

Nucleon-nucleon scattering from distillation

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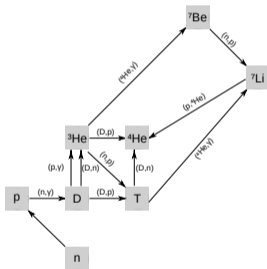
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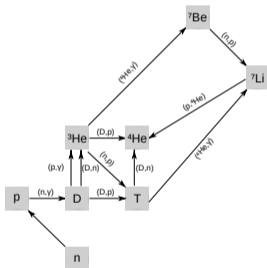
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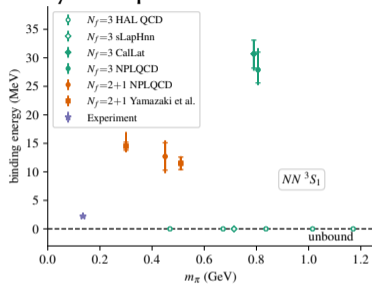
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How strongly does deuteron binding depend on quark masses?

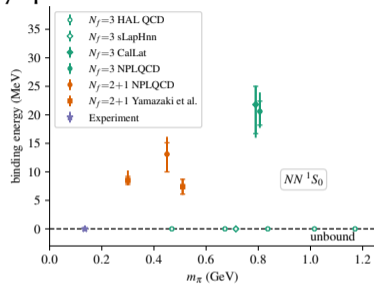
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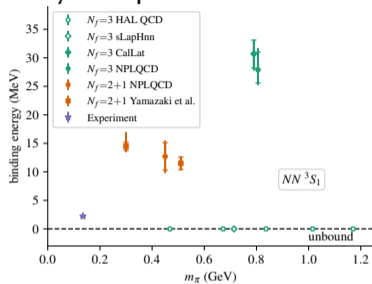
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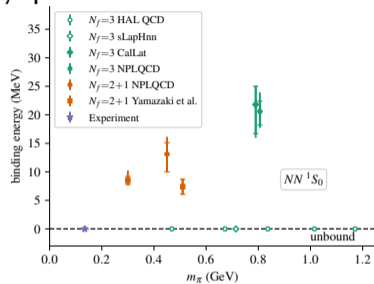
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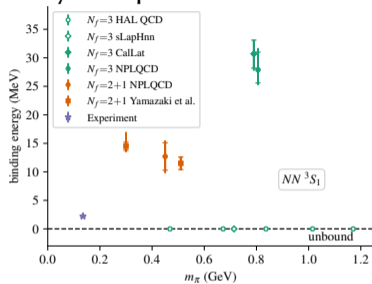


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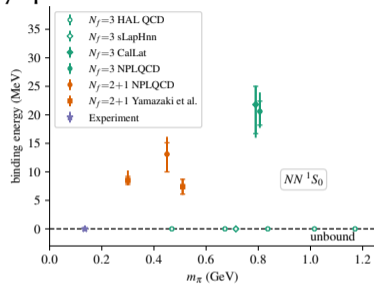
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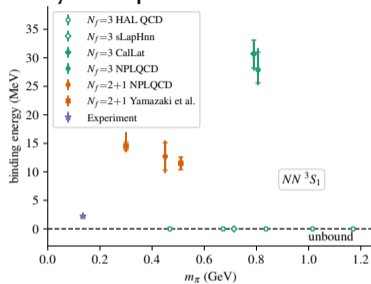
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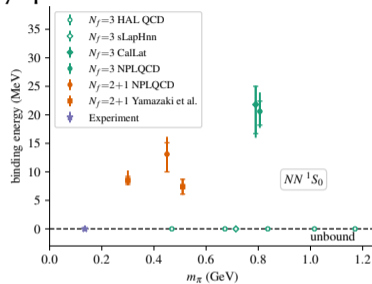
All calculations that obtain bound states use $\langle BB(t)H^\dagger(0) \rangle$ asymmetric correlation functions.

