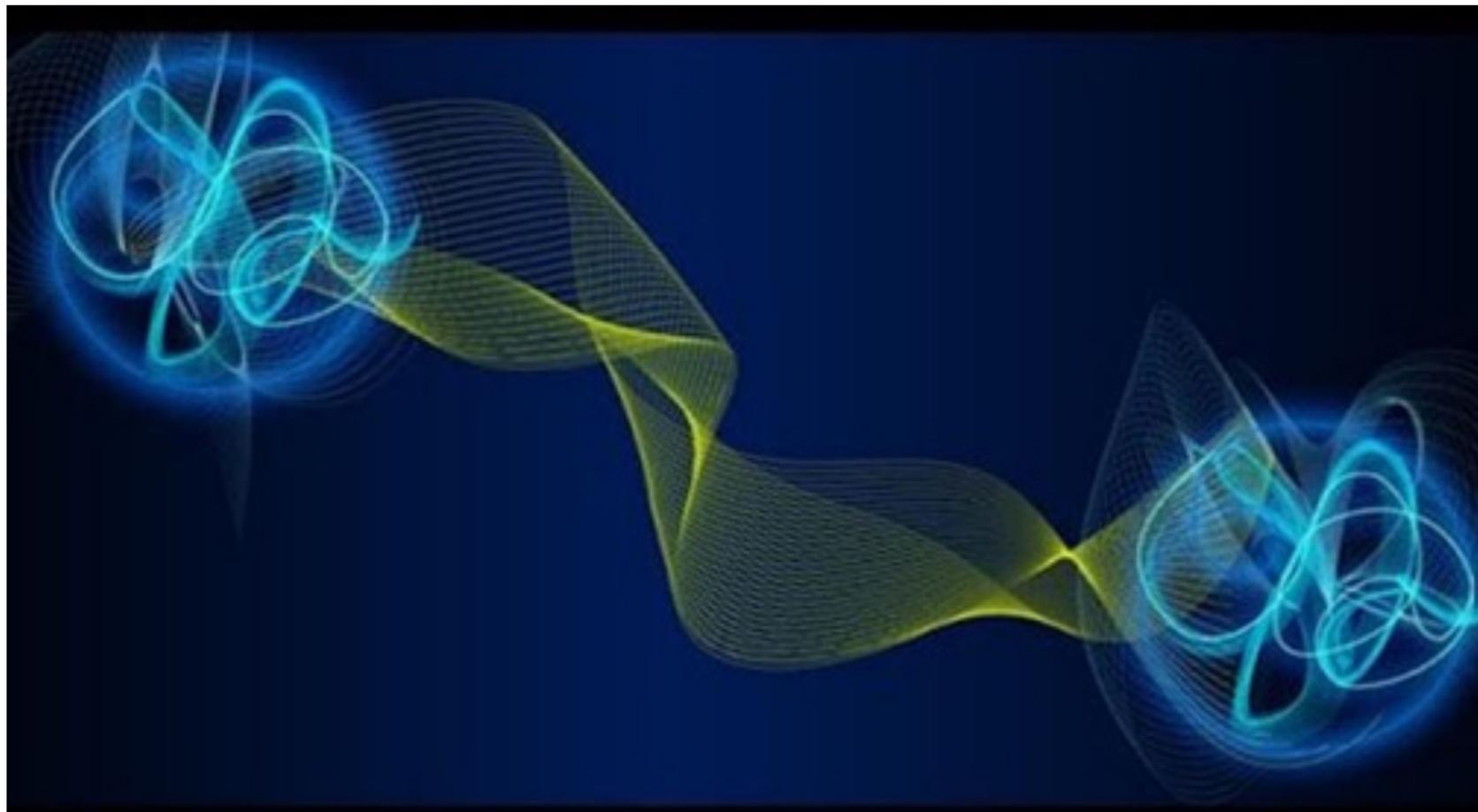


Entanglement Suppression and Emergent Symmetry



S. Beane, DBK, N. Klco, M. Savage, PRL 122, 102001 (2019), arXiv: 1812.03138

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This talk:

Searching for an explanation of peculiar IR symmetries of QCD

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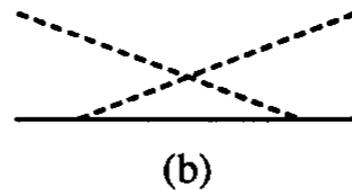
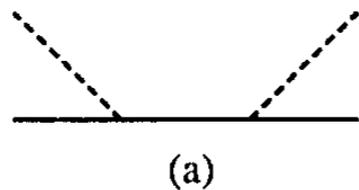
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$$SU(6): \quad 6 = \begin{pmatrix} u \uparrow \\ u \downarrow \\ d \uparrow \\ d \downarrow \\ s \uparrow \\ s \downarrow \end{pmatrix}$$

- Approximate symmetry of non-relativistic quark model
- Approximate symmetry apparent in nature:
 - masses
 - magnetic moments & transitions
 - semi-leptonic currents
 - meson-baryon couplings
 - NN scattering

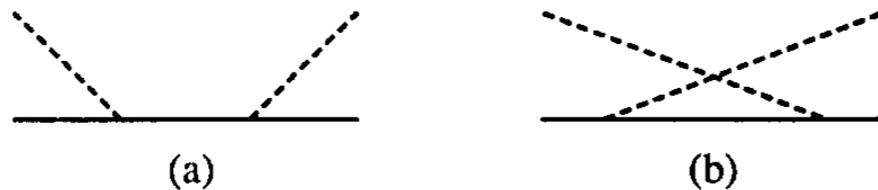
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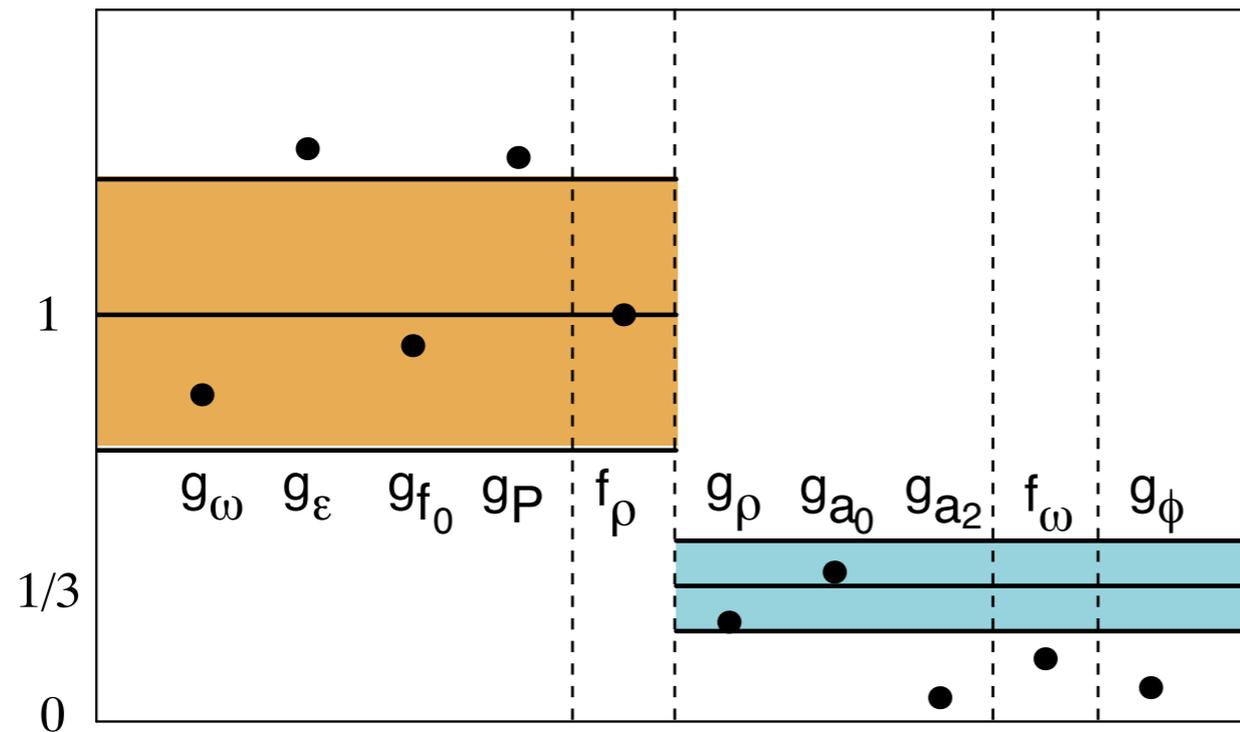
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But what about **baryon-baryon** interactions?

