Analyzing scale and scheme dependence in NN operators with the SRG

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- Use SRG to analyze high-energy reactions at low resolution by consistently evolving wave function and corresponding operators

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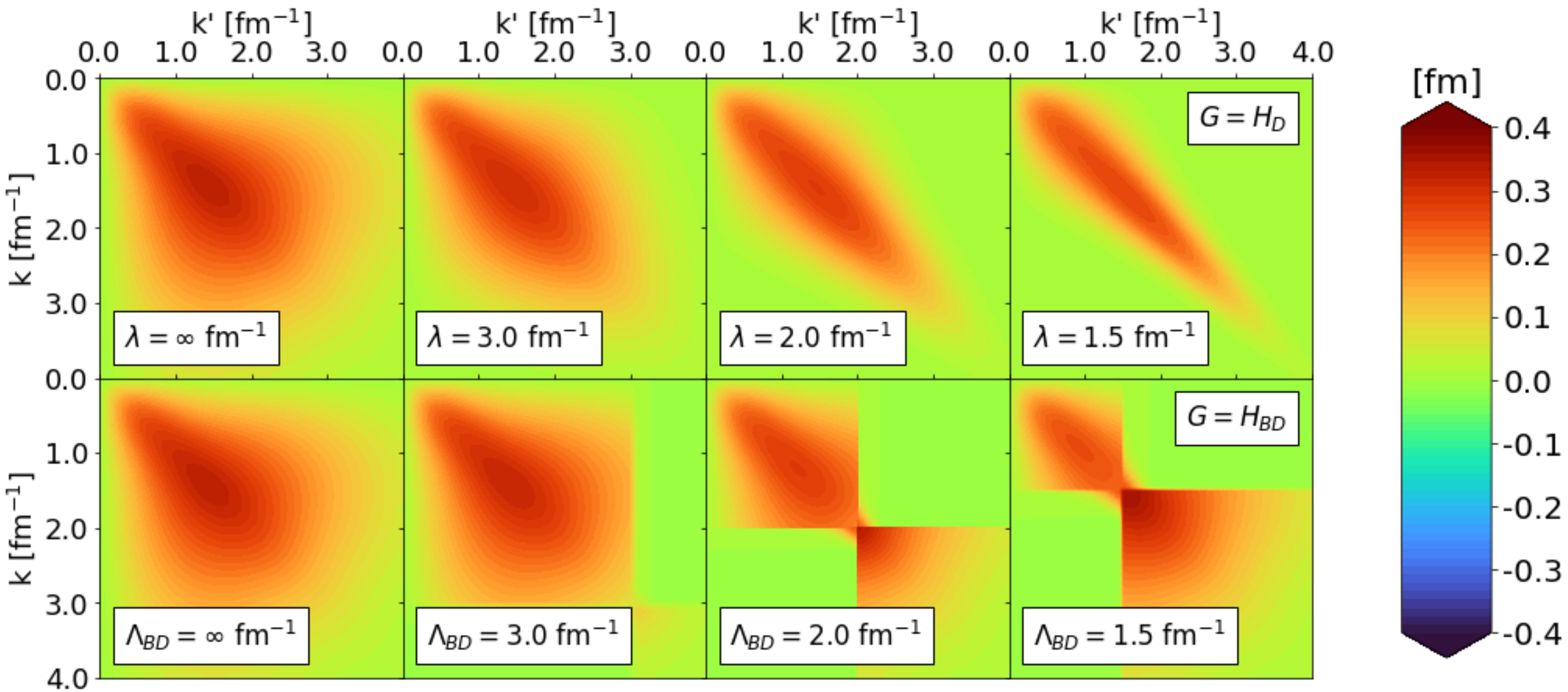

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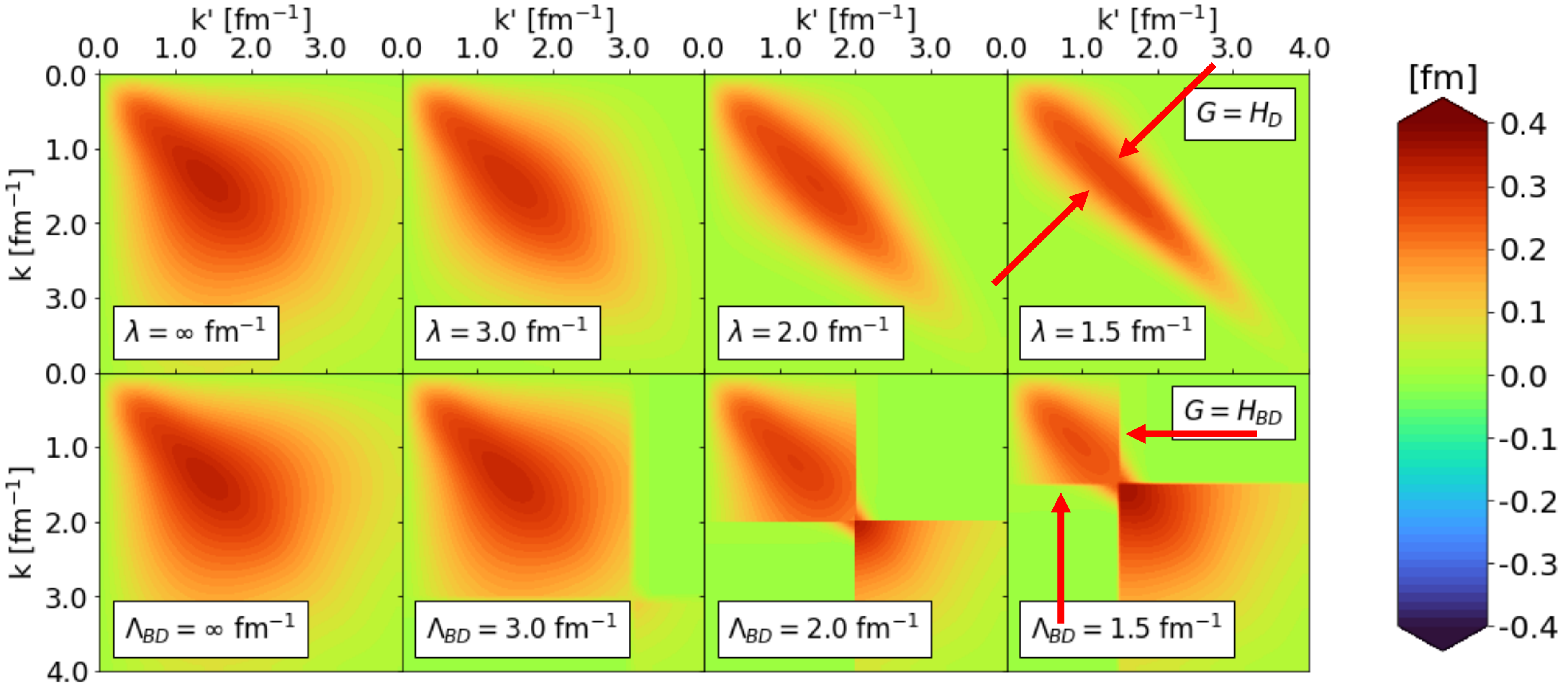

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- Variety of NN interactions with different schemes: non-local EMN[1] (500 MeV), semi-local RKE[2] (450 MeV), and local Gezerlis et al.[3] (1 fm) potentials as examples

