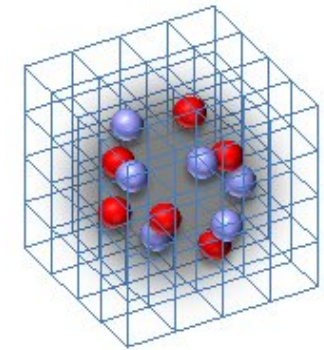




Status of Nuclear Lattice Simulations

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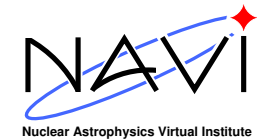
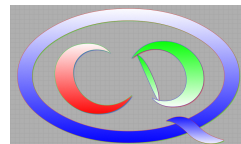
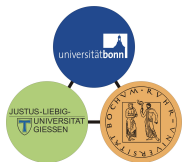
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• Nuclear Lattice Effective Field Theory collaboration

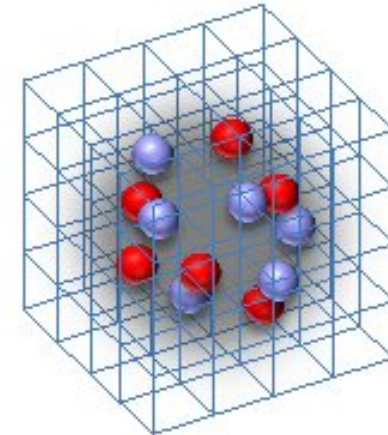
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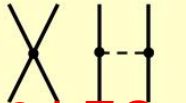
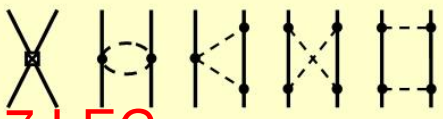
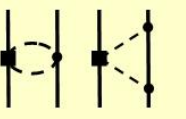
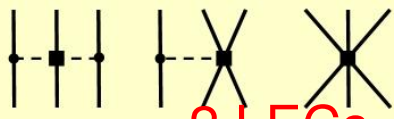
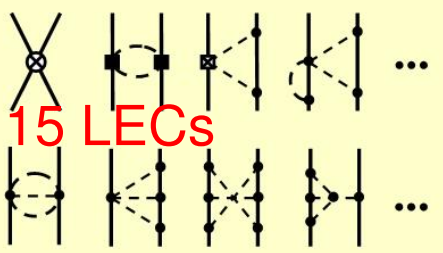
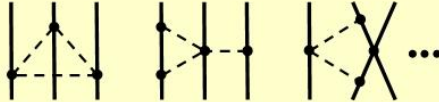

- Introduction: Effective Field Theory for Nuclear Physics
- Nuclear lattice simulations: methods
- Nuclear lattice simulations: results
- Status summary

Introduction: Effective Field Theory for Nuclear Physics

only a brief reminder → details in

E. Epelbaum, H.-W. Hammer, UGM, Rev. Mod. Phys. **81** (2009) 1773
[arXiv:0811.1338 [nucl-th]]

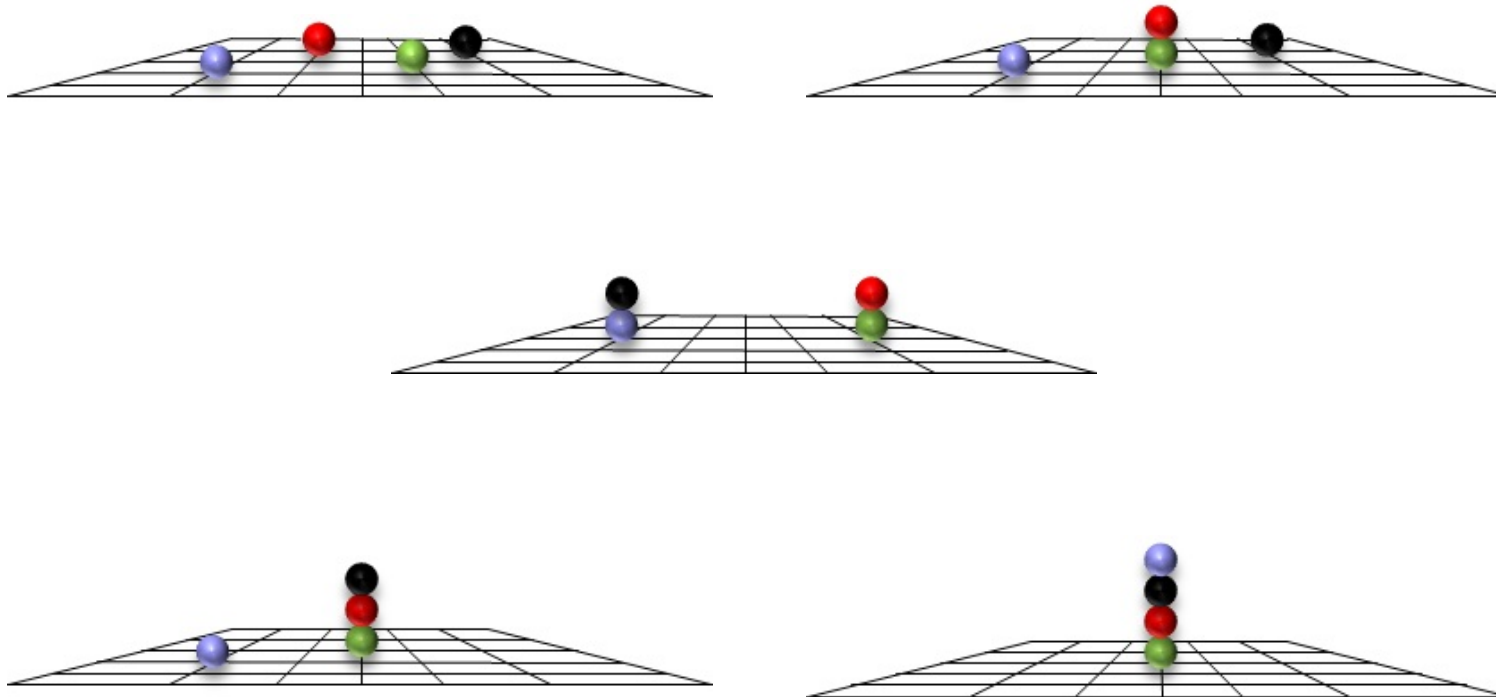
CHIRAL POTENTIAL and NUCLEAR FORCES

	Two-nucleon force	Three-nucleon force	Four-nucleon force	
LO	 2 LECs	—	—	$\mathcal{O}((Q/\Lambda_\chi)^0)$
NLO	 7 LECs	—	—	$\mathcal{O}((Q/\Lambda_\chi)^2)$
N ² LO		 2 LECs	—	$\mathcal{O}((Q/\Lambda_\chi)^3)$
N ³ LO	 15 LECs			$\mathcal{O}((Q/\Lambda_\chi)^4)$

- explains naturally the observed hierarchy of nuclear forces
- MANY successful tests in few-nucleon systems (continuum calc's)

