

Lattice QCD

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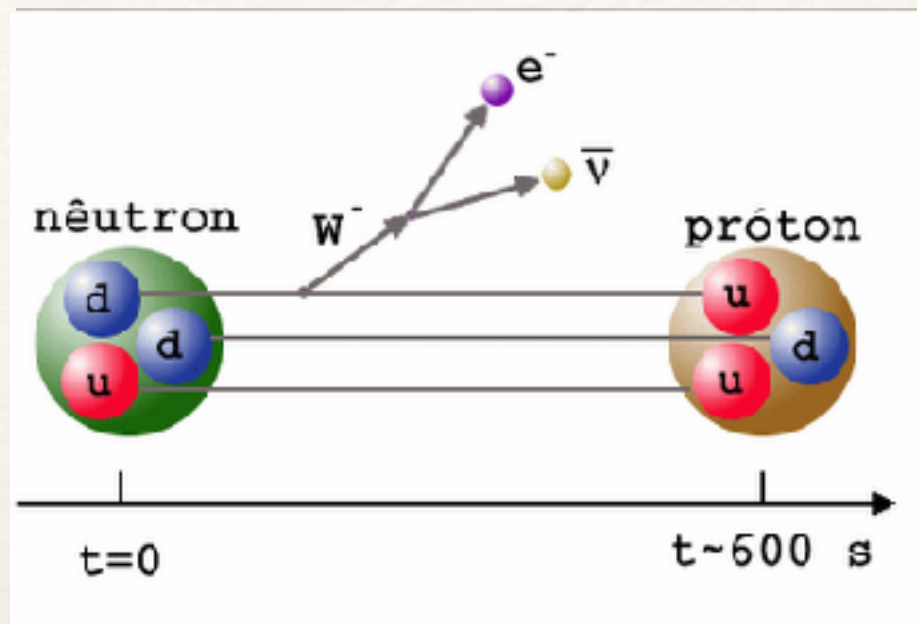


Elastic Nucleon Structure, 1

André Walker-Loud

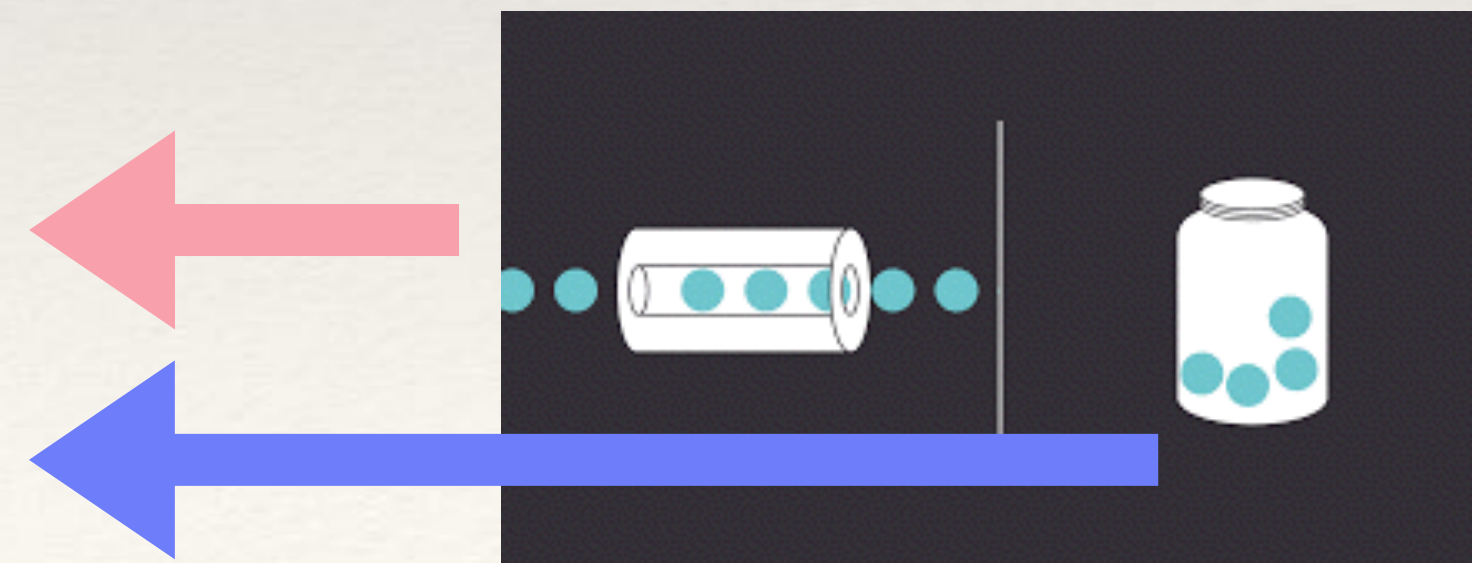
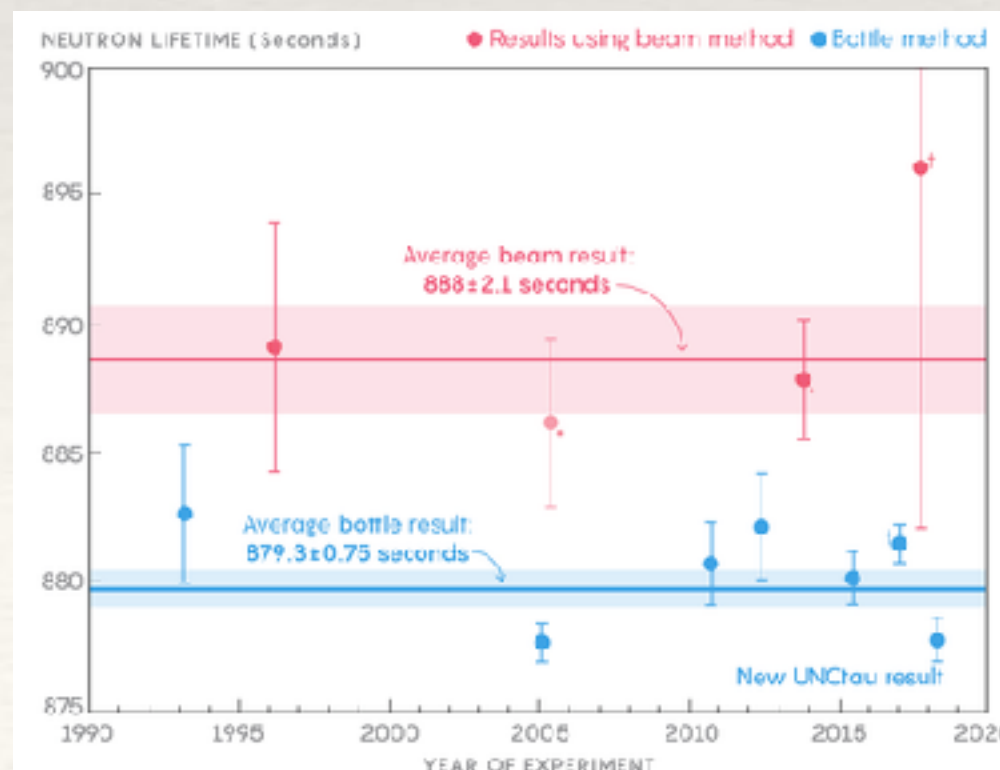


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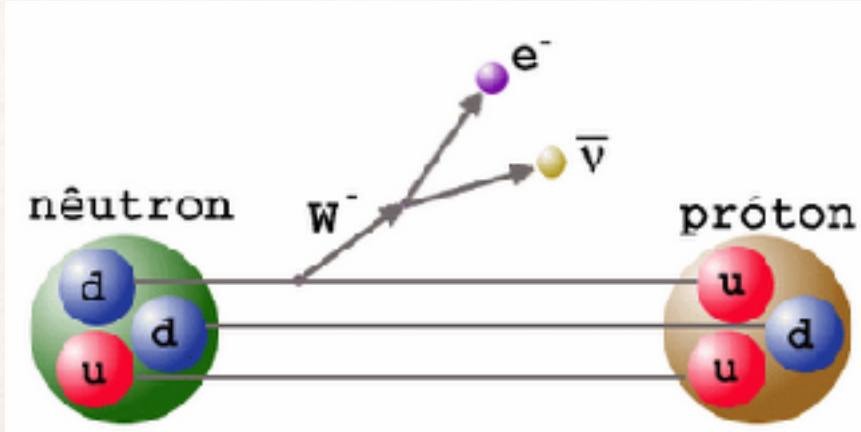
- ❑ The neutron lifetime and g_A (neutron decay) are used to probe the limits of the Standard Model
- ❑ We should have a (meaningful) Standard Model prediction for g_A - LQCD (lattice QCD)
- ❑ To gain confidence in the application of LQCD to nuclear physics, we must benchmark (calibrate) our calculations against well known quantities of interest, such as g_A - **done - see previous talk**
- ❑ In order for the theoretical uncertainty on g_A to match the larger uncertainty in the neutron lifetime measurements, we must determine g_A with $< 0.2\%$ uncertainty - **is this crazy?**



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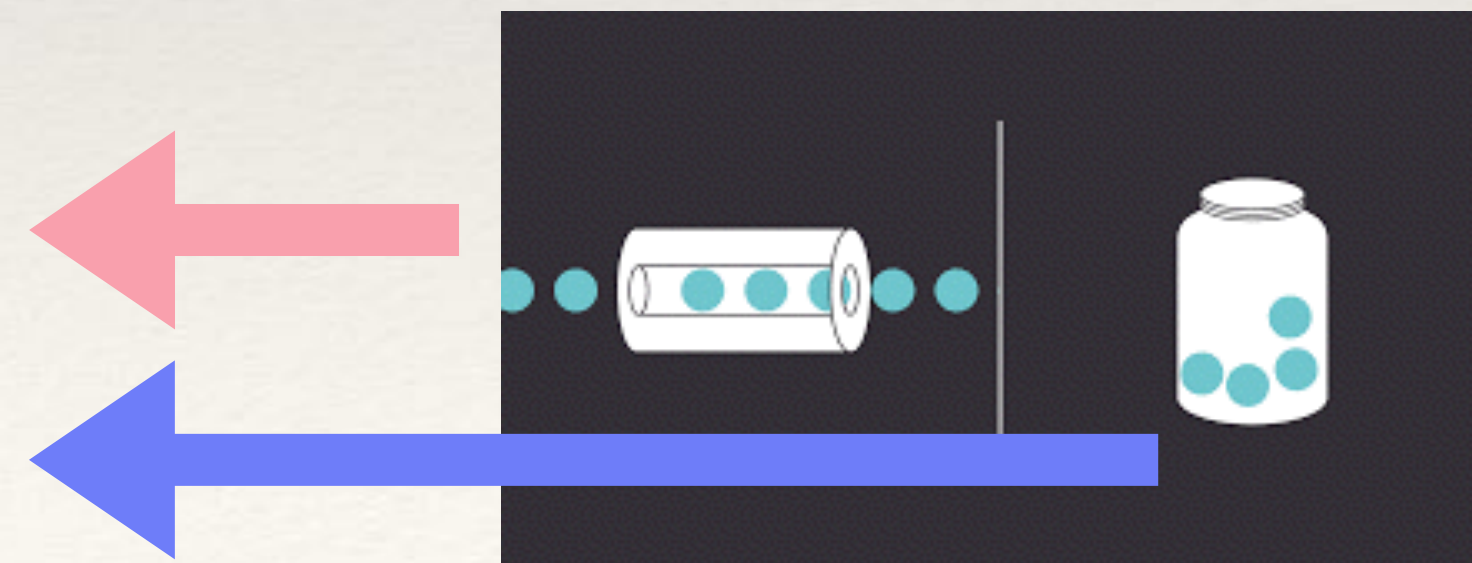
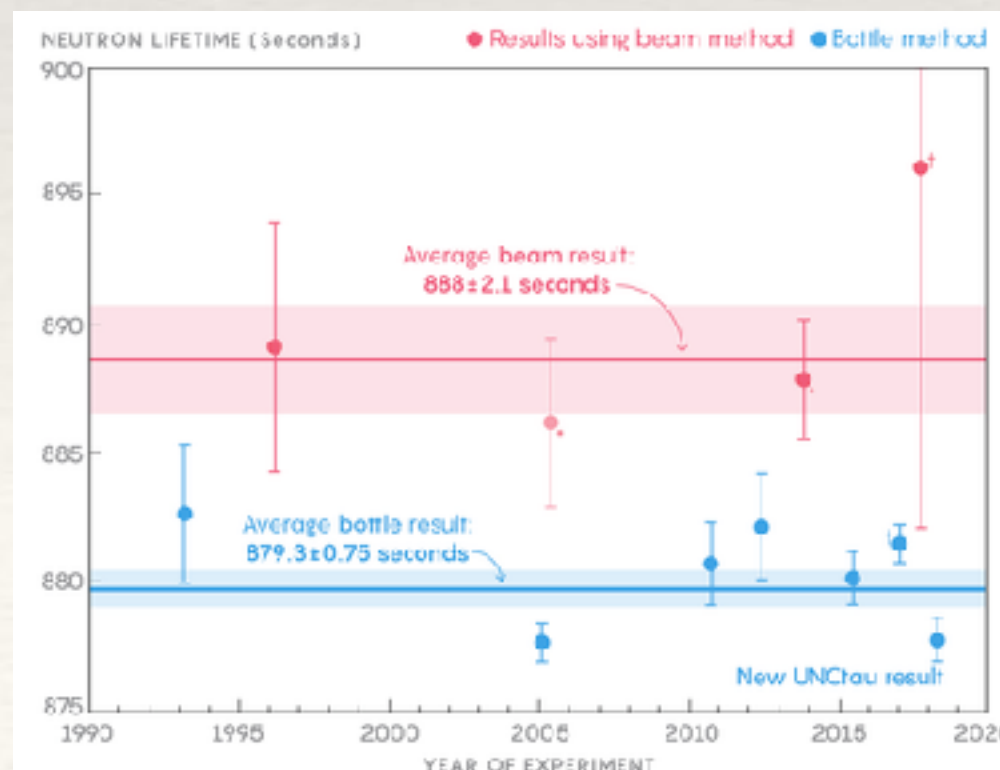
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I learned recently in Steven Clayton's (LANL) talk at MENU on their measurement of the neutron lifetime, that the PDG no longer considers this to be a discrepancy - they've dropped the beam measurements 😱

