

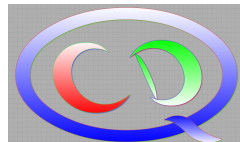
# Life on Earth – an Accident ?

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# The anthropic principle

# THE ANTHROPIIC PRINCIPLE

- so **many** parameters in the Standard Model, the landscape of string theory, . . .

⇒ The anthropic principle:

“The observed values of all physical and cosmological quantities are not equally probable but they take on values restricted by the requirement that there exist sites where carbon-based life can evolve and by the requirements that the Universe be old enough for it to have already done so.”

Carter 1974, Barrow & Tipler 1988, . . .

⇒ can this be tested? / have physical consequences?

- Ex. 1: “Anthropic bound on the cosmological constant”      Weinberg (1987) [743 cites]
- Ex. 2: “The anthropic string theory landscape”      Susskind (2003) [916 cites]



Subject: Re: Hoyle state in  $^{12}\text{C}$

Thanks for the colorful graph. It makes a nice Christmas card. But I have a detailed question. Suppose you calculate not only the energy of the Hoyle state in  $C^{12}$ , but also of the ground states of  $He^4$  and  $Be^8$ . How sensitive is the result that the energy of the Hoyle state is near the sum of the rest energies of  $He^4$  and  $Be^8$  to the parameters of the theory? I ask because I suspect that for a pretty broad range of parameters, the Hoyle state can be well represented as a nearly bound state of  $Be^8$  and  $He^4$ .

# Steve Weinberg

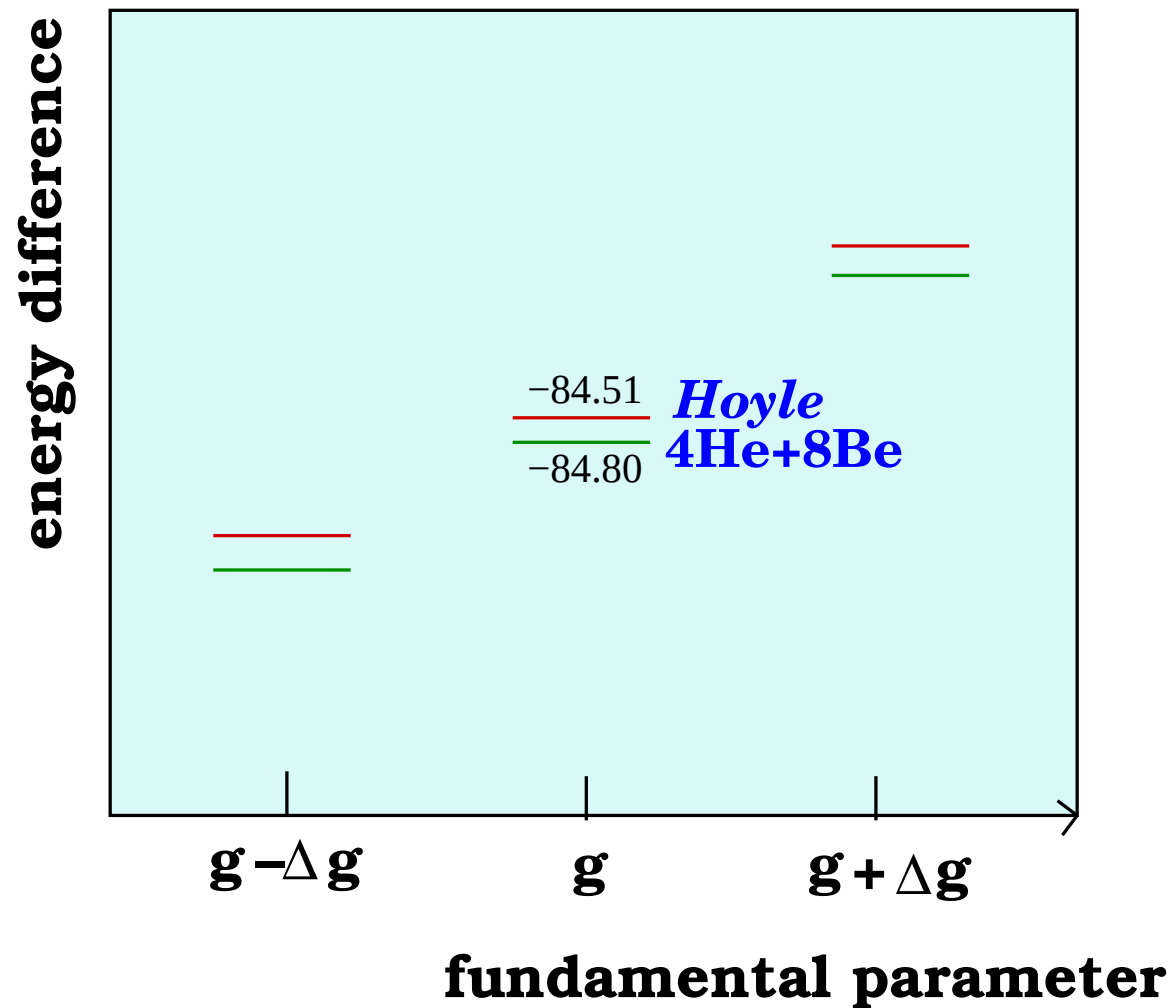


- How does the Hoyle state move relative to the  $4\text{He}+8\text{Be}$  threshold, if we change the fundamental parameters of QCD+QED?
- not possible in nature, *but on a high-performance computer!*

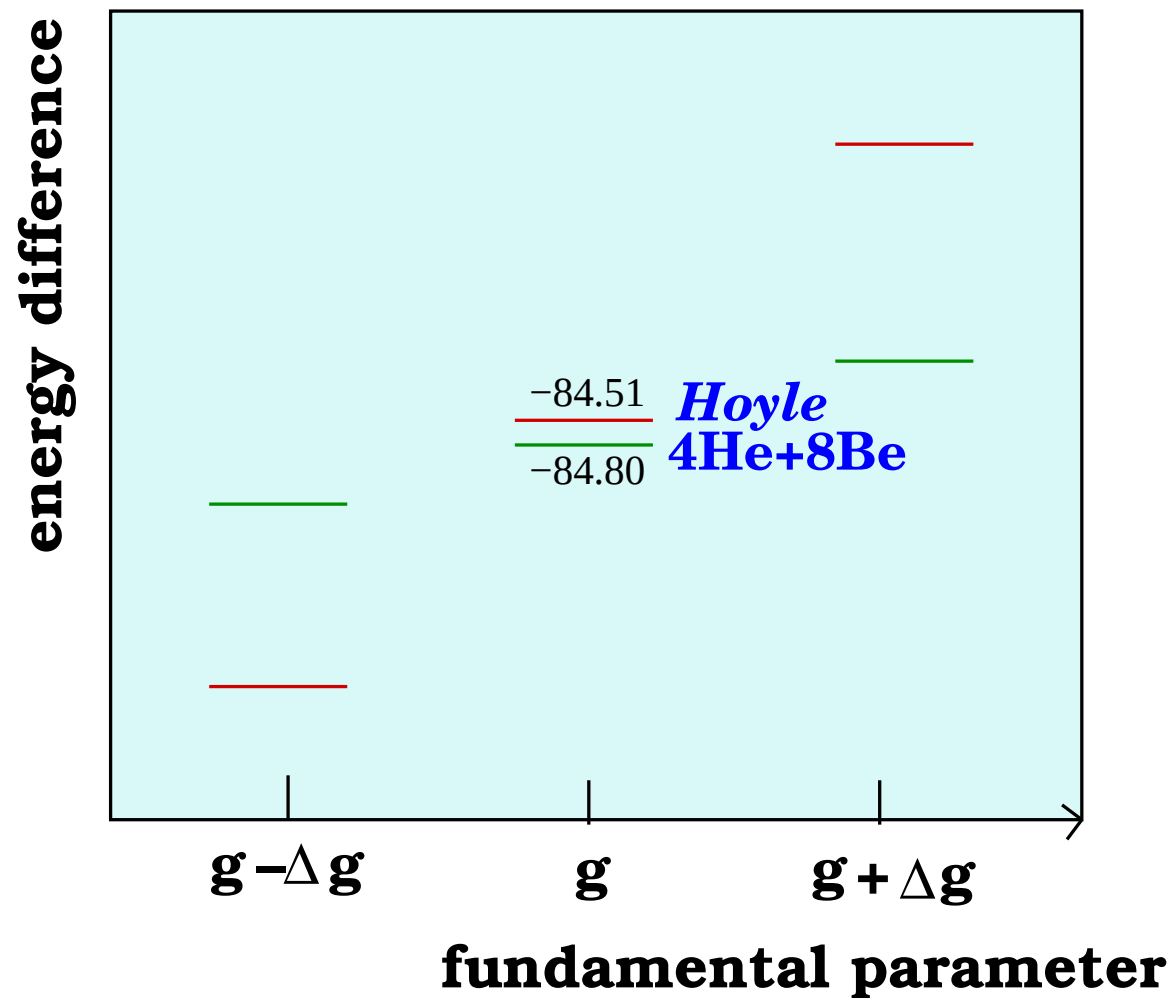
# The NON-ANTHROPIK SCENARIO

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- Weinberg's assumption: The Hoyle state stays close to the  $4\text{He}+8\text{Be}$  threshold



- The AP strikes back: The Hoyle state moves away from the  $4\text{He}+8\text{Be}$  threshold





# EARLIER STUDIES of the ANTHROPIIC PRINCIPLE

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- rate of the  $3\alpha$ -process:  $r_{3\alpha} \sim \Gamma_\gamma \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta E_{h+b}}{kT}\right)$

$$\Delta E_{h+b} = E_{12}^* - 3E_\alpha = 379.47(18) \text{ keV}$$

- how much can  $\Delta E_{h+b}$  be changed so that there is still enough  $^{12}\text{C}$  and  $^{16}\text{O}$ ?