Nuclear lattice simulations – Formalism –

CONFIGURATIONS



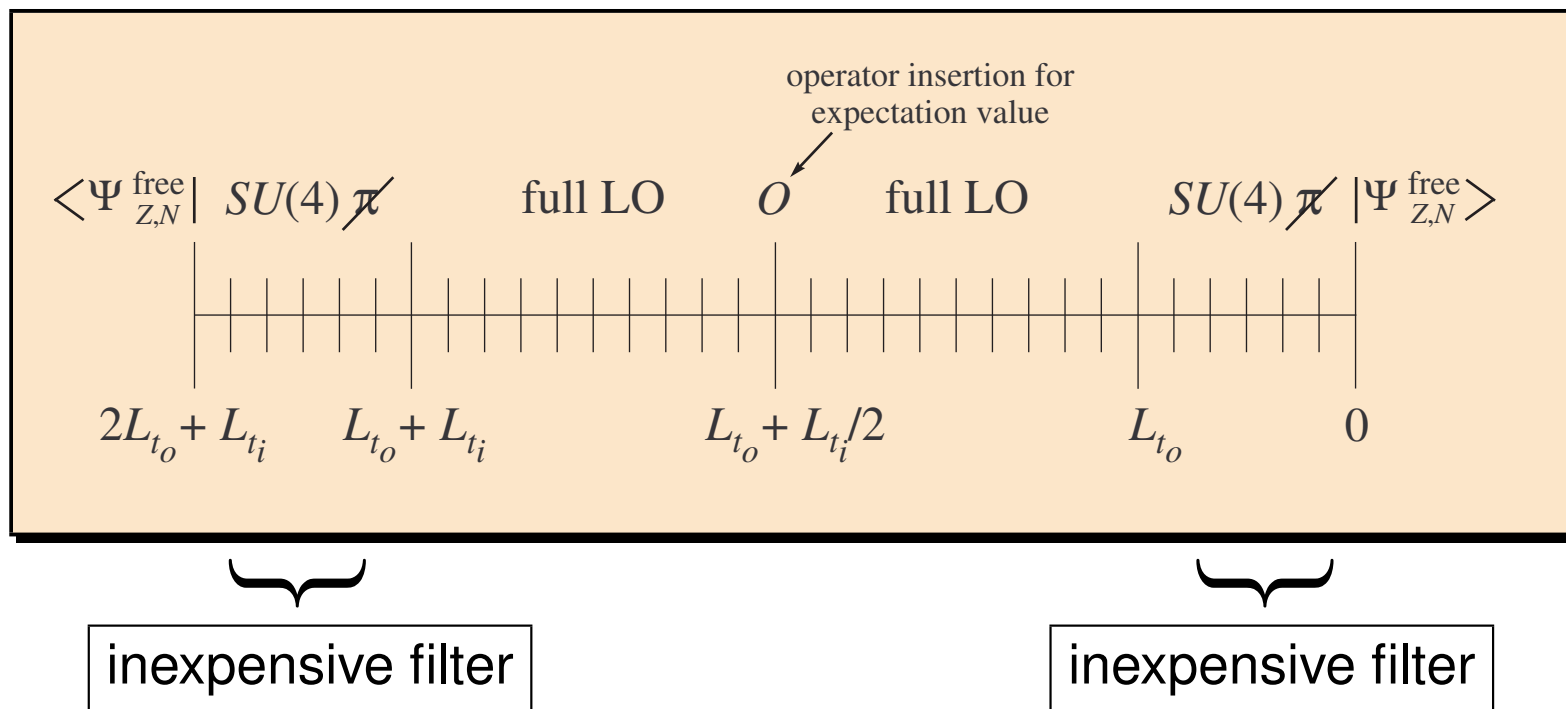
⇒ all *possible* configurations are sampled
⇒ *clustering* emerges *naturally*

TRANSFER MATRIX CALCULATION

- Expectation value of any normal-ordered operator \mathcal{O}

$$\langle \Psi_A | \mathcal{O} | \Psi_A \rangle = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\langle \Psi_A | \exp(-tH/2) \mathcal{O} \exp(-tH/2) | \Psi_A \rangle}{\langle \Psi_A | \exp(-tH) | \Psi_A \rangle}$$

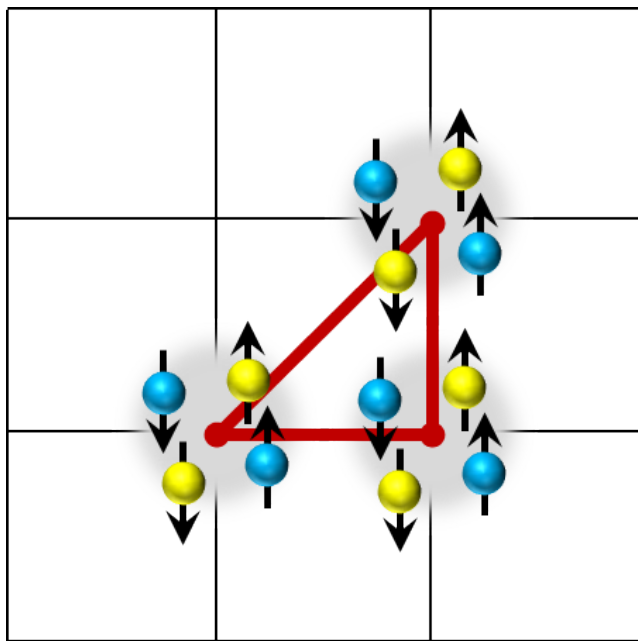
- Anatomy of the transfer matrix



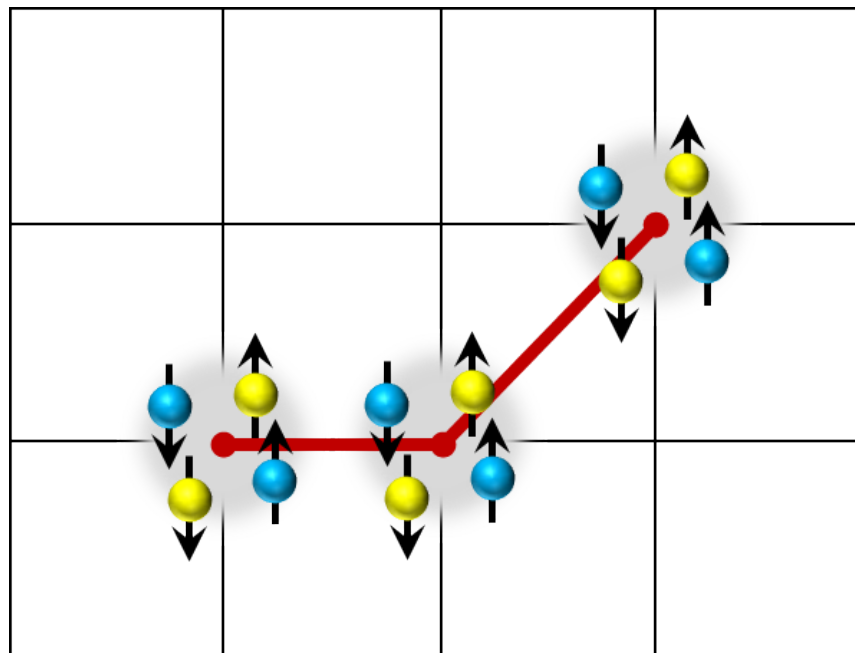
PROJECTION MONTE CARLO TECHNIQUE II

- Example: two basic configurations in the spectrum of ^{12}C ($a = 1.97\text{ fm}$)

compact triangle config.
12 rotational orientations



bent arm configuration
24 rotational orientations



COMPUTATIONAL EQUIPMENT

- Past = JUGENE (BlueGene/P)
- Present = JUQUEEN (BlueGene/Q)

