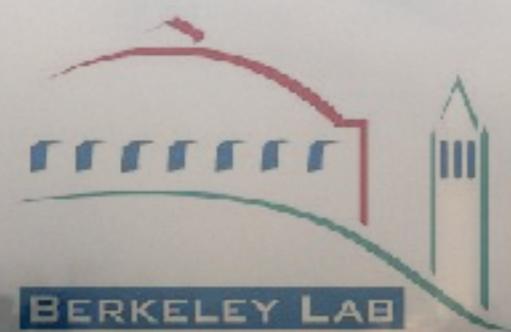


Lattice QCD, the Isotensor Amplitude and Beyond

Hadronic Parity Nonconservation
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Lattice QCD for Hadronic Parity Nonconservation

- Introduction to Lattice QCD (LQCD)
- Lattice QCD Challenges for Nuclear Physics
- Lattice QCD Challenges for Parity Nonconservation (PNC)
- g_A - a success story
 - convergence of SU(2) baryon chiral perturbation theory
- Inspiration for Lattice QCD Calculations of I=2 PNC
 - New method for 4-quark operators
 - New method for two-nucleon calculations

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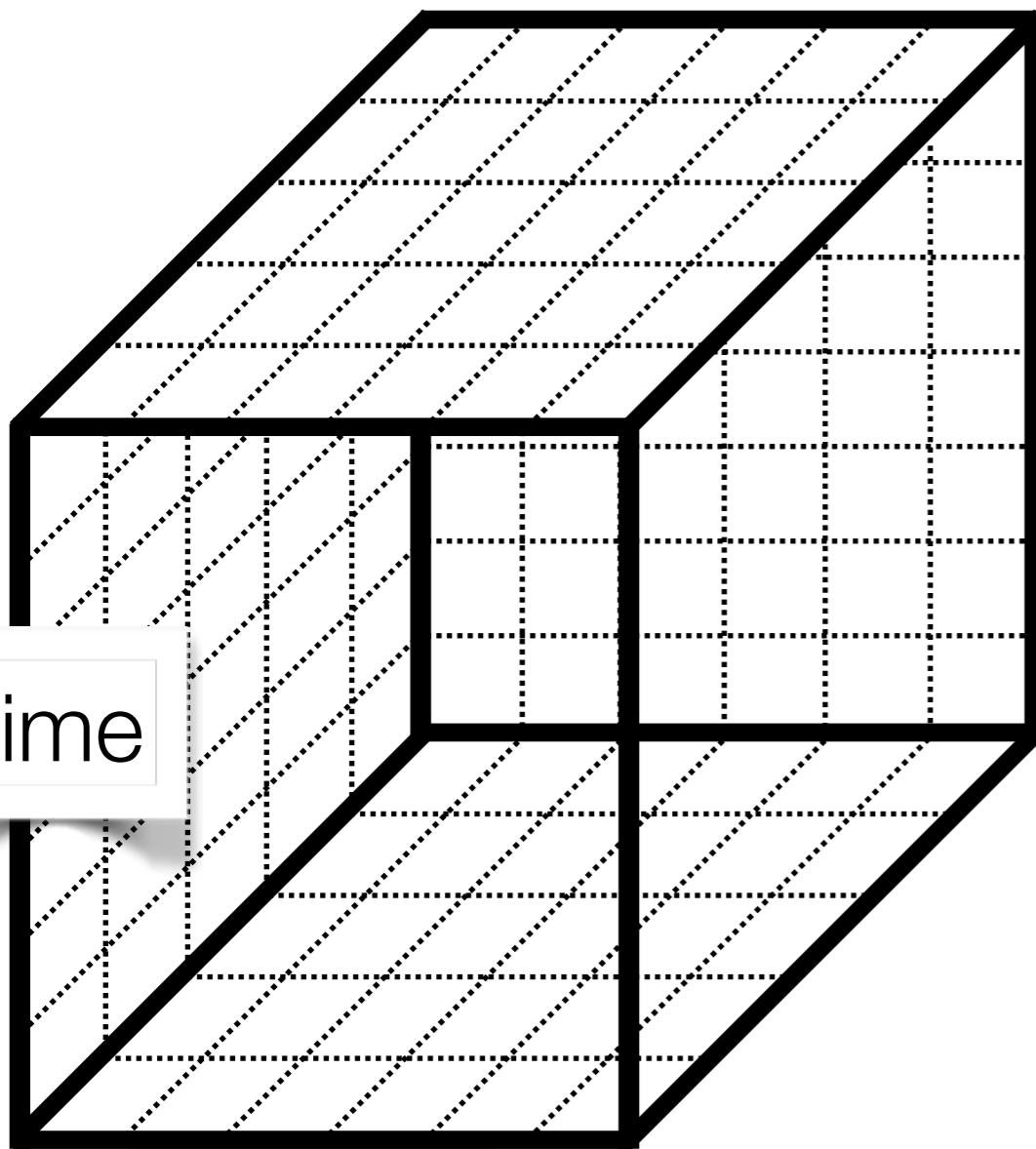
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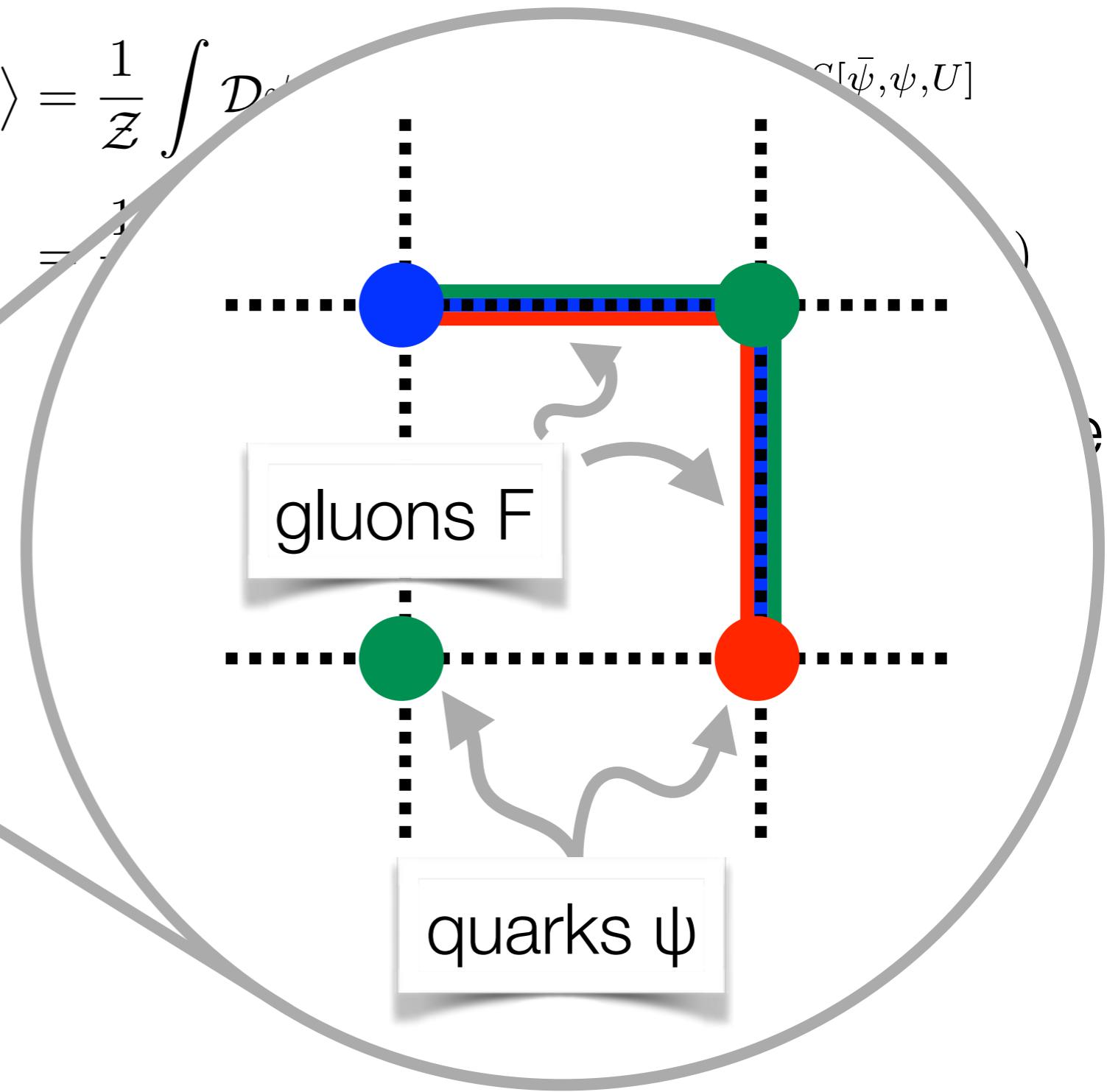
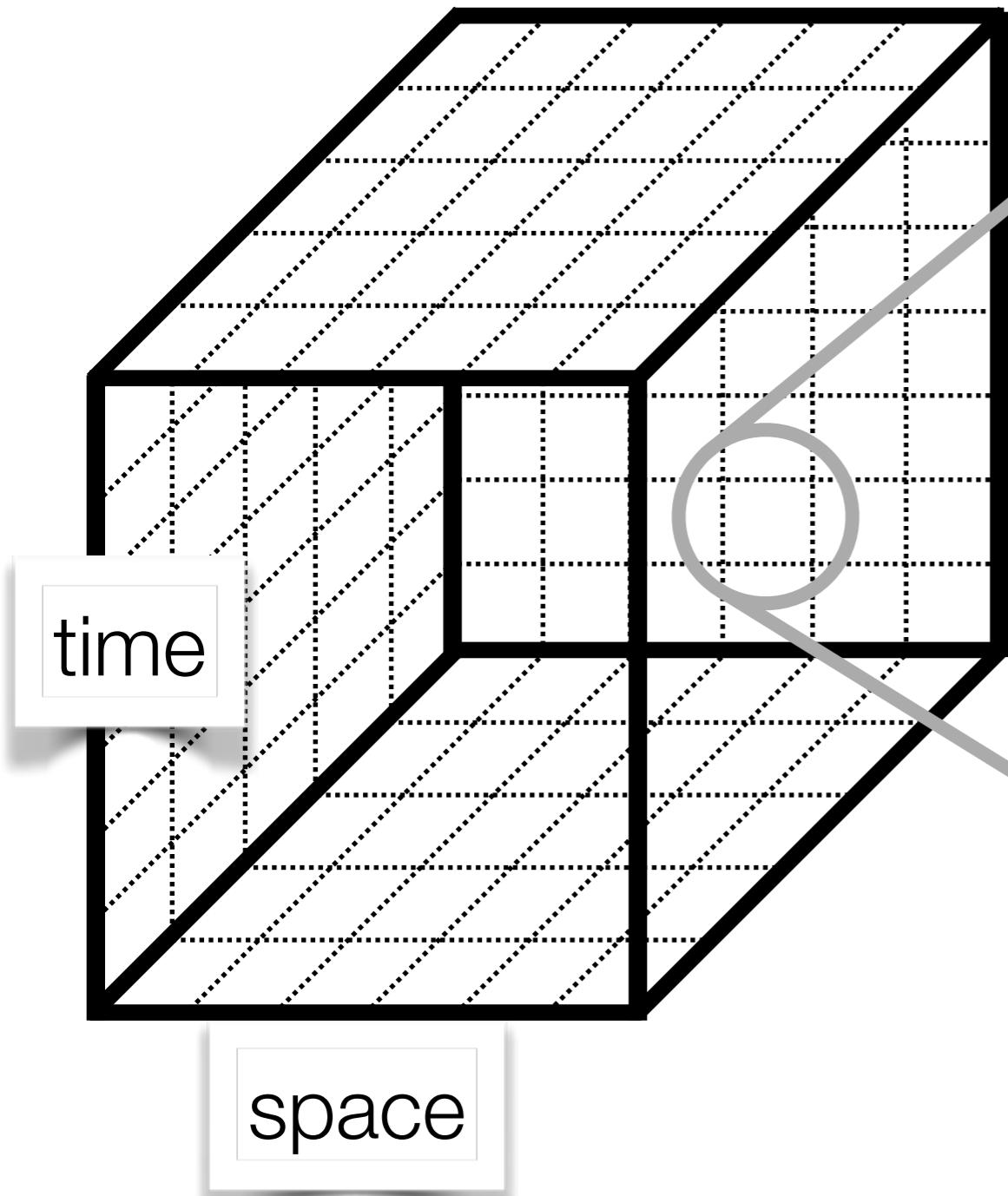
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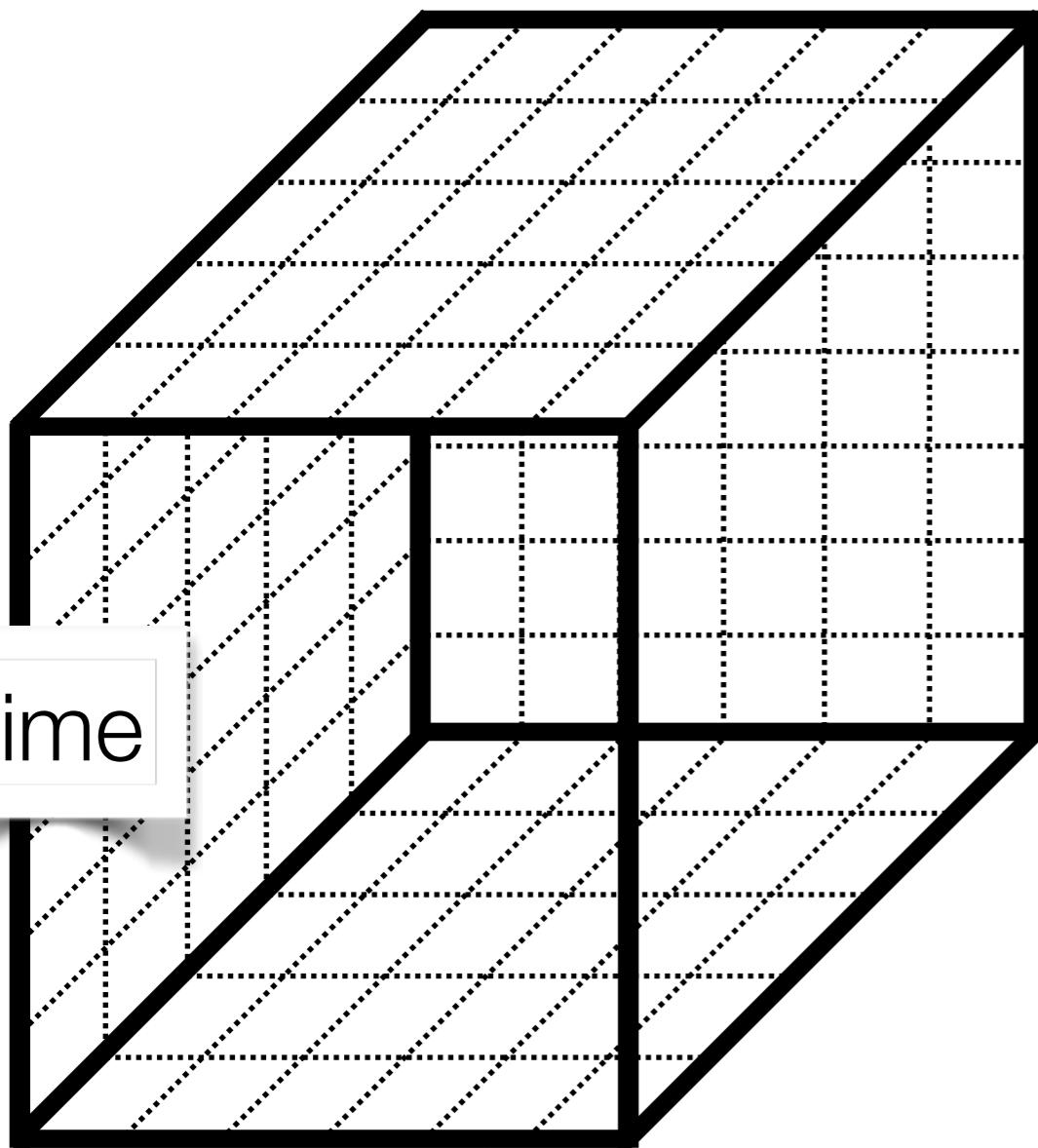
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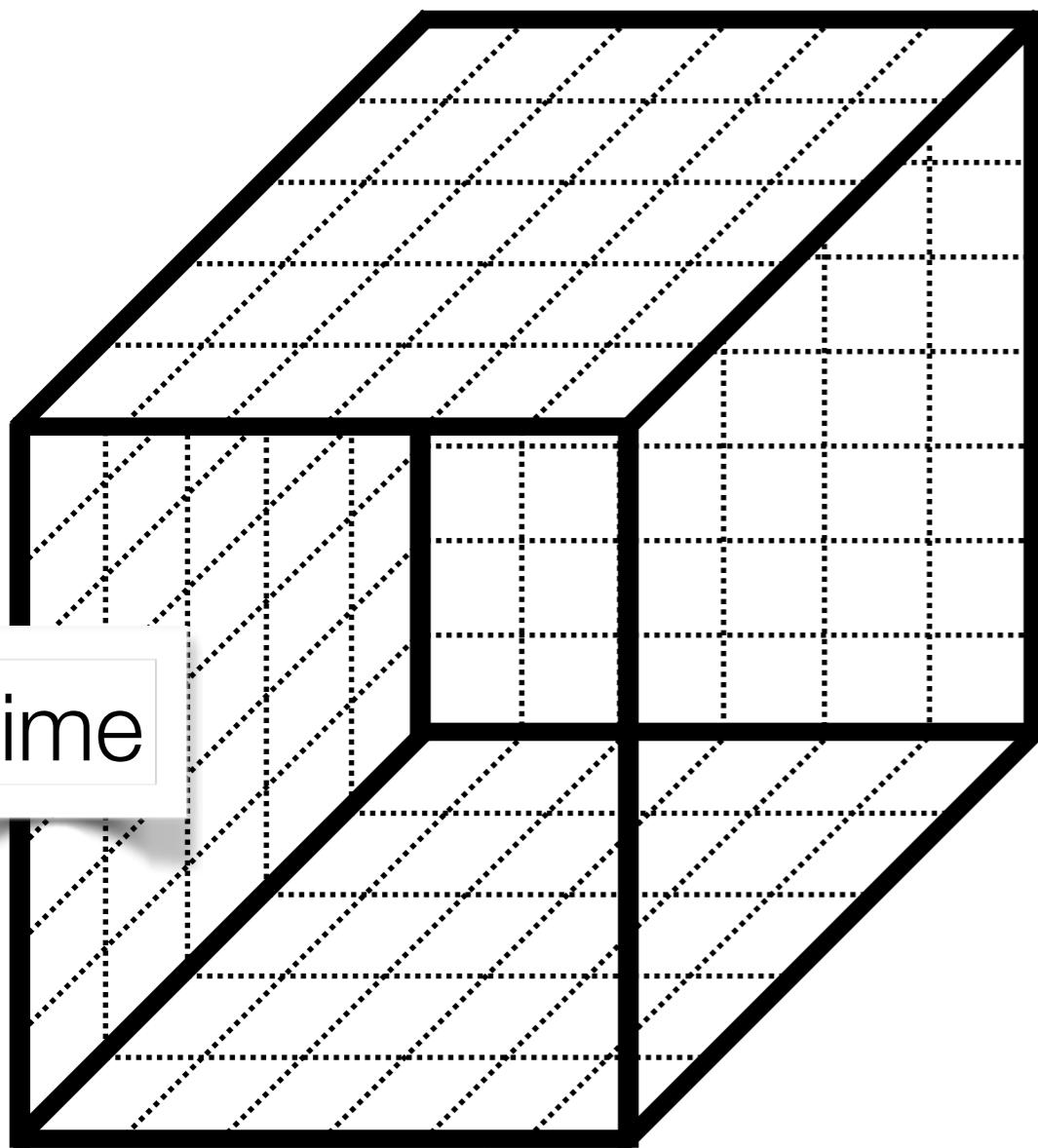


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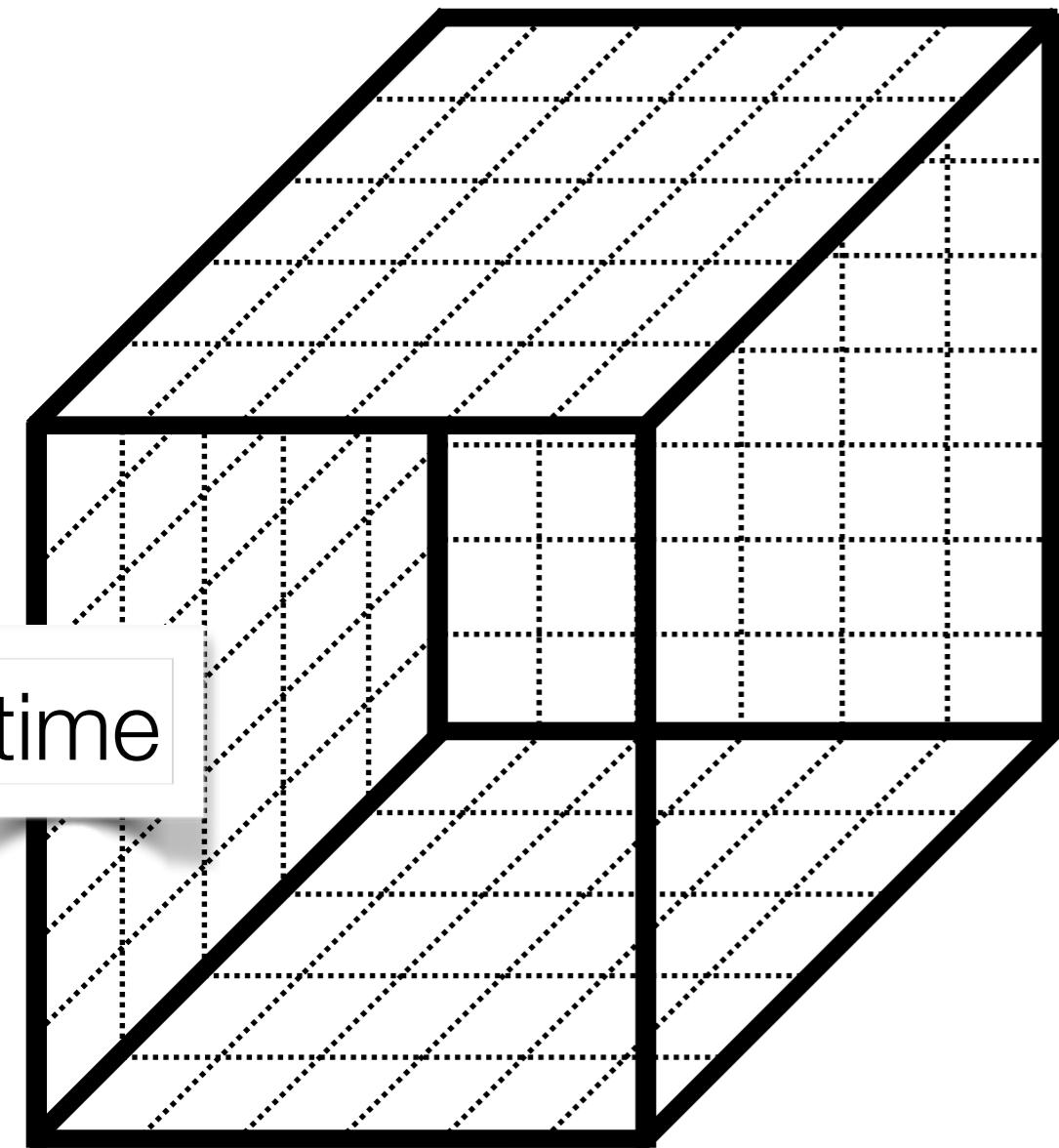
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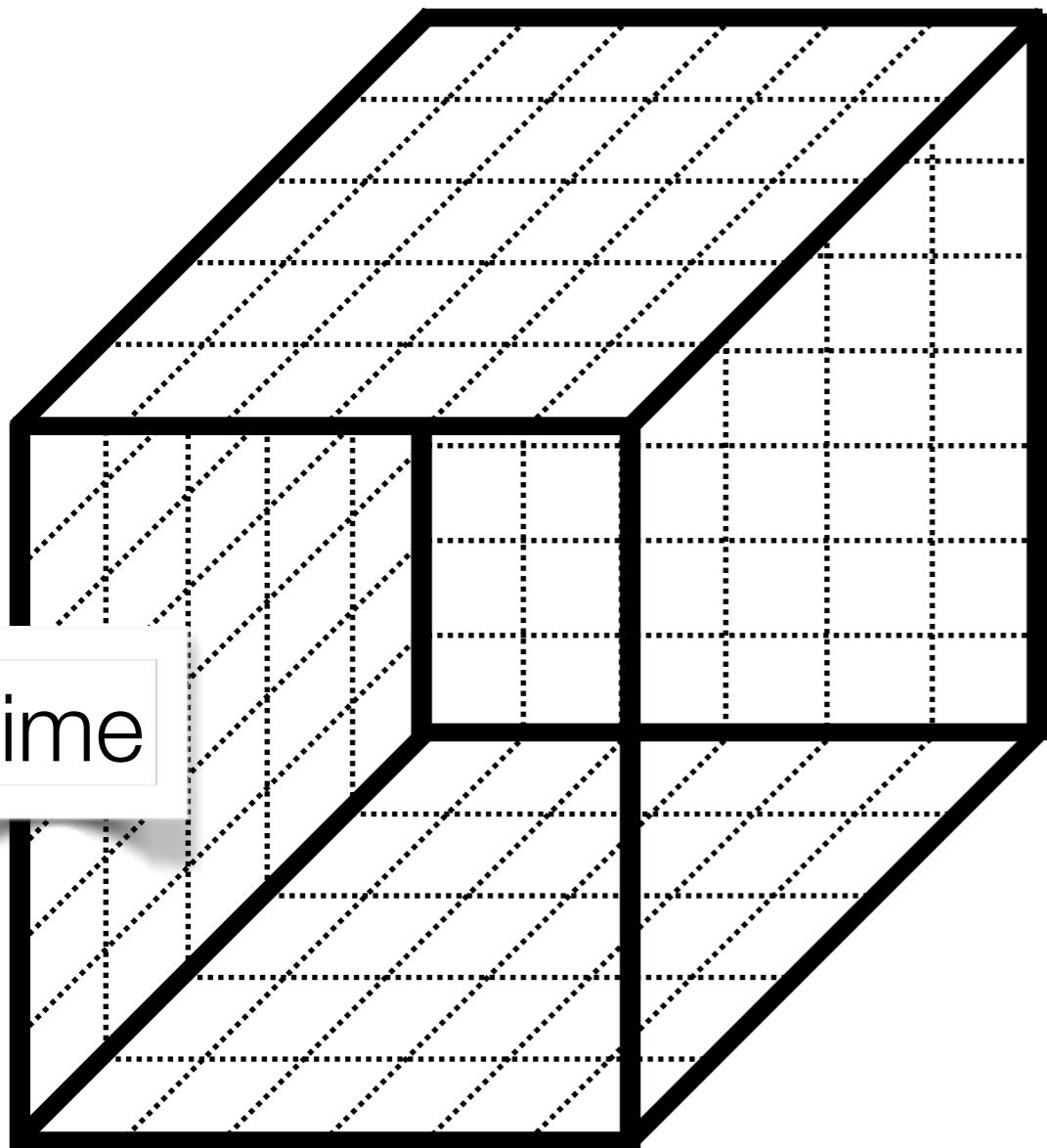
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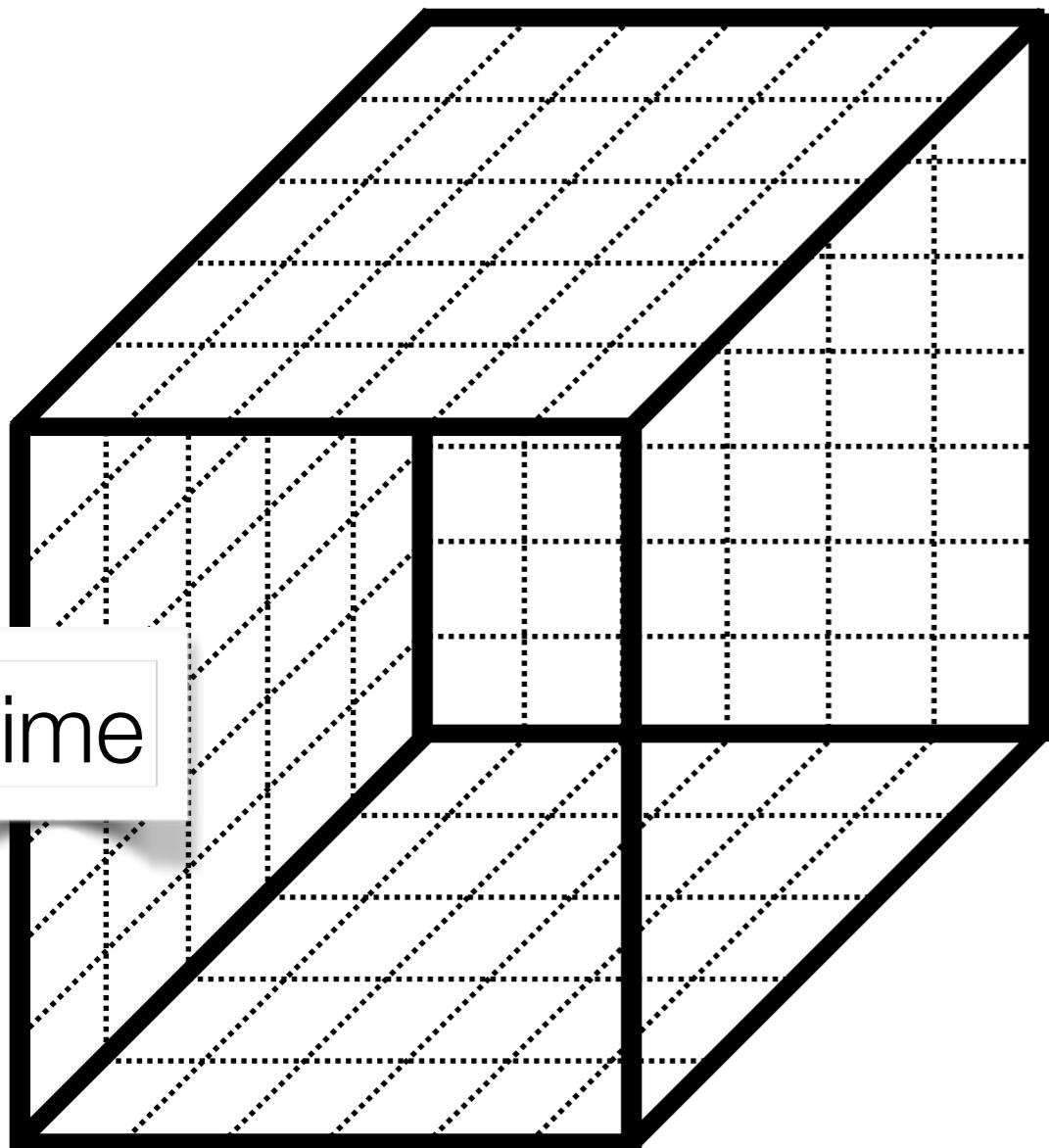
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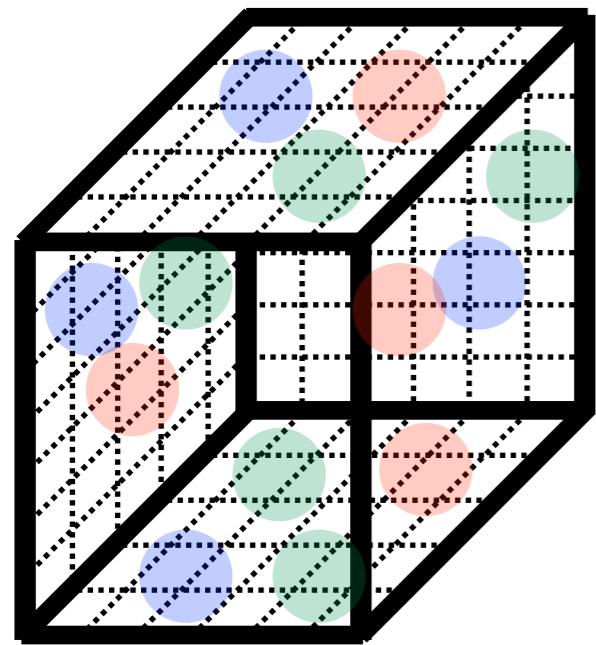
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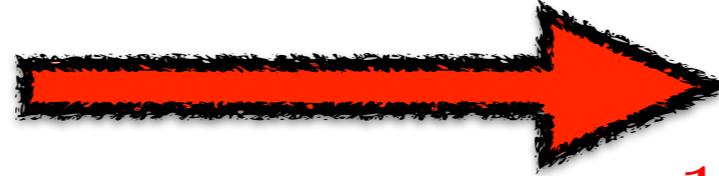


