

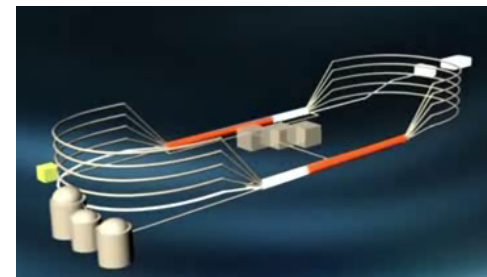
# From QCD to ab initio nuclear structure with point nucleons and back again

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# *Ab initio* nuclear physics – fundamental ?'s



- What controls nuclear saturation?
- How the nuclear shell model emerges from the underlying theory?
- What are the properties of nuclei with extreme neutron/proton ratios?
- Can we predict useful cross sections that cannot be measured?
- Can nuclei provide precision tests of the fundamental laws of nature?
- Under what conditions do we need QCD to describe nuclear structure?



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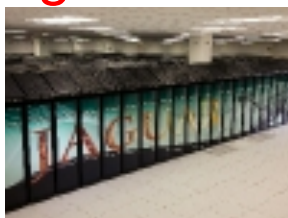


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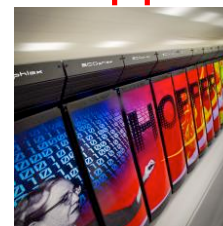
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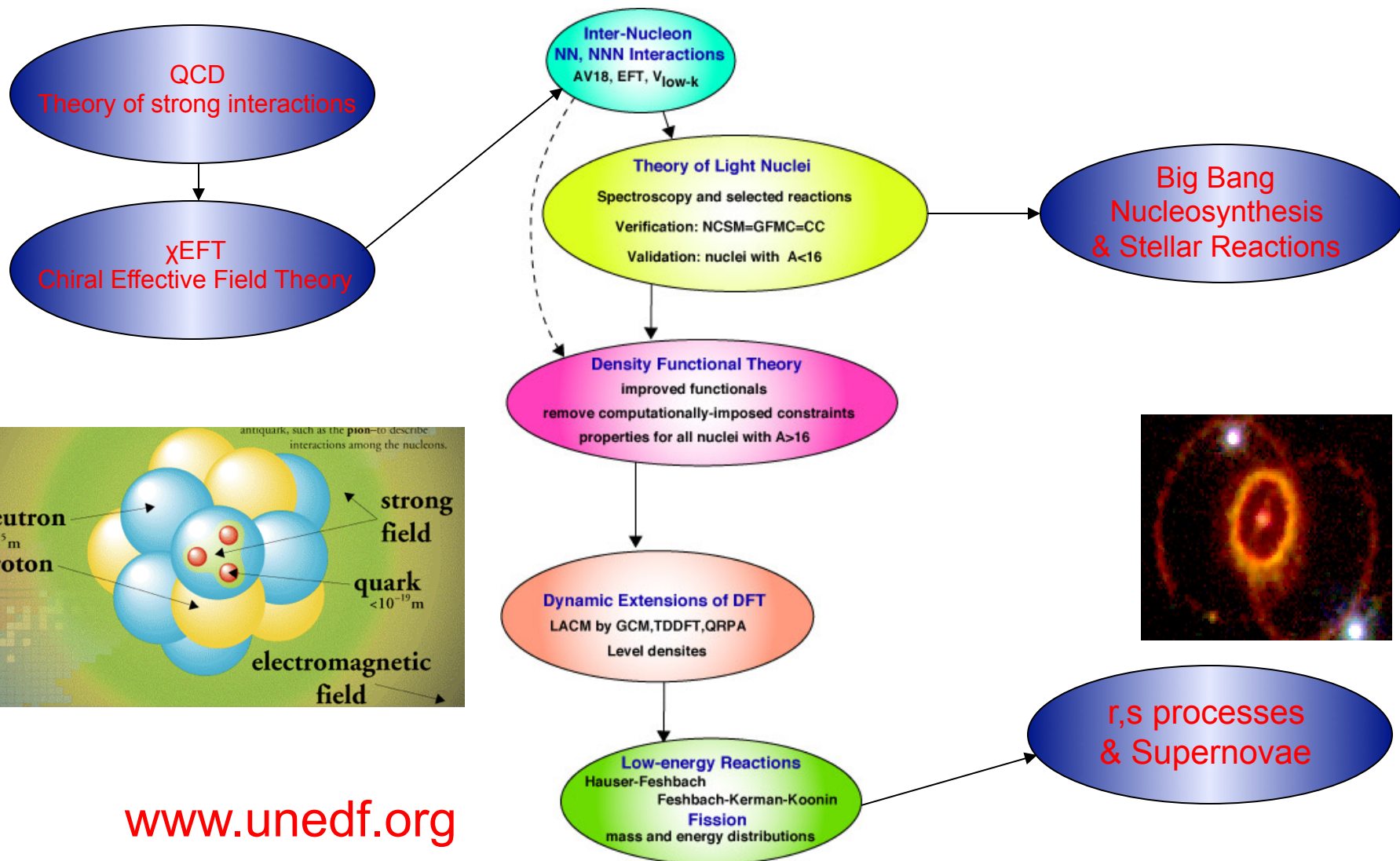
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# UNEDF SciDAC Collaboration

## Universal Nuclear Energy Density Functional



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## The Nuclear Many-Body Problem

The many-body Schroedinger equation for bound states consists of  $2^A \binom{A}{Z}$  coupled second-order differential equations in  $3A$  coordinates using strong (NN & NNN) and electromagnetic interactions.

Successful *ab initio* quantum many-body approaches ( $A > 6$ )

Stochastic approach in coordinate space

Greens Function Monte Carlo (**GPMC**)

Hamiltonian matrix in basis function space

No Core Shell Model (**NCSM**)

No Core Full Configuration (**NCFC**)

Cluster hierarchy in basis function space

Coupled Cluster (**CC**)

Lattice + EFT approach (New)

Coming - Gorkov Green's Function, . . .

### Comments

All work to preserve and exploit symmetries

Extensions of each to scattering/reactions are well-underway

They have different advantages and limitations

# All interactions are “effective” until the ultimate theory unifying all forces in nature is attained.

Thus, even the Standard Model, incorporating QCD,  
is an effective theory valid below the Planck scale  
 $\lambda < 10^{19} \text{ GeV/c}$

The “bare” NN interaction, usually with derived quantities,  
is thus an effective interaction valid up to some scale, typically  
the scale of the known NN phase shifts and Deuteron gs properties  
 $\lambda \sim 600 \text{ MeV/c (3.0 fm}^{-1}\text{)}$

Effective NN interactions can be further renormalized to lower scales  
and this can enhance convergence of the many-body applications  
 $\lambda \sim 300 \text{ MeV/c (1.5 fm}^{-1}\text{)}$

“Consistent” NNN and higher-body forces, as well as electroweak  
currents, are those valid to the same scale as their corresponding  
NN partner, and obtained in the same renormalization scheme.

## ab initio renormalization schemes

SRG: Similarity Renormalization Group

OLS: Okubo-Lee-Suzuki

Vlowk: V with low k scale limit

UCOM: Unitary Correlation Operator Method  
and there are more!

# Effective Nucleon Interaction

## (Chiral Perturbation Theory)

Chiral perturbation theory ( $\chi$ PT) allows for controlled power series expansion

Expansion parameter :  $\left(\frac{Q}{\Lambda_\chi}\right)^v$ ,  $Q$  – momentum transfer,

$\Lambda_\chi \approx 1 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\chi$  – symmetry breaking scale

2N Force      3N Force      4N Force

$Q^0$   
LO

$Q^2$   
NLO

Within  $\chi$ PT  $2\pi$ -NNN Low Energy Constants (LEC) are related to the NN-interaction LECs  $\{c_i\}$ .

$Q^3$   
NNLO

$C_D$        $C_E$

Terms suggested within the Chiral Perturbation Theory

$Q^4$   
N<sup>3</sup>LO

Regularization is essential, which is obvious within the Harmonic Oscillator wave function basis.

## No Core Shell Model

### A large sparse matrix eigenvalue problem

$$H = T_{rel} + V_{NN} + V_{3N} + \dots$$

$$H|\Psi_i\rangle = E_i|\Psi_i\rangle$$

$$|\Psi_i\rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n^i |\Phi_n\rangle$$

$$\text{Diagonalize } \{\langle \Phi_m | H | \Phi_n \rangle\}$$

- Adopt realistic NN (and NNN) interaction(s) & renormalize as needed - retain induced many-body interactions: **Chiral EFT interactions and JISP16**
- Adopt the 3-D Harmonic Oscillator (HO) for the single-nucleon basis states,  $\alpha, \beta, \dots$
- Evaluate the nuclear Hamiltonian,  $H$ , in basis space of HO (Slater) determinants (manages the bookkeeping of anti-symmetrization)
- Diagonalize this sparse many-body  $H$  in its “m-scheme” basis where  $[\alpha = (n, l, j, m_j, \tau_z)]$

$$|\Phi_n\rangle = [a_{\alpha}^+ \dots a_{\zeta}^+]_n |0\rangle$$
$$n = 1, 2, \dots, 10^{10} \text{ or more!}$$

- Evaluate observables and compare with experiment

### Comments

- Straightforward but computationally demanding => new algorithms/computers
- Requires convergence assessments and extrapolation tools
- Achievable for nuclei up to  $A=20$  (40) today with largest computers available



Diagram illustrating a 2x2 block matrix structure, likely representing a Hamiltonian or system matrix, partitioned into blocks:

- Top-left block (yellow):  $H_{\text{eff}}$
- Top-right block (white):  $0$
- Bottom-left block (white):  $0$
- Bottom-right block (yellow):  $QXH X^{-1}Q$

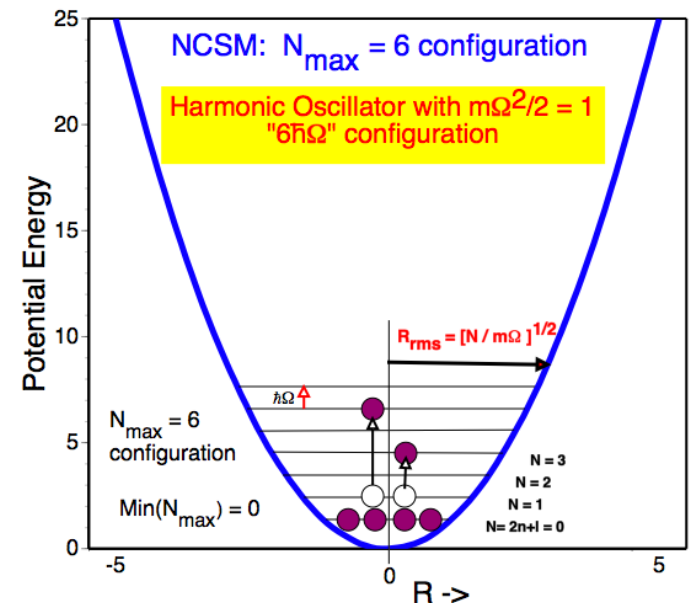
Labels above the matrix indicate the partitioning:

- Top-left:  $P$
- Top-right:  $Q$
- Bottom-left:  $Q$

A red box labeled  $N_{\text{max}}$  is positioned to the left of the top-left block.

$$H_{\text{eff}} = PXHX^{-1}P$$

- $n$ -body cluster approximation,  $2 \leq n \leq A$
- $H_{\text{eff}}^{(n)}$   $n$ -body operator
- Two ways of convergence:
  - For  $P \rightarrow 1$   $H_{\text{eff}}^{(n)} \rightarrow H$
  - For  $n \rightarrow A$  and fixed  $P$ :  $H_{\text{eff}}^{(n)} \rightarrow H_{\text{eff}}$





Controlling the center-of-mass (cm) motion  
in order to preserve Galilean invariance

Add a Lagrange multiplier term acting on the cm alone  
so as not to interfere with the internal motion dynamics

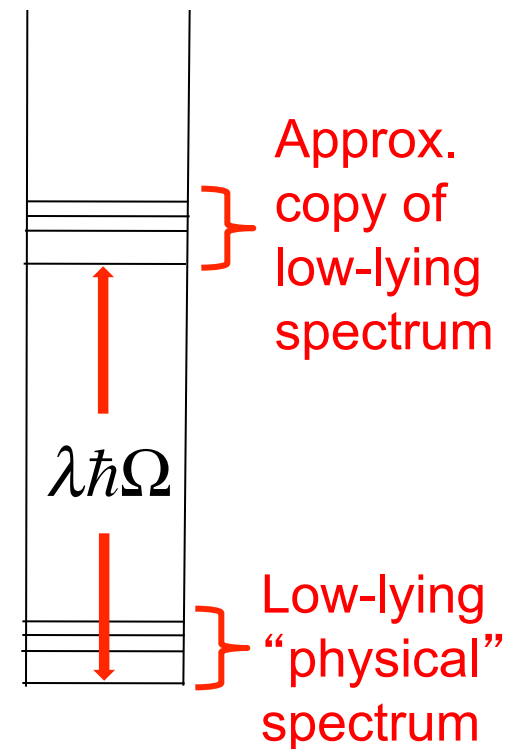
$$H_{eff}(N_{max}, \hbar\Omega) \equiv P[T_{rel} + V^a(N_{max}, \hbar\Omega)]P$$

$$H = H_{eff}(N_{max}, \hbar\Omega) + \lambda H_{cm}$$

$$H_{cm} = \frac{P^2}{2M_A} + \frac{1}{2}M_A\Omega^2 R^2$$

$\lambda \sim 10$  suffices

Along with the  $N_{max}$  truncation in the HO basis,  
the Lagrange multiplier term guarantees that  
all low-lying solutions have eigenfunctions that  
factorize into a 0s HO wavefunction for the cm  
times a translationally invariant wavefunction.



