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Isospin-violating two-nucleon interactions

in collaboration with Patrick Reinert and Hermann Krebs

Detailed understanding of **isospin-breaking nuclear interactions** is needed for precision nuclear physics:

- BEs of mirror nuclei, low-energy $3N$ scattering, nd scattering length, beta-decay, ...



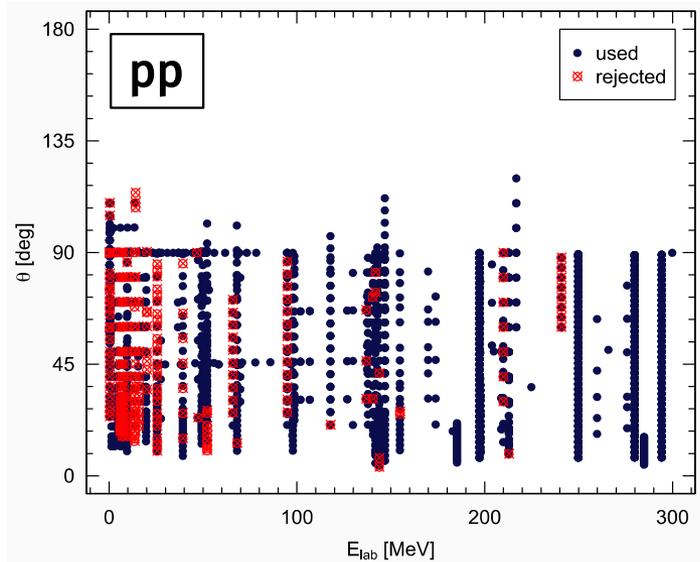
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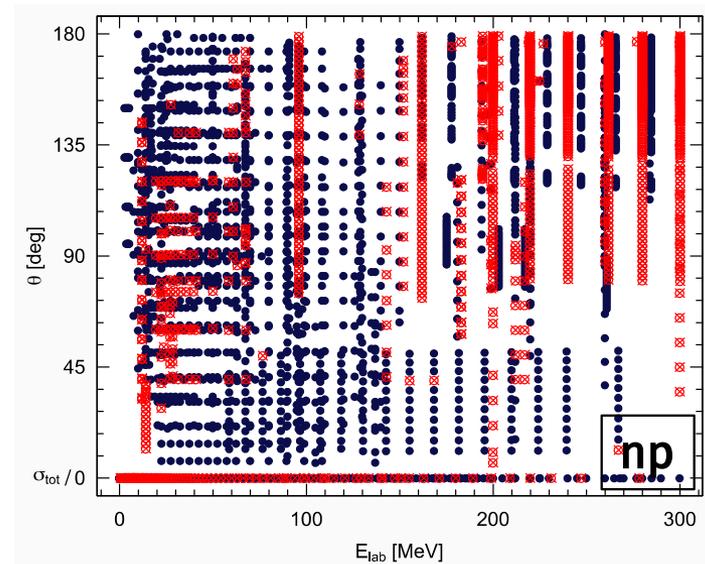
Experimental data:

- The coherent np scattering length $b_{np} = 3.7405(9)$ fm, deuteron BE $B_d = 2.224575(9)$ MeV and some deuteron properties
- About 8000 published np and pp scattering data below $E_{lab} = 350$ MeV. [Granada 2013 database](#) of mutually compatible data: 2996 pp + 3717 np data.

[Navarro-Perez, Amaro, Ruiz Arriola '13]



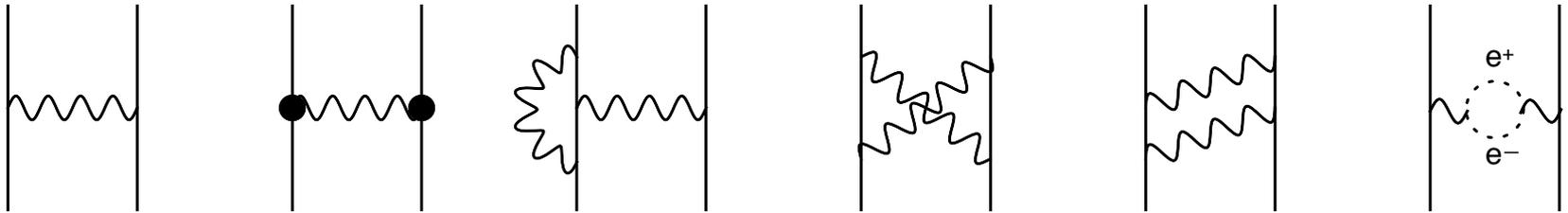
pp rejection rate ~ 11%



np rejection rate ~ 31%

Long-range electromagnetic NN interactions

Dominant long-range electromagnetic interactions are taken into account in all PWAs of NN scattering



- The Coulomb potential
- Magnetic moment interaction (Schwinger-Mott) [Stoks, de Swart 90]
- Two-photon exchange (the modified Coulomb potential) [Austin, de Swart 83]
- Vacuum polarization [Durand III 57]

Notice:

- Short-range parts of the e.m. potentials (FFs) are shifted to the strong NN force
- E.m. scattering amplitudes are either known in a closed form or have to be evaluated numerically by summing of > 1000 partial waves...