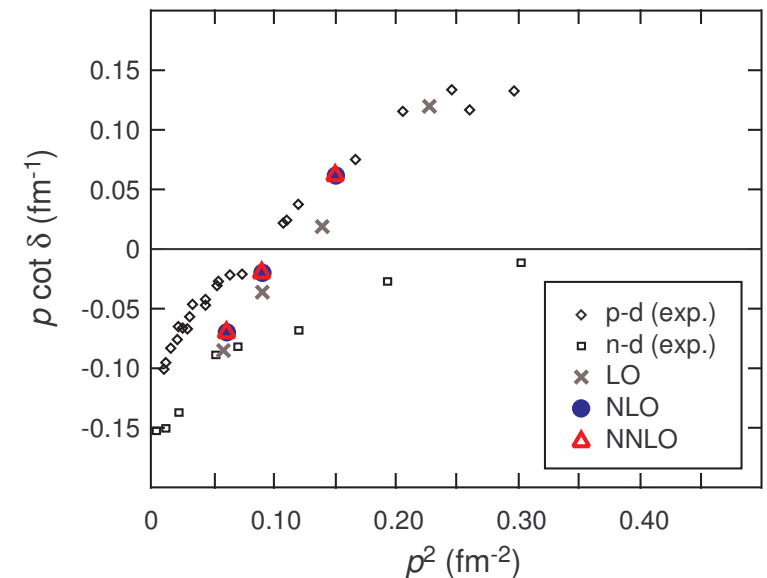
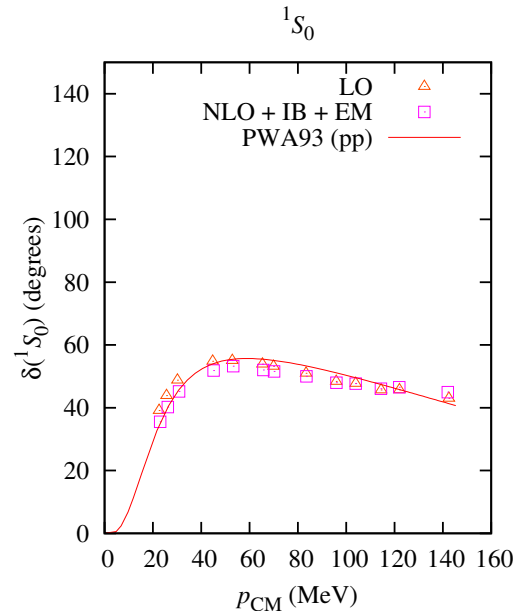
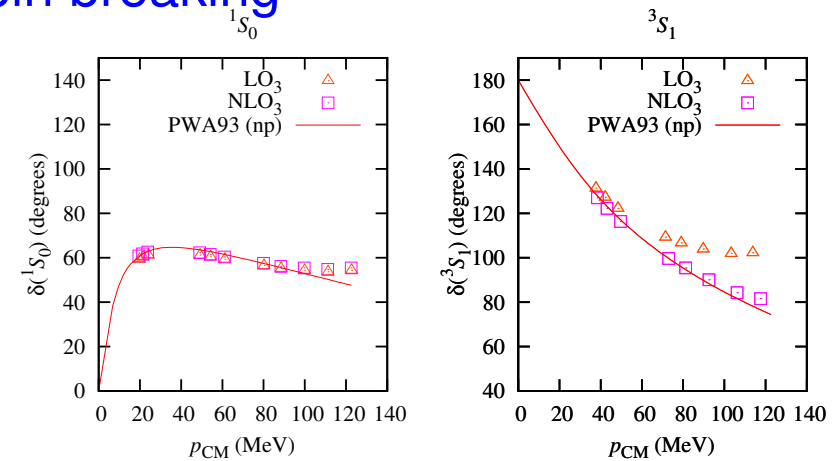


FIXING PARAMETERS & FIRST PREDICTIONS

- work at NNLO including strong and em isospin breaking
- 9 NN LECs from np scattering and Q_d
- 2 LECs for isospin-breaking (np , pp , nn)
- 2 LECs D , E related to the leading 3NF

⇒ make predictions

- pp vs np scattering
- nd spin-3/2 quartet channel
- . . .



Ground states

Epelbaum, Krebs, Lähde, Lee, UGM, arxiv:1208.1328

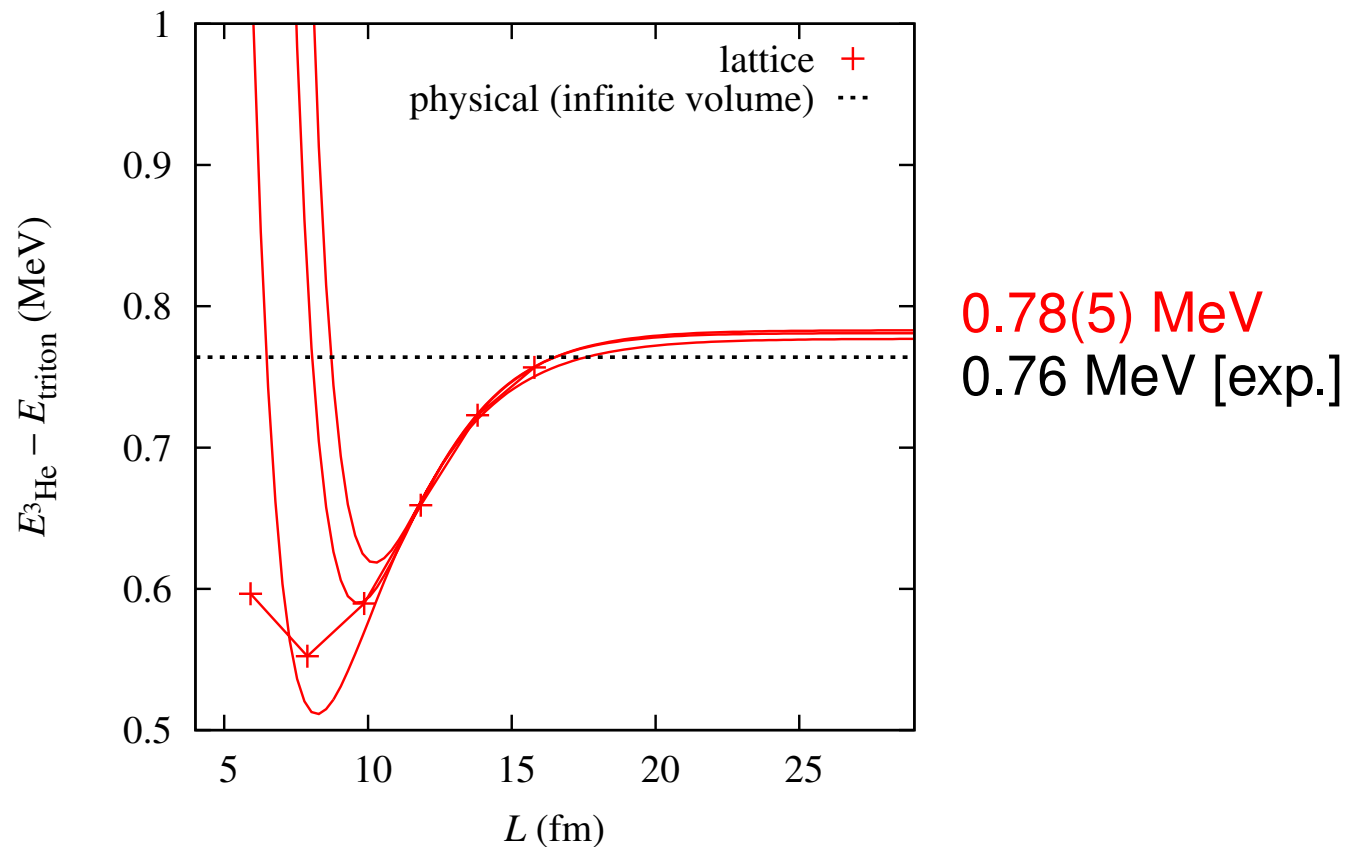
PREDICTIONS: TRITON & HELIUM-3

Epelbaum, Krebs, Lee, UGM, Phys. Rev. Lett. **104** (2010) 142501; Eur. Phys. J. **A 45** (2010) 335

