

The Baryon Spectrum of a Composite Higgs Theory

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(Ayyar, DeGrand, Hackett, Neil, Svetitsky, Shamir)

Could masses in the EW sector come from new strong dynamics?

- EWSB from a composite Higgs

$$\psi\psi\bar{\Psi}\Psi \sim \psi\psi\mathcal{O}_{\text{ETC}}$$

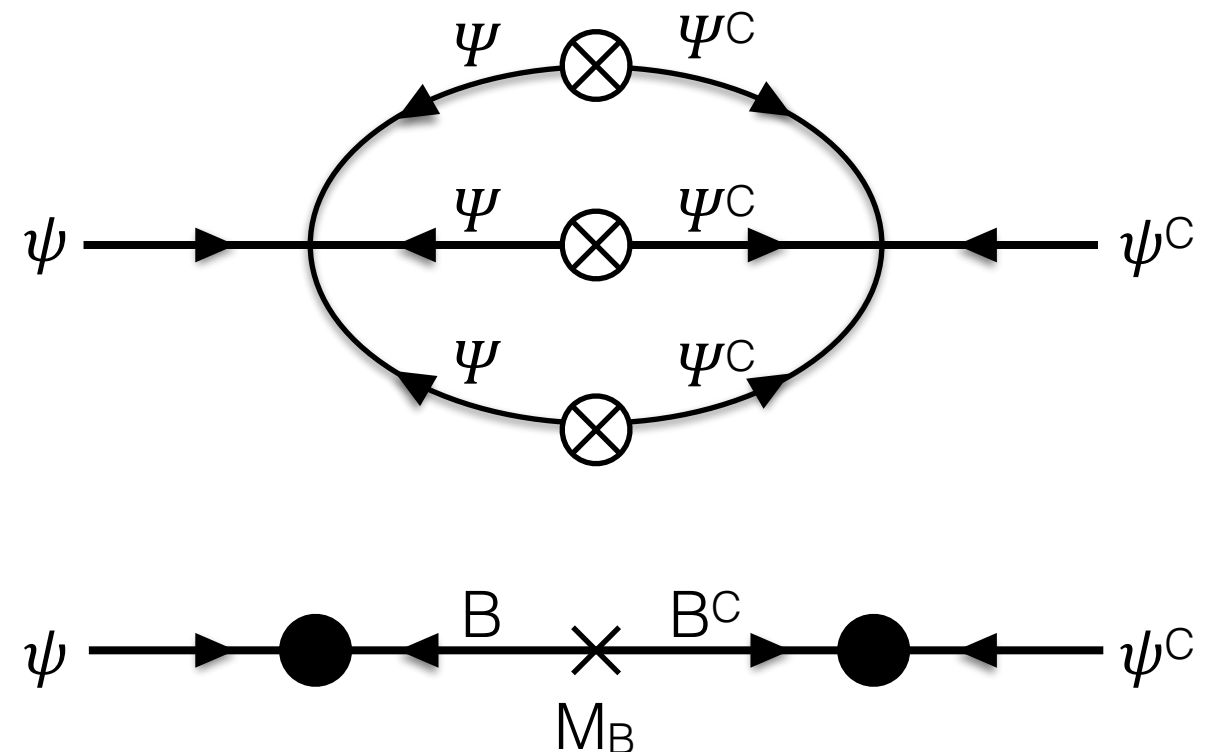
- Chiral condensate preserves $SU(2)_L$
- Higgs arises from SSB as an exact Goldstone boson
- SM loops generate a potential for the Higgs and trigger EWSB

$$\psi\Psi\Psi\Psi \sim \psi\mathcal{O}_{\text{PC}}$$

- Fermion masses from 4-fermion interactions

- Quadratic coupling to UV bosonic operators — “extended technicolor”
- Linear coupling to UV fermionic operators — “partial compositeness”

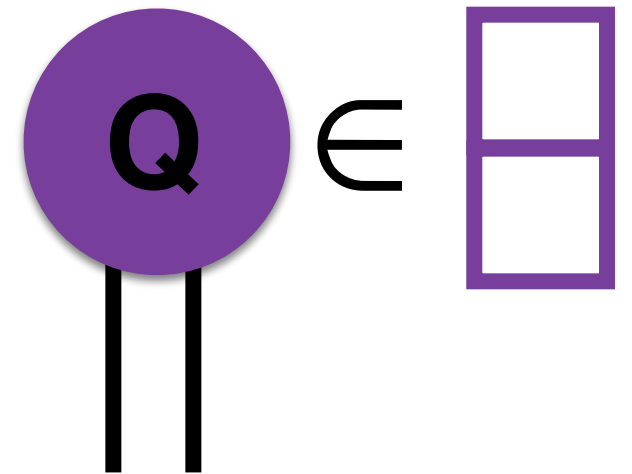
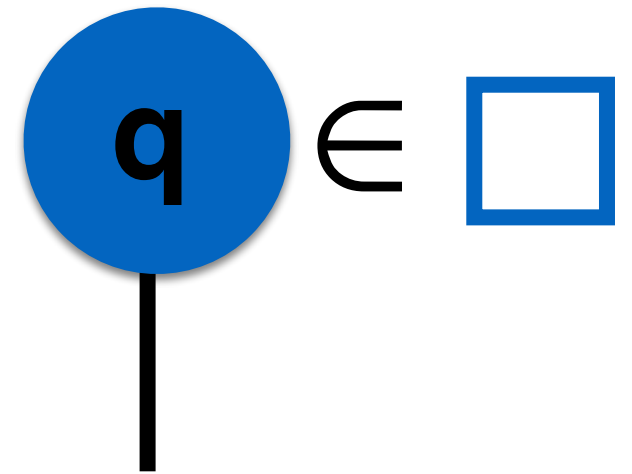
- D.B. Kaplan, Nucl Phys B365 (1991) 259-278



Ferretti's Model

Composite Higgs + partially composite top [[1404.7137](#)]

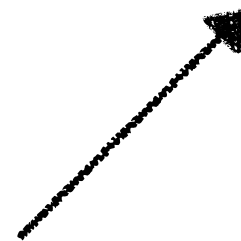
- SU(4) gauge theory
- 3 flavors of fundamental Dirac fermions
- 5 flavors of “sextet” Majorana fermions
 - 5 Majorana \leftrightarrow “2.5 Dirac”
- Symmetries and the Standard Model
 - $SU(3) \times SU(3)' \rightarrow SU(3)_{\text{diag}} \times U(1)_X$
 - $SU(5) \rightarrow SO(5) \supset SO(4) \cong SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$
- Physical limit: $m_6 \rightarrow 0$ (“sextet mass to zero”)
- Tunable parameter of model: m_4



