

# Uncovering the mechanism of chiral three-nucleon force in driving spin-orbit splitting

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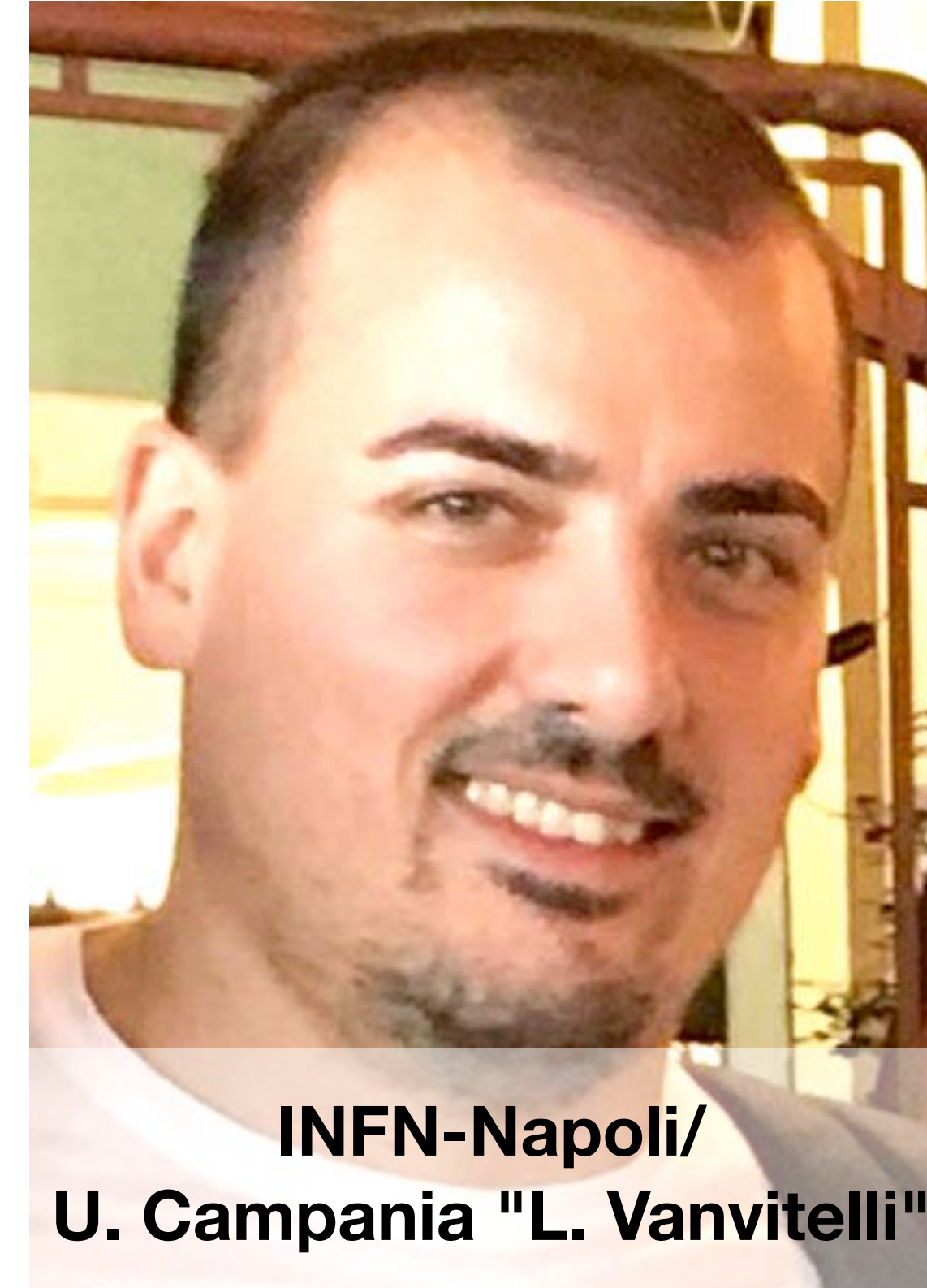


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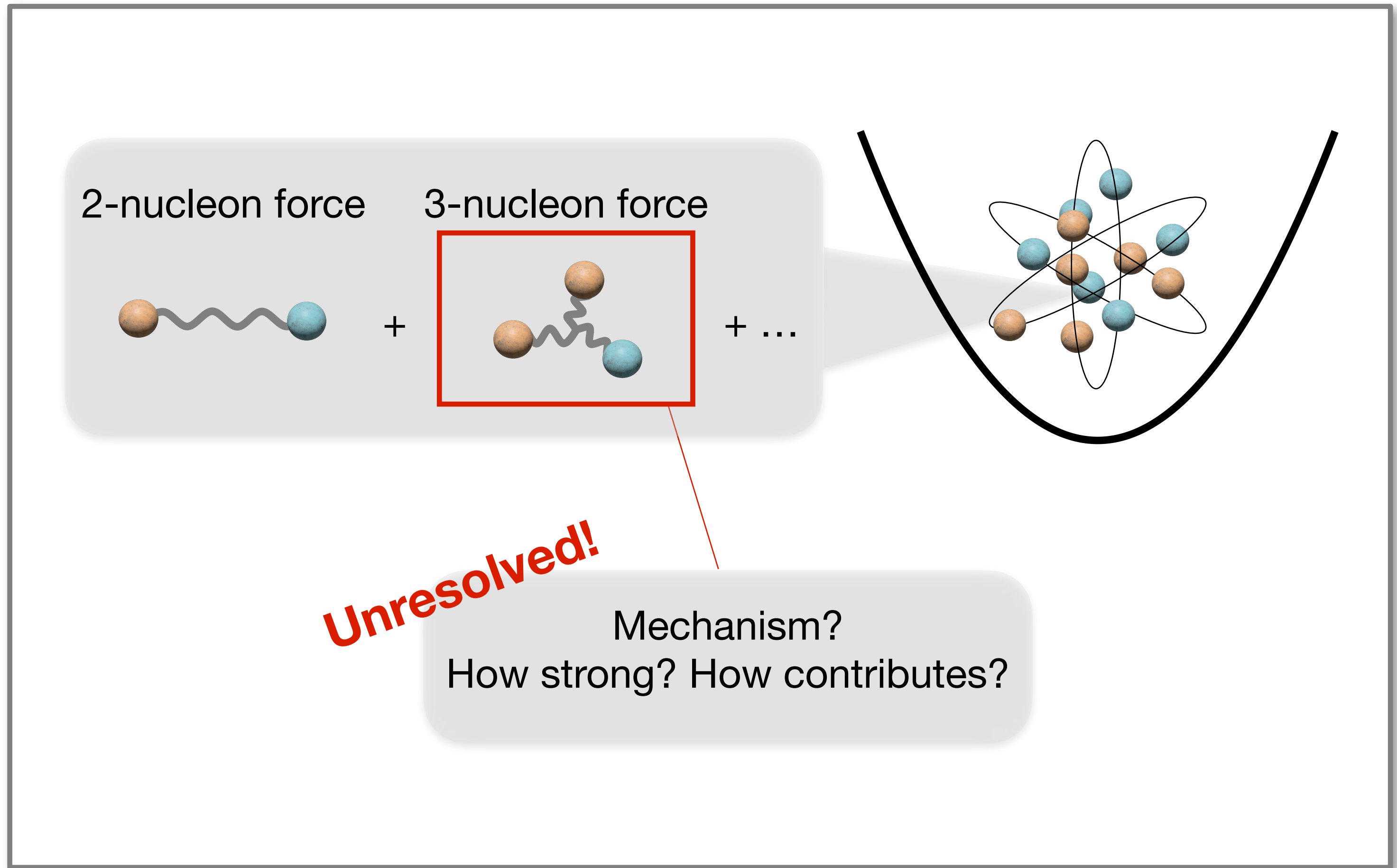
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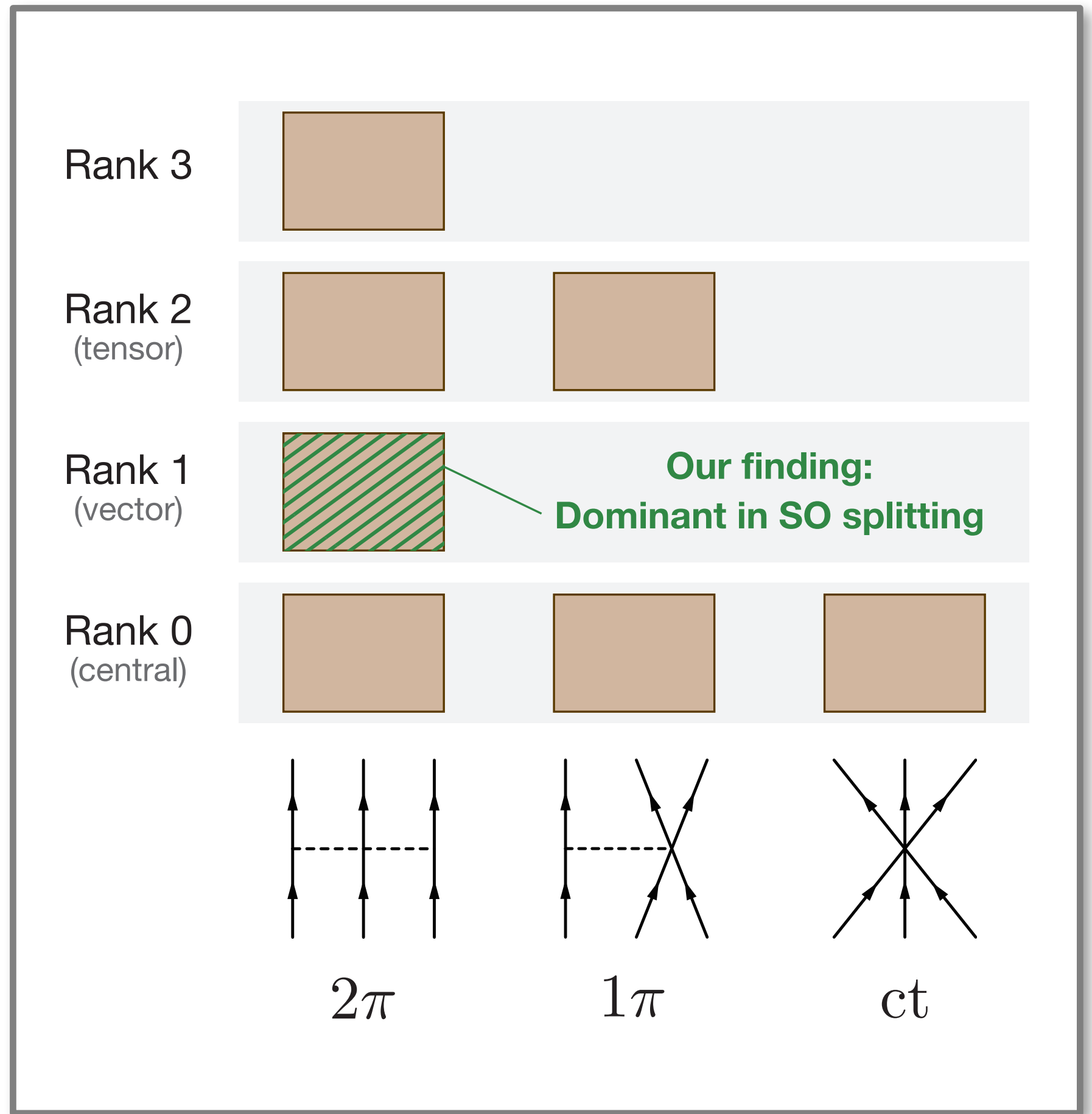
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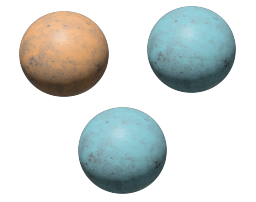
## Target



