

Tutorial: Nuclear Physics with *ab initio* few/many-body methods

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Physics of Hadrons

Degrees of Freedom

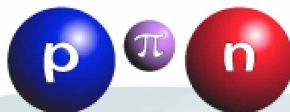
Energy (MeV)



quarks, gluons



constituent quarks

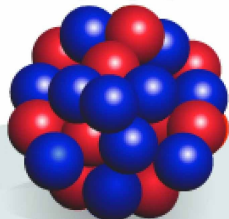


baryons, mesons

940
neutron mass

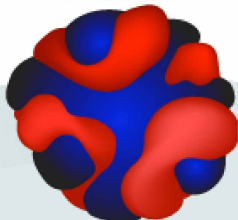
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pion mass

Physics of Nuclei



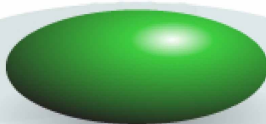
protons, neutrons

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proton separation
energy in lead



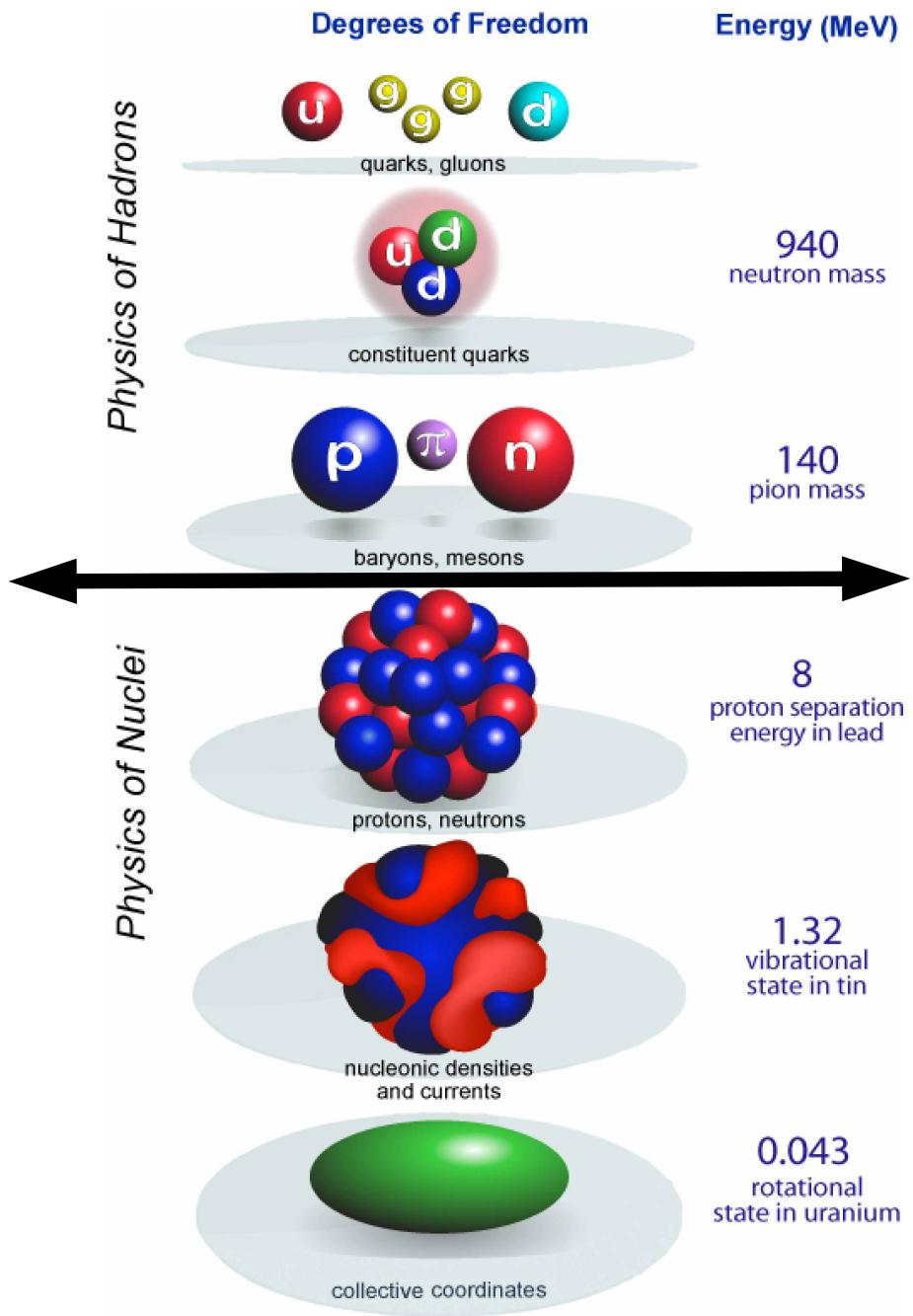
nucleonic densities
and currents

1.32
vibrational
state in tin



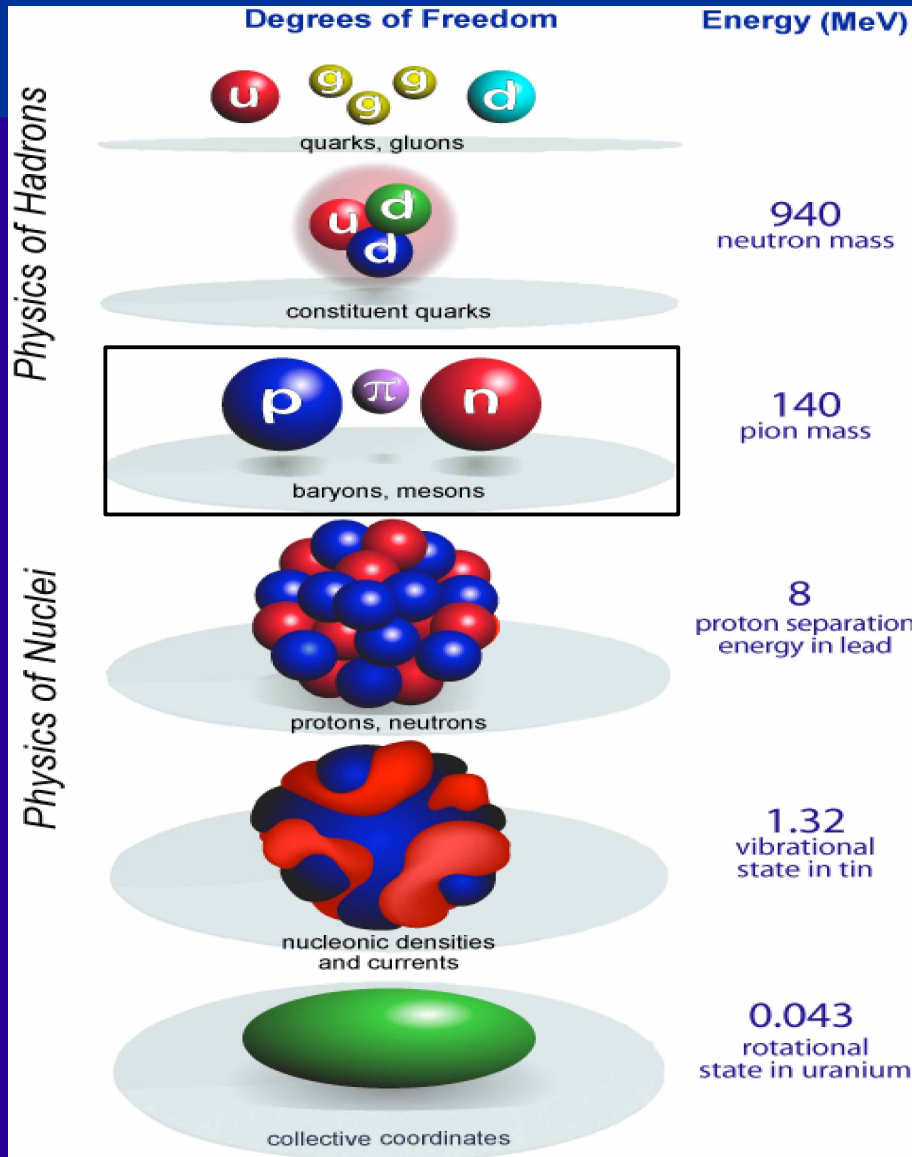
collective coordinates

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state in uranium



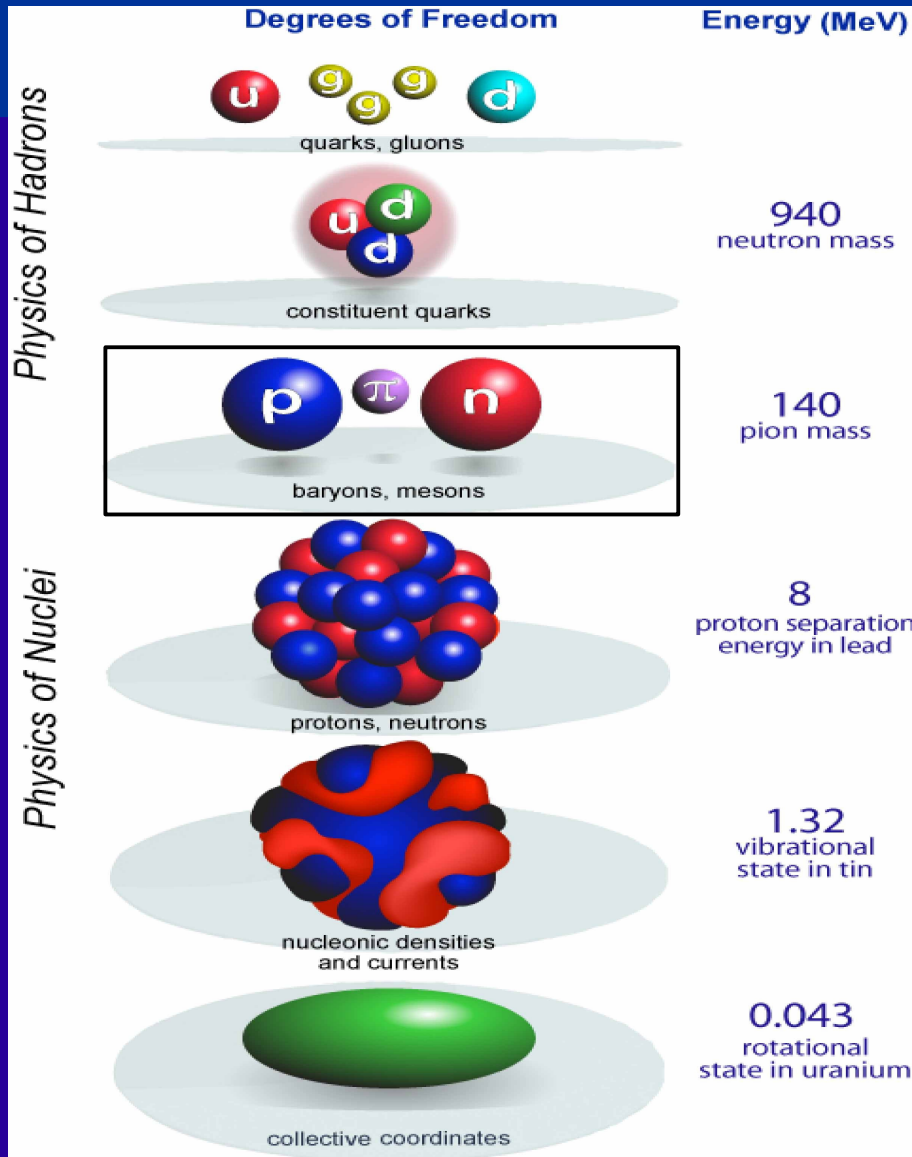
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ab initio methods**

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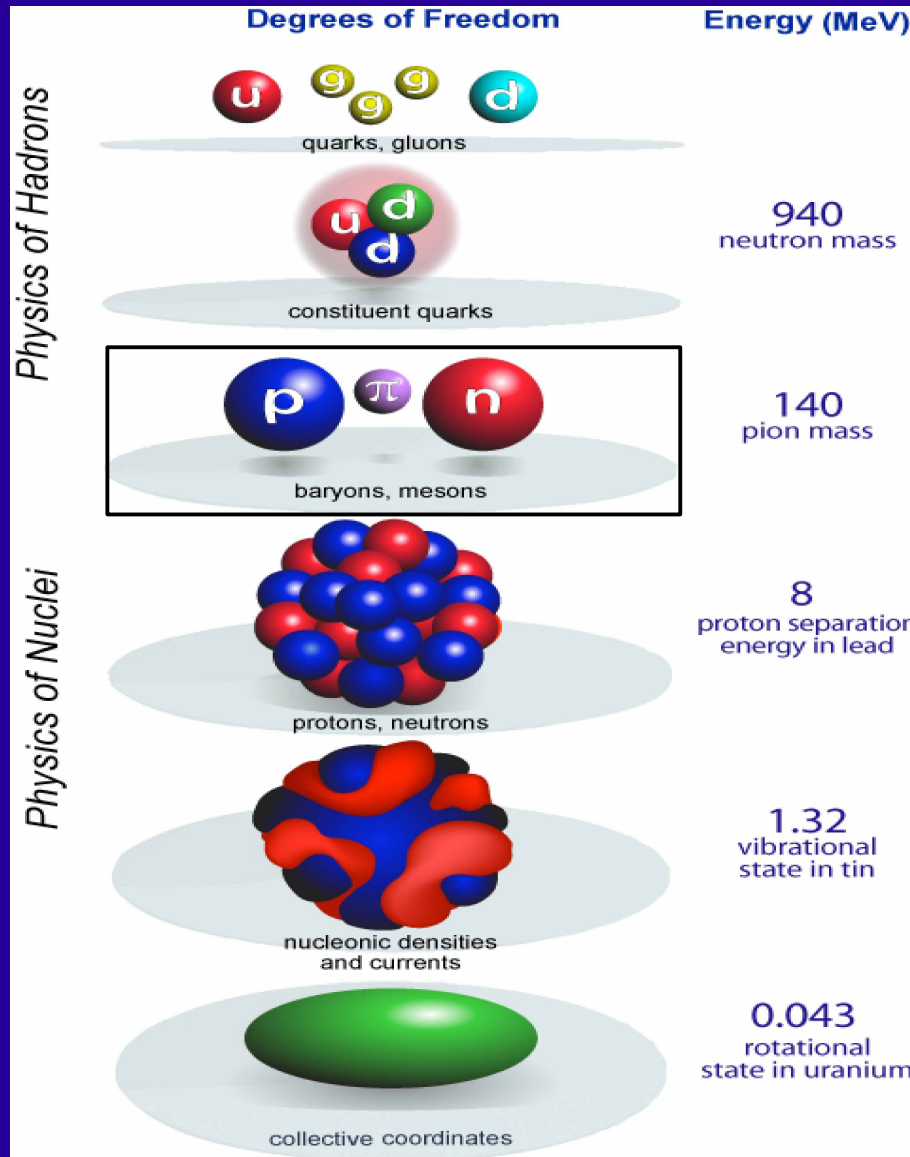
→ relevant degrees of freedom

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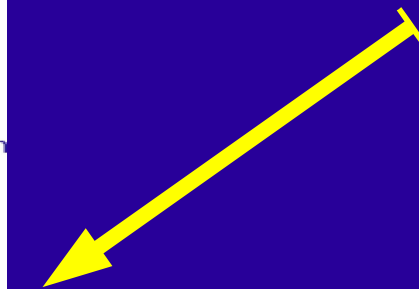
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QCD



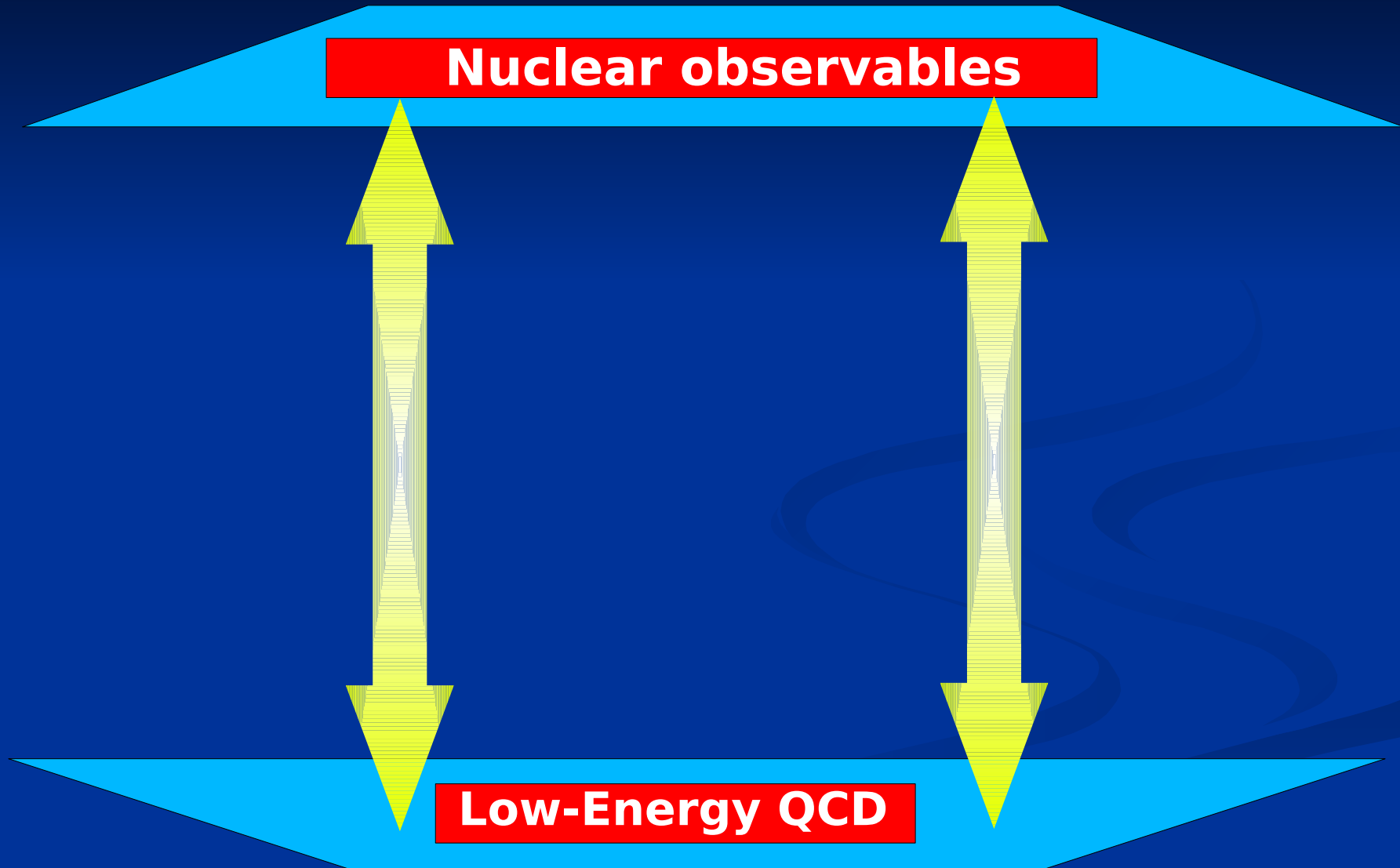
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typical MB properties (clusterization, collectivity, mean field properties etc.)