Technical details

- SU(4) gauge theory, but modified matter content
 - $3 \mapsto$ 2 Dirac fundamental SU(4) fermions
 - $2.5 \mapsto$ 2 Dirac sextet SU(4) fermions
- Multirep MILC code (Y. Shamir)
- NDS gauge action (T. Degrand, Y. Shamir, and B. Svetitsky [1407.4201])
- Clover-improved Wilson fermions
- 12 ensembles
 - 6 different β values
 - $V = 16^3 \times 32$
 - About 50 – 100 configurations / ensemble
- Set the scale with the Wilson flow scale [$\sqrt{t_0} = 0.14$ fm in QCD]
 - Flow scale: $1 \lesssim t_0/a^2 \lesssim 2.7$ [“0.08 fm $\lesssim a \lesssim$ 0.13 fm”]
- Masses: $0.5 \lesssim M_P/M_V \lesssim 0.8$ [QCD: “ $M_P \gtrsim 450$ MeV”]

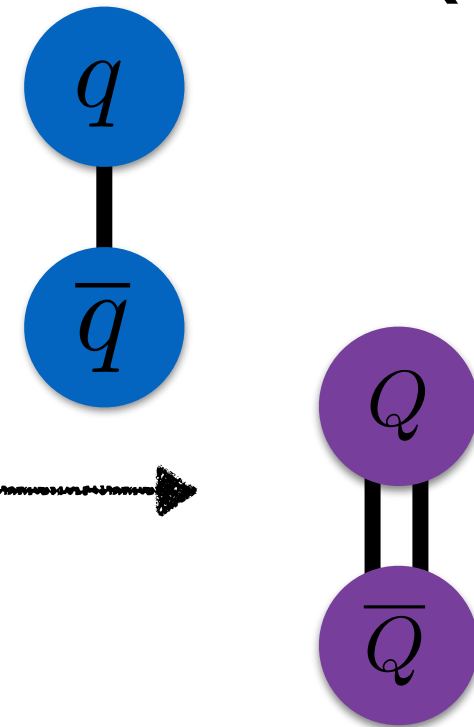
$$\hat{m} = (m \cdot a) \times (\sqrt{t_0}/a) \\ = \text{dimensionless}$$



States in Multirep SU(4)

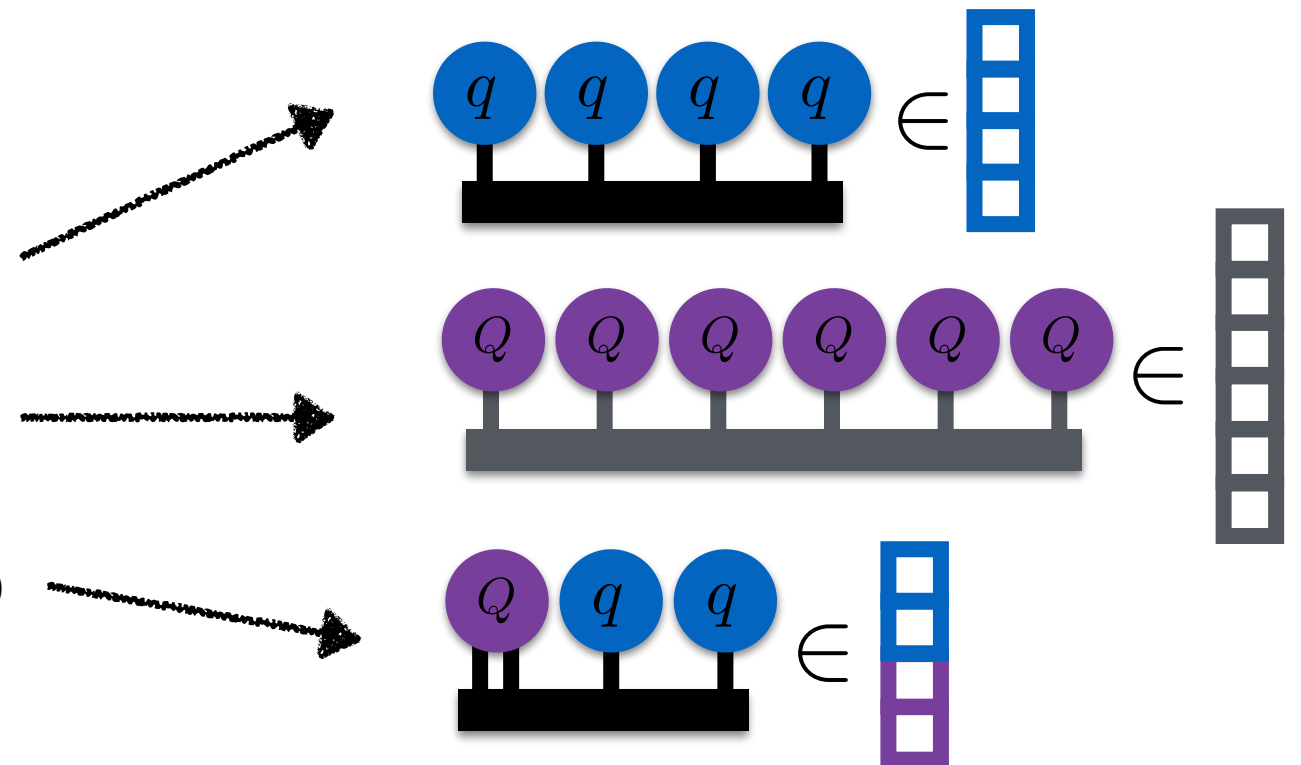
- Mesons: color-singlet two-fermion object

- **Fundamental** — analogous to QCD
- **Sextet** — similar
- See [PRD 97, 074505 \(2018\)](#) [1710.00806] or talk to me for details of the mesons



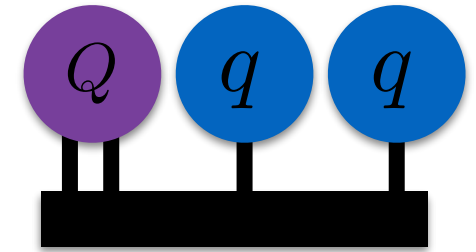
- Baryons

- **Fundamental-only:** $(qqqq)_{\text{SU}(4)}$
- **Sextet-only:** $(QQQQQQ)_{\text{SO}(6)}$
- **Mixed-representation:** $(Qqq)_{\text{SU}(4)}$
“Chimera baryons”



Chimera Baryons

and the top quark partner



- Intuition: hyperons ($S=-1$) in QCD: Σ^* , Σ , Λ
- Sextet Q plays the role of a (light) strange quark
- Ferretti's model: fundamental q are charged under $SU(3)$ color; sextet Q is neutral under $SU(3)$ color
- Recall: $3 \otimes 3 = \overset{\text{X}}{6} \oplus \overset{\checkmark}{\bar{3}} \longrightarrow \text{Antisymmetric}$

