

# Light nuclei and hypernuclei from Lattice QCD ( $A=2,3,4$ )

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## Nuclear Physics with Lattice QCD

Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) is the underlying theory governing the interaction between quarks and gluons, the strong force, and therefore, responsible for all the states of matter in the Universe. Analytical solutions of QCD in the low energy regime cannot be obtained due to the complexity of the quark-gluon dynamics. The only known non-perturbative method that systematically implements QCD from first principles is its formulation on a discretized space-time, lattice QCD. This numerical simulation of the theory consists in a Monte Carlo evaluation of a functional integral. Our goal is to extract information on hadronic interactions, relevant to nuclear processes, through Lattice QCD, using the enormous computing capabilities that the most modern supercomputers offer us, specially on those sectors where experiments are difficult to perform.

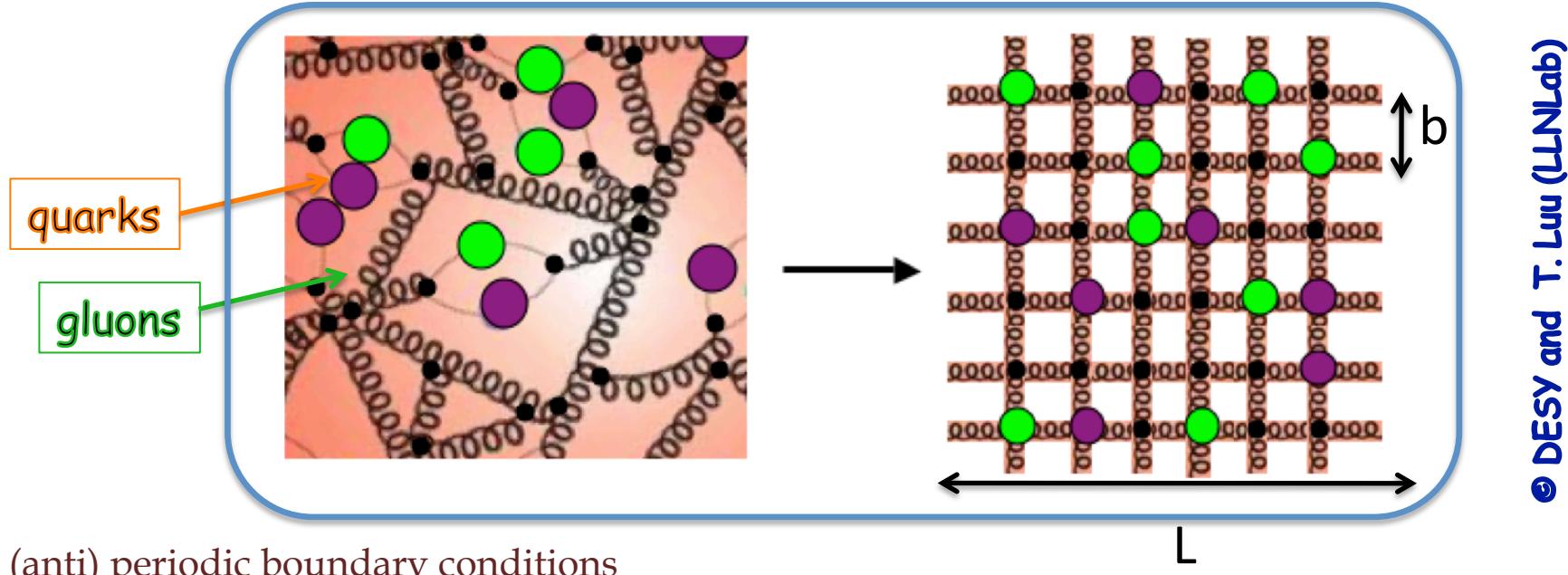


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# Lattice Quantum Chromo Dynamics

space-time lattice  
 $N_s \times N_s \times N_s \times N_t$



For numerical calculations in QCD, the theory is formulated on a (Euclidean) space-time lattice, as depicted in the right cartoon.

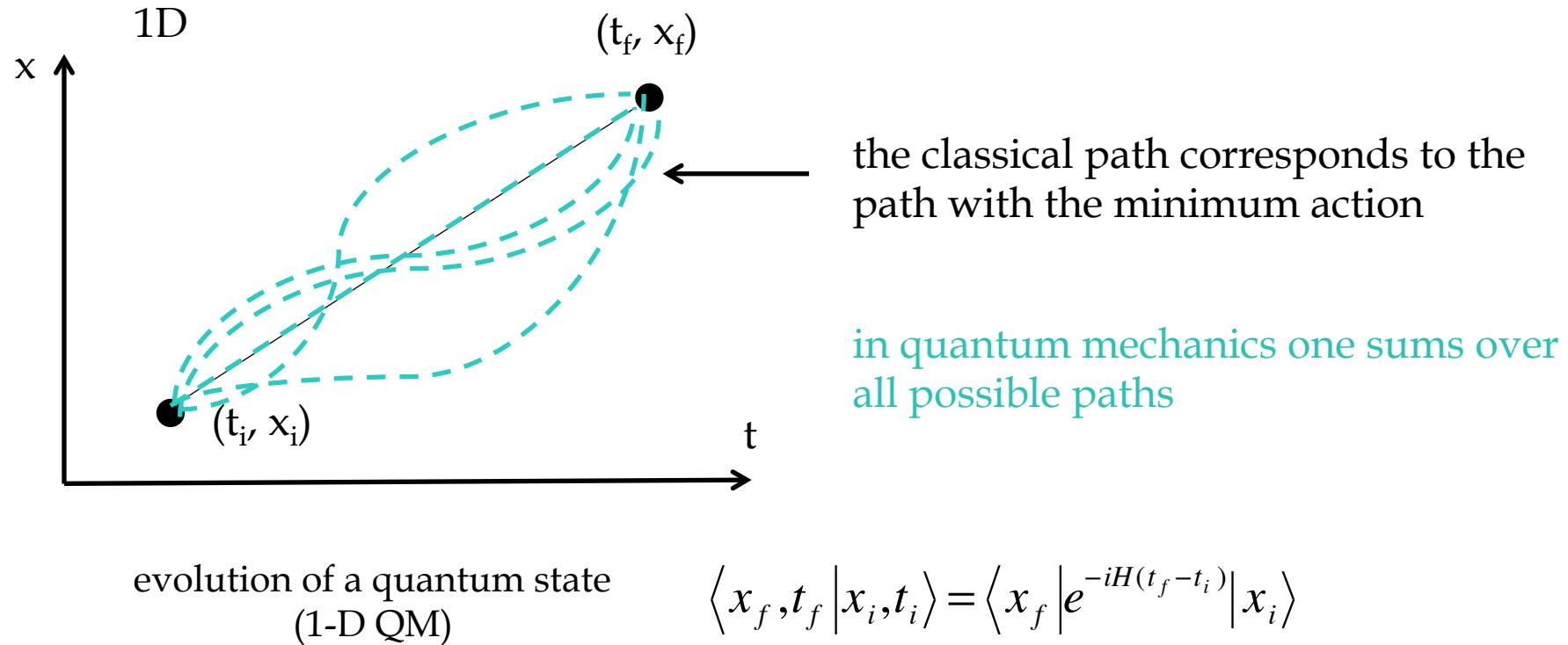
$$L \gg \text{relevant scales} \gg b \quad \left( \frac{1}{L} \ll m_\pi \ll \Lambda_\chi \ll \frac{1}{b} \right)$$

$$\text{Cost} \approx \alpha \left[ \frac{1}{m_q} \right] [V]^a \left[ \frac{1}{b} \right]^\gamma$$

finite volume  $L$ , discretization (finite spacing)  $b$ , value of the light quark masses

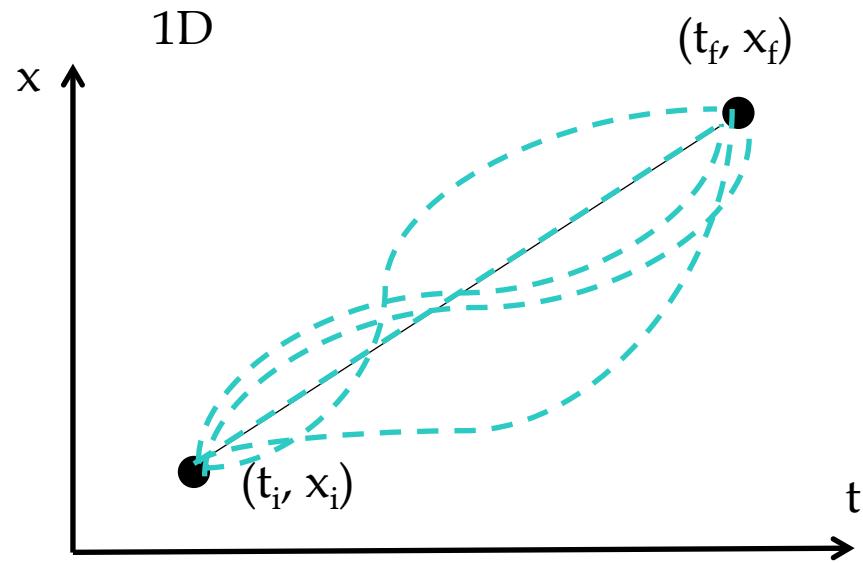
## Brief introduction to the lattice formalism

LQCD is a non-perturbative implementation of Field Theory, which uses the Feynman path-integral approach to evaluate transition matrix elements



The quantum propagation is expressed as a weighted sum over paths. The weight is a complex phase factor given by the exponential of  $i$  times the classical action  $S$ .

## Brief introduction to the lattice formalism



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each path contributes  
a phase given by the classical  
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PATH INTEGRAL  
Feynman, 1948

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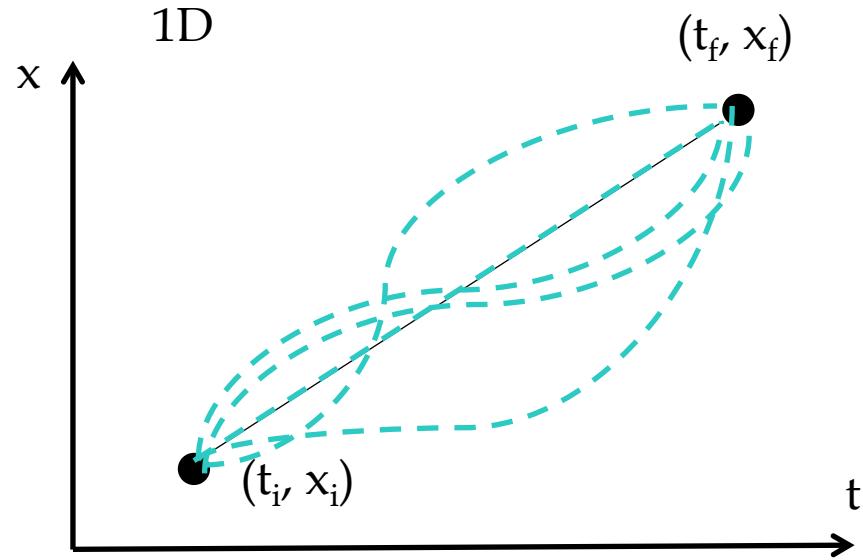
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$$\int_{x(0)=x_i}^{x(t)=x_f} D[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{N-1}] e^{-\Delta t \sum_k \left[ \frac{m}{2} \left( \frac{x_{k+1} - x_k}{\Delta t} \right)^2 + V(x_k) \right]}$$

BASIS OF NUMERICAL SIMULATIONS

The weight of each path is a real positive quantity, looking like a **Boltzmann factor**

Real oscillating phase → decaying exponential

Analogy with the partition function of a classical statistical mechanics system

Expectation values:

$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int DUDqD\bar{q}O[q, \bar{q}, A] e^{-S_E[\bar{q}, q, A]}$$

$$\langle G[\phi] \rangle_T = \frac{\sum_{\phi} e^{-\frac{E[\phi]}{kT}} G[\phi]}{\sum_{\phi} e^{-\frac{E[\phi]}{kT}}}$$

~Thermal average over configurations



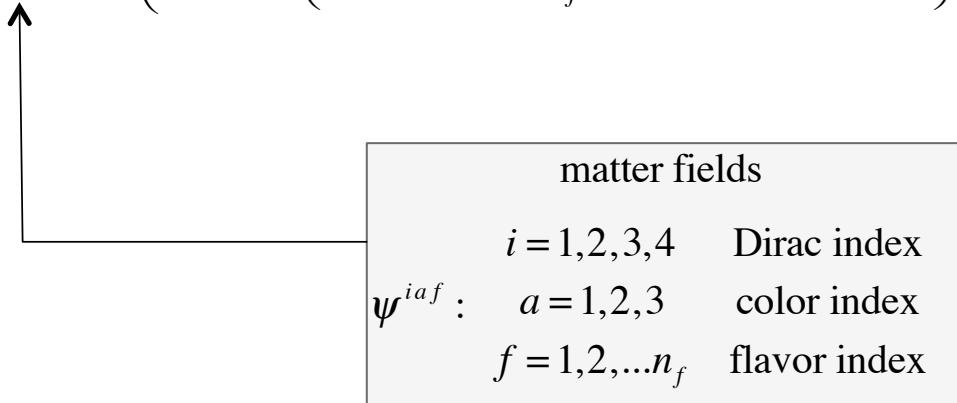
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$$\text{i.e. } \psi\psi = \bar{\psi}\bar{\psi} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \psi\bar{\psi} = -\bar{\psi}\psi$$

