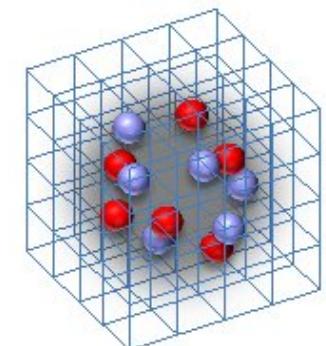




Status of Nuclear Lattice Simulations

Ulf-G. Meißner, Univ. Bonn & FZ Jülich



NLEFT

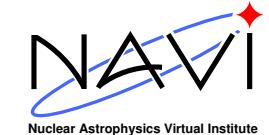
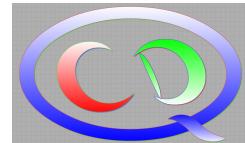
Supported by DFG, SFB/TR-16

and by DFG, SFB/TR-110

and by EU, I3HP EPOS

and by BMBF 06BN9006

and by HGF VIQCD VH-VI-417



- Nuclear Lattice Effective Field Theory collaboration

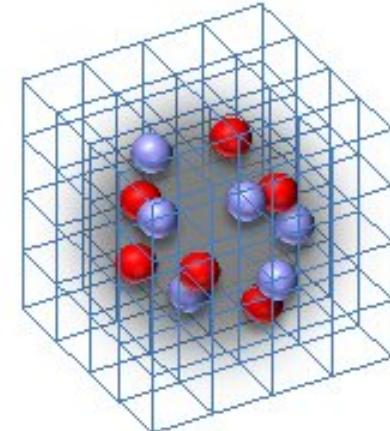
Evgeny Epelbaum (Bochum)

Hermann Krebs (Bochum)

Timo Lähde (Jülich)

Dean Lee (NC State)

Ulf-G. Meißner (Bonn/Jülich)



CONTENTS

- 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]]

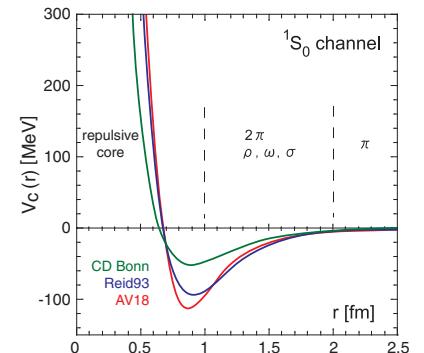
CHIRAL EFT FOR FEW-NUCLEON SYSTEMS

Gasser, Leutwyler, Weinberg, van Kolck, Epelbaum, Bernard, Kaiser, UGM, . . .

- Scales in nuclear physics:

Natural: $\lambda_\pi = 1/M_\pi \simeq 1.5 \text{ fm}$ (Yukawa 1935)

Unnatural: $|a_{np}(^1S_0)| = 23.8 \text{ fm}$, $a_{np}(^3S_1) = 5.4 \text{ fm} \gg 1/M_\pi$

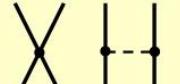
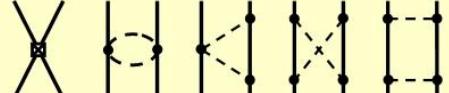
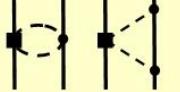
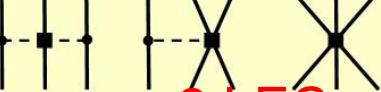
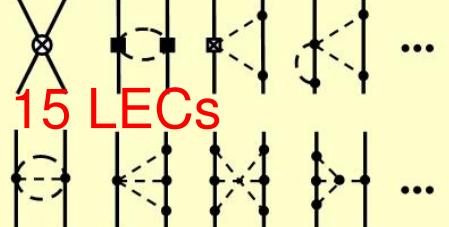
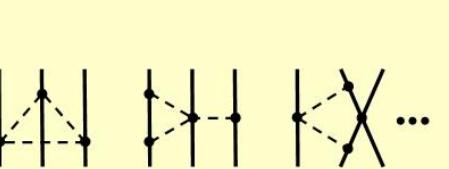


- this can be analyzed in a suitable EFT based on

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{EFF}} = \mathcal{L}_{\pi\pi} + \mathcal{L}_{\pi N} + \mathcal{L}_{NN} + \dots$$

- pion and pion-nucleon sectors are perturbative in $Q/\Lambda_\chi \rightarrow$ chiral perturbation th'y
- \mathcal{L}_{NN} collects short-distance contact terms, to be fitted
- NN interaction requires non-perturbative resummation
→ chirally expand $V_{NN(N)}$, use in regularized LS/FY equation

CHIRAL POTENTIAL and NUCLEAR FORCES

	Two-nucleon force	Three-nucleon force	Four-nucleon force	
LO		—	—	$\mathcal{O}((Q/\Lambda_\chi)^0)$
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 successfull tests in few-nucleon systems (continuum calc's)

Nuclear lattice simulations

– Formalism –

NUCLEAR LATTICE SIMULATIONS

Frank, Brockmann (1992), Koonin, Müller, Seki, van Kolck (2000) , Lee, Schäfer (2004), . . .
 Borasoy, Krebs, Lee, UGM, Nucl. Phys. **A768** (2006) 179; Borasoy, Epelbaum, Krebs, Lee, UGM, Eur. Phys. J. **A31** (2007) 105

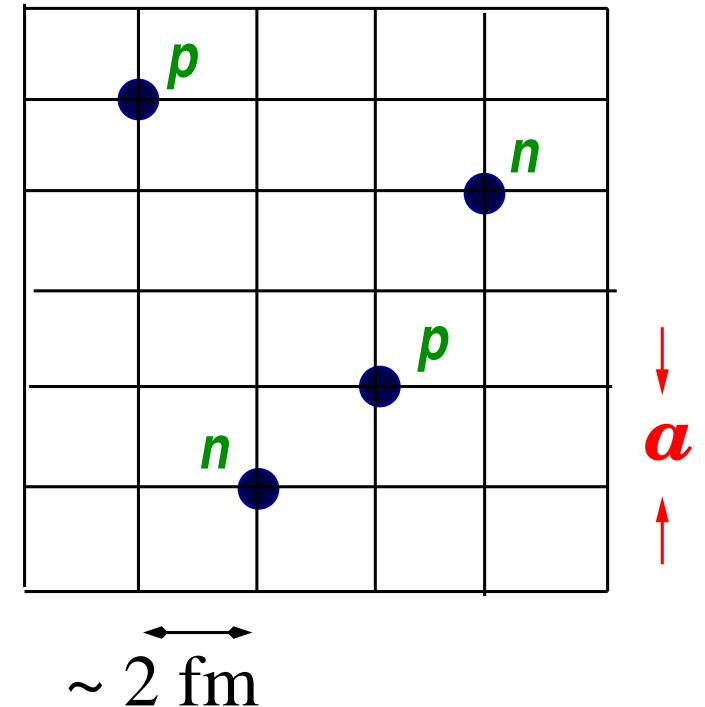
- *new method* to tackle the nuclear many-body problem

- discretize space-time $V = L_s \times L_s \times L_s \times L_t$:
 nucleons are point-like fields on the sites

- discretized chiral potential w/ pion exchanges
 and contact interactions

- typical lattice parameters

$$\Lambda = \frac{\pi}{a} \simeq 300 \text{ MeV} \text{ [UV cutoff]}$$

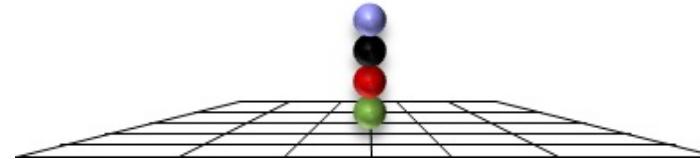
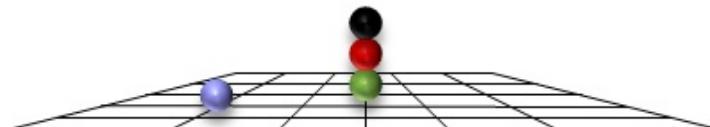
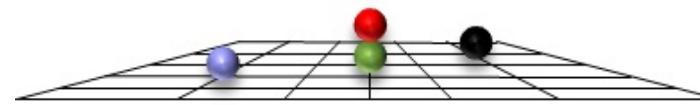


- strong suppression of sign oscillations due to approximate Wigner SU(4) symmetry

J. W. Chen, D. Lee and T. Schäfer, Phys. Rev. Lett. **93** (2004) 242302

- hybrid Monte Carlo & transfer matrix (similar to LQCD)

CONFIGURATIONS



⇒ all possible configurations are sampled
⇒ clustering emerges naturally

TRANSFER MATRIX METHOD

- Correlation–function for A nucleons: $Z_A(t) = \langle \Psi_A | \exp(-tH) | \Psi_A \rangle$
with Ψ_A a Slater determinant for A free nucleons

Euclidean time

- Ground state energy from the time derivative of the correlator

$$E_A(t) = -\frac{d}{dt} \ln Z_A(t)$$

→ ground state filtered out at large times: $E_A^0 = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E_A(t)$

