

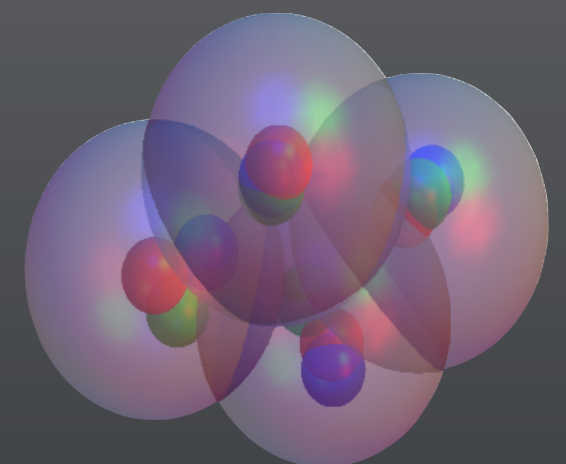
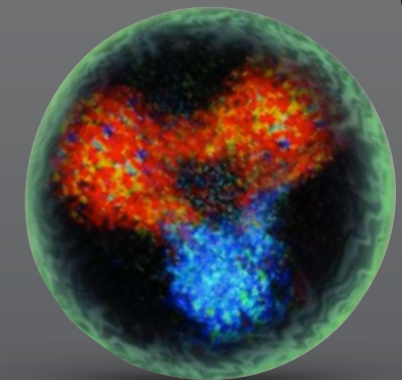
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QUARK STRUCTURE OF NUCLEI

EMERGENCE OF NUCLEI

- ▶ QCD+EW encodes nuclear physics
- ▶ Computational challenge to see QCD produce nuclear physics
 - ▶ Study emergence of layered complexity of nucleons and nuclei
 - ▶ Input for intensity frontier experiments seeking BSM physics
- ▶ Lattice QCD calculations can potentially make this connection



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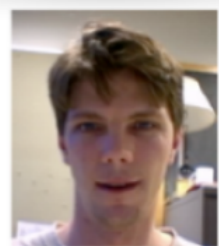
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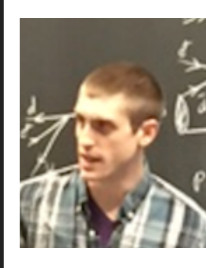
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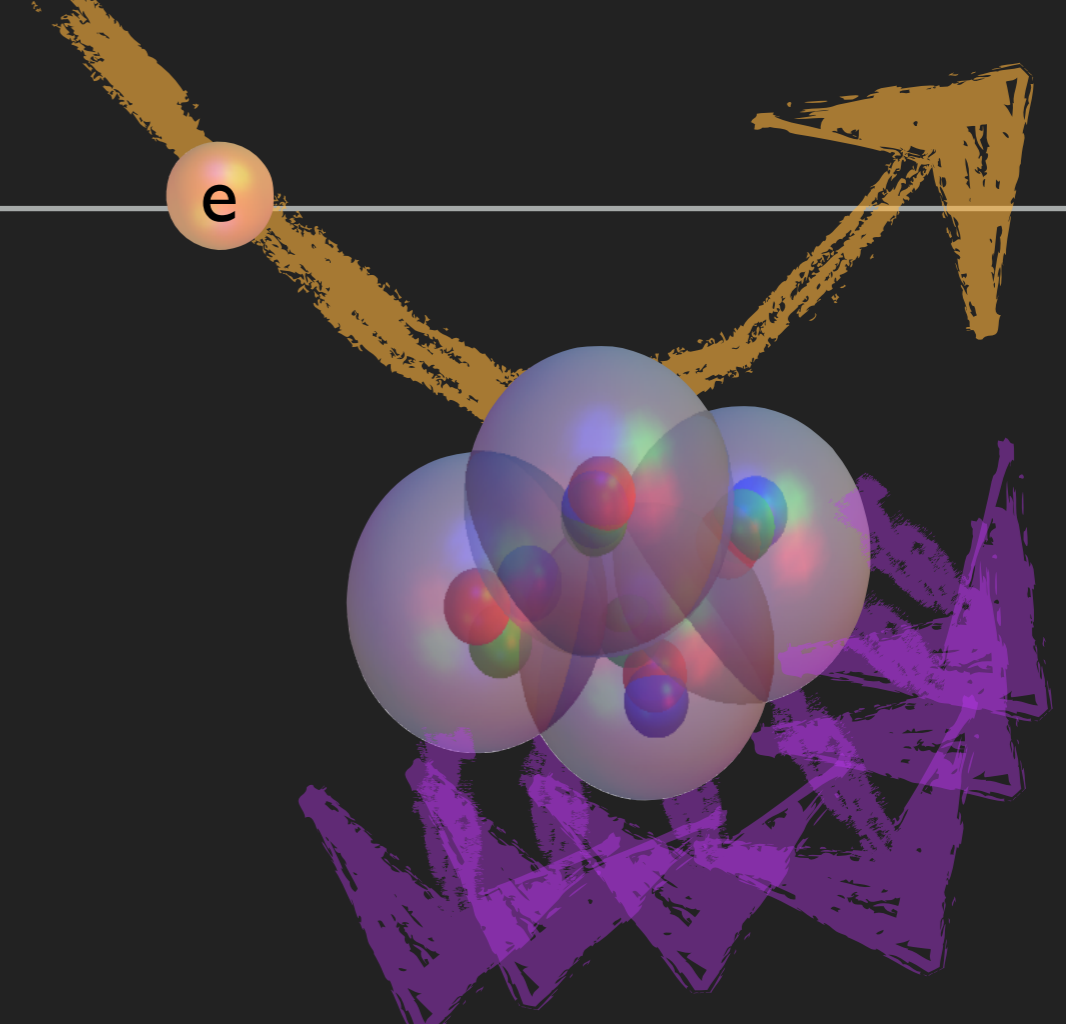
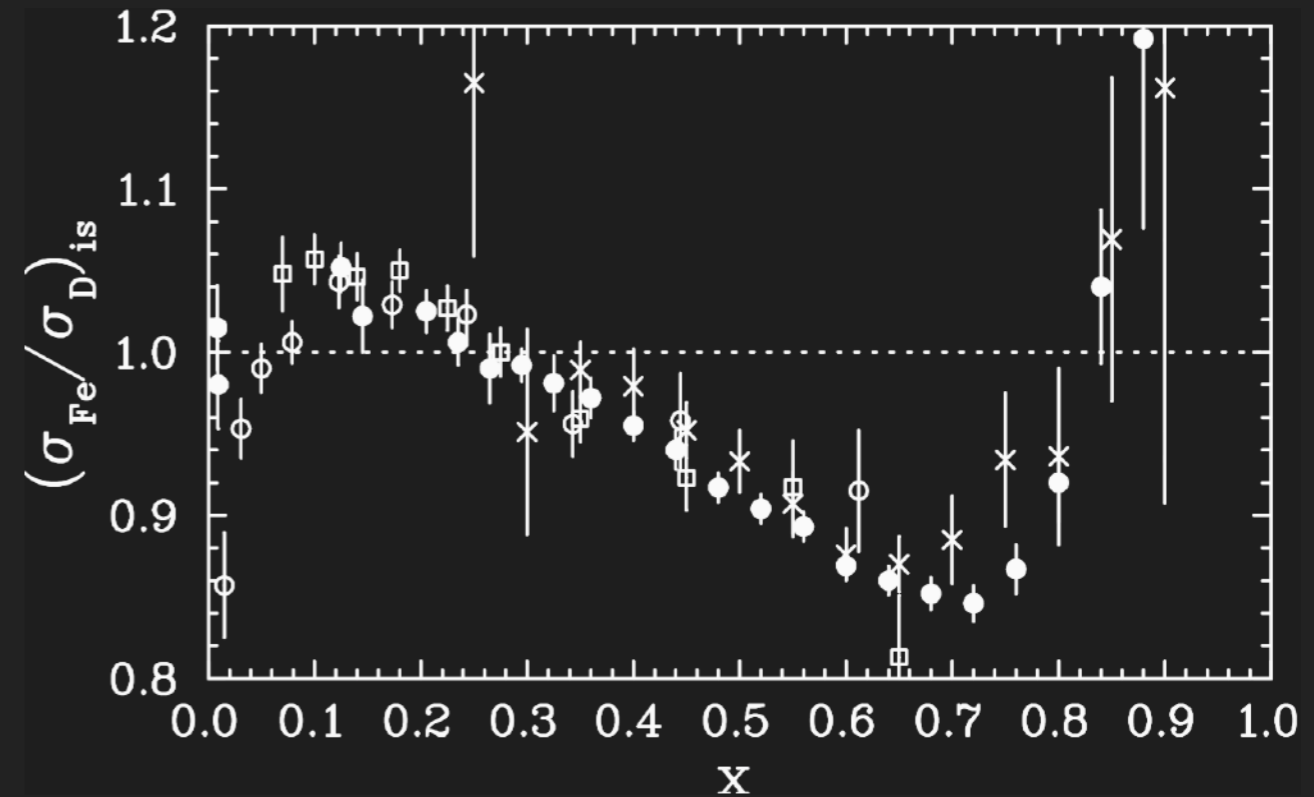
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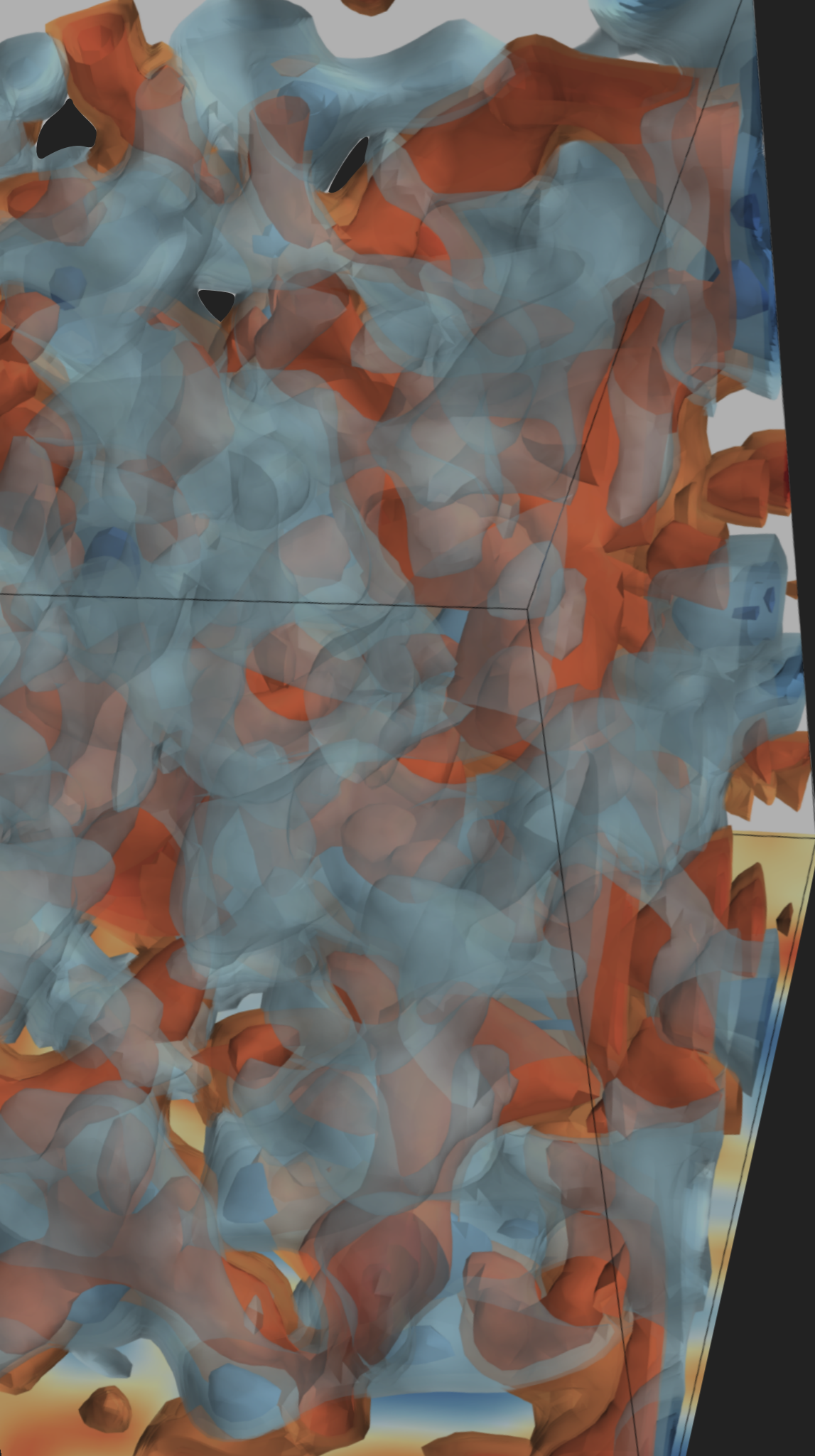
PARTONIC STRUCTURE

- ▶ Focus at this workshop is partonic structure
- ▶ Currently extending light nuclear calculations to moments of quark PDFs

$$\langle x^n \rangle_{q;A} \sim \langle A, Z | \bar{\psi} \gamma_{\{\mu_0} D_{\mu_1} \dots D_{\mu_n\}} | A, Z \rangle$$

- ▶ Future possibility: calculations of nuclear PDFs using quasi-PDFs accessible in Euclidean space
- ▶ ... but not today...



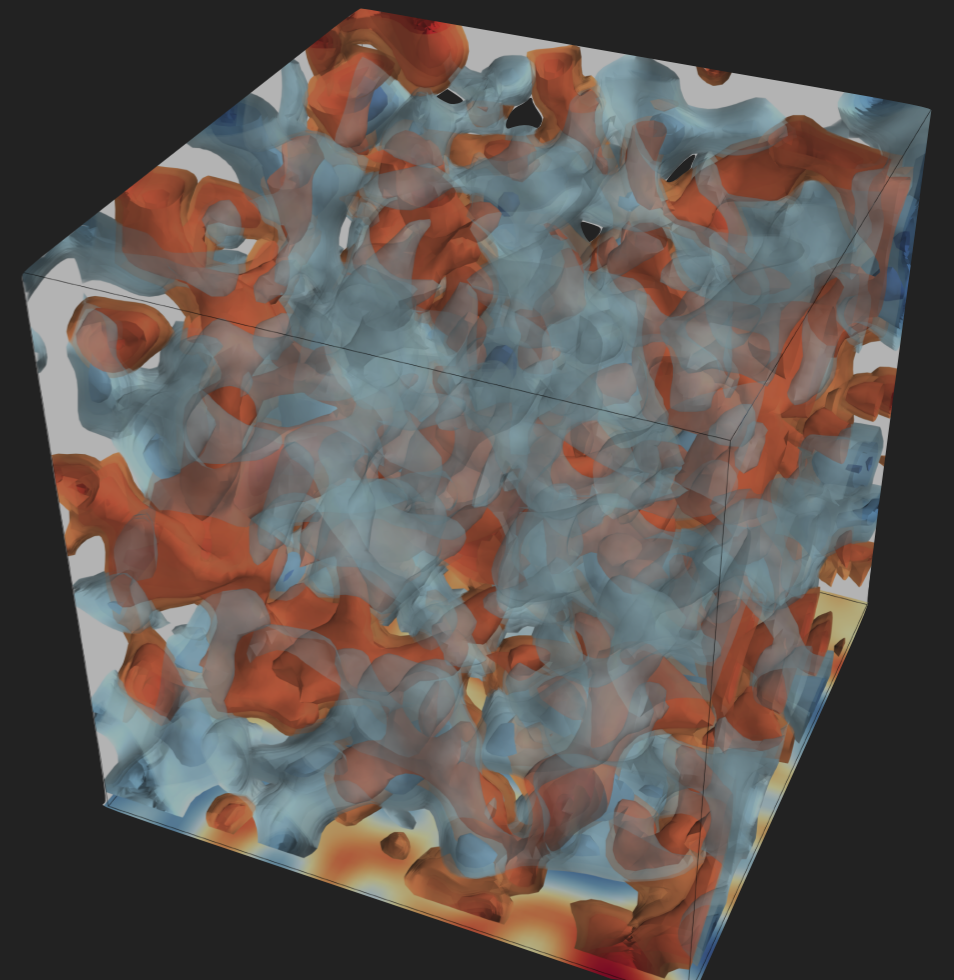
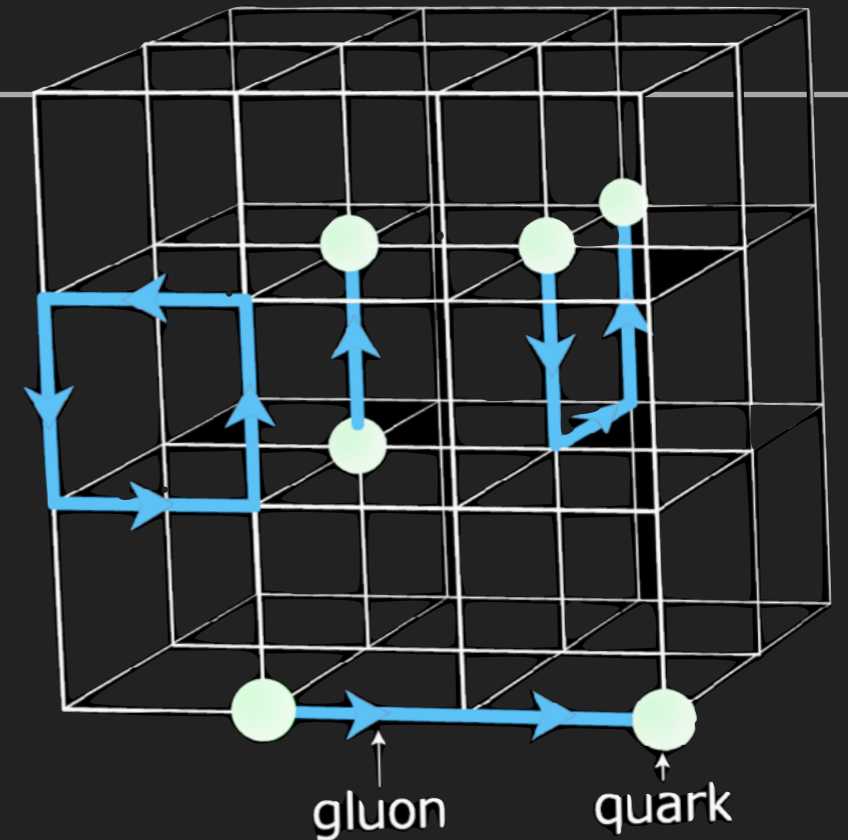


NUCLEAR
PHYSICS FROM

LQCD

HIGH FIDELITY LATTICE QCD

- ▶ LQCD: strong coupling definition of QCD and method to handle quarks & gluons
- ▶ Numerical LQCD entering exciting era
- ▶ Modern calculations of simple quantities control all systematics
 - ▶ Physical quark masses, infinite volume and continuum limits
 - ▶ Multiple independent groups
 - ▶ Include QED in numerical calculations
- ▶ *QCD is the theory of strong strong interactions*



