

# Compton Scattering Reveals Garment Composition & Fashion Mind

# A Theoretically Grand Tour of Compton Scattering and Nucleon Polarisabilities

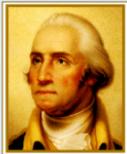
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How do constituents of the nucleon react to external fields?  
How to reliably extract proton, neutron, spin polarisabilities?  
Community Effort: Plan effective experiments & test theory!

Exp-Th Compton Roadmap in "Next-Gen  $\gamma$  Source": IJMPG49 (2022) 010502

Review: +G. Feldman: Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 67 (2012) 841

Transition Density Formalism and  $^3\text{He}$ : hg/JMcG/AN/DRP: Few-Body Syst. 61 (2020) 61 [2005.12207] [nucl-th]

$^4\text{He}$   $\mathcal{O}(e^2\delta^3)$  Compton & TDA Digest: Liao/hg/JMcG/AN/DRP: EPJA 60 (2024) 132 [2401.16995] [nucl-th]

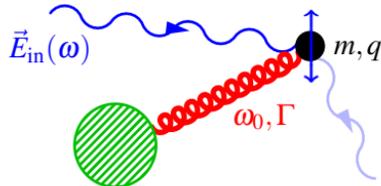
$^6\text{Li}$  & SRG-And-Back: Long/hg/AN/Sun in preparation



# 1. Two-Photon Response Explores System Dynamics

## (a) Polarisabilities: Stiffness of Charged Constituents in El.- Mag. Fields

**Example:** induced **electric dipole radiation** from **harmonically bound charge**, damping  $\Gamma$  Lorentz/Drude 1900/1905

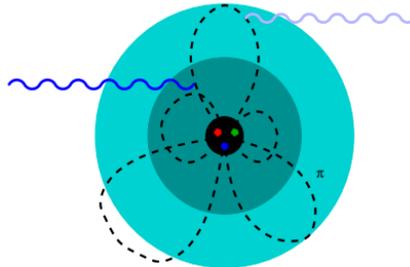


$$\vec{d}_{\text{ind}}(\omega) = \frac{q^2}{m} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\Gamma\omega}}_{=: 4\pi \alpha_{E1}(\omega) \text{ "displaced volume" } [10^{-4} \text{ fm}^3]} \vec{E}_{\text{in}}(\omega)$$

**Energy- ( $\omega$ )-dep. multipoles dis-entangle *interaction scales, symmetries & mechanisms* of constituents.**

**Clean, perturbative probe:  $\chi$ iral symmetry of pion-cloud & its breaking,  $\Delta(1232)$ , spin-constituents.**

**Fundamental hadron properties**, like charge, mass, mag. moment,  $\langle r_N^2 \rangle \dots$  PDG



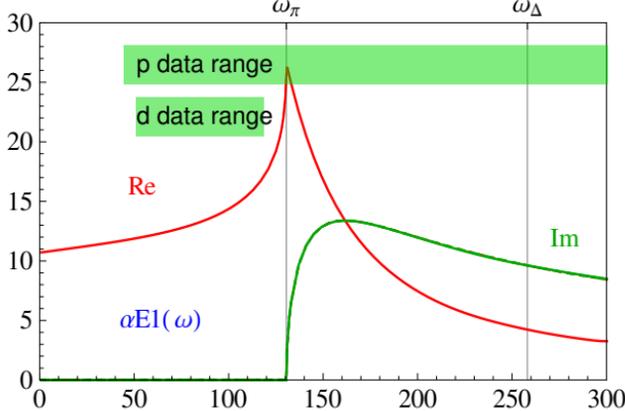
**Full amplitudes** for observables/fits, but **multipoles** to reveal two-photon response of constituents.

$$T = \underbrace{\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Powell amplitudes} \\ \text{point spin-}\frac{1}{2} + \pi^0 \text{ pole} \\ \text{+anom. mag. moment} \end{array} \right]}_{\text{Powell amplitudes}} + 2\pi \left[ \underbrace{\alpha_{E1}(\omega) \vec{E}^2 + \beta_{M1}(\omega) \vec{B}^2}_{\substack{2 \text{ scalar dipoles} \\ \text{electric} \quad \text{magnetic}}} + \underbrace{\gamma_{E1E1}(\omega) \vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{E} \times \dot{\vec{E}})}_{\substack{4 \text{ spin dipoles} \\ \text{+} \gamma_{M1M1}(\omega) \vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \dot{\vec{B}})} + \dots \right] + \dots$$

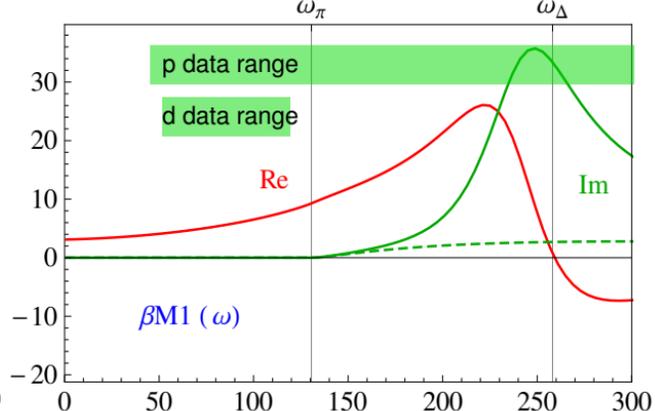
**Polarisabilities: Energy-dependent Multipoles** of real Compton scattering.

⇒ “Static”  $\alpha_{E1}$  etc. compress rich dynamics into few numbers. ⇒ Need Theory to extrapolate!

$\alpha_{E1}(\omega)$ : Pion cusp well captured by single- $N\pi$ .



$\beta_{M1}(\omega)$ : para-magnetic  $N$ -to- $\Delta$   $M1$ -transition.



# (c) The Polarisabilities Project: Relevant Data and Reliable Theory

**2023 US & 2024 EU LRPs: Polarisabilities benchmark low-energy hadron structure.**

*[Since last US LRP,] substantial progress has been made [...], with strong international efforts and synergistic advancements in experiment and theory.*

*The Present and Future of QCD, US Town Meeting White Paper 2023*

**Compton Community Goal: Unified framework with reliable error bars for proton, deuteron,  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $^4\text{He}$ , ... (elastic & inelastic) into  $\Delta(1232)$  region.**

**Exp-Th Compton Roadmap in "Next-Gen  $\gamma$  Source" Int. J. Mod. Phys. G49 (2022) 010502 [2012.10843]**

**Lattice QCD:** relate to fundamental interactions

→ *polarQCD* (Alexandru/Lee) 2005-; *NPLQCD* 2006-;

*LHPC* (Engelhardt) 2007-; Leinweber/... (Adelaide) 2013; Wang/... (Beijing) 2024-

**Experiment:** Significant investments; data taken/scheduled/approved

**COMPTON@HI $\gamma$ S** (TUNL/Duke U. NC, USA; DOE):

> 3000 hrs already committed at 60 – 110 MeV

proton doubly & beam pol. deuteron unpol & beam pol.

$^3\text{He}$  unpol & doubly pol.  $^4\text{He}$ ,  $^6\text{Li}$  unpol.

**A2 @ MAMI** (Mainz U. Germany; DFG; 5-year SFB):

running, data cooking and planned

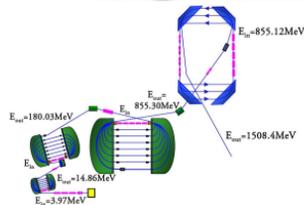
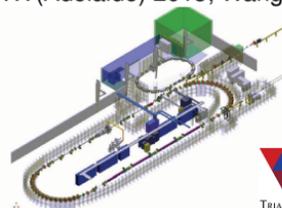
proton 100 – 400 MeV: beam & target pol.

deuteron,  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $^4\text{He}$  unpol., beam & target pol.

**MAXlab** (Lund U., Sweden): data cooking continues

deuteron 100 – 160 MeV: unpol.

**Chiral EFT:** data consistency, binding effects, analysis, extraction



## (d) Our Theory Collaboration: $\chi$ EFT With Error Bars for Nuclear Physics!

**Goals:** Comprehensive picture of Compton scattering and nucleon polarisabilities, with probabilistic interpretation of theory truncation uncertainties.

Guide, support, analyse, predict new generation of experiments, and relate data and lattice QCD.



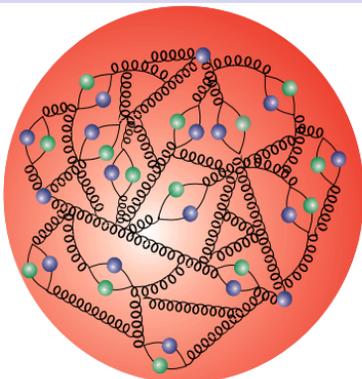
**The BUQEYE Collaboration: Bayesian Uncertainty Quantification: Errors in Your EFT**

... and, over the years, ...

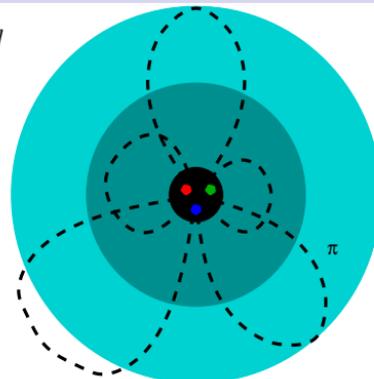
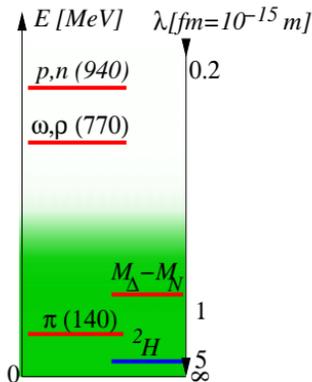
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## 2. Extracting Polarisabilities from Data

### (a) The Low-Energy Method: Chiral Effective Field Theory



high resolution: quarks & gluons



low resolution:  $\pi, N, \Delta$

Degrees of freedom  $\pi, N, \Delta(1232)$  + all interactions allowed by symmetries: Chiral SSB, gauge, iso-spin, ...



