



## Block Lanczos and signal-to-noise

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# Transfer-matrix eigenvalues

Lattice theories do not have continuous time translation symmetry defining Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{O}(t) = e^{-Ht} \mathcal{O} e^{Ht}$$



Discrete time translation symmetry enables definition of transfer matrix  $T$

$$\mathcal{O}(ka) = T^k \mathcal{O} (T^{-1})^k$$



Energy spectrum = -  $\ln$  ( spectrum of eigenvalues of  $T$ )

$$T|n\rangle = |n\rangle \lambda_n \quad E_n = -\ln \lambda_n$$

Correlation functions are matrix elements of powers of  $T$

$$C(t) \equiv \langle \psi(t) \psi^\dagger(0) \rangle = \left\langle \psi \left| T^{t/a} \right| \psi \right\rangle + \dots$$

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- Repeatedly acting on any vector with a matrix filters out the component proportional to the eigenvector with the largest eigenvalue (= the ground state)

$$\begin{aligned} T^k |\psi\rangle &= \sum_n T^k |n\rangle Z_n = \sum_n \lambda_n^k |n\rangle Z_n = \sum_n e^{-kaE_n} |n\rangle Z_n \\ &= e^{-kaE_0} |0\rangle Z_0 + O\left(e^{-ka(E_1 - E_0)}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Backbone of the power-iteration algorithm for finding largest eigenvalue of a matrix:

# The power-iteration algorithm

Start with an arbitrary normalized initial state:

$$|b_1\rangle = |\psi\rangle / |\psi|$$

Iteration step:  $|p_{k+1}\rangle = T|b_k\rangle$

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Energies from power-iteration eigenvalues:

$$-\ln \langle b_k | T | b_k \rangle = -\ln \left[ \frac{\langle \psi | T^{2k-1} | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | T^{2k-2} | \psi \rangle} \right] = aE_0 + O(e^{-k\delta})$$

$$= -\ln \left[ \frac{C((2k-1)a)}{C((2k-2)a)} \right] = aE^{\text{eff}}(t/a = 2k-1)$$

**Standard effective mass = “apply power-iteration algorithm to the transfer matrix”**

# Lanczos = Krylov + Rayleigh-Ritz

Start with an arbitrary normalized initial state:  $|v_1\rangle = |\psi\rangle / |\psi| = |\psi\rangle / \sqrt{C(0)}$

Iteration step:

$$|v_{j+1}\rangle \beta_{j+1} = (T - \alpha_j) |v_j\rangle - \beta_j |v_{j-1}\rangle$$

$$\text{Where } \alpha_j = \langle v_j | T | v_j \rangle \quad \beta_j = \langle v_{j-1} | T | v_j \rangle$$

Lanczos (1950)

See Parlett, "The Symmetric Eigenvalue Problem" (1980)

Novel features  
not present in  
power iteration

- Lanczos vectors form orthonormal basis for Krylov space

$$\mathcal{K}^{(m)} = \text{span}\{|v_1\rangle, |v_2\rangle, \dots, |v_m\rangle\}$$

$$\langle v_i | v_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$$

- Krylov-space approximation to  $T$  directly computable

$$T_{ij}^{(m)} = \langle v_i | T | v_j \rangle = \delta_{ij} \alpha_j + \delta_{i(j-1)} \beta_j + \delta_{i(j+1)} \beta_{j+1}$$

Krylov space ~ span of data ~ computationally accessible part of Hilbert space

# Optimal estimators given fixed data

**Krylov-space approximation to  $T$  directly computed in Lanczos algorithm**

- Its eigenvalues provide “best” Krylov-space approximations to  $T$  eigenvalues

$$T_{ij}^{(m)} = \langle v_i | T | v_j \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_2 & & & & 0 \\ \beta_2 & \alpha_2 & \beta_3 & & & \\ & \beta_3 & \alpha_3 & \ddots & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \beta_{m-1} & \\ & & \beta_{m-1} & \alpha_{m-1} & \beta_m & \\ 0 & & & \beta_m & \alpha_m & \end{pmatrix}_{ij}$$

Diagonalize the Krylov-space transfer matrix:

$$T_{ij}^{(m)} = \sum_k \omega_{ik}^{(m)} \lambda_k^{(m)} (\omega^{-1})_{kj}^{(m)}$$

“Ritz values” = optimal Krylov-space approximation to  $T$  eigenvalues

“Ritz vectors” = corresponding approximate eigenstates

$$|y_k^{(m)}\rangle = \sum_j |v_j\rangle \omega_{jk}^{(m)}$$

$$\lambda_k^{(m)} = \langle y_k^{(m)} | T | y_k^{(m)} \rangle$$

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**Solution:** Compute the matrix elements  $T_{ij}^{(m)}$  directly from correlation functions via recursion relations:

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$$\alpha_1 = \langle v_1 | T | v_1 \rangle = \frac{C(1a)}{C(0)} \quad \beta_1 = 0$$

Recursive Lanczos iteration:

$$A_j^k = \langle v_j | T^k | v_j \rangle \quad B_j^k = \langle v_{j-1} | T^k | v_j \rangle$$

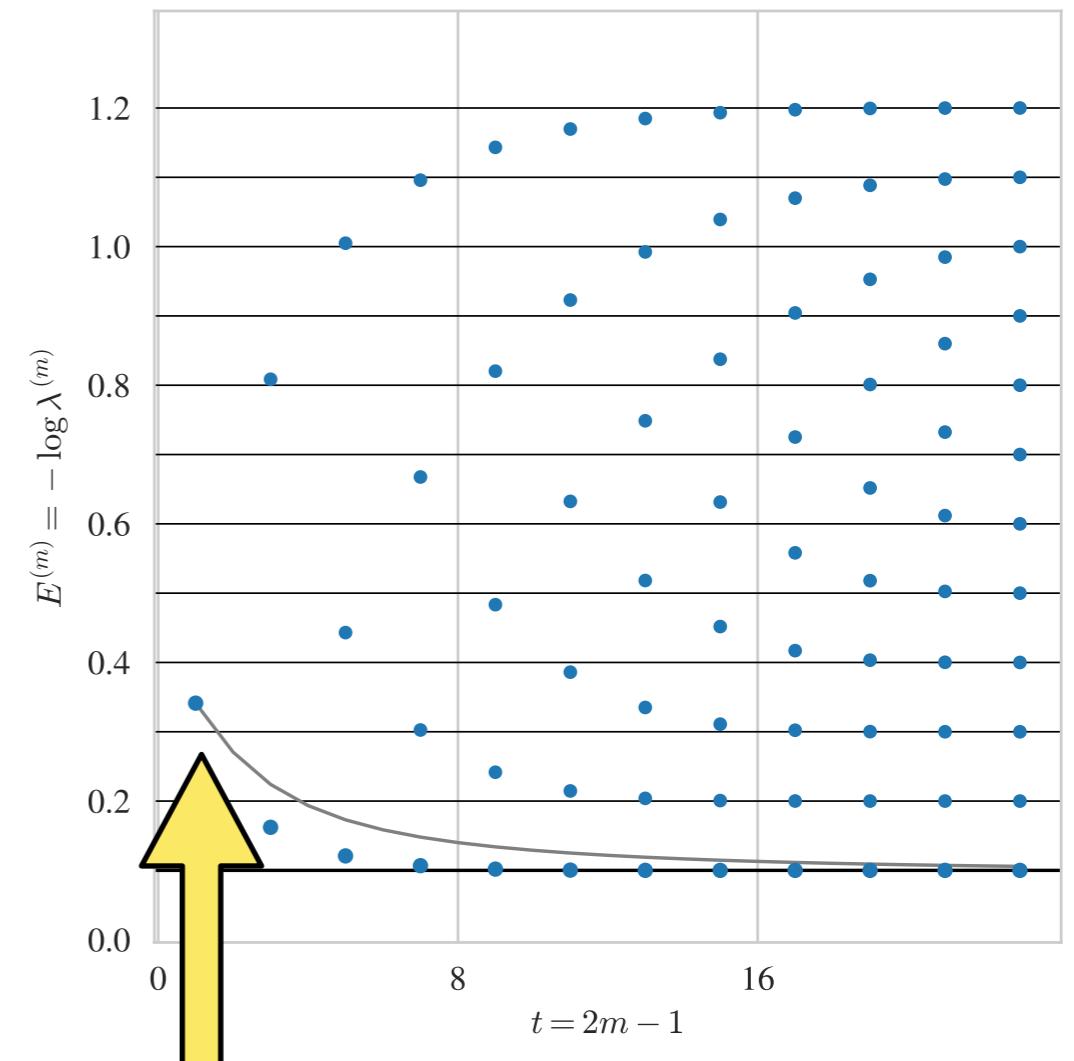
$$\beta_{j+1} = \sqrt{A_j^2 - \alpha_j^2 - \beta_j^2}$$

$$B_{j+1}^k = \frac{1}{\beta_{j+1}} [A_j^{k+1} - \alpha_j A_j^k - \beta_j B_j^k]$$

...

Ritz values reproduce spectrum of 12-state toy model exactly after 12 steps:

$$C(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{12} \frac{1}{2(0.1n)} e^{-0.1nt}$$



Lanczos equals power iteration after  $m = 1$  step, converges faster for  $m > 1$

# Correlator matrices

State-of-the-art LQCD studies often use multiple interpolators

Higher-dimensional dataset:

**Correlator matrices** — time series of matrix-valued correlator data

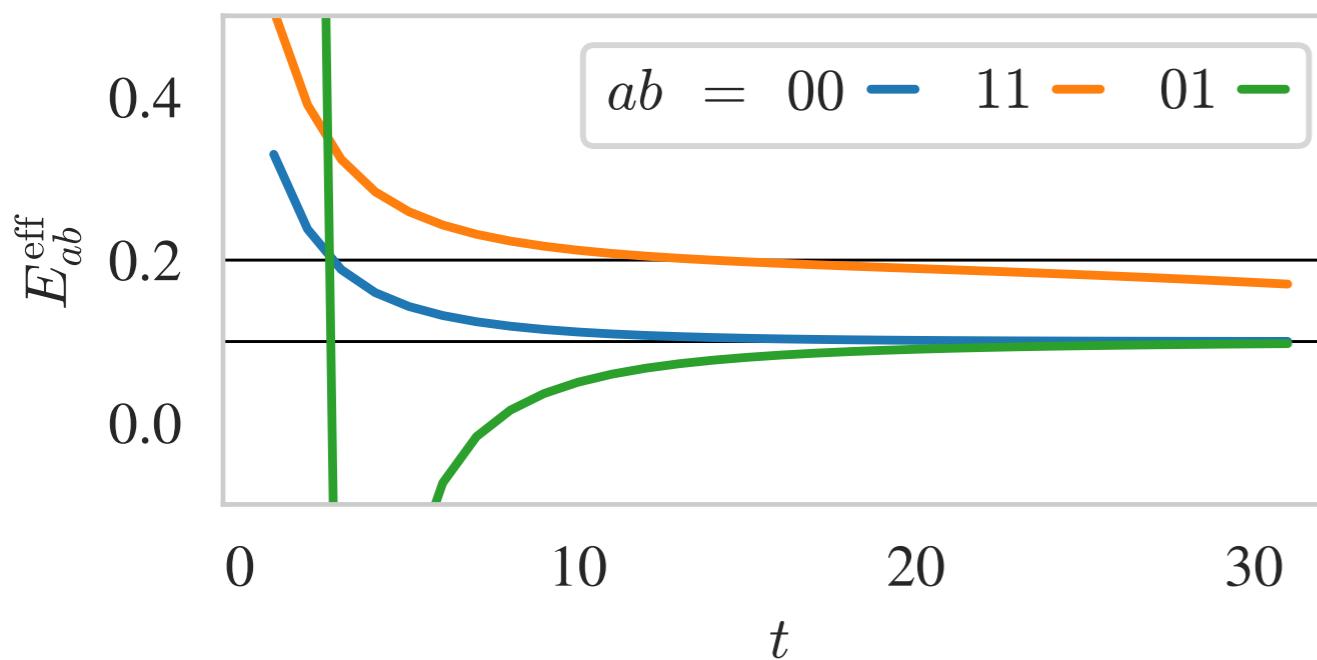
$$t \in \{0, \dots, N_t - 1\}$$

$N_t$  = length of time series

$$C_{ab}(t) = \langle \psi_a(t) \bar{\psi}_b(0) \rangle$$

$$a, b \in \{0, \dots, r - 1\}$$

$r$  = matrix rank



Useful when different interpolators have significant overlaps with multiple states

Standard analysis framework involves generalized eigenvalue problem (GEVP)

See e.g. Blossier et al, JHEP 04 094 (2009)

# Block Lanczos

“Block Lanczos” algorithm developed for matrices with small spectral gaps

Golub, (1973)

Cullum and Donath, (1974)

Golub and Underwoord, (1977)

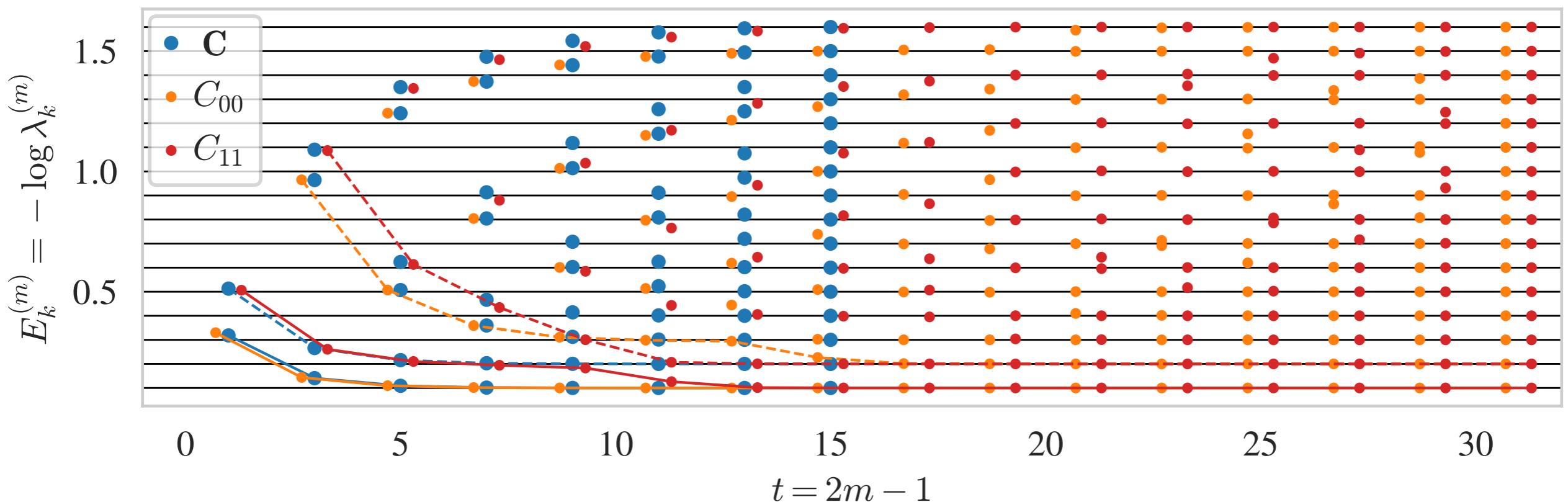
Generalized three-term recursion:

$$T|v_{ja}\rangle = \sum_b |v_{(j+1)b}\rangle \beta_{(j+1)ba} - |v_{jb}\rangle \alpha_{jba} + |v_{(j-1)b}\rangle \beta_{jba}$$

Ritz values:  $rm$  eigenvalues of block-diagonal  $T_{iajb}^{(m)} = \langle v_{ia}|T|v_{jb}\rangle$

- $rm$ -dimensional block Krylov space gives strictly faster convergence for  $r > 1$

Hackett, MW, arXiv:2412.04444



# Lanczos = Krylov + RR = Prony

Algebraic methods for decomposing time series into sum of exponentials known since 1795

