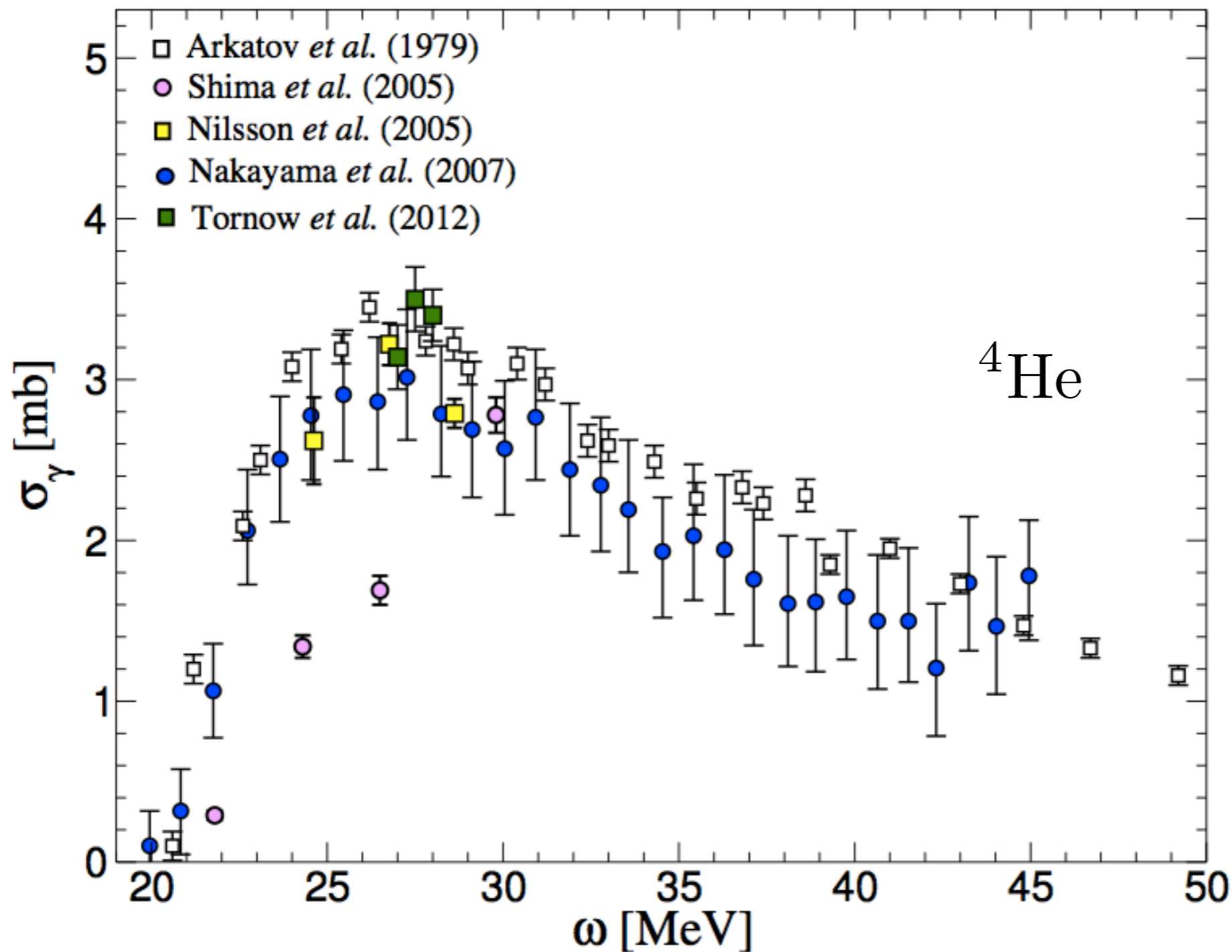
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# Few-body methods

Lorentz Integral Transform  
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Hyperspherical Harmonics expansion

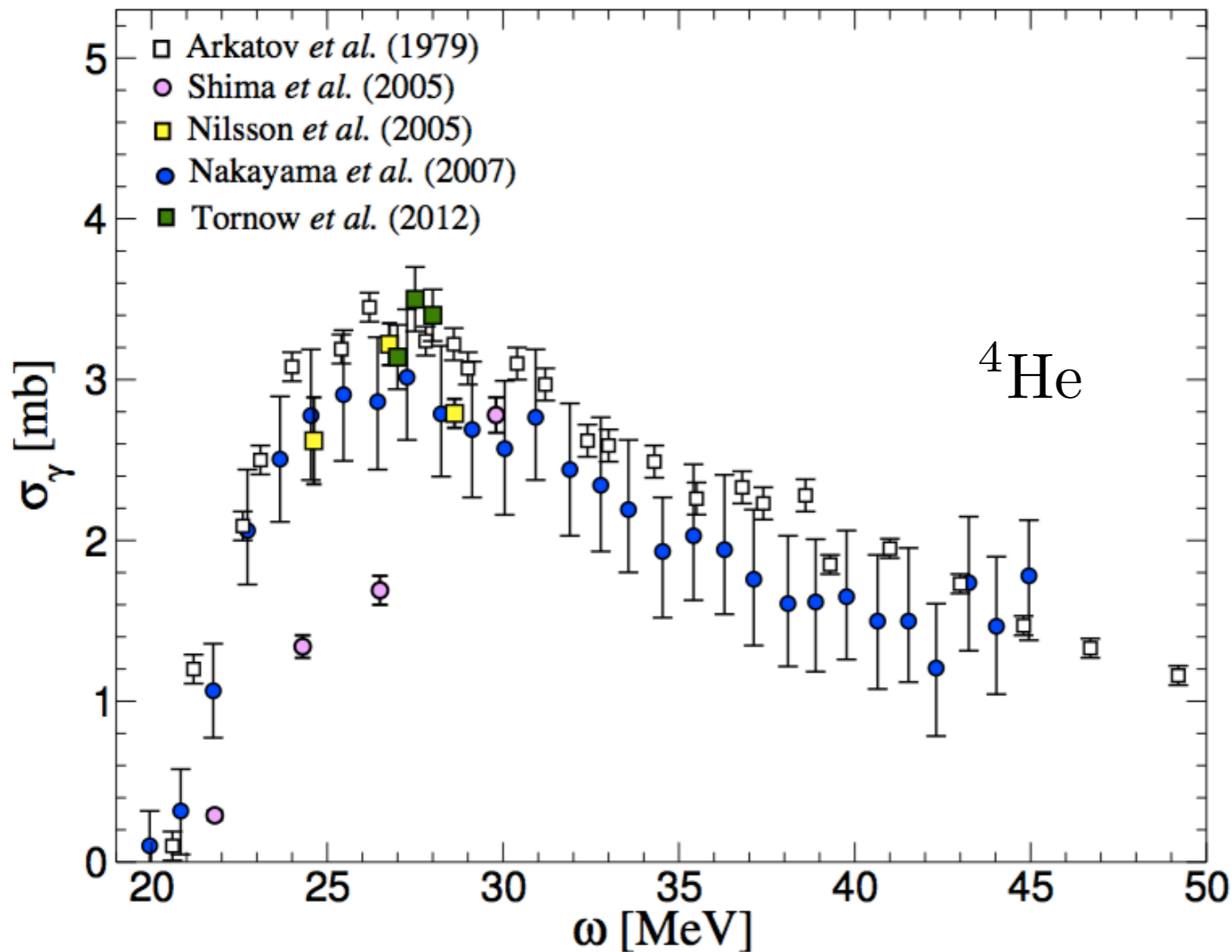
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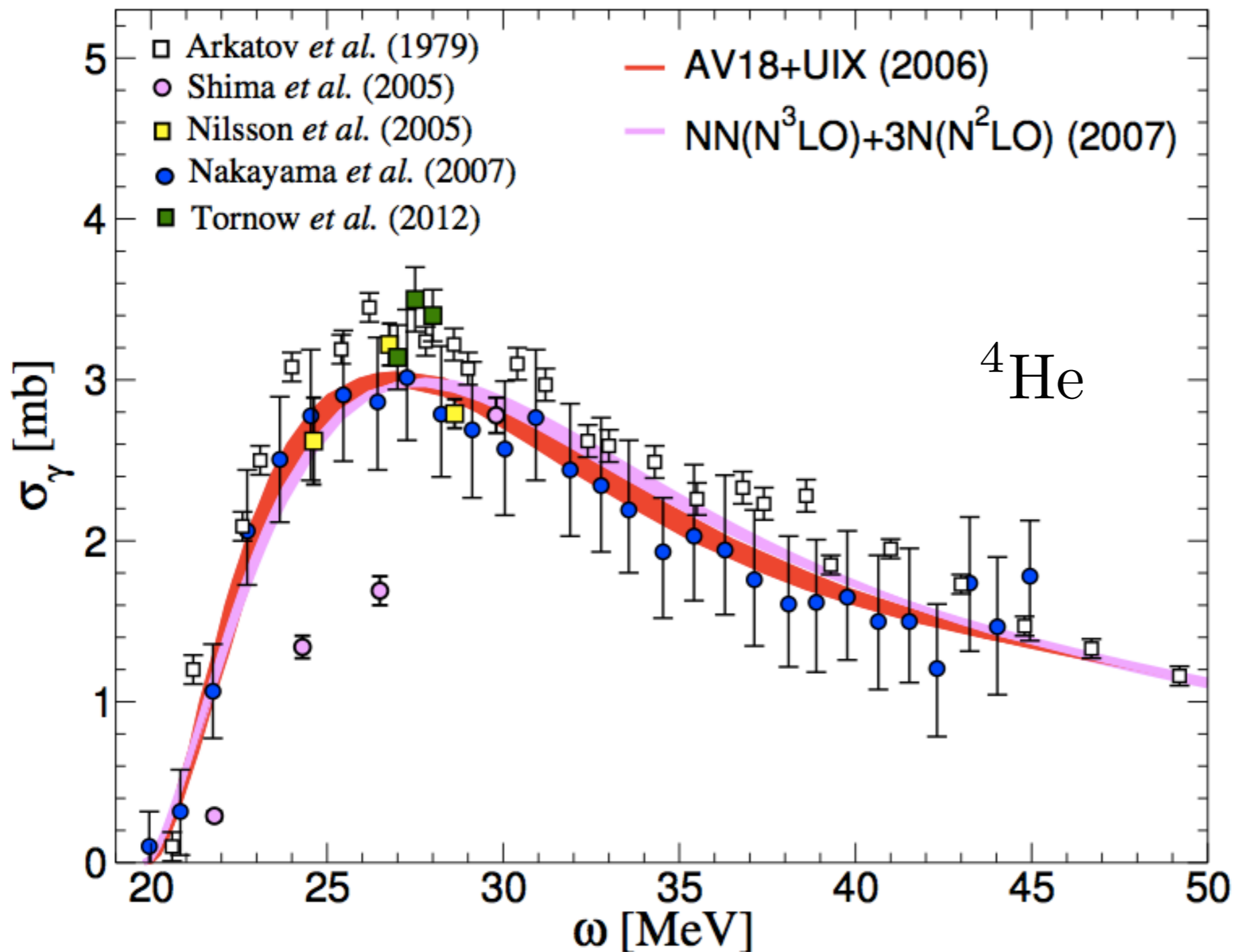