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

$$Z_A^\mathcal{O} = \langle \Psi_A | \exp(-tH/2) \mathcal{O} \exp(-tH/2) | \Psi_A \rangle$$

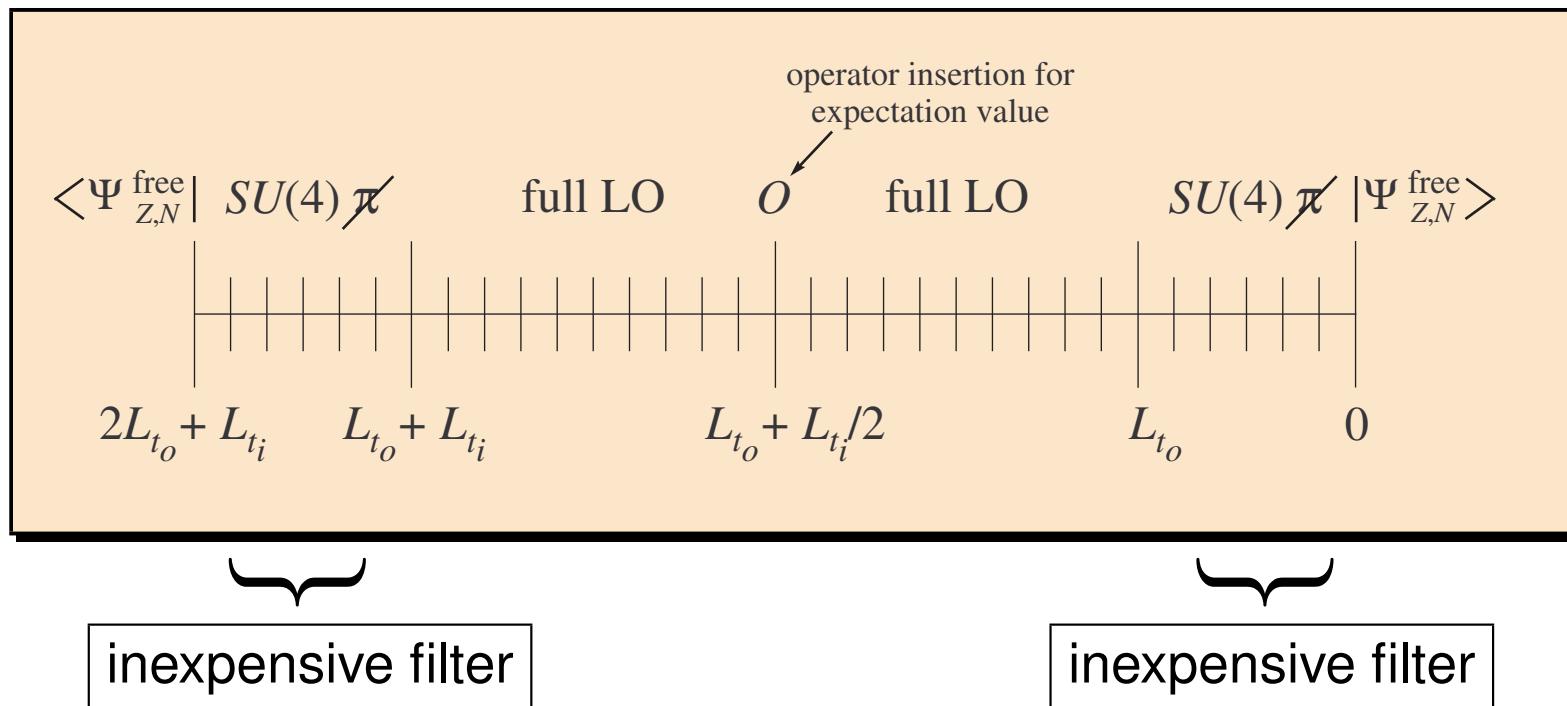
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{Z_A^\mathcal{O}(t)}{Z_A(t)} = \langle \Psi_A | \mathcal{O} | \Psi_A \rangle$$

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



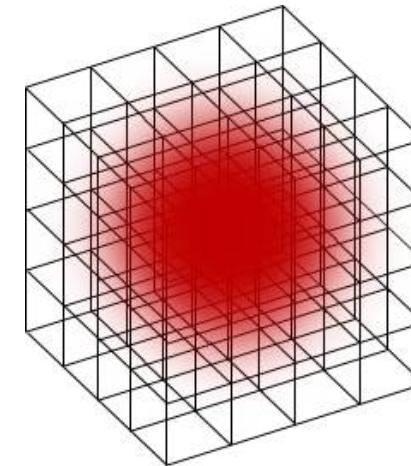
PROJECTION MONTE CARLO TECHNIQUE

- General wave function:

$$\psi_j(\vec{n}) , \quad j = 1, \dots, A$$

- States with well-defined momentum:

$$L^{-3/2} \sum_{\vec{m}} \psi_j(\vec{n} + \vec{m}) \exp(i \vec{P} \cdot \vec{m}) , \quad j = 1, \dots, A$$



- Insert clusters of nucleons at initial/final states (spread over some time interval)
 - allows for all type of wave functions (shell model, clusters, ...)
 - removes directional bias

shell-model type

$$\psi_j(\vec{n}) = \exp[-c\vec{n}^2]$$

$$\psi'_j(\vec{n}) = n_x \exp[-c\vec{n}^2]$$

$$\psi''_j(\vec{n}) = n_y \exp[-c\vec{n}^2]$$

$$\psi'''_j(\vec{n}) = n_z \exp[-c\vec{n}^2]$$

cluster type

$$\psi_j(\vec{n}) = \exp[-c(\vec{n} - \vec{m})^2]$$

$$\psi'_j(\vec{n}) = \exp[-c(\vec{n} - \vec{m}')^2]$$

$$\psi''_j(\vec{n}) = \exp[-c(\vec{n} - \vec{m}'')^2]$$

$$\psi'''_j(\vec{n}) = \exp[-c(\vec{n} - \vec{m}''')^2]$$

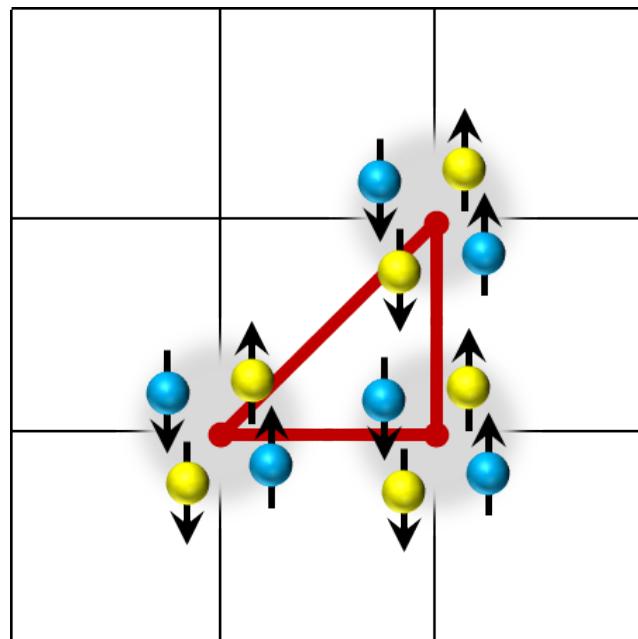
- shell-model w.f.s do not have enough $4N$ correlations $\sim \langle (N^\dagger N)^2 \rangle$

PROJECTION MONTE CARLO TECHNIQUE II

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

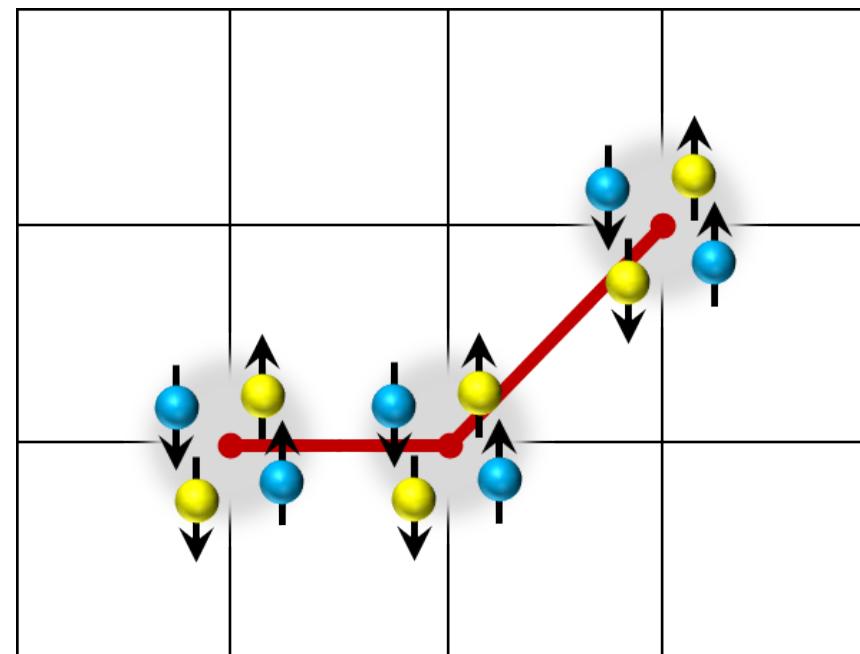
compact triangle config.

