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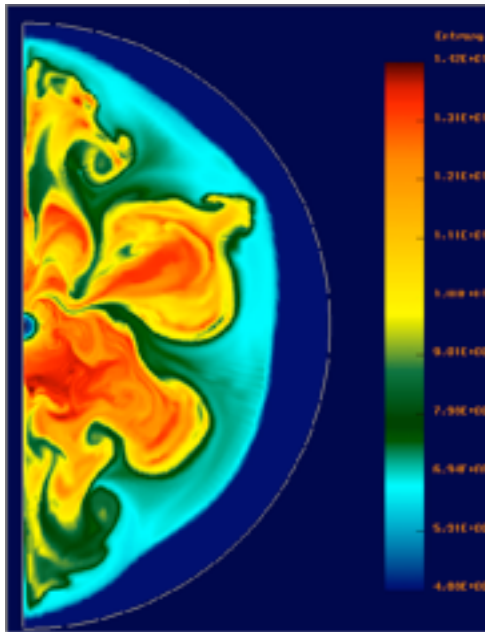
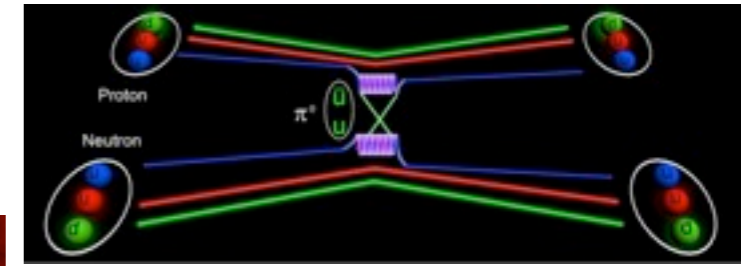
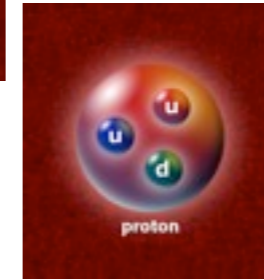
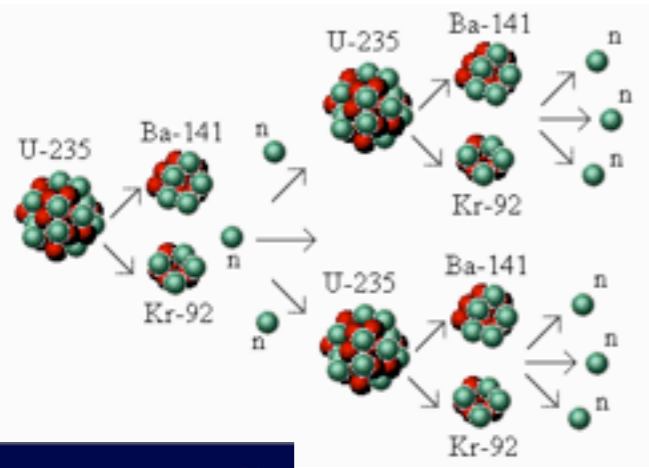
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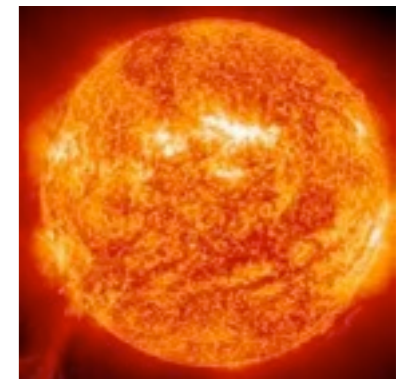
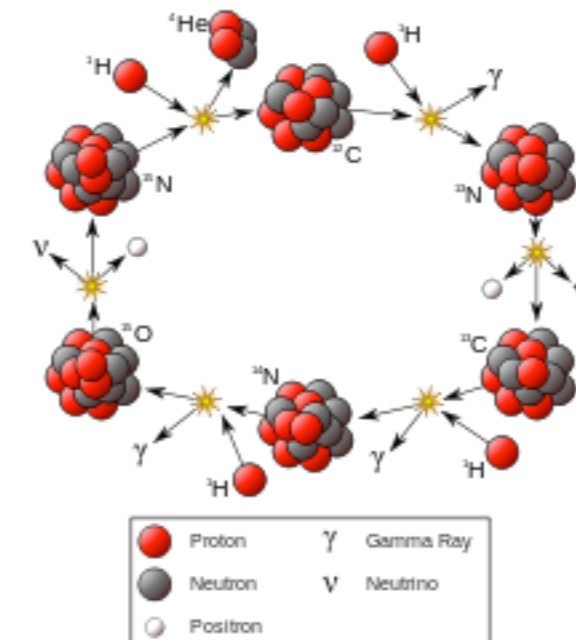
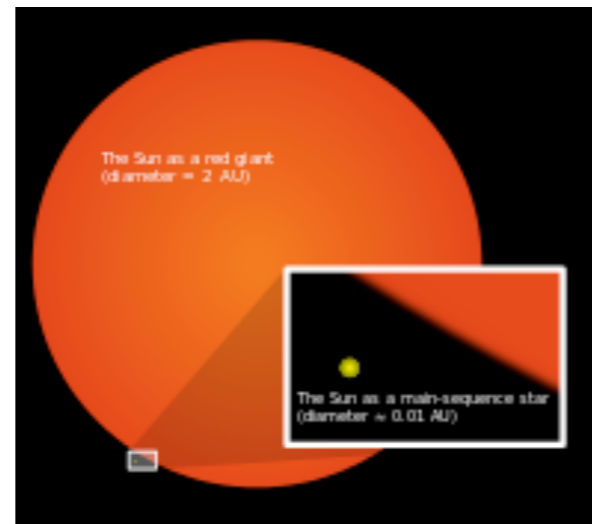
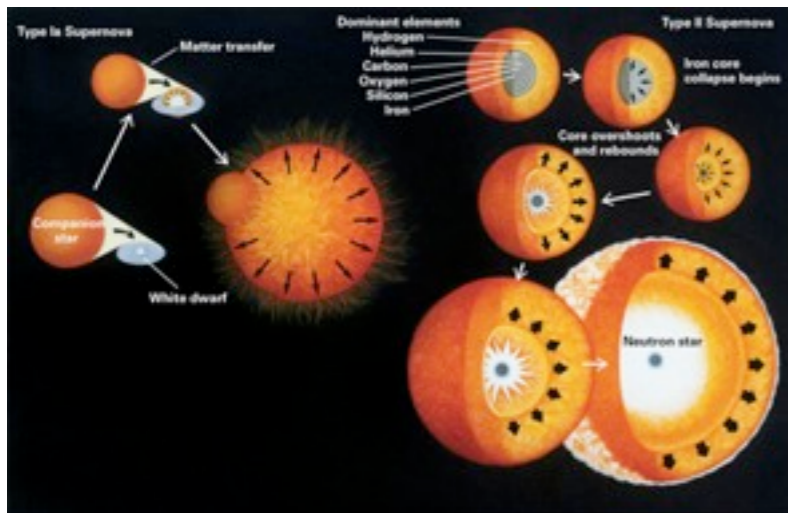
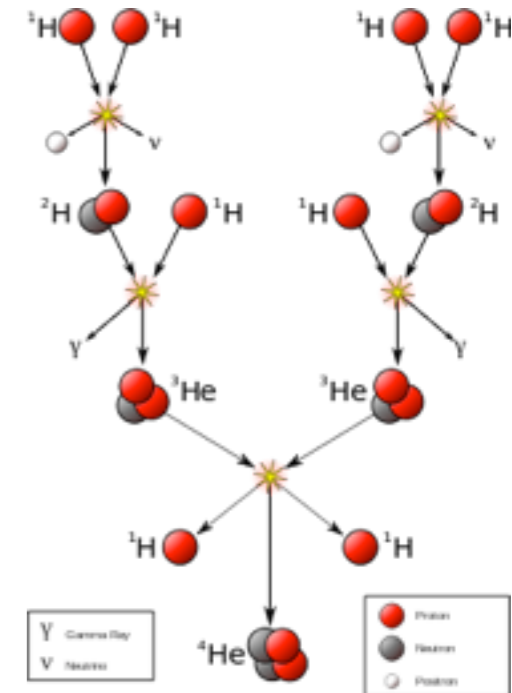
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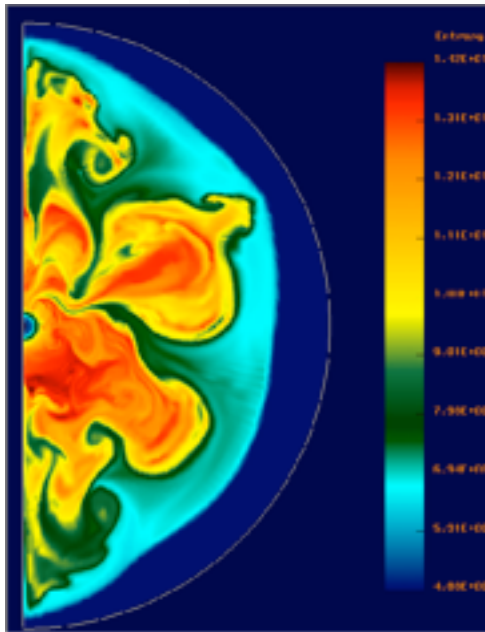
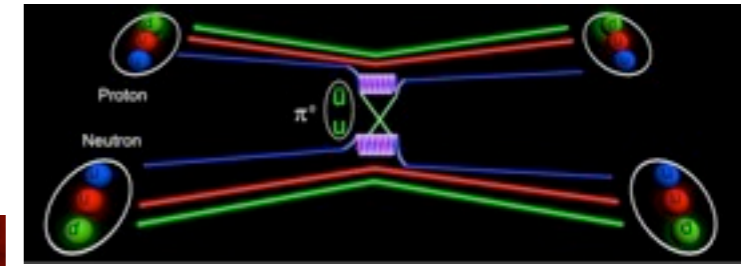
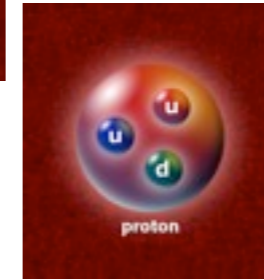
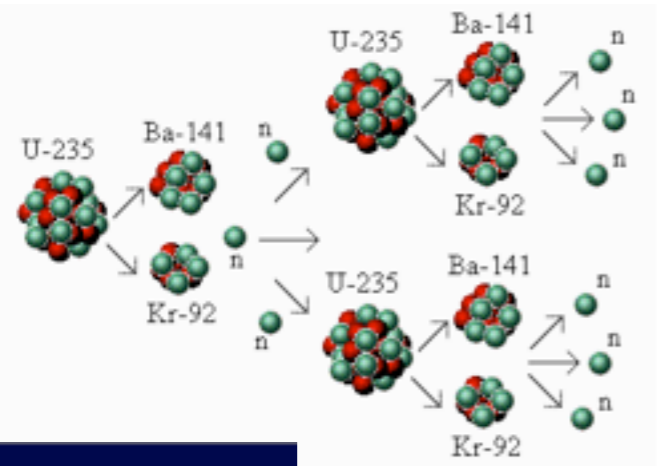
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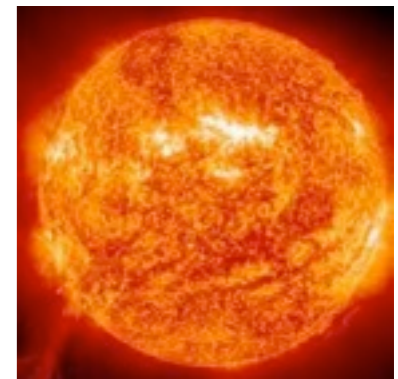
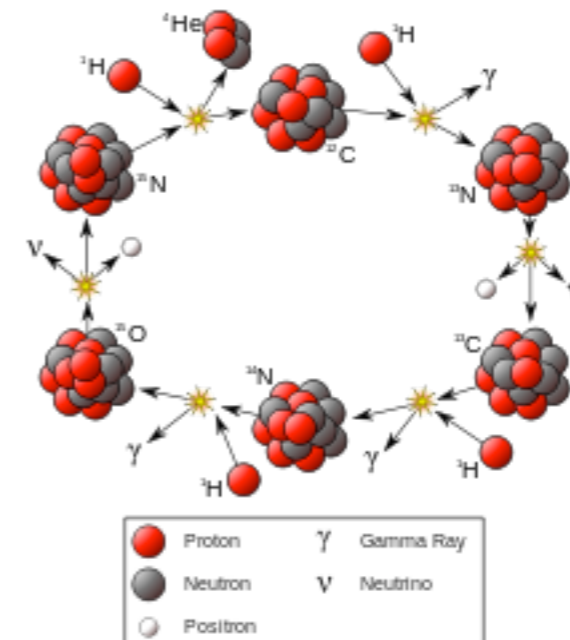
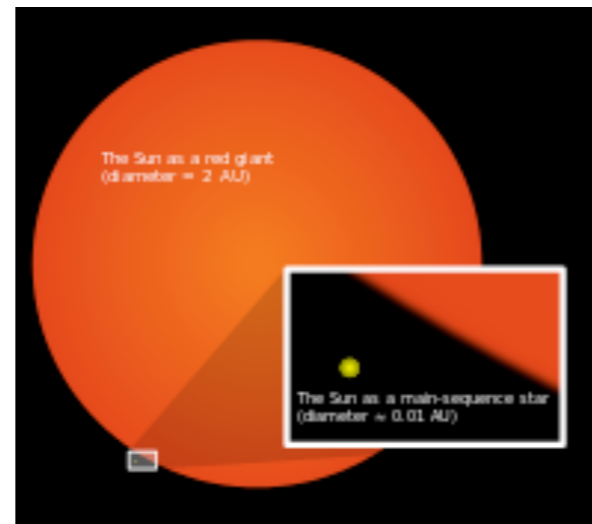
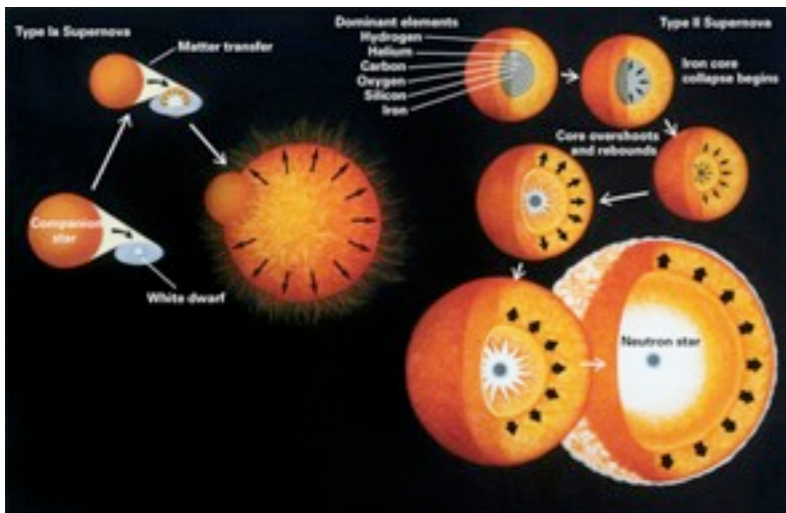
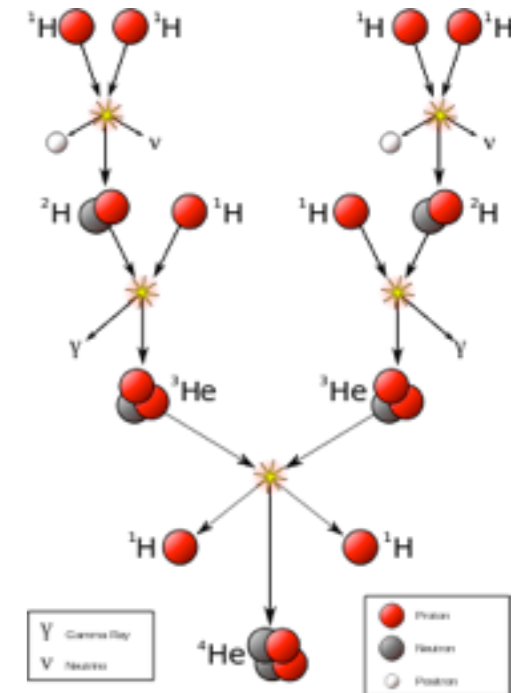
Quantum ChromoDynamics
is *The* fundamental
theory of nuclear physics



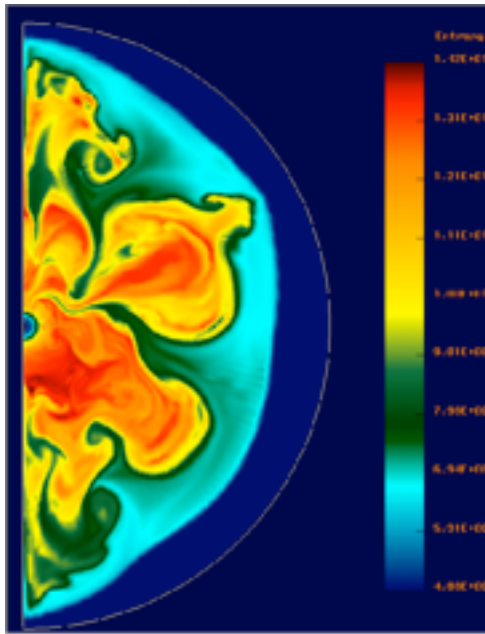
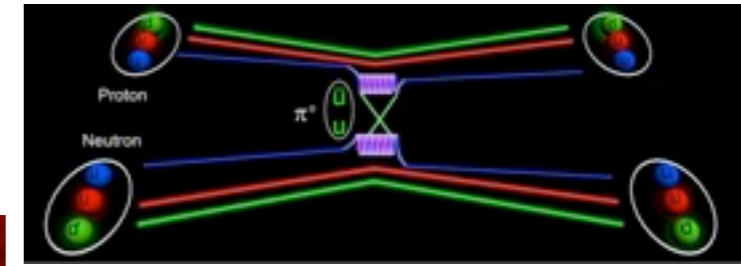
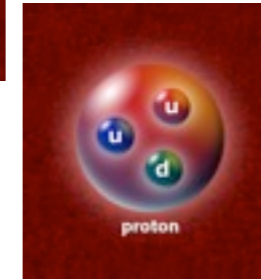
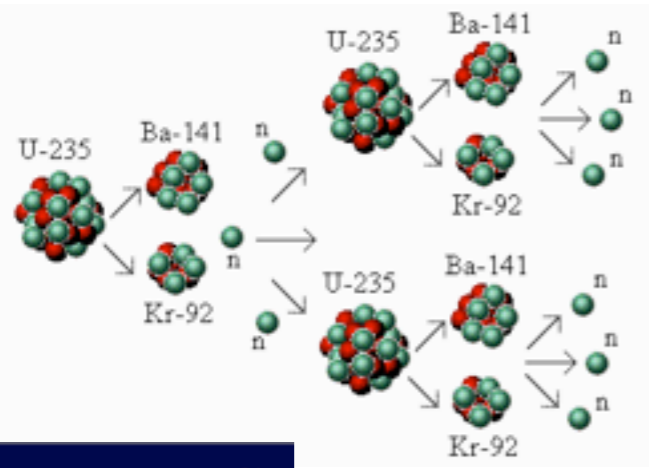
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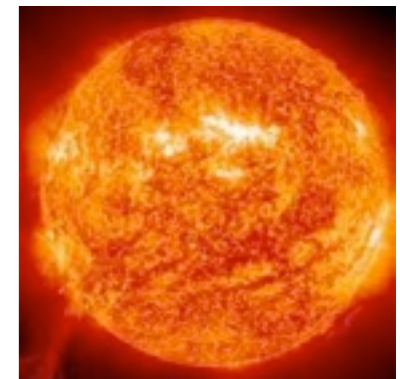
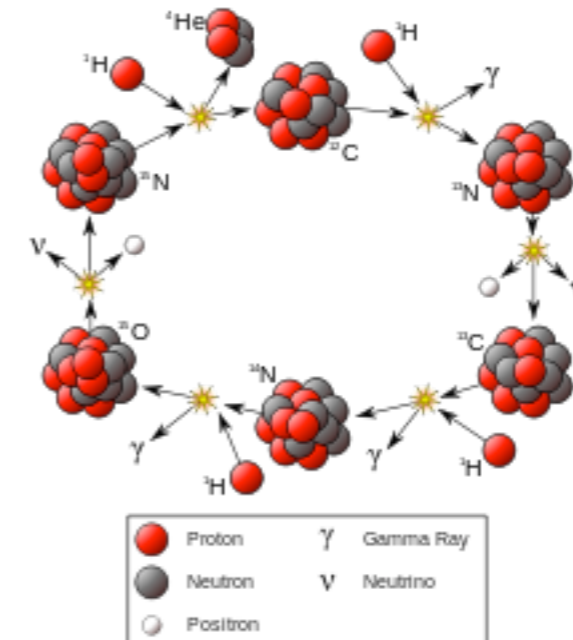
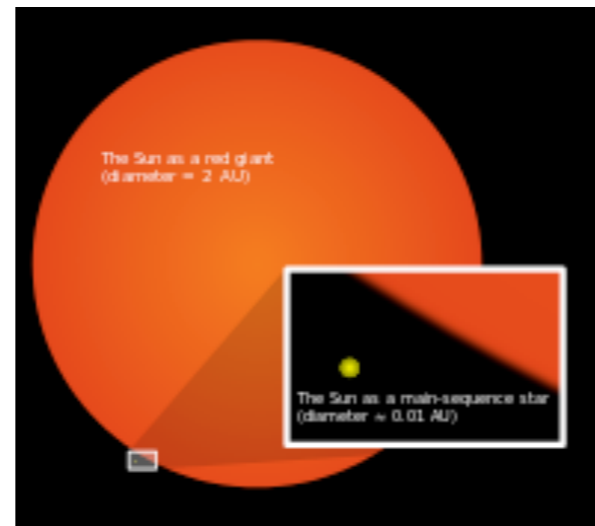
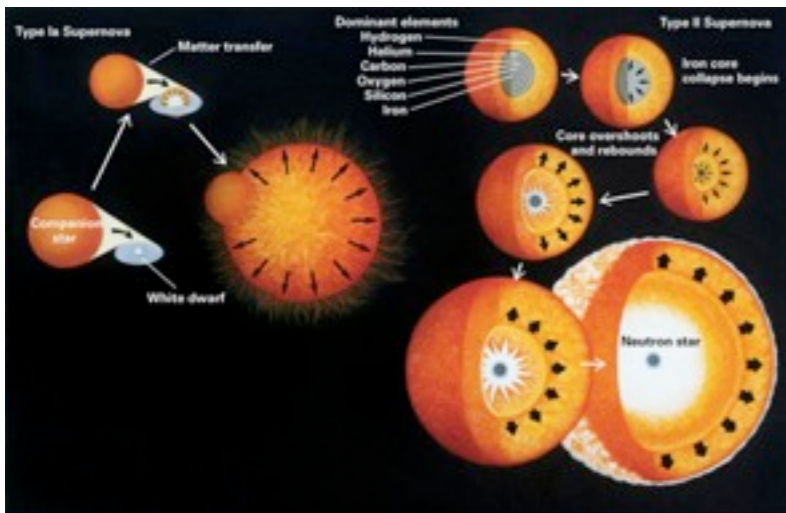
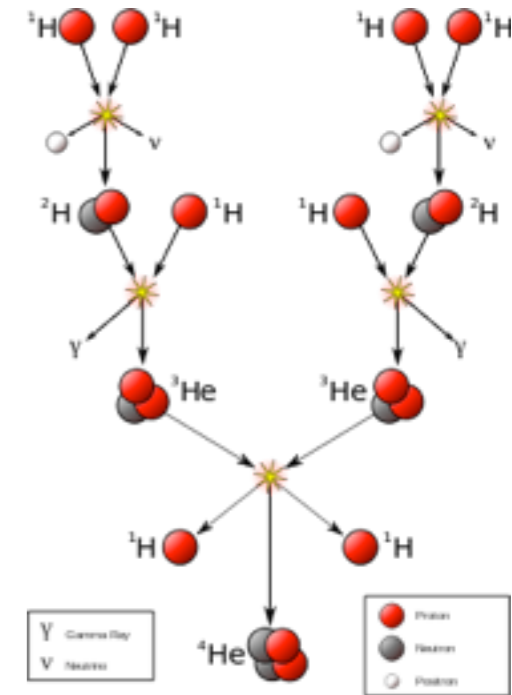
How much of this can we *quantitatively* connect to QCD?



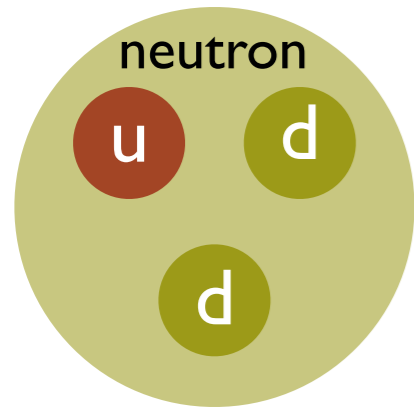
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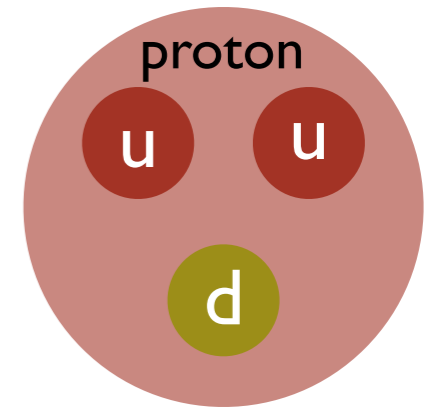
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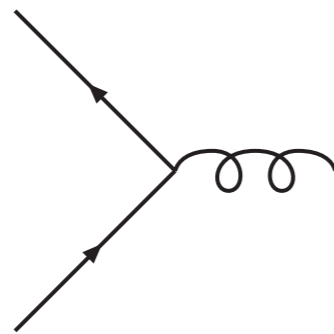
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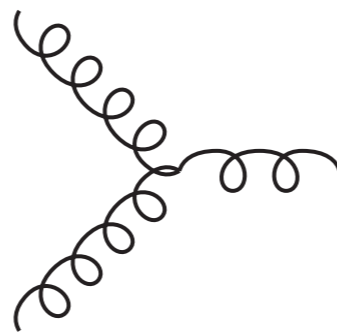
Neutrons and Protons are composed of **confined** quarks and gluons



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quark-gluon interactions

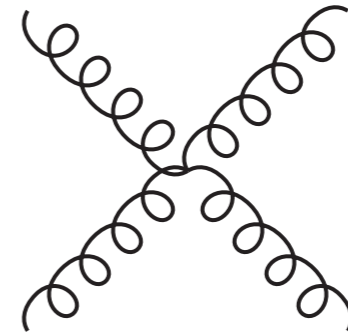
like electromagnetism



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3- and 4-gluon interactions

responsible for non-perturbative nature



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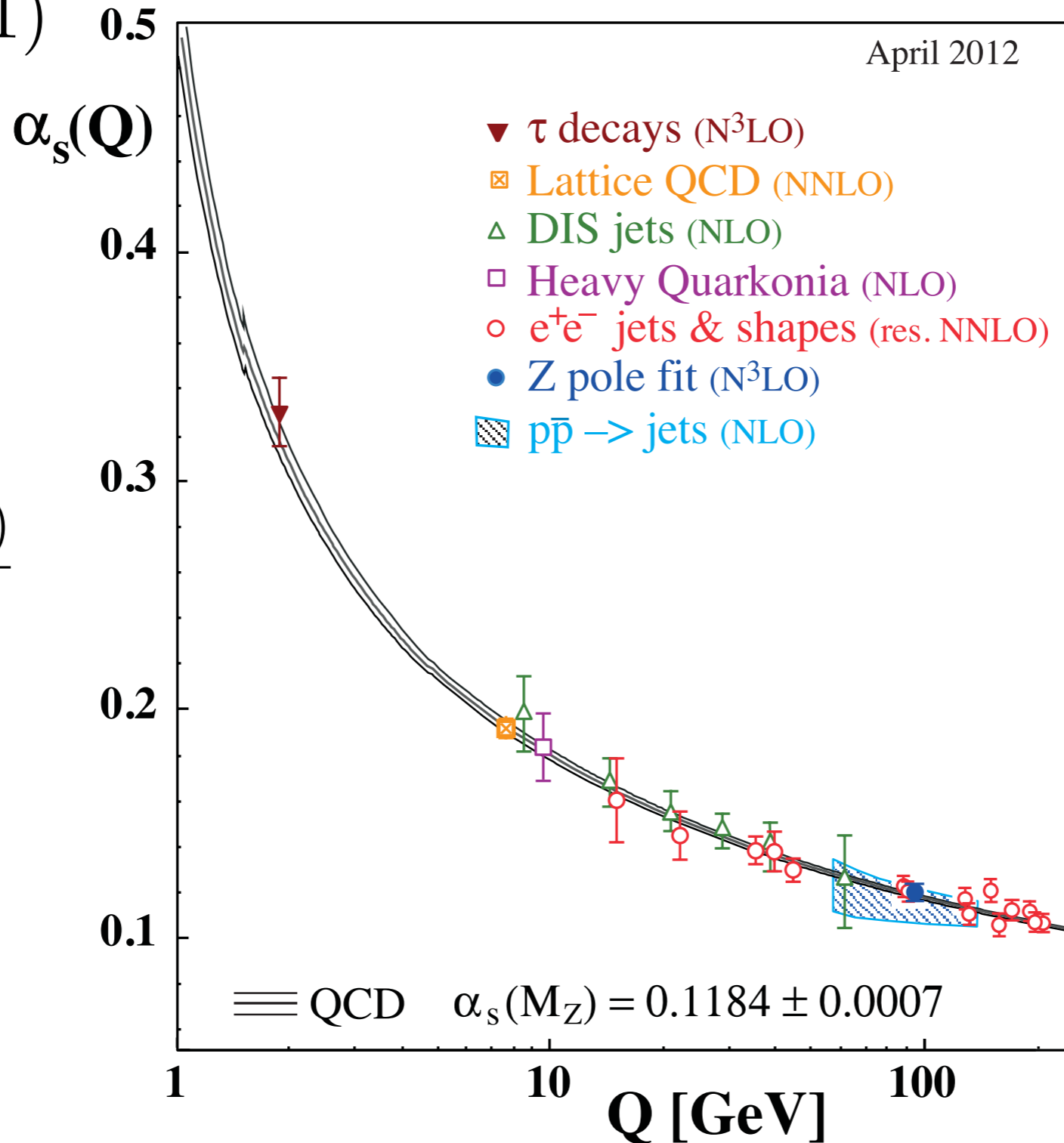
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$$\alpha_s(Q) = \frac{g^2(Q)}{4\pi}$$