[1]D.R. Entem, R. Machleidt, and Y. Nosyk, Phys. Rev. C **96**, 024004 (2017)
[2]P. Reinert, H. Krebs, and E. Epelbaum, Eur. Phys. J. A **54**, 86 (2018)
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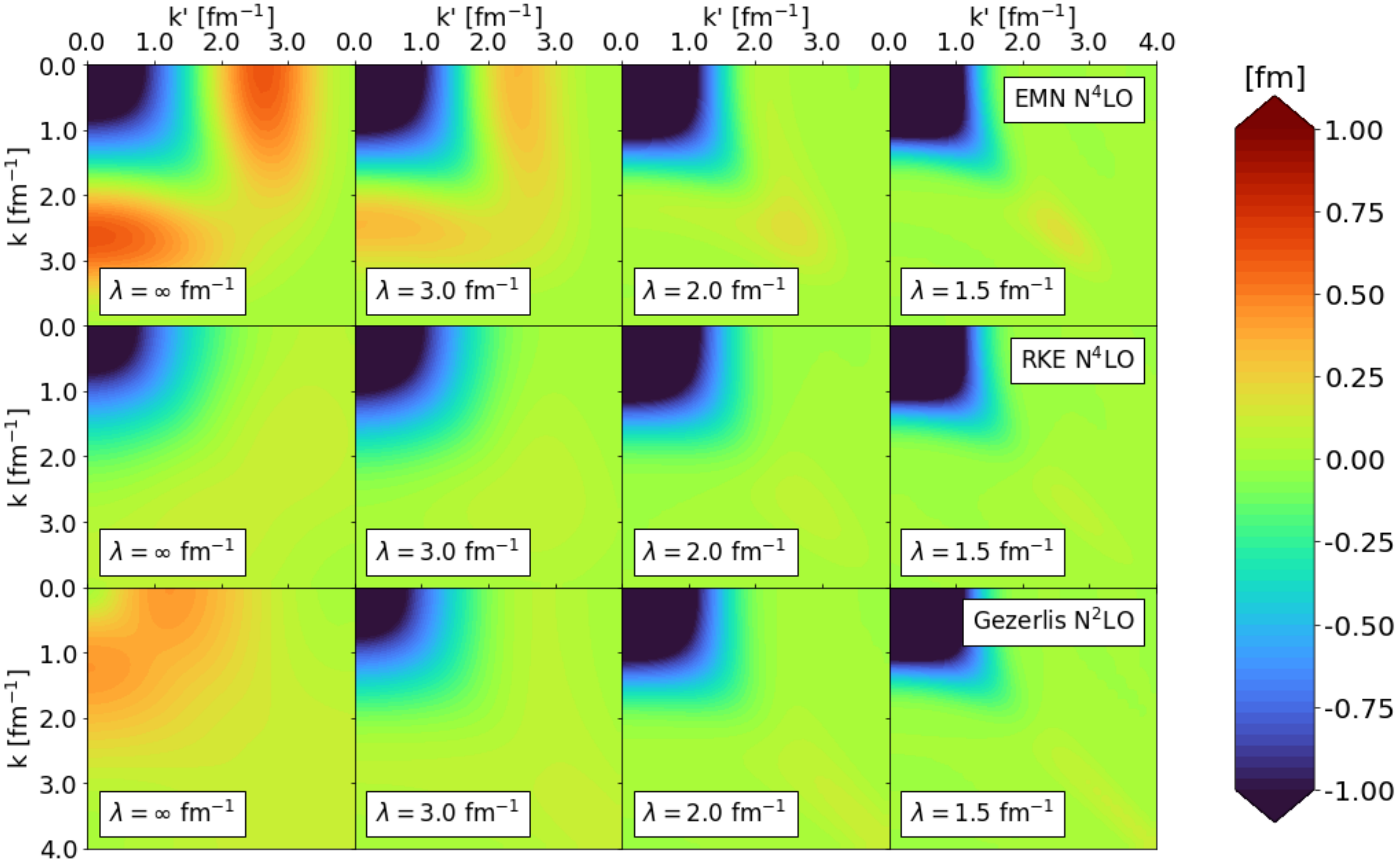

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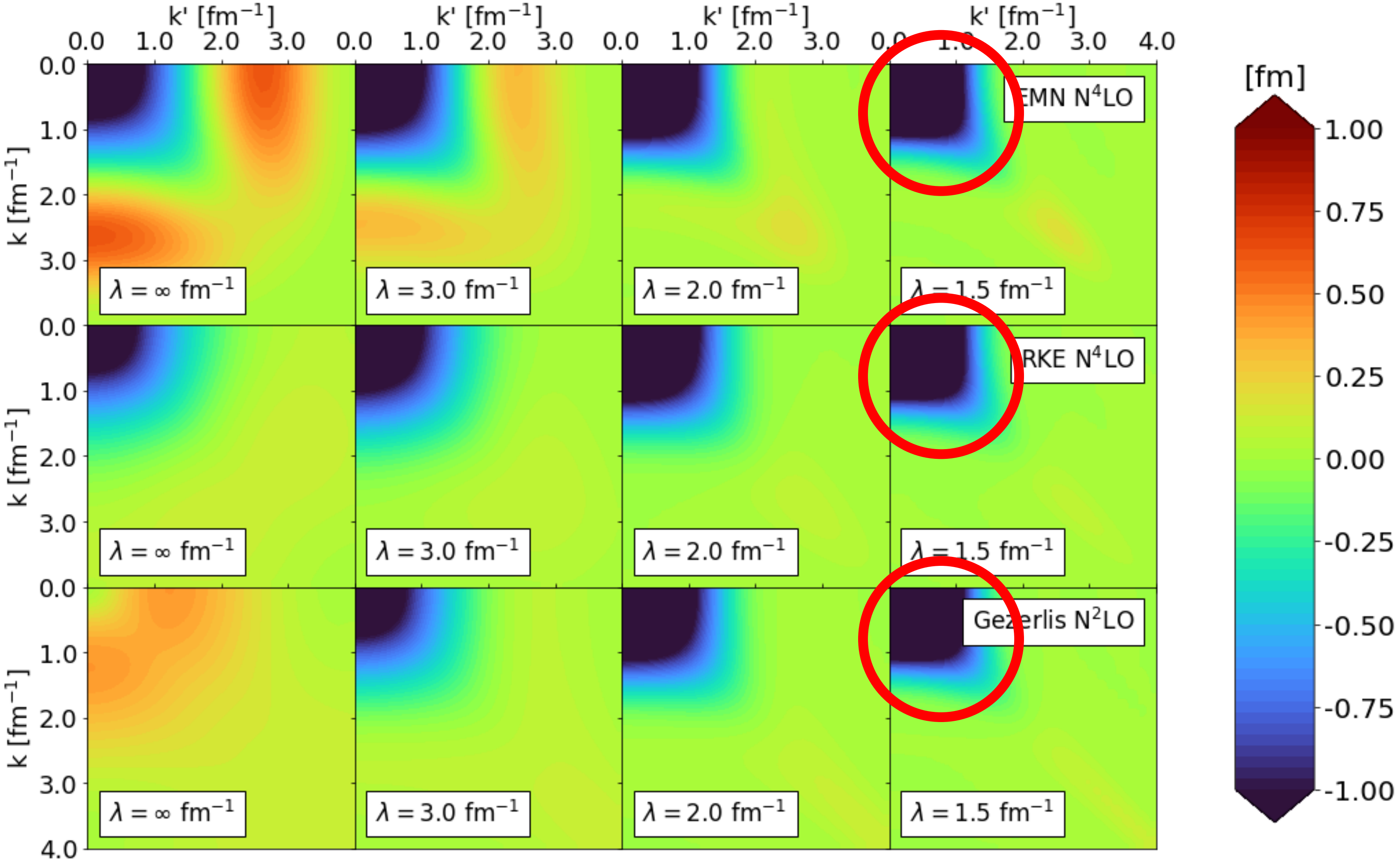

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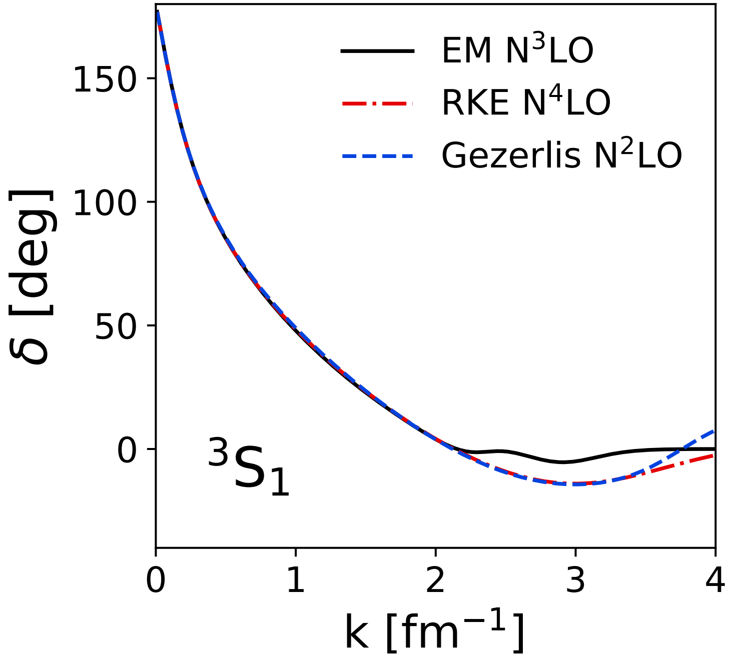

