

# THE HYPERON-NUCLEON INTERACTION IN LOW-ENERGY EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY

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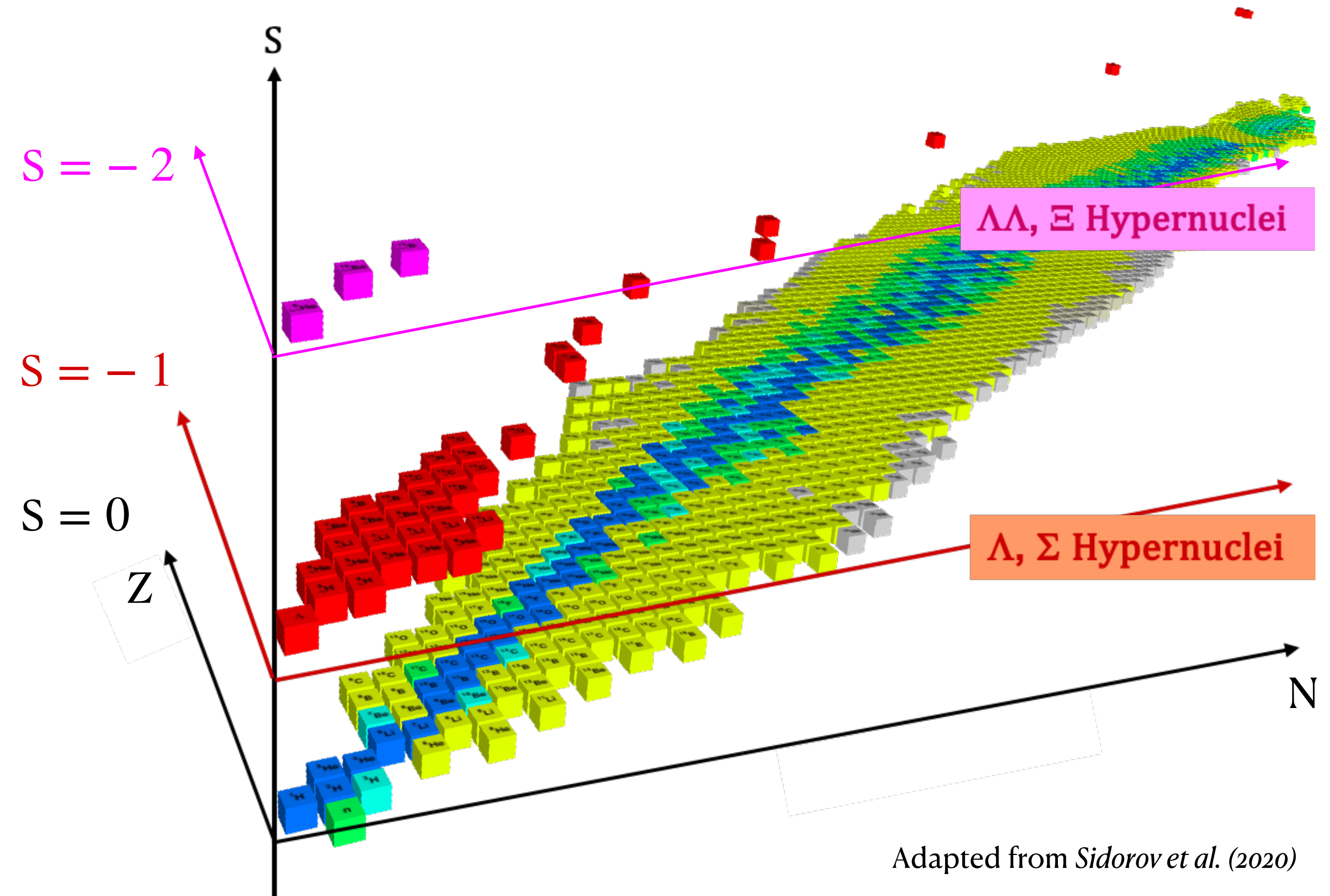
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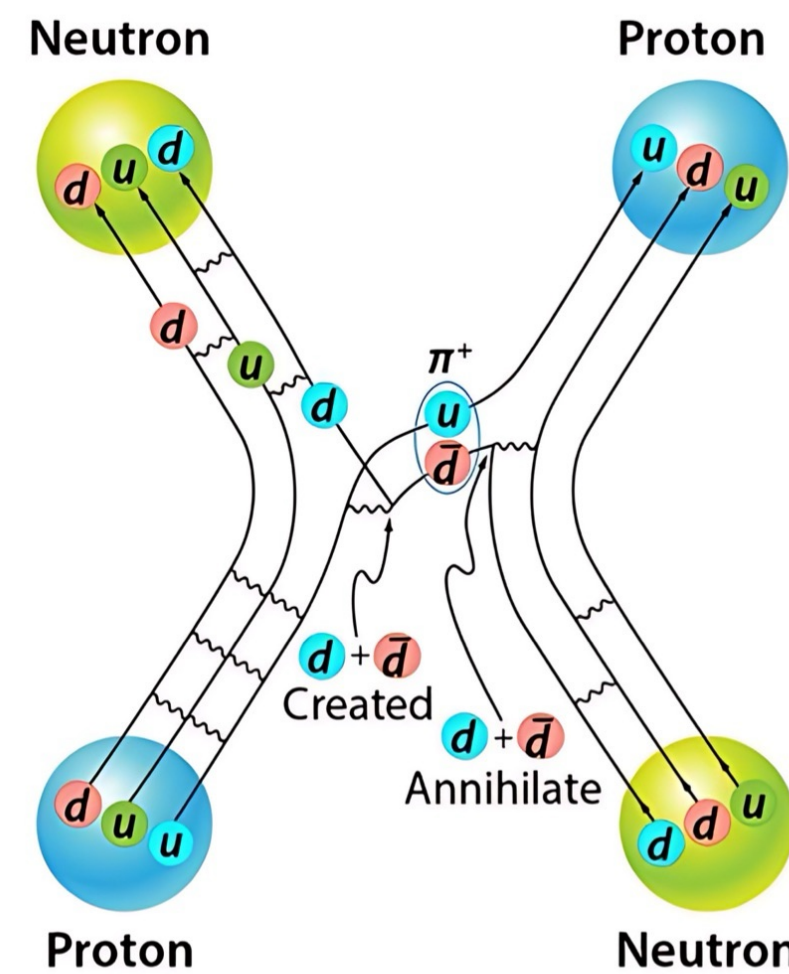
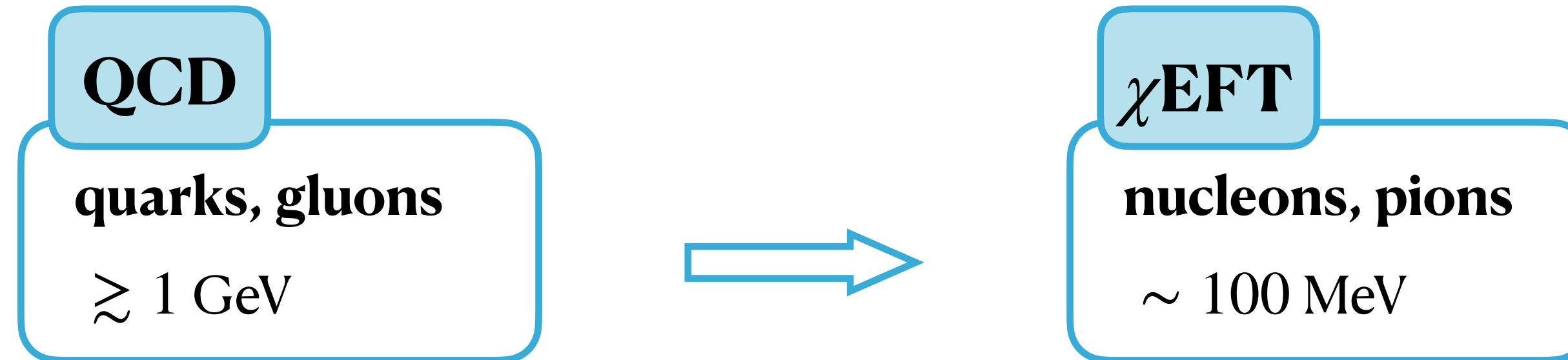
## MOTIVATIONS

- Hyperon puzzle in Neutron Stars
- Hypernuclei studies

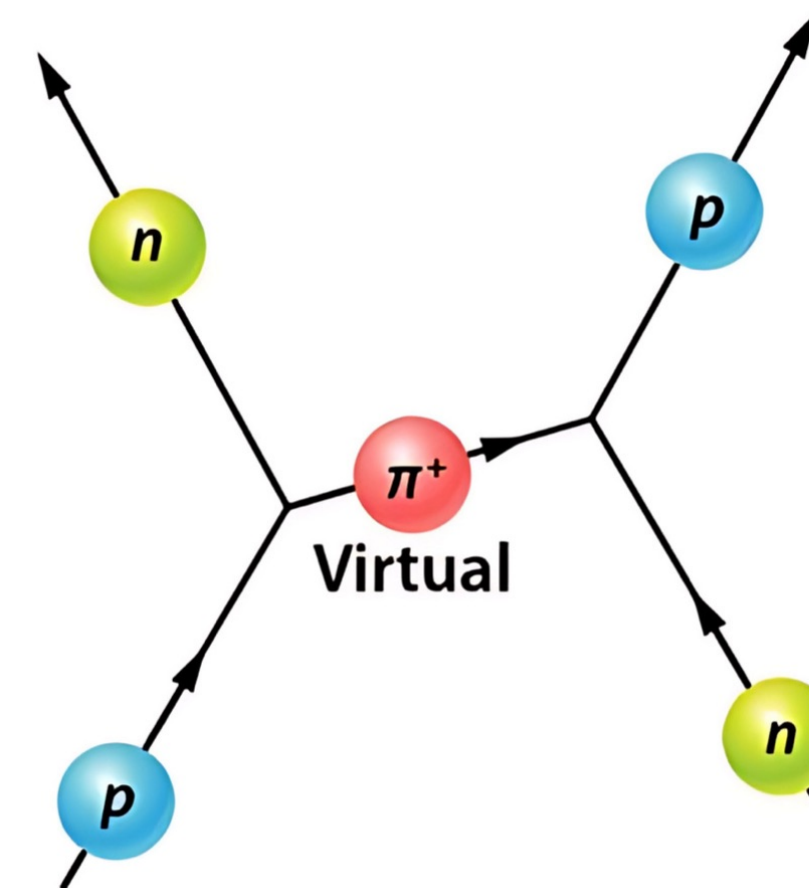


# Potential model derivation

## EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY APPROACH



*Adapted from M. Piarulli (2024)*



- Interaction described by most general Lagrangian that respects the symmetries of QCD

- Cutoff scale ( $\Lambda_\chi$ )  $\rightarrow$  defines range of applicability of the theory



High energy effects included in **contact terms** that depend on **low energy constants (LECs)**