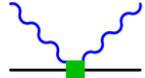
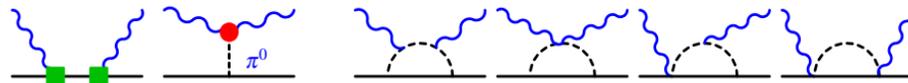
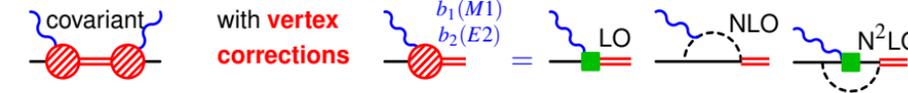
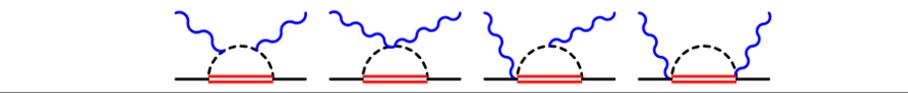
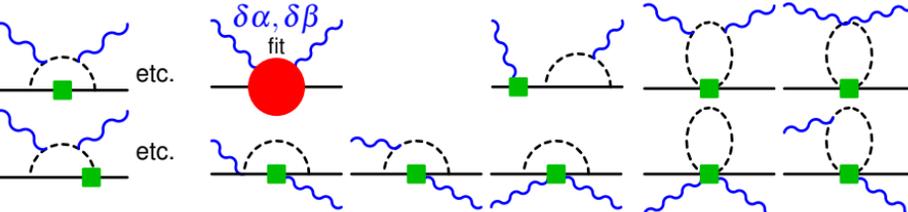
**Chiral Effective Field Theory  $\chi$ EFT  $\equiv$  low-energy QCD**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\chi\text{EFT}} = (D_\mu \pi^a)(D^\mu \pi^a) - m_\pi^2 \pi^a \pi^a + \dots + N^\dagger [i D_0 + \frac{\vec{D}^2}{2M} + \frac{g_A}{2f_\pi} \vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{D}\pi + \dots] N + C_0 (N^\dagger N)^2 + \dots$$

Controlled expansion in  $\delta = \frac{M_\Delta - M_N}{\Lambda_\chi} \approx \sqrt{\frac{m_\pi}{\Lambda_\chi}} \approx 0.4 \ll 1$  (numerical fact)  $\Rightarrow$  **Model-independent, uncertainty estimate.**  
Pascalutsa/Phillips 2002

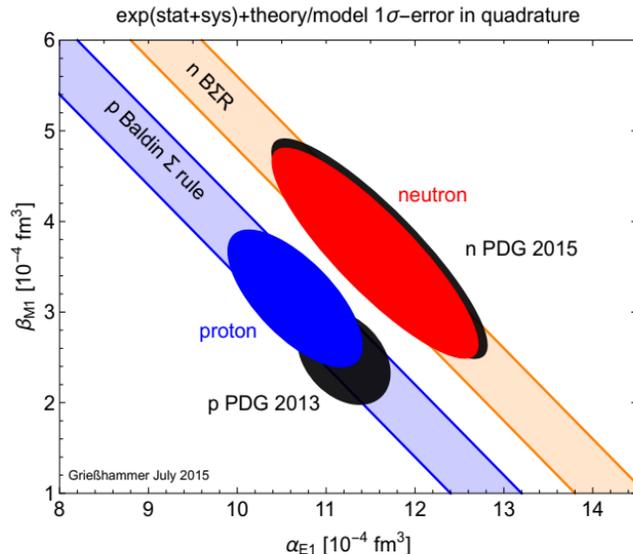
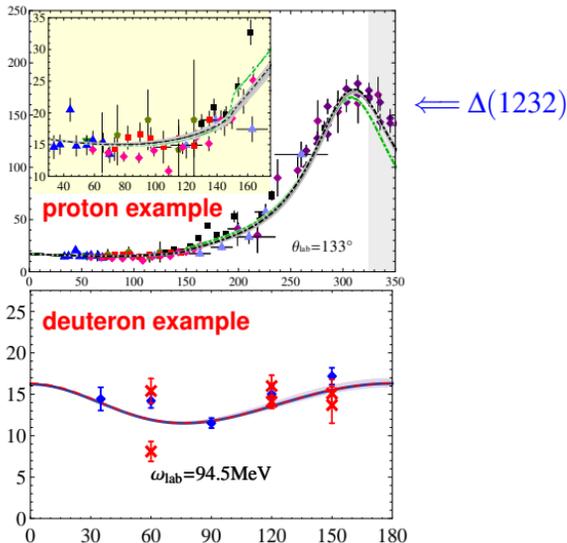
## (b) All 1N Contributions to $N^4\text{LO}$

**Unified Amplitude:** gauge & RG invariant set of all contributions which are  
 in low régime  $\omega \lesssim m_\pi$  at least  $N^4\text{LO}$  ( $e^2\delta^4$ ): accuracy  $\delta^5 \lesssim 2\%$ ;  
 or in high régime  $\omega \sim M_\Delta - M_N$  at least  $N\text{LO}$  ( $e^2\delta^0$ ): accuracy  $\delta^2 \lesssim 20\%$ .

 <p>Thomson term: <math>-\frac{Z^2\alpha_{EM}}{M}</math></p>	$\omega \lesssim m_\pi$ $e^2\delta^0$ LO	$\omega$ $\sim M_\Delta - M_N$ $\approx 300 \text{ MeV}$ $e^2\delta^0 \searrow N\text{LO}$
 <p>covariant with vertex corrections</p>	$e^2\delta^2$ $N^2\text{LO}$	$e^2\delta^1$ $N^2\text{LO}$
 <p><math>b_1(M1)</math> <math>b_2(E2)</math> = LO NLO <math>N^2\text{LO}</math></p>	$e^2\delta^3$ $N^3\text{LO}$	$e^2\delta^{-1} \nearrow \text{LO}$
	$e^2\delta^3$ $N^3\text{LO}$	$e^2\delta^1$ $N^2\text{LO}$
 <p><math>\delta\alpha, \delta\beta</math> fit</p>	$e^2\delta^4$ $N^4\text{LO}$	$e^2\delta^2$ $N^3\text{LO}$

**Unknowns:** short-distance  $\delta\alpha, \delta\beta \iff$  static  $\alpha_{E1}, \beta_{M1}$  (offset)  $\implies \omega$ -dependence predicted.

# (c) Scalar Polarizabilities from Consistent p & d Databases



proton (Baldin,  $N^2\text{LO}$ )  
McGovern/Phillips/hg EPJA 2013

neutron (Baldin, NLO)  
COMPTON@MAX-lab PRL 2014

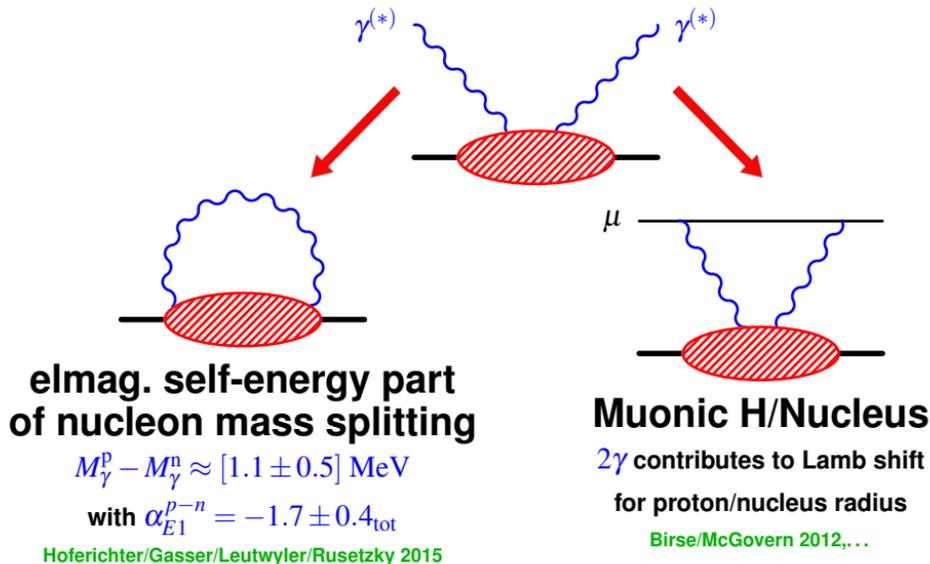
$\alpha_{E1} [10^{-4} \text{ fm}^3]$	$\beta_{M1} [10^{-4} \text{ fm}^3]$	$\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.}$
$10.65 \pm 0.35_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.2_{\Sigma} \pm 0.3_{\text{theory}}$	$3.15 \mp 0.35_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.2_{\Sigma} \mp 0.3_{\text{theory}}$	113.2/135
$11.55 \pm 1.25_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.2_{\Sigma} \pm 0.8_{\text{theory}}$	$3.65 \mp 1.25_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.2_{\Sigma} \mp 0.8_{\text{theory}}$	45.2/44



$\Rightarrow$  neutron  $\approx$  proton polarizabilities:  $\alpha_{E1}^{p-n} = -0.9 \pm 1.6_{\text{tot}} - \text{exp. \& neutron errors dominate}$   
 $-0.6 \pm 1.2_{\text{tot}}$  PDG 2022

Cottingham  $\Sigma R$  explains  $M_\gamma^p - M_\gamma^n$  with  $\alpha_{E1}^{p-n} = -1.7 \pm 0.4_{\text{tot}}$  Gasser/Hoferichter/Leutwyler/Rusetsky [1506.06747]

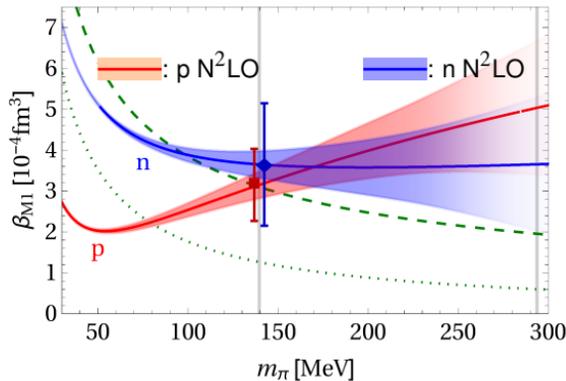
## (d) Example: Why Polarisabilities Matter



# (e) Isovector Contributions and the Anthropic Principle???

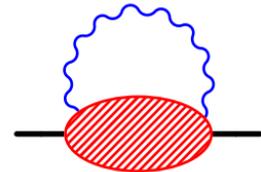
$\chi$ EFT: explicit  $m_\pi$ -dependence  $\mathcal{O} = c_0(m_\pi) + c_1(m_\pi)\delta^1 + c_2(m_\pi)\delta^2 + \text{unknown} \times \delta^3$ , fixed at  $m_\pi^{\text{phys}}$ .

Uncertainties: Bayesian order-by-order at each  $m_\pi$ .



Isospin splitting *statistically significant* for  $m_\pi \lesssim 120$  MeV.

⇒ SPECULATION – NO ERROR BARS



Cottingham  $\Sigma$  Rule:  $\beta_{M1}^{p-n}$  is one of several inputs into the proton-neutron self-energy difference:

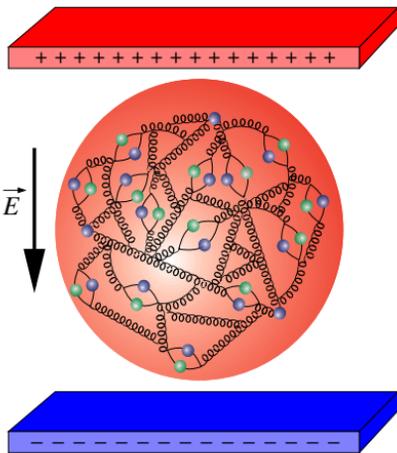
$$M_{p-n} = M_{p-n}^{\text{strong}} + M_{p-n}^{\text{em,elastic}} - A \beta_{M1}^{p-n}$$

Impact on p-n mass difference?:  $-A\beta_{M1}^{p-n} \approx 0.5$  MeV wants more stable n as  $m_q \searrow$ , competes with  $M_{p-n}^{\text{strong}}$ .

→ Neutron lifetime → Big Bang Nucleosynthesis → Anthropic Principle?

