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OUTLINE

► **Exciton**

► **The Hubbard Model**

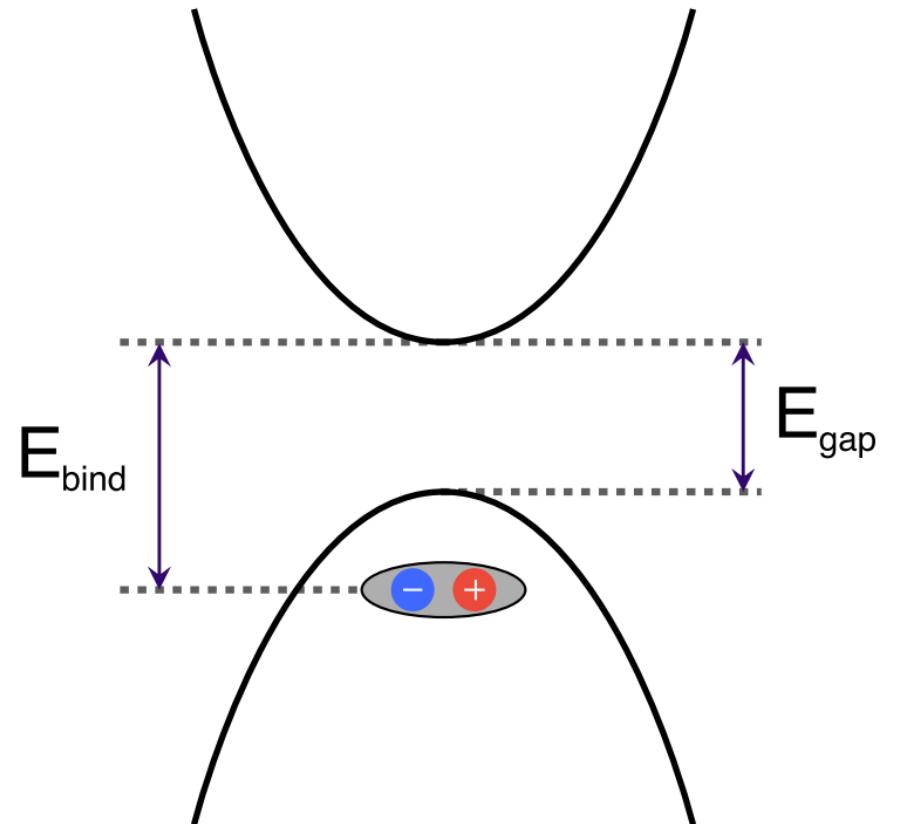
► **Correlation Functions**

► **Data Analysis**

► **Results**

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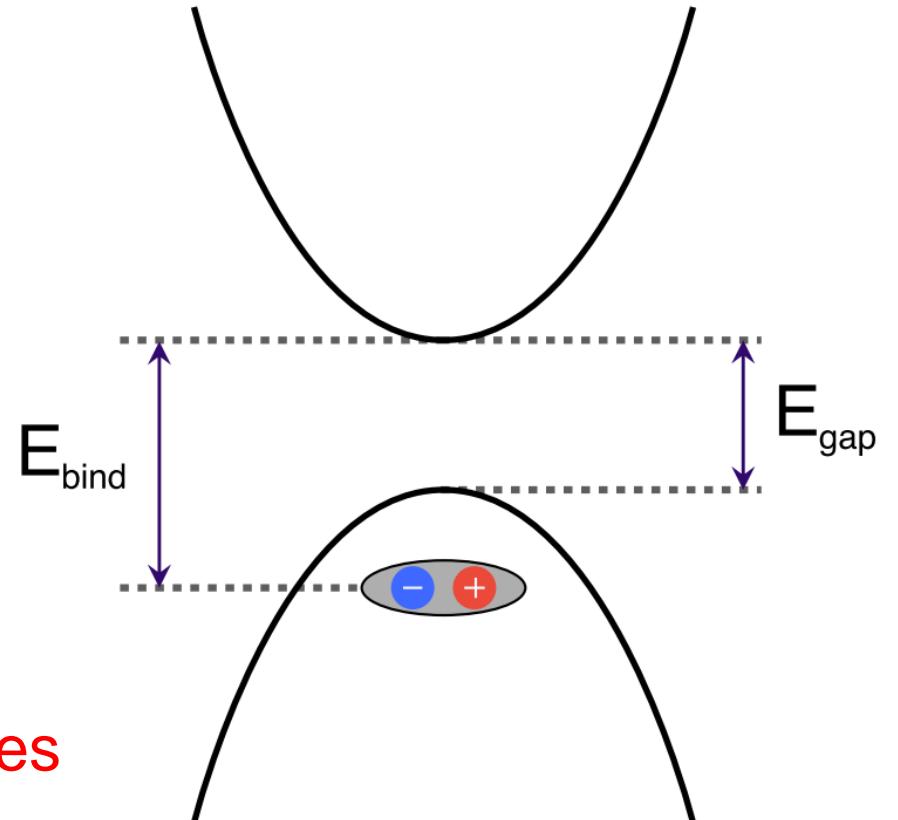
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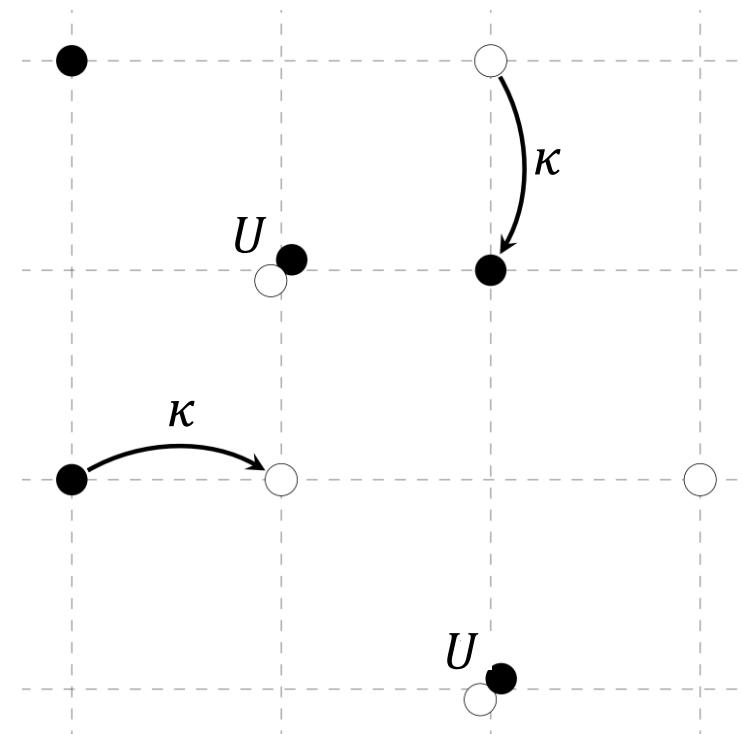