- binding energies of 3N systems: $E(L) = \text{B.E.} - \frac{a}{L} \exp(-bL)$

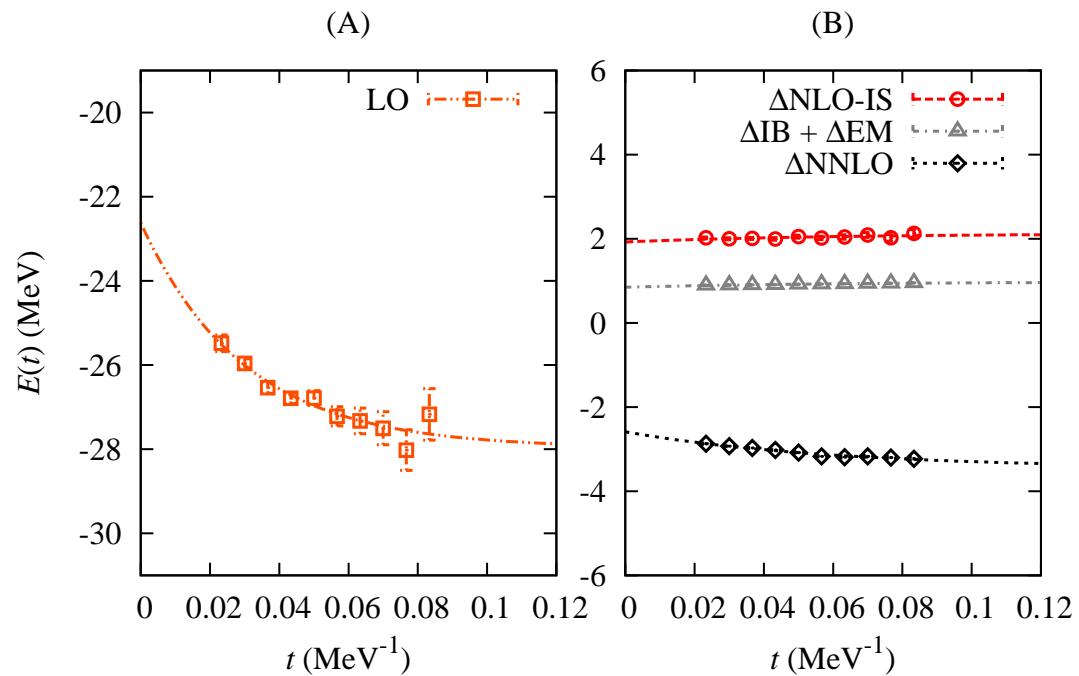
see also Hammer, Kreuzer (2011)

⇒ predict the energy difference $E(^3\text{He}) - E(^3\text{H})$



Ground state of ${}^4\text{He}$

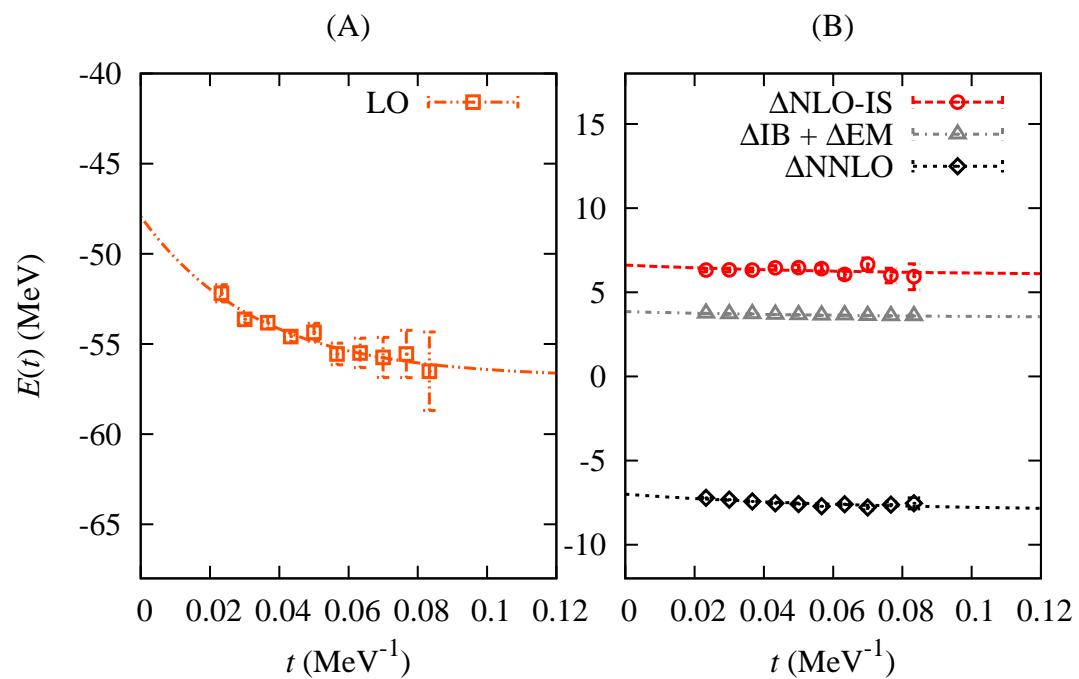
$L = 11.8 \text{ fm}$



LO ($\mathcal{O}(Q^0)$)	-28.0(3) MeV
NLO ($\mathcal{O}(Q^2)$)	-24.9(5) MeV
NNLO ($\mathcal{O}(Q^3)$)	-28.3(6) MeV
Exp.	-28.3 MeV

Ground state of ^8Be

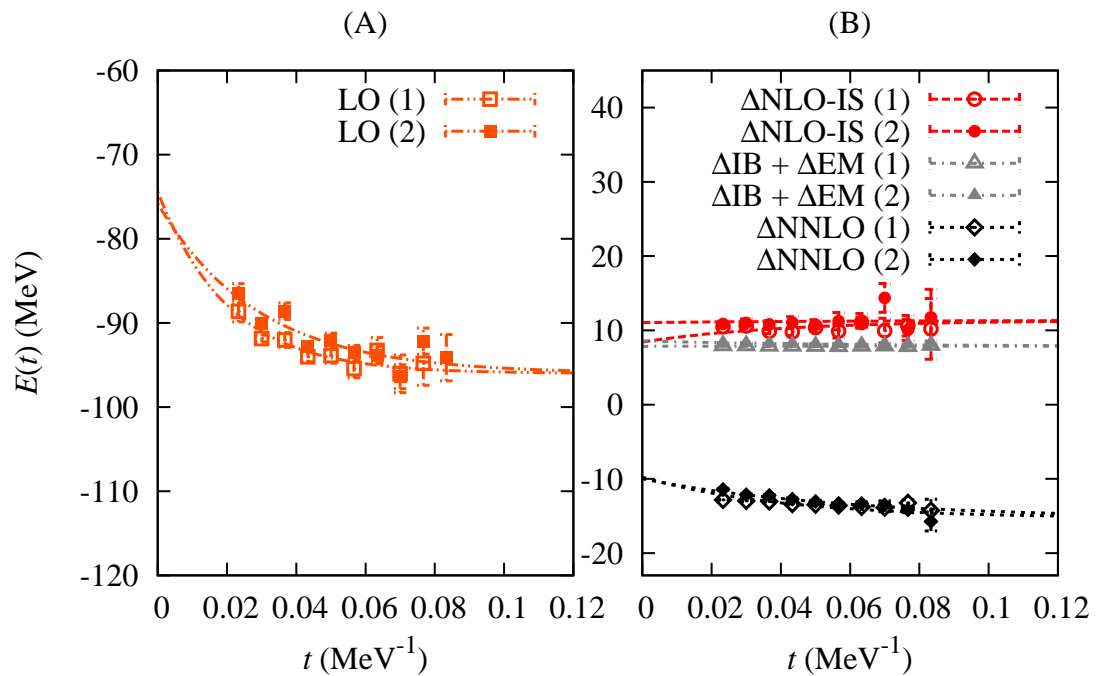
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LO ($\mathcal{O}(Q^0)$)	-57(2) MeV
NLO ($\mathcal{O}(Q^2)$)	-47(2) MeV
NNLO ($\mathcal{O}(Q^3)$)	-55(2) MeV
Exp.	-56.5 MeV