**Towards comparable uncertainties in experiment,  $\chi$ EFT and lattice QCD.**

$\chi$ EFT: reliable error estimate for  $\frac{m_\pi}{\Lambda_\chi} \ll 1$ .  $\Rightarrow$  *Fading corridors beyond  $\sim 250$  MeV.*

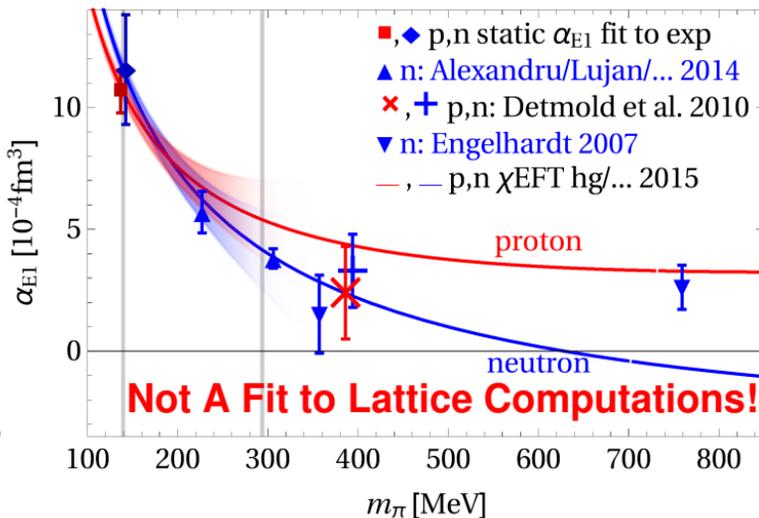


**Ongoing:** charged sea,  $m_\pi \searrow 200$  MeV,  
larger volumes, more statistics,...

**Active lattice groups:**

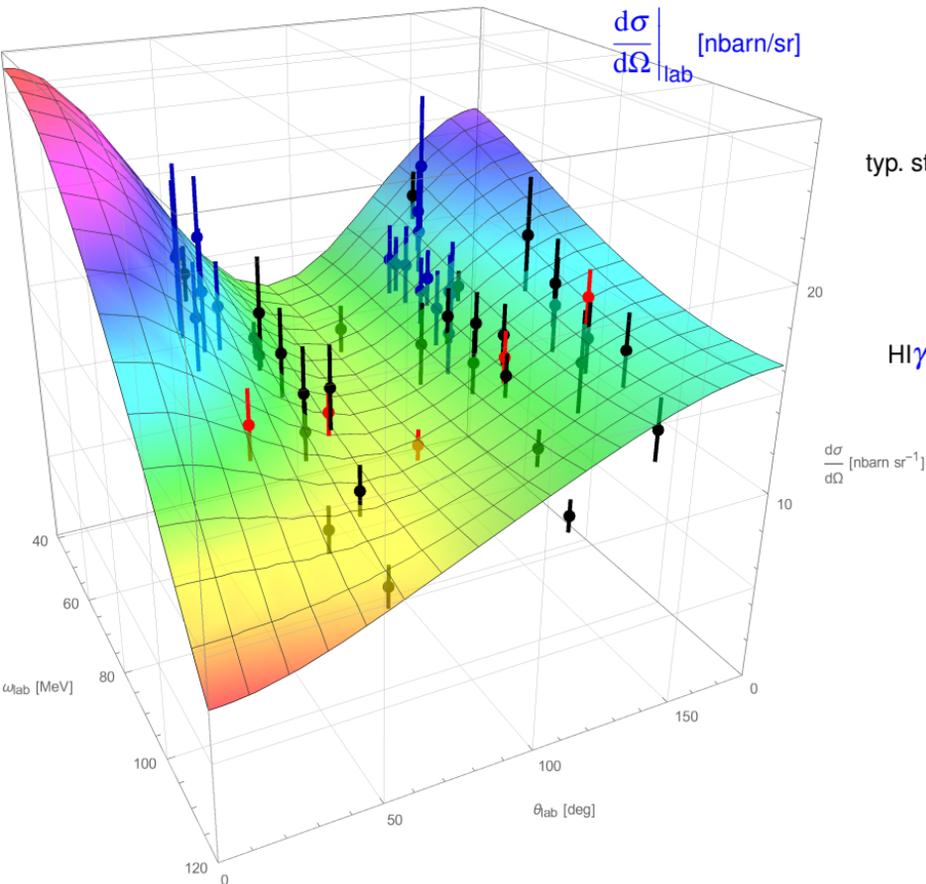
- Alexandru/Lee/... 2005-;
- Engelhardt/LHPC 2006-;
- EMC/NPLQCD 2006-, 2015-;
- Leinweber/Primer/Hall/... 2013-
- Wang/... (Beijing) 2024-

**Example: static electric polarisability  $\alpha_{E1}$**



# (g) Getting to the Neutron: Deuteron Theory and Data

hg/... 2005-2010  
hg/McGovern/Phillips/Feldman PPNP 2012  
Myers/... 2014; Shoniyozov, Godagama in prog.



**52 points** Illinois, Saskatoon, Lund

typ. stat. + uncorrel. sys.:  $\pm [7 \dots 10]\%$

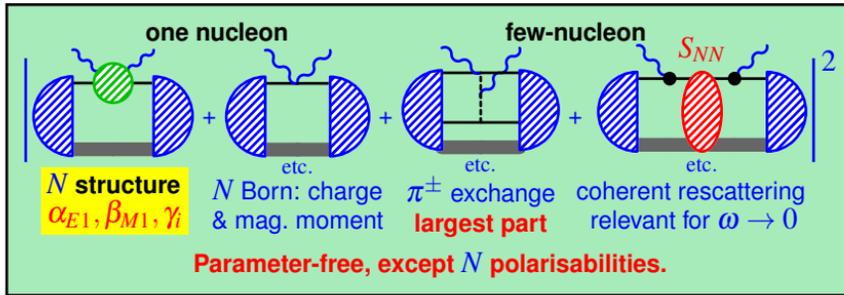
typ. correl. sys.:  $\pm [3 \dots 5]\%$

limited energy & angle coverage

HIγS run being analysed Godagama/...

$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$  [nbarn sr<sup>-1</sup>]

# (h) How to Get to the Neutron?



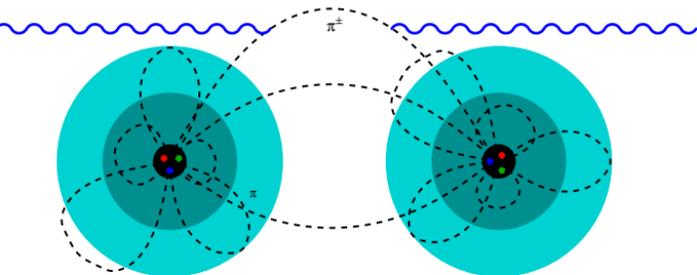
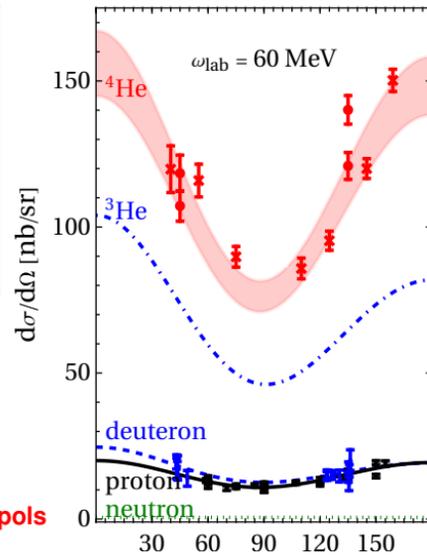
**Experiment:** More charge & MECs  $\Rightarrow$  more counts  $\Rightarrow$  heavier nuclei

**Theory:** Reliable only if nuclear binding & levels accurate  $\Rightarrow$  lighter nuclei

**Sweet-spot: Complementing Targets of Opportunity.**

Deuteron, <sup>4</sup>He, <sup>6</sup>Li: sensitive to  $\alpha_{E1}^p + \alpha_{E1}^n, \beta_{M1}^p + \beta_{M1}^n \Rightarrow$  neutron pols

<sup>3</sup>He: sensitive to  $2\alpha_{E1}^p + \alpha_{E1}^n, 2\beta_{M1}^p + \beta_{M1}^n \Rightarrow$  neutron pols



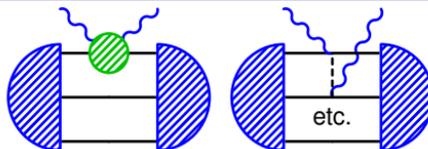
**Model-independently subtract binding effects.**

**Chirally consistent 1N & few-N: potentials, wave functions, currents,  $\pi$ -exchange.**

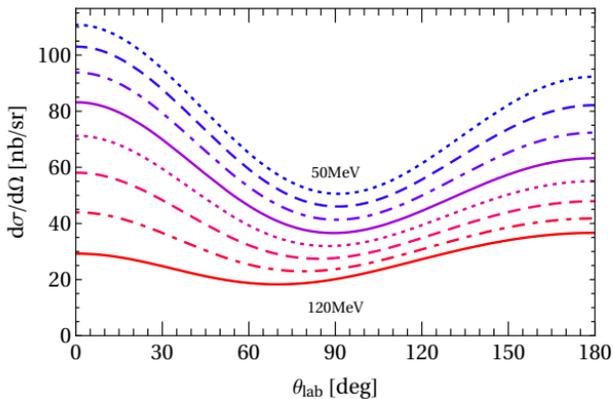
**With increasing  $A$ , less precise polarisabilities, more charged-pion component of  $NN$  int.**

# (i) The Hard Way: $^3\text{He}$ Theory Took A PhD

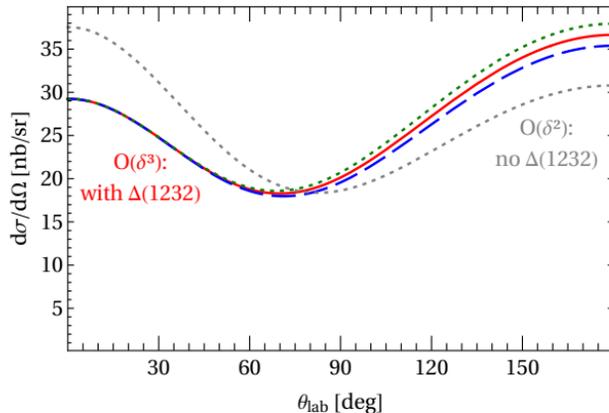
Shukla/Phillips/Nogga 2009, err. PRL **120** (2018) 249901  
 + Strandberg/Margaryan/hg/McG/Ph [[1804.01206](#)]  
 data taken at HIγS 2024, under analysis



$\omega_{\text{lab}} = \{50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120\}$  MeV