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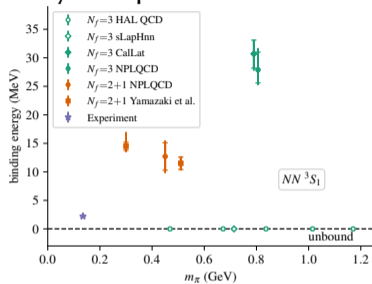
On the reliable lattice-QCD determination of multi-baryon interactions and matrix elements

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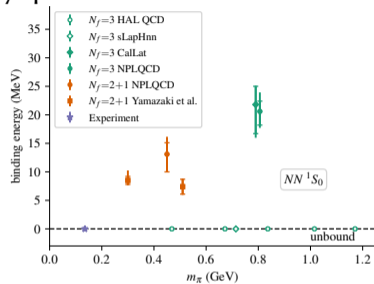
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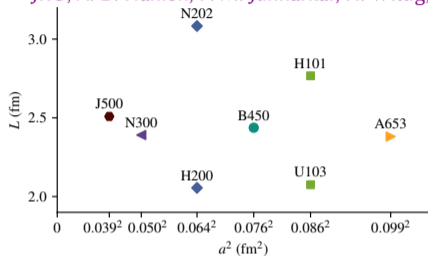
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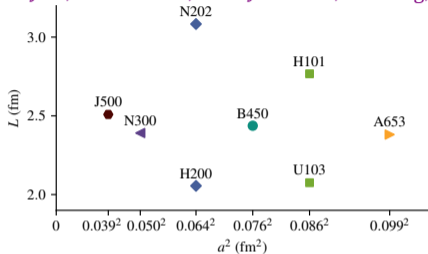
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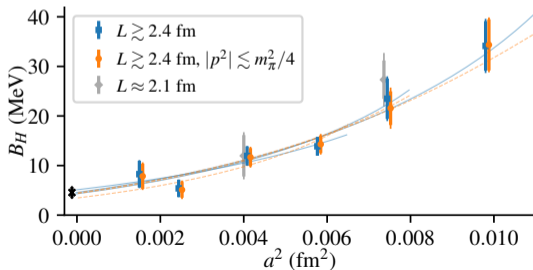


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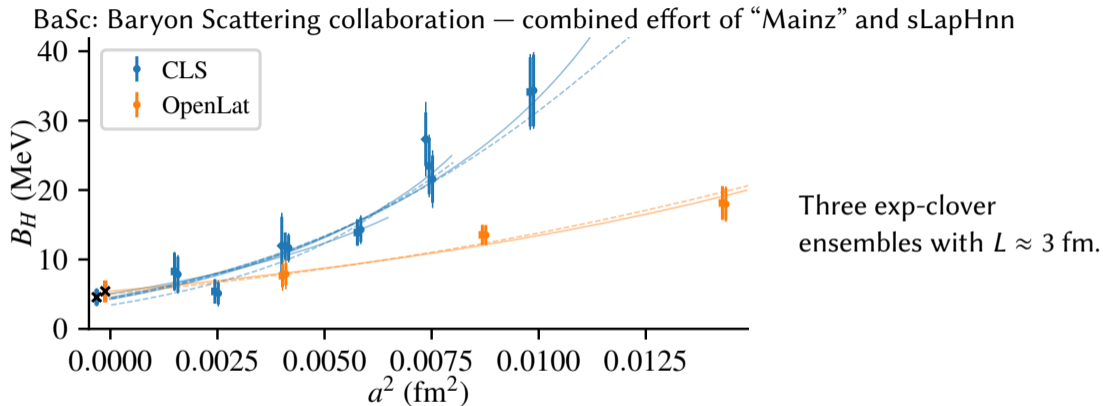
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In continuum: $B_H = 4.56(1.13)(0.63)$ MeV.



H dibaryon: $a \rightarrow 0$ universality (PRELIMINARY)



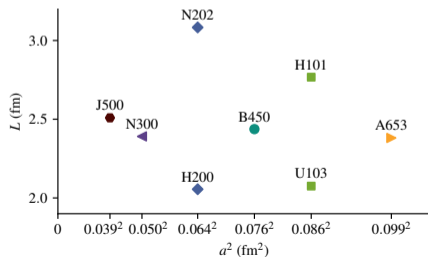
Second action at SU(3) point: exponentiated clover / stabilized Wilson (OpenLat).
Smaller lattice artifacts than standard clover (CLS).

Outline: NN at $SU(3)$ point on CLS lattices

1. Methodology: correlators and spectrum
2. Methodology: finite-volume quantization, $a \rightarrow 0$
3. $I = 1, {}^1S_0$ and dineutron
4. $I = 0, {}^3S_1$ and deuteron
5. uncoupled higher partial waves
6. $I = 0, {}^3S_1 - {}^3D_1$ mixing

Will use H200+N202 for analyzing data
at single lattice spacing:
 $a = 0.064$ fm, $L = 2.1$ and 3.1 fm.

