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**NUCLEAR STRUCTURE AND THEORY FOR
PRECISION BETA DECAY EXPERIMENTS:
NUCLEAR SHAPE CORRECTIONS**



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INTRODUCTION

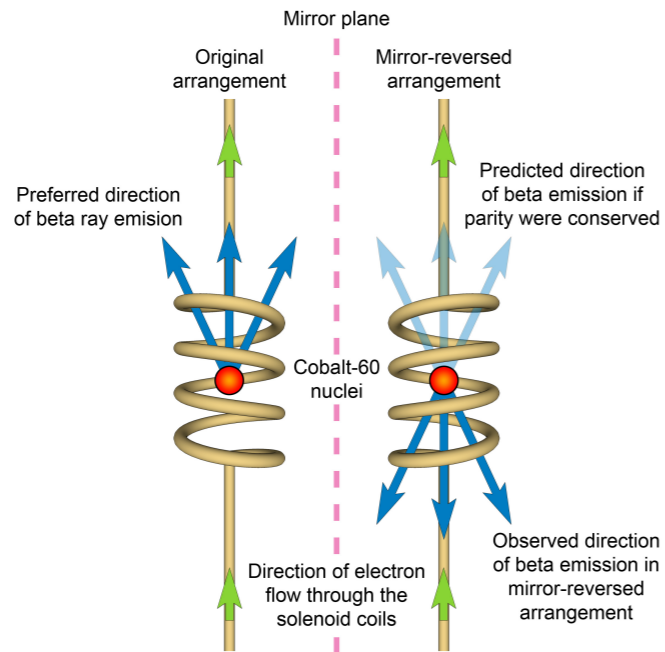
- ▶ The standard model is incomplete: dark sector, neutrino masses.
- ▶ Finding signatures of beyond the standard model physics in quantum phenomena is one of the heralds of modern physics.
- ▶ LHC is the energy frontier.
- ▶ Nuclear phenomena are a precision frontier:
 - ▶ ***New techniques allow unprecedented experimental accuracy.***
 - ▶ ***Need an accompanying theoretical effort to analyze experimental results and pinpoint new physics.***
 - ▶ It's not a very rewarding job...



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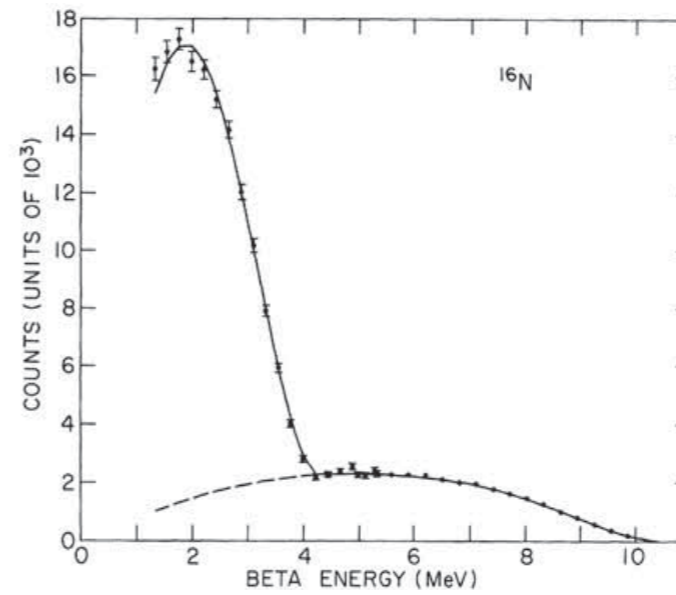
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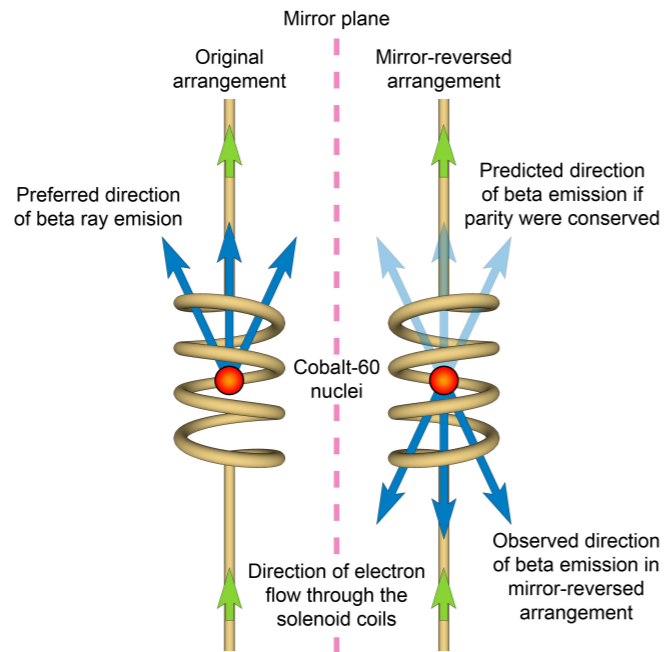
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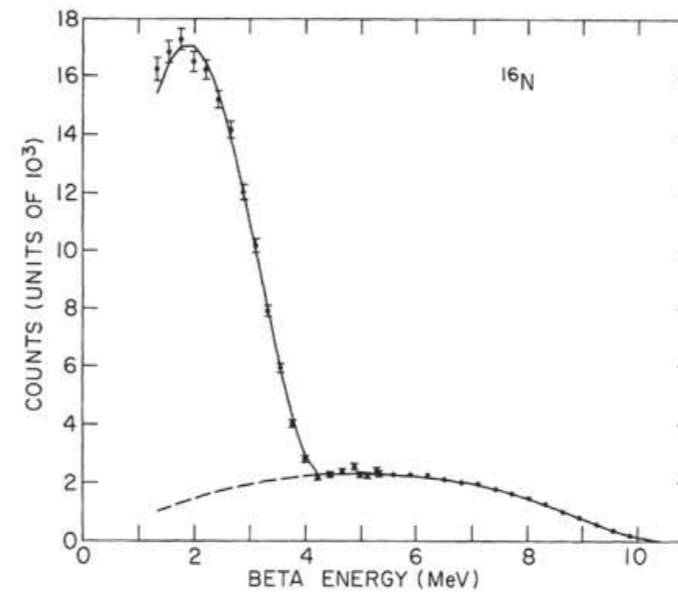
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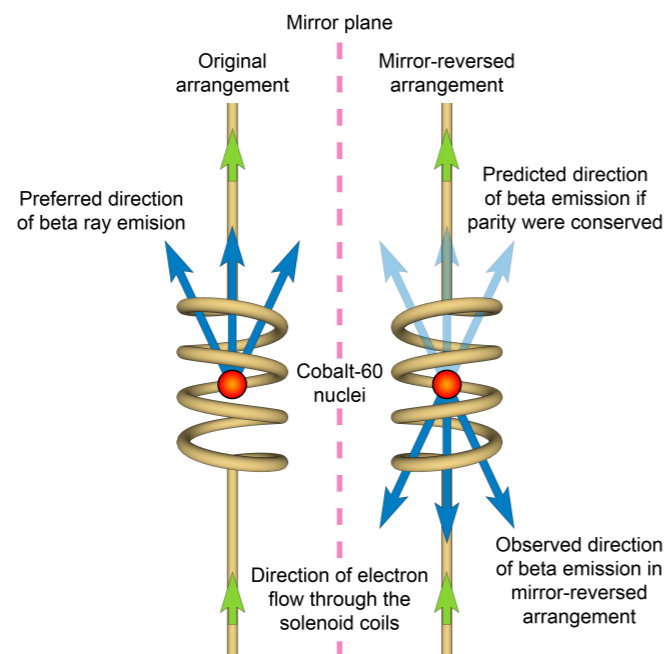




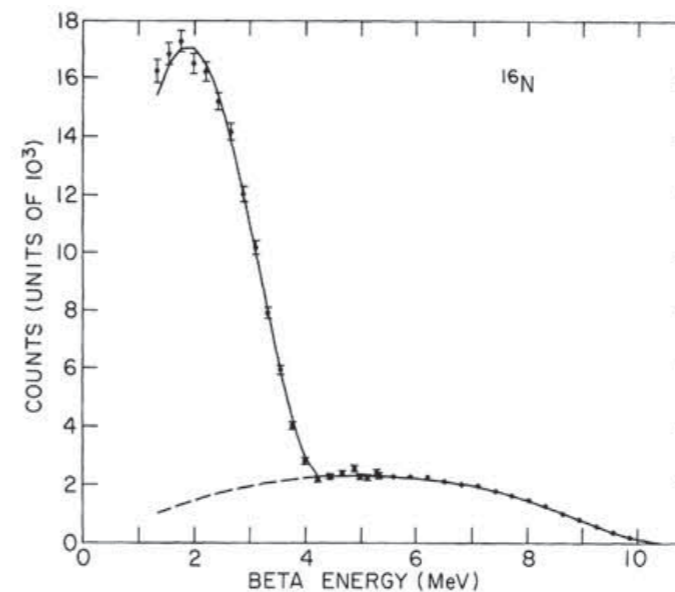
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- ▶ “New Physics” searches using beta decays have been moving back and forth, from spectrum to correlation studies.
- ▶ Atomic traps acted as the catalyst for precision correlation studies, and many experiments have been constructed since ~2005.
- ▶ In the last couple of years, the seesaw seems to tilt towards precision spectrum studies again, based on theoretical expectations for the size of the effect.



Differential β decay rate

$$\frac{d^5 \omega_{\beta\mp}}{d\Omega_k/4\pi d\Omega_\nu/4\pi d\epsilon} = \Sigma(\epsilon) \cdot \Theta(q, \vec{\beta}, \hat{\nu})$$

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$\vec{\beta} = \frac{\vec{k}}{\epsilon}$, β particle momentum to energy ratio

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$$\Sigma(\epsilon) = \frac{2G^2}{\pi^2} \frac{2\Delta J + 1}{\Delta J(2J_i + 1)} (\epsilon_0 - \epsilon)^2 k \epsilon F^{(\pm)}(Z_f, \epsilon) \times (\text{corrections})$$

Classification of β decays

$\Delta J^\pi = 0^+$	(Super)allowed - Fermi transition	} $\propto q^0$
$\Delta J^\pi = 0, 1^+$	Allowed - Fermi/Gamow-Teller	
$\Delta J^\pi = 0, 1, 2^-$	Unique First forbidden transition	$\propto q^1$

WHERE DOES NUCLEAR STRUCTURE ENTER?

Item	Effect	Formula	Magnitude	
1	Phase space factor ^a	$pW(W_0 - W)^2$	Unity or larger	
2	Traditional Fermi function	F_0		
3	Finite size of the nucleus	L_0		
4	Radiative corrections	R		NUCLEAR STRUCTURE DEPENDENT
5	Shape factor	C	$10^{-1}-10^{-2}$	
6	Atomic exchange	X		
7	Atomic mismatch	r		
8	Atomic screening	S		
9	Shake-up	See item 7		
10	Shake-off	See item 7		
11	Isovector correction	C_I		NUCLEAR STRUCTURE DEPENDENT
12	Recoil Coulomb correction	Q	$10^{-3}-10^{-4}$	
13	Diffuse nuclear surface	U		
14	Nuclear deformation	$D_{FS} \text{ \& } D_C$		
15	Recoiling nucleus	R_N		
16	Molecular screening	ΔS_{Mol}		
17	Molecular exchange	Case by case		
18	Bound state β decay	Γ_b/Γ_c	Smaller than $1 \cdot 10^{-4}$	
19	Neutrino mass	Negligible		

Beta Spectrum Generator: High precision allowed β spectrum shapes

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We have similar expressions for Tensor and Scalar structures, and interferences. [Glick-Magid, Gazit, unpublished]



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Nuclear-probe coupling operators

e.g., allowed transitions

$$\Delta J^\pi = 0, 1^+$$

$$d\omega^{V-A} = \frac{4}{\pi^2} k \epsilon (W_0 - \epsilon)^2 d\epsilon \frac{d\Omega_k}{4\pi} \frac{d\Omega_\nu}{4\pi} \frac{1}{2J_i + 1} \cdot \left\{ \frac{|C_V|^2 + |C'_V|^2}{2} (1 + \hat{\nu} \cdot \vec{\beta}) \left| \langle J_f || \hat{C}_0^V || J_i \rangle \right|^2 + \frac{|C_A|^2 + |C'_A|^2}{2} 3 \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} \hat{\nu} \cdot \vec{\beta} \right) \left| \langle J_f || \hat{L}_1^A || J_i \rangle \right|^2 \right\} + O(q)$$

Fermi
Gamow-Teller
Correlation coefficient

Assumptions: vanishing momentum transfer (q=0).