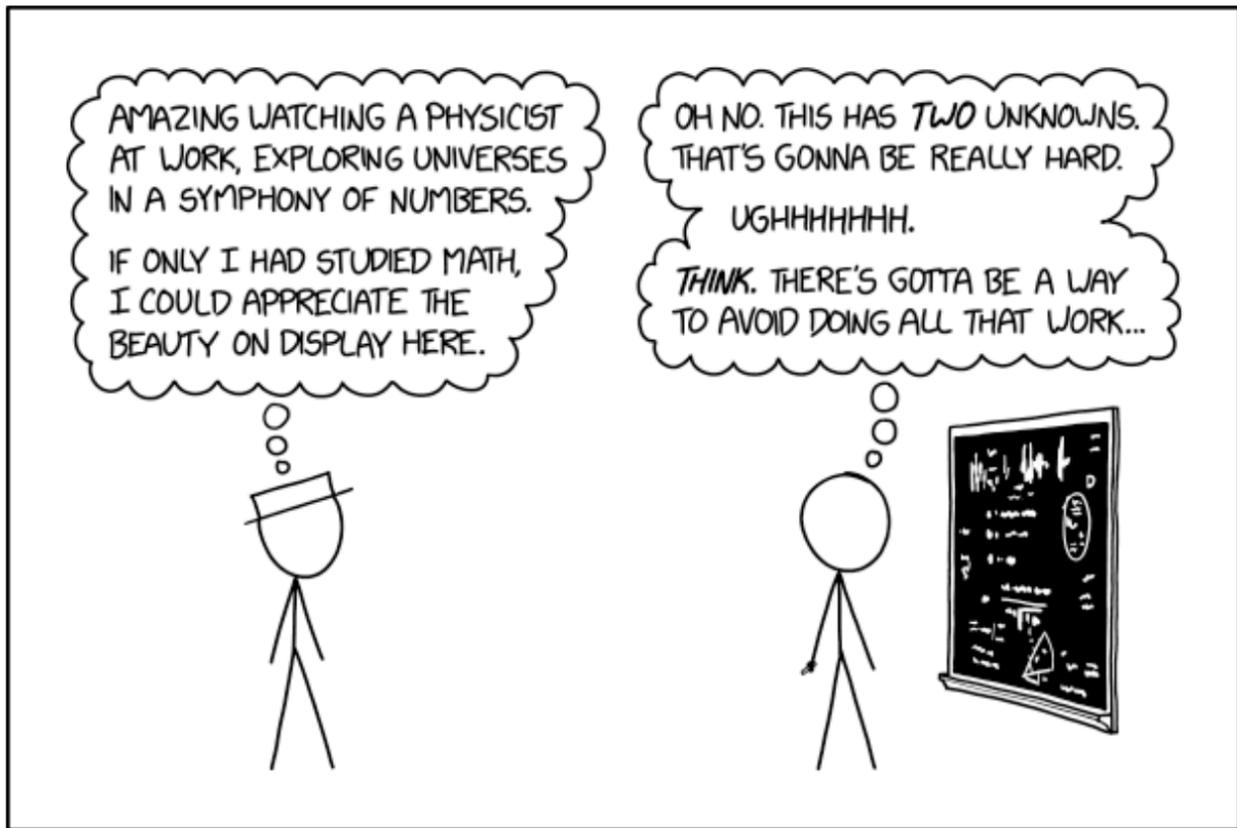


$\omega_{\text{lab}} = 120$  MeV, neutron  $\delta(\alpha_{E1}^n - \beta_{M1}^n) = \pm 2$



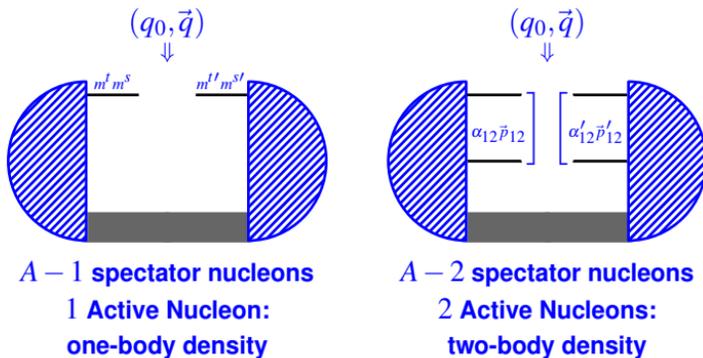
**Observables available as *Mathematica* notebook.**

## (j) 3 Reasons To Simplify: Patterns; Reduce Computational Complexity; And...



xkcd 2019

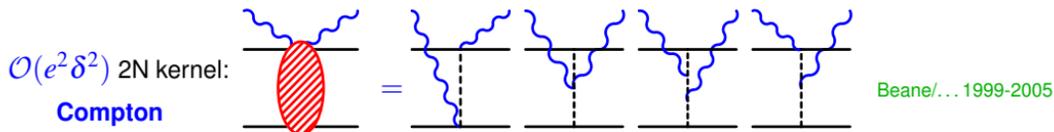
# (k) Transition-Density Amplitude (TDA) Method: Idea



## **$n$ -Body Transition Density Amplitude:**

- $n$  nucleons with intrinsic momenta and specific quantum numbers  $\alpha_{12}$
- absorb momentum transfer  $(q_0, \vec{q})$ ;
- re-arrange quantum numbers to  $\alpha'_{12}$ ;
- get absorbed back into nucleus.

only depends on quantum numbers of actives and mom. transfer



### Idea: Split calculation into

**kernel: interaction with  $n$  active nucleons**

**structure:  $A - n$  spectators**

recycle same reaction for different nuclei

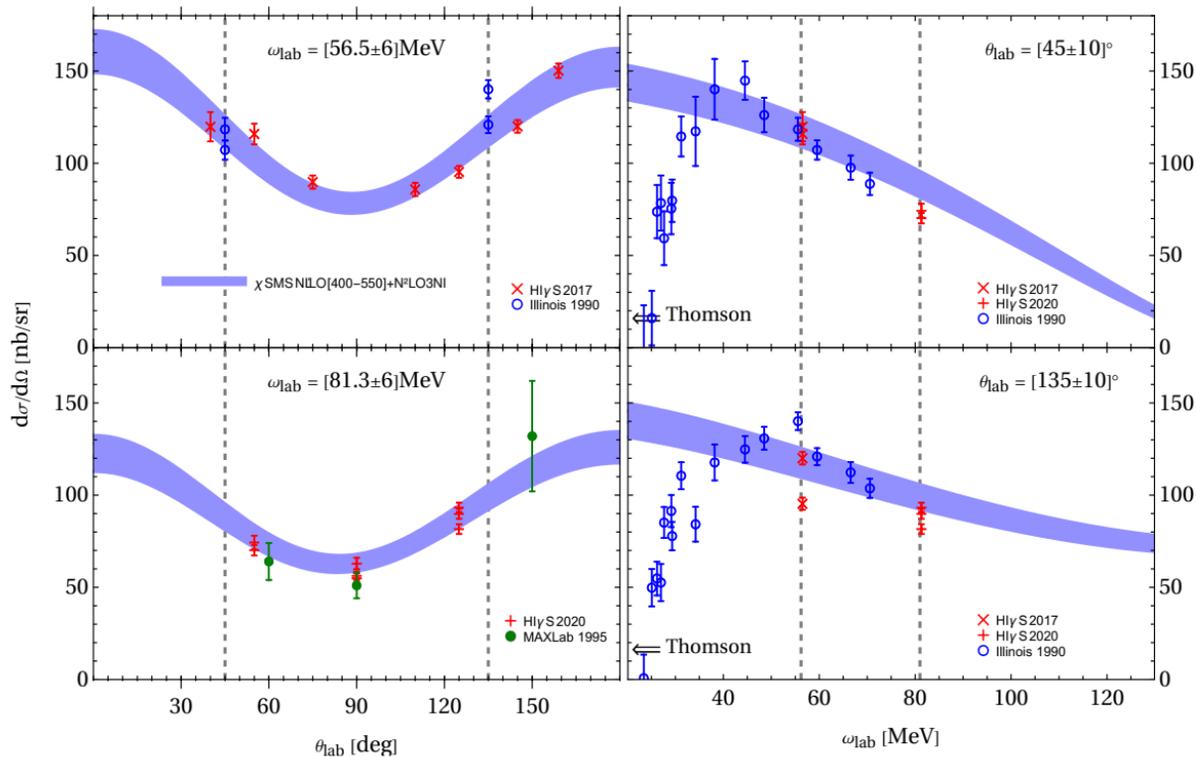
recycle same nucleus for different reactions

Compton on  ${}^3\text{He}$ ,  ${}^3\text{H}$ ,  ${}^4\text{He}$ ,  ${}^6\text{Li}$ , ...

${}^4\text{He}$  Compton,  $\pi$  prod., FFs, dark matter, ...

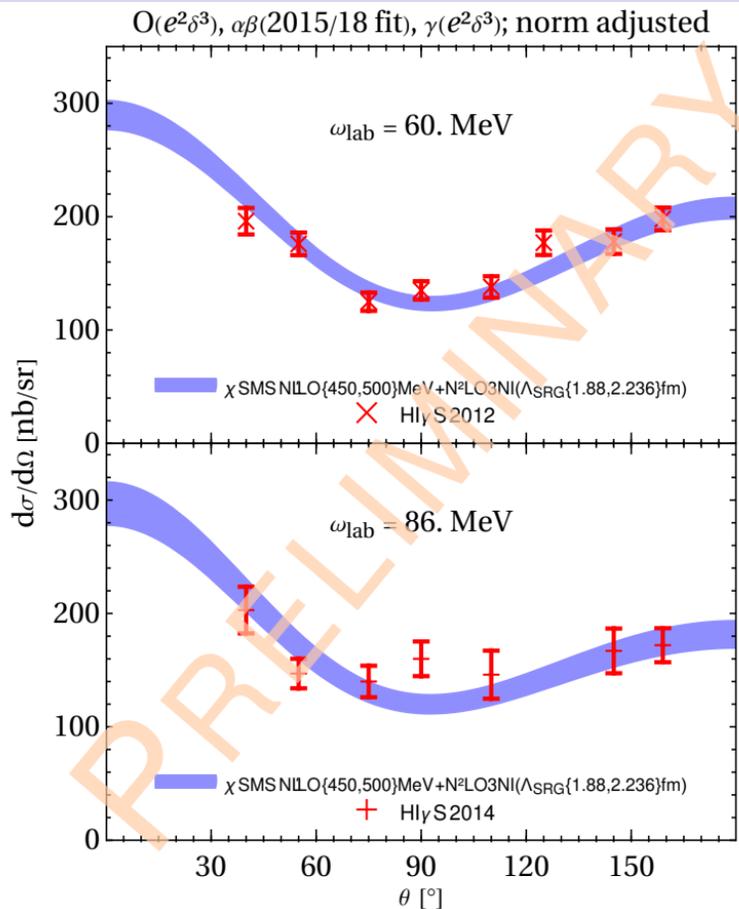
$\chi$ EFT hierarchy of few-body interactions: onebody, twobody  $\gg$  threbody  $\gg$  fourbody...

$\mathcal{O}(e^2\delta^3)$  with established  $\alpha_{E1}, \beta_{M1}$ ; theory uncertainties: vary  $\chi$ SMS potential (dominant), numerics (tiny).



