

# Pion Photoproduction of Nucleon Excited States with Hamiltonian Effective Field Theory



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# Nucleon Resonances

- Naive quark model predicts wrong mass order for  $N^*(1440)$  &  $N^*(1535)$ .
- Nucleon Resonances are important for interpreting the scattering experimental data.
- Their properties are helpful to understand the nonperturbative behavior of QCD.

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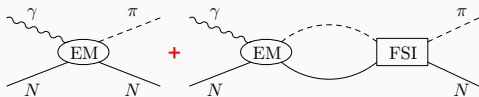
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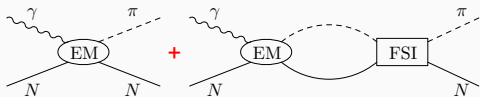
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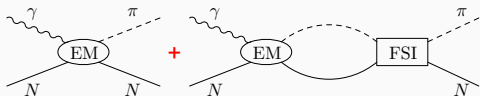
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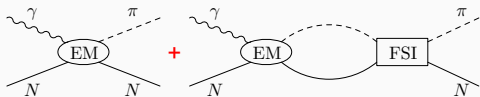


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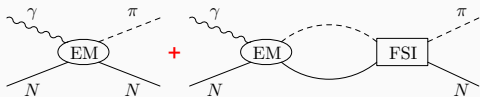


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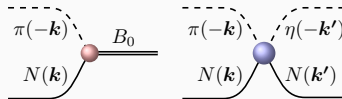
# $N^*(1535)$ with $\pi N$ Scattering

$N^*(1535)$  is the lowest resonance with  $I(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}^-)$ .

- One needs to consider the interactions among the bare baryon  $N_0^*$ ,  $\pi N$  channel, and  $\eta N$  channel.

$$G_{\pi N; N_0^*}^2(k) = \frac{3g_{\pi N; N_0^*}^2}{4\pi^2 f^2} \omega_\pi(k)$$

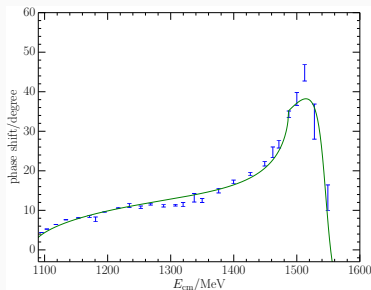
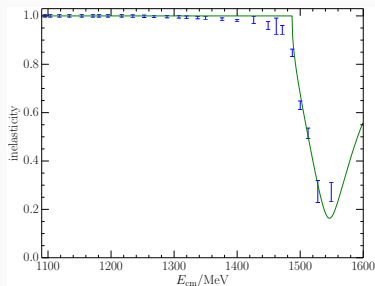
$$V_{\pi N, \pi N}^S(k, k') = \frac{3g_{\pi N}^S}{4\pi^2 f^2} \frac{m_\pi + \omega_\pi(k)}{\omega_\pi(k)} \frac{m_\pi + \omega_\pi(k')}{\omega_\pi(k')}$$



- Phase shifts and inelasticities are obtained by solving Bethe-Salpeter equation with the interactions.

$$T_{\alpha, \beta}(k, k'; E) = V_{\alpha, \beta}(k, k') + \sum_{\gamma} \int q^2 dq V_{\alpha, \gamma}(k, q) \frac{1}{E - \sqrt{m_{\gamma_1}^2 + q^2} - \sqrt{m_{\gamma_2}^2 + q^2} + i\epsilon} T_{\gamma, \beta}(q, k'; E)$$

# $N^*(1535)$ with $\pi N$ scattering at infinite volume



$\pi N$  Scattering with  $I(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}^-)$ .

Our Pole:  $1531 \pm 29 - i 88 \pm 2$  MeV.

Particle Data Group:  $1510 \pm 20 - i 85 \pm 40$  MeV.