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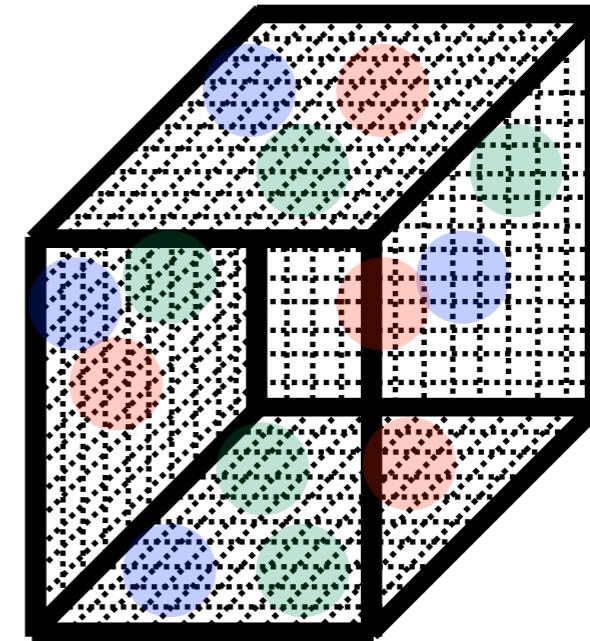
LQCD Systematics



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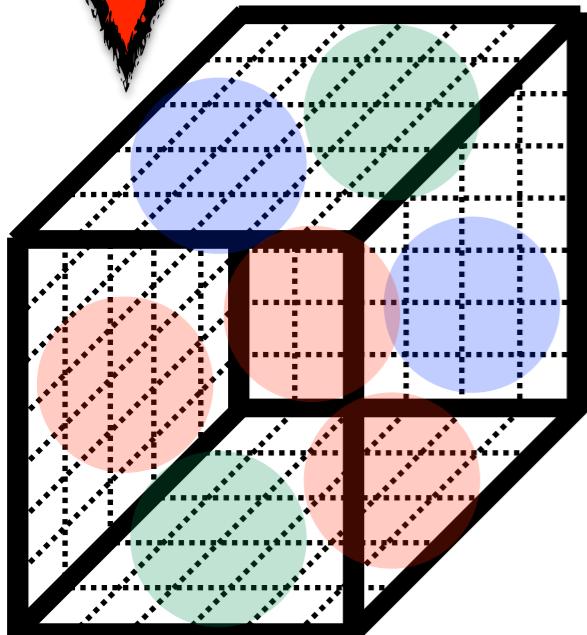


$$t_{comp} \propto \frac{1}{a^6}$$



physical
pion masses

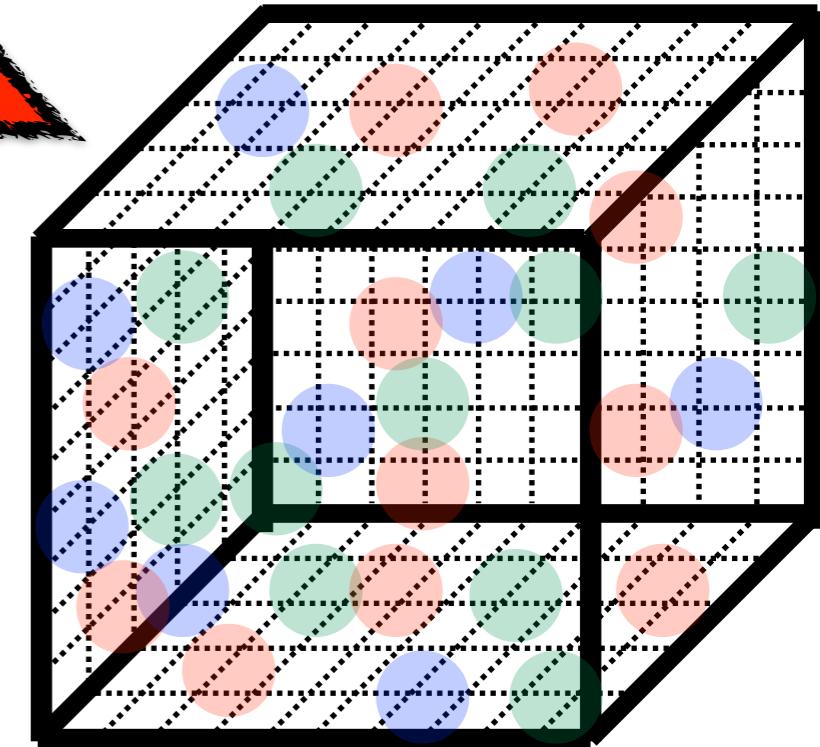
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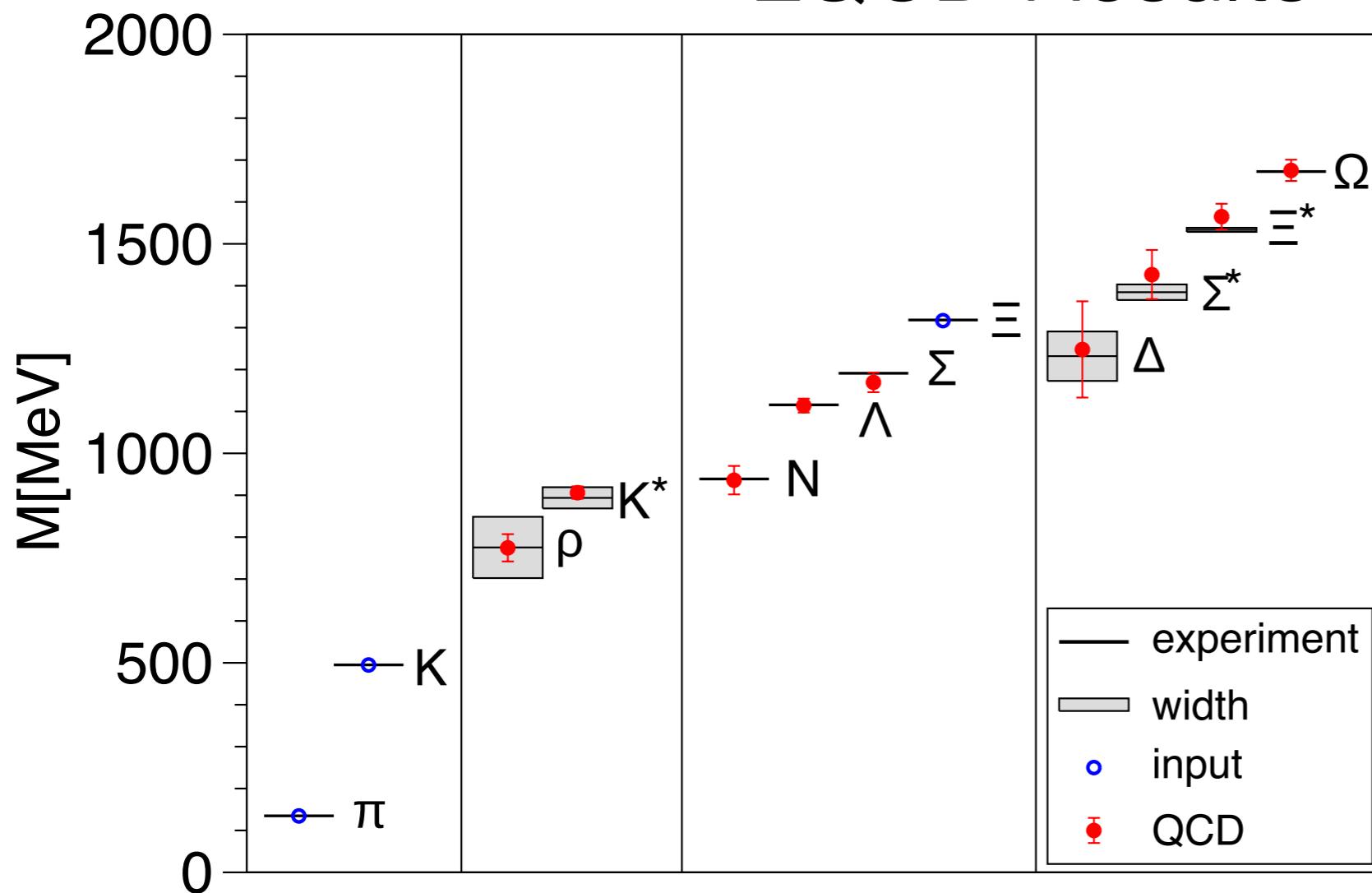
infinite volume limit

$$t_{comp} \propto V^{5/4}$$

$$V = N_L^3 \times N_T$$



LQCD Results



Durr et al., Science 322
(2008) [arXiv:0906.3599]

Pion mass is used to fix the physical **light** quark mass

$$M_\pi^2 = 2B_0 \hat{m}_l + \dots$$

Kaon mass is used to fix the physical **strange** quark mass

$$M_K^2 = B_0(m_s + \hat{m}_l) + \dots$$

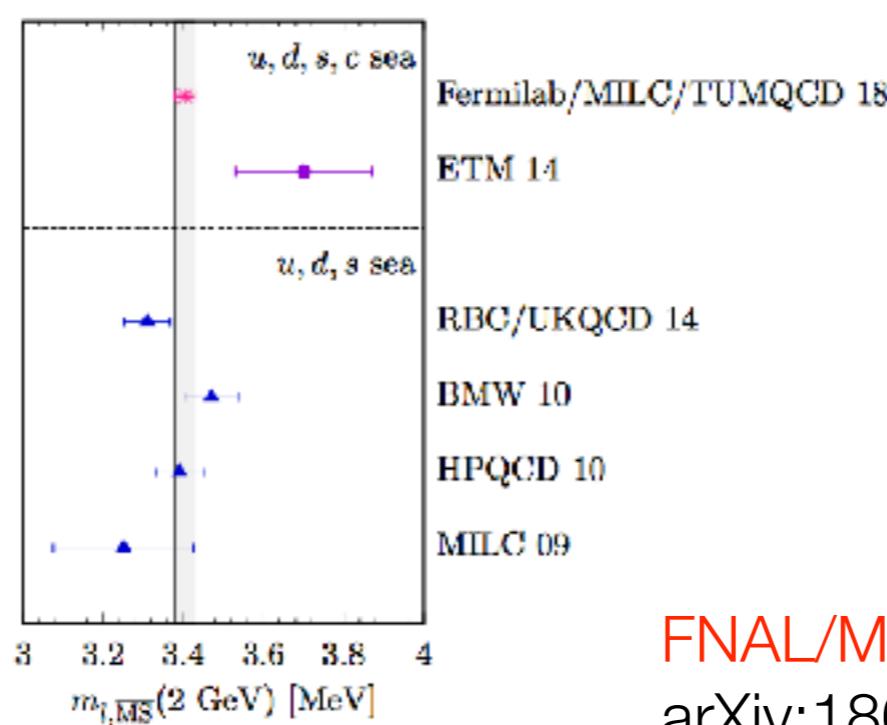
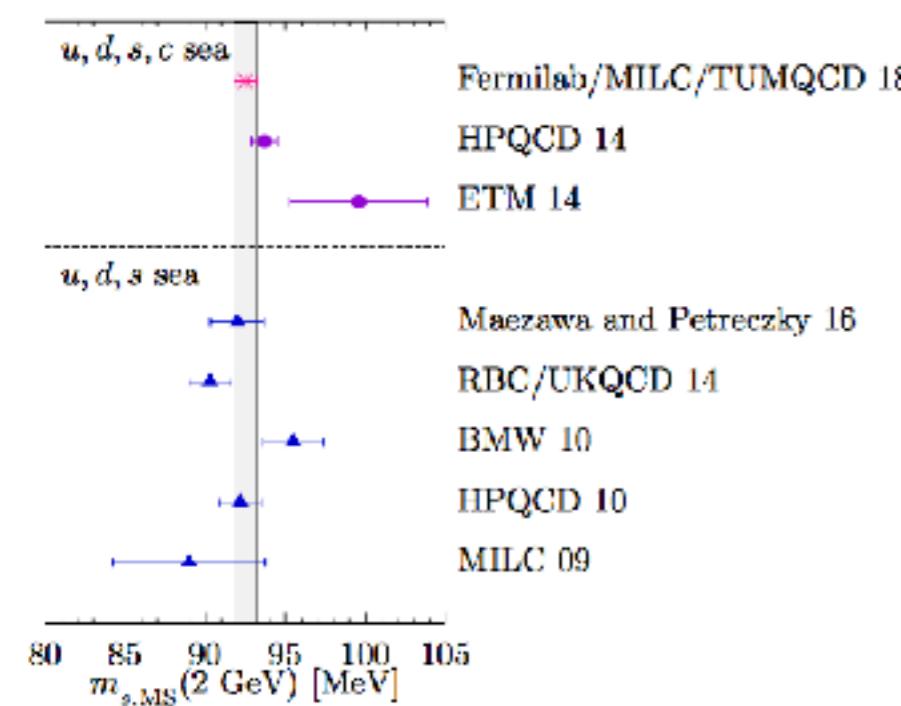
Hadronic quantity is used to set the **scale** in MeV

$$M_\Sigma [\text{MeV}] \leftrightarrow a [\text{fm}]$$

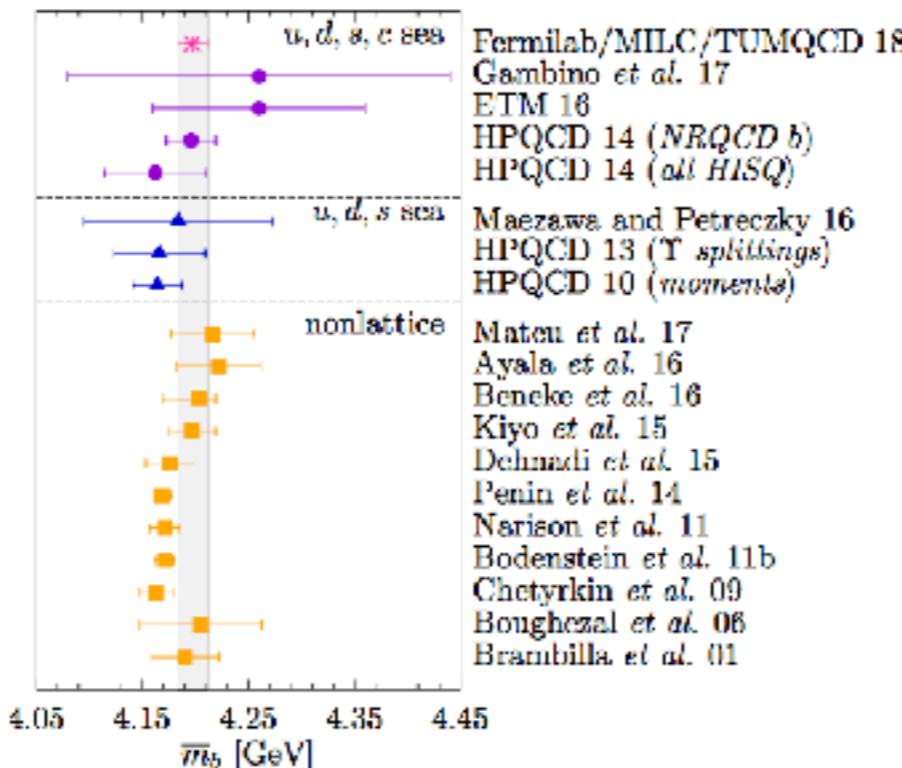
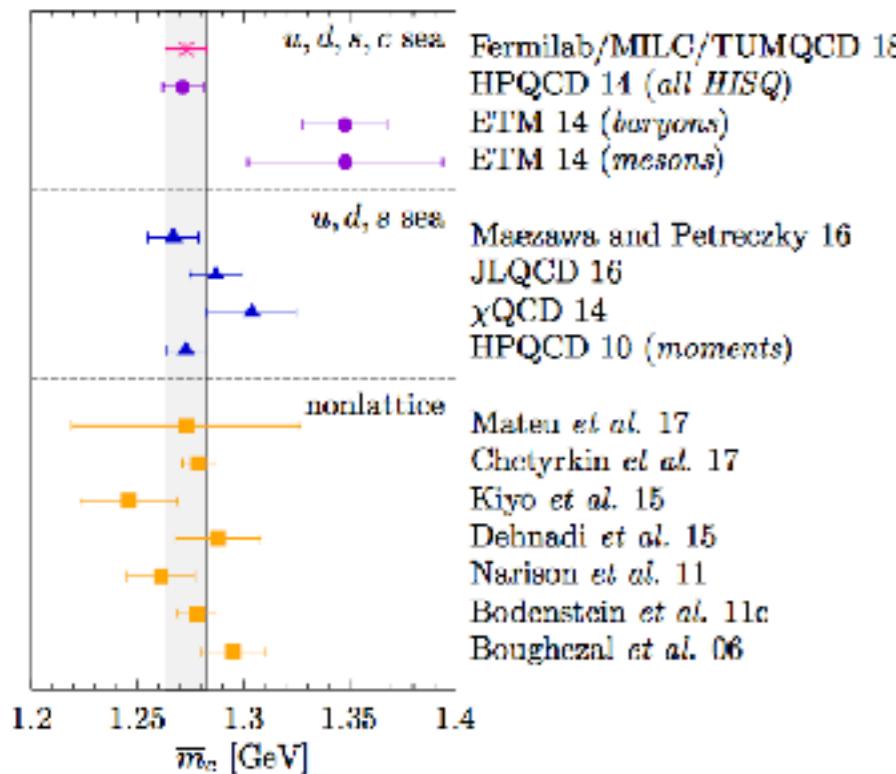
Everything else is a prediction!

(need 1 new quantity for each new input)

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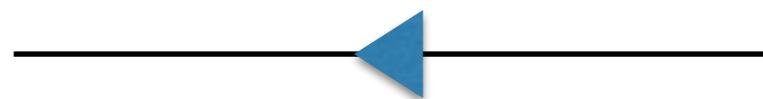
FNAL/MILC/TUMQCD Collaborations
arXiv:1802.04248



Most precise determination
of quark masses now
comes from LQCD

LQCD Challenges for NP

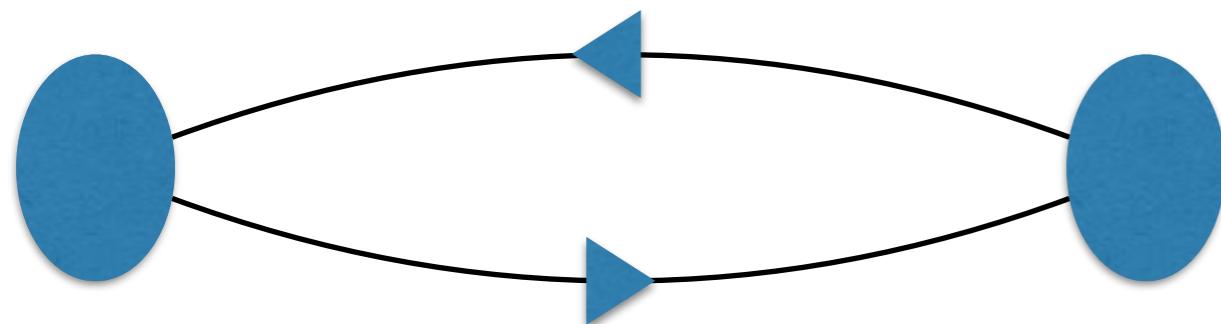
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$$\sim e^{-\frac{1}{2}m_\pi t} + e^{-\frac{1}{3}m_N t} + \dots$$

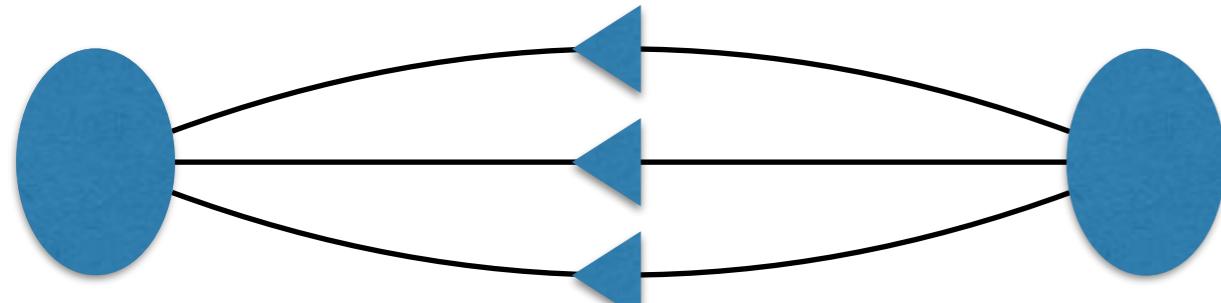
each quark carries information
about pions and nucleons

$$\lambda_\pi(t) \gg \lambda_N(t)$$



$$\bar{d}\gamma_5 u : C(t) = A_\pi e^{-m_\pi t} + \dots$$

For the nucleon - the large pion eigenvalues must
cancel to expose the small nucleon eigenvalues



$$(u^T C \gamma_5 d) u : C(t) = A_N e^{-m_N t} + \dots$$

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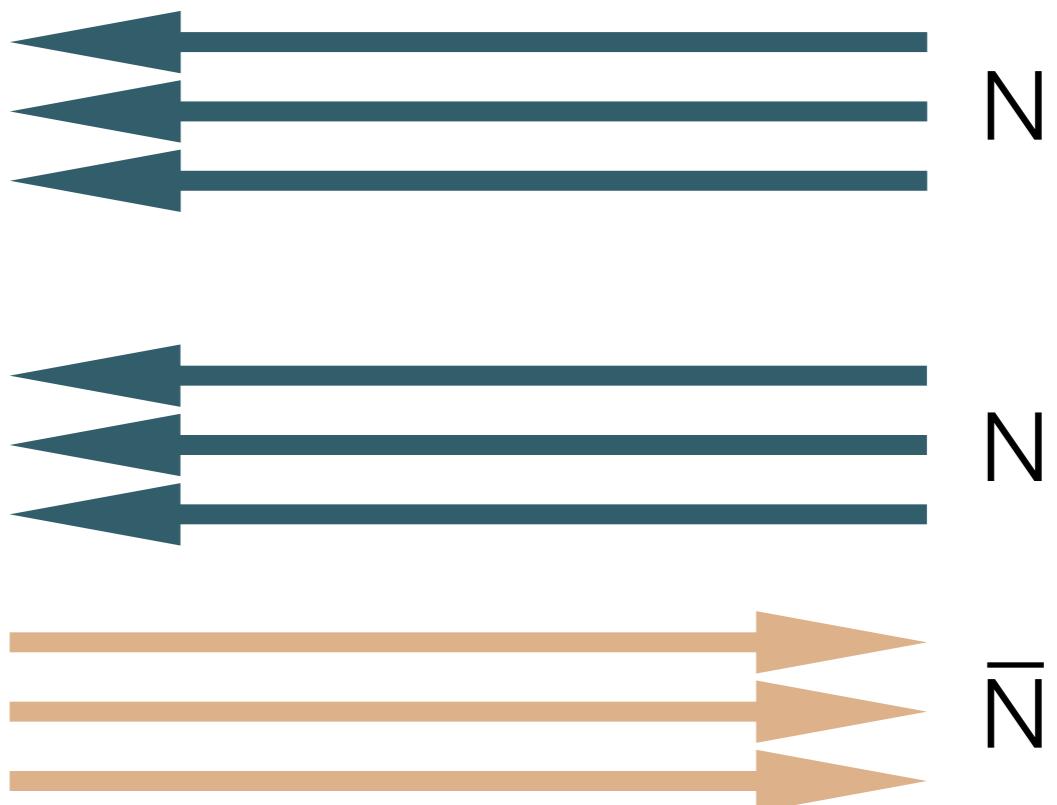
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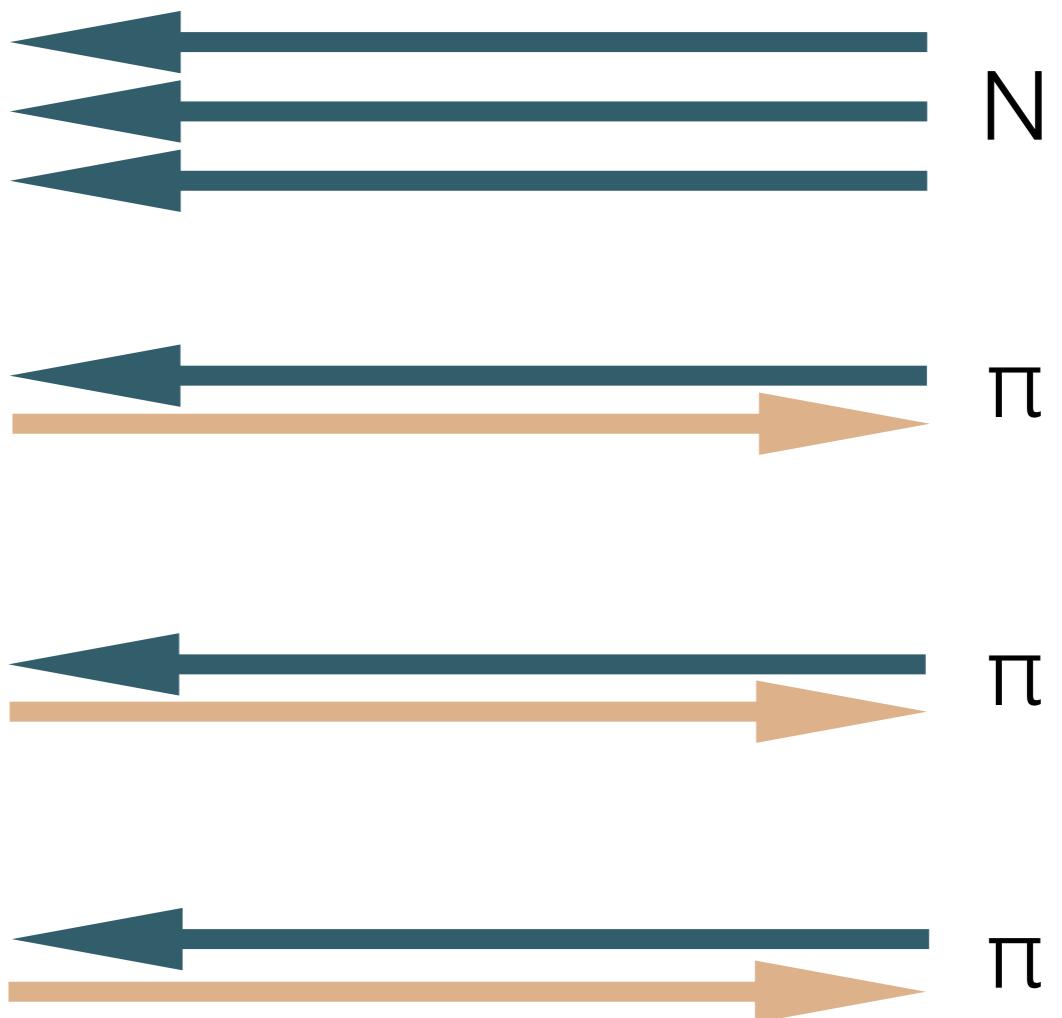
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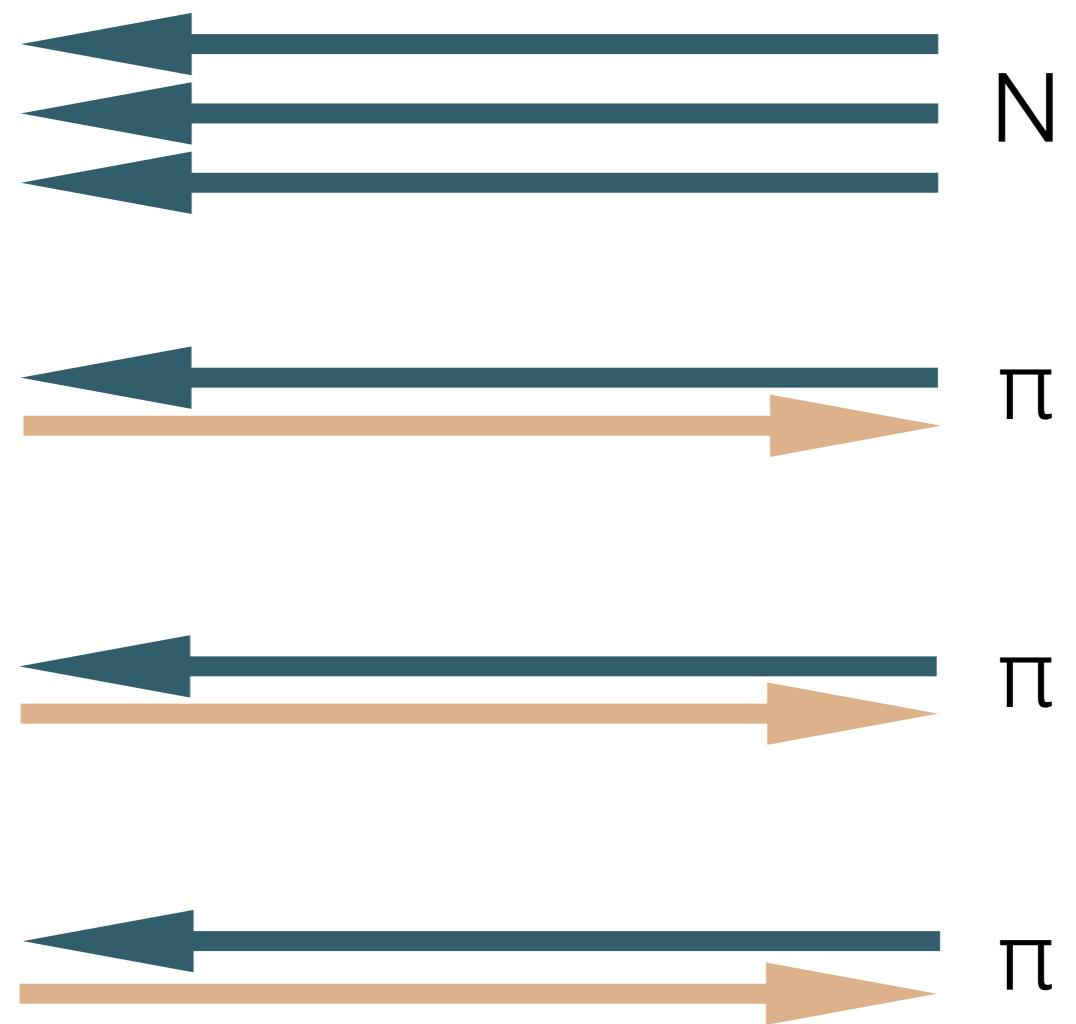
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- time-dependence of SNR

$$\sim \sqrt{N} \exp\left[-A\left(m_N - \frac{3}{2}m_\pi\right)t\right]$$

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exponential noise
power-law statistics