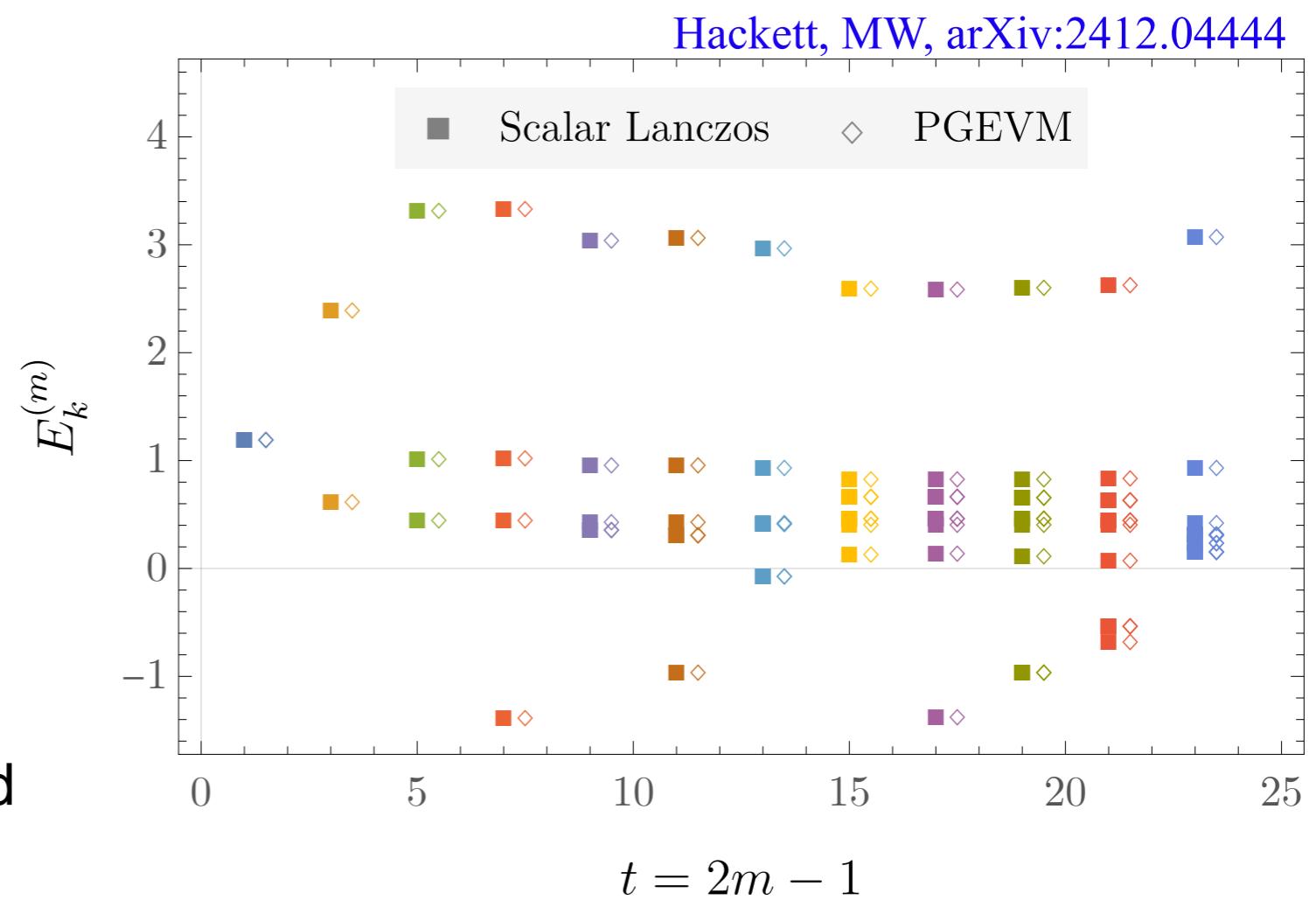
Prony and Gaspard (1795)

Applications of Prony's method to LQCD first proposed by Fleming in 2004

Fleming arXiv:hep-lat/0403023 (2004)

Other equivalent implementations possible, e.g. Prony generalized eigenvalue method (PGEVM)

Fischer et al, Eur. Phys. J. A 56, 206 (2020)



**Lanczos and Prony produce identical energy estimators for noisy data**

MW, arXiv:2406.20009v2 (August)

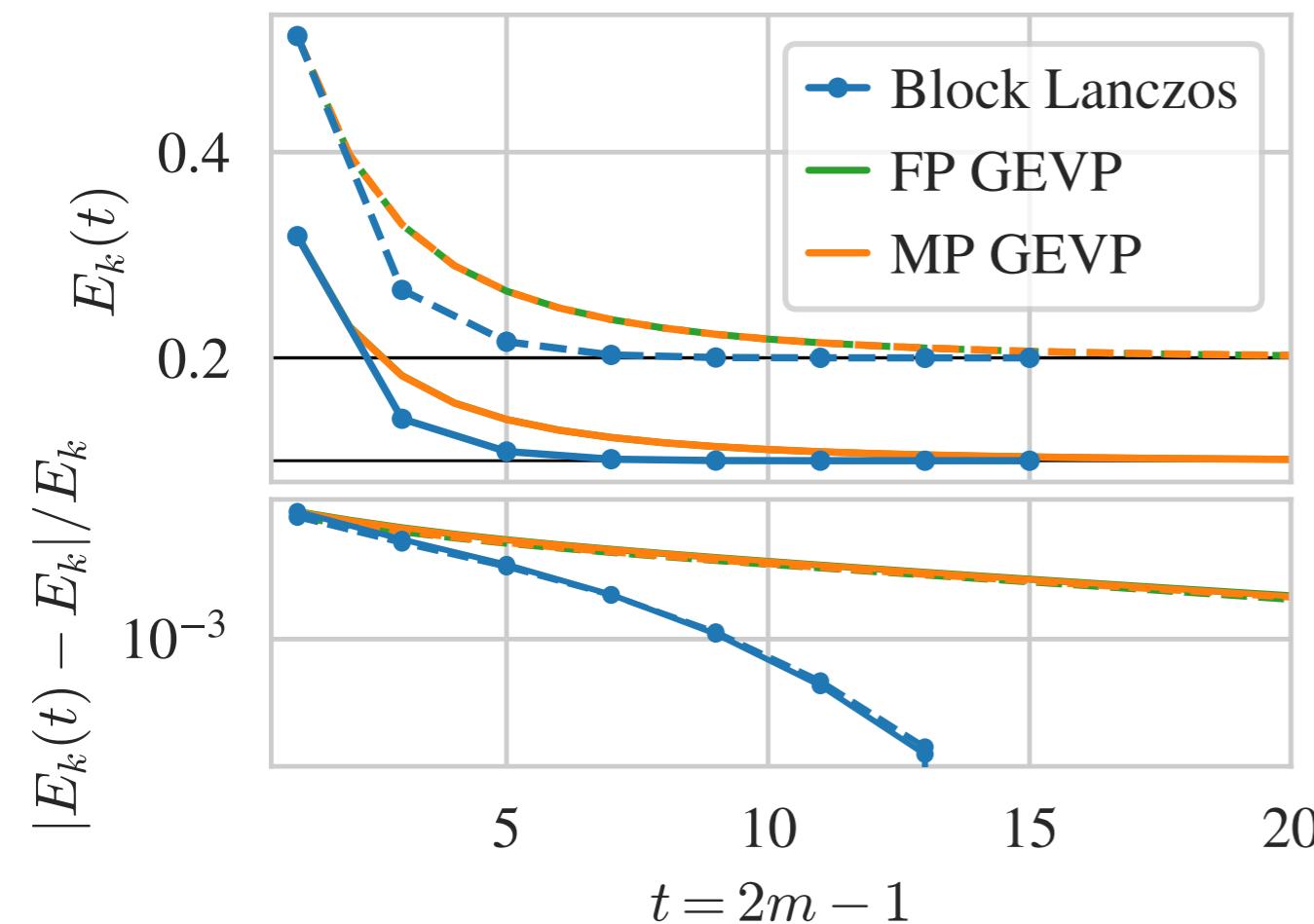
Ostmeyer et al, arXiv:2411.14981

Chakraborty et al, arXiv:2412.01900

# Block Lanczos, GEVP, block Prony, ...

One step of block Lanczos = GEVP

Lüscher and Wolff, Nucl.  
Phys. B 339, 222 (1990)



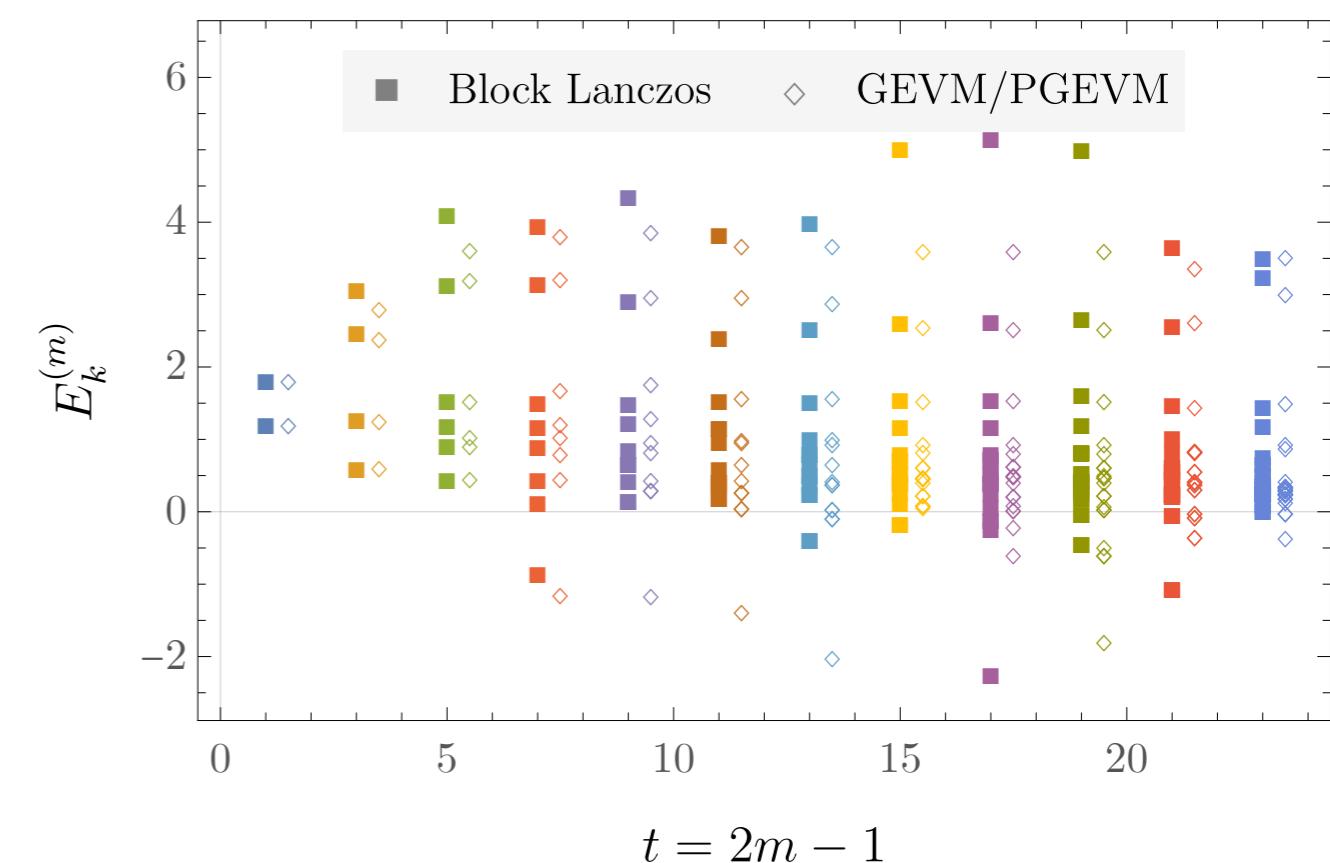
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Block Lanczos is a strict  
generalization of GEVP

In contrast to conjecture of  
Ostmeyer et al, arXiv:2411.14981

Block Lanczos  $\neq$  GEVM/PGEVM

Fischer et al, Eur. Phys.  
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Block Lanczos = Block Prony

Fleming, LATTICE2023

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2. Residual bounds
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**Part 1: Signal**

# KPS convergence theory

Lanczos converges exponentially faster than power iteration  
for transfer matrices with small gaps (e.g. for small  $a$ )

Kaniel, Mathematics of  
Computation 20, 369 (1966)

Paige, PhD thesis 1971

$$\delta = a(E_1 - E_0)$$

$$|E_0 - E_0^{(m)}| \propto e^{-2t\sqrt{\delta}}$$

$$|E_0 - E_0^{\text{eff}}(t)| \propto e^{-t\delta}$$

Saad, SIAM 17 (1980)

**Lanczos**

**Power iteration**

- Convergence benefits largest near continuum limit where  $1 \gg \sqrt{\delta} \gg \delta$
- Prony (= Lanczos) has identical convergence, but we didn't know the rate before

Block Lanczos converges exponentially faster than GEVP for  
transfer matrices with small gaps (e.g. for small  $a$ )

$$\delta_r = a(E_r - E_0)$$

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$$|E_0 - E_0^{(m)}| \propto e^{-2t\sqrt{\delta_r}}$$

$$|E_0 - E_0^{\text{GEVP}}(t)| \propto e^{-t\delta_r}$$

**Block Lanczos**

**GEVP**

# Residual bounds

- Lanczos approximation error after finite number of iterations directly computable:

$$\min_{\lambda \in \{\lambda_n\}} |\lambda_0^{(m)} - \lambda| \leq |\beta_{m+1} \omega_{m0}^{(m)}| \quad \text{Eigenvectors of } T^{(m)}$$

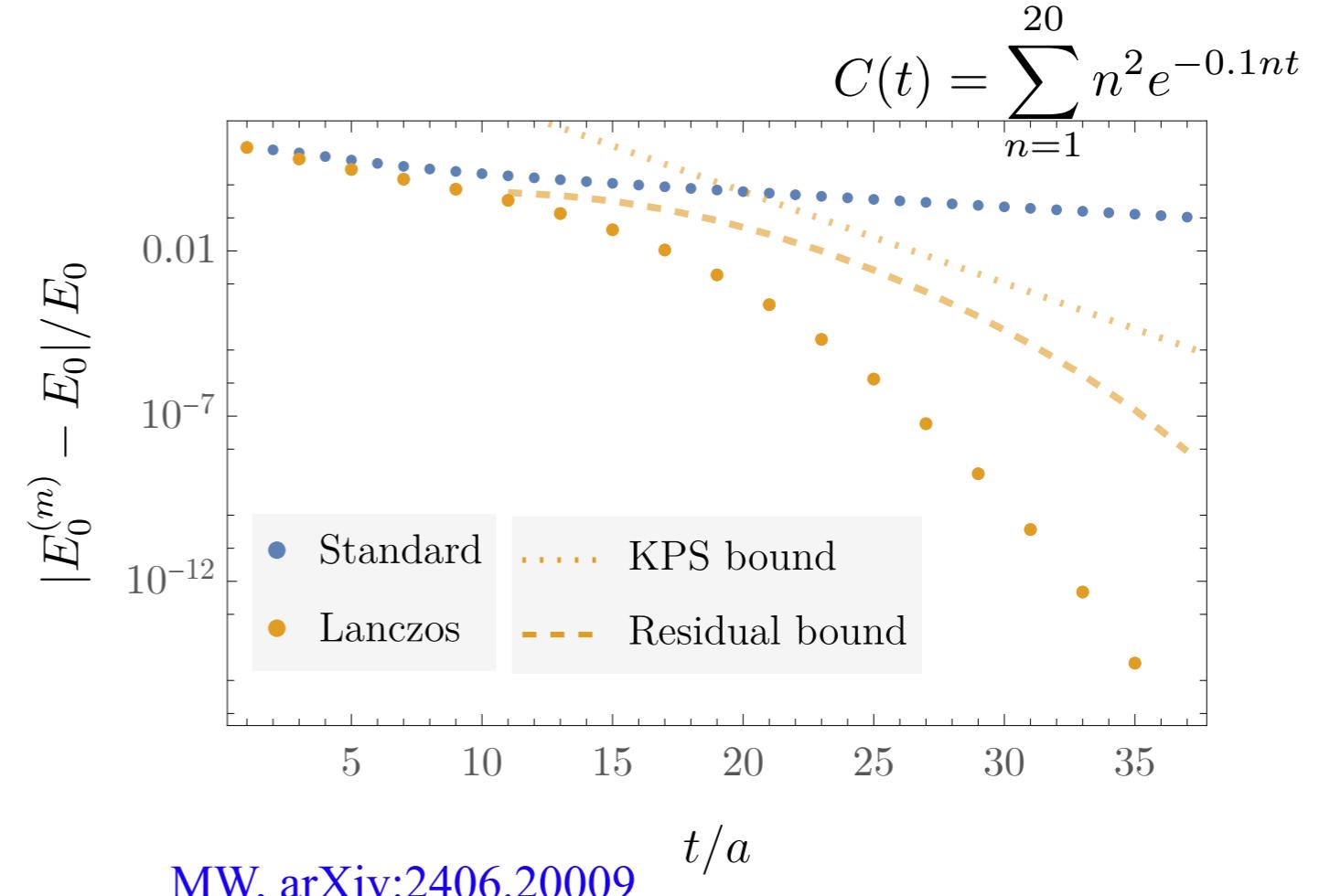
See Parlett, The Symmetric Eigenvalue Problem (1980)

Matrix element  $T_{m(m+1)}^{(m)}$

**Rigorous quantification of excited-state effects!**

Mock data tests demonstrate

- Lanczos converges exponentially faster than power iteration / effective mass
- Residual bound provides valid two-sided bound on errors from excited-state effects



**Note: residual bound is on distance to closest eigenvalue, not e.g. “true ground state”**

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# Spurious eigenvalues

Decades of research on how roundoff affects Lanczos has led to an understanding of the “Lanczos phenomenon”