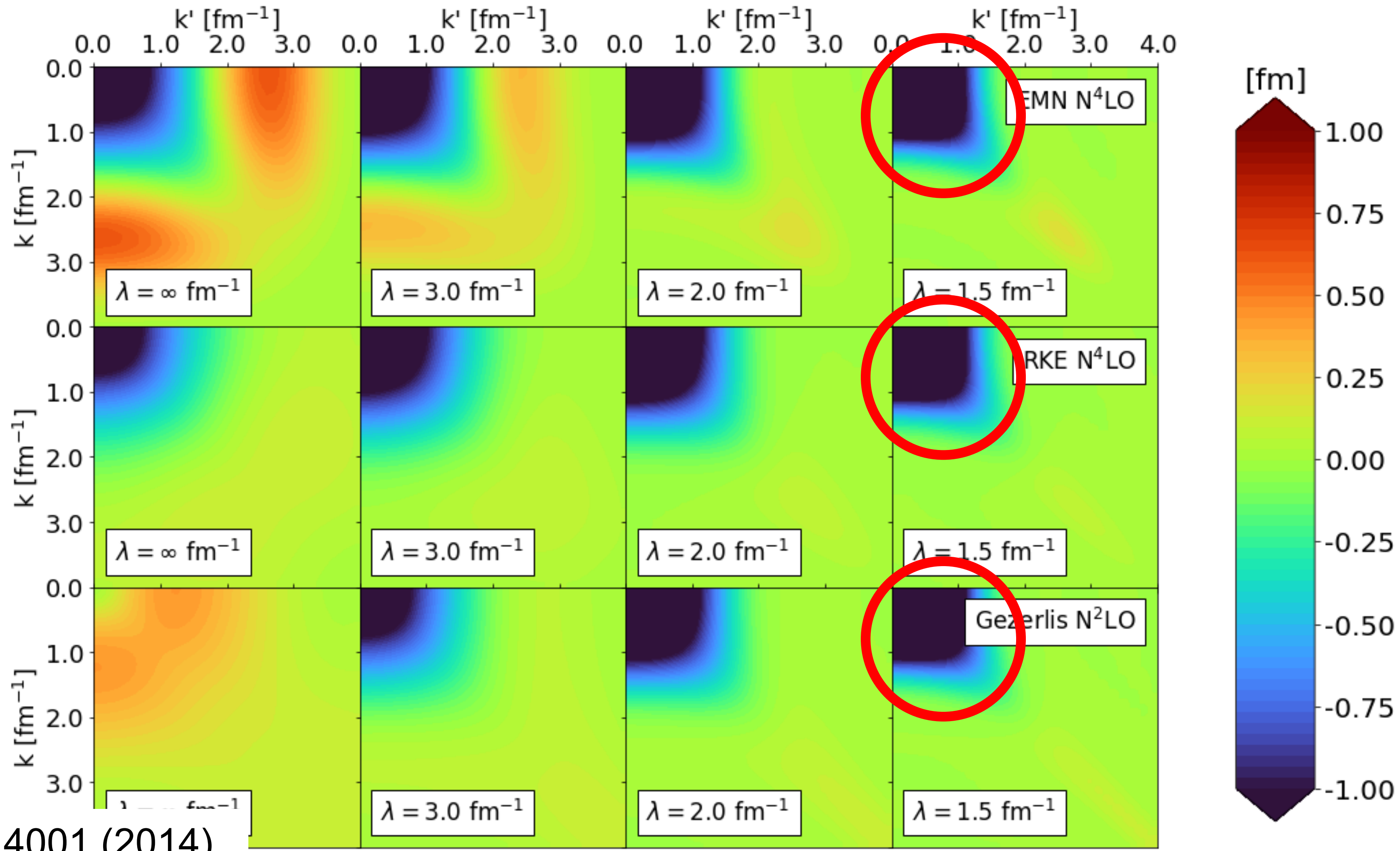

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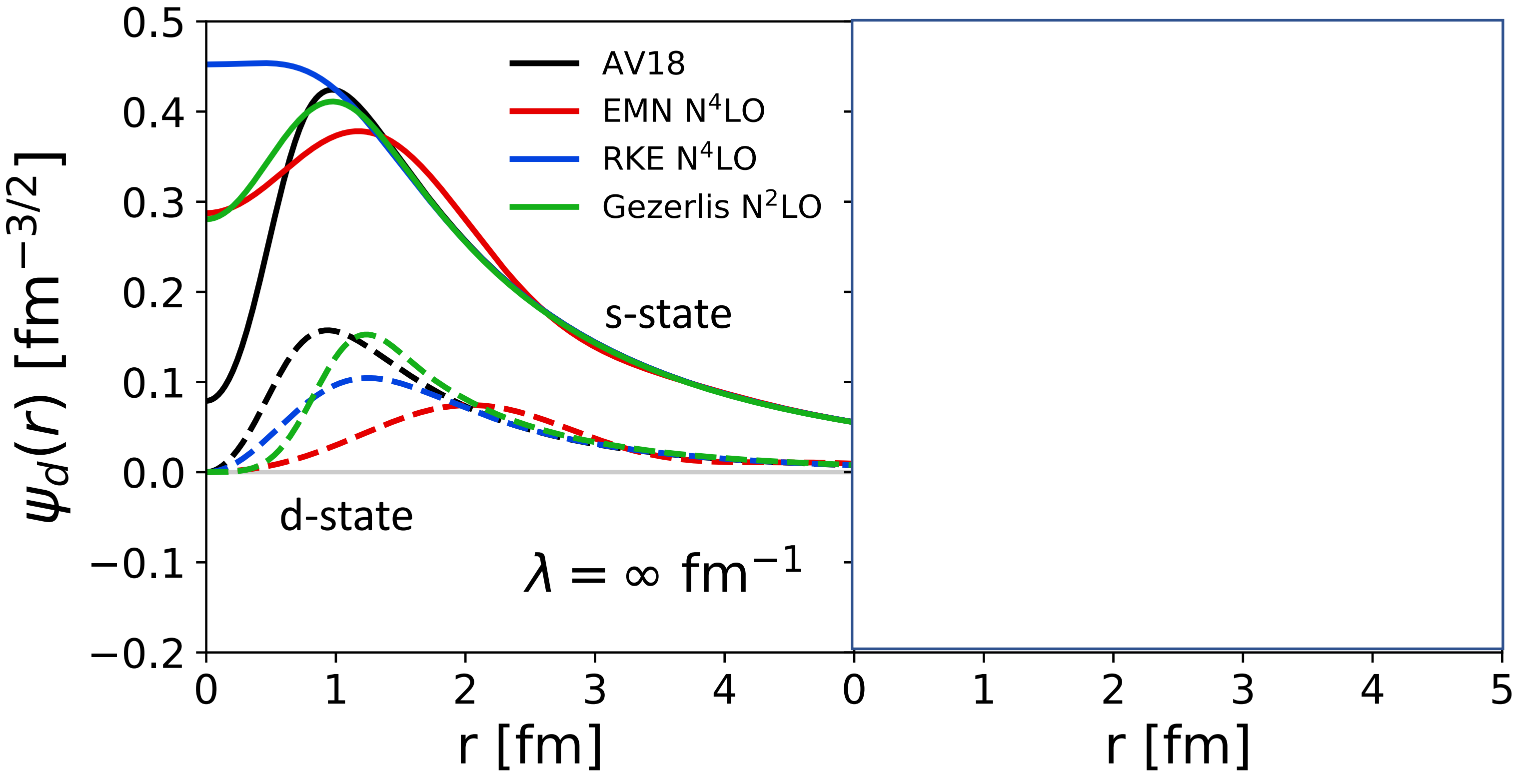
- Look at deuteron wave function in coordinate space as example