Is large- N_c is evident in nuclear physics? Yes!

- Large- N_c seems to also work in nuclear physics:



DBK, A. Manohar (1996)

Comparison of phenomenological models vs large- N predictions

- ...and large- N_c implies spin-flavor symmetries in low energy baryon-baryon interactions... DBK, M.J. Savage (1995)

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$$C_S = \frac{2(a - b/27)}{f_\pi^2}, \quad C_T = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{SU(4) prediction}$$

Does this work?

$SU(4)_{\text{quark}}$ implies $SU(4)_{\text{Wigner}}$ in 2-nucleon sector

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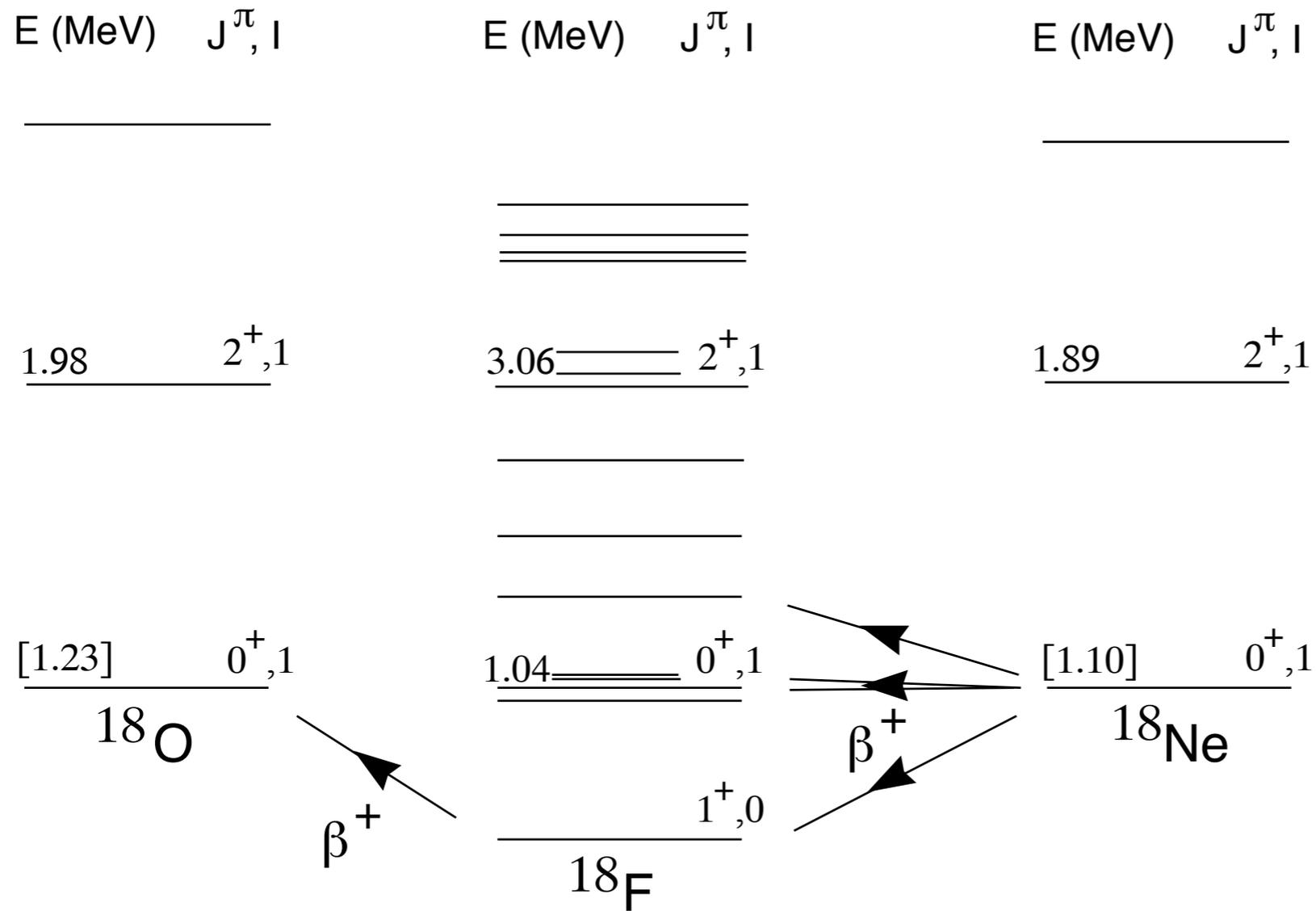
[$N + \Delta = 20$ of $SU(4)_{\text{quark}}$; $N = 4$ of $SU(4)_{\text{Wigner}}$]