QCD partition function in Euclidean space-time

$$Z = \int DA_\mu D\bar{\psi} D\psi \exp(-S_{QCD}) = \int DA_\mu D\bar{\psi} D\psi \exp\left(-\int d^4x \left(\frac{1}{4}G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu} + \sum_f \bar{\psi}_f [D_\mu \gamma_\mu + m] \psi_f\right)\right)$$



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expectation values

Integration over the quark fields

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$$Z = \int D A_\mu \exp(-S) = \int D A_\mu \det[M_f(A)] \exp(-S_{gluon})$$

$$(S = S_{gluon} + S_f) \quad \text{very demanding}$$

$$S_f = \bar{\psi} M_f(A) \psi$$

$$\det[M_f(A)] \equiv \det(D[A] + m) = \prod_{q=1}^{N_f} \det(D[A] + m_q)$$

fermion (quark) matrix      nonlocal function of  $U$

When computing expectation values of any given operator  $O$ , the quark fields in  $O$  are re-expressed in terms of quark propagators using Wick's Theorem: write all possible contractions for the fields (removing the dependence of quarks as dynamical fields)

$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int DAD\psi D\bar{\psi} O[\psi, \bar{\psi}, A] e^{-S_E[\bar{\psi}, \psi, A]}$$

expectation values

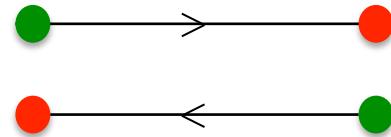
Integration over the quark fields

$$\langle \bar{\psi}(x_1)\psi(x_1)\bar{\psi}(x_0)\psi(x_0) \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int D\psi D\bar{\psi} DA \bar{\psi}(x_1)\psi(x_1)\bar{\psi}(x_0)\psi(x_0) e^{-S[\psi, \bar{\psi}, A]}$$

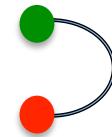


$$-\left[ M^{-1}(A) \right]_{x_1 x_0} \left[ M^{-1}(A) \right]_{x_0 x_1} + \left[ M^{-1}(A) \right]_{x_1 x_1} \left[ M^{-1}(A) \right]_{x_0 x_0}$$

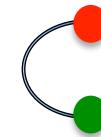
more fields imply  
more combinations



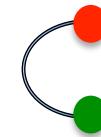
$t_1, x_1$



$t_0, x_0$



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$t_0, x_0$

connected diagrams

disconnected diagrams



more involved

# Correlation functions

One-hadron correlation function

$$C(\Gamma^\nu, \vec{p}, t) = \sum_{\vec{x}_1} e^{-i\vec{p}\vec{x}_1} \Gamma^\nu \left\langle J(\vec{x}_1, t_1) \bar{J}(\vec{x}_0, t_0) \right\rangle$$

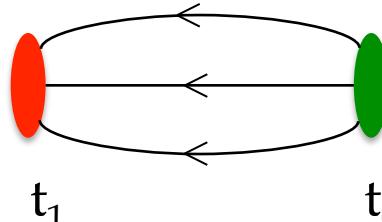
momentum projection

spin tensor

interpolating operators

for mesons:

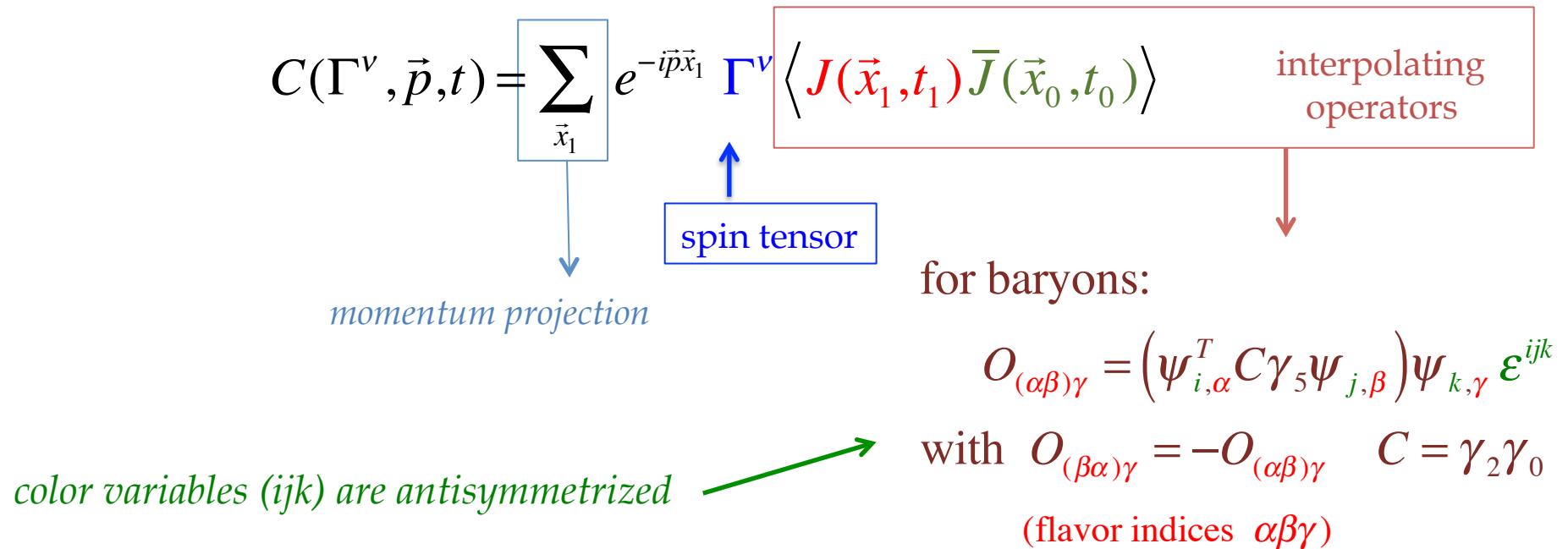
scalar	$\bar{\psi}_i \psi_j$
pseudoscalar	$\bar{\psi}_i \gamma_5 \psi_j$
vector	$\bar{\psi}_i \gamma_k \psi_j$



$t_1$        $t_0$

# Correlation functions

One-hadron correlation function



$$J^\pi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}^+ \quad p_\alpha(\vec{x}, t) = \epsilon^{ijk} u_\alpha^i(\vec{x}, t) \left( u_\alpha^{j^T}(\vec{x}, t) C \gamma_5 d^k(\vec{x}, t) \right)$$

$$\Lambda_\alpha(\vec{x}, t) = \epsilon^{ijk} s_\alpha^i(\vec{x}, t) \left( u_\alpha^{j^T}(\vec{x}, t) C \gamma_5 d^k(\vec{x}, t) \right)$$

$$\Sigma_\alpha^+(\vec{x}, t) = \epsilon^{ijk} u_\alpha^i(\vec{x}, t) \left( u_\alpha^{j^T}(\vec{x}, t) C \gamma_5 s^k(\vec{x}, t) \right)$$

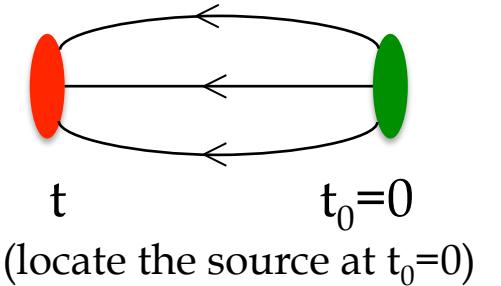
$$\Xi_\alpha^0(\vec{x}, t) = \epsilon^{ijk} s_\alpha^i(\vec{x}, t) \left( u_\alpha^{j^T}(\vec{x}, t) C \gamma_5 s^k(\vec{x}, t) \right)$$

one can produce positive/negative (parity) energy states by using the projector:

$$\Gamma_\pm = \frac{1}{2} (1 \pm \gamma_0)$$

Masses of (colourless) QCD bound states

$$C(t) = \langle 0 | \phi(t) \phi^\dagger(0) | 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{\phi(t)=e^{Ht}\phi e^{-Ht}} \langle \phi | e^{-Ht} | \phi \rangle$$

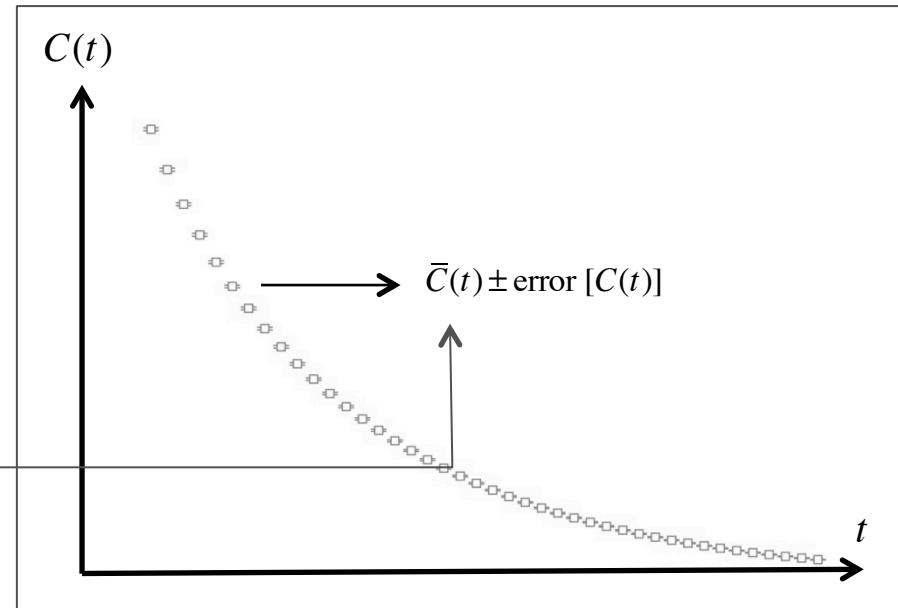


Insert a complete set of energy eigenstates:

$$C(t) = \sum_n \langle \phi | e^{-Ht} | n \rangle \langle n | \phi \rangle = \sum_n |\langle \phi | n \rangle|^2 e^{-E_n t} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} Z_0 e^{-E_0 t}$$

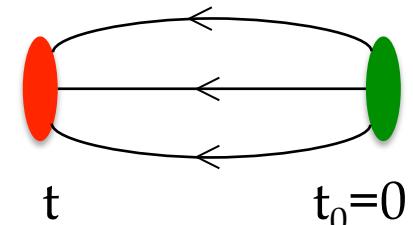
i.e. one can obtain the energy of the state provided we see the large time exponential fall-off of the correlation function  
(Euclidean time evolution suppresses excited states)

average over  $N$  gauge-field configurations  $\{U_{x\mu}^i\}$  with  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$



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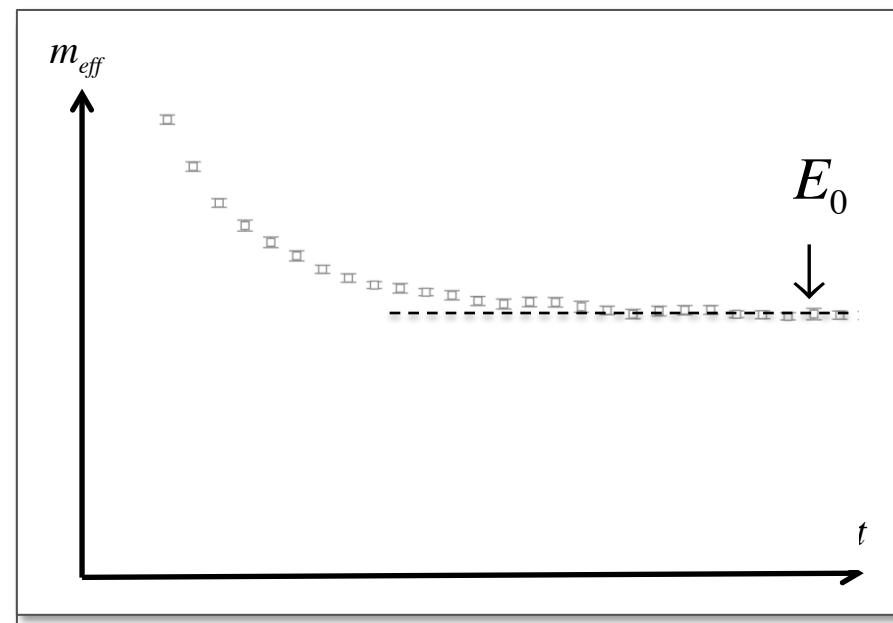