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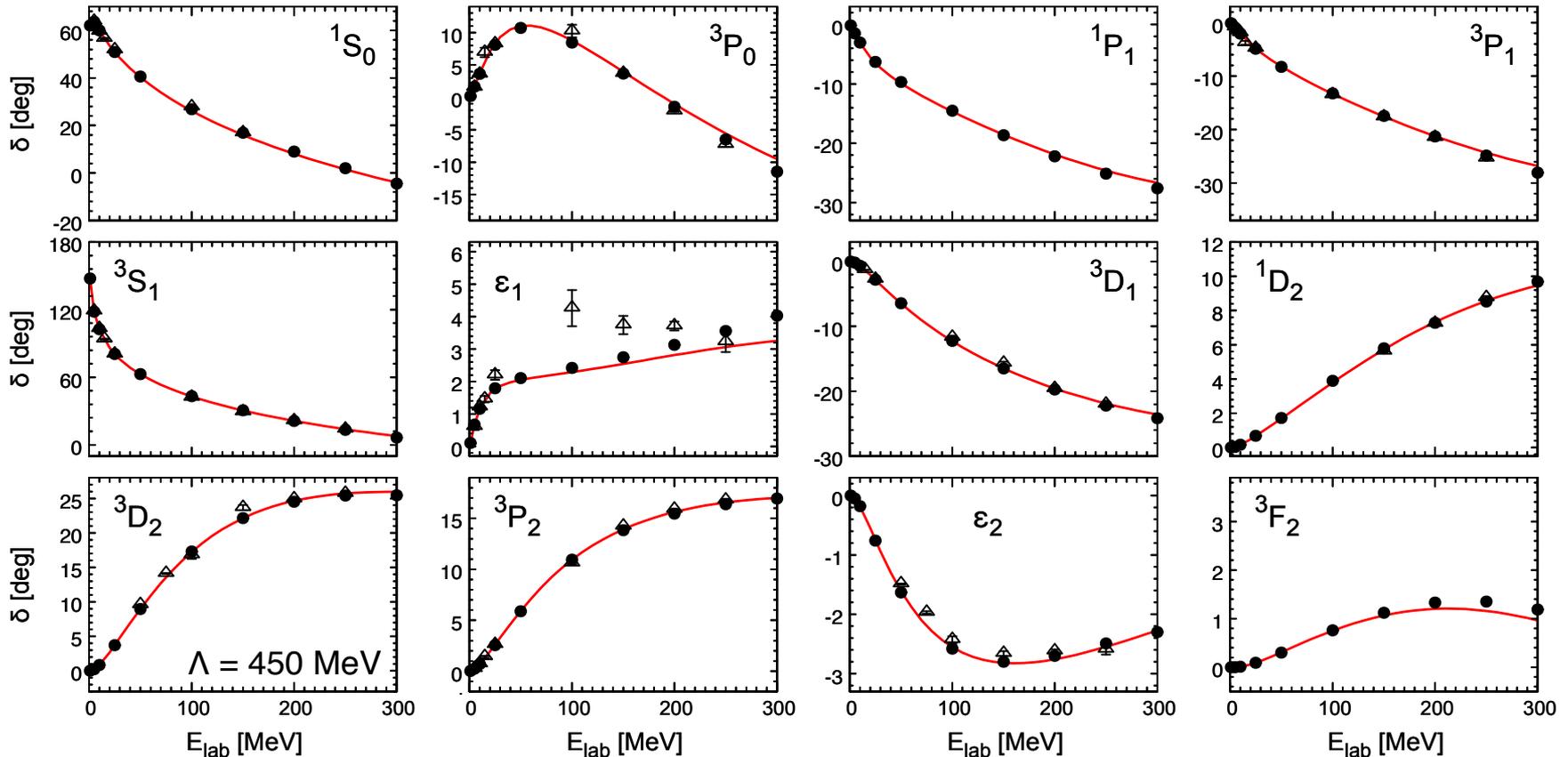
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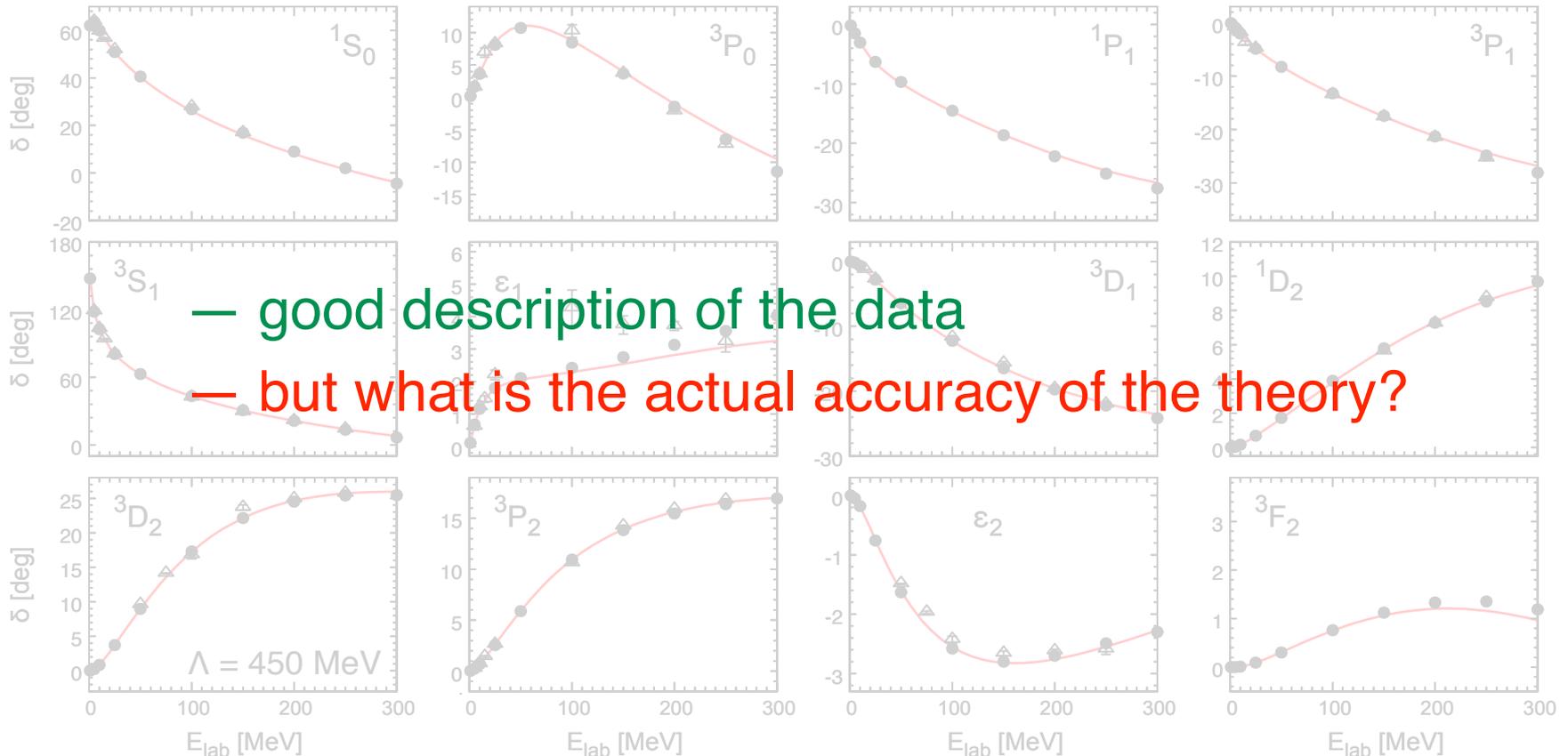


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- Bayesian approach by the BUQEYE Collaboration [Furnstahl et al. '15, '17](#)

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- assume that c_i 's are distributed according to some common pdf $\text{pr}(c_i|\bar{c})$ (\equiv prior)
- calculate pdf for the dimension-less residual to take the value $\sum_{n=k+1}^{k+h} c_n Q^n = \Delta$:

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- assuming some pdf $\text{pr}(\bar{c})$, typically chosen uniform, marginalize over \bar{c} :