## Main finding

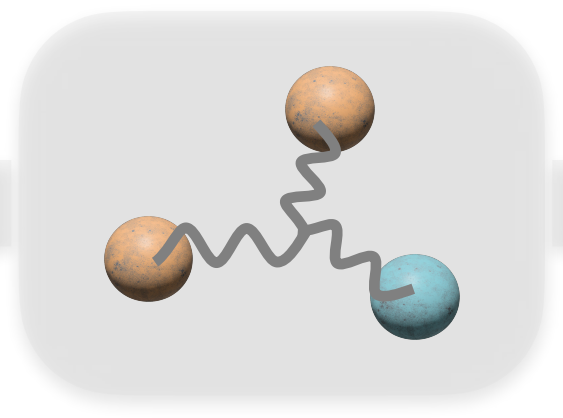


Few-body

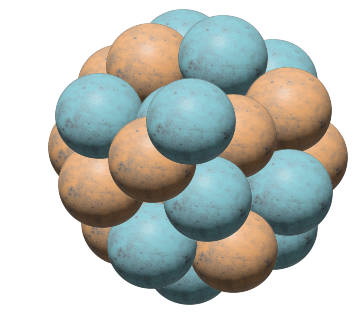


Fundamentals of 3NF

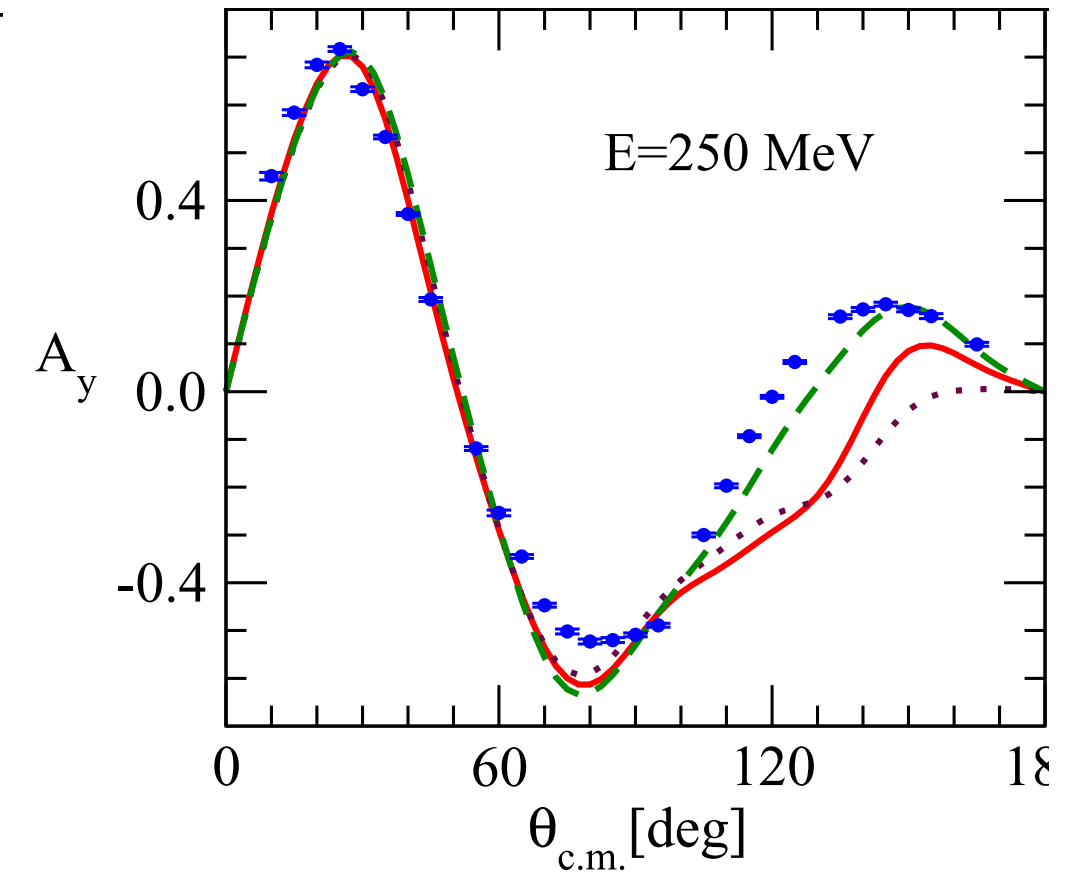
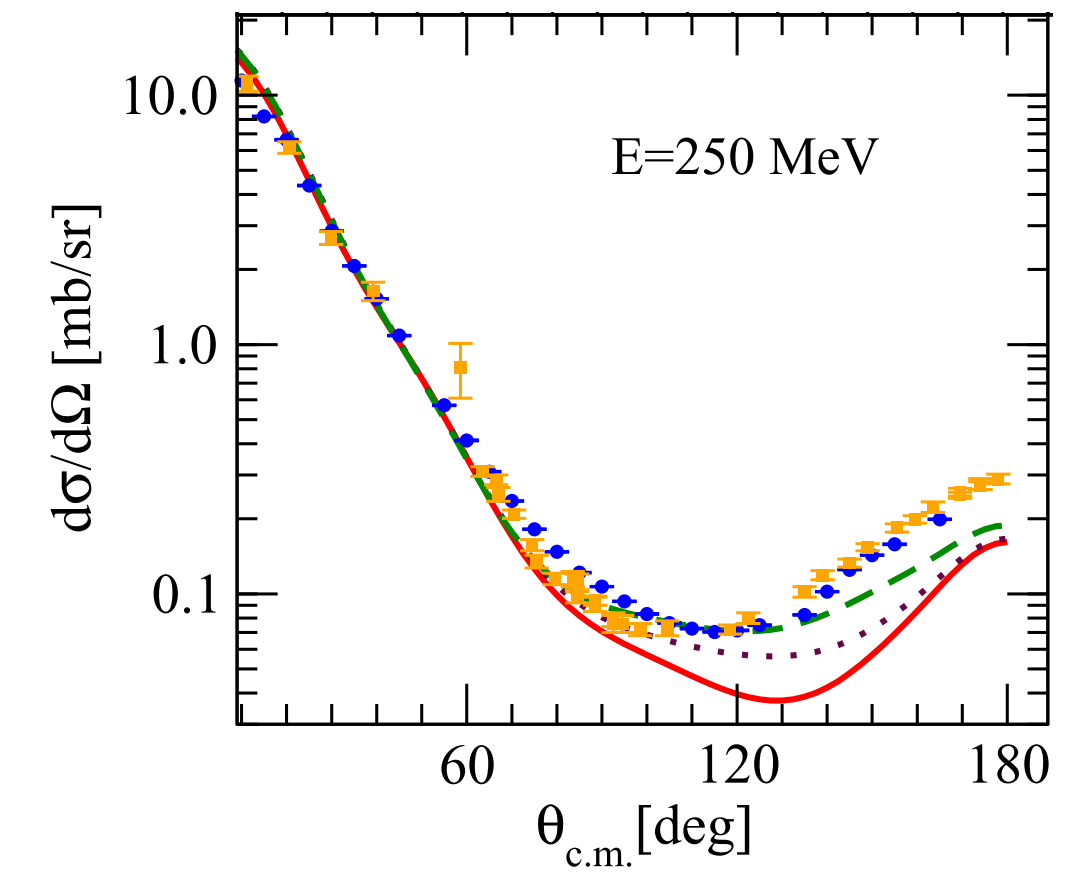
3NF



Many-body (my interest)

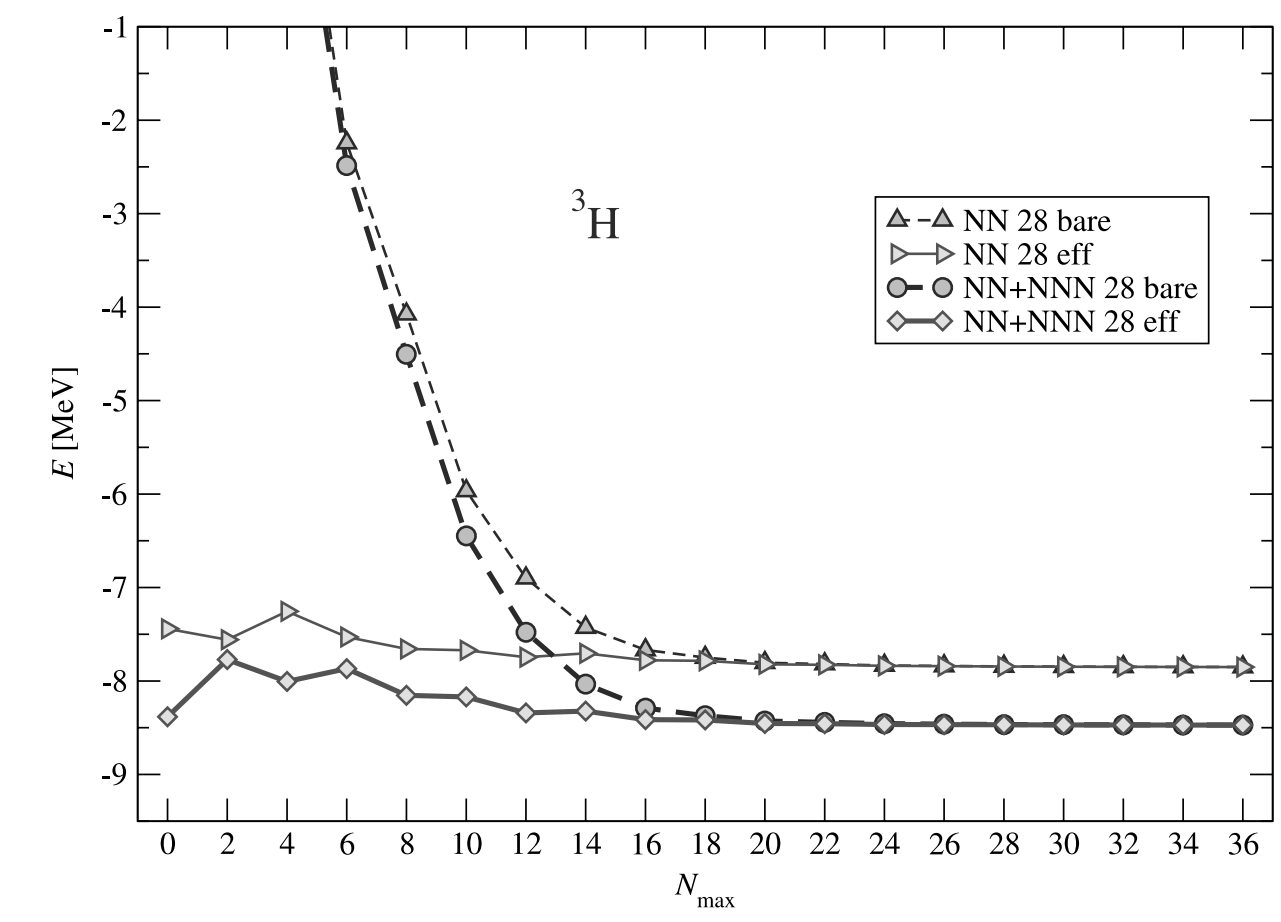


**$d + p$  scattering**



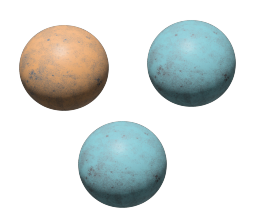
Witała +, PRC 105, 054004 (2022)

**$^3\text{H}/^3\text{He}$  structure**



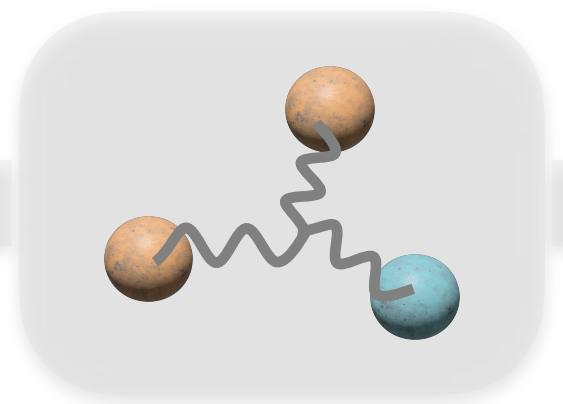
Navrátil, FBS 41, 117 (2007)

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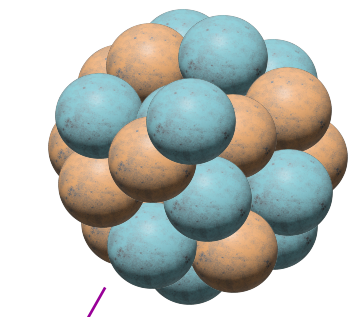


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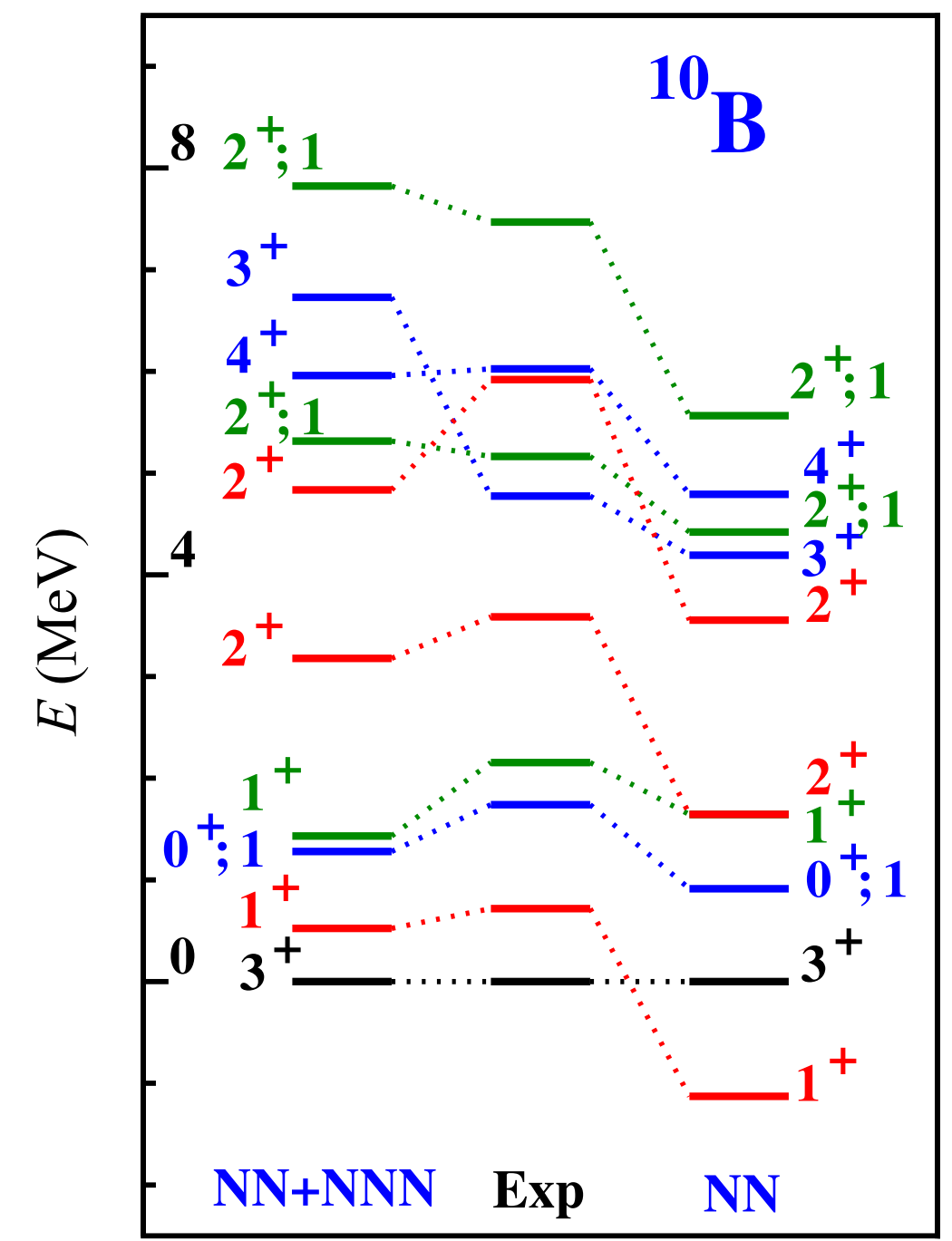


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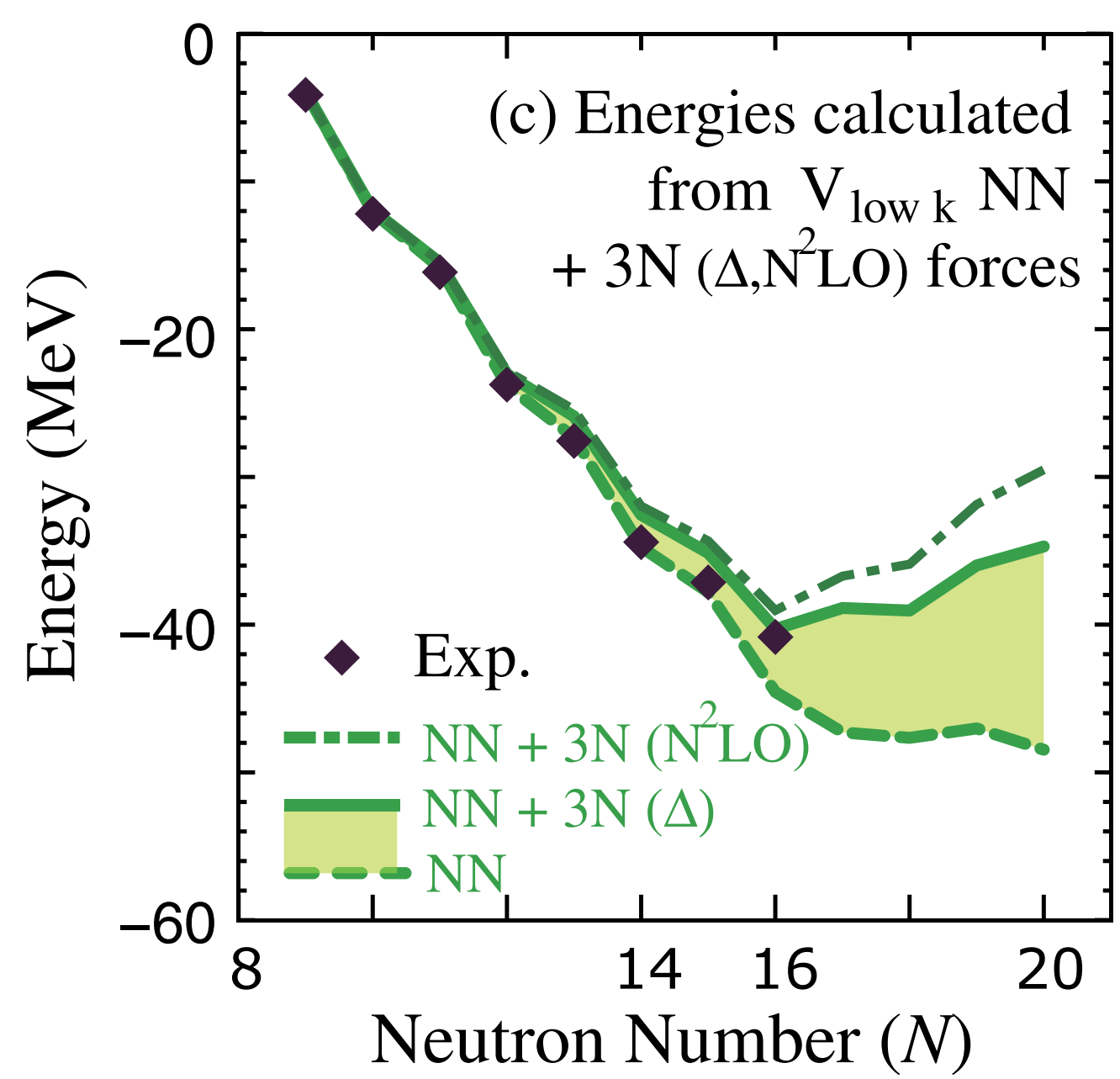
Major playground of 3NF

