

# *Few body systems in lattice QCD*

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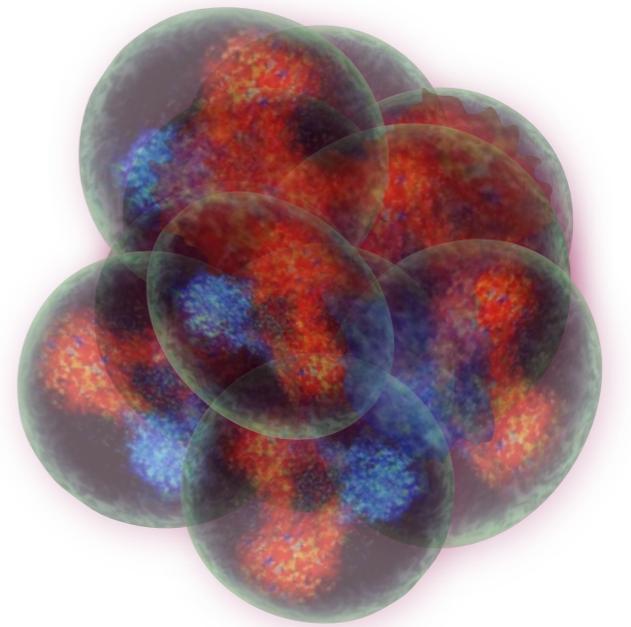
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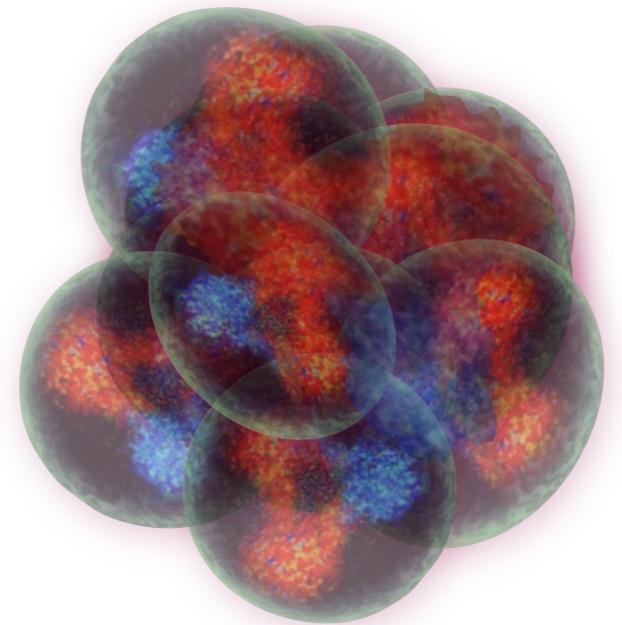
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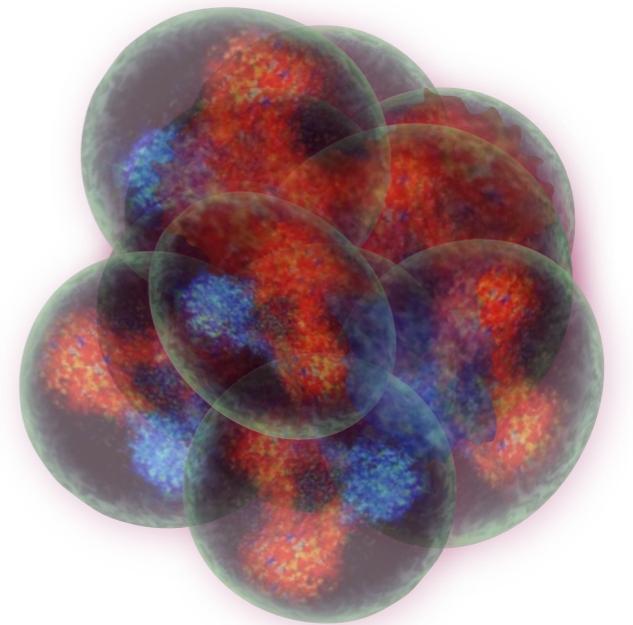
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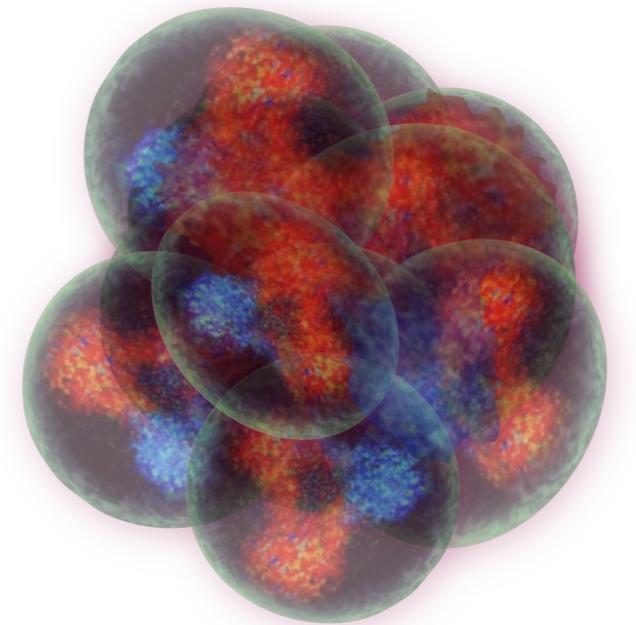
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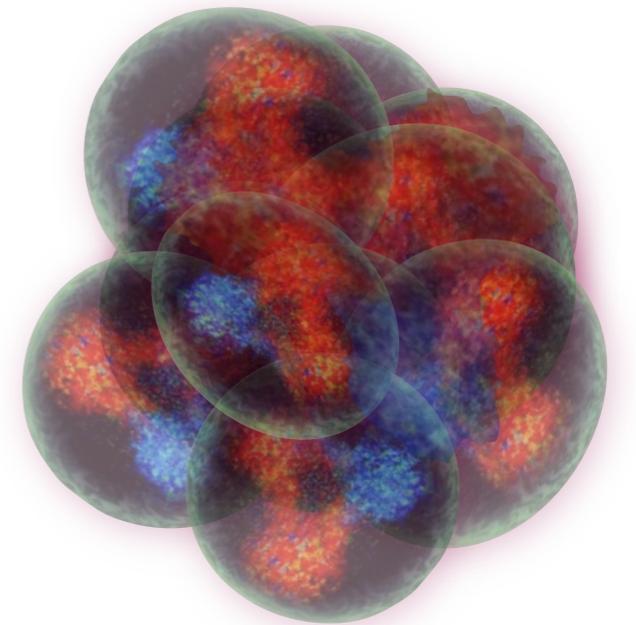
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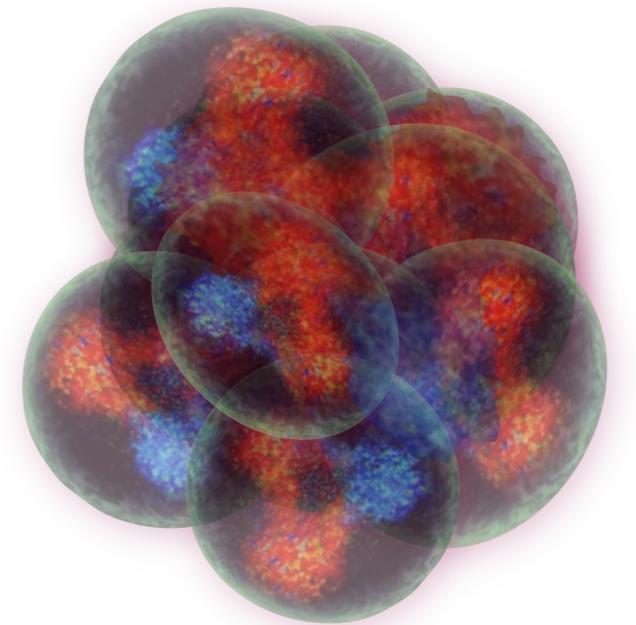
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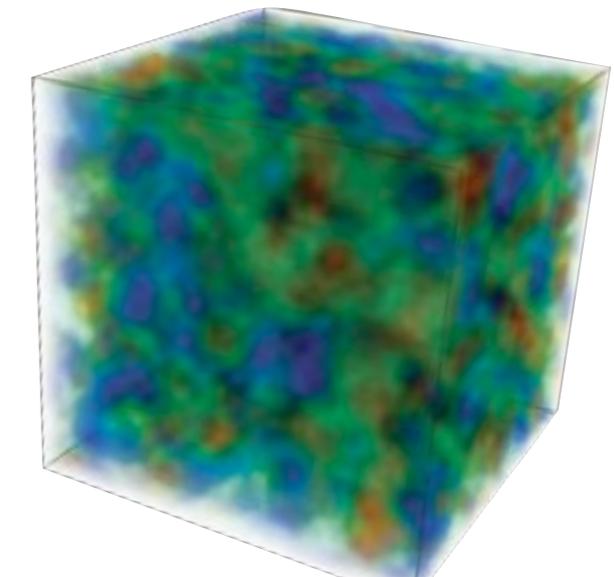
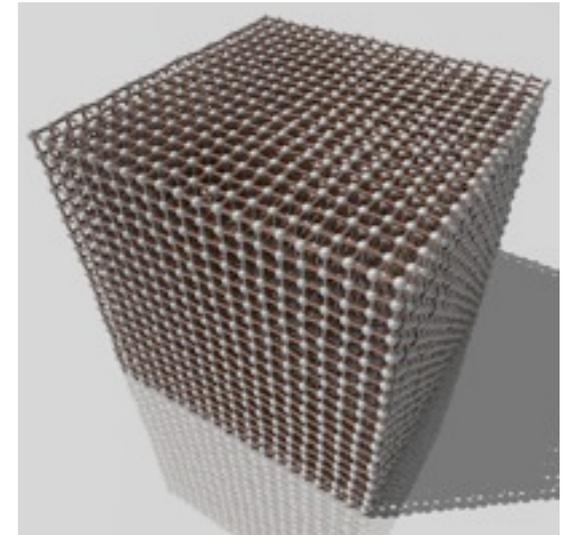
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# Quantum chromodynamics

- Lattice QCD: quarks and gluons
  1. Formulate problem as functional integral over gluonic degrees of freedom on  $\mathbb{R}^4$
  2. Discretise and compactify system
  3. Integrate via importance sampling (average over important gluon cfigs)
  4. *Undo the harm done in previous steps*
- Major computational challenge ...



# QCD Spectroscopy

- Measure correlator ( $\chi$  = object with q# of hadron)

$$C_2(t) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \langle 0 | \chi(\mathbf{x}, t) \bar{\chi}(\mathbf{0}, 0) | 0 \rangle$$

- Unitarity:  $\sum_n |n\rangle \langle n| = 1$

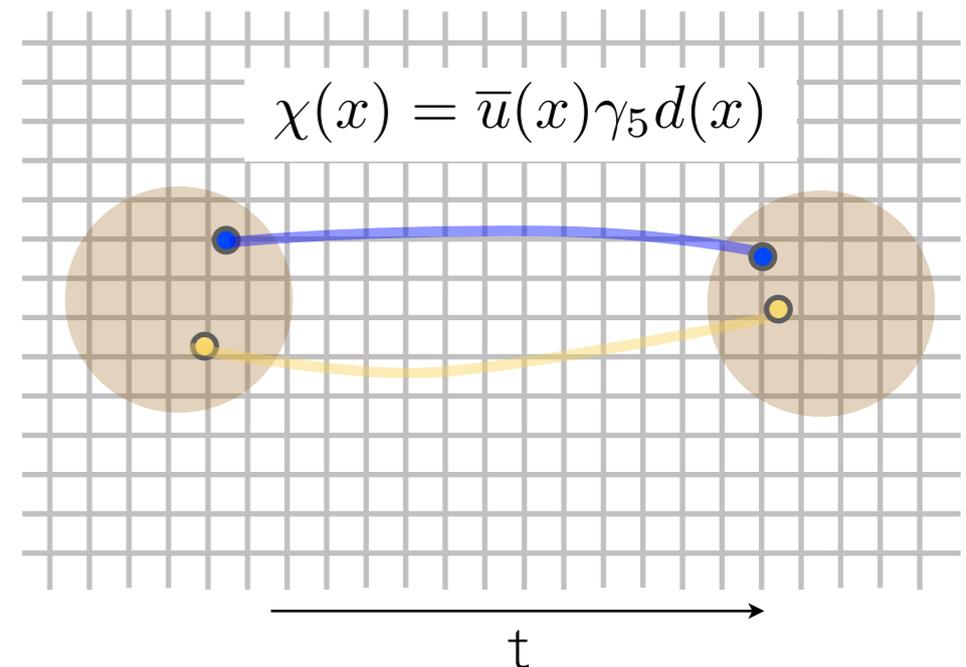
$$= \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \sum_n \langle 0 | \chi(\mathbf{x}, t) | n \rangle \langle n | \bar{\chi}(\mathbf{0}, 0) | 0 \rangle$$

- Hamiltonian evolution

$$= \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \sum_n e^{-E_n t} e^{i\mathbf{p}_n \cdot \mathbf{x}} \langle 0 | \chi(\mathbf{0}, 0) | n \rangle \langle n | \bar{\chi}(\mathbf{0}, 0) | 0 \rangle$$

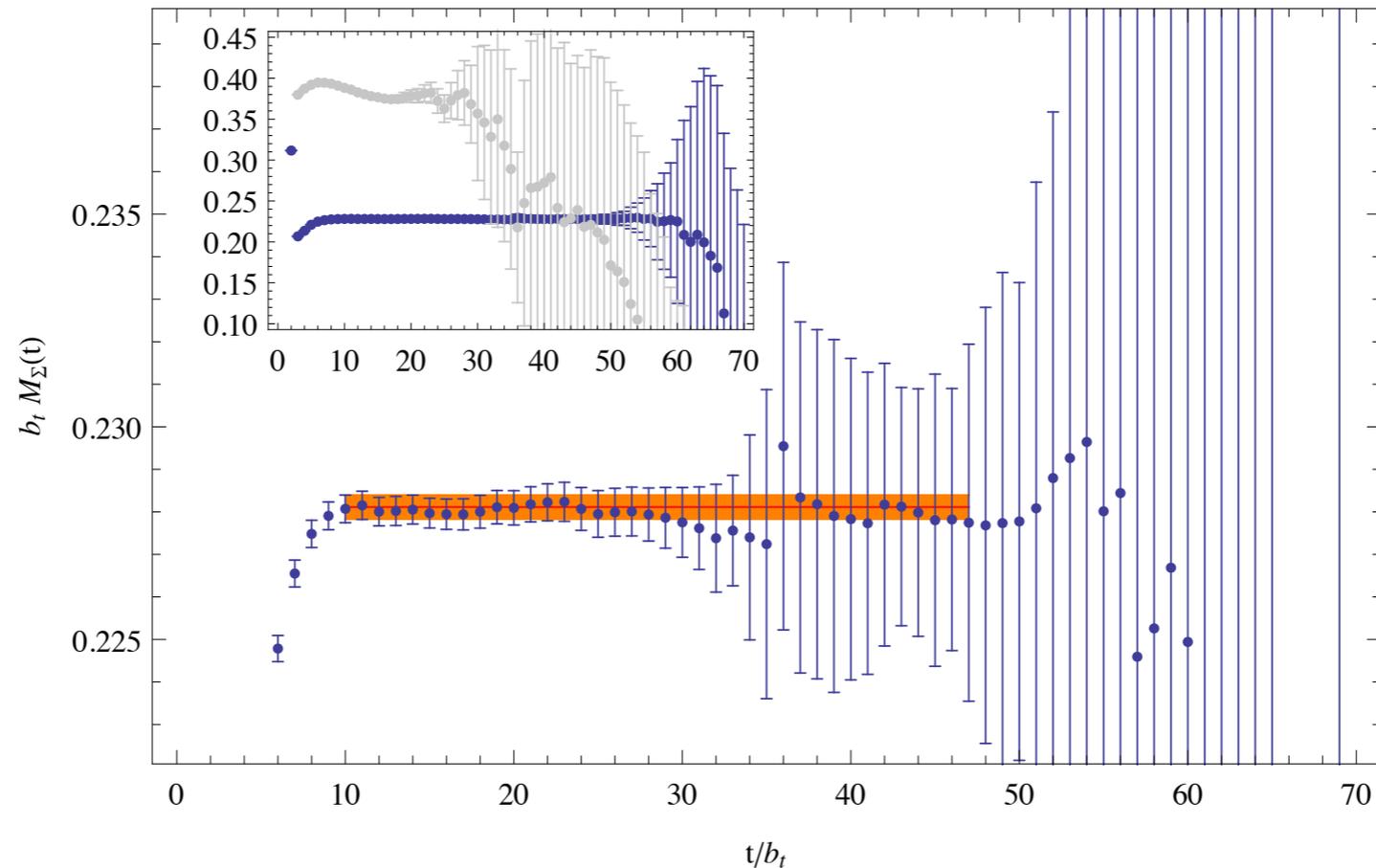
- Long times only ground state survives

$$\xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-E_0(\mathbf{0})t} |\langle \mathbf{0}; 0 | \bar{\chi}(\mathbf{x}_0, t) | 0 \rangle|^2 = Z e^{-E_0(\mathbf{0})t}$$



# Effective mass

- Construct  $M(t) = \ln [C_2(t)/C_2(t + 1)] \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} M$
- Plateau corresponds to energy of ground state



- Fancier techniques able to resolve multiple eigenstates

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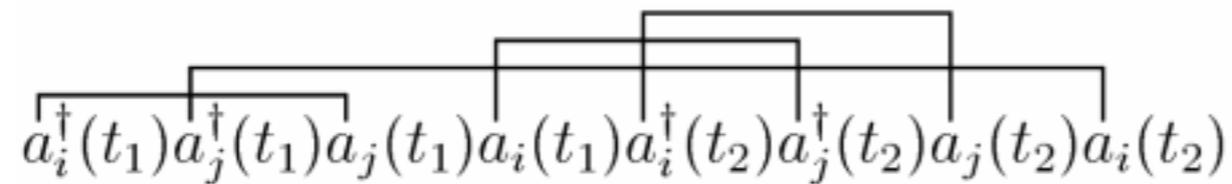
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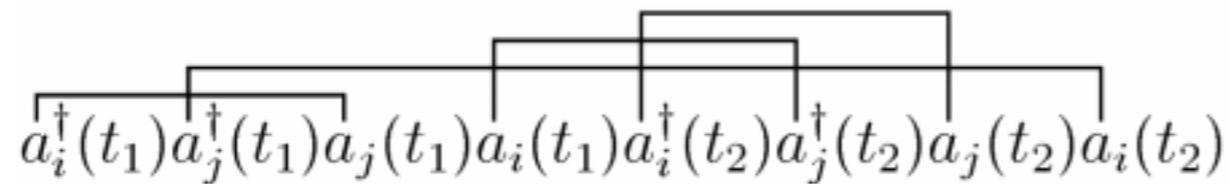
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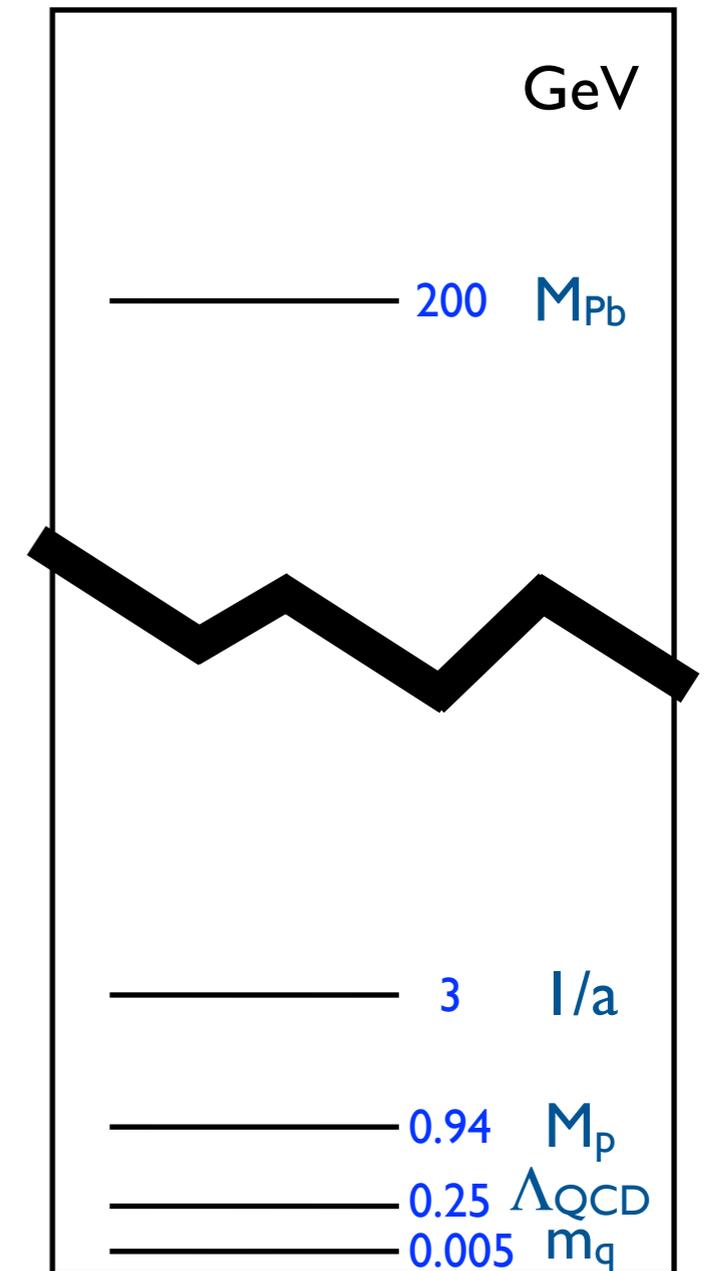


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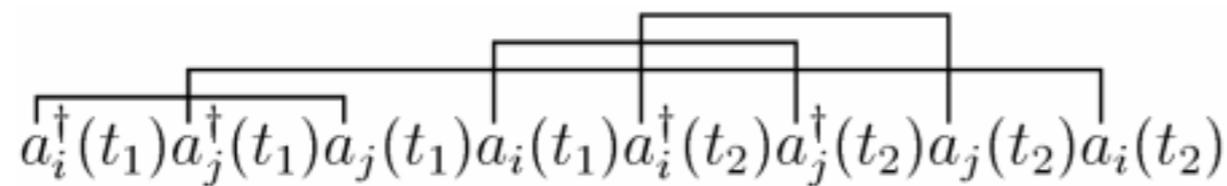


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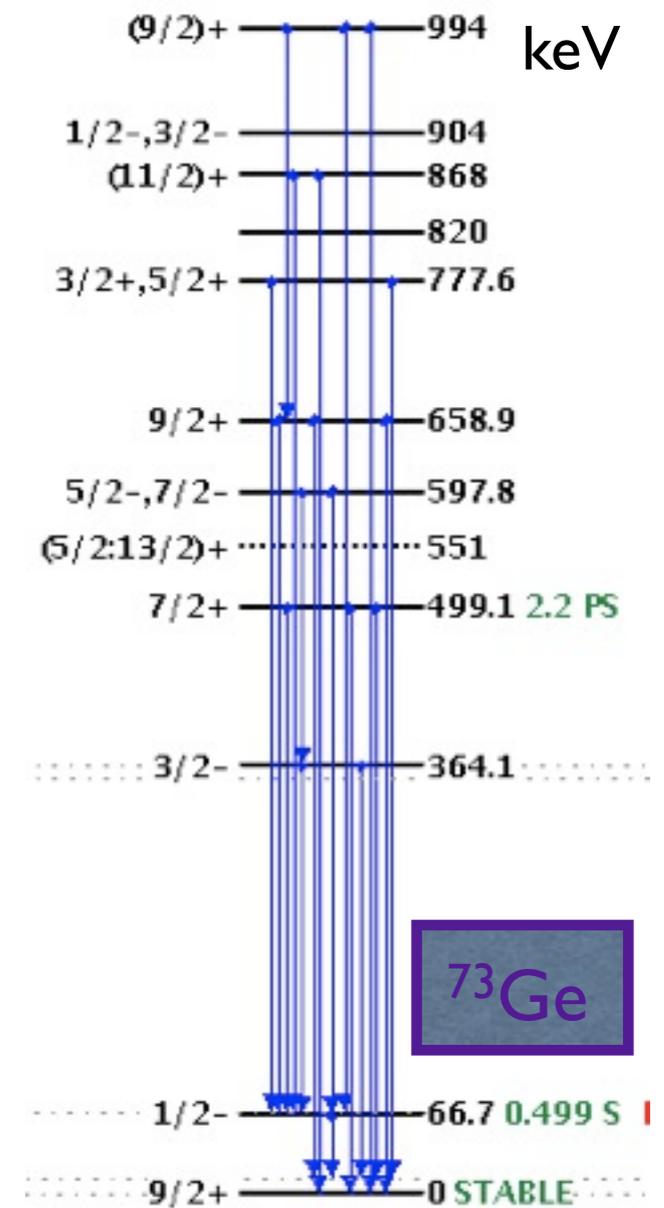


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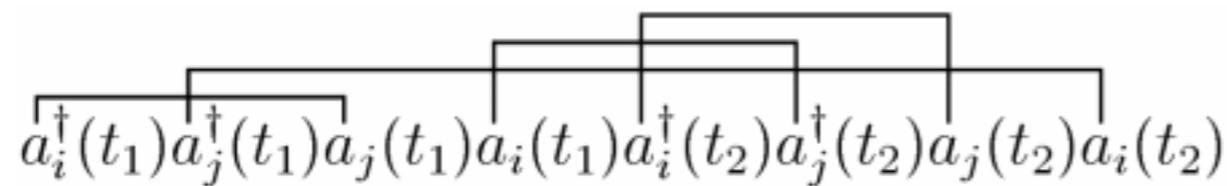