2004 Nobel Prize
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David Politzer
Frank Wilczek

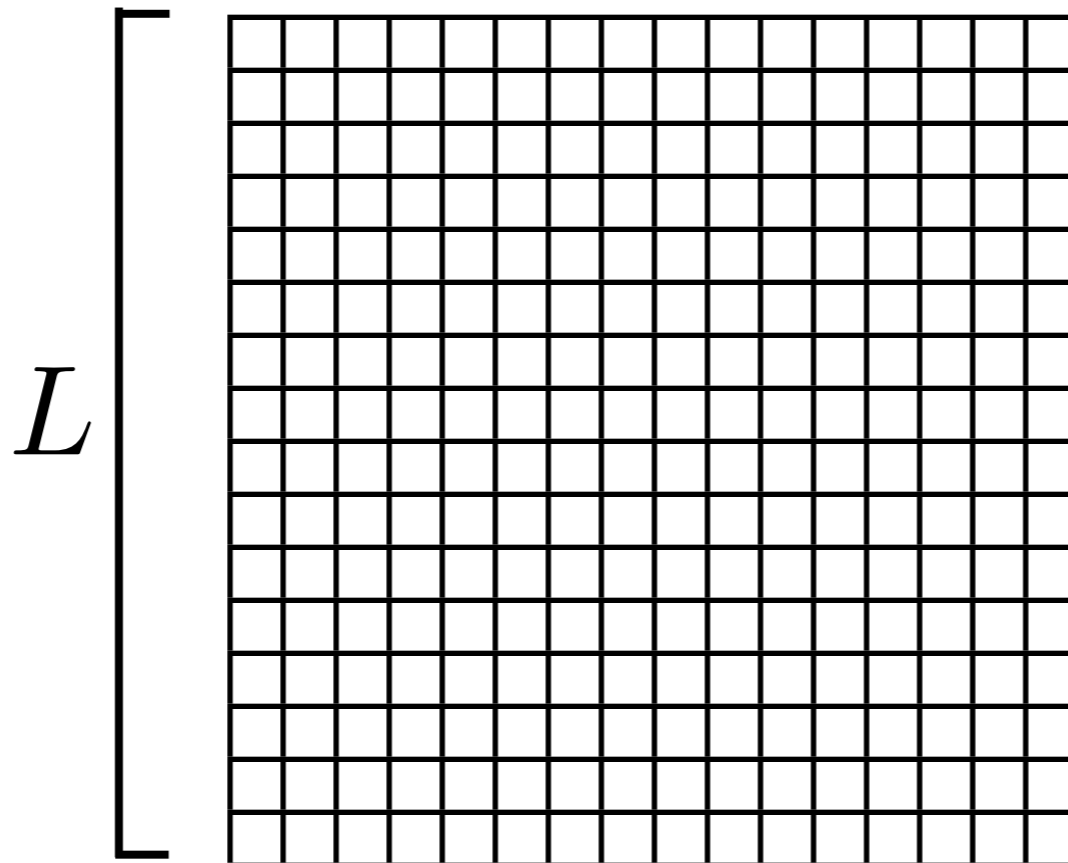
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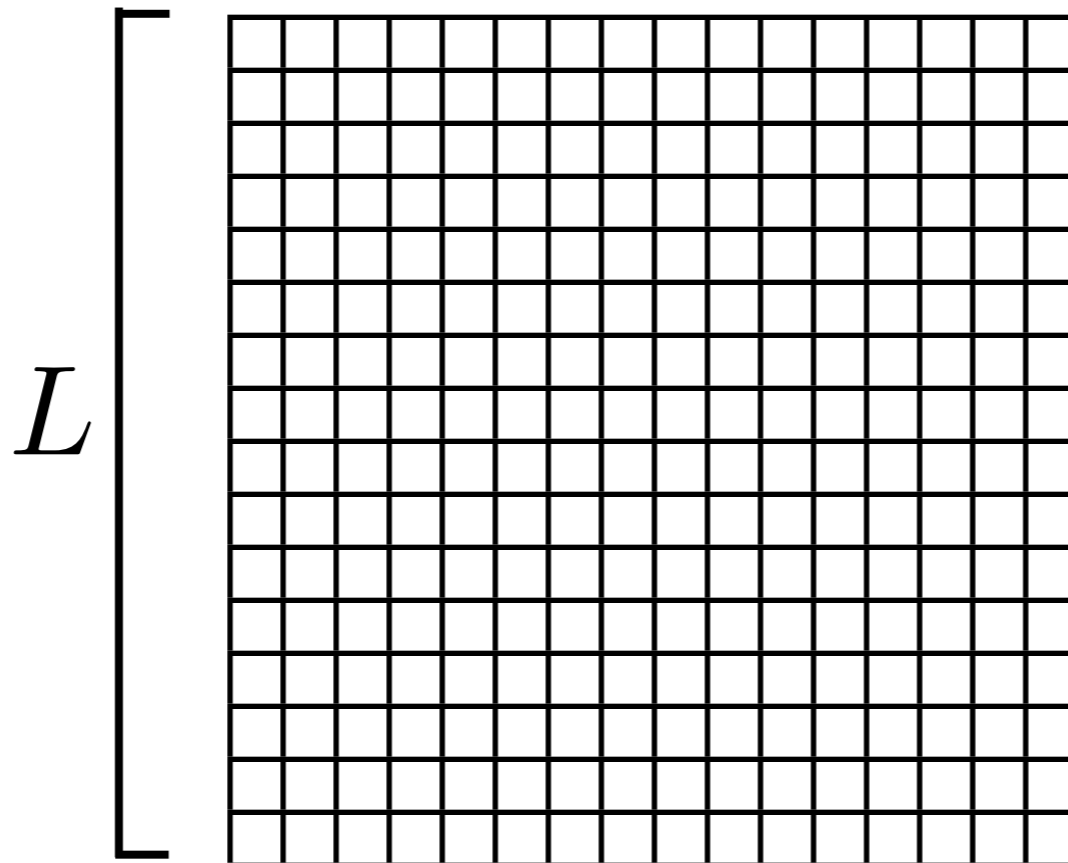
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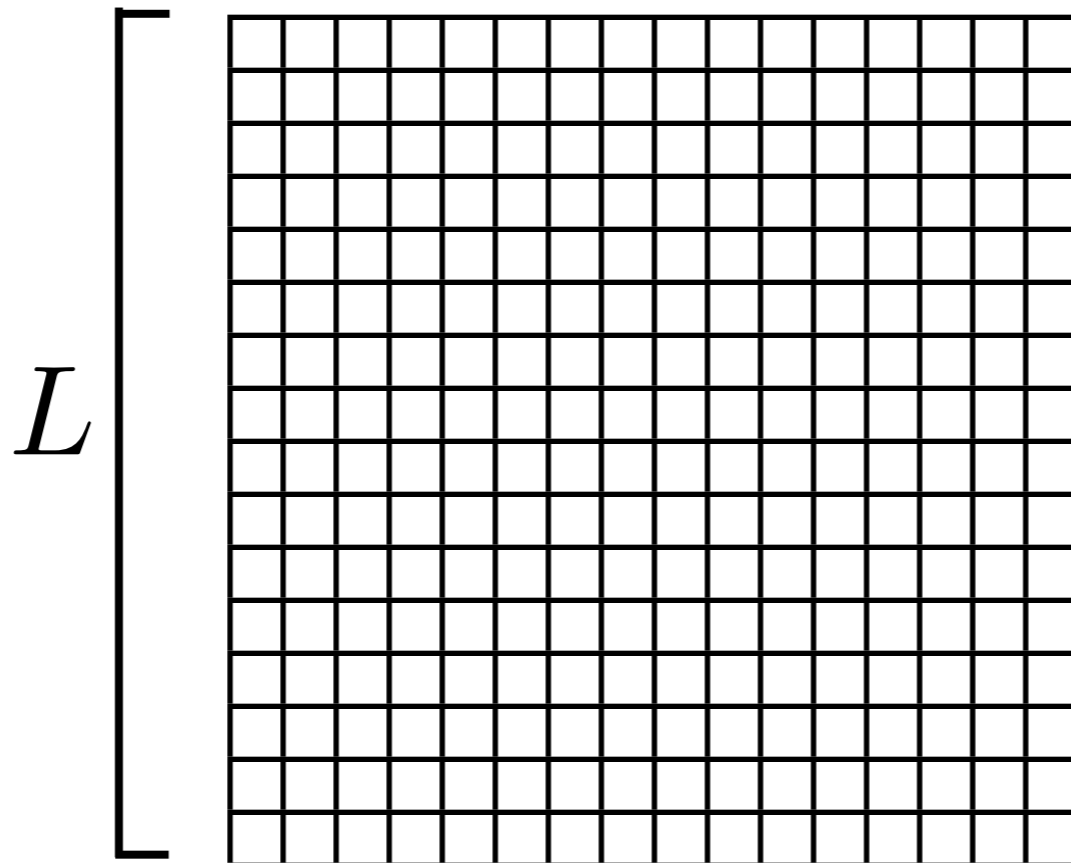
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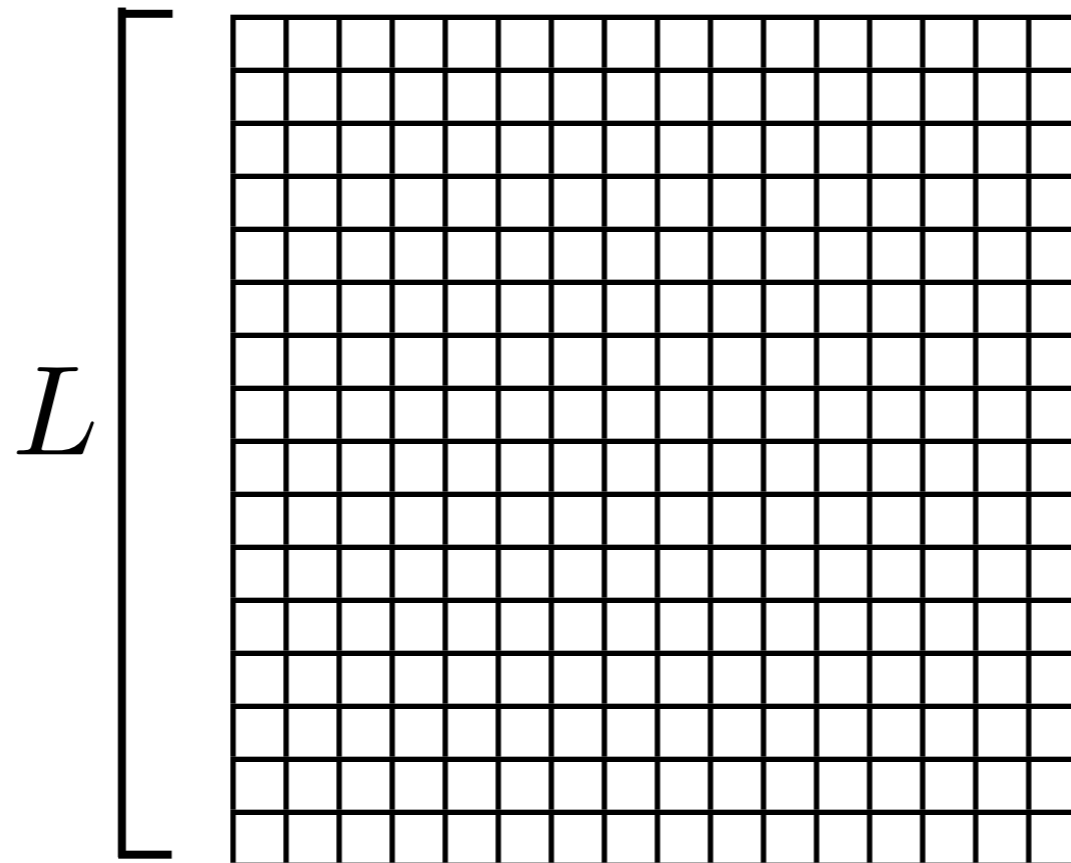
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state of the art today: $L = 64 - 128$

lattice QCD calculations will
really flourish in the exa-scale era

Challenges and Progress

- Signal-to-noise degrades exponentially in time

$$\frac{Sig}{Noise} \propto \sqrt{N} e^{-A(m_N - 3/2m_\pi)t}$$

- numerical cost of performing quark-level Wick contractions can be prohibitively expensive
- Interpolating field overlap with eigenstates of interest
- large separation of scales between interesting (binding) energies and total mass (A nucleons) requires **very high** statistics calculations
- Finite Volume formalism for multi-hadron interactions only exists for two and three bodies:

Challenges and Progress

Coupled Channels and Inelastic States

- Calculations of NN interactions with near physical pion masses and large volumes (8-10 fm) requires an understanding of coupled channels **and use of multiple operators**

$$NN \rightarrow NN\pi$$

- without including operators which couple to all relevant states - the spectrum is not determined correctly

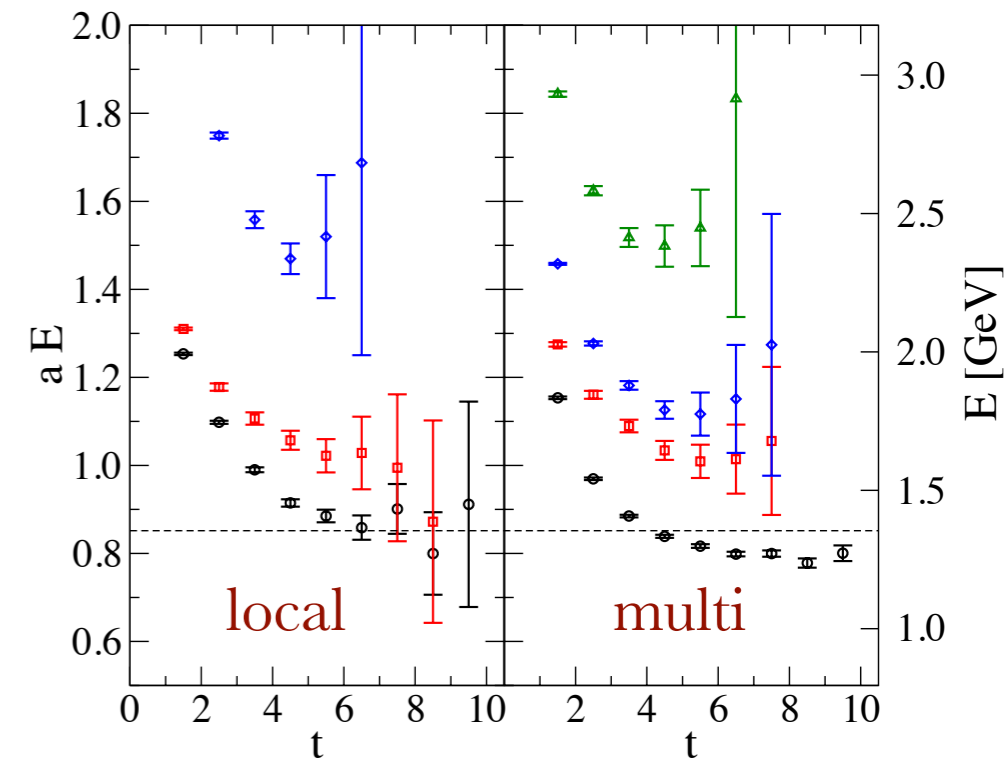
C.Lang and V.Verduci
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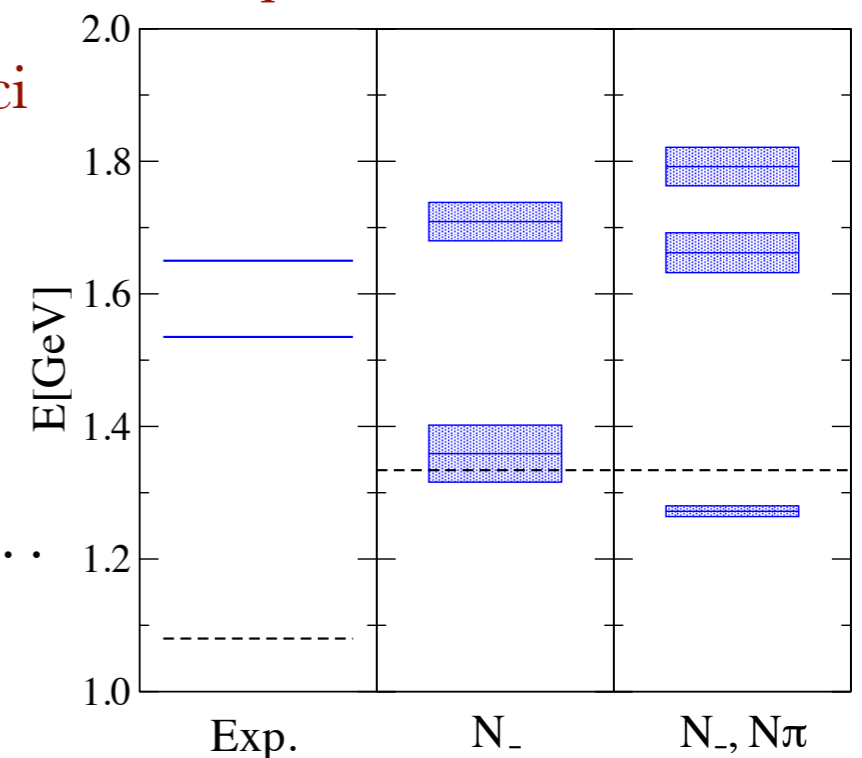
multi-hadron



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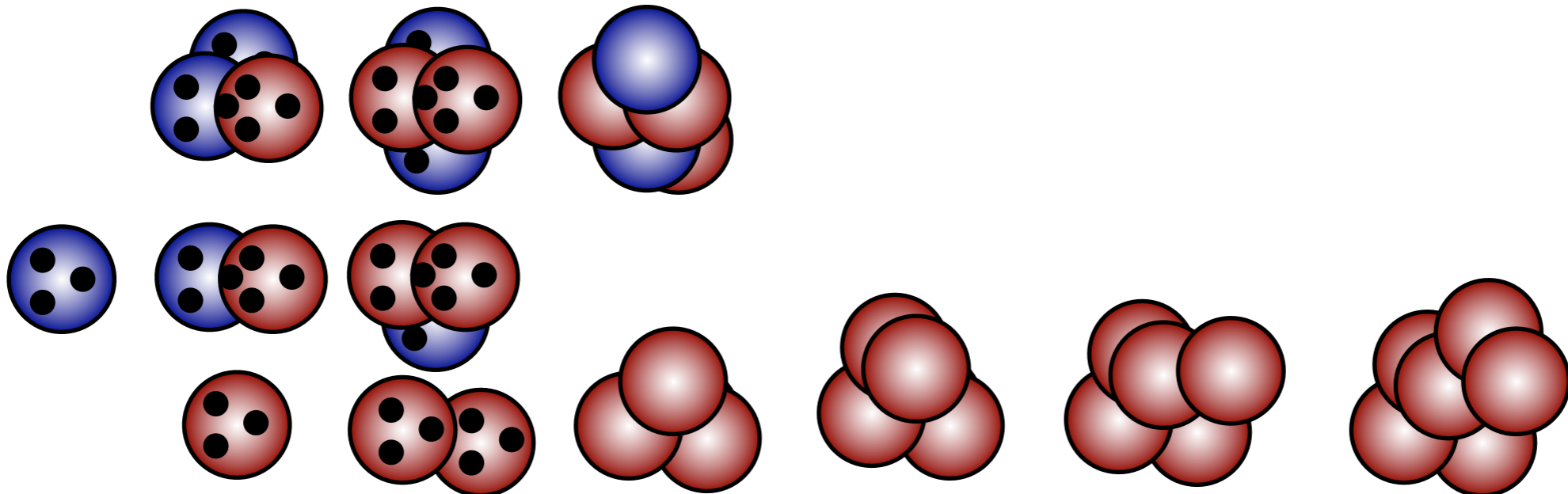
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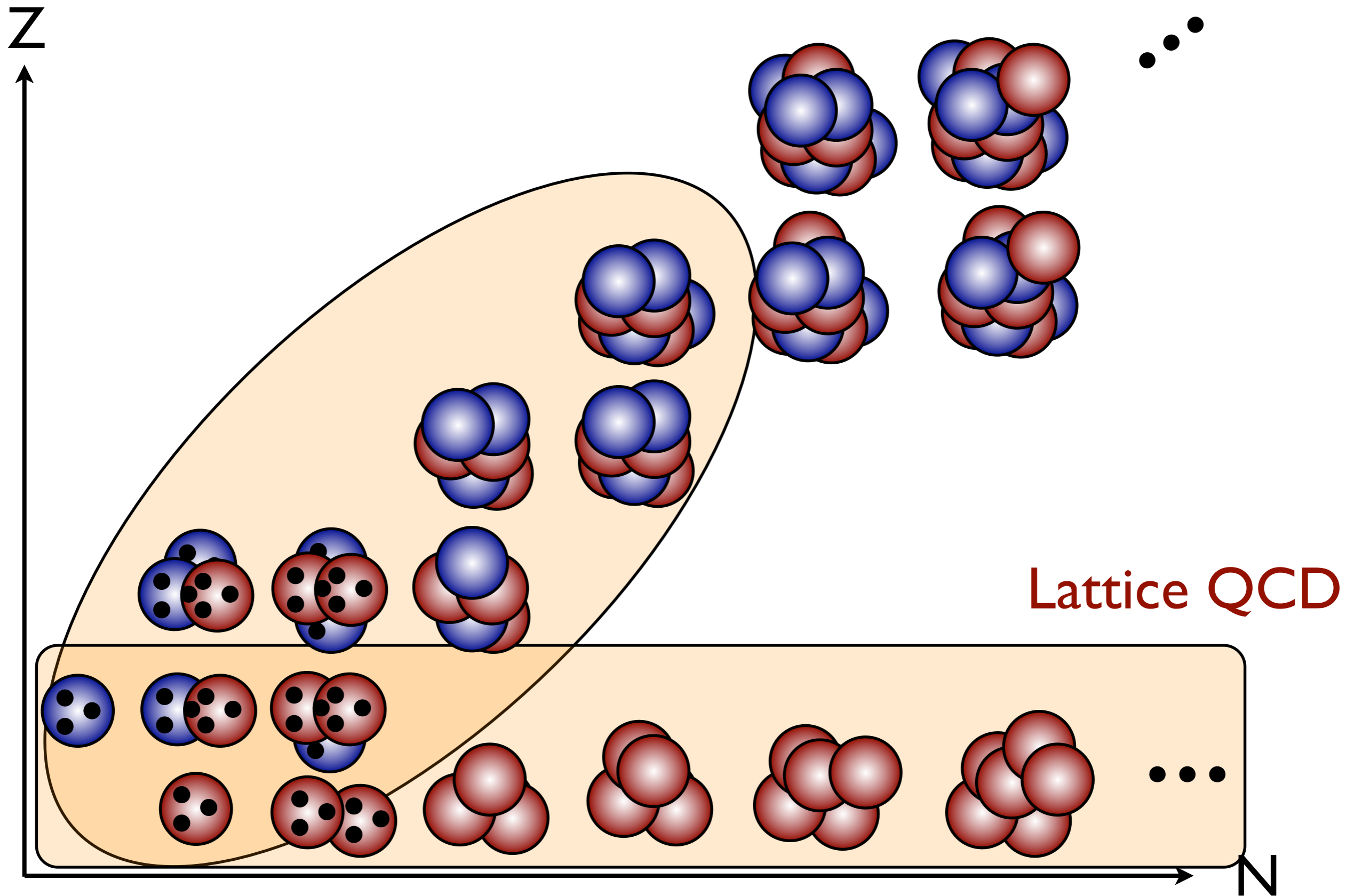


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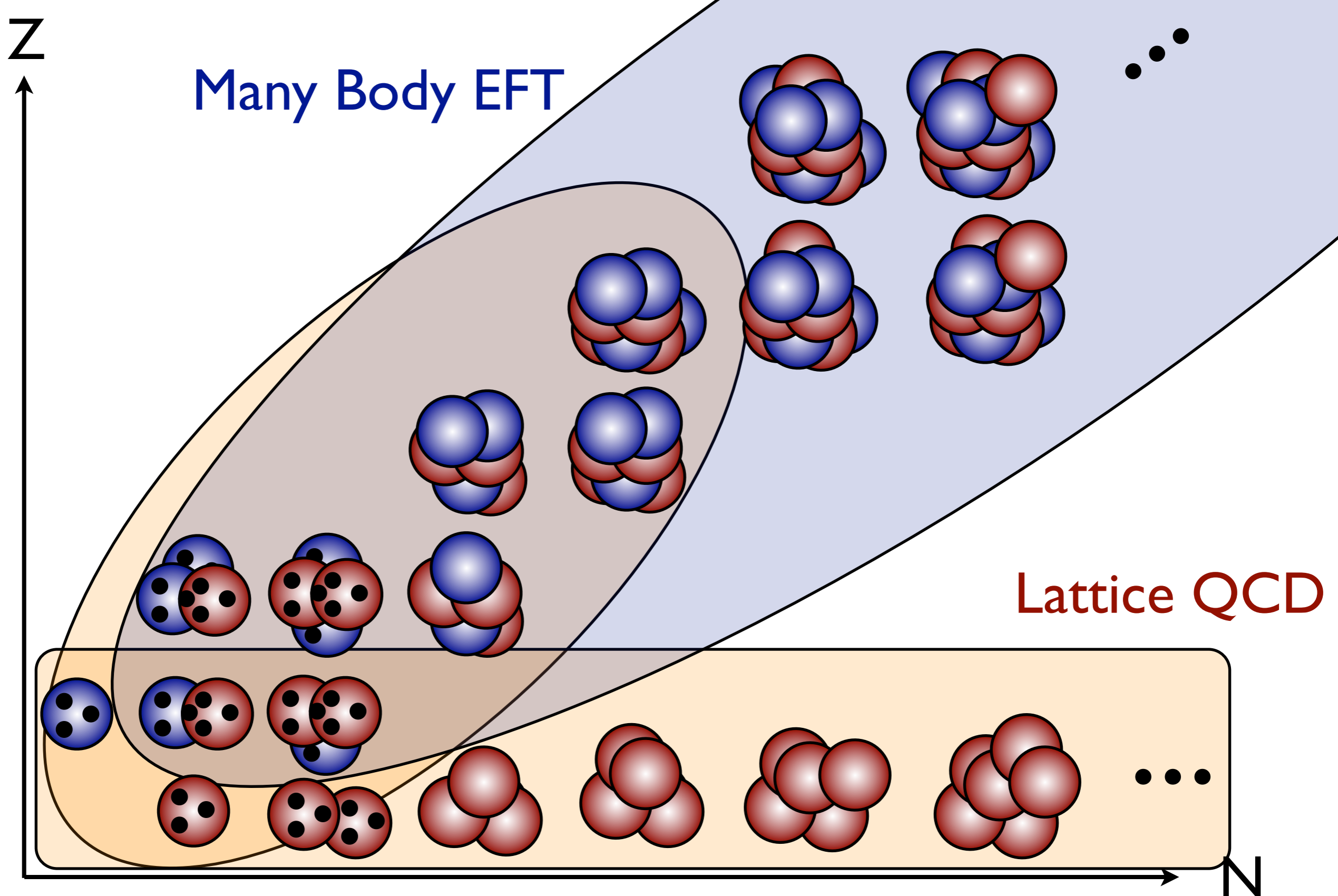