Symmetric \downarrow

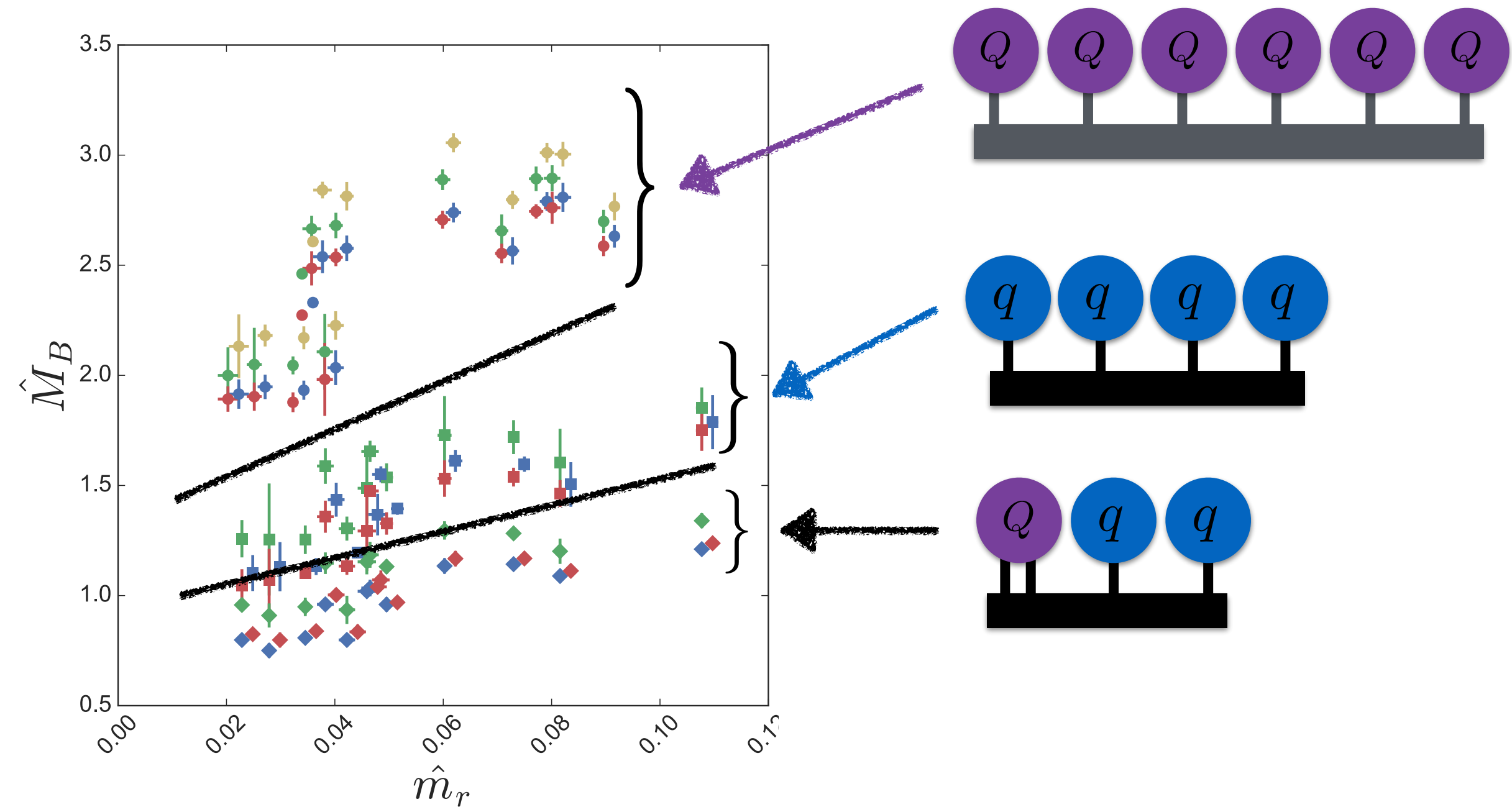
$\Sigma : (J, I) = (1/2, 1)$

Top partner

$\Lambda : (J, I) = (1/2, 0)$

Baryons in a multirep theory

Raw lattice data

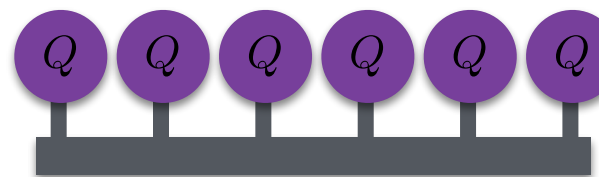


Large- N_c Predictions

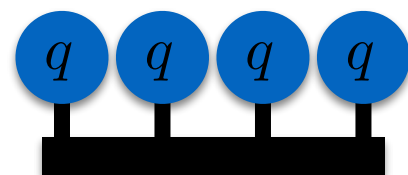
- Large- N_c predicts the baryon spectrum, requires no model assumptions
- Suggestive interpretation with constituent fermions

$$\begin{aligned} M_B &= C_0 \times N + C_1 + C_2/N + \dots \\ &= (\text{num. fermions}) \times (\text{constituent mass}) \\ &\quad + (\text{splitting}) \times J(J+1)/N \\ &\quad + (\text{lattice artifacts}) \end{aligned}$$

