

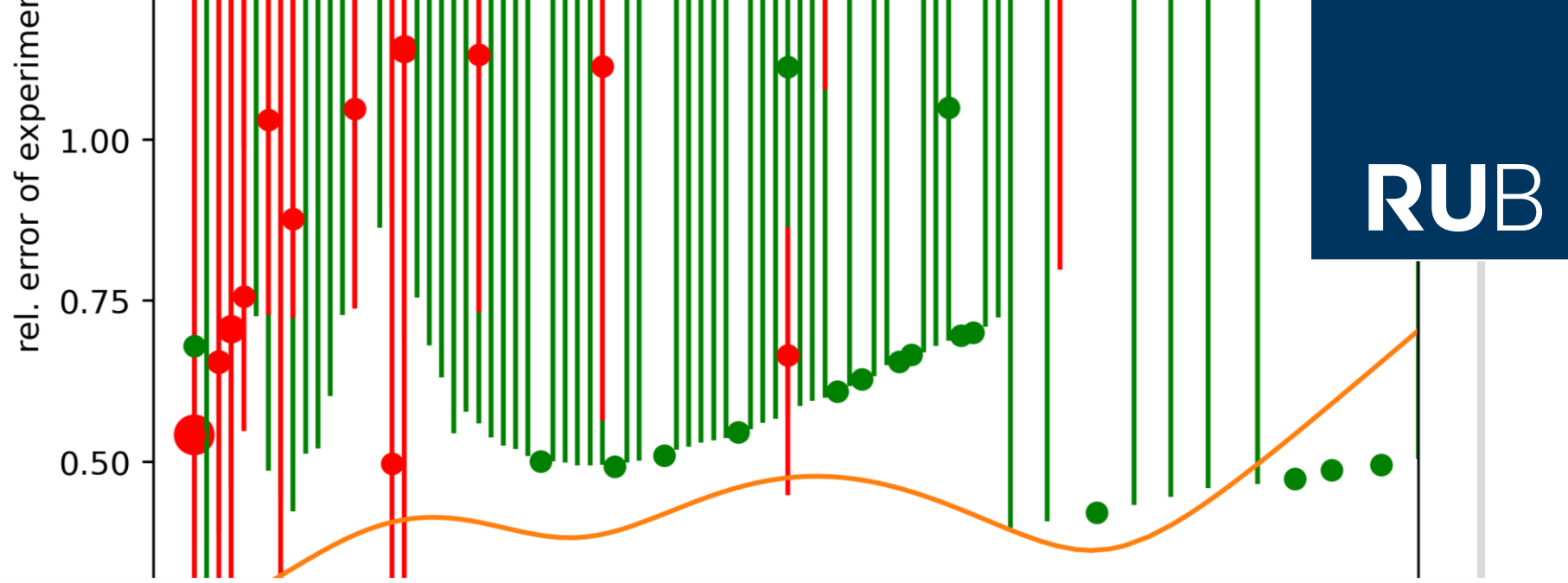
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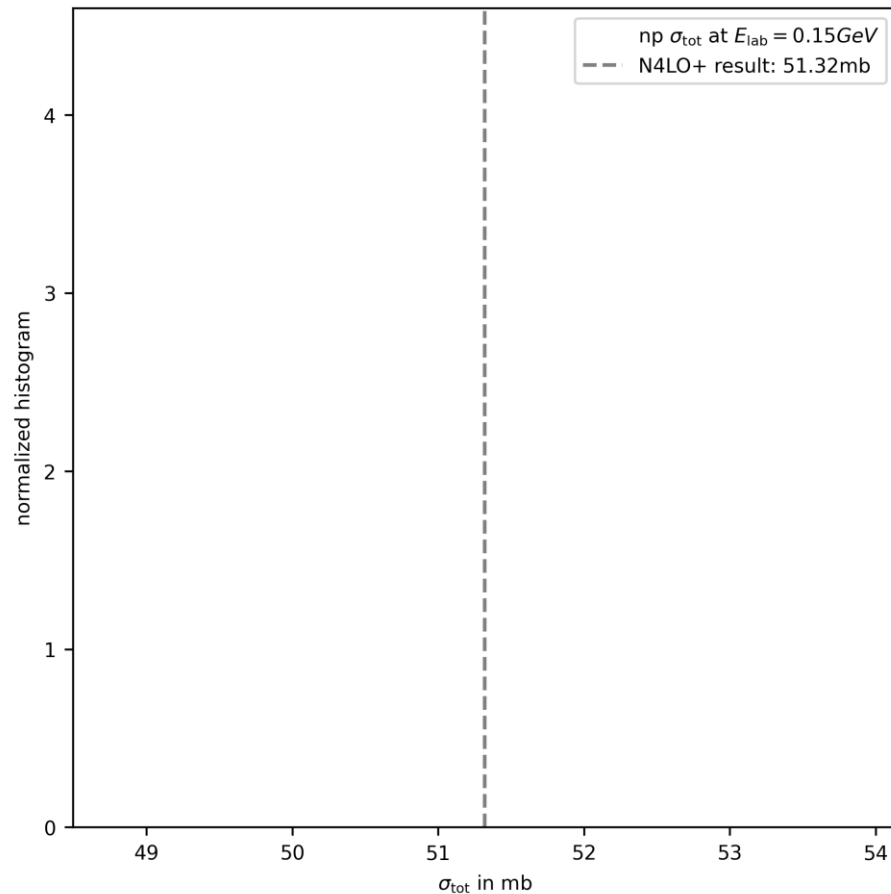