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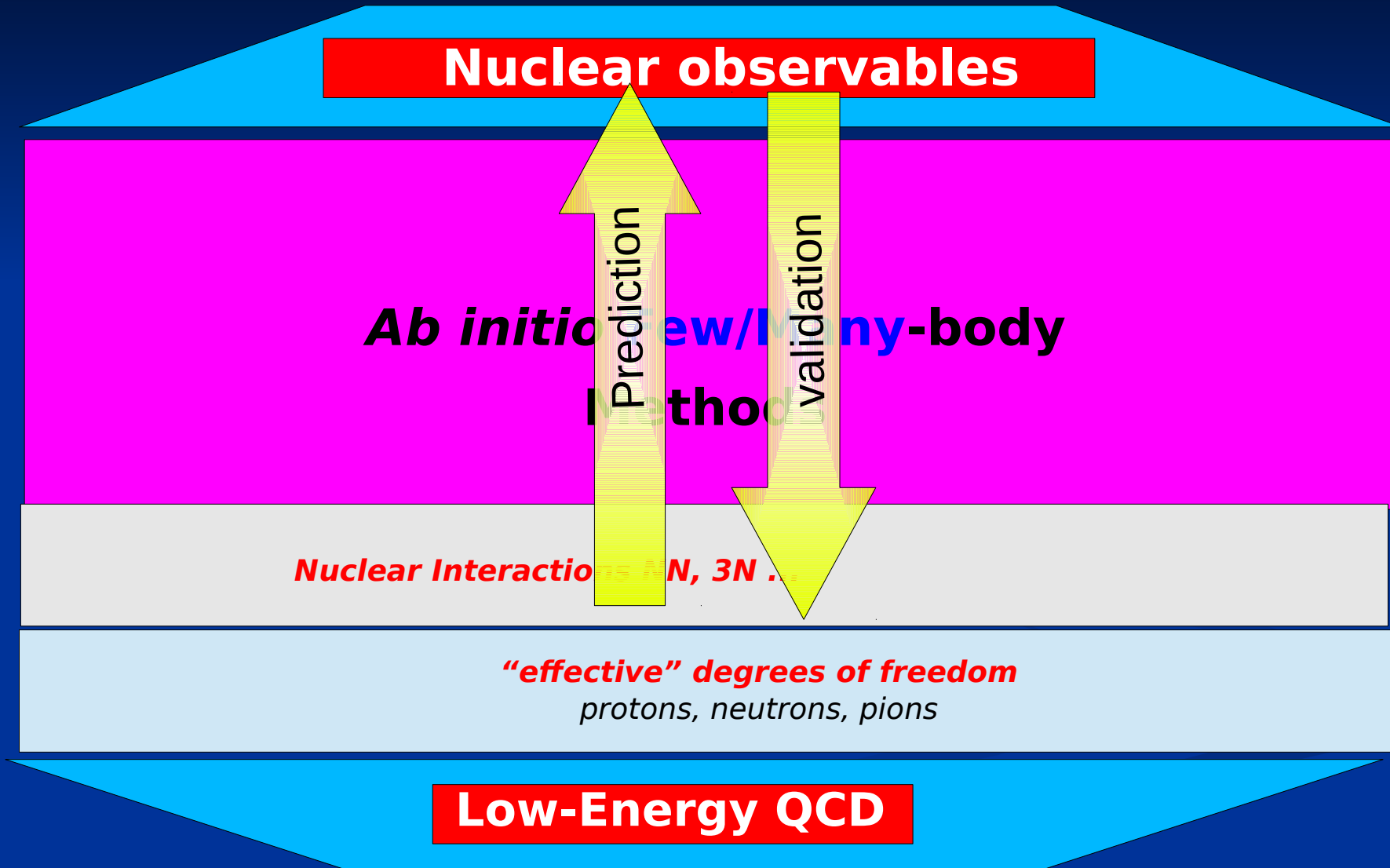
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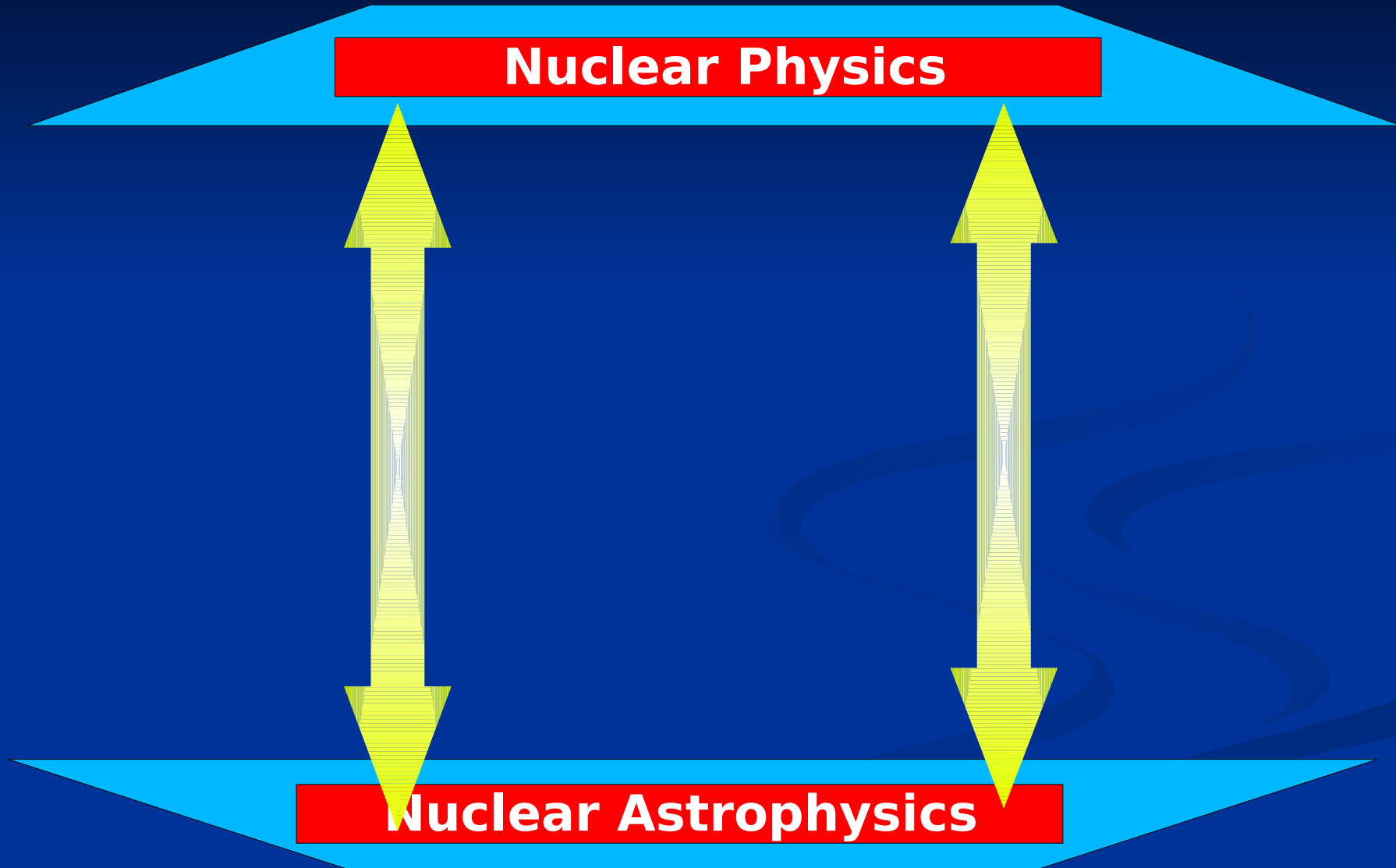
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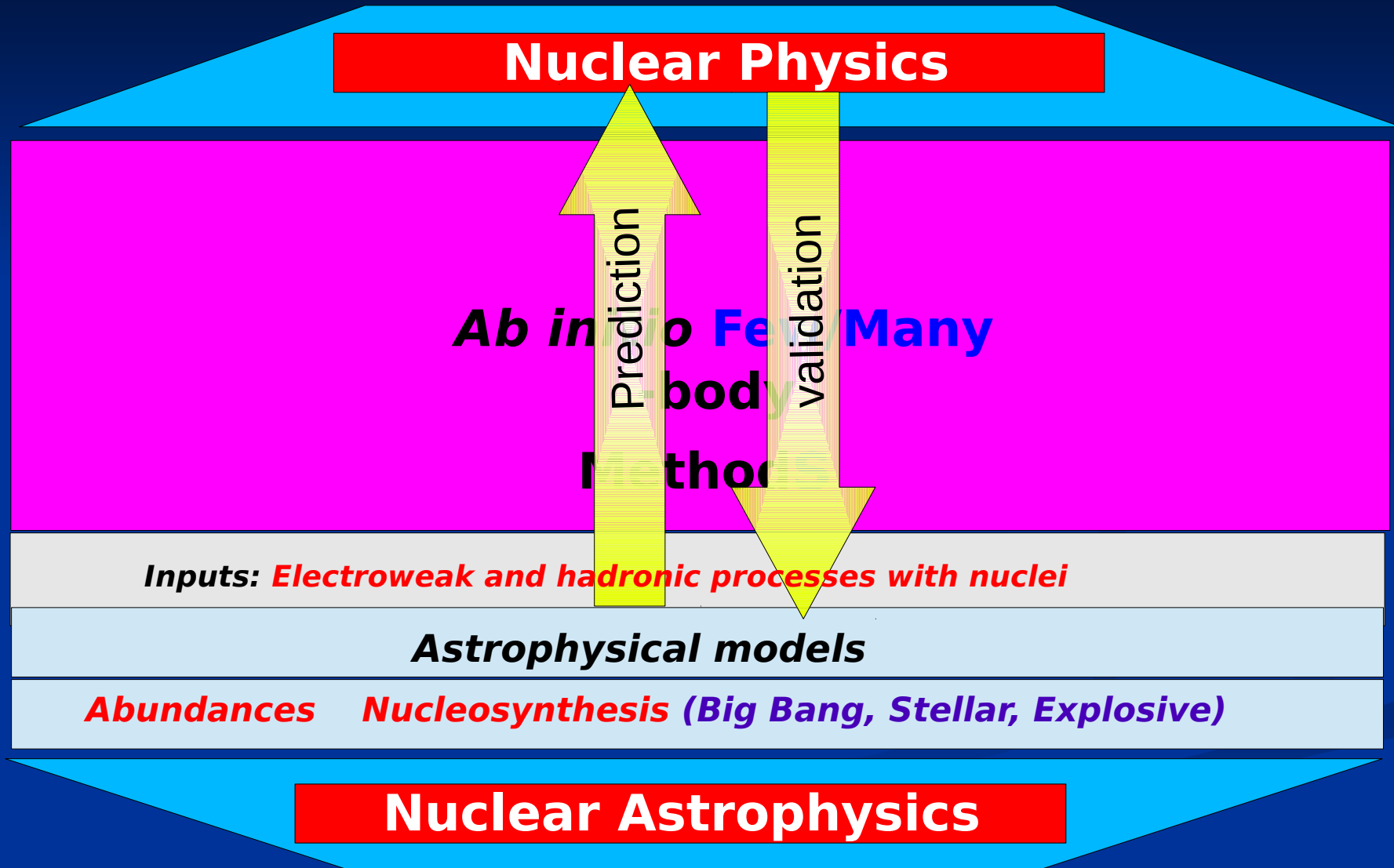
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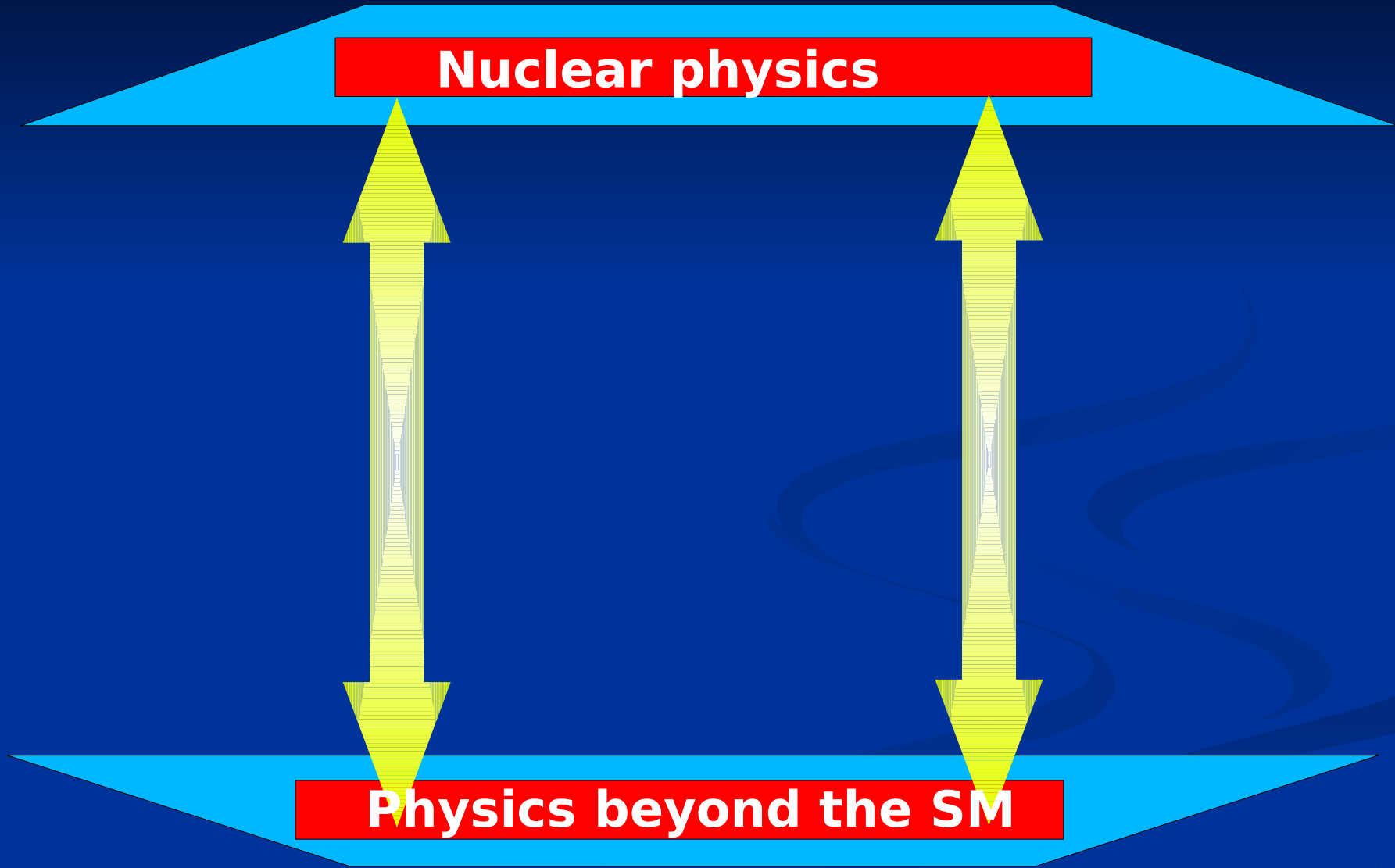
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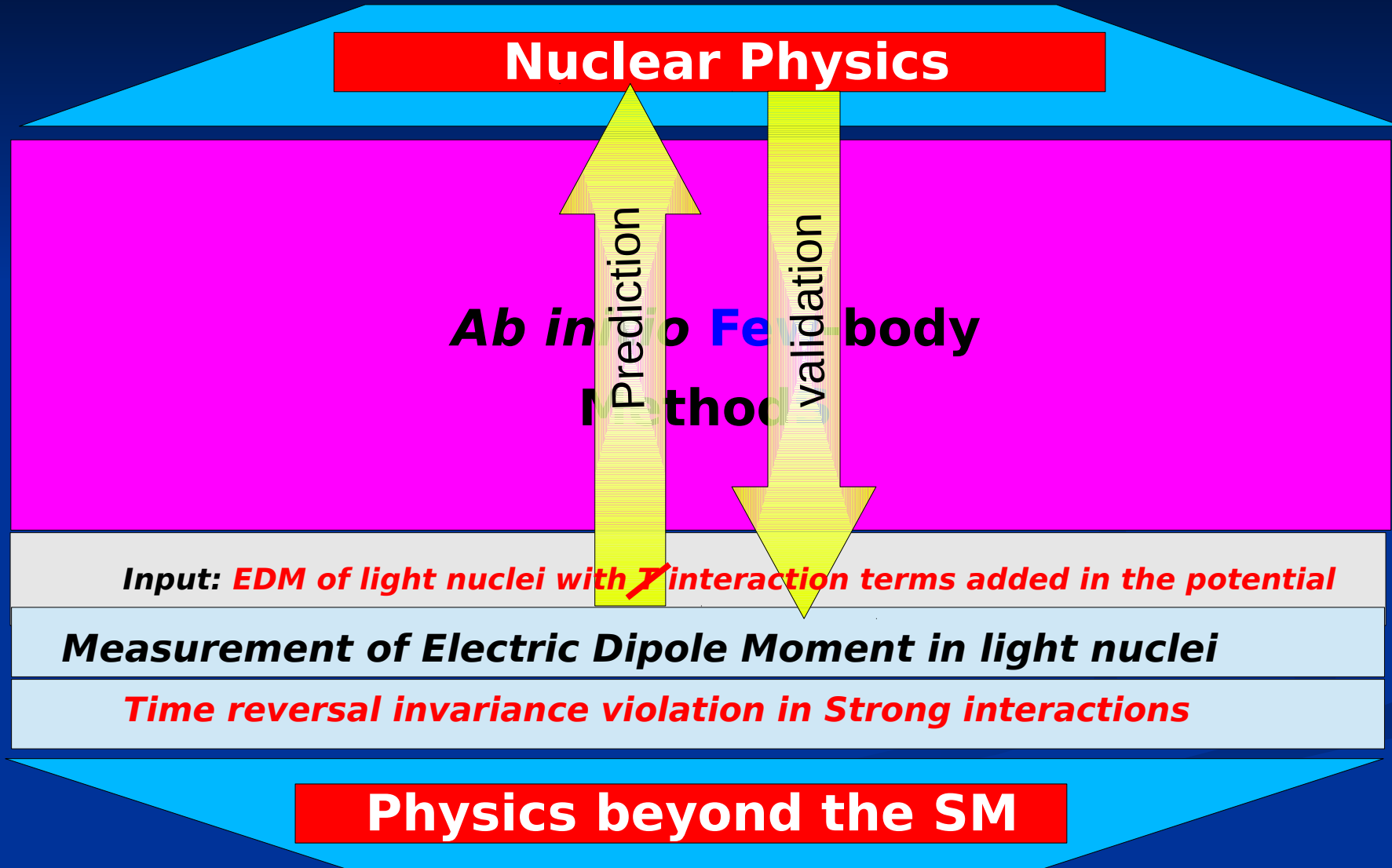
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Ab initio methods

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“Modern *ab initio* approaches and applications in few-nucleon physics with $A \geq 4$ ”

W. Leidemann, G. Orlandini / *Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics* 68 (2013) 158–214

If a method enables one to obtain the observable under consideration by solving the relevant quantum mechanical many-body equations, without any uncontrolled approximation, we consider it to be an *ab initio method*. Controlled approximations, however, are allowed. In fact a controlled approximation, e.g. a limited number of channels in a Faddeev calculation, can be increasingly improved up to the point that convergence is reached for the observable. Such a converged result we denote as a *precise ab initio* result. The comparison of *precise ab initio* results with nuclear data then allows an indisputable answer as to whether or not the **chosen Hamiltonian** appropriately describes the nuclear dynamics. Any uncontrolled approximation in the calculation would not lead to such a clear-cut conclusion. Quite naturally, precise *ab initio* results obtained with different *ab initio* methods but with the same Hamiltonian as input, have to agree and are often referred to as *benchmark results*.