Ground state of ^{12}C

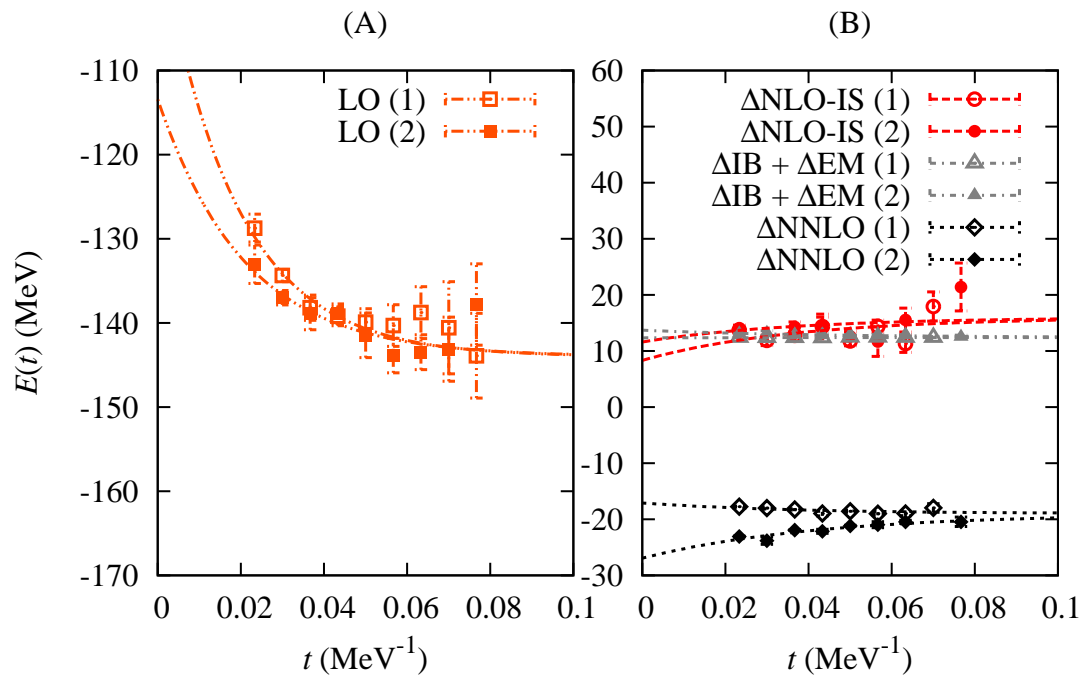
$L = 11.8 \text{ fm}$



LO ($\mathcal{O}(Q^0)$)	-96(2) MeV
NLO ($\mathcal{O}(Q^2)$)	-77(3) MeV
NNLO ($\mathcal{O}(Q^3)$)	-92(3) MeV
Exp.	-92.2 MeV

Ground state of ^{16}O

$L = 11.8 \text{ fm}$



to be published

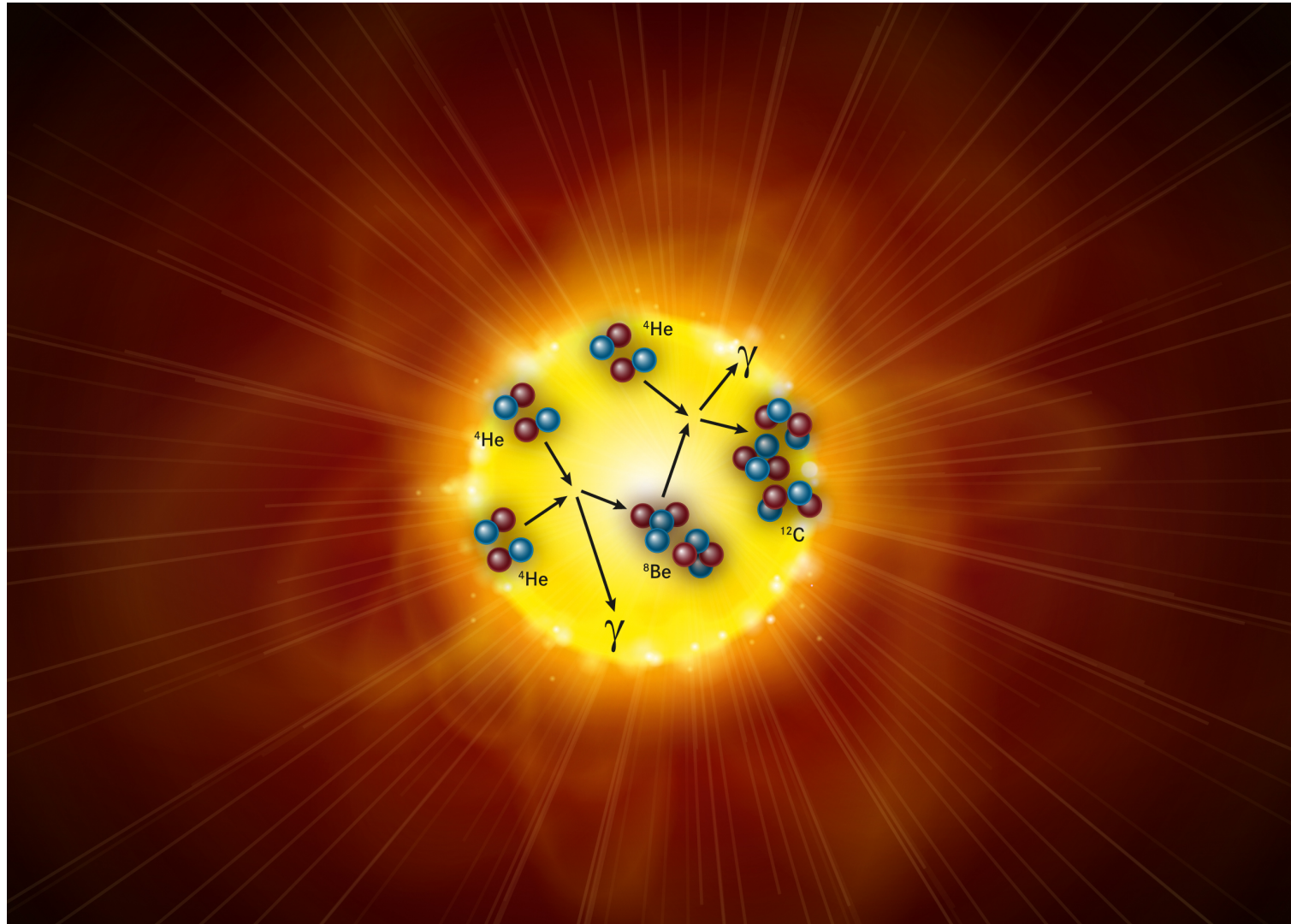
LO ($\mathcal{O}(Q^0)$)	-144(4) MeV
NLO ($\mathcal{O}(Q^2)$)	-116(6) MeV
NNLO ($\mathcal{O}(Q^3)$)	-135(6) MeV
Exp.	-127.6 MeV

SPECTRUM OF ^{12}C & the HOYLE STATE

Epelbaum, Krebs, Lee, UGM, Phys. Rev. Lett. **106** (2011) 192501

Viewpoint: Hjorth-Jensen, Physics **4** (2011) 38

Epelbaum, Krebs, Lähde, Lee, UGM, arxiv:1208.1328 (numbers from this ref.)

