



# LATTICE QCD FOR NUCLEAR PHYSICS

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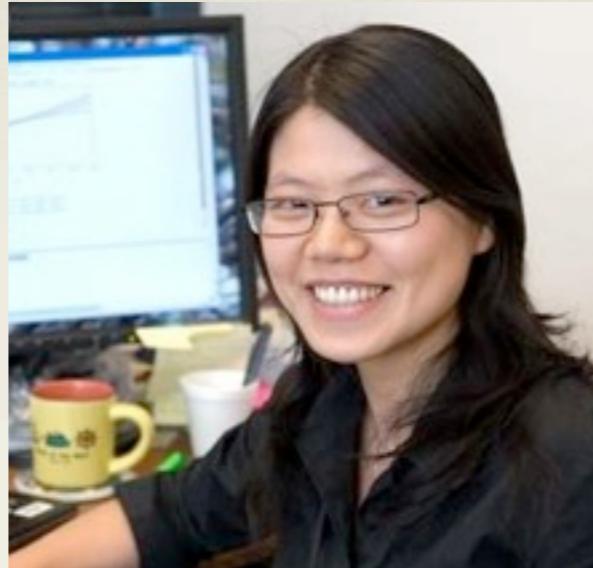
# NPLQCD Collaboration



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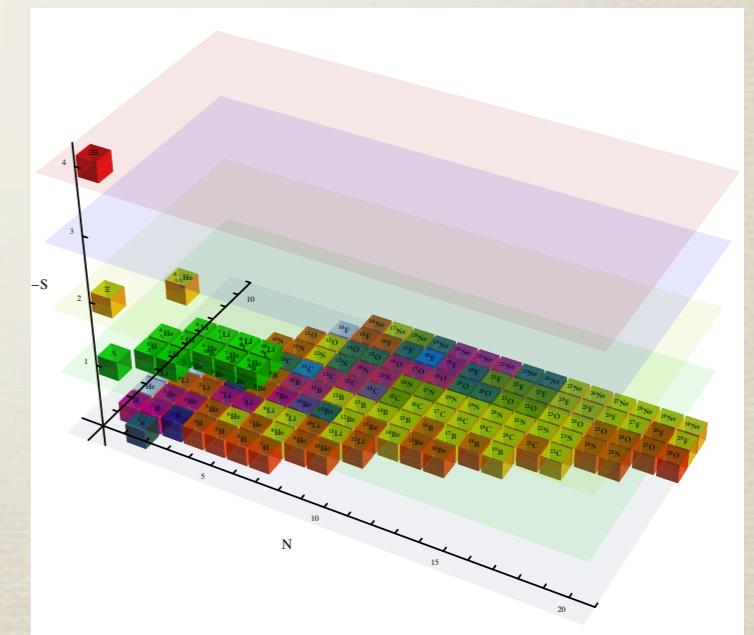


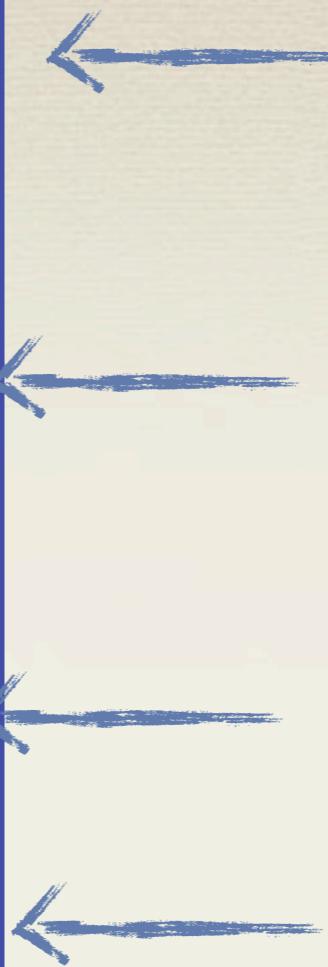
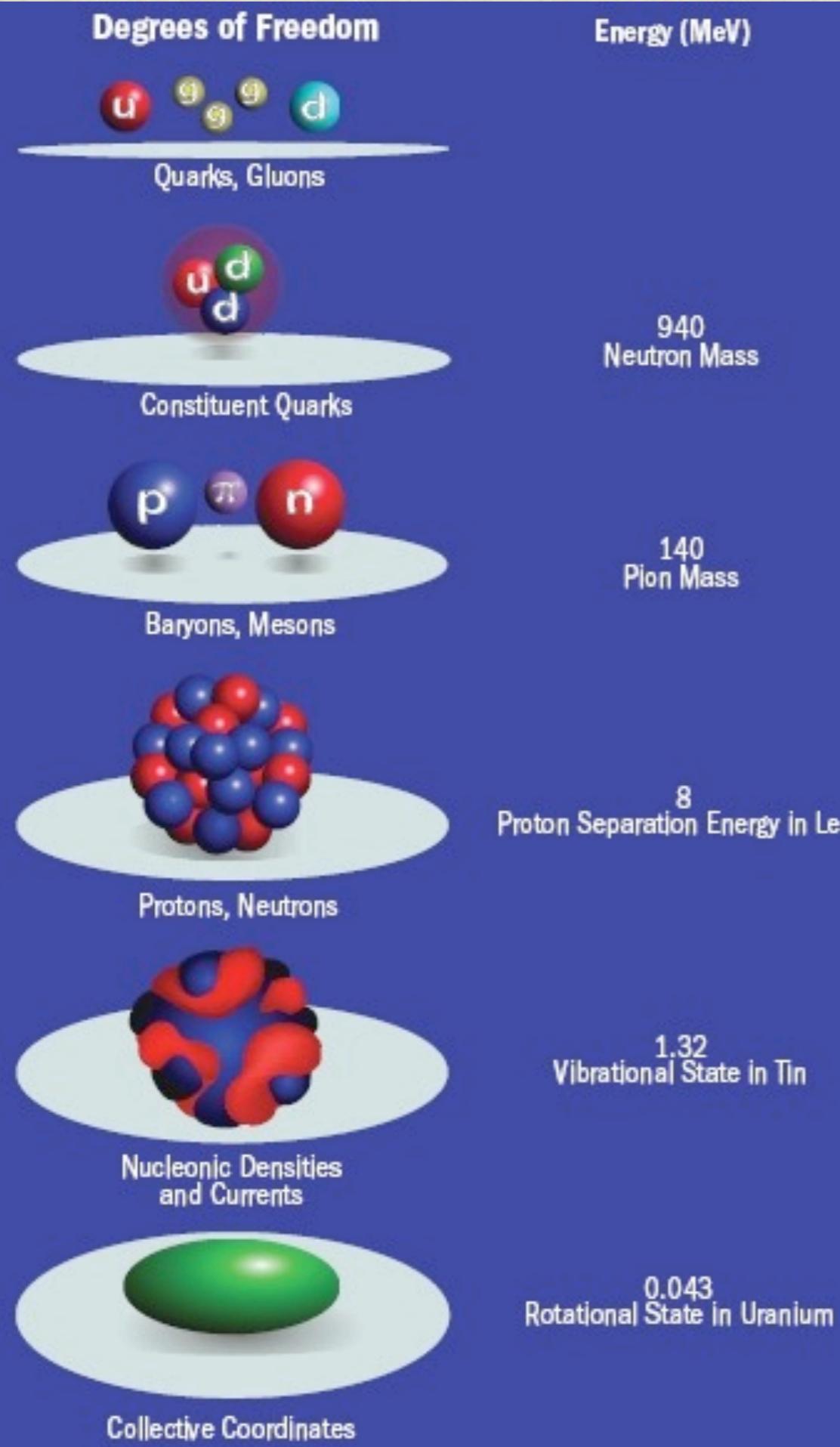
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# Hadron Interactions

## Goals:

- \* Challenge: Compute properties of nuclei from QCD
- \* Spectrum and structure
- \* Confirm well known experimental observation for two nucleon systems
- \* Explore the largely unknown territory of hyper-nuclear physics
- \* Provide input for the equation of state for nuclear matter in neutron stars
- \* Provide input for understanding the properties of multi-baryon systems





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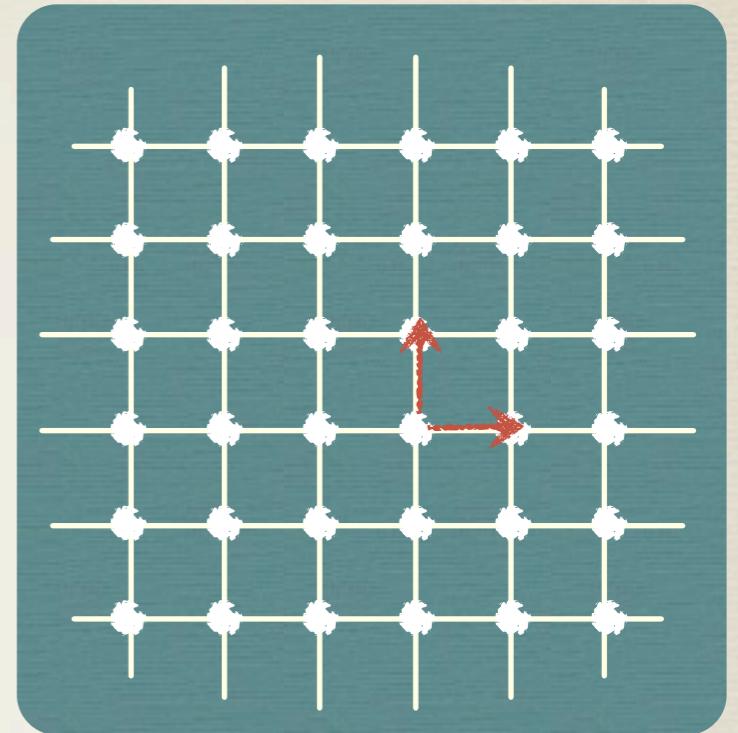
Hadron structure  
and spectrum

Hadronic Interactions

Nuclear physics

# What does it take?

- Hadronic Scale:  $1\text{fm} \sim 1 \times 10^{-13}\text{ cm}$
- Lattice spacing  $\ll 1\text{fm}$ 
  - take  $a=0.1\text{fm}$
- Lattice size  $L_a \gg 1\text{fm}$ 
  - take  $L_a = 3\text{fm}$
- Lattice  $32^4$
- Gauge degrees of freedom:  $8 \times 4 \times 32^4 = 3.4 \times 10^7$



color      dimensions      sites

A wavy black line connects three labels: "color" on the left, "dimensions" in the middle, and "sites" on the right.