All results should be considered **PRELIMINARY**.



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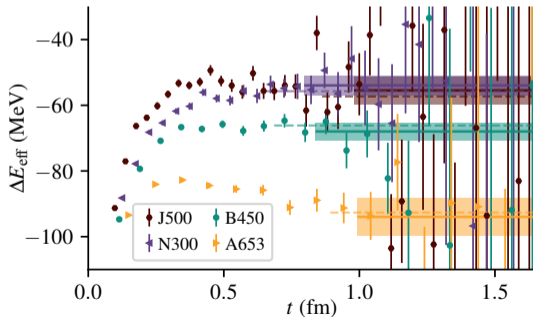
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Solve GEVP and fit to ratio of diagonalized correlator,

$$R_n(t) \equiv \frac{\bar{C}_{nn}(t)}{C_N^{\vec{p}_1}(t) C_N^{\vec{p}_2}(t)},$$

to get energy difference from noninteracting level.



Quantization condition and continuum limit

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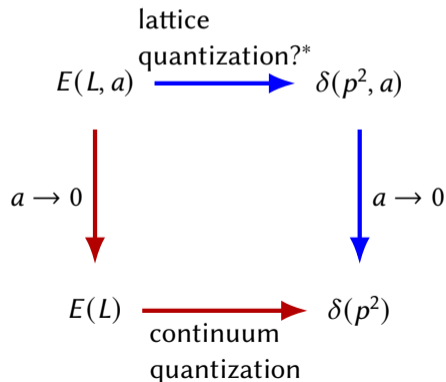
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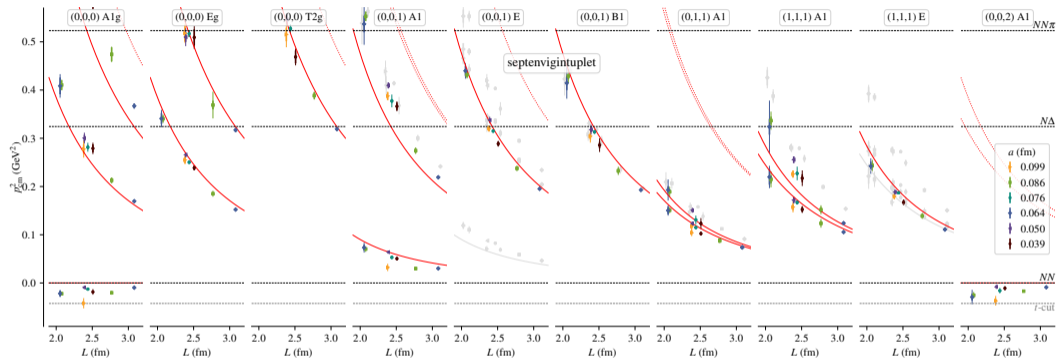
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Continuum extrapolation:
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spacing.

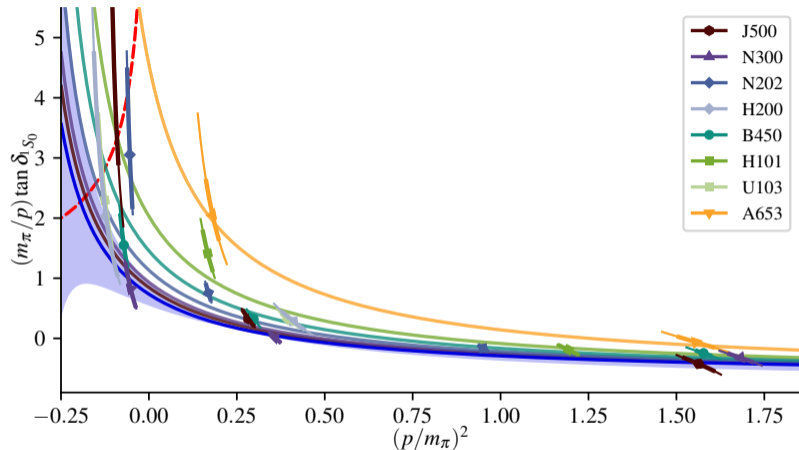
Combined fits to multiple lattice spacings:
let $c_i = c_{i0} + c_{i1} a^2$.

