

# Deuteron charge and quadrupole form factors in chiral effective field theory

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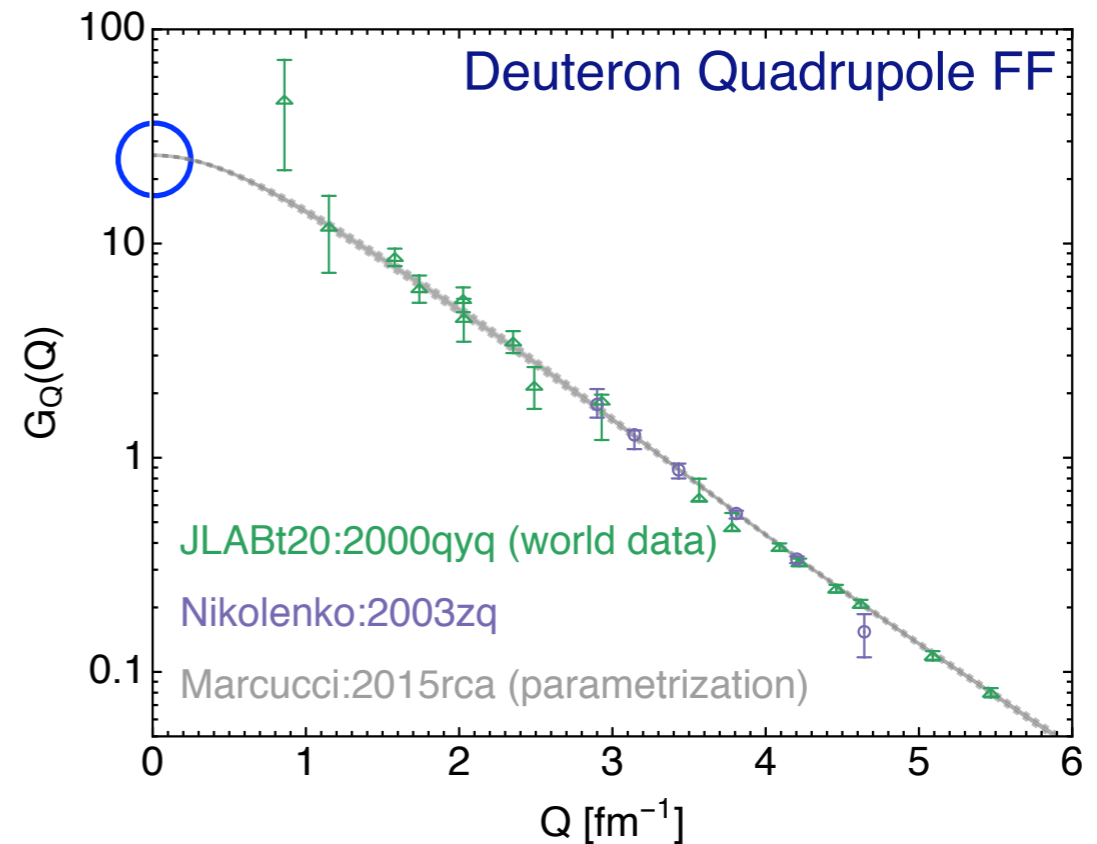
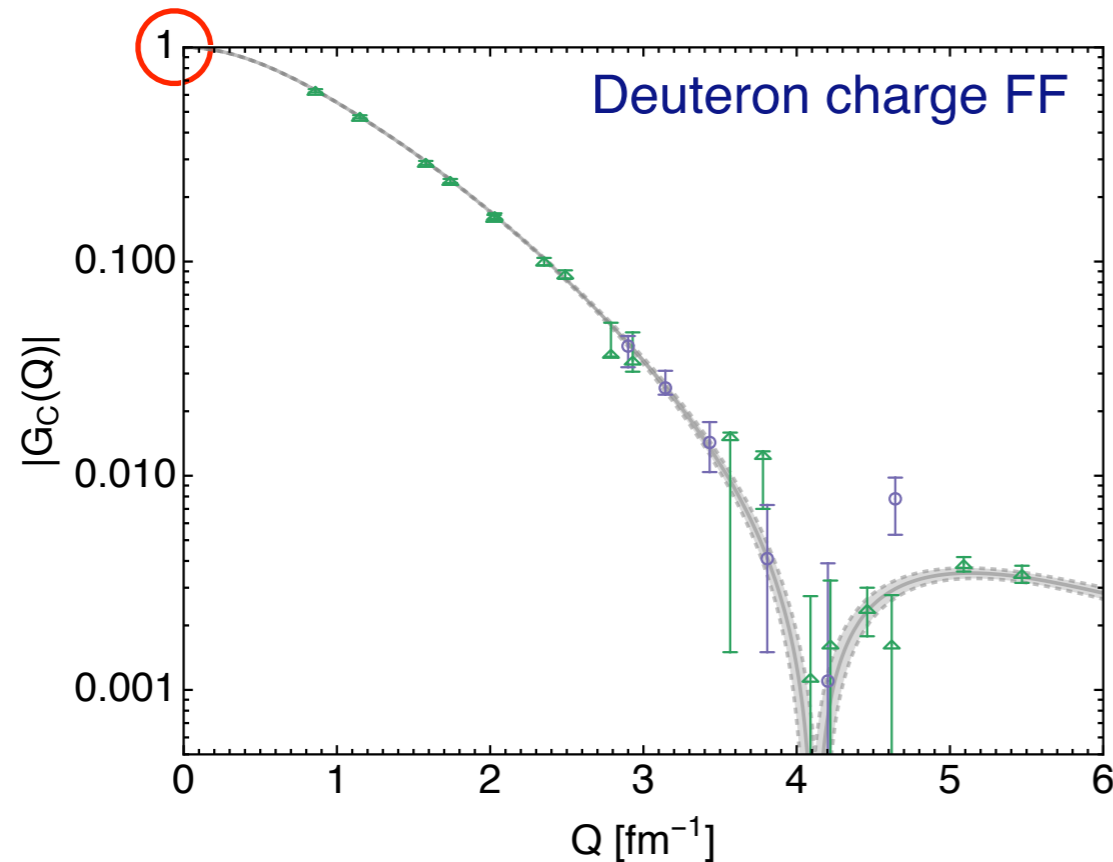
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# Deuteron charge and quadrupole form factors

Deuteron **charge**  $G_C(Q^2)$  and **quadrupole**  $G_Q(Q^2)$  form factors:

- parametrize the interaction of a deuteron with electro-magnetic probe
- Lorentz-invariant functions of the four-momentum transfer  $Q^2$



- at  $Q=0$  related to the **deuteron charge radius** and **deuteron quadrupole moment**:

$$r_d^2 = (-6) \frac{\partial}{\partial Q^2} G_C(Q^2) \Big|_{Q=0}$$

$$Q_d = G_Q(0)/m_d^2$$

- belong to the most extensively studied observables in nuclear physics

Why make a new chiral EFT study of the deuteron form factors?

- **experimental precision and theoretical accuracy are increased tremendously!**

# Motivation to study deuteron form factors

## - Progress in atomic spectroscopy

Lamb-shift measurements muonic deuterium and muonic hydrogen + QED corrections

precise extraction of proton and deuteron charge radii

Pohl:2013yb, CREMA:2016idx, Pohl:2016glp, ...

Spectroscopy of atomic hydrogen Beyer:2017gug, Bezginov:2019mdi, ...