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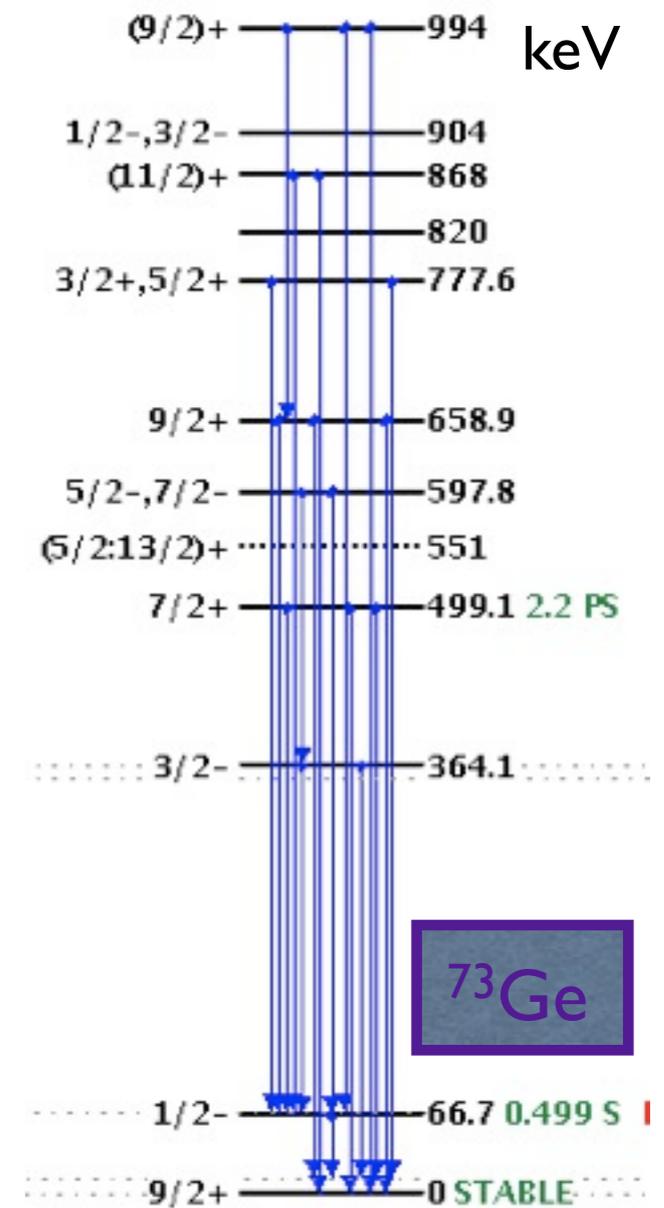


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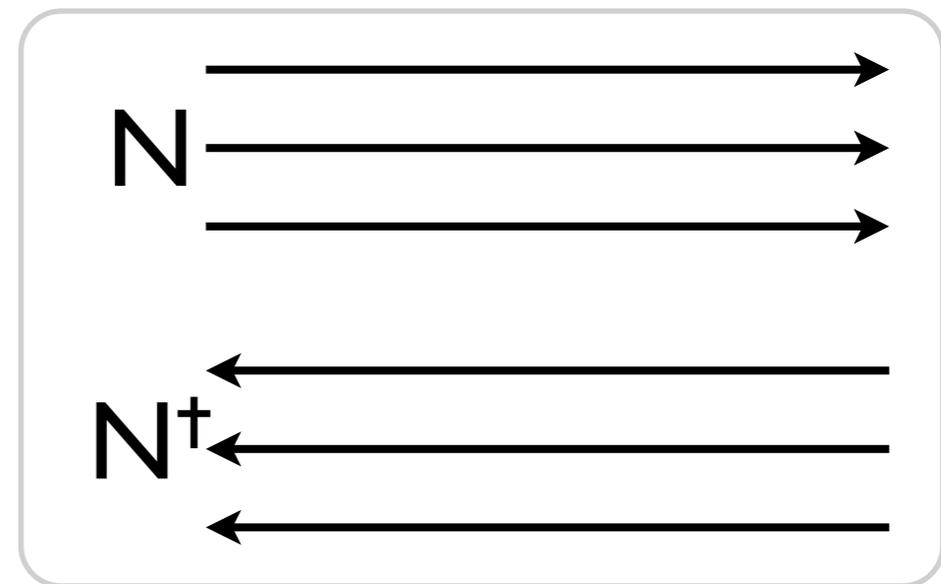
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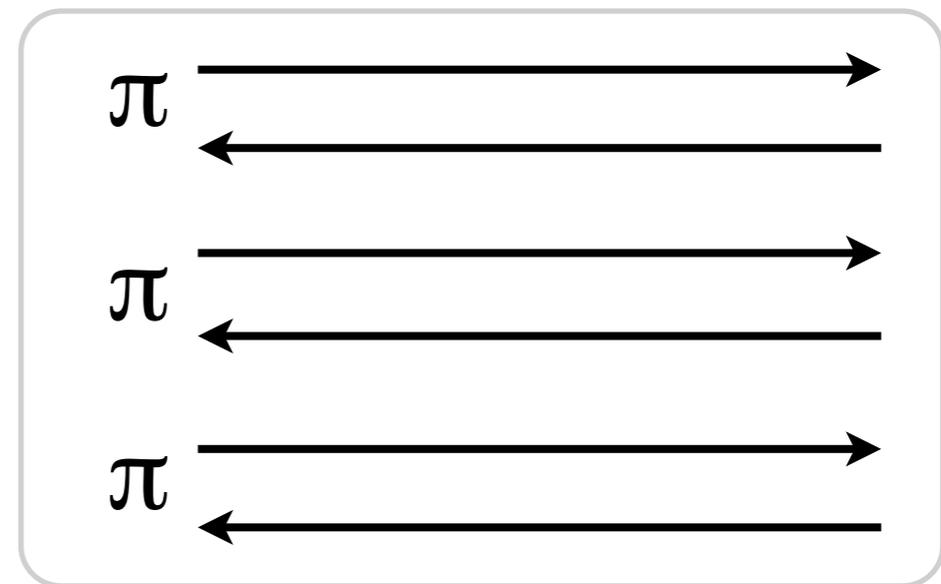
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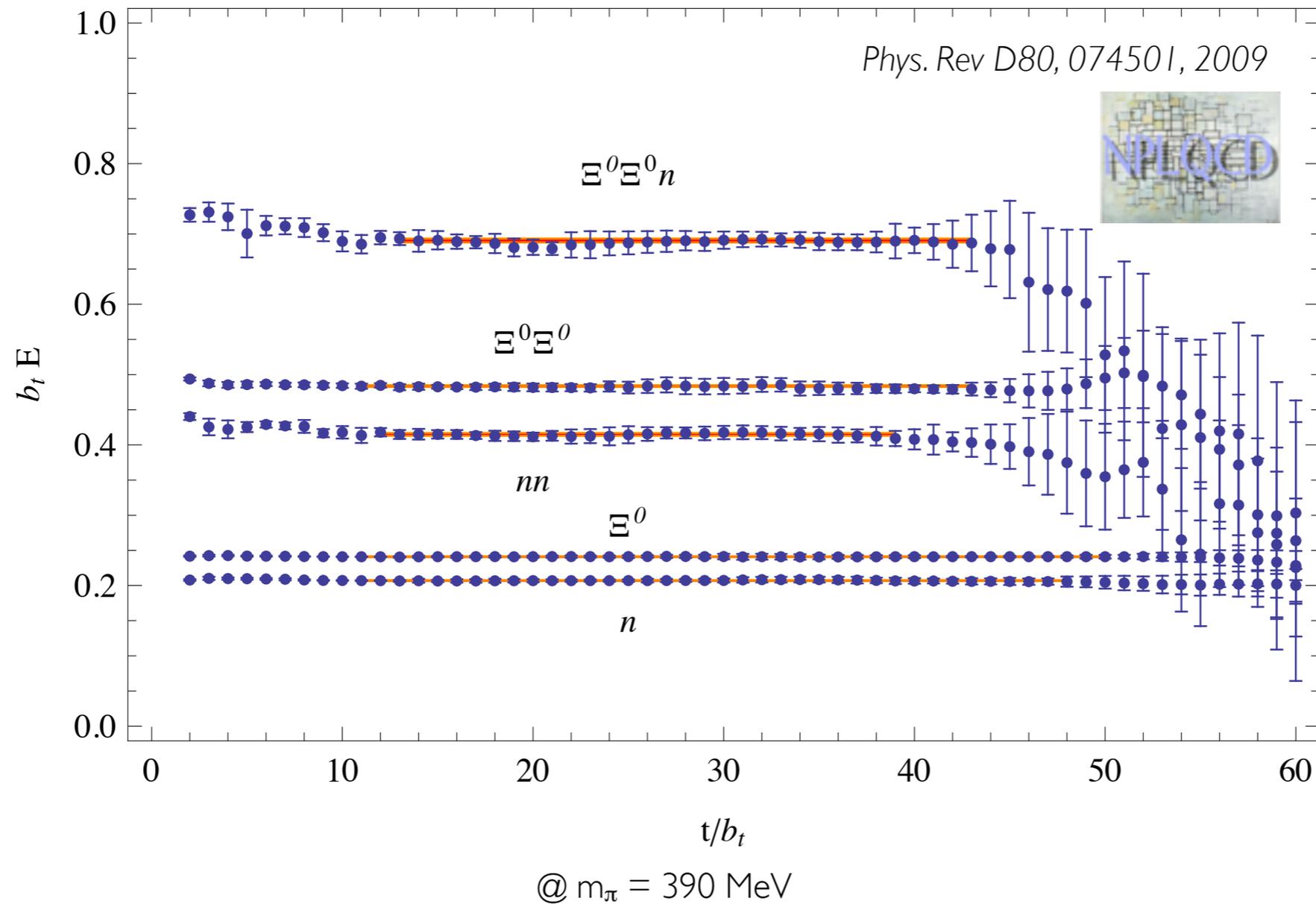
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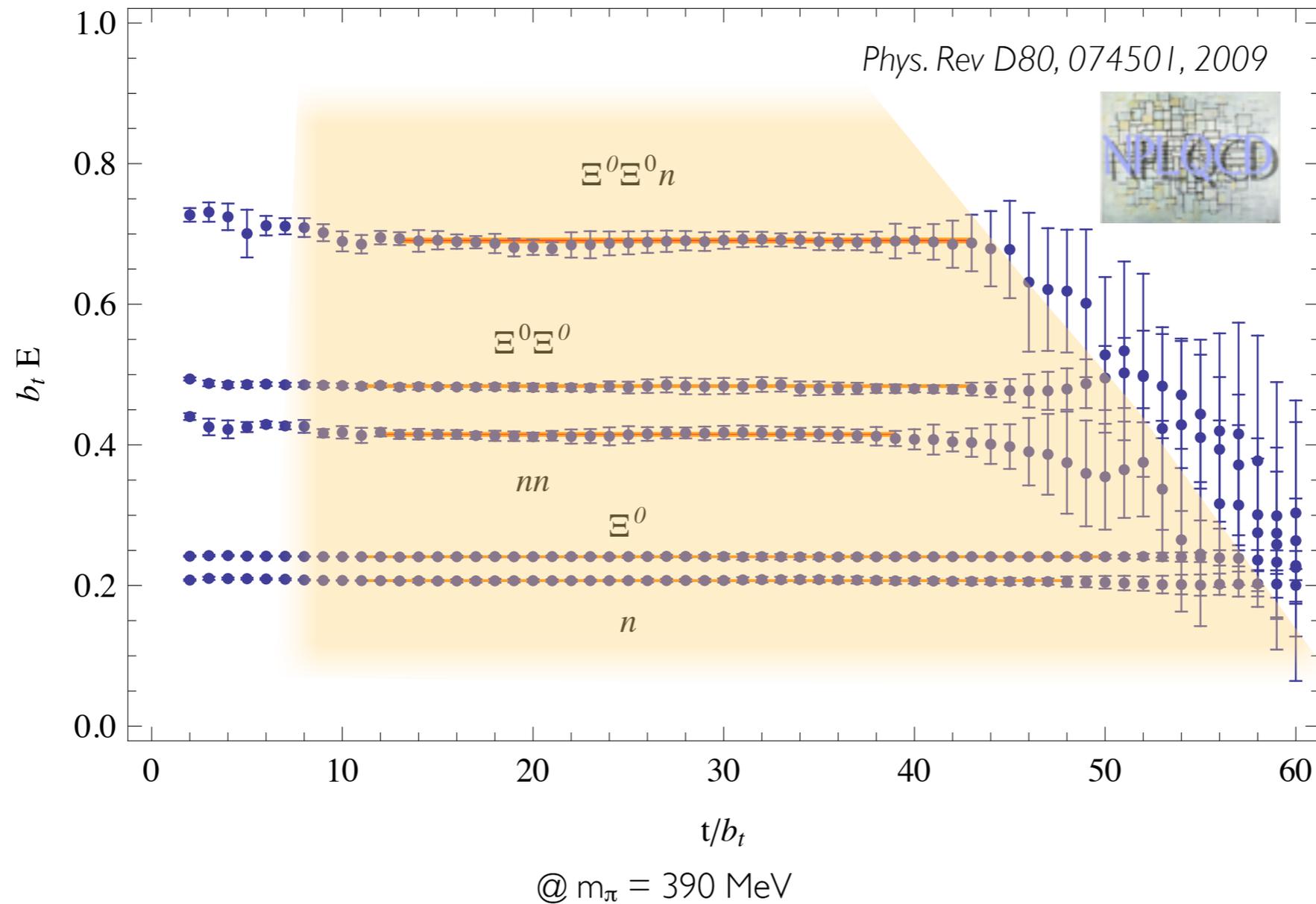
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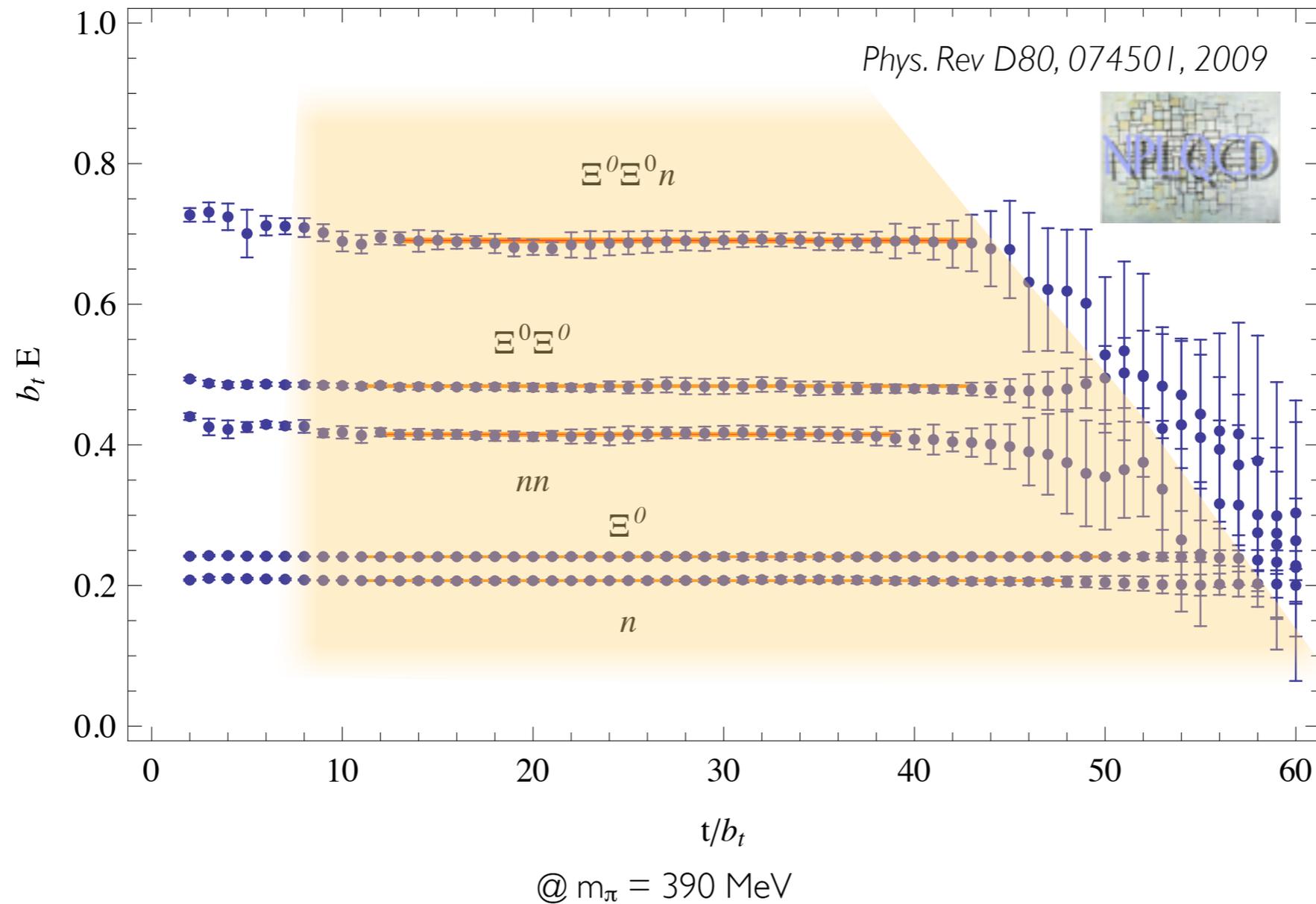
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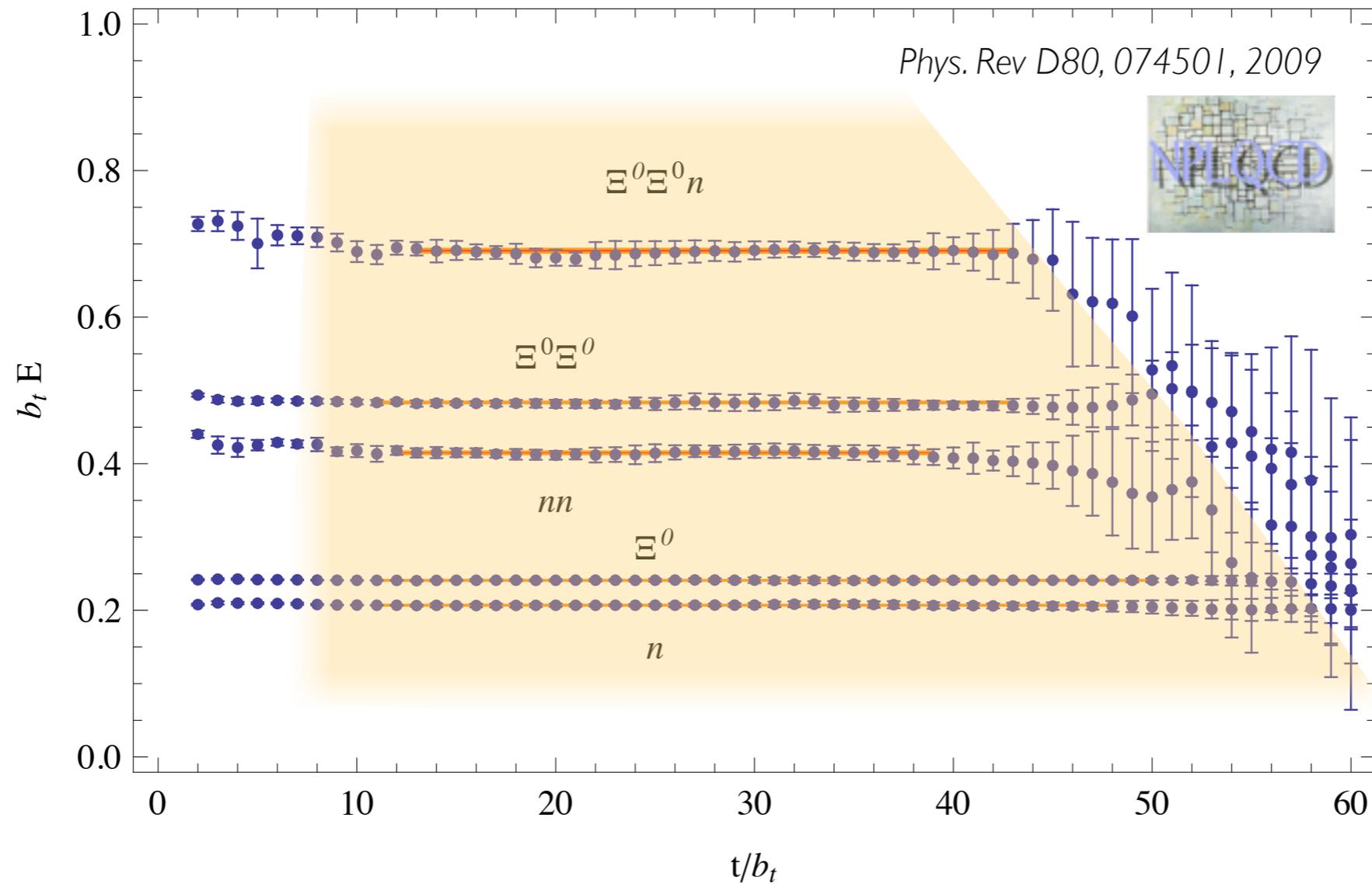
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@  $m_\pi = 390$  MeV



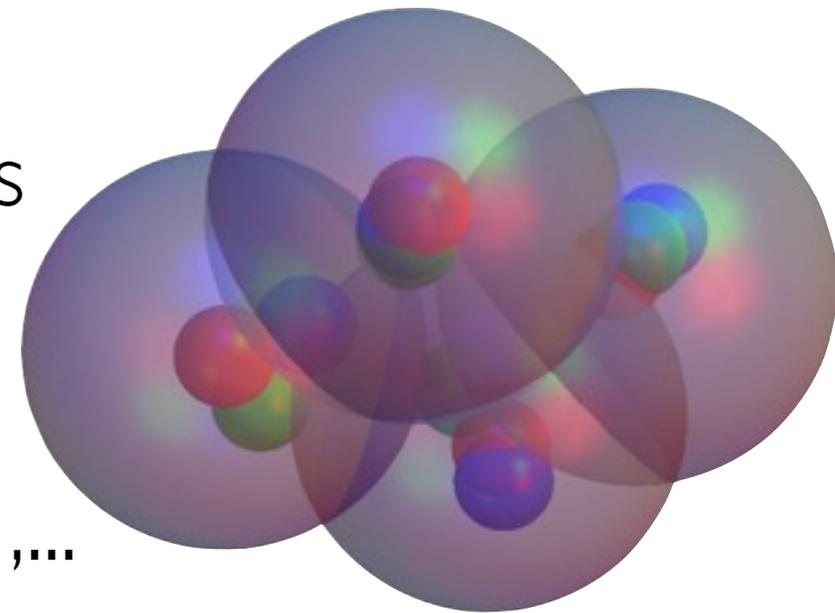
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Interpolator choice can be optimised to suppress noise

# Multi-baryon systems

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- Scattering and bound states
- NB: Strong interaction bound states
- Dibaryons : H, deuteron,  $\Xi\Xi$
- ${}^3\text{H}$ ,  ${}^4\text{He}$  and more exotic:  ${}^4\text{He}_\Lambda$ ,  ${}^4\text{He}_\Lambda$ , ...
- Correlators for significantly larger A
- Caveat: at unphysical quark masses no electroweak interactions



# Bound states at finite volume

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- Two particle scattering amplitude in infinite volume

$$\mathcal{A}(p) = \frac{8\pi}{M} \frac{1}{p \cot \delta(p) - ip}$$

scattering  
phase shift

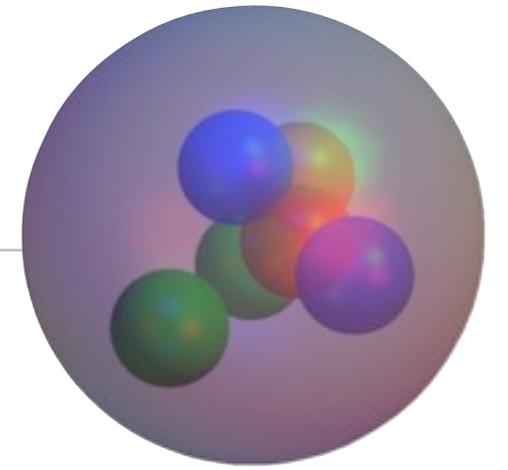
bound state at  $p^2 = -\gamma^2$  when  $\cot \delta(i\gamma) = i$

- Scattering amplitude in finite volume (Lüscher method)

$$\cot \delta(i\kappa) = i - i \sum_{\vec{m} \neq 0} \frac{e^{-|\vec{m}|\kappa L}}{|\vec{m}|\kappa L} \quad \kappa \xrightarrow{L \rightarrow \infty} \gamma$$

- Need multiple volumes
- More complicated for  $n > 2$  body bound states

# H-dibaryon



- Jaffe [1977]: chromo-magnetic interaction

$$\langle H_m \rangle \sim \frac{1}{4}N(N - 10) + \frac{1}{3}S(S + 1) + \frac{1}{2}C_c^2 + C_f^2$$

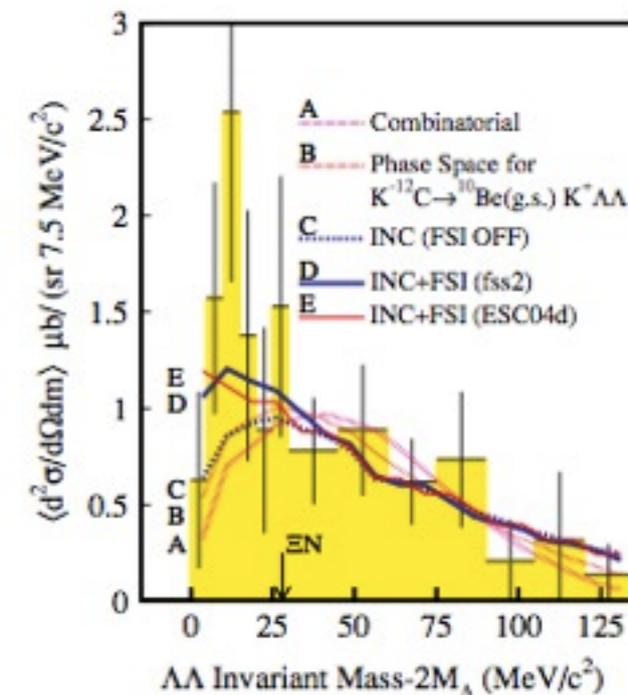
most attractive for spin, colour, flavour singlet

- H-dibaryon (uuddss)  $J=I=0, s=-2$  most stable

$$\Psi_H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \left( \Lambda\Lambda + \sqrt{3}\Sigma\Sigma + 2\Xi N \right)$$

- Bound in a many hadronic models
- Experimental searches
  - Emulsion expts, heavy-ion, stopped kaons
  - No conclusive evidence for or against

KEK-ps (2007)  
 $K^- {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow K^+ \Lambda\Lambda X$



# H dibaryon in QCD

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- Early quenched studies on small lattices: mixed results

[Mackenzie et al. 85, Iwasaki et al. 89, Pochinsky et al. 99, Wetzorke & Karsch 03, Luo et al. 07, Loan 11]

- Semi-realistic calculations

- “Evidence for a bound H dibaryon from lattice QCD”

PRL 106, 162001 (2011)

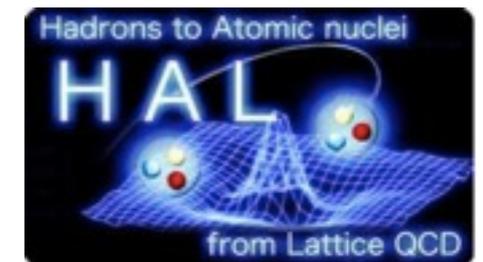
$N_f=2+1$ ,  $a_s=0.12$  fm,  $m_\pi=390$  MeV,  $L=2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.9$  fm



- “Bound H dibaryon in flavor  $SU(3)$  limit of lattice QCD” \*

PRL 106, 162002 (2011)