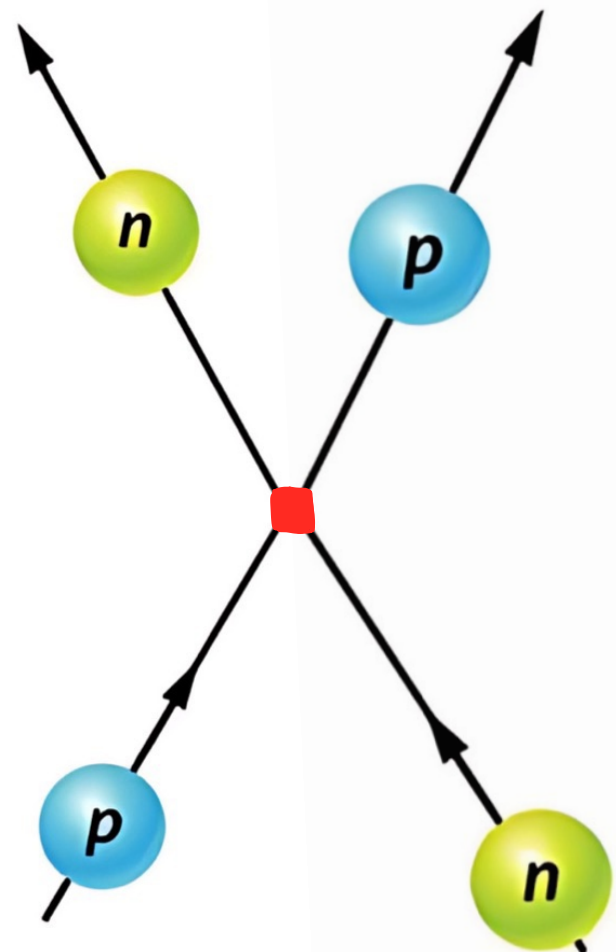
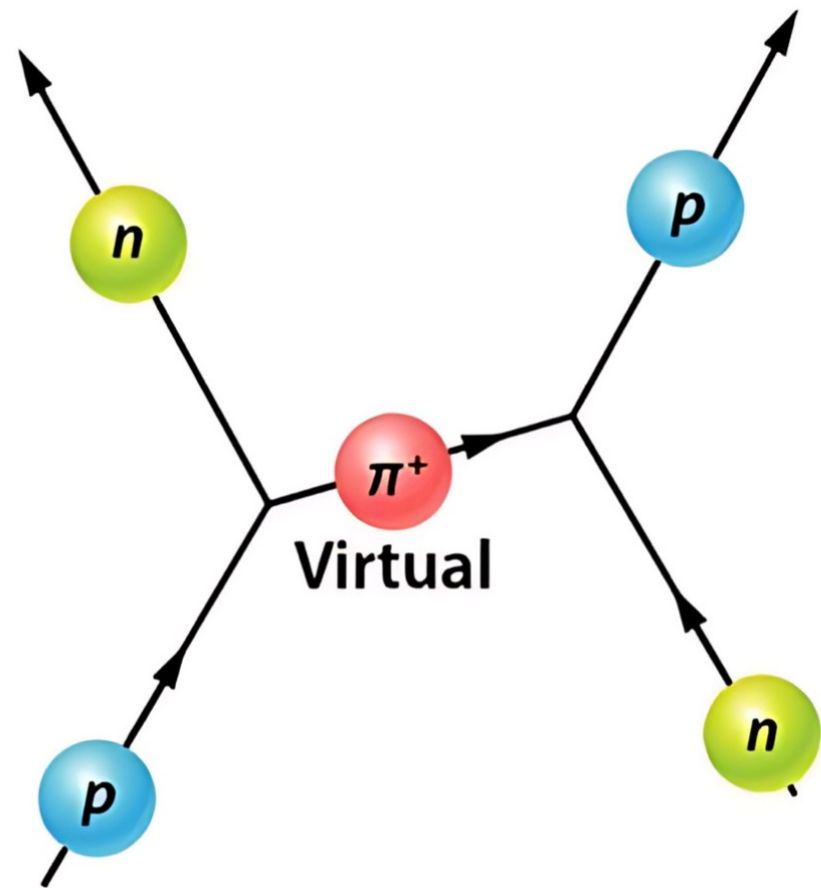
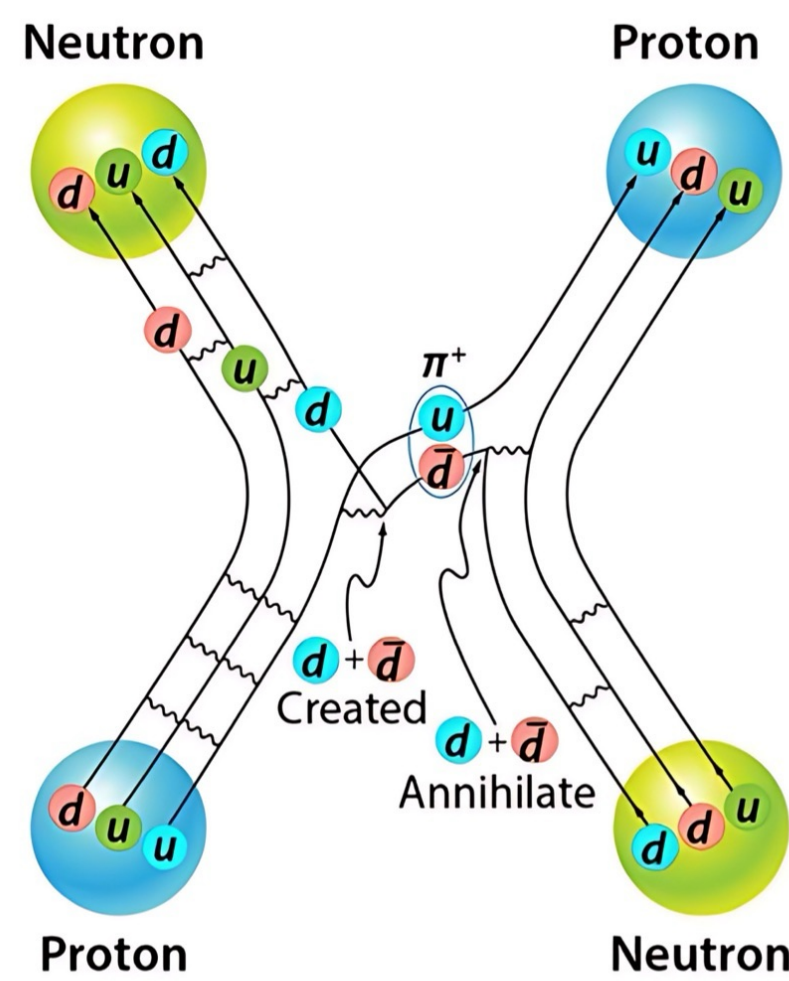
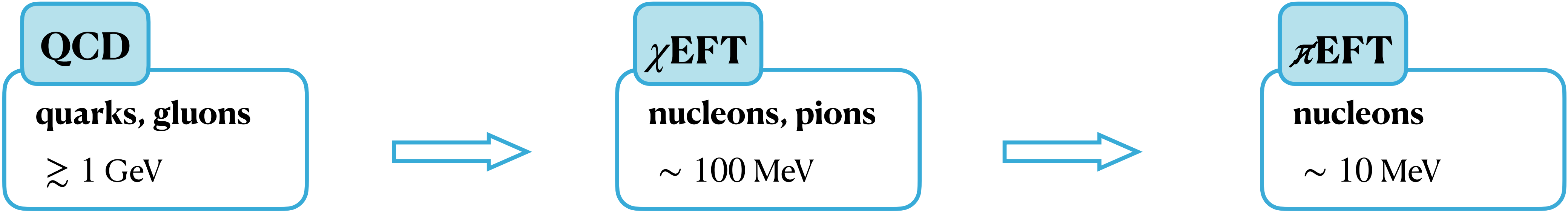
LECs determined through fit to experimental data

- Lagrangian expanded in powers of  $Q/\Lambda_\chi$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Organization in leading and sub-leading terms (LO, NLO, ...)

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In  $\pi$ EFT even pions can be considered high-energy degrees of freedom  $\Rightarrow$  interaction described only by contact terms



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7 LECs

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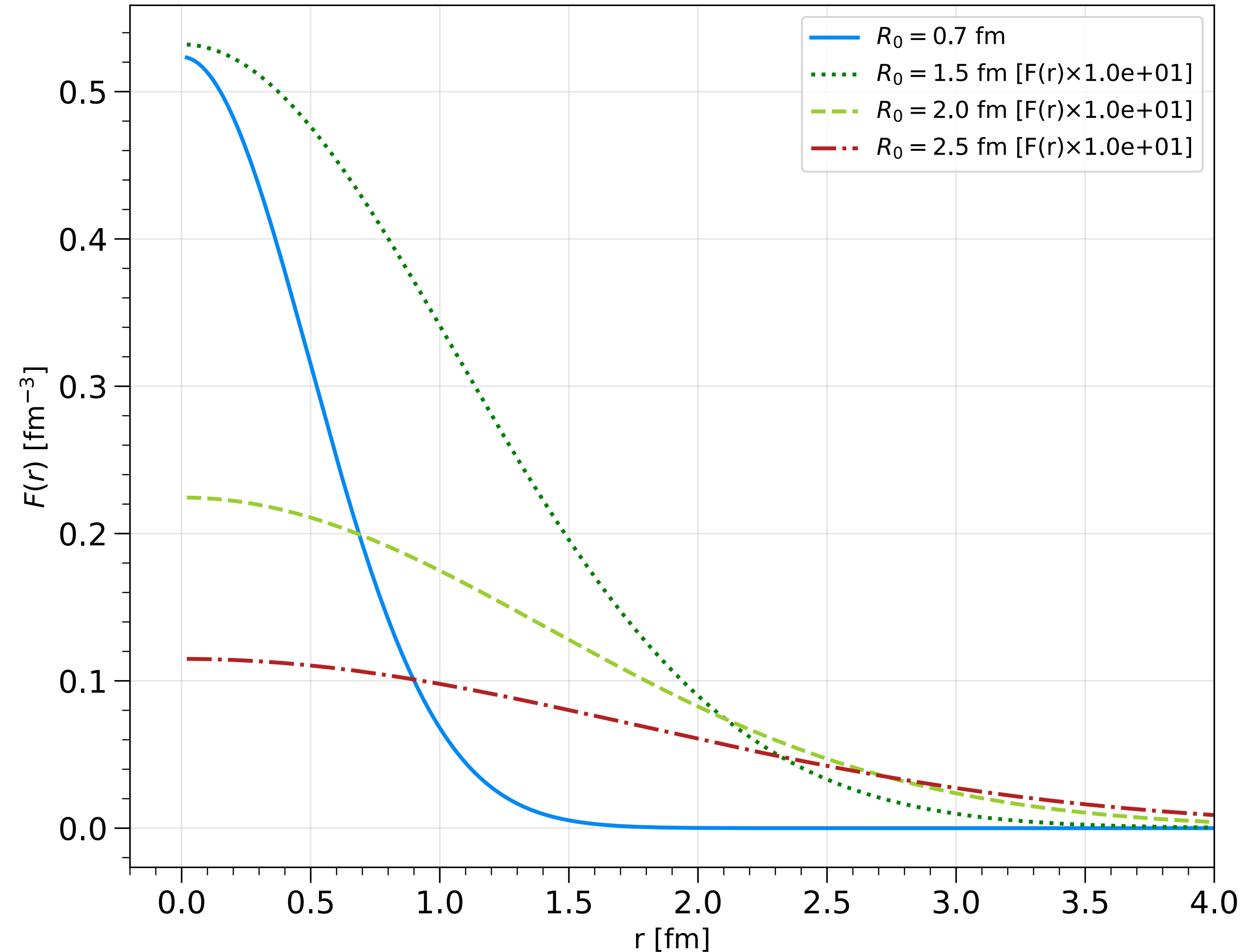
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## HYPERON-NUCLEON POTENTIAL MODEL – COORDINATE SPACE

- To obtain  $V_{\Lambda N}$  in coordinate space  $\rightarrow$  Fourier transform
- To regularize the interaction (avoid diverging integrals)  
 $\rightarrow$  multiply  $V_{\Lambda N}$  by a regulator function  $F(r)$ , as done in *Schiavilla et al. (2021)*

$$F(r) = \frac{1}{\pi^{3/2} R_0^3} \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{R_0^2}\right)$$

- Investigated **cutoff parameter** values  $R_0 \in [0.7, 2.5]$  fm



# Potential model derivation

## HYPERON-NUCLEON POTENTIAL MODEL – COORDINATE SPACE

- Fourier transform of the regularized potential in momentum space to obtain  $V_{\Lambda N}$  in coordinate space

$$V_{\Lambda N}^{\text{LO}} = [C_S + C_T (\sigma_\Lambda \cdot \sigma_N)] F(r),$$

$$V_{\Lambda N}^{\text{NLO}} = \sum_i \mathbf{v}_i(\mathbf{r}) \mathcal{O}_i, \text{ with } \mathcal{O}_i = \mathbf{1}, \sigma_\Lambda \cdot \sigma_N, S_{\Lambda N}(\hat{\mathbf{r}}), \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S}, \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{D}$$

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**Radial functions** containing combinations of  $F(r), F'(r), F''(r)$  and **LECs** ( $C_1, \dots, C_5$ )

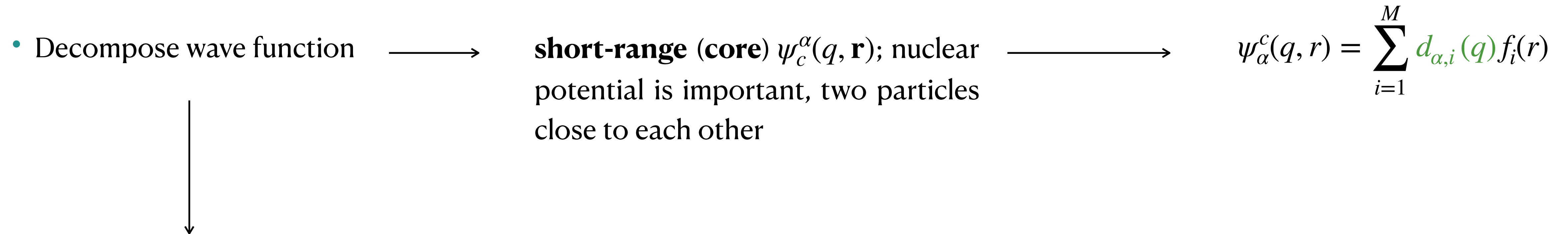


**fixed through fitting procedure** to experimental data  $\rightarrow \Lambda p$  elastic scattering cross section

# Cross section calculation

Available experimental data to perform the fit:  $\Lambda p$  elastic scattering cross section

- Initial and final scattering states expanded in partial waves  $\longrightarrow J^\pi$



**long-range (asymptotic)**  $\psi_a^\alpha(q, \mathbf{r})$ ; nuclear potential is negligible, two particles far apart

$\longrightarrow$  expansion in **regular** and **irregular** spherical Bessel functions, with **R-matrix**

$$\psi_a^\alpha(q, \mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\beta} \left[ \delta_{\alpha\beta} \Omega_{\beta}^R(q, \mathbf{r}) + R_{\alpha\beta} \Omega_{\beta}^I(q, \mathbf{r}) \right]$$