LQCD Challenges for NP

- Consider a 2-point correlation function

$$C(t) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \langle \Omega | \mathcal{O}(t, \mathbf{x}) \mathcal{O}^\dagger(0, \mathbf{0}) | \Omega \rangle$$



$$1 = \sum_n |n\rangle \langle n|$$

all we do with LQCD is
compute 2, 3, 4 point
functions

multiply by 1

$$C(t) = \sum_n z_n z_n^\dagger e^{-E_n t}$$

$z_n = \langle \Omega | \mathcal{O} | n \rangle$
overlap factor

$$C(t) = z_0 z_0^\dagger e^{-E_0 t} [1 + \delta_{10}^z e^{-\Delta_{10} t} + \dots]$$

$$\Delta_{10} = E_1 - E_0$$

$$\delta_{10}^z = \frac{z_1 z_1^\dagger}{z_0 z_0^\dagger}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} C(t) = z_0 z_0^\dagger e^{-E_0 t}$$

The ground state spectrum is what we can compute with
better control than any other quantity

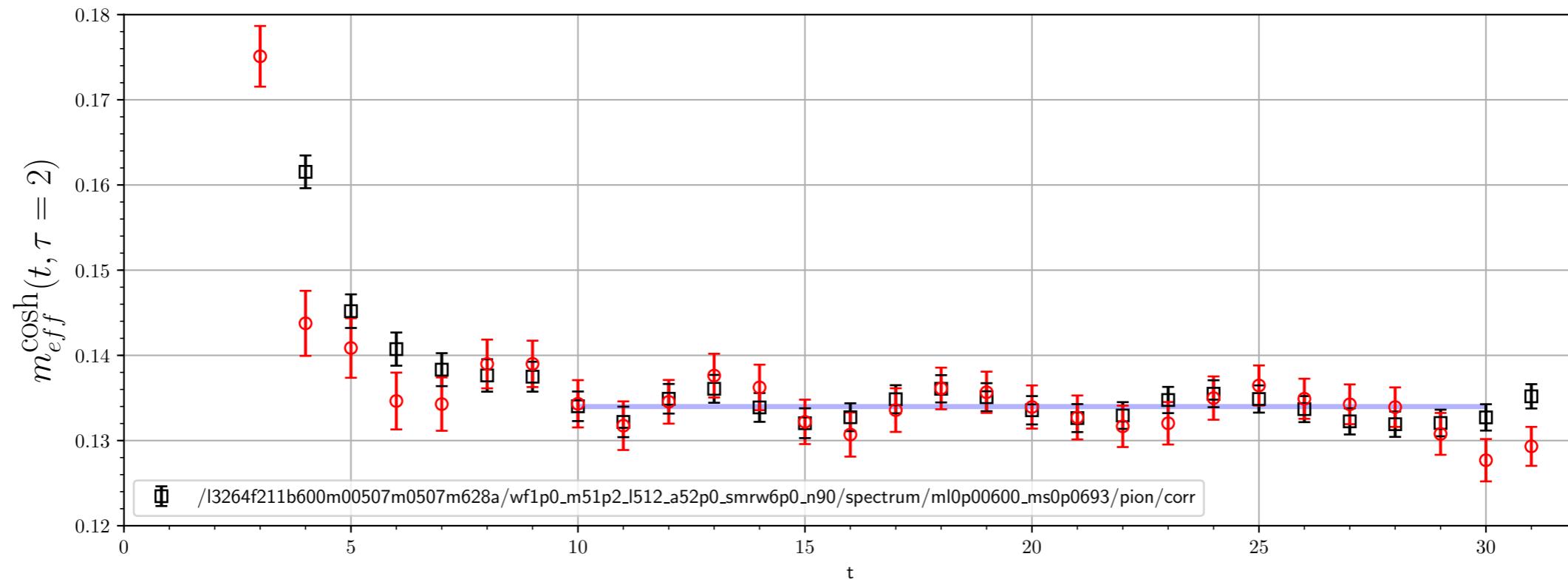
$$m_{eff}(t) = \frac{1}{\tau} \ln \left(\frac{C(t)}{C(t + \tau)} \right)$$

A useful quantity is the
effective mass

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} m_{eff}(t) = E_0$$

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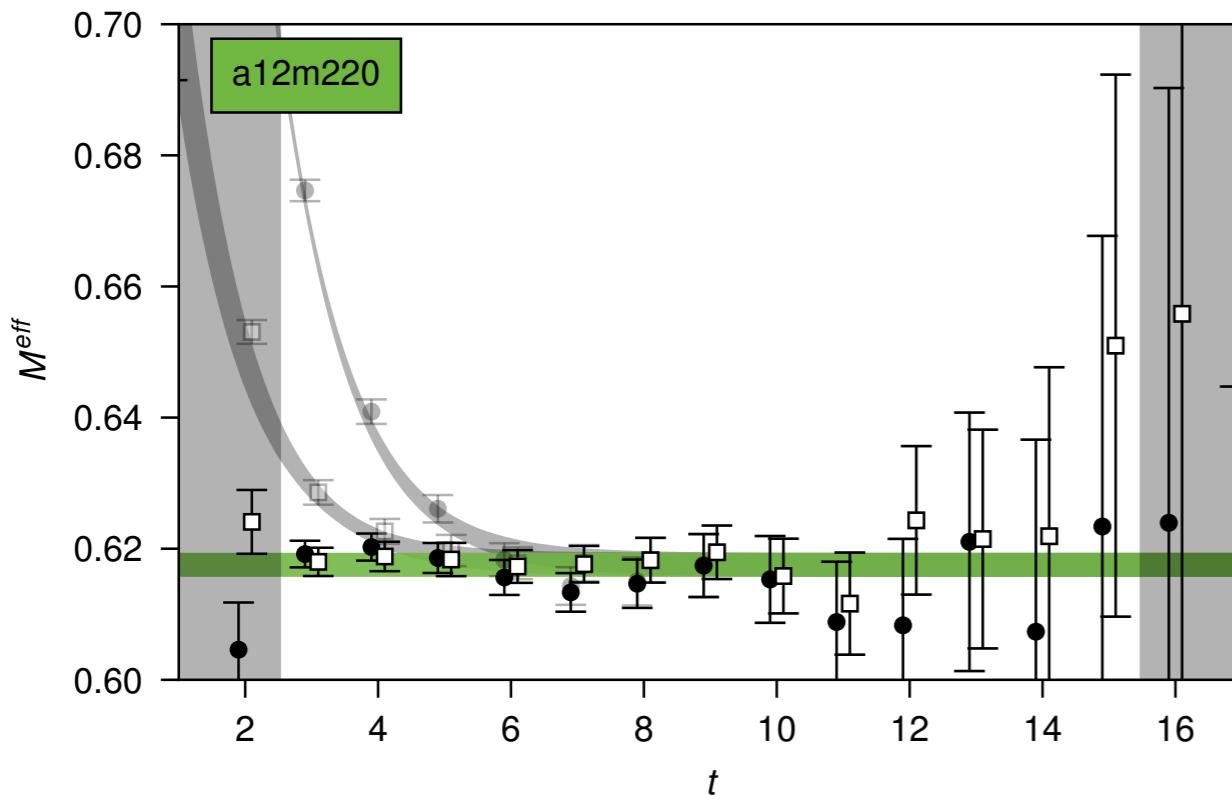


Effective mass of Pion 2-point correlation function
red and black “data” are from different choices of overlap operators

Noise is constant in time - can determine very clean ground state (blue band)

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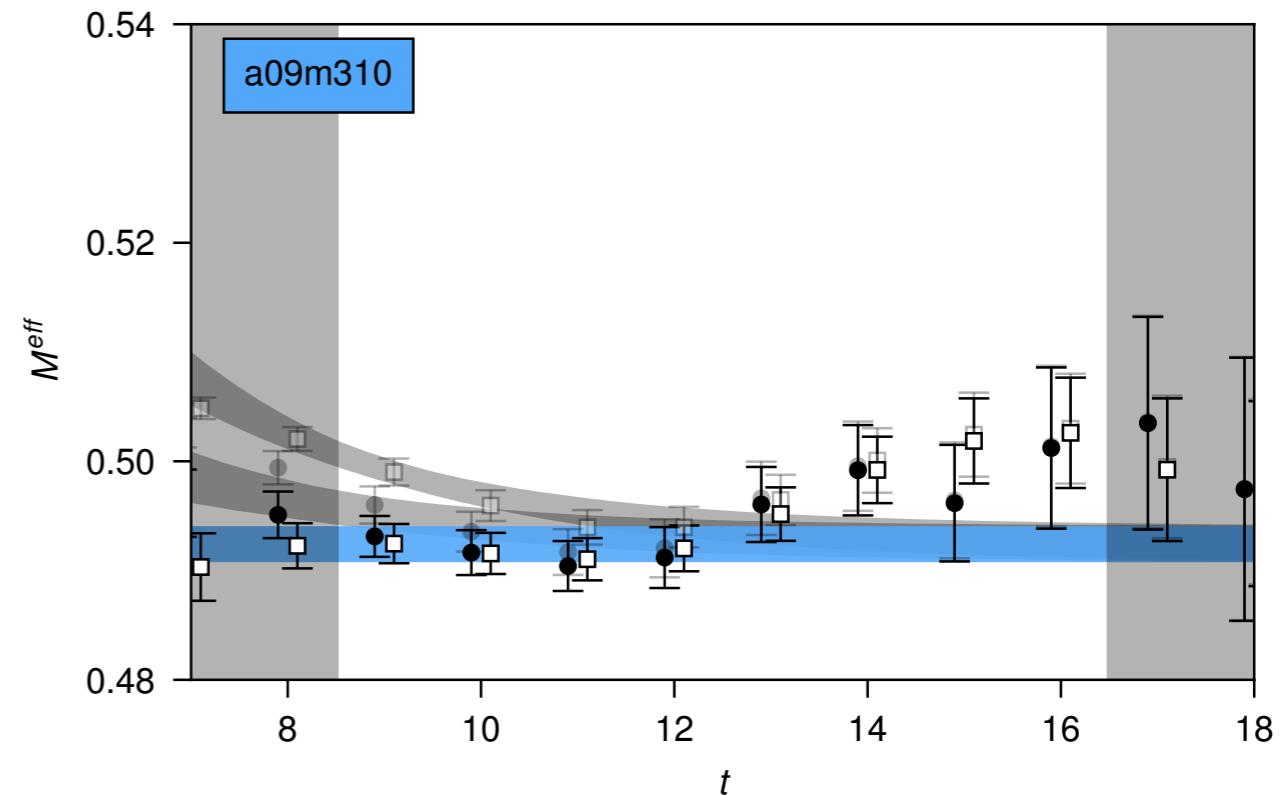
- Consider a 2-point correlation function



Two examples of **nucleon** effective mass

Noise is growing in time - can not simply go to the long-time limit without exponentially increasing the amount of statistics needed

$$\frac{\text{Signal}}{\text{Noise}} \rightarrow \sqrt{N_{\text{stat}}} e^{-(m_N - \frac{3}{2}m_\pi)t}$$



Correlated late-time fluctuations... what is the ground state?

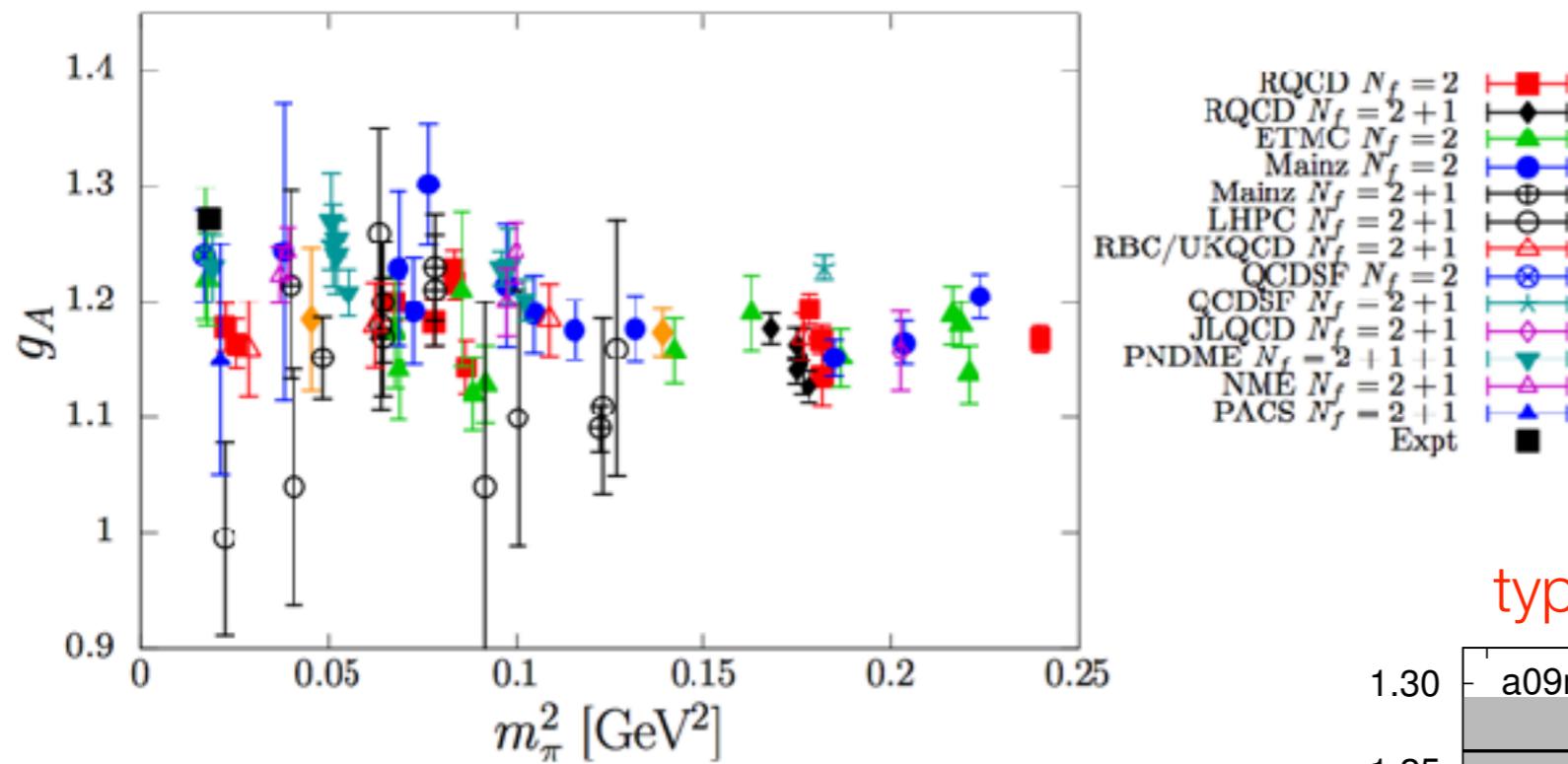
Need sophisticated analysis to ensure you are not susceptible to correlated fluctuations

This problem is exacerbated with 2+ nucleons and form-factor calculations (g_A)

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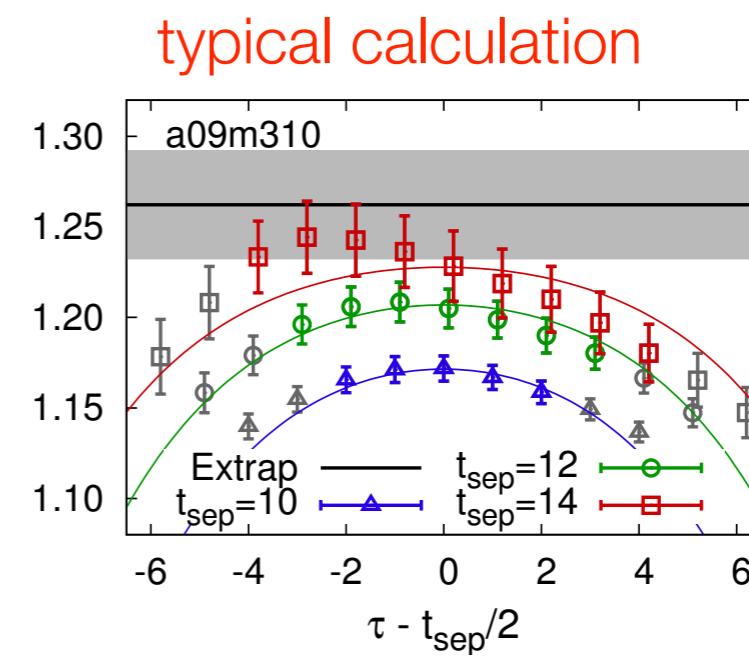
Nucleon axial charge - S. Collins - Lattice 2016 Plenary

Benchmark quantity sensitive to systematics.



Presented 2016:
PNDME, NME, Mainz, RQCD, ETMC, PACS, χ QCD, QCDSF, ...

g_A is an important benchmark quantity - very challenging for LQCD to get under control



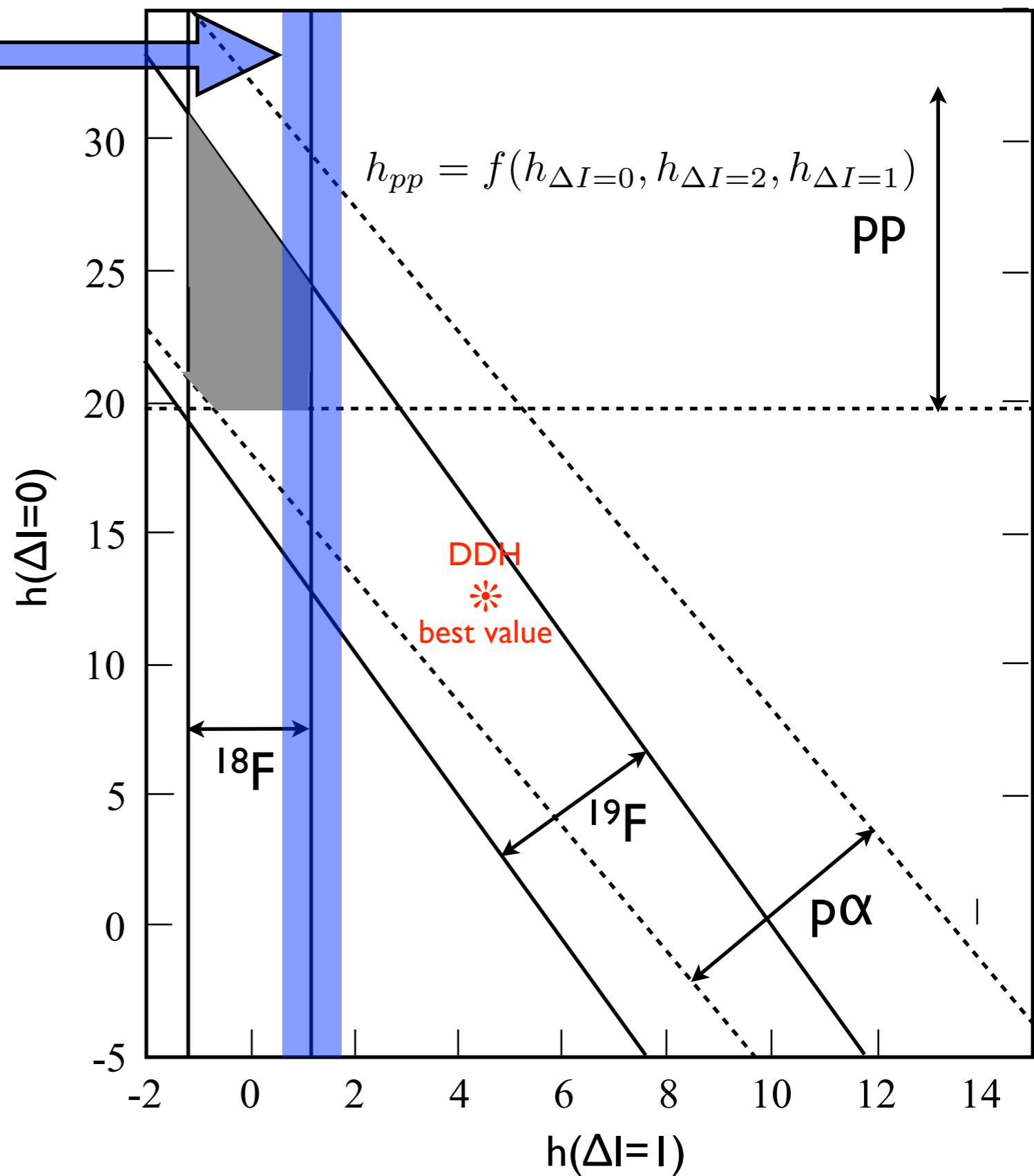
in long-time limit - should be flat

LQCD Challenges for Parity Nonconservation

first LQCD calculation of h_{π}^1 for
 $L=2.5$ fm, $a=0.123$ fm, $m_{\pi}=389$ MeV
J. Wessem, Phys. Rev. C85 (2012) 022501

Several unquantified approximations

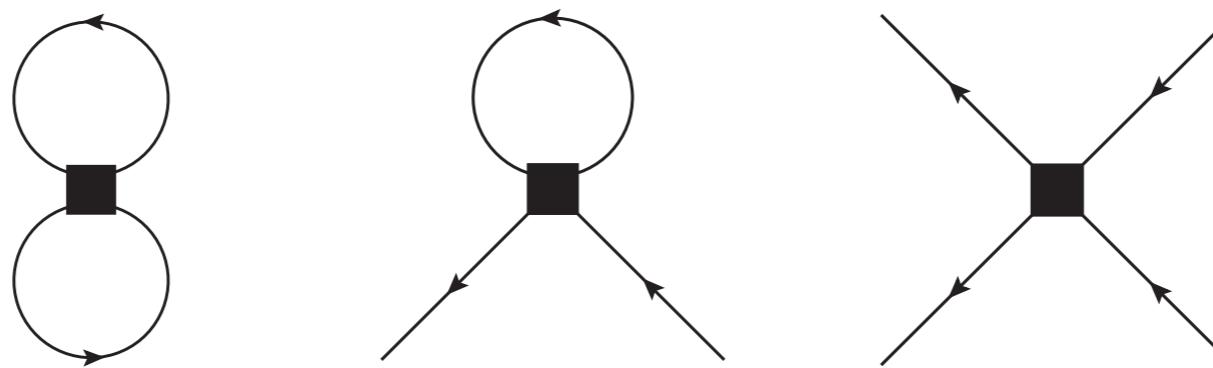
- assumption about coupling of “wave function” used to $N\pi$ state in LQCD calculations
- “disconnected” quark loops neglected
- single lattice spacing
- single pion mass
- single volume
- no renormalization
- This was a tour-de-force calculation carried out single handedly by Joe Wessem



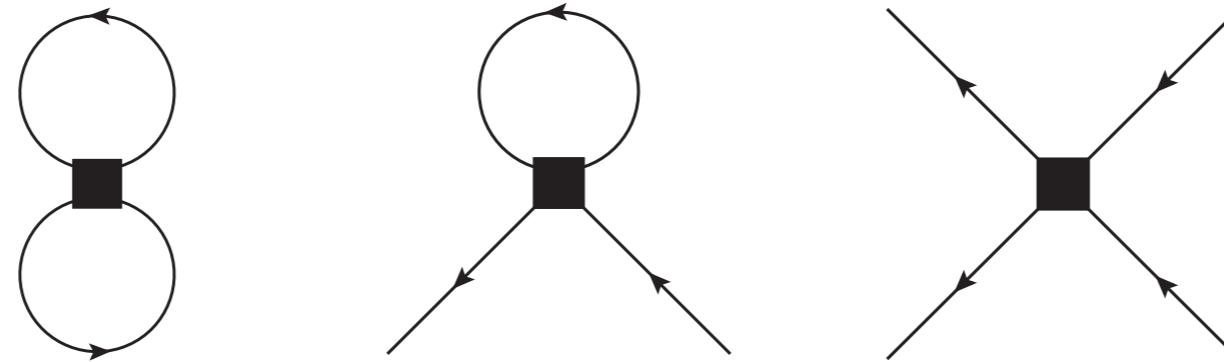
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- Signal-to-noise is exponentially worse than single nucleon
$$\frac{S_{NN}}{\sigma_{NN}} \sim \left(\frac{S_N}{\sigma_N} \right)^2 = \left(\sqrt{N_{samples}} e^{(m_N - \frac{3}{2} m_\pi)t} \right)^2$$
- Either need **all-to-all quark** propagators (1 or more orders of magnitude more expensive) or
 - can not do $l=0$ and $l=1$ PNC amplitudes
 - lose a Volume factor in statistics in $l=2$
- Wick contraction cost of connecting all quark lines is ~ 100 times more than for two-nucleons

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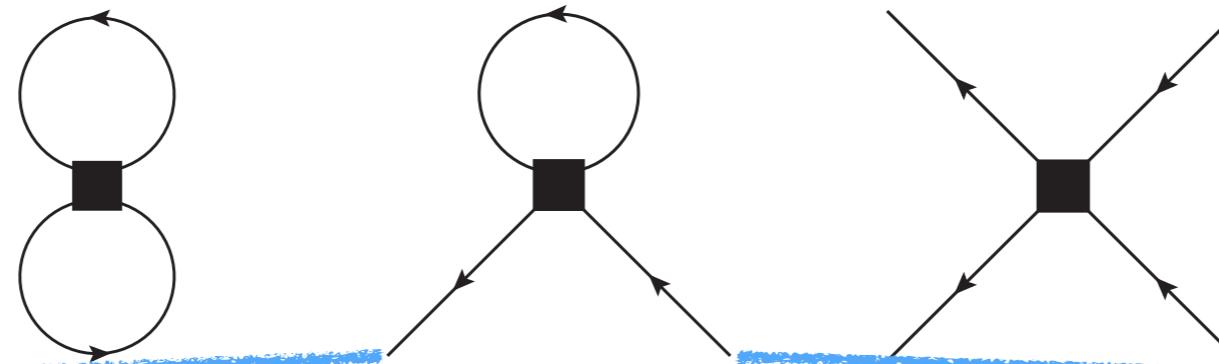


