

# Baryon-baryon scattering in $SU(3)$ -flavour-symmetric QCD

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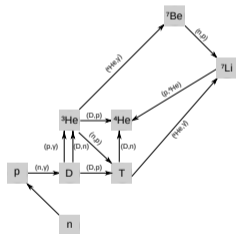
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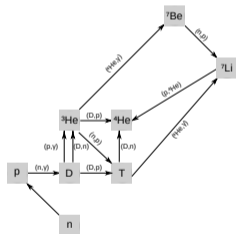
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Could  $pp$  or  $nn$  bind?

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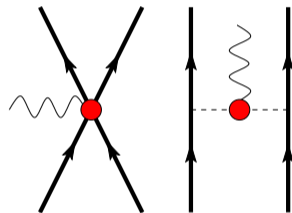
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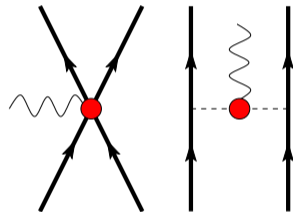
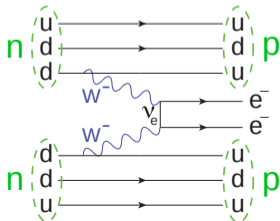
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Long-term challenge: neutrinoless double beta decay.

Are neutrinos Majorana?

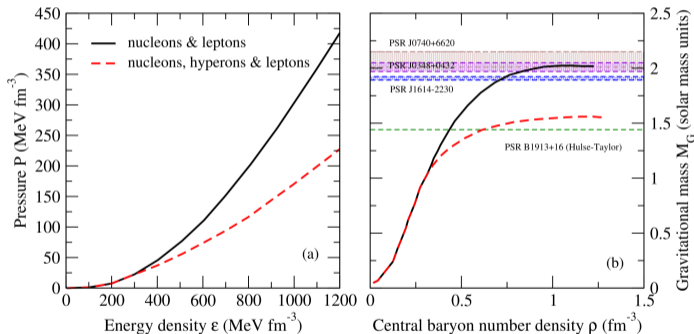


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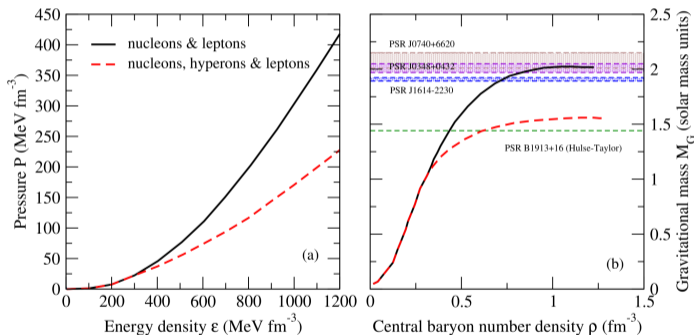
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Do hyperon-hyperon ( $YY$ ) or  $NNY$  interactions play a role?

1. Methodology and challenges
2.  $NN$ : old versus new calculations
3.  $H$  dibaryon at  $SU(3)$  symmetric point
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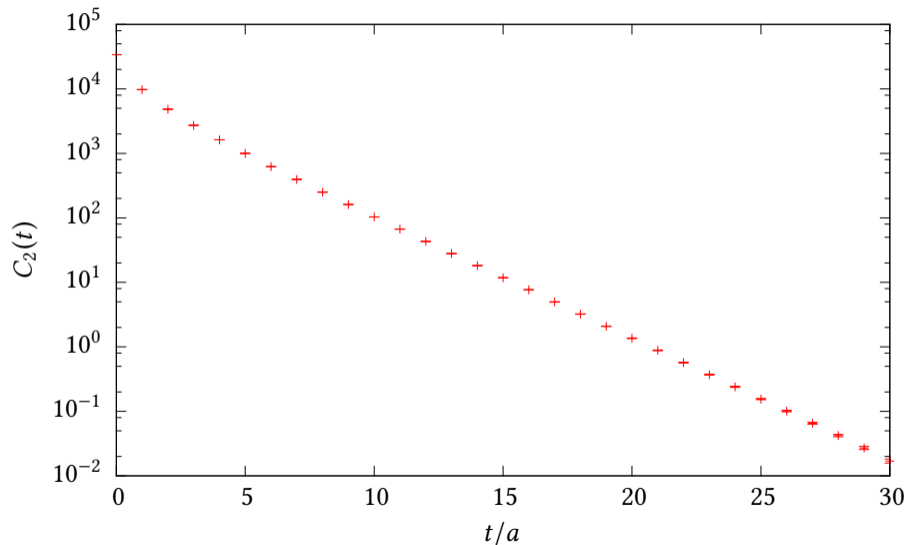
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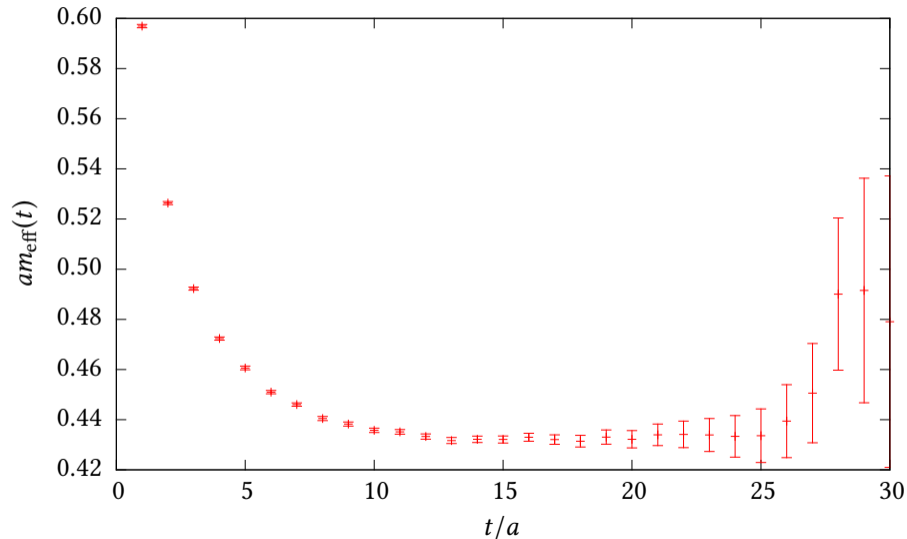
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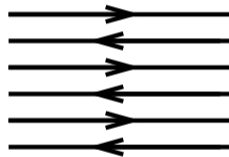
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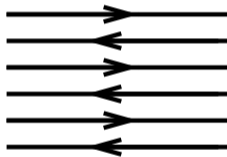
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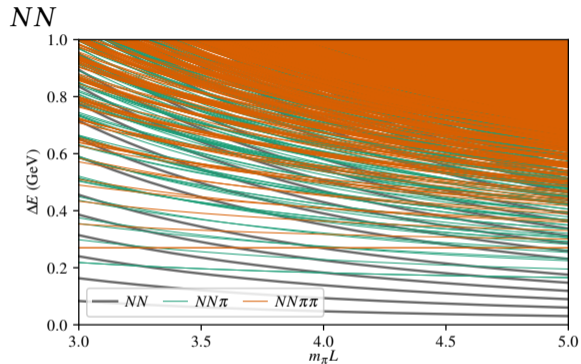
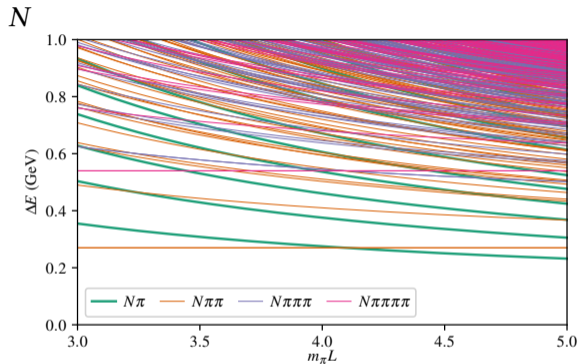


Signal-to-noise ratio:

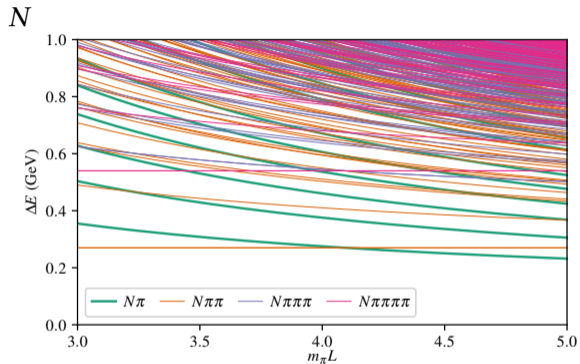
$$S/N \equiv \frac{C_{2\text{pt}}(t)}{\sigma(C_{2\text{pt}}(t))} \rightarrow e^{-(m_N - \frac{3}{2}m_\pi)t} \quad \text{single nucleon} \\ \rightarrow e^{-2(m_N - \frac{3}{2}m_\pi)t} \quad \text{two nucleons}$$