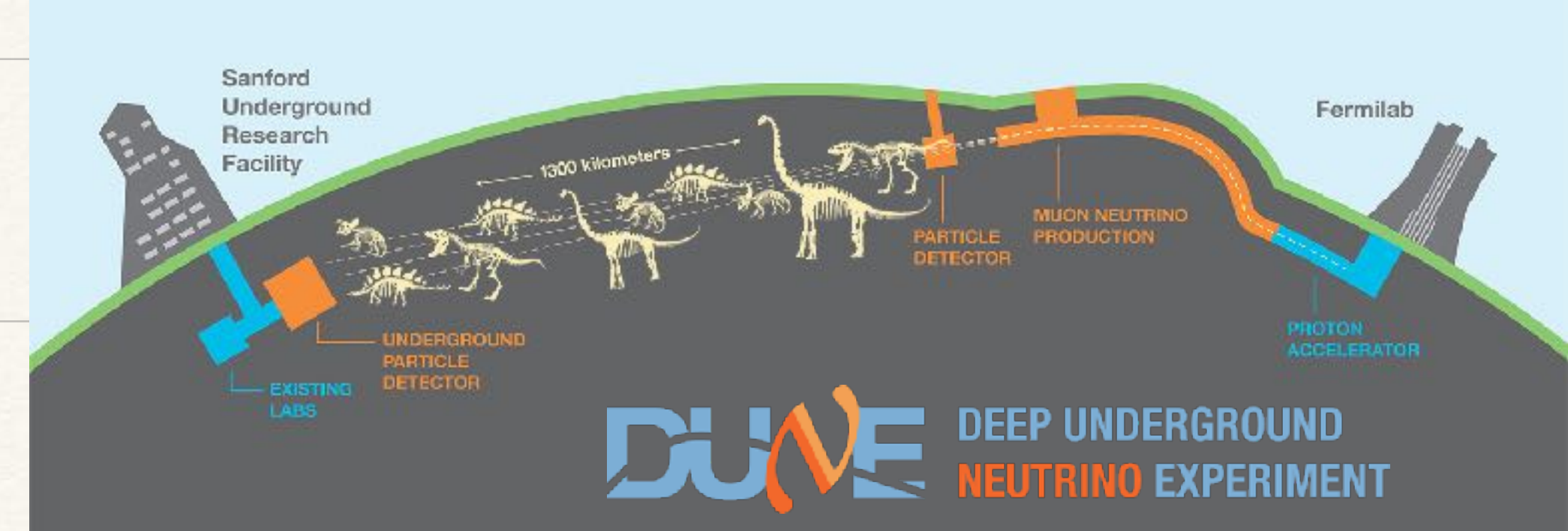
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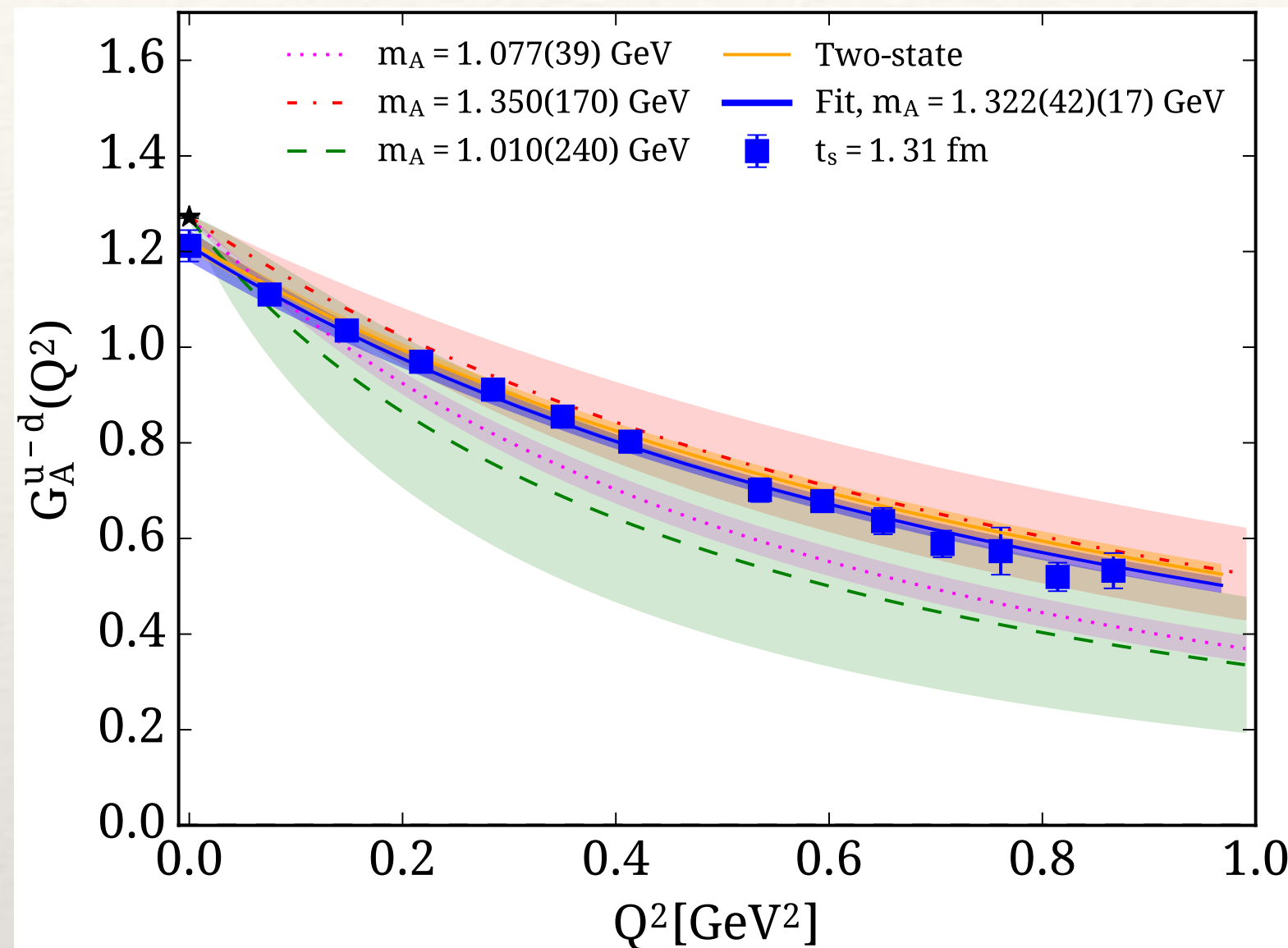
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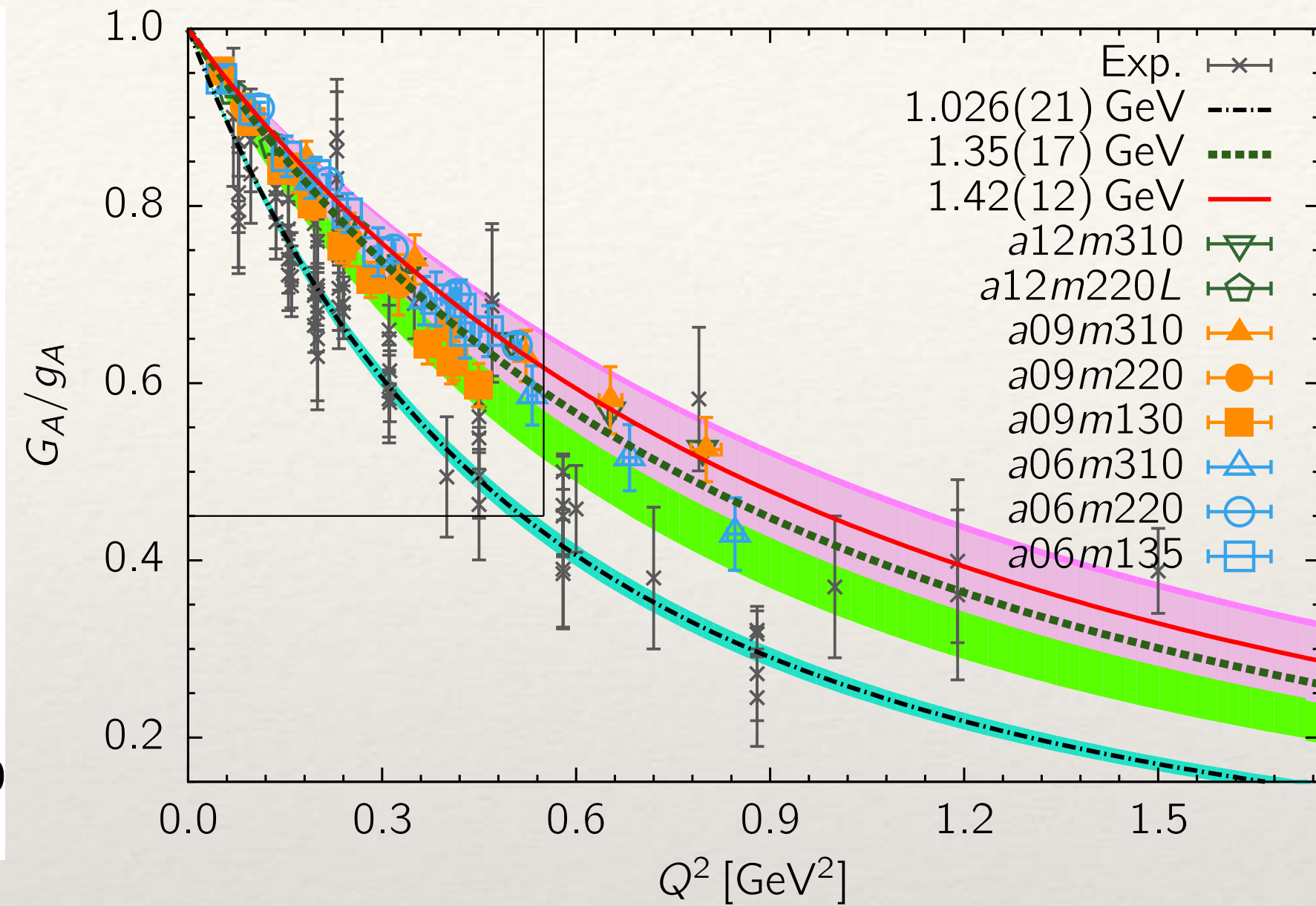
- DUNE is a future neutrino oscillation experiment that will fire a beam of neutrinos from FNAL into an Argonne target in South Dakota.
 - A determination of the CP-violating phase in the neutrino-mixing (PMNS) matrix is one of the goals
 - enough CP violation could explain the matter/anti-matter asymmetry of the universe through Leptogenesis
- The T2K and NOVA experiments are also conducting oscillation experiments
 - “A determination of the nucleon axial form factor at the 5% level would be very helpful, possibly allowing for the isolation of nuclear effects” [private communications with T2K members, Y. Hayato and K. McFarland]
- Ultimately, we need to understand neutrino-NUCLEUS cross sections which begins with neutrino-nucleon cross sections
 - The experimental data on $g_A(Q^2)$ is sufficiently limited that a simple dipole-formfactor is assumed
 - The dipole model is too simplistic and overly constraining (the quoted uncertainties do not reflect the true uncertainty of our understanding)

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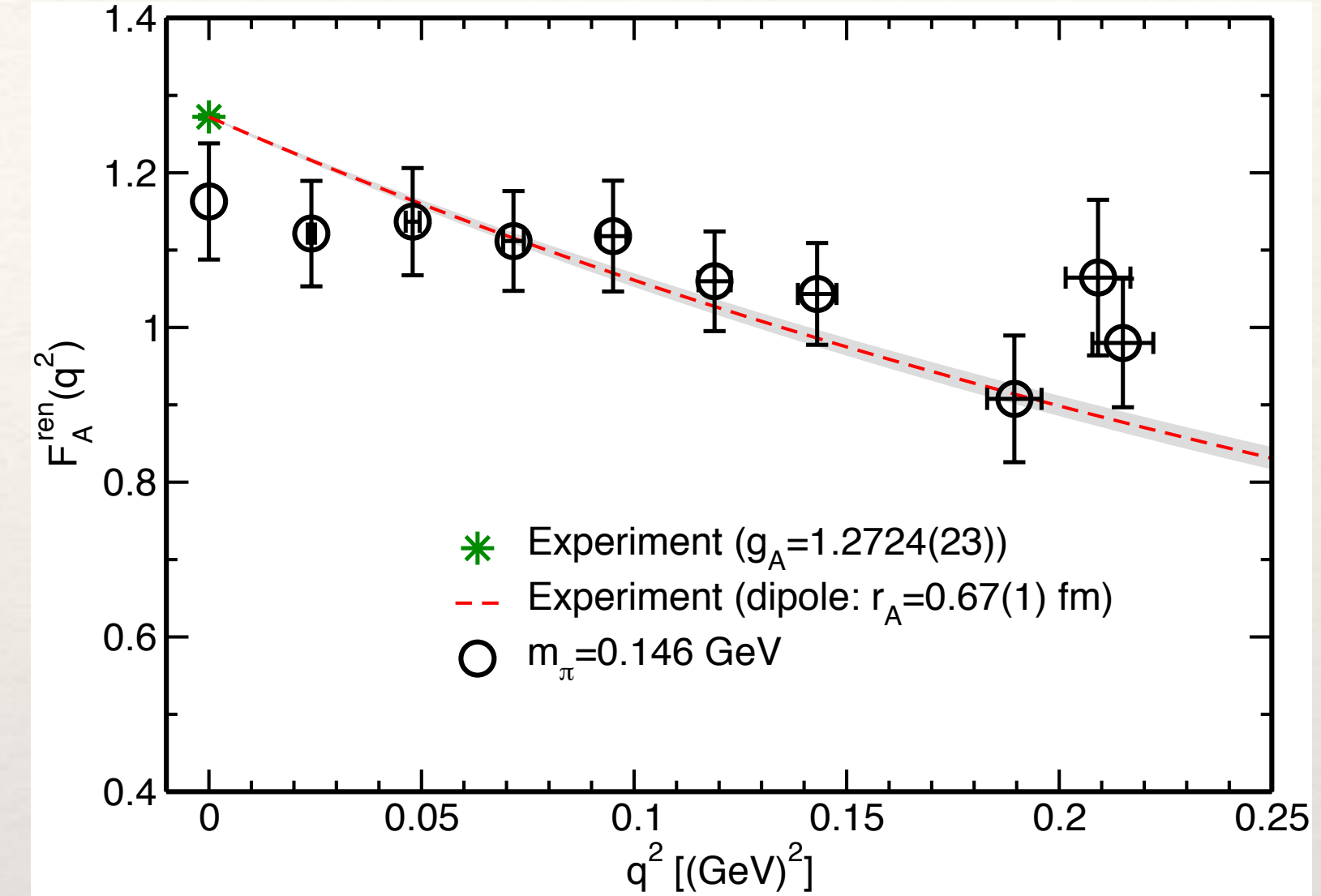
Alexandrou et al. PRD96 (2017) [1705.03399]



Gupta et al. PRD96 (2017) [1705.06834]



Ishikawa et al. PRD98 (2018) [1807.03974]



