

SRG evolution of transition operators and currents (and connections to factorization)

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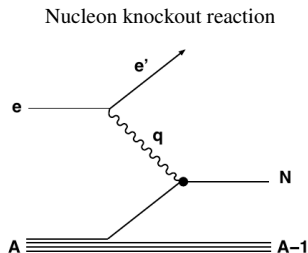
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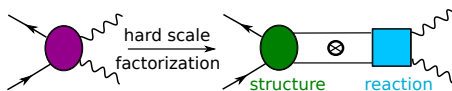
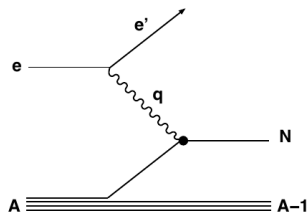


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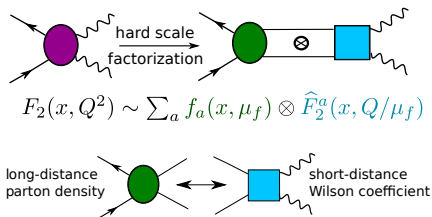
reaction
structure $\hat{O}(q)$ structure
- Use factorization to isolate individual components and extract process-independent nuclear properties.

Nucleon knockout reaction



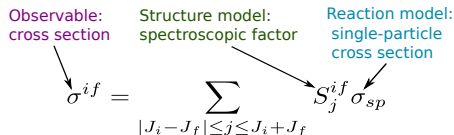
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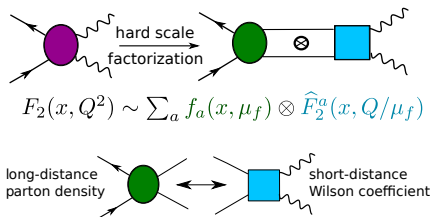
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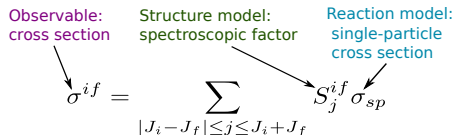
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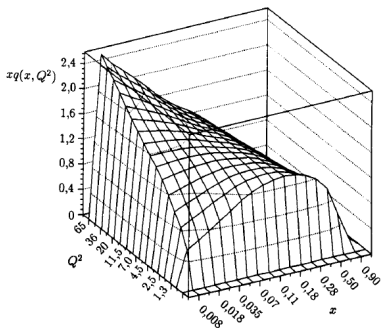
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Open questions

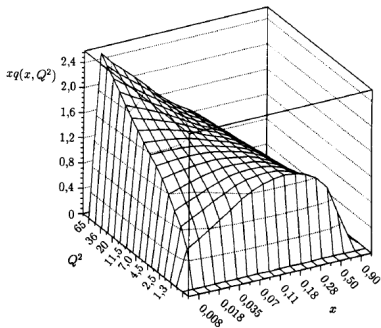
- When does factorization hold?
- Which process-independent nuclear properties can we extract?
- What is the scale/scheme dependence of the extracted properties?

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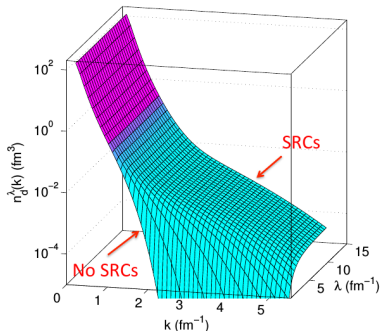


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- Deuteron momentum distribution is scale and scheme dependent
- High momentum tail shrinks as λ decreased (lower resolution)

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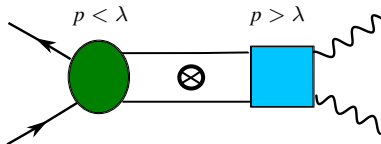
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Use renormalization group (RG) as a tool to consistently relate scales and quantitatively probe ambiguities