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- LQCD starts from the first principle of QCD
- model independent, reliable
- LQCD gives hadron spectra and quark distribution functions  
at finite volumes, large quark masses, discrete spaces
- not directly related to physical observables

# Connection between Scattering Data and Lattice QCD Data

## Lattice QCD

- large pion mass: extrapolation
- finite volume
- discrete space

## Lattice QCD Data $\rightarrow$ Physical Data

- Lüscher Formalisms and extensions:  
Model independent; efficient in single-channel problems  
Spectrum  $\rightarrow$  Phaseshifts;
- Effective Field Theory (EFT), Models, etc  
with low-energy constants fitted by Lattice QCD data

## Physical Data $\rightarrow$ Lattice QCD Data

- EFT: discretization, analytic extension, Lagrangian modification
- various discretization: eg. discretize the momentum in the loop

# Lattice QCD and Effective Field Theory

Effective field theory deals with extrapolation powerfully.

Finite-volume effect can be studied by discretizing the EFT.

Discrete spacing effects can also be studied with EFT.

Scattering Data and Lattice QCD data are two important sources for studying resonances.

We should try to analyse them both at the same time.

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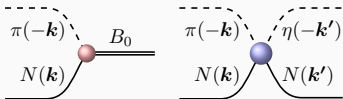
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- finite-volume and infinite-volume results are connected by the coupling constants etc.

# Discretization in finite volume



$$\tilde{G}_i(k_n) = \sqrt{\frac{C_3(n)}{4\pi}} \left(\frac{2\pi}{L}\right)^{3/2} G_i(k_n),$$

$$\tilde{V}_{i,j}^S(k_n, k_m) = \frac{\sqrt{C_3(n)C_3(m)}}{4\pi} \left(\frac{2\pi}{L}\right)^3 V_{i,j}^S(k_n, k_m).$$

$C_3(n)$  represents the number of summing the squares of three integers to equal  $n$ .

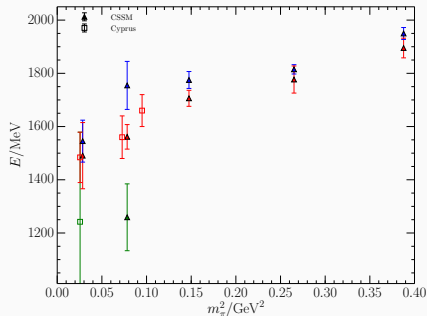
With the eigen-solution of the discretized Hamiltonian, one can obtain the mass spectrum and the components.

$$H_0 = \text{diag}\{m_{N_1}^0, \omega_{\pi N}(k_0), \omega_{\eta N}(k_0), \omega_{\pi N}(k_1), \omega_{\eta N}(k_1), \dots\},$$

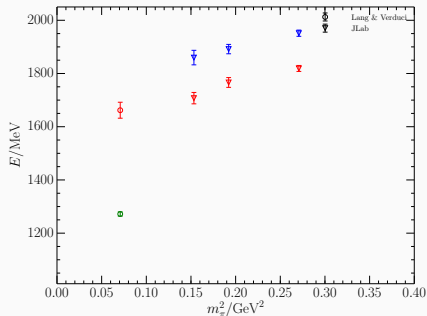
$$H_I = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \tilde{G}_{\pi N}(k_0) & \tilde{G}_{\eta N}(k_0) & \tilde{G}_{\pi N}(k_1) & \tilde{G}_{\eta N}(k_1) & \dots \\ \tilde{G}_{\pi N}(k_0) & \tilde{V}_{\pi N, \pi N}^S(k_0, k_0) & 0 & \tilde{V}_{\pi N, \pi N}^S(k_0, k_1) & 0 & \dots \\ \tilde{G}_{\eta N}(k_0) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \tilde{G}_{\pi N}(k_1) & \tilde{V}_{\pi N, \pi N}^S(k_1, k_0) & 0 & \tilde{V}_{\pi N, \pi N}^S(k_1, k_1) & 0 & \dots \\ \tilde{G}_{\eta N}(k_1) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix},$$