# (m) ${}^6\text{Li}$ Compton Scattering: TDA with "SRG-And-Back" NCSM

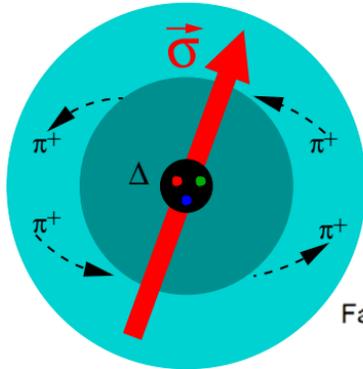
Long/hg/Nogga/Sun  
in preparation



# 3. Spin Polarisabilities and Nucleon Spin Structure

## (a) Spin Polarisabilities: Nucleonic Bi-Refringence and Faraday Effect

**Optical Activity:** Response of **spin-degrees of freedom**, complements JLab spin programme.

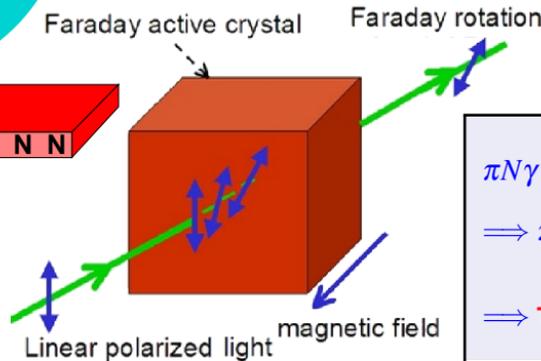


$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{pol}} = 4\pi N^\dagger \times \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left[ \alpha_{E1} \vec{E}^2 + \beta_{M1} \vec{B}^2 \right] \right. \text{ electric magnetic scalar dipole} \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \gamma_{E1E1} \vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{E} \times \dot{\vec{E}}) + \gamma_{M1M1} \vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \dot{\vec{B}}) \right] \right. \text{ "pure" spin-dependent dipole}$$

$$\left. -2 \gamma_{M1E2} \sigma_i B_j E_{ij} + 2 \gamma_{E1M2} \sigma_i E_j B_{ij} \right] + \dots \Big\} N$$

**"mixed" spin-dependent dipole**  
+ quadrupole etc.

$$E_{ij} := \frac{1}{2} (\partial_i E_j + \partial_j E_i) \text{ etc.}$$



$$\pi N \gamma: -\frac{g_A}{2f_\pi} \vec{\sigma} \cdot (\vec{q} + e\vec{c}) + \dots$$

⇒  $\pi$  emission/absorption depends on  $N$  spin.

⇒ **Test  $\chi$ iral Symmetry!**

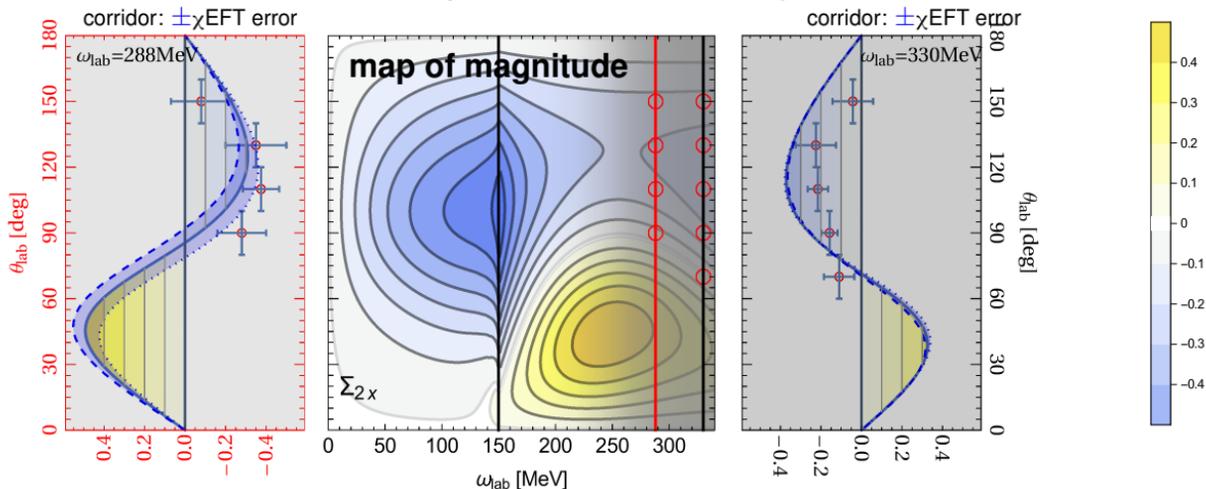
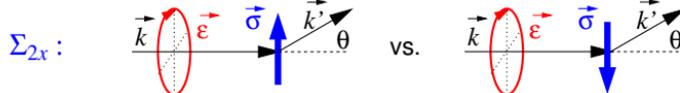




# (c) Proton Spin Polarisabilities with Asymmetries

$\mathcal{O}(e^2\delta^3)$ : hg/Hildebrandt/... 2003  
 $\mathcal{O}(e^2\delta^4)$ : hg/McG/Ph [1511.0952] & [1711.11546]  
 exp MAMI A2: Martel/... PRL 2014 & Paudyal/... 2019  
 cf. Mornacchi/... 2022: more conservative errors

Incoming  $\gamma$  circularly polarised, sum over final states.  $N$ -spin in  $(\vec{k}, \vec{k}')$ -plane, perpendicular to  $\vec{k}$ :



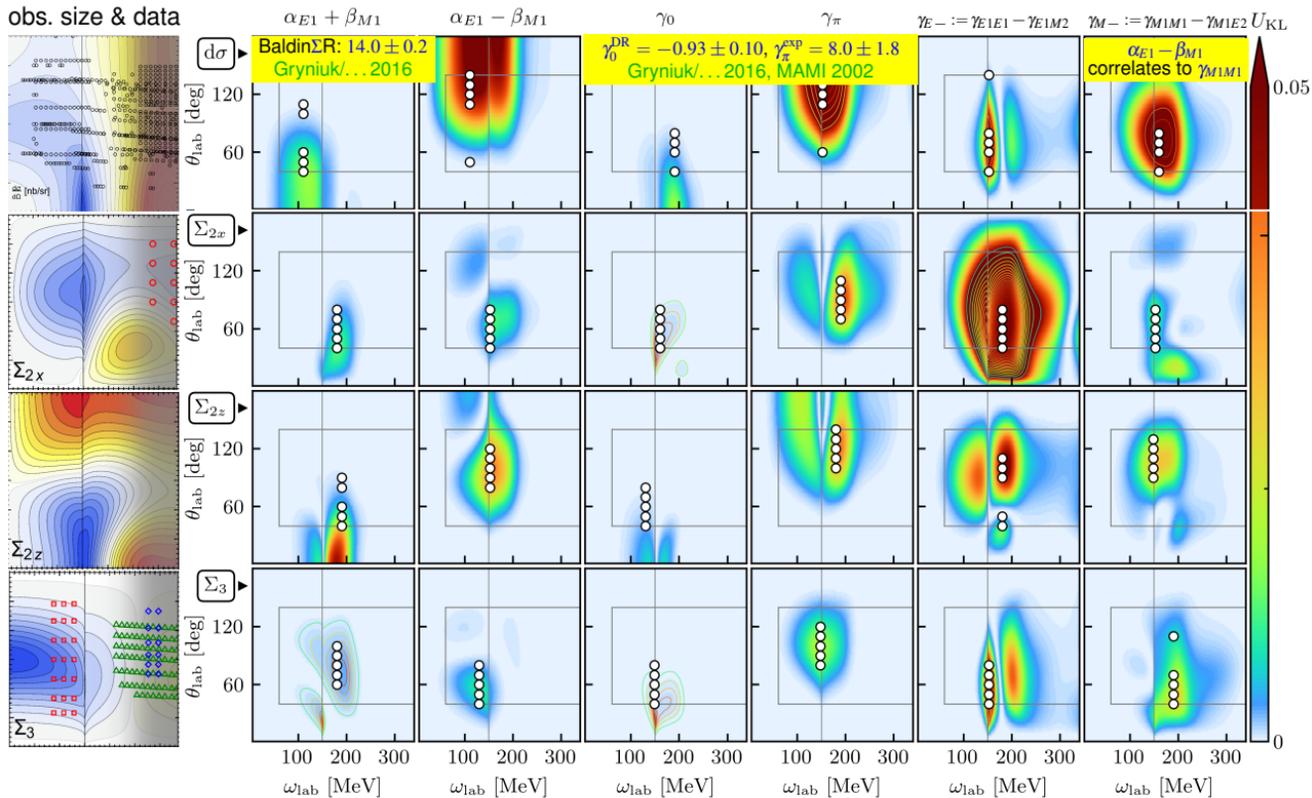
static [ $10^{-4} \text{ fm}^4$ ]	$\gamma_{E1E1}$	$\gamma_{M1M1}$	$\gamma_{E1M2}$	$\gamma_{M1E2}$
MAMI A2 2019 proton [1909.02032]	$-2.9 \pm 0.5$	$2.7 \pm 0.4$	$-0.85 \pm 0.7$	$8.2 \pm 0.4$
$\chi$ EFT proton <b>predicted</b>	$-1.1 \pm 1.9_{\text{th}}$	$2.2 \pm 0.5_{\text{Stat}} \pm 0.6_{\text{th}}$	$-0.4 \pm 0.6_{\text{th}}$	$1.9 \pm 0.5_{\text{th}}$
$\chi$ EFT neutron <b>predicted</b>	$-4.0 \pm 1.9_{\text{th}}$	$1.3 \pm 0.5_{\text{Stat}} \pm 0.6_{\text{th}}$	$-0.1 \pm 0.6_{\text{th}}$	$2.4 \pm 0.5_{\text{th}}$
fixed- $t$ DR $\pm$ data Pasquini/...	$-3.85 \pm 0.5$	$2.8 \pm 0.1$	$-0.15 \pm 0.15$	$1.0 \pm 0.1$
covariant $\mathcal{O}(e^2\delta^3)$ Lensky/...	$-3.3 \pm 0.8_{\text{th}}$	$2.0 \pm 1.5_{\text{th}}$	$0.2 \pm 0.2_{\text{th}}$	$1.1 \pm 0.3_{\text{th}}$

Account for Limitations: Theory most accurate at  $\omega \lesssim 230 \text{ MeV}$ .  $\iff$  Experiment high count rates at high  $\omega$ .

# (d) Bayesian Posterior Shrinkage by Intelligent Design

**OPTIMAL IMPACT MACHINE Proton:** Which 5 future angles have biggest impact on a particular polarisability?

obs. size & data



$\Rightarrow$  Focus on  $d\sigma(100 \text{ MeV})$ :  $\alpha_{E1} - \beta_{M1}$ ,  $d\sigma(160 \text{ MeV})$ :  $\gamma_{M-}$ ;  $\Sigma_{2x}(170 \text{ MeV})$ :  $\gamma_{E-}$  – not beam asym.  $\Sigma_3$

# (e) Experiment and Theory in Sync at the Precision and Intensity Frontier

No single measurement will provide definitive answer: multi-parameter extraction, systematics, validation.

⇒ Experiment & Theory collaborate to identify **observables with biggest impact**.