**<sup>10</sup>B spectra**



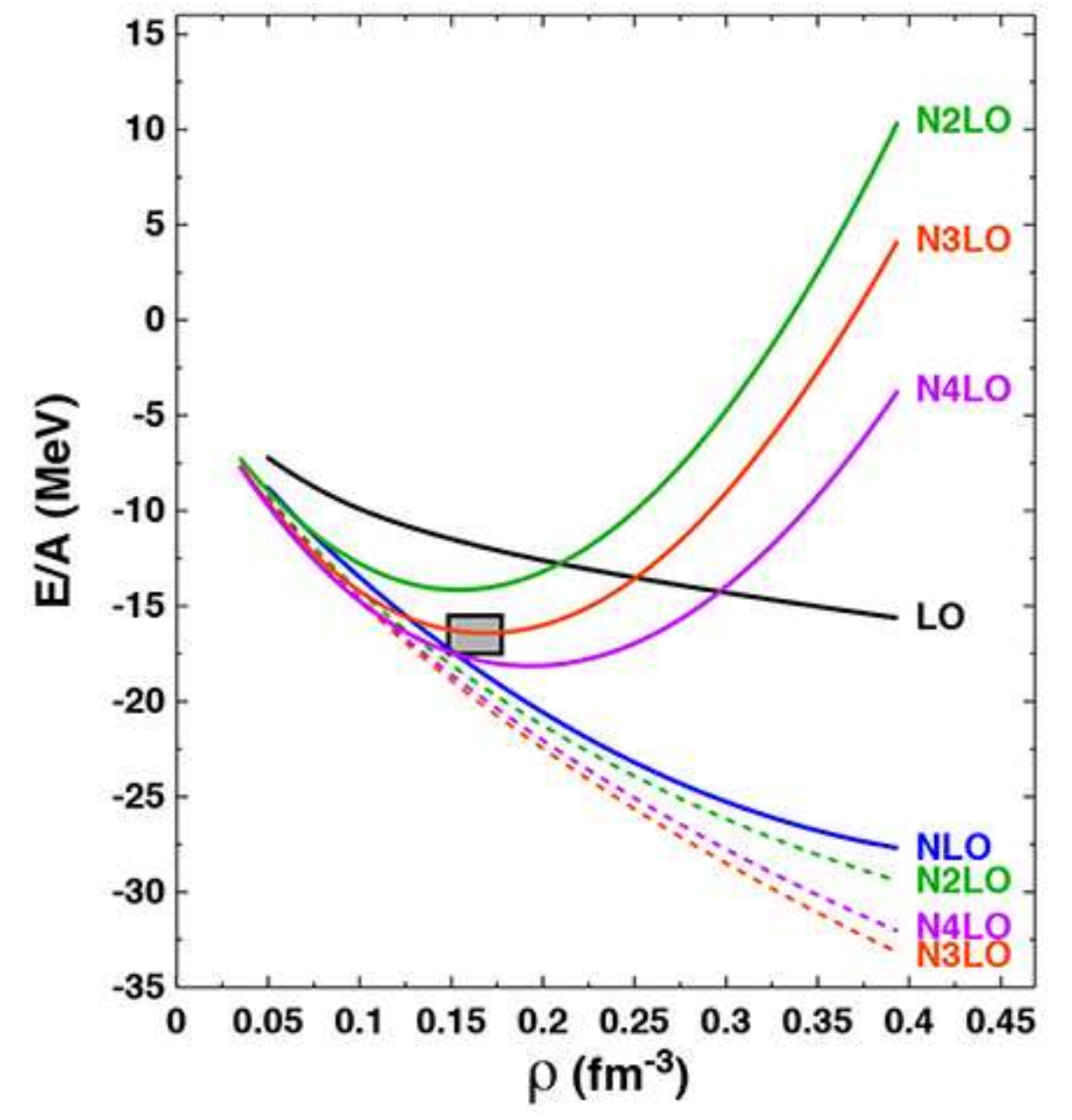
Navrátil +, PRL 99, 042501 (2007)

**Oxygen-drip line**



Otsuka +, PRL 105, 032501 (2010)

**Nuclear matter saturation**



Sammarruca & Millerson, Front. Phys. 7, 00213 (2019)

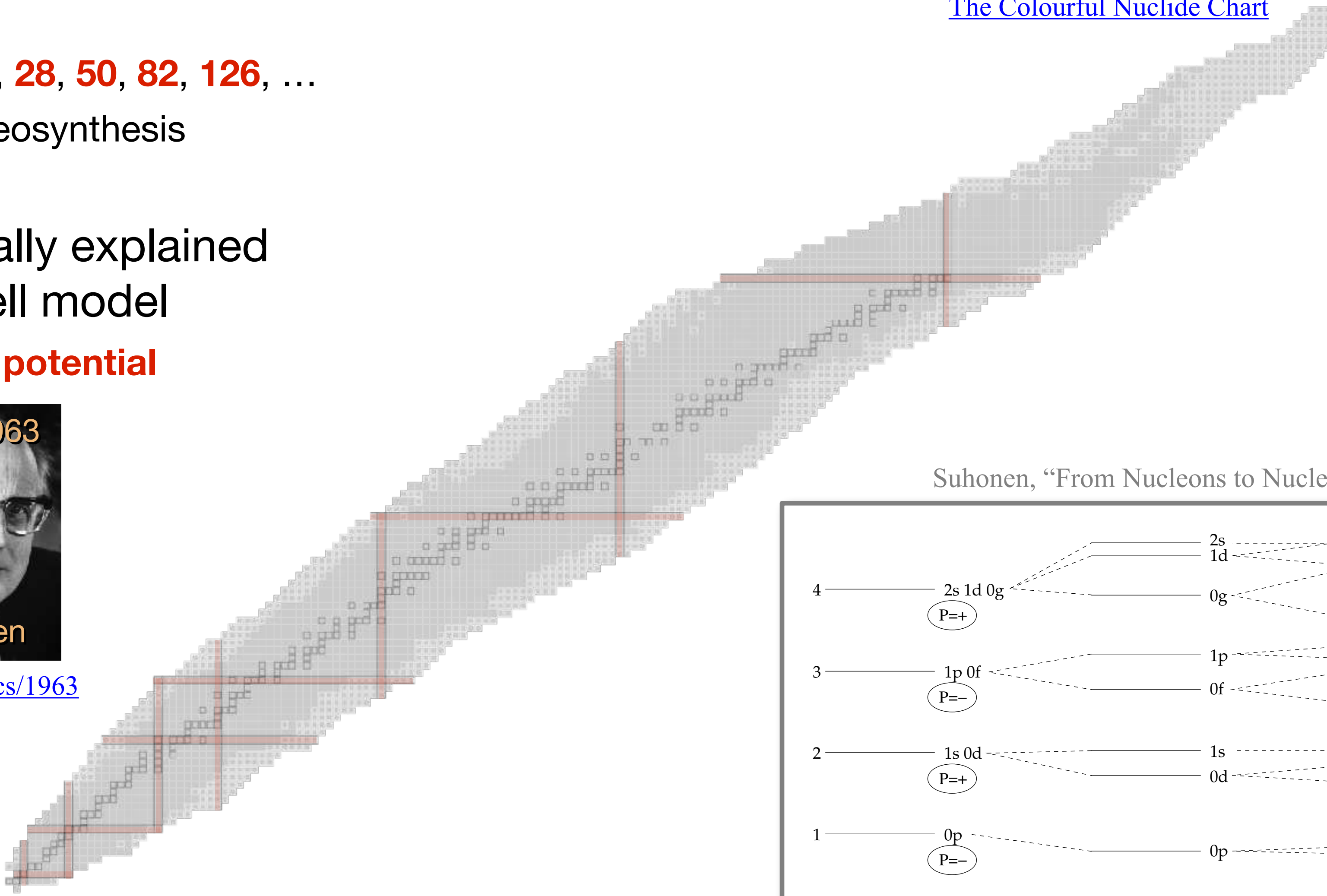
## Nuclear shell structure

- ⊗ Magic numbers
  - Stable nuclei: 2, 8, 20, **28, 50, 82, 126**, ...
  - Waiting points in nucleosynthesis

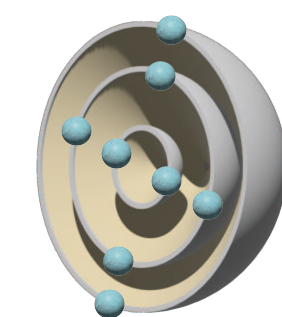
- ⊗ Phenomenologically explained by *jj*-coupling shell model
  - **One-body spin-orbit potential**



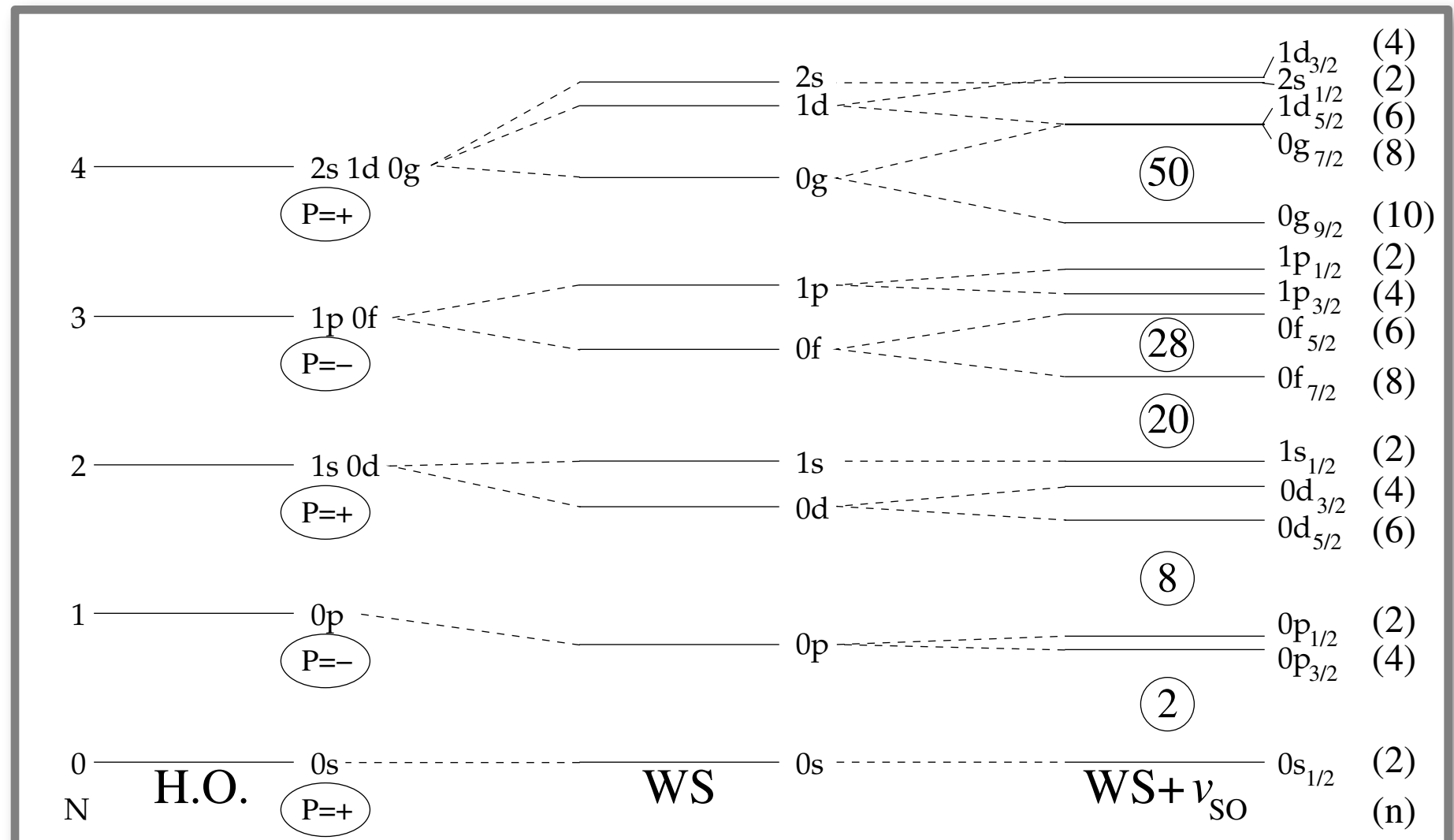
[nobelprize.org/prizes/physics/1963](http://nobelprize.org/prizes/physics/1963)



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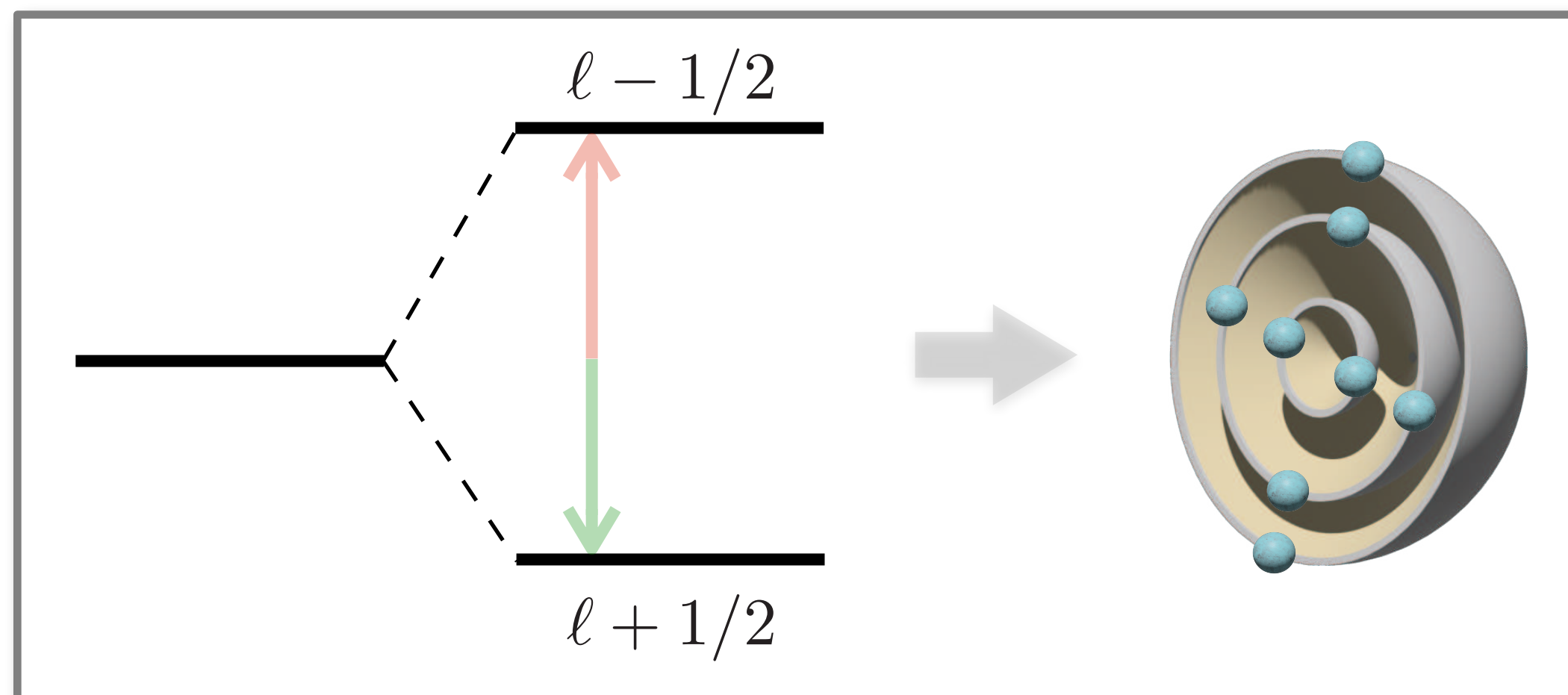
Suhonen, "From Nucleons to Nucleus", Springer (2007)