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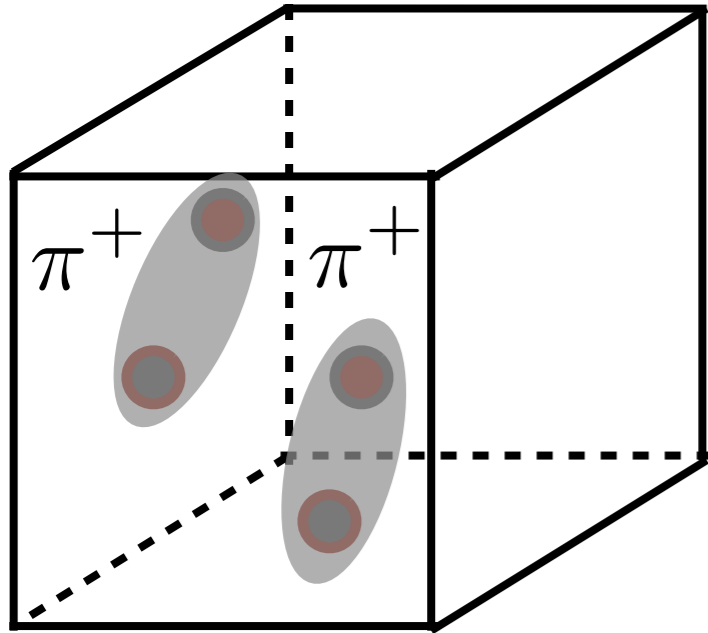
Determine 2, 3, 4 body forces directly from QCD



lattice QCD calculations performed in finite volume

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(Lüscher Method)

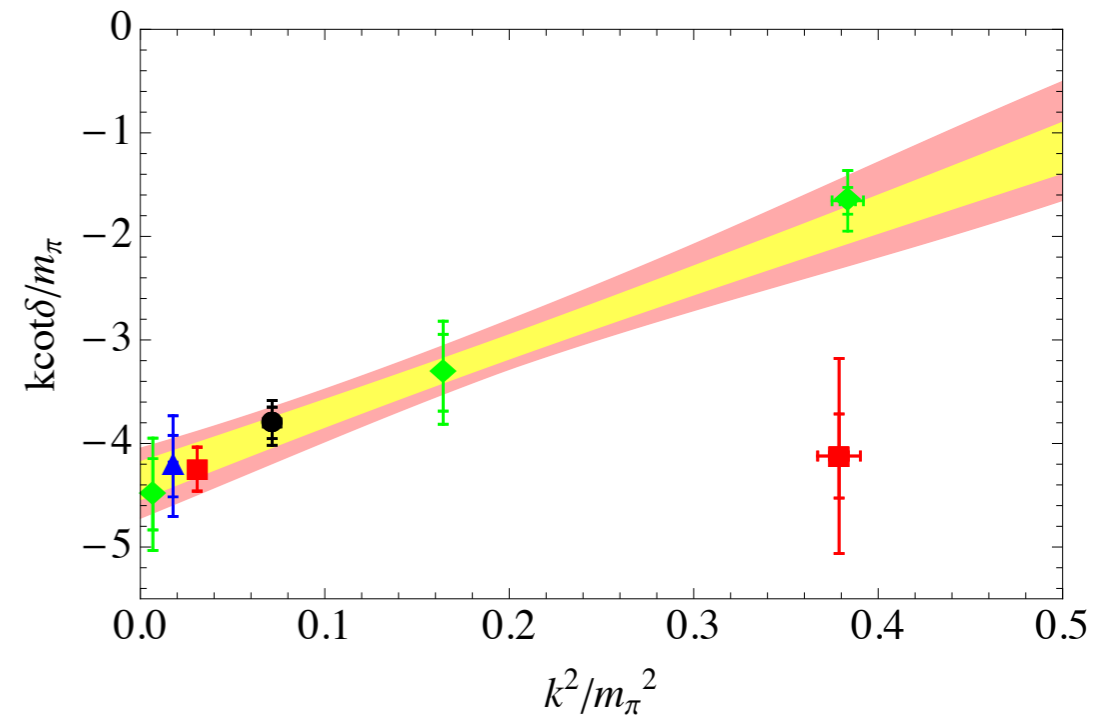
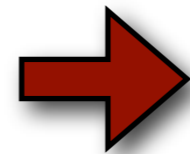
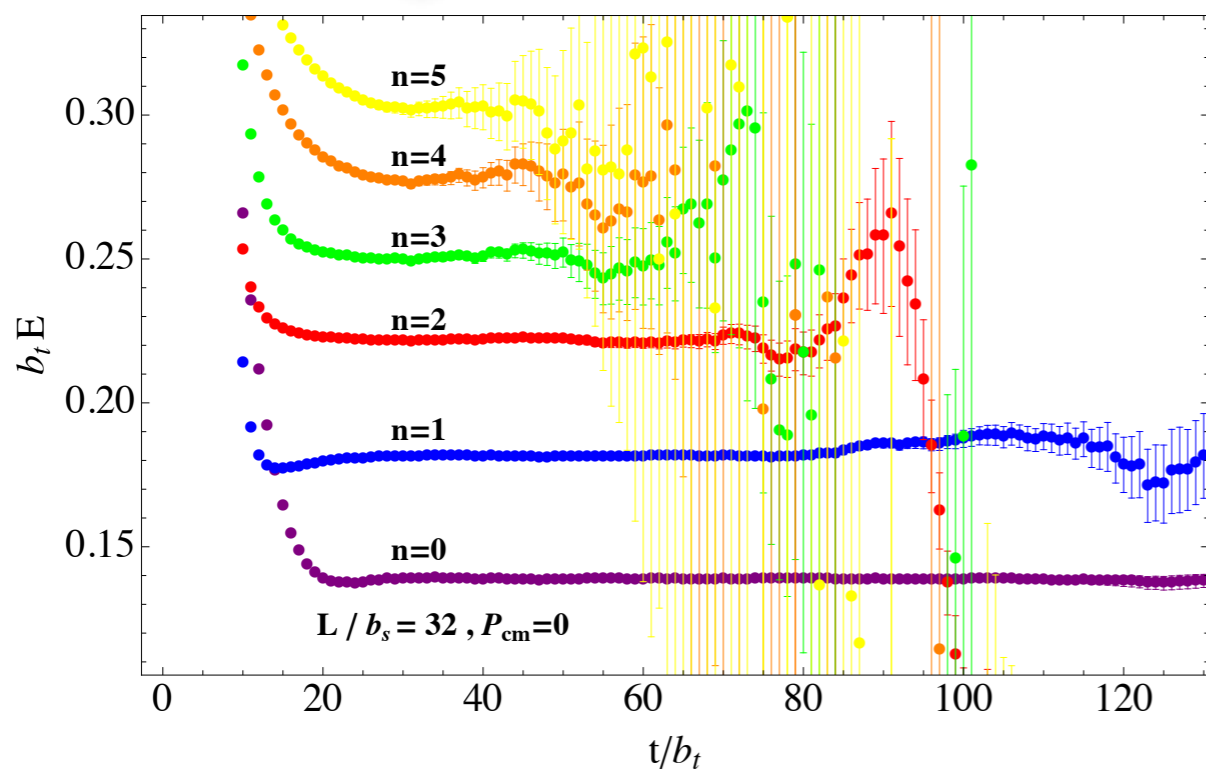


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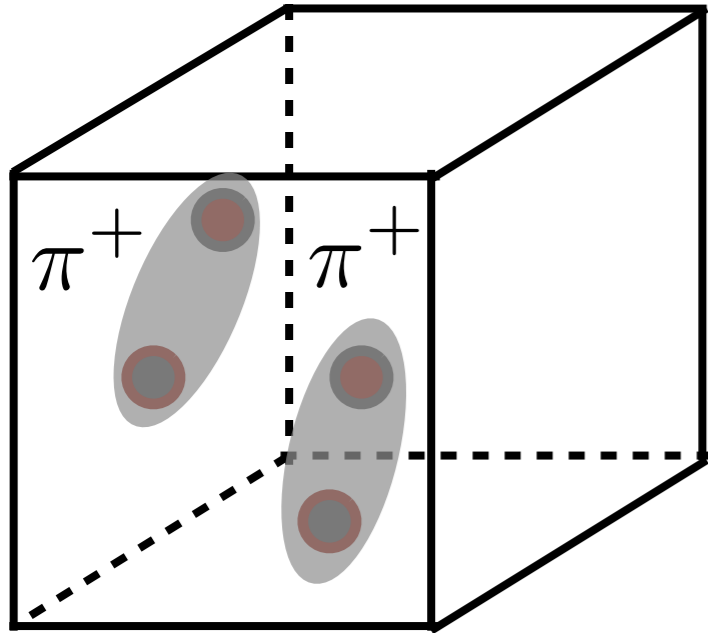
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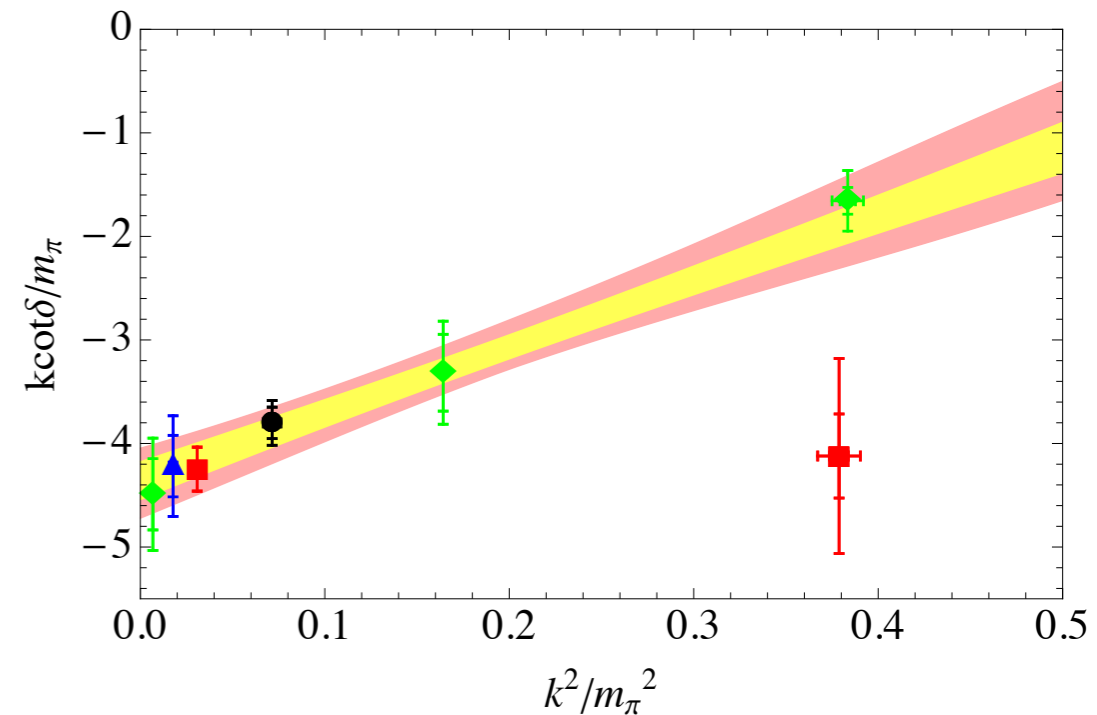
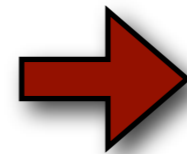
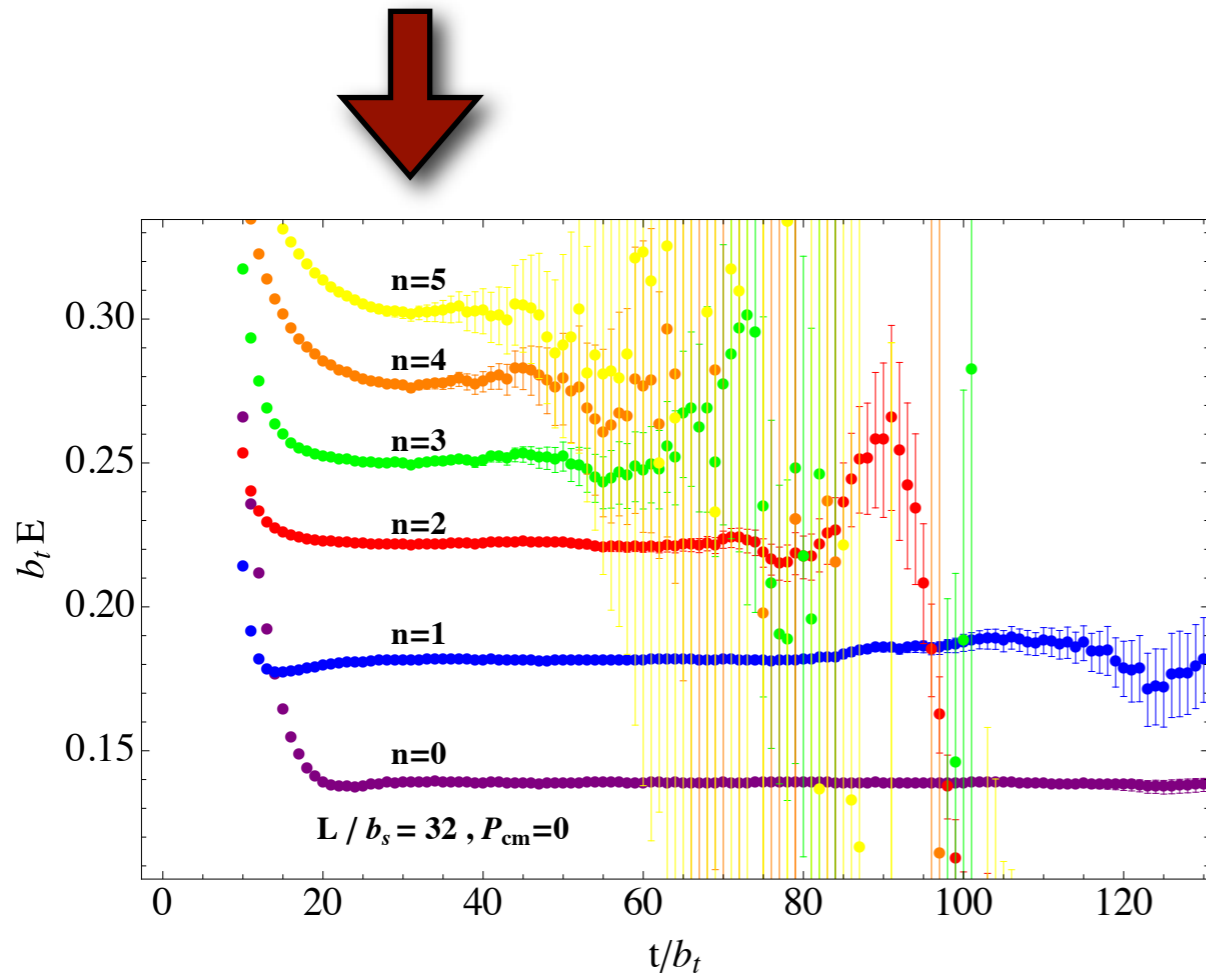


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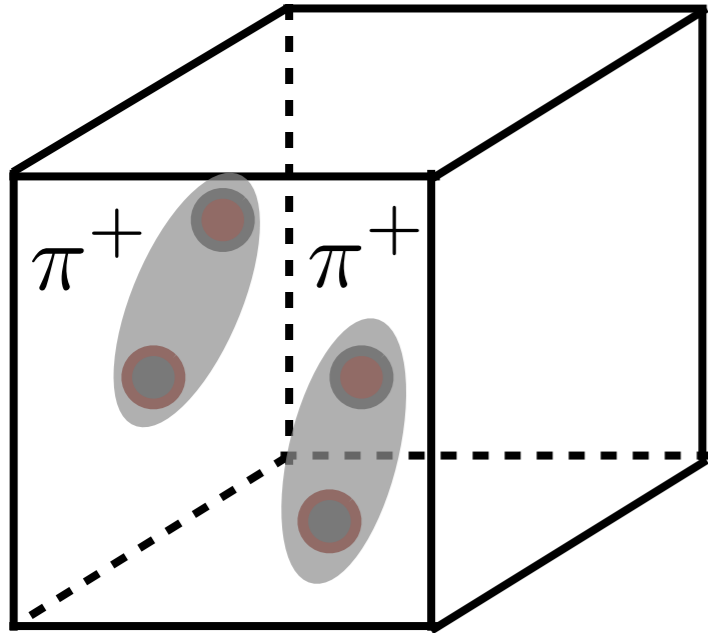
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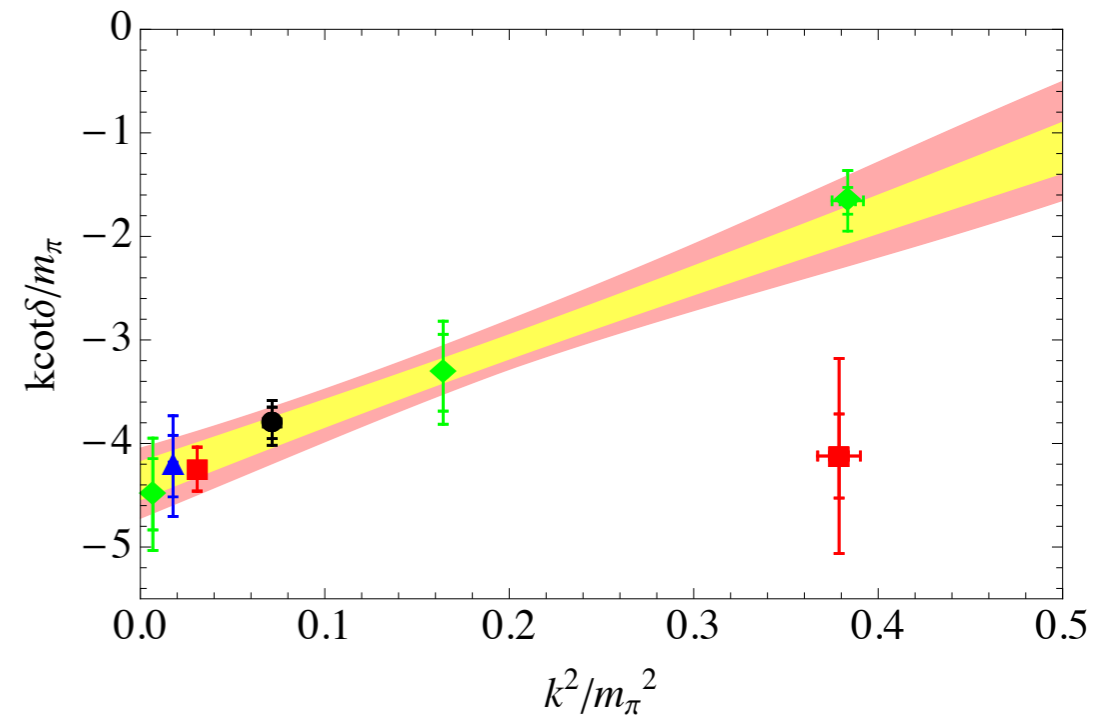
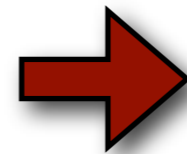
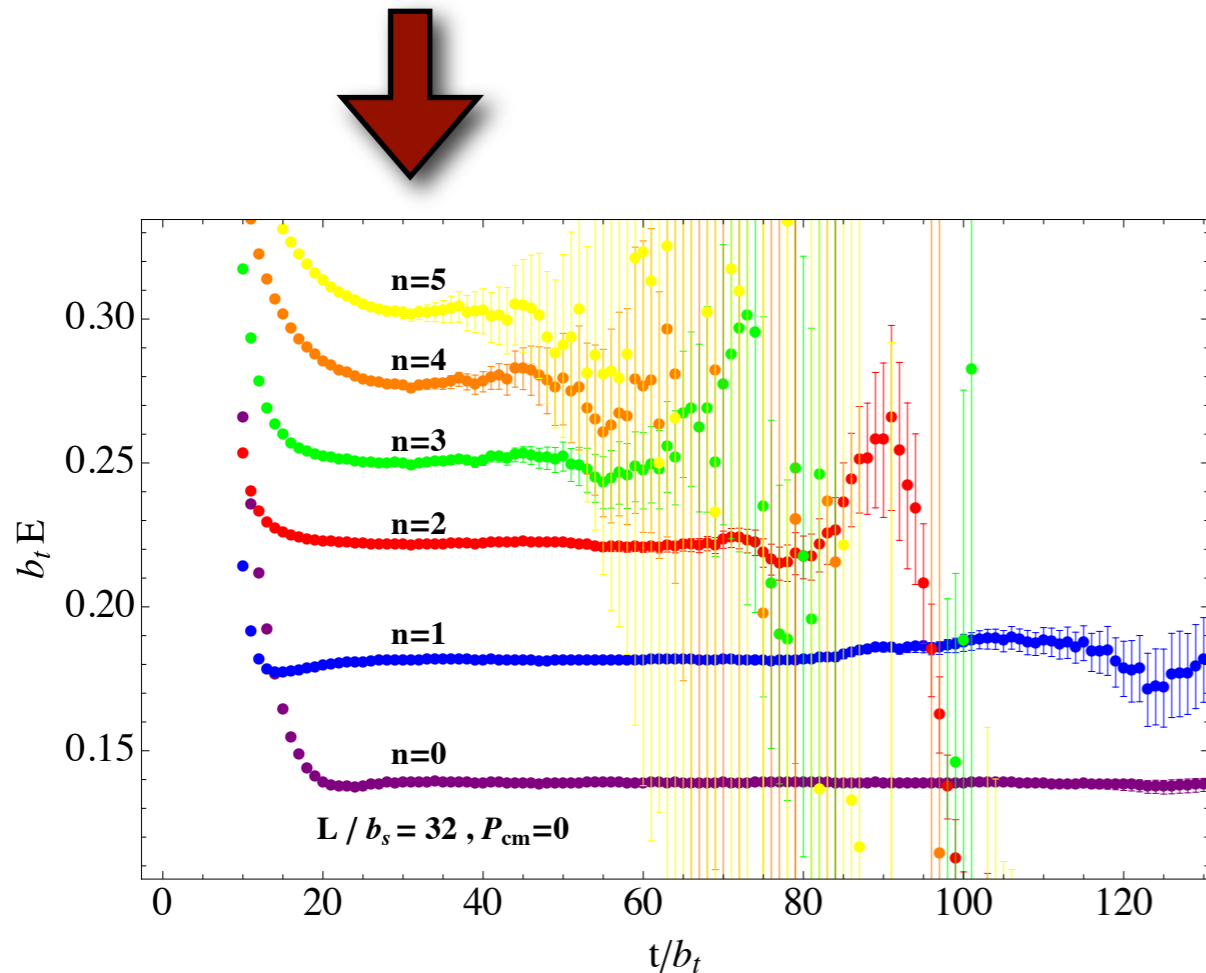


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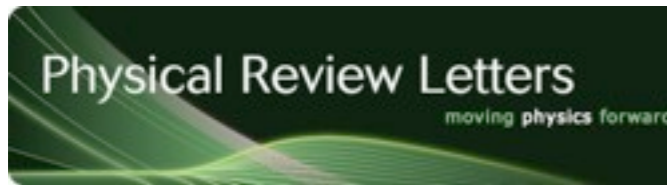
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H-Dibaryon $|H\rangle \sim |\Lambda\Lambda\rangle \sim |uds\ uds\rangle$



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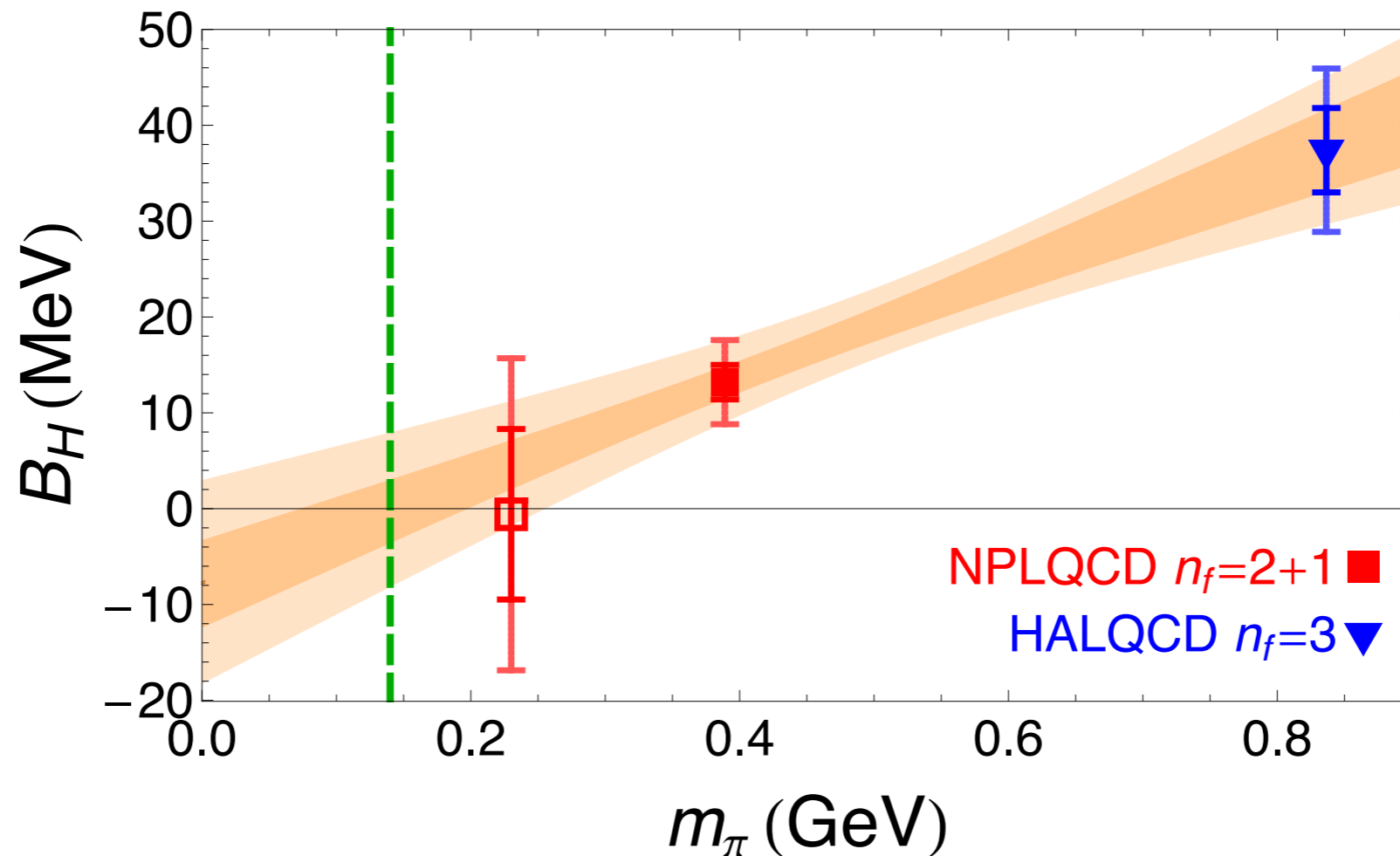
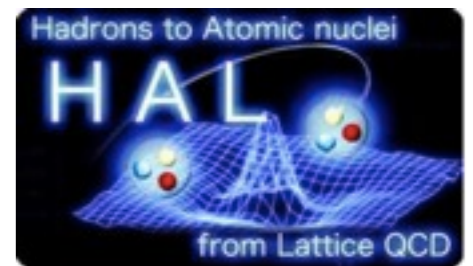
Evidence for a Bound H Dibaryon from Lattice QCD

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Bound H Dibaryon in Flavor SU(3) Limit of Lattice QCD