The pion mass is an additional small scale

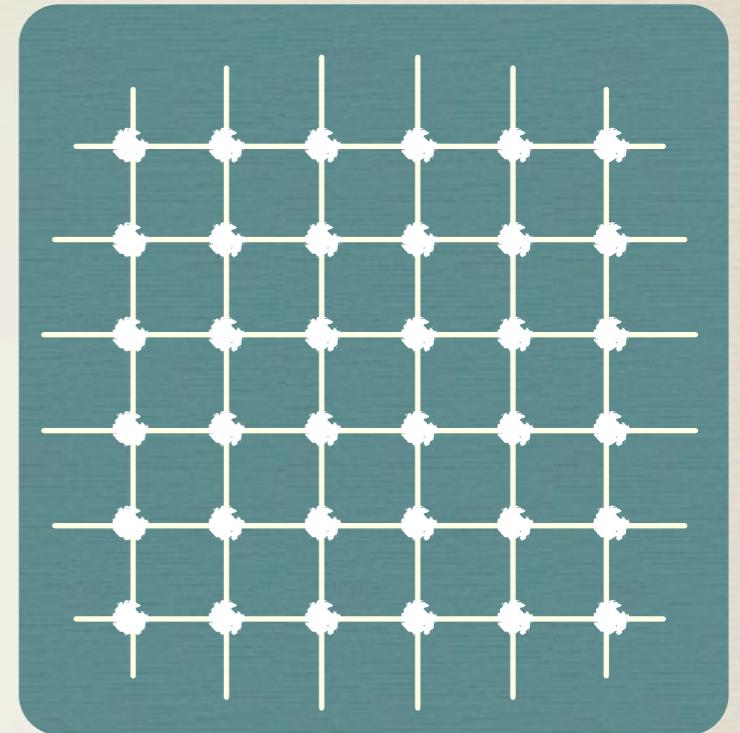
Volume corrections  $\sim e^{-m_\pi L}$

6 -7 fm boxes might be needed at the physical point

Smaller scale: Binding momentum of the deuteron ~ 40 MeV

Nuclear energy level splittings are a few MeV

$\sim 1/m_\pi \sim 1.4 \text{ fm}$



Box sizes of about 10 fm will be needed

# Scattering on the Lattice

Luscher Comm. Math. Phys 105, 153 '86

Elastic scattering amplitude (s-wave):

$$A(p) = \text{Diagram} + \text{Diagram} + \text{Diagram} + \dots$$

$$A(p) = \frac{4\pi}{m} \frac{1}{p \cot\delta - i p}$$

At finite volume one can show:

$$E_n = 2\sqrt{p_n^2 + m^2}$$

$$p \cot \delta(p) = \frac{1}{\pi L} \mathbf{S} \left( \frac{p^2 L^2}{4\pi^2} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{S}(\eta) \equiv \sum_{\mathbf{j}}^{|j|<\Lambda} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{j}|^2 - \eta} - 4\pi\Lambda$$

Small p:

$$p \cot \delta(p) = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{2} r p^2 + \dots$$

**a** is the scattering length

# Bound States

Luscher Comm. Math. Phys 104, 177 '86

$$E_b = \sqrt{p^2 + m_1^2} + \sqrt{p^2 + m_2^2} - m_1 - m_2 \quad p^2 < 0$$

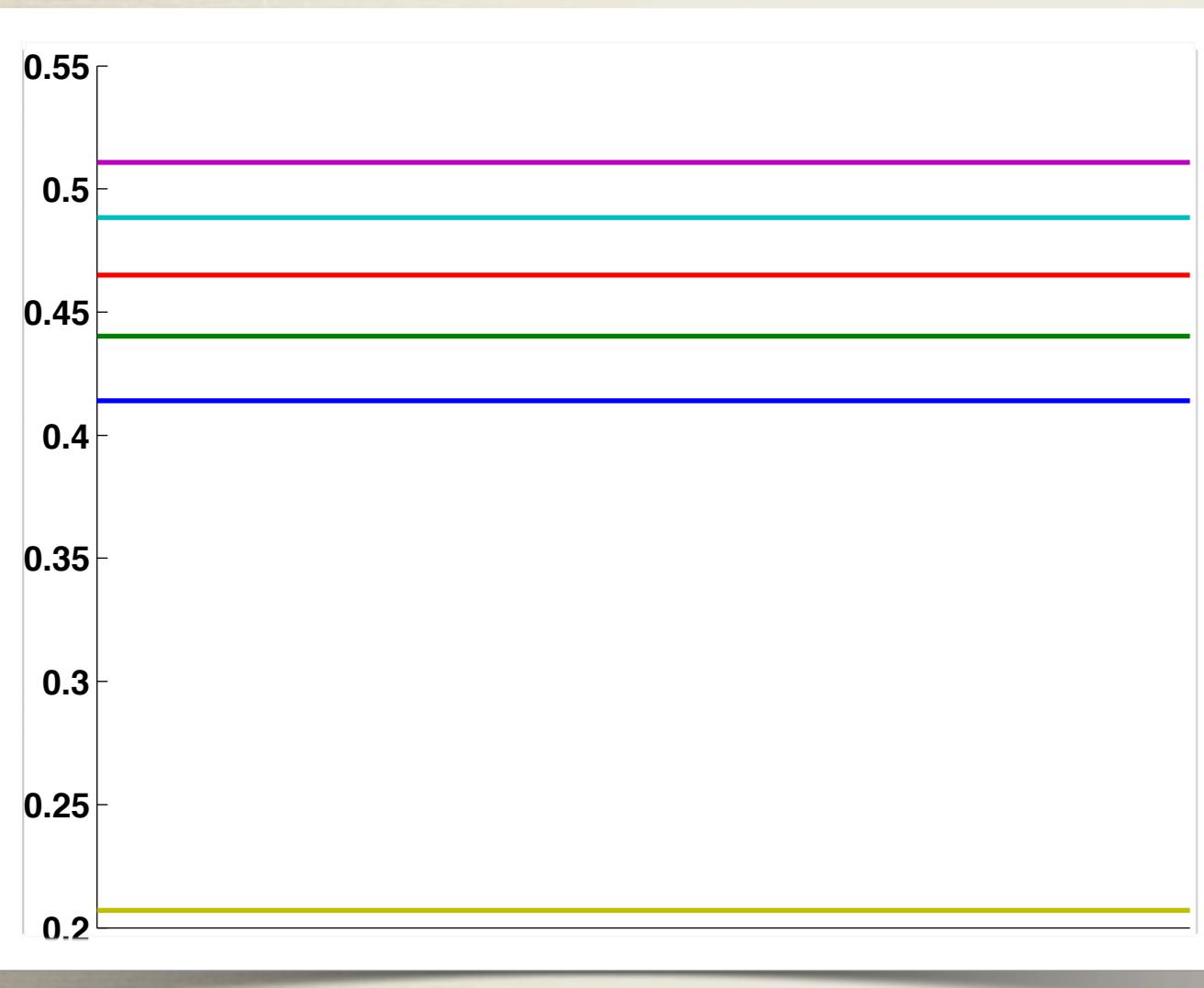
$$E_b \approx \frac{p^2}{2\mu} = -\frac{\kappa^2}{2\mu} \quad \kappa = |p|$$

$\kappa$  is the “binding momentum” and  $\mu$  the reduced mass

Finite volume corrections:

$$\Delta E_b = -3|A|^2 \frac{e^{-\kappa L}}{\mu L} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\sqrt{2}\kappa L}) \quad \text{cubic group irrep: } A_1^+$$

# Two Nucleon spectrum free nucleons



3fm box  
 $24^3$  Lattice

anisotropy factor 3.5

$M_\pi = 390 \text{ MeV}$

free 2 particle spectrum  
 $M_n$

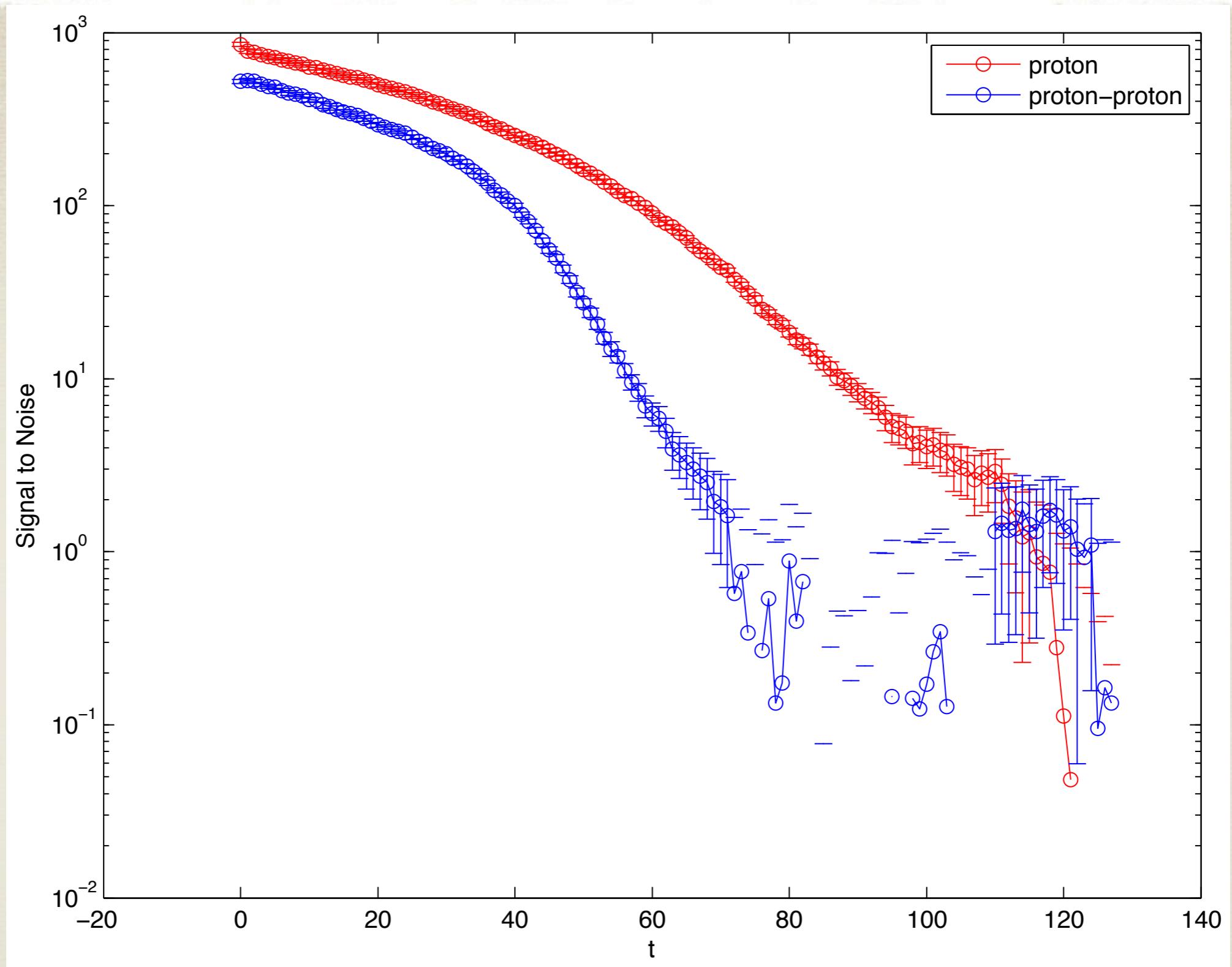
# Signal to Noise ratio for correlation functions