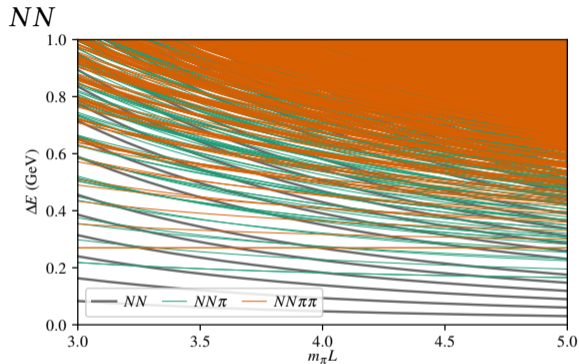
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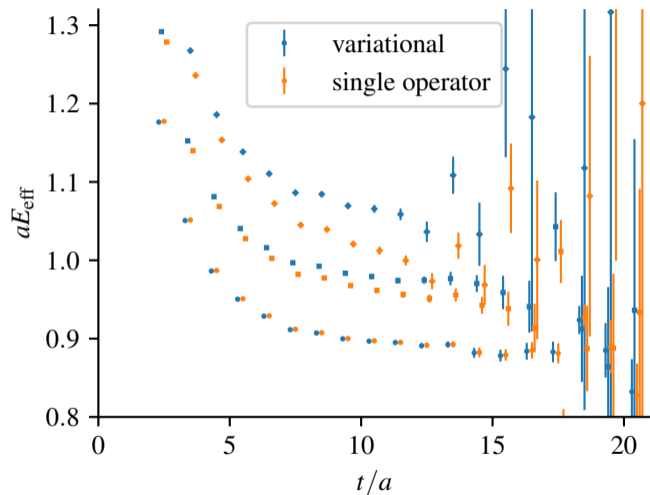
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For each of the lowest  $N$  states, this gives an effective mass  
and an optimized interpolating operator:

$$m_{\text{eff},n} = \frac{-1}{\Delta} \log \lambda_n, \quad \tilde{O}_n = v_{ni}^\dagger O_i,$$

with faster approach to plateau  $\sim e^{-(E_N - E_n)t}$ .

# Importance of variational method



Variational approach essential for excited states.

Single operators can also fail to obtain ground state.

Typically use “smeared” quark fields with Gaussian-like profile. Simplest choices:

## Hexaquark

$$O_H(t, P) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} e^{-iP \cdot \mathbf{x}} (qqqqqq)(t, \mathbf{x})$$

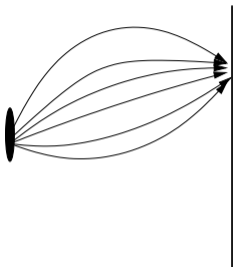
- ▶ Looks like quark-model state.

## Two-baryon

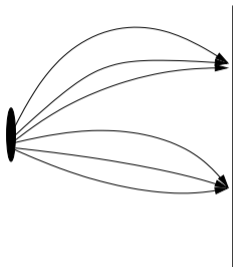
$$O_{BB}(t, P) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}} e^{-i\mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}} e^{-i(P - \mathbf{p}_1) \cdot \mathbf{y}} (qqq)(t, \mathbf{x}) (qqq)(t, \mathbf{y})$$

- ▶ Looks like noninteracting baryon-baryon state.
- ▶ Varying  $\mathbf{p}_1$  yields many different operators with same total  $P$ .

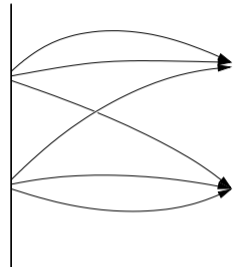
# Correlation functions



$$\langle \mathcal{O}_H(t) \mathcal{O}_H^\dagger(0) \rangle$$



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How to compute?

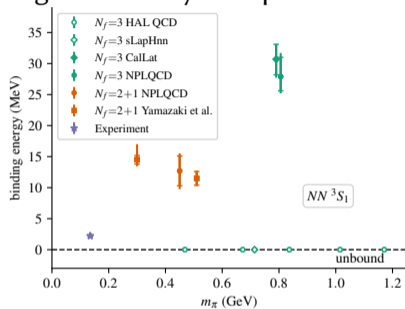
- ▶ Point-source propagator  $\rightarrow \langle \mathcal{O}_H(t) \mathcal{O}_H^\dagger(0) \rangle$  or  $\langle \mathcal{O}_{BB}(t) \mathcal{O}_H^\dagger(0) \rangle$ .
- ▶ Nonlocal methods like *distillation*  $\rightarrow \langle \mathcal{O}_{BB}(t) \mathcal{O}_{BB}^\dagger(0) \rangle$ .

Many early calculations used only  $\langle \mathcal{O}_{BB}(t) \mathcal{O}_H^\dagger(0) \rangle$  asymmetric correlators.

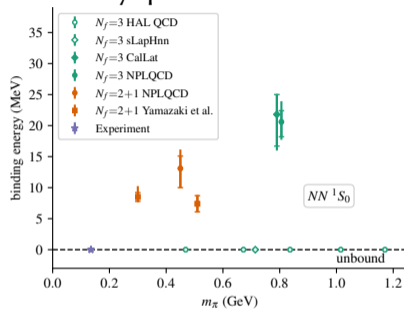


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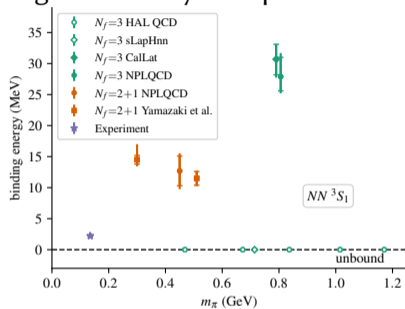
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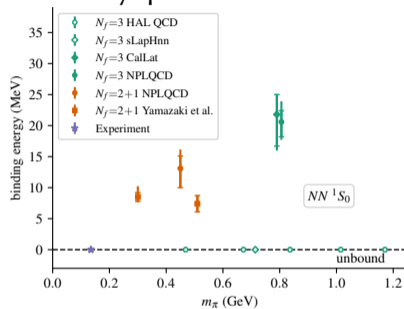
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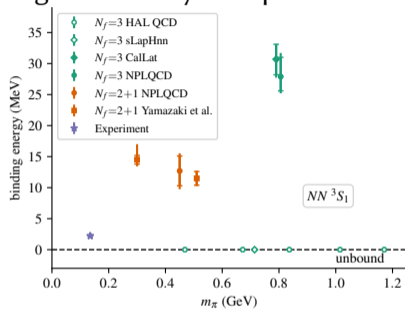
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Disagreement about simplest warm-up problem for nuclear physics on the lattice.

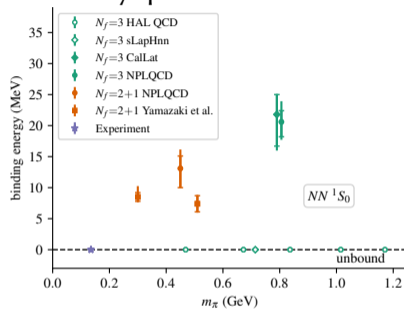
Experiment:  $B_d \approx 2.2$  MeV known for 90 years. J. Chadwick and M. Goldhaber, *Nature* **134**, 237–238 (1934)

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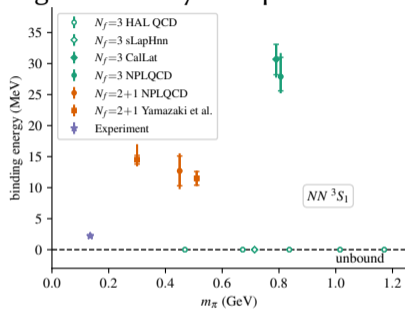