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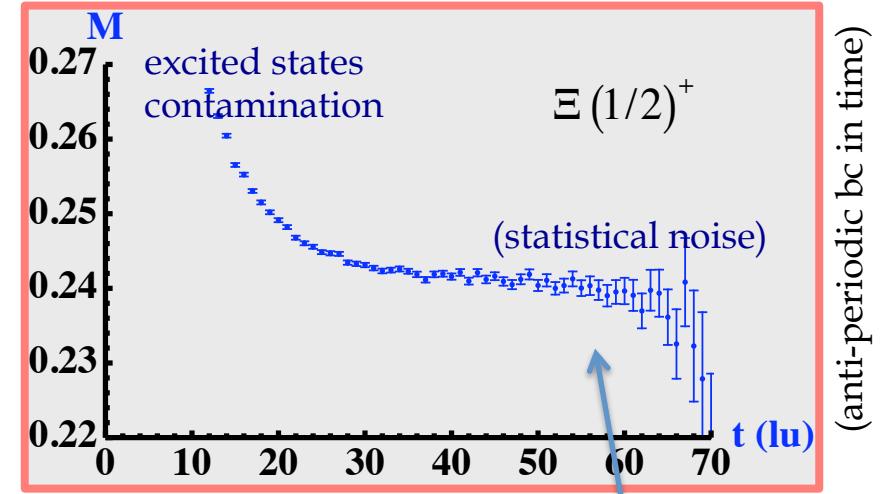
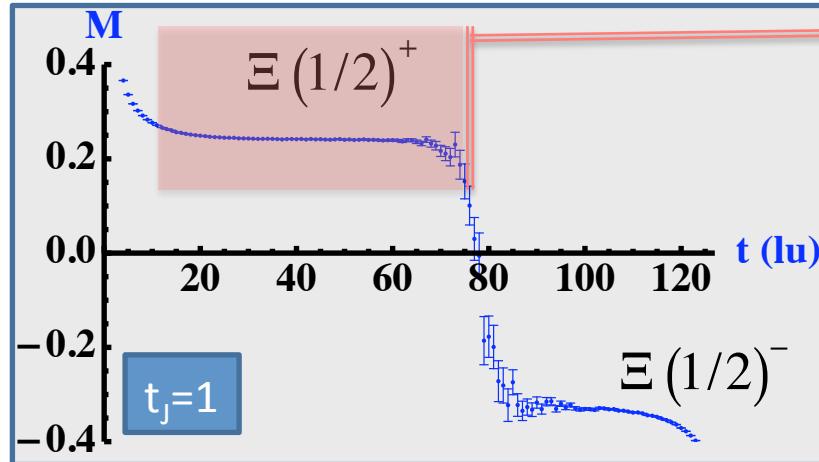
The g.s. energy can be more clearly seen by looking at the effective mass plots:

$$\begin{aligned} C(t) &\sim Z_0 e^{-E_0 t} \\ C(t + \delta t) &\sim Z_0 e^{-E_0(t + \delta t)} \rightarrow m_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{\delta t} \log \frac{C(t)}{C(t + \delta t)} \\ &\sim -\frac{d}{dt} \log C(t) \end{aligned}$$



Baryons, an example:  $\Xi$  mass (uss)

$$\Xi_\alpha^0(\vec{x}, t) = \epsilon^{ijk} s_\alpha^i(\vec{x}, t) \left( u_\alpha^{j^T}(\vec{x}, t) C \gamma_5 s^k(\vec{x}, t) \right)$$



$$\frac{1}{t_J} \log \frac{C_A(t)}{C_A(t + t_J)} = m_A$$

Generalized effective plots

for baryons, the noise grows exponentially with time  
poor signal-to-noise ratio

g.s. energy  
from plateau  
(mass)

$$N\sigma^2(C) = \langle CC^\dagger \rangle - |\langle C \rangle|^2$$

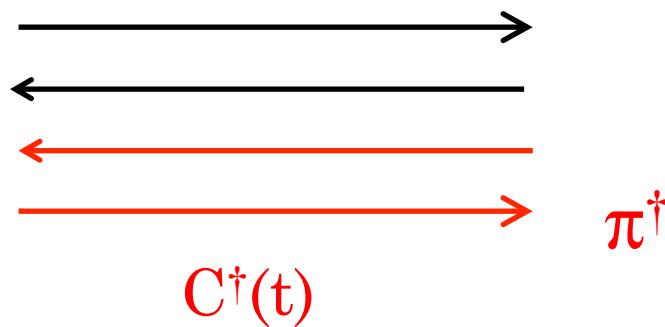
$$\langle C \rangle \sim A_1 e^{-m_1 t}$$

$$\langle CC^\dagger \rangle \sim A_2 e^{-m_2 t}$$

$$\frac{\langle C \rangle}{\sigma} \sim \frac{\sqrt{N} A_1 e^{-m_1 t}}{\sqrt{A_2 e^{-m_2 t} - A_1^2 e^{-2m_1 t}}}$$

$C(t)$

$\pi$



pion:  $m_1 = m_\pi$  and  $m_2 = 2m_\pi$

nucleon:  $m_1 = m_N$  and  $m_2 = 3m_\pi$

Lepage, 1989

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{pions: } \frac{\sqrt{N} A_1 e^{-m_\pi t}}{\sqrt{A_2 e^{-2m_\pi t} - A_1^2 e^{-2m_\pi t}}} \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{N} A_1}{\sqrt{A_2 - A_1^2}} \sim \sqrt{N} \\ \text{nucleons: } \frac{\sqrt{N} A_1 e^{-m_N t}}{\sqrt{A_2 e^{-3m_\pi t} - A_1^2 e^{-2m_N t}}} \rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{N}}{\sqrt{\frac{A_2}{A_1^2} e^{2m_N t - 3m_\pi t} - 1}} \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad \sim \sqrt{N} \exp \left\{ - \left( M_N - \frac{3m_\pi}{2} \right) t \right\} \end{array} \right.$$

$C(t)$

$\pi$

$N$

$N^\dagger$

$C^\dagger(t)$



baryons: exponential degradation of the signal with time

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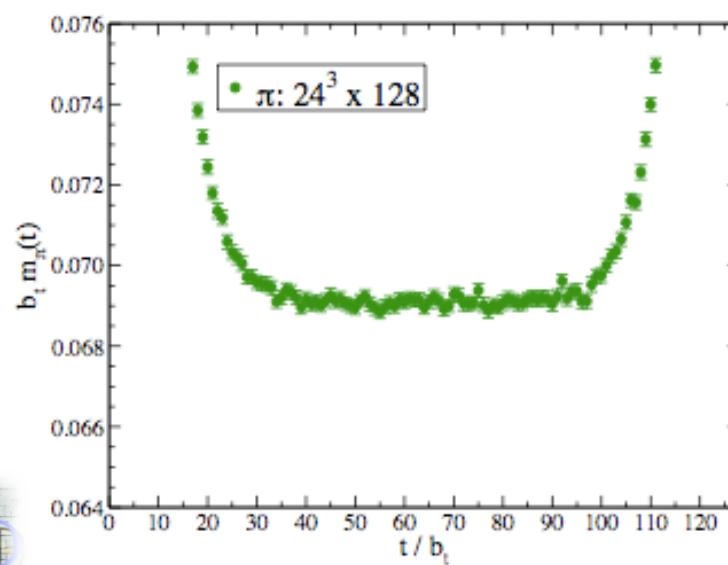
$$\text{A nucleons: } \frac{\langle C \rangle}{\sigma} \sim \sqrt{N} \exp \left\{ -A \left( M_N - \frac{3m_\pi}{2} \right) t \right\}$$

signal-to-noise independent of time

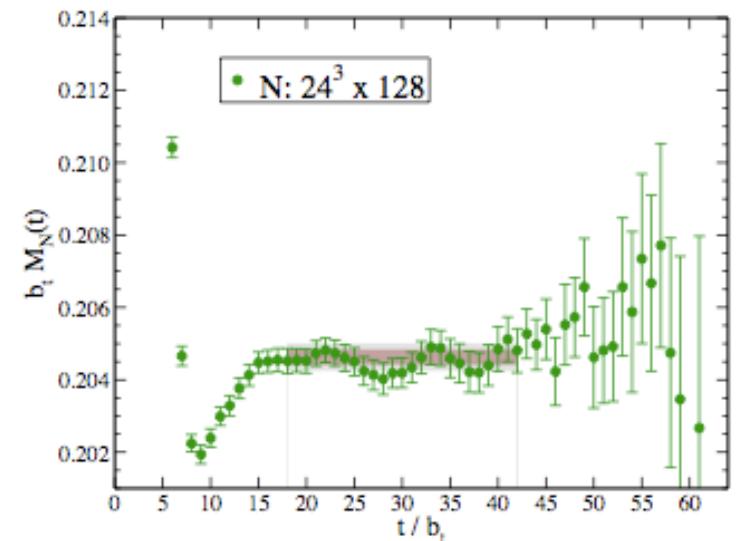
pion:  $\frac{\langle C(t) \rangle}{\sigma(t)} \sim \frac{\sqrt{N} A_0 e^{-m_\pi t}}{\sqrt{(A_2 - A_0^2) e^{-m_\pi t}}} \sim \sqrt{N}$

signal-to-noise degradation with time

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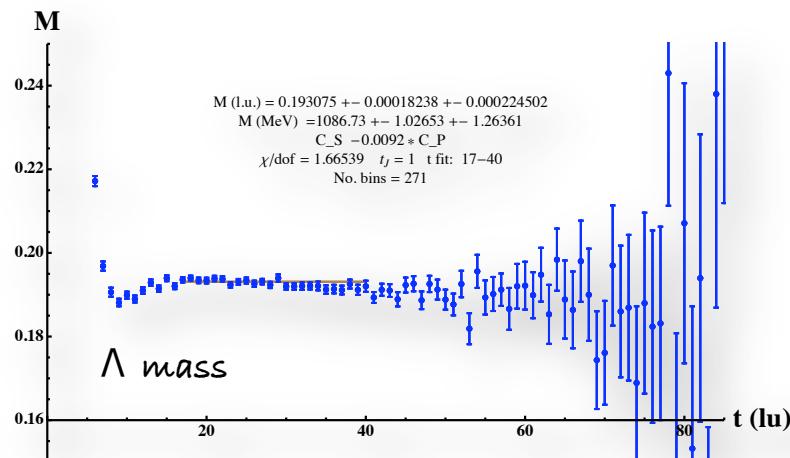


Some current challenges in the extraction of hadron masses:

Optimize the interpolating fields in order to maximize the weight of a given state

$$\varphi^s(\vec{x}, t) \equiv \sum_{\vec{y}} f_s(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \varphi(\vec{y}, t)$$

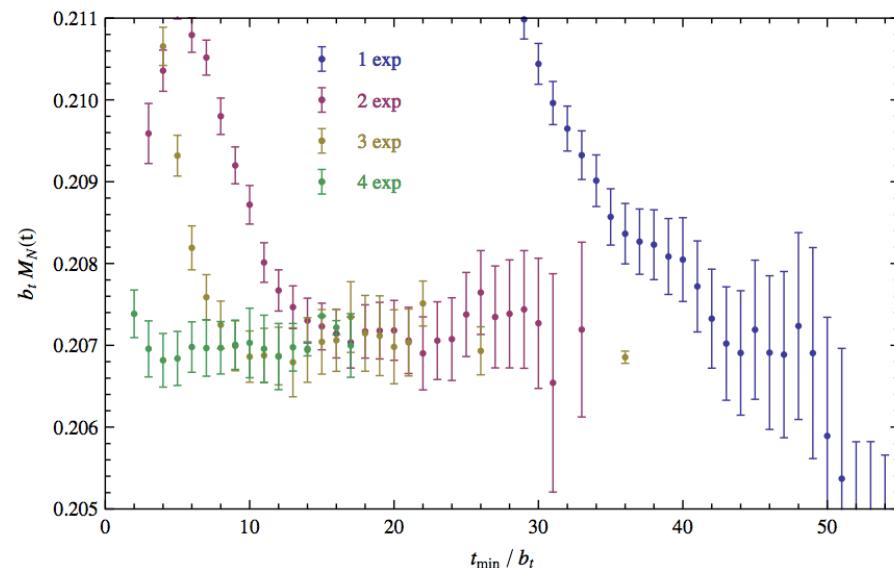
different choices for the **smearing function**:  
The use of **gaussian smeared operators**  
optimizes the overlap onto the ground-state hadrons



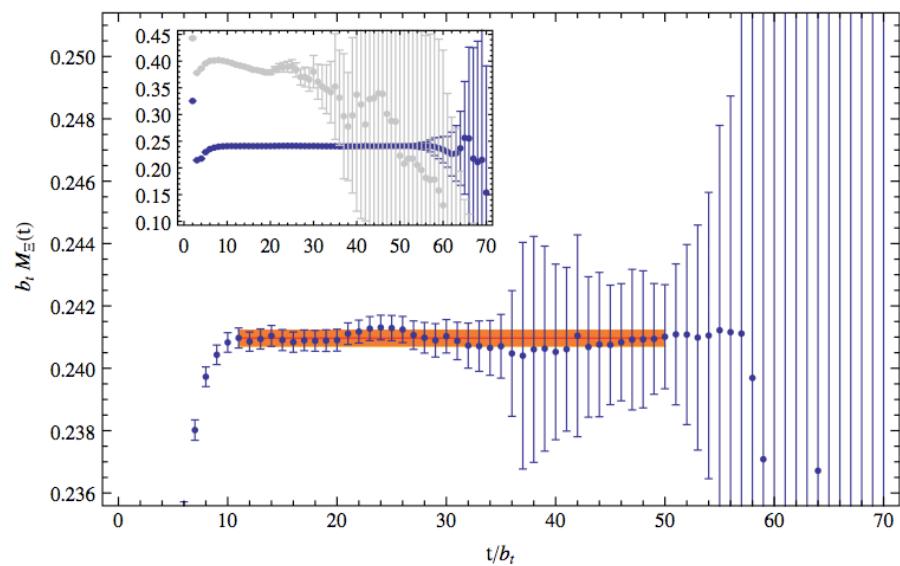
results obtained with a smeared source  
and working with point-like and  
smeared sink

## Some current challenges in the extraction of hadron masses:

Develop analysis techniques to extract excited states from the two-point correlators: multiexponential fits, generalize the Effective Mass method to two or more exponential functions (Matrix-Prony), etc.