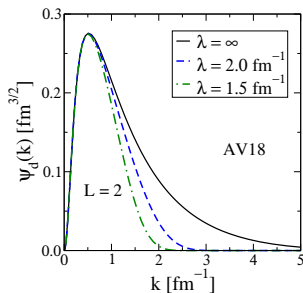
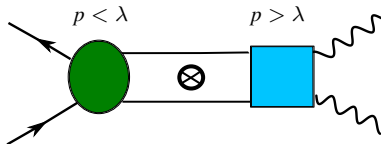
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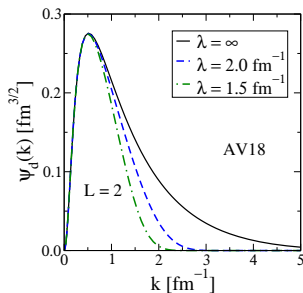
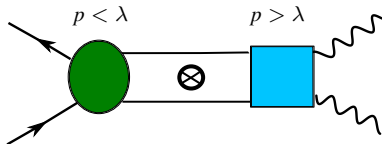
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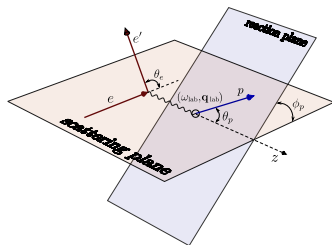
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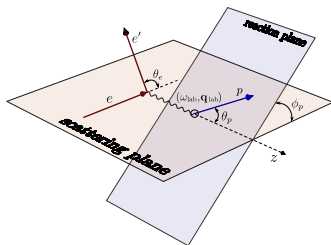


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- $$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto (v_L f_L + v_T f_T + v_{TT} f_{TT} \cos 2\phi_p + v_{LT} f_{LT} \cos \phi_p)$$

- v_L, v_T, \dots - electron kinematic factors. f_L, f_T, \dots - deuteron structure functions



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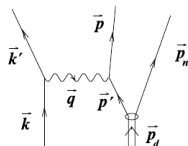
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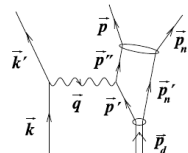
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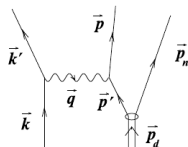
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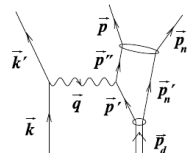
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- Components depend on the scale λ . Cross section does not!



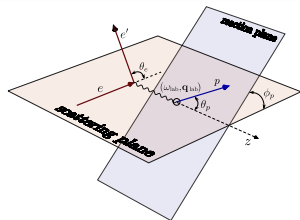
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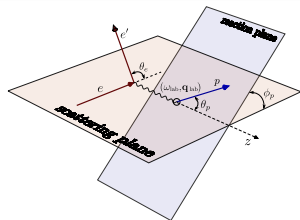
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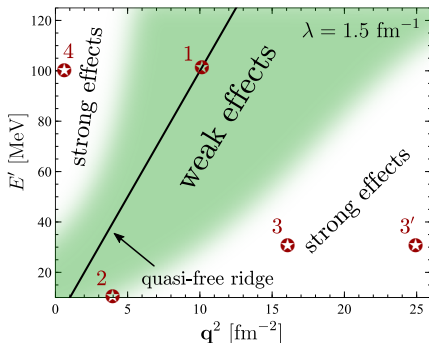
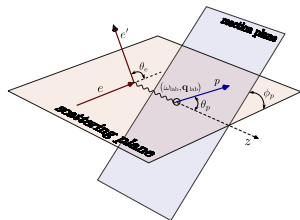
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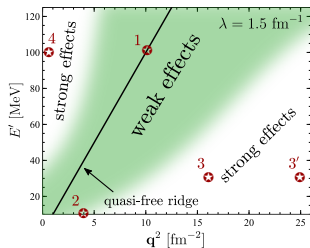
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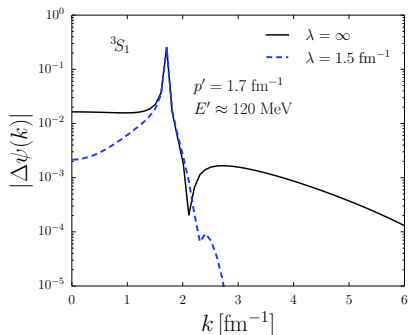
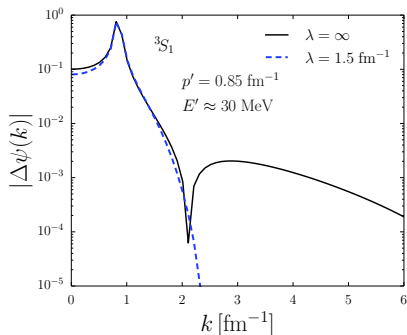
- Can get away with inconsistent calculations at the quasi-free ridge (QFR)
- Long-range part of the wave function/ on-shell t -matrix probed at QFR
→ invariant under SRG evolution
- Scale dependence qualitatively different above and below the QFR
- Can be explained by looking at the effect of evolution on the overlap matrix elements [SNM et al., PRC **92**, 064002 (2015)]