## How 3NF contributes to spin-orbit splitting?

*Microscopic origin remains elusive*

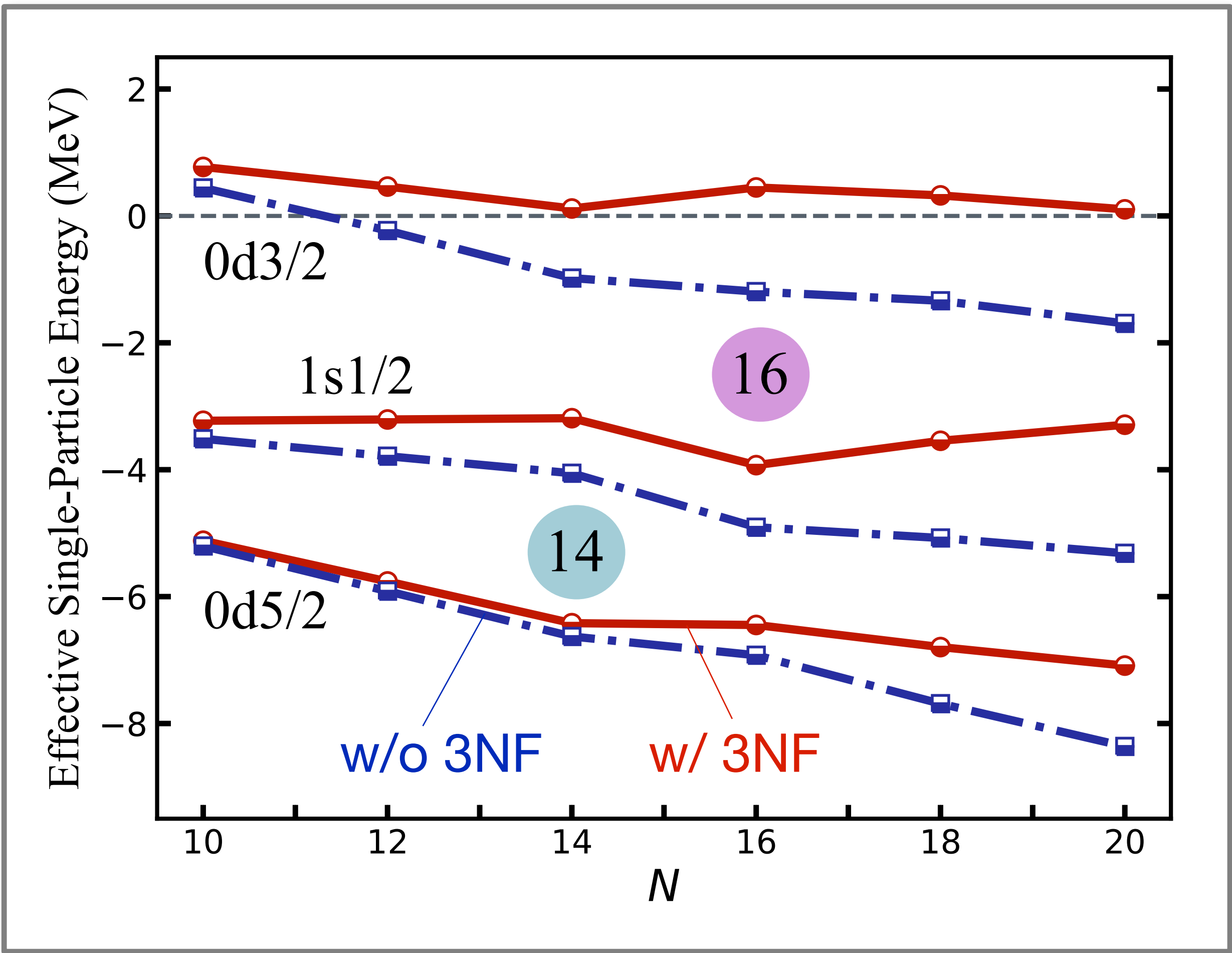
### SO splitting & shell structure



### Pioneering studies

cf. Fujita & Miyazawa, PTP 17, 366 (1957)  
Andō & Bandō, PTP 66, 227 (1981)  
Kohno, PRC 86, 061301(R) (2012)  
Uesaka, EPJ Plus 131, 403 (2016)

## e.g.) Oxygen isotopes



Ma +, PLB 802, 135257 (2020)

## Similar results

- p-shell nuclei  
Fukui +, PRC 98, 044305 (2018)
- Oxygen isotopes  
Otsuka +, PRL 105, 032501 (2010)
- pf-shell nuclei  
Holt +, JPG 39 085111 (2012)  
Ma +, PRC 100, 034324 (2019)

3NF enhances the SO splitting

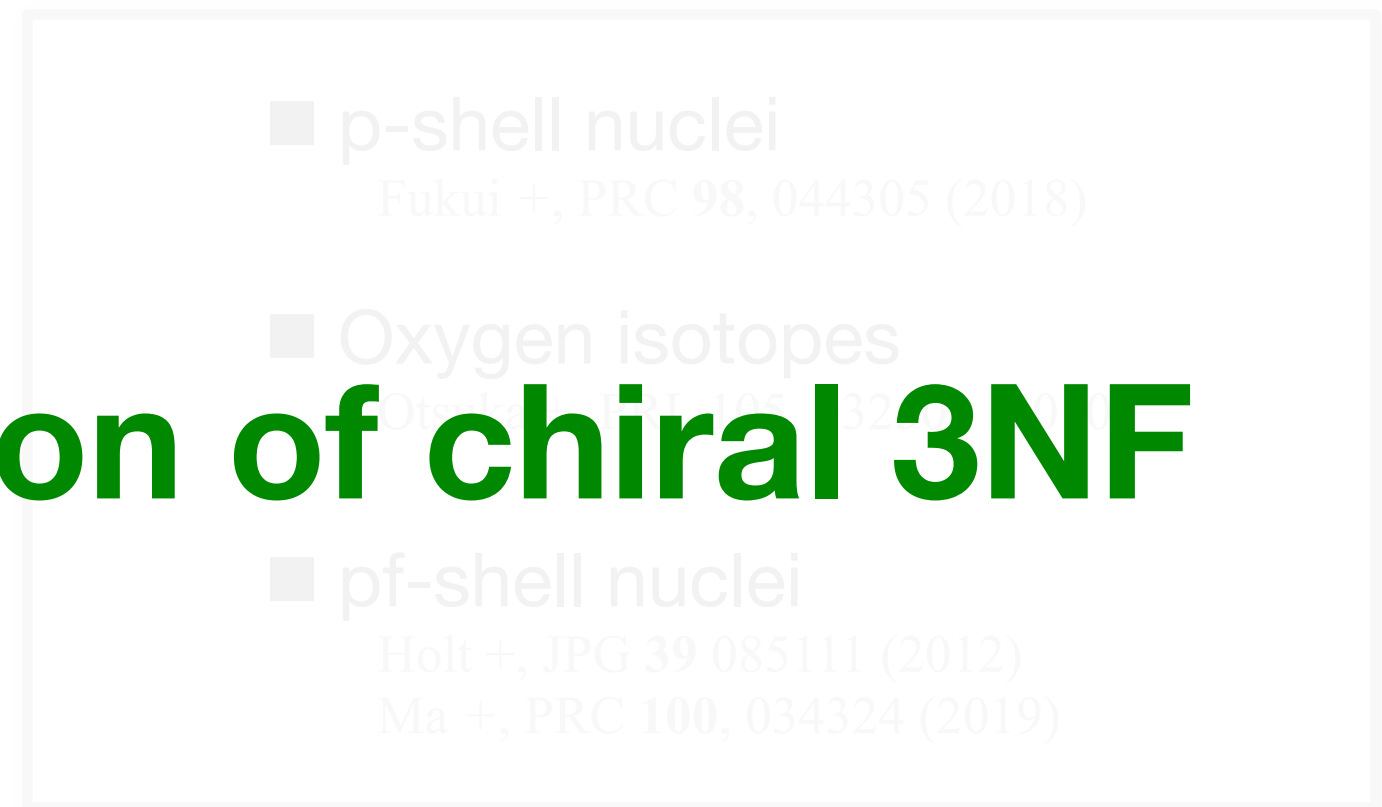


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**Our approach:  
Irreducible-tensor decomposition of chiral 3NF**

