

# Results from Nuclear Physics Lattice QCD calculations

Assumpta Parreño (U Barcelona)

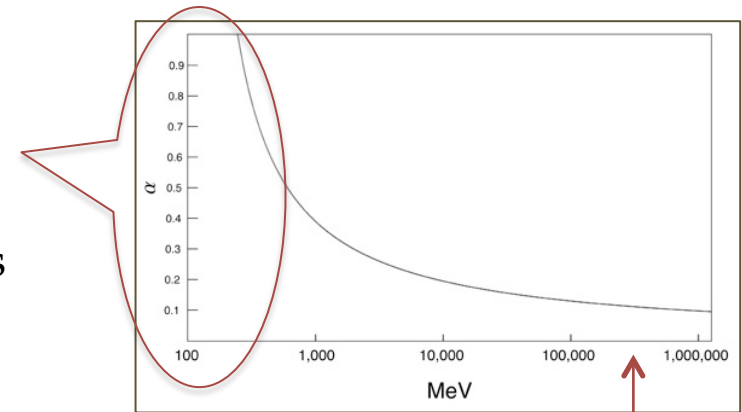
for the NPLQCD Collaboration



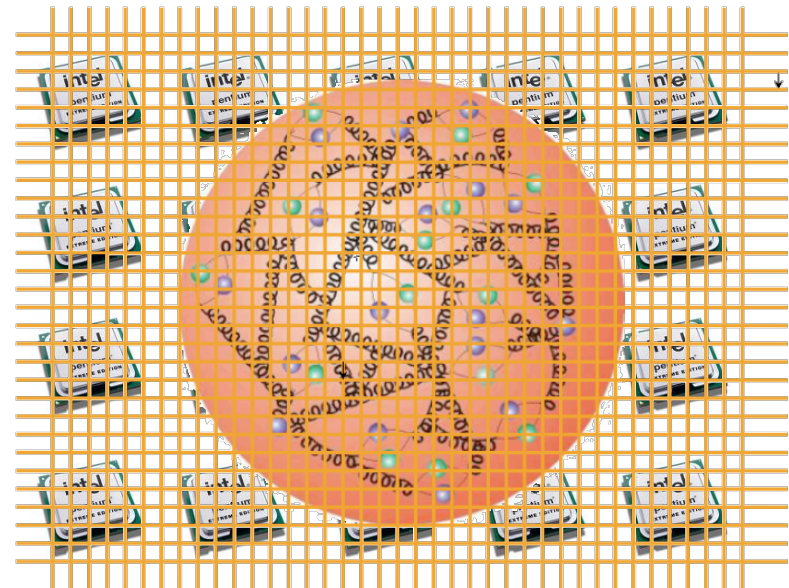
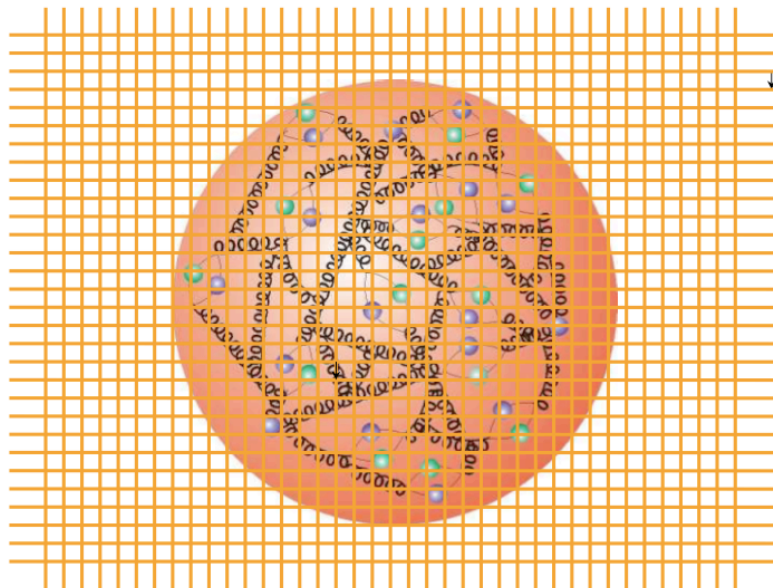
EMMI Workshop: Anti-matter, hyper-matter and exotica  
production at the LHC  
July 20-22, 2015 @ CERN

## Nuclear physics, the low-energy regime

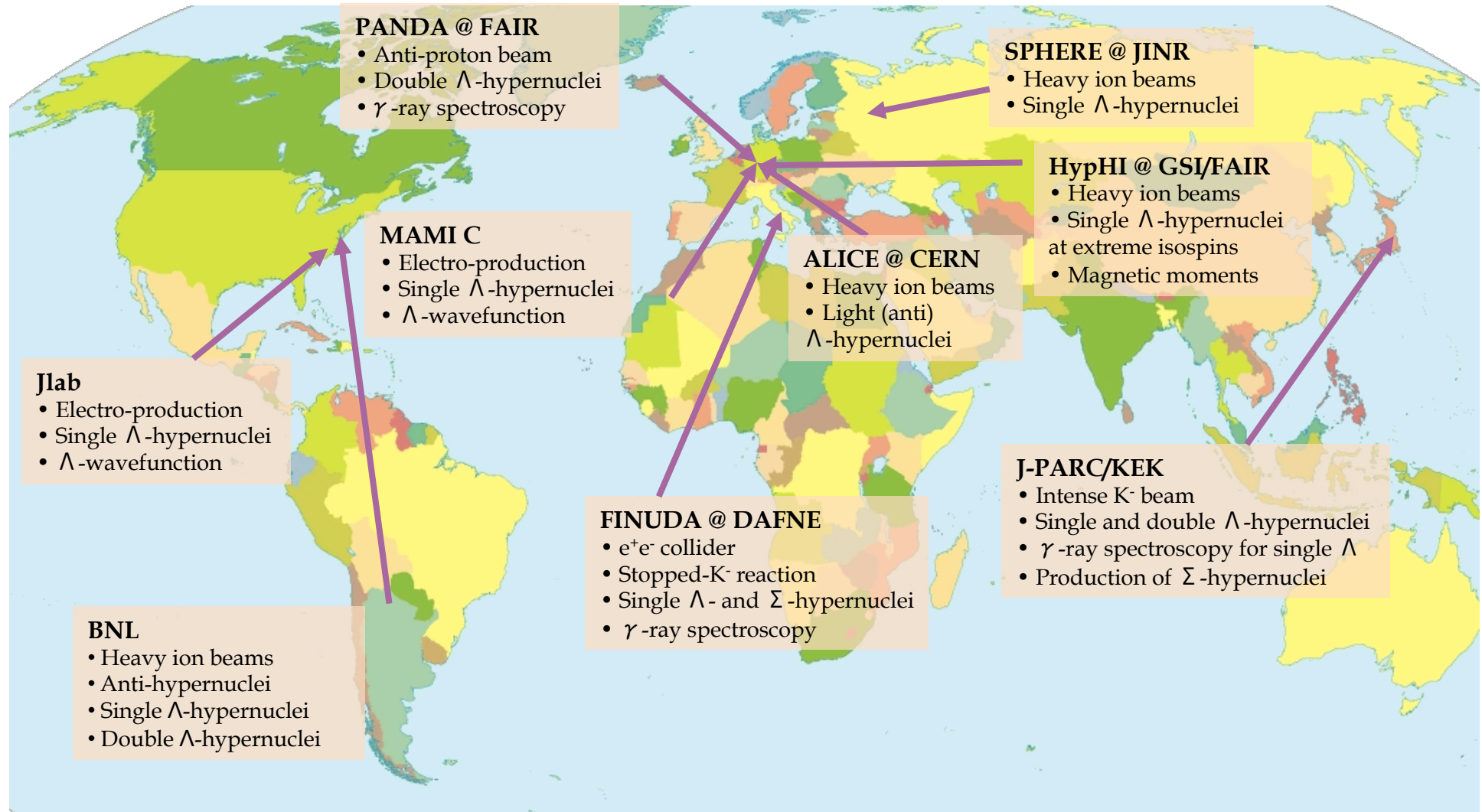
- ✓ quarks and gluons confined into colourless bound states: hadrons (p, n,  $\pi$ ...)
- ✓ quarks strongly coupled
- ✓ perturbation theory breaks down:  
need of other formulations, computational techniques
- ✓ keep the basic degrees of freedom (quarks, gluons) and develop non-perturbative methods (Lattice QCD)



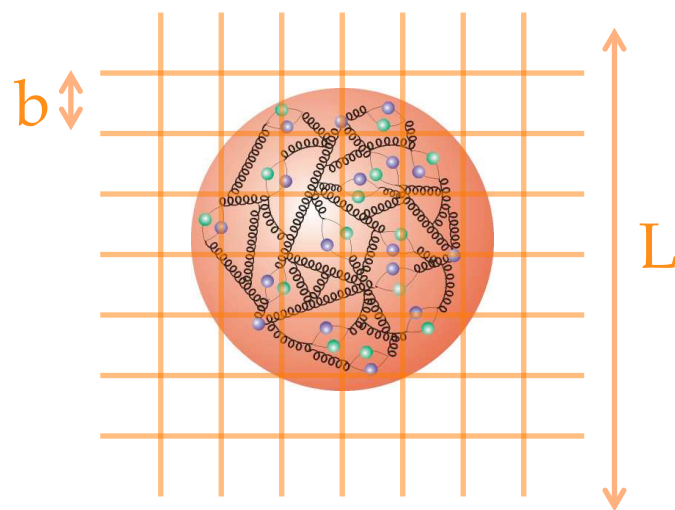
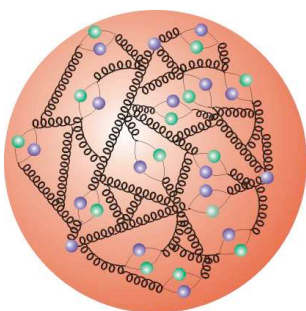
Perturbation  
theory  
applicable



# “strange” Experimental program

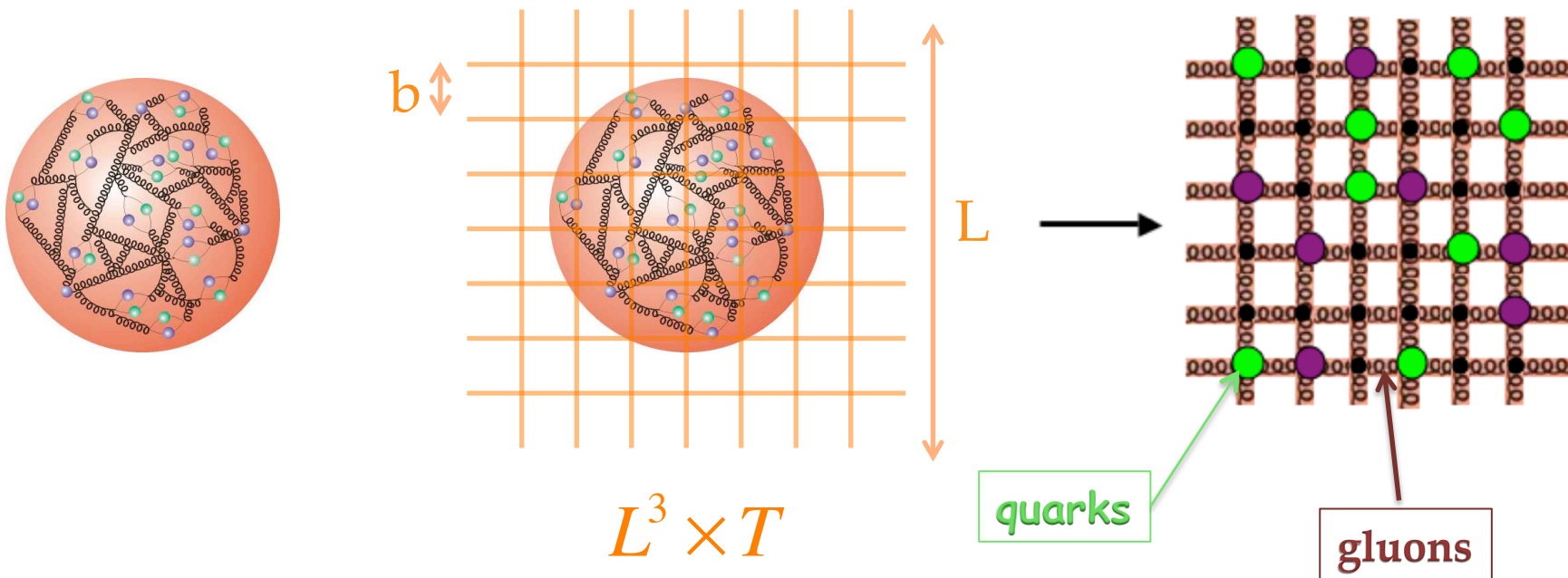


*J. Pochodzalla, Int. Journal Modern Physics E, Vol 16, no. 3 (2007) 925-936*



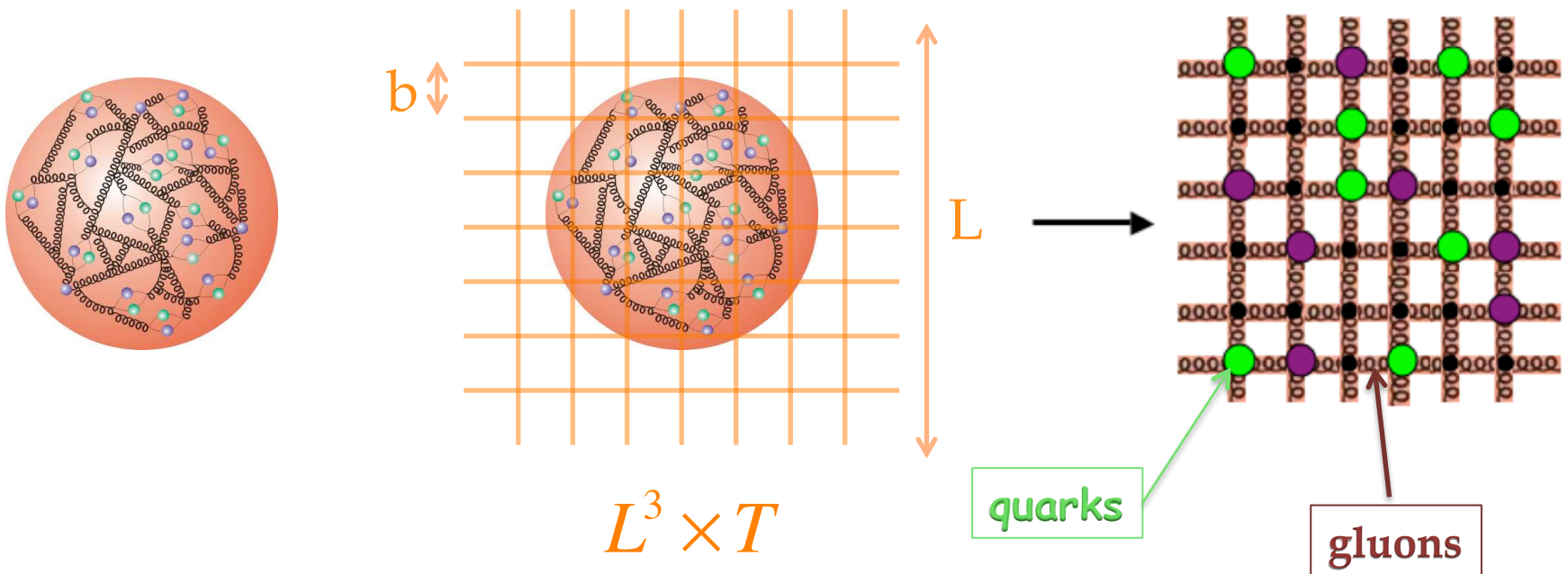
$$L^3 \times T$$





© DESY and T. Luu (LLNLlab)

For numerical calculations in QCD, the theory is formulated on a (Euclidean) space-time lattice  
 ((anti) periodic (time) spatial boundary conditions)  $N_s \times N_s \times N_s \times N_t$



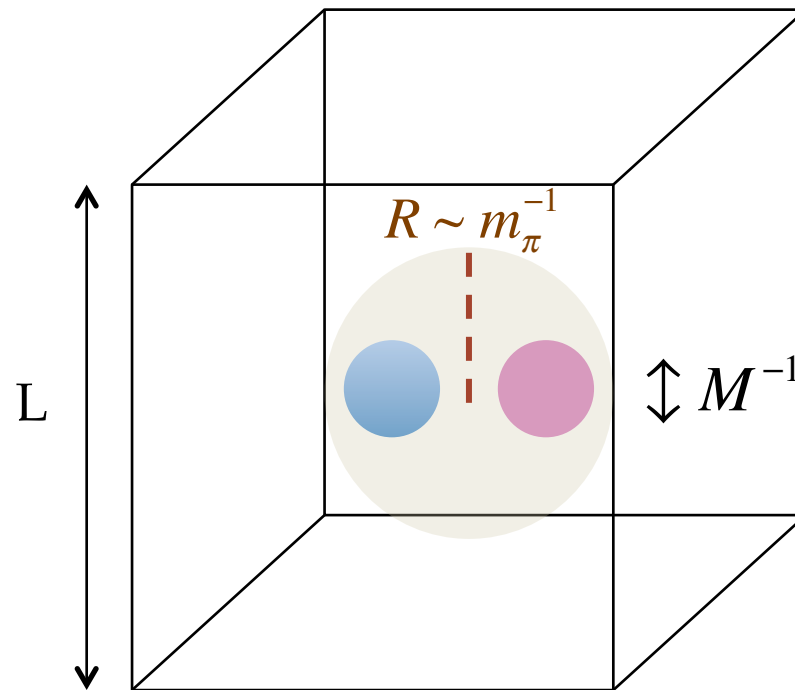
© DESY and T. Luu (LLNLlab)