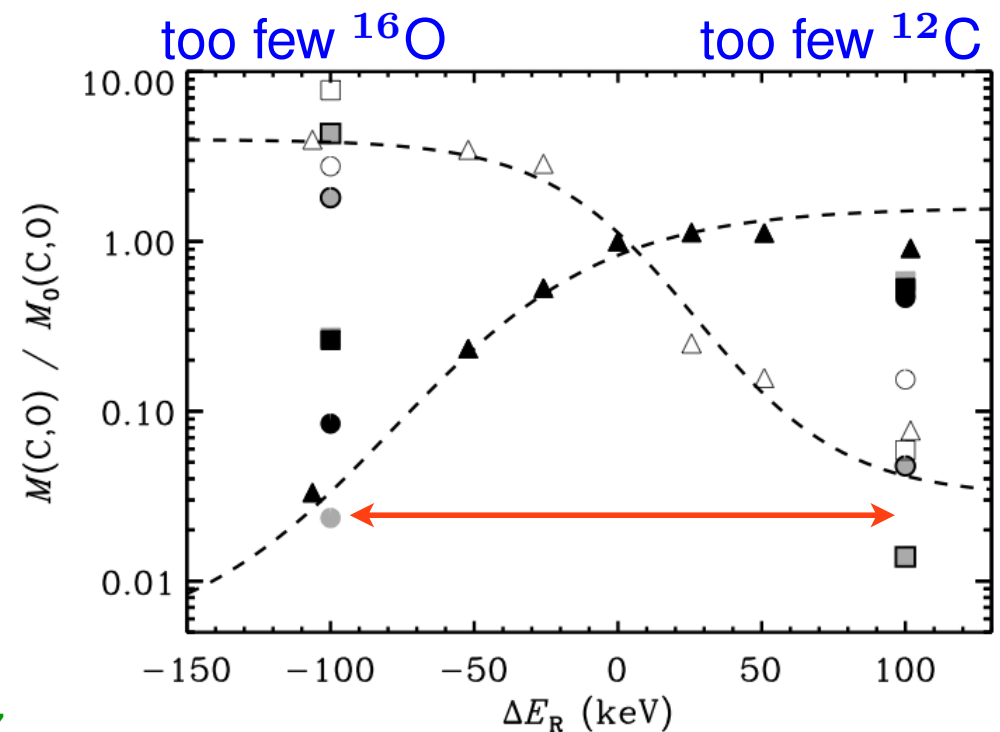
$$\Rightarrow |\Delta E_{h+b}| \lesssim 100 \text{ keV}$$

Oberhummer et al., Science **289** (2000) 88

Csoto et al., Nucl. Phys. A **688** (2001) 560

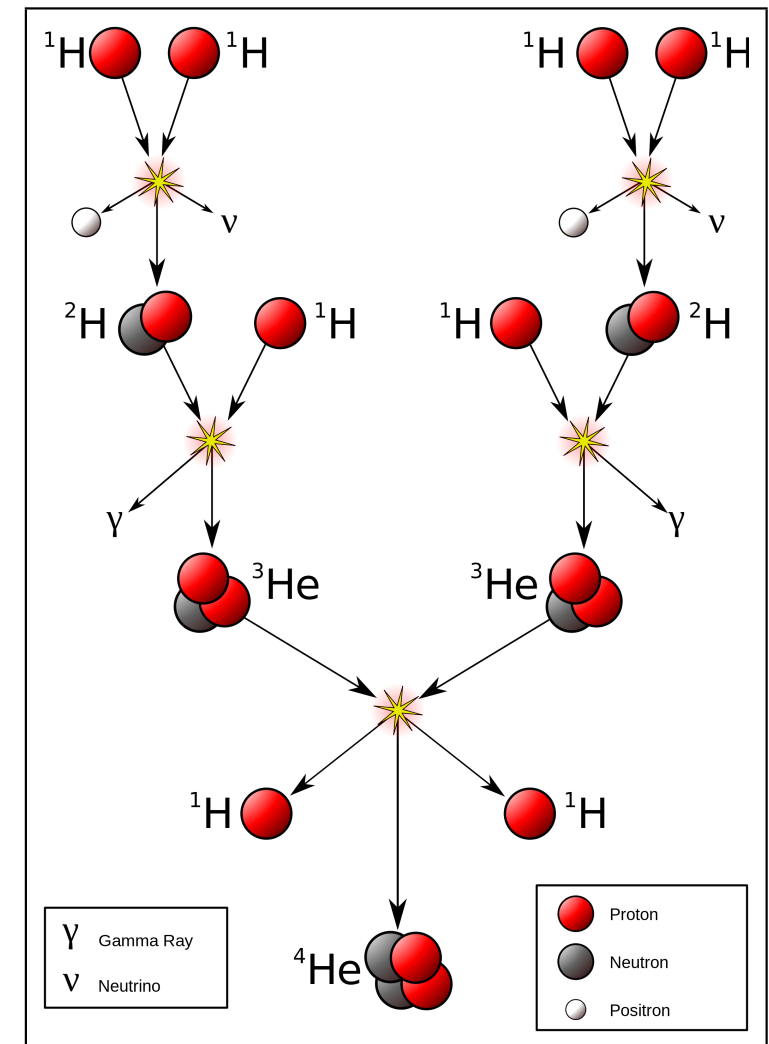
Schlattl et al., Astrophys. Space Sci. **291** (2004) 27

[Livio et al., Nature **340** (1989) 281]





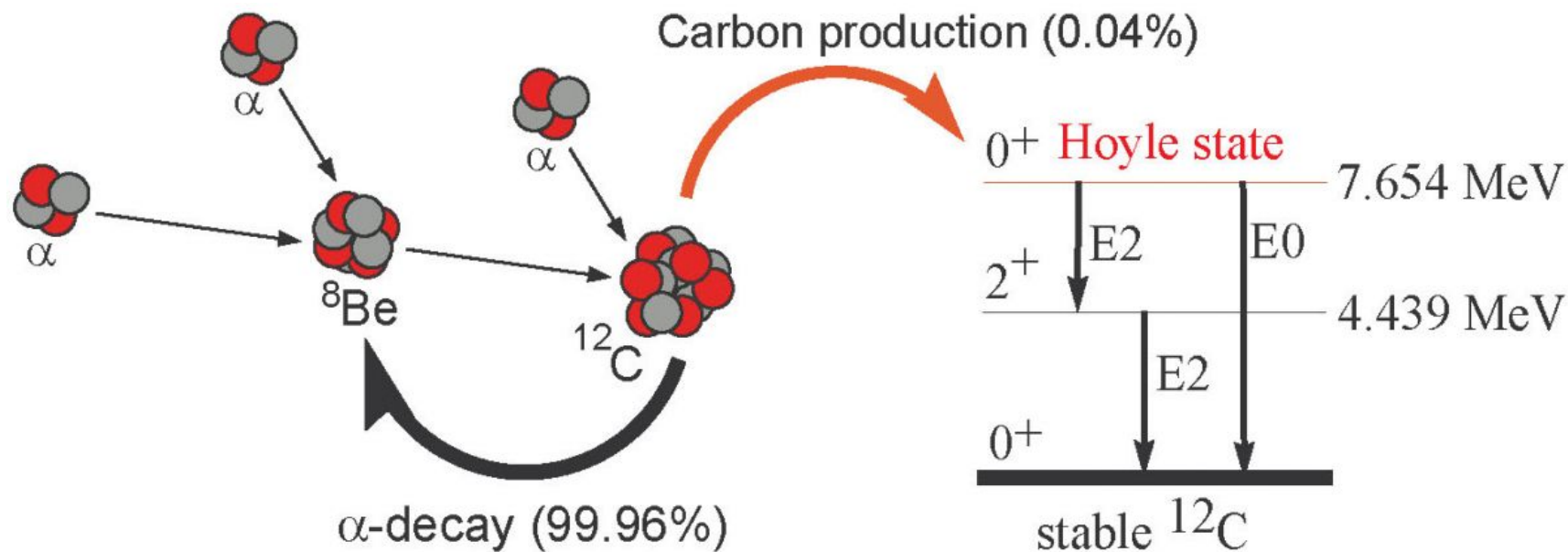
- Elements are generated in the Big Bang & in stars through the **fusion** of protons & nuclei [pp chain or CNO-cycle]
- All is simple until  ${}^4\text{He}$
- Only elements up to Be are produced in the Big Bang [BBNucleosynthesis]
- **Life-essential** elements like  ${}^{12}\text{C}$  and  ${}^{16}\text{O}$  are generated in hot, old stars (triple-alpha reaction, see later)
- Note also that nuclei make up the visible matter in the Universe



[from Wikipedia]

# THE TRIPLE-ALPHA PROCESS → MOVIE

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- the  $^8\text{Be}$  nucleus is unstable, long lifetime  $\rightarrow$  3 alphas must meet
- the Hoyle state sits just above the continuum threshold  
 $\rightarrow$  most of the excited carbon nuclei decay  
(about 4 out of 10000 decays produce stable carbon)
- carbon is further turned into oxygen but w/o a resonant condition

⇒ a triple wonder !

- $$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4g^2}G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu} + \sum_{f=u,d,s,c,b,t} \bar{q}_f (i\gamma_\mu D^\mu - m_f) q_f + \dots$$

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- Figure 1 shows the strong coupling constant  $\alpha_s(Q)$  as a function of the renormalization scale  $Q$  [GeV]. The plot includes experimental data points with error bars and two theoretical curves. The data points are categorized by experiment: Deep Inelastic Scattering (green triangles),  $e^+e^-$  Annihilation (red circles), Hadron Collisions (blue diamonds), and Heavy Quarkonia (pink squares). The theoretical curves are labeled with  $\Lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^{(5)}$  and  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$  values. The inset box provides the values of  $\Lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^{(5)}$  and  $\alpha_s(M_Z)$  for different QCD orders: 245 MeV (dashed), 211 MeV (solid), and 181 MeV (dash-dotted).
- | Theory                    | NLO | NNLO | Lattice |
|---------------------------|-----|------|---------|
| Deep Inelastic Scattering | ●   | ▲    |         |
| $e^+e^-$ Annihilation     | ○   | ●    |         |
| Hadron Collisions         | ◇   |      |         |
| Heavy Quarkonia           |     | ■    | ■       |
- 
- |                 | $\Lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^{(5)}$ | $\alpha_s(M_Z)$ |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| QCD             | 245 MeV ---                            | 0.1210          |
| $O(\alpha_s^4)$ | 211 MeV —                              | 0.1183          |
|                 | 181 MeV -.-                            | 0.1156          |

So how sensitive are these strongly interacting composites to variations of the fundamental parameters of QCD+QED?  
or: how accidental is life on Earth?