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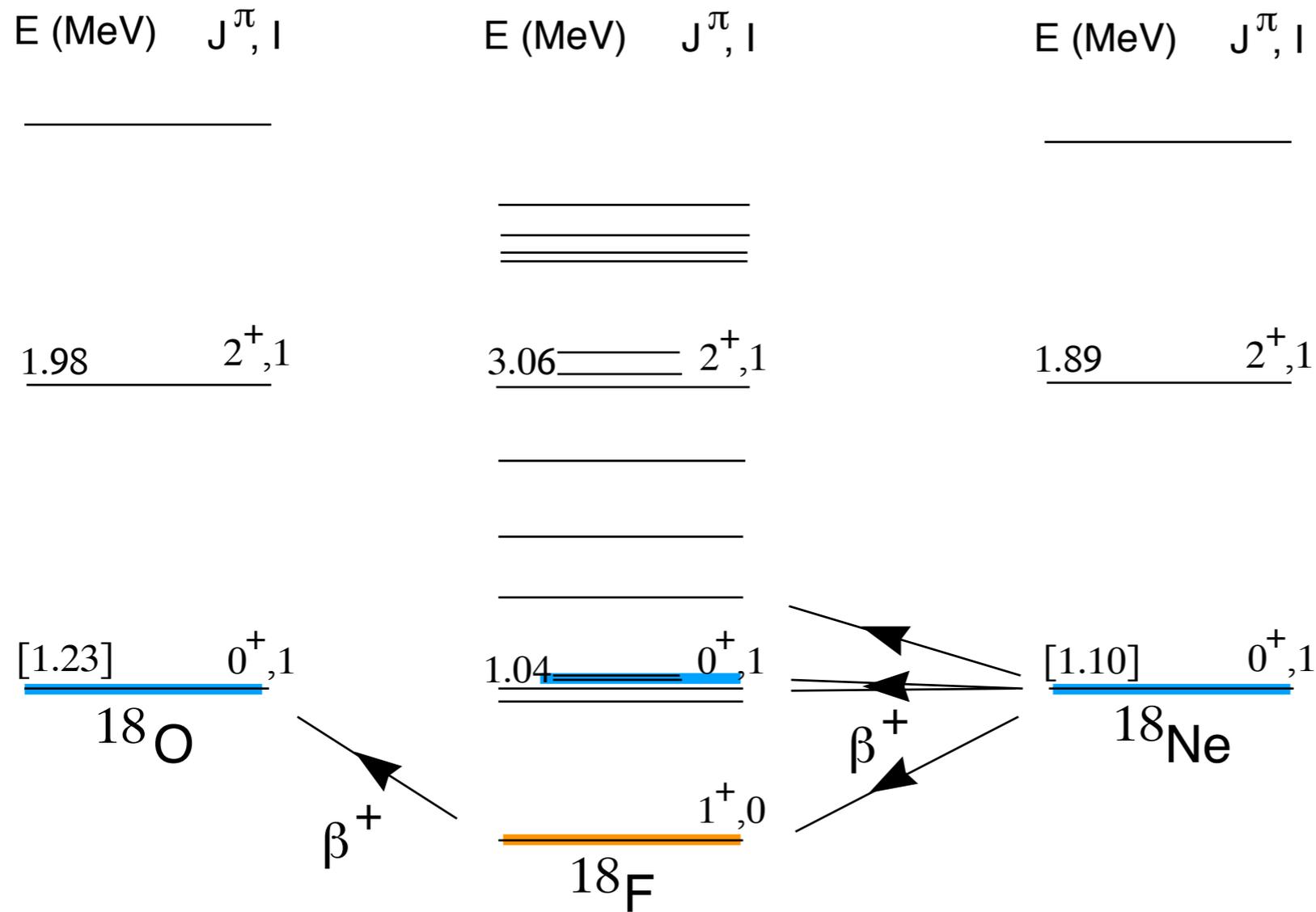
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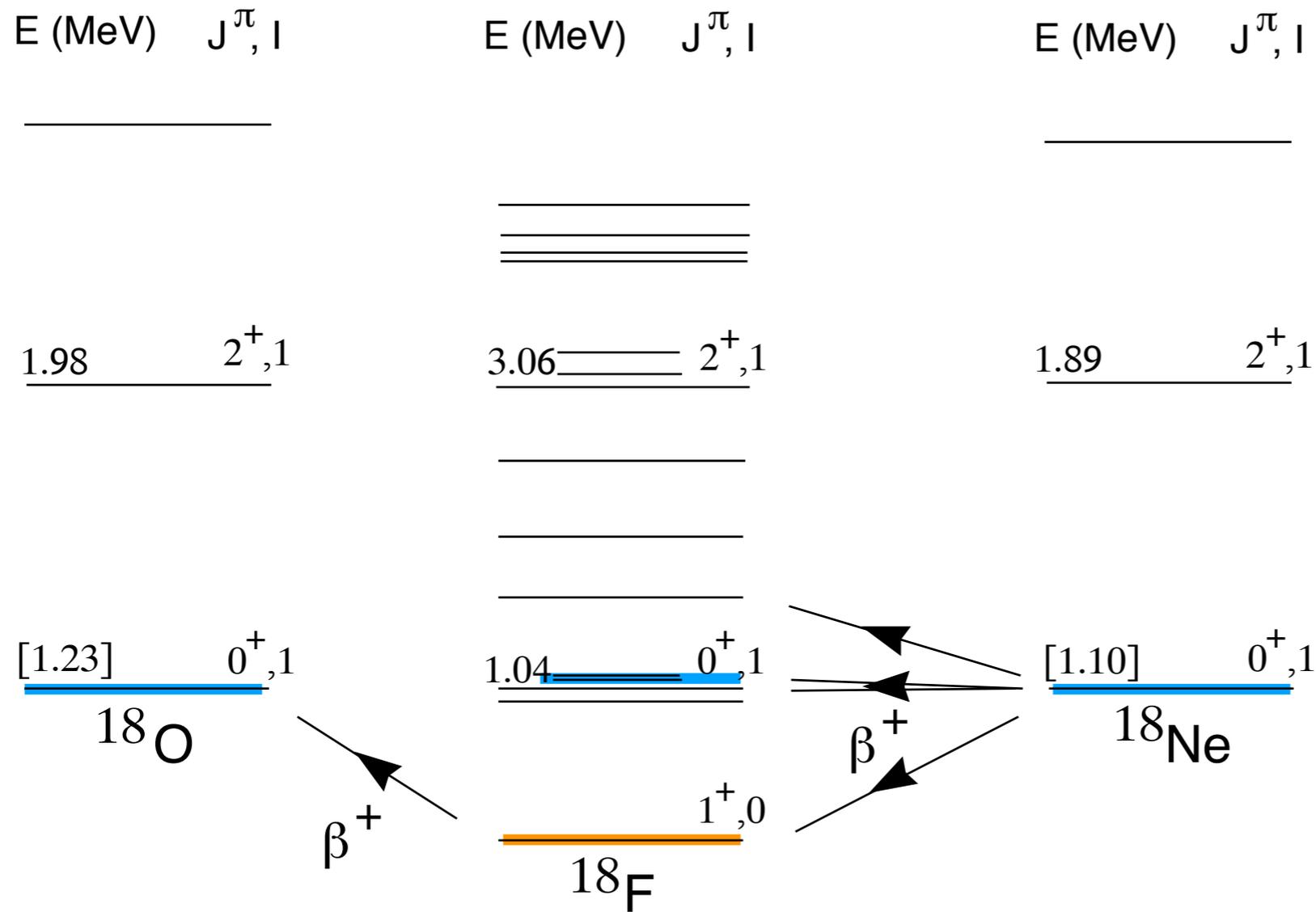