For numerical calculations in QCD, the theory is formulated on a (Euclidean) space-time lattice  
 ((anti) periodic (time) spatial boundary conditions)  $N_s \times N_s \times N_s \times N_t$

$$L \gg \text{relevant scales} \gg b \quad \left( \frac{1}{L} \ll m_\pi \ll \Lambda_\chi \ll \frac{1}{b} \right) \quad \rightarrow \text{finite number of d.o.f. (finite volume)}$$

$$b \ll \frac{1}{M_N} \quad (\text{ultraviolet cutoff})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{nucleon-nucleon scattering} \\ \Rightarrow m_\pi L \gg 1 & \quad (\text{infrared cutoff}) \end{aligned}$$

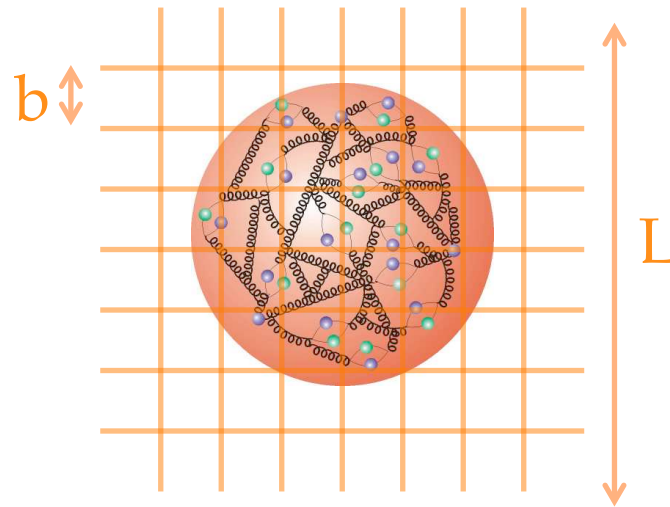


Lüscher, 1990

$$R < \frac{L}{2}$$

$$b \ll \frac{1}{M_N} \text{ (ultraviolet cutoff)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{nucleon-nucleon scattering} \\ \Rightarrow m_\pi L &\gg 1 \text{ (infrared cutoff)} \end{aligned}$$



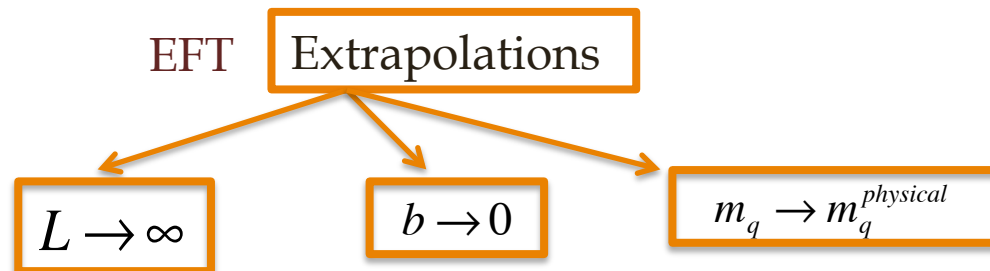
$$N_s \times N_s \times N_s \times N_t$$

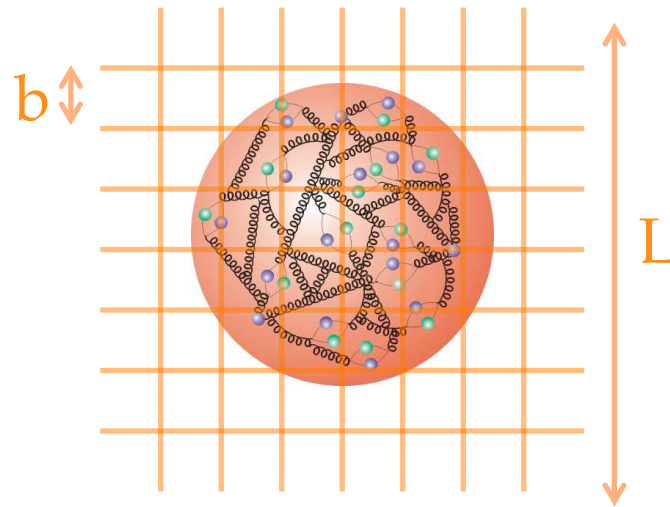
$$\text{Cost} \approx \left[ \frac{1}{m_q} \right] [L]^a \left[ \frac{1}{b} \right]^\gamma$$

Significant computational resources required for calculations @  $m_{u,d}^{\text{phys}}$  (petascale)

USE UNPHYSICAL VALUES OF THESE PARAMETERS  
LATTICE ARTIFACTS

sources of systematic errors in the numerical simulation  
finite volume  $L$ , discretization (finite spacing)  $b$ , value of the light quark masses





$$N_s \times N_s \times N_s \times N_t$$

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

$$\underbrace{64^3 \times 256}_{L^3 \times T} \times 3_{\text{color}} \times 4_{\text{spin}} \quad \text{large number of degrees of freedom}$$



only practical way for this type of computation → **Monte Carlo integration**





---

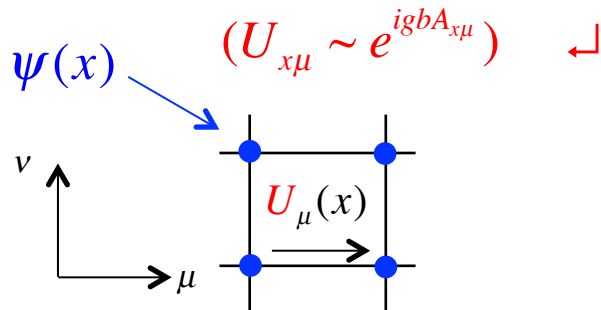
## Formalism

Direct Lattice QCD extraction  $\longleftrightarrow$  Compute correlation functions

---

A red step function graph is plotted on a grid. The function starts at the origin (0,0) and increases in steps at x=1, 3, 5, 7, and 9, ending at (10,4). The function is defined as follows:

| x  | y |
|----|---|
| 0  | 0 |
| 1  | 1 |
| 3  | 2 |
| 5  | 1 |
| 7  | 2 |
| 9  | 3 |
| 10 | 4 |

$$Z = \int D\varphi(x) e^{-iS_{QCD}[\varphi(x)]} = \int \textcolor{red}{DU} \textcolor{blue}{D\bar{\psi}} \textcolor{blue}{D\psi} e^{-iS_{QCD}[\textcolor{red}{U}, \textcolor{blue}{\bar{\psi}}, \textcolor{blue}{\psi}]} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow -i\tilde{t}} \int \textcolor{red}{DU} \textcolor{blue}{D\bar{\psi}} \textcolor{blue}{D\psi} e^{-\tilde{S}_{QCD}[\textcolor{red}{U}, \textcolor{blue}{\bar{\psi}}, \textcolor{blue}{\psi}]} \\ \textcolor{red}{(U)} \quad \textcolor{red}{(A_{\mu})} \quad \textcolor{blue}{(\bar{\psi}, \psi)} \quad \textcolor{green}{\text{oscillating phase}} \quad \textcolor{green}{\text{decaying exponential}}$$


The weight of each path  
is a real positive quantity

$$Z = \int \mathbf{DU} \, \mathbf{D}\psi \, \mathbf{D}\bar{\psi} \, e^{-\bar{\psi} Q(\mathbf{U}) \psi - S_g[\mathbf{U}]} = \int \mathbf{DU} \left\{ \int \mathbf{D}\psi \, \mathbf{D}\bar{\psi} \, e^{-\bar{\psi} Q(\mathbf{U}) \psi} \right\} e^{-S_g[\mathbf{U}]} \\ = \int \mathbf{DU} \, \boxed{\det Q(\mathbf{U})} e^{-S_g[\mathbf{U}]} \quad \sim \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{U})$$

Boltzmann weight

$$\det[Q_f(A)] \equiv \det(\mathbb{D}[A] + m)$$

(quark matrix)

## BASIS OF NUMERICAL SIMULATIONS

1. Generate an ensemble of N gauge-field configurations  $\{U_i\}$  according to the probability distribution  $P(U)$

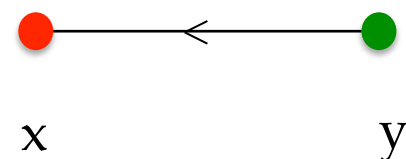
$$\begin{aligned}
 Z &= \int \textcolor{red}{DU} \textcolor{blue}{D\psi} \textcolor{blue}{D\bar{\psi}} e^{-\bar{\psi} Q(\textcolor{red}{U}) \psi - S_g[\textcolor{red}{U}]} = \int \textcolor{red}{DU} \left\{ \int \textcolor{blue}{D\psi} \textcolor{blue}{D\bar{\psi}} e^{-\bar{\psi} Q(\textcolor{red}{U}) \psi} \right\} e^{-S_g[\textcolor{red}{U}]} \\
 &= \int \textcolor{red}{DU} \boxed{\det Q(\textcolor{red}{U}) e^{-S_g[\textcolor{red}{U}]}} \sim \textcolor{brown}{P(U)} \\
 &\quad \textcolor{brown}{\text{Boltzmann weight}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\det[Q_f(A)] \equiv \det(\mathcal{D}[A] + m)$$

(quark matrix)

2. Use the  $N$  gauge-field configurations previously generated to calculate the quark propagators on each configuration  $Q^{-1} [U_i]$

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)



$$Q_u^{-1}(x, y) = \overline{u(y)} u(x)$$

expectation values

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathbf{DU} \, D\bar{\psi} \, D\psi \, \hat{O}[\psi, \bar{\psi}, U] e^{-\bar{\psi} Q(U) \psi - S_g[U]}$$

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathbf{DU} \, \underbrace{\hat{O}[Q(U)^{-1}]}_{\text{propagators}} \underbrace{\det(Q(U)) e^{-S_g[U]}}_{\text{configurations } (\sim P(U))}$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{\lim N \rightarrow \infty} \langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ \text{gluon cfs}}}^N \hat{O}[Q(U_i)^{-1}]$$

$$\text{error} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

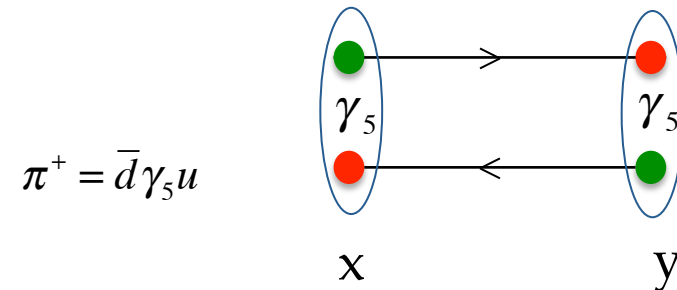
2. Use the  $N$  gauge-field configurations previously generated to calculate the quark propagators on each configuration  $Q^{-1} [U_i]$

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)

expectation values

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathbf{DU} \, D\bar{\psi} \, D\psi \, \hat{O}[\psi, \bar{\psi}, U] e^{-\bar{\psi} Q(U) \psi - S_g[U]}$$

$$\langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathbf{DU} \, \underbrace{\hat{O}[Q(U)^{-1}]}_{\text{propagators}} \underbrace{\det(Q(U)) e^{-S_g[U]}}_{\text{configurations } (\sim P(U))}$$



$$\langle \pi^\dagger(x) \pi(y) \rangle = \langle \overline{u}(x) \gamma_5 d(x) \overline{d}(y) \gamma_5 u(y) \rangle$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{\lim N \rightarrow \infty} \langle \hat{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ \text{gluon cfs}}}^N \hat{O}[Q(U_i)^{-1}]$$

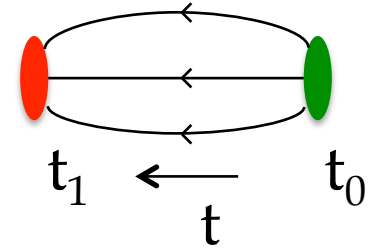
$$\text{error} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

### 3. Contract propagators onto correlation functions $C_i(t)$

$$C(\Gamma^\nu, \vec{p}, t) = \sum_{\vec{x}_1} e^{-i\vec{p}\vec{x}_1} \Gamma^\nu \left\langle J(\vec{x}_1, t) \bar{J}(\vec{x}_0, 0) \right\rangle$$

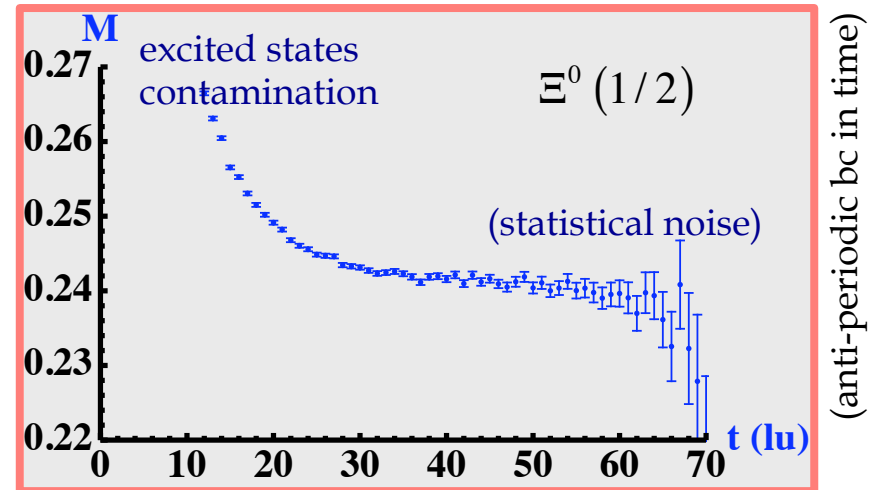
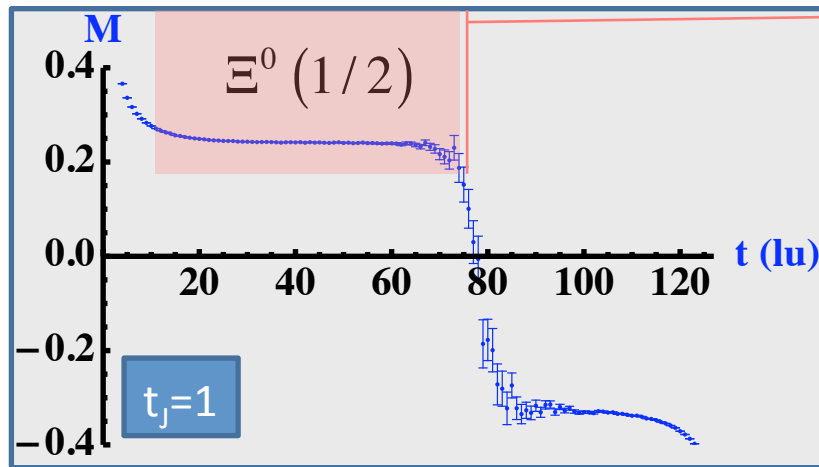
$$C(t) = \langle 0 | \phi(t) \phi^\dagger(0) | 0 \rangle \longrightarrow \langle \phi | e^{-Ht} | \phi \rangle = \sum_n \langle \phi | e^{-Ht} | n \rangle \langle n | \phi \rangle = \sum_n |\langle \phi | n \rangle|^2 e^{-E_n t}$$

$$\phi(t) = e^{Ht} \phi e^{-Ht} \qquad \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} Z_0 e^{-E_0 t}$$



$$\frac{1}{t_J} \log \frac{C_A(t)}{C_A(t+t_J)} = E_{0A} \quad (m_A)$$

g.s. energy (mass)  
from plateau



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

pions:

$$\frac{\sigma}{\langle C \rangle} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

nucleons:

$$\frac{\sigma}{\langle C \rangle} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \times \exp\left(M_N - \frac{3m_\pi}{2}t\right)$$

*Lepage, 1989*

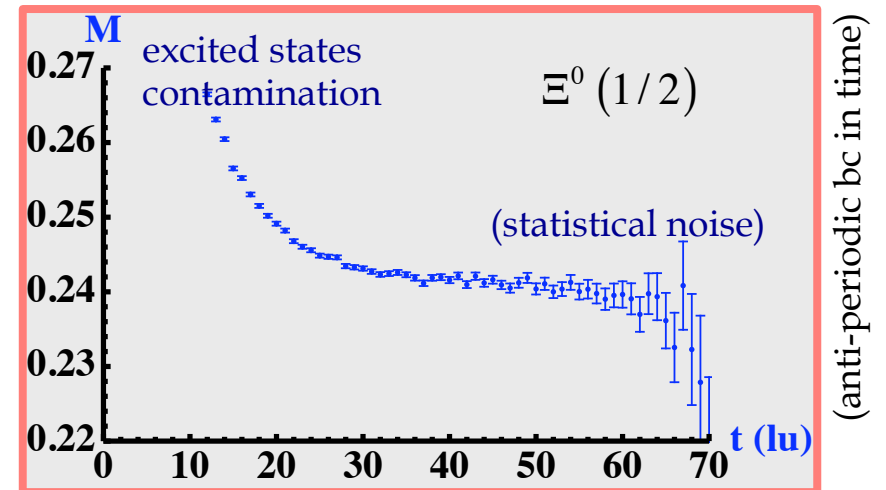
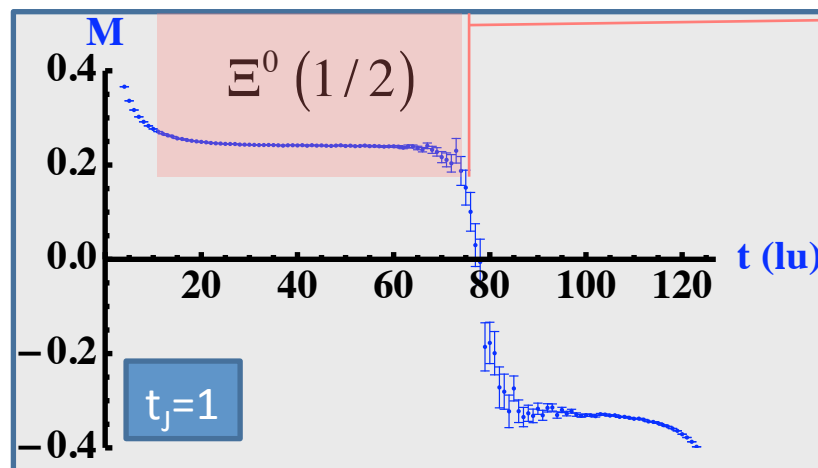
for baryons, the noise grows exponentially with time