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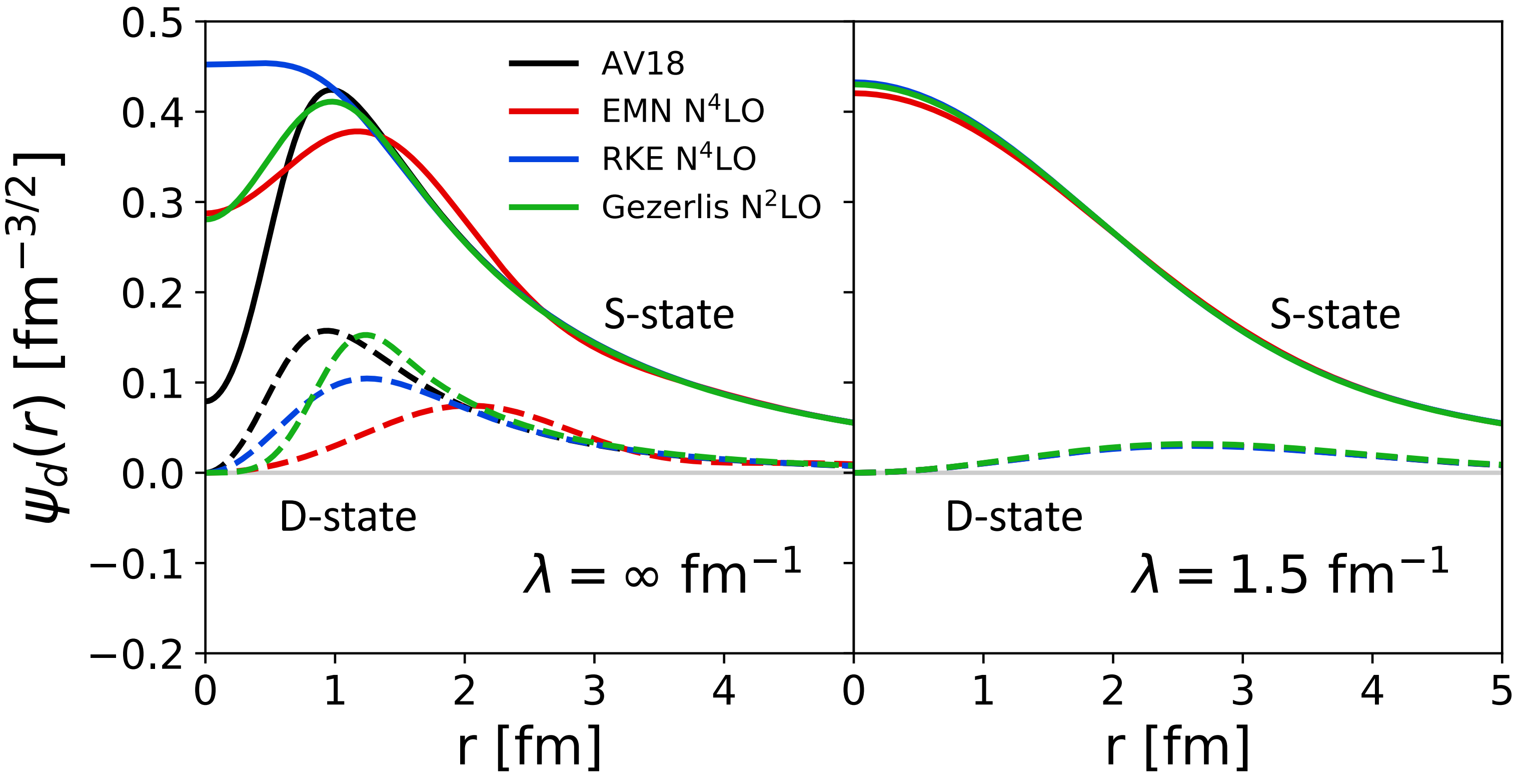

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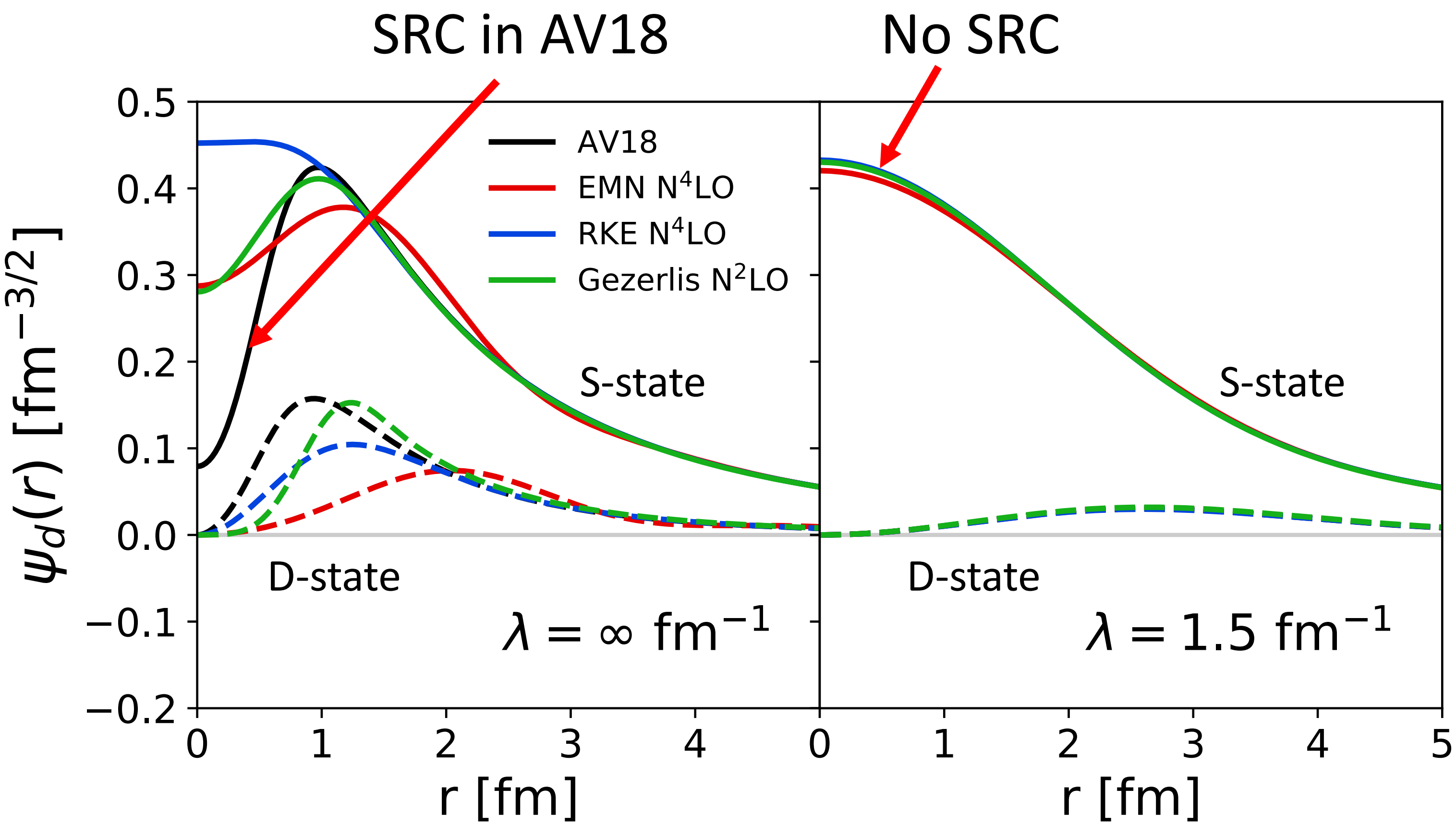

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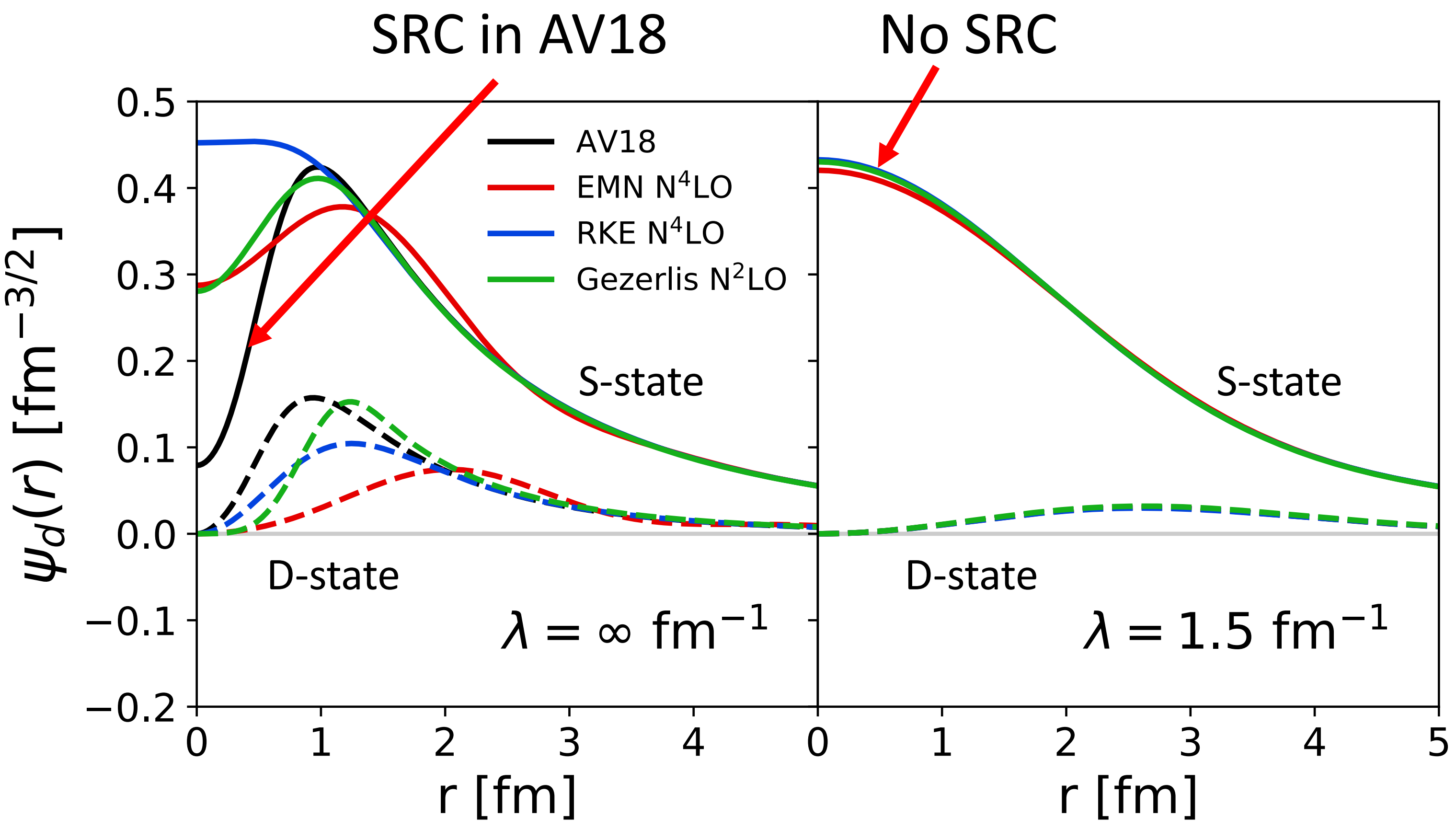
- Observables such as asymptotic D-S ratio the same



