

# Light nuclei from 2+1 flavor lattice QCD

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# Introduction

Binding force  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{protons and neutrons} \rightarrow \text{nuclei} \\ \text{quarks and gluons} \rightarrow \text{protons and neutrons} \end{array} \right.$

both from fundamental strong interaction of quark and gluon  
well known, but hard to prove

Spectrum of nuclei: Shell model

degrees of freedom of protons and neutrons

Spectrum of proton and neutron (nucleons)

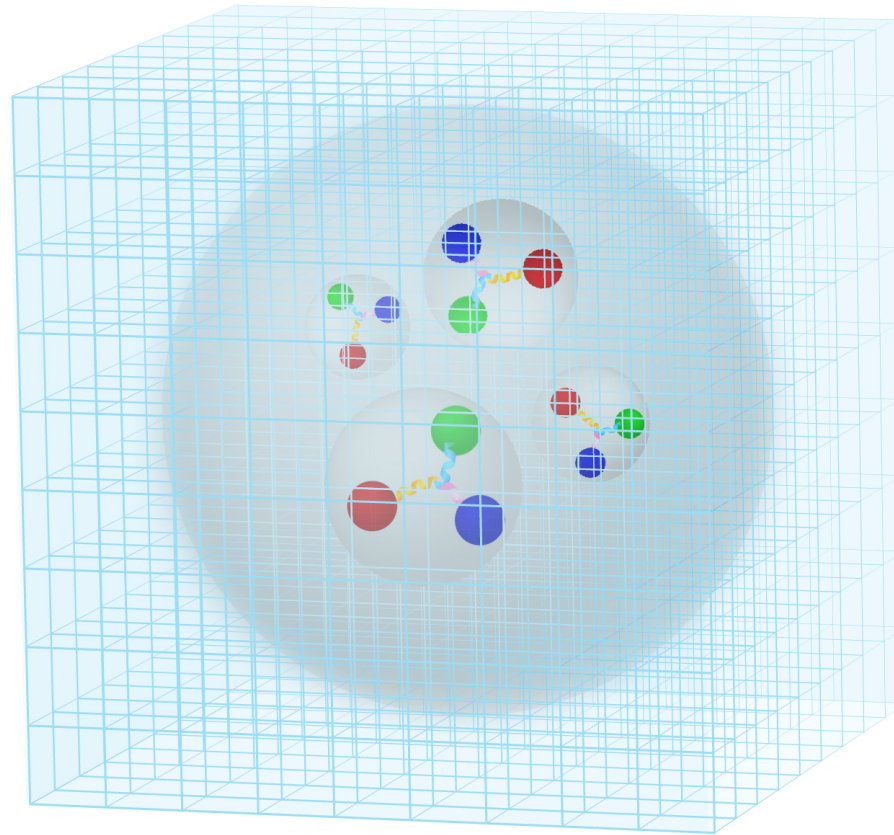
success of non-perturbative calculation of QCD

degrees of freedom of quarks and gluons

goal: quantitatively understand property of nuclei from QCD

quarks and gluons  $\rightarrow$   $\overbrace{\text{protons and neutrons} \rightarrow \text{nuclei}}^{\text{Shell model}}$   
 $\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{\text{lattice QCD}}$

# Ultimate goal of lattice QCD



<http://www.jicfus.jp/jp/promotion/pr/mj/2014-1/>

quantitatively understand property of nuclei from QCD

# Introduction

## Motivation :

Understand property of nuclei from QCD

If we can study nuclei from QCD, we may be able to

1. reproduce spectrum of nuclei
2. predict property of nuclei hard to calculate or observe  
such as neutron rich nuclei

So far not so many studies for multi-baryon bound states

Before studying such difficult problems, we should study

→ Can we reproduce known binding energy in light nuclei?

# Multi-baryon bound state from lattice QCD

Not observed before '09 (except H-dibaryon '88 Iwasaki *et al.*)

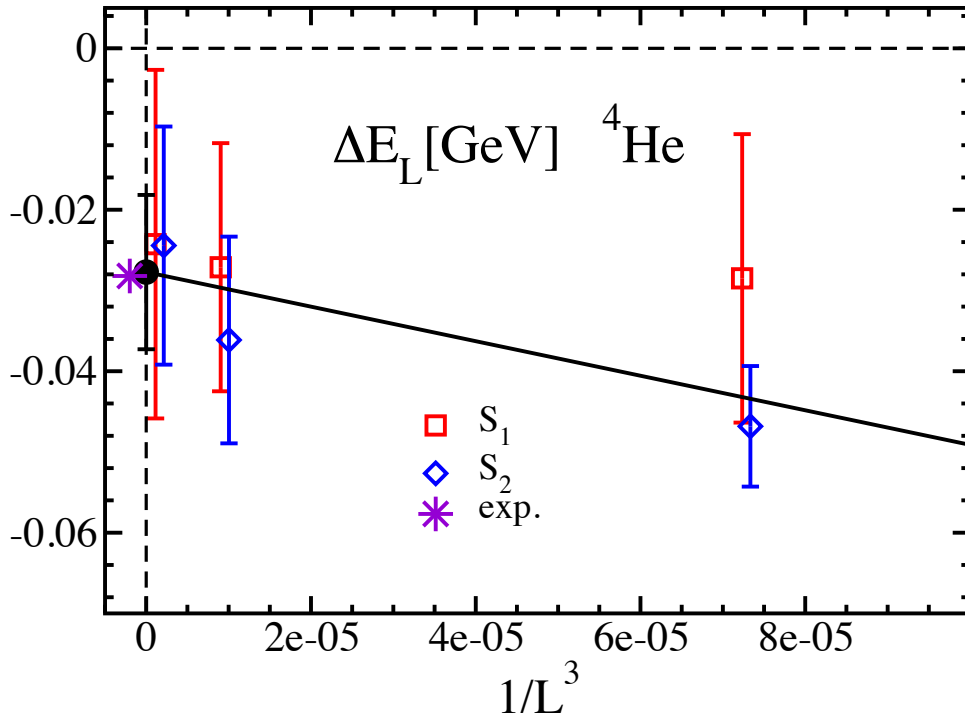
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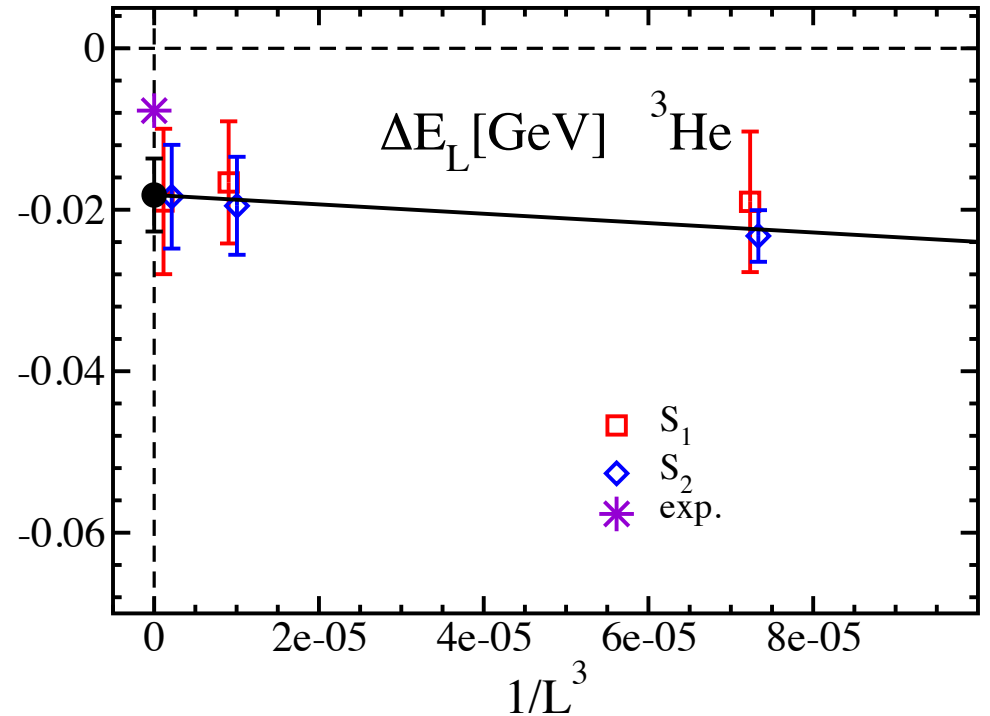
# Exploratory study of three- and four-nucleon systems

PACS-CS Collaboration, PRD81:111504(R)(2010)

## Identification of bound state from volume dependence of $\Delta E$



$$\Delta E_{4\text{He}} = 27.7(7.8)(5.5) \text{ MeV}$$



$$\Delta E_{3\text{He}} = 18.2(3.5)(2.9) \text{ MeV}$$

1. Observe bound state in both channels
2. Same order of  $\Delta E$  to experiment

Several systematic errors included, e.g.,  $N_f = 0$ ,  $m_\pi = 0.8$  GeV

# Multi-baryon bound state from lattice QCD

Extend our exploratory study to  $N_f = 2 + 1$  calculation

## 1. ${}^4\text{He}$ and ${}^3\text{He}$

'10 PACS-CS  $N_f = 0$   $m_\pi = 0.8$  GeV PRD81:111504(R)(2010)

