

# On the moments method

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# Integrated correlation functions

- ▶ Heavy quark moments for the determination of  $\alpha_s$ , in particular:

time slice correlator:

$$G(x_0, M) = \int d^3\mathbf{x} \langle P^{\text{RGI}}(x) \bar{P}^{\text{RGI}}(0) \rangle, \quad P^{\text{RGI}} = Z^{\text{RGI}} \bar{c} \gamma_5 c'$$

4th moment:

$$M_4(M) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt t^4 G(t, M) \quad M = M_c = M'_c = \text{RGI mass}$$

[Bochkharev, DeForcrand]

dimensionless, normalized

$$R_4(M) = \frac{M^2 M_4(M)}{M^2 M_4(M) \Big|_{g=0}} = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^3 c_k \alpha_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^k(m_\star) + \text{unknown}$$

- ▶ large mass: perturbative, determine  $\alpha_{\overline{\text{MS}}} \rightarrow \Lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}$  [HPQCD+Karlsruhe group, ...]

# Integrated correlation functions

- ▶ but: window problem (large scale needs very small lattice spacing)
- ▶ and **log-enhanced discretisation errors**

from small  $t$  : 
$$\int_0^\epsilon dt t^4 G(t, M) \sim \int_0^\epsilon dt t [\bar{g}^2(1/t)]^\eta \rightarrow a \sum_t \dots$$

# Numerical results from

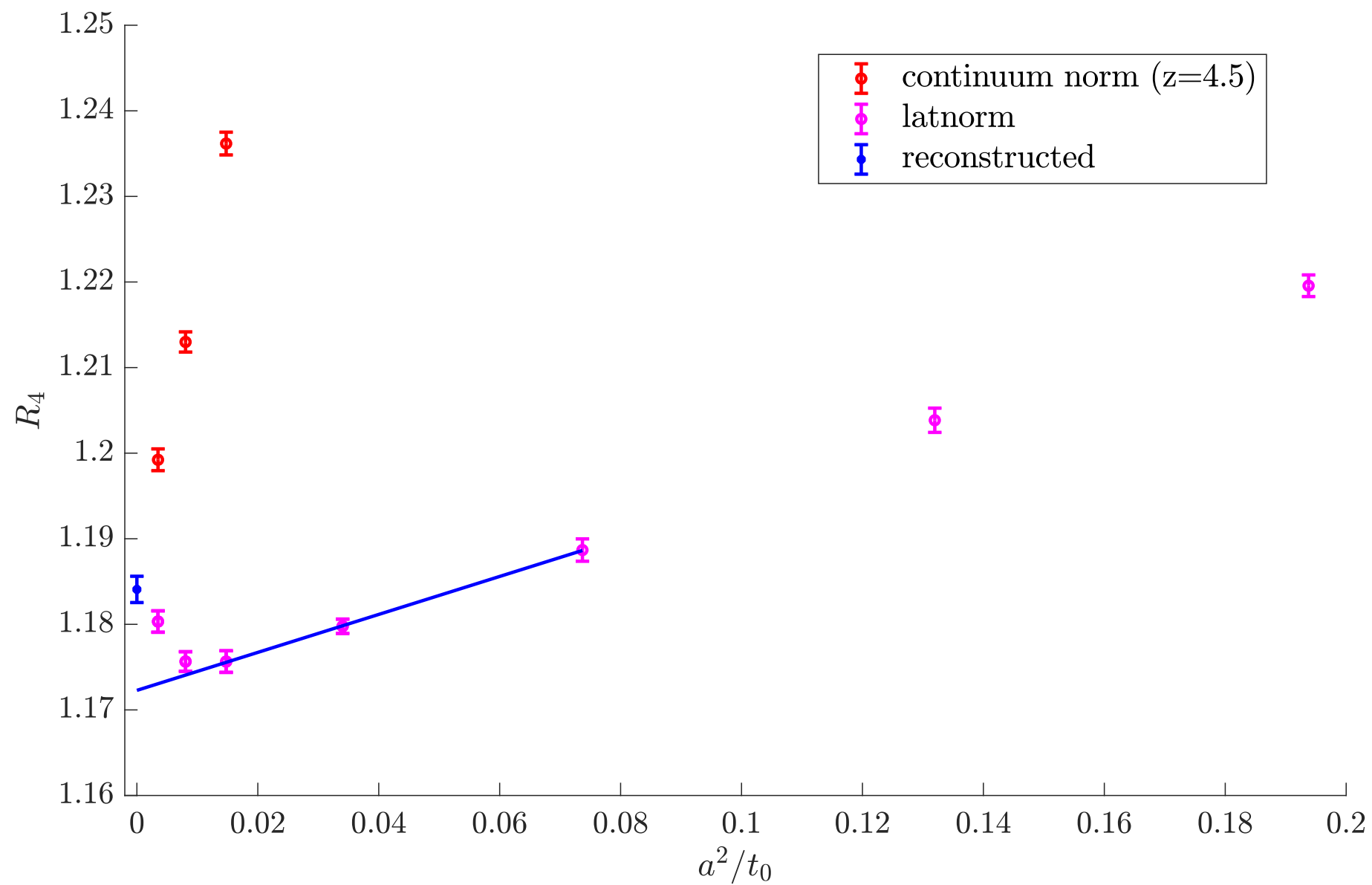
- ▶ quenched -> no numerical estimate of  $\alpha_s(M_z)$
- ▶ 2fm x 5fm
- ▶ open BC (no topology freezing)
- ▶ tmQCD at maximal twist + NP clover
- ▶ lattice spacings

$$a = 0.01 \text{ fm} \times 2^{n/2}, n = 0 \dots 6 : 0.01 \text{ fm} \dots 0.08 \text{ fm}$$

[Husung, Krah, Koren, S. 2018]



