# Current status for two baryon systems in lattice QCD I. Difficulties in the direct method

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# Introduction

### Strategies for nuclear physics from (lattice) QCD

Direct method calculate nu

calculate nuclei directly from lattice QCD





This talk: reliability checks for the direct method using 2-baryon systems



#### Next talk by Iritani: reliability checks for the potential method

#### Introduction

- I. Direct method
- II. Mirage problem (Operator dependence)
- III. Sanity check
- IV. Conclusion

## I. Direct method

### Extraction of energy shift

Energy shift

 $\Delta E \equiv E_{NN} - 2m_N$ O(10 MeV) O(2 GeV) O(2 GeV) large cancellation 0.5 % accuracy required

Ratio  $R(t) = \frac{G_{NN}(t)}{G_N(t)^2} \sim e^{-\Delta E t}$ 

expect cancellation of both statistical and systematic errors

#### **Effective energy shift**

$$\Delta E(t) = \frac{1}{a} \log \frac{R(t)}{R(t+a)} \longrightarrow \Delta E, \qquad t \to \infty$$

#### Plateau method

We identify  $\Delta E(t)$  as  $\Delta E$ , if it becomes constant.

#### YIKU 2012: PRD86(2012)074514



## Is the plateau method reliable ?

**Excitation energy**  $E_1 - E_0$ 

binding energy: very small

finite volume effect for scattering state

$$\simeq \frac{1}{m_N} \frac{(2\pi)^2}{L^2}$$



 $E_1 - E_0 \simeq 50 \text{ MeV} \text{ at } L = 4 \text{ fm}$ 

 $t \gg 1/(E_1 - E_0) \simeq 4$  fm is needed to suppress excited states.



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### **Examination of the statement**

**Mock-up data** @  $m_{\pi} = 0.5 \text{ GeV}, L = 4 \text{ fm (setup of YIKU2012)}$ 

$$R(t) = e^{-\Delta Et} \left( 1 + b \ e^{-\delta E_{\rm el}t} + c \ e^{-\delta E_{\rm inel}t} \right)$$

 $\delta E_{\rm el} \propto \frac{1}{L^2}$  the lowest excitation energy of elastic scattering state  $\delta E_{\rm el} = 50 \text{ MeV} \text{ at } L \simeq 4 \text{ fm}$  $b = \pm 0.1$  10 % contamination b = 0 for a comparison  $e^{2m_N \cdot t} \langle 0|T[N(\vec{x},t)N(\vec{y},t) \cdot \overline{\mathcal{J}}_{NN}(t=0)]|0\rangle$   $\sum_{\vec{k}}^{\delta E_{\text{inel}} = 500 \text{ MeV}} \text{ the inelastic energy from heavy pions}$   $a_{\vec{k}} \exp\left(-t\Delta W(\vec{k})\right) \psi_{\vec{k}}(\vec{x})$  1% contaminationInelastic region Elastic region  $2m_N + m_\pi$  $2m_N$ 





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#### No ! We can not distinguish the real plateau from its mirages.



The "looking for a plateau at small t" method does not work.

II. Mirage problem (Operator dependence)

- Manifestation of the problem I -

T. Iritani et al. (HAL QCD), JHEP1610(2016)101 (arXiv:1607.06371)

#### Source operator dependence of plateaux

quark wall source vs quark smeared source



b are different between the two.

Lattice setup

2+1 flavor QCD

same gauge configurations of YIKU 2012

$$a = 0.09 \text{ fm} (a^{-1} = 2.2 \text{ GeV})$$

 $m_{\pi} = 0.51 \text{ GeV}, m_N = 1.32 \text{ GeV}, m_K = 0.62 \text{ GeV}, m_{\Xi} = 1.46 \text{ GeV}$ 

#### smaller statistical errors



- Not surprisingly, two sources disagree.
- The mirage problem becomes reality.
- Plateau-like structures around t=1-1.5 fm are by no means trustable.
- Both might agree at t > 18a, but errors are too large.

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### Same problem also appears for NN

 $NN(^{1}S_{0})$ 

 $NN(^{3}S_{1})$ 



With larger errors, disagreement also exists.

#### In addition, we may have

### Sink 2-baryon operator dependence of plateaux



$$G_{\Xi\Xi}(t) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}} g(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|) \langle \Xi(\mathbf{x}, t) \Xi(\mathbf{y}, t) \mathcal{J}_{\Xi\Xi}(t_0) \rangle$$
$$g(r) = 1 : \text{ standrad sink operator}$$

 $g(r) = 1 + A \exp(-Br)$ : generalized sink operator

#### The true plateau must NOT dependent on g(r).

#### **Smeared source**



Wall source

- smeared source is very sensitive to g(r).
  - Sometimes deeper and more stable.
  - one can produce an arbitrary value (within a certain range) by g(r).
- Wall source is insensitive to g(r).

- Dangers of fake plateaux exit in principle for the direct method.
- Problem becomes manifest in the strong source/sink operator dependences of plateau values in YIKU 2012.
- Are there any symptoms in other results ?
  - Study of source dependences requires additional simulations.
  - need simpler and easier check

## III. Sanity check

- Manifestation of the problem II -

S. Aoki, T. Doi, T. Iritani, PoS(Lattice2016) 109 (aiXiv:1610:09763)

## Finite volume formula







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$$1/a \simeq -\infty, \quad r \simeq -\infty$$





### YIKU2012 Yamazaki et al. PRD86(2012)074514

 $m_{\pi} = 0.51 \text{ GeV}, L = 2.9 - 5.8 \text{ fm}$ 



 $\Delta E$  is almost independent on L, while it is shallow bound state.

"Not Sanity"

# **IV. Conclusion**

The direct method gives no reliable result for two(or more)-baryon systems so far, since systematic errors due to contaminations from excited (elastic) states are not under control. Do not be misled.

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#### Magnetic moment of nuclei

Axial matrix element of nuclei



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The variational method using several operators are mandatory to overcome the difficulty.

### Back-up slides

Yamazaki et al. 2011 : PRD84(2011)054506 Quenched,  $a \simeq 0.128$  fm,  $m_{\pi} \simeq 800$  MeV



Yamazaki et al. 2015 : PRD92(2015)014501  $N_f = 2 + 1, a \simeq 0.09 \text{ fm}, m_{\pi} \simeq 300 \text{ MeV}$ 





**NPL 2012 : PRD85(2012)054511**  $N_f = 2 + 1, a_s \simeq 0.123 \text{ fm}, a_s/a_t \simeq 3.5, m_\pi \simeq 390 \text{ MeV}$ 



NPL 2012 : PRC88(2013)024003  $N_f = 3$  (SU(3) limit),  $a \simeq 0.145$  fm,  $m_{\rm PS} \simeq 800$  MeV





#### NPL 2015 : PRD92(2015)114512



internally inconsistent

singular and internally inconsistent