$$C(t) = \langle N(t)\bar{N}(0) \rangle \sim E e^{-M_N t}$$

$$\text{var}(C(t)) = \langle N\bar{N}(t)N\bar{N}(0) \rangle \sim A e^{-2M_N t} + B e^{-3m_\pi t}$$

$$\text{StoN} = \frac{C(t)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(C(t))}} = \sim A e^{-(M_N - 3/2m_\pi)t}$$

- \* The signal to noise ratio drops exponentially with time
- \* The signal to noise ratio drops exponentially with decreasing pion mass
- \* For two nucleons:  $\text{StoN(2N)} = \text{StoN(1N)}^2$



# Signal to Noise

$32^3 \times 256$   
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NPLQCD data

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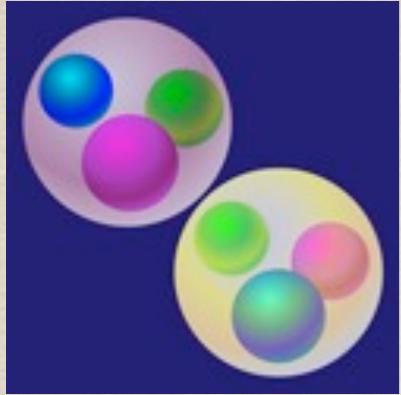
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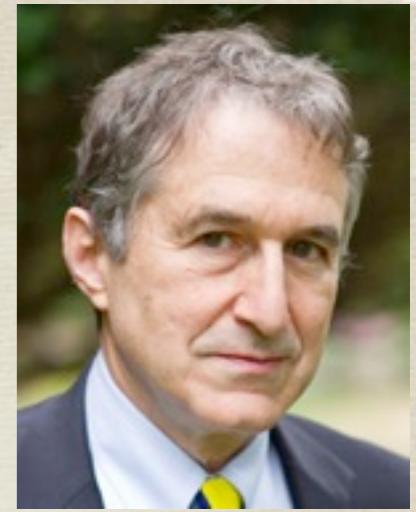
We really need better algorithms to deal with an exponentially hard problem

1. Hyperon-Hyperon Interactions

2. Hyperon-Nucleon Interactions



# H-dibaryon



R. L. Jaffe, Phys. Rev. Lett. 38, 195 (1977)

- \* Proposed by R. Jaffe 1977
  - \* Perturbative color-spin interactions are attractive for ( $uuddss$ ) $S = -2,$  $B = 2,$  $J^P = 0^+$
  - \* Diquark picture of scalar diquarks ( $ud$ )( $ds$ )( $su$ )
- \* Experimental searches of the H have not found it
  - \* BNL RHIC (+model): Excludes the region [-95, 0] MeV  
A. L. Trattner, PhD Thesis, LBL, UMI-32-54109 (2006).
  - \* KEK: Resonance near threshold  
C. J. Yoon et al., Phys. Rev. C 75, 022201 (2007).
- \* Several Lattice QCD calculations have been addressing the existence of a bound H

# Lattice QCD

- \* P. B. Mackenzie and H. B. Thacker, Phys. Rev. Lett. 55, 2539 (1985)
- \* Did not find it
- \* Y. Iwasaki, T. Yoshie and Y. Tsuboi, Phys. Rev. Lett. 60, 1371 (1988)
  - \* Found it
- \* A. Pochinsky, J. W. Negele and B. Scarlet, Nucl. Phys. Proc. Suppl. 73, 255 (1999)
  - \* Concluded H is not bound in the infinite volume limit
- \* I. Wetzorke and F. Karsch Nucl. Phys. Proc. Suppl. 119, 287 (2003)
  - \* Concluded the H is not bound

# Lattice QCD

- \* NLPQCD [Phys.Rev.Lett.106.162001 2011](#)
- \* HALQCD [Phys.Rev.Lett.106.162002 2011](#)
- \* Luo, Loan and Liu arXiv:1106.1945
  - \* Anisotropic Clover (quenched)
  - \* Multiple lattice spacings and volumes
  - \* Result:  $B_H = 70(11)(15)\text{MeV}$

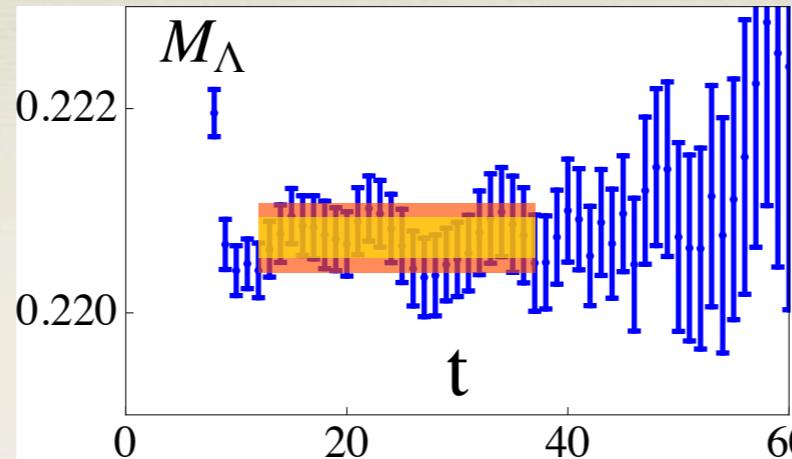
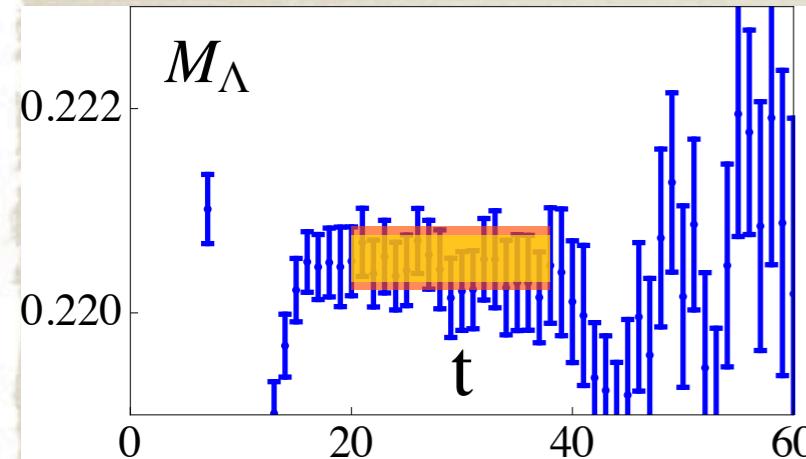
# NPLQCD: lattice set up

- \* Anisotropic 2+1 clover fermion lattices Hadron Spectrum/JLAB
- \*  $a \sim 0.125\text{fm}$  (anisotropy of  $\sim 3.5$ )
- \* pion mass  $\sim 390\text{ MeV}$
- \* Volumes  $16^3 \times 128, 20^3 \times 128, 24^3 \times 128, 32^3 \times 256$  largest box 4fm
- \* Smeared source - 3 sink interpolating fields
- \* Interpolating fields have the structure of s-wave  $\Lambda$ - $\Lambda$  system
- \*  $I=0, S=-2, A_1$ , positive parity