# Structure of $A = 10\text{--}13$ Nuclei with Two- Plus Three-Nucleon Interactions from Chiral Effective Field Theory

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Strong correlation  
between  $c_D$  and  $c_E$   
for exp'l properties  
of  $A = 3$  & 4

=> Retain this  
correlation in  
applications to  
other systems

Range favored by  
various analyses &  
values are “natural”

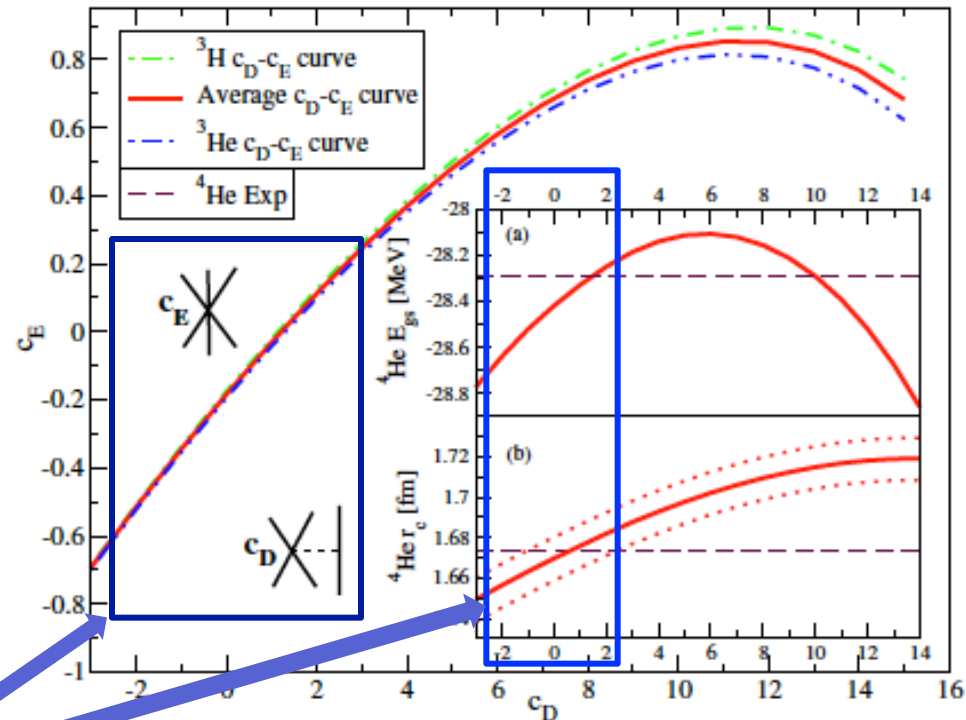
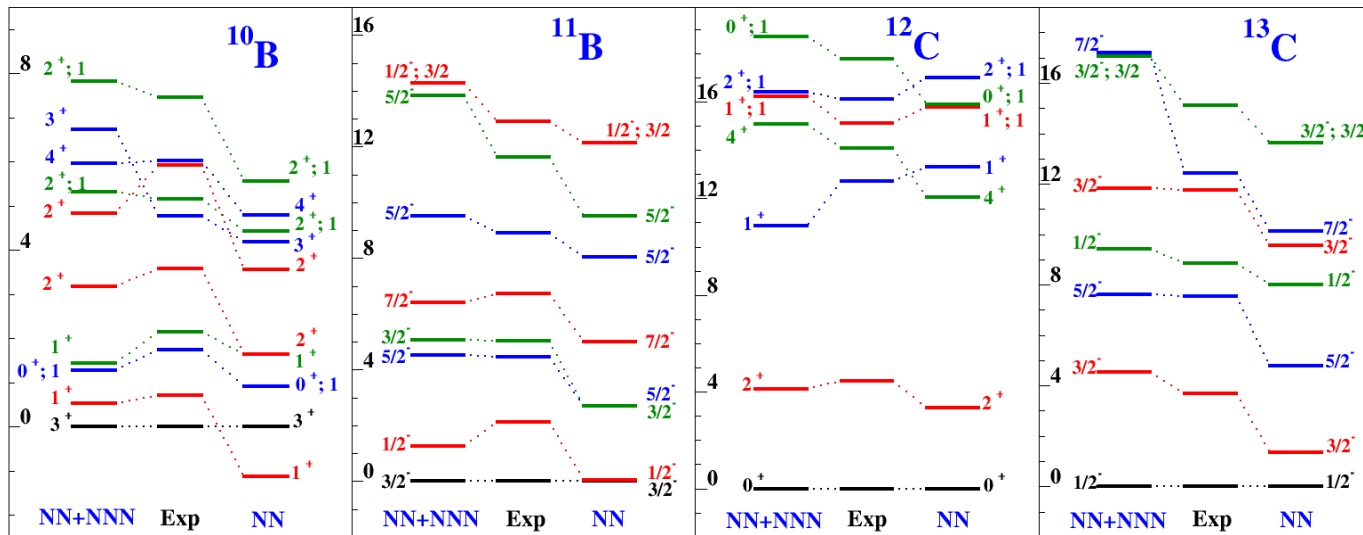


FIG. 1 (color online). Relations between  $c_D$  and  $c_E$  for which the binding energy of  ${}^3\text{H}$  (8.482 MeV) and  ${}^3\text{He}$  (7.718 MeV) are reproduced. (a)  ${}^4\text{He}$  ground-state energy along the averaged curve. (b)  ${}^4\text{He}$  charge radius  $r_c$  along the averaged curve. Dotted lines represent the  $r_c$  uncertainty due to the uncertainties in the proton charge radius.

### **ab initio NCSM with $\chi_{\text{EFT}}$ Interactions**

- Only method capable to apply the  $\chi_{\text{EFT}}$  NN+NNN interactions to all p-shell nuclei
- Importance of NNN interactions for describing nuclear structure and transition rates



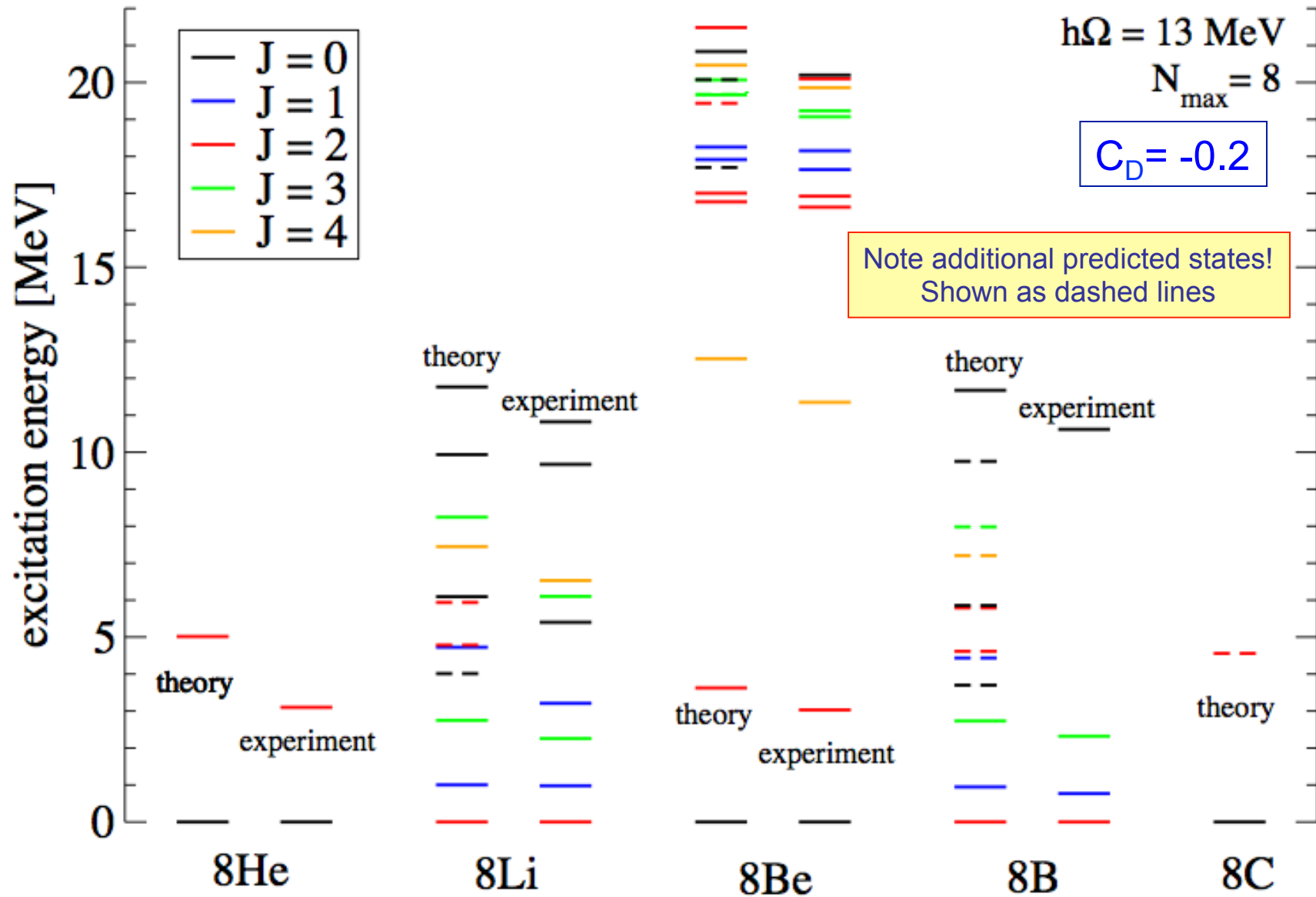
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$$C_D = -1$$