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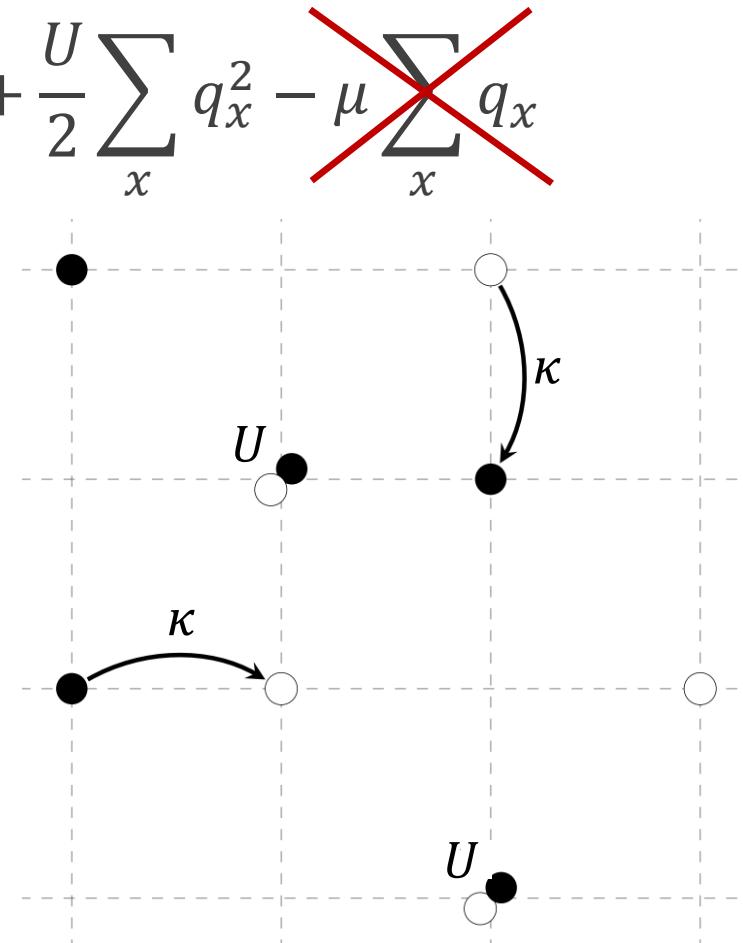
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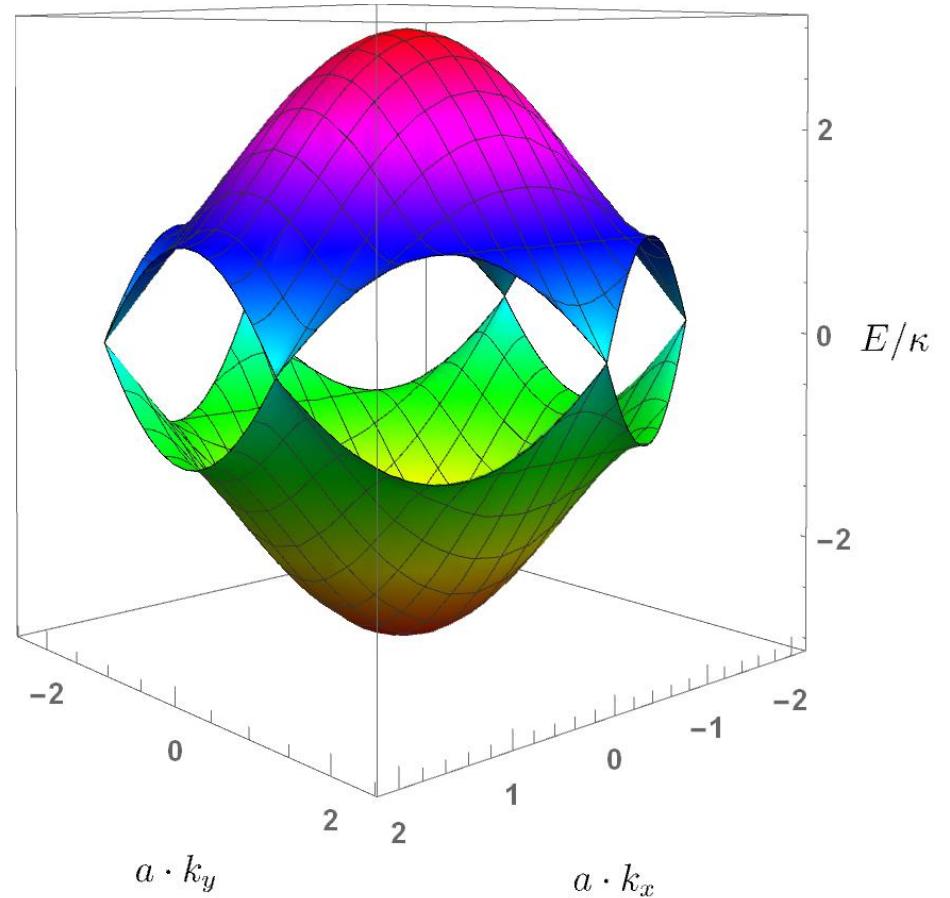
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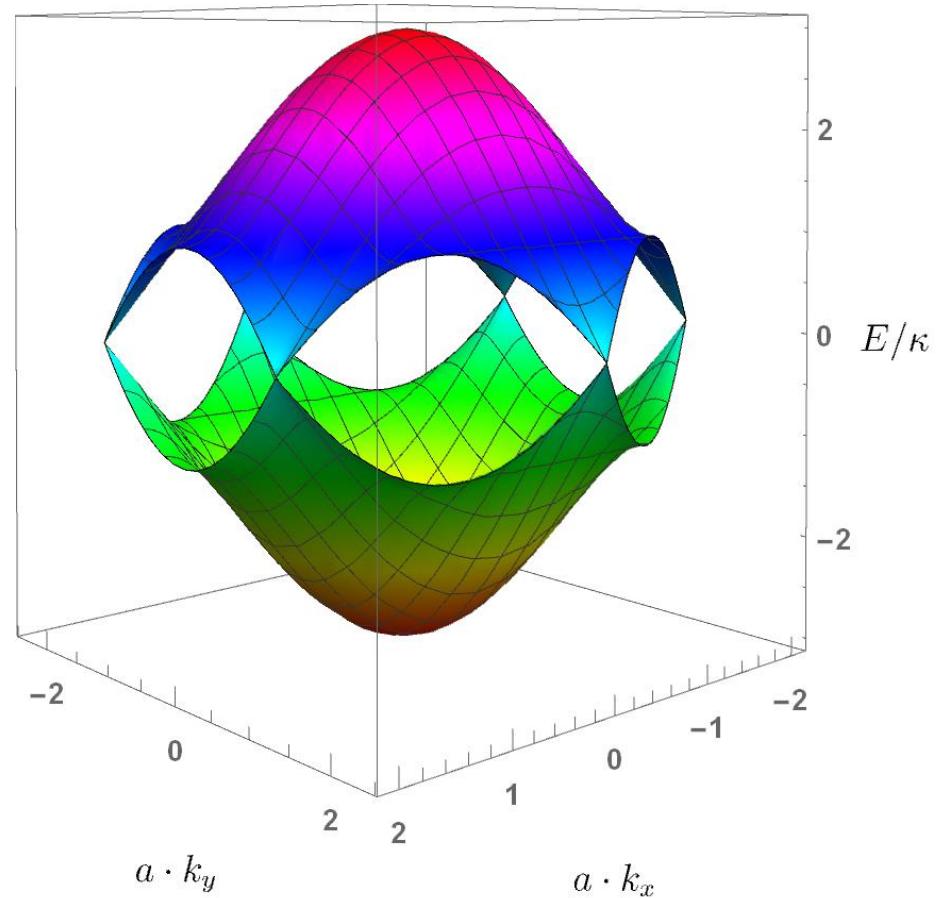
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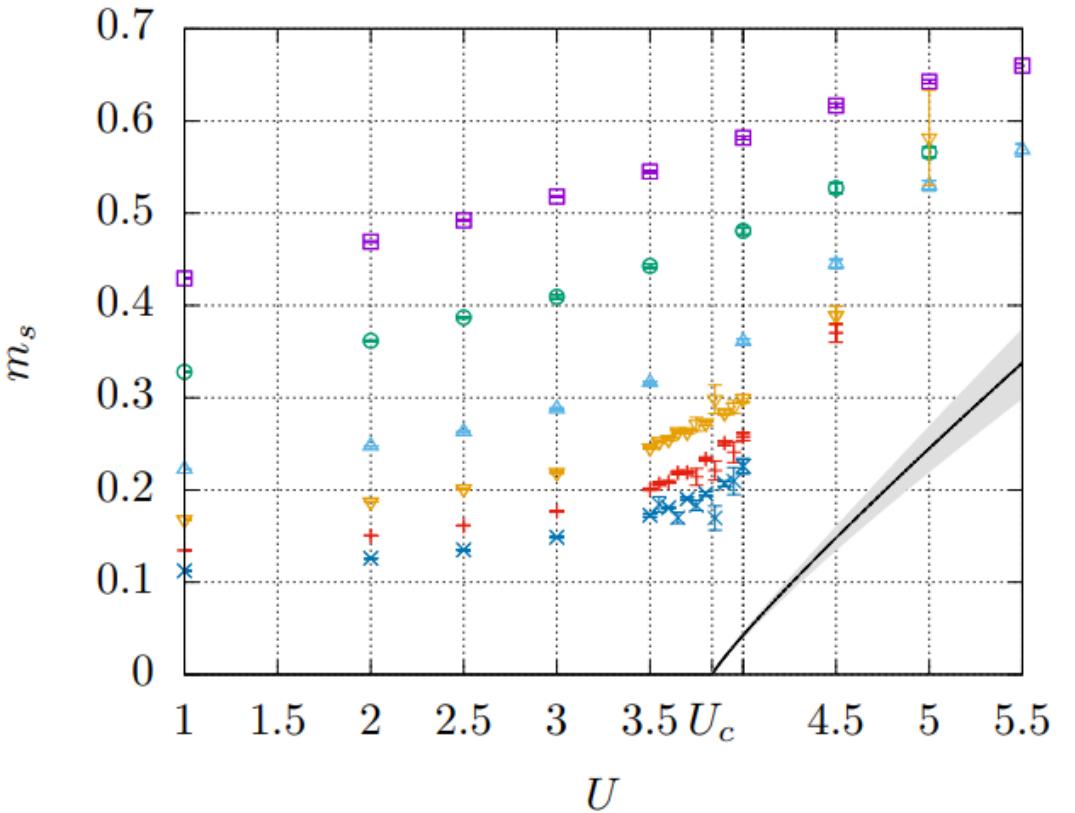
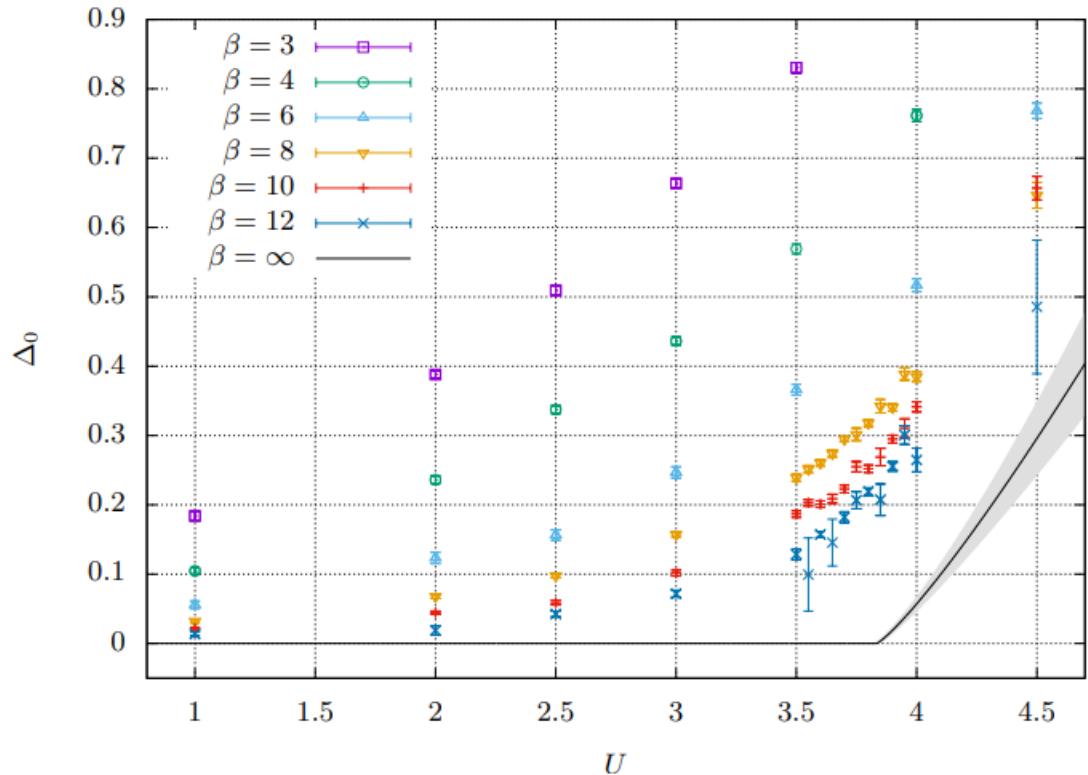