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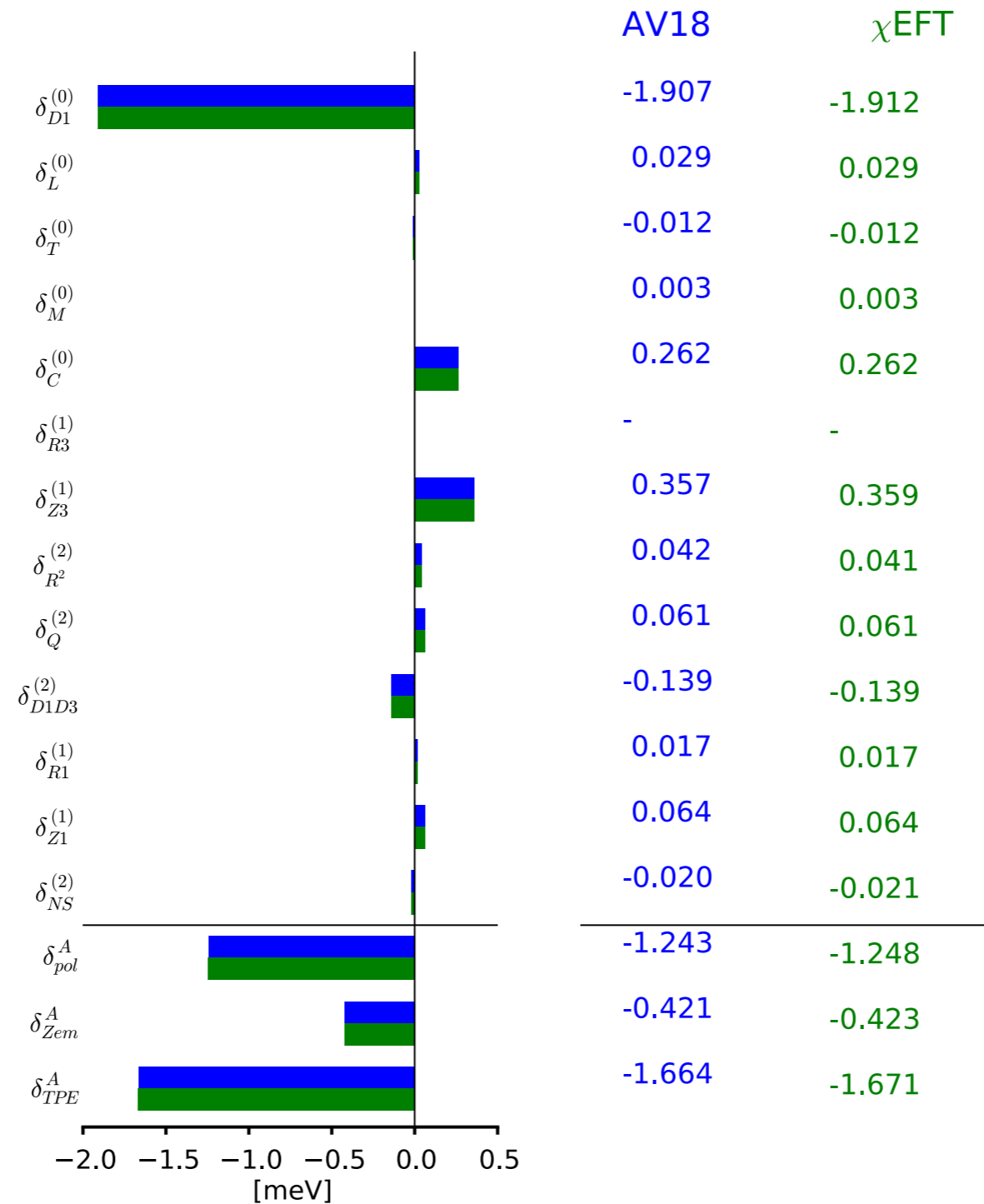
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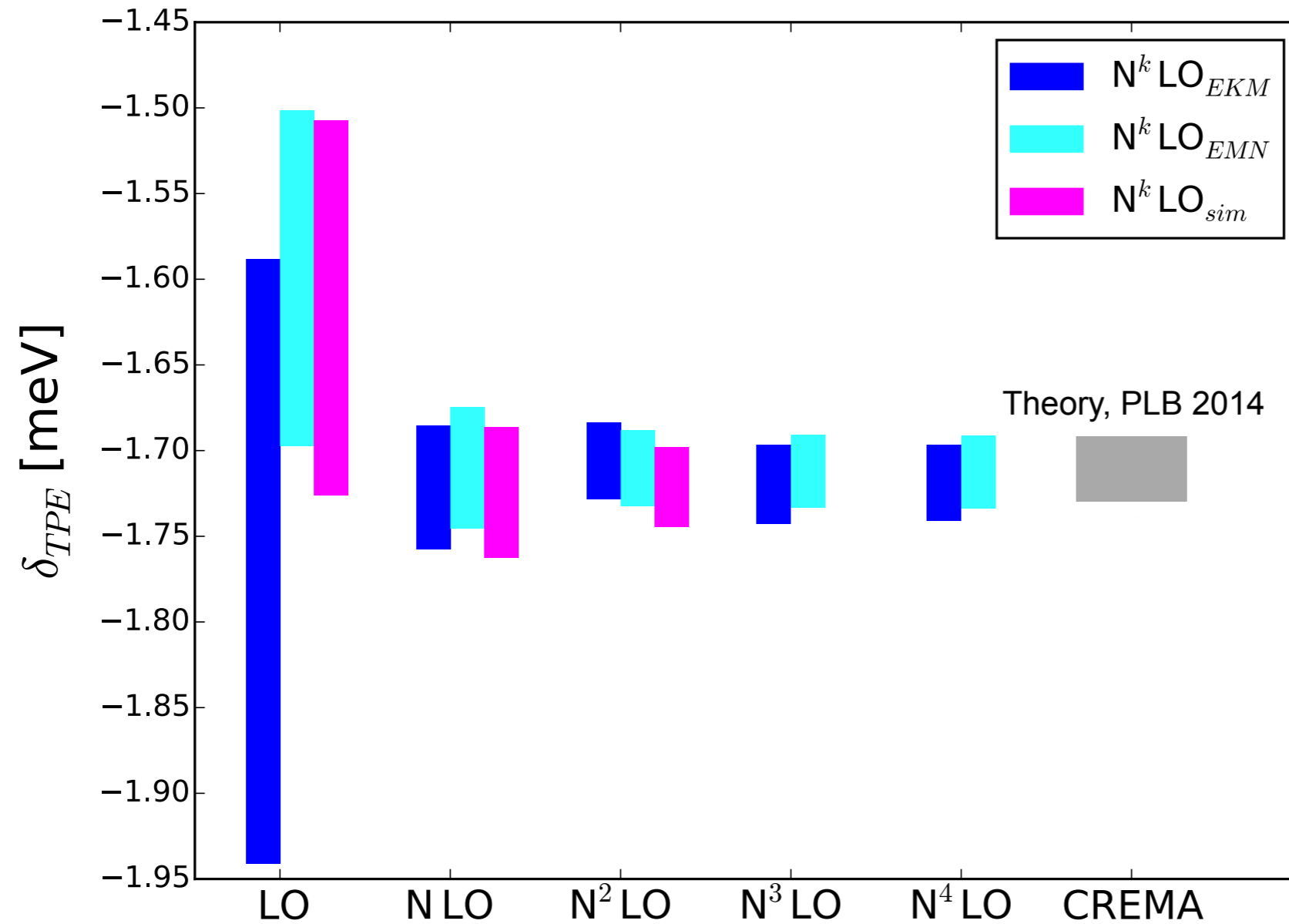
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AV18 in agreement with Pachucki (2011)+ Pachucki, Wienczek (2015)