# Quark mass dependence of the nuclear forces

Berengut, Epelbaum, Flambaum, Hanhart, UGM, Nebreda, Pelaez,  
Phys. Rev. D **87** (2013) 085018

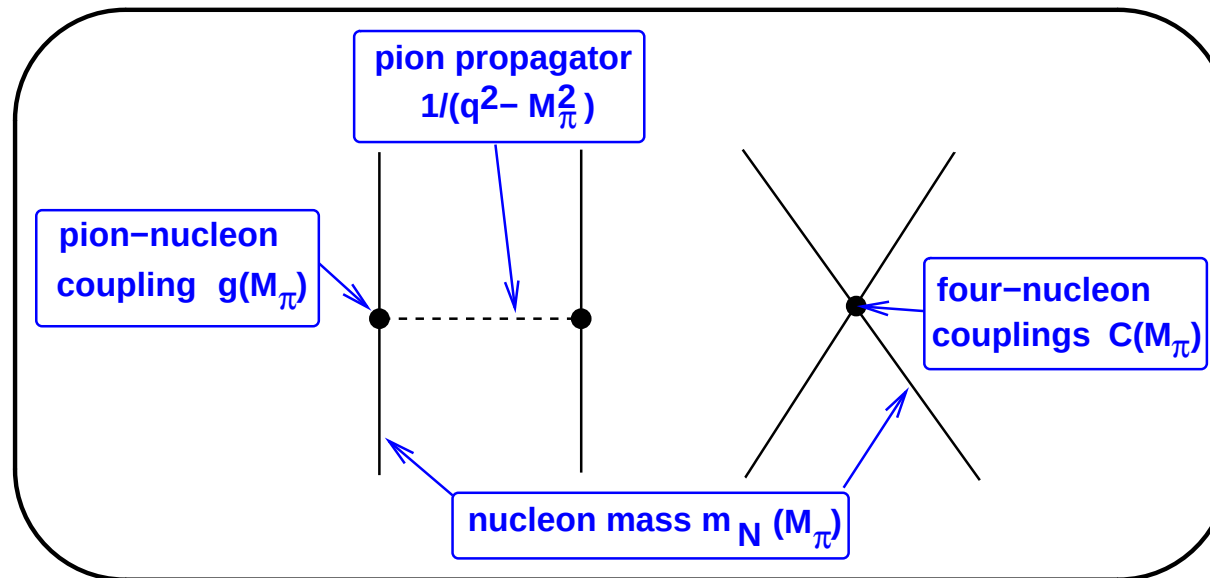
## INGREDIENTS

- Nuclear forces are given by chiral EFT based on Weinberg's power counting

## Weinberg 1991

⇒ Pion-exchange contributions and short-distance multi-N operators

- graphical representation of the quark mass dependence of the LO potential



- always use the Gell-Mann–Oakes–Renner relation:

$$M_{\pi^\pm}^2 \sim (m_u + m_d)$$

- fulfilled to better than 94% in QCD

Colangelo, Gasser, Leutwyler 2001

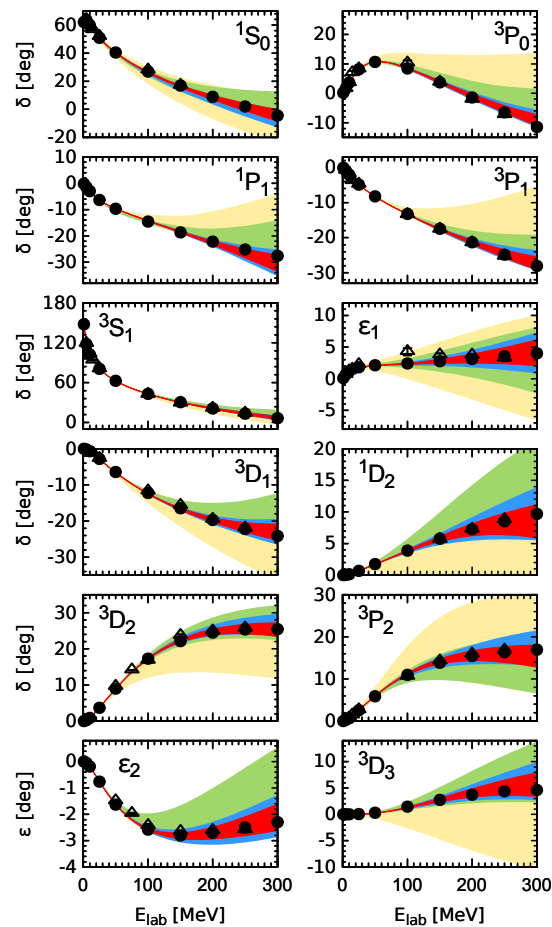
# CHIRAL NUCLEAR EFT: RESULTS

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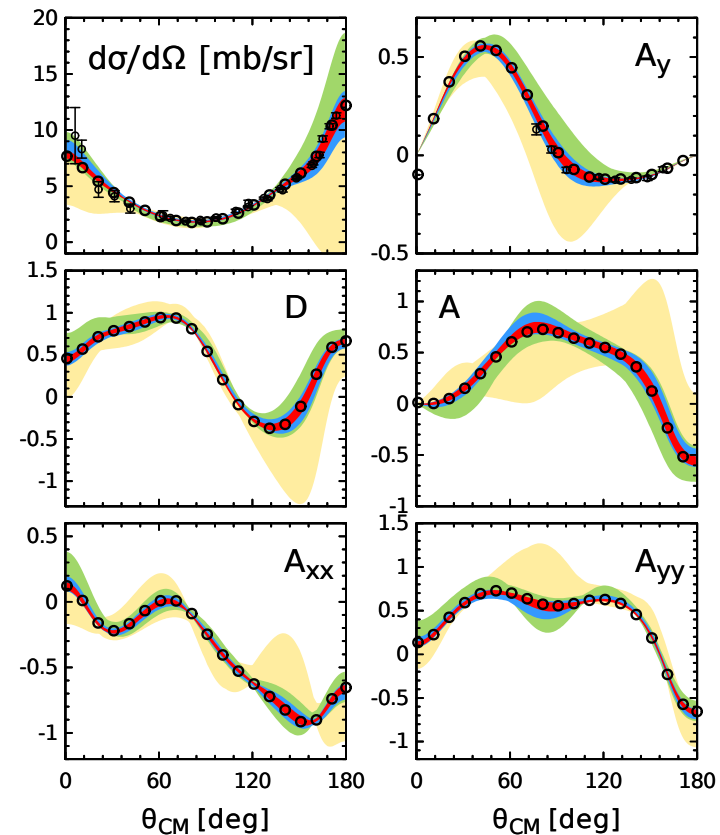
- Expansion to fifth order in the chiral expansion [Weinberg's power counting]

Epelbaum, Krebs, UGM, EPJA **51** (2015) 53; Phys. Rev. Lett. **115** (2015) 122301

- phase shifts



- np scattering at 200 MeV



NLO  
N2LO  
N3LO  
N4LO



# QUARK MASS DEPENDENCE of HADRON MASSES etc<sup>17</sup>

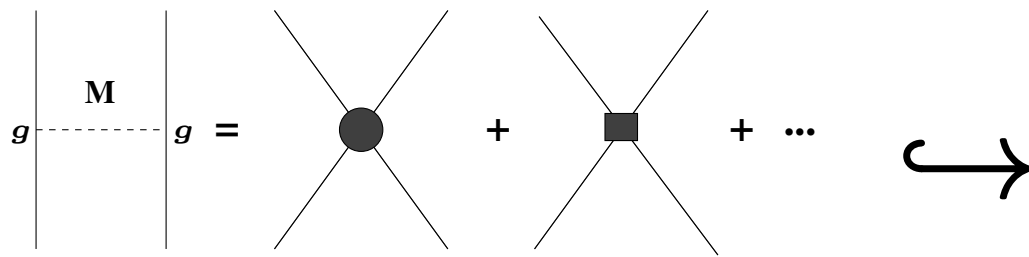
- Quark mass dependence of hadron properties:

$$\frac{\delta O_H}{\delta m_f} \equiv K_H^f \frac{O_H}{m_f}, \quad f = u, d, s$$

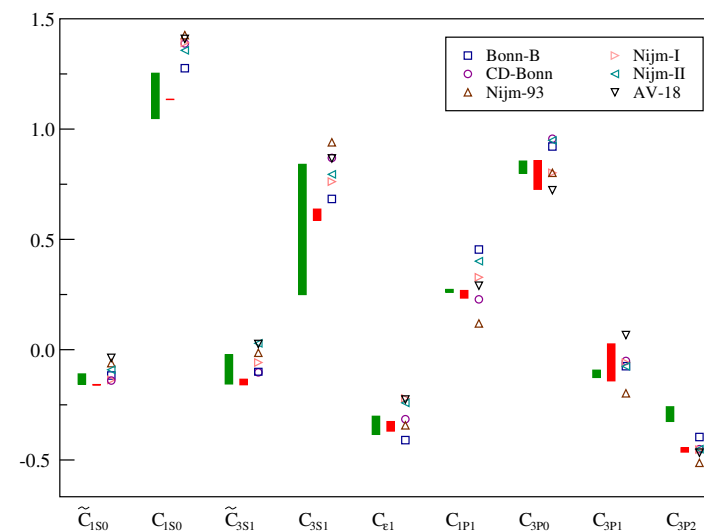
- Pion and nucleon properties from lattice QCD combined with CHPT
- Contact interactions modeled by heavy meson exchanges + unitarized CHPT

Epelbaum, UGM, Glöckle, Elster (2002)

Hanhart, Pelaez, Rios (2008)



$$\frac{g^2}{t-M^2} = -\frac{g^2}{M^2} - \frac{g^2 t}{M^4} + \dots$$



- $$K_{a,1S0}^q = 2.3_{-1.8}^{+1.9}, \quad K_{a,3S1}^q = 0.32_{-0.18}^{+0.17}, \quad K_{B(\text{deut})}^q = -0.86_{-0.50}^{+0.45}$$