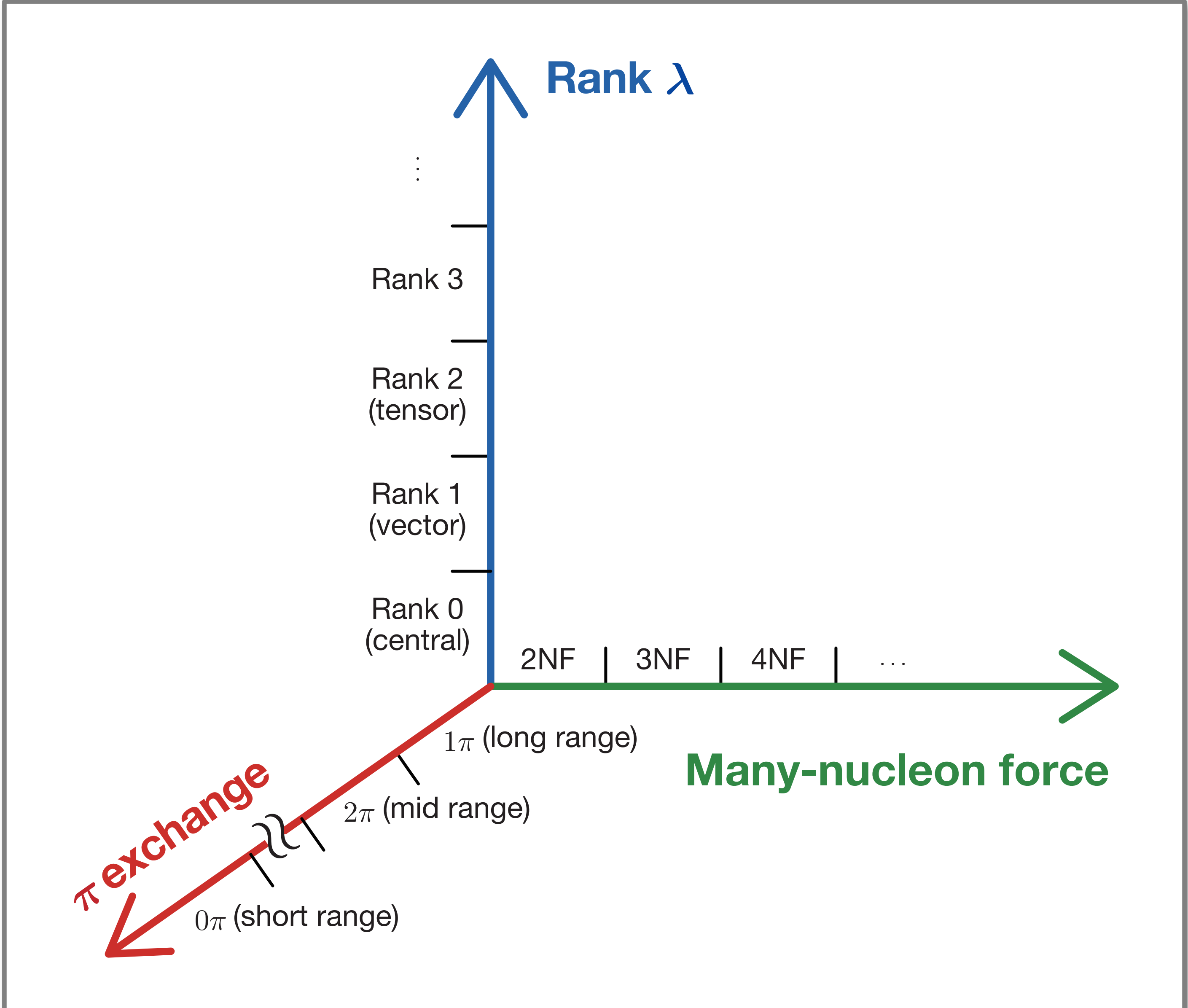
Other studies

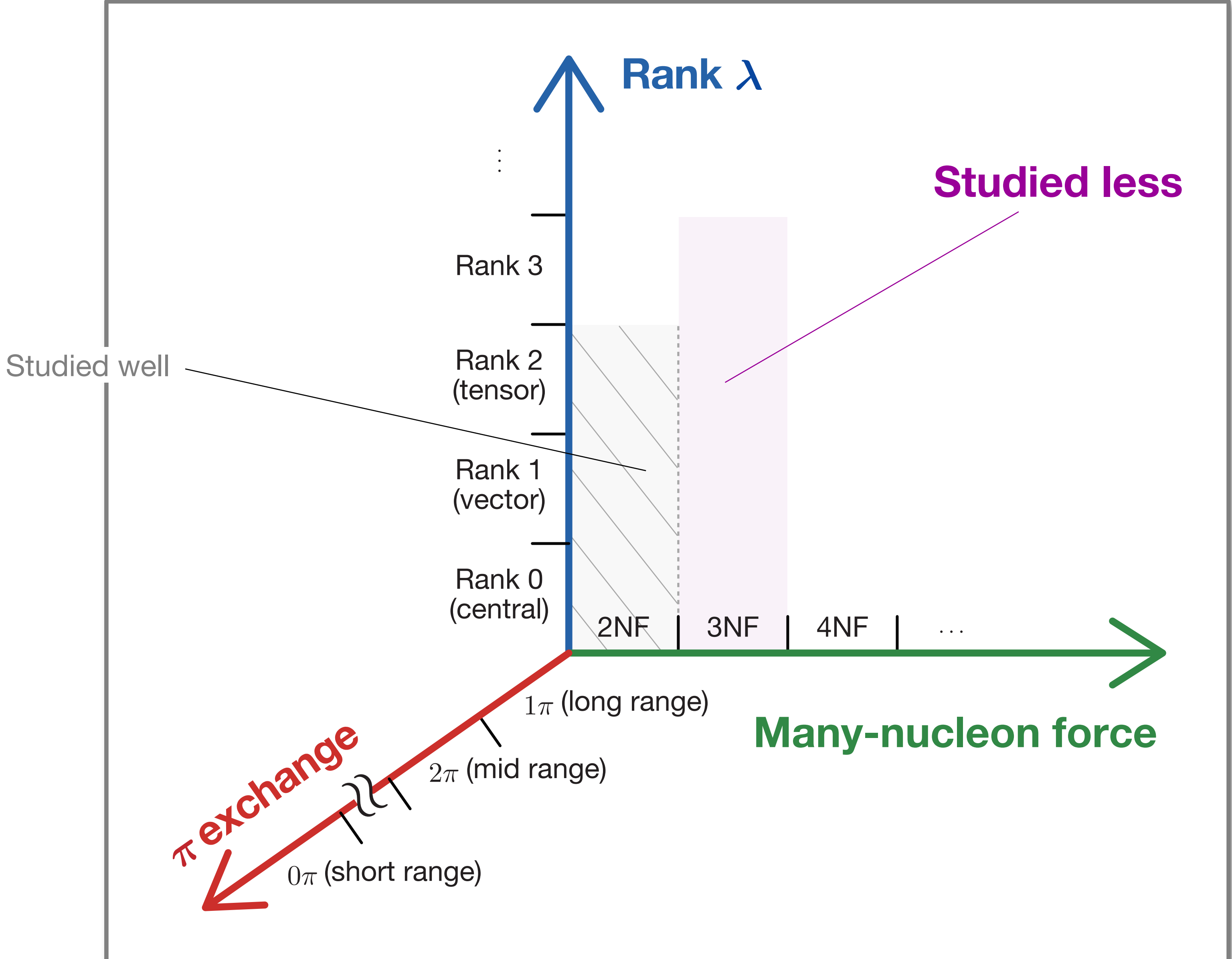


**Mechanism?**

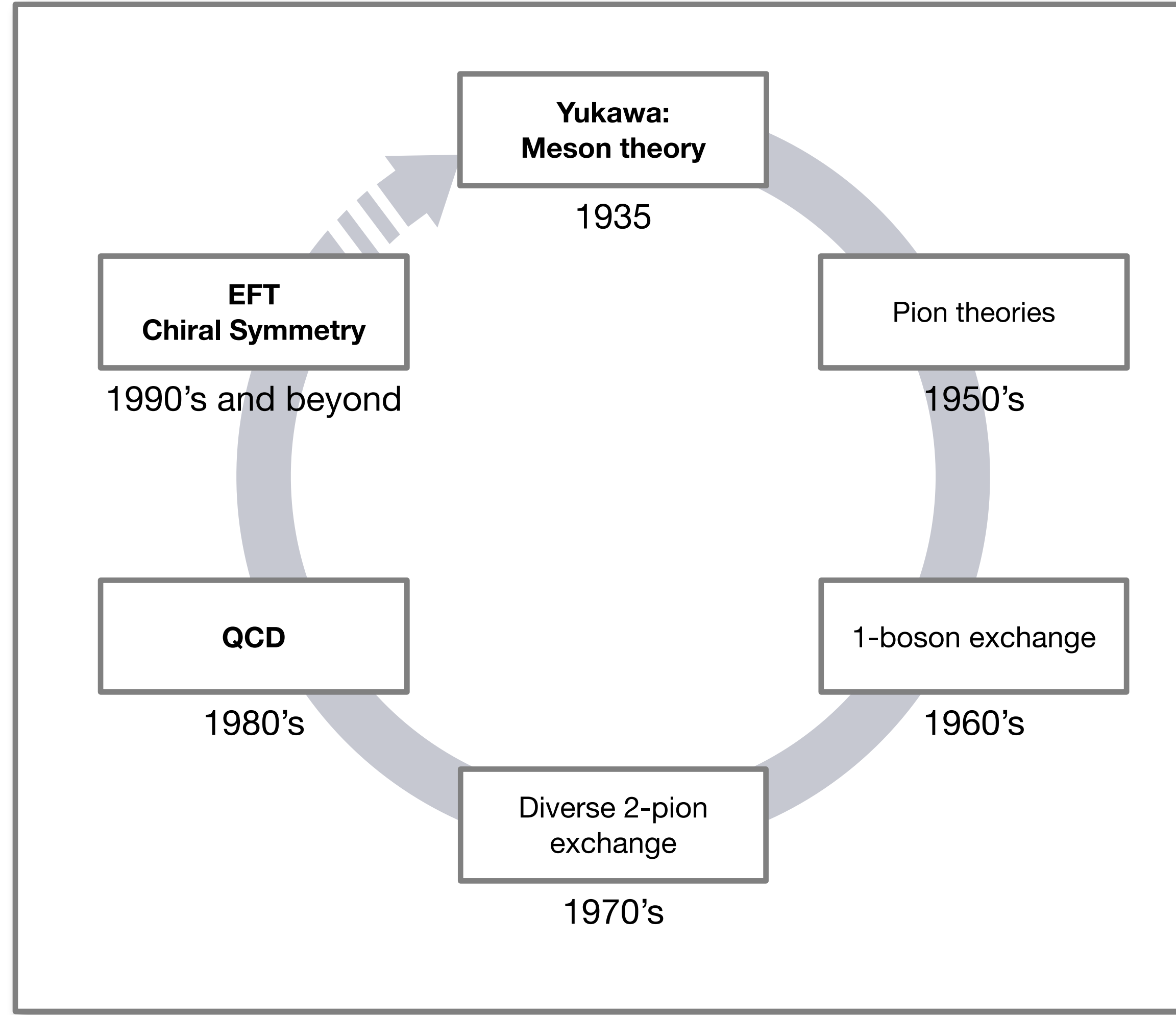
3NF enhances the SO splitting

Ma +, PLB 802, 135257 (2020)



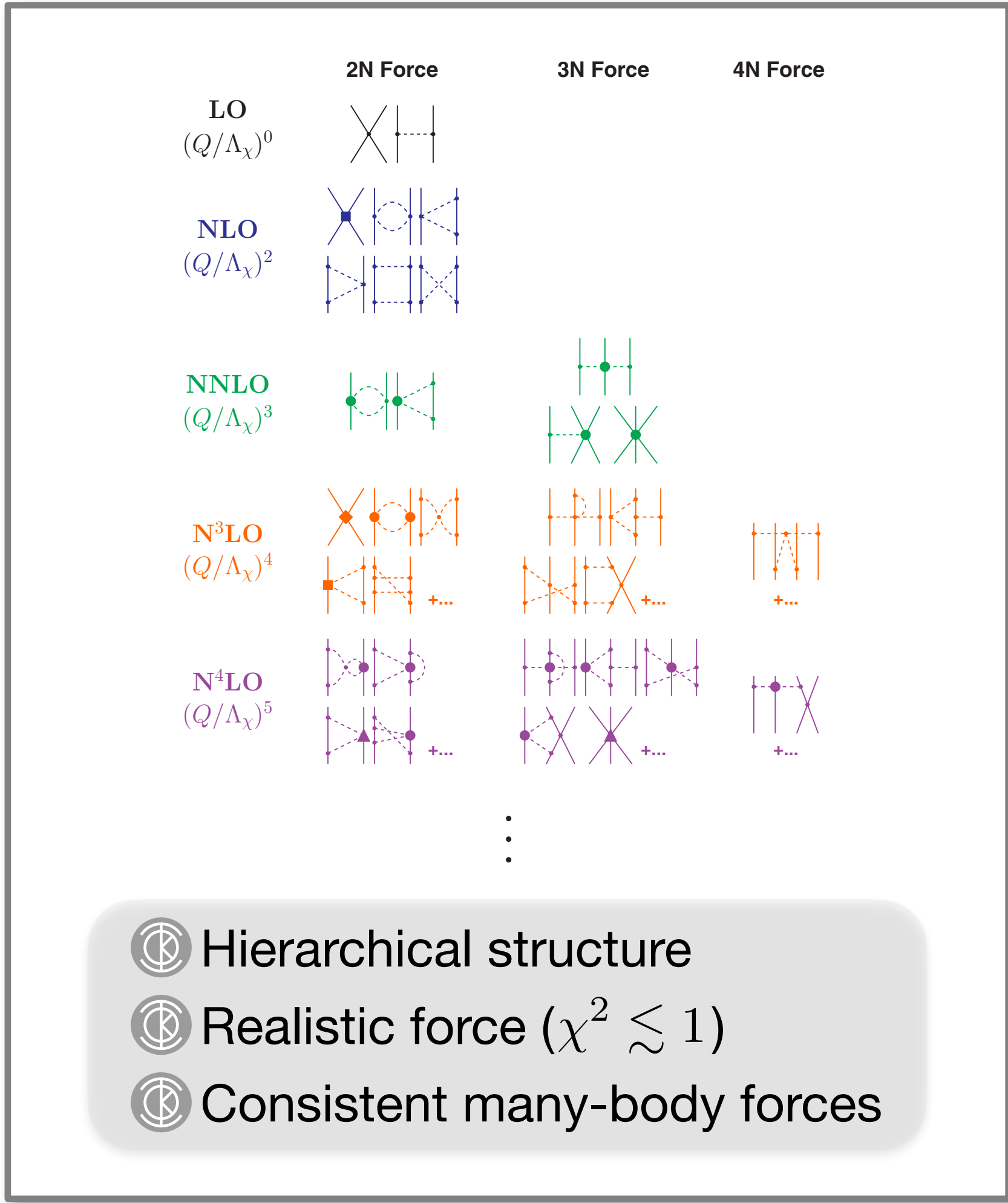


“the circle of history is closing”



Machleidt & Entem, PR 503, 1 (2011)

## Chiral EFT



Entem +, PRC 96, 024004 (2017)

Rank 3



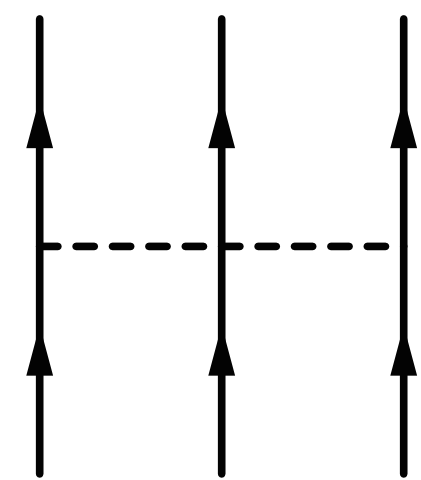
Rank 2  
(tensor)



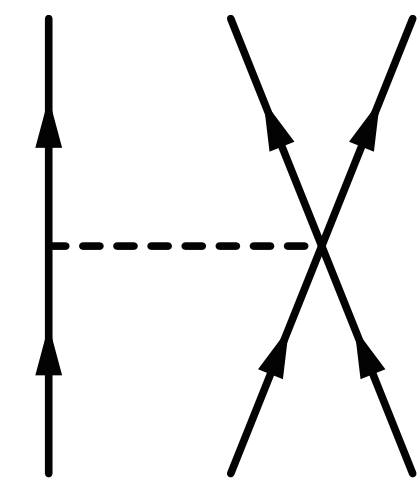
Rank 1  
(vector)



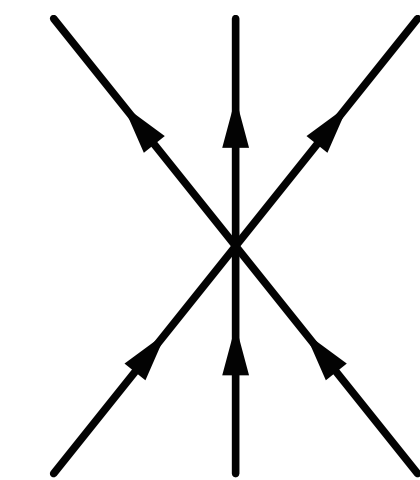
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$2\pi$

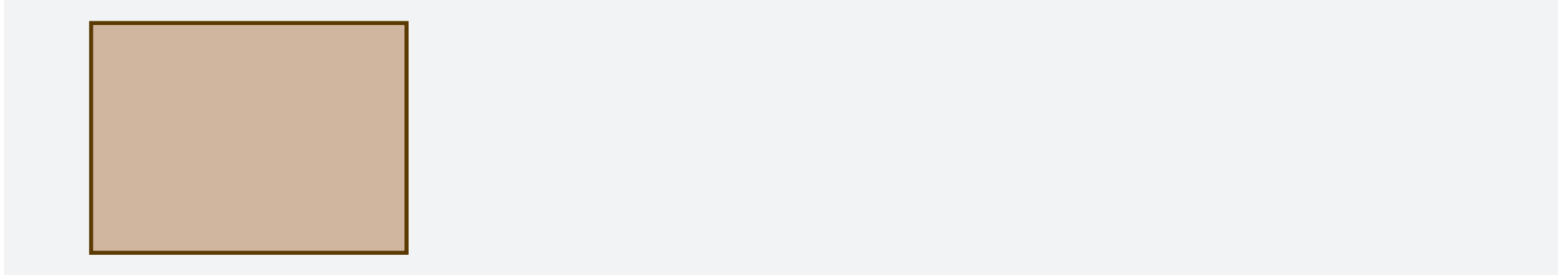


$1\pi$



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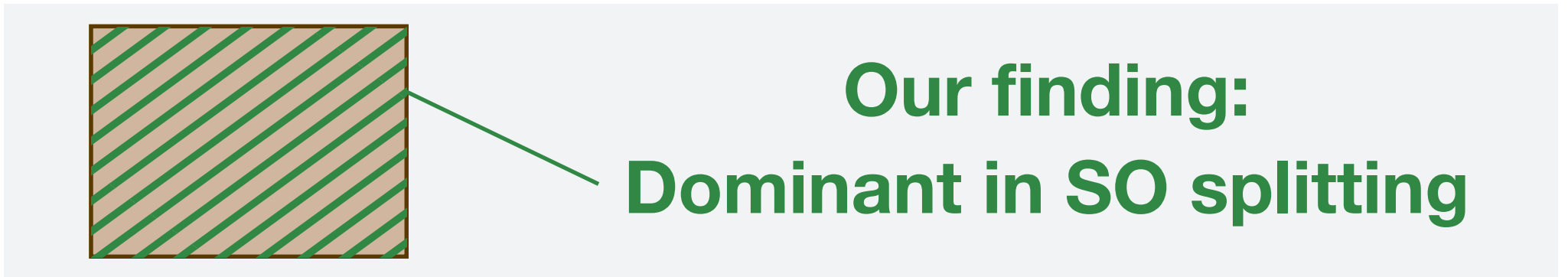
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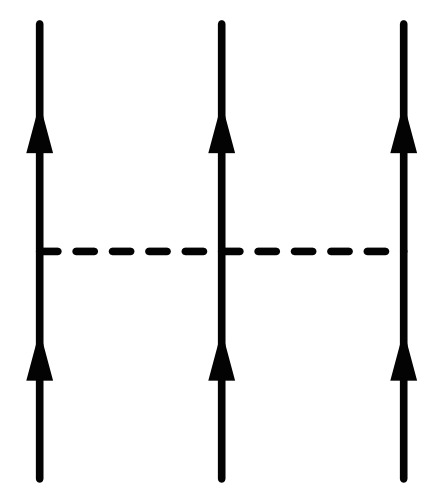


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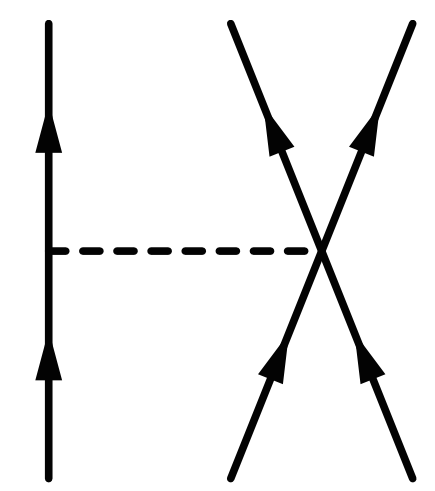


**Our finding:  
Dominant in SO splitting**

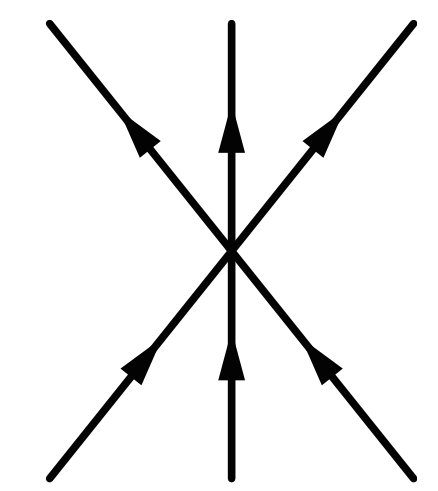
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2π



