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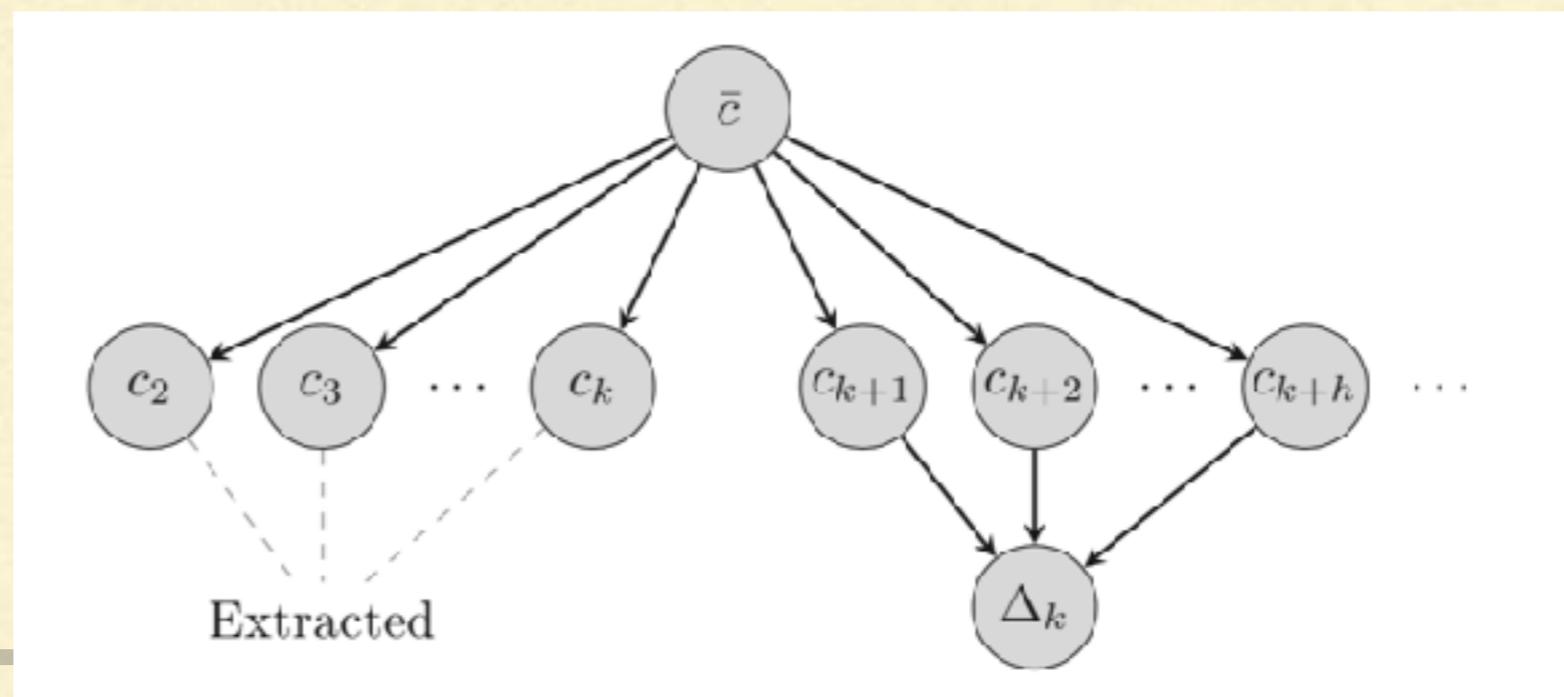
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- Bayesian model:

One parameter \bar{c} sets size of all dimensionless coefficients



WHAT DOES NATURAL MEAN TO YOU?

Choose a prior to get started:

- “Set A”: coefficients are uniformly distributed up to maximum, maximum distributed uniformly in its logarithm. $\epsilon \rightarrow 0+$ at end

$$\text{pr}(c_n | \bar{c}) = \frac{1}{2\bar{c}} \theta(\bar{c} - |c_n|); \quad \text{pr}(\bar{c}) = -\frac{1}{2 \ln(\epsilon) \bar{c}} \theta\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} - \bar{c}\right) \theta(\bar{c} - \epsilon)$$

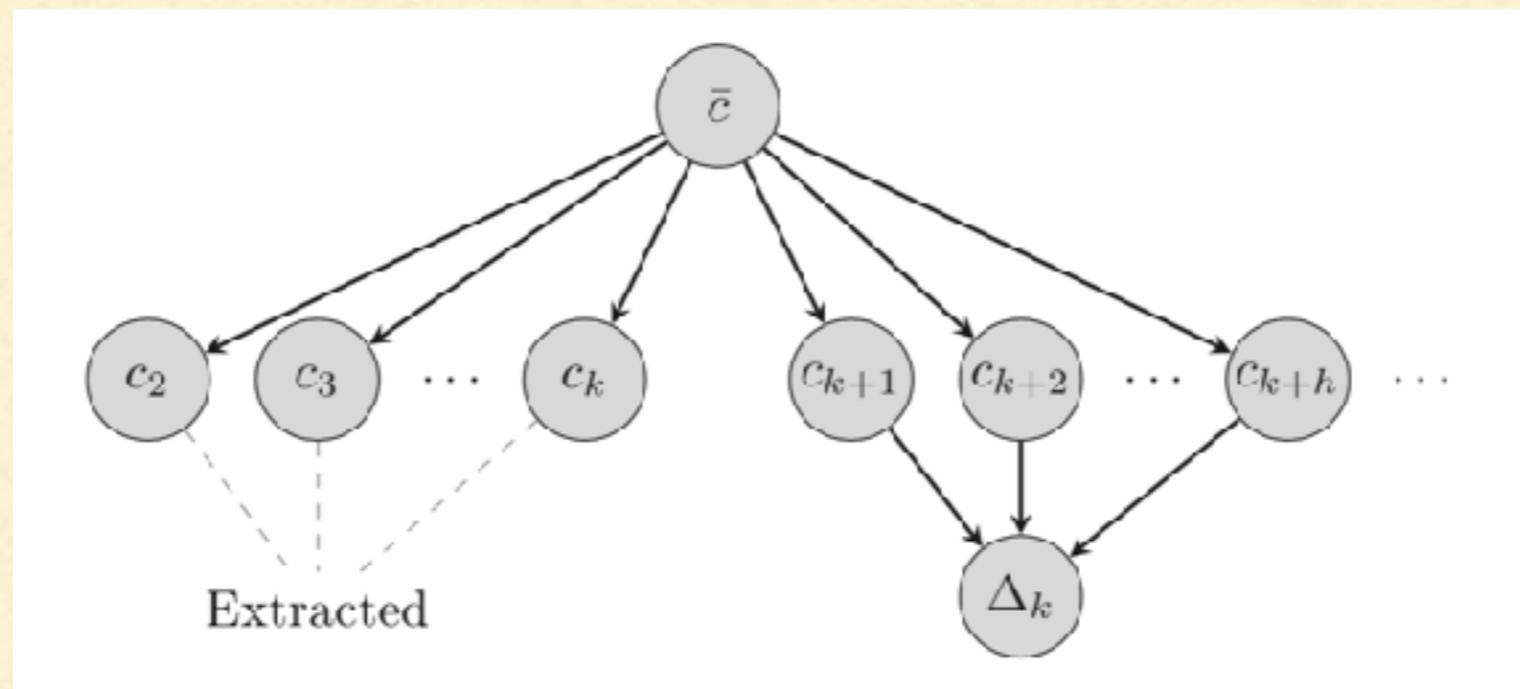
- “Set C”: coefficients are normally distributed, with mean 0 and standard deviation \bar{c} . \bar{c} is distributed uniformly in its logarithm between some minimum and maximum values.

$$\text{pr}(c_n | \bar{c}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\bar{c}}} e^{-c_n^2/2\bar{c}^2}; \quad \text{pr}(\bar{c}) \propto \frac{1}{\bar{c}} \theta(\bar{c} - \bar{c}_{<}) \theta(\bar{c}_{>} - \bar{c})$$

Notes:

- Need to fix X_0 and breakdown scale to get c_n 's from EFT calculation
 - Just need prior to get started: will show prior dependence goes away
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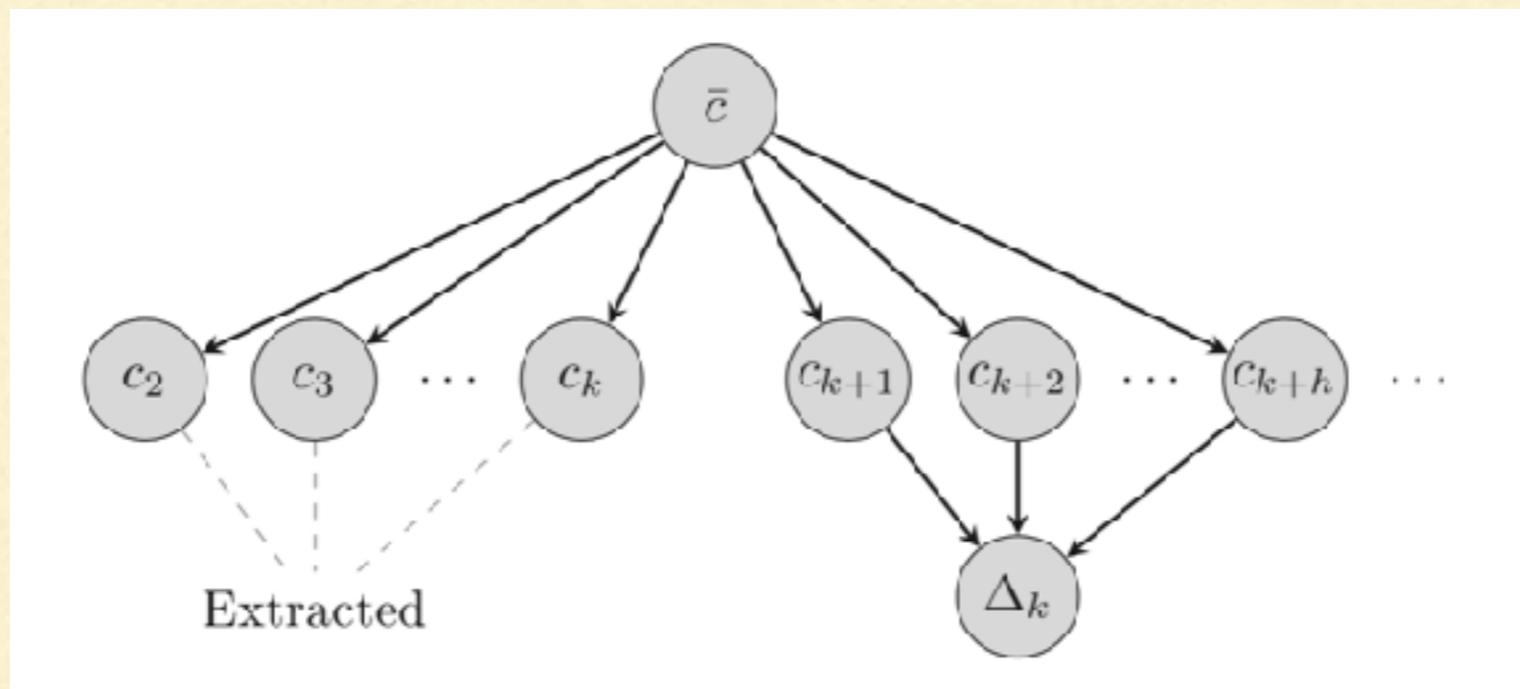
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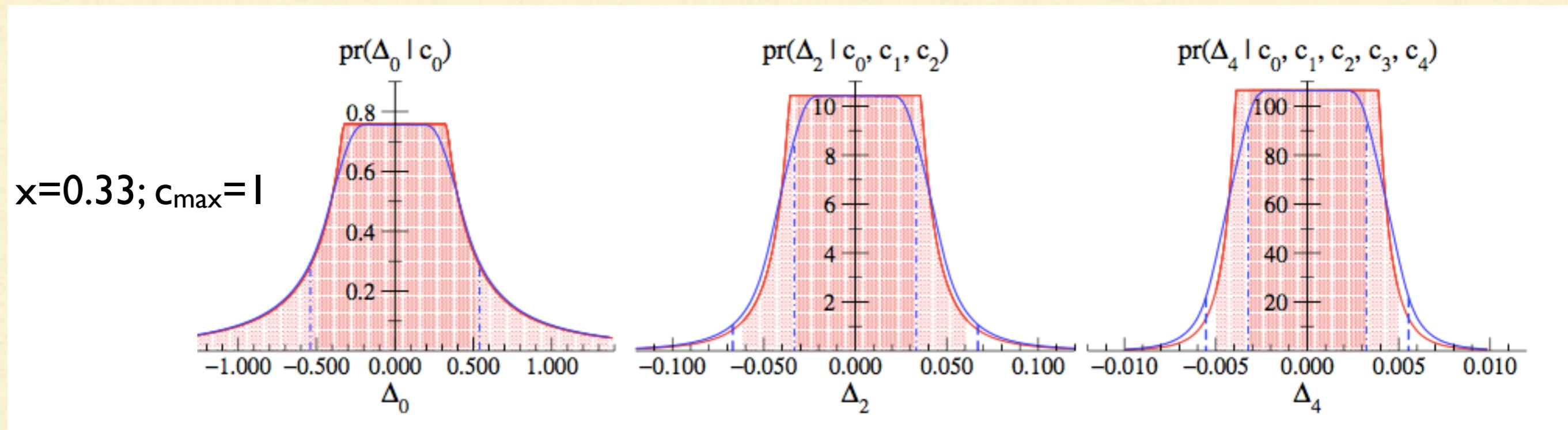
- This is generic, but the integrals are simple for “Set A” (uniform) prior

$$\text{pr}(c_{k+1}|c_0, c_1, \dots, c_k) \propto \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } c_{k+1} < c_{\max} \\ \left(\frac{c_{\max}}{c_{k+1}}\right)^{k+2} & \text{if } c_{k+1} > c_{\max} \end{cases}$$

