

Baryon spectroscopy from lattice QCD

- **Goal: Determine the hadron mass spectrum of QCD**
- **New feature: Spin identification for N^* and Δ states**
 - R. G. Edwards, J. J. Dudek, D. G. Richards and S. J. Wallace, [arXiv:1104.5152].
- **Comparisons with $SU(6) \otimes O(3)$**
- **Conclusions**

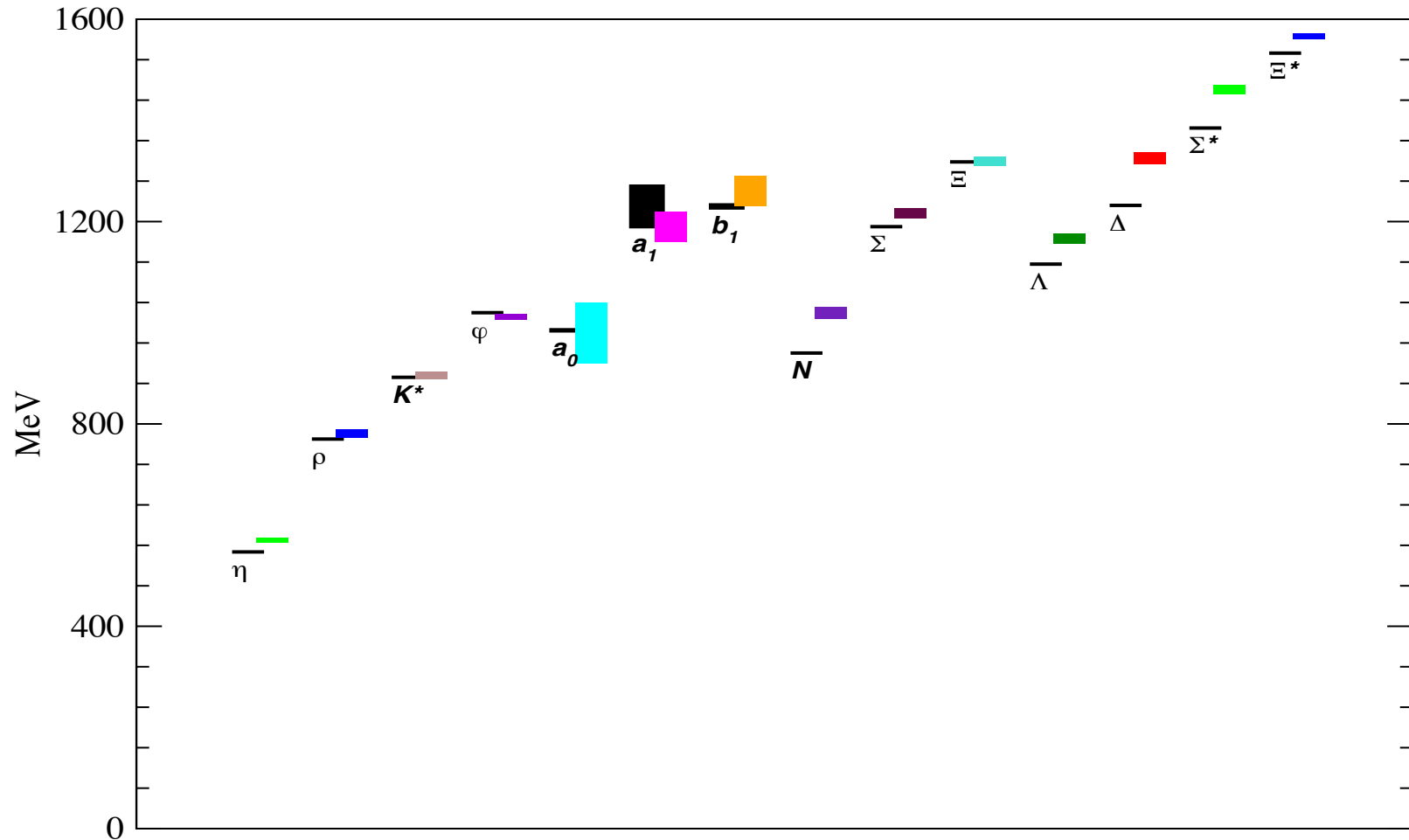
Lattice parameters

- $N_f = 2+1$ QCD
 - Gauge action: Symanzik-improved
 - Fermion action: Clover-improved Wilson
- Anisotropic: $a_s = 0.122$ fm, $a_t = 0.035$ fm

ensemble	1	2	3
m_ℓ	-.0840	-.0830	-.0808
m_s	-.0743	-.0743	-.0743
Volume	$16^3 \times 128$	$16^3 \times 128$	$16^3 \times 128$
Physical volume	$(2 \text{ fm})^3$	$(2 \text{ fm})^3$	$(2 \text{ fm})^3$
N_{cfgs}	344	570	481
t_{sources}	8	5	7
m_π	0.0691(6)	0.0797(6)	0.0996(6)
m_K	0.0970(5)	0.1032(5)	0.1149(6)
m_Ω	0.2951(22)	0.3040(8)	0.3200(7)
m_π (MeV)	396	444	524

HADRON SPECTRUM COLLABORATION

H.-W. Lin *et al.* Phys. Rev. D79, 034502 (2009).



Tuning of m_ℓ and m_s yields a good account of hadron masses

Limitations

- Three-quark operators:
 - No multiparticle operators
 - No clear evidence for multiparticle states: πN , etc.
- One (small) volume and one total momentum $P = 0$: No extrapolations or δ 's
- $m_\pi = 396, 444, 524$ MeV : Energies generally are high
- The three-quark states essentially are stable; decays are suppressed.

Computational Resources

- USQCD allocations
- Jefferson Laboratory GPUs and HPC clusters
- and the Chroma software system (Edwards *et al.*)

Standard recipe for lattice spectra

- Use interpolating field operators $B_j^\dagger(\mathbf{x}, t)$ to create three-quark baryons.
- Construct operators so that they transform as irreps of cubic group
- Make smooth operators i.e., smear them over many lattice sites
 - Project operators to low eigenmodes of covariant lattice Laplacian
 - Peardon, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D80, 054506 (2009)
- Matrices of correlation functions: $C_{ij}(t) = \sum_x \langle 0|B_i(\mathbf{x}, t)B_j^\dagger(\mathbf{0}, 0)|0 \rangle$
 - $C_{ij}(t) \sim \langle i|e^{-Ht}|j \rangle$
- Diagonalize matrices to get principal eigenvalues: $\lambda_n(t, t_0)$
 - Principal eigenvalues separate the decays of N eigenstates: $e^{-m_n(t-t_0)}$
- Fit them & extract masses, m_n .

Contamination from states outside the diagonalization space

Expect $\lambda_n(t) = e^{-m_n(t-t_0)} + \sum_{k>N} B_k e^{-m_k(t-t_0)} + \dots$

Two-exponential fits to principal eigenvalues

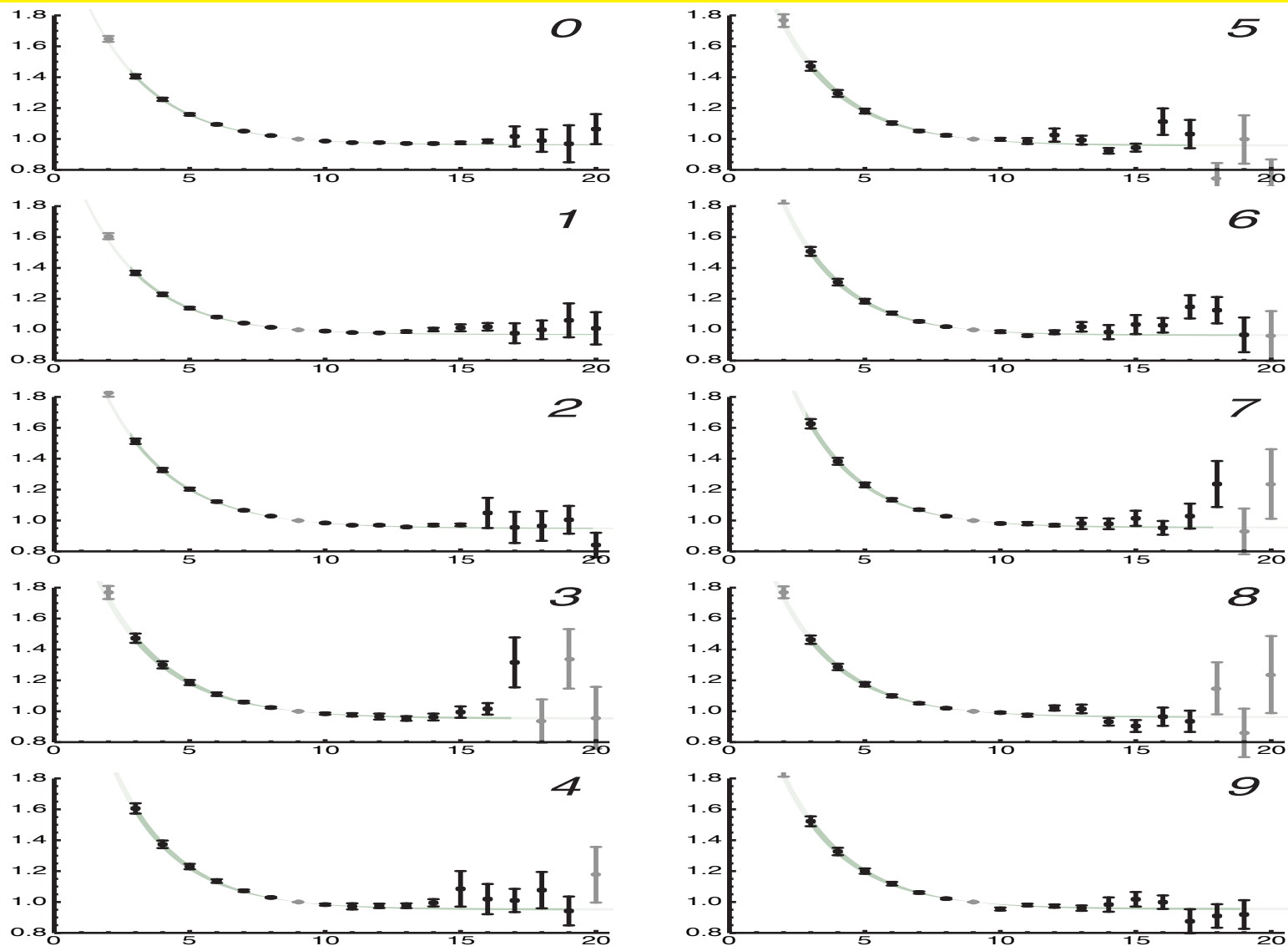
$$\lambda_{fit}(t) = (1 - A_n)e^{-m_n(t-t_0)} + A'_n e^{-m'_n(t-t_0)}$$