### **Extensions and work in progress**

- Better determination of the NNN force itself, feedback to  $\chi_{\text{EFT}}$  (LLNL, OSU, MSU, TRIUMF/GSI)
- Implement Vlowk & SRG renormalizations (Bogner, Furnstahl, Maris, Perry, Schwenk & Vary, NPA 801, 21(2008); ArXiv 0708.3754)
- Response to external fields - bridges to DFT/DME/EDF (SciDAC/UNEDF)
  - Axially symmetric quadratic external fields - in progress
  - Triaxial and spin-dependent external fields - planning process
- Cold trapped atoms (Stetcu, Barrett, van Kolck & Vary, PRA 76, 063613(2007); ArXiv 0706.4123) and applications to other fields of physics (e.g. quantum field theory)
- Effective interactions with a core (Lisetsky, Barrett, Navratil, Stetcu, Vary)
- Nuclear reactions-scattering (Forssen, Navratil, Quaglioni, Shirokov, Mazur, Luu, Savage, Schwenk, Vary)

spectrum A=8 nuclei with N3LO 2-body + N2LO 3-body



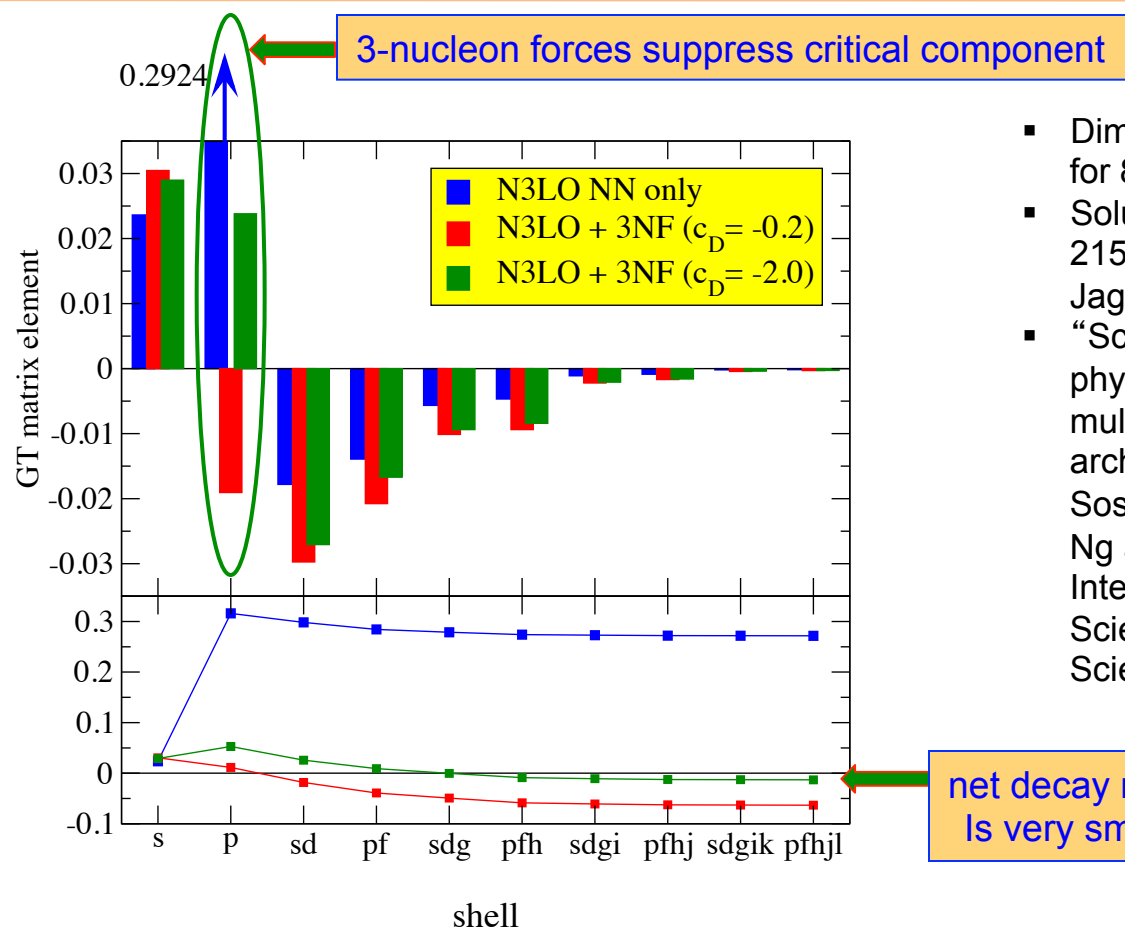
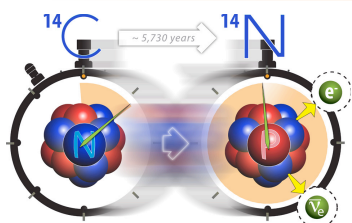


# Origin of the Anomalous Long Lifetime of $^{14}\text{C}$

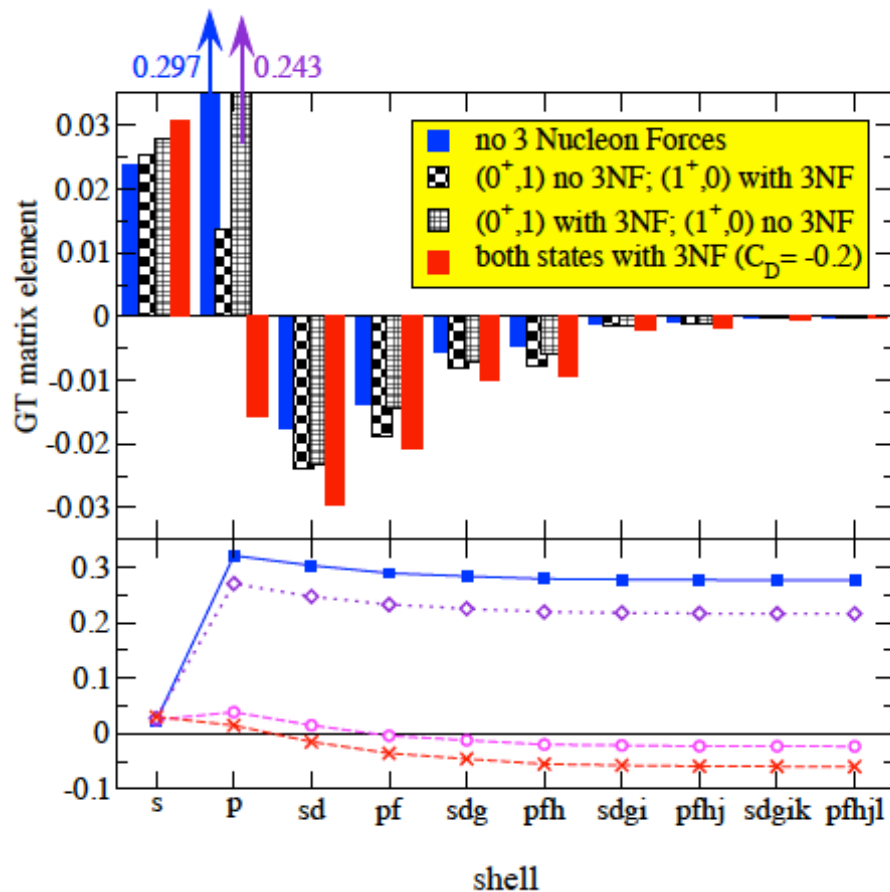
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- Solves the puzzle of the long but useful lifetime of  $^{14}\text{C}$
- Establishes a major role for strong 3-nucleon forces in nuclei
- Strengthens foundation for guiding DOE-supported experiments



- Dimension of matrix solved for 8 lowest states  $\sim 1 \times 10^9$
- Solution takes  $\sim 6$  hours on 215,000 cores on Cray XT5 Jaguar at ORNL
- "Scaling of *ab initio* nuclear physics calculations on multicore computer architectures," P. Maris, M. Sosonkina, J. P. Vary, E. G. Ng and C. Yang, 2010 Intern. Conf. on Computer Science, Procedia Computer Science 1, 97 (2010)



**Figure 10.** GT matrix element between the  $(1^+,0)$  ground state and the lowest  $(0^+,1)$  excited state of  $^{14}\text{N}$ , using the  $(1^+,0)$  wavefunction obtained with three-body forces, but the  $(0^+,1)$  wavefunction obtained without three-body forces, and vice versa. For comparison, we also include the results with and without three-body forces for both wavefunctions.

Innovations underway to improve the NCSM with aims:

(1) improve treatment of clusters and intruders

(2) enable *ab initio* solutions of heavier nuclei

Initially, all follow the NCFC approach = extrapolations

### Importance Truncated – NCSM

Extrapolate full basis at each  $N_{\max}$  using a sequence with improving tolerance

Robert Roth and collaborators

### “Realistic” single-particle basis - Woods-Saxon example

Control the spurious CM motion with Lagrange multiplier term

A.Negoita, ISU PhD thesis project

Alternative sp basis spaces – Mark Caprio collaboration

### SU(3) No Core Shell Model

Add symmetry-adapted many-body basis states

Preserve exactly the CM factorization

LSU - ISU – OSU collaboration

### No Core Monte Carlo Shell Model

Invokes single particle basis (FCI) truncation

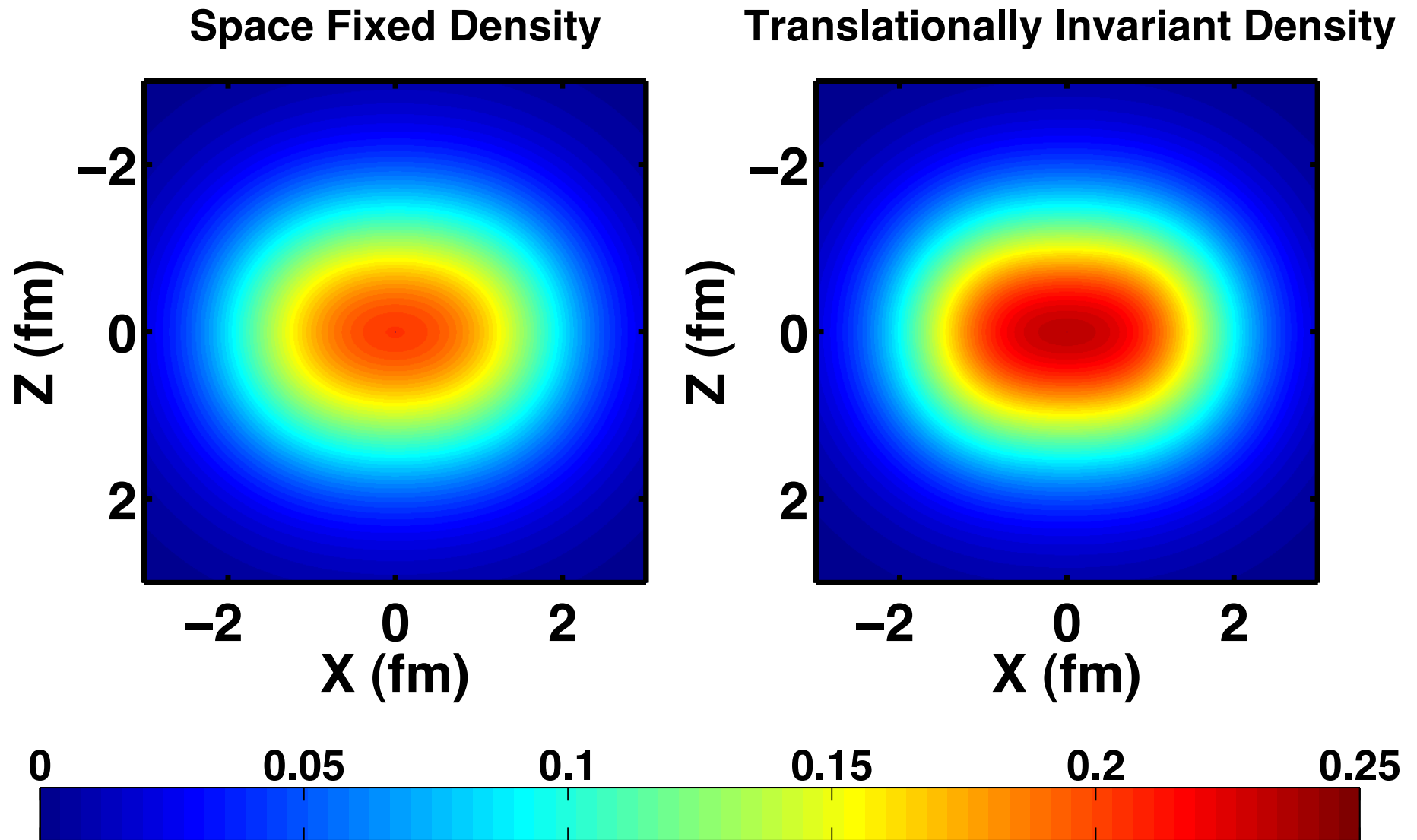
Separate spurious CM motion in same way as CC approach