Evolution effects on individual components

- $f_L \propto \sum_{m_s, m_J} \langle \psi_f | J_0 | \psi_i \rangle = \sum_{m_s, m_J} \langle \psi_f^\lambda | J_0^\lambda | \psi_i^\lambda \rangle$
- Looked at effects of evolution on the observable f_L
- Look at changes due to evolution for individual components and their implications
- Evolution of ψ_{deut} : suppression of high-momentum components
→ accelerated convergence of nuclear structure calculations

Evolving the final state

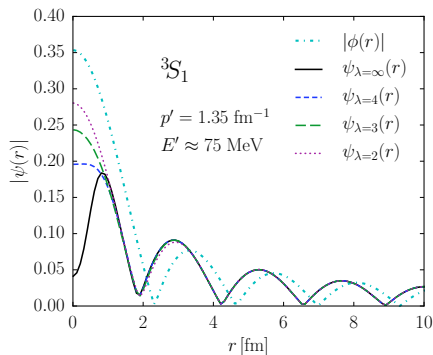
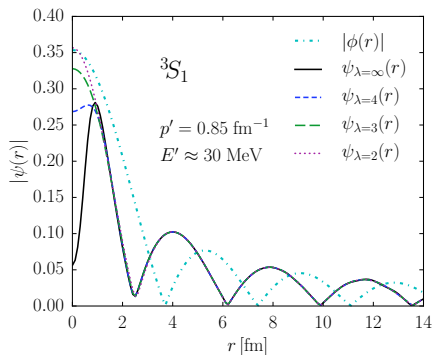


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- For $p' \gtrsim \lambda$, $\psi_f^\lambda(p'; k)$ localized around the outgoing momentum p'

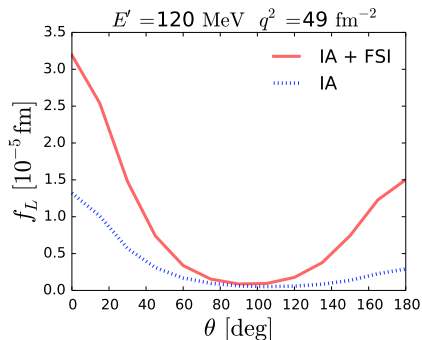
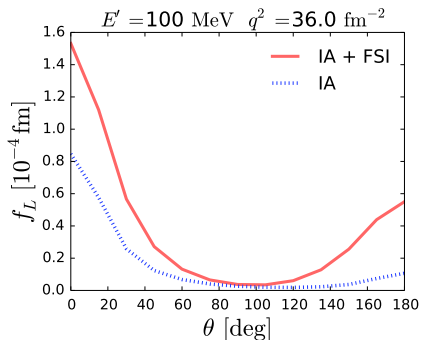
r -space ψ_f at different λ



- Small r would evolve away as λ reduced
- Beyond range of the potential, $\psi(r)$ and $\phi(r)$ differ by phase that is same for all λ

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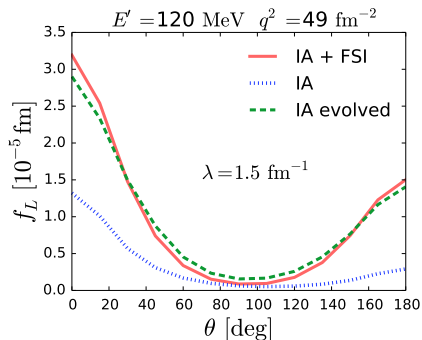
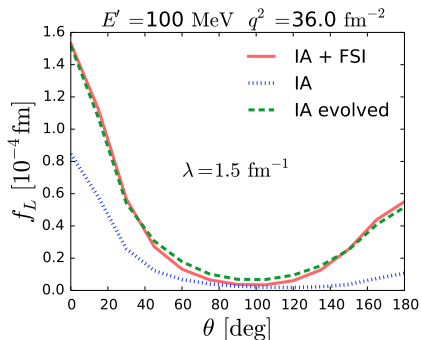
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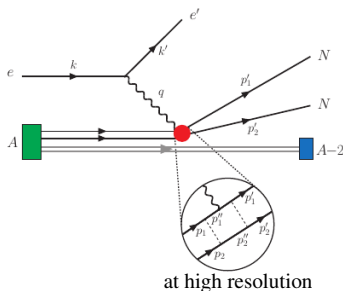


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Current evolution story

- $$\langle \mathbf{k}_1 T_1 | J_0(\mathbf{q}) | \mathbf{k}_2 T = 0 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (G_E^p + (-1)^T G_E^n) \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{q}/2) + \frac{1}{2} ((-1)^T G_E^p + G_E^n) \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{q}/2)$$