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- Can use low-energy structure ψ_λ to calculate high-energy reactions by consistently evolving the operator O_λ

$$\langle \psi(0) | O(0) | \psi(0) \rangle = \langle \psi(s) | O(s) | \psi(s) \rangle$$

- Mismatch of scales leads to incorrect observable

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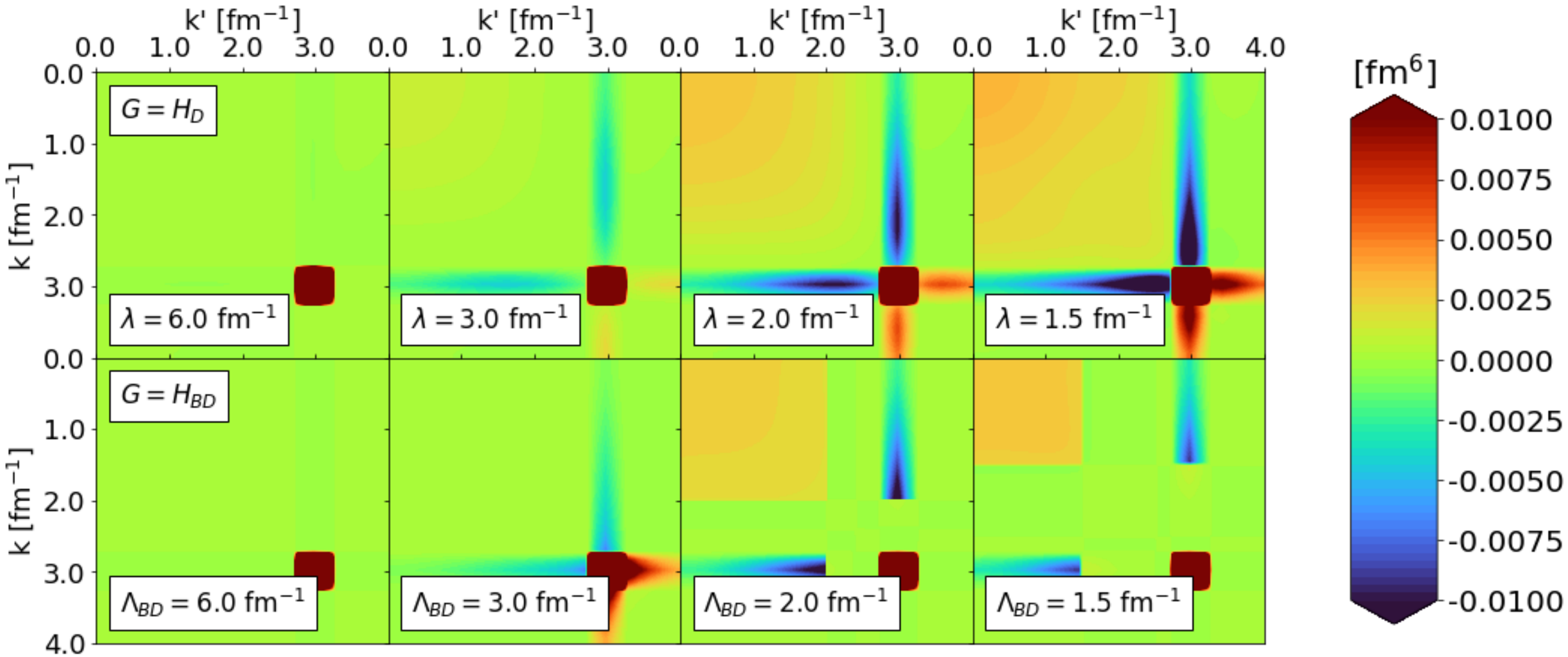
Scheme



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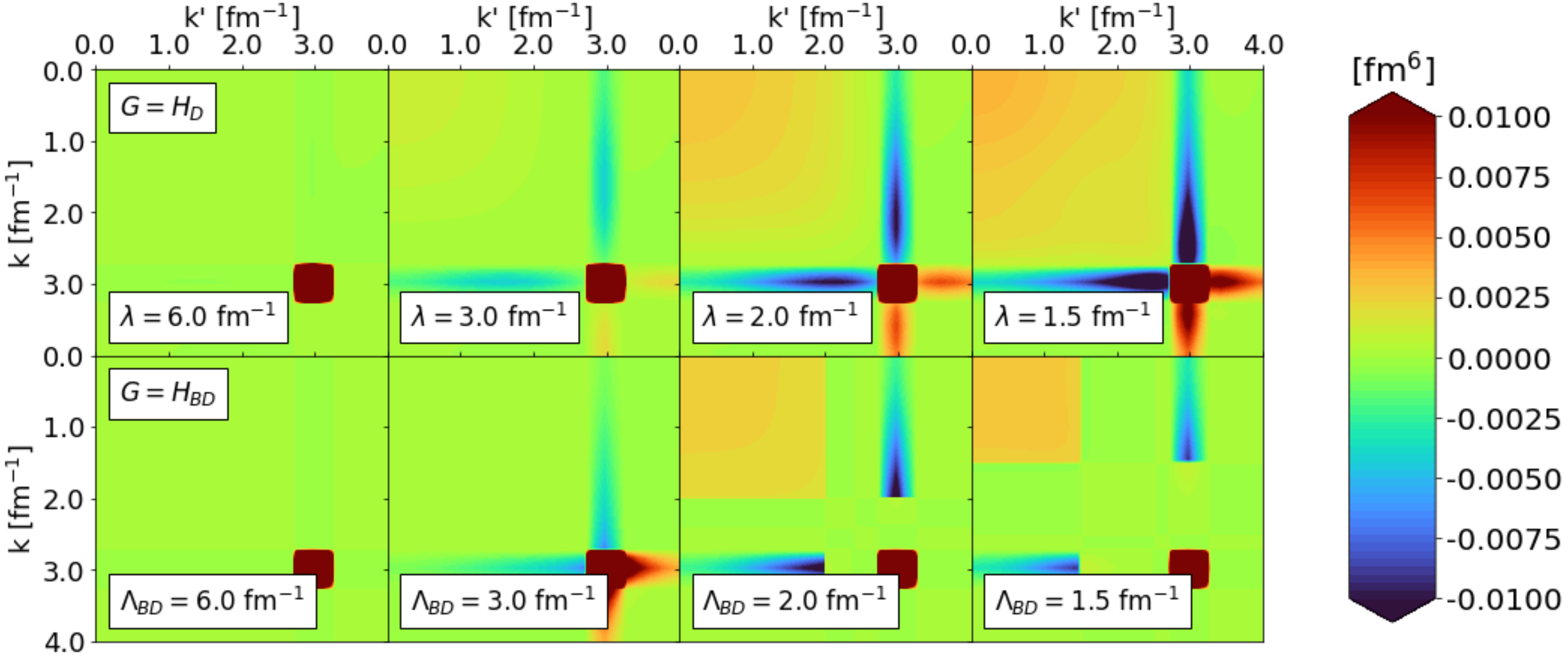