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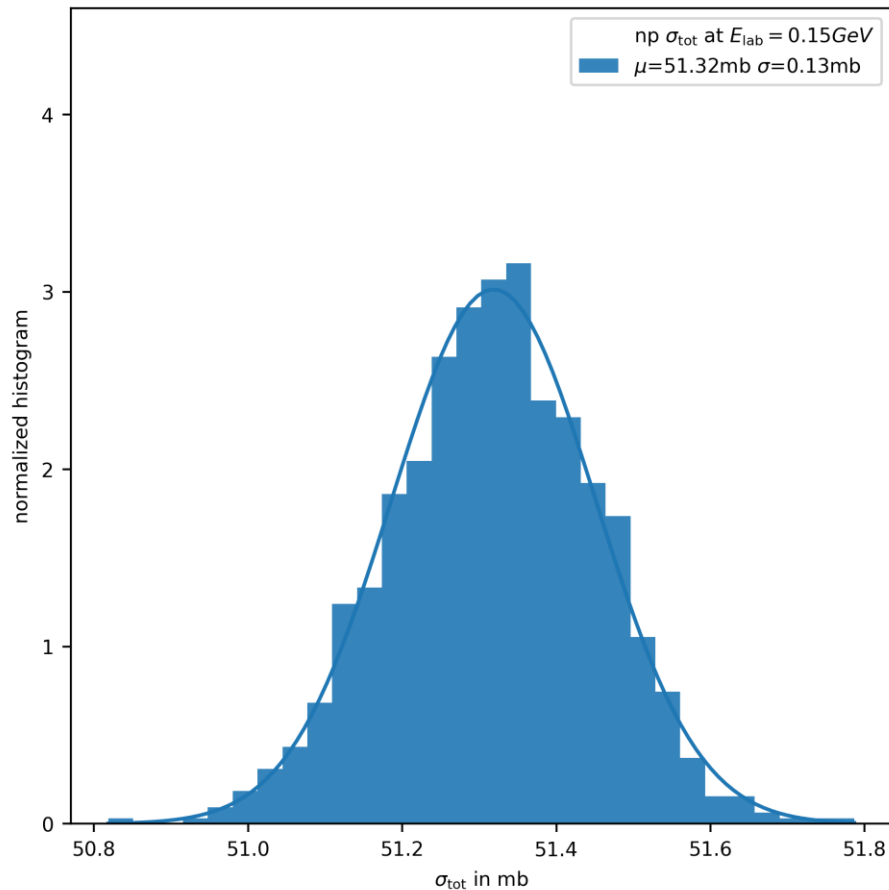
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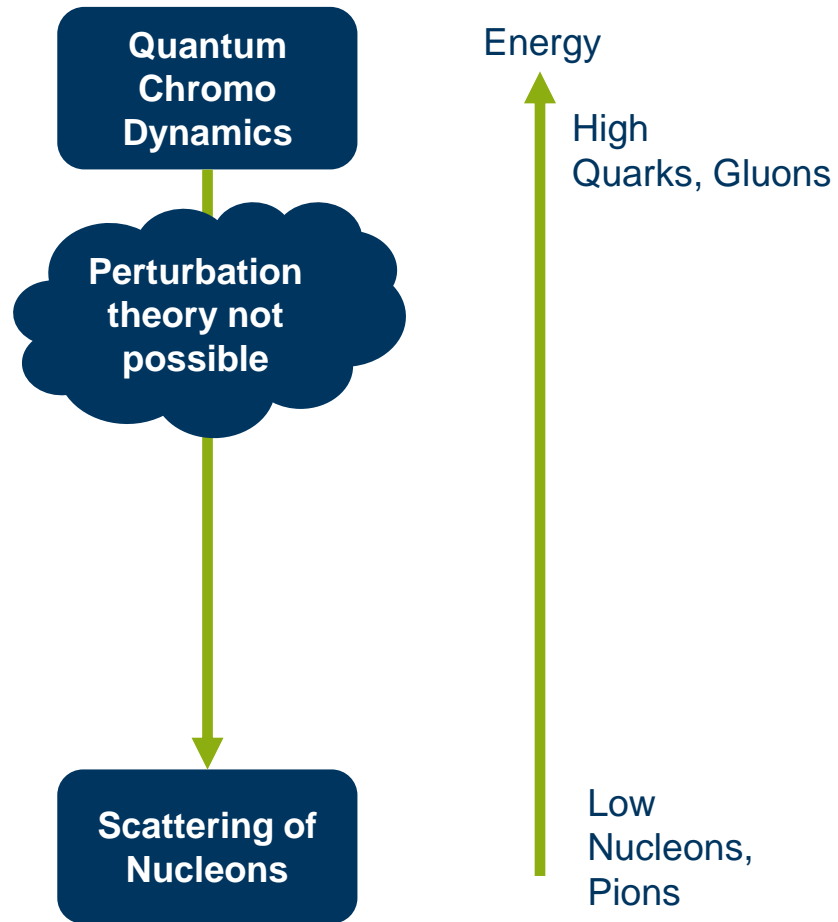
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3.) Results – What can be learned from  
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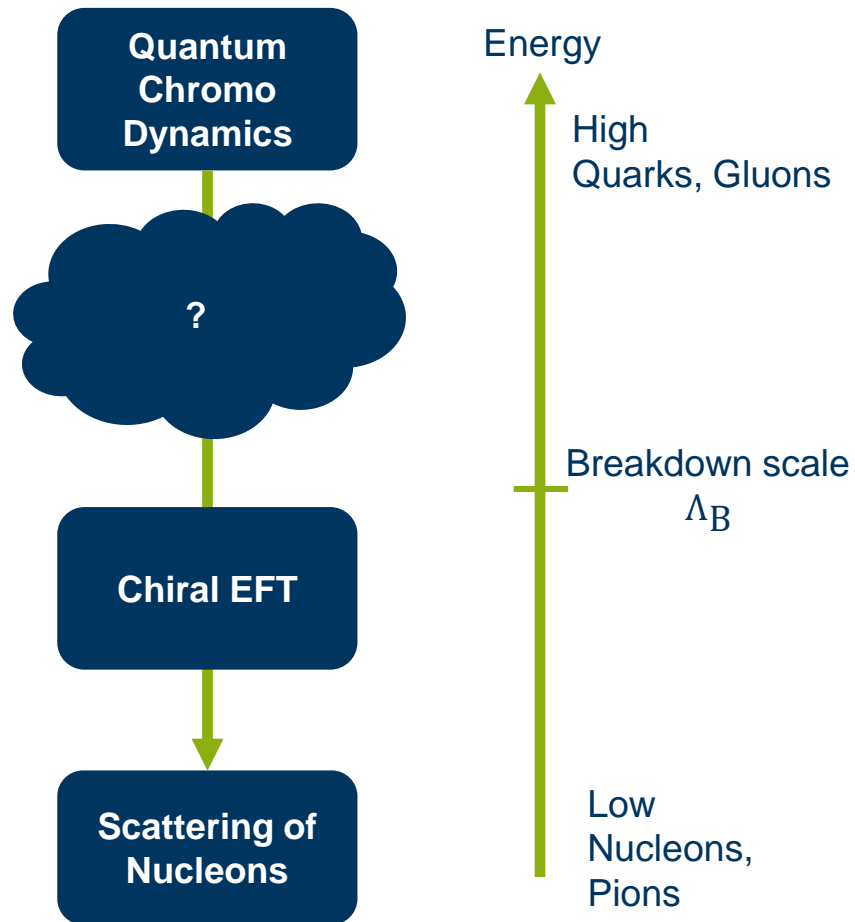
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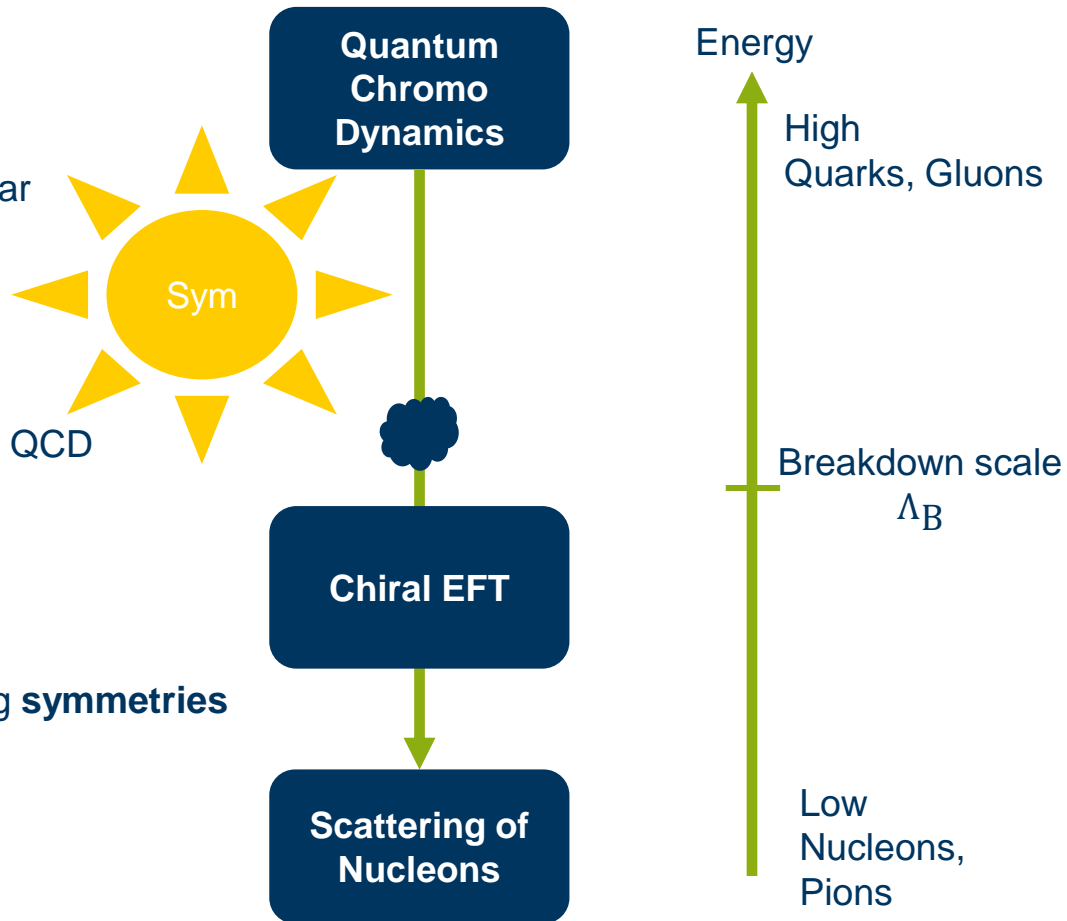
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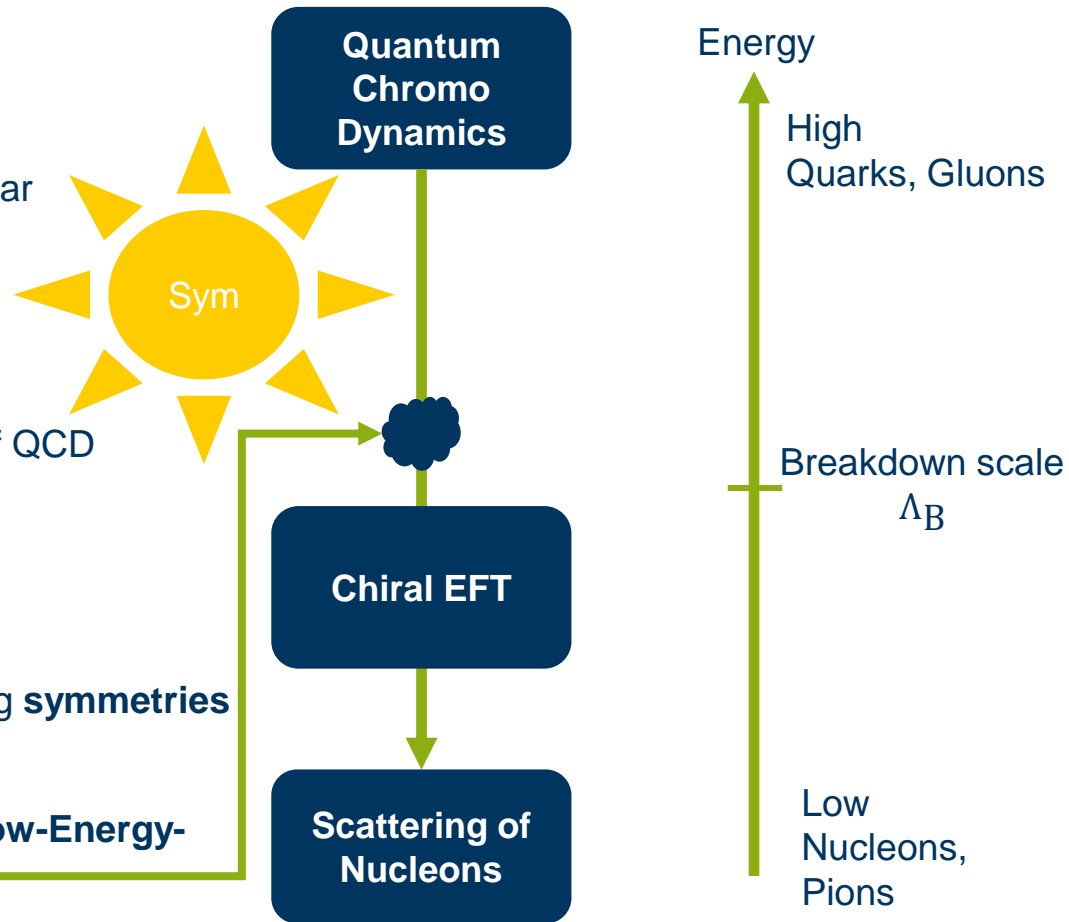
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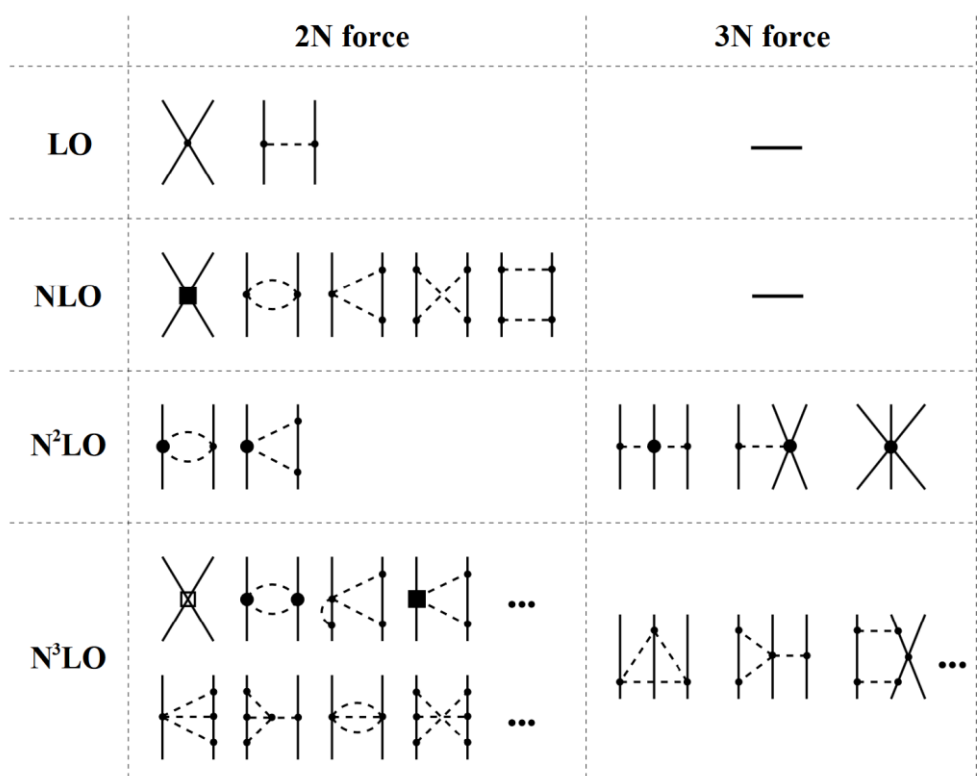
→ Hierarchy of diagrams by their importance

→ Finite order → finite set of diagrams

→ Allows for systematic improvement of theory

- Lagrangian looks like:

$$L = A_{LO} + A_{NLO} + A_{N^2LO} + \dots \text{ with } A_{LO} \propto Q^0, A_{NLO} \propto Q^2, A_{N^2LO} \propto Q^3 \text{ thus } A_{LO} > A_{NLO} > A_{N^2LO}$$



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- What about LECs? Fitted to experimental data! ← **inverse problem**
- 2N potential in chiral EFT leads to high-precision description of 2N data

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Nice theory, but  
**“a physicist who has no  
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- **Aim:** probability distribution  $p(\mathbf{X}^{(k)})$  of observable  $X$  at some order  $k$  of Chiral EFT.