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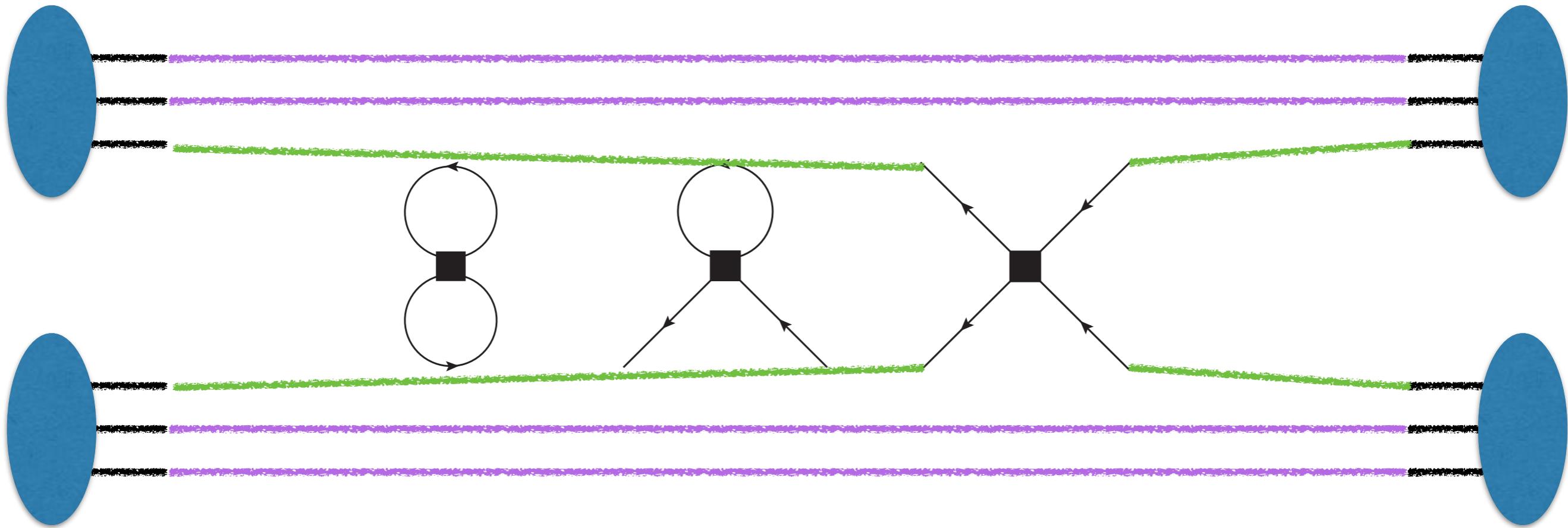
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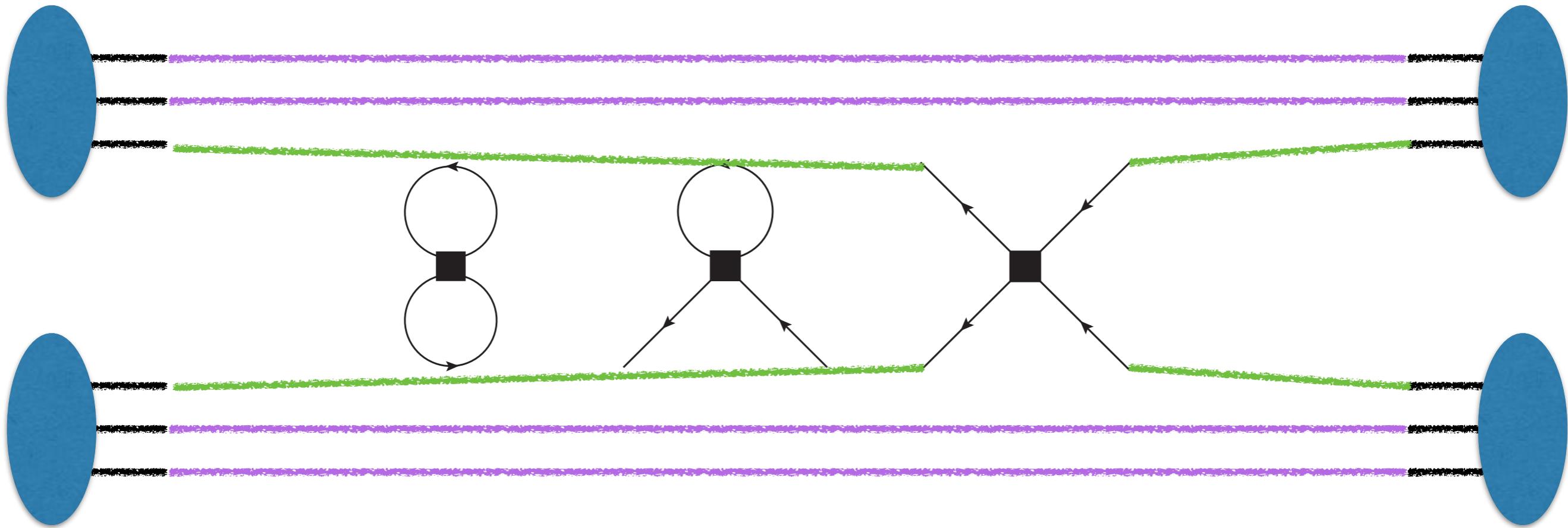
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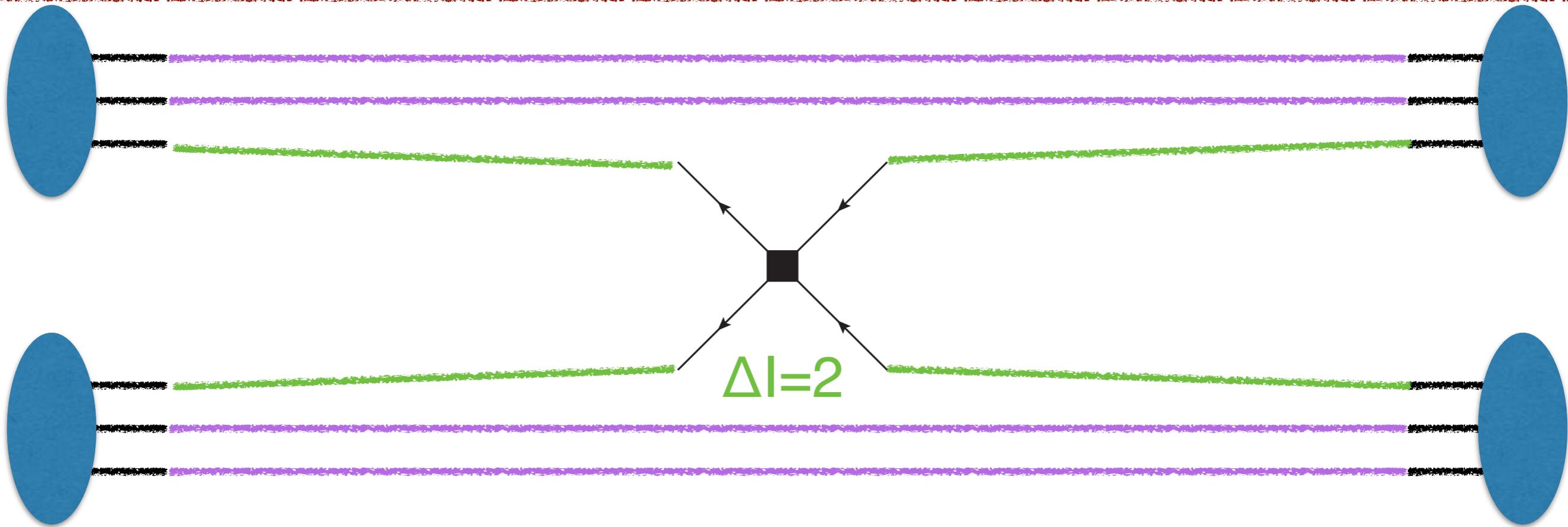
LQCD Challenges for Parity Nonconservation



$$\Delta l = 0, 1, 2$$

- The “disconnected” quark loops are numerically more expensive, and stochastically noisier
- LQCD calculations can project onto definite Δl

LQCD Challenges for Parity Nonconservation



$NN(t, \mathbf{x})$

$\mathcal{O}(t_{\mathcal{O}}, \mathbf{z})$

$N^\dagger N^\dagger(0, \mathbf{0})$

- To project the operator, O , onto definite momentum, and to project the final NN state onto definite momentum, we need all-to-all propagators (expensive): $\sum_{\mathbf{x}}, \sum_{\mathbf{z}}$
- For now - fix source-sink separation (t) and do NOT sum over \mathbf{x} , loss of spatial volume in statistics

Hadronic Parity Violation



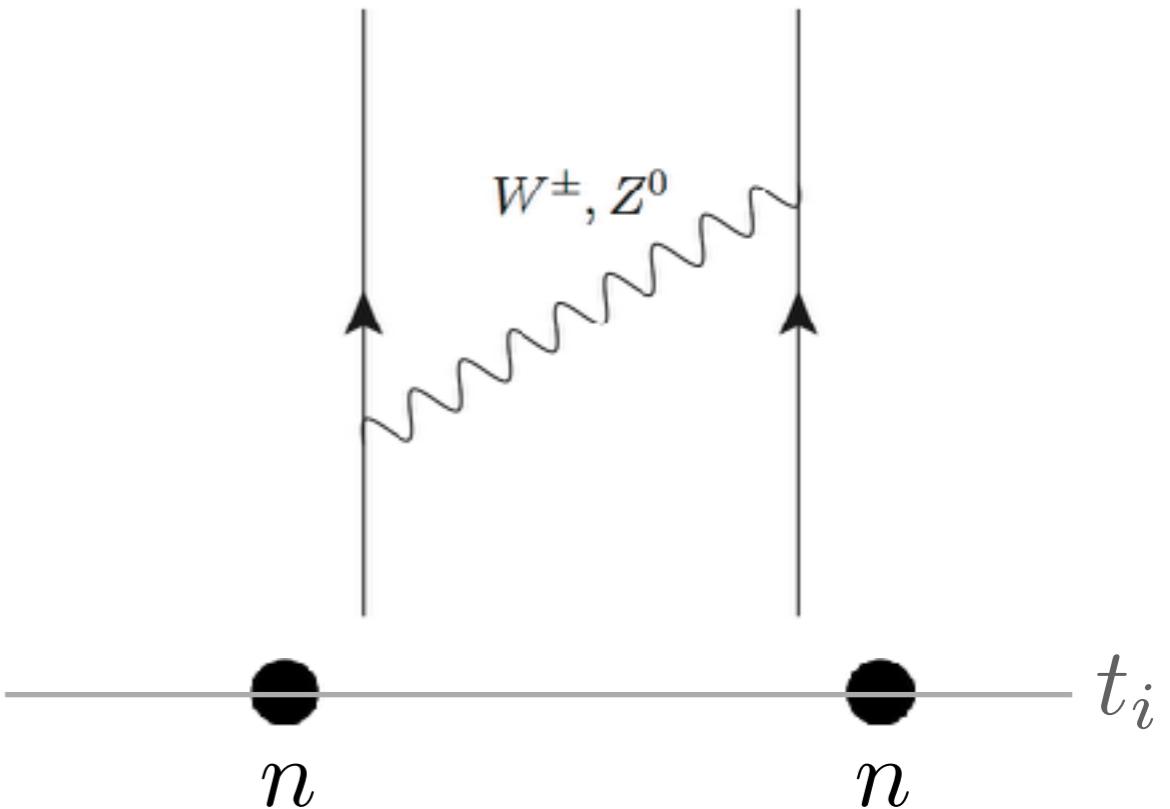
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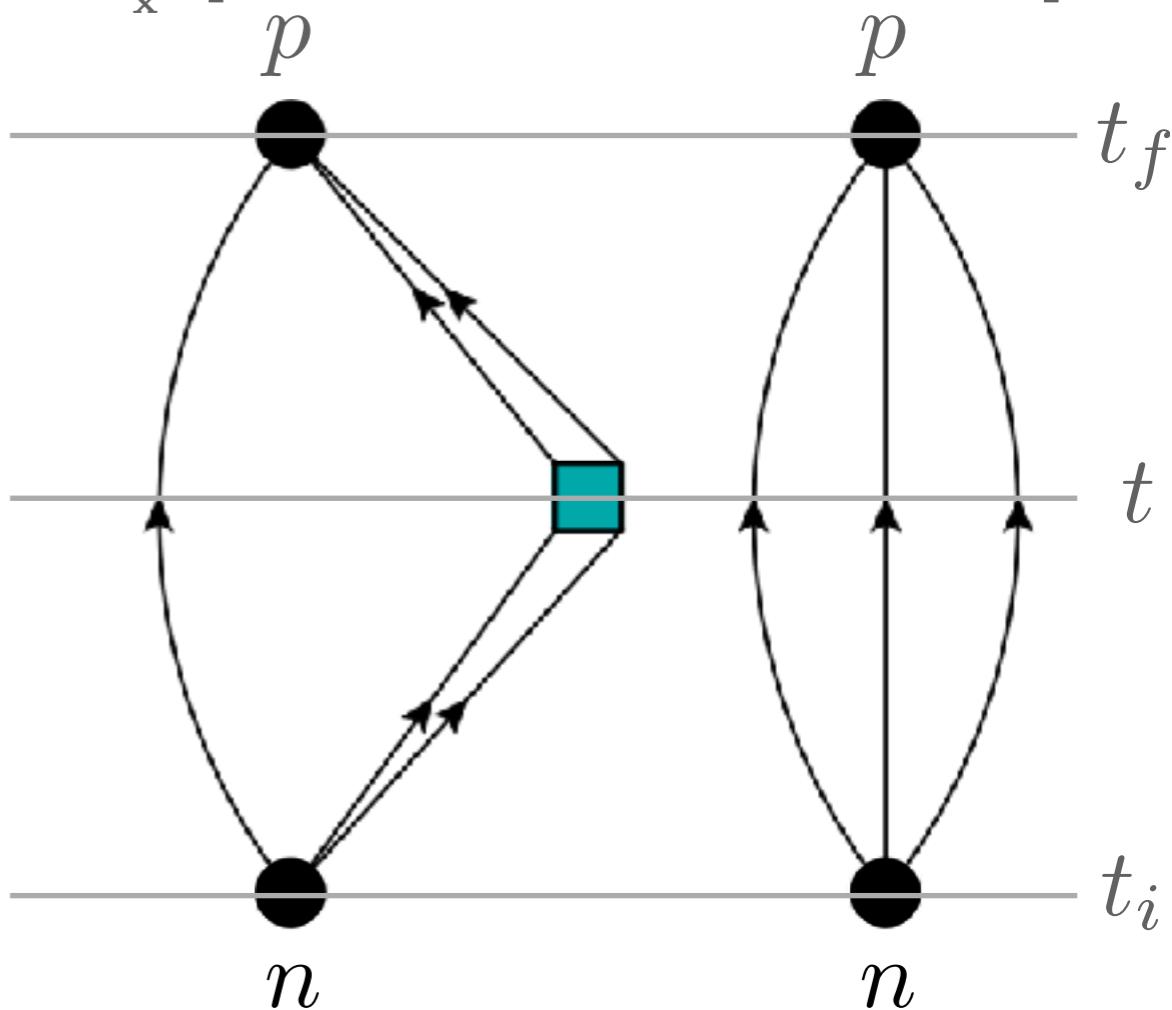


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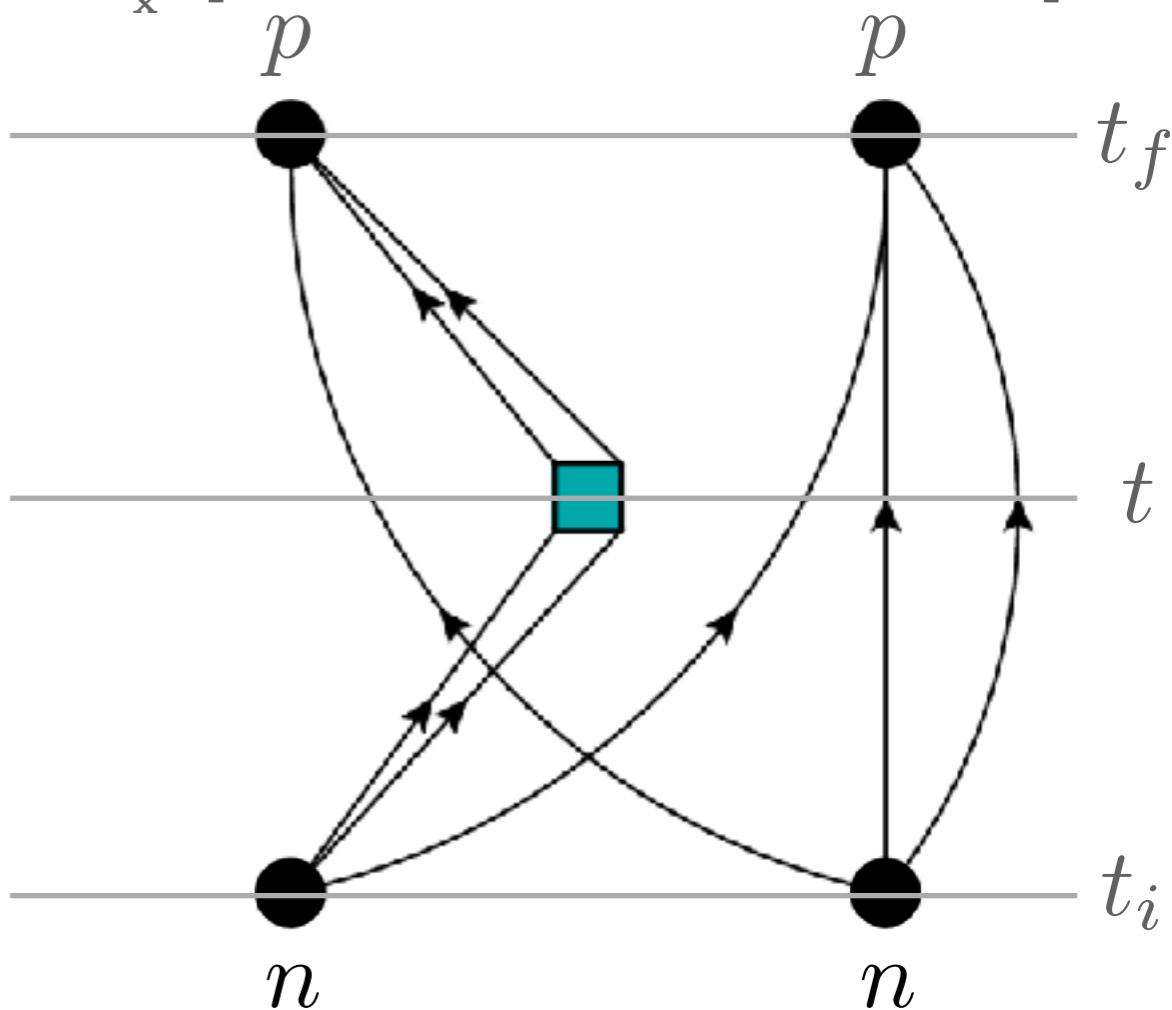


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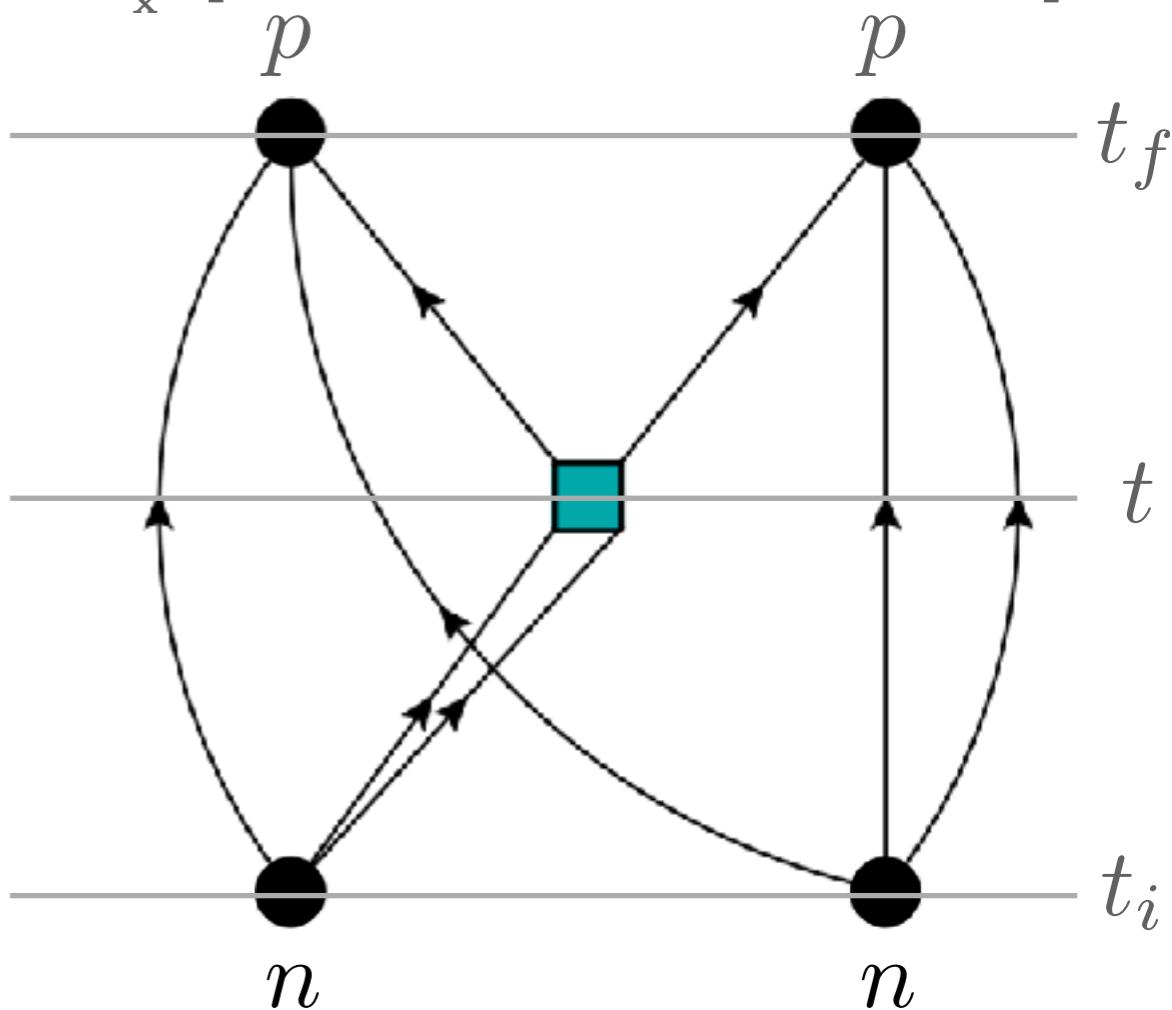


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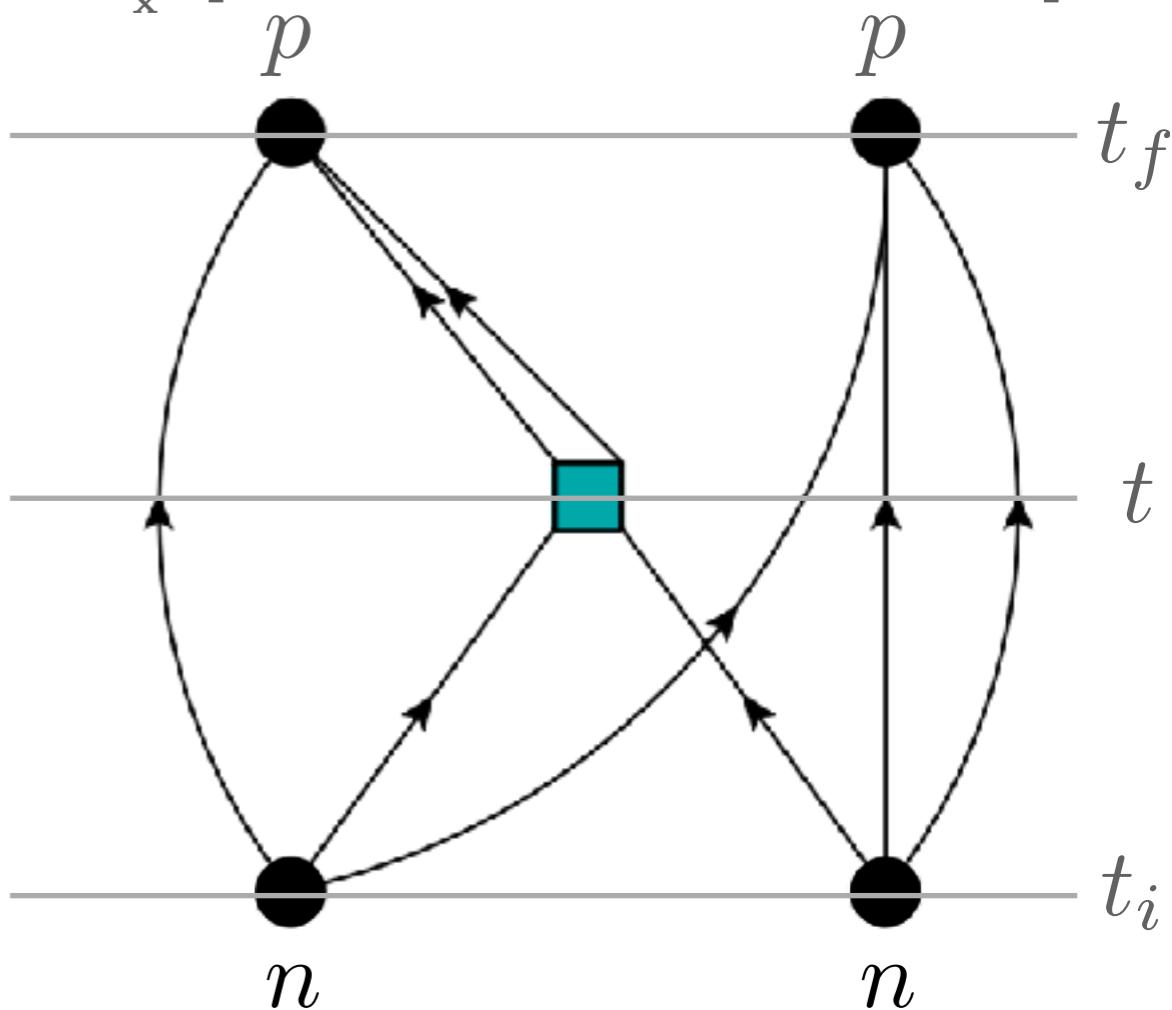


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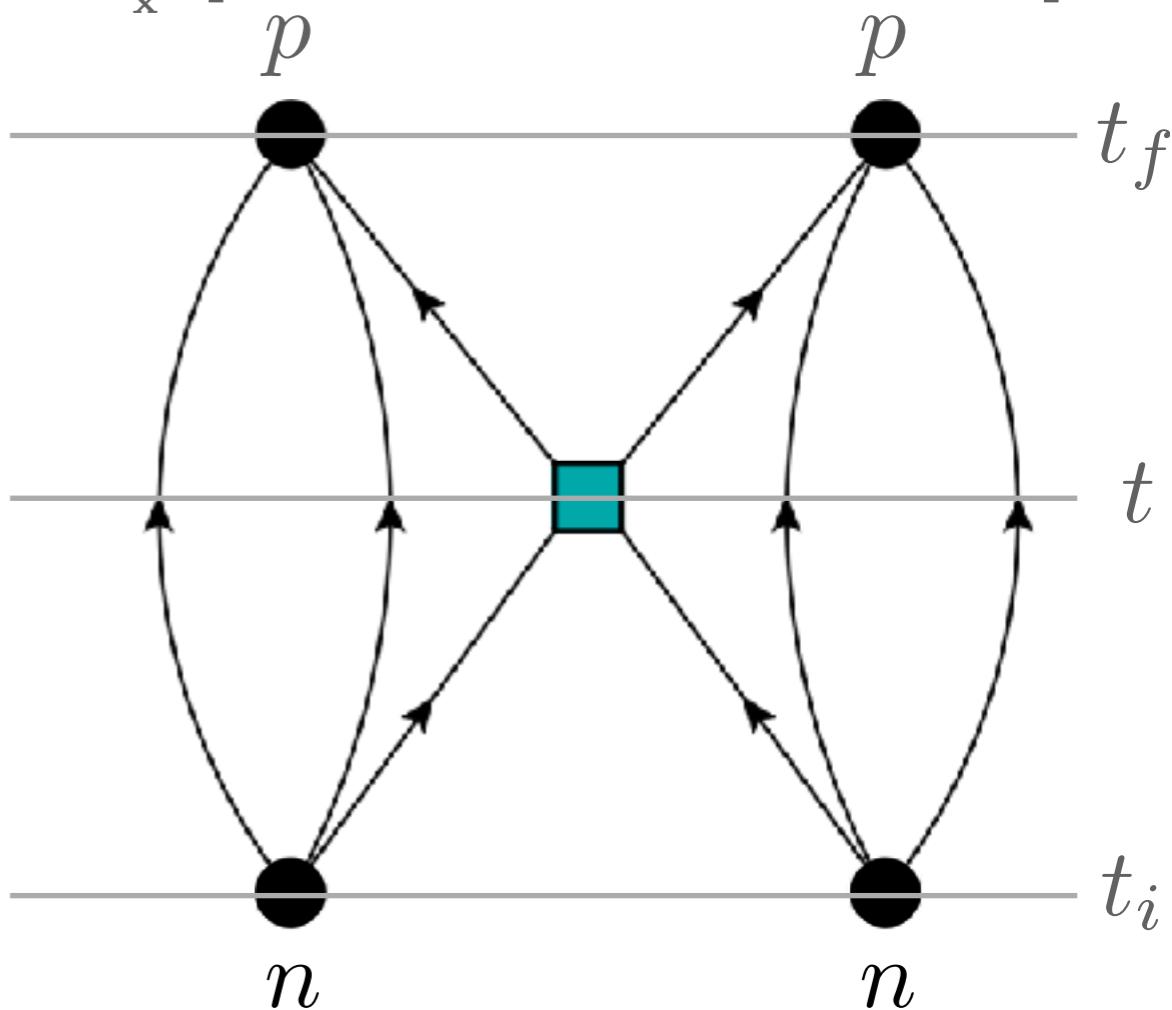