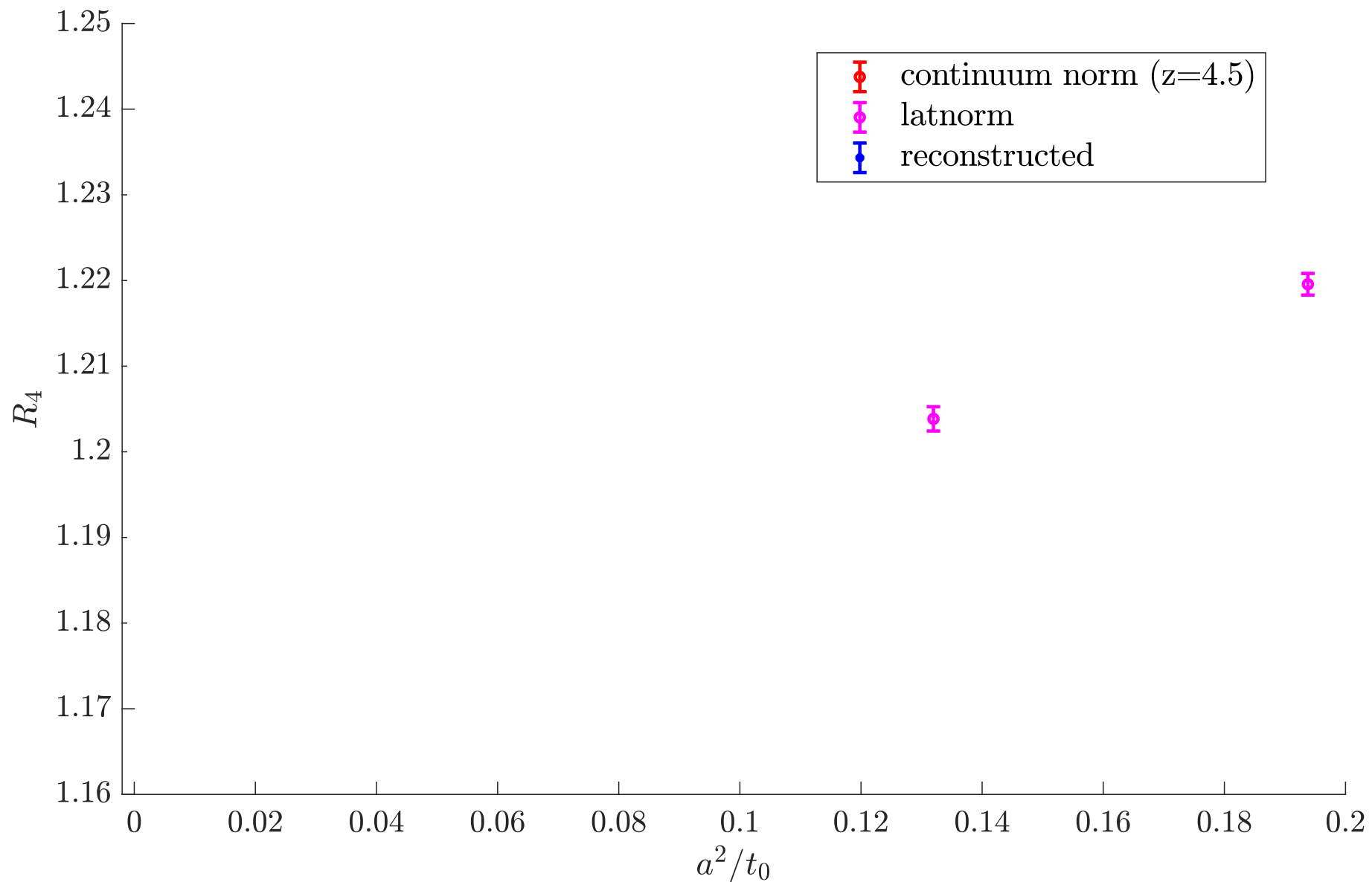
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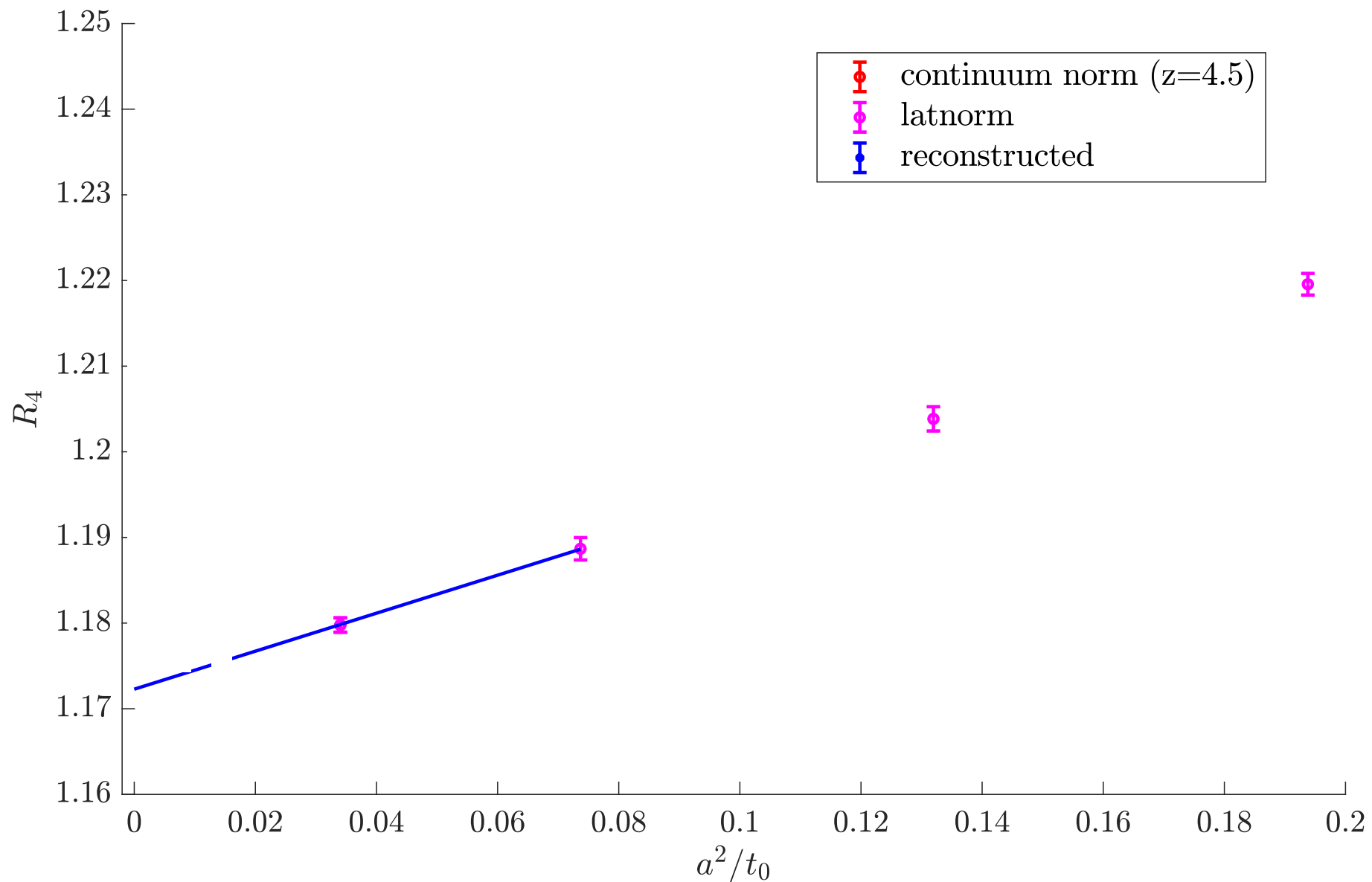
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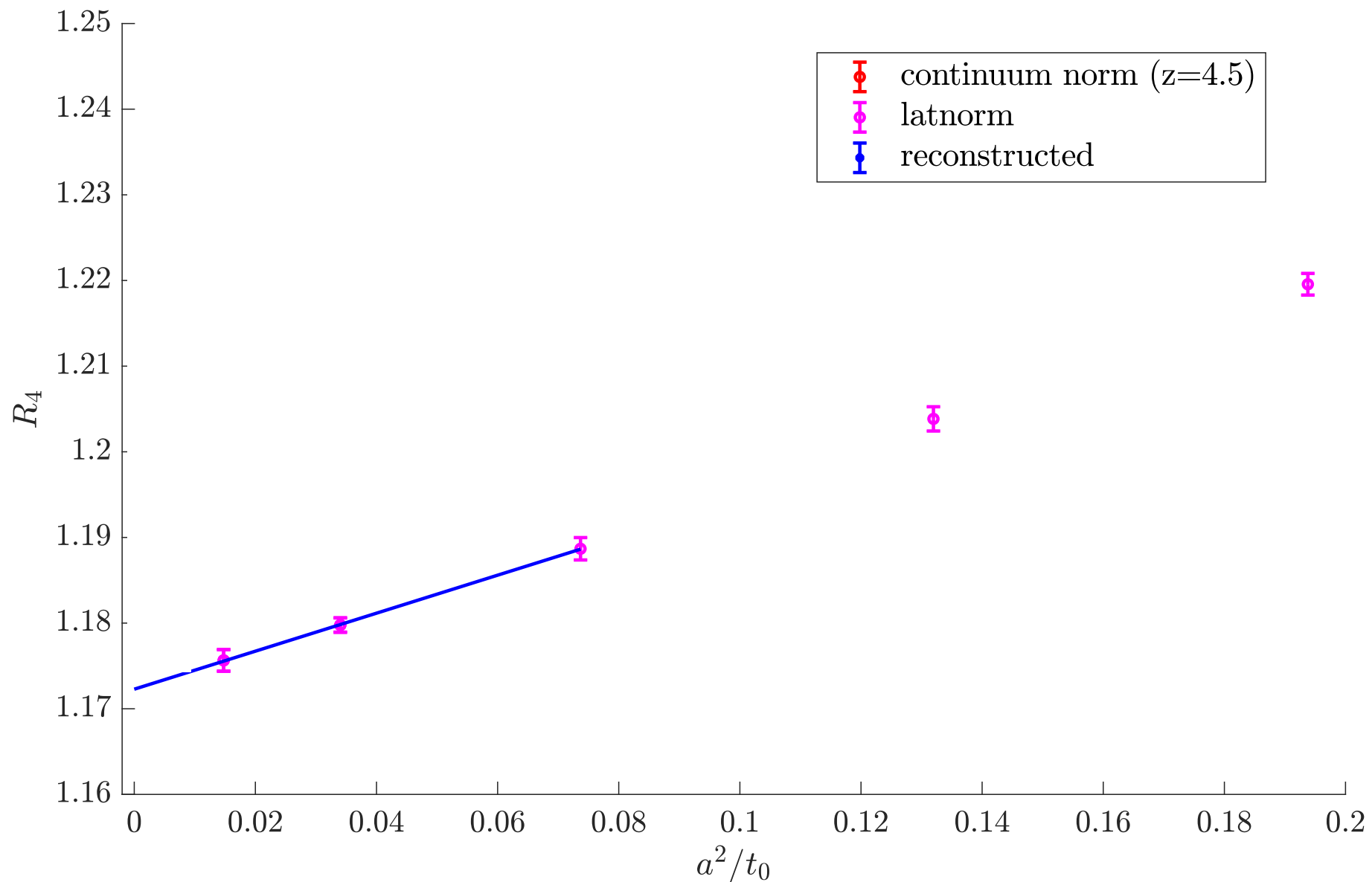