1π

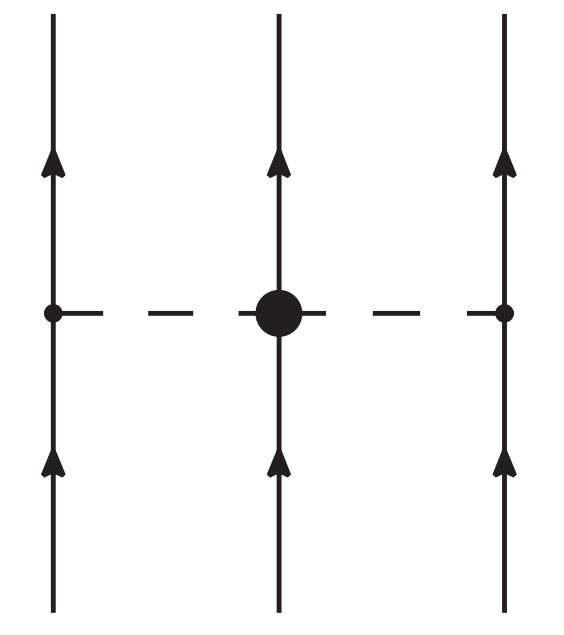


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# Irreducible-tensor decomposition | e.g. $2\pi$ - $c_3$ term

$$v_{3N}^{(c_3)} = \frac{g_A^2 c_3}{4f_\pi^4} \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} (\boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j) \frac{q_i^2 q_j^2}{(q_i^2 + m_\pi^2)(q_j^2 + m_\pi^2)} \left[ \mathcal{O}_{ij}^{(0)} + \mathcal{O}_{ij}^{(1)} + \mathcal{O}_{ij}^{(2)} \right]$$

Fukui +, PLB 855, 138839 (2024)



$$\mathcal{O}_{ij}^{(\lambda)} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3} (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j) (\hat{\mathbf{q}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}}_j)^2 & (\lambda = 0), \text{ Rank 0 (central)} \\ \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \times \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j) \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{q}}_i \times \hat{\mathbf{q}}_j) (\hat{\mathbf{q}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}}_j) & (\lambda = 1), \text{ Rank 1 (antisymmetric SO)} \\ \frac{1}{3} (\hat{\mathbf{q}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}}_j) \mathcal{T}_{ij}(\hat{\mathbf{q}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{q}}_j) & (\lambda = 2), \text{ Rank 2 (tensor)} \end{cases}$$

Generalized tensor operator

$$\mathcal{T}_{12}(\hat{\mathbf{q}}, \hat{\mathbf{q}}') = \frac{3}{2} [(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}})(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}}') + (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}})(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}}')] - (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2)(\hat{\mathbf{q}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}}')$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{12}(\hat{\mathbf{q}}, \hat{\mathbf{q}}) = \mathcal{S}_{12}(\hat{\mathbf{q}})$$

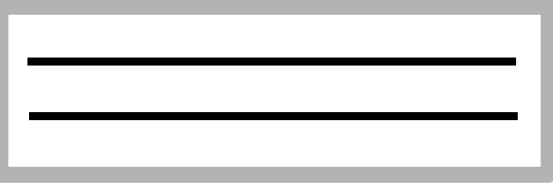

Fujiwara +, PTP 97, 587 (1997)

## Low-energy constants ( $\Lambda = 500$ MeV)

**2NF** (N<sup>3</sup>LO): Determined from  
*NN* scattering up to 300 MeV  
 Entem & Machleidt, PRC **68**, 041001(R) (2003)

**3NF** (N<sup>2</sup>LO): Determined from  
<sup>3</sup>H- and <sup>3</sup>He binding energies  
 Navrátil +, PRL **99**, 042501 (2007)

## Model space (p-shell)

Particle   $0p_{1/2}$   
 $0p_{3/2}$   
 Hole   $0s_{1/2}$

$$\hbar\omega = 19 \text{ MeV}$$

## Many-body perturbation theory

$$H^{(1B)} + H^{(2B)} \rightarrow H_{\text{eff}}$$

**1-body and 2-body:**  
 Up to 3<sup>rd</sup>-order folded-diagram expansion

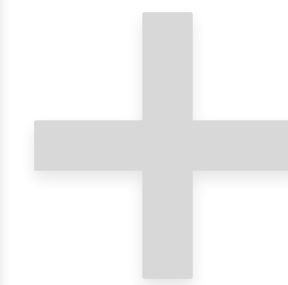
Coraggio + AP **327**, 2125 (2012)

## Normal-order approx.

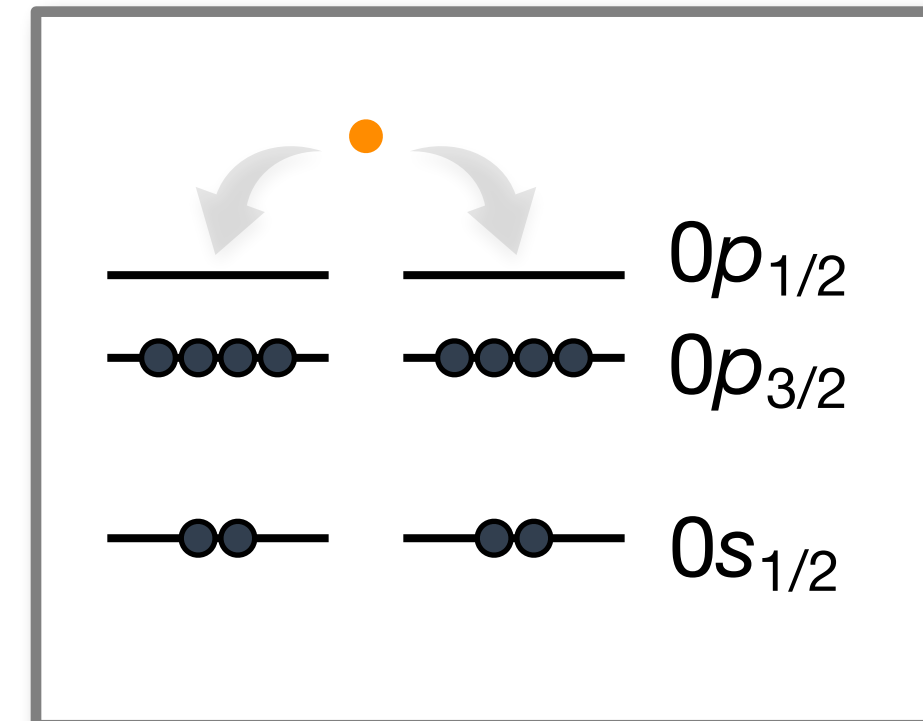
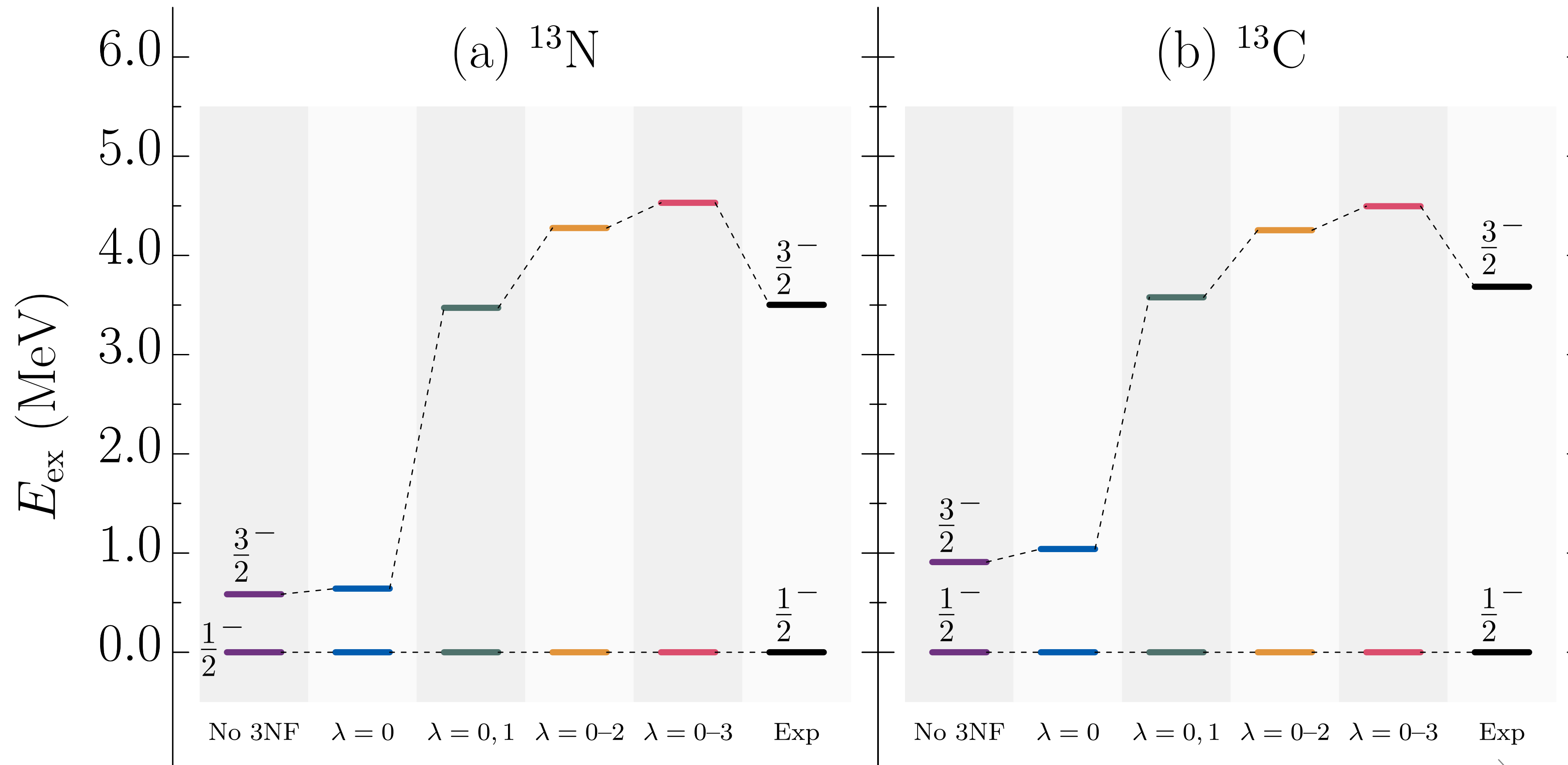
$$H_{3NF} \approx H_{3NF}^{(1B)} + H_{3NF}^{(2B)}$$

**3NF:**  
 Up to 1<sup>st</sup>-order

Roth +, PRL **109**, 052501 (2012)







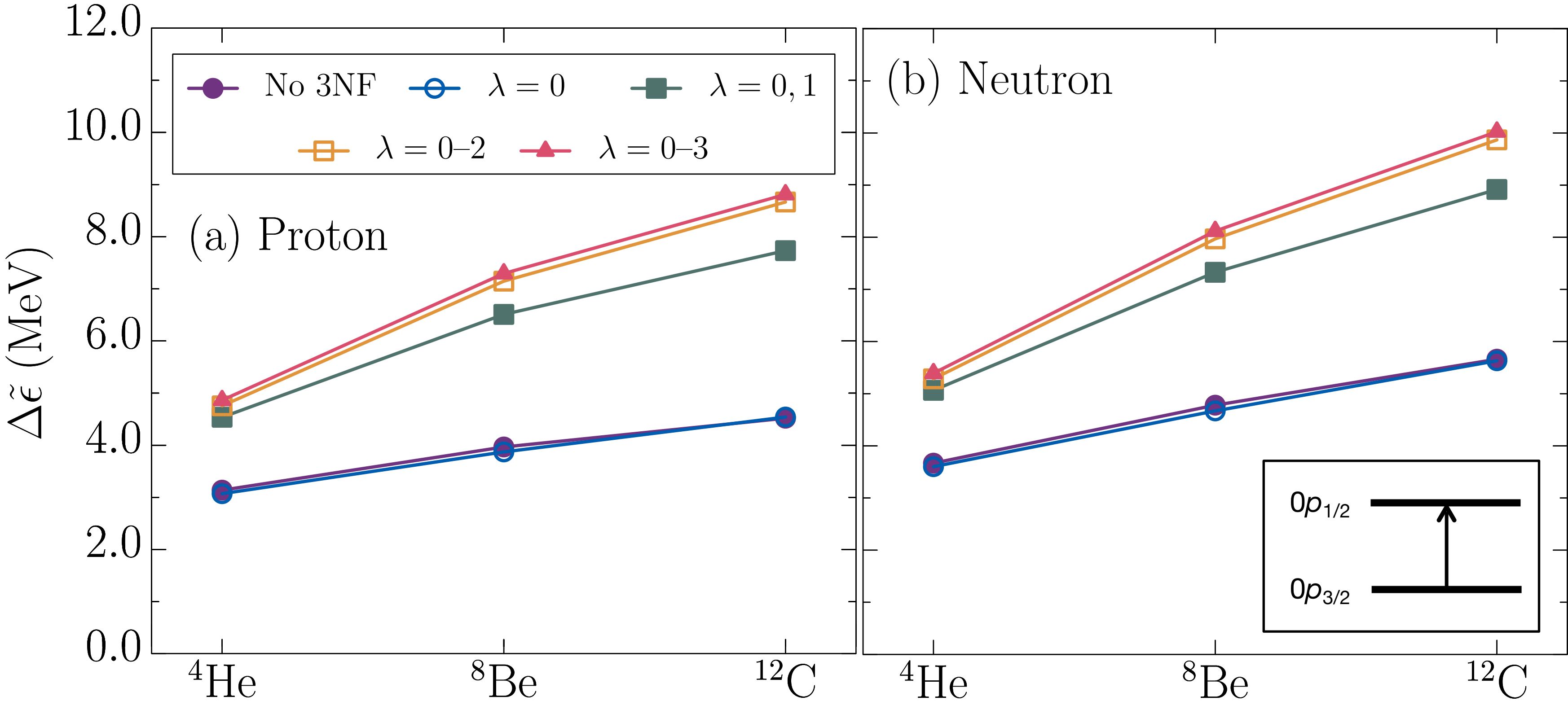
- ✧ N<sup>3</sup>LO 2NF  
Entem & Machleidt, PRC 68, 041001(R) (2003)
- ✧ N<sup>2</sup>LO 3NF  
Navrátil +, PRL 99, 042501 (2007)
- ✧ Numerical detail  
Fukui +, PLB 855, 138839 (2024)

- ▶  $3/2^-$  energies: Enhanced by noncentral 3NF
- ▶ Rank-1: Dominant contribution
- ▶ Experimental  $3/2^-$ : Not perfectly consistent w/ calc.