- All lattice QCD results determine an axial form factor with a significantly different slope (30%) than that determined from the phenomenological determination - two recent examples here
- Examining the LQCD results, it is difficult to understand/guess where this discrepancy is coming from
- A few years ago - this was the same situation with g_A (no one understood why g_A results were consistently low compared to the experimental value)
- For g_A , we made progress by pushing to the extreme the LQCD calculations - a similar strategy here seems warranted



improving the determination of g_A

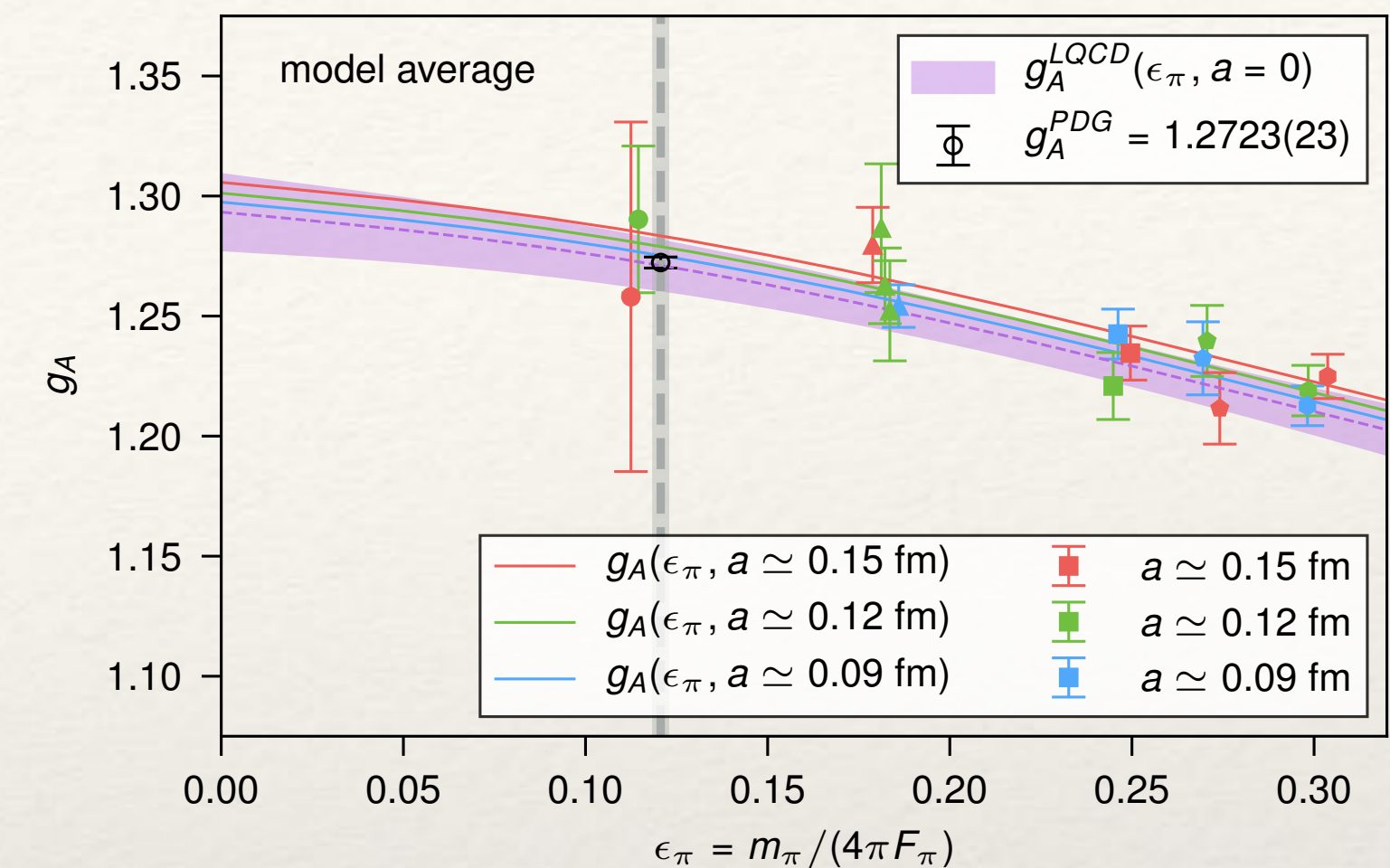
Nature 558 (2018) no.7708, 91-94

Chang et al.

[arXiv:1805.12130]

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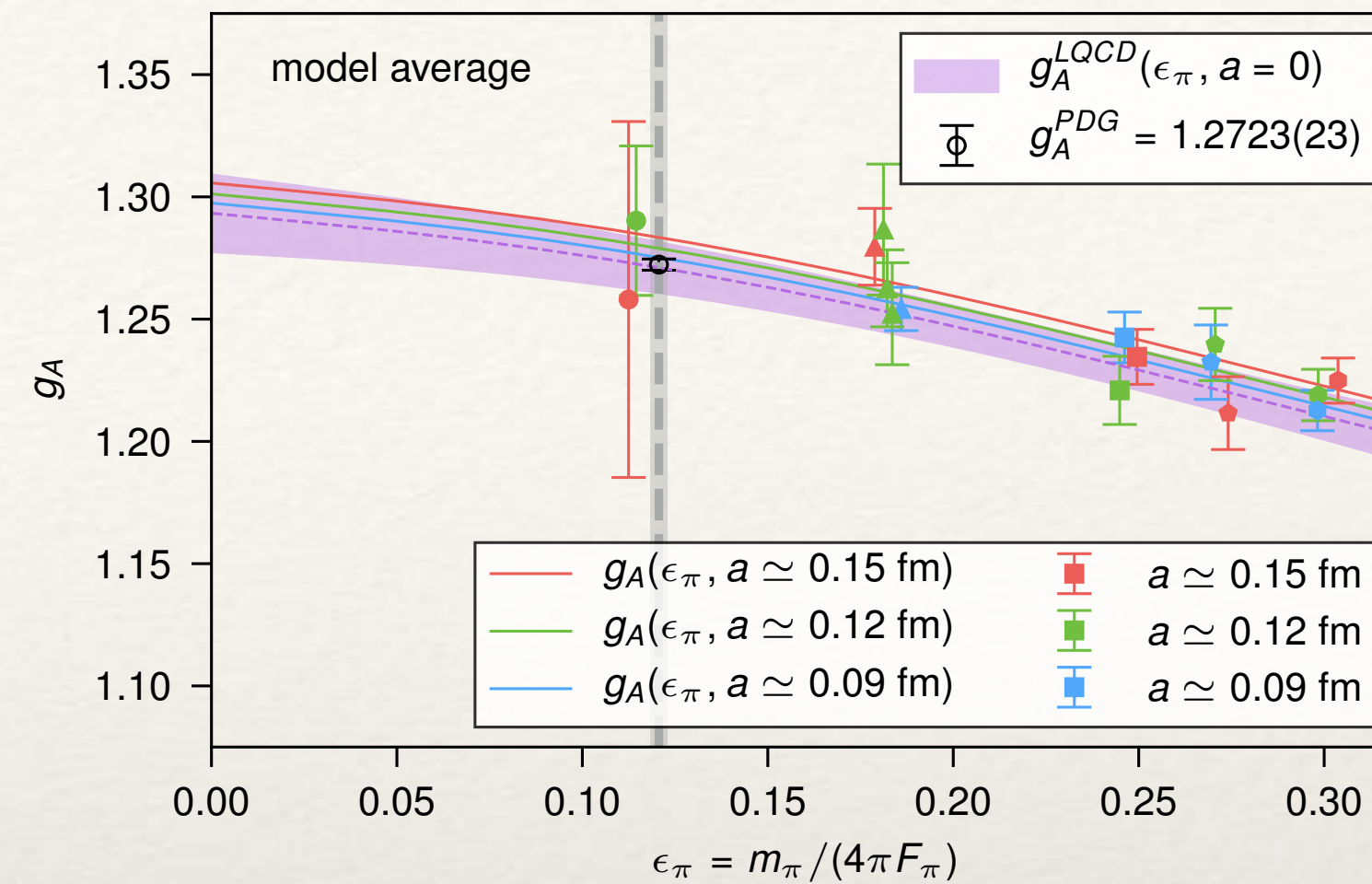
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- More precise results at the physical pion mass will improve the three largest uncertainties:
 - statistical (s), extrapolation (χ) and model selection (M)
- Following our existing strategy, we anticipate getting to 0.5% by the end of this year
- Getting below (or maybe to 0.5%) will require a 4th lattice spacing as well ($\sim 0.06\text{fm}$)
- Adding a FV study on additional pion mass points will improve the FV uncertainty
- The isospin uncertainty seems unnecessary...

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Isospin corrections (**my understanding prior to May 18 this year - see ACFI workshop**)

□ The leading radiative corrections are subtracted from the experimental measurement leaving corrections of $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\alpha_{EM}^2}{\pi^2}\right) \sim 0.0005\%$

□ There are $(m_d - m_u)^2$ corrections $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{(m_d - m_u)^2}{(m_d + m_u)^2} \epsilon_\pi^4\right) \sim 0.002\%$

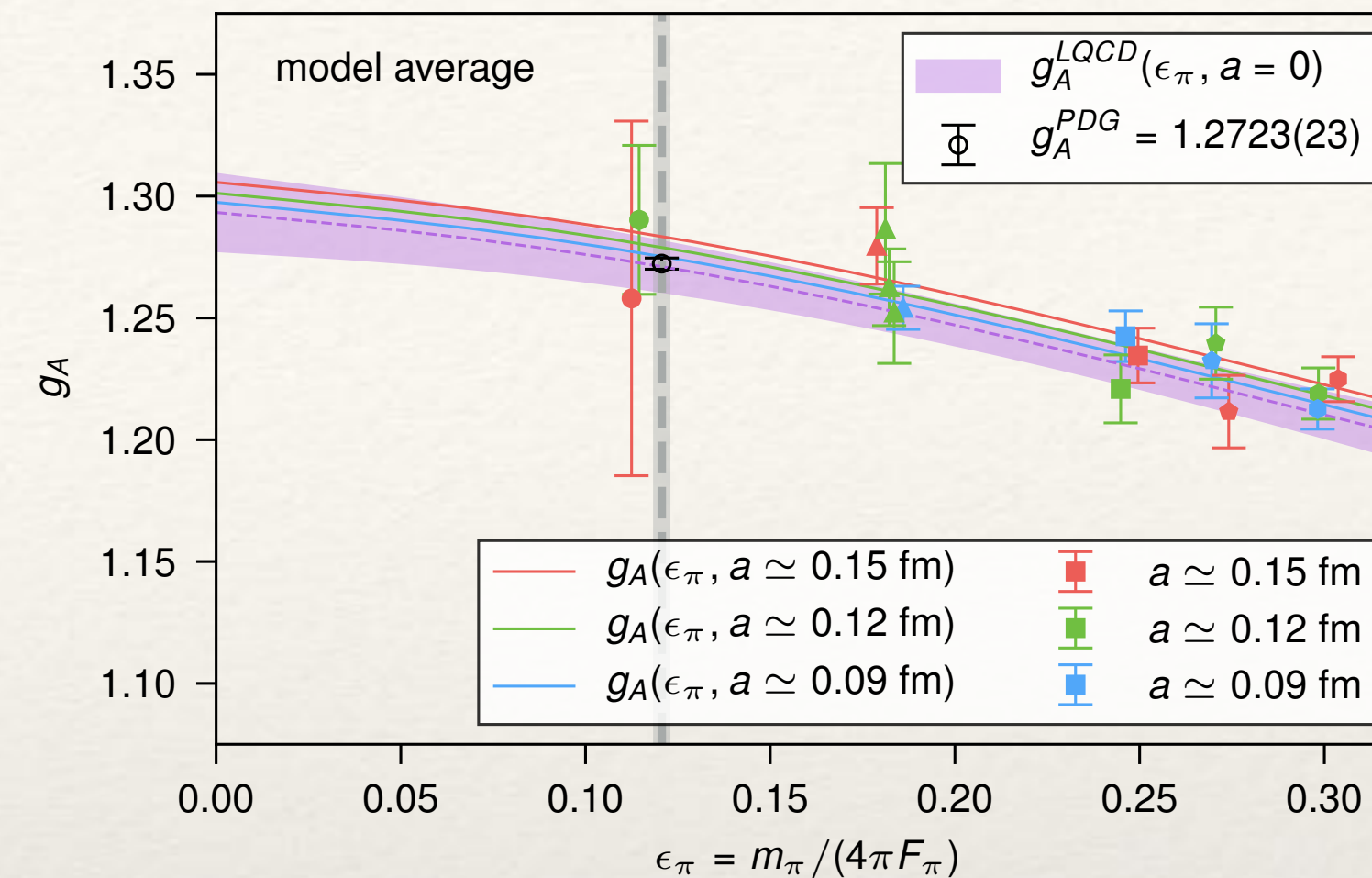
□ There are mixed corrections of $\mathcal{O}\left(\alpha_{EM} \frac{m_d - m_u}{m_d + m_u} \epsilon_\pi^2\right) \sim 0.004\%$

□ The largest isospin correction comes from the extrapolation to $\epsilon_{\pi^-} = \frac{m_{\pi^-}}{4\pi F_{\pi^-}}$ $\epsilon_{\pi^0} = \frac{m_{\pi^0}}{4\pi F_{\pi^0}}$