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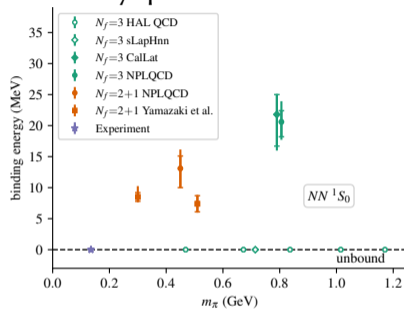
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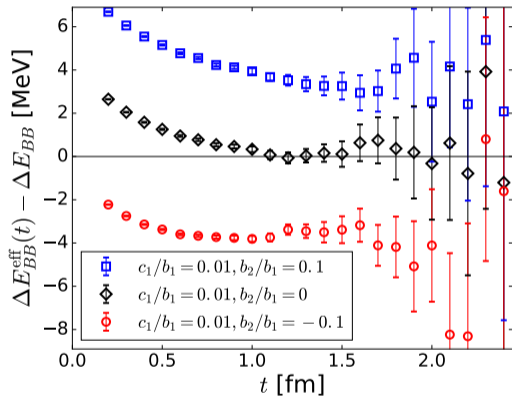
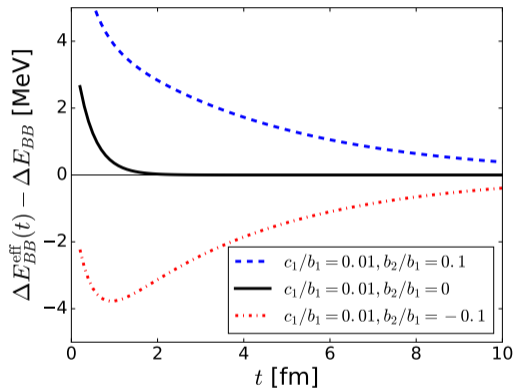
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All calculations that obtain bound states use  $\langle O_{BB}(t)O_H^\dagger(0) \rangle$  asymmetric correlation functions.

# What can go wrong?

T. Iritani *et al.* (HAL QCD), Mirage in temporal correlation functions for baryon-baryon interactions in lattice QCD, JHEP **2016**, 101 (2016) [1607.06371] (CC BY 4.0)



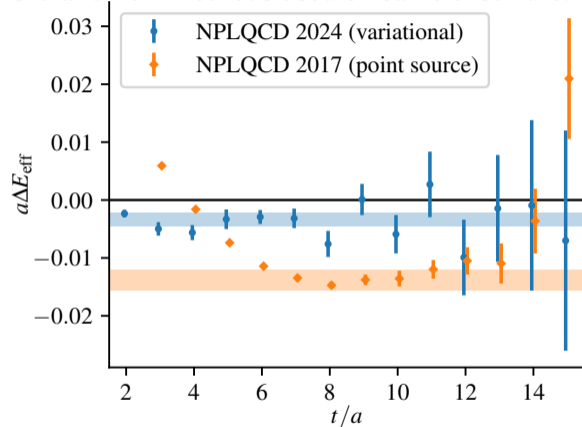
Mock data: effective mass for correlator  $C(t) = b_1 + b_2 e^{-\delta E_{\text{el}} t} + c_1 e^{-\delta E_{\text{inel}} t}$ .

“elastic” excitation  $\delta E_{\text{el}} = 50$  MeV

“inelastic” excitation  $\delta E_{\text{inel}} = 500$  MeV

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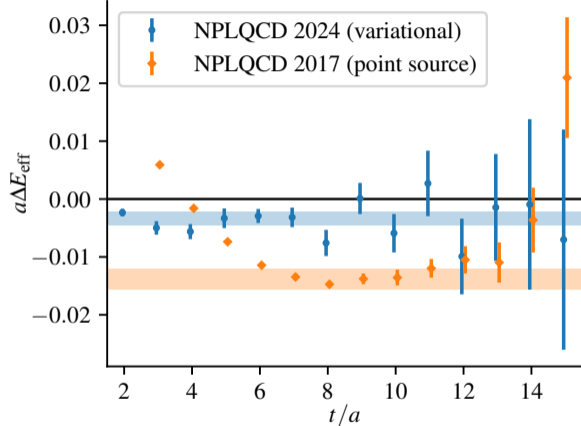
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Several variational baryon-baryon calculations done:

A. Francis, JRG *et al.*, PRD 99, 074505 (2019) [1805.03966]

B. Hörz *et al.* (sLapHnn), PRC 103, 014003 (2021) [2009.11825]

JRG *et al.*, PRL 127, 242003 (2021) [2103.01054]

S. Amarasinghe *et al.* (NPLQCD), PRD 107, 094508 (2023)  
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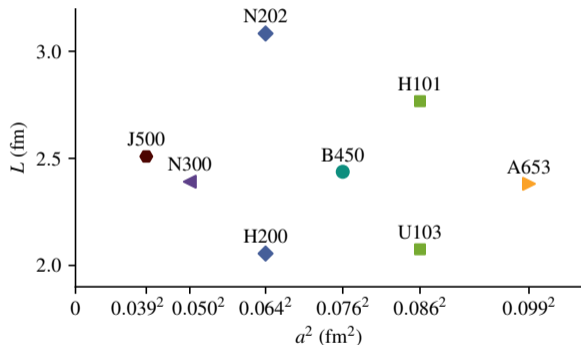
Z.-Y. Wang @ Lattice 2024      Y. Geng (CLQCD) @ Lattice 2024

Largely consistent picture:

no  $NN$  bound state at heavy  $m_\pi$ .

# Calculations at light SU(3)-symmetric point

JRG, A. D. Hanlon, P. M. Junnarkar, H. Wittig: Phys. Rev. Lett. **127**, 242003 (2021); PoS LATTICE **2021**, 294; PoS LATTICE **2022**, 200; M. Padmanath, J. Bulava, JRG, A. D. Hanlon, B. Hörz, P. Junnarkar, C. Morningstar, S. Paul, H. Wittig, PoS LATTICE **2021**, 459 + ongoing work (BaSc collaboration)



Ensembles with  $O(a)$  improved Wilson-clover fermions from CLS.

SU(3)-symmetric point with physical  $m_u + m_d + m_s$ .

$m_\pi = m_K = m_\eta \approx 420$  MeV.

Two octet baryons:  $(\mathbf{8} \otimes \mathbf{8})_S = \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{8} \oplus \mathbf{27}$ ,  $(\mathbf{8} \otimes \mathbf{8})_A = \mathbf{8} \oplus \mathbf{10} \oplus \overline{\mathbf{10}}$ .

$H$  dibaryon:  $\mathbf{1}$ ;  $NN$ :  $\mathbf{27}, \overline{\mathbf{10}}$ .



## Perhaps a Stable Dihyperon\*

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In the quark bag model, the same gluon-exchange forces which make the proton lighter than the  $\Delta(1236)$  bind six quarks to form a stable, flavor-singlet (with strangeness of  $-2$ )  $J^P=0^+$  dihyperon ( $H$ ) at 2150 MeV. Another isosinglet dihyperon ( $H^*$ ) with  $J^P=1^+$  at 2335 MeV should appear as a bump in  $\Lambda\Lambda$  invariant-mass plots. Production and decay systematics of the  $H$  are discussed.

TABLE I. Quantum numbers and masses of  $S$ -wave dibaryons.

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					(MeV)
490	144	0	$\underline{1}$		1760
896	120	1, 2	$\underline{8}$		1986
280	96	1	$\underline{10}$		2165
175	96	1	$\underline{10}^*$		2165
189	80	0, 2	$\underline{27}$		2242
35	48	1	$\underline{35}$		2507
1	0	0	$\underline{28}$		2799

Proposed  $uuddss$  flavour-singlet dibaryon with  $J^P = 0^+$ .

Bound state of two  $\Lambda$  hyperons with  $B_H \approx 80$  MeV.