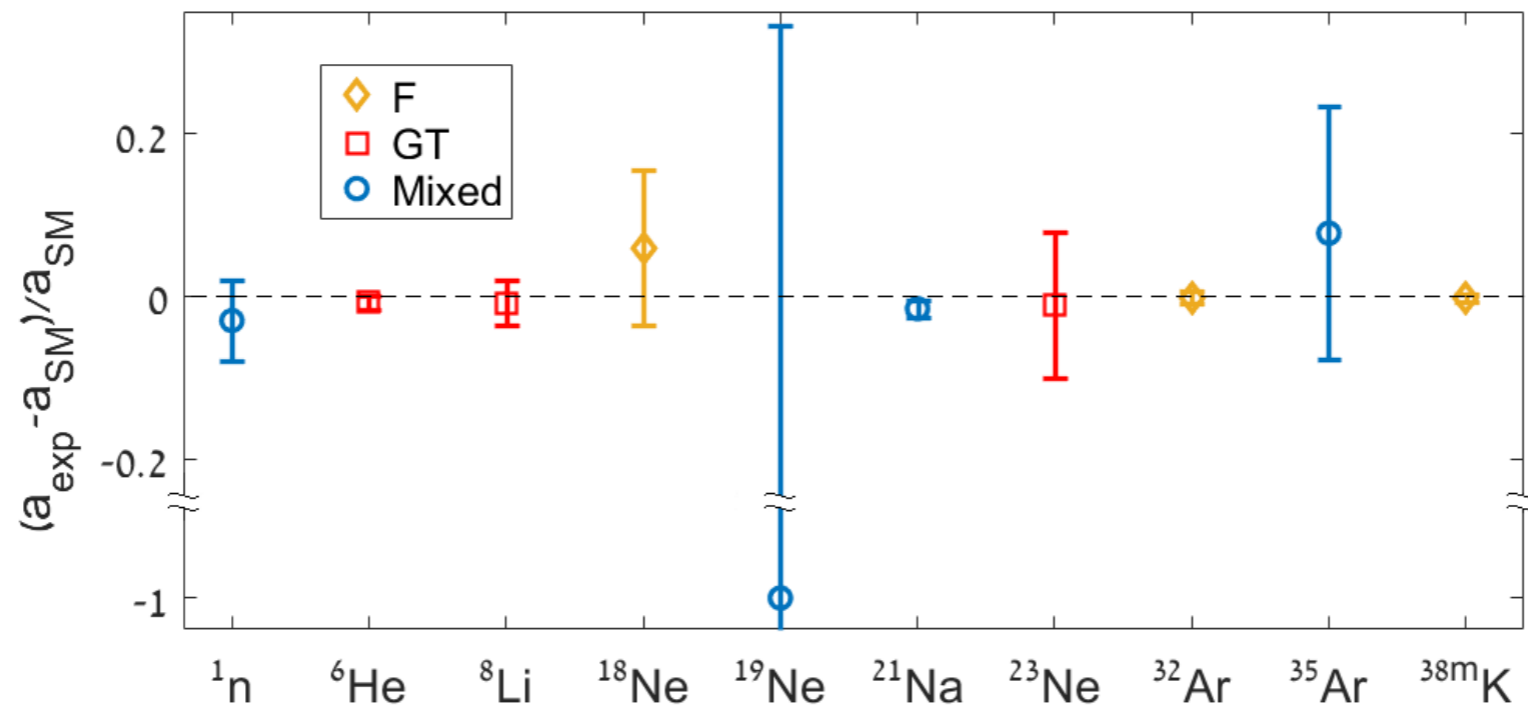
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V-A WITH T CORRECTIONS:

$$\Theta \propto \left(1 + b \frac{m_e}{\epsilon} + a_{\beta\nu} \vec{\beta} \cdot \hat{\nu}\right)$$

$$a_{\beta\nu} \approx -\frac{1}{3} \left(1 - \frac{|C_T|^2 + |C'_T|^2}{|C_A|^2}\right), \text{ and } b = 2 \frac{C_T + C'_T}{C_A}$$

Caveats:

- a) Sensitive to combination of tensor couplings, with spectrum averaging of energy, thus in a specific nucleus – the sensitivity to BSM couplings is QUADRATIC...
- b) Spectrum, i.e., integration over angle, sensitive to Fierz term, i.e., insensitive to fully right handed couplings.

PRECISION B-DECAY STUDIES TO PINPOINT BSM EFFECTS

Unique first forbidden $\Delta J^\pi = 2^-$

$\Theta(q, \vec{\beta} \cdot \hat{v})$

$$\begin{aligned}
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$$\propto 1 - (\hat{\beta} \cdot \hat{v})^2$$

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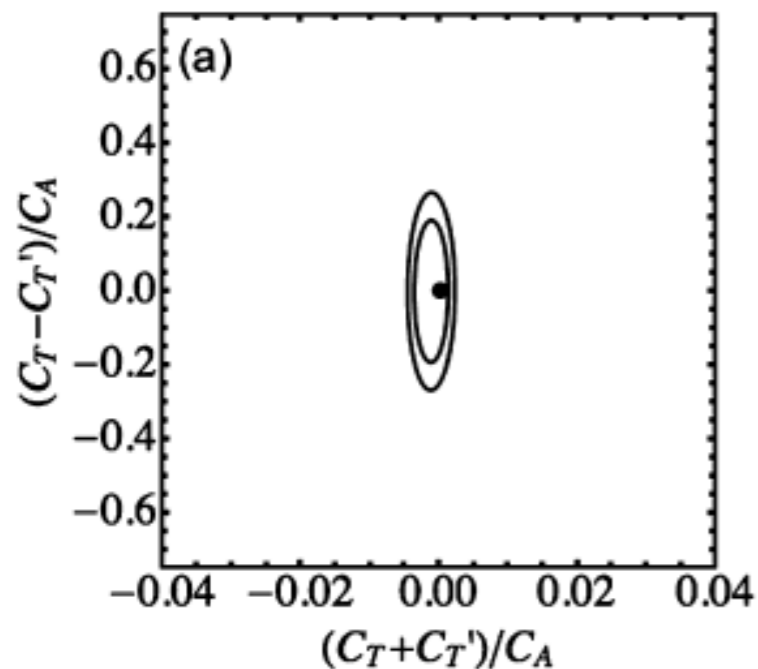
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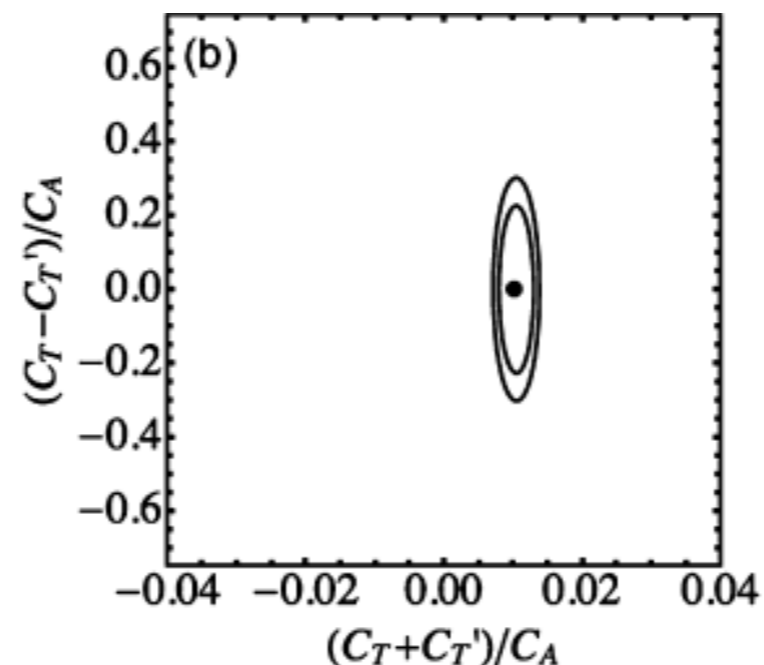
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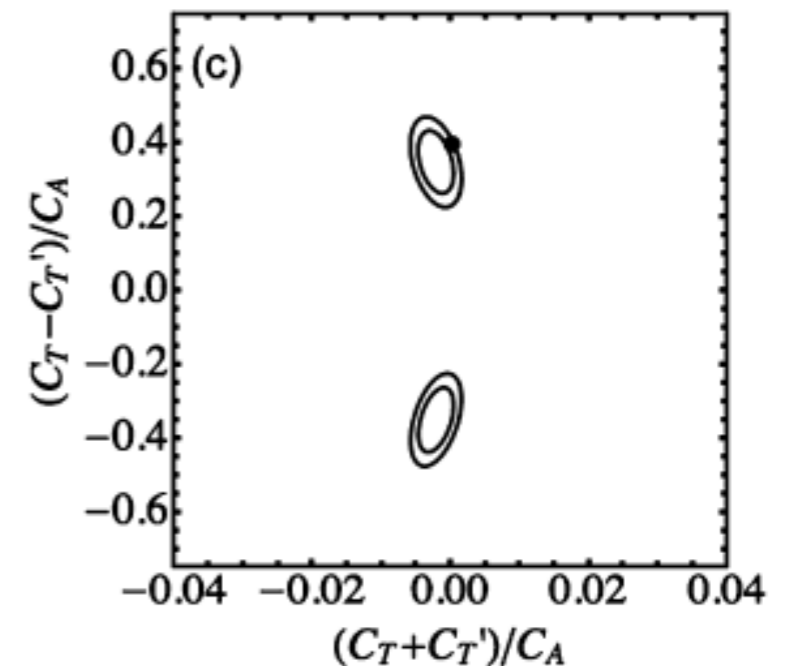
Unique possibility to separate between left and right-handed couplings!



$$C_T = C_T' = 0$$



$$C_T/C_A = C_T'/C_A = 0.005$$



$$C_T/C_A = -C_T'/C_A = 0.2$$

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$$\mathcal{J}^{\mu\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^A \tau_i^- [\delta^{\mu 0} J_{i,1b}^0 - \delta^{\mu k} J_{i,1b}^k] \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i)$$

$$J_{i,1b}^0(p^2) = 1 - g_A \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i}{2m},$$

$$\mathbf{J}_{i,1b}(p^2) = g_A \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i + ik_V \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \times \mathbf{p}}{2m},$$

Chiral suppression
additional factor 3-5

Exchange
currents

In beta decays, shape corrections are few per-milles, thus the first correction should be calculated explicitly to reach needed accuracy



SHAPE CORRECTIONS

e.g., allowed transitions

Nuclear effects are important to pinpoint BSM effects:

$$\frac{d\omega_{\beta\mp}^{V-A}}{d\epsilon \frac{d\Omega_k}{4\pi} \frac{d\Omega_\nu}{4\pi}} = \frac{4}{\pi^2} (Q - \epsilon)^2 k \epsilon F^\pm(Z_f, \epsilon) \frac{1}{2J_i + 1} \cdot$$