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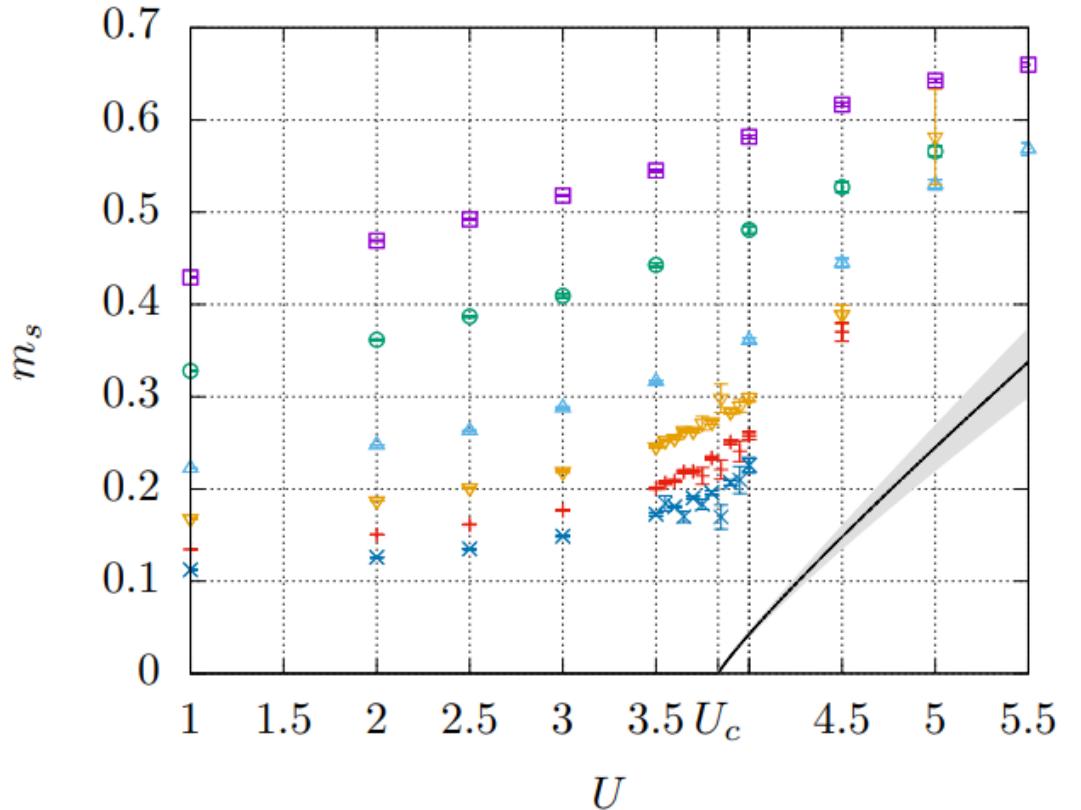
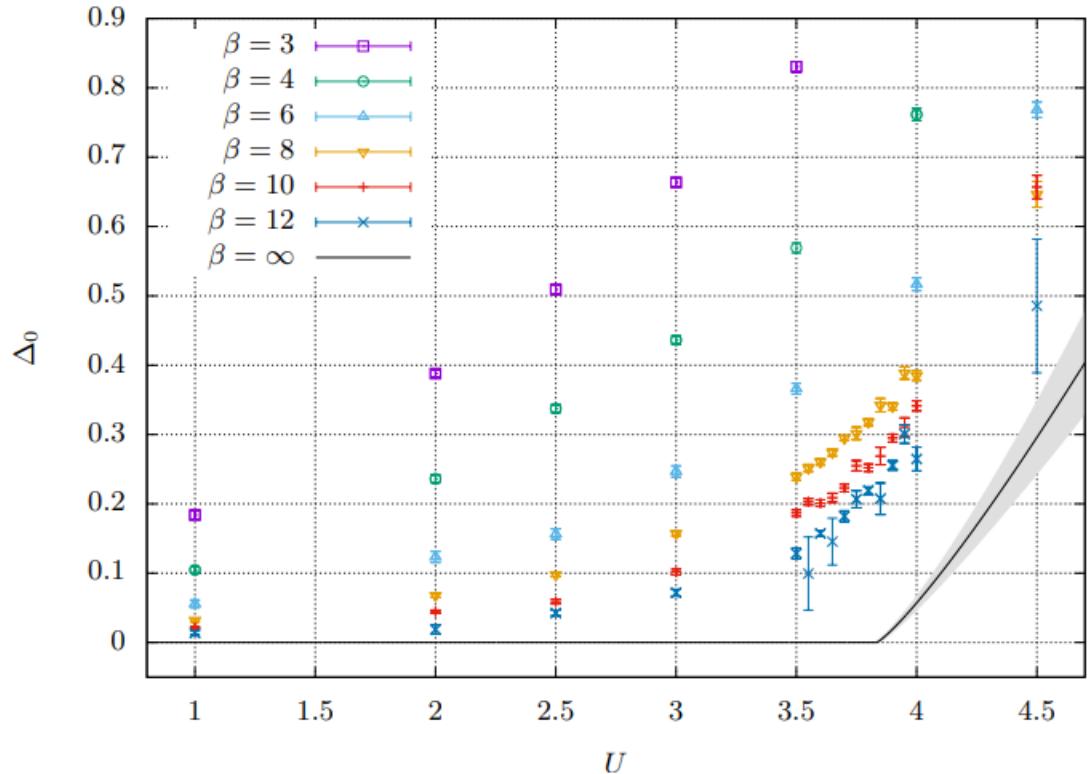
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What happens with two-body states?

