

High-Resolution Probes of Low-Resolution Nuclei

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Context:

- “From low-momentum interactions to nuclear structure ,”
S. Bogner, rjf, A. Schwenk, arXiv:1012.3381
- “Operator evolution via the SRG: The deuteron,”
E. Anderson et al., arXiv:1008.1569
- “High-momentum tails from low-momentum effective theories,”
S. Bogner, D. Roscher, arXiv:1208.1734

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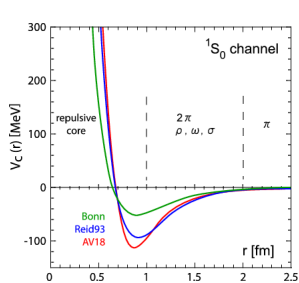
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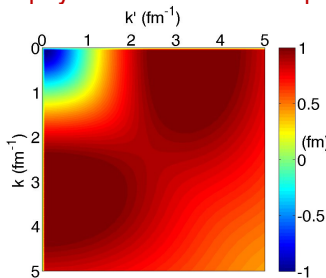
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AV18, Bonn, Reid93



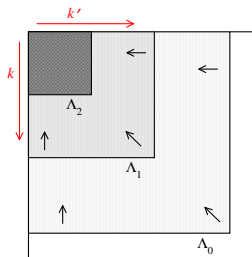
$\langle k | V_{AV18} | k' \rangle$

Coupling of low- k /high- k modes: non-perturbative, strong correlations, ...

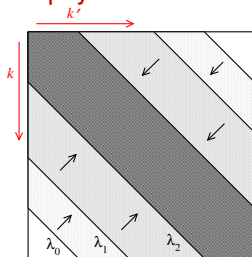
Remedy: Use RG to **decouple** modes
 \implies low resolution

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Similarity RG

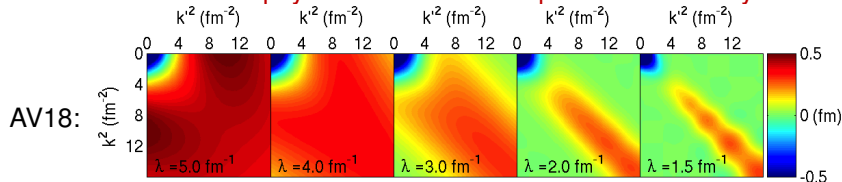
- $V_{\text{low } k}$: lower cutoff Λ_i in k, k' via $dT(k, k'; k^2)/d\Lambda = 0$
- SRG: drive H toward diagonal with flow equation

$$dH_s/ds = [[G_s, H_s], H_s]$$

Continuous **unitary** transforms
(cf. running couplings)

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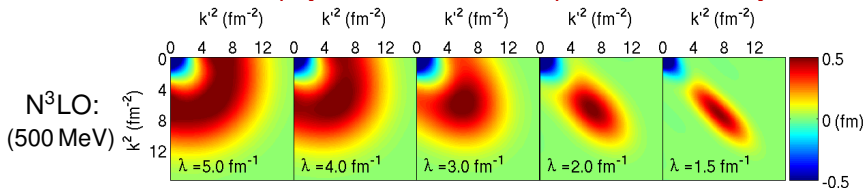
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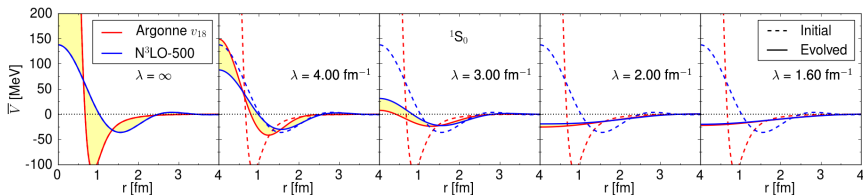
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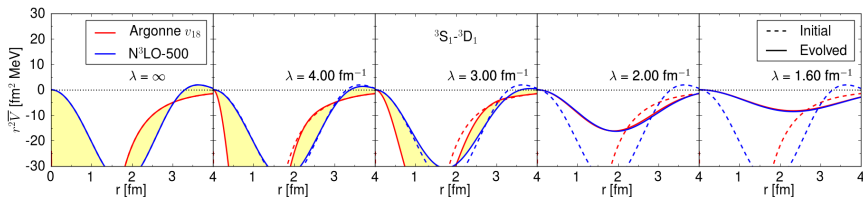
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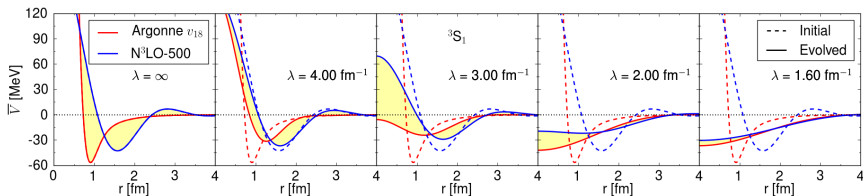


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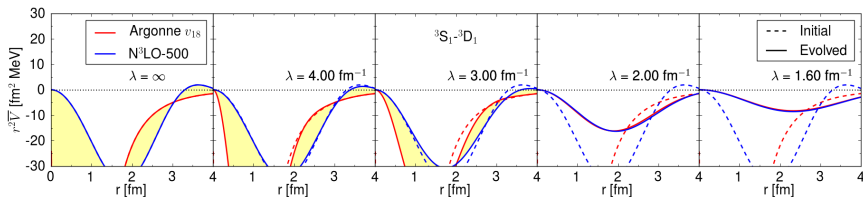


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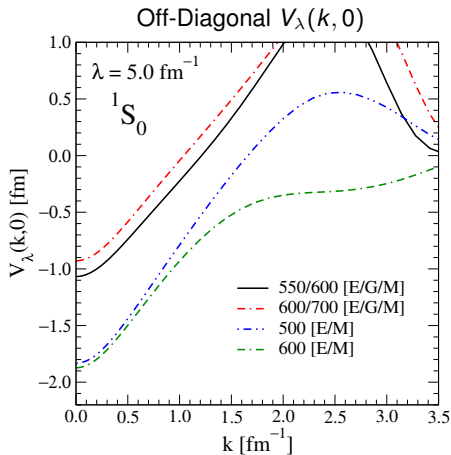
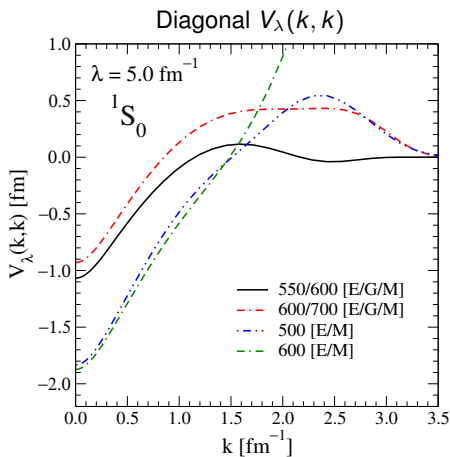
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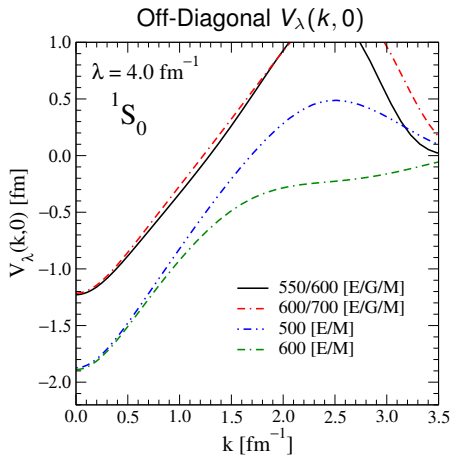
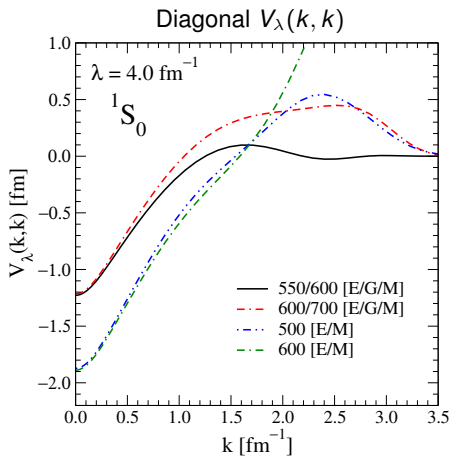
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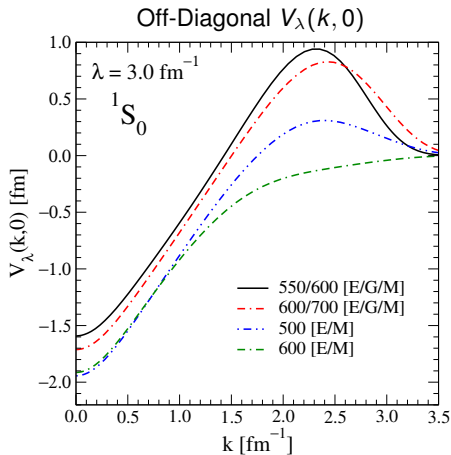
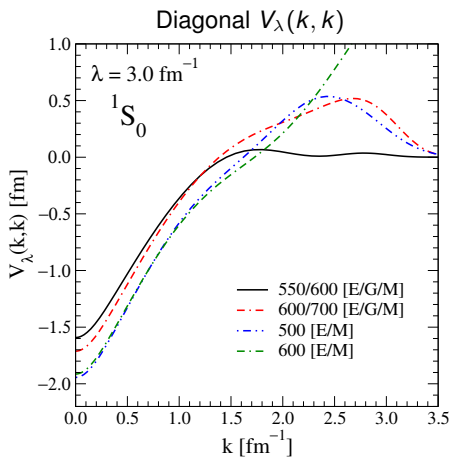
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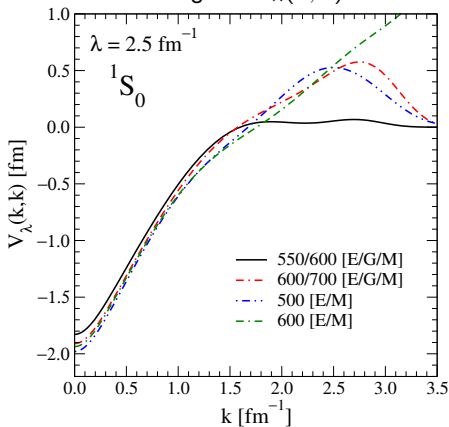


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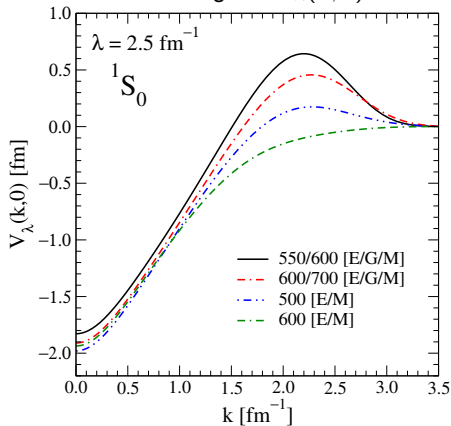


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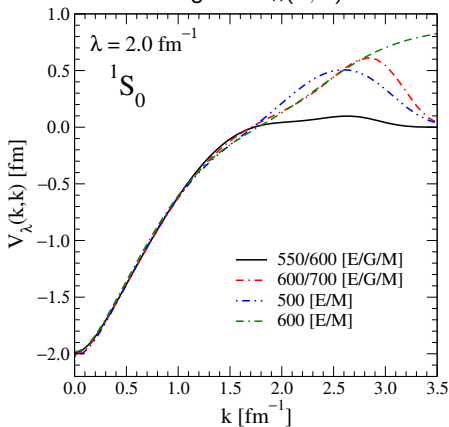
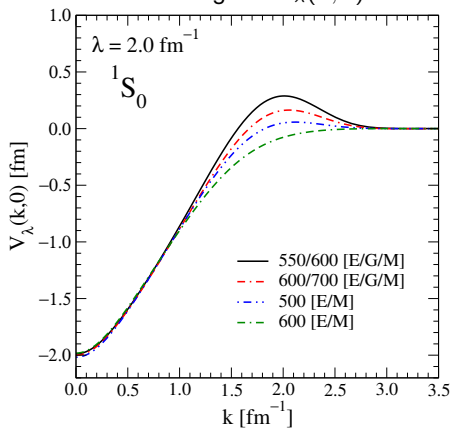
Off-Diagonal $V_\lambda(k, 0)$