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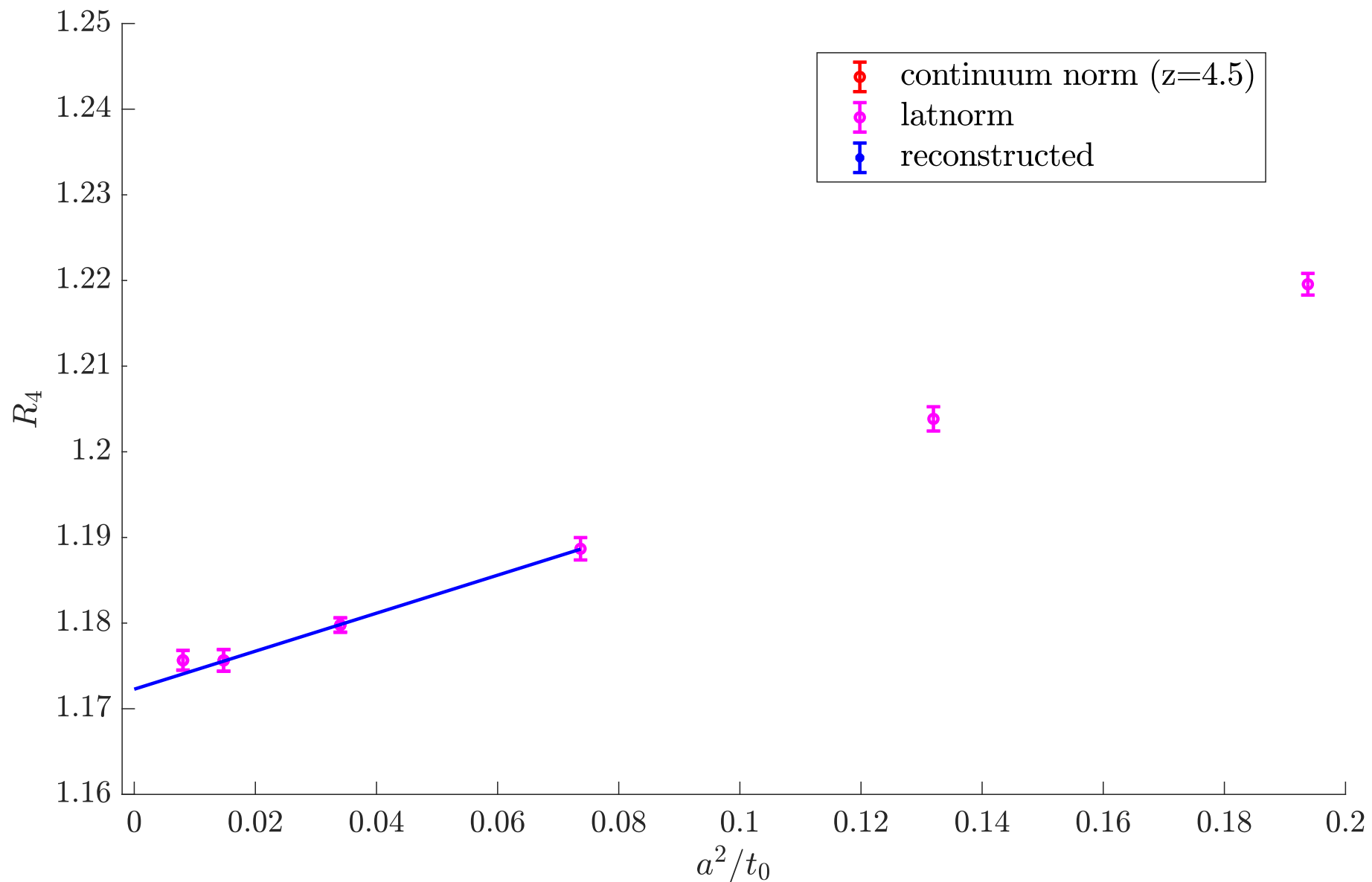
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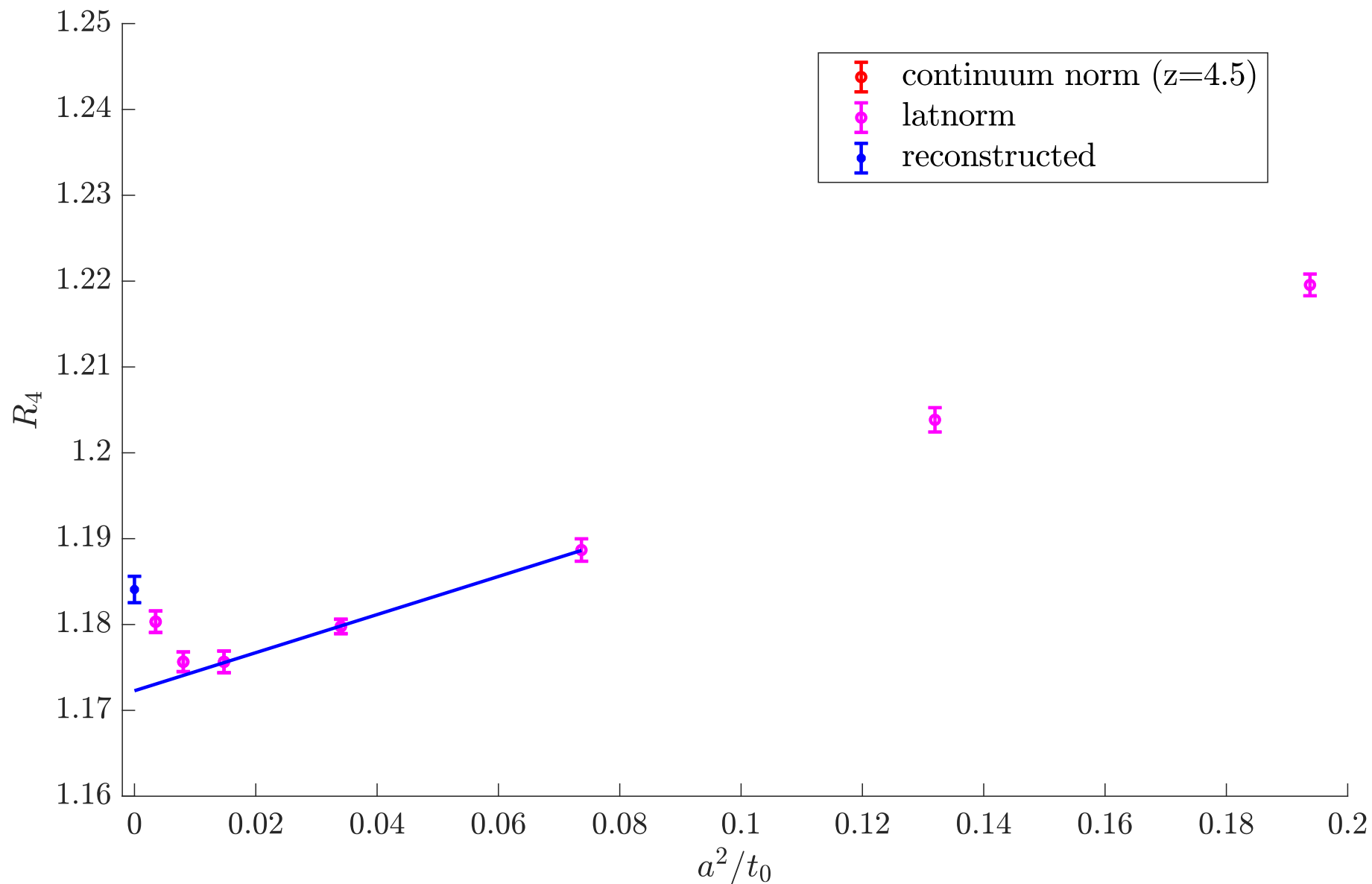