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$$\left. + \frac{|C_A|^2 + |C'_A|^2}{2} \left[1 - \delta_1^{1+} - \frac{1}{3} (1 - \delta_{\beta\nu}^{1+}) \hat{\nu} \cdot \vec{\beta} \right] \left| \langle J_f \| \hat{L}_1^A \| J_i \rangle \right|^2 \right\}$$

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with

$$\delta_1 = \frac{4}{5} \left\{ \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\nu - \frac{k^2}{\epsilon}}{q} \Re \frac{\langle \|\hat{M}_2^V\| \rangle}{\langle \|\hat{L}_2^A\| \rangle} - \frac{\nu + \frac{k^2}{\epsilon}}{q} \Re \frac{\langle \|\hat{C}_2^A\| \rangle}{\langle \|\hat{L}_2^A\| \rangle} \right\}, \\ \delta_{\hat{\nu}\cdot\vec{\beta}} = 2 \left\{ \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\epsilon - \nu}{q} \Re \frac{\langle \|\hat{M}_2^V\| \rangle}{\langle \|\hat{L}_2^A\| \rangle} - \frac{\nu + \epsilon}{q} \Re \frac{\langle \|\hat{C}_2^A\| \rangle}{\langle \|\hat{L}_2^A\| \rangle} \right\}$$

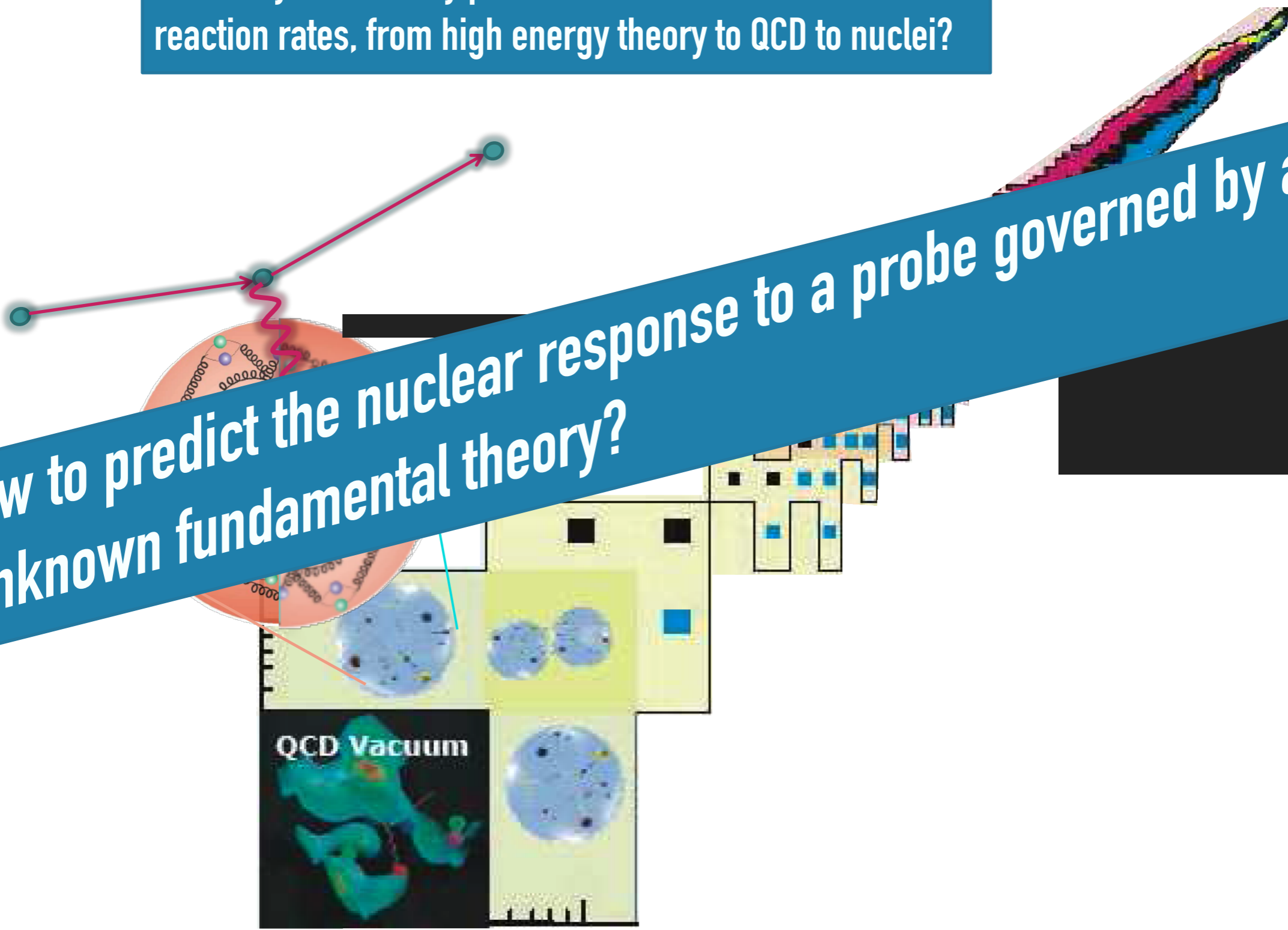
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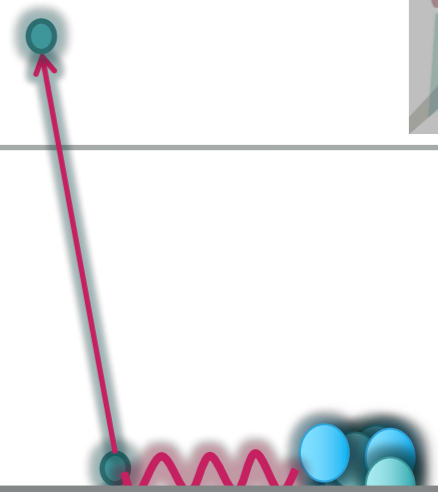
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unknown high energy physics – a calculation for each candidate high energy theory is tedious



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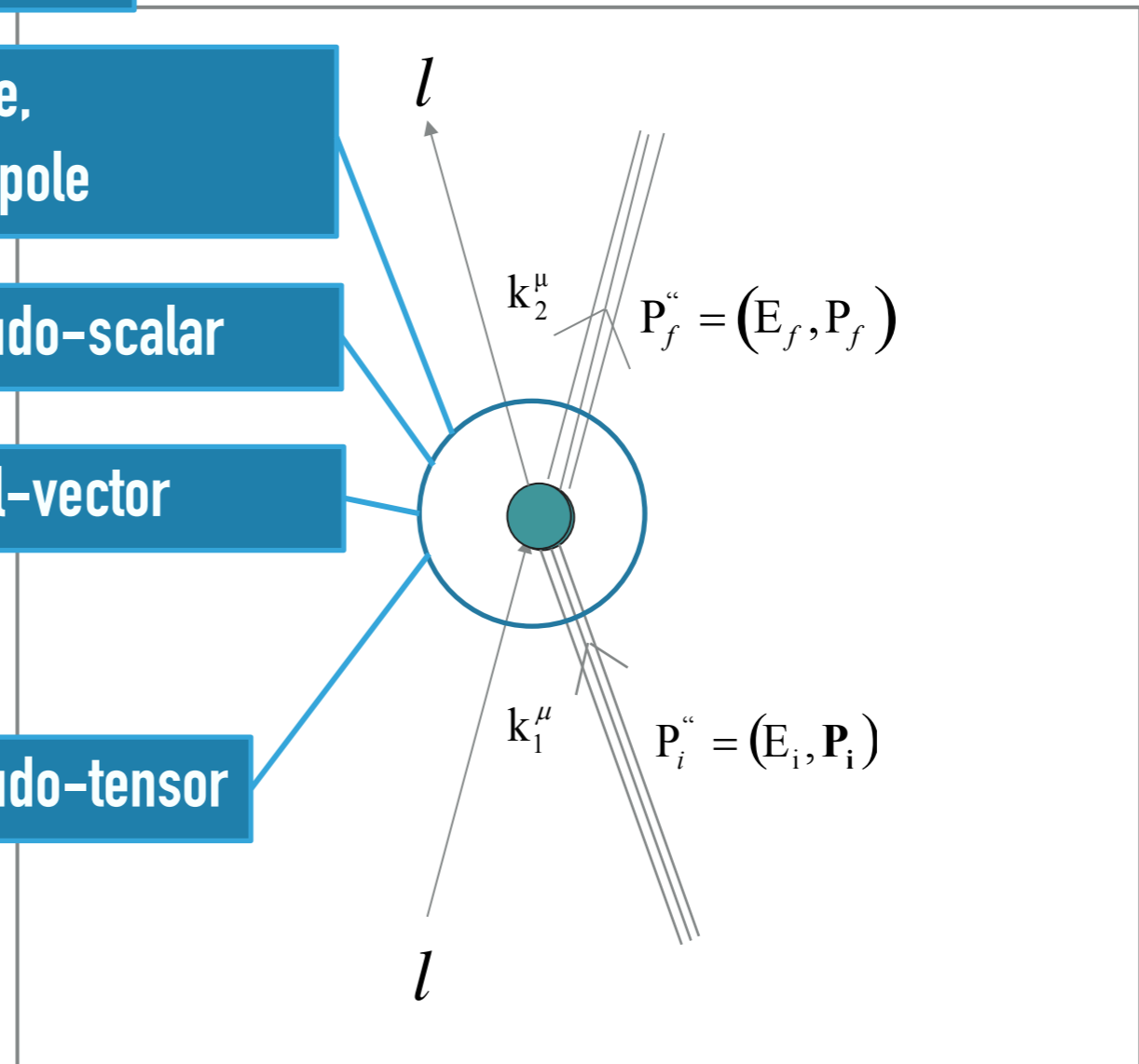
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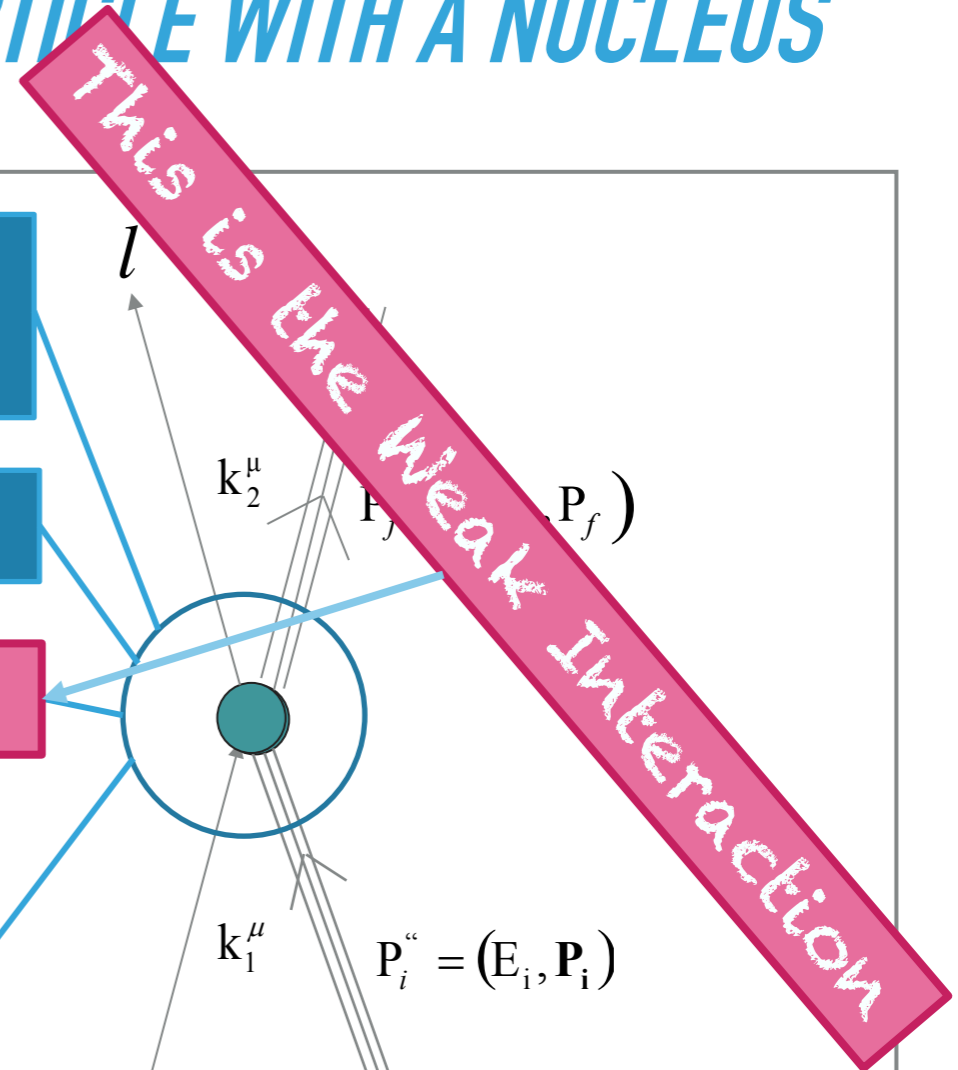
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$$\epsilon_i, \tilde{\epsilon}_i \propto \left(\frac{m_W}{\Lambda} \right)^n$$