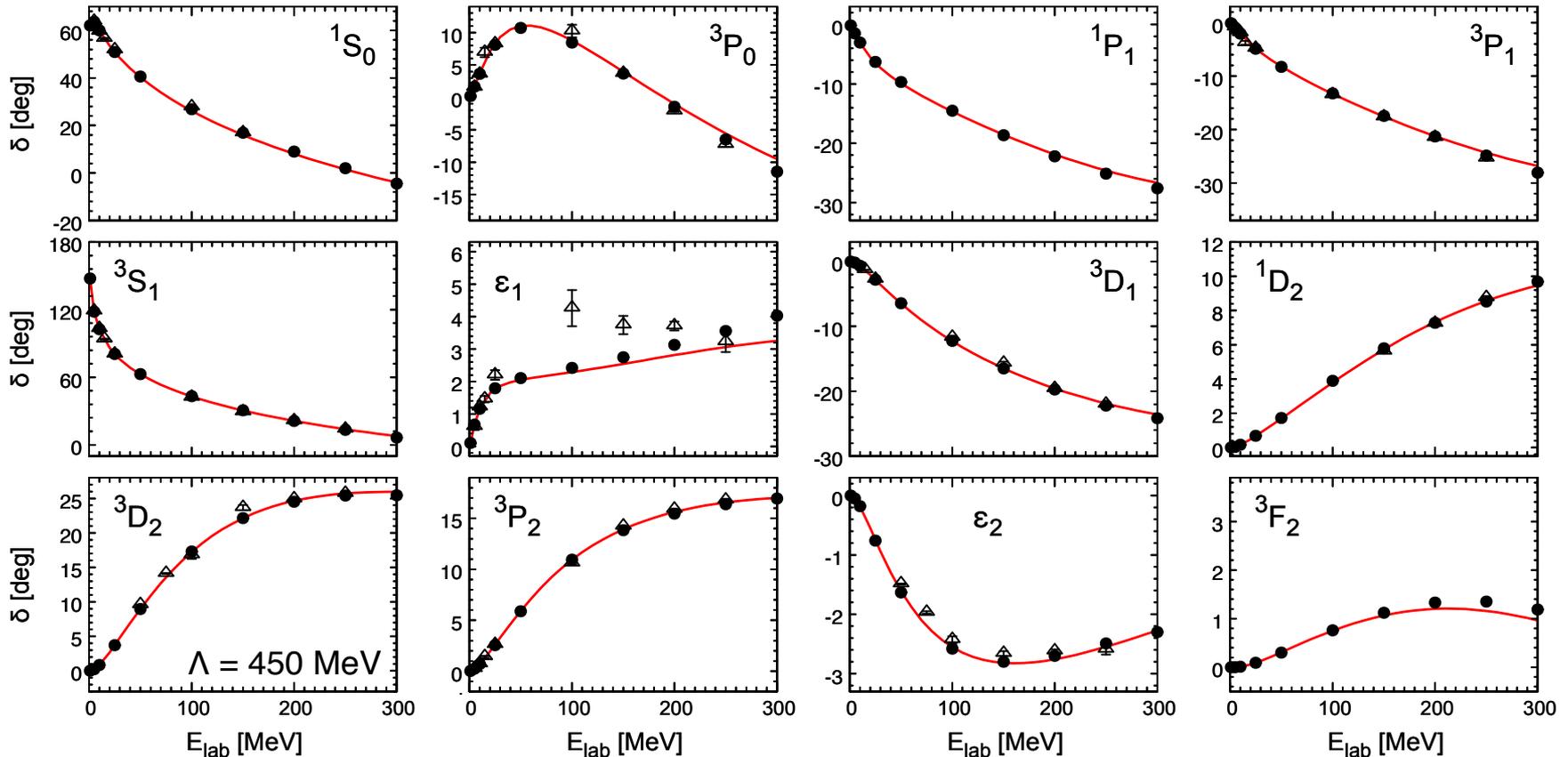
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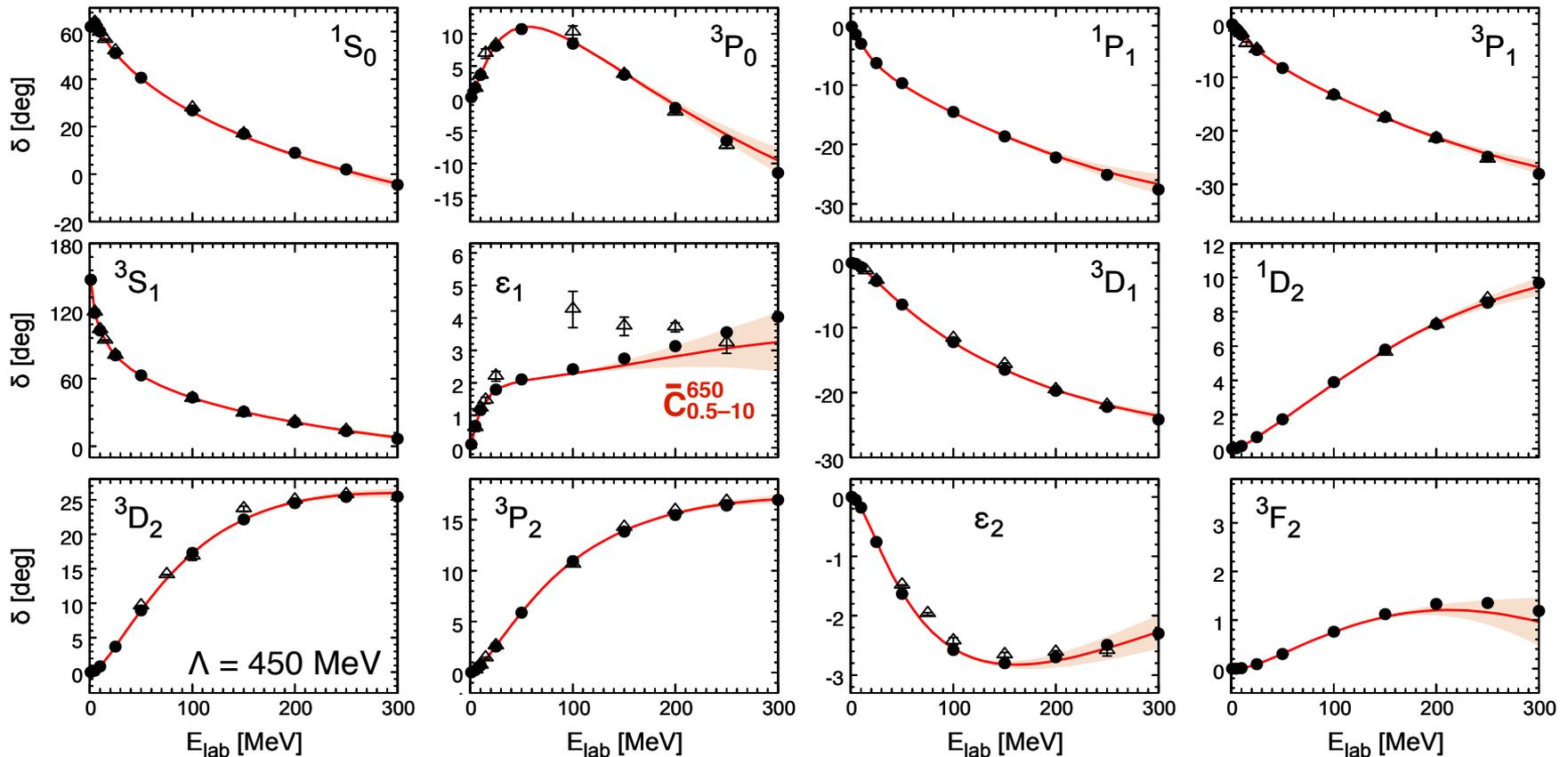


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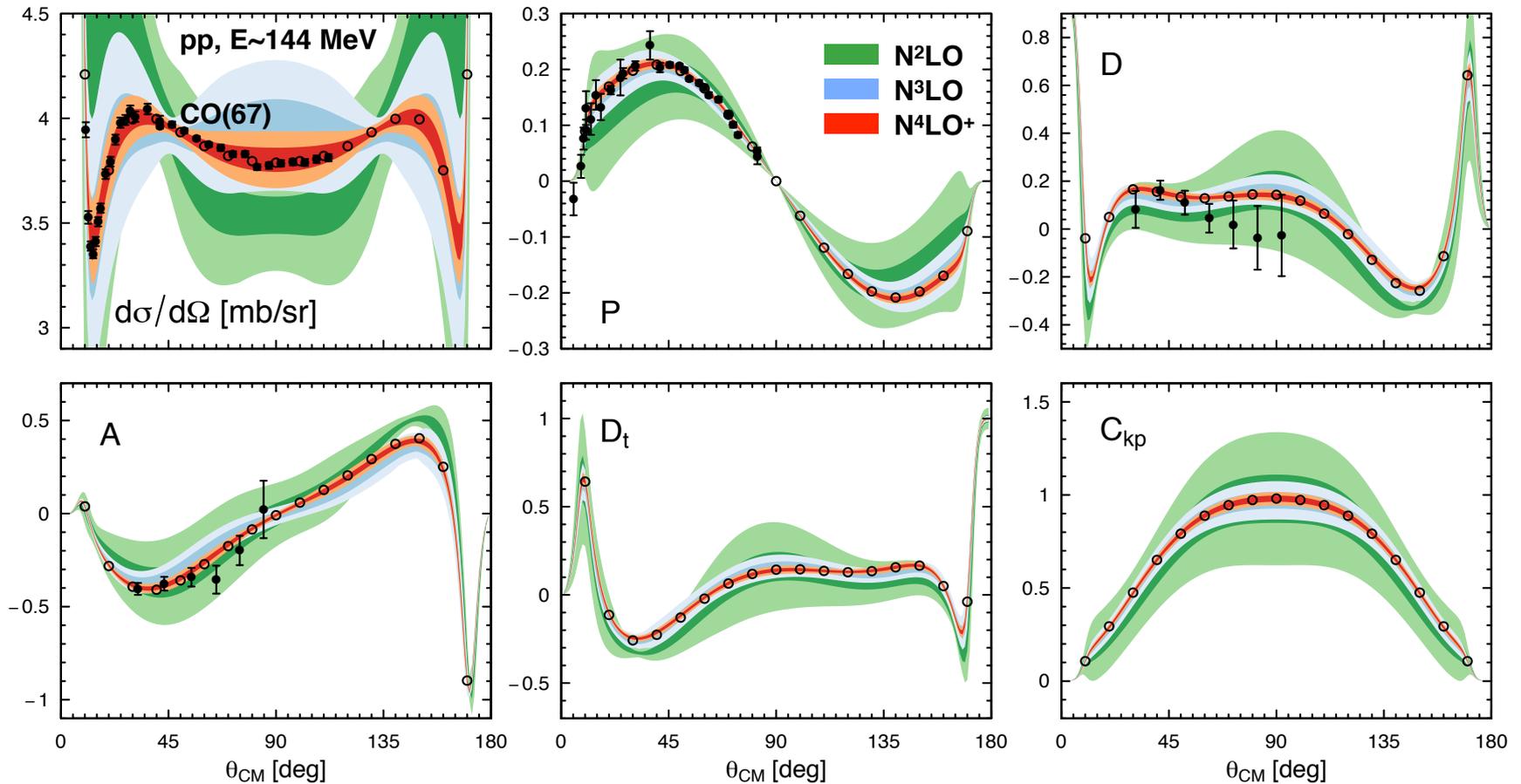