SPECTROSCOPY

- ▶ Correlation decays exponentially with distance

$$C(t) = \sum_n Z_n \exp(-E_n t)$$

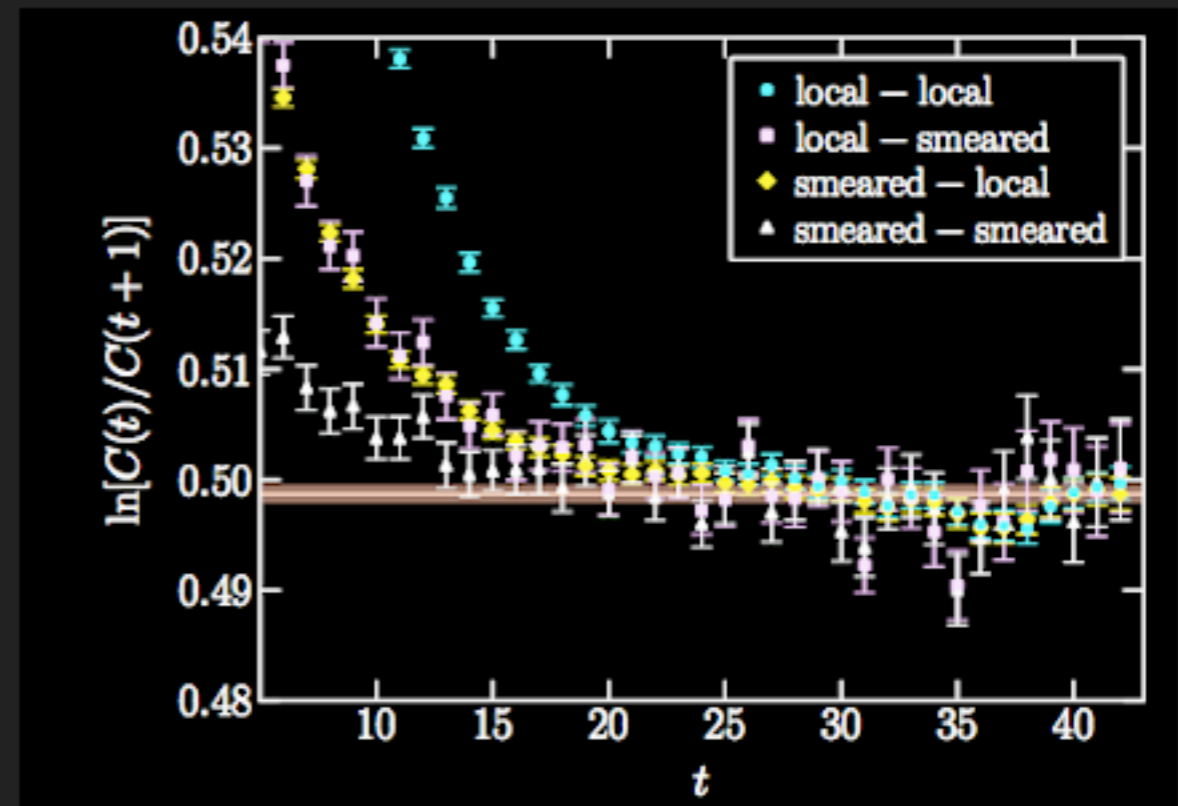
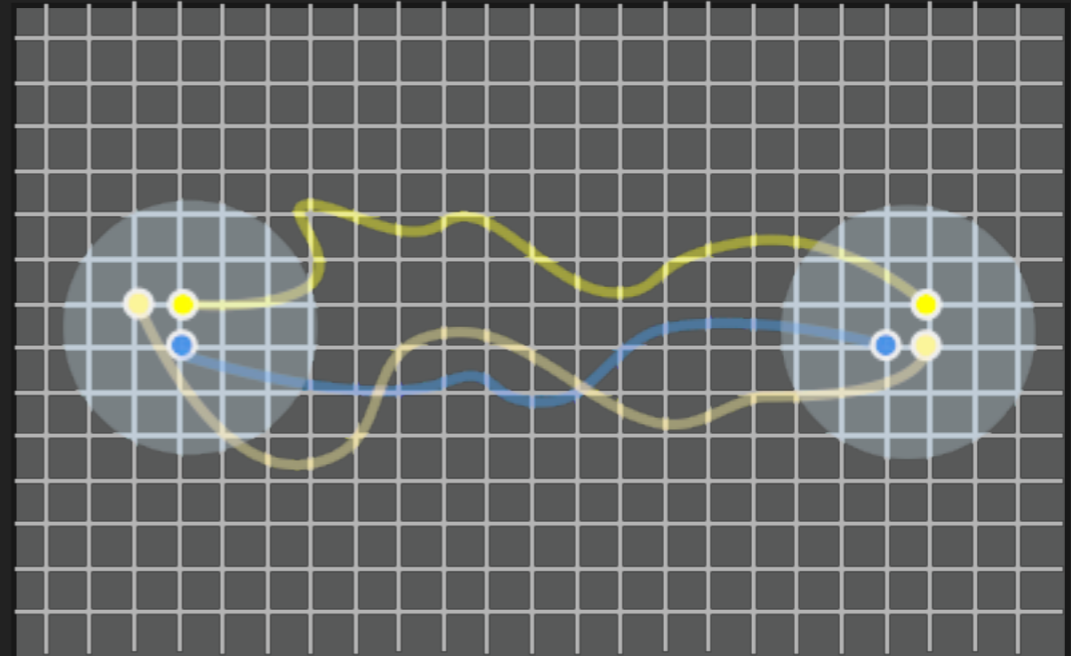
all eigenstates with q#'s of proton

at late times \leftarrow

$$\rightarrow Z_0 \exp(-E_0 t)$$

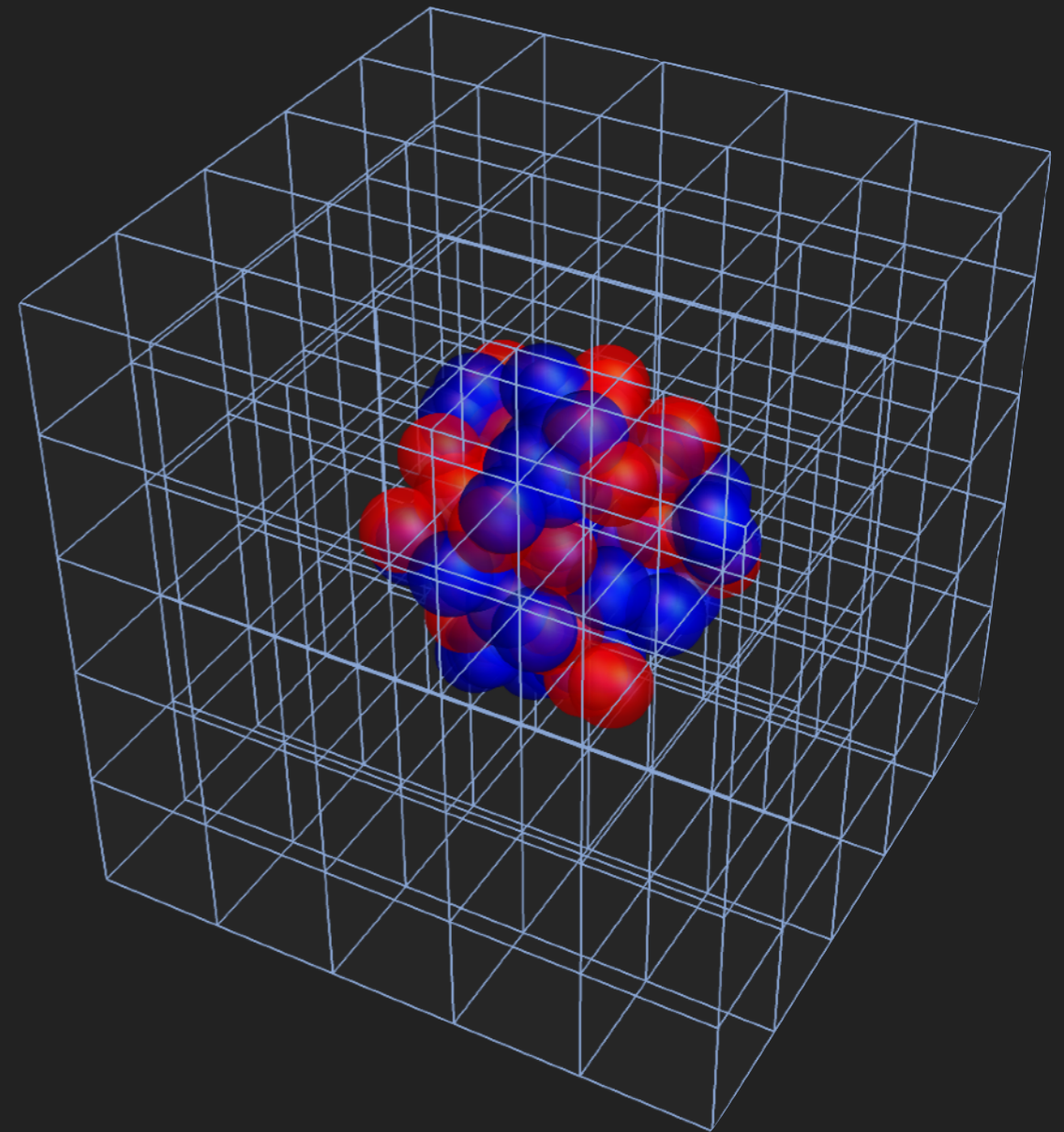
- ▶ Ground state mass revealed through "effective mass plot"

$$M(t) = \ln \left[\frac{C(t)}{C(t+1)} \right] \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} E_0$$



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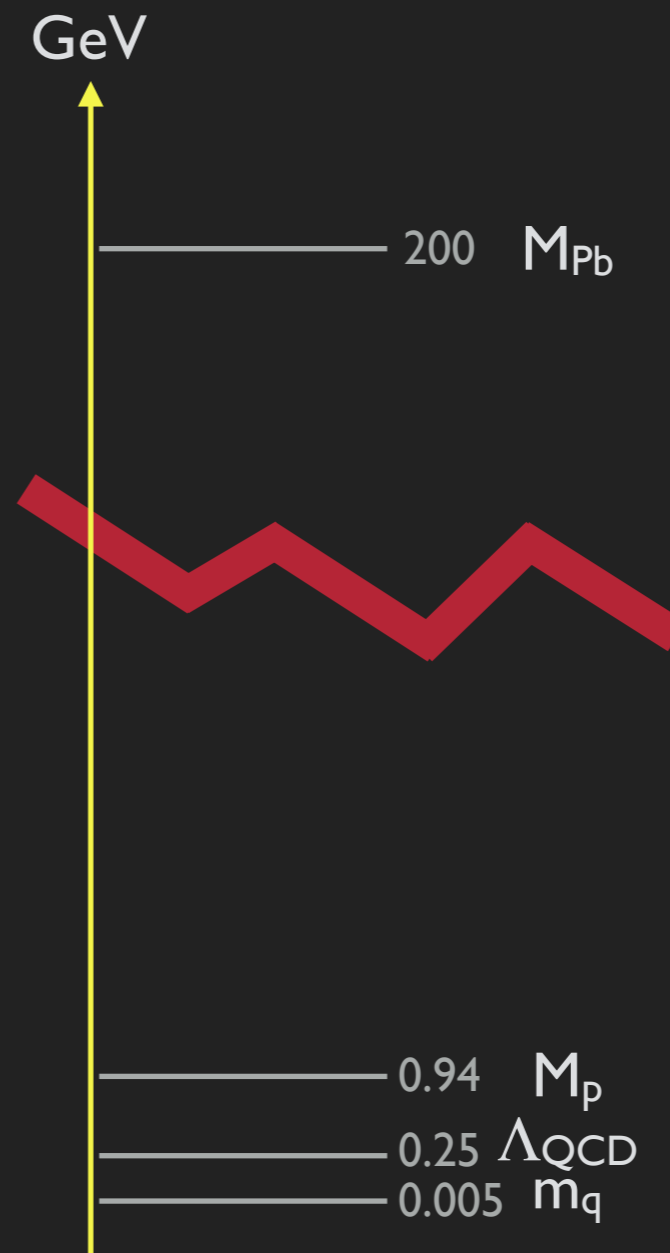


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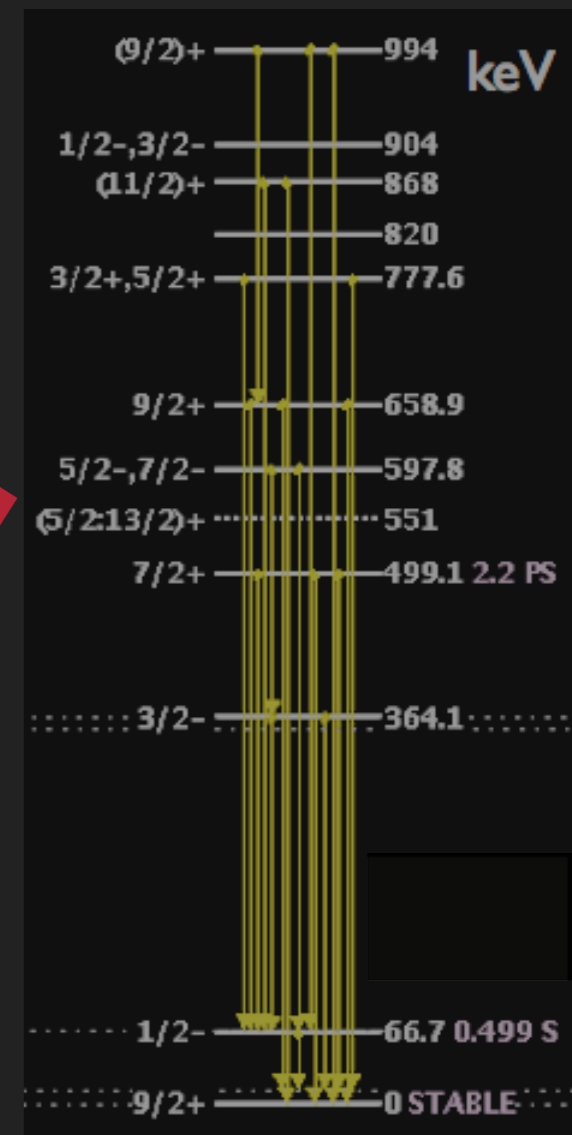
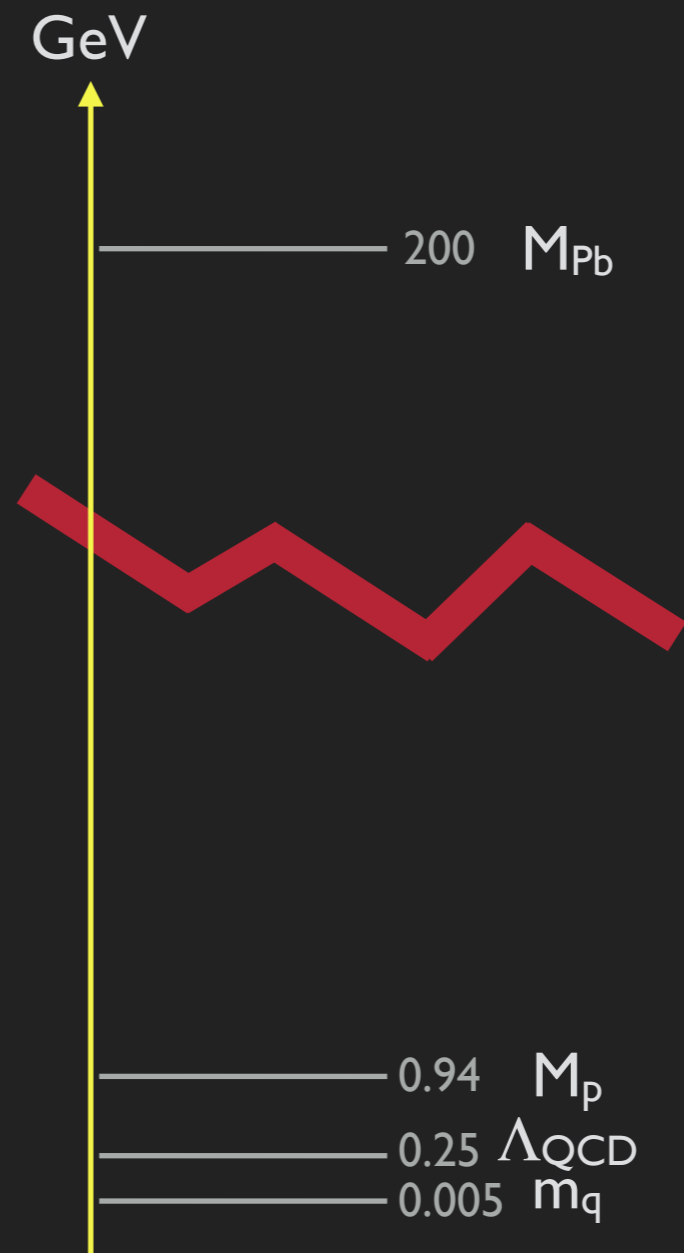
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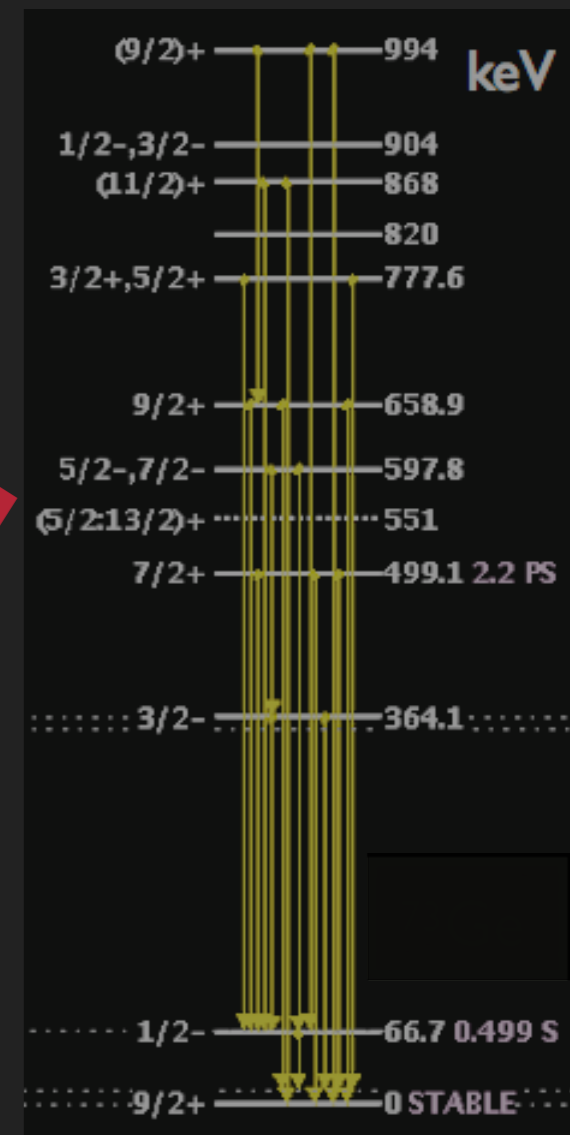
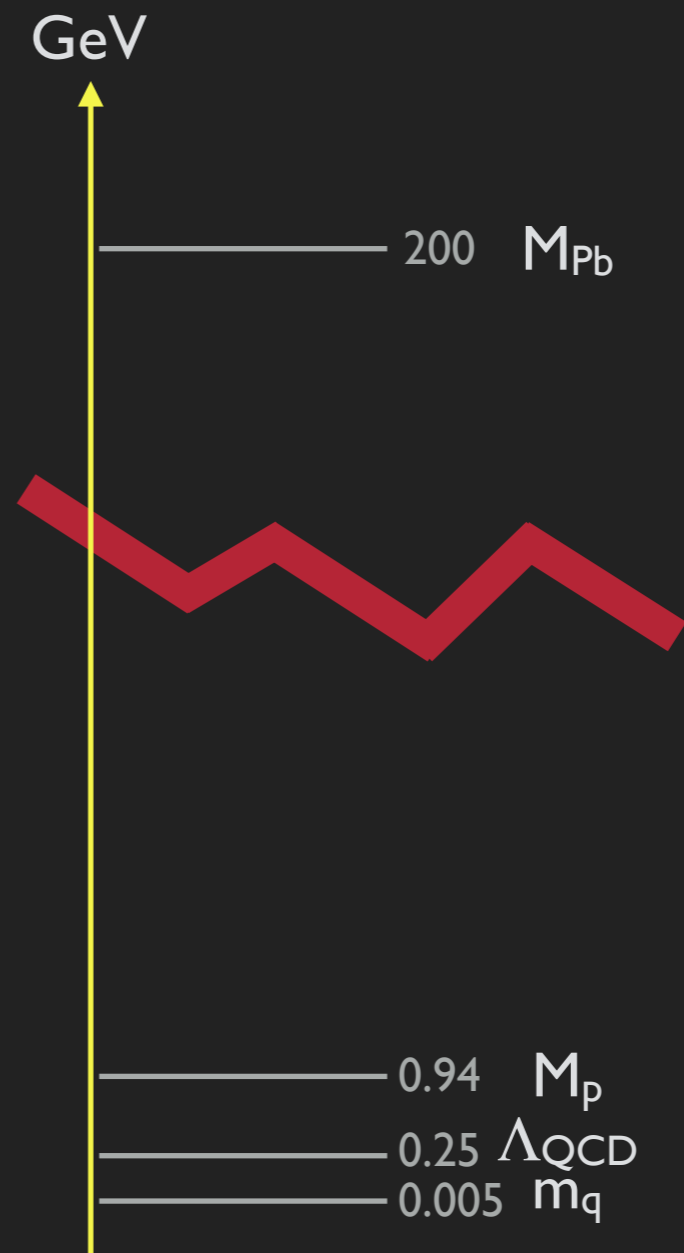
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- ▶ At least two exponentially difficult computational challenges
 - ▶ Noise: statistical uncertainty grows exponentially with A
 - ▶ Contraction complexity grows factorially



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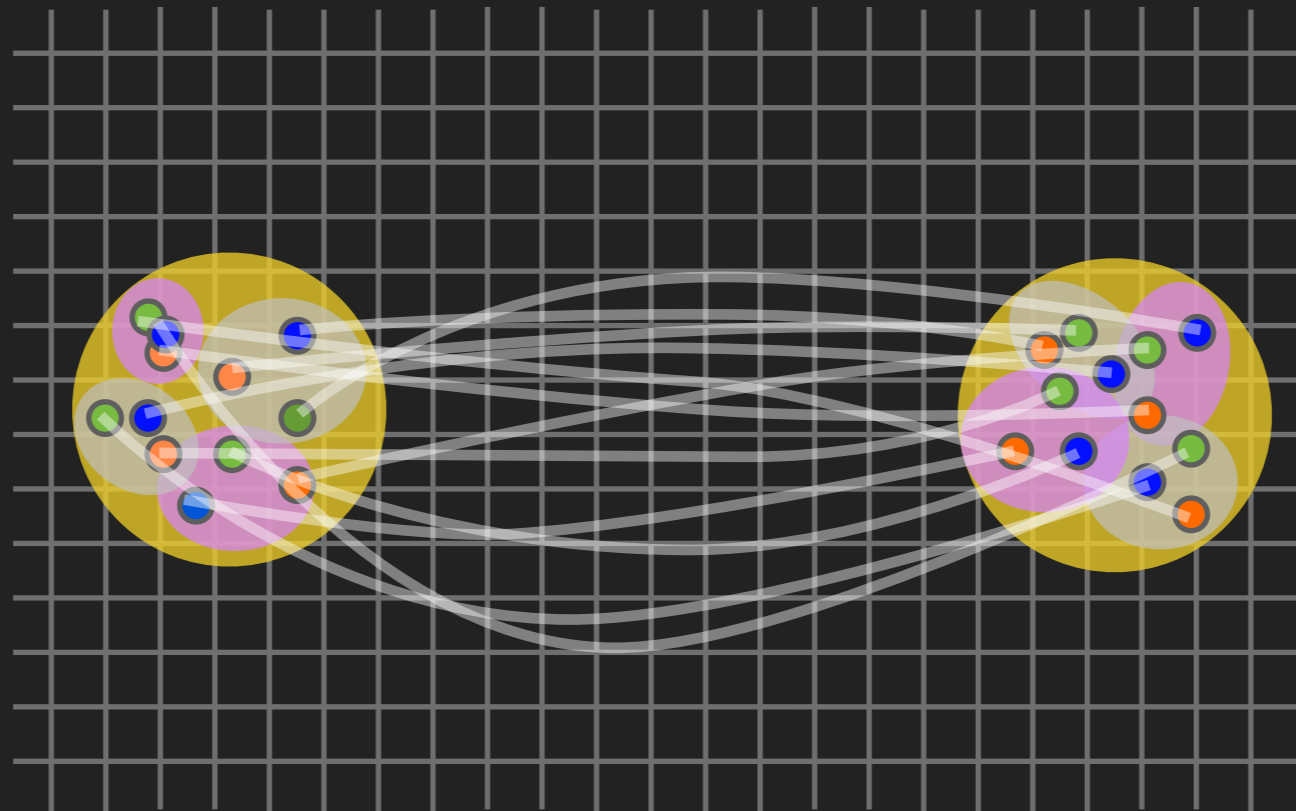
$$\frac{\text{signal}}{\text{noise}} \sim \exp[-A(M_p - 3/2m_\pi)t]$$