12 rotational orientations



bent arm configuration

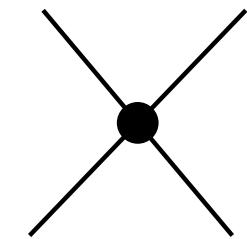
24 rotational orientations



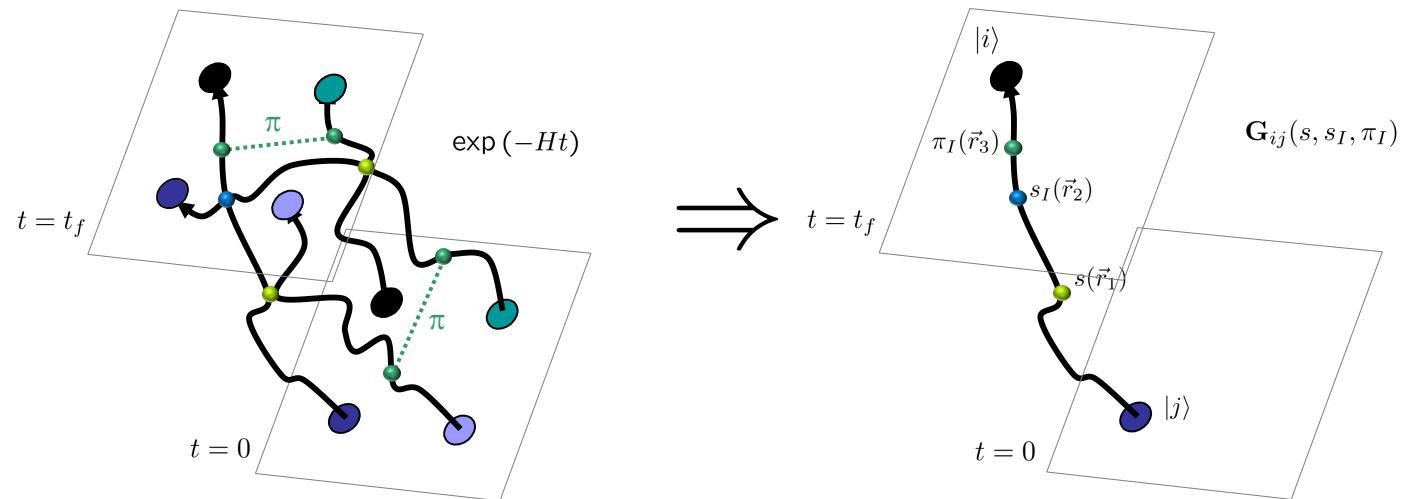
MONTE CARLO with AUXILIARY FILEDS

- Contact interactions represented by auxiliary fields s, s_I

$$\exp(\rho^2/2) \propto \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} ds \exp(-s^2/2 - s\rho), \quad \rho \sim N^\dagger N$$



- Correlation function = path-integral over pions & auxiliary fields



COMPUTATIONAL EQUIPMENT

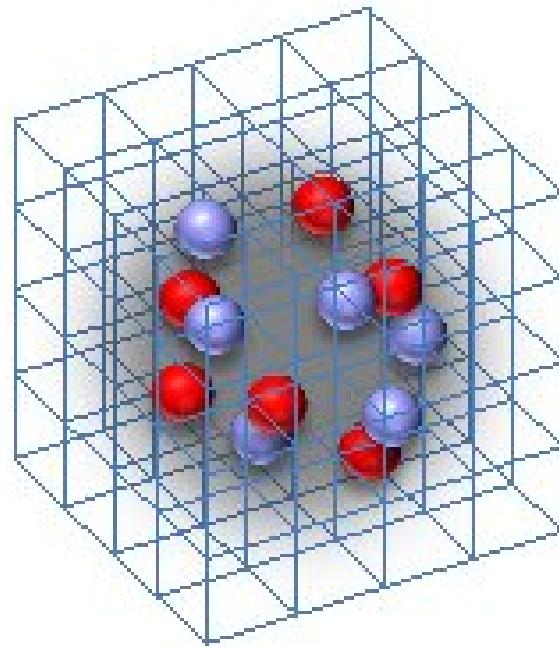
- Past = JUGENE (BlueGene/P)
- Present = JUQUEEN (BlueGene/Q)



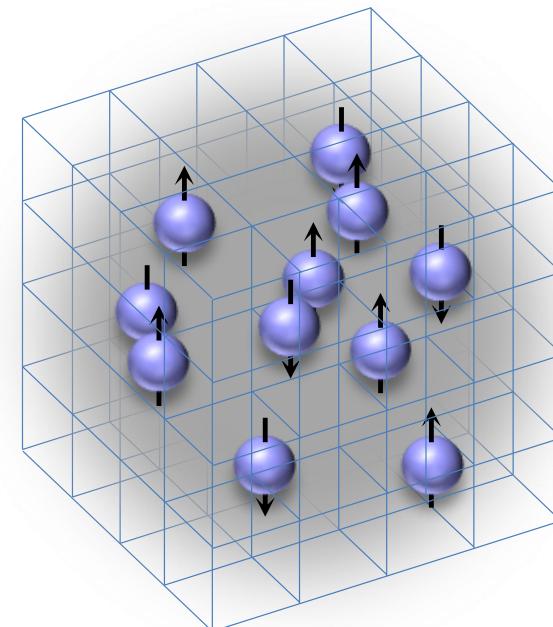
Nuclear lattice simulations

– Results –

nuclei



neutron matter

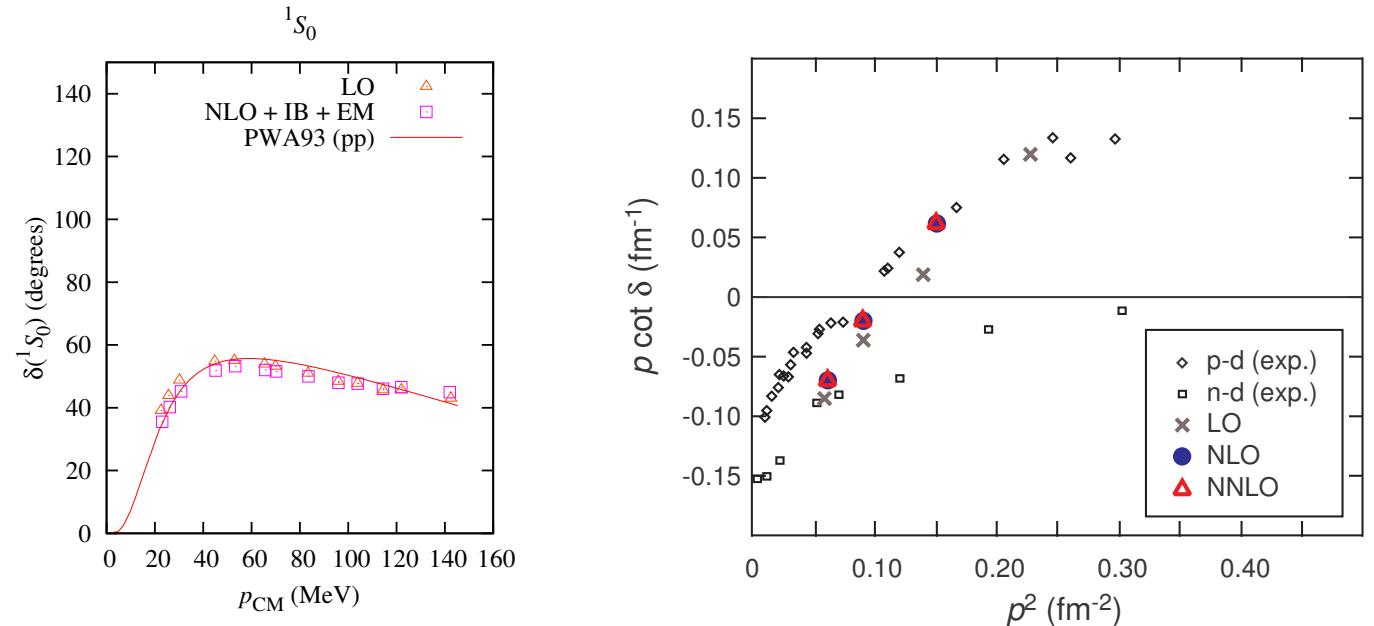
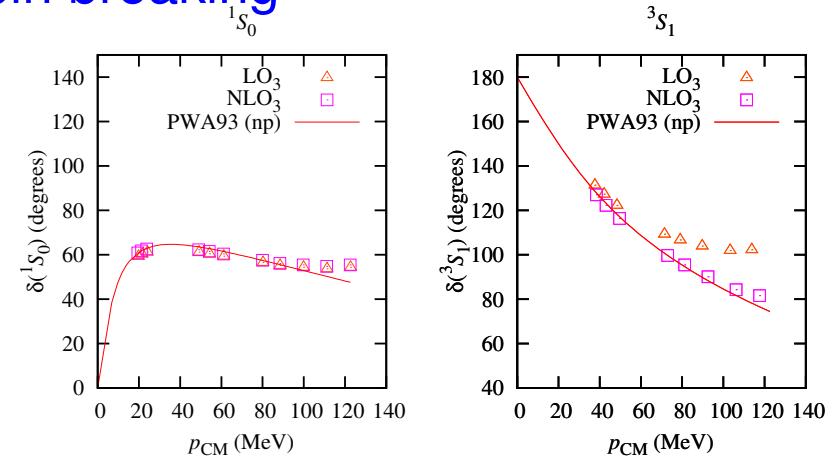