Hydrogen-deuterium 1S-2S isotope shift + QED corrections

very precise extraction of deuteron-proton charge radii difference

$$r_d^2 - r_p^2 = 3.82070(31)fm^2$$

Jentschura et al. PRA 83 (2011)

Pachucki et al., PRA 97, 062511 (2018)

## - Advances in chiral effective field theory ( $\chi$ EFT)

High-accuracy chiral NN forces (N<sup>4</sup>LO<sup>+</sup>) in  $\chi$ EFT Reinert:2020mcu PRL 126, 092501 (2021)

nearly perfect description of pp and pn scattering data up to pion production threshold

semi-local momentum-space (SMS) regulator - preserves long-range interactions

Chiral electromagnetic currents (N<sup>3</sup>LO + partially N<sup>4</sup>LO) in  $\chi$ EFT

Derived and regularized consistently with chiral NN forces

New methods to quantify chiral expansion truncation errors:

Epelbaum et al. EPJA 51 (2015)

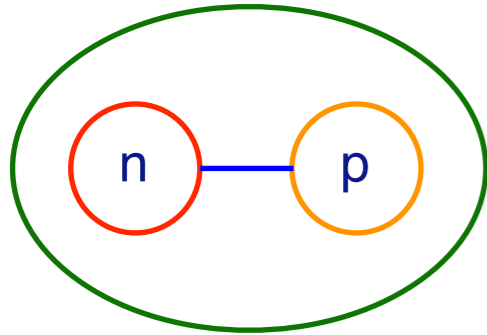
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# Motivation to study deuteron form factors



Deuteron form factors depend on

- properties of proton
- properties of neutron
- deuteron structure

Deuteron charge radius:

$$r_d^2 = r_{str}^2 + r_p^2 + r_n^2 + \frac{3}{4m_p^2}$$

Advances in  $\chi$ EFT allow a high-accuracy calculation of deuteron structure effects

Combining with precise spectroscopic data  $(r_d^2 - r_p^2) = 3.82070(31)fm^2$   
(atomic spectroscopy + QED corrections)

Jentschura et al. PRA 83 (2011)  
Pachucki et al., PRA 97, 062511 (2018)

New method of determination of neutron charge radius:

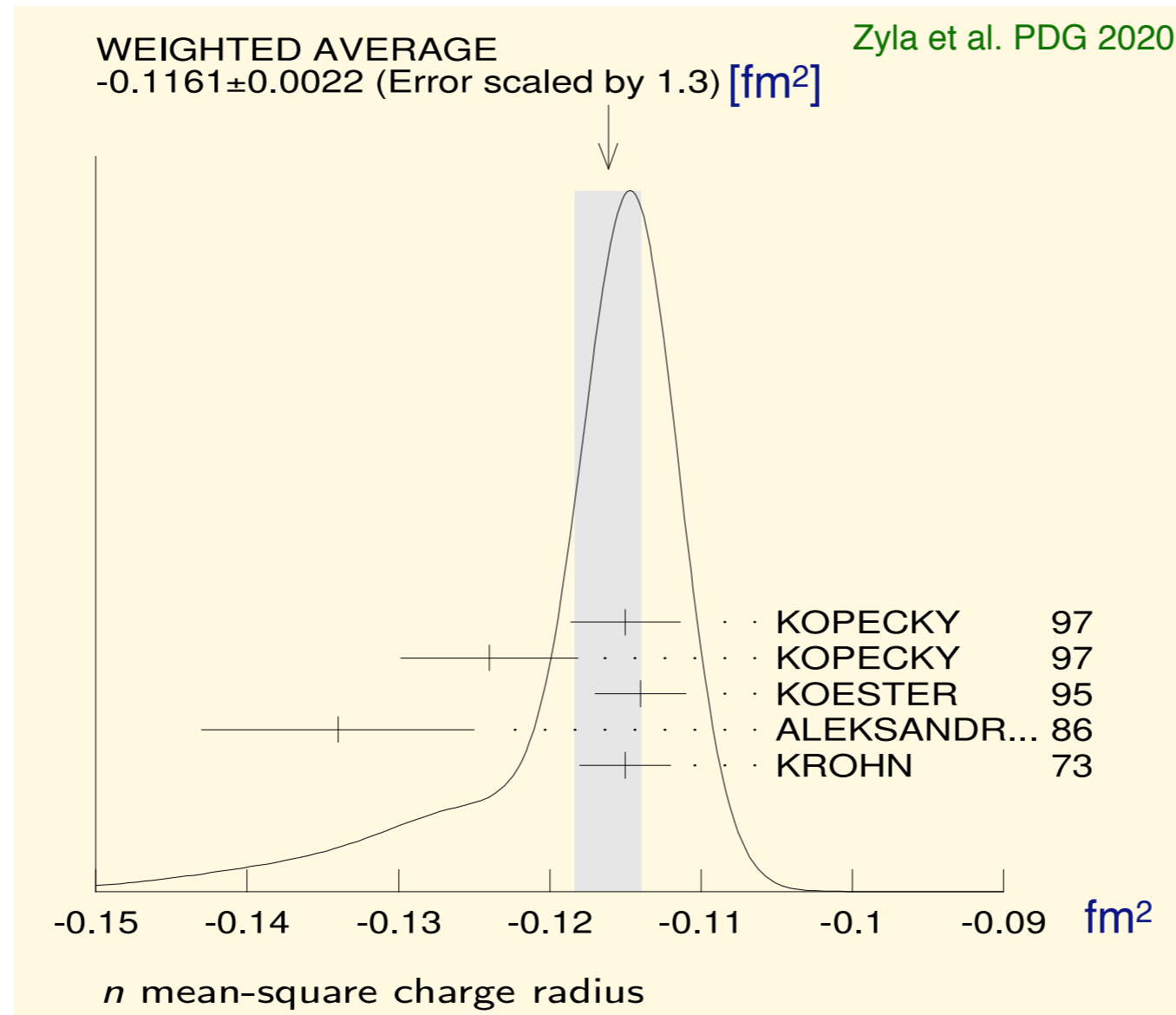
$$r_n^2 = (r_d^2 - r_p^2) - \frac{3}{4m_p^2} - r_{str}^2$$

$\chi$ EFT calculation  
of deuteron form factors

# Neutron charge radius determination

Neutron charge radius PDG2020 weighted average  $r_n^2 = -0.1161(22) \text{fm}^2$  Zyla et al. (PDG2020)

- Based on neutron-electron scattering length measurements on  $^{208}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{209}\text{Bi}$ , and other heavy nuclei
- Spread between determination on Pb and Bi is larger than (scaled) error
- Uncertainty may be underestimated



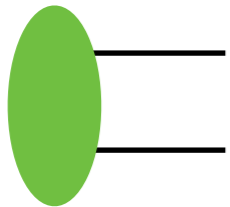
New method of determination:

Neutron charge radius can be extracted from deuteron-proton charge radii difference

# $\chi$ EFT calculation of deuteron form factors

Form factors are obtained by convolution of **deuteron wave function** and **charge density operator (1N, 2N)**

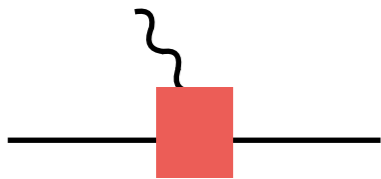
$$G_{C/Q}(Q) = \text{[Diagram 1]} + \text{[Diagram 2]}$$



**Deuteron wave function** - solution of the Schrödinger Eq. with chiral semi-local momentum-space (SMS) NN potential LO - N<sup>4</sup>LO<sup>+</sup>

**1N charge-density operators** LO - N<sup>3</sup>LO

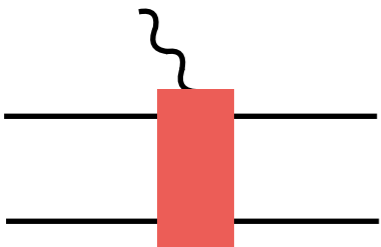
$$\rho_{1N} = e \left( 1 - \frac{\mathbf{k}^2}{8m_N^2} \right) G_E(\mathbf{k}^2) + ie \frac{2G_M(\mathbf{k}^2) - G_E(\mathbf{k}^2)}{4m_N^2} (\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{p}).$$



not expanded; using modern parameterizations of nucleon FF:

Phenomenological: [Ye:2017gyb](#) Dispersion theory: [Belushkin:2006qa](#), [Lin:2021umz](#)

**2N charge-density operators:** one-pion-exchange (N<sup>3</sup>LO) + contact (N<sup>4</sup>LO)



Derived and regularized consistently with SMS NN potential

regulators, cutoff values, and other conventions - same as in SMS NN potential

Depend on two N<sup>4</sup>LO low-energy constants - we fit them to G<sub>C</sub>(Q) and G<sub>Q</sub>(Q) data

# Predictions for deuteron structure radius and quadrupole moment

Scheme of the FF calculation:

- Pre-calculate contributions  $G_x^i(Q)$  from all charge-density operators:  $i = \{\text{main, SO, DF, Boost, OPE, CT}\}$

$$G_x(Q) = G_x^{LO}(Q) + G_x^{SO}(Q) + G_x^{DF}(Q) + G_x^{Boost}(Q) + G_x^{OPE}(Q) + (A + B + C/3)G_x^{CT1}(Q) + C G_x^{CT2}(Q) \quad x = \{C, Q\}$$

- Fit two low-energy constants  $(A+B+C/3)$  and  $(C)$  to experimental data for  $G_C$  and  $G_Q$

fit includes theoretical errors from truncation and from nucleon FFs

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \frac{(G_C^{\text{th}}(Q_i^2; A + B + C/3; C) - G_C^{\text{exp}}(Q_i^2))^2}{\Delta G_C(Q_i^2)^2} + \sum_i \frac{(G_Q^{\text{th}}(Q_i^2; A + B + C/3; C) - G_Q^{\text{exp}}(Q_i^2))^2}{\Delta G_Q(Q_i^2)^2}$$