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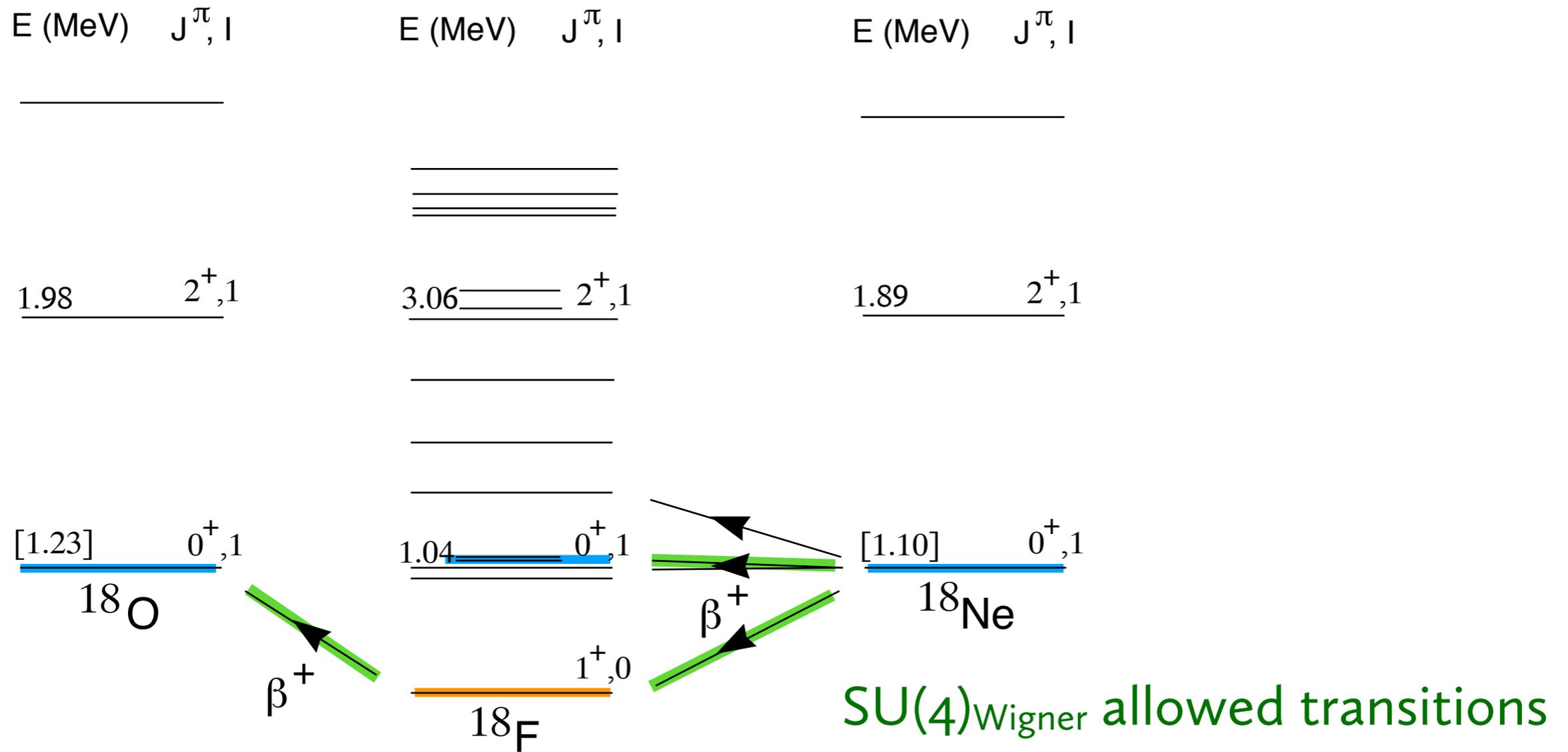
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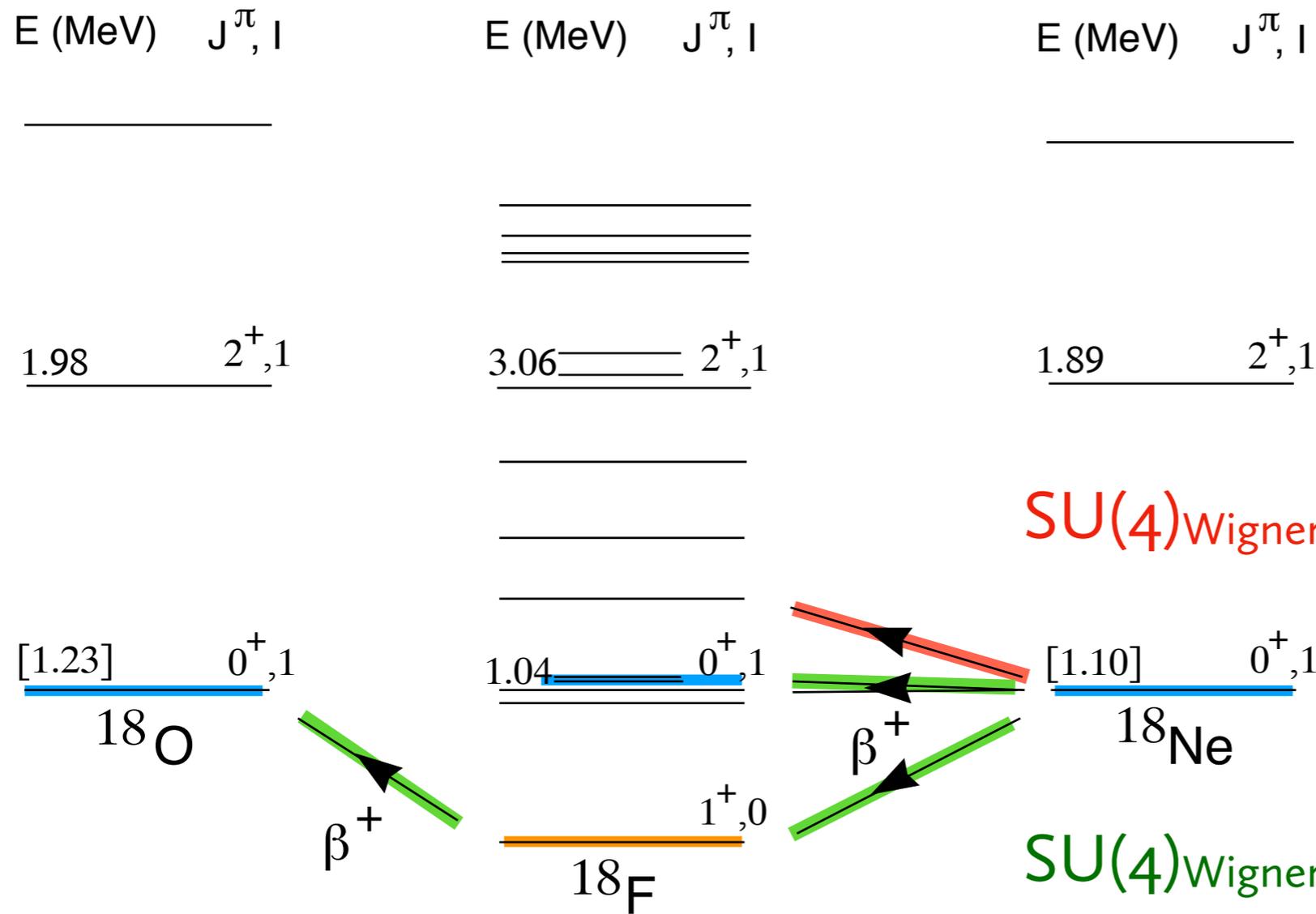
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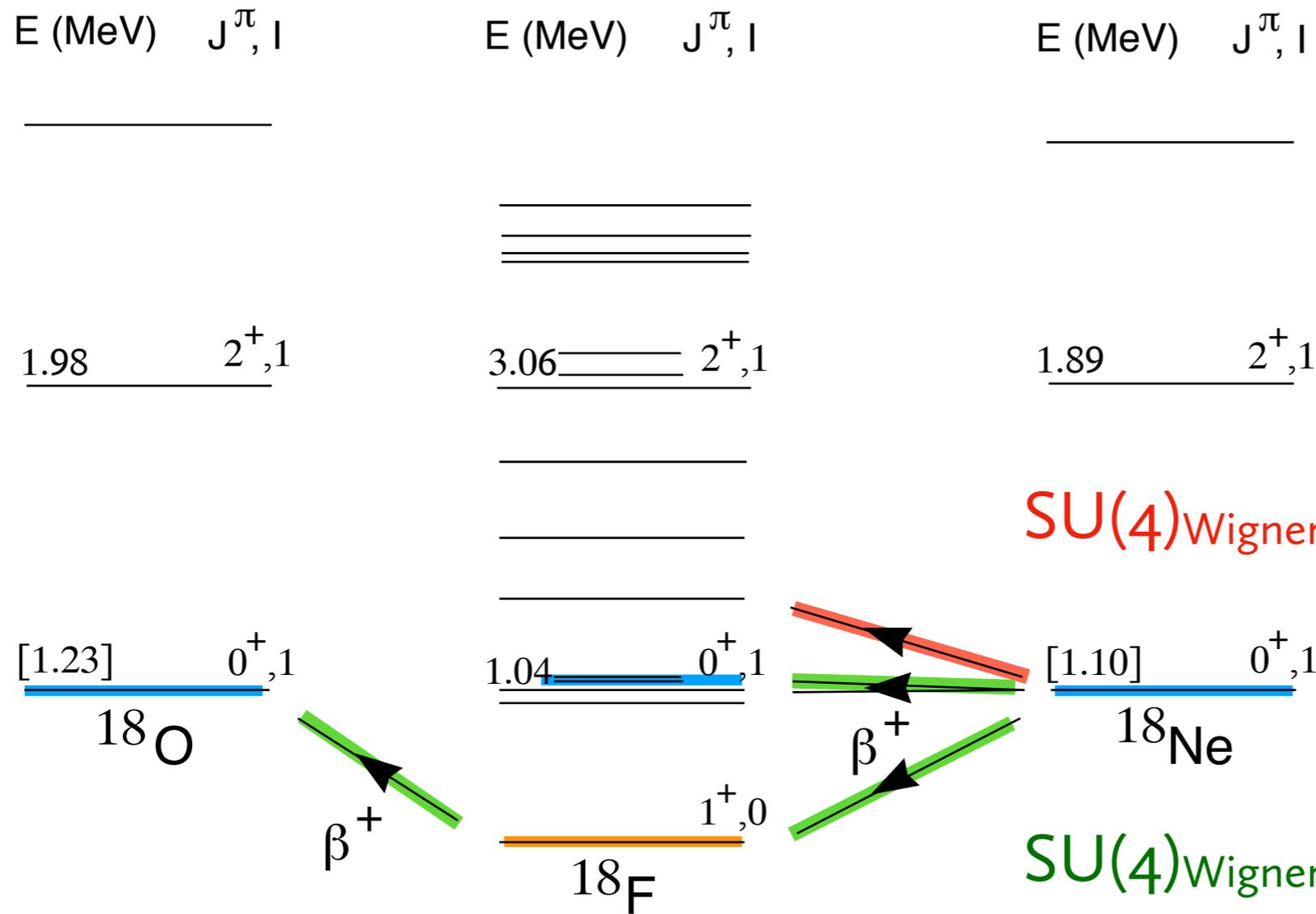
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Very low scales for QCD