Expectation is that for  $A$  nucleons:

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

$$\frac{1}{t_J} \log \frac{C_A(t)}{C_A(t+t_J)} = E_{0A} \quad (m_A)$$

g.s. energy (mass)  
from plateau

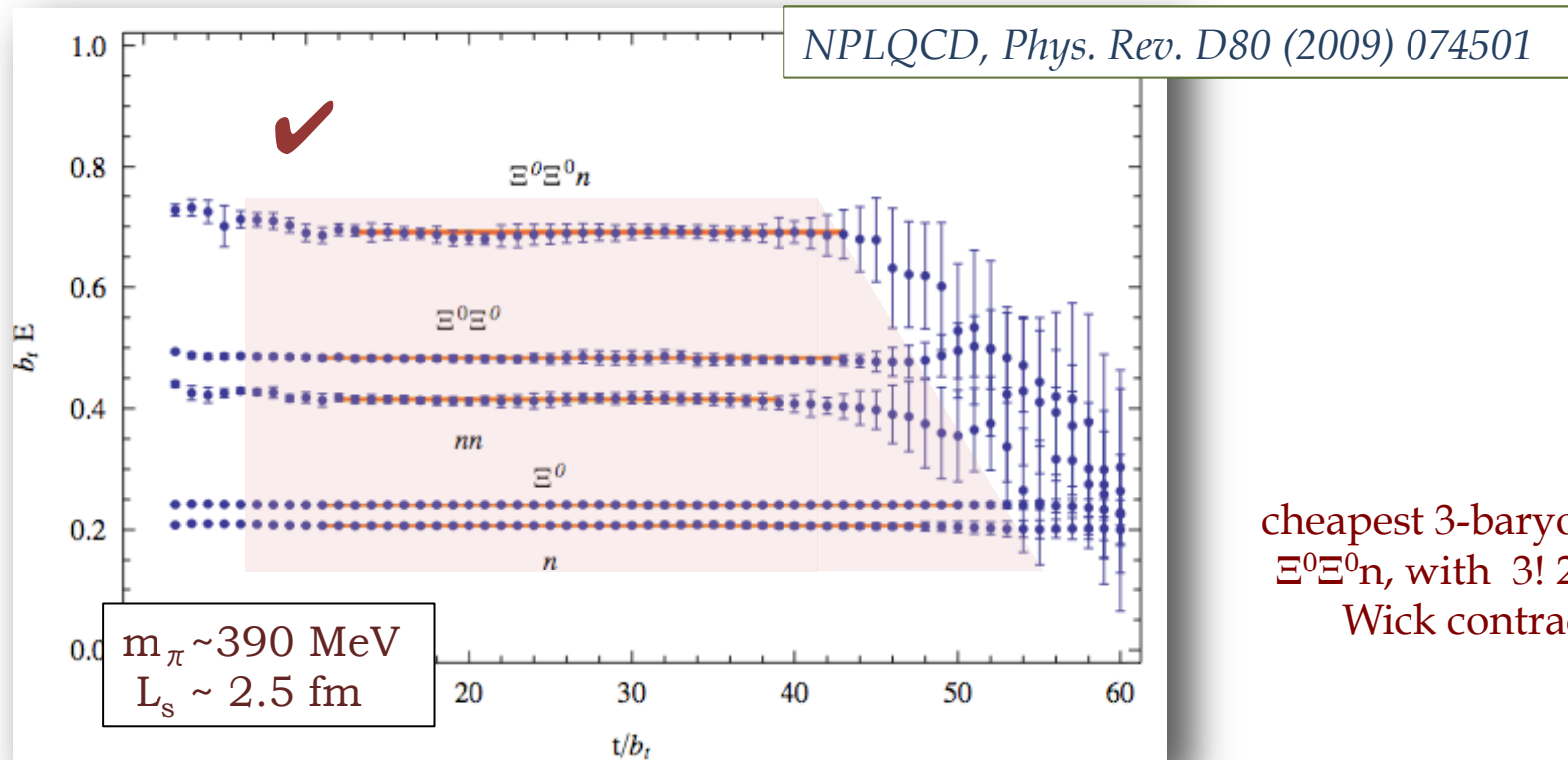


$$\Xi_\alpha^0(\vec{x}, t) = \varepsilon^{ijk} s_\alpha^i(\vec{x}, t) \left( u_\alpha^{jT}(\vec{x}, t) C \gamma_5 s^k(\vec{x}, t) \right)$$



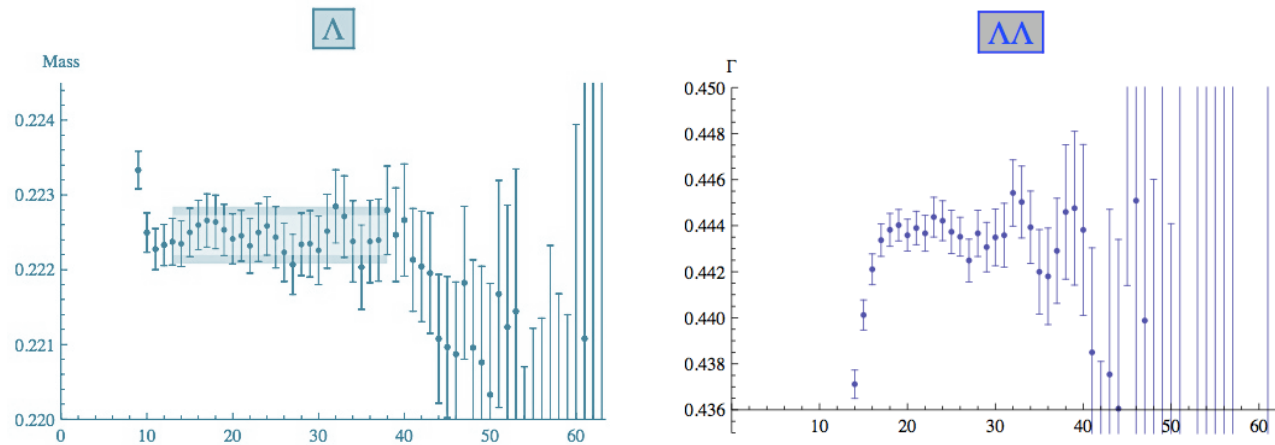
Expectation is that for  $A$  nucleons:

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



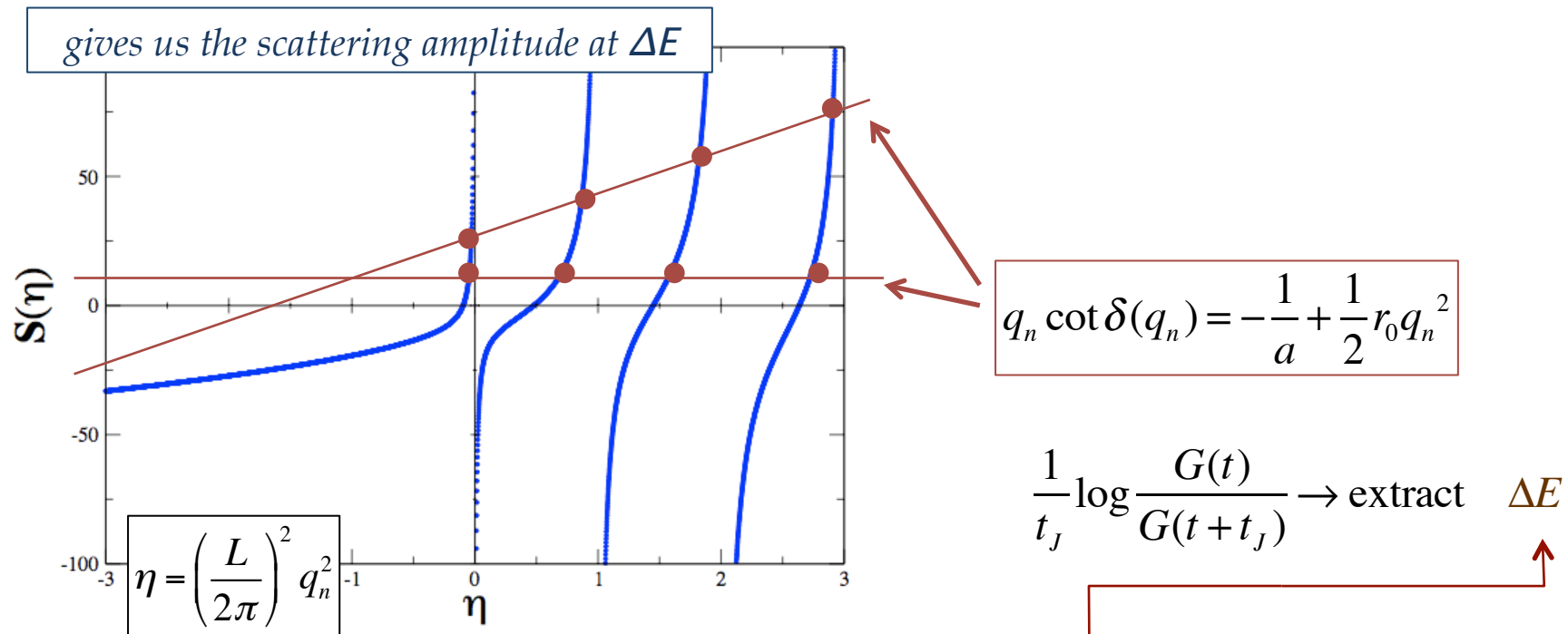
cheapest 3-baryon system:  
 $\Xi^0 \Xi^0 n$ , with  $3! 2! 4! = 288$   
 Wick contractions

We can also extract the energy of the interacting system for a given  $\{m_\pi, L, b\}$  set



$$G_{\Lambda\Lambda}(t) = \frac{C_{\Lambda\Lambda}(t)}{C_{\Lambda}(t) C_{\Lambda}(t)} \rightarrow A_0 e^{-\Delta E_{\Lambda\Lambda} t} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{t_J} \log \frac{G(t)}{G(t+t_J)} \rightarrow \text{extract } \Delta E$$

We can also extract the energy of the interacting system for a given  $\{m_\pi, L, b\}$  set



*Phys.Lett. B585 (2004) 106-114*

$$q_n \cot \delta(q_n) = \frac{1}{\pi L} S\left(q_n^2 \left(\frac{L}{2\pi}\right)^2\right) \equiv \frac{1}{\pi L} \sum_{\vec{j}}^{\Lambda} \frac{1}{|\vec{j}|^2 - \left(\frac{L q_n}{2\pi}\right)^2} - \frac{4\Lambda}{L}$$

● : location of the E eigenstates in the finite volume

(3D Riemann- zeta function)

$$+ O(e^{-m_\pi L})$$

$$\mathcal{A} \sim \text{diagram 1} + \text{diagram 2} + \dots = \frac{4\pi}{M} \frac{1}{p \cot \delta(p) - ip}$$

## Scattering states:

Beane, Bedaque, Parreño, Savage, Phys. Lett. B585 (2004) 106-114

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

Recovering M. Lüscher, Commun. Math. Phys. 105, 153 (1986) ( $L \gg a$ )

extract the scattering length

## Bound states?

$$\mathcal{A} \sim \text{X} + \text{O} + \dots = \frac{4\pi}{M} \frac{1}{p \cot \delta(p) - ip}$$

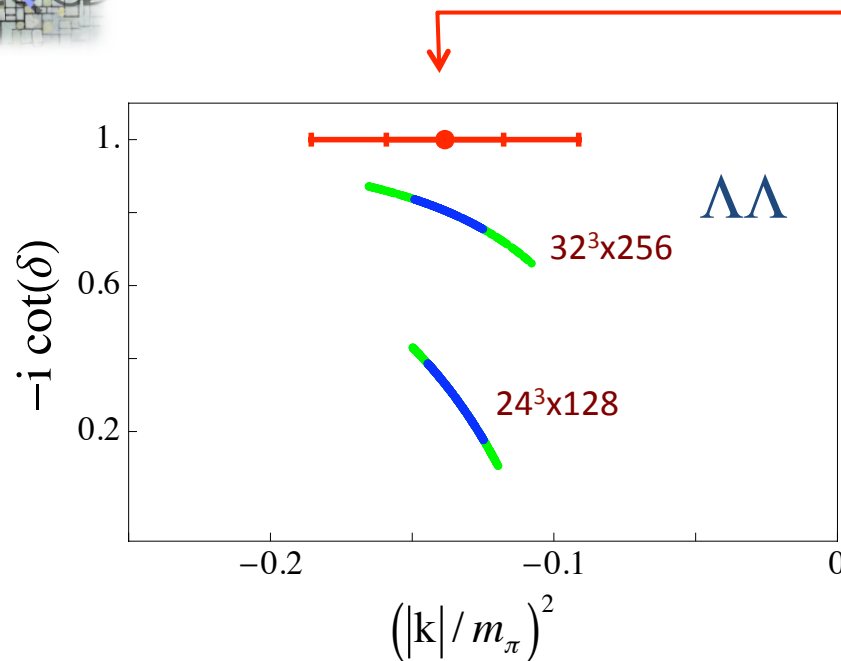
infinite volume

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

finite volume:

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

$$k^2 < 0, \quad k = i\kappa \quad \kappa = \gamma + \frac{g_1}{L} \left( e^{-\gamma L} + \sqrt{2} e^{-\sqrt{2}\gamma L} + \dots \right) \quad B_\infty = \frac{\gamma^2}{M} \\ \kappa \rightarrow \gamma \quad \text{for large } L$$



$$B = 13.2(1.8)(4.8) \text{ MeV}$$

volume extrapolation

NPLQCD, PRL 106, 162001 (2011)  
 $n_f=2+1$ ,  $b_s = 0.12 \text{ fm}$ ,  
 $L: 2, 2.5, 3, 3.9 \text{ fm}$ ,  $m_\pi = 390 \text{ MeV}$

infinite volume

$$\text{b.s.} \quad p^2 = -\gamma^2$$

$$\cot \delta(i\gamma) = i$$

finite volume:

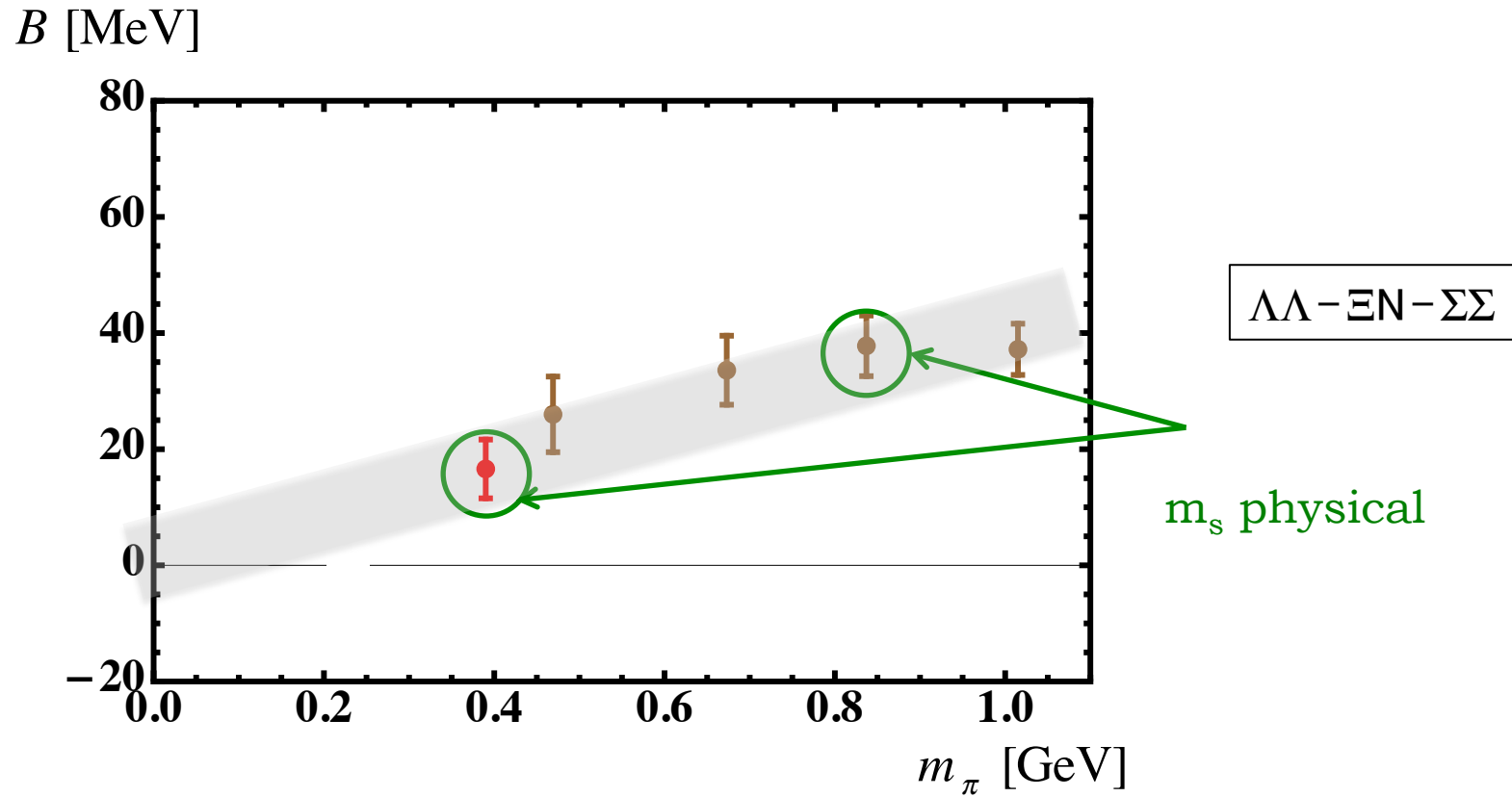
$$\cot \delta(i\gamma) \Big|_{k=i\gamma} = i - i \sum_{\vec{m} \neq \vec{0}} \frac{e^{-|\vec{m}|\gamma L}}{|\vec{m}|\gamma L}$$