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extraction of 2 states



## Increasing the number of particles



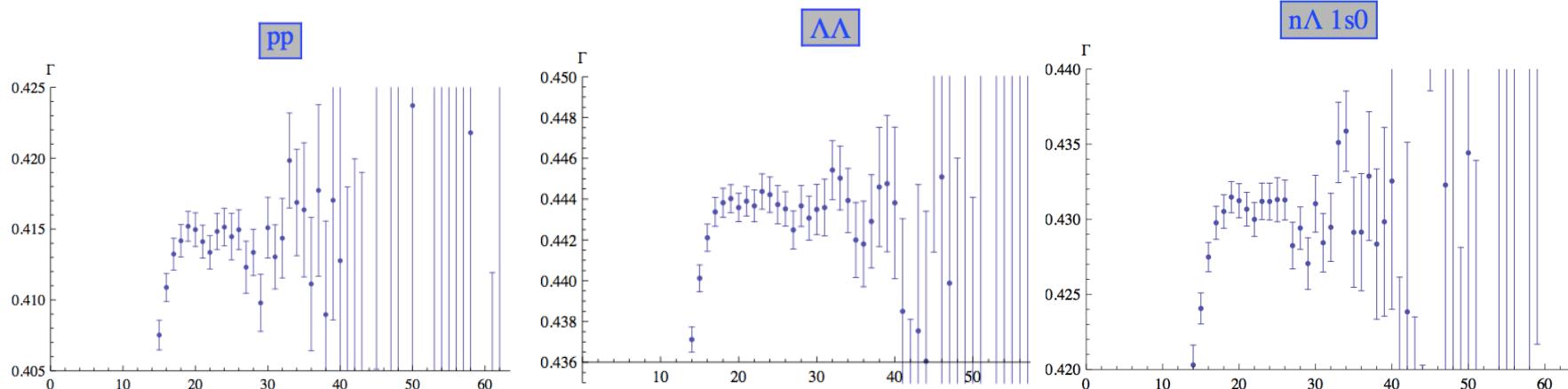
Two-particle correlators  $\longrightarrow$  Energy of the interacting 2-particle system

$$C_{H_A H_B, \Gamma}(\vec{p}_1, \vec{p}_2, t) = \sum_{\vec{x}_1 \vec{x}_2} e^{i\vec{p}_1 \vec{x}_1} e^{i\vec{p}_2 \vec{x}_2} \Gamma_{\alpha_1 \alpha_2}^{\beta_1 \beta_2} \left\langle J_{H_A, \alpha_1}(\vec{x}_1, t) J_{H_B, \alpha_2}(\vec{x}_2, t) \bar{J}_{H_A, \beta_1}(x_0, 0) \bar{J}_{H_B, \beta_2}(x_0, 0) \right\rangle$$

spin tensor      interpolating operators

at large  $t$      $C_{H_A H_B}(\vec{p}, -\vec{p}, t) \sim \sum_n Z_{n;AB}^{(i)}(\vec{p}) Z_{n;AB}^{(f)}(\vec{p}) e^{-E_n^{AB}(\vec{0})t}$

$m_\pi \sim 390$  MeV,  $L_s \sim 2.5$  fm



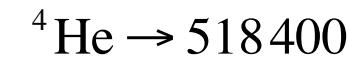
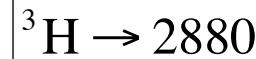
## LQCD calculations involving $A > 2$ particles



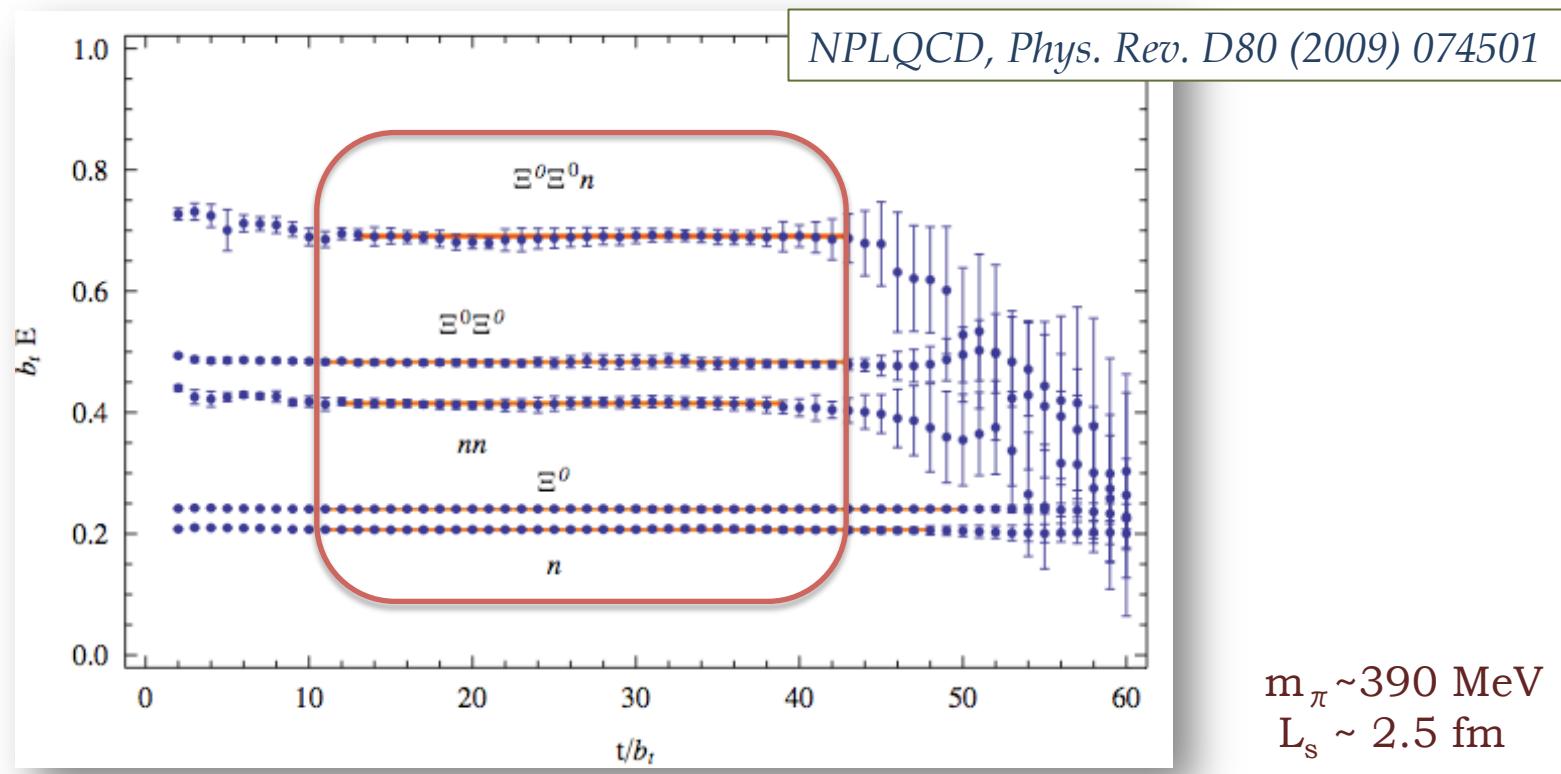
Greater complexity of multinucleon systems as compared to single meson and baryon calcs

# Wick contractions at quark level, to form the correlation function is naively  $N_u! N_d! N_s!$

$$(A + Z)! (2A - Z)!$$



→ cheapest 3-baryon system:  $\Xi^0 \Xi^0 n$ , with  $3! 2! 4! = 288$  Wick contractions



## How do we get the low-energy scattering parameters and binding energies?

The Maiani-Testa Theorem (*C. Michael, Nucl. Phys. B327(1989; L. Maiani and M. Testa, Phys. Lett. B245, 585 (1990)*) tells us that one cannot extract multi-hadron S-matrix elements from Euclidean space Green functions at infinite volume except for kinematical thresholds.

Scattering amplitudes are in general complex

$$|NN\rangle_{out} = S |NN\rangle_{in} \rightarrow \quad {}_{out}\langle NN | NN \rangle_{in} = {}_{in}\langle NN | S | NN \rangle_{in} = e^{i2\delta}$$

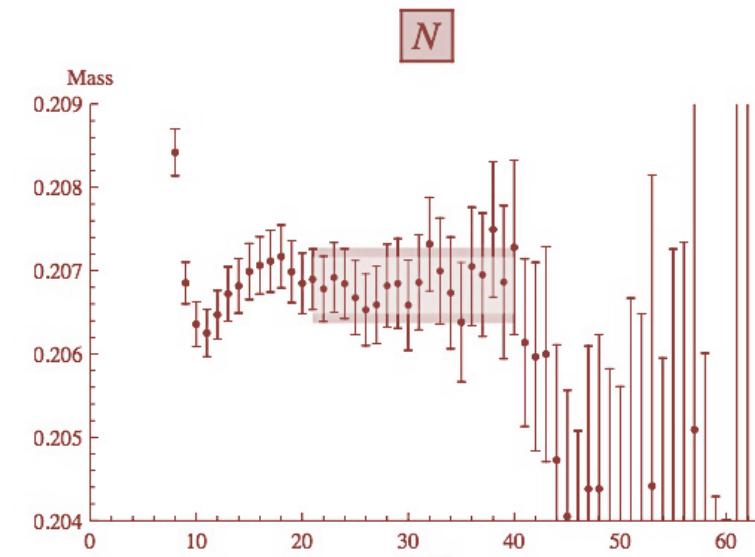
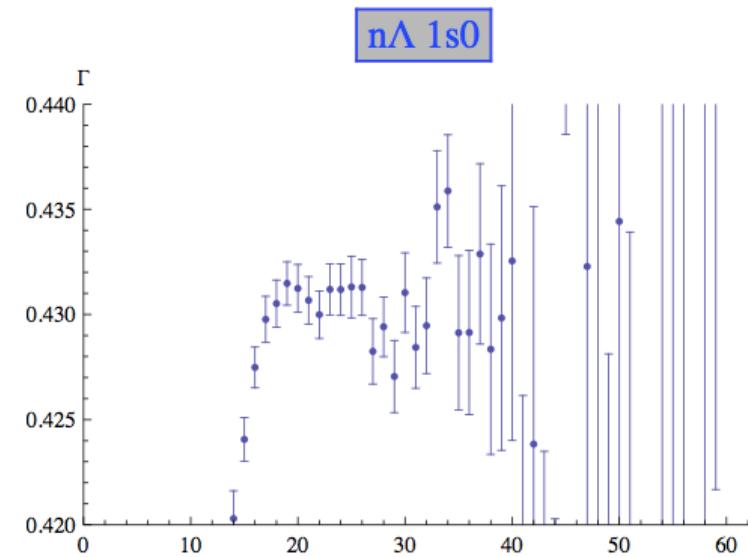
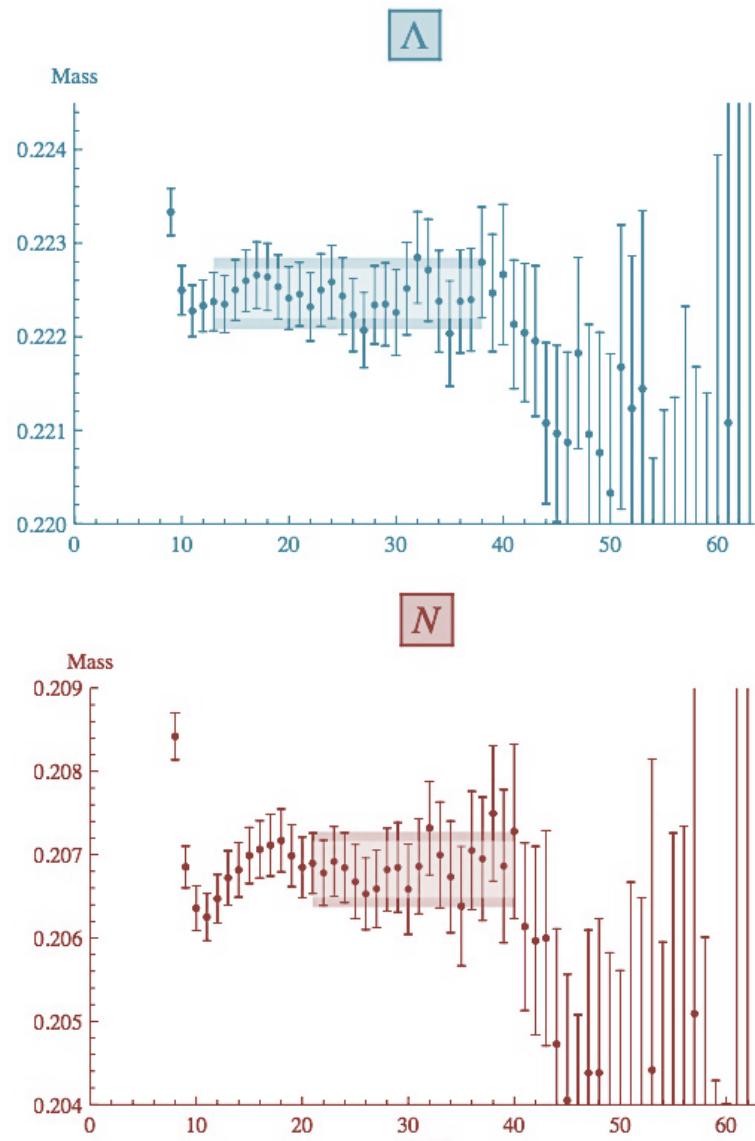
below inelastic thresholds

In Euclidean space-time, there is no distinction between in- and out-states. Therefore, the matrix elements one can extract are real numbers, and any signal of the phase due to the interaction is lost.