- Solution of relevant many-body QM equation for a “**chosen Hamiltonian**” (the only input!)
- with approximations **improvable** in a **controlled** way
(\longrightarrow convergence, error estimate \longrightarrow **benchmark**)

The framework:

Non relativistic quantum mechanics

The task:

Solve the Schrödinger equation for a system of A nucleons

Respect **Translational/Galileian** invariance

$$[\mathbf{H}, \vec{\mathbf{P}}_{\text{cm}}] = 0$$

$$[\mathbf{H}, \vec{\mathbf{R}}_{\text{cm}}] = 0$$

Rotational invariance

$$[\mathbf{H}, \vec{\mathbf{J}}] = 0$$

A classical ~~T~~-invariant hamiltonian:

$$H = \sum_i^A \frac{p_i^2}{2m} + \sum_i W(r_i) + \sum_{ij} v_{ij}$$

Mean field

2-body residual interaction

An invariant hamiltonian:

$$H = \sum_i^{A-1} \frac{\pi_i^2}{2\mu} + \cancel{\sum_i W_i} + \sum_{ij} V_{ij} + \sum_{ijk} V_{ij} \dots$$



Kinetic energy in terms of $A-1$

conjugate momenta π_i of Jacobi coordinates ζ_i

2-body potential

3-body potential

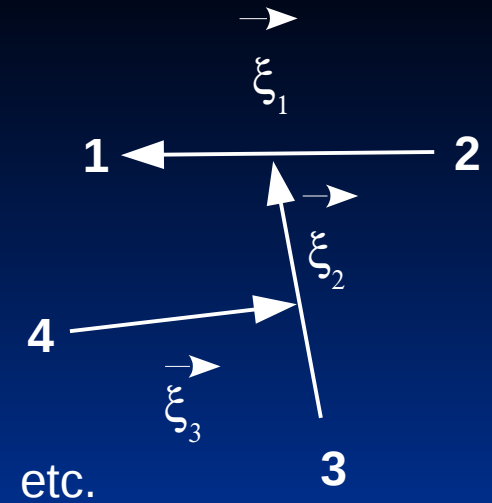
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1,2 A-1



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.
.
 \vec{p}_A

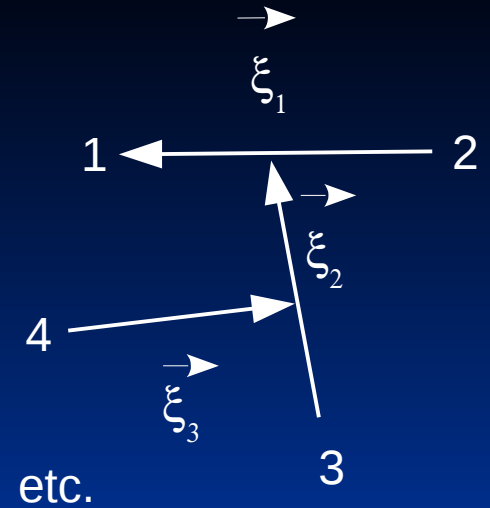
\vec{r}_1
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transformation



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 ξ_1
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.
.
 ξ_{A-1}

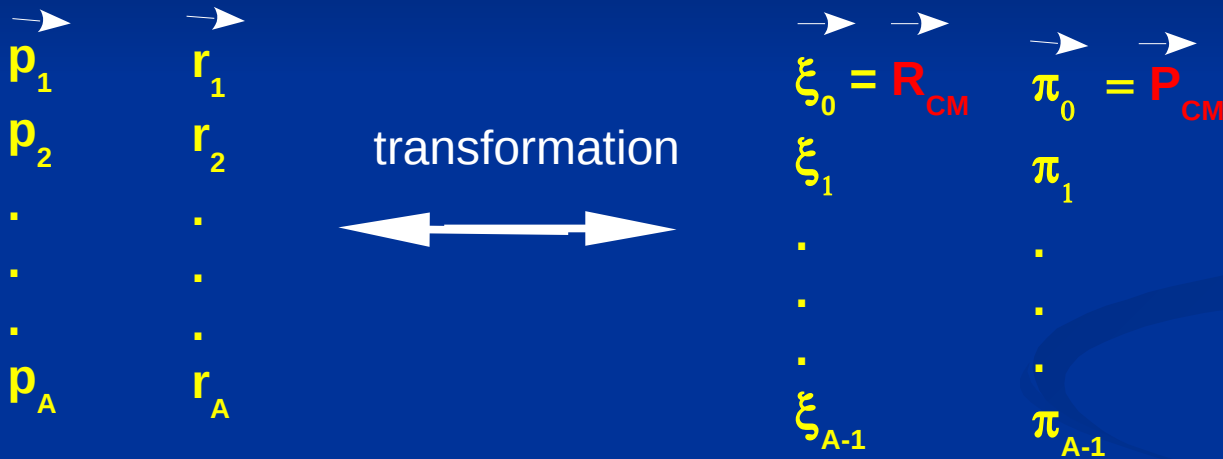
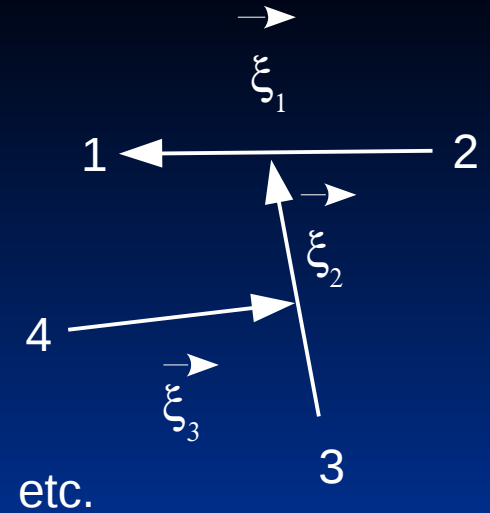
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Invariant H

in general **NON** separable

Remarks:

- When expressed in terms of Jacobi coordinates, even a 2-body potential becomes of “A-body nature”
- The translation invariant wave function is highly *correlated* (i.e. particles are not independent) beyond the correlation due to the dynamics

Remarks:

- Coping with T&G invariances, as well as Pauli principle at the same time, is one of the problems that makes difficult to extend some ab initio approaches to large A



(No Slater Determinants!)



Possible questions:

- Can a comparison between measured and calculated observables help discriminating among OBEP, Phenomenological, EFT potentials?
- Can it help discriminating between different versions of EFT potentials?
- *(Are such questions “well posed”?)*

To answer such questions one needs to solve the Schrödinger equation with an ab initio method and calculate several observables

The basic *ab initio* methods

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F/M-body: $4 < A < 12, 20, 40 \dots ??$

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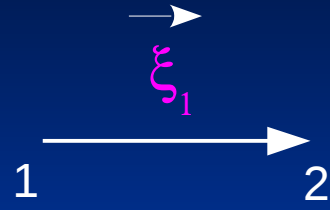
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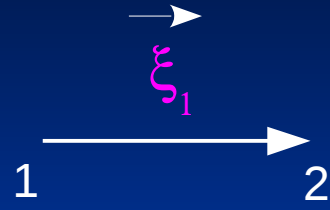
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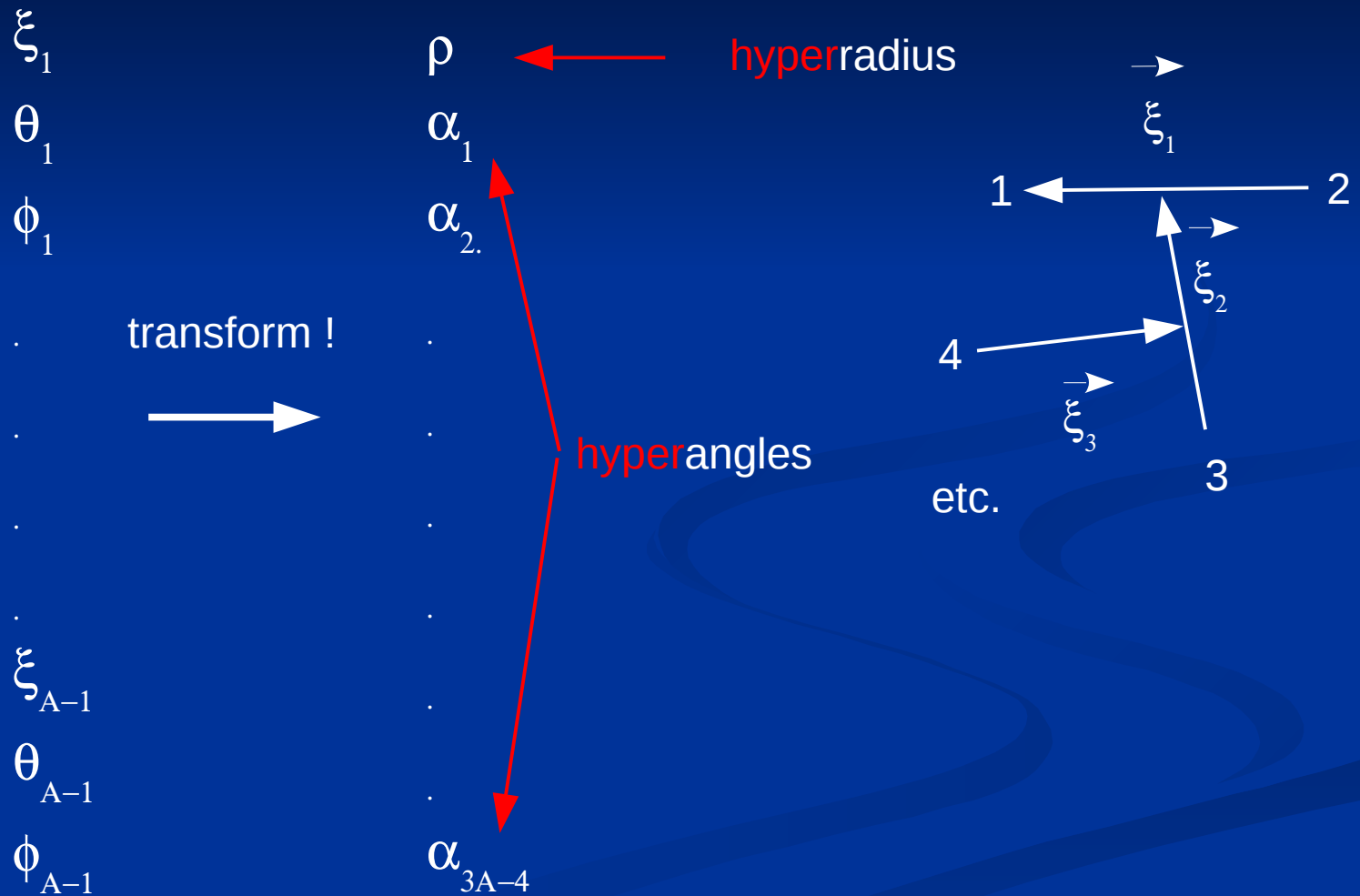
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$$T \sim \Delta_r - L^2/r^2$$

the good basis are **spherical** harmonics $Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$
eigenfunctions of **angular momentum** L^2

EXTEND THAT IDEA TO $A > 2$

HYPERSPHERICAL COORDINATES

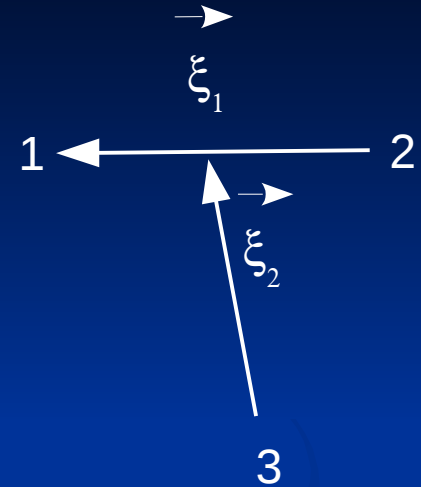
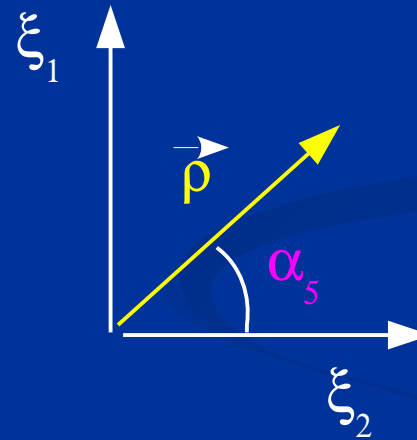


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e.g. for **3** particles

ξ_1		$\rho^2 = \xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2$
θ_1		$\alpha_1 = \theta_1$
ϕ_1	transform	$\alpha_2 = \phi_1$
ξ_2	→	$\alpha_3 = \theta_2$
θ_2		$\alpha_4 = \phi_2$
ϕ_2		$\alpha_5 = \arccos(\xi_2/\rho)$



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e.g. for 4 particles

ξ_1

θ_1

ϕ_1

ξ_2

θ_2

ϕ_2

ξ_3

θ_3

ϕ_3

transform



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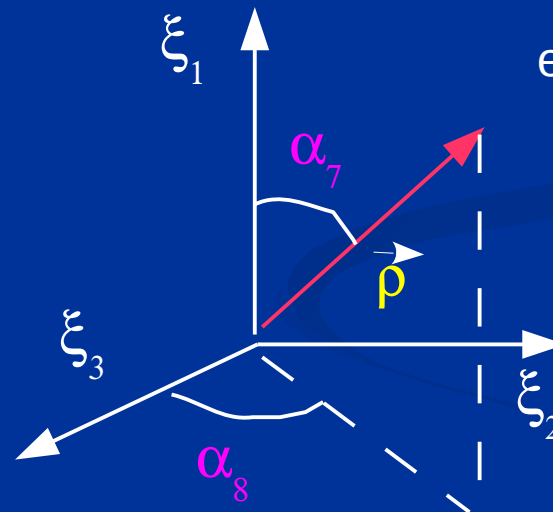
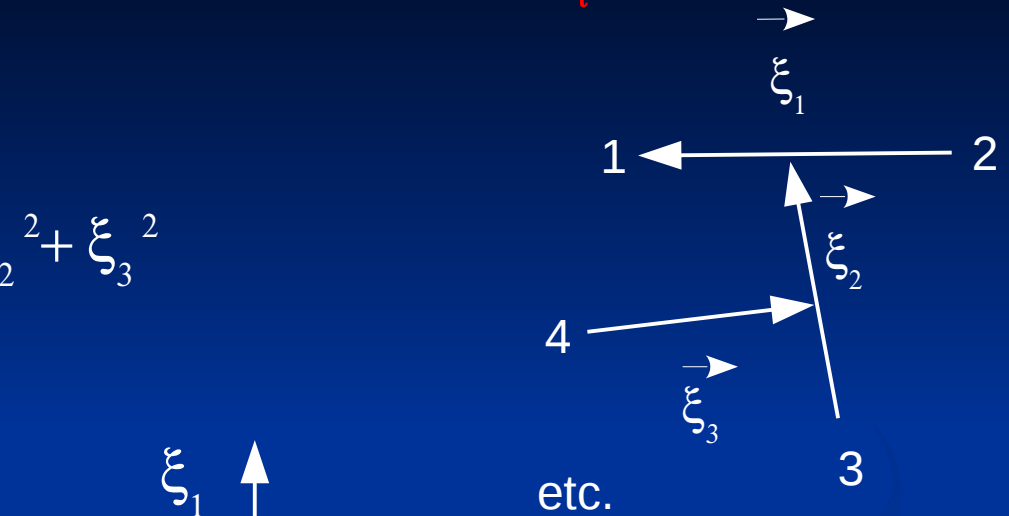
$$\alpha_4 = \phi_2$$

$$\alpha_5 = \theta_3$$

$$\alpha_6 = \phi_3$$

$$\alpha_7 = \dots$$

$$\alpha_8 = \dots$$



2 body: **SPHERICAL** HARMONICS

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eigenfunctions of **hyperangular momentum** K^2

SUMMARIZING:

$$H_{\text{int}} = 1/\mu (\Delta_{\rho} - K^2/\rho^2) + V(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{A-1})$$

Hyperspherical Harmonics basis

$$\Psi = \sum_{N, K, \dots} L_N(\rho) Y_{K, \dots}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{3A-4})$$

$L_N(\rho)$ = Laguerre Polynomials (exp [- a ρ])

PROBLEM N.1 : **ANTISYMMETRIZATION of HH IS NON TRIVIAL !** (no Slater Determinants!)

“ by hand ” : cumbersome! possible only for $A=3,4$

SOLUTIONS

1) an algorithm based on relations between $O(N)$ and S_N

Novoselsky & Katriel PRA 49 (1994) 833

Novoselsky & Barnea PRA 51 (1995) 2777

2) an algorithm based on property of the Casimir operator of S_N

M. Gattobigio, A. Kievsky, M. Viviani, Phys.Rev.C, 83, 024001 (2011);

S.Deflorian, N.Barnea, W.Leidemann, G.O.i, Few-Body Syst. 54, 1879 (2013);

PROBLEM N.2 : **SLOW CONVERGENCE IN QUANTUM NUMBER** $[K] = \{K, \dots\}$

essentially for two reasons

- 1) for increasing A the # of quantum numbers $\{K, \dots\}$ increases
i.e. each combination of values corresponds to a state

→ **for increasing A one has lots of states even for K small**

BIG MATRICES (FULL!)

- 2) strong short range repulsion of the potential

HOW TO SPEED UP THE CONVERGENCE?

SOLUTION:

Construct **EFFECTIVE INTERACTIONS** by *Similarity Transformations*

Suzuki-Lee (NCSM, EIHH)

Similarity Renormalization Group (NCSM, CC)

AB INITIO BOUND STATE CALCULATIONS

BE of ${}^4\text{He}$ (exp. 28.296 MeV)

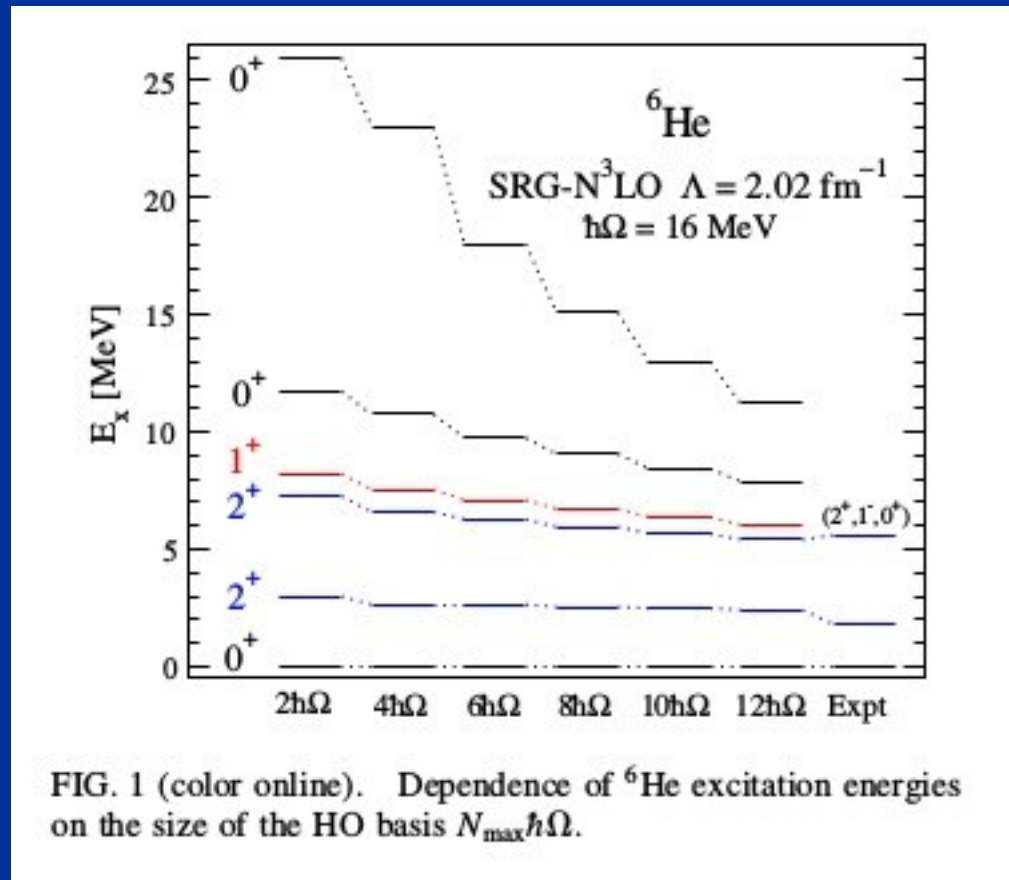
TABLES

TABLE I. The expectation values $\langle T \rangle$ and $\langle V \rangle$ of kinetic and potential energies, the binding energies E_b in MeV and the radius in fm.