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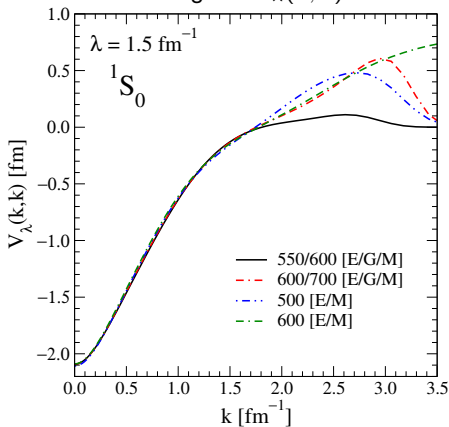
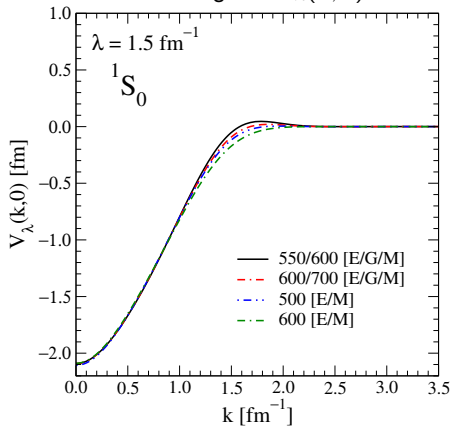
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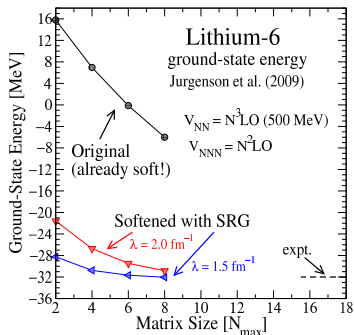
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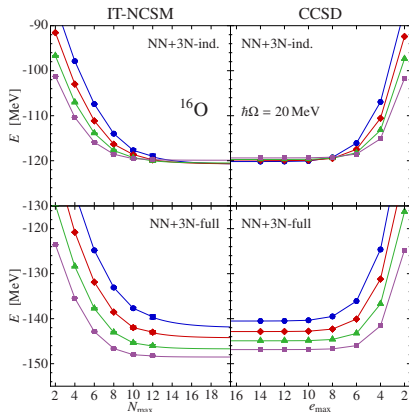
Softened potentials (SRG, $V_{\text{low } k}$, UCOM, ...) enhance convergence

- Convergence for no-core shell model (NCSM):



- (Already) soft chiral EFT potential and evolved (softened) SRG potentials, including NNN

- Softening allows importance truncation (IT) and converged coupled cluster (CCSD)

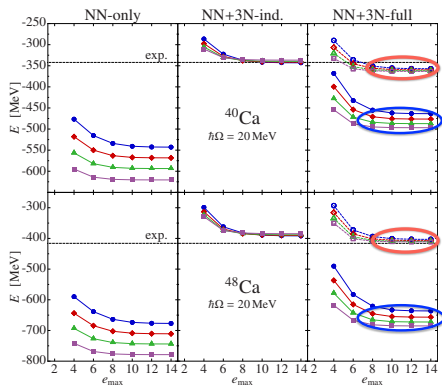
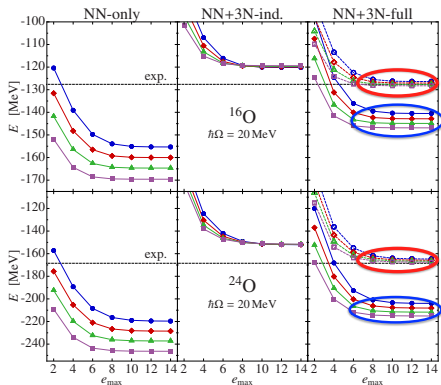


[Roth et al., arXiv:1112.0287]

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R. Roth et al. SRG-evolved N^3LO with NNN [arXiv:1112.0287]

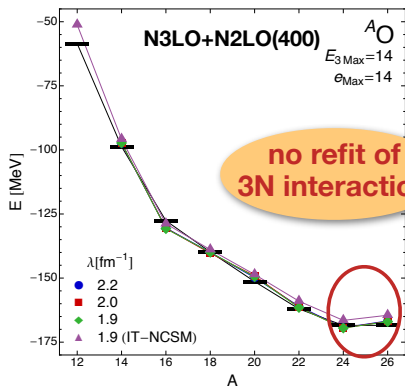
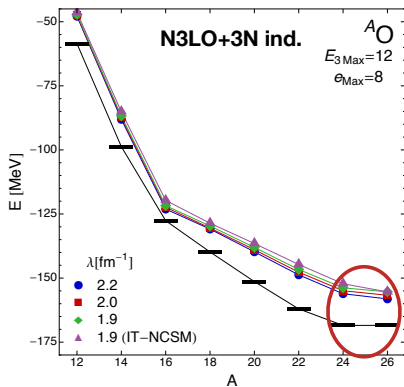
- Coupled cluster with interactions $H(\lambda)$: λ is a decoupling scale
 - Only when NNN-induced added to NN-only $\implies \lambda$ independent
 - With initial NNN: predictions from fit only to $A = 3$ properties
- Open questions: red (400 MeV) works, blue (500 MeV) doesn't!



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In-medium Similarity Renormalization Group made possible

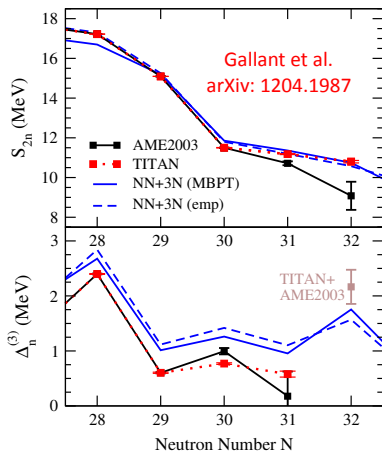
- E.g, IM-SRG for open-shell nuclei [H. Hergert et al., in preparation]
 - Start with SRG-evolved NN+NNN Hamiltonian
 - Evolve normal-ordered wrt reference state \implies decouple ph excitations
 - Direct application to isotope chains, shell-model H_{eff}, \dots



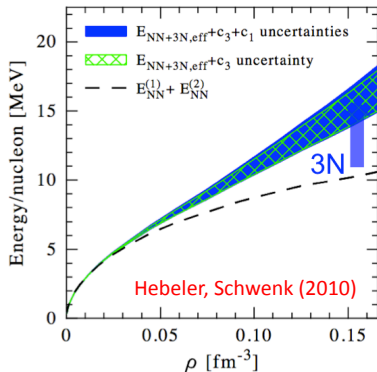
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Lowered scale enables many-body perturbation theory (MBPT)

- Quantitative prediction for Ca isotope S_{2n} trends (verified!)



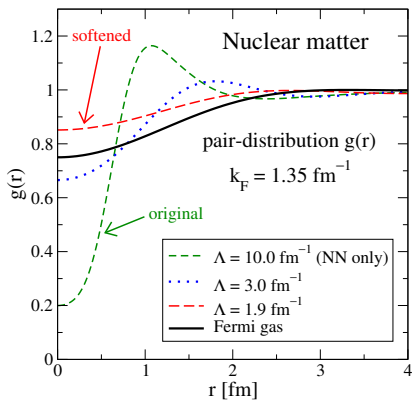
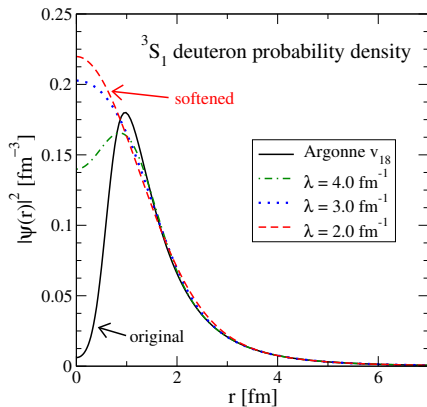
- Neutron/nuclear matter



- Constrain neutron stars:
 $R = 10\text{--}14$ km for $1.4 M_{\text{sun}}$
[Hebeler et al. (2010)]

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But soft potentials don't lead to short-range correlations (SRC)!



- Continuously transformed potential \implies variable SRC's in wfs!
- Therefore, it seems that SRC's are very resolution dependent

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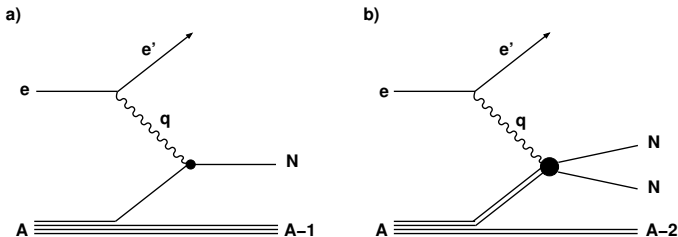
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Changing resolution shifts physics: Not unique!

- From D. Higinbotham, arXiv:1010.4433

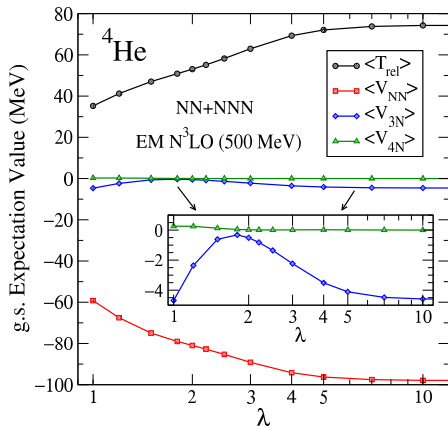
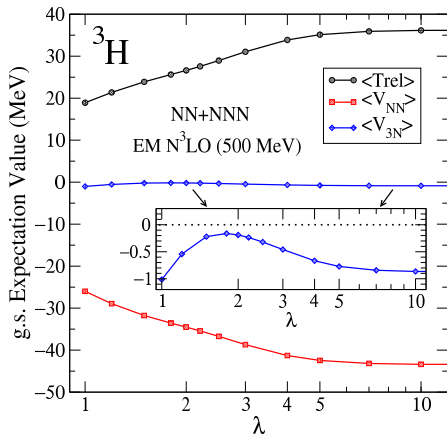


“The simple goal of short-range nucleon-nucleon correlation studies is to cleanly isolate diagram b) from a). Unfortunately, there are many other diagrams, including those with final-state interactions, that can produce the same final state as the diagram scientists would like to isolate. If one could find kinematics that were dominated by diagram b) it would finally allow electron scattering to provide new insights into the short-range part of the nucleon-nucleon potential.”

- What is in the blob in b)? A one-body vertex and an SRC, or a two-body vertex? Depends on the resolution! (Also FSI+ will mix.)