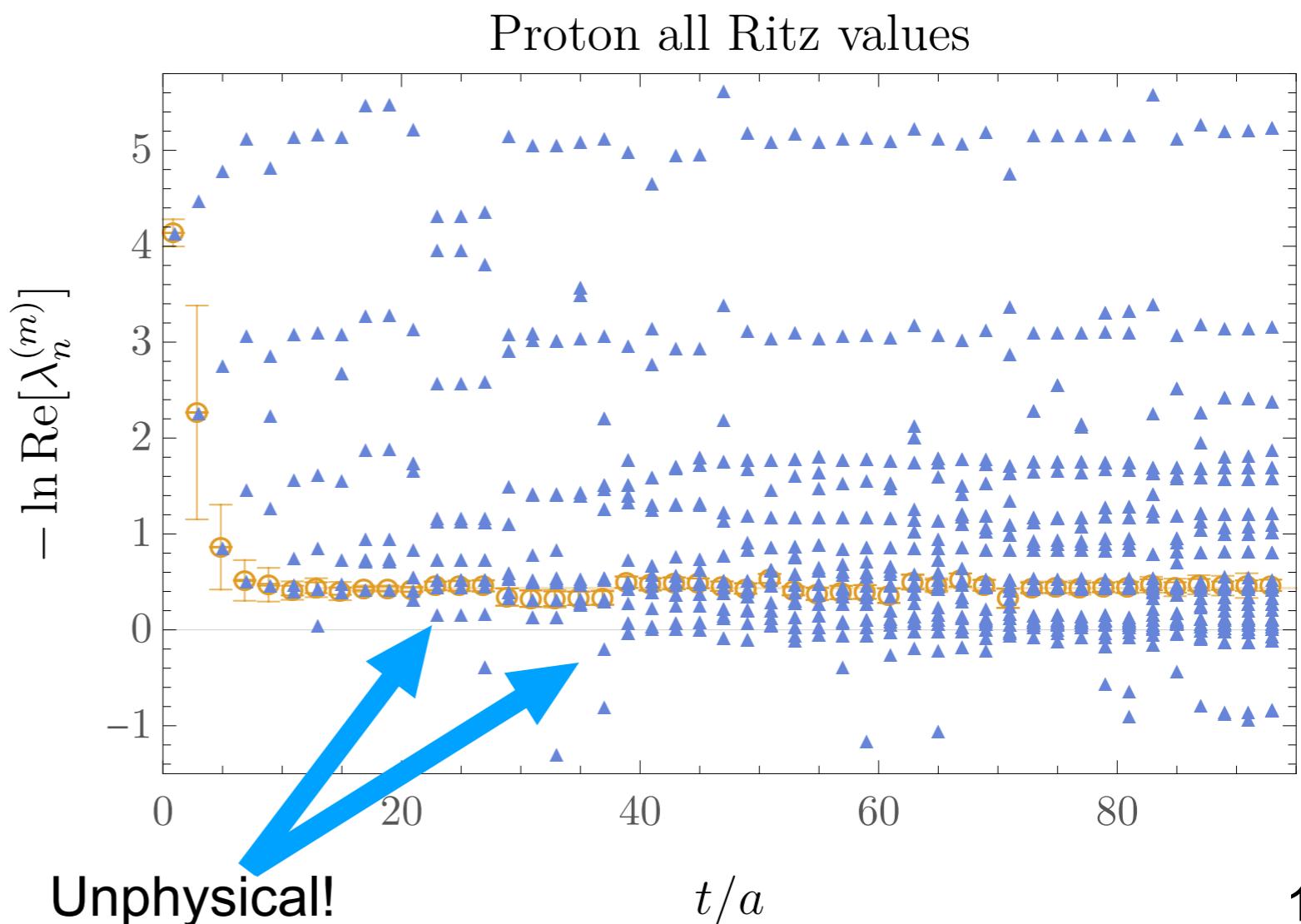
- Roundoff leads to  $O(1)$  errors in some “spurious” Ritz values that do not converge
- Remaining “non-spurious” Ritz values still accurate, converge to eigenvalues

Statistical noise leads to unphysical Ritz values:

MW, arXiv:2406.20009

- Most Ritz values complex even though transfer matrix eigenvalues real + positive
- Taking real parts at face value would give ground-state energy violating QCD inequality  $M_N > m_\pi$

Does removing “spurious eigenvalues” fix this?



# Cullum-Willoughby

- Jane Cullum and Ralph Willoughby developed a useful criterion for identifying spurious eigenvalues in 1981

Cullum and Willoughby, Journal of Computational Physics 44, 329 (1981)

**DEFINITION 1.** Spurious  $\equiv$  Outwardly similar or corresponding to something without having its genuine qualities.

$$T^{(m)} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & \beta_2 & & & 0 \\ \gamma_2 & \alpha_2 & \beta_3 & & \\ & \gamma_3 & \alpha_3 & \ddots & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \beta_{m-1} & \\ 0 & & \gamma_{m-1} & \alpha_{m-1} & \beta_m \\ & & & \gamma_m & \alpha_m \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T_2^{(m)} = \begin{pmatrix} \cancel{\alpha_1} & \cancel{\alpha_2} & \cancel{\alpha_3} & & 0 \\ \cancel{\gamma_2} & \alpha_2 & \beta_3 & & \\ \gamma_3 & \alpha_3 & \ddots & & \\ \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \beta_{m-1} & \\ 0 & & \gamma_{m-1} & \alpha_{m-1} & \beta_m \\ & & & \gamma_m & \alpha_m \end{pmatrix}$$

**DEFINITION 2.** Any simple eigenvalue of  $T_m$  that is pathologically close to an eigenvalue of  $\hat{T}_2$  will be called “spurious.”

# Think positive

Since transfer matrix is positive-definite by assumption, any eigenvalues with non-zero imaginary parts can be discarded as spurious on physical grounds

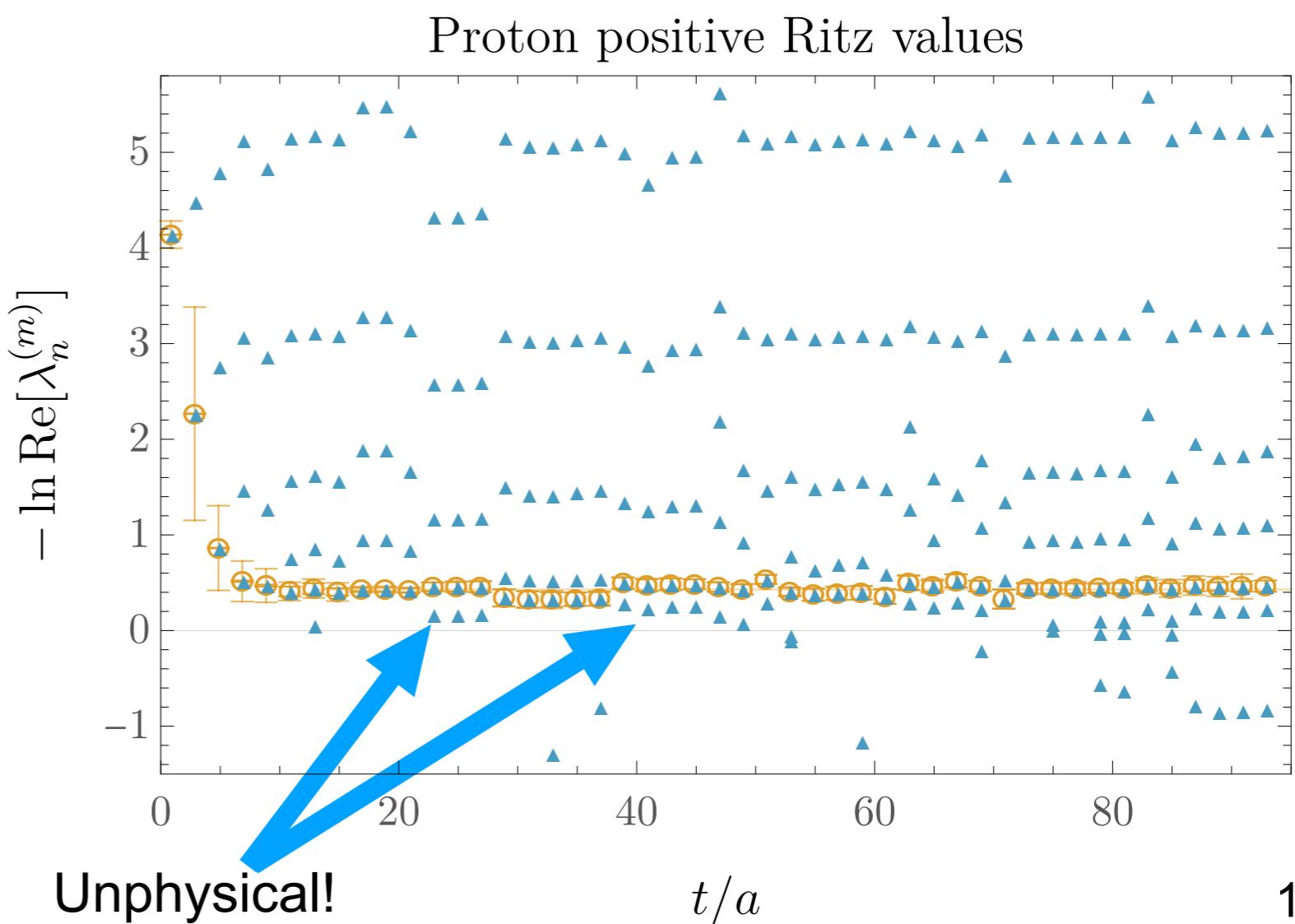
- Oblique Lanczos formalism provides rigorous framework for analyzing complex Ritz values

Saad, SIAM 19 (1982)

Not all unphysical Ritz values are complex, positive ones can still violate  $M_N > m_\pi$

Non-positive eigenvalues have much smaller Cullum-Willoughby “knockout distances” than positive ones

- At least some unphysical eigenvalues are spurious by CW definition

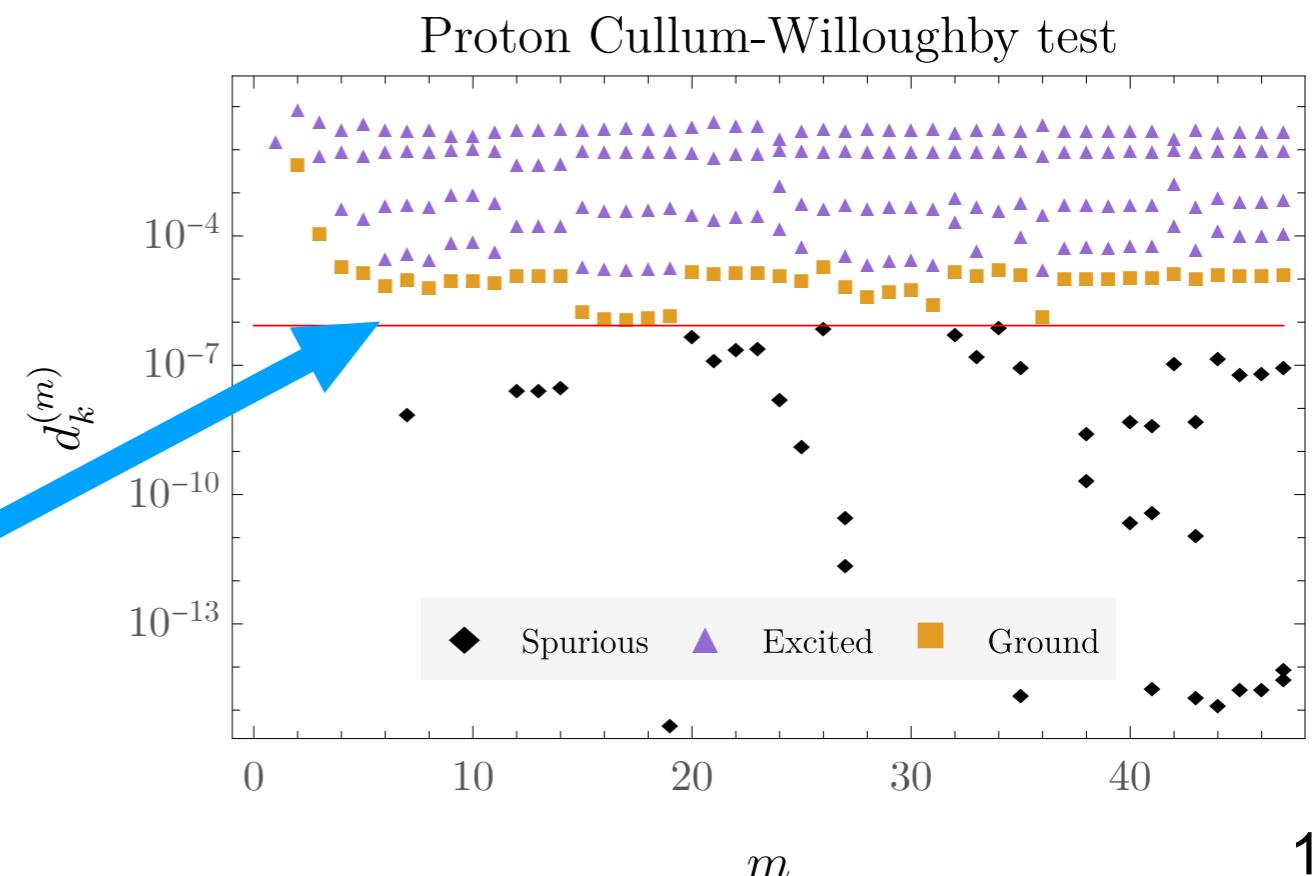
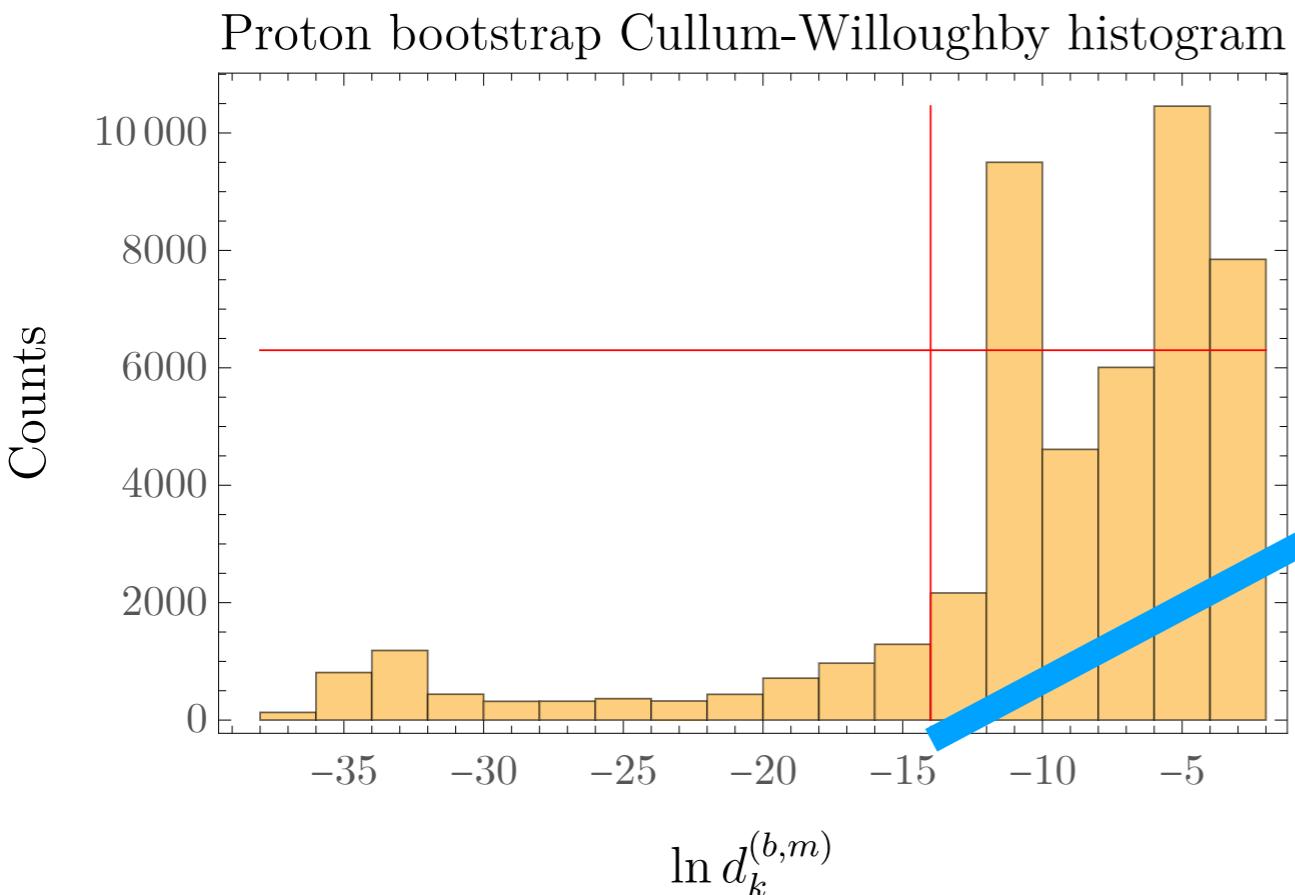


# Bootstrapping Cullum-Willoughby

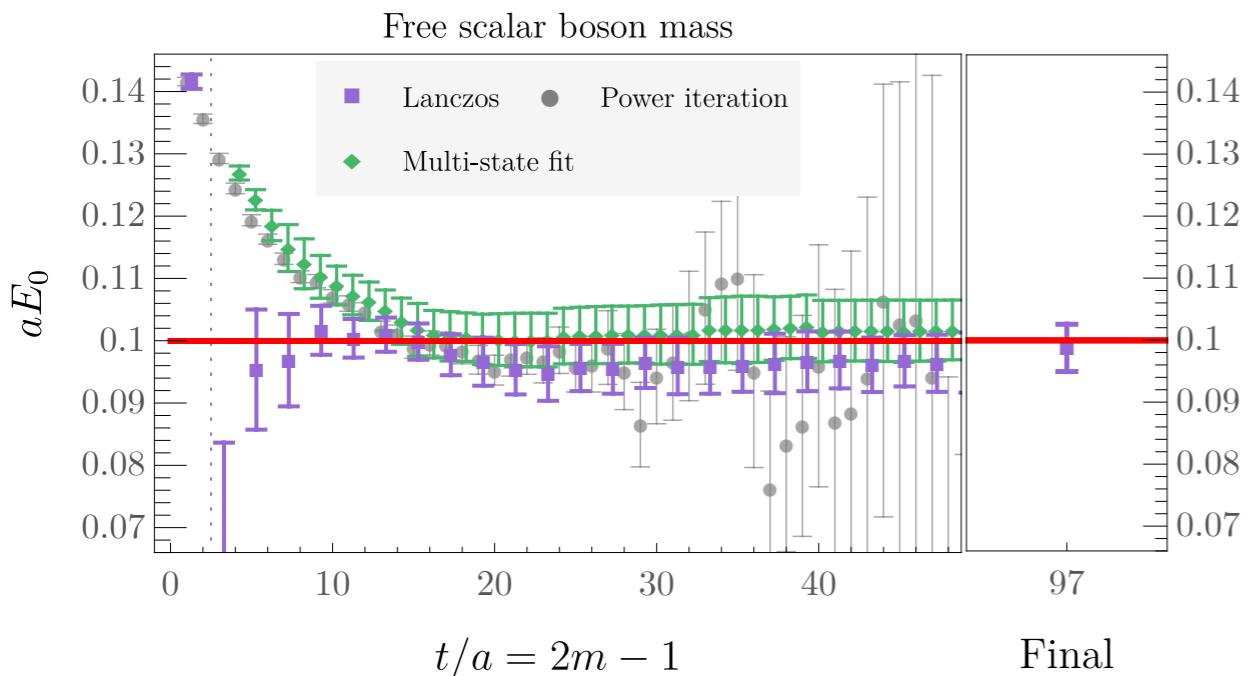
- Defining “pathologically close” is easy for finite matrices with floating-point roundoff error, harder for Monte Carlo simulations of infinite-dimensional matrices