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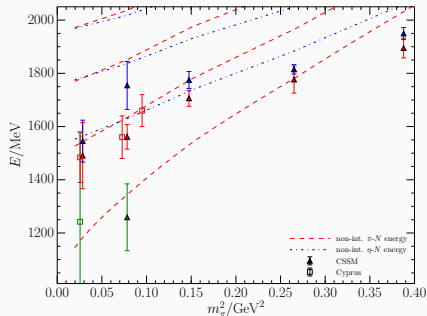
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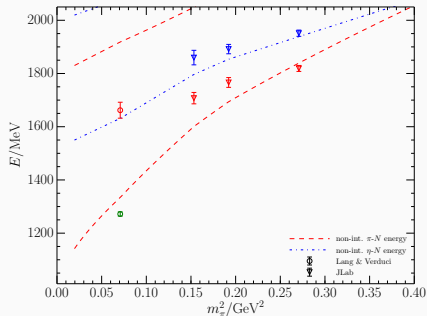
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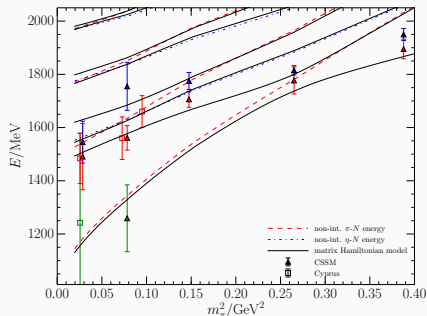
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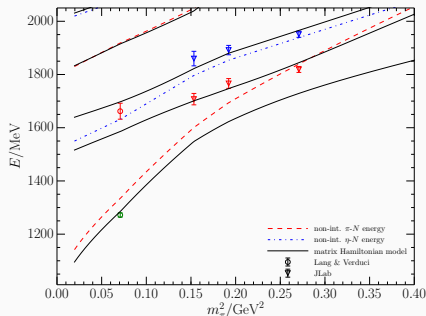
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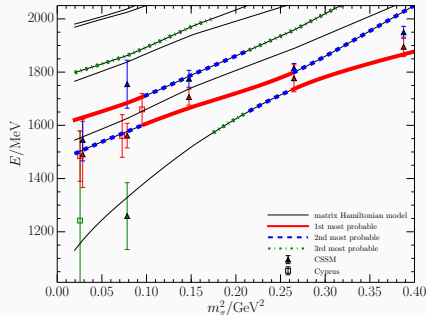
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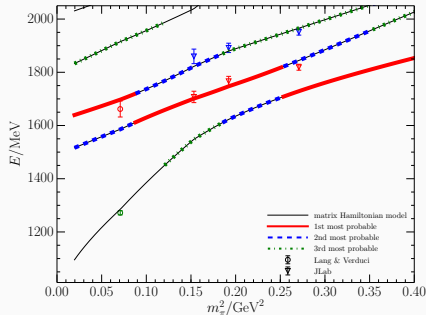
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Coloured lines indicating most probable states observed in LQCD

We not only provide the mass but also analyze why some states are observed on the lattice



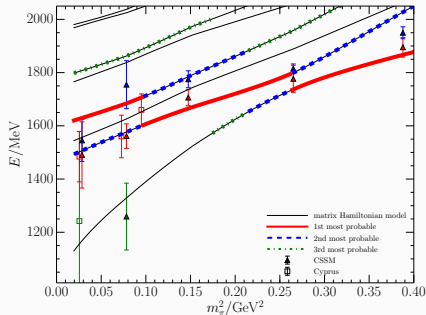
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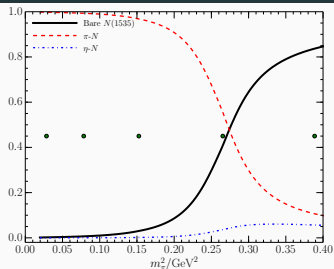
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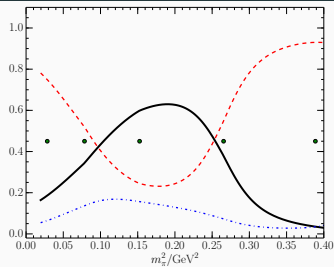
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- The 1st eigenstate at light quark masses is mainly  $\pi N$  scattering states.
- The most probable state at physical quark mass is the 4th eigenstate.  
It contains about 60% bare  $N^*(1535)$ , 20%  $\pi N$  and 20%  $\eta N$ .