FIXING PARAMETERS & FIRST PREDICTIONS

- 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

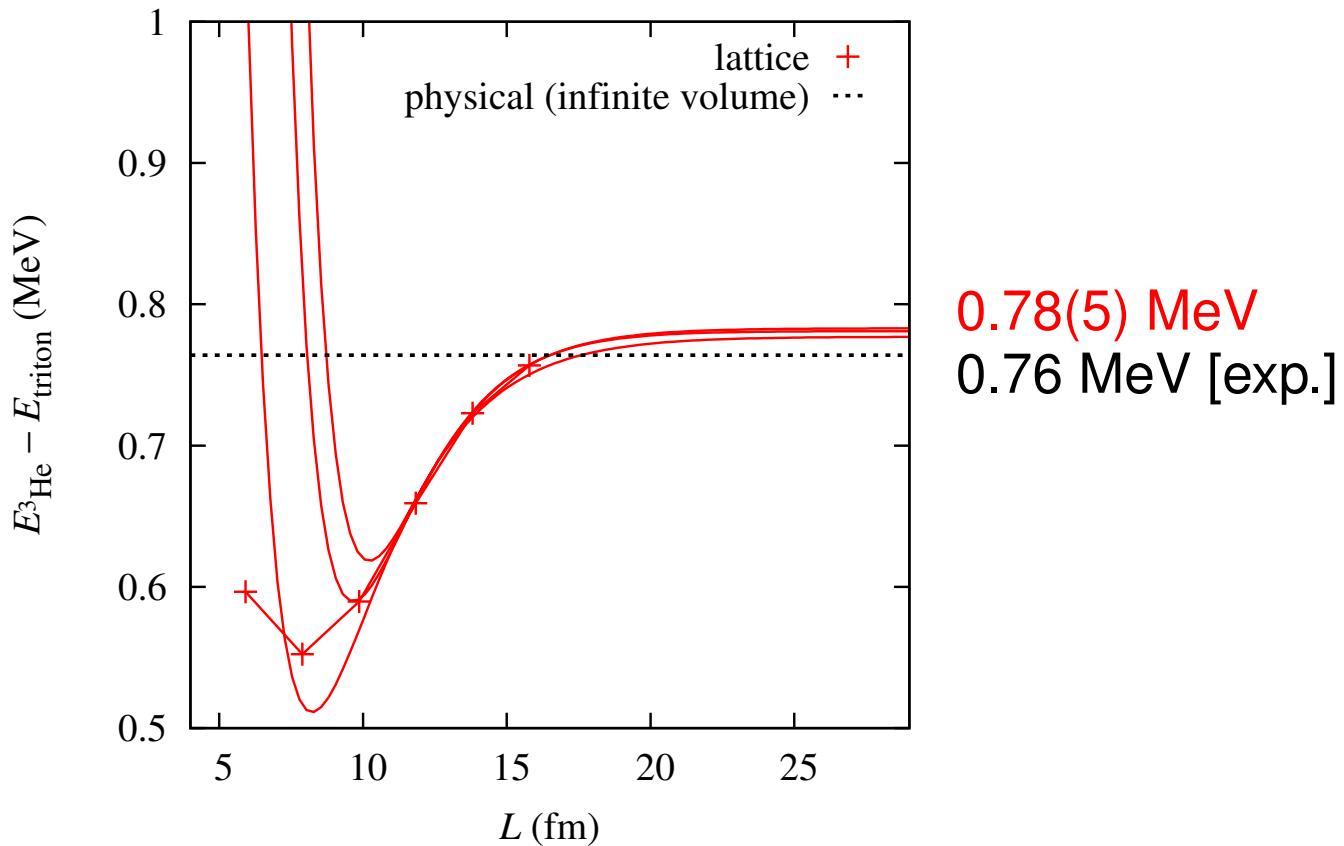
19

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

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

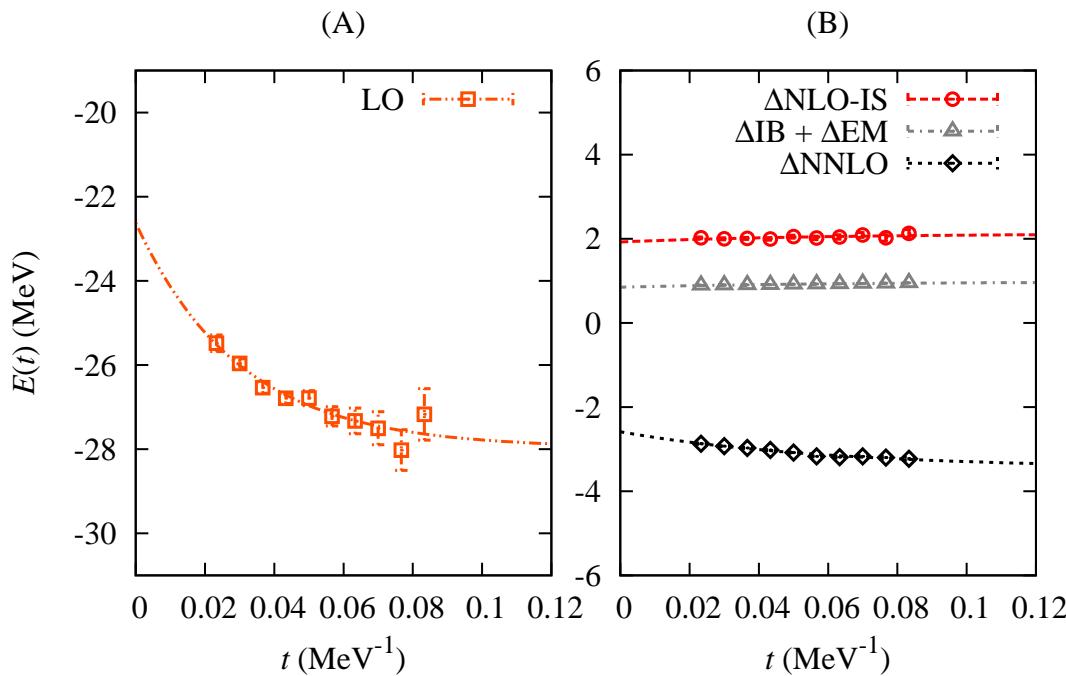
see also Hammer, Kreuzer (2011)