In non-relativistic Quantum Mechanics, it was known (*K. Huang and C.N. Yang, Phys. Rev. 105, 767 (1957)*) that placing the particles in a finite volume shifts their energies, and these shifts depend on their interactions.

M. Lüscher generalized this results to Quantum Field Theory (*M. Lüscher, Commun. Math. Phys. 105 153 (1986); Nucl. Phys. B354, 531 (1991)*): extract the scattering length from the volume dependence of two-particle energy levels at finite volume (up to inelastic thresholds)

First, extract the energy-shift due to the interaction:



$$G_{\Lambda N(^1S_0)}(t) = \frac{C_{\Lambda N(^1S_0)}(t)}{C_\Lambda(t) C_N(t)} \rightarrow A_0 e^{-\Delta E_{\Lambda N(^1S_0)} t}$$

Effective Mass method

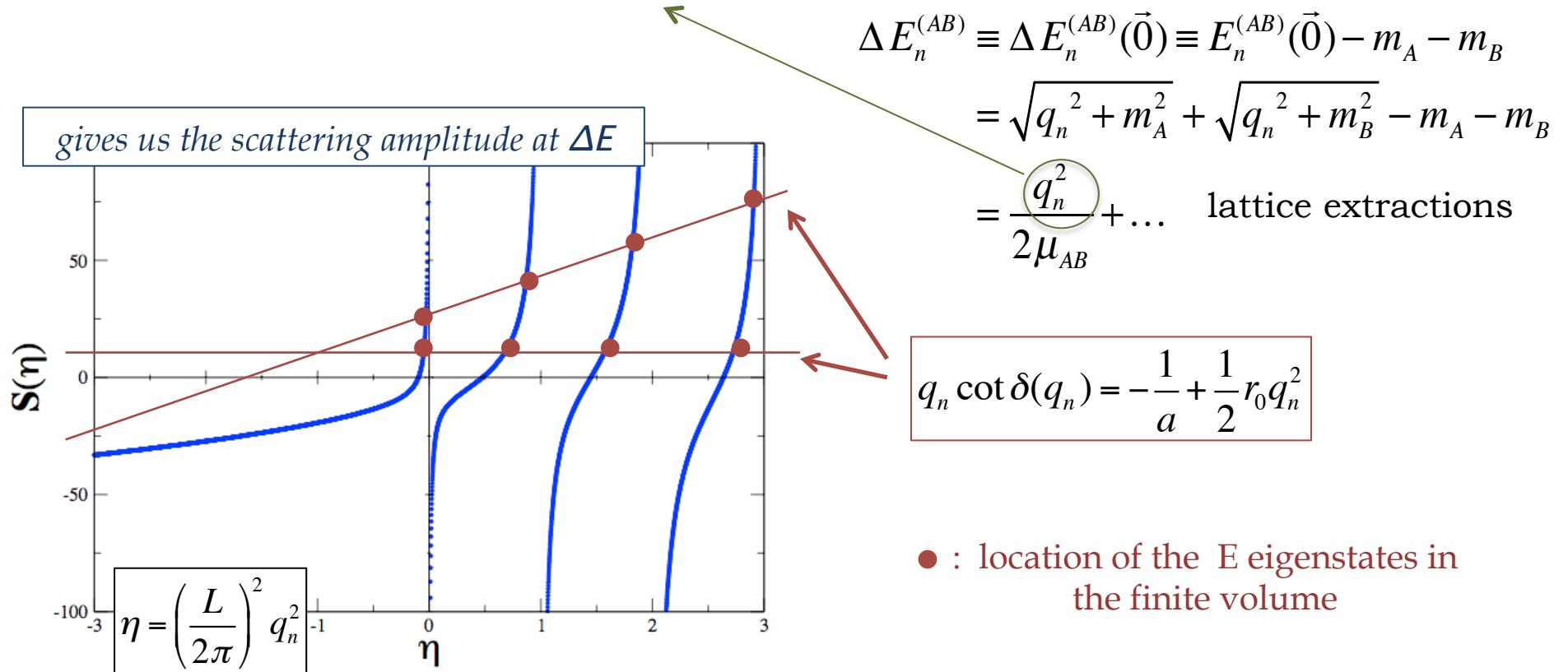
$$\frac{1}{t_J} \log \frac{G(t)}{G(t + t_J)} \rightarrow \text{extract } \Delta E$$

## How do we get scattering parameters or binding energies ?

In the finite volume, below the inelastic thresholds, the energies satisfy the eigenvalue equation:

$$q_n \cot \delta(q_n) = \lim_{\Lambda_n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi L} \sum_{\vec{n}}^{\Lambda_n} \frac{1}{|\vec{n}|^2 - \left( \frac{L q_n}{2\pi} \right)^2} - \frac{4\Lambda}{L} \right\} \equiv \frac{1}{\pi L} S \left( \frac{q_n^2 L^2}{4\pi^2} \right) + O(e^{-ML})$$

*(3D zeta function)*



$$\Delta E_0 = \frac{p^2}{M} = \frac{4\pi a}{ML^3} \left[ 1 - c_1 \frac{a}{L} + c_2 \left( \frac{a}{L} \right)^2 + \dots \right] \quad \text{Ground state energy shift}$$

Recovering M. Lüscher, Commun. Math. Phys. 105, 153 (1986) (L>>a)

$$\Delta E_1 = \frac{4\pi}{ML^2} - \frac{12 \tan \delta_0}{ML^2} \left[ 1 + c'_1 \tan \delta_0 + c'_2 \tan^2 \delta_0 \right] + \dots \quad \text{with } \delta_0 = \delta(p_{E_1})$$

First excited state energy shift

Bound states?

$$\mathcal{A} \sim \text{Diagram} + \text{Diagram} + \dots$$

$$\mathcal{A} = \frac{4\pi}{M} \frac{1}{p \cot \delta(p) - ip}$$

infinite volume

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b.s.} \quad p^2 &= -\gamma^2 \\ \cot \delta(i\gamma) &= i \end{aligned}$$

finite volume:

$$\cot \delta(i\gamma)|_{k=i\gamma} = i - i \sum_{\vec{m} \neq 0} \frac{e^{-|\vec{m}|\gamma L}}{|\vec{m}| \gamma L}$$

$$k^2 < 0, \quad k = i\kappa$$

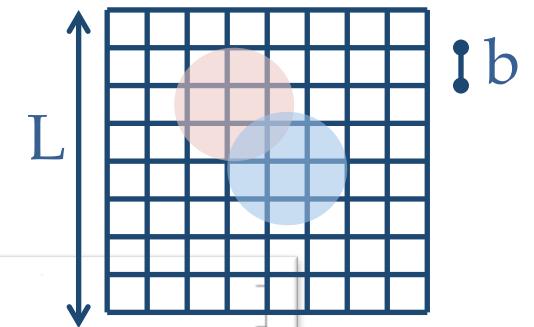
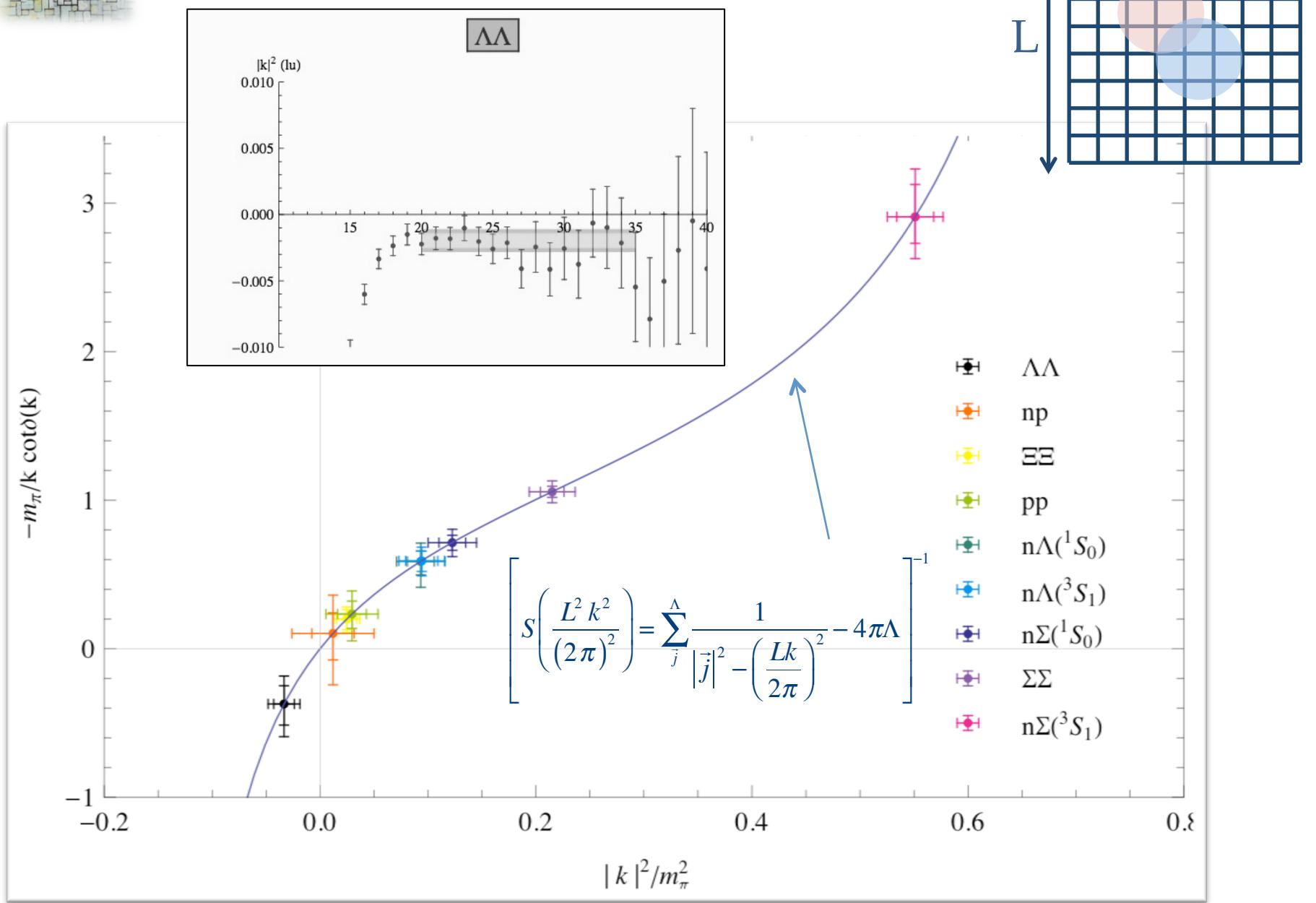
$$\kappa = \gamma + \frac{g_1}{L} \left( e^{-\gamma L} + \sqrt{2} e^{-\sqrt{2}\gamma L} + \dots \right)$$