Scales well to larger nuclei

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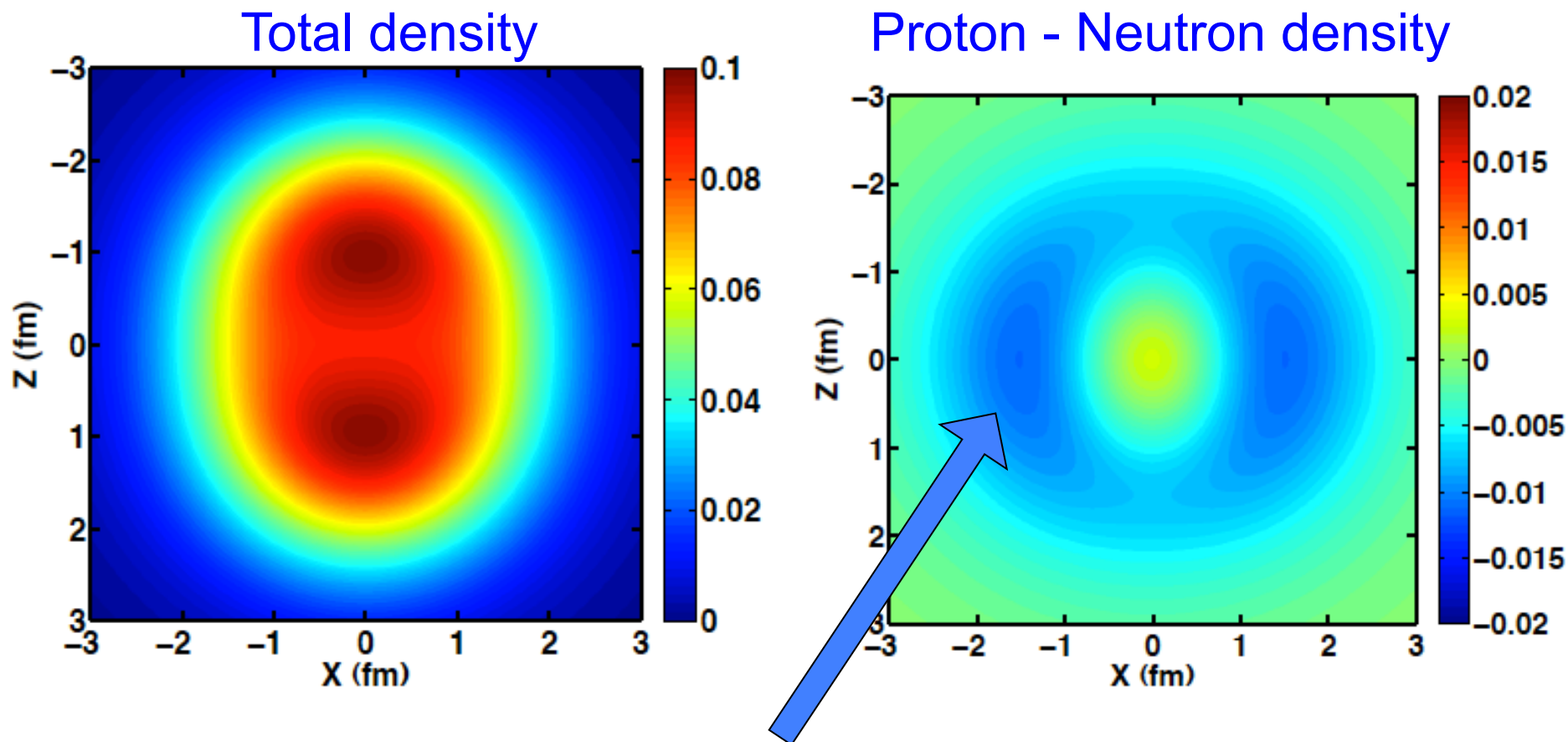


${}^7\text{Li}$  – effect of removing spurious CM motion



Chase Cockrell, ISU PhD student

$^9\text{Be}$  Translationally invariant gs density  
Full 3D densities = rotate around the vertical axis



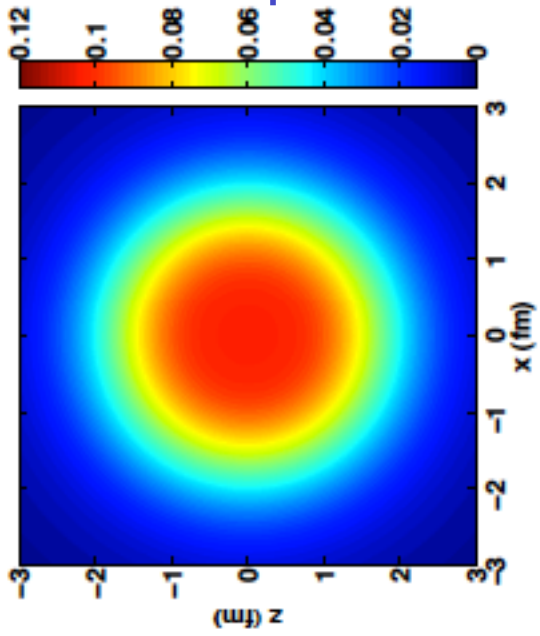
Shows that one neutron provides a “ring” cloud around two alpha clusters binding them together

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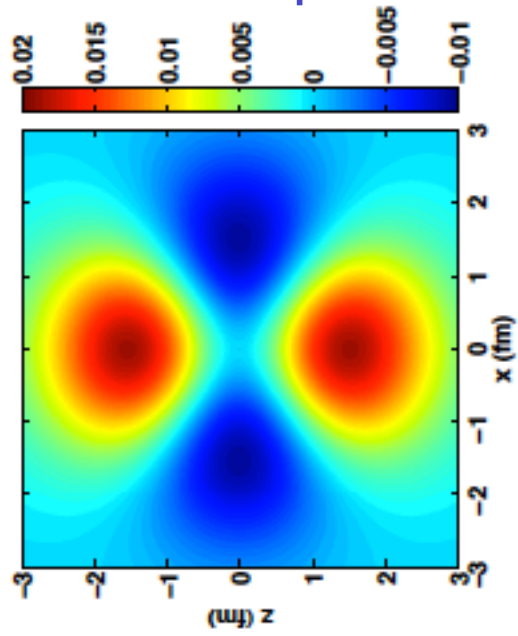
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Neutrons

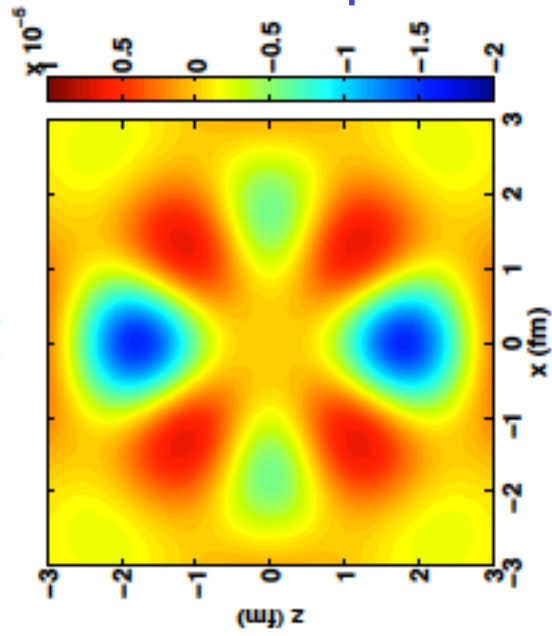
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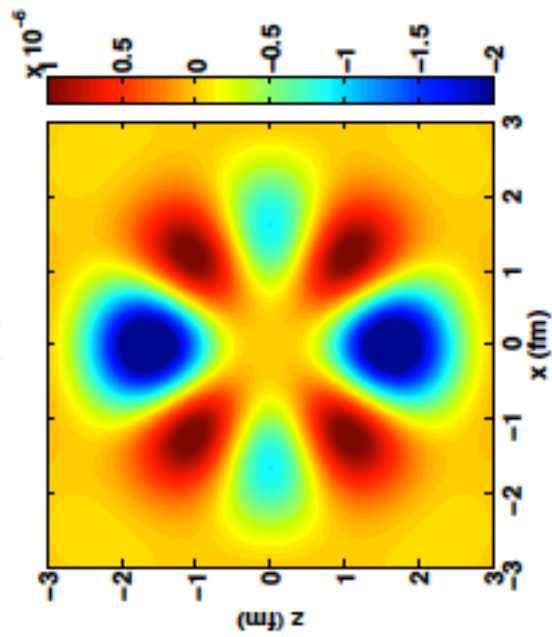
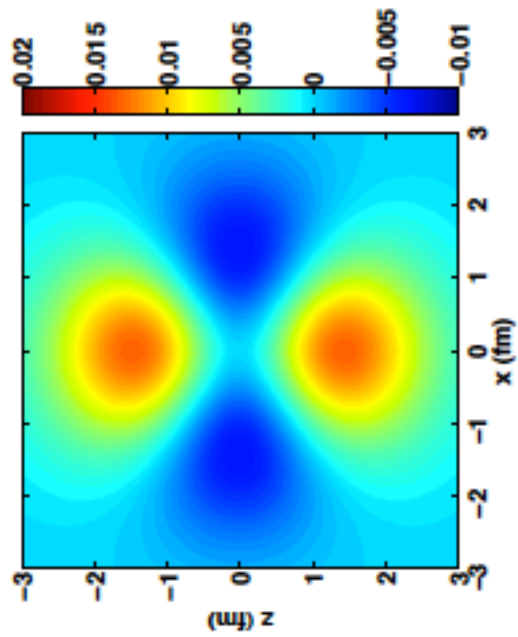
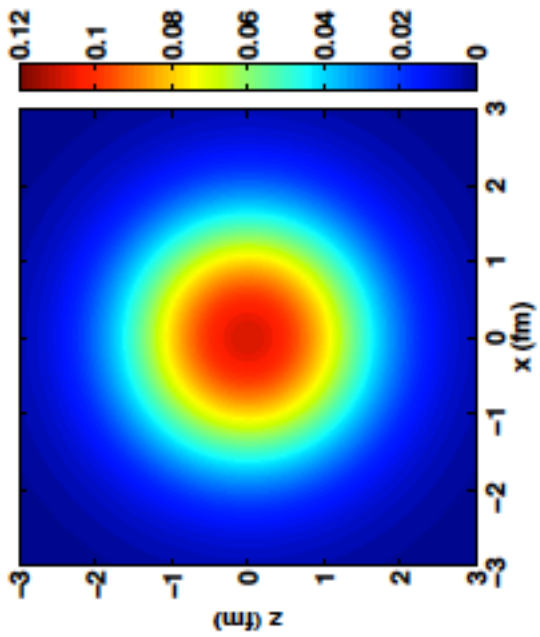
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Hexadecapole



Protons



Descriptive Science



Predictive Science

# “Proton-Dripping Fluorine-14”

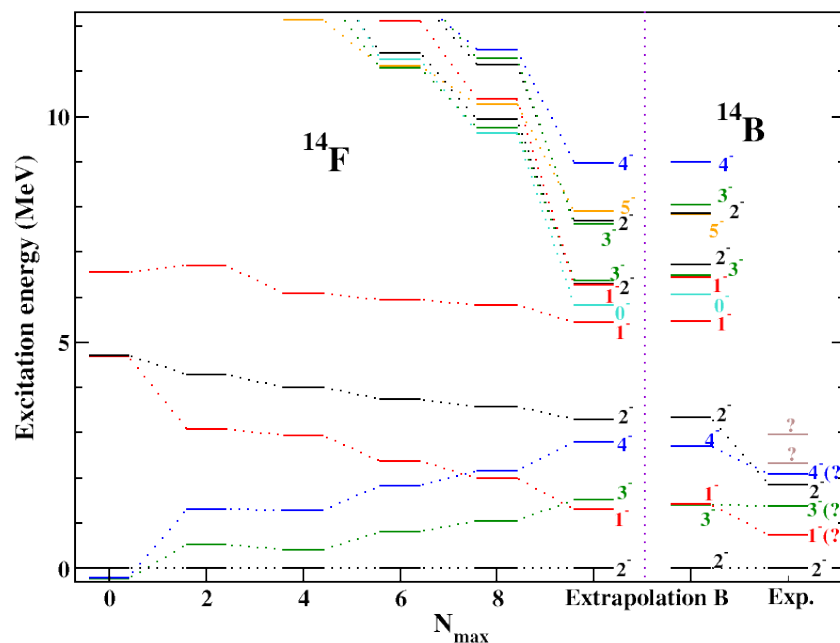
## Objectives

- Apply *ab initio* microscopic nuclear theory's predictive power to major test case