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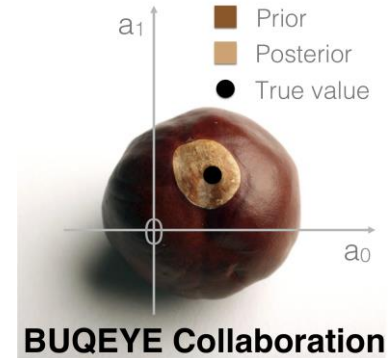
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- Bayes theorem yields:  $p(\{c_{j \in [k+1, \infty]}\} \mid \{c_{i \in [0, k]}\})$

→ Obtain a probability distribution  $p(\Delta_k^h \mid \{c_i\})$  for  $\Delta_k^h = \sum_{i=k+1}^h c_i \cdot Q^i$



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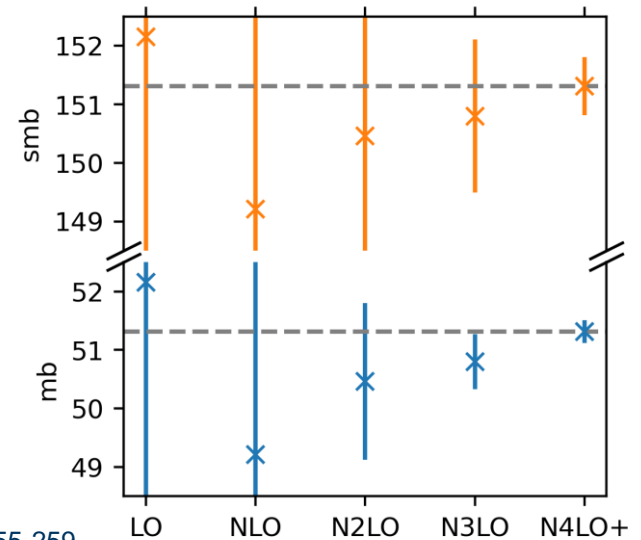
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- Experiment:  $51.02 \pm 0.3 \text{ mb}$  P.W. Lisowski et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 49 (1982), 255-259



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**Including next-higher order  
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- Uncertainty: width of  $p(X^{(k)})$

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- Explicit constraints
  - np coherent scattering length
  - Deuteron Binding Energy

} Fixing S-waves for low scattering energies artificially!
- Fits are stable, with respect to starting values of lower-order LECs
- Levenberg-Marquardt fit algorithm form scipy's leastsq function

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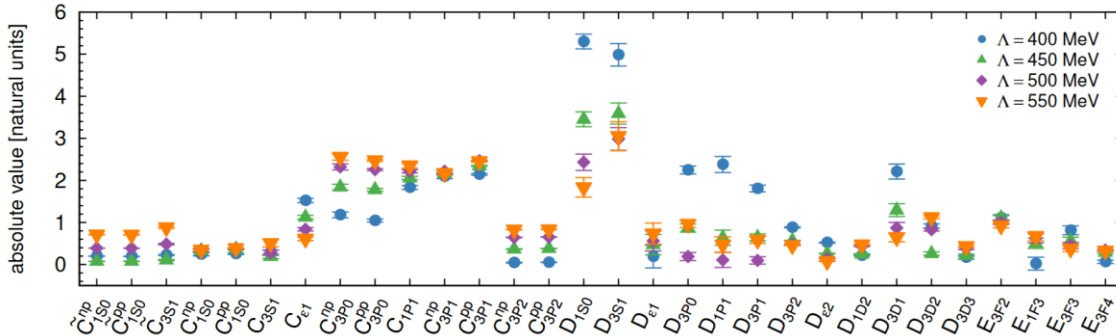
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  - Assume:  $p(a_j^{(i)})$  is independent of the order  $i$  and is the same for all elements of  $\vec{a}^{(i)}$
  - Assume:  $p(a_j^{(i)}) \sim N(0, w)$  follows Gaussian with mean 0 and standard deviation  $w$
  - Bayes theorem:

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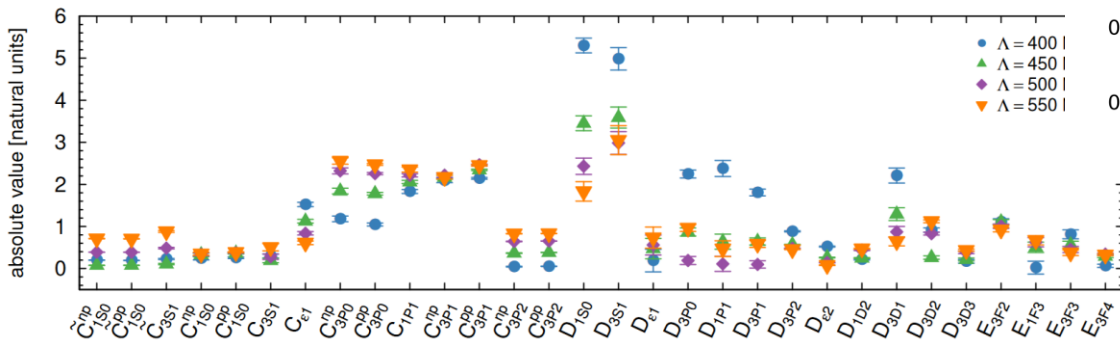


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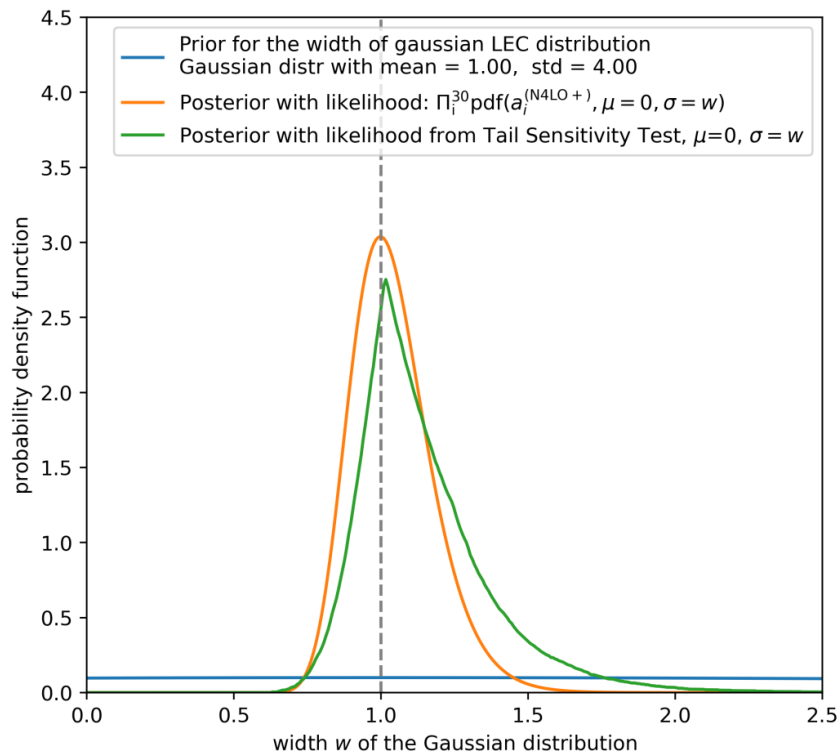


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- What exactly is  $p(\vec{a}^{(i \in [0,k])} | w)$ ?
- If assumptions are fulfilled, the LECs are indeed drawn from a Gaussian distribution with  $\sigma \sim 1$



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What we thought we do  
**Calculate  $X^{(k)}$  and add  
randomly higher order  
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size  $\rightarrow$  Truncation error**

Results

**PRELIMINARY!**

# $p(\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{(N4LO+)})$ at 150MeV

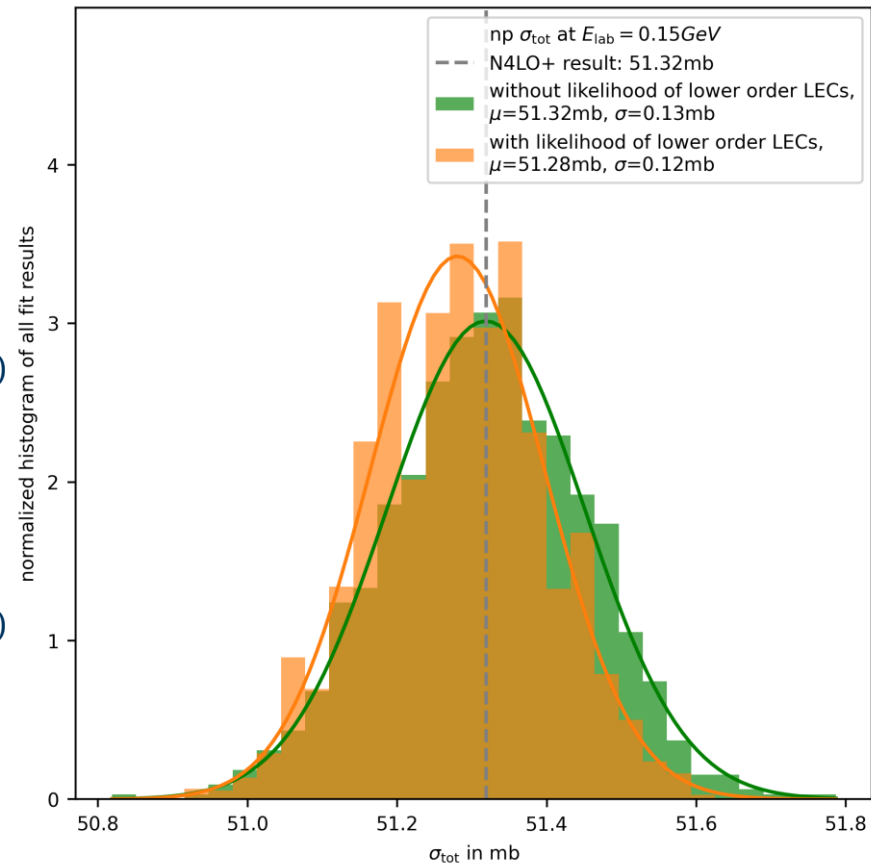
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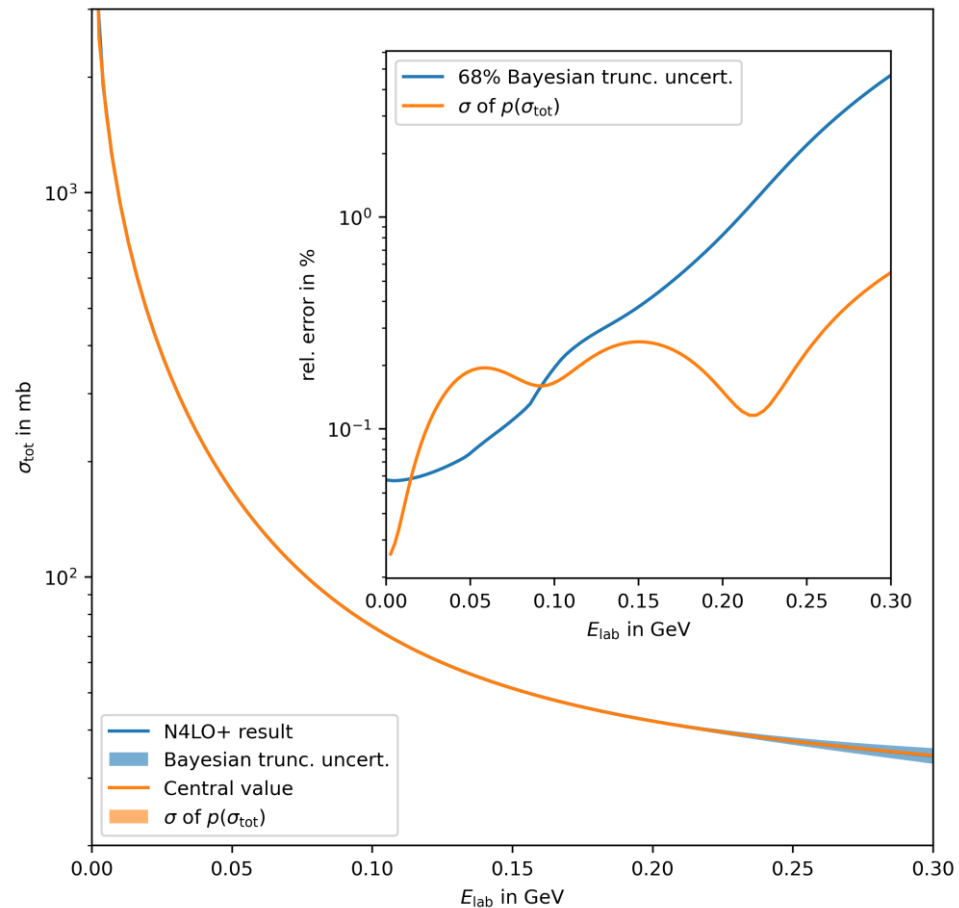
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- Prior: distribution of LECs:  $p(\vec{a}^{(k+1)})$