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- Distances between  $T^{(m)}$  and  $T_2^{(m)}$  are consistently smaller for spurious than nonspurious eigenvalues — spurious ones also less stable vs iteration
- Use bootstrap histograms to define cutoff



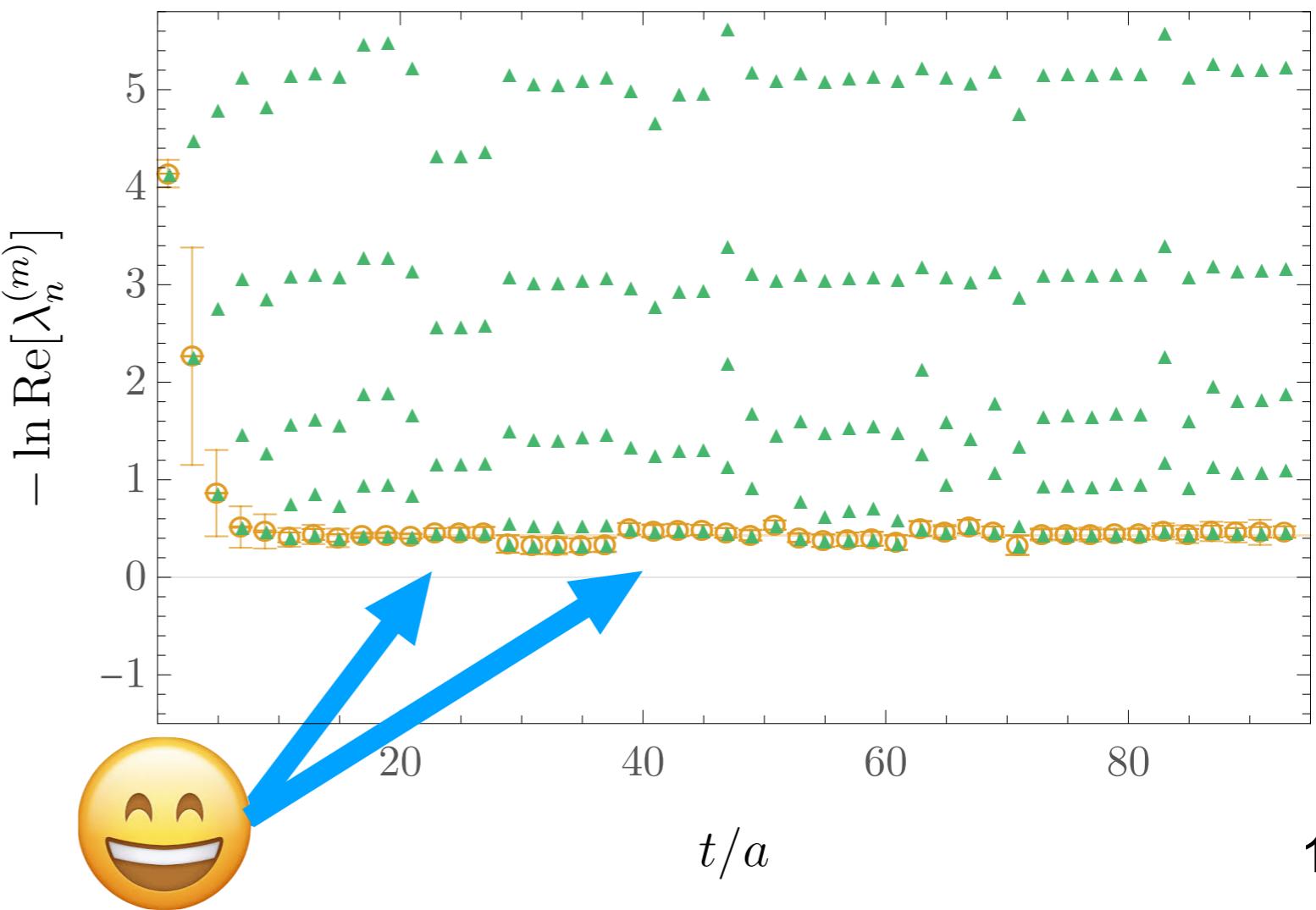
# Non-spurious energies are accurate



Defining  $\lambda_0^{(m)}$  as the largest “non-spurious” Ritz value leads to accurate ground-state energy determinations in solvable models (e.g. free scalar field)

Final

Proton non-spurious Ritz values



All obviously unphysical proton eigenvalues removed by filtering on “spuriously small” CW knockout distance defined via bootstrap histogram

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Introducing the ZCW test:

Spurious state



$\approx 0$  overlap with all initial states (interpolating operators)

Hackett, MW, arXiv:2412.04444

Spurious eigenvalue tests

Cullum-Willoughby  
knockout distance  $< \varepsilon^{\text{CW}}$



“Block CW”

$$\sum_a \text{row } a \text{ knockout distance} < \varepsilon^{\text{CW}}$$

Eigenvalue-eigenvector identity

“ZCW”  
 $|\text{overlap}|^2 < \varepsilon^{\text{ZCW}}$

Physical equivalence

Eigenvalue-eigenvector identity

“Block ZCW”

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Physical motivation generalizes straightforwardly to block ZCW

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## ZCW test for spuriously small overlaps

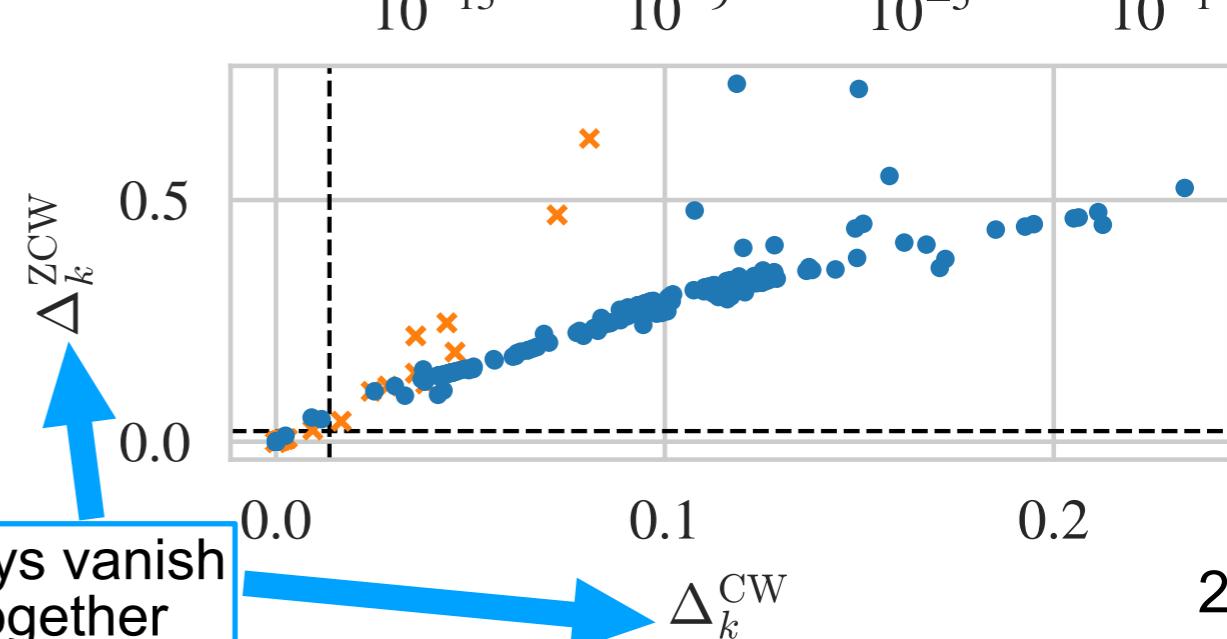
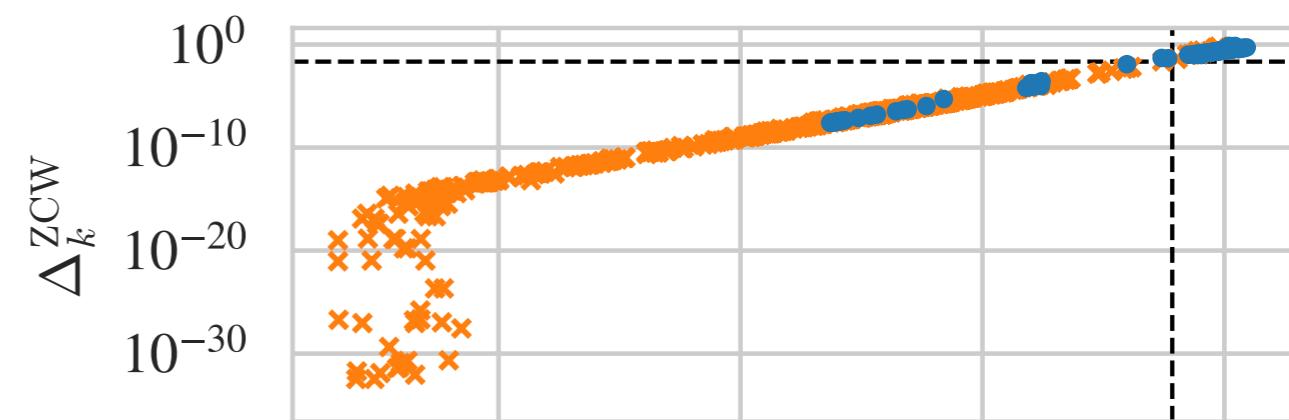
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$$\Delta_k^{\text{ZCW}(m)} = \left| \frac{Z_k^{R(m)*} Z_k^{L(m)}}{C(0)} \right| < \varepsilon^{\text{ZCW}}$$

Eigenvalue-eigenvector identity\* can be used to prove equivalence of CW and ZCW tests for small  $\varepsilon^{\text{ZCW}} \sim \varepsilon^{\text{CW}}$

Size of overlaps on last iteration where all Ritz values obey all physical constraints sets natural scale for  $\varepsilon^{\text{ZCW}}$

\* See Denton, Parke, Tao, and Zhang, Bull. Am. Math Soc. 59, 31 (2022)



# The physics of noise

Krylov space can be decomposed into sectors based off Ritz properties

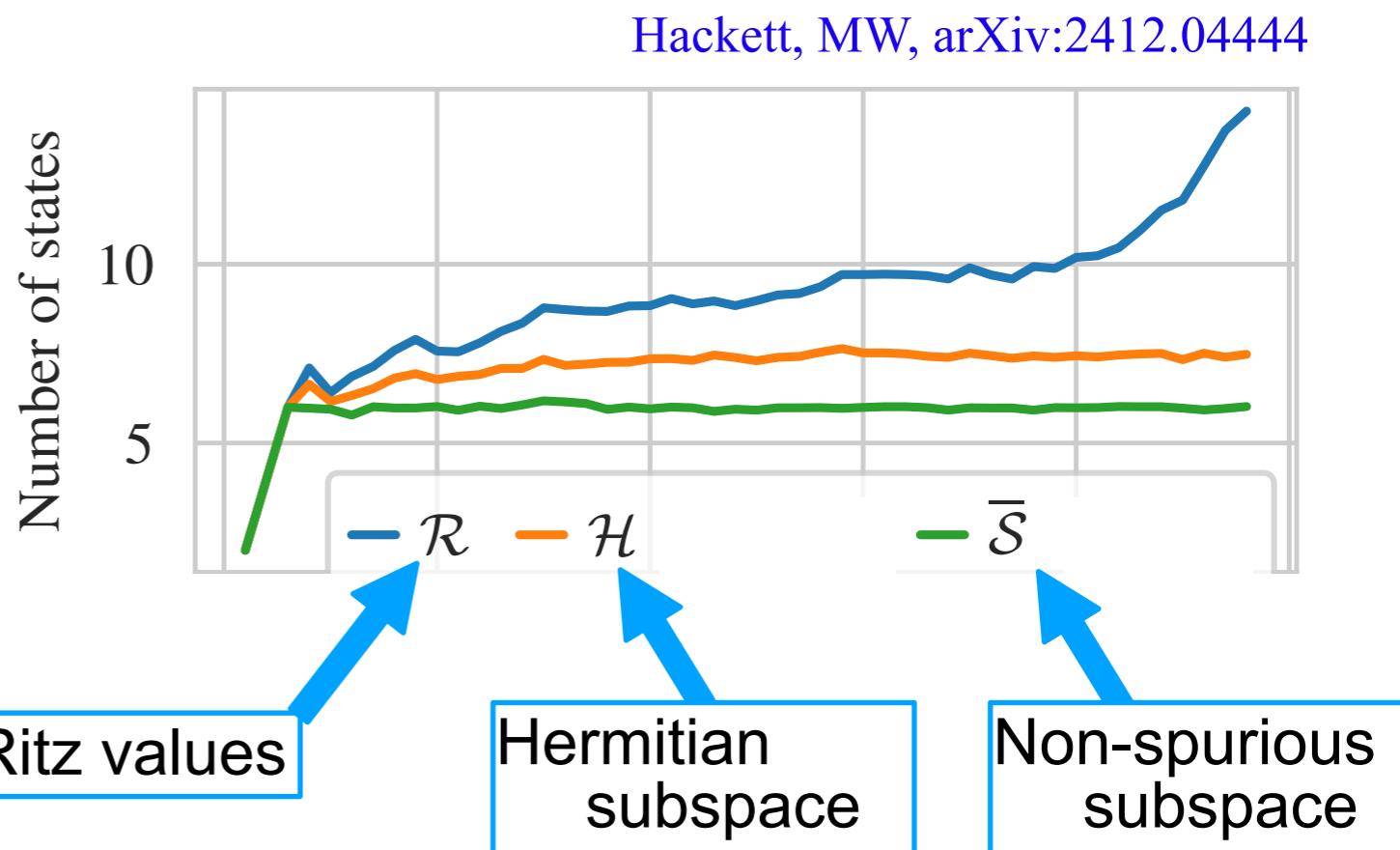
$$T^{(m)} = \sum_{k \in \bar{\mathcal{S}}} \lambda_k^{(m)} |y_k^{(m)}\rangle\langle y_k^{(m)}| + \sum_{k \in \mathcal{S}} \lambda_k^{(m)} |y_k^{L(m)}\rangle\langle y_k^{R(m)}|$$

Further classification of spurious states possible:

- Non-spurious  $\subset$  Hermitian subspace  $\subset$  Real Ritz values

Unphysical states (e.g. with complex norms) needed to describe data that is non-convex in the presence of noise

States with non-zero initial-state overlap (“correct quantum numbers”) are unaffected by spurious state filtering, can be interpreted physically



# The block ZCW test

Physical picture provides immediate generalization to “block ZCW test”

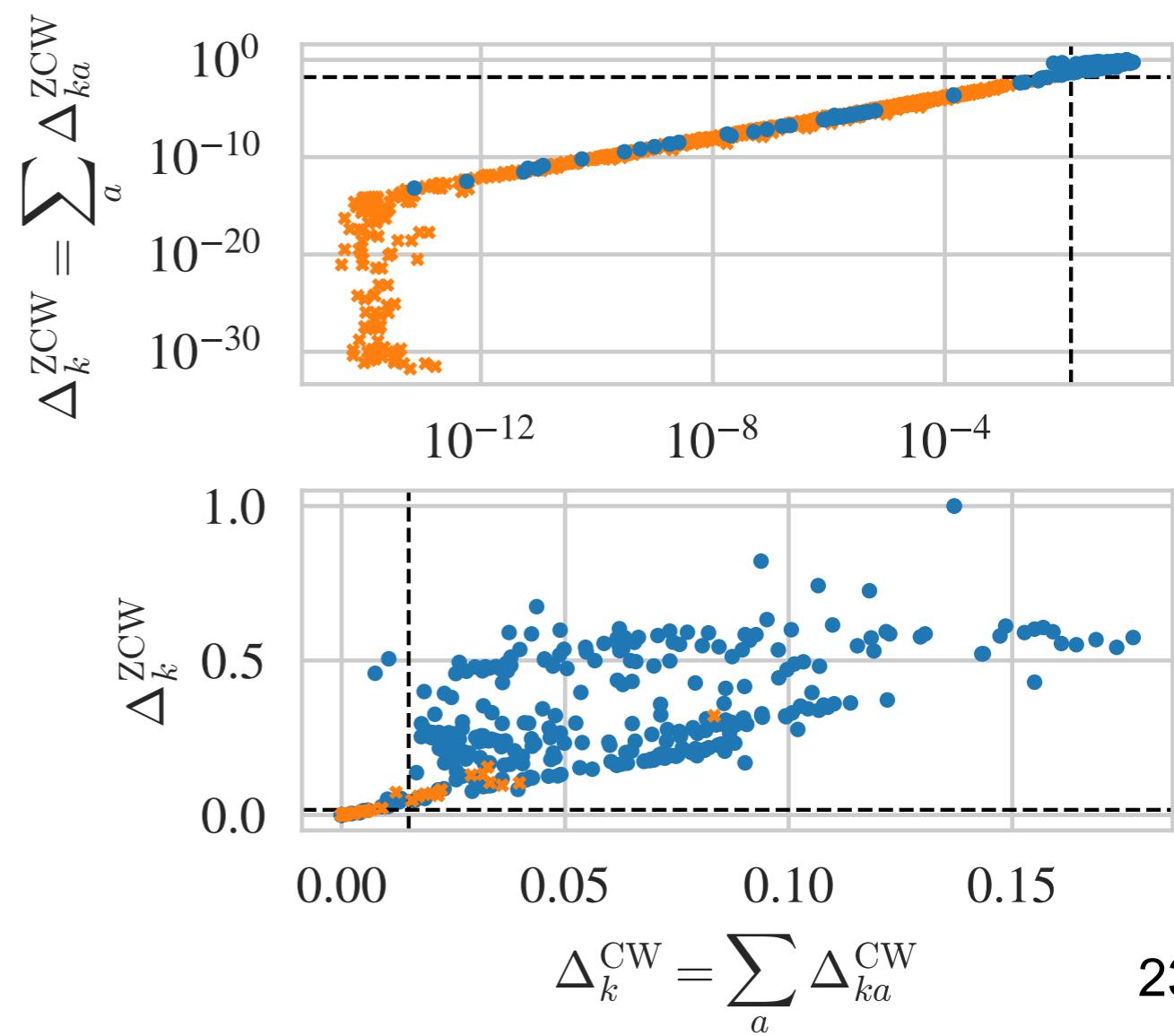
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“Spurious” iff sum of overlaps with all  
interpolating operators  $\approx 0$