$N_f=3$ ,  $a_s=0.12$  fm,  $m_\pi=670, 830, 1015$  MeV,  $L=2.0, 3.0, 3.9$  fm



- NB: Quark masses unphysical, single lattice spacing

\* use a somewhat different method

# H dibaryon in QCD

- Extract energy eigenstates from large Euclidean time behaviour of two-point correlators

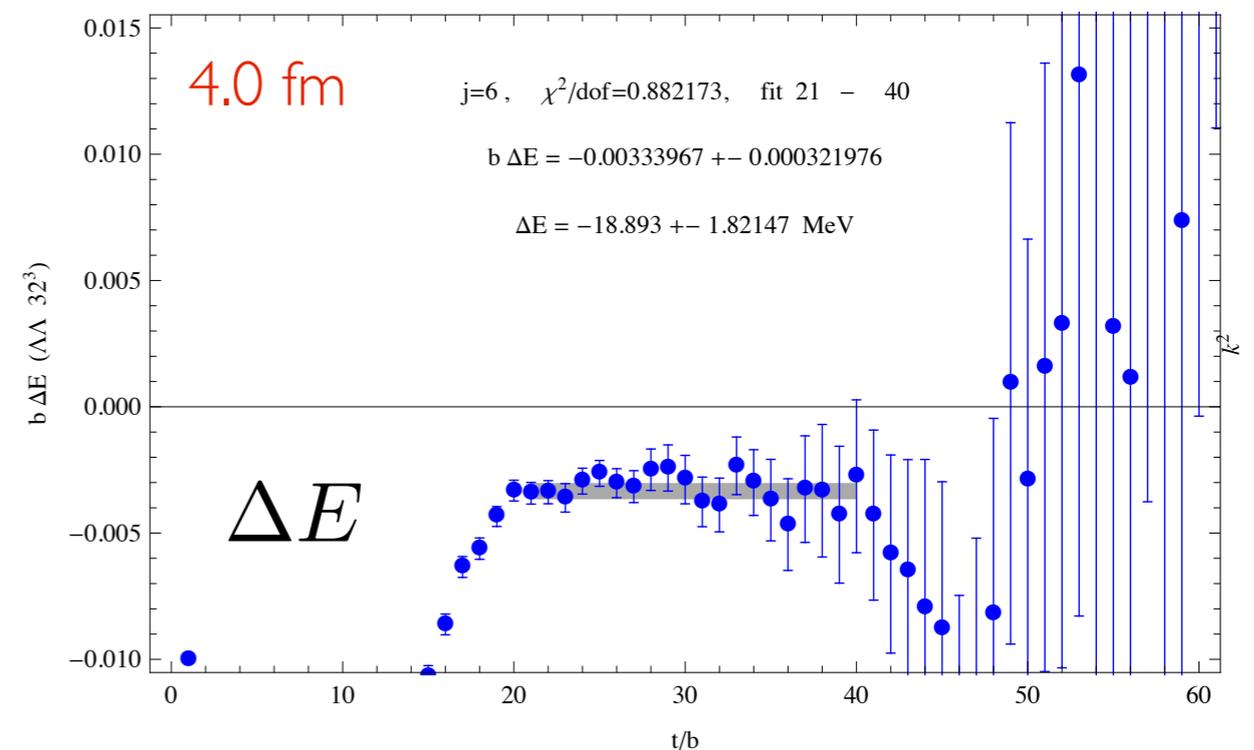
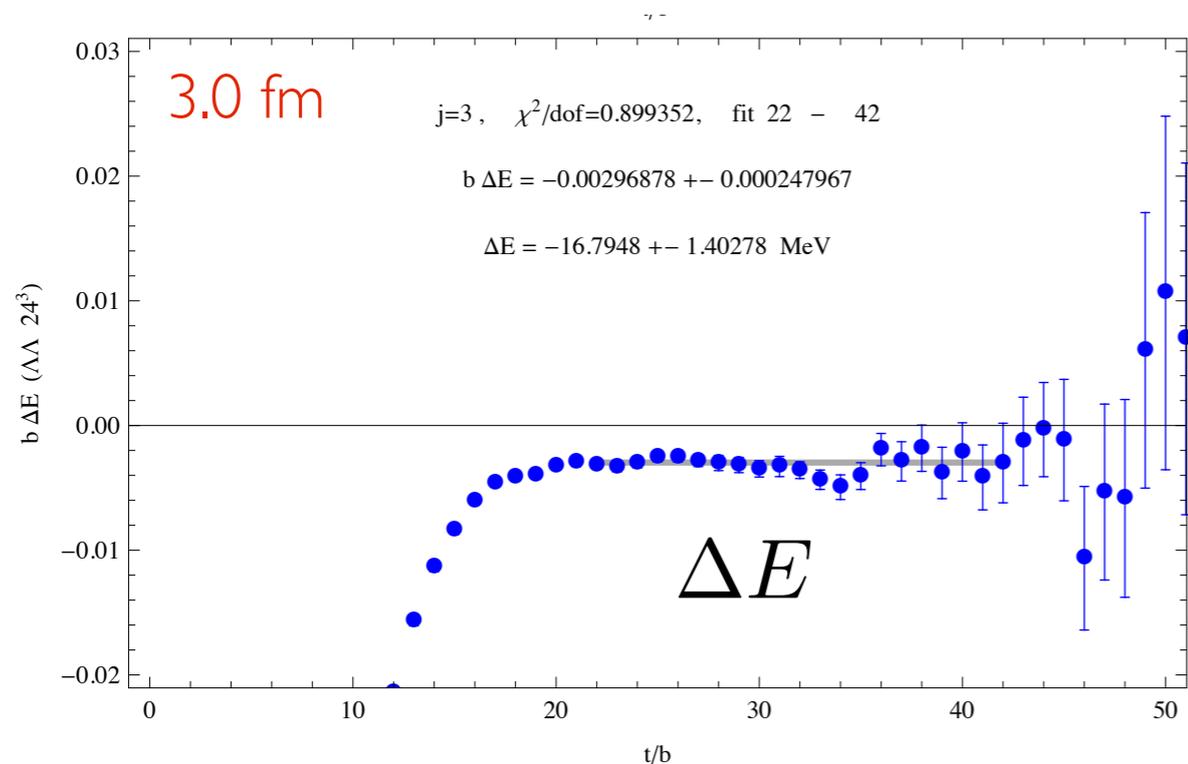
$$C_{\Lambda}(t) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \langle 0 | \chi(\mathbf{x}, t) \bar{\chi}(0) | 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} Z_{\Lambda} e^{-M_{\Lambda} t}$$

$$C_{\Lambda\Lambda}(t) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \langle 0 | \phi(\mathbf{x}, t) \bar{\phi}(0) | 0 \rangle \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} Z_{\Lambda\Lambda} e^{-E_{\Lambda\Lambda} t}$$

➔

$$R(t) = \frac{C_{\Lambda\Lambda}(t)}{C_{\Lambda}^2(t)} \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{Z} e^{-\Delta E_{\Lambda\Lambda} t}$$

- Correlator ratio allows direct access to energy shift



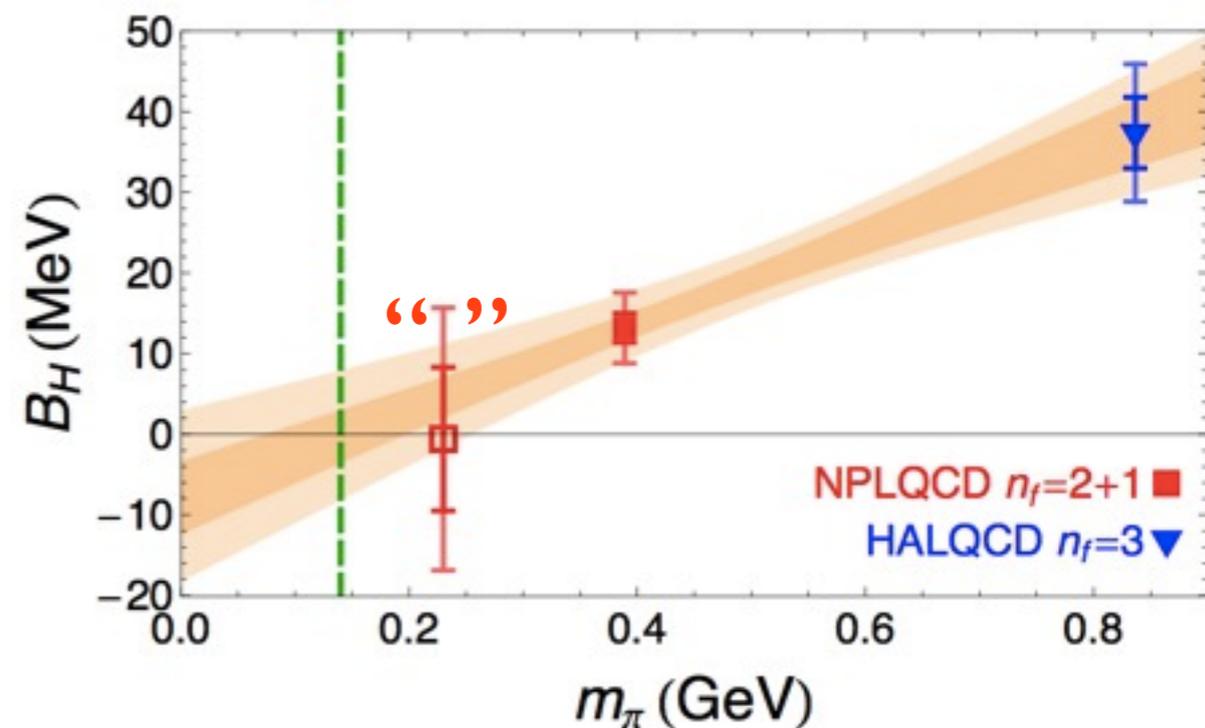
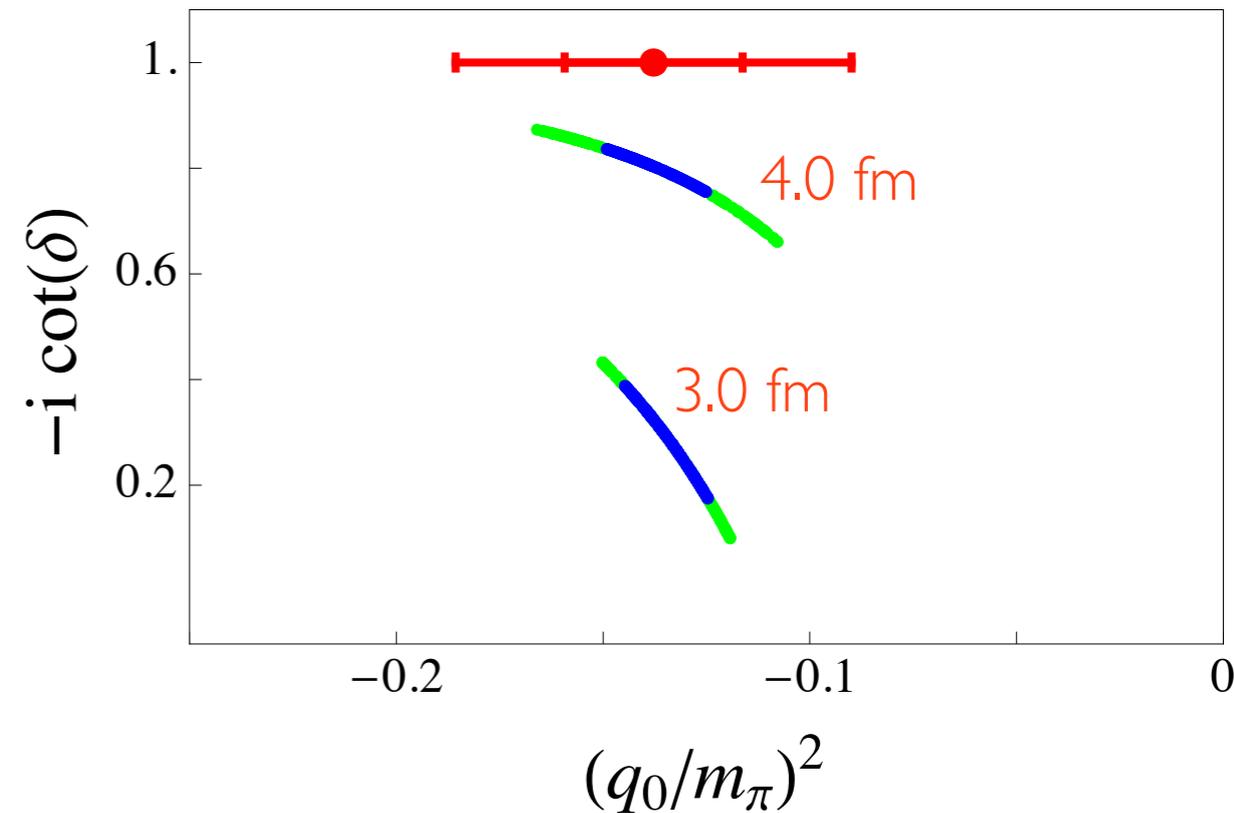
# Simple extrapolations

- After volume extrapolation H bound at unphysical quark masses
- Quark mass extrapolation is uncertain and unconstrained

$$B_H^{\text{quad}} = +11.5 \pm 2.8 \pm 6.0 \text{ MeV}$$

$$B_H^{\text{lin}} = +4.9 \pm 4.0 \pm 8.3 \text{ MeV}$$

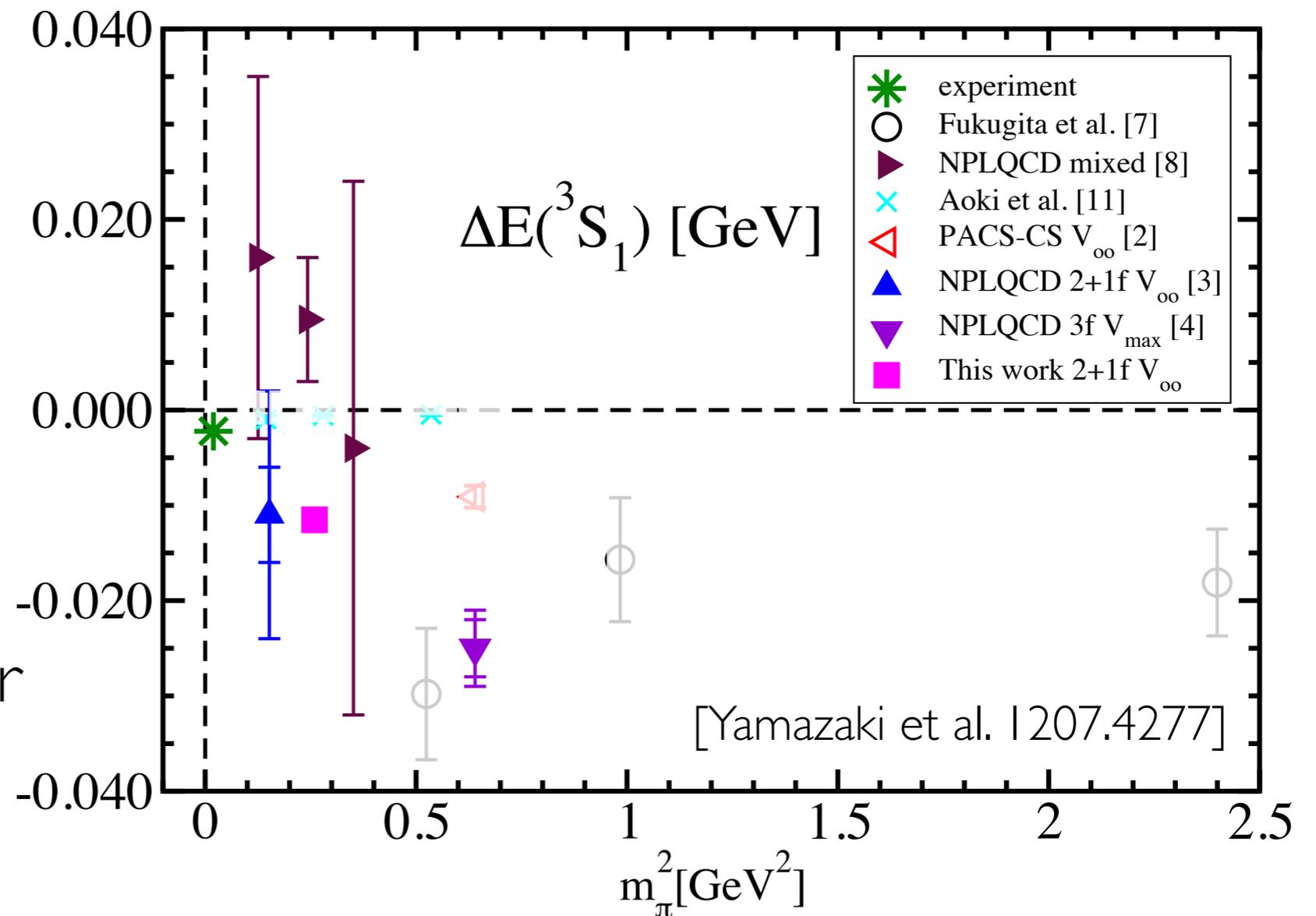
- Other extrapolations, see  
[Shanahan, Thomas & Young PRL 107 (2011) 092004,  
Haidenbauer & Meissner 1109.3590]
- Suggests H is weakly bound or just unbound



\* 230 MeV point preliminary (one volume)

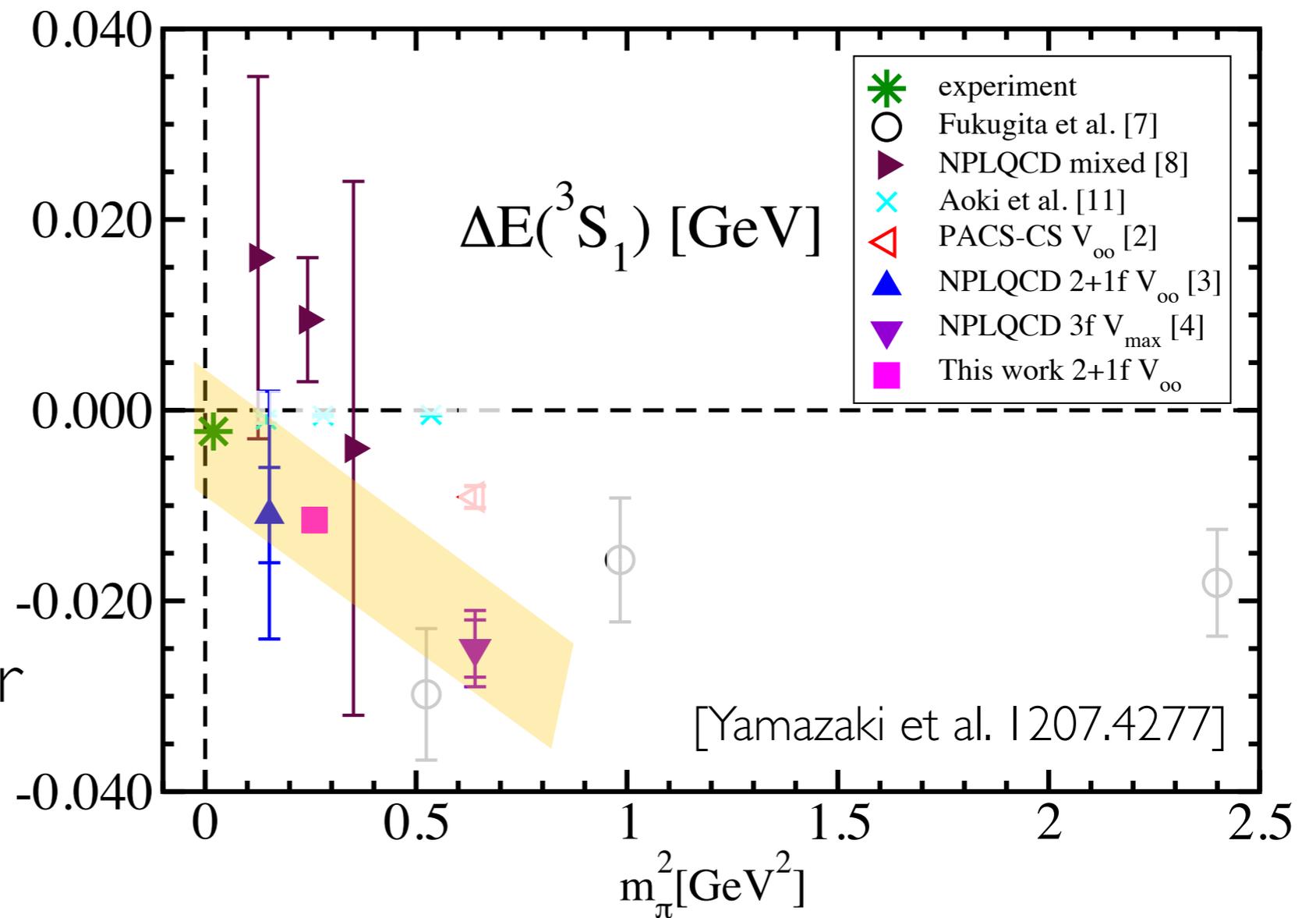
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- New approach to many baryon correlator construction
- Interpolating fields – minimal expression as weighted sums

$$\mathcal{N}^h = \sum_{k=1}^{N_w} \tilde{w}_h^{(a_1, a_2 \dots a_{n_q}), k} \sum_{\mathbf{i}} \epsilon^{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{n_q}} \bar{q}(a_{i_1}) \bar{q}(a_{i_2}) \dots \bar{q}(a_{i_{n_q}})$$

- Automated generation of weights (symbolic c++ code) for given quantum numbers
- Baryon blocks (partly contracted at sink)

$$\mathcal{B}_b^{a_1, a_2, a_3}(\mathbf{p}, t; x_0) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} e^{i\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \sum_{k=1}^{N_{B(b)}} \tilde{w}_b^{(c_1, c_2, c_3), k} \sum_{\mathbf{i}} \epsilon^{i_1, i_2, i_3} S(c_{i_1}, x; a_1, x_0) S(c_{i_2}, x; a_2, x_0) S(c_{i_3}, x; a_3, x_0)$$

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- Express in terms of blocks (quark-hadron)