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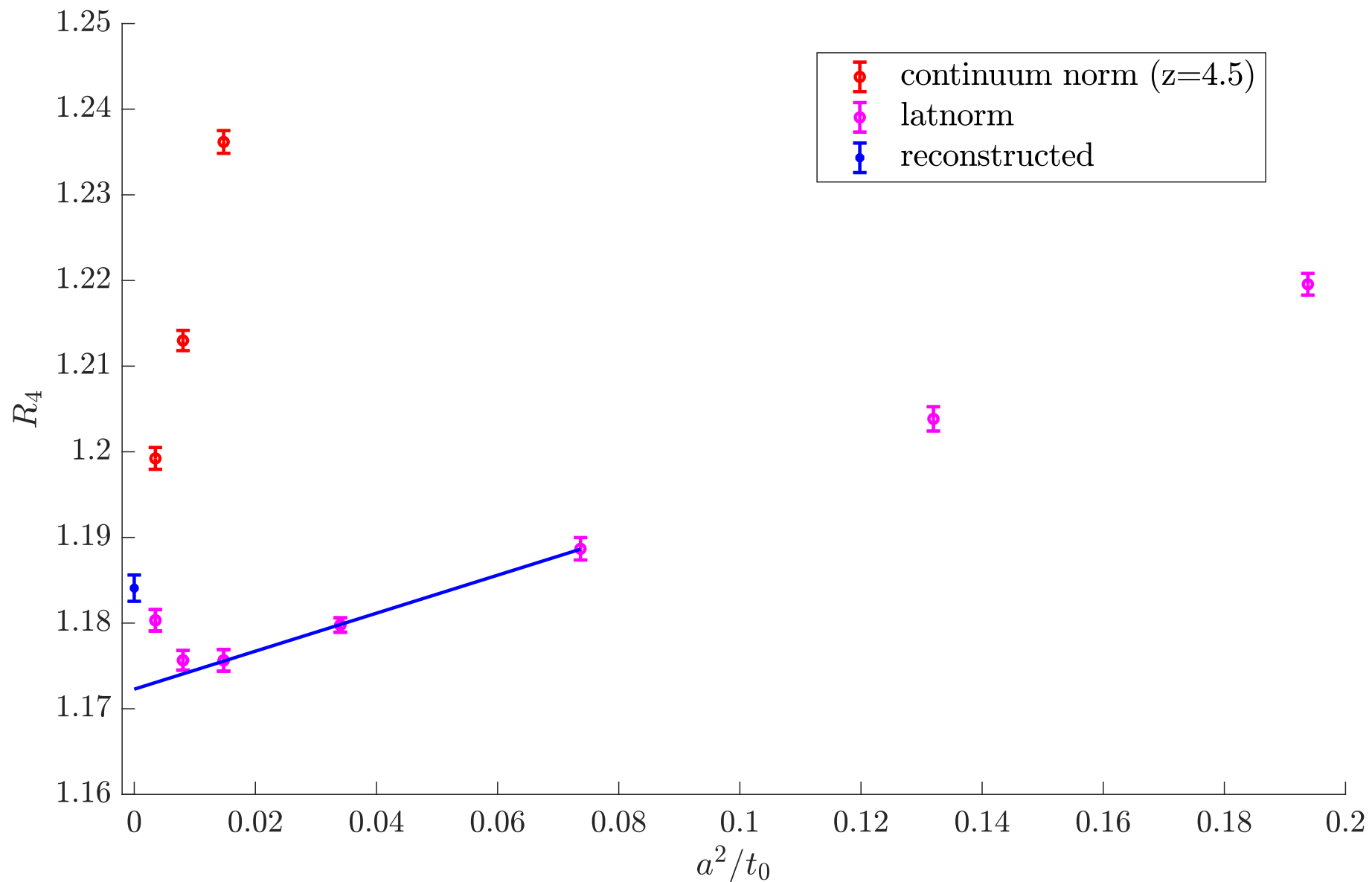
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- ▶ now  $\Delta I(0, t) = \Delta I(0, t_1) + \Delta I(t_1, t)$  does not depend on  $t_1 \Rightarrow$