# $H$ dibaryon: Experimental searches

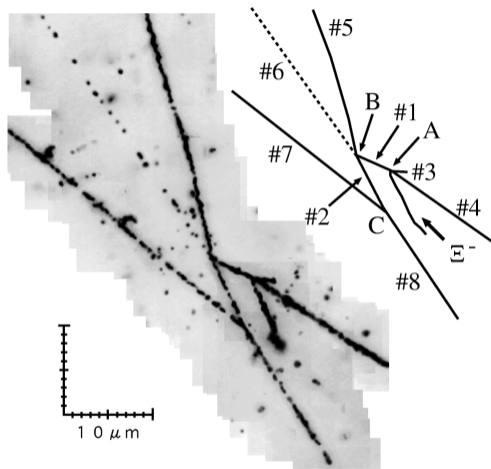


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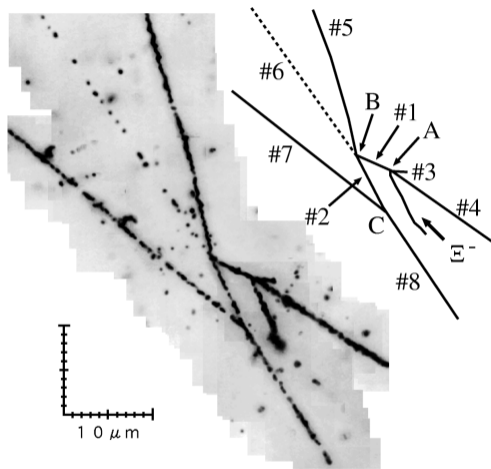


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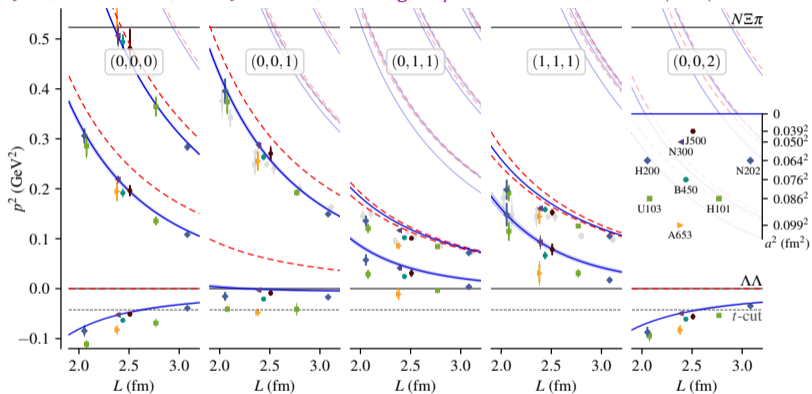
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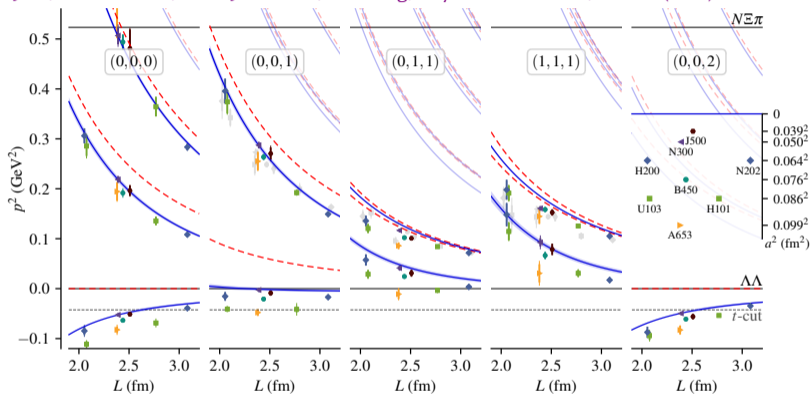
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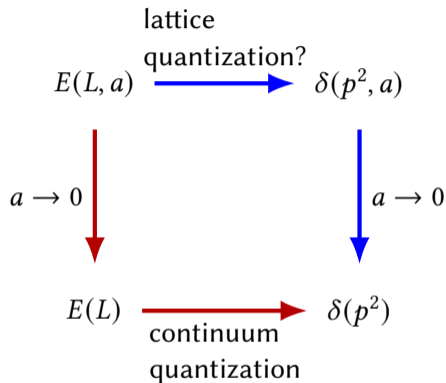
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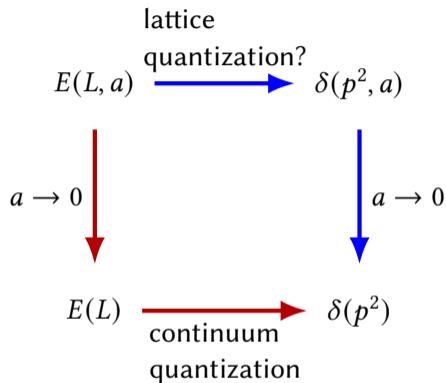


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Recent work on including discretization effects in quantization condition:

M. T. Hansen and T. Peterken, 2408.07062

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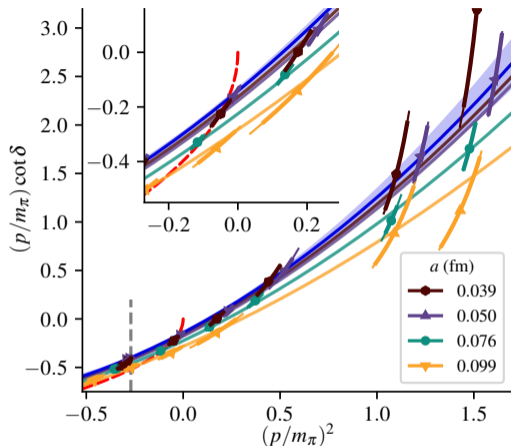
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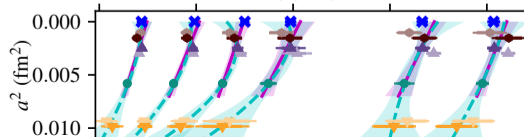
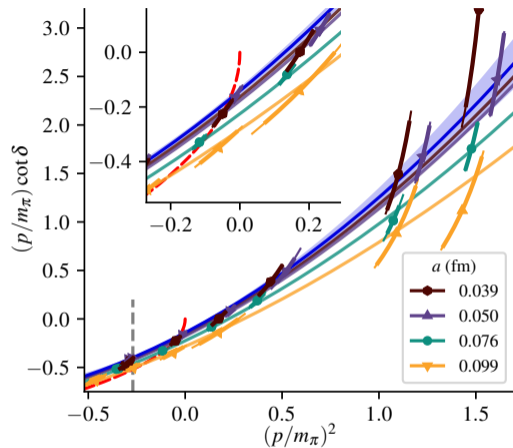
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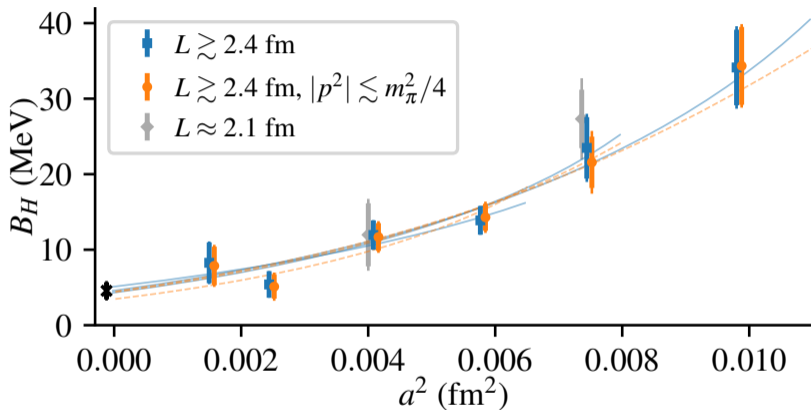
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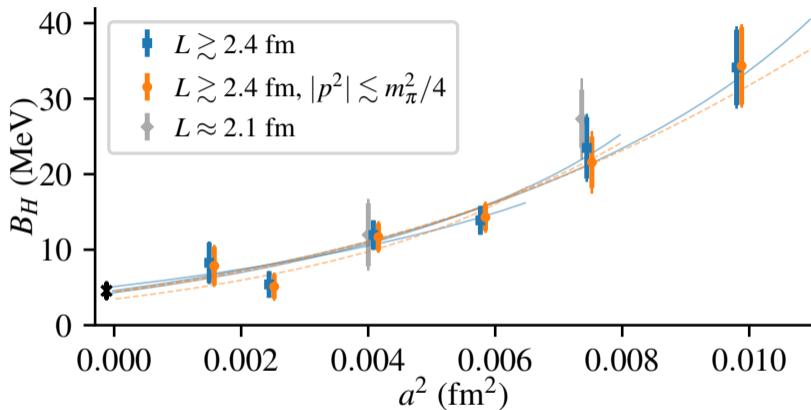