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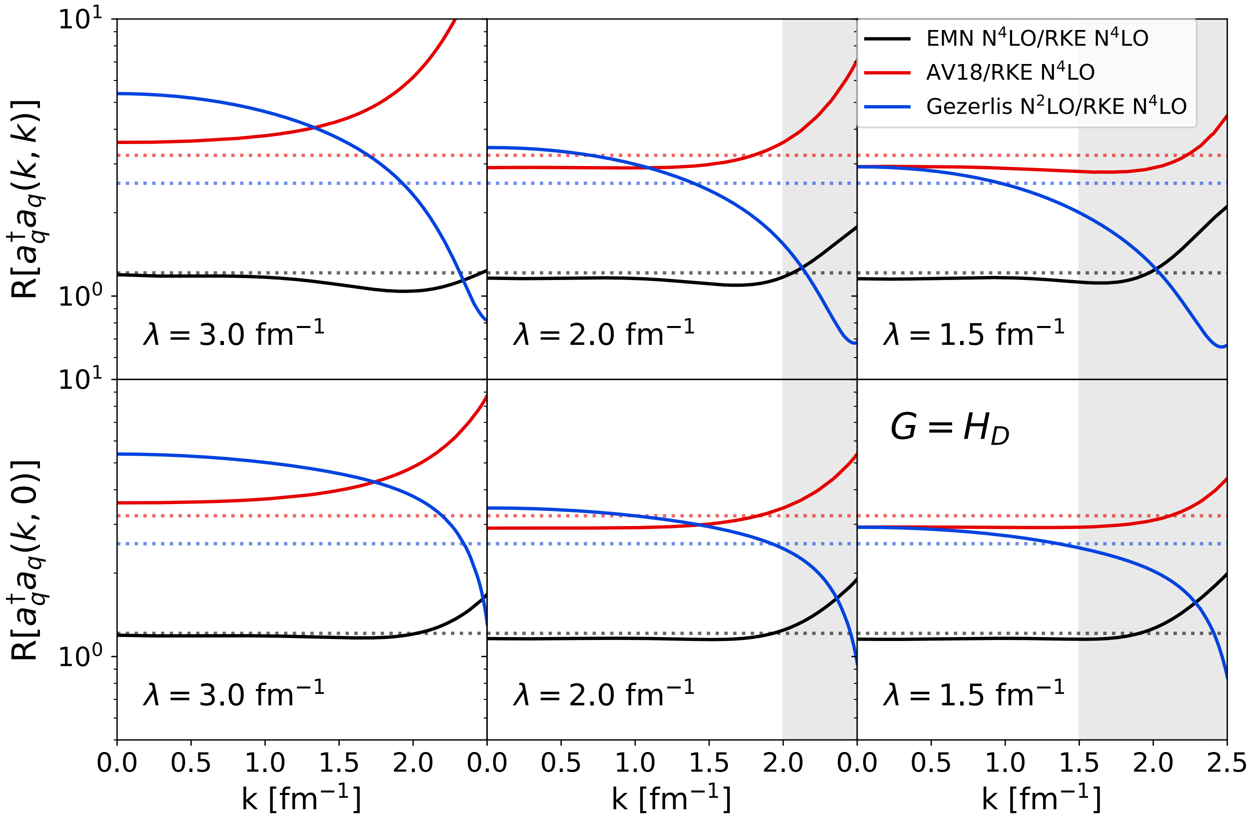

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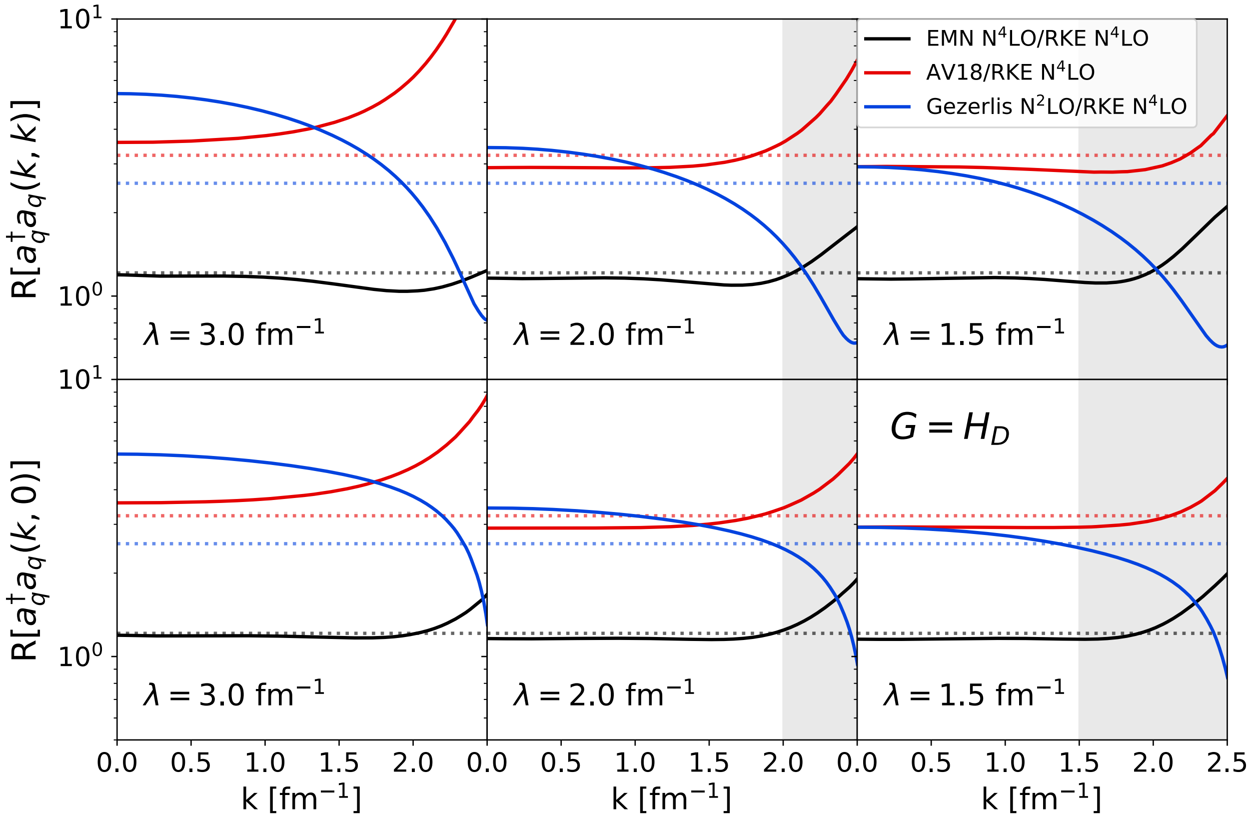
- At low-k ratio of $a_q^\dagger a_q$ approximately match the ratio of wave functions at high-momentum q



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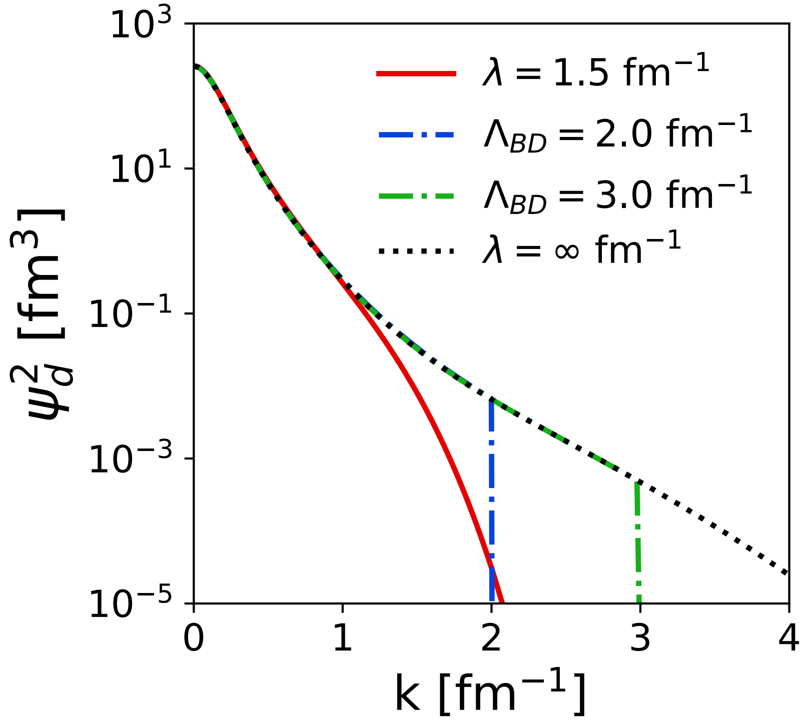