Ratio plots to show the goodness of fits

$$\frac{\lambda_{fit}(t)}{e^{-m_n(t-t_0)}}$$

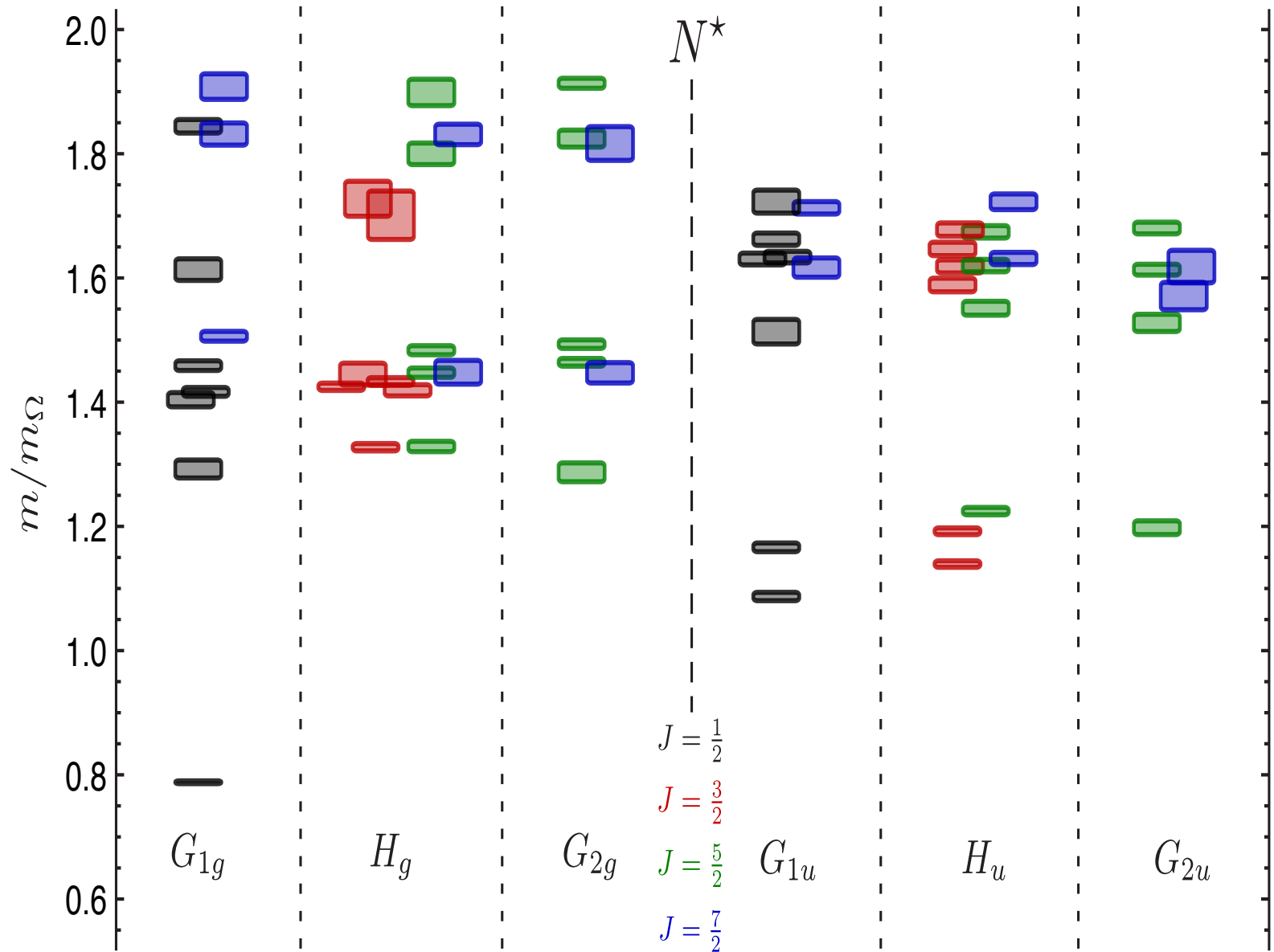
Ratio tends to constant at large t

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Contaminations are fit well by the 2nd exponential

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N^* spectrum in irreps of cubic group: $m_\pi = 396$ MeV

Results of standard recipe

- Lots of states and lots of degeneracies
- Spins are ambiguous
 - Degenerate states in G_1 , H , G_2 irreps imply a $J = \frac{7}{2}$ state
 - or accidentally degenerate $J = \frac{1}{2}$ and $J = \frac{5}{2}$ states
- Spin identification fails because:
 - there are too many degenerate states to identify the subductions of high spins
 - lattice energies don't provide sufficient information

New recipe to identify spins

- Use operators with known spins in continuum limit
 - Incorporate covariant derivatives to realize orbital angular momenta
- Subduce the operators to irreps of cubic group
- Use spectral representation of matrices: $C_{ij}(t) = \sum_n Z_i^{n*} Z_i^n e^{-m_n t}$
- $Z_i^n = \langle n | B_i^\dagger(0, 0) | 0 \rangle$ is the overlap of operator i with state n
- Use Z_i^n to identify spin: spin of state n is J when largest Z 's are for operators subduced from spin J
 - The different lattice irreps give approximately the same overlaps
 - E_n is the energy of a state of good J .

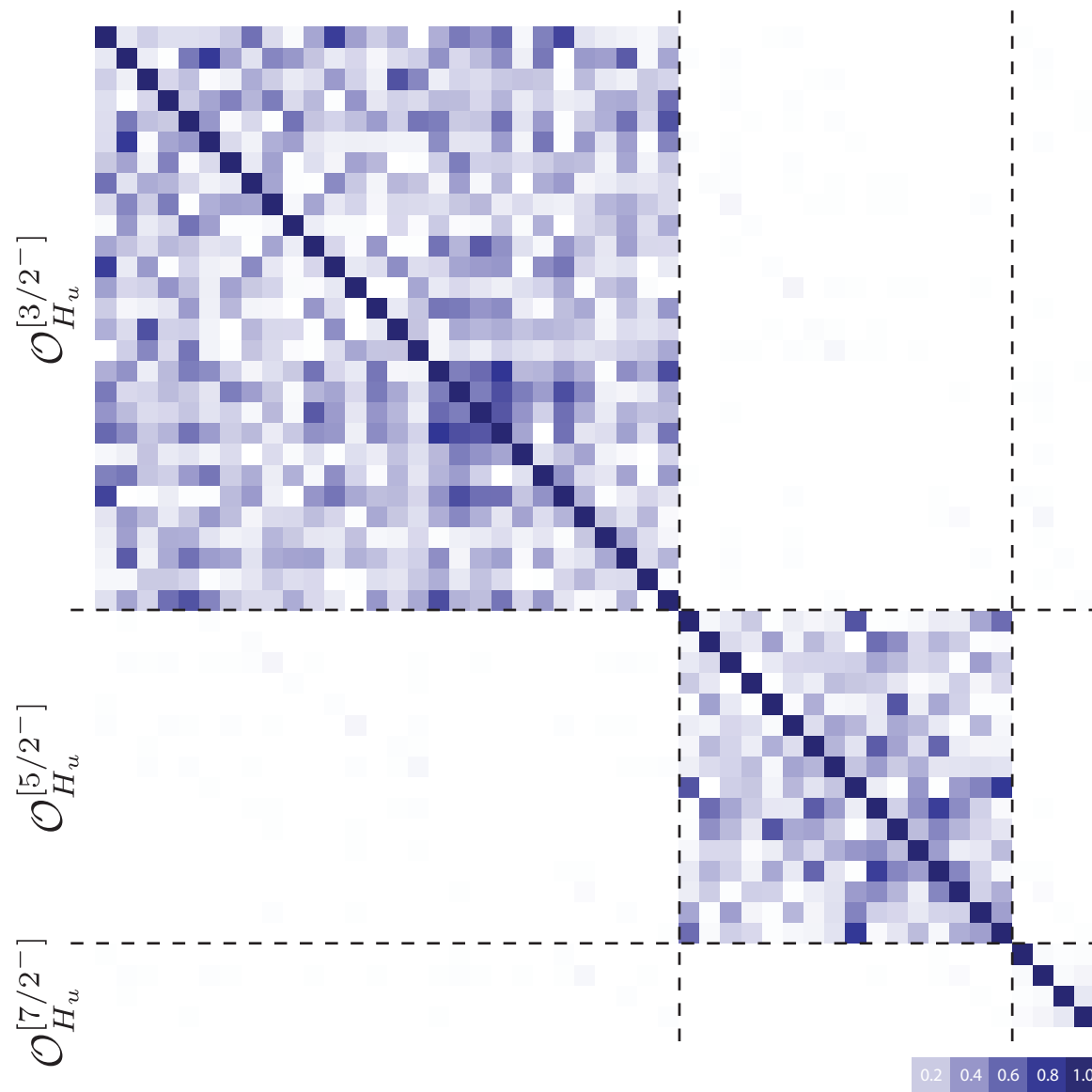
Construction of operators with good J in continuum

- Mesons: Dudek, *et al.*, Phys.Rev.D80:054506,2009
- Baryons: Color singlet structure for 3 quarks, symmetric in space & spin
- $J = L + S$ with
 - $S = \frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{2}$ from quark spins
 - $L = 1$ or 2 from covariant derivatives
 - $J = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}$ and $\frac{7}{2}$
 - Upper ($\rho = +$) and lower ($\rho = -$) components of Dirac spinors
- Lots of operators $\mathcal{O}^{[J,M]}$ with good spin in continuum limit
- Feynman, Kislinger and Ravndal formalism for quark states applied to operator construction, except $SU(12) \otimes O(3)$

Subduction to irreps of cubic group

- Cubic group irreps Λ and rows r provide orthogonal basis on lattice
- In quantum mechanics, subduction is a change of basis $|J, M\rangle \rightarrow |\Lambda, r; J\rangle$.
- $|\Lambda, r; J\rangle = \sum_M |J, M\rangle \langle J, M | \Lambda, r; J\rangle$
 $= \sum_M |J, M\rangle S_{\Lambda, r}^{J, M}$.
- Subduction matrices: $S_{\Lambda, r}^{J, M}$
- Subduced operators: $\mathcal{O}^{[\Lambda, r; J]} = \sum_M \mathcal{O}^{[J, M]} S_{\Lambda, r}^{J, M}$
- When rotational symmetry is broken weakly,
 $\langle 0 | \mathcal{O}^{[\Lambda, r; J]}(t) \mathcal{O}^{[\Lambda, r; J']\dagger}(0) | 0 \rangle \approx \delta_{J, J'}$ is block diagonal in J .