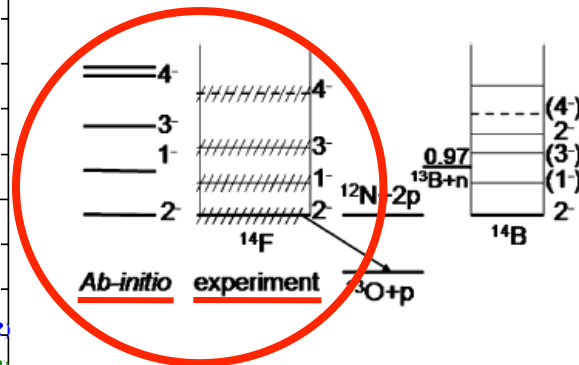
## Impact

- Deliver robust predictions important for improved energy sources
- Provide important guidance for DOE-supported experiments
- Compare with new experiment to improve theory of strong interactions

P. Maris, A. Shirokov and J.P. Vary,  
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**Experiment confirms  
our published  
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## Applications to Relativistic Quantum Field Theory QED (new) and QCD (under development)

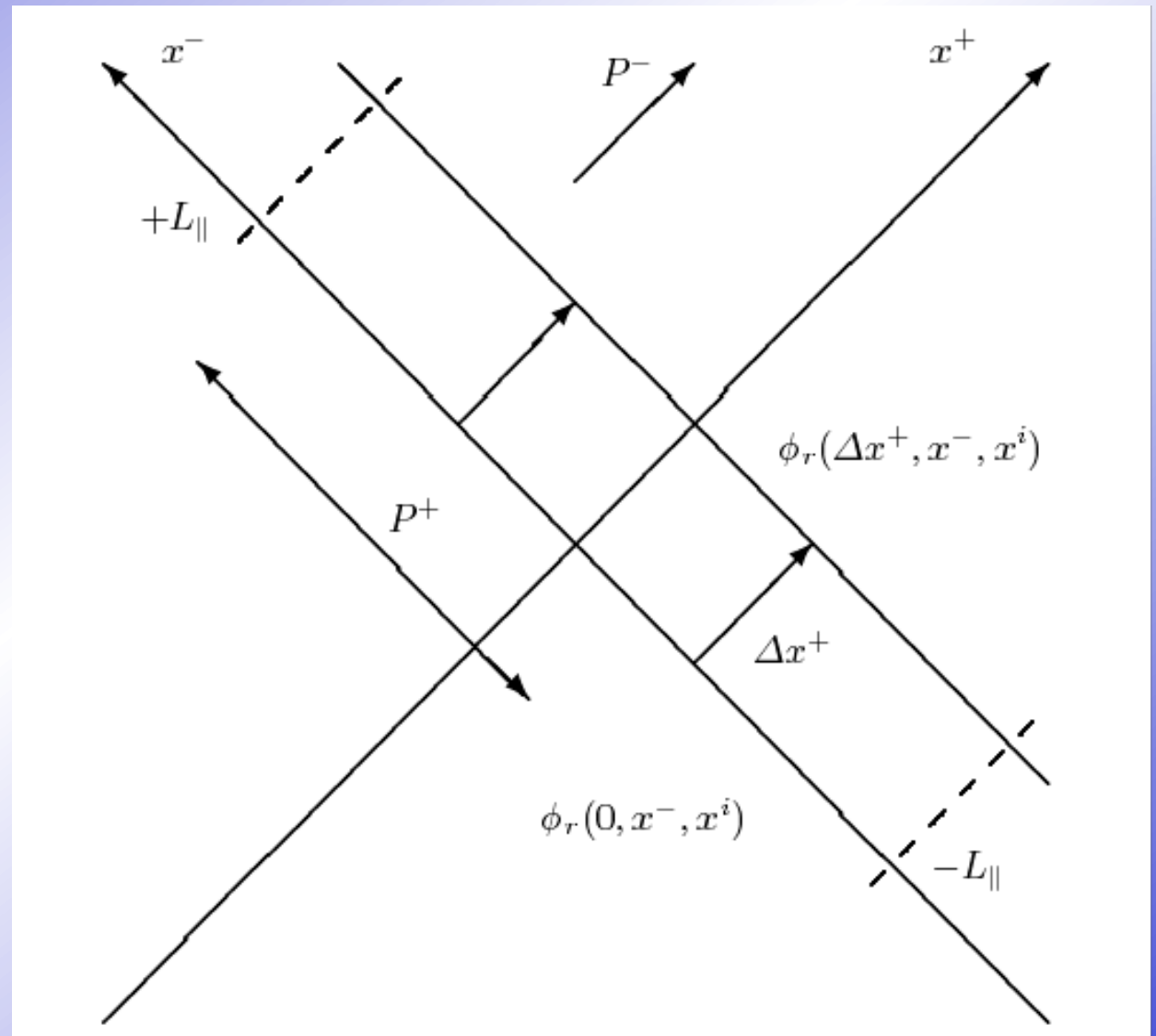
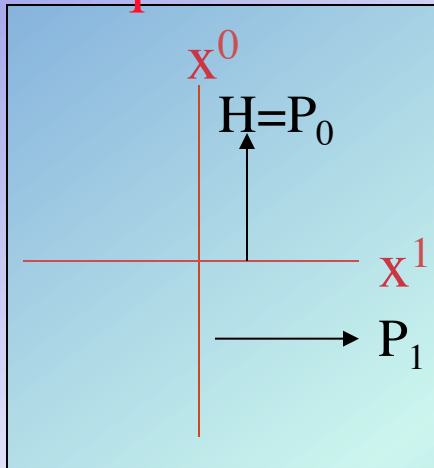
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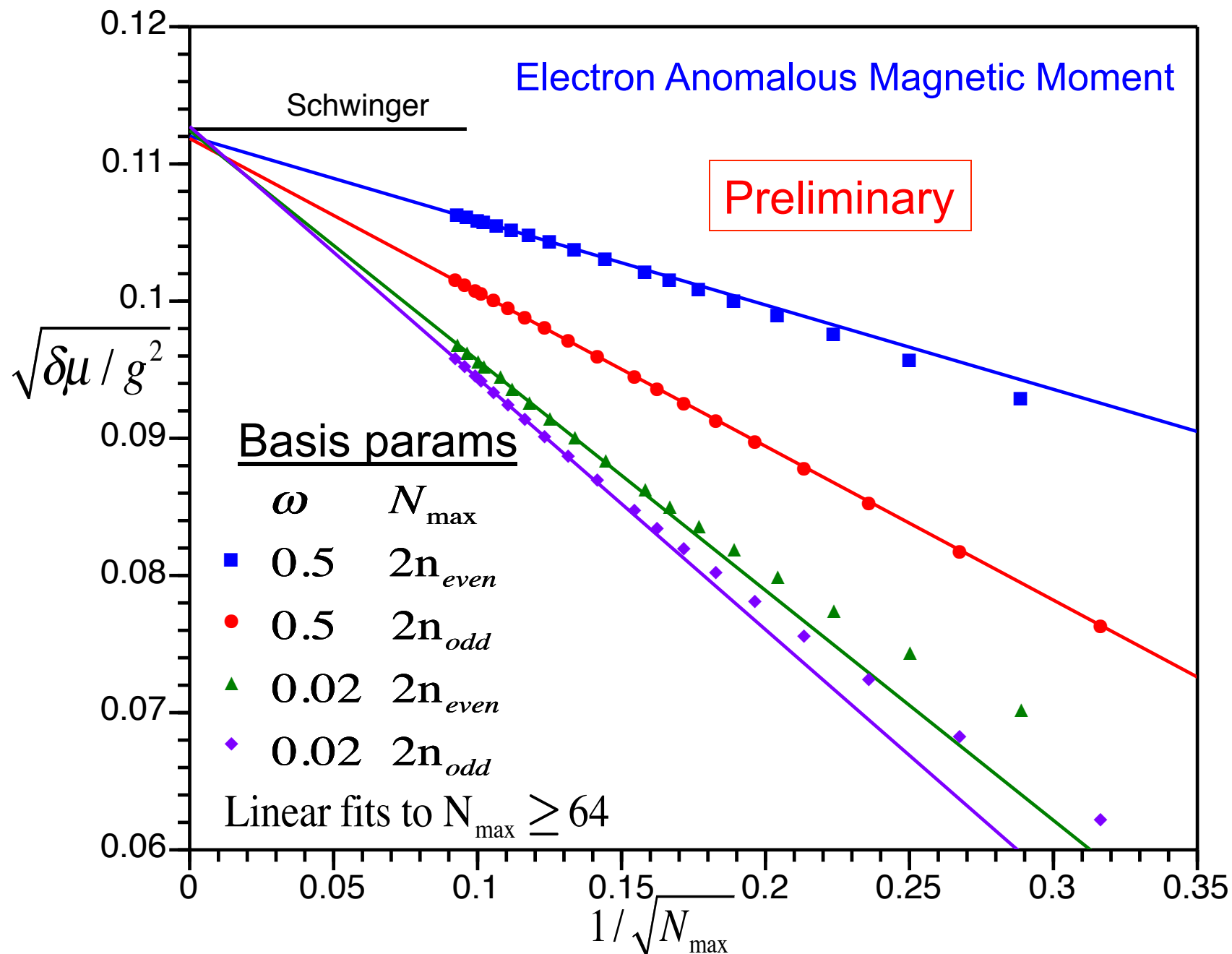
## Light cone coordinates and generators

$$M^2 = P^0 P_0 - P^1 P_1 = (P^0 - P^1)(P^0 + P^1) = P^+ P^- = KE$$

Equal time







X. Zhao, H. Honkanen, P. Maris, J.P. Vary, S.J. Brodsky, in preparation

## **Sample planned Applications for BLFQ**

Strong pulsed laser fields – electron-positron pair creation

Quarkonia – structure & transitions - including exotics

Baryons – mass spectra, spin content,  
Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)

Under what conditions do we need quarks & gluons to describe nuclear structure?

1. Spin crisis in the proton
2. Proton RMS radius
3. DIS on nuclei – Bjorken  $x > 1$
4. Nuclear Equation of State
5.  $Q > 1 \text{ GeV}/c$

## New Measurements of High-Momentum Nucleons and Short-Range Structures in Nuclei

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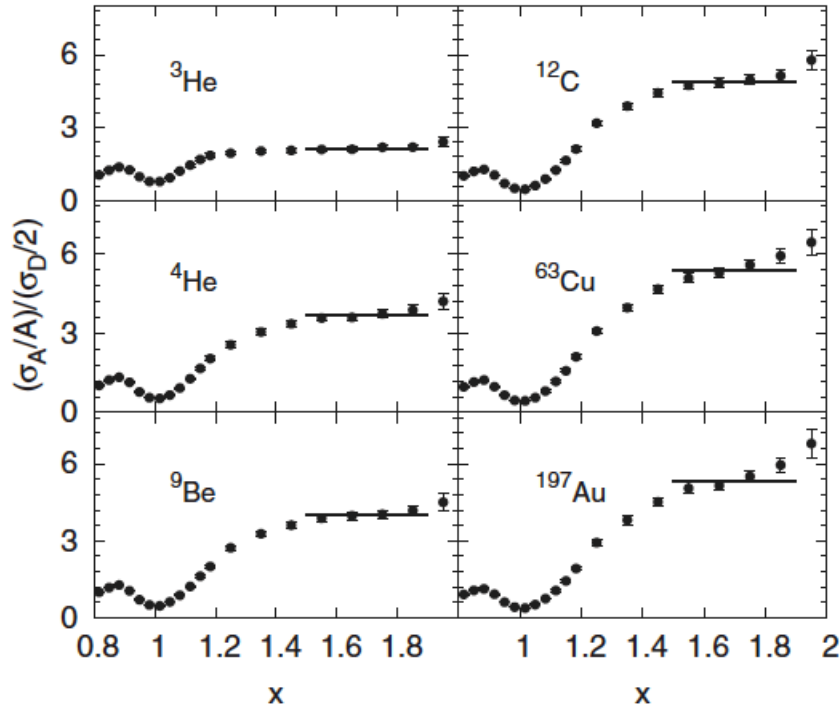


FIG. 2. Per-nucleon cross section ratios vs  $x$  at  $\theta_e = 18^\circ$ .