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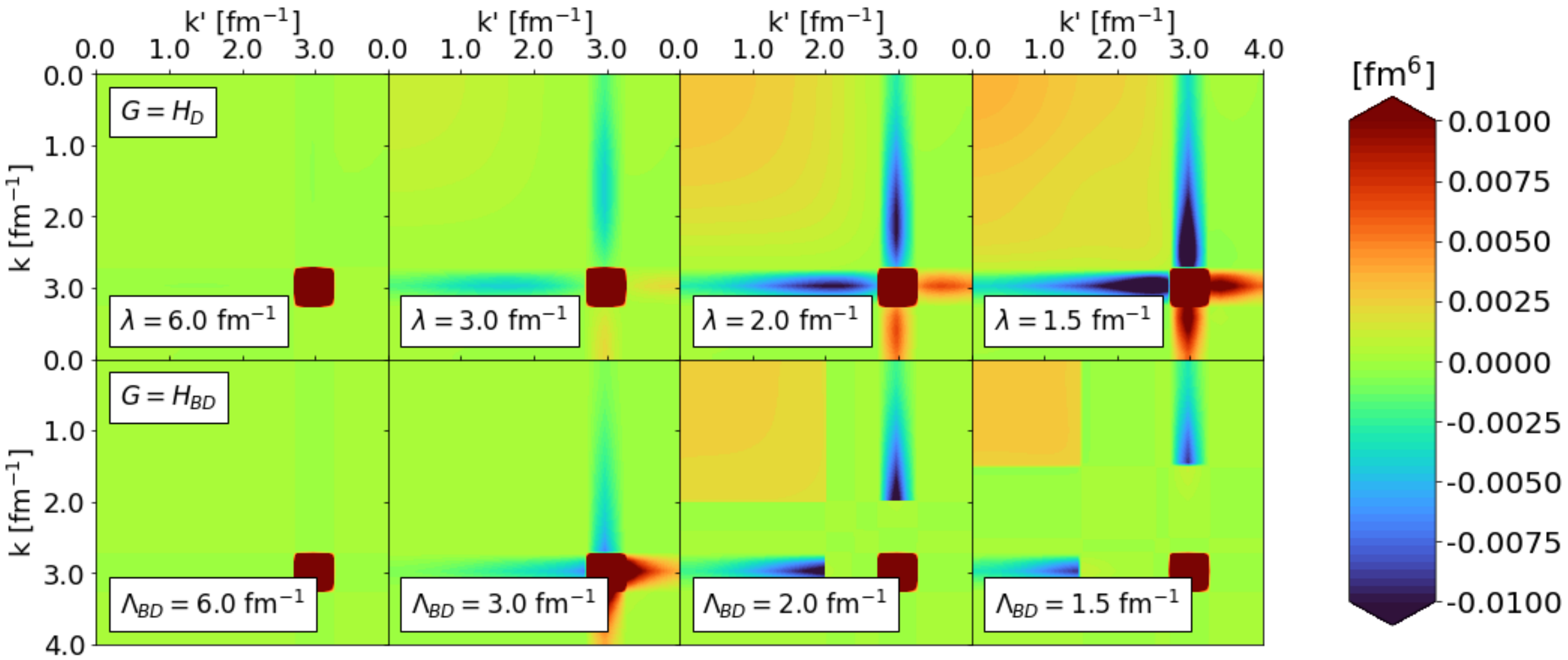

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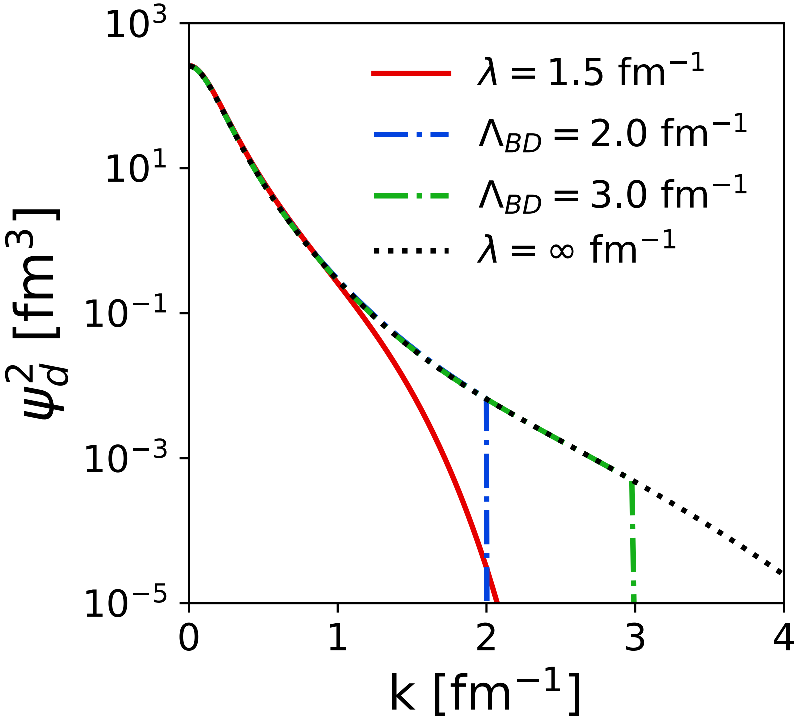

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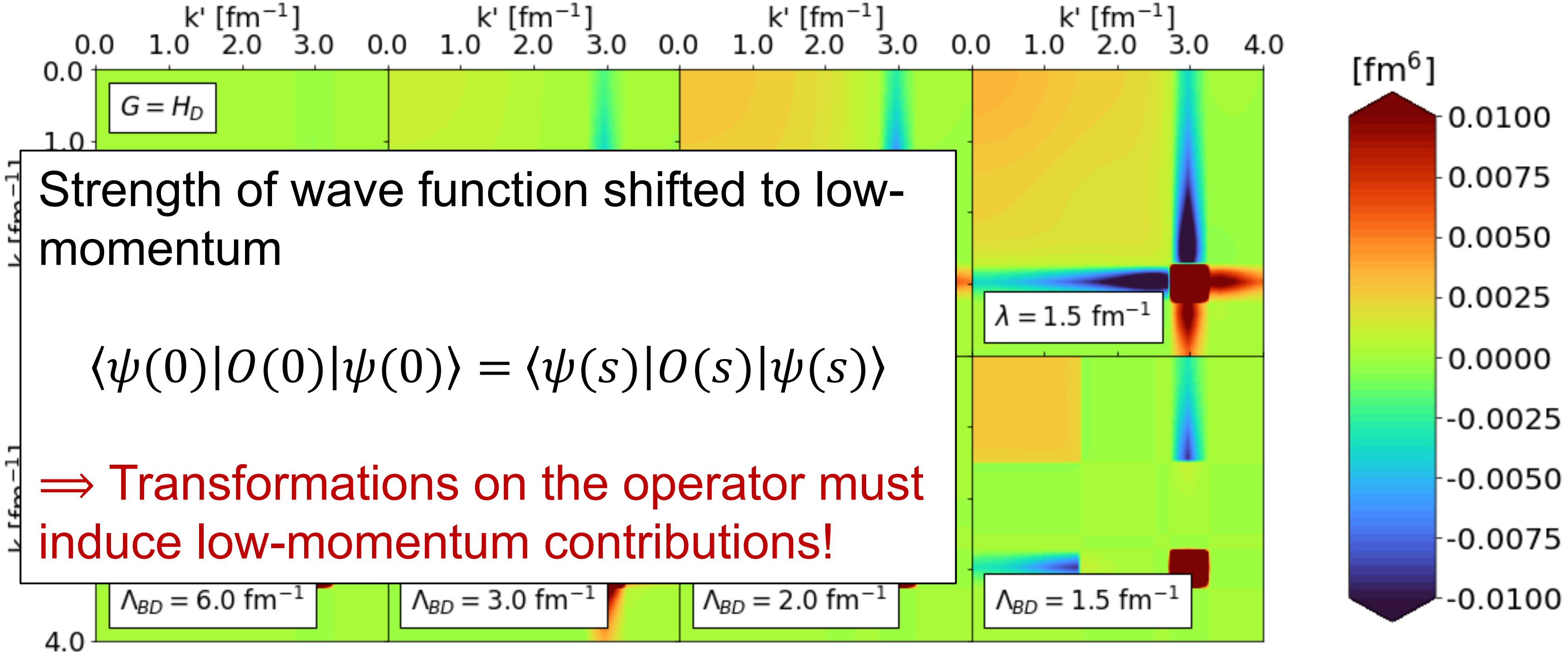

Strength of wave function shifted to low-momentum

$$\langle \psi(0)|O(0)|\psi(0)\rangle = \langle \psi(s)|O(s)|\psi(s)\rangle$$

$\Longrightarrow$ Transformations on the operator must induce low-momentum contributions!