$\kappa \rightarrow \gamma$  for large  $L$

$$B_\infty^H = \frac{\gamma^2}{M}$$

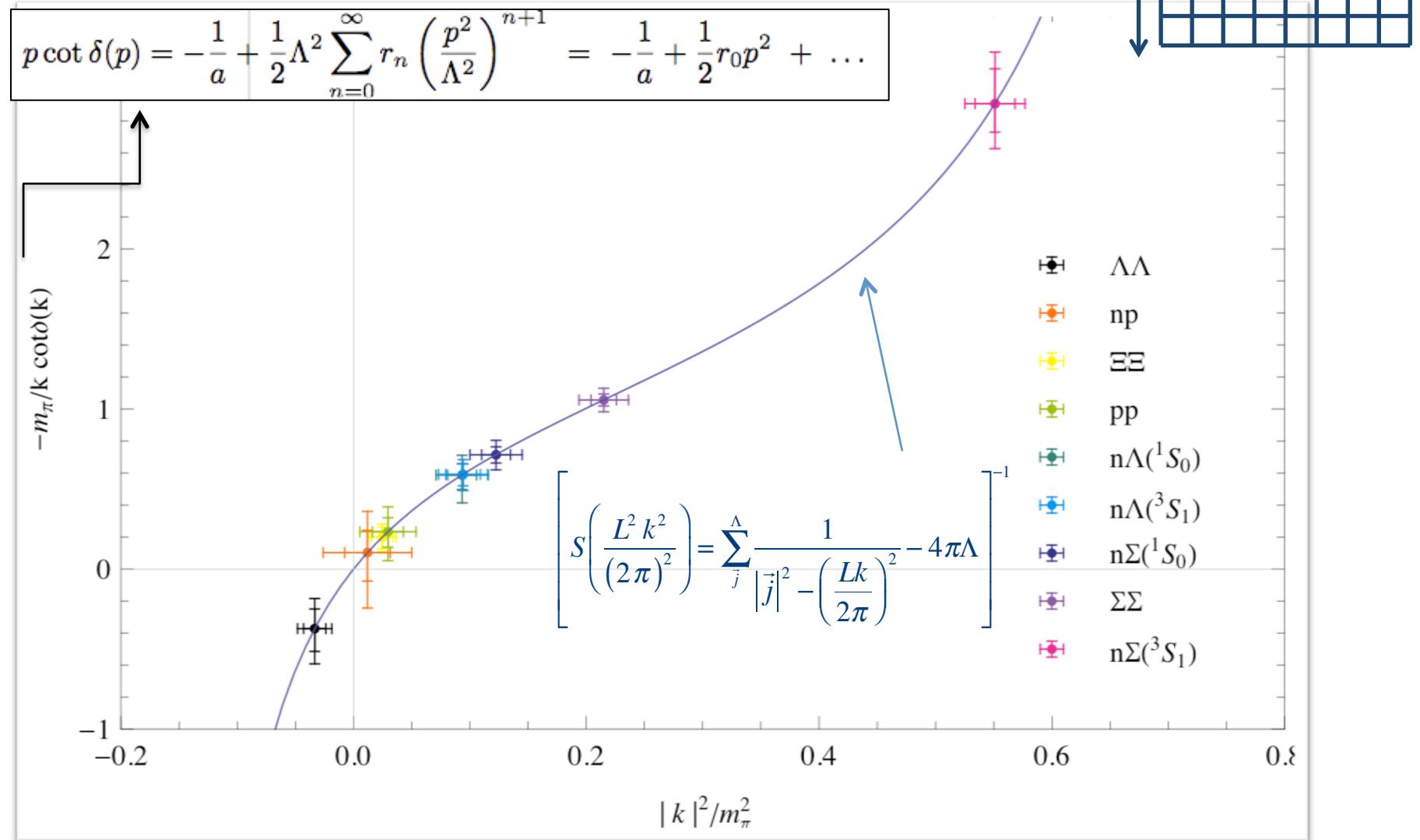


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infinite volume extrapolations with enough statistics for (hyper) nuclear systems

Heavier quark masses:

resources required to generate configurations and q-propagators are smaller  
degradation in the signal-to-noise ratio in multinucleon correlation functions is reduced

calculations at the SU(3)-flavor symmetry point

$L/b$	$T/b$	$\beta$	$b m_q$	$b$ (fm)	$L$ (fm)	$T$ (fm)	$m_\pi$ (MeV)	$m_\pi L$	$m_\pi T$	$N_{\text{cfg}}$	$N_{\text{src}}$
24	48	6.1	-0.2450	0.145	3.4	6.7	806.5(0.3)(0)(8.9)	14.3	28.5	3822	96
32	48	6.1	-0.2450	0.145	4.5	6.7	806.9(0.3)(0.5)(8.9)	19.0	28.5	3050	72
48	64	6.1	-0.2450	0.145	6.7	9.0	806.7(0.3)(0)(8.9)	28.5	38.0	1905	54

*NPLQCD, PRD 87, 034506 (2013); PRC 88, 024003 (2013)*

no physical light-quark masses yet  
only one lattice spacing

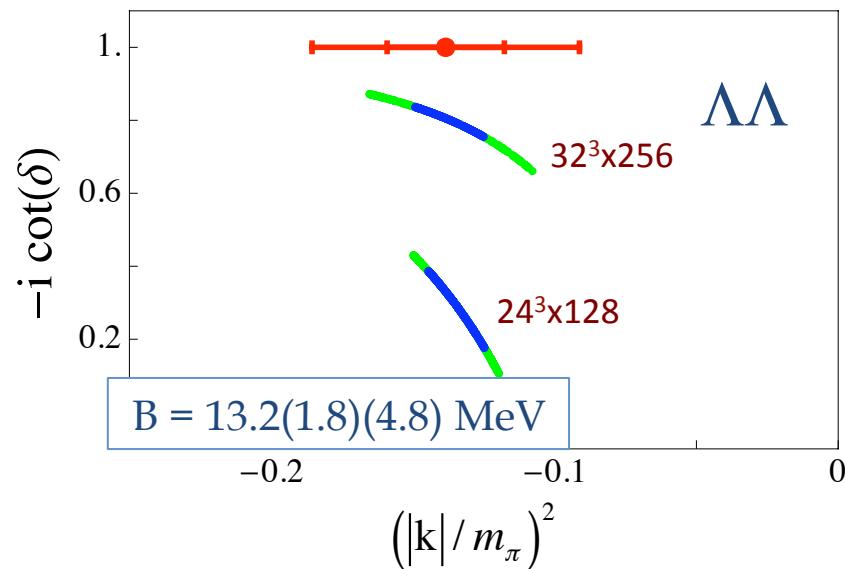
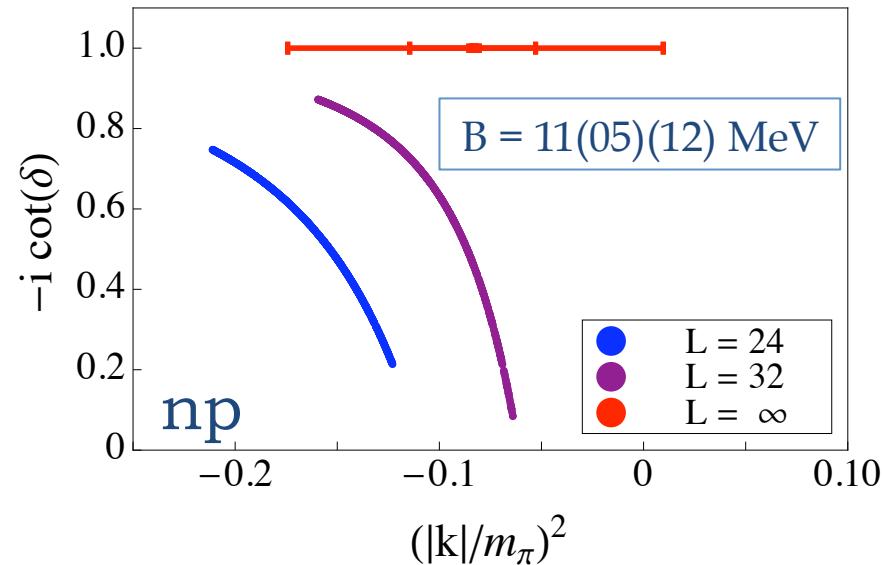
Anisotropic lattices:  $N_t \gg N_s$

( $N_f=2+1$  clover-improved Wilson fermion actions)

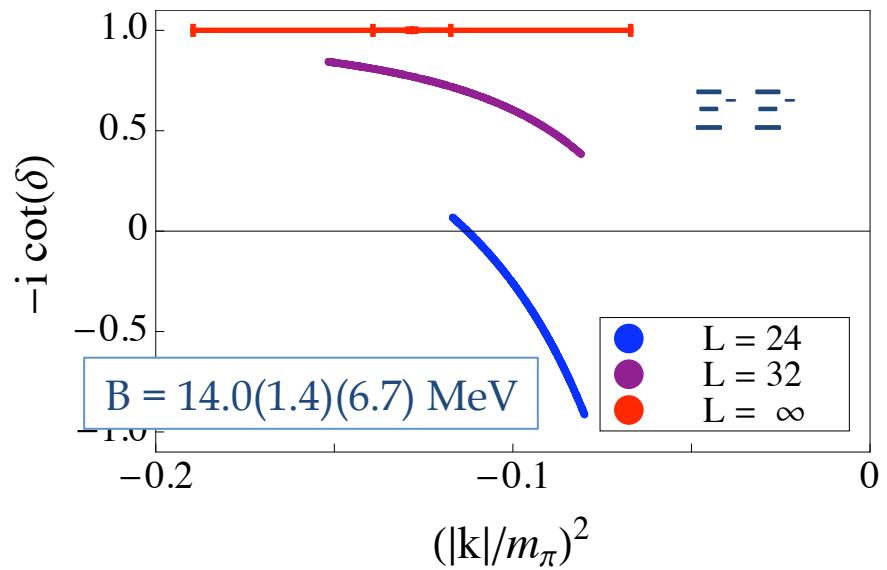
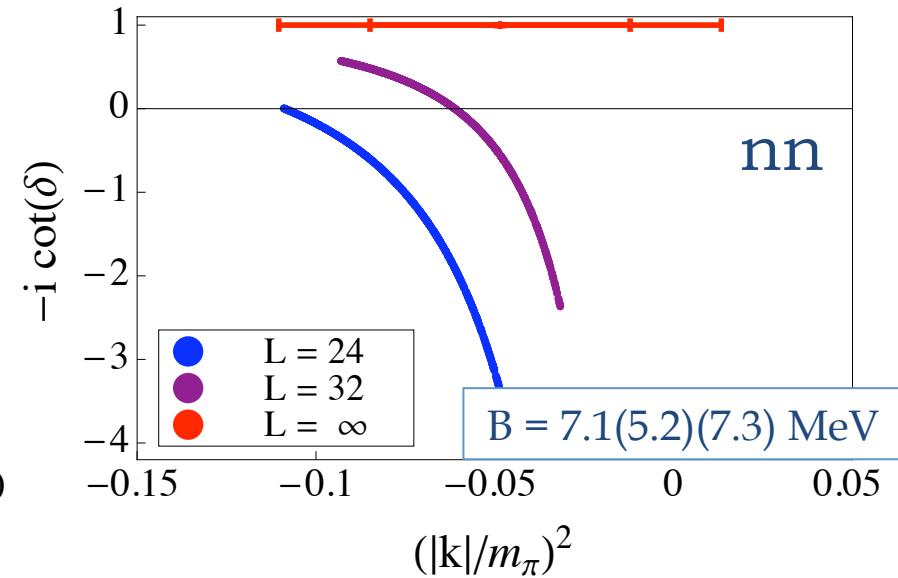
higher resolution in the time direction:

better study of noisy states  
better extraction of excited states  
reduce the systematic due to fitting  
(confident plateaus)