STATISTICAL SAMPLING

- ▶ Valid asymptotically but interpolator choice can suppress overlap onto noise
 - ▶ Golden window of time slices from which to extract physics
- ▶ Use variational operator construction to optimise overlap onto low eigenstates at earlier times
[Michael, Lüscher & Wolff]
- ▶ Optimisation problem involving variance correlation function $\langle CC^\dagger \rangle$ to maximise signal-noise ratio [WD & Mike Endres, PRD 2014]
- ▶ New method of phase reweighing/unwrapping
[Wagman, Savage 2016,7]

CONTRACTIONS

- ▶ Quarks need to be tied together in all possible ways
 - ▶ $N_{\text{contractions}} = N_u!N_d!N_s!$ (eg $\sim 10^{1500}$ for ^{208}Pb)



- ▶ Managed using algorithmic trickery [WD & Savage, WD & Orginos; Doi & Endres, Günther et al]
 - ▶ Study up to $N=72$ pion systems, $A=5$ (and 28) nuclei

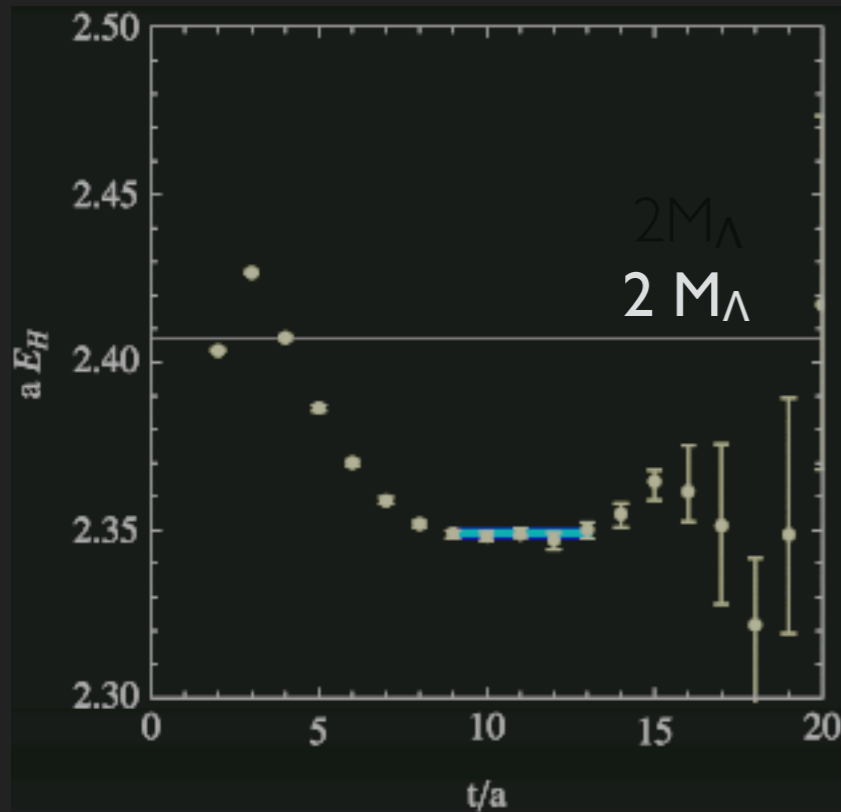


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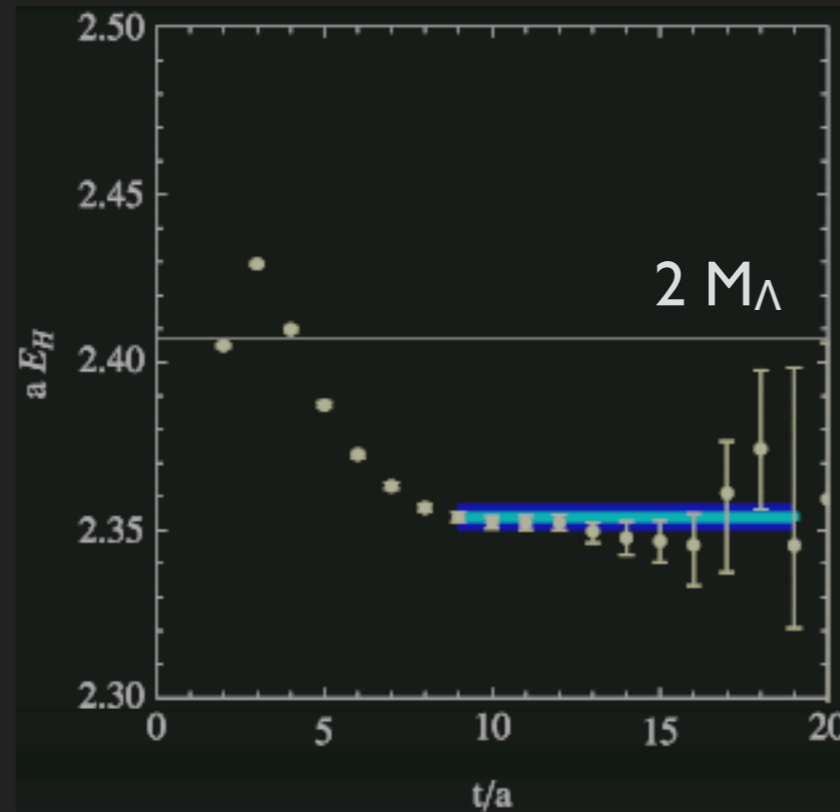
NUCLEI IN LQCD

EX: H DIBARYON ($\Lambda\Lambda$)

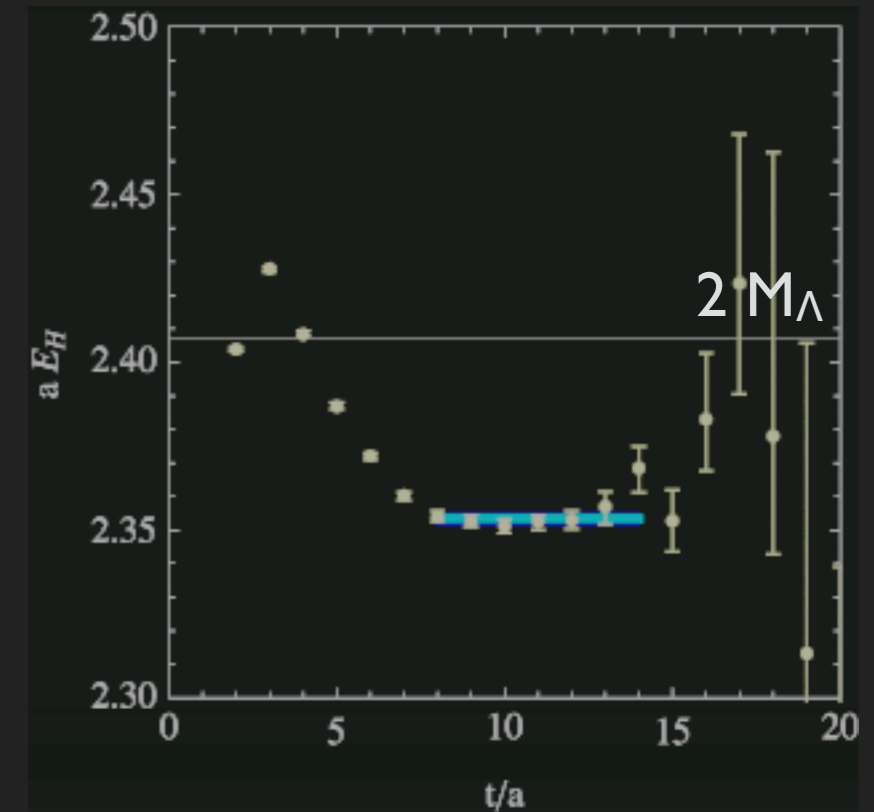
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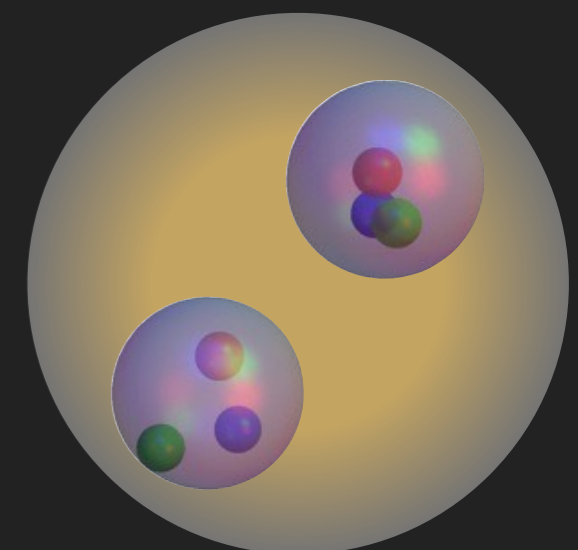
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$48^3 \times 64$



- ▶ Effective mass plots of energies
- ▶ Multiple volumes needed to disentangle bound state from attractive scattering state

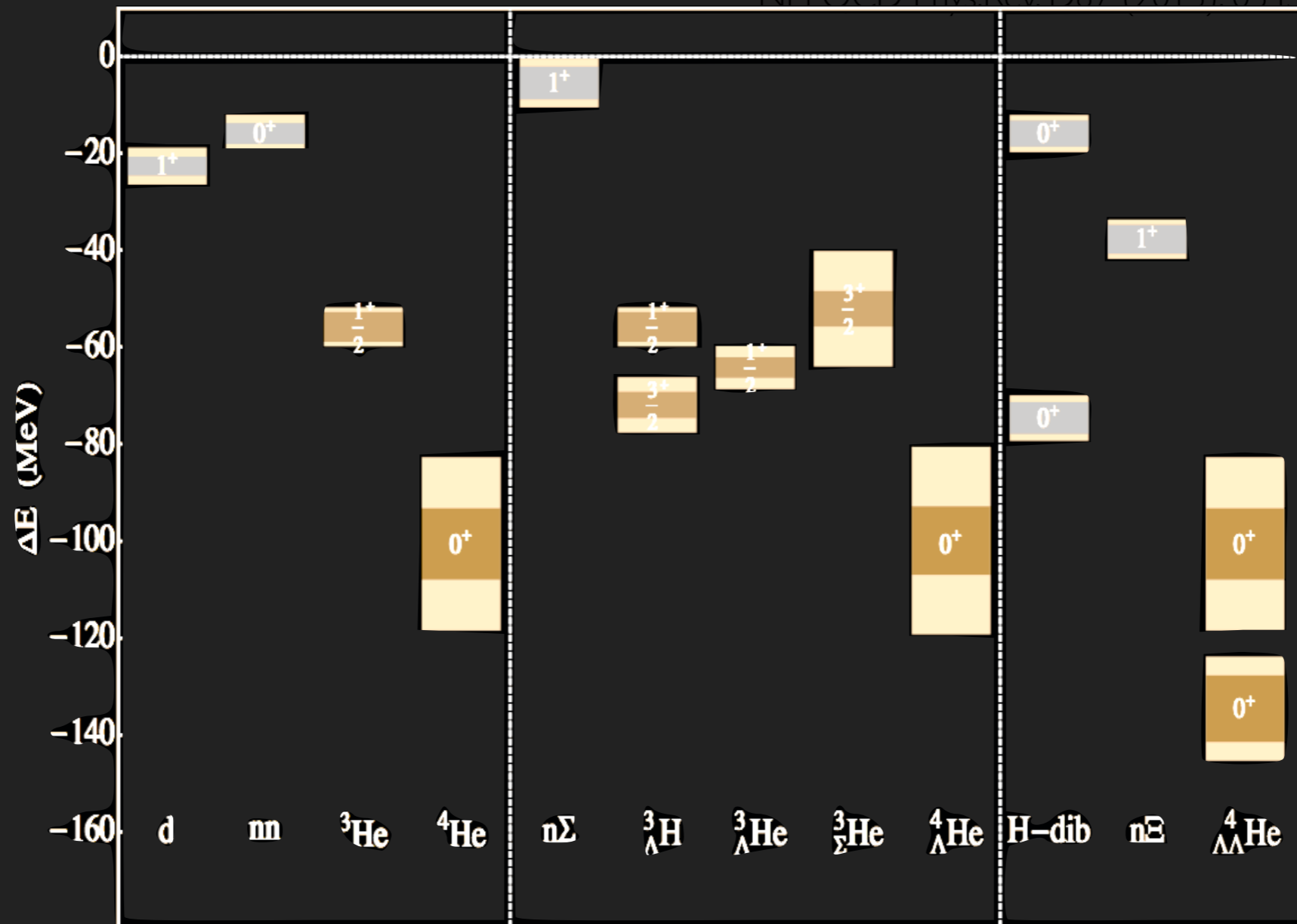




LIGHT NUCLEI AND HYPERNUCLEI

- ▶ Light hypernuclear binding energies @ $m_\pi=800$ MeV

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The background of the slide is a detailed, colorful illustration of a cell. A large, bright yellow nucleus is positioned on the left side. In the center, a blue, ring-like structure represents the endoplasmic reticulum. To the right, a purple, spherical organelle is visible. The overall scene is set against a dark, textured background, suggesting a microscopic view of a cell.

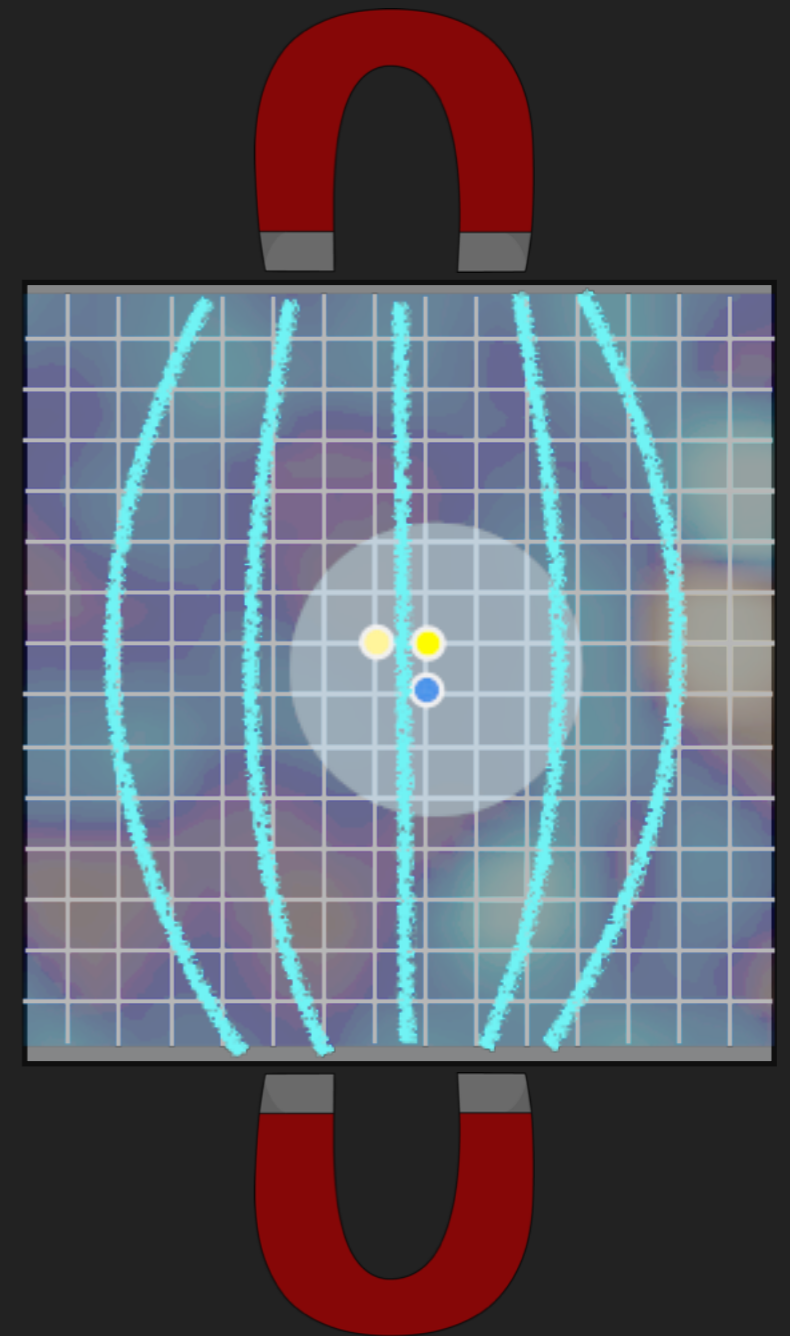
Magnetic moments and polarisabilities of nuclei

MAGNETIC MOMENTS

- ▶ Hadron/nuclear energies are modified by presence of fixed external fields
- ▶ Eg: fixed B field

$$E_{h;j_z}(\mathbf{B}) = \sqrt{M_h^2 + (2n+1)|Q_h e B|} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_h \cdot \mathbf{B} - 2\pi\beta_h^{(M0)}|\mathbf{B}|^2 + \dots$$

- ▶ QCD calculations with multiple fields enable extraction of coefficients of response
 - ▶ Magnetic moments, polarisabilities, ...



MAGNETIC MOMENTS OF NUCLEI

- ▶ Magnetic field in z-direction (quantised n)*

$$U_{\mu}^{\text{QCD}} \longrightarrow U_{\mu}^{\text{QCD}} \cdot U_{\mu}^{(Q)} \quad (\text{gluon links})$$

$$U_{\mu}^{(Q)}(x) = e^{i \frac{6\pi Q_q \bar{n}}{L^2} x_1 \delta_{\mu,2}} \times e^{-i \frac{6\pi Q_q \bar{n}}{L} x_2 \delta_{\mu,1} \delta_{x_1, L-1}}$$

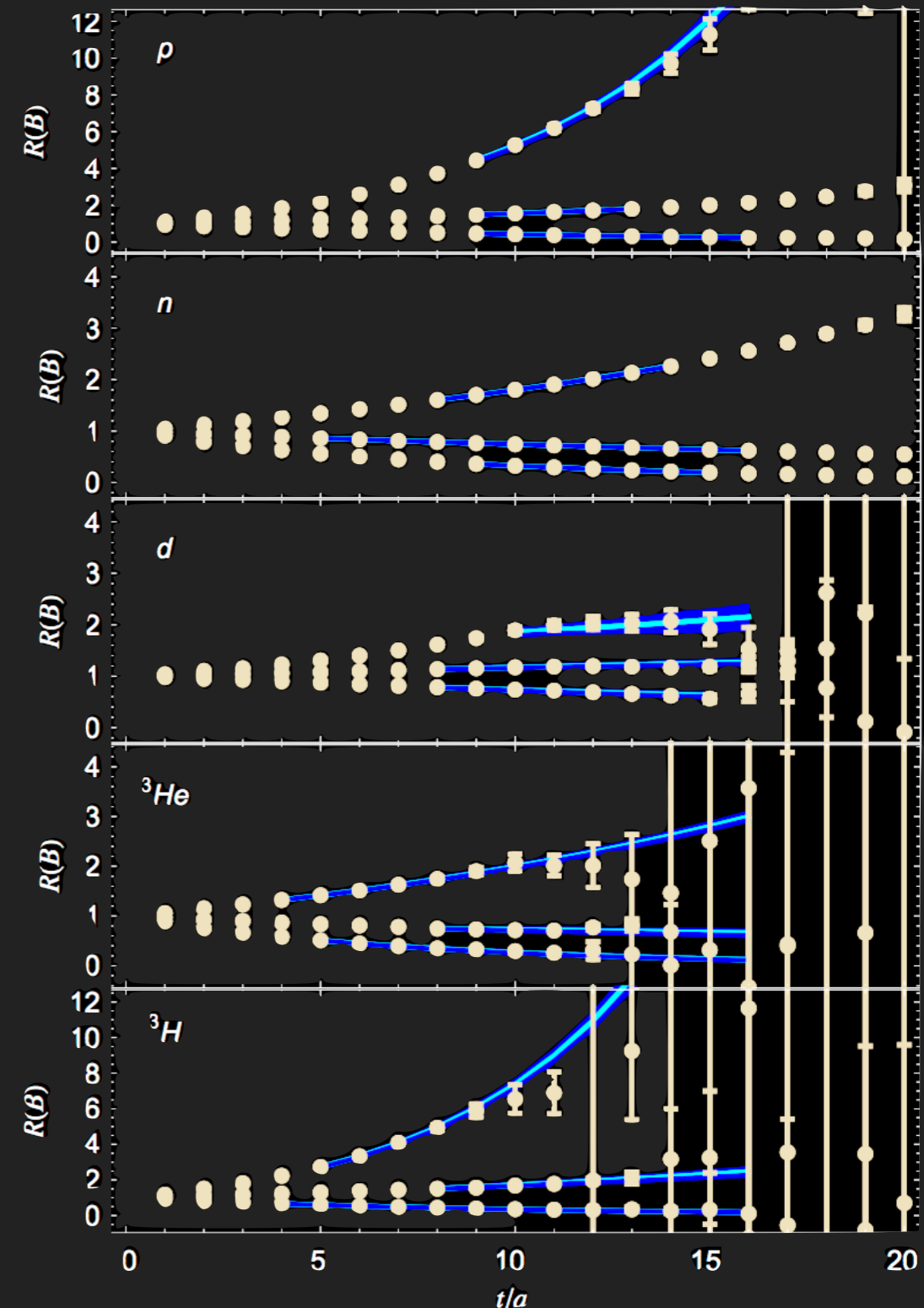
- ▶ Magnetic moments from spin splittings

$$\delta E^{(B)} \equiv E_{+j}^{(B)} - E_{-j}^{(B)} = -2\mu|\mathbf{B}| + \gamma|\mathbf{B}|^3 + \dots$$