$$k^2 < 0, \quad k = i\kappa \quad \kappa = \gamma + \frac{g_1}{L} \left( e^{-\gamma L} + \sqrt{2} e^{-\sqrt{2}\gamma L} + \dots \right)$$

$$\kappa \rightarrow \gamma \quad \text{for large } L$$

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

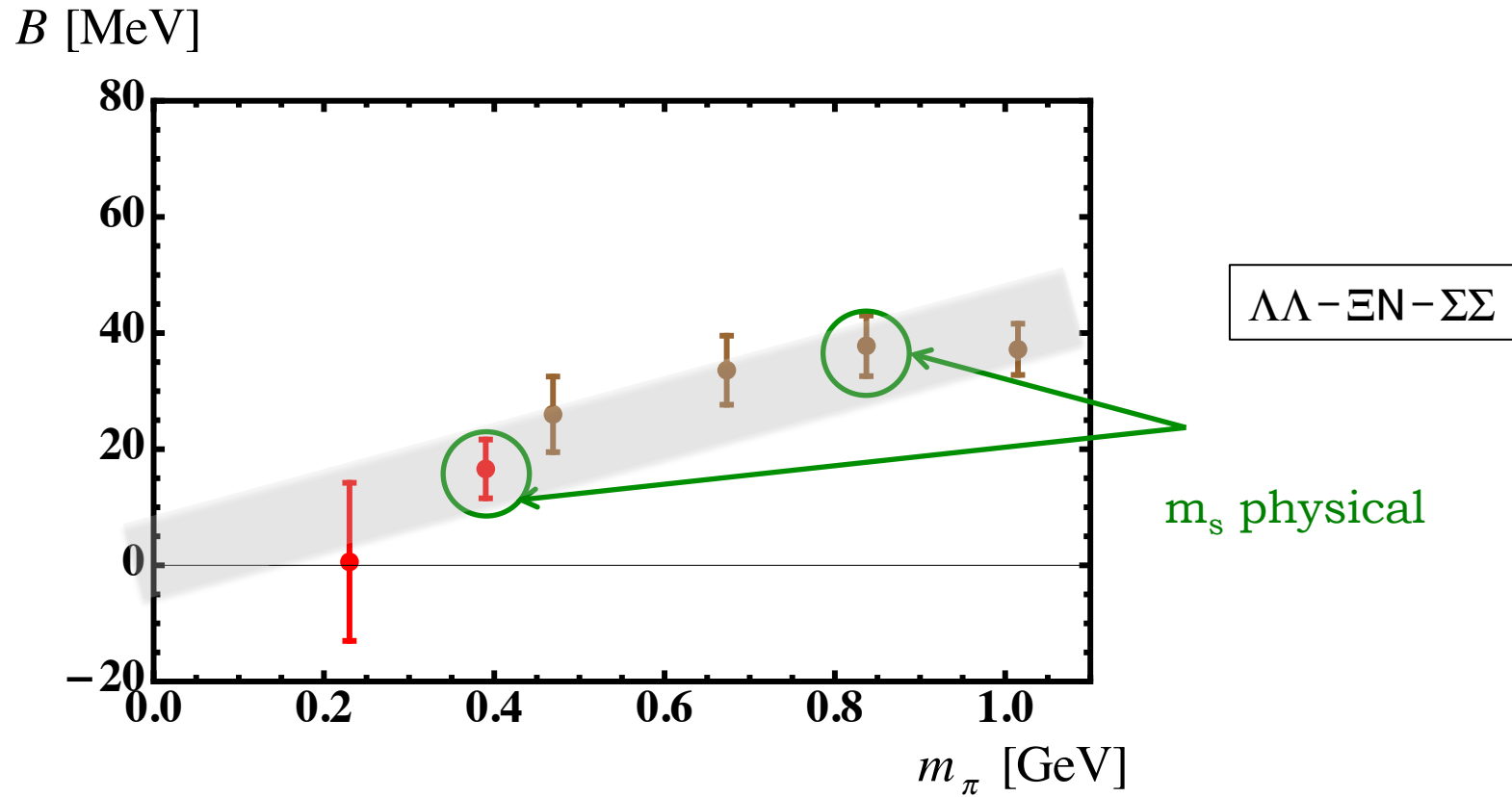
NPLQCD, PRL 106, 162001 (2011)  $n_f=2+1$ ,  $b_s = 0.12$  fm, L: 2, 2.5, 3, 3.9 fm,  $m_\pi = 390$  MeV  
 NPLQCD, Mod.Phys.Lett. A26 (2011)  $n_f=2+1$ ,  $b_s = 0.12$  fm, L: 4fm,  $m_\pi = 230$  MeV  
 NPLQCD, PRD87 (2013)  $n_f=3$ ,  $b_s = 0.145$  fm, L: 3.4, 4.5, 6.7 fm,  $m_\pi = 807$  MeV



HALQCD, PRL 106, 162002 (2011), NPA 881 (2012)  
 $n_f=3$ ,  $b_s = 0.12$  fm, L: 4 fm  $m_\pi = 469, 670, 830, 1015, 1171$  MeV

$A = 2, s = -2, J = 0, I = 0$

NPLQCD, PRL 106, 162001 (2011)  $n_f=2+1$ ,  $b_s = 0.12$  fm, L: 2, 2.5, 3, 3.9 fm,  $m_\pi = 390$  MeV  
 NPLQCD, Mod.Phys.Lett. A26 (2011)  $n_f=2+1$ ,  $b_s = 0.12$  fm, L: 4fm,  $m_\pi = 230$  MeV  
 NPLQCD, PRD87 (2013)  $n_f=3$ ,  $b_s = 0.145$  fm, L: 3.4, 4.5, 6.7 fm,  $m_\pi = 807$  MeV



HALQCD, PRL 106, 162002 (2011), NPA 881 (2012)  
 $n_f=3$ ,  $b_s = 0.12$  fm, L: 4 fm  $m_\pi = 469, 670, 830, 1015, 1171$  MeV

$A = 2, s = -2, J = 0, I = 0$

NPLQCD, PRL 106, 162001 (2011)

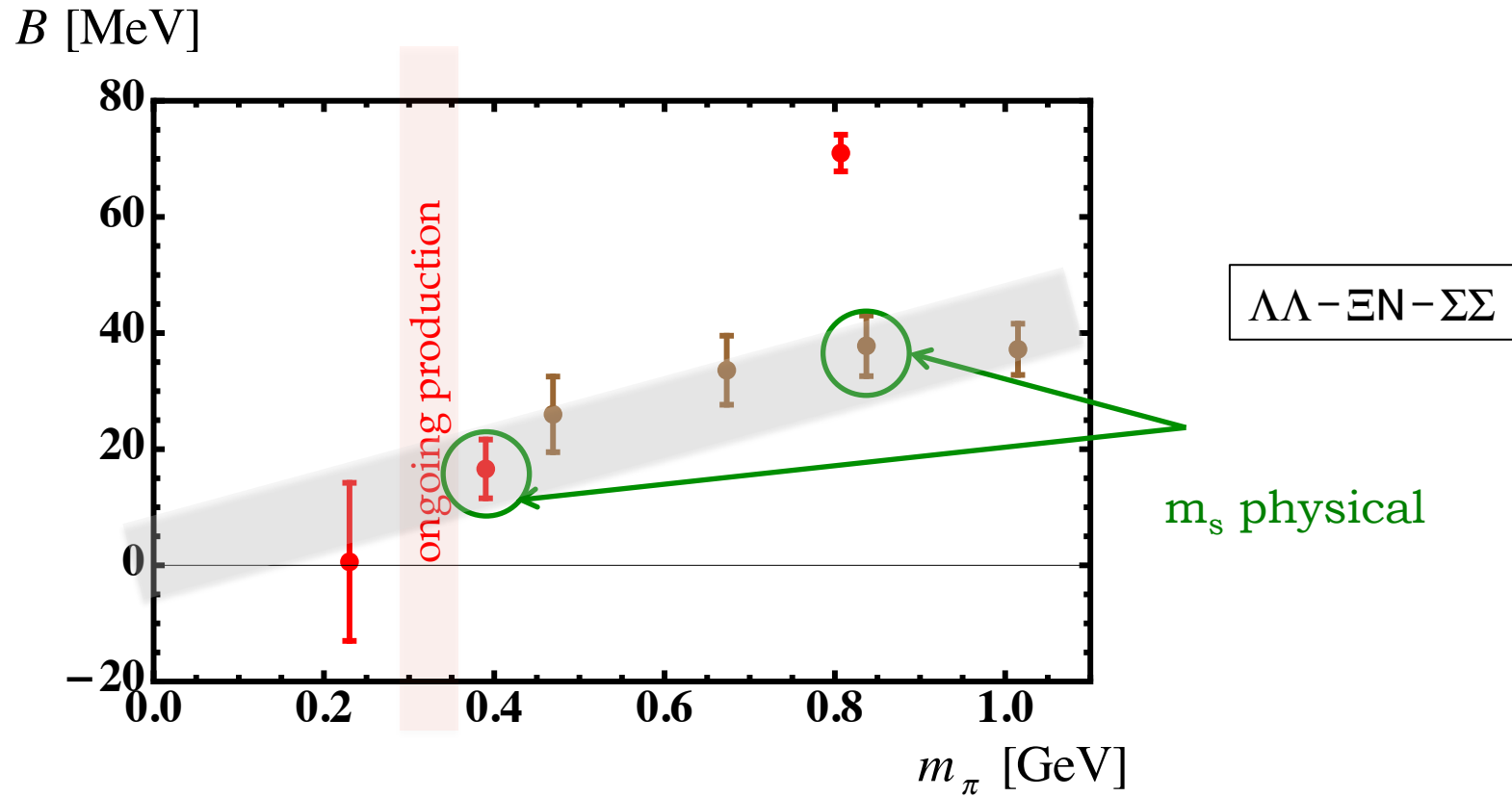
NPLQCD, Mod.Phys.Lett. A26 (2011)

NPLQCD, PRD87 (2013)

$n_f=2+1$ ,  $b_s = 0.12$  fm,  $L$ : 2, 2.5, 3, 3.9 fm,  $m_\pi = 390$  MeV

$n_f=2+1$ ,  $b_s = 0.12$  fm,  $L$ : 4fm,  $m_\pi = 230$  MeV

$n_f=3$ ,  $b_s = 0.145$  fm,  $L$ : 3.4, 4.5, 6.7 fm,  $m_\pi = 807$  MeV



HALQCD, PRL 106, 162002 (2011), NPA 881 (2012)

$n_f=3$ ,  $b_s = 0.12$  fm,  $L$ : 4 fm  $m_\pi = 469, 670, 830, 1015, 1171$  MeV

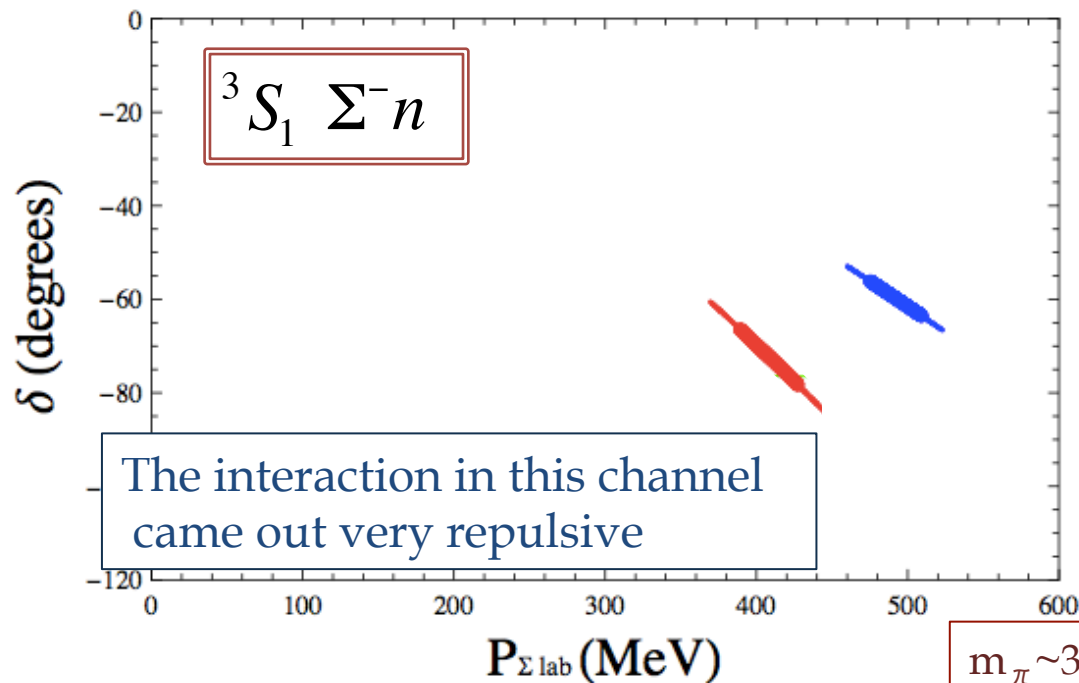
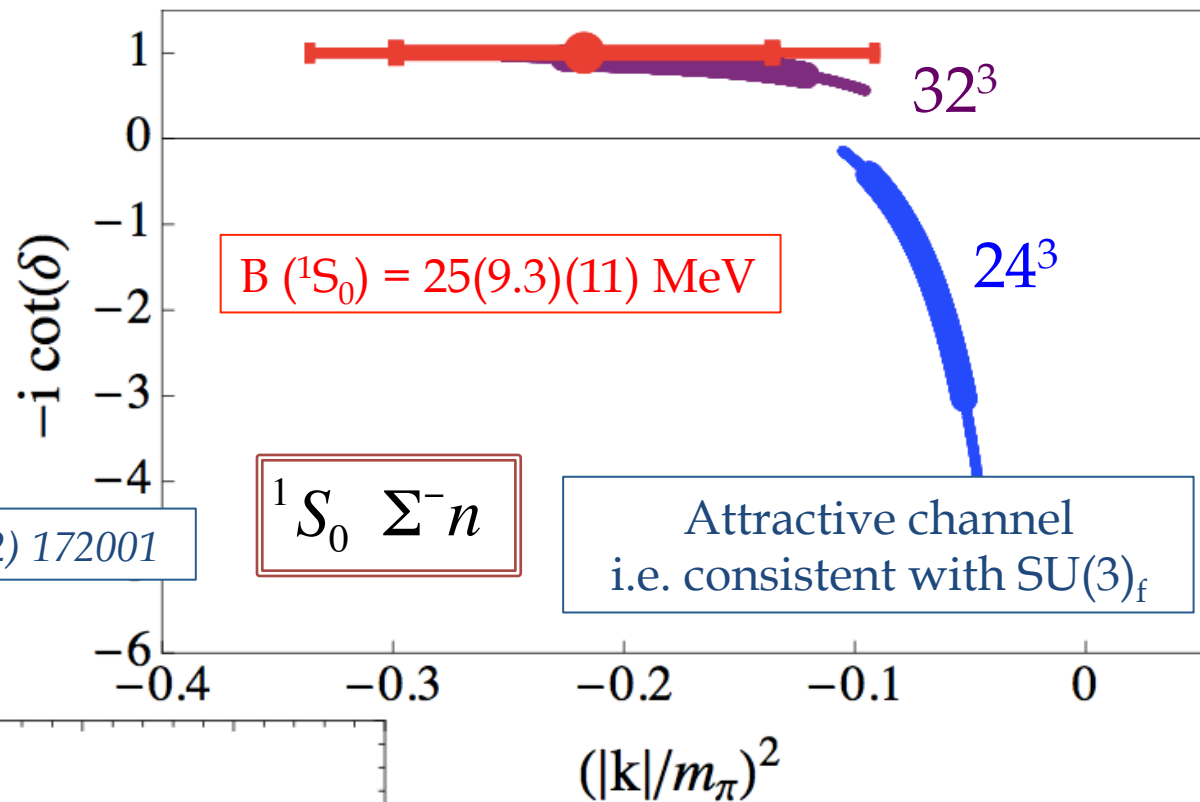
$A = 2, s = -2, J = 0, I = 0$