Eigenvalue-eigenvector identity can be  
used again to define an equivalent  
“block CW test” involving a sum over  
knockout distances

- Block ZCW is simpler to implement and (much) computationally cheaper, preferred in practice



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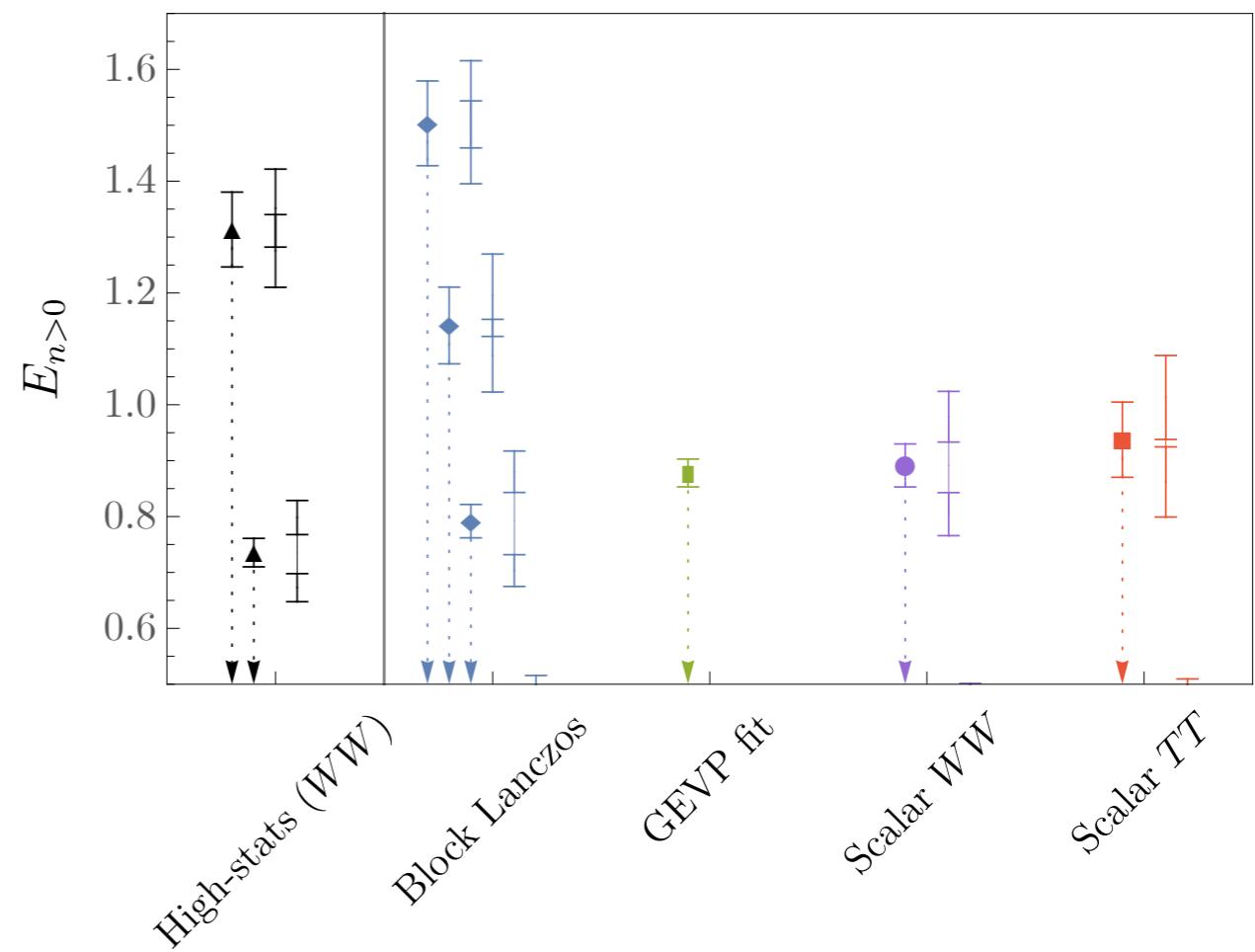
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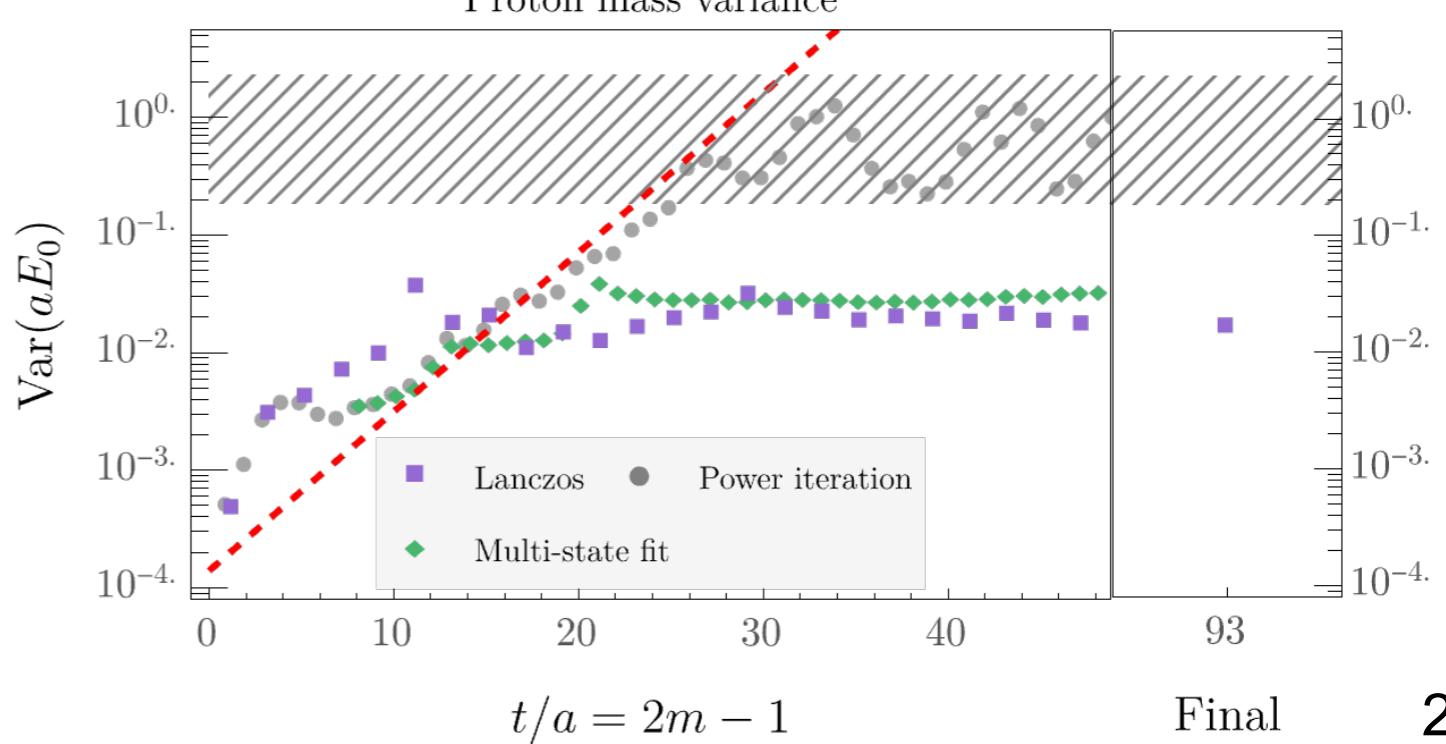
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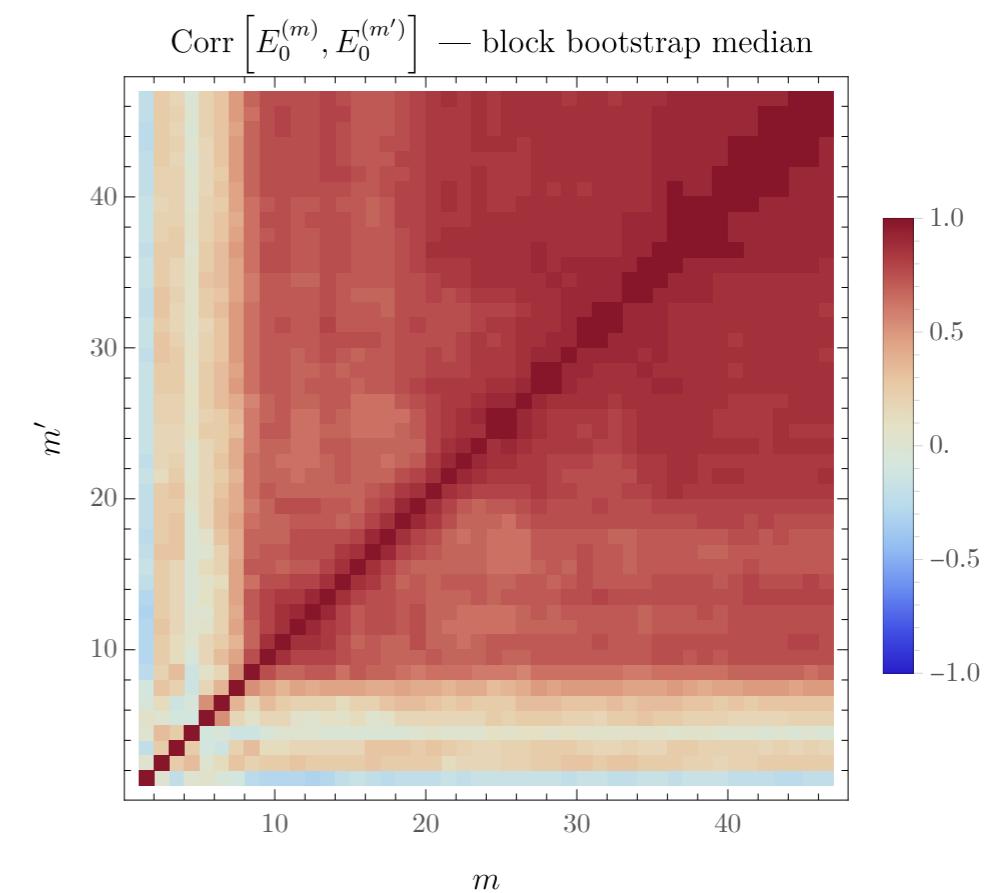
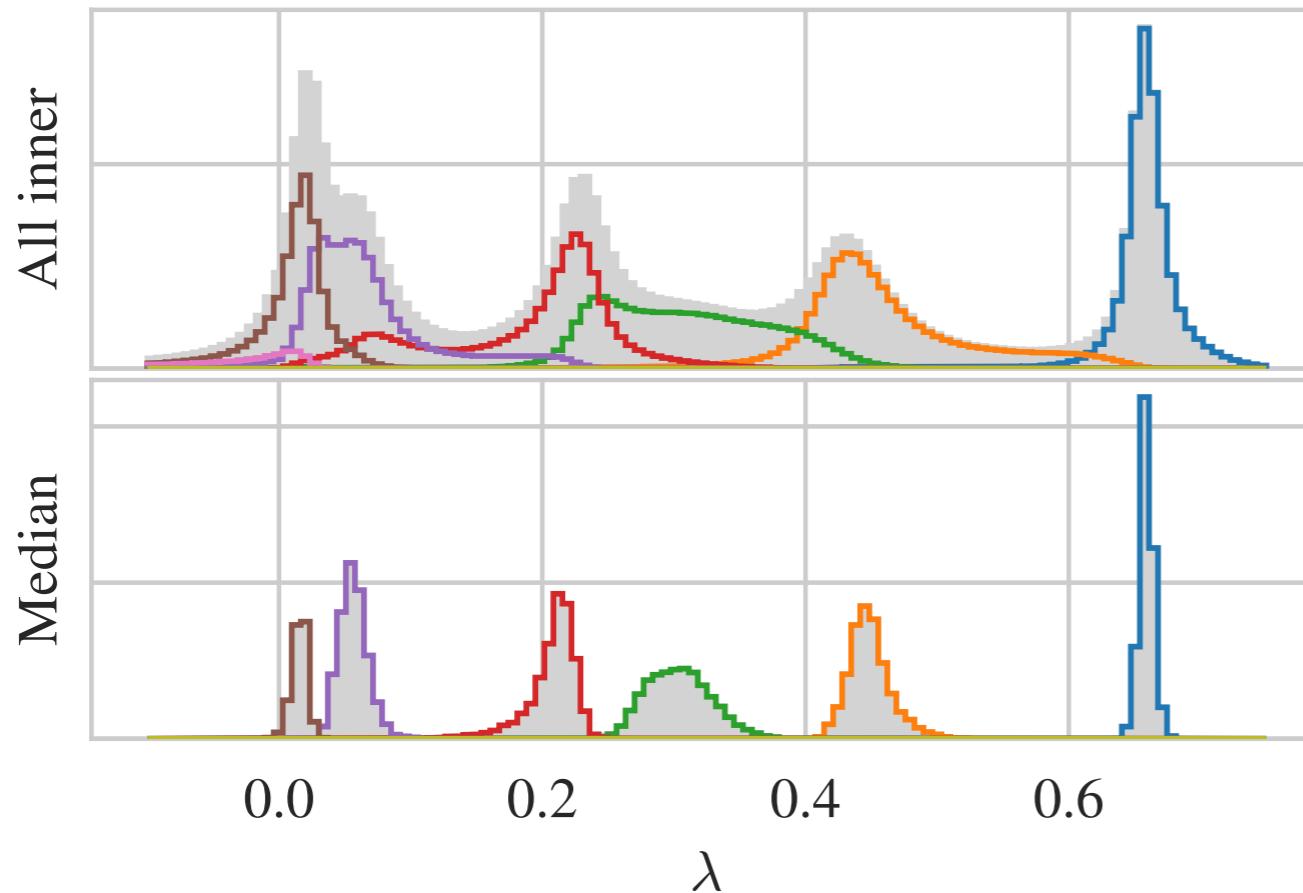
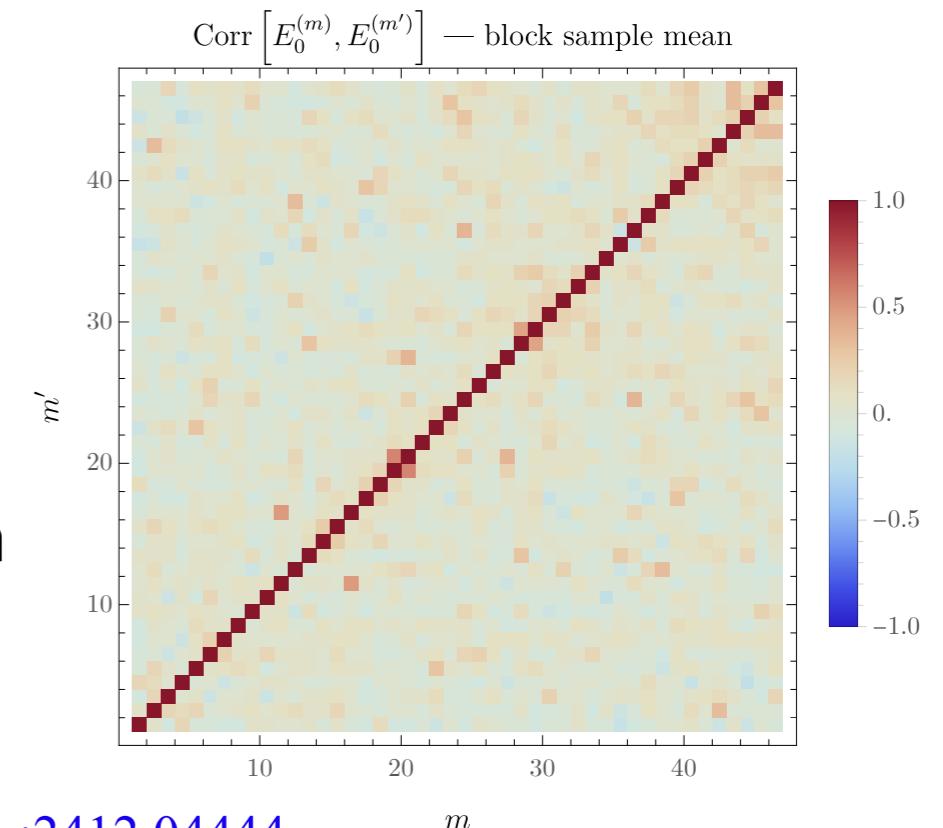
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# No fitting needed