⇒ **Mathematica notebooks on all observables for p, n, deuteron, <sup>3</sup>He, <sup>4</sup>He available.**

Photon energy  $\omega = 120\text{MeV}$   Reference frame  cm  lab

Deuteron vector polarisation  $P^{(V)} = 1.1'$

Deuteron tensor polarisation  $P^{(T)} = 0.53'$

Photon right-circular polarisation  $P^{(V)}_{\text{circ}} = -0.5$

Photon linear polarisation  $P^{(L)}_{\text{lin}} = 1.1'$

**Configuration 1**

Deuteron polarisation quantisation axis  $\theta_{d1} = 0^\circ$

$\phi_{d1} = 0^\circ$

Photon linear polarisation angle  $\phi_{\text{lin}1} = 90^\circ$

**Configuration 2**

Deuteron polarisation quantisation axis  $\theta_{d2} = 90^\circ$

$\phi_{d2} = 270^\circ$

Photon linear polarisation angle  $\phi_{\text{lin}2} = 90^\circ$

Variation by  $\pm 2$  of  $\delta\beta_{M1}$

$\chi\text{EFT}$  order   $e^2 \delta^2 = e^2$ ; with  $\Delta(1232)$    $e^2 \delta^2 = Q^2$ ; no  $\Delta(1232)$

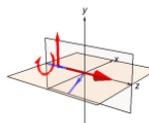
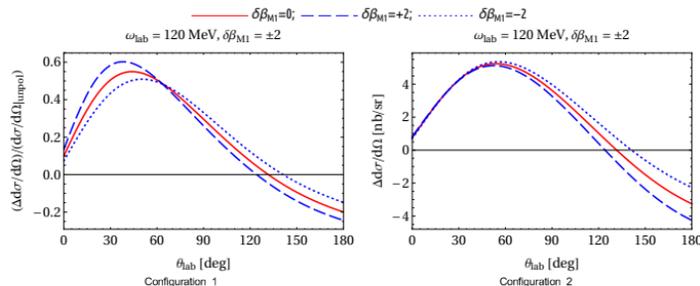
Deuteron wave function  NNLO Epelbaum 650MeV  AV18  NN potential  AV18

Range on y-axis  All

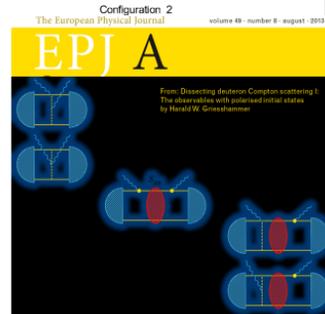
Normalise left plot to   $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} |_{\text{unpol}}$    $\sum \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$ ; sum of configurations

Export  $\Delta \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$  and  $\sum \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$  of this configuration?  File name: "out.dat"

## Example double-polarised on deuteron

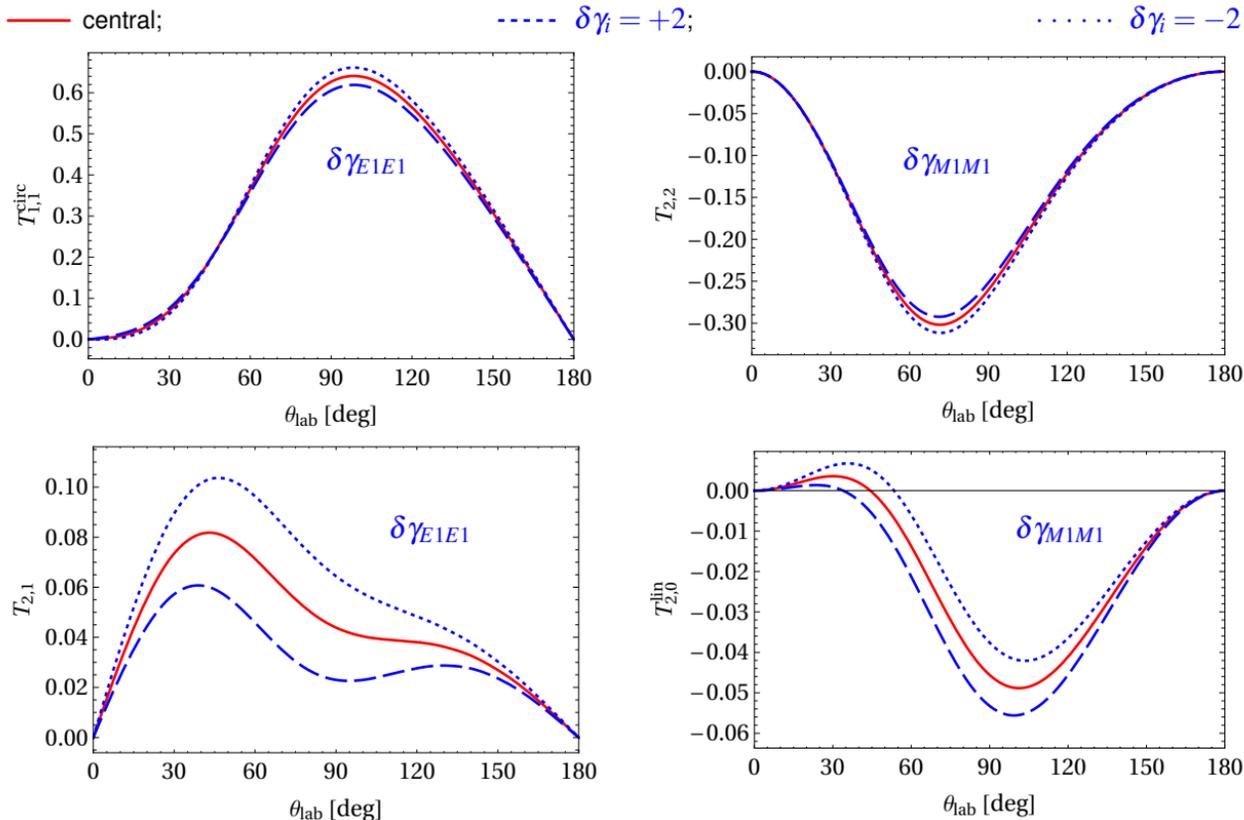


Probability of spin projection  $M_d$ :  
Cartesian polarisation along  $\vec{d}$ :

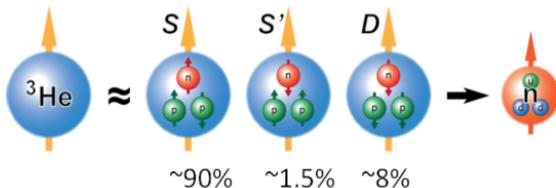


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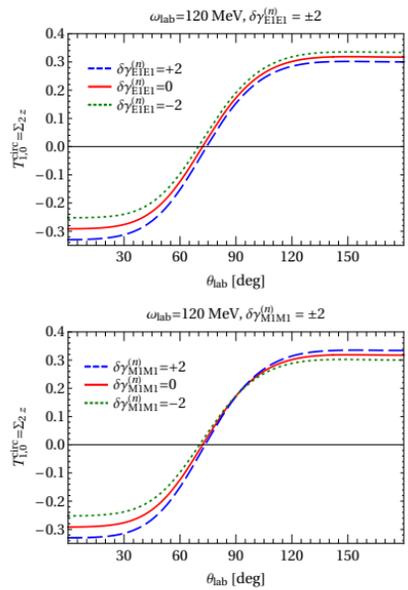
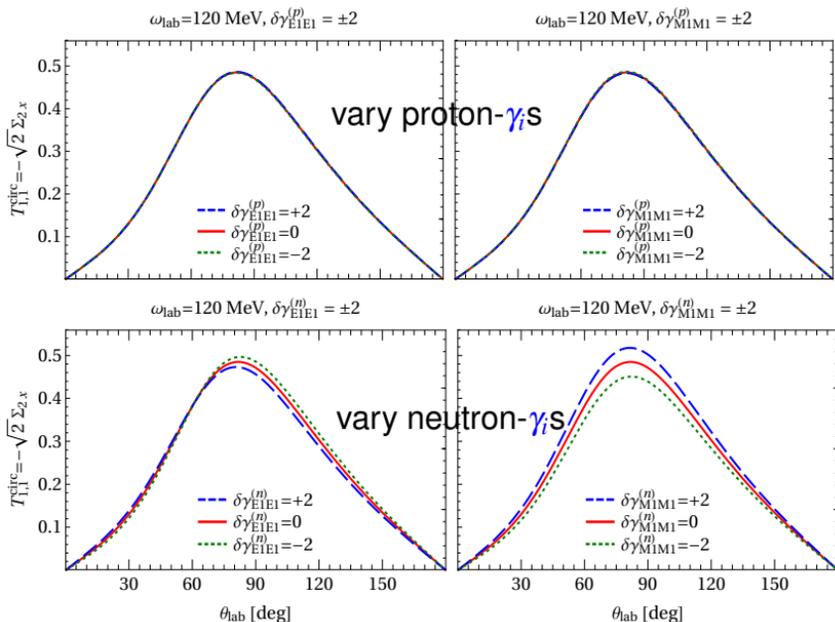
Want very clean observables: Large rates, insensitive to other pols, deuteron wave fu,...



$^3\text{He}$  as "effective" spin target: **sensitivity to neutron spin, not to proton spin (20 : 1).**



Sensitivity to  $\gamma$ 's  
at  $\omega_{\text{lab}} = 120 \text{ MeV}$  enhanced by  
**interference with charged Born+MEC.**



## 4. Concluding Questions

**Polarisabilities:**  $\chi$ iral symmetry of pion-cloud,  $\Delta(1232)$  properties. Impact on  $M_p - M_n; \dots$

**Spin Polarisabilities:** Stiffness of Spin Constituents; Nuclear Faraday Effect.

$\chi$ EFT: systematic, predict & extract with reproducible uncertainties. – Lattice QCD catching up.

Transition Densities for  $A \geq 4$ : efficient recycling; download package at [pypi.org/project/nucdens/](https://pypi.org/project/nucdens/)

Target	Opportunities	Theory Status for All Observables
proton & neutron	nucleon spin polarisabilities	“done”: N <sup>4</sup> LO $\omega \lesssim 230$ MeV for pols. <a href="https://math.nb.jupyter.py">math.nb jupyter.py</a>
deuteron	sensitive to $p+n$ average polarised, d-wave interference: mixed spin pols $\gamma_{E1M2}, \gamma_{M1E2}$	$\omega < m_\pi$ N <sup>3</sup> LO done, N <sup>4</sup> LO this year <a href="https://math.nb">math.nb</a> $\omega \gtrsim m_\pi$ needs resources
<sup>3</sup> He: increase rates	unpolarised: sensitive to $2p+n$ polarised: “ $n$ -spin” $\Rightarrow \gamma_i^n$ only	densities method [2005.12207] <a href="https://math.nb">math.nb</a> $\omega \in [50 \text{ MeV}; m_\pi]$ N <sup>3</sup> LO ✓, N <sup>4</sup> LO like d
<sup>4</sup> He, <sup>6</sup> Li: increase rates	sensitive to $p+n$ avg. ( <sup>4</sup> He: not $\gamma_i$ ) test: large $\pi^\pm$ in NN exchange	$\omega \rightarrow 0$ under way — $\omega \gtrsim m_\pi$ needs resources

**We Need Data:** elastic & inelastic cross-sections & asymmetries – **reliable systematics!**

Low- $\omega$  for scalar, high- $\omega$  for spin-polarisabilities, **but always  $\omega \lesssim 230$  MeV.**

**Only combination of dedicated experiments meaningful!** (Not “one datum for one answer”).

$\Rightarrow$  **Synergy of Experiment, Low-Energy Theory & Lattice QCD, competitive uncertainties!**

$\Rightarrow$  **Compton Community programme outlined in White Paper for a Next Generation Laser Compton Gamma-ray Beam Facility [2012.10843] and DOE.**



The efficient person gets the job done right. The effective person gets the right job done.



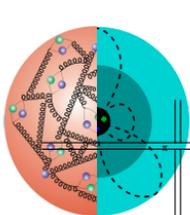
# (a) Few-Nucleon Interactions in $\chi$ EFT

Weinberg, Ordóñez/Ray/van Kolck, Friar/Coon, Kaiser/Brockmann/Weise, Epelbaum/Glöckle/Meißner, Entem/Machleidt, Kaiser, Higa/Robilotta, Epelbaum, ...

typ. momentum  
breakdown scale  $\ll 1$

**Long-Range:** correct symmetries and IR degrees of freedom: **Chiral Dynamics**

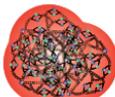
**Short-Range:** symmetries constrain contact-ints to simplify UV: **Minimal parameter-set**



$2N$  ints



LO

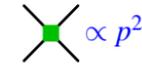
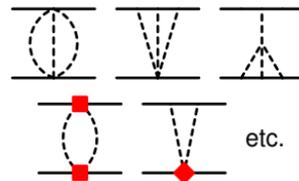
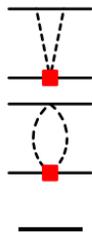
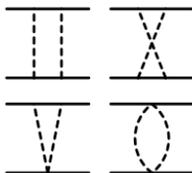


NLO

Hierarchy: 2NI-effects  $\gg$  3NI-effects  $\gg$  4NI-effects

$N^2$ LO

$N^3$ LO



2 parameter

+7 parameter

+0 parameter

+15 = 24 param.