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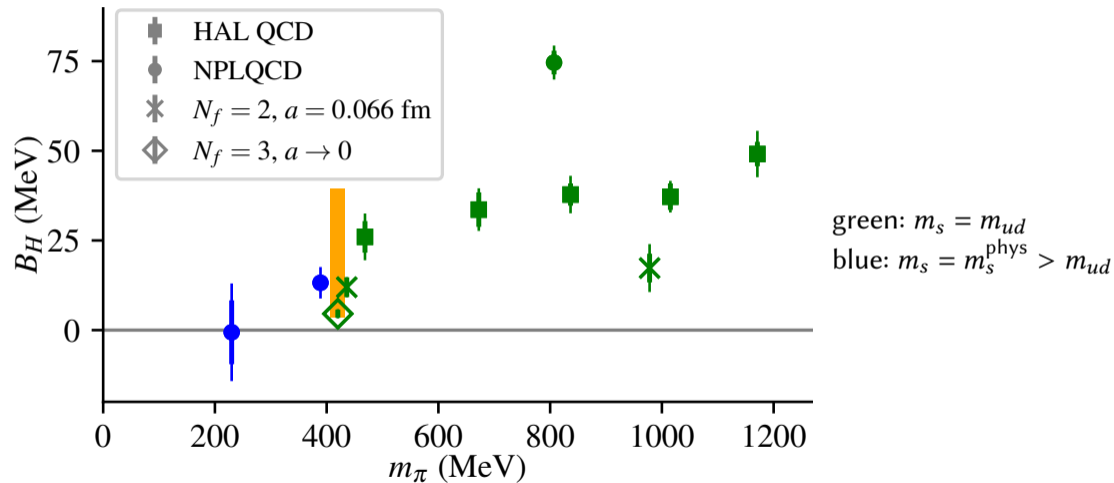


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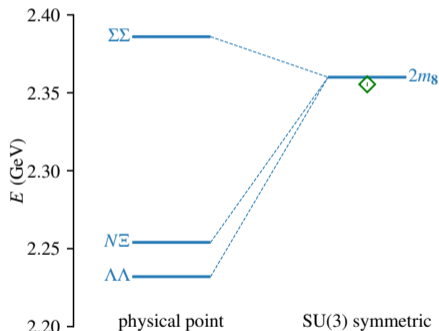


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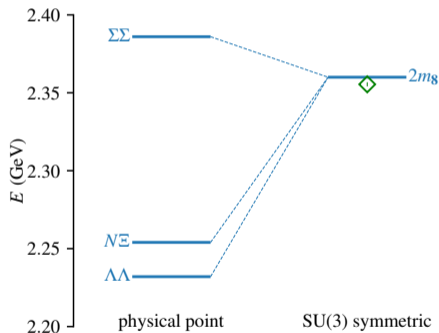
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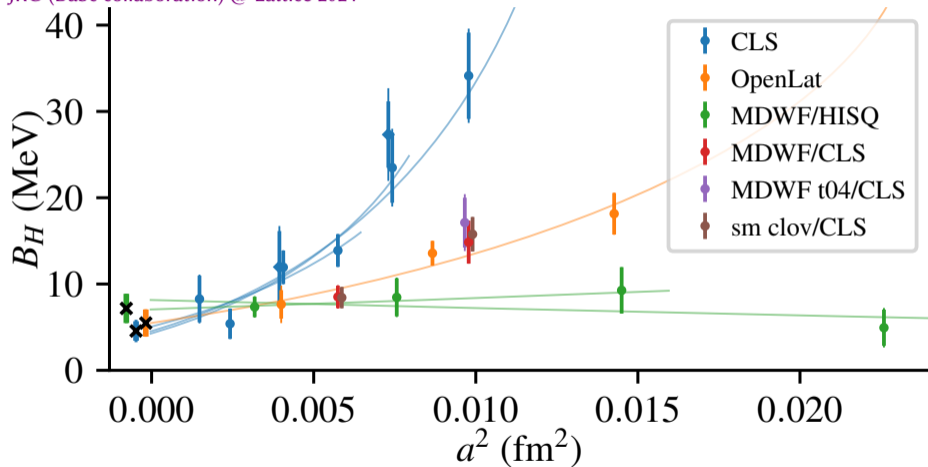
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JRG (BaSc collaboration) @ Lattice 2024



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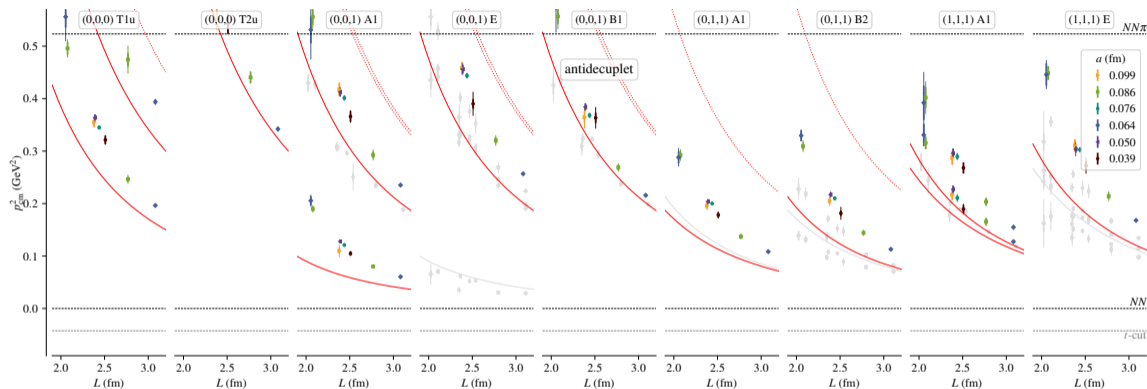
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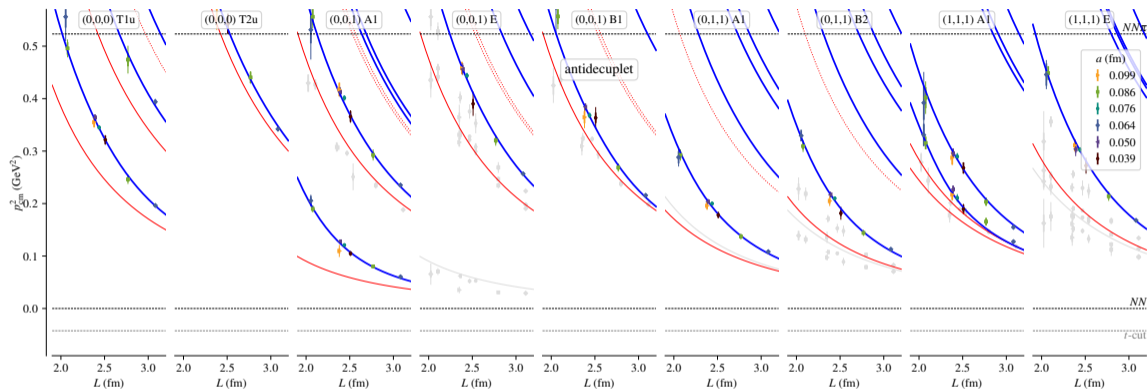
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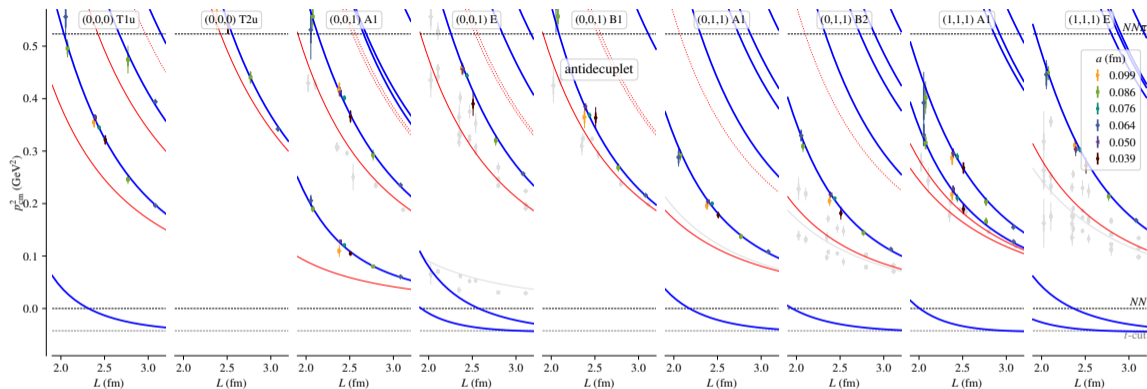