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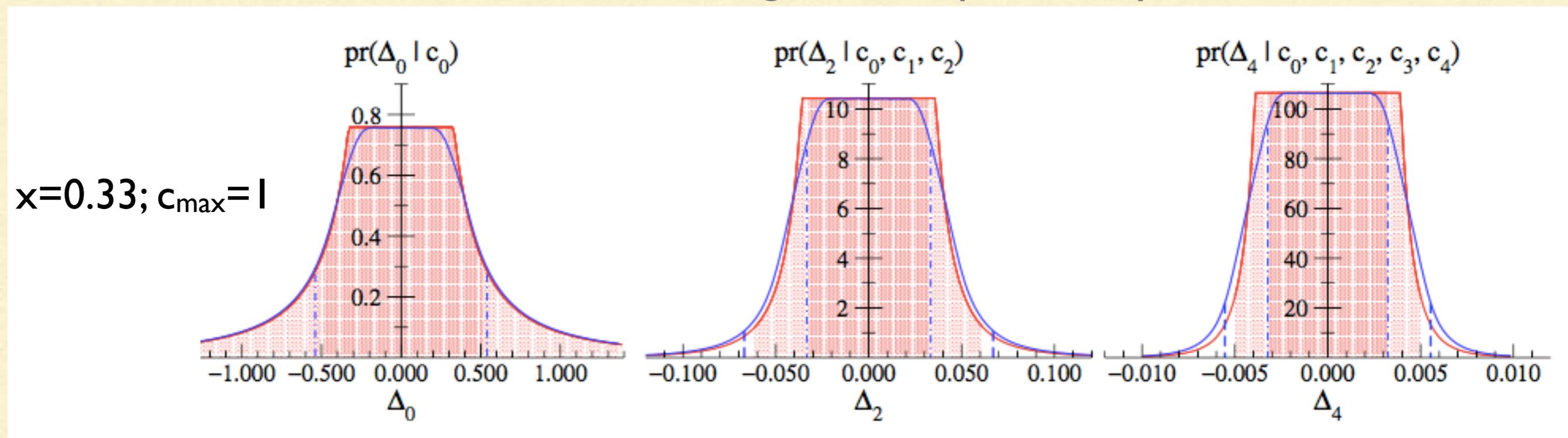
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- Main feature is reduction by factor of x for each order; but tails also become steeper as more information on coefficients acquired
- Not Gaussian!
- $[-c_{\max} X_0 x^{k+1}, c_{\max} X_0 x^{k+1}]$ is a $\frac{k+1}{k+2} * 100\%$ DoB interval

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- Student’s t-distribution results:

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- DoB intervals computed using known results for this distribution. Size of error bar set by $\langle c^2 \rangle$, x^{k+1} (i.e. Q^{k+1}), and X_0 .
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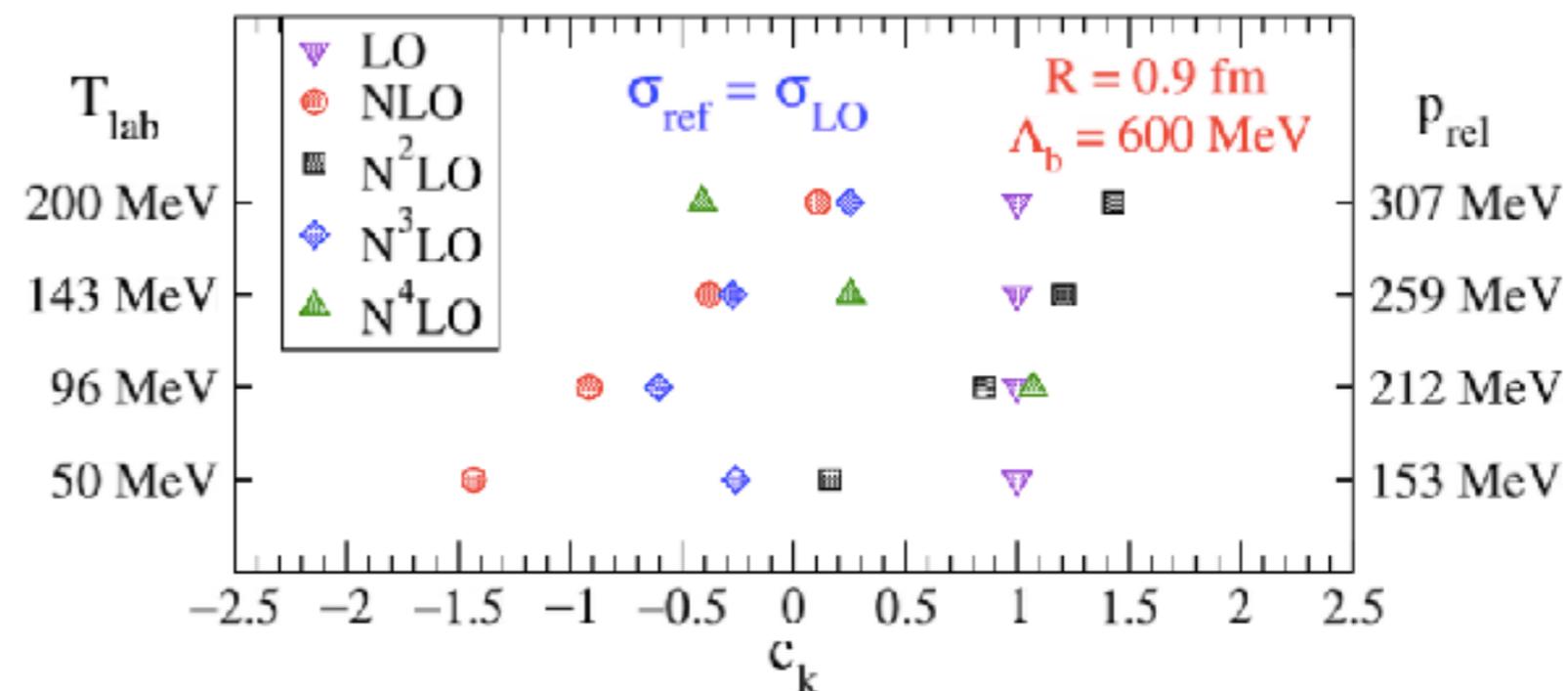
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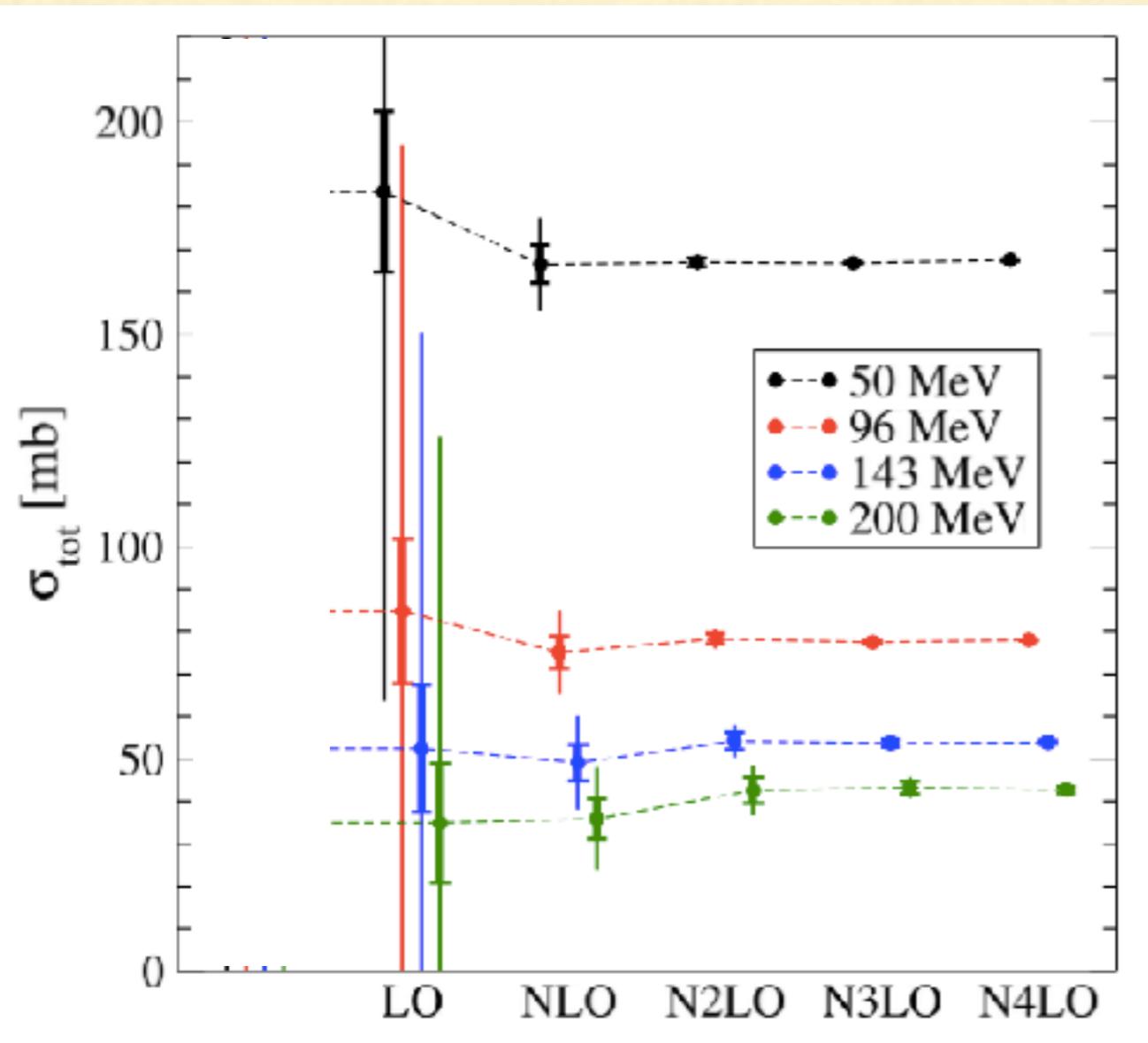
- NN cross section at $T_{\text{lab}}=50, 96, 143, 200$ MeV
- Potential regulated by local function, parameterized by R
- EKM identify $\Lambda_b=600$ MeV for smaller R values
- Here: $R=0.9$ fm data
- Results at LO, NLO, $N^2\text{LO}$, $N^3\text{LO}$, $N^4\text{LO}$ ($k=0, 2, 3, 4, 5$)