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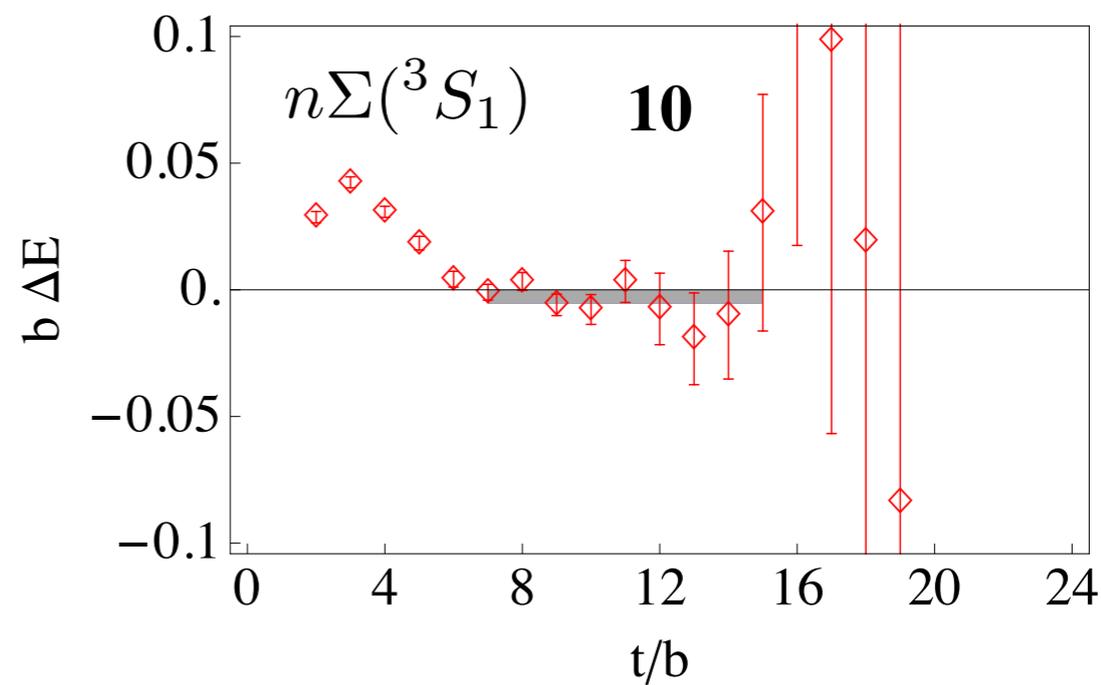
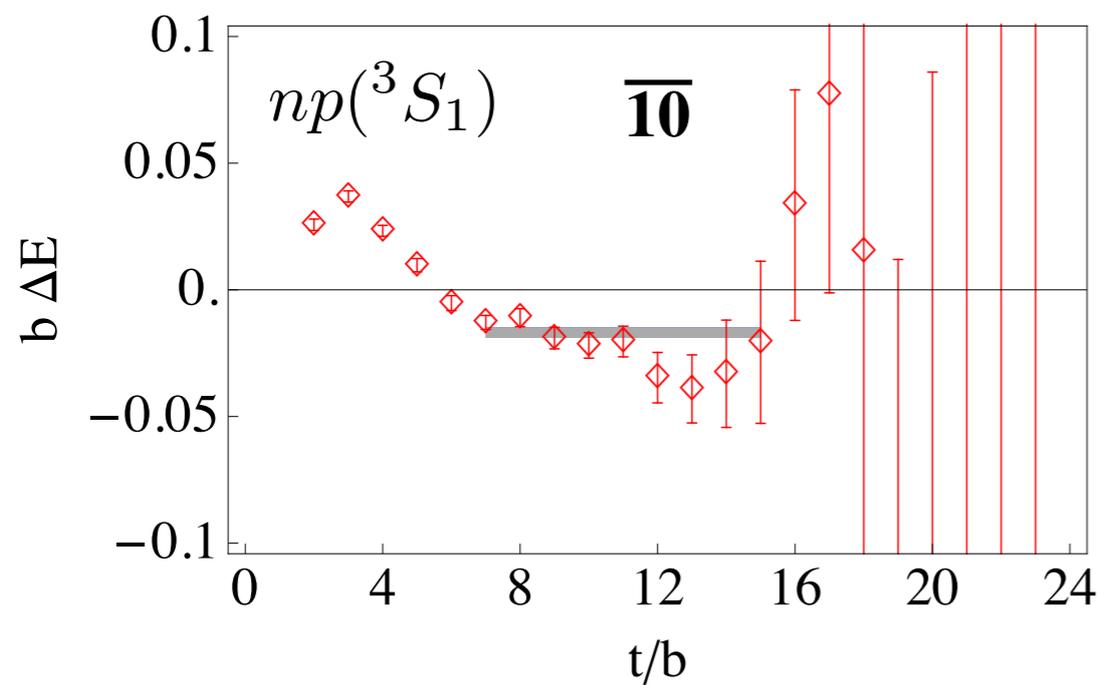
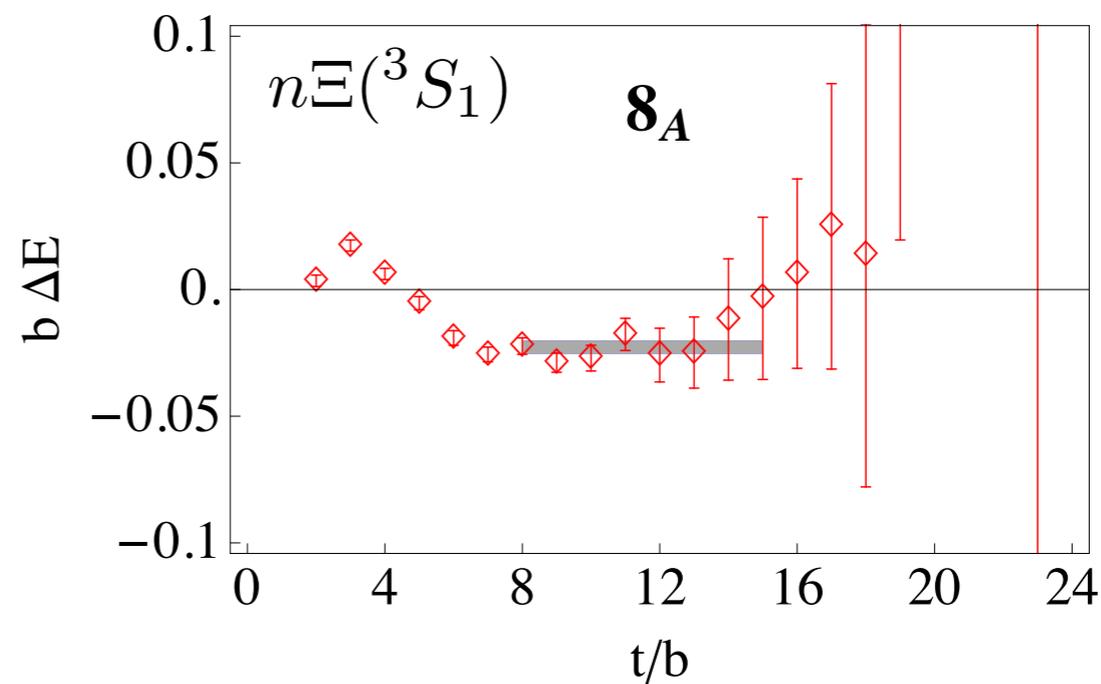
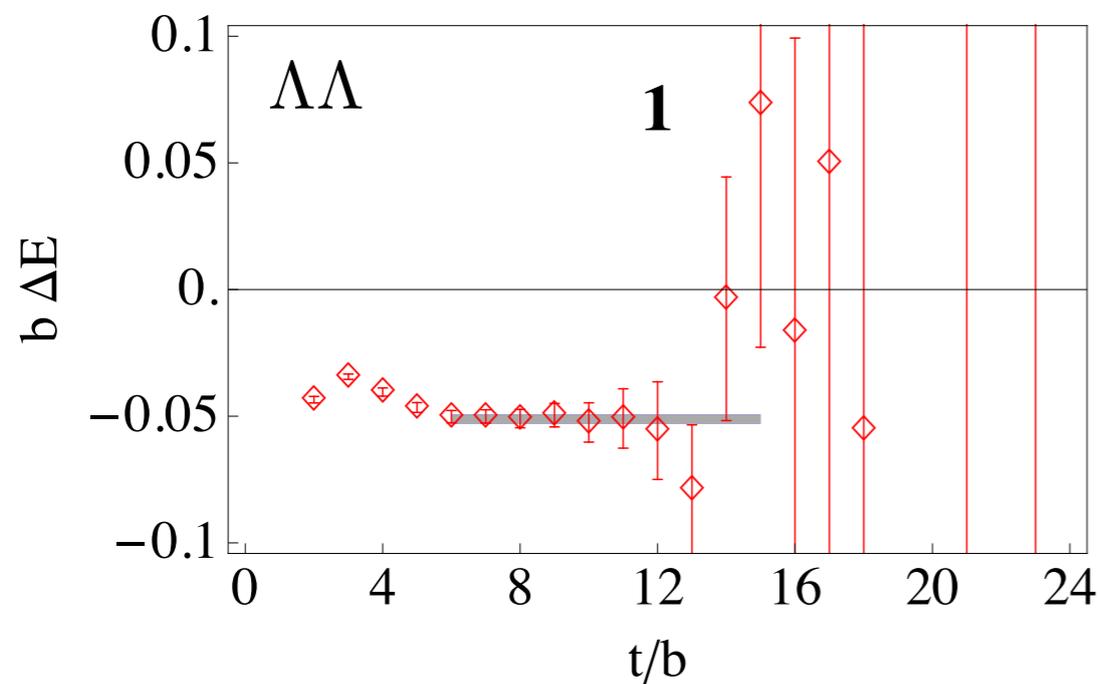
- Recent studies at SU(3) point (physical  $m_s$ )
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  - High statistics

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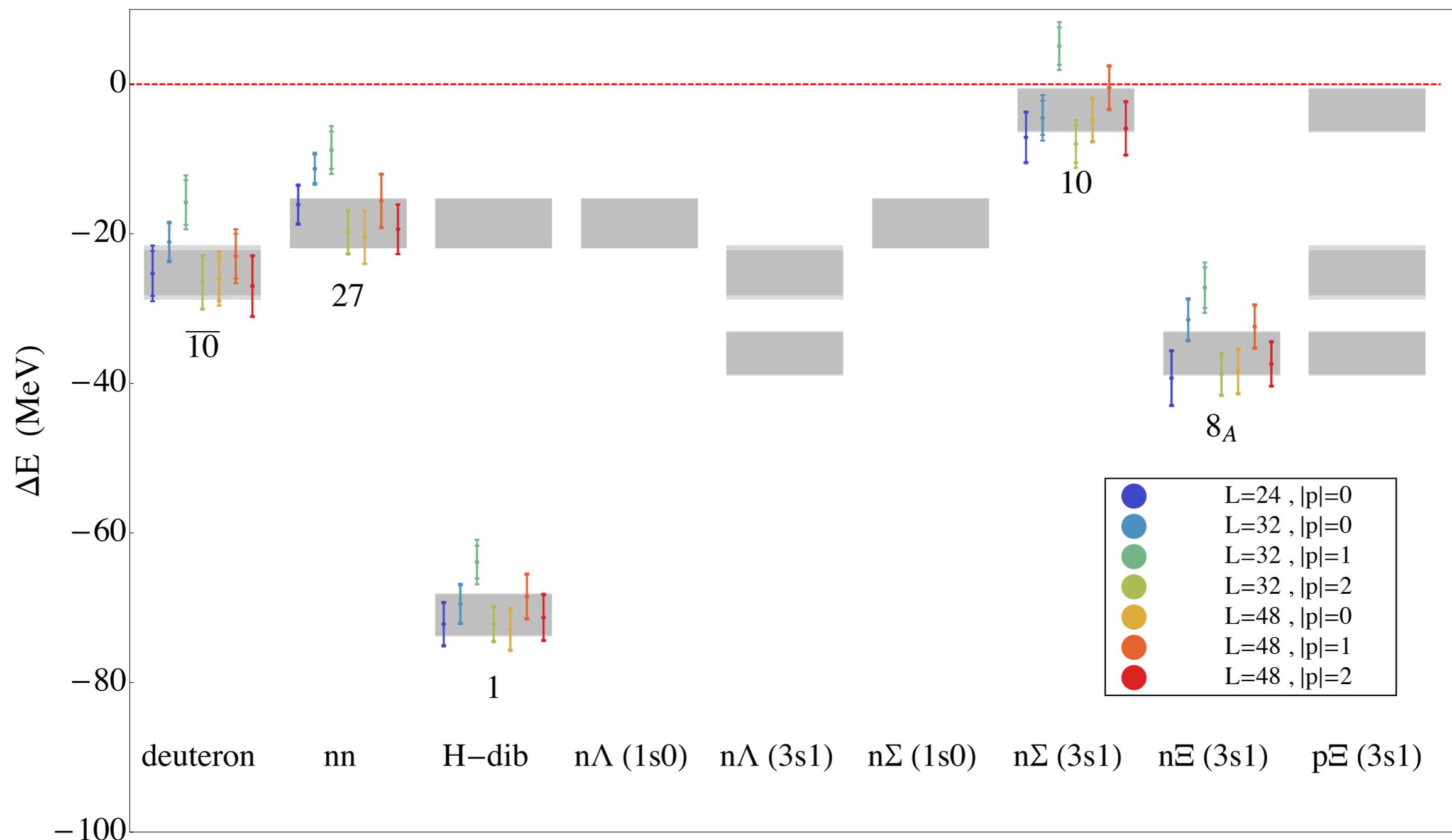
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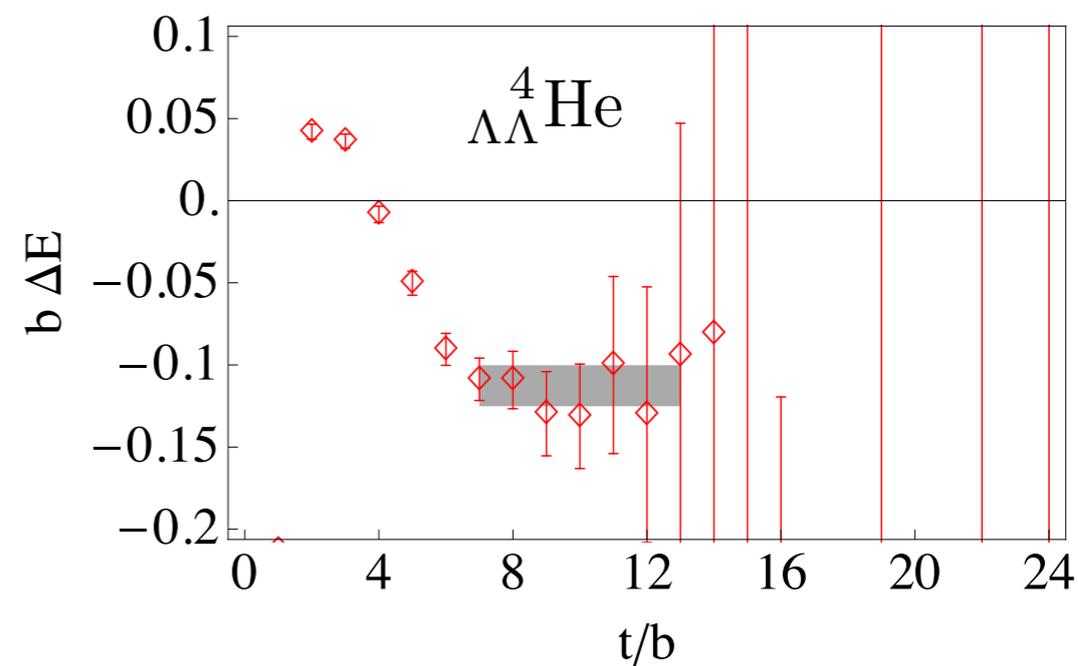
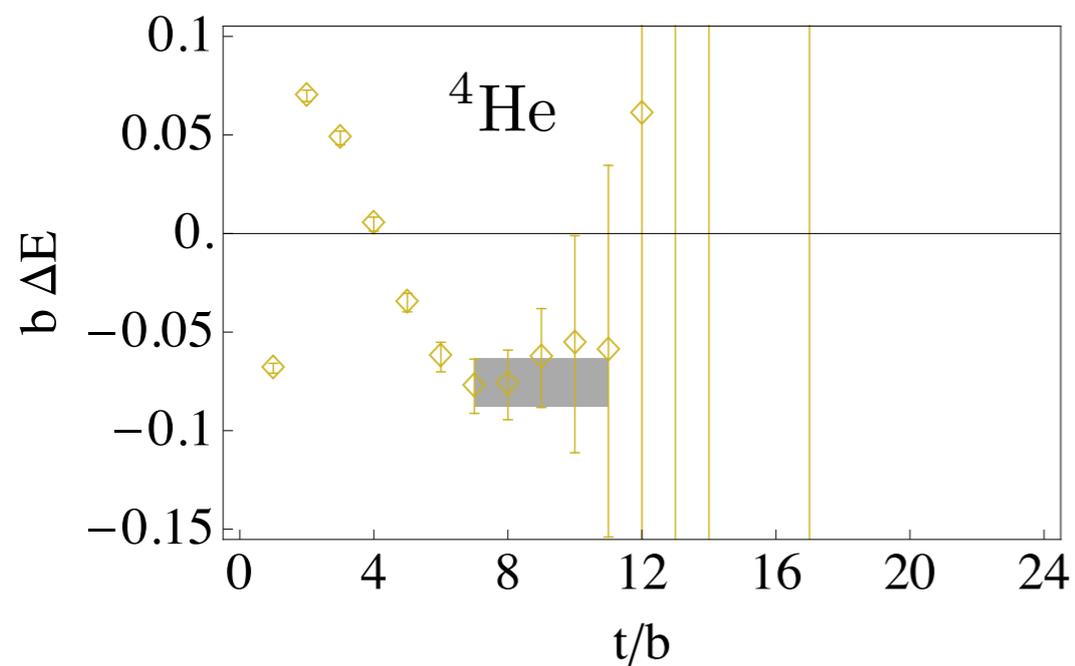
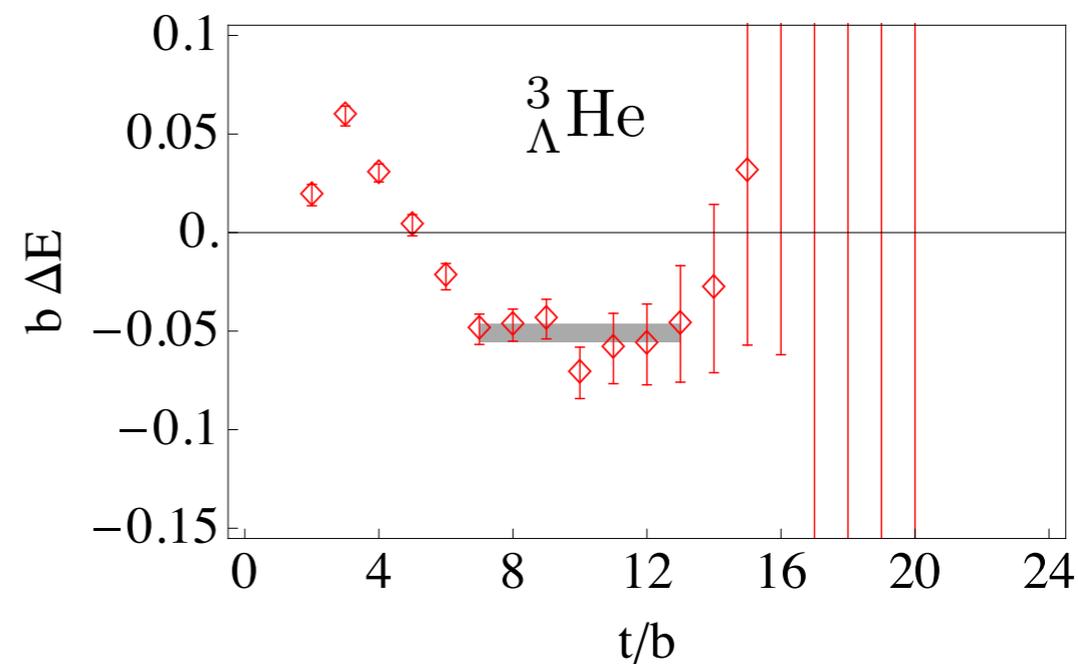
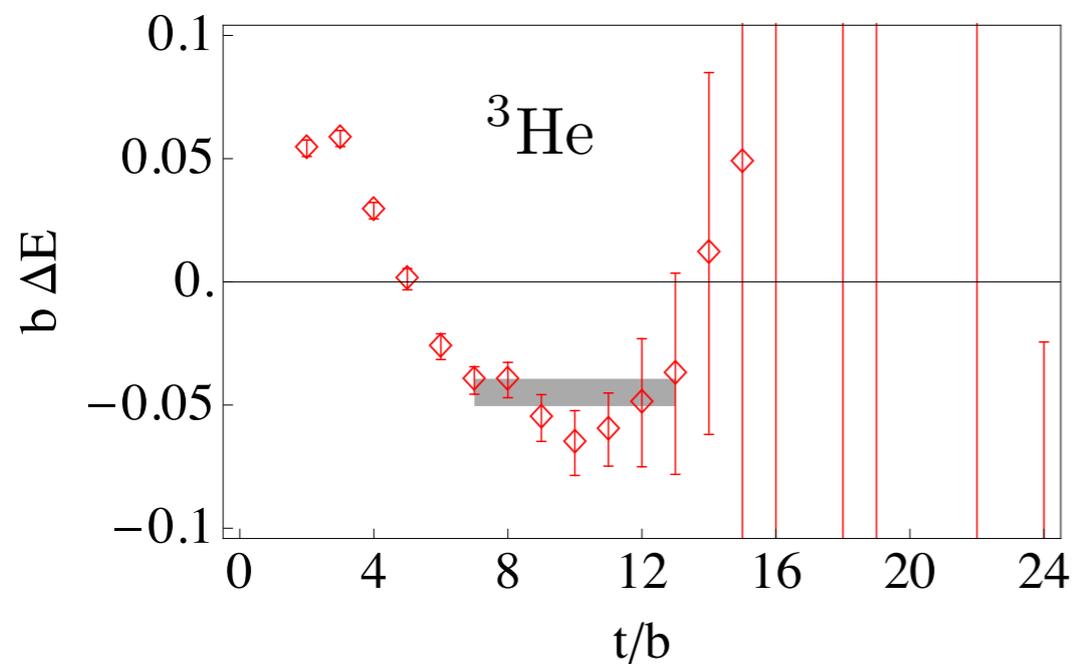
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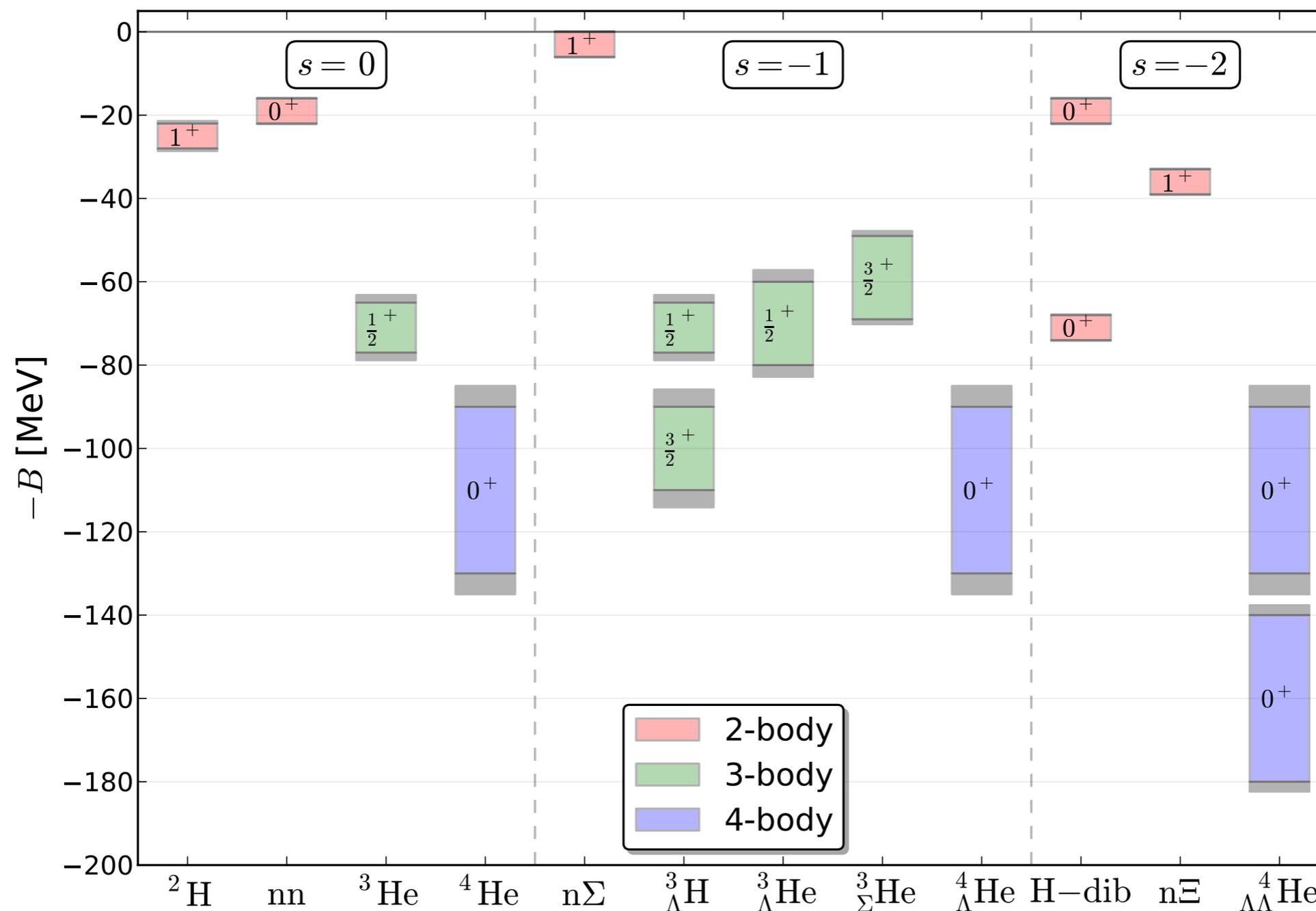
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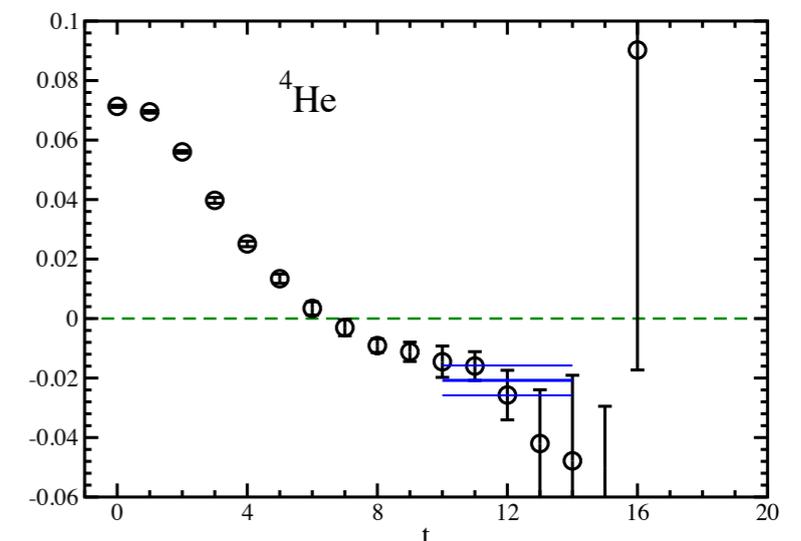
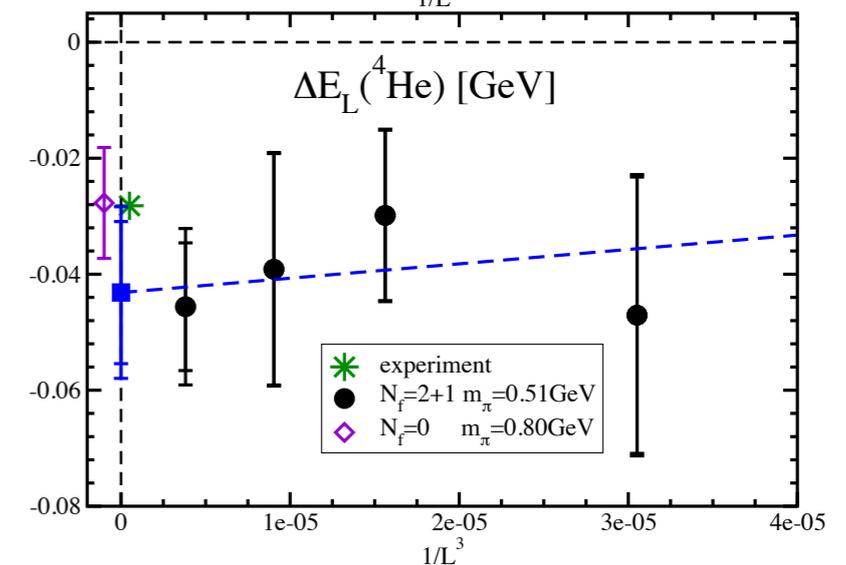
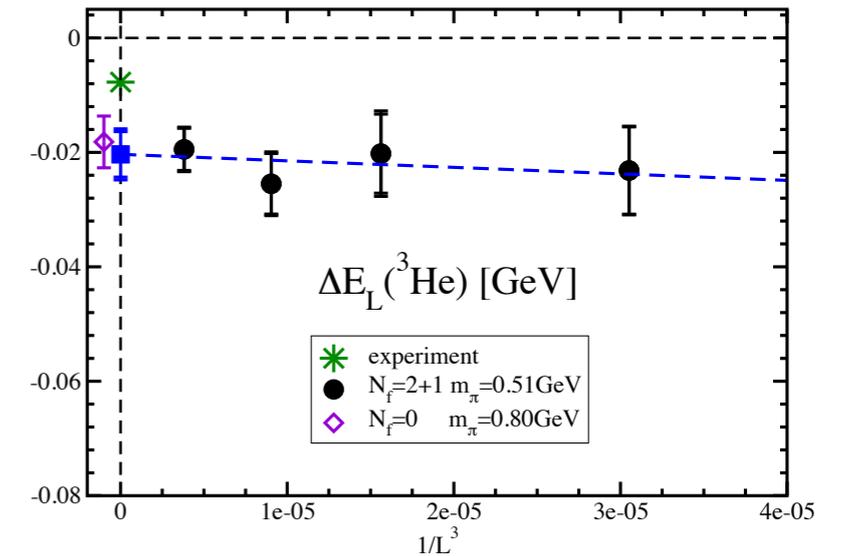
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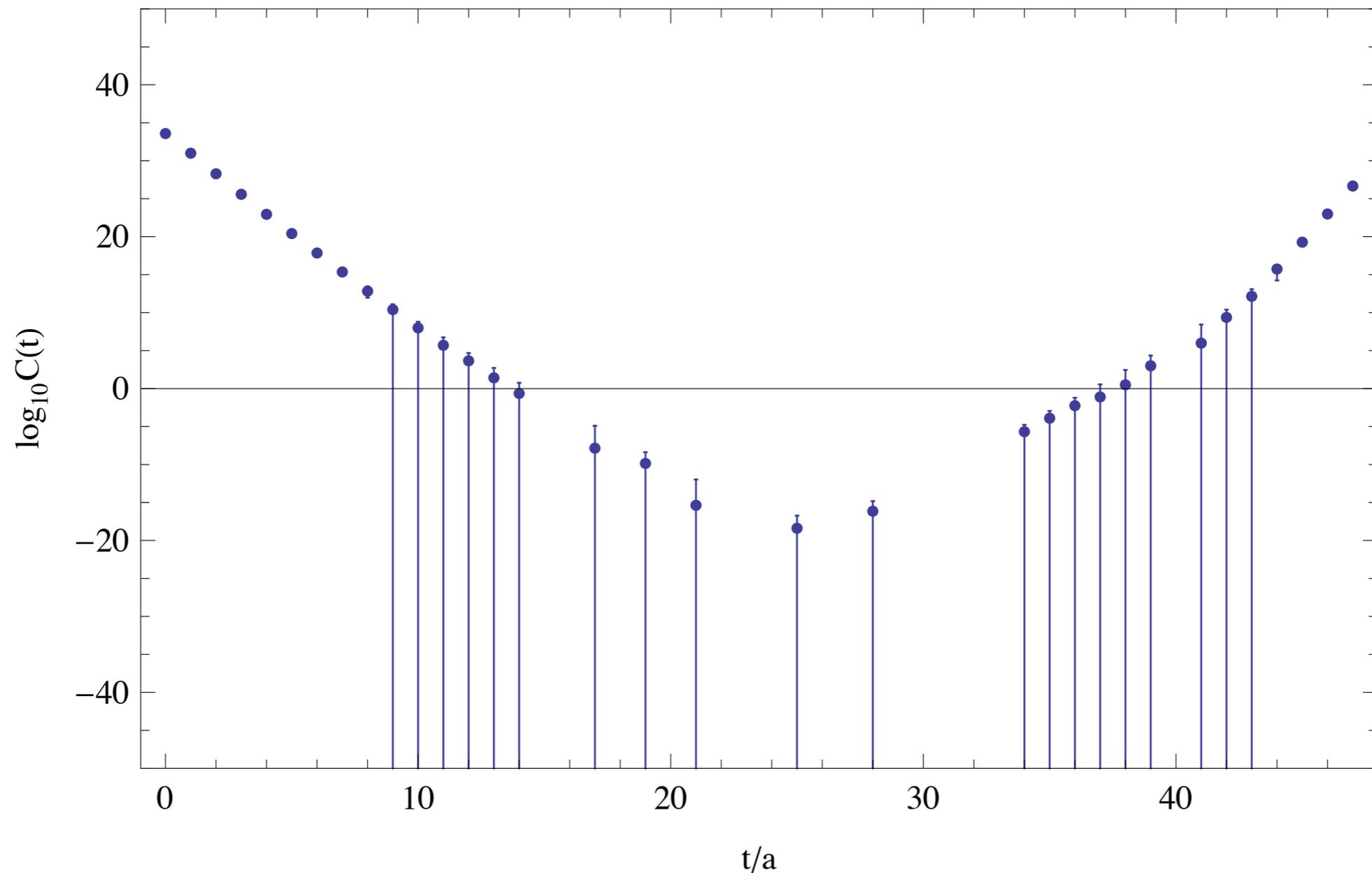
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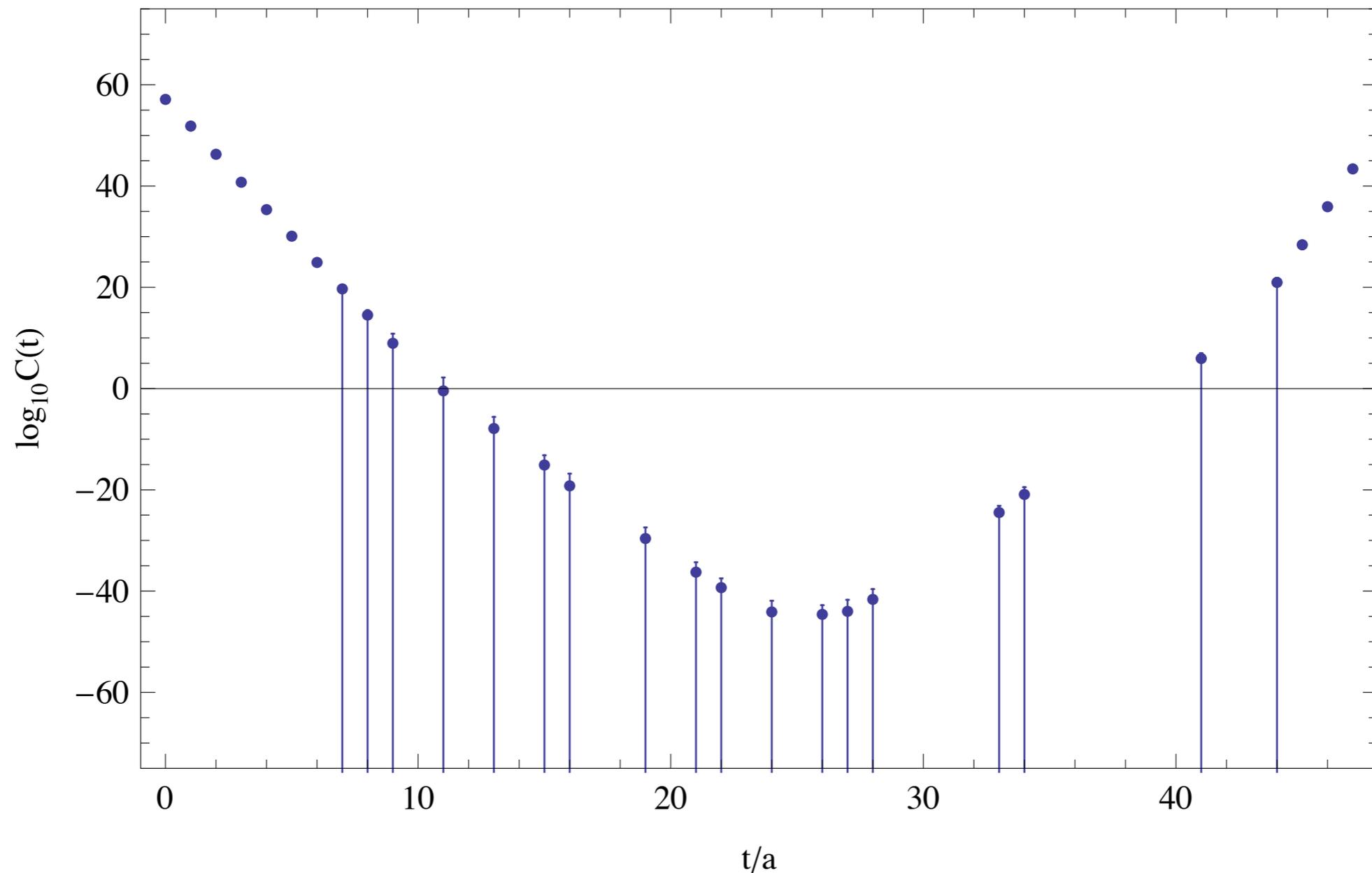
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WD, Kostas Orginos, I207.1452