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NN Interactions

1S_0
di-neutron

$$a \simeq -24 \text{ fm}$$

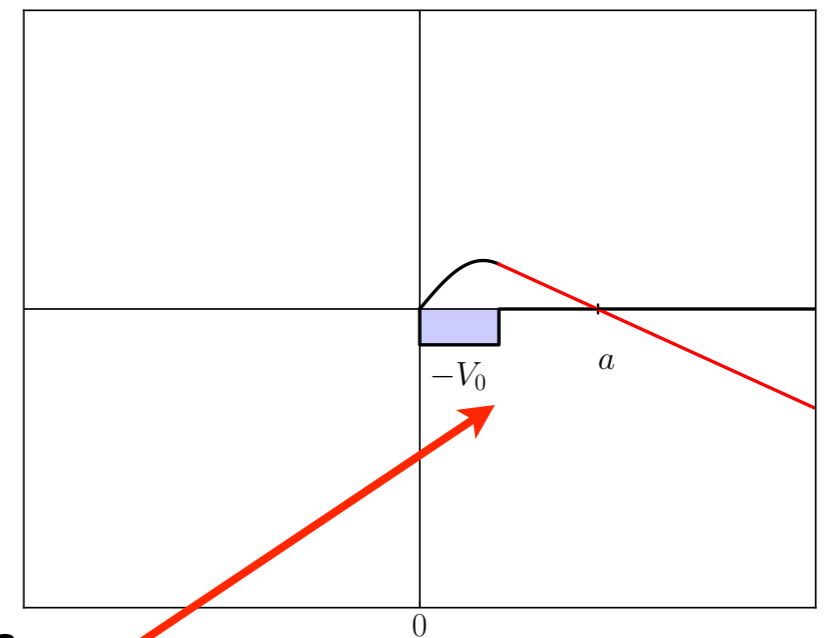
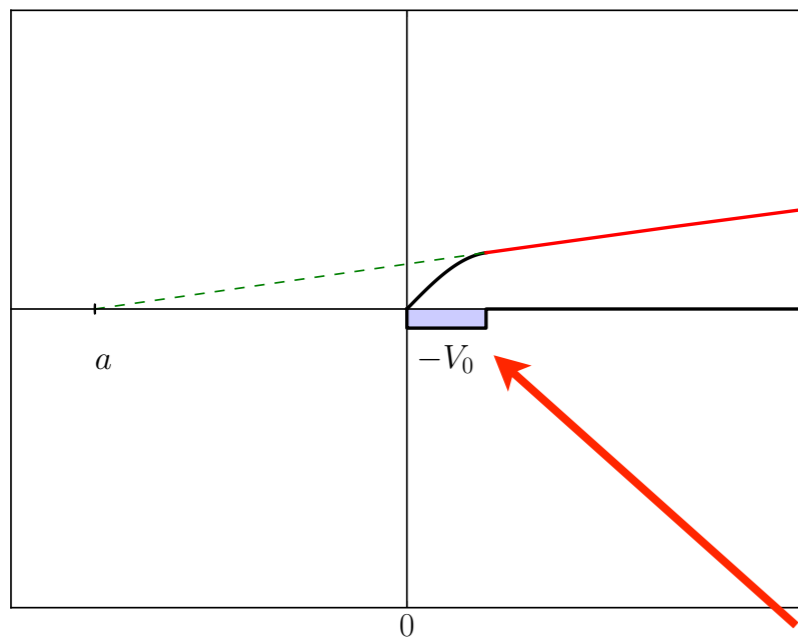
$$\left(\lim_{p \rightarrow 0} p \cot \delta(p) = -\frac{1}{a} \right)$$

3S_1
deuteron

$$B_d = 2.2245(2) \text{ MeV}$$

$$a \simeq 5.5 \text{ fm}$$

threshold scattering is finely tuned

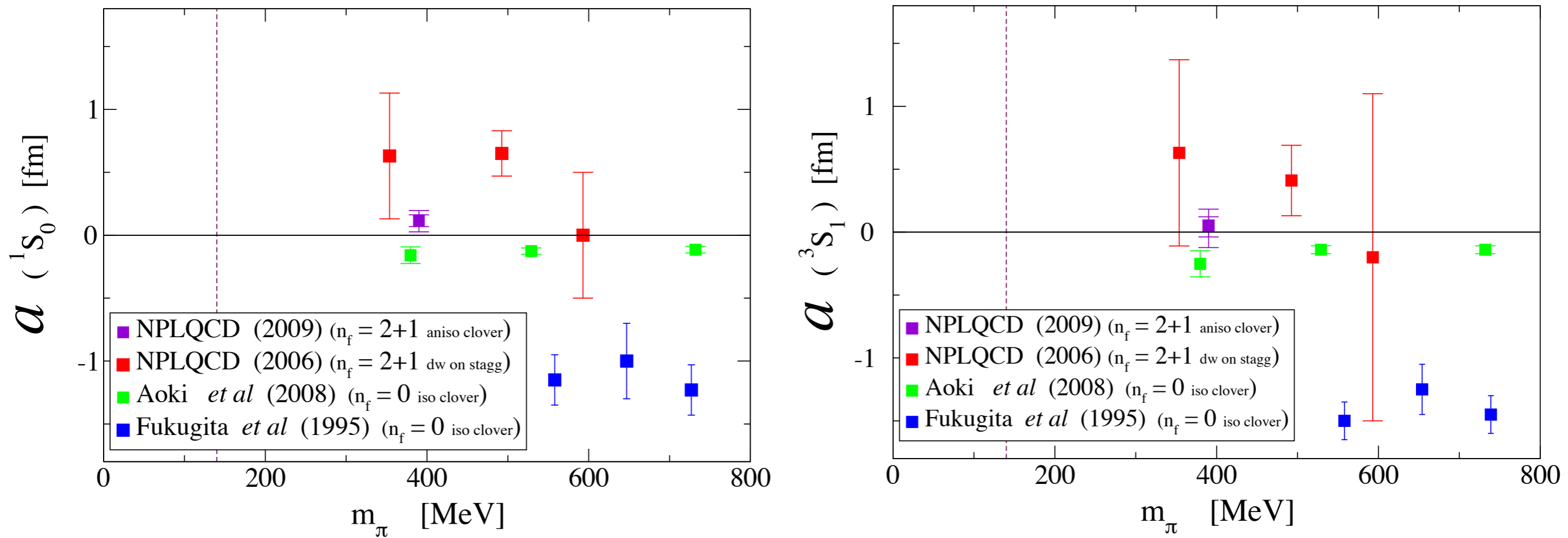


$$R_{NN} \sim \frac{1}{m_\pi} \sim 1.4 \text{ fm}$$

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early calculations indicate the large scattering lengths relax for larger pion masses



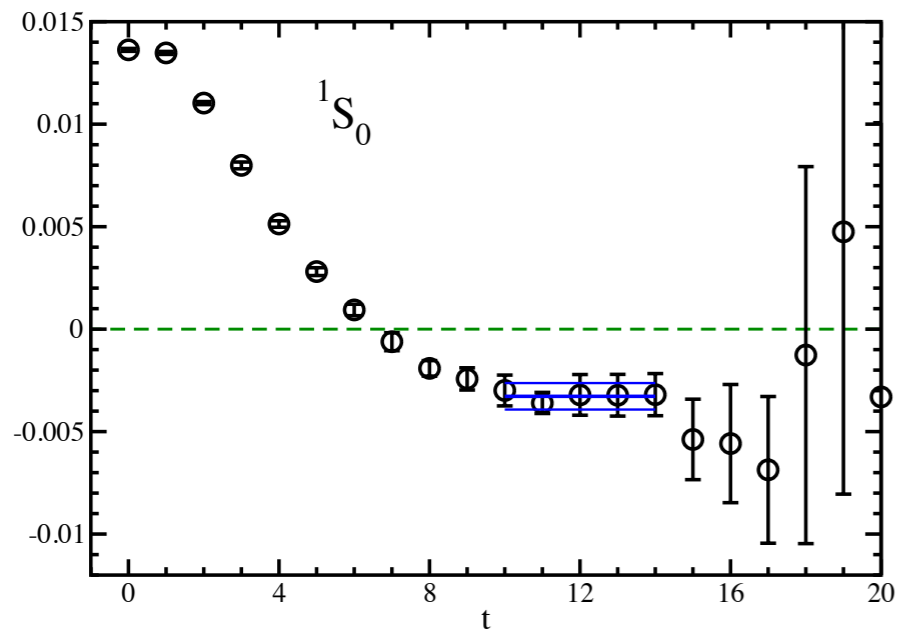
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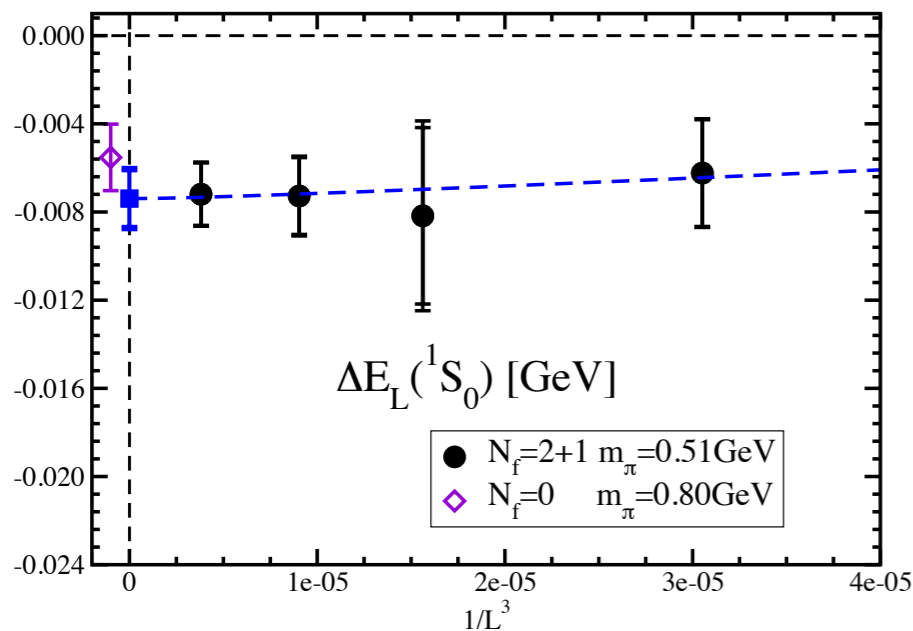
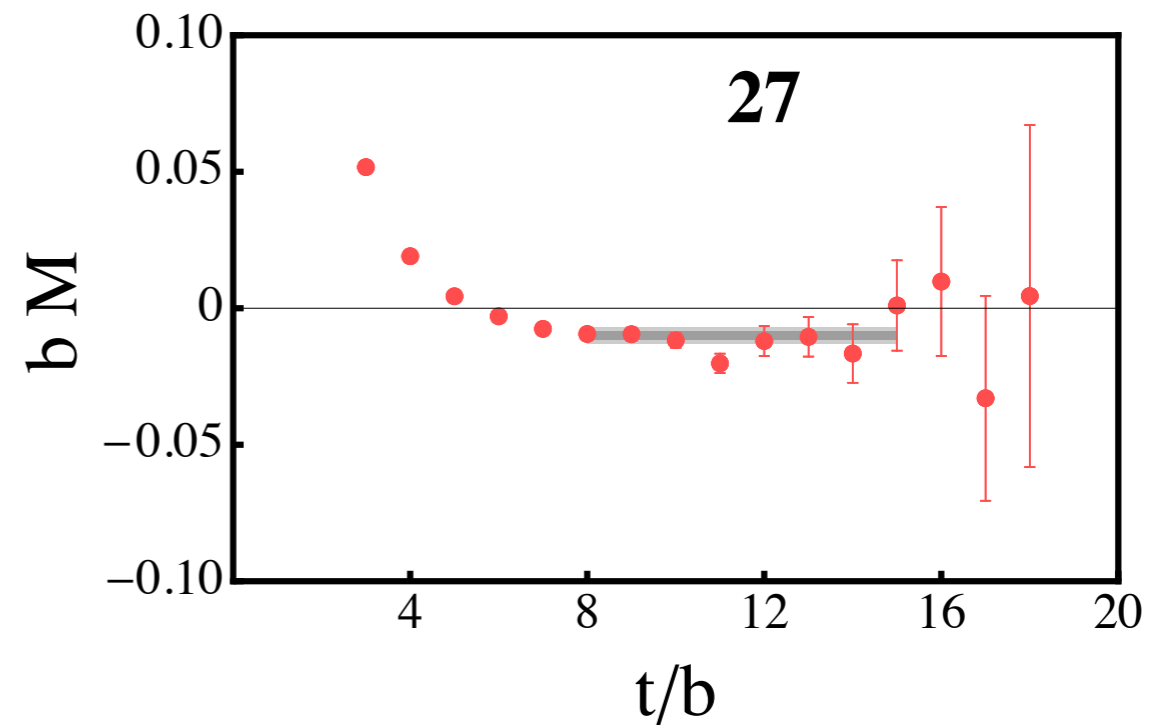
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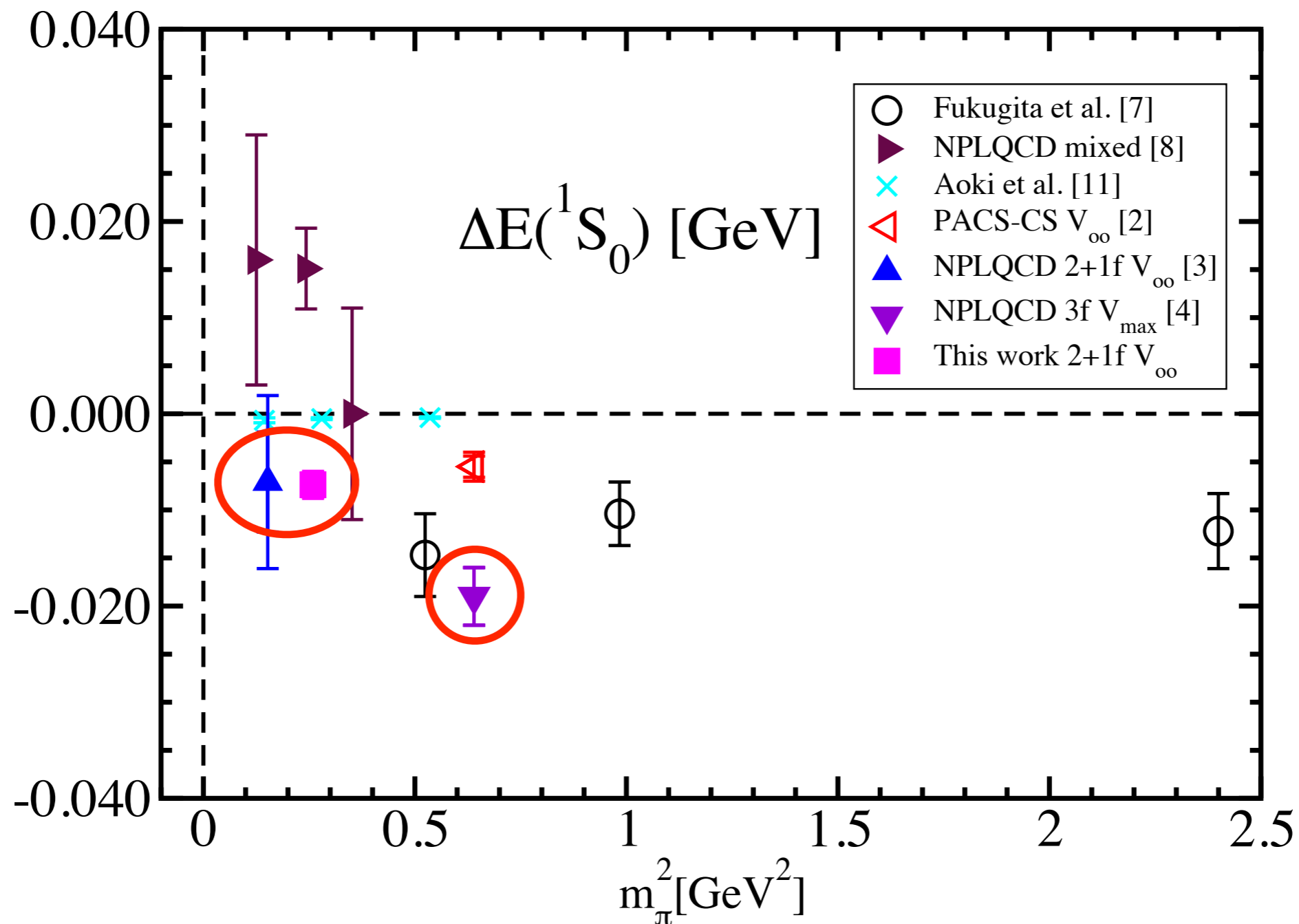


both calculations clearly find a bound di-neutron

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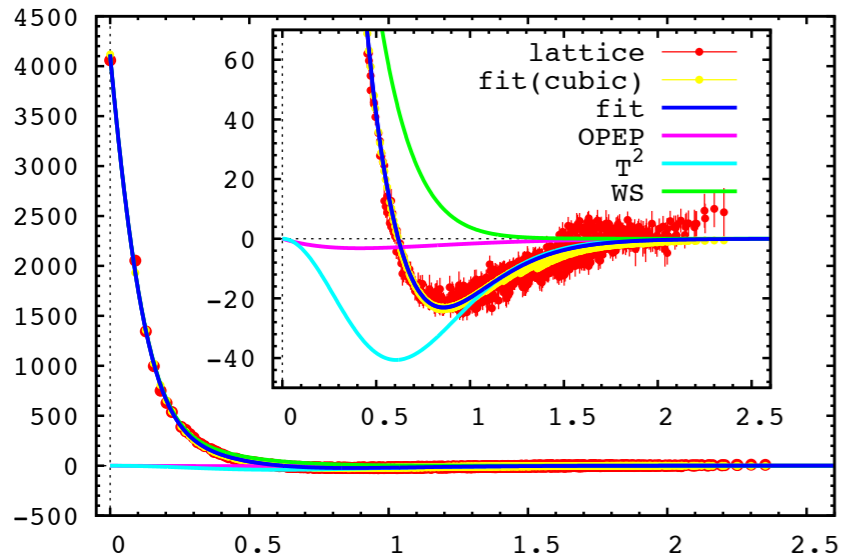


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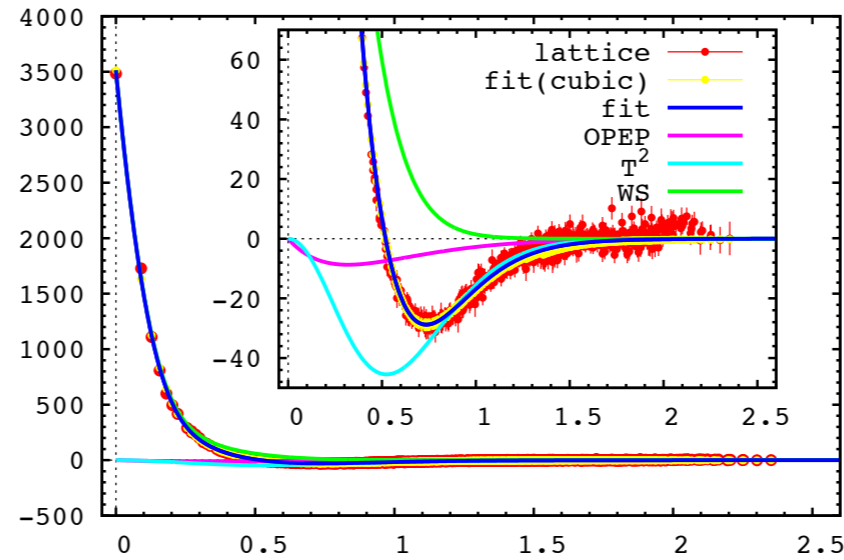
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contrast with results from the HALQCD method

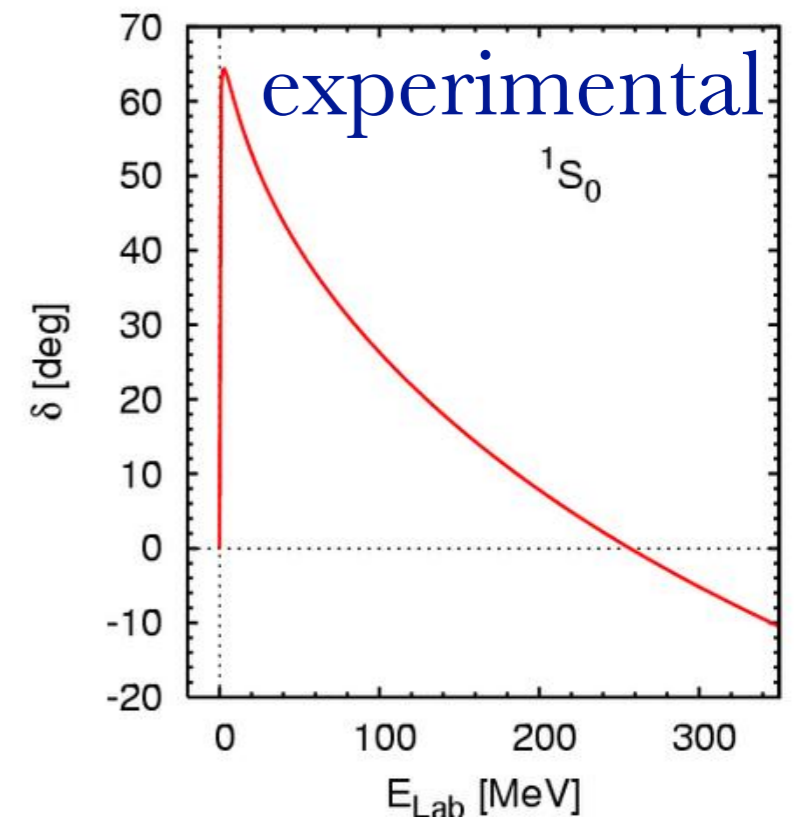
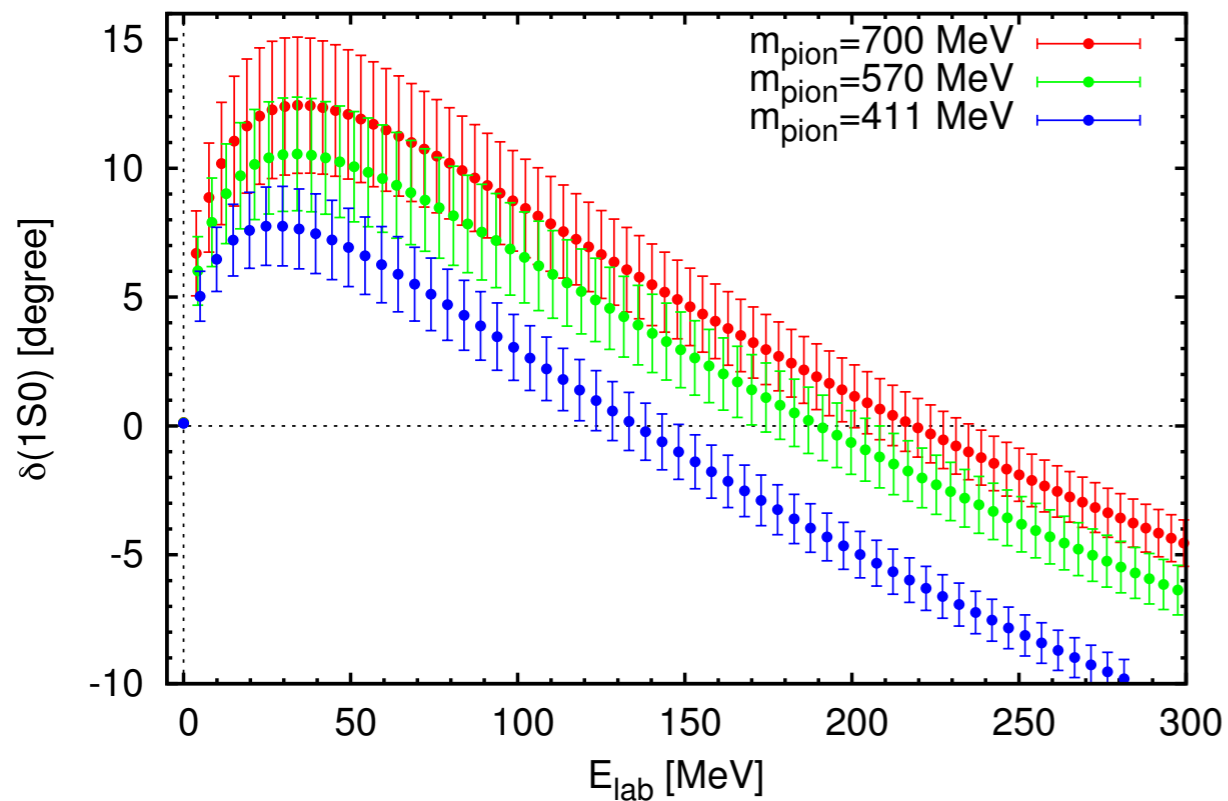
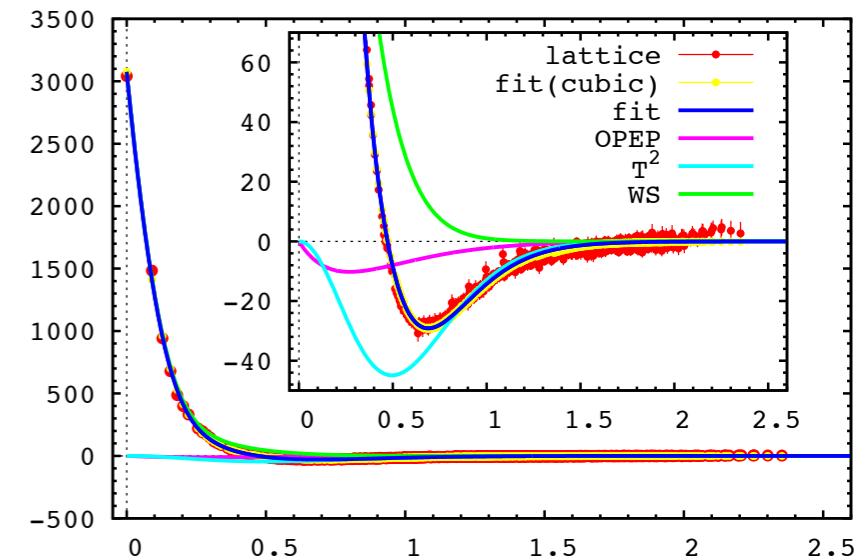
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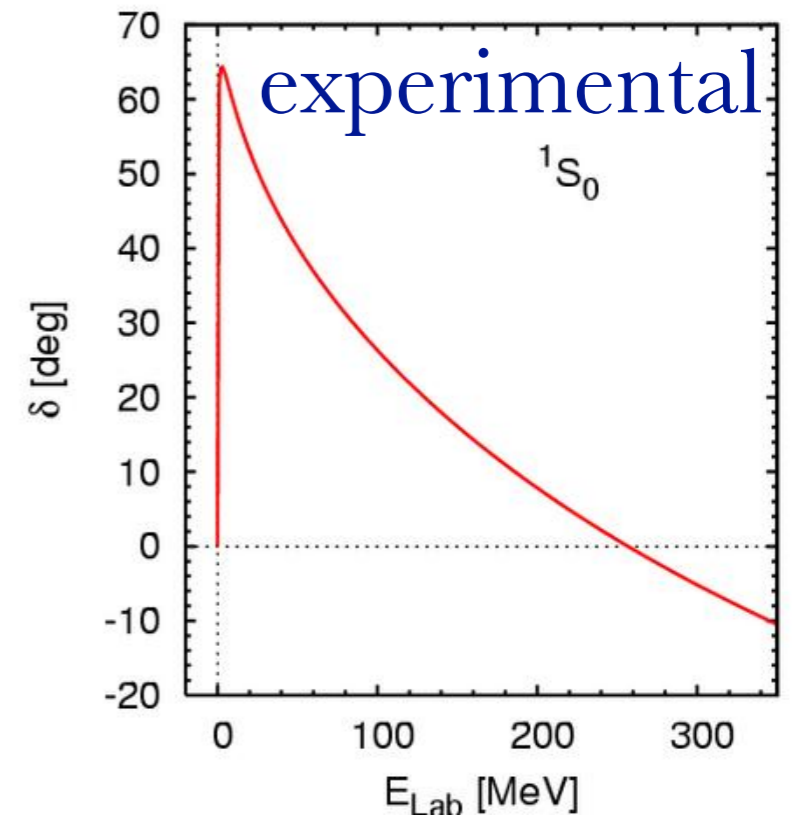
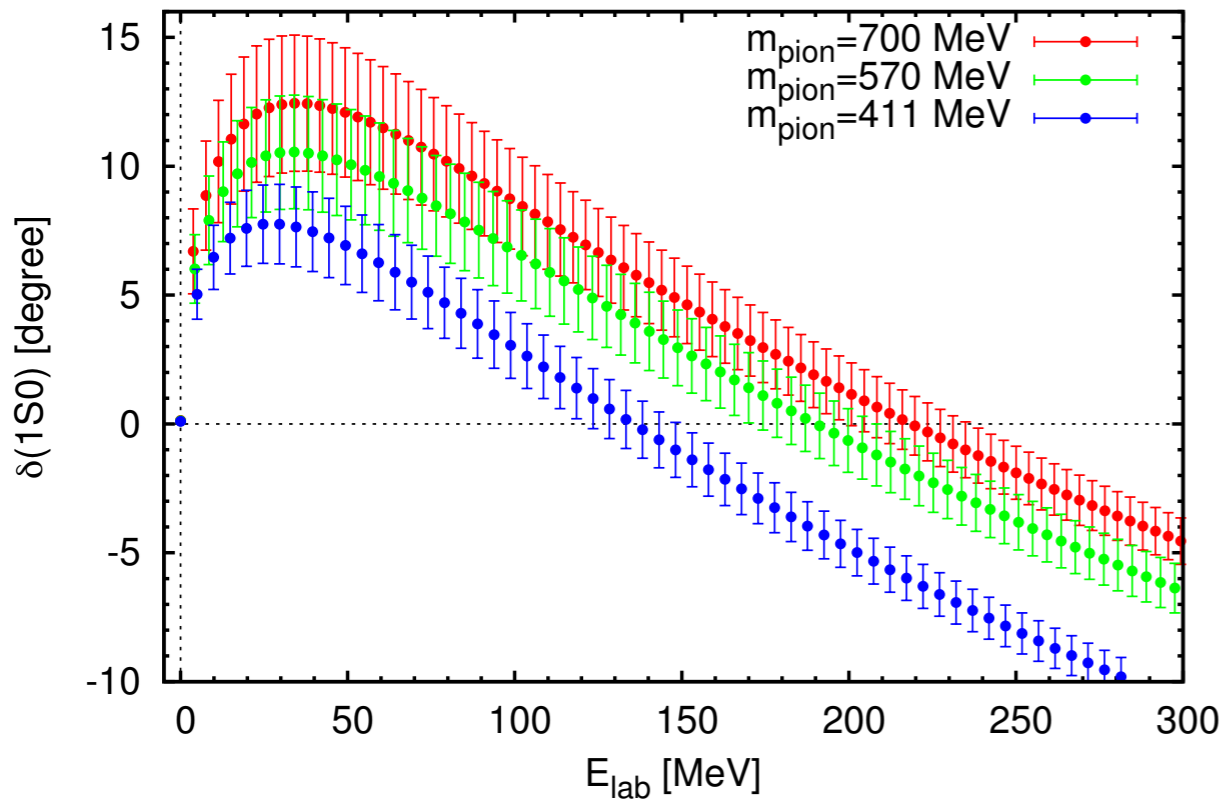
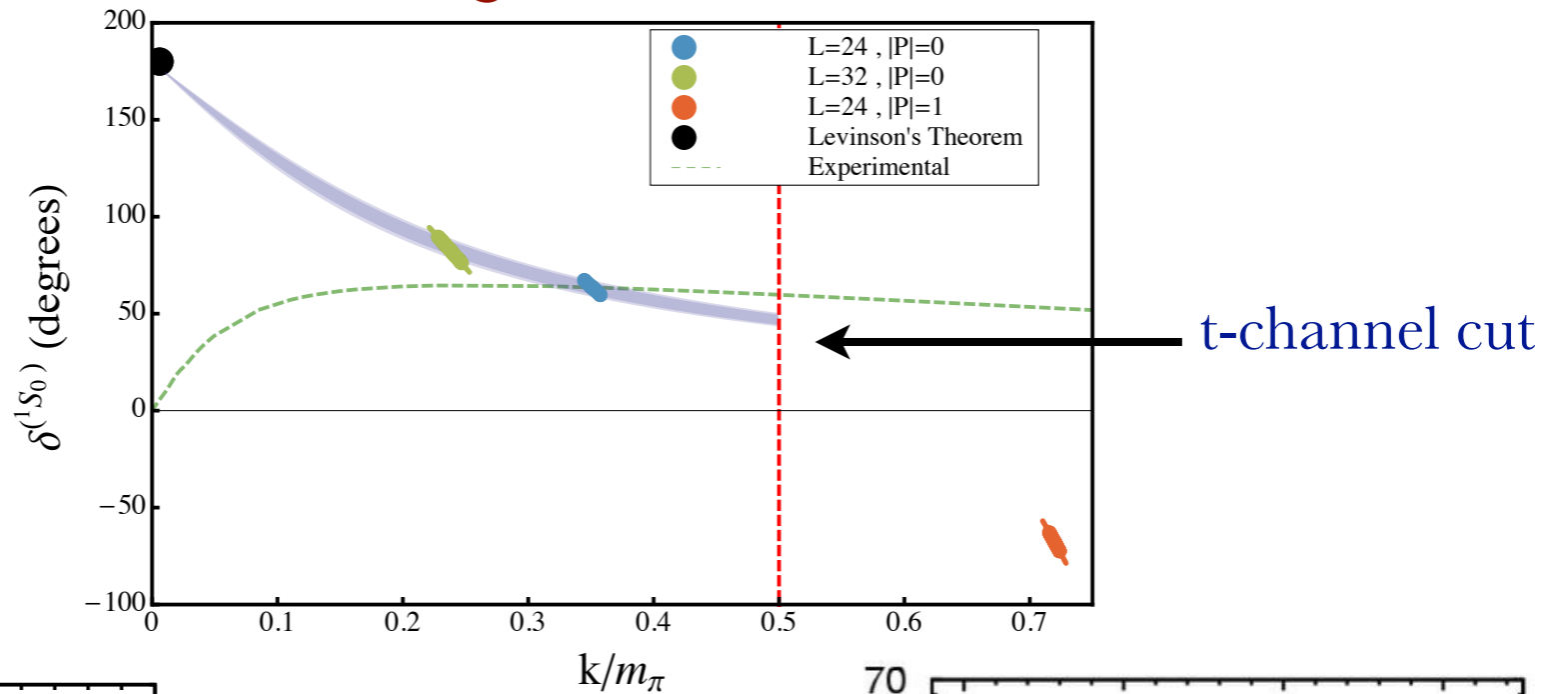
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contrast with results from the HALQCD method