CORRELATION FUNCTIONS

Two-point correlation functions

$$C(t) = \langle \mathcal{O}(t)\mathcal{O}^\dagger(0) \rangle$$

- The Hubbard model can have single-electron excitations, while QCD does not have single-quark excitations

$$I = 1/2, S = 1/2$$

	$S_z = 1/2$	$S_z = 1/2$
$I_z = 1/2$	p^\dagger	h
$I_z = -1/2$	h^\dagger	p

- We can construct from these one-body operators all two-body operators

CORRELATION FUNCTIONS

Two-body correlation functions

$$I = 0, S = 0$$

	$S_z = 0$
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Do not measure channels with disconnected diagrams

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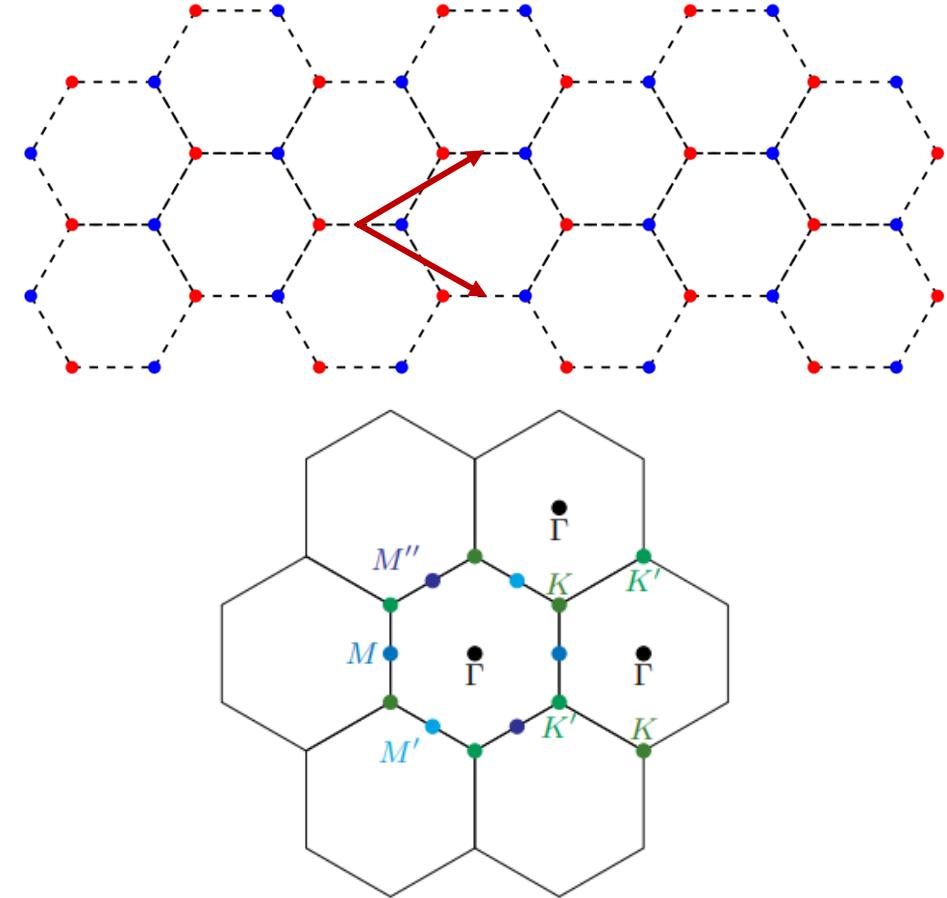
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We expect $I_z = \pm 1$ to be repulsive while $I_z = 0$ to be attractive

HONEYCOMB LATTICE

- Bipartite lattice
 - Two triangular lattices
 - Every lattice site has a neighbor from the other sublattice
- We work in momentum space
 - Momenta modes of interest are – Γ , K, K', M, M', M''
- Only the first Brillouin zone (BZ) is of interest because everything outside can be modded back.



HONEYCOMB LATTICE

Symmetries

Must account the structure of the lattice

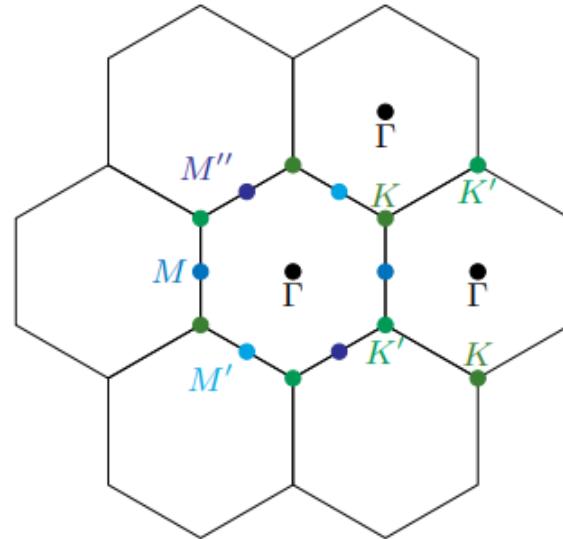
- Possible to leave the first BZ when adding momenta

- Work with total momentum P and relative momentum p instead

$$k, l \rightarrow P, p$$

- Total momentum is conserved

- with total momentum P construct shells of relative momentum in irreps of the little group (allowing for umklapp)



$$K + K' = \Gamma$$

$$K + K = K'$$

$$K' + K' = K$$

DATA ANALYSIS

- Analysis is done at
 - Total momentum Γ , K and source/sink momenta K, K'
 - Lattice size - (3,3)
 - $U = 3.0$ and $U = 4.0$
 - $\beta = 8.0$
- We are not fitting an exponent because we leverage the symmetry of the correlators

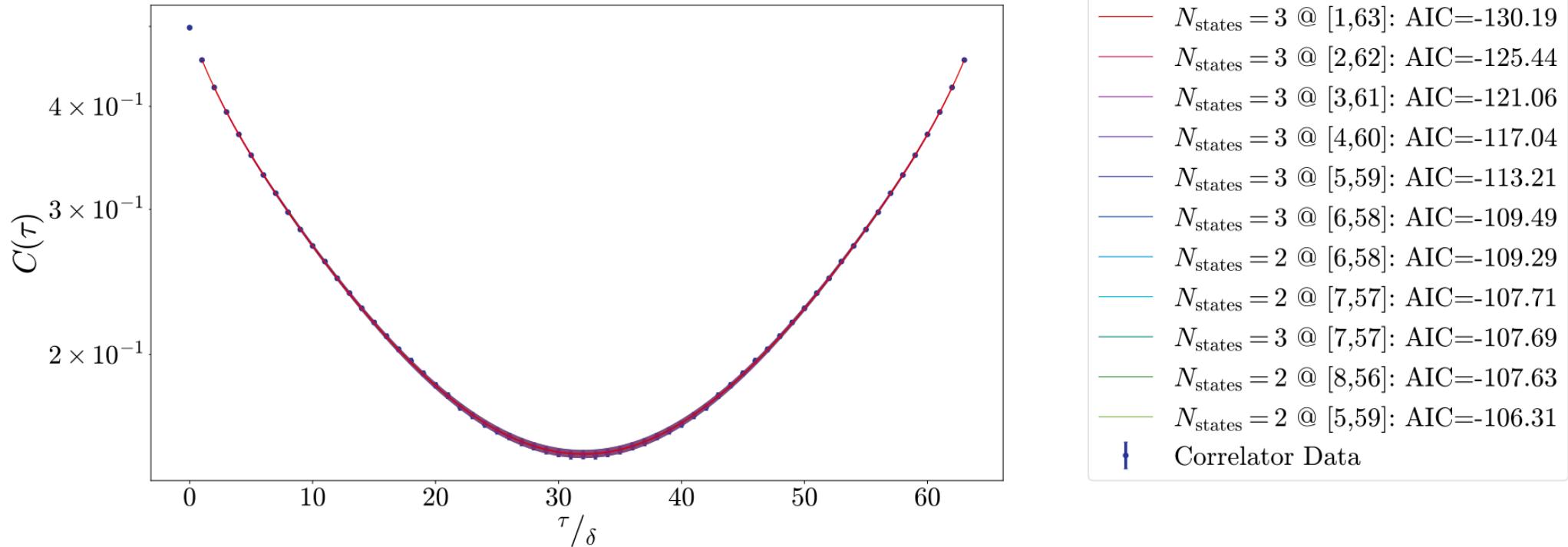
$$f_{1/2}(t) = \sum_n A_n \cosh\left(E_n^{1/2}(t - \frac{\beta}{2})\right)$$

- Calculate the energy shift
$$\Delta E = E^2 - 2E^1$$
- Extrapolate to the continuum limit $N_t \rightarrow \infty$
- Repeat for every channel
- Repeat for all available irreducible representations (Only A1 results presented)