'12 HALQCD  $N_f = 3$   $m_\pi = 0.47$  GeV,  $m_\pi > 1$  GeV  ${}^4\text{He}$

'12 NPLQCD  $N_f = 3$   $m_\pi = 0.81$  GeV

'12 TY *et al.*  $N_f = 2 + 1$   $m_\pi = 0.51$  GeV PRD86:074514(2012)

'15 TY *et al.*  $N_f = 2 + 1$   $m_\pi = 0.30$  GeV arXiv:1502.04182

## 2. H dibaryon in $\Lambda\Lambda$ channel ( $S=-2$ , $I=0$ )

'11, '12 NPLQCD  $N_f = 2 + 1$   $m_\pi = 0.39$  GeV,  $N_f = 3$   $m_\pi = 0.81$  GeV

'11, '12 HALQCD  $N_f = 3$   $m_\pi = 0.47-1.02$  GeV

'11 Luo *et al.*  $N_f = 0$   $m_\pi = 0.5-1.3$  GeV

## 3. NN

'11 PACS-CS  $N_f = 0$   $m_\pi = 0.8$  GeV PRD84:054506(2011)

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Other states:  $\Xi\Xi$ , '12 NPLQCD; spin-2  $N\Omega$ ,  ${}^{16}\text{O}$  and  ${}^{40}\text{Ca}$ , '14 HALQCD



# Calculation method of multi-nucleon bound state

Traditional method for example  ${}^4\text{He}$  channel

$$\langle 0|O_{4\text{He}}(t)O_{4\text{He}}^\dagger(0)|0\rangle = \sum_n \langle 0|O_{4\text{He}}|n\rangle \langle n|O_{4\text{He}}^\dagger|0\rangle e^{-E_n t} \xrightarrow{t \gg 1} A_0 e^{-E_0 t}$$

## Difficulties for multi-nucleon calculation

### 1. Statistical error

$$\text{Statistical error} \propto \exp\left(N_N \left[m_N - \frac{3}{2}m_\pi\right] t\right)$$

### 2. Calculation cost

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Wick contraction for } {}^4\text{He} &= p^2 n^2 = (udu)^2 (dud)^2: 518400 \\ \text{proton} &= p = (udu): 2 \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Identification of bound state on finite volume

Finite volume effect of attractive scattering state

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Most severe problem before '09: (every  $t$ )  $\times N_{\text{meas}} \sim O(10^6)$

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→ heavy quark  $m_\pi = 0.8-0.3$  GeV + large # of measurements

### 2. Calculation cost PACS-CS PRD81:111504(R)(2010)

Wick contraction for  ${}^4\text{He} = p^2 n^2 = (udu)^2 (dud)^2$ : 518400 → 1107

→ reduction using  $p(n) \leftrightarrow p(n)$   $p \leftrightarrow n$ ,  $u(d) \leftrightarrow u(d)$  in  $p(n)$

+ block of 3 quark props(parallel) and contraction(workstation)

Multi-baryon: '12 Doi and Endres; Detmold and Orginos; '13 Günther et al.

### 3. Identification of bound state on finite volume

attractive scattering state  $\Delta E_L = E_0 - N_N m_N = O(L^{-3}) < 0$

'86,'91 Lüscher, '07 Beane *et al.* [Sharpe's talk]

→ Volume dependence of  $\Delta E_L \rightarrow \Delta E_\infty \neq 0 \rightarrow$  bound state

Spectral weight: '04 Mathur *et al.*, Anti-PBC '05 Ishii *et al.*

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Used to be most severe problem

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# Simulation parameters

$N_f = 2 + 1$  QCD

Iwasaki gauge action at  $\beta = 1.90$

$a^{-1} = 2.194$  GeV with  $m_\Omega = 1.6725$  GeV '10 PACS-CS

non-perturbative  $O(a)$ -improved Wilson fermion action

$m_\pi = 0.51$  GeV and  $m_N = 1.32$  GeV PRD86:074514(2012)

$m_\pi = 0.30$  GeV and  $m_N = 1.05$  GeV arXiv:1502.04182

$m_s \sim$  physical strange quark mass

${}^4\text{He}$ ,  ${}^3\text{He}$ , NN( ${}^3\text{S}_1$  and  ${}^1\text{S}_0$ )

		$m_\pi = 0.5$ GeV		$m_\pi = 0.3$ GeV		$R$
$L$	$L$ [fm]	$N_{\text{conf}}$	$N_{\text{meas}}$	$N_{\text{conf}}$	$N_{\text{meas}}$	
32	2.9	200	192			
40	3.6	200	192			
48	4.3	200	192	400	1152	12
64	5.8	190	256	160	1536	5

$$R = (N_{\text{conf}} \cdot N_{\text{meas}})_{0.3\text{GeV}} / (N_{\text{conf}} \cdot N_{\text{meas}})_{0.5\text{GeV}}$$

Computational resources

PACS-CS, T2K-Tsukuba, HA-PACS, COMA at Univ. of Tsukuba

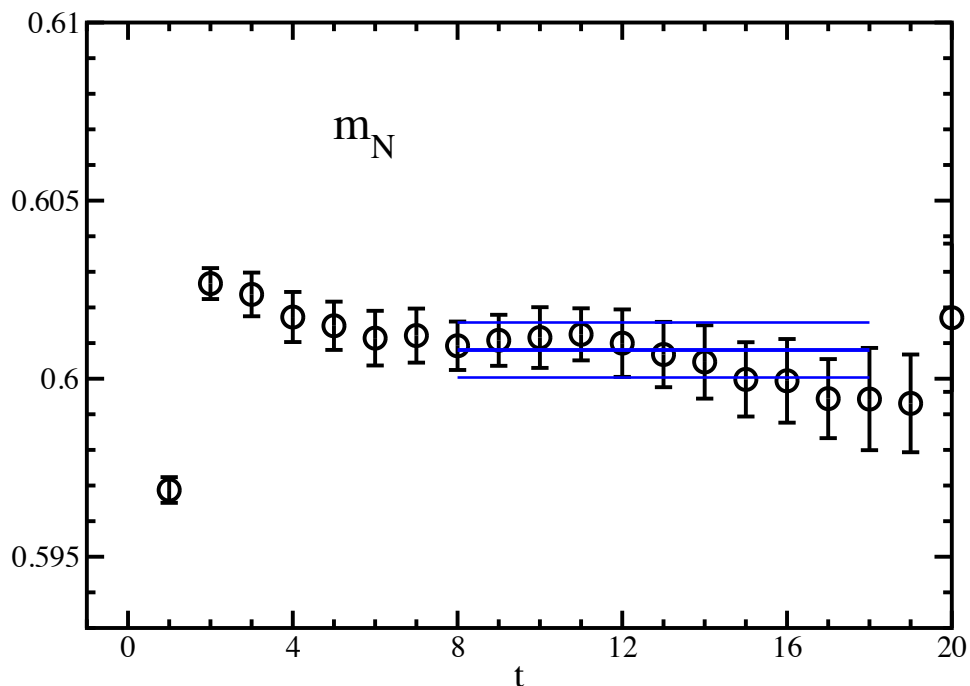
T2K-Tokyo and FX10 at Univ. of Tokyo, and K at AICS

# Results

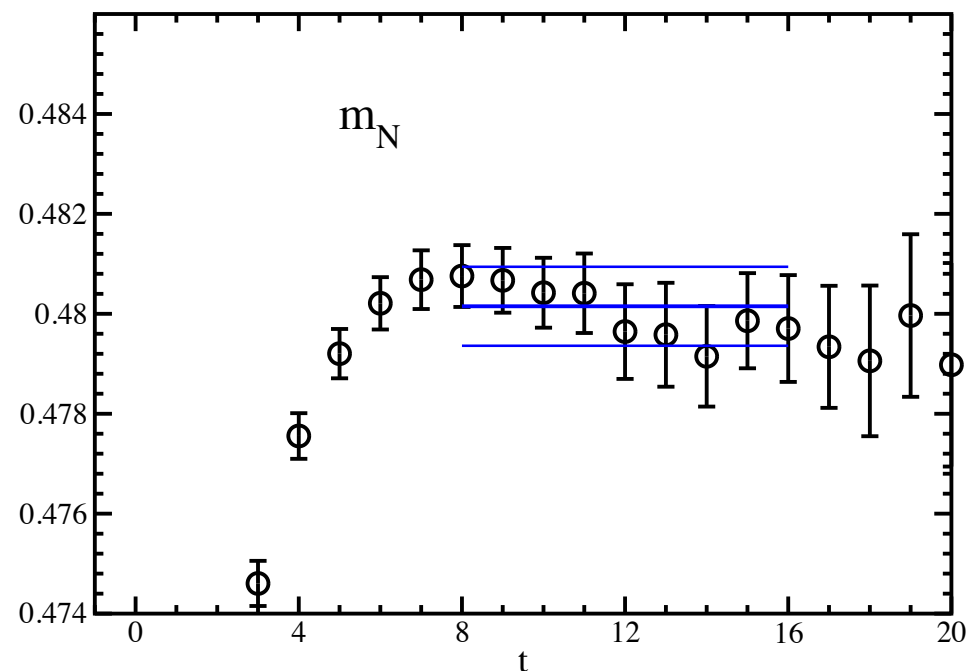
Effective mass of nucleon on  $L = 5.8$  fm