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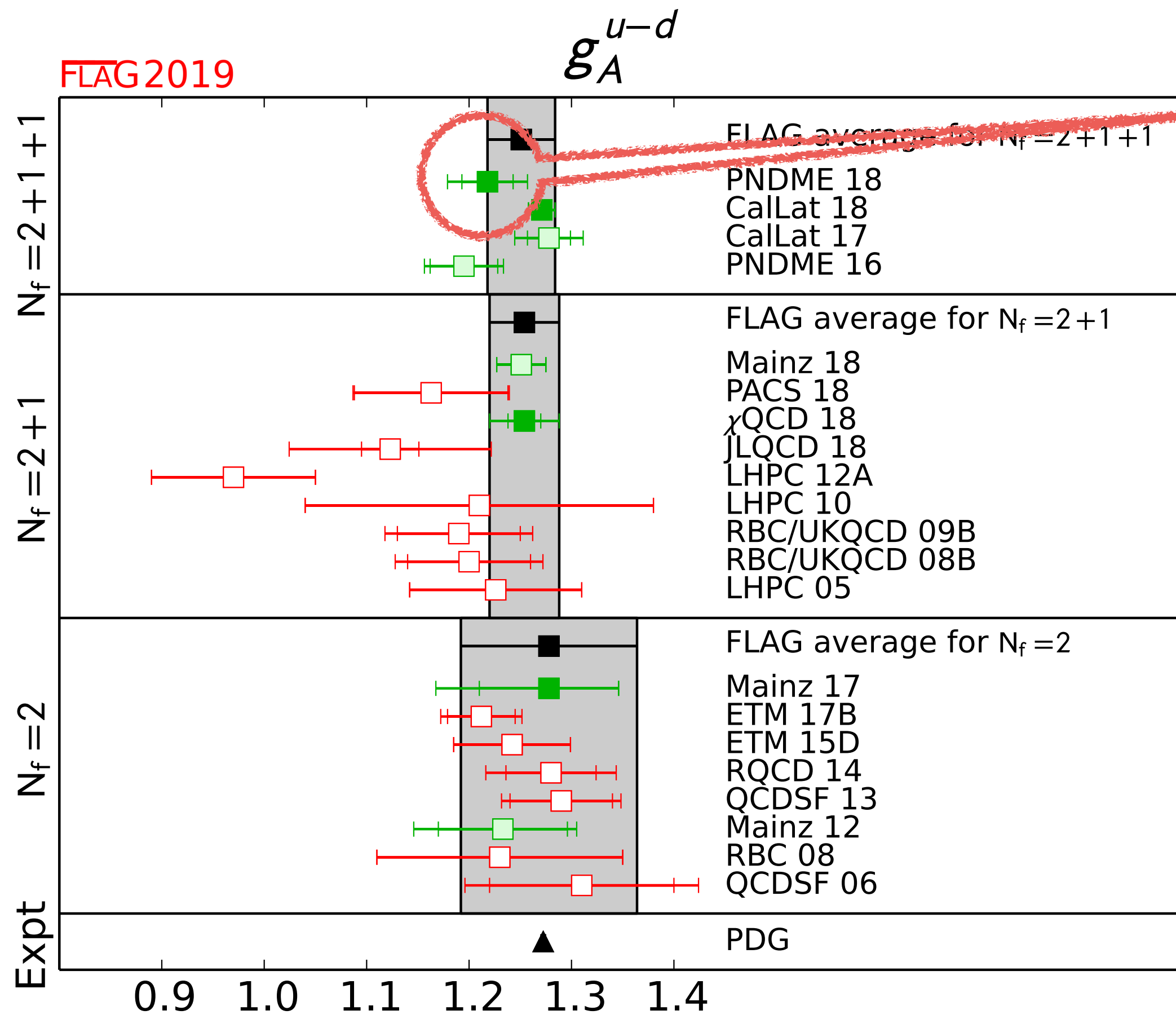


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- There is a radiative correction - not previously computed - the gamma-W box diagrams for an axial matrix element (instead of vector) - that leads to a 0.4% correction - **See talk of Leendert Hayen**
- To push the LQCD calculation below this precision, we should incorporate isospin breaking corrections to validate our results and provide a nice cross check of our understanding of these effects

Comparison with other LQCD results



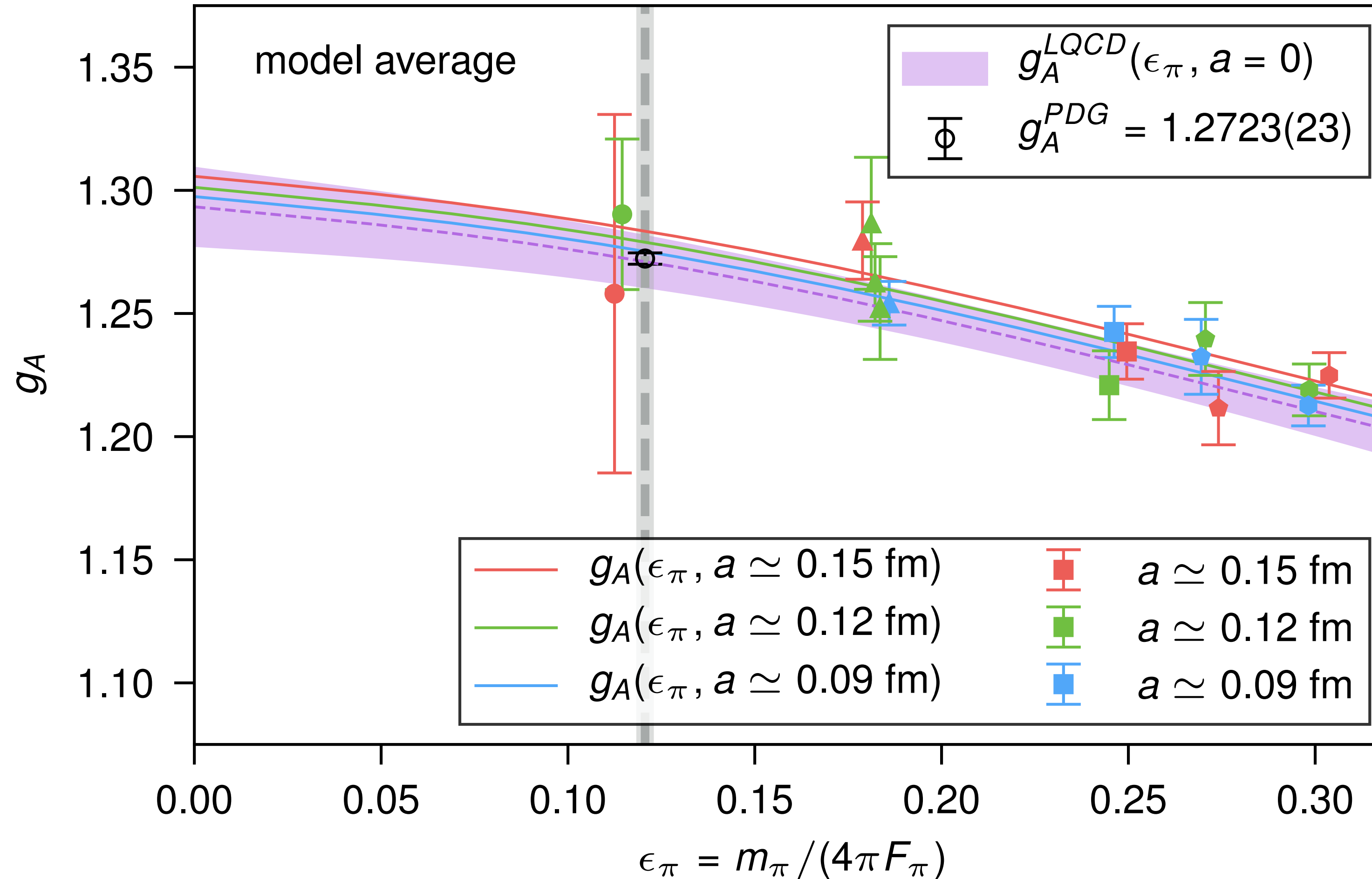
- Only one other group with three lattice spacings and physical pion mass results:
Gupta et al. Phys.Rev. D98 (2018) [arXiv:1806.09006]
- *The difference in the chiral fit is a consequence of the “jump” in the CalLat data between $M\pi = \{400, 350, 310\}$ and the 220 MeV data*
- *The CalLat data at $M\pi \approx 130$ MeV do not contribute much to the fit because of the larger errors*
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https://github.com/callat-qcd/project_gA

raw correlation functions, correlation function analysis results, extrapolation analysis

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the GitHub repository page for 'callat-qcd / project_gA'. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'github.com/callat-qcd/project_gA'. The repository is private and has 2 stars and 0 forks. The main content area shows the repository name 'Isovector nucleon axial coupling' and a list of files and folders. The files and folders listed are: 'walkloud' (final image width tweak?, 7 days ago), 'correlation_functions' (updated README; moved correlation function data to correlation_functi..., 23 days ago), 'data' (added logo's to README, 7 days ago), 'plots' (moved plotting scripts to plots folder, 2 months ago), 'sample_corr_fit' (updated README; moved correlation function data to correlation_functi..., 23 days ago), '.gitignore' (loop through models and model average, 7 months ago), 'README.md' (final image width tweak?, 7 days ago), 'callat_ga_lib.py' (added ability to control linspace for plots; created sample fitter to..., 26 days ago), 'ga_workbook.ipynb' (moved plot scripts to plot folder, 27 days ago), and 'license.txt' (Update license txt, 2 months ago).

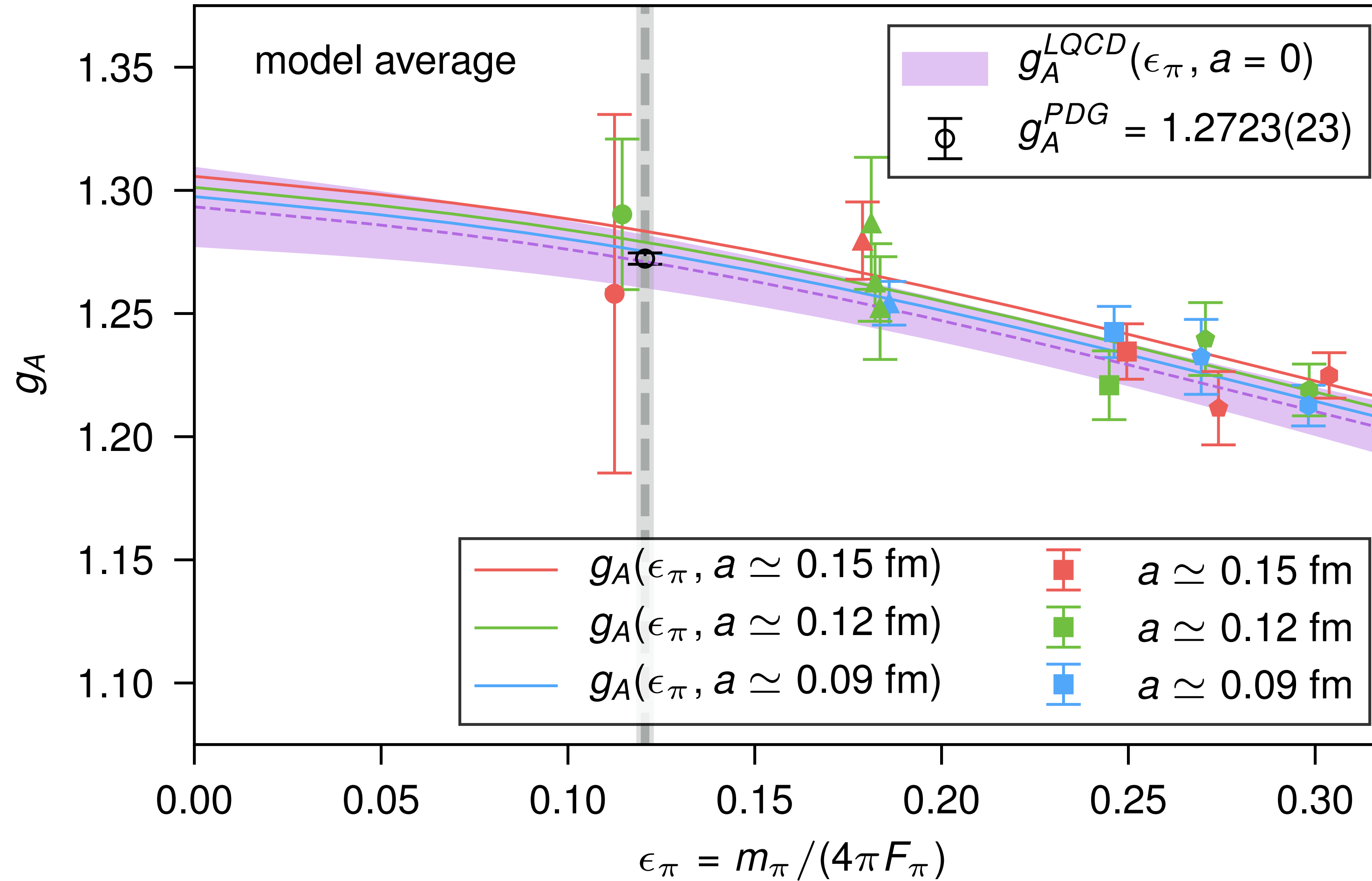
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“jump” → smooth transition

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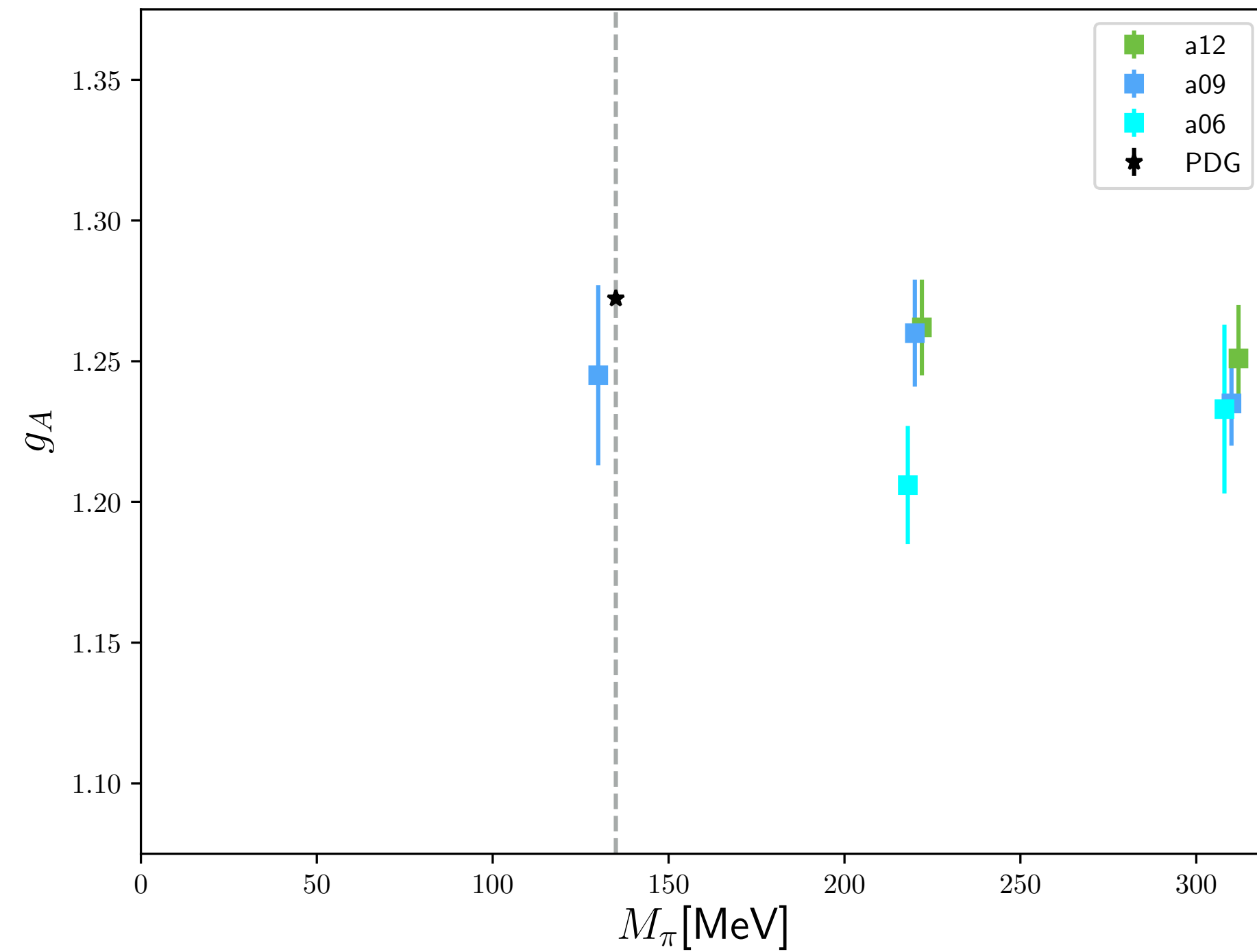