Matrix C_{ij} is block diagonal approximately



Magnitude of matrix elements in a matrix of correlation functions at timeslice 5.

Reasons for approximate rotational invariance

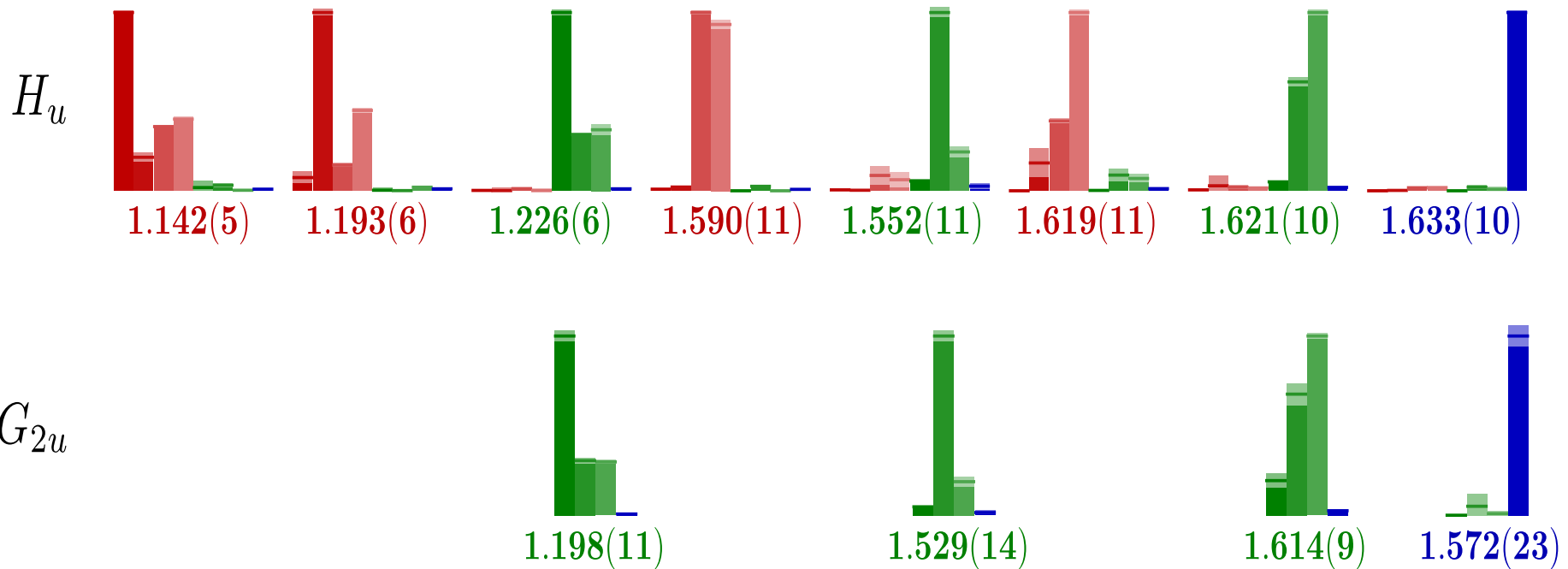
- Rotational symmetry is broken at $\mathcal{O}(a^2)$ by lattice action
- Lattice spacing is 0.12 fm
- Typical hadron size is 1 fm
- Smearing makes operators smooth on the hadron size scale
- Estimate: $\mathcal{O}(a^2) \approx \left(\frac{0.12\text{fm}}{1.0\text{fm}}\right)^2 \approx 0.015$
- For hadrons, rotational symmetry is broken weakly.

Spin identification: Z_i^n values show which operators dominate each state

■ $(N_M \otimes (\frac{1}{2}^+)^1_M \otimes D_{L=1,M}^{[1]})^{J=\frac{3}{2}}$
■ $(N_M \otimes (\frac{3}{2}^+)^1_S \otimes D_{L=1,M}^{[1]})^{J=\frac{3}{2}}$
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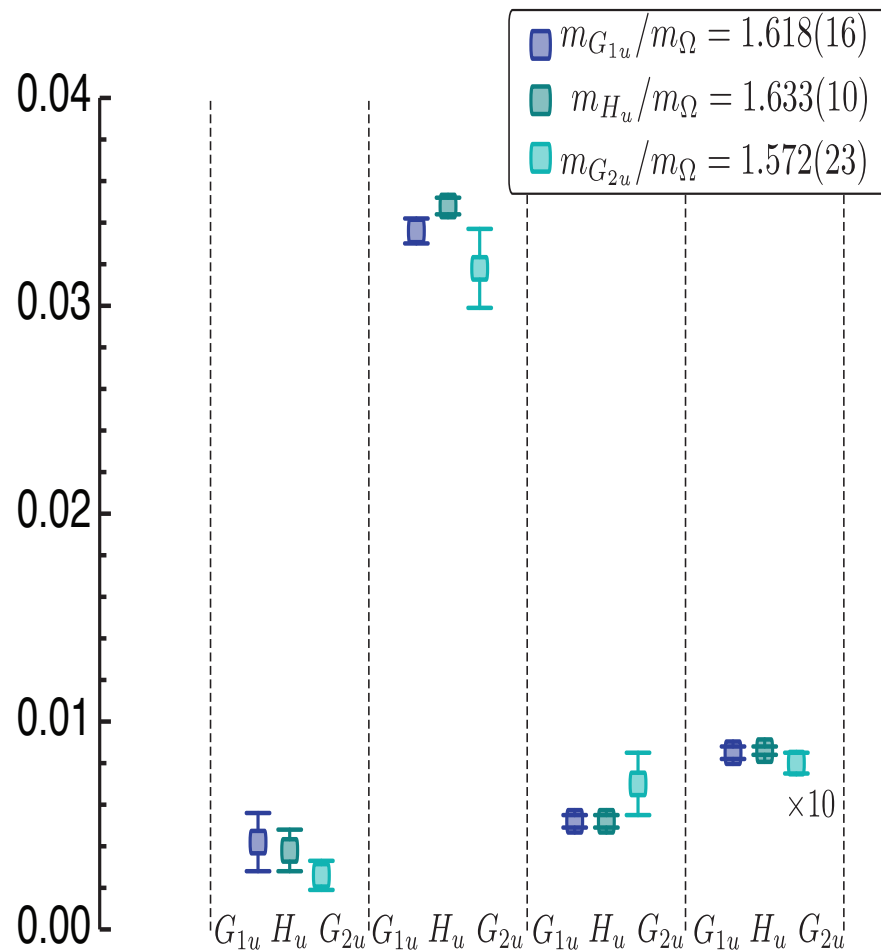
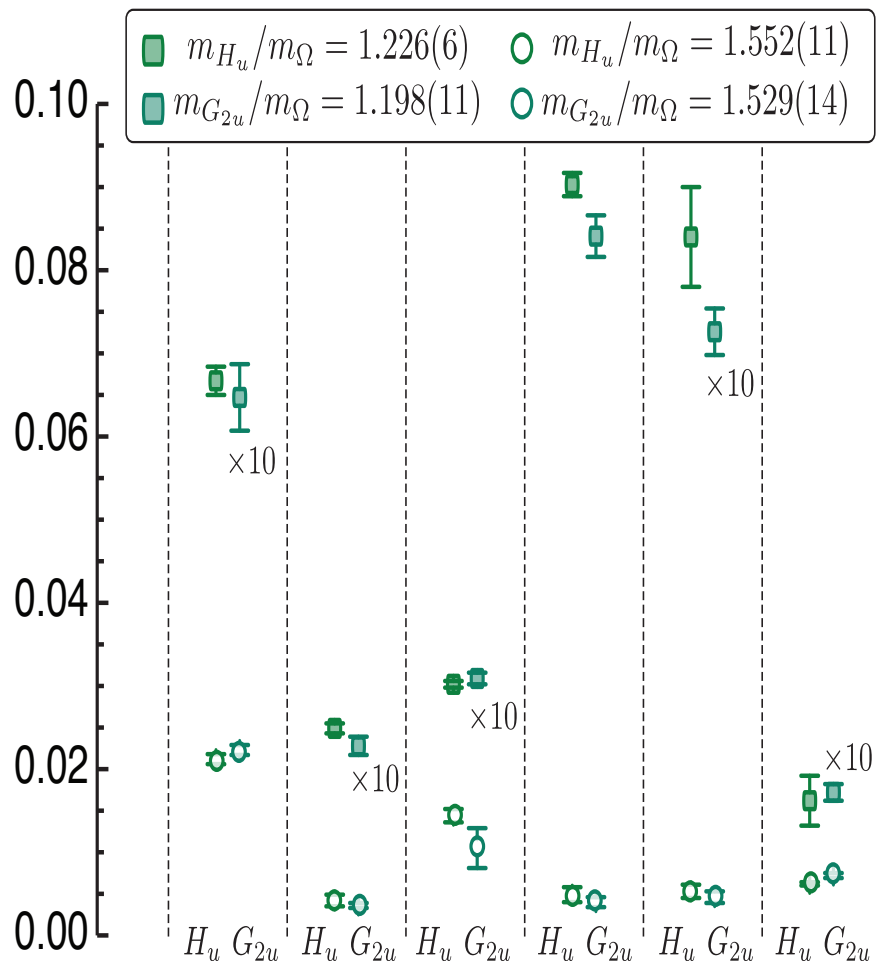
■ $(N_M \otimes (\frac{3}{2}^-)^1_M \otimes D_{L=2,S}^{[2]})^{J=\frac{7}{2}}$