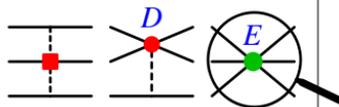
$\chi^2$   
d.o.f in  $np$

36.2

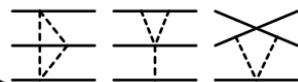
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1.10 (AV 18: 1.04, 40 param.)

$3N$  ints

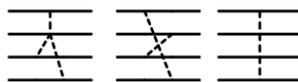


2 parameter



parameter-free, in progress

$4N$  ints



parameter-free

## (b) Statistical Interpretation of the Max-Criterion: A Simple Example

I take this table of  $\pi N$  scattering parameters in  $\chi$ EFT with effective  $\Delta(1232)$  degrees of freedom from a talk by Jacobo Ruiz de Elvira. Here, I am not interested in the Physics, but use it as series  $c_i = c_{i0} + c_{i1}\epsilon^1 + c_{i2}\epsilon^2$  in a small expansion parameter.

parameter [GeV <sup>-1</sup> ]	LO total	NLO total	N <sup>2</sup> LO total	expansion = $c_{i0} + c_{i1}\epsilon^1 + c_{i2}\epsilon^2$	perturbative expansion $\epsilon \approx 0.4$ (guess)
$c_1$	-0.69	-1.24	-1.11	$= -0.69 + 0.55 - 0.13$	$= -0.69 + 1.38\epsilon^1 - 0.81\epsilon^2$
$c_2$	+0.81	+1.13	+1.28	$= +0.81 - 0.32 - 0.15$	$= +0.81 - 0.80\epsilon^1 - 0.94\epsilon^2$
$c_3$	-0.45	-2.75	-2.04	$= -0.45 + 2.30 - 0.71$	$= -0.45 + 5.75\epsilon^1 - 4.44\epsilon^2$
$c_4$	+0.64	+1.58	+2.07	$= +0.64 - 0.94 - 0.49$	$= +0.64 - 2.35\epsilon^1 - 3.06\epsilon^2$

Now pick the largest absolute coefficient to estimate typical size of next-order correction  $c_{i(n+1)} = c_{i3}$  in our case:

$$\text{Max-Criterion: } c_{i(n+1)} \lesssim \max_{n \in \{0;1;2\}} \{|c_{in}|\} =: R \text{ is labelled as red in the table.}$$

Multiply that number with  $\epsilon^3$  to finally get a corridor of uncertainty/typical size of the  $\epsilon^3$  contribution.

$$\text{For } c_1: \max_{n \in \{0;1;2\}} \{|-0.69|; |1.38|; |-0.81|\} = 1.38 \implies \text{error } \pm 1.38 \times (\epsilon = 0.4)^3 \approx 0.09 \implies c_1 = -0.69 \pm 0.09.$$

Similar:  $c_2 = 1.28 \pm 0.06$ ,  $c_3 = -2.04 \pm 0.37$ ,  $c_4 = 2.07 \pm 0.20$  (round significant figures conservatively).

But what's the statistical interpretation?  $\implies$  Next slide!

**Notes:** (1) Provide a theoretical error *estimate* that is *reproducible*. You can then discuss with others who have different opinions. No estimate, no discussion possible. – (2) Sometimes, one discards the LO $\rightarrow$ NLO correction if it's anomalously large. That is a “prior information” you need to disclose as “bias” of your estimate. – (3) Coefficients  $c_{in}$  appear “more natural” for  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  than for  $c_4 - c_4$  not that well-converging? – (4) The uncertainty estimate is agnostic about the Physics details. Somebody just handed me a table. – (5) If you are not happy with the input “ $\epsilon \approx 0.4$ ”, pick another number. BUQEYE [1511.03618] developed the Bayesian technology to extract degrees of belief on what value of the expansion parameter the series suggests. – (6) The  $c_i$  are not observables, but they are renormalised couplings which – according to Renormalisation – should follow a perturbative expansion.

## (b) Statistical Interpretation of the Max-Criterion: A Simple Example

The Bayesian interpretation of the max-criterion on the preceding slide provides probability distribution/degree-of-belief (pdf/DoB) functions using a “reasonable” set of assumptions (“priors”) which give nice, analytic expressions. That’s one choice of assumptions, but other reasonable assumptions provide very similar pdf’s see BUQEYE: [1506.01343], [1511.03618],....

But before that, let’s do something intuitive which gives the same statistical likeliness interpretation of the max-criterion as the Bayesian one. The Bayesian analysis formalises the example and provides actual pdf’s.

**Estimating a Largest Number:** Given a finite set of (finite, positive) numbers in an urn. You get to draw one number at a time.

**Your mission, should you choose to accept it: Guess the largest number in the urn from a limited number of drawings.**

For  $c_1$ , we first draw  $c_{10} = 0.69$ . I would say it’s “natural” to guess that there is a 1-in-2 = 50% chance that the next number is lower. But there is also a pretty good chance that if it is higher, then its distribution up there is not Gauß’ian but with a stronger tail.

Next, we draw  $c_{11} = 1.38$  which is larger. So I revise my largest-number projection to  $R = 1.38$ , but I also get more confident that this may be pretty high (if not he highest already). After all, I already found one number which is lower, namely  $c_{10} = 0.69$ . With 2 pieces of information (0.69 and 1.38), it’s “natural” that the 3rd drawing has a 2-in-3 or 2/3 chance to be lower.

Next, we draw  $c_{12} = 0.81 < R$ . Looking at my set of 3 numbers, I am even more confident that  $R = c_{11} = 1.38$  is the largest number, with 3-in-4 or 75% confidence. For  $c_1$ , evil forces interfere and we have no more drawings to draw information from.

But if we could reach into the urn  $k$  times and look at the collected  $k$  results, every time revising our max-estimate, it’s “natural” to assign a  $100\% \times k/(k+1)$  confidence that I have actually gotten the largest number  $R$ .

The Bayesian procedure on the next slide provides the same result. Read the BUQEYE papers for details and formulae!

In our example, we had  $k = 3$  terms (drawings) for  $c_1$ . So the confidence that  $R = 1.38$  is indeed the highest number is  $3/4 = 75\%$ , which is larger than  $p(1\sigma) \approx 68\%$ . For a  $1\sigma$  corridor, I reasonably assume that the numbers are equi-distributed between 0 and the maximum  $R$ . Then, the 68%-error corridor is set by  $\pm 68\% \times (k+1)/k \times R$  amongst the known numbers.

Now, I multiply that number with 3 powers of the expansion parameter  $\epsilon \approx 0.4$  (estimate  $N^3$  LO terms!) (but see Note (5) on the previous slide):  $\pm 1.38 \times (68\%/75\%) \times 0.4^3 = \pm 0.08$  is a good uncertainty estimate for a traditional 68% confidence region. I also get a feeling that the probabilities outside the interval  $[0; R]$  may not be Gauß’ian-distributed. Bayes confirms that.

# (c) Theorists Have Error Bars: "Truncation" Errors!

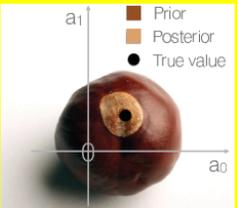
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Assuming  $\delta \simeq 0.4$ :  $11.2 - 9.1 \delta^1 - 0.6 \delta^2 + \text{unknown} \times \delta^3$

$\Rightarrow$  Estimate next term "most conservatively" as **unknown  $c_3$**   $\lesssim c_{\text{max}} := \max\{|c_0|; |c_1|; |c_2|\}$ .



BUQEYE Collaboration

No infinite sampling pool; data fixed; more data changes confidence.

**Call upon the Reverend Bayes for probabilistic interpretation!**

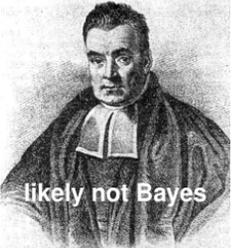
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**New information increases level of confidence.**

$\Rightarrow$  **Smaller corrections, more reliable uncertainties.**

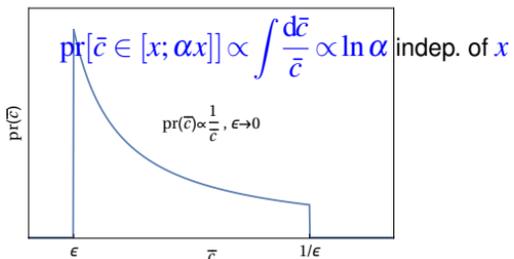
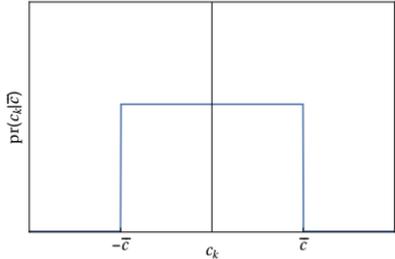
**Clearly state your premises/assumptions – including *naturalness*.**



**Priors:** leading-omitted term dominates ( $\delta \ll 1$ ); putative distributions of *all*  $c_k$ 's and of largest value  $\bar{c}$  in series.

**Uniform "least-informed/-ative":** All values  $c_k$  equally likely, given upper bound  $\bar{c}$  of series.

**"Any upper bound" (Benford's Law):** In-uniform prior sets no bias on scale of  $\bar{c}$



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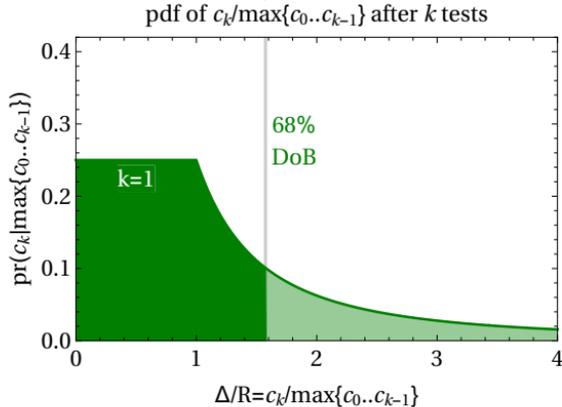
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$\Rightarrow$  Estimate next term “most conservatively” as  $|\text{unknown } c_3| \lesssim c_{\text{max}} := \max\{|c_0|; |c_1|; |c_2|\}$ .

**Result: Posterior  $\equiv$  Degree of Belief (DoB) that next term  $c_k \delta^k$  differs from order- $k$  central value by  $x \delta^k$ .**

$$\text{pr}(x|c_{\text{max}}, \text{order } k) \propto \int_0^\infty d\bar{c} \text{pr}(\bar{c}) \text{pr}(x|\bar{c}) \prod_{n=0}^{k-1} \text{pr}(c_n|\bar{c}) \rightarrow \frac{k}{k+1} \frac{1}{c_{\text{max}}} \begin{cases} 1 & x \leq c_{\text{max}} \\ \frac{1}{x^{k+1}} & x > c_{\text{max}} \end{cases}$$

BUQEYE  
[1506.01343]  
eq. (22)



**Priors: all  $c_n$  “equally likely”, “any upper bound”  $\bar{c}$ .**

order	in $\pm c_{\text{max}}$	$\Delta^{(k)}$ (68%)	$\Delta^{(k)}$ (95%)
LO	$\frac{1}{2} = 50\%$	$1.6 c_{\text{max}}$	$11 c_{\text{max}} = 7 \Delta_{68}^{(1)}$
Gauß	68.27%	$1.0 c_{\text{max}}$	$2.0 \Delta_{68}^{(k)}$

**Laplace’s Law of Succession** (flat prior, T/F): Chance that next coefficient is  $< c_{\text{max}}$ :  $\frac{k}{k+1}$ .