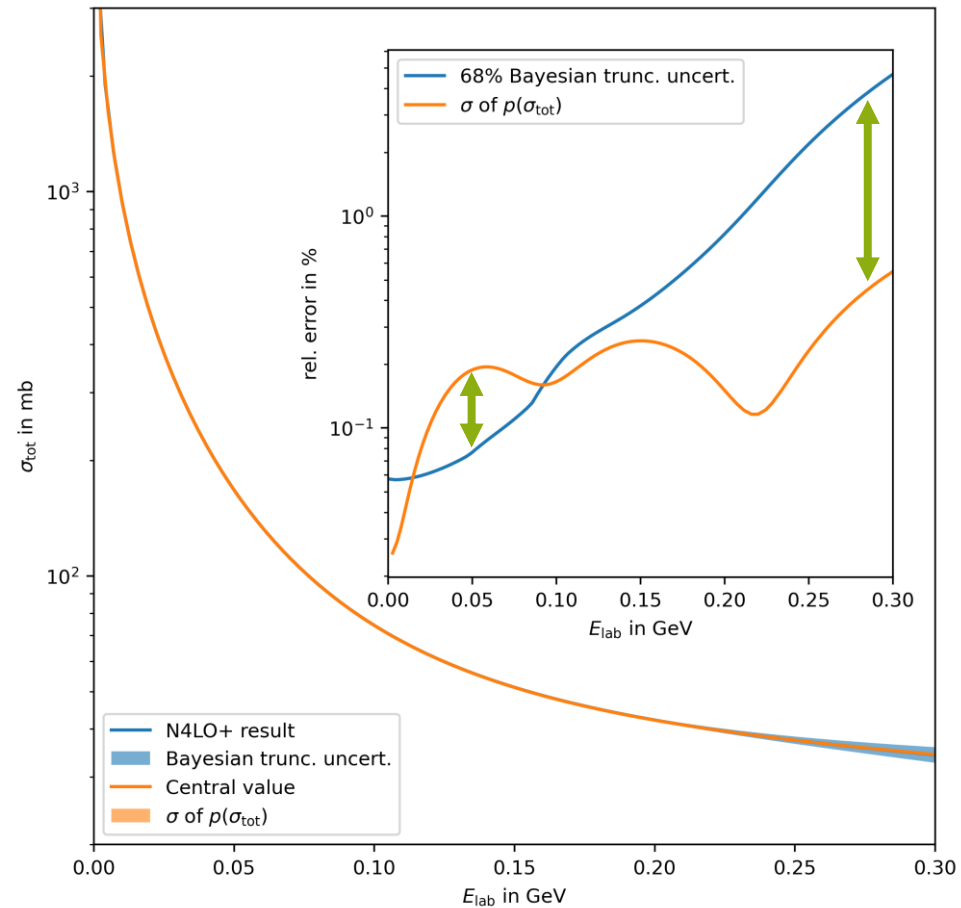


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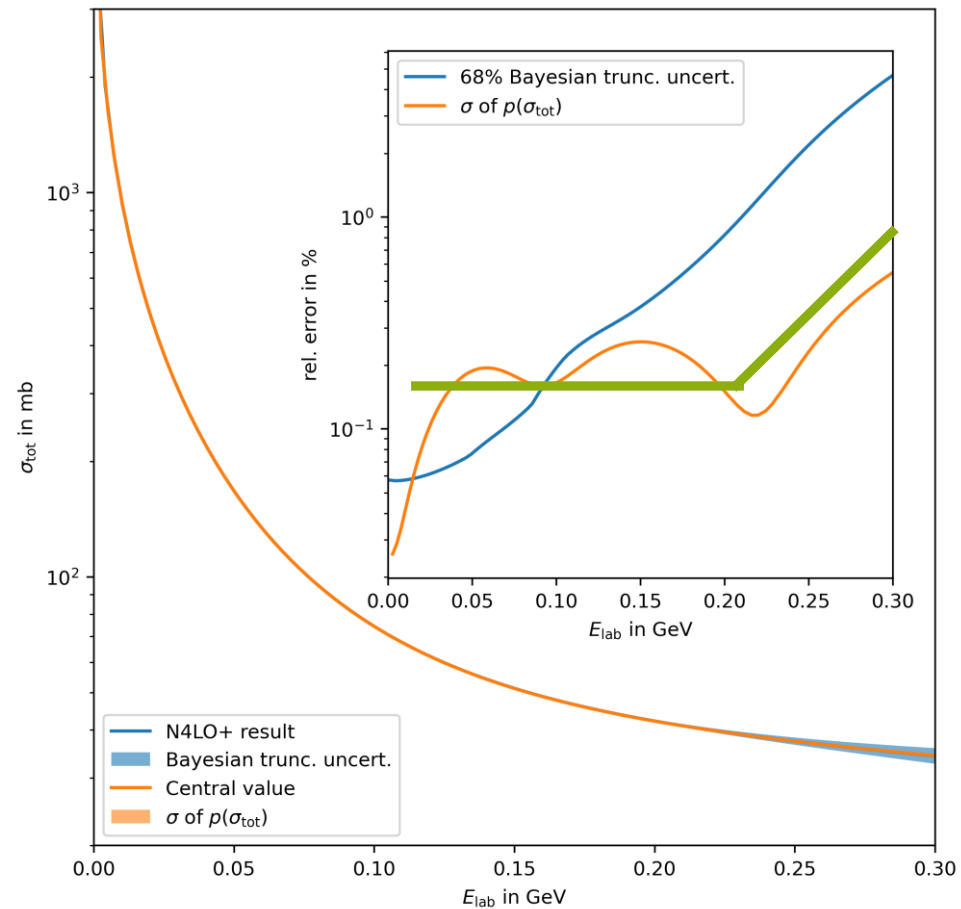
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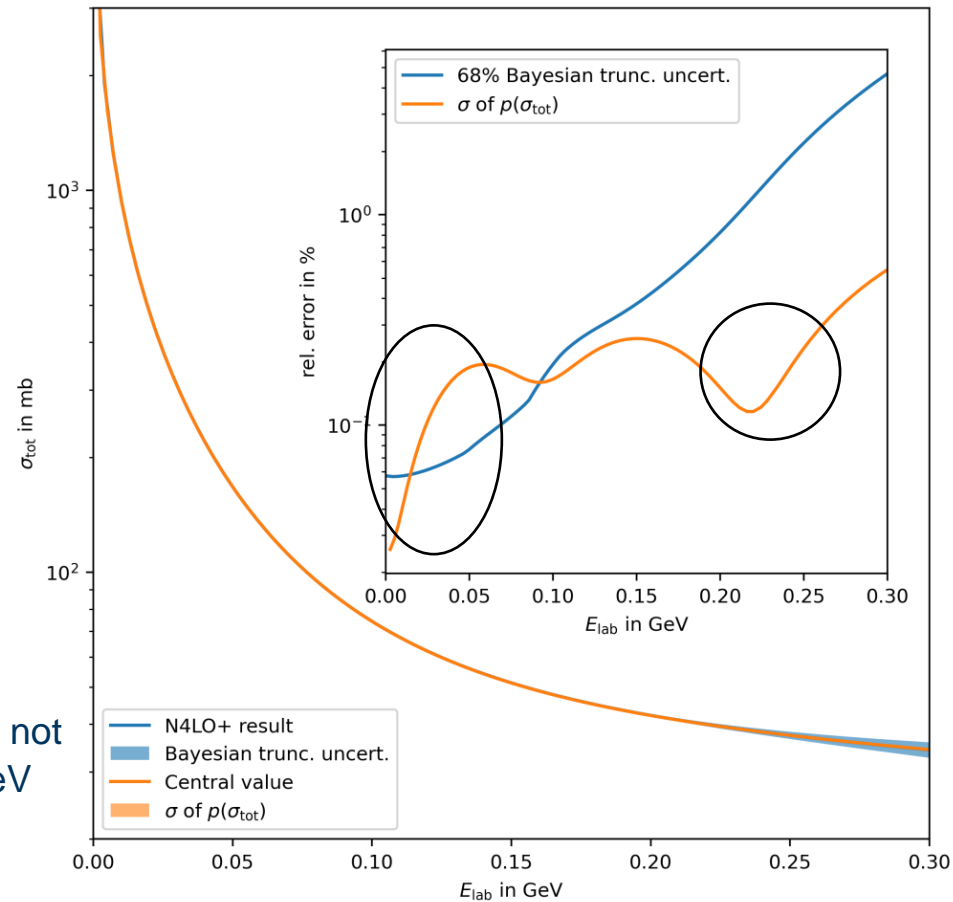
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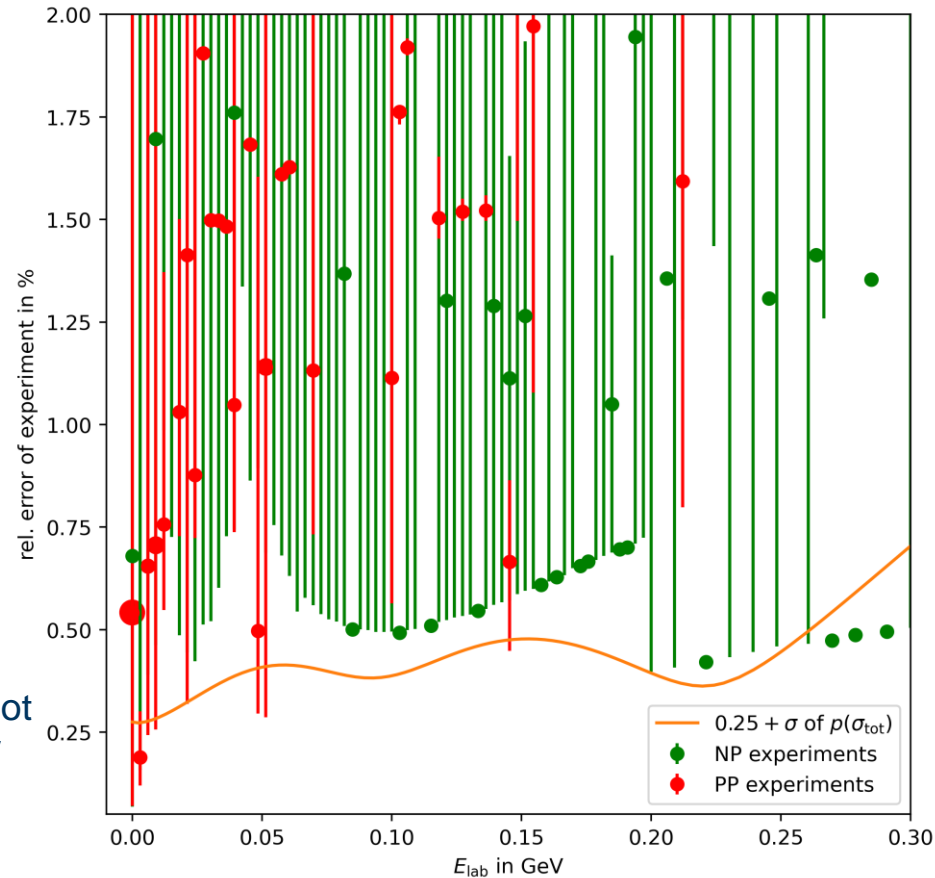
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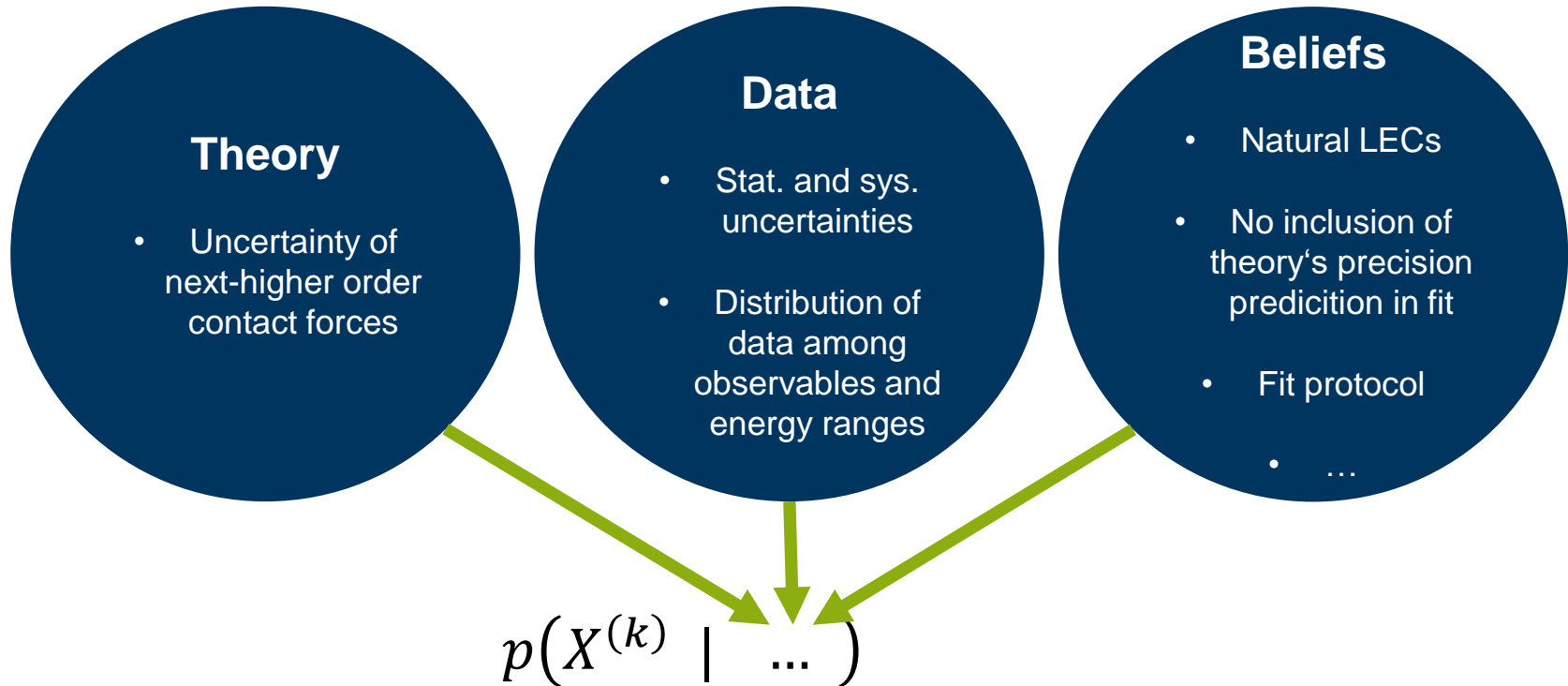