$$\text{Effective } m_N = \log \left( \frac{C_N(t)}{C_N(t+1)} \right)$$

$m_\pi = 0.5$  GeV



$m_\pi = 0.3$  GeV



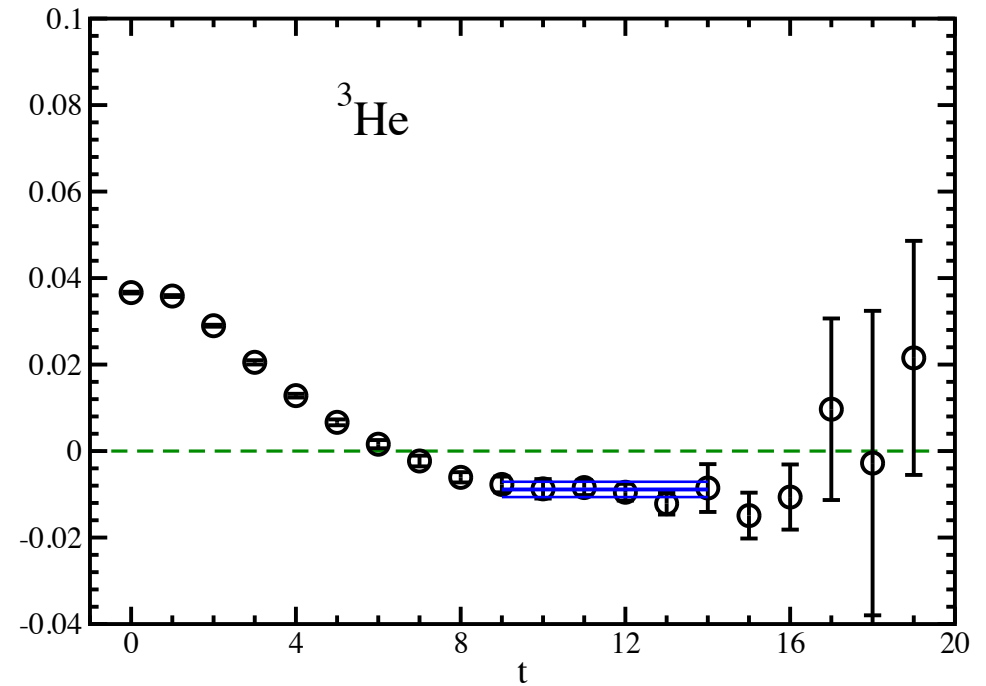
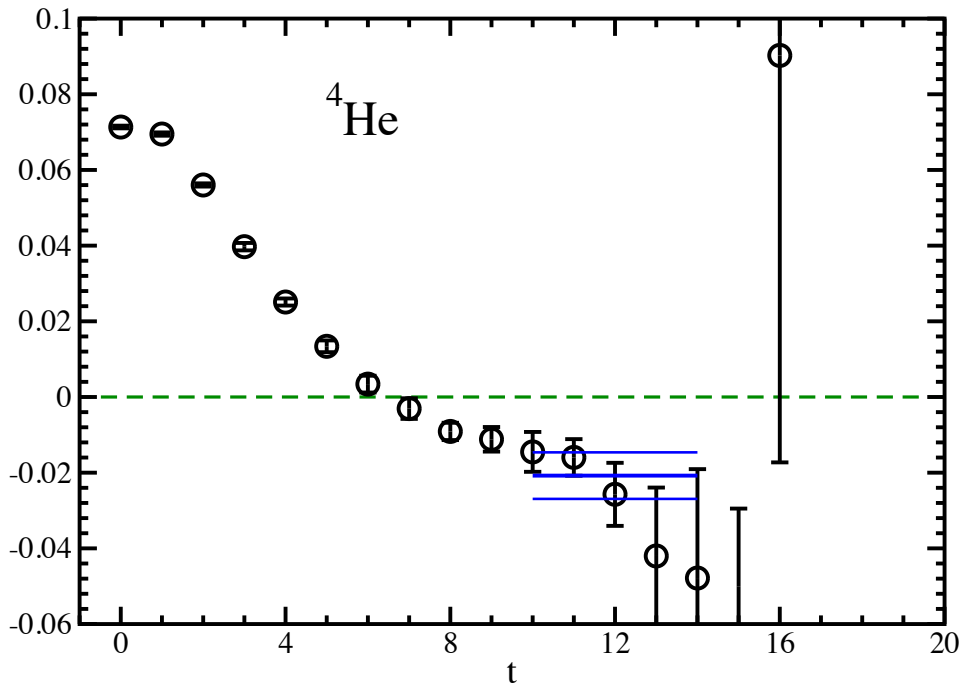
- Good plateau  $t \gtrsim 7$
- Statistical error  $< 0.2\%$

$\Delta E_L = E_0 - N_N m_N$  in  $^4\text{He}$  and  $^3\text{He}$  channels

at  $m_\pi = 0.5$  GeV on  $L = 5.8$  fm

TY *et al.*, PRD86:074514(2012)

$$\Delta E_L = \log \left( \frac{R_{4\text{He}}(t)}{R_{4\text{He}}(t+1)} \right) \text{ with } R_{4\text{He}}(t) = \frac{C_{4\text{He}}(t)}{(C_N(t))^4}$$

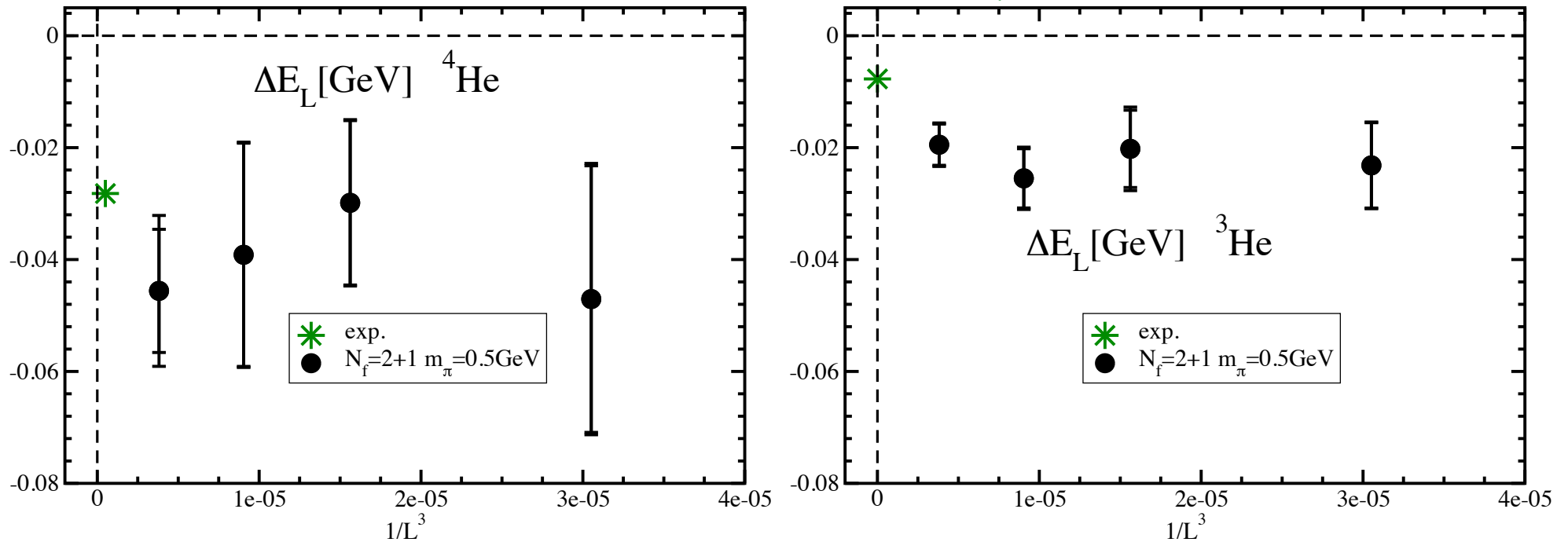


- Larger error in  $^4\text{He}$  channel
- Statistical error under control in  $t < 12$
- Negative  $\Delta E_L$  in both channels