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- Rewrite asymptotic wave function a sum of a **plane wave** and an **outgoing spherical wave**:

$$\psi_\alpha^a(q, \mathbf{r}) = -2i \left[ \Omega_\alpha^R(q, \mathbf{r}) + \sum_\beta T_{\alpha\beta} \Omega_\alpha^+(q, \mathbf{r}) \right], \quad \Omega_\alpha^+(q, \mathbf{r}) = \Omega_\alpha^I(q, \mathbf{r}) + i\Omega_\alpha^R(q, \mathbf{r})$$

- The **T-matrix** is computed from the  $R$ -matrix:  $T_{\alpha\beta} = i(R_{\alpha\beta} + i\delta_{\alpha\beta})^{-1} R_{\alpha\beta}$

- Total unpolarized cross section:

$$\sigma = \frac{4\pi}{q^2} \sum_{J,\alpha,\beta} |T_{\alpha\beta}|^2 \frac{(2J+1)}{(2s_\Lambda+1)(2s_N+1)}$$

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- $\chi^2$  function using a constraint on **scattering length** obtained from potential model:

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**Cross section experimental data**  
from *Radboud University, NN online archive*

# Fitting procedure

## $\chi^2$ FUNCTION

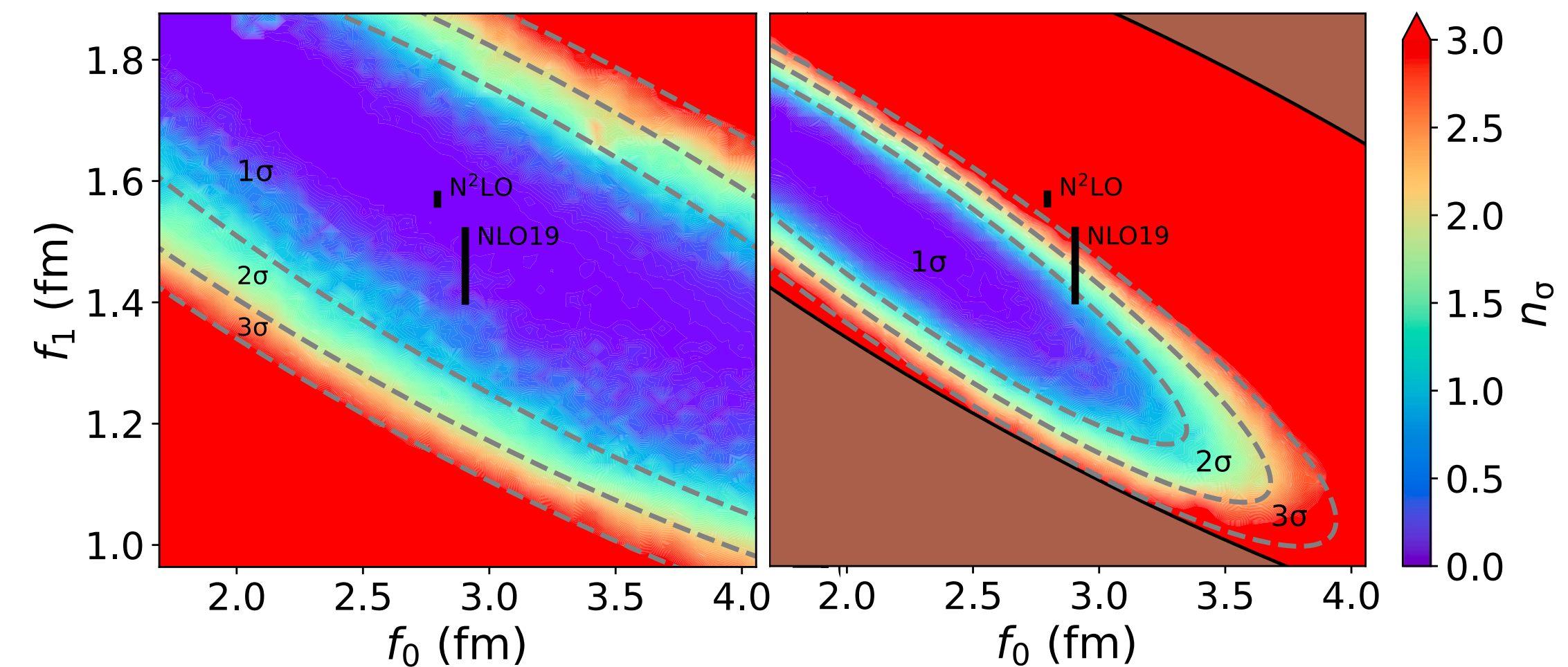
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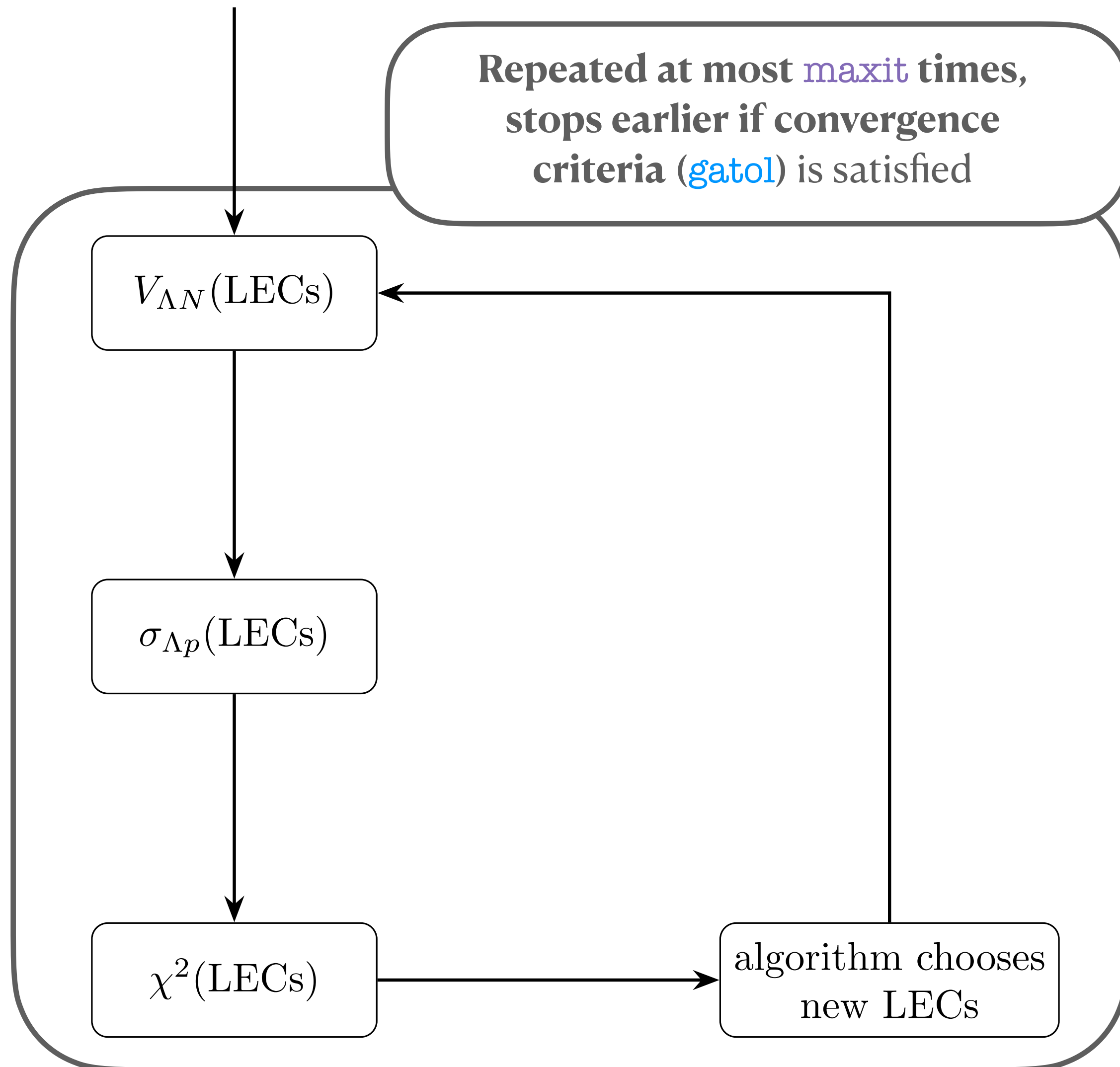


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# Fitting procedure

## MINIMIZATION ALGORITHM

LECs initial values



- TAOPOUNDERS, from PETSc + MPI to parallelise
- Adjustable parameters of the fitting procedure:
  - Cutoff parameter  $R_0$
  - **Grid for initial values** of the LECs (**max**, **min**, **step**)
  - Parameter to define the threshold for converged optimization (**gatol**)
  - **Maximum number of calls** to optimization algorithm (**maxit**)
- Chosen values for algorithm parameters:
  - $R_0 \in [0.7, 2.5]$  fm
  - $\text{gatol} = 10^{-8}$
  - $\text{maxit} = 2 \times 10^3$

# Fitting procedure

## LO VS NLO FITTING STRATEGY

### LO

- Total angular momentum, energy and parity constraints:
  - $E_{CM} < 15$  MeV
  - $J = 0, 1$
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  - step = 1 $\Rightarrow \sim 900 \text{ points}$

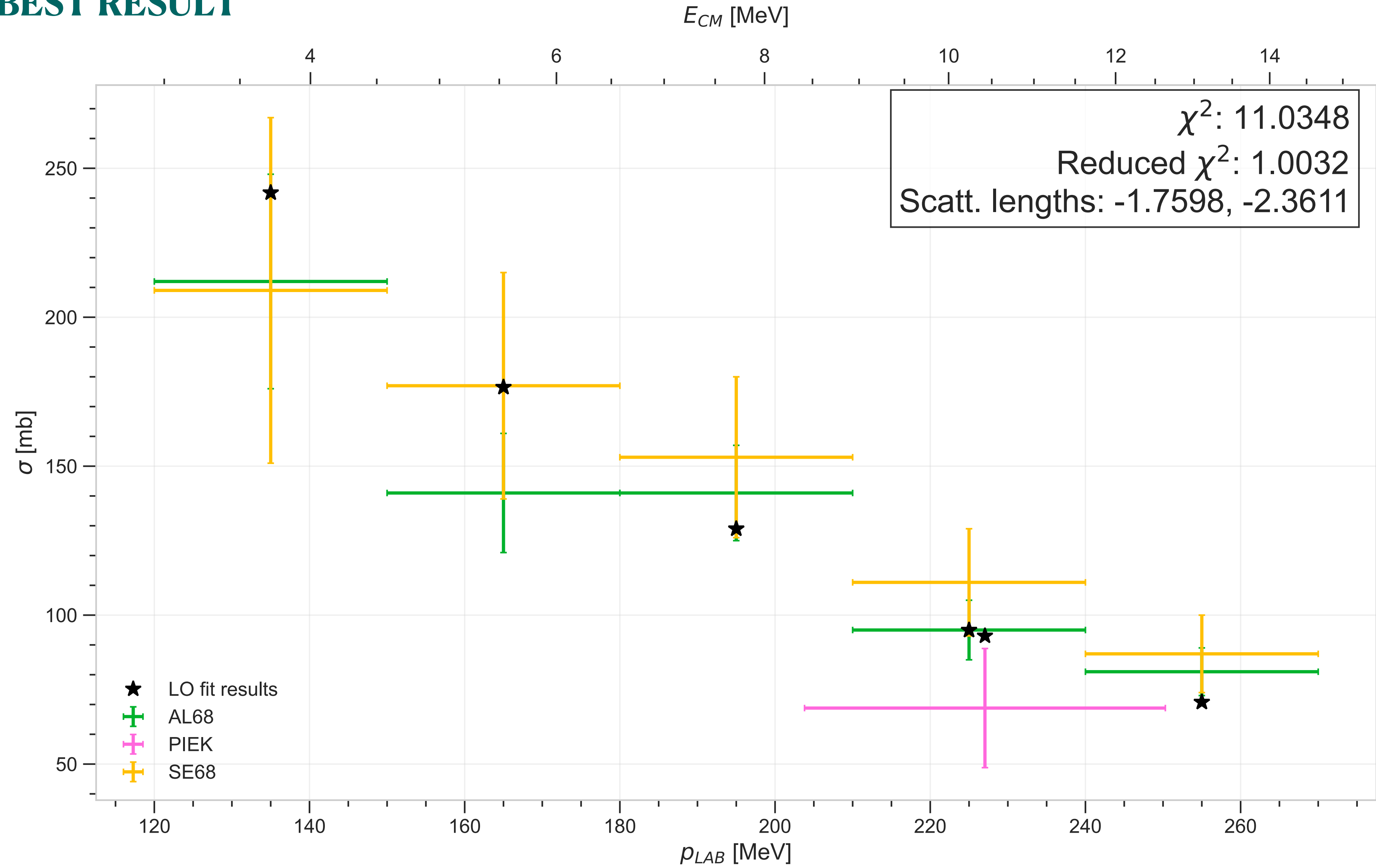
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# Preliminary results