Method	$\langle T \rangle$	$\langle V \rangle$	E_b	$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle}$
FY	102.39(5)	-128.33(10)	-25.94(5)	1.485(3)
CRGV	102.30	-128.20	-25.90	1.482
SVM	102.35	-128.27	-25.92	1.486
HH	102.44	-128.34	-25.90(1)	1.483
GFMC	102.3(1.0)	-128.25(1.0)	-25.93(2)	1.490(5)
NCSM	103.35	-129.45	-25.80(20)	1.485
EIHH	100.8(9)	-126.7(9)	-25.944(10)	1.486

from H.Kamada et al. (18 authors 7 groups) PRC 64 (2001) 044001

No core shell model



S. Baroni, P.Navratil and S. Quaglioni PRL 110, 022505 (2013)

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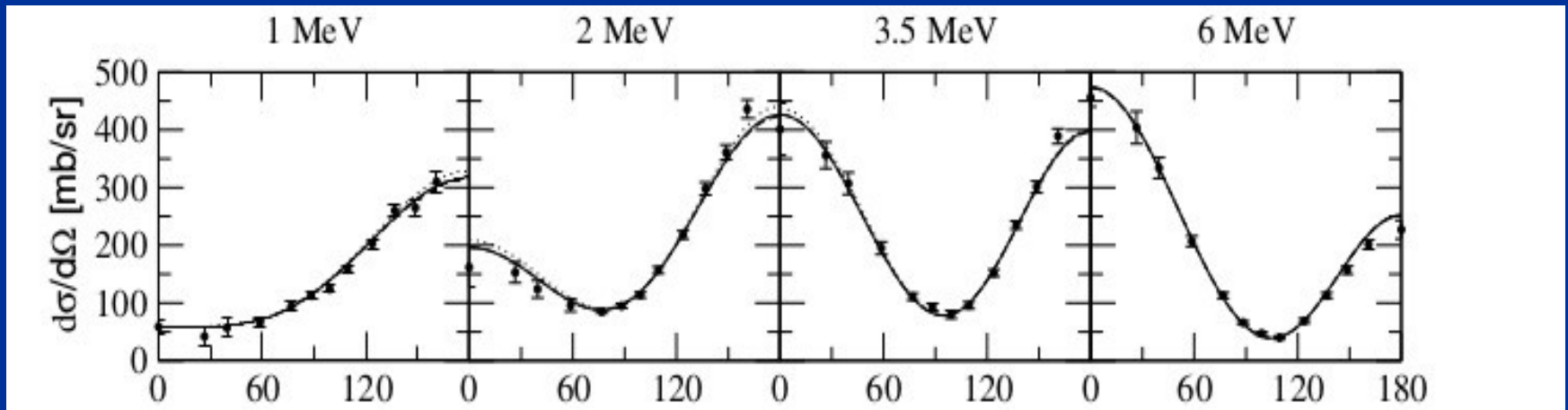
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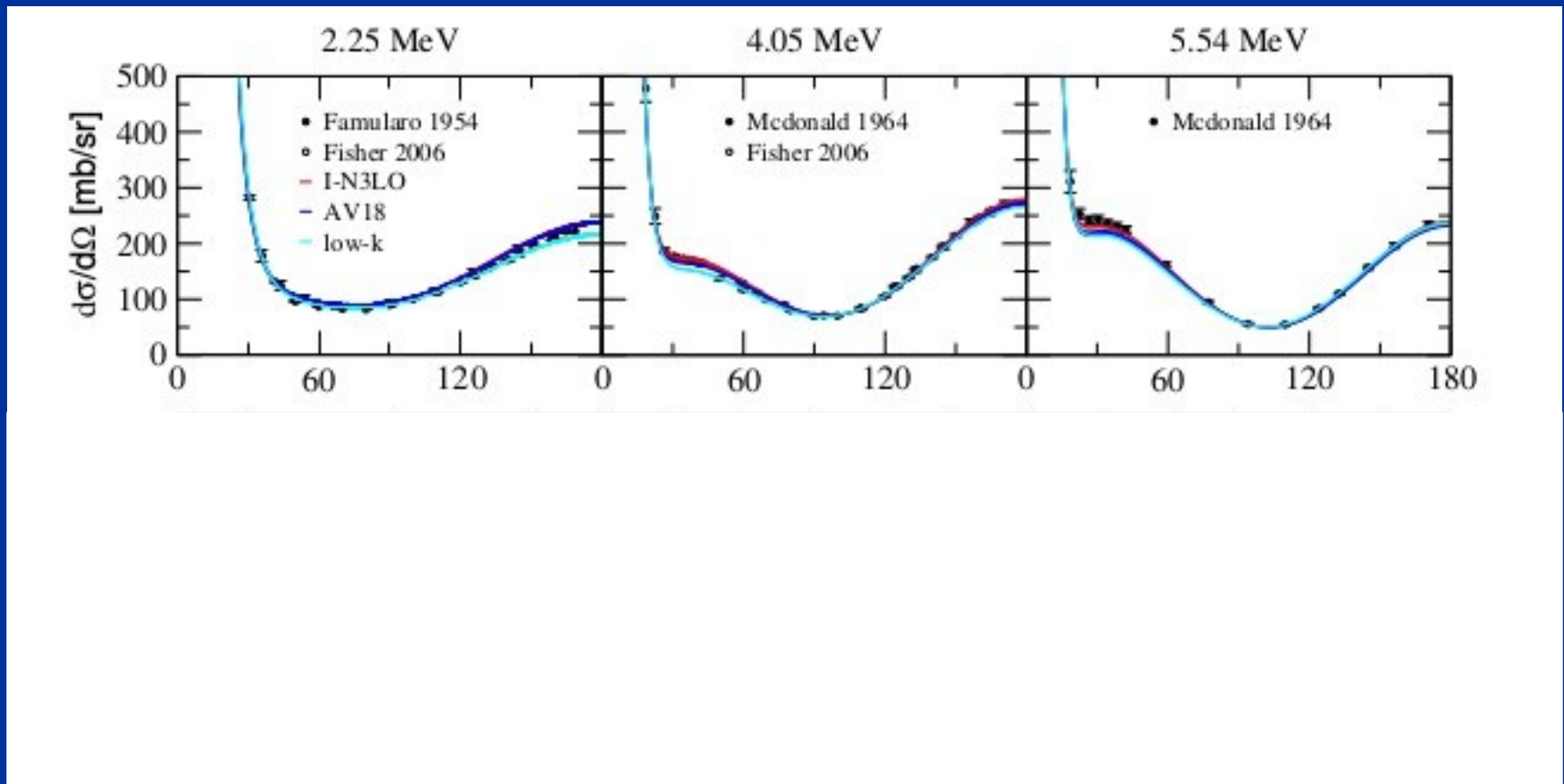
3 methods: FY momentum space, FY configuration space, HH Kohn variational



M. Viviani, A. Deltuva, R. Lazauskas, J. Carbonell, A. C. Fonseca, A. Kievsky, L.E. Marcucci, and S. Rosati Phys. Rev. C 84, 054010 (2011)

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3 different potentials

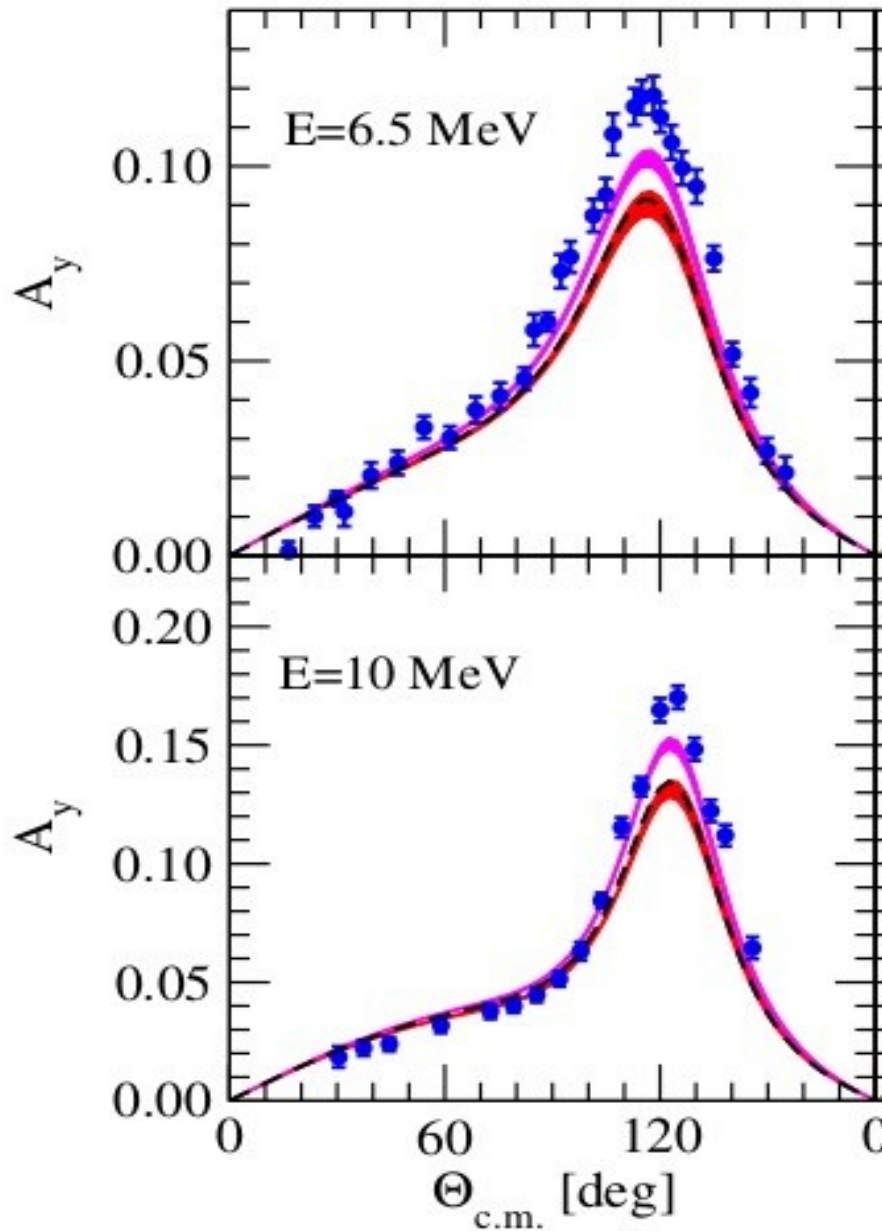


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A_y puzzle:

n - d elastic scattering with polarized
neutrons

“ A_y puzzle”



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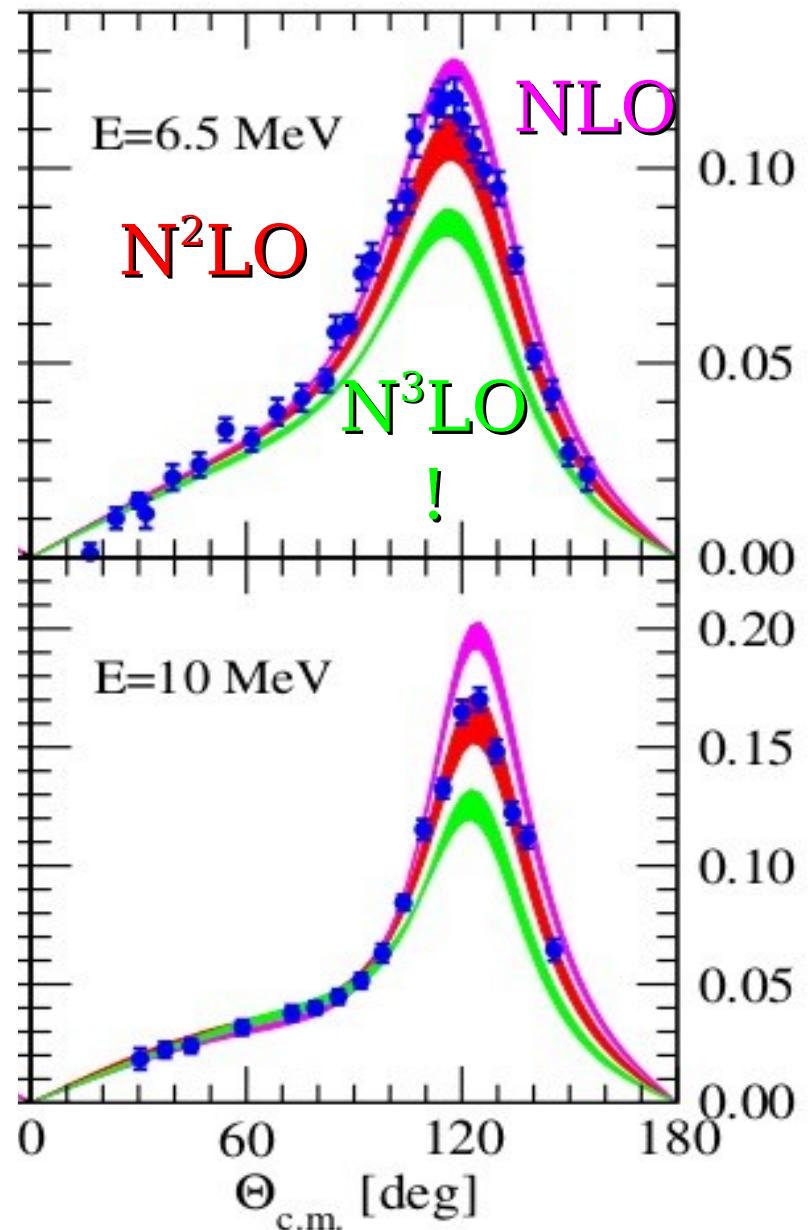
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**Why are there so few
methods for reactions?
Why are they limited to
 $A=3,4$?**

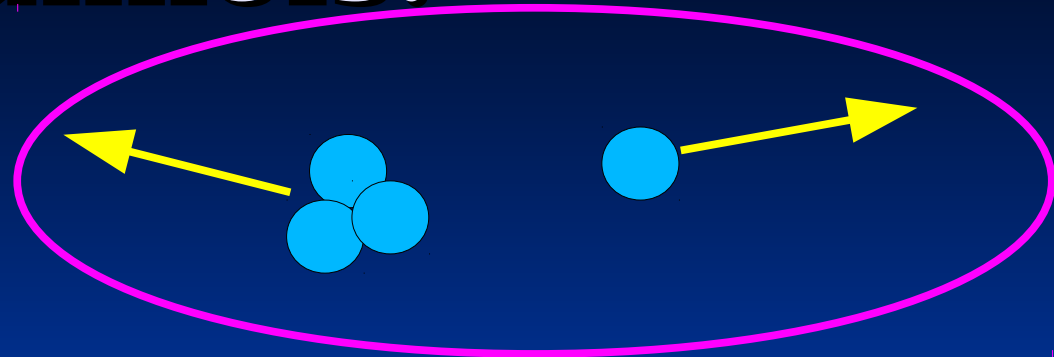
**Account for the
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energies
(scattering many-body problem!)**

Channels:

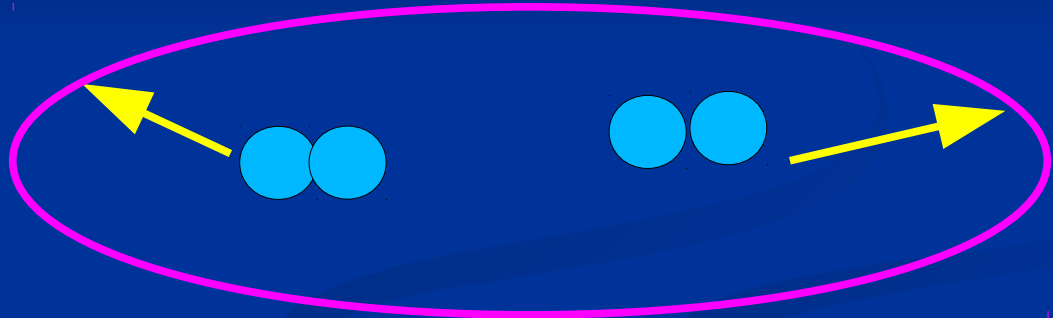


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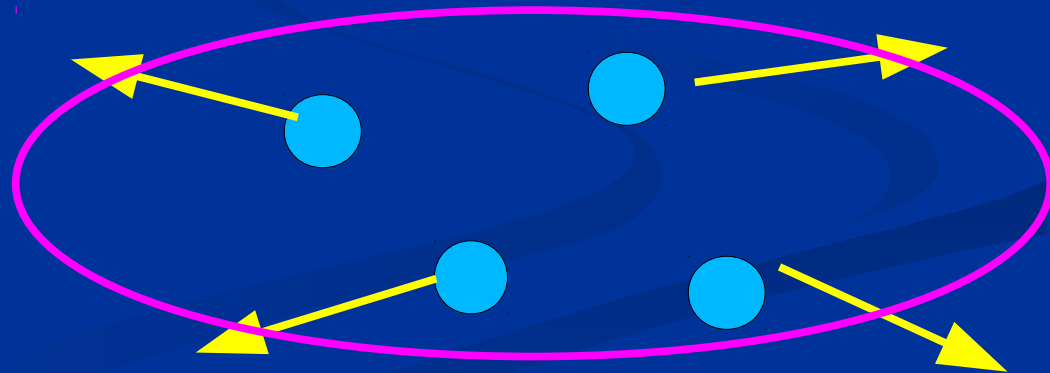
3+1



2+2



1+1+1+1



**Before reaching the
asymptotics condition
all those channels
interfere**

FY equations:

n compact integral equations
(coupled Lippmann-Schwinger-like
equations):

- for $A=3$ **n**=3
- for $A=4$ **n**=28
- for $A=5$ **n** too many !!!
- ...

Today:

- FY: **A=3** cross sections at energies where all channels (**1+2, 1+1+1**) contribute
- FY: **A=4** cross sections at energies where all channels (**1+3, 2+2, 1+1+2**) contribute

Bochum-Cracow school: (Gloeckle, Witala Golak Elster Nogga...)

Bonn-Lisabon-school (Sandhas, Fonseca, Sauer, **Deltuva**....)

Conf. Space: (Carbonell, Lazauskas...)

Alternative approach:

- Configuration space
- Based on Kohn variational principle
- Correct asymptotic conditions

Pisa School: Kievsky, Viviani, Marcucci...

An interesting Astrophysical application:

▶ Recent Planck Satellite results:

Apparent **disagreement** between Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) and primordial deuterium abundance

▶ Crucial input:

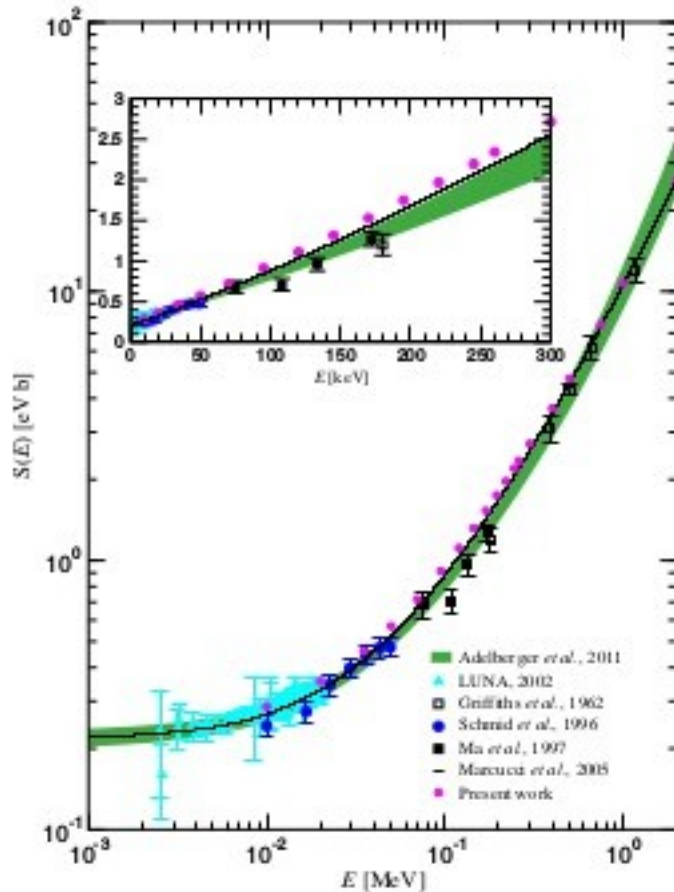
$d(p,\gamma)^3\text{He}$ rate at Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (BBN) temperature range ($E = 30\text{-}300$ keV)

▶ Existing measurements:

unclear, new Luna experiment is planned

▶ **Disagreement becomes agreement if:**

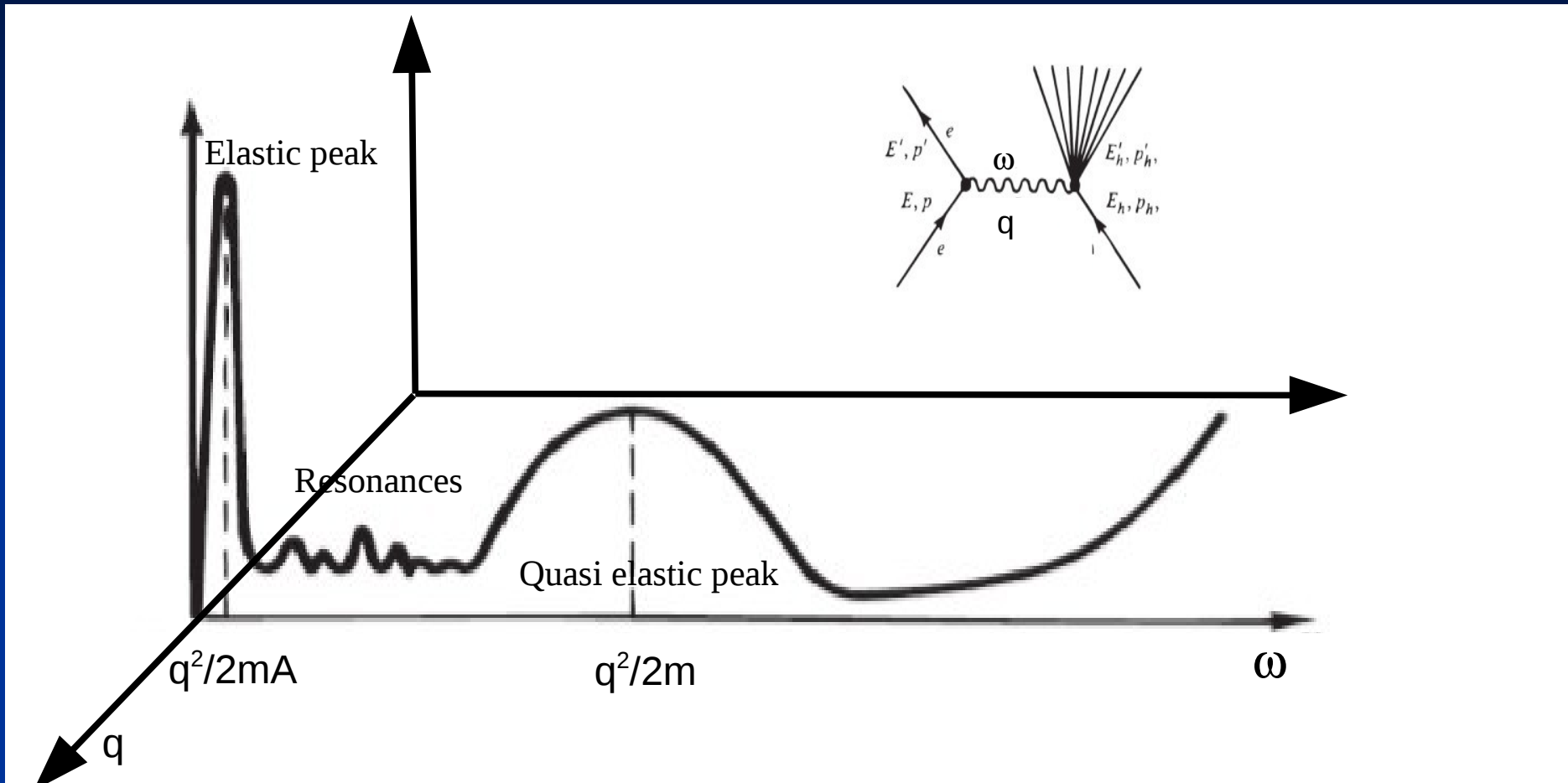
$d(p,\gamma)^3\text{He}$ rate 10% higher than measured



Phen.NN+NNN
 + Many-body currents
 (however from EFT)

L.E. Marcucci, G. Mangano, A. Kievsky and M. Viviani
 Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 102501 (2016)

Nuclear spectrum



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- Point directly to matrix elements!