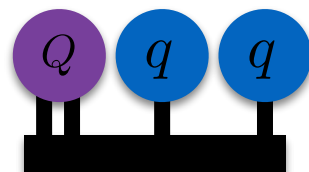
Estimating constituent mass



$$/6 \simeq M_Q$$

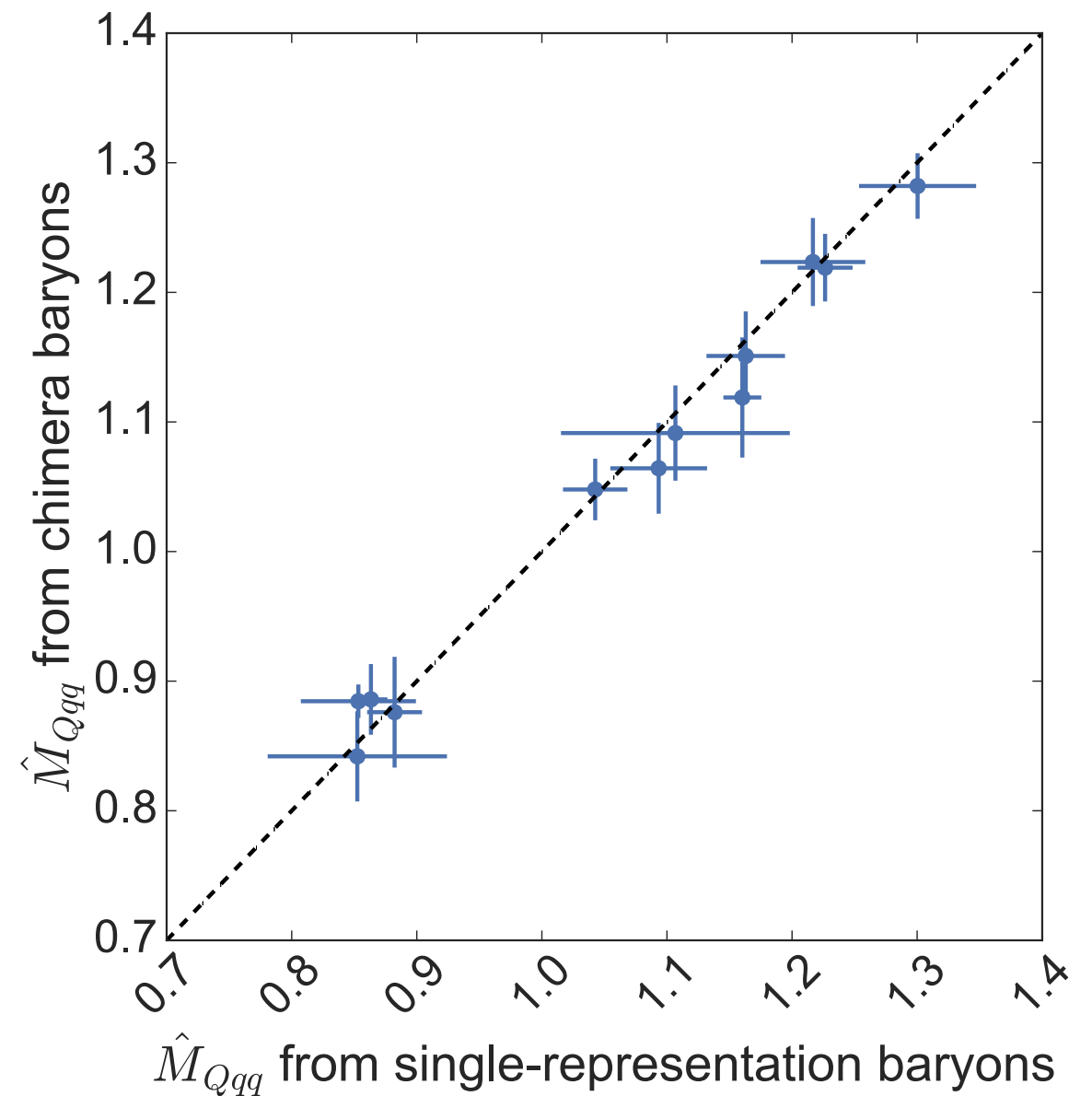


$$/4 \simeq M_q$$



$$\simeq M_{Qqq}$$

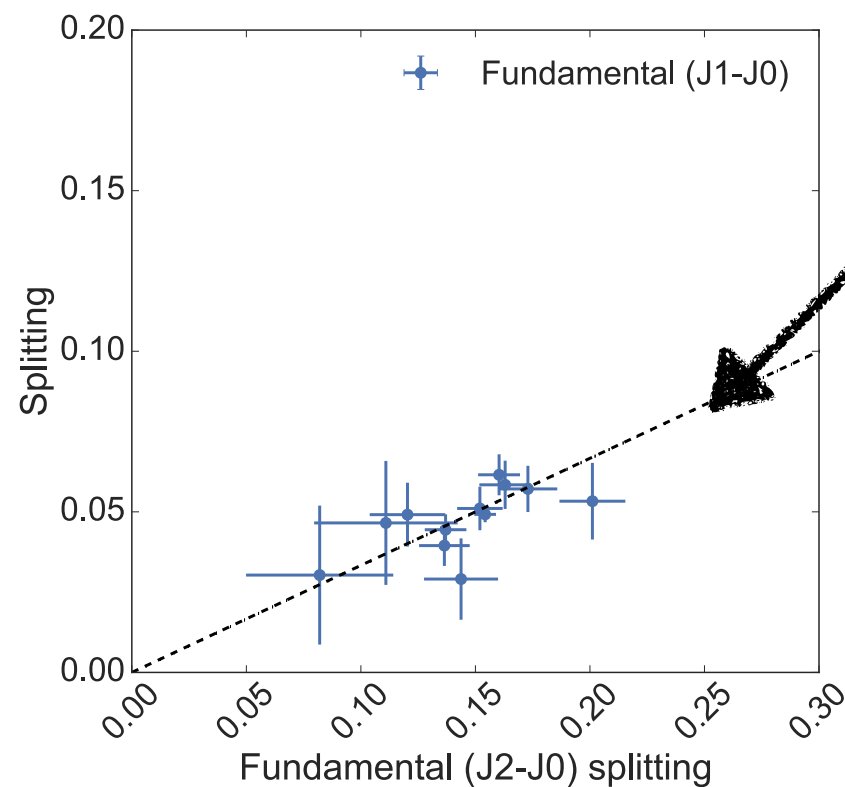
$$M_{Qqq} \stackrel{?}{=} (M_Q + 2M_q)$$



*Raw data — NOT fits

The Landé interval rule

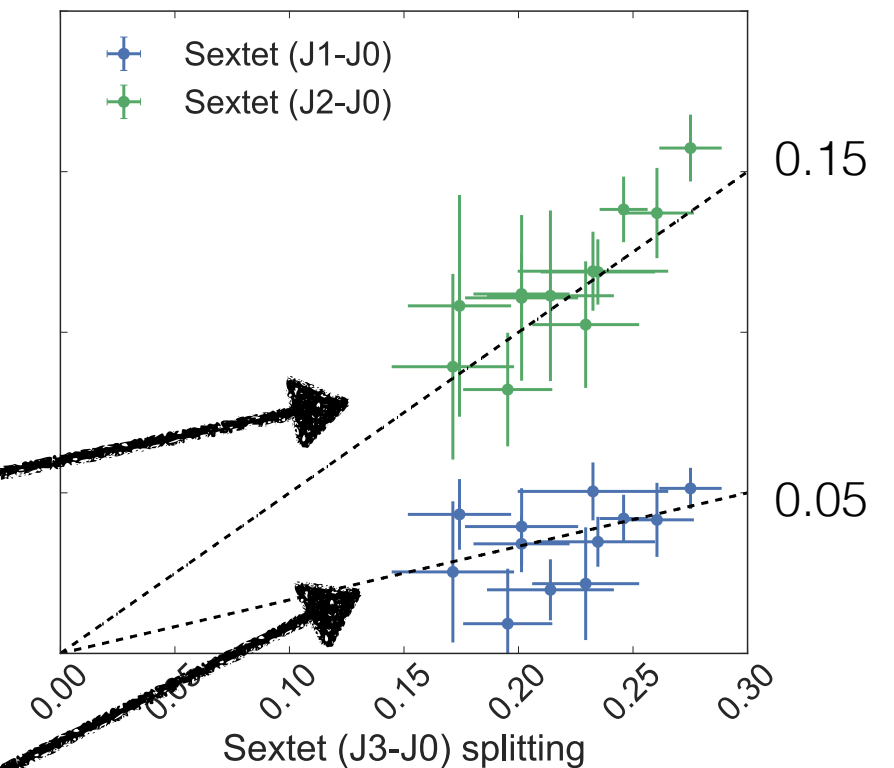
Checking slopes predicted from $J(J+1)$ splittings



$$\frac{1(1+1)}{2(2+1)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{2(2+1)}{3(3+1)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1(1+1)}{3(3+1)} = \frac{1}{6}$$