- ▶ Extract splittings from ratios of two-point correlation functions

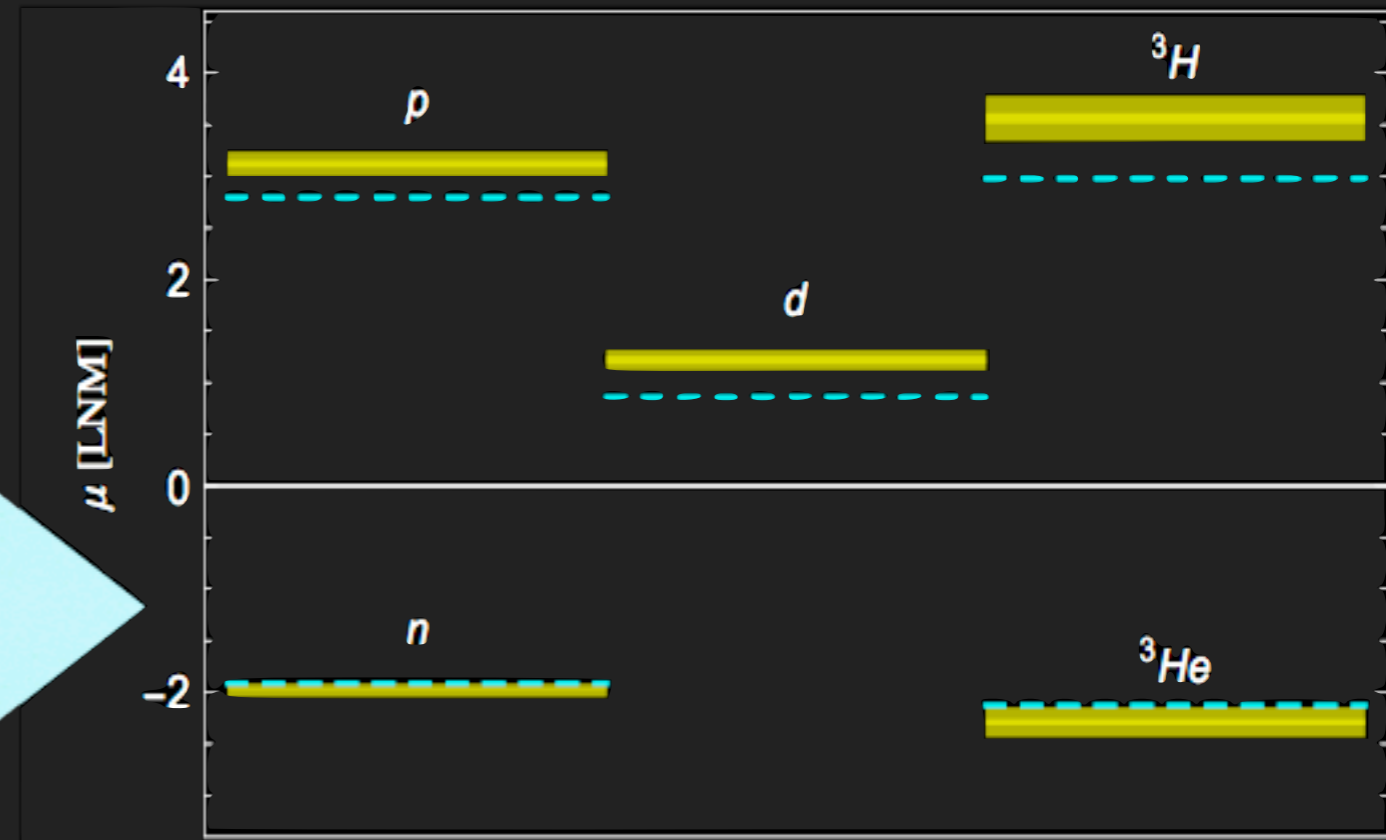
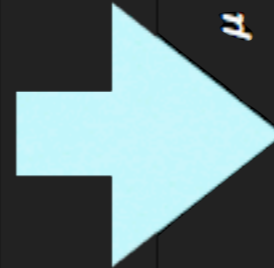
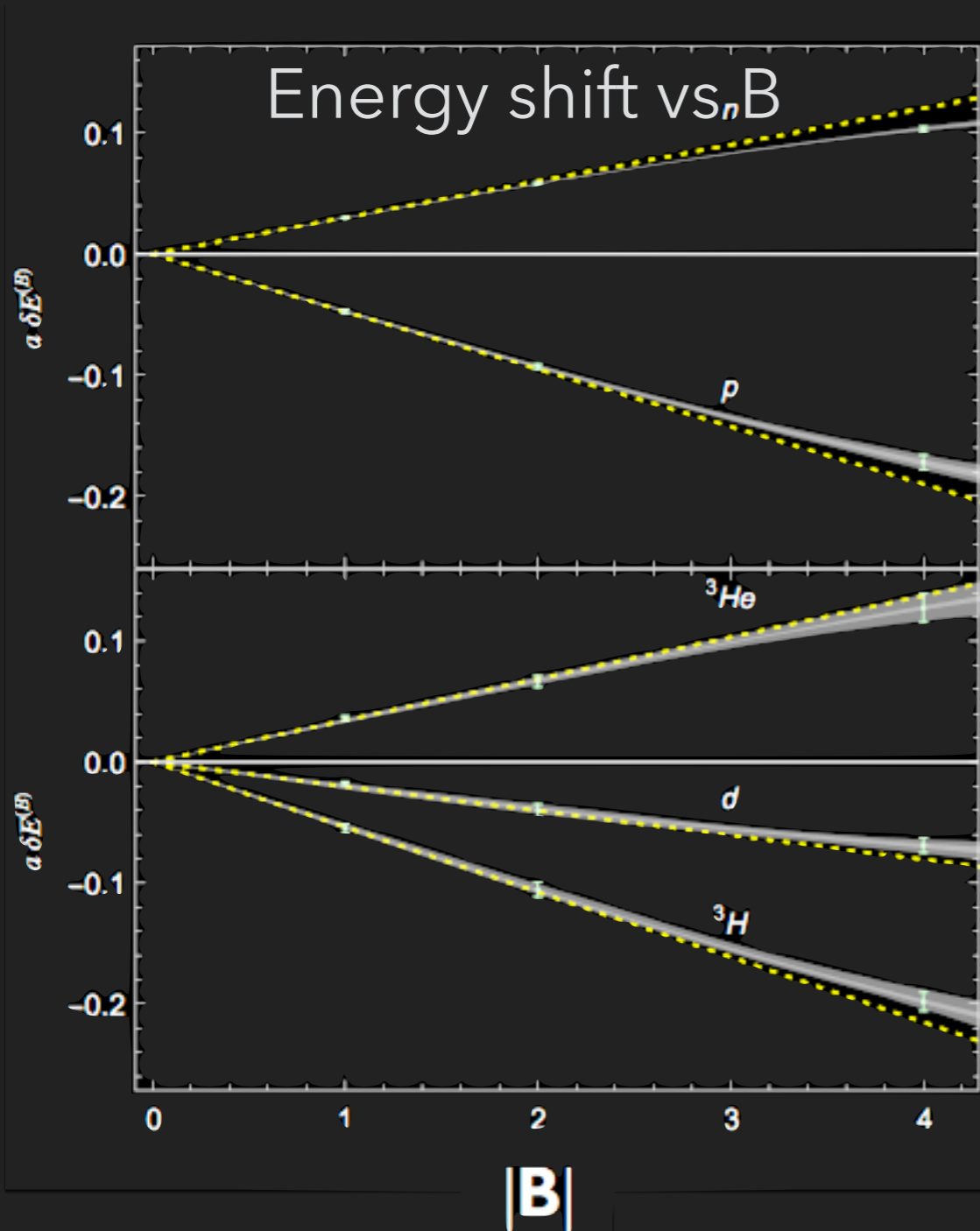
$$R(B) = \frac{C_j^{(B)}(t) C_{-j}^{(0)}(t)}{C_{-j}^{(B)}(t) C_j^{(0)}(t)} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} Z e^{-\delta E^{(B)} t}$$

- ▶ Careful to be in single exponential region of each correlator



* post applied U(1) field exact since tr[Q]=0

MAGNETIC MOMENTS OF NUCLEI



 QCD @ $m_\pi = 800$ MeV
 Experiment

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In units of appropriate nuclear magnetons (heavy M_N)

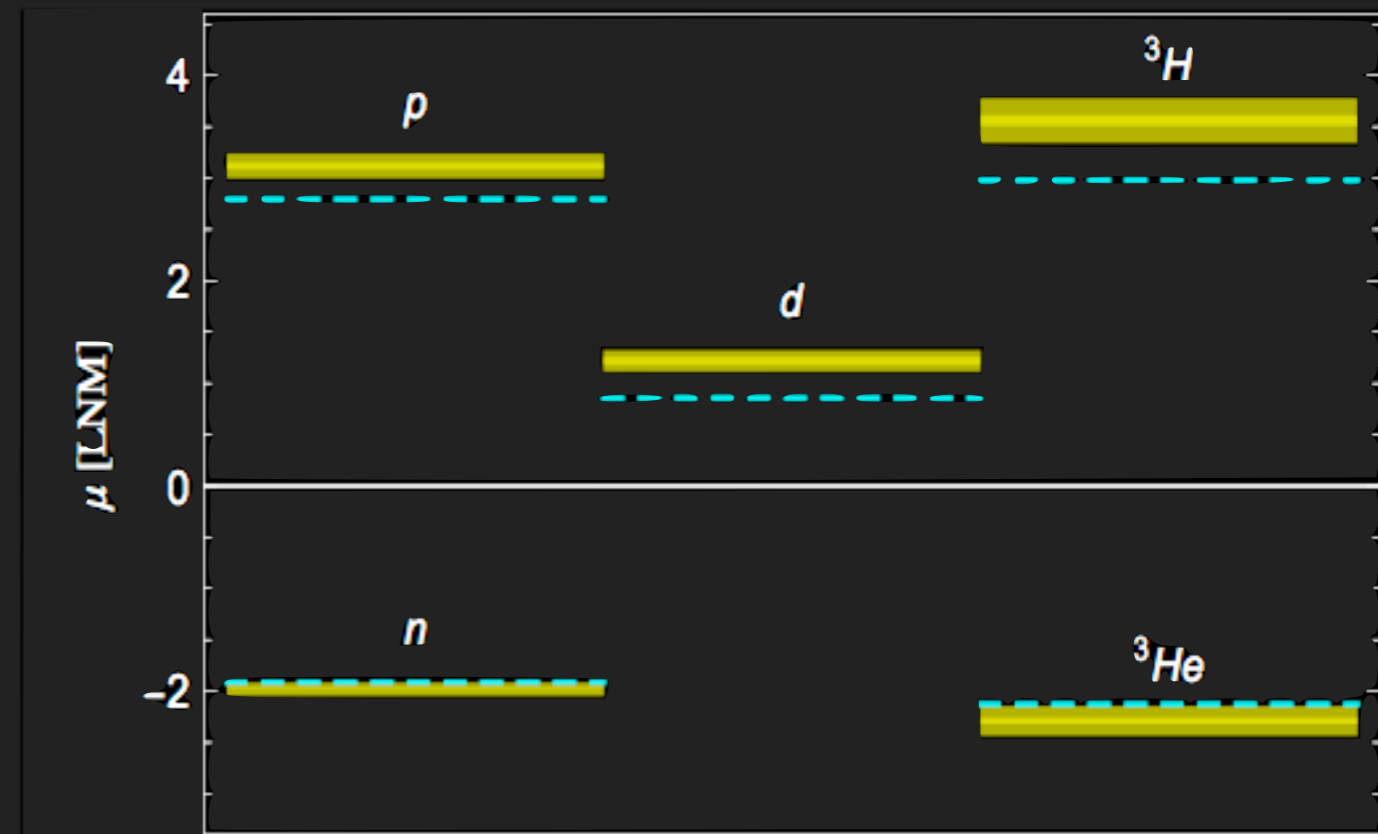
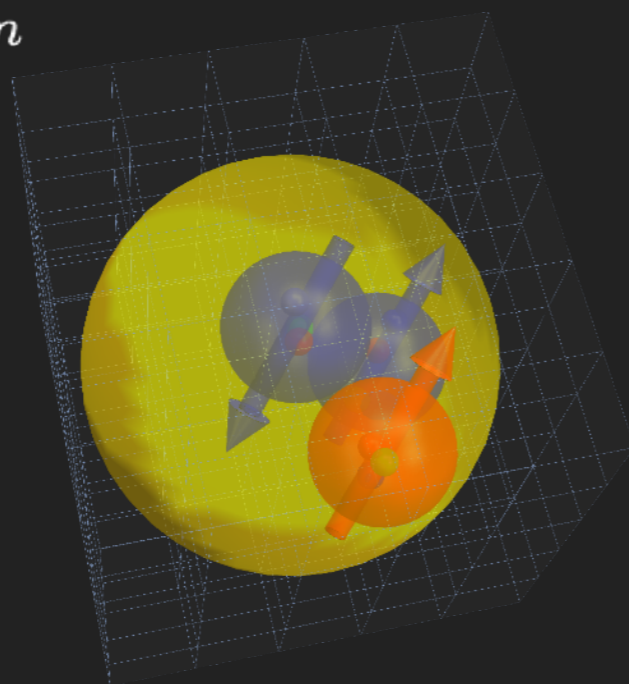
MAGNETIC MOMENTS OF NUCLEI

- ▶ Numerical values are surprisingly interesting
- ▶ Shell model expectations

$$\mu_d = \mu_p + \mu_n$$

$$\mu_{^3\text{H}} = \mu_p$$

$$\mu_{^3\text{He}} = \mu_n$$



QCD @ $m_\pi = 800$ MeV
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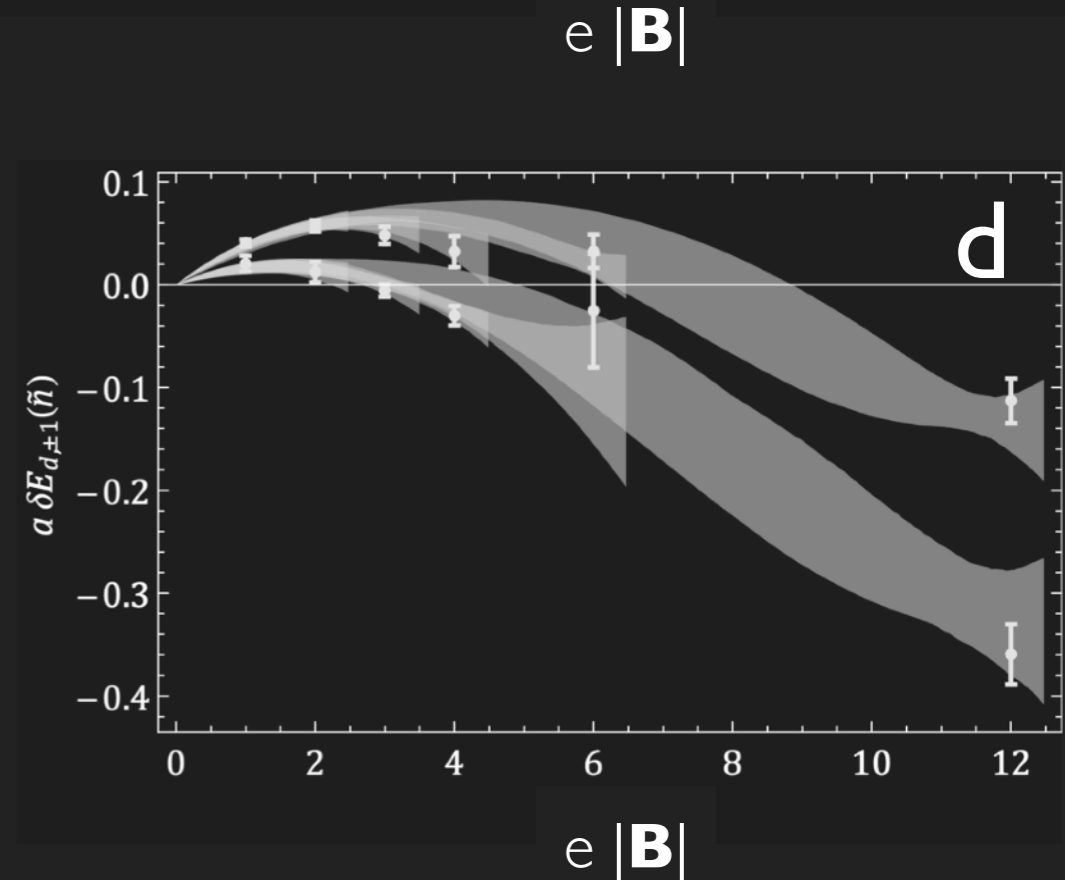
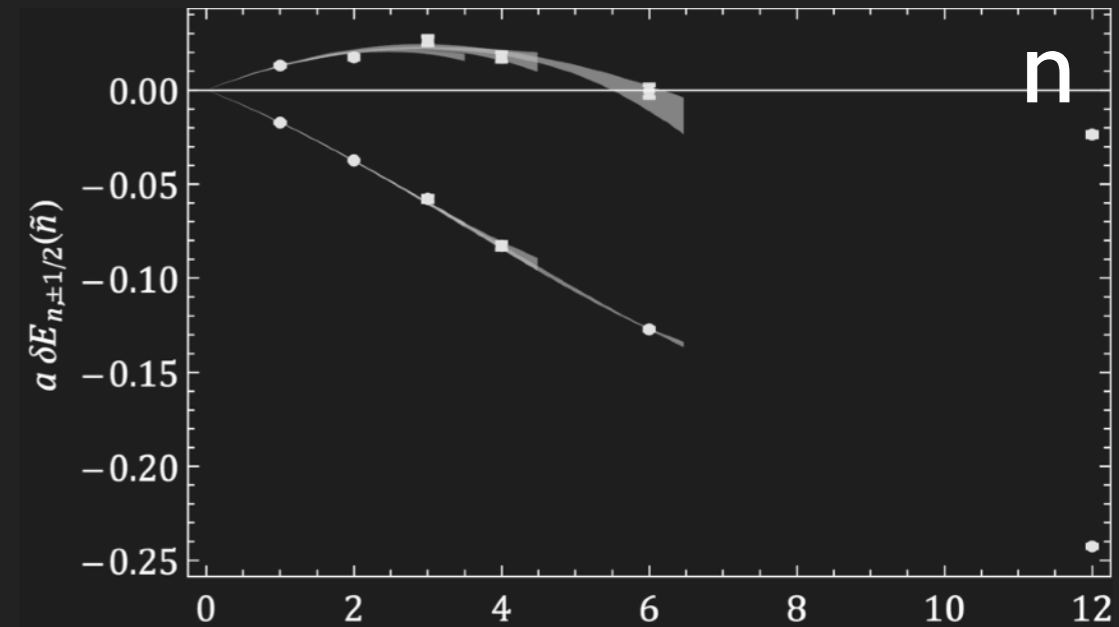
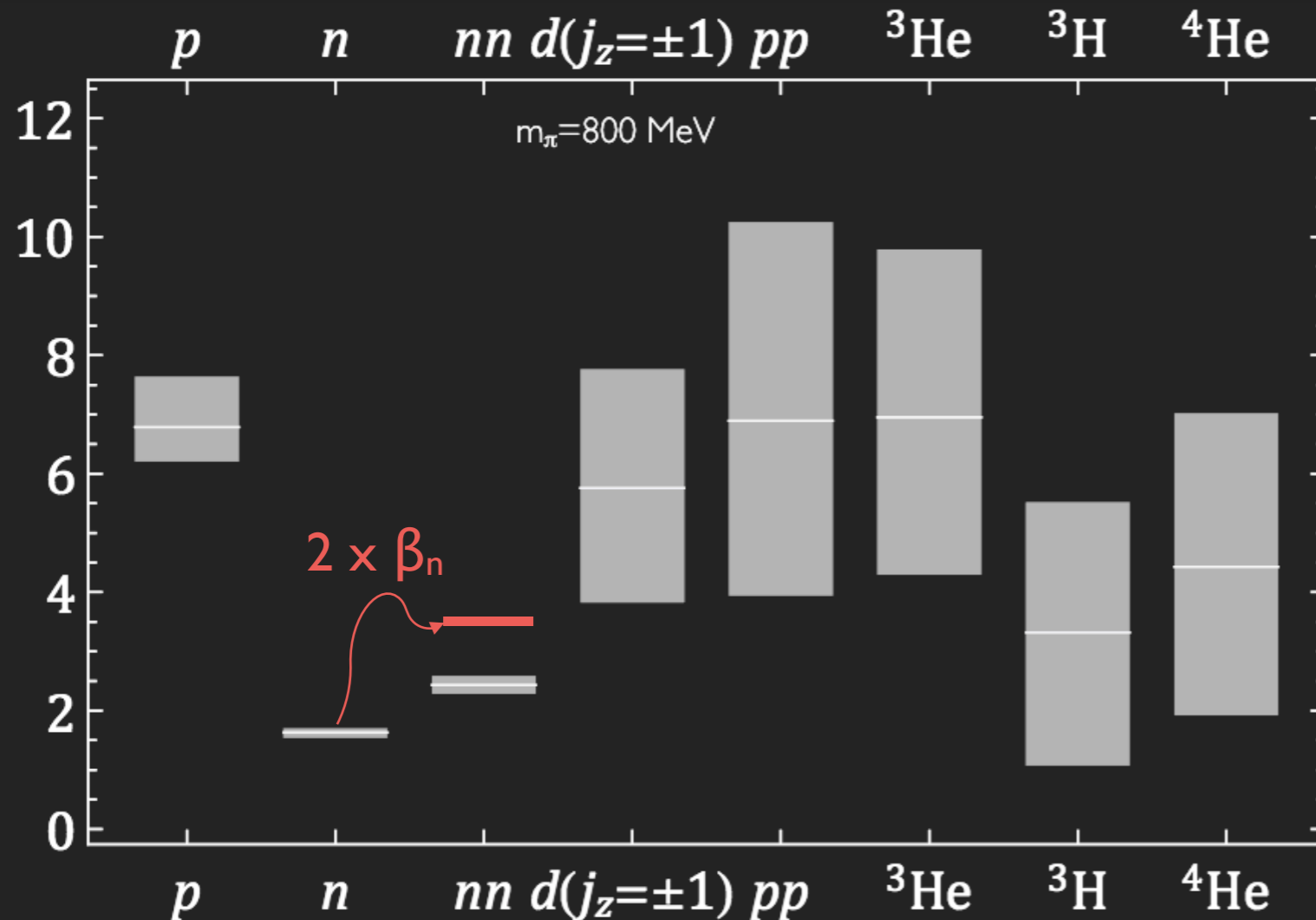
- ▶ Lattice results appear to suggest heavy quark nuclei are shell-model like!