27-plet ($NN I = 1$): spin 0 spectrum



Operators constructed with definite spin. Spin-1 states (gray) identified via overlaps. Quantization condition factorizes in spin. Here 1S_0 and 1D_2 are relevant. Red curves: noninteracting levels.

$NN \ I = 1 \ ^1S_0$ phase shift



Virtual bound state.

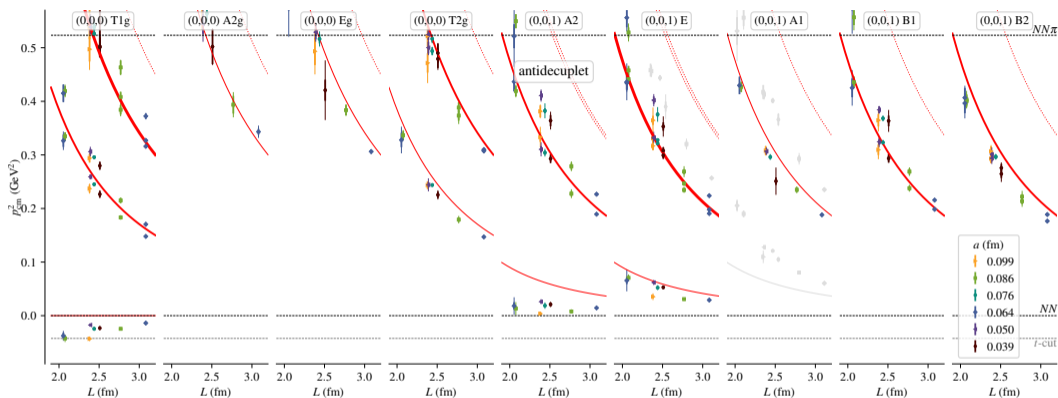
Phase shift decreases in continuum limit.

Levels from rest frame and first moving frame.

Fit using rational function

$$p \cot \delta(p) = \frac{c_0 + c_1 p^2}{1 + c_2 p^2}.$$

Antidecuplet ($NN I = 0$): spin 1 spectrum (1)



