

The chiral prediction for $a_0^0 - a_0^2$

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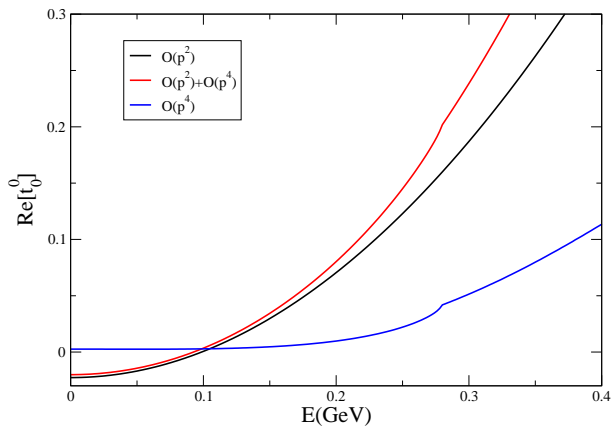
The reason for the rather large correction in a_0^0 is a chiral log

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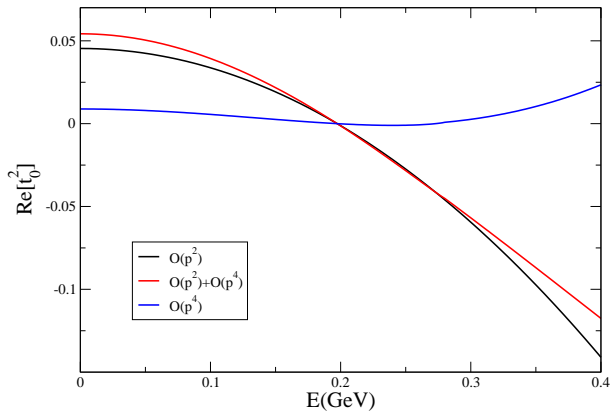
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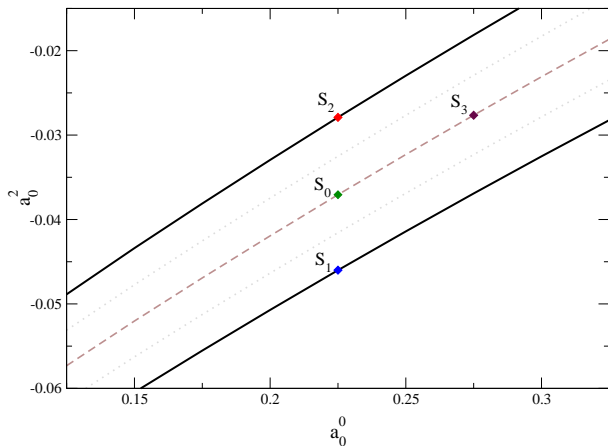
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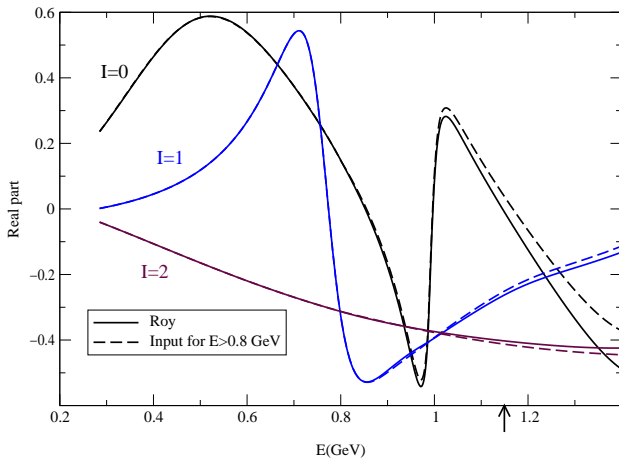
Pennington-Protopopescu, Basdevant-Froggatt-Petersen (70s)

Ananthanarayan, GC, Gasser and Leutwyler (00)

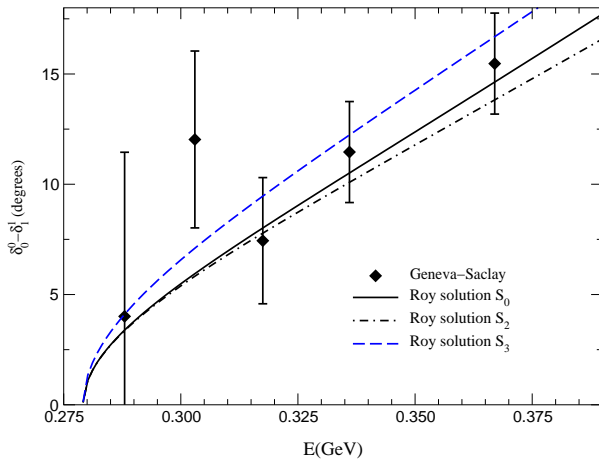
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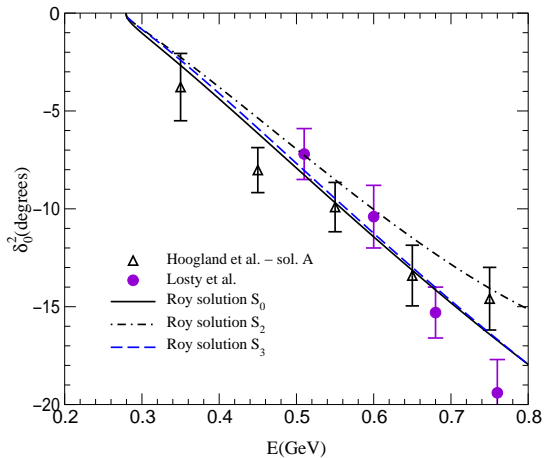
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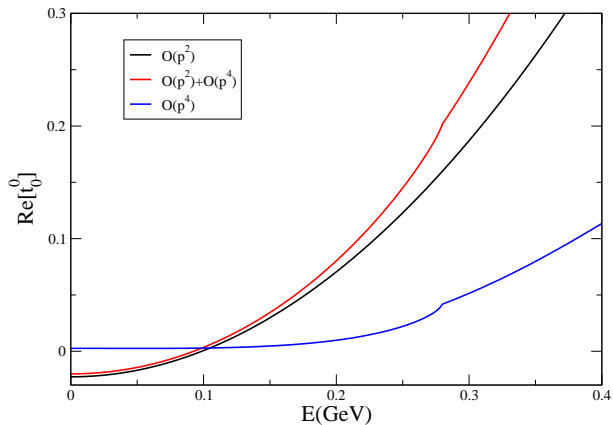
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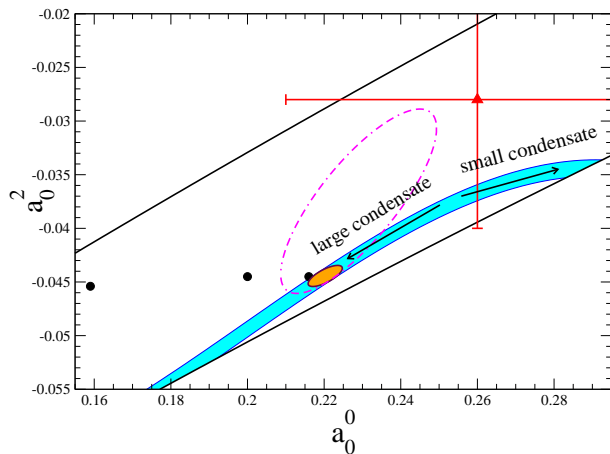
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GC, Gasser and Leutwyler PRL (01)

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