Ajzenberg-Selove (ENSDF), NPA 523, 1 (1991)

## Evolution of ESPEs ( $N = Z$ nuclei)

Fukui +, PLB 855, 138839 (2024)



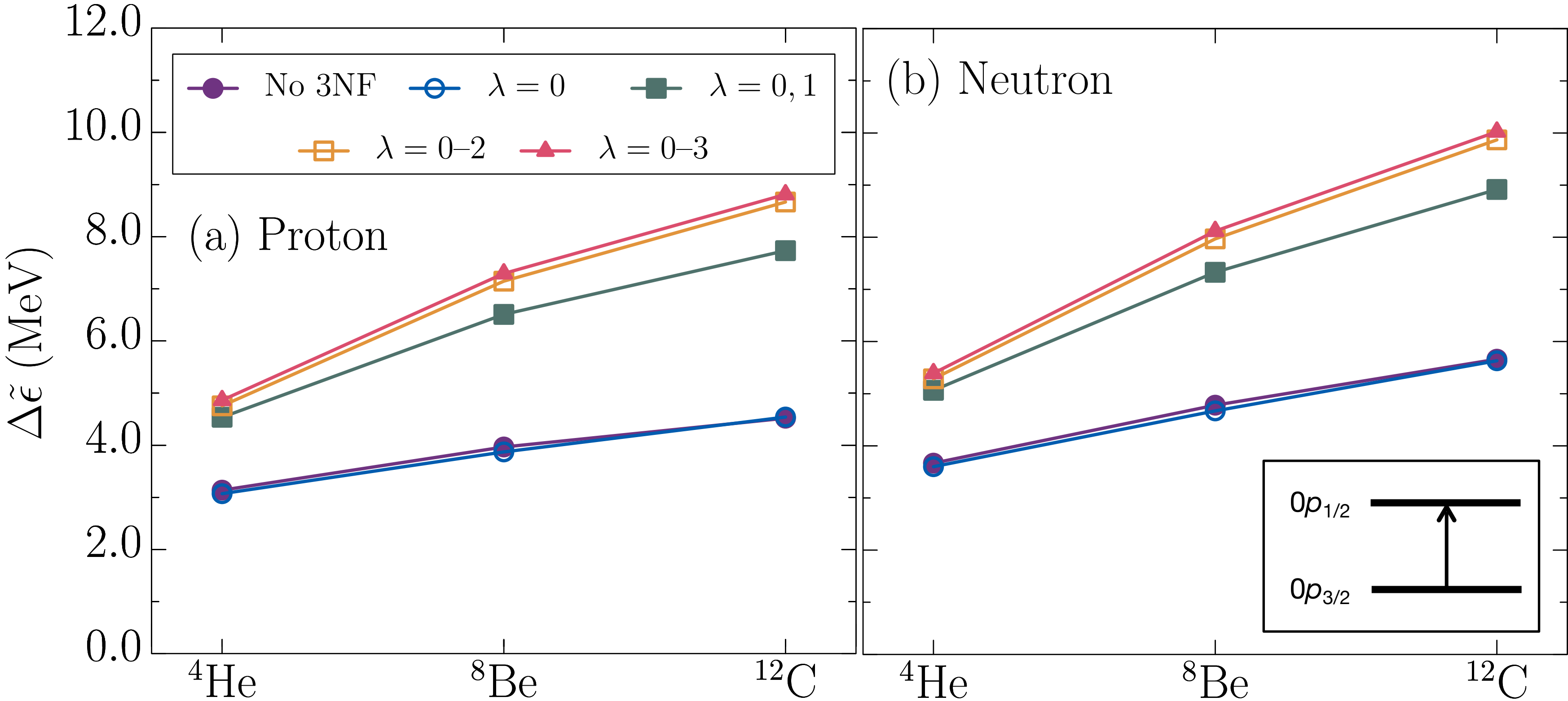
► **Whole 3NF:** ~Doubling SO splitting ( $^{12}\text{C}$ )

Consistent

**Pieper & Pandharipande**  
 $^{15}\text{N}$ -SO splitting: Half from 3NF (Urbana-VII 3NF)  
Pieper & Pandharipande, PRL 70, 2541 (1993)  
Schiavilla +, NPA 449, 219 (1986)

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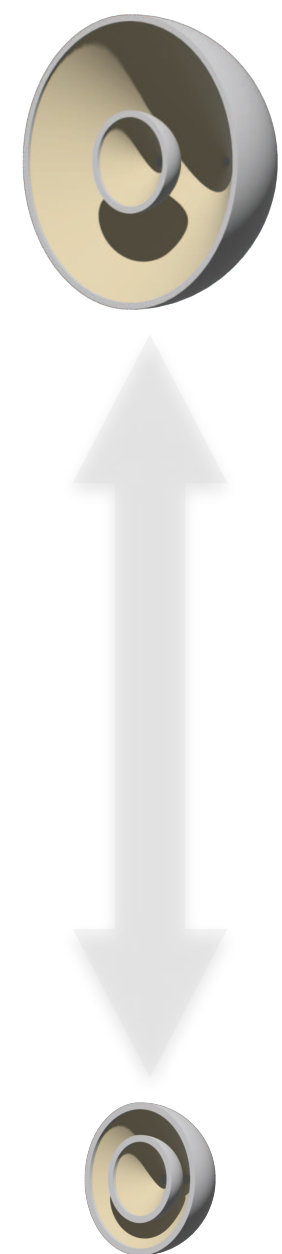
- ▶ **Whole 3NF:** ~Doubling SO splitting ( $^{12}\text{C}$ )
- ▶ **Rank-1:** ~75% contribution ( $^8\text{Be}$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}$ )
- ▶ **Rank-2:** ~20% contribution ( $^8\text{Be}$ ,  $^{12}\text{C}$ )

←→  
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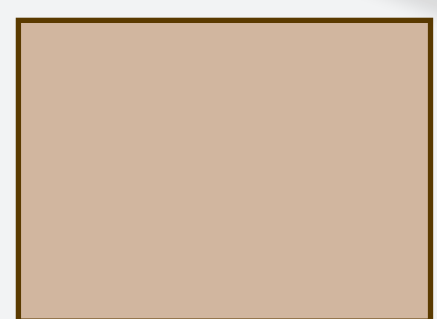


# $2\pi$ -exchange dominance | Rank-1 component exclusively from $2\pi$

Rank 3



Rank 2  
(tensor)

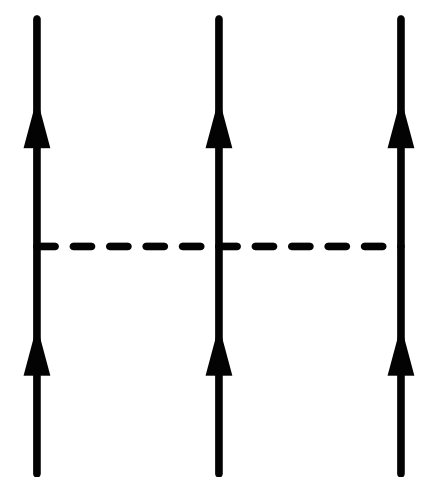


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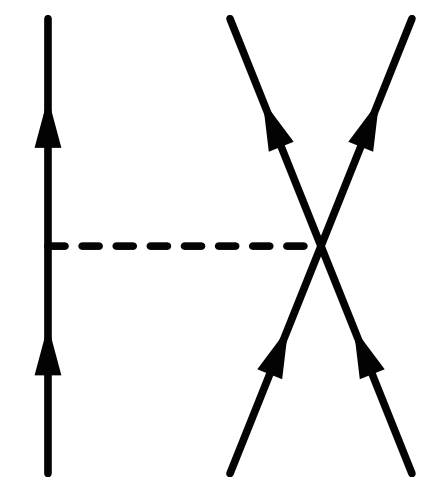


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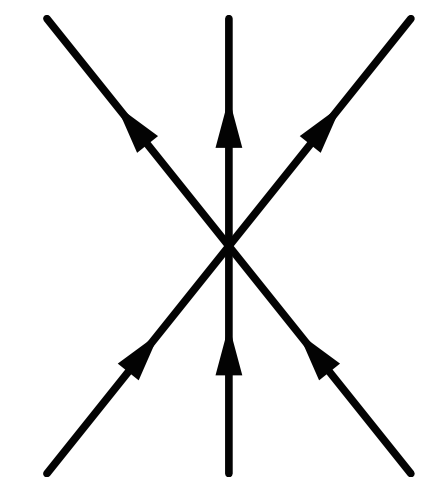
Rank 0  
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$2\pi$



$1\pi$



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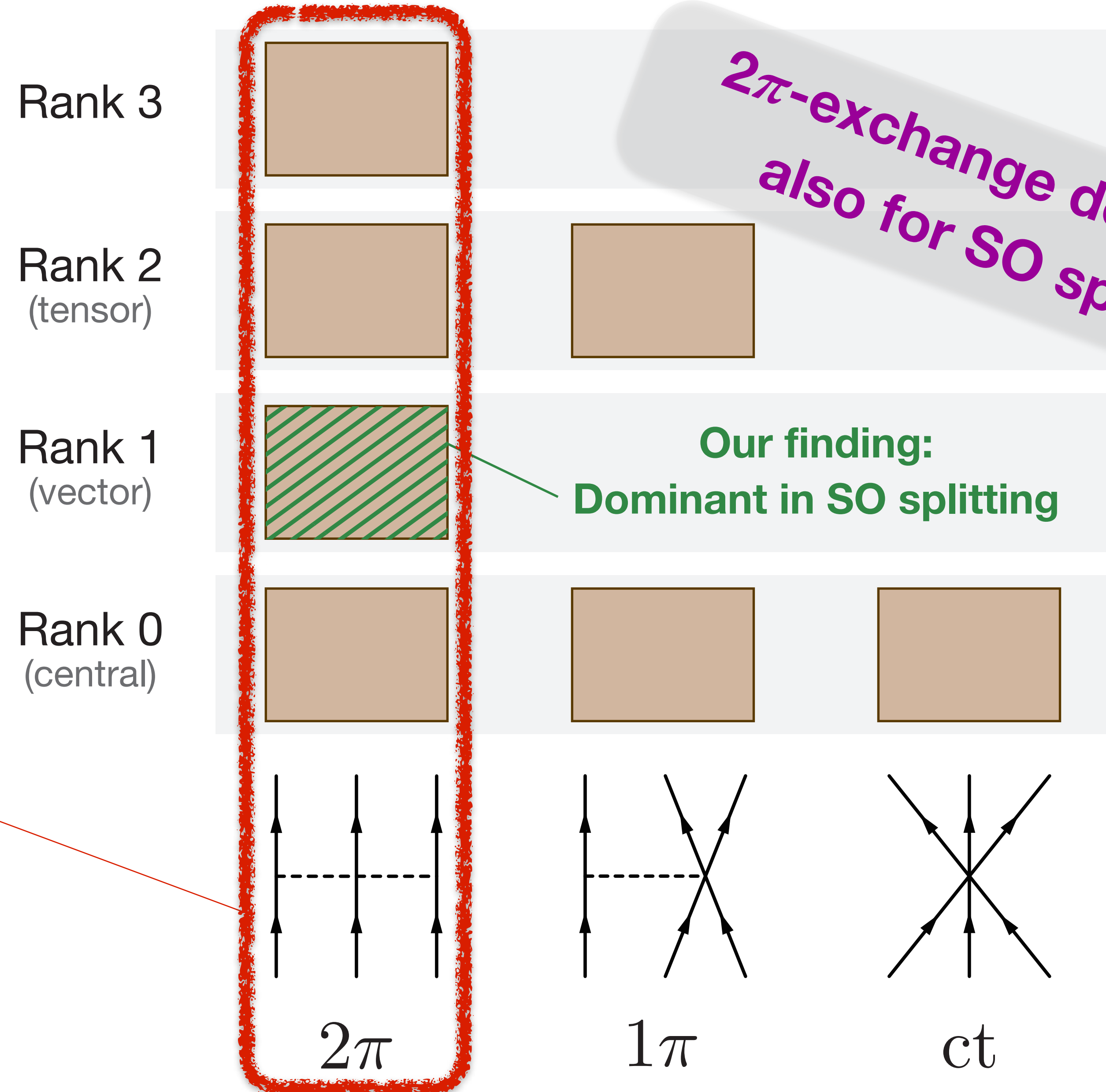
***$2\pi$ -exchange dominance  
also for SO splitting***

# $2\pi$ -exchange dominance | Rank-1 component exclusively from $2\pi$

**$\pi$ - $N$  LECs:**  
 Well constrained  
 by Roy-Steiner equation analysis  
Hoferichter +, PRL 115, 192301 (2015)

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**Our conclusions:**  
 Probably independent of contact LECs



## One-body SO potential from rank-1 3NF

$$\mathcal{O}_{ij}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \times \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j) \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{q}}_i \times \hat{\mathbf{q}}_j) (\hat{\mathbf{q}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}}_j)$$

Andō & Bandō, PTP 66, 227 (1981)

$$\tilde{M}_{\text{TBF}}^{\text{SX}}(a) \simeq \langle \phi_a | B_p \rho(r) (1/r) (d\rho(r)/dr) \mathbf{l} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} | \phi_a \rangle$$

**One-body SO potential from rank-1 3NF**

### Andō & Bandō

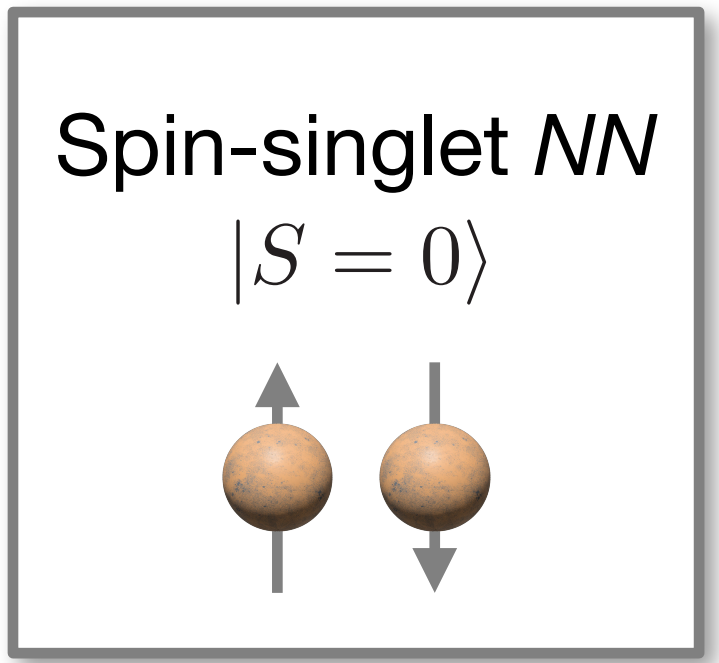
Rank-1 3NF  
(Fujita—Miyazawa 3NF/  
Tucson—Melbourne 3NF)  
and SO splitting

Fujita & Miyazawa, PTP 17, 360 (1957)  
Coon, NPA 317, 242 (1979)

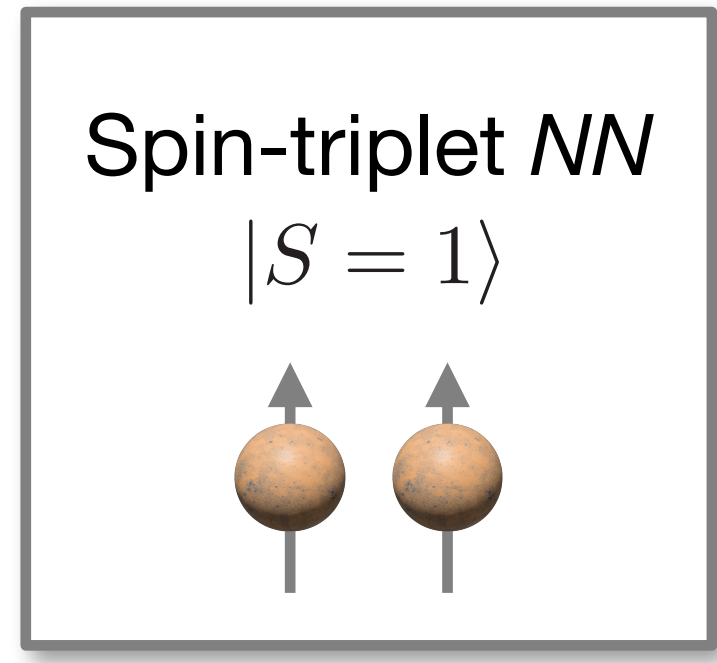
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Antisymmetric-SO 3NF!  
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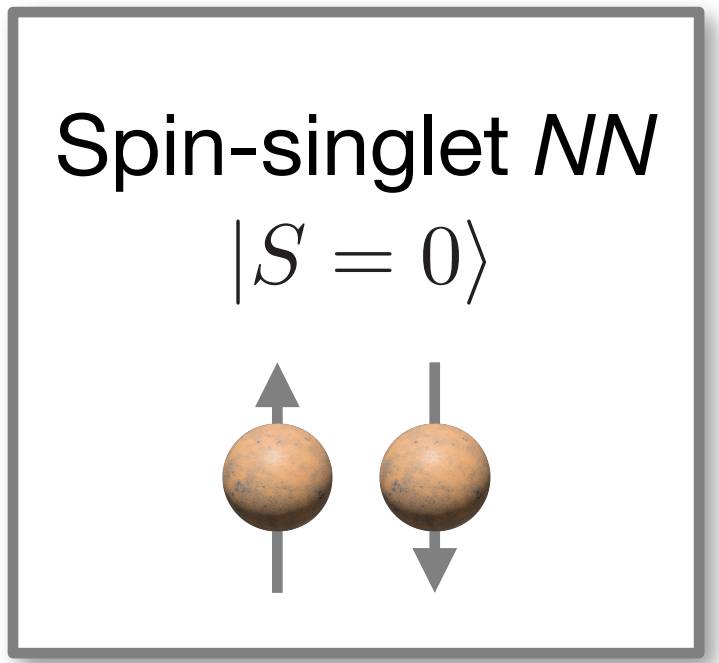
Mixing