NPLQCD PRC88 (2013) 024003
arXiv:1301.5790



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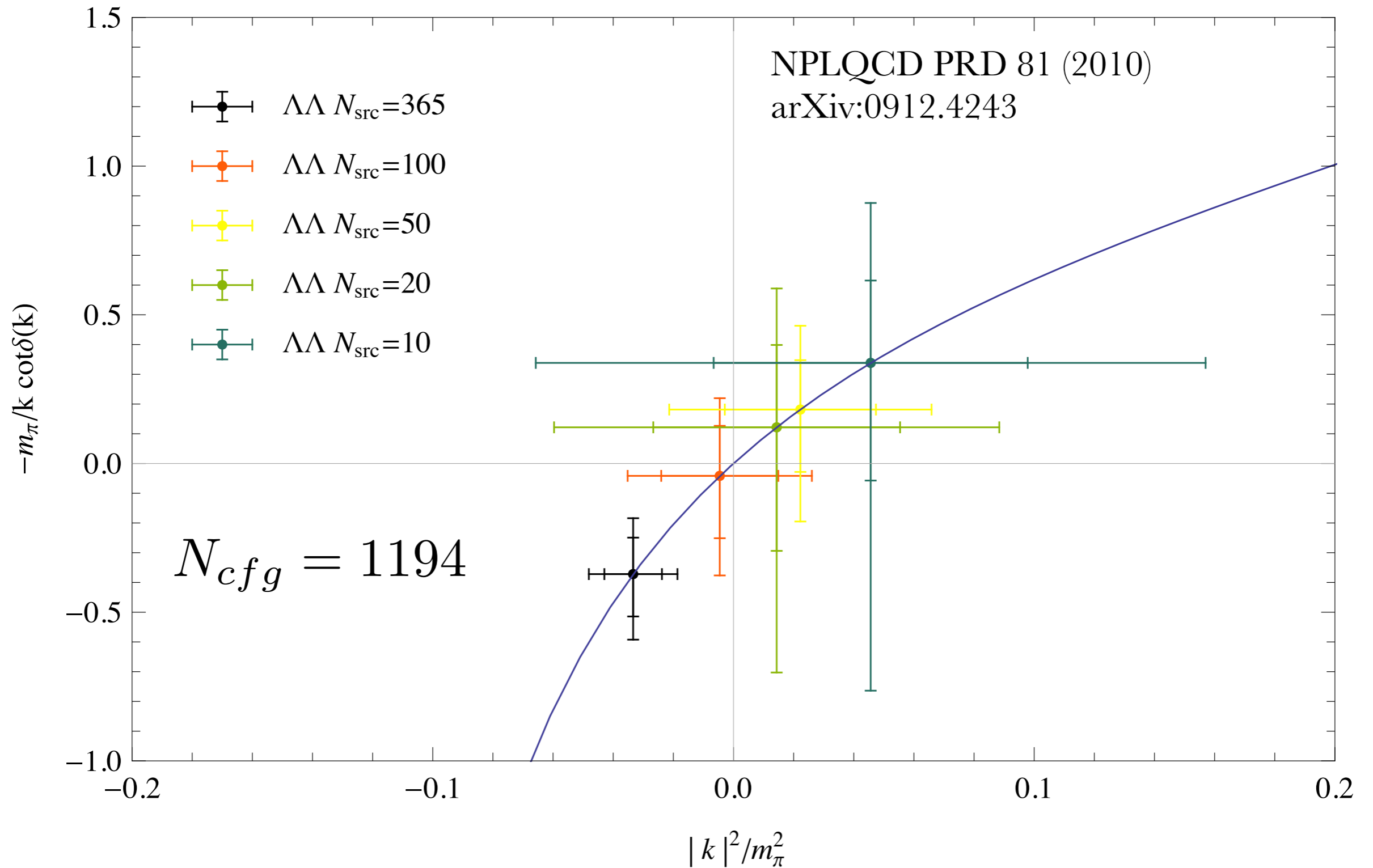
Heavy pion mass: ($m_\pi \gtrsim 390$ MeV)

- NPLQCD finds a bound state
- Yamazaki et.al. find a bound state
- HALQCD does NOT find a bound state

- my speculation: HALQCD does not have enough statistics to resolve the long-range potential, which contributes significantly to the low-energy phase shift
- HALQCD method includes more systematics that are difficult to quantify - see review talk at Lattice 2013:
AWL - “Nuclear Physics Review”

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While nuclear “potentials” from lattice QCD may warm the heart, the technique introduces further systematics which are difficult to quantify, and most likely not under control at the moment.

It is now up to HALQCD to demonstrate their technique is in agreement with the standard “Lüscher” method.

Before this demonstration, be cautious drawing conclusions.

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NPLQCD, PRD 87 (2013)

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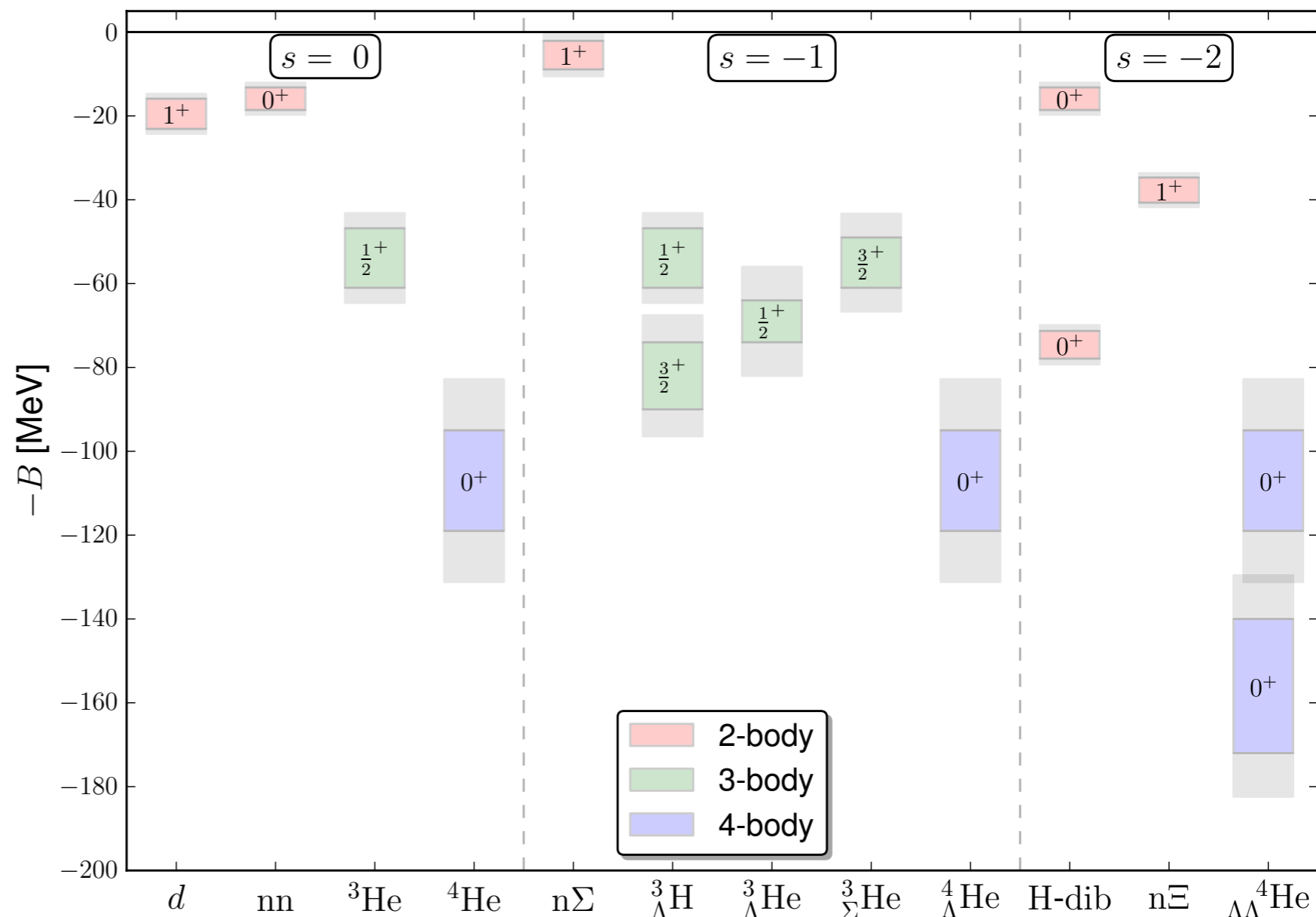
clover-Wilson

$$a \sim 0.145 \text{ fm}$$

$$m_{\pi, K} = 807 \text{ MeV}$$

$$V = \begin{cases} 24^3 \times 48 \\ 32^3 \times 48 \\ 48^3 \times 64 \end{cases}$$

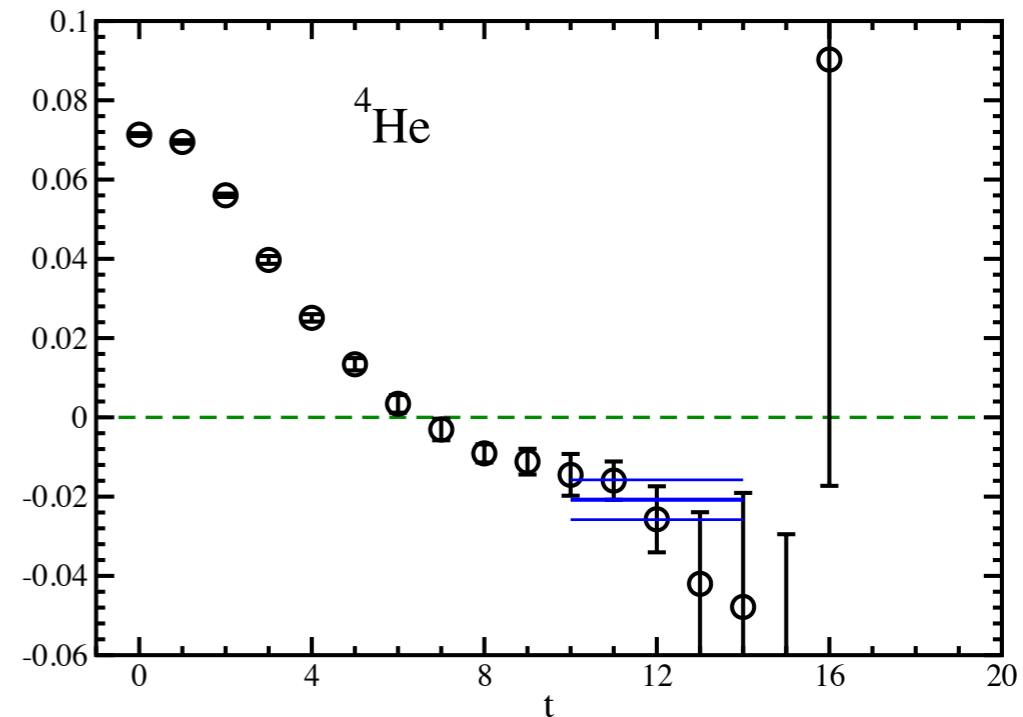
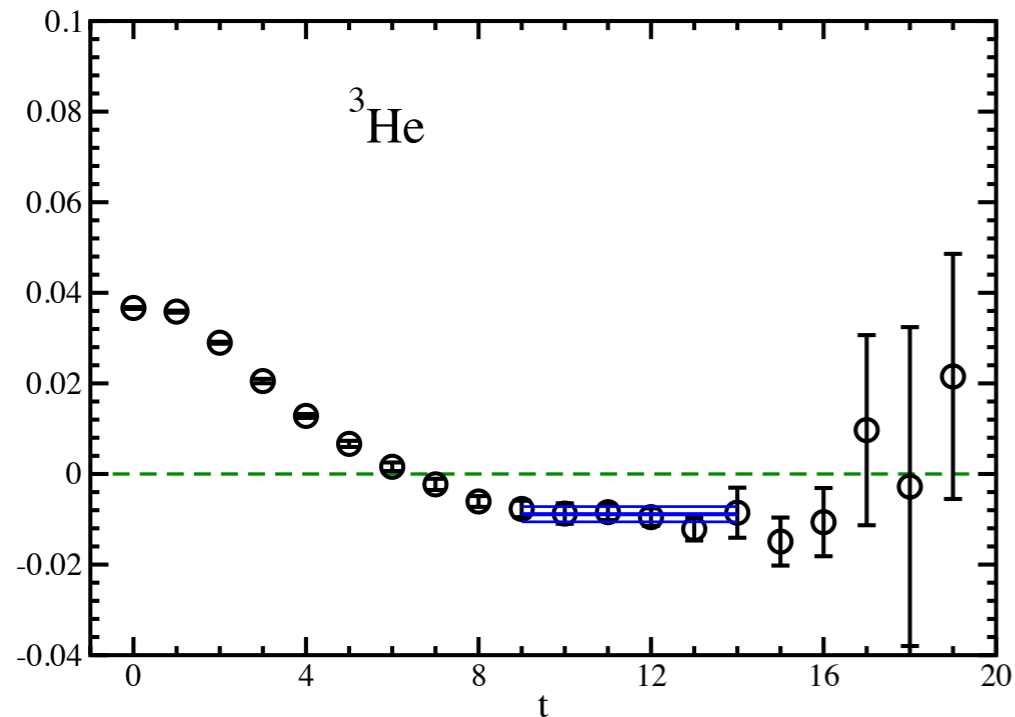
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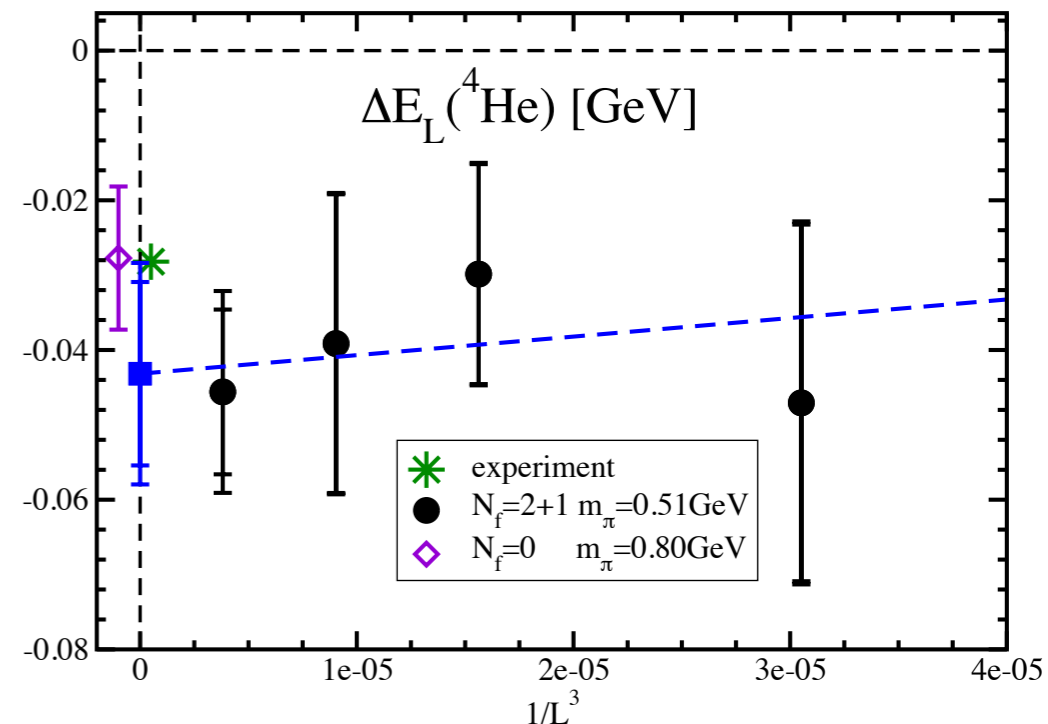
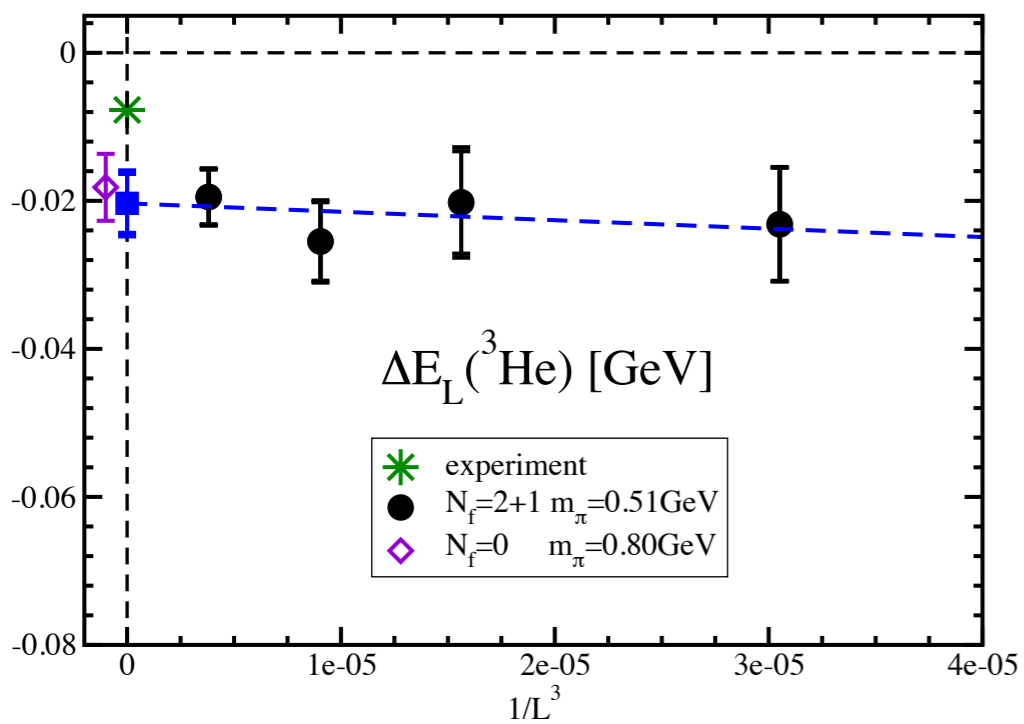
New contraction codes were developed and tested with heavy pion masses (numerically cheap).

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Yamazaki et al., PRD 86 (2012) Light Nuclei



$m_\pi \simeq 510$ MeV
 $N_f = 2 + 1$
PACS-CS
parameters

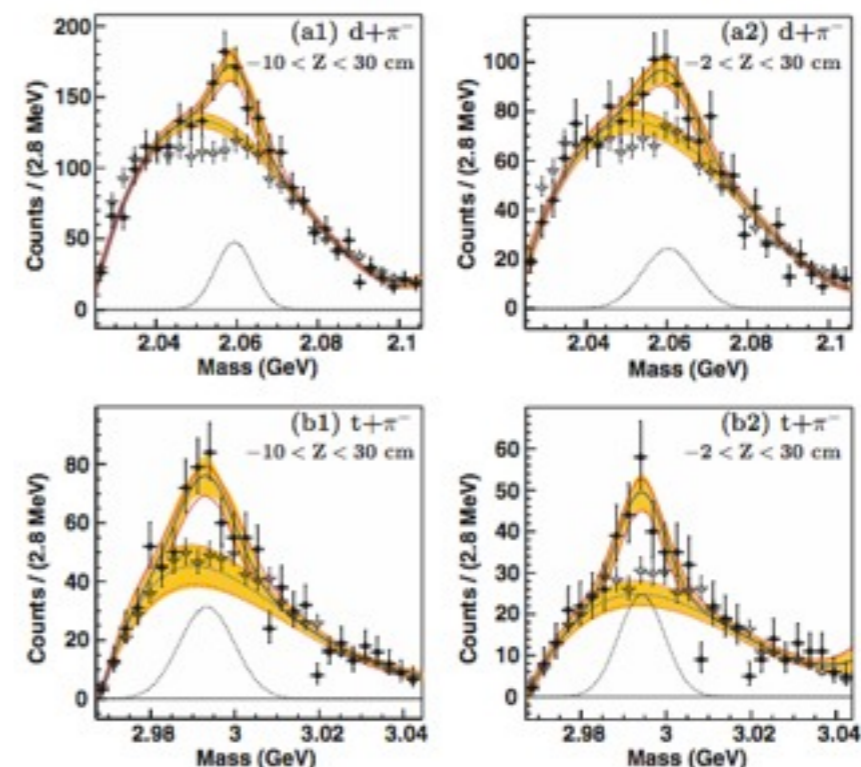


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Significant experimental effort to study hyper-nuclei:
JLAB, JPARC, FAIR, ...