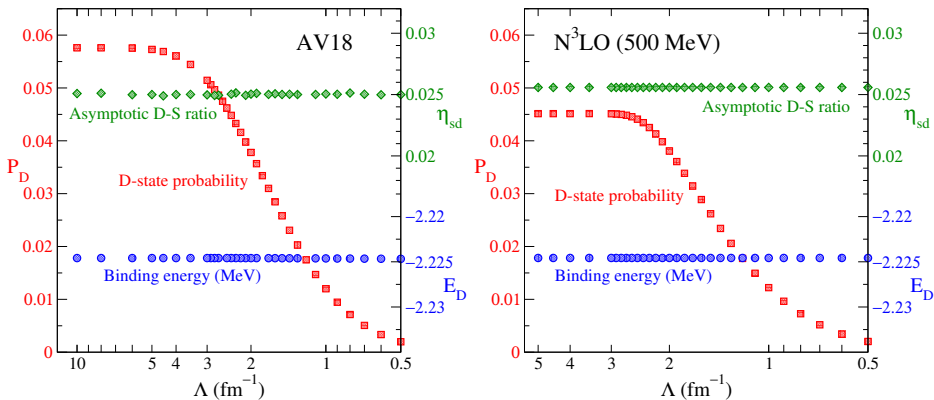
Contributions to the ground-state energy

- Look at ground-state matrix elements of KE, NN, 3N, 4N



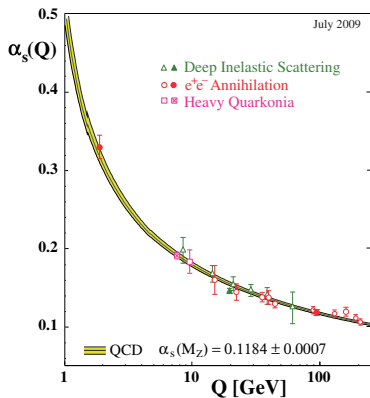
- Clear hierarchy, but also strong cancellations at NN level
- Kinetic energy is resolution dependent!

Deuteron scale-(in)dependent observables



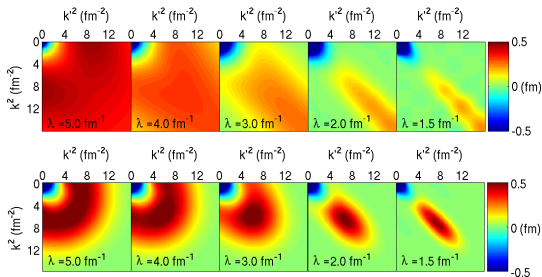
- $V_{\text{low } k}$ RG transformations labeled by Λ (different V_Λ 's)
 - ⇒ soften interactions by lowering resolution (scale)
 - ⇒ reduced short-range and tensor correlations
- Energy and asymptotic D-S ratio are unchanged (cf. ANC's)
- But D-state probability changes (cf. spectroscopic factors)

Running QCD $\alpha_s(Q^2)$ vs. running nuclear V_λ



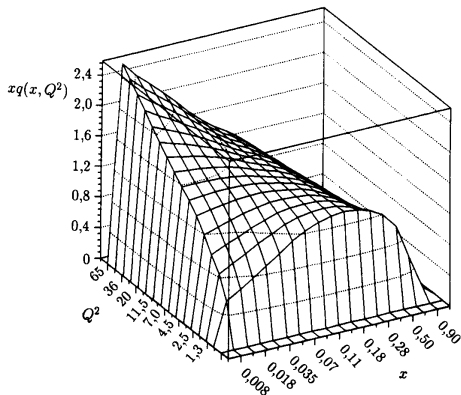
- The QCD coupling is *scale* dependent (cf. low-E QED):
 $\alpha_s(Q^2) \approx [\beta_0 \ln(Q^2/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2)]^{-1}$
- The QCD coupling strength α_s is *scheme* dependent (e.g., “V” scheme used on lattice, or $\overline{\text{MS}}$)

- Vary scale (“resolution”) with RG
- Scale dependence: SRG (or $V_{\text{low } k}$) running of initial potential with λ (decoupling or separation scale)

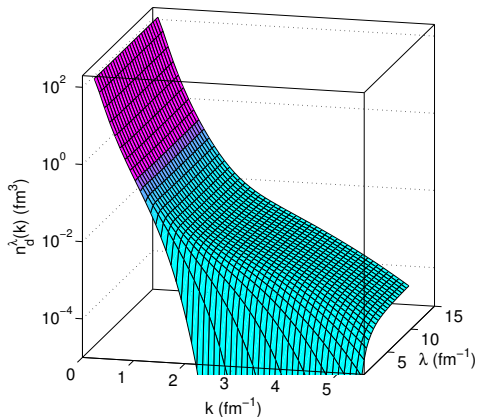


- Scheme dependence: AV18 vs. N^3LO (plus associated 3NFs)
- But all are (NN) phase equivalent!
- Shift contributions between interaction and sums over intermediate states

Parton vs. nuclear momentum distributions

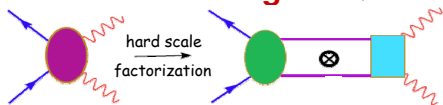


- The quark distribution $q(x, Q^2)$ is scheme *and* scale dependent
- $x q(x, Q^2)$ measures the share of momentum carried by the quarks in a particular x -interval

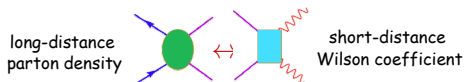


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- Initial AV18 potential evolved with SRG from $\lambda = \infty$ to $\lambda = 1.5 \text{ fm}^{-1}$

Factorization: high-E QCD vs. low-E nuclear

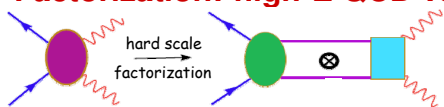


$$F_2(x, Q^2) \sim \sum_a f_a(x, \mu_f) \otimes \hat{F}_2^a(x, Q/\mu_f)$$

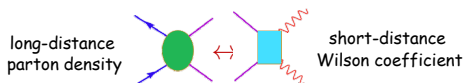


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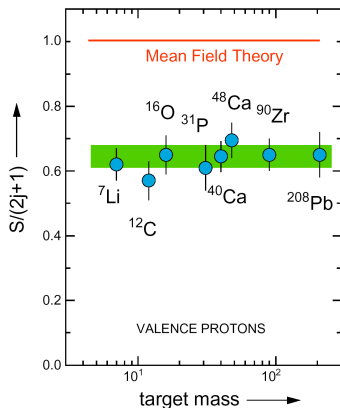
- Also has factorization assumptions (e.g., from D. Bazin ECT* talk, 5/2011)

Observable: cross section Structure model: spectroscopic factor Reaction model: single-particle cross section

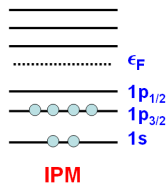
$$\sigma^{if} = \sum_{|J_f - J_i| \leq j \leq J_f + J_i} S_j^{if} \sigma_{sp}$$

- Is the factorization general/robust? (Process dependence?)
- What does it mean to be *consistent* between structure and reaction models? Treat separately? **No!**
- How does scale/scheme dependence come in?
- What are the trade-offs? (Does simpler structure part always mean more complicated reaction part?)

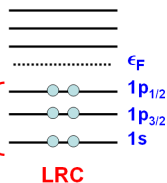
Scale/scheme dependence: spectroscopic factors



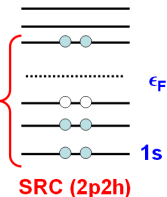
- Spectroscopic factors for valence protons have been **extracted** from $(e, e'p)$ experimental cross sections (e.g., Nikhef 1990's at left)
- Used as canonical evidence for "correlations", particularly short-range correlations (SRC's)
- But if SFs are **scale/scheme** dependent, how do we explain the cross section?



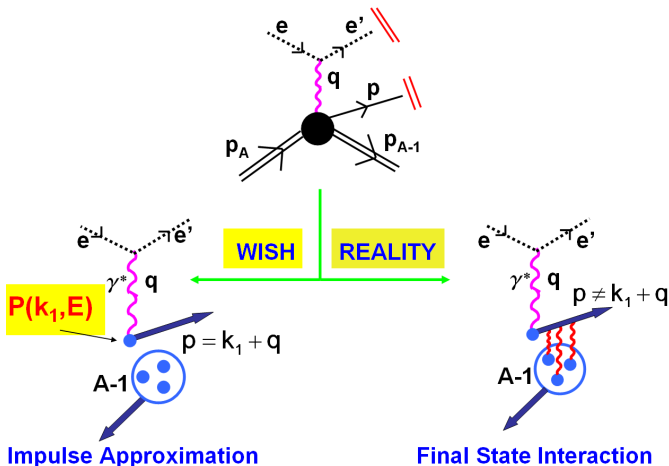
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50-100 MeV

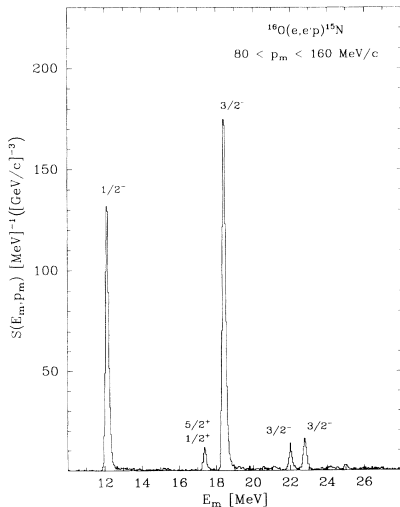


Standard story for $(e, e'p)$ [from C. Ciofi degli Atti]

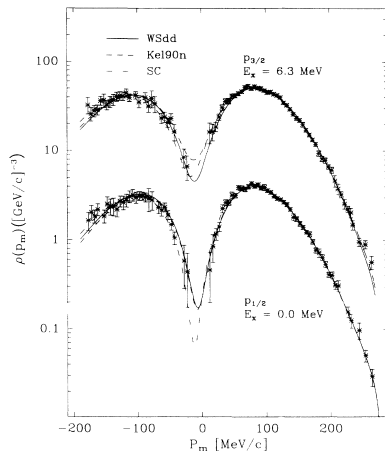


- In IA: “missing” momentum $p_m = k_1$ and energy $E_m = E$
- Choose E_m to select a discrete final state for range of p_m
- Can FSI be treated as *add-on* theoretical correction to IA?

(Assumed) factorization of $(e, e'p)$ cross section



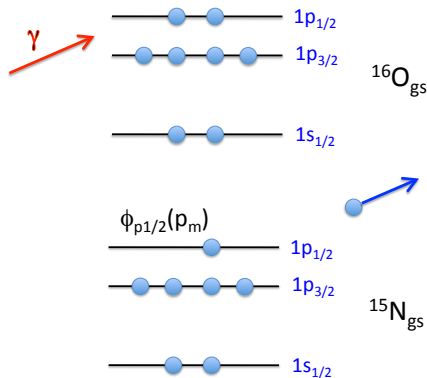
Missing energy spectrum for
 $^{16}\text{O}(e, e'p)^{15}\text{N}$ [Leuschner (1994)]



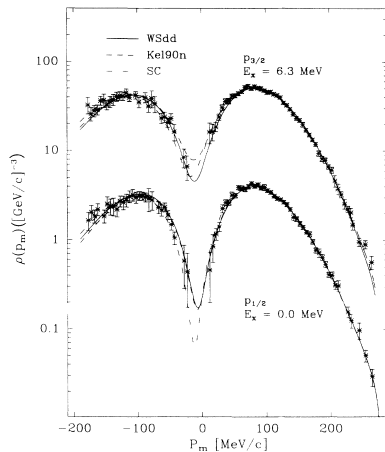
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- Knock out $p_{1/2}$ proton from ^{16}O to ^{15}N ground state in IPM
- Adjust s.p. well depth and radius to identify $\phi_\alpha(\mathbf{p}_m)$
- Final state interactions (FSI) added



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Source of scale-dependence for low-E structure

- Measured cross section as convolution: reaction \otimes structure
 - but separate parts are not unique, *only* the combination
- Short-range unitary transformation U leaves m.e.'s invariant:

$$O_{mn} \equiv \langle \Psi_m | \hat{O} | \Psi_n \rangle = (\langle \Psi_m | U^\dagger) U \hat{O} U^\dagger (U | \Psi_n \rangle) = \langle \tilde{\Psi}_m | \tilde{O} | \tilde{\Psi}_n \rangle \equiv \tilde{O}_{\tilde{m}\tilde{n}}$$

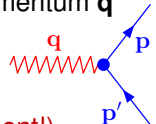
But the matrix elements of operator \hat{O} itself between the transformed states are in general modified:

$$O_{\tilde{m}\tilde{n}} \equiv \langle \tilde{\Psi}_m | O | \tilde{\Psi}_n \rangle \neq O_{mn} \implies \text{e.g., } \langle \Psi_n^{A-1} | a_\alpha | \Psi_0^A \rangle \text{ changes}$$

- In a low-energy effective theory, transformations that modify *short-range* unresolved physics \implies equally valid states.
So $\tilde{O}_{mn} \neq O_{mn} \implies$ scale/scheme dependent observables.
- [Field theory version: the equivalence principle says that only on-shell quantities can be measured. Field redefinitions change off-shell dependence only.]