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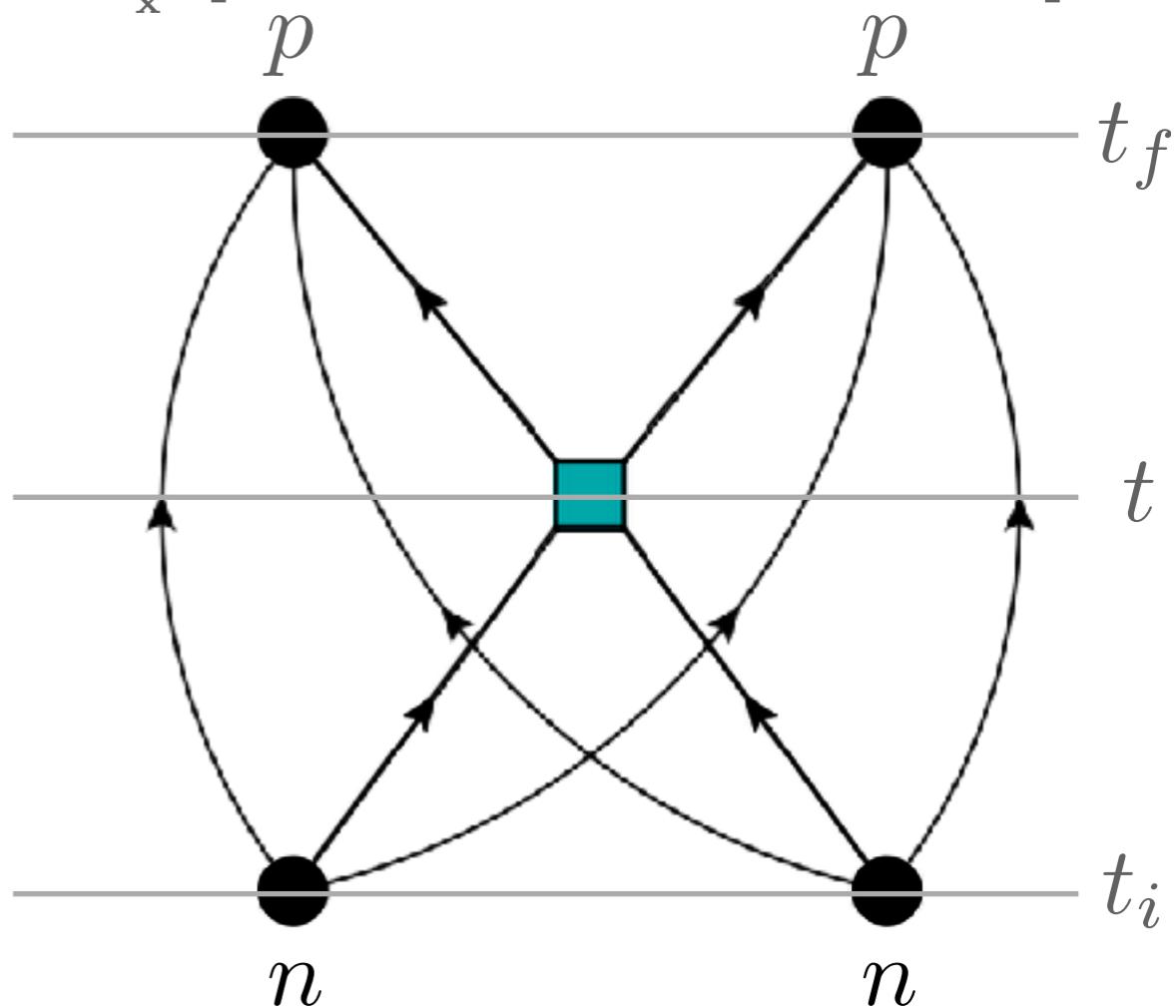


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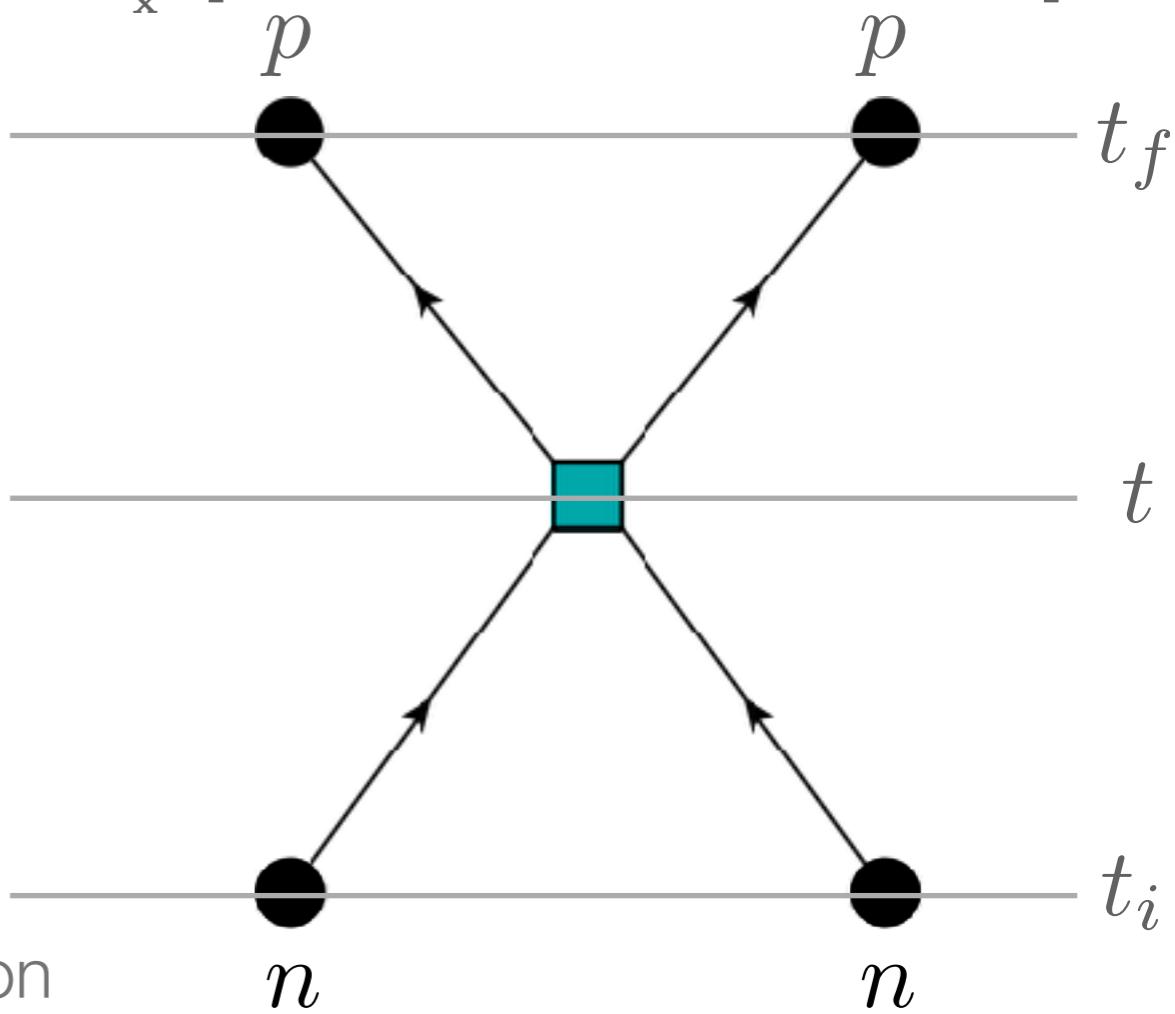
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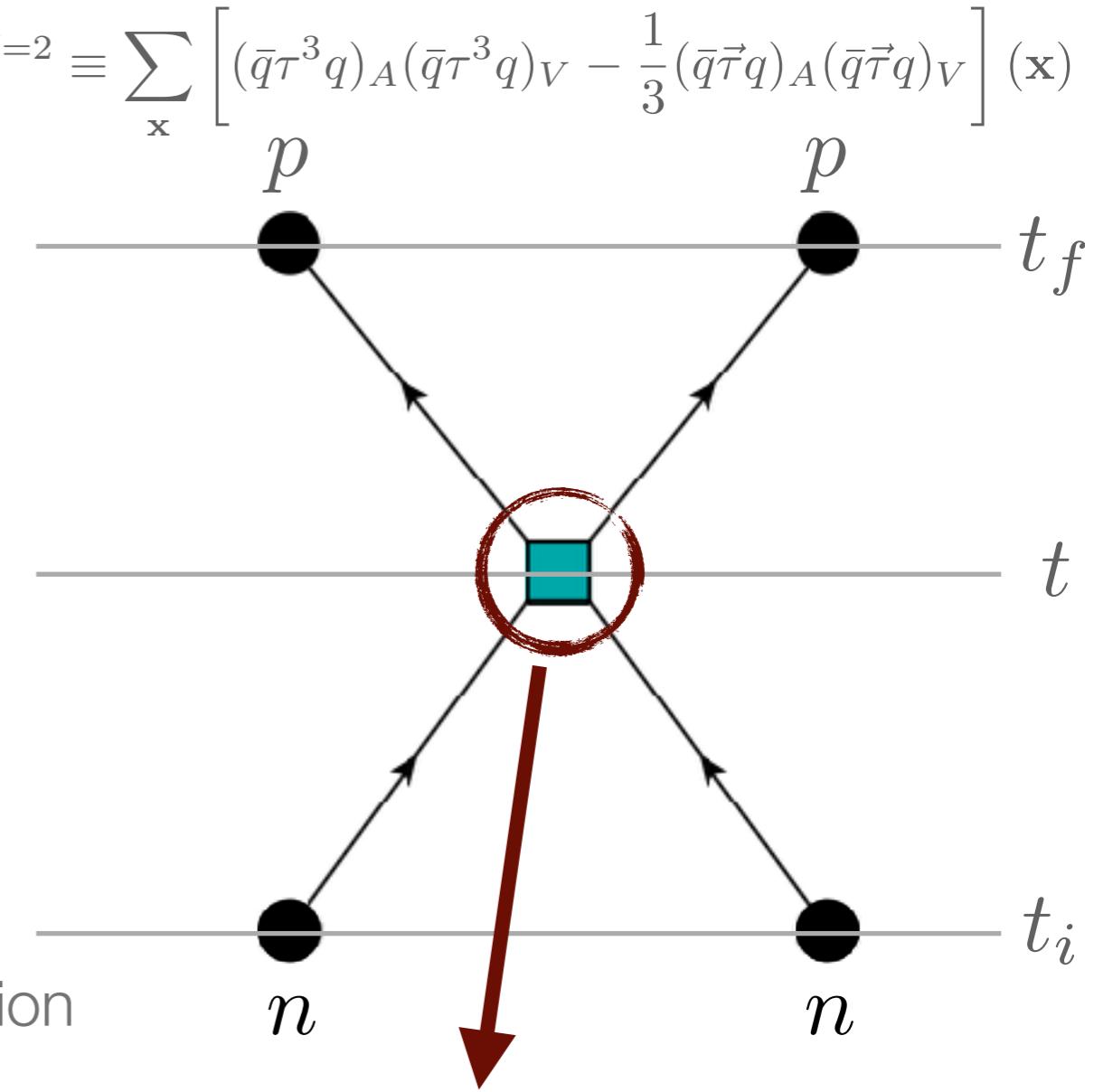
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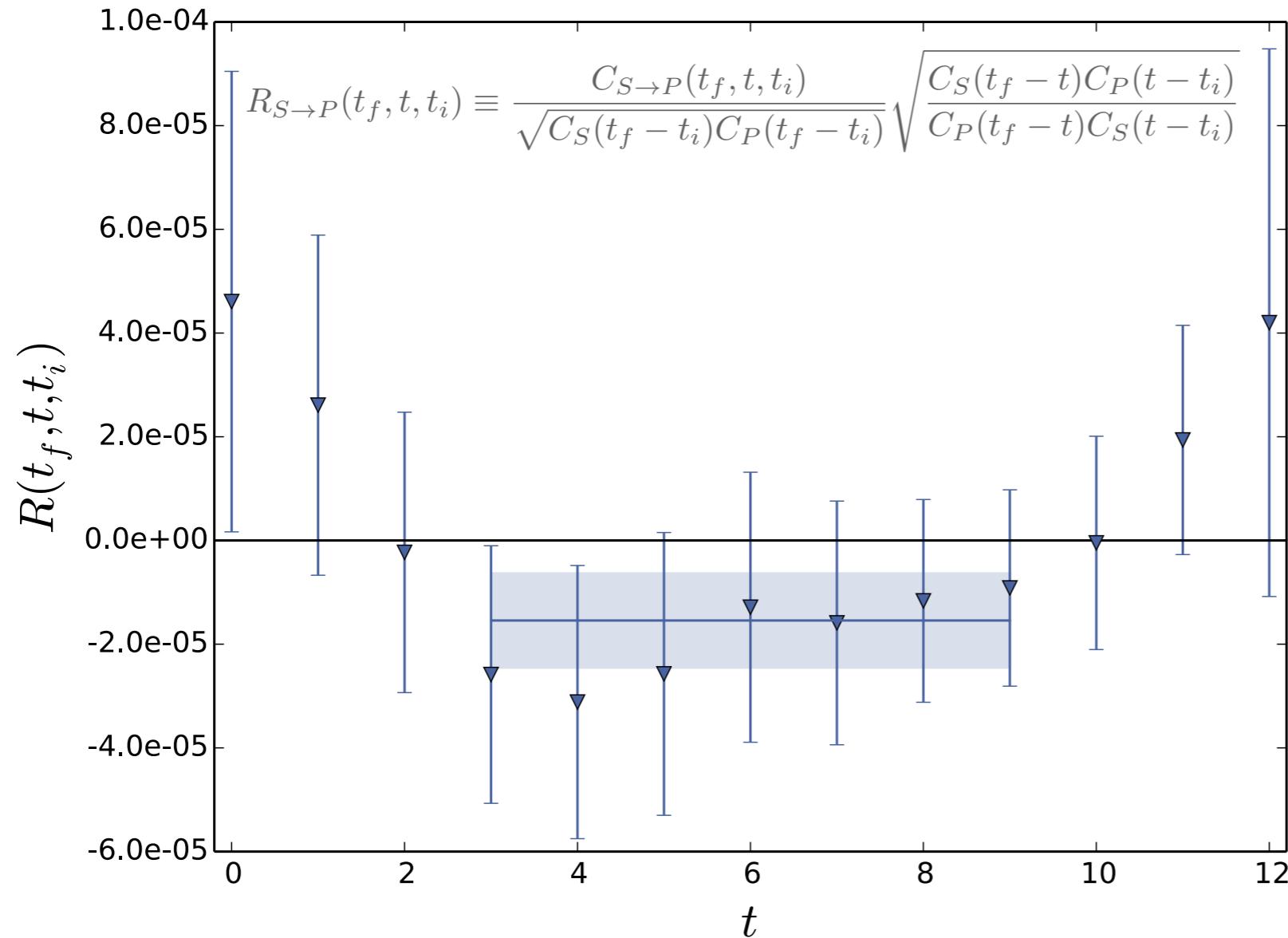


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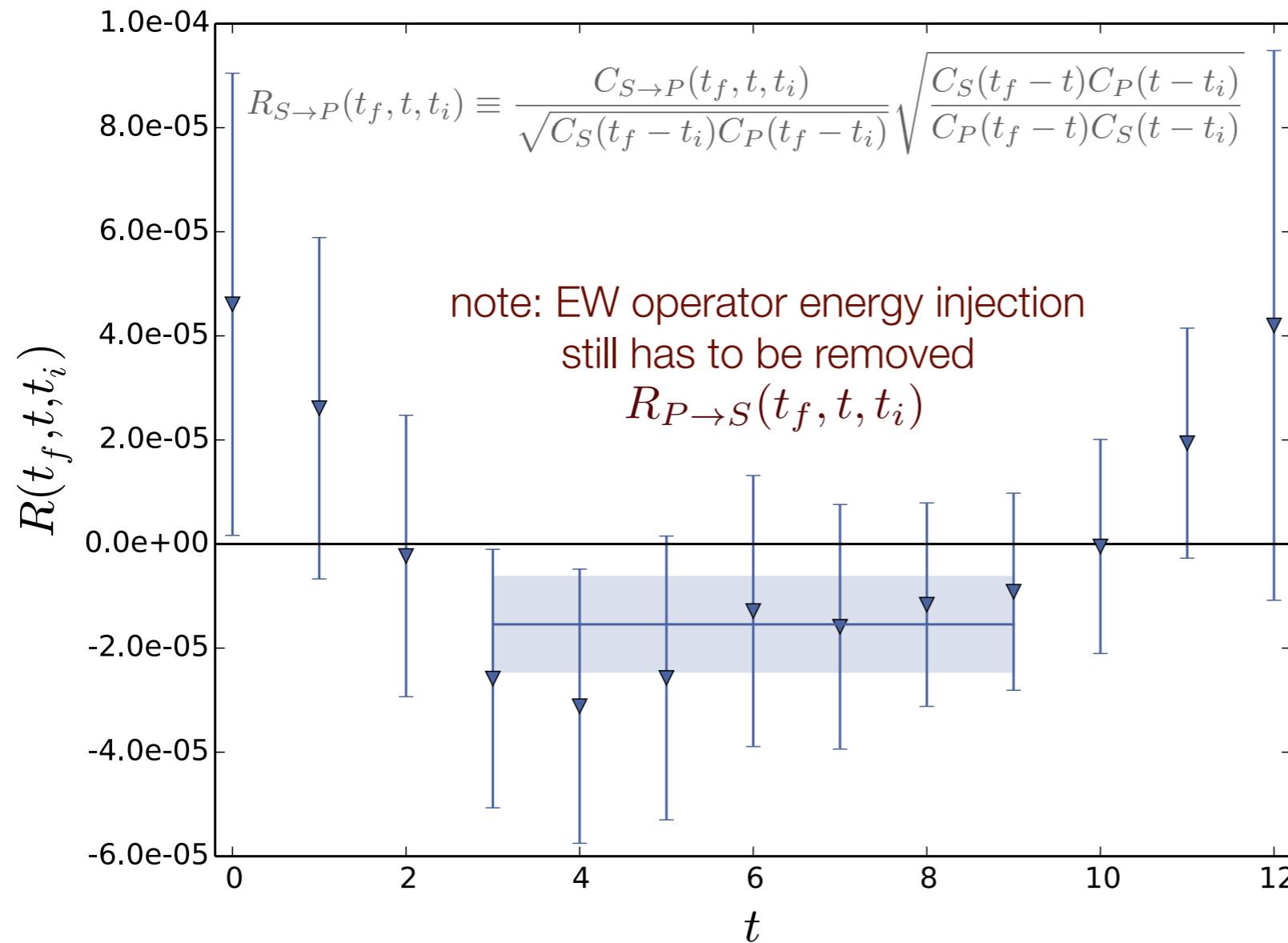
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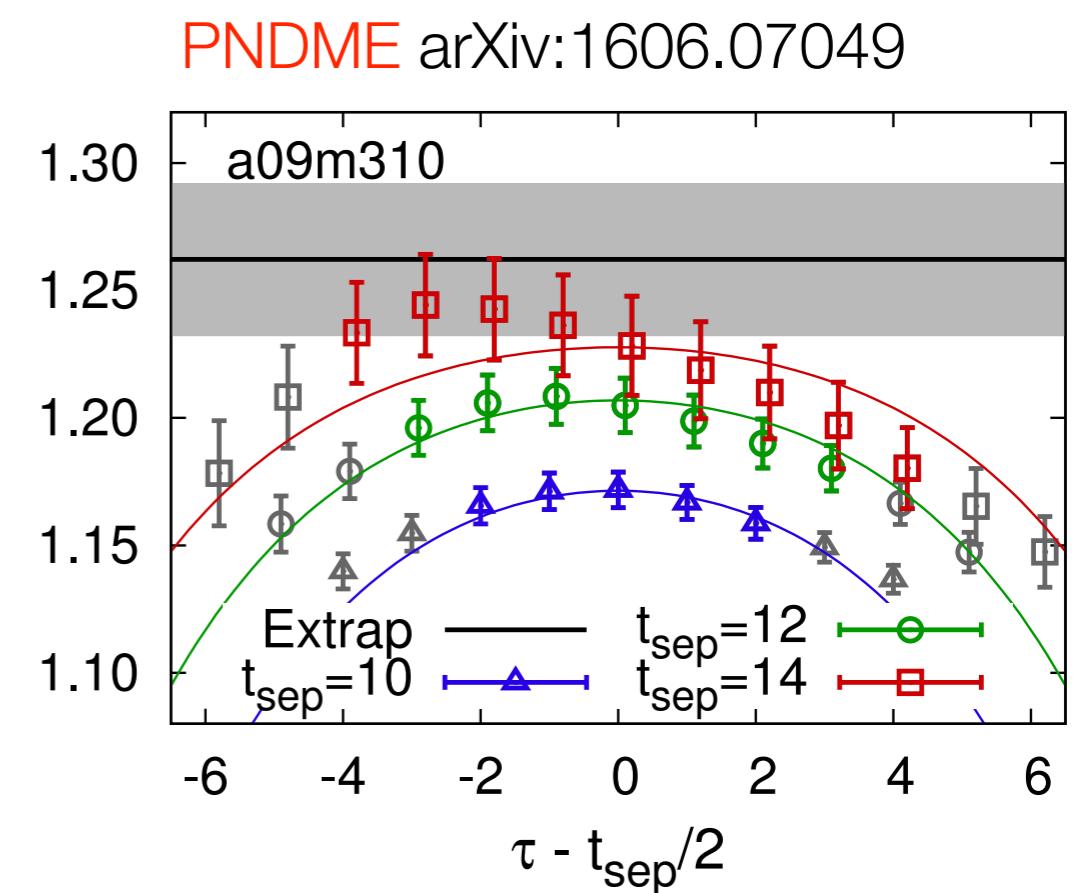
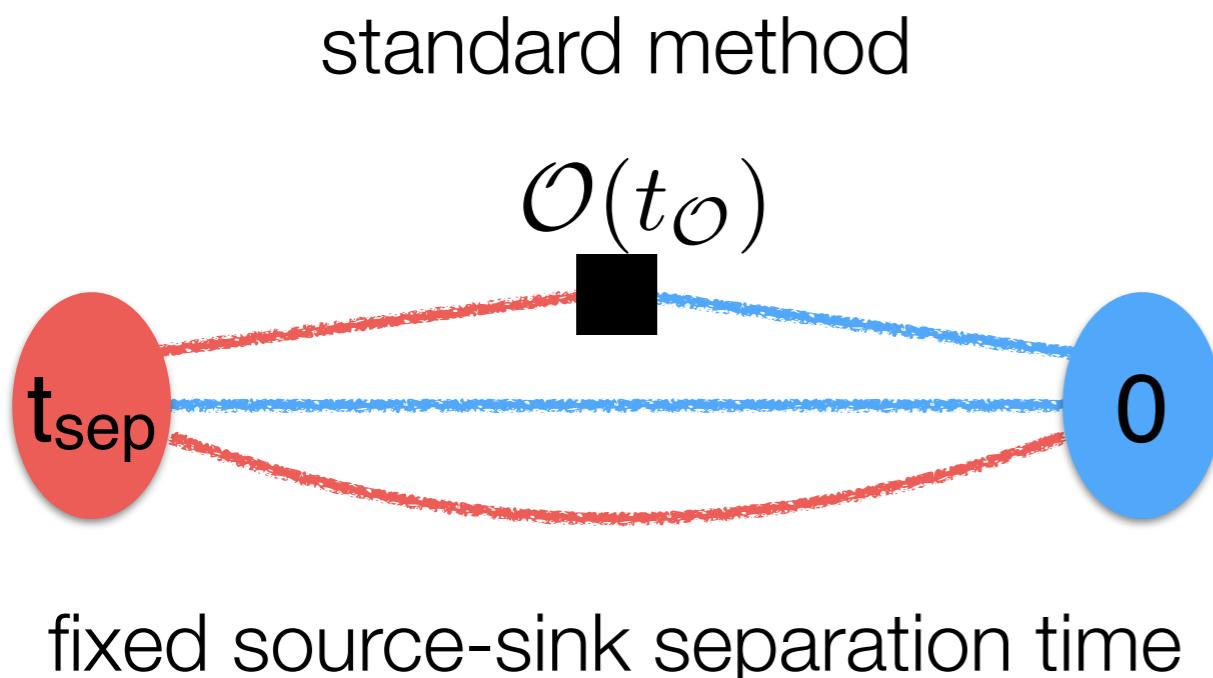


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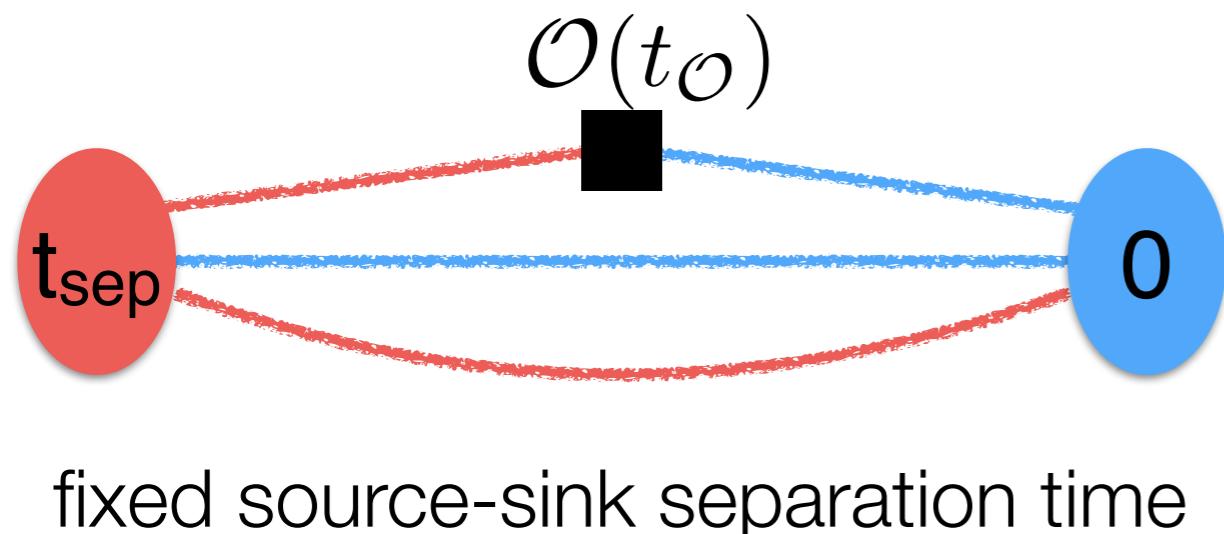
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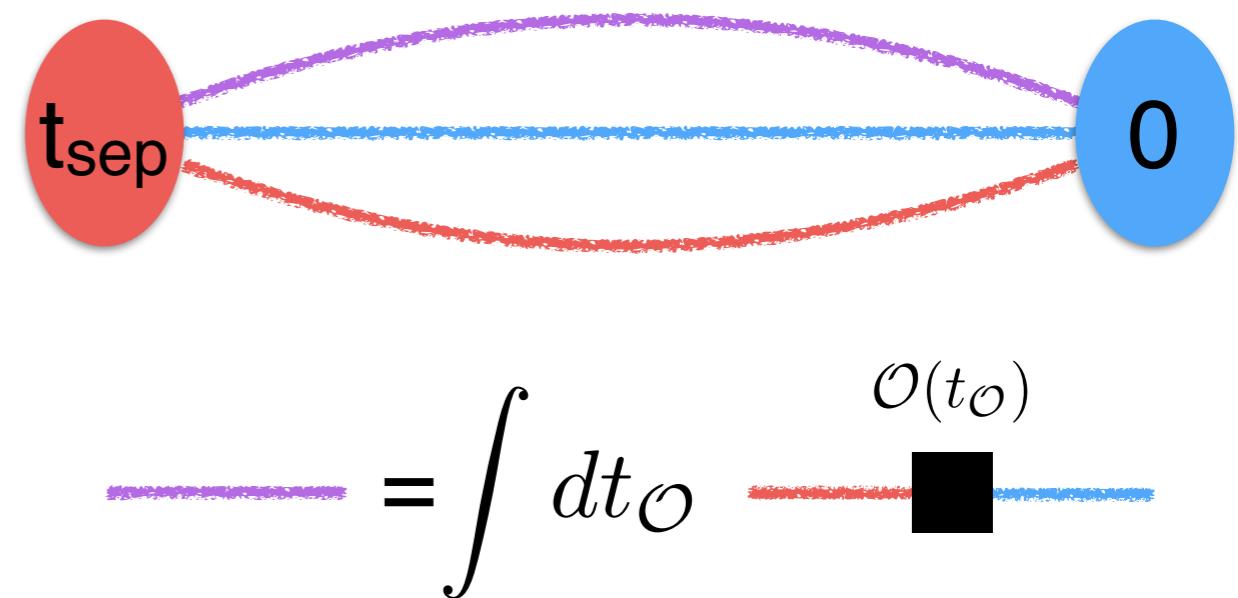
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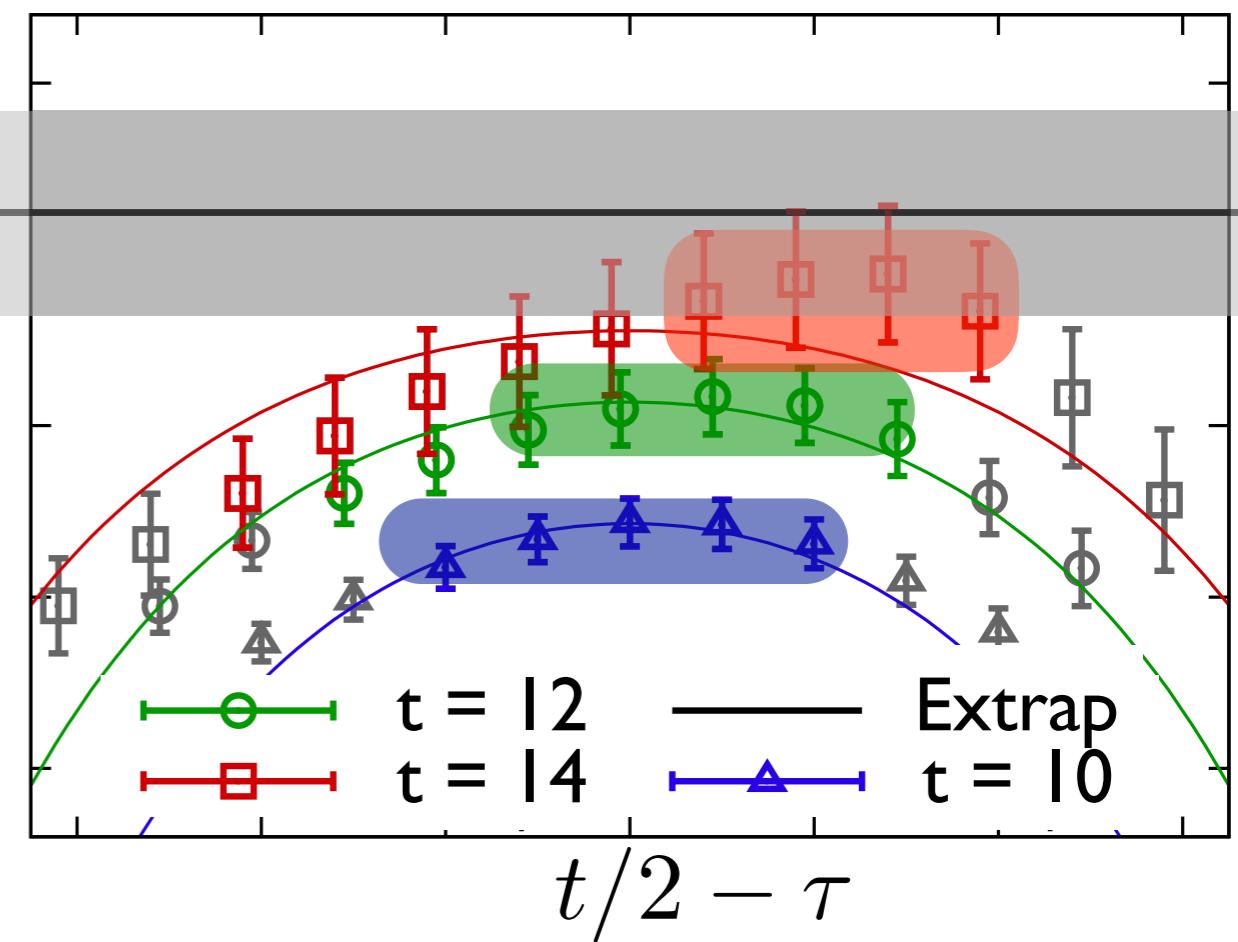