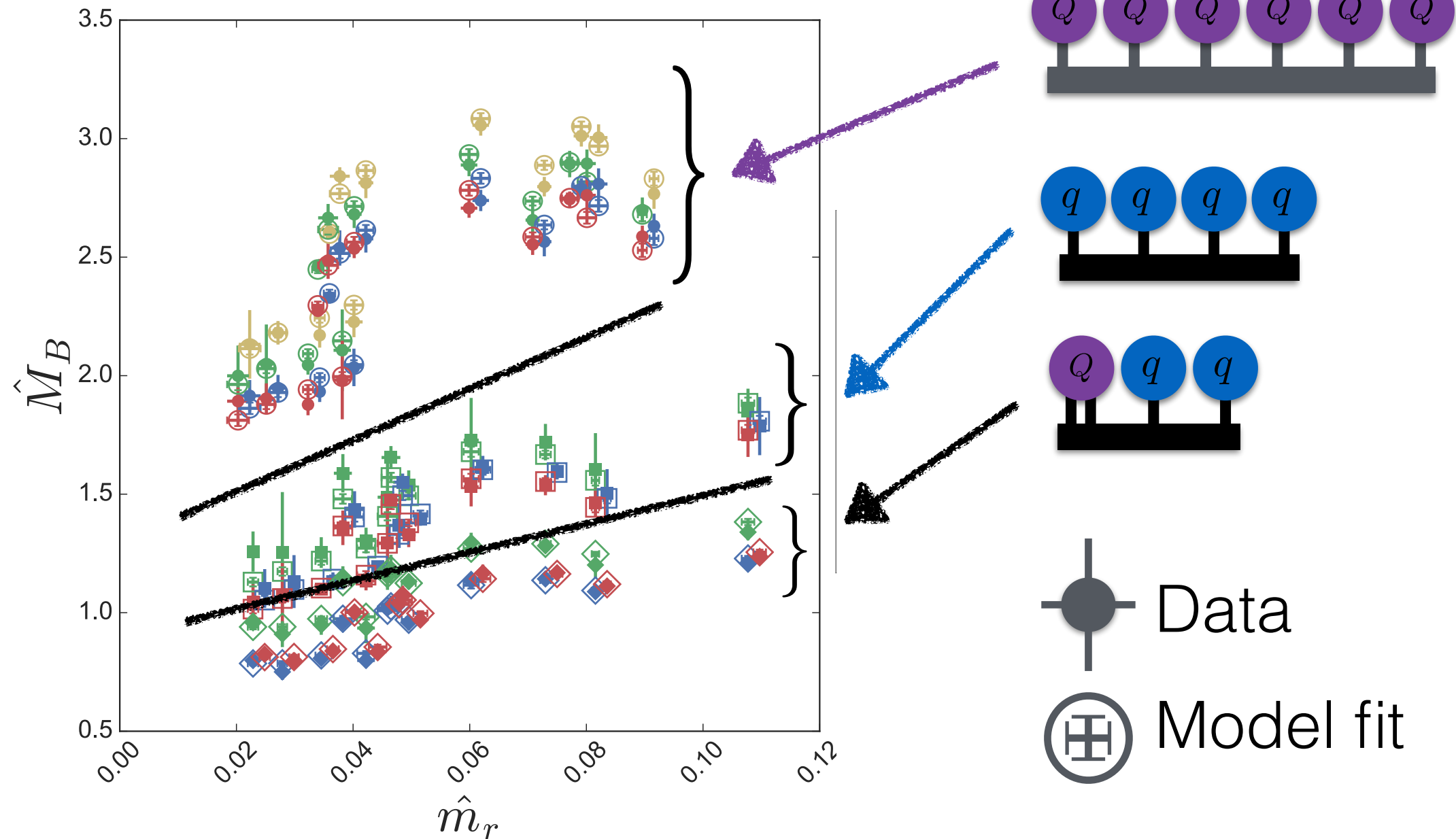


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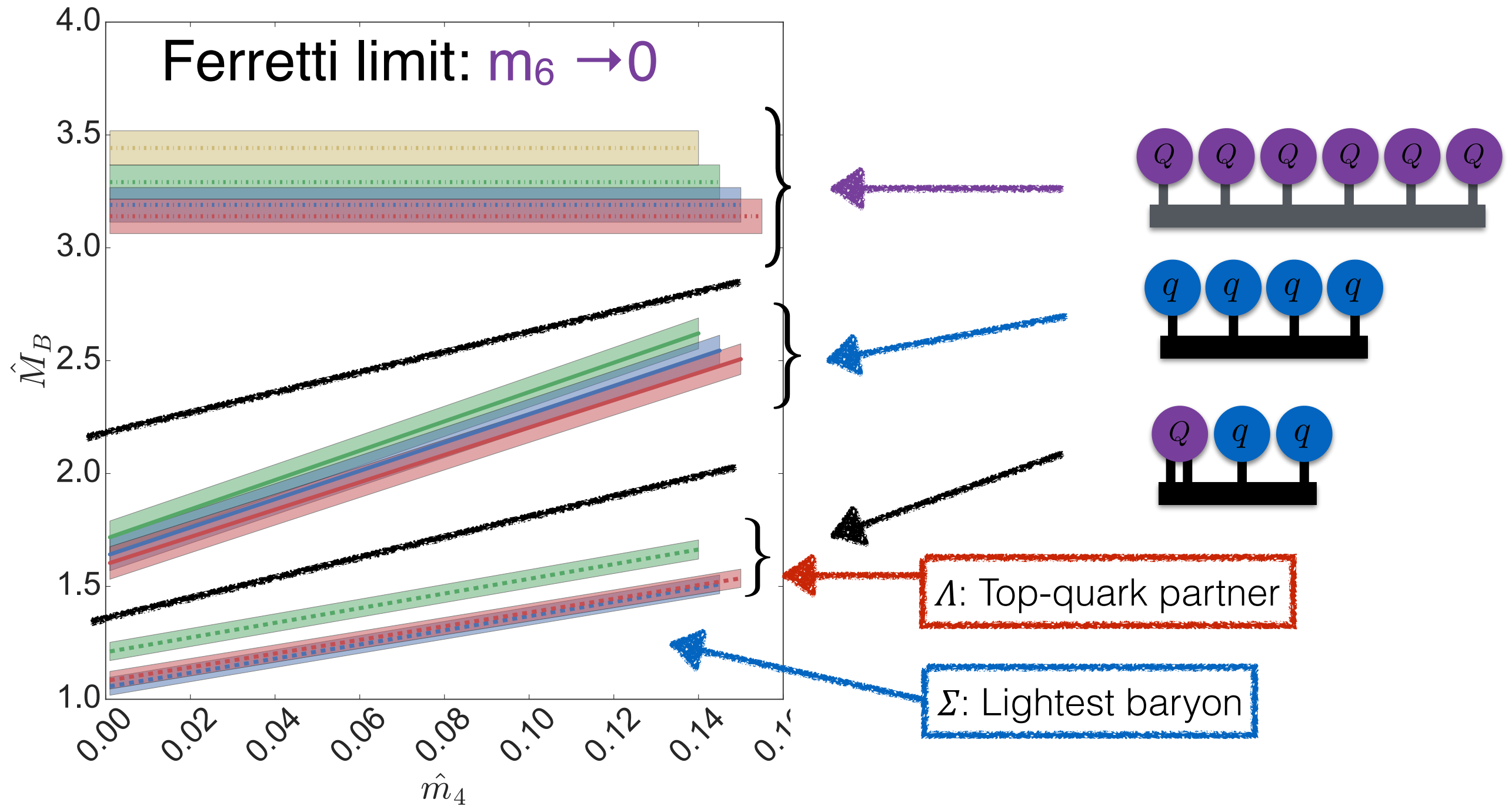
Baryons in a multirep theory