$$\Delta I(0, t) = \Delta I(0, t_1) + \Delta I(t_1, t) = \underbrace{[\Delta I(0, t_1) - a^2 k_L \log(t_1/a)]}_{=ka^2} + k_L a^2 \log(t/a)$$

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- ▶ just dimensional reasoning

$$[\Delta I(0,t_1) - a^2 k_L \log(t_1/a)] = k a^2$$

made it easy to get the general form

# Interacting theory: what changes?

- ▶ anomalous dimensions

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with a sum over dimensions  $d = [\mathcal{O}_i^{(d)}] - 4$  and numbering  $i$  of the operators  $\mathcal{O}_i^{(d)}$  of Symanzik EFT

- ▶ dimensional reasoning becomes

$$\Delta I(0,t_1) + a^2 F(\bar{g}^2(1/t_1)) = a^2 K(a\Lambda)$$

and all terms of any power  $a^n$  in the expansion of  $G$  contribute to  $K(a\Lambda)$

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# back to the specific problem

- ▶ Tree-level normalised

$$R_4^{\text{latnorm}}(M) = \frac{M^2 M_4(M)}{M^2 M_4(M) \Big|_{g=0}^{aM \neq 0}}$$

- ▶ denominator:  $M^2 a^2 \log(Ma)$
- ▶ numerator: suppression of short distance behavior by anomalous dimension
- ▶ log-effect left over, dominantly from the denominator
- ▶ but not dividing by tree-level lattice, yields very large discretisation effects

- ▶ An integral of the considered type

(correlator diverges like  $\sim t^{-k}$  weight function  $\sim t^{k-1}$  suppresses the divergence only to  $\sim t$ )

can't be computed well on the lattice as such

- ▶ **Solutions**

- develop theory for a-expansion of integrated functions  
... not yet available
- Instead: **Regulate the short distance part**
  - Explicit example with full numerical demonstration  
for  $\alpha_s$  from heavy quark moment

# Regulated $M_4(M) \rightarrow \rho(M_1, M_2)$

- ▶ The problematic short distance region is mass-independent.  
—> combine two masses to eliminate it.

$$\rho(M_1, M_2) \propto M_1^2 [M_4(M_1) - M_4(M_2)], \quad r = M_1/M_2 > 1.$$

$$\rho(M_1, M_2) = \frac{2\pi^2}{3} \frac{\bar{M}_4(M_1) - r^2 \bar{M}_4(M_2)}{1 - r^2}, \quad \bar{M}_4(M) = M^2 M_4(M)$$

integrand shifted to larger  $t$ , short distance suppressed

$$\rho(M_1, M_2) \propto \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt t^4 \underbrace{[G(t, M_1) - G(t, M_2)]}_{t^{-3}[t^2(M_1^2 - M_2^2) + O(t^4)]}$$

- ▶ no log-enhancement and generically smaller  $\alpha$ -effects
- ▶ PT from  $R_4$ :  $\rho(M_1, M_2) = 1 + c_1 \alpha(m_{2\star}) + \dots$

same  $c_1$  as in  $R_4$ .

(chosen ren. scale: smaller mass dominates, integrand shifted to larger  $t$  —> choose  $M_2$ )

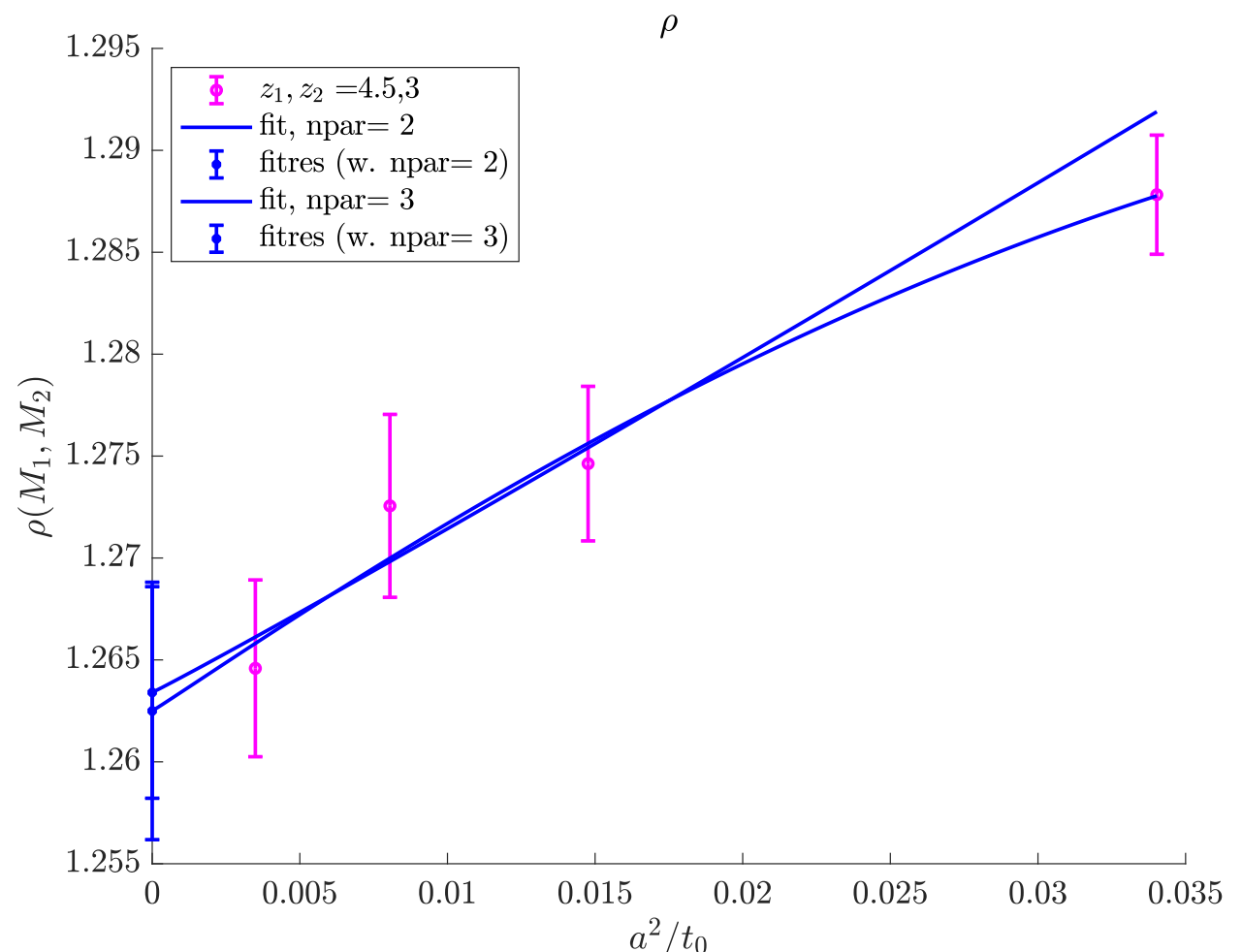
# Continuum limit for $\rho(M_1, M_2)$

- ▶ dimensionless variable:  $z = M\sqrt{8t_0}$
- ▶ best consider  $\rho(rM_2, M_2)$  with  $r = \text{fixed}$
- ▶ we choose  $r = 1.5$  with one exception  $r = 1.33\dots$
- ▶ expl.  $z_1 = 4.5, z_2 = 3$