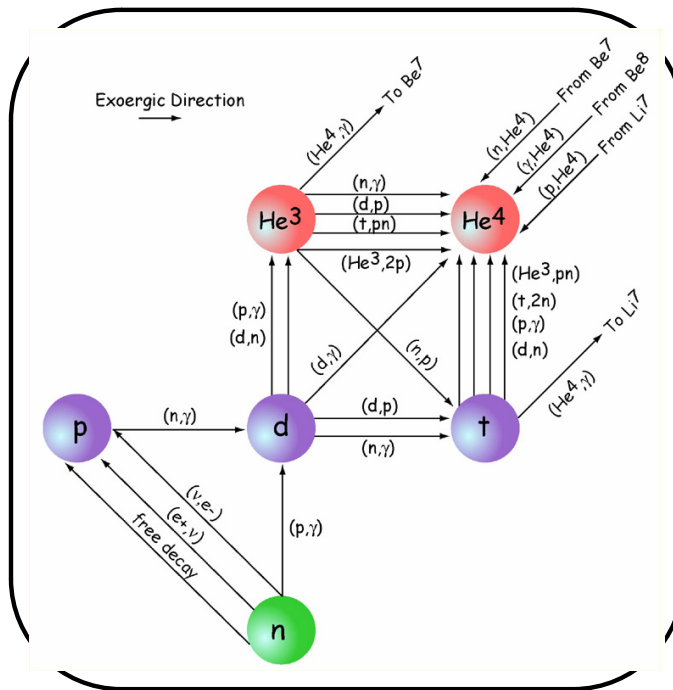


# Impact on BBN

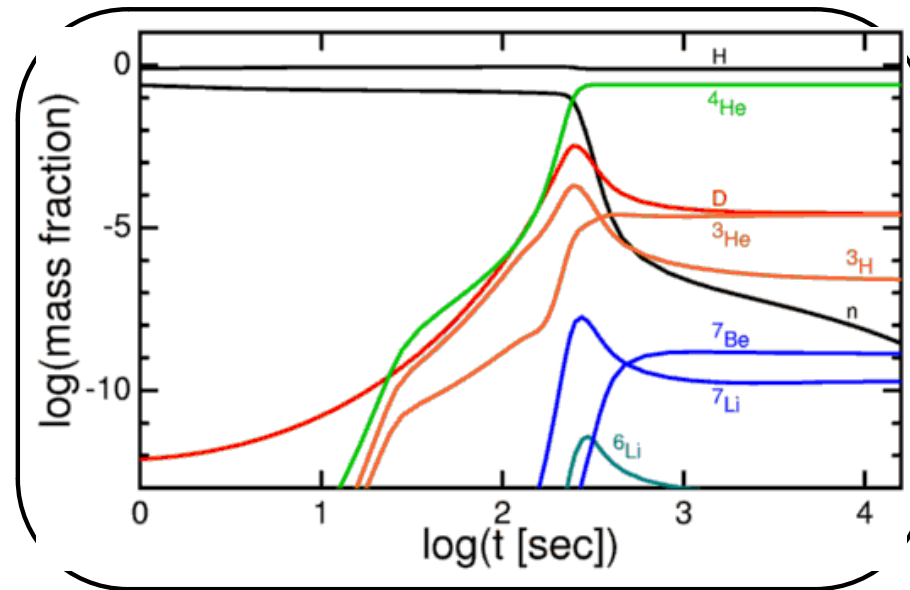
Berengut, Epelbaum, Flambaum, Hanhart, UGM, Nebreda, Pelaez,  
Phys. Rev. D **87** (2013) 085018

# BBN NETWORK & ELEMENT ADUNDANCES

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from Cococubed.com



from Burles, Nollett & Turner

- consider element generation up to  ${}^7\text{Li}$ ,  ${}^7\text{Be}$
- how does this network / the abundances of the elements change under variations of the quark masses?  
 $\Rightarrow$  calculate BBN response matrix of primordial abundances  $Y_a$  at fixed baryon/photon ratio [first in the isospin limit]

# LIMITS for the QUARK MASS VARIATION

- Average of [deut/H] and  ${}^4\text{He}(Y_p)$ :

$$\frac{\delta m_q}{m_q} = 0.02 \pm 0.04$$

- in contrast to earlier studies, we provide reliable error estimates (EFT)
- but: BLP find a stronger constraint due to the neutron life time (affects  $Y({}^4\text{He})$ )
- re-evaluate this under the model-independent assumption that  
all quark & lepton masses vary with the **Higgs VEV**  $v$  (CHPT w/ virtual photons)

⇒ results are dominated by the  ${}^4\text{He}$  abundance:

$$\left| \frac{\delta v}{v} \right| = \left| \frac{\delta m_q}{m_q} \right| \leq 0.9\%$$

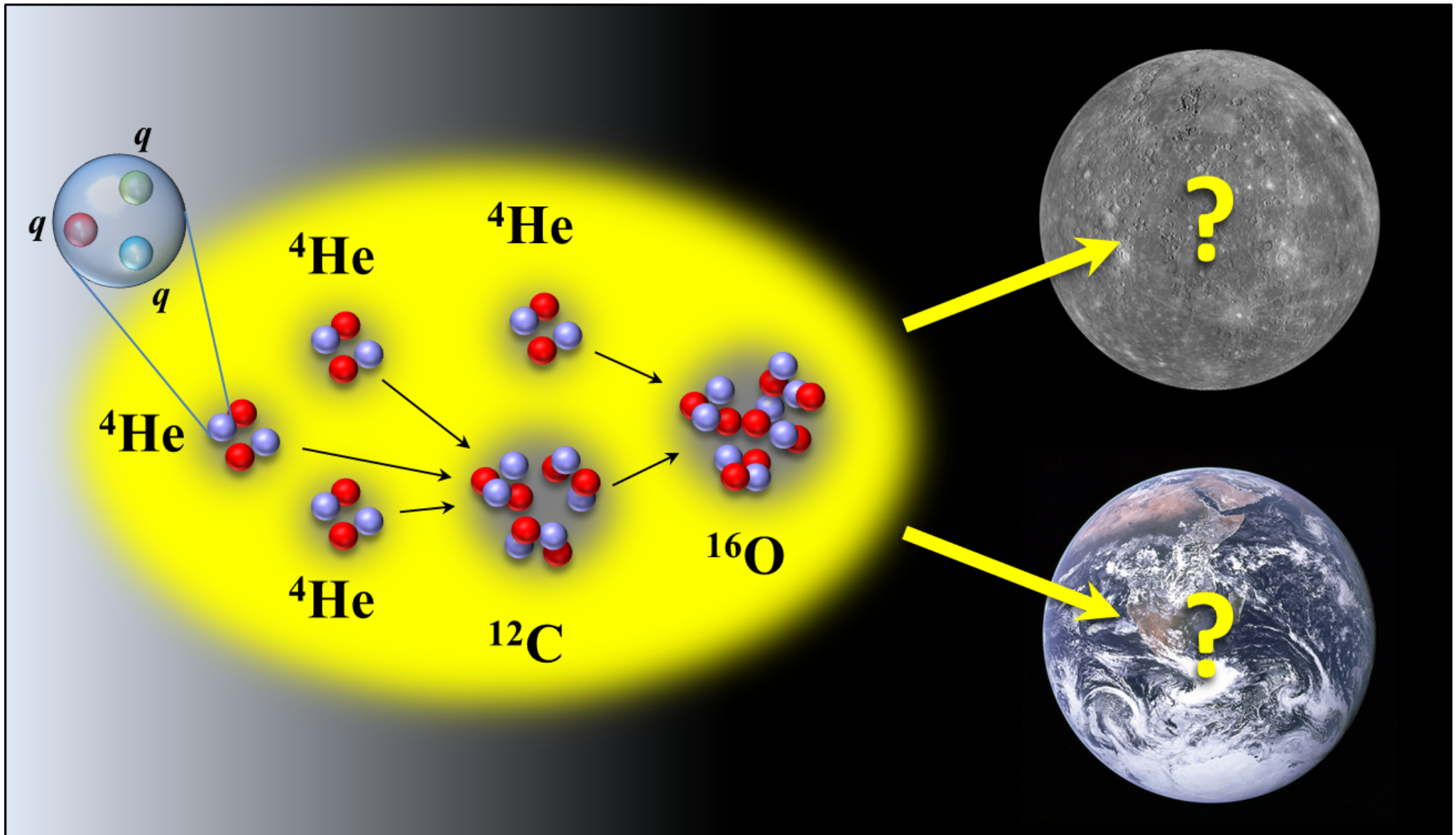
# The fate of carbon-based life as a function of the quark mass

Epelbaum, Krebs, Lähde, Lee, UGM  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **110** (2013) 112502  
Eur. Phys. J. **A 48**:82 (2013)

# FINE-TUNING of FUNDAMENTAL PARAMETERS

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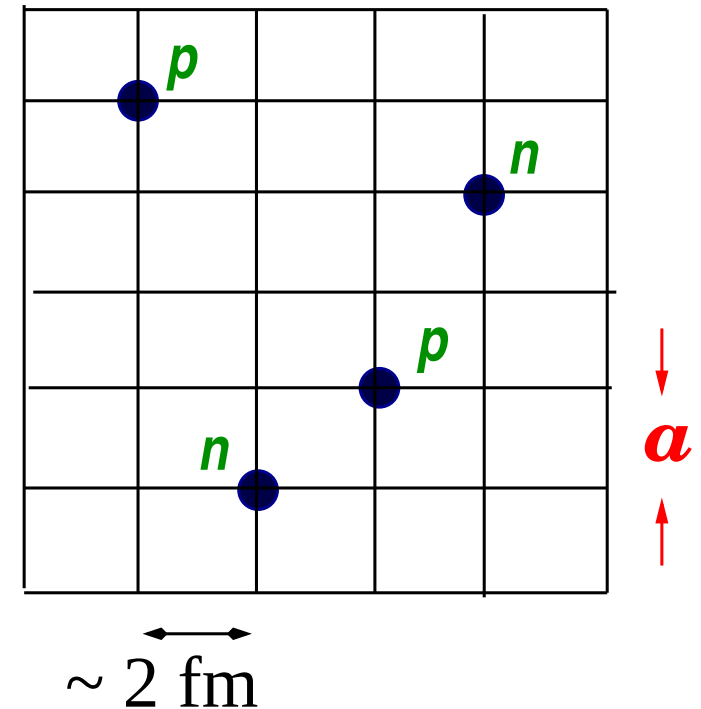
Fig. courtesy Dean Lee



Frank, Brockmann (1992), Koonin, Müller, Seki, van Kolck (2000), Lee, Schäfer (2004), . . .  
Borasoy, Krebs, Lee, UGM, Nucl. Phys. **A768** (2006) 179; Borasoy, Epelbaum, Krebs, Lee, UGM, Eur. Phys. J. **A31** (2007) 105

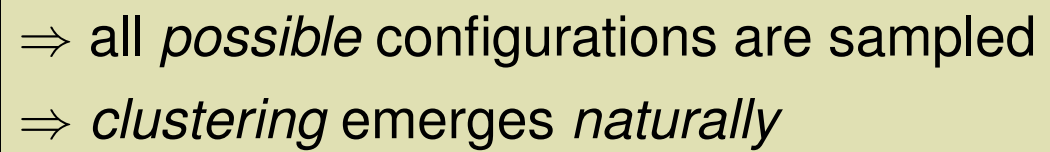
- *new method* to tackle the nuclear many-body problem
- discretize space-time  $V = L_s \times L_s \times L_s \times L_t$ :  
nucleons are point-like fields on the sites
- discretized chiral potential w/ pion exchanges  
and contact interactions + Coulomb  
→ see Epelbaum, Hammer, UGM, Rev. Mod. Phys. **81** (2009) 1773
- typical lattice parameters

$$\Lambda = \frac{\pi}{a} \simeq 300 \text{ MeV [UV cutoff]}$$



- strong suppression of sign oscillations due to approximate Wigner SU(4) symmetry  
J. W. Chen, D. Lee and T. Schäfer, Phys. Rev. Lett. **93** (2004) 242302, T. Lähde et al., Eur. Phys. J. **A51** (2015) 92
- physics independent of the lattice spacing for  $a = 1 \dots 2 \text{ fm}$   
J. Alarcon et al., EPJA **53** (2017) 83
- hybrid Monte Carlo & transfer matrix (similar to LQCD)