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MAGNETIC POLARISABILITIES

- ▶ Care required with Landau levels
- ▶ Polarisabilities (dimensionless units)





Axial matrix elements

ELECTROWEAK PROCESSES

- ▶ Electroweak processes in light nuclei: first LQCD calculations

▶ Tritium decay $\langle {}^3\text{He} | \bar{q} \gamma_{\mathbf{k}} \gamma_5 \tau^- q | {}^3\text{H} \rangle$

▶ Proton-proton fusion [PRL 119, 062002 (2017)]

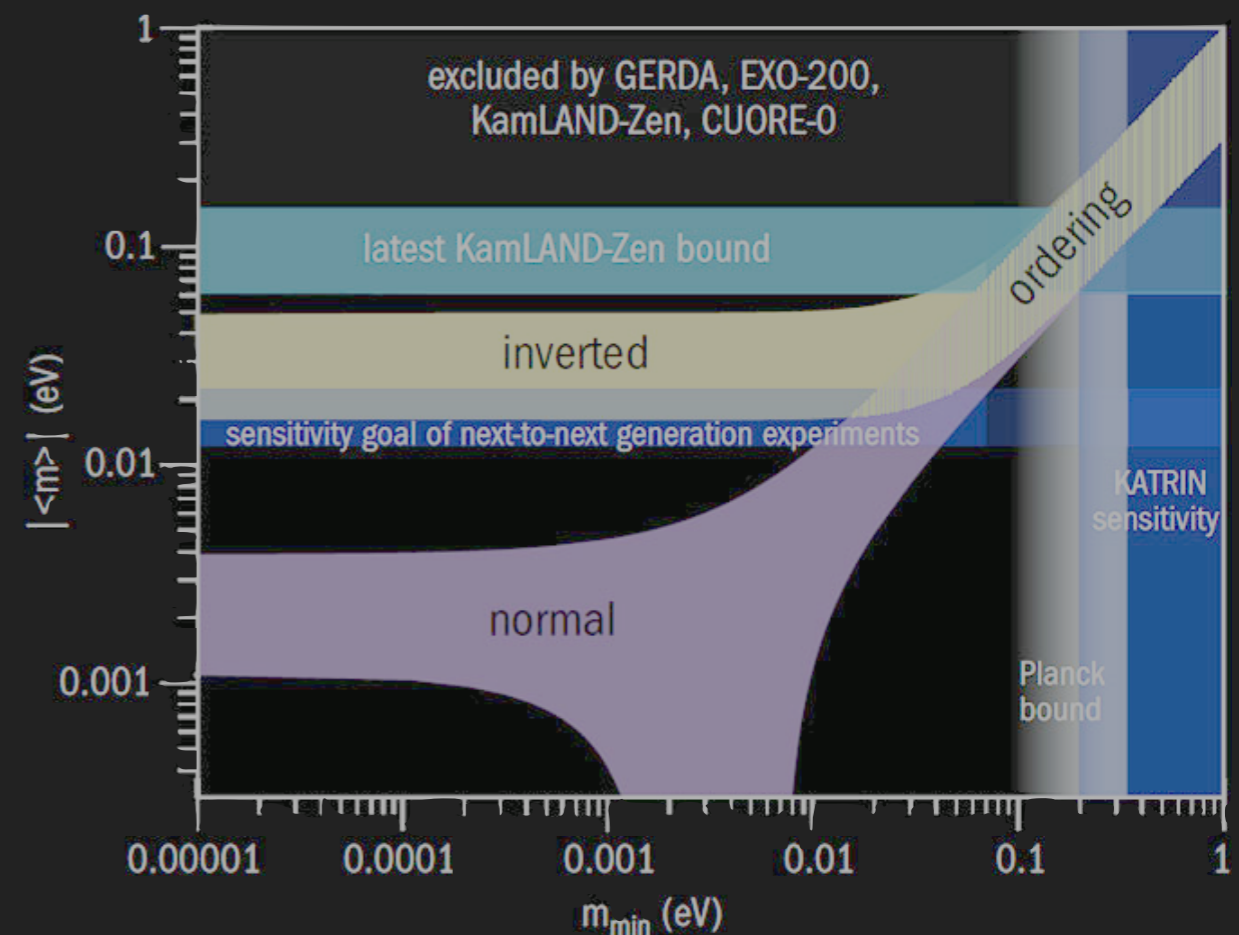
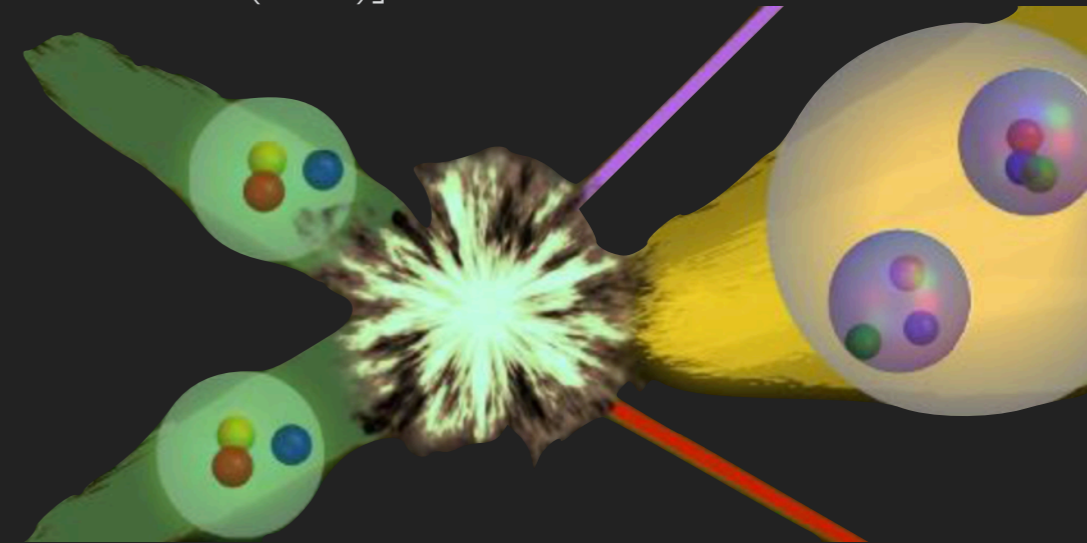
- ▶ Instigating process in solar fusion but hard to measure

- ▶ Calculations reaching level of precision of phenomenology.

▶ Double- β decay: $nn \rightarrow pp$

[PRL 119, 062003 (2017)]

- ▶ Improve nuclear matrix element uncertainties



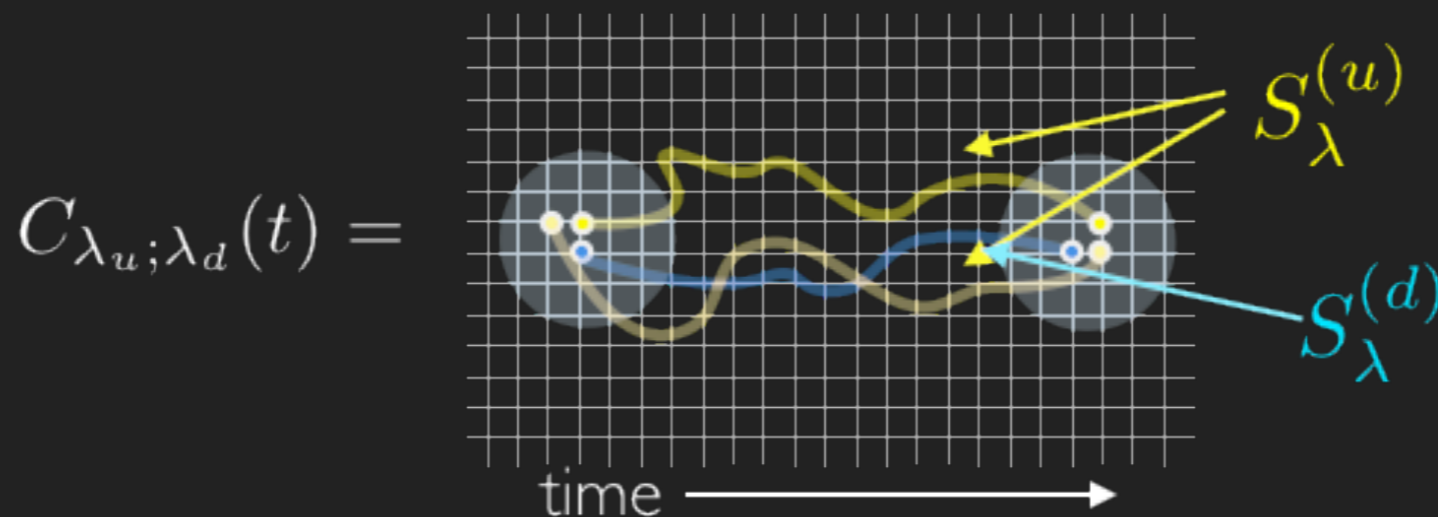
AXIAL BACKGROUND FIELD

- ▶ Fixed axial background field
- ▶ Construct correlation functions from quark propagators modified in axial field

compound propagator

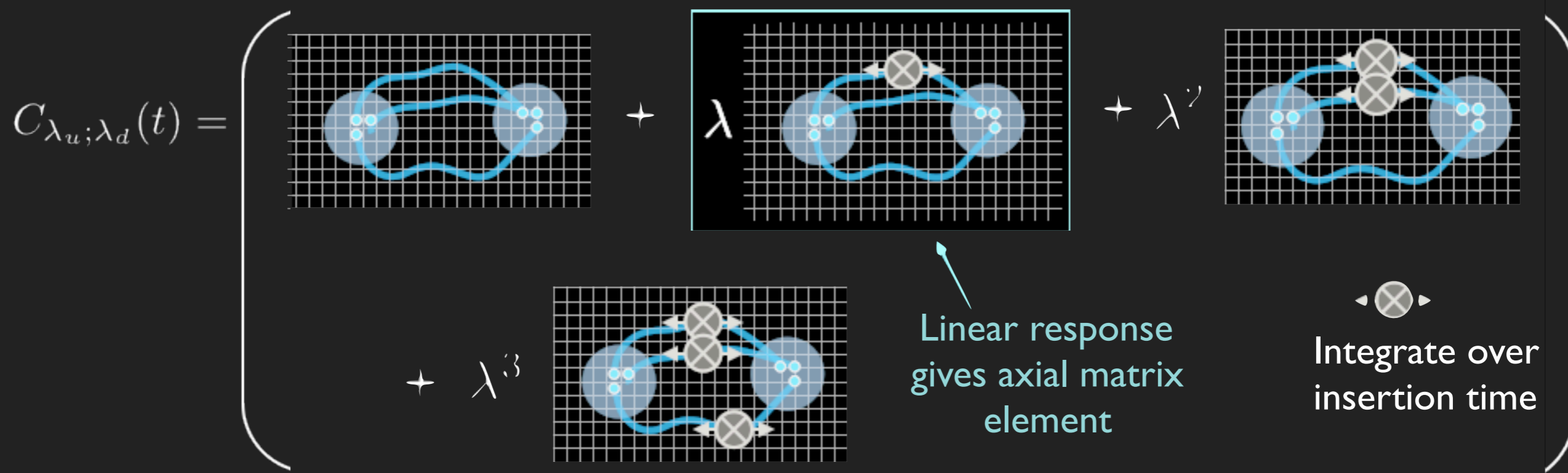
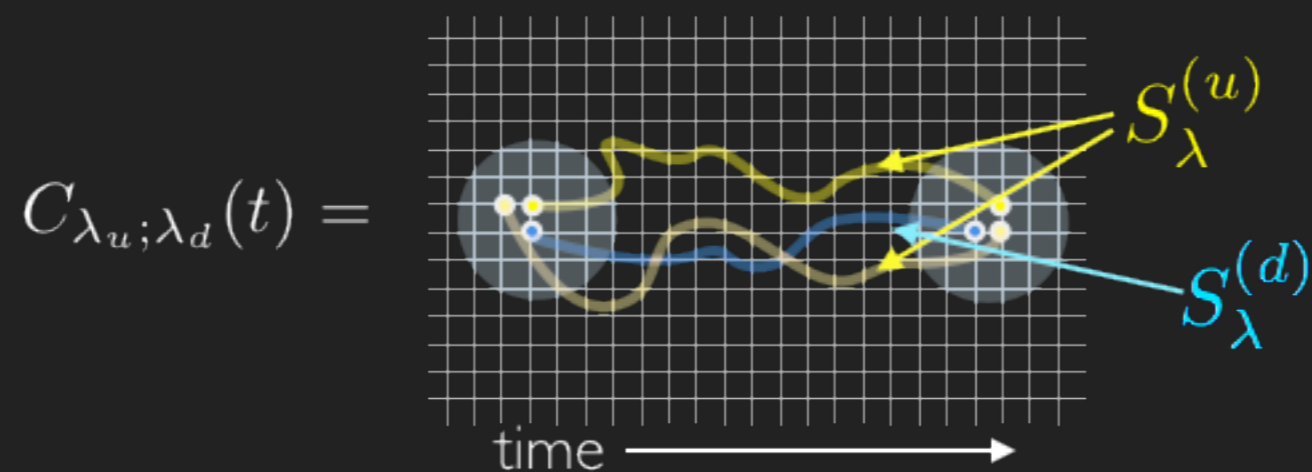
constant

$$\boxed{S_{\lambda}^{(q)}(x, y)} = S^{(q)}(x, y) + \boxed{\lambda_q} \int dz S^{(q)}(x, z) \gamma_3 \gamma_5 S^{(q)}(z, y)$$



- ▶ Linear response gives axial matrix element

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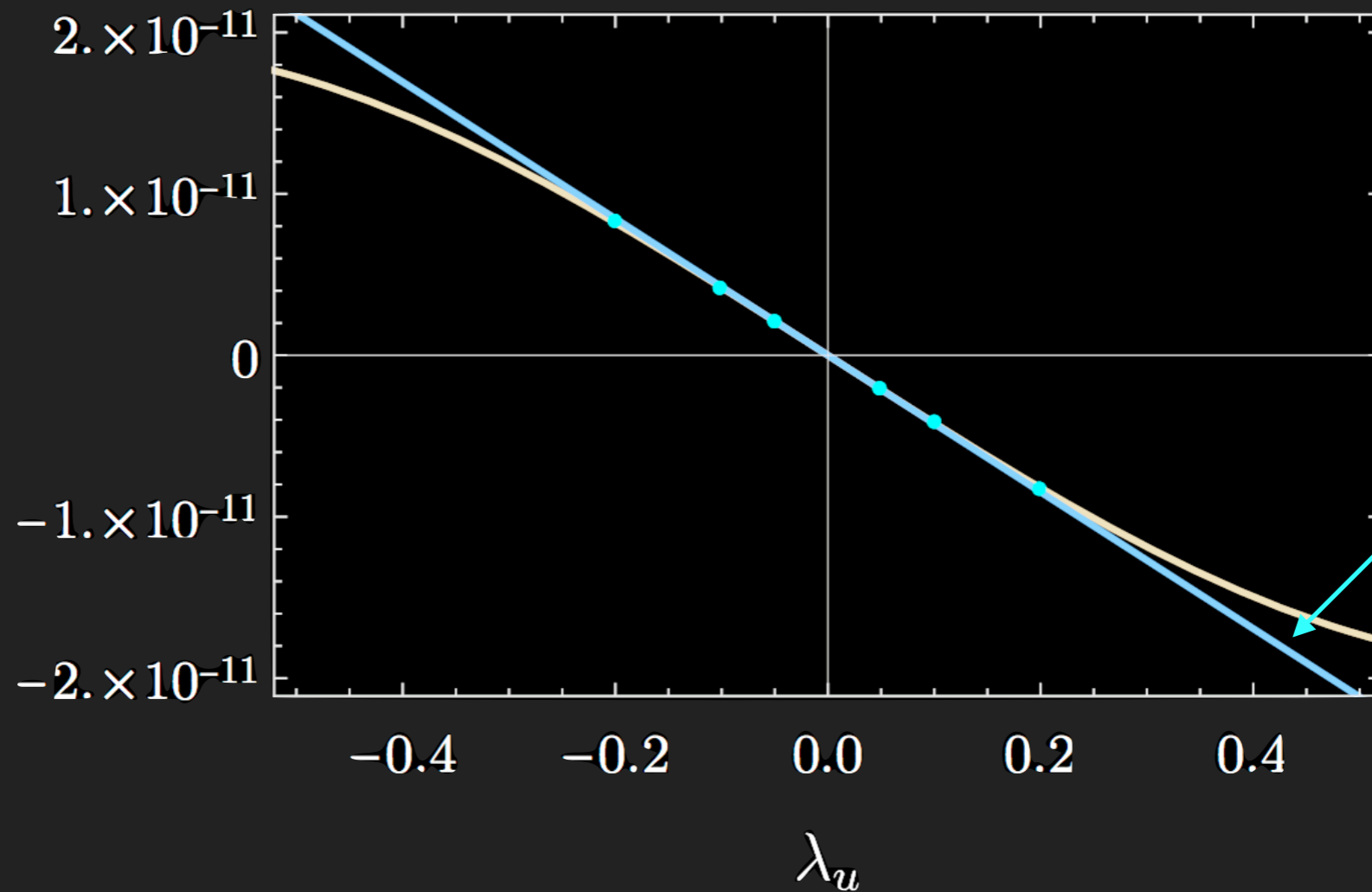


TRITIUM BETA DECAY

- ▶ Example: correlator formed with background field coupling to u quark

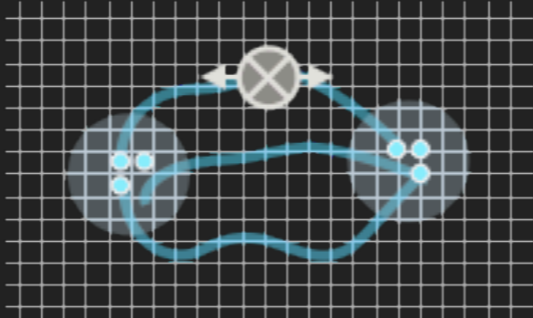
time chosen
for example

$$C_{\lambda_u; \lambda_d=0}^{(3S_1, 1S_0)}(t=6)$$



linear term
gives ME

AXIAL BACKGROUND FIELD

$$C_{\lambda_u; \lambda_d}(t) \Big|_{\mathcal{O}(\lambda)} =$$


The diagram shows a square lattice with a blue loop winding through it. A current insertion symbol, a circle with an 'X' and two arrows pointing left and right, is placed on the loop. To the right of the lattice is another current insertion symbol with the text "Implicit sum over current insertion times" below it.

- ▶ Example: determination of the proton axial charge

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{\lambda_u; \lambda_d}(t) \Big|_{\mathcal{O}(\lambda)} &= \sum_{\tau=0}^t \langle 0 | \chi^\dagger(t) J(\tau) \chi(0) | 0 \rangle \\
 &= \dots \\
 &= Z_0 e^{-M_p t} \left[C + t \langle p | A_3^{(u)}(0) | p \rangle + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\delta t}) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Annotations:

- "Uninteresting constant" points to the C term in the bracket.
- "Excited states" points to the $\mathcal{O}(e^{-\delta t})$ term.
- "Matrix element" points to the $\langle p | A_3^{(u)}(0) | p \rangle$ term.

- ▶ Time difference isolates matrix element part

$$(C_{\lambda_u; \lambda_d}(t+1) - C_{\lambda_u; \lambda_d}(t)) \Big|_{\mathcal{O}(\lambda)} = Z_0 e^{-M_p t} \langle p | A_3^{(u)}(0) | p \rangle + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\delta t})$$

PROTON AXIAL CHARGE

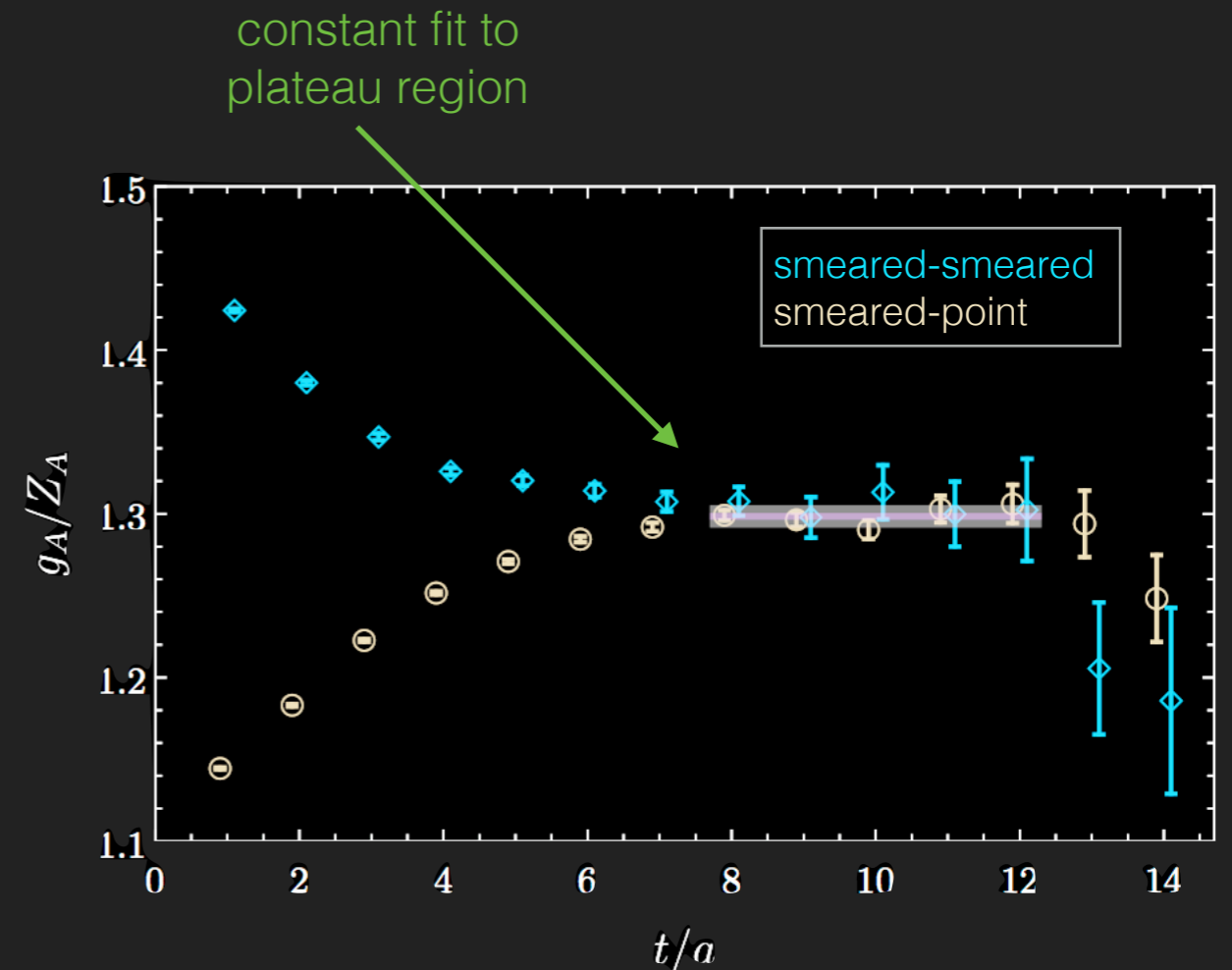
- ▶ Extract matrix element through linear response of correlators to the background field
- ▶ Form ratios to cancel leading time-dependence

$$R_p(t) = \frac{\left(C_{\lambda_u; \lambda_d=0}^{(p)}(t) - C_{\lambda_u=0; \lambda_d}^{(p)}(t) \right) \Big|_{\mathcal{O}(\lambda)}}{C_{\lambda_u=0; \lambda_d=0}^{(p)}(t)}$$

At late times:

$$R_p(t+1) - R_p(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g_A}{Z_A}$$

- ▶ Matrix element revealed through “effective matrix elt. plot”



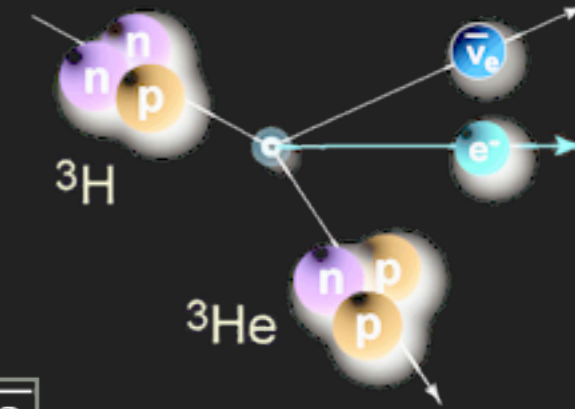
TRITIUM BETA DECAY

- ▶ Tritium decay half life

$$\frac{(1 + \delta_R) f_V}{K/G_V^2} t_{1/2}^{\text{half-life}} = \frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{F} \rangle^2 + f_A/f_V g_A^2 \langle \mathbf{GT} \rangle^2}$$

vector ME axial ME

known from theory or expt.