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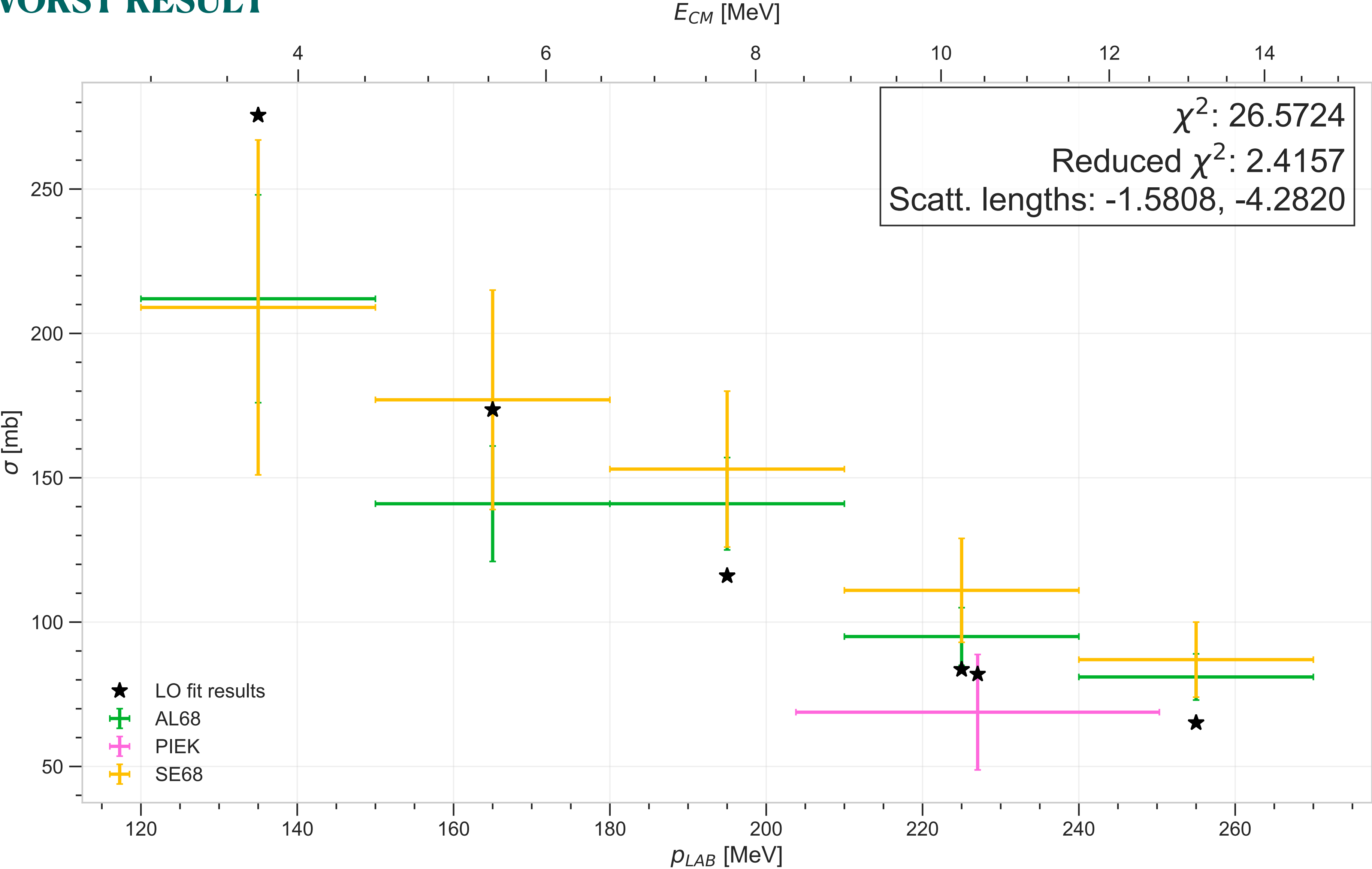
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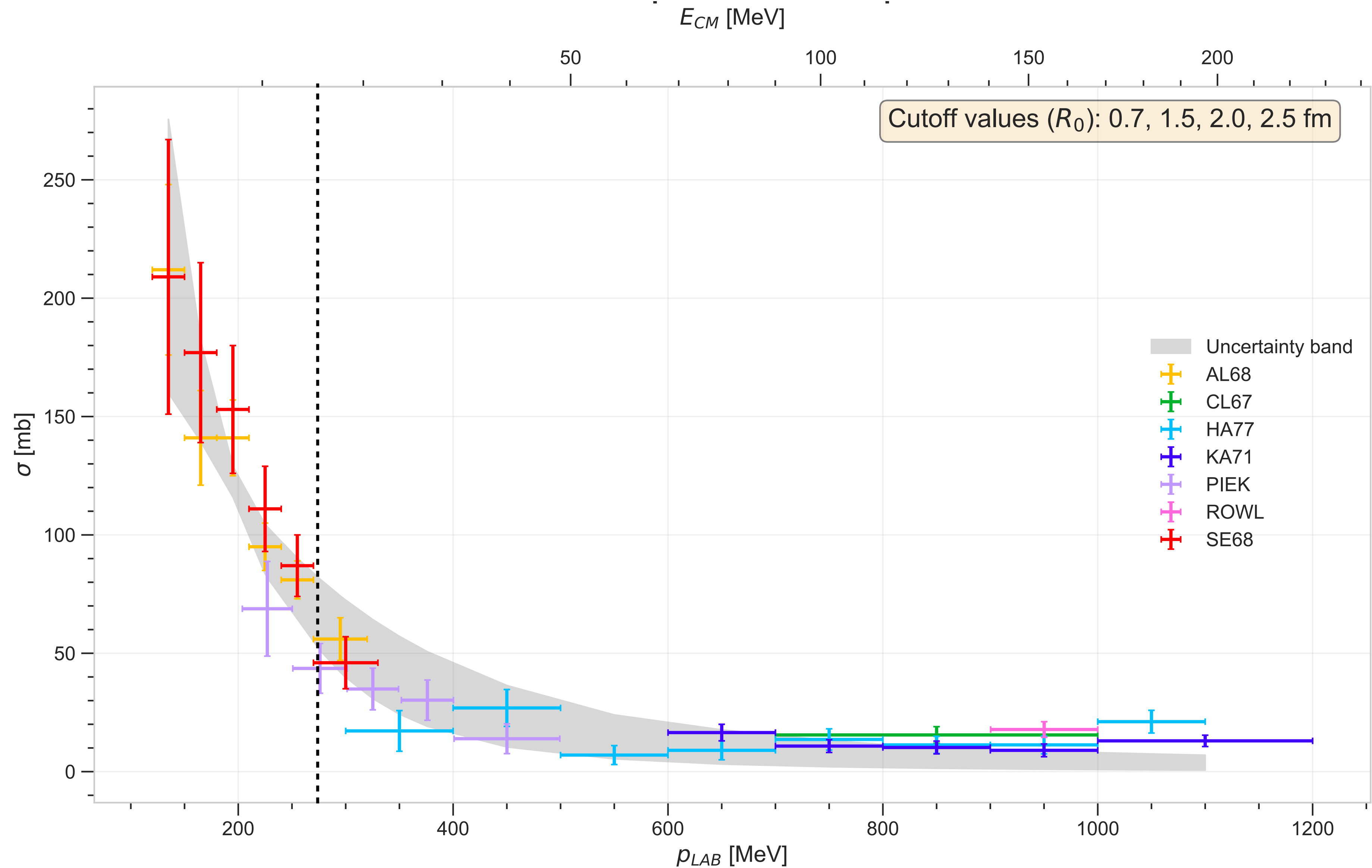
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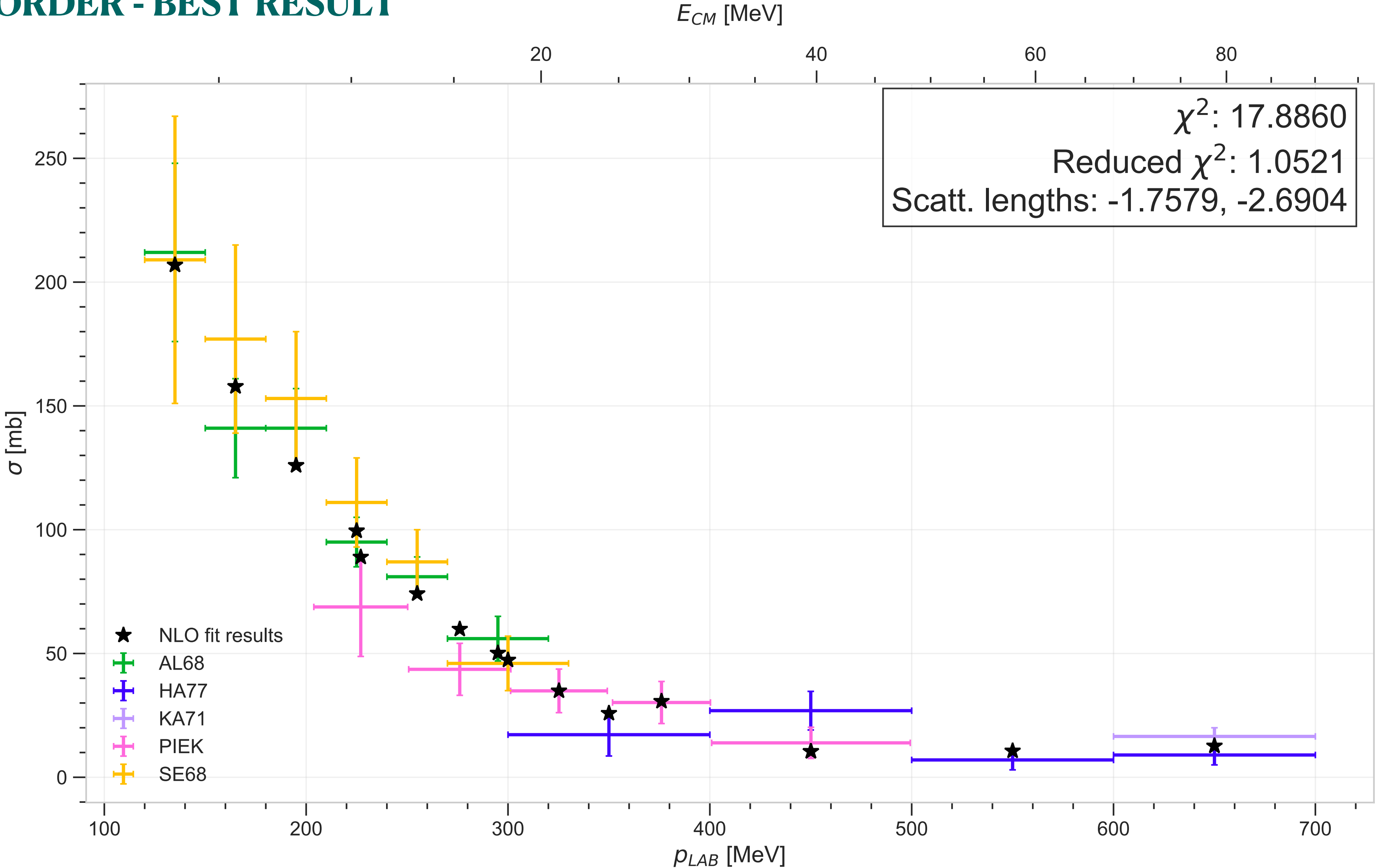
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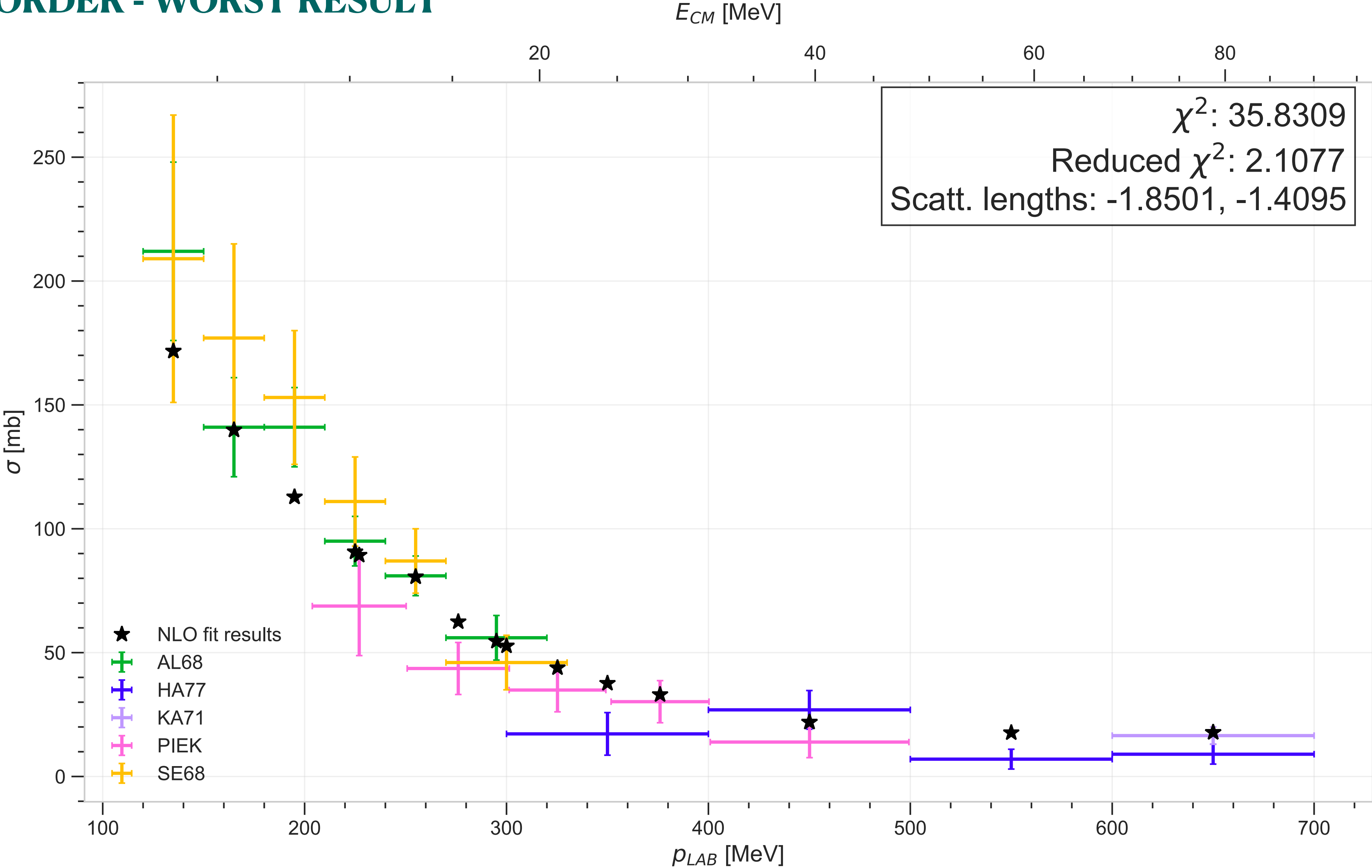
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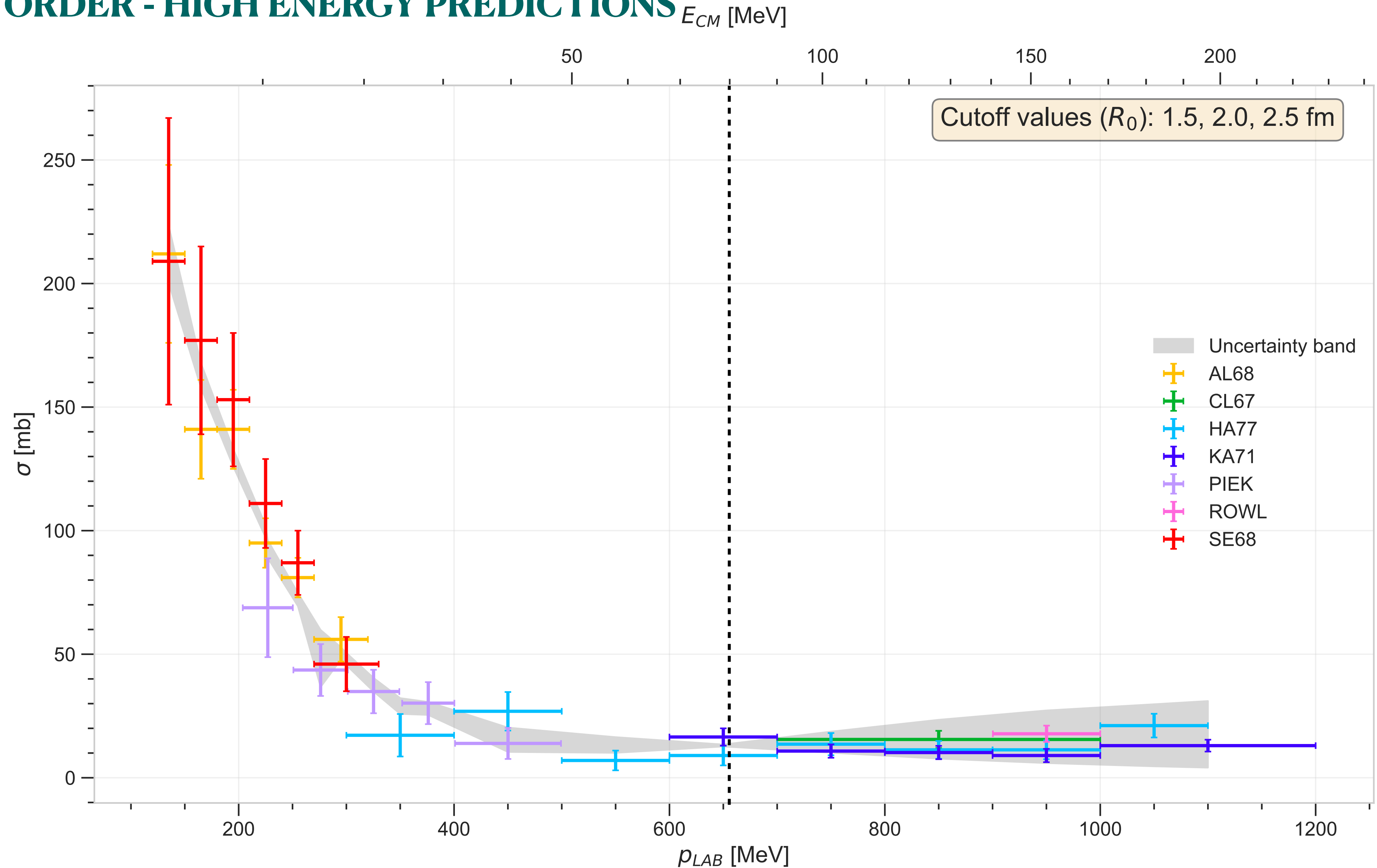
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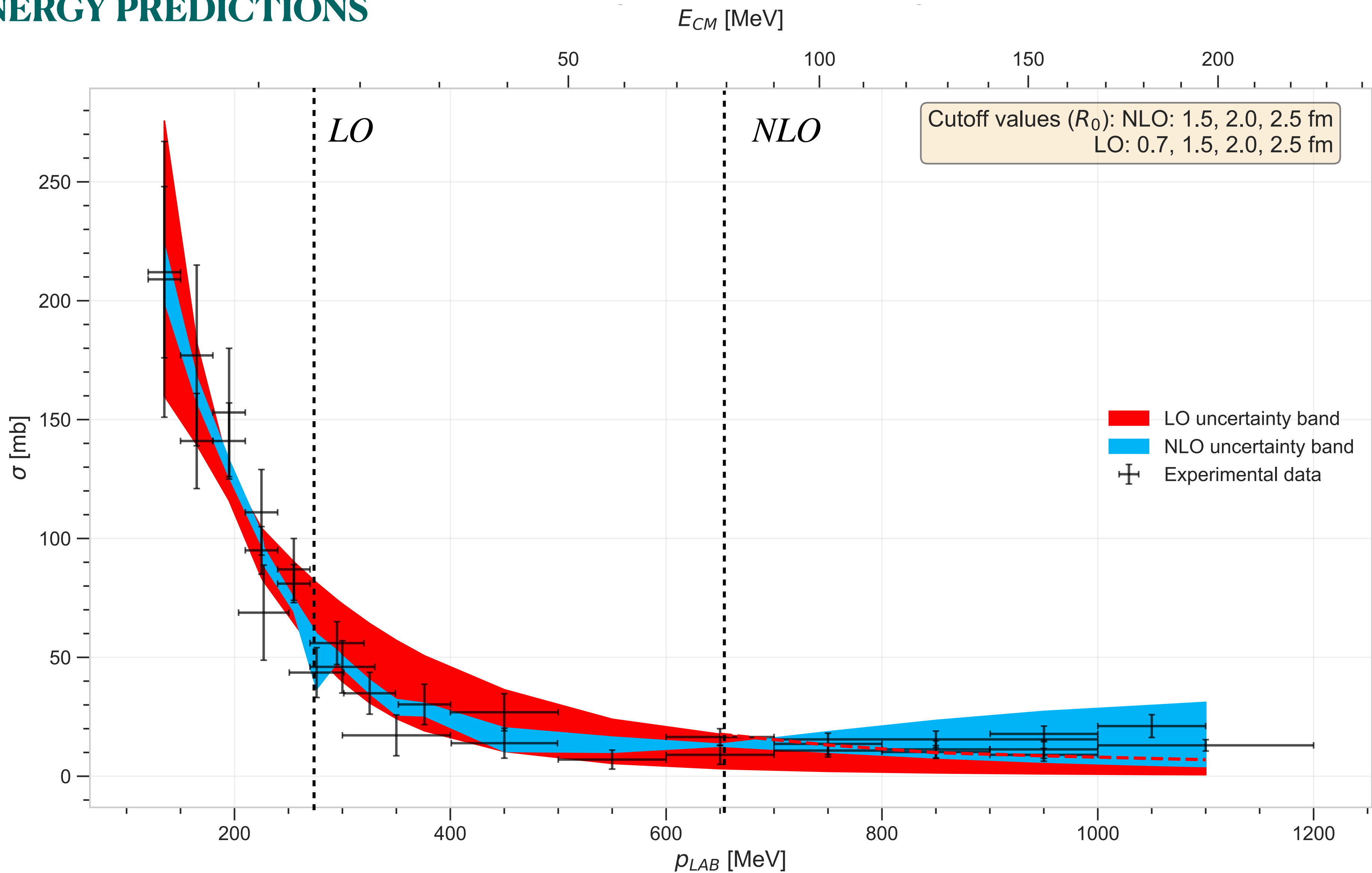
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# Preliminary results