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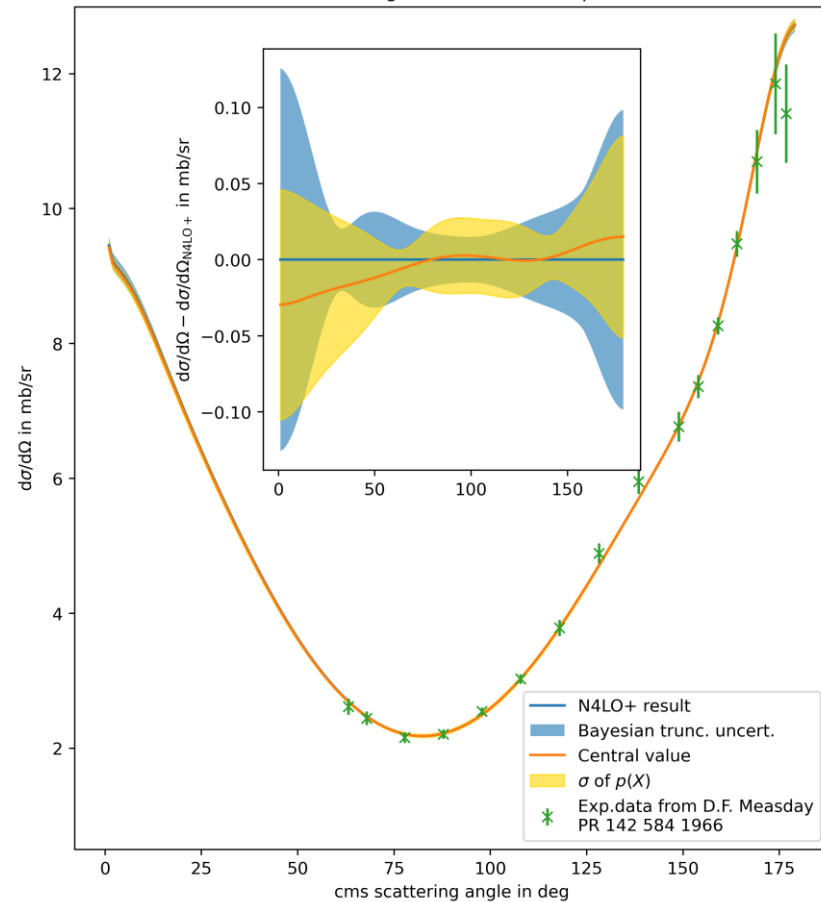


$p(X^{(k)})$  is actually not only truncation uncertainty



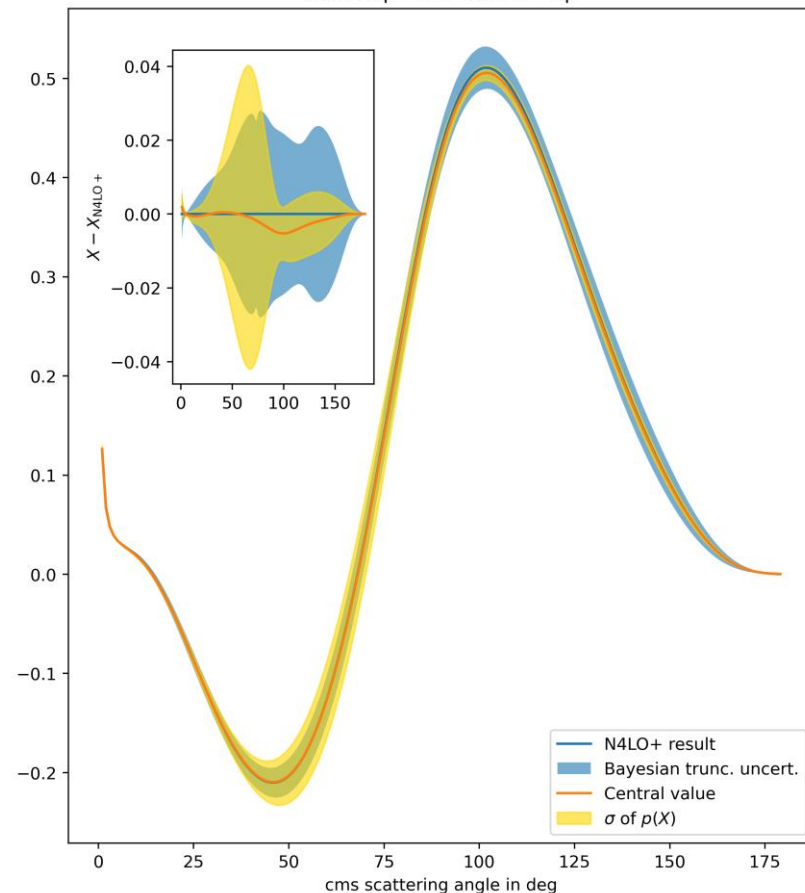
# Differential cross-section

- What about angle-dependent observables?
- Bayesian model and our model agree
- No sign of another angle-dependent expansion parameter?
  - Other Mandelstam parameters do not play any role?



# Ckp at $E_{\text{lab}} = 200\text{MeV}$

- What is our total knowledge about a certain observable?
  - Calculate observable with well working theory
  - Add Truncation uncertainty with experimental uncertainty
  
- Different angular dependence of uncertainty
  - Angular dependent expansion?
  - Impact of precisely measured experimental data?