$^4\text{He}$  and  $^3\text{He}$  channels  $\Delta E_L = E_0 - N_N m_N$  at  $m_\pi = 0.5$  GeV

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Identification of bound state from volume dependence of  $\Delta E$



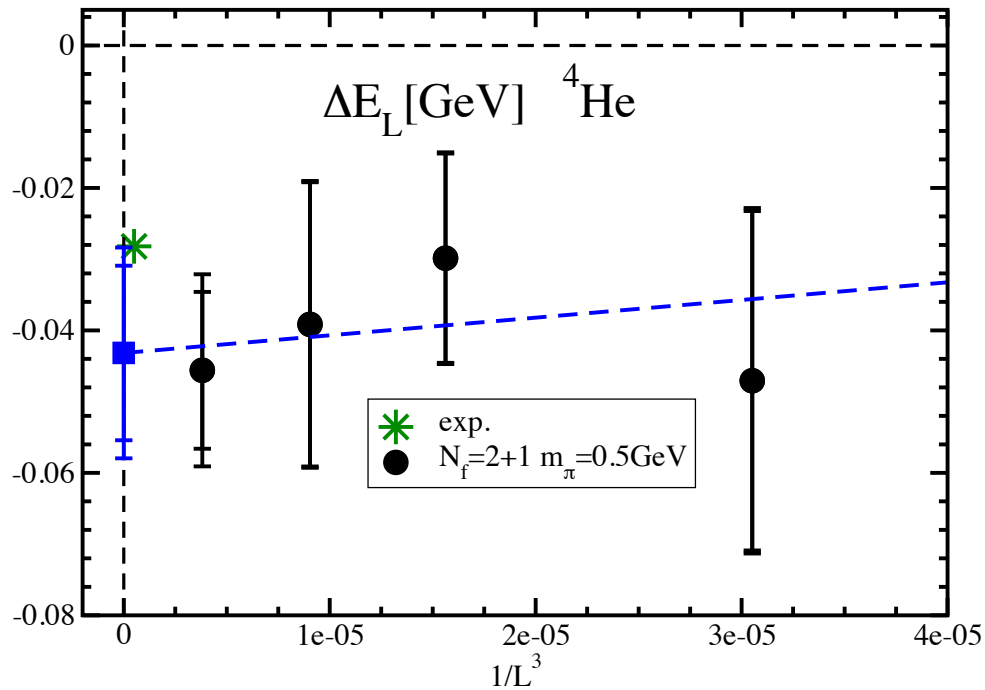
- $\Delta E_L < 0$  and mild volume dependence
- Infinite volume extrapolation with  $\Delta E_L = -\Delta E_{\text{bind}} + C/L^3$   
small difference with  $\exp(-cL)$  fit due to large error



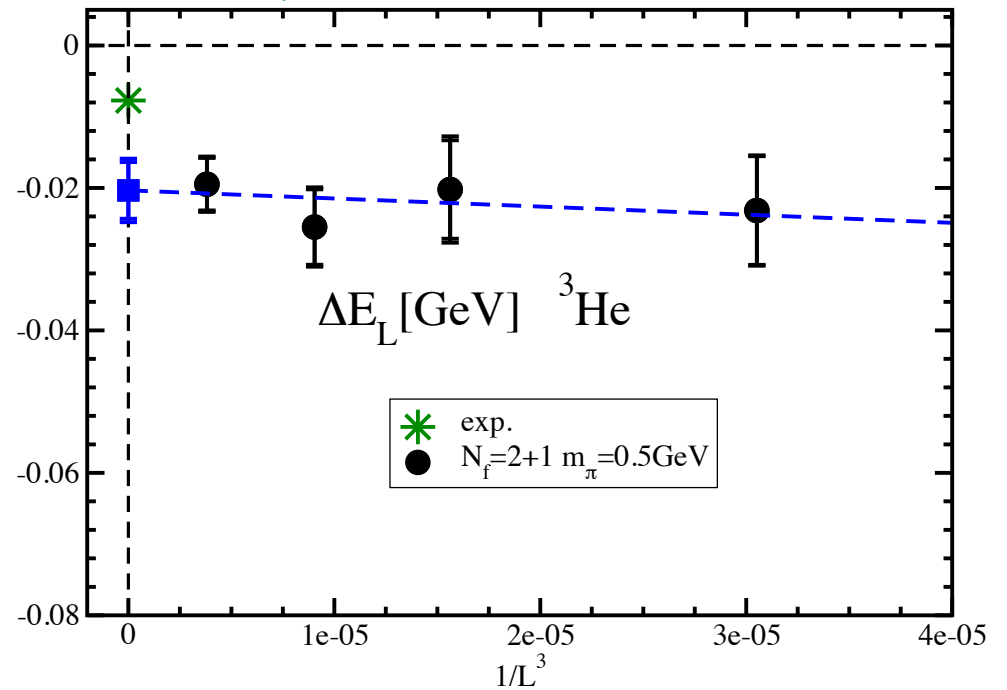
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TY *et al.*, PRD86:074514(2012)

Identification of bound state from volume dependence of  $\Delta E$



$$\Delta E_{4\text{He}} = 43(12)(8) \text{ MeV}$$



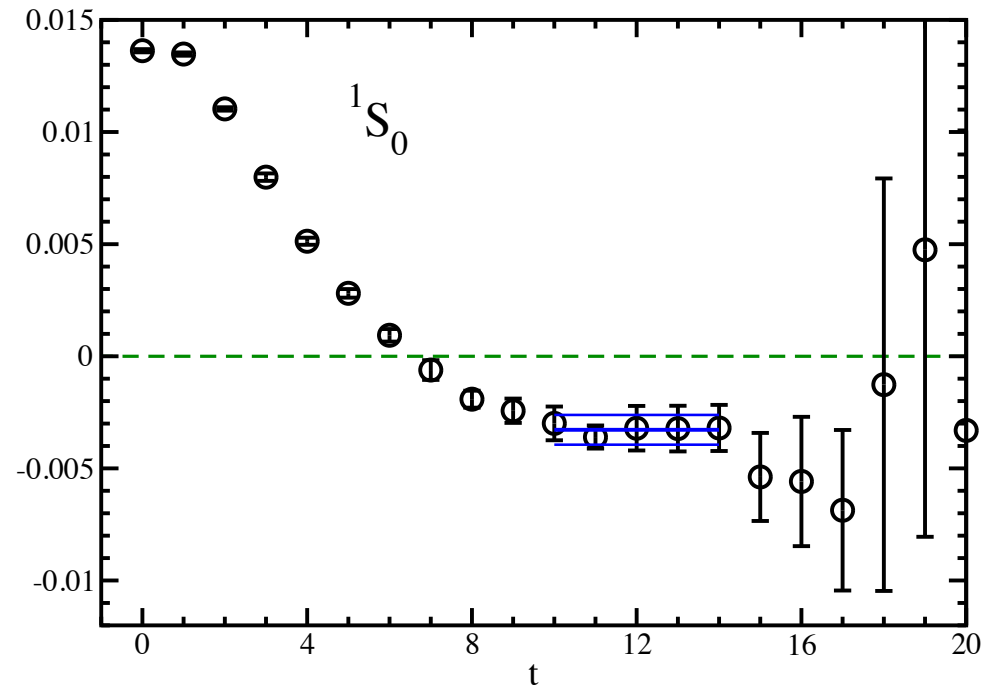
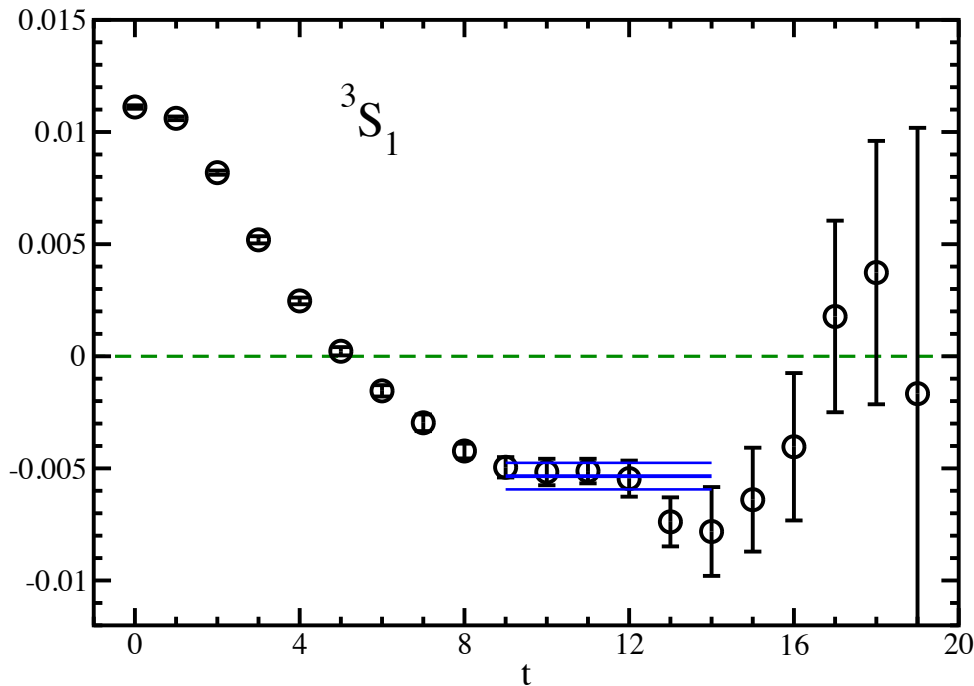
$$\Delta E_{3\text{He}} = 20.3(4.0)(2.0) \text{ MeV}$$