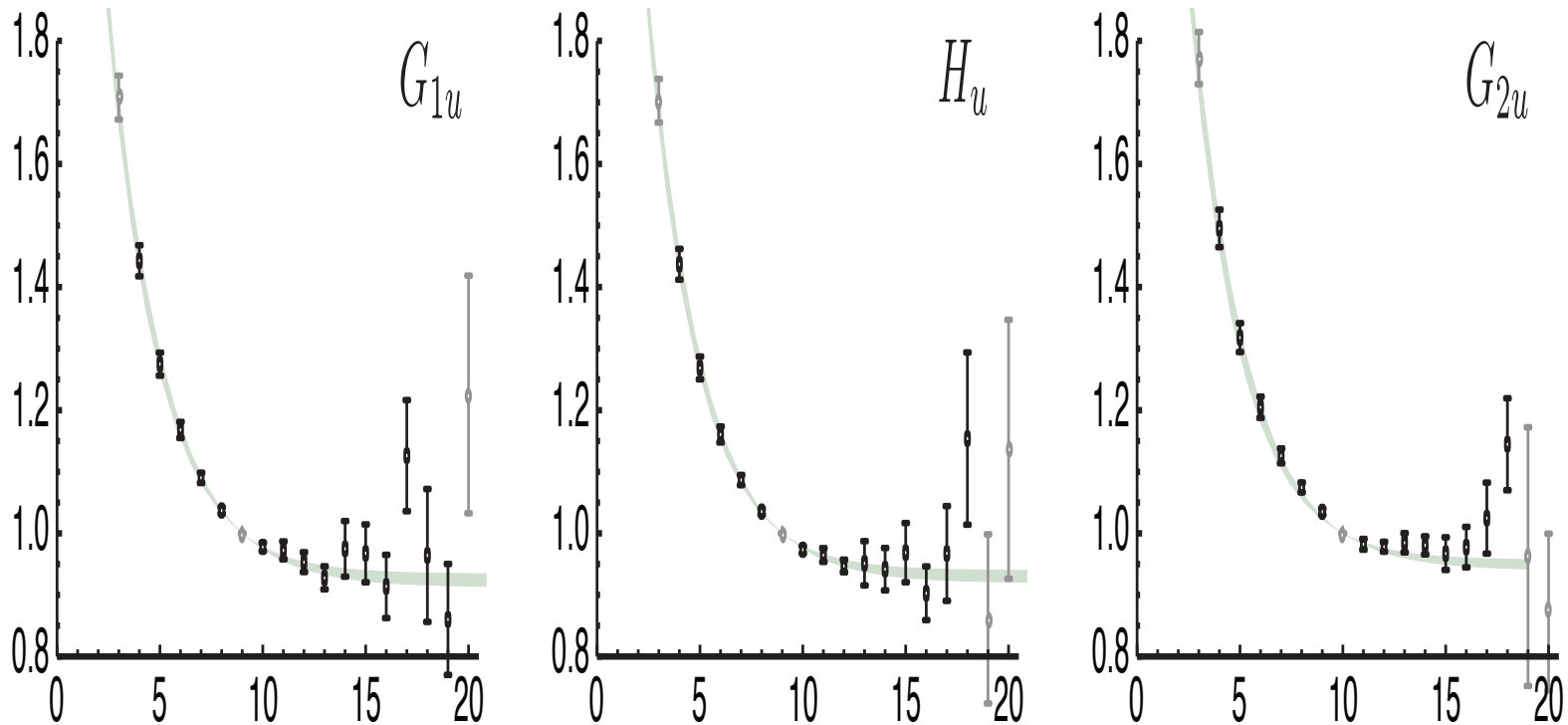
Spin identification: Nearly the same Z in each lattice irrep that belongs to the subduction of J

$$\mathbf{J} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \frac{7}{2}$$



Joint fits of G_{1u} , H_u , G_{2u} principal correlators to a common mass determine the $J = \frac{7}{2}^-$ energies



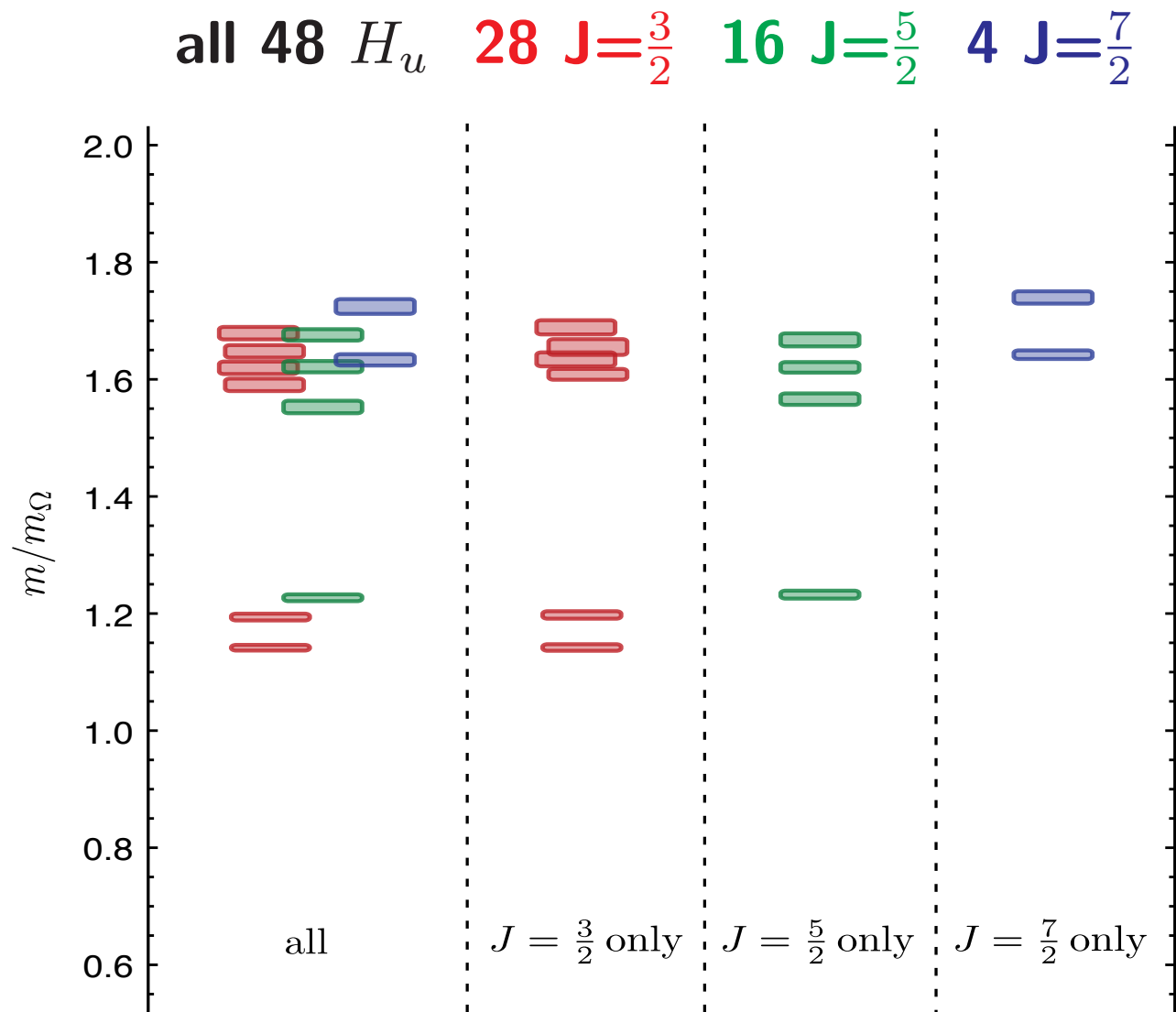
Spin identification of baryon excited states

- The spin of a lattice excited state is equal to J when the state is created predominantly by operators subduced from continuum spin J .
- Approximately the same Z value is obtained in each lattice irrep that belongs to the subduction of a single J value.
- Z values often are large only for a few operators, allowing interpretation of the states
- Spin identification is reliable at the scale of hadrons

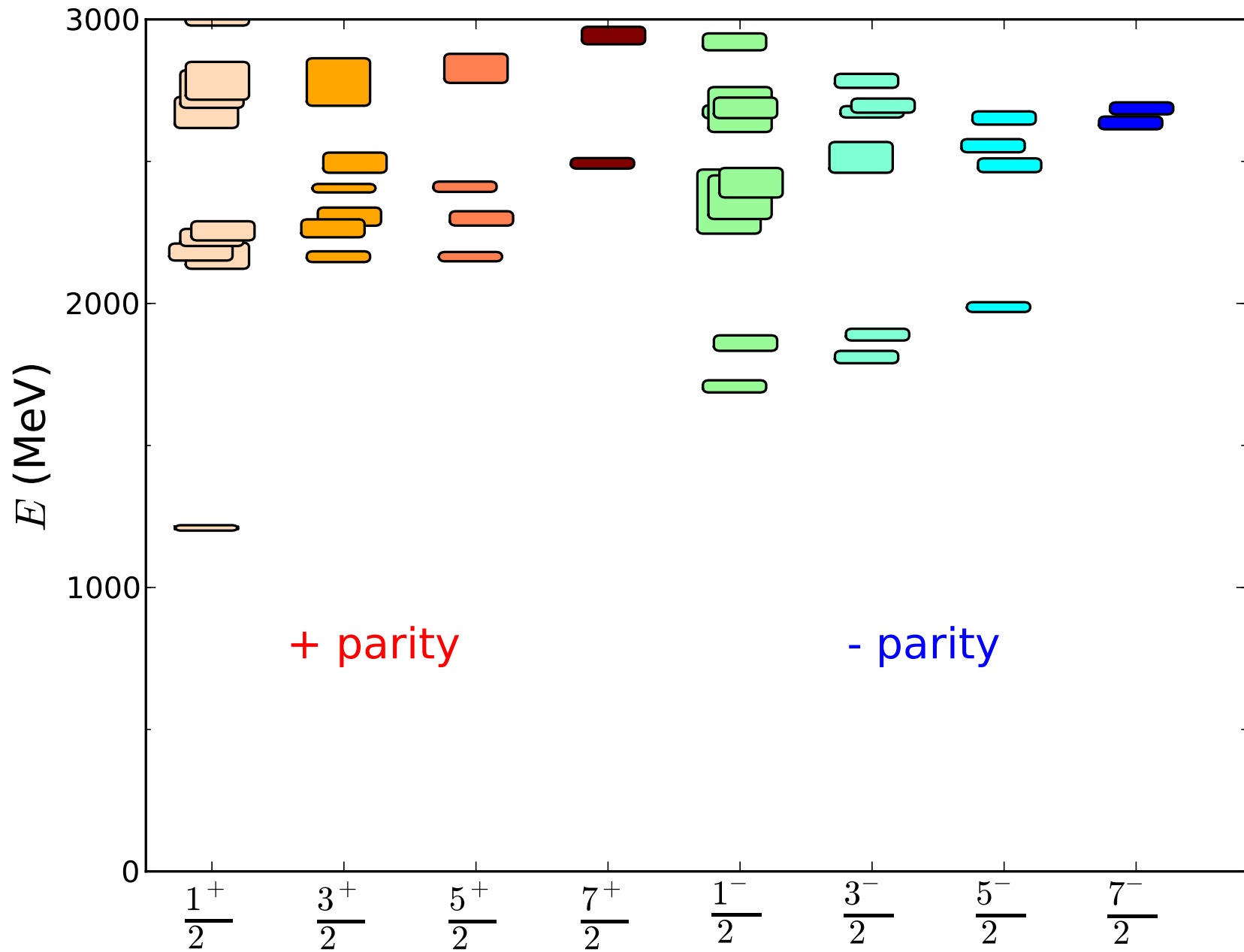
Spectral test of approximate rotational invariance