$n = 0 \text{ for } i = V, A$
 $n \geq 2 \text{ for } i \neq V, A$

NEW PHYSICS SCALE

For the simplest BSM operator ($n=2$), a 3 TeV scale means $\epsilon_i, \tilde{\epsilon}_i \approx 10^{-3}$



FROM THE QUARK TO THE NUCLEON

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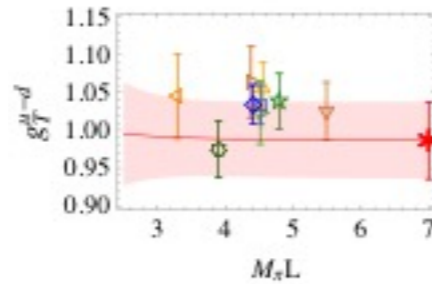
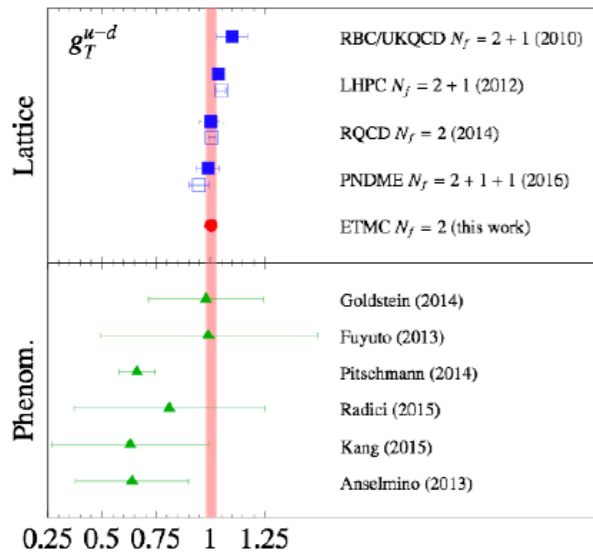
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FROM THE QUARK TO THE NUCLEON – NON STANDARD COUPLINGS

The ϵ 's are small, not the nuclear charges!



$$g_P = g_A(M_n + M_p)/(m_d + m_u) = 349(9)$$

$$g_S = g_V \frac{(M_n - M_p)^{QCD}}{m_d - m_u} \approx 0.8 - 1.2$$

Axial, Scalar and Tensor Charges of the Nucleon from 2+1+1-flavor Lattice QCD

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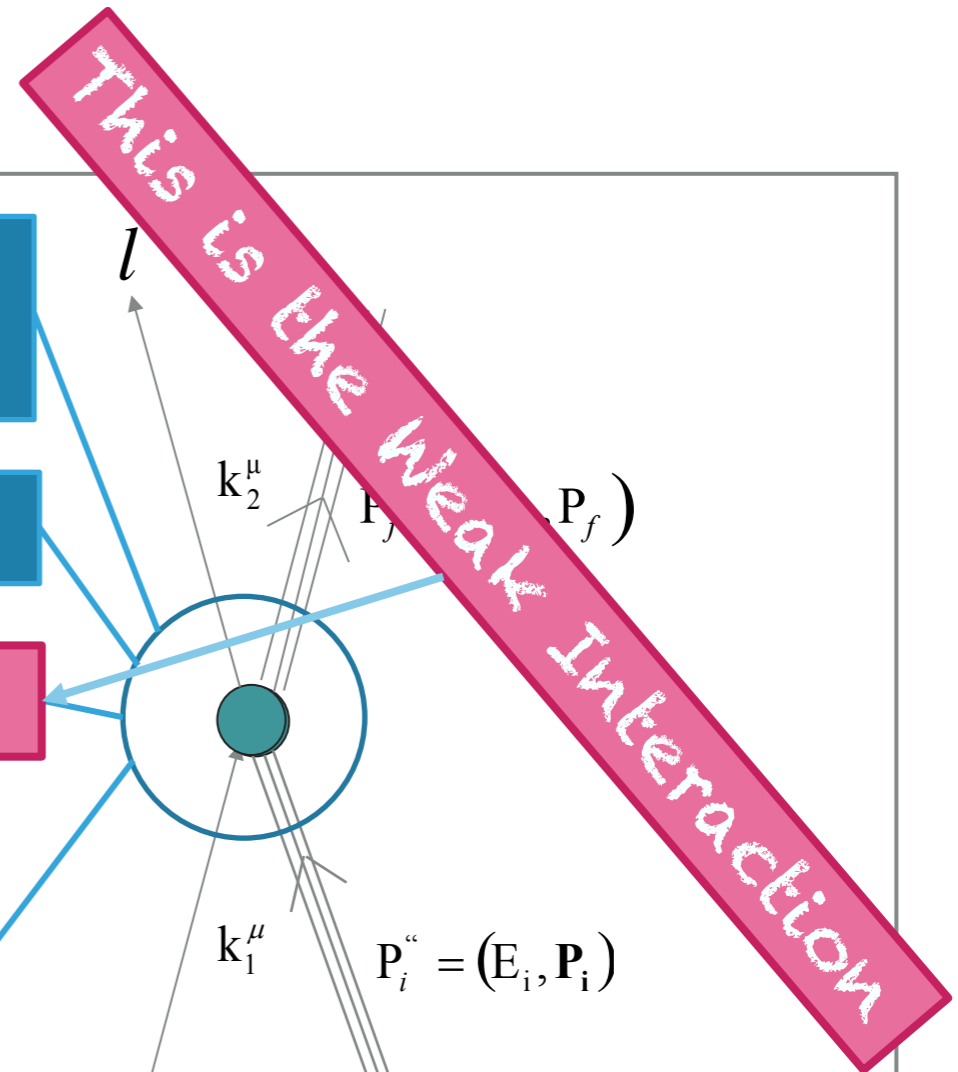
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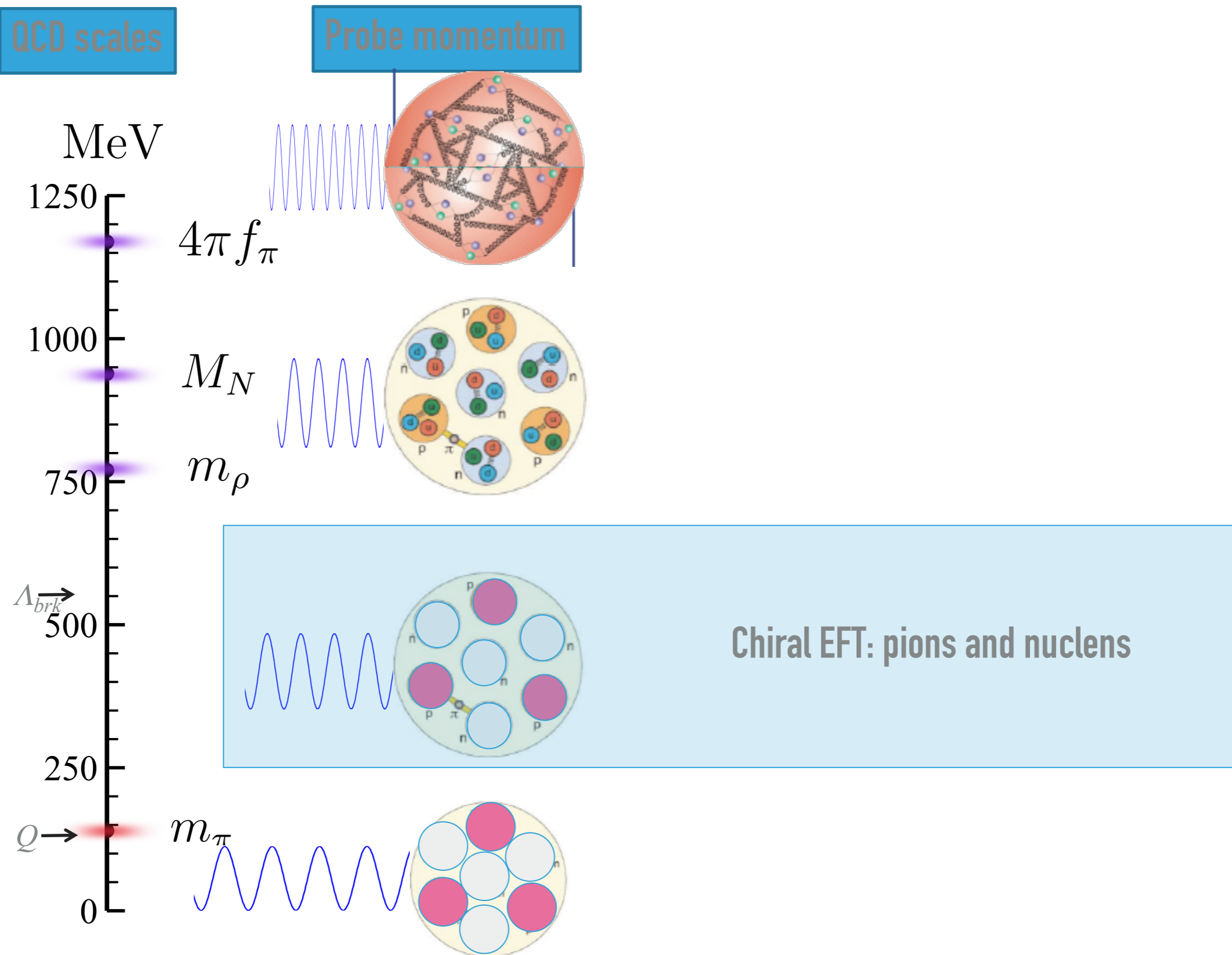
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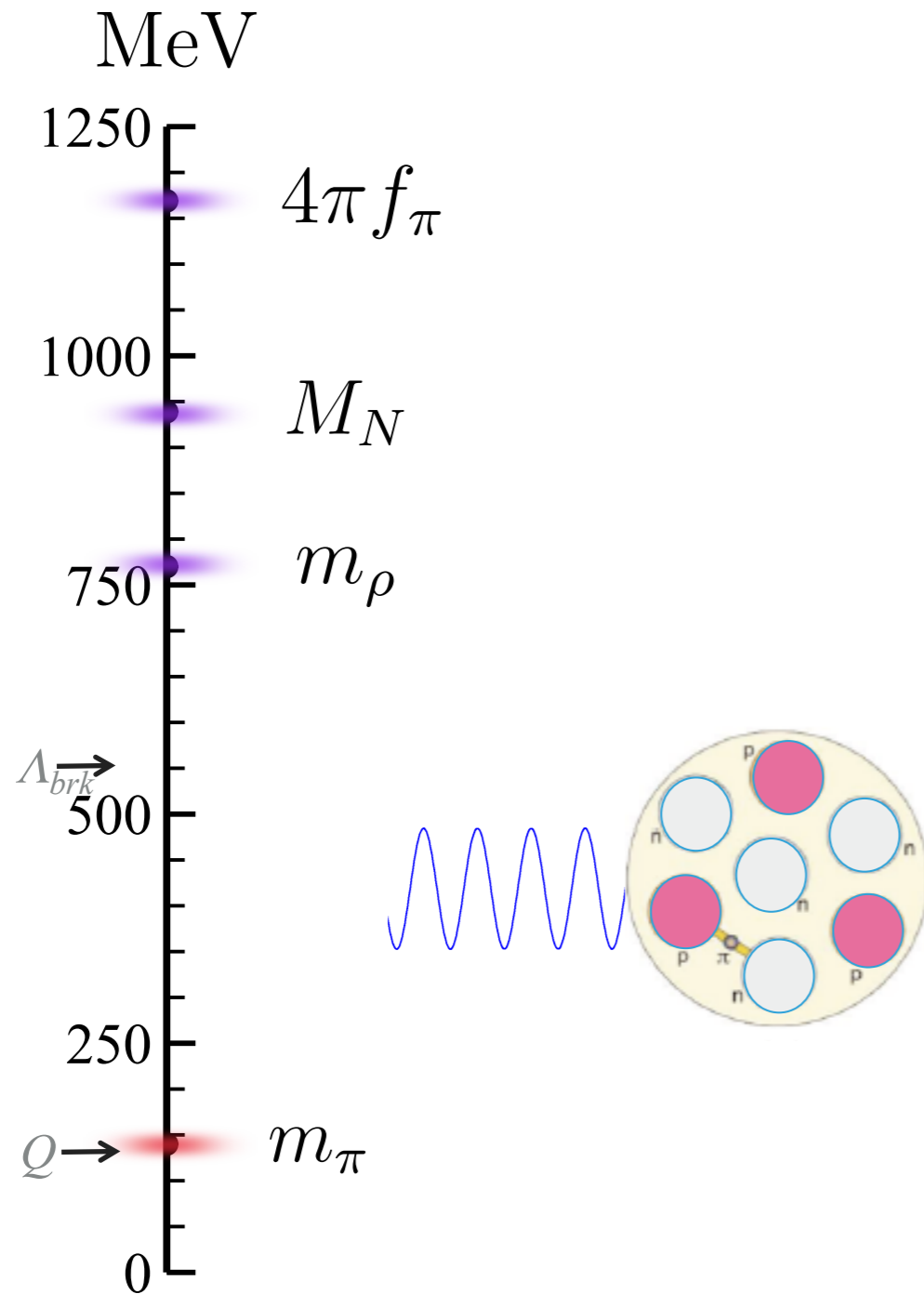