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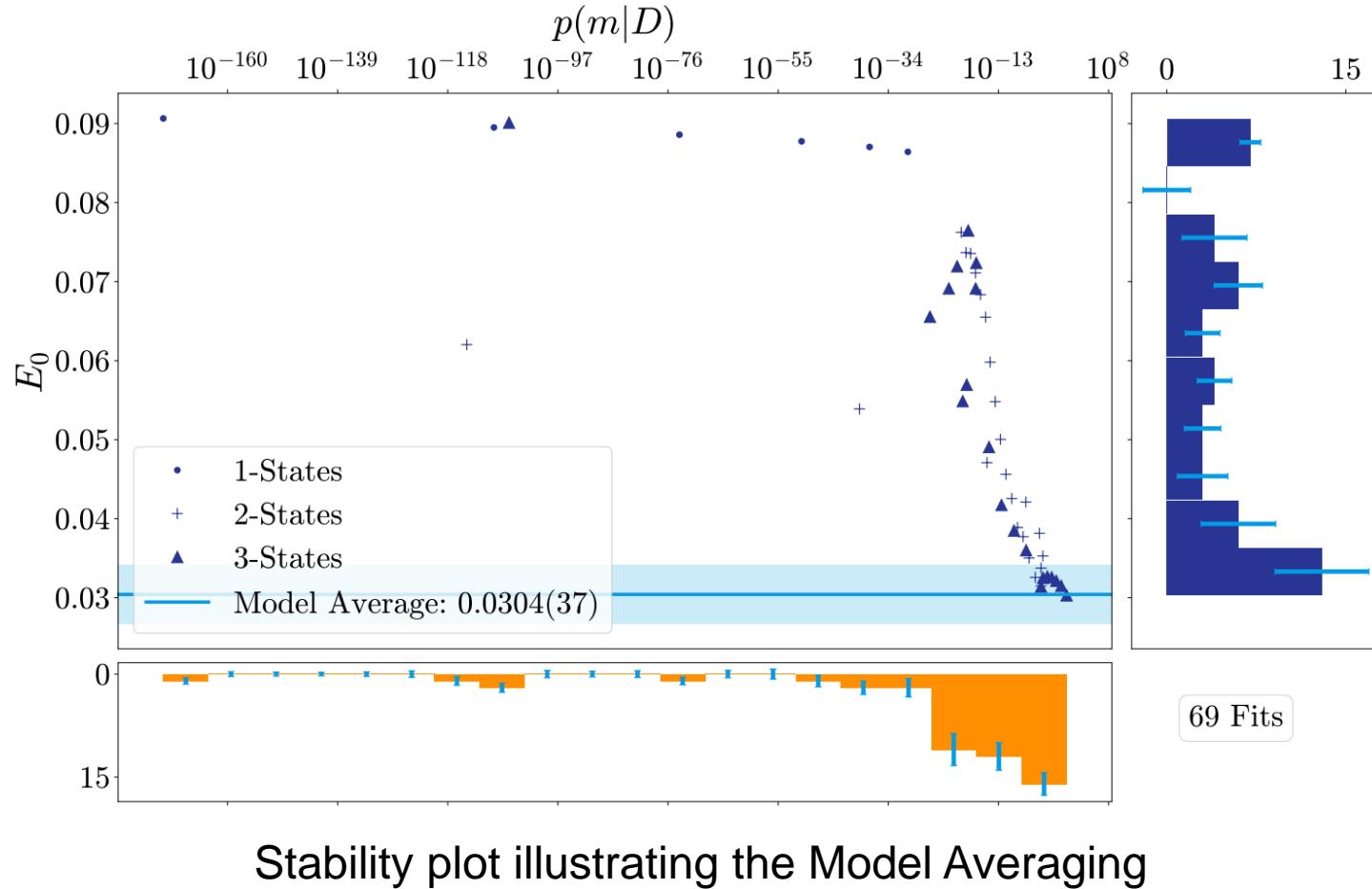
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The correlator is exceptionally flat!

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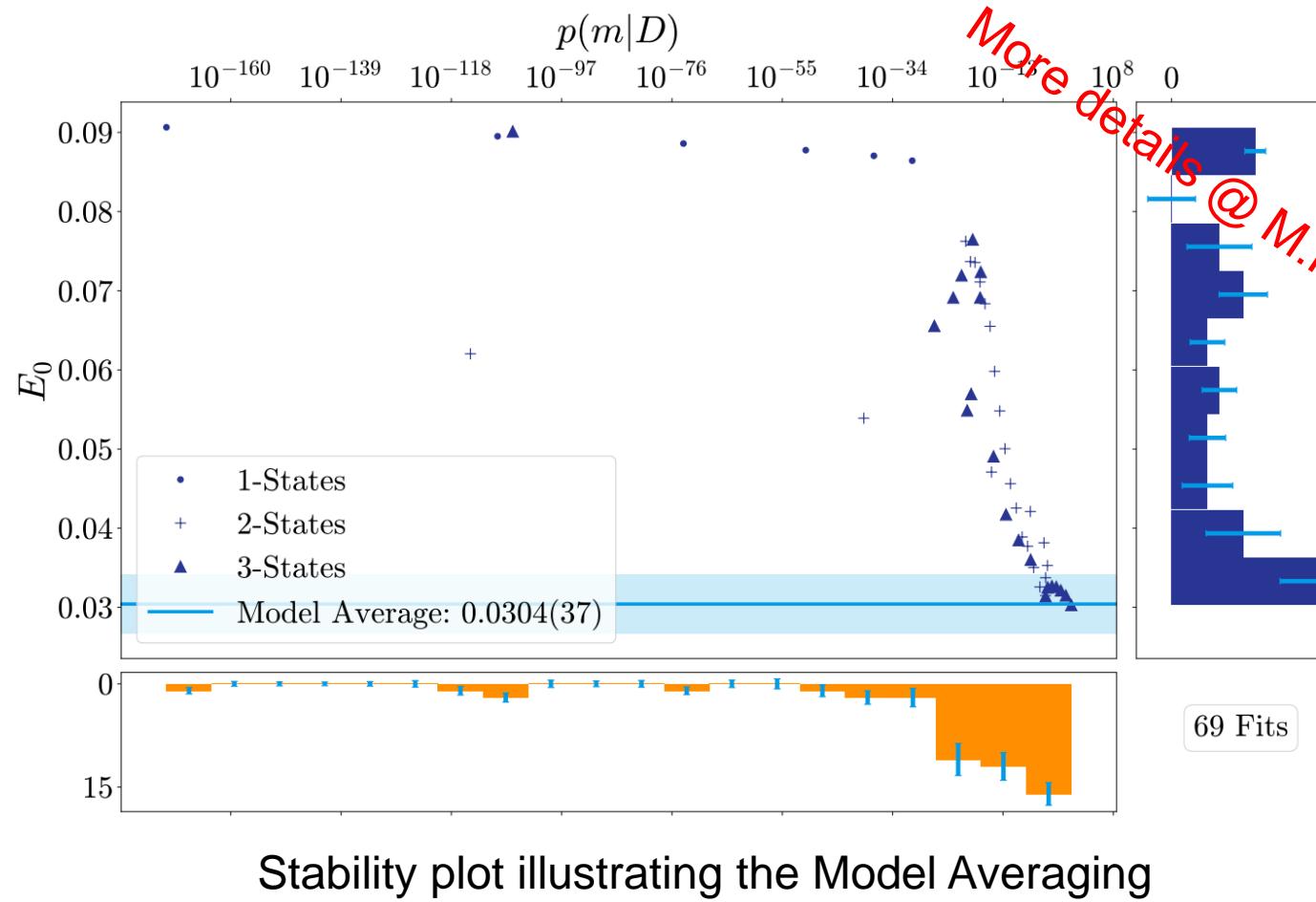
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Stability plot illustrating the Model Averaging