Fit results



Joint fit: χ^2/DOF [DOF] = 0.85 [109], 11 free parameters

Continuum baryon masses



Setting experimental constraints

- Composite Higgs scenarios modify the shape of the standard model Higgs potential
- Departures from the standard model appear with powers of $\xi \sim (v/F_6)^2$, where $v = 246$ GeV.
- Experiments measure of Higgs couplings
 $\Rightarrow \xi \lesssim 0.1 \Rightarrow F_6 \gtrsim 1.1$ TeV
- Upshot: “In the physical limit, units of F_6 are TeV”

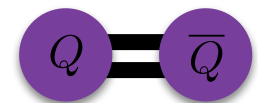
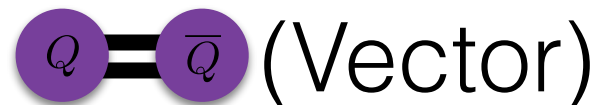
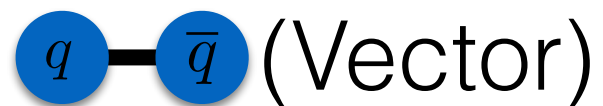
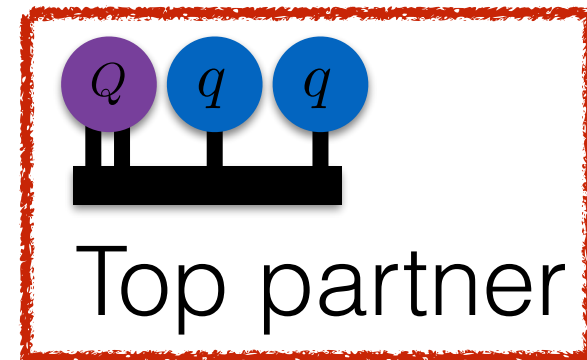
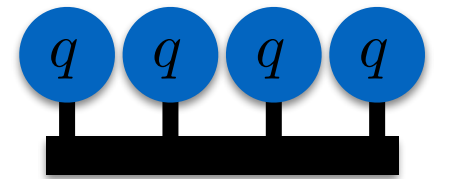
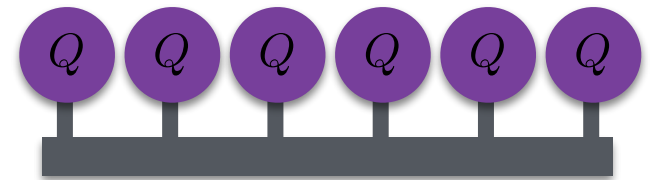
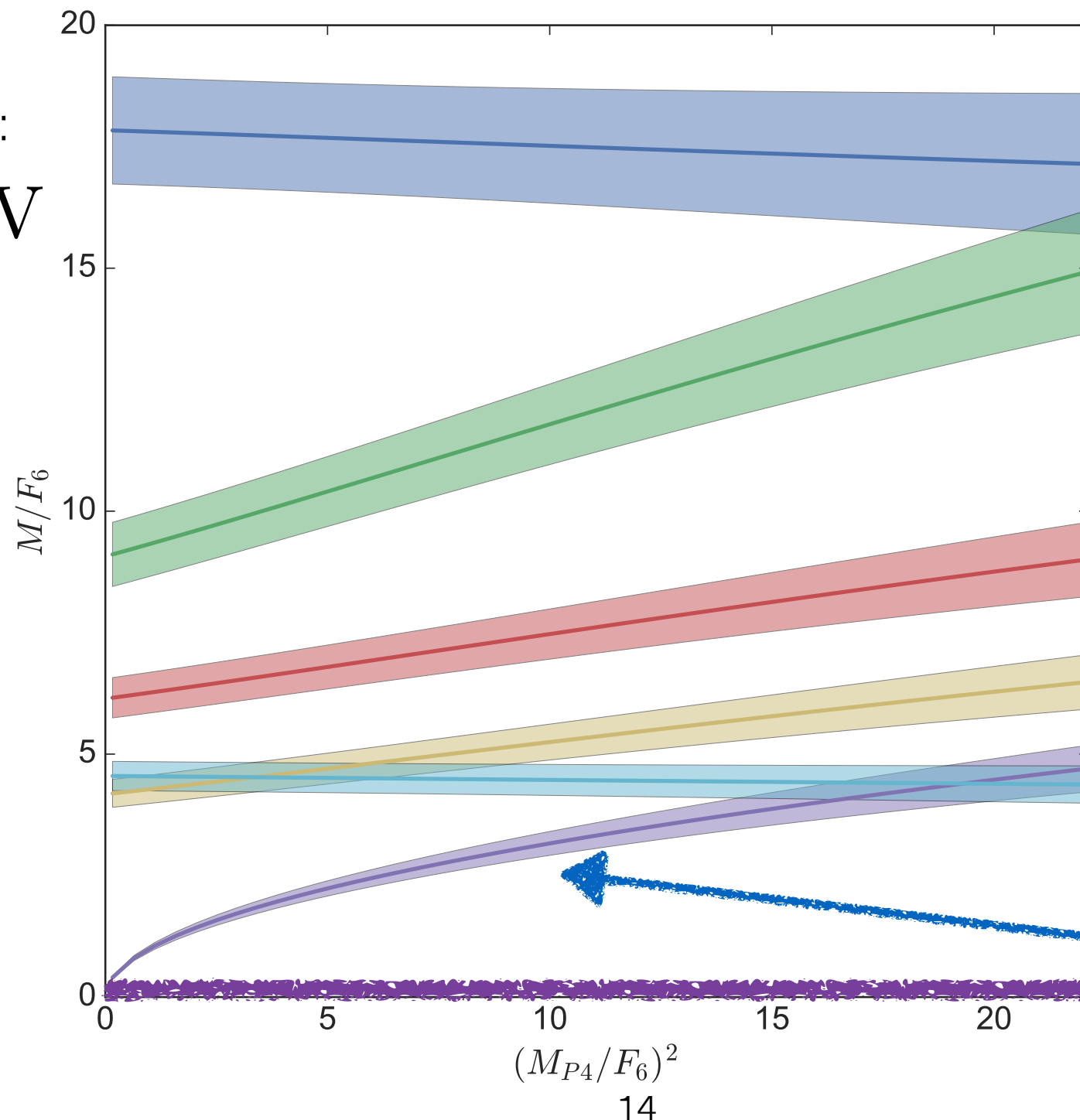
The physical spectrum