- Rotational invariance implies zero couplings between different J 's, so $C \propto \delta_{J,J'}$ is block diagonal
- We find small violations of block diagonality in C .
- Does the spectrum exhibit approximate rotational invariance?
- Calculate energies including $J \neq J'$ couplings
- Calculate energies omitting $J \neq J'$ couplings

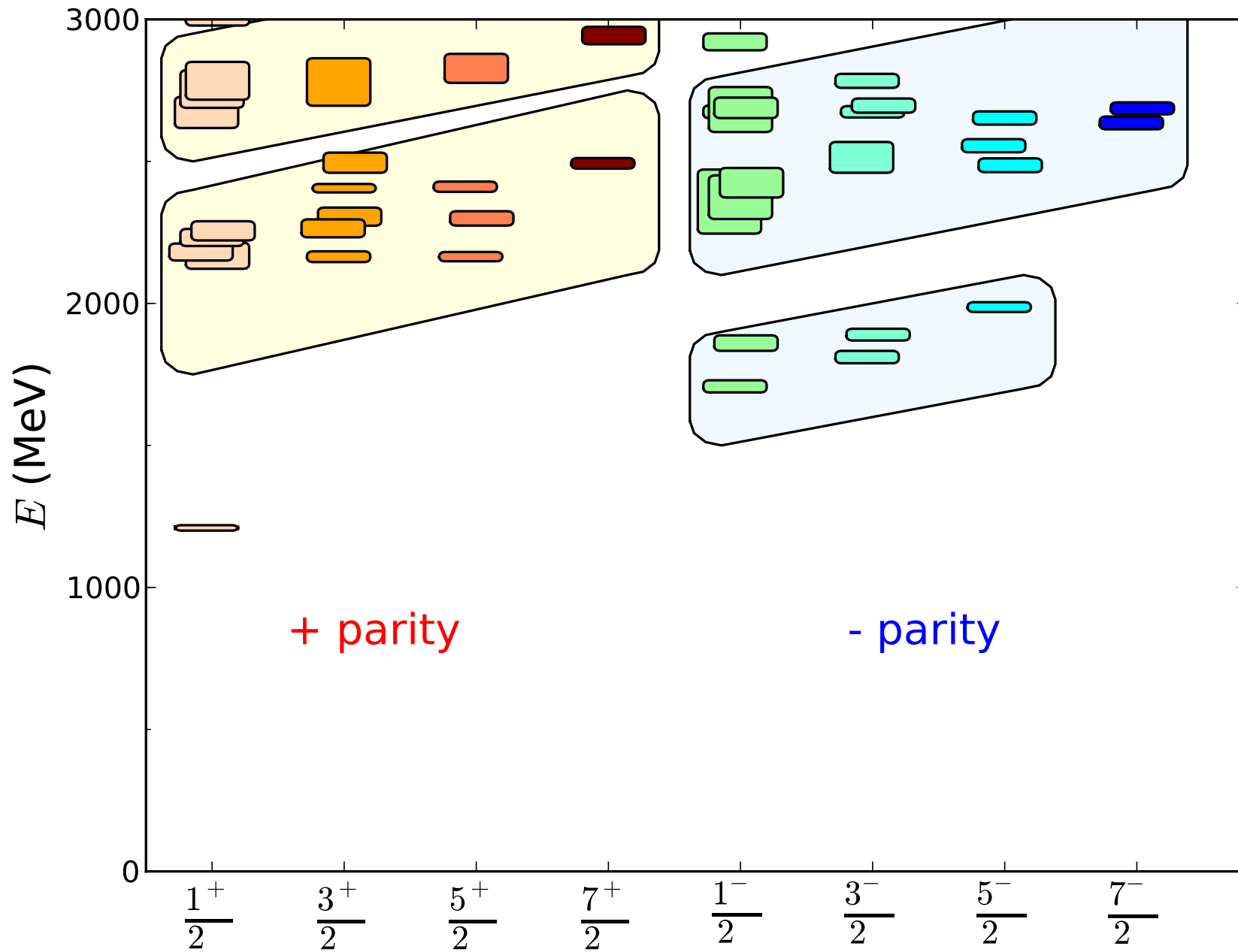
Approximate rotational invariance in spectrum,



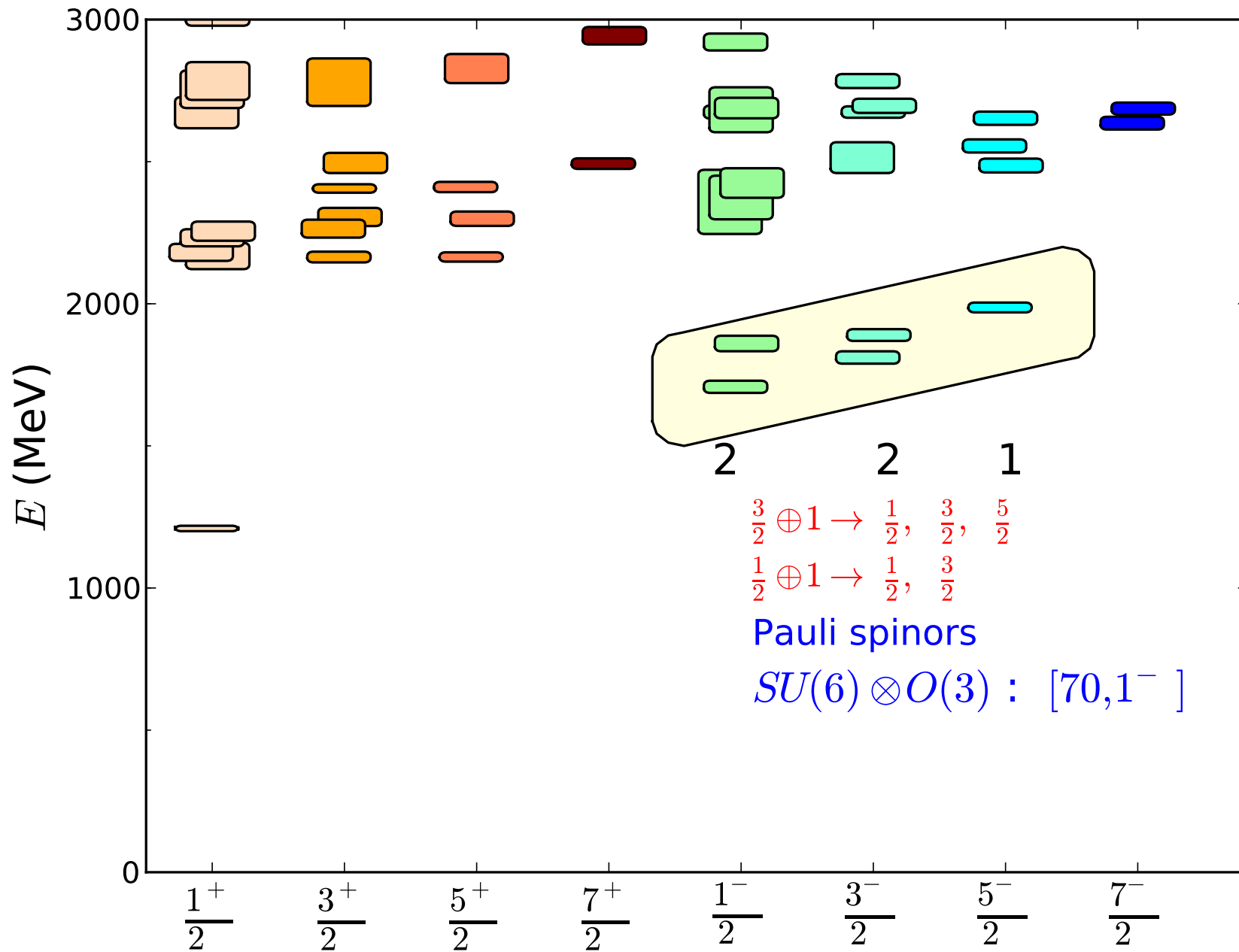
\approx same energies with and without $J \neq J'$ couplings



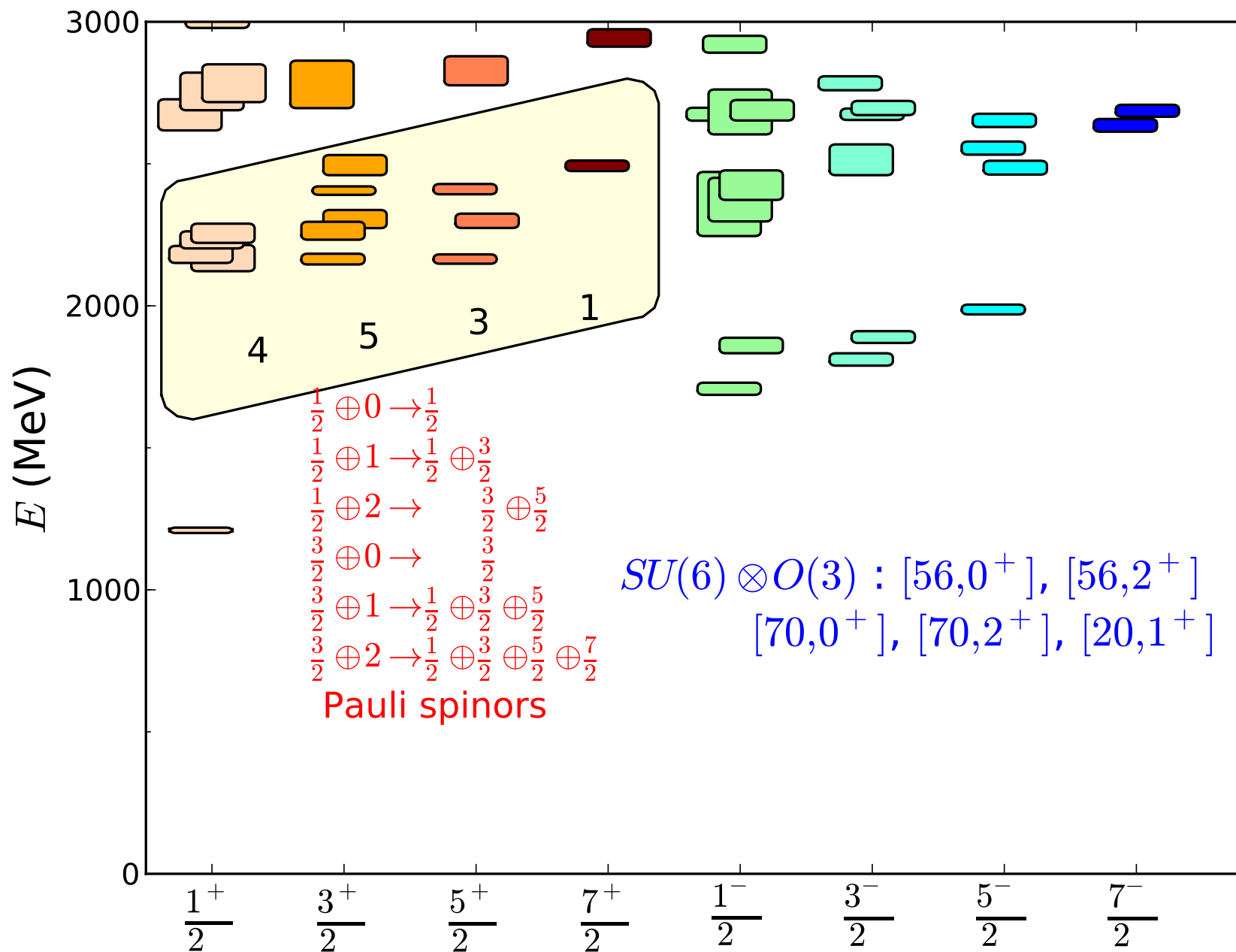
Lattice N^* excited states vs. J^P : $m_\pi = 396$ MeV



Lattice N^* spectrum: bands with $+$ and $-$ parity.