$$A \simeq \frac{4\pi}{M} \frac{1}{\left(-\frac{1}{a} + i\sqrt{ME}\right)}$$

$1/a$ is very small for both

Who ordered that??

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General low-energy EFT for just the octet: M.J. Savage, M.B. Wise (1995)

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SU(6) prediction:

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Does this work? Look at lattice data

- NPLQCD collaboration, 2015
- equal quark masses
- $m_\pi = 806 \text{ MeV}$

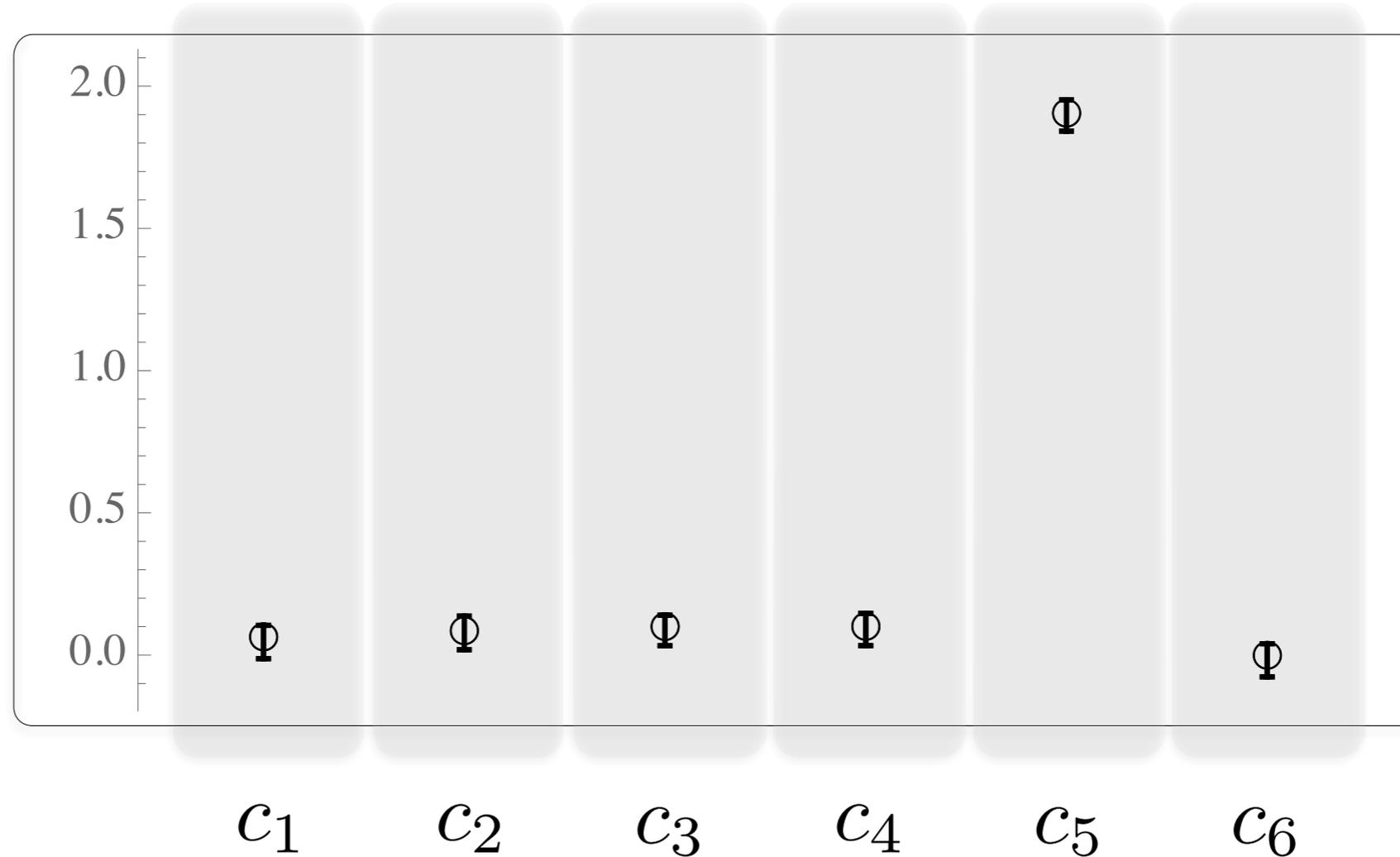
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- + near critical value for large scattering lengths — *conformal symmetry*