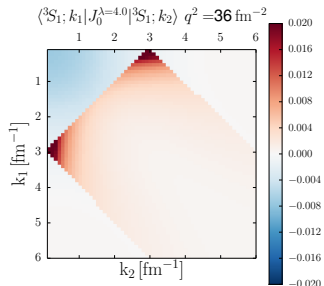
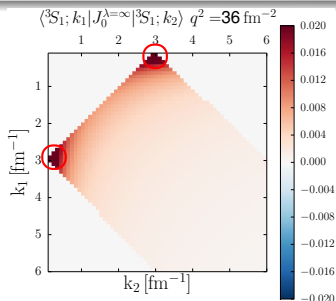
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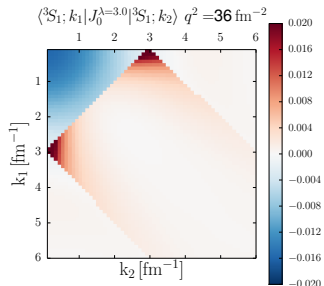
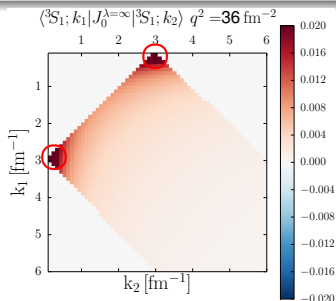
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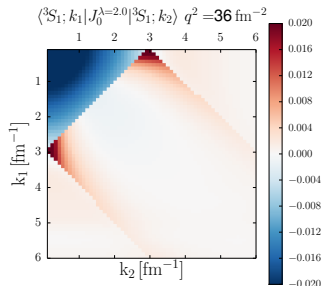
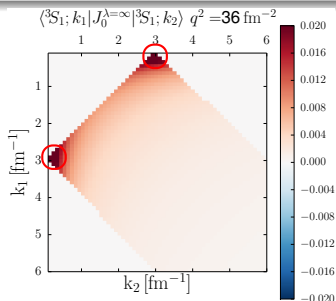
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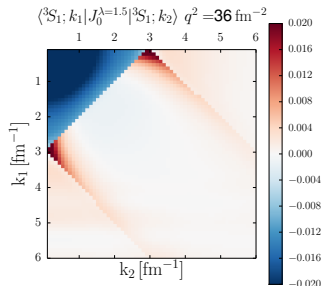
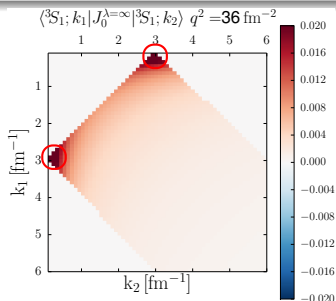
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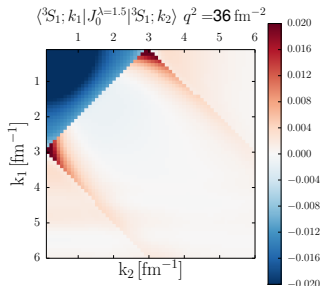
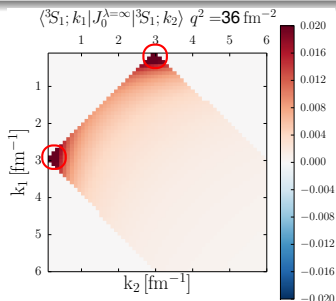
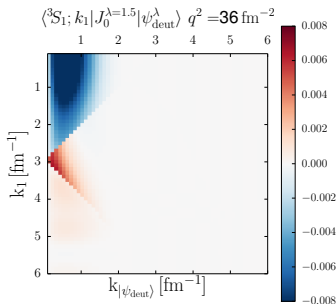
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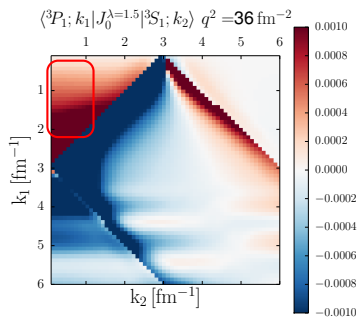
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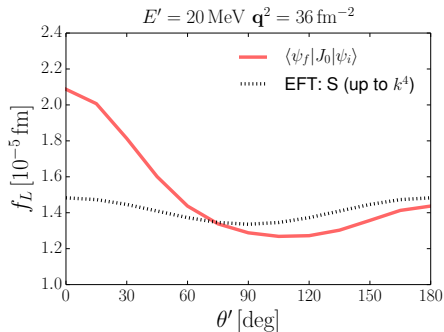