1st N*⁻ band: $SU(6) \otimes O(3)$ states
 see also R. Edwards, I-C, 15:45

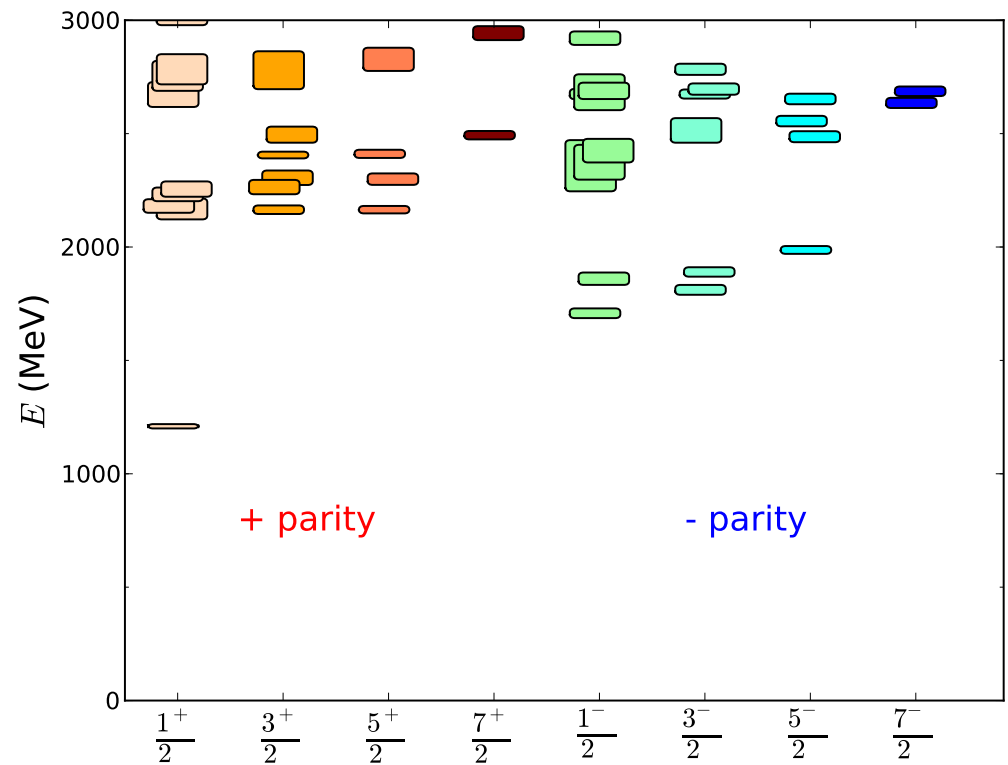
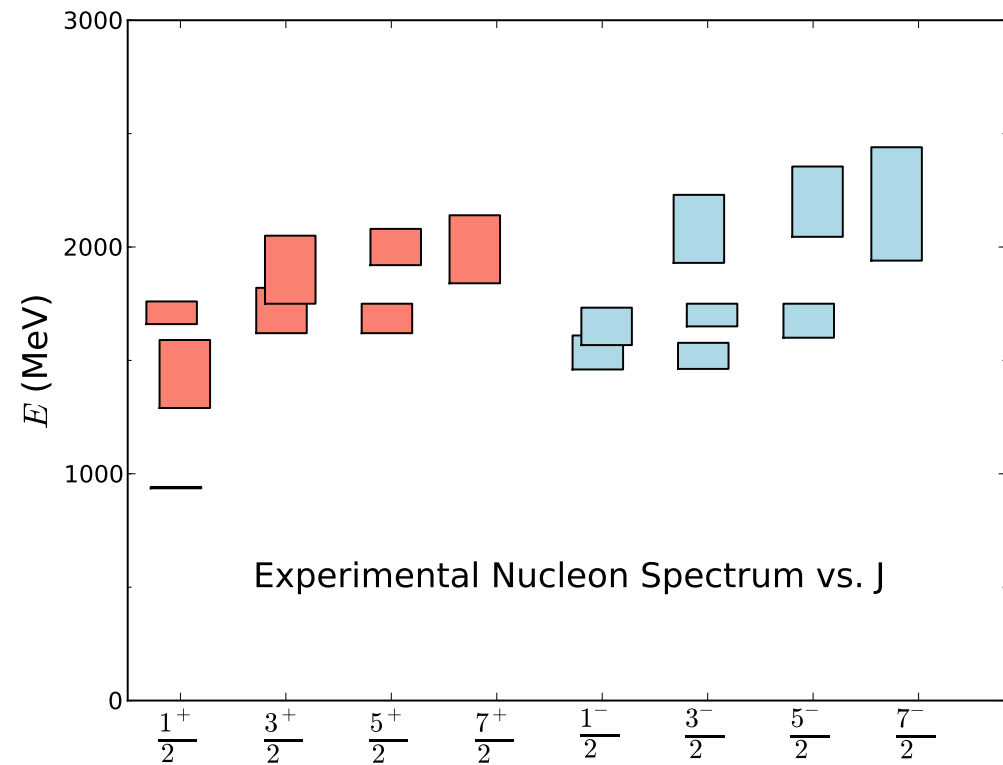