The basic *ab initio* methods

	Few-body ($A \leq 4$)	Few-body ($4 < A < 12, 20, 40, \dots$)
Structure Bound states	<p><i>Faddeev Yakubowski (FY)</i></p> <p>Diagonalization methods: <i>Hyperspherical Harmonics (HH)</i> <i>Gaussians (GEM, SVM)</i></p> <p><i>No Core Shell Model (NCSM)</i> <i>Effective interaction HH (EIHH)</i></p>	<p>Monte Carlo methods <i>(GFMC, AFDMC)</i></p> <p><i>??Coupled Cluster (CC)??</i></p>
Reactions scattering states	<p><i>Faddeev Yakubowski (FY)</i></p> <p><i>HH Kohn-variational</i></p> <p>Integral Transforms Methods (IT)</p>	

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Suppose we want a spectral function $S(\omega)$

$$S(\omega) = \sum_n |\langle n | \Theta | 0 \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega - E_n + E_0)$$

Scattering states

Energies in the continuum

REMEMBER:

$S(\omega)$ is the observable! $S(\omega) = 1/\pi \text{Im} [\Pi(\omega)]$, where

$$\Pi(\omega) = \int \langle |\Theta^\dagger(t) \Theta(0)| \rangle e^{i\omega t} dt$$

$$S(\omega) = 1/\pi \text{Im} [\langle 0 | \Theta^\dagger (H - E_0 - \omega - i\varepsilon)^{-1} \Theta | 0 \rangle]$$

Green F. with poles on the real axis

$$S(\omega) = \sum_n |\langle n | \Theta | 0 \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega - E_n + E_0)$$

$$\Phi(\sigma) = \int S(\omega) K(\omega, \sigma) d\omega =$$

1) integrate in $d\omega$ using delta function

2) Use $\sum_n |n\rangle \langle n| = I$

$$\Phi(\sigma) = \int S(\omega) K(\omega, \sigma) d\omega =$$



$$\langle 0 | \Theta^\dagger K(H - E_0, \sigma) \Theta | 0 \rangle$$

The calculation of **ANY** transform seems to require, **in principle**, only the knowledge of the ground state!

However,

$K(H-E_0, \sigma)$ can be quite a complicated operator.

So, how to calculate this mean value?



$\Phi(\sigma) =$

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However, a nucleus is NOT “**confined**”!

The nuclear **H** has positive energy eigenstates and therefore, in general, CANNOT be represented on **b.s. eigenfunctions** $|\nu\rangle$
(Continuum discretization approximation)

THE GOOD NEWS:

The representation of H on **b.s. eigenfunctions** $|v\rangle$
and therefore the calculation of the transform via

$$\Phi(\sigma) = \sum_{\lambda} K(\varepsilon_{\lambda} - E_0, \sigma) |\langle \lambda | \Theta | 0 \rangle|^2$$

is **allowed** for **specific kernels** $K(\omega, \sigma)$!


No approximation!

Conditions required:

$$1) \int \mathbf{S}(\omega) d\omega < \infty \quad \left(\Rightarrow \int S(\omega) d\omega = \langle 0 | \Theta^+ \Theta | 0 \rangle \right)$$

$$2) \Phi(\sigma) = \int \mathbf{S}(\omega) K(\omega, \sigma) d\omega < \infty$$

3) $K(\omega, \sigma)$ is a real positive definite function of ω

A side remark on the notation: in

$$\Phi(\sigma) = \int d\omega K(\omega, \sigma) S(\omega)$$

σ can also indicate a set of parameters $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots$

Which is the best kernel?

Let's remember:

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The Laplace Kernel:

$$\Phi(\sigma) = \int e^{-\omega\sigma} S(\omega) d\omega$$

In Condensed Matter Physics:

In Nuclear Physics:

In QCD

$\sigma = \tau =$ it imaginary time!

**$\Phi(\tau)$ is calculated with Monte Carlo Methods
and then inverted with methods
based on Bayesian theorem (MEM)**

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It is well known that the numerical inversion of the **Laplace** Transform can be problematic

Illustration of the problem:

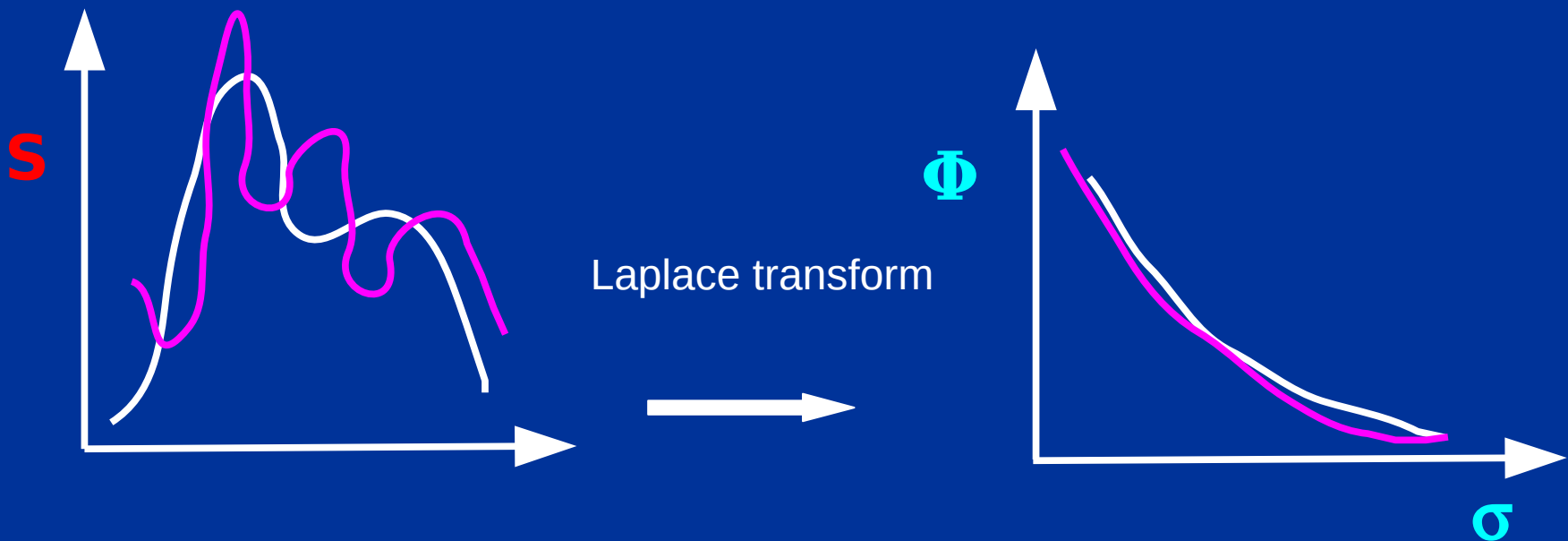


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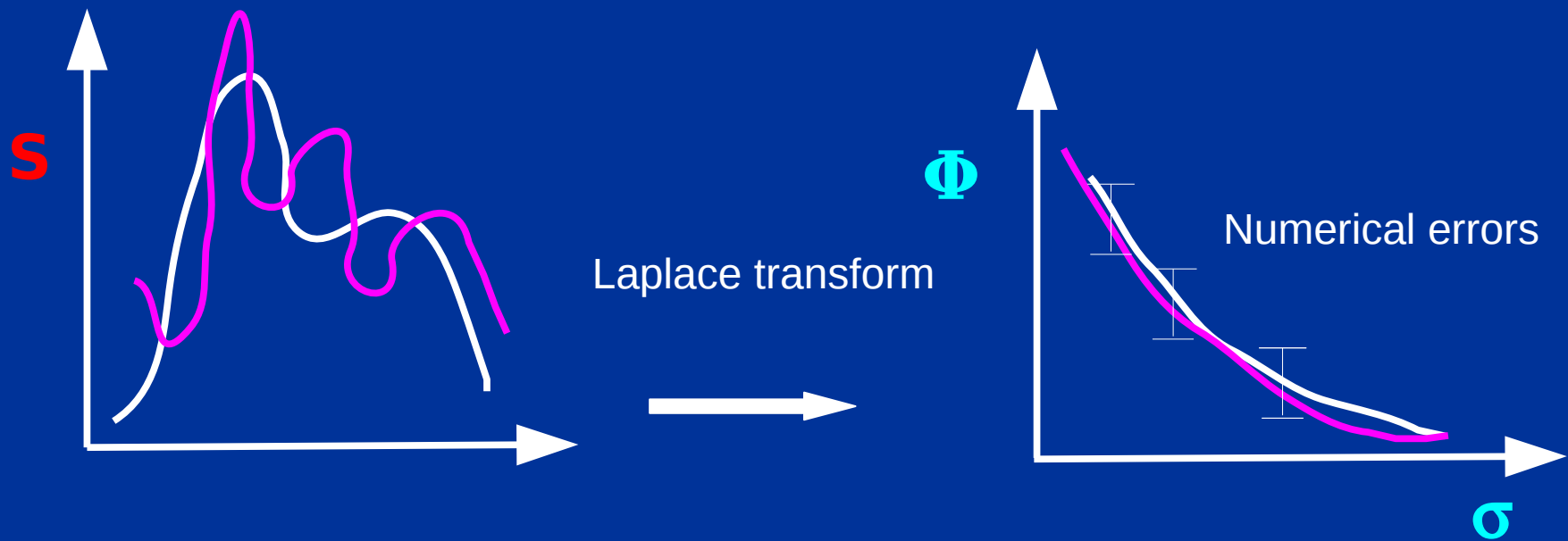
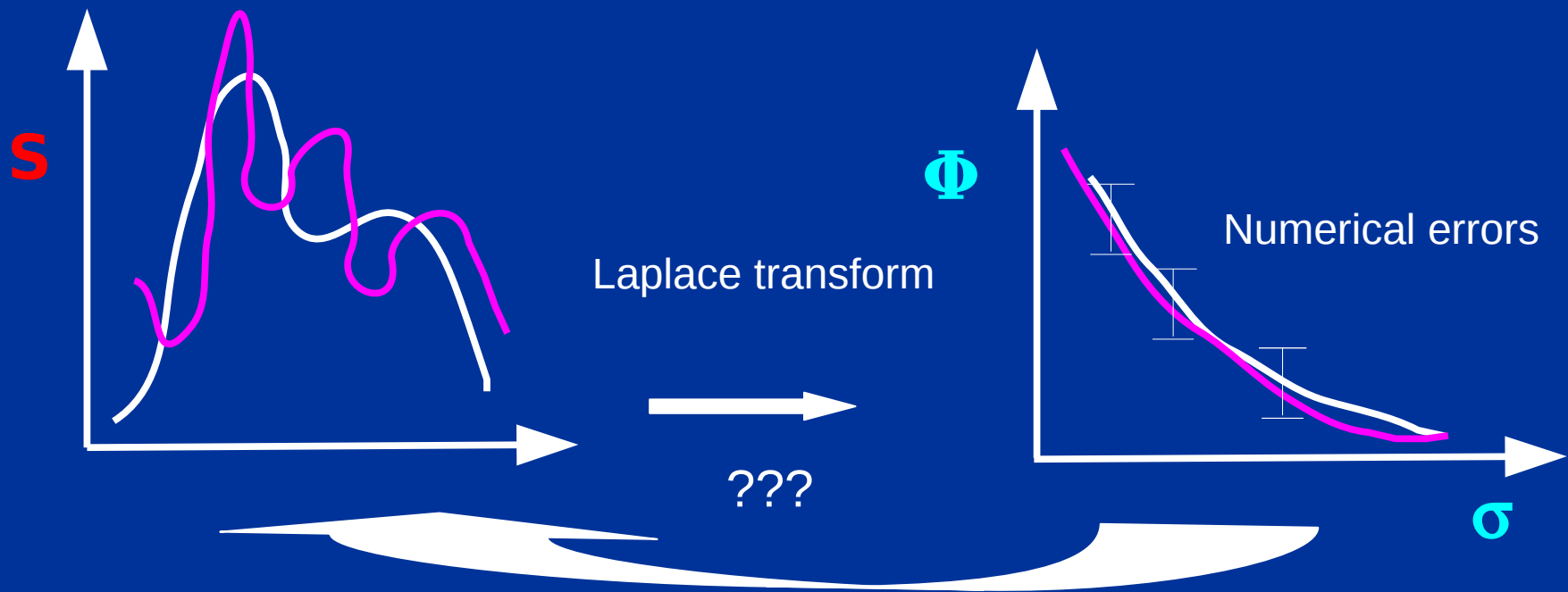


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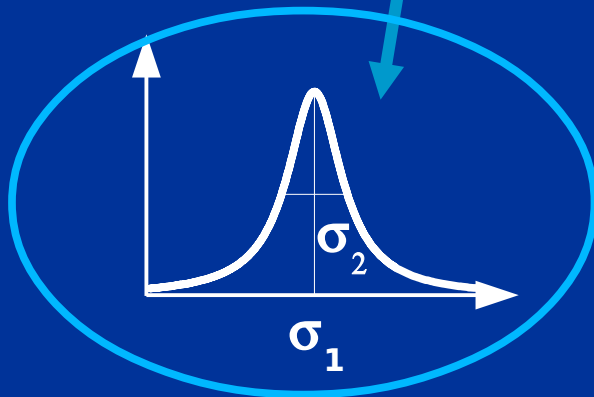
a “**good**” **Kernel** has to satisfy two requirements

1) one must be able to calculate the integral transform

2) one must be able to invert the transform minimizing uncertainties

The Lorentz kernel:

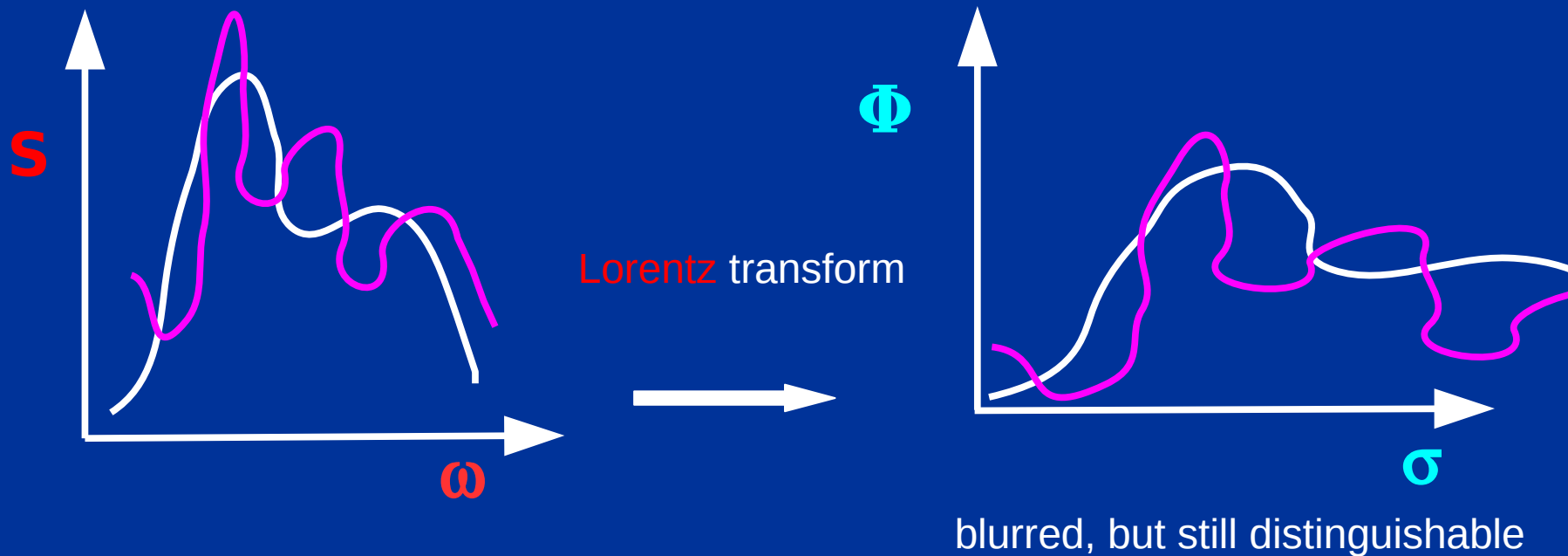
$$K(\omega, \sigma_1, \sigma_2) = [(\omega - \sigma_1)^2 + \sigma_2^2]^{-1}$$



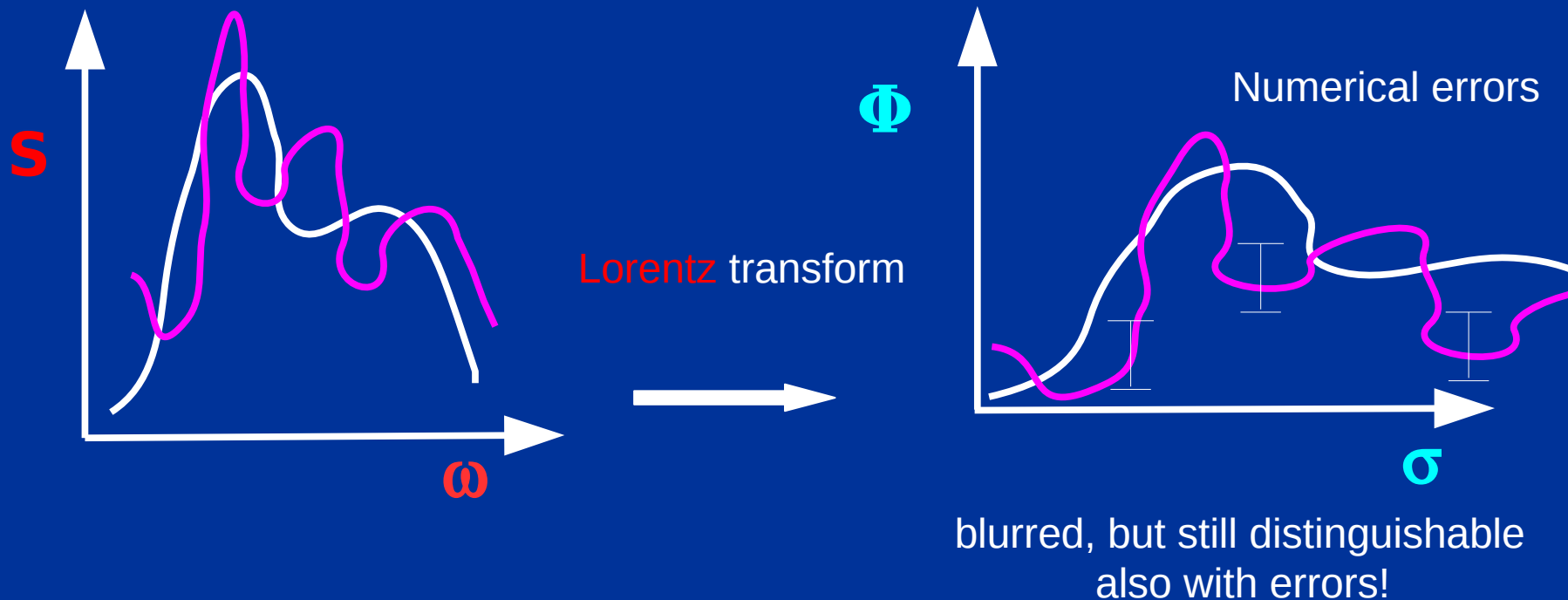
It is a representation
of the
 δ -Function !

$$\Phi(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = \int [(\omega - \sigma_1)^2 + \sigma_2^2]^{-1} S(\omega) d\omega$$

How can one easily understand why the inversion is **much less** problematic?