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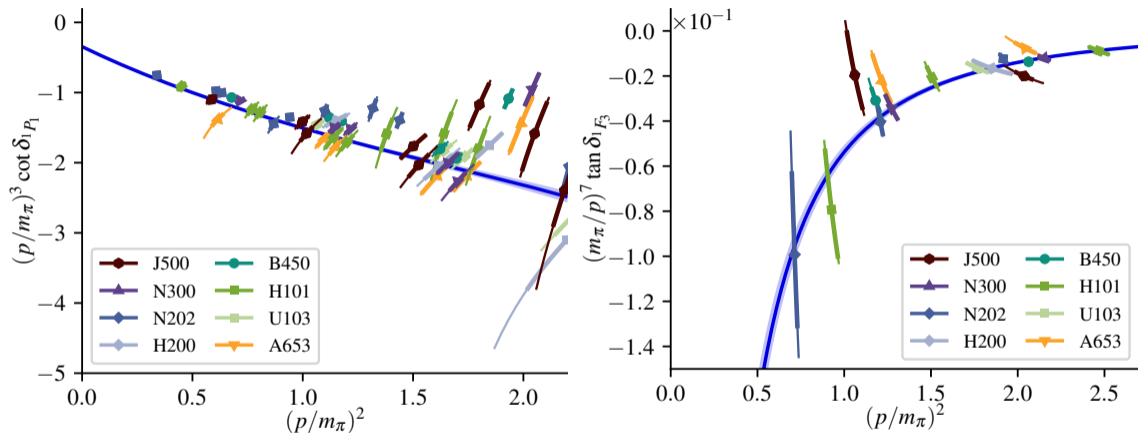
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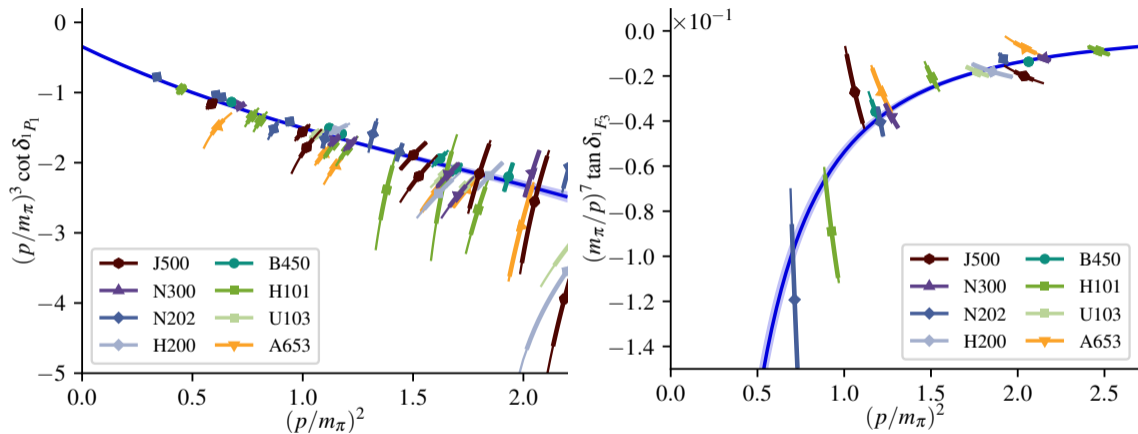
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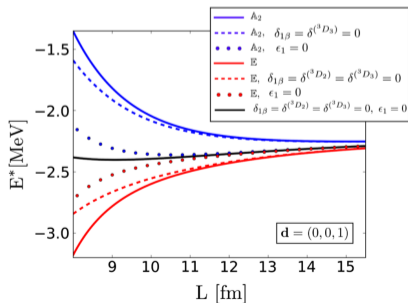
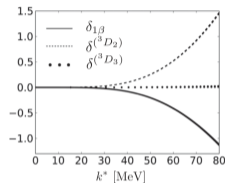
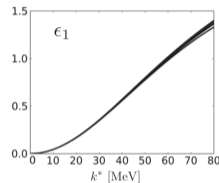
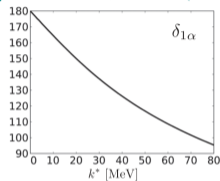
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Sign of mixing angle is physical: affects scattering amplitudes.  
 Effect on finite-volume spectrum? Worked out in a decade ago.

R. A. Briceño, Z. Davoudi, T. C. Luu, M. J. Savage, *Phys. Rev. D* **88**, 114507 (2013)

Phase shifts / mixing angles from experiment (input).



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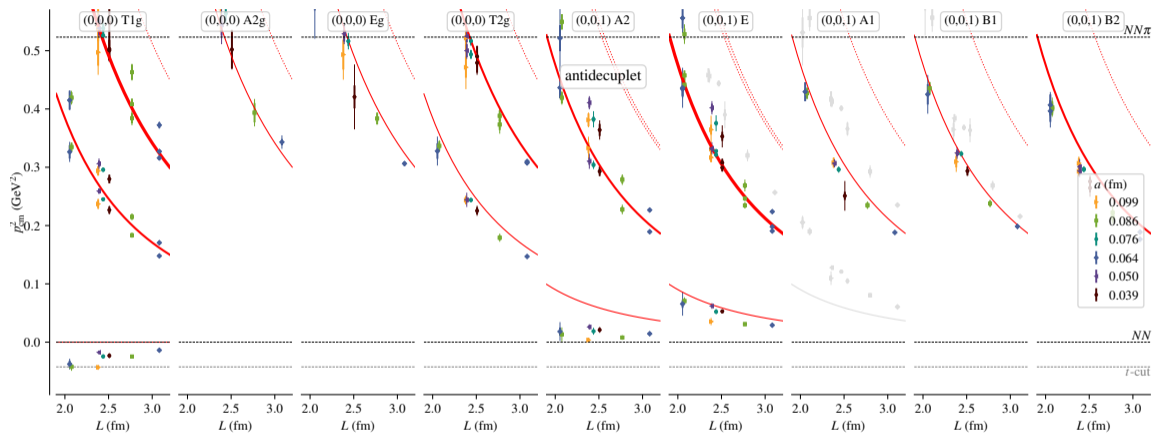
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If this is correct, at physical point expect  $E_{A_2} > E_E$ .