# NPLQCD methods

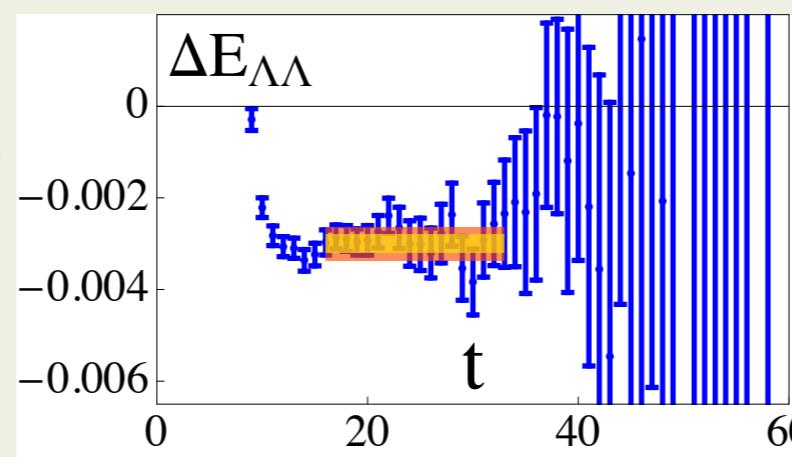
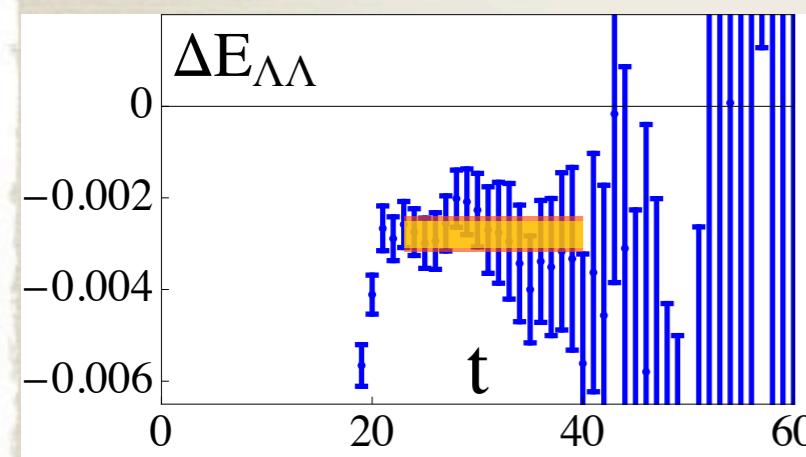
- \* Compute the ground state energy using Euclidian correlators
  - \* Use a single source operator with three sinks operator (varied smearing)
- \* “Diagonalize” the correlators to isolate the ground state
  - \* Matrix Prony and Multi-exponential fits
- \* Extract the binding momentum
- \* Extrapolate to infinite volume using multiple volumes
- \* Use very high statistics  $O(500K)$  correlation functions

# NPLQCD



$\Lambda\Lambda$  Energy

$$E_{\Lambda\Lambda} = 2\sqrt{p^2 + m_\Lambda^2}$$



binding momentum

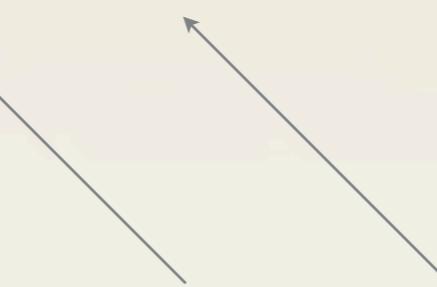
$$\kappa = |p|$$

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

$$B_H = \frac{\gamma^2}{m_\Lambda}$$

# NPLQCD: H-dibaryon

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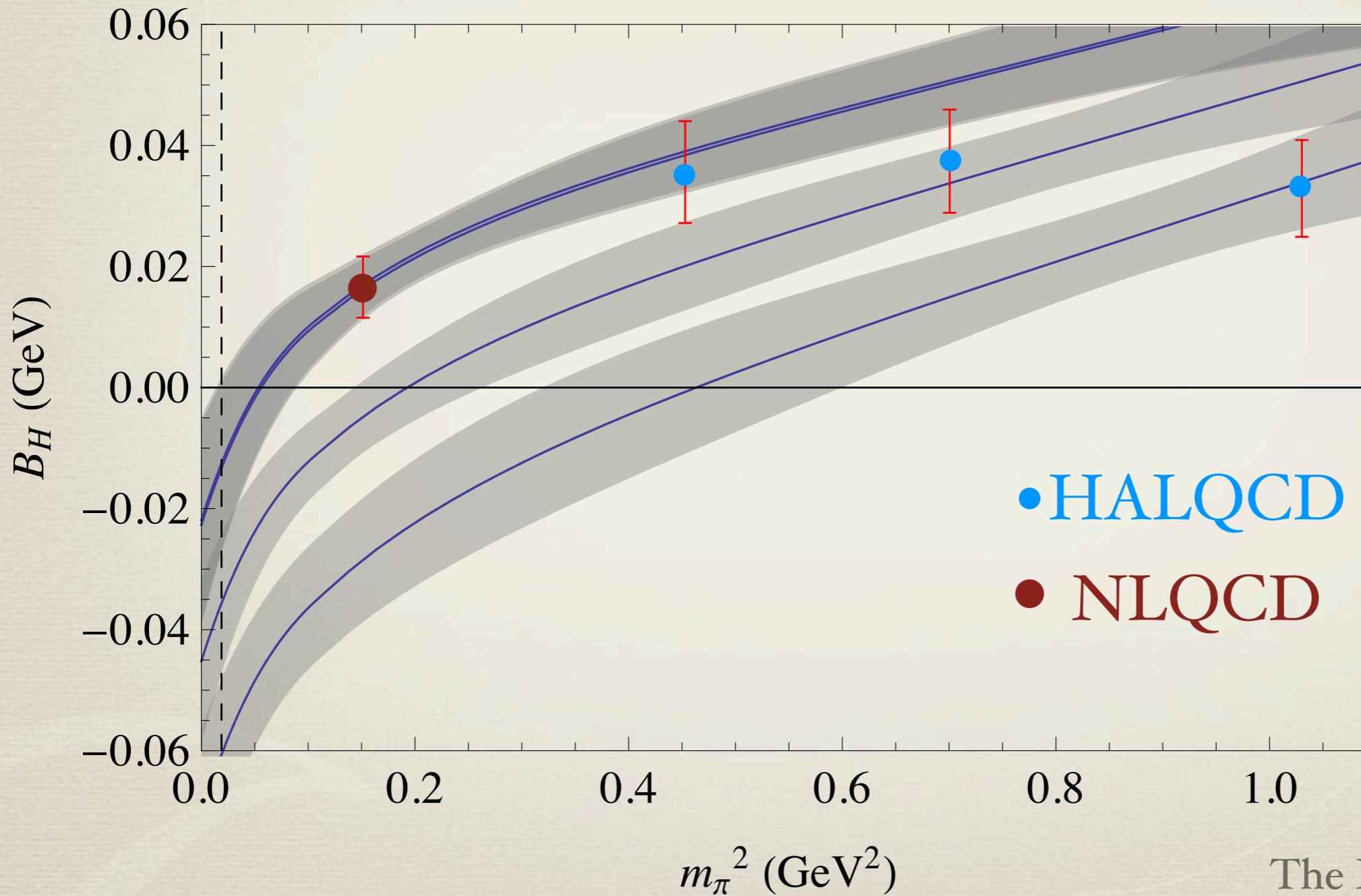
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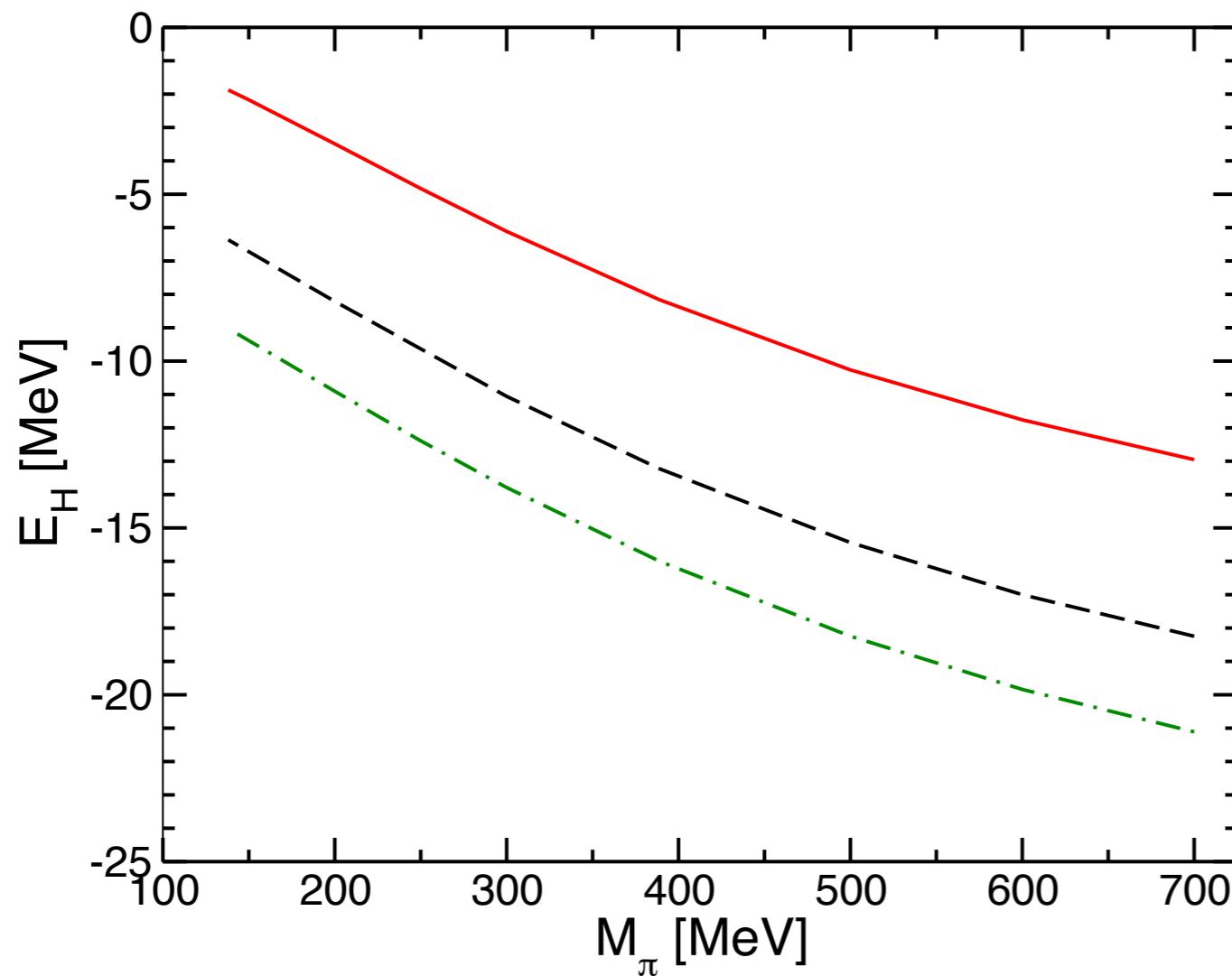
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P. Shanahan et.al. arXiv:1106.2851