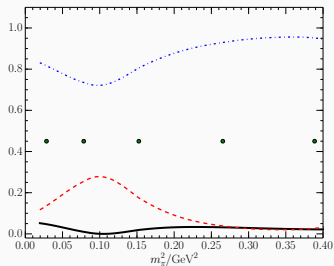
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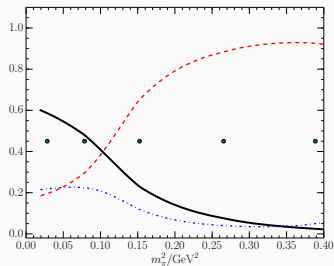
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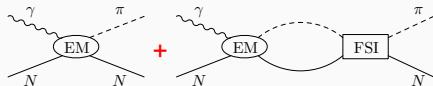
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# Electromagnetic Multipoles

- $|\gamma N\rangle \rightarrow |\phi(\vec{k}), N(-\vec{k}, s_z'^N)\rangle$ ,
- $|\gamma N\rangle \rightarrow |\phi N; k, J, J_z, L\rangle$ ,
- $|\gamma N\rangle \rightarrow |\phi N; k, J, J_z, \lambda_N'\rangle$ ,

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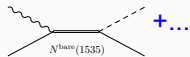


Partial wave decomposition:

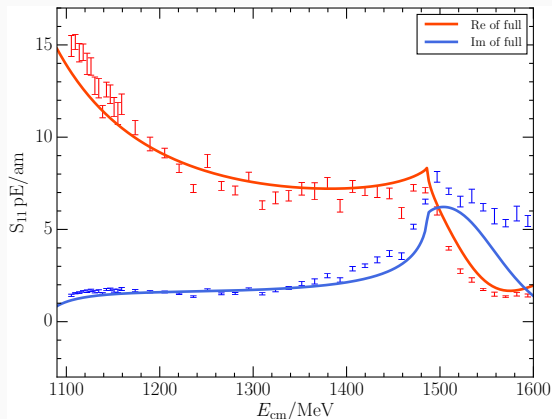
$$V_{\alpha, \gamma N}(J, \lambda_N', \lambda_\gamma, \lambda_N; k, q) = 2\pi \int_{-1}^1 d(\cos \theta) \sum_{s_z'^N} d_{\lambda_\gamma - \lambda_N, -\lambda_N'}^J(\theta) d_{s_z'^N, -\lambda_N'}^{1/2}(\theta)^* \mathcal{M}_{\alpha, \gamma N}(s_z'^N, \lambda_N, \lambda_\gamma; \vec{k}, \vec{q}),$$



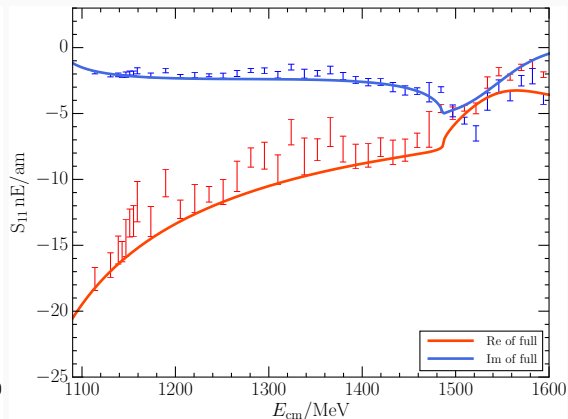
$$V_{\alpha, \gamma N}^{JLS; \lambda_\gamma \lambda_N}(k, q) = \sqrt{\frac{2L+1}{2J+1}} \sum_{\lambda_N'} \langle L, S, 0, -\lambda_N' | J, -\lambda_N' \rangle \times V_{\alpha, \gamma N}(J, \lambda_N', \lambda_\gamma, \lambda_N; k, q).$$