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



Ground state of ^4He

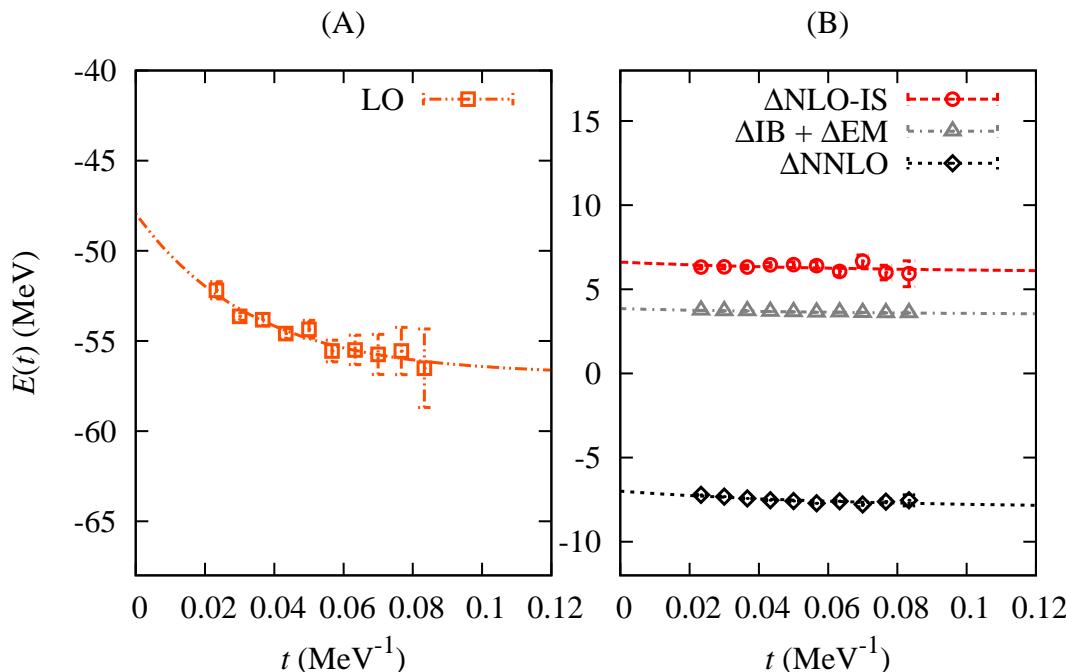
$L = 11.8 \text{ fm}$



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

Ground state of ${}^8\text{Be}$

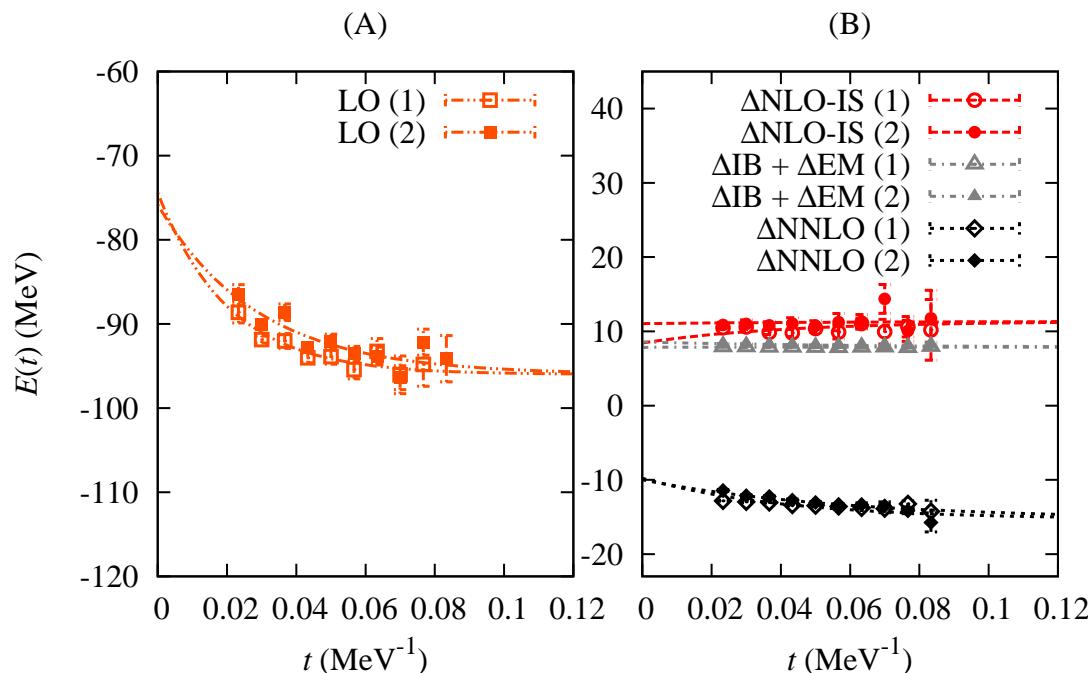
$L = 11.8 \text{ fm}$



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

Ground state of ^{12}C

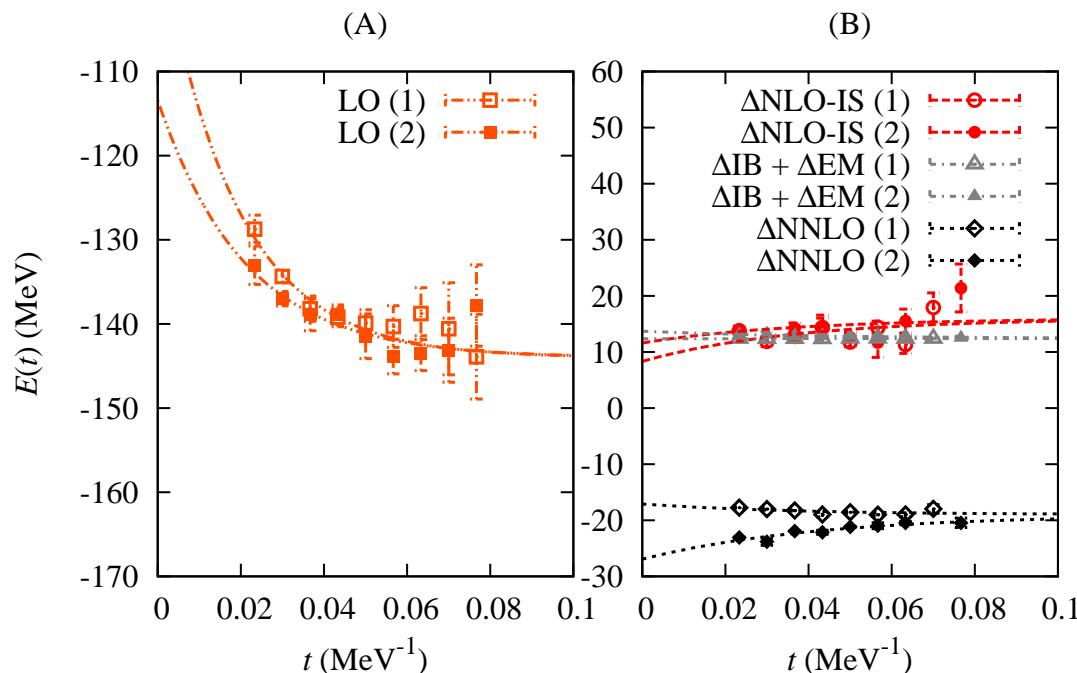
$L = 11.8 \text{ fm}$



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

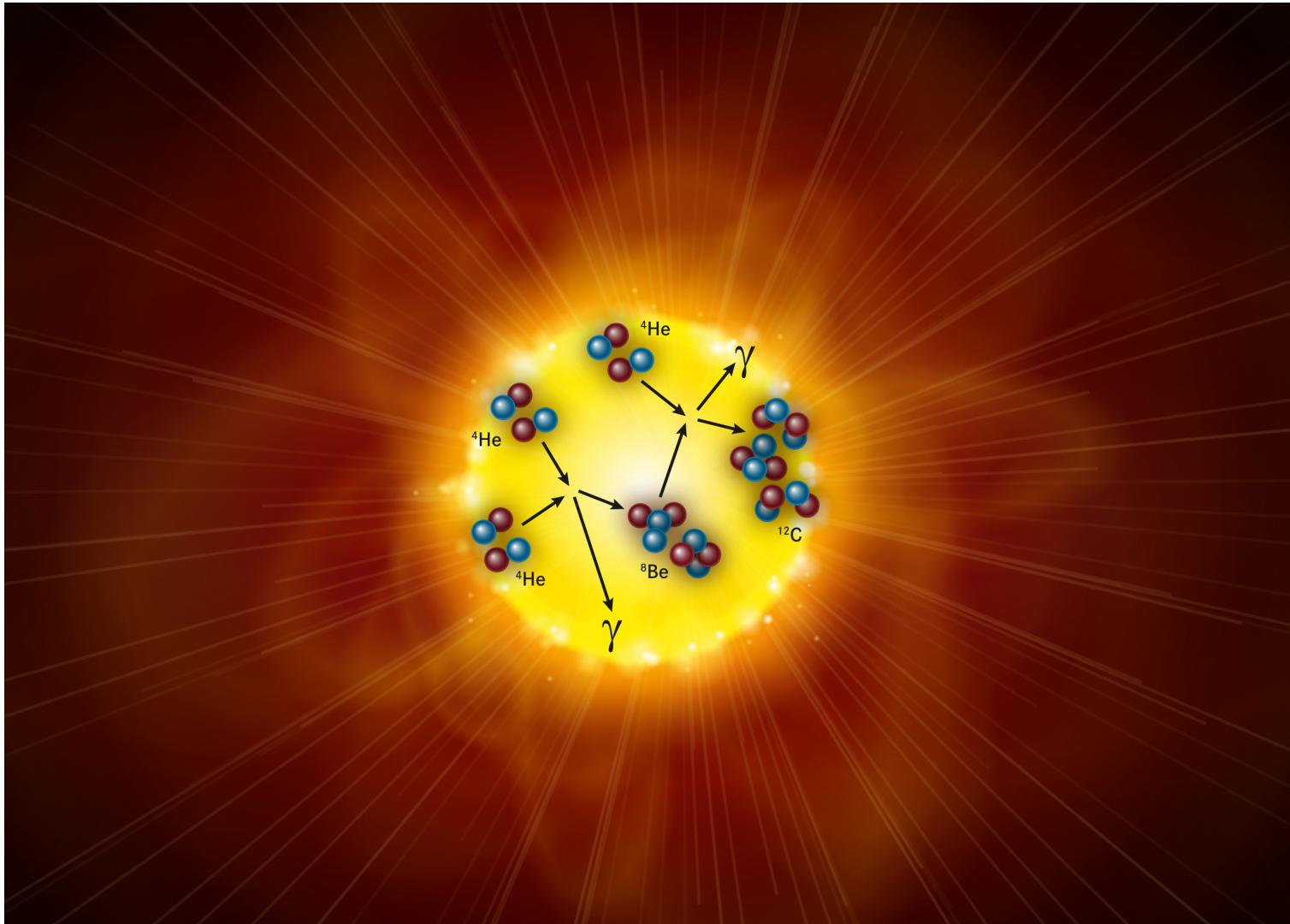
SPECTRUM OF ^{12}C & the HOYLE STATE

24

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.)