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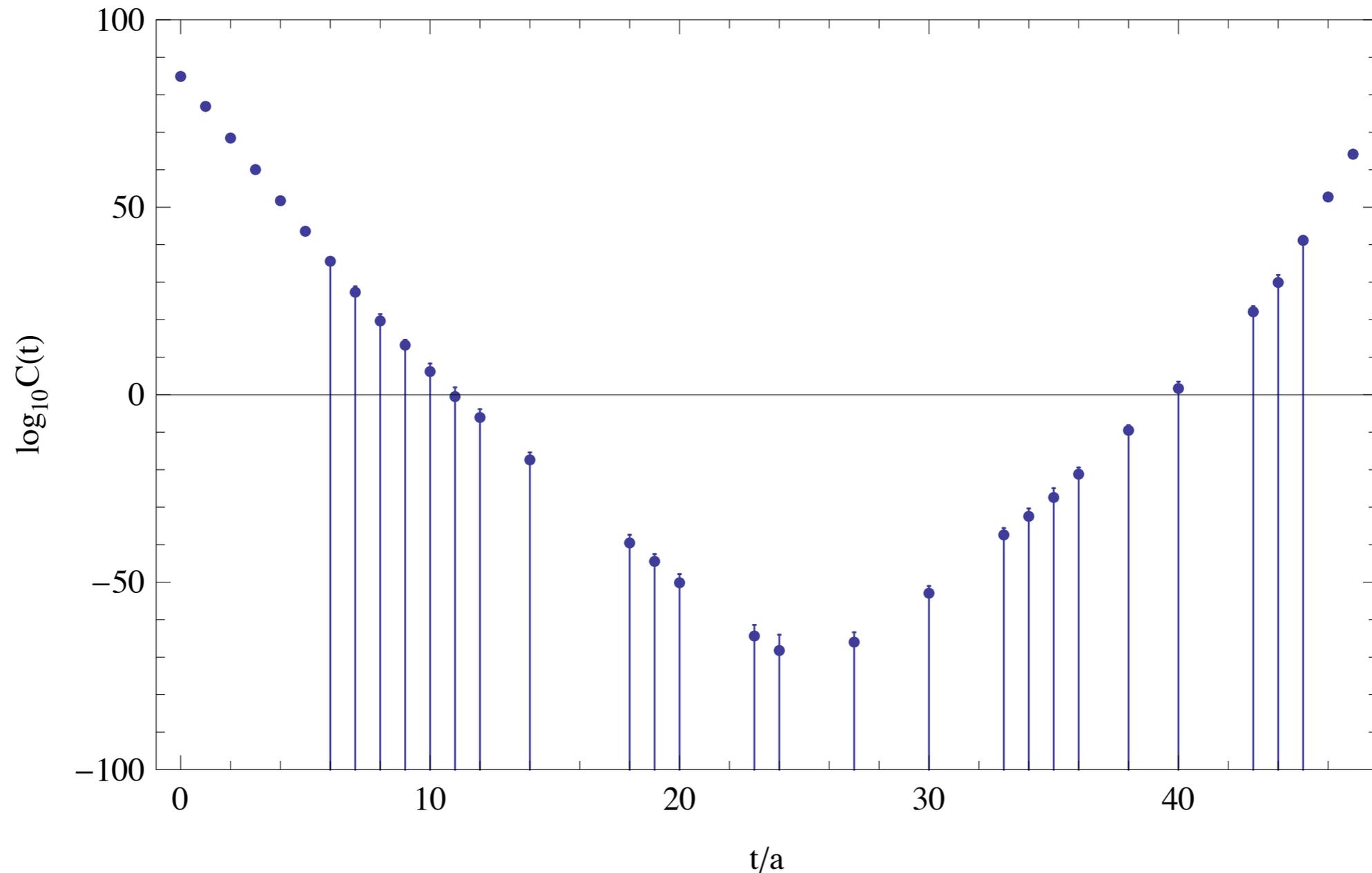
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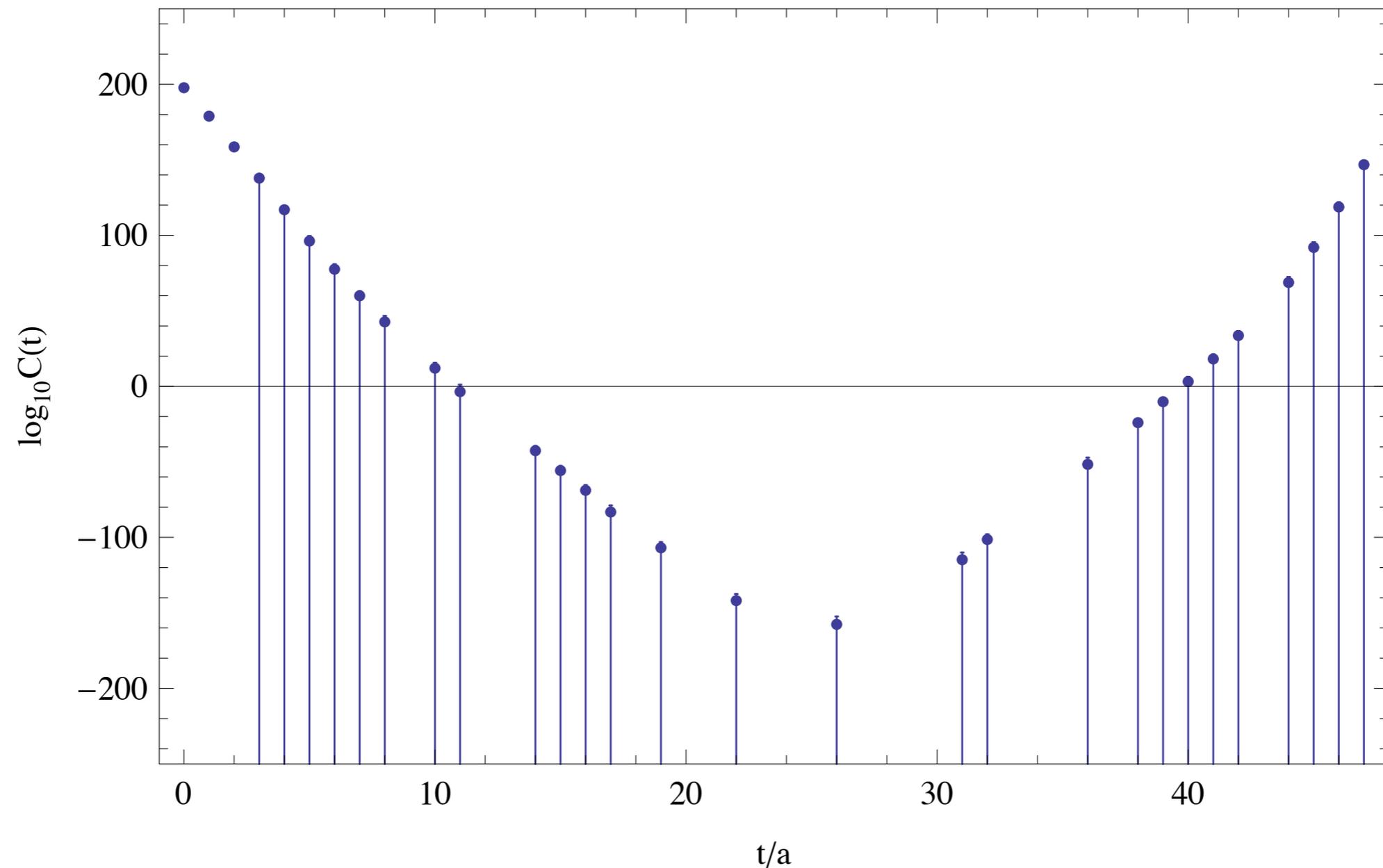