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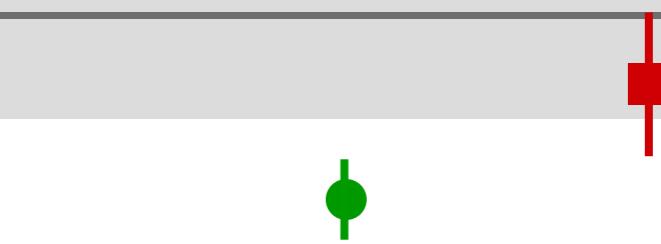
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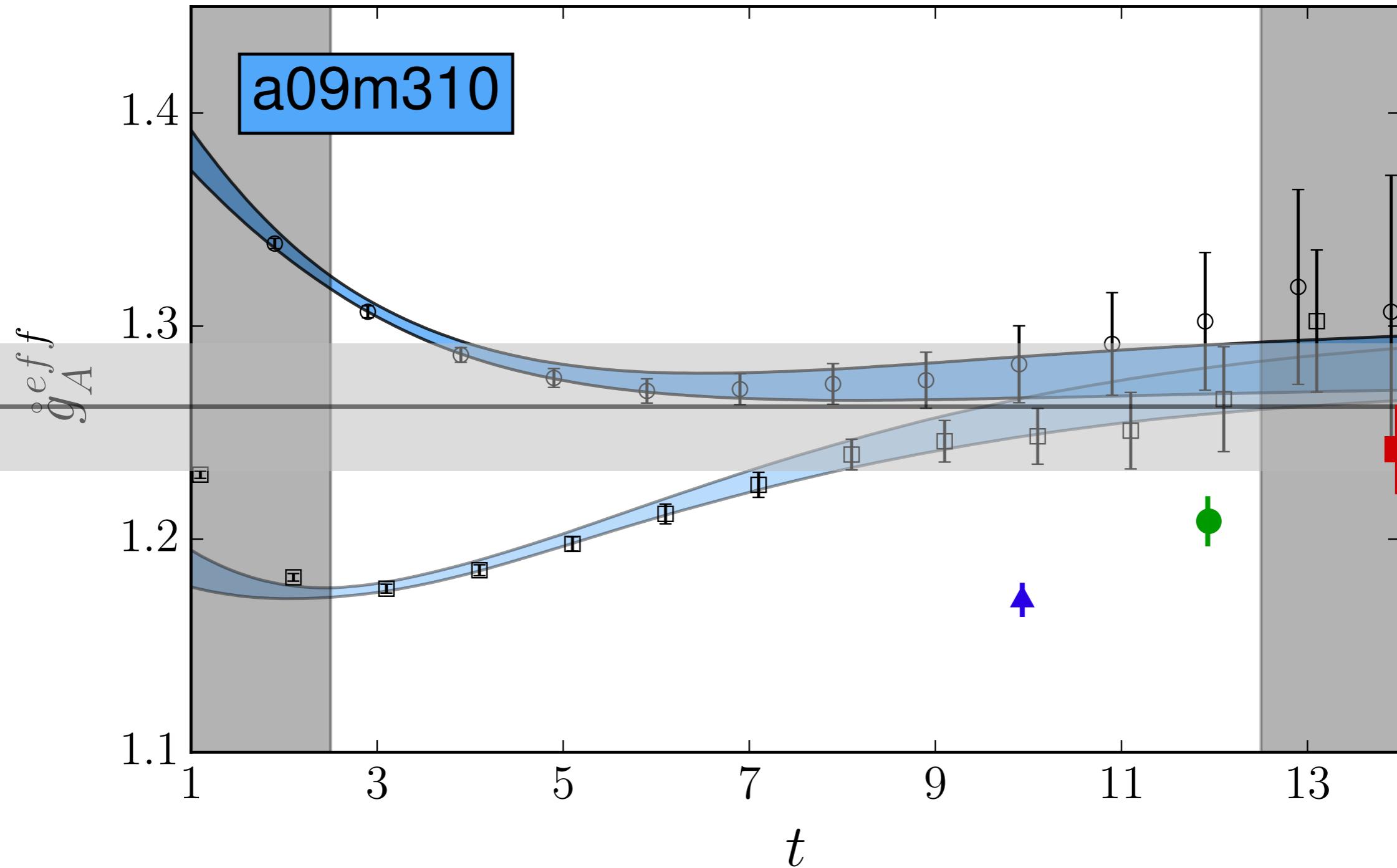
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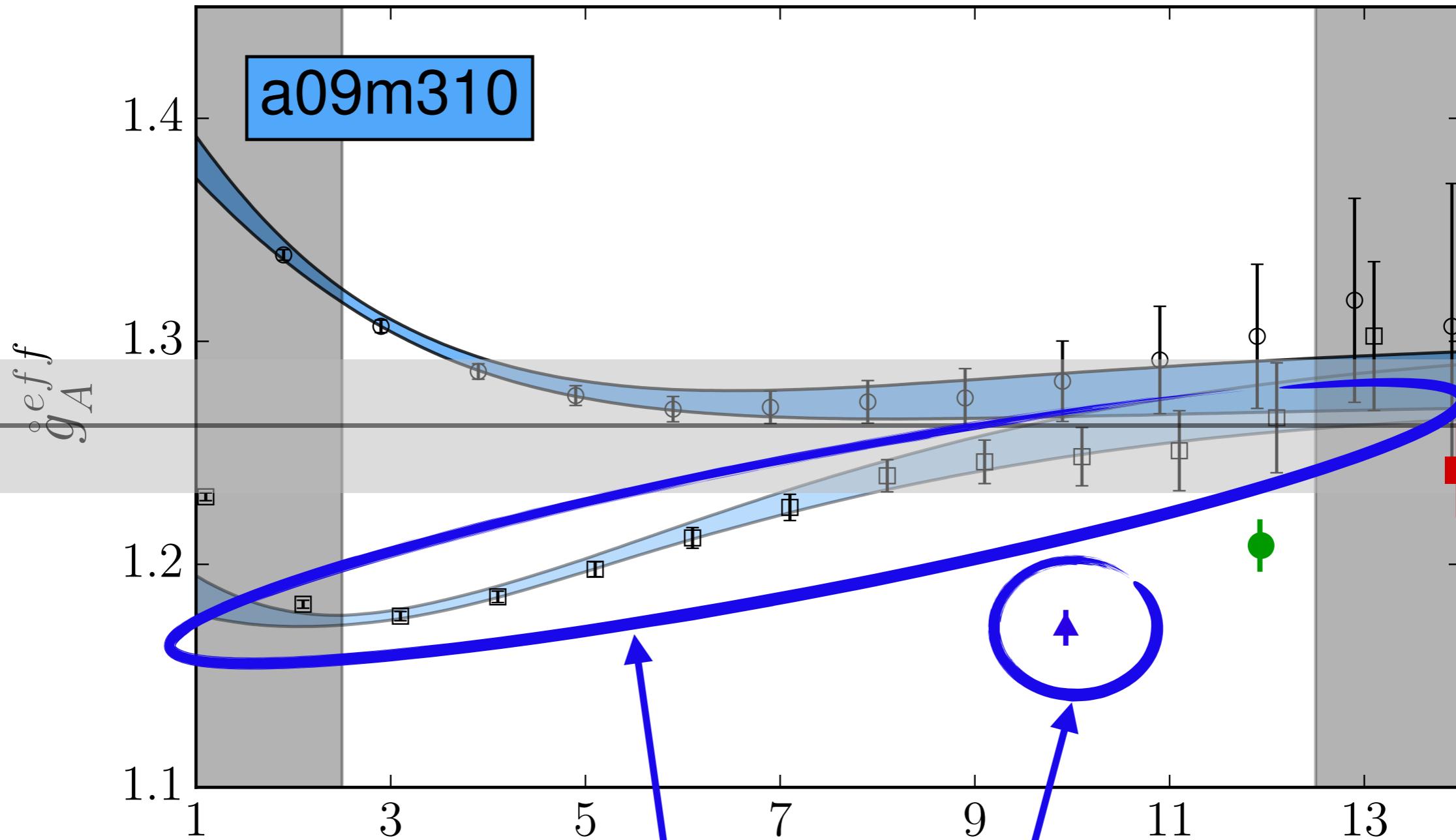


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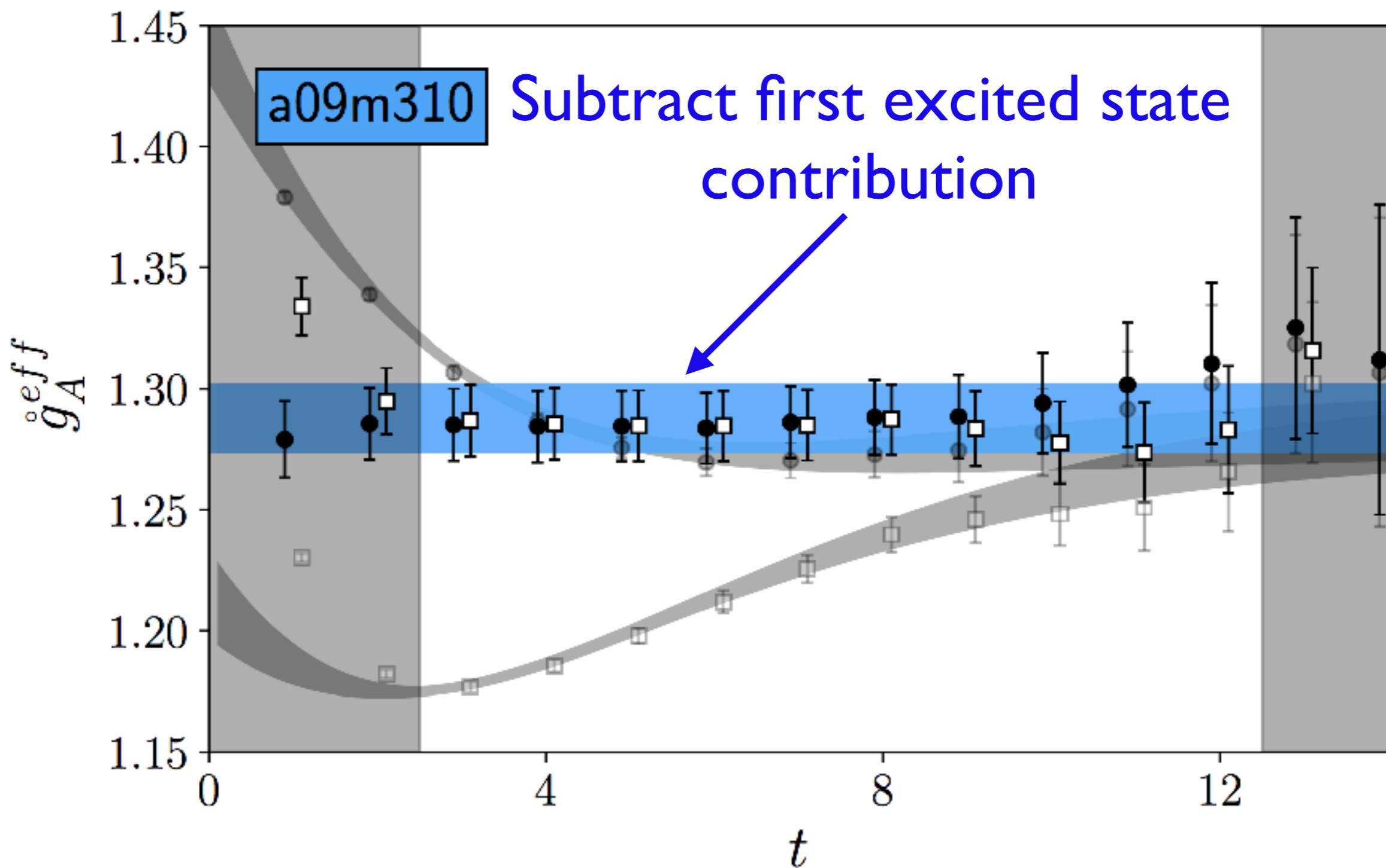
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Each one of these points costs the same as all times for one source in our calc

Slides adapted from A. Nicholson
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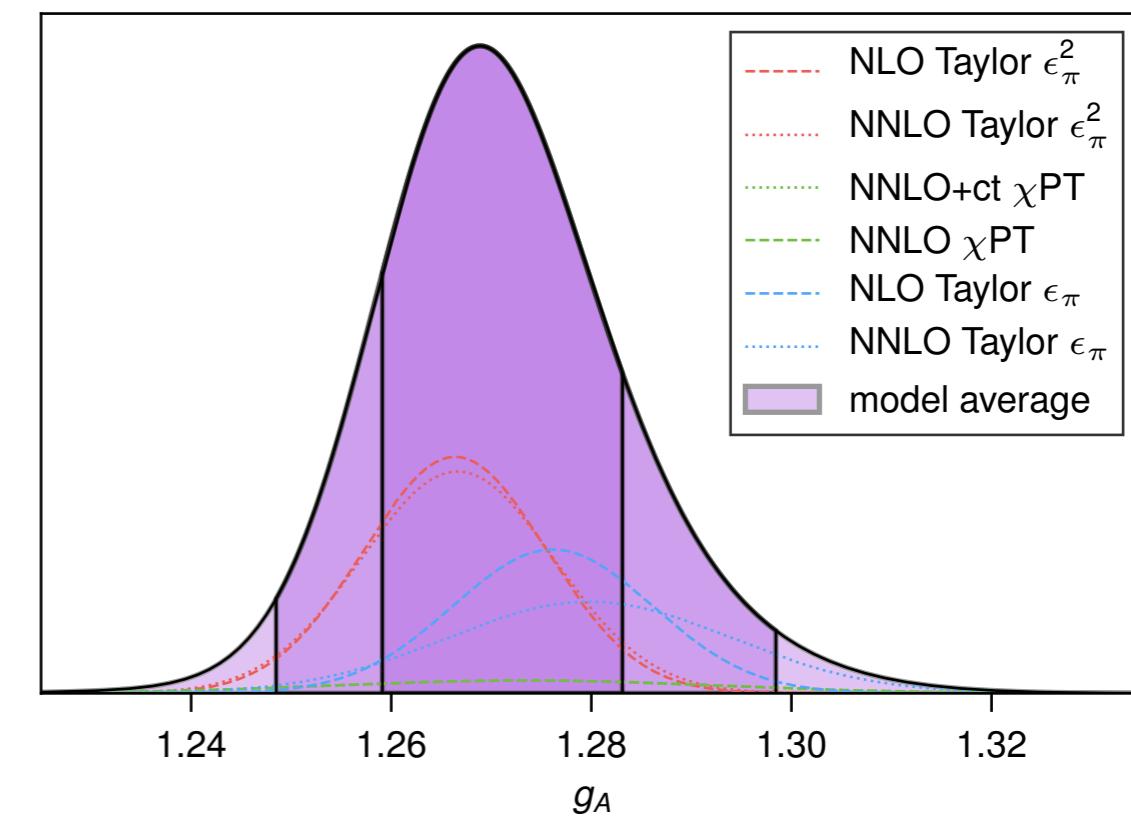
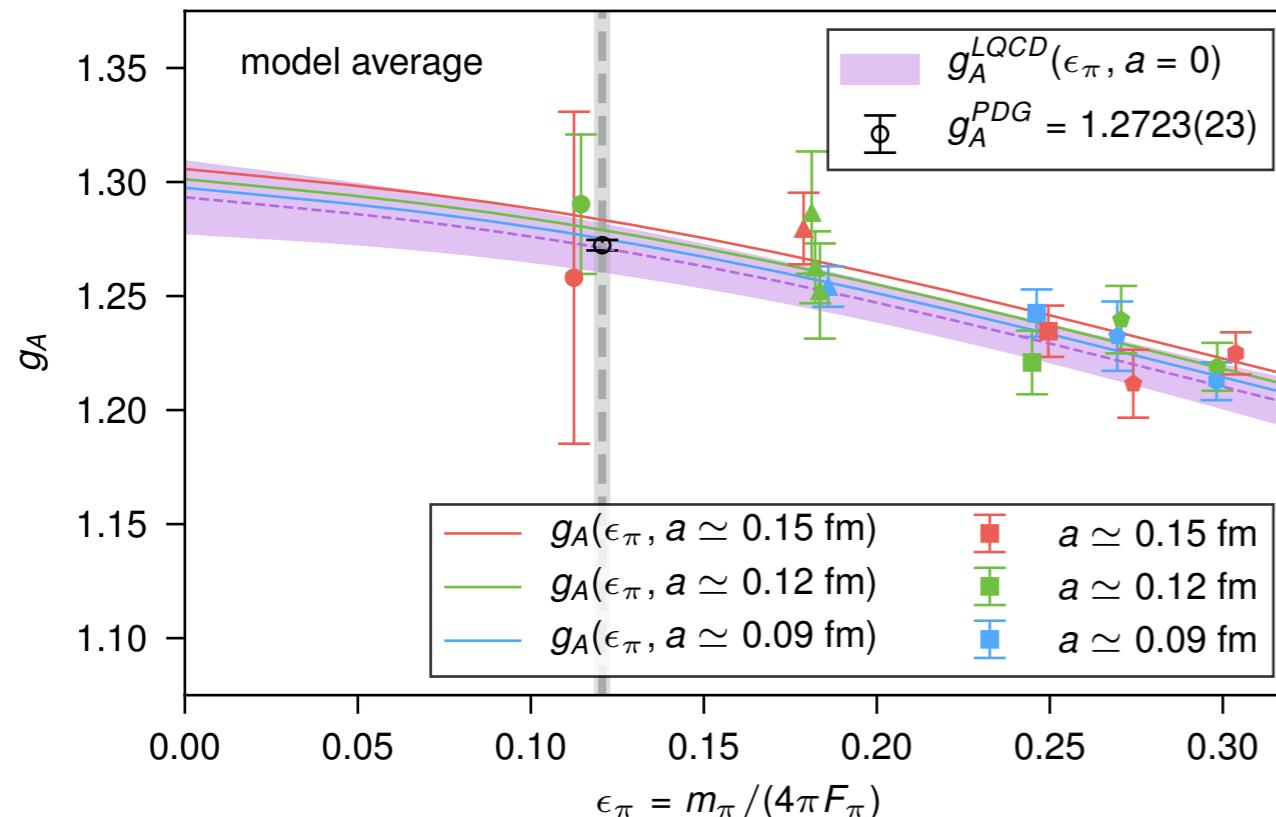


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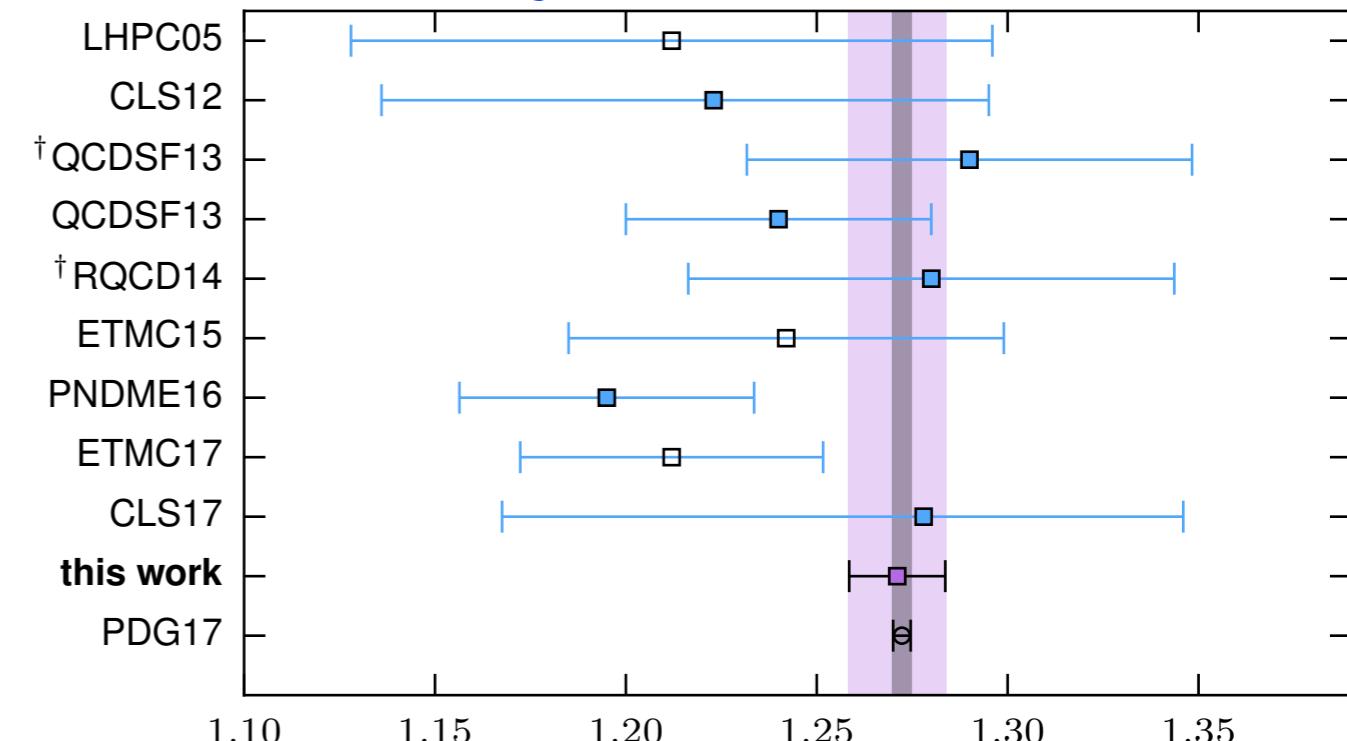
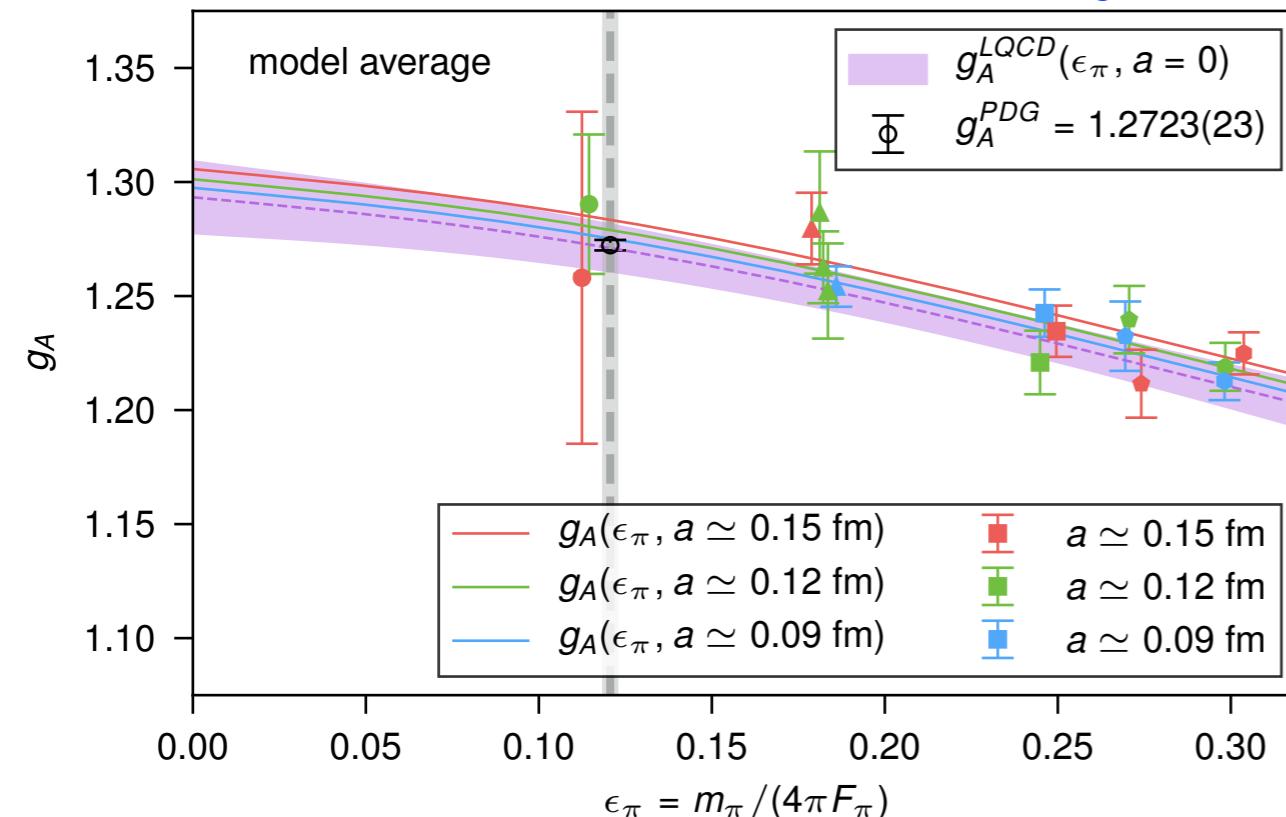


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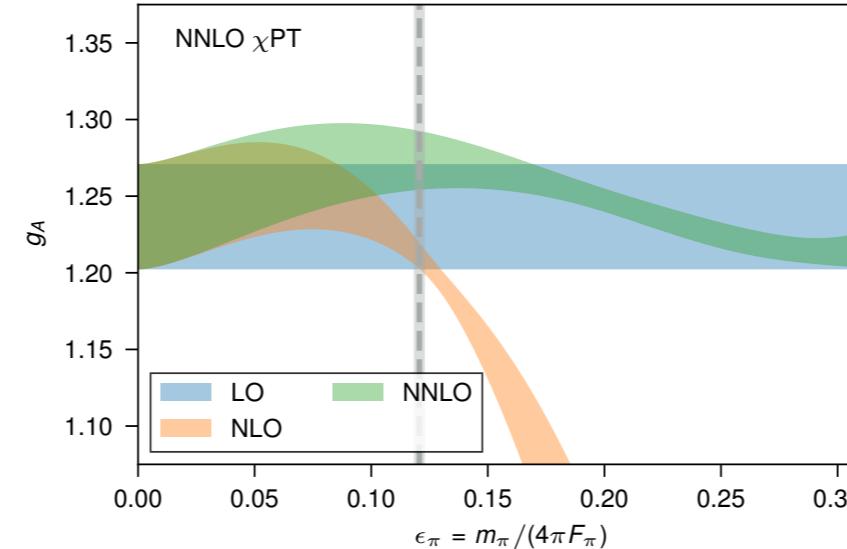
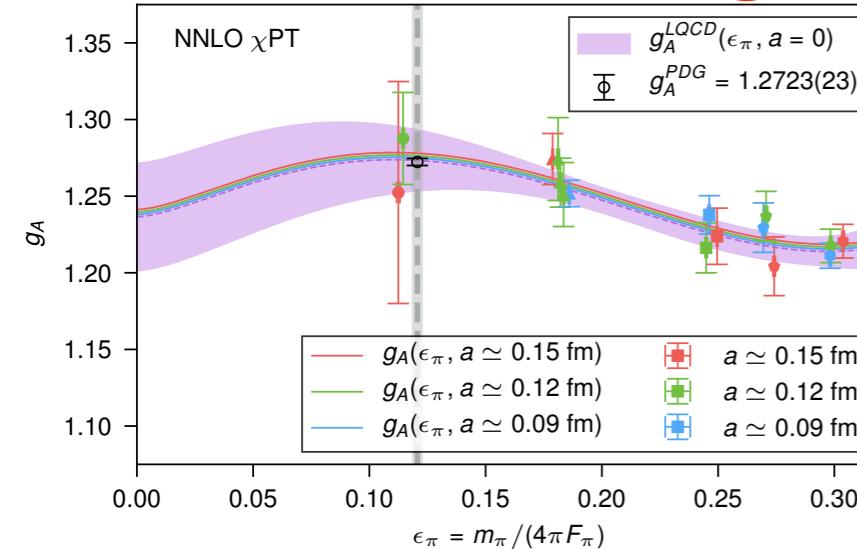