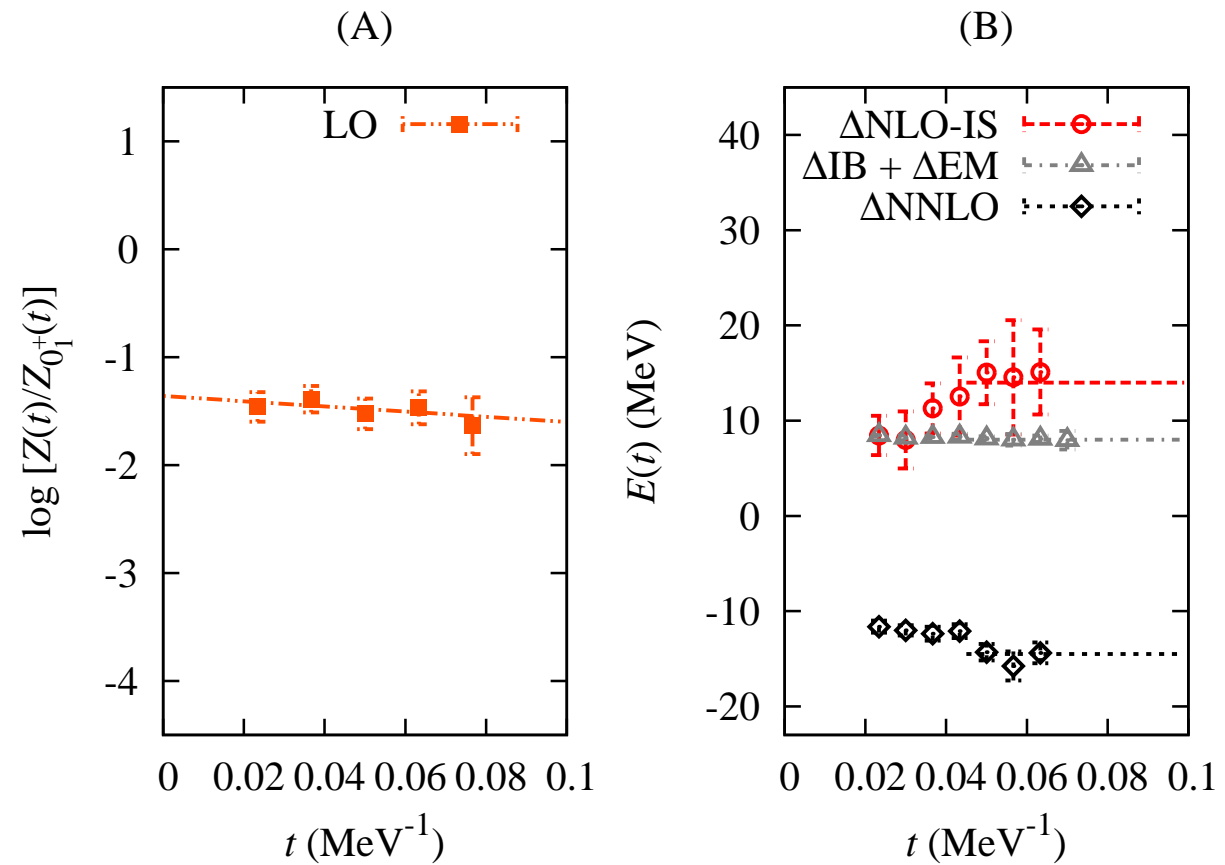


EXCITED STATES of ^{12}C

- Lowest excited state is 2_1^+ (as in nature)

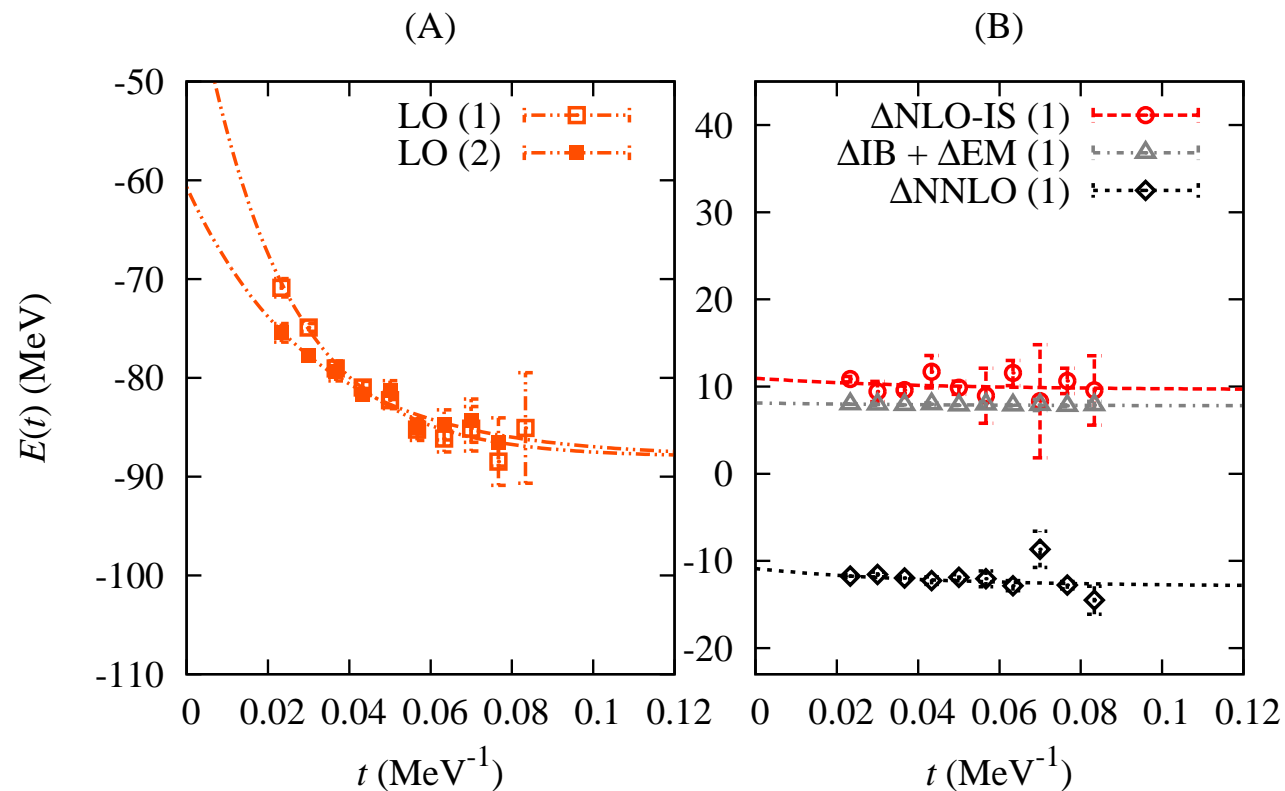
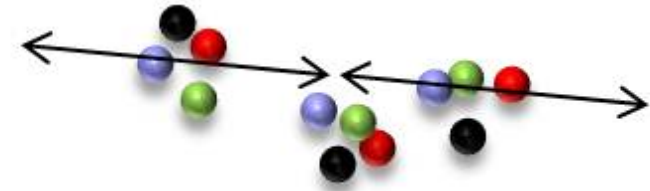
$$E(2_1^+) = -89(3) \text{ MeV}$$