Probe "current" of known Lorentz symmetry

Nuclear "current" of the same symmetry
Decoupled from probe physics!



QCD scales



Probe momentum

EFT procedure for a specific phenomenon

characteristic momentum Q →
 momentum scale in the nucleus
 momentum scale of the probe

$\Lambda_{brk} \gg Q$ – a high momentum cutoff:
 Identify viable d.o.f
 Write most general Lagrangian
 consistent with fund. symmetries.

Power counting: Find a systematic way to
 organize diagrams according to their
 contribution to the observable.

Weinberg's Power Counting: Each Feynman
 diagram can be characterized by: $\left(\frac{Q}{\Lambda}\right)^v$

QCD is strongly interacting – things are not
 that simple.

Error assessment: order by order *OR* cutoff
 variation.

Low energy **QCD** has (accidental) scale separation

*Low energy EFT –
Cutoff $\Lambda_{br} \gg Q$ dictates viable **deg. of freedom***

EFT Lagrangian

*Nuclear
potential*

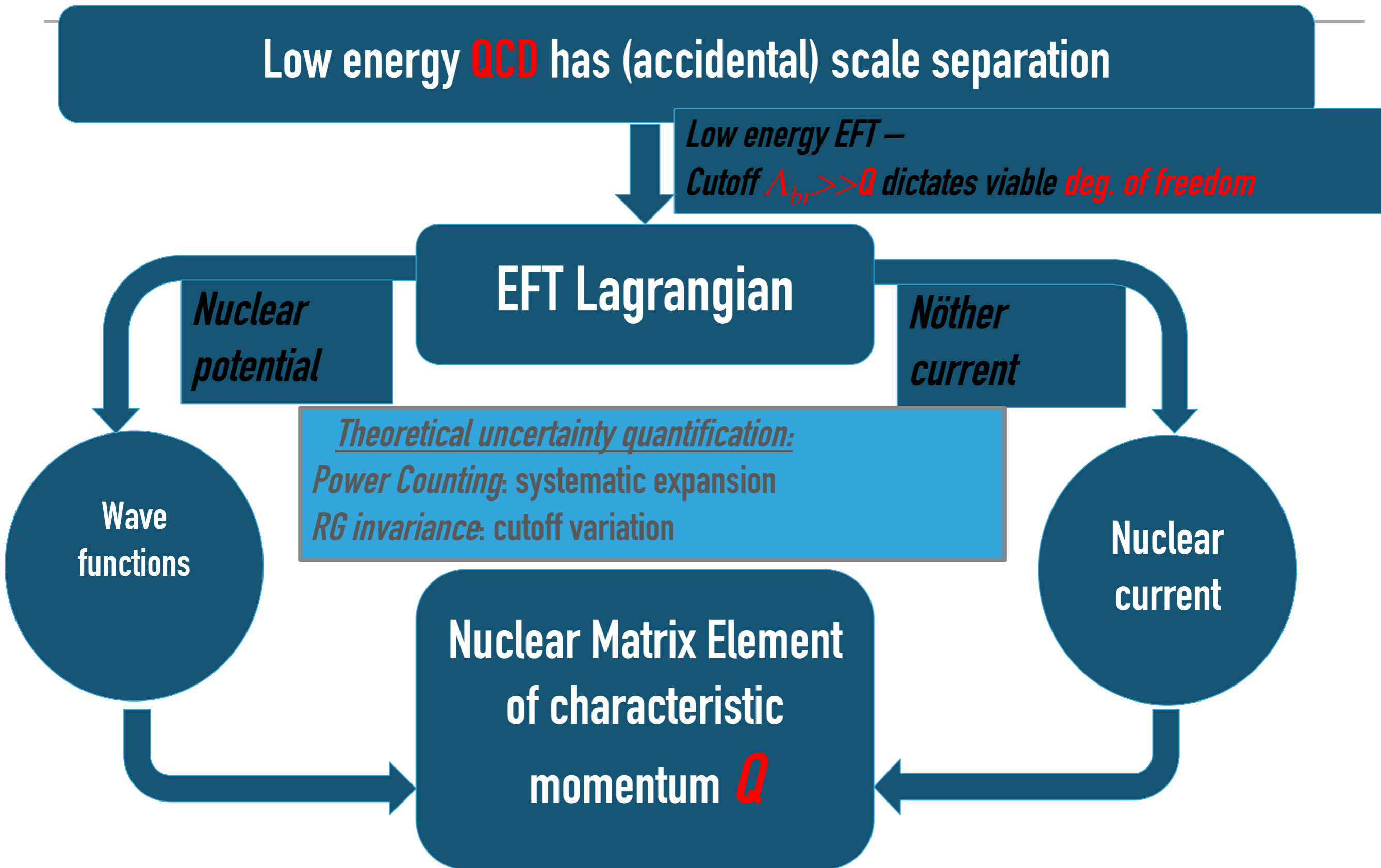
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**Wave
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NUCLEAR CURRENTS FROM CHIRAL EFT

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πN σ terms

The weak gauge!

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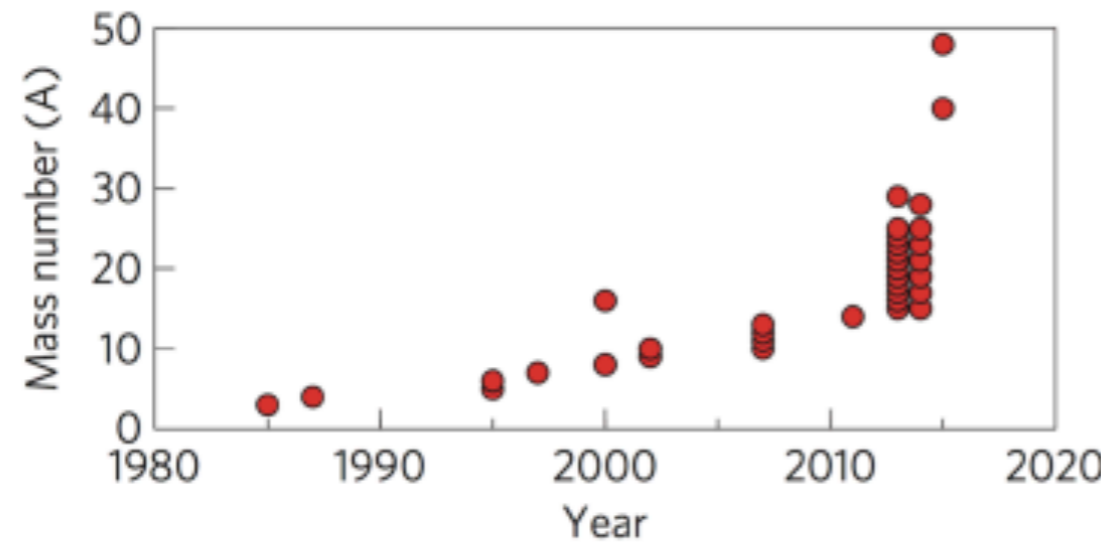
Unified theory of nuclear reactions and structure?

Many body strongly interacting problem.