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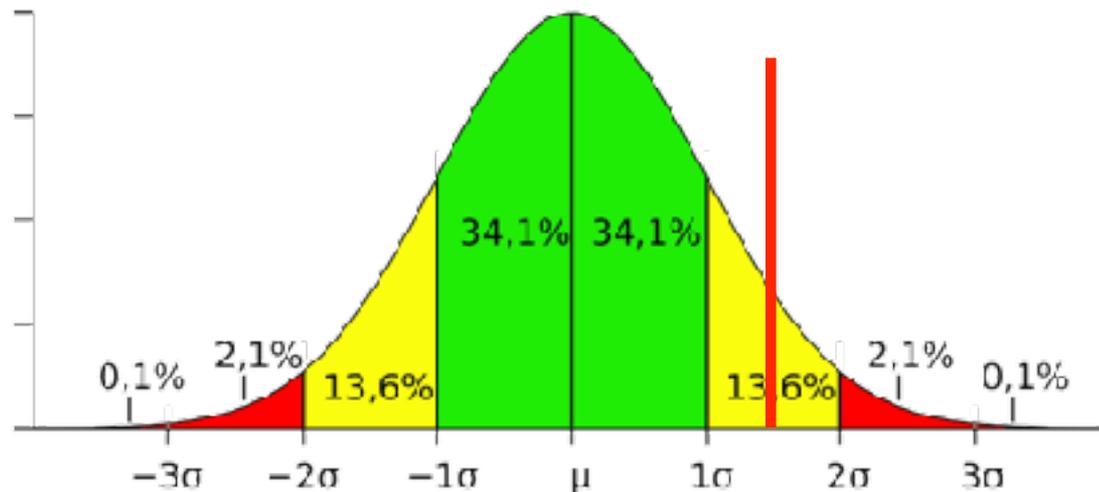
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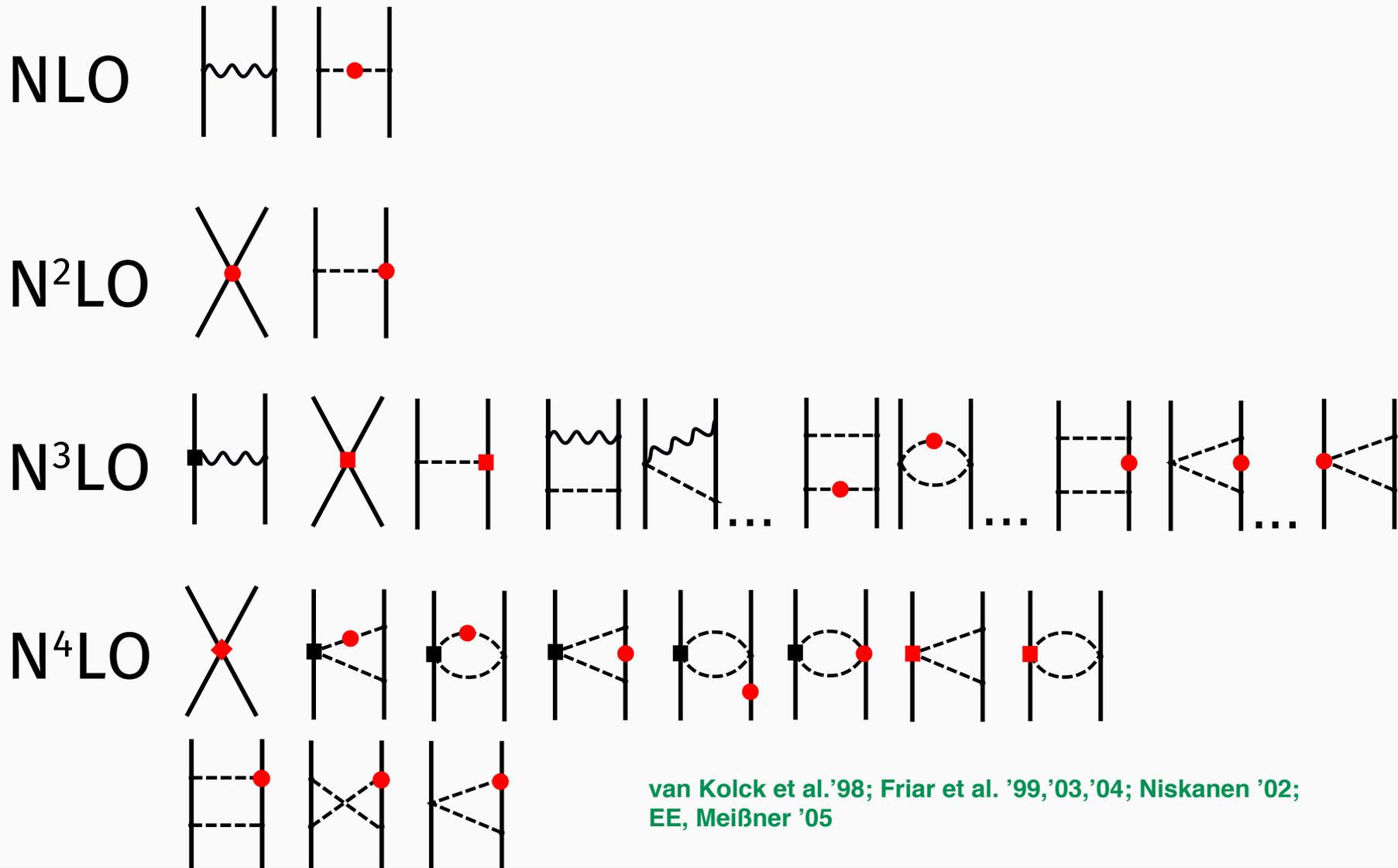
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Almost... In the fitted range of $E_{\text{lab}} = 0\text{-}280$ MeV, we obtain $\chi^2 = 5003$ for 4895 *np* + *pp* scattering data, which leads to $\chi^2 / N_{\text{dat}} = 1.022$ or $\chi^2 / (N_{\text{dat}} - N_{\text{LEC}}) = 1.028$

Can this be traced back to the incomplete treatment of IB corrections?