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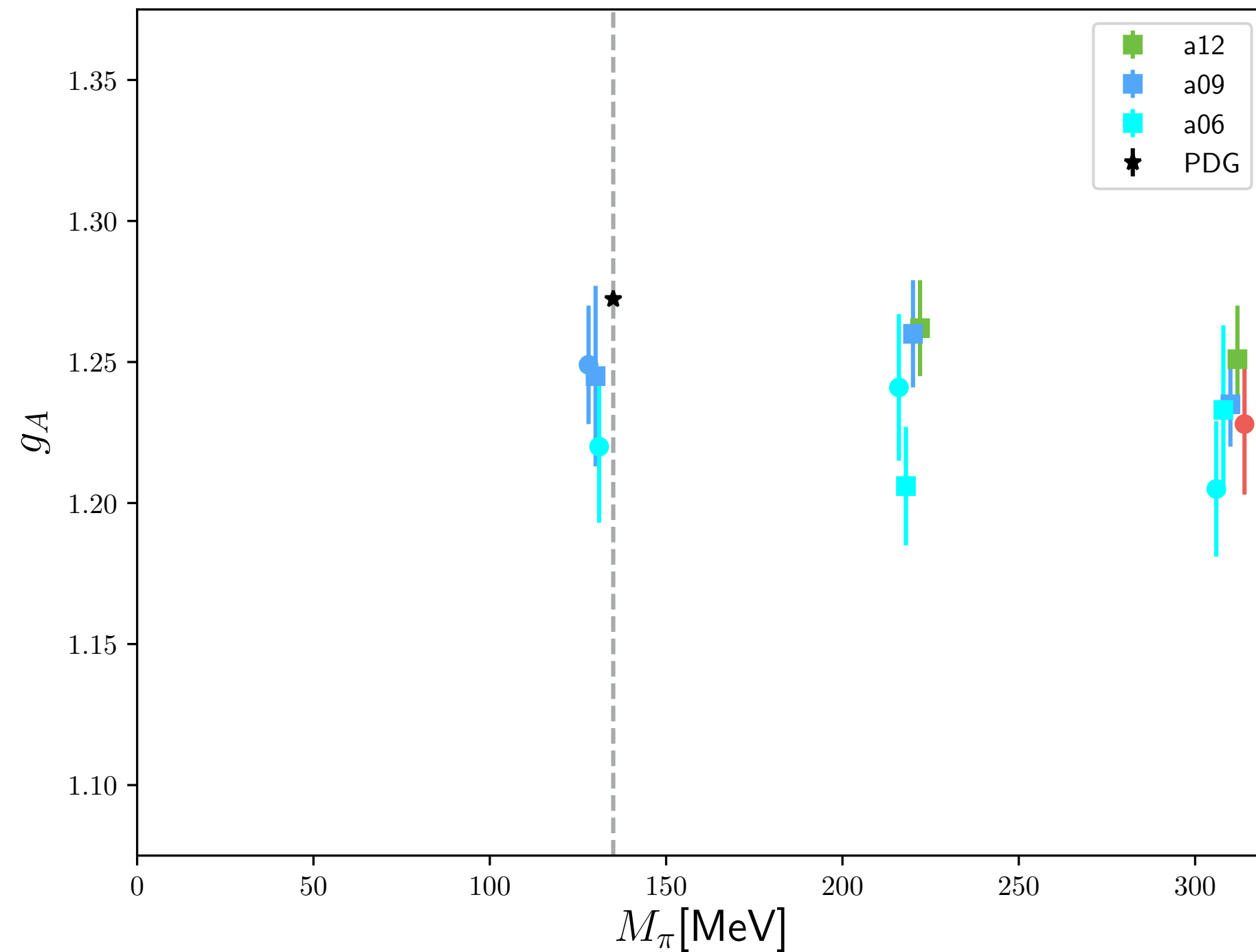


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$$g_A = 1.218(25)(30)$$

$$g_A[\text{no a06}] = 1.245(42)(\text{xx})$$

- A change in quark smearing caused a ~ 2 sigma shift in the a06m220 point
 - The correlated difference will be ~ 5 -sigma
 - suggests an underestimate of systematic uncertainties on this ensemble
- In conferences - it has been stated it is only the physical pion mass a06m135 point that causes the discrepancy - **note - this is the very endpoint result in an extrapolation**

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- “Surely, You’re Joking, Mr. Feynman!”

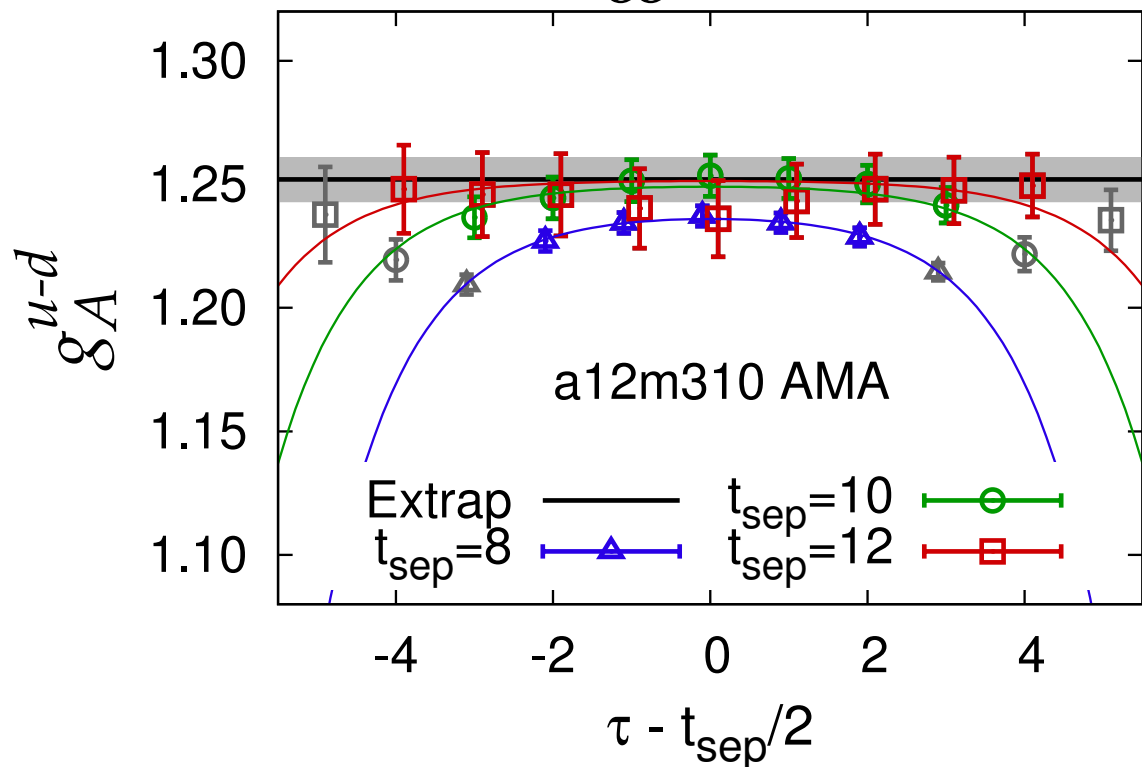
I went out and found the original article on the experiment that said the neutron-proton coupling is T, and I was shocked by something. I remembered reading that article once before (back in the days when I read every article in the Physical Review—it was small enough). And I remembered, when I saw this article again, looking at that curve and thinking, “That doesn’t prove anything!”

You see, it depended on one or two points at the very edge of the range of the data, and there’s a principle that a point on the edge of the range of the data—the last point— isn’t very good, because if it was, they’d have another point further along. And I had realized that the whole idea that neutron-proton coupling is T was based on the last point, which wasn’t very good, and therefore it’s not proved. I remember noticing that!

And when I became interested in beta decay, directly, I read all these reports by the “beta-decay experts,” which said it’s T. I never looked at the original data; I only read those reports, like a dope. Had I been a good physicist, when I thought of the original idea back at the Rochester Conference I would have immediately looked up “how strong do we know it’s T?”—that would have been the sensible thing to do. I would have recognized right away that I had already noticed it wasn’t satisfactorily proved.

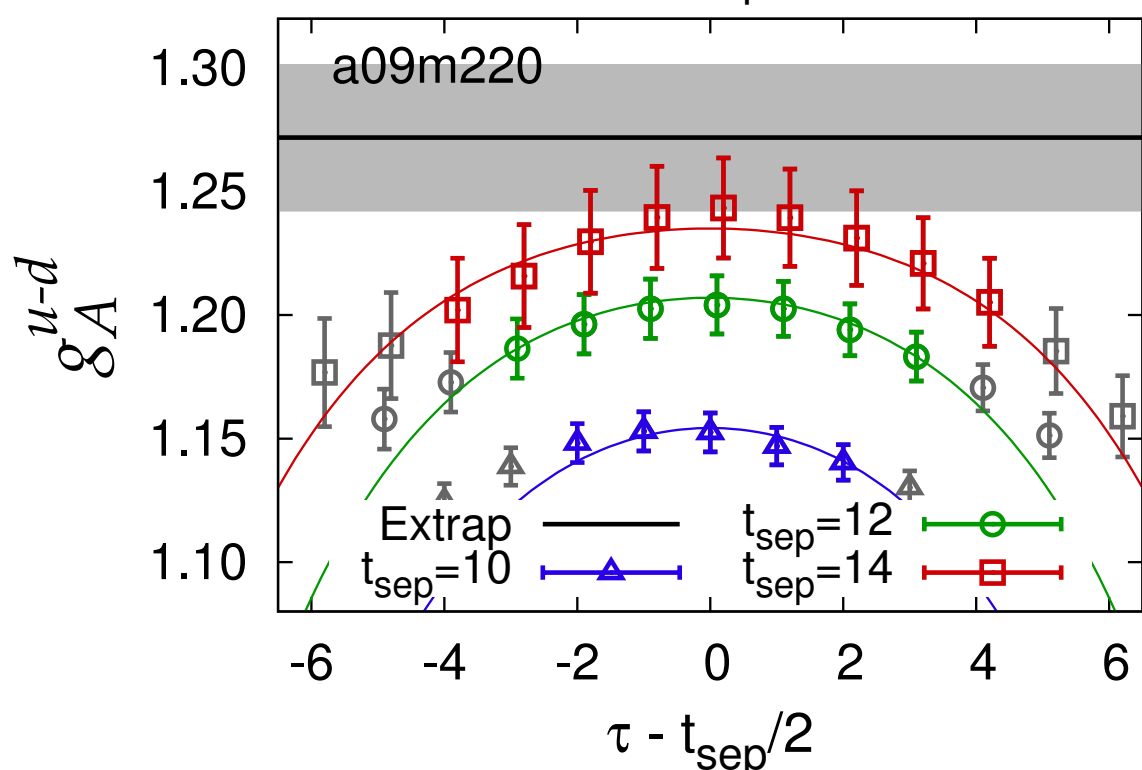
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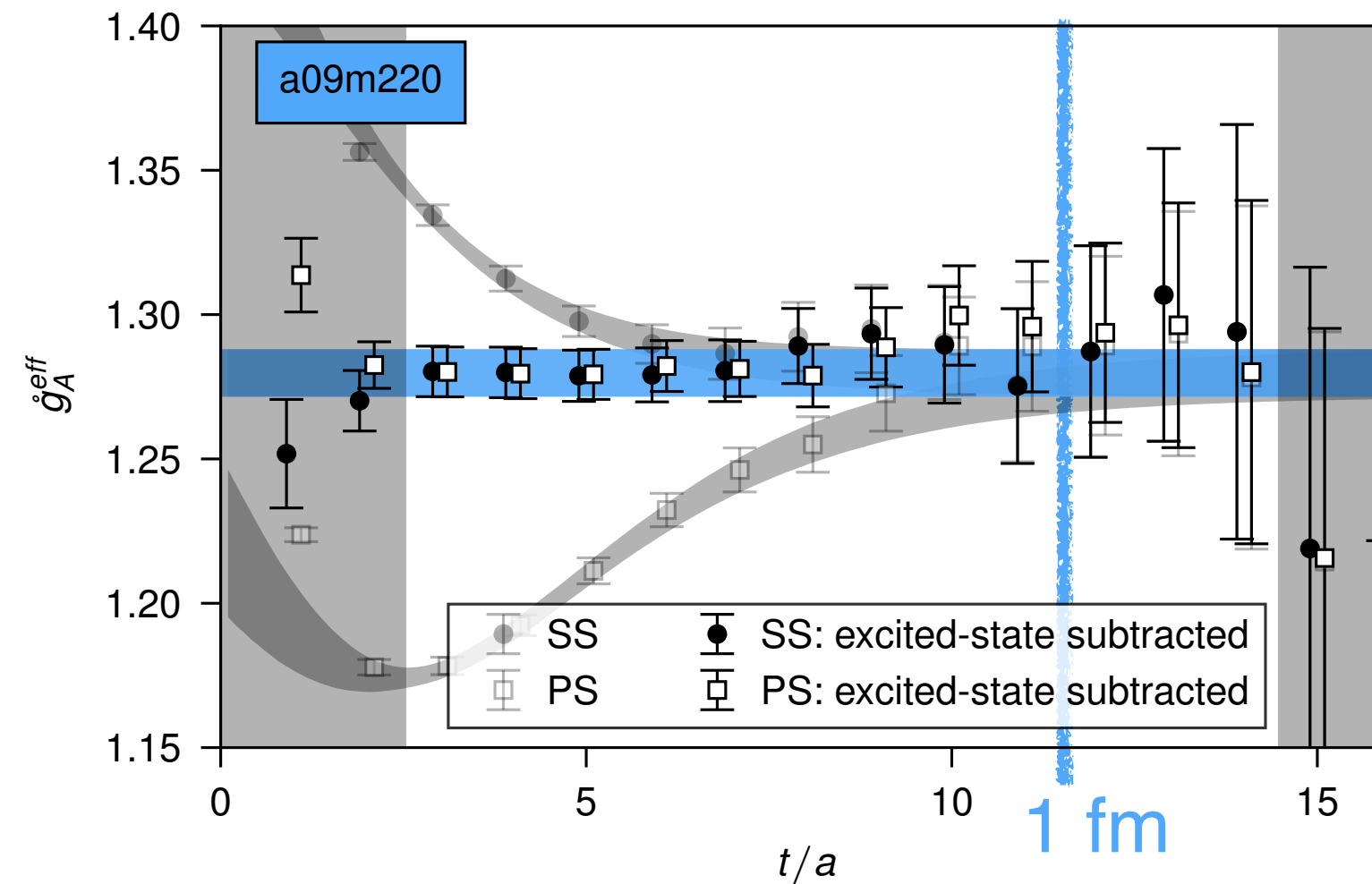