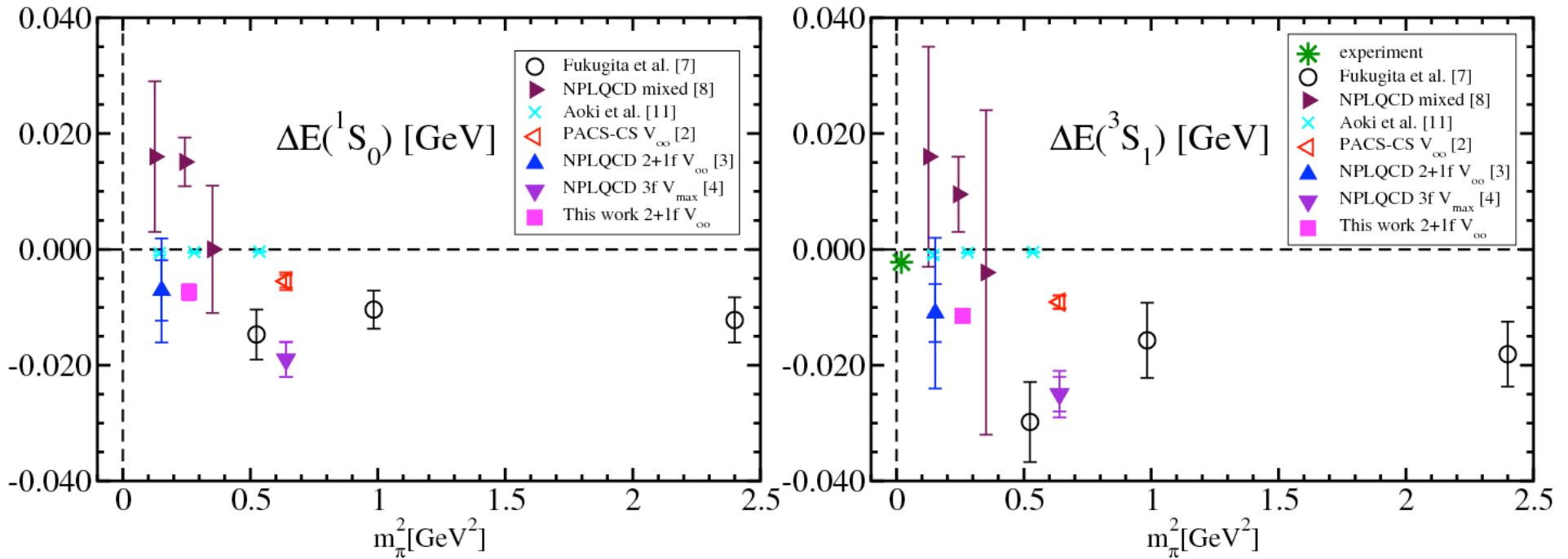
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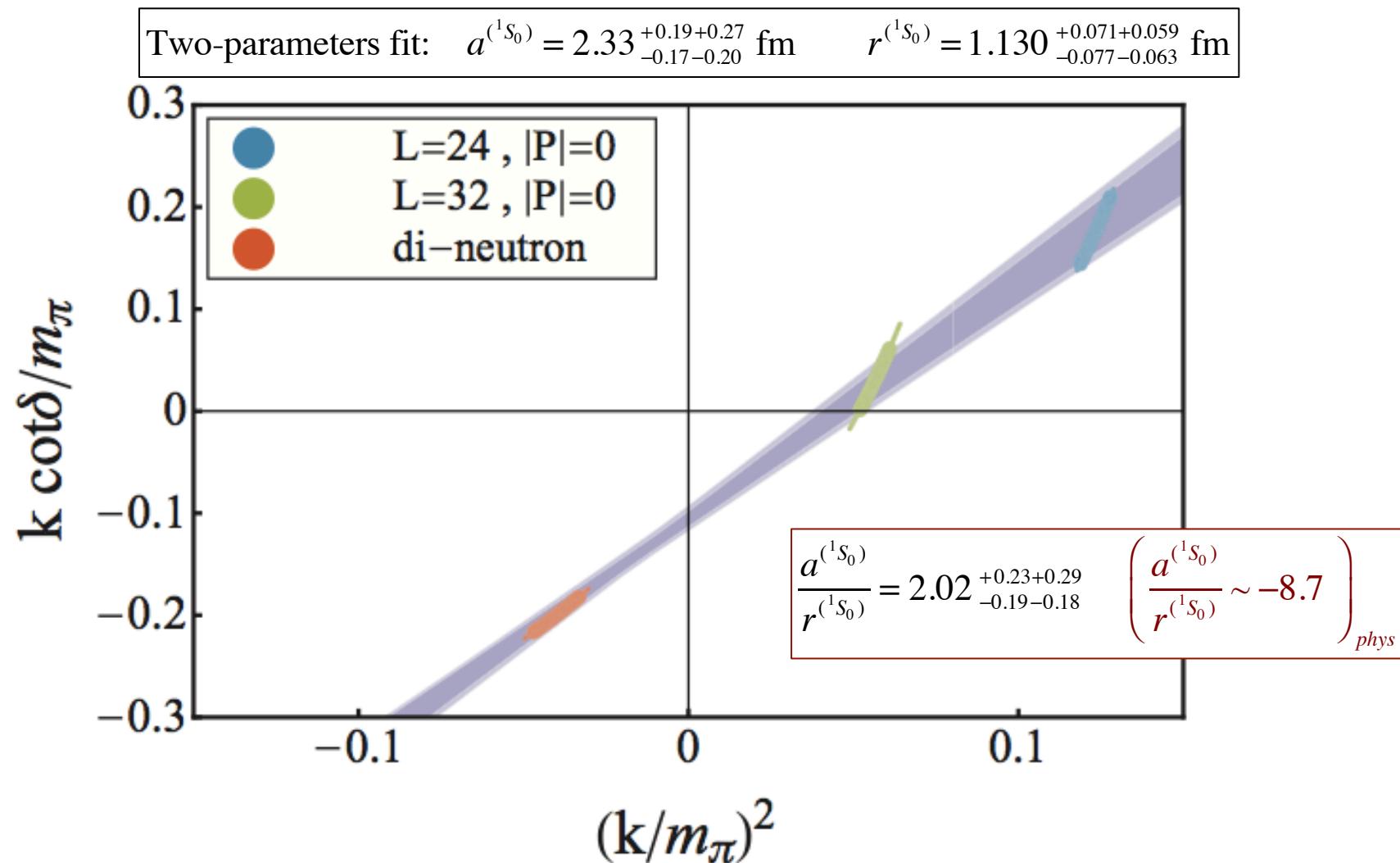
## Nucleon-Nucleon



from T. Yamazaki, K. Ishikawa, Y. Kuramashi, A. Ukawa,  
*Phys. Rev. D86* (2012) 074514; *arXiv:1207.4277*

( $N_f=2+1$ ,  $b = 0.09$  fm,  $m_p = 0.51$  GeV, L:2.9 fm to 5.8 fm)

From calculations of the two-nucleons at rest and moving in the lattice volume



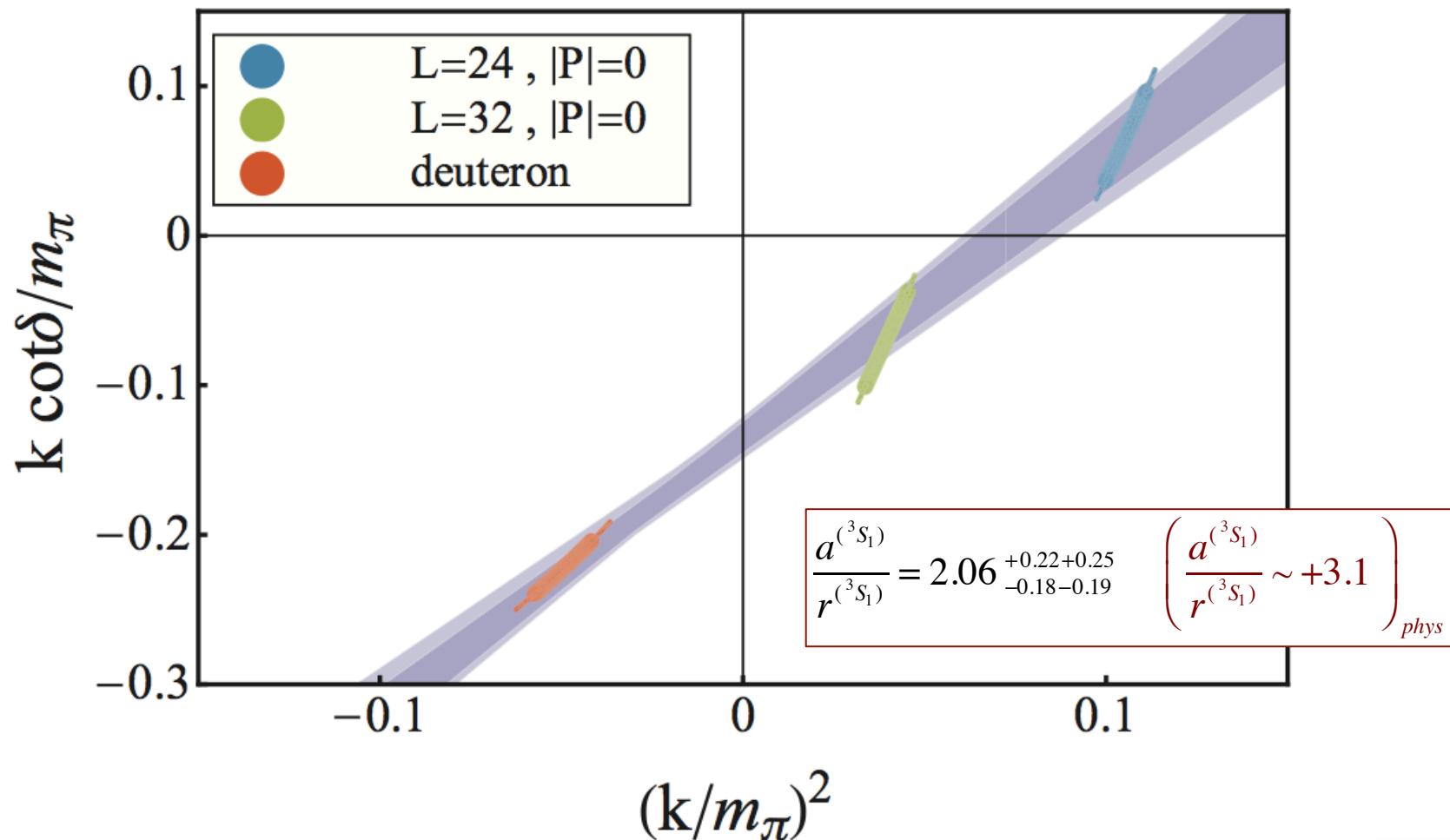
NPLQCD, PRC 88, 024003 (2013)

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Two-parameters fit:	$a^{({}^3S_1)} = 1.82 {}^{+0.14+0.17}_{-0.13-0.12}$ fm	$r^{({}^3S_1)} = 0.906 {}^{+0.068+0.068}_{-0.075-0.084}$ fm
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However some careful counting, identifying redundant contractions, can reduce this number to a smaller # of distinct contractions.

Recursive algorithms would be needed to study even the light nuclei.  
*(Detmold & Savage, PRD82 (2010) 014511 )*



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physical strange quark mass  
(no electromagnetic interactions)

Isotropic clover

NPLQCD Phys. Rev. D87 (2013), 034506

$A \leq 4$  &  $|s| \leq 2$ :

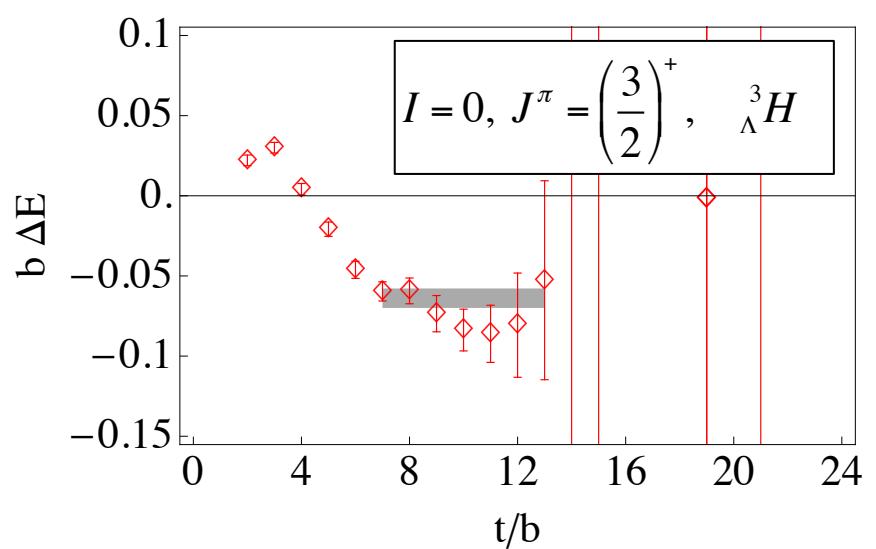
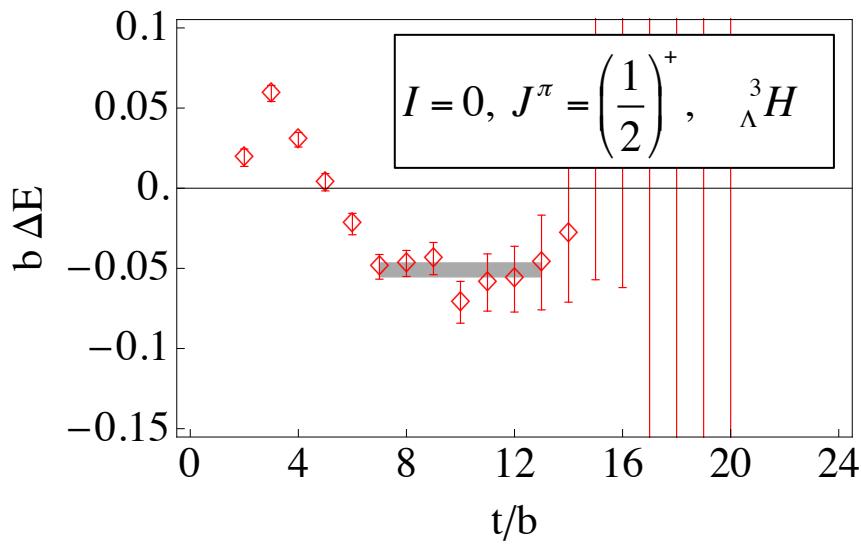
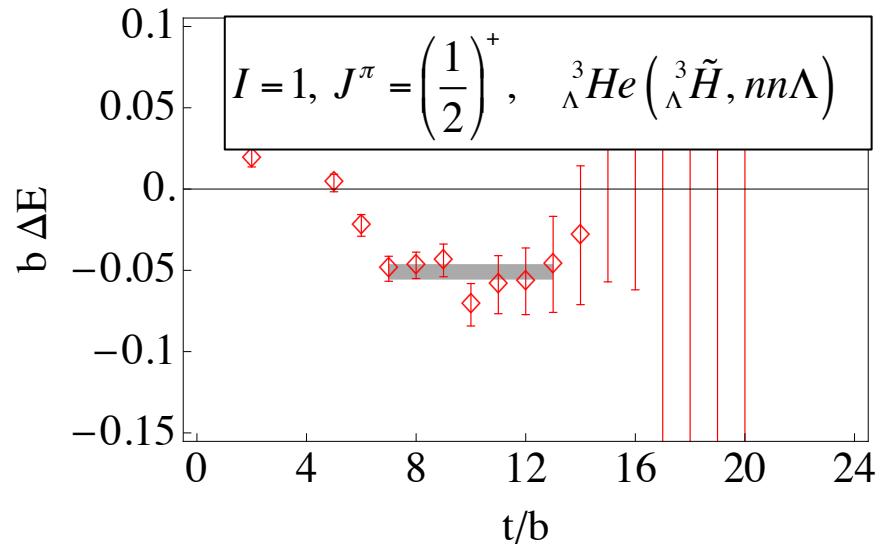
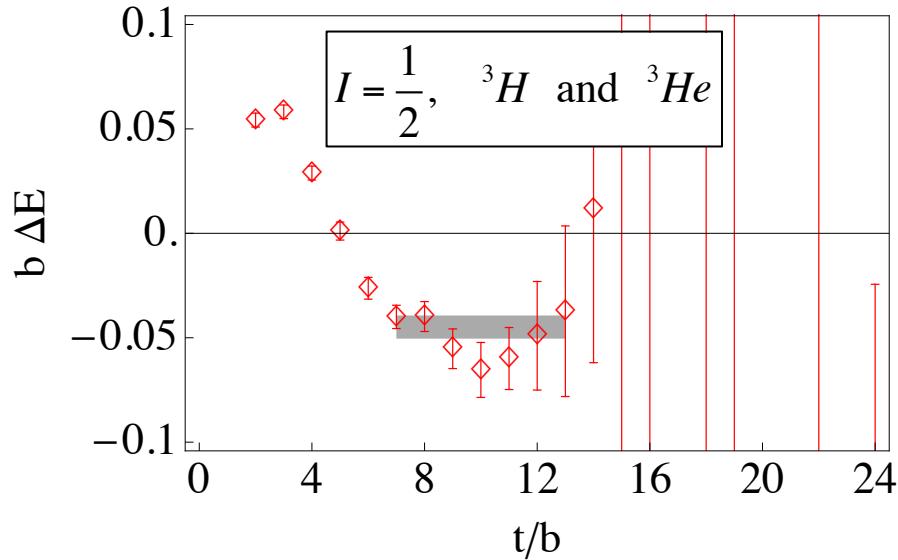
*(Quark-hadron contraction method:  
Detmold & Orginos, PRD87 (2013) 114512 )*