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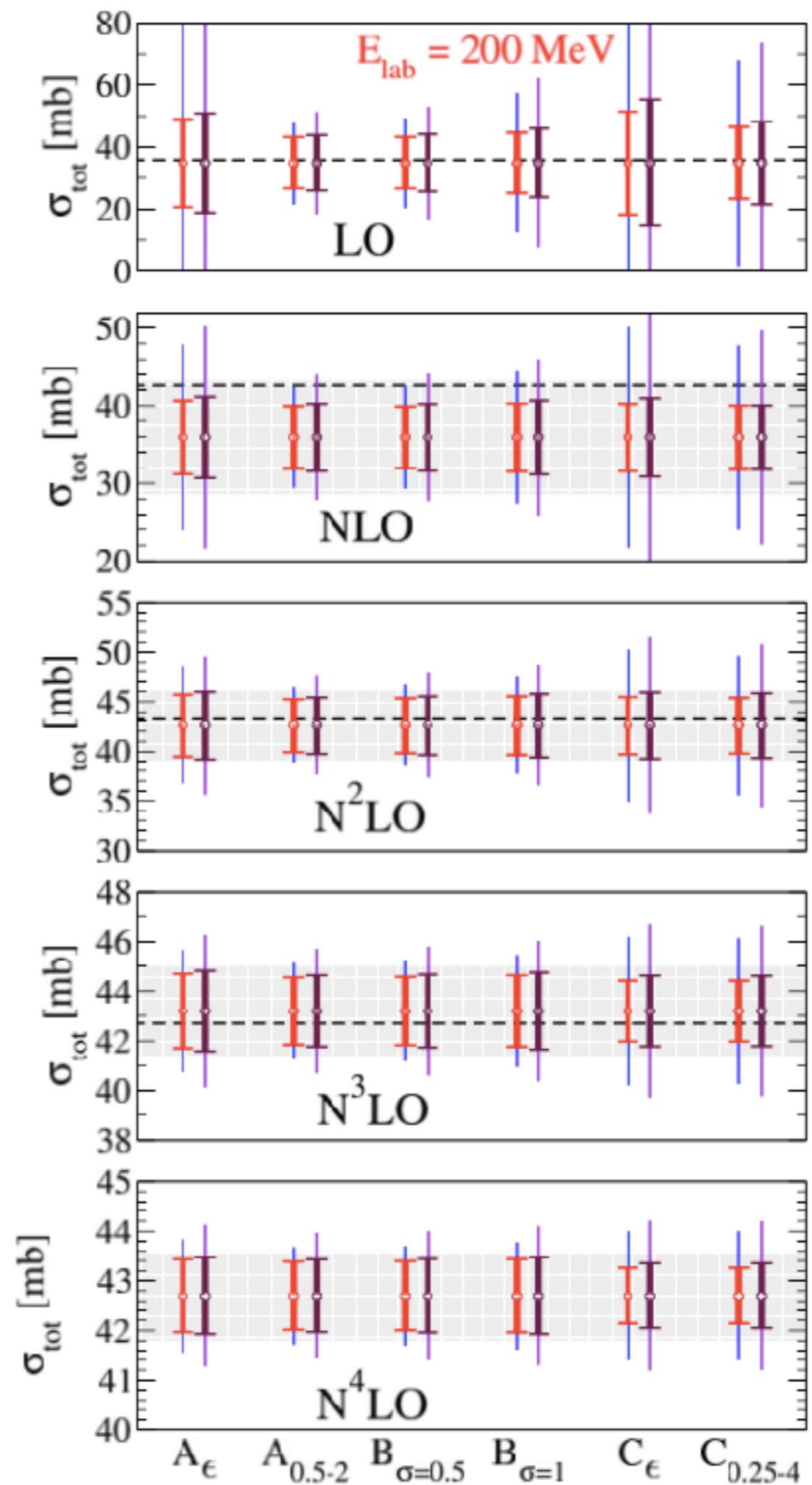
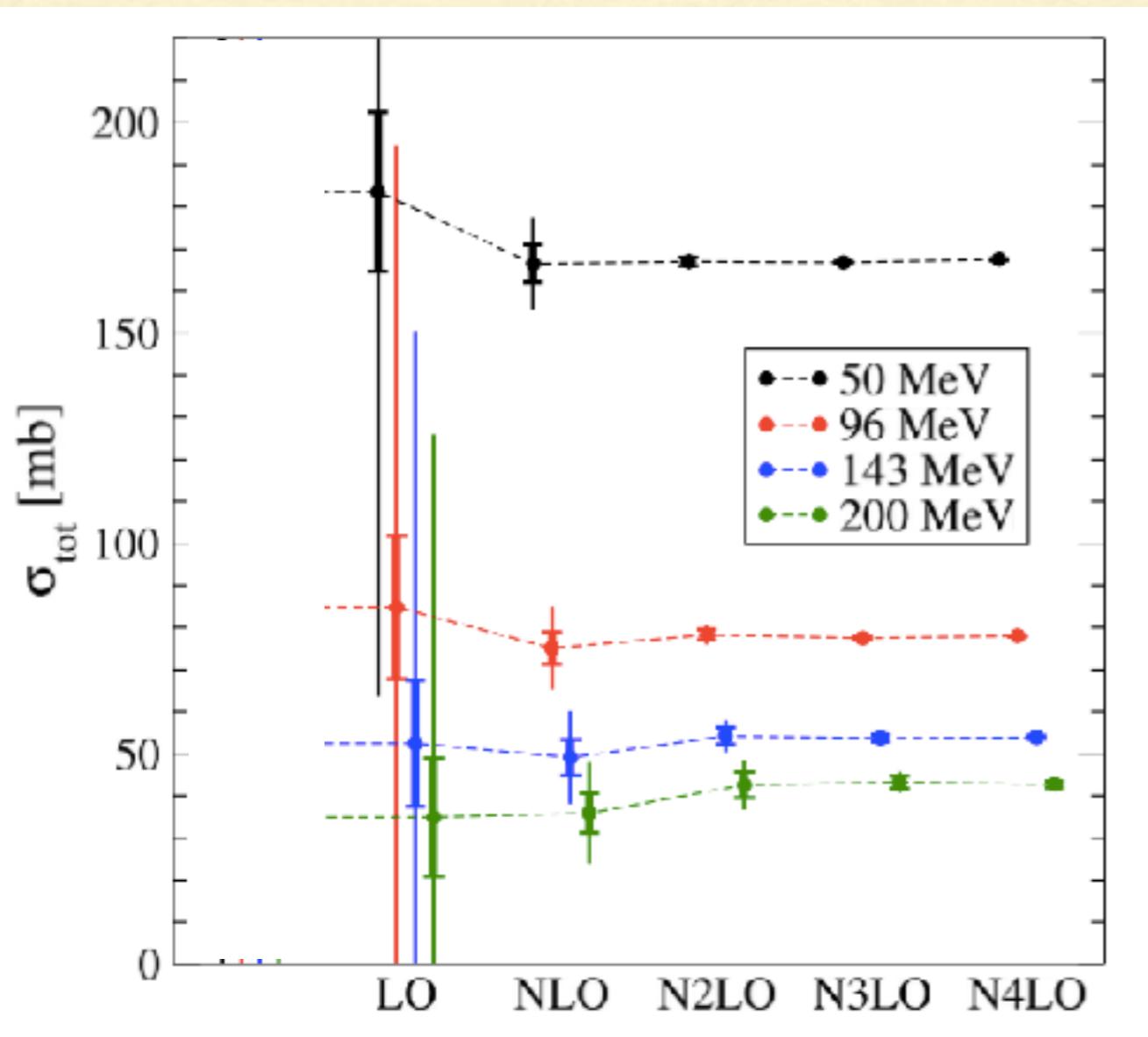
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CAVEATS

- Naturalness of c_i 's in x -expansion for NN cross section assumed. Justified for perturbative process; not so clear why this should be so for NN
- m_π not included in x : fine at these energies
- We took EKM's LECs as given. LECs themselves have statistical errors, but we did not incorporate those in this analysis
- LECs also have truncation errors, which should be included in their quoted errors