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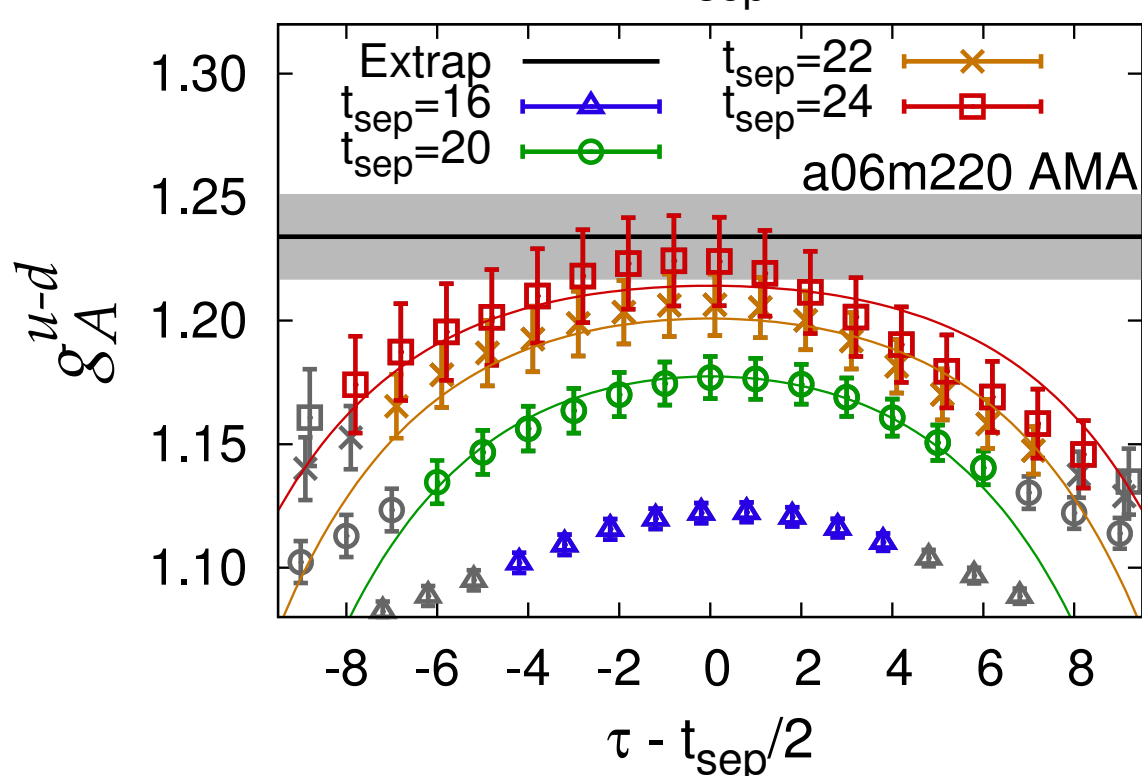
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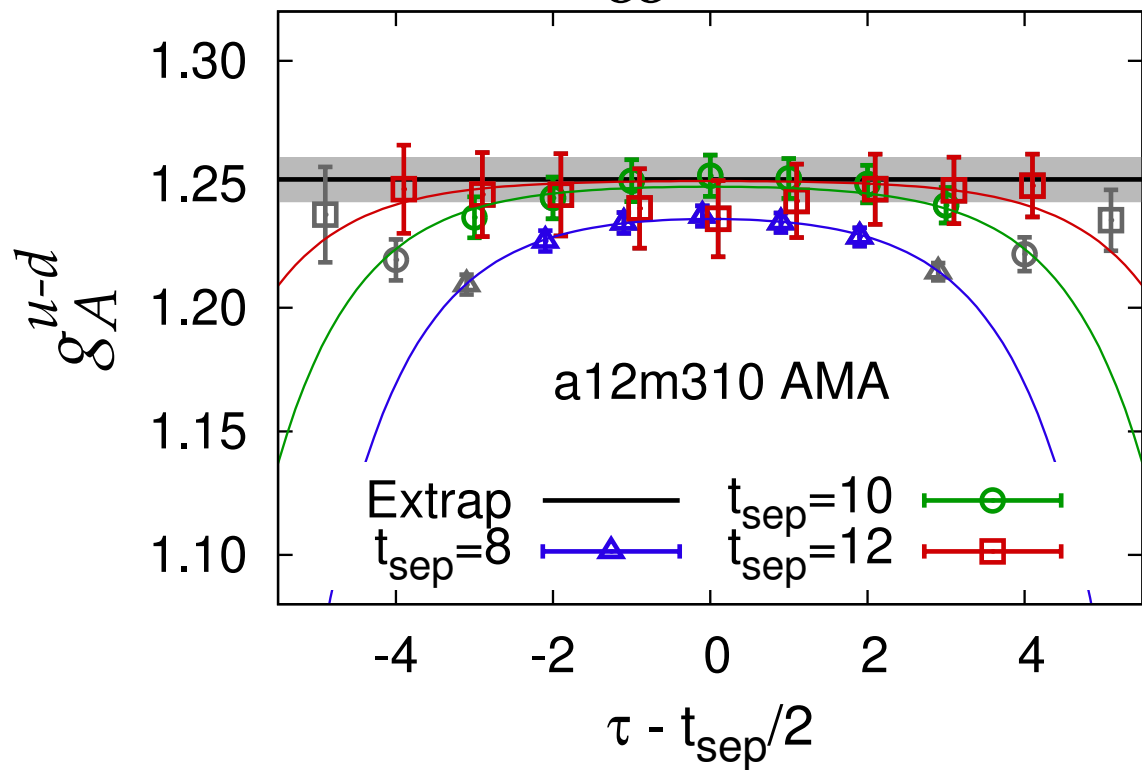


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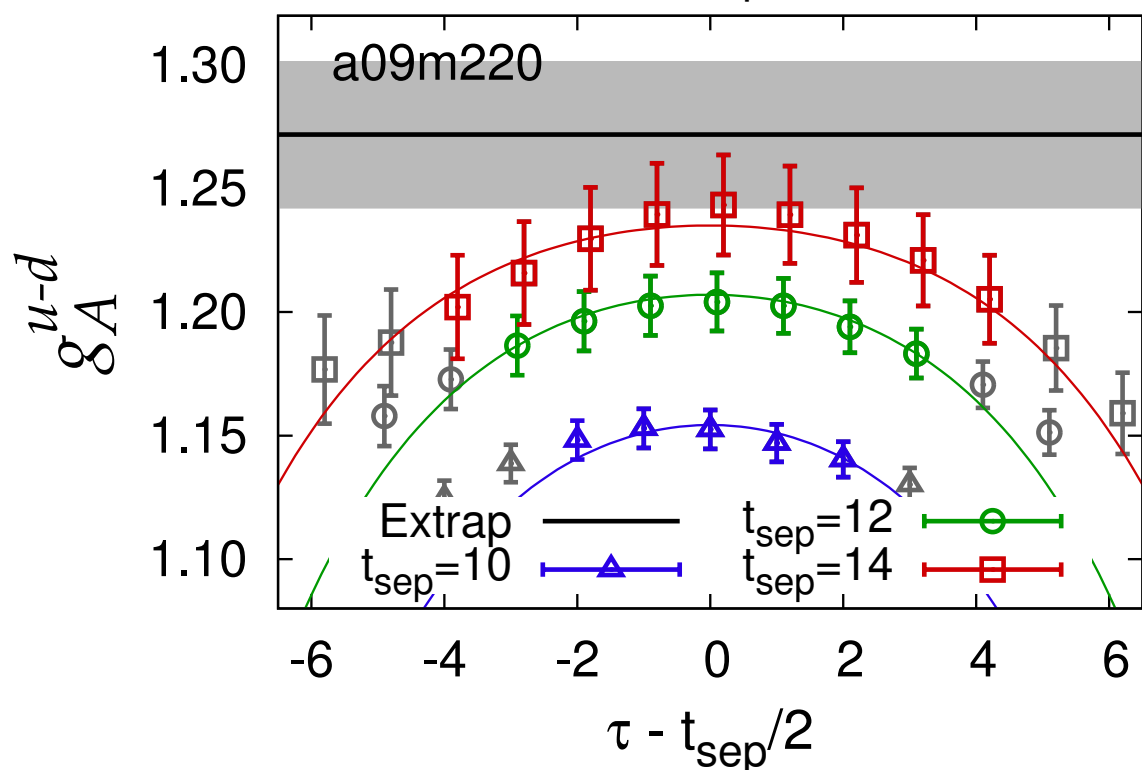
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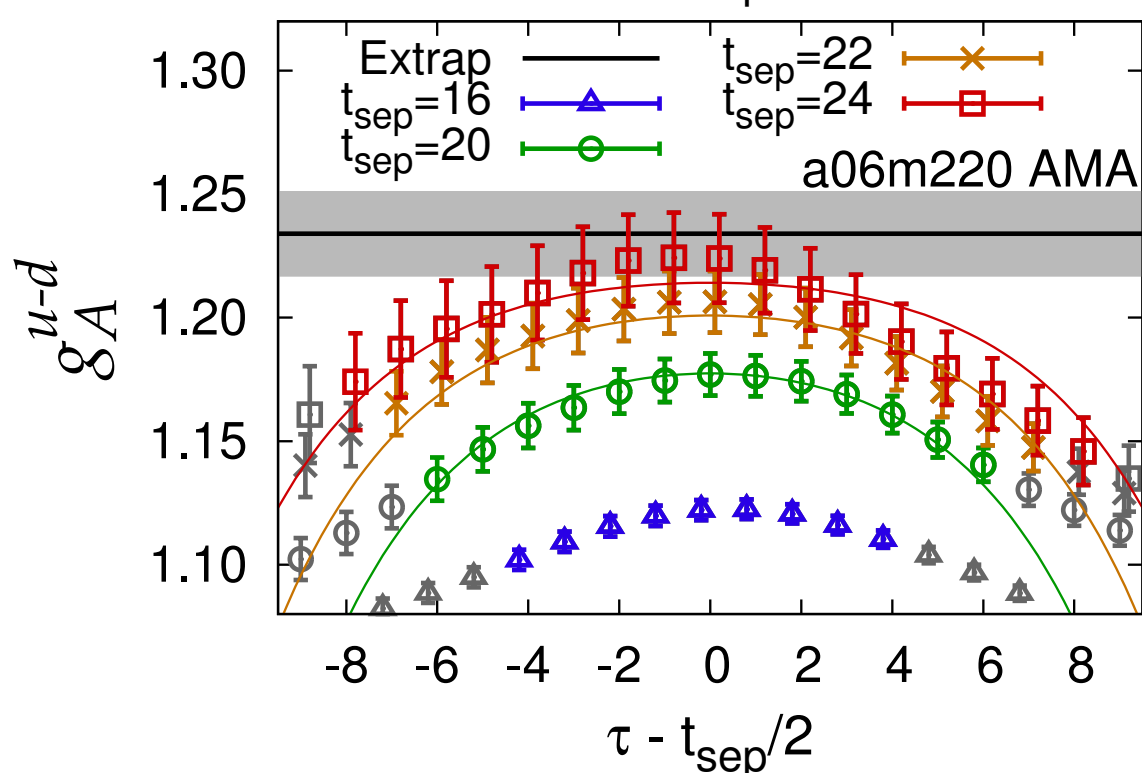