Hyper-nuclear interactions and Hyperon-Hyperon interactions provide an opportunity for lattice QCD to make significant contributions as the experimental understanding is much more limited due to the weak decays (also 3-nucleon forces)

See recent HypHI
Collaboration results:
evidence for ${}^3_{\Lambda}n$
PRC 88 041001(R)



Quarks, Nuclei and the Early Universe

Isospin violation and Big Bang Nucleosynthesis

(subset of what Ulf Meißner discussed Sunday)

Isospin Breaking: $M_n - M_p$

● **Nature:** $M_n - M_p = 1.29333217(42) \text{ MeV}$ CODATA
PDG (2012)

● **Standard Model has two sources of isospin breaking**

$$\hat{Q} = \frac{1}{6}\mathbb{1} + \frac{1}{2}\tau_3 \quad m_q = \hat{m}\mathbb{1} - \delta\tau_3$$

● **Given only electro-static forces, one would predict**

$$M_p > M_n$$

● **The contribution from $m_d - m_u$ is comparable in size but opposite in sign**

Isospin Breaking: $M_n - M_p$

- $M_n - M_p$ plays an extremely significant role in the evolution of the universe as we know it

Initial conditions for Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (BBN)

$$\frac{X_n}{X_p} = e^{-\frac{M_n - M_p}{T}}$$

- The neutron lifetime is highly sensitive to the value of this mass splitting

$$\frac{1}{\tau_n} = \frac{(G_F \cos\theta_C)^2}{2\pi^3} m_e^5 (1 + 3g_A^2) f\left(\frac{M_n - M_p}{m_e}\right)$$

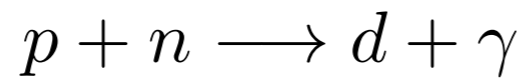
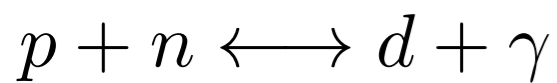
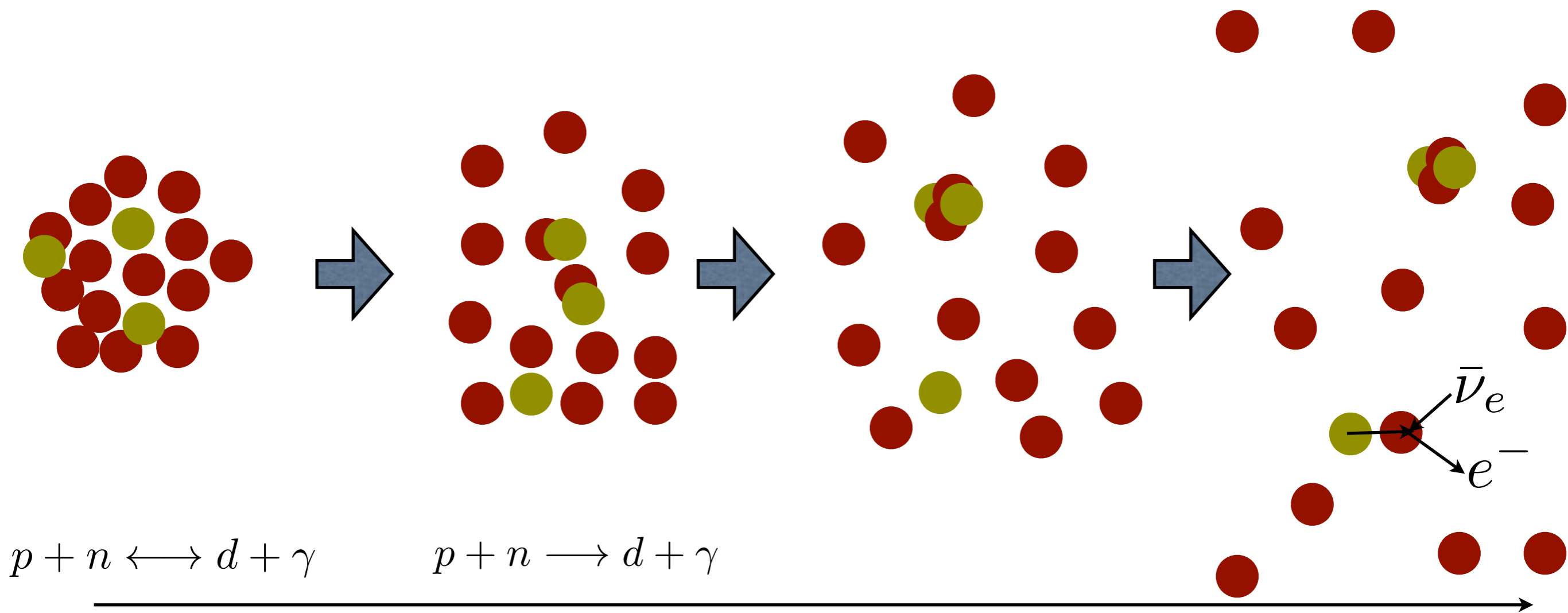
Point Nucleons $f(a) \simeq \frac{1}{15} (2a^4 - 9a^2 - 8) \sqrt{a^2 - 1} + a \ln(a + \sqrt{a^2 - 1})$

Griffiths "Introduction to Elementary Particles"

10% change in $M_n - M_p$ corresponds to ~100% change neutron lifetime

Isospin Breaking: $M_n - M_p$

Big Bang Nucleosynthesis



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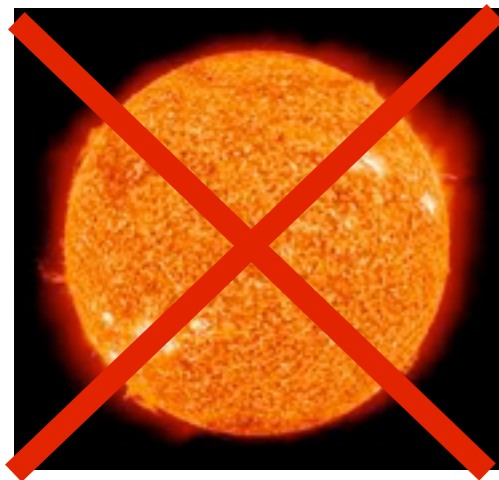
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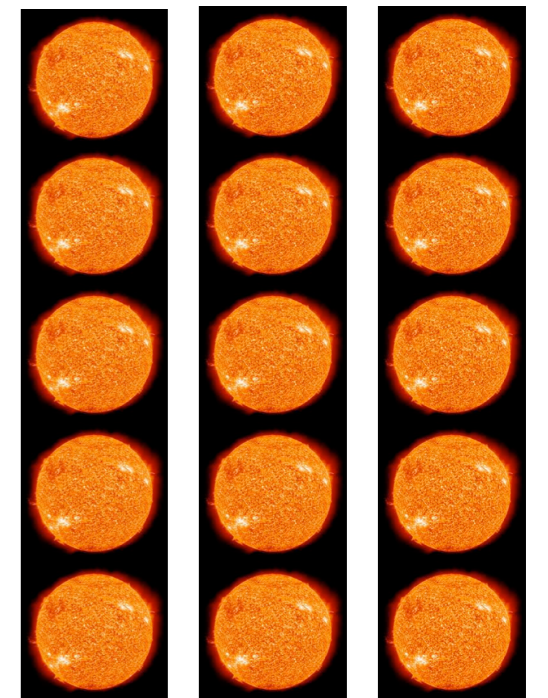
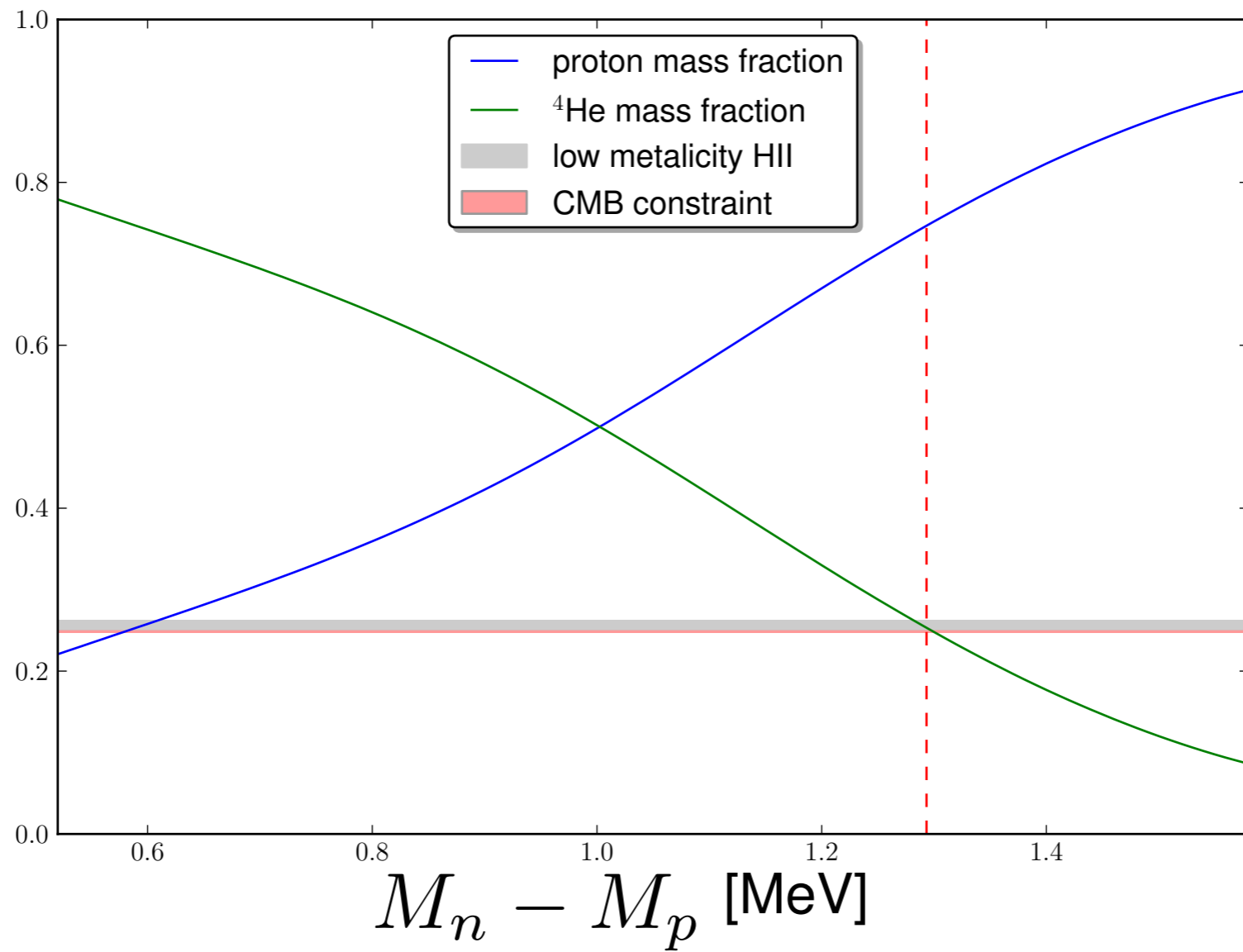
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Isospin Breaking: $M_n - M_p$



No Sun!



Too many suns?

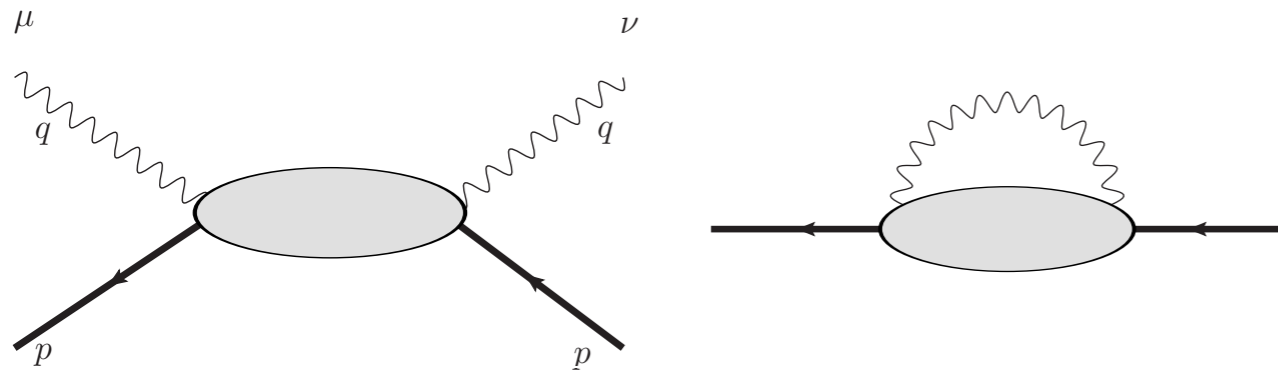
Isospin Breaking: $M_n - M_p$ What do we know?

- We would like to understand the Neutron-Proton mass splitting from first principles
- $M_n - M_p = \delta M^\gamma + \delta M^{m_d - m_u}$ Separation only valid at LO in isospin breaking
- $\delta M^{m_d - m_u}$ Well understood from lattice QCD
- δM^γ Disparate scales relevant for QCD and QED make this a very challenging problem to solve with LQCD: large systematic uncertainties
- Alternative means to determine δM^γ
Cottingham Formulation

Isospin Breaking: $M_n - M_p$

What do we know?

Cottingham Formulation



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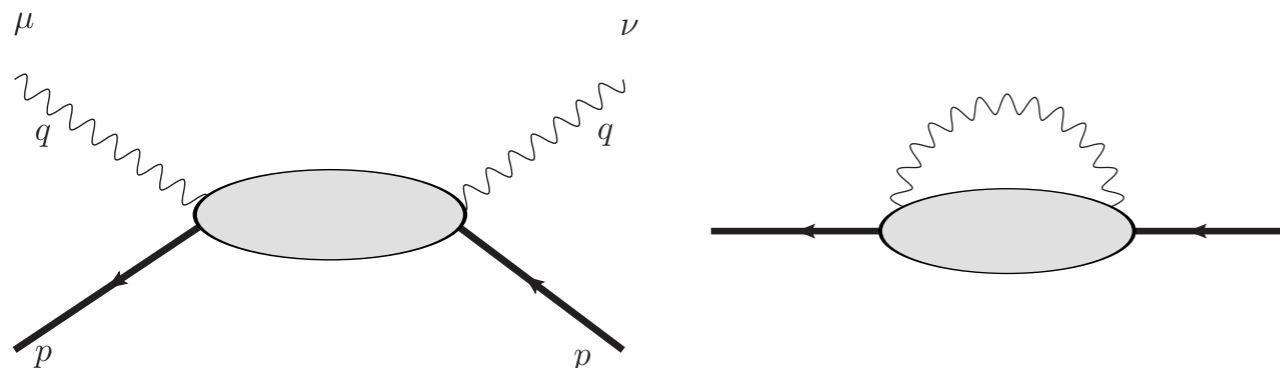
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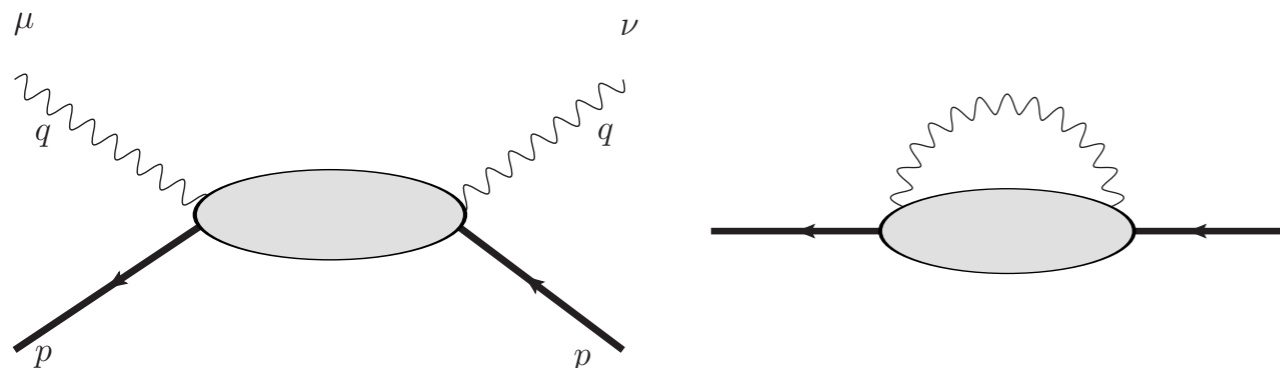
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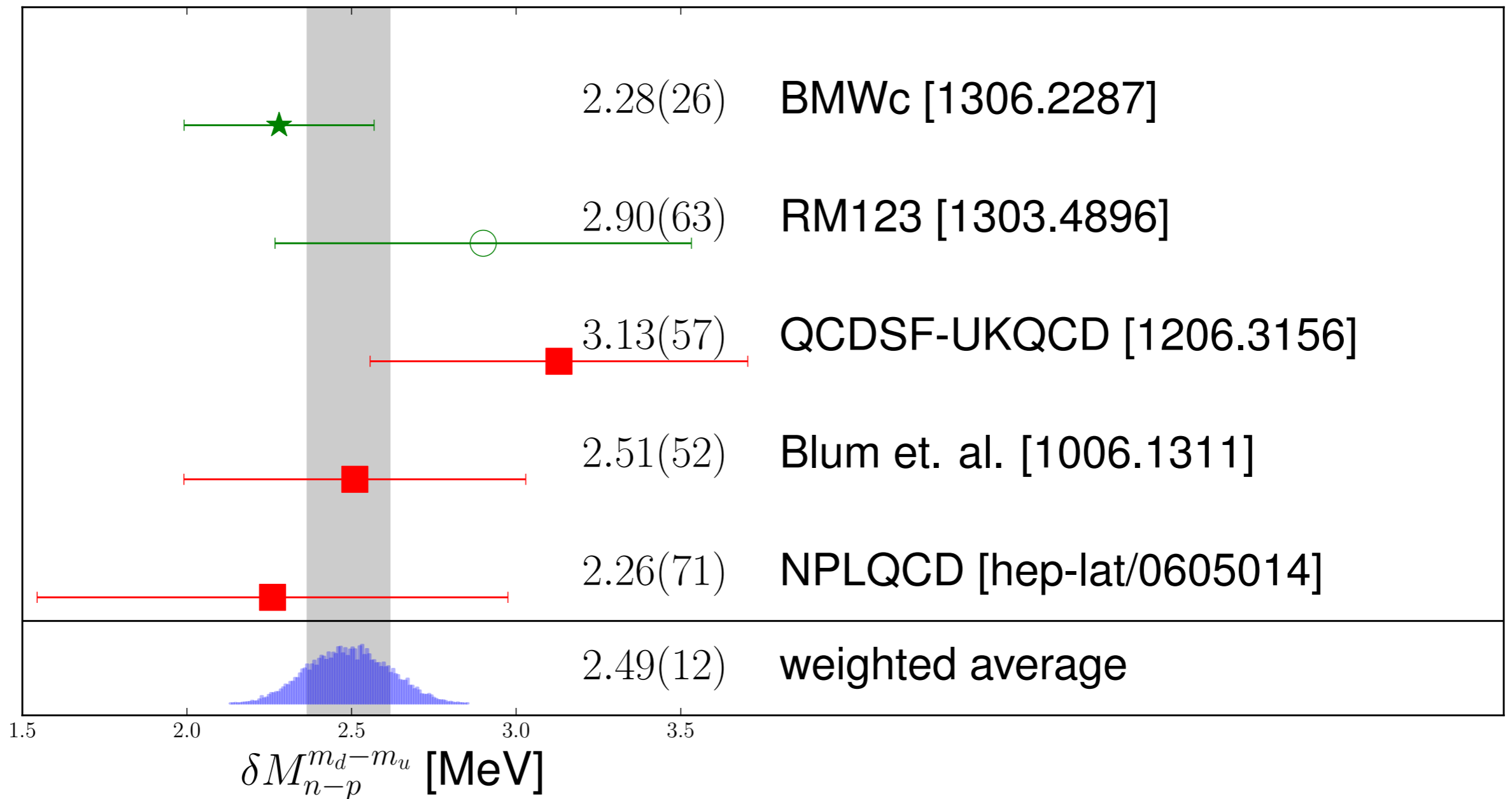
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Isospin Breaking: $M_n - M_p$

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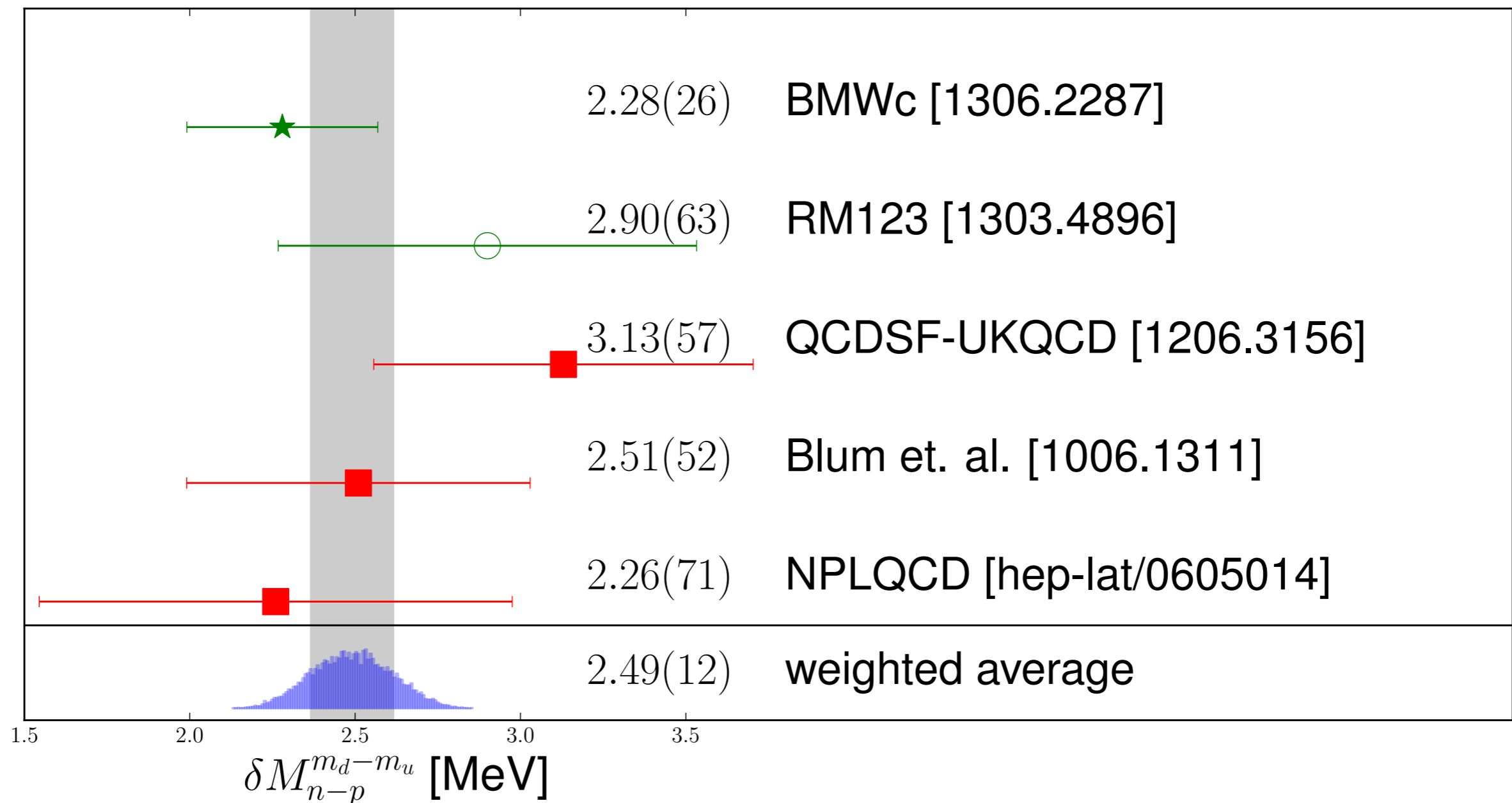
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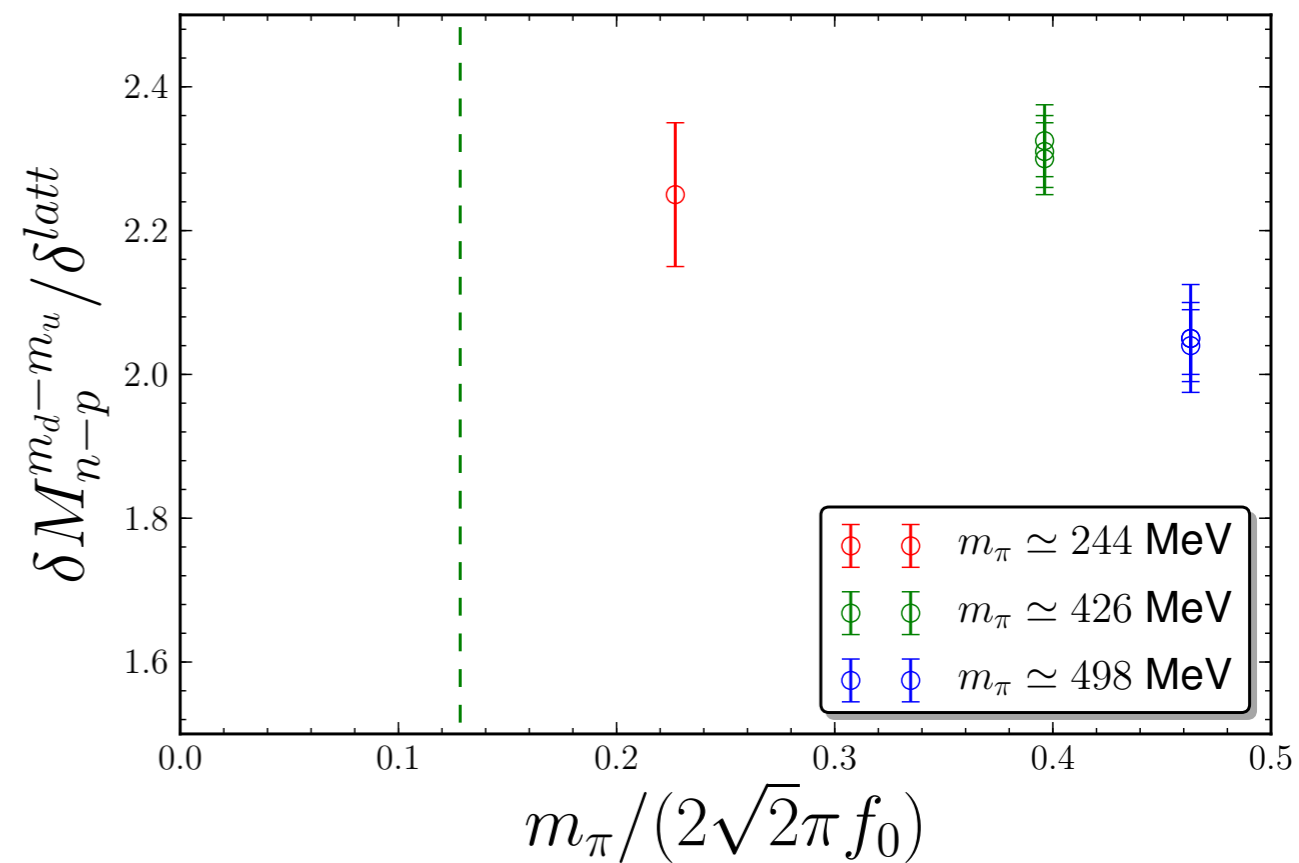
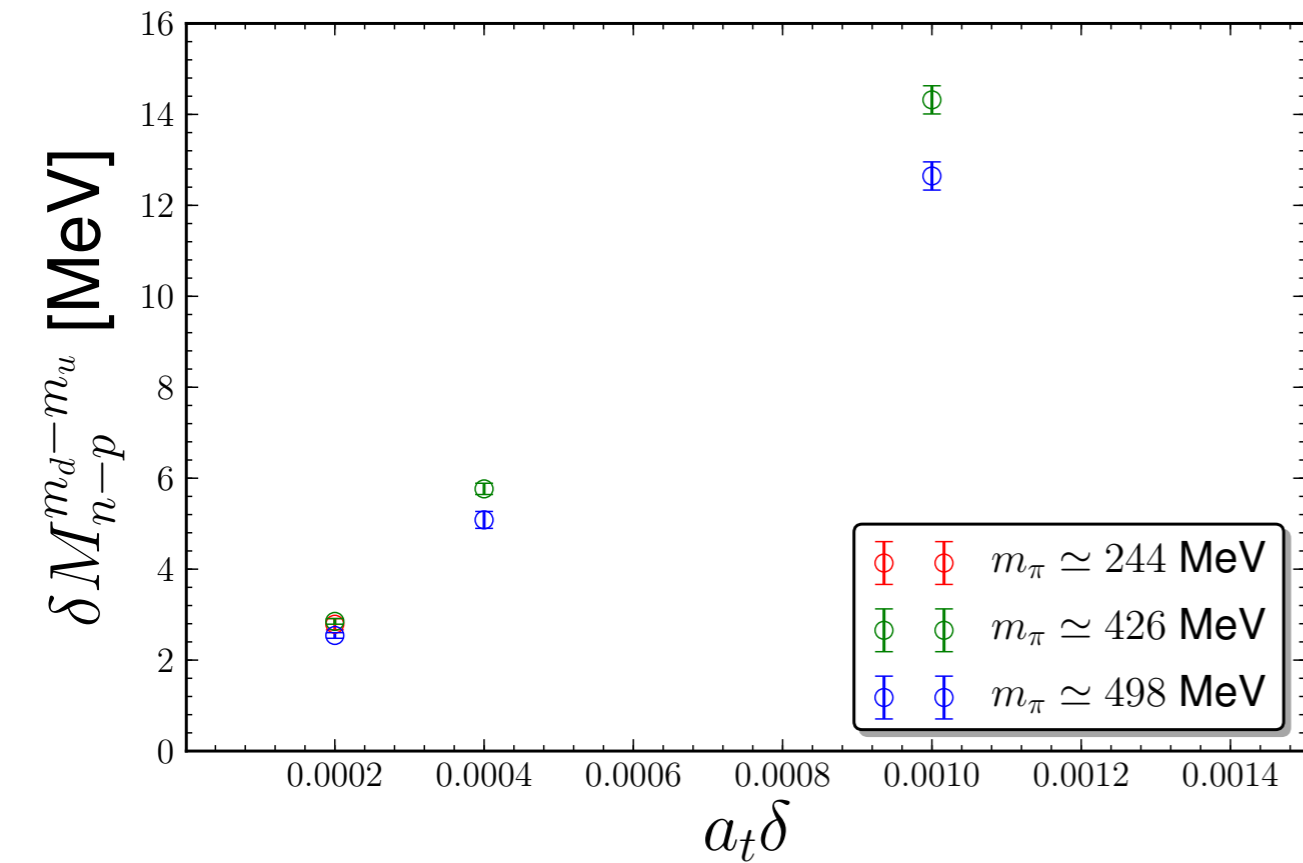
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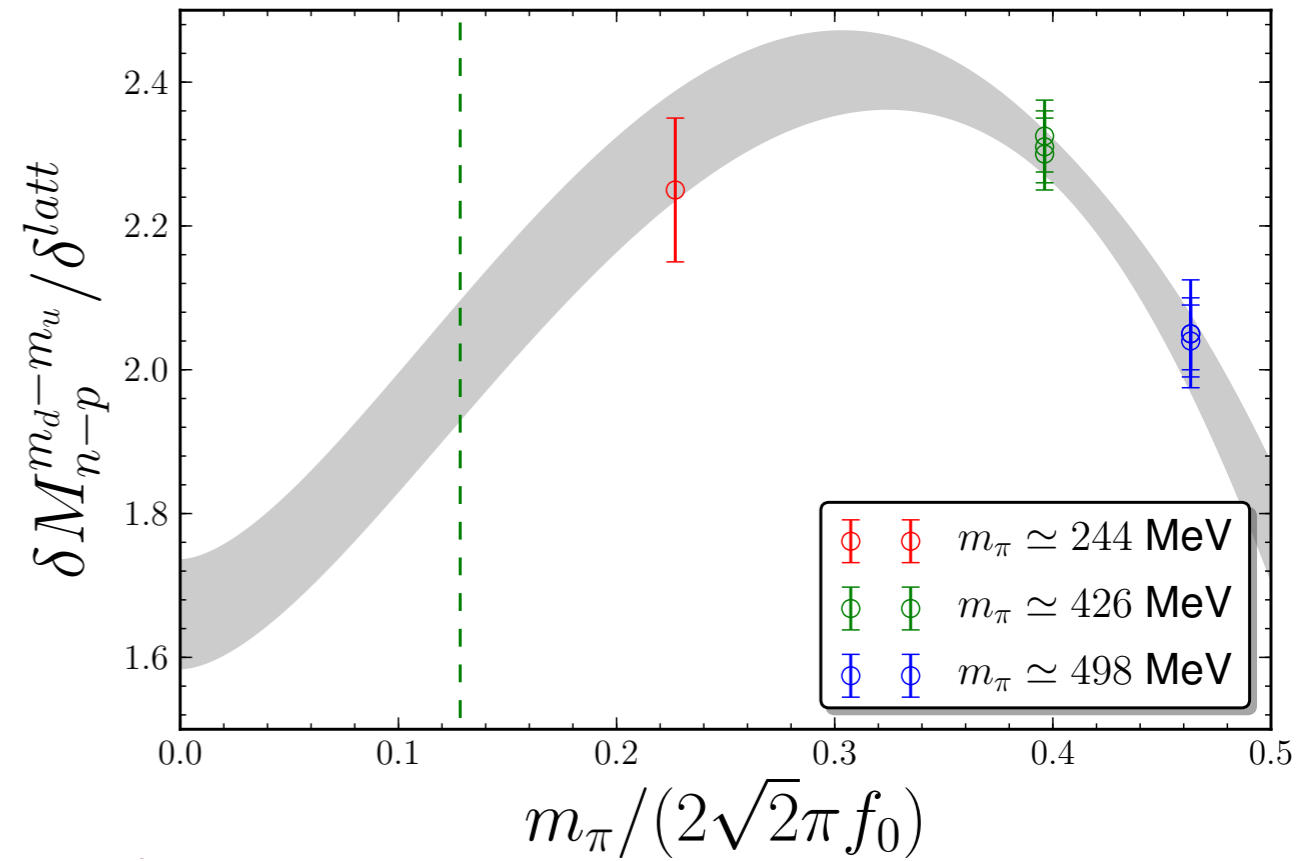
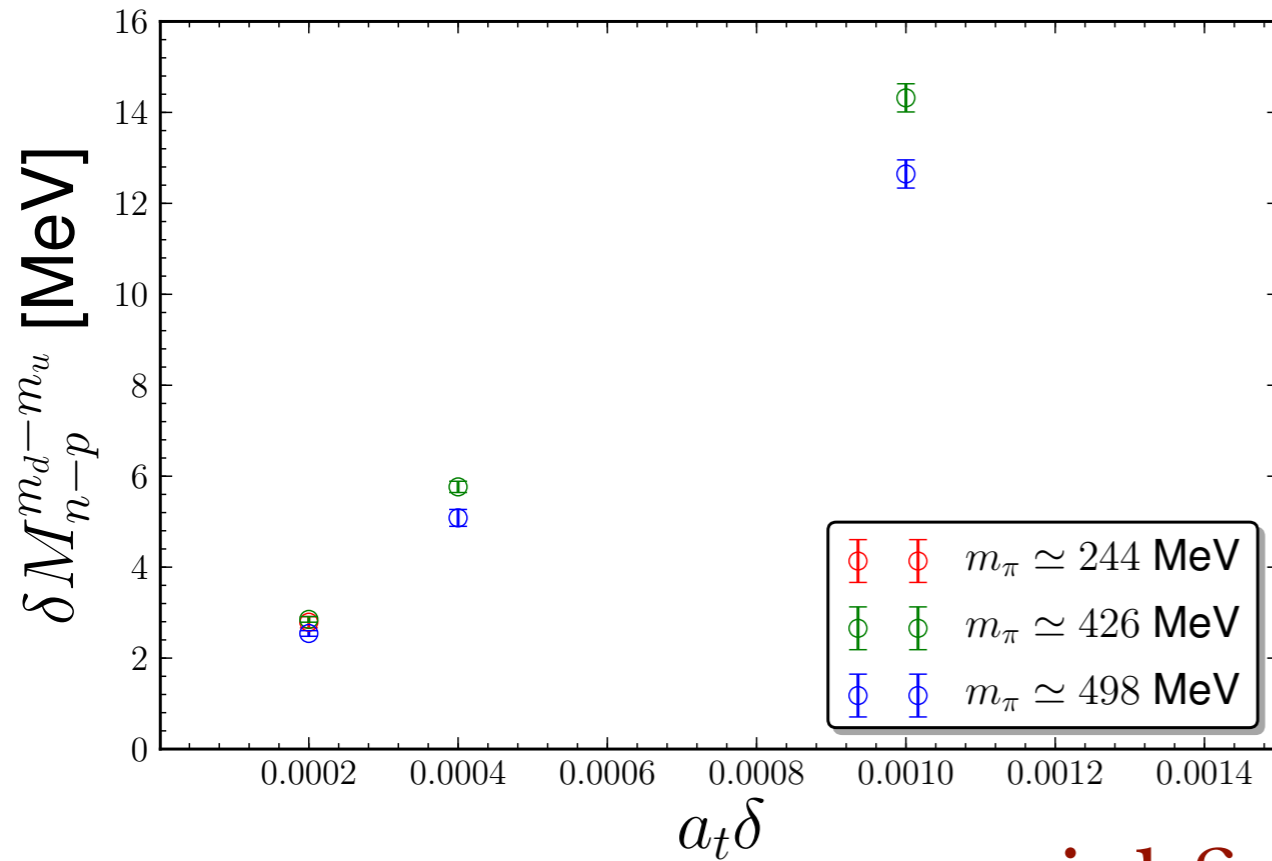
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M_Ω scale setting