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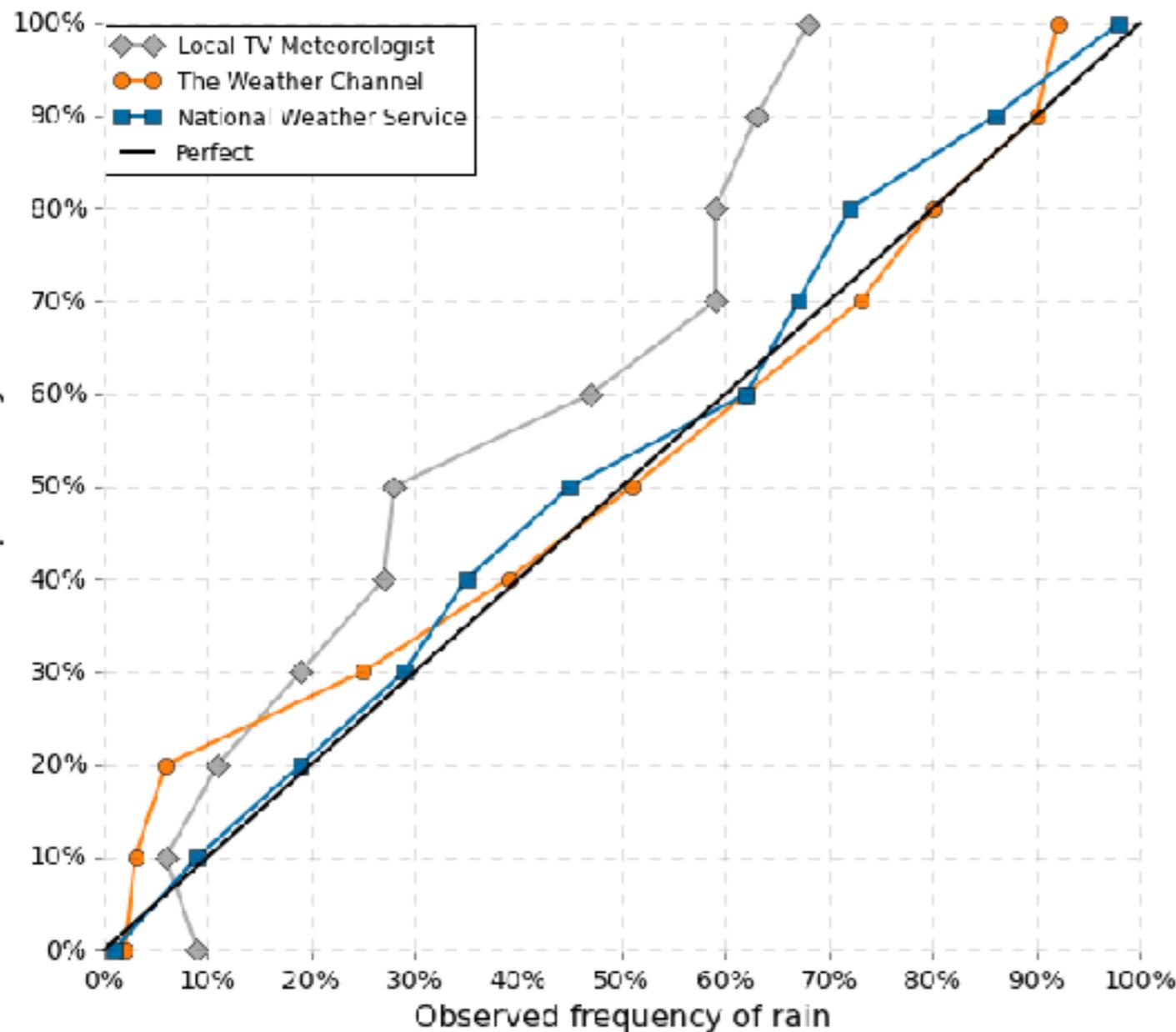
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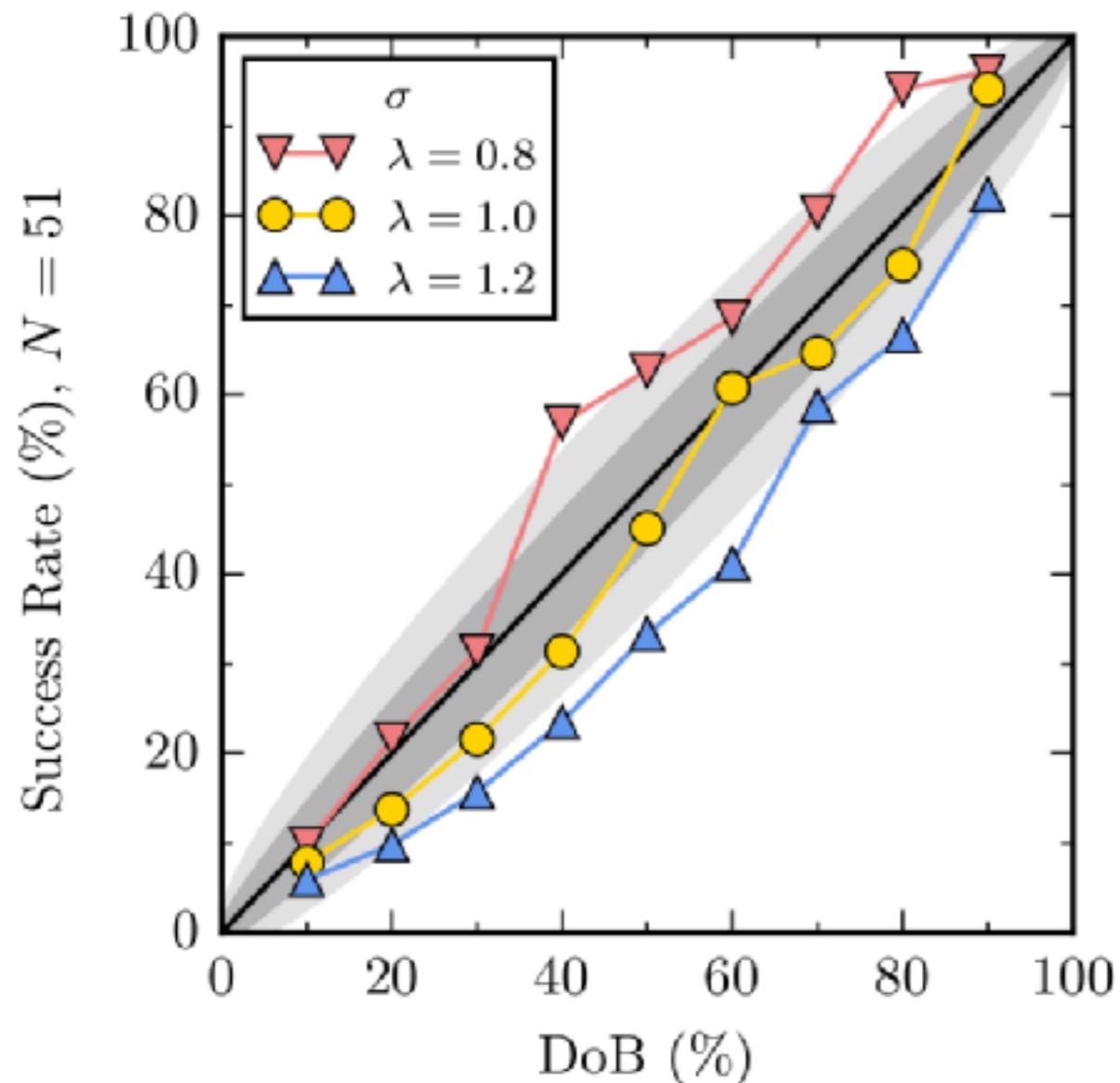
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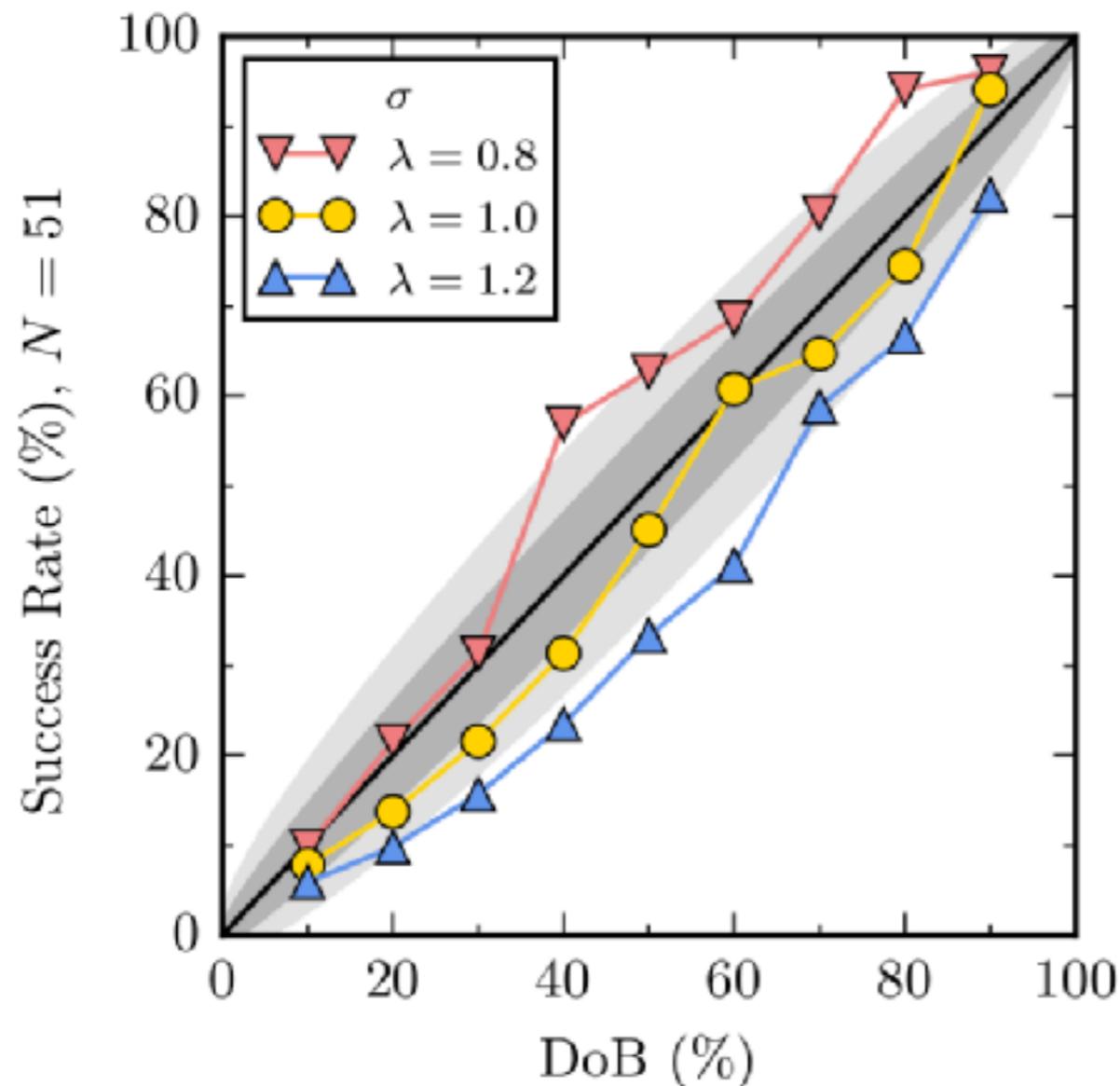
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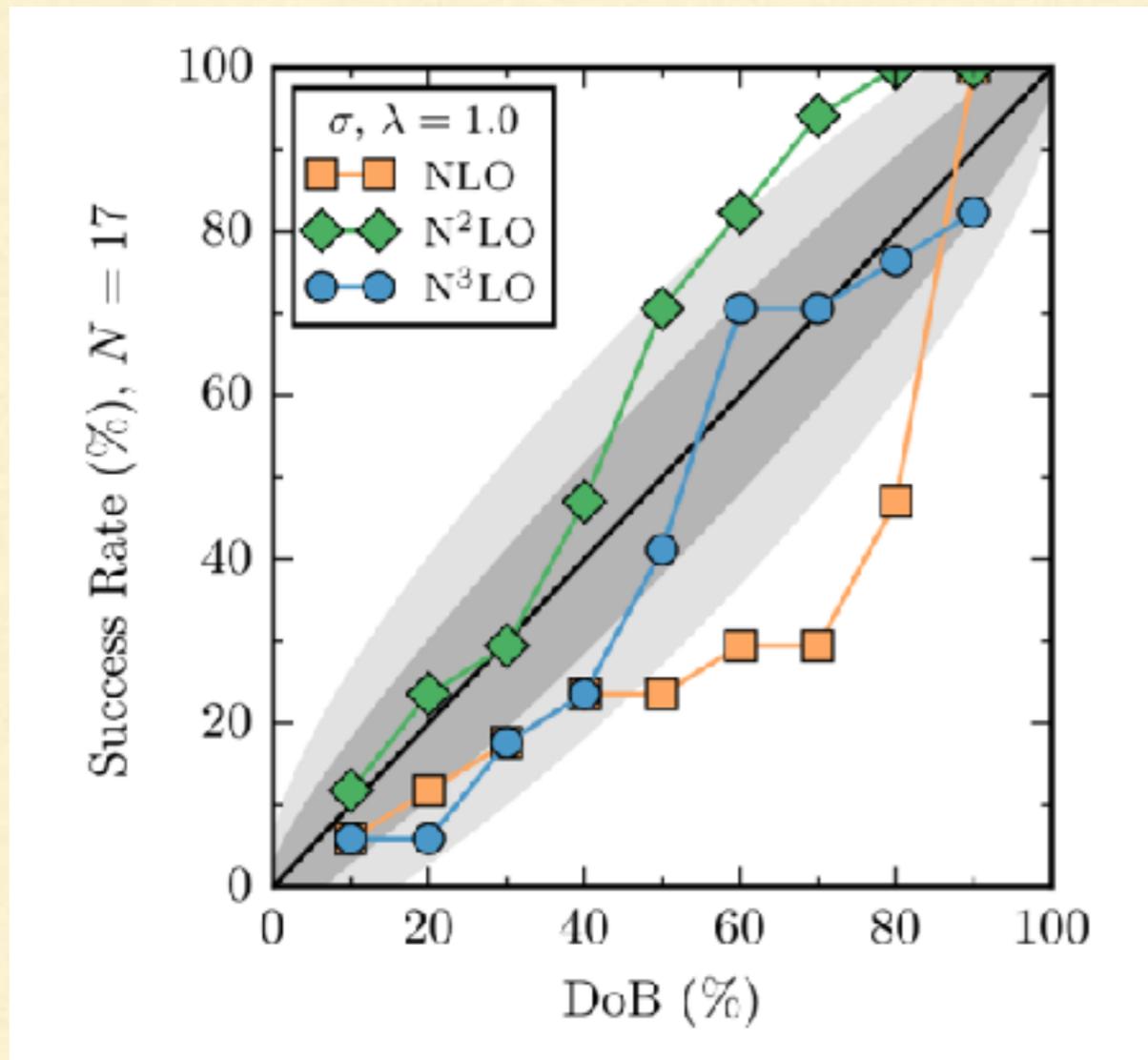