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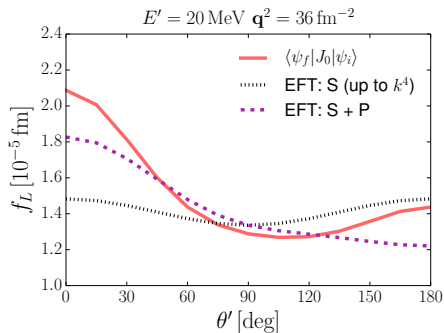
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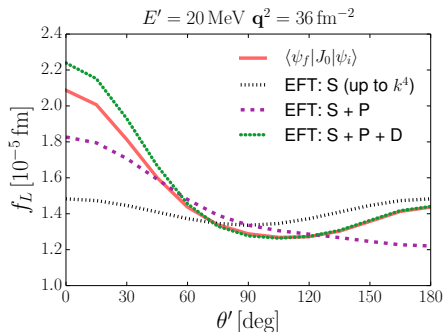
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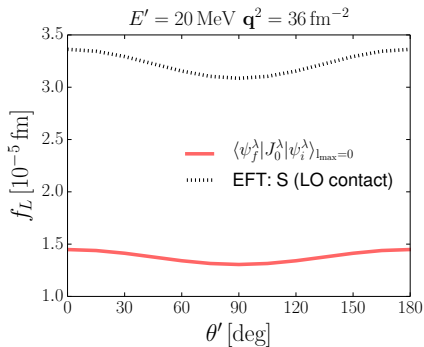
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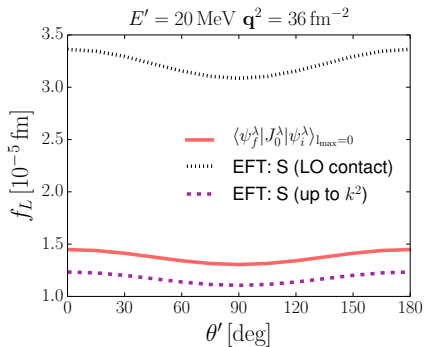
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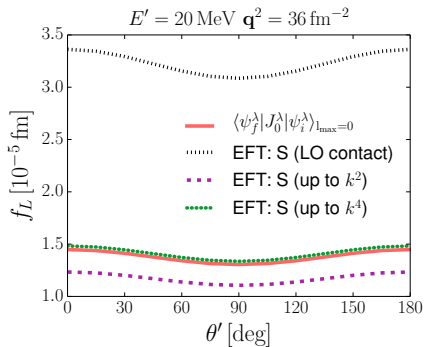
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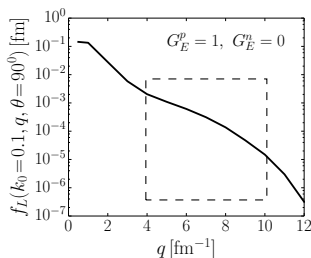
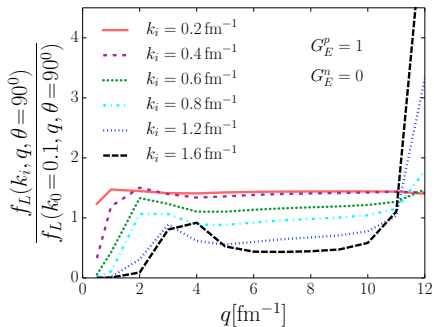
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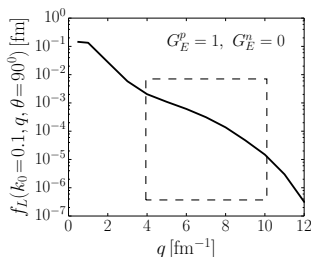