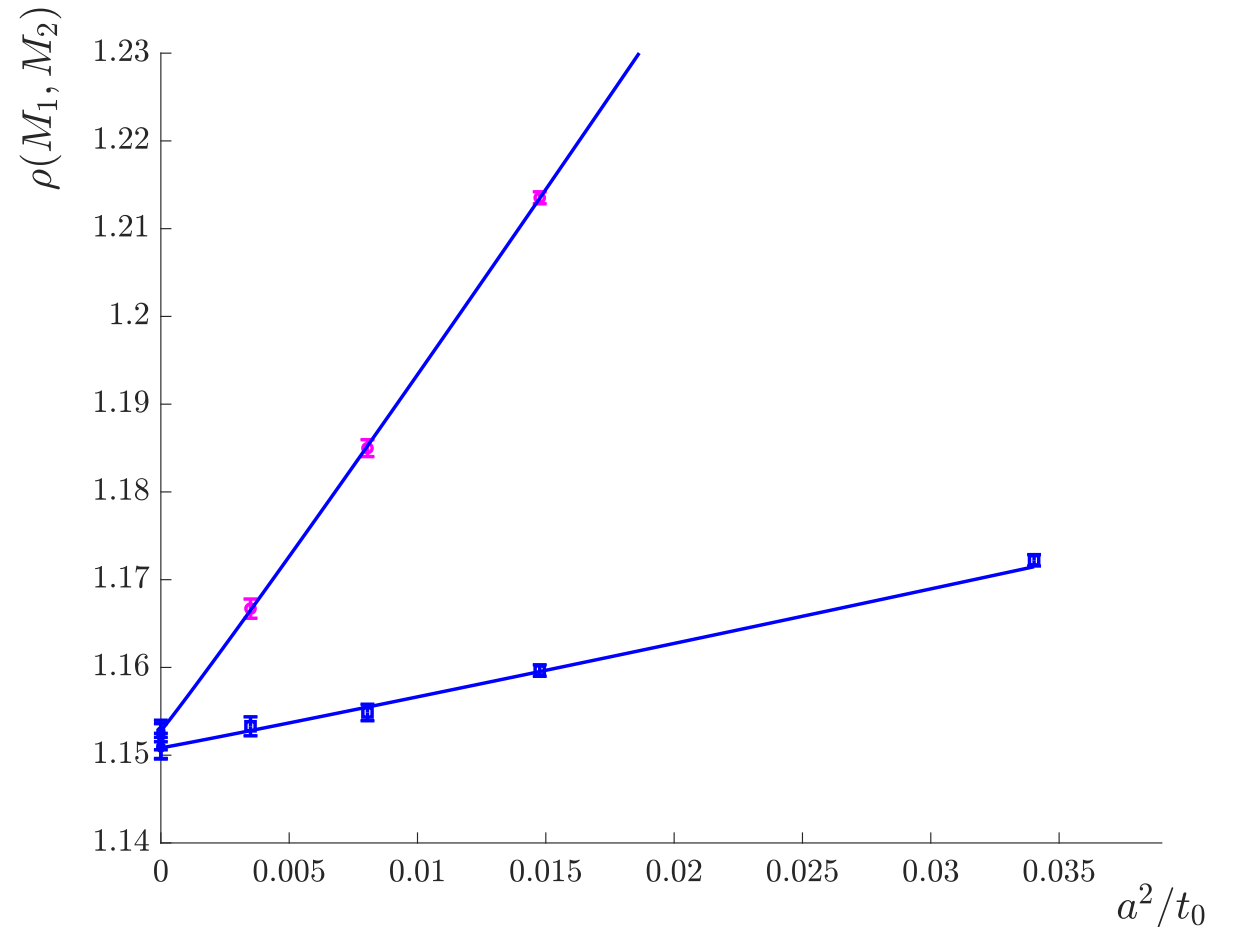
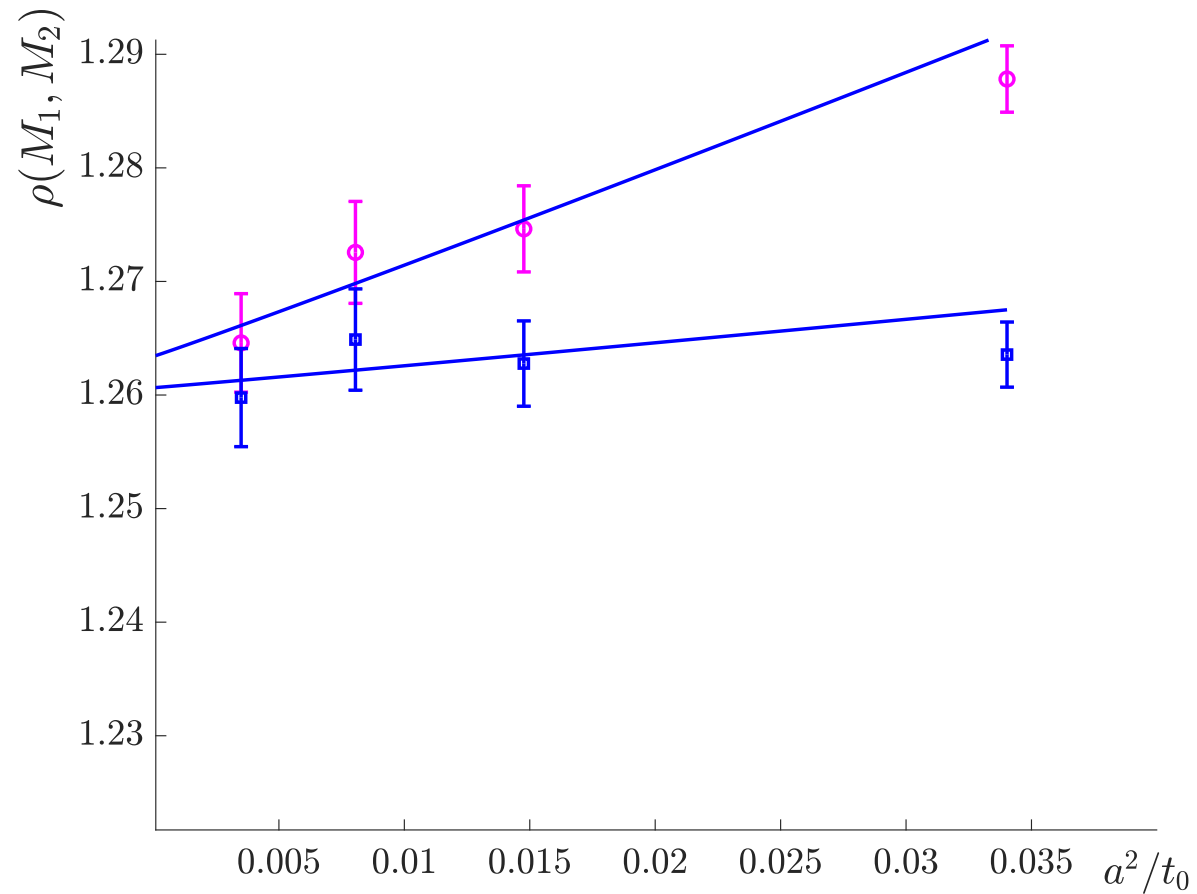
fits

$$\rho = \rho_0 + \rho_2 a^2 [2b_0 \bar{g}^2 (1/a)]^{0.273} [ + \rho_4 a^4 ]$$

**0.273** from quenched  
contribution of d=6  
SymEFT Lagrangian  
[N. Husung 2022]



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**Figure 2:** Continuum limit extrapolations of  $\rho$  and its TL improved version,  $\rho(M_1, M_2)^{\text{Latnorm}}$ . Masses, specified in units  $z_i = M_i \sqrt{8t_0}$ , are  $z_1 = 4.5$ ,  $z_2 = 3$  (left) and  $z_1 = 13.5$ ,  $z_2 = 9$  (right).