Observe bound state in both channels

$\Delta E_L$  in 2-nucleon channels at  $m_\pi = 0.5$  GeV on  $L = 5.8$  fm

TY *et al.*, PRD86:074514(2012)

$$\Delta E_L = \log \left( \frac{R_{NN}(t)}{R_{NN}(t+1)} \right) \text{ with } R_{NN}(t) = \frac{C_{NN}(t)}{(C_N(t))^2}$$

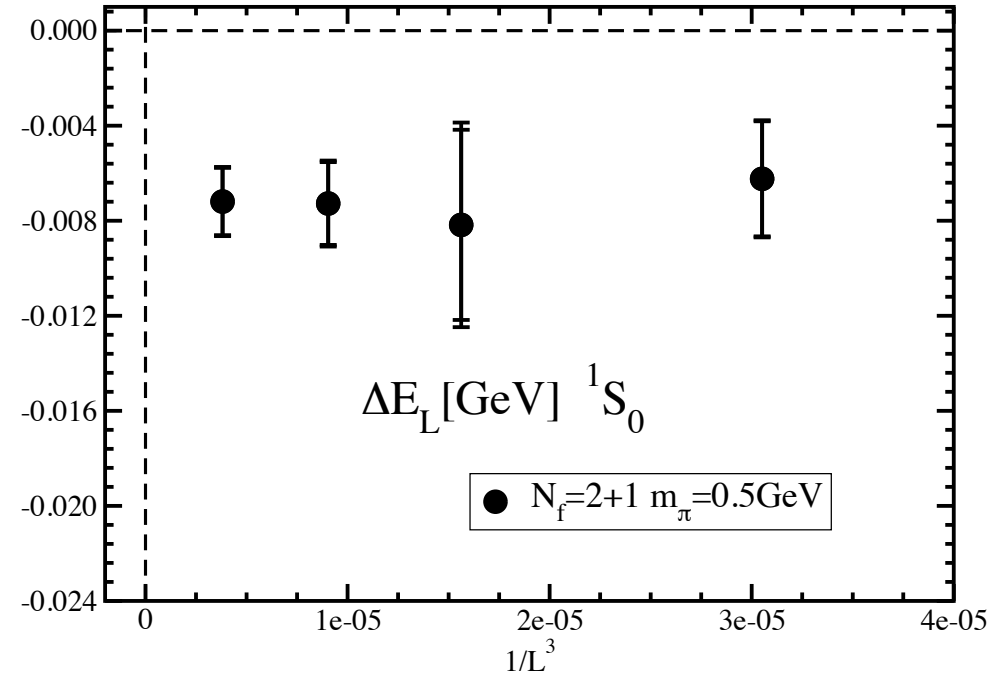
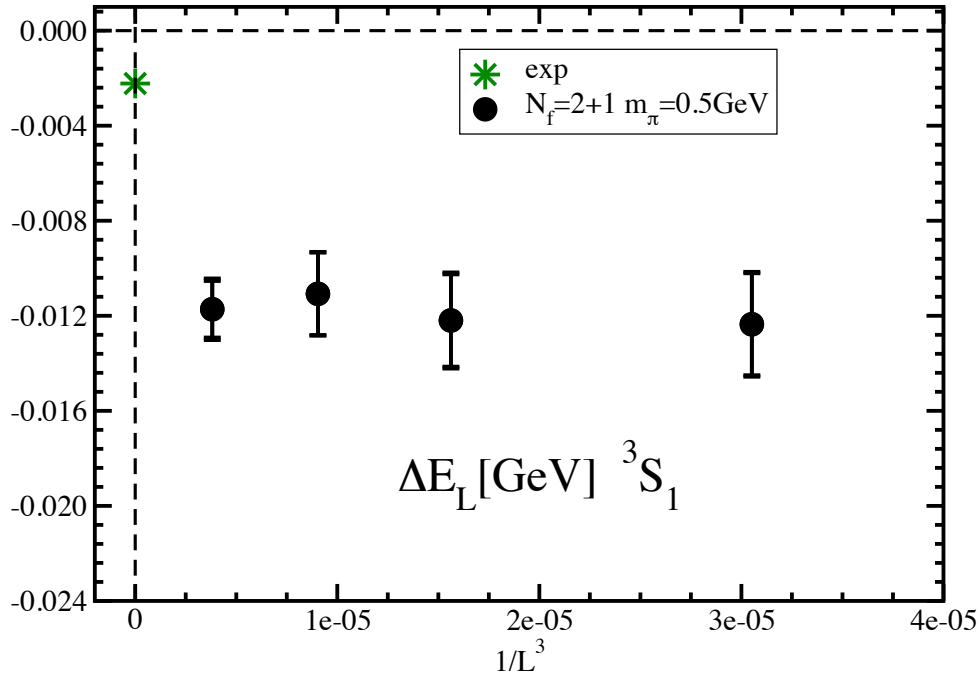


- Statistical error under control in  $t \leq 12$
- Smaller error than  $^4\text{He}$  and  $^3\text{He}$  channels
- Negative  $\Delta E_L$  in both channels

NN ( $^3S_1$  and  $^1S_0$ ) channels  $\Delta E_L = E_0 - 2m_N$  at  $m_\pi = 0.5$  GeV

TY *et al.*, PRD86:074514(2012)

Identification of bound state from volume dependence of  $\Delta E$



- Negative  $\Delta E_L$
- Infinite volume extrapolation of  $\Delta E_L$

'04 Beane *et al.*, '06 Sasaki & TY

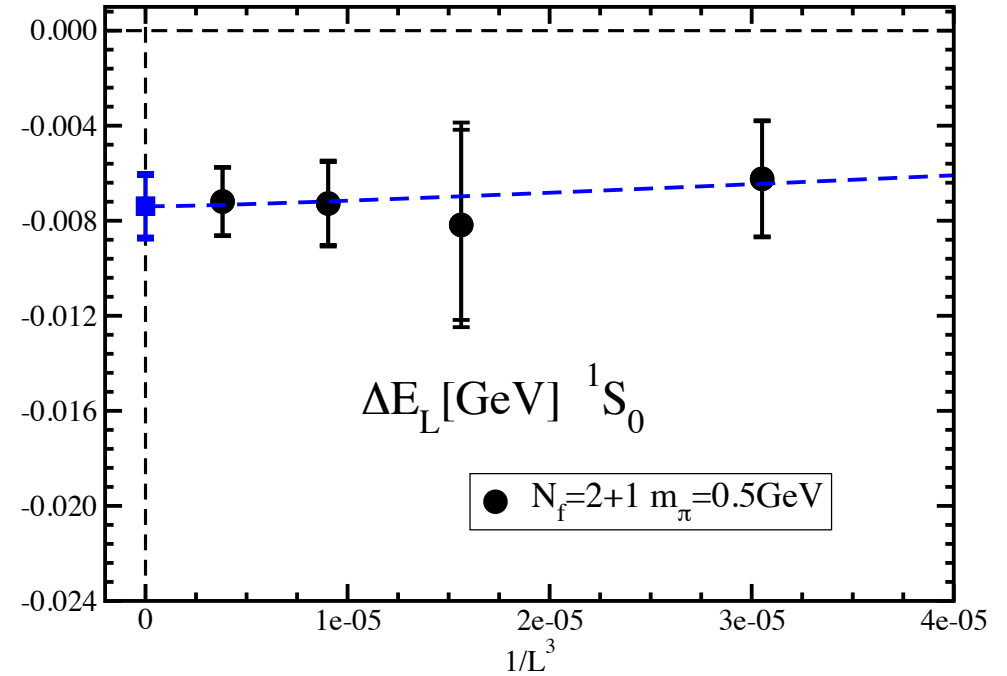
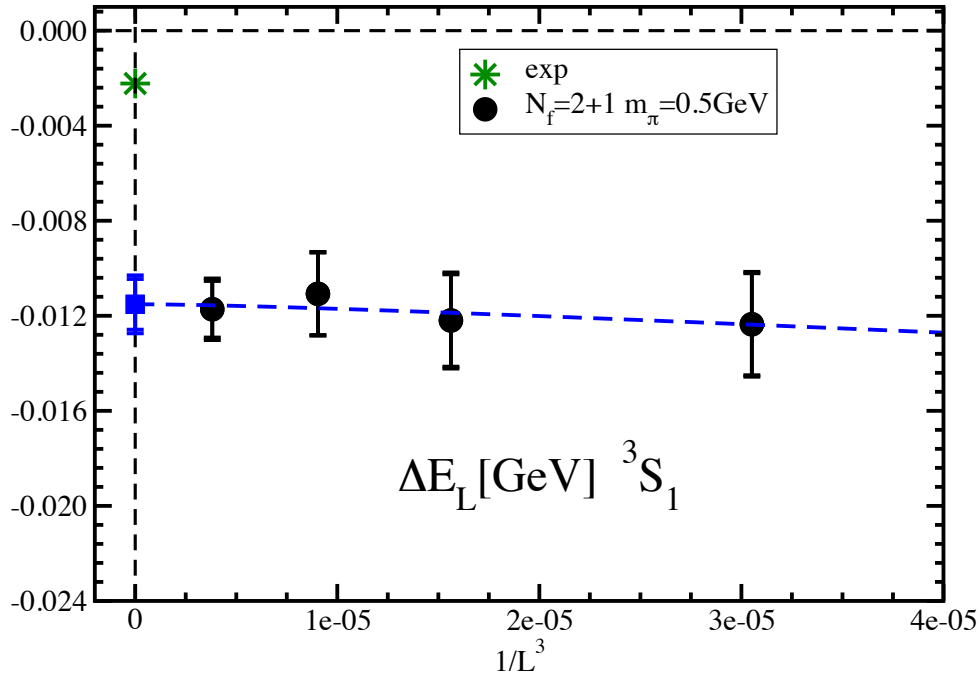
$$\Delta E_L = -\frac{\gamma^2}{m_N} \left\{ 1 + \frac{C_\gamma}{\gamma L} \sum_{\vec{n}}' \frac{\exp(-\gamma L \sqrt{\vec{n}^2})}{\sqrt{\vec{n}^2}} \right\}, \quad \Delta E_{\text{bind}} = \frac{\gamma^2}{m_N}$$