Our predictions: (using fitted low-energy constants)

Deuteron structure radius

$$r_{str}^2 = r_m^2 + r_{SO}^2 + r_{DF}^2 + r_{OPE}^2 + (A + B + C/3)r_{CT1}^2 + C r_{CT2}^2$$

$$r_{str}^2 = 3.8925 \text{fm}^2$$

Deuteron quadrupole moment

$$Q_d = Q_0 + Q_{SO} + Q_{DF} + Q_{OPE} + (A + B + C/3)Q_{CT1} + C Q_{CT2}$$

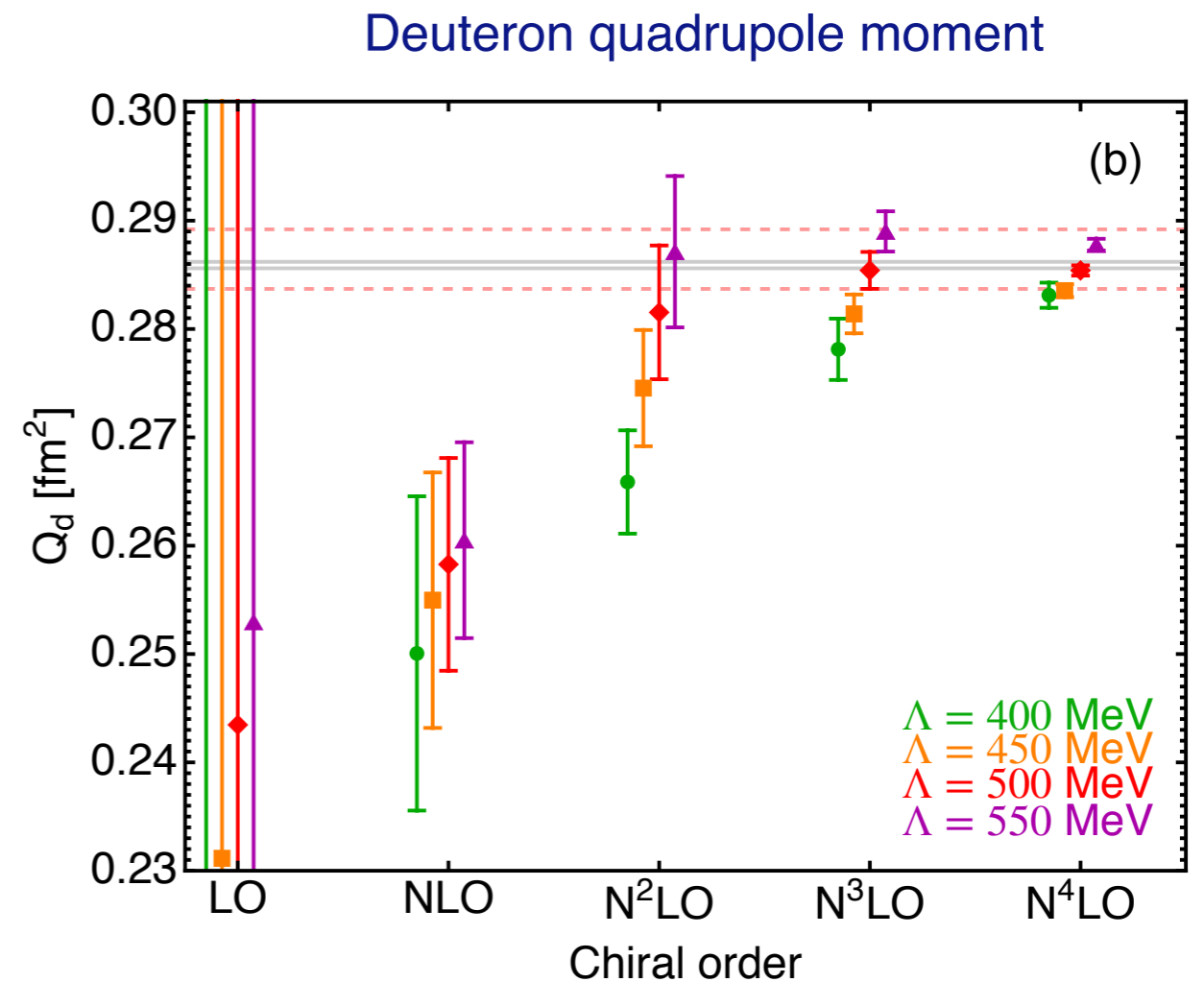
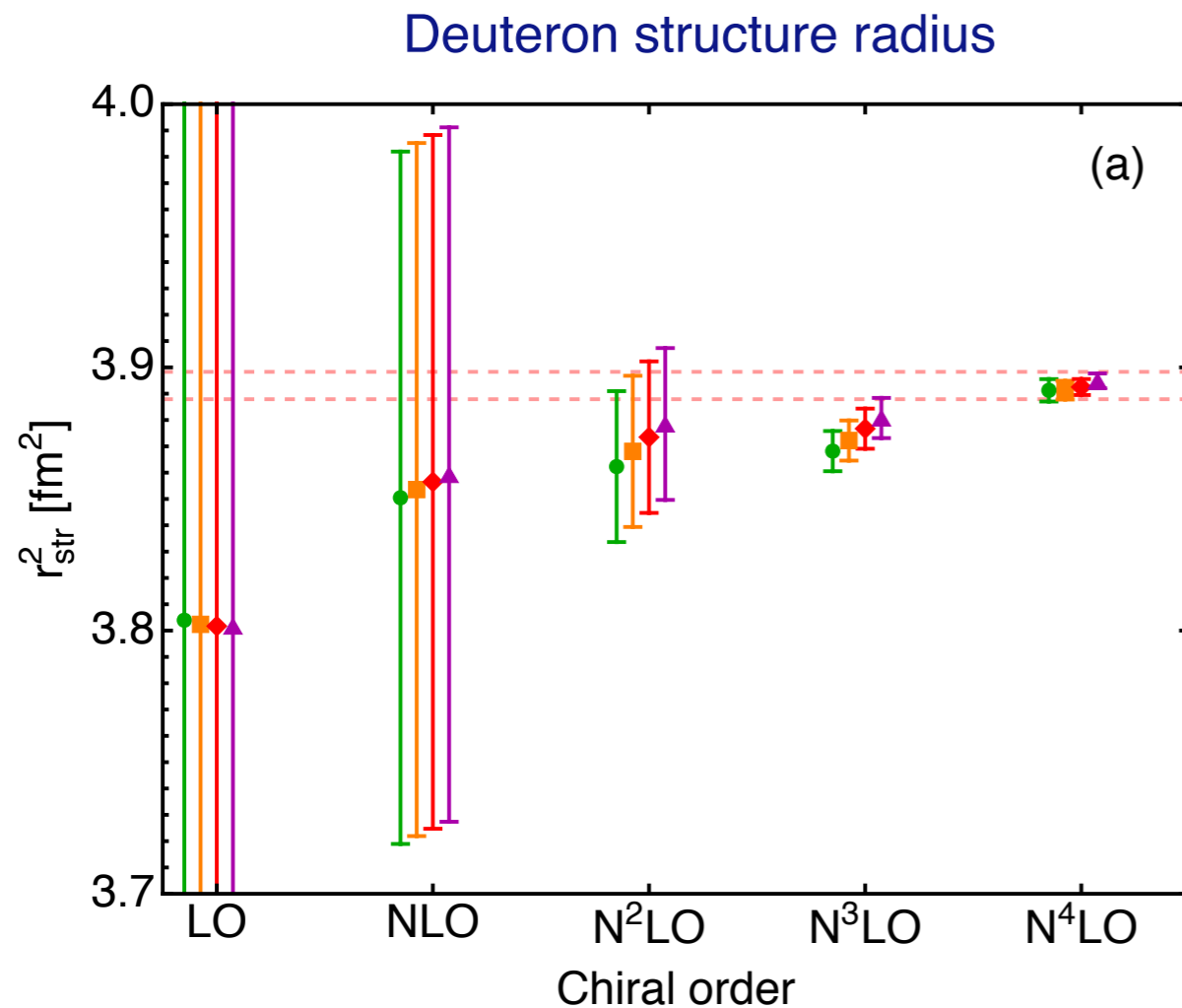
$$Q_d = 0.2854 \text{fm}^2$$

Next step: uncertainty analysis

# Chiral expansion: convergence and truncation error

To estimate chiral expansion truncation error:

- repeat the calculation of  $G_C$ ,  $G_Q$ ,  $r_{\text{str}}$ , and  $Q_d$  for each chiral order (LO-N<sup>4</sup>LO)
- use Bayesian model to estimate truncation errors [Epelbaum et al. EPJA 56, 92 \(2020\)](#)



red band = our prediction + total uncertainty  
gray band = empirical value of  $Q_d$

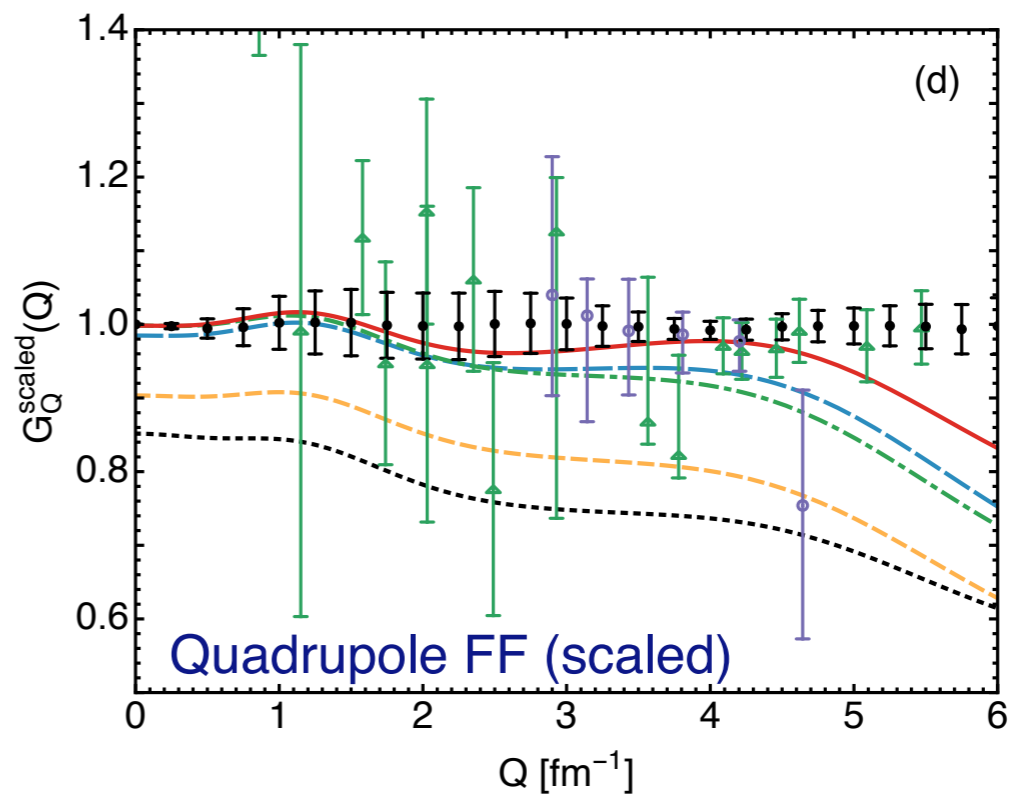
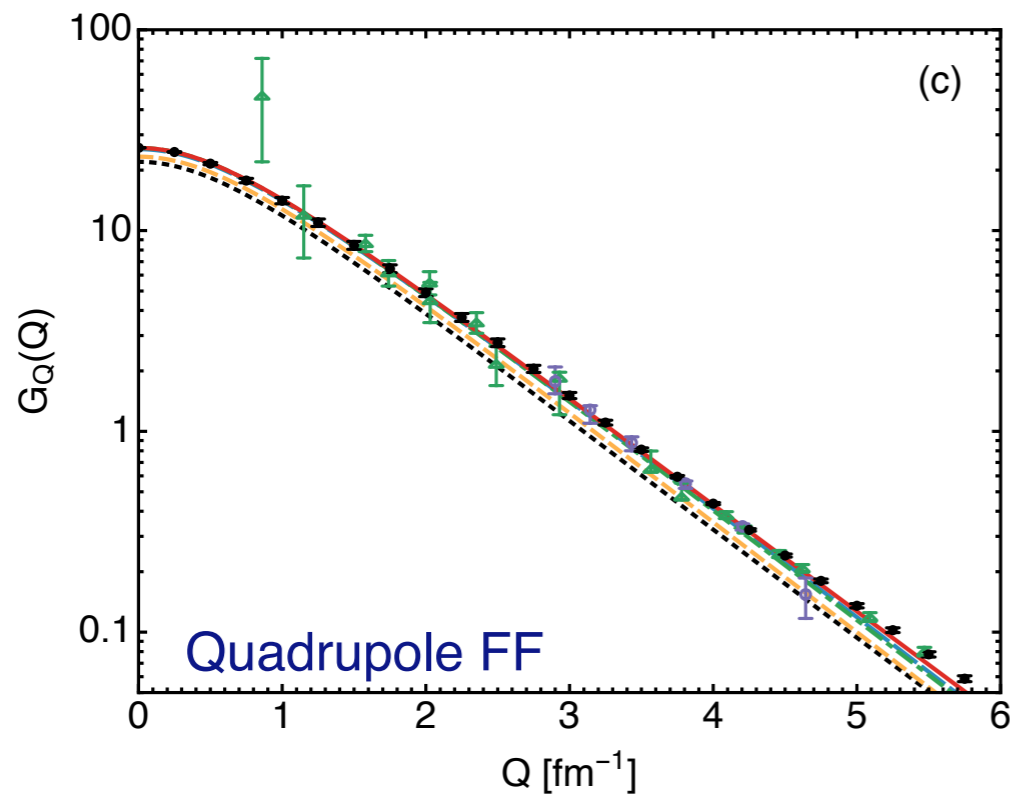
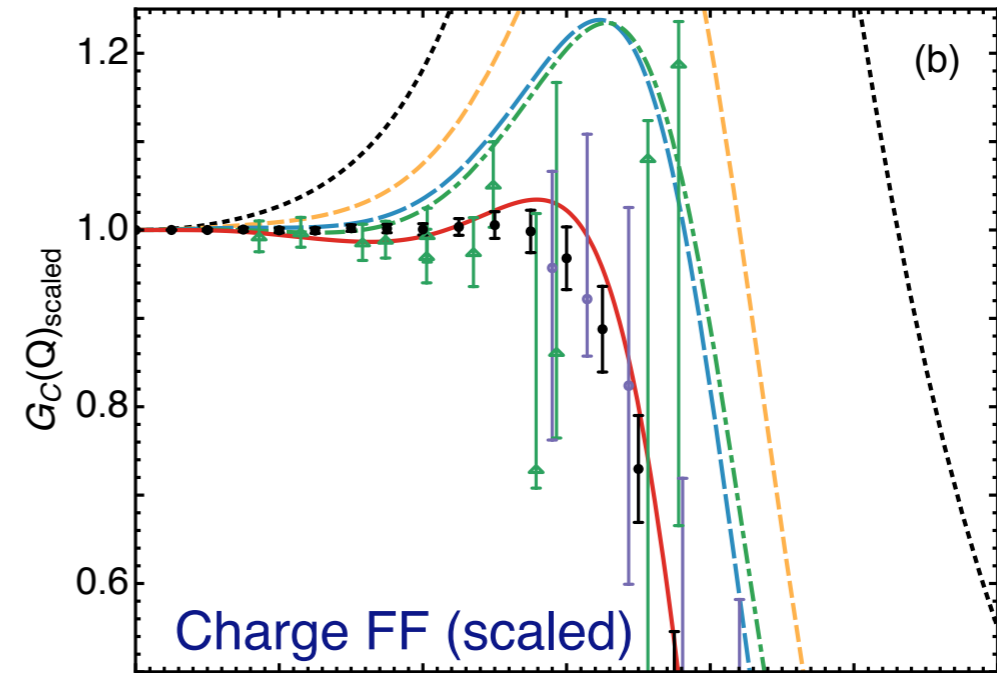
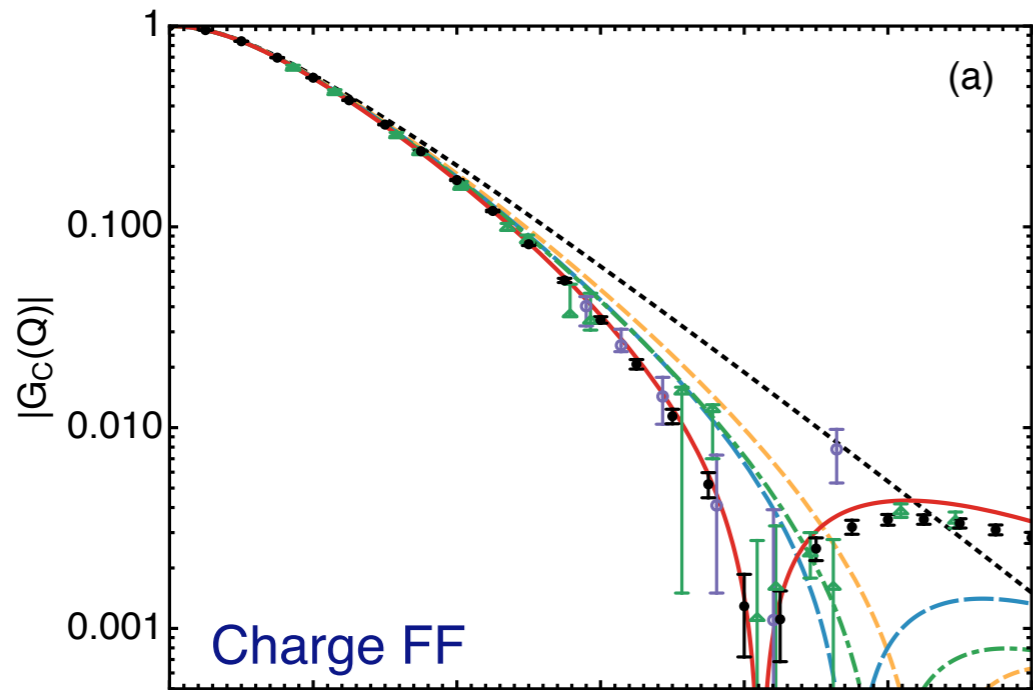
Chiral expansion of  $r_{\text{str}}$ , and  $Q_d$  converges well