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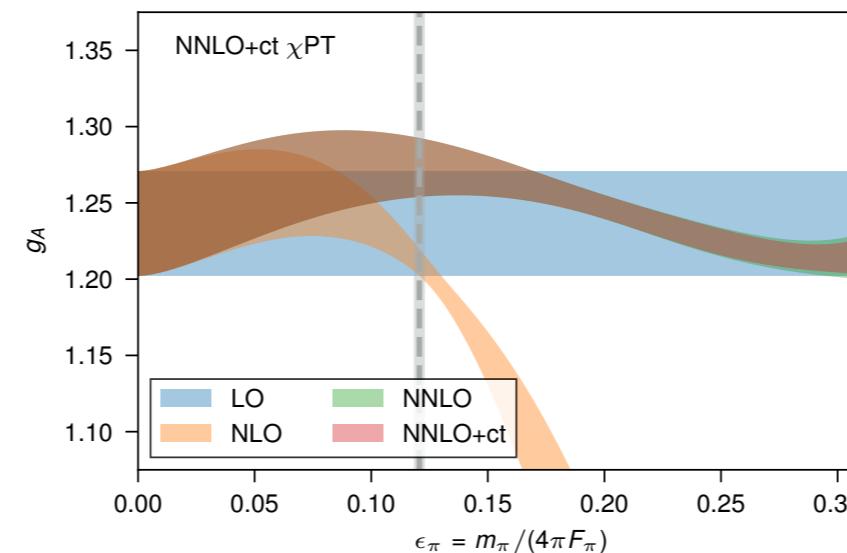
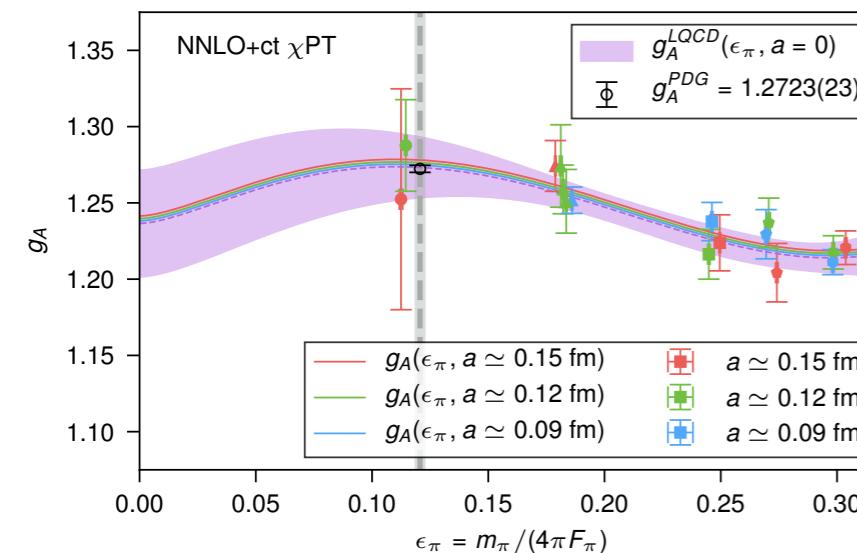


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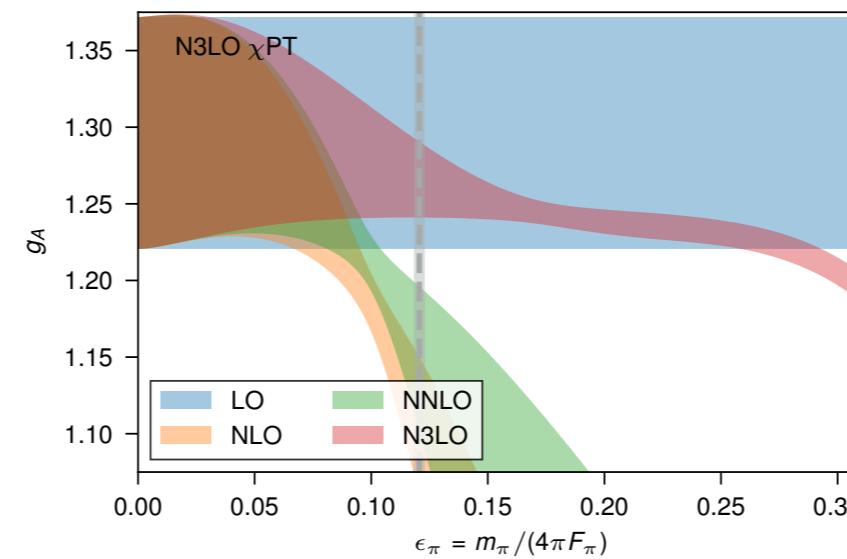
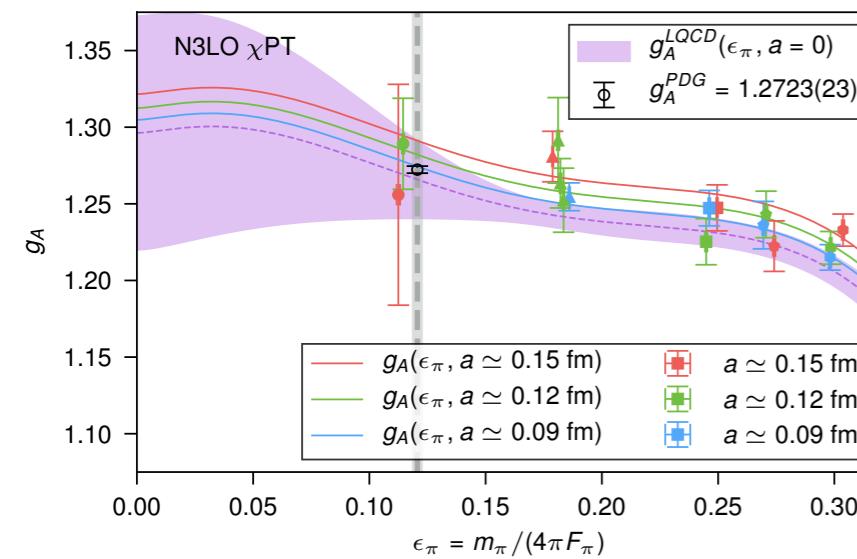


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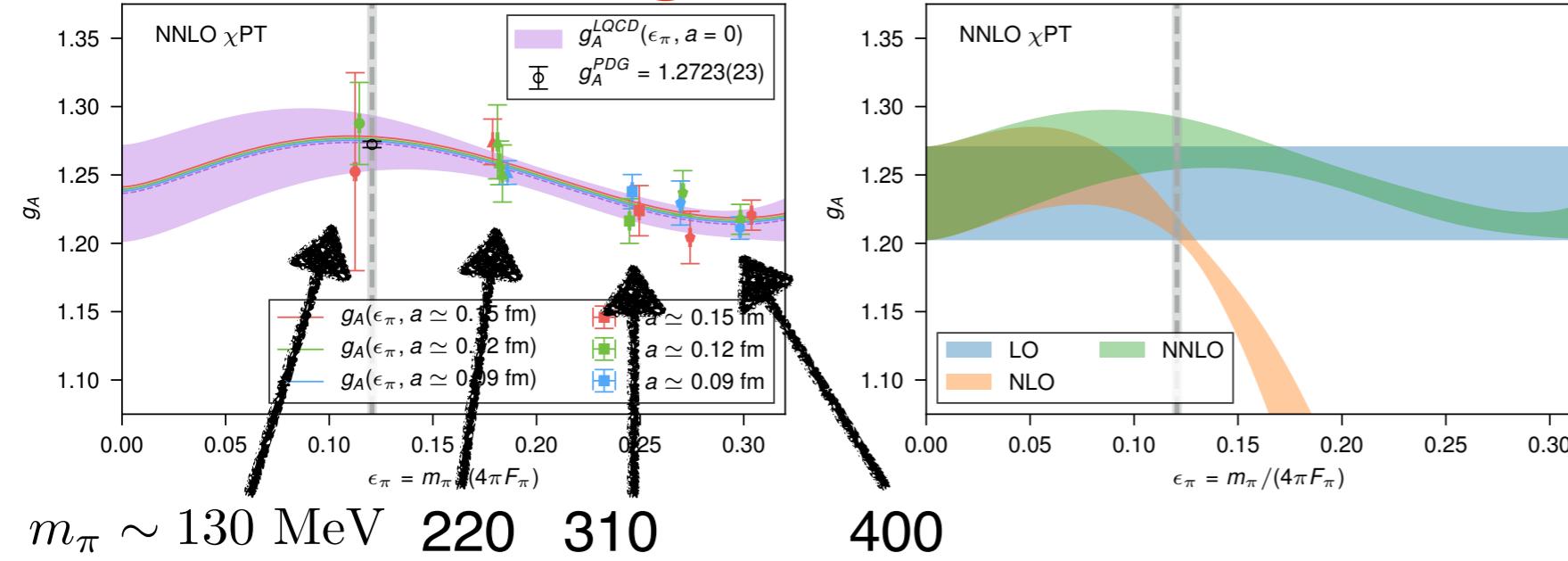


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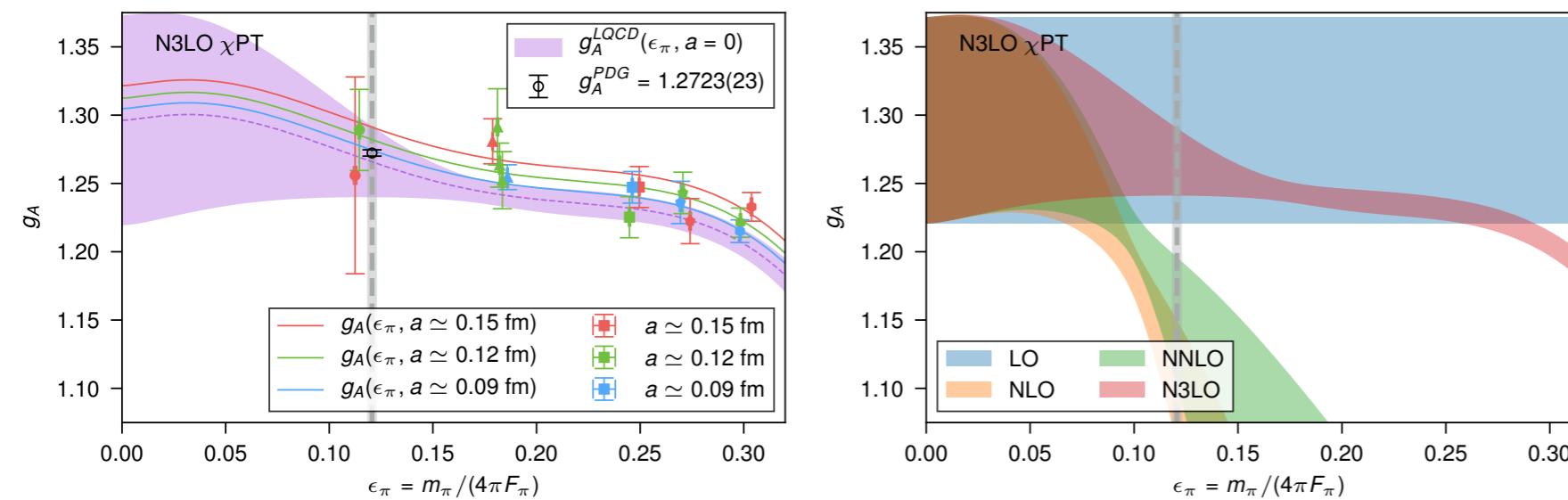
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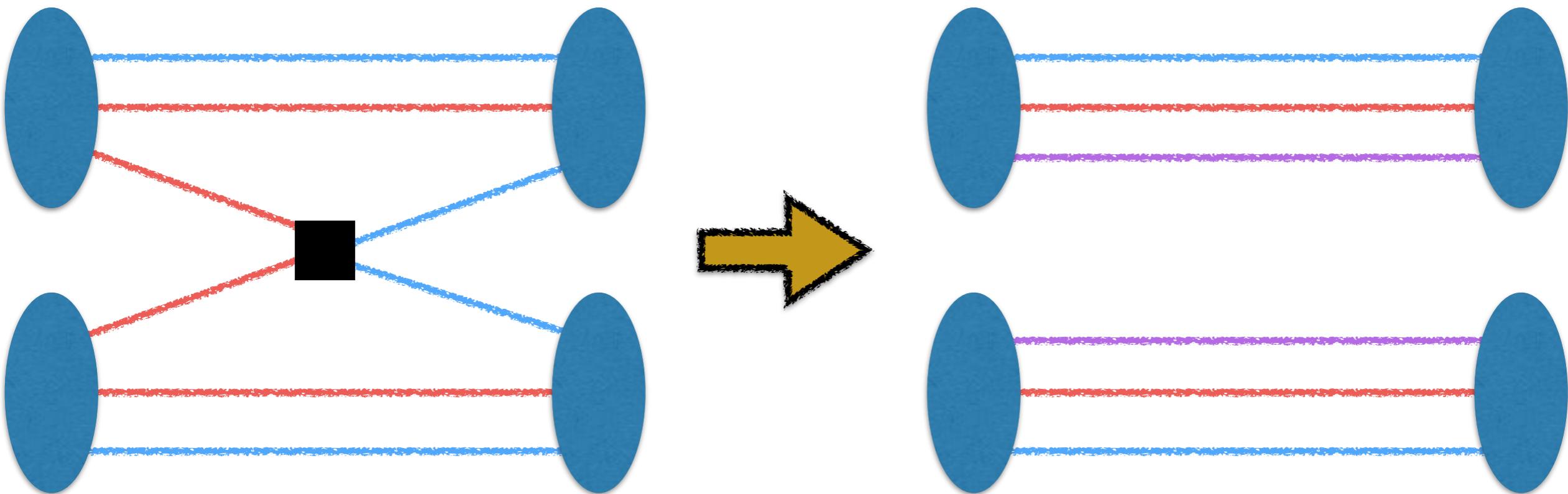
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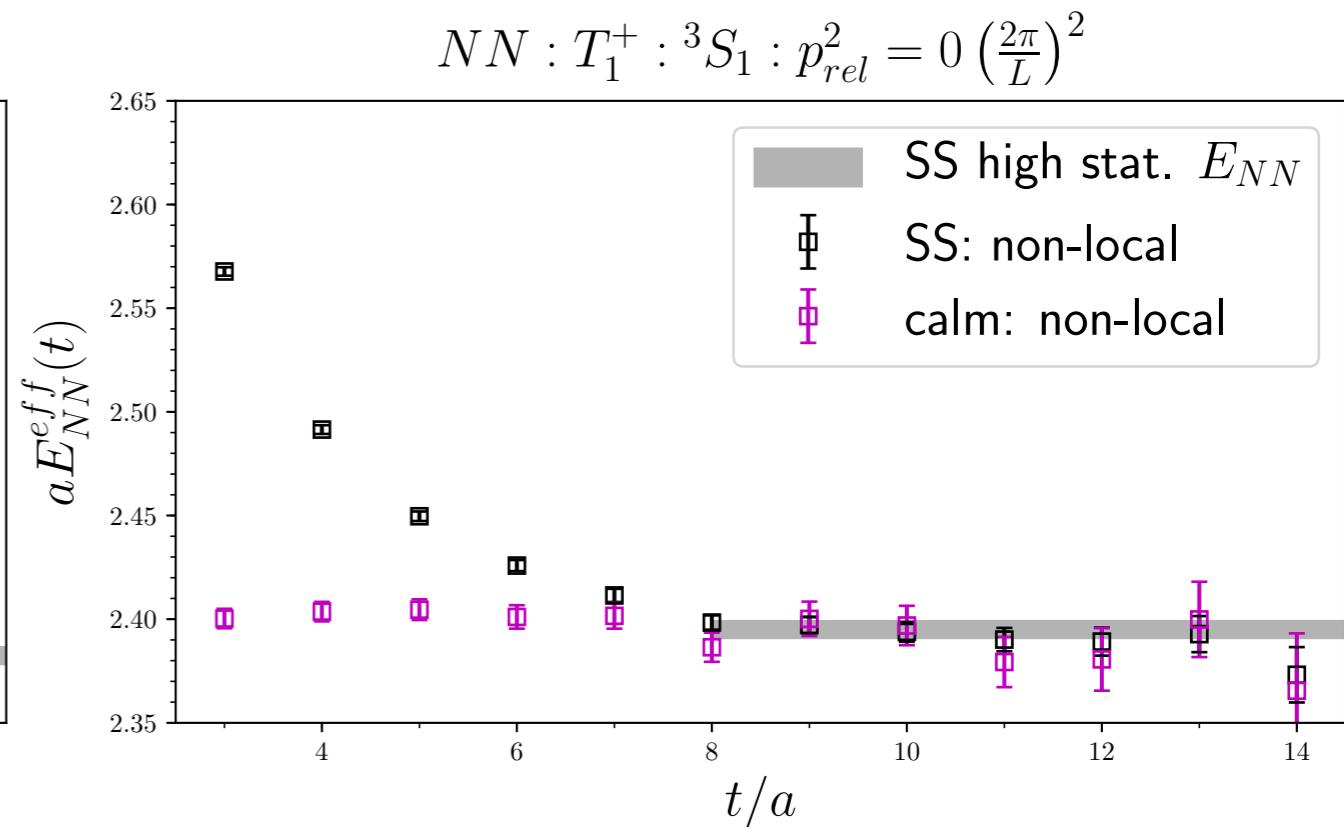
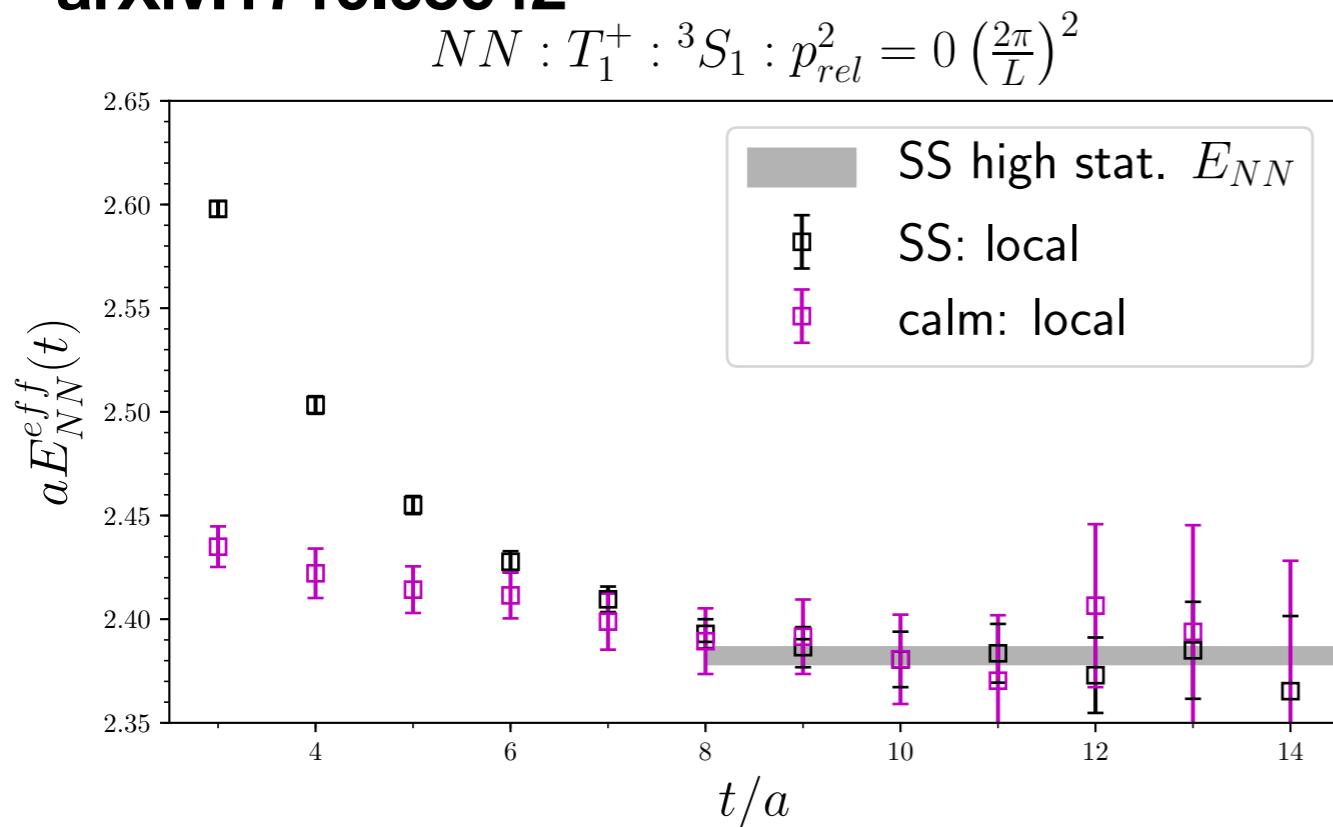
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Calm Multi-Baryon Operators

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Matrix Prony

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High Energy Physics – Lattice

High Statistics Analysis using Anisotropic Clover Lattices: (I) Single Hadron Correlation Functions

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- In this work, we applied for the first time, the Matrix Prony method for analyzing two-point correlation functions.
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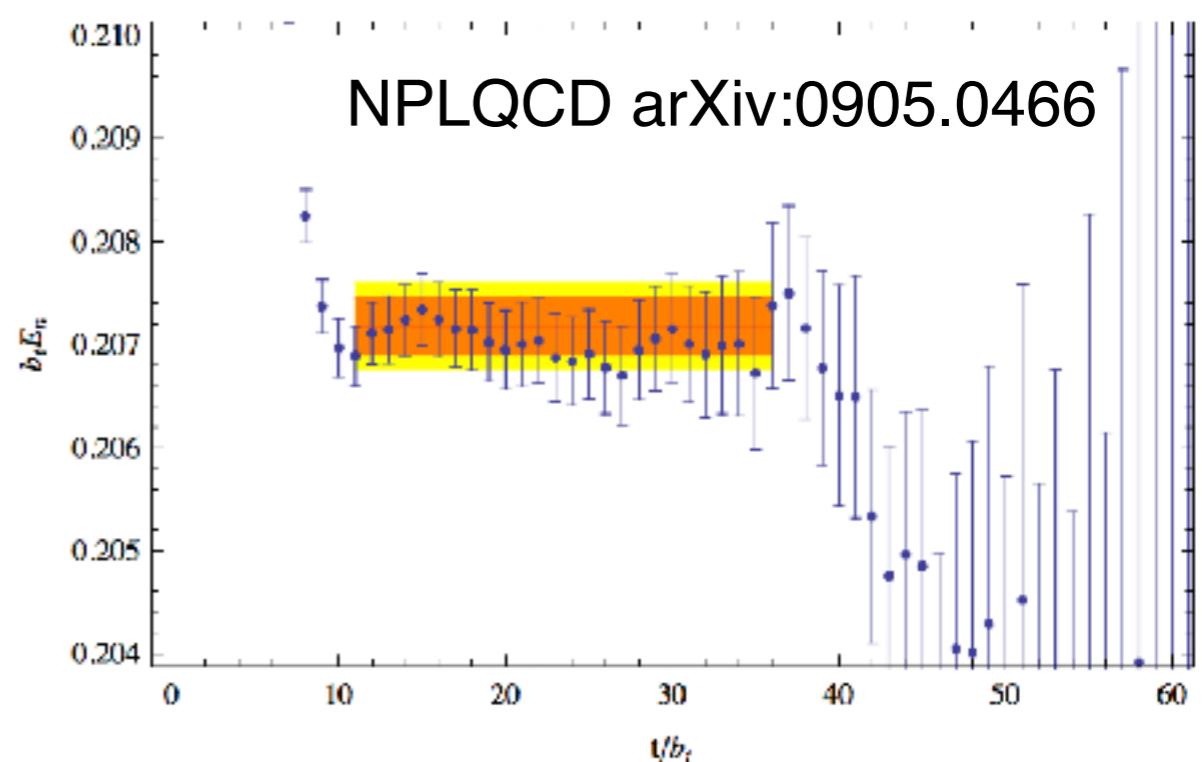
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$$C_0 = \alpha_0 C_A + \beta_0 C_B$$

$$\alpha_0 A_1 + \beta_0 B_1 = 0$$

Find α_0 and β_0 with black-box method
(Matrix Prony)



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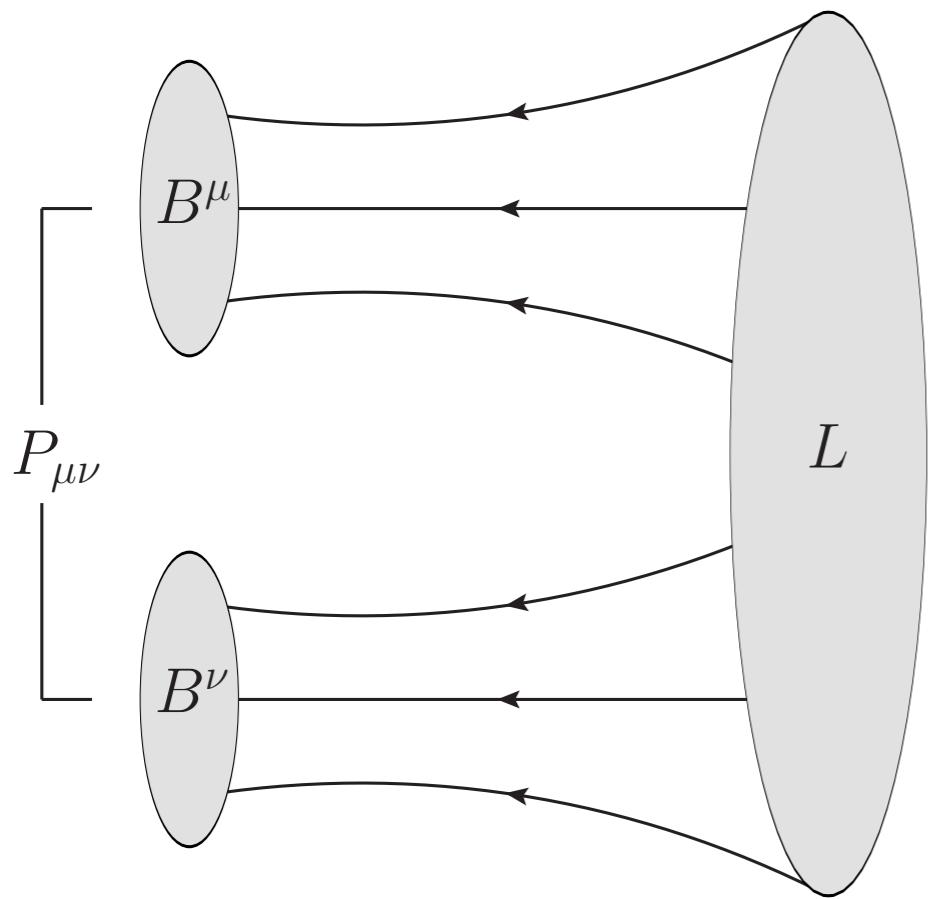
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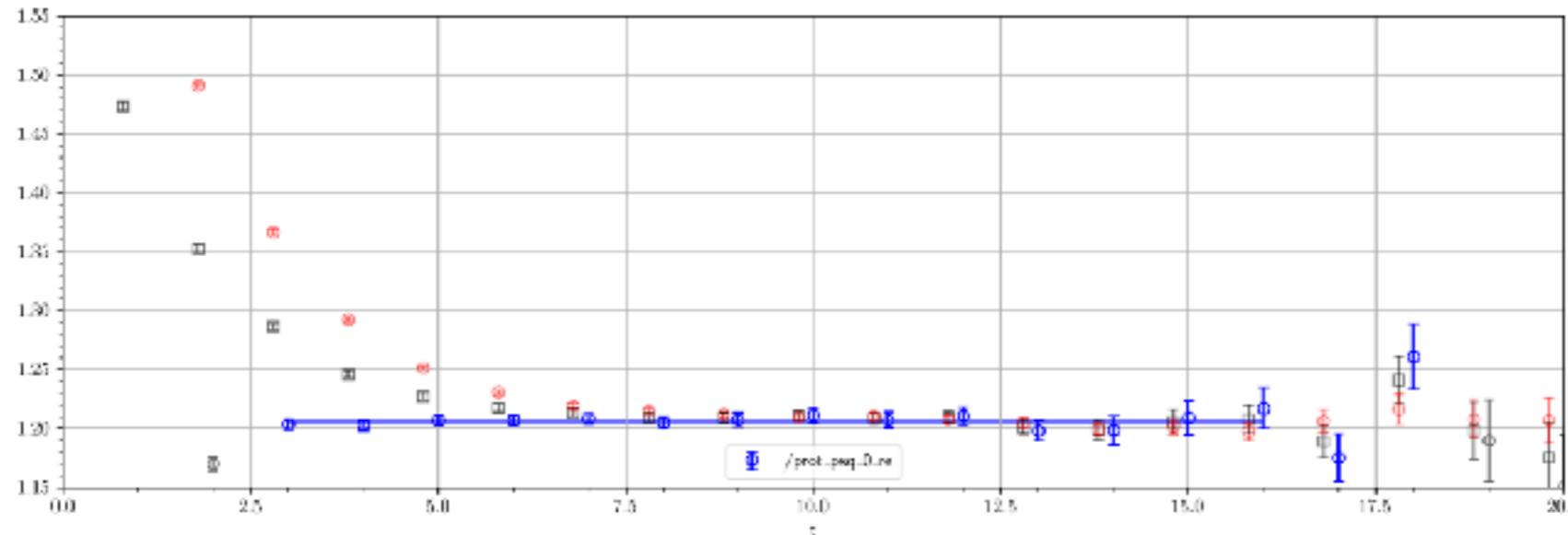
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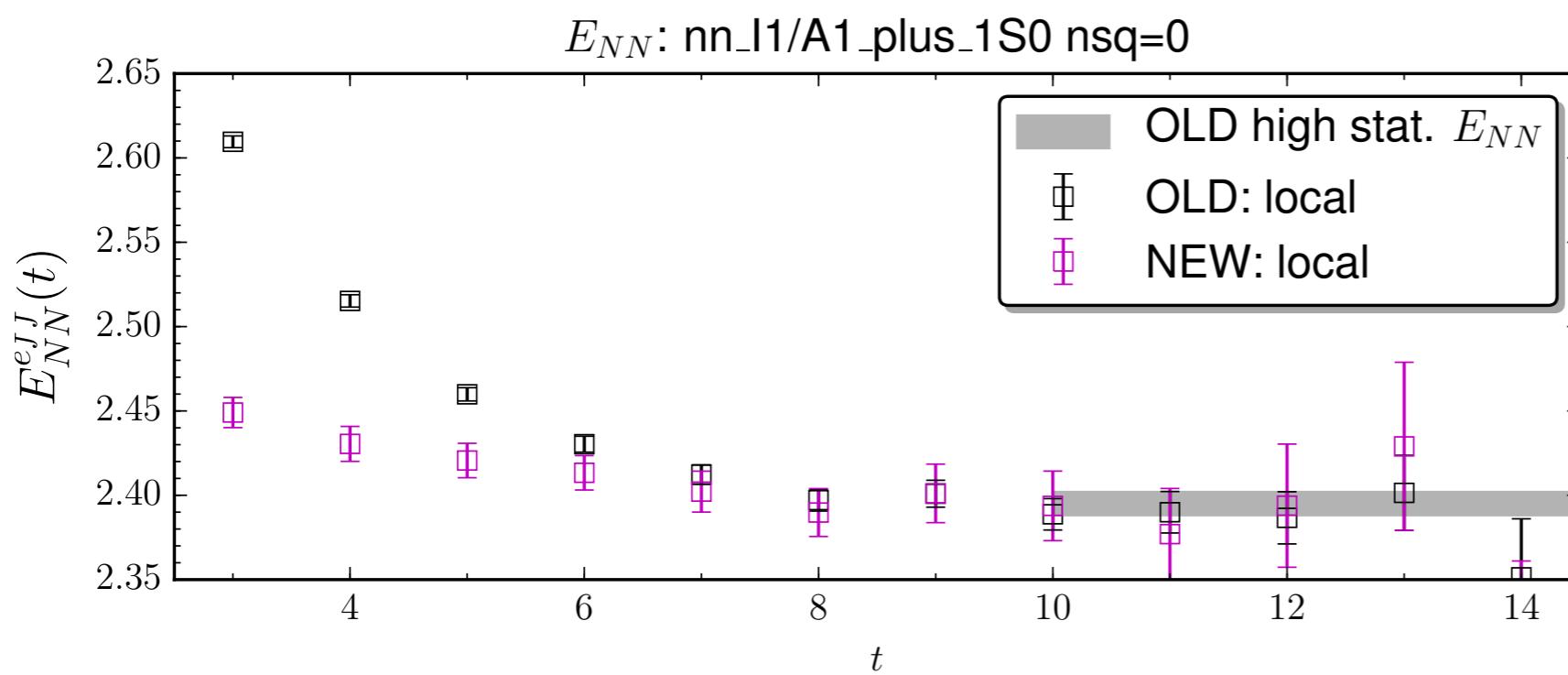
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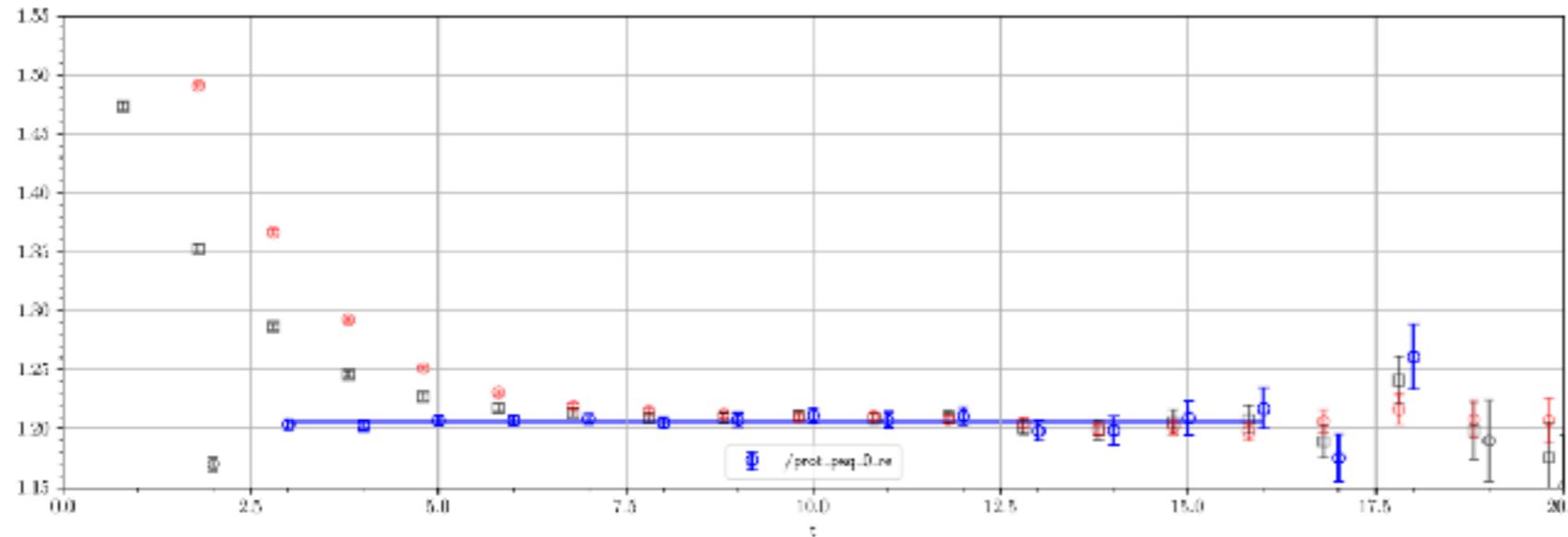