$1^{st} N^{*+}$ band: $SU(6) \otimes O(3)$ states

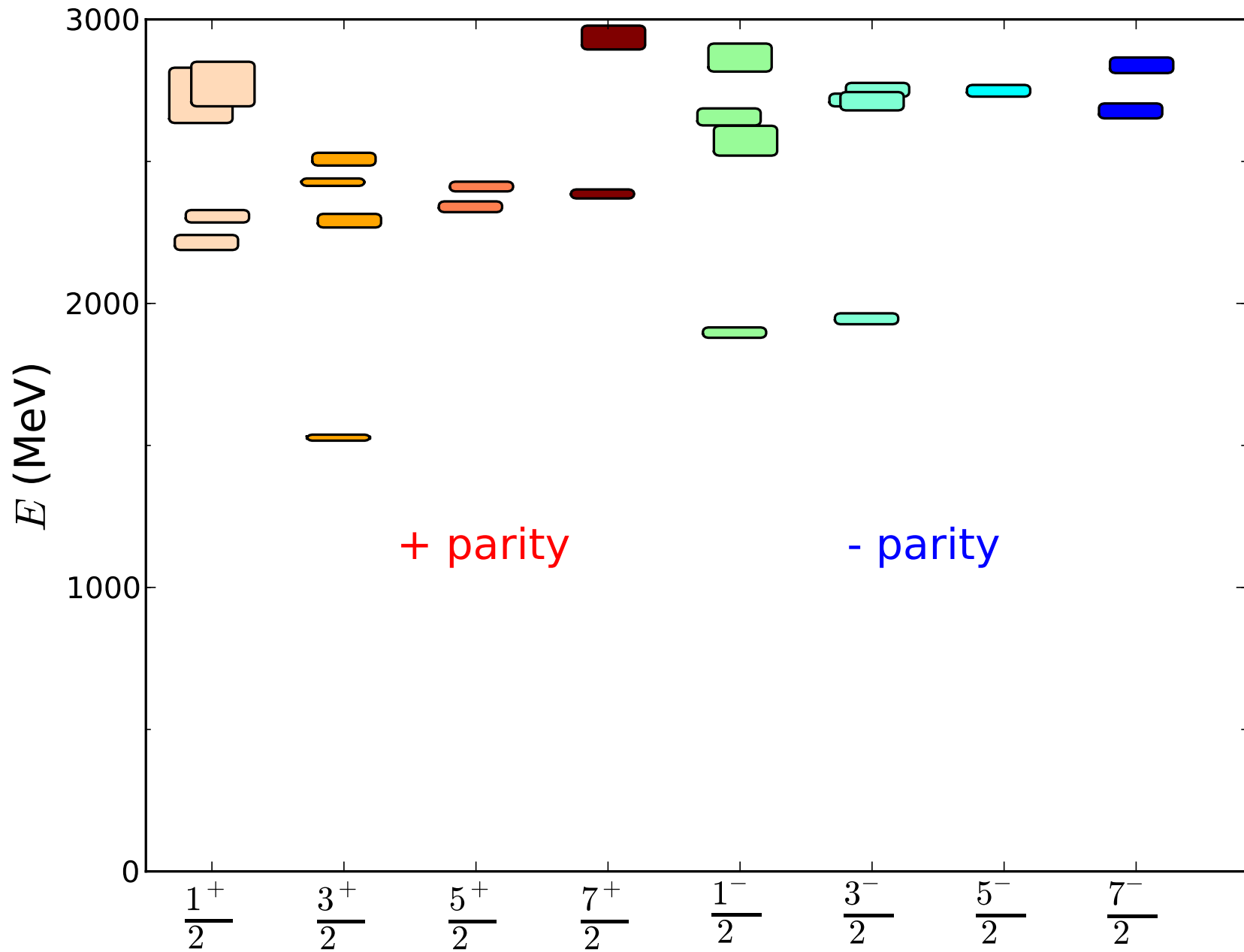
Overall pattern of N^* states

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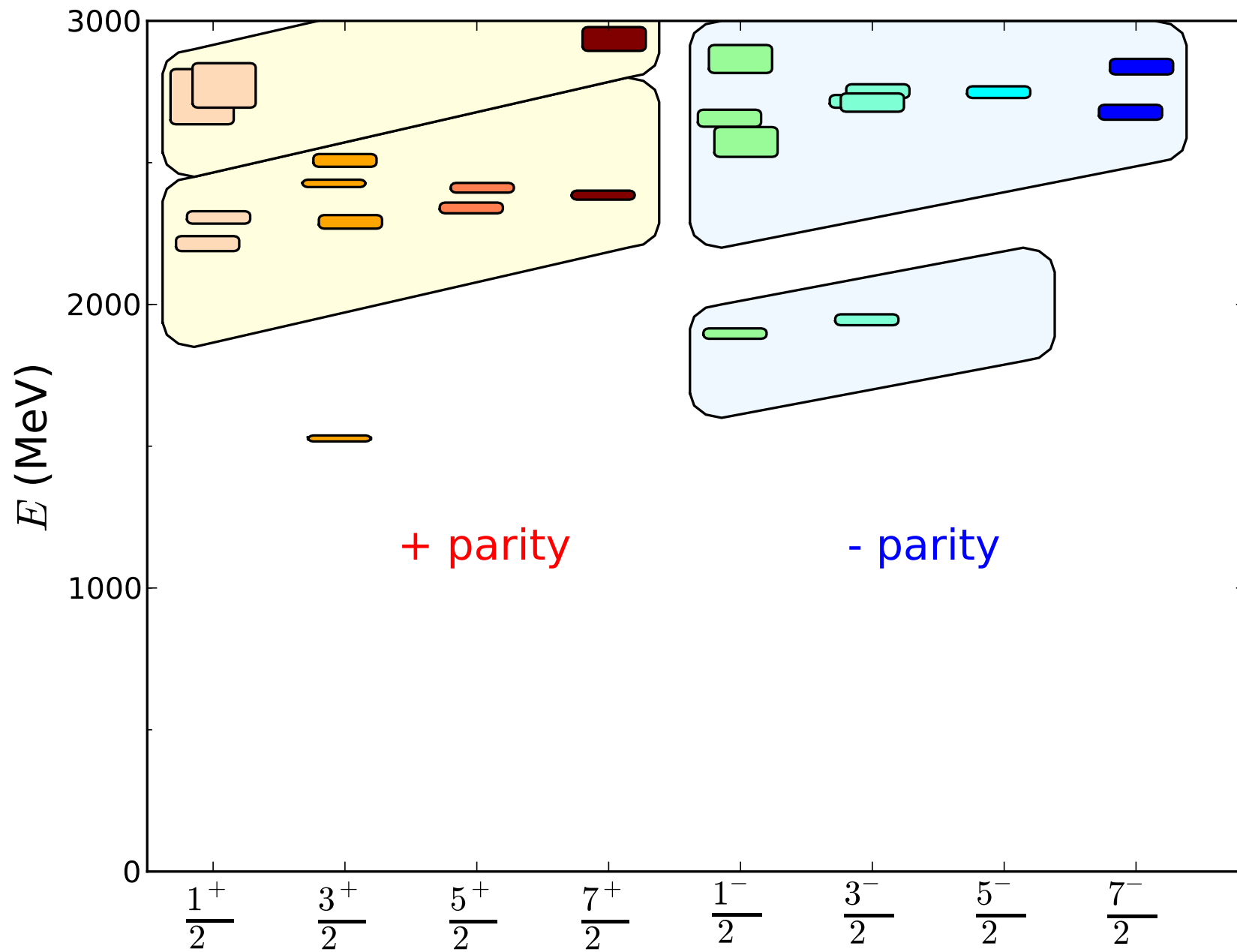
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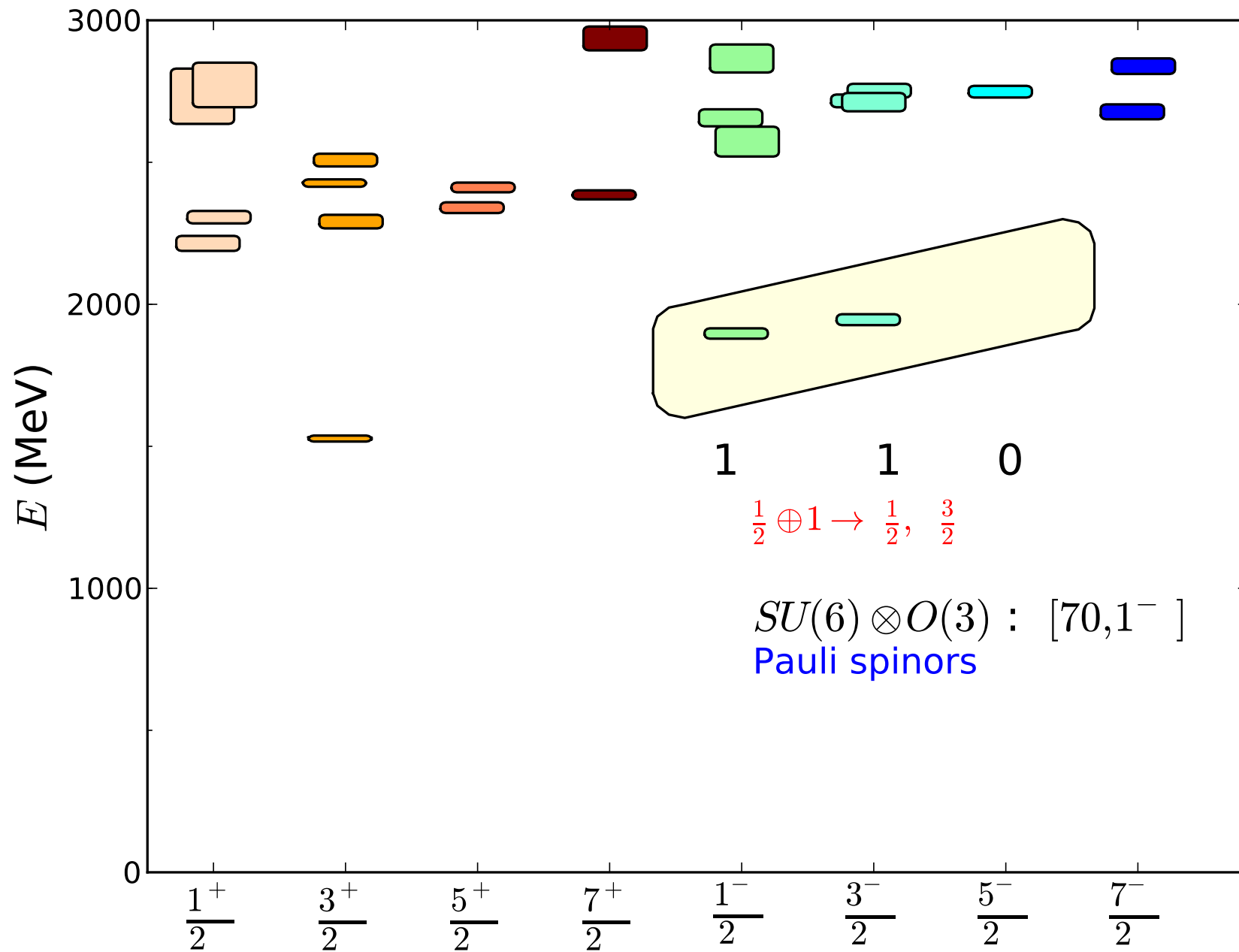
Many more states in the lattice spectrum.



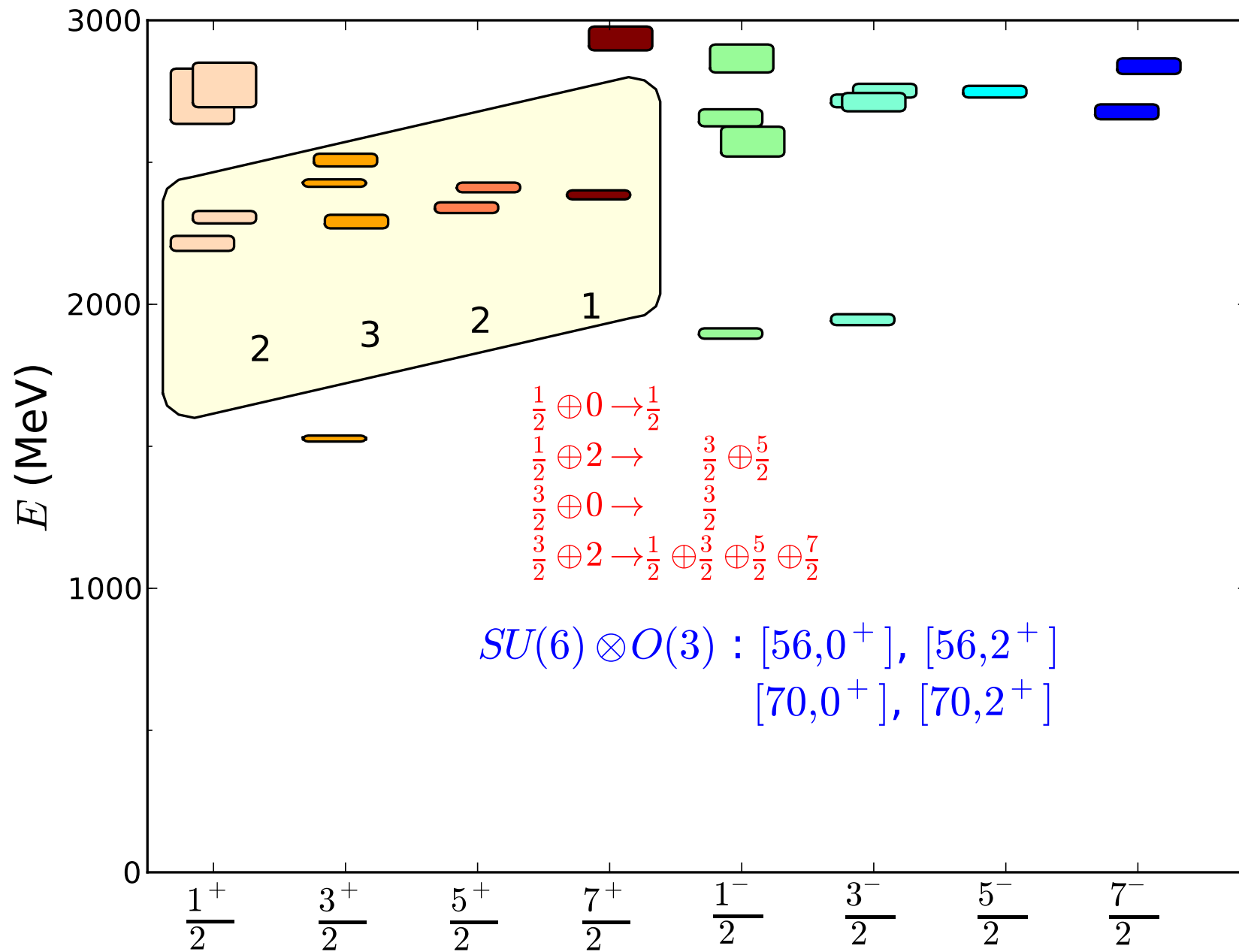
Lattice Δ excited states vs. J^P : $m_\pi = 396$ MeV