Cutoff dependence of structure radius is smaller than truncation error

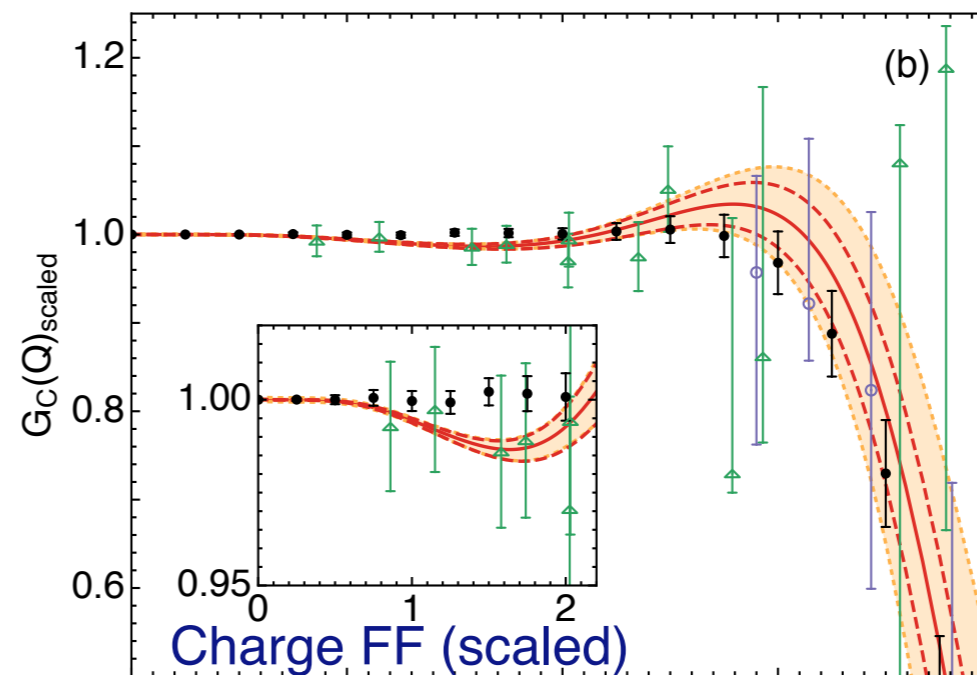
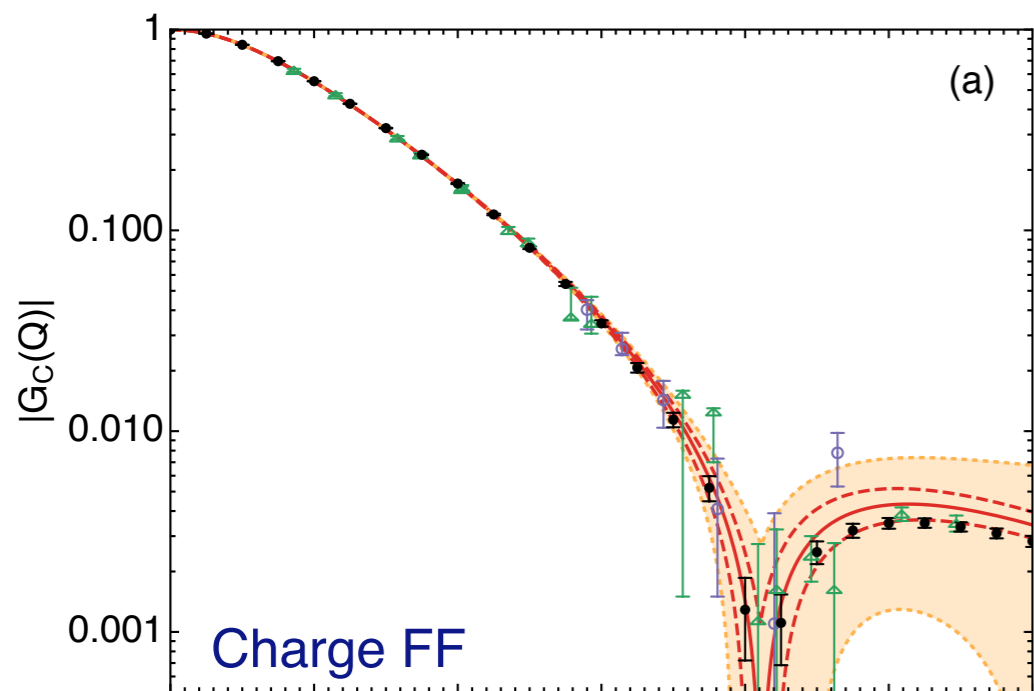