Generic knockout reaction [e.g., Dickhoff/Van Neck text]

- Consider a scalar external probe that just transfers momentum \mathbf{q}

$$\rho(\mathbf{q}) = \rho_0 \sum_{j=1}^A e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \implies \hat{\rho}(\mathbf{q}) = \rho_0 \sum_{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{p}'} \langle \mathbf{p} | e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} | \mathbf{p}' \rangle a_{\mathbf{p}}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{p}'}$$


- First assumption: one-body operator (scale dependent!)
- Then the cross section from Fermi's golden rule is

$$d\sigma \sim \sum \delta(\omega + E_i - E_f) |\langle \Psi_f | \hat{\rho}(\mathbf{q}) | \Psi_i \rangle|^2$$

- Complication: ejected final particle A interacts on way out (FSI)

$$H_A = \sum_{i=1}^A \frac{p_i^2}{2m} + \sum_{i < j=1}^A V(i, j) = H_{A-1} + \frac{p_A^2}{2m} + \sum_{i=1}^{A-1} V(i, A)$$

- If we neglect this interaction \implies PW (no FSI)

$$|\Psi_i\rangle = |\Psi_0^A\rangle, \quad |\Psi_f\rangle = a_{\mathbf{p}}^\dagger |\Psi_n^{A-1}\rangle \implies \langle \Psi_f | = \langle \Psi_n^{A-1} | a_{\mathbf{p}}$$

\implies factorized knockout cross section \propto hole spectral fcn:

$$d\sigma \sim \rho_0^2 \sum_n \delta(E_m - E_0^A + E_n^{A-1}) |\langle \Psi_n^{A-1} | a_{\mathbf{p}_m} | \Psi_0^A \rangle|^2 = \rho_0^2 S_h(\mathbf{p}_m, E_m)$$

Now repeat with a unitary transformation \hat{U}

- The cross section is *guaranteed* to be the same from $\hat{U}^\dagger \hat{U} = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\sigma &\sim \sum \delta(\omega + E_i - E_f) |\langle \Psi_f | \hat{\rho}(\mathbf{q}) | \Psi_i \rangle|^2 \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

but the pieces are different now.

- Schematically, the SRG has $\hat{U} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(U - 1)a^\dagger a^\dagger a a + \dots$
 - U is found by solving for the unitary transformation in the $A = 2$ system (this is the easy part!)
 - The \dots 's represent higher-body operators
 - One-body operators ($\propto a^\dagger a$) gain many-body pieces (EFT: there are always many-body pieces at some level!)
 - Both initial and final states are modified (and therefore FSI)

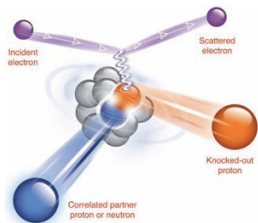
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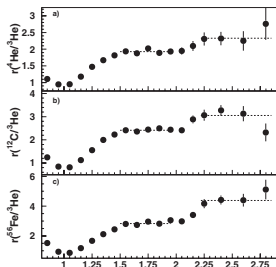
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Probing low-resolution nuclei at high momentum

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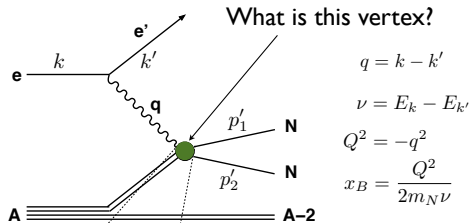


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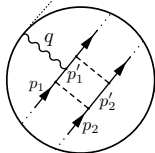
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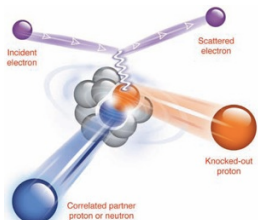


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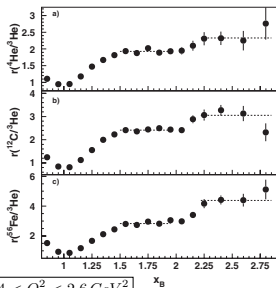
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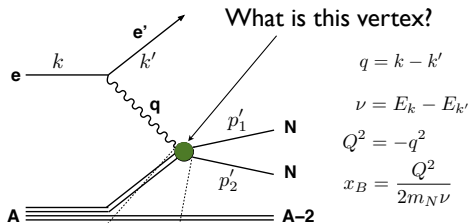


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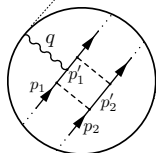
$$q = k - k'$$

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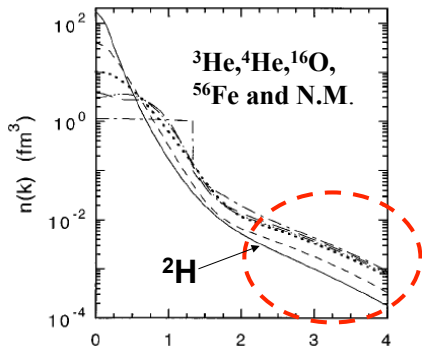
How to explain cross sections in terms of low-momentum interactions?

Vertex depends on the resolution!

Deuteron-like scaling at high momenta from factorization

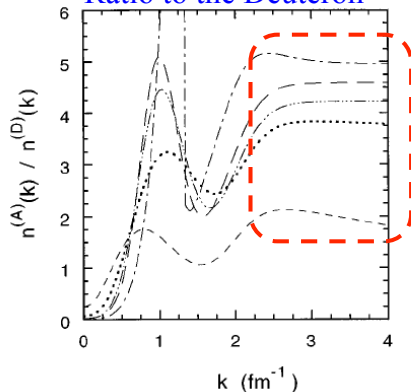
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Momentum Distributions $n(k)$



$n(k)$ at high Momentum regions are similar to it of the Deuteron

Ratio to the Deuteron



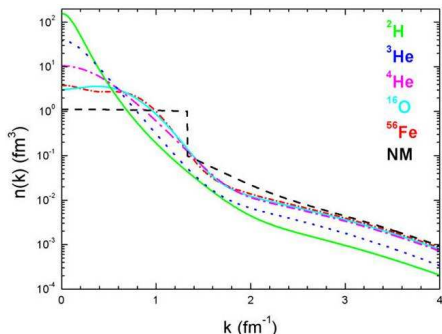
Almost Flat!

High resolution: Dominance of V_{NN} and SRCs (Frankfurt et al.)

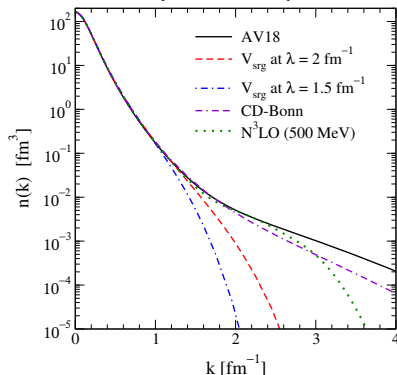
Lower resolution \implies lower separation scale \implies fall-off depends on V_λ

Changing the separation scale with RG evolution

- Conventional analysis has (implied) high momentum scale
- Based on potentials like AV18 and one-body current operator



[From C. Ciofi degli Atti and S. Simula]



- With RG evolution, probability of high momentum decreases, but

$$n(k) \equiv \langle A | a_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{k}} | A \rangle = (\langle A | \hat{U}^\dagger) \hat{U} a_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{U}^\dagger (\hat{U} | \Psi_n \rangle) = \langle \tilde{A} | \hat{U} a_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{U}^\dagger | \tilde{A} \rangle$$

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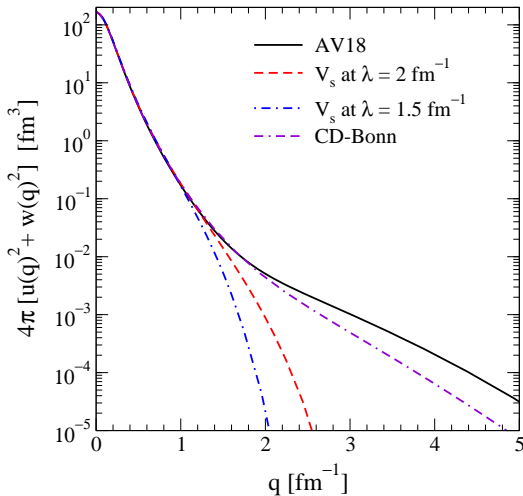
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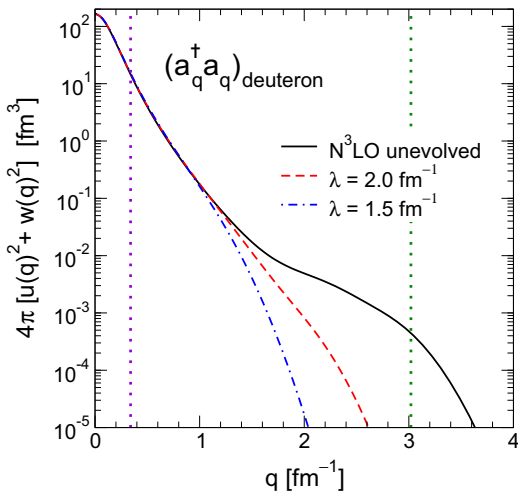
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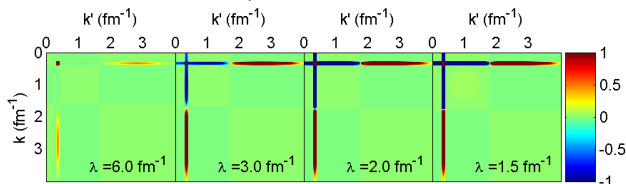
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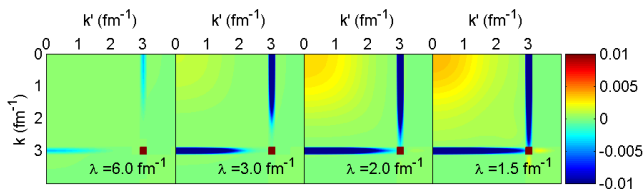


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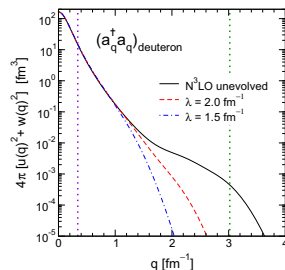
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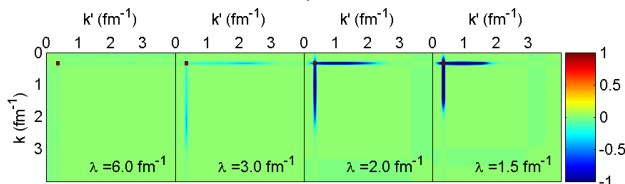
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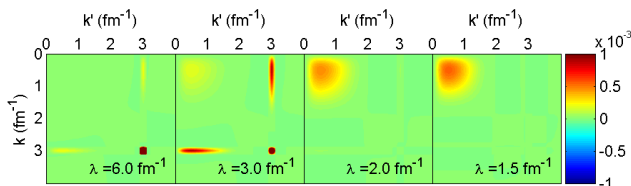
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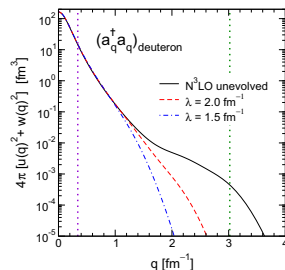
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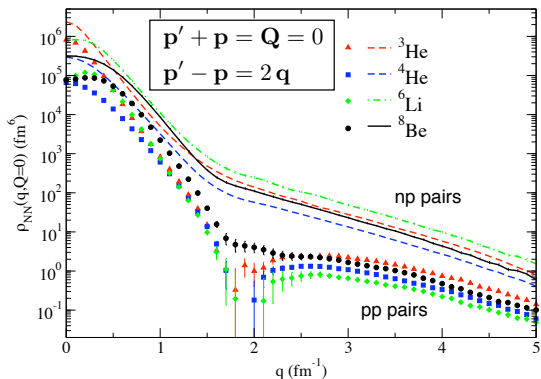
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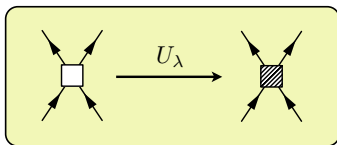