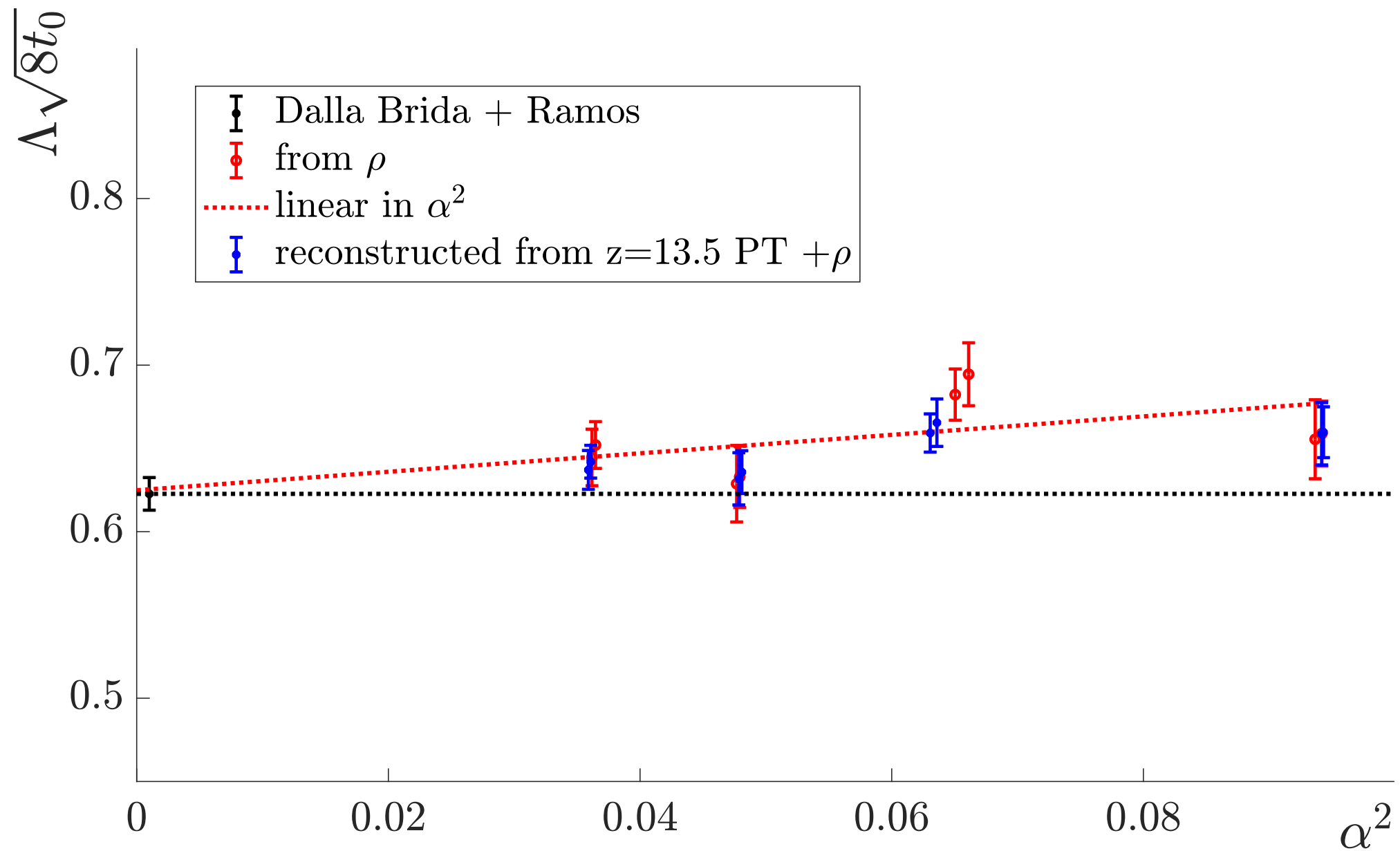
# Reconstruct $R_4$

- ▶ from  $R_4^{\text{PT}}(M_{\text{ref}})$  at large  $M_{\text{ref}}$  computed perturbatively to general  $M$

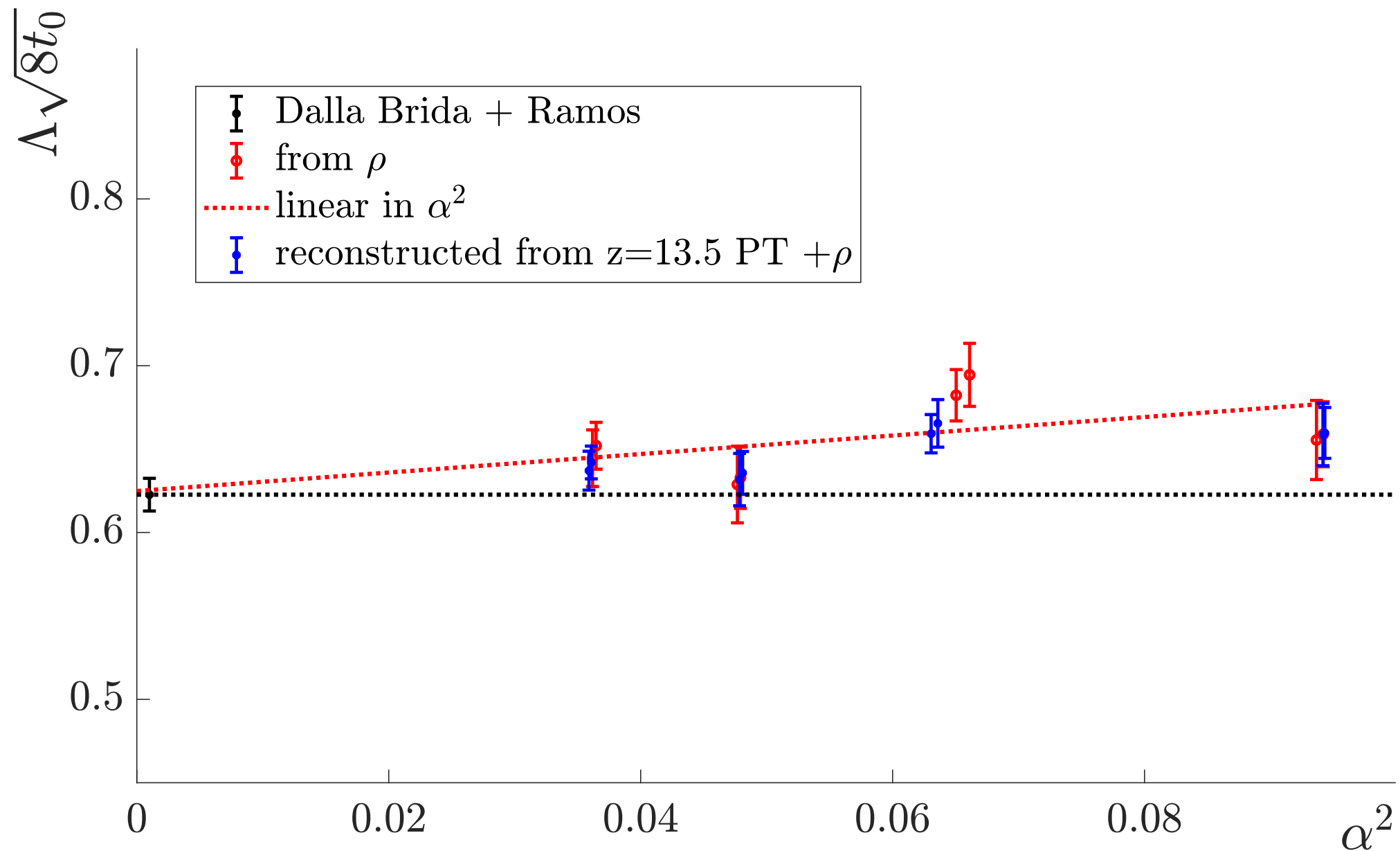
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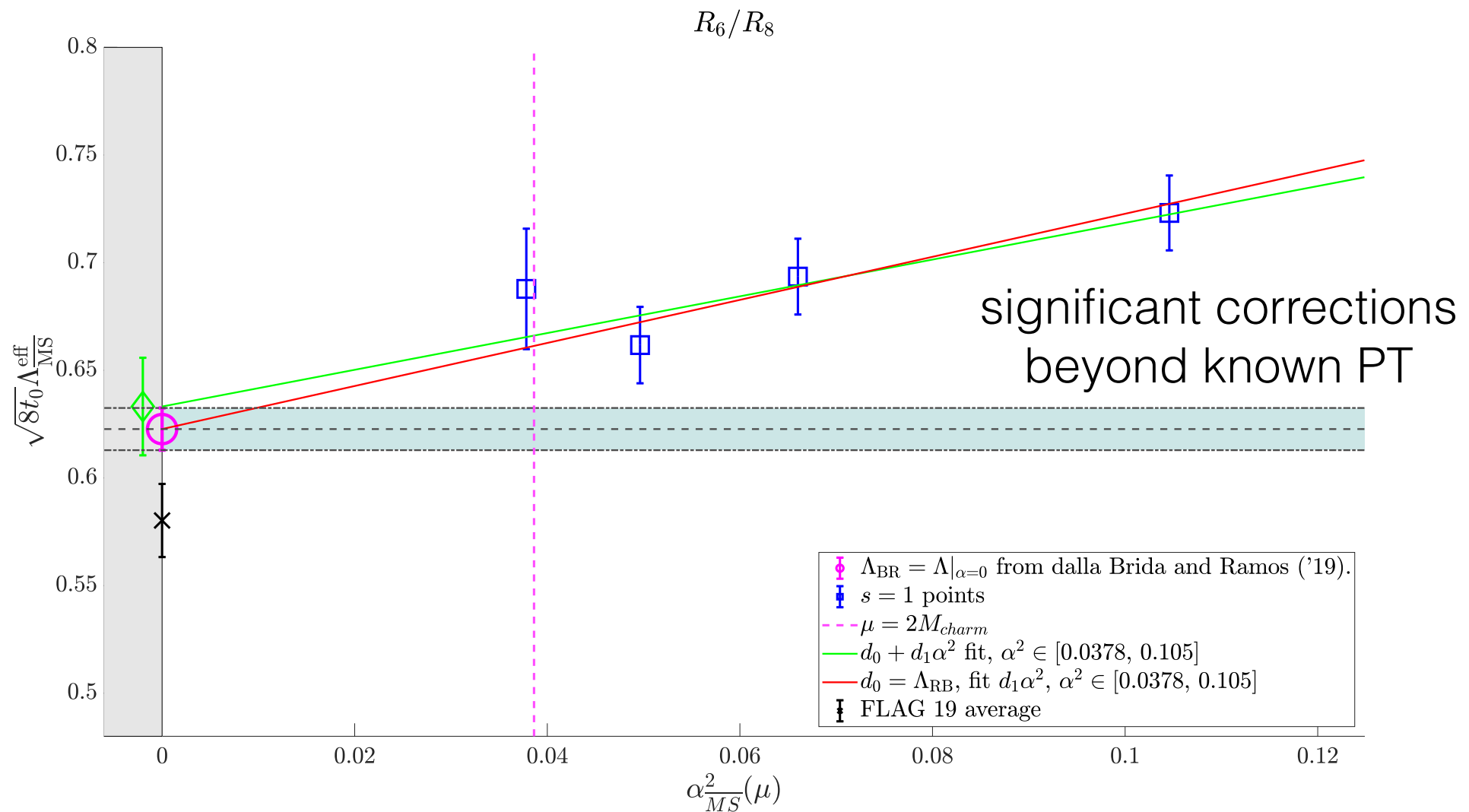