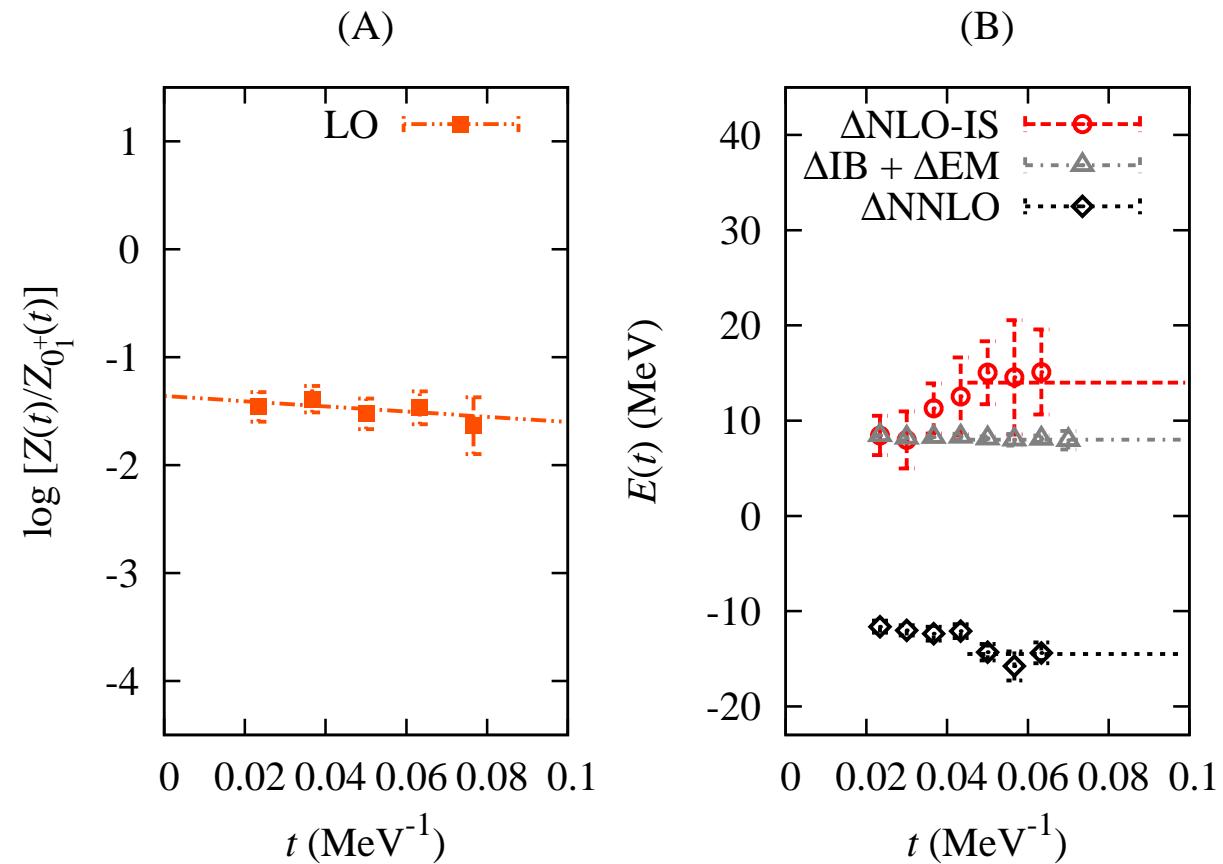


EXCITED STATES of ^{12}C

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

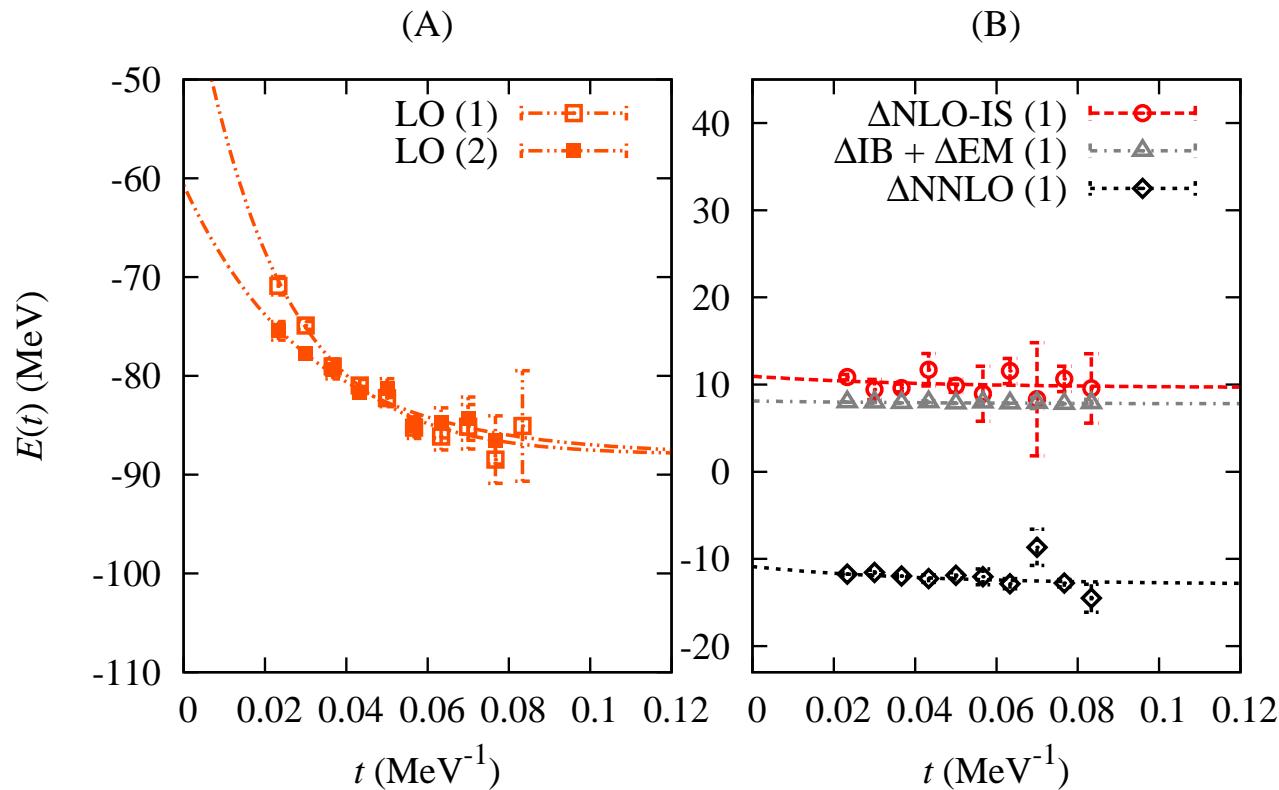
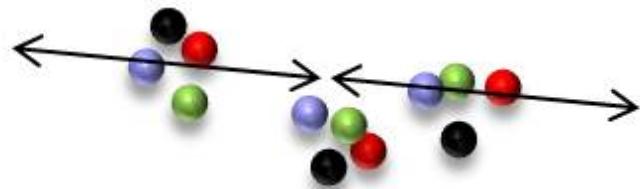
$$E(2_1^+) = -89(3) \text{ MeV}$$

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



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 $^{11}B(d, n)^{12}C$
not included in the level scheme!

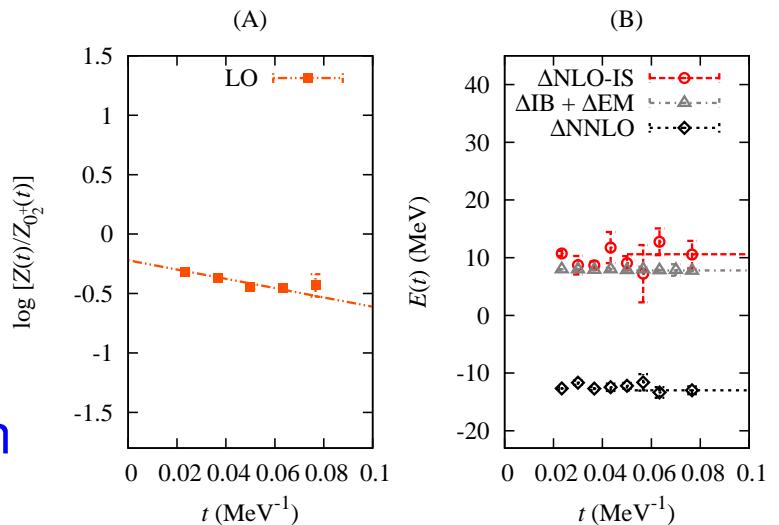
Ajzenberg-Selove, Nucl. Phys. A506 (1990) 1

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

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

28

- 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]

- [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

- importance of consistent 2N & 3N forces
- good agreement w/ experiment, can be improved
- test of the *Anthropic Principle* possible, intriguing results