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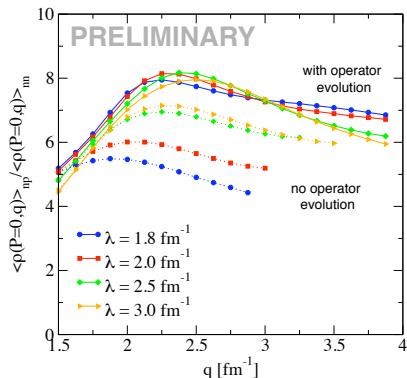
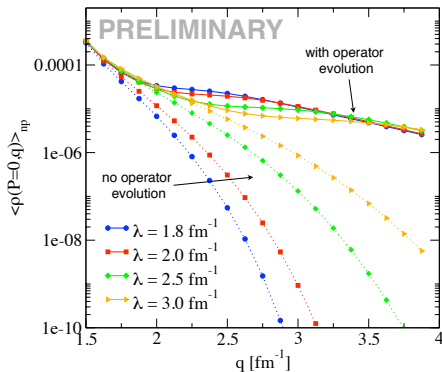


simple calculation of pair density at low resolution in nuclear matter:

$$\langle \rho(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{q}) \rangle = \text{[diagram 1]} + \text{[diagram 2]} + \text{[diagram 3]} + \text{[diagram 4]}$$

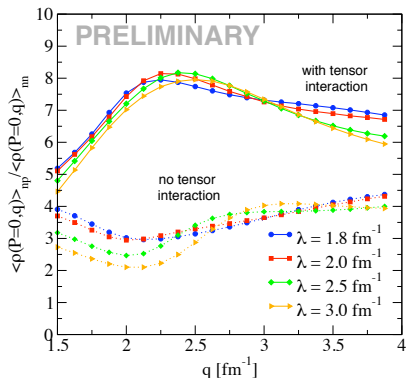
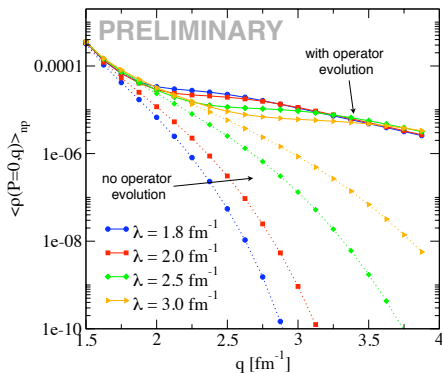
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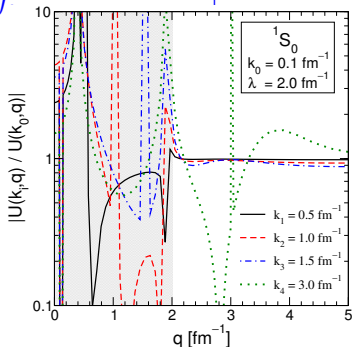
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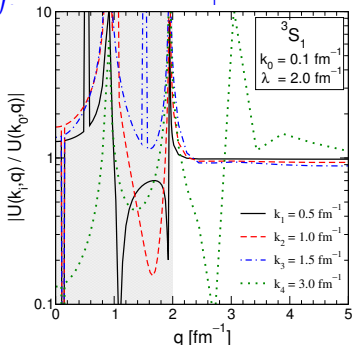
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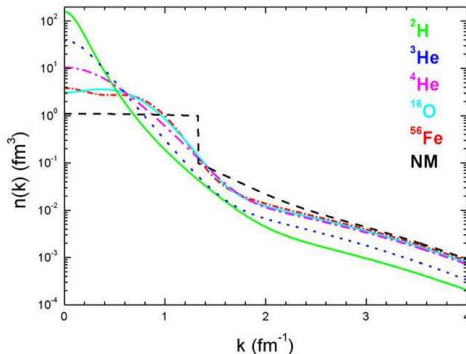


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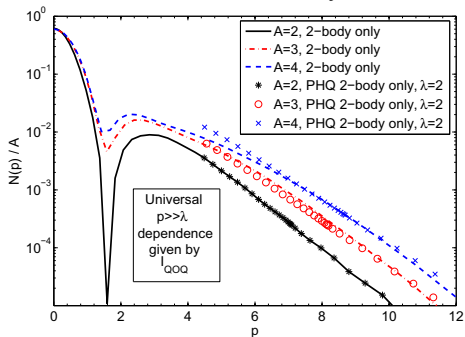
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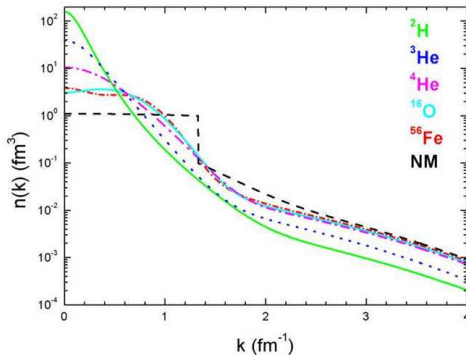
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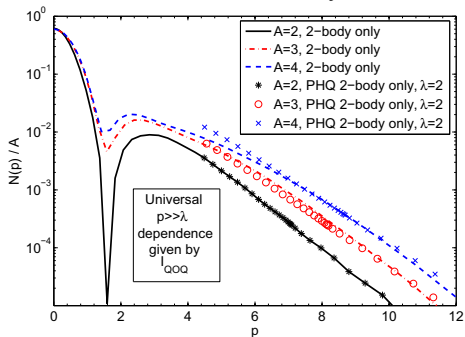
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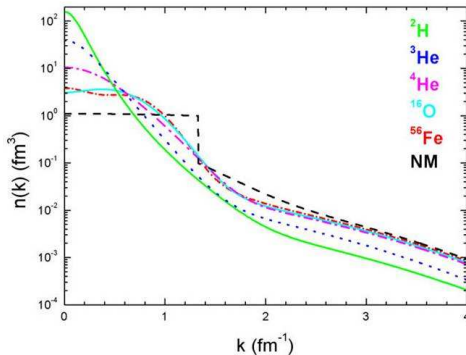
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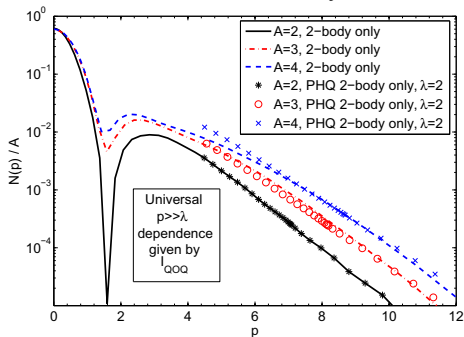
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 - Cf. needing a *model* of short-distance nucleon dynamics
 - Distinguish long-distance nuclear from nucleon physics
- EMC and effective field theory (examples)
 - “DVCS-dissociation of the deuteron and the EMC effect” [S.R. Beane and M.J. Savage, Nucl. Phys. A 761, 259 (2005)]

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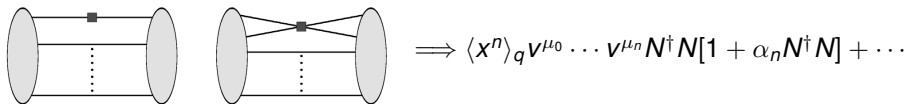
Dependence of EMC effect on A is long-distance physics!

- EFT treatment by Chen and Detmold [Phys. Lett. B 625, 165 (2005)]

$$F_2^A(x) = \sum_i Q_i^2 x q_i^A(x) \quad \implies \quad R_A(x) = F_2^A(x)/AF_2^N(x)$$

“The x dependence of $R_A(x)$ is governed by short-distance physics, while the overall magnitude (the A dependence) of the EMC effect is governed by long distance matrix elements calculable using traditional nuclear physics.”

- Match matrix elements: leading-order nucleon operators to isoscalar twist-two quark operators \implies parton dist. moments

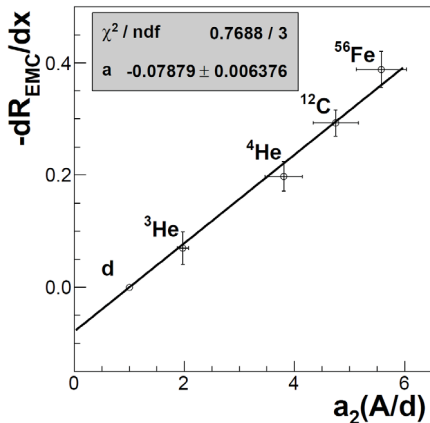


$$R_A(x) = \frac{F_2^A(x)}{AF_2^N(x)} = 1 + g_{F_2}(x) \mathcal{G}(A) \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{G}(A) = \langle A | (N^\dagger N)^2 | A \rangle / A \Lambda_0$$

\implies the slope $\frac{dR_A}{dx}$ scales with $\mathcal{G}(A)$ [Why is this not cited more?]

Scaling and EMC correlation via low resolution

- SRG factorization, e.g.,
 $U_\lambda(k, q) \rightarrow K_\lambda(k)Q_\lambda(q)$
 when $k < \lambda$ and $q \gg \lambda$
 - Dependence on high- q independent of A
 \implies universal [cf. T. Neff]
 - A dependence from low-momentum matrix elements \implies calculate!
- EMC from EFT using OPE:
 - Isolate A dependence, which factorizes from x
 - EMC A dependence from long-distance matrix elements



L.B. Weinstein, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, 052301 (2011)

If same leading operators dominate, then linear A dependence of ratios?

Final comments and questions

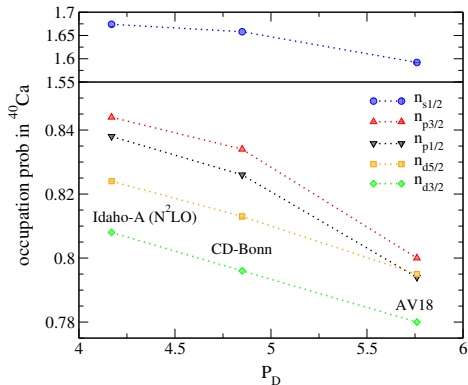
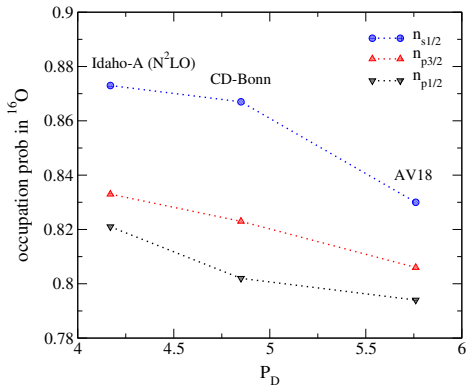
- Summary (and follow-up) points
 - Lower resolution \implies more natural nuclear structure
 - While scale and scheme-dependent observables can be (to good approximation) unambiguous for *some* systems, they are often (generally?) not for nuclei. Physics changes!
 - Scale/scheme includes *consistent* Hamiltonian and operators. How dangerous is it to treat experimental analysis in pieces?
 - Unitary transformations reveal *natural* scheme dependence
- Questions for which RG/EFT perspective + tools can help
 - Can we have controlled factorization at low energies?
 - How should one choose a scale/scheme?
 - What *is* the scheme-dependence of SF's and other quantities?
 - What are the roles of short-range/long-range correlations?
 - How do we match Hamiltonians and operators?
 - When is the assumption of one-body operators viable?
 - ... and many more!