Spurious state filtering isn't perfect — outlier robust estimators can be both more precise + accurate

- Use bootstrap median as estimator, compute uncertainties with nested bootstrap
- Large correlations appear for large  $m$  with bootstrap median, washed out in sample mean
- Energy distributions closer to Gaussian for bootstrap median

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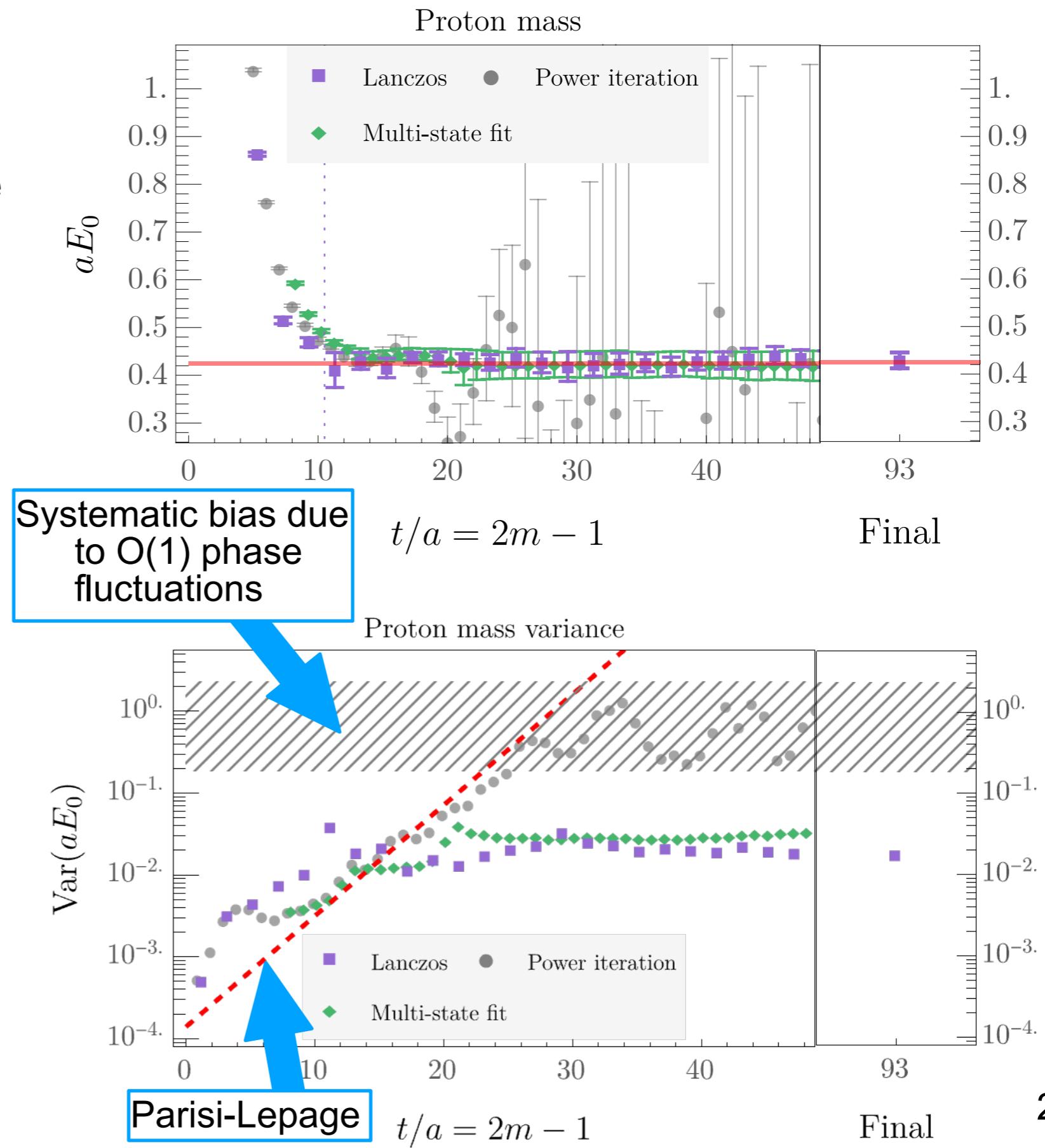
# Asymptotically constant SNR

Bootstrap median estimators provide comparable uncertainties to multi-state fits with  $t_{\max} = 2m - 1$

Given large correlations at large  $m$ , sufficient to define energy estimator from final iteration

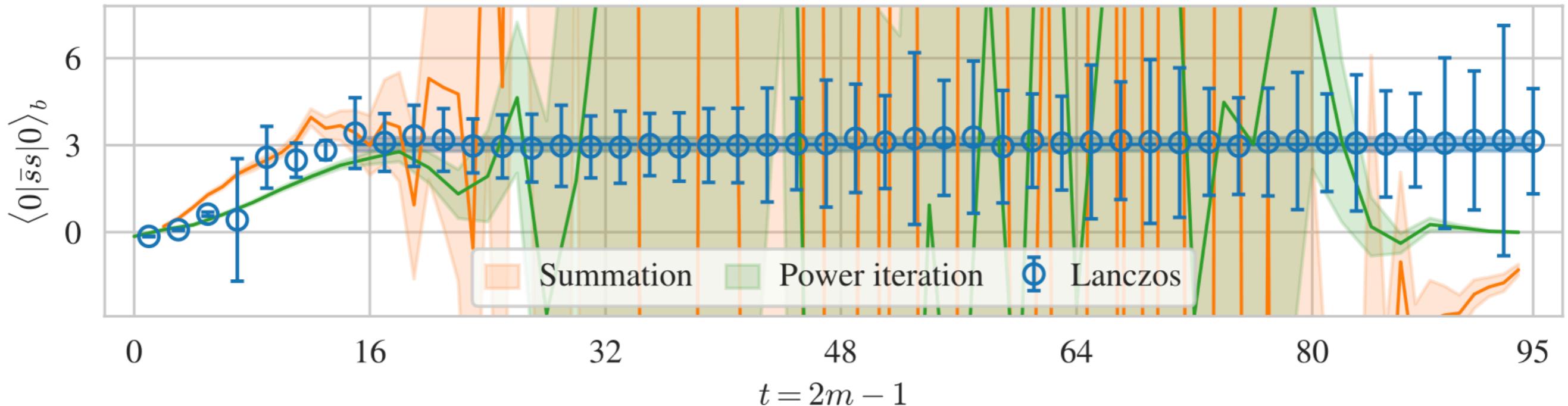
Variance saturates to constant value for large  $m$ , comparable to saturation of multi-state fit results

- Contrasts with power-iteration / effective mass, which exponentially approaches 0 SNR



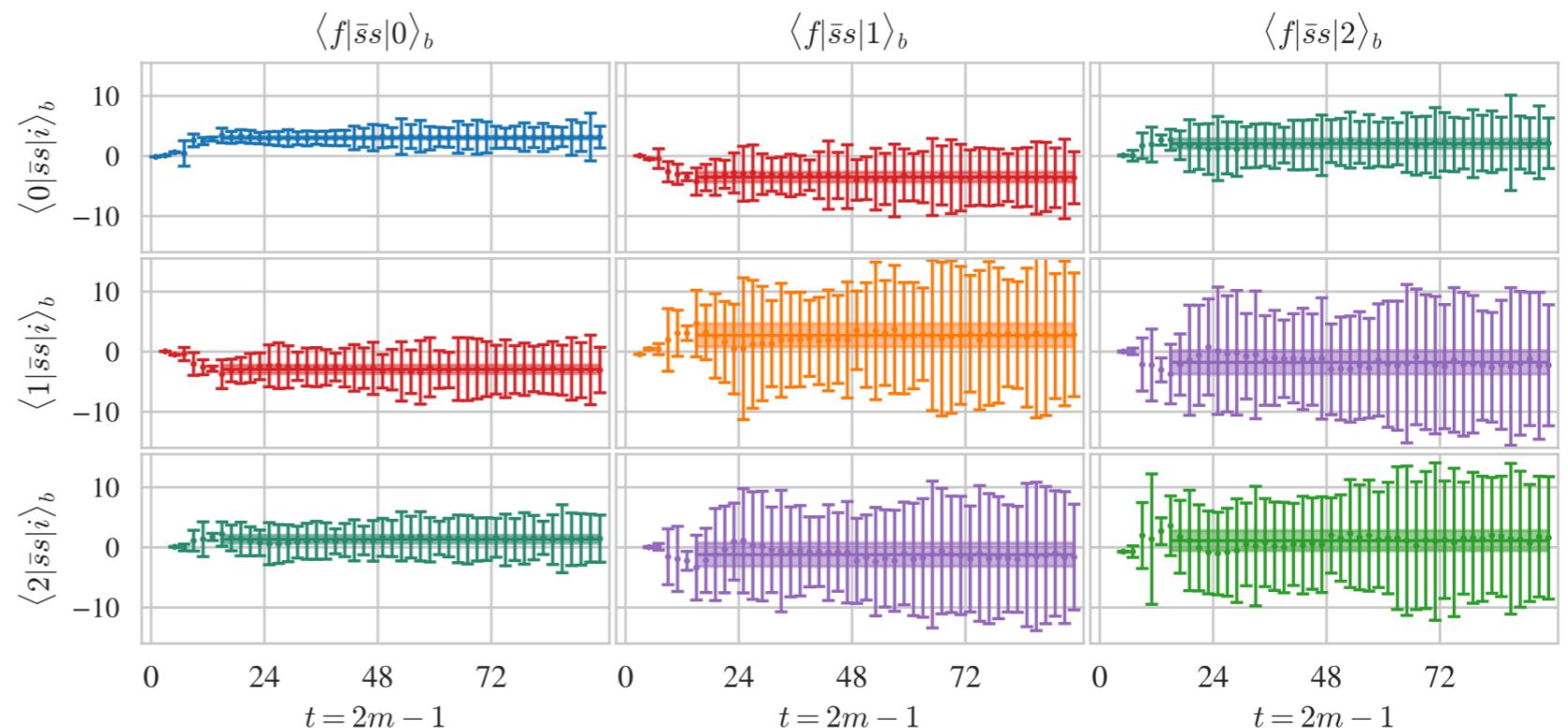
# Operator matrix elements

Nucleon strange scalar (bare) matrix element, non-nested [Hackett, MW, arXiv:2407.21777](#)



Lanczos eigenvectors provide change of basis allowing matrix elements to be extracted from 3pt functions with simple matrix multiplication

- Excited / transition matrix elements accessible



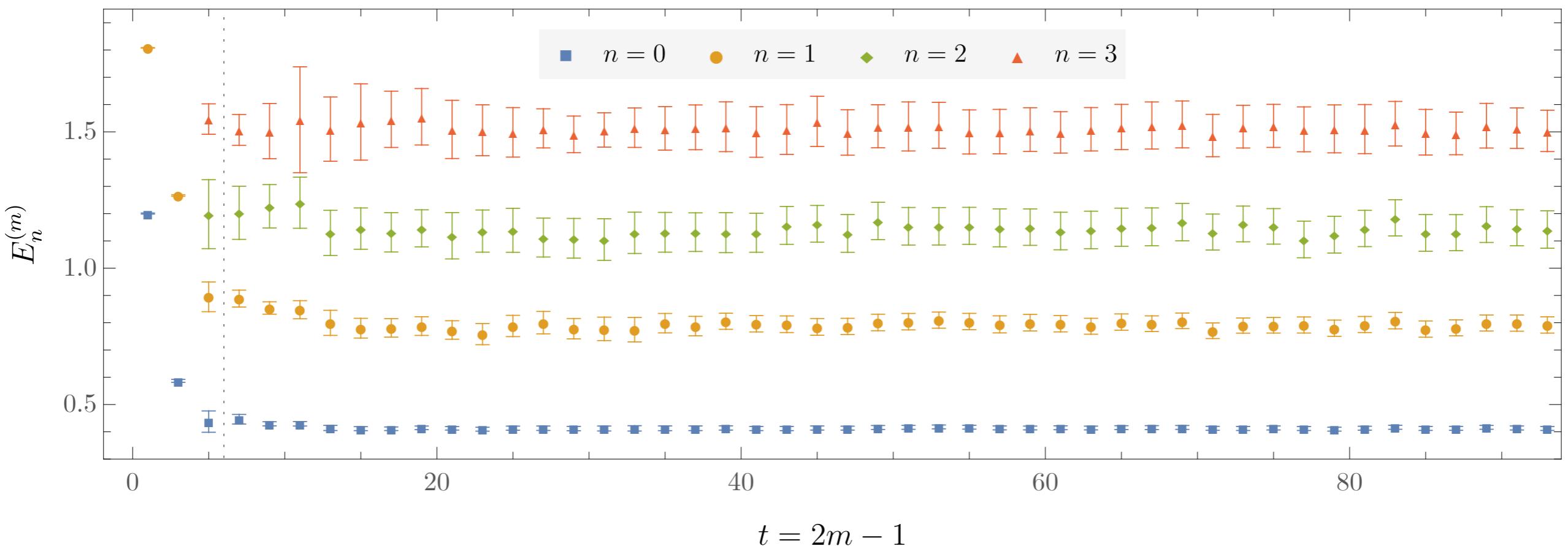
# More excited states

Excited-states also show asymptotically constant SNR, rapid convergence

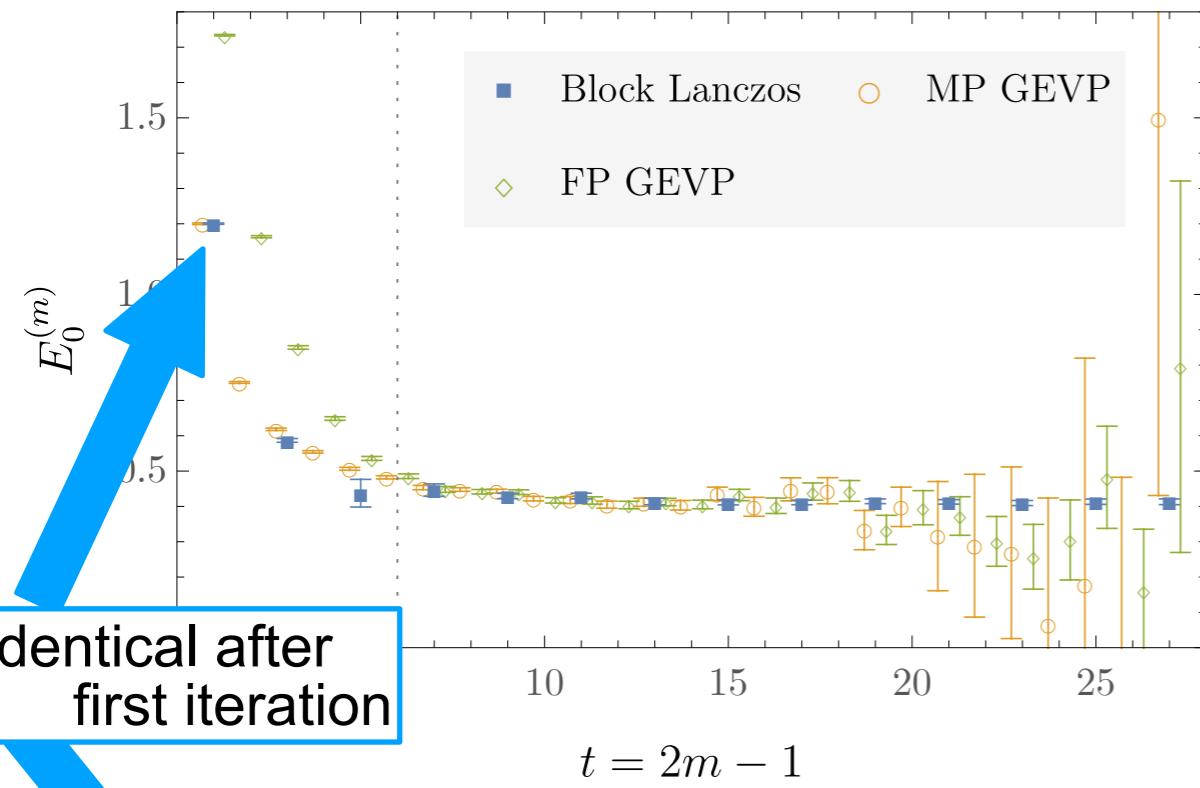
- Block Lanczos can cleanly extract e.g. 4 states from a noisy  $2 \times 2$  matrix