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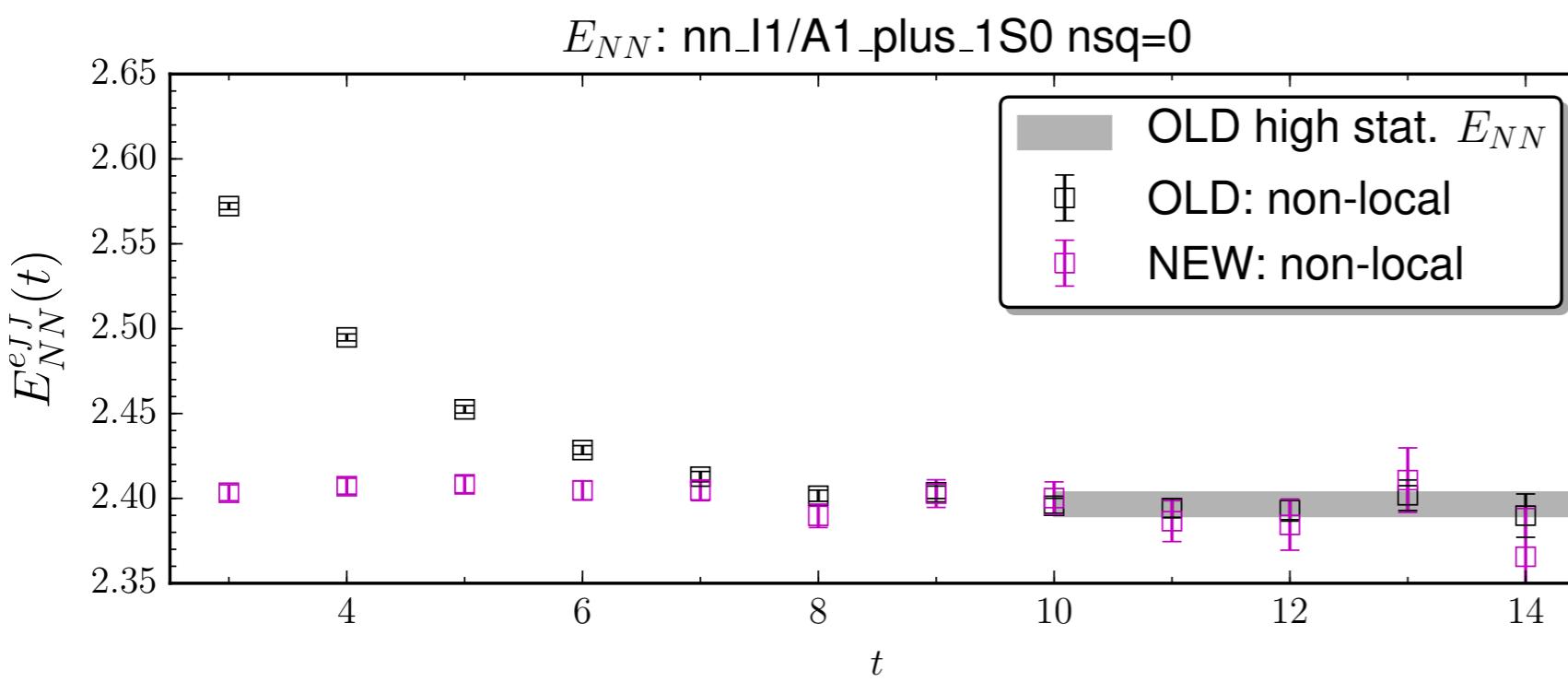
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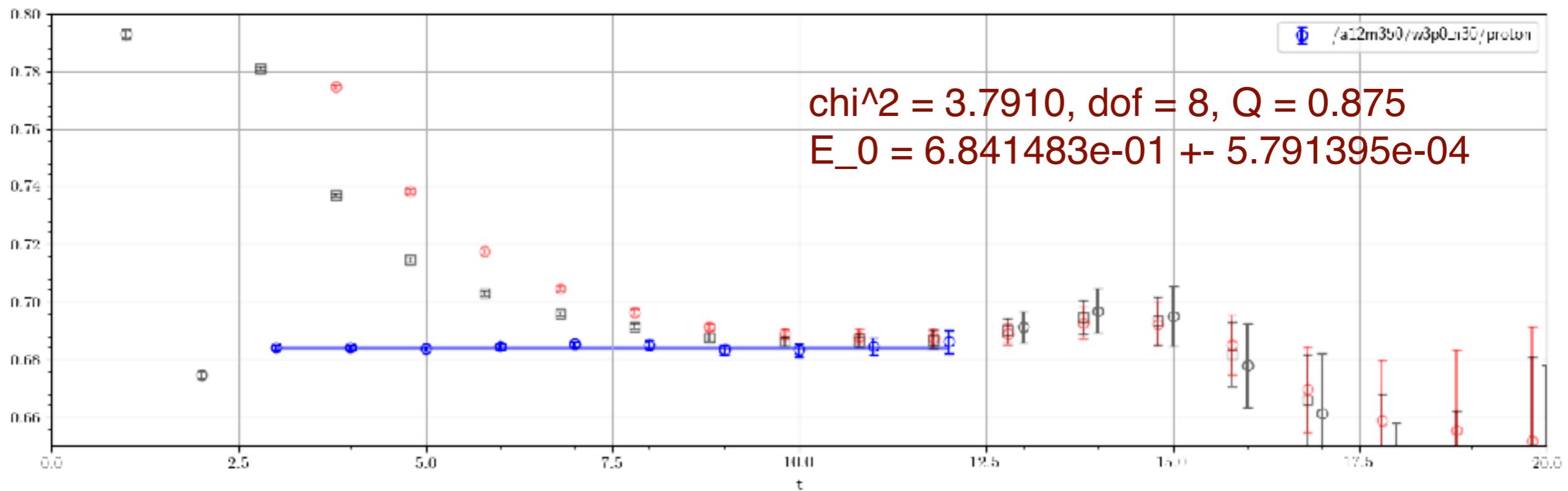
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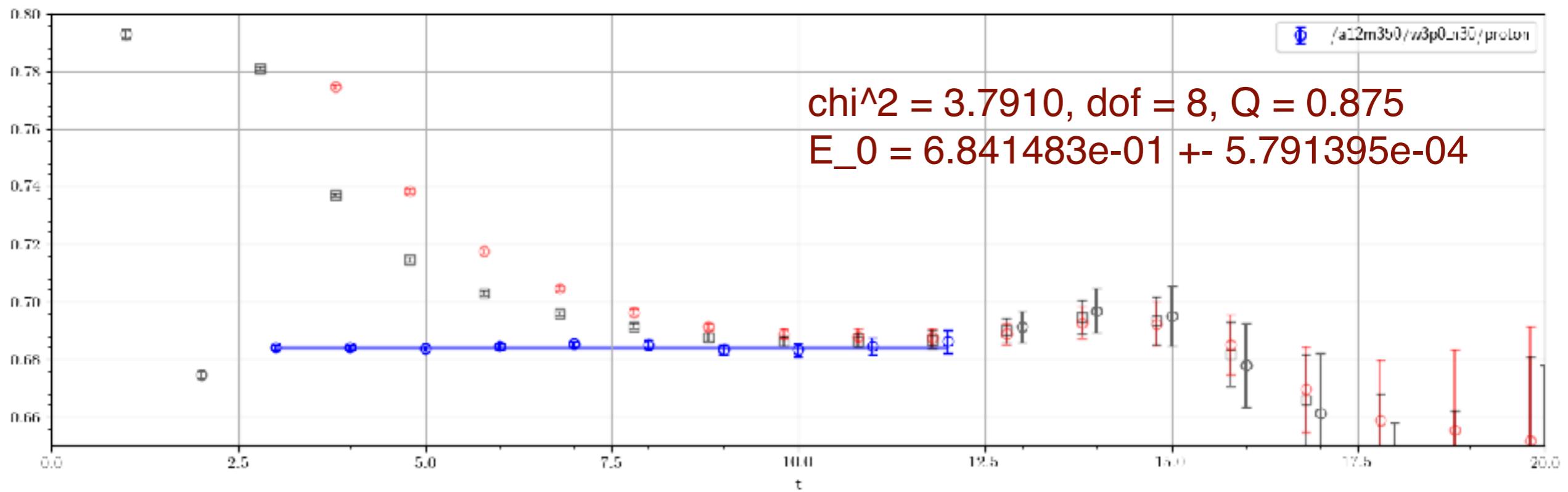


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NOTE: this is one of the ensembles used for our gA calculation - this demonstrates from the numerical data (no fits) that there are only 2 states meaningfully contributing to the correlation function all the way down to $t = 3$ (0.36 fm)

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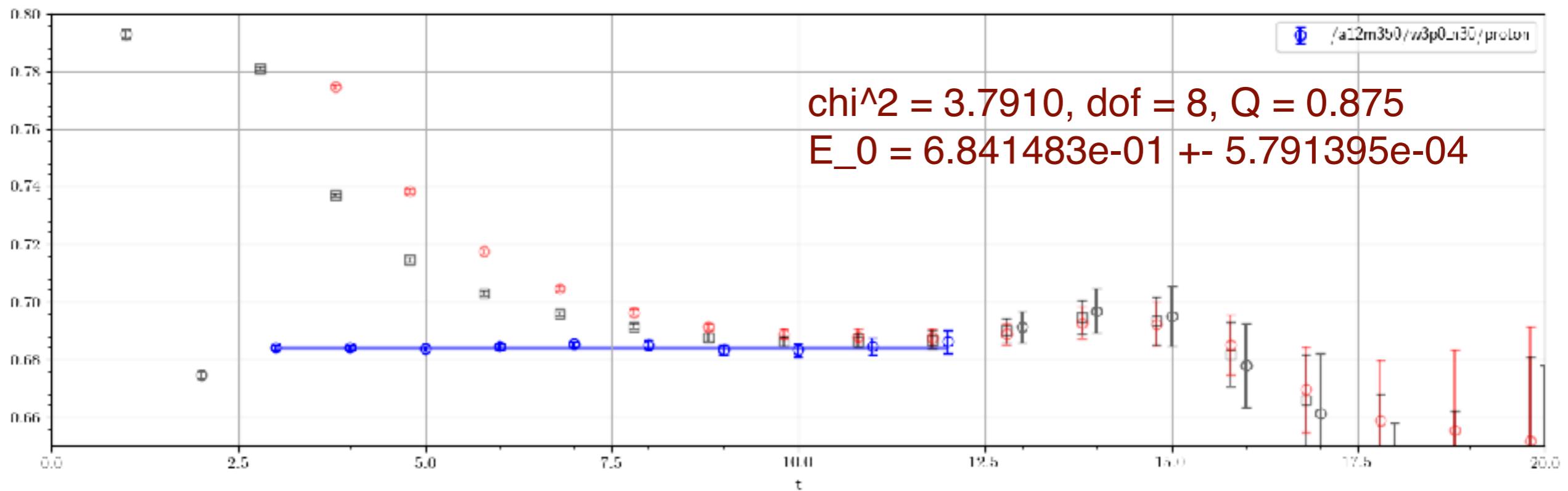


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NPLQCD [arXiv:0903.2990] $m\pi \sim 400$ MeV
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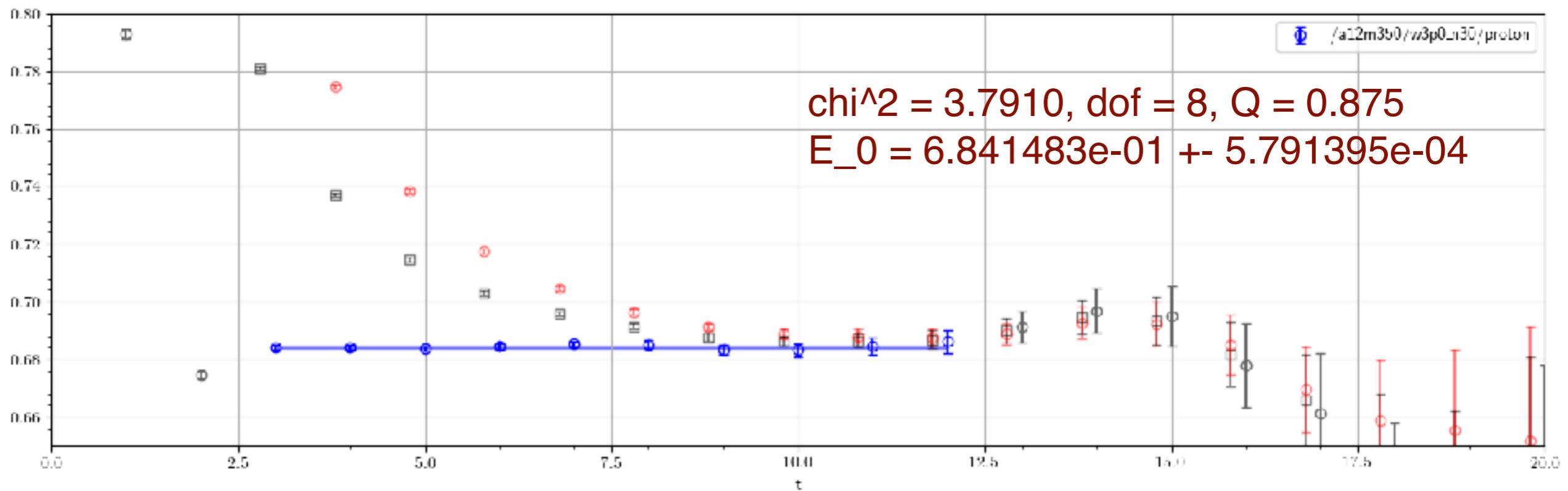
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We are very optimistic this idea will allow for a good LQCD calculations of NN at this interesting pion mass!

Matrix Prony: Improved NN

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These calculations are so expensive - it is imperative to extract as much information from them as possible, which is optimally achieved early in Euclidean time where we have a clear theoretical understanding of the correlation functions and they are clean - before the noise sets in

Summary

- Applications of Lattice QCD to Nuclear Physics is Difficult
- With current generation of computers - we have finally made our first “nuclear physics” prediction of a benchmark quantity g_A - with a clear path to sub-percent precision
- The next generation of computers (appearing now at ORNL and LLNL) - plus new ideas - will enable us to begin computing *real* nuclear physics quantities ($A=2$ (3? 4?)), including $\Delta I=2$ Hadronic Parity Nonconservation
- What do we need?
 - people! (students, postdocs, ...) **we are personnel-power limited**
 - more computing time! **tell your friends to review our proposals positively and support computational NP**

Thank You

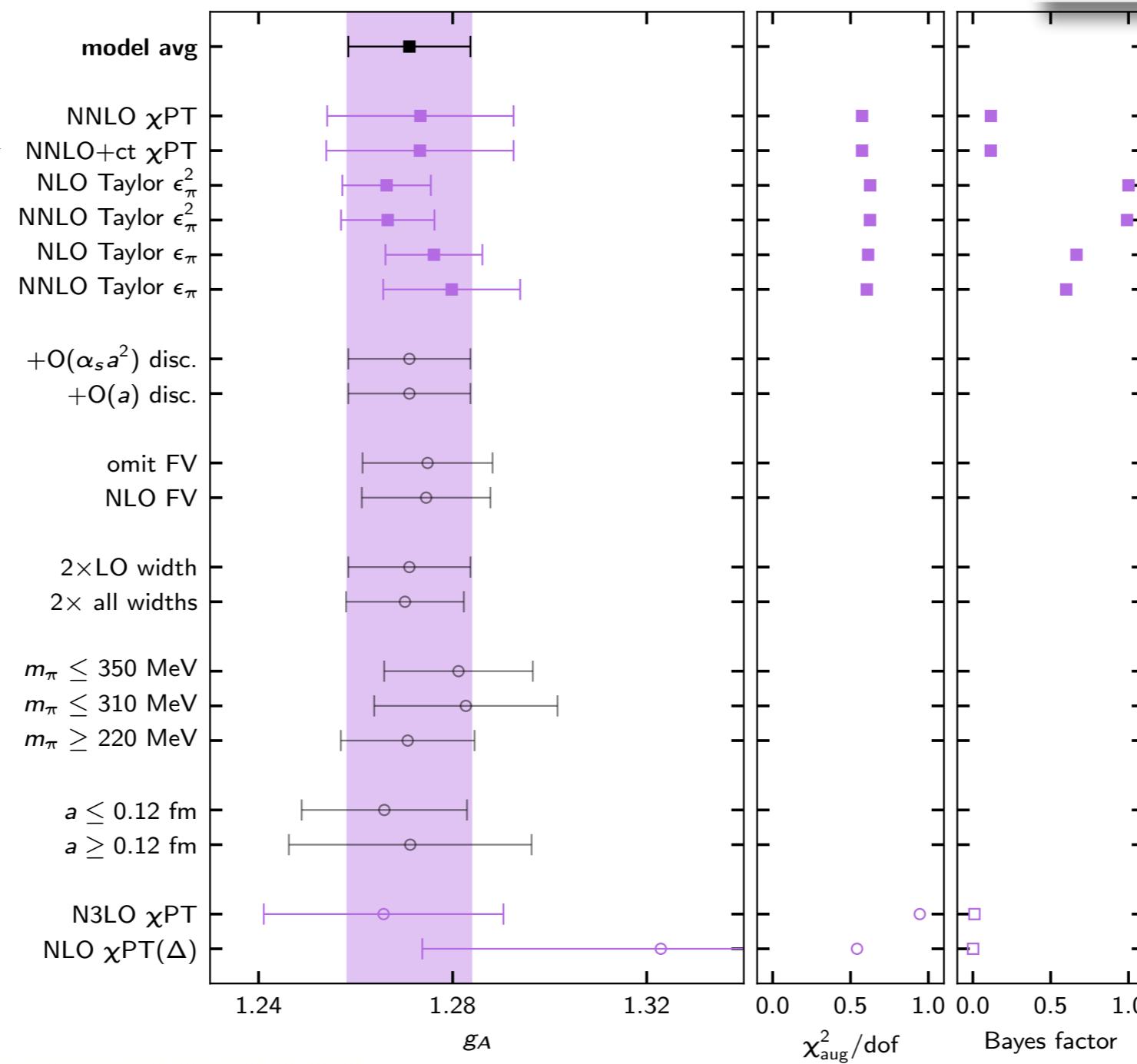
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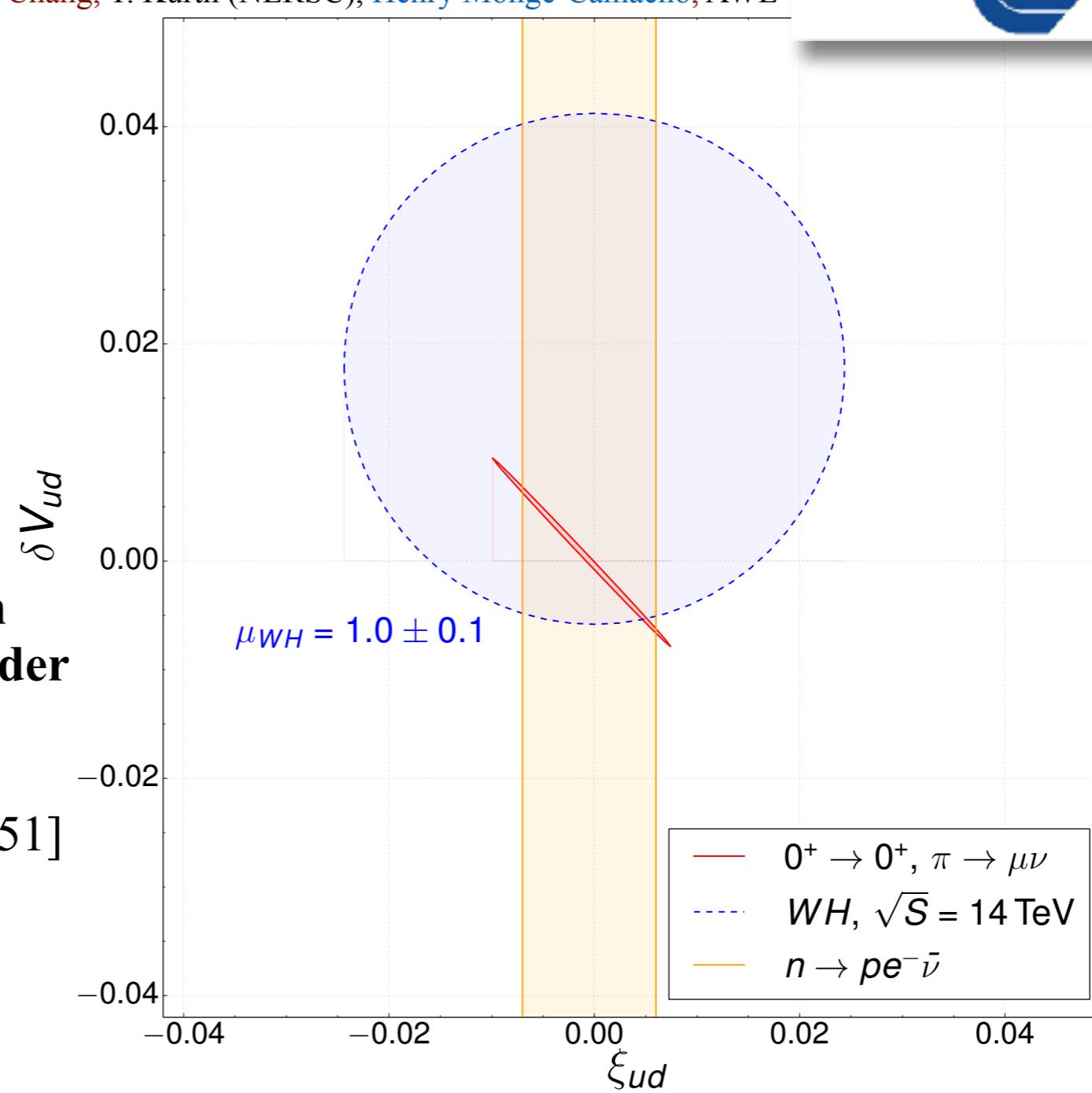
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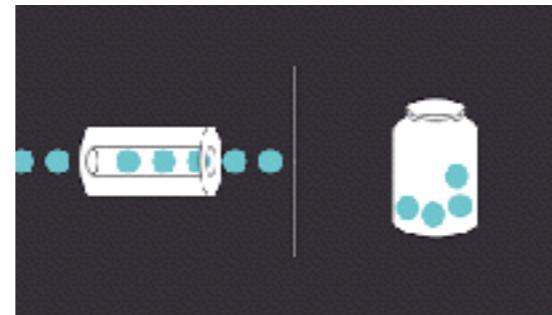
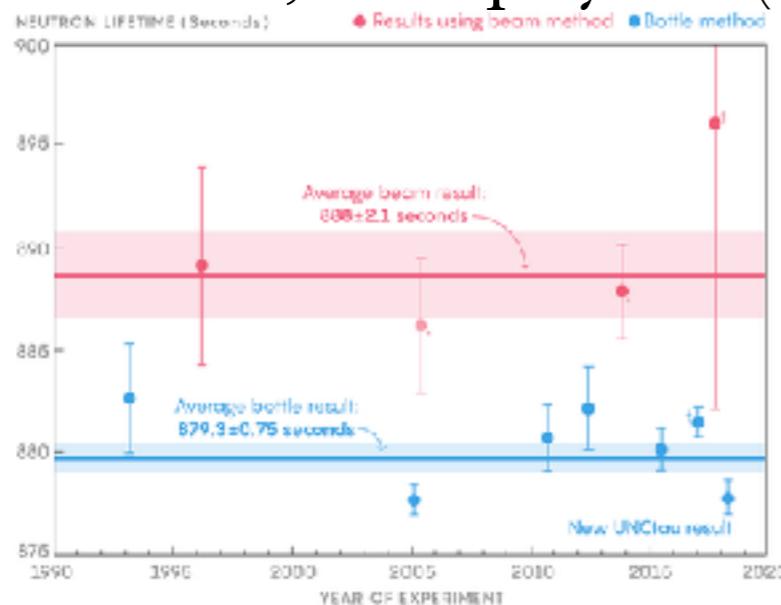
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Neutron Lifetime...

- there is a 4-sigma discrepancy: beam $\tau_n^{\text{beam}} = 888.0(2.0)s$ and bottle $\tau_n^{\text{bottle}} = 879.4(0.6)s$ measurements of the neutron lifetime, new physics (dark matter) or unknown systematic?



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arXiv:1802.01804

$$\tau_n = \frac{5172.0(1.0) \text{ s}}{1 + 3g_A^2}$$

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The Neutron Lifetime and Axial Coupling Connection

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Experimental studies of neutron decay, $n \rightarrow p e \bar{\nu}$, exhibit two anomalies. The first is a $8.6(2.1)s$, roughly 4σ difference between the average beam measured neutron lifetime, $\tau_n^{\text{beam}} = 888.0(2.0)s$, and the more precise average trapped ultra cold neutron determination, $\tau_n^{\text{trap}} = 879.4(6)s$. The second is a 5σ difference between the pre2002 average axial coupling, g_A , as measured in neutron decay asymmetries $g_A^{\text{pre}2002} = 1.2637(21)$, and the more recent, post2002, average $g_A^{\text{post}2002} = 1.2755(11)$, where, following the UCNA collaboration division, experiments are classified by the date of their most recent result. In this study, we correlate those τ_n and g_A values using a (slightly) updated relation $\tau_n(1 + 3g_A^2) = 5172.0(1.1)s$. Consistency with that relation and better precision suggest $\tau_n^{\text{favored}} = 879.4(6)s$ and $g_A^{\text{favored}} = 1.2755(11)$ as preferred values for those parameters. Comparisons of g_A^{favored} with recent lattice QCD and muonic hydrogen capture results are made. A general constraint on exotic neutron decay branching ratios is discussed and applied to a recently proposed solution to the neutron lifetime puzzle.