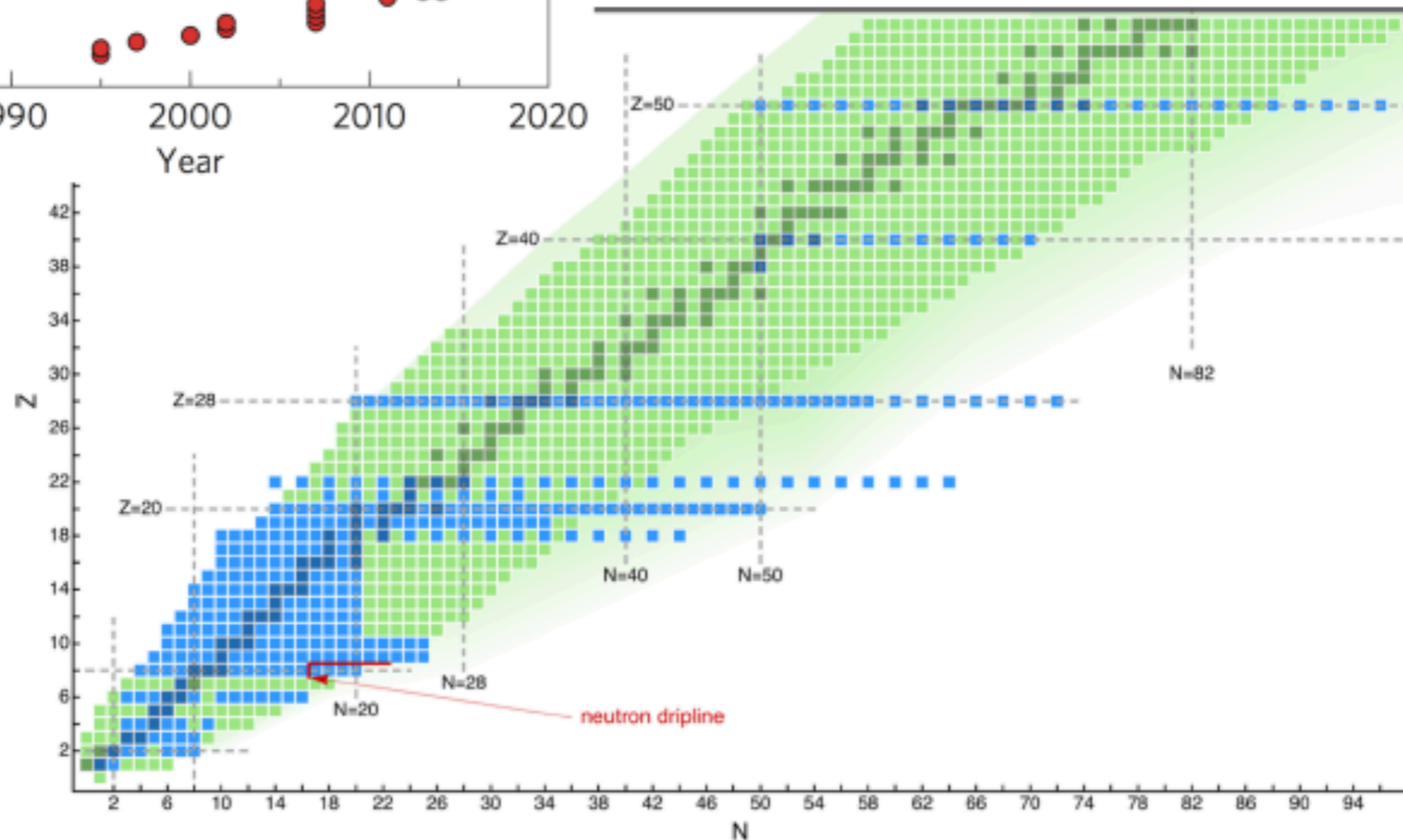
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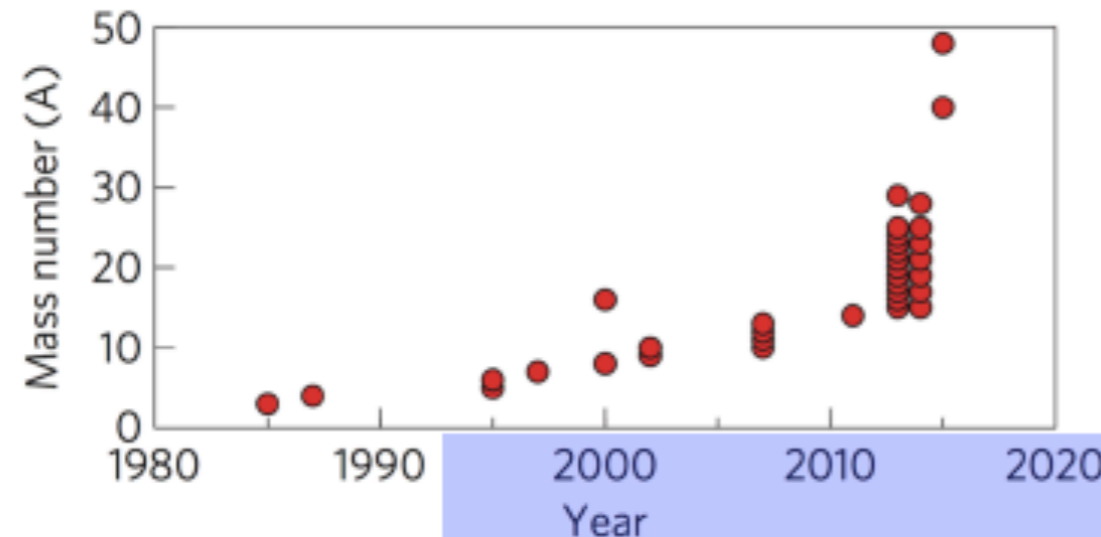
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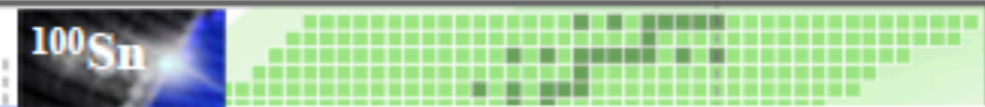
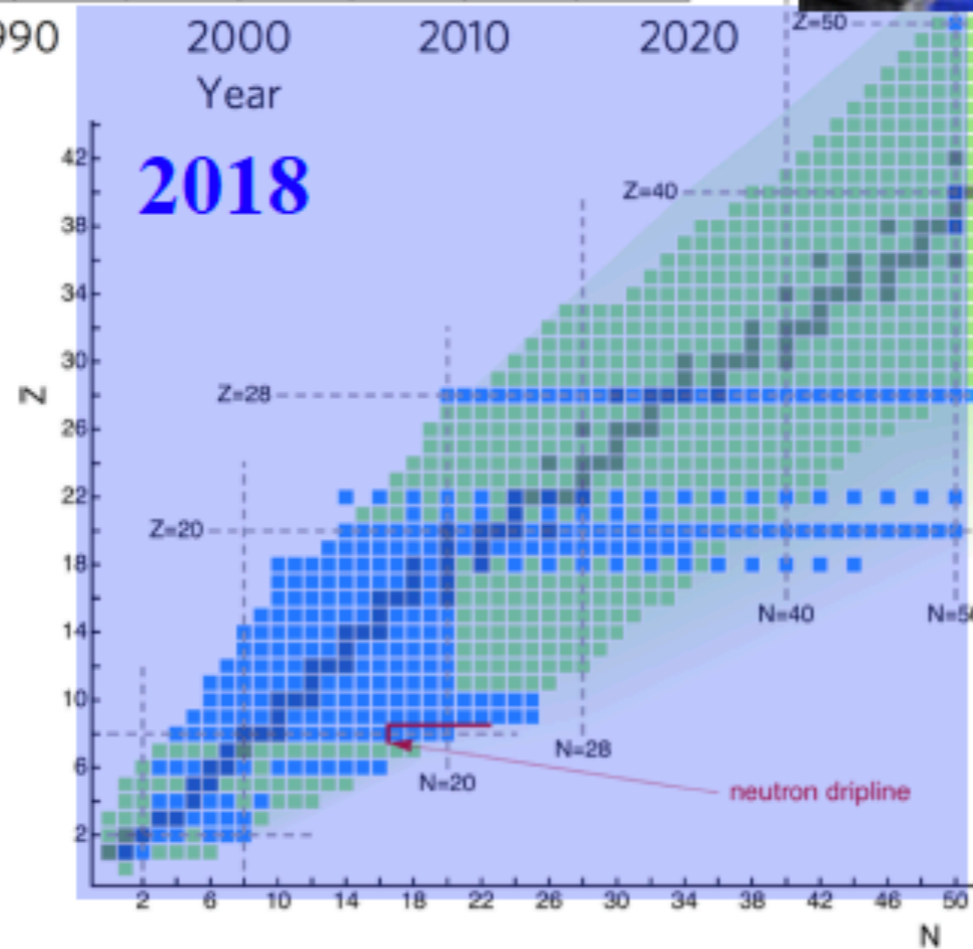
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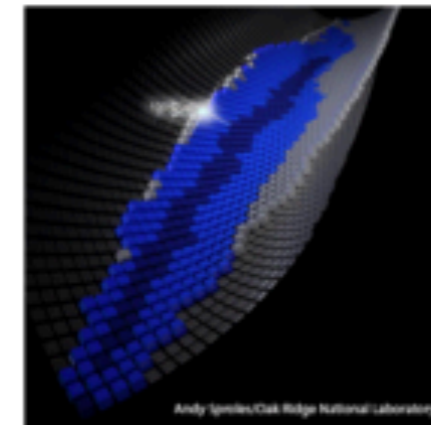
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Editors' Suggestion

Structure of the Lightest Tin Isotopes

T. D. Morris, J. Simonis, S. R. Stroberg, C. Stumpf, G. Hagen, J. D. Holt, G. R. Jansen, T. Papenbrock, R. Roth, and A. Schwenk
Phys. Rev. Lett. **120**, 152503 (2018) – Published 12 April 2018



Ab-initio calculations of ^{100}Sn with $N = Z = 50$ predict it to be doubly magic.