## NLO vs LO - HIGH ENERGY PREDICTIONS



# Conclusions

## In summary:

- Developed a local contact potential model for the  $\Lambda N$  interaction up to NLO
  - Sophisticated fitting procedure
  - Compatibility with scattering data and scattering lengths
- Results at LO quite accurate
- Results at NLO promising but still to be further analyzed

## Future developments:

- Develop a local  $\chi$ EFT potential model, with  $\Lambda N - \Sigma N$  coupling
- Three-body forces ( $YNN$ ,  $YYN$ ,  $YYY$ )
- Hypernuclei studies and  $pp\Lambda$  correlation functions
- Studies on NS EoS



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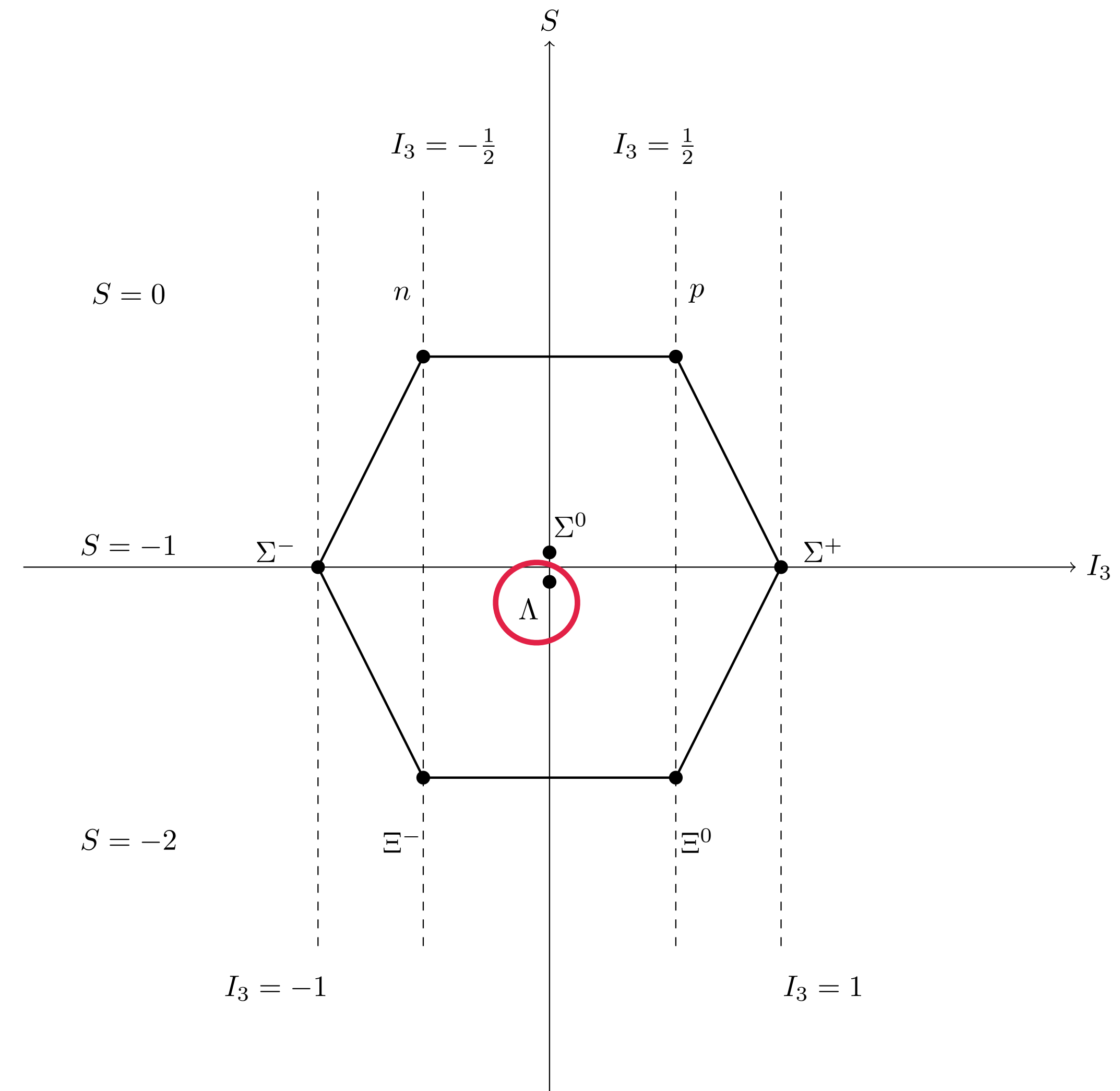
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## HYPERONS