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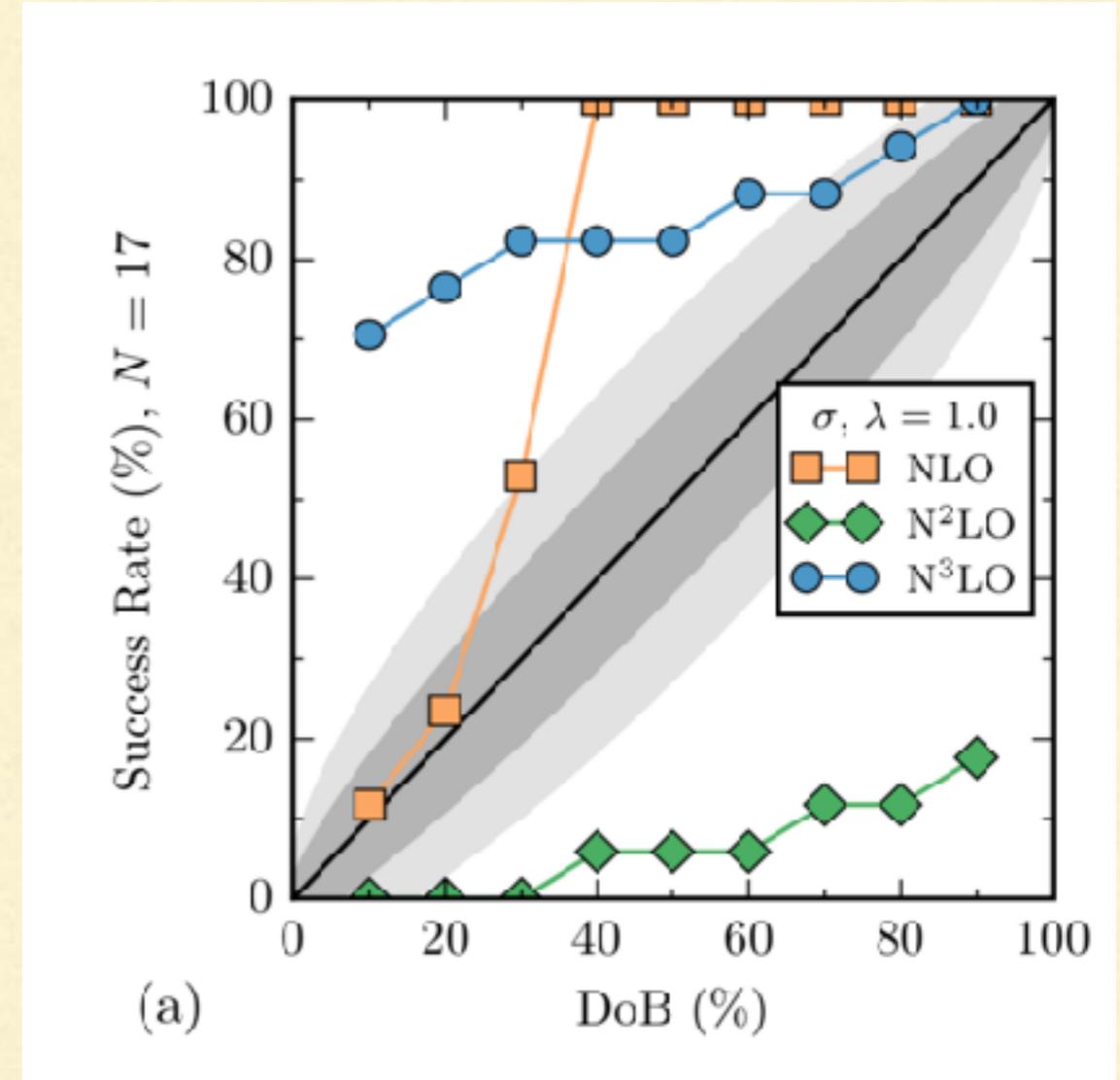
No evidence for significant rescaling of Λ_b

PHYSICS FROM CONSISTENCY PLOTS

R=0.9 fm



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- Allows assessment of order-by-order convergence
- Can look at differential cross section and spin observables too