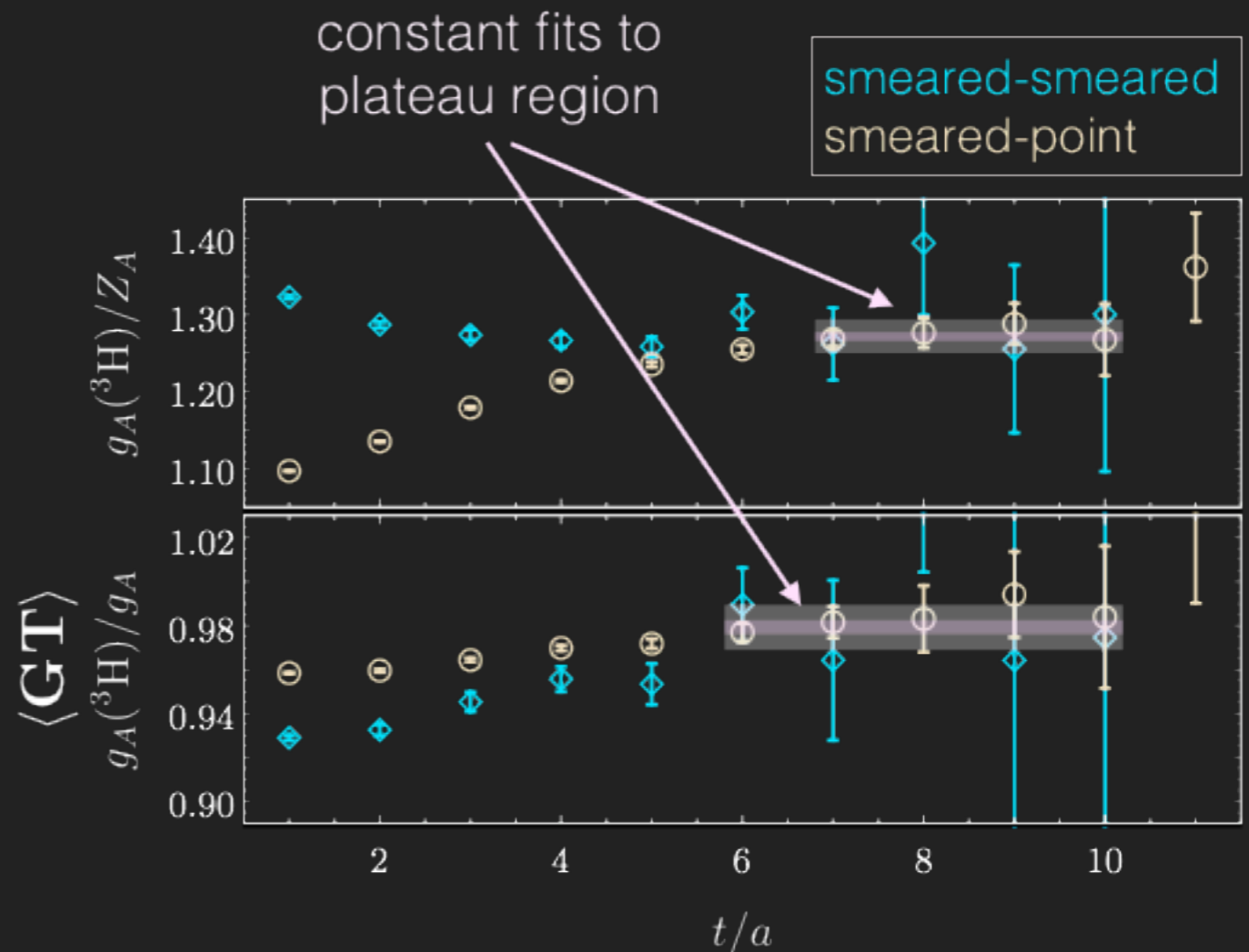


- ▶ Biggest uncertainty in

$$g_A \langle \mathbf{GT} \rangle = \langle {}^3\text{He} | \bar{q} \gamma_{\mathbf{k}} \gamma_5 \tau^- q | {}^3\text{H} \rangle$$

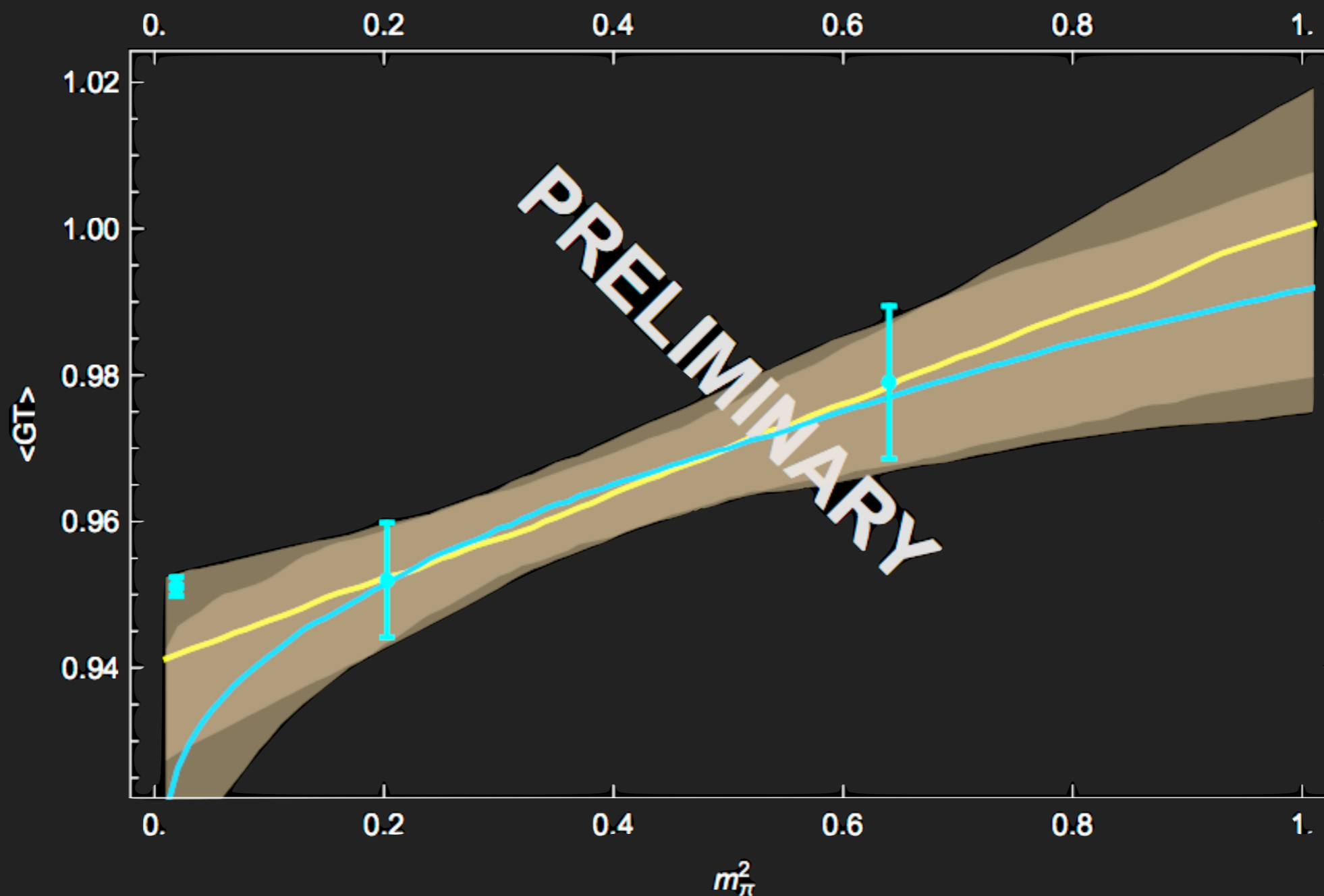
- ▶ Form ratios of correlators to cancel leading time-dependence:

$$\frac{\overline{R}_{3\text{H}}(t)}{\overline{R}_p(t)} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g_A({}^3\text{H})}{g_A} = \langle \mathbf{GT} \rangle$$



TRITIUM BETA DECAY

- ▶ Quark mass dependence ($m_\pi \sim 800, 450$ MeV)



A visualization of the cosmic web, showing a complex network of dark matter filaments and clusters. The filaments are represented by thin, glowing lines, while the clusters are shown as denser, brighter regions. The overall structure is a vast, interconnected web of matter.

Nuclear matrix elements for dark matter

NUCLEAR SIGMA TERMS

- ▶ One possible DM interaction is through scalar exchange

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{G_F}{2} \sum_q a_S^{(q)} (\bar{\chi} \chi) (\bar{q} q)$$

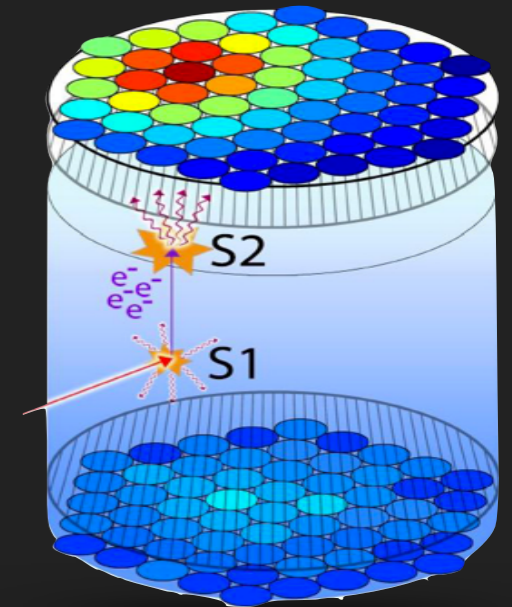
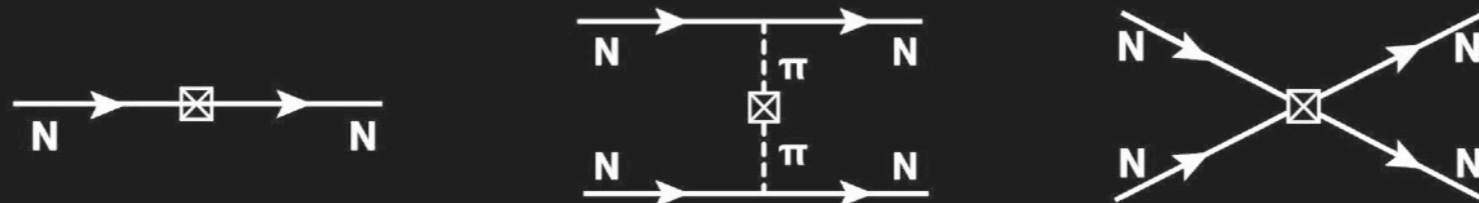
- ▶ Direct detection depends on nuclear matrix element

$$\sigma_{Z,N} = \bar{m} \langle Z, N(\text{gs}) | \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d | Z, N(\text{gs}) \rangle = \bar{m} \frac{d}{d\bar{m}} E_{Z,N}^{(\text{gs})}$$

- ▶ Accessible via Feynman-Hellman theorem
- ▶ At hadronic/nuclear level

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} \rightarrow G_F \bar{\chi} \chi & \left(\frac{1}{4} \langle 0 | \bar{q} q | 0 \rangle \text{Tr} [a_S \Sigma^\dagger + a_S^\dagger \Sigma] + \frac{1}{4} \langle N | \bar{q} q | N \rangle N^\dagger N \text{Tr} [a_S \Sigma^\dagger + a_S^\dagger \Sigma] \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{1}{4} \langle N | \bar{q} \tau^3 q | N \rangle (N^\dagger N \text{Tr} [a_S \Sigma^\dagger + a_S^\dagger \Sigma] - 4 N^\dagger a_{S,\xi} N) + \dots \right) \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Contributions:



NUCLEON SIGMA TERM

- ▶ Single nucleon contribution

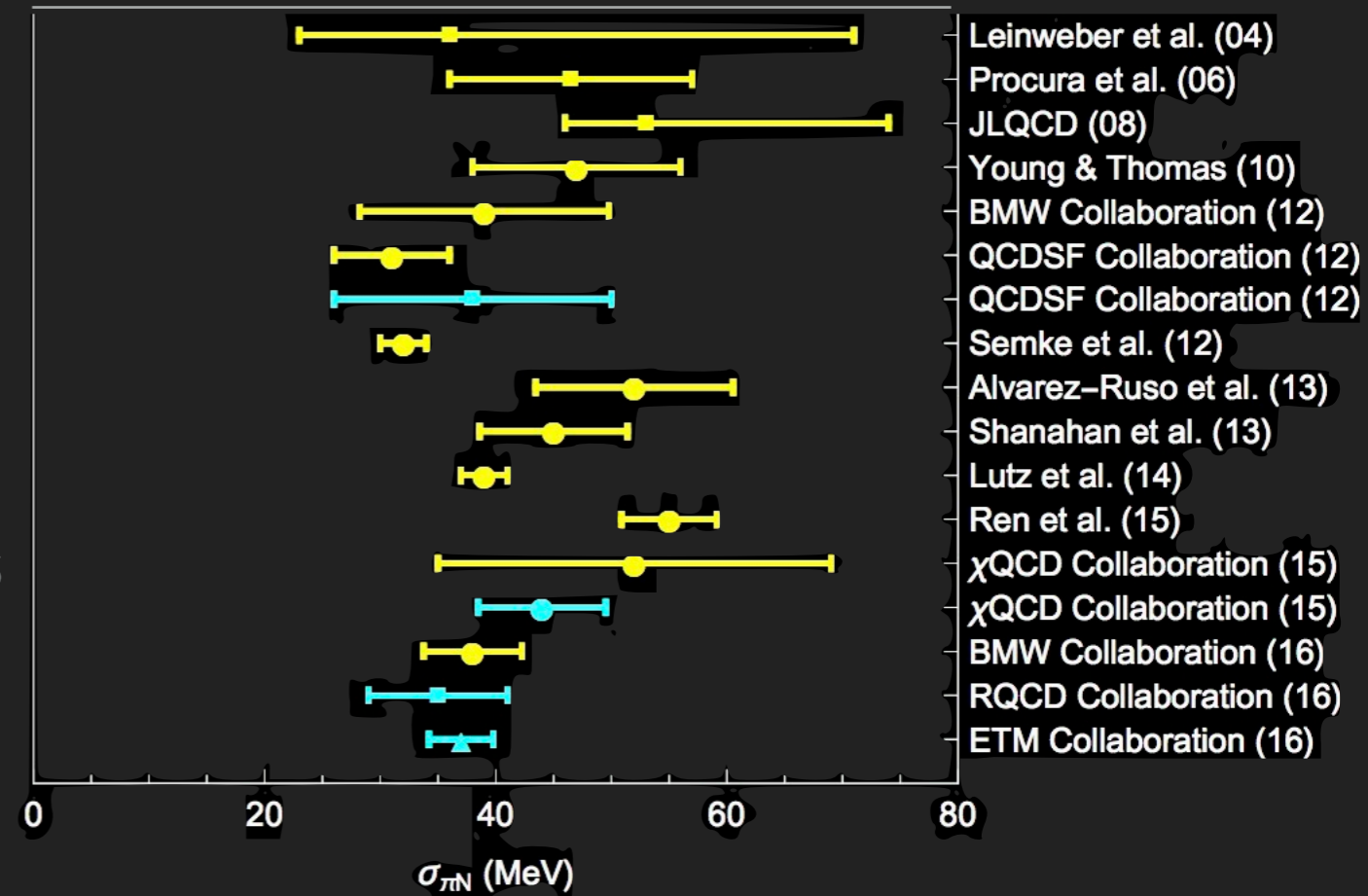


calculated by many lattice groups

- ▶ Results stabilised
- ▶ NB: interesting $\sim 3\sigma$ tension with recent πN dispersive analysis

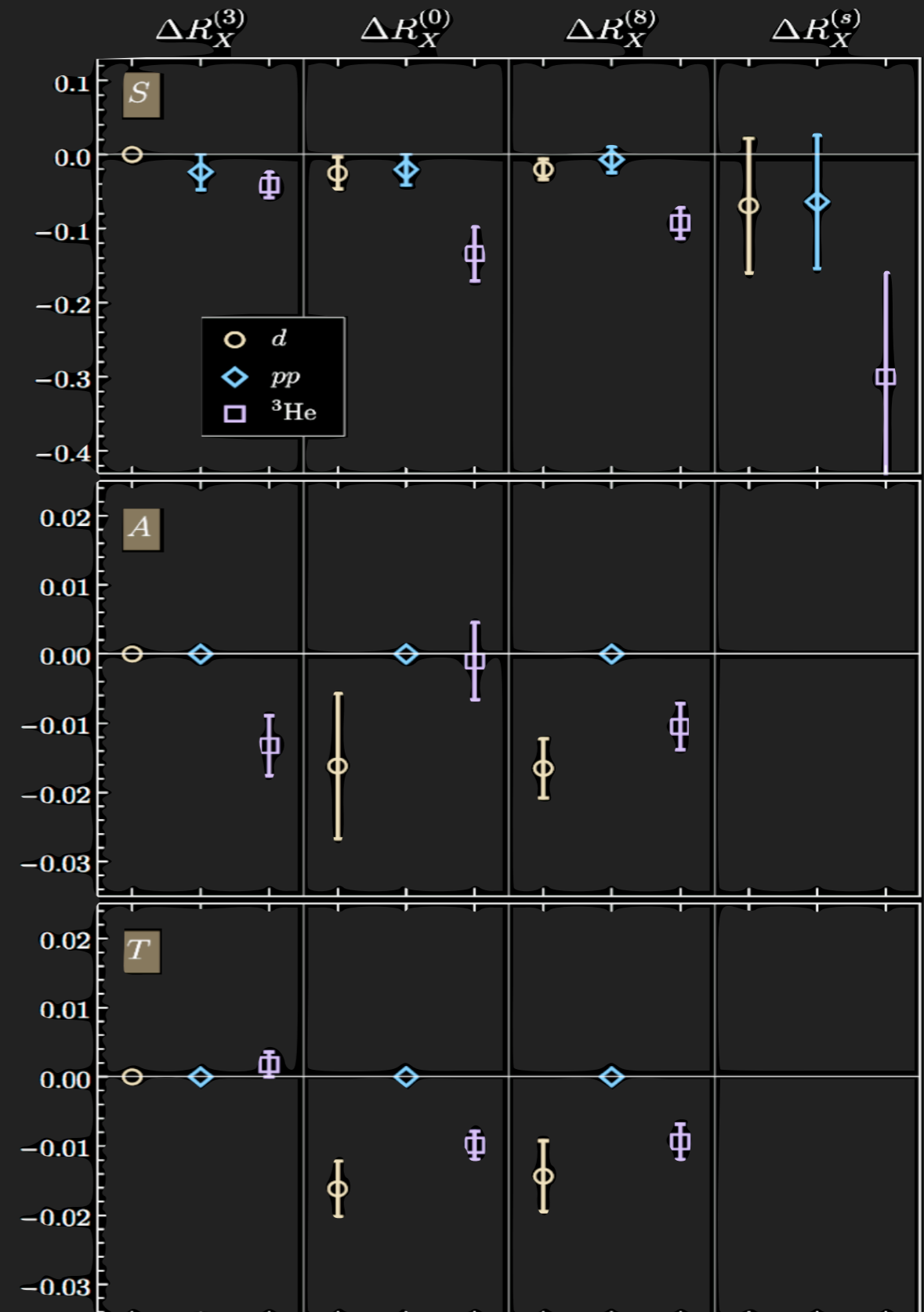
[Hoferichter et al, PRL. **115** (2015) 092301]

[summary by P Shanahan 2016]