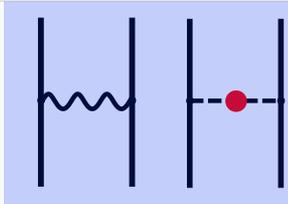


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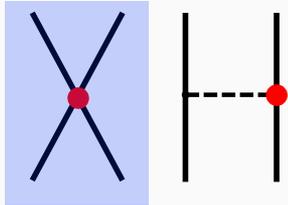
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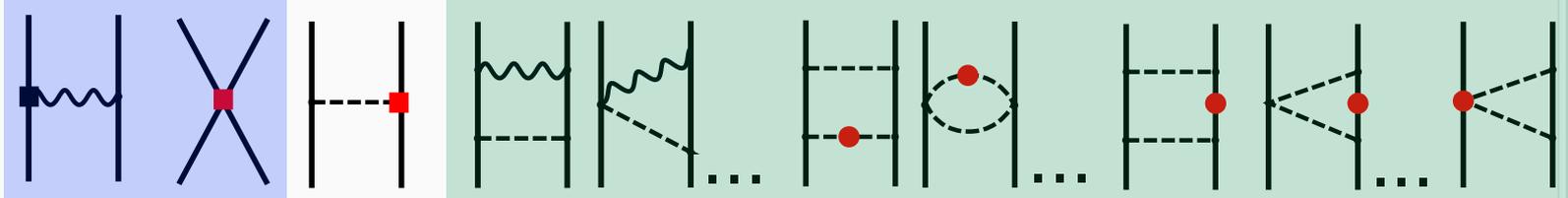
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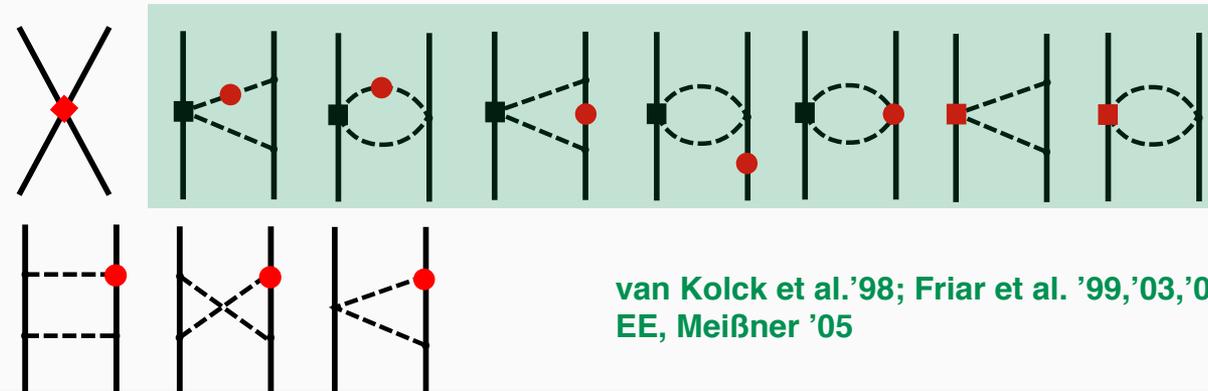
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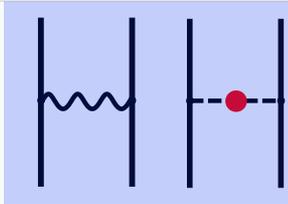
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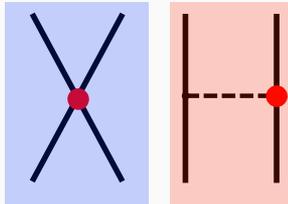
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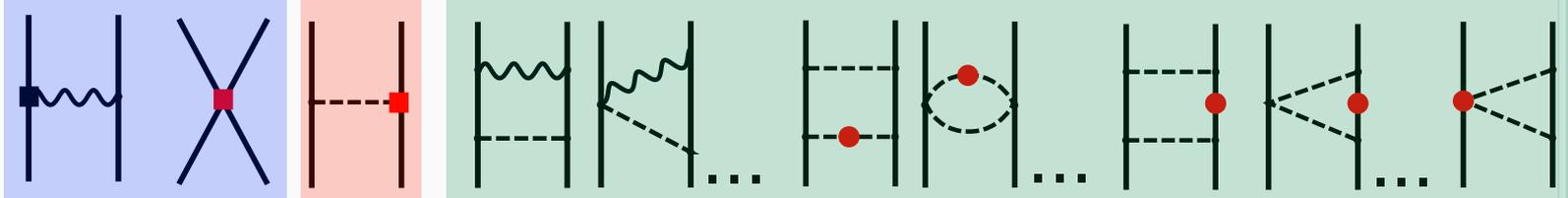
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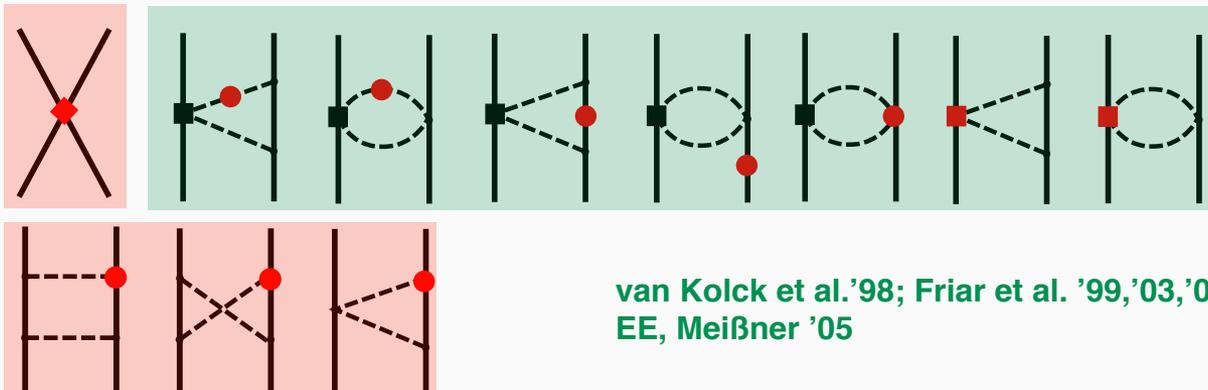