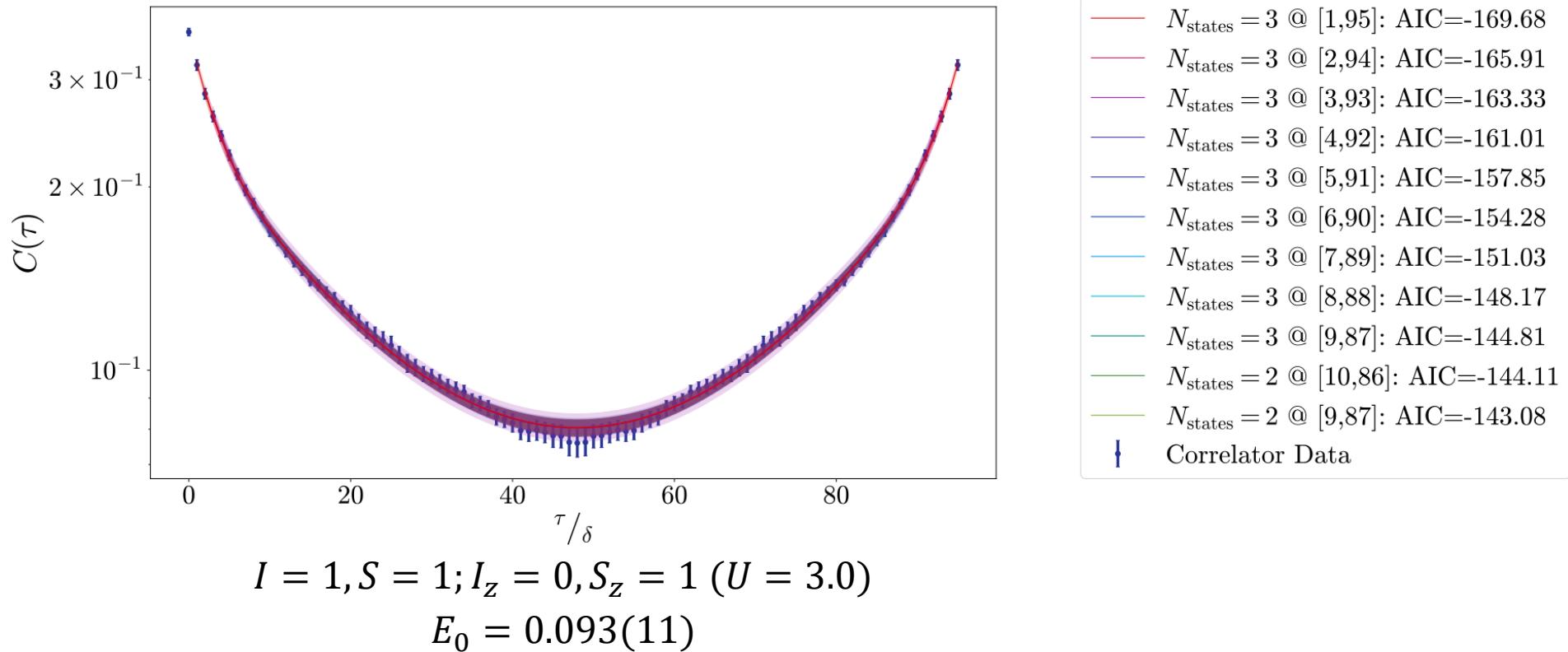
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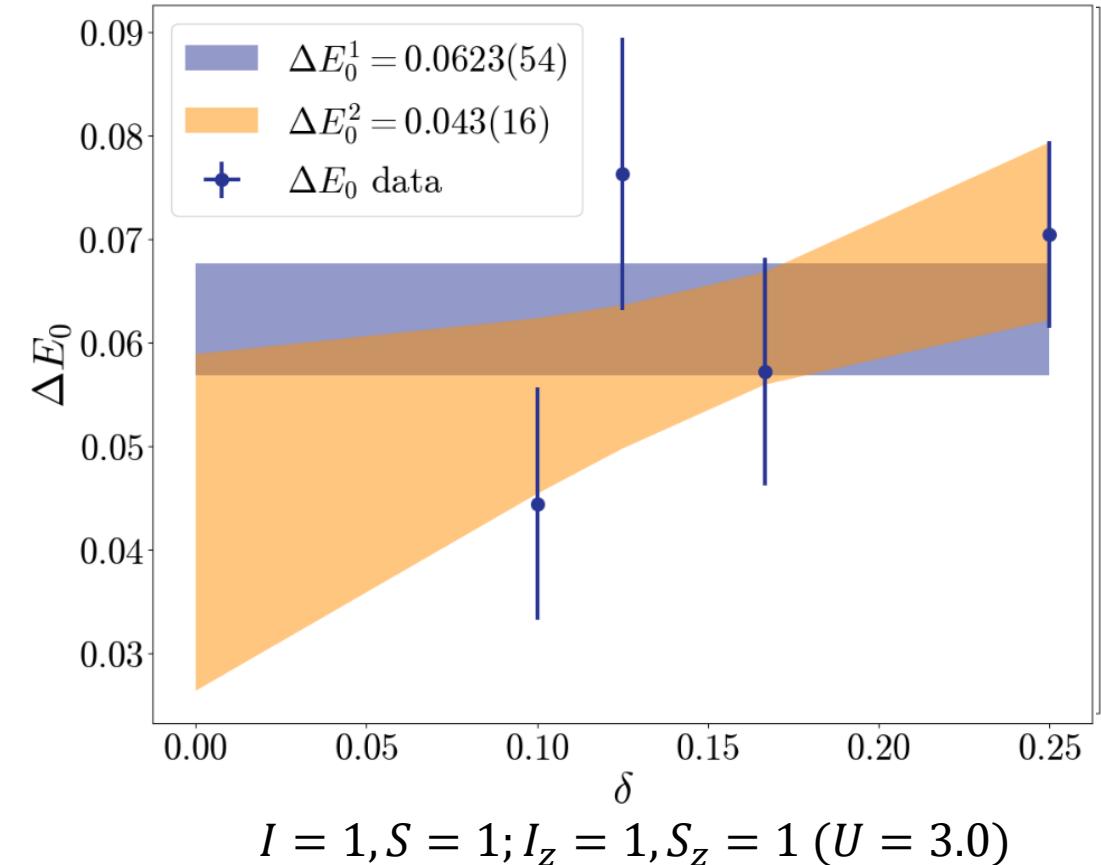
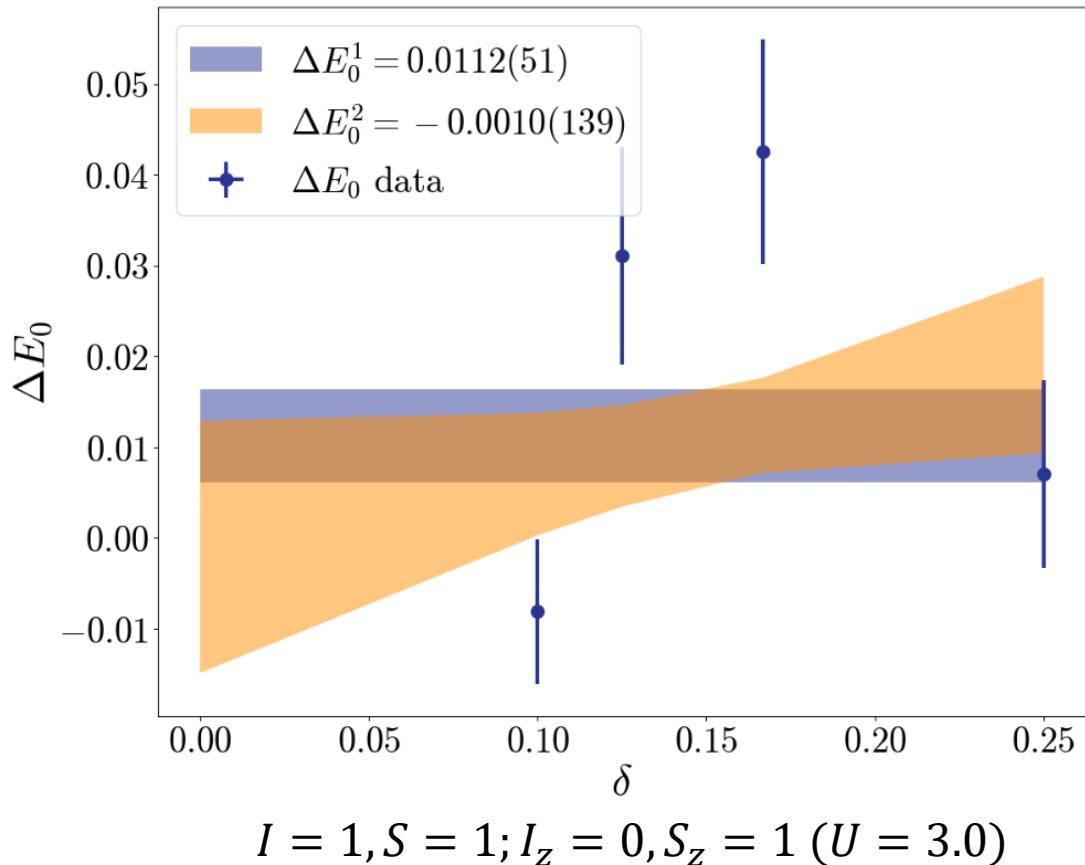