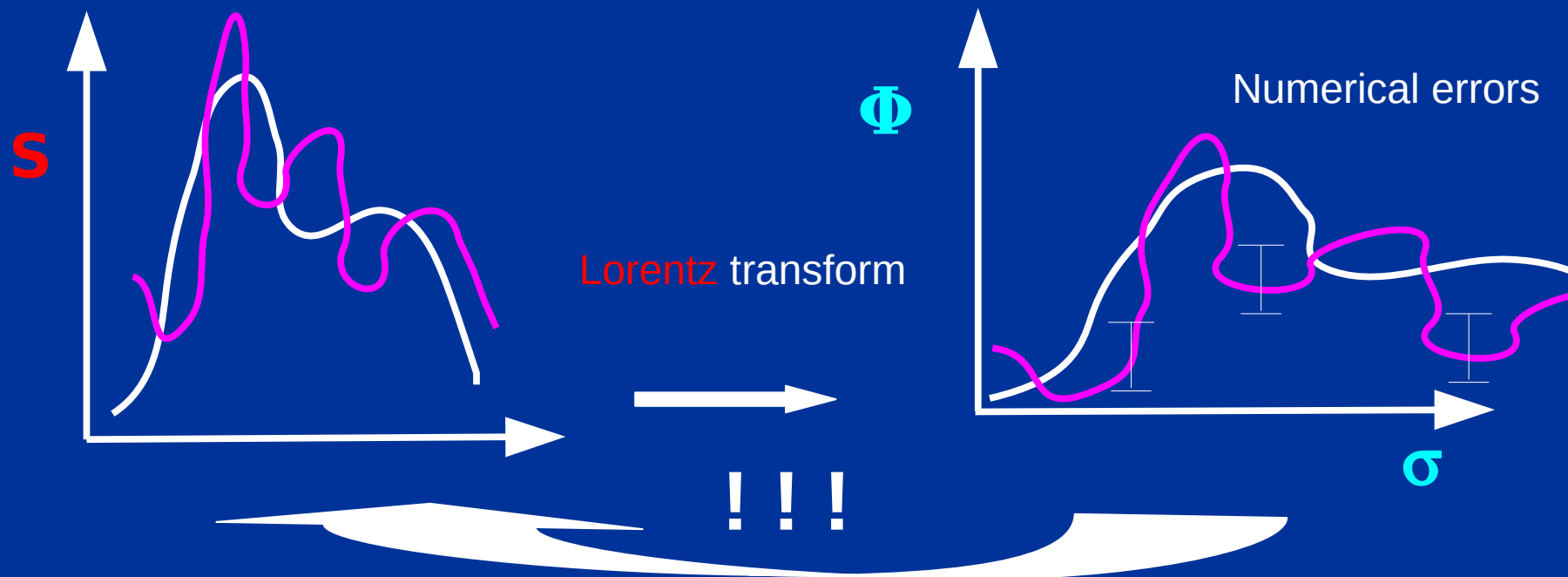


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Inversion: e.g. “regularization method” at fixed width



Many successful applications

See reports:

V. D. Efros, W.Leidemann, G.Orlandini, N.Barnea

“The Lorentz Integral Transform (LIT) method and its applications to perturbation induced reactions”

J. Phys G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 34 (2007) R459-R528

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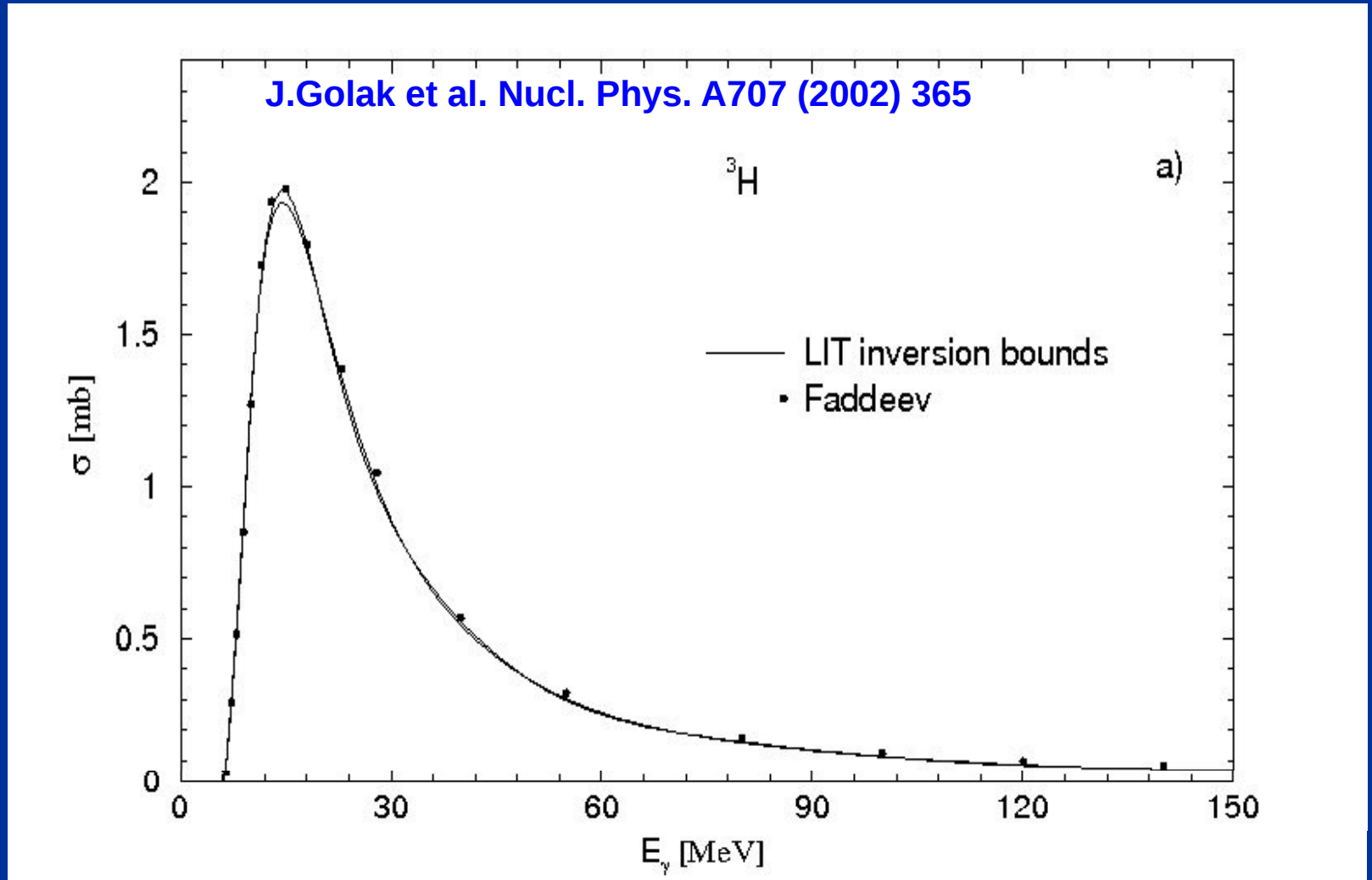
“Modern ab initio approaches and applications in few-nucleon physics with $A \geq 4$ ”

Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics 68 (2013) 158–214

Some results with LIT:

Benchmark TEST on the Triton:

$S(\omega)$ is the Dipole Photoabsorption Cross Section



Ex. N.1:
Inclusive electron scattering
cross section on ^4He
(longitudinal channel)

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Dashed: 2-body force

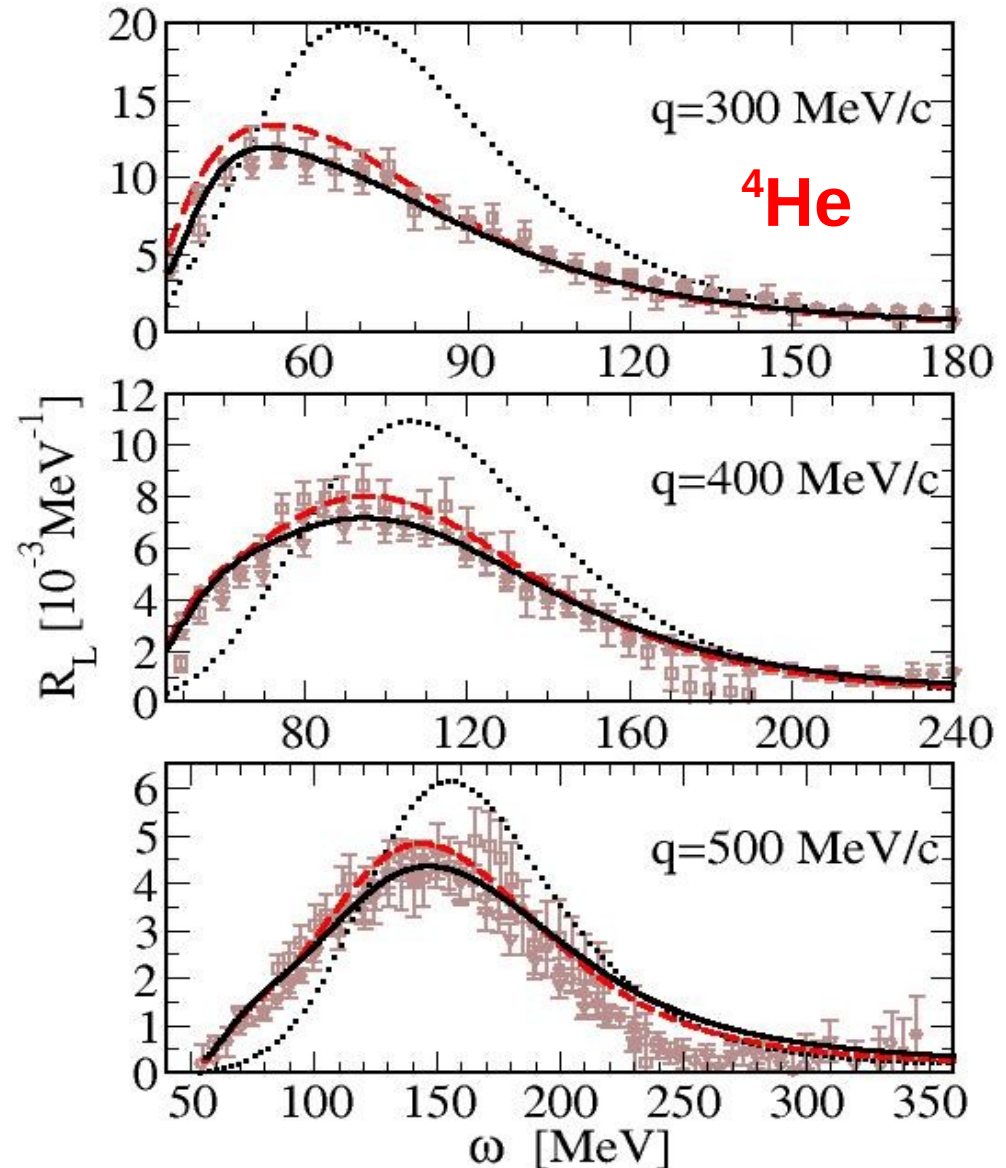
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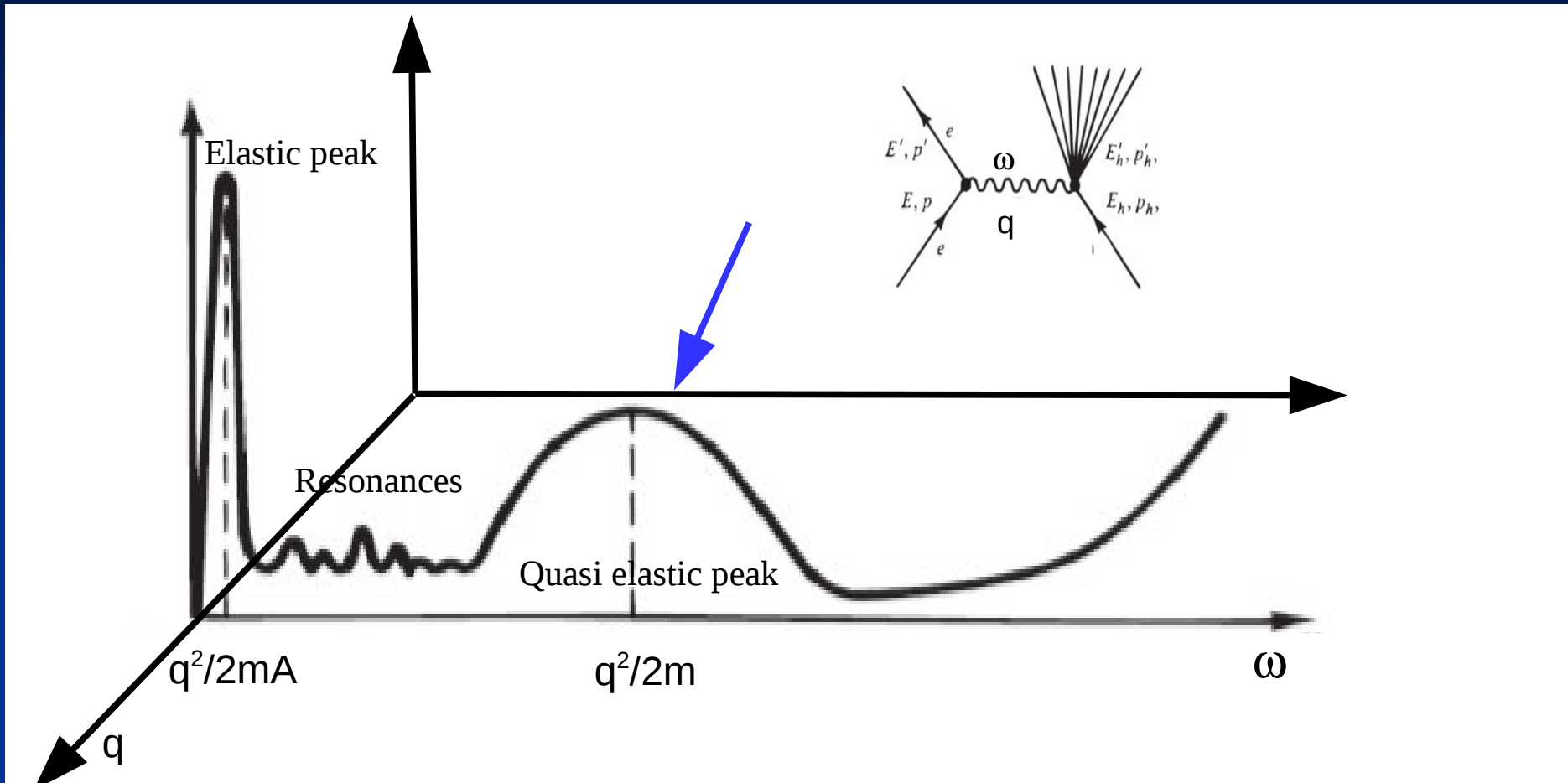
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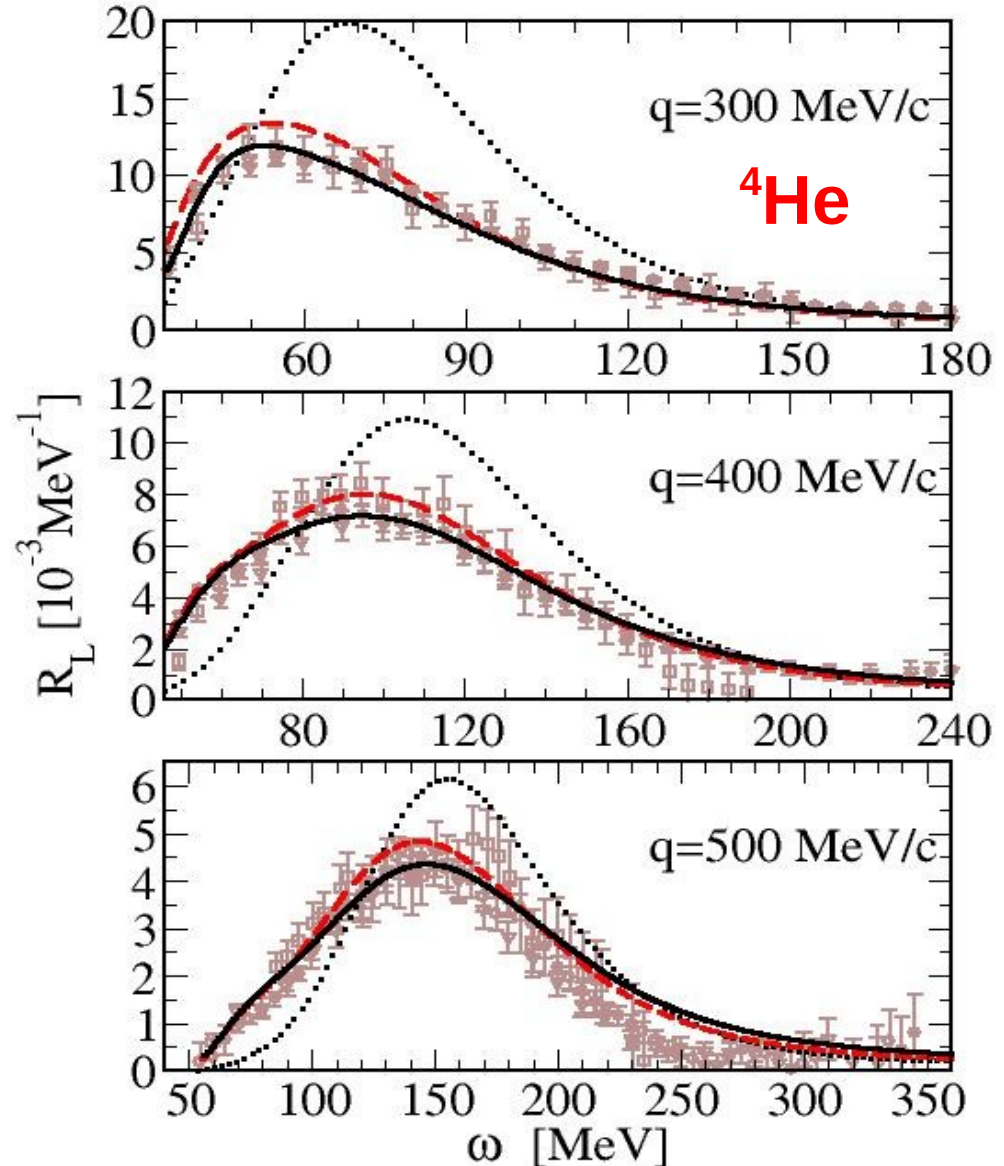
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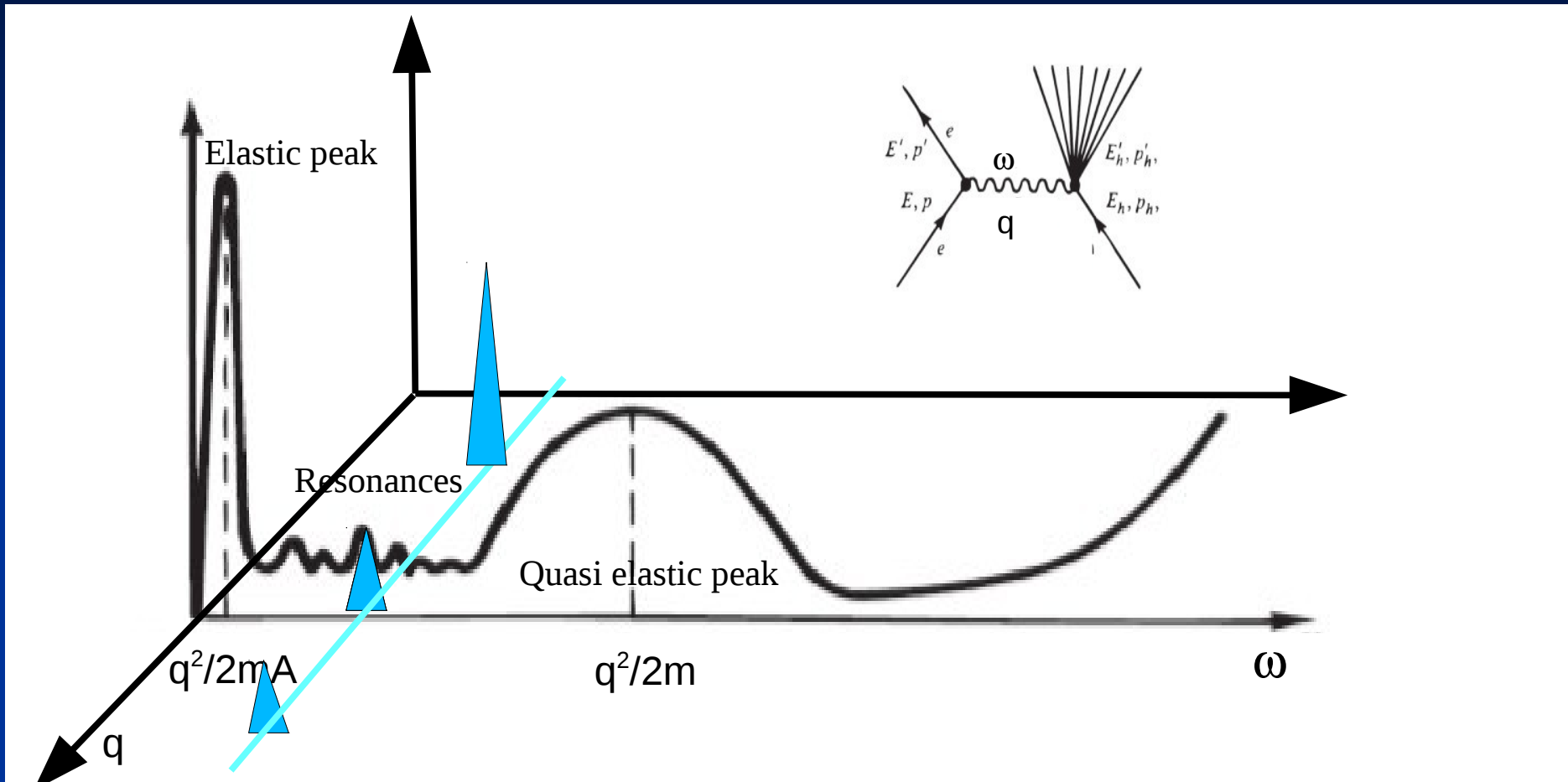