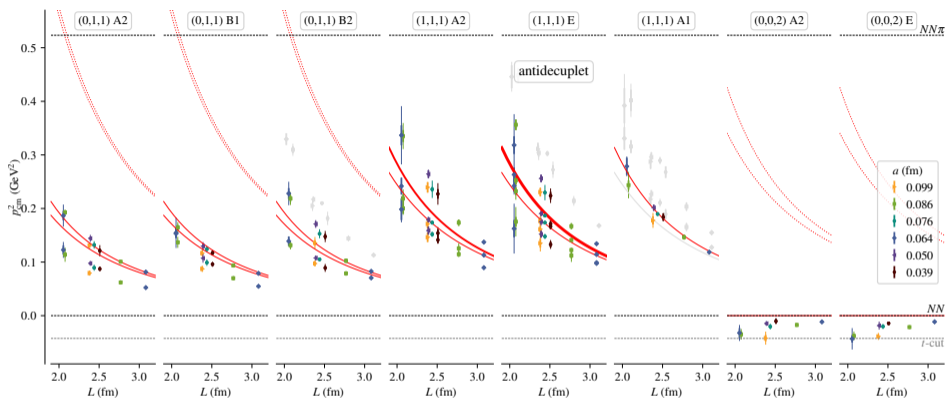
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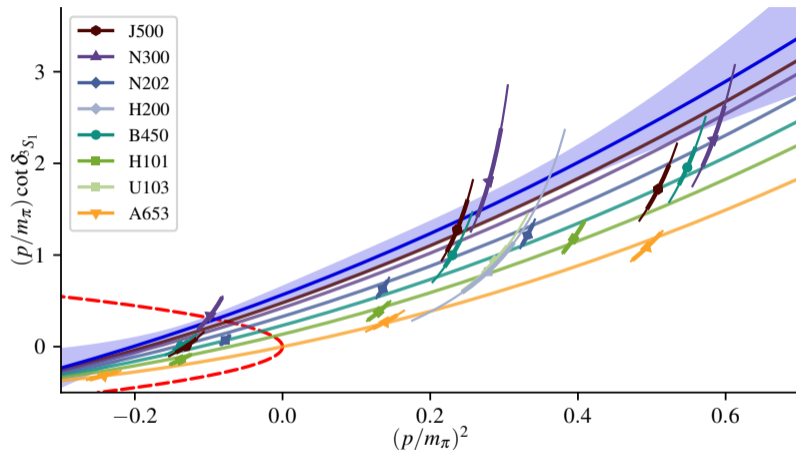
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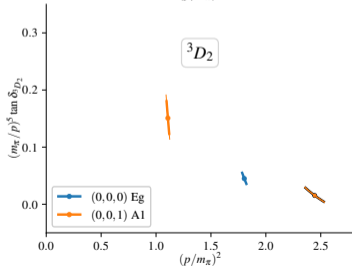
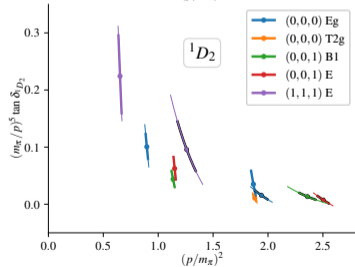
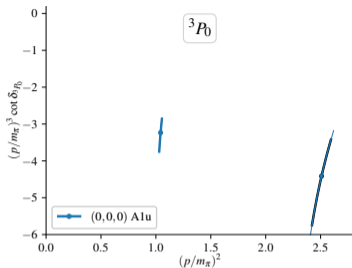
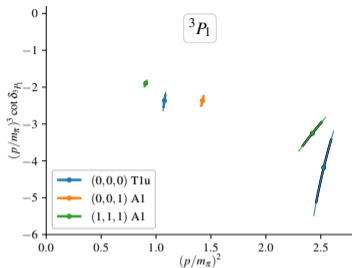
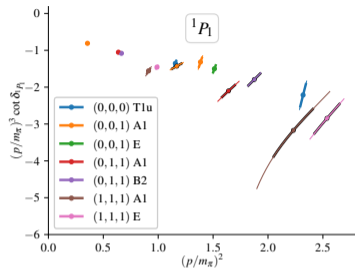
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Helicity-averaged
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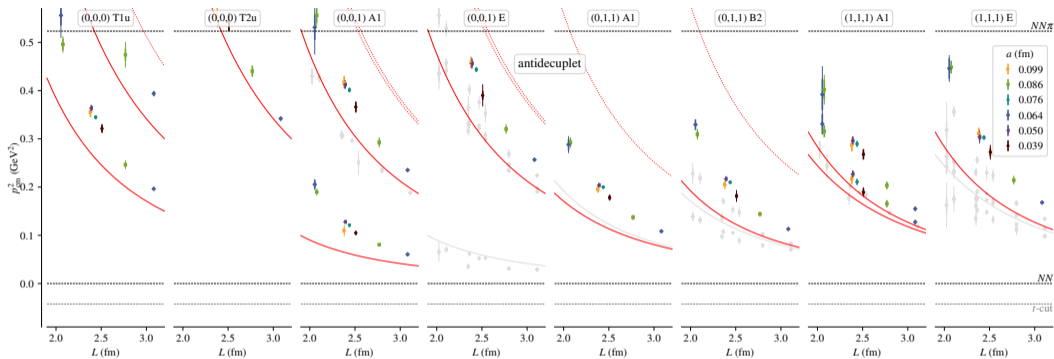
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Uncoupled P and D waves

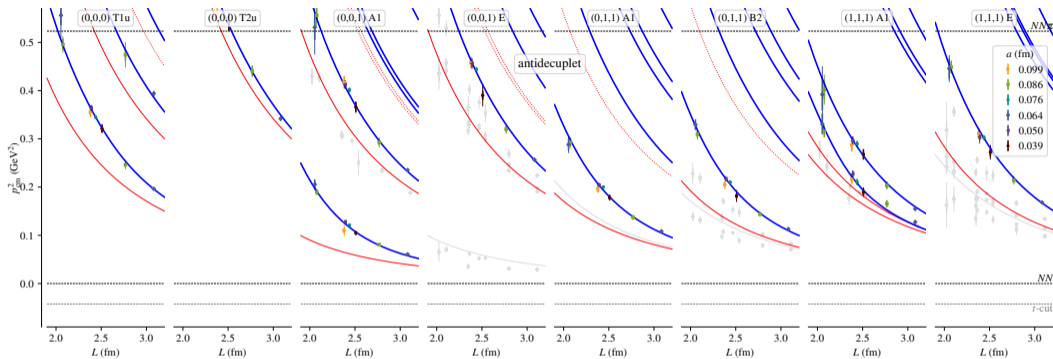


Two ensembles with
 $a = 0.064$ fm:
 $L = 48$ (solid)
 $L = 32$ (black outline)

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Fit 70 levels with 4 parameters:

$$p^3 \cot \delta_{1P_1} = c_0 + c_1 p^2, \quad p^7 \cot \delta_{1F_3} = c_2 + c_3 p^8.$$

Good fit quality assuming no discretization effects.