Residual bounds provide rigorous two-sided systematics for excited states

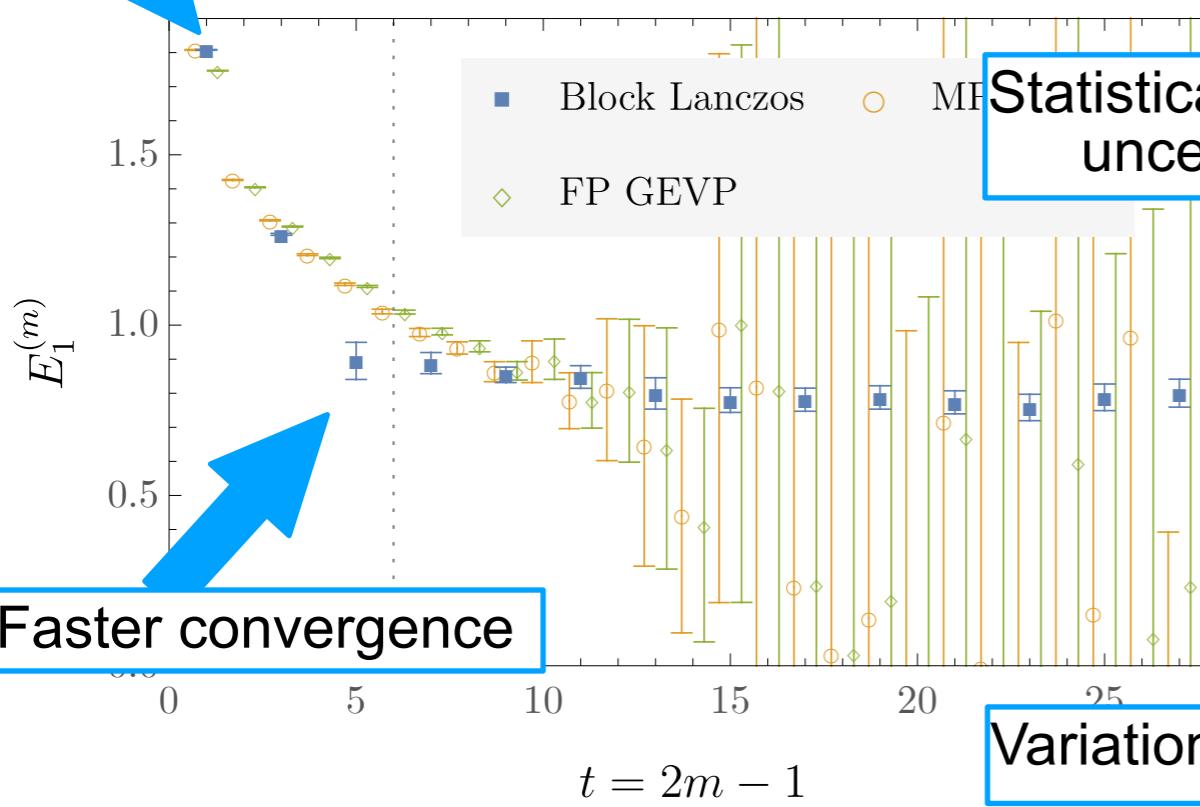
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# Block Lanczos and GEVP: Es



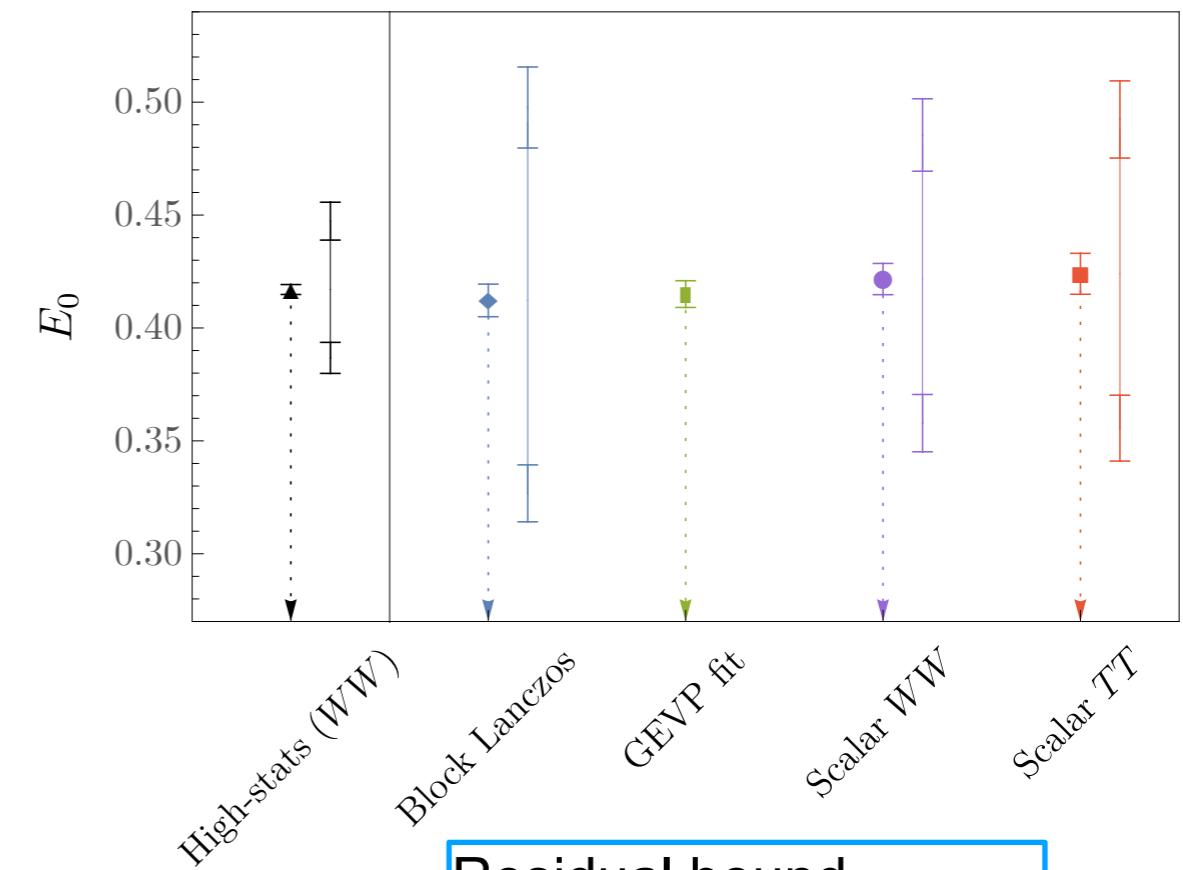
Identical after  
first iteration



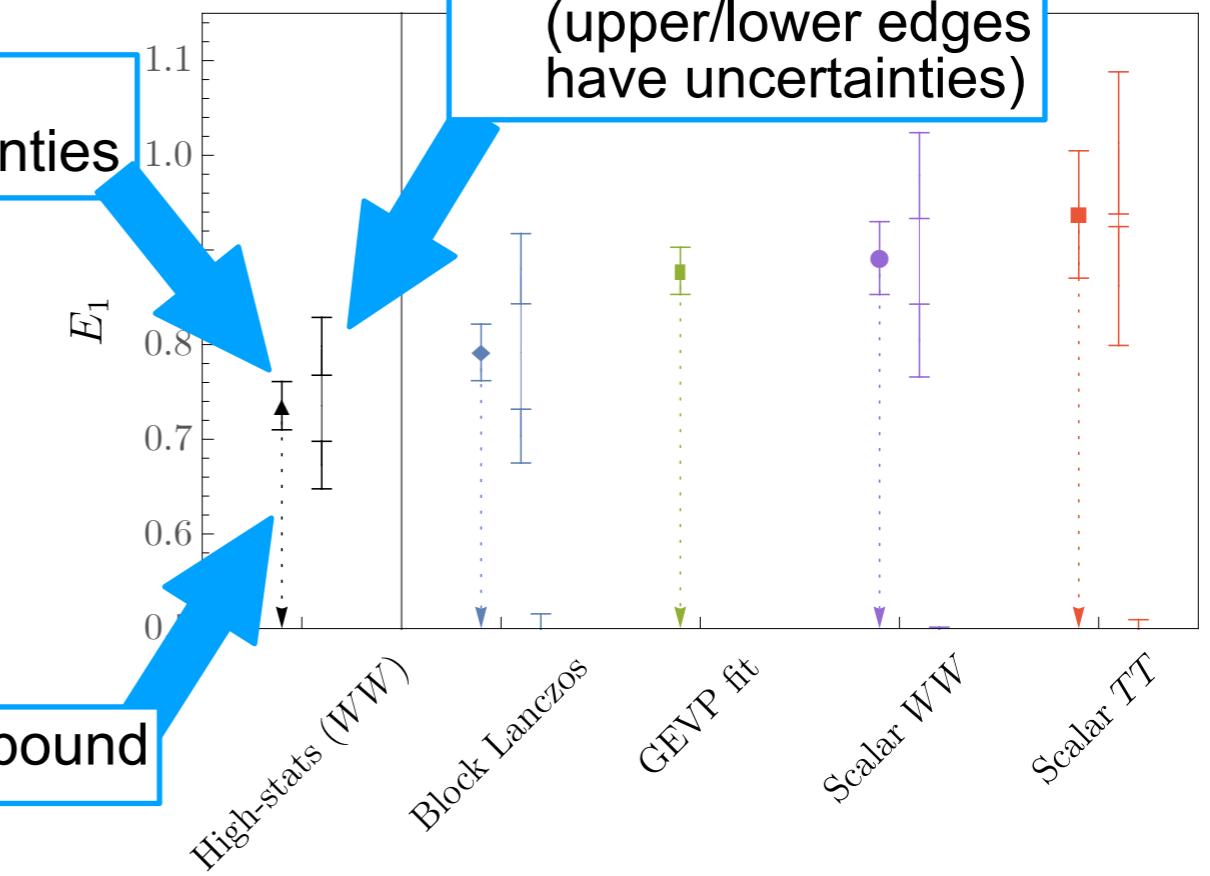
Faster convergence

Statistical  
uncertainties

Variational bound



Residual bound  
(upper/lower edges  
have uncertainties)



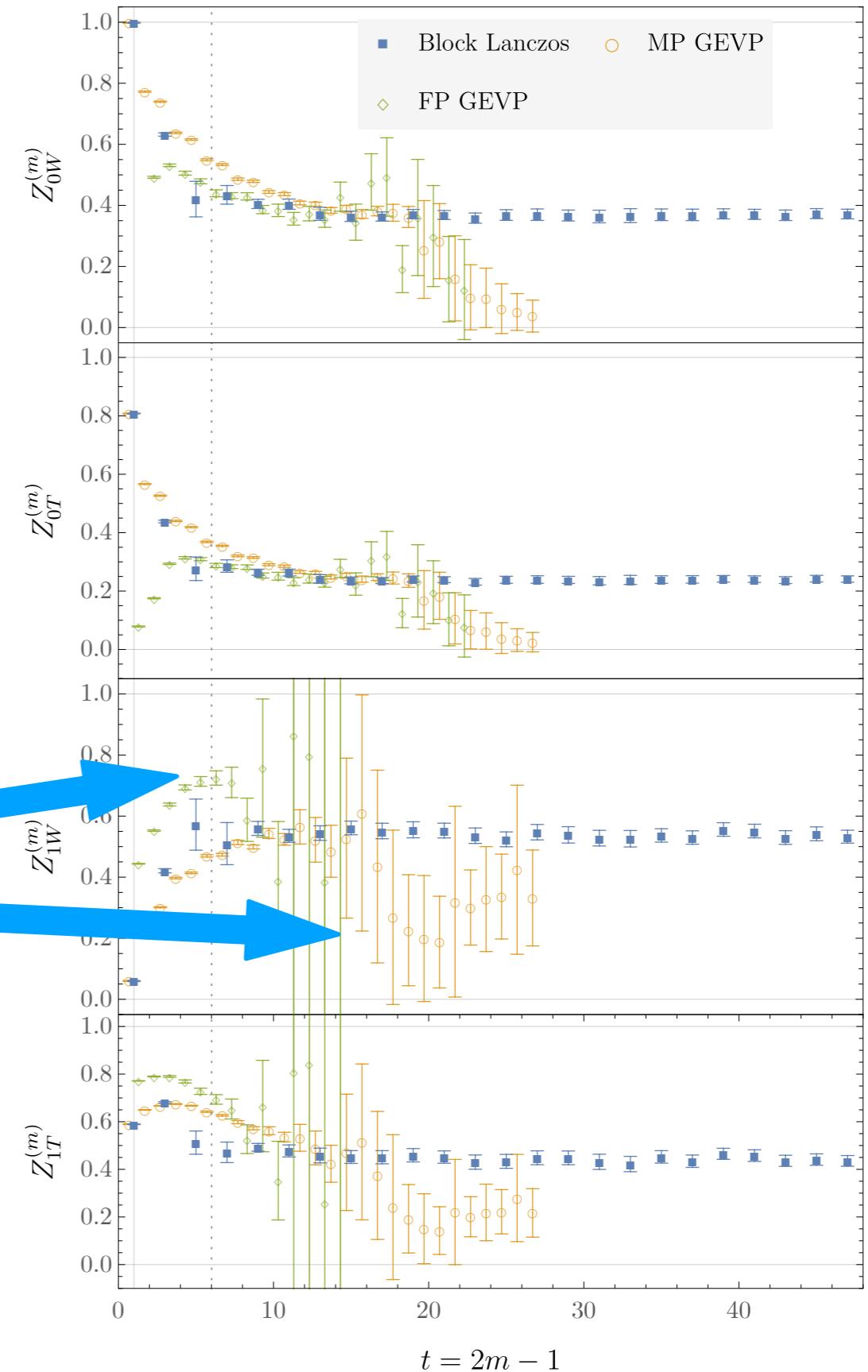
# Block Lanczos and GEVP: Zs

Block Lanczos provides unambiguous signals for ground- and excited-state overlap factors

- Consistent with GEVP when the latter achieves reliable plateaus

Deceptive pseudo-plateau?

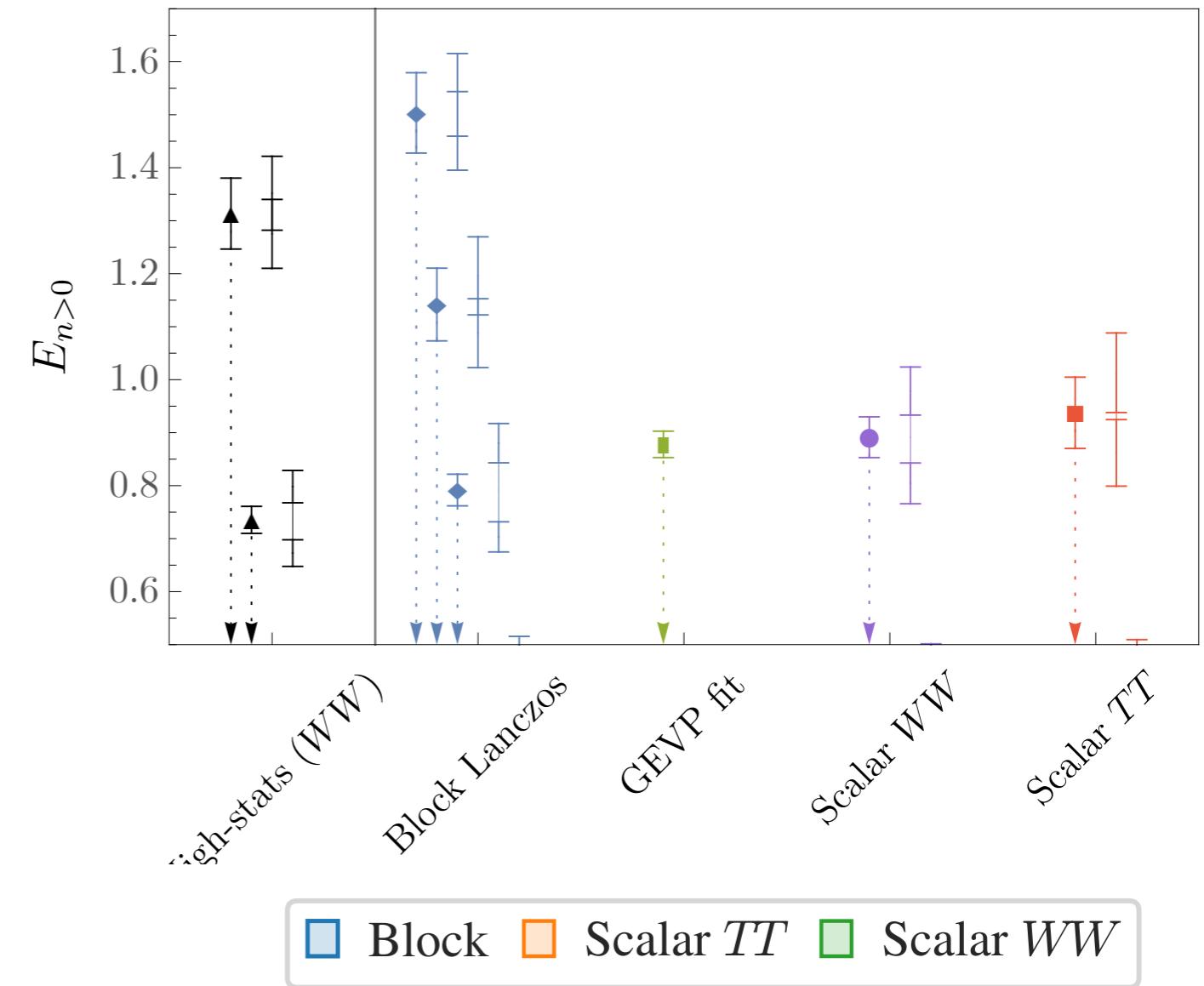
- More robust signals for noisy excited-state observables