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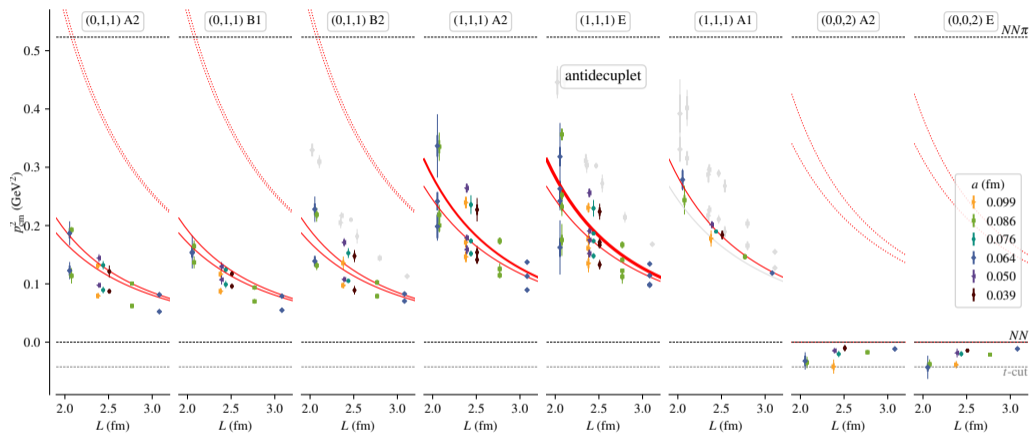
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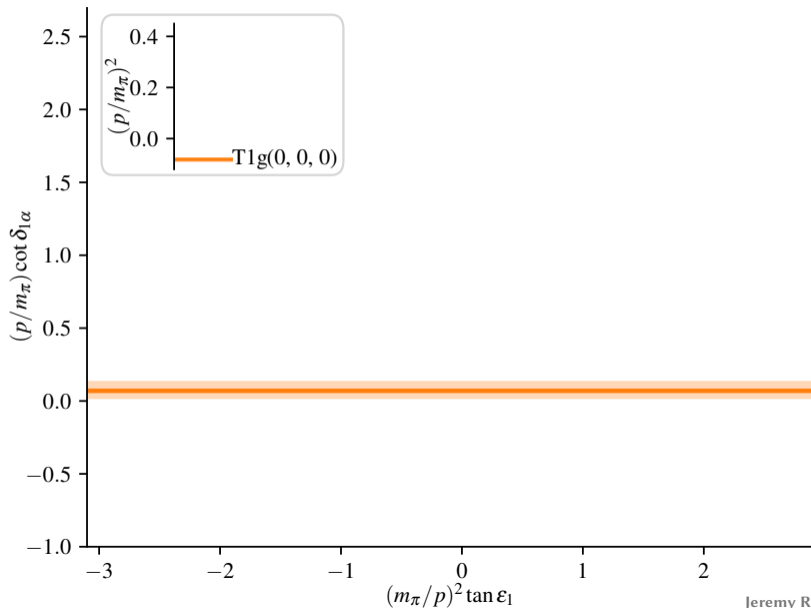
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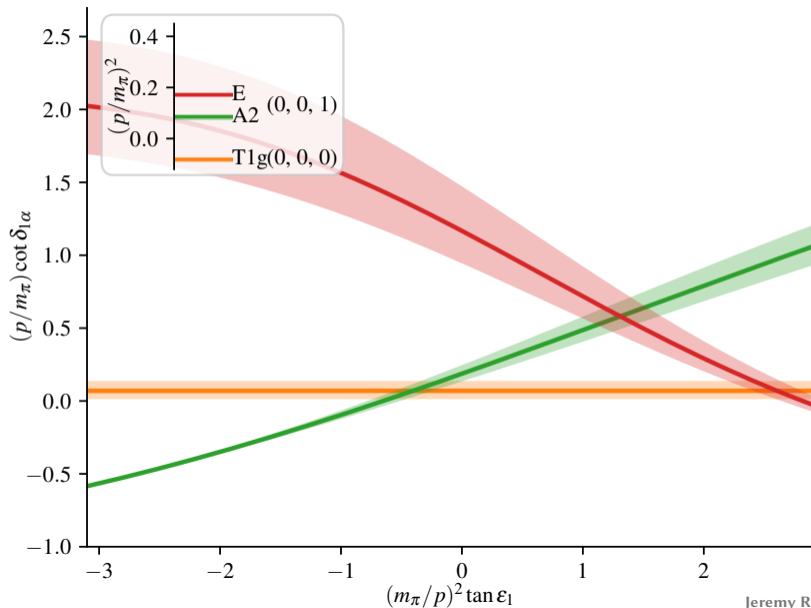
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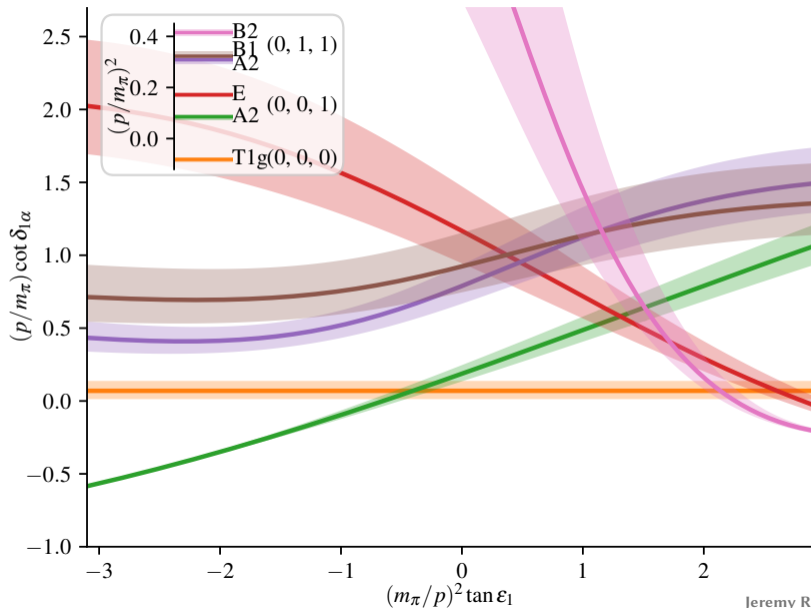
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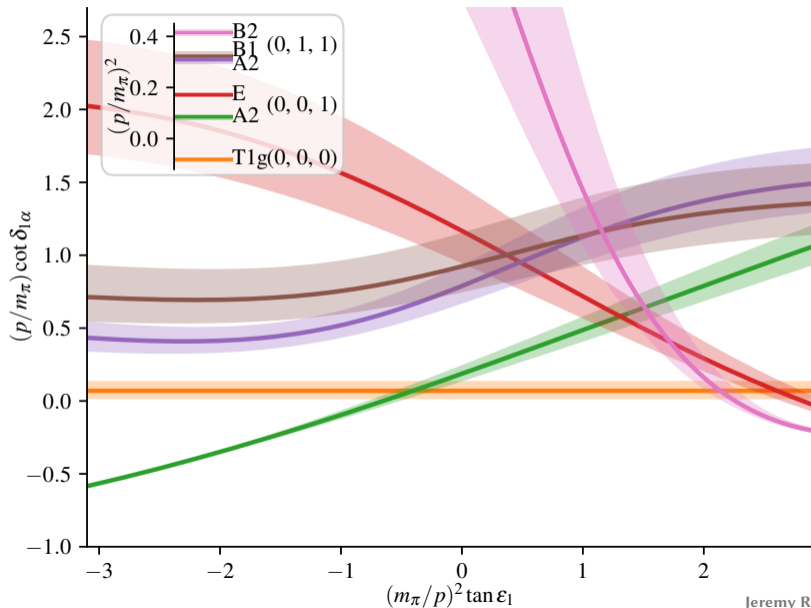
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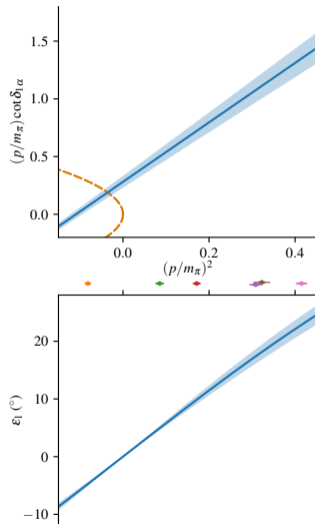
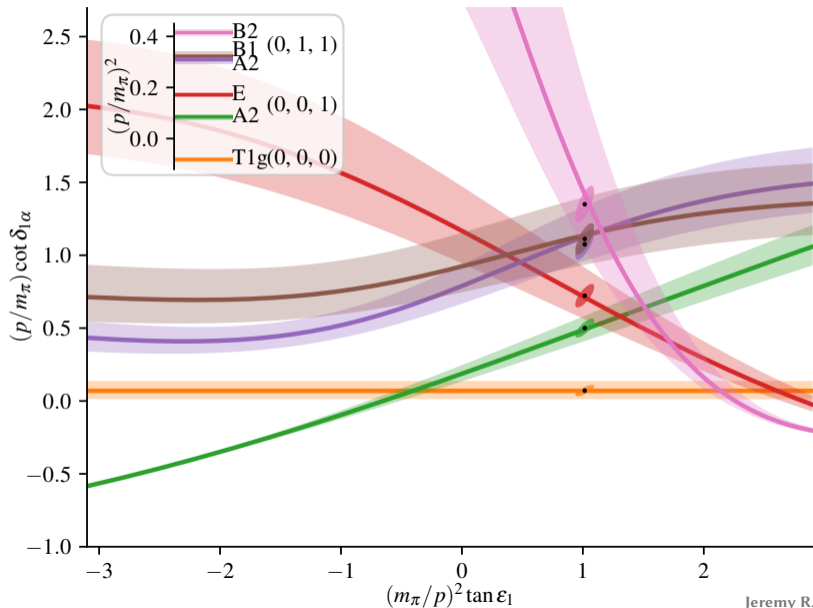