slope depends slightly on pion mass

no evidence for deviations from linear δ dependence



trial fit functions

polynomial in m_π^2

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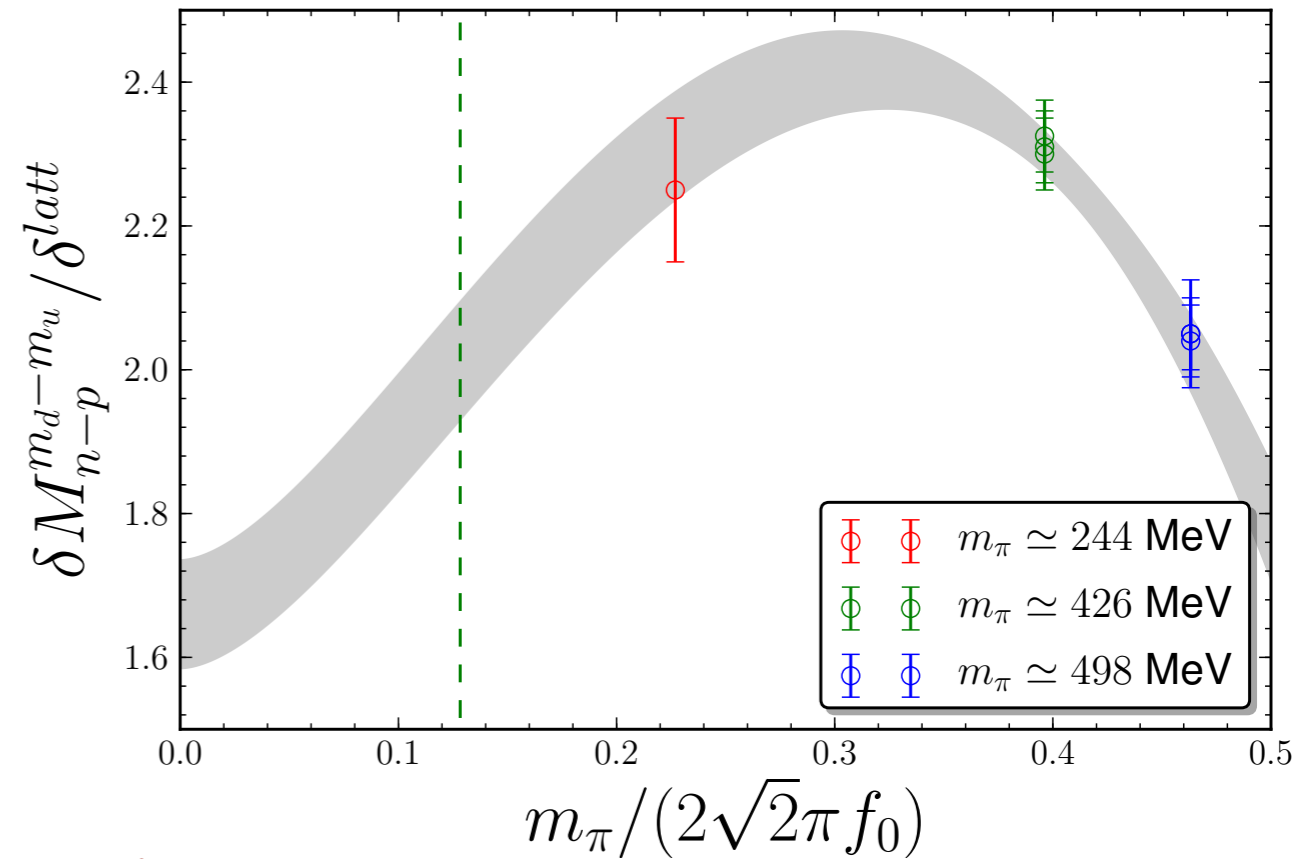
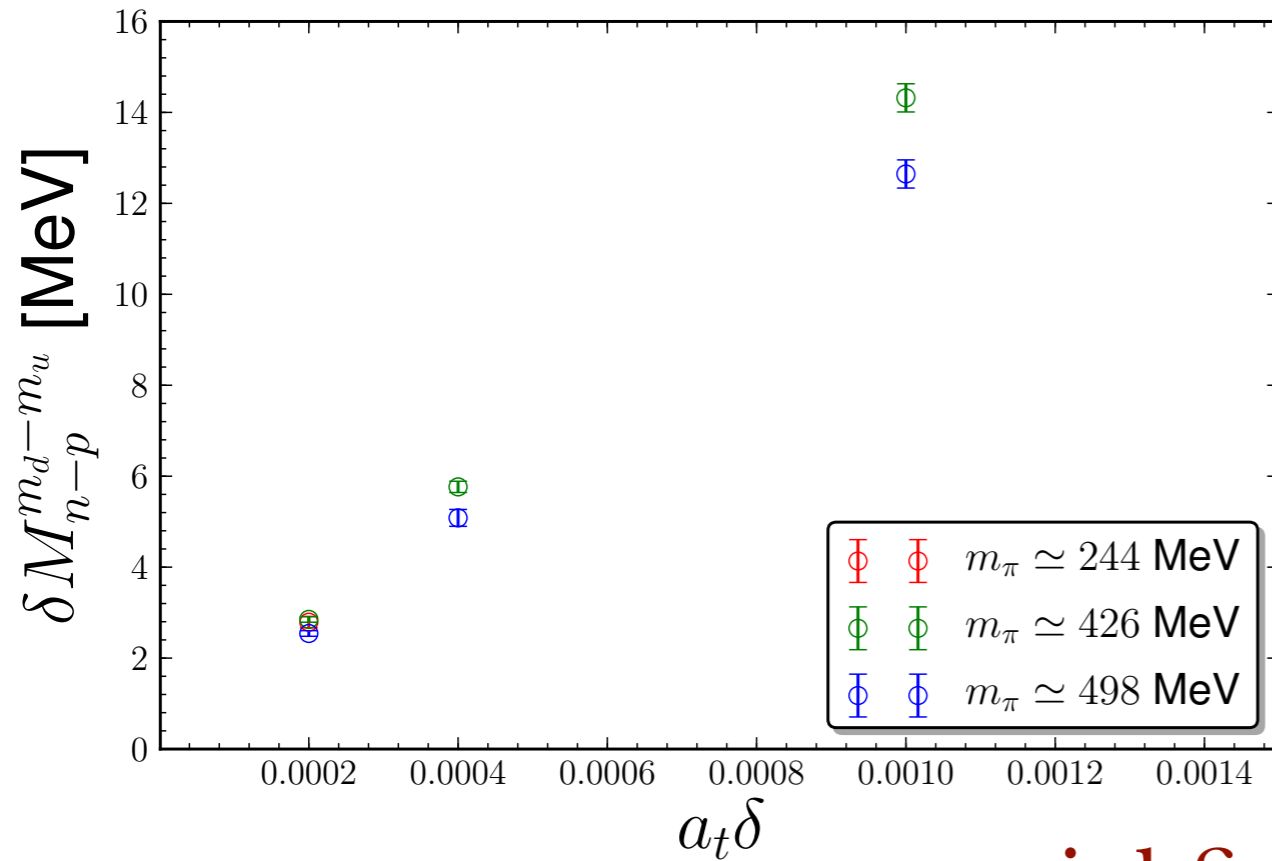
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$$\chi^2 / dof = 1.66/5 = 0.33$$

Strong Isospin Breaking: $m_d - m_u$

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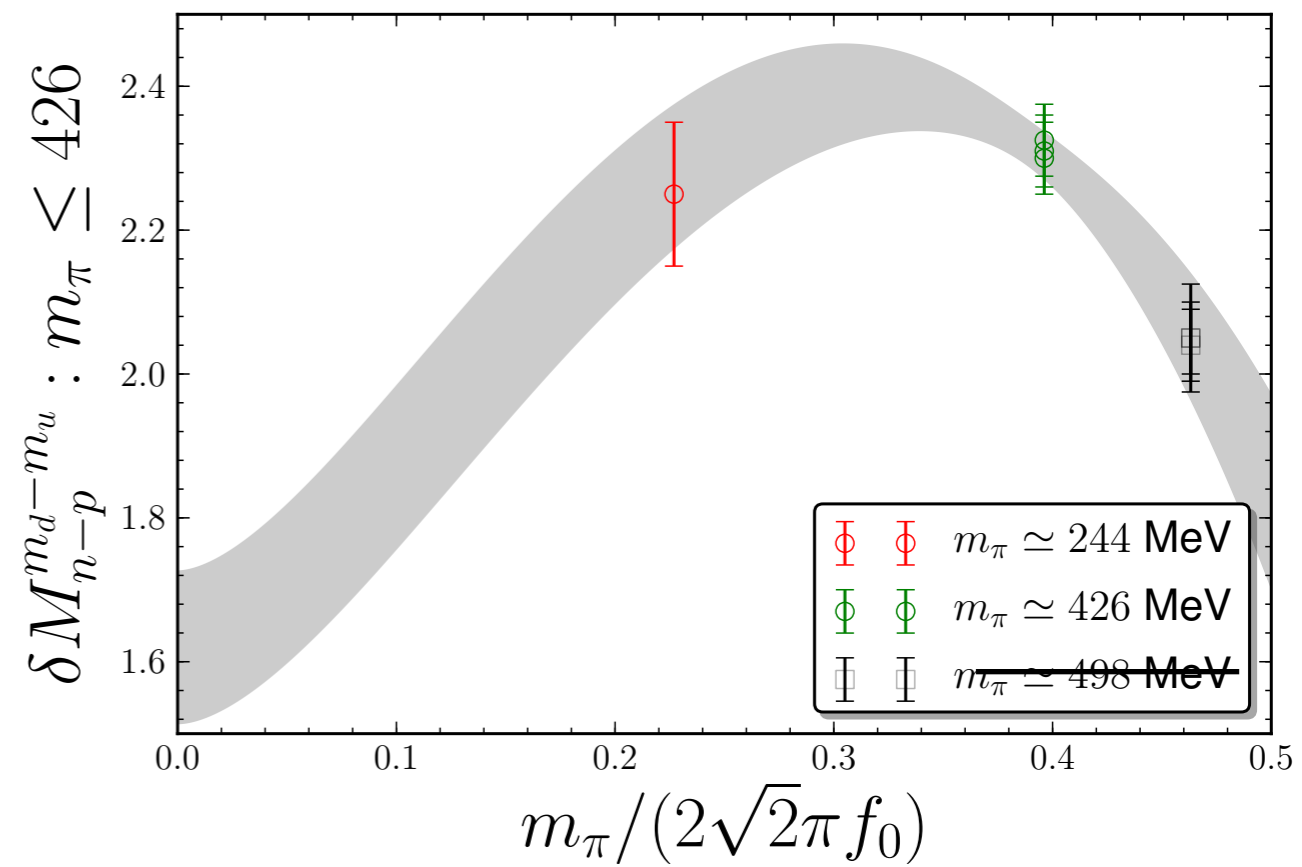
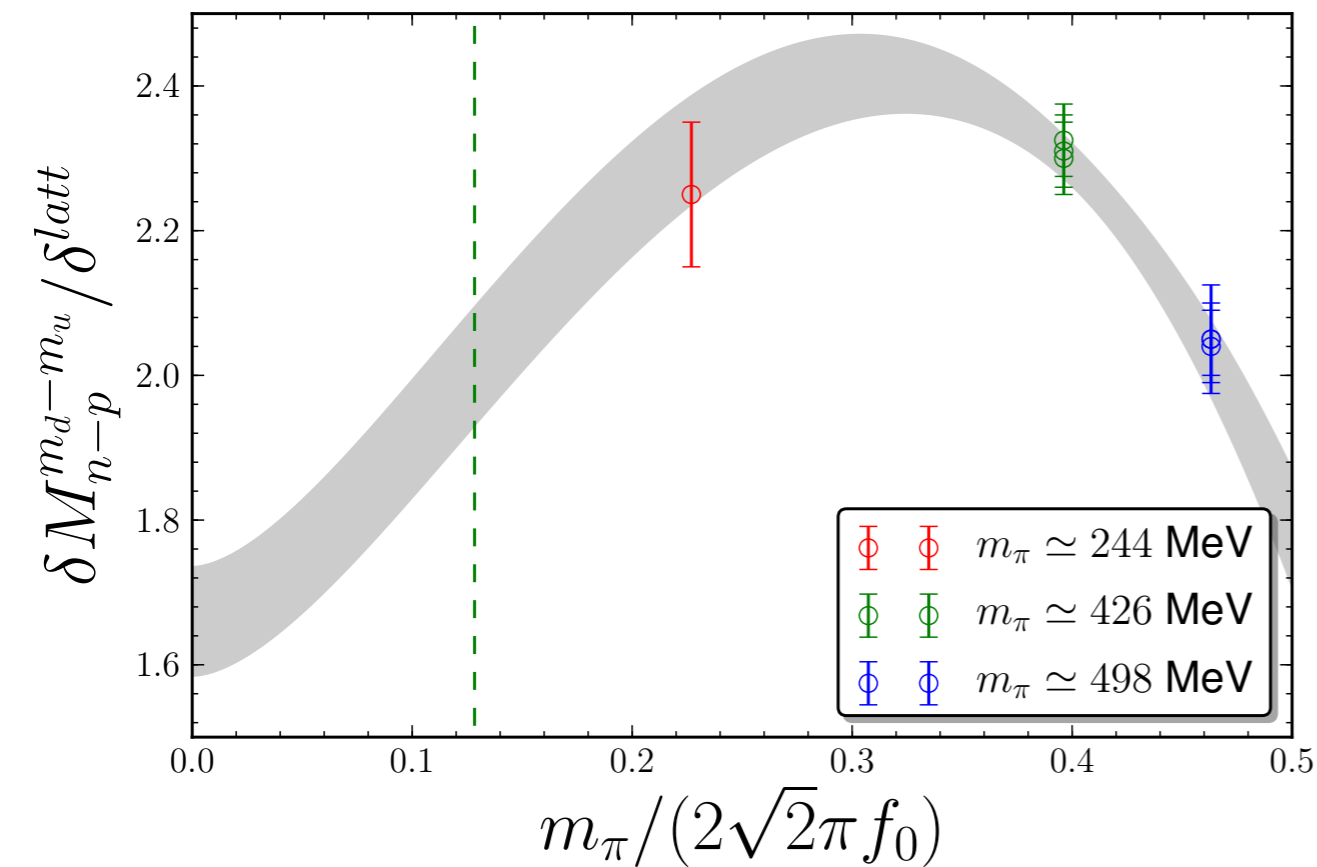
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$$g_A = 1.50(.29)$$



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exclude heavy mass point

this is striking evidence of a chiral logarithm

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Big Bang Nucleosynthesis and $M_n - M_p$

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(lattice average)

my value *hopefully* more precise

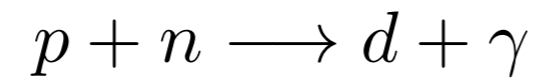
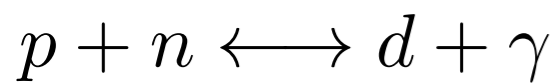
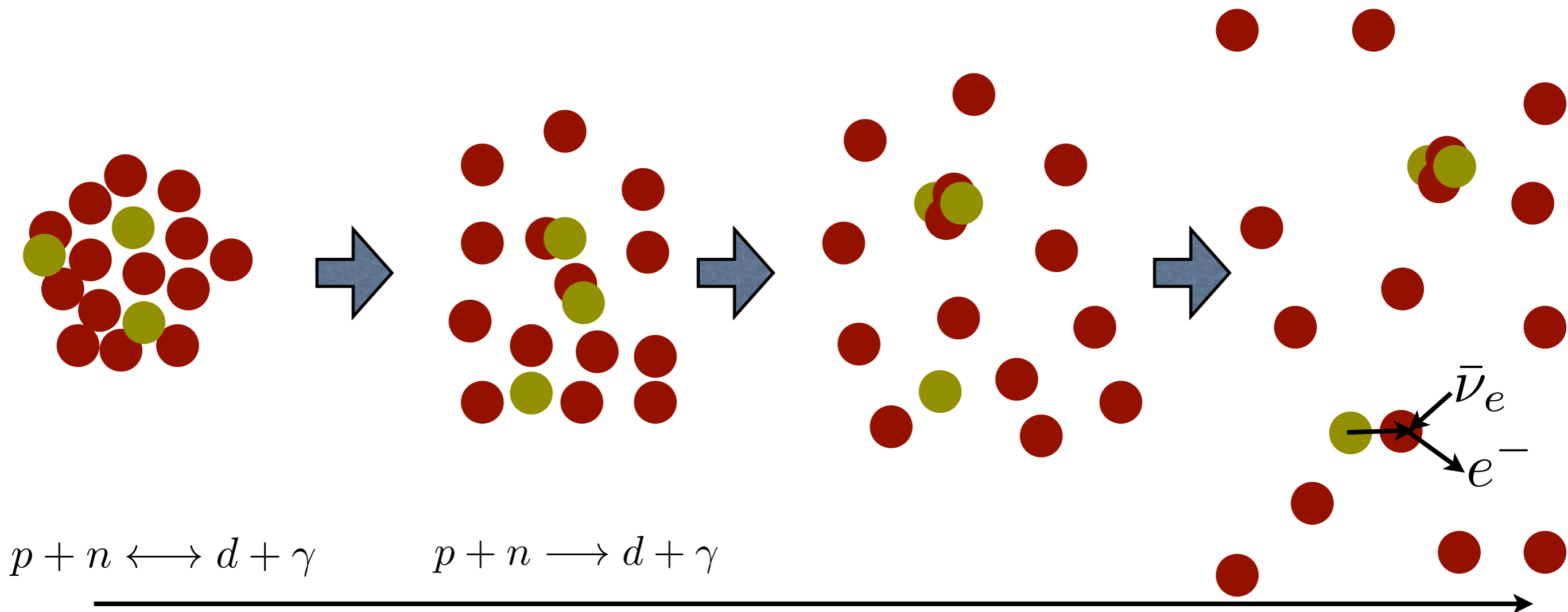
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Big Bang Nucleosynthesis highly constrains variation of $M_n - M_p$ and hence variation of fundamental constants

for now - freeze **electromagnetic coupling** and just look at effects of **quark mass splitting**

Big Bang Nucleosynthesis and $M_n - M_p$



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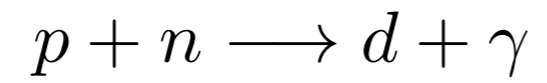
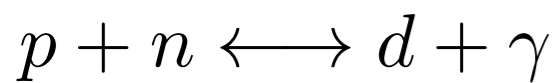
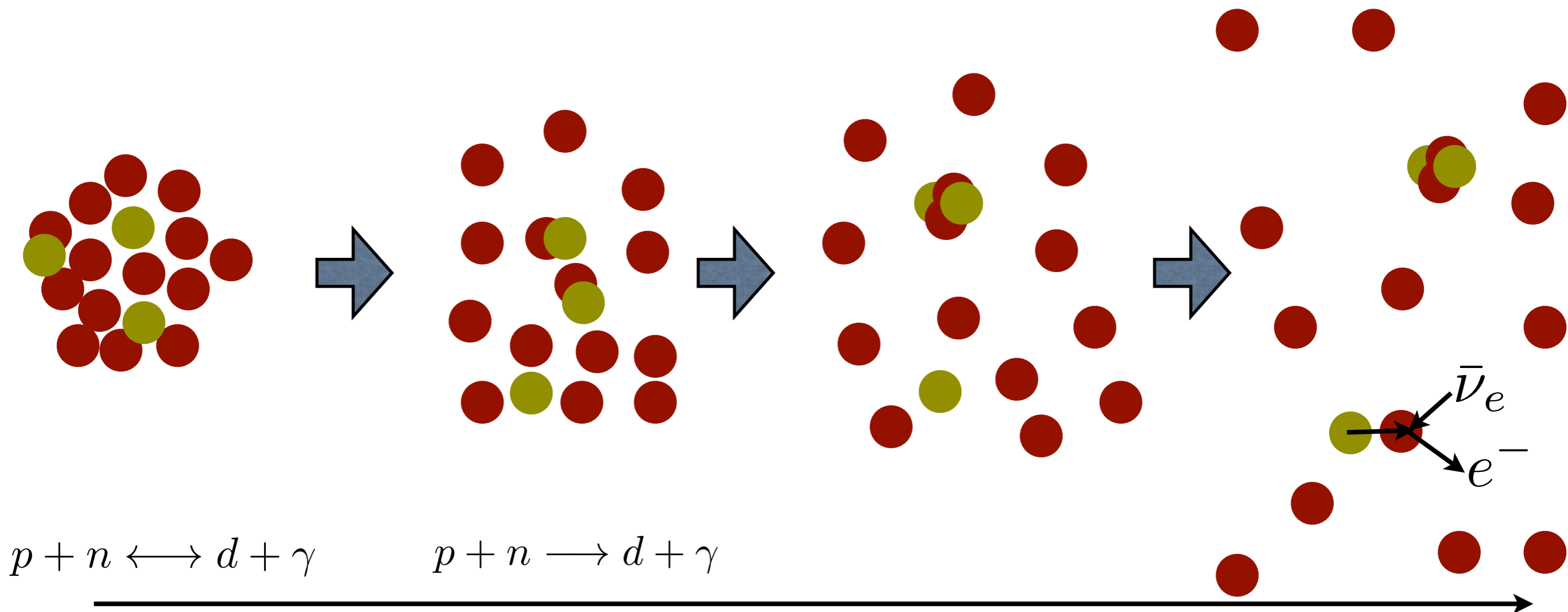
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Initial conditions