based on Lüscher's finite volume formula

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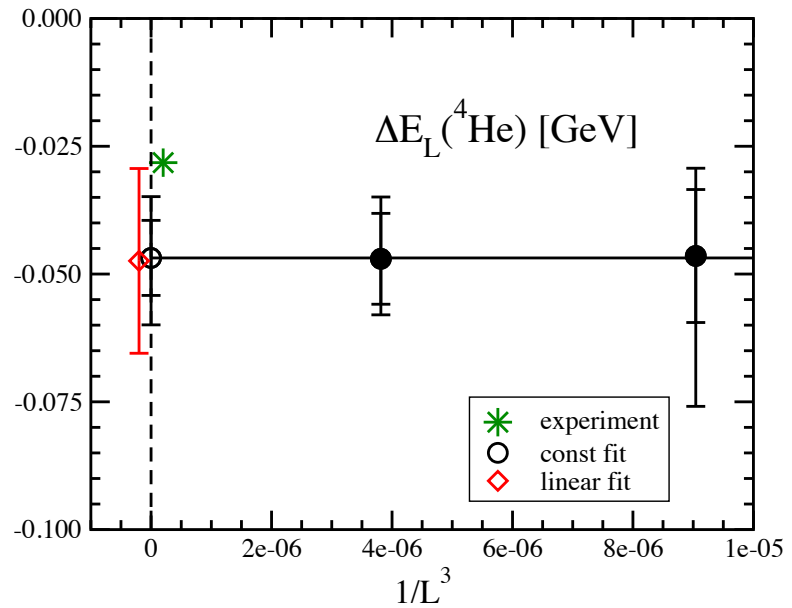
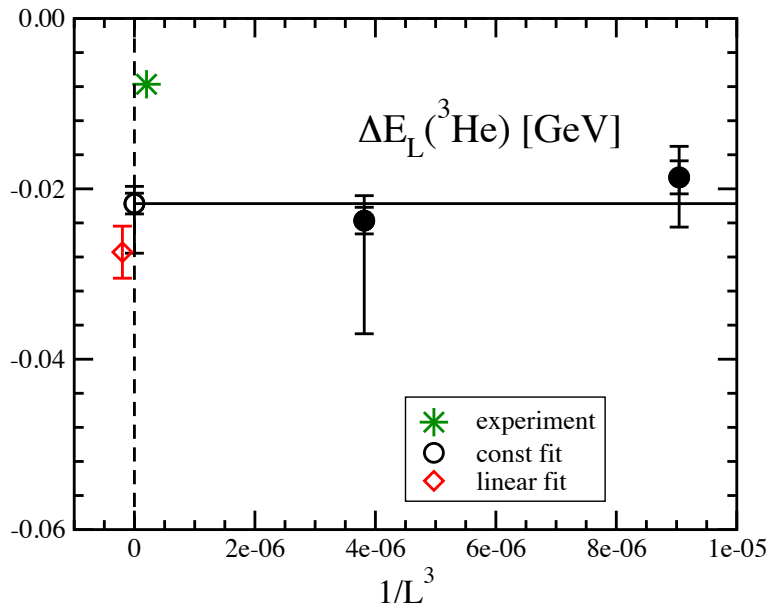
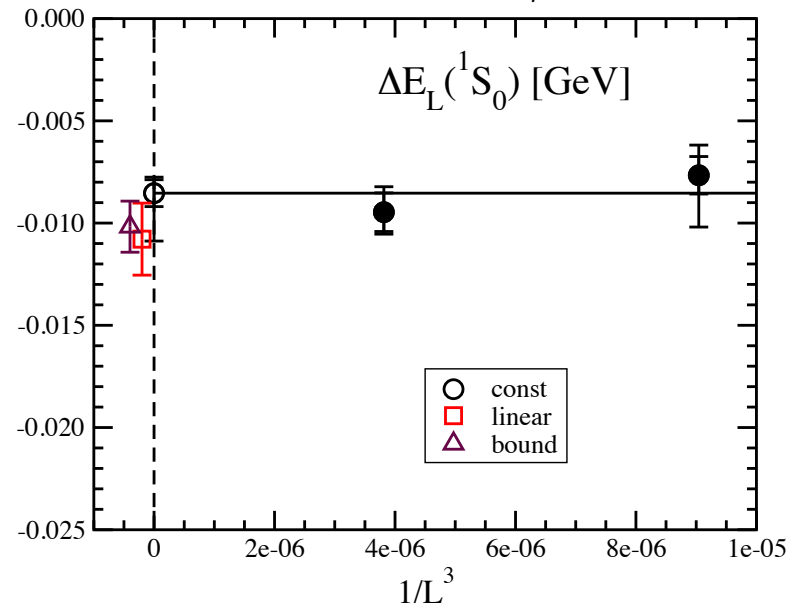
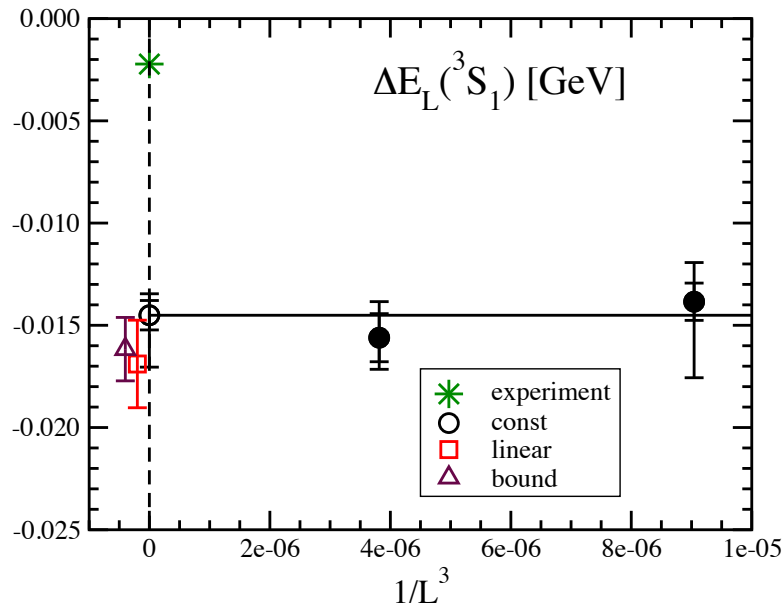
Bound state in both channels ← different from experiment