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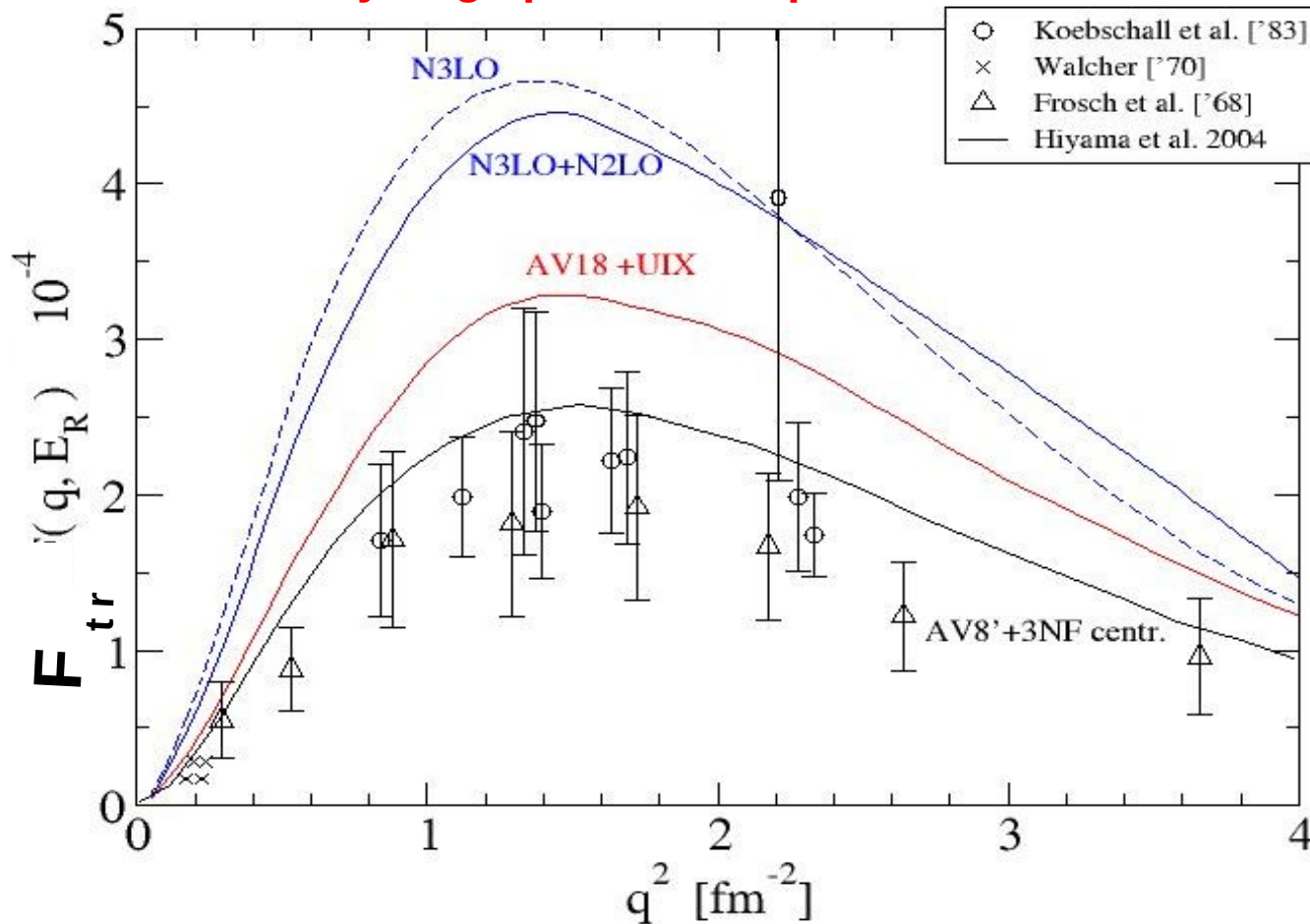


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- We find large potential dependence
- We find hints for a “breathing mode” interpretation

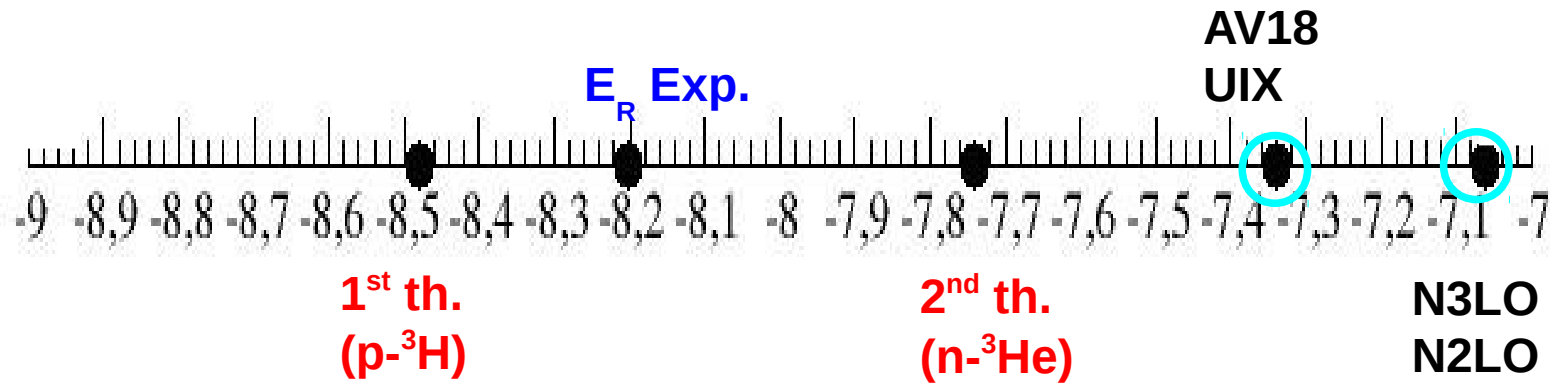
Very large potential dependence !!!



ElHH + LIT methods

Both phenomenological and EFT potentials
With and without 3-body forces

ENERGIES

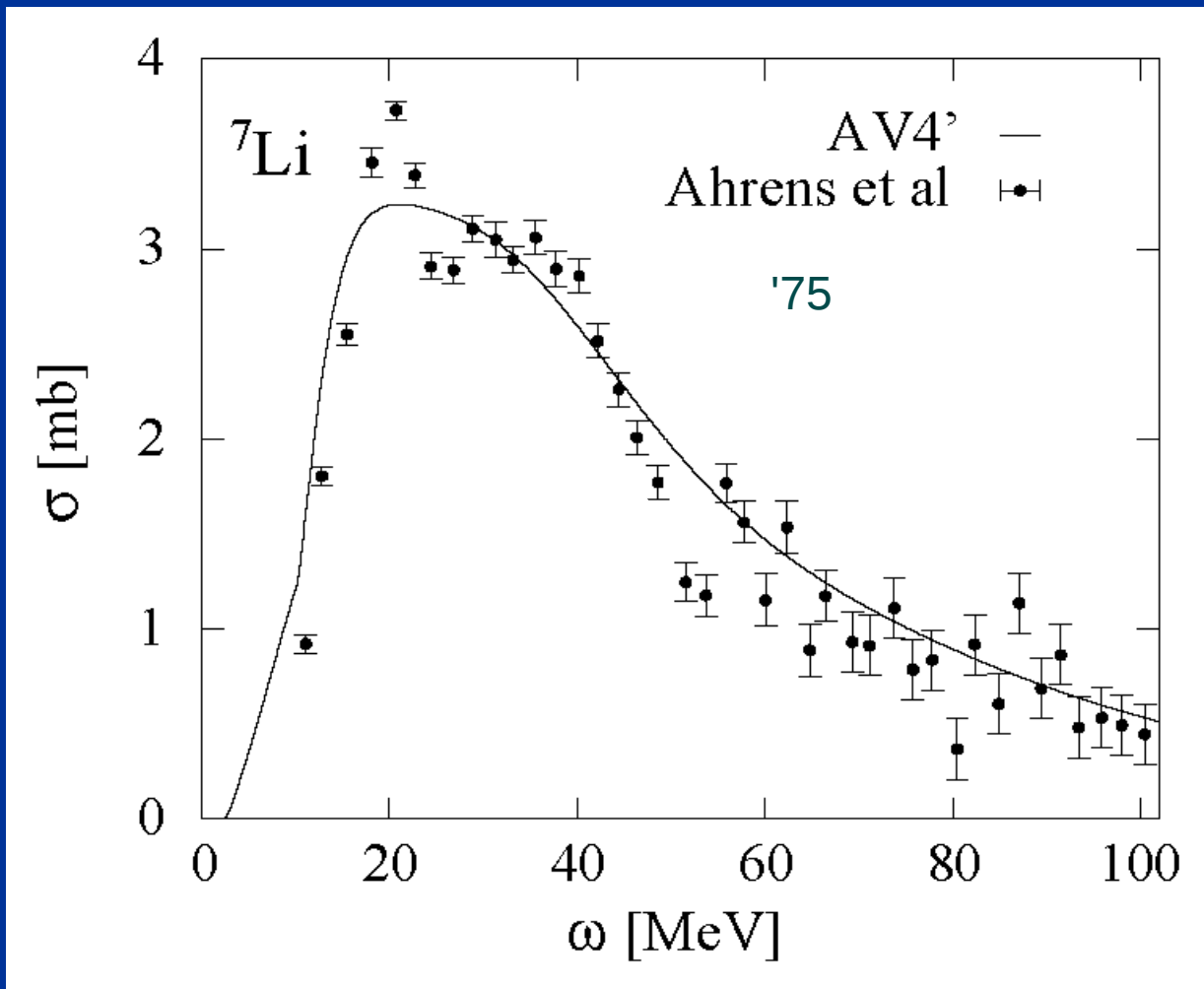


Ex. N.3:

E1 cross sections & Dipole Polarizabilities

- existence of Giant Resonances of ^4He , ^6He , ^6Li , ^7Li , ^{16}O , ^{40}Ca ... (recent and planned measurements of ^{22}O and ^{48}Ca)
- coupling the **LIT** method with bound state methods (**EIHH** and **CC**) one gets the results in the following slides:

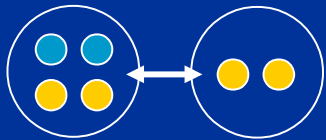
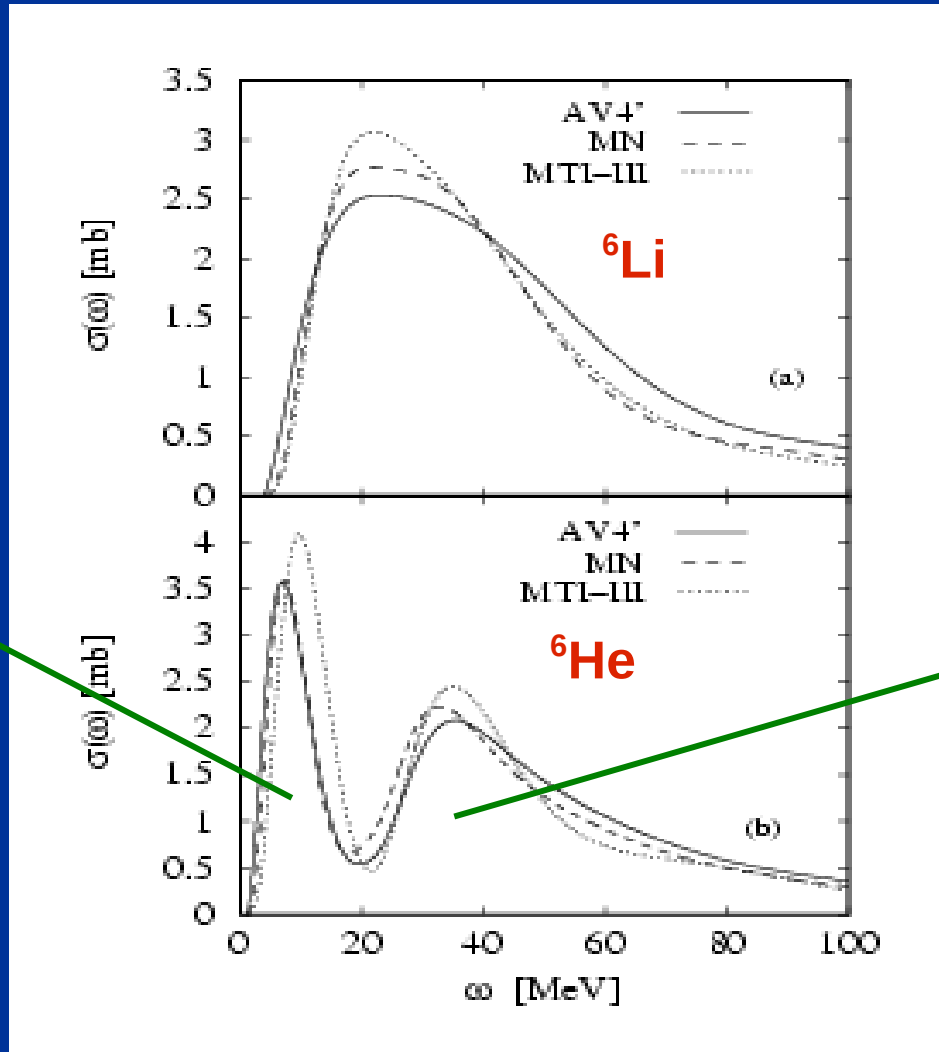
7-Body total photodisintegration with **LIT** method



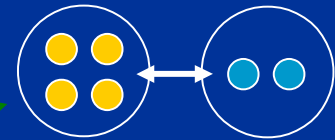
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6-Body total photodisintegration

S.Bacca et al. PRL89(2002)052502



soft mode



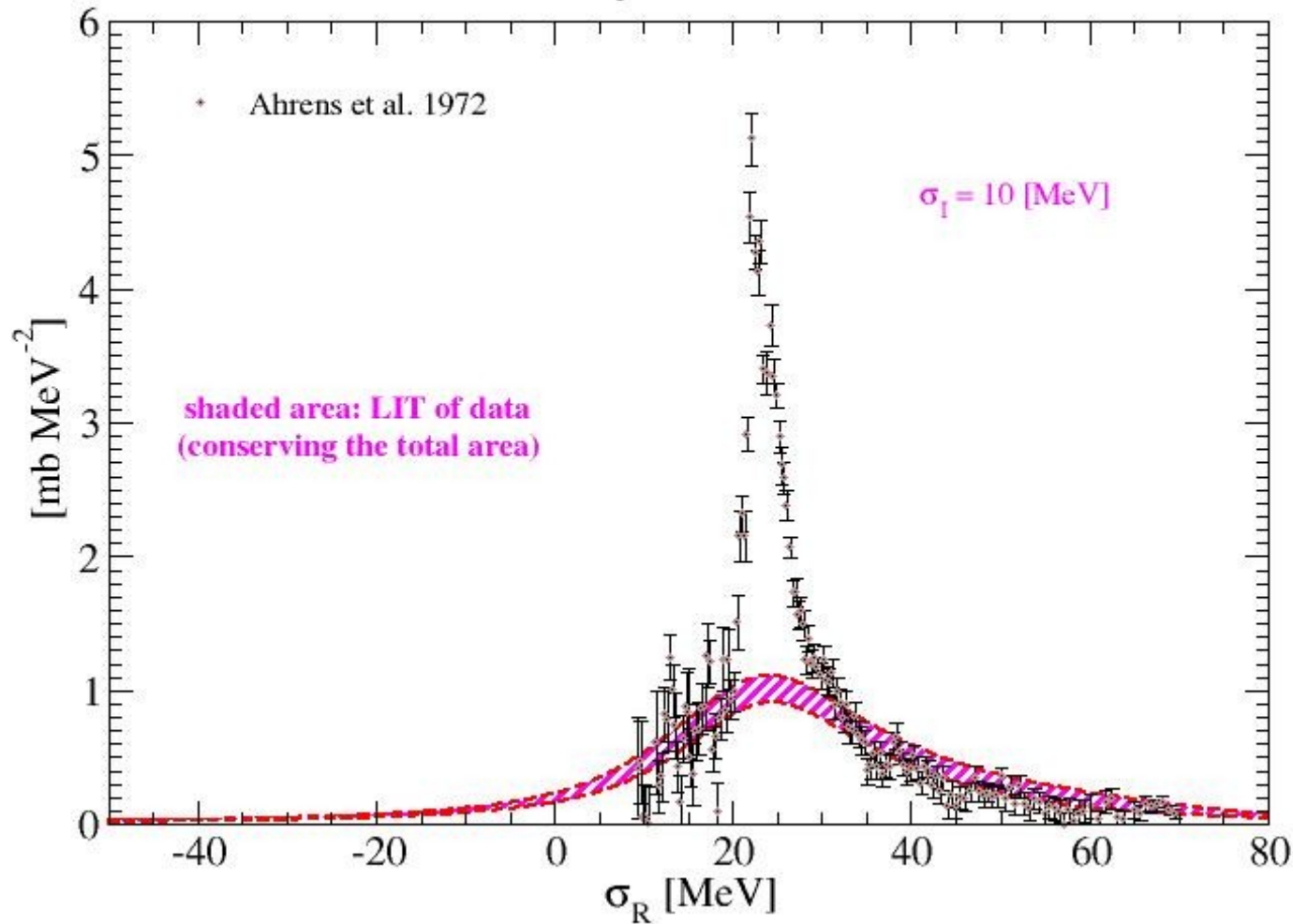
classical GT mode

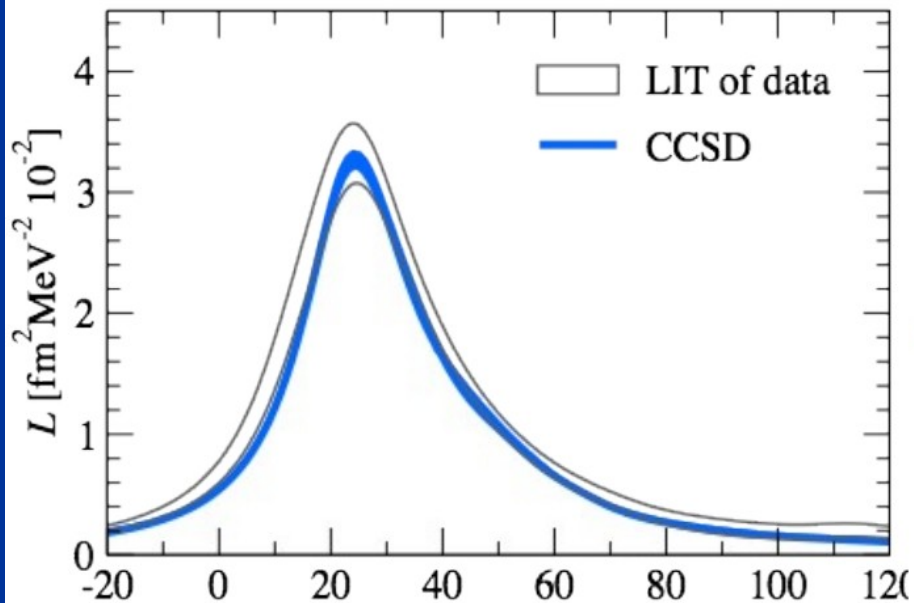
Theory:
LIT+ EIHH

Larger A?