A FIRST LOOK at EM PROPERTIES

- LO em results obtained (NLO/NNLO requires longer time simulations)

Observable	LO theory	Experiment
$r(0_1^+)$ [fm]	2.2(2)	2.47(2)
$Q(2_1^+)$ [e^2 fm]	6(2)	6(3)
$B(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)$ [e^2 fm 4]	5(2)	7.6(4)
$B(E2; 2_1^+ \rightarrow 0_2^+)$ [e^2 fm 4]	1.5(7)	2.6(4)
$m(E0; 0_2^+ \rightarrow 0_1^+)$ [e fm 2]	3(1)	5.5(1)

- satisfying agreement for LO calculation
- other radii, quadrupole moments and transition strengths also computed
- FMD and cluster models predict e.g. $r(0_2^+) = (3.5 - 3.9)$ fm
- higher order corrections are in the works

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

MC ANALYSIS of the AP

- consider QCD only → calculate $\partial\Delta E/\partial M_\pi$
- relevant quantities (energy *differences*)

$$\Delta E_h \equiv E_{12}^* - E_8 - E_4, \quad \Delta E_b \equiv E_8 - 2E_4 \quad \Delta E_c \equiv E_{12}^* - E_{12}$$

- energy differences depend on parameters of QCD (LO analysis)

$$E_i = E_i \left(M_\pi^{\text{OPE}}, m_N(M_\pi), \tilde{g}_{\pi N}(M_\pi), C_0(M_\pi), C_I(M_\pi) \right)$$

$$\tilde{g}_{\pi N} \equiv \frac{g_A}{2F_\pi}$$

- remember: $M_{\pi^\pm}^2 \sim (m_u + m_d)$

⇒ quark mass dependence \equiv pion mass dependence

PION MASS VARIATIONS

- consider pion mass changes as *small perturbations*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial E_i}{\partial M_\pi} \Big|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} &= \frac{\partial E_i}{\partial M_\pi^{\text{OPE}}} \Big|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} + x_1 \frac{\partial E_i}{\partial m_N} \Big|_{m_N^{\text{phys}}} + x_2 \frac{\partial E_i}{\partial \tilde{g}_{\pi N}} \Big|_{\tilde{g}_{\pi N}^{\text{phys}}} \\ &\quad + x_3 \frac{\partial E_i}{\partial C_0} \Big|_{C_0^{\text{phys}}} + x_4 \frac{\partial E_i}{\partial C_I} \Big|_{C_I^{\text{phys}}} \end{aligned}$$

with

$$x_1 \equiv \frac{\partial m_N}{\partial M_\pi} \Big|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}}, \quad x_2 \equiv \frac{\partial \tilde{g}_{\pi N}}{\partial M_\pi} \Big|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}}, \quad x_3 \equiv \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial M_\pi} \Big|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}}, \quad x_4 \equiv \frac{\partial C_I}{\partial M_\pi} \Big|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}}$$

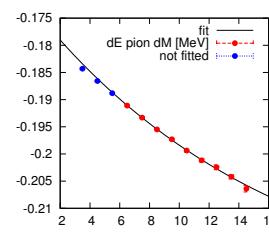
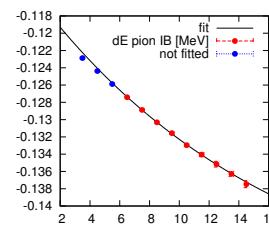
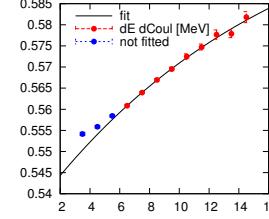
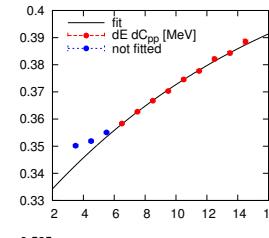
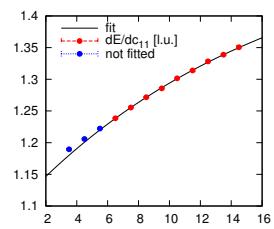
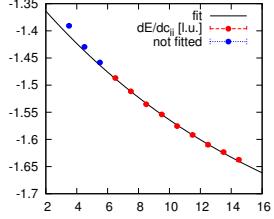
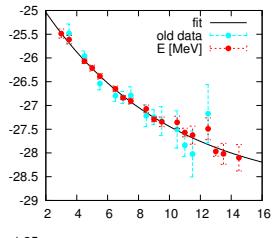
⇒ problem reduces to the calculation of the various derivatives using AFQMC and the determination of the x_i

- x_1 and x_2 can be obtained from LQCD plus CHPT
- x_3 and x_4 can be obtained from two-body scattering and its M_π -dependence

AFQMC RESULTS for the DERIVATIVES

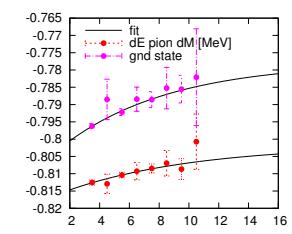
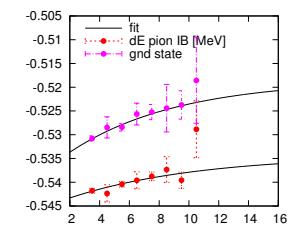
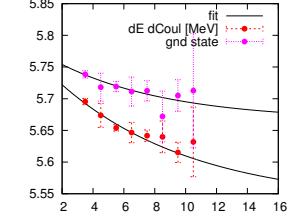
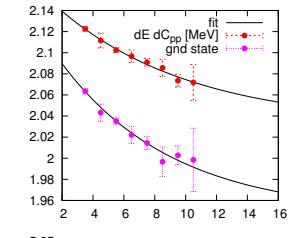
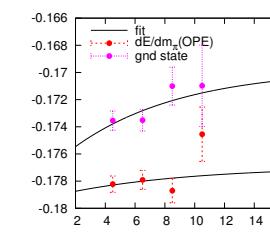
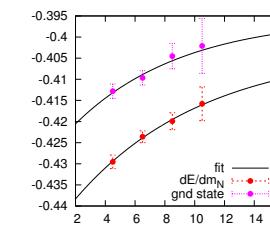
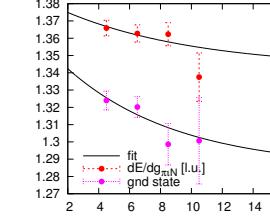
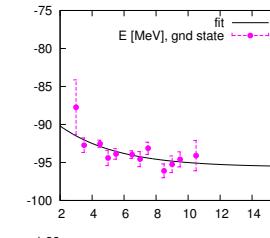
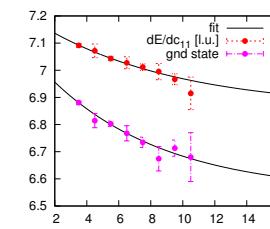
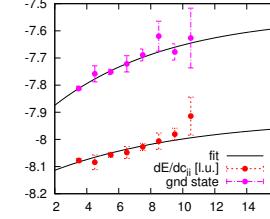
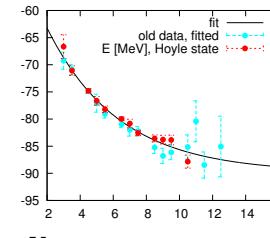
• ^4He

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



• $^{12}\text{C}(0_2^+)$

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



N_t

N_t

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:

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

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

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

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

INTERPRETATION

- $(\partial \Delta E_h / \partial M_\pi) / (\partial \Delta E_b / \partial M_\pi) \simeq 4$
 $\Rightarrow \Delta E_h$ and ΔE_b cannot be independently fine-tuned
- Within error bars, $\partial \Delta E_h / \partial M_\pi$ & $\partial \Delta E_b / \partial M_\pi$ appear unaffected by the choice of x_1 and $x_2 \rightarrow$ indication for α -clustering
- For ΔE_h & ΔE_b , the dependence on M_π is small when

$$\partial a_s^{-1} / \partial M_\pi \simeq -1.6 \times \partial a_t^{-1} / \partial M_\pi$$

- the triple alpha process is controlled by :

$$\Delta E_{h+b} \equiv \Delta E_h + \Delta E_b = E_{12}^* - 3E_4$$

$$\frac{\partial \Delta E_{h+b}}{\partial M_\pi} \Big|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} = -0.571(14) \left. \frac{\partial a_s^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} - 0.934(11) \left. \frac{\partial a_t^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} + 0.069(6)$$

\Rightarrow so what can we say about the quark mass dependence of the scattering lengths?