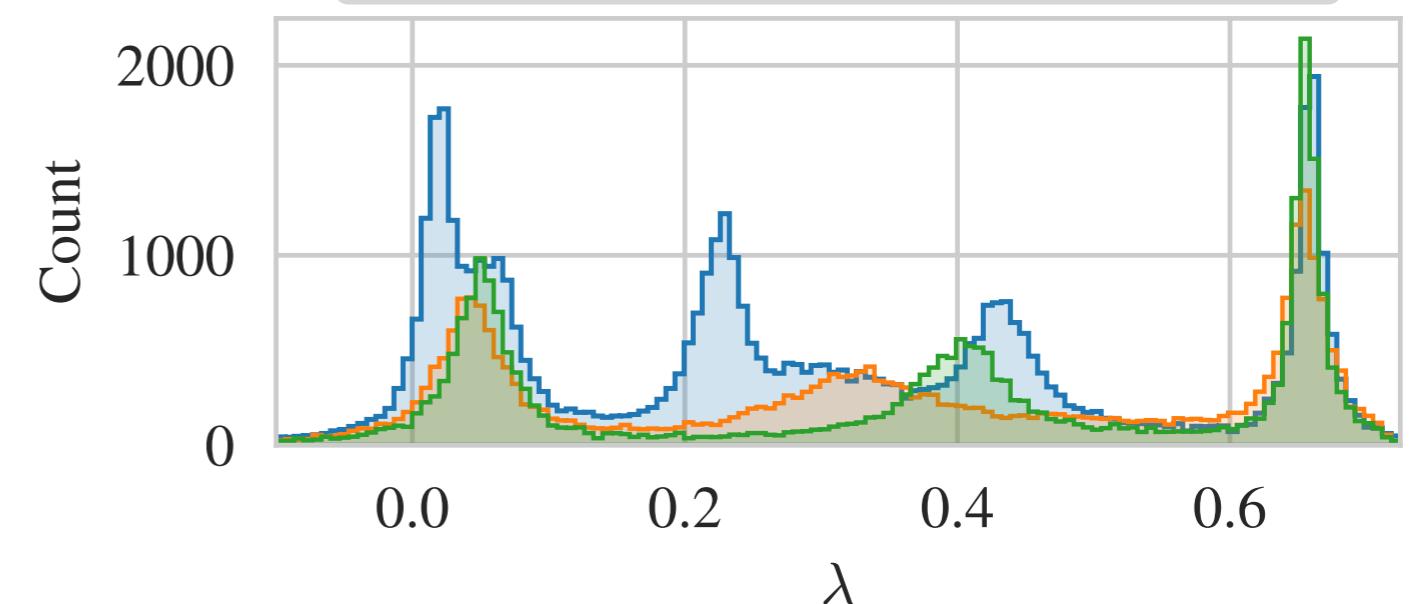
# Towards higher excited states

Eigenvalue multiplicity is non-trivial to determine with Lanczos

- Ritz values with overlapping residual bounds could be approximating the same eigenvalue
- Residual bounds key for ensuring an eigenvalue has been isolated, multiplicity ambiguous if they are statistically compatible



Physical states with sufficiently small interpolator overlap (e.g.  $N\pi$  states here) are not resolved by Lanczos. Large sets of multi-hadron operators still needed to compute phase shifts with block Lanczos



# What's new?

1. Fast convergence, guaranteed



2. Residual bounds



3. Spurious state filtering



4. No fitting needed



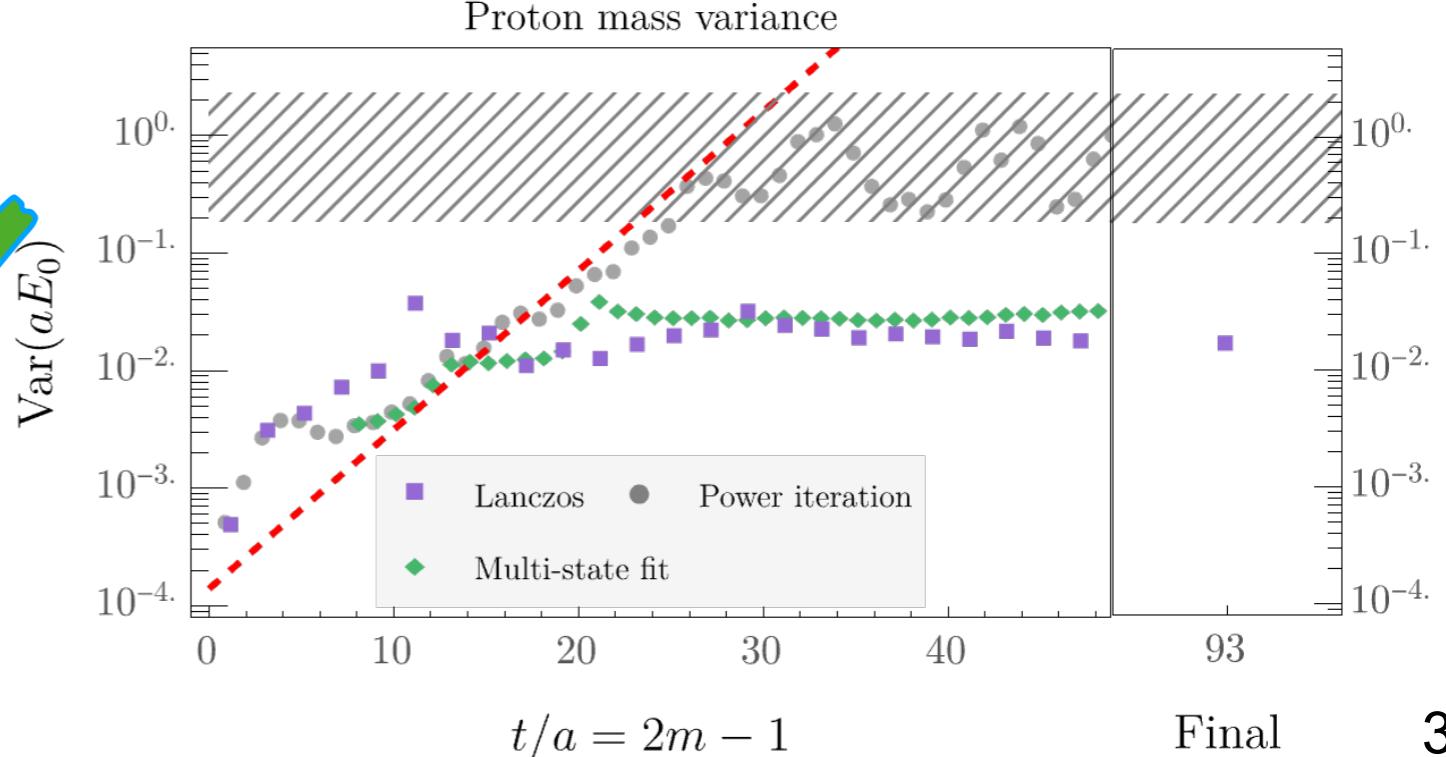
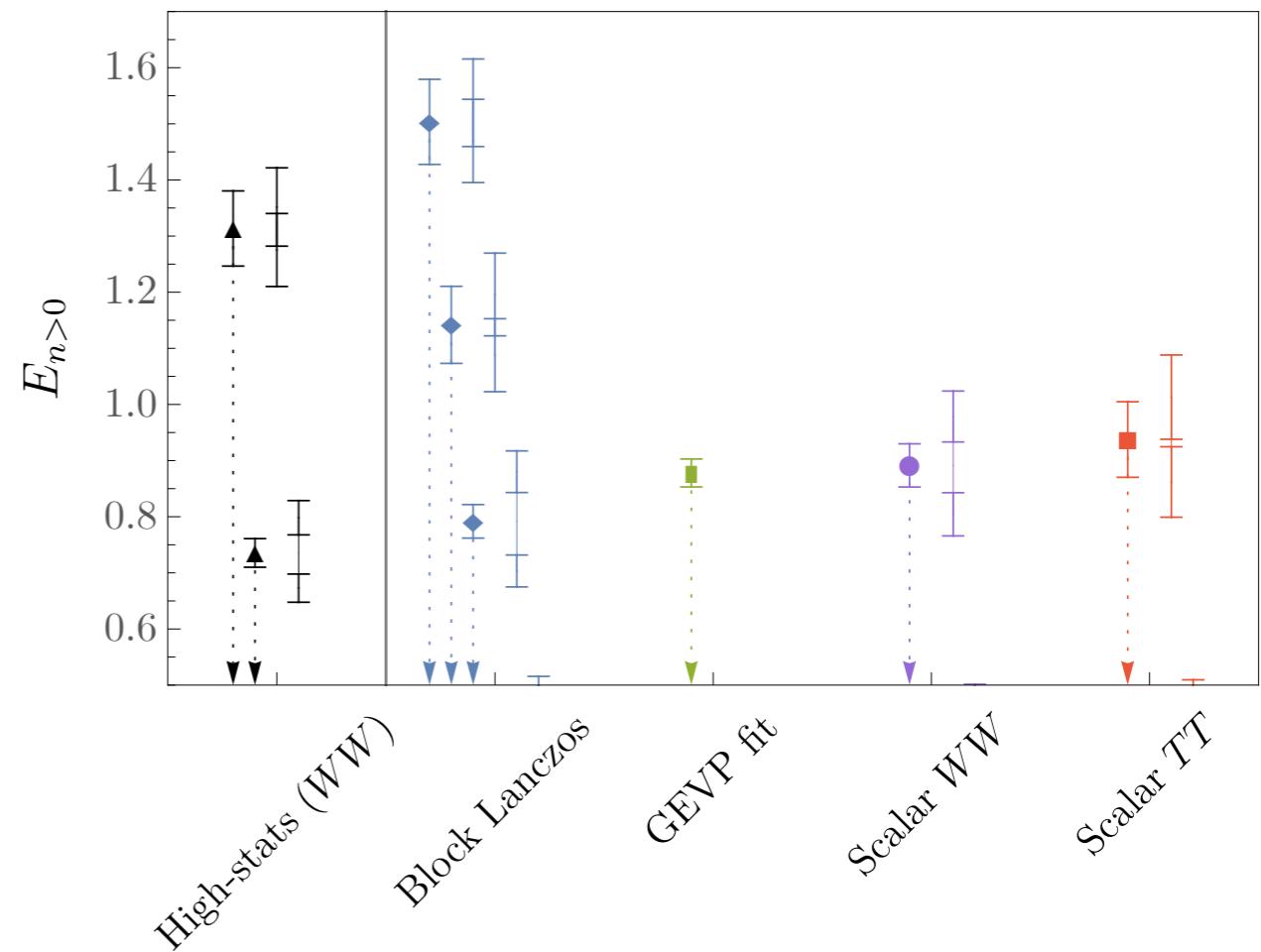
5. Asymptotically constant SNR



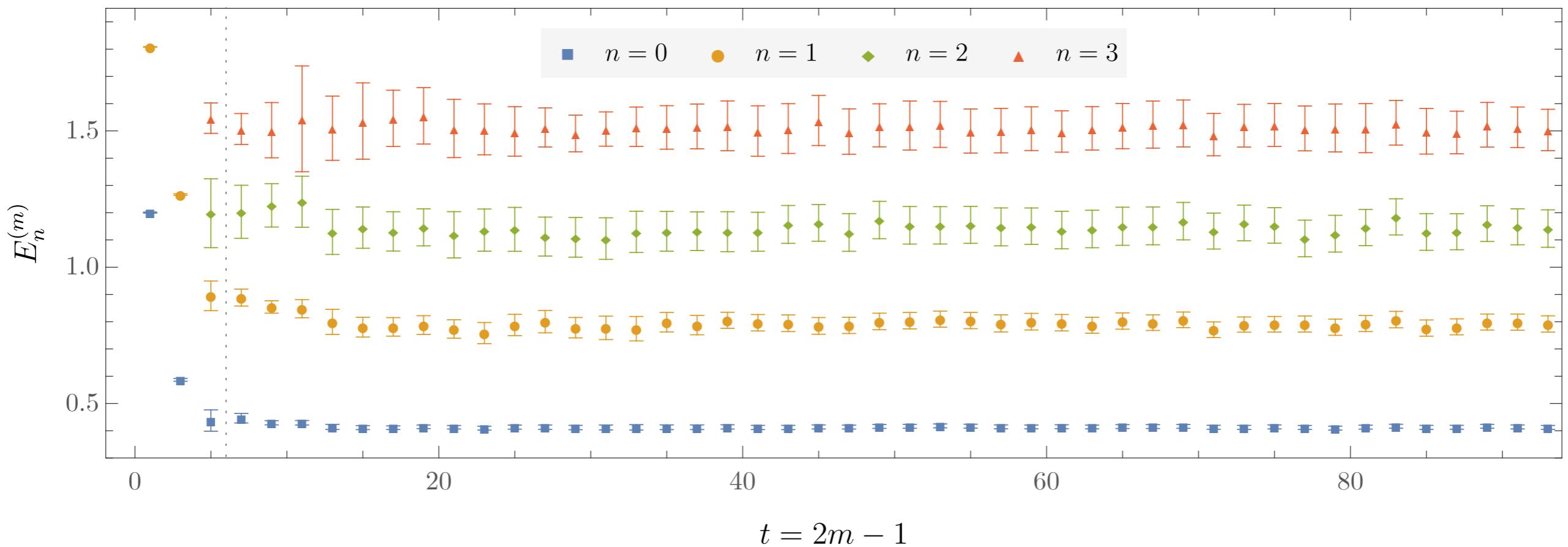
6. Simple matrix element extractions



7. More excited states, cleanly



# Thank you!



# Thank you!

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**Cornelius Lanczos**



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**Jane Cullum**



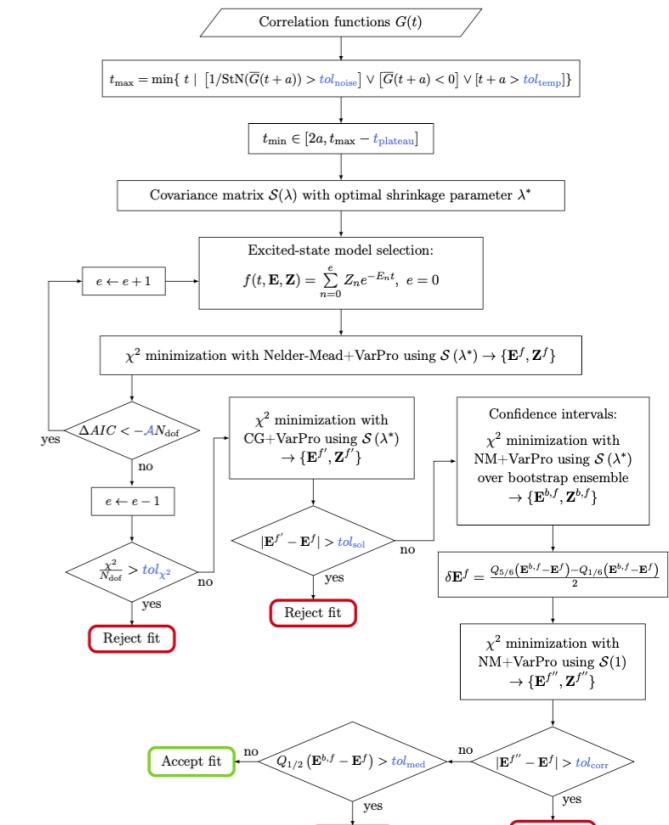
# Backup - GEVP fits

$N_{\text{states}}$	$t_{\text{min}}$	$E_0$	$\chi^2/N_{\text{dof}}$	$N_{\text{dof}}$
3	2	0.403(12)	1.0	13
3	3	0.4221(50)	1.7	12
3	4	0.466(27)	29	11
3	5	0.4025(93)	1.3	10
3	6	0.4331(20)	4.1	9
3	7	0.4288(84)	4.0	8
3	8	0.4139(60)	1.1	7
3	9	0.4157(40)	1.4	6
3	10	0.4143(42)	1.6	5
3	11	0.4138(71)	1.9	4
3	12	0.416(10)	2.5	3
3	13	0.42(21)	3.7	2
3	14	0.422(12)	7.1	1
2	2	0.4293(30)	2.0	15
2	3	0.5213(51)	129	14
2	4	0.4146(59)	1.2	13
2	5	0.4448(26)	7.2	12
2	6	0.4331(50)	3.4	11
2	7	0.410(11)	1.0	10
2	8	0.4233(49)	2.3	9
2	9	0.4157(40)	1.0	8
2	10	0.4143(54)	1.1	7
2	11	0.4139(62)	1.3	6
2	12	0.4159(69)	1.5	5
2	13	0.4173(94)	1.9	4
2	14	0.42(21)	2.4	3
2	15	0.41(21)	3.1	2
1	2	0.8147(84)	260	17
1	3	0.5213(51)	110	16
1	4	0.4658(30)	21	15
1	5	0.4448(26)	6.2	14
1	6	0.4331(30)	2.9	13
1	7	0.4289(34)	2.7	12
1	8	0.4233(36)	1.9	11
1	9	0.4157(40)	0.83	10
1	10	0.4143(42)	0.87	9
1	11	0.4138(61)	0.97	8
1	12	0.4158(69)	1.1	7
1	13	0.417(10)	1.2	6
1	14	0.422(11)	1.4	5
1	15	0.411(16)	1.5	4

Fits performed for all  $t_{\text{min}}$ ,  
AIC used to pick  $N_{\text{states}}$ ,  
weighted average of all  
acceptable fit results:

Beane, MW et al, PRD 103 (2020)

Many other fitting strategies  
possible, should give  
statistically consistent  
results. Individual fits  
tabulated so you can  
compare with your favorite



$N_{\text{states}}$	$t_{\text{min}}$	$E_1$	$\chi^2/N_{\text{dof}}$	$N_{\text{dof}}$
3	2	0.86(10)	0.60	3
3	3	0.862(25)	0.92	2
3	4	1.09(13)	290	1
2	2	0.892(12)	1.1	5
2	3	0.862(20)	0.46	4
2	4	0.84(14)	0.44	3
2	5	1.01(10)	36	2
1	2	1.2561(17)	500	7
1	3	1.1608(23)	170	6
1	4	1.0852(33)	57	5
1	5	1.0131(56)	18	4

TABLE V. Multi-state fit results for the  $n = 0$  FP GEVP correlator with  $t_{\text{max}} = 19$ ; see the main text for details.

TABLE VI. Multi-state fit results for the  $n = 1$  FP GEVP correlator with  $t_{\text{max}} = 9$ ; see the main text for details.