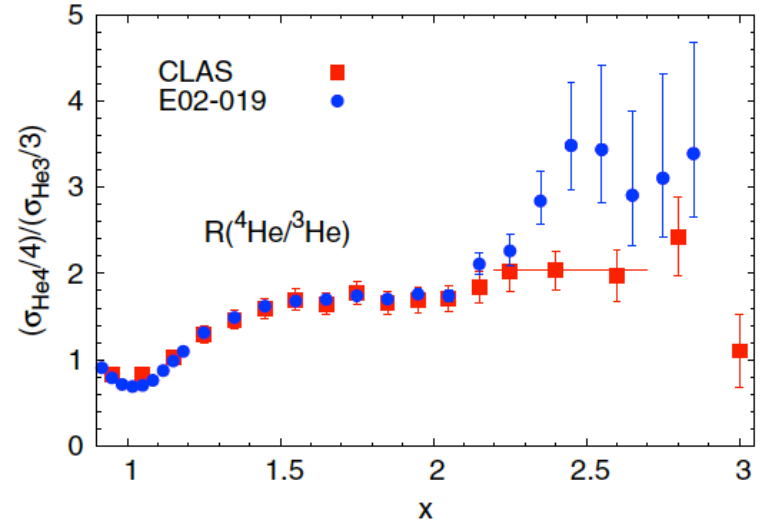


FIG. 3 (color online). The  $^4\text{He}/^3\text{He}$  ratios from E02-019 ( $Q^2 \approx 2.9 \text{ GeV}^2$ ) and CLAS ( $\langle Q^2 \rangle \approx 1.6 \text{ GeV}^2$ ); errors are combined statistical and systematic uncertainties. For  $x > 2.2$ , the uncertainties in the  $^3\text{He}$  cross section are large enough that a one-sigma variation of these results yields an asymmetric error band in the ratio. The error bars shown for this region represent the central 68% confidence level region.

## DIS in the quark cluster model

$$\frac{\nu}{\sigma_M} \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = \nu W_2(\nu, Q^2) + \nu W_1(\nu, Q^2) \tan^2(\theta/2)$$

$$\nu W_2(\nu, Q^2) = \nu W_2^{in}(\nu, Q^2) + \nu W_2^{q-el}(\nu, Q^2)$$

$$\nu W_2^{in}(\nu, Q^2) = \sum_{\text{quarks}-j} e_j^2 \xi P(\xi)$$

$$P(\xi) = \sum_{\text{clusters}-i} p_i \bar{P}_i(\xi)$$

$$\bar{P}_i(\xi) = \int_0^{\xi_{i/A}^{th}} dy \int_0^{\xi_{q/i}^{th}} du \bar{n}_{q/i}(u) N_{i/A}(y) \delta(uy - \xi)$$

$$\xi_{i/A}^{th} = \left\{ \left( 1 + \frac{m_i^2}{M^2} \frac{Q^2}{\nu^2} \right)^{1/2} + 1 \right\} / \left\{ \left( 1 + \frac{Q^2}{\nu^2} \right)^{1/2} + 1 \right\}$$

$$\xi_{q/i}^{th} = 2 / \left\{ \left( 1 + \frac{4m_i^2}{Q^2} \right)^{1/2} + 1 \right\}$$

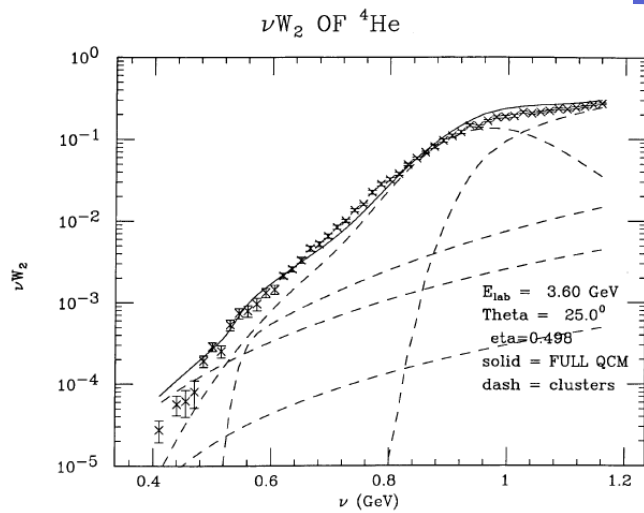
$\bar{n}_{q/i}$  from Regge behavior and counting rules (phase space)

$N_{i/A}$  from non-relativistic wave functions (NRWFs)

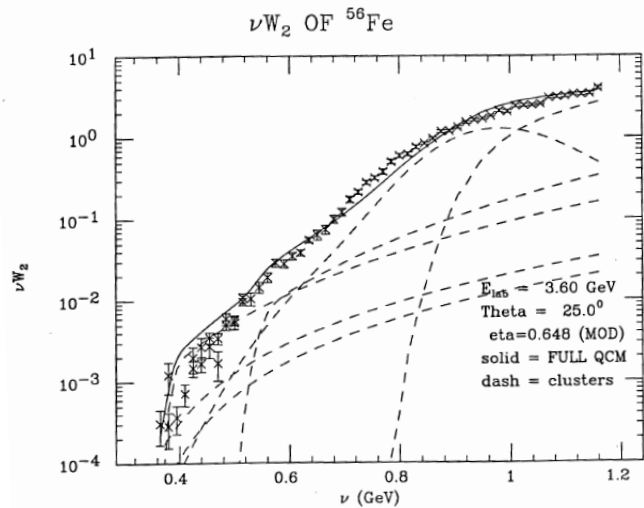
$p_i$  quark cluster probabilities evaluated from NRWFs

based on critical separation of  $2R_c \sim 1 fm$

## DIS in the quark cluster model

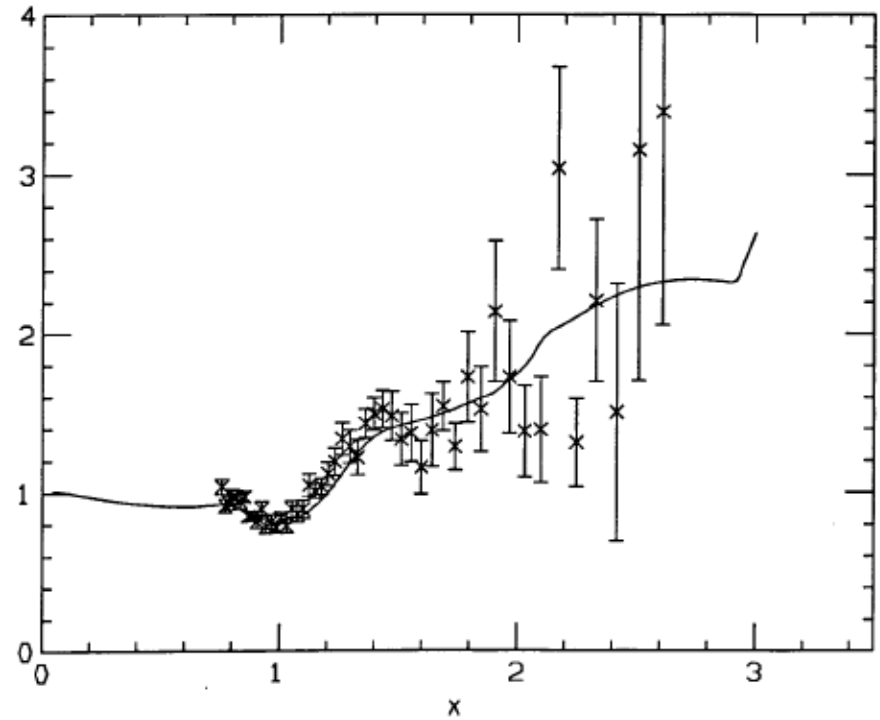


BL-SCHM Q-EL,SMTH PI THR,DELXS=.075,SEA=1.8 GeV



BL-SCHM Q-EL,SMTH PI THR,DELXS=.085,SEA=1.8 GeV

2%\_FE / GAS\_HE4 : E0 =3.60 Theta =25.