# Order-by-order chiral expansion

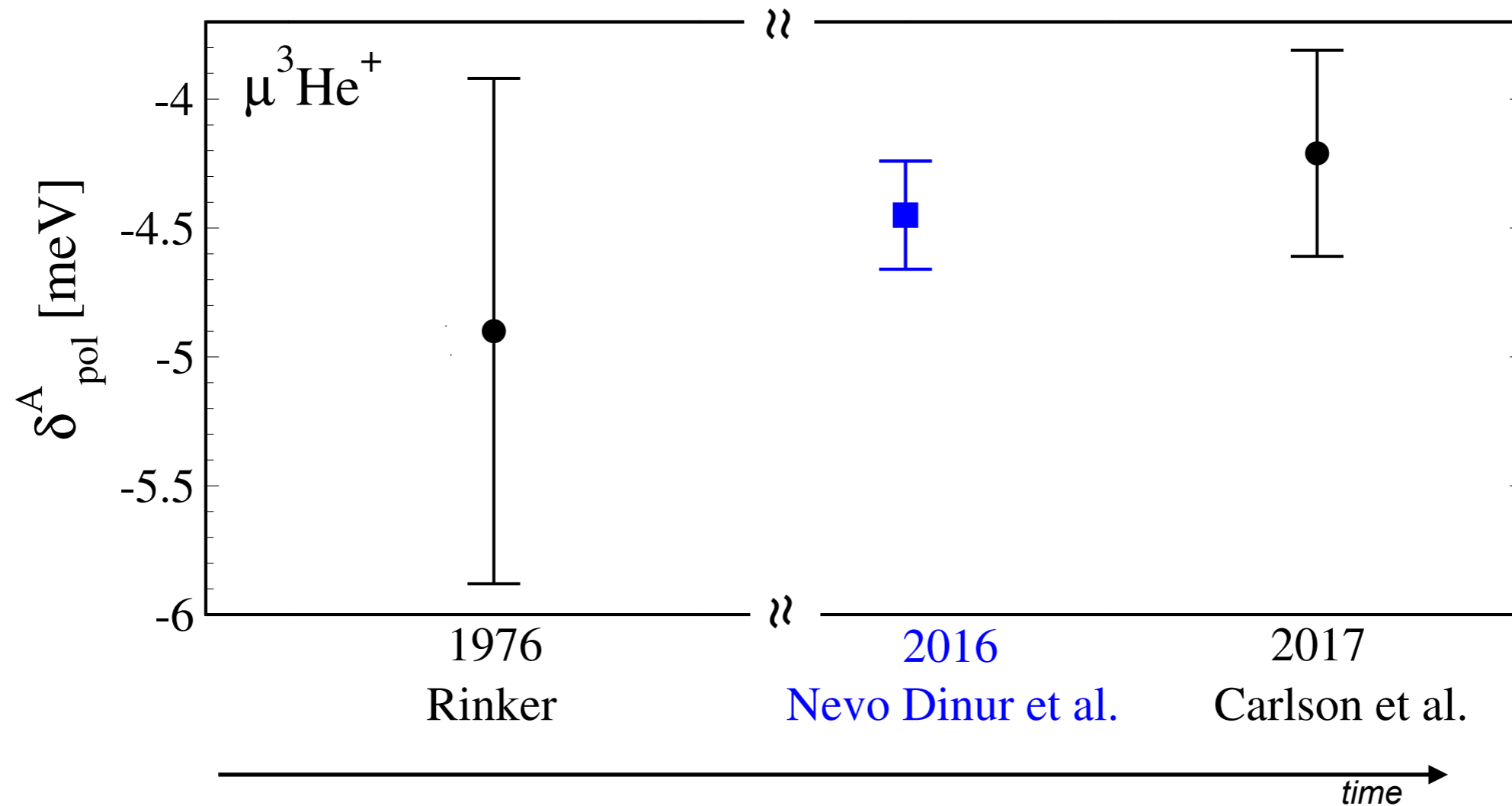
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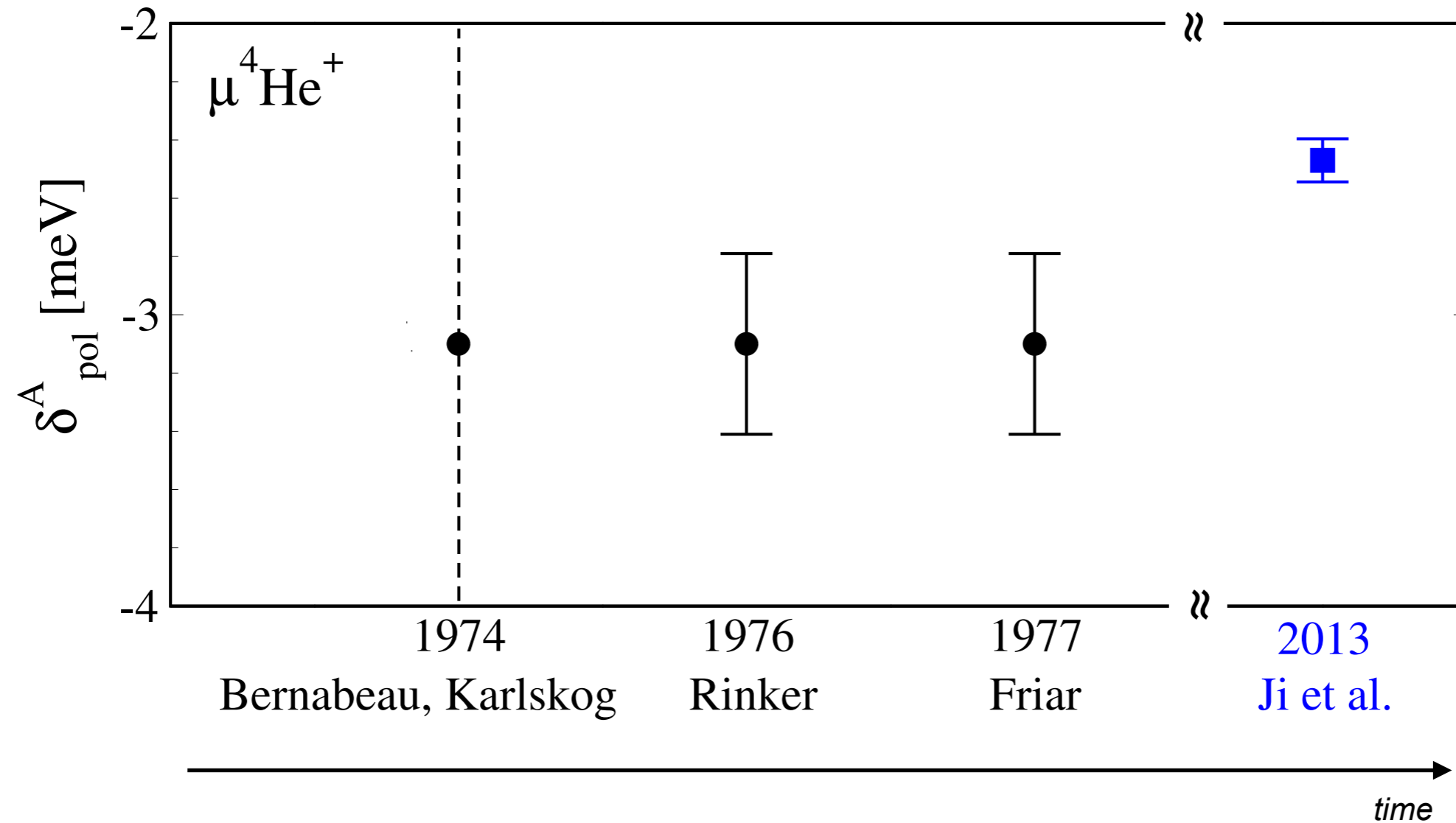
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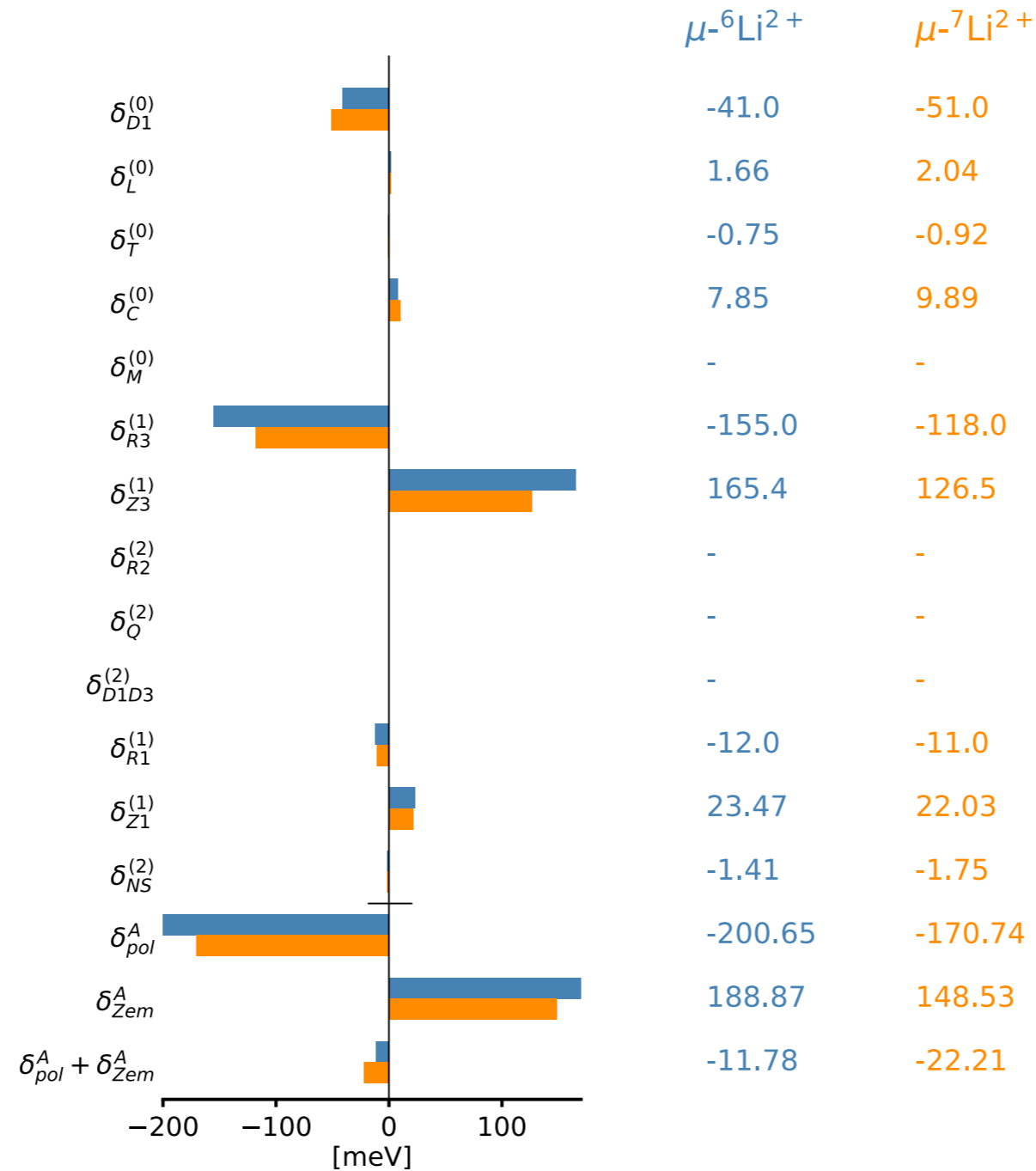


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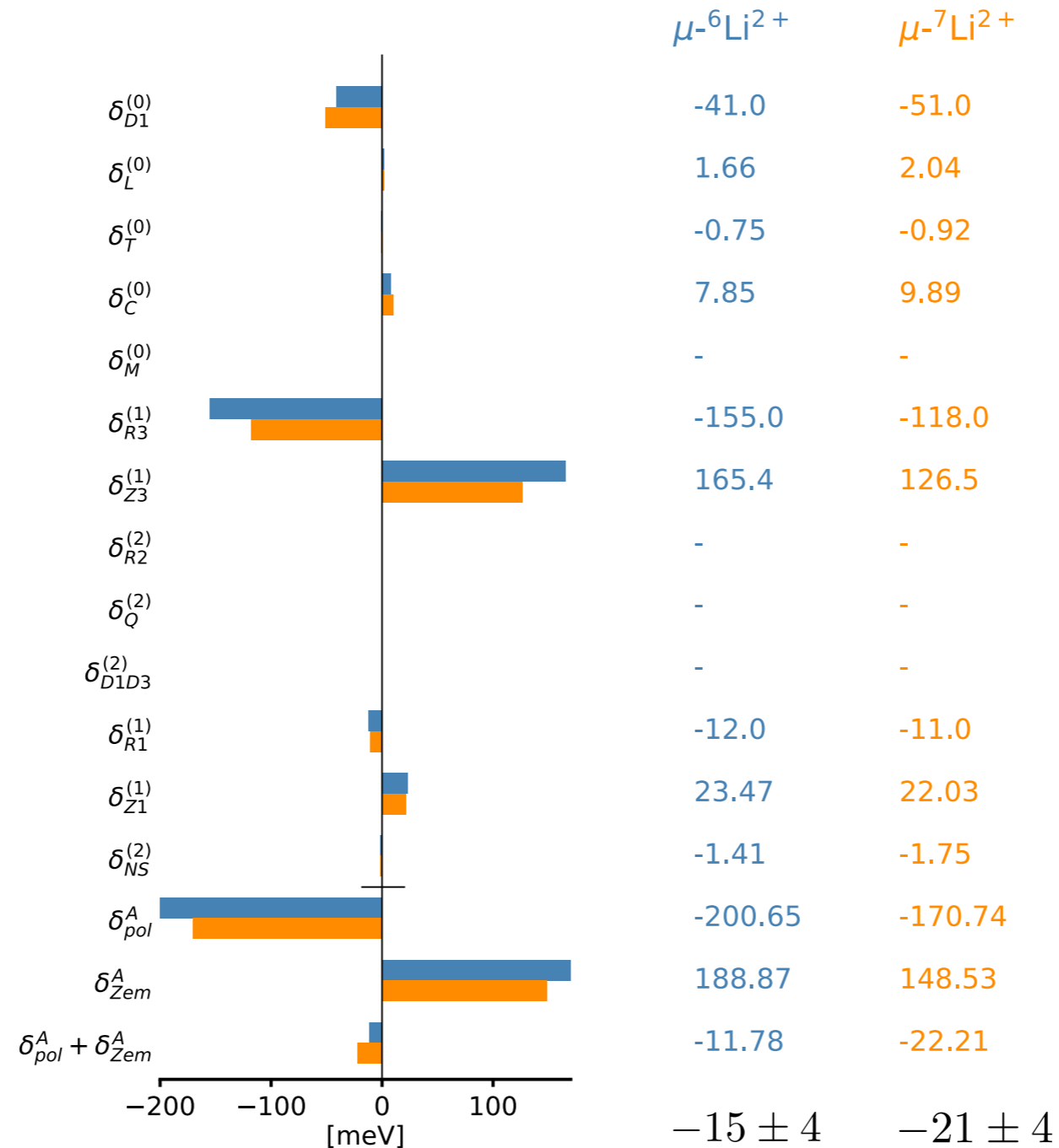