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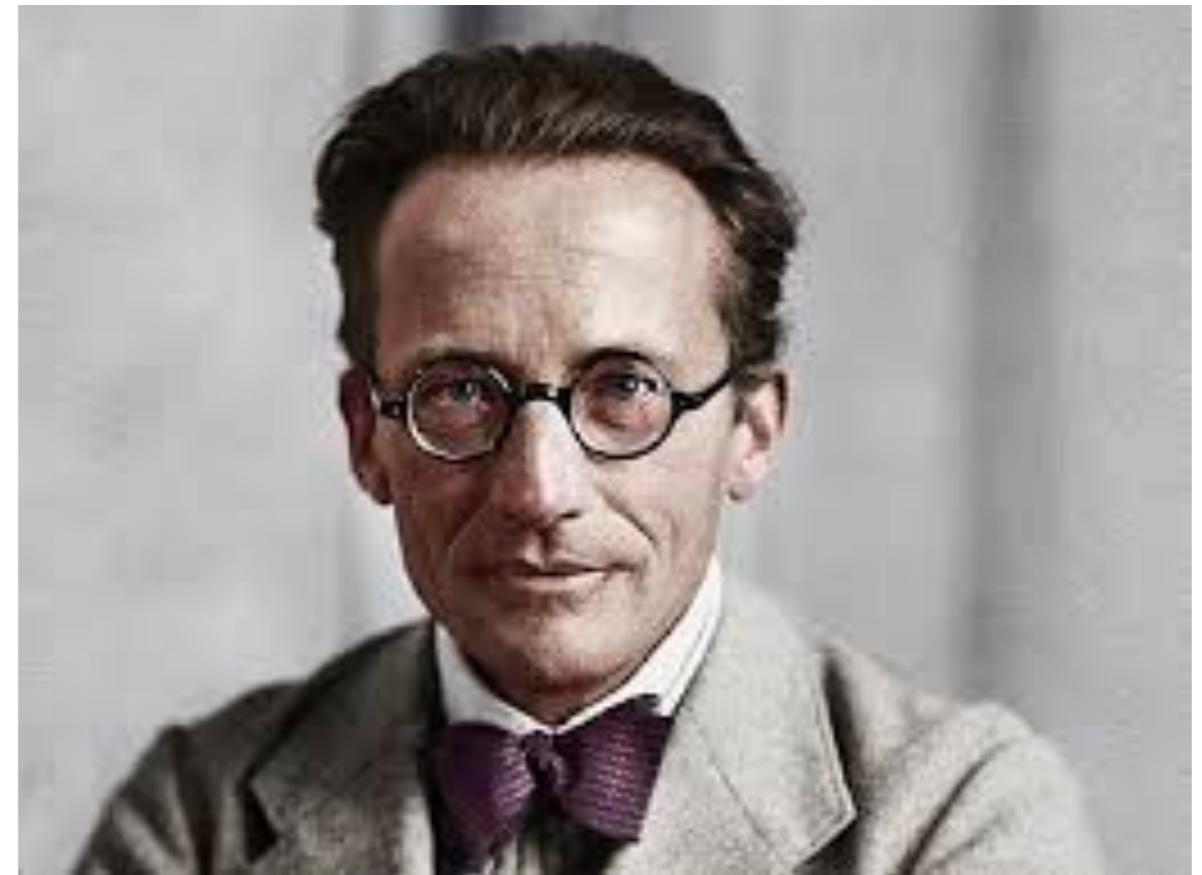
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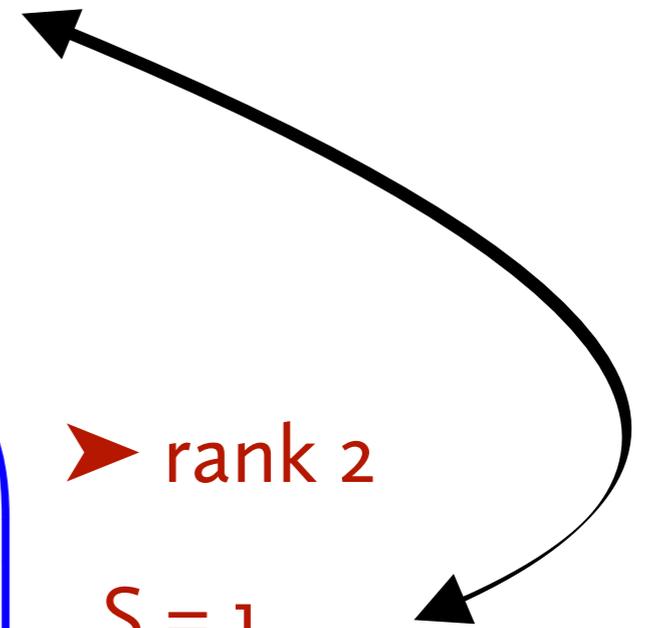
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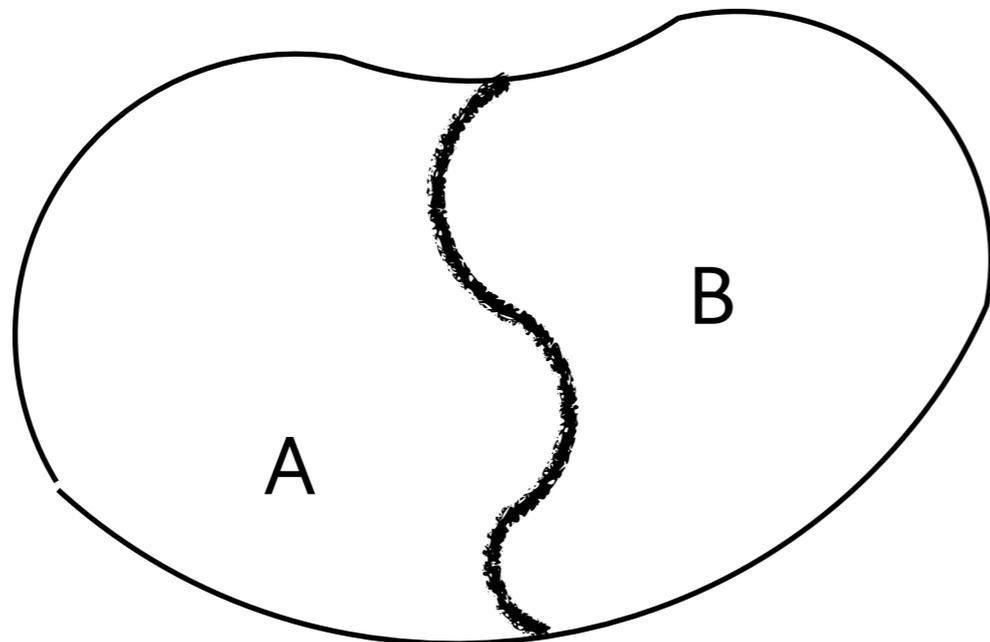
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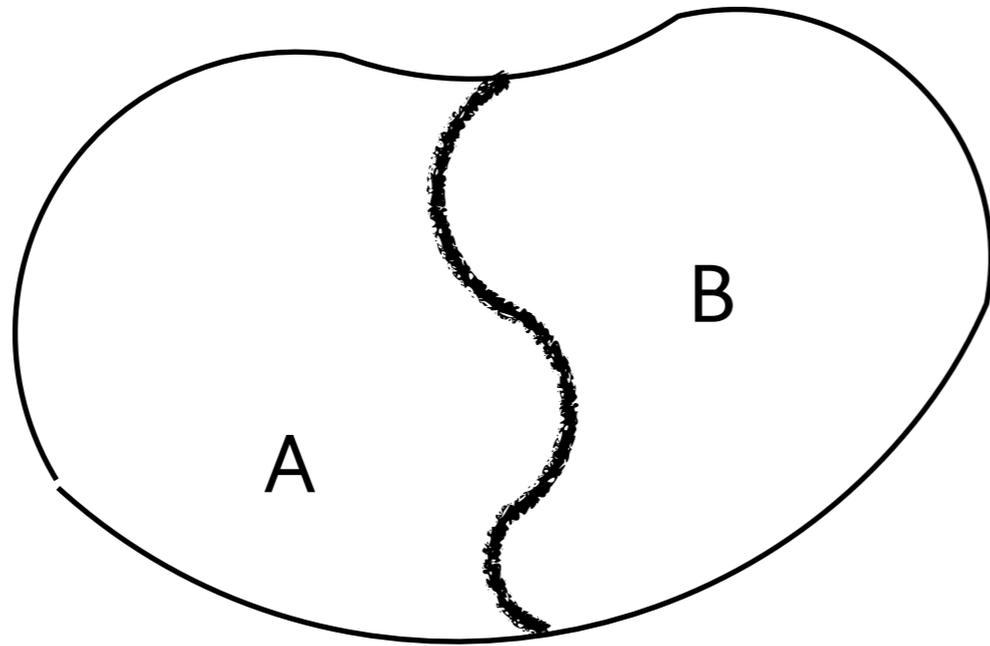
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Pure state on \mathcal{H} — typically ρ_A, ρ_B will represent mixed states, reflected in entropy:

$$S = 0, \quad S_A = S_B \neq 0$$

Shows that systems A and B are **entangled**

How to quantify entanglement of a N-N scattering process?

One way: PRL 122, 102001 (2019), arXiv: 1812.03138;

A simpler way: in preparation;

Rough description:

- Compute reduced density matrix ρ_1 for 2-particle state
- Define entanglement for pure 2-particle state as $[1 - \text{Tr}(\rho_1)^2]$
- Compute entanglement power of the S-matrix as difference in entanglement between $|\psi_{\text{in}}\rangle$ and $|\psi_{\text{out}}\rangle$
- average over initial spin-flavor orientations

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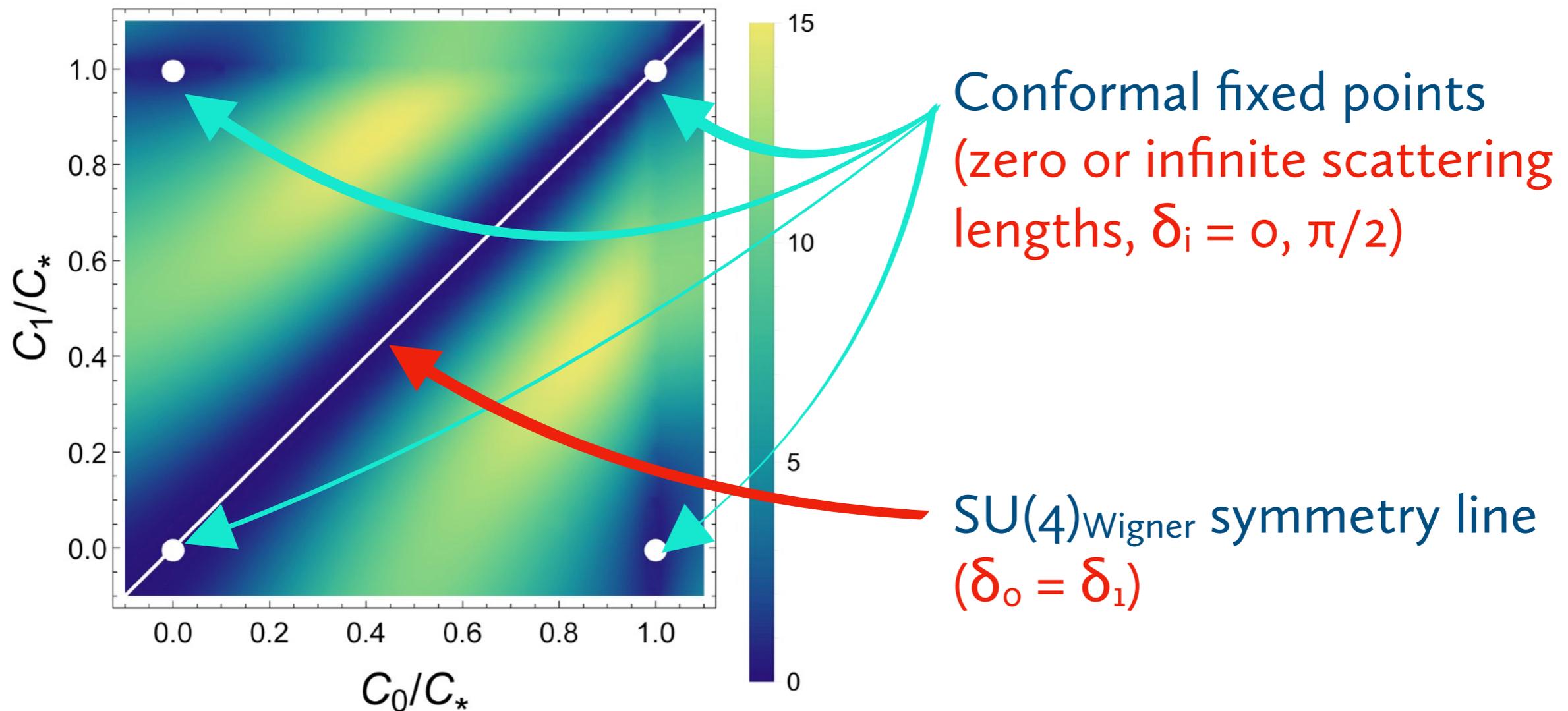
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Minimal entanglement in scattering occurs at points
of enhanced symmetry

Real world: Fit C_0, C_1 to scattering lengths

⇒ $C_T/C_S = 0.08 \dots \sim \text{SU}_4$ symmetric

⇒ $C_0 = .94 C_\star,$
⇒ $C_1 = 1.35 C_\star \dots \sim$ pretty close to conformal