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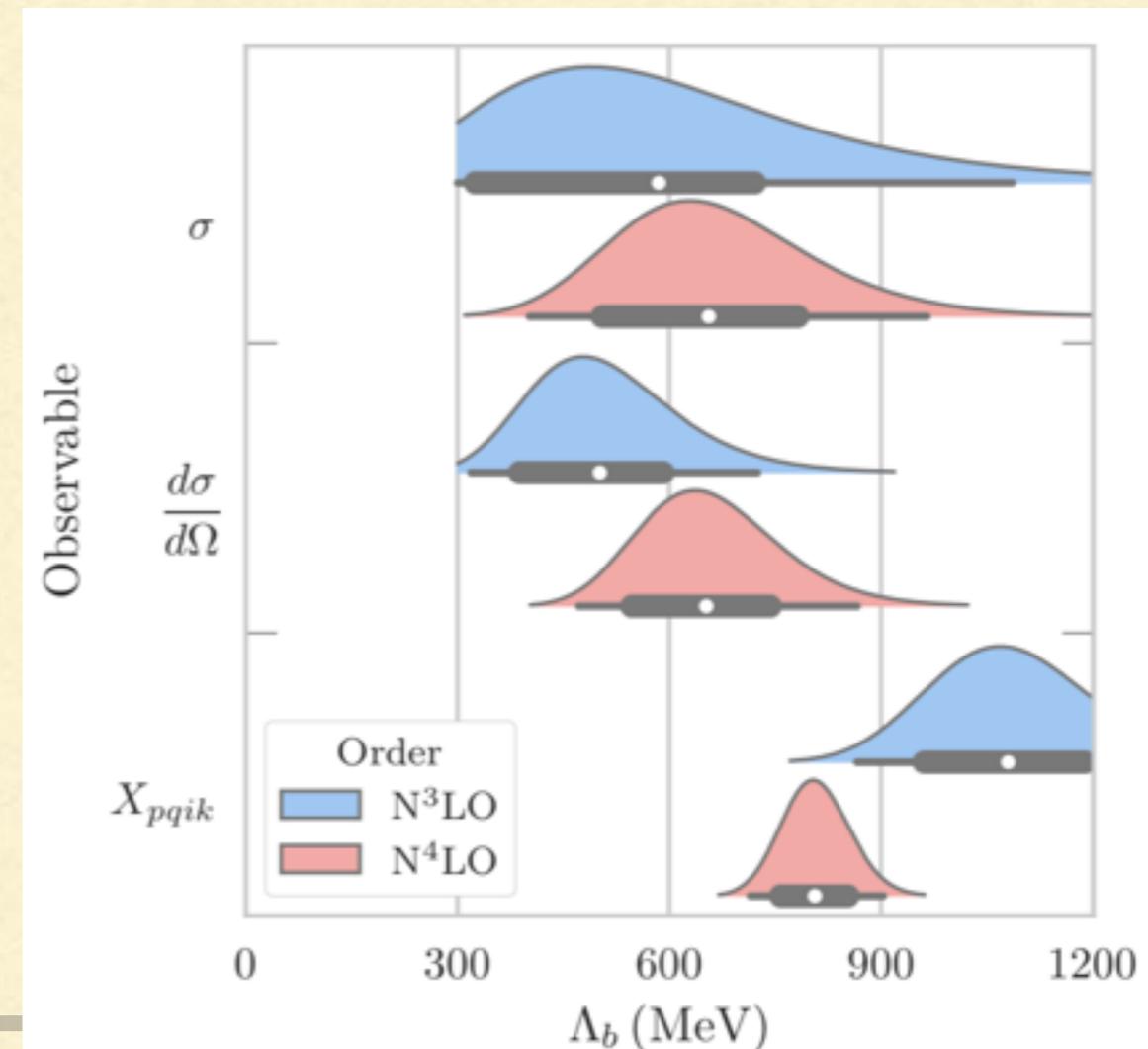
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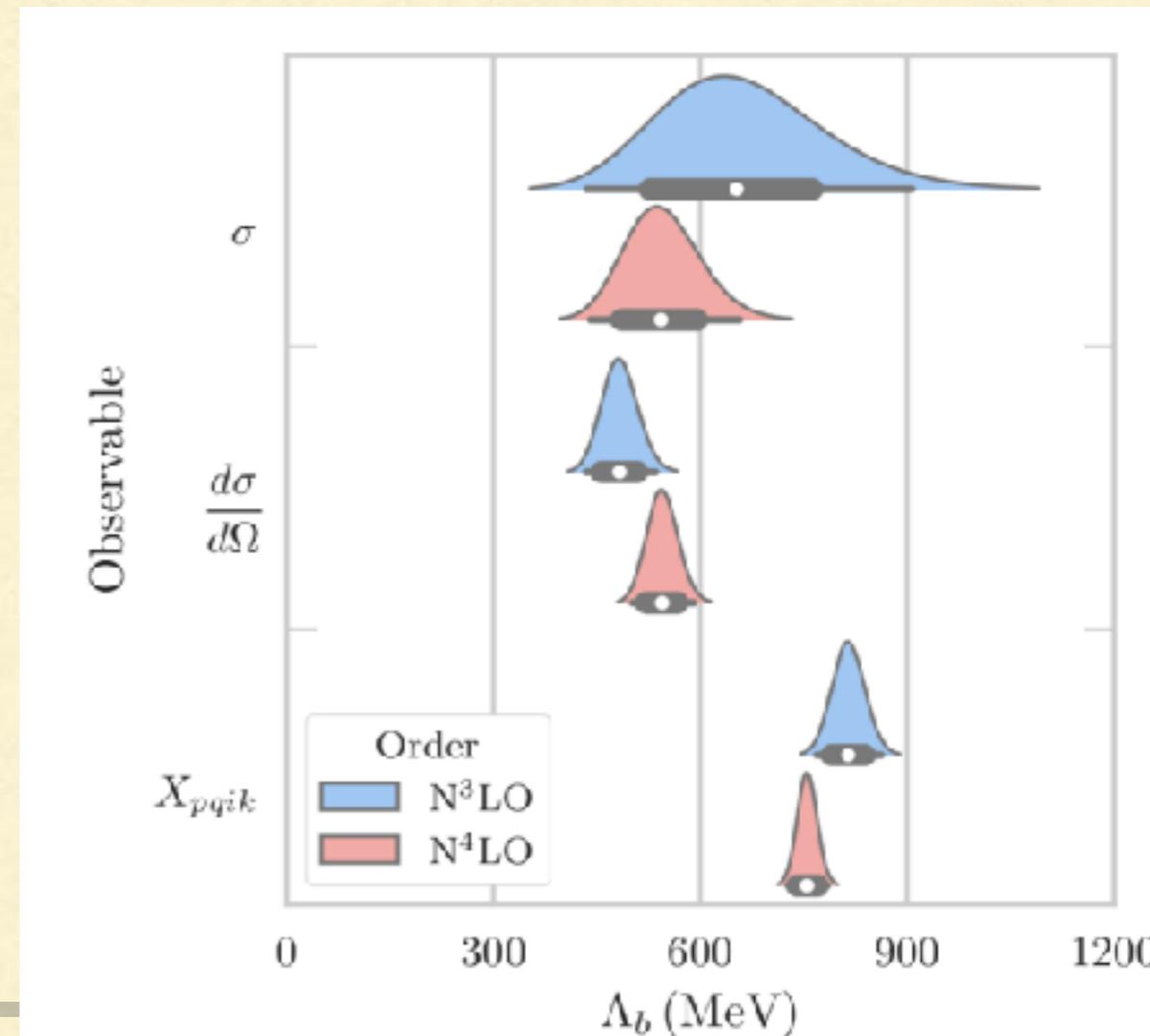
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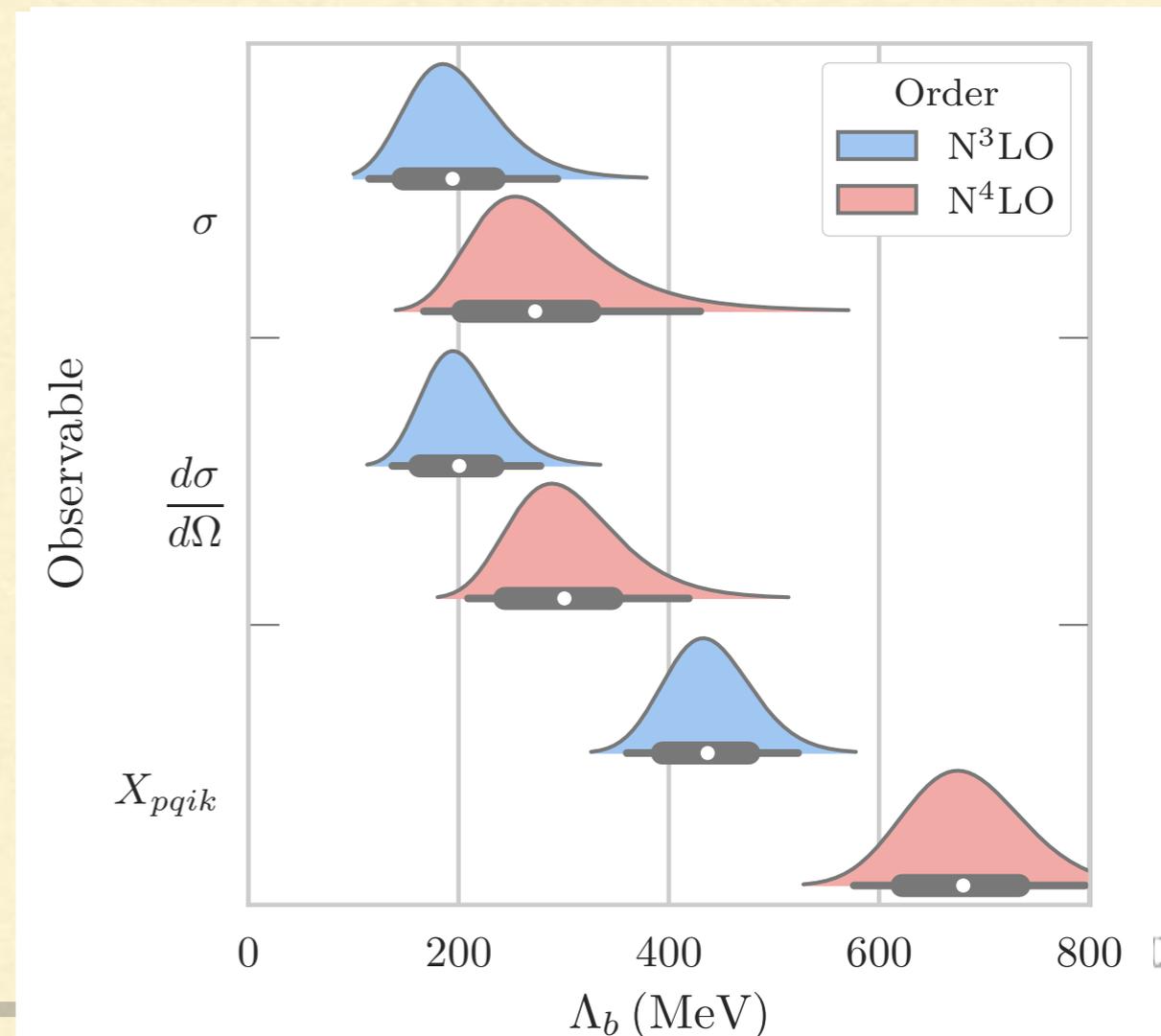
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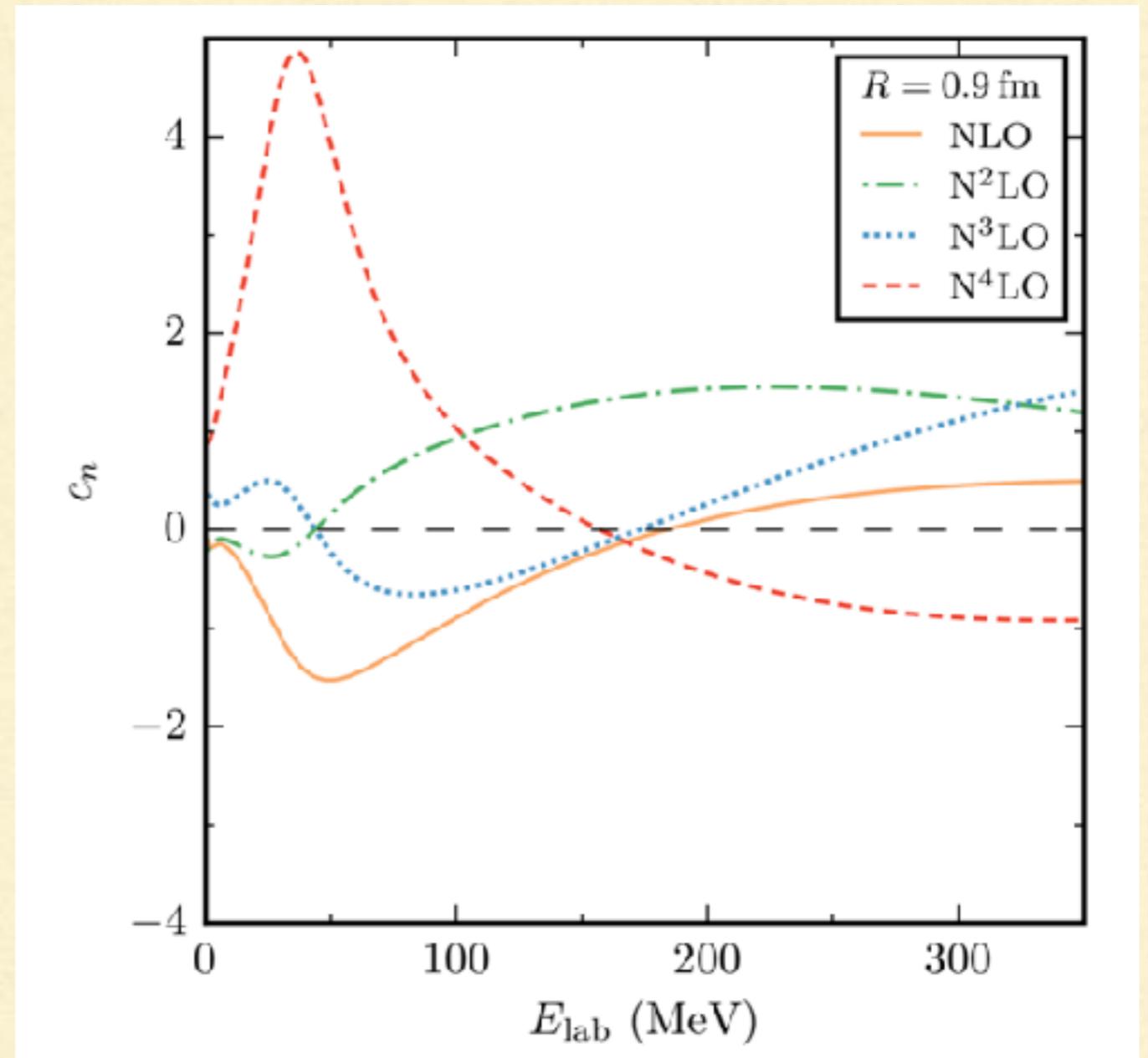
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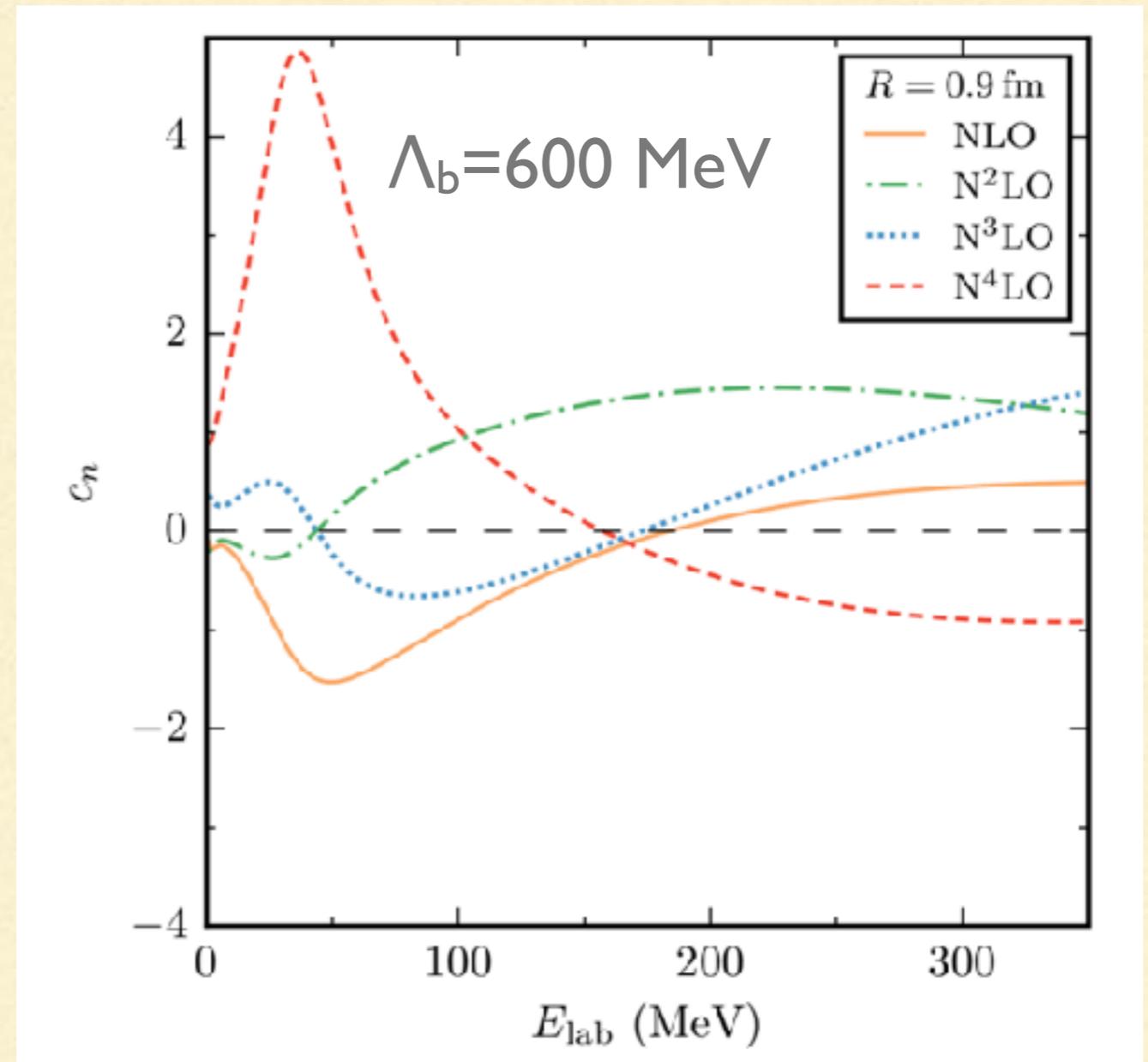
- But we don't have 119 independent data points
- We have a function for each observable at each order
- Can we understand the properties of these functions, so we can do Λ_b inference and compute success ratios rigorously?