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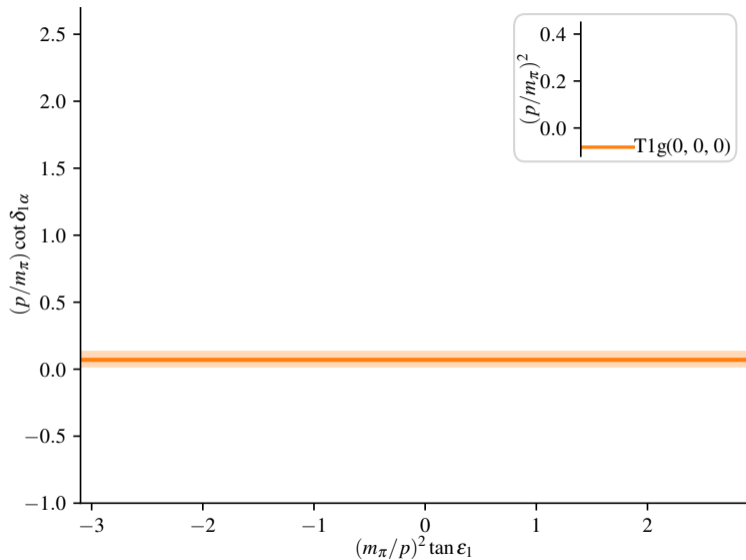
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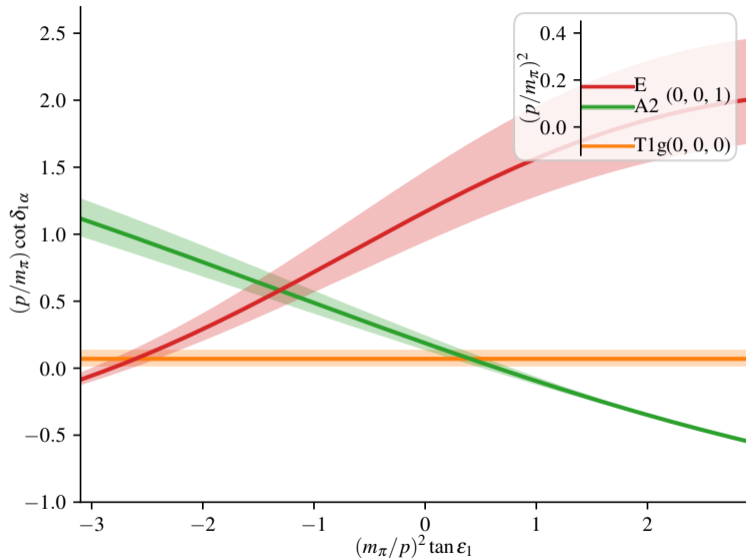
$$p \cot \delta_{1\alpha} = \frac{B_{00} + (B_{01} + B_{10})x + B_{11}x^2}{1 + p^4 x^2}, \quad x = p^{-2} \tan \epsilon_1.$$