## The $\Sigma N$ channel

NPLQCD, *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 109 (2012) 172001

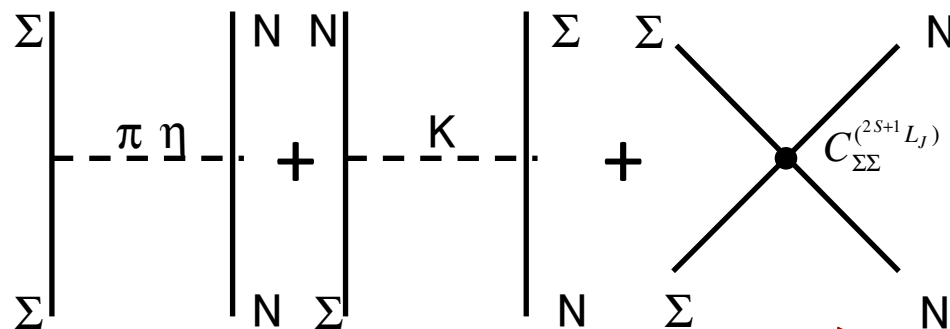
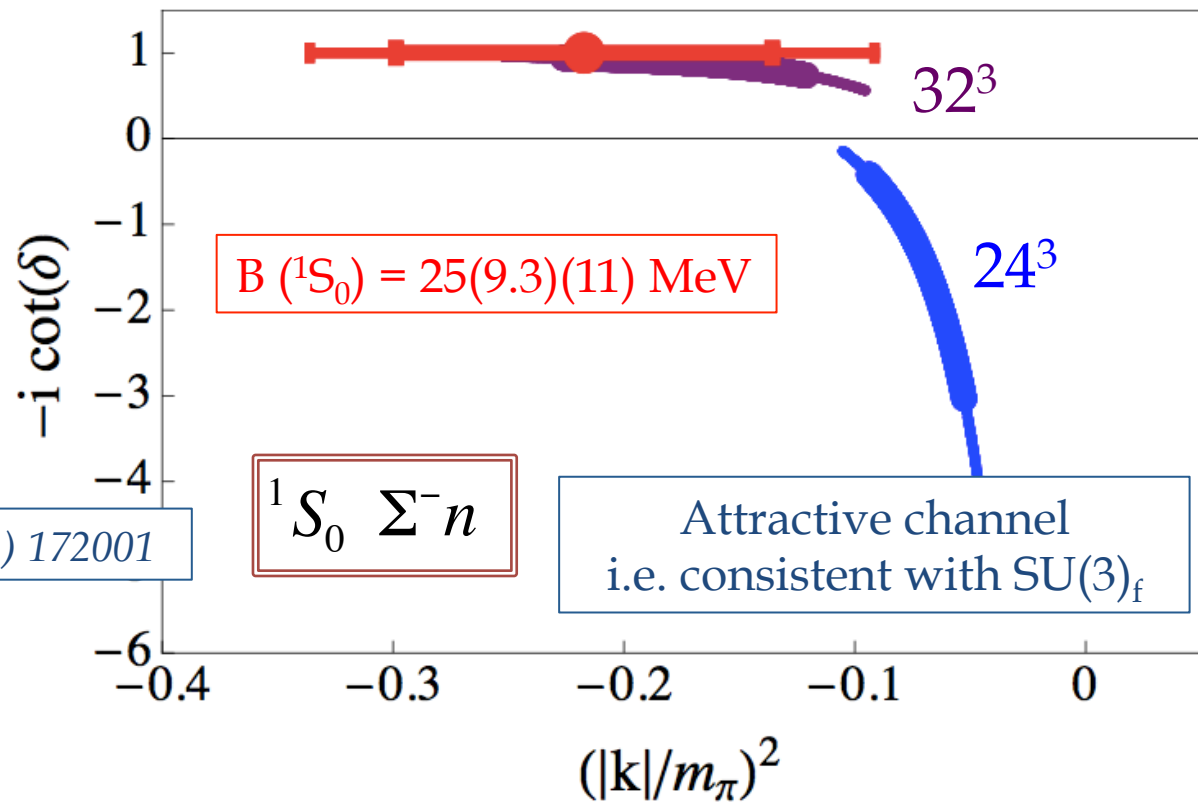


$m_\pi \sim 390 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $L_s \sim 2, 2.5, 3, 4 \text{ fm}$ ,  $b=0.123 \text{ fm}$



## The $\Sigma N$ channel

NPLQCD, *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 109 (2012) 172001



LO  $\Sigma N$  interactions  
(only S-wave)

quark-mass dependence

$$V_{REG}(r) \sim g e^{-\Lambda^2 r^2}, \quad g e^{-\Lambda^4 r^4}$$

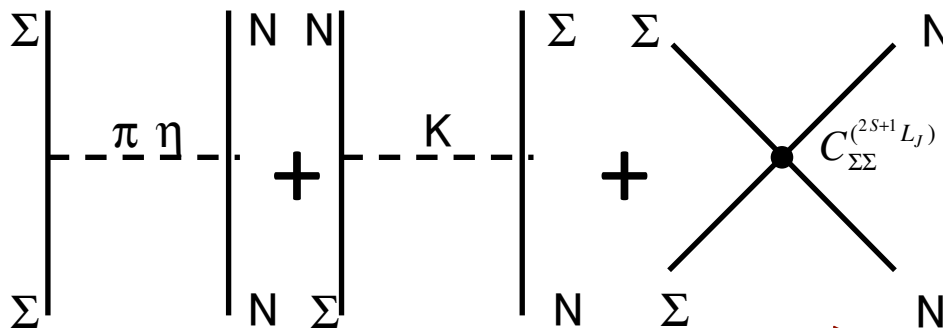


The  $C_{\Sigma\Sigma}^{(^1S_0)}$  coefficient is fit to reproduce the B.E calculated in the lattice

LO EFT potential  
(for any  $m_\pi$ )

$$B(^1S_0) = 25(9.3)(11) \text{ MeV}$$

We find that the channel becomes unbound for  $m_\pi \sim 300 \text{ MeV}$ , consistent with EFT constrained by experimental data  
(*Haiderbauer & Meissner, NPA881 (2012) 44-61*)



LO  $\Sigma N$  interactions  
(only S-wave)

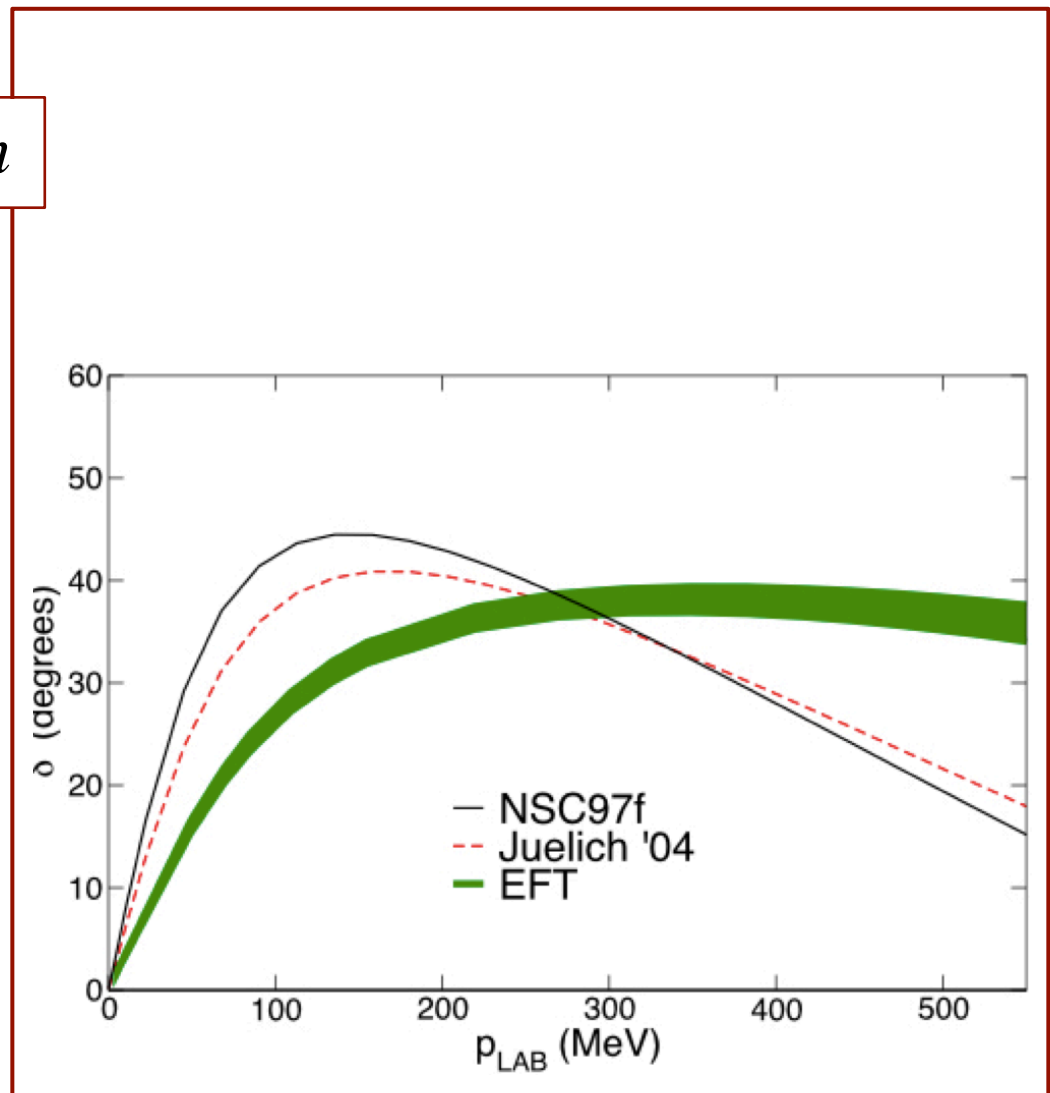
quark-mass dependence

$$V_{REG}(r) \sim g e^{-\Lambda^2 r^2}, \quad g e^{-\Lambda^4 r^4}$$



## The $\Sigma N$ channel

$$^1S_0 \Sigma^- n$$



J. Haidenbauer, U.-G. Meissner, A. Nogga and H. Polinder,  
Lect. Notes Phys. **724** (2007) 113

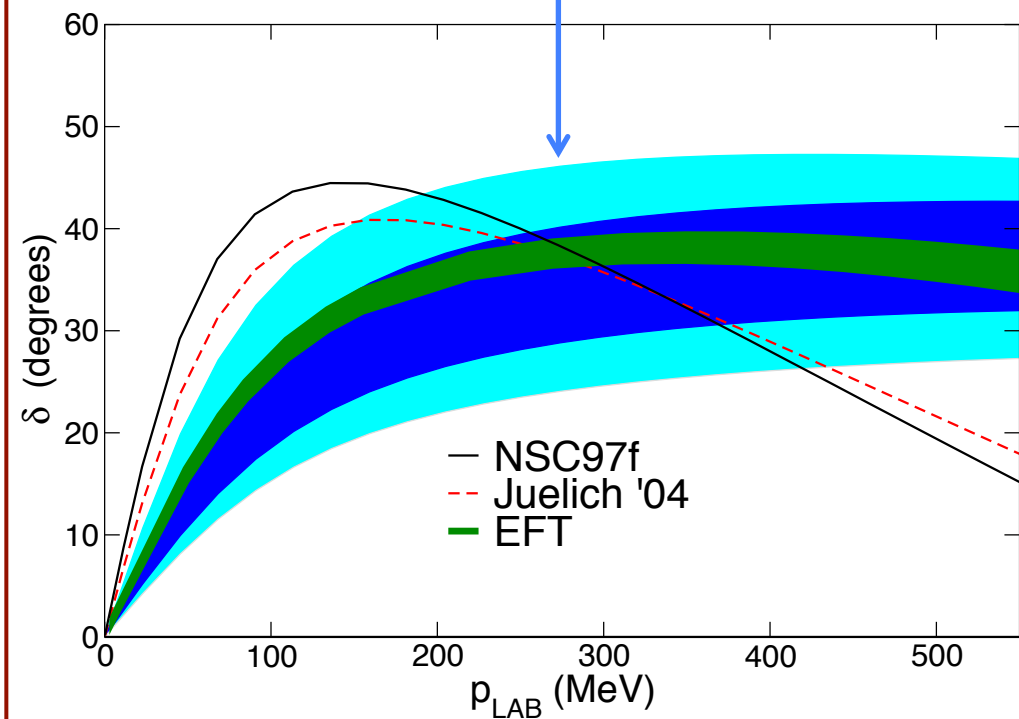


## The $\Sigma N$ channel

$^1S_0 \Sigma^- n$

LQCD prediction @  $m_\pi^{\text{phys}}$

NPLQCD, Phys.Rev.Lett. 109 (2012) 172001

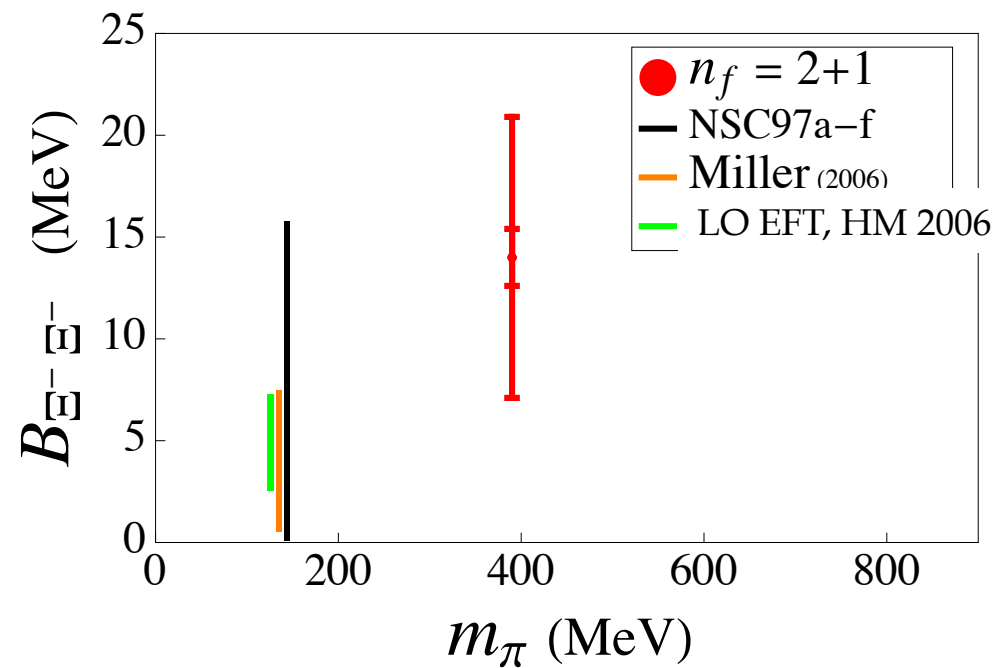
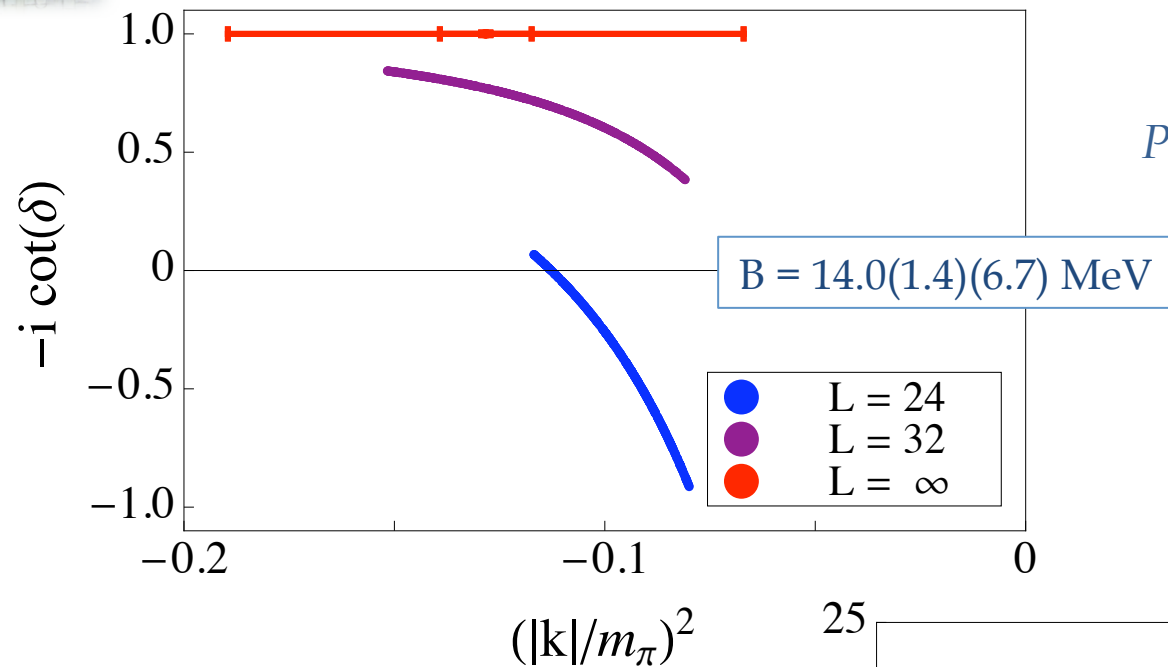


J. Haidenbauer, U.-G. Meissner, A. Nogga and H. Polinder,  
Lect. Notes Phys. **724** (2007) 113



## The $\Xi^- \Xi^-$ channel

*Phys.Rev. D85 (2012) 054511*

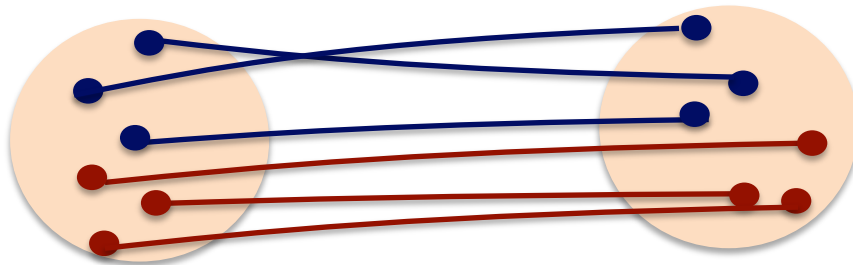


## Going beyond A=2

- ✓ Larger complexity as compared to calculations for single hadrons

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

$${}^3\text{H} \rightarrow 2880 \quad {}^4\text{He} \rightarrow 518400$$



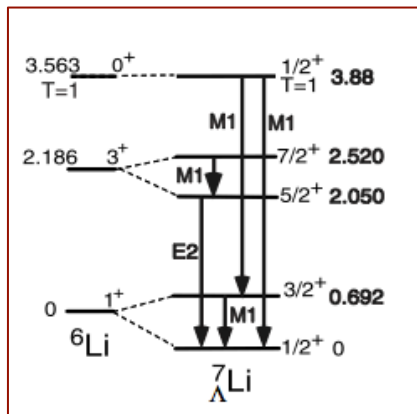
$$\# \text{ Wick contractions} \sim N_u! N_d! N_s!$$