# Electric dipole amplitudes $E_{0+}$



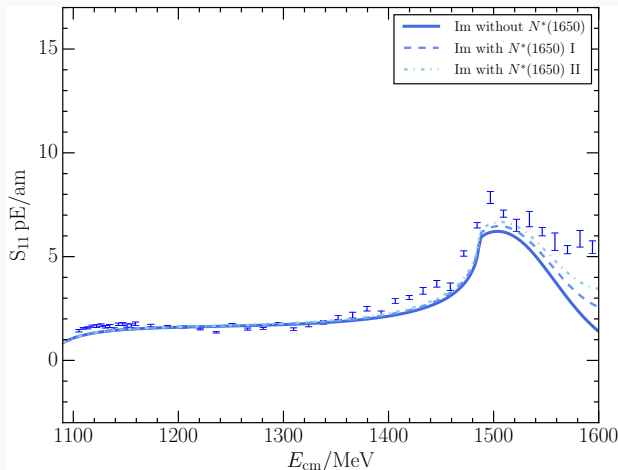
$\gamma p \rightarrow \pi N$



$\gamma n \rightarrow \pi N$



# Estimation of the $N^*(1650)$ contribution



Couplings for the effective vertices are extracted from the decay widths of  $N^*(1650)$ .

Therefore, we updated our results by

**Explicitly including  $N^*(1650)$  as well as  $N^*(1535)$**

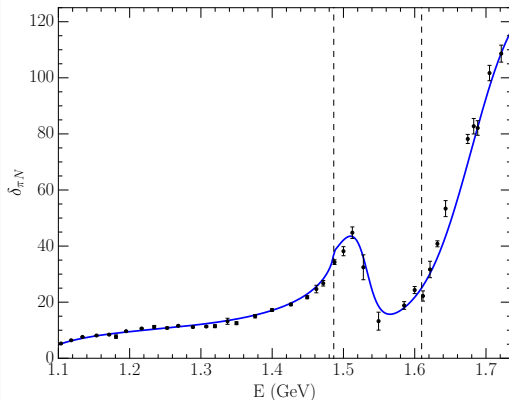
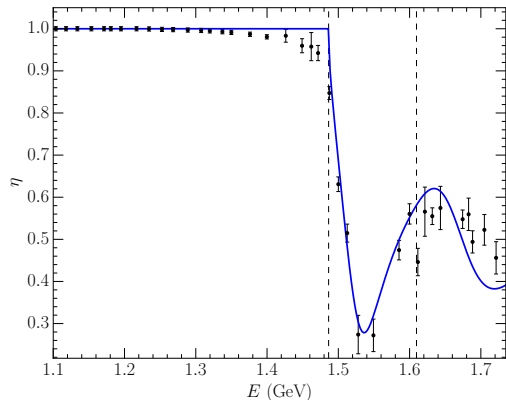
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In Phys. Rev. D 108 (2023) 9, 094519, we consider

- two bare baryon states  $N_1$  and  $N_2$ ;
- $\pi N$ ,  $\eta N$ , and  $K\Lambda$ ;
- more experimental data with larger energies (1.60, 1.75) GeV.