# COMPUTATIONAL EQUIPMENT

- Present = JUQUEEN (BlueGene/Q)
- Future = JURON (IBM-NVIDIA pilot)



6 Pflops

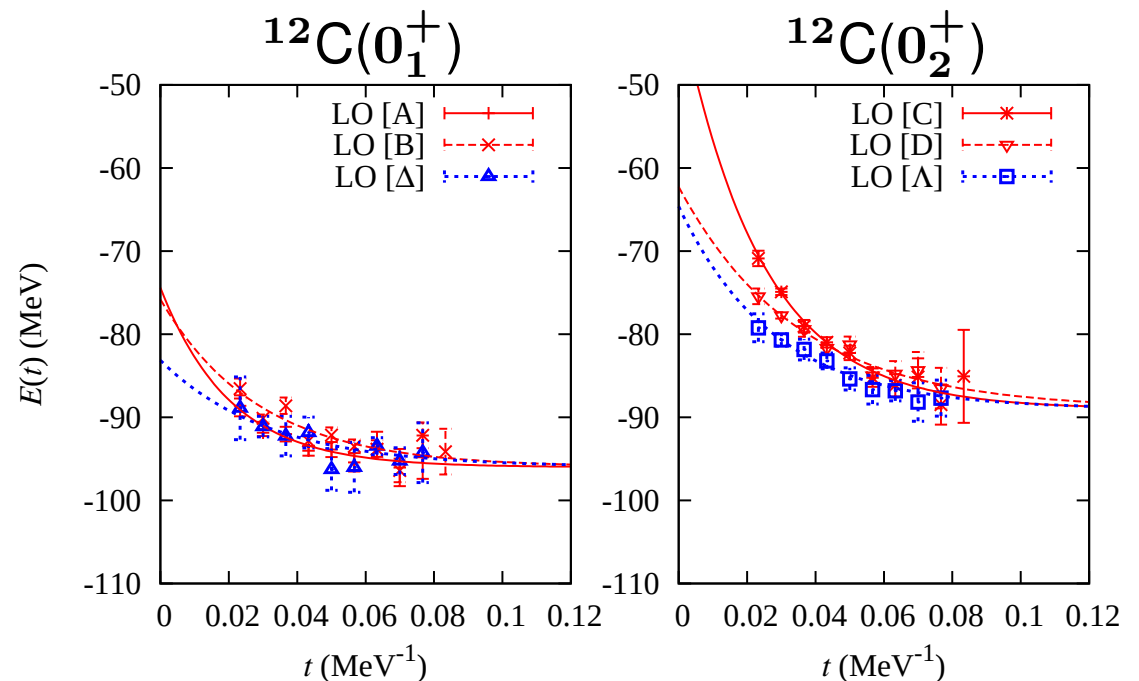
# FIXING PARAMETERS and FIRST RESULTS

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Epelbaum, Krebs, Lee, UGM, Phys. Rev. Lett. **104** (2010) 142501; Eur. Phys. J. A **45** (2010) 335; ...

- some groundstate energies and differences [NNLO, 11+2 LECs]

|               | E [MeV]                        | NLEFT    | Exp.   |
|---------------|--------------------------------|----------|--------|
| old algorithm | ${}^3\text{He} - {}^3\text{H}$ | 0.78(5)  | 0.76   |
|               | ${}^4\text{He}$                | -28.3(6) | -28.3  |
|               | ${}^8\text{Be}$                | -55(2)   | -56.5  |
|               | ${}^{12}\text{C}$              | -92(3)   | -92.2  |
| new algorithm | ${}^{16}\text{O}$              | -131(1)  | -127.6 |
|               | ${}^{20}\text{Ne}$             | -166(1)  | -160.6 |
|               | ${}^{24}\text{Mg}$             | -198(2)  | -198.3 |
|               | ${}^{28}\text{Si}$             | -234(3)  | -236.5 |

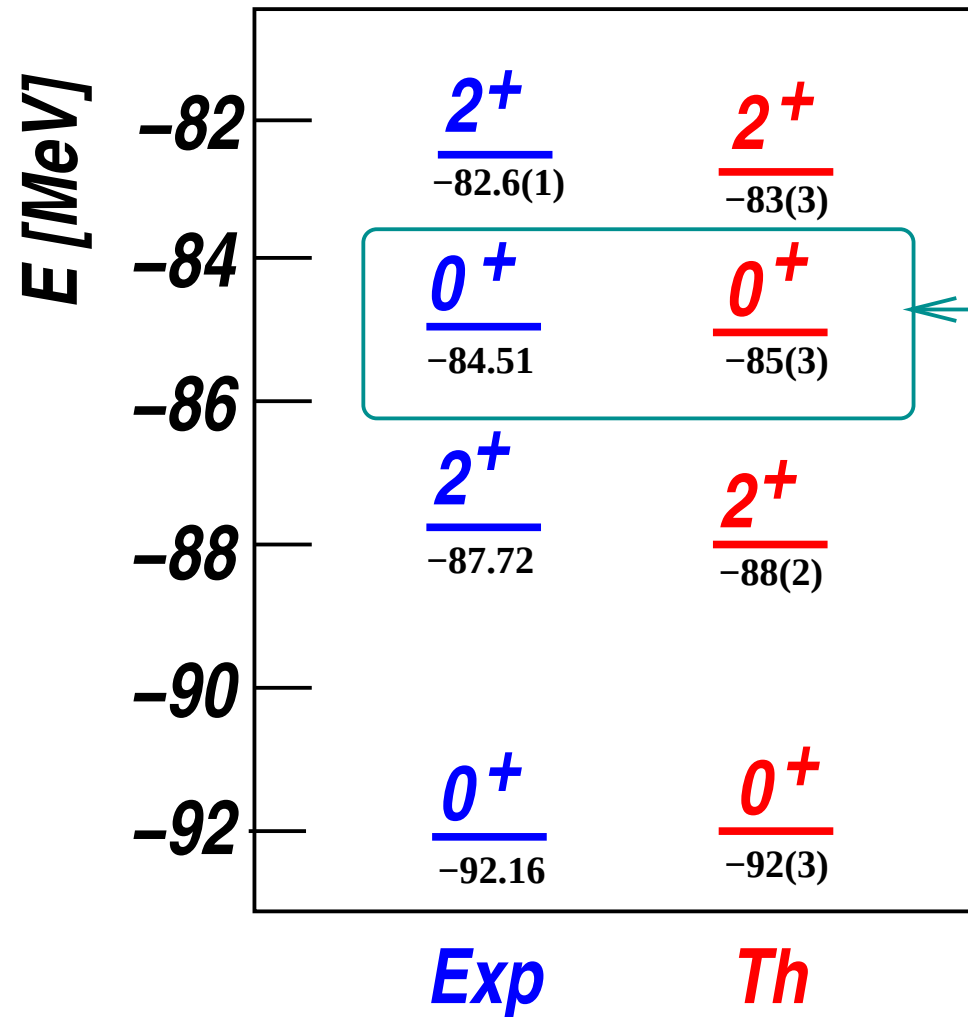


- promising results  $\Rightarrow$  uncertainties down to the 1% level
- excited states more difficult  $\Rightarrow$  projection MC method + triangulation

# The SPECTRUM of CARBON-12

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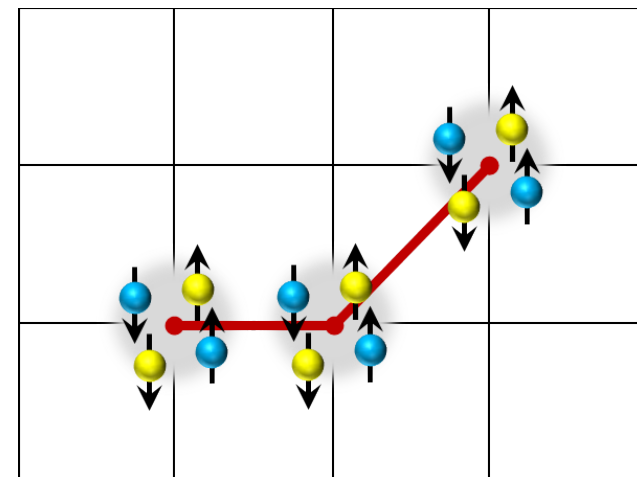
- After  $8 \cdot 10^6$  hrs JUGENE/JUQUEEN (and “some” human work)



⇒ First ab initio calculation of the Hoyle state ✓

Hoyle

Structure of the Hoyle state:



Epelbaum, Krebs, Lee, UGM, Phys. Rev. Lett. 106 (2011) 192501

Epelbaum, Krebs, Lähde, Lee, UGM, Phys. Rev. Lett. 109 (2012) 252501

Epelbaum, Krebs, Lähde, Lee, UGM, PRL **110** (2013) 112502

- consider first QCD only  $\rightarrow$  calculate  $\partial \Delta E / \partial M_\pi$
- relevant quantities (energy *differences*)

$$\Delta E_h \equiv E_{12}^* - E_8 - E_4, \quad \Delta E_b \equiv E_8 - 2E_4$$

- energy differences depend on parameters of QCD (LO analysis)

$$E_i = E_i \left( M_\pi^{\text{OPE}}, m_N(M_\pi), g_{\pi N}(M_\pi), C_0(M_\pi), C_I(M_\pi) \right)$$

$$g_{\pi N} \equiv g_A / (2F_\pi)$$

- remember:  $M_{\pi^\pm}^2 \sim (m_u + m_d)$

Gell-Mann, Oakes, Renner (1968)

$\Rightarrow$  quark mass dependence  $\equiv$  pion mass dependence

# PION MASS VARIATIONS

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- consider pion mass changes as *small perturbations*

$$\left. \frac{\partial E_i}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} = \left. \frac{\partial E_i}{\partial M_\pi^{\text{OPE}}} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} + x_1 \left. \frac{\partial E_i}{\partial m_N} \right|_{m_N^{\text{phys}}} + x_2 \left. \frac{\partial E_i}{\partial g_{\pi N}} \right|_{g_{\pi N}^{\text{phys}}} + x_3 \left. \frac{\partial E_i}{\partial C_0} \right|_{C_0^{\text{phys}}} + x_4 \left. \frac{\partial E_i}{\partial C_I} \right|_{C_I^{\text{phys}}}$$

with

$$x_1 \equiv \left. \frac{\partial m_N}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}}, \quad x_2 \equiv \left. \frac{\partial g_{\pi N}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}}, \quad x_3 \equiv \left. \frac{\partial C_0}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}}, \quad x_4 \equiv \left. \frac{\partial C_I}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}}$$

⇒ problem reduces to the calculation of the various derivatives using AFQMC and the determination of the  $x_i$