Depend on 3 πN coupling constants + 3 IB contact
terms in p-waves

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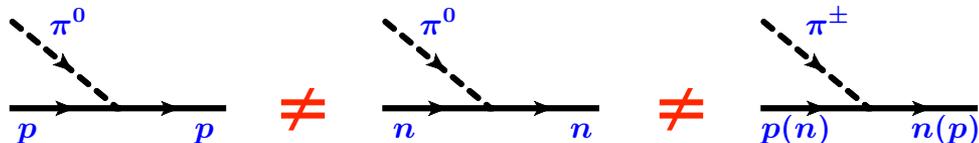
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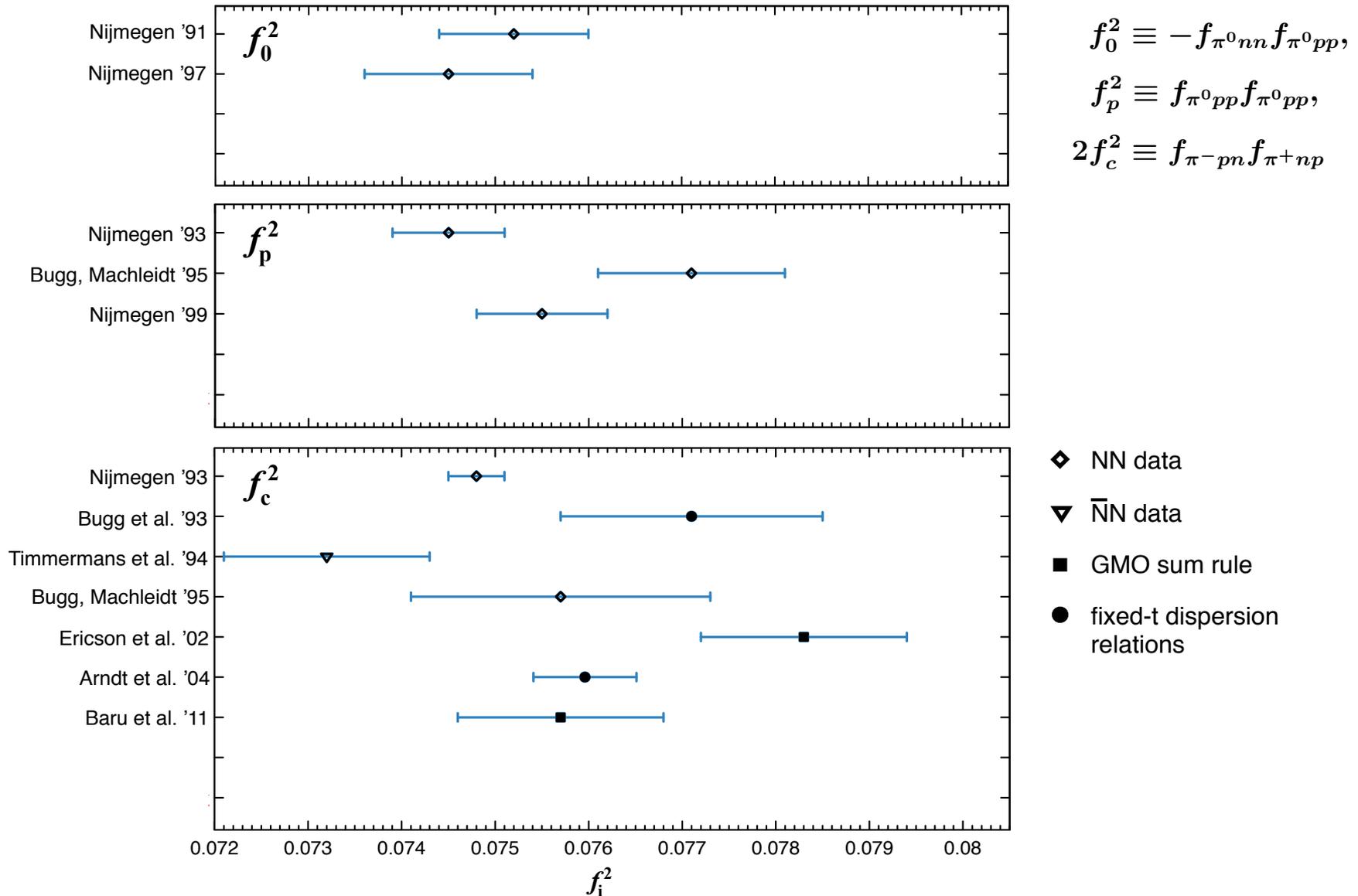
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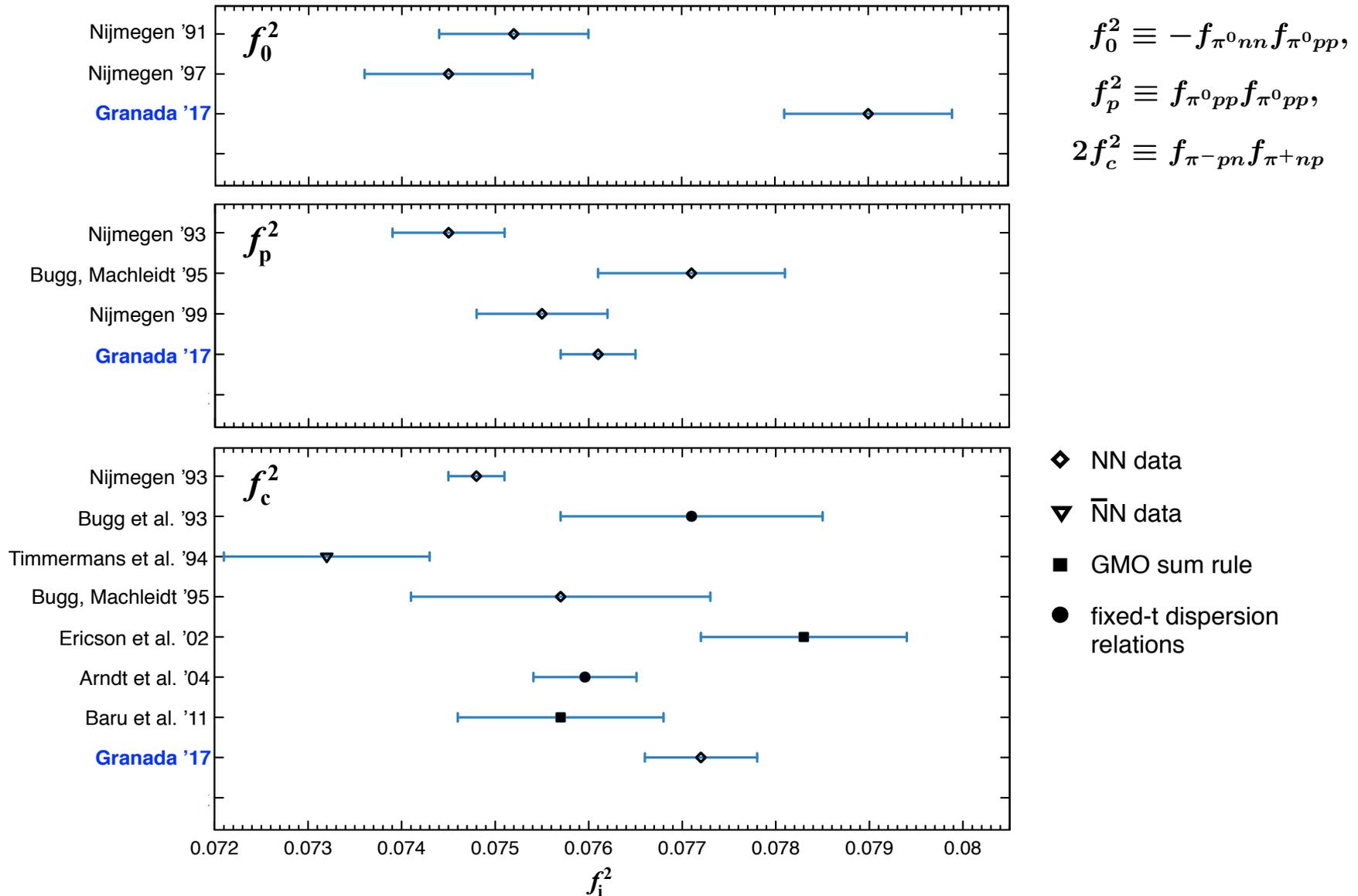


$$\text{Notation: } f_p^2 \equiv f_{\pi^0 pp} f_{\pi^0 pp}, \quad f_0^2 \equiv -f_{\pi^0 nn} f_{\pi^0 pp}, \quad 2f_c^2 \equiv f_{\pi^- pn} f_{\pi^+ np}$$