# Chiral expansion: convergence of the deuteron form factors

Convergence pattern: LO; NLO; N<sup>2</sup>LO; N<sup>3</sup>LO; N<sup>4</sup>LO+

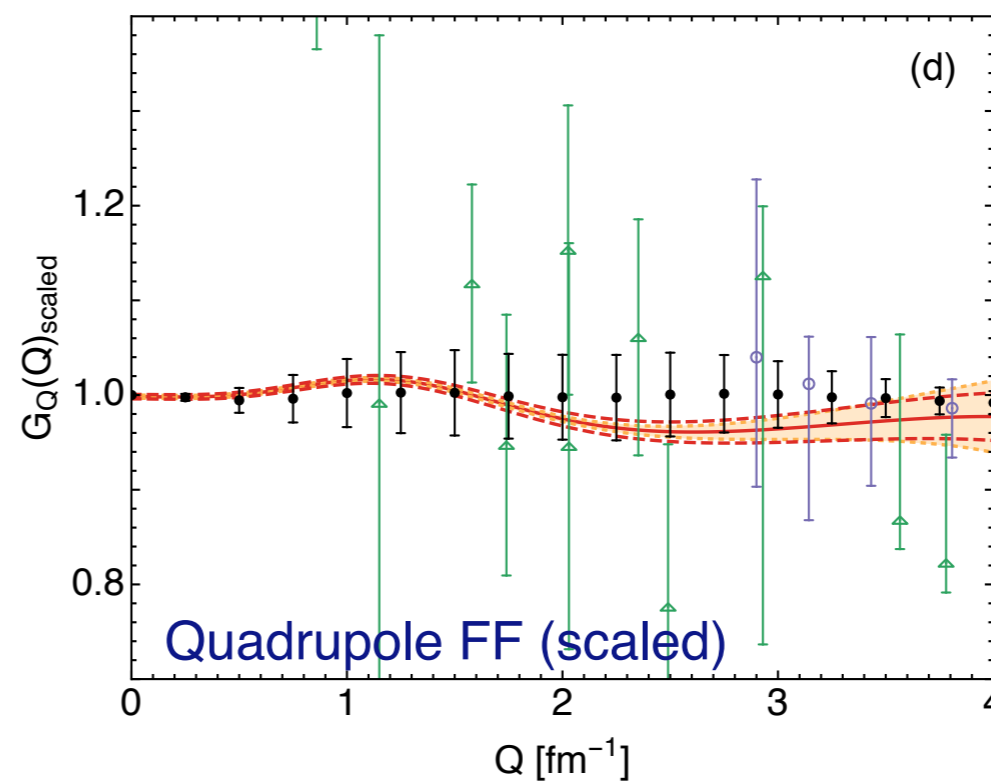
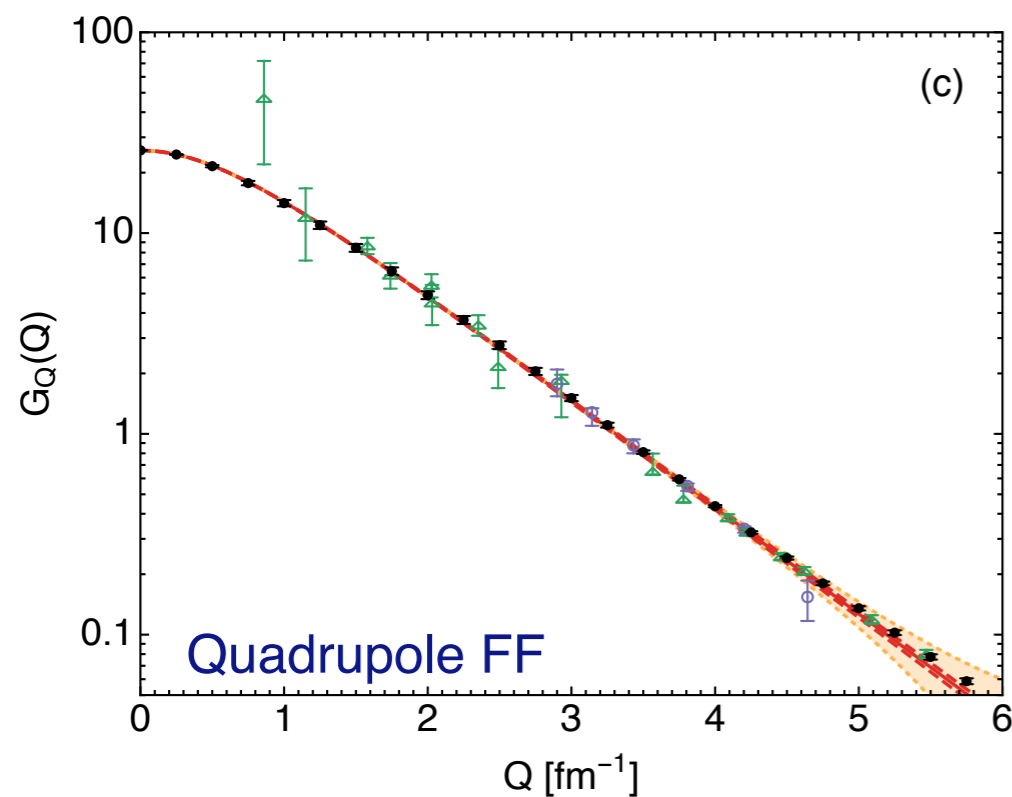


# Chiral expansion truncation error for deuteron form factors

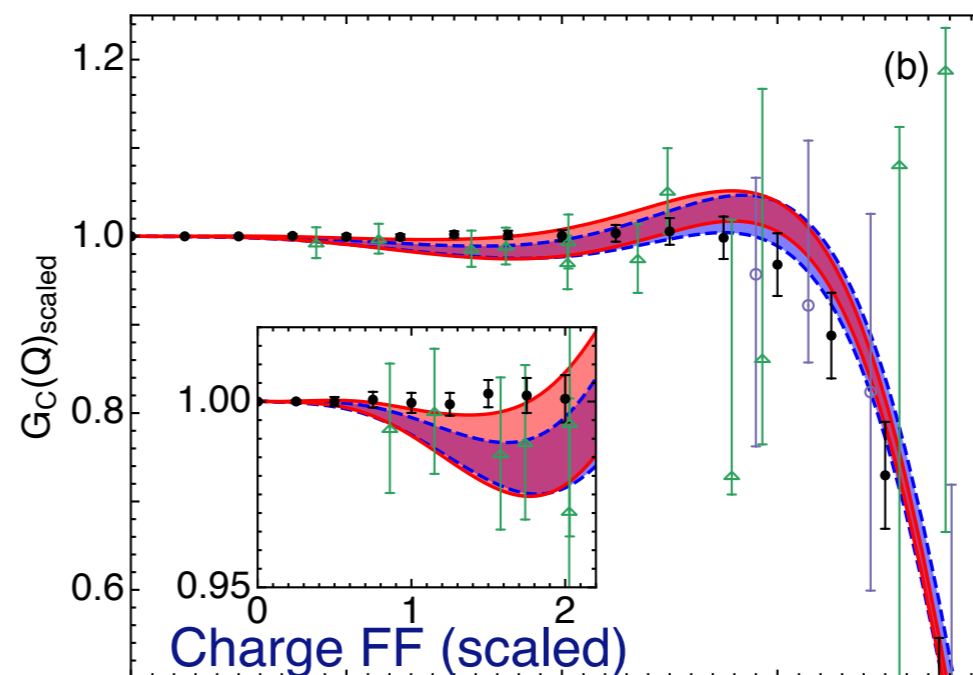
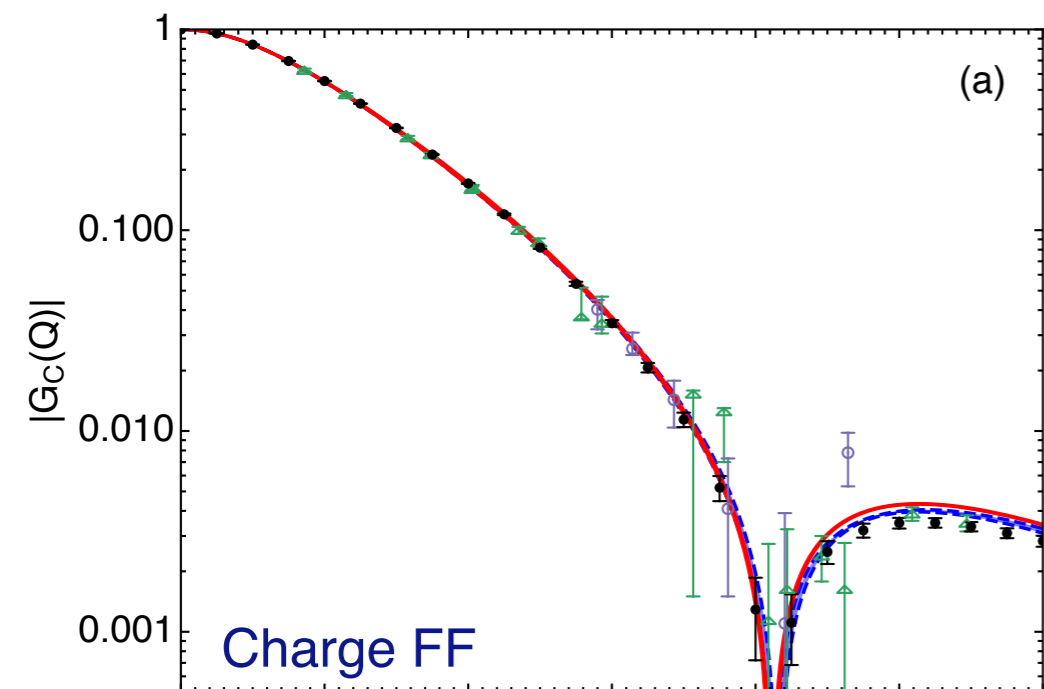