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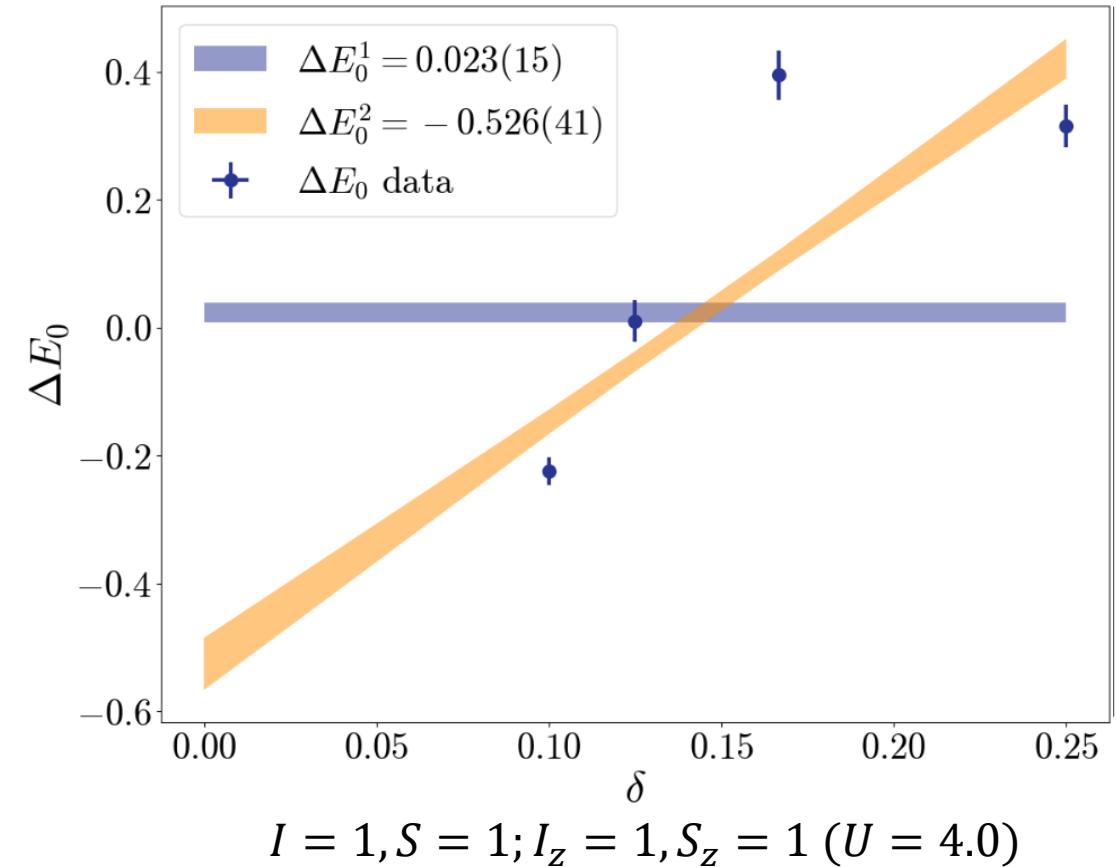
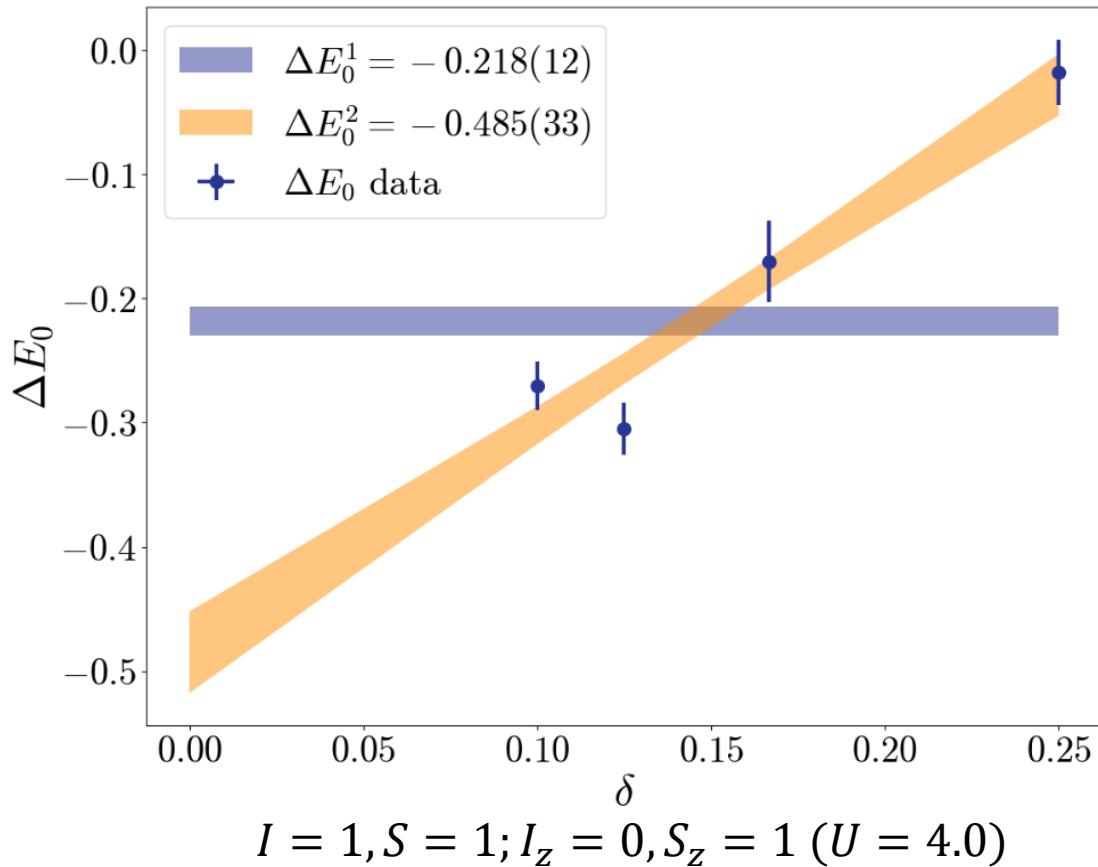
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Continuum Limit $U=3.0$ @ $P=\Gamma$