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# Conclusion and Outlook

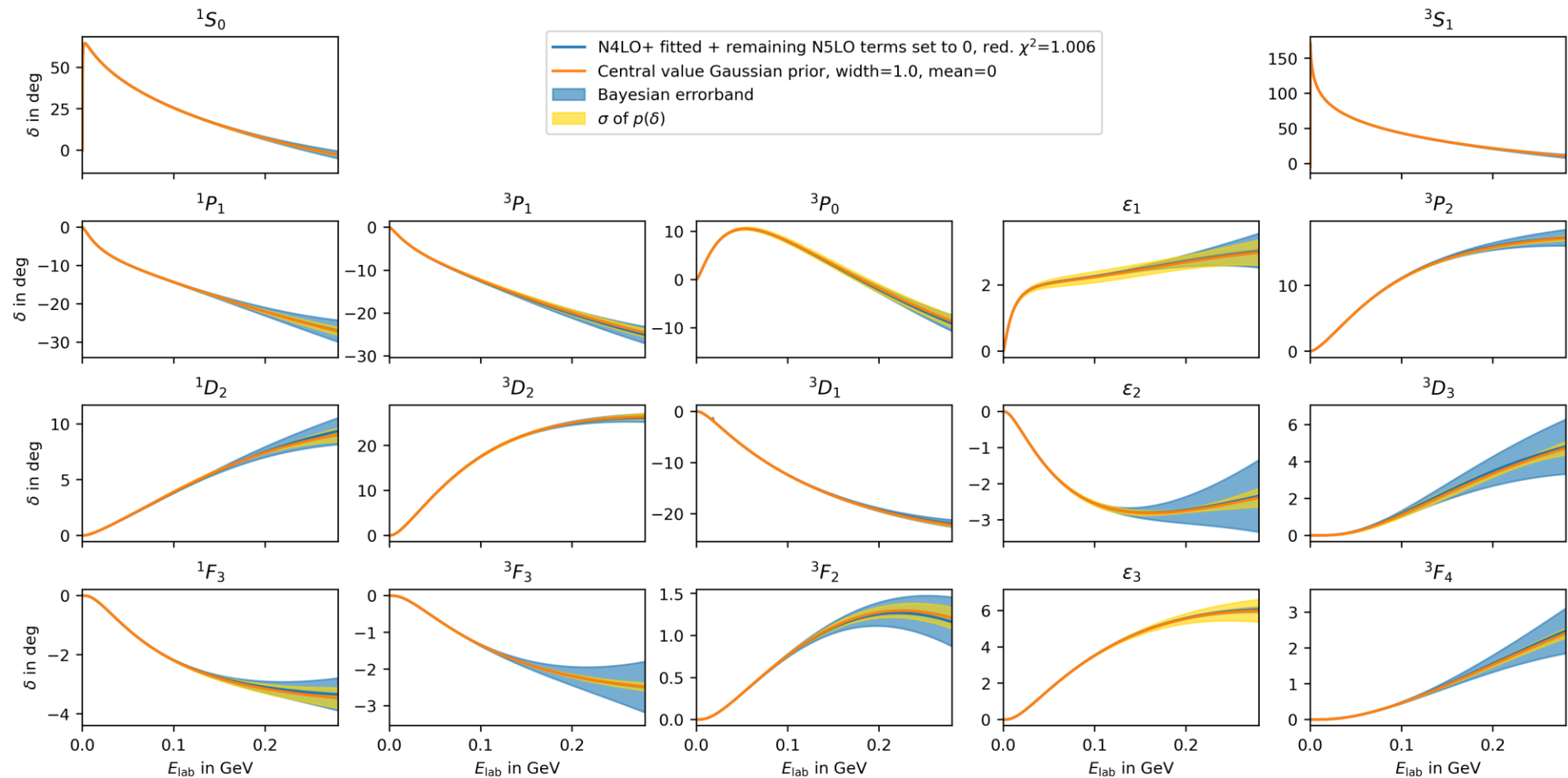
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- Investigate different chiral orders, different cutoffs
- So far, pion-exchange is used in calculation, but its truncation uncertainty is not yet estimated
- How to **disentangle statistical and truncation** uncertainty?
- How to propagate these uncertainties towards **few- and many-body** calculations?

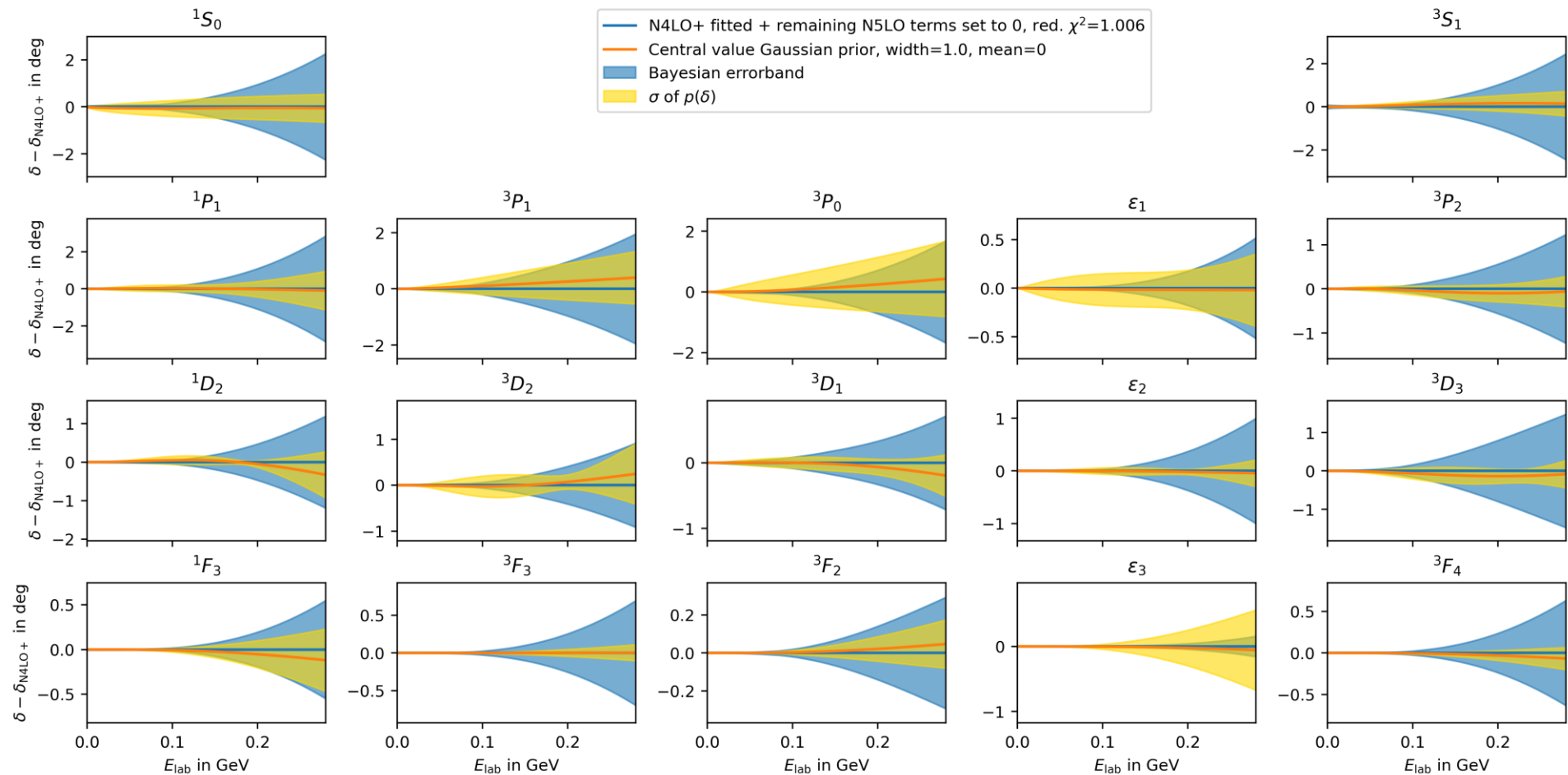
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**More results, more  
preliminary!**

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**Phaseshifts**



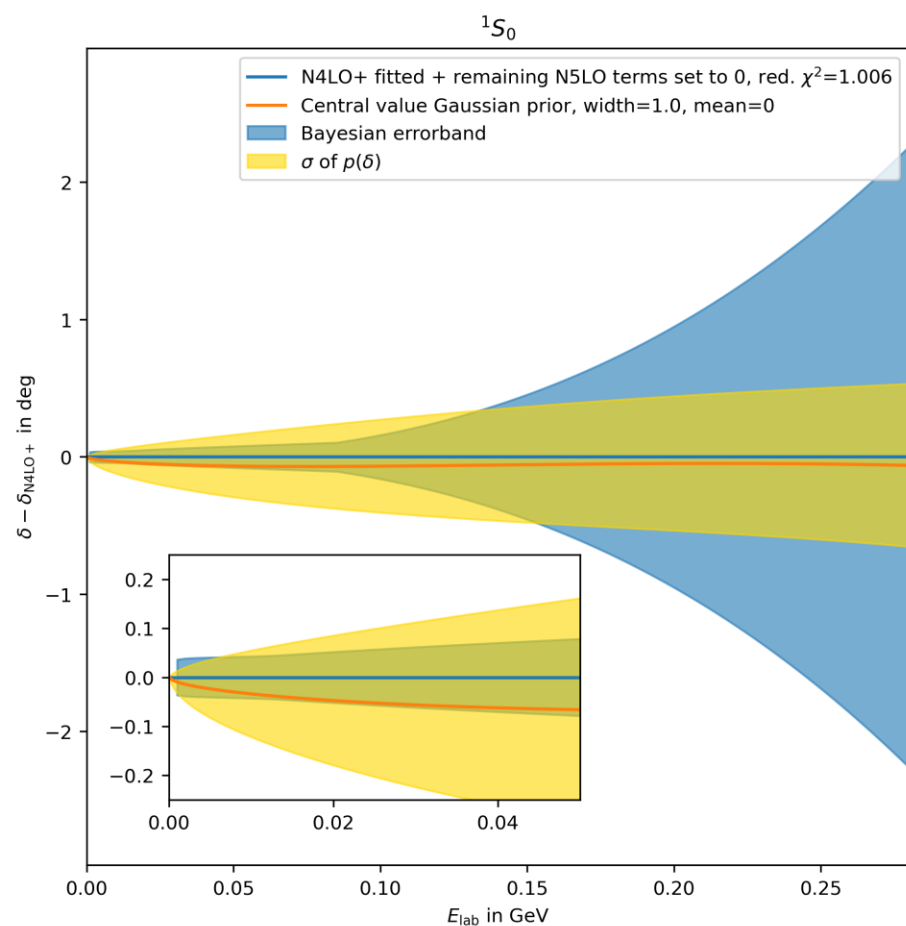




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- Larger uncertainty for lower energies
- Smaller uncertainty for higher energies

Compared to Bayesian estimation



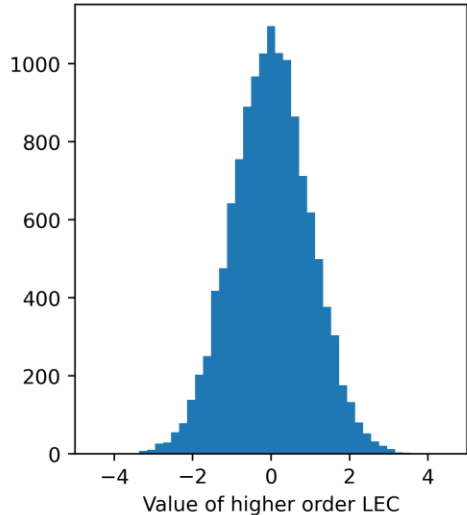
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**Using different distribution  
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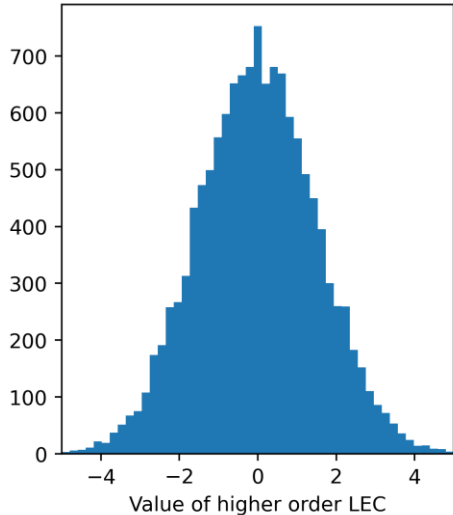
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- Investigated 4 different distribution for higher-order LECs in total
- For each distribution 1000 fits have been conducted