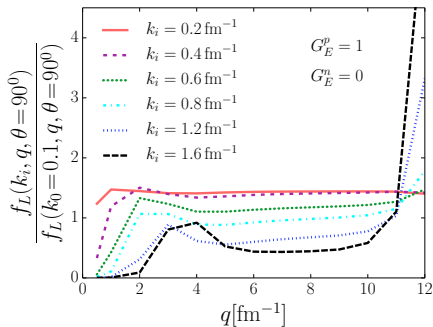
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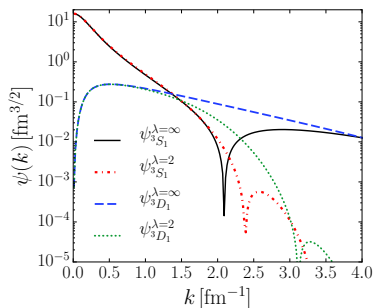
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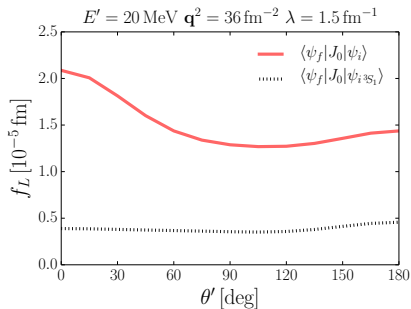
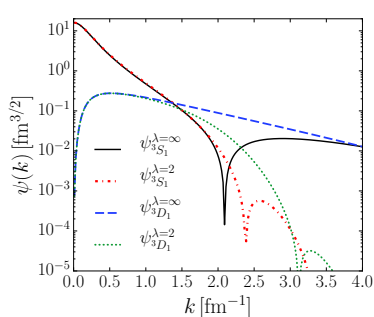
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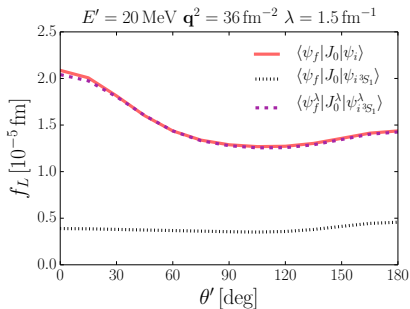
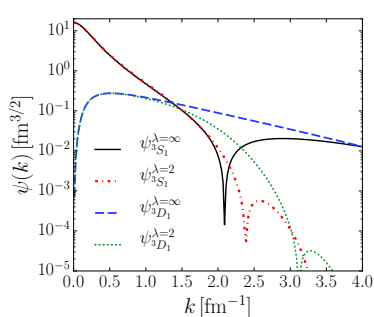
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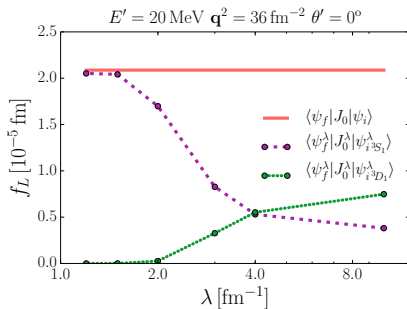
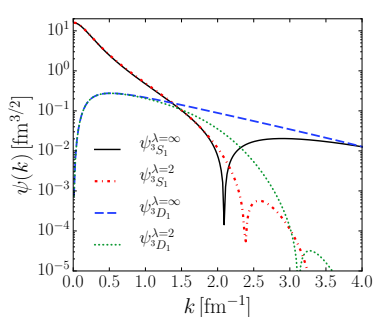
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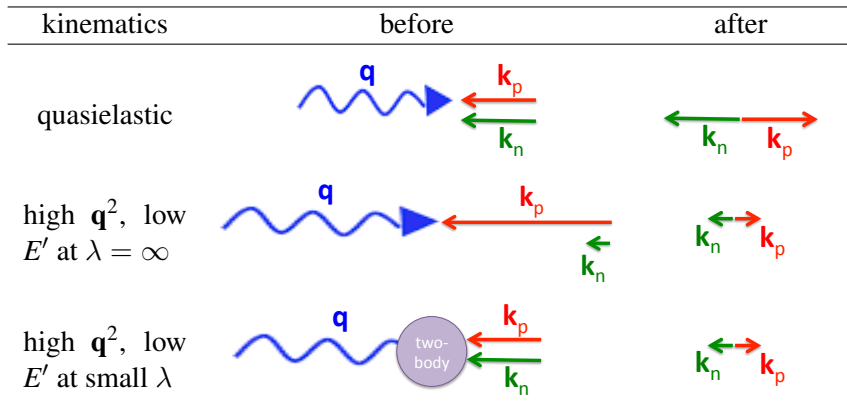
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Relevance to $0\nu\beta\beta$