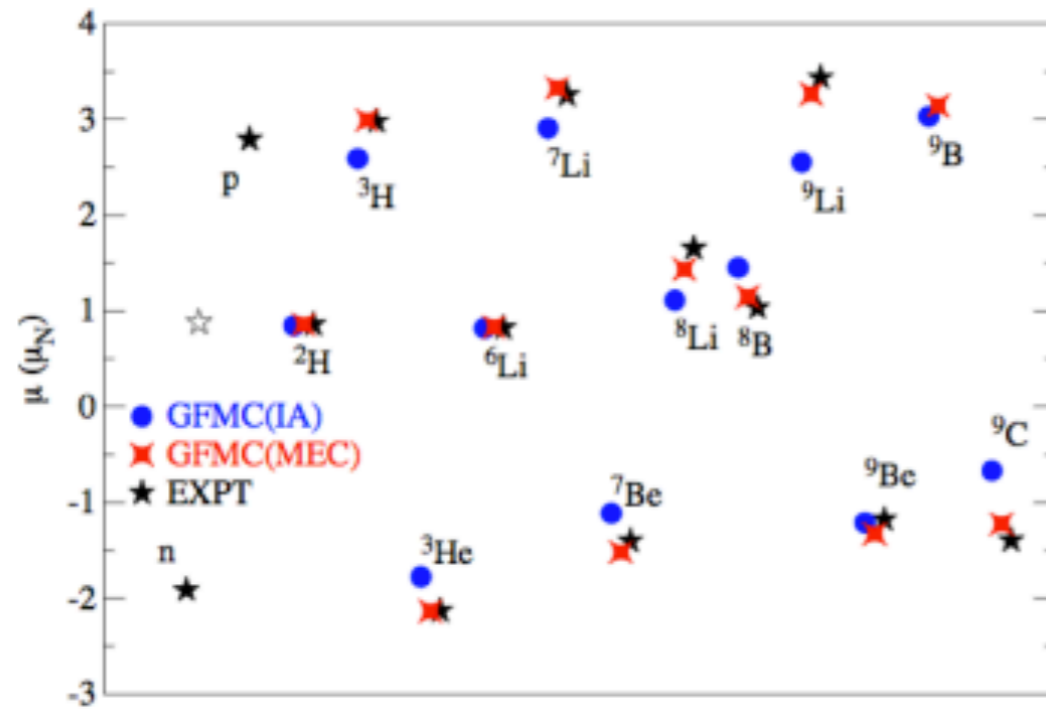


Frontier: Chiral EFT for electroweak currents

consistent electroweak one- and two-body (meson-exchange) currents

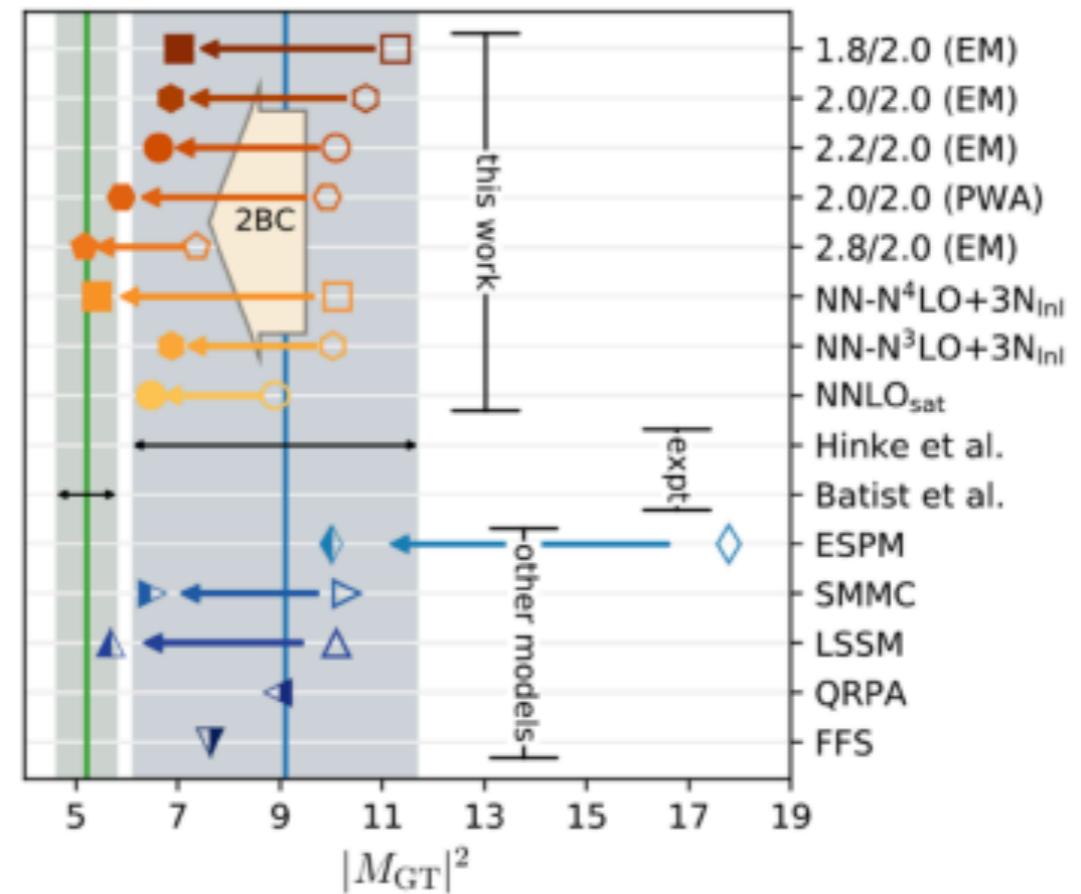
magnetic moments in light nuclei

Pastore et al. (2012-)



Gamow-Teller beta decay of ^{100}Sn

Gysbers, Hagen et al.

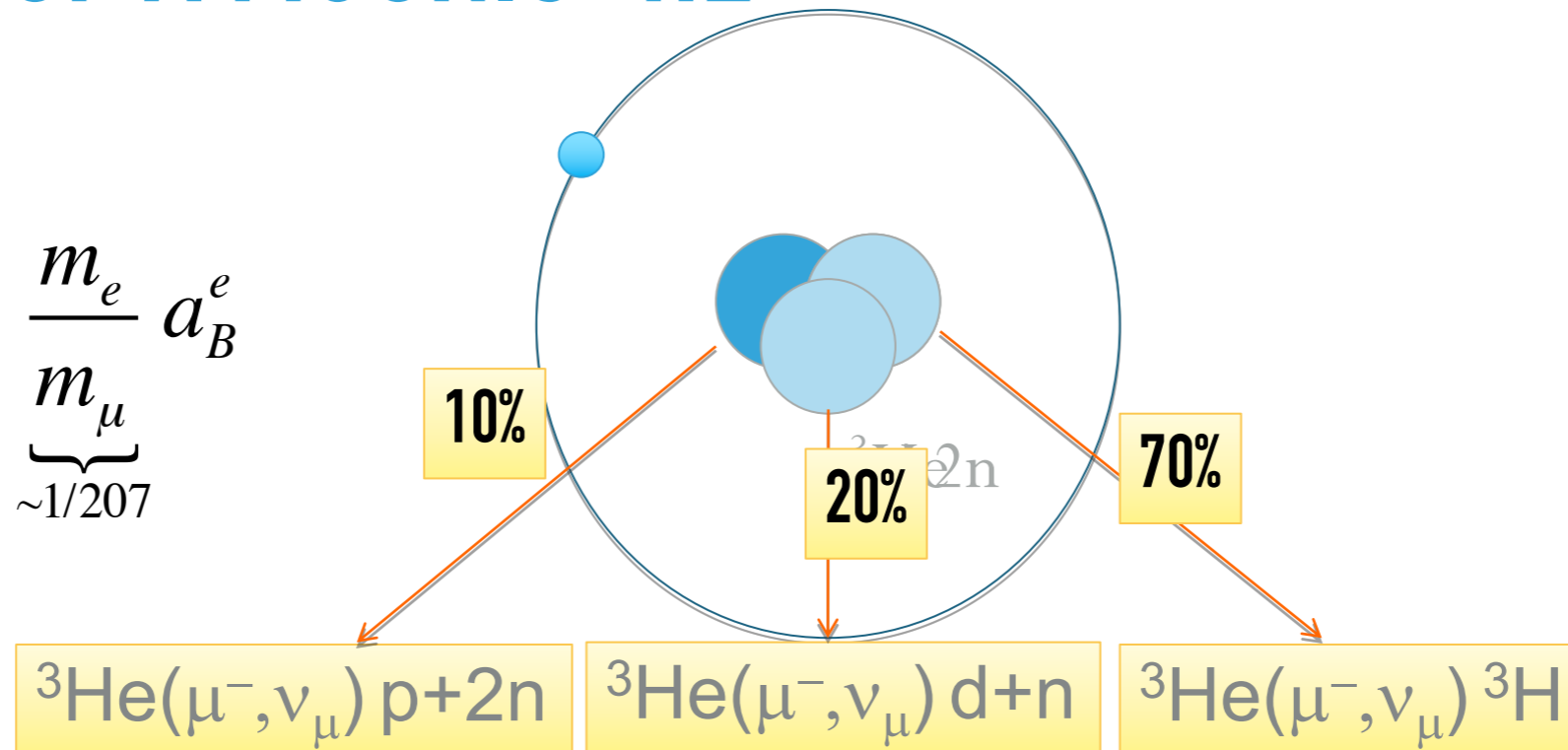


two-body currents are key for quenching puzzle of beta decays

THE DECAY OF A MUONIC ${}^3\text{He}$

$$a_B^\mu = \frac{\hbar}{Zm_\mu c\alpha} = \frac{m_e}{m_\mu} a_B^e$$

$\underbrace{m_\mu}_{\sim 1/207}$



$$\text{Capture prob.} \sim Z \cdot |\psi_{1s}(0)|^2 \sim \left(\frac{m_\mu}{m_e}\right)^3 Z^4$$

- ▶ In order to probe the weak structure of the nucleon, one has to keep the nuclear effects under control.

RESULTS

$$\Gamma = \left\{ \frac{2G^2 |V_{ud}|^2 E_\nu^2}{2J_{^3\text{He}} + 1} \left(1 - \frac{E_\nu}{M_{^3\text{H}}} \right) \left| \psi_{1s}^{av} \right|^2 \Gamma_N \right\} (1 + RC)$$

$$\Gamma = 1499(2)_\Lambda (3)_{NM} (5)_t (6)_{RC} = 1499 \pm 16 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\Gamma_{EXP} = 1496 \pm 4 \text{ Hz}$$

DG, Phys. Lett. B666, 472 (2008),

INDUCED TENSOR:

- ▶ From QCD sum rules: $\frac{g_t}{g_A} = -0.0152(53)$
- ▶ Experimentally [Wilkinson, Nucl. Instr. Phys. Res. A 455, 656 (2000)]:

$$\left| \frac{g_t}{g_A} \right| < 0.36 \text{ at } 90\%$$

- ▶ This work: $\frac{g_t}{g_A} = -0.1(0.68)$

$$\delta J^{\mu A} = \frac{ig_t}{2M_N} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 q_\nu$$

INDUCED SCALAR (LIMITS CVC):

- ▶ Experimentally [Severijns et. al., RMP 78, 991 (2006)]:

$$g_S = 0.01 \pm 0.27$$

- ▶ This work:

$$g_S = -0.005 \pm 0.04$$

$$\delta J^{\mu\nu} = \frac{g_S}{m_\mu} q^\mu$$



How to systematically predict and assess uncertainties in reaction rates, from high energy theory to QCD to nuclei?

Symmetries are dictated by fundamental QCD–probe interactions

Physics of the nucleus dictates structure of the operators.

Fundamental physics dictates size of coupling constants.

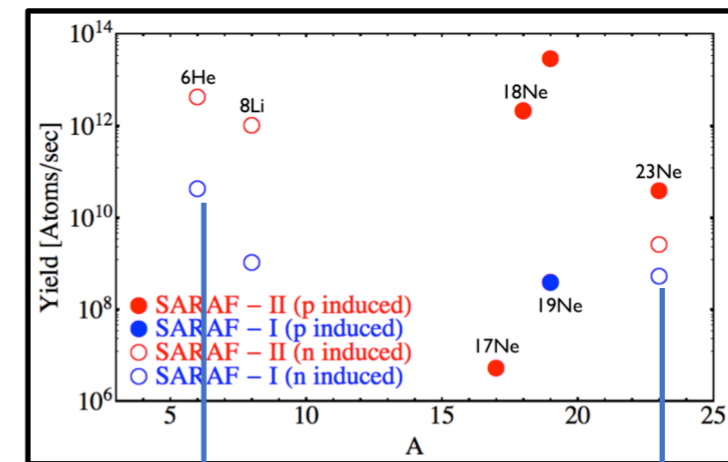
Coarse graining the probe–quark interaction down to probe nucleon and probe–nucleus interaction is accomplished via χEFT

Many body methods can reach 2% absolute accuracy for light nuclei, 10% accuracy for heavy nuclei ratios are known much better because of the small expansion parameter.