Lattice Δ spectrum : bands of + and - parity states



$1^{st} \Delta^-$ band : $SU(6) \otimes O(3)$ states

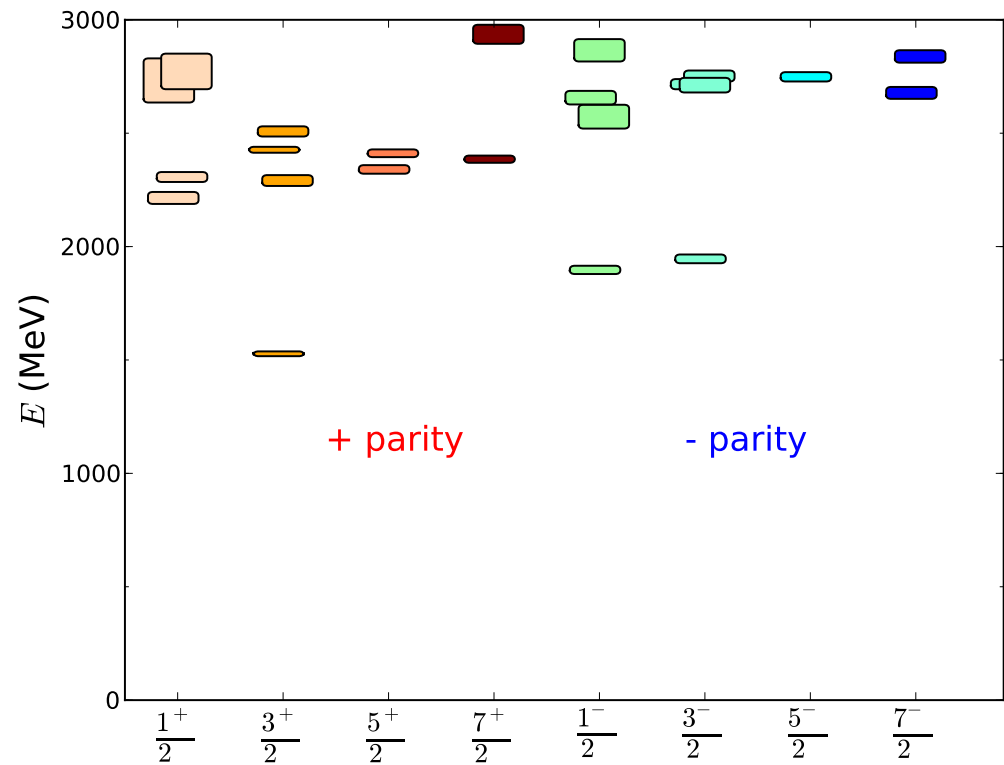
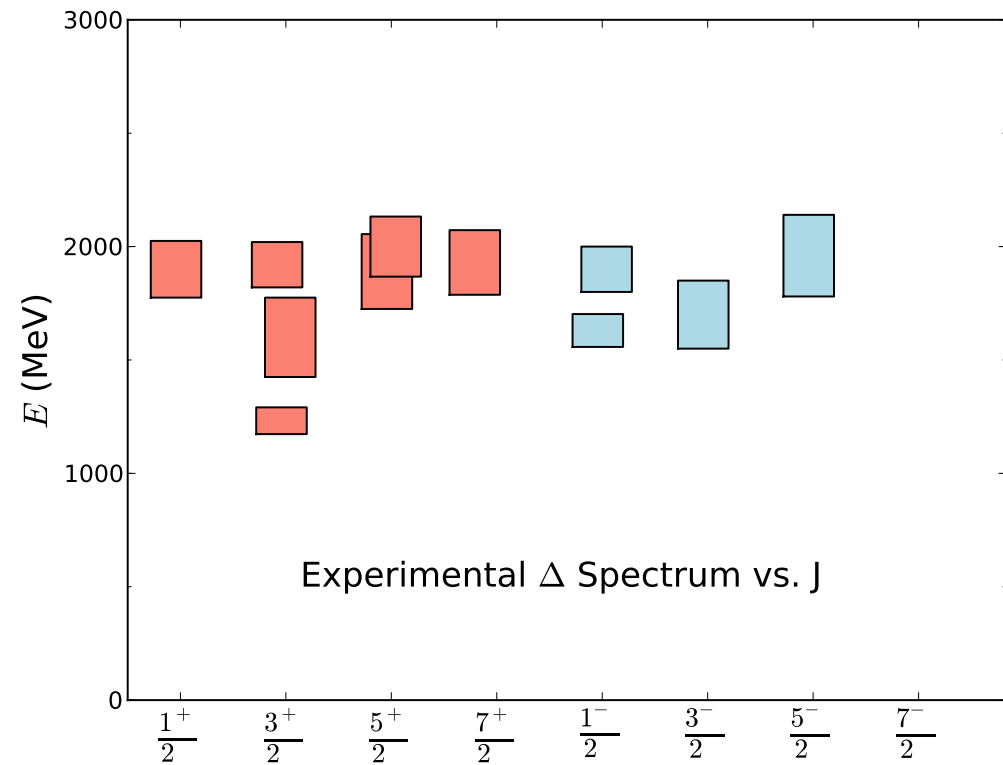


1st Δ⁺ band : SU(6) ⊗ O(3) states

Patterns of Δ states

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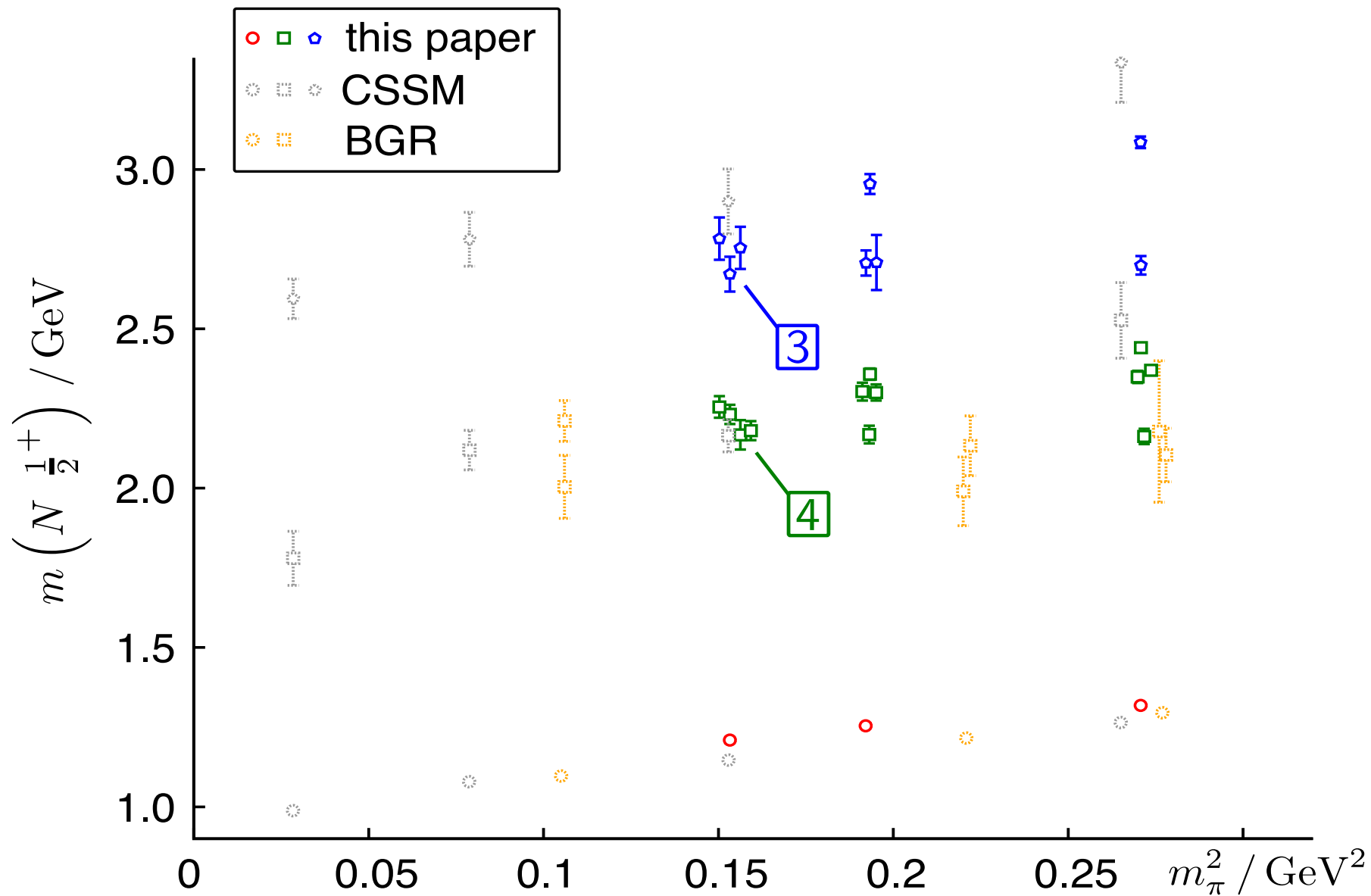
Lattice



Many more states in the lattice spectrum.

Comparison of lattice results for Roper resonance

see also D. Leinweber talk in session I-C today at 17:05



Does the Roper resonance have a complex structure?

Conclusions

- Spins are identified reliably up to $J = \frac{7}{2}$
 - Covariant derivatives provide orbital angular momenta
 - Approximate rotational invariance is realized at the scale of hadrons
 - Spectral overlaps Z identify which J values dominate a state
- Low N^* and Δ bands: same states as $SU(6) \otimes O(3)$ based on $\rho = +$ Dirac spinors
- Patterns of lattice baryonic states are similar to patterns of physical resonance states.
- Lots of lattice states; no signs of chiral restoration

The path forward

- No multiparticle states have been identified so far using three-quark operators
- Multiparticle operators (e.g, πN , $\pi\pi N$) must be added to realize significant couplings of three-quark states and their decay products.
- Moving operators and larger volumes will allow determination of elastic phase shifts using Luscher's formalism.
- Much remains to be learned as m_π is lowered toward the physical limit