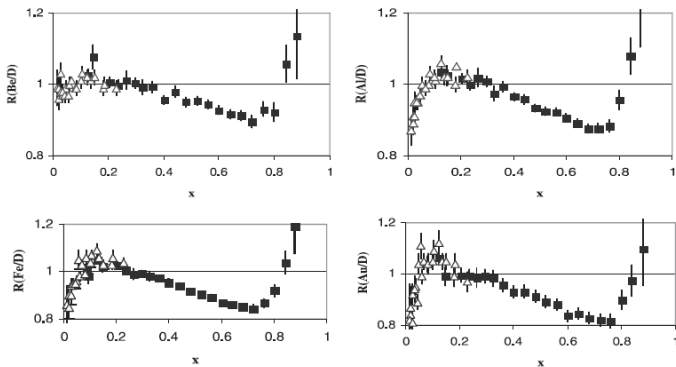
- Evolution of leading $0\nu\beta\beta$ operator
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- Factorization arguments
→ understand the SRC factor
→ correlation among various observables
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Back up

Cartoon picture



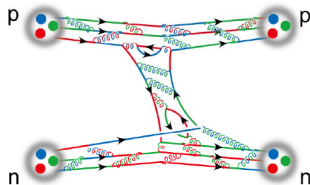
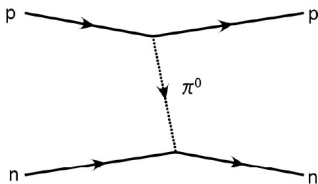
EMC Phenomenology



Notron, Rep. Prog. Phys. (2003) (data from SLAC)

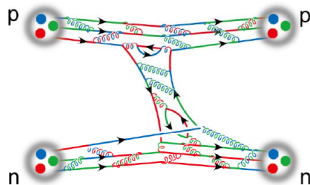
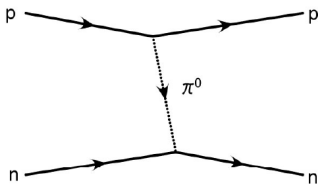
- EMC \Rightarrow nuclear modification of nucleonic properties.
The EMC ratio is independent of Q^2 .
- The shape is universal: independent of A . Depletion at small x , greater than 1 for $0.1 < x < 0.3$, linear fall for $0.3 < x < 0.7$ and step rise for $x > 0.7$.
- The magnitude of distortion is A dependent. It goes roughly as ρ_A .

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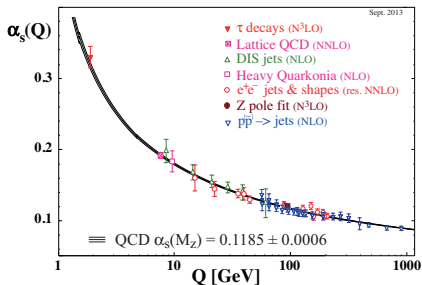


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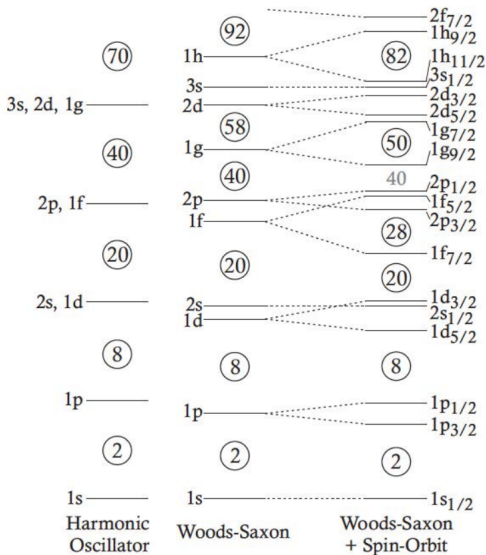
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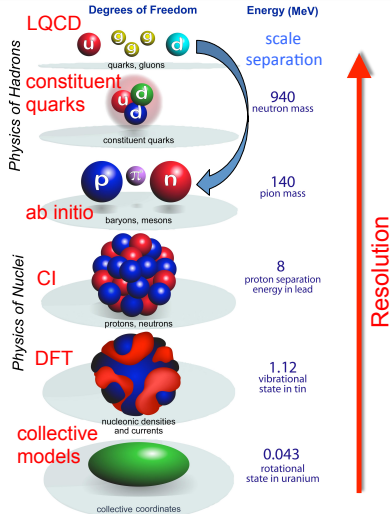
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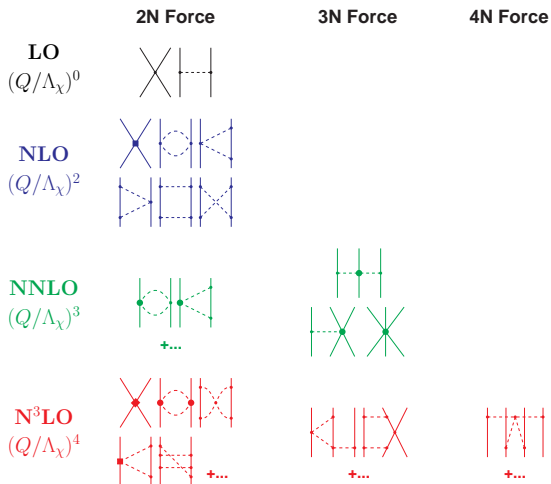