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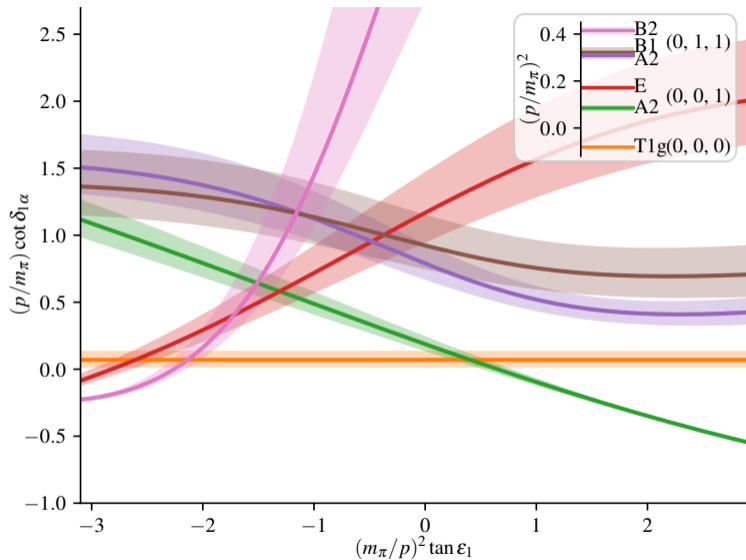
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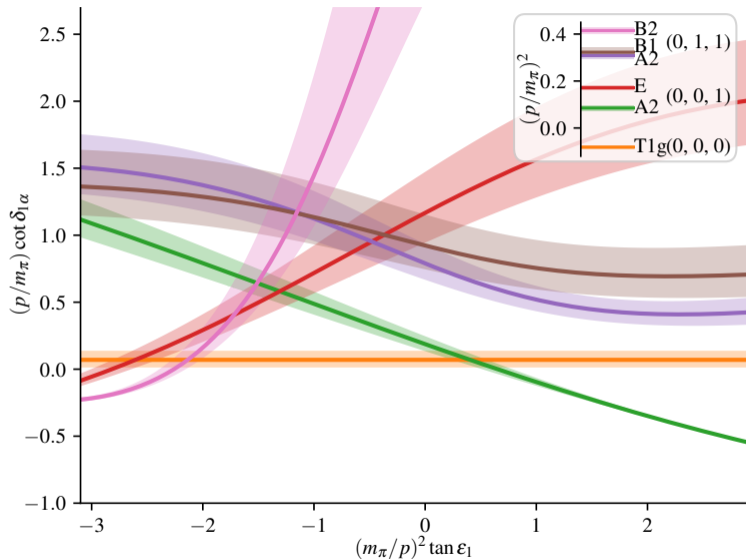
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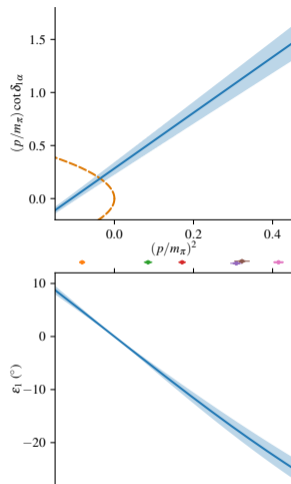
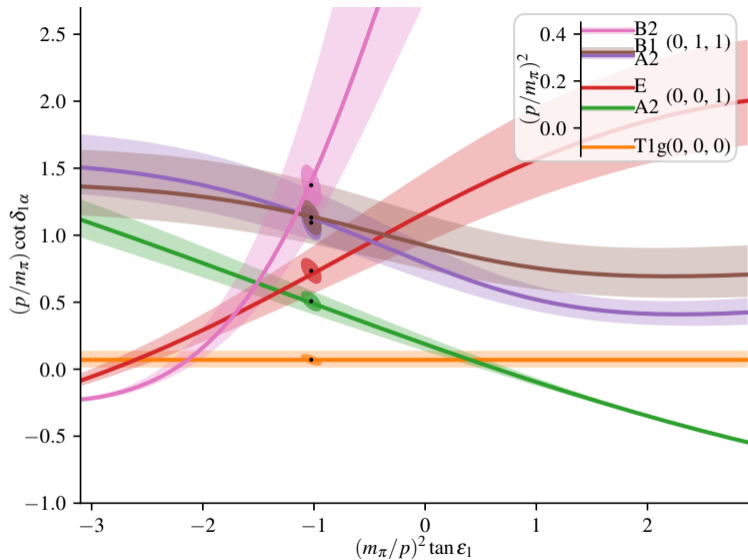
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Sign of ϵ_1 opposite to experiment.

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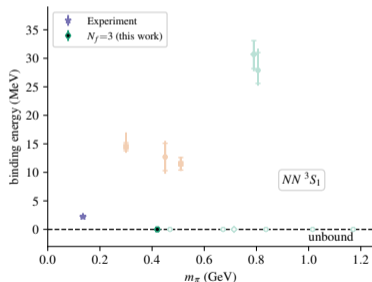
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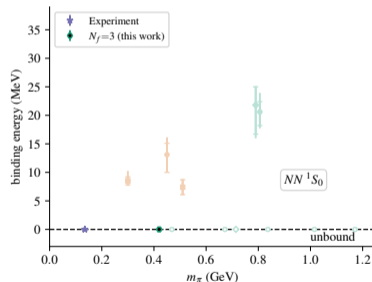
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Octet baryon and H dibaryon: $a \rightarrow 0$ on exp-clover