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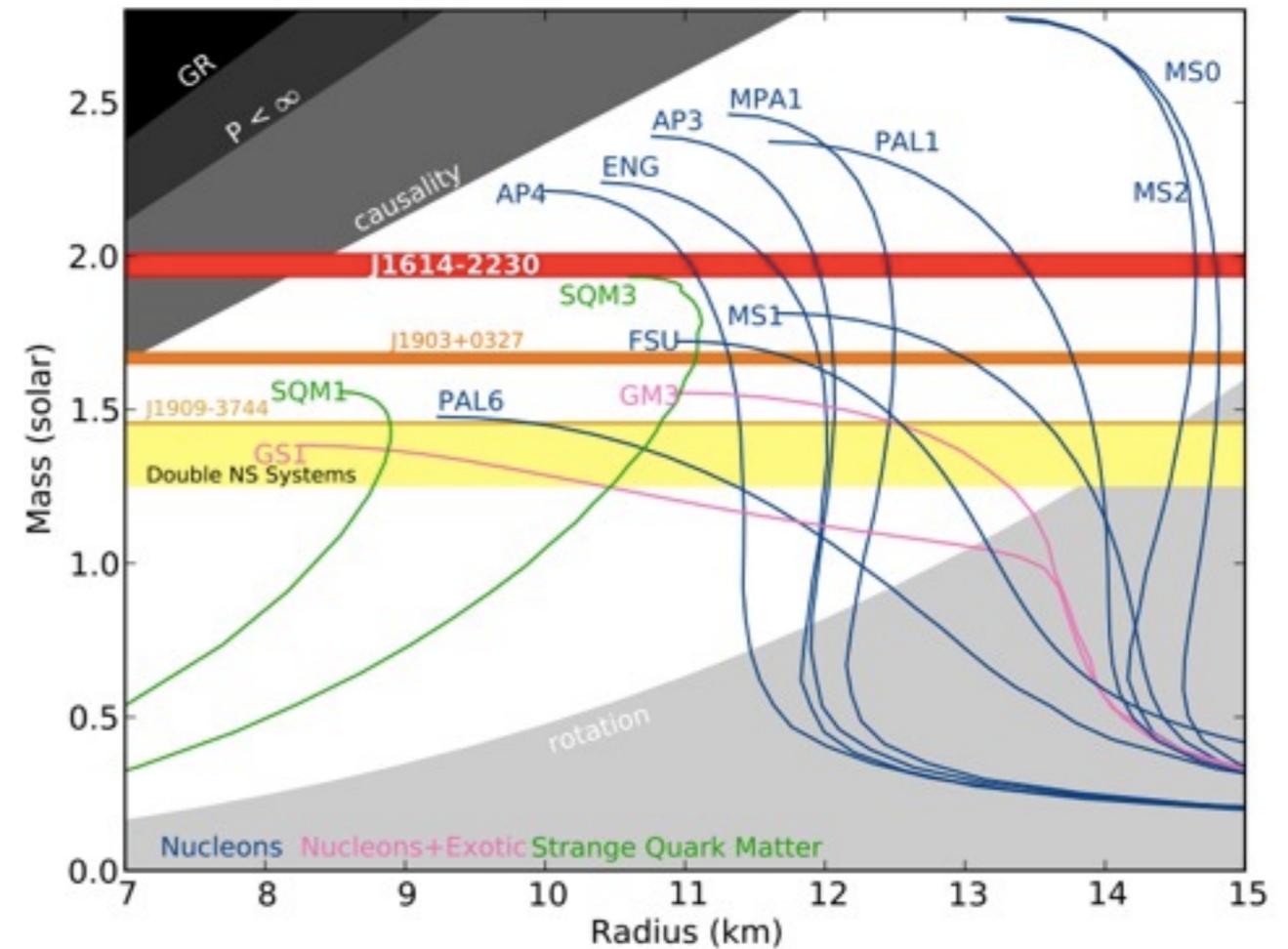
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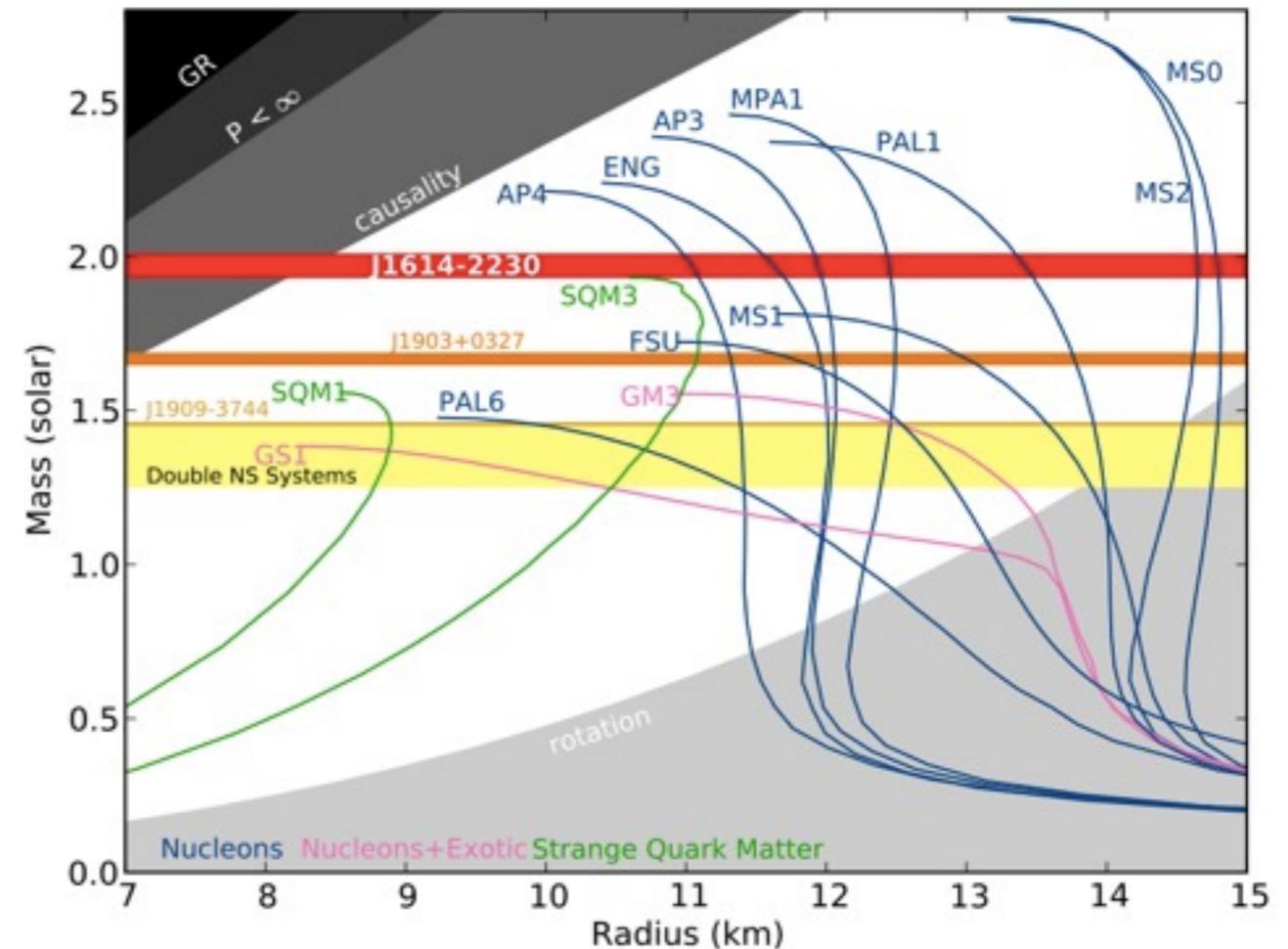
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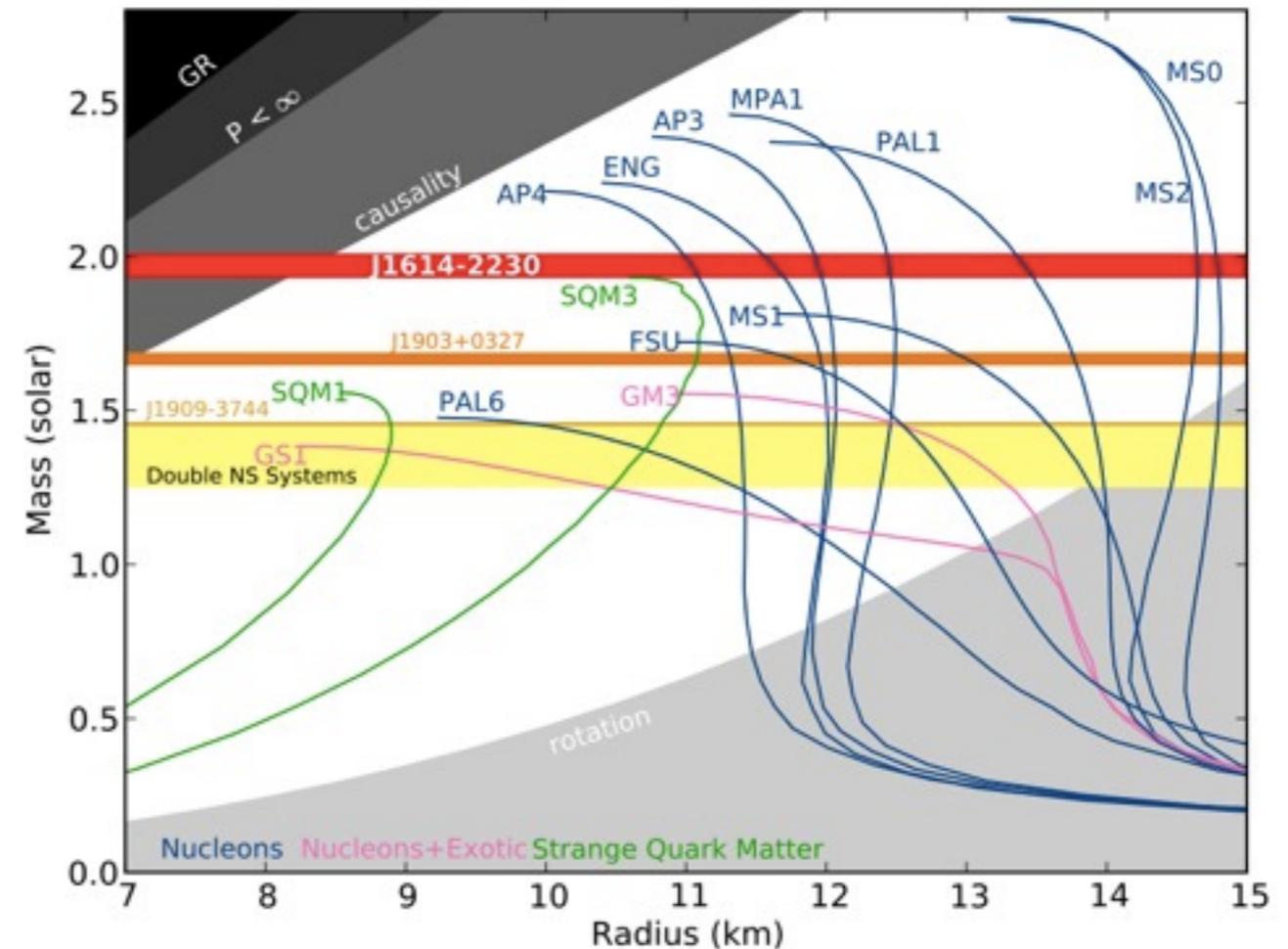
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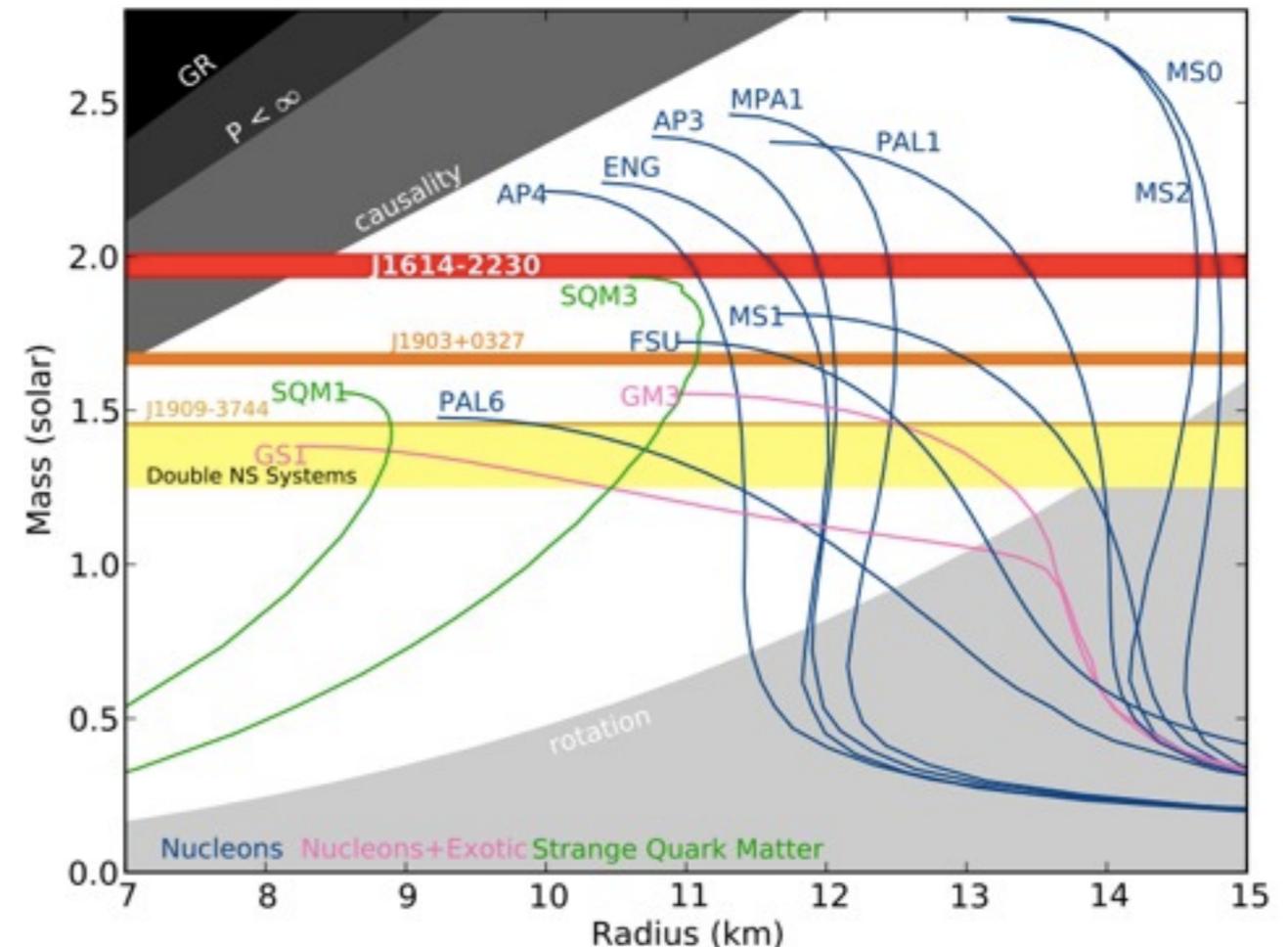
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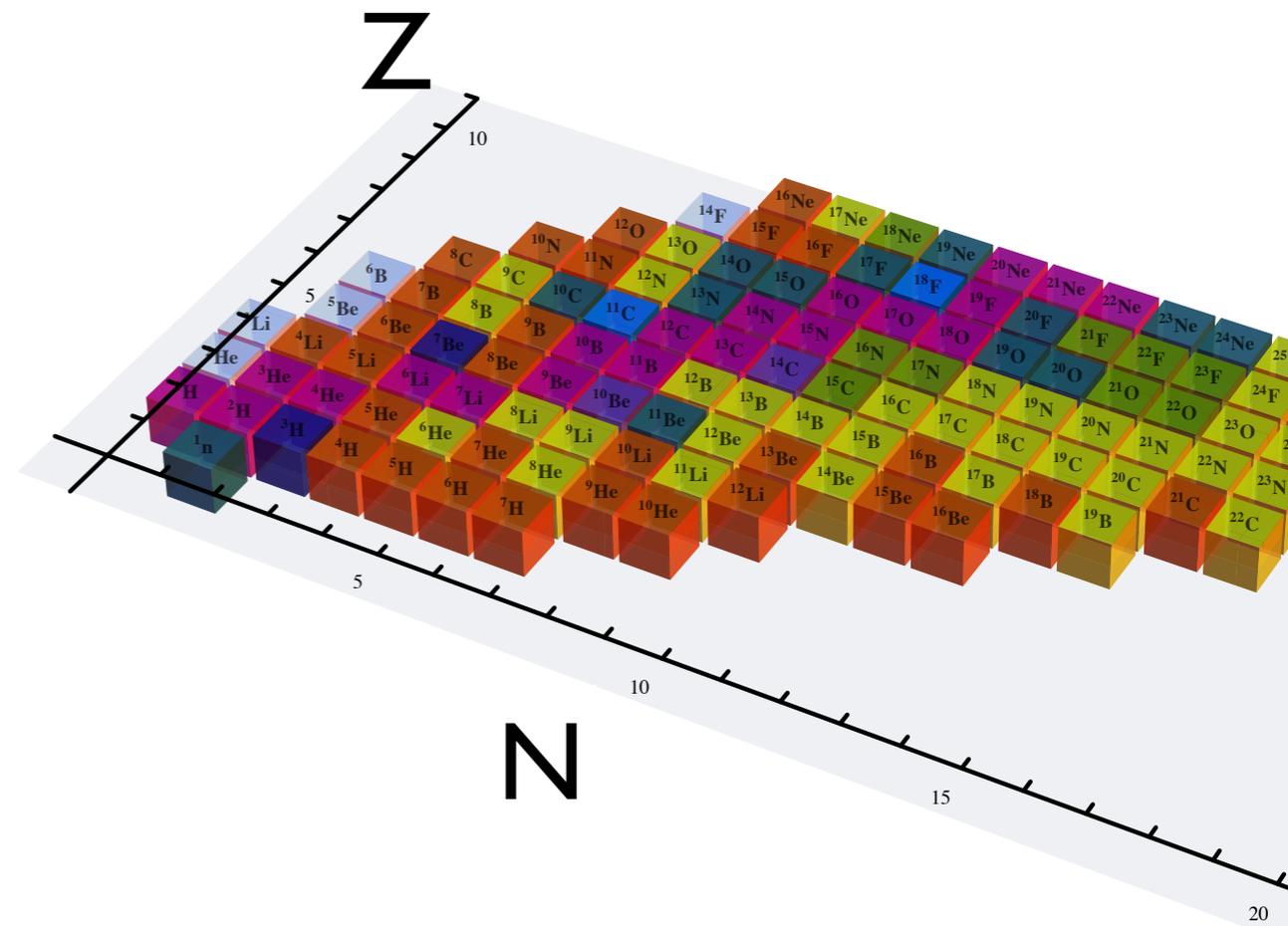
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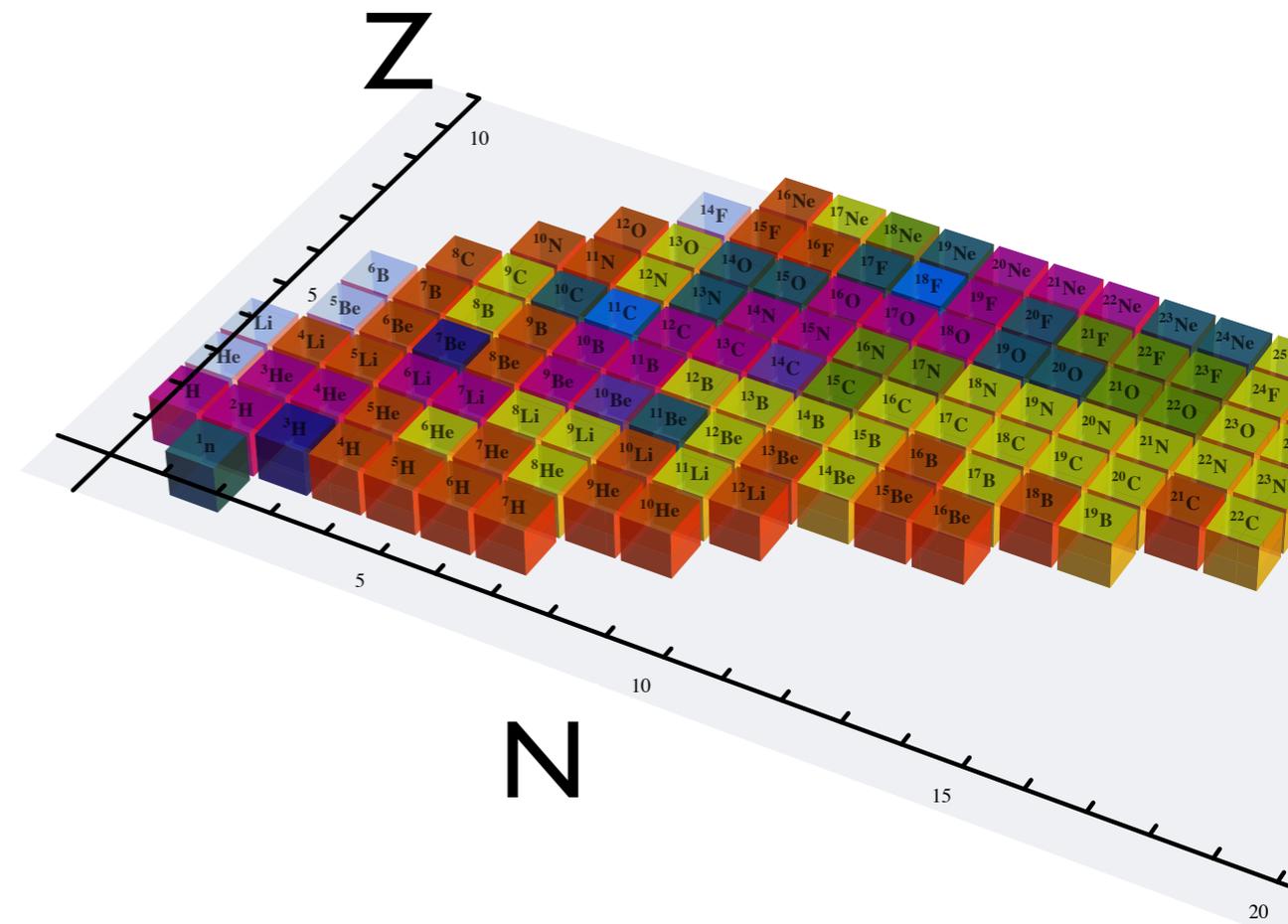
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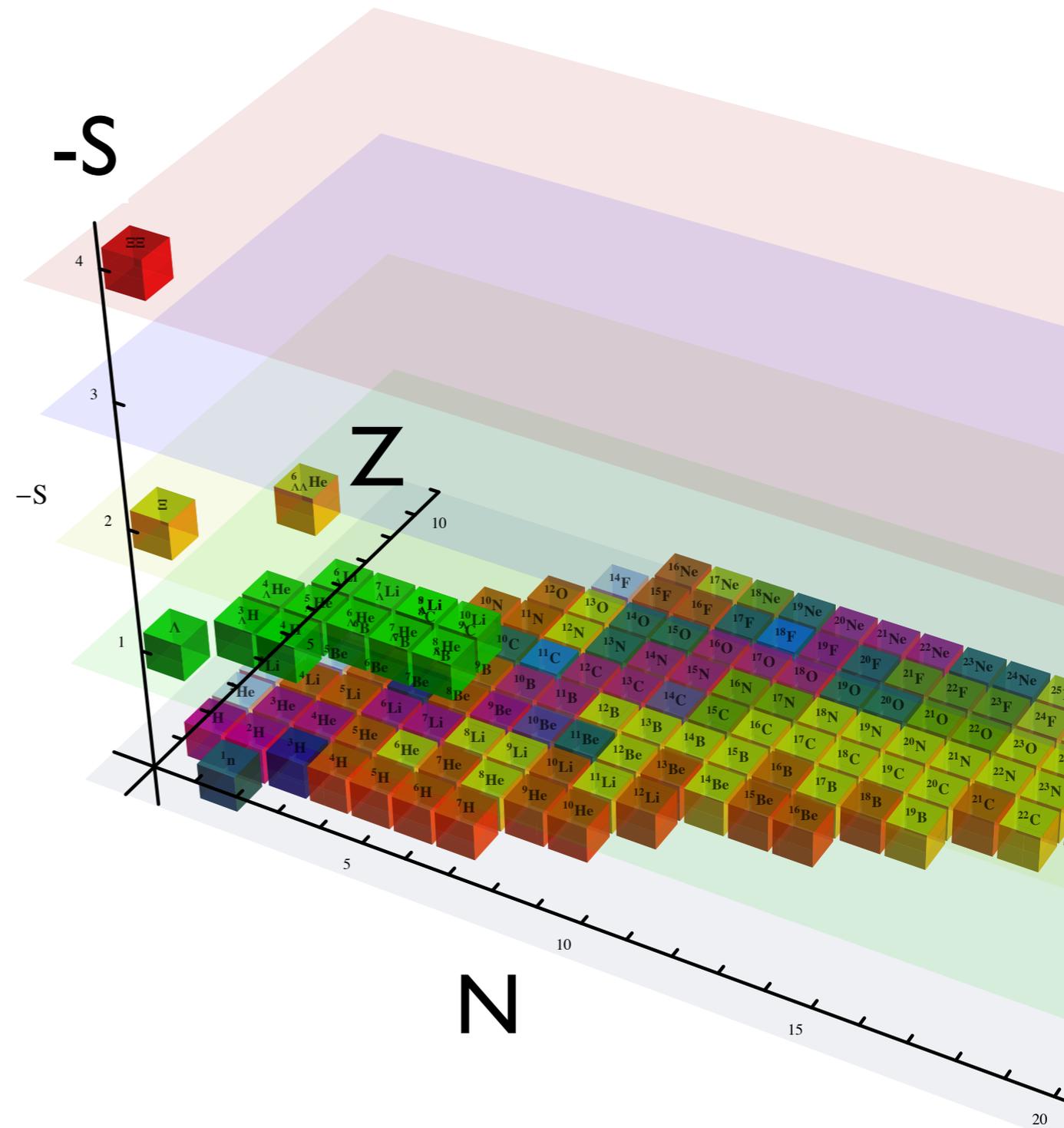
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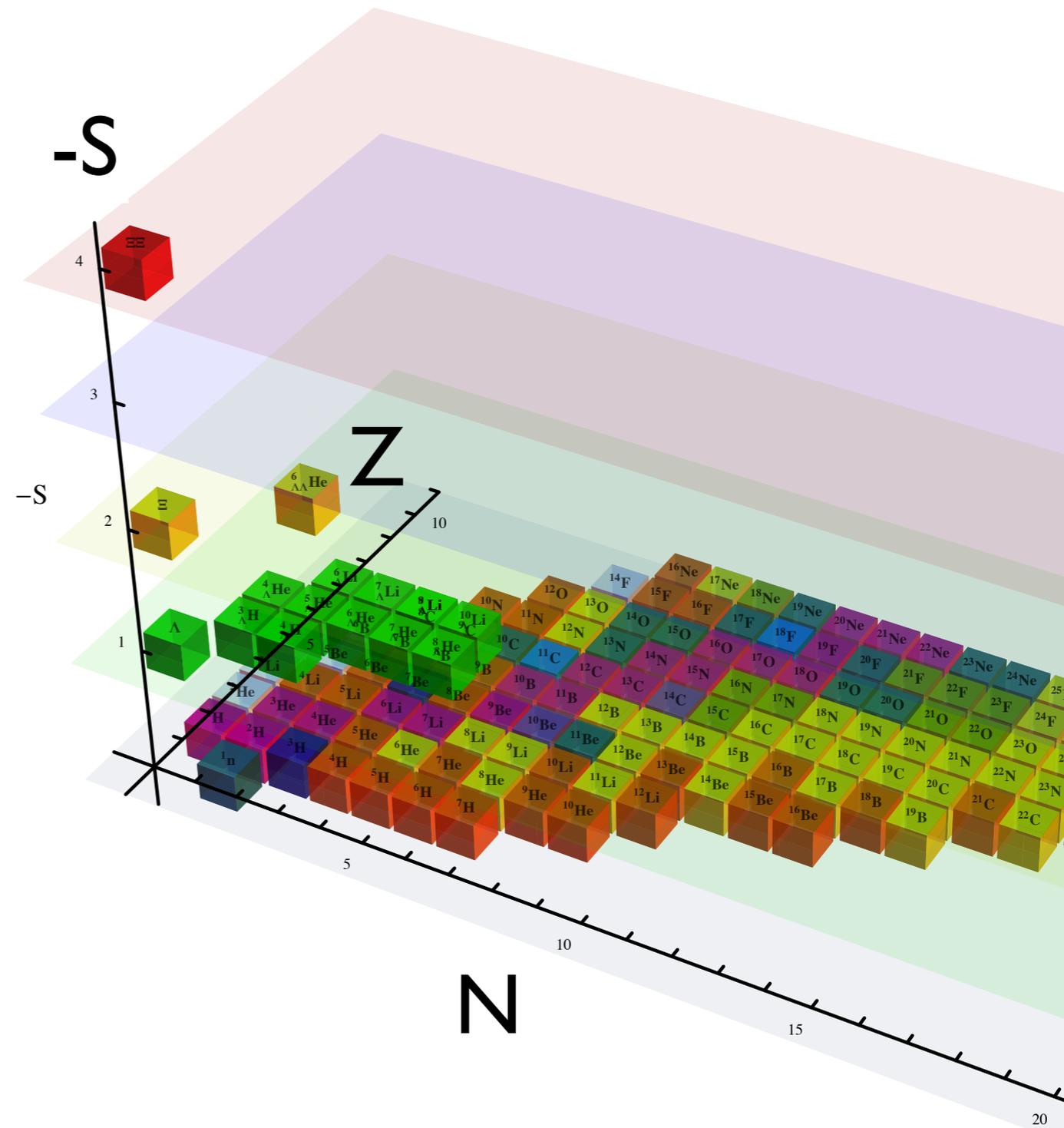
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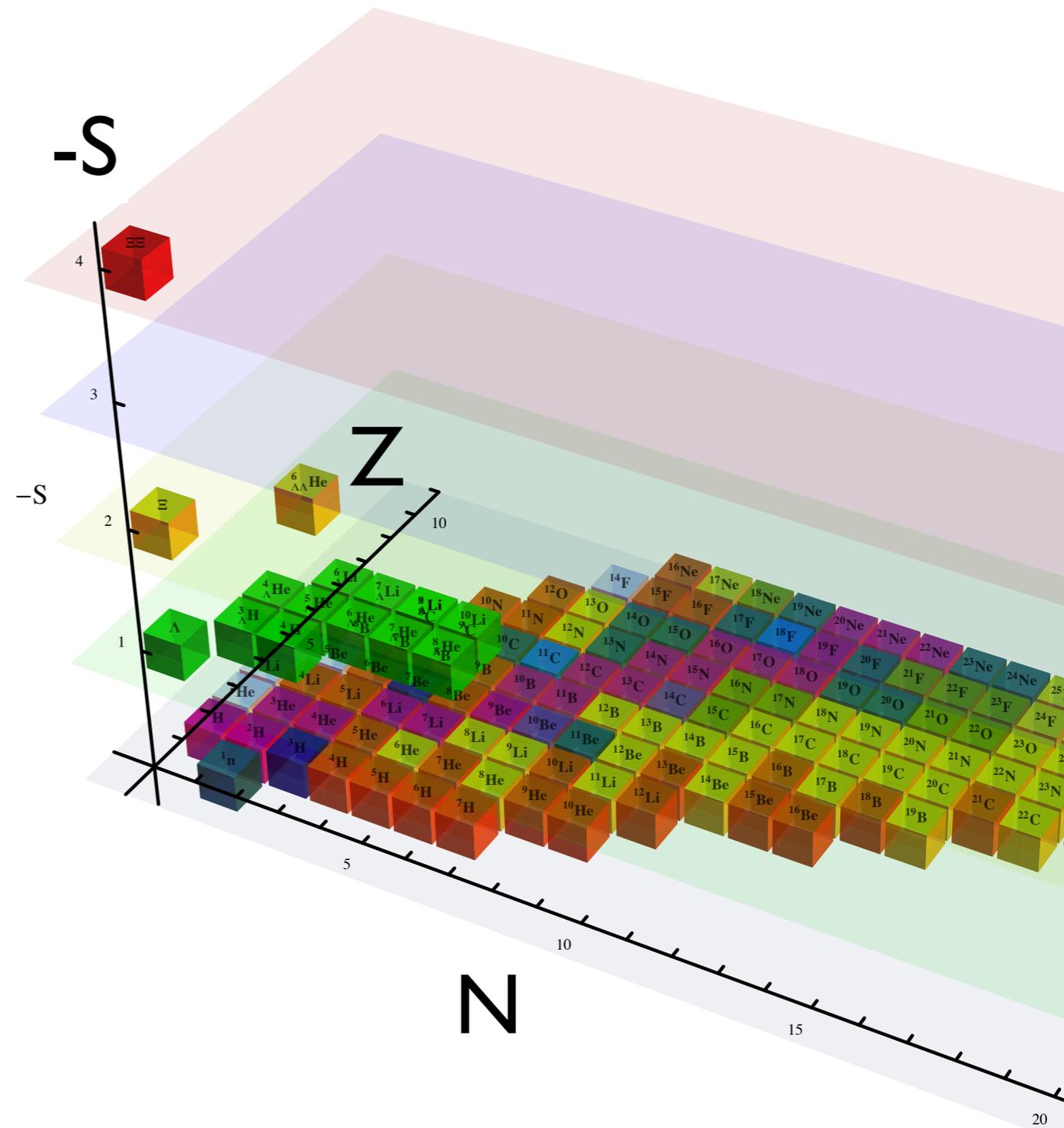
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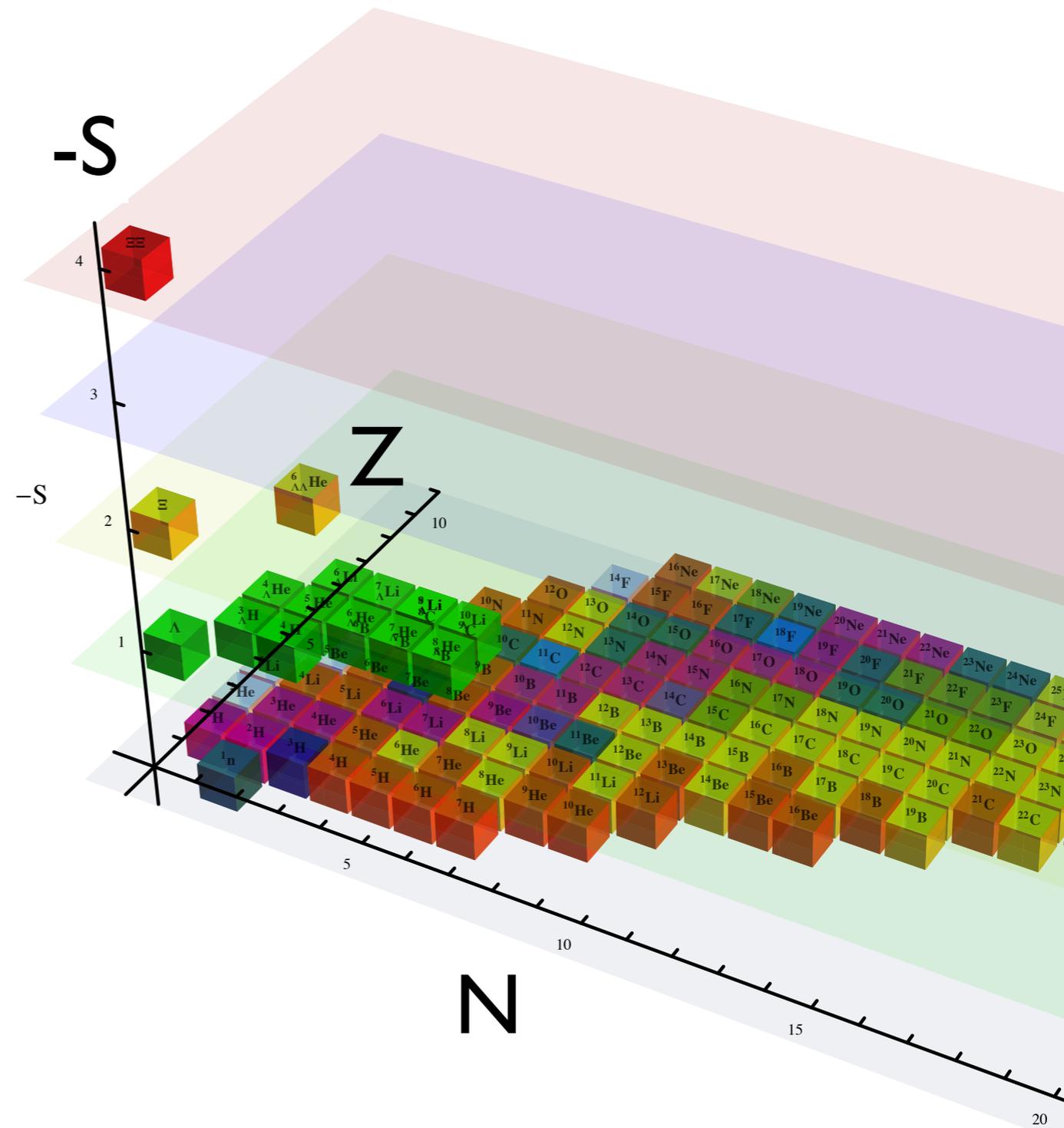
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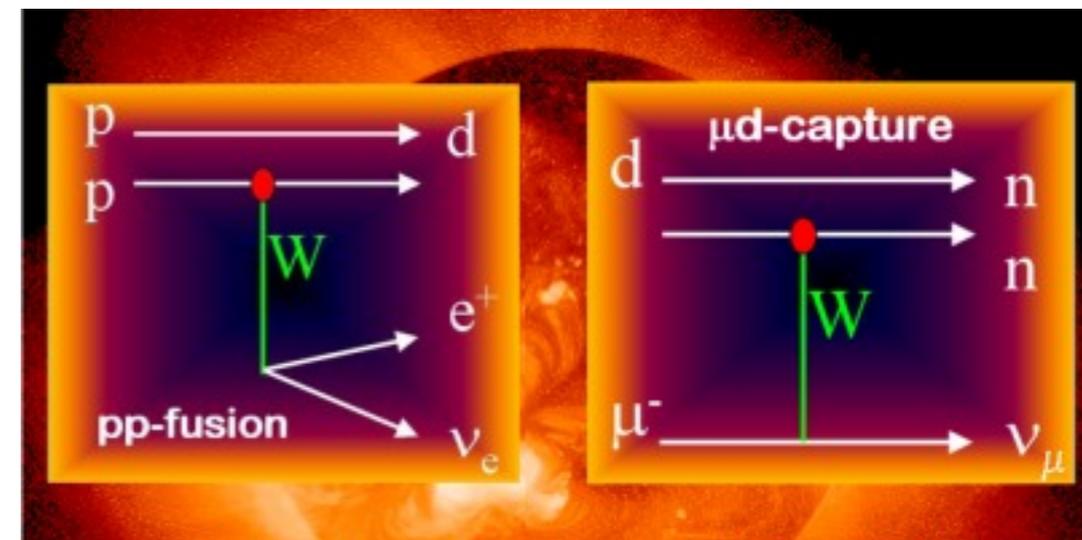
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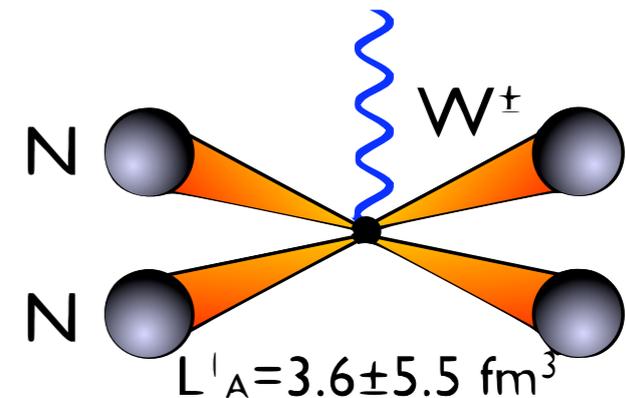
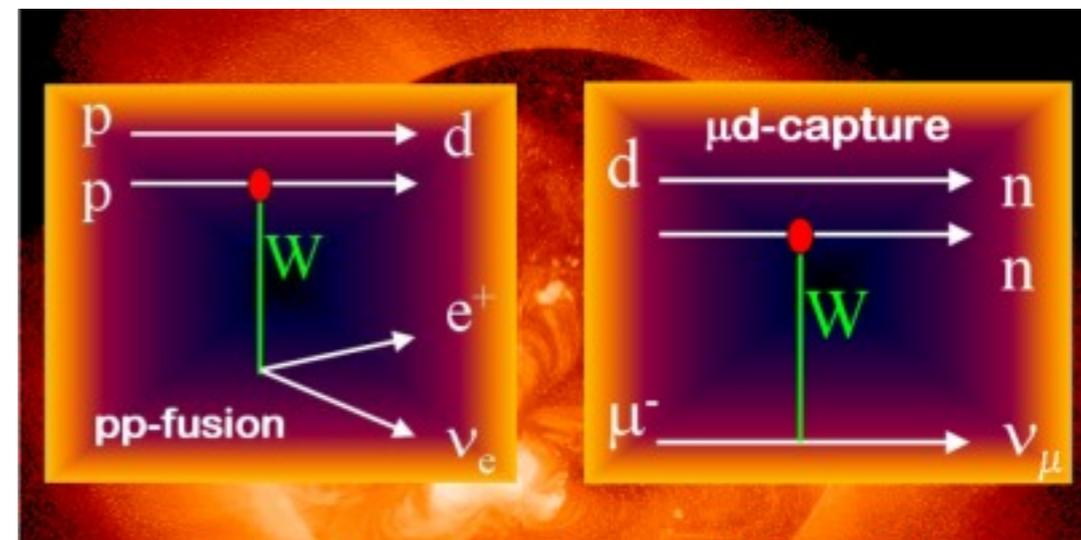