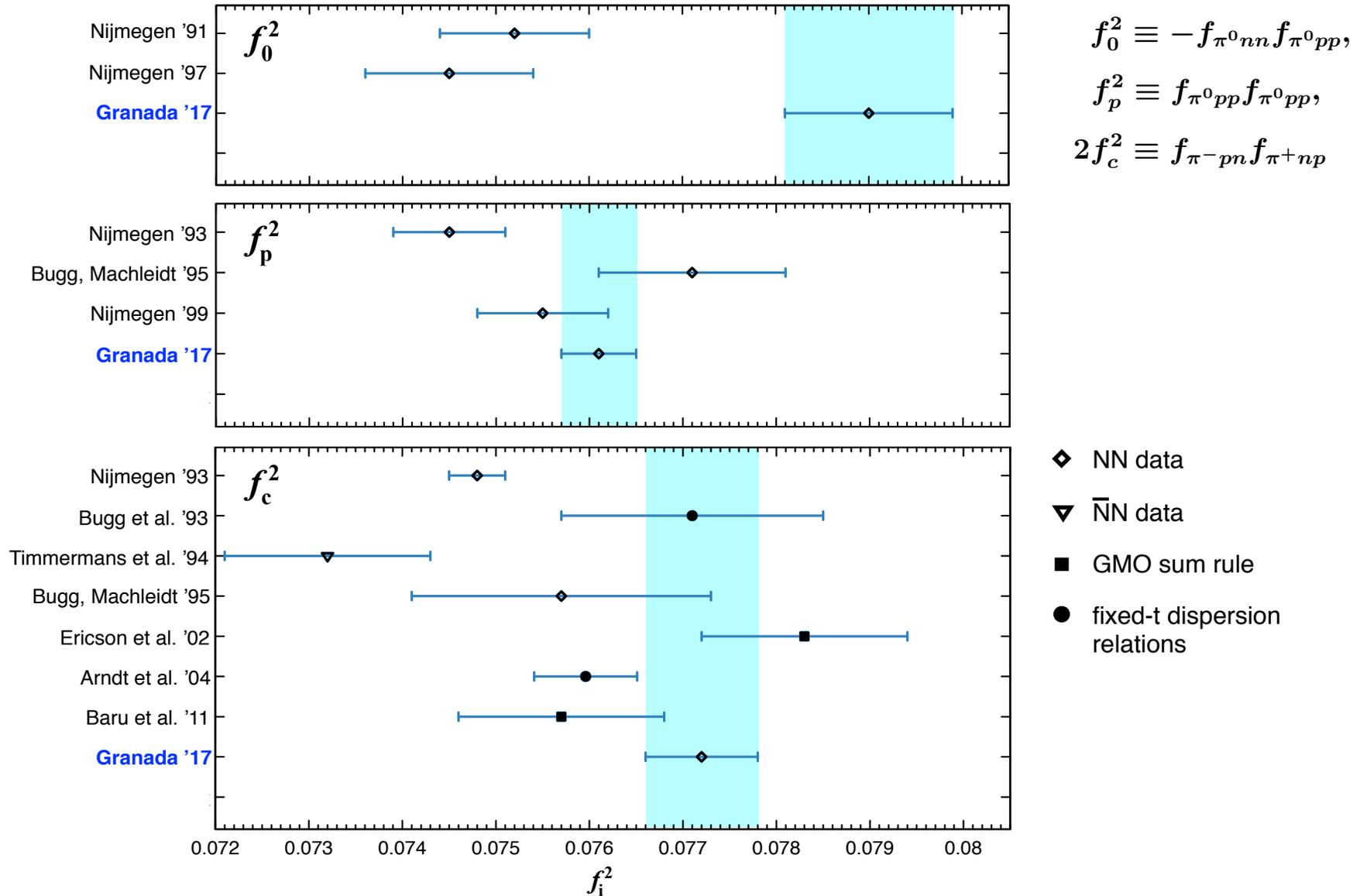
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Granada 2017 [Perez et al., PRC95 (17)]: clear evidence of charge dependence of πN constants!

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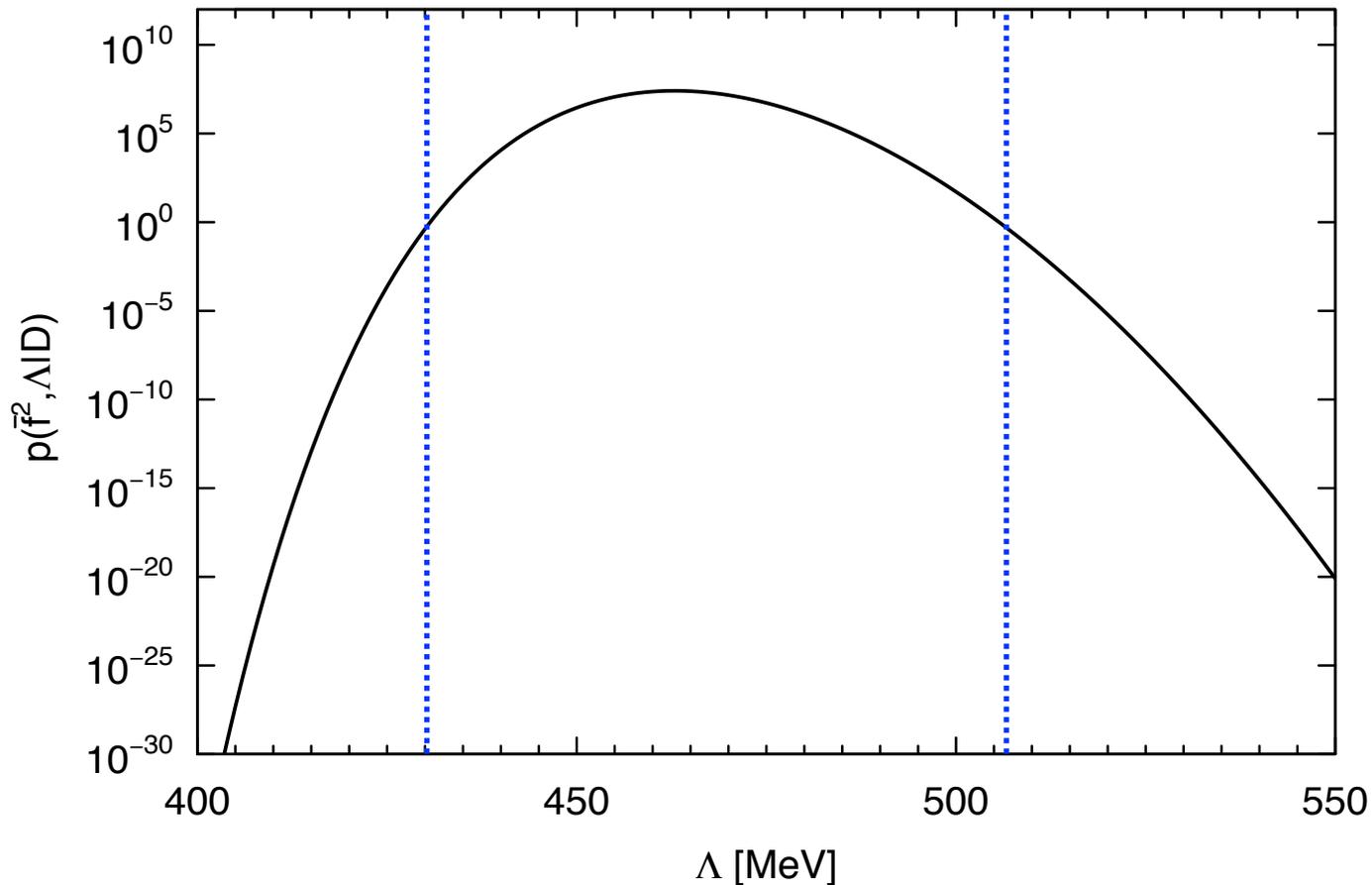
$$p(D|f^2 C \Lambda) \approx \frac{1}{N} e^{-\frac{1}{2}[\chi_{\min}^2 + \frac{1}{2}(C - C_{\min})^T H (C - C_{\min})]}$$

where $\chi_{\min}^2 \equiv \chi_{\min}^2(f^2, \Lambda)$ at $C_{\min} \equiv C_{\min}(f^2, \Lambda)$ and $H_{ij}(f^2, \Lambda) = \left. \frac{\partial^2 \chi^2}{\partial C_i \partial C_j} \right|_{C=C_{\min}}$.