Ferretti limit: $m_6 \rightarrow 0$

From experiment:

$$F_6 \gtrsim 1.1 \text{ TeV}$$

$\sim M \text{ [TeV]}$



Summary

- ▶ Large- N_C describes the baryon spectrum well and has a suggestive “constituent fermion” interpretation
- ▶ The “chimera” Qqq states are the lightest baryons. The top partner is a chimera.
- ▶ In the “physical limit” ($m_6 \rightarrow 0$), the top partner Λ is nearly mass-degenerate with another state Σ
- ▶ The mass of top partner is $m_\Lambda \gtrsim 6.5 \text{ TeV}$

Back-up slides

Baryon masses

$$\hat{M}_{Q^6} = 6[C_6 + C_{66}\hat{m}_6] + \frac{B_{66}}{6}J(J+1) + A_6\hat{a}$$

$$\hat{M}_{q^4} = 4[C_4 + C_{44}\hat{m}_4] + \frac{B_{44}}{4}J(J+1) + A_4\hat{a}$$

Constituent masses

Lattice artifacts

$$\hat{M}_{Qqq} = 2[C_4 + C_{44}\hat{m}_4] + [C_6 + C_{66}\hat{m}_6] + C_{\text{mix}} + A_{\text{mix}}\hat{a}$$

$$+ B_{46}\frac{J(J+1)}{\sqrt{24}} + \left(\frac{B_{44}}{4} - \frac{B_{46}}{\sqrt{24}}\right)I(I+1).$$

Models of Compositeness

(Composite Higgs + partially composite top)

- Lattice simulations need a specific model
 - Ferretti and Karateev [[1312.5330](#)] classified possible theories using group theory
 - A. Gauge group is anomaly-free
 - B. Global symmetry contains SM gauge group + custodial SU(2)
 - C. Theory is asymptotically free
 - D. Matter fields are fermionic irreps of the gauge group
- } “Healthy” physical theory
- } (Sufficient?) Condition for partial compositeness

Ferretti's Model: FAQs

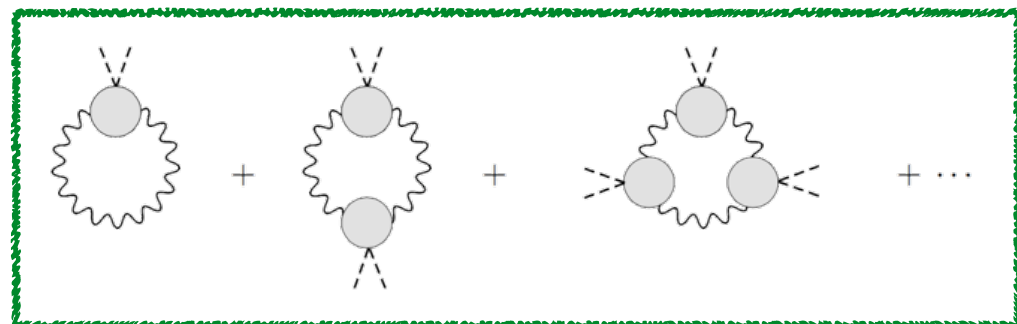
- Why SU(4) gauge theory?
 - ➔ Maintains asymptotic freedom for the desired fermion content
- Ok, so why the fermion content?
 - ➔ Need to embed (and then gauge) the Standard Model within the unbroken global symmetry group:
 - ♦ $G_F \rightarrow H_F = \text{SU}(3)_{\text{diag}} \times \text{SU}(2)_L \times \text{SU}(2)_R \times \text{U}(1)_X = G_{\text{cust.}} \supset G_{\text{SM}}$
 - ♦ Fundamentals: $\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(3)' \rightarrow \text{SU}(3)_{\text{diag}} \times \text{U}(1)_X$
 - ♦ Sextets $\text{SU}(5) \rightarrow \text{SO}(5) \supset \text{SO}(4) \cong \text{SU}(2)_L \times \text{SU}(2)_R$
 - ♦ Higgs boson lives in coset $\text{SO}(5)/\text{SO}(4)$

Ferretti's Model

EWSB via top-driven vacuum misalignment

- χ SB occurs in UV, where the future Higgs begins life as an exact Goldstone boson.
- Then include perturbative interactions with the Standard Model:
 - **EW gauge bosons induce a positive potential** via the mechanism of “vacuum alignment.”
 - ♦ The physics is identical to EM mass splittings between pions in QCD.
 - ♦ These interactions do *not* trigger EWSB.
 - **The top quark induces a negative potential.** If this effect is large enough, “vacuum misalignment” drives the formation of a Higgs VEV and triggers EWSB.

$$V_{\text{eff}}(h) \sim (\alpha - \beta) \left(\frac{h}{f} \right)^2 + \mathcal{O}(h^4)$$



Low-energy constants,
Calculable on the lattice

The Higgs Potential

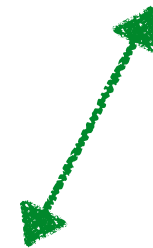
- The Higgs begins life as an exact Goldstone boson from broken chiral symmetry in the UV
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$m_{\pi^\pm}^2 - m_{\pi^0}^2$

$$\sim \underbrace{\frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{4\pi} \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}_{\text{Dimensional analysis}} \sim \frac{\alpha_{\text{EM}}}{f_\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \underbrace{dQ^2 \Pi_{\text{LR}}(Q^2)}_{\text{Careful computation in field theory, Das (1967)}}$$

Compute this LEC
on the lattice



Dimensional analysis

Careful computation
in field theory, Das (1967)

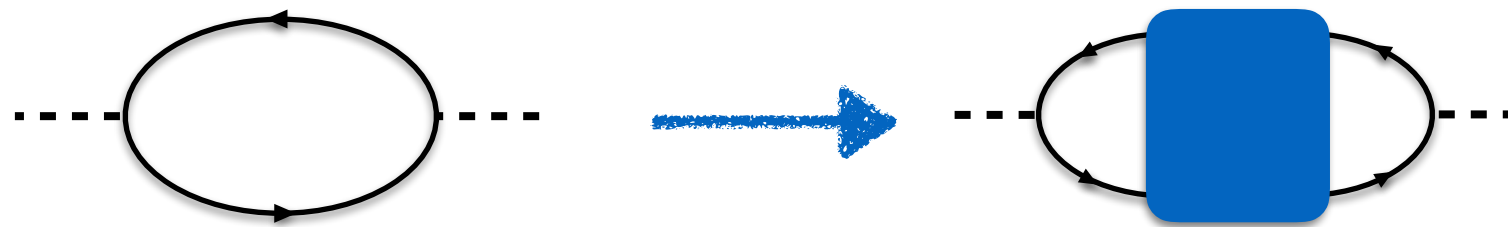
*Proof that $\alpha > 0$: E. Witten, “Some Inequalities Among Hadron Masses,” PRL 51, 2351 (1983)