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Relative % error

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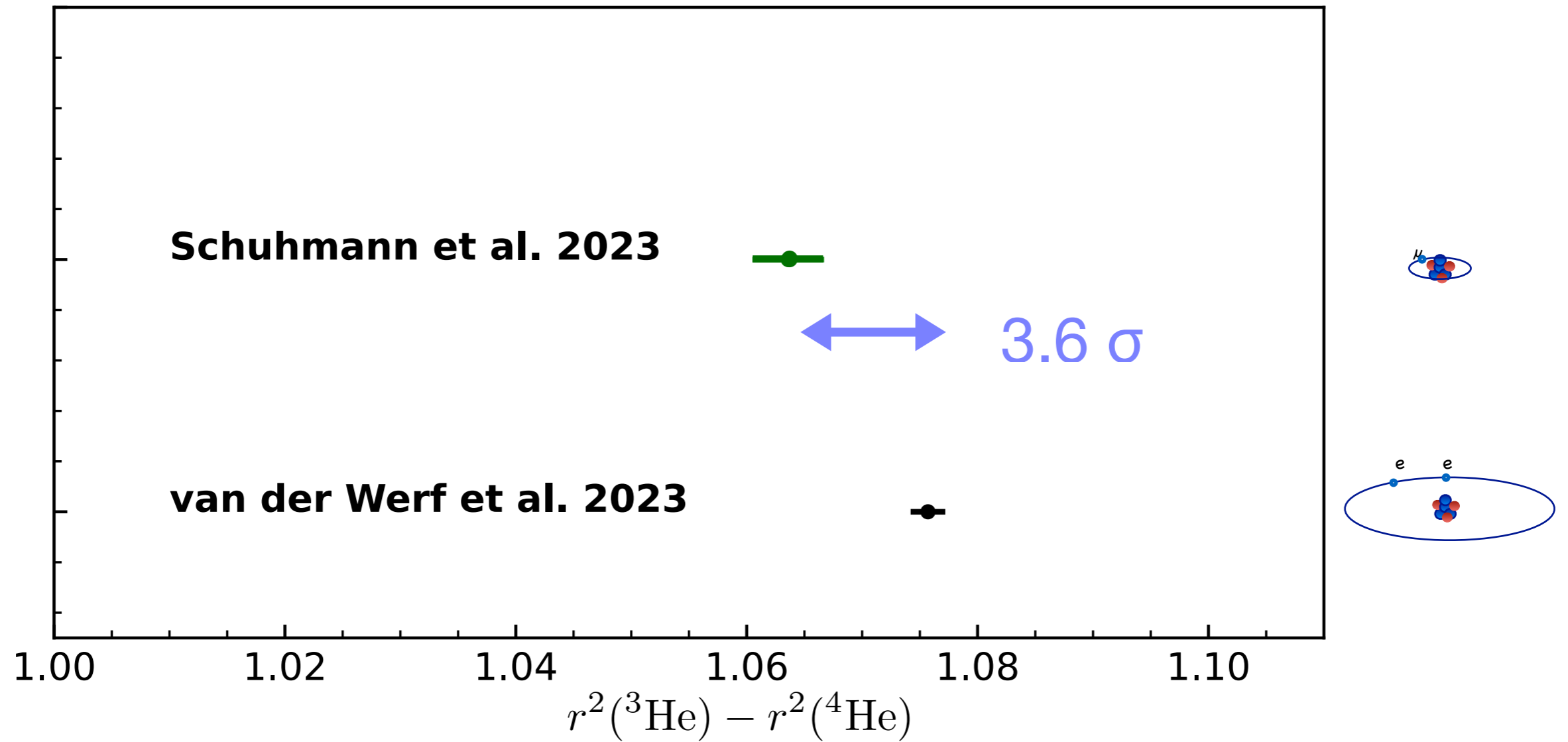
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Li Muli, Richardson, SB, arXiv:2401.13424

## Nuclear structure corrections to ordinary atoms

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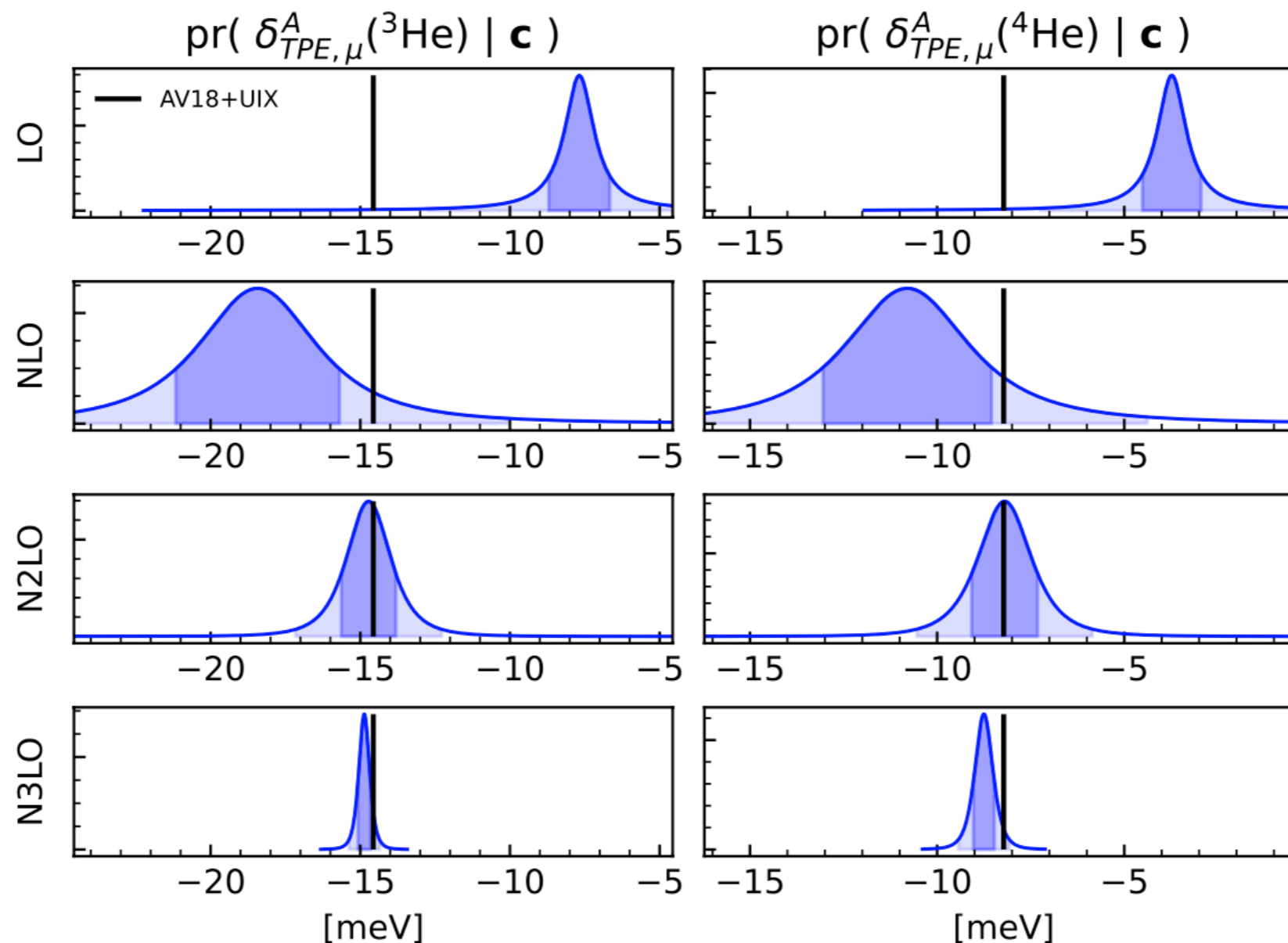
$$\tilde{\alpha}_{\text{pol},e} = \sum_{N \neq 0} |\langle N | \mathbf{D} | 0 \rangle|^2 \left[ \frac{19}{6\omega_N} + \frac{5 \ln(2\omega_N/m)}{\omega_N} \right]$$

In meV	$^3\text{He}$	$^4\text{He}$
Our at N3LO	3.514(68)	1.909(96)
Pachucki, Moro (2007)	3.560(360)	2.070(200)