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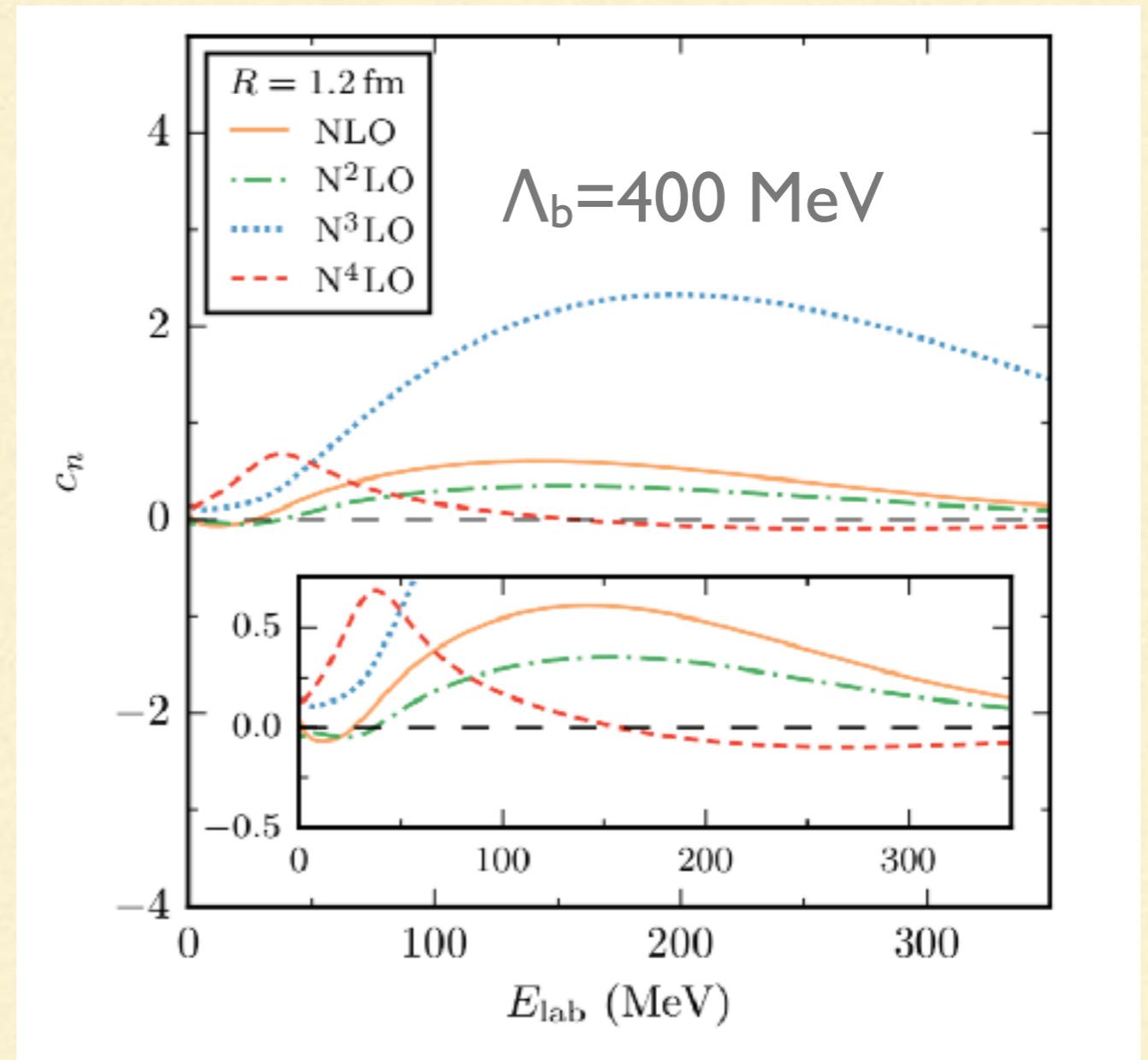
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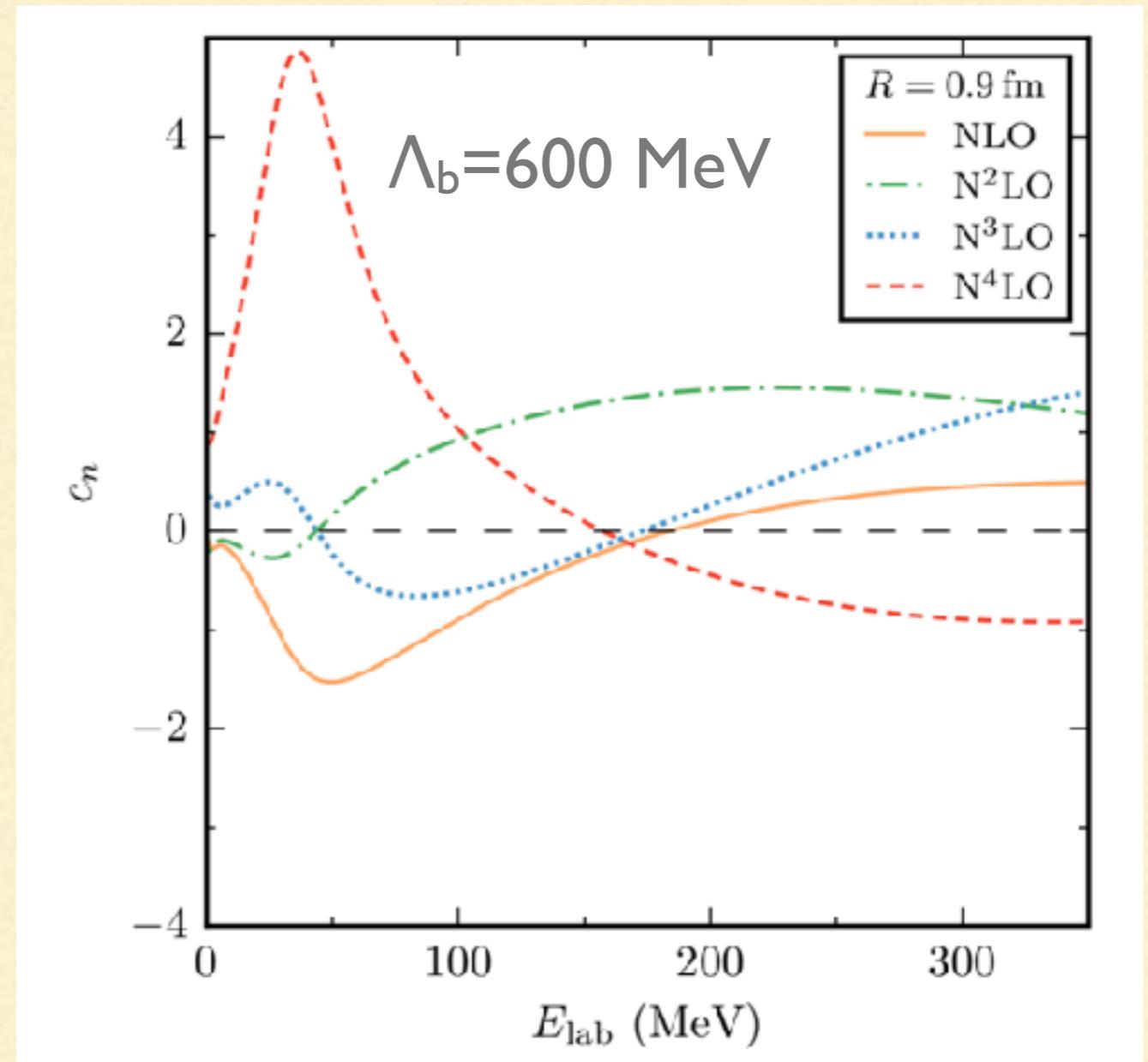
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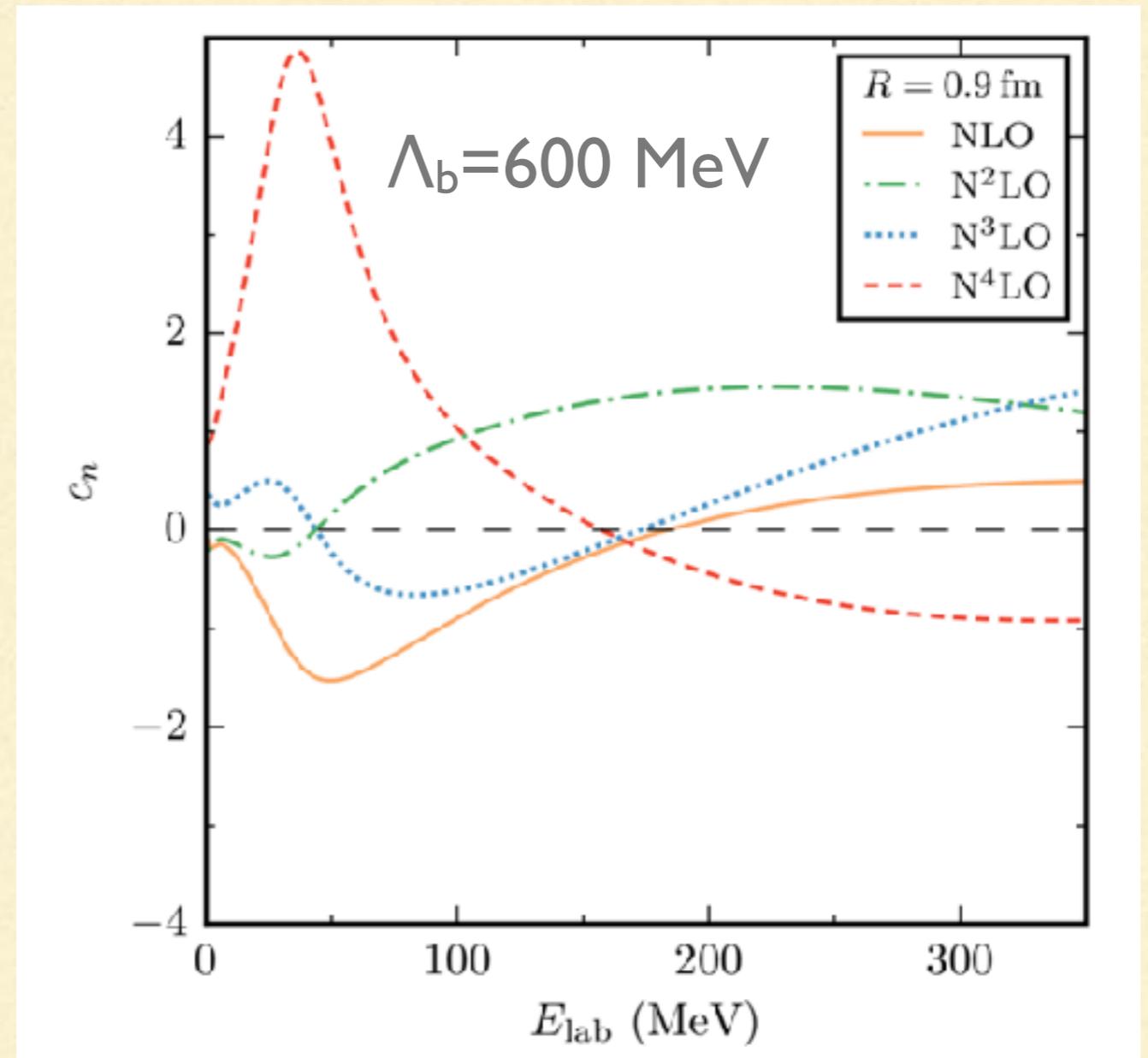


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Physics questions:

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- What is the correlation length? Is it different at each order?



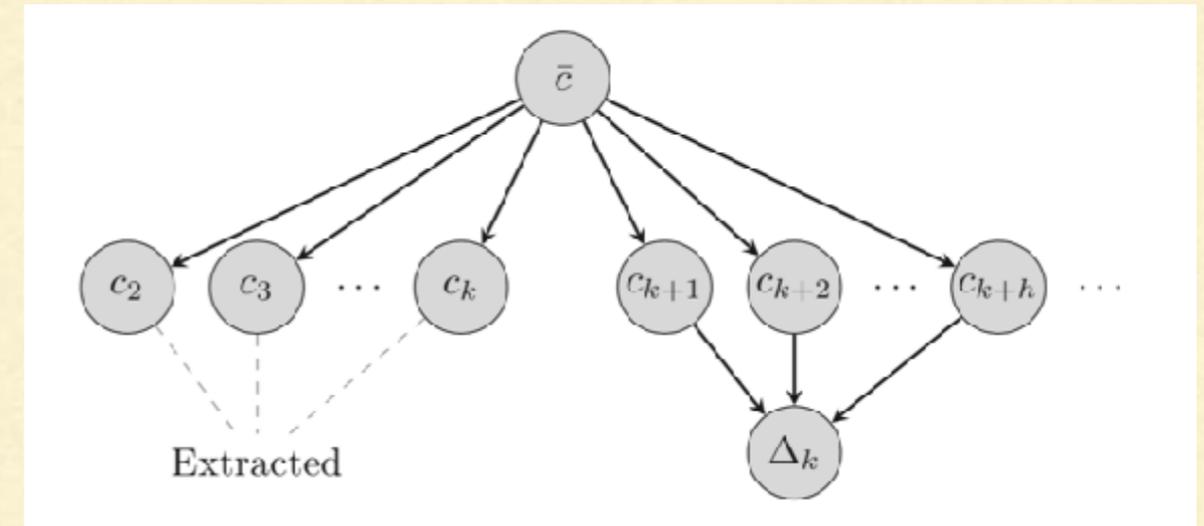
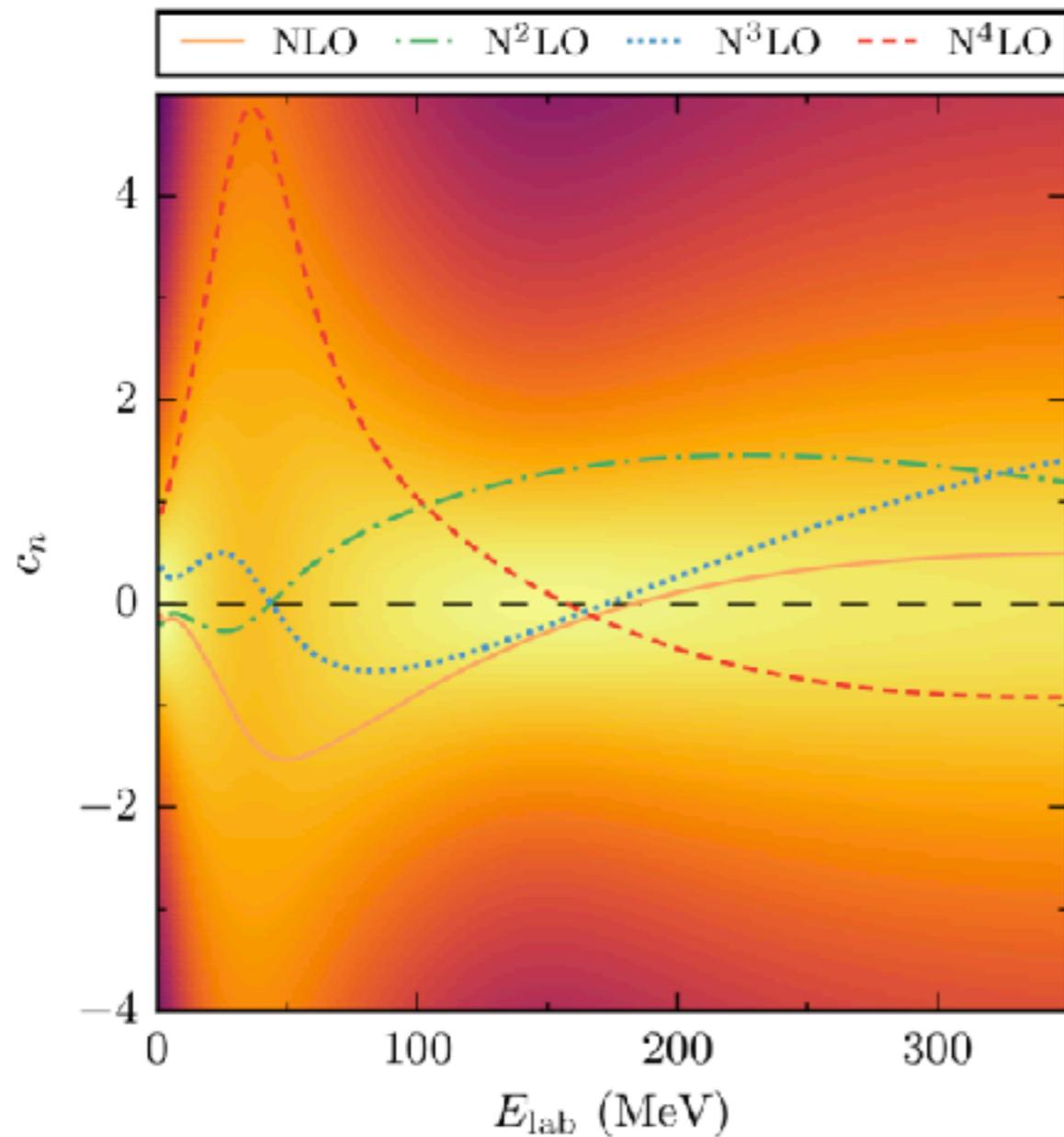
GAUSSIAN PROCESSES