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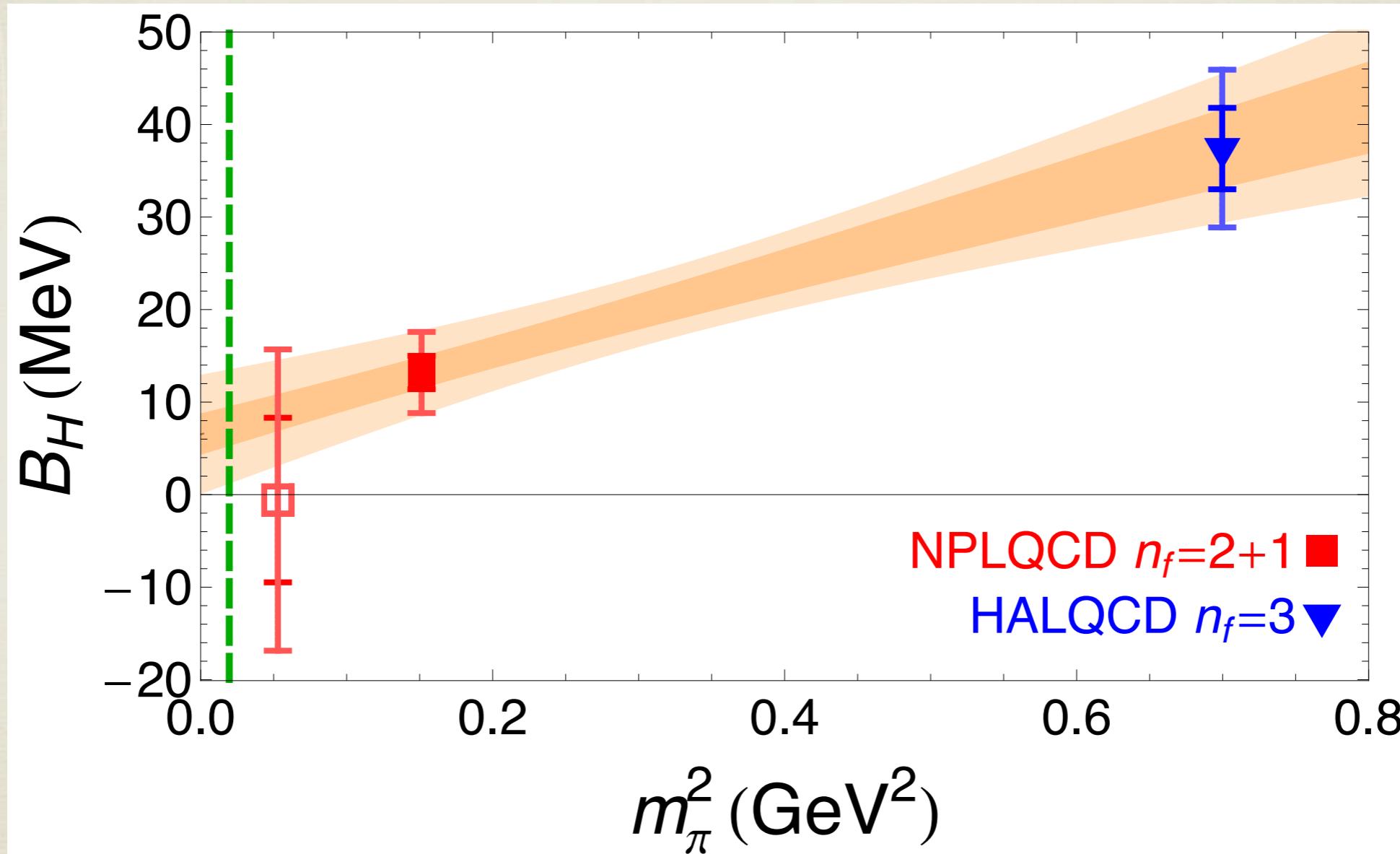
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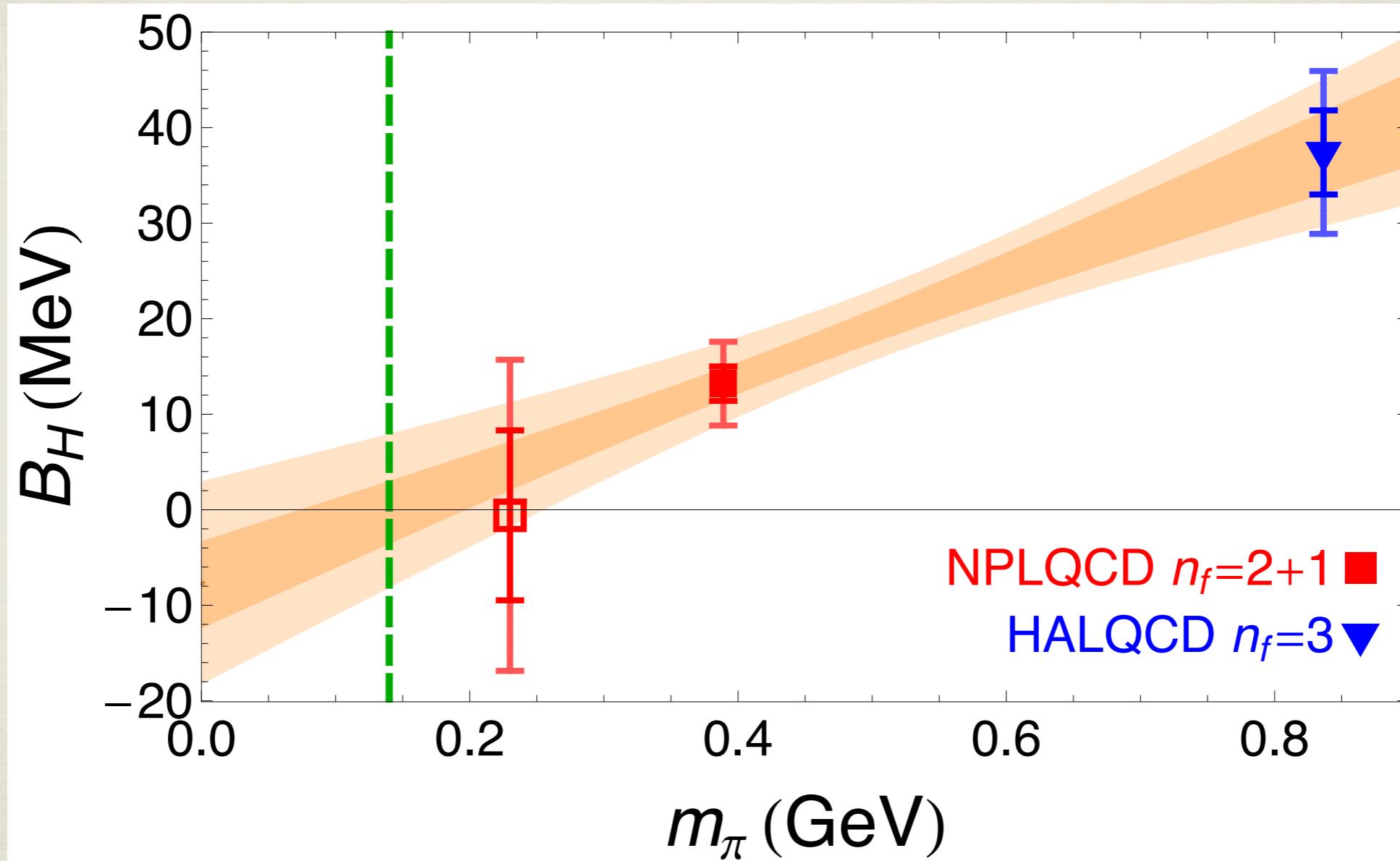
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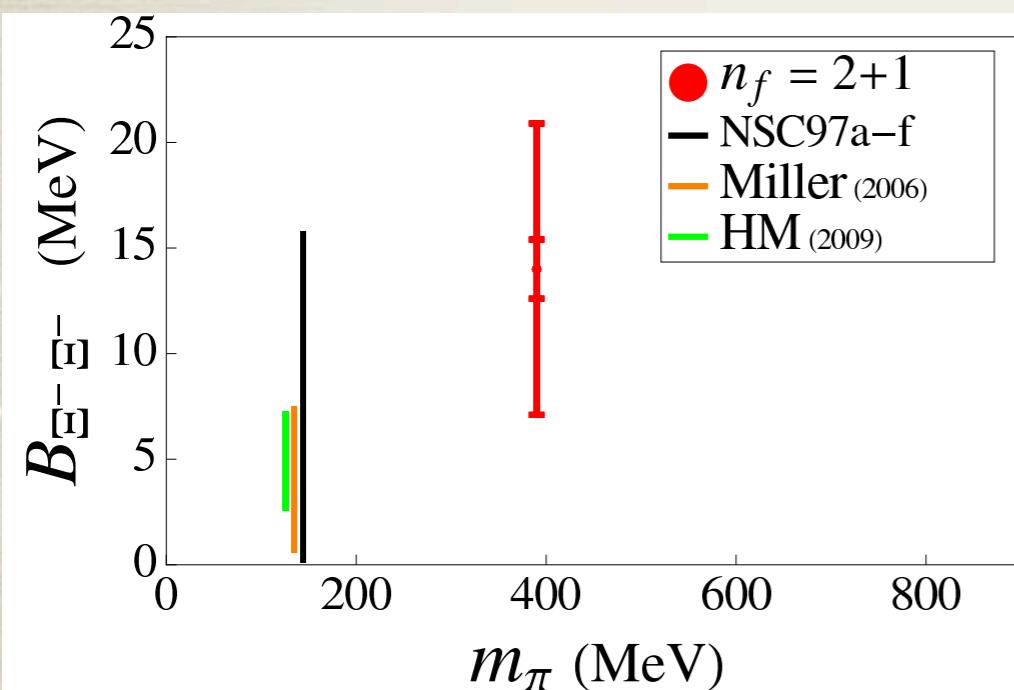
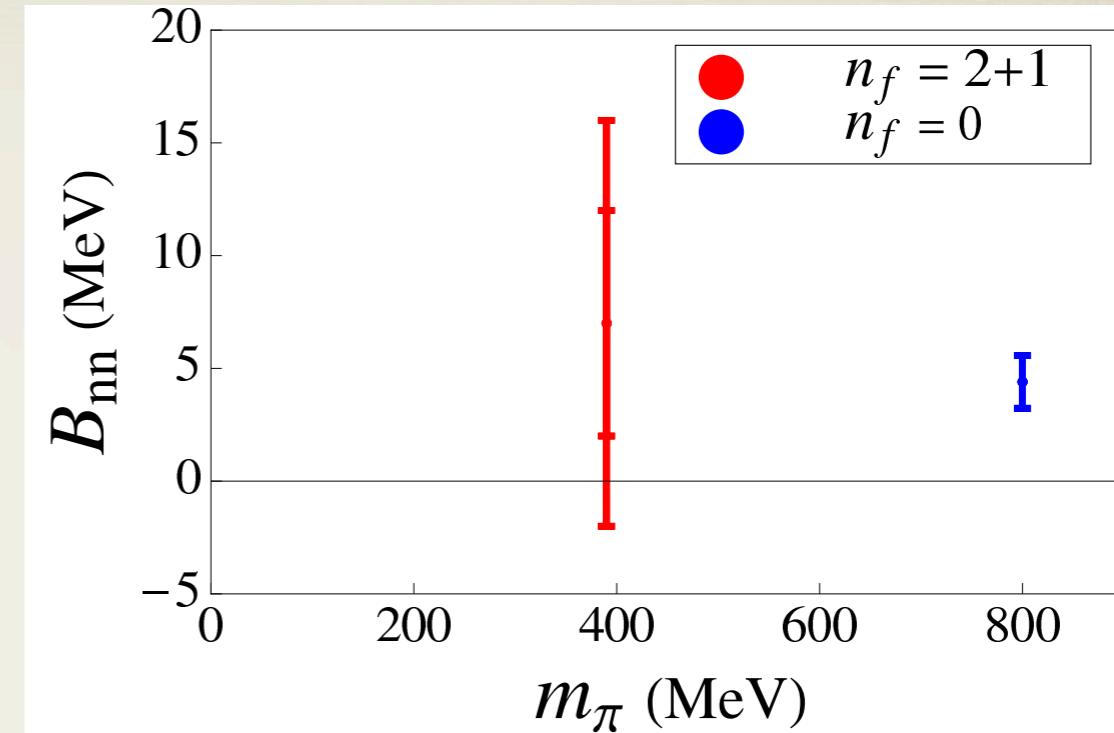
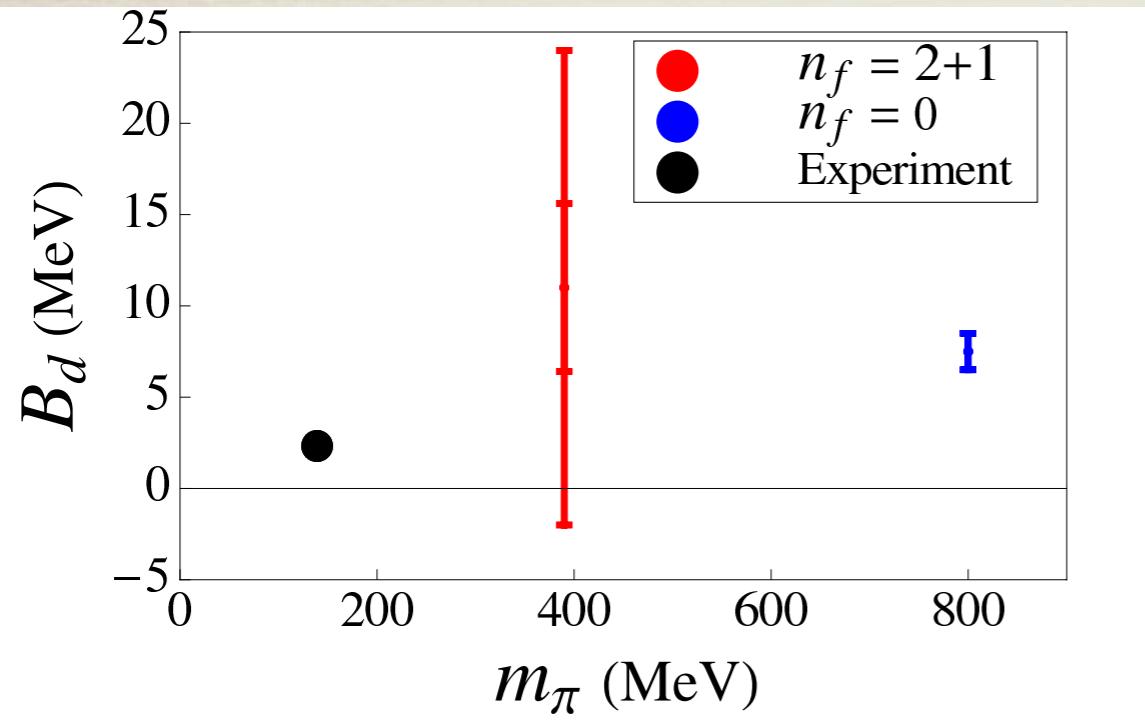
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# Two baryon bound states