deuterium
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 lifetime

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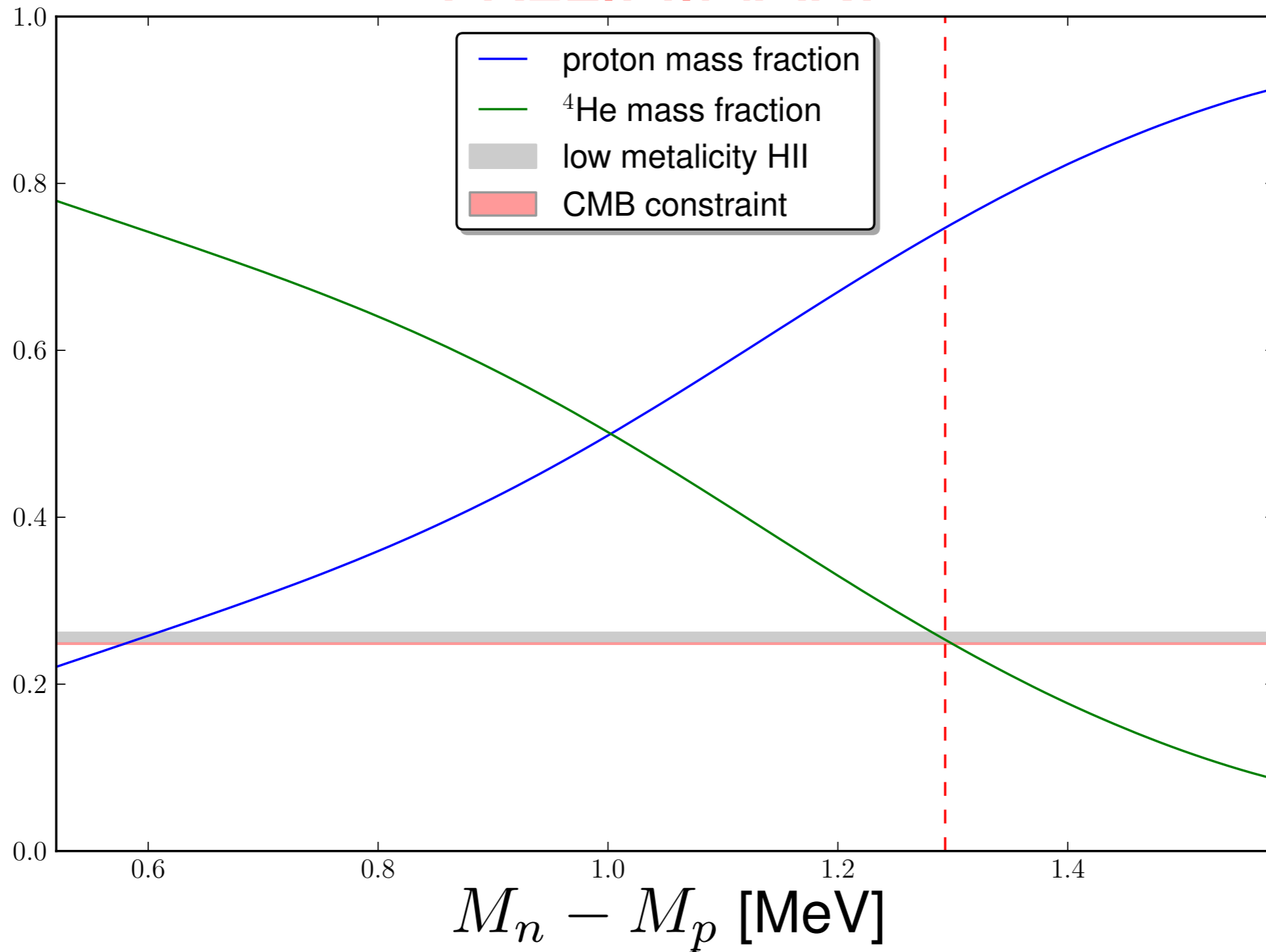
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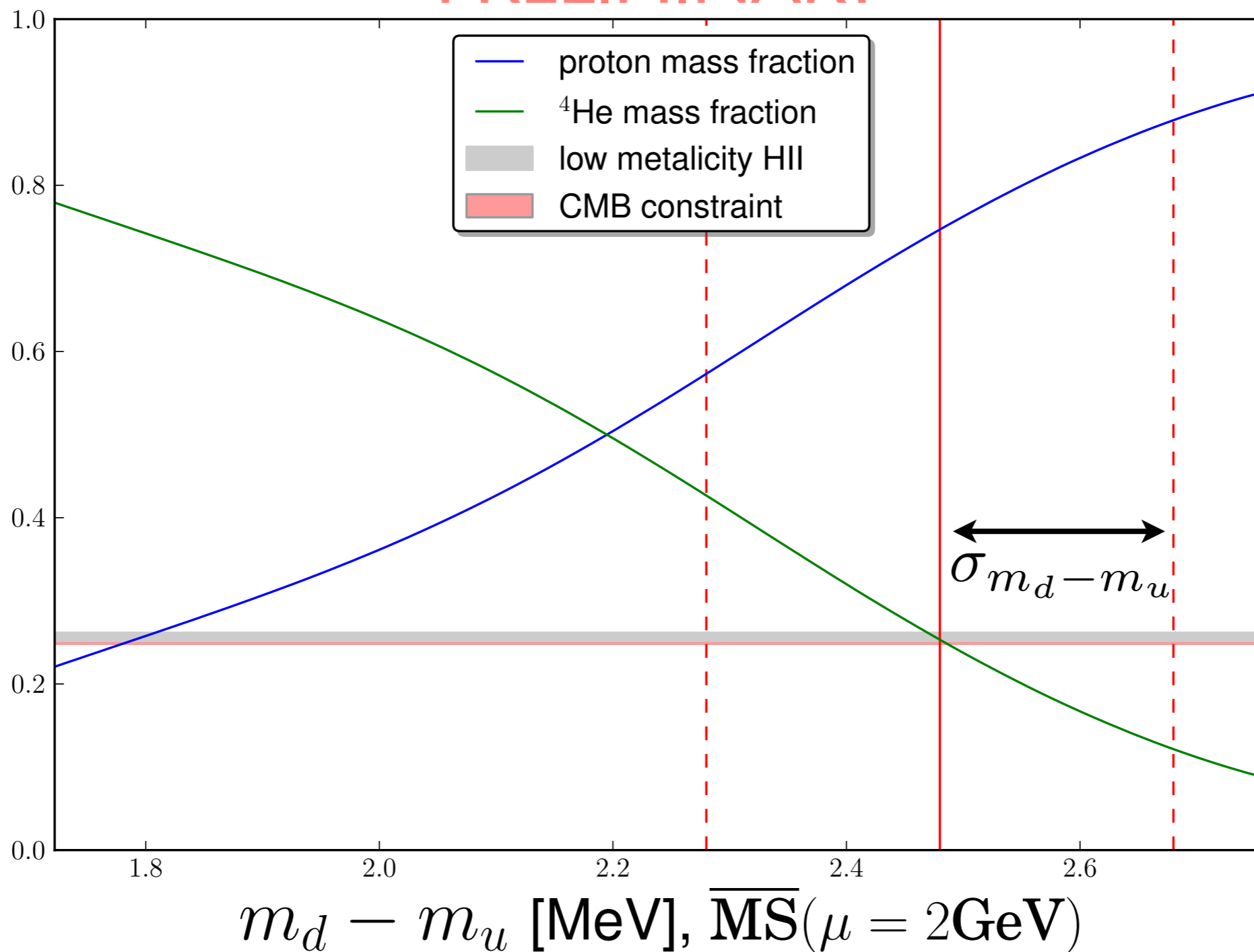
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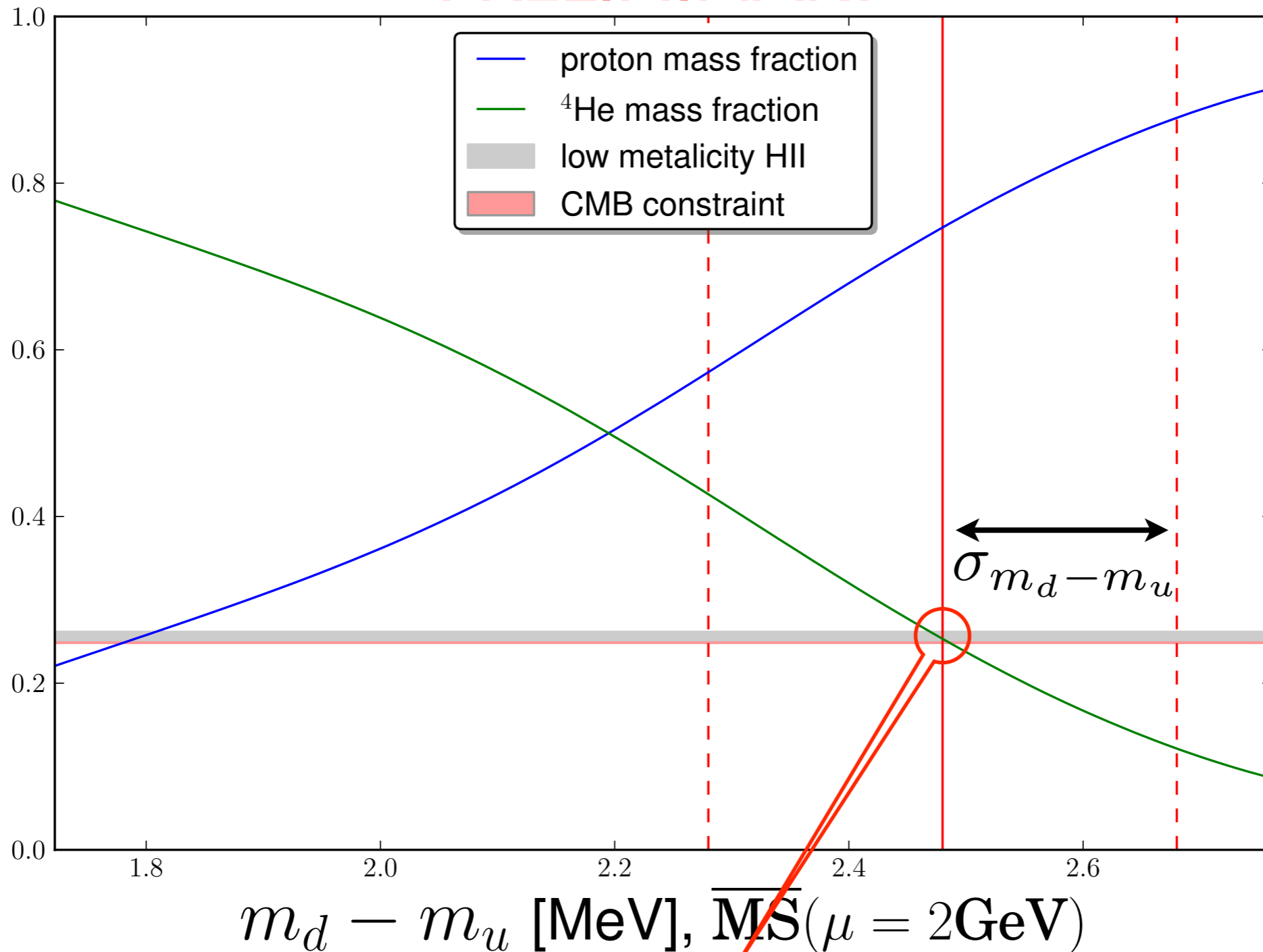


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Lattice
QCD

PRELIMINARY



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A precise determination of α + BBN can constrain $m_d - m_u$

$$\delta M_{n-p}^{m_d - m_u} \equiv \alpha(m_d - m_u) \quad \text{connect the quarks with the cosmos}$$

Conclusions

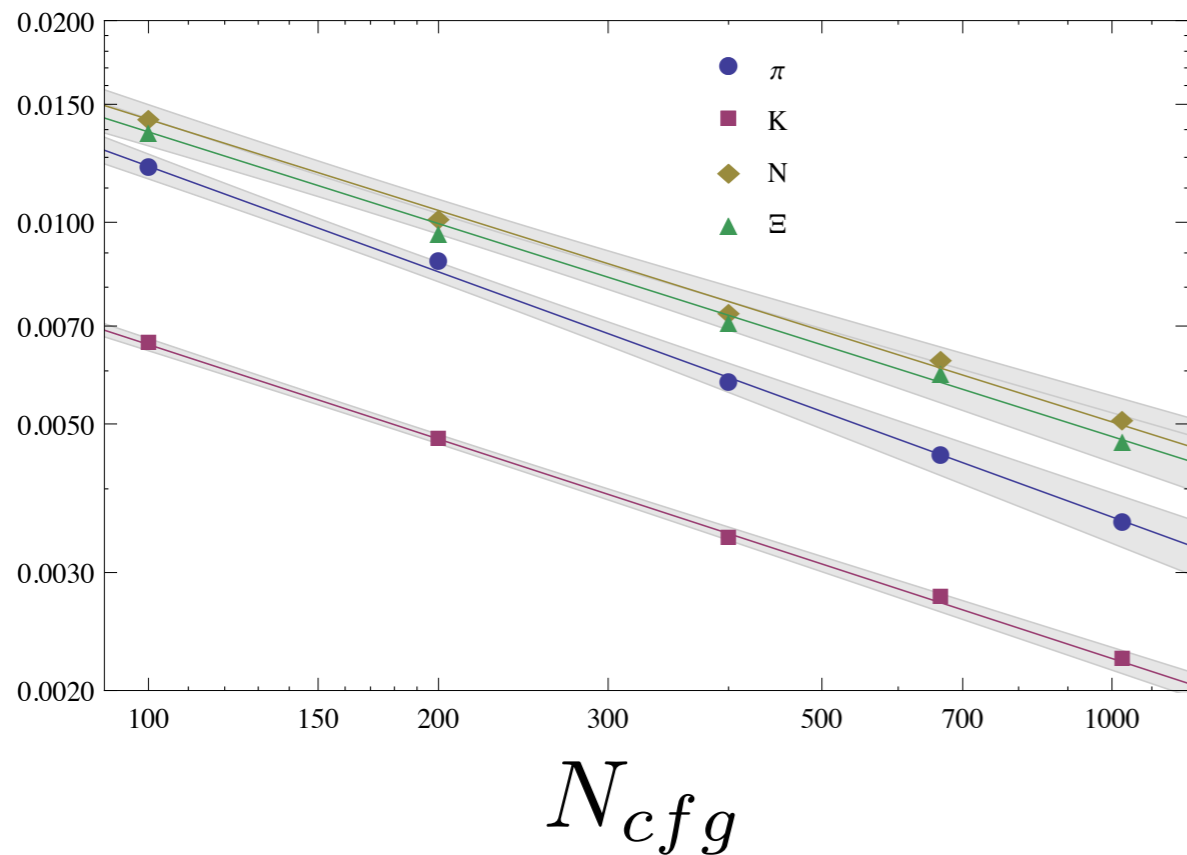
- After decades of dedicated effort, lattice QCD is now a tool for reliably computing basic QCD observables
- The challenges of extending these calculations to observables relevant to nuclear physics mean *it will still be a few years* before lattice QCD can make the same impact
- We are beginning to see the role lattice QCD can play in making a quantitative connection between the quarks and the cosmos - stay tuned!
- Many more things to come
 - hyperon-nucleon interactions
 - hadronic parity violation
 - direct dark matter detection
 - nuclear EDMs
 - ...

A large, modern university building with a glass facade and a brick upper section, surrounded by trees and a bicycle rack in the foreground. The building has a prominent overhang with a grid pattern. The foreground features a row of bicycles parked in a rack, and several trees with green and autumn-colored leaves. The sky is blue with light clouds.

Thank You!

Methods and Results

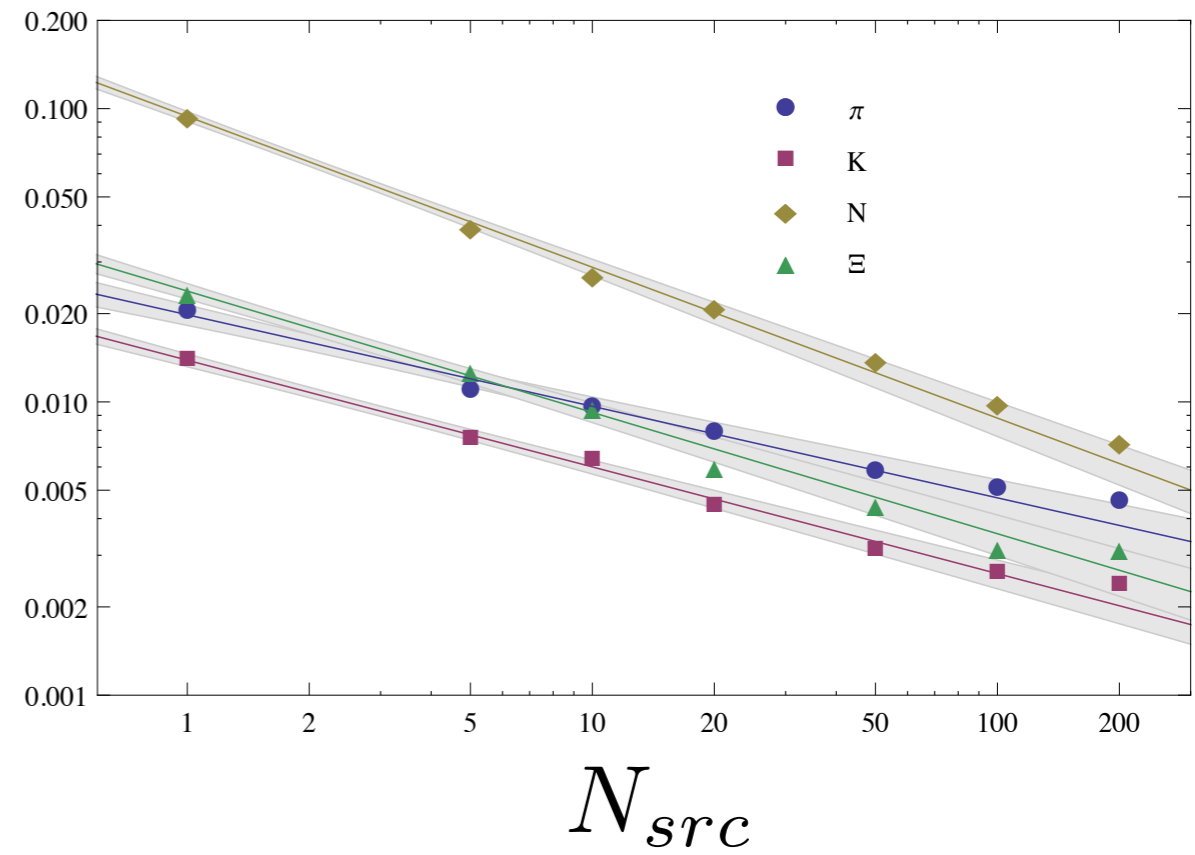
NN Interactions 1S_0



$$\frac{\delta C}{\langle C \rangle} = A(N_{cfg})^b$$

$$b_{cfg}^N = -0.45(2)$$

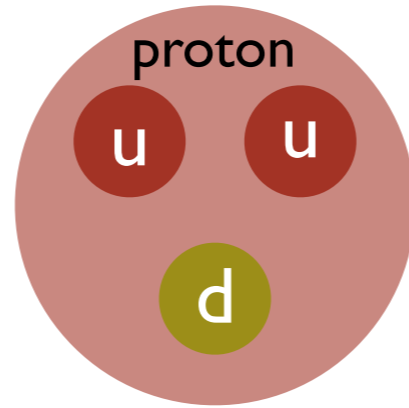
$\frac{\delta C}{\langle C \rangle}$



$$\frac{\delta C}{\langle C \rangle} = A(N_{src})^b$$

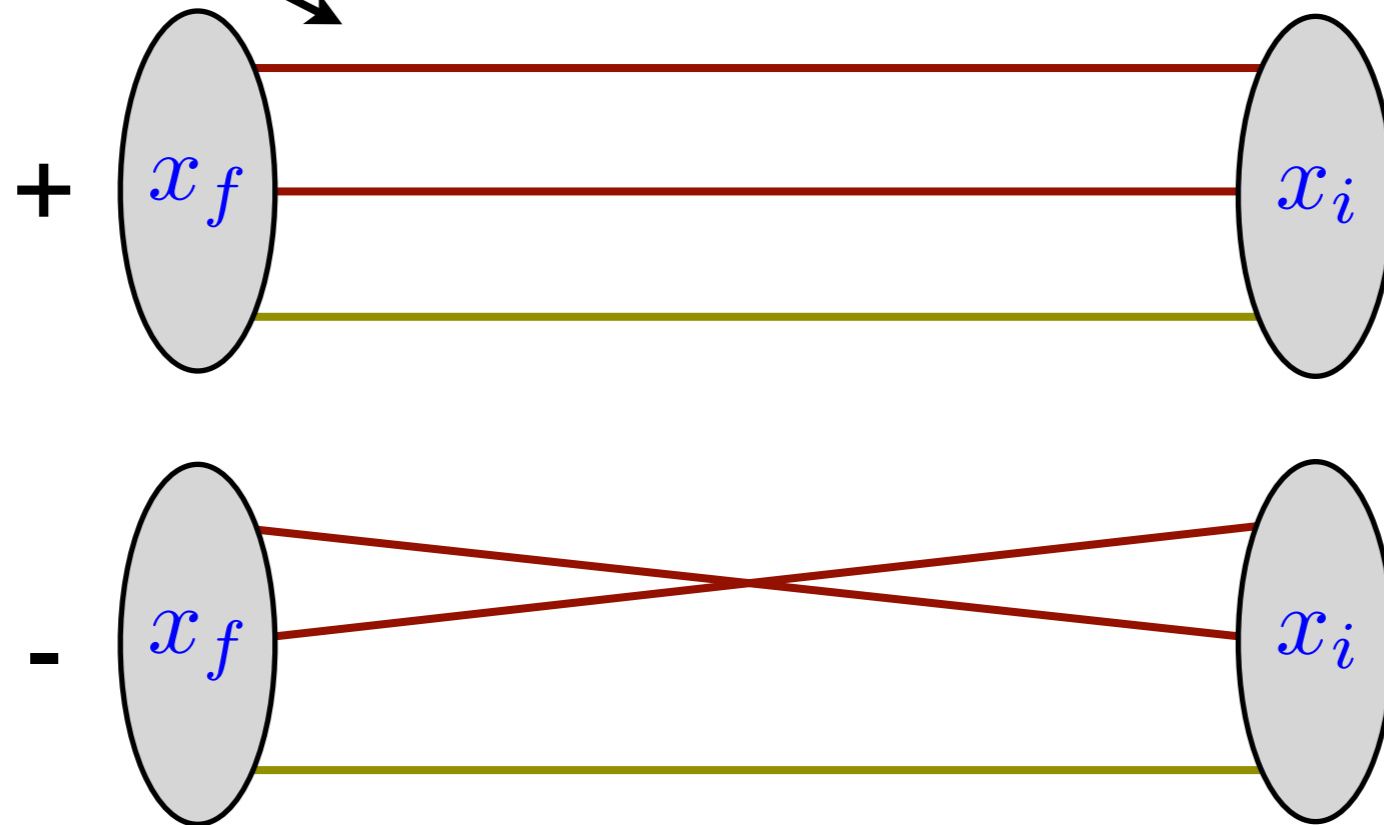
$$b_{src}^N = -0.51(9)$$

Given a set of gauge fields - one performs *measurements*
 consider a proton



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 quark propagator

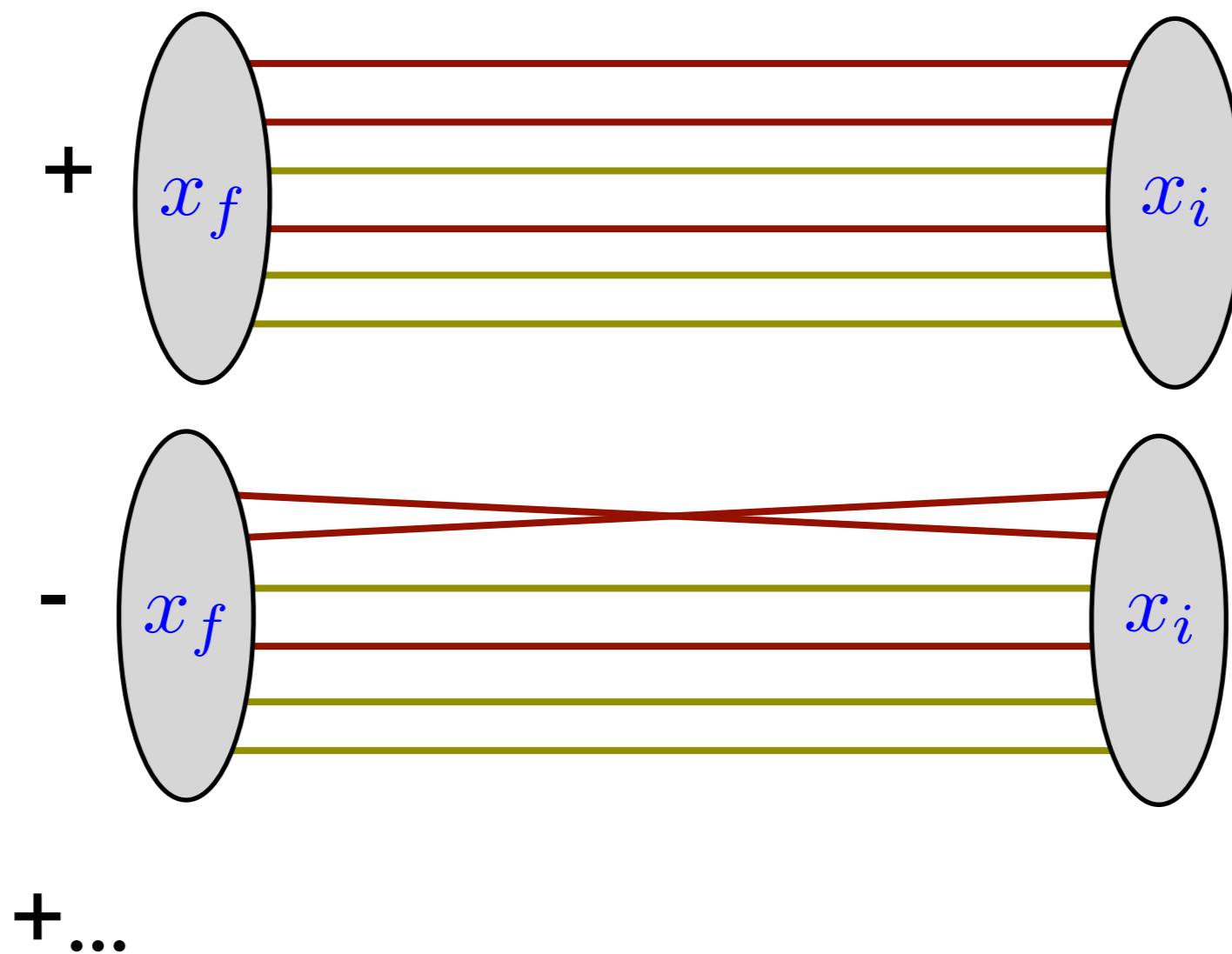
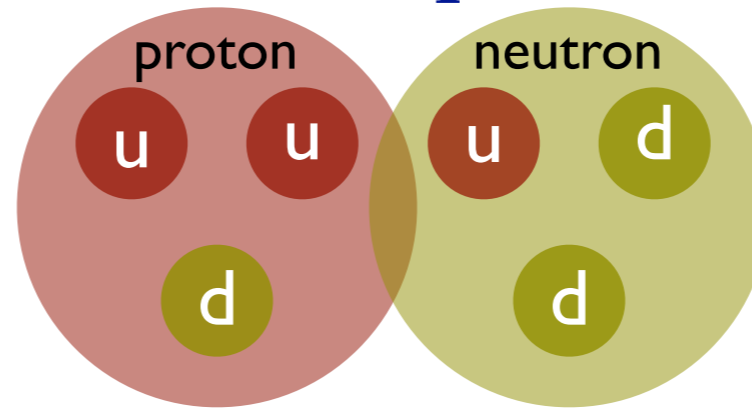
“wave functions”



$2! \times 1! = 2$
 contractions

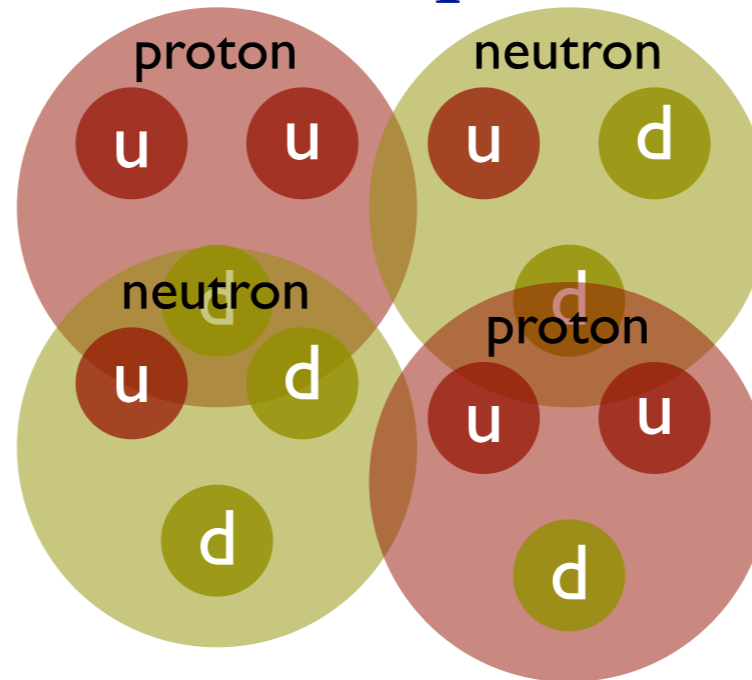
quark-exchange diagrams are source
 of fermion sign problem

Given a set of gauge fields - one performs *measurements*
consider a deuteron



$3! \times 3! = 36$
contractions

Given a set of gauge fields - one performs *measurements*
 consider a ${}^4\text{He}$



$$6! \times 6! = 518400$$

contractions

Not entirely fair - lots of
 symmetry to reduce the
 number of contractions
 the point is these
 contraction costs are quite
 significant

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