- $x_1$  and  $x_2$  can be obtained from LQCD plus CHPT
- $x_3$  and  $x_4$  can be obtained from two-body scattering and its  $M_\pi$ -dependence

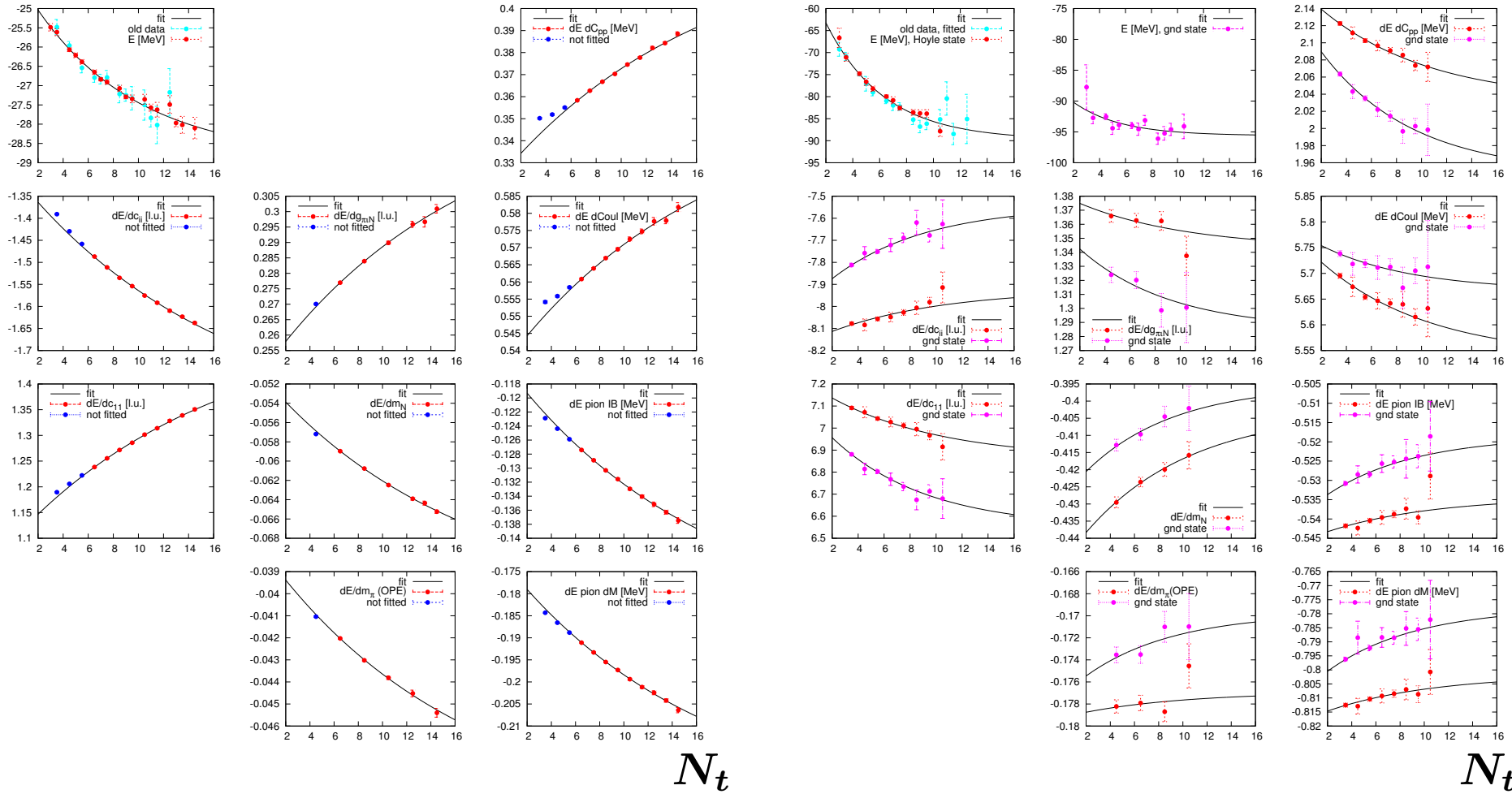
# AFQMC RESULTS for the DERIVATIVES

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•  ${}^4\text{He}$

•  ${}^{12}\text{C}(0_1^+, 0_2^+)$

$$E(N_t) = E(\infty) + \text{const} \exp(-N_t/\tau)$$



# DETERMINATION of the $x_i$

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- $x_1$  from the quark mass expansion of the nucleon mass:

$$x_1 \simeq 0.8 \pm 0.2$$

- $x_2$  from the quark mass expansion of the pion decay constant and the nucleon axial-vector constant:

$$x_2 \simeq -0.056 \dots 0.008$$

- $x_3$  and  $x_4$  can be obtained from a two-nucleon scattering analysis

⇒ while this can straightforwardly be computed, we prefer to use a representation that substitutes  $x_3$  and  $x_4$  by:

$$\left. \frac{\partial a_s^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}}, \quad \left. \frac{\partial a_t^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}}$$

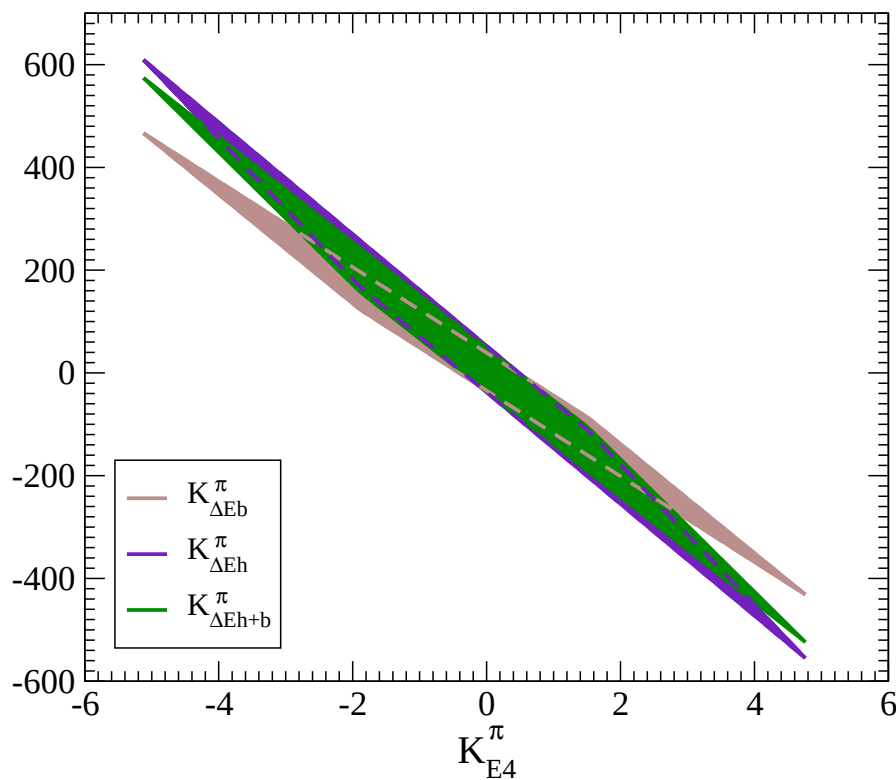
⇒ we are ready to study the pertinent energy differences



# CORRELATIONS

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- map  $C_{0,I}(M_\pi)$  onto  $\bar{A}_{s,t} \equiv \partial a_{s,t}^{-1} / \partial M_\pi \big|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}}$  [singlet/triplet scatt. length]
- vary the derivatives  $\bar{A}_{s,t} \equiv \partial a_{s,t}^{-1} / \partial M_\pi \big|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}}$  within  $-1, \dots, +1$ :



$$\Delta E_b = E(^8\text{Be}) - 2E(^4\text{He})$$

$$\Delta E_h = E(^{12}\text{C}^*) - E(^8\text{Be}) - E(^4\text{He})$$

$$\Delta E_{h+b} = E(^{12}\text{C}^*) - 3E(^4\text{He})$$

$$\frac{\partial O_H}{\partial M_\pi} = K_H^\pi \frac{O_H}{M_\pi}$$

- all fine-tunings in the triple-alpha process are *correlated*, as speculated

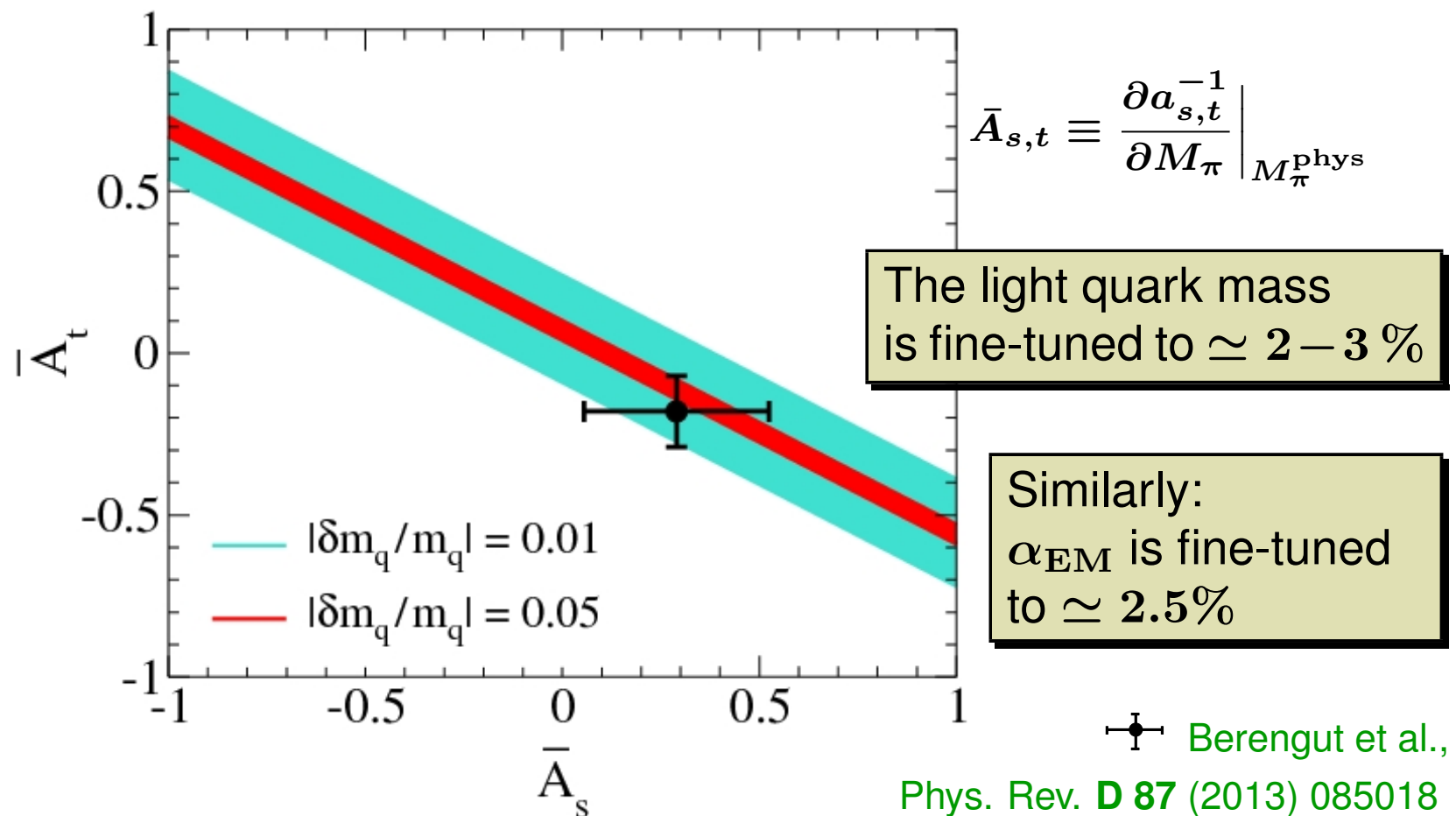
Weinberg (2000)