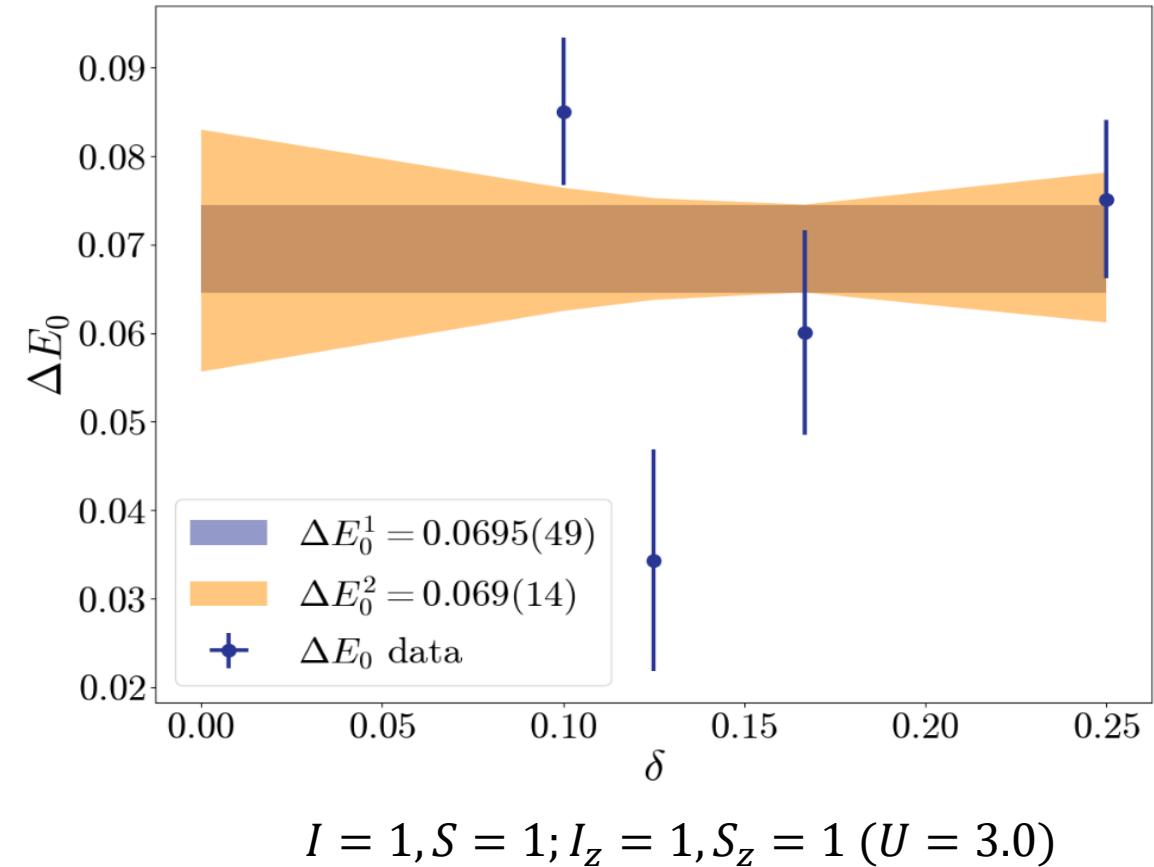
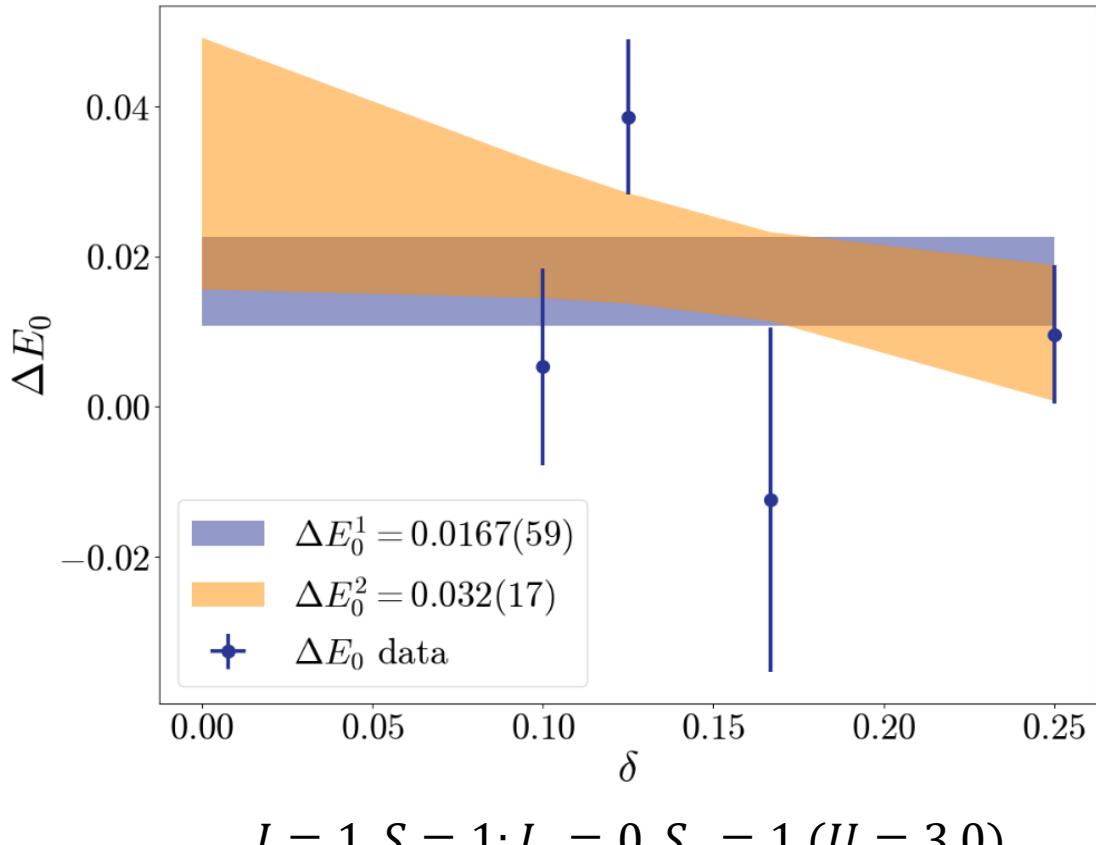
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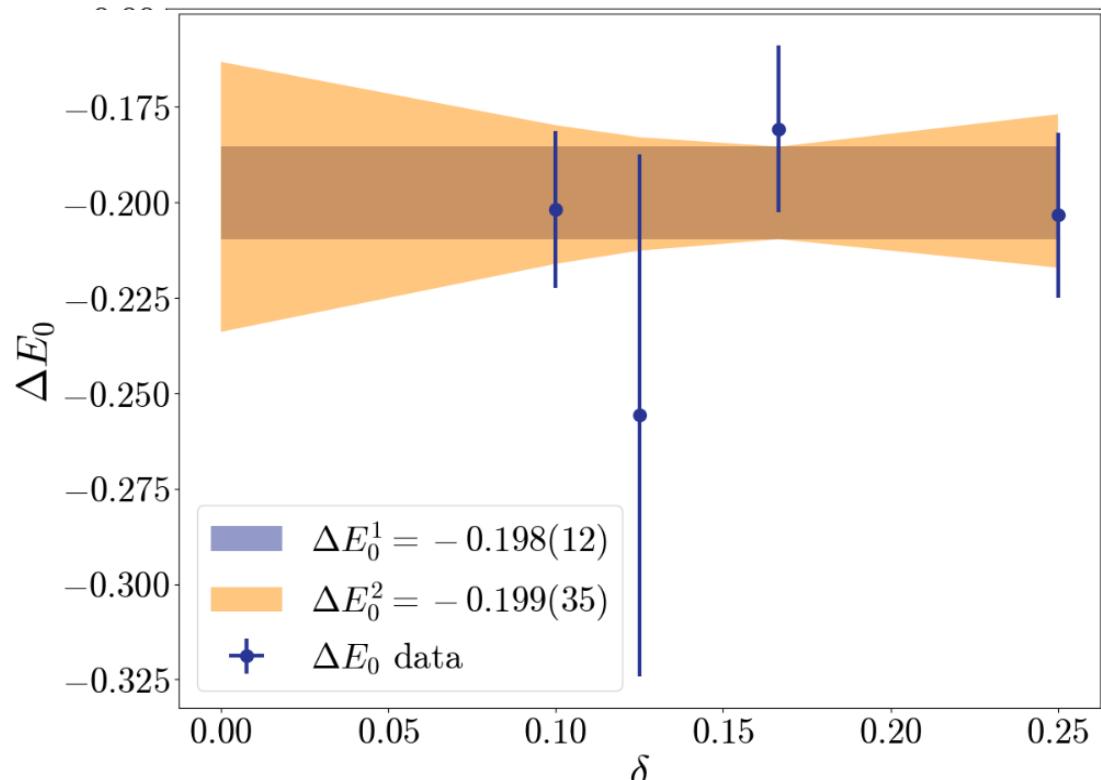
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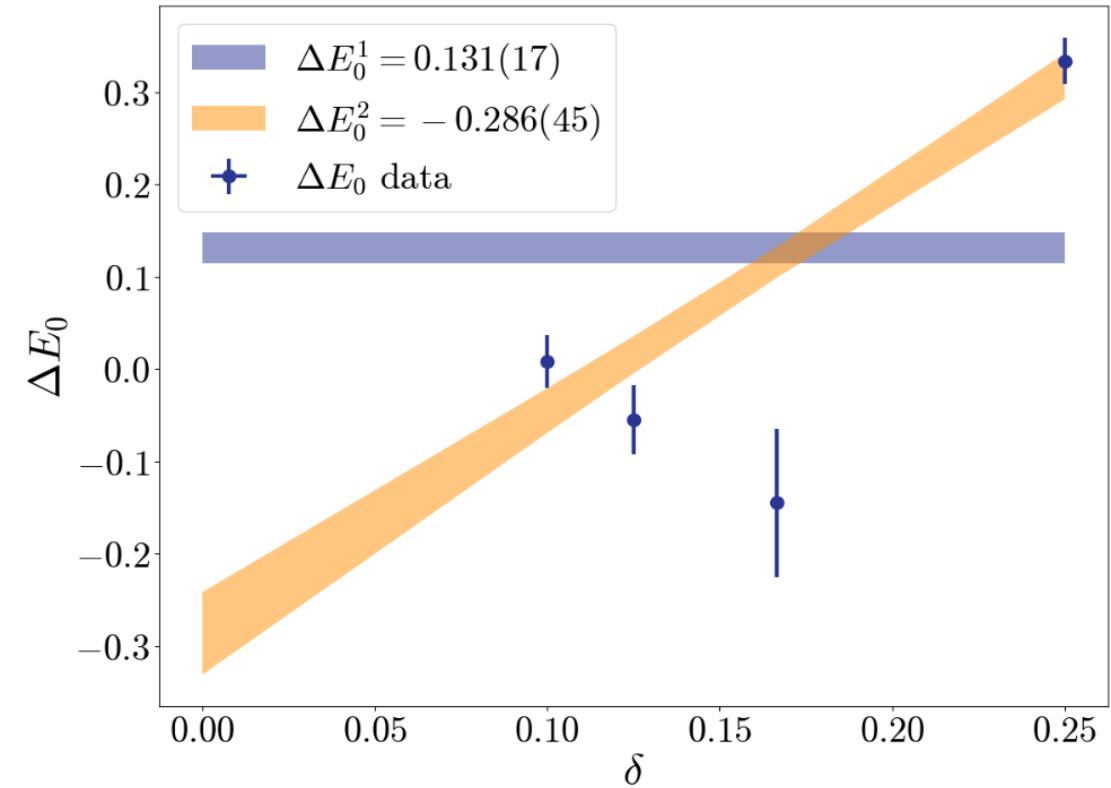


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Continuum Limit U=4.0 @ P=K



$I = 1, S = 1; I_z = 0, S_z = 1 (U = 4.0)$



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SUMMARY

Outlook

▼ What did we find?

As expected, we found that the attractive channel has smaller energy shift than the repulsive one.

Found positive energy shift at $U = 3.0$ in the channel with non-zero net charge at both total momenta.

Found positive or close to zero energy shift at $U = 3.0$ in the channel with zero net charge at both total momenta.

Negative or close to zero energy shift at $U = 4.0$ in the channel with non-zero net charge at both total momenta.

Negative zero energy shift at $U = 4.0$ in the channel with zero net charge at both total momenta. Possible bound state?

SUMMARY

Outlook

► What did we find?

▼ What does the future hold?

Generate ensembles, so we can reach the three limits simultaneously.

Add more data points to the extrapolations

Scan over U to get $\Delta E_0(U)$

Perform simulations at non-zero chemical potential ($\mu \neq 0$)

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