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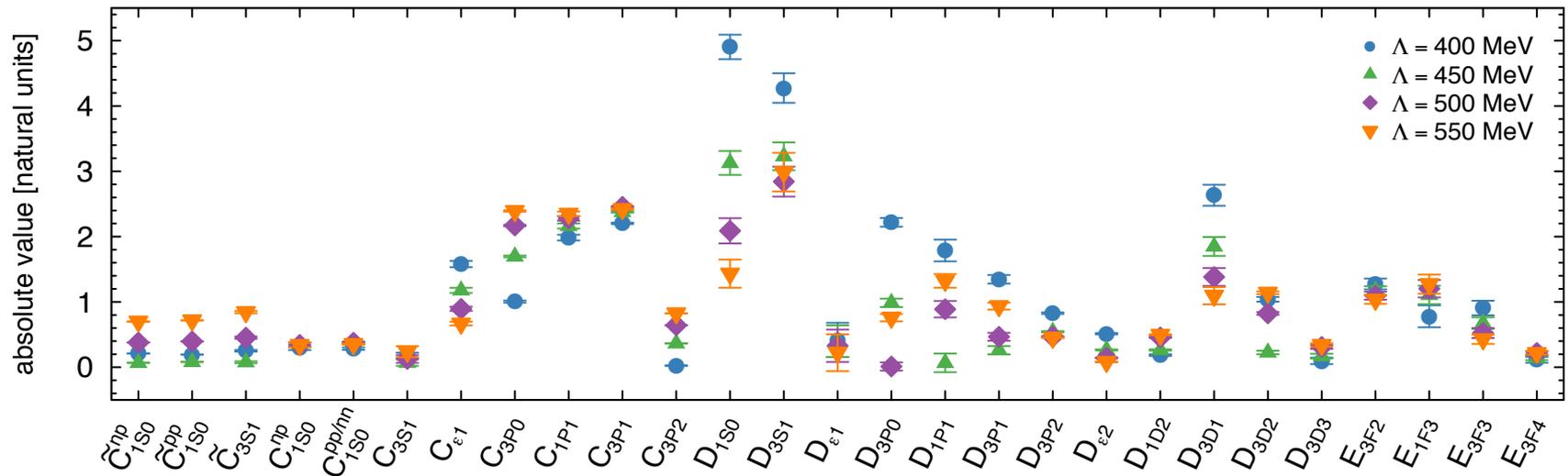
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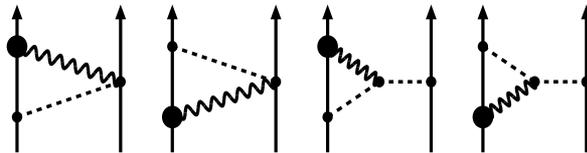
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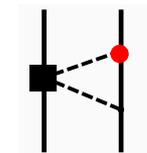
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Subleading $\pi\gamma$ -exchange
($1/m$ -corrections)



[Kaiser 2006]

IB πN coupling constant
in the subleading TPE



Marginalized PDFs (preliminary)

Statistical validity checks

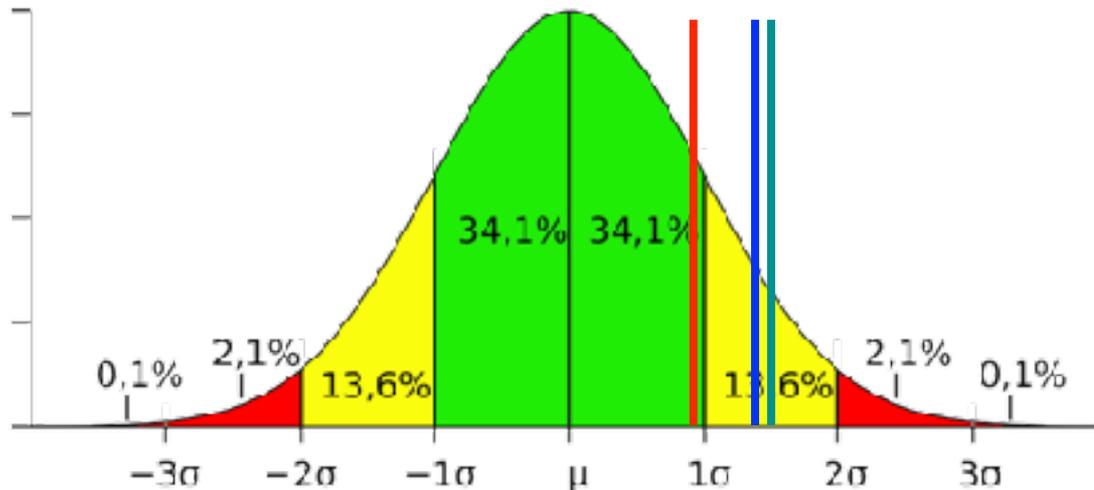
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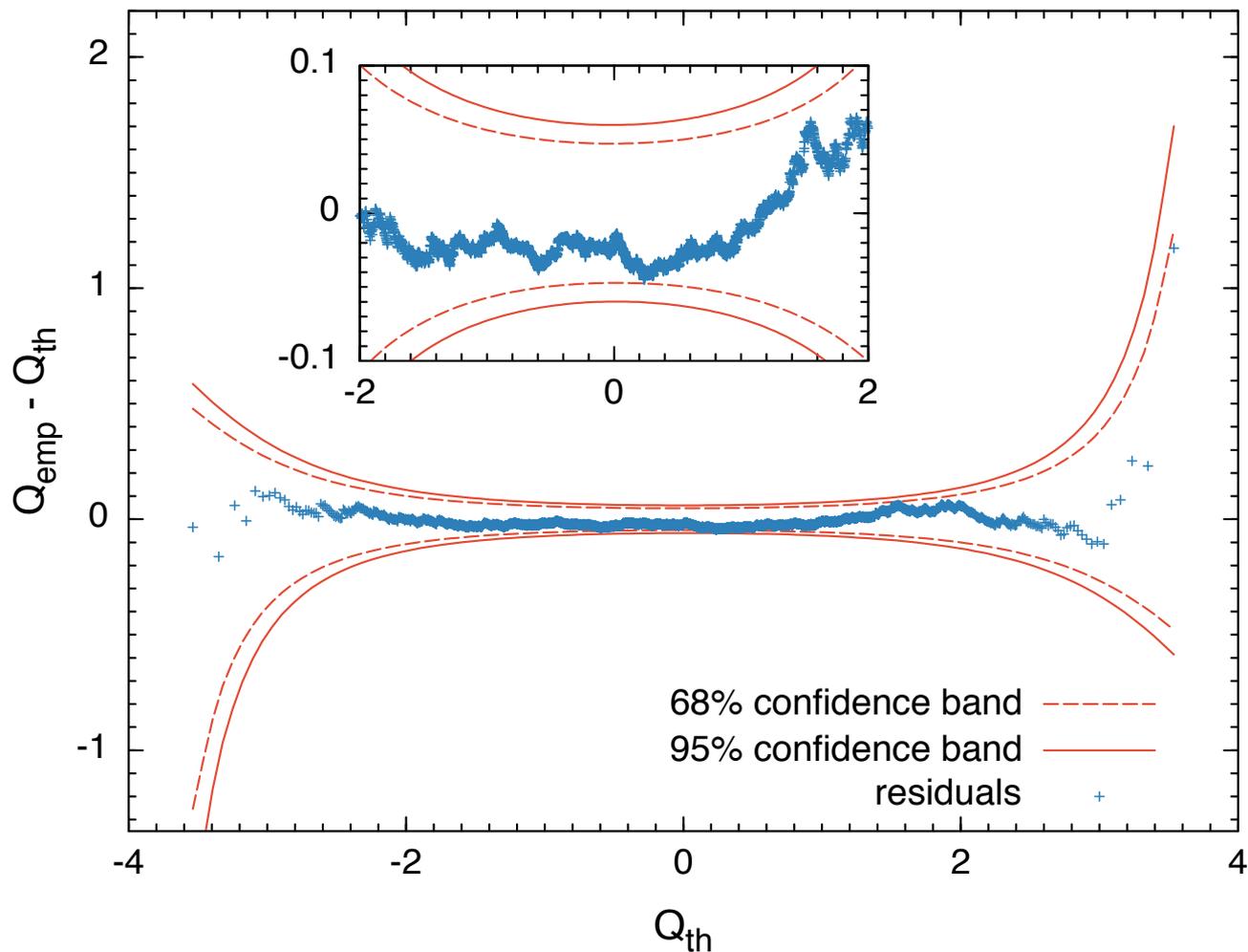
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Normality checks

Do the outgoing residuals follow a normal distribution?

Tail-sensitive rotated quantile-quantile plot ($\Lambda = 463$ MeV, $E_{\max} = 280$ MeV)



Results for the πN constants (preliminary)

Summary and outlook

- Chiral EFT was used to determine πN coupling constants from a combined analysis of np and pp scattering data at a per-cent level with fully controlled uncertainties
 - **new reference values for πN coupling constants**
- Differently to Granada 2017, no evidence is found for charge dependence of πN coupling constants

To be done/work in progress:

- finalize error analysis of πN couplings
- IB effects in NN phase shifts and observables
- systematic investigation of IB effects in few-nucleon systems