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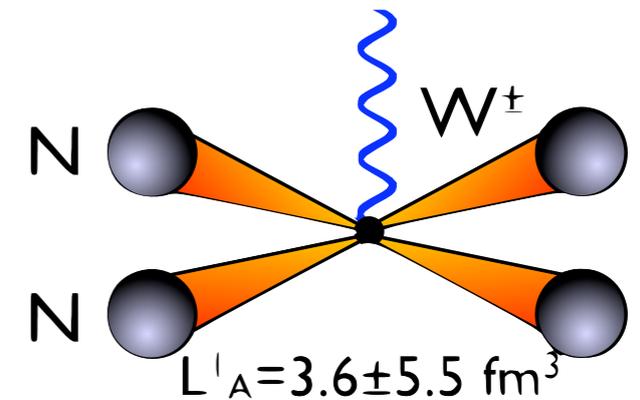
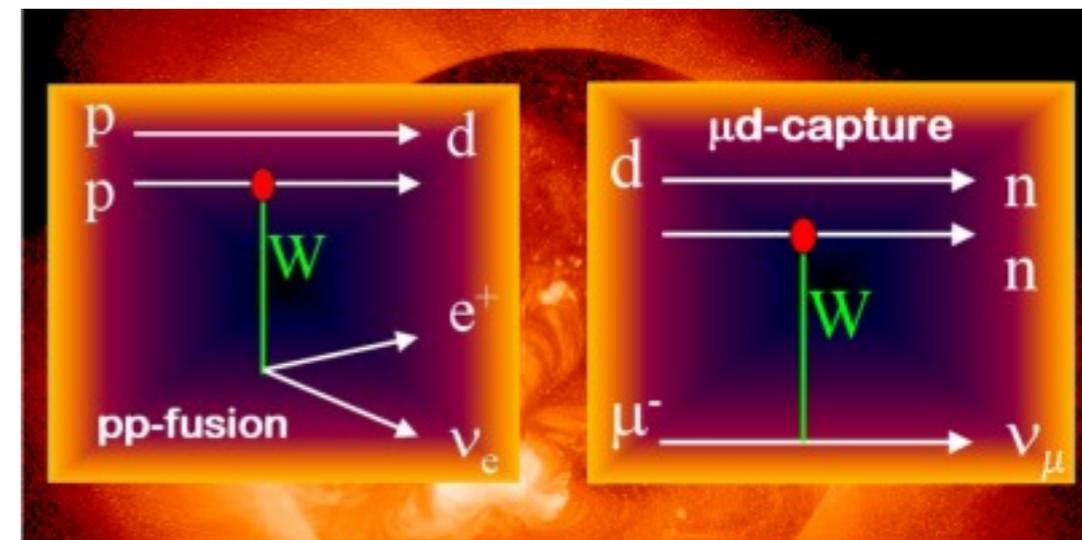
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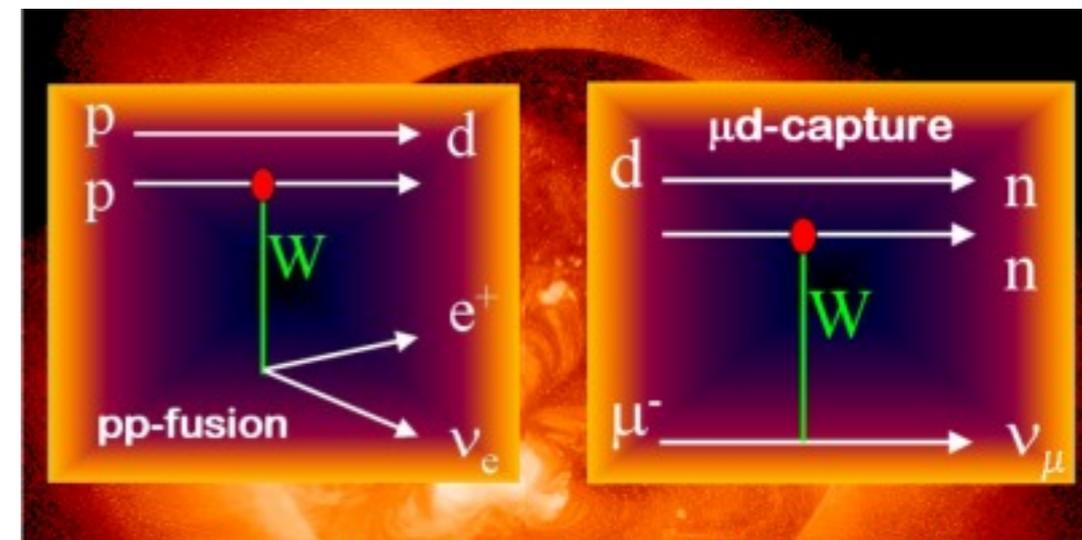


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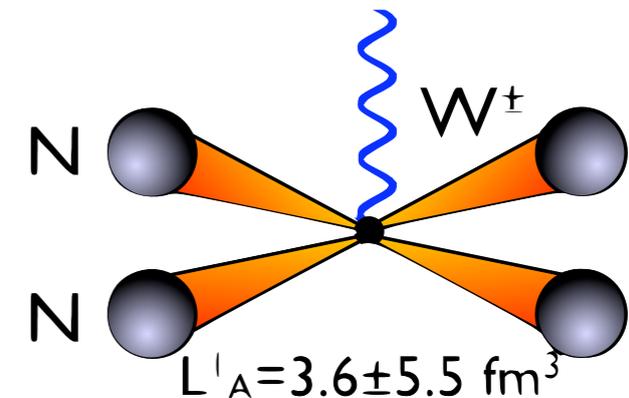
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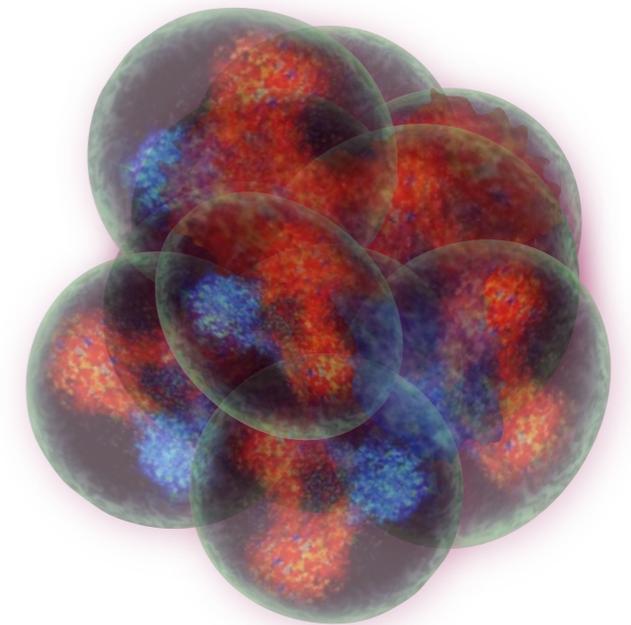
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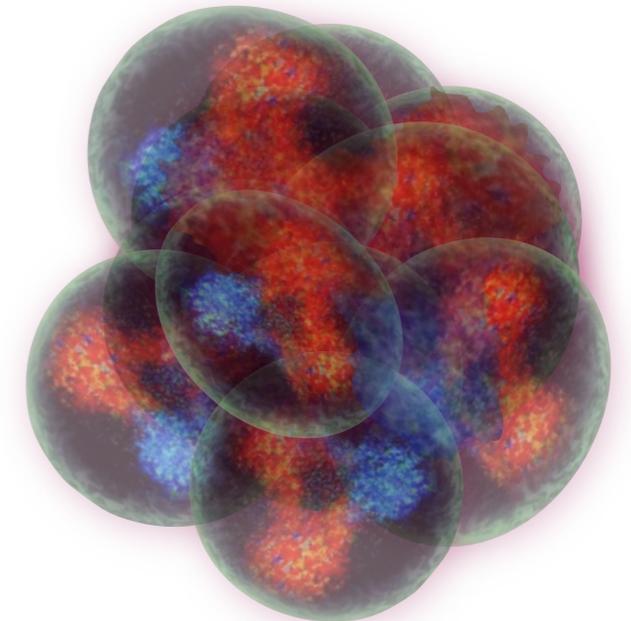
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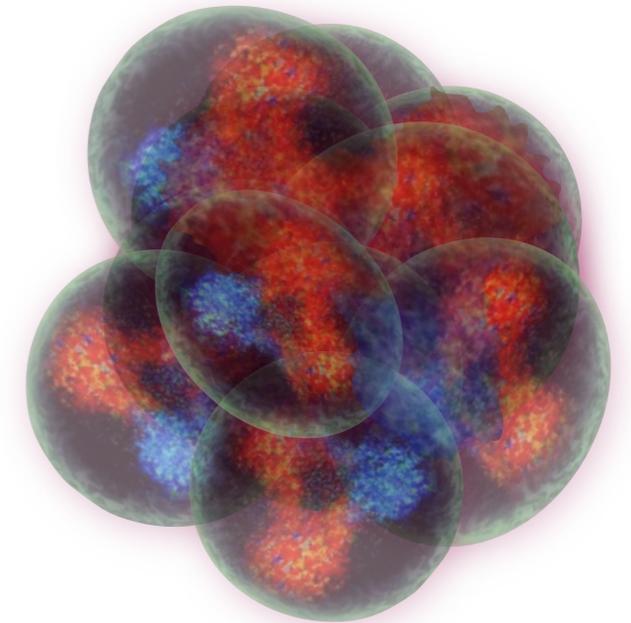
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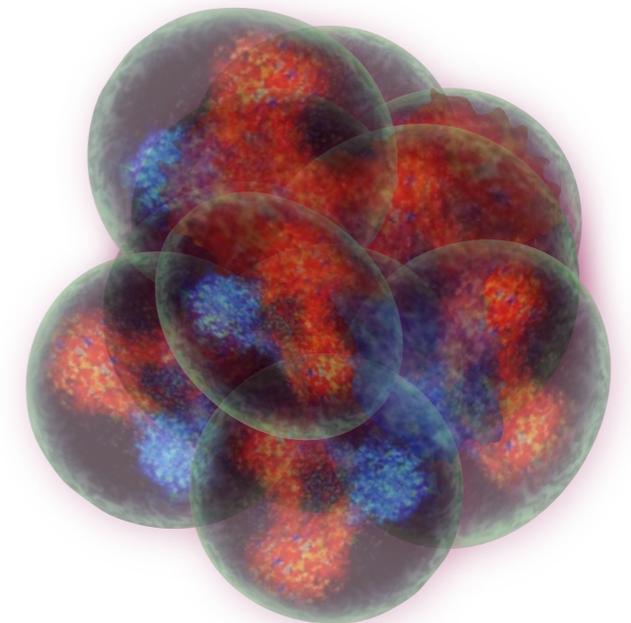
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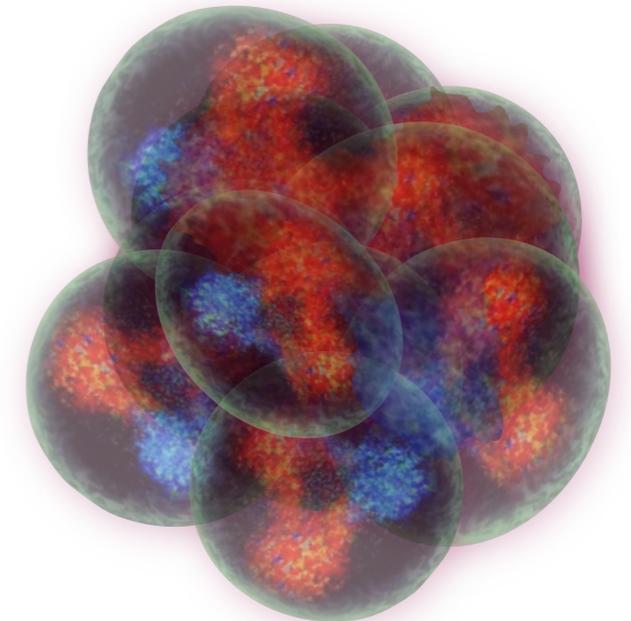
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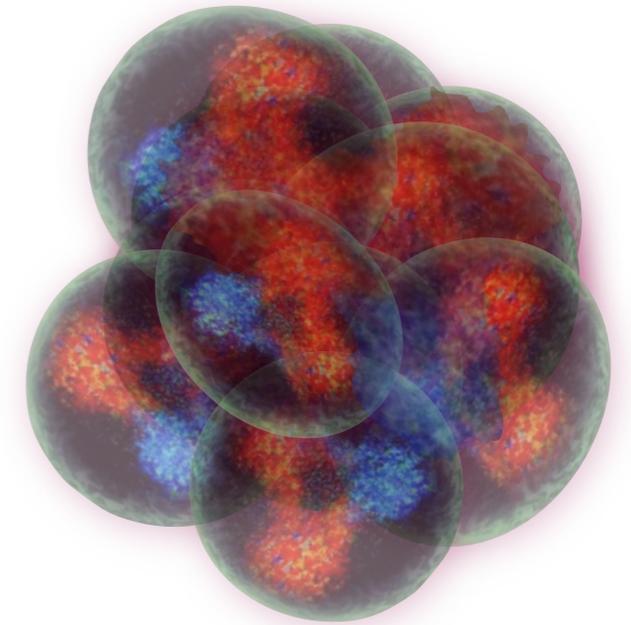
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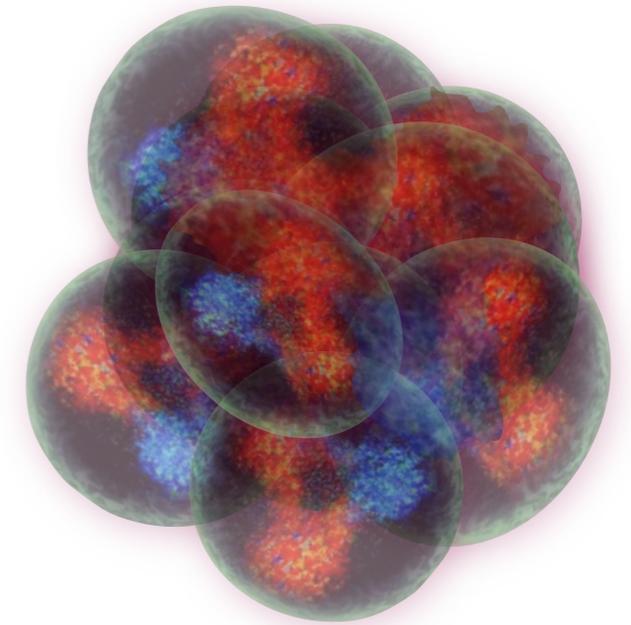
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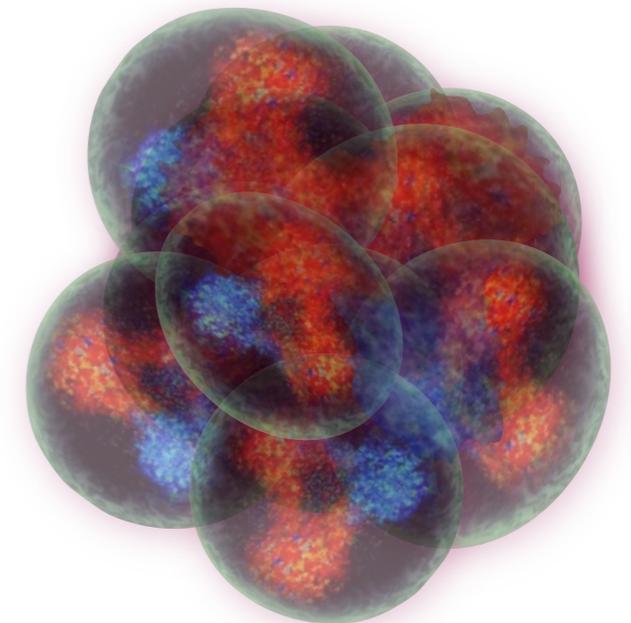
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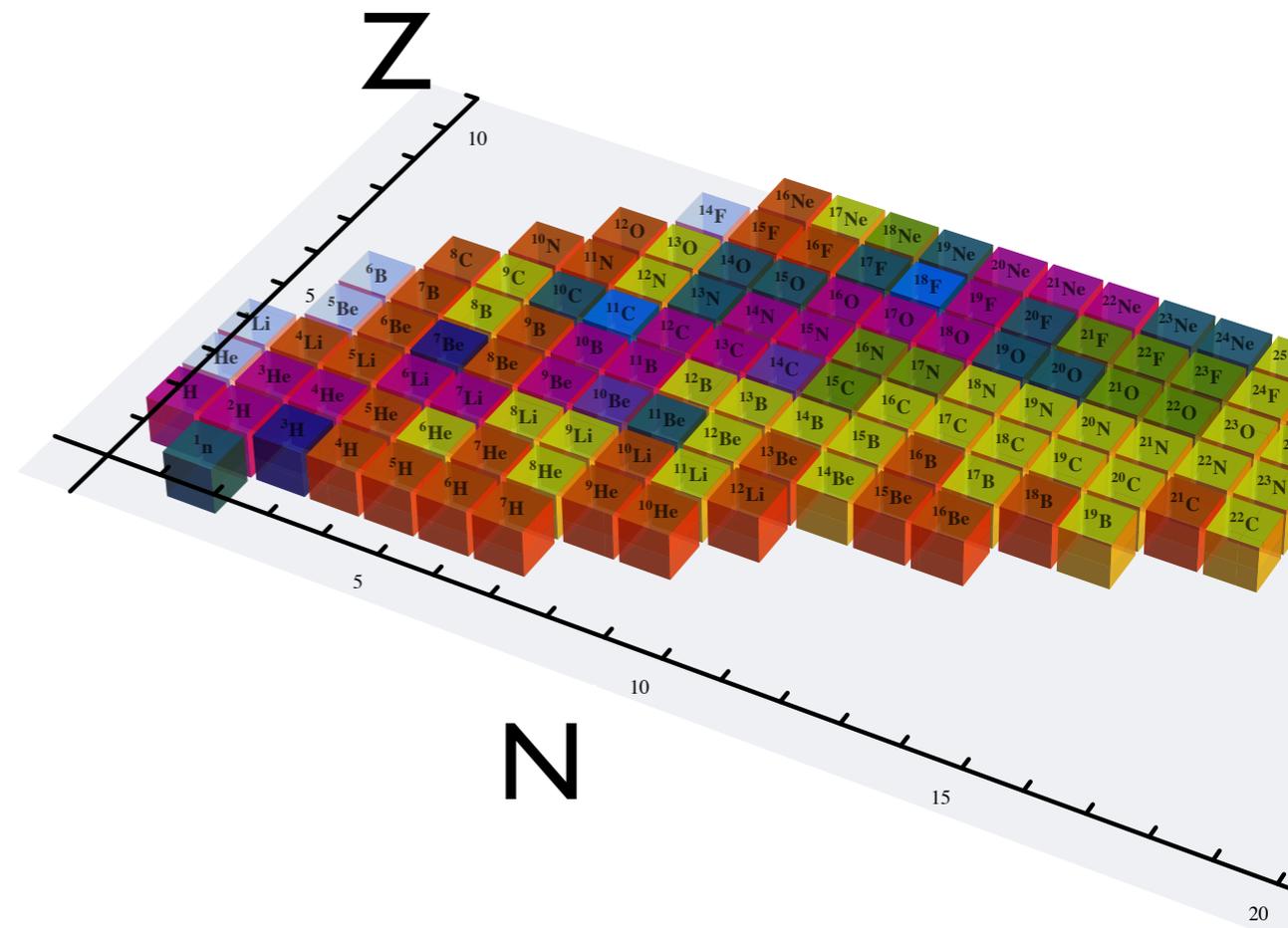