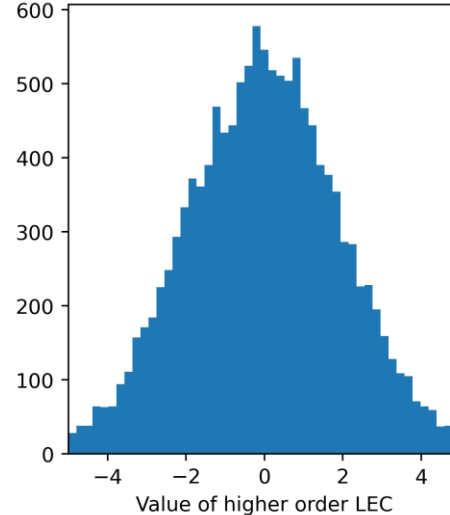
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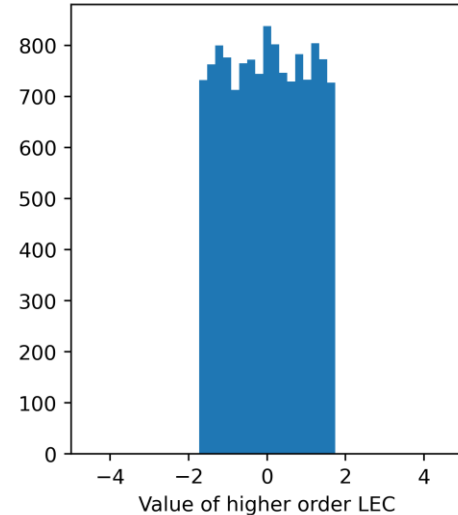
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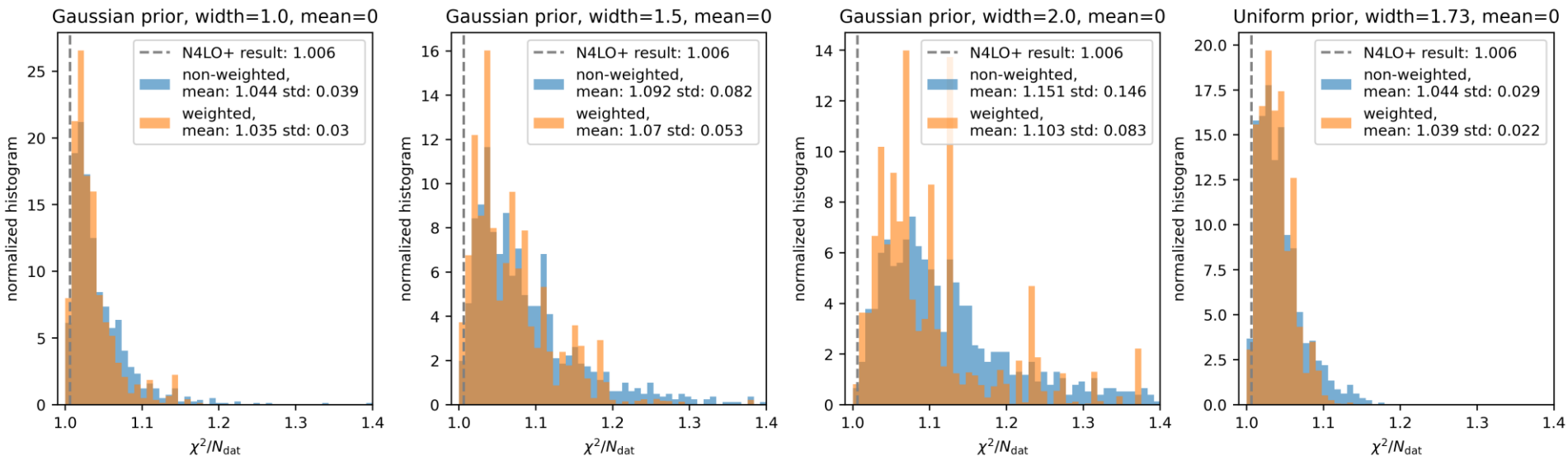


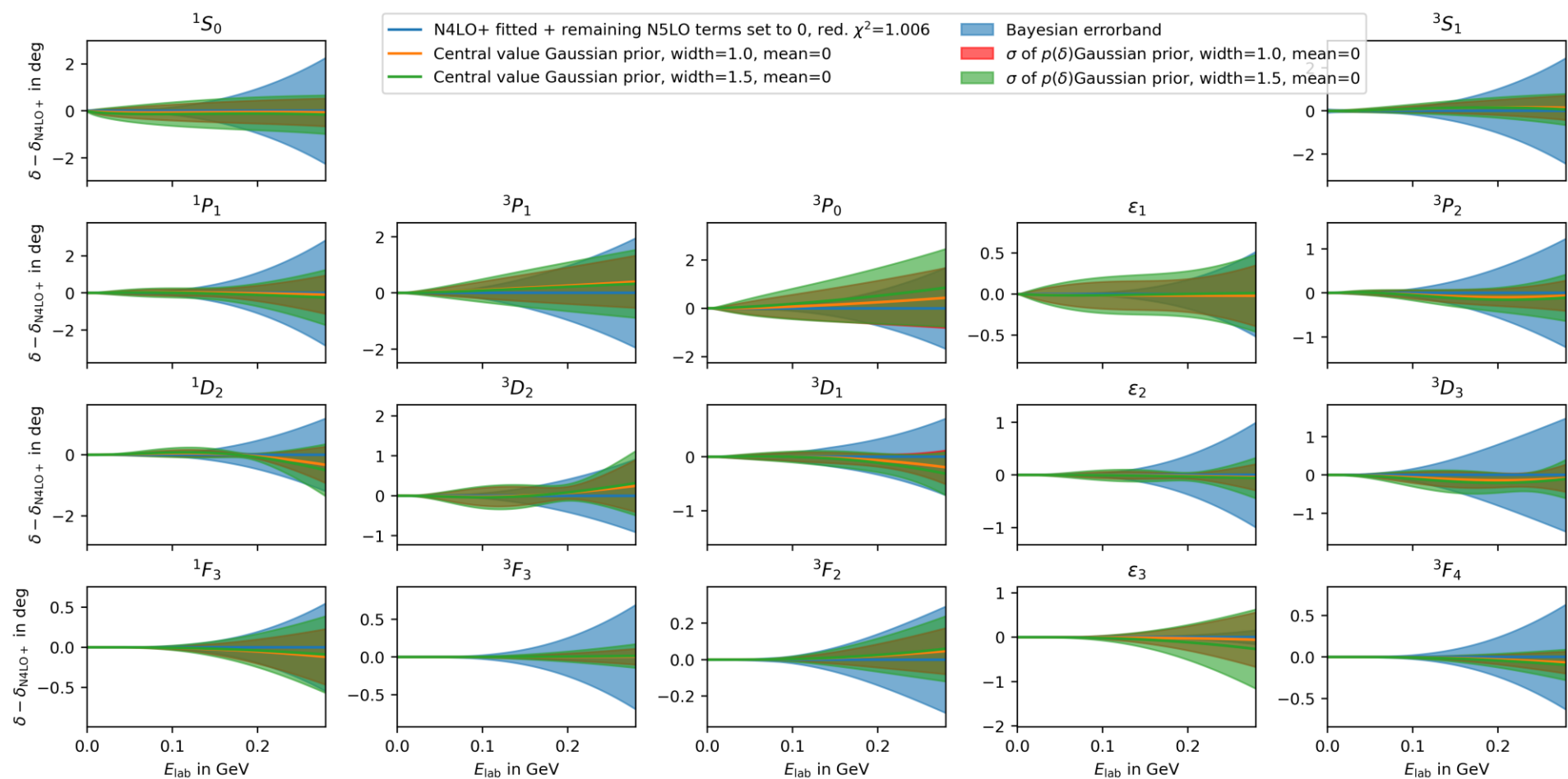
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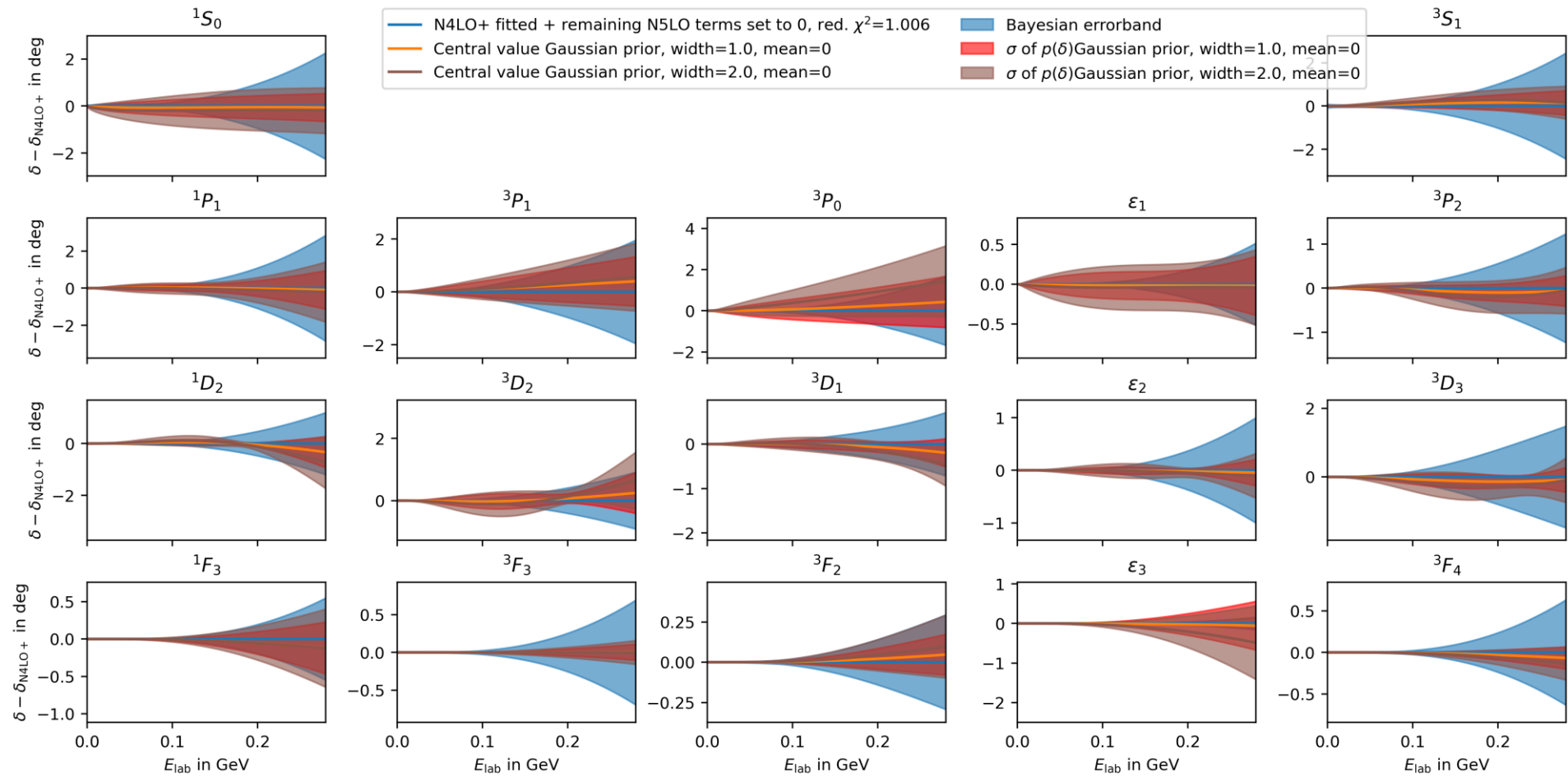


