An Evaluation of the Jorgenson Equation

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\[ E^2 = A + BV_{\text{eff}}^n \quad \text{and} \quad V_{\text{eff}}^2 = U_n^2 + K_T U_T^2 + K_B U_B^2 \] (1)

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