## Pole positions for $N^*(1535)$ and $N^*(1650)$

In the Particle Data Group (PDG) tables, the poles for the two low-lying odd-parity nucleon resonances are given as

$$E_{N^*(1535)} = 1510 \pm 10 - (65 \pm 10)i \text{ MeV},$$

$$E_{N^*(1650)} = 1655 \pm 15 - (67 \pm 18)i \text{ MeV}.$$

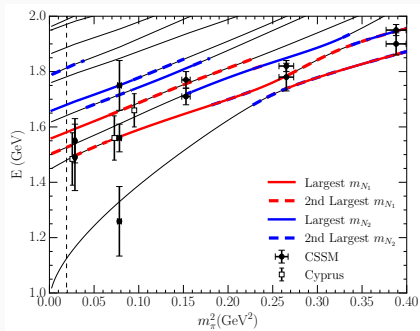
Using HEFT, two poles for  $N^*(1535)$  and  $N^*(1650)$  in the second Riemann sheet are found at energies

$$E_1 = 1500 - 50i \text{ MeV},$$

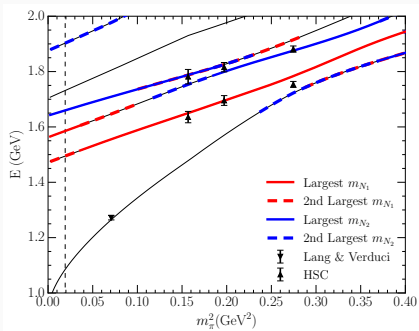
$$E_2 = 1658 - 56i \text{ MeV}.$$

Our results are in excellent agreement with the PDG pole positions.

# Finite-volume spectrum



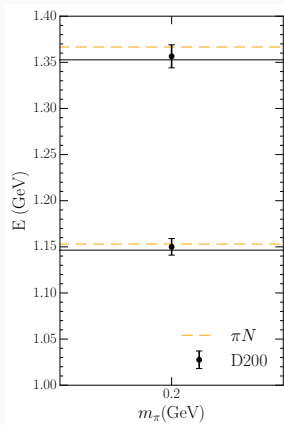
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# Finite-volume Spectrum with larger Spatial Lattice Extent of $L = 4.05$ fm



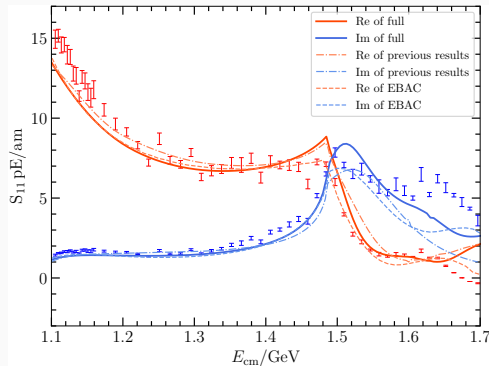
$L \sim 4$  fm

Comparison with the lattice QCD calculations from  
[J. Bulava, A. D. Hanlon, et. al. Nucl. Phys. B **987**, 116105 (2023).]

Dashed lines indicate the non-interacting two-particle  $\pi N$  energies for  $k = 0$  and  $k = 1$ .

Solid lines are our HEFT results.

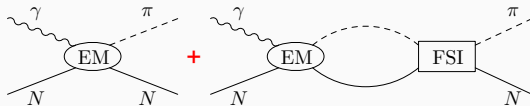
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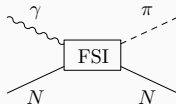
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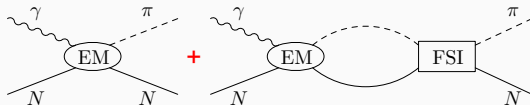
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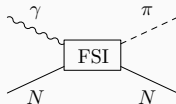
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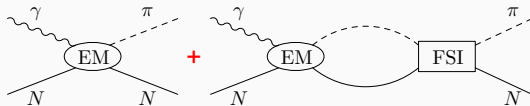
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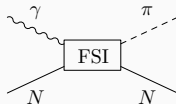
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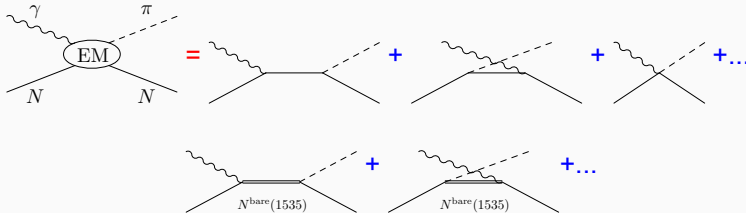
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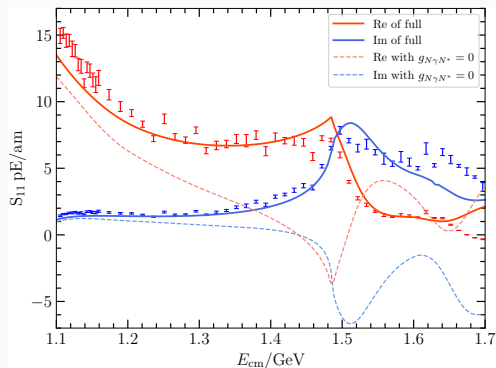