- Baryons containing at least one strange quark
- Fermions
- Lifetimes of the order of  $10^{-10}$  s

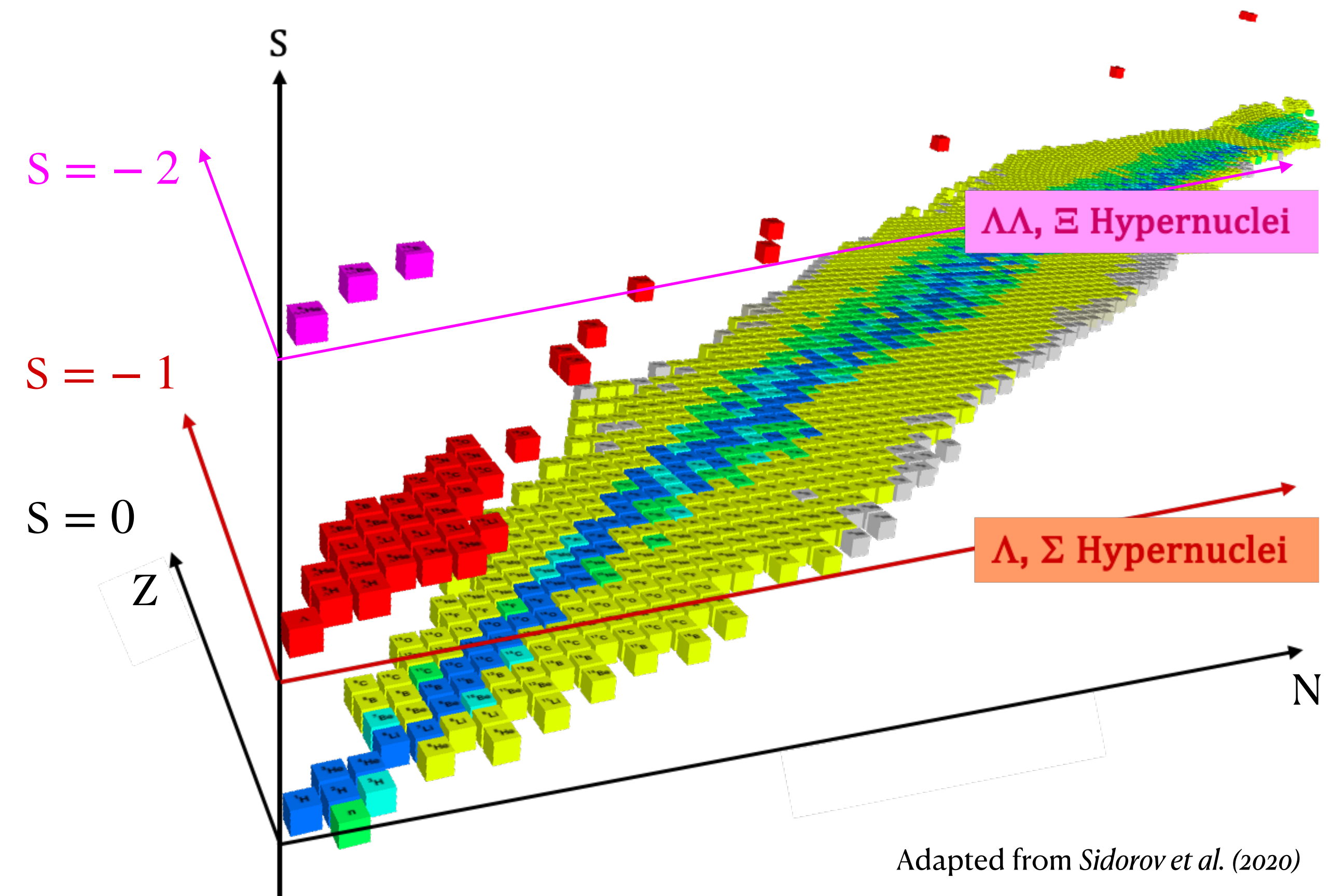
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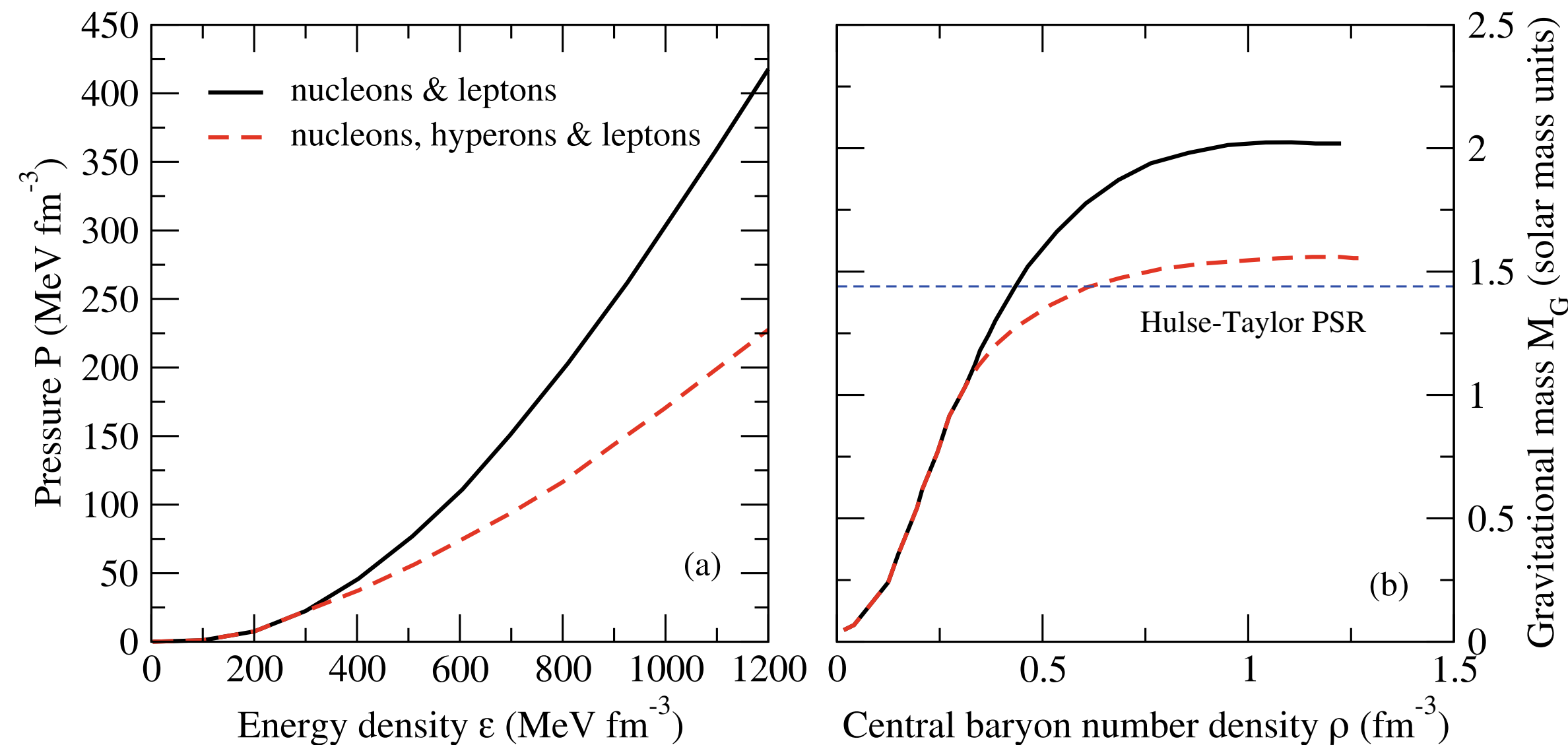
Hyperons can form hypernuclei, which are nuclei where a nucleon (n or p) is replaced by a hyperon

- Including hypernuclei in table of nuclides  $\Rightarrow$  allow more comprehensive understanding of the strangeness properties
- Over 40  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei found, few double  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei, some  $\Xi$ -hypernuclei, but no  $\Sigma$ -hypernuclei
- **Few experimental data available** for hypernuclei and hyperon-nucleon scattering
- **Theoretical predictions** to be compared with experimental results



Adapted from Sidorov et al. (2020)

Inside a neutron star (NS), hyperons can become stable particles  $\Rightarrow$  changes in the NS equation of state (EoS)



*I. Vidaña, (2016)*

## Hyperon puzzle

High density conditions in NS interior [  $\rho = (2 - 3) \times 10^{13} \text{ g/cm}^3$  ]

Increase in Fermi energy level of nucleons (Pauli exclusion principle)

Conversion of nucleons into hyperons energetically favourable

Decrease in energy

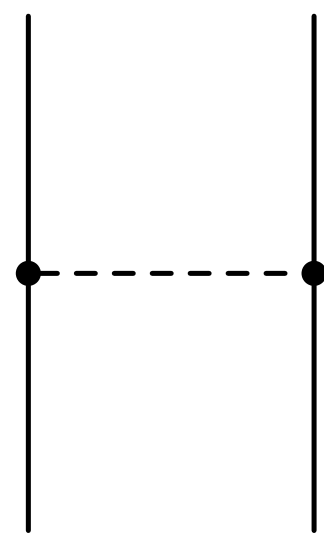
Decrease in pressure  $\longrightarrow$  softening of the EoS

**Underestimation of maximum mass** that can be reached in NS,  
which **contradicts experimental evidence** ( $M_{NS} \sim 2.1 M_{\odot}$ )

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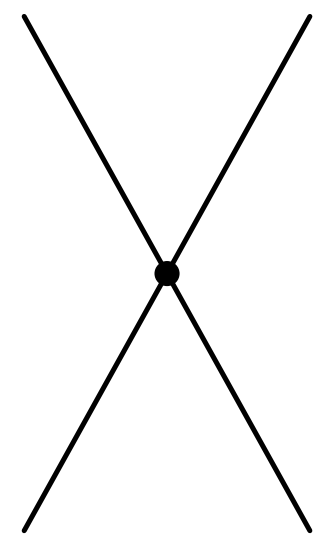
$\chi$ EFT APPROACH OF *Haiderbauer et al. (2023)*

LO interaction



$$V_{YN}^{\text{OBE}}(\mathbf{q}) = -f_{B_1B_3P}f_{B_2B_4P} \left( \frac{\sigma_N \cdot \mathbf{q} \, \sigma_Y \cdot \mathbf{q}}{\mathbf{q}^2 + M_P^2} + C(M_P)\sigma_N \cdot \sigma_Y \right) \times \exp \left( -\frac{\mathbf{q}^2 + M_P^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) I_{B_1B_2 \rightarrow B_3B_4}$$

$$C(M_P) = - \left[ \Lambda \left( \Lambda^2 - 2M_P^2 \right) + 2\sqrt{\pi}M_P^3 \exp \left( \frac{M_P^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) \text{erfc} \left( \frac{M_P}{\Lambda} \right) \right] / (3\Lambda^3), \quad \text{erfc}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_x^\infty dt e^{-t^2}$$