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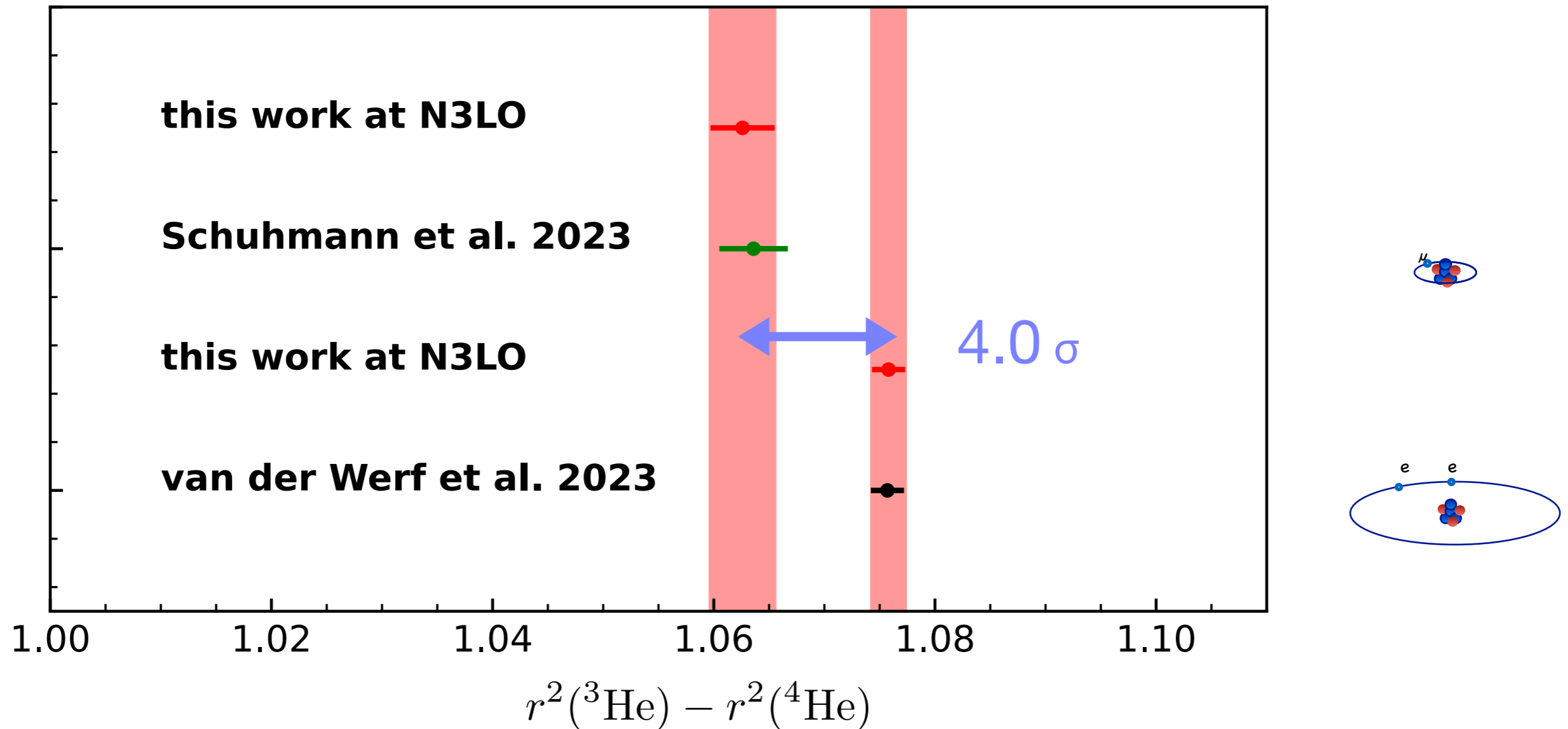
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Bayesian uncertainty quantification  $\delta = \delta_{\text{ref}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n (Q/\Lambda)^n$



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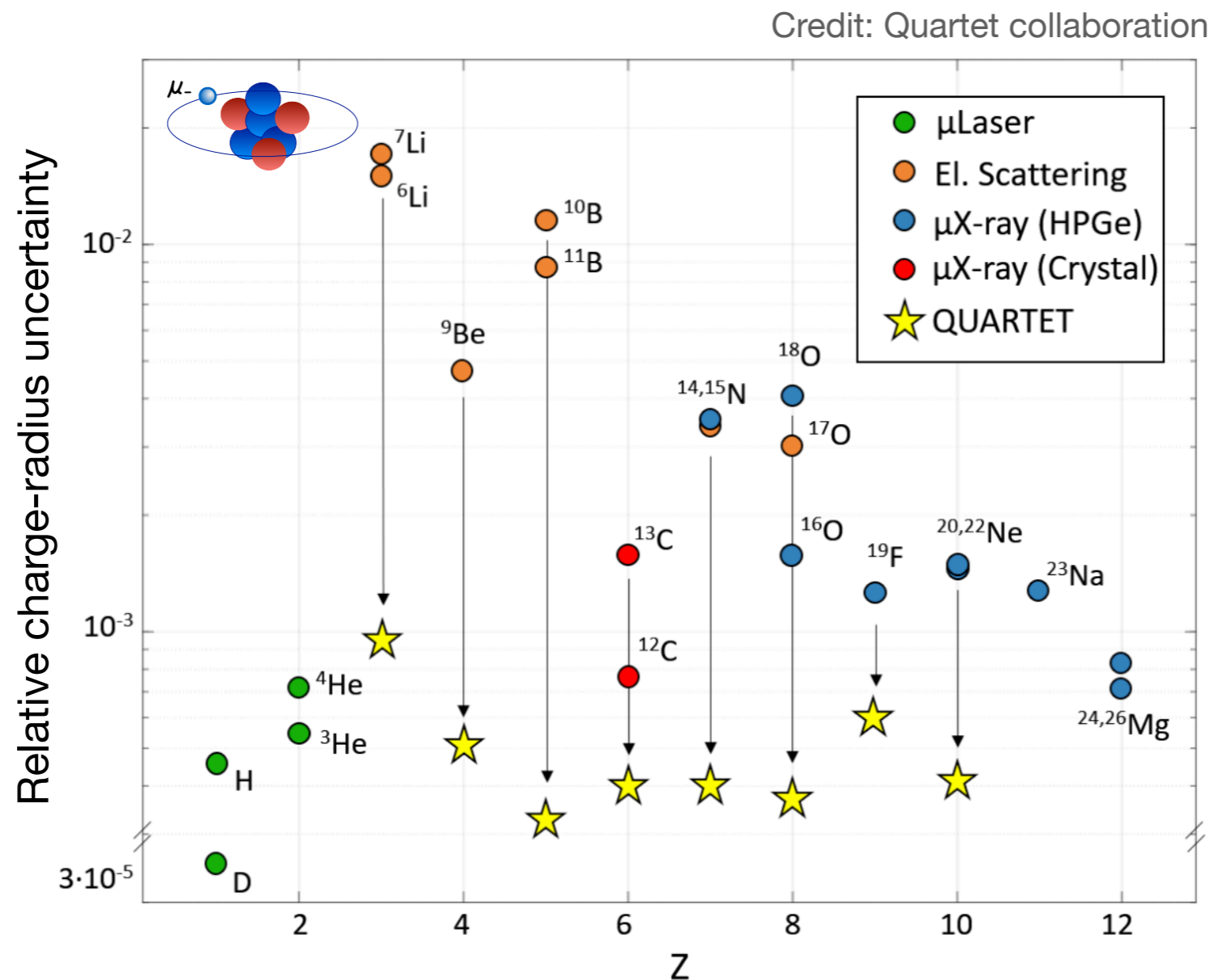
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Nuclear structure does not solve the puzzle, it rather slightly enhances it

# Outlook

- Ab-initio nuclear theory has allowed a strong reduction of uncertainties.
- Future: How can nuclear theory be useful and how shall we prioritize?  
*Radii & TPE for p-shell nuclei, HFS for s-shell and p-shell nuclei*





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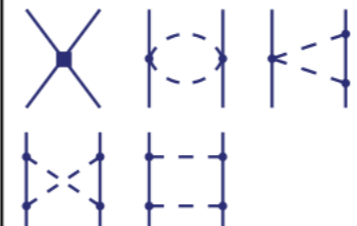





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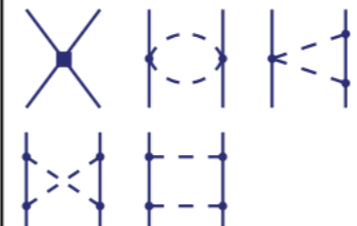