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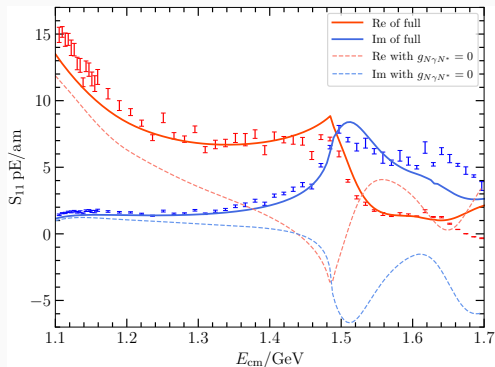
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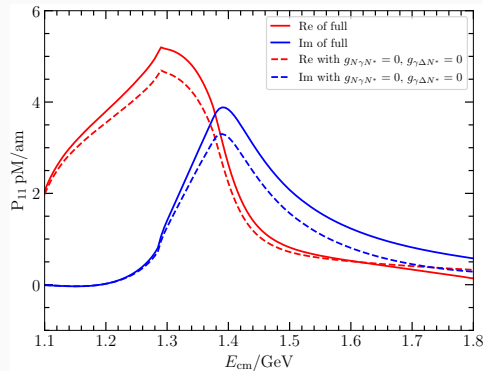
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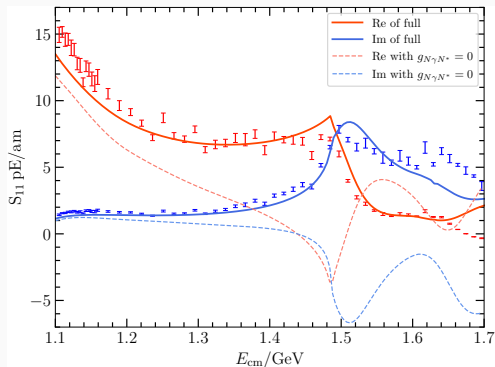
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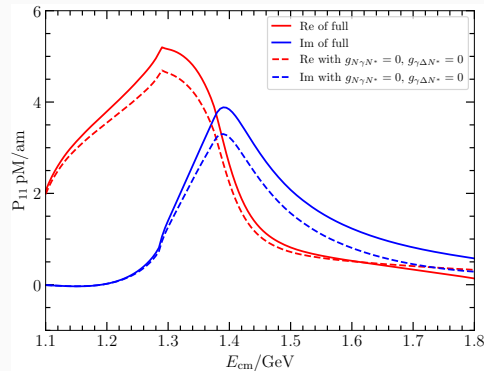
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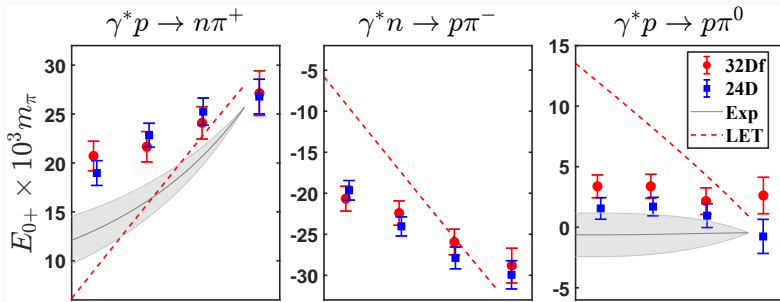
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# Latest lattice QCD data on $E_0^+$