Data: SLAC  
Calculations: QCM

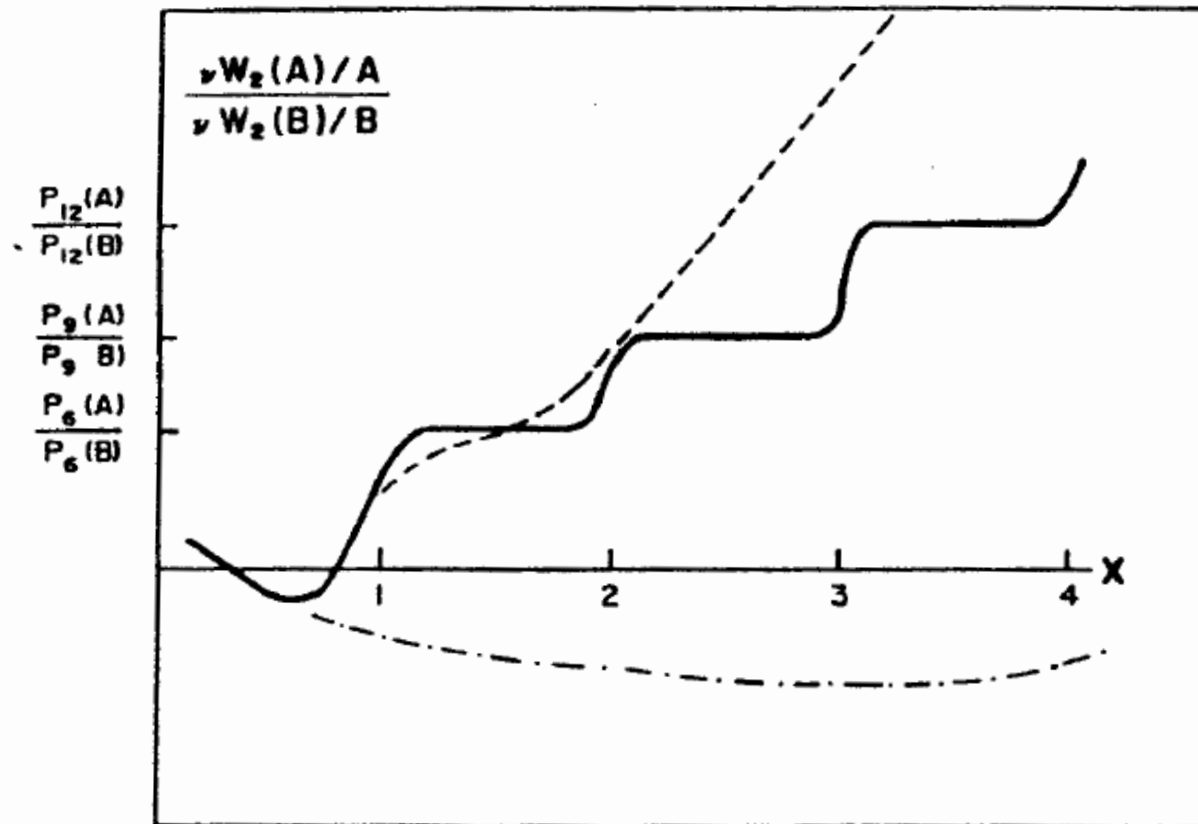


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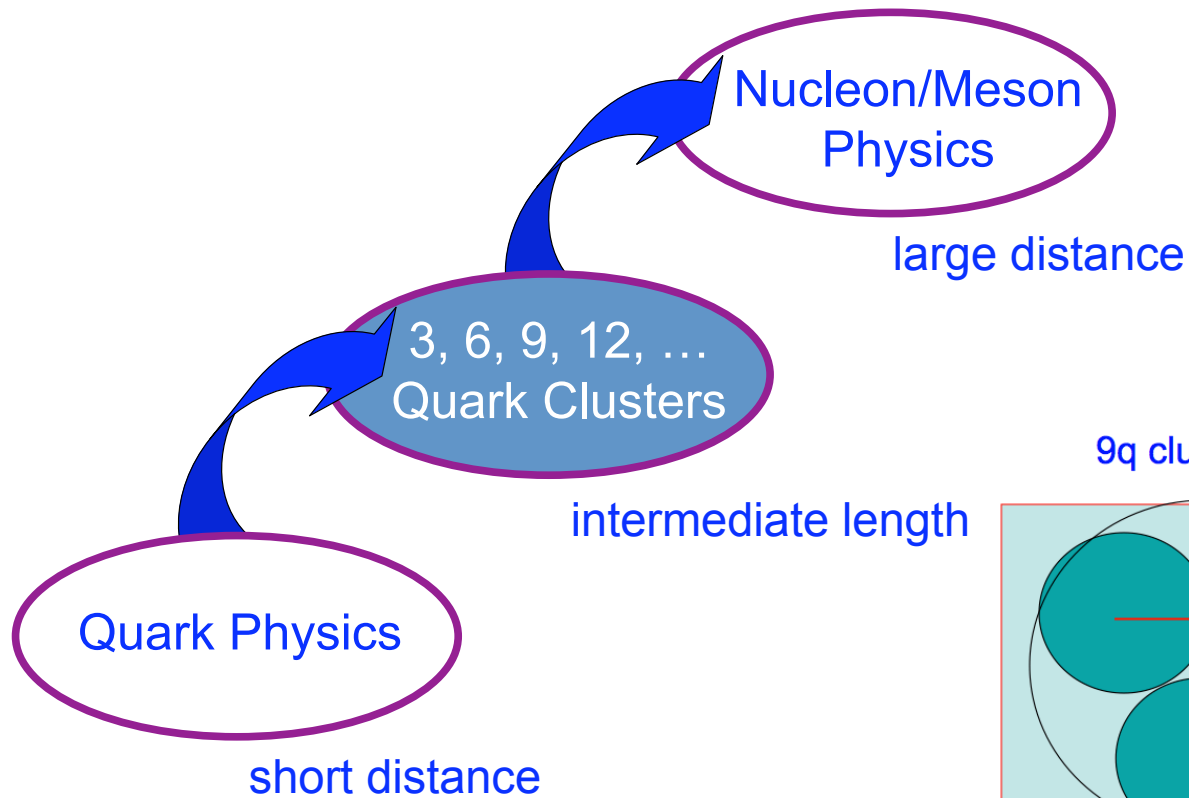
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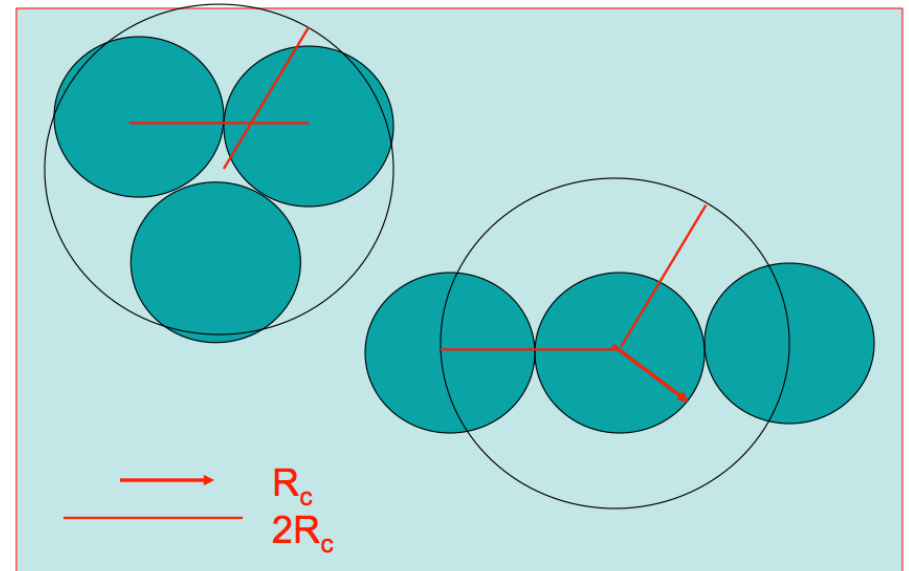
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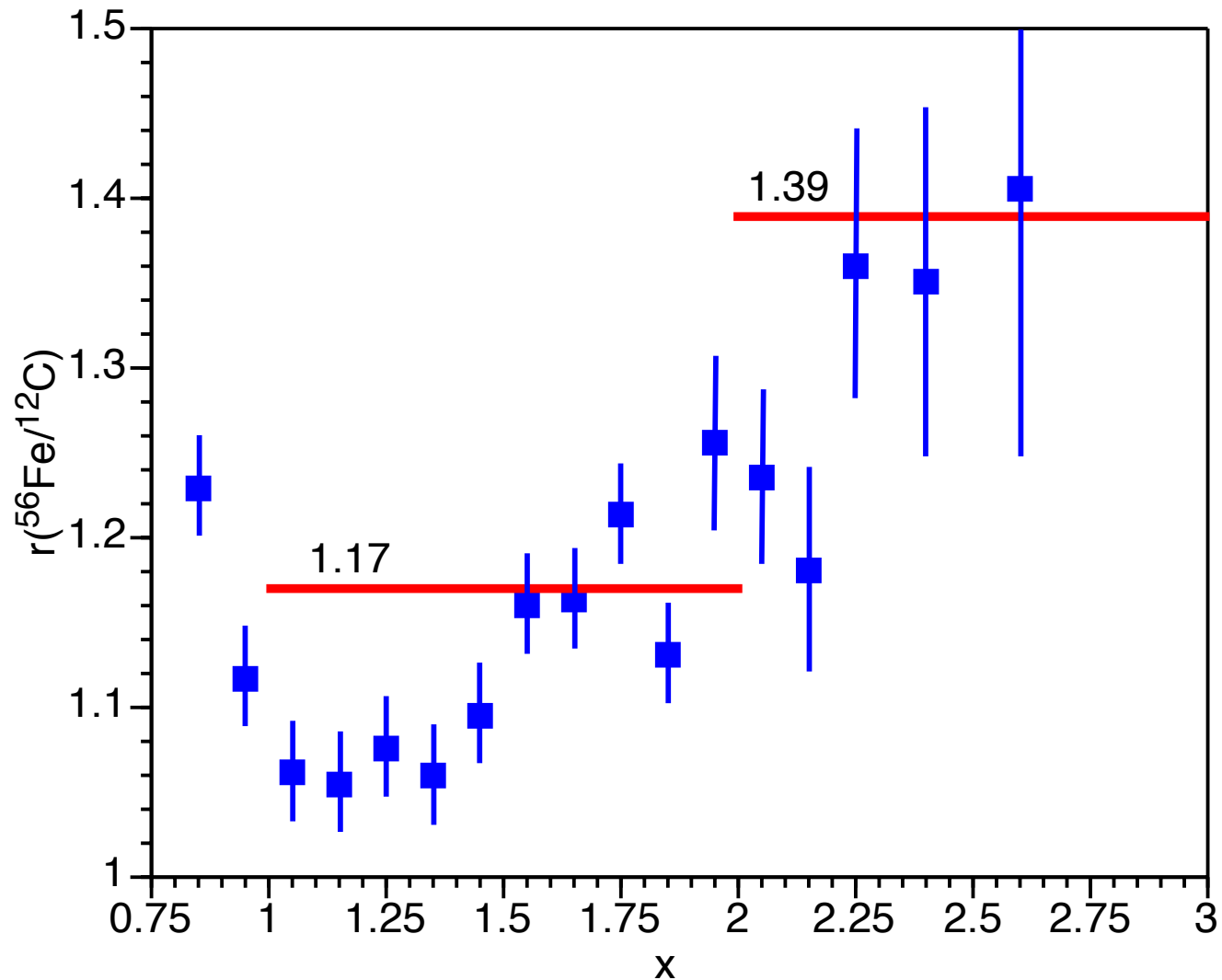


9q cluster at geometrical limits of formation



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# Quark-cluster-model predictions for the nuclear Drell-Yan process

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We evaluate the quark-cluster-model predictions for lepton pair production in proton-nucleus, pion-nucleus, and nucleus-nucleus interactions. We examine the issue of a possible ambiguity between the  $K$  factor and the probability of six-quark clusters in nuclei. We present predictions for cross sections and cross-section ratios which show substantial sensitivity to different features of the model. The model compares well with the existing data.

## I. DY CROSS SECTION

In the hadron-hadron center-of-momentum frame we denote the total energy by  $\sqrt{s}$ . For hadrons  $A$  and  $B$  the four-momenta are  $P_A = (\sqrt{s}/2, 0, 0, \sqrt{s}/2)$  and  $P_B = (\sqrt{s}/2, 0, 0, -\sqrt{s}/2)$ . Let  $x_1$  ( $x_2$ ) denote the fraction of longitudinal momentum carried by quark 1 (2) in hadron  $A$  ( $B$ ). Then the longitudinal momentum of the lepton pair with invariant mass  $M$  is given by

$$P_L = p_1 + p_2 = (x_1 - x_2) \frac{\sqrt{s}}{2}.$$

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dx_1 dx_2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{9sx_1x_2} \sum e_a^2 F_a(x_1, x_2)$$

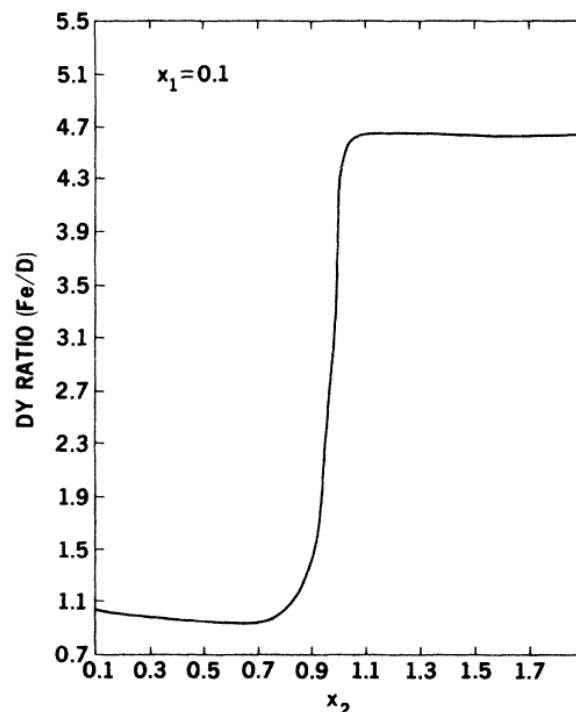
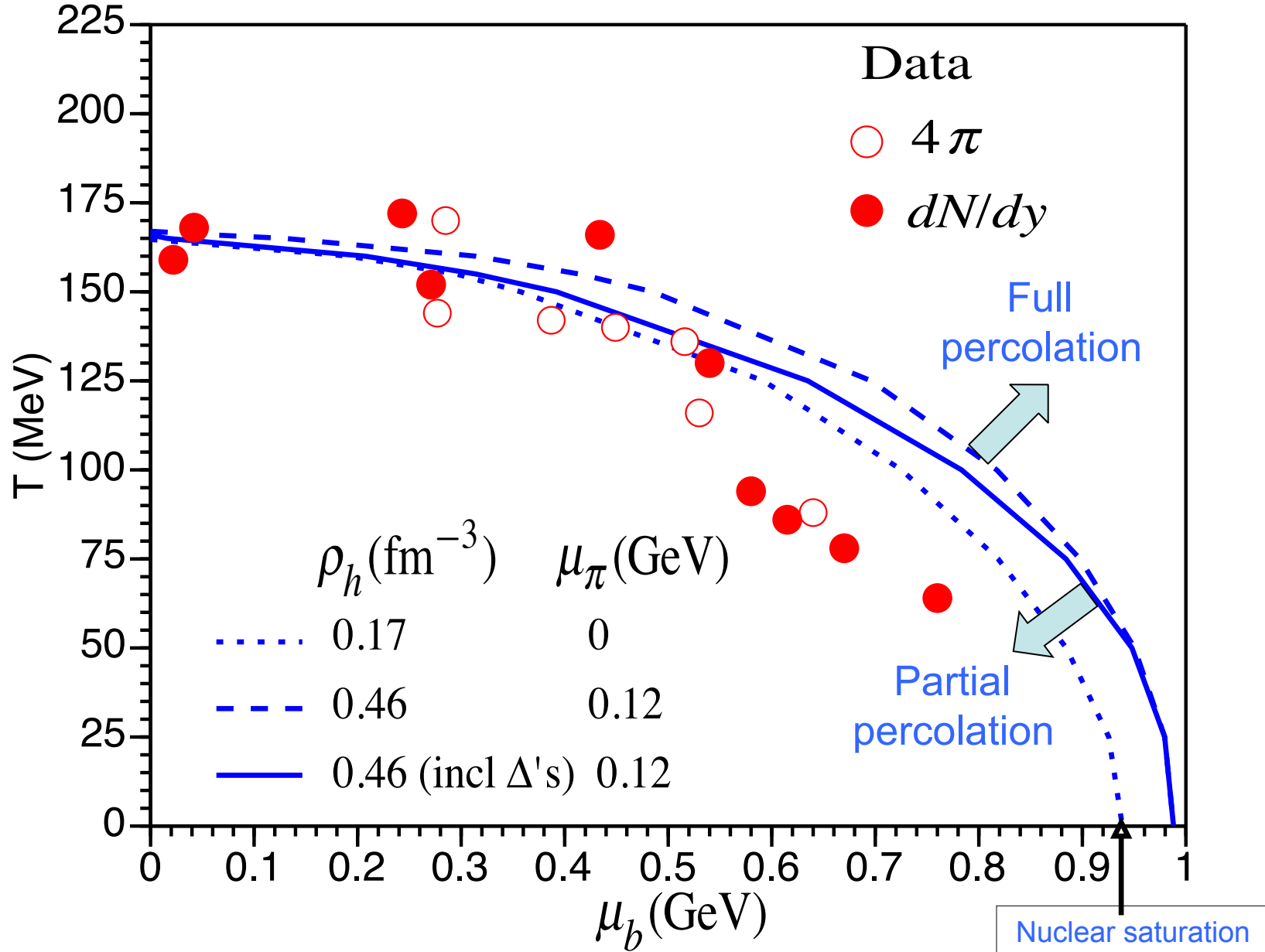


FIG. 7. QCM prediction for the ratio of DY cross sections for Fe and D as a function of  $x_2$  (for  $x_1=0.1$ ) in the region  $0.1 \leq x_2 \leq 1.9$ .