[ S. Beane et.al. arXiv:1108.2889 submitted to Phys.Rev.D]



V. G. J. Stoks and T. A. Rijken  
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G. A. Miller,  
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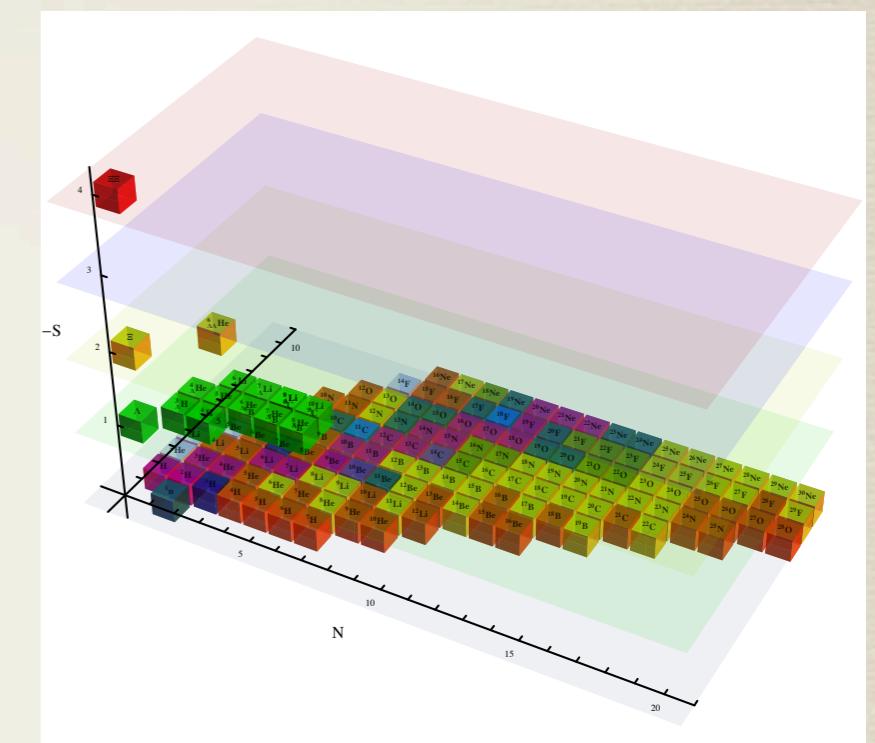
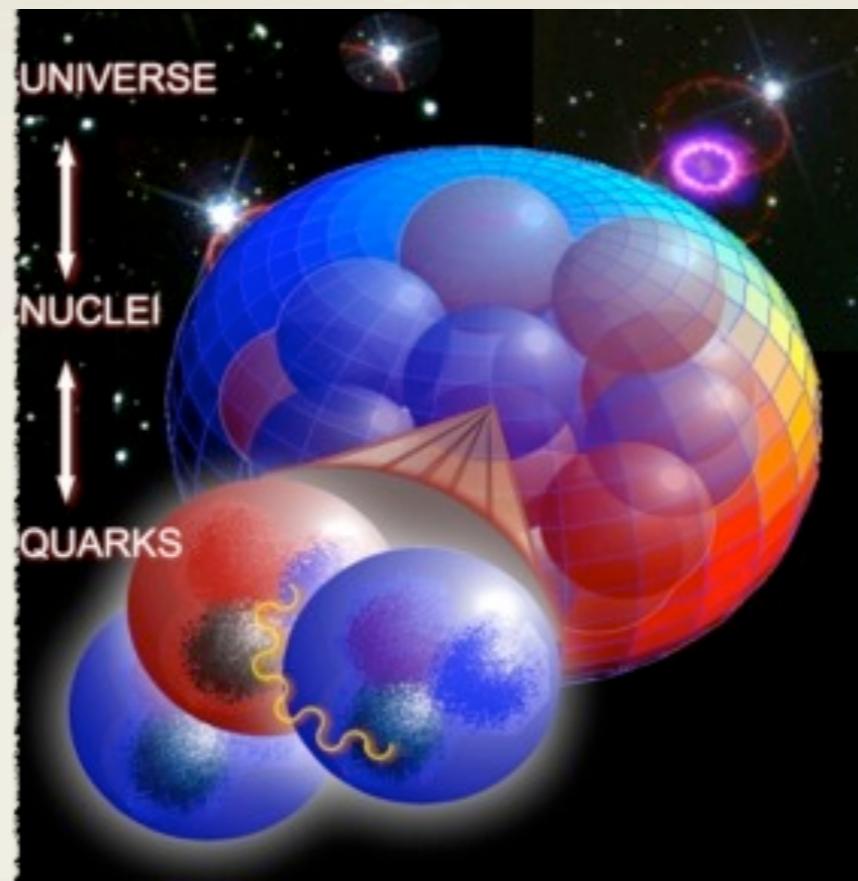
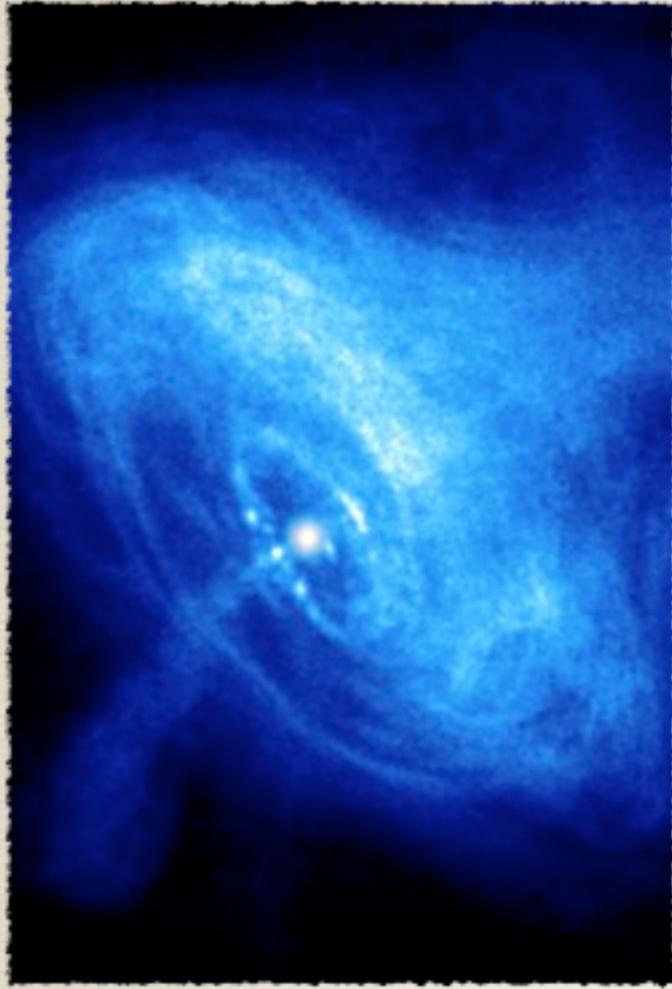
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$n_f=0$ :  
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Phys.Rev. D84 (2011) 054506  
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# Hyperon-Nucleon interactions