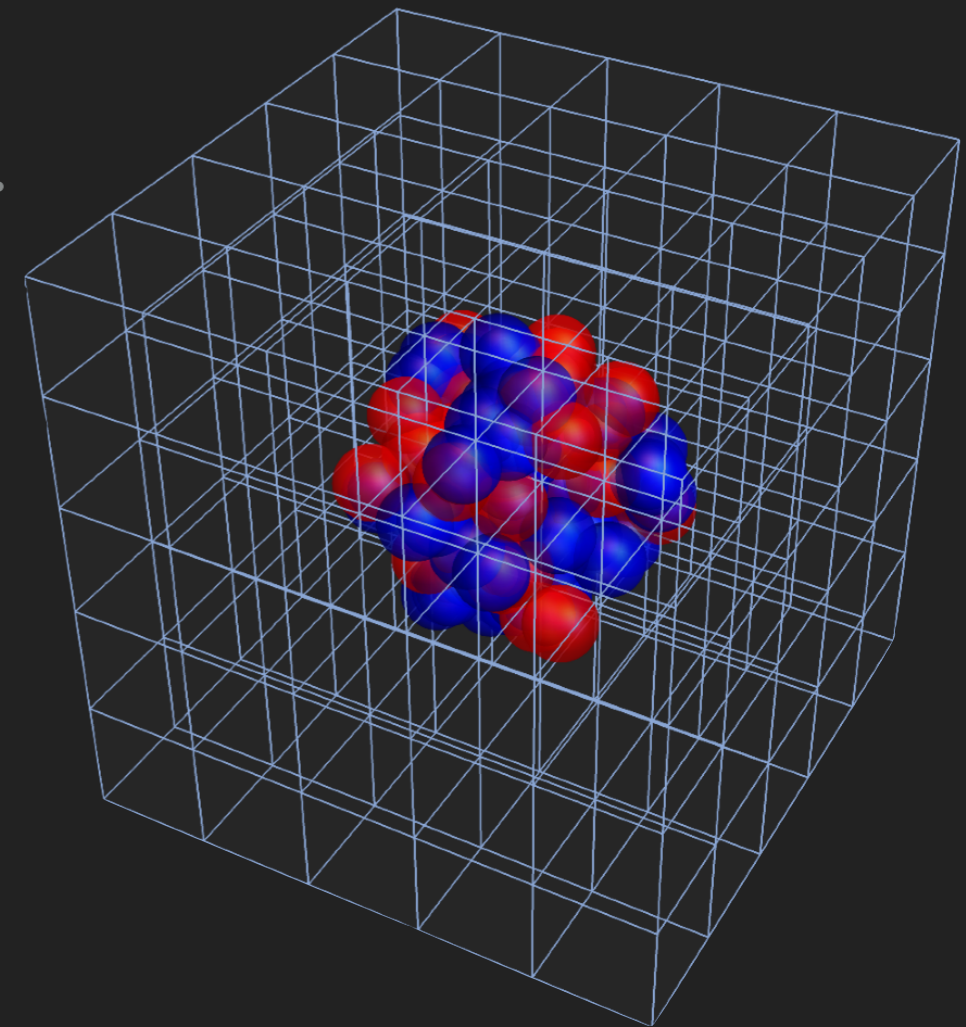
NUCLEAR EFFECTS

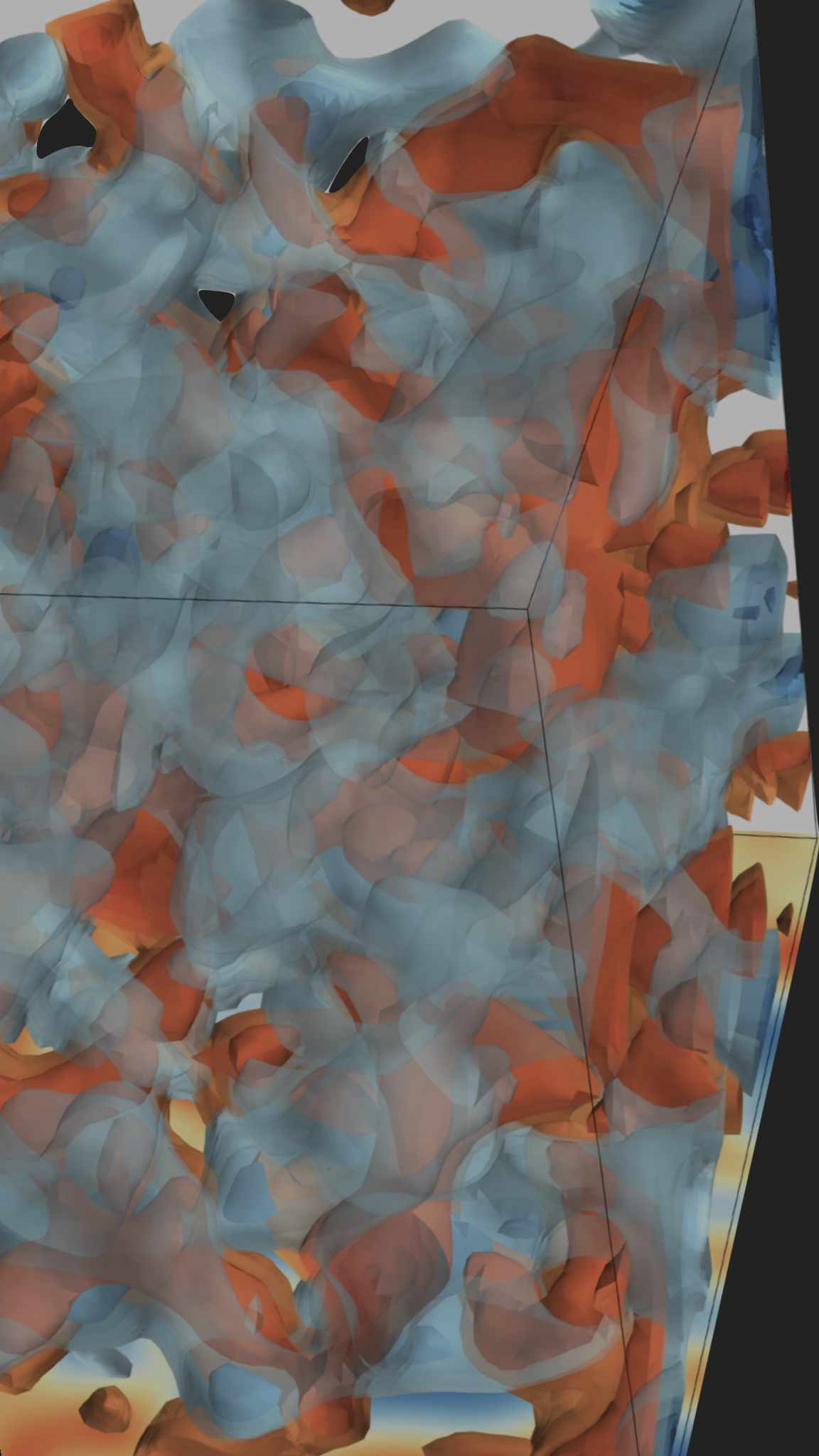
- ▶ Background fields for scalar (and also axial and tensor) quark bilinear
- ▶ Calculate forward limit MEs for $A=2,3$
- ▶ Scalar MEs has large ($\sim 10\%$) deviation from sum of nucleon MEs for $A=3$
 - ▶ Consequences for larger nuclei?
 - ▶ Repeating calculations at lighter quark masses
- ▶ Future: second order response gives scalar polarisability



OUTLOOK

- ▶ Nuclei are under study directly from QCD
 - ▶ Spectroscopy of light nuclei and exotic nuclei
 - ▶ Structure: magnetic moments, axial couplings...
 - ▶ Interactions: $np \rightarrow d\gamma$, $pp \rightarrow de^+\nu$, $nn \rightarrow pp$, DM
- ▶ Prospect of a quantitative connection to QCD makes this an exciting time for nuclear physics
 - ▶ Critical role in current and upcoming intensity frontier experimental program
 - ▶ Learn many interesting things about the nature of hadrons and nuclei along the way

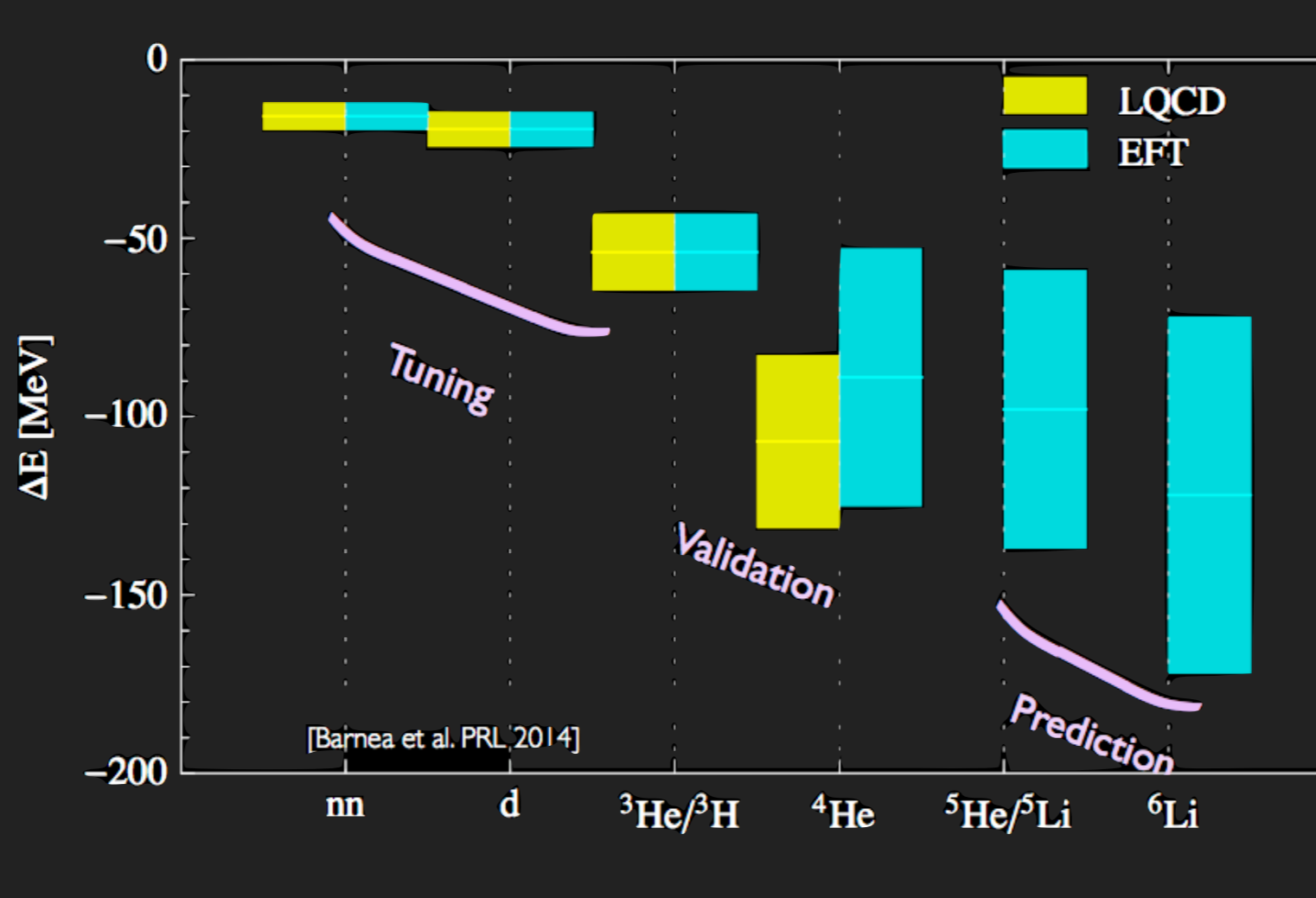




FIN

HEAVY QUARK UNIVERSE

- ▶ Combine LQCD and pionless EFT
- ▶ EFT matching to LQCD determines NN, NNN interactions: allows predictions for larger nuclei

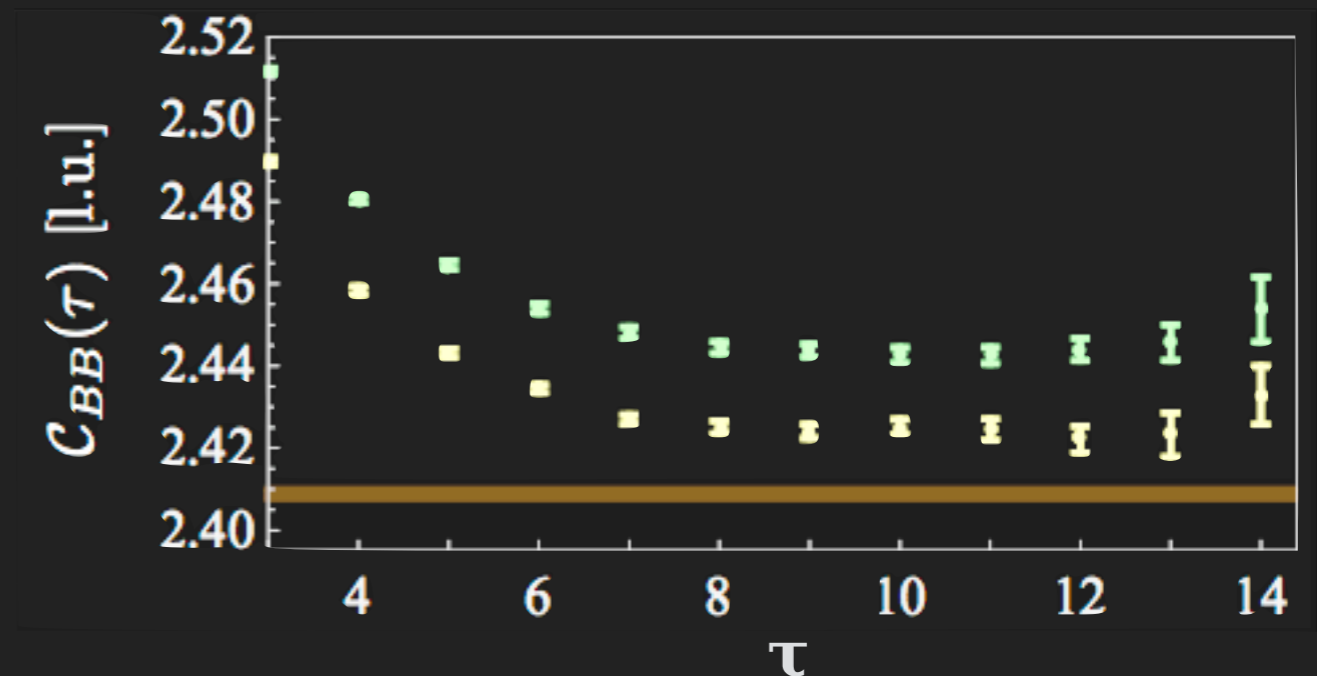
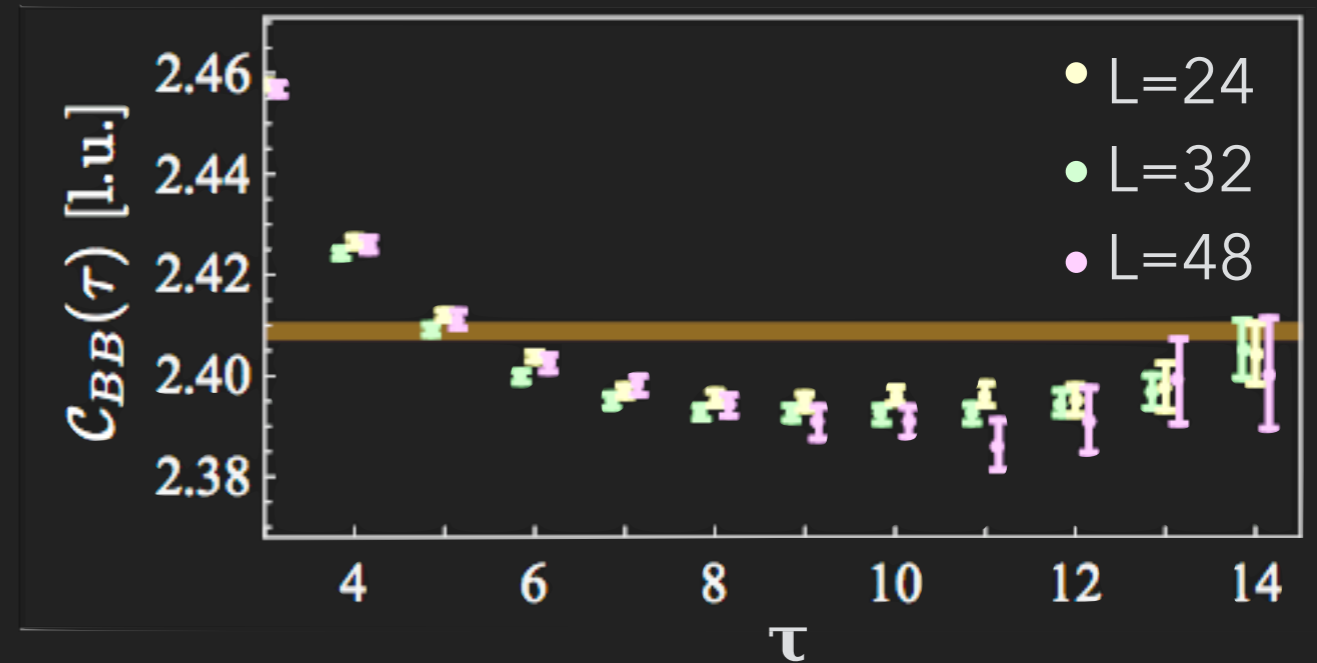


In a world
@ $m_\pi = 800$ MeV

- ▶ Other many-body methods significantly extend reach [Barnea et al. PRL 2014; see also Kirscher et al. 1506.09048, Contessi et al. 1701.06516]

NN BOUND STATES

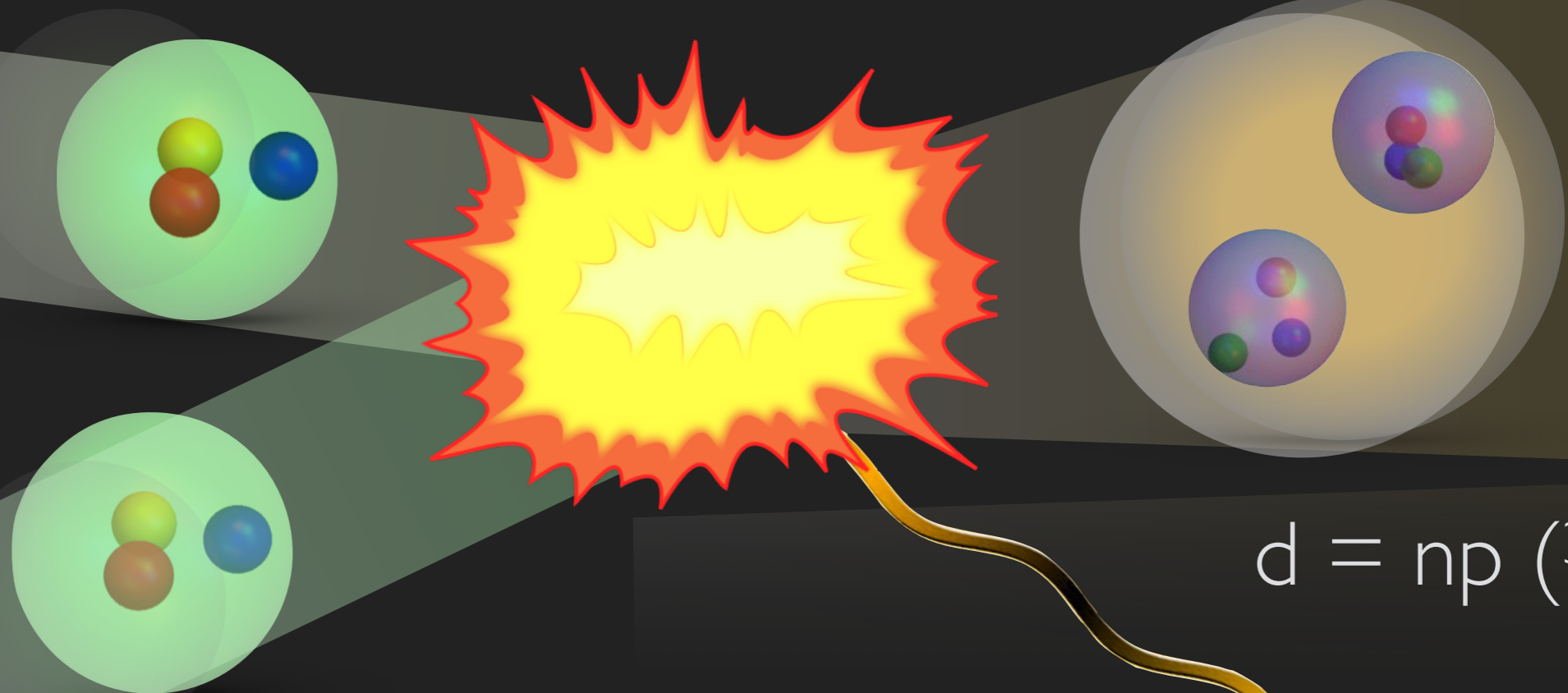
- ▶ Potential for fake plateaus? [Iritani et al.]
 - ▶ Scattering states combine with relative signs to give negative-shifted flat behaviour
- ▶ Very unlikely
- ▶ Study at 3 volumes with same source structure
- ▶ Negative shifted states
 - ▶ Correlators fully consistent at $L=24, 32, 48$
- ▶ Excited state
 - ▶ Scales as $1/L^3$ consistent with scattering state



THERMAL NEUTRON CAPTURE CROSS-SECTION

- ▶ Thermal neutron capture cross-section: $np \rightarrow d\gamma$
 - ▶ Critical process in Big Bang Nucleosynthesis
 - ▶ Historically important: 2-body contributions $\sim 10\%$
 - ▶ First QCD nuclear reaction!

np (1S_0)