*Detmold & Savage, PRD82 (2010) 014511*

*Detmold & Orginos, PRD87 (2013) 11, 114512*

*Doi & Endres, Comput.Phys.Commun. 184 (2013) 117*

- ✓ Demand larger lattice volumes
- ✓ Demand better accuracy



$$\frac{\sigma}{\langle C \rangle} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \exp \left[ A \left( M_N - \frac{3m_\pi}{2} \right) t \right]$$

- ✓ Small energy splittings in nuclear physics



Need of high statistics calculations

## Going beyond A=2

Perform calculations at heavier light-quark masses:

- ✓ signal-to-noise ratio improves
- ✓ reduced computational resources to generate LQCD configurations, *i.e.*, larger statistics

no continuum extrapolation

| $L/b$ | $T/b$ | $\beta$ | $b m_q$ | $b$ (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               |

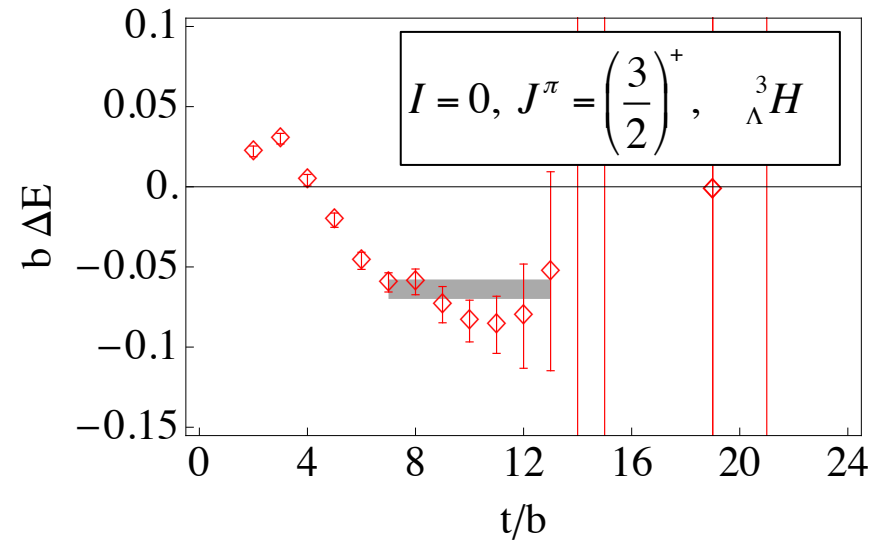
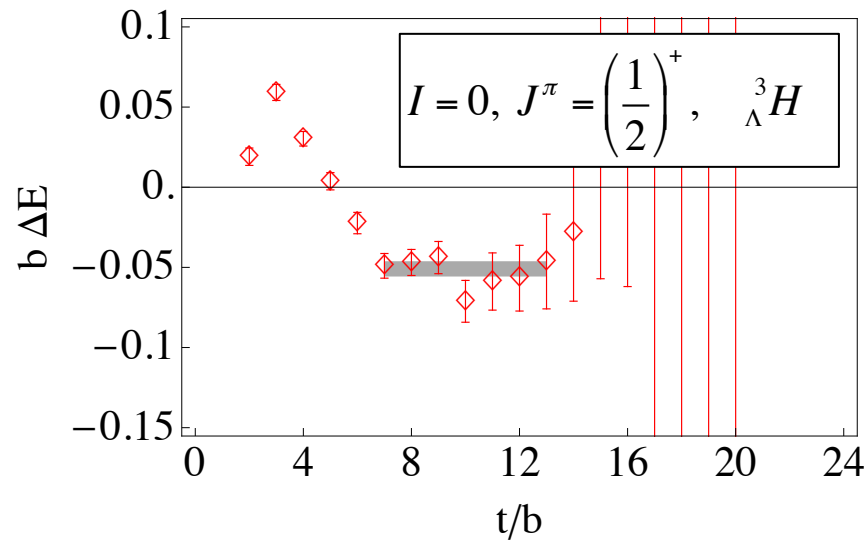
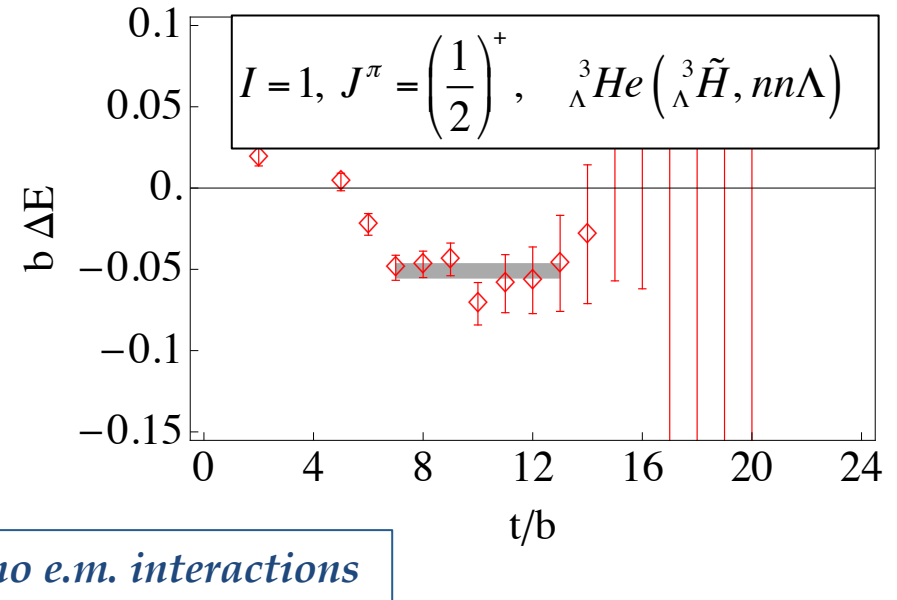
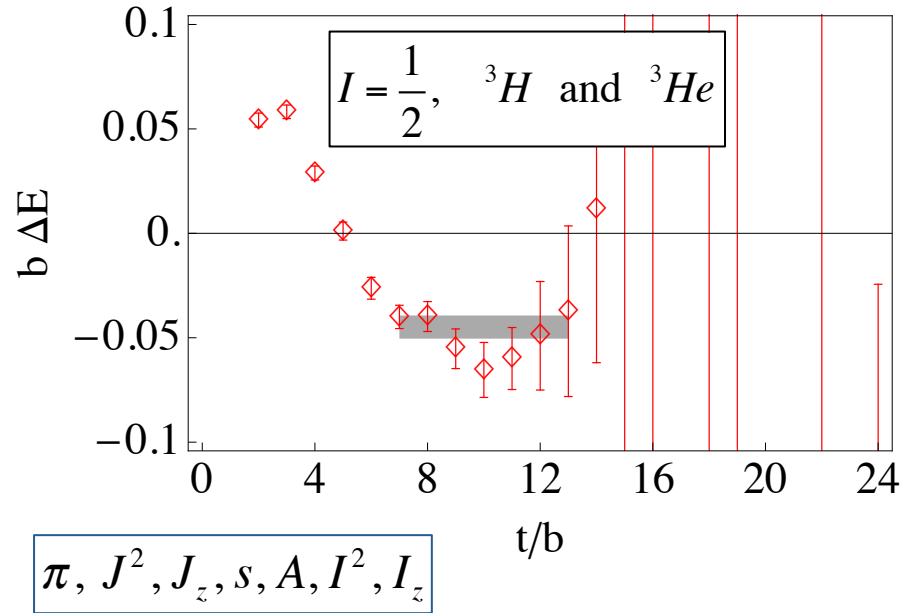
infinite volume extrapolation

$SU(3)_f$



Example, A=3 system:

$(48^3 \times 64)$



---

## The nucleon-nucleon system

---



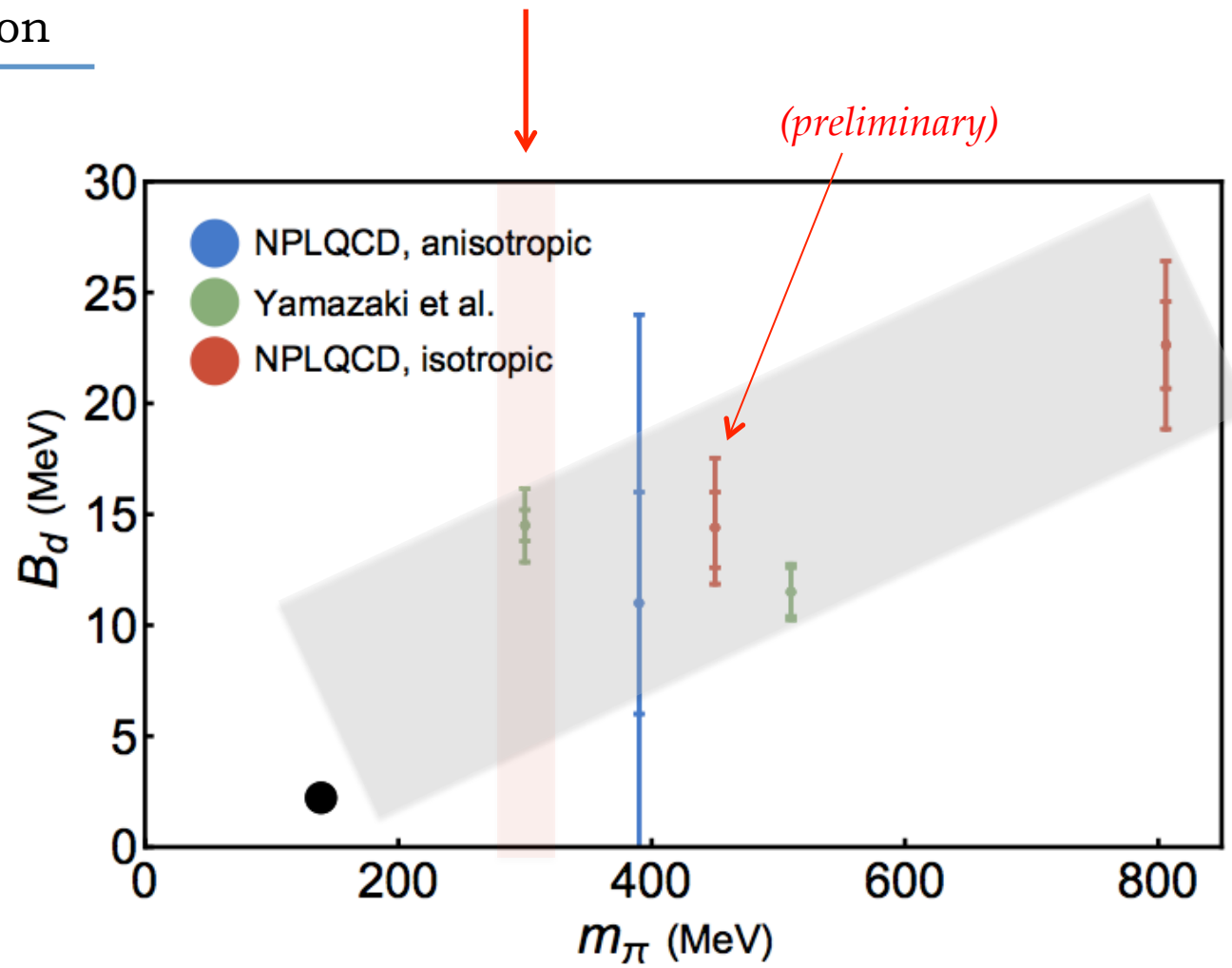
Major challenge in LQCD calculations for Nuclear Physics:

recover the experimentally known properties of the two-nucleon systems



## The deuteron

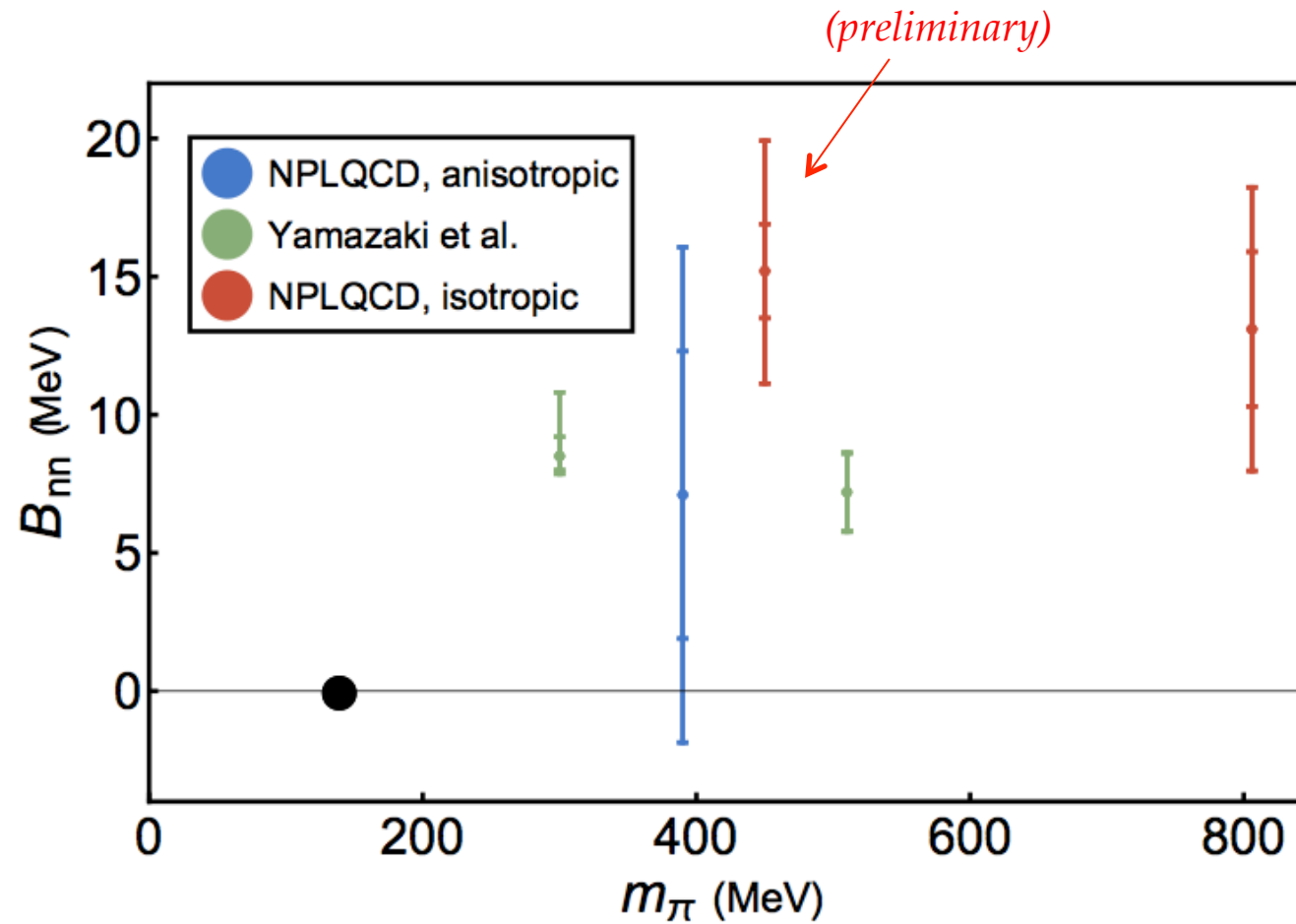
ongoing production @ this pion mass

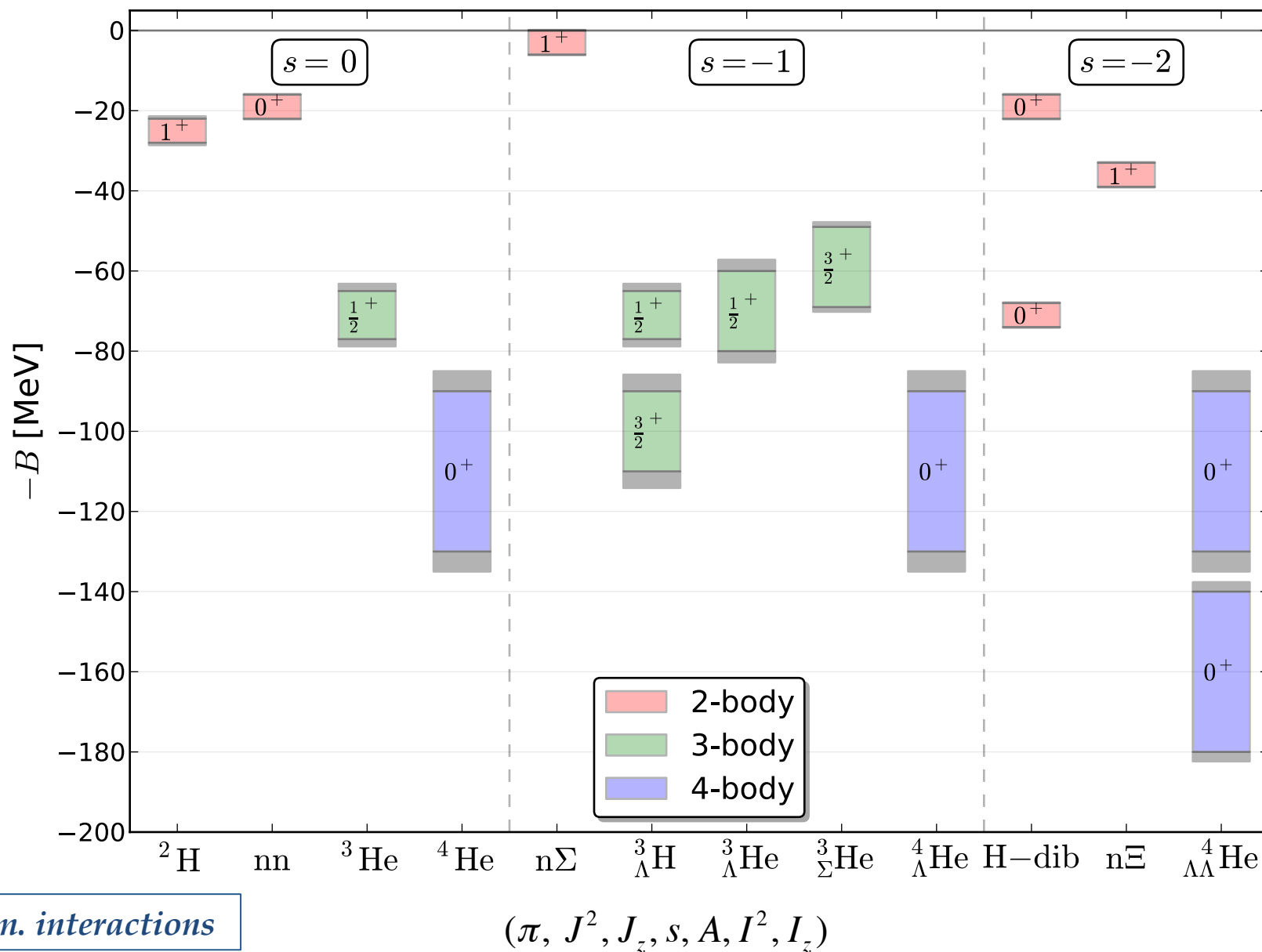




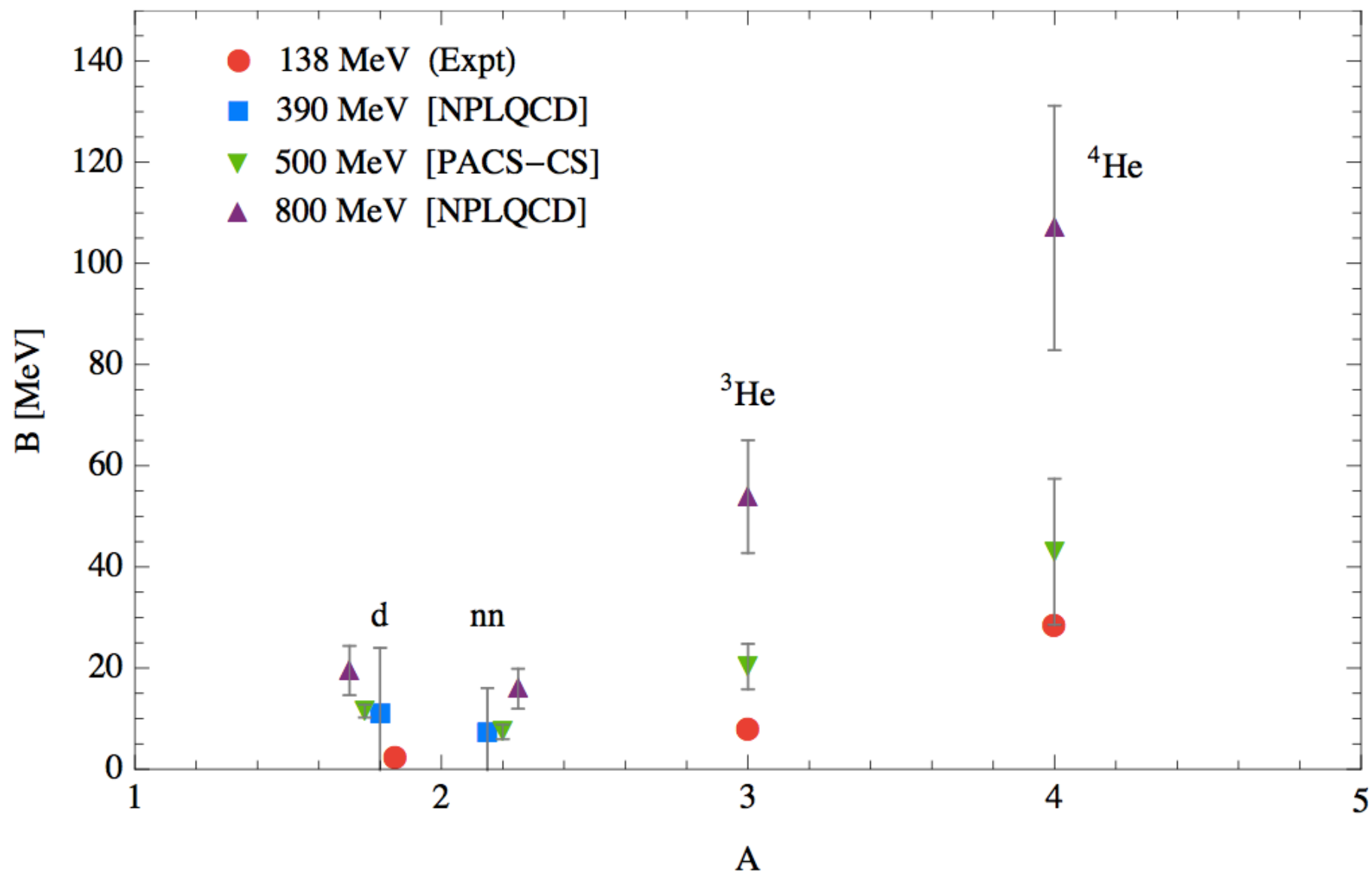
## The nn system

no clear pattern for the nn binding energy



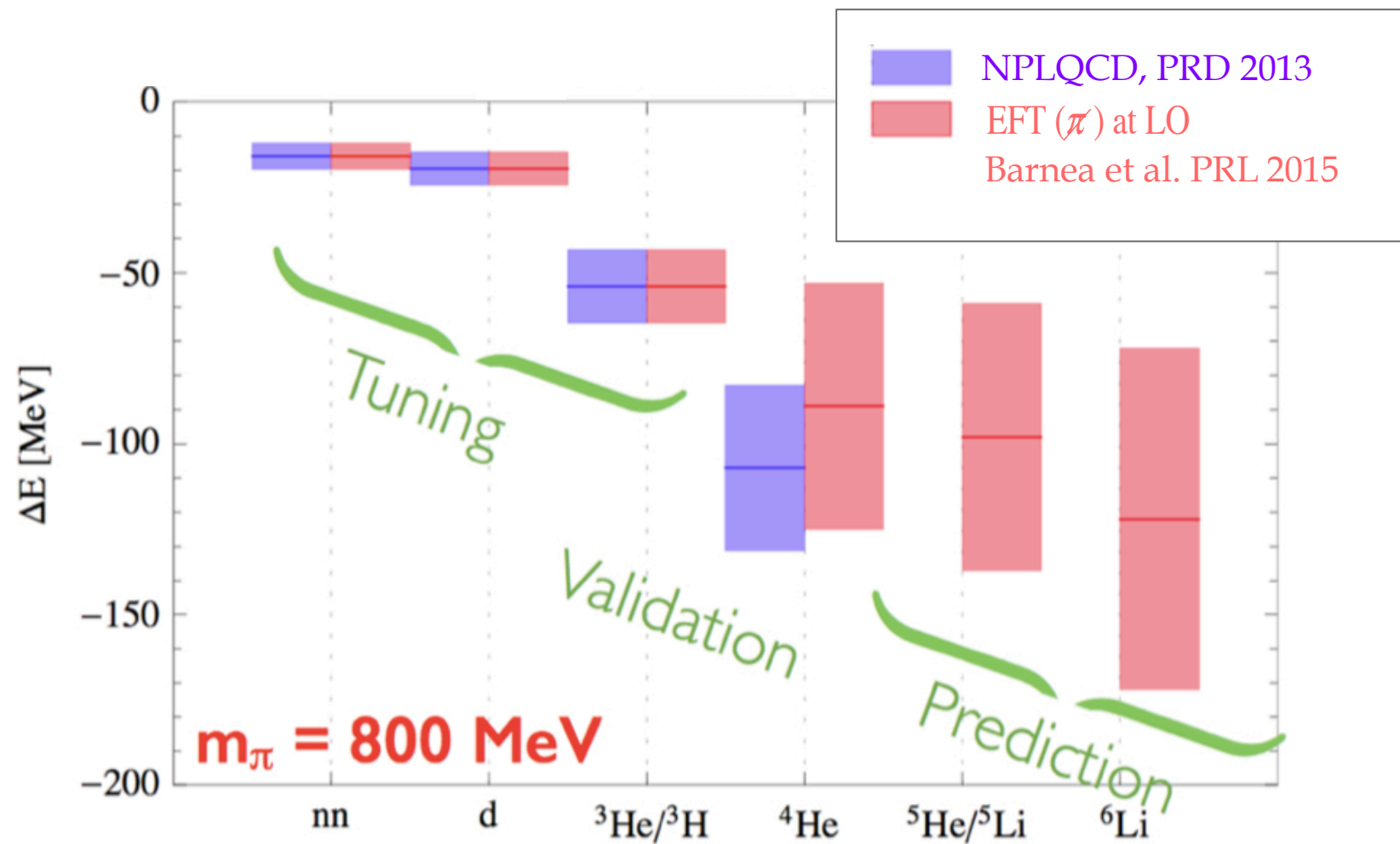


no e.m. interactions

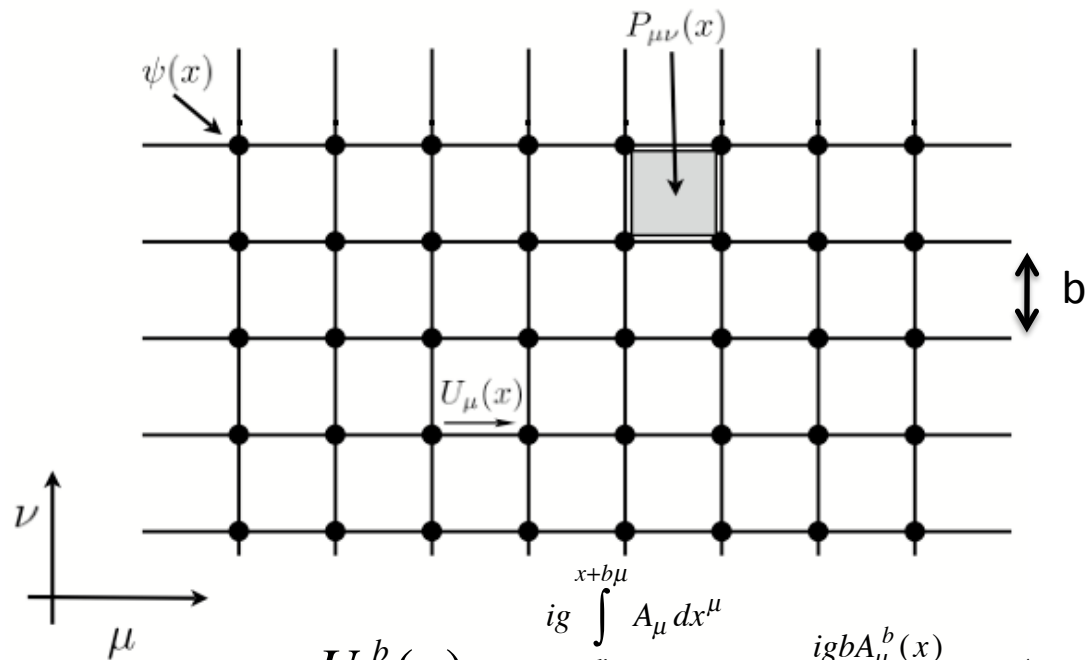




many body: EFT + EHH/AFDMC



# LQCD calculations of magnetic moments of light nuclei



$$U_\mu^b(x) \equiv e^{ig \int_x^{x+b\hat{\mu}} A_\mu dx^\mu} = e^{igbA_\mu^b(x)}$$

(SU(3)<sub>c</sub> matrices, “links”)

Uniform, time-independent  
background magnetic field

$$e|B| = \frac{6\pi}{L^2} \tilde{n}, \quad \vec{B} = \hat{z} \cdot B$$

*G. t'Hooft, 1979*

$$U_\mu(x + L\hat{\nu}) = U_\mu(x)$$

$$b^2|eB| = \frac{2\pi n}{L^2}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

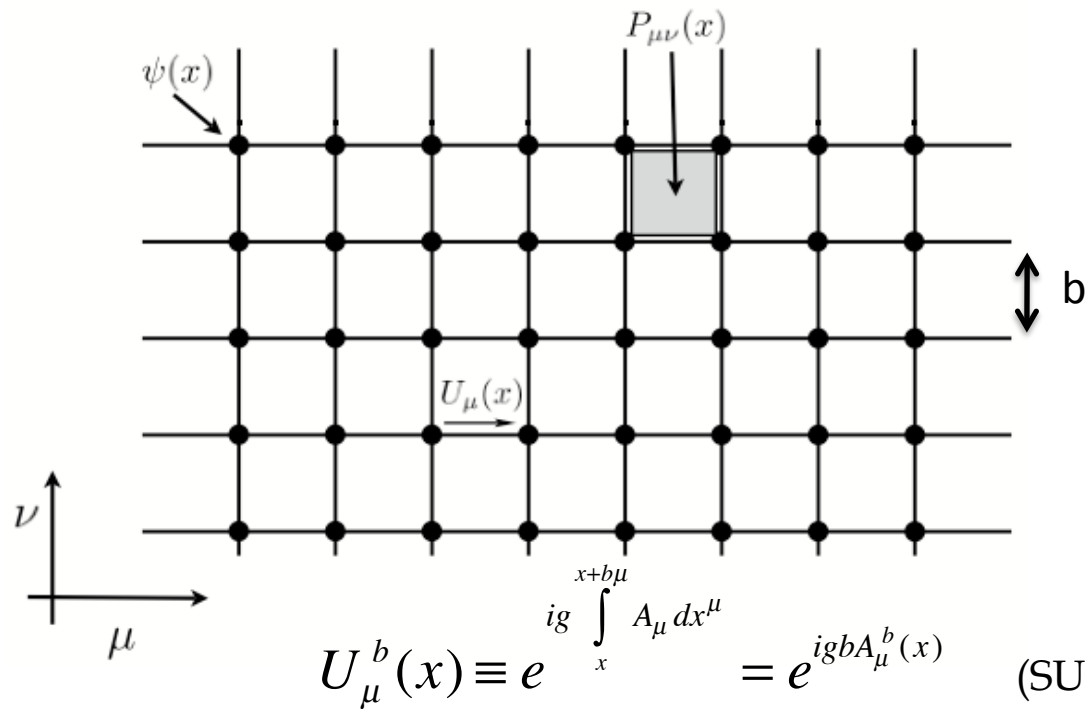
$$U_\mu^b(x) \rightarrow U_\mu^b(x) U_\mu^{\text{ext}}(x)$$

$$U_0^{\text{ext}}(x) = U_3^{\text{ext}}(x) = 1 \quad U_1^{\text{ext}}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x_1 \neq L-b \\ e^{-i\beta x_2} & x_1 = L-b \end{cases} \quad U_2^{\text{ext}}(x) = e^{i\beta x_1}$$

$$\beta \sim q_q B b^2$$



# LQCD calculations of magnetic moments of light nuclei



Uniform, time-independent background magnetic field

$$e|B| = \frac{6\pi}{L^2} \tilde{n}, \quad \vec{B} = \hat{z} \cdot B$$

*G. t'Hooft, 1979*

$$U_{\mu}(x + L\hat{\nu}) = U_{\mu}(x)$$

$$b^2|eB| = \frac{2\pi n}{L^2}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$E_{h;j_z}(B) = \underbrace{\sqrt{M_h^2 + P_{\parallel}^2} + (2n_L + 1)|Q_h eB|}_{\text{Landau levels (charged particles)}} - \mu_h \cdot B - 2\pi \beta_h^{(M0)} |B|^2 - 2\pi \beta_h^{(M2)} \langle \hat{T}_{ij} B_i B_j \rangle + \dots$$

Landau levels  
(charged particles)

Use background magnetic fields

$$e|B| = \frac{6\pi}{L^2} \tilde{n}, \quad \vec{B} = \hat{z} \cdot B \quad (e|B| \sim 0.046 \tilde{n} \text{ GeV}^2)$$