Exper. LIT of the photoabsorption cross section of ^{16}O

$\sigma_I = 10$ [MeV]





S. Bacca, et al. *Phys.Rev.Lett.* **111** 122502
(2013)

LIT +CC(SD) methods

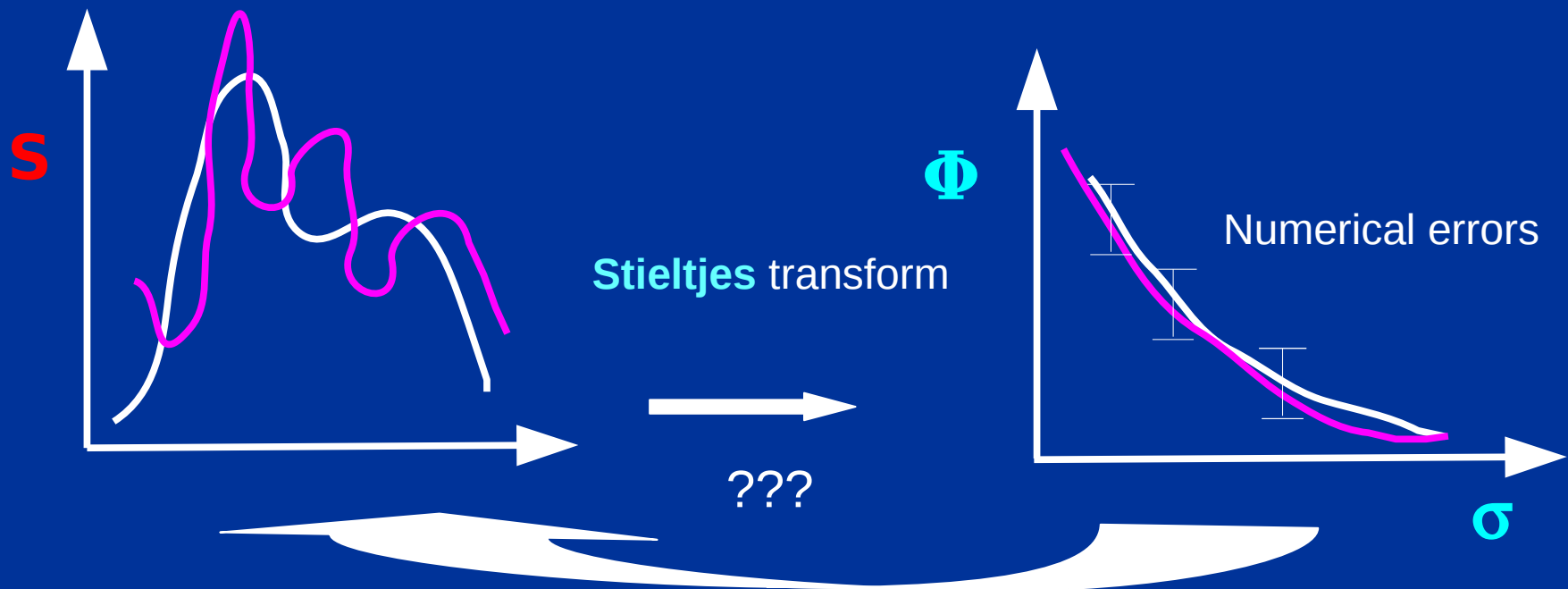
N3LO EFT 2-body
potential only

Other Kernels?

The Stieltjes Kernel:

$$K(\omega, \sigma) = (\omega + \sigma)^{-1}$$

Illustration of the problem:
Same as Laplace!



**However, it may be useful
for another purpose:**

In fact:

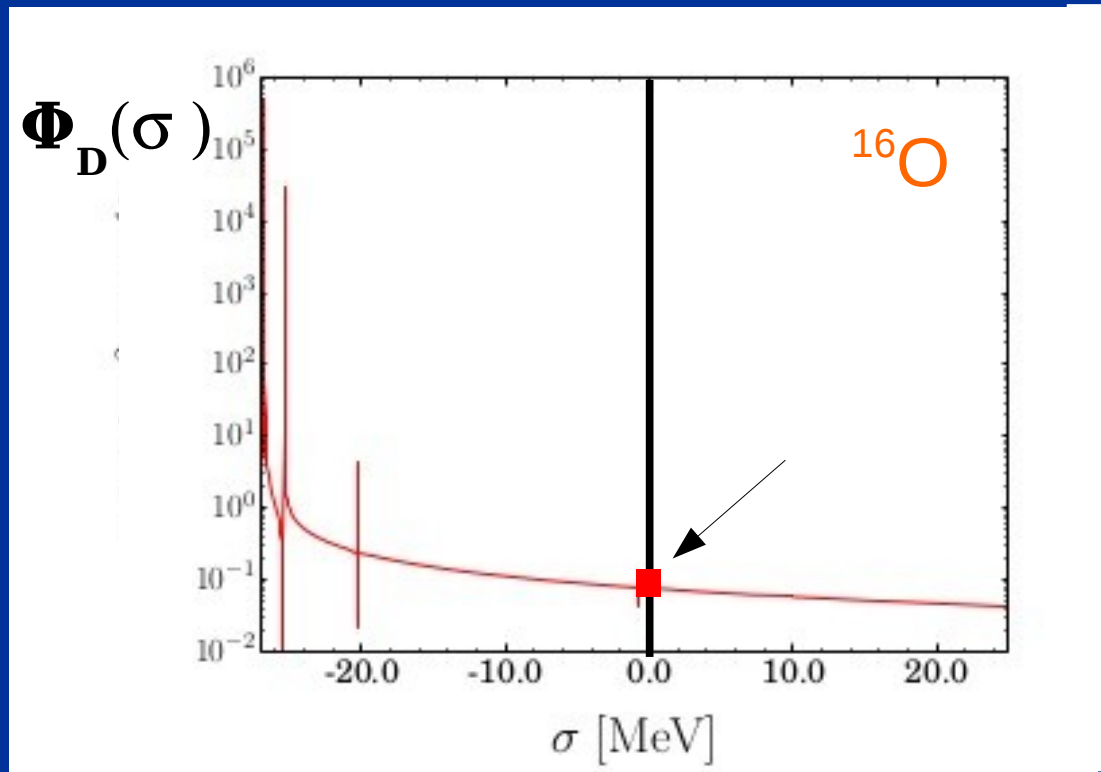
$$\lim_{\sigma \rightarrow 0} \Phi(\sigma) = \int S(\omega) \omega^{-1} d\omega = \alpha_{\Theta}$$

“generalized polarizability”

e.g. electric polarizability, magnetic susceptibility,
compressibility etc... depending on Θ

Recent results
on α_{Θ} with $\Theta = D$
(El. Dipole Polarizability)

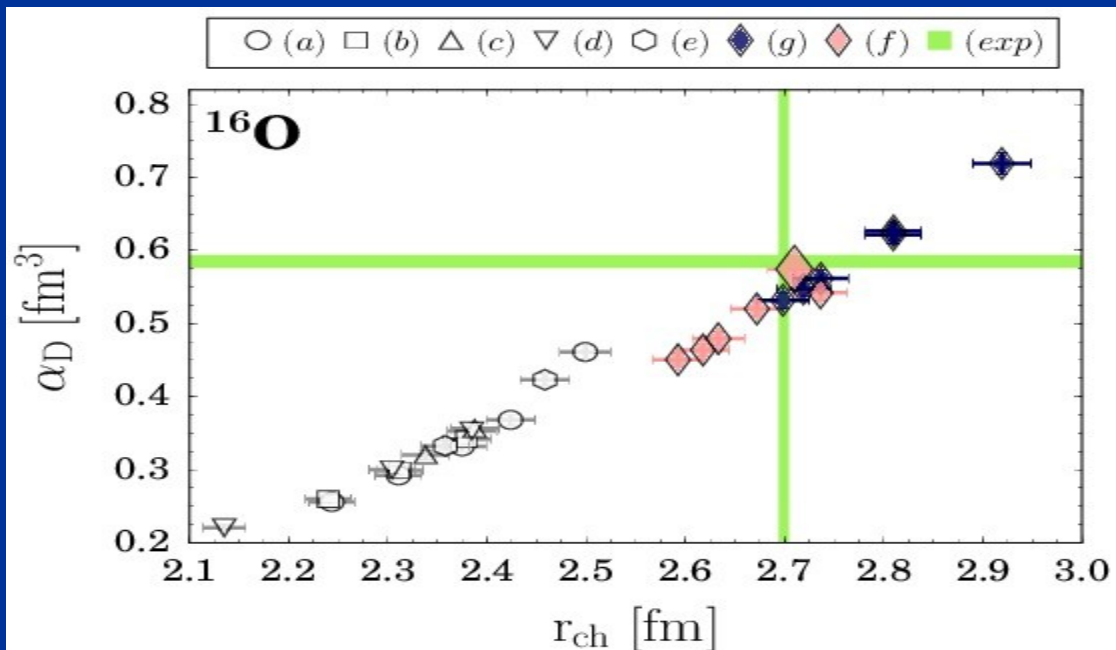
Electric Dipole Polarizability as limit of
the Stieltjes transform for $\sigma \rightarrow 0$



M.Miorelli et al. nucl.th-arXiv 1604-05381

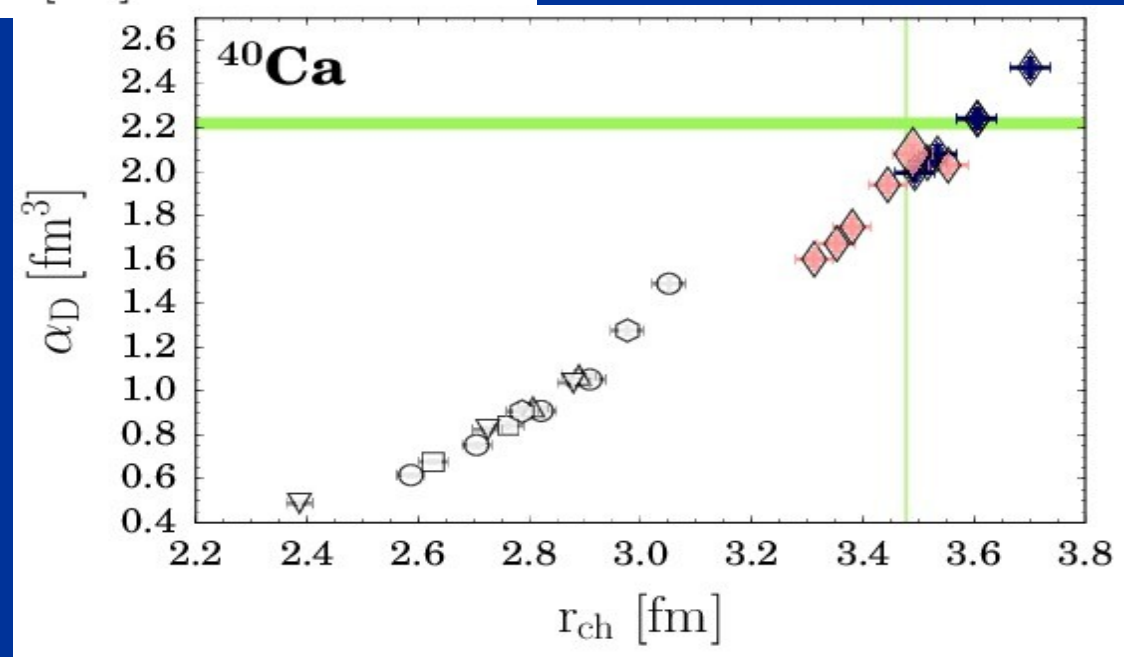
b.s. expansion: Coupled Cluster

(non hermitian) Lanczos diagonalization



Interesting correlation
with the proton charge radius

Role of 3b-force



G. Hagen et al.
Nature Phys. 2016

A Transform with a kernel suitable for Monte Carlo methods:

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Finite sum of Laplace Kernels!

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$$\tau(P, k, \sigma) = \log(b/a) [P a / (b - a) + k] / \sigma$$

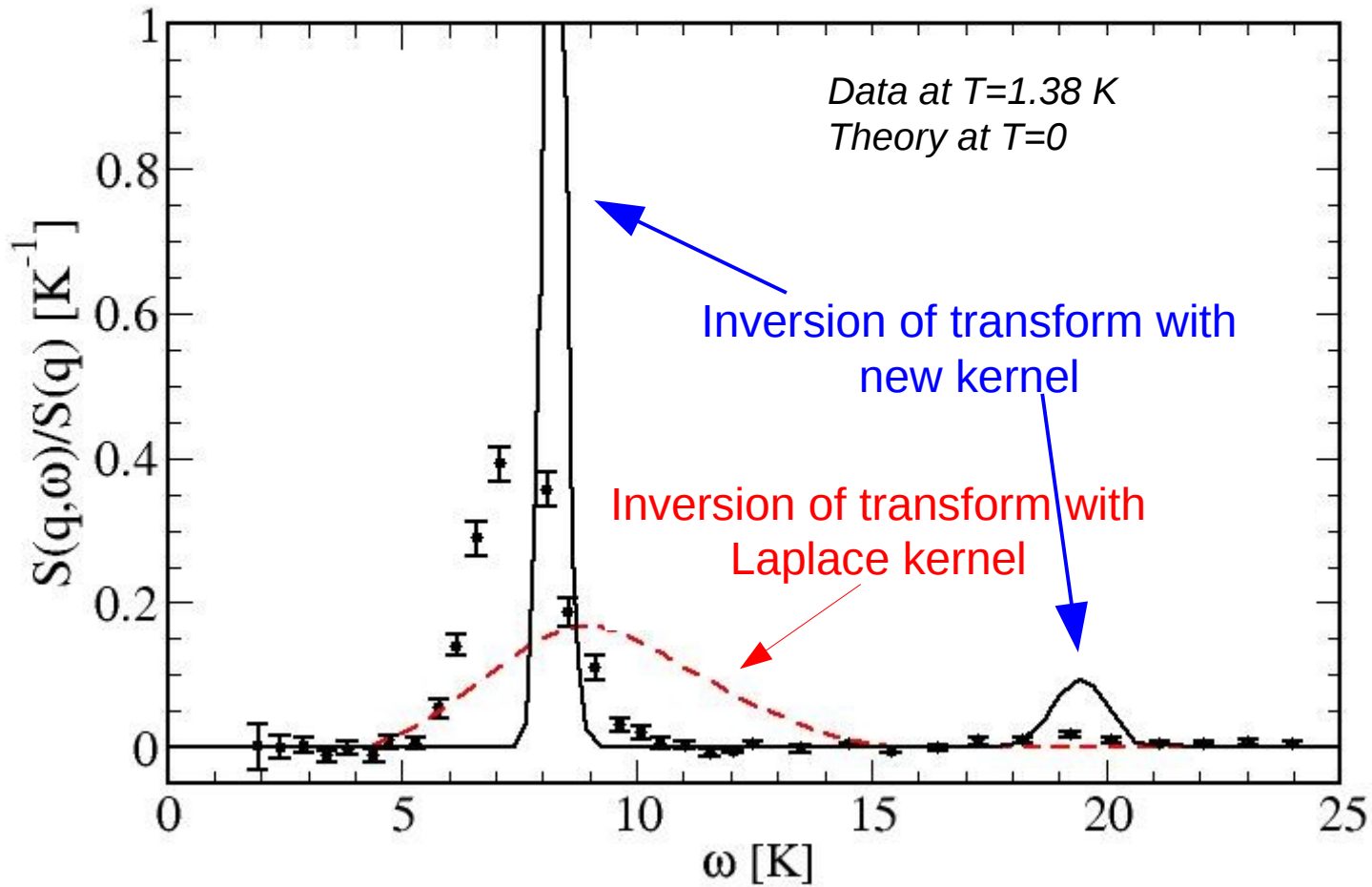
Small width ---> large P ---> **large** imaginary time

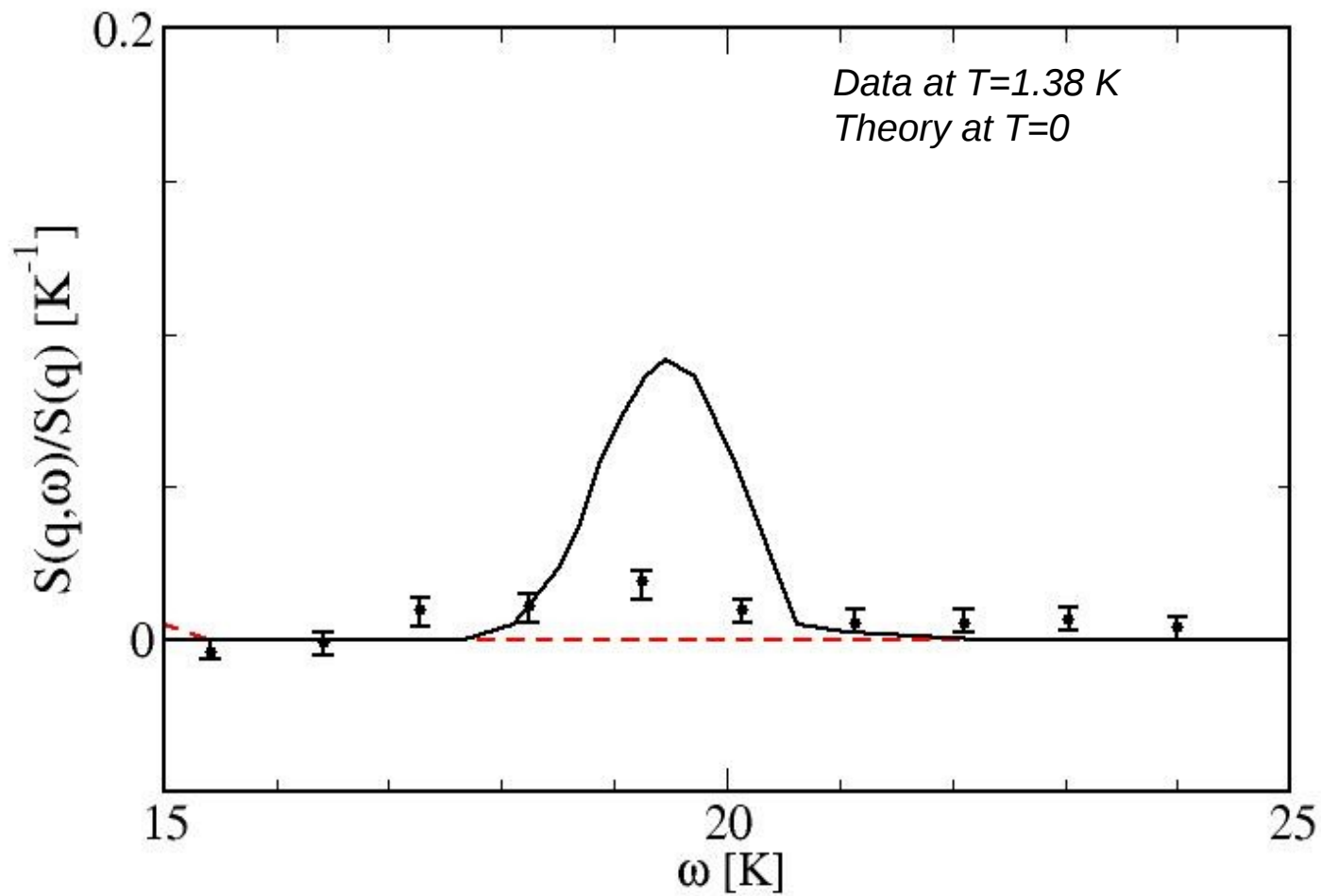
Bosonic system: Liquid Helium

The transform is calculated with
AFDMC and then inverted with MEM

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Summary:

- Ab initio few-body methods help building the bridge between QCD and nuclear phenomena
- They are moving from the traditional $A=2,3$ regime to larger systems
- IT methods are alternative approaches to overcome the many-body scattering problem

THANK YOU!