QCD version: Das *et al* (1967), Phys. Rev. Lett., 18, 759–761 ²¹

The Higgs Potential

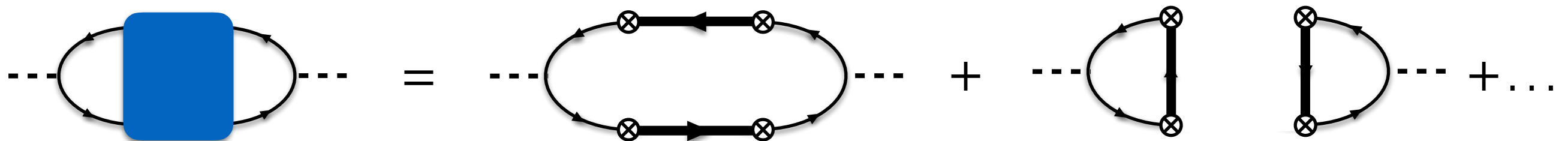
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SM Top Loop

Partial Compositeness



= lattice task = baryon 4-pt function

- Technically challenging, see [1502.00390](#) and [1707.06033](#)
- Factorization at large-N?

The NDS Action

nHYP Dislocation Suppressing Action

- nHYP is a smearing scheme invented and optimized by Hasenfratz and Knechtli. It involves fat links V built from thin links U .
 - The usual gauge links U are “thin” links. The fat link V is “smeared” link — a sum of products of gauge links connecting points on the lattice.
 - Smearing provides a smoother background for fermion propagation. This smoothing reduces lattice artifacts.
- “Dislocation suppression” refers to taming large spikes in the fermion force during evolution with hybrid Monte Carlo
 - Enacted by extra marginal gauge terms
 - Creates a “repulsive potential” to cancel out the offending large spikes in the fermion force.

Setting the scale

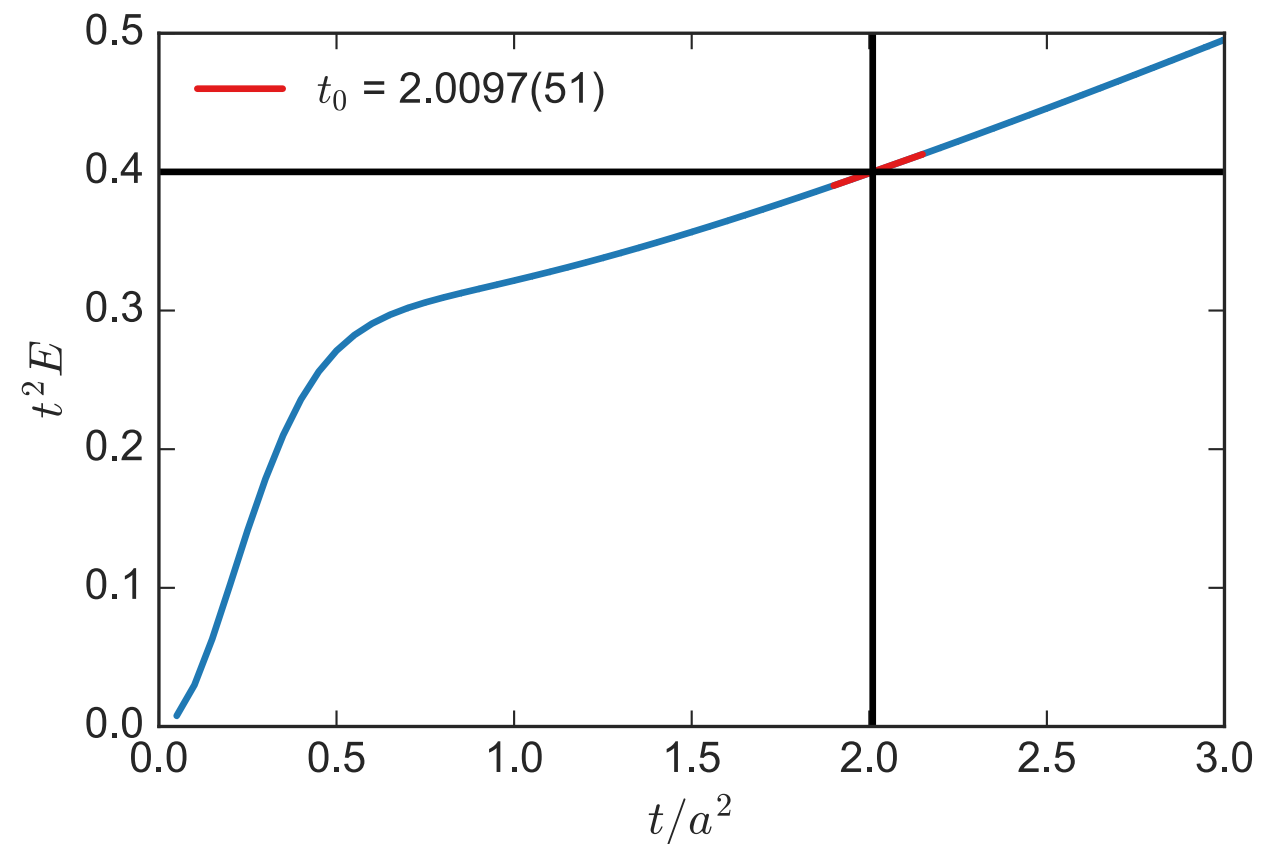
“Always look at dimensionless ratios”

- Set the scale with the Wilson flow scale, t_0
- In QCD, $\sqrt{t_0} = 0.14$ fm, related to scales from static potential (e.g., [Lüscher: 1006.4518](#))
- Idea: diffusive smoothing (“flow”) in a fictitious 5th dimension

$$\langle E(t) \rangle \sim \langle G^2(t) \rangle$$

$$t_0^2 \langle E(t_0) \rangle \stackrel{!}{=} M(N_c)$$

- QCD: $M(N_c=3) = 0.3$
- Large-N: $t_0 \sim N_c$, so take $M(N_c=4) = 0.4$
- [DeGrand \(1701.00793\)](#) gives details, compares to other scale setting schemes, and provides more careful connection to large-N



$$\hat{m} = (m \cdot a) \times (\sqrt{t_0}/a) \\ = \text{dimensionless}$$