$$[-87.7 \text{ MeV}]$$



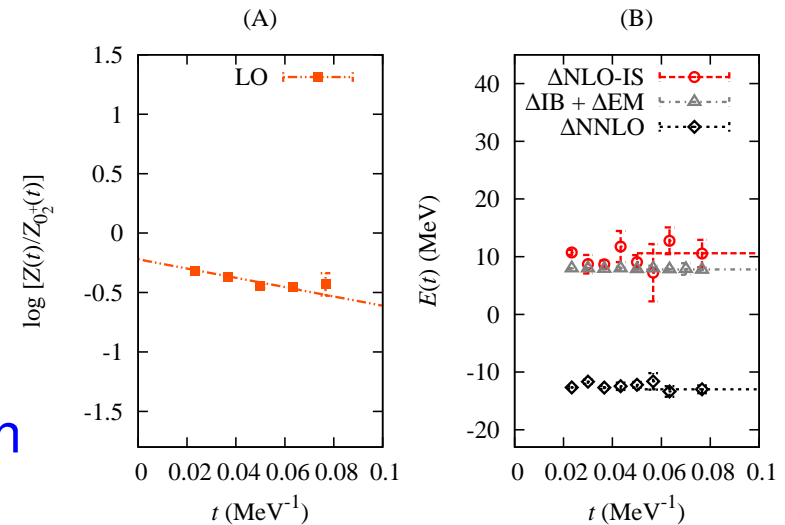
THE HOYLE STATE (0_2^+)

- energy: $E(0_2^+) = -85(3)$ MeV
- close to $E(^4\text{He}) + E(^8\text{Be}) = -83.3(2.0)$ MeV
- structure: “bent” alpha-chain like (not “BEC”)



A HOYLE STATE EXCITATION (2_2^+)

- a 2^+ state 2 MeV above the Hoyle state
- interpretation:
 - a rotational band of the Hoyle state
 - generated from excitations of the alpha-chain



- what's in the data ?

a 2^+ state 3.51 MeV above the Hoyle state seen in $^{11}\text{B}(d, n)^{12}\text{C}$
not included in the level scheme!

Ajzenberg-Selove, Nucl. Phys. A506 (1990) 1

a 2^+ state 3.8(4) MeV above the Hoyle state seen in $^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \alpha)^{12}\text{C}$

Bency John et al., Phys. Rev. C 68 (2003) 014305

- and much more, see next slide

⇒ ab initio prediction requires experimental confirmation

SPECTRUM OF ^{12}C

- Summarizing the results for carbon-12:

	0_1^+	2_1^+	0_2^+	2_2^+
LO	−96(2) MeV	−94(2) MeV	−89(2) MeV	−88(2) MeV
NLO	−77(3) MeV	−74(3) MeV	−72(3) MeV	−70(3) MeV
NNLO	−92(3) MeV	−89(3) MeV	−85(3) MeV	−83(3) MeV
Exp.	−92.16 MeV	−87.72 MeV	−84.51 MeV	−82.6(1) MeV [1,2] −82.32(6) MeV [3] −81.1(3) MeV [4] −82.13(11) MeV [5]

- importance of consistent 2N & 3N forces

- good agreement w/ experiment, can be improved

- test of the *Anthropic Principle* possible, intriguing results

[1] Freer et al., Phys. Rev. C 80 (2009) 041303
[2] Zimmermann et al., Phys. Rev. C 84 (2011) 027304
[3] Hyldegaard et al., Phys. Rev. C 81 (2010) 024303
[4] Itoh et al., Phys. Rev. C 84 (2011) 054308
[5] Weller et al., in preparation

STATUS SUMMARY

2012/2

- detailed investigation of the ^{12}C nucleus, in part. the structure of the Hoyle state
→ achieved, publication submitted, more details to come

2013

- detailed investigation (spectrum and wave function) of ^{14}N
→ postponed, do the more interesting nucleus ^{16}O first (same CPU time)

2014

- detailed investigation of spectrum and wave function of ^{16}O
→ ground state done, spectrum runs start 09/2012 (JUQUEEN and RWTH Bull Cl.)

2015

- formulation of the lattice set-up to perform simulations of light hyper-nuclei based on the leading order hyperon-nucleon interactions
→ start to develop a new method w/ hyperons in nuclear background field

2016/1

- lattice simulations of light hyper-nuclei
→ if method works, will be done . . .