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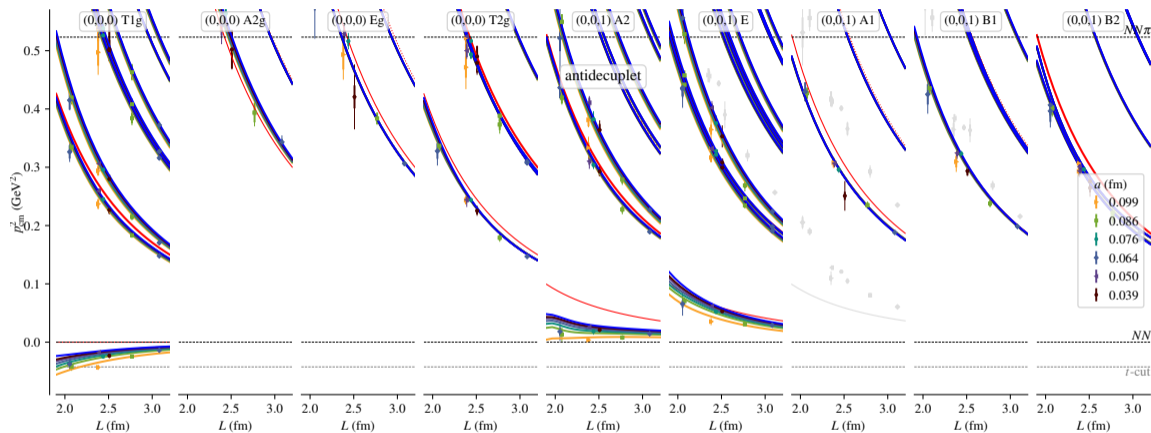
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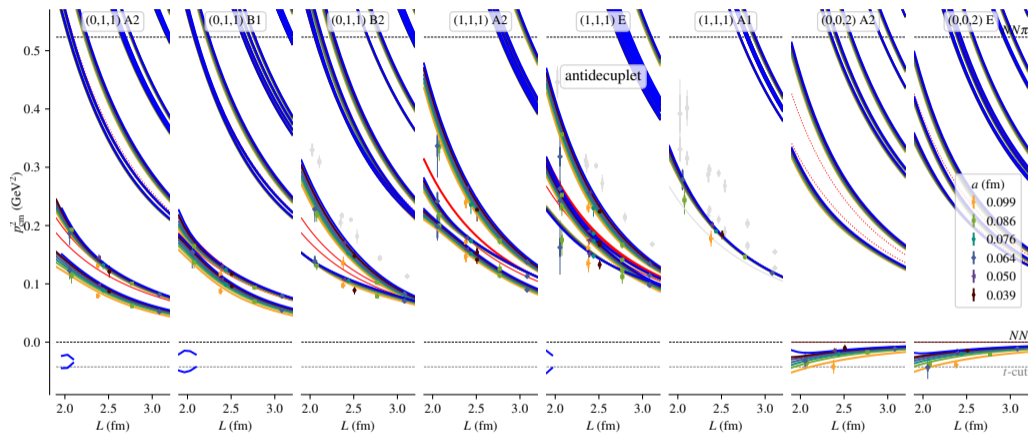
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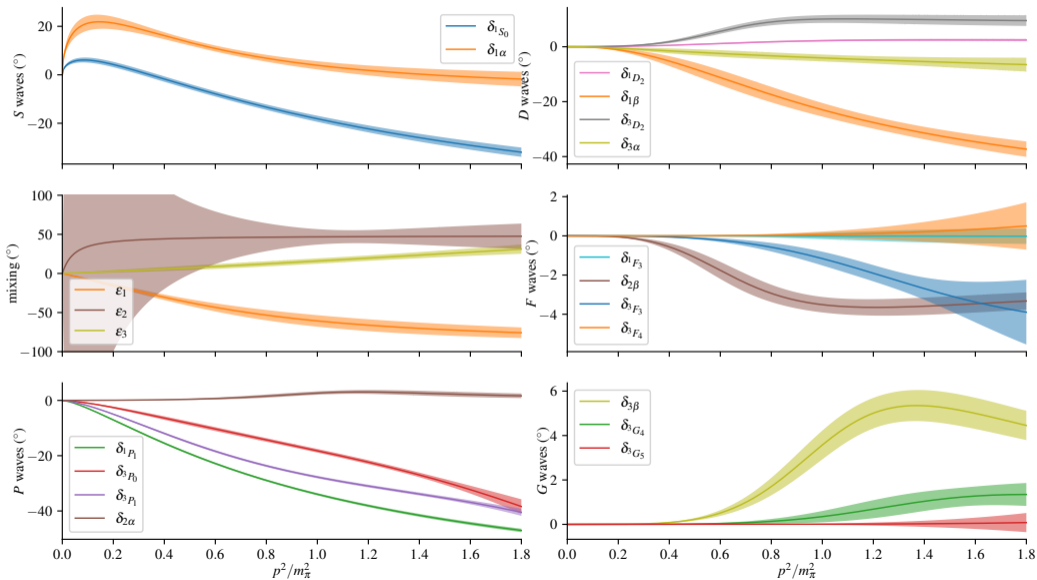
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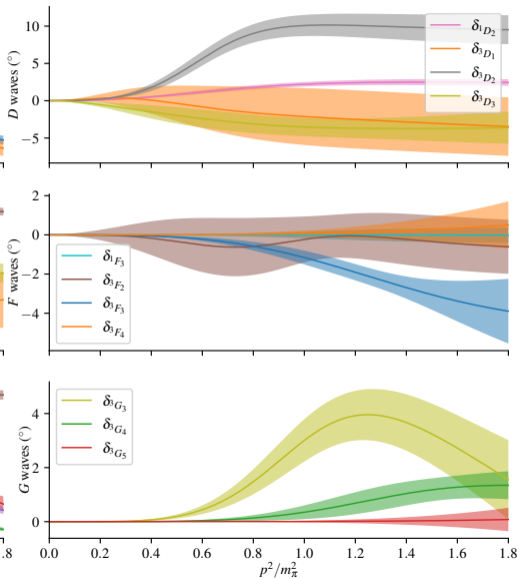
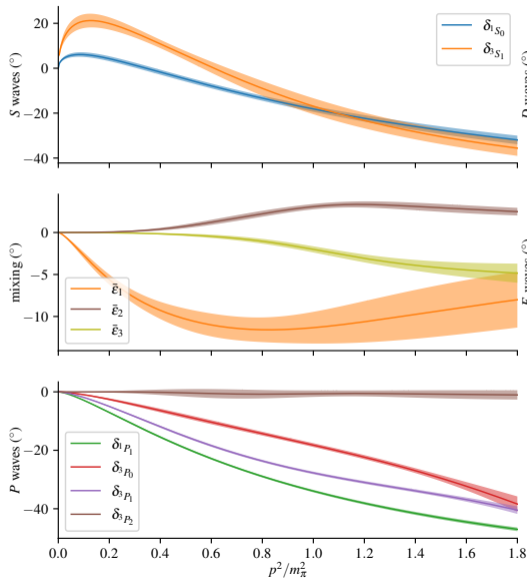
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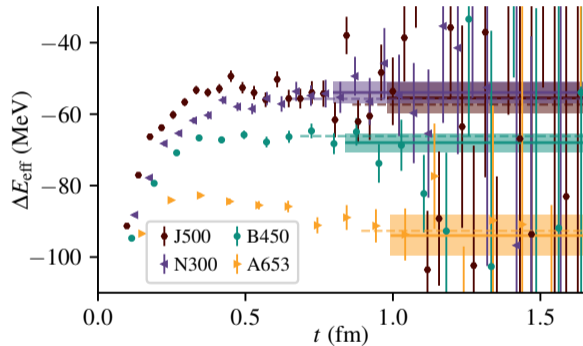
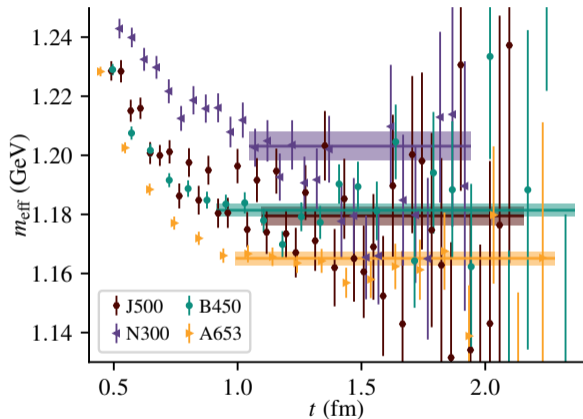
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# Plateau fits



M. Peardon *et al.* (HadSpec), Phys. Rev. D **80**, 054506 (2009)

Define smeared quark fields using projector to lower-dimensional subspace:

$$\psi_{\text{sm}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}'} P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'; t) \psi(\mathbf{x}', t).$$

Standard choice: Laplacian-Heaviside (LapH) smearing. Use  $N$  lowest eigenmodes  $v_n^{(t)}$  of smeared 3d gauge-covariant Laplacian  $\Delta(t)$ . Typically scale  $N \propto L^3$  to keep smearing radius fixed.

$$P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'; t) = I_{\text{spin}} \otimes \sum_{n=1}^N v_n^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}) v_n^{(t)\dagger}(\mathbf{x}').$$

Since  $N \ll 3(L/a)^3$  it is feasible to compute and save full timeslice-to-all or all-to-all propagator within this subspace: this is the *perambulator*

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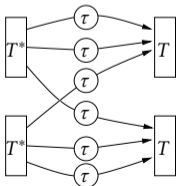
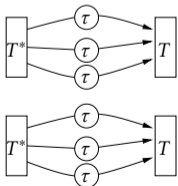
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Baryon-baryon: two classes  
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$N^4 \propto L^{12}$  scaling is a problem! Try to keep  $N$  small but eventually need alternative strategies.