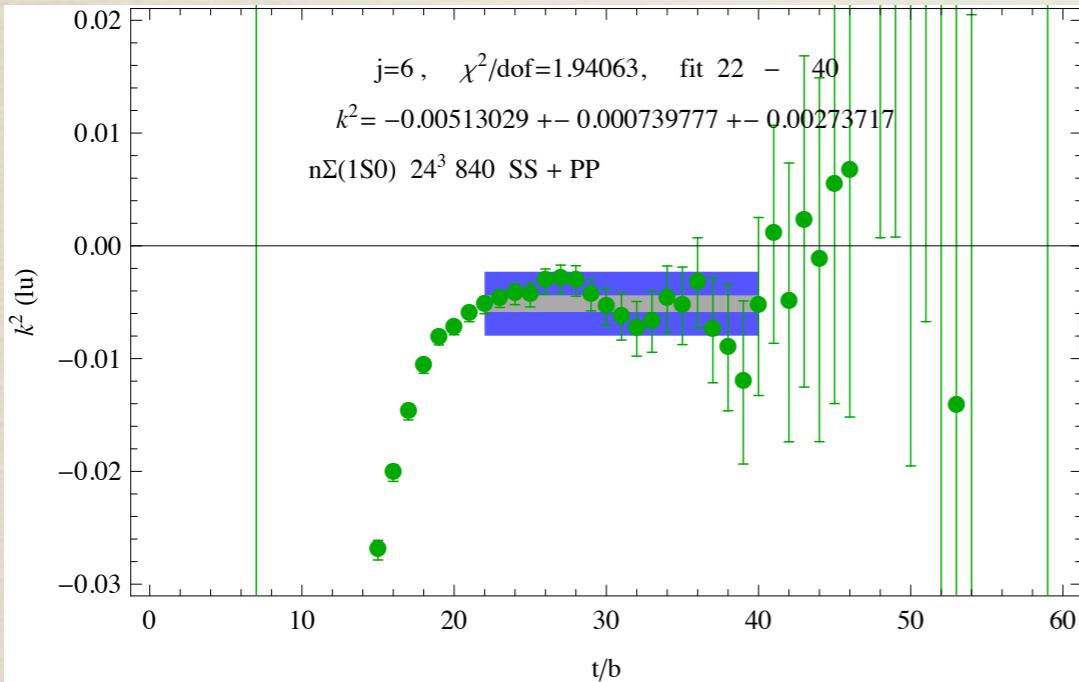


# equation of state for nuclear matter in neutron stars

## hyper-nuclear physics

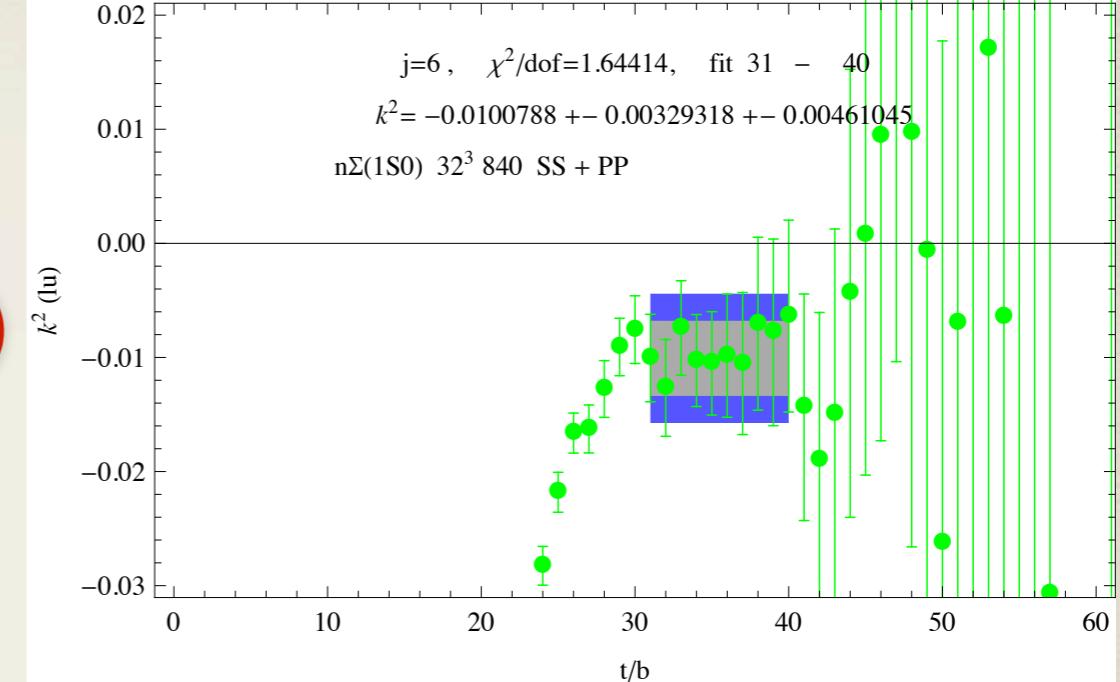
# $n\Sigma^-$ interactions

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$(1S_0)$

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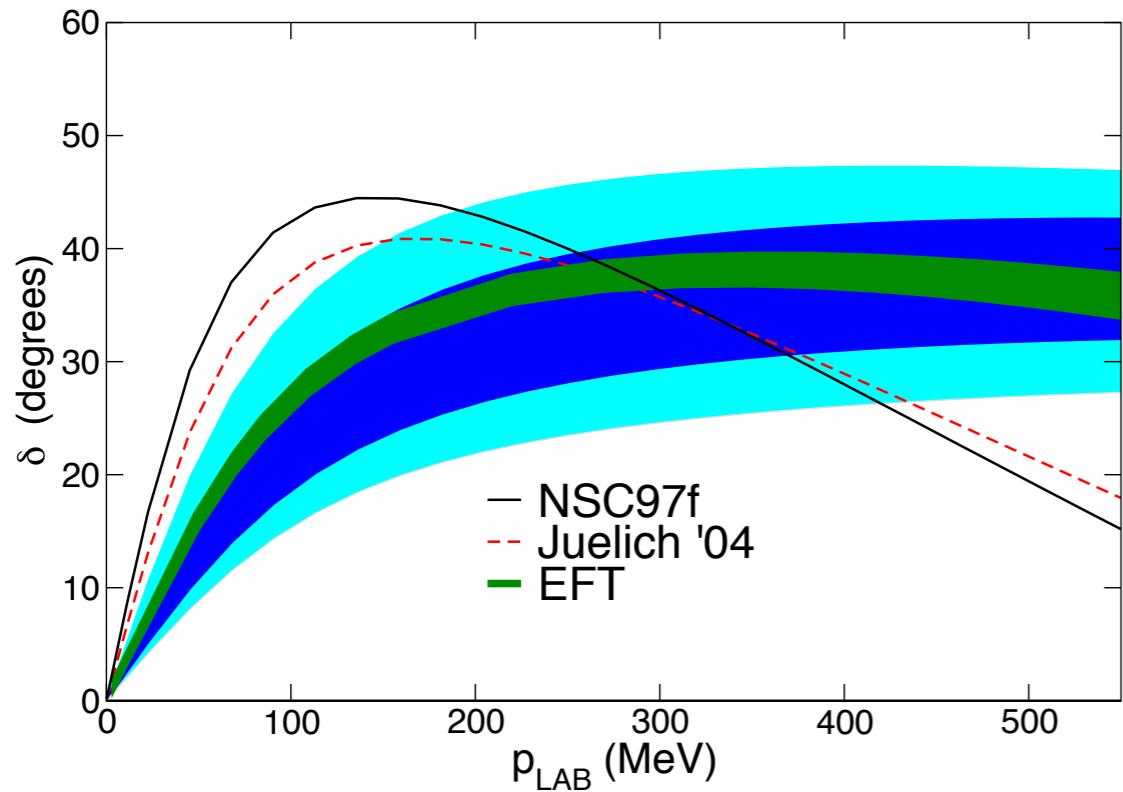
$$B_{n\Sigma} = \frac{\gamma^2}{2\mu_{n\Sigma}} = 25 \pm 9.3 \pm 11 \text{ MeV}$$