Choose appropriate degrees of freedom



"You may use any degrees of freedom you like to describe a physical system, but if you use the wrong ones, you'll be sorry!" - Weinberg

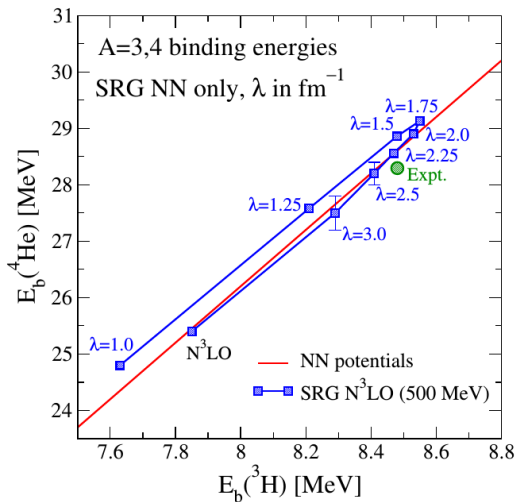
Chiral EFT diagrams



SRG back up

- SRG flow equation: $\frac{dH_s}{ds} = [[T_{\text{rel}}, H_s], H_s]$
- s : flow parameter. T_{rel} : relative kinetic energy
- $E_n = \langle \Psi_n | H | \Psi_n \rangle = (\langle \Psi_n | U_s^\dagger) U_s H U_s^\dagger (U_s | \Psi_n) = \langle \Psi_n^s | H_s | \Psi_n^s \rangle$
- There is no unique potential!
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- $\frac{dV_\lambda}{d\lambda}(k, k') \propto -(\epsilon_k - \epsilon_{k'})^2 V_\lambda(k, k') + \sum_q (\epsilon_k + \epsilon_{k'} - 2\epsilon_q) V_\lambda(k, q) V_\lambda(q, k')$
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- $\frac{dU_s}{ds} = [G_s, H_s] U_s$
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Tjon line



Numerical implementation

- $\langle \phi | t_\lambda^\dagger G_0^\dagger J_0^\lambda | \psi_i^\lambda \rangle = \langle \phi | t_\lambda^\dagger G_0^\dagger \tilde{U} J_0 \tilde{U}^\dagger | \psi_i^\lambda \rangle + \dots$
- $U = I + \tilde{U}$. Smooth \tilde{U} amenable to interpolation.
- Insert complete set of partial wave basis of the form

$$1 = \frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{\substack{L,S \\ J,m_J}} \sum_{T=0,1} \int dp p^2 |p J m_J L S T\rangle \langle p J m_J L S T| .$$
- Large number of nested sums and integrals. Caching techniques used to avoid recalculation of t -matrix.
- Parallelization implemented using TBB library. Run on a node with 48 cores.

Numerical implementation: representative term

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \phi | t_\lambda^\dagger G_0^\dagger \tilde{U} J_0 \tilde{U}^\dagger | \psi_i^\lambda \rangle &= \frac{8}{\pi^2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{M}{\hbar c} \int \frac{dk_2 k_2^2}{(p' + k_2)(p' - k_2 - i\epsilon)} \sum_{T_1=0,1} (G_E^p + (-1)^{T_1} G_E^n) \\
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 &\times \sum_{L_4=0}^{L_{\max}} \langle L_4 m_{J_d} - \tilde{m}_s S = 1 \tilde{m}_s | J = 1 m_{J_d} \rangle \int dk_4 k_4^2 \tilde{U}(k_2, k_4, L_2, L_3, J_1, S = 1, T_1) \\
 &\quad \times \int d\cos\theta P_{L_3}^{m_{J_d} - \tilde{m}_s}(\cos\theta) P_{L_4}^{m_{J_d} - \tilde{m}_s}(\cos\alpha'(k_4, \theta)) \\
 &\times \int dk_6 k_6^2 \sum_{L_d=0,2} \tilde{U}\left(k_6, \sqrt{k_4^2 - k_4 q \cos\theta + q^2/4}, L_d, L_4, J = 1, S = 1, T = 0\right) \psi_{L_d}^\lambda(k_6).
 \end{aligned}$$