Orange band:  
N<sup>4</sup>LO truncation error

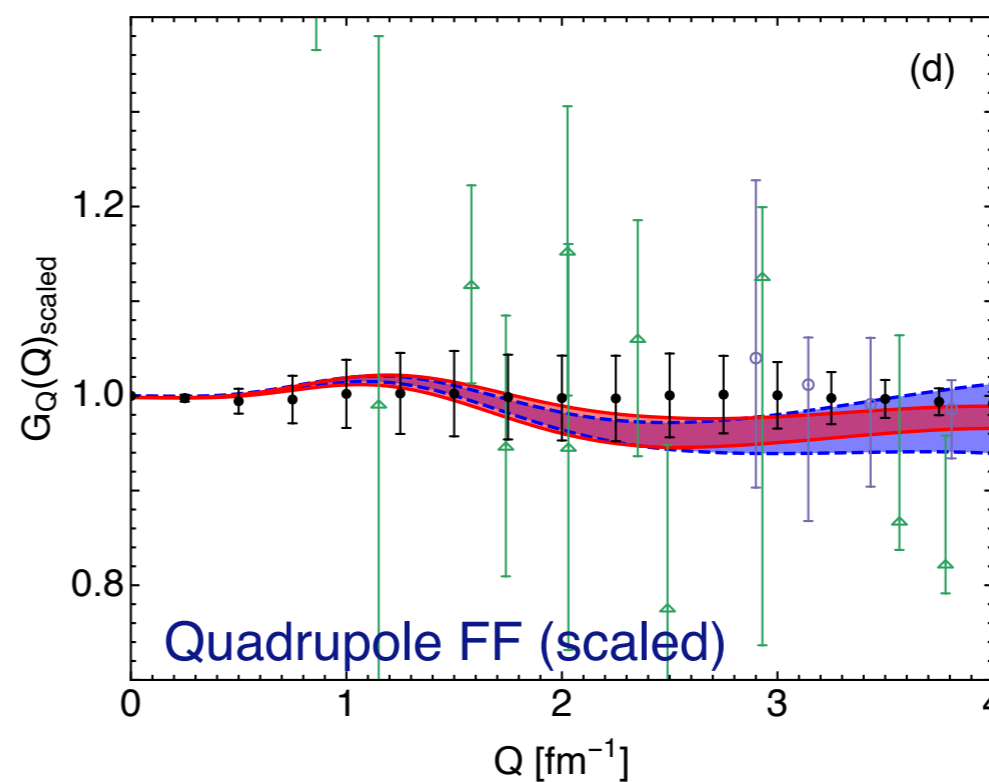
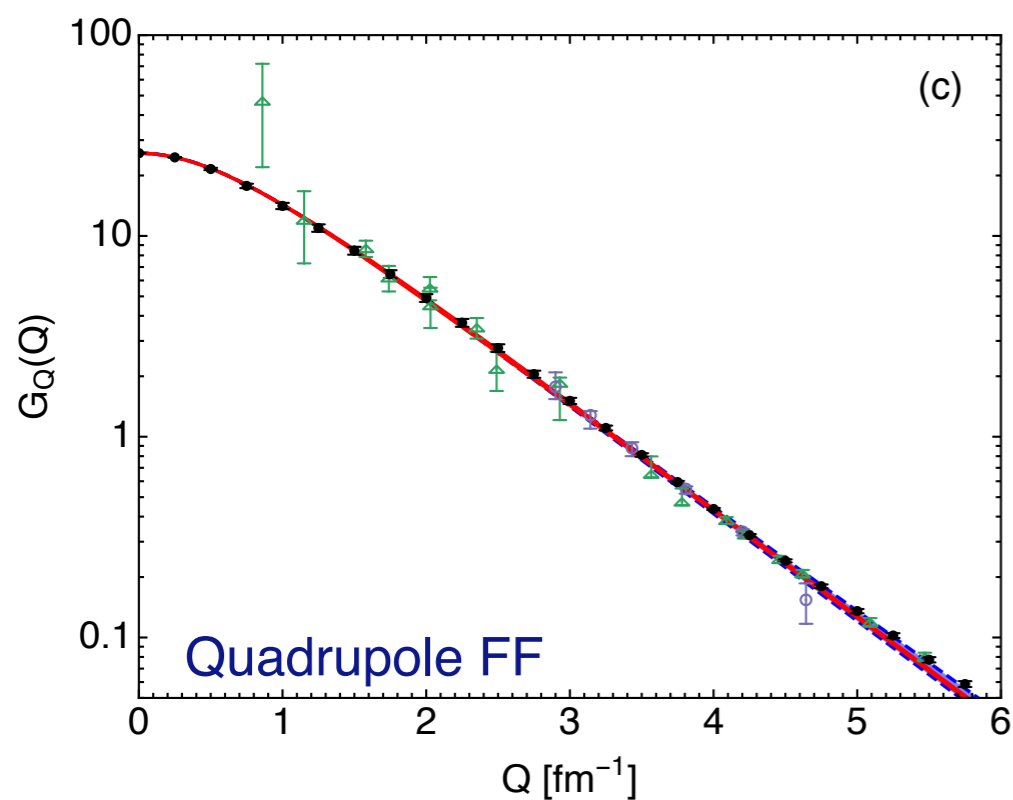
Red band:  
1 $\sigma$  statistical error from  
the fit of N<sup>4</sup>LO LECs  
to deuteron FF data



# Uncertainty from nucleon form-factor parametrization



Red band:  
phenomenological  
parametrization  
by Ye et al.  
updated to  
CODATA2018  
proton charge radius  
Ye:2017gyb

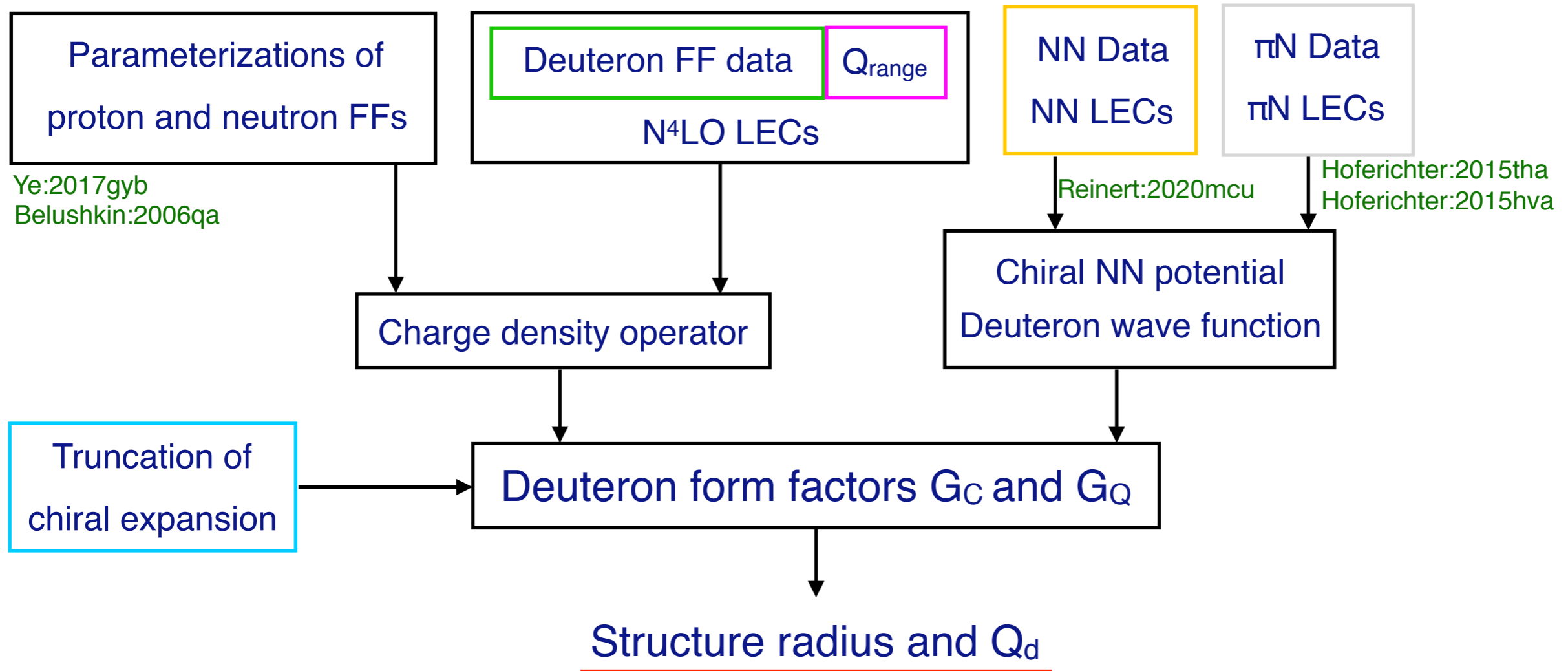


Blue band:  
dispersion-theory based  
parametrization  
by Belushkin et. al  
Belushkin:2006qa

Our predictions for  $r_d$  are not sensitive to the specific form of (realistic) nucleon FF parametrization  
parametrization must reasonably describe proton and neutron data for  $Q$  between 1 and 2.5  $\text{fm}^{-1}$   
low- $Q$  ( $< 1 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ ) behavior of parametrization is not important for our fits