Some on-going calculations to address basic issues

- More general treatment of factorization [S. Bogner et al.]
- Deuteron electrodisintegration [S. More et al.]
 - No issues with three-body operators
 - Do full calculation with final state interactions (FSI)
 - Evolve with SRG, observe FSI/operator/wf contributions
- MBPT for operators: relative momentum distributions
- Quantitative scaling factors [E. Anderson, K. Hebeler]
 - Few-body directly; LDA from infinite matter MBPT
- Many-body operators [E. Anderson, E. Jurgenson, K. Wendt]
 - Technology for evolution and embedding
 - Power counting investigations
- Variation of spectroscopic factors, single-particle quantities
 - T. Duguet, rjf, and G. Hagen

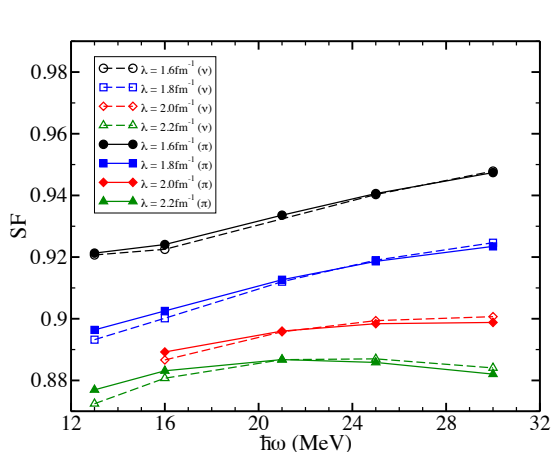
Correlation of P_D with spectroscopic factors?

Calculations from Gad and Muether, Phys. Rev. C **66**, 044361 (2002)



- Decrease in resolution (more non-local, reduced short-range tensor strength) \implies Increased occupation probability
- Are these calculations sufficiently complete/consistent?
- If so, is the correlation quantitatively predictable?

Scale dependence in coupled cluster calculations



^{16}O spectroscopic factors (SFs)
[From Ø. Jensen et al.,
PRC **82**, 014310 (2010)]

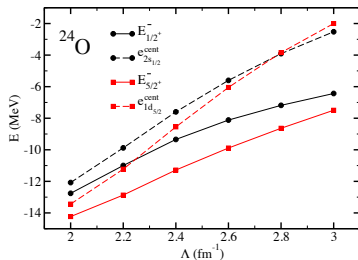
- SF increases as SRG resolution λ decreases from 2.2 to 1.6 fm^{-1}
- But significant $\hbar\omega$ dependence and no NNN
- Need to check that direct measurables are invariant

Wave functions become less correlated as Λ/λ decreases;
how does the nature of reaction operators change?

See T. Duguet and G. Hagen, arXiv:1110.2468 for first steps

Resolution scale dependence

[Slide courtesy of T. Duguet]

One-neutron removal in ^{24}O

- $\rightsquigarrow E_{\nu}^-$ and e_p^{cent} versus Λ_{RG}
- $\rightsquigarrow \Lambda_{RG} \in [2.0; 3.0] \text{ fm}^{-1}$

Non-observability of ESPEs

- ① Scale dependence of E_{ν}^- from omitted induced forces and clusters
- ② Intrinsic scale dependence of $e_p^{cent} \approx 6 \text{ MeV}$ for $\Lambda_{RG} \in [2.0, 3.0] \text{ fm}^{-1}$
- ③ Extracting *the* shell structure from $(E_k^{\pm}, \sigma_k^{\pm})$ is an illusory objective
 - \rightsquigarrow One shell structure per (preferably low) resolution scale Λ_{RG}
 - \rightsquigarrow Using *consistent* structure and reaction models is mandatory
 - \rightsquigarrow Requires consistent many-body techniques and same $H(\Lambda_{RG})$

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Using EFT and field redefinitions as tools

- EFT: $\mathcal{L}_{\text{eft}} = \psi^\dagger \left[i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\nabla^2}{2M} \right] \psi - \frac{C_0}{2} (\psi^\dagger \psi)^2 - \frac{D_0}{6} (\psi^\dagger \psi)^3 + \dots$
 - general short-range interactions, but not unique!
- Try simple field redefinition to check scheme dependence:

$$\psi \longrightarrow \psi + \alpha \frac{4\pi}{\Lambda^3} (\psi^\dagger \psi) \psi \quad \alpha \sim \mathcal{O}(1) \implies \text{"natural"} \implies \text{estimate!}$$

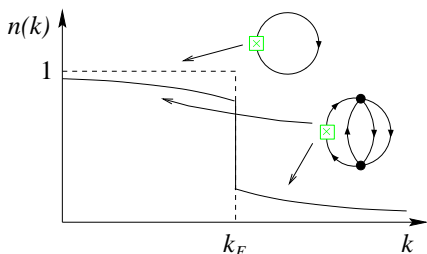
- “new” vertices: 2-body off-shell \triangle , 3-body $\circ \propto \frac{8\pi\alpha}{\Lambda^3} C_0 (\psi^\dagger \psi)^3$
- asymptotic “on-shell” quantities (S-matrix elements) must be unchanged by redefinition
- Energy density is model (α) independent *if* all terms kept
 - sum of new terms is zero, so energy is unchanged

$$\text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} = 0$$

- What about momentum occupation number?

Occupation No. \implies Momentum Distribution

- Insert $a_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{k}} \implies \boxed{\times}$



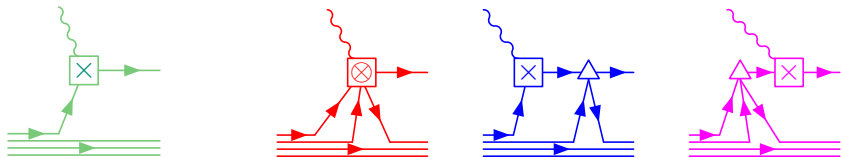
- But nonzero contribution $\Delta n(k)$ from induced vertices:

$$\Delta n(k) = \boxed{\times} + \boxed{\times} + \boxed{\times} + \boxed{\times}$$

- There is no *preferred* definition for transformed operator
 - \implies only defined for specific convention
 - \implies momentum distributions for different scales differ

Analysis of $(e,e'p)$ Experiments? [cf. $(e,2e)$ on atoms]

- Suppose external source $J(x)$ coupled to fermions
 - EFT: need most general current coupled to $J(x)$ for all α
- Consider lowest order with simplest ($\alpha = 0$) current
 - if $\alpha = 0$, just **impulse approximation** $J\psi^\dagger\psi$



- if $\alpha \neq 0$ [recall $\psi \rightarrow \psi + \alpha \frac{4\pi}{\Lambda^3} (\psi^\dagger \psi) \psi$], then same cross section *only* if **vertex contribution** from modified operator *and* modified **final** (and **initial**) state interactions are included
- There are *always* contributions from all three at each order
 - sub-leading pieces are mixed by field redefinitions
 \implies **isolating $J\psi^\dagger\psi$ is model dependent**
 - How large is ambiguity? Set by natural size $\alpha \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$

What about long-range correlations?

- SF calculations with FRPA
- Chiral N^3LO Hamiltonian
 - Soft \implies small SRC
 - SRC contribution to SF changes dramatically with lower resolution
- Compare short-range correlations (SRC) to long-range correlations from particle-vibration coupling
- LRC \gg SRC!!
- How scale/scheme dependent are long-range correlations?
- Additional microscopic calculations are needed!

C. Barbieri, PRL 103 (2009)

TABLE I. Spectroscopic factors (given as a fraction of the IPM) for valence orbits around ^{56}Ni . For the SC FRPA calculation in the large harmonic oscillator space, the values shown are obtained by including only SRC, SRC and LRC from particle-vibration couplings (full FRPA), and by SRC, particle-vibration couplings and extra correlations due to configuration mixing (FRPA + ΔZ_α). The last three columns give the results of SC FRPA and SM in the restricted $1p0f$ model space. The ΔZ_α s are the differences between the last two results and are taken as corrections for the SM correlations that are not already included in the FRPA formalism.

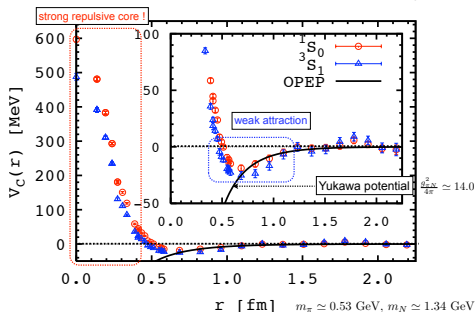
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	FRPA (SRC)	Full FRPA	FRPA + ΔZ_α		FRPA	SM	ΔZ_α
^{57}Ni :							
$\nu 1p_{1/2}$	0.96	0.63	0.61		0.79	0.77	-0.02
$\nu 0f_{5/2}$	0.95	0.59	0.55		0.79	0.75	-0.04
$\nu 1p_{3/2}$	0.95	0.65	0.62	0.58(11)	0.82	0.79	-0.03
^{55}Ni :							
$\nu 0f_{7/2}$	0.95	0.72	0.69		0.89	0.86	-0.03
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^{55}Co :							
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[S. Aoki, *Hadron interactions in lattice QCD*, arXiv:1107.1284]

NN (effective) central potentials $m_\pi \simeq 0.53$ GeV

$t - t_s = 6$



Bethe-Salpeter amplitude

$$\varphi_E(\vec{r}) = \langle 0 | N(\vec{x}, 0) N(\vec{y}, 0) | 2N, E \rangle$$

Nucleon fields

2N state with energy E

- define non-local $U(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$

$$[E - H_0]\varphi_E(\mathbf{x}) = \int d^3y U(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})\varphi_E(\mathbf{y})$$

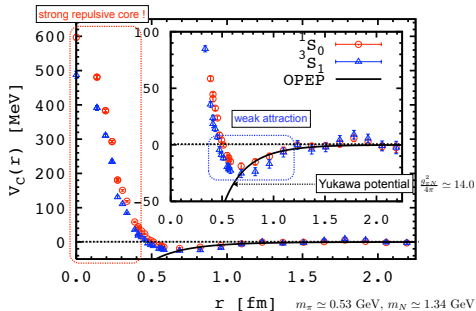
- Expand $U(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = V(\mathbf{x}, \nabla)\delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})$ to get AV18 form of local V

- Why not just calculate energy as function of separation $\implies V(r)$
 - Only works in heavy mass limit (e.g., works for B-mesons)
- But is this unique? No!
 - choice of nucleon interpolating field \implies different $V(\mathbf{x})$
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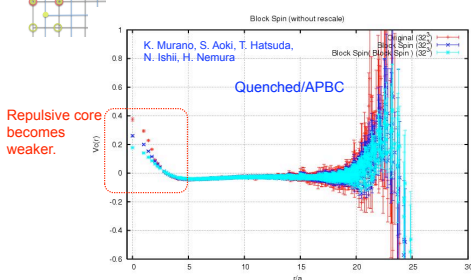
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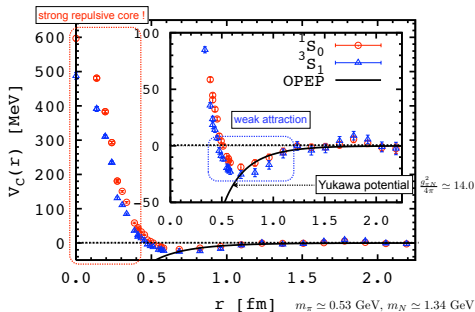


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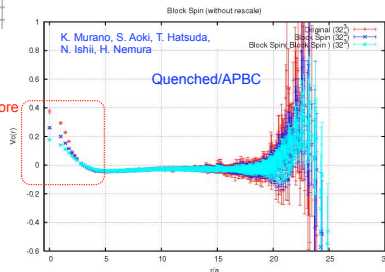
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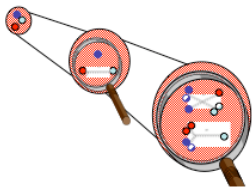


Repulsive core becomes weaker.