The Soreq Applied Research Accelerator Facility (SARAF): Overview, research programs and future plans

ON-GOING EXPERIMENTS IN SARAF



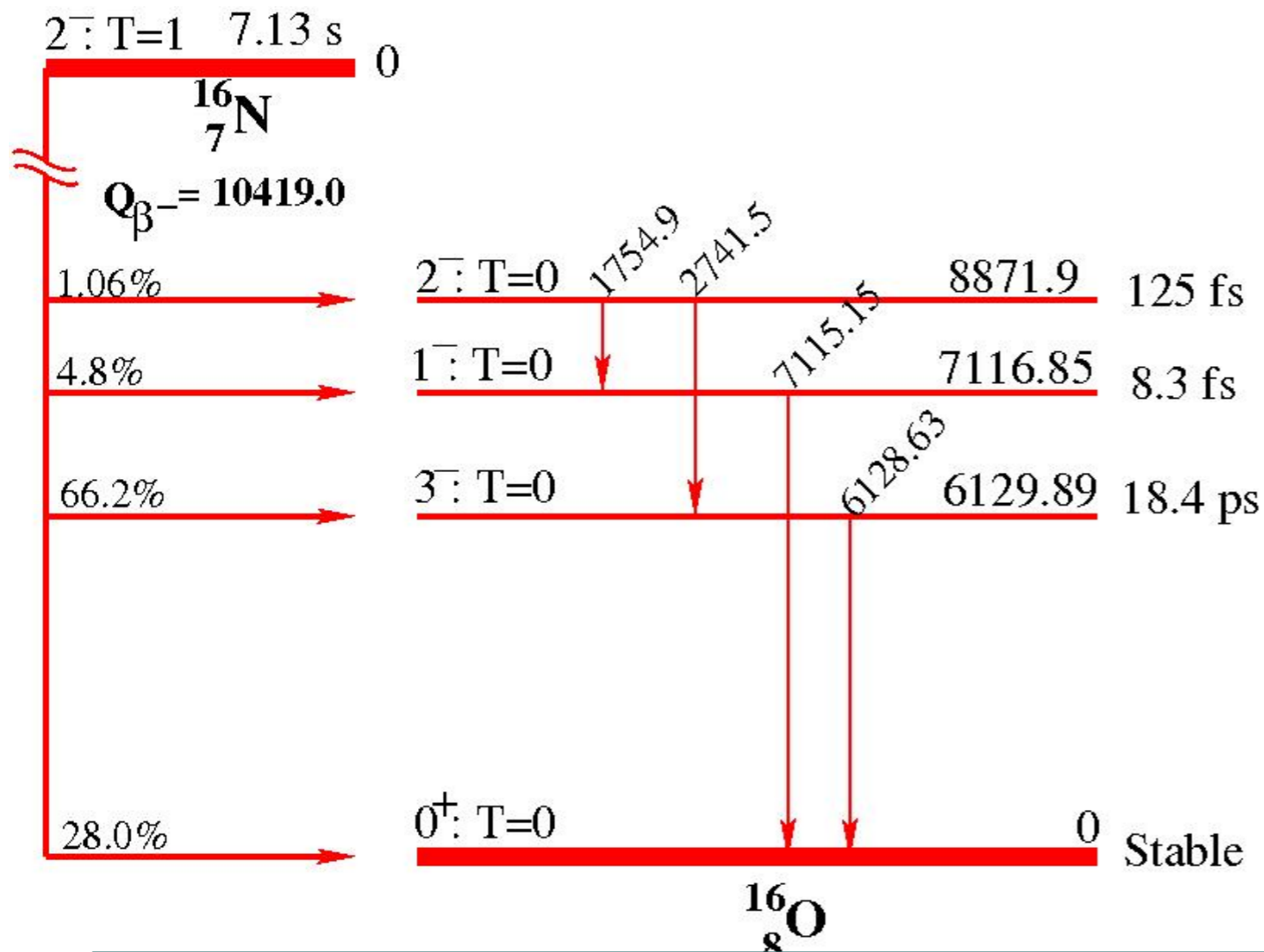
⁶He:

Production
 Trap in **EIBT**
 and measure
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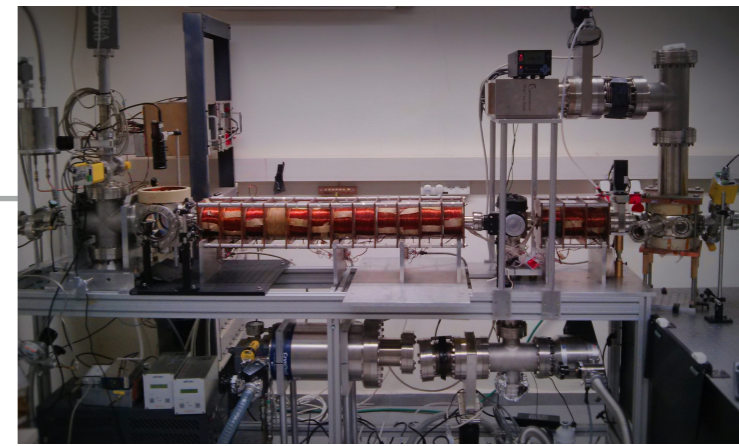
Production
 Branching-Ratio
 Trap in **MOT** and
 measure
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$^{16}\text{N} \rightarrow ^{16}\text{O}$ – NUCLEAR PHYSICS TEST CASE



1. Different β - ν correlation properties for GT and unique 1st forbidden – *BSM test*
2. Unique 1st forbidden spectrum – *BSM test*

NEON ISOTOPES

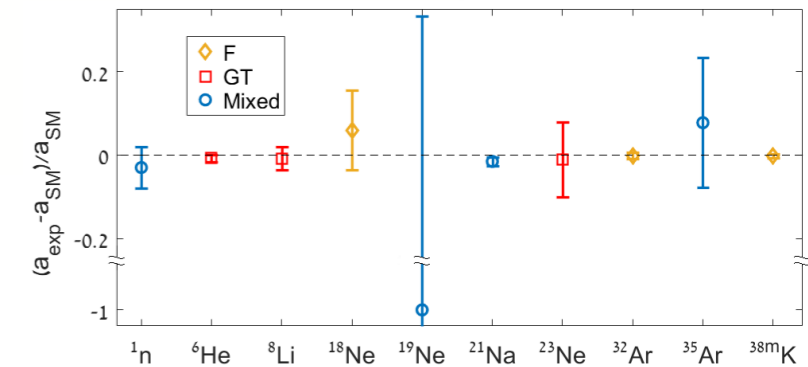
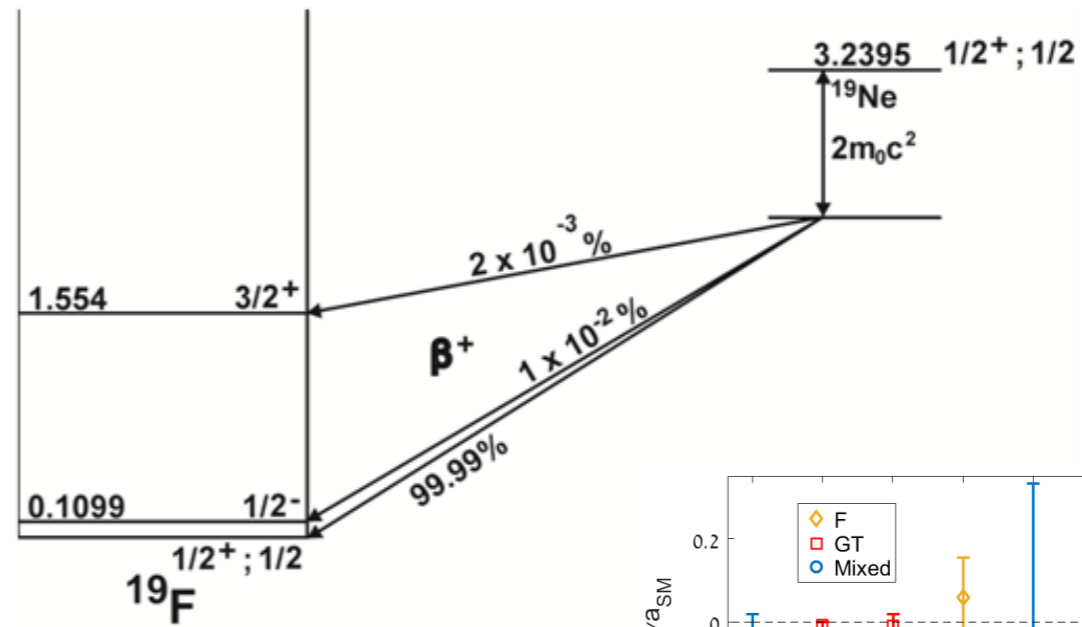
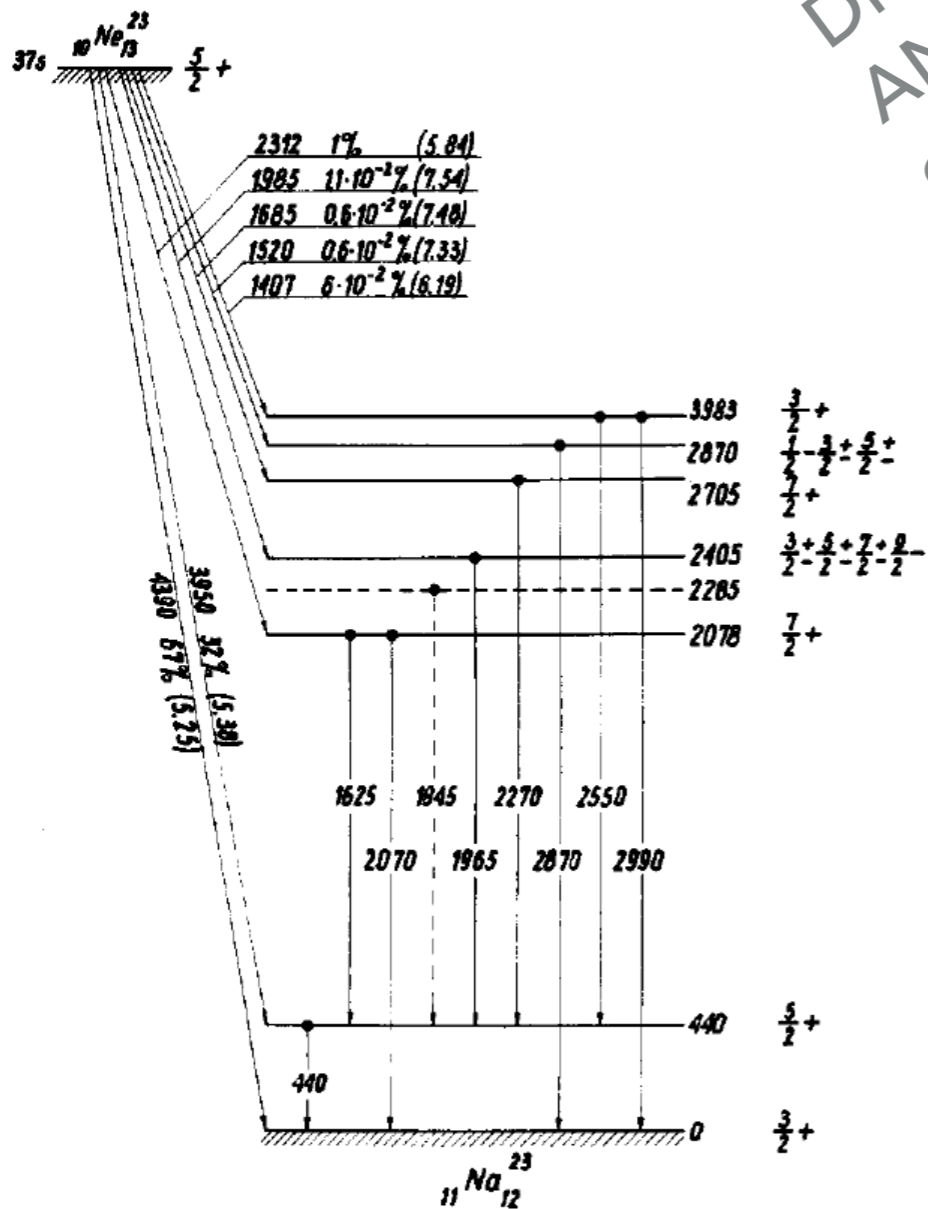


²³Ne Decay to ²³Na

DAMA,
DM-ice,
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experiments

¹⁹Ne Decay to ¹⁹F

PICASSO,
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experiments



SUMMARY

- ▶ Nuclear beta decays are an important front for “new physics” discoveries.
- ▶ New experiments will have 0.01-0.1% level precision.
- ▶ Important shape (and radiative) corrections that should be calculated, these are challenging calculations, but seem feasible:
 - ▶ Worse case: we have great tests for the nuclear interactions.
 - ▶ Best case: experimentalists are satisfied with theory
- ▶ An ongoing effort of the nuclear theory community:
ECT* workshop:
“Precise beta decay calculations for searches for new physics”, April 8-12, 2019.



Spectrum

$\beta - \nu$ correlations