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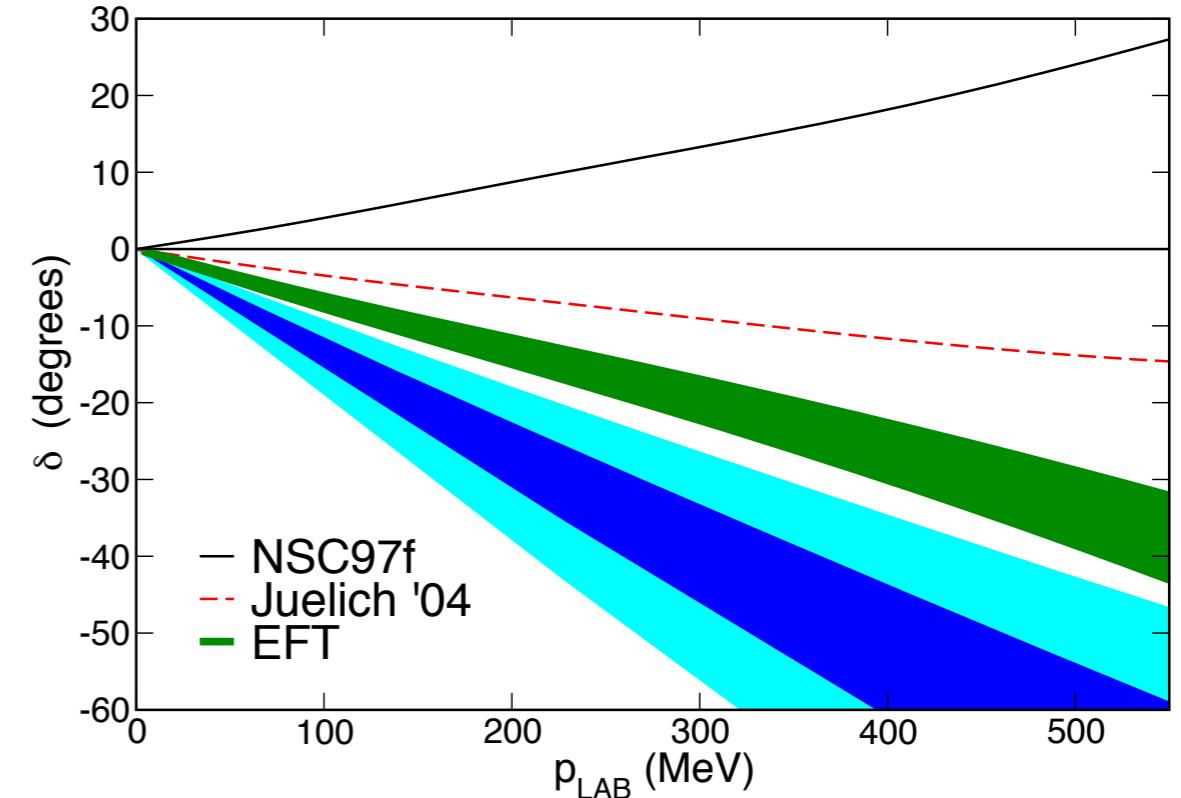
gauge fields: 2+1 flavors ([JLab](#)), anisotropic clover  $m_\pi \approx 390 \text{ MeV}$

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[ S. Beane et.al. arXiv:1204.3606 submitted to Phys. Rev. Lett.]



$n-\Sigma$  spin singlet



$n-\Sigma$  spin triplet

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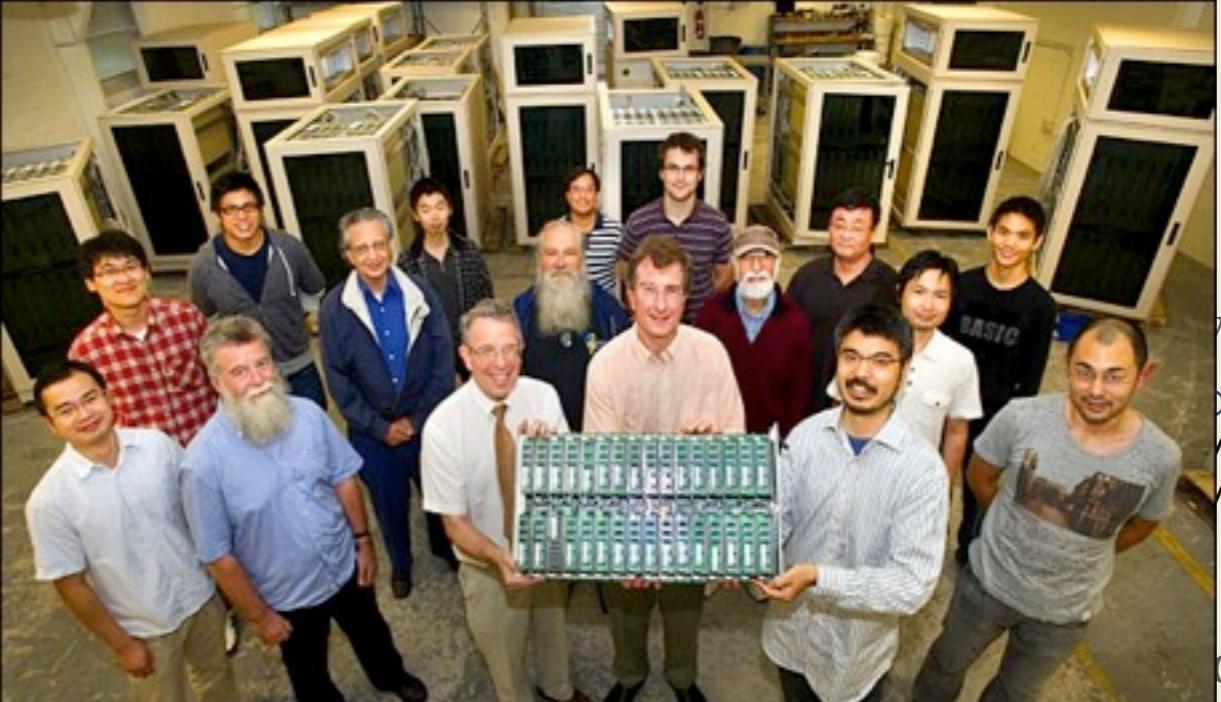
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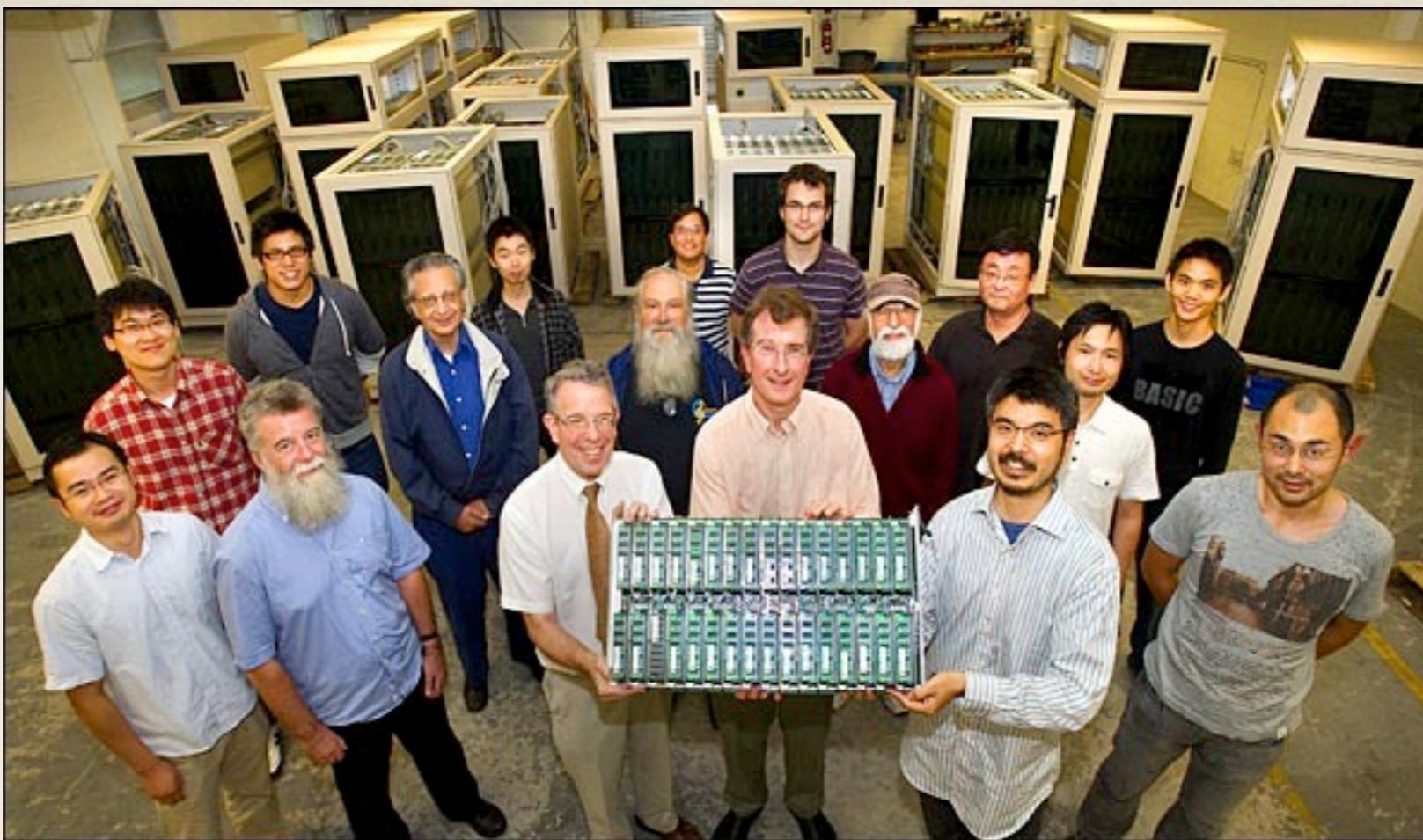
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