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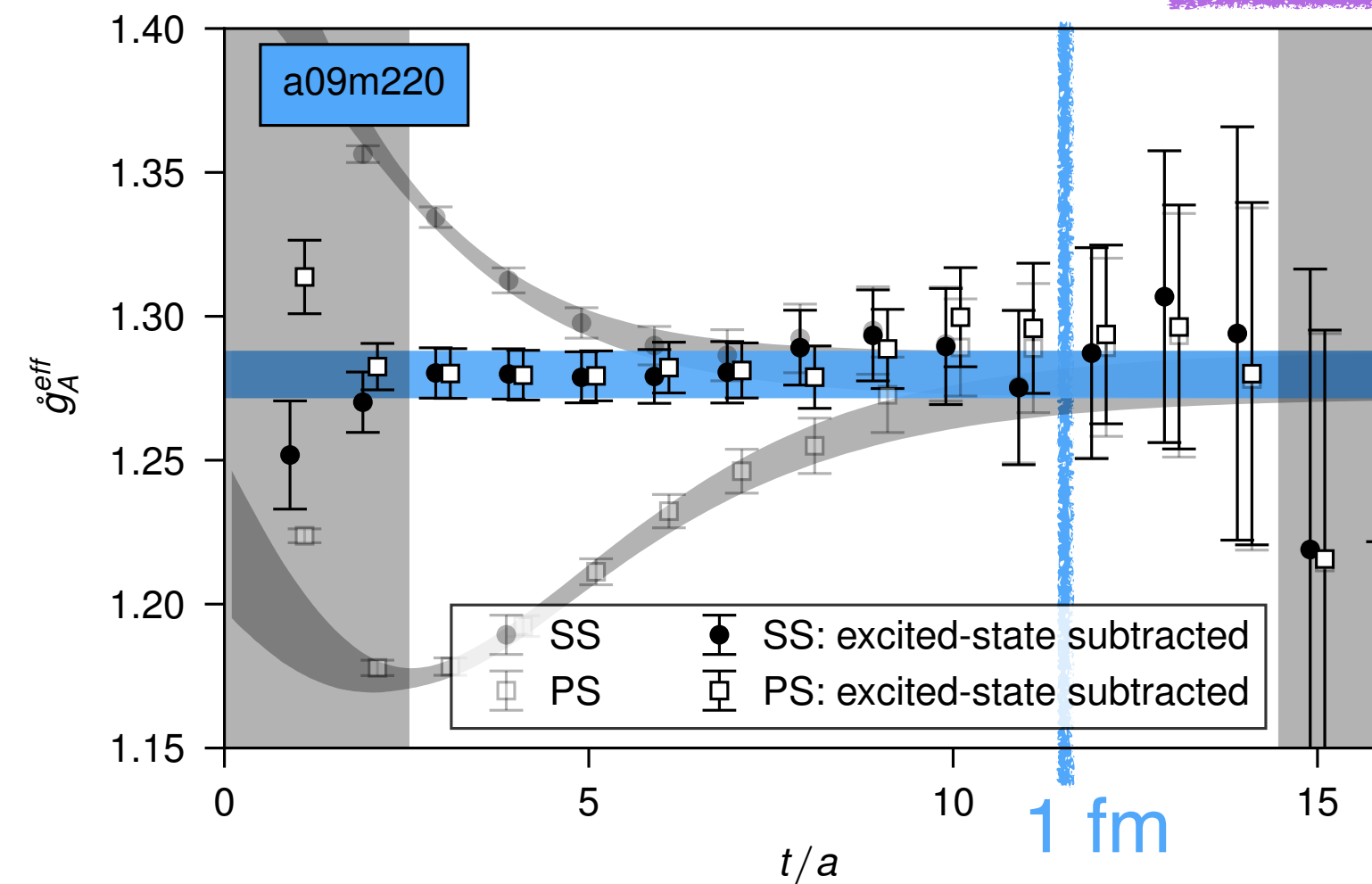
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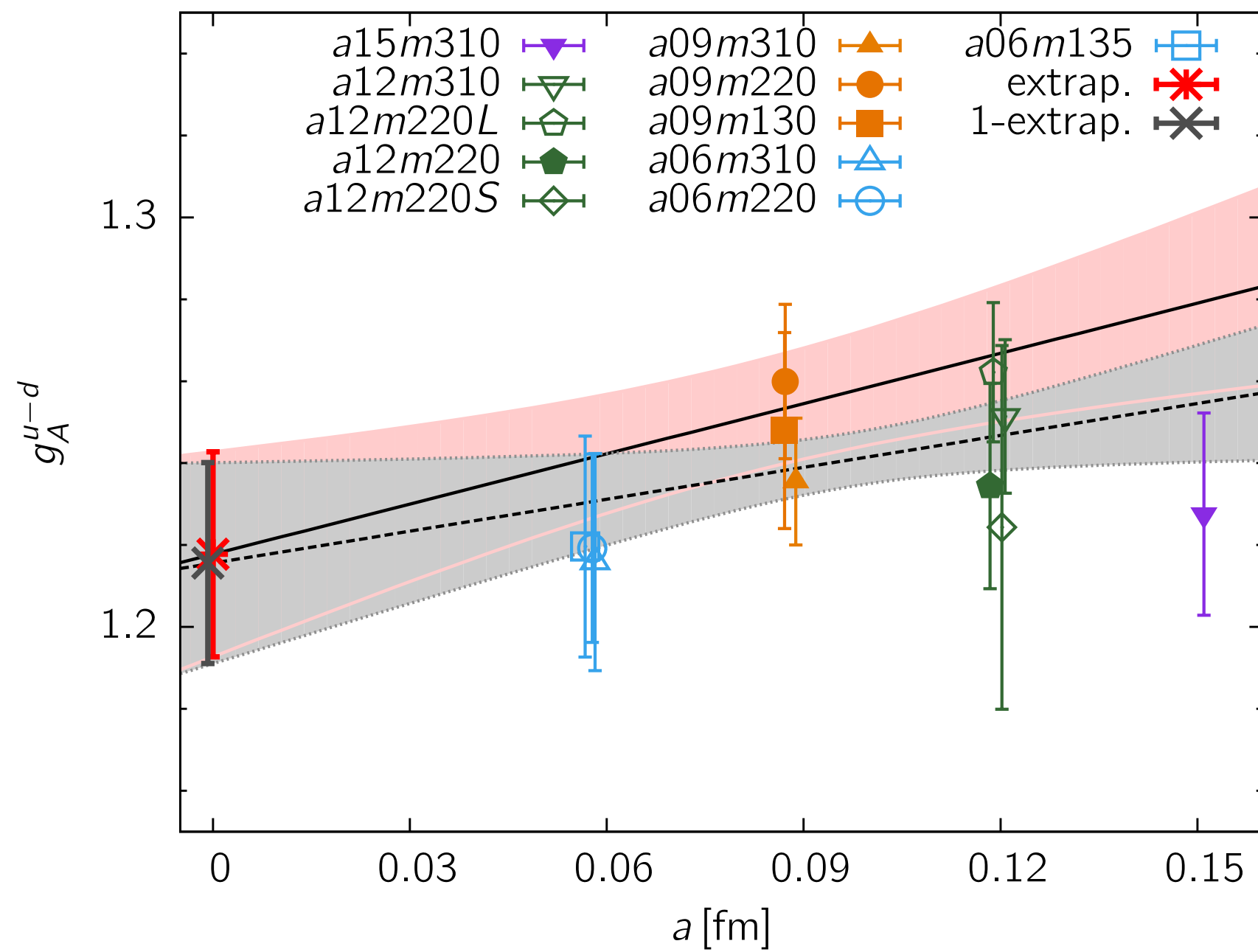


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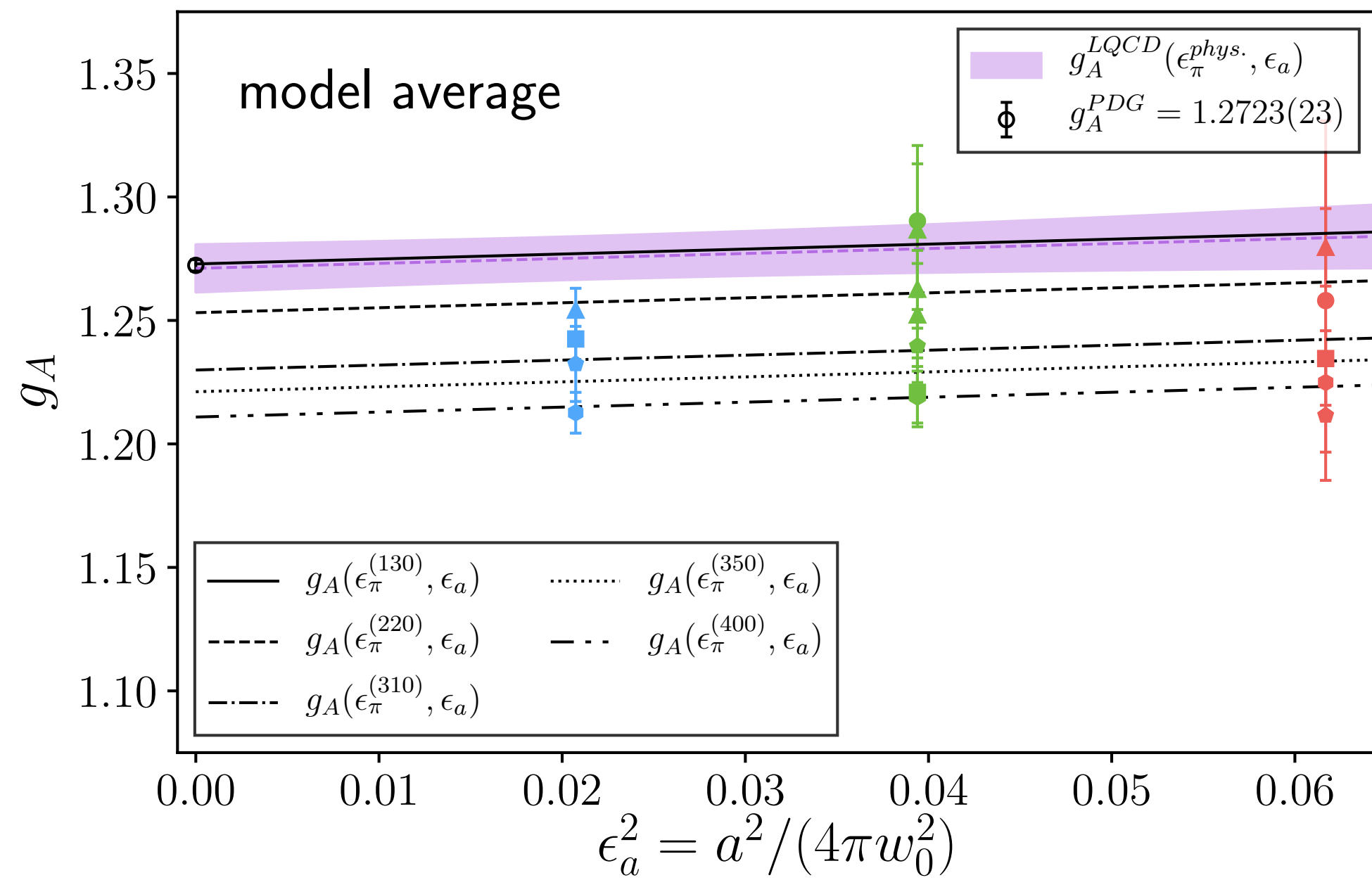
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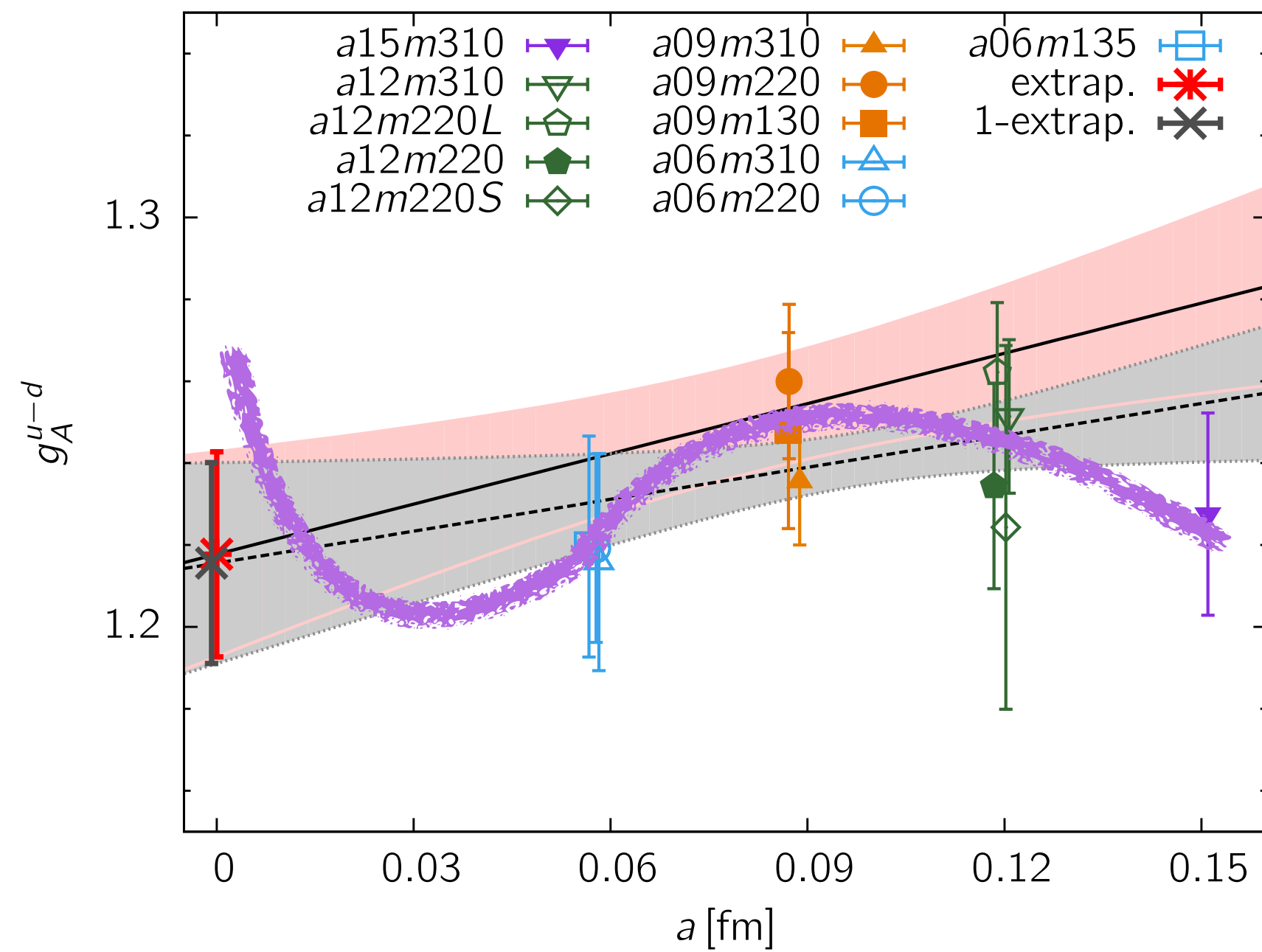
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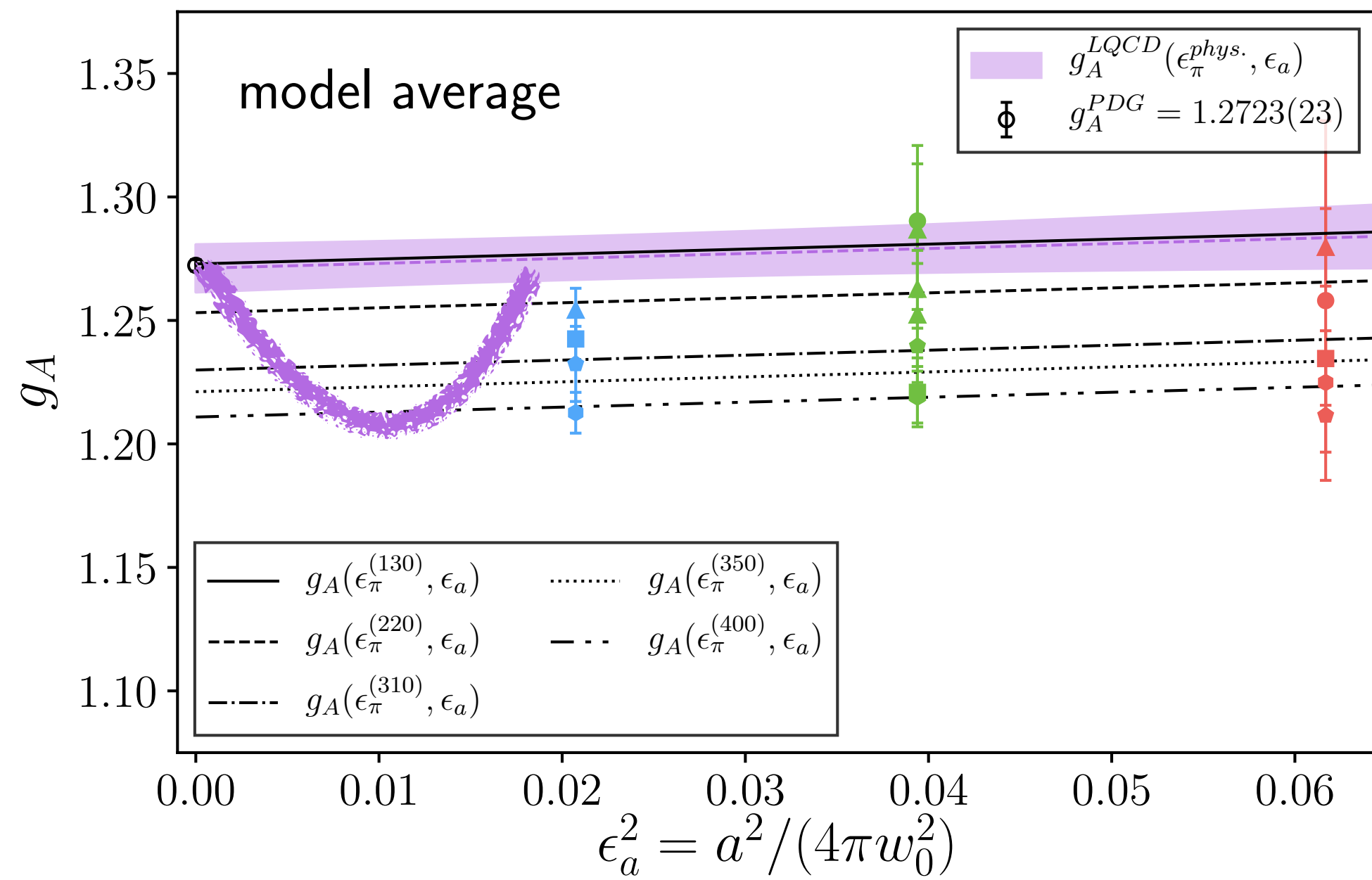
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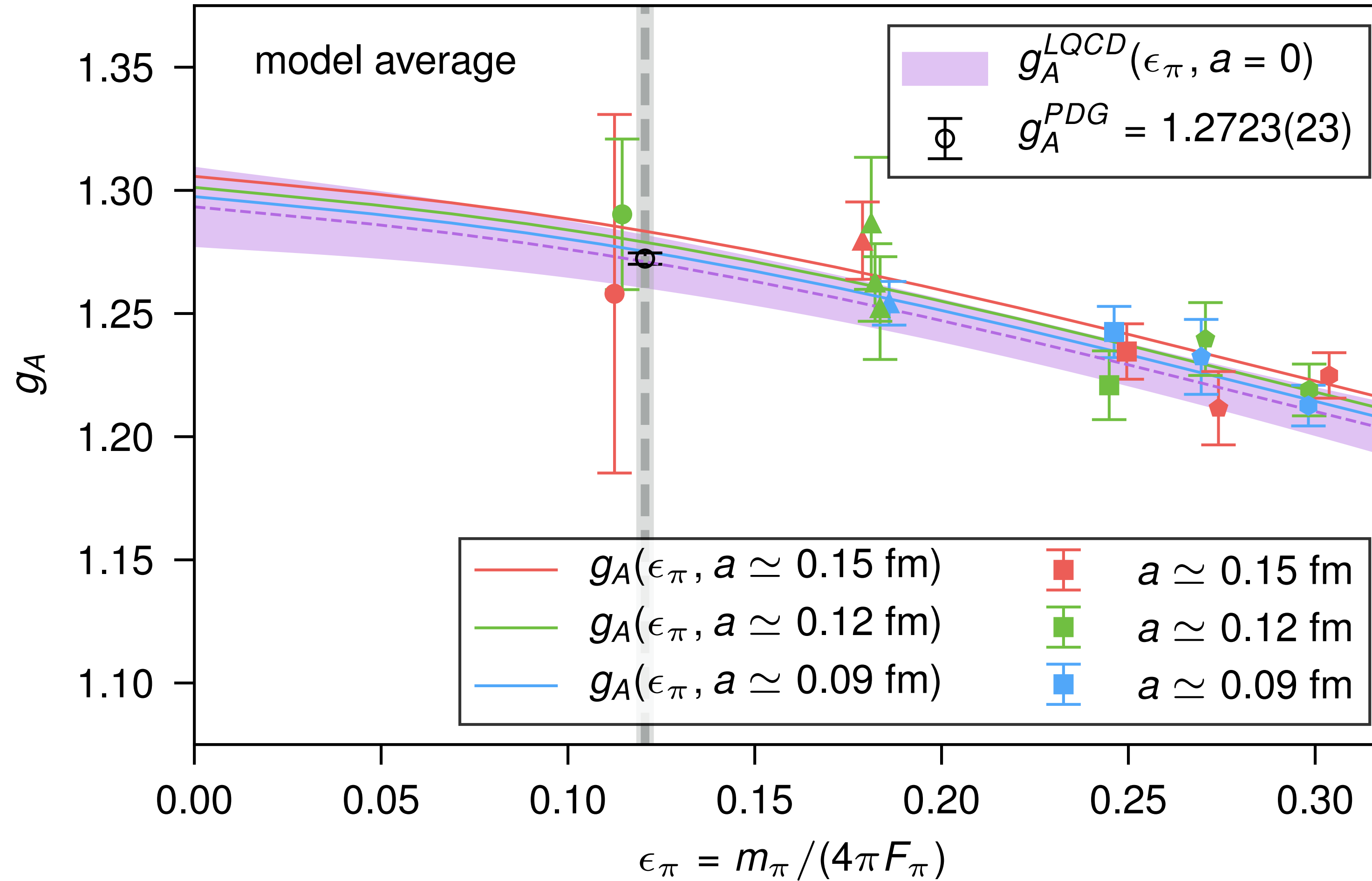