# THE END-OF-THE-WORLD PLOT

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- $|\delta(\Delta E_{h+b})| < 100 \text{ keV}$

$$\rightarrow \left| \left( 0.571(14)\bar{A}_s + 0.934(11)\bar{A}_t - 0.069(6) \right) \frac{\delta m_q}{m_q} \right| < 0.0015$$



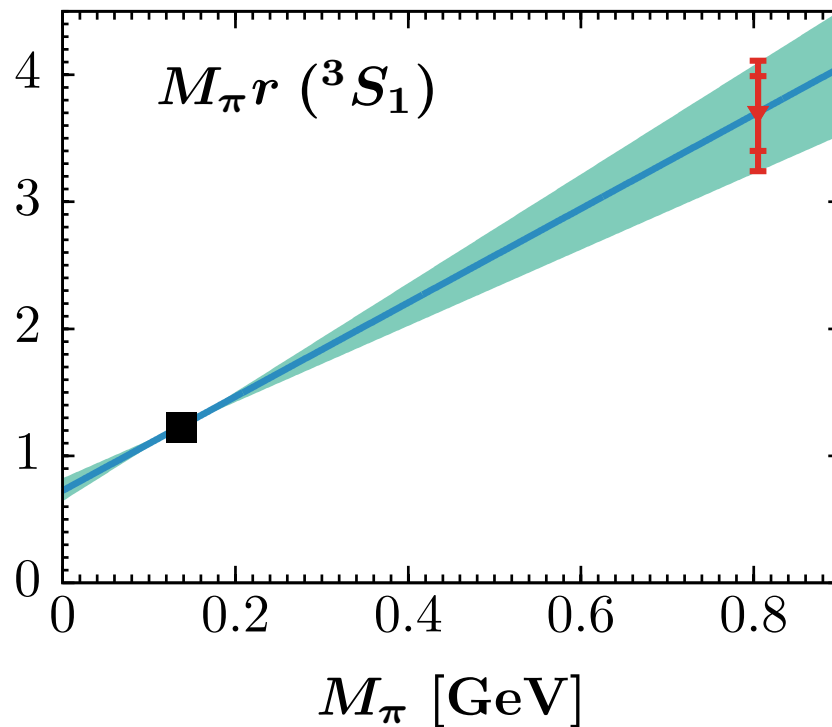
- ⇒ **conditions for life are fine-tuned**

# NEW RESULTS for the NN SYSTEM

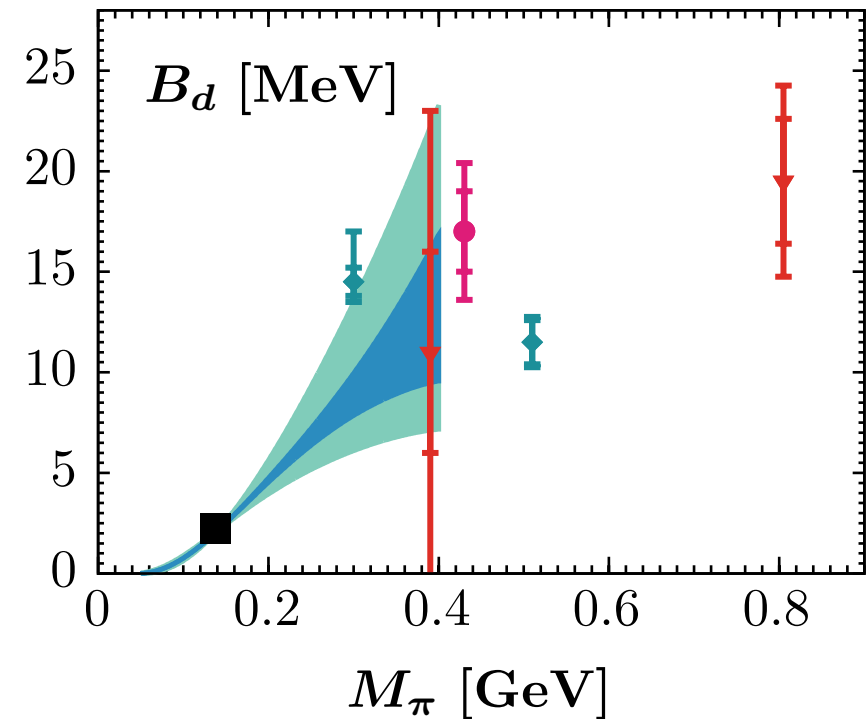
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- Various lattice QCD results for binding energies and scattering parameters
- combine with low-energy theorems for the modified ERE

Baru et al., Phys. Rev. C **92** (2015) 014001, Phys. Rev. C **94** (2016) 014001



$\Rightarrow$



NPLQCD, Phys. Rev. C **88** (2013) 024003

NPLQCD, Phys. Rev. D **92** (2015) 114512

Yamazaki et al., Phys. Rev. D **92** (2015) 014501

◇ Yamazaki et al.

▽ NPLQCD 2013

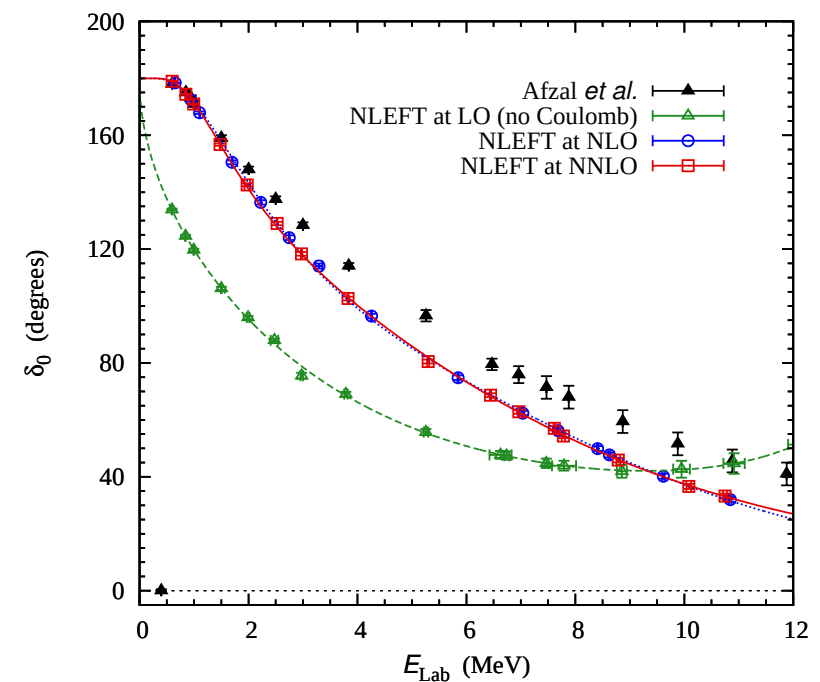
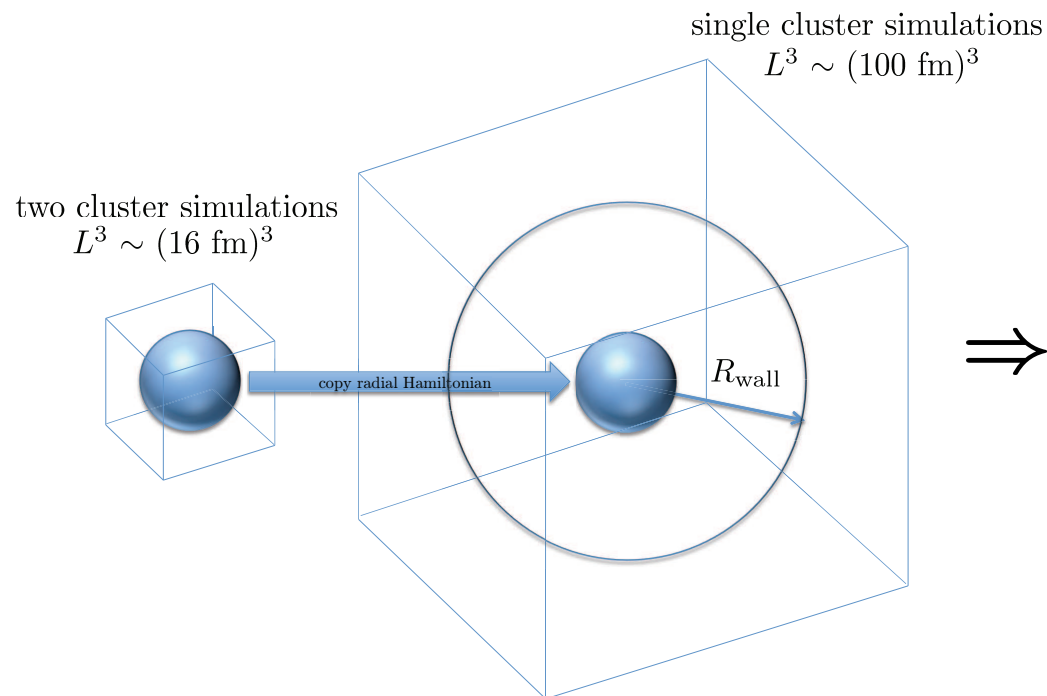
○ NPLQCD 2015

# AB INITIO CALCULATION of $\alpha$ - $\alpha$ SCATTERING

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- use lattice MC to construct an ab-initio cluster (adiabatic) Hamiltonian
- Use adiabatic Hamiltonian to compute scattering/reaction amplitudes