$$\Delta E_{^3S_1} = 11.5(1.1)(0.6) \text{ MeV}$$

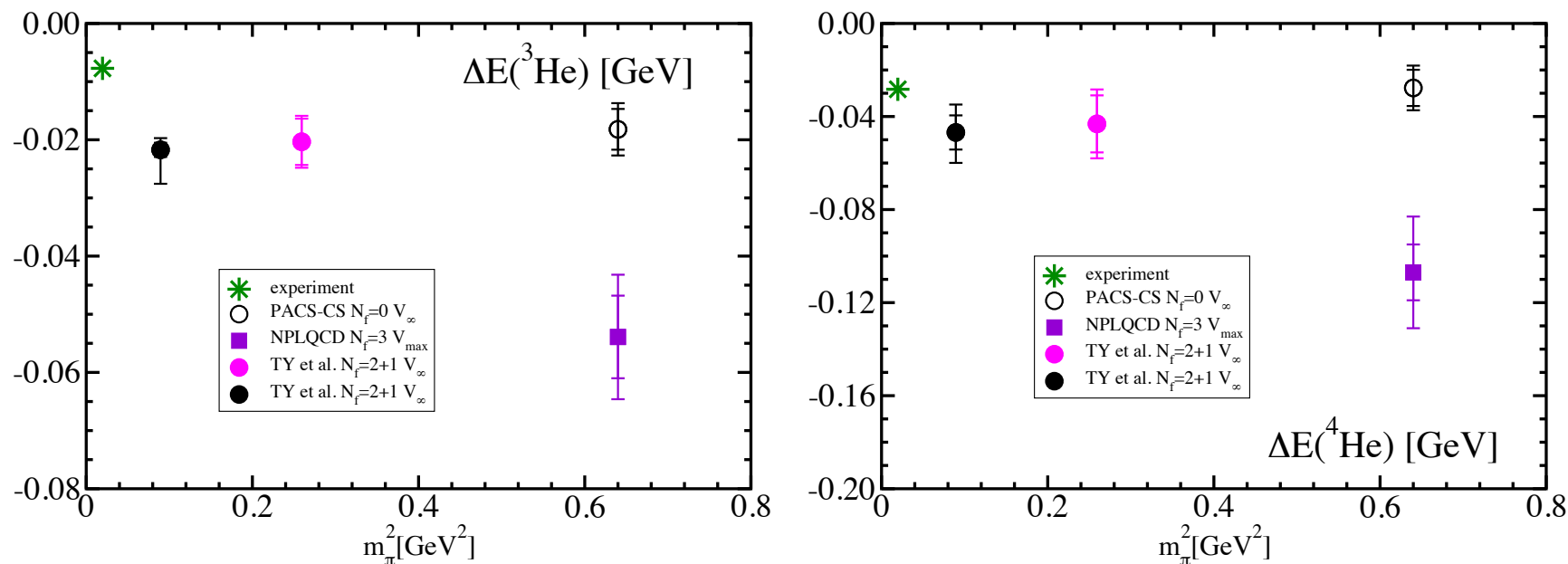
$$\Delta E_{^1S_0} = 7.4(1.3)(0.6) \text{ MeV}$$

# Results at $m_\pi = 0.3$ GeV with two volumes

TY *et al.*, arXiv:1502.04182



# Comparison of ${}^3\text{He}$ and ${}^4\text{He}$ nuclei

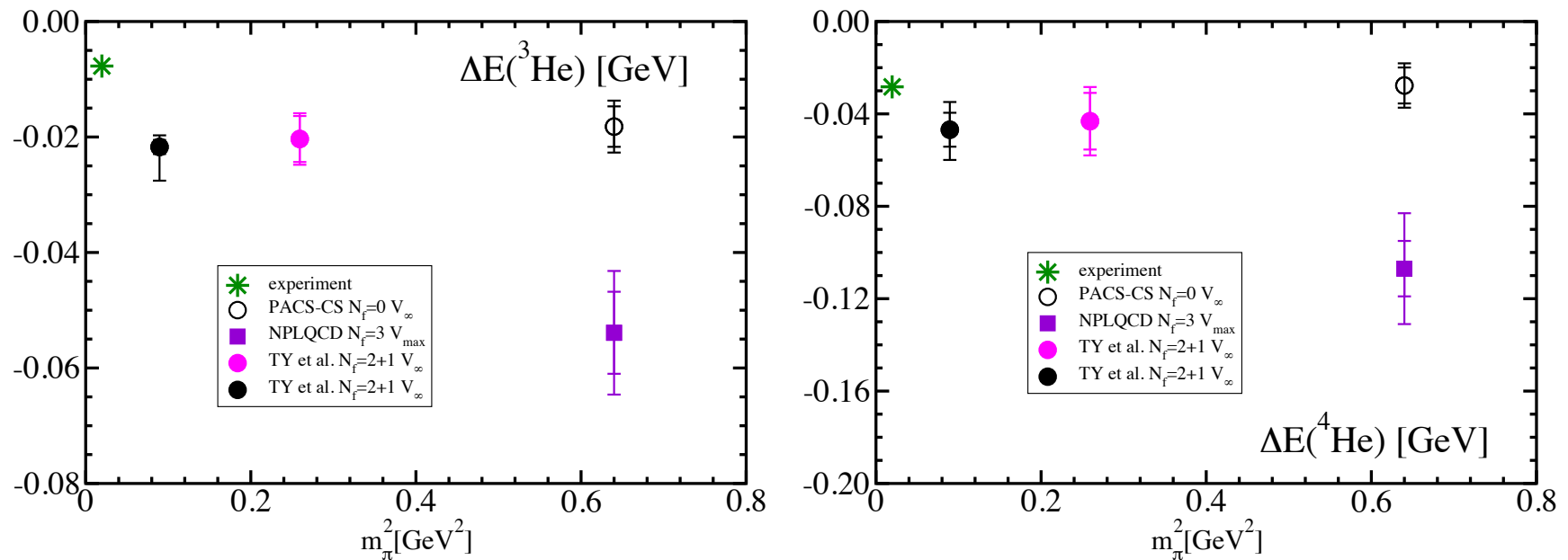


$L^3 \rightarrow \infty$  results only

Light nuclei likely formed in  $0.3 \text{ GeV} \leq m_\pi \leq 0.8 \text{ GeV}$

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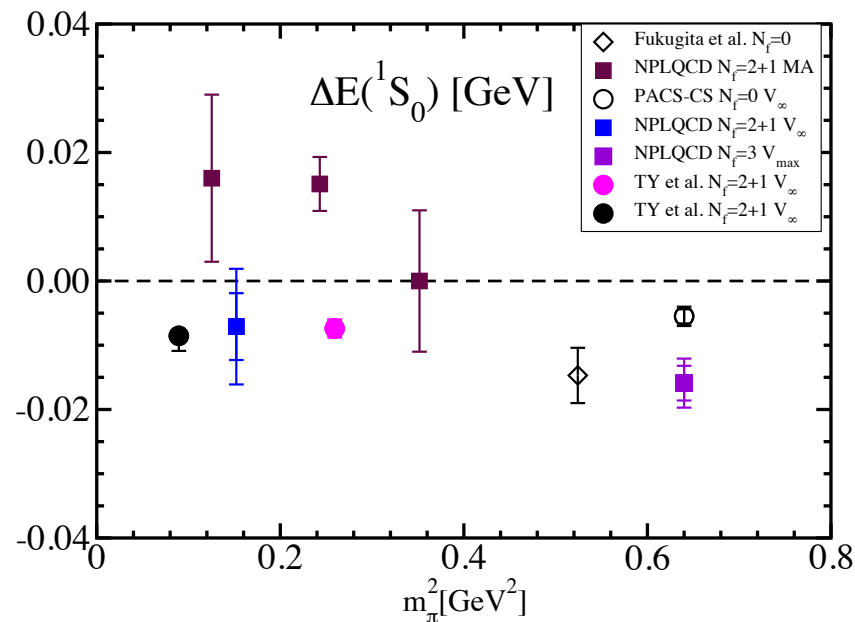
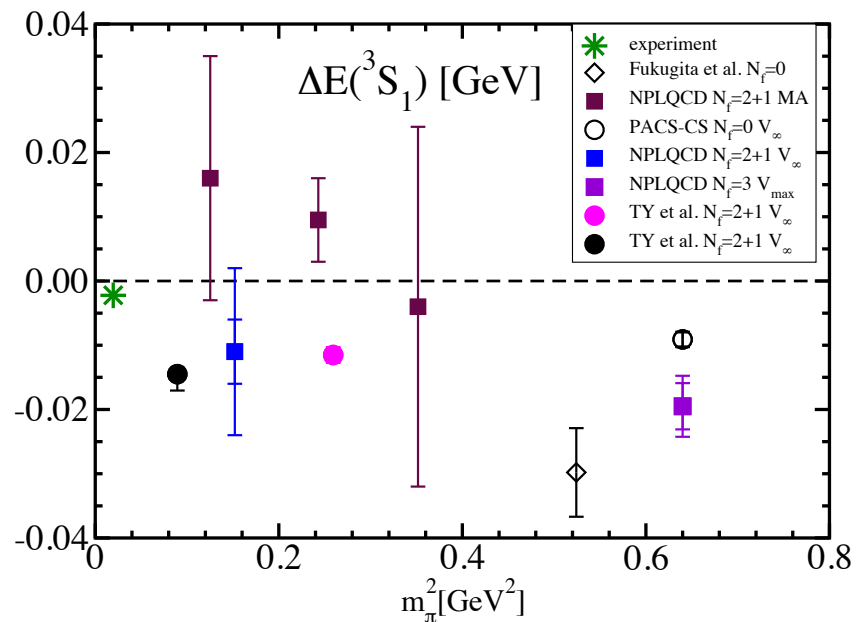
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Same order of  $\Delta E$  to experiments  $\rightarrow$  relatively easier than  $NN$   
 large  $|\Delta E|$  makes less  $V$  dependence at physical  $m_\pi$

touchstone of quantitative understanding of nuclei from lattice QCD

Investigations of  $m_\pi$  dependence  $\rightarrow m_\pi \sim 0.14 \text{ GeV}$  on  $L \sim 8 \text{ fm}$