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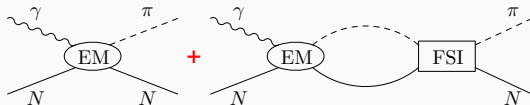
First lattice QCD simulation  
of pion production at threshold!

Gao, Yu-Sheng and Zhang, Zhao-Long and Feng, Xu and Jin, Lu-Chang and Liu, Chuan and Meißner, Ulf-G., Lattice QCD Study of Pion

Electroproduction and Weak Production from a Nucleon, Phys. Rev. Lett. 134 (2025) 17, 171904



## Direct extension of our previous work

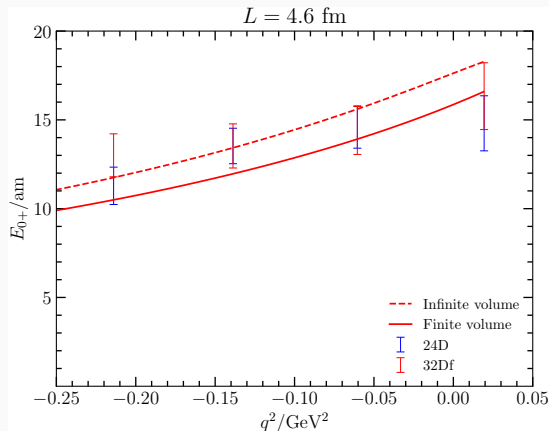


From the real photon ( $q^2 = 0$ ) to the virtual spacelike photon ( $q^2 < 0$ ), we

- do not adjust the previous parameters,
- add the form factors of neutrons and pion:
  - $F(q^2 = 0) = 1$ ,
  - $F(q^2 < 0) < 1$ ,
  - $F(q^2)$  is well determined by the experiment.

# Latest lattice QCD data and our **preliminary results**

The finite volume effect is at the order of the error bar of lattice QCD data.



Yu Zhuge, et. al. in preparation.

# Summary

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Combined with scattering data and lattice QCD simulations:

- $\pi N \rightarrow \pi N$ ,
- lattice QCD spectrum of  $N^*$ ,
- $\gamma + N \rightarrow \pi + N$ ,
- lattice QCD simulation of pion production,

we have studied the properties of nucleon resonance and the relevant strong couplings. The triquark components are important for the  $N^*(1535)$  and  $N^*(1650)$ .

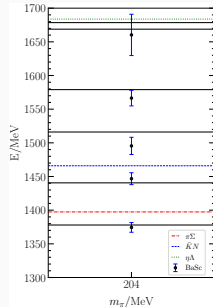
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**Thank you for your attention!**

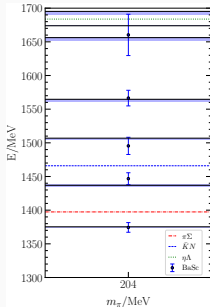
Backup

# Comparison with recent BaSc lattice simulations

$\Lambda$  Spectra with  $S = -1$ ,  $I(J^P) = 0(\frac{1}{2}^-)$   
in the finite volume



without  
a bare baryon



with  
a bare baryon

- The BaSc lattice collaboration obtained all HEFT states with multiquark interpolating operators;
- The right HEFT results **with bare  $\Lambda$**  fit the lattice simulations better;
- The left HEFT results **without bare** triquark core **lose** the  $1\sigma$  consistence with the lattice simulations.

Baryon Scattering (BaSc) Collaboration, Phys.Rev.Lett. 132 (2024) 5, 051901; Phys.Rev.D 109 (2024) 1, 014511

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