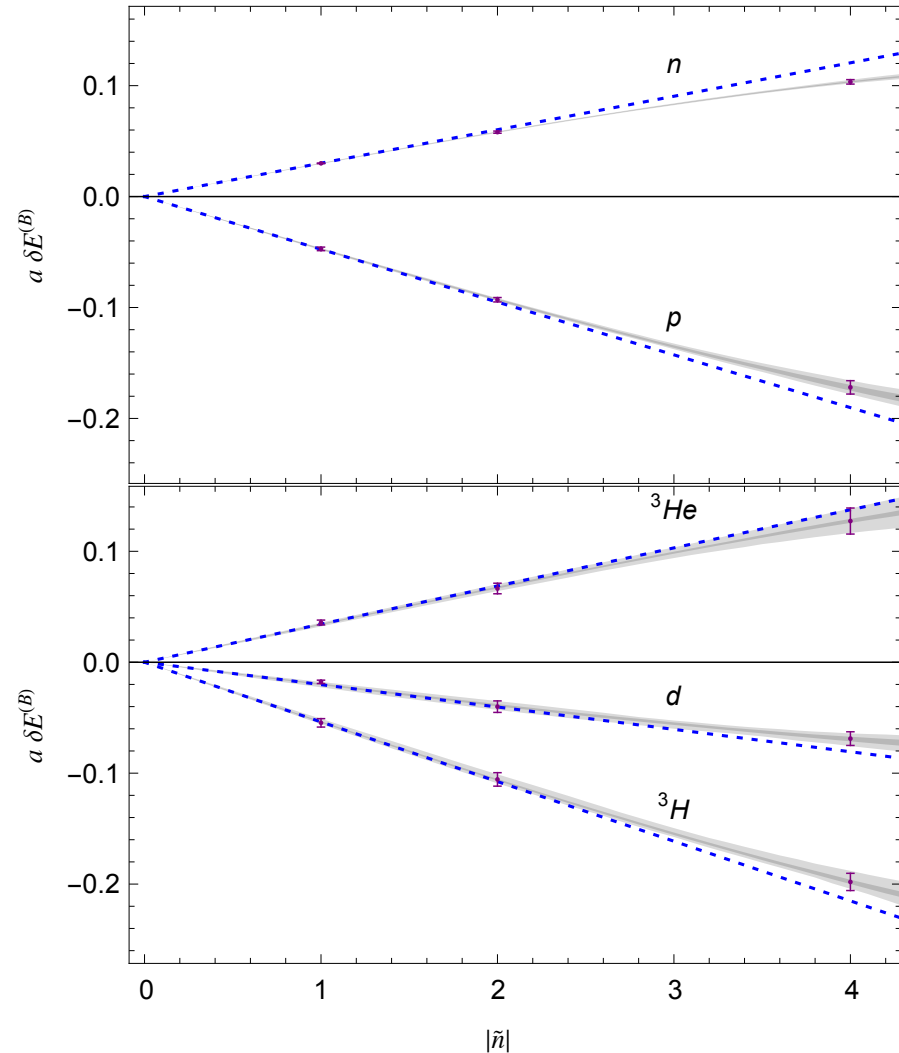
$$E(B) = M + \frac{|QeB|}{2M} - \mu \cdot B - 2\pi\beta |B|^2 + \dots$$

$$\delta E^B = E_{+j}^B - E_{-j}^B$$

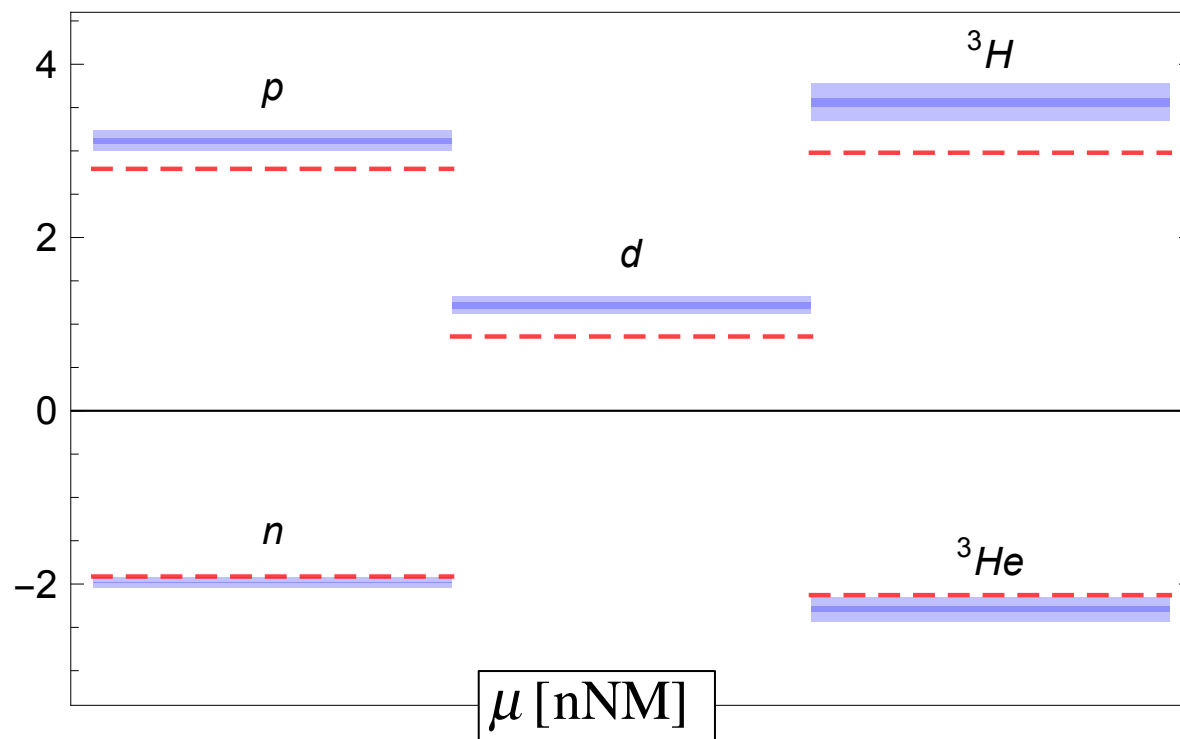
$$R(B) = \frac{C_{j_z}^B(t) C_{-j_z}^0(t)}{C_{-j_z}^B(t) C_{j_z}^0(t)} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} Z e^{-\delta E^B t}$$

$$\delta E^B = -2\mu |B| + \gamma_3 |B|^3$$

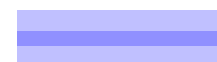
$m_\pi \sim 800 \text{ MeV}$



NPLQCD, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 113 (2014) 25, 252001



$$\text{nNM} = \frac{e}{2M_N^{\text{latt}}} = \frac{e}{2M_N(m_\pi^{\text{latt}})}$$



LQCD @  $m_\pi \sim 800$  MeV



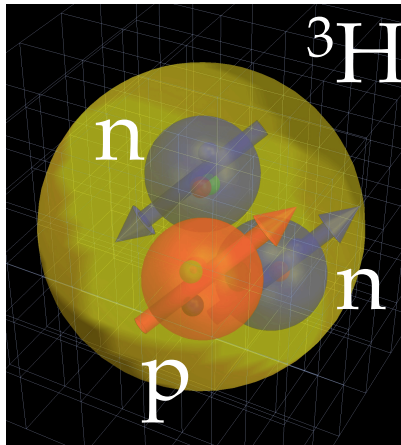
experiment

Shell-model  
predictions

$$\mu(^3H) = \mu_p$$

$$\mu(^3He) = \mu_n$$

$$\mu_d = \mu_n + \mu_p$$



$$j_{nn} = 0$$

© [www.nersc.gov](http://www.nersc.gov)

Artist's impression of a triton.

Neutrons in blue and protons in red,  
with quarks inside; the arrows indicate  
the alignments of the spins.

Image: William Detmold, MIT



LQCD @  $m_\pi \sim 800$  MeV



experiment

NPLQCD, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 113 (2014) 25, 252001

Differences between the shell-model  
predictions and the LQCD calculations  
for the magnetic moments

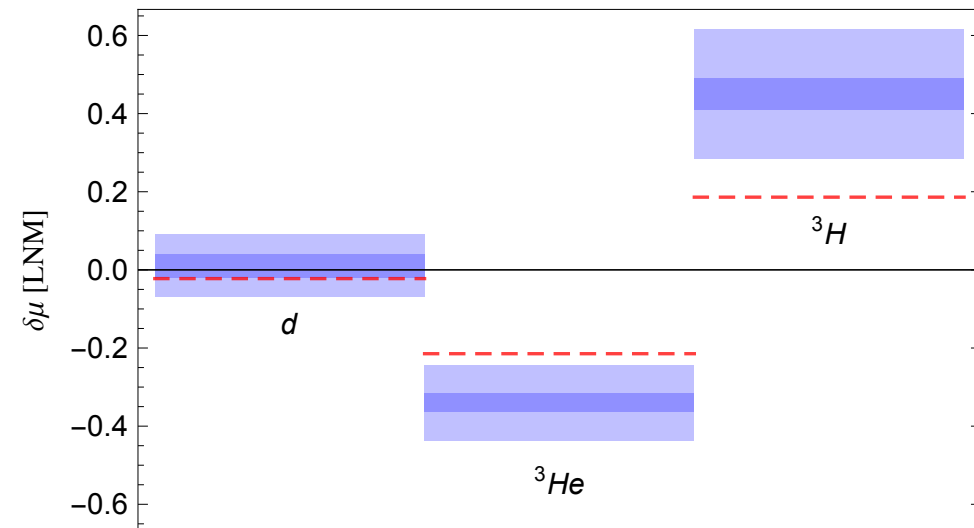


Illustration of how the long-distance and short-distance contributions can be isolated with lattice QCD.

$$\sigma(np \rightarrow d\gamma) = \frac{e^2 (\gamma_0^2 + |\vec{p}^2|)^3}{M^4 \gamma_0^3 |\vec{p}|} |\tilde{X}_{M1}|^2 + \dots \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{c} \boxed{\text{E1, M2, ...}} \\ \swarrow \end{array}$$

*Bethe, Longmire (1950)*  
*Noyes (1965)*

$$\tilde{X}_{M1} = \frac{Z_d}{-\frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{2}r_1|\vec{p}|^2 - i|\vec{p}|} \times \left[ \frac{\kappa_1 \gamma_0^2}{\gamma_0^2 + |\vec{p}|^2} \left( \gamma_0 - \frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{2}r_1|\vec{p}|^2 \right) + \frac{\gamma_0^2}{2} l_1 \right]$$

$l_1 = \tilde{l}_1 - \sqrt{r_1 r_3} \kappa_1$

with  $\kappa_1 = \frac{\kappa_p - \kappa_n}{2}$  isovector nucleon magnetic moment

$$Z_d = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \gamma_0 r_3}}$$

EFT ( $\pi$ )

*Kaplan (1997)*

*Kaplan, Savage, Wise (1998, 1999)*

*van Kolck (1999)*

*Beane, Savage (2001)*

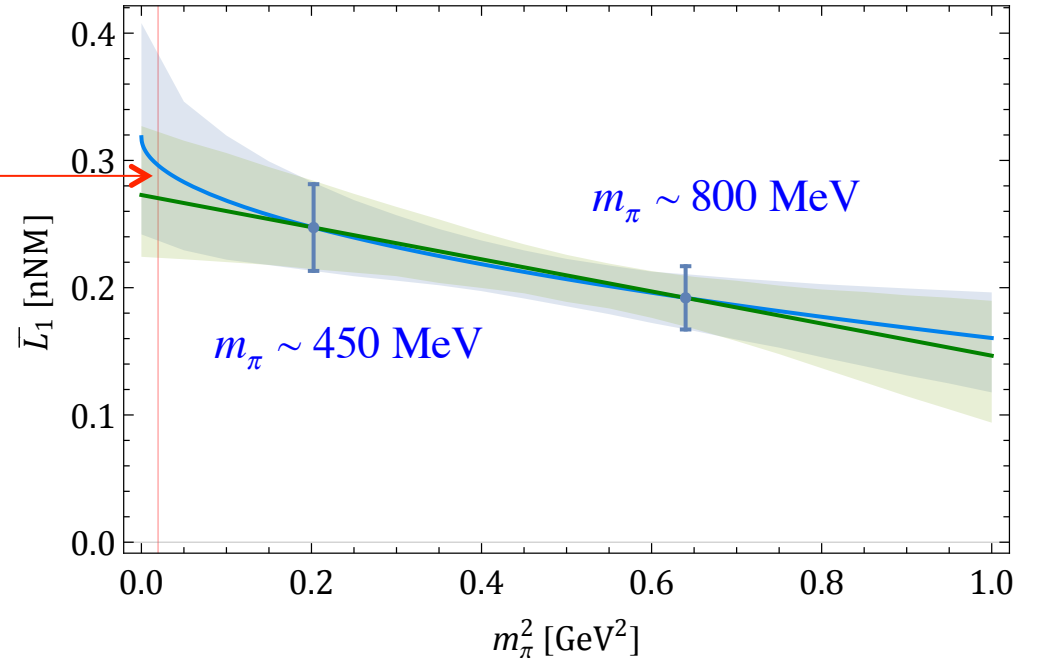
$$\bar{L}_1^{lqcd} = 0.285^{+63}_{-60} \text{ nNM}$$

$$l_1^{lqcd} = -4.48^{+16}_{-15} \text{ fm}$$

$$\sigma^{lqcd} = 332.4^{+5.4}_{-4.7} \text{ mb}$$

$$(\sigma^{\text{exp}} = 334.2 \pm 0.5 \text{ mb})$$

$$(v_{\text{neutron}} = 2200 \text{ m/s})$$



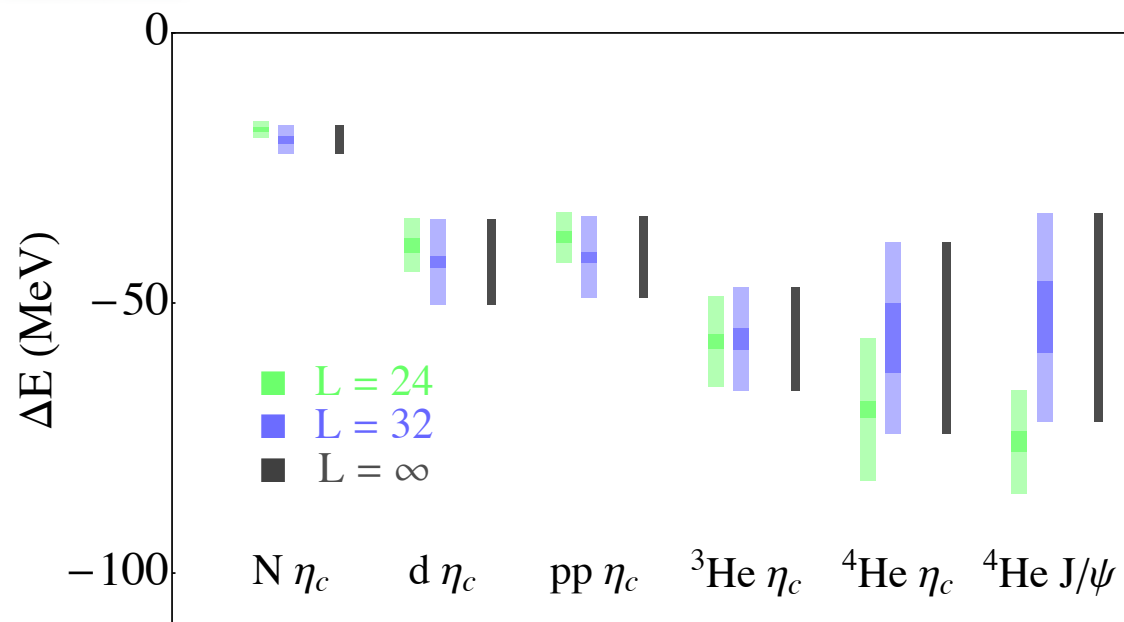
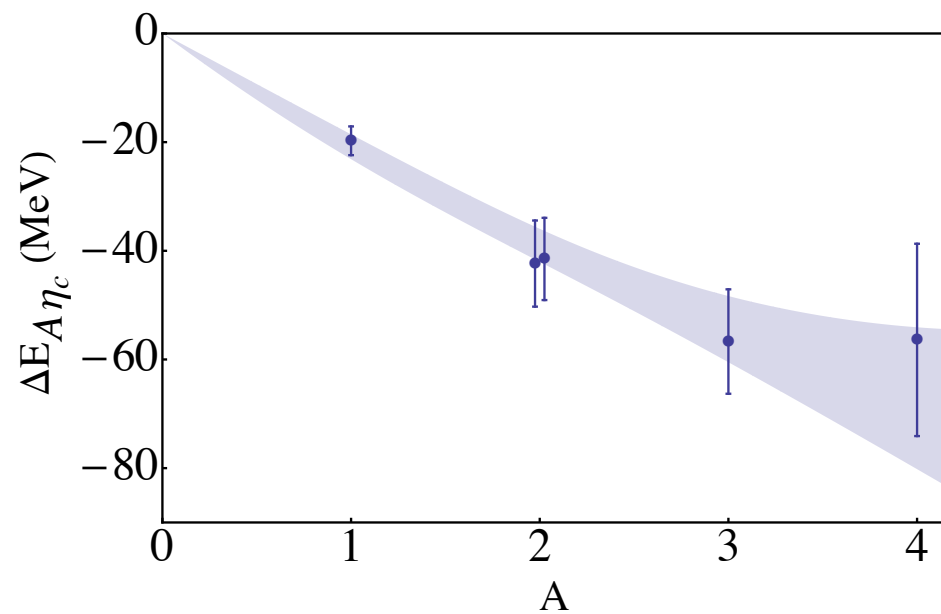
$$V = 32^3 \times 96, \quad b \sim 0.12 \text{ fm}$$

$$\Delta E_{^3S_1, ^1S_0}(\vec{B}) = \mp Z_d^2 (\kappa_1 + \gamma_0 l_1) \frac{|e\vec{B}|}{M} + O(|\vec{B}|^2) = \mp (\kappa_1 + \bar{L}_1) \frac{|e\vec{B}|}{M}$$

with  $\bar{L}_1 = \gamma_0 Z_d^2 (l_1 + r \kappa_1)$

A magnetic field mixes the  $I_z = j_z = 0$  np states in the  $^1S_0$  and  $^3S_1 - ^3D_1$

$$\delta E_{^3S_1, ^1S_0}(\vec{B}) \equiv \Delta E_{^3S_1, ^1S_0}(\vec{B}) - [E_{p,\uparrow} - E_{p,\downarrow}] + [E_{n,\uparrow} - E_{n,\downarrow}] \rightarrow 2\bar{L}_1 \frac{|e\vec{B}|}{M} + O(|\vec{B}|^2)$$


 $SU(3)_f$ 


## NPLQCD, summary

*Calculation of important quantities in nuclear physics with LQCD is only now becoming practical, with first calculations of simple multibaryon interactions being performed, although at unphysical quark masses.*

*Present day computing power begins to be sufficient to calculate nuclear properties in lattice QCD with near physical quark masses (completed calculations @ 430 MeV & on-going calcs. @ 300 MeV)*

*A chiral extrapolation to the physical pion mass may be possible if sufficiently many results at various pion masses are available.*

*Also, calculations at different lattice spacings are now at reach ( $a \sim 0.1, 0.08 \text{ fm}$ )*

*LQCD calculations would be specially of interest for systems that are not accessible experimentally → Complementary information to experimental programs not too far in the future.*

*“This is a long term project that can be done given sufficient resources. Once completed will definitely be transformative although each individual step may not be.”*  
(encouraging referee's comment)





Thanks to the NPL<sup>QCD</sup> Collaboration

Silas R. Beane & Emmanuel Chang (U of Washington, Seattle)  
William Detmold (MIT), Kostas Orginos (William and Mary & JLab),  
Assumpta Parreño (Barcelona), Martin J. Savage (INT, Seattle)

and

Saul Cohen, Huey-Wen Lin, Thomas C. Luu, Parikshit Junnarkar,  
Brian Tiburzi, André Walker-Loud