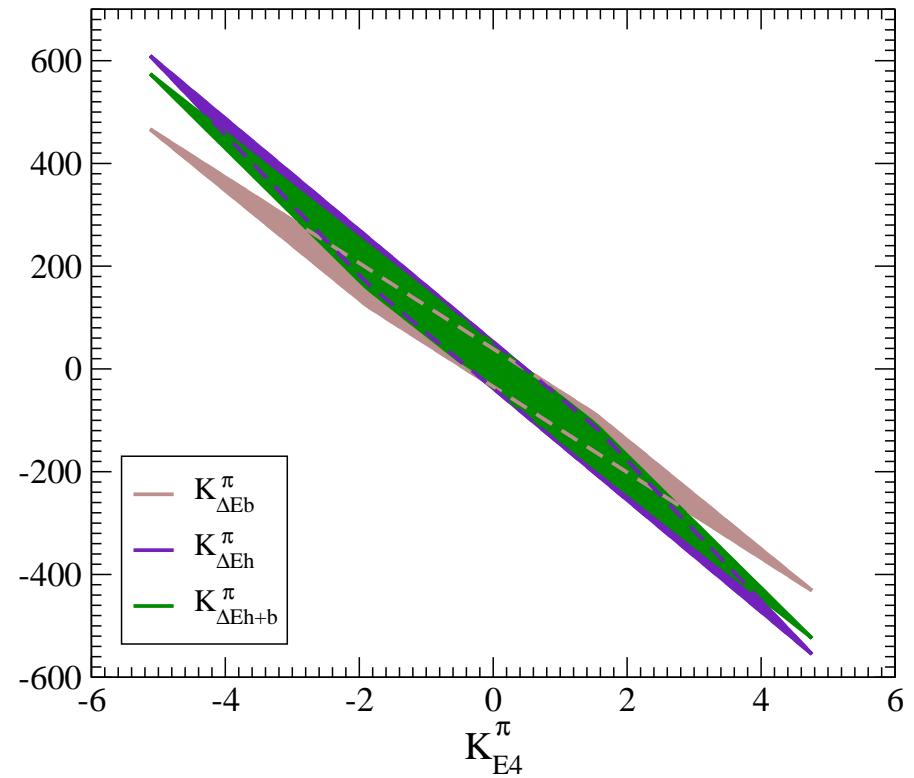
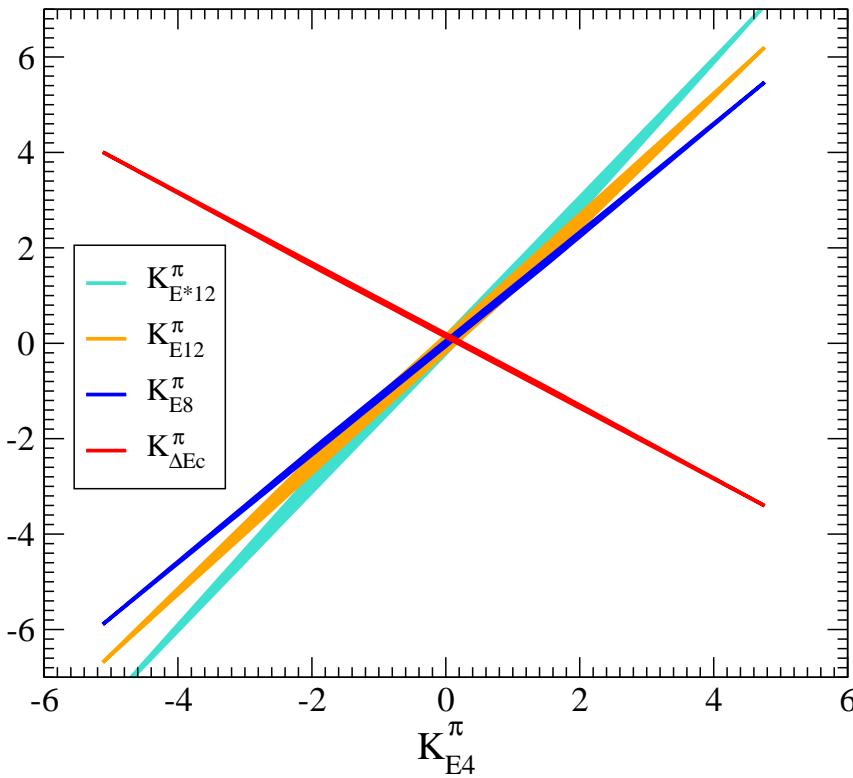
CONSTRAINTS on the SCATTERING LENGTHS

- Quark mass dependence of hadron properties: $\frac{\delta O_H}{\delta m_f} \equiv K_H^f \frac{O_H}{m_f}$, $f = u, d, s$
- NN scattering lengths as a function of M_π : $-\frac{\partial a_{s,t}^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \equiv \frac{A_{s,t}}{a_{s,t} M_\pi}$, $A_{s,t} \equiv \frac{K_{a_{s,t}}^q}{K_\pi^q}$
- earlier determinations from chiral EFT at NLO
Beane, Savage (2003), Epelbaum, Glöckle, UGM (2003)
- new determination at NNLO: Epelbaum et al. (2012)
 $K_{a_s}^q = 2.3^{+1.9}_{-1.8}$, $K_{a_t}^q = 0.32^{+0.17}_{-0.18} \rightarrow \frac{\partial a_t^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} = -0.18^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$, $\frac{\partial a_s^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} = 0.29^{+0.25}_{-0.23}$
- note the *magical* central value:

$$\frac{\partial a_s^{-1}/\partial M_\pi}{\partial a_t^{-1}/\partial M_\pi} \simeq -1.6^{+1.0}_{-1.7}$$

CORRELATIONS

- vary the quark mass derivatives of $a_{s,t}^{-1}$ within $-1, \dots, +1$:

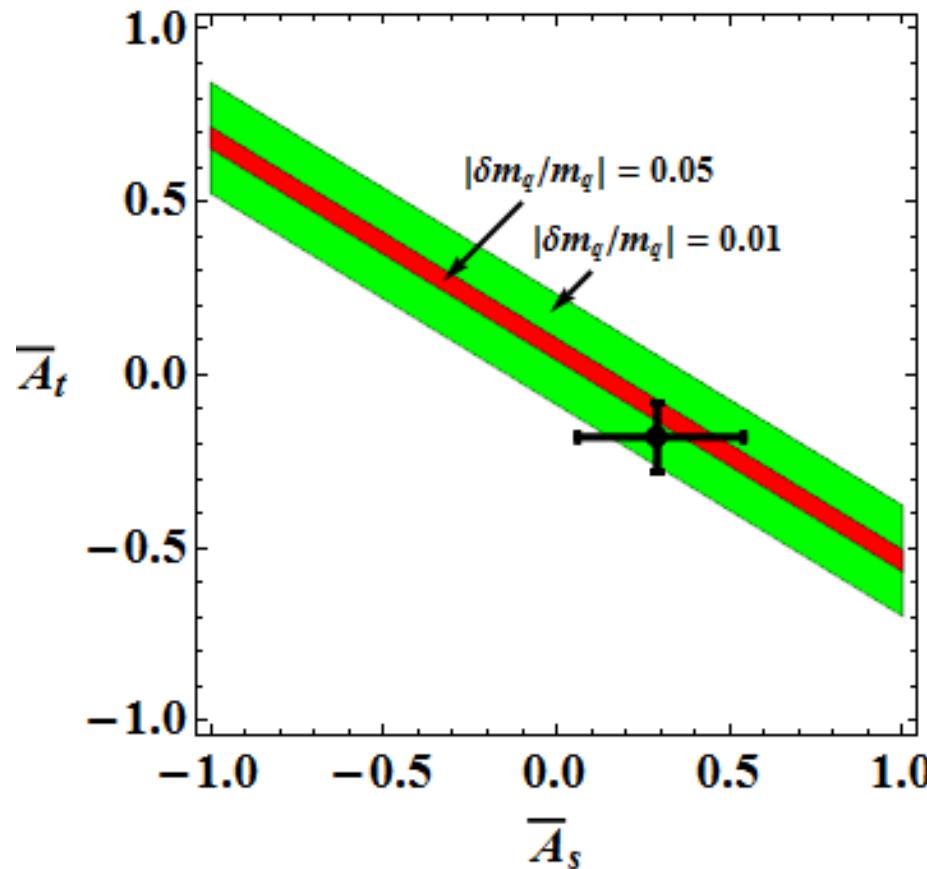


- clear correlations: α -particle BE and the energies/energy differences
 \Rightarrow anthropic or non-anthropic scenario depends on whether the ${}^4\text{He}$ BE moves!

THE END-OF-THE-WORLD PLOT

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

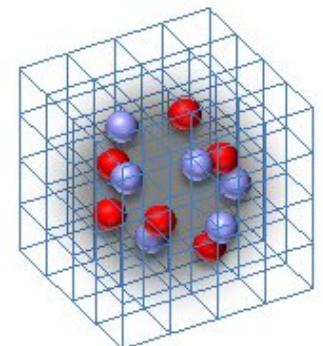
$$\rightarrow \left| \left(0.571(14) \bar{A}_s + 0.934(11) \bar{A}_t - 0.069(6) \right) \frac{\delta m_q}{m_q} \right| < 0.0015$$



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

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 → predictions
- Promising results for $A = 2, 3, 4, 8, 12, 16$ at NNLO
- ^{12}C spectrum at NNLO → **Hoyle state** & 2^+ excitation
- First ever ab initio MC calculation of ^{16}O
- Testing the anthropic principle → strong correlations of α -cluster type
⇒ the Hoyle state does not appear anthropic (Coulomb to be done)



⇒ **larger A and higher precision**