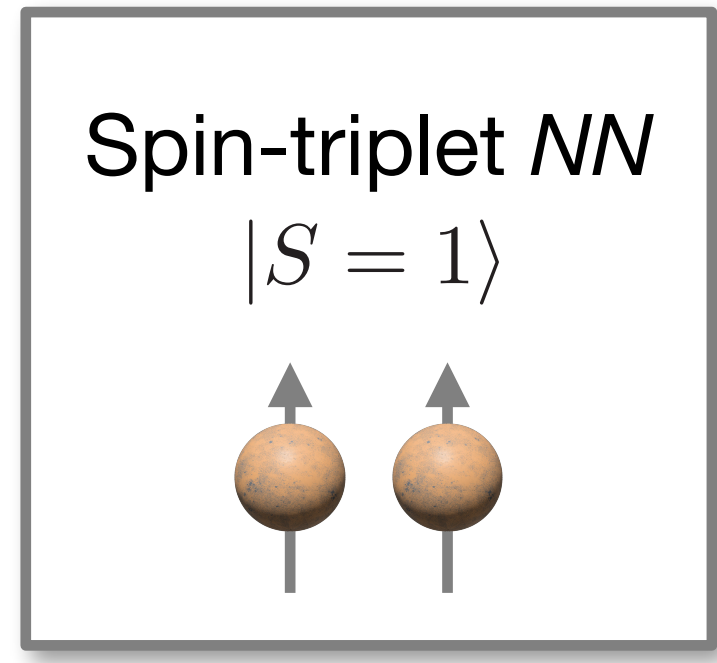
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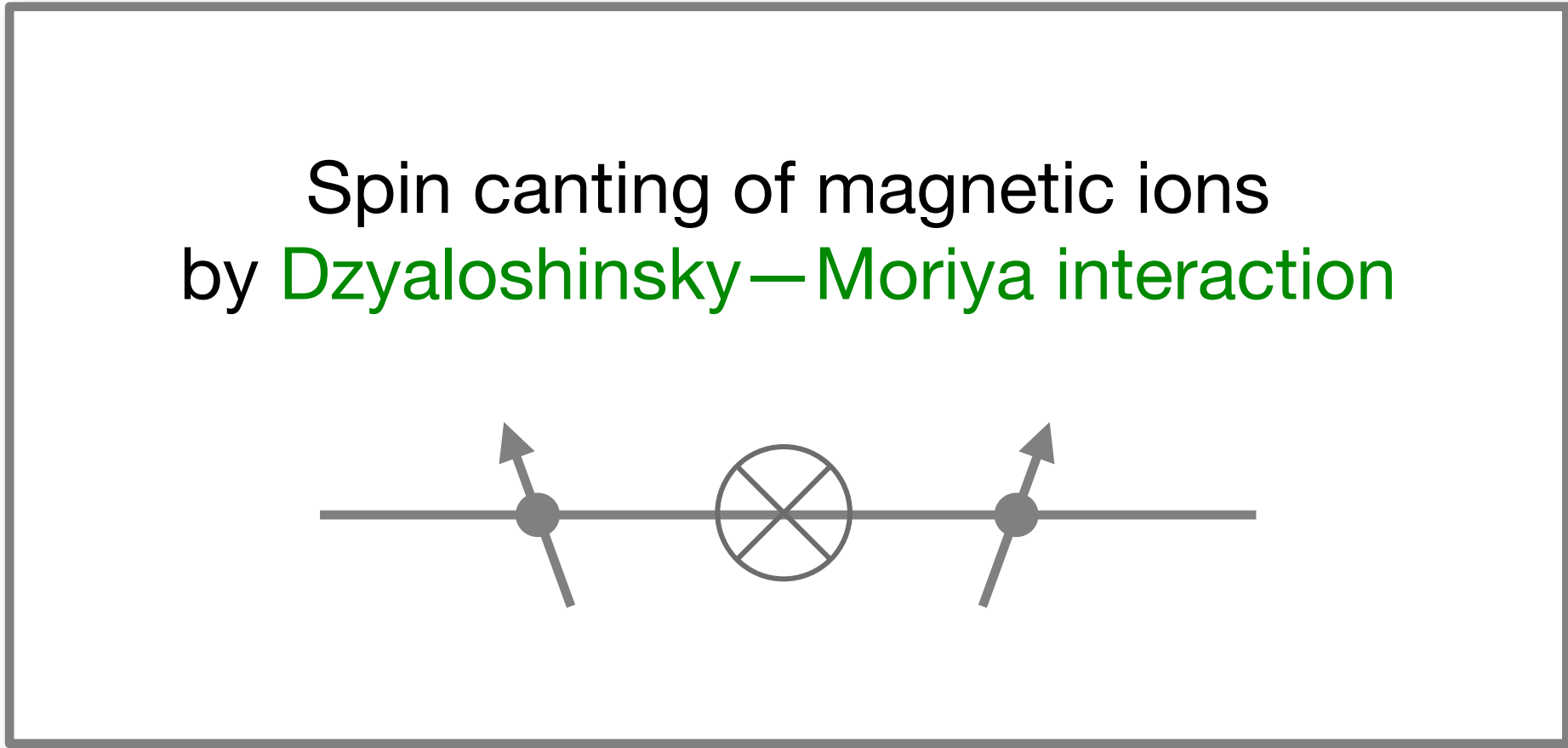
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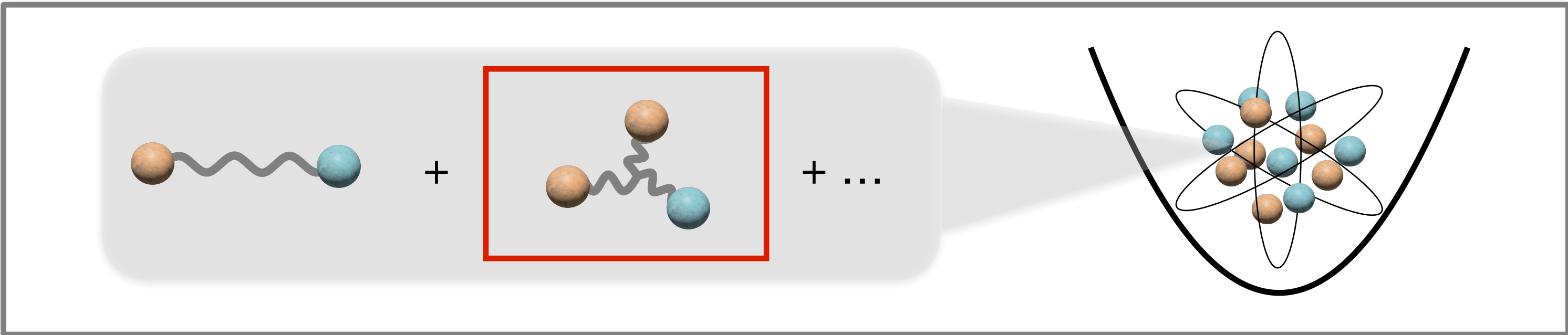
Analogy



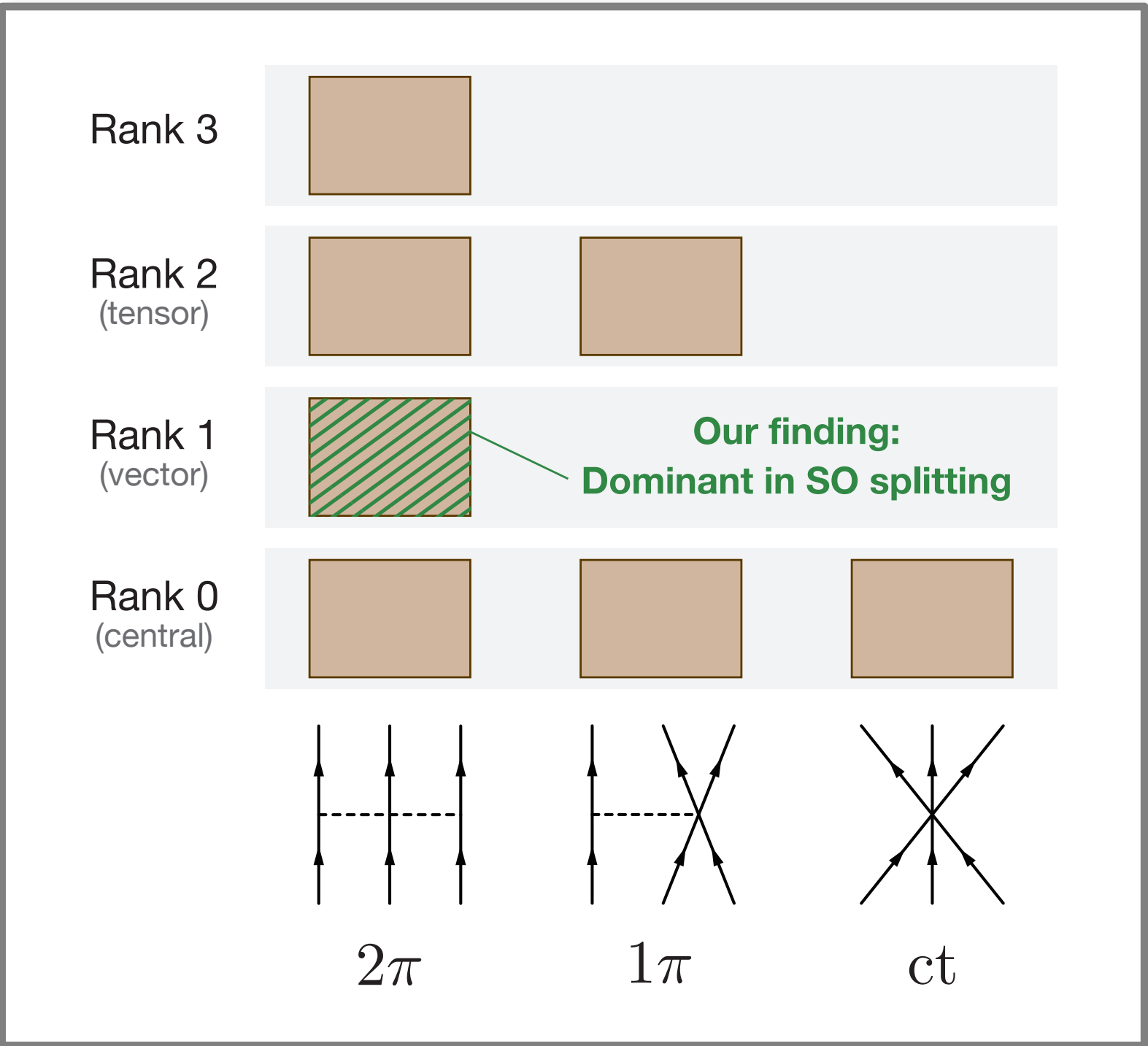
Dzyaloshinsky, JPCS 4, 241 (1958)  
 Moriya, PRL 4, 228 (1960)  
 Moriya, PR 120, 91 (1960)



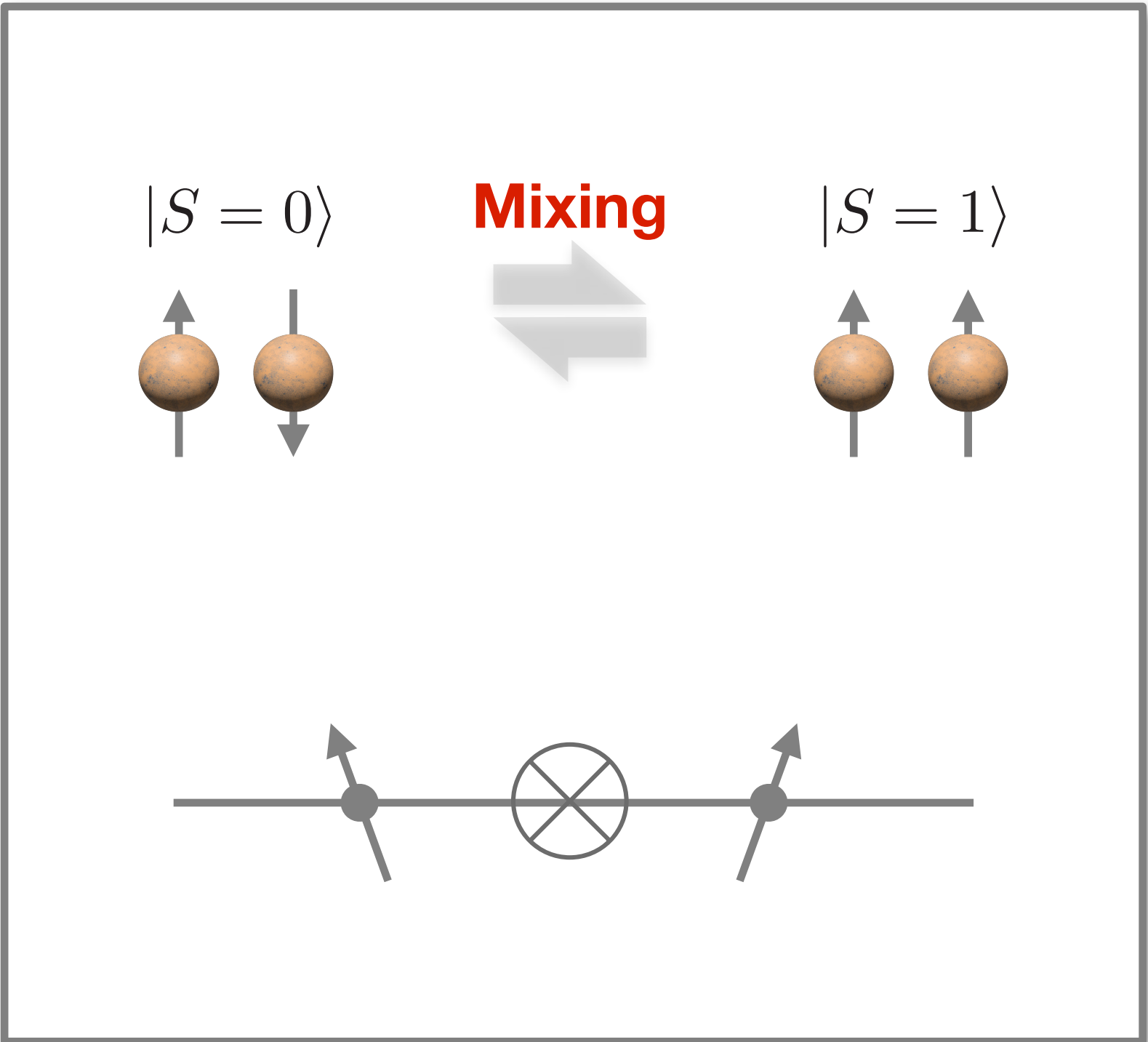
## Chiral EFT + Shell model



### Main finding



### Singlet-triplet mixing & antisym. 3NF



### Future

- ✧ Heavier nuclei: Rank-2 3NF becomes relevant?
- ✧  $2n$  correlation, entanglement, and 3NF