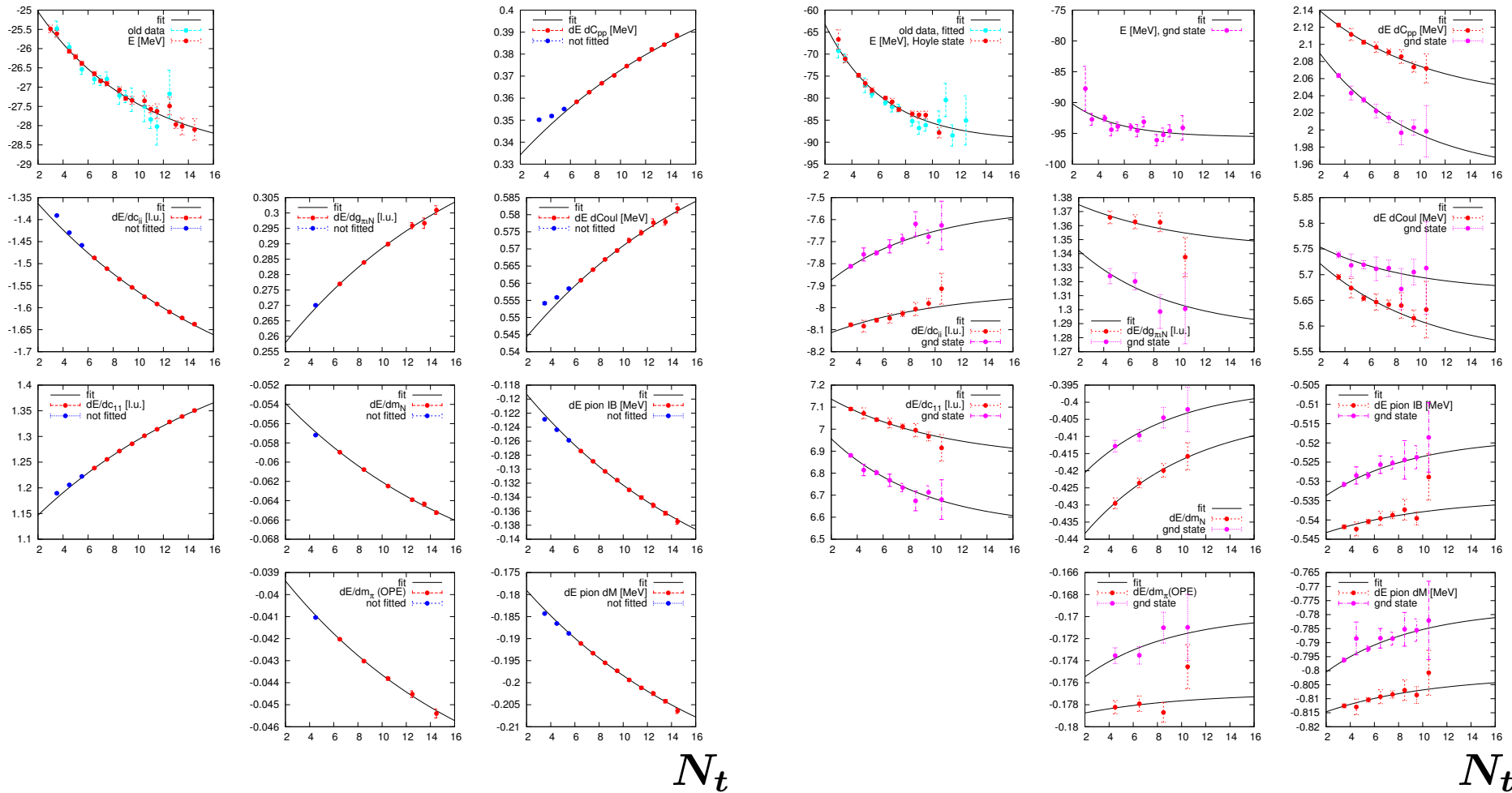
Testing the Anthropic Principle

AFQMC RESULTS for the DERIVATIVES

● ${}^4\text{He}$

● ${}^{12}\text{C}(0_2^+)$

$$E(N_t) = E(\infty) + \text{const} \exp(-N_t/\tau)$$



DETERMINATION of the x_i

- x_1 from the quark mass expansion of the nucleon mass: $x_1 \simeq 0.8 \pm 0.2$
- x_2 from the quark mass expansion of the pion decay constant and the nucleon axial-vector constant: $x_2 \simeq -0.056 \dots 0.008$
- x_3 and x_4 can be obtained from a two-nucleon scattering analysis & can be deduced from:

$$-\frac{\partial a^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \equiv \frac{A}{aM_\pi} = \frac{1}{\pi L} S'(\eta) \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial M_\pi}, \quad \eta \equiv m_N E \left(\frac{L}{2\pi} \right)^2$$

⇒ while this can straightforwardly be computed, we prefer to use a representation that substitutes x_3 and x_4 by:

$$\left. \frac{\partial a_s^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}}, \quad \left. \frac{\partial a_t^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}}$$

⇒ we are ready to study the pertinent energy differences

RESULTS

- putting pieces together:

$$\left. \frac{\partial \Delta E_h}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} = -0.455(35) \left. \frac{\partial a_s^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} - 0.744(24) \left. \frac{\partial a_t^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} + 0.056(10)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \Delta E_b}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} = -0.117(34) \left. \frac{\partial a_s^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} - 0.189(24) \left. \frac{\partial a_t^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} + 0.012(9)$$

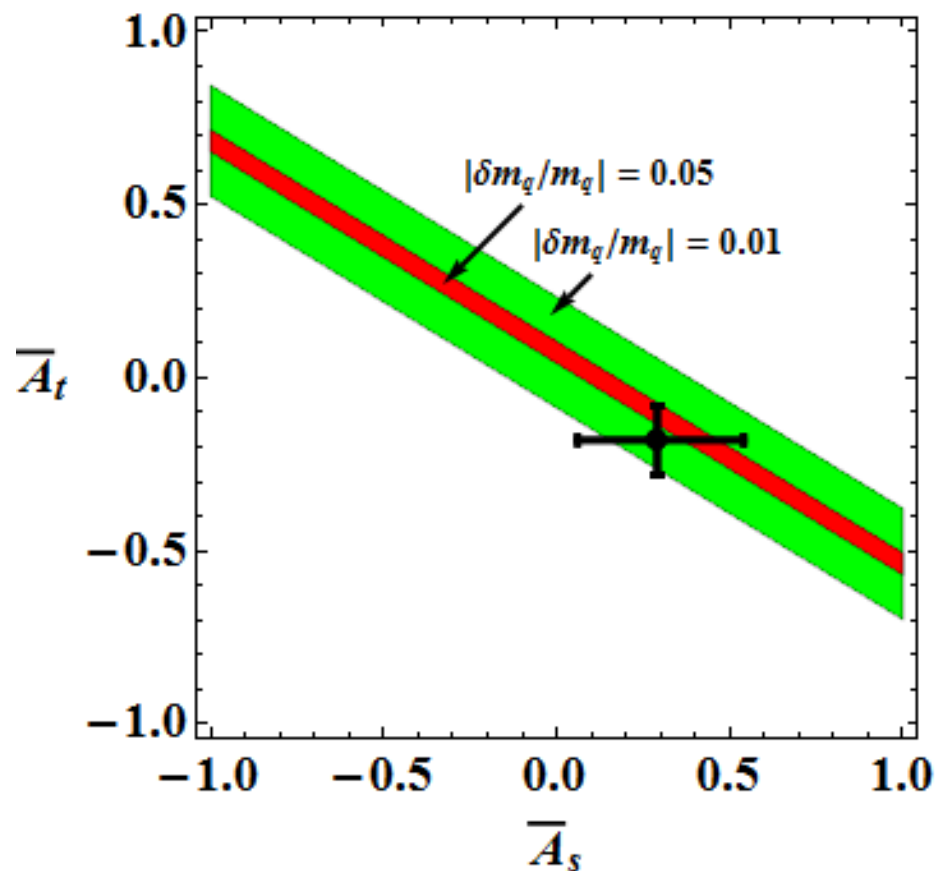
$$\left. \frac{\partial \Delta E_c}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} = -0.07(3) \left. \frac{\partial a_s^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} - 0.14(2) \left. \frac{\partial a_t^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} + 0.017(9)$$

- x_1 and x_2 only affect the small constant terms
- also calculated the shifts of the individual energies (not shown here)

THE END-OF-THE-WORLD PLOT

- $|\delta(\Delta E_{h+b})| < 100$ keV

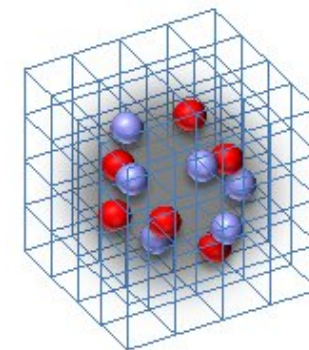
$$\rightarrow \left| \left(0.571(14)\bar{A}_s + 0.934(11)\bar{A}_t - 0.069(6) \right) \frac{\delta m_q}{m_q} \right| < 0.0015$$



$$\bar{A}_{s,t} \equiv \left. \frac{\partial a_{s,t}^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}}$$

SUMMARY & OUTLOOK

- Nuclear lattice simulations as a new quantum many-body approach
- Formulate continuum EFT on space-time lattice $V = L_s \times L_s \times L_s \times L_t$
- New method to extract phase shifts & mixing angles
- Fix parameters in few-nucleon systems \rightarrow predictions
- Promising results for $A = 2, 3, 4, 8, 12, 16$ at NNLO
- ^{12}C spectrum at NNLO \rightarrow **Hoyle state** & 2^+ excitation
- First ever ab initio MC calculation of ^{16}O
- Testing the anthropic principle \rightarrow strong correlations of α -cluster type
 \Rightarrow the Hoyle state does not appear anthropic (Coulomb to be done)



\Rightarrow **larger A and higher precision**