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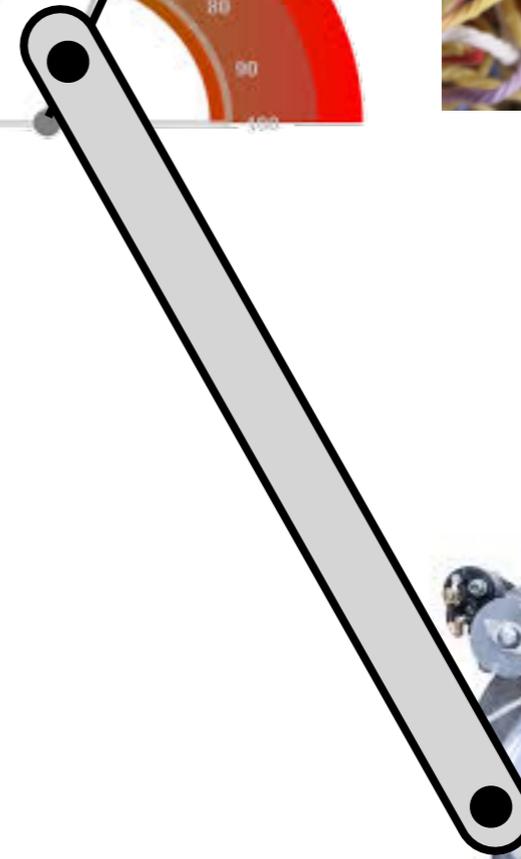
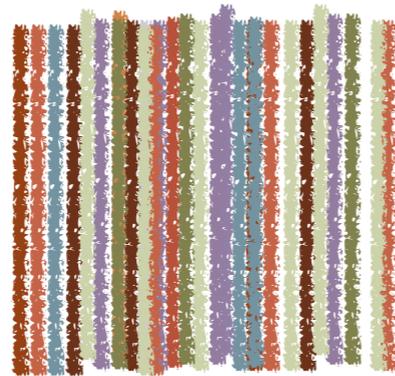
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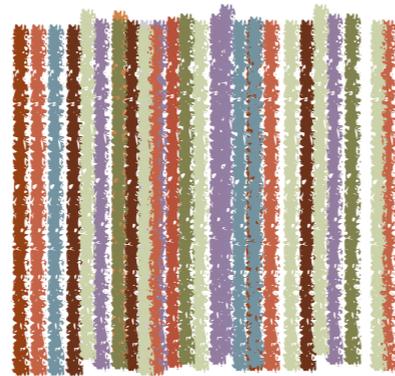
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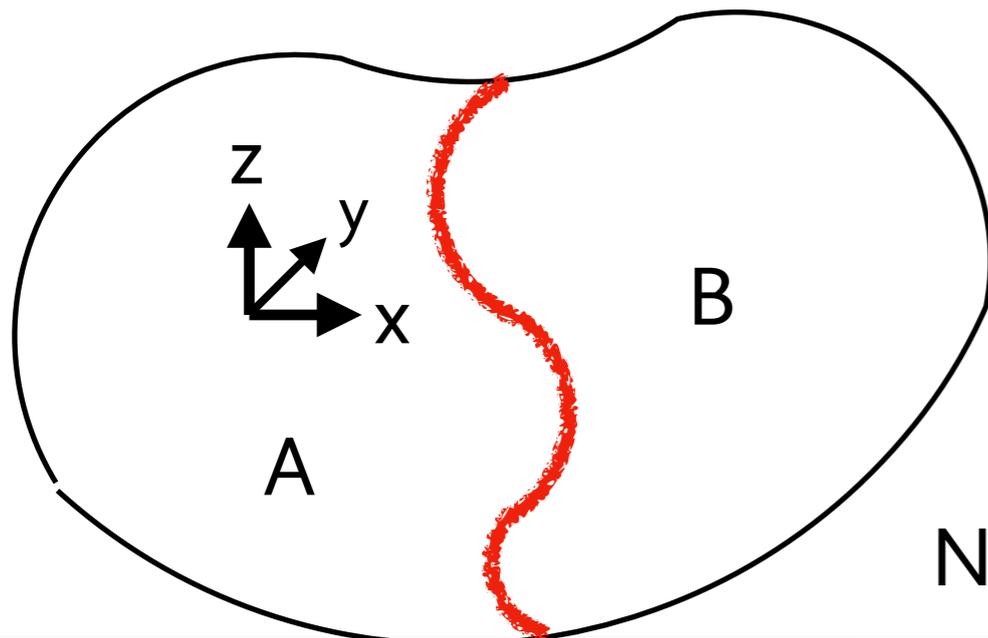
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Observed that ground states seem to obey **area-law** entanglement

$$S_A = S_B \propto \text{area of shared boundary}$$



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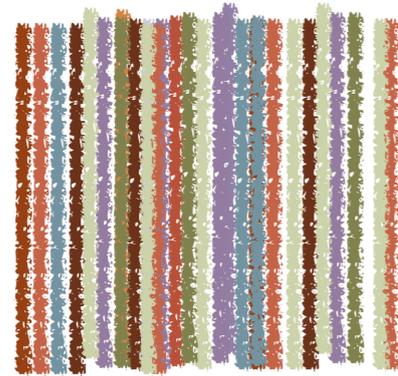
Not a general feature of wave functions

Entanglement seems to know about dynamics - e.g. correlation length

In a strongly coupled system with composite particles (eg, QCD) can
might their wave functions and interactions (and hence their
symmetries) adjust to minimize entanglement?

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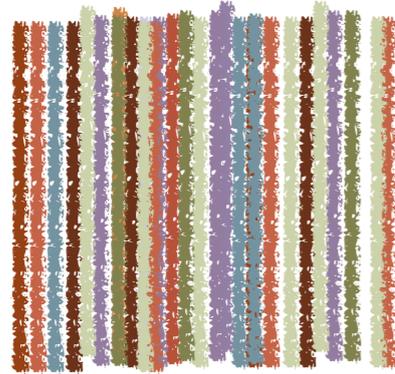


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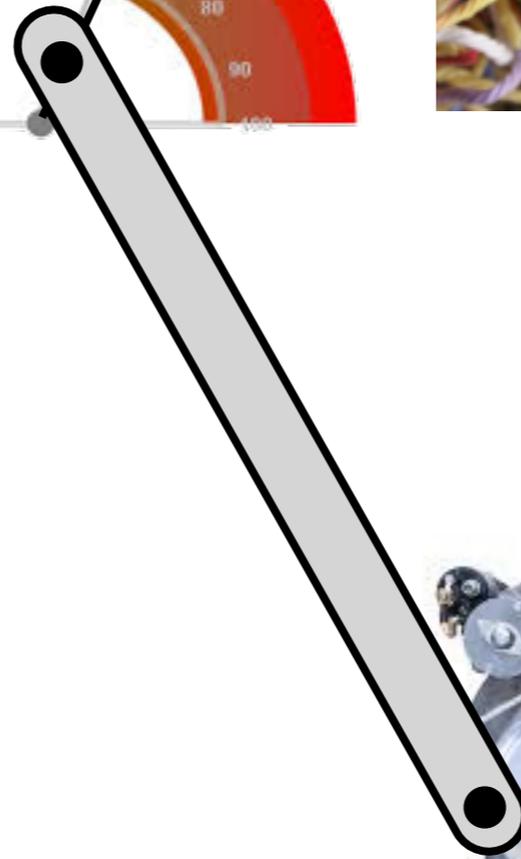


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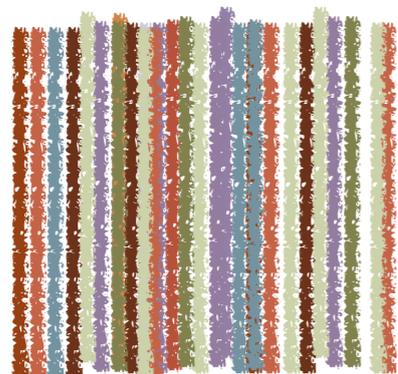
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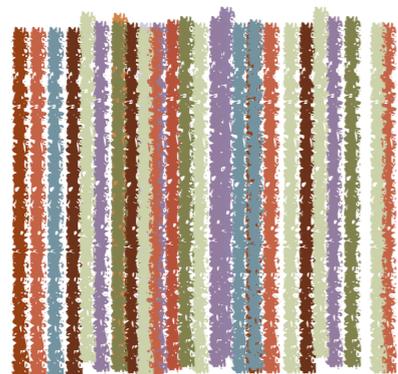
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HIGH SYMMETRY



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Conclusions:

In pursuit of a new paradigm...

Empirical approximate symmetries w/o explanation in the strong interactions:

- non-quark spin-flavor symmetries
- NR conformal (Schrödinger) symmetries

Entanglement is minimized for flavor & spin diagonal interactions, as well as for conformal fixed points

Can some symmetries be explained by dynamical systems “wanting” to minimize entanglement?

Need to look at multi-nucleon interactions, e.g. 3-body terms

Need to find other examples, models; perhaps gravity duals?