# Extensive uncertainty analysis

We propagate uncertainties from multiple sources



	<u>Central</u>	Truncation	$\rho_{\text{Cont}}^{\text{reg}}$	$\pi\text{N LECs RSA}$	2N LECs and $f_i^2$	$Q$ range	Total
$r_{\text{str}}^2$ (fm <sup>2</sup> )	3.8925	$\pm 0.0030$	$\pm 0.0024$	$\pm 0.0003$	$\pm 0.0025$	+0.0035 -0.0005	+0.0058 -0.0046
$Q_d$ (fm <sup>2</sup> )	0.2854	$\pm 0.0005$	$\pm 0.0007$	$\pm 0.0003$	$\pm 0.0016$	+0.0035 -0.0005	+0.0038 -0.0017

# Results

Predictions for deuteron structure radius and quadrupole moment including all uncertainties:

$$r_{str} = 1.9729^{+0.0015}_{-0.0012} fm$$

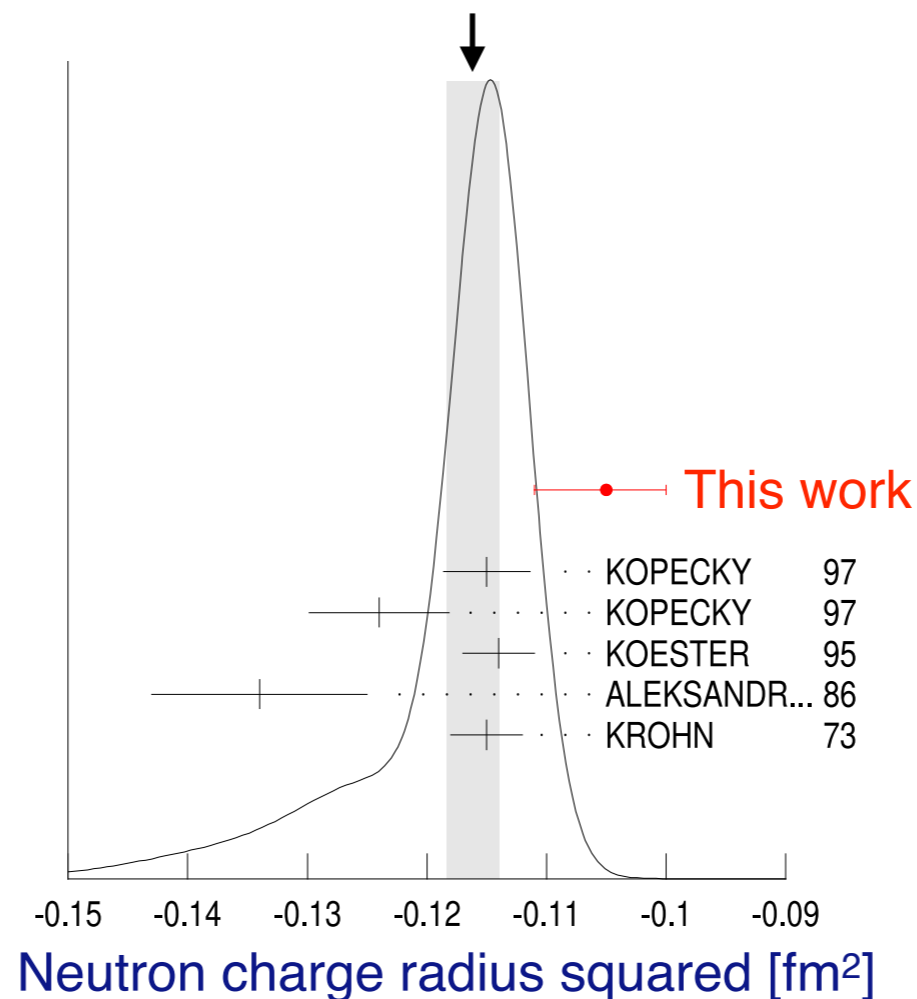
$$Q_d = 0.2854^{+0.0038}_{-0.0017} fm^2$$

Extraction of neutron radius from  $(r_d^2 - r_p^2) = 3.82070(31) fm^2$  (atomic spectroscopy + QED corrections)

$$r_n^2 = -0.105^{+0.005}_{-0.006} fm^2$$

$$r_n^2 = (r_d^2 - r_p^2) - \frac{3}{4m_p^2} r_{str}^2$$

1.9 $\sigma$  deviation from the PDG2020 weighted average  $r_n^2 = -0.1161(22) fm^2$

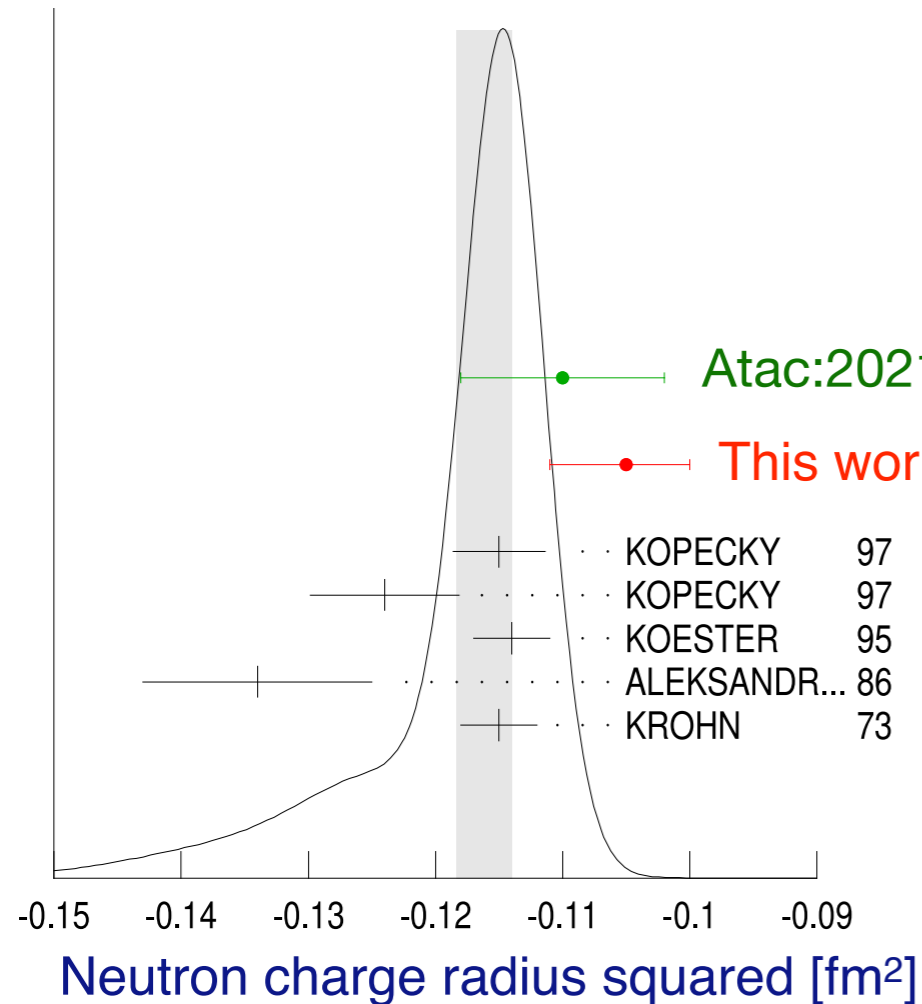


# Recently published results

## New extraction of neutron charge radius

Atac:2021wqj (*Nat Commun* 12, 1759 (2021))

(extraction from quadrupole transition form factors of proton)



Atac:2021wqj  $r_n^2 = (-0.110 \pm 0.008) \text{fm}^2$

confirms our result

This work  $r_n^2 = -0.105^{+0.005}_{-0.006} \text{fm}^2$

## New determination of deuteron quadrupole moment

Puchalski:2020jkt *PRL* 125 253001 (2020)

Value:  $Q_d = 0.285699(15)(18) \text{fm}^2$

Very good agreement with our result ( $Q_d = 0.2854^{+0.0038}_{-0.0017} \text{fm}^2$ )

# Summary

Comprehensive analysis of deuteron charge and quadrupole form factors in  $\chi$ EFT

Pushed to N<sup>4</sup>LO for the first time

[PRL124 082501 \(2020\)](#), [Phys.Rev.C 103, 024313 \(2021\)](#)

Two unknown LECs are determined from FF data

Prediction for **deuteron structure radius** and **quadrupole moment**

Extended analysis of various sources of uncertainty

**Extraction of neutron charge radius**

**New method** using hydrogen-deuterium 1S-2S isotope shift data

1.9 $\sigma$ -deviation from the value in PDG2020

Confirmed by very recent determination [Atac:2021wqj \(Nat Commun 12, 1759 \(2021\)\)](#)

Outlook

Analysis of the deuteron magnetic form factor

Analysis of <sup>3</sup>H, <sup>3</sup>He and <sup>4</sup>He electromagnetic form factors