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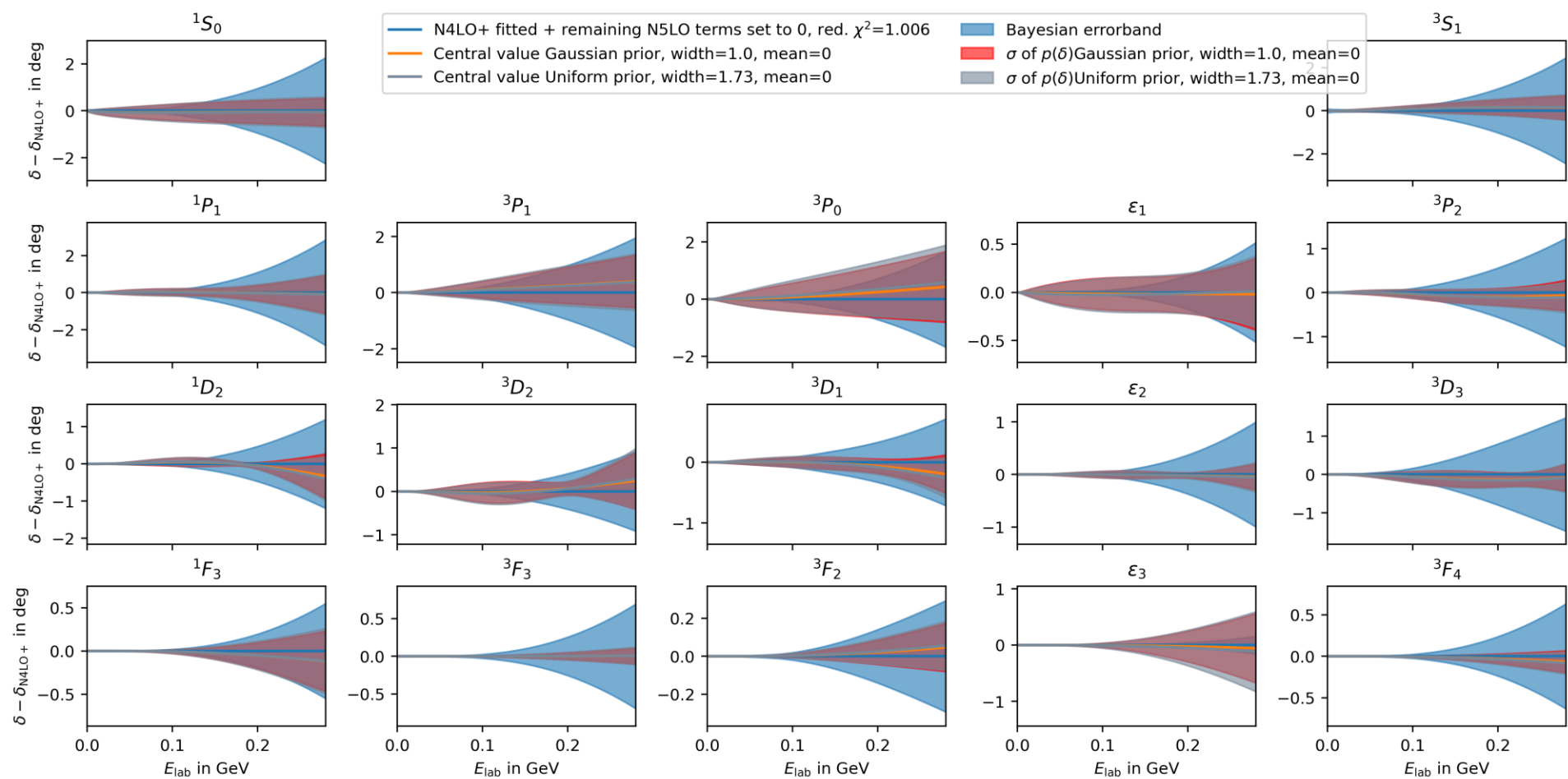
- Entem-Machleidt-Nosyk N4LO+ best  $\chi^2/N_{\text{dat}}$  (0-300MeV):  $\sim 1.2$  E. Epelbaum et al., Handbook of Nuclear Physics 2022
- Fits without  $2\pi$  exchange  $\sim 1.9$  (deviates  $\sim 45\sigma$  from 1!)
- Successful PWA ( $\chi^2/N_{\text{dat}} \sim 1$ ) and model uncertainty are two different things!











Back up slides

**Naturalness of LECs**

# Our general approach

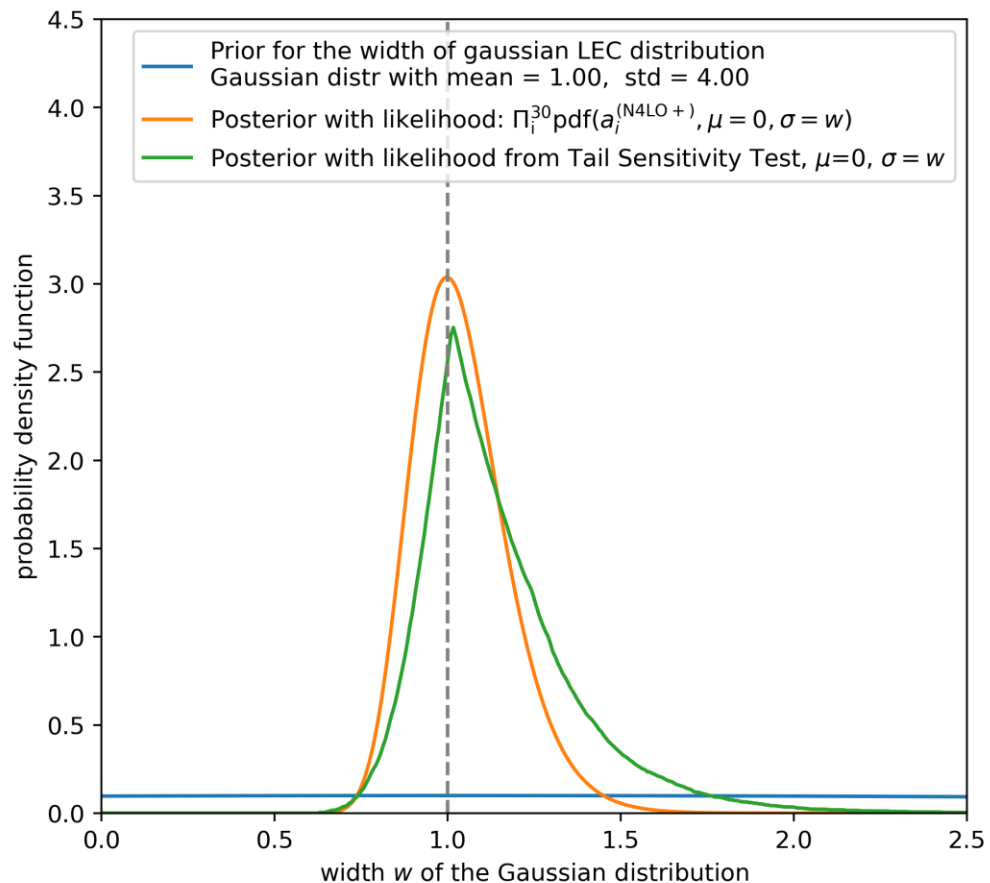
- Using power counting, nuclear forces from chiral Lagrangian at some fixed chiral order are derived
- Forces are regulated, with cutoff regulator as function of external nuclear momenta and cutoff  $\Lambda$ 
  - Regulator must leave all symmetries intact
  - Infinite number of UV-divergences, if  $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$ , from iterated potential, but at finite chiral order not enough counter terms available  $\rightarrow$  finite cutoff!
  - Demanding no deeply bound states

$\rightarrow \Lambda \sim \Lambda_B$  and Weinberg power counting  $\rightarrow$  LECs  $\sim 1$
- Fitting the bare(!) coefficients of the short-range operators (LECs), leaving the cutoff finite
  - $\rightarrow$  Implicit renormalization of LECs (Renormalized LECs are actually unknown for pionful theory)

Epelbaum et al., Front. in Phys. 8, 98 (2020), arXiv:1911.11875

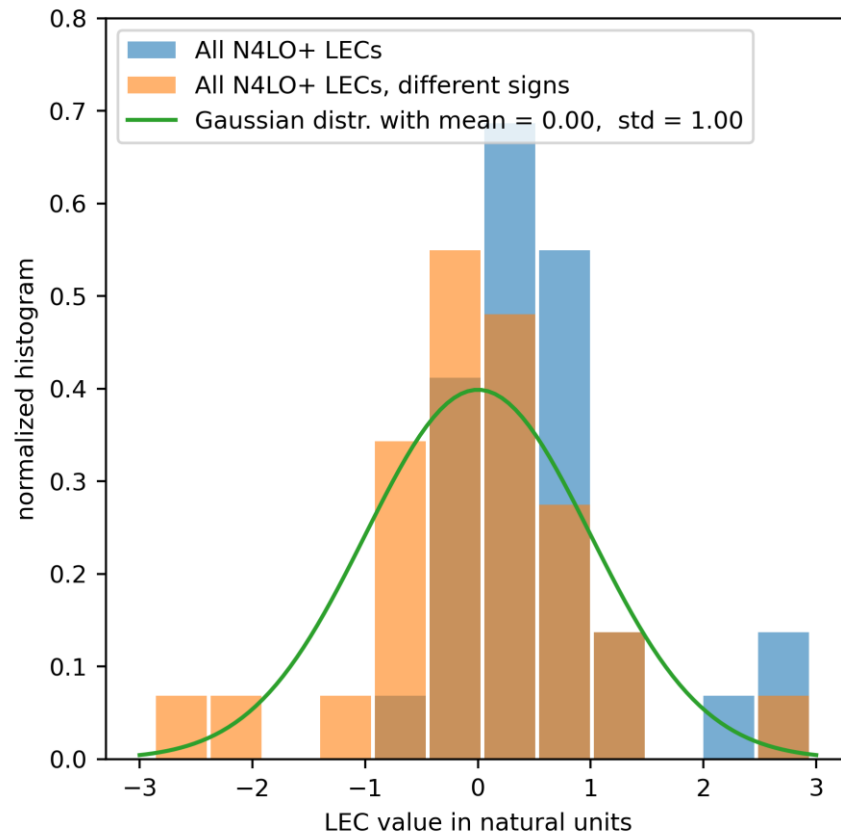
# What are natural values?

- $p(w | \vec{a}^{(i \in [0,k])}) \propto p(\vec{a}^{(i \in [0,k])} | w) \cdot p(w)$
  - What is  $p(\vec{a}^{(i \in [0,k])} | w)$ ?
    - Product of probabilities of every element of  $\vec{a}^{(i \in [0,k])}$ , that it comes from  $N(0, w)$  ?
    - Probability, that this set of LECs is drawn from  $N(0, w)$  ? Tail-sensitive test s. Aldor-Noiman et al., Am. Stat. 67, 249 (2013)
- If assumptions are fulfilled, the LECs are indeed drawn from a distribution with  $w \sim 1$



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