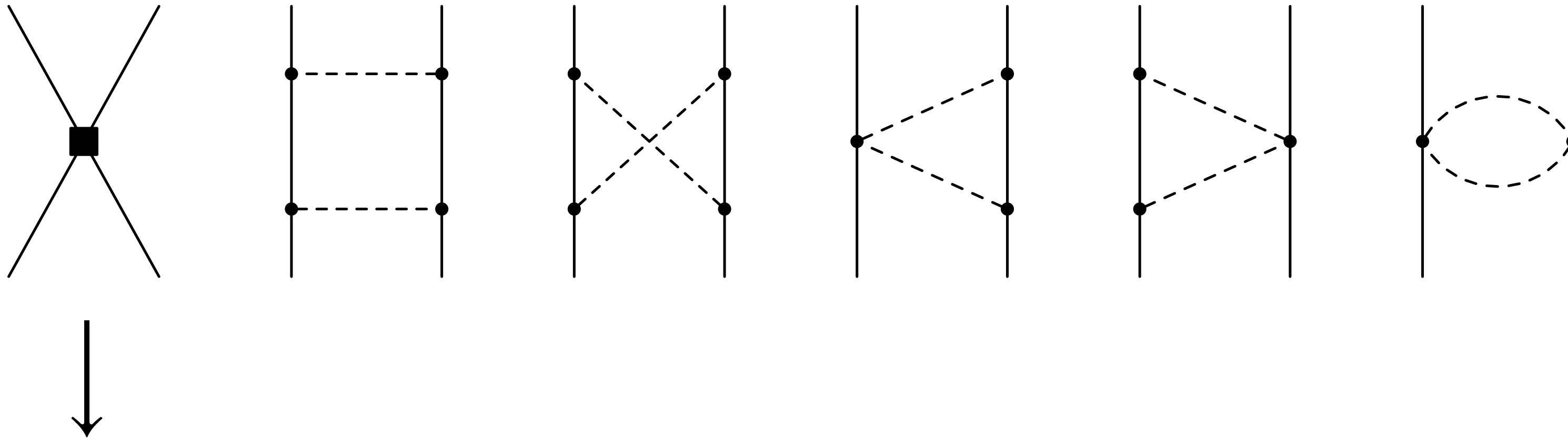


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NLO interaction



$$\begin{aligned} V_{YN}^{\text{NLO}} = & C_1 \mathbf{q}^2 + C_2 \mathbf{k}^2 + (C_3 \mathbf{q}^2 + C_4 \mathbf{k}^2) \sigma_Y \cdot \sigma_N \\ & + i C_5 \frac{\sigma_Y + \sigma_N}{2} \cdot (\mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{k}) + C_6 (\mathbf{q} \cdot \sigma_Y) (\mathbf{q} \cdot \sigma_N) \\ & + C_7 (\mathbf{k} \cdot \sigma_Y) (\mathbf{k} \cdot \sigma_N) + \frac{i}{2} C_8 (\sigma_Y - \sigma_N) \cdot (\mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{k}) \end{aligned}$$

# Potential model derivation

## FOURIER TRANSFORM OF THE INTERACTION

The coordinate-space representation of a generic operator  $\mathcal{O}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k})$  is

$$\mathcal{O}(\mathbf{r}) = \int \frac{d\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{r})/2} \mathcal{O}(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}) e^{-\frac{R_0^2 q^2}{4}} e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot (\mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{r})},$$

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# Cross section calculation

Available experimental data to perform the fit:  $\Lambda p$  elastic scattering cross section

- Initial and final scattering states expanded in partial waves  $\longrightarrow J^\pi$
- Included only partial waves with  $J \leq 1$

| $J^\pi$ | $\alpha$ | $L$ | $S$ | $2S+1 L_J$ |
|---------|----------|-----|-----|------------|
| $0^+$   | 1        | 0   | 0   | $^1S_0$    |
| $0^-$   | 1        | 1   | 1   | $^3P_0$    |
| $1^+$   | 1        | 0   | 1   | $^3S_1$    |
|         | 2        | 2   | 1   | $^3D_1$    |
| $1^-$   | 1        | 1   | 0   | $^1P_1$    |
|         | 2        | 1   | 1   | $^3P_1$    |

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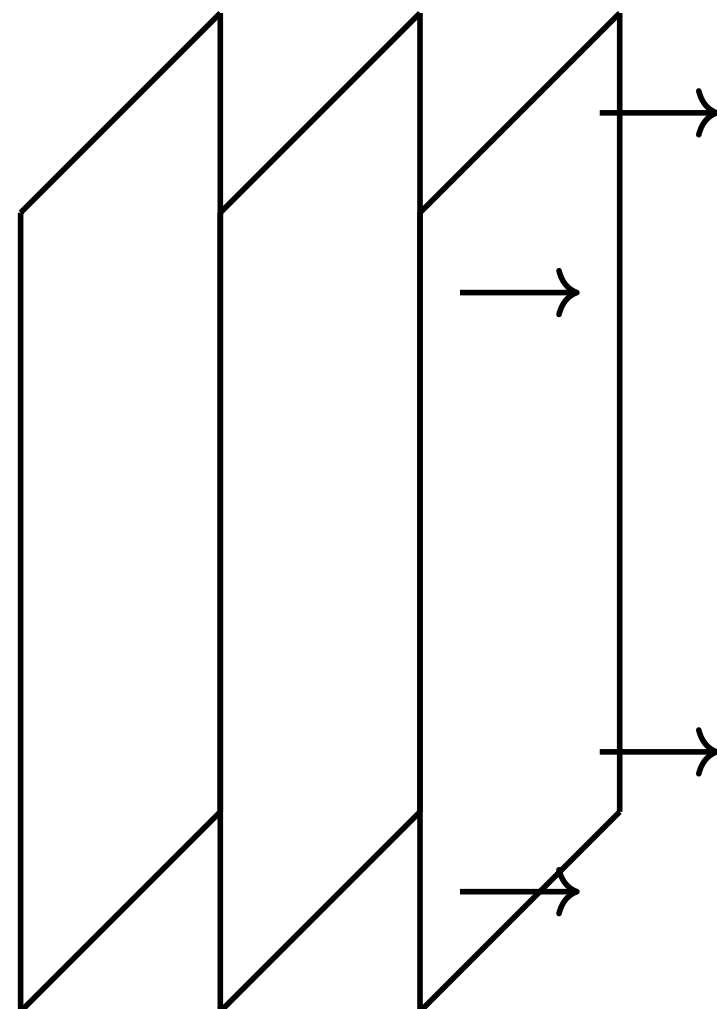
Compute the total cross section of the  $\Lambda p$  elastic scattering, starting from the potential model

- Decompose wave function  $\longrightarrow$  **short-range** wave function  $\psi_c^\alpha(q, \mathbf{r}) = \text{“core wave function”}$ ; two particles close to each other  
 $\searrow$  **long-range**  $\psi_a^\alpha(q, \mathbf{r}) = \text{“asymptotic wave function”}$ ; potential is negligible, two particles far apart

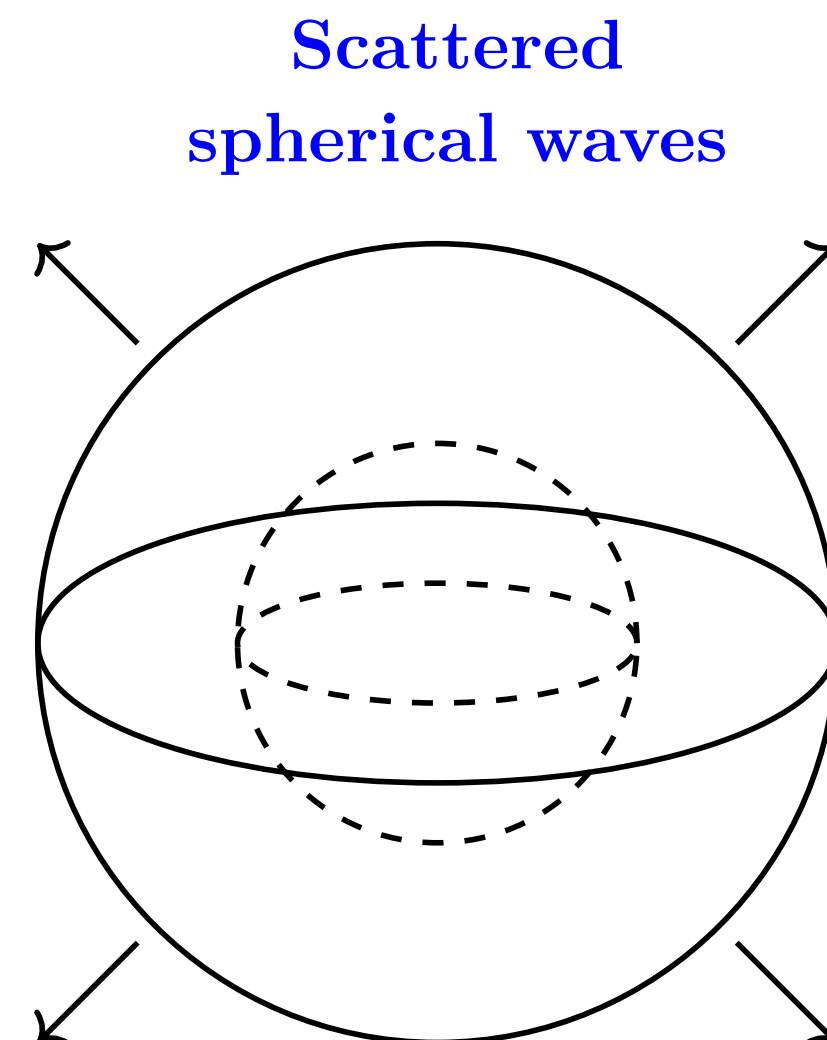


rewrite as a sum of a **plane wave**  
and an **outgoing spherical wave**

$$\psi_a^\alpha(q, \mathbf{r}) = -2i \left[ \Omega_\alpha^R(q, \mathbf{r}) + \sum_\beta T_{\alpha\beta} \Omega_\alpha^+(q, \mathbf{r}) \right]$$



Incident  
plane waves



Scattered  
spherical waves

# Cross section calculation

- Kohn variational principle statement  $\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{\partial[R_{\alpha\beta}(q)]}{\partial d_{\rho,j}(q)} = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial[R_{\alpha\beta}(q)]}{\partial R_{\rho\alpha}(q)} = 0$$

———— solution found numerically



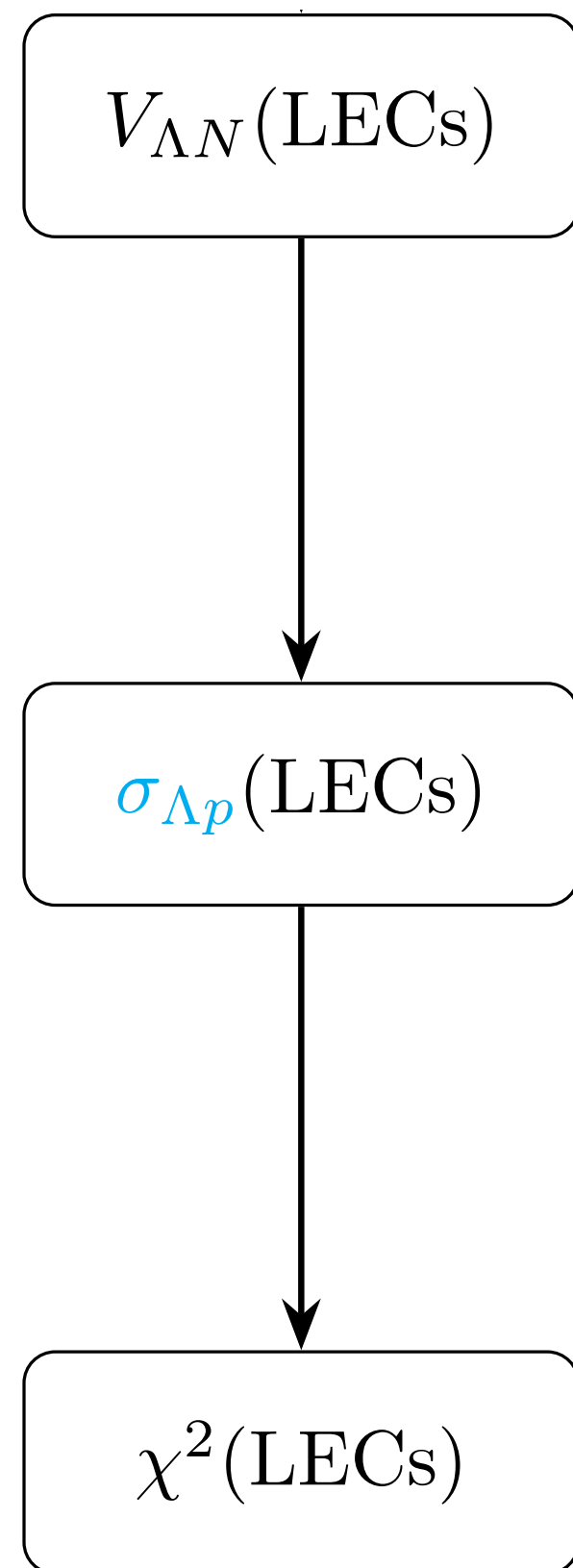
***R*-matrix**

# Fitting procedure

$\chi^2$  FUNCTION

Find an appropriate  $\chi^2$  function to be minimized, in order to fix LECs values

- First attempt:



$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \frac{[\sigma_i^{th}(C_S, C_T, C_1, \dots, C_5) - \sigma_i^{exp}]^2}{err(\sigma_i^{exp})^2}$$



Does not work:  
 $V_{\Lambda N} = 0$  at LO  
when  $S = 1$

- **Cross section experimental data** from *Radboud University, NN online archive*

# Fitting procedure

## $\chi^2$ FUNCTION

Find an appropriate  $\chi^2$  function to be minimized, in order to fix LECs values

- $\chi^2$  function using a constraint on **scattering length** obtained from potential model:

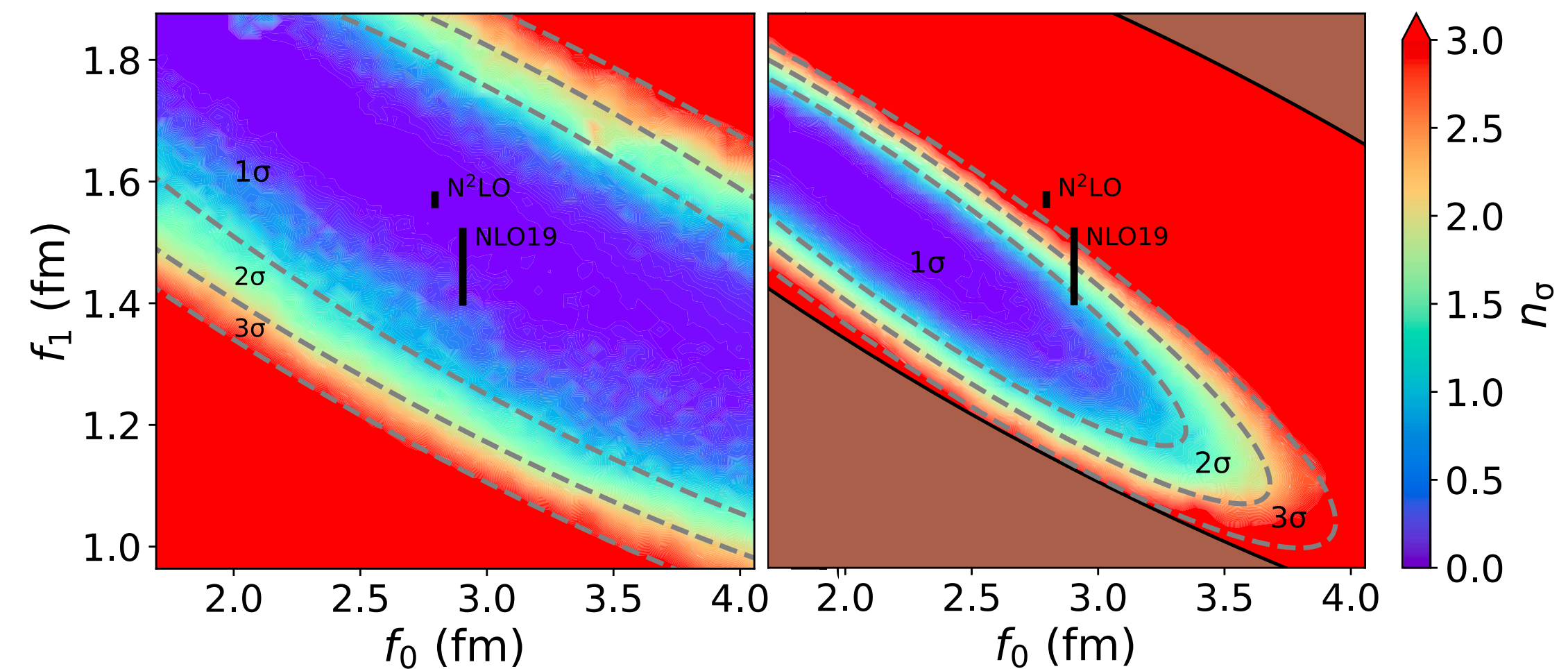
$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \frac{[\sigma_i^{th}(C_S, C_T, C_1, \dots, C_5) - \sigma_i^{exp}]^2}{err(\sigma_i^{exp})^2} + \sum_{j=s,t} \frac{[a_j^{th} - a_j^{exp}]^2}{err(a_j^{exp})^2}$$

“Experimental” data for  $\Lambda p$  scattering length from Mihaylov et al. (2024)

### Numerical results

$$a_s \in [2.10, 3.34] \text{ fm}$$

$$a_t \in [1.18, 1.56] \text{ fm}$$



Adapted from Mihaylov et al. (2024)

# Fitting procedure

## DEFINING ENERGY LIMITS

- Partial wave projection of the potential, in momentum space

$$V(^1S_0) = 4\pi(\textcolor{red}{C}_S - 3\textcolor{red}{C}_T) + \pi(4C_1 + C_2 - 12C_3 - 3C_4 - 4C_6 - C_7)(p^2 + p'^2),$$

$$V(^3S_1) = 4\pi(\textcolor{red}{C}_S + \textcolor{red}{C}_T) + \pi\frac{3}{2}(12C_1 + 3C_2 + 12C_3 + 3C_4 + 4C_6 + C_7)(p^2 + p'^2).$$

$\downarrow$   
LO LECs

- Semi classical approach to compute  $p_{LAB}$  threshold for LO

$$\ell \hbar = p_{LAB} b$$

- $\ell = 1$  to exclude  $P$ -waves and higher-order partial waves

- $b \sim 1$  fm,  $\hbar c = 197.33$  MeV fm

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \ell = 1 \text{ to exclude } P\text{-waves and higher-order partial waves} \\ b \sim 1 \text{ fm, } \hbar c = 197.33 \text{ MeV fm} \end{array} \right\} p_{LAB} \sim 200 \text{ MeV} \Rightarrow E_{CM} \sim 15 \text{ MeV}$$

# Results

## TEST WITH WOOD-SAXON POTENTIAL

- Expression for Wood-Saxon potential:

$$W_S = - \frac{V_0}{1 + e^{\frac{(x-R)}{a}}}$$

with  $V_0 = 50 \text{ Mev}$ ,  $R = 1.25 \text{ fm}$ ,  $a = 0.5 \text{ fm}$

- Wood-Saxon potential



code that  
computes  $\delta_L$  with  
Numerov method



code that computes  
 $\delta_L$  with Kohn  
variational principle



comparison of the results

| $E_{CM}$ [Mev] | $\ell$ | $\delta_\ell$ (deg) |        |
|----------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
|                |        | Numerov             | Kohn   |
| 5              | 0      | 26.180              | 26.182 |
| 5              | 1      | 0.522               | 0.516  |
| 100            | 0      | 19.930              | 19.931 |
| 100            | 1      | 10.460              | 10.370 |
| 1000           | 0      | 6.617               | 6.612  |
| 1000           | 1      | 6.252               | 6.224  |

# Results

## TEST WITH USMANI POTENTIAL

- Usmani potential model from *Bodmer & Usmani (1987)*

$$V_{\Lambda N} = \left[ V_C(r) - (\bar{V} - \frac{1}{4} V_{\sigma} \sigma_{\Lambda} \cdot \sigma_N) T_{\pi}^2 \right] [1 - \epsilon + \epsilon P_x]$$

$$V_C(r) = W_C \left[ 1 + \exp \left[ \frac{r - R}{d} \right] \right]^{-1}$$

$$T_{\pi}(r) = \left[ 1 + \frac{3}{x} + \frac{3}{x^2} \right] \frac{e^{-x}}{x} (1 - e^{-cr^2})^2$$

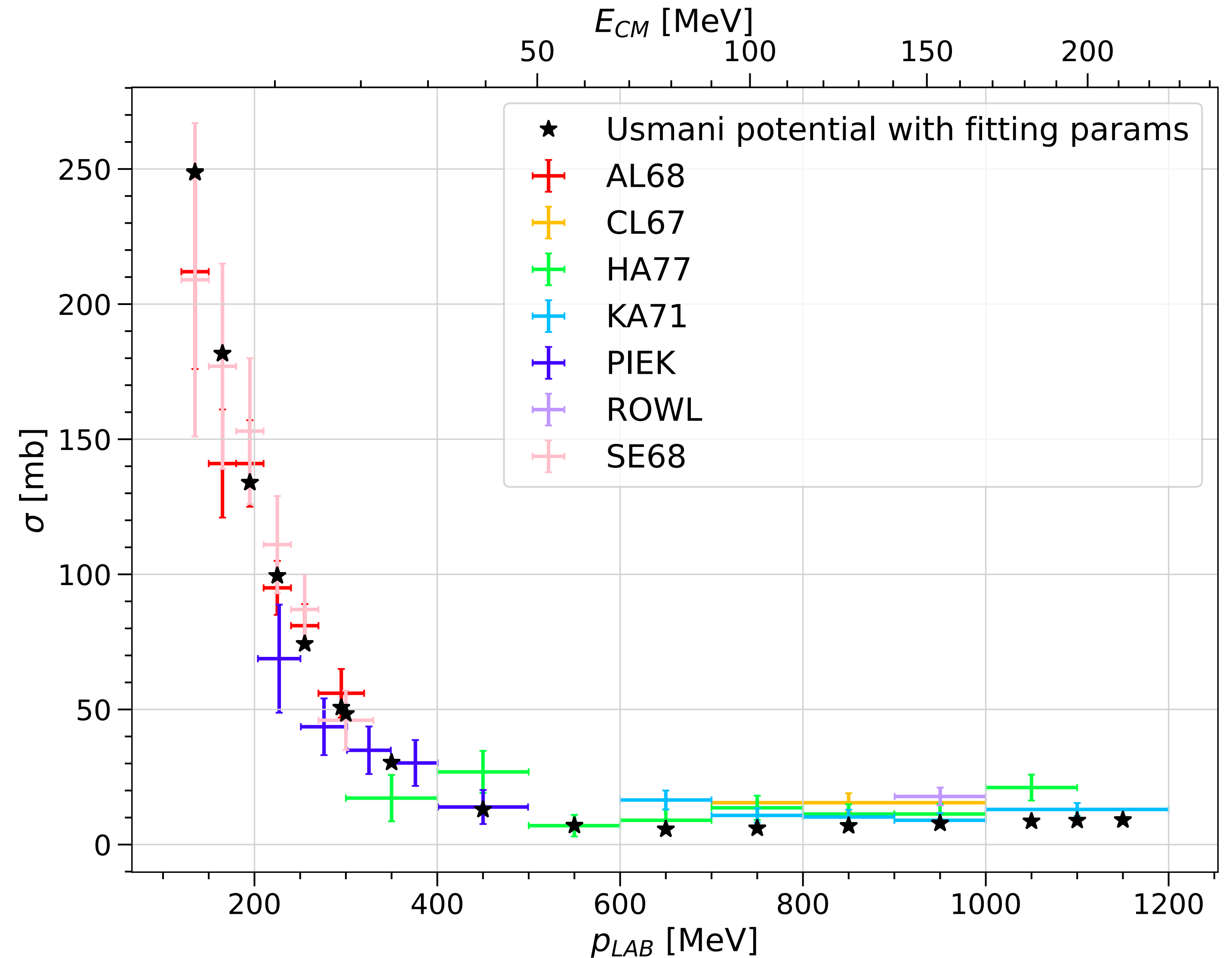
with  $R = 0.5 \text{ fm}$ ,  $d = 0.2 \text{ fm}$ ,  $\bar{V} = 6.15 \text{ MeV}$ ,  
 $x = 0.7r$ ,  $c = 2 \text{ fm}^{-2}$ ,  $\epsilon \sim 0.25$

- Two free parameters, to fix with fitting procedure  $\rightarrow W_C, V_{\sigma}$

# Results

## TEST WITH USMANI POTENTIAL

- Tested the implemented code with potential from *Bodmer & Usmani (1987)*, with operatorial structure similar to  $V_{YN}^{LO}$  of present work
- Two free parameters, to fix with fitting procedure  
 $\rightarrow W_c, V_\sigma$
- Results:  
 $W_c = 2142.777 \text{ MeV},$   
 $V_\sigma = 0.4857 \text{ MeV},$   
 $\chi^2/datum \sim 2.01$
- Expected results from *Bodmer & Usmani (1987)*:  
 $W_c = 2137 \text{ MeV},$   
 $0 \leq V_\sigma \leq 0.5 \text{ MeV}$



# Results

## TEST WITH USMANI POTENTIAL

- Result from *A.R. Bodmer and Q.N. Usmani (1987)* :  $a_{unp}^{expected} \sim 1.9 \text{ fm}, \quad r_{unp}^{expected} \sim 3.4 \text{ fm}$
- Usmani potential used to compute phase shifts, through code that exploits Kohn variational principle
- With  $\delta_0$  ( $\ell = 0$ ), the scattering length for triplet and singlet ( $a_t, a_s$ ) can be calculated, using  $a = \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \delta_0}{k}$
- Results for scattering length:  
$$a_s \sim -2.88 \text{ fm}, \quad a_t \sim -1.66 \text{ fm}$$
- Unpolarized scattering length:  
$$a_{unp} = \sqrt{\frac{a_s^2}{4} + 3\frac{a_t^2}{4}}, \text{ obtained from } \sigma_{unp} = \frac{1}{4}\sigma_s + \frac{3}{4}\sigma_t$$

$\Downarrow$   
 $a_{unp} \sim 2.0 \text{ fm}$
- Results for effective range:  
$$r_0^s \sim 2.871 \text{ fm}, \quad r_0^t \sim 3.688 \text{ fm}$$

# Results

## NUMERICAL RESULTS FOR ENERGY BANDS PREDICTIONS

| $R_0$ | $\chi^2_{red}$ NLO | $\chi^2_{red}$ LO |
|-------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 0.7   | 165.618353         | 4.932156          |
| 1.5   | 7.388181           | 1.564845          |
| 2.0   | 1.214715           | 5.739532          |
| 2.5   | 2.709569           | 3.293418          |