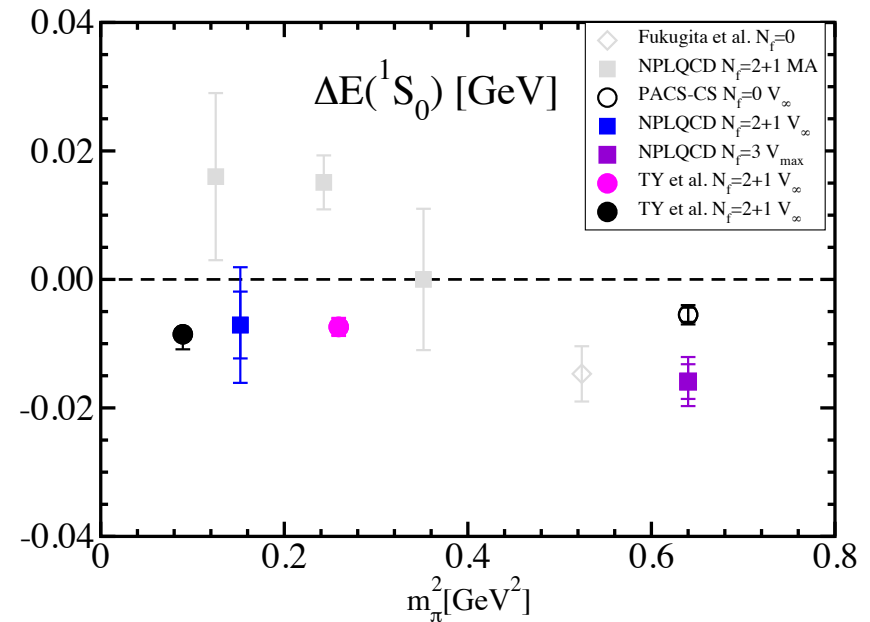
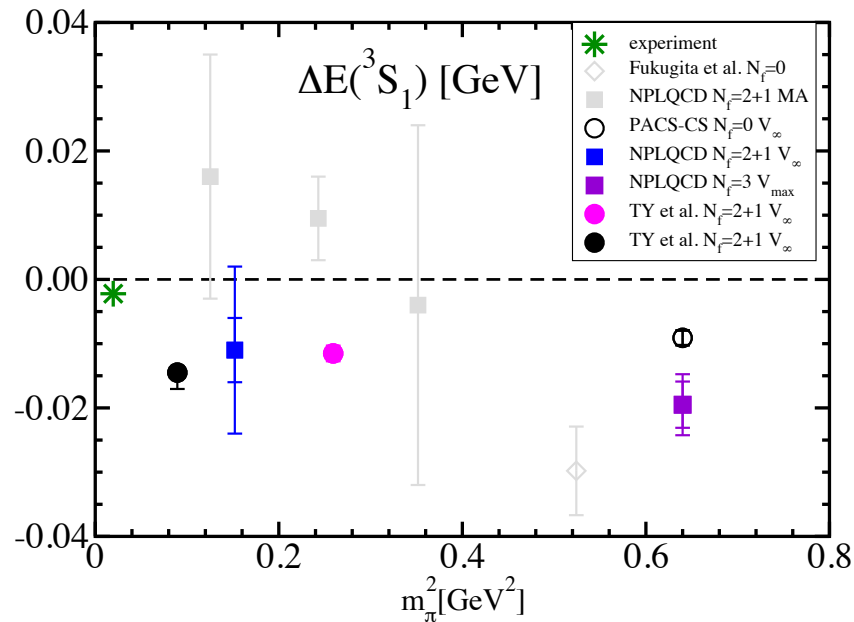
# Comparison of $NN$ channels



Volume dependence of  $\Delta E_L$  in recent works



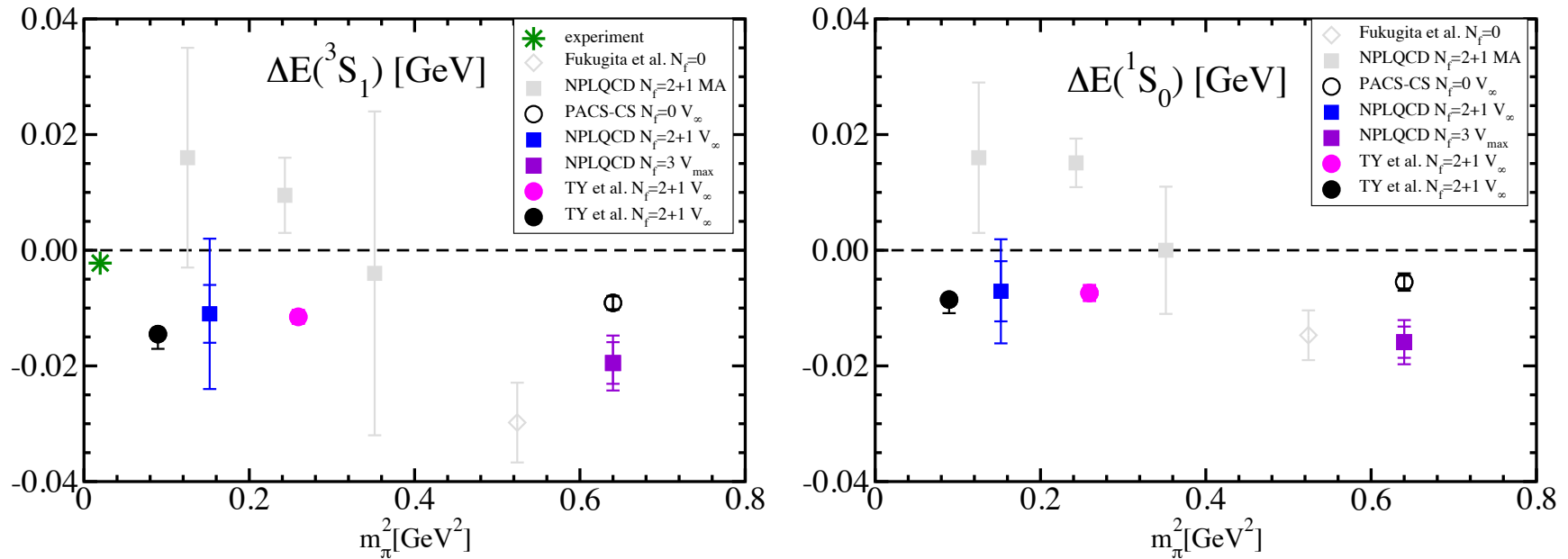
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**inconsistent with experiment due to larger  $m_\pi$ (?)**

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# Comparison of $NN$ channels with preliminary results



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Large finite volume effect expected even on  $L \sim 8$  fm '86 Lüscher, '04 Beane

$$^3S_1: \Delta E_{\text{exp}} = 2.2 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Delta E_L = -(\Delta E_{\text{exp}} + \mathcal{O}(\exp(-L\sqrt{m_N \Delta E_{\text{exp}}})) \sim -4 \text{ MeV}$$

$$^1S_0: a_0^{\text{exp}} = 23.7 \text{ fm}$$

$$\Delta E_L = -\frac{4\pi a_0^{\text{exp}}}{m_N L^3} + \mathcal{O}(1/L^4) \sim -2 \text{ MeV}$$

# Summary

$N_f = 2 + 1$  lattice QCD at  $m_\pi = 0.5$  and  $0.3$  GeV

- Volume dependence of  $\Delta E$

$\Delta E \neq 0$  of 0th state in infinite volume limit

→ bound state in  ${}^4\text{He}$ ,  ${}^3\text{He}$ ,  ${}^3\text{S}_1$  and  ${}^1\text{S}_0$   
at  $m_\pi = 0.5$  and  $0.3$  GeV

- $\Delta E$  larger than experiment and small  $m_\pi$  dependence
- Bound state in  ${}^1\text{S}_0$  not observed in experiment  
Deep bound state in  $N_f = 3$  at  $m_\pi = 0.8$  GeV ('12 NPLQCD)
- No bound state in HALQCD method

## Need further investigations

e.g. systematic error from large  $m_\pi$  and finite lattice spacing

$N_f = 2 + 1$   $m_\pi \sim 0.14$  GeV on  $L \sim 8$  fm calculation is ongoing.

Very preliminary results of  $\Delta E = E_0 - N_N m_N$

at  $m_\pi \sim 0.14$  GeV on  $L \sim 8$  fm