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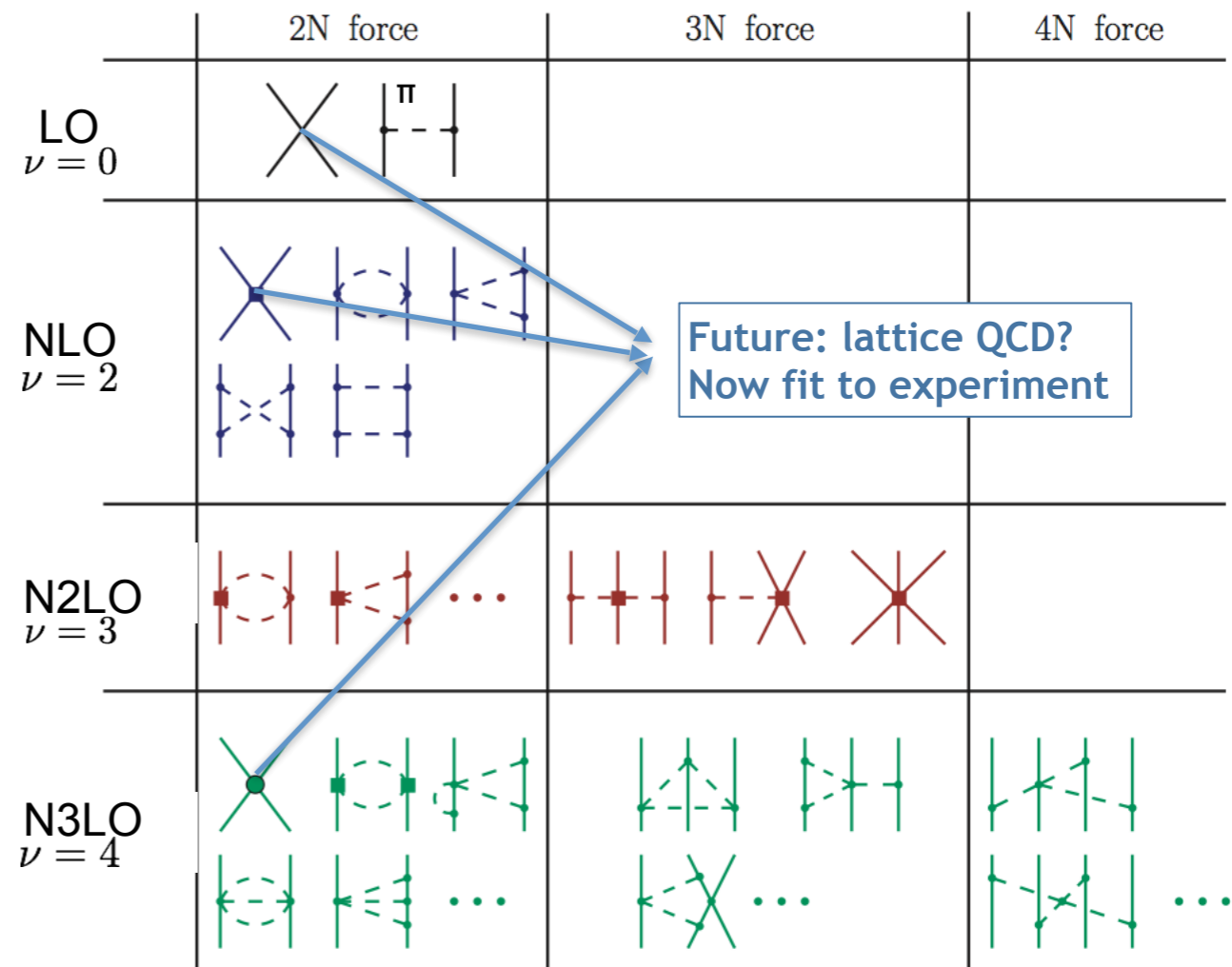
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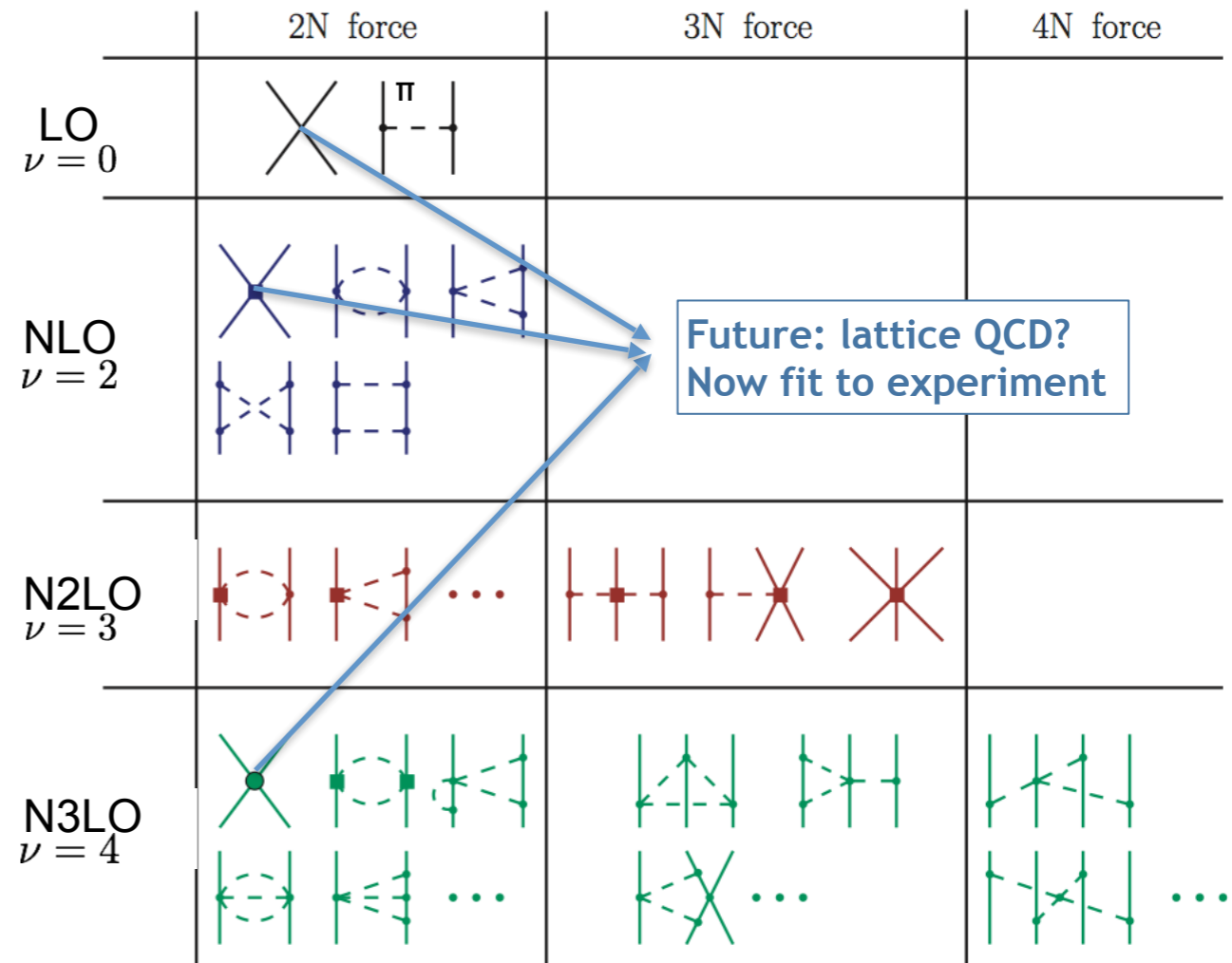
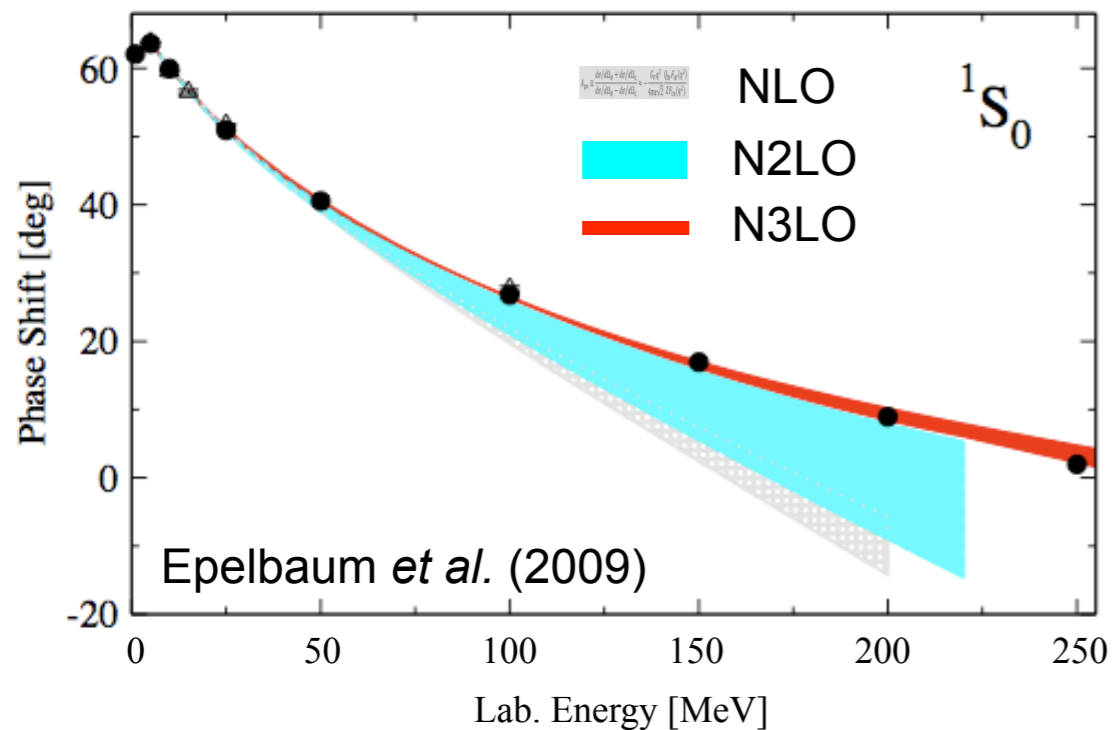
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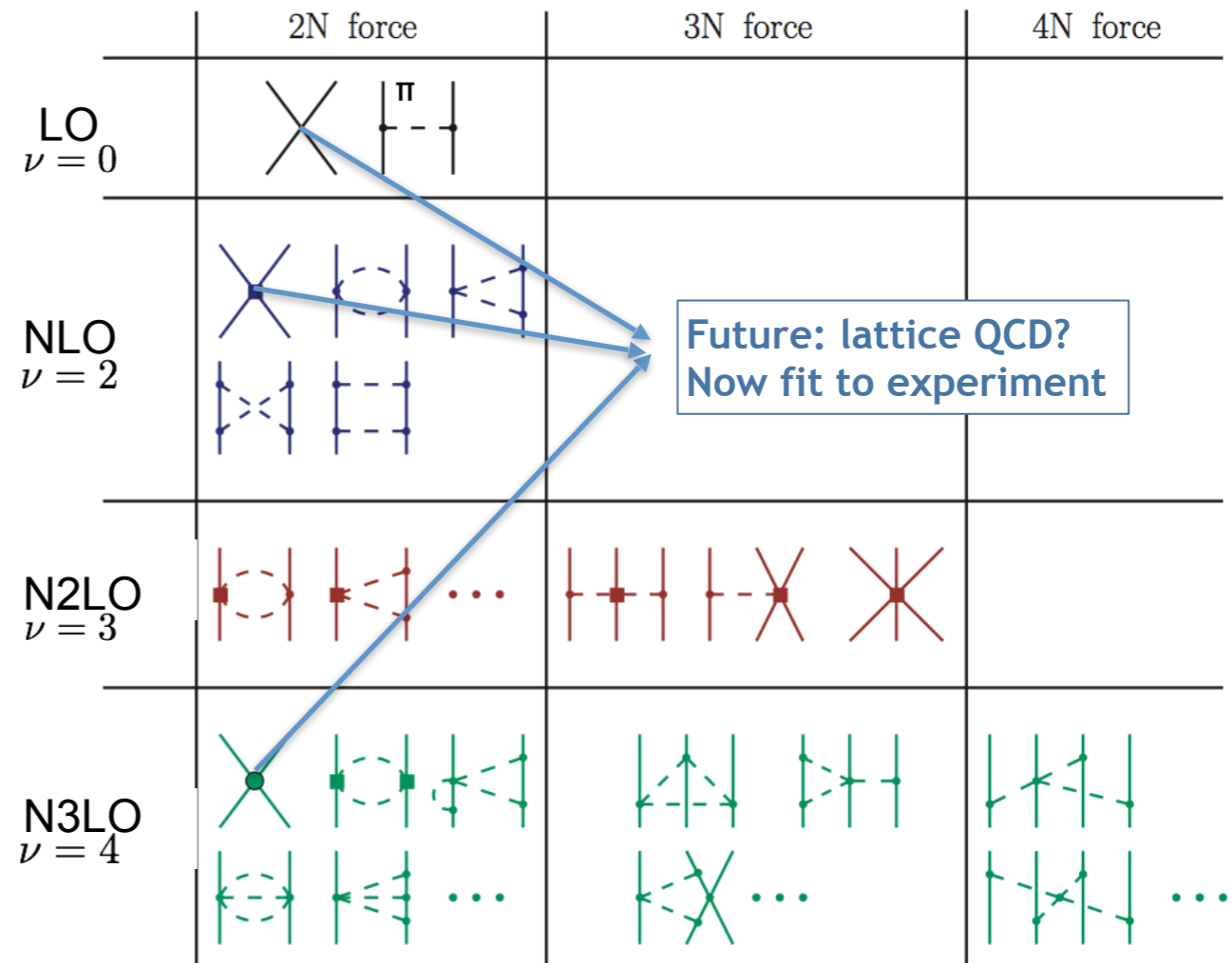
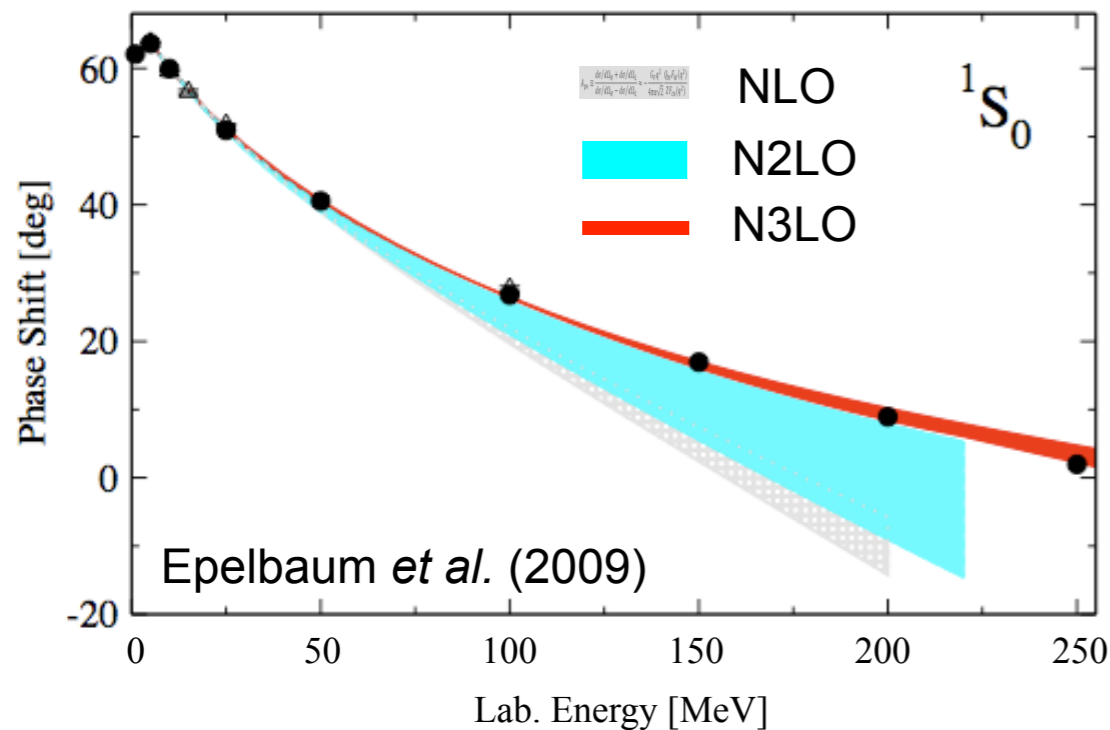
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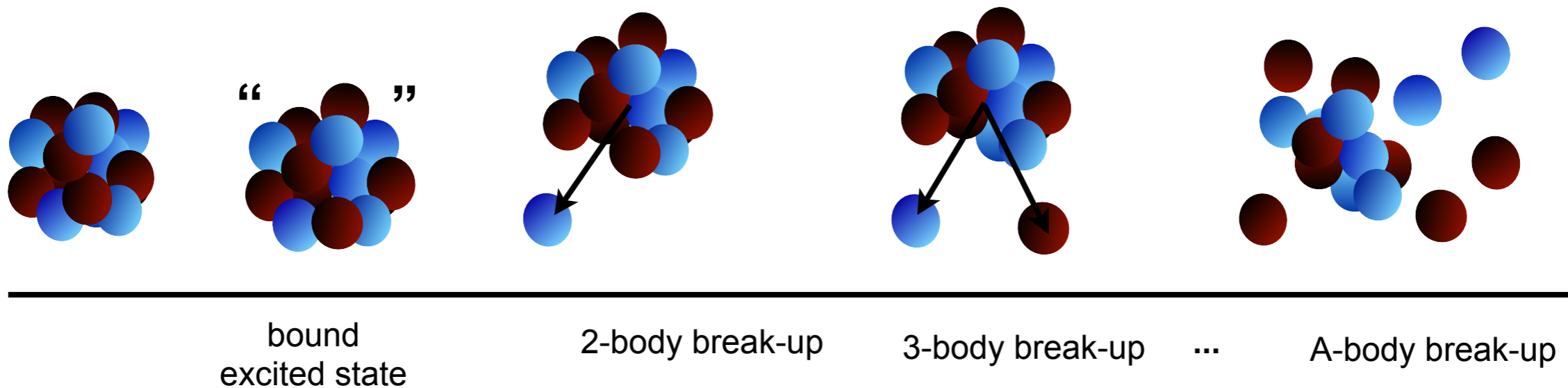