- Non-parametric, probabilistic model for a function
- Suppose we already know f at $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$.
- Specify how $f(y)$ is correlated with $f(x_1), f(x_2), \dots$; don't specify underlying functional form.
- But value of $f(y)$ is not deterministic: it's given by a probability distribution.
- Correlation decreases as points get further away from each other
- Specify correlation matrix of f at x and x' , e.g.:

$$k(x, x') = \bar{c}^2 \exp\left(-\frac{(x - x')^2}{2l^2}\right)$$

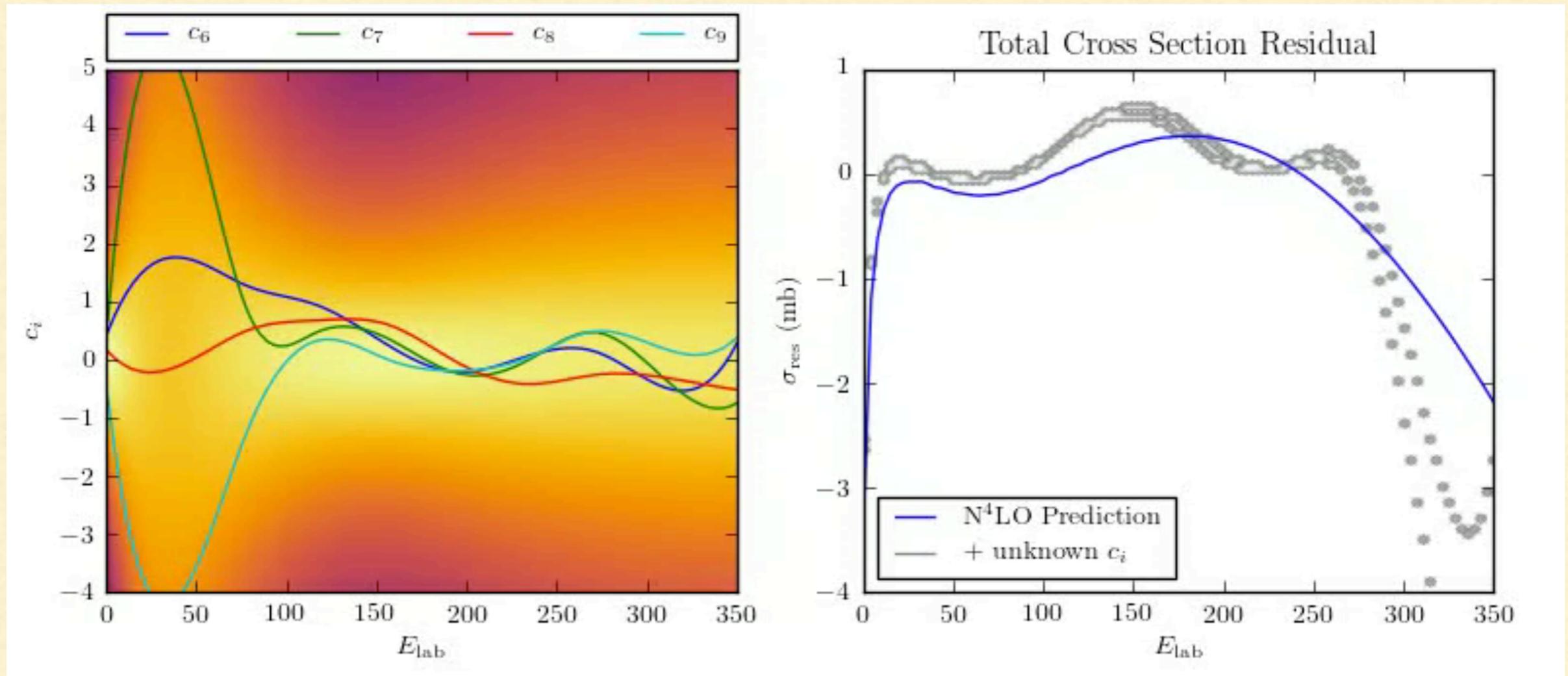
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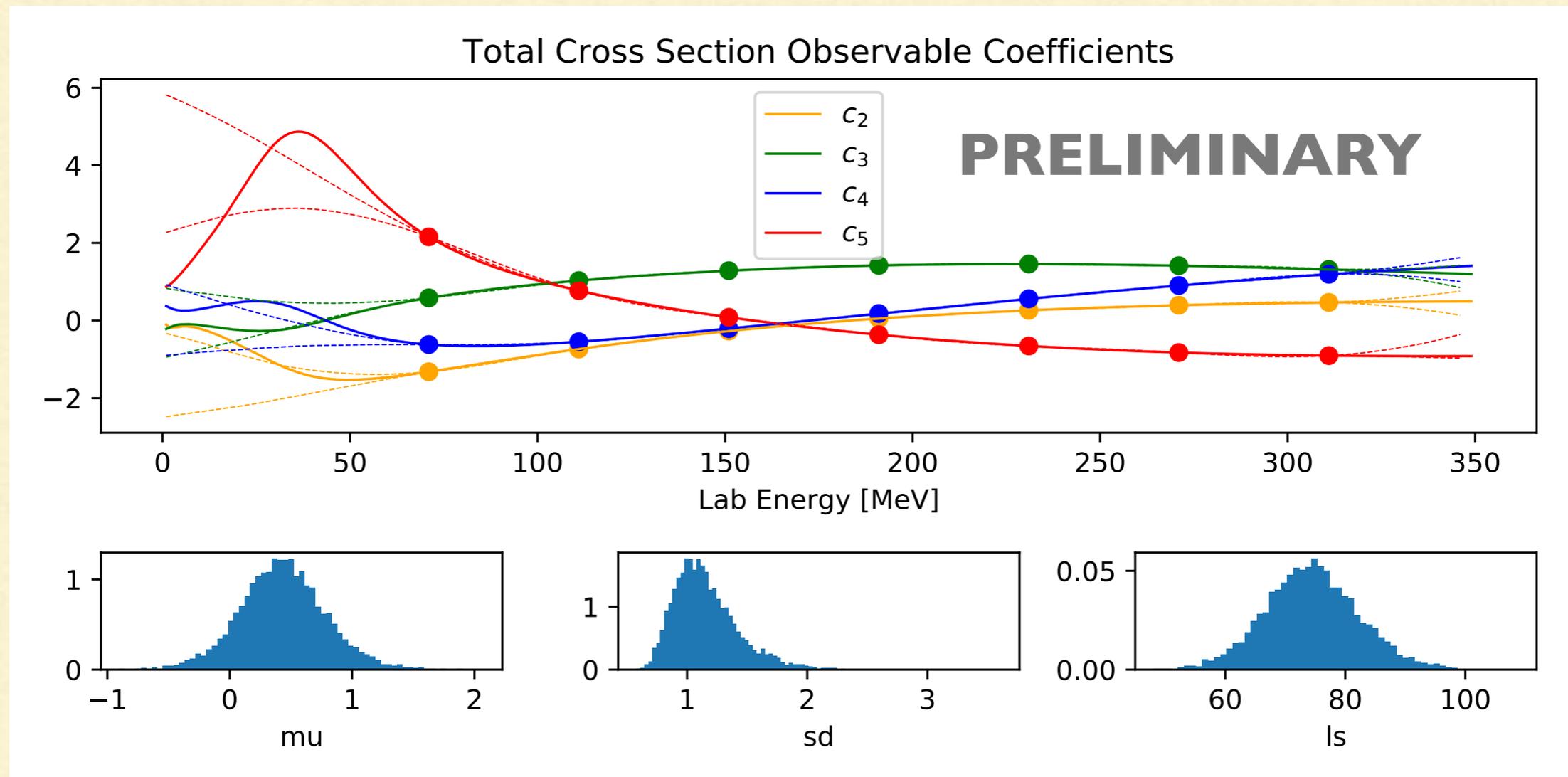
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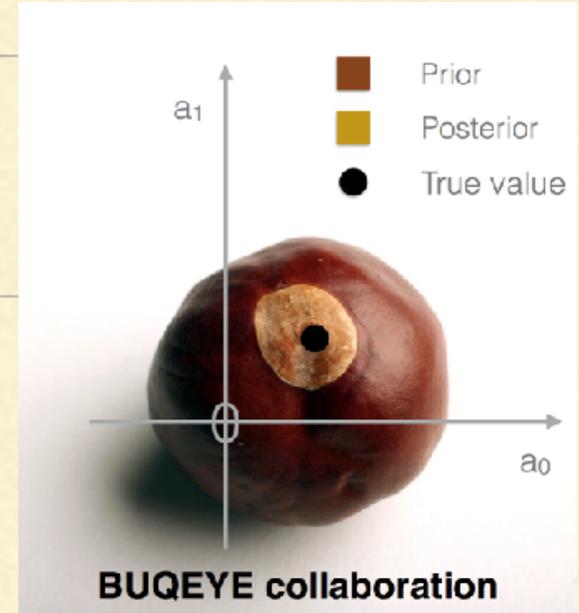


- For $E > 70$ MeV, so “transition” in Q does not affect length scale
- Length scale peak around 70 MeV
- (The common) $cbar$ peaks just above 1, average peaks slightly above 0

SUMMARY

Why I think truncation errors are interesting:

- Bayesian analysis of truncation error makes explicit what the assumptions about the EFT convergence pattern are
 - The pdfs obtained thereby are easy to write down and use
 - Truncation errors are stable under choices of “naturalness priors”
 - Physics can be extracted: success ratios and breakdown-scale inference. Can combine pdfs with those from parameter estimation
- Sarah's talk**
- But need to understand which “data” from EFT calculation are and are not correlated: Gaussian process models of EFT-truncation errors



BONUS MATERIAL: RKE POTENTIALS

$\Lambda=450$ MeV