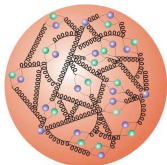
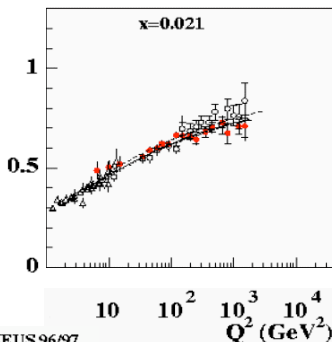


- “... the potential depends on the choice of nucleon operator... ” which “... is considered to be a ‘scheme’ to define the potential.”
- “Is such a scheme-dependent quantity useful? The answer to this question is probably ‘yes’, since the potential is useful to understand or describe the phenomena.” \implies choose close to local

Parton distributions as paradigm [C. Keppel]



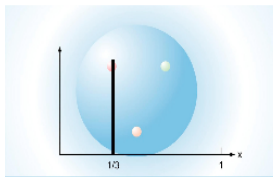
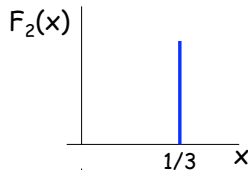
Higher the resolution
(i.e. higher the Q^2)
more low x partons we
"see".


 F_2


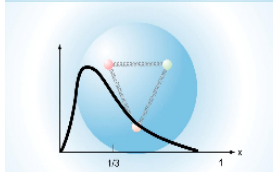
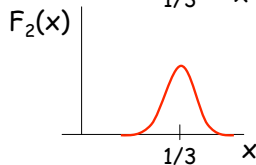
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So what do we expect F_2 as a function of x at
a fixed Q^2 to look like?

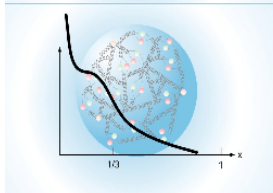
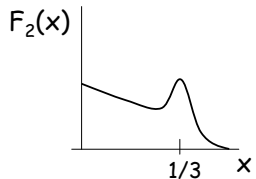
Parton distributions as paradigm [C. Keppel]



Three quarks with $1/3$ of total proton momentum each.



Three quarks with some momentum smearing.



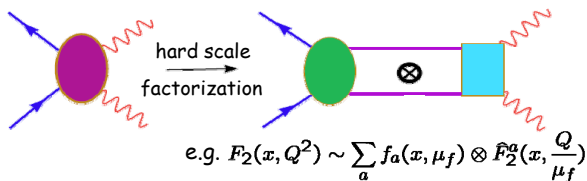
The three quarks radiate partons at low x .

...The answer depends on the Q^2 !

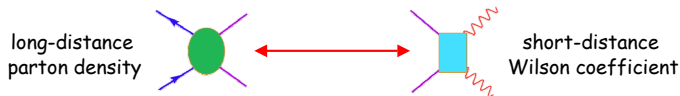
Parton distributions as paradigm [Marco Stratman]

Factorization schemes

pictorial representation of factorization:



the **separation** between long- and short-distance physics is **not unique**



1. **choice of μ_f** : defines borderline between long-/short-distance
2. **choice of scheme**: re-shuffling finite pieces

Parton distributions as paradigm [Marco Stratman]

Deep-inelastic scattering (DIS) according to pQCD

the physical structure fct. is **independent** of μ_f
(this will lead to the concept of renormalization group eqs.)

both, pdf's and the short-dist. coefficient depend on μ_f
(choice of μ_f : shifting terms between long- and short-distance parts)

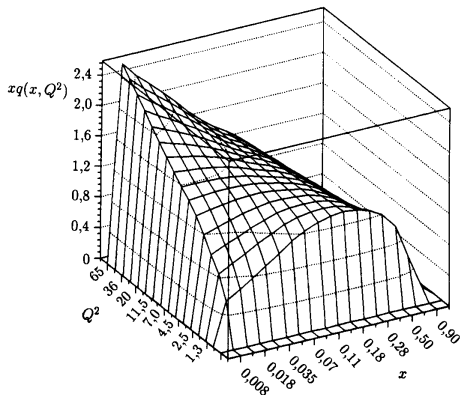
$$F_2(x, Q^2) = x \sum_{a=q, \bar{q}} e_q^2 \int_x^1 \frac{d\xi}{\xi} f_a(\xi, \mu_f^2) \left[\delta\left(1 - \frac{x}{\xi}\right) + \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_r)}{2\pi} \left[P_{qq}\left(\frac{x}{\xi}\right) \ln \frac{Q^2}{\mu_f^2} + (C_2^q - z_{qq})\left(\frac{x}{\xi}\right) \right] \right]$$

yet another scale: μ_r
due to the **renormalization**
of ultraviolet divergencies

short-distance "Wilson coefficient"

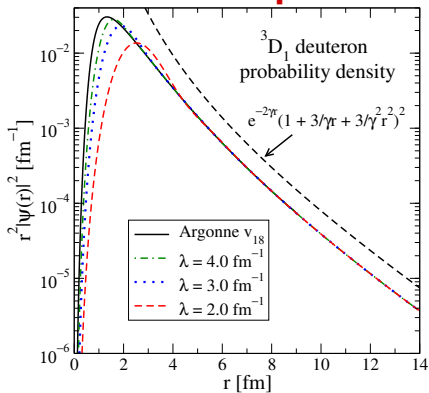
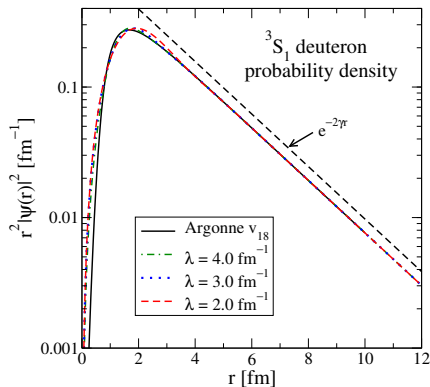
choice of the **factorization scheme**

Parton distributions as paradigm: Evolution



- The quark distribution $q(x, Q^2)$ is both scheme and scale dependent
- $x q(x, Q^2)$ measures the share of momentum carried by the quarks in a particular x -interval
- $q(x, Q^2)$ and $q(x, Q_0^2)$ can be related by well-controlled evolution equations

Why are ANC's different? Coordinate space



- ANC's, like phase shifts, are asymptotic properties
 \implies short-range unitary transformations do not alter them
 [e.g., see Mukhamedzhanov/Kadyrov, PRC **82** (2010)]
- In contrast, SF's rely on *interior* wave function overlap
- (Note difference in S-wave and D-wave ambiguities)

Why are ANC's different? Momentum space

[based on R.D. Amado, PRC **19** (1979)]

$$1 \quad \frac{k^2}{2\mu} \langle \mathbf{k} | \psi_n \rangle + \langle \mathbf{k} | V | \psi_n \rangle = -\frac{\gamma_n^2}{2\mu} \langle \mathbf{k} | \psi_n \rangle$$

$$\implies \langle \mathbf{k} | \psi_n \rangle = -\frac{2\mu \langle \mathbf{k} | V | \psi_n \rangle}{k^2 + \gamma_n^2}$$

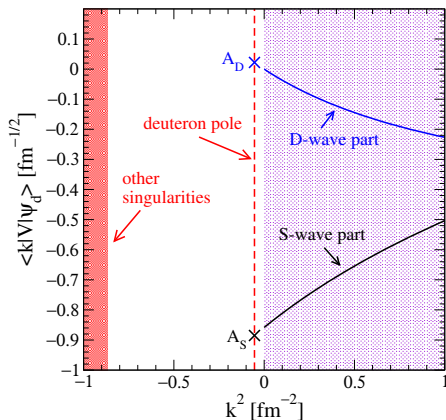
$$2 \quad \langle \mathbf{r} | \psi_n \rangle = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \langle \mathbf{k} | \psi_n \rangle$$

$$\xrightarrow{|\mathbf{r}| \rightarrow \infty} A_n e^{-\gamma_n r} / r$$

3 integral dominated by pole from 1.

4 extrapolate $\langle \mathbf{k} | V | \psi_n \rangle$ to $k^2 = -\gamma_n^2$

- Or, residue from extrapolating on-shell T-matrix to deuteron pole \implies invariant under unitary transformations
- Next vertex singularity at $-(\gamma + m_\pi)^2 \implies$ same for FSI



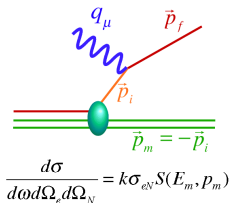
Questions about short-range correlations (SRCs)

- How should we interpret the universal features of SRCs for different nuclei?
- Can SRCs inform us about high density matter (e.g., the EOS or physics of neutron stars)?
- Are SRCs important for understanding low-energy nuclear structure?
- How can we understand the observed correlation between the A-dependence of the EMC slope and scaling factors from $x > 1$?
- How does one explain cross sections from (e, e') , $(e, e'p)$ and $(e, e'pN)$ experiments with soft interactions that have minimal SRCs?
- How should one interpret the high-momentum tails of momentum distributions in nuclei, which vary significantly with different Hamiltonians?
- How should one choose the factorization scale for these experiments?

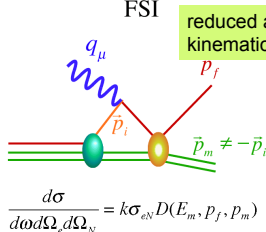
Can we treat corrections independently? [Boeglin ECT*]

D(e,e' p) Reaction Mechanisms

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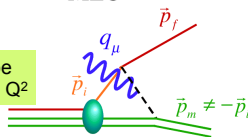


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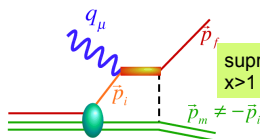
MEC

expected to be small at large Q^2



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suppressed for $x > 1$



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Answer: Mixtures are scale/scheme dependent (cf. 3NF)

Questions and some possible answers

How should one choose a scale/scheme?

- To make calculations easier or more convergent
 - QCD running coupling and scale: improved perturbation theory; choosing a gauge: e.g., Coulomb or Lorentz
 - (Near-) local potential: quantum Monte Carlo methods work
 - Low- k potential: many-body perturbation theory works, or to make microscopic connection to shell model
- Better interpretation or intuition \implies predictability
- **Use range of scales to test calculations and physics**
 - Use renormalization group to consistently relate scales and quantitatively probe ambiguity

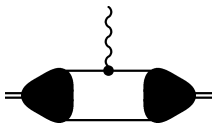
Can we (should we) use a reference Hamiltonian?

- That is, to allow us to make comparisons
- If so, which one? (Cleanest extraction from experiment?)
 - Can one “optimize” validity of impulse approximation?

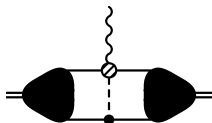
More questions and some possible answers

How do we consistently match Hamiltonians and operators?