$d = np$ (3S_1)

$$Z_d = 1/\sqrt{1 - \gamma_0 r_3}$$

NP \rightarrow D γ IN PIONLESS EFT

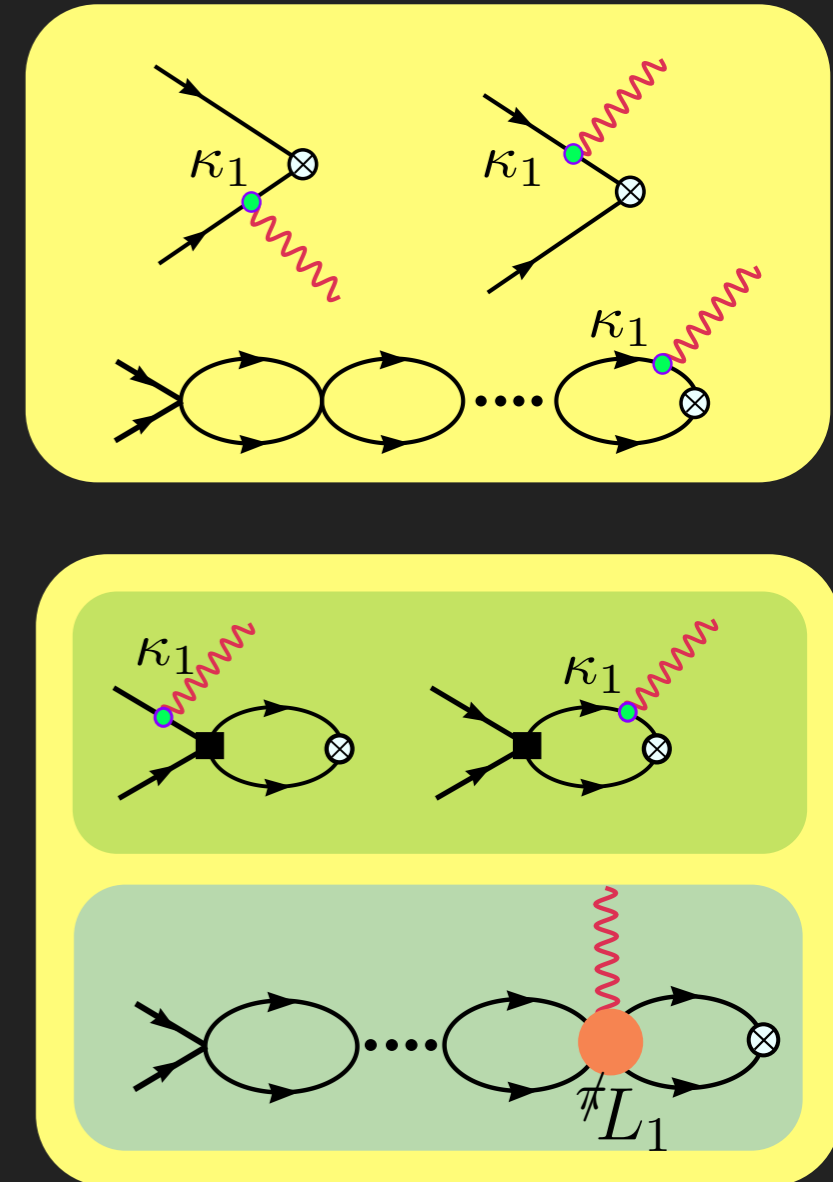
- ▶ Cross-section at threshold calculated in pionless EFT

$$\sigma(np \rightarrow d\gamma) = \frac{e^2(\gamma_0^2 + |\mathbf{p}|^2)^3}{M^4\gamma_0^3|\mathbf{p}|} |\tilde{X}_{M1}|^2 + \dots$$

- ▶ EFT expansion at LO given by mag. moments
- NLO contributions from short-distance two nucleon operators

$$\tilde{X}_{M1} = \frac{Z_d}{-\frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{2}r_1|\mathbf{p}|^2 - i|\mathbf{p}|} \times \left[\frac{\kappa_1\gamma_0^2}{\gamma_0^2 + |\mathbf{p}|^2} \left(\gamma_0 - \frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{2}r_1|\mathbf{p}|^2 \right) + \frac{\gamma_0^2}{2}l_1 \right]$$

- ▶ Phenomenological description with 1% accuracy for E < 1MeV
- ▶ Short distance (MEC) contributes ~10%



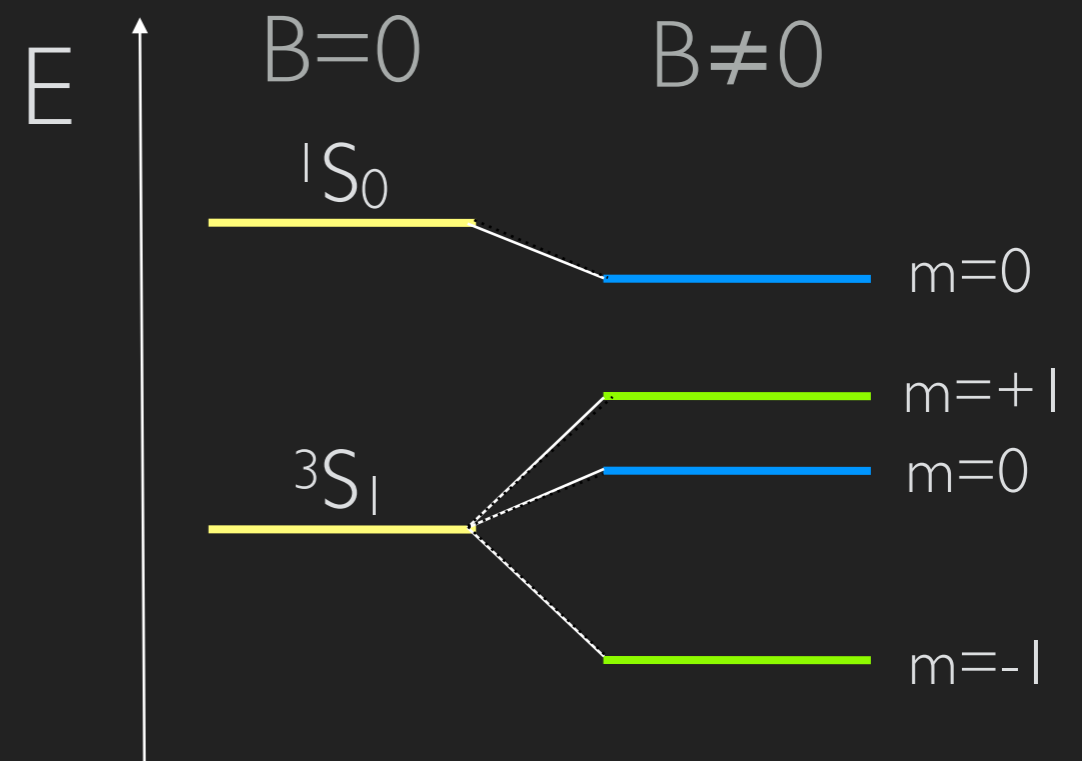
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BACKGROUND FIELDS

- ▶ Consider QCD in the presence of a constant background magnetic field
 - ▶ Implement by adding term to the action (careful with boundaries)
- ▶ Shifts spin-1/2 particle masses

$$M_{\uparrow\downarrow} = M_0 \pm \mu|\mathbf{B}| + 4\pi\beta|\mathbf{B}|^2 + \dots$$

- ▶ Changing strength of background field allows μ, β to be extracted
- ▶ Two nucleon states
 - ▶ Levels split and mix
 - ▶ Similar for electro-weak fields and twist-two fields



ENERGY LEVELS IN BF

- ▶ Background field modifies eigenvalue equation for $m=\pm 1$ states

$$p \cot \delta(p) - \frac{1}{\pi L} S \left(\frac{L^2}{4\pi^2} [p^2 \pm e|\mathbf{B}|\kappa_0] \right) \mp \frac{e|\mathbf{B}|}{2} (L_2 - r_3\kappa_0) = 0$$

- ▶ Asymptotic expansion of lowest scattering level

$$E_0^{m=\pm 1} = \mp \frac{e|\mathbf{B}|\kappa_0}{M} + \frac{4\pi A_3}{ML^3} \left[1 - c_1 \frac{A_3}{L} + c_2 \left(\frac{A_3}{L} \right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

where $\frac{1}{A_3} = \frac{1}{a_3} \pm \frac{e|\mathbf{B}|L_2}{2}$

- ▶ Mixes 1S_0 and 3S_1 $m=0$ states (coupled channels - but perturbative)

$$\left[p \cot \delta_1(p) - \frac{S_+ + S_-}{\pi L} \right] \left[p \cot \delta_3(p) - \frac{S_+ + S_-}{\pi L} \right] = \left[\frac{e|\mathbf{B}|L_1}{2} + \frac{S_+ - S_-}{2\pi L} \right]^2$$

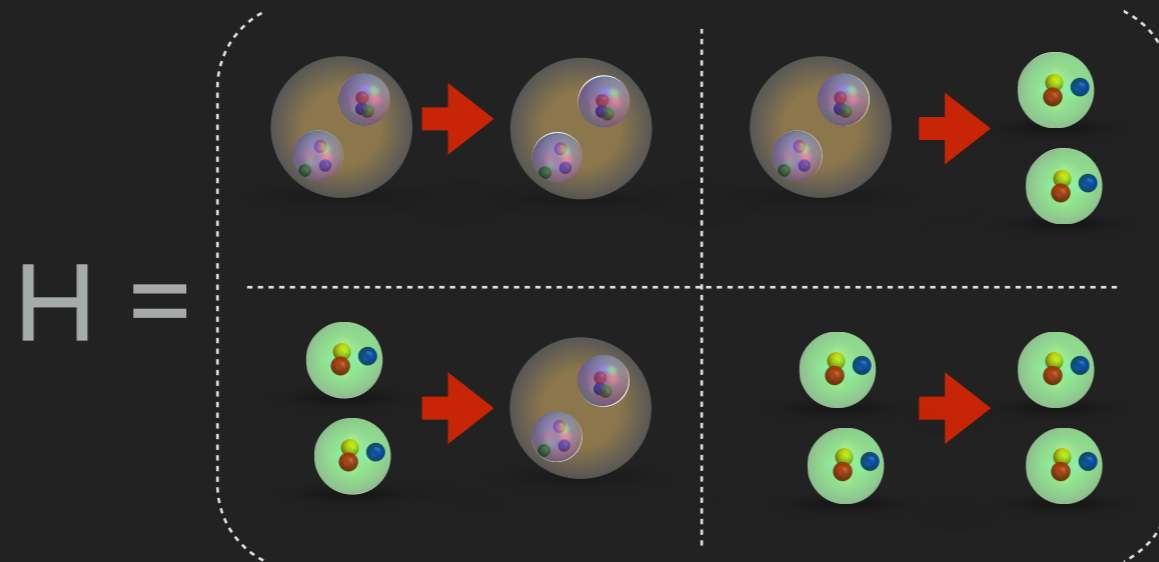
where $S_{\pm} = S \left(\frac{L^2}{4\pi^2} [p^2 \pm e|\mathbf{B}|\kappa_1] + \dots \right)$

NUCLEAR INTERACTIONS

[NPLQCD PRL **115**, 132003 (2015)]

$NP \rightarrow D\gamma$

- ▶ Presence of magnetic field mixes $I_z=J_z=0$ 3S_1 and 1S_0 np systems



- ▶ Wigner SU(4) super-multiplet (spin-flavour) symmetry relates 3S_1 and 1S_0 states (diagonal elements approximately equal)
 - ▶ Shift of eigenvalues determined by transition amplitude

$$\Delta E_{^3S_1, ^1S_0} = \mp (\kappa_1 + \bar{L}_1) \frac{eB}{M} + \dots$$

- ▶ More generally eigenvalues depend on transition amplitude

[WD, & M Savage 2004, H Meyer 2012]

NP \rightarrow D γ

Lattice correlator
with 3S_1 source and 1S_0 sink

- ▶ $I_z=J_z=0$ correlation matrix

$$\mathbf{C}(t; \mathbf{B}) = \begin{pmatrix} C_{^3S_1, ^3S_1}(t; \mathbf{B}) & C_{^3S_1, ^1S_0}(t; \mathbf{B}) \\ C_{^1S_0, ^3S_1}(t; \mathbf{B}) & C_{^1S_0, ^1S_0}(t; \mathbf{B}) \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ Generalised eigenvalue problem

$$[\mathbf{C}(t_0; \mathbf{B})]^{-1/2} \mathbf{C}(t; \mathbf{B}) [\mathbf{C}(t_0; \mathbf{B})]^{-1/2} v = \lambda(t; \mathbf{B}) v$$

- ▶ Ratio of correlator ratios to extract 2-body

$$R_{^3S_1, ^1S_0}(t; \mathbf{B}) = \frac{\lambda_+(t; \mathbf{B})}{\lambda_-(t; \mathbf{B})} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} \hat{Z} \exp [2 \Delta E_{^3S_1, ^1S_0} t]$$

$$\delta R_{^3S_1, ^1S_0}(t; \mathbf{B}) = \frac{R_{^3S_1, ^1S_0}(t; \mathbf{B})}{\Delta R_p(t; \mathbf{B}) / \Delta R_n(t; \mathbf{B})} \rightarrow A e^{-\delta E_{^3S_1, ^1S_0}(\mathbf{B}) t}$$

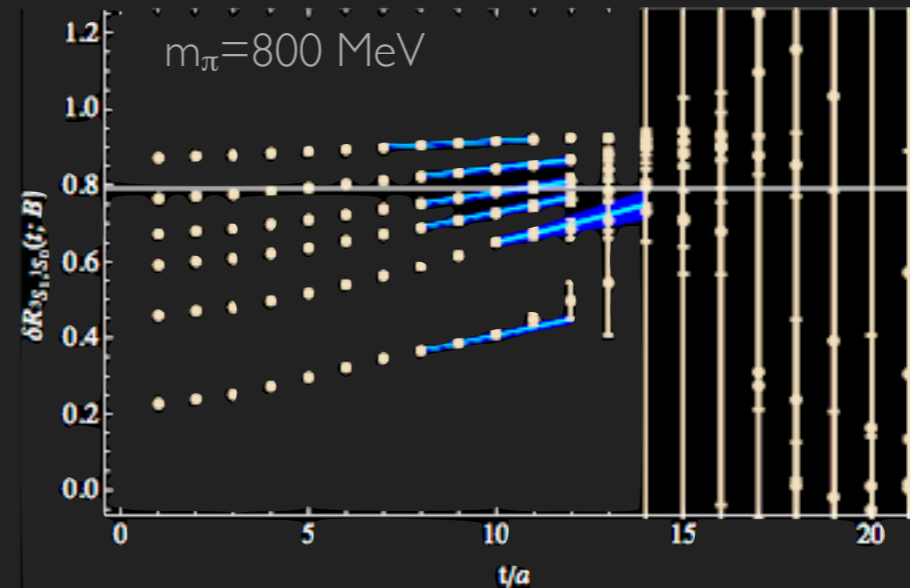
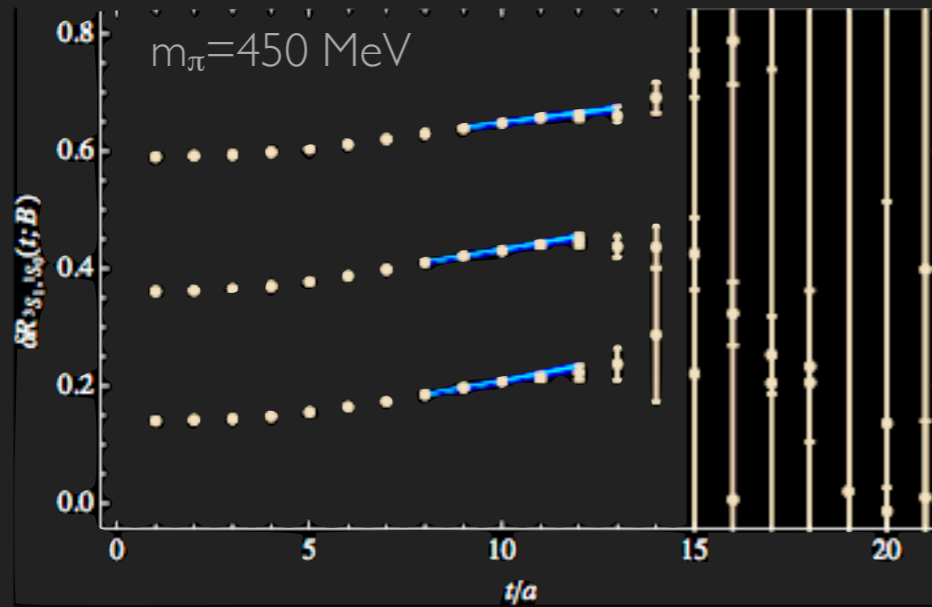
$$\begin{aligned} \delta E_{^3S_1, ^1S_0} &\equiv \Delta E_{^3S_1, ^1S_0} - [E_{p,\uparrow} - E_{p,\downarrow}] + [E_{n,\uparrow} - E_{n,\downarrow}] \\ &\rightarrow 2\bar{L}_1 |e\mathbf{B}| / M + \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{B}^2), \end{aligned}$$

NUCLEAR INTERACTIONS

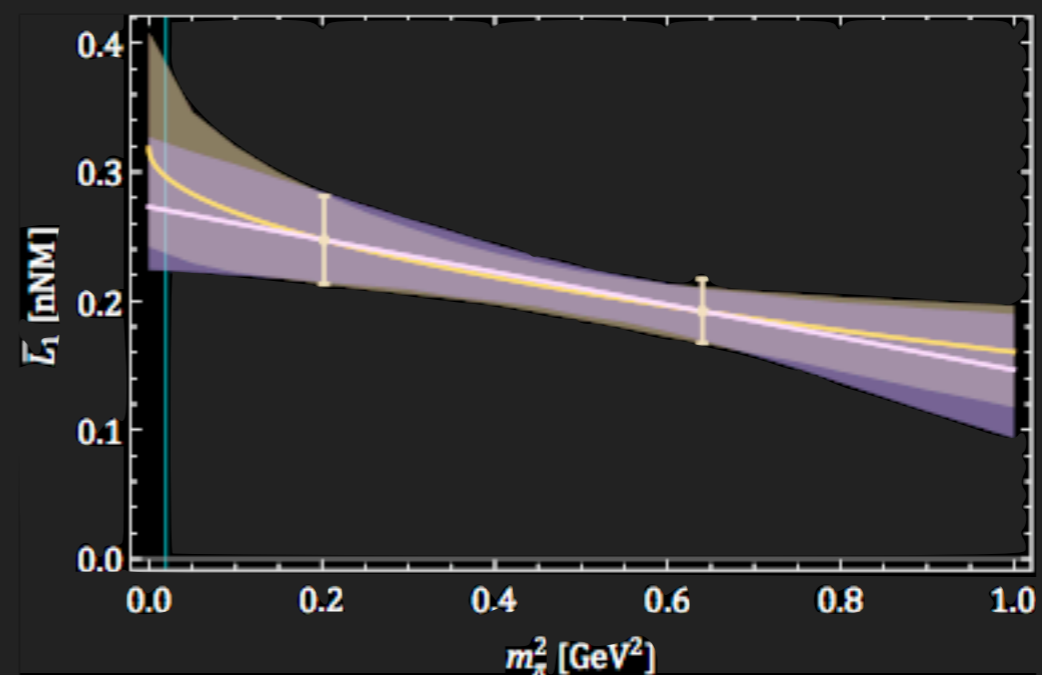
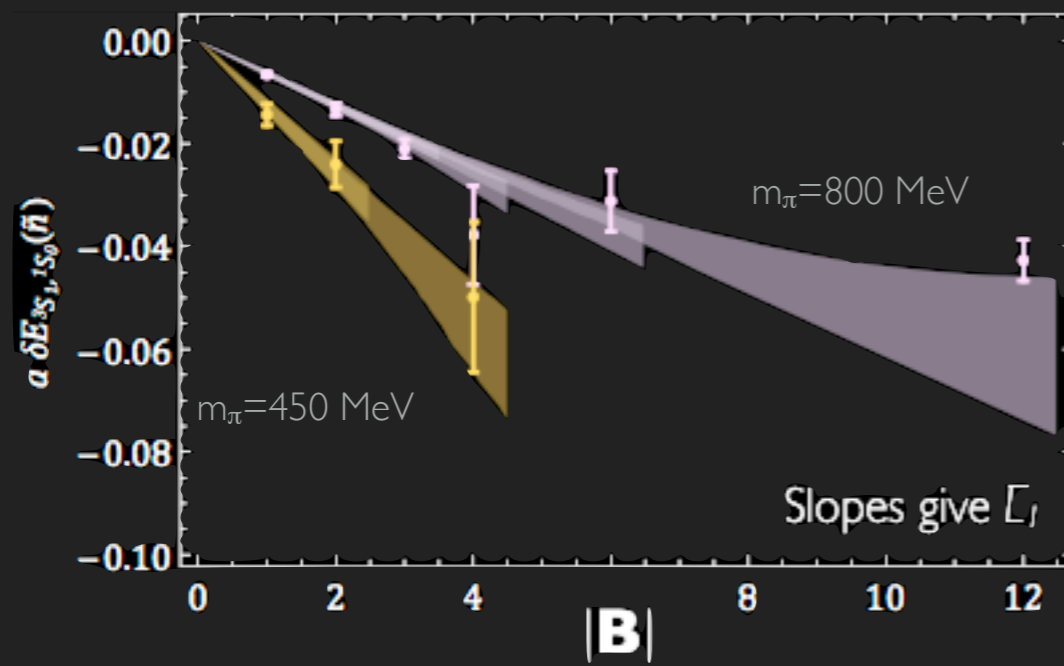
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$NP \rightarrow D\gamma$

► Correlator ratios for different field strengths



► Field strength & mass dependence



NUCLEAR INTERACTIONS

[NPLQCD PRL **115**, 132003 (2015)]

NP \rightarrow D γ

- ▶ Extracted short-distance contribution at physical mass

$$\bar{L}_1^{\text{lqcd}} = 0.285 \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +63 \\ -60 \end{smallmatrix} \right) \text{ nNM} \qquad l_1^{\text{lqcd}} = -4.48 \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +16 \\ -15 \end{smallmatrix} \right) \text{ fm}$$

- ▶ Combine with phenomenological nucleon magnetic moment, scattering parameters at incident neutron velocity $v=2,200$ m/s

$$\sigma^{\text{lqcd}}(np \rightarrow d\gamma) = 307.8(1 + 0.273 \bar{L}_1^{\text{lqcd}}) \text{ mb}$$

$$\sigma^{\text{lqcd}}(np \rightarrow d\gamma) = 332.4 \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +5.4 \\ -4.7 \end{smallmatrix} \right) \text{ mb}$$

c.f. phenomenological value

$$\sigma^{\text{expt}}(np \rightarrow d\gamma) = 334.2(0.5) \text{ mb}$$

- ▶ NB: at $m_\pi=800$ MeV, use LQCD for all inputs (ab initio)

$$\sigma^{800 \text{ MeV}}(np \rightarrow d\gamma) \sim 10 \text{ mb}$$