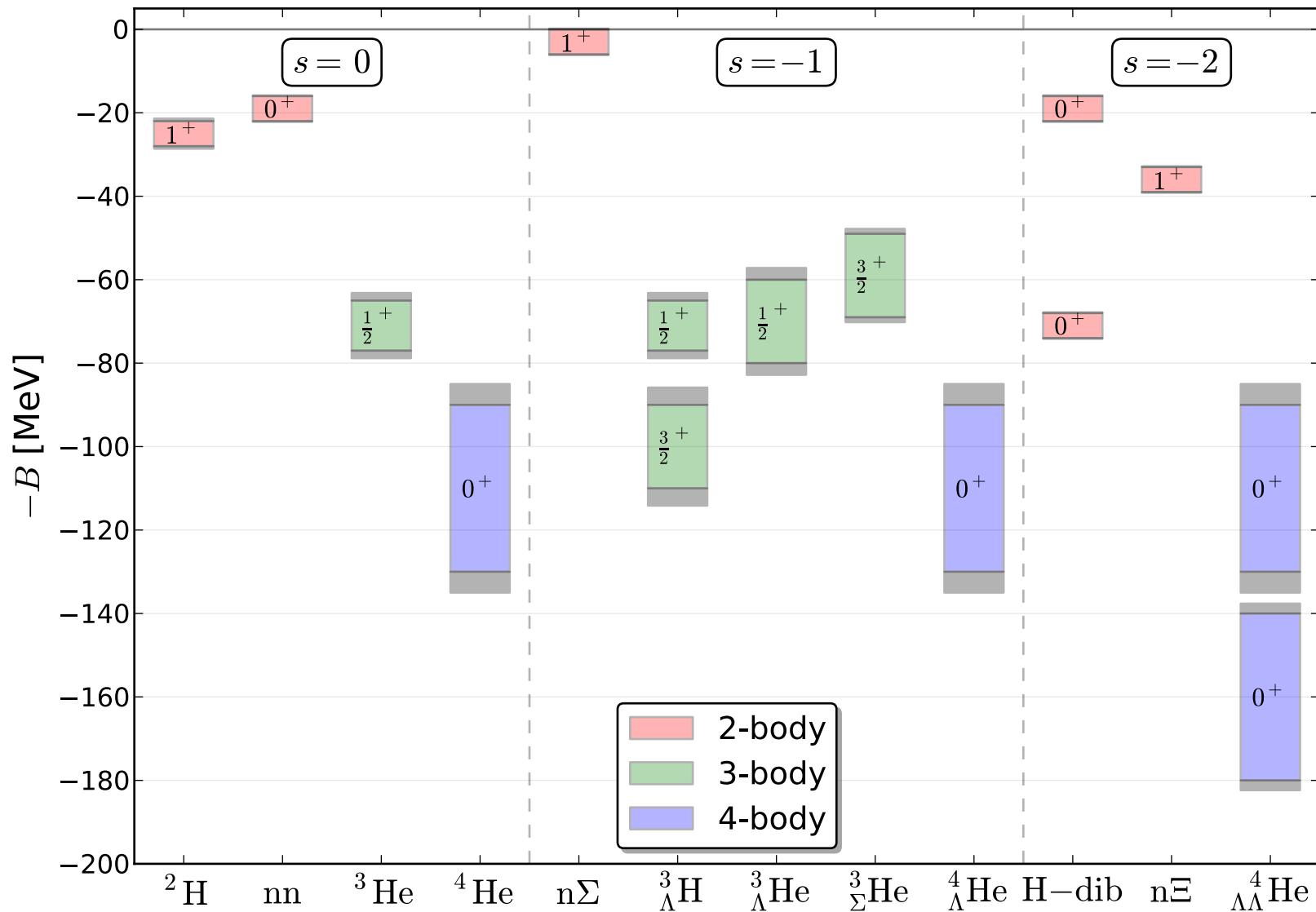
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Label	$A$	$s$	$I$	$J^\pi$	Local SU(3) irreps	This work
$N$	1	0	1/2	1/2 $^+$	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
$\Lambda$	1	-1	0	1/2 $^+$	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
$\Sigma$	1	-1	1	1/2 $^+$	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
$\Xi$	1	-2	1/2	1/2 $^+$	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>
$d$	2	0	0	1 $^+$	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
$nn$	2	0	1	0 $^+$	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>
$n\Lambda$	2	-1	1/2	0 $^+$	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>
$n\Lambda$	2	-1	1/2	1 $^+$	<b>8<sub>A</sub>, 10</b>	—
$n\Sigma$	2	-1	3/2	0 $^+$	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>
$n\Sigma$	2	-1	3/2	1 $^+$	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
$n\Xi$	2	-2	0	1 $^+$	<b>8<sub>A</sub></b>	<b>8<sub>A</sub></b>
$n\Xi$	2	-2	1	1 $^+$	<b>8<sub>A</sub>, 10, 10</b>	—
$H$	2	-2	0	0 $^+$	<b>1, 27</b>	<b>1, 27</b>
${}^3\text{H}, {}^3\text{He}$	3	0	1/2	1/2 $^+$	<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>
${}^3\text{\Lambda H}(1/2^+)$	3	-1	0	1/2 $^+$	<b>35</b>	—
${}^3\text{\Lambda H}(3/2^+)$	3	-1	0	3/2 $^+$	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
${}^3\text{\Lambda He}, {}^3\tilde{\text{H}}, nn\Lambda$	3	-1	1	1/2 $^+$	<b>27, 35</b>	<b>27, 35</b>
${}^3\Sigma\text{He}$	3	-1	1	3/2 $^+$	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>
${}^4\text{He}$	4	0	0	0 $^+$	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>
${}^4\text{\Lambda He}, {}^4\text{\Lambda H}$	4	-1	1/2	0 $^+$	<b>28</b>	—
${}^4\text{\Lambda\Lambda He}$	4	-2	0	0 $^+$	<b>27, 28</b>	<b>27, 28</b>

For example, for the A=3 system:

$(48^3 \times 64)$

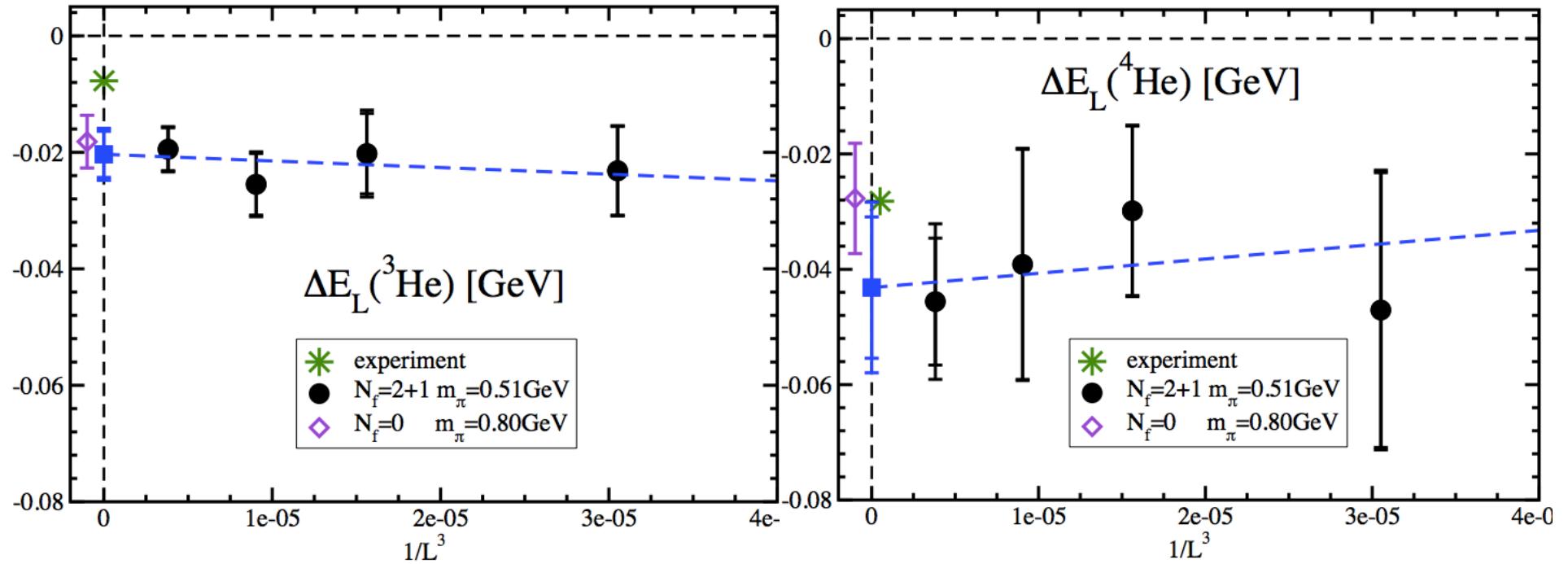




*Other works*

*Remarkable progress up to A=4 systems*

PACS-CS Yamazaki et al PRD86 (2012) 074514



$$-\Delta E_\infty = \begin{cases} 43(12)(8) & \text{MeV for } {}^4\text{He}, \\ 20.3(4.0)(2.0) & \text{MeV for } {}^3\text{He}, \\ 11.5(1.1)(0.6) & \text{MeV for } {}^3\text{S}_1, \\ 7.4(1.3)(0.6) & \text{MeV for } {}^1\text{S}_0. \end{cases}$$

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# Progress

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Formalism developed that I did not cover:

✧ Including partial-wave mixing

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✧ Including the electromagnetic interaction

1. S. Drury et al., PoS LATTICE **2013** (2013) 268 [arXiv:1312.0477 [hep-lat]]
2. S.R. Beane and M.J. Savage, arXiv:1407.4846 [hep-lat]
3. K.U. Can et al., JHEP **1405** (2014) 125, [arXiv:1310.5915 [hep-lat]].

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# *Summary*

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High statistics Lattice QCD determinations allow us to extract the infinite volume binding energies of light nuclear and hypernuclear systems.

We have found evidence of bound NN ( $^1S_0$  and  $^3S_1$ ),  $\Lambda\Lambda$  and  $\Xi\Xi$  ( $^1S_0$ ) systems at unphysical values of the quarks masses.

LQCD predictions for hypernuclear physics are possible:

Scattering phase-shifts for the  $^1S_0$  and  $^3S_1$  n  $\Sigma^-$  channels

We require enough computational resources in order to undertake simulations at lighter quark masses and at multiple lattice spacings.

These calculations will allow us to perform reliable extrapolations to the physical mass point and to the continuum.

We have evolved very fast to the point where first principles calculations of light nuclei are possible. We need to secure computational resources in powerful supercomputers to continue with this program and provide some useful input to hypernuclear physics.

*Thank you for  
your attention*