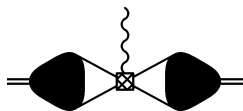
- Use EFT perspective
 - E.g., electromagnetic currents [D.R. Phillips, nucl-th/0503044]



$O(e)$



$O(eP^3)$



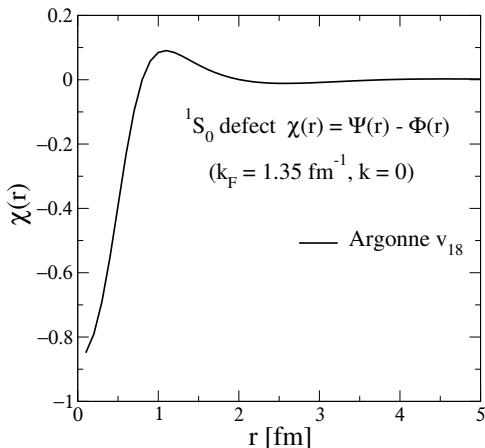
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- **Model independent because complete** (up to some order)
- Can identify consistent operator and interaction
- Tells you when new info is required
- Use RG as tool to evolve consistent operators

Can EFT or RG help to construct optical potentials?

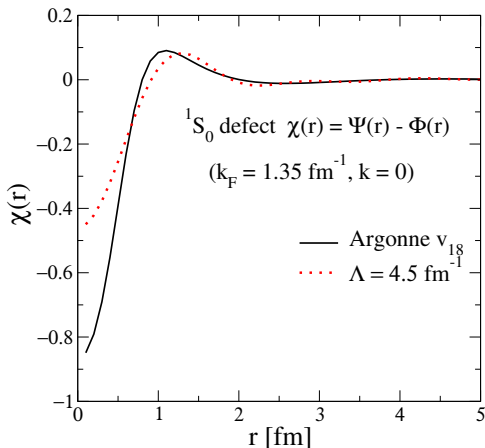
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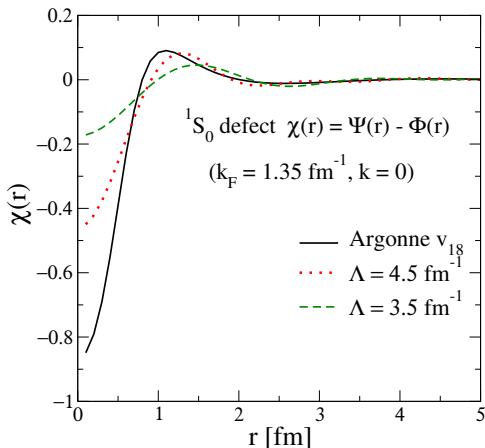
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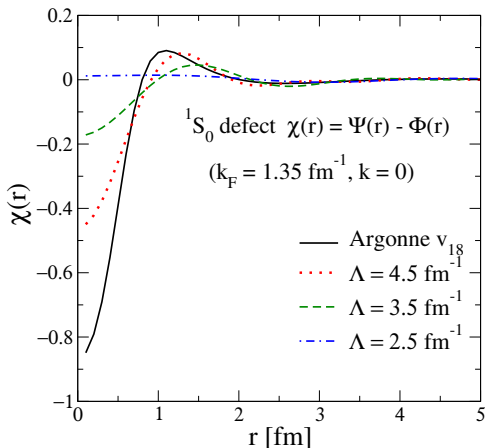
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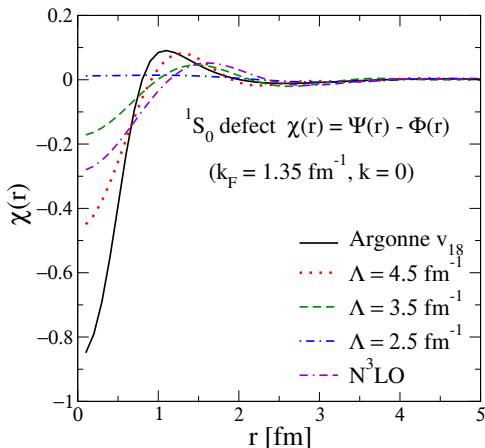
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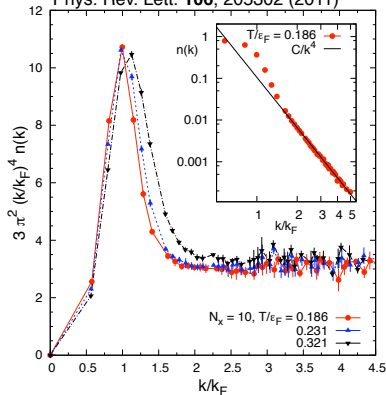
Unitary cold atoms: Is $n(k)$ observable?

- Tail of momentum distribution + contact [Tan; Braaten/Platter]

$$n(k) \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{C}{k^4}$$

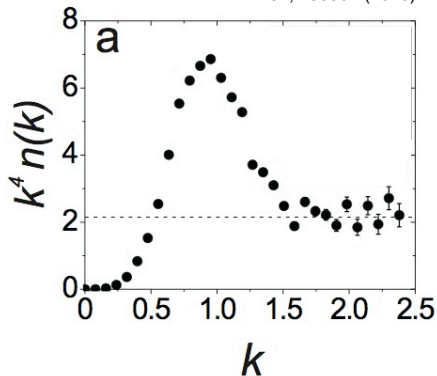
Theory (lattice)

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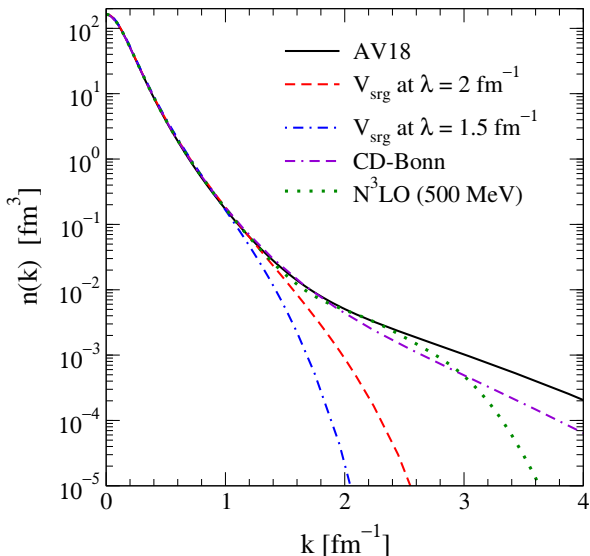


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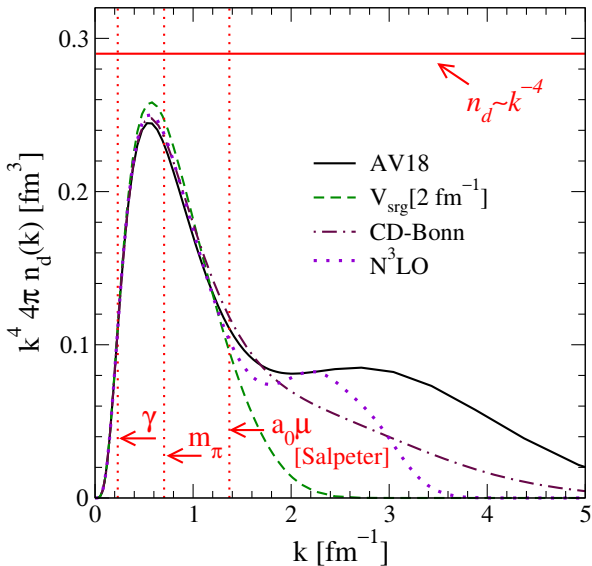
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- So might expect Hamiltonian- and resolution-dependent but A -independent high-momentum tails of wave functions [T. Neff]
 - Universal extrapolation for different A , but λ_{SRG} dependent

High-momentum tails from low-momentum ET's

S.K. Bogner & D. Roscher [arXiv:1208.1734]

Generalization of **factorization** to arbitrary A-body systems at low-momentum:

$$n(q) \approx Z_\Lambda^2 \gamma^2(\mathbf{q}; \Lambda) \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}', \mathbf{K}} \langle \psi_{\alpha, A}^\Lambda | a_{\frac{\mathbf{k}}{2} + \mathbf{k}}^\dagger a_{\frac{\mathbf{k}}{2} - \mathbf{k}}^\dagger a_{\frac{\mathbf{K}}{2} + \mathbf{k}'} a_{\frac{\mathbf{K}}{2} - \mathbf{k}'} | \psi_{\alpha, A}^\Lambda \rangle$$

– Can be shown for other operators

Example: Unitary Fermi gas

- Reproduction of contact Tan relation à la Braaten & Platter [2008]:

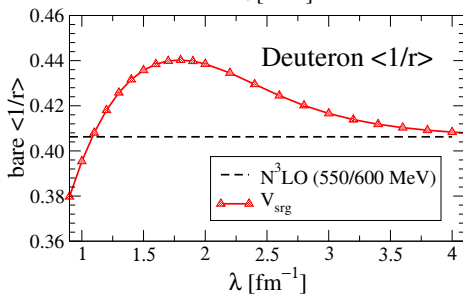
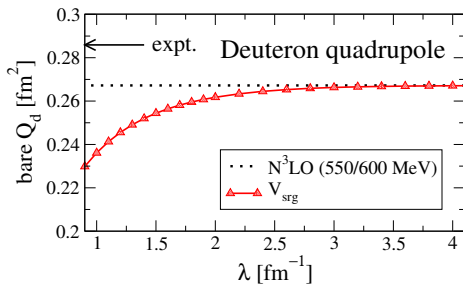
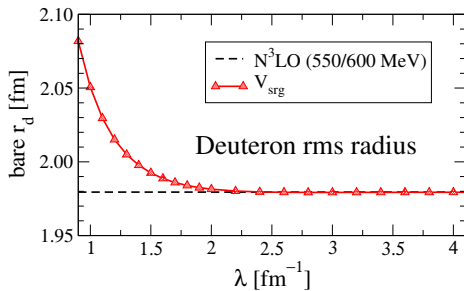
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- Static structure factor

$$S_{\uparrow\downarrow}(q) \approx - \left(\frac{2}{q^2 g(\Lambda)} + \frac{1}{8q} + \frac{\Lambda}{\pi^2 q^2} \right) Z_\Lambda^2 C(\Lambda) \longrightarrow \left(\frac{1}{8q} - \frac{1}{2\pi a q^2} \right) C(\Lambda_0)$$

Long-distance physics largely unchanged

- Matrix elements dominated by long range run slowly for $\lambda \geq 2 \text{ fm}^{-1}$
- Here: examples from deuteron (compressed scales)



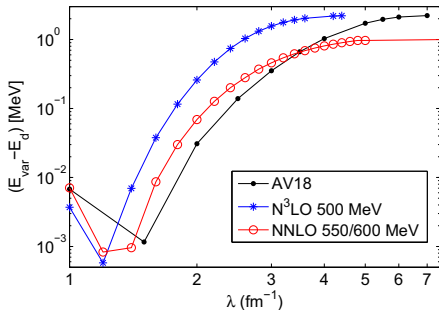
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- error in energy for different starting potentials
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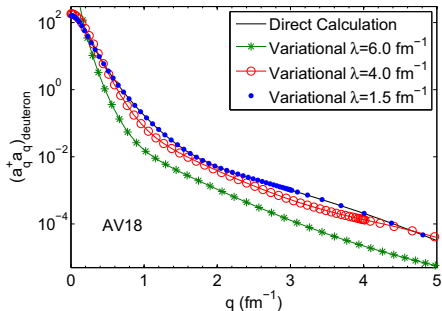
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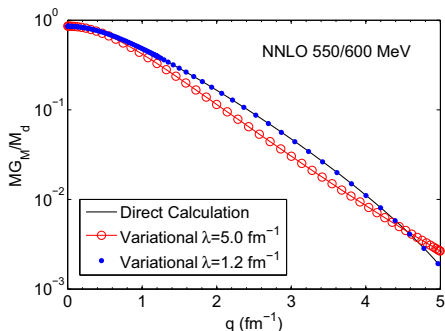
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- form factor G_M for NNLO at two λ 's vs. direct
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Decoupling and phase shifts

- Unevolved AV18 phase shifts (black solid line)
- Cutoff AV18 potential at $k = 2.2 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ (dotted blue)
 \Rightarrow fails for all but F wave
- Uncut evolved potential agrees perfectly for all energies
- Cutoff evolved potential agrees up to cutoff energy
- F -wave is already soft (π 's)
 \Rightarrow already decoupled