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# BLFQ study of QCD bound states -Yang Li, ISU PhD student

Hadrons are QCD bound states. In this study, we'll focus on  $\Lambda$  baryon.

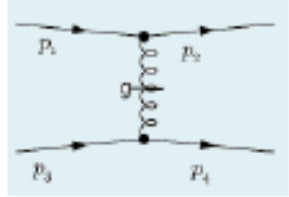

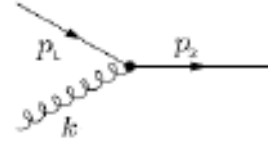
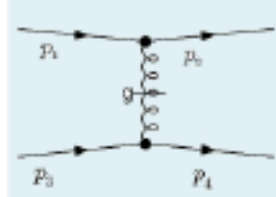
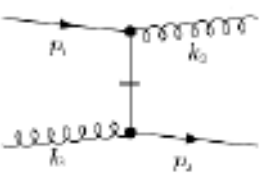
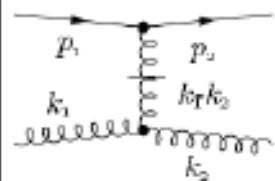
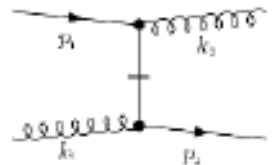
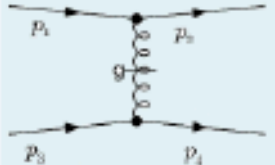
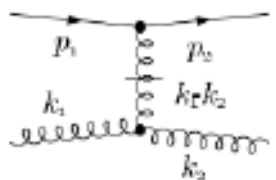
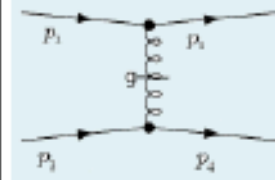
Setup the problem:

- ① We adopt the previous symmetries and constraints;
- ② Fock space truncation:  $|uds\rangle + |udsg\rangle$ ;
- ③ sector dependent renormalization, which has shown success in many-body computing [18].

Basic procedures:

- ① Enumerate Fock space, within constraints and truncation;
- ② Construct Hamiltonian matrix;
- ③ Diagonalize Hamiltonian, regularization and renormalization are essential for convergence;
- ④ Compute experimental observables

# Vertices

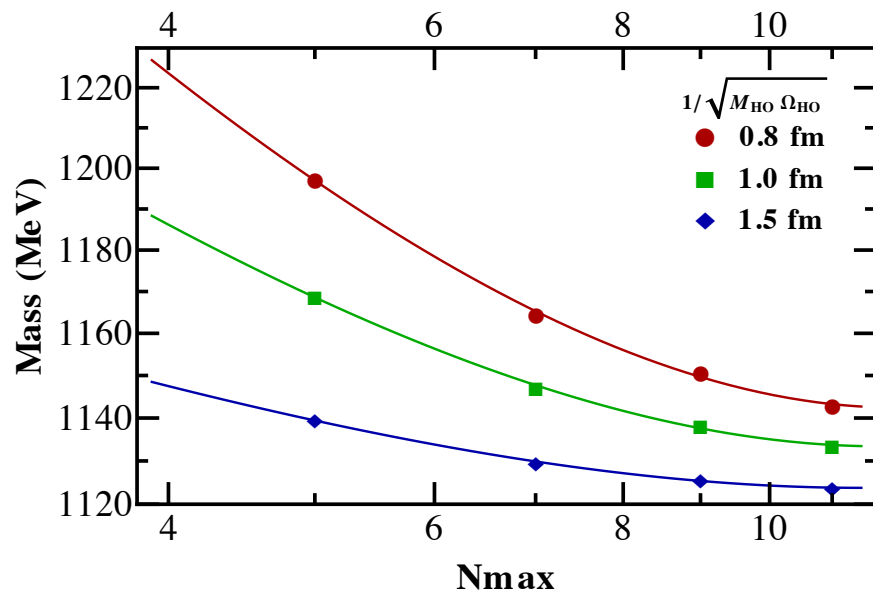
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Renormalization is performed in  $|uds\rangle$  sector.

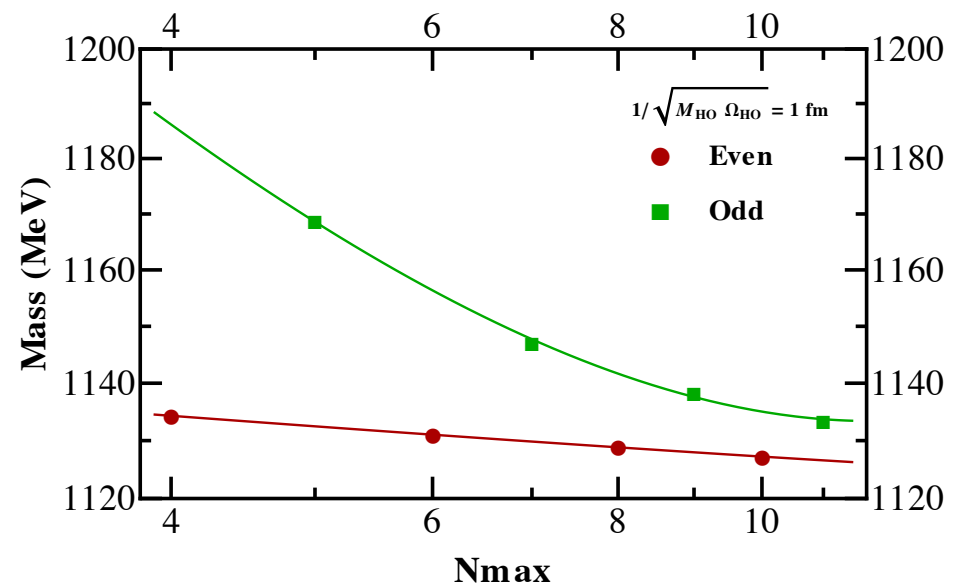


## some preliminary results

At continuum, physical observables should be independent to all regulators and HO natural length. We renormalize the ground state to physical mass of  $\Lambda(1116)$ , and study the convergence of first excited state.



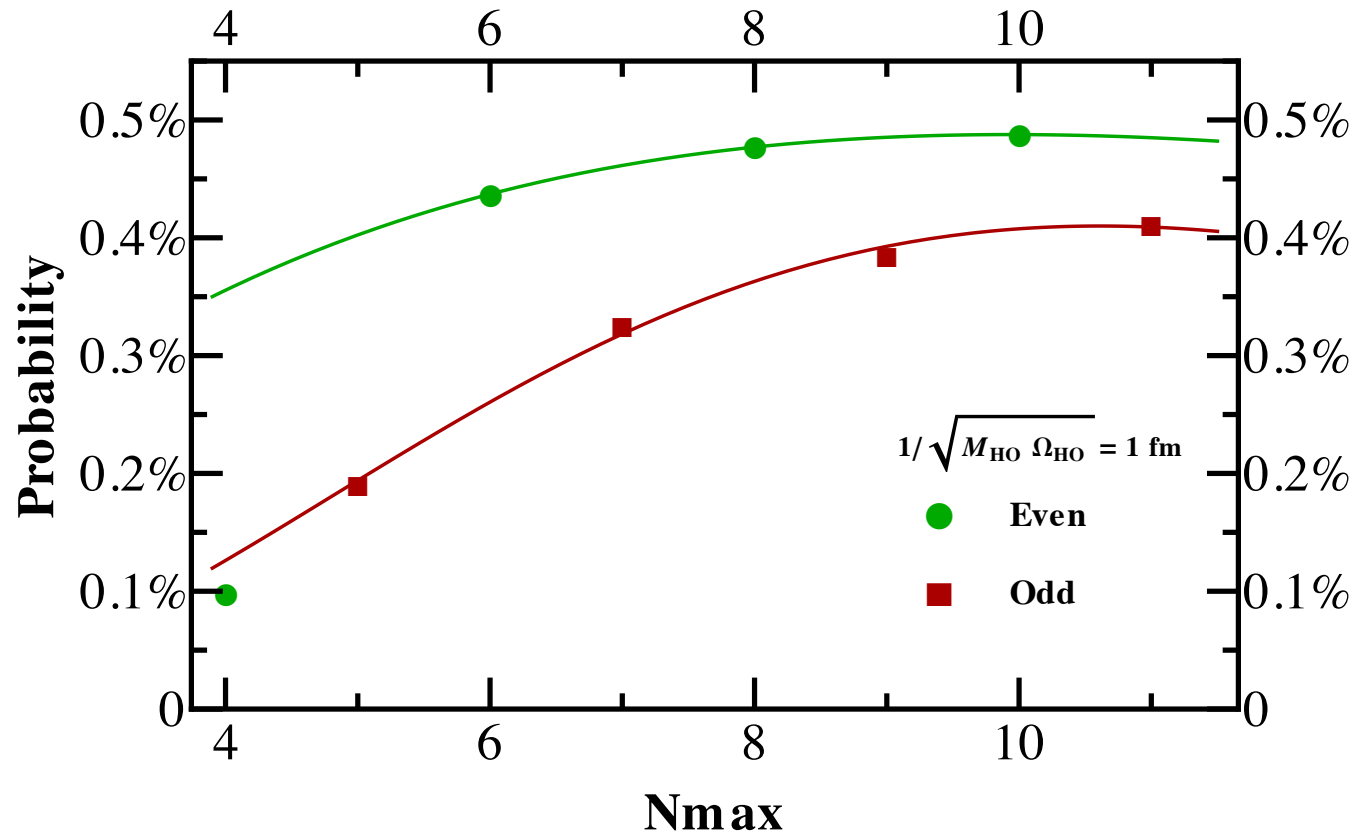
Colorlines: convergence of first excited state energy with different HO lengths  $1/\sqrt{M_{\text{HO}}\Omega_{\text{HO}}}$ .



Colorlines: convergence of first excited state energy with odd/even  $N_{\max}$ . ( $1/\sqrt{M_{\text{HO}}\Omega_{\text{HO}}} = 1$  fm)

## some preliminary results

probability of finding a gluon in ground state:



~consistent with constituent quark model

## Recent accomplishments of the *ab initio* no core shell model (NCSM) and no core full configuration (NCFC)

- Described the anomaly of the nearly vanishing quadrupole moment of  ${}^6\text{Li}$
- Established need for NNN potentials to explain neutrino  ${}^{-12}\text{C}$  cross sections
- Explained quenching of Gamow-Teller transitions (beta-decays) in light nuclei
- Obtained successful description of  $A=10-13$  nuclei with chiral NN+NNN potentials
- Explained ground state spin of  ${}^{10}\text{B}$  by including chiral NNN potentials
- Successful prediction of low-lying  ${}^{14}\text{F}$  spectrum (resonances) before experiment
- Developed/applied methods to extract phase shifts (J-matrix, external trap)
- Explained the anomalous long lifetime of  ${}^{14}\text{C}$  with chiral NN+NNN potentials
- Solved systems of trapped neutrons for improved density functionals in isospin extremes

## Conclusions

We have entered an era of first principles, high precision,  
nuclear structure and nuclear reaction theory

Linking nuclear physics and the cosmos  
through the Standard Model is well underway

Applications underway to Light Front QCD  
and strong time-dependent QED

Pioneering collaborations between Physicists, Computer Scientists  
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