- Traditional hamiltonians

Exploit all other symmetries (e.g. translational, rotational invariance) but the chiral; use some ansatz for short range physics; Fit NN phase shifts

# The continuum problem

$$R(\omega) = \sum_f \left| \langle \psi_f | J^\mu | \psi_0 \rangle \right|^2 \delta(E_f - E_0 - \omega) \quad \text{Depending on } E_f, \text{ many channels involved}$$



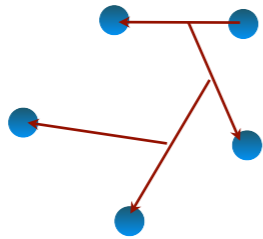
$$(H - E_0 - \sigma + i\Gamma) | \tilde{\psi} \rangle = J_\mu | \psi_0 \rangle$$

Lorentz Integral Transform: Efros, *et al.*, JPG.: Nucl.Part.Phys. **34** (2007) R459



# Hyperspherical Harmonics

$$|\psi(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \dots, \vec{r}_A)\rangle = |\varphi(\vec{R}_{CM}) \Psi(\vec{\eta}_1, \vec{\eta}_2, \dots, \vec{\eta}_{A-1})\rangle$$



Recursive definition of hyper-spherical coordinates

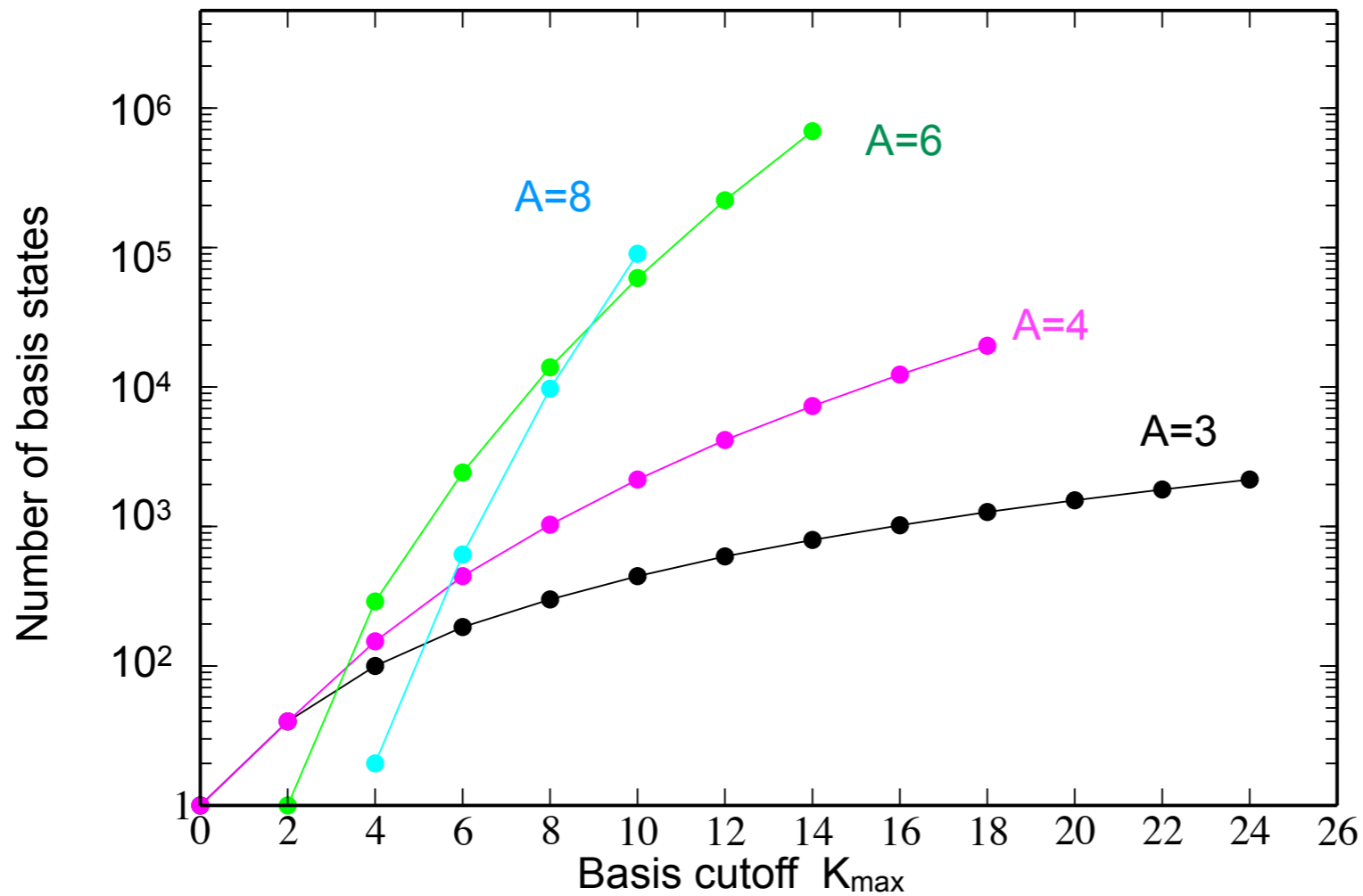
$$\vec{\eta}_0 = \sqrt{A} \vec{R}_{CM} \quad \vec{\eta}_1, \dots, \vec{\eta}_{A-1}$$

$$\rho, \Omega$$

$$\rho^2 = \sum_{i=1}^A r_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{A-1} \eta_i^2$$

$$\Psi = \sum_{[K], \nu}^{K_{max}, \nu_{max}} c_{\nu}^{[K]} e^{-\rho/2} \rho^{n/2} L_{\nu}^n\left(\frac{\rho}{b}\right) [\mathcal{Y}_{[K]}^{\mu}(\Omega) \chi_{ST}^{\bar{\mu}}]_{JT}^a$$

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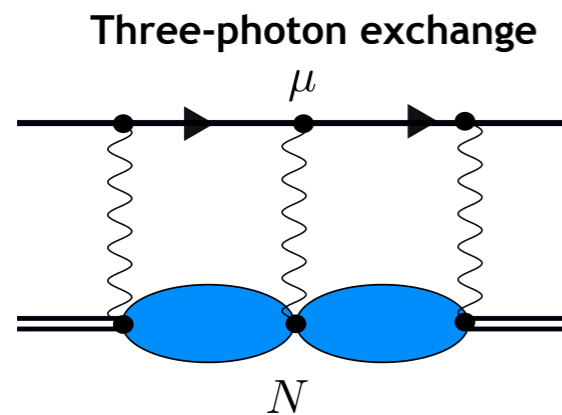
Exact method