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High-momentum operator at low resolution

- Expectation value $\langle\psi_d|a_q^\dagger a_q|\psi_d\rangle$ is driven to low-momentum
- Note, each panel gives the correct result from unitarity of transformation!

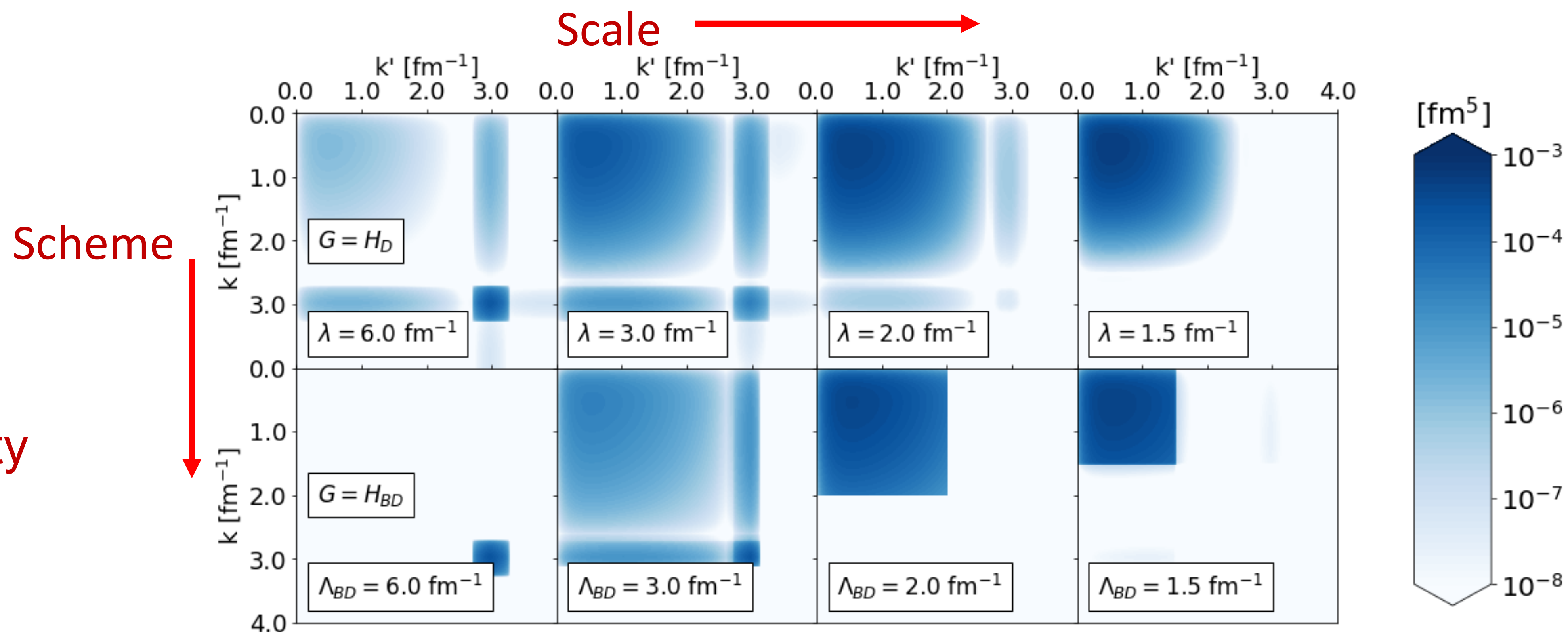

Fig. 7: SRG-evolved matrix elements of $\langle\psi|a_q^\dagger a_q|\psi\rangle$ with RKE N^{4}LO .

Summary and outlook

- Universality holds in drastically different chiral potentials
  - At low resolution, different interactions are the same
- Universality shows in low-energy states
- Evolved (non-Hamiltonian) operators reflect scheme dependence from different potentials
- Results suggest one can analyze high-energy nuclear reactions with low-energy structure
  - Must match the scale and scheme in reaction and structure components!

Back up slides

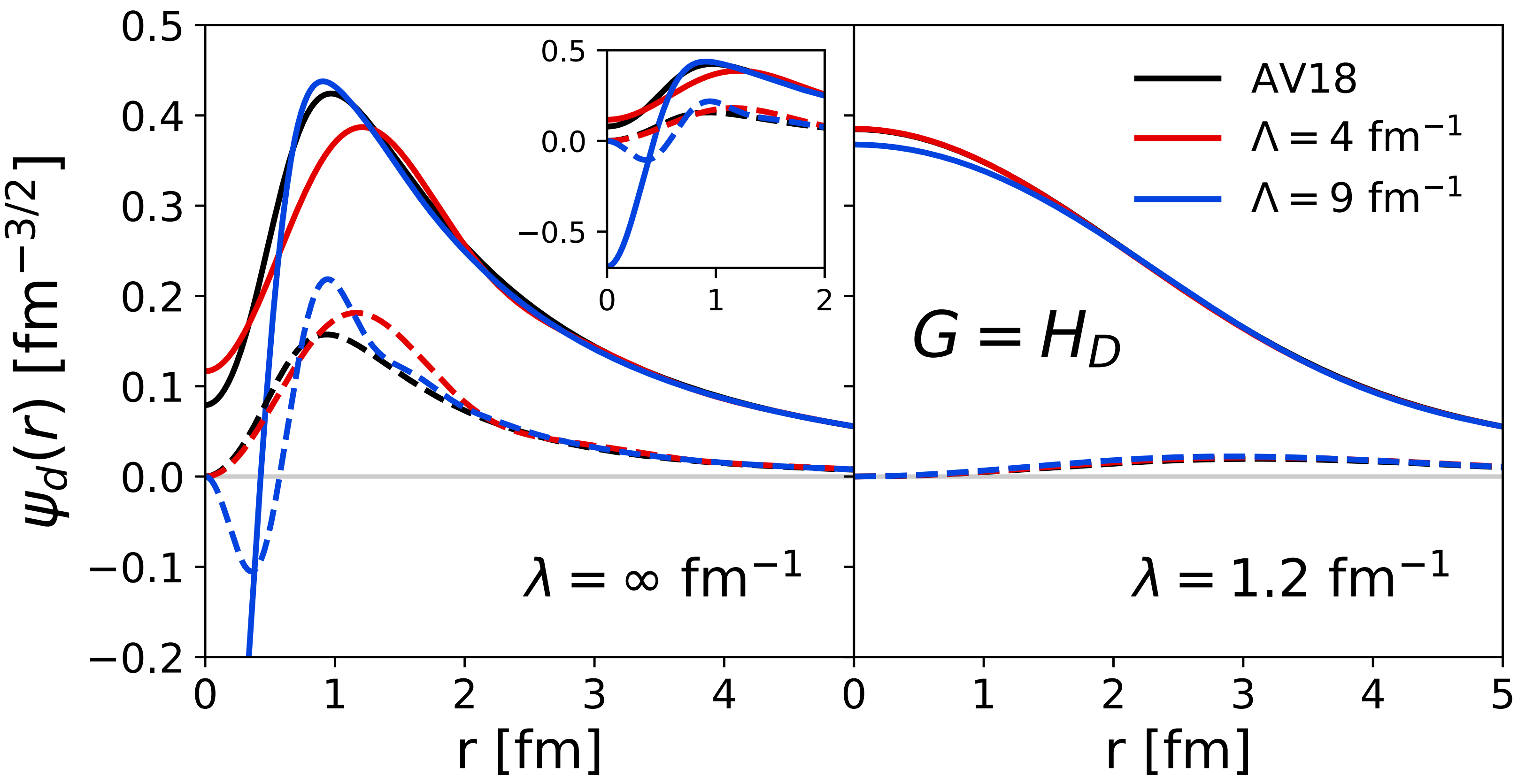

Fig. 8: SRG evolution of deuteron wave function in coordinate space for AV18 and two LO chiral models at high momentum-space cutoffs Λ.