- ▶ Nice consistency, but despite tiny lattice spacing not very precise



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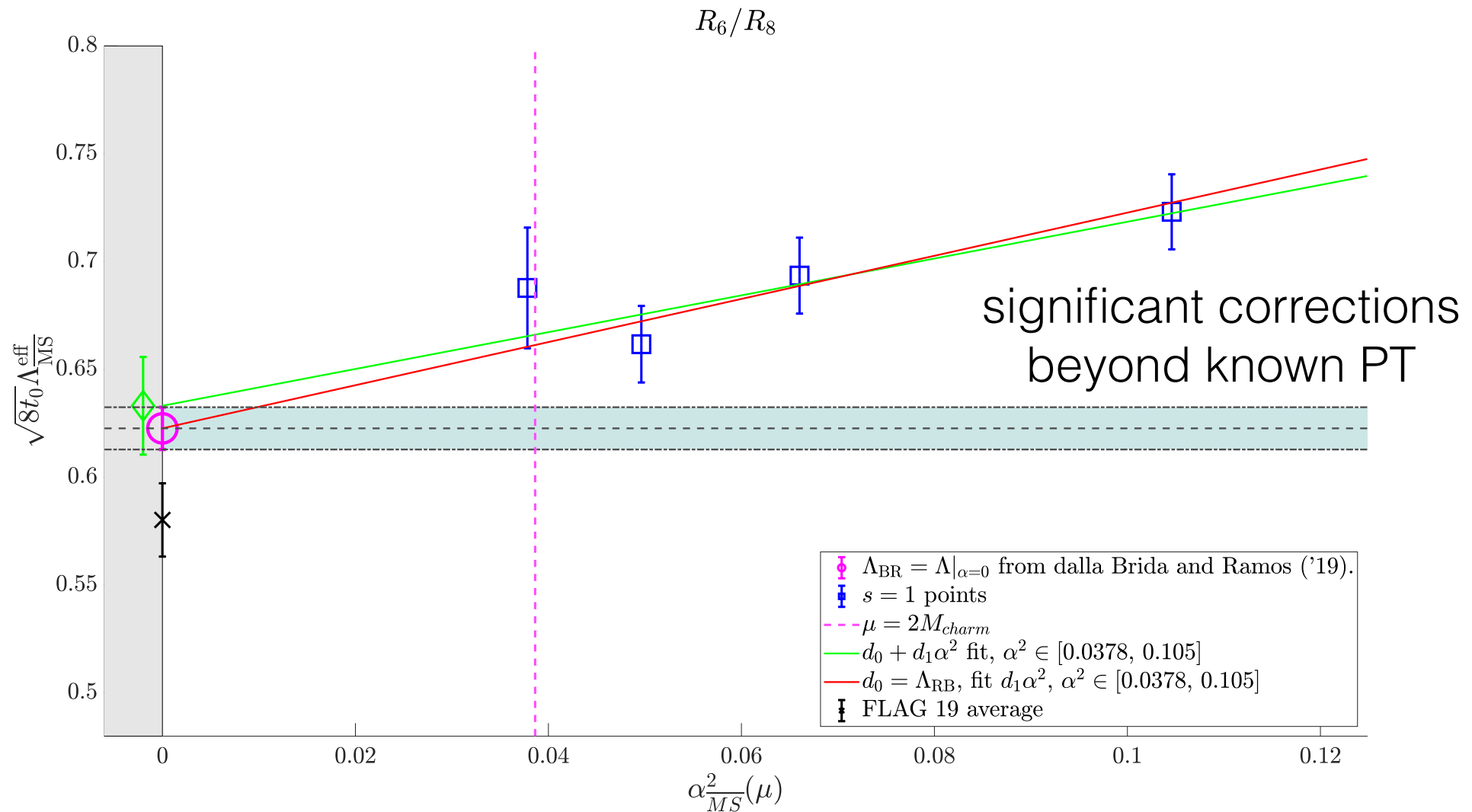
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