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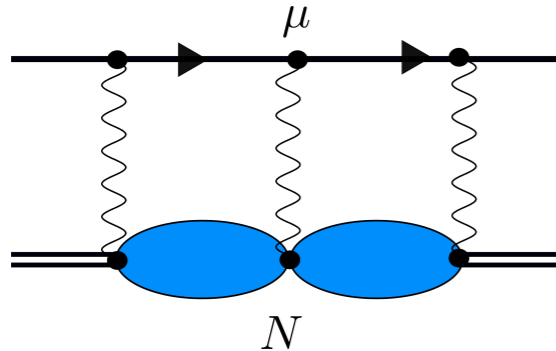


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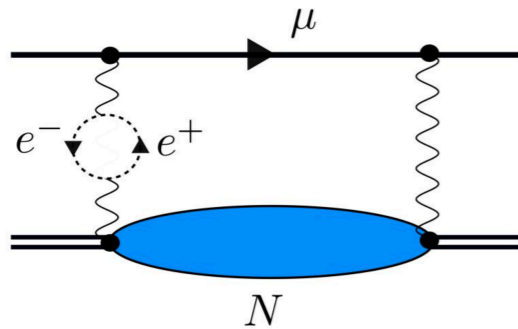
Three-photon exchange



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Vacuum polarization



One the many  $\alpha^6$  corrections, supposedly the largest

Kalinowski, Phys. Rev. A **99** 030501 (2019)

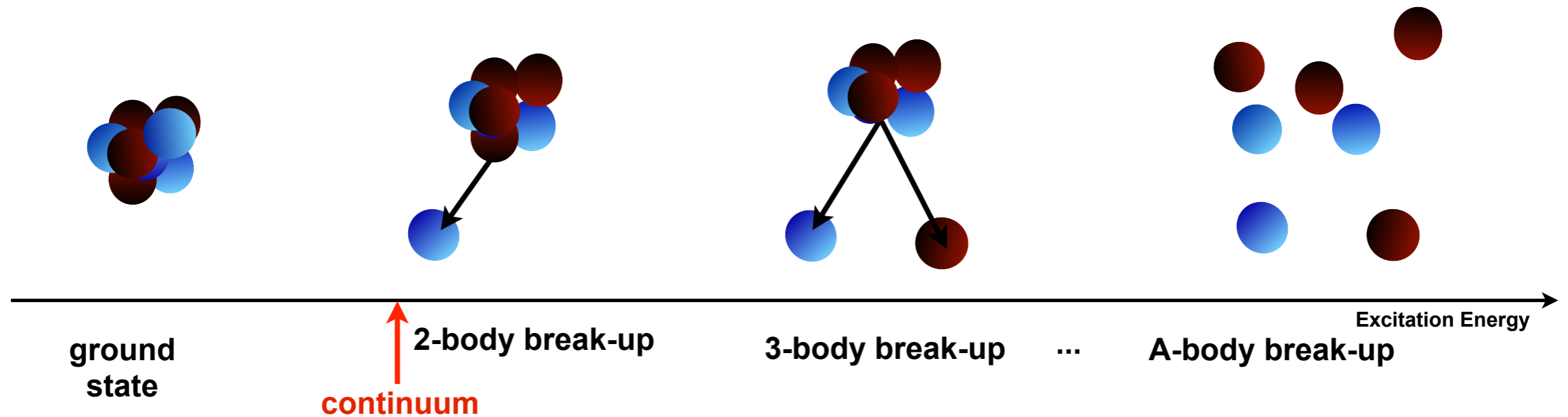
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$$\delta_{\text{TPE}} = -1.7638(68) \text{ meV Exp}$$

Consistent within  $1\sigma$

# Lorentz integral transform method

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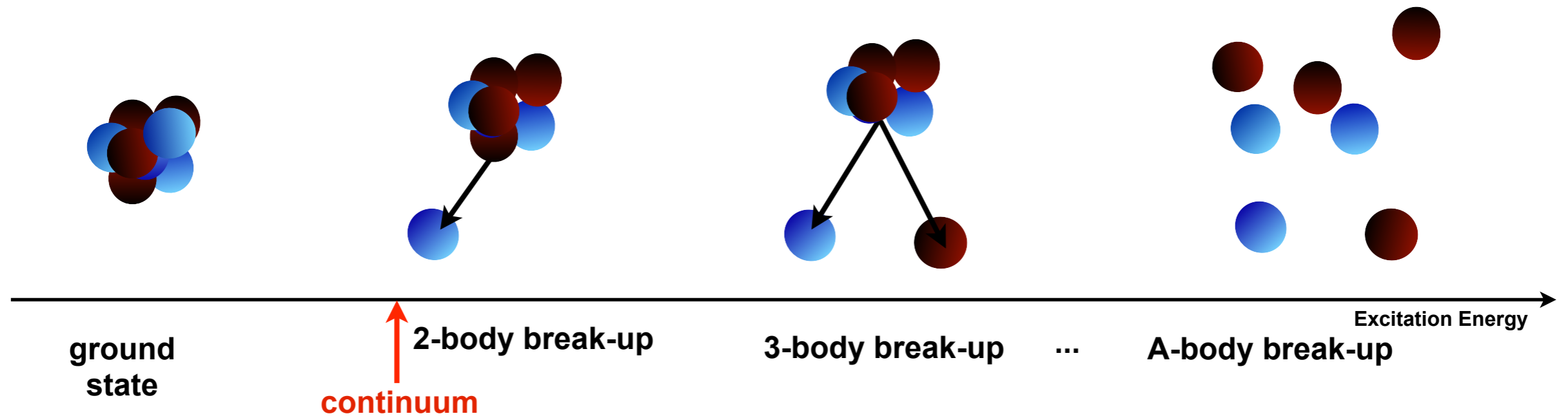
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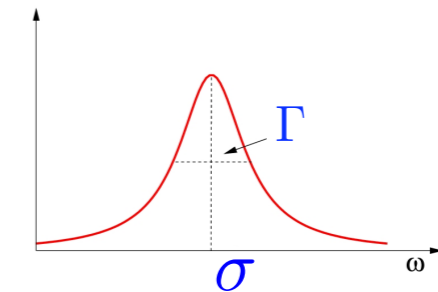
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$$S(\omega) \rightarrow |\langle NJ || \hat{O} || N_0 J_0 \rangle|^2 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad L(\sigma, \Gamma) = \frac{\Gamma}{\pi} \int d\omega \frac{S(\omega)}{(\omega - \sigma)^2 + \Gamma^2} = \langle \tilde{\psi} | \tilde{\psi} \rangle$$



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Reduce the continuum problem to a bound-state-like equation

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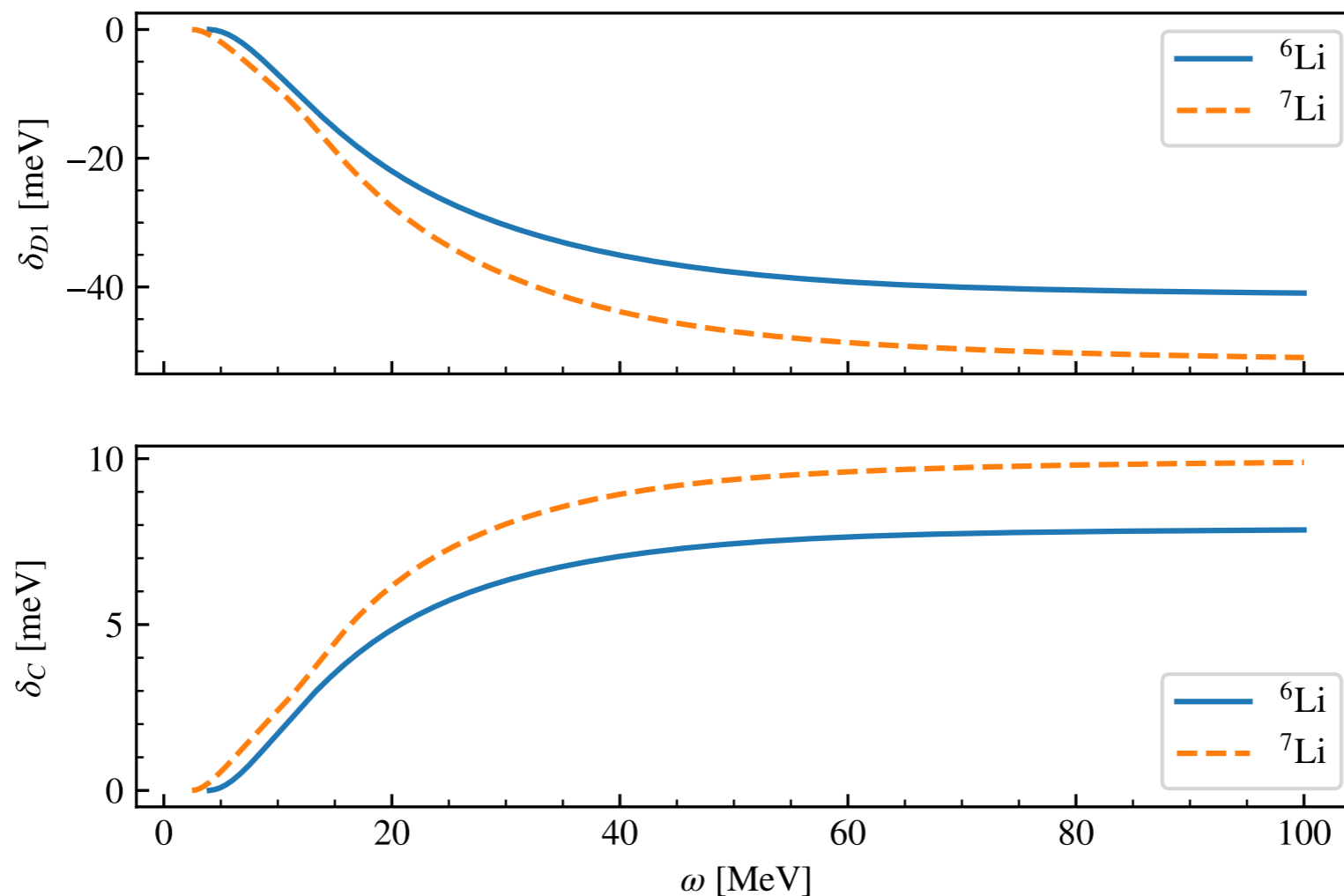
## - Reduction of Uncertainties -

Atom	$\Delta E_{2S-2P}$	$\Delta \delta_{TPE}$	$\Delta \delta_{TPE}$ from ab initio NT
$\mu^2\text{H}$	0.003 meV	0.03 meV	0.02 meV
$\mu^3\text{He}^+$	0.08 meV	1 meV	0.3 meV
$\mu^4\text{He}^+$	0.06 meV	0.6 meV	0.4 meV
$\mu^{6,7}\text{Li}^{++}$	0.7 meV	4 meV	?

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