Elhatisari et al., Nature **528** (2015) 111



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- D-wave equally well described





# QUARK MASS DEP. of the SHORT-DISTANCE TERMS

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- Consider a typical OBEP with  $M = \sigma, \rho, \omega, \delta, \eta$

- Quark mass dependence of the sigma and rho from unitarized CHPT

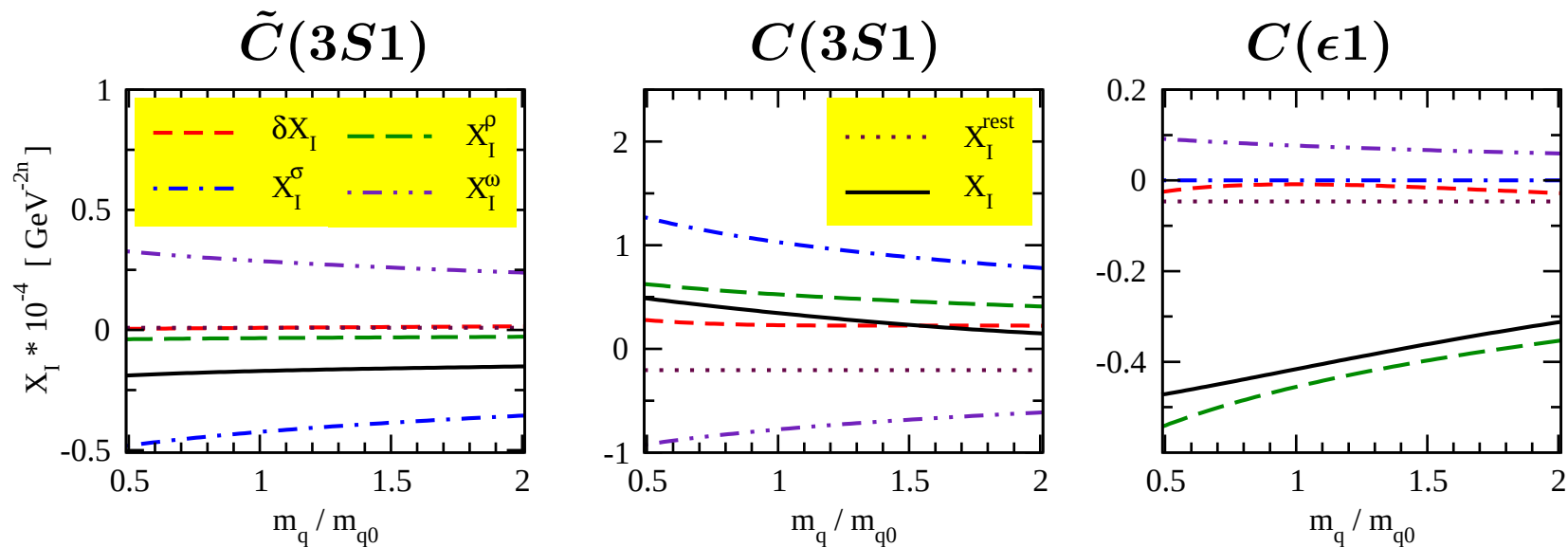
Hanhart, Pelaez, Rios (2008)

$$\Rightarrow K_{M_\sigma}^q = 0.081 \pm 0.007, \quad K_{M_\rho}^q = 0.058 \pm 0.002$$

$\Rightarrow$  couplings appear quark mass independent (requires refinement in the future)

- assume a) that  $K_\omega^q = K_\rho^q$  and b) neglect dep. of  $\delta, \eta$

$\Rightarrow$



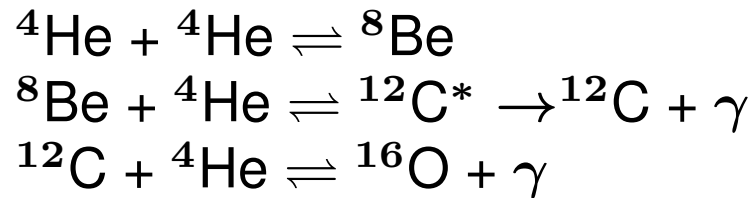


# A SHORT HISTORY of the HOYLE STATE

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- Heavy element generation in massive stars: **triple- $\alpha$  process**

Bethe 1938, Öpik 1952, Salpeter 1952, Hoyle 1954, ...



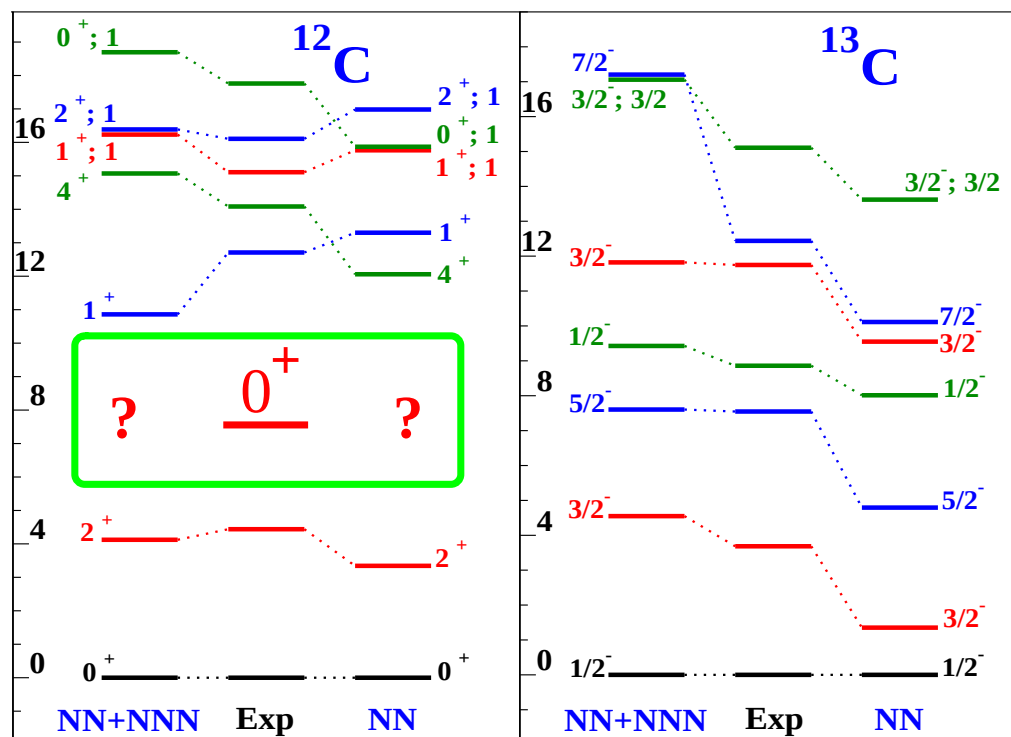
- Hoyle's contribution: calculation of relative abundances of  ${}^4\text{He}$ ,  ${}^{12}\text{C}$  and  ${}^{16}\text{O}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  need a resonance close to the  ${}^8\text{Be} + {}^4\text{He}$  threshold at  $E_R = 0.35$  MeV  
 $\Rightarrow$  this corresponds to a  $J^P = 0^+$  excited state 7.7 MeV above the g.s.
- a corresponding state was experimentally confirmed at Caltech at  
 $E - E(\text{g.s.}) = 7.653 \pm 0.008$  MeV Dunbar et al. 1953, Cook et al. 1957
- still on-going experimental activity, e.g. EM transitions at SDALINAC  
M. Chernykh et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 98 (2007) 032501
- and how about theory ?  $\rightarrow$  this talk
- side remark: NOT driven by anthropic considerations

H. Kragh, Arch. Hist. Exact Sci. 64 (2010) 721

# AN ENIGMA for NUCLEAR THEORY

- Ab initio calculation in the no-core shell model:  $\approx 10^7$  CPU hrs on JAGUAR

P. Navratil et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **99** (2007) 042501; R. Roth et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **107** (2011) 072501



$\Rightarrow$  excellent description, but no trace of the Hoyle state

- use the method of BLP:

$$K_{A\text{He}}^q = K_{a, 1\text{S}0}^q K_{A\text{He}}^{a, 1\text{S}0} + K_{\text{deut}}^q K_{A\text{He}}^{\text{deut}}, \quad A = 3, 4$$
$$K_{^3\text{He}}^{a, 1\text{S}0} = 0.12 \pm 0.01 \quad , \quad K_{^3\text{He}}^{\text{deut}} = 1.41 \pm 0.01$$

$$K_{4\text{He}}^{a, 1\text{S}0} = 0.037 \pm 0.011 \quad , \quad K_{4\text{He}}^{\text{deut}} = 0.74 \pm 0.22$$

so that

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{K_{3\text{He}}^q = -0.94 \pm 0.75, \quad K_{4\text{He}}^q = -0.55 \pm 0.42}$$

⇒ calculate BBN response matrix of primordial abundances  $Y_a$   
at fixed baryon/photon ratio [first in the isospin limit]

- $$\frac{\delta \ln Y_a}{\delta \ln m_q} = \sum_{X_i} \frac{\partial \ln Y_a}{\partial \ln X_i} K_{X_i}^q$$

updated Kawano code

– Ulf-G. Meißner, Life on Earth – an Accident? – DESY Seminar, Hamburg/Zeuthen, June 2017

- $$\left. \frac{\partial \Delta E_h}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} = -0.455(35) \left. \frac{\partial a_s^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} - 0.744(24) \left. \frac{\partial a_t^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} + 0.056(10)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial \Delta E_b}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} = -0.117(34) \left. \frac{\partial a_s^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} - 0.189(24) \left. \frac{\partial a_t^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} + 0.012(9)$$

- $x_1$  and  $x_2$  only affect the small constant terms
- also calculated the shifts of the individual energies (not shown here)

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- $(\partial\Delta E_h/\partial M_\pi)/(\partial\Delta E_b/\partial M_\pi) \simeq 4$   
 $\Rightarrow \Delta E_h$  and  $\Delta E_b$  cannot be independently fine-tuned
- Within error bars,  $\partial\Delta E_h/\partial M_\pi$  &  $\partial\Delta E_b/\partial M_\pi$  appear unaffected by the choice of  $x_1$  and  $x_2 \rightarrow$  indication for  $\alpha$ -clustering
- the triple alpha process is controlled by :

$$\Delta E_{h+b} \equiv \Delta E_h + \Delta E_b = E_{12}^* - 3E_4$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial\Delta E_{h+b}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} = -0.571(14) \left. \frac{\partial a_s^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} - 0.934(11) \left. \frac{\partial a_t^{-1}}{\partial M_\pi} \right|_{M_\pi^{\text{phys}}} + 0.069(6)$$

$\Rightarrow$  quark mass dependence of the scattering lengths discussed earlier