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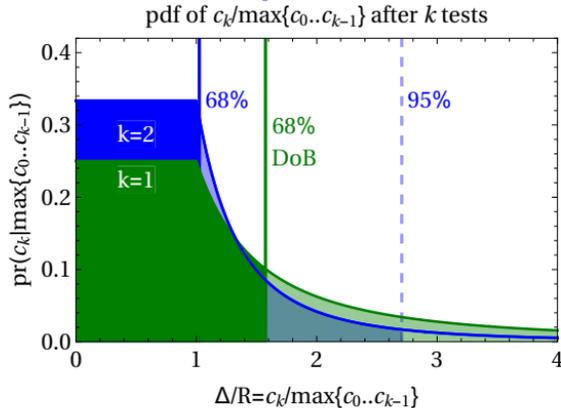
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**Laplace’s Law of Succession** (flat prior, T/F): Chance that next coefficient is  $< c_{\text{max}}$ :  $\frac{k}{k+1}$ .

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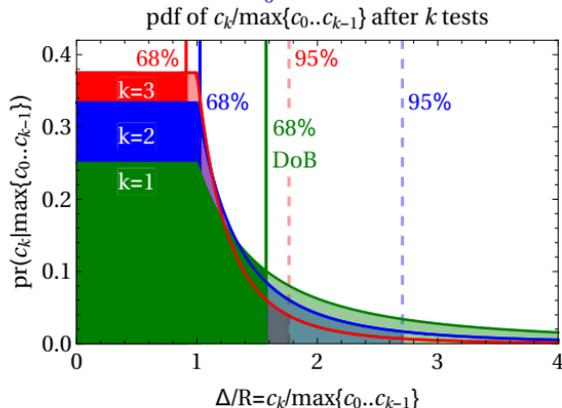
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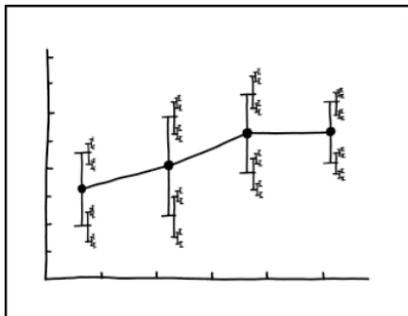
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$\text{N}^{k-1}\text{LO}$	$\frac{k}{k+1}$	$0.68 \frac{k+1}{k} c_{\text{max}} (k \geq 2)$	
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$\Rightarrow$  Use theory uncertainties with these priors: “ $\mathcal{O}^{(k)} \pm \Delta_{68}^{(k)}$ ”: 68% DoB interval  $[\mathcal{O}^{(k)} - \Delta_{68}^{(k)}; \mathcal{O}^{(k)} + \Delta_{68}^{(k)}]$ .

## (d) How To Spend Your Time & Money Wisely!

Deliberate experimental planning needs to integrate  
theory  $\oplus$  experimental facts  $\oplus$  likeliness of success  
to optimise money & time & workforce & reputation in suite of future measurements!  
 $\Rightarrow$  Gain knowledge, test theories, find new effects.

**Outcome:** “OPTIMAL IMPACT MACHINE” (generally accepted/well-defined/reproducible/canned) to identify  
sequence of experiments with likely high(est) impact & chance of success: strategically placed data  
with excellent Figures of Merit for more-accurate theory validation, parameter extractions,...



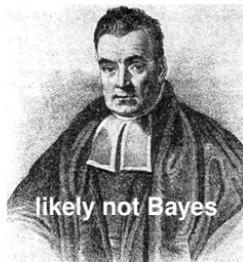
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xkcd 13.02.2019

**Bayesian Analysis:** Be up-front about assumptions.

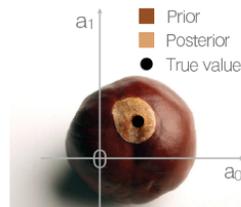
Reasonable people can reasonably disagree about reasonable  
assumptions, but no reasonable discussion without specifying them.

Test stability under reasonable variations of assumptions.

[buqeye.github.io](https://buqeye.github.io): *Jupyter notebooks* apply beyond Compton.



likely not Bayes



BUQEYE Collaboration

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# (e) Bayesian Posterior Shrinkage by Intelligent Design

**OPTIMAL IMPACT MACHINE:** Maximise benefits – minimise cost (time, money, workforce, data not taken).

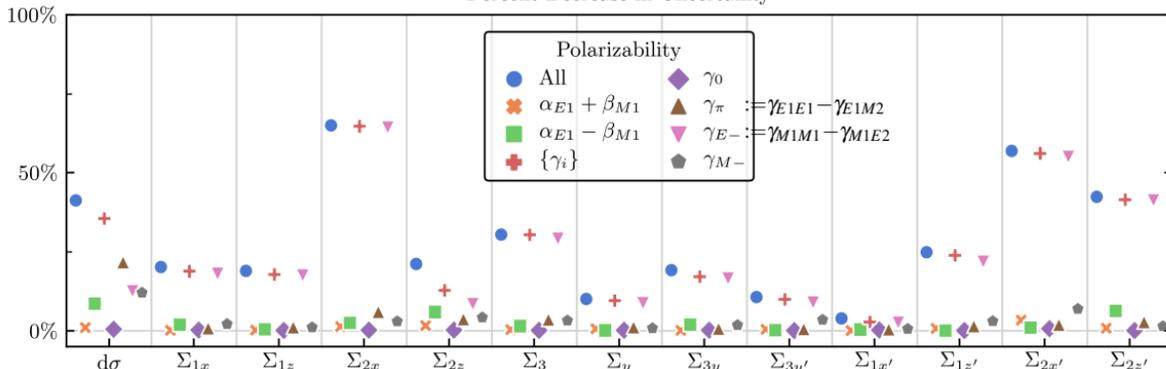
- Input:** (1) **Present polarisability errors**  $\Delta\alpha\beta\gamma$  (th & exp, some correlated) – values  $\alpha\beta\gamma$  irrelevant.  
 (2)  $\chi$ **EFT Predictions** with truncation errors via  $\mathcal{GP}$ , increasing as  $\omega \nearrow$ . posterior predictive distr.  
 (3) **New Data Position**  $\vec{\omega}\theta$ : We took **1** energy with **5** angles (exp. constraints) – values  $\mathbf{y}(\vec{\omega}\theta)$  irrelevant.  
 (4) **New Data Quality:** “**Doable (\$)**”: cross sections to  $\pm 4\%$ , asymmetries to  $\pm 0.06$  (absolute).  
 (3+4) = **Expert Elicitation:** Could also add direct penalties for cost, beamtime, event rate, ...  
 here pragmatic: impact of existing data via fits of  $\alpha\beta\gamma$ ; choose uniform exp. constraints.

**Utility Gain:** What new data at points  $\vec{\omega}\theta$  with results  $\mathbf{y}$  guessed from theory (with errors) gives likely biggest

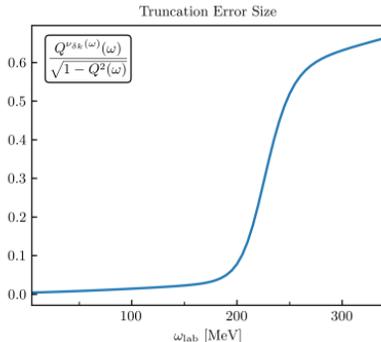
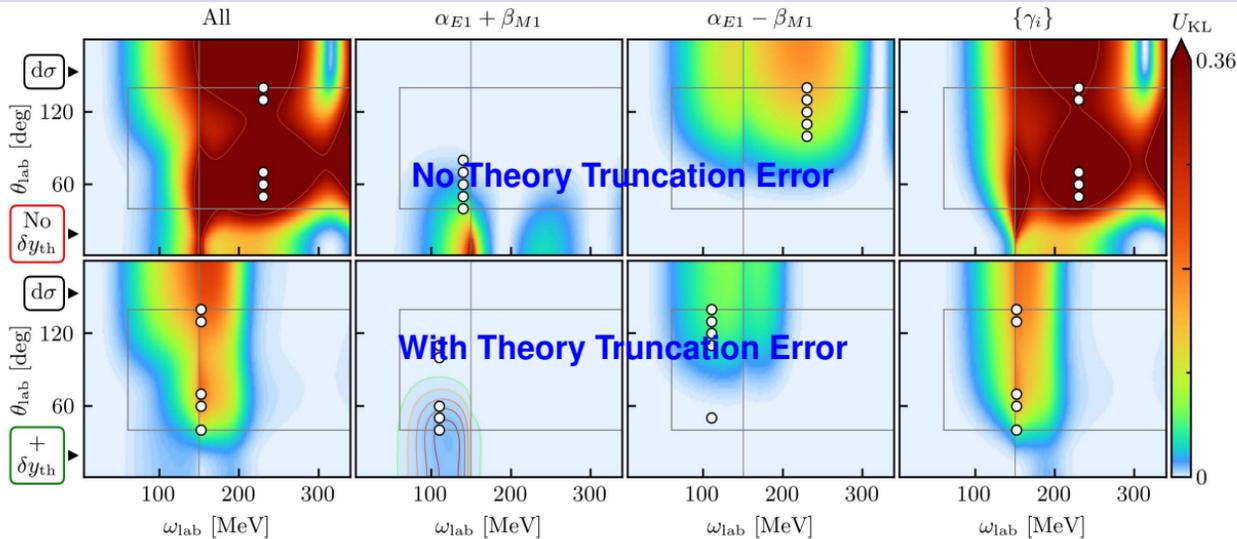
$$U_{\text{KL}} = \underbrace{\int d\mathbf{y} \text{pr}(\mathbf{y}|\vec{\omega}\theta)}_{\text{data } \mathbf{y} \text{ \& central } \alpha\beta\gamma \text{ marginalised}} \int d(\alpha\beta\gamma) \underbrace{\text{pr}(\alpha\beta\gamma|\mathbf{y}, \vec{\omega}\theta) \ln \frac{\text{pr}(\alpha\beta\gamma|\mathbf{y}, \vec{\omega}\theta)}{\text{pr}(\alpha\beta\gamma)}}_{\text{Shannon information gain}} \approx \ln \left( \frac{\text{error's hypervolume before}}{\text{error's hypervolume after data}} \right)_{\text{avg}}$$

linearisation works very well

Percent Decrease in Uncertainty



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$$\mathcal{O} = c_0 + c_2 \delta^2 + c_4 \delta^3 + c_4 \delta^4 + \dots$$

$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{P_{\text{typ}} \sim (\omega \sim m_\pi \nearrow \Delta_M)}{\bar{\Lambda}_\chi}}$$

**Forgetting EFT Truncation Error**

**Over-Estimates Signal (scale changed!)**

**Over-Emphasises Resonance Region!**

**⇒ Wrong data point decision!**