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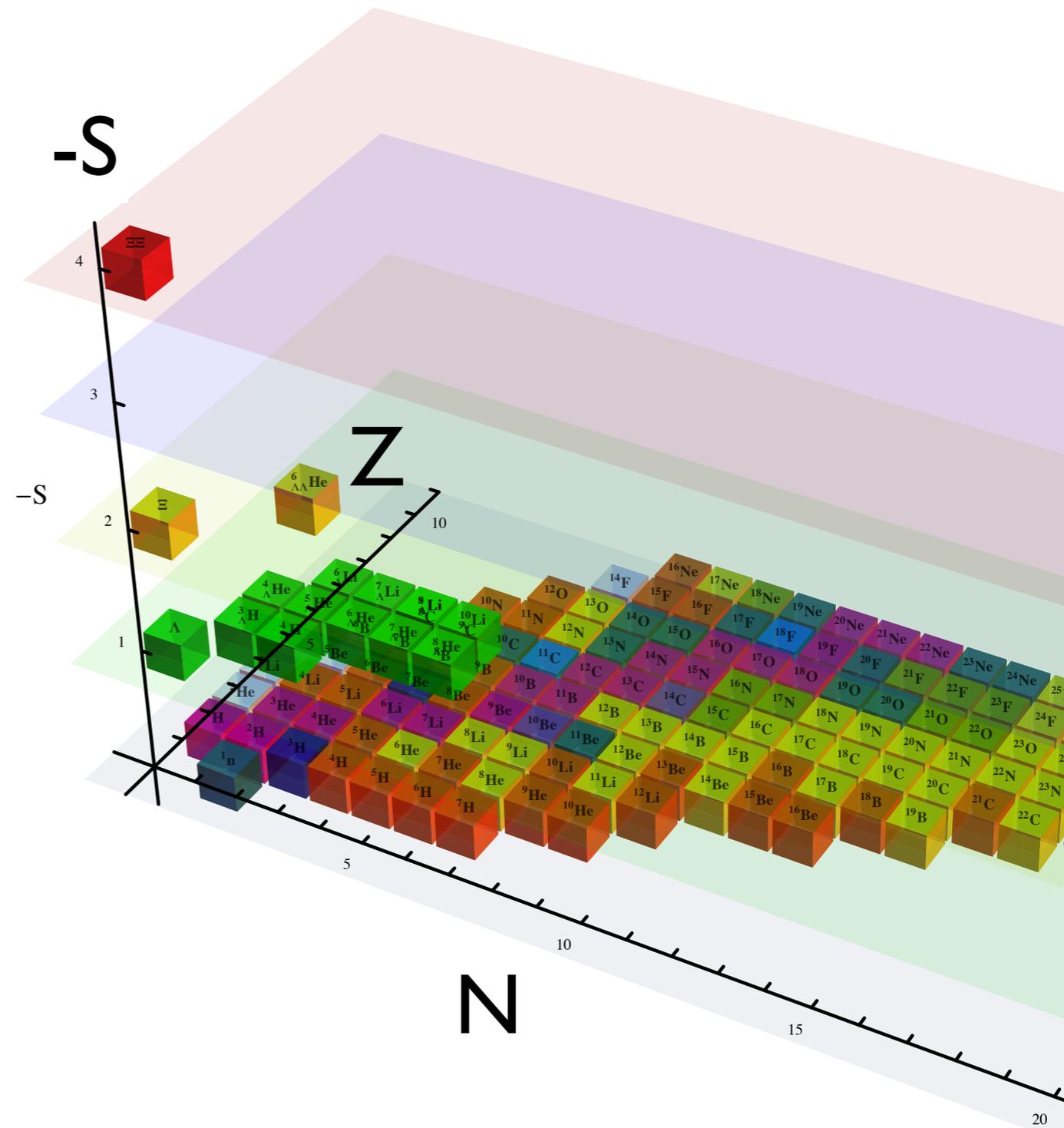
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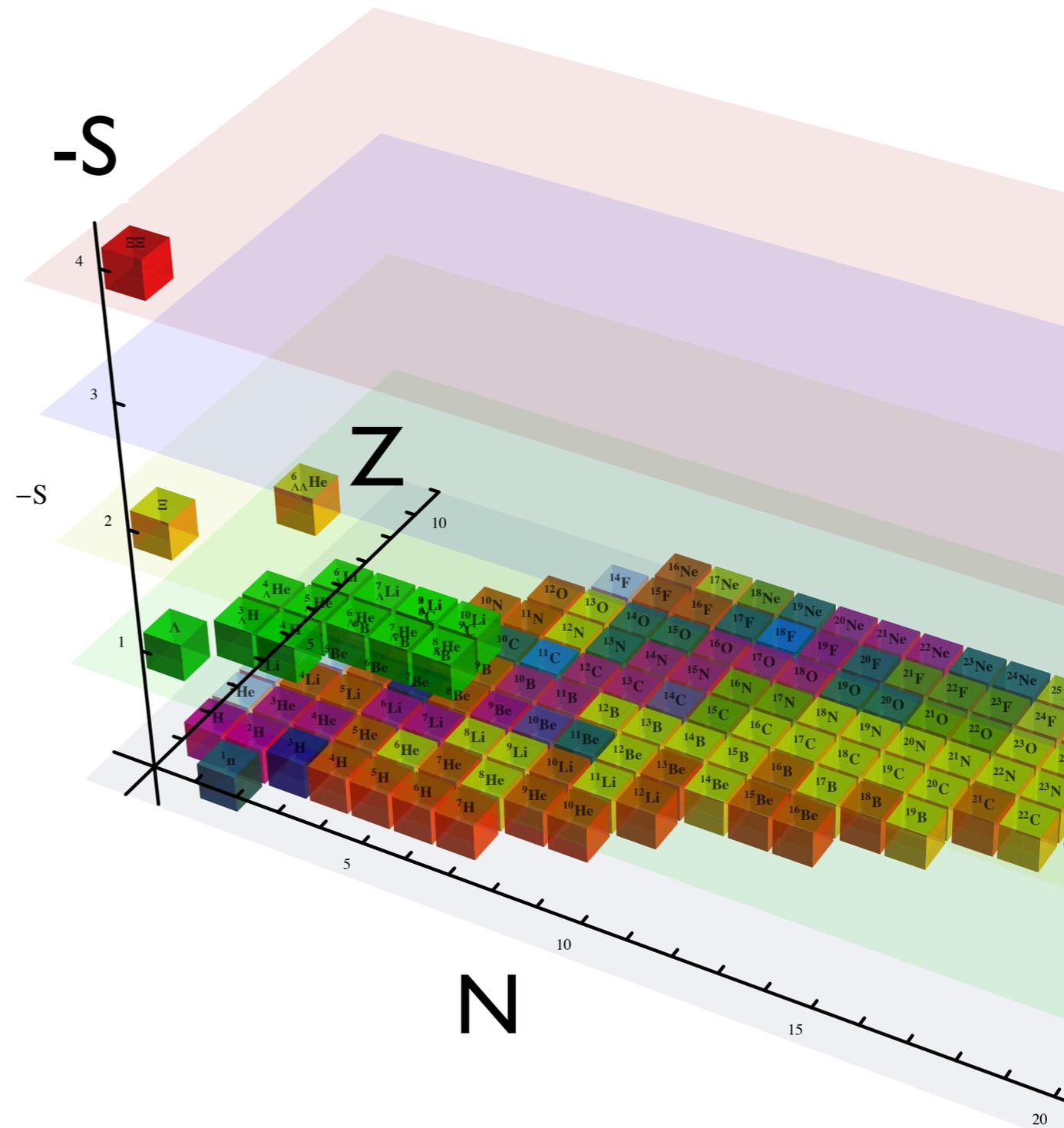
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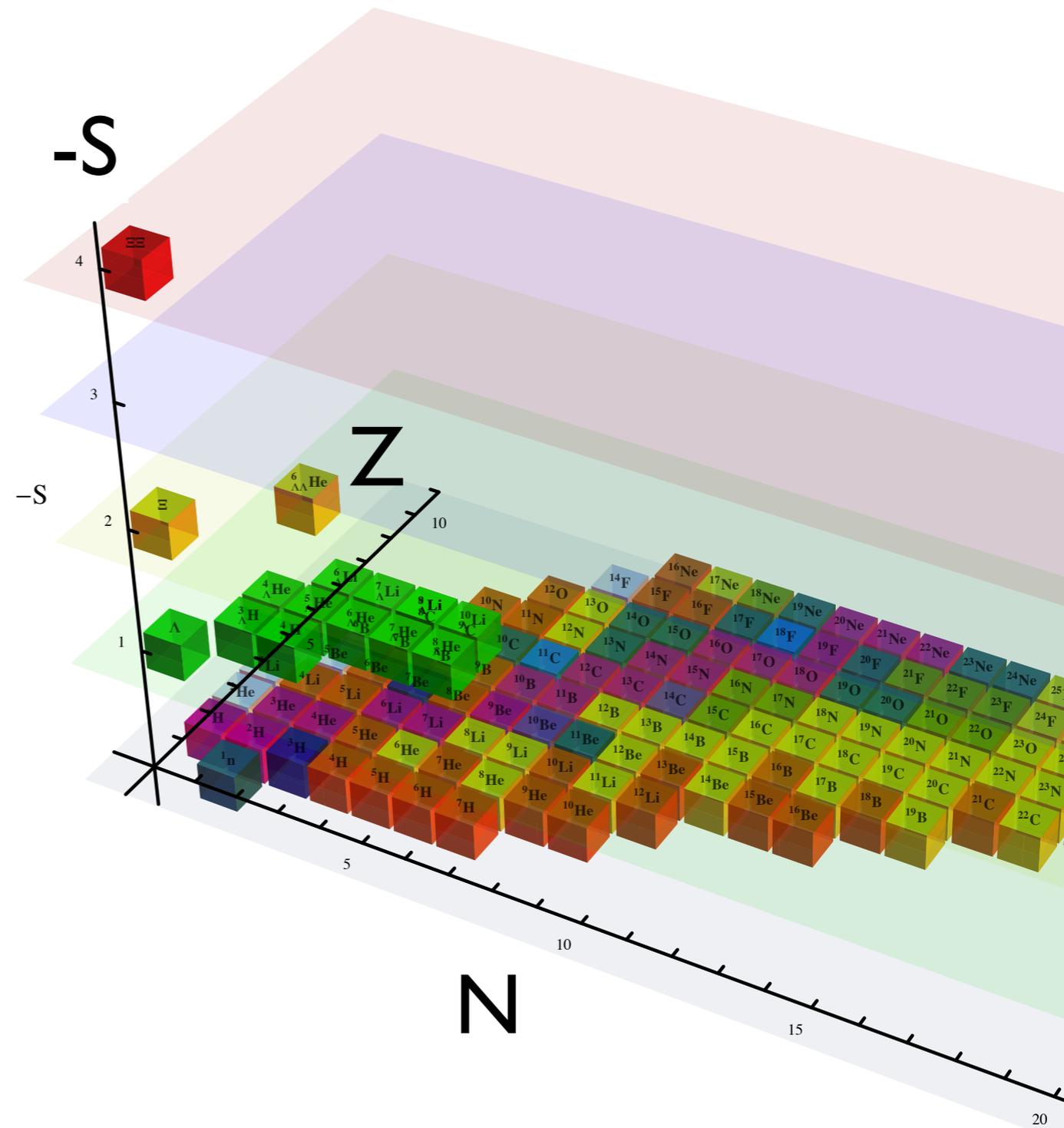
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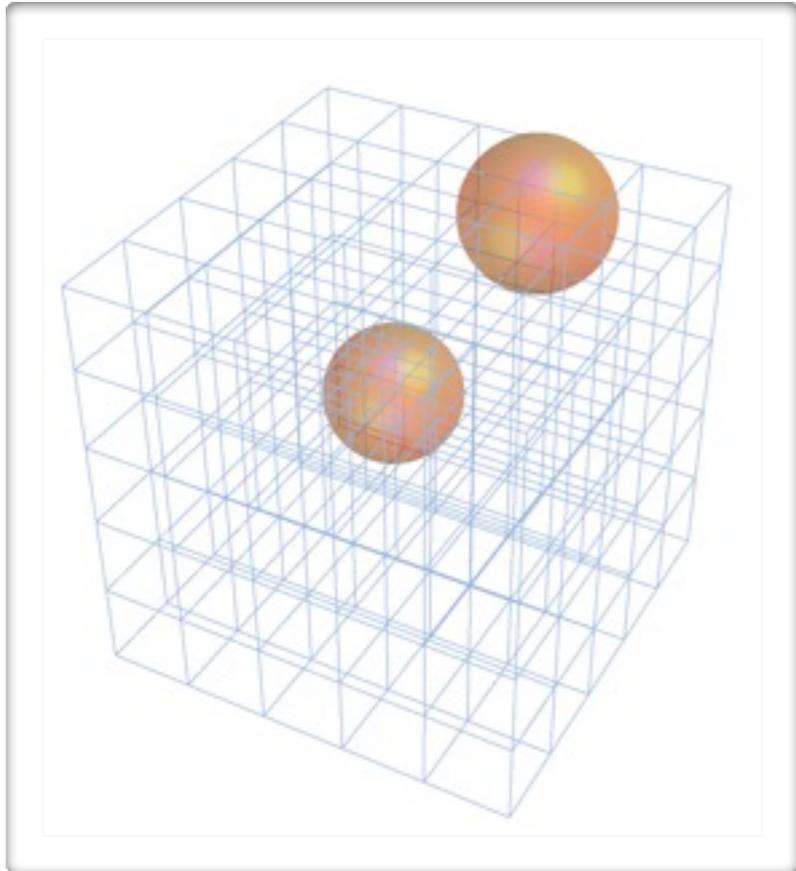


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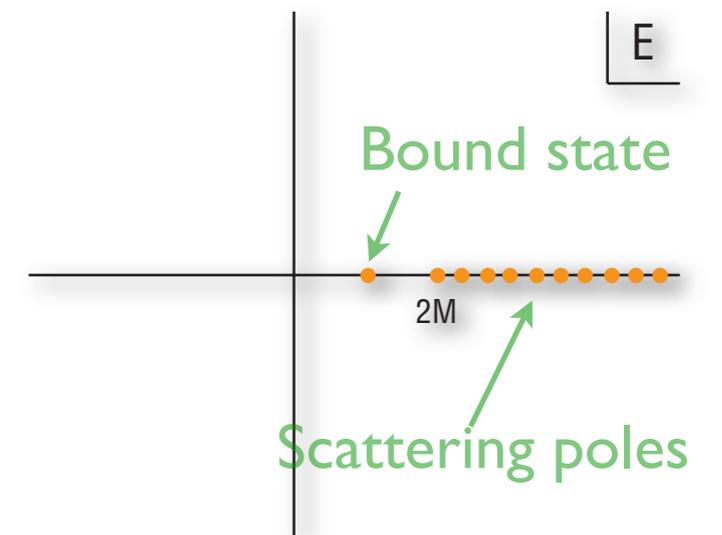
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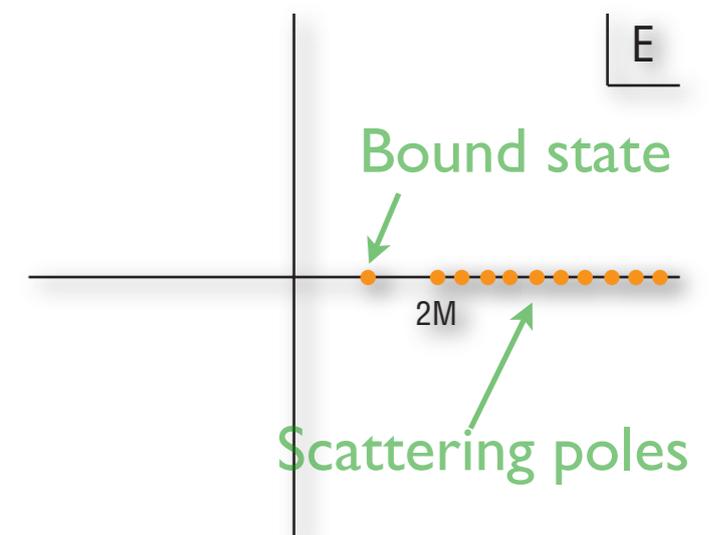


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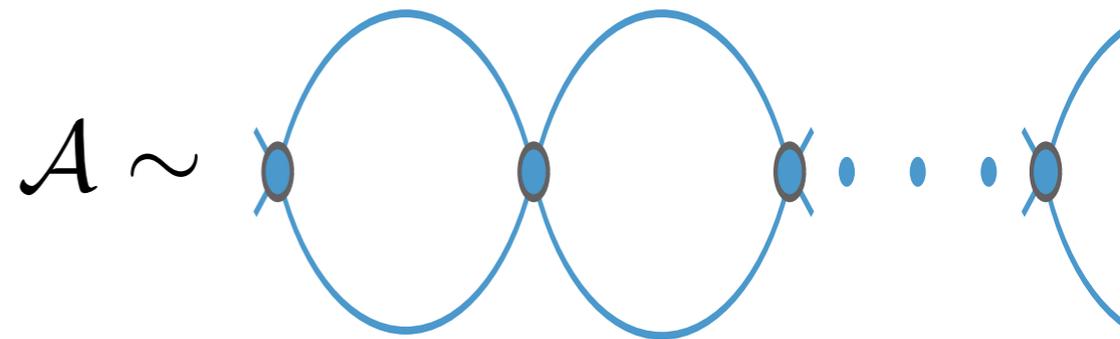
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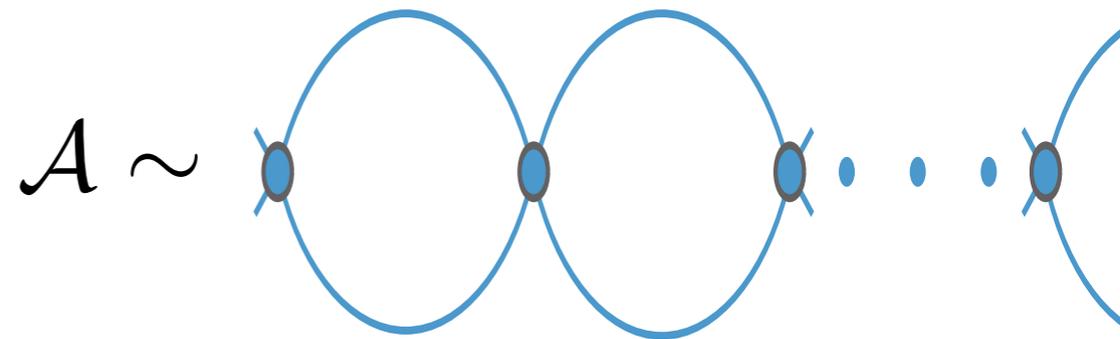
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$$E^{(n)} \equiv \sqrt{|\mathbf{q}_{(n)}|^2 + m_A^2} + \sqrt{|\mathbf{q}_{(n)}|^2 + m_B^2}$$

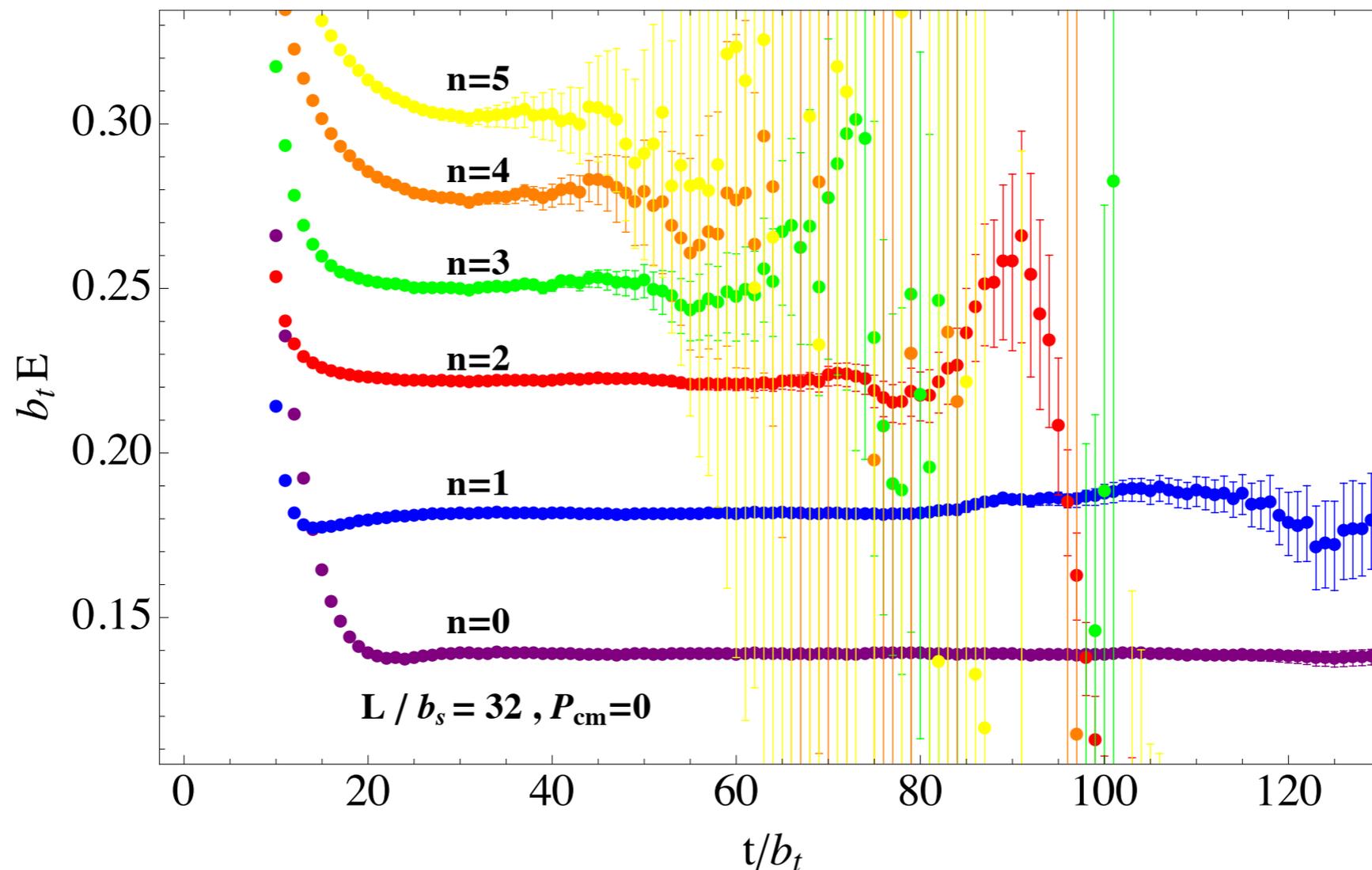
$$q_{(n)} \cot \delta(q_{(n)}) = \frac{1}{\pi L} S \left( \frac{q_{(n)} L}{2\pi} \right)$$

$$S(\eta) = \lim_{\Lambda \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sum_{|\vec{n}| < \Lambda} \frac{1}{|\vec{n}|^2 - \eta^2} - 4\pi\Lambda \right]$$



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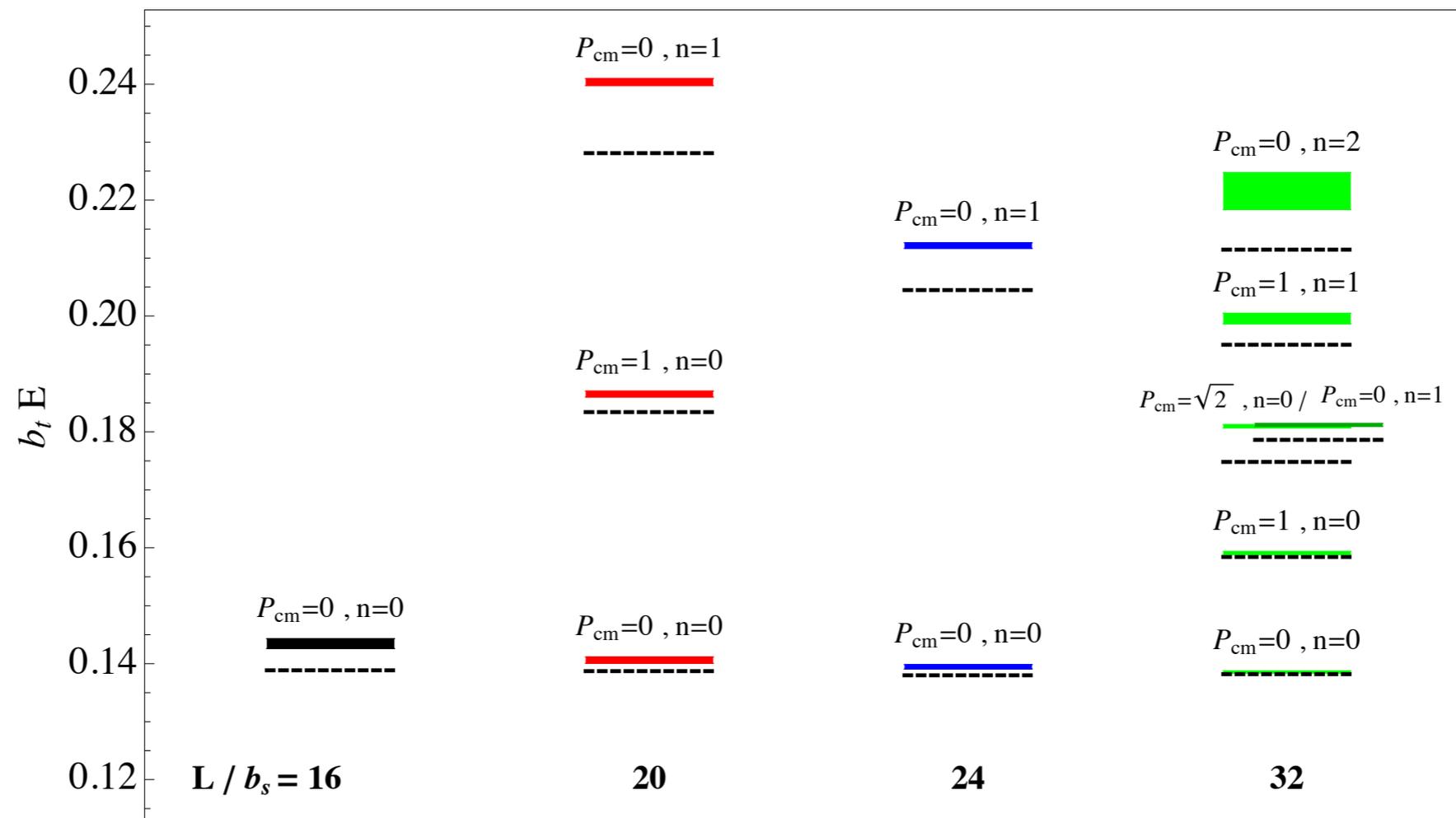


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Dashed lines are non-interacting energy levels

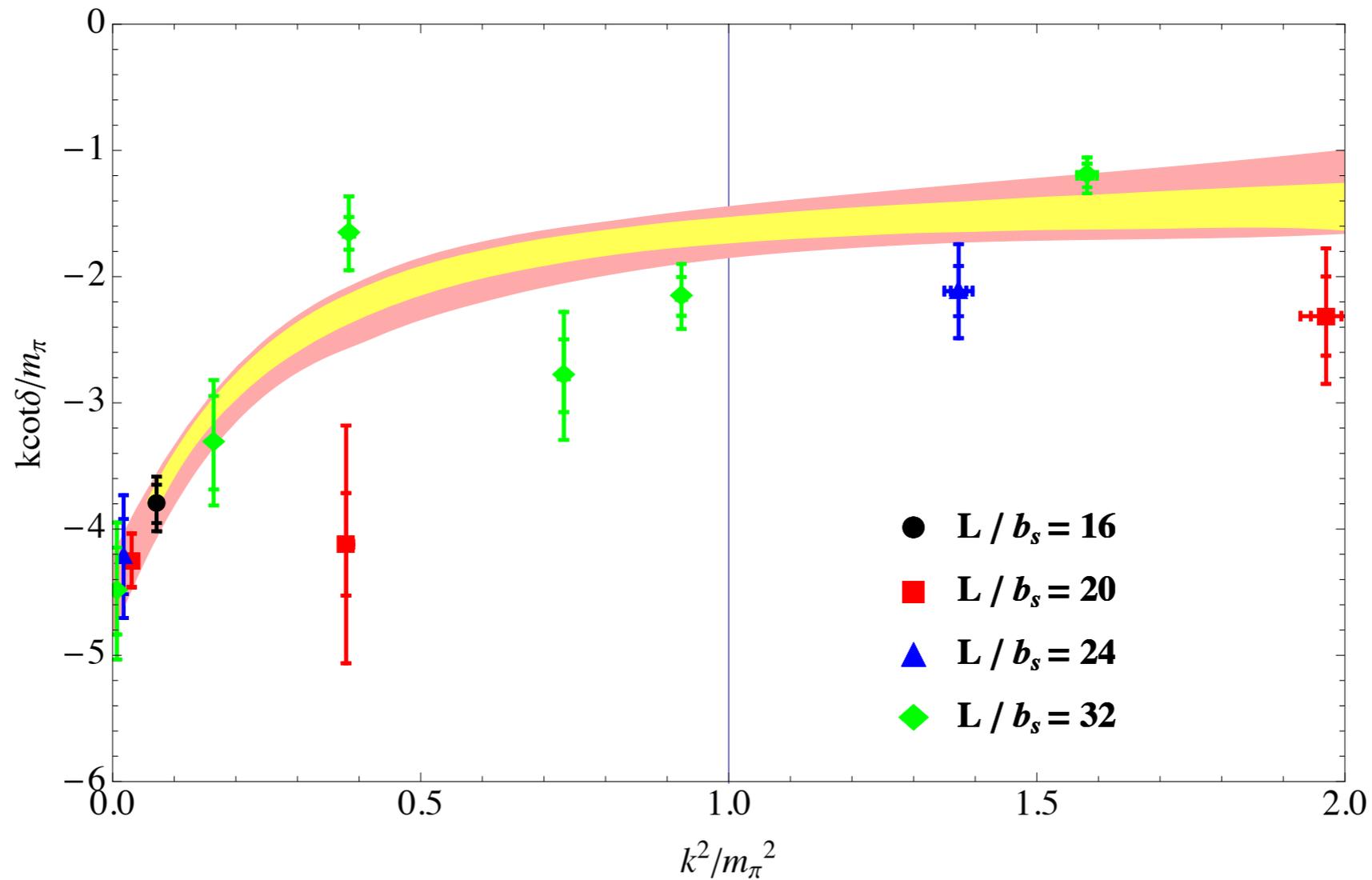
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- Allows phase shift to be extracted at multiple energies



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# Example: $I=2$ $\pi\pi$

- Combine with chiral perturbation theory to interpolate to physical pion mass