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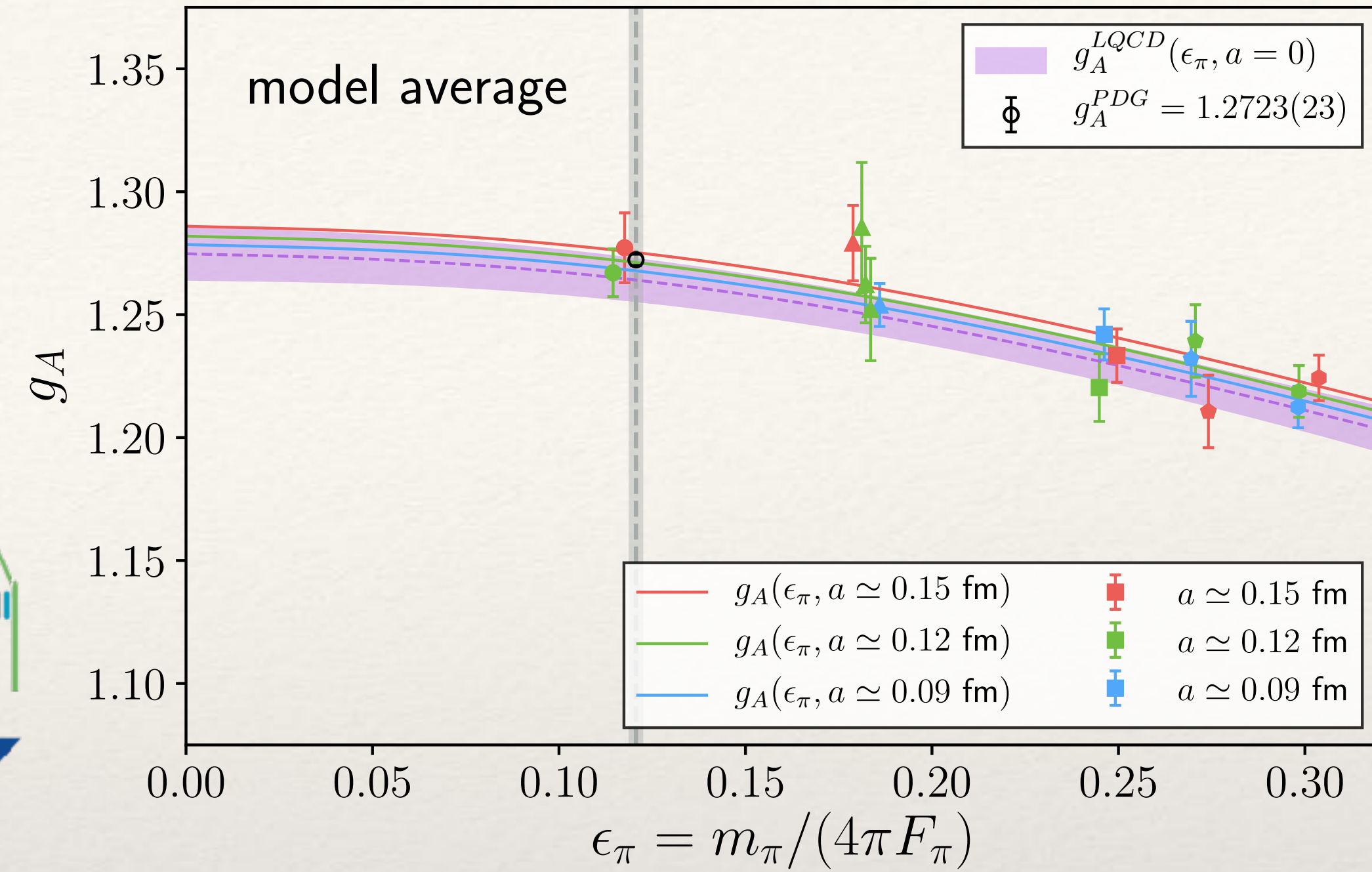
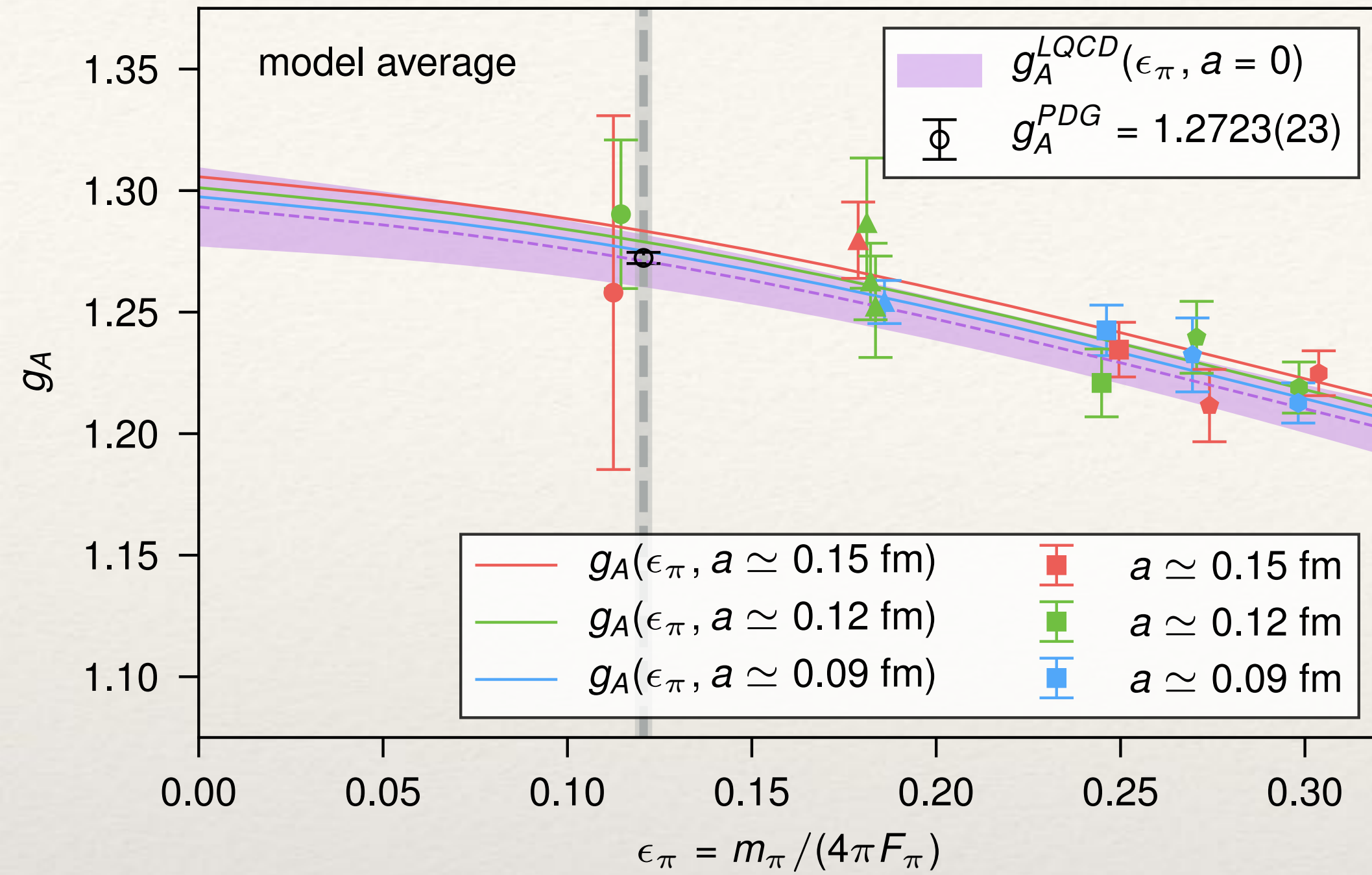
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□ The **a12m130** ($48^3 \times 64 \times 20$) with 3 sources cost as much as all other ensembles combined

□ 2.5 weekends on Sierra → 16 srcs

□ Now, 32 srcs (un-constrained, 3-state fit)

□ We generated a new **a15m135XL** ($48^3 \times 64$) ensemble (old **a15m130** is $32^3 \times 48$)

□ $M\pi L = 4.93$ (old $M\pi L = 3.2$)

□ $L_5 = 24, N_{\text{src}} = 16$

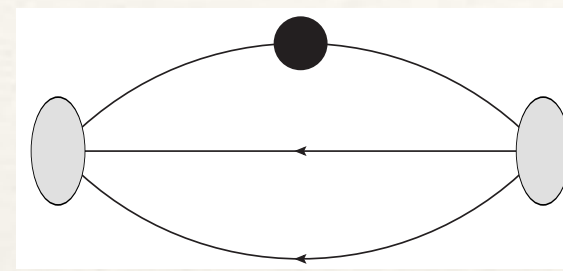
□ We are running $g_A(Q^2)$ on Summit this year (DOE INCITE)

□ We anticipate improving g_A to $\sim 0.5\%$

$$g_A = 1.2711(125) \rightarrow 1.2641(93) [0.74\%]$$

Nucleon Axial FormFactor

- Inherent to our g_A calculation was the “Feynman-Hellmann” Propagator



The diagram shows two grey ovals representing source and sink, connected by three paths: a straight line and two curved lines. A black dot is placed on the upper curved line.

$$\text{---}\bullet\text{---} = S_{FH}(y, x) = \sum_z S(y, z)\Gamma(z)S(z, x)$$

- For each choice of current and momentum, a new FH propagator is required
- We have tried several variants of stochastic methods to relax this constraint, but the noise is too large
- We have resorted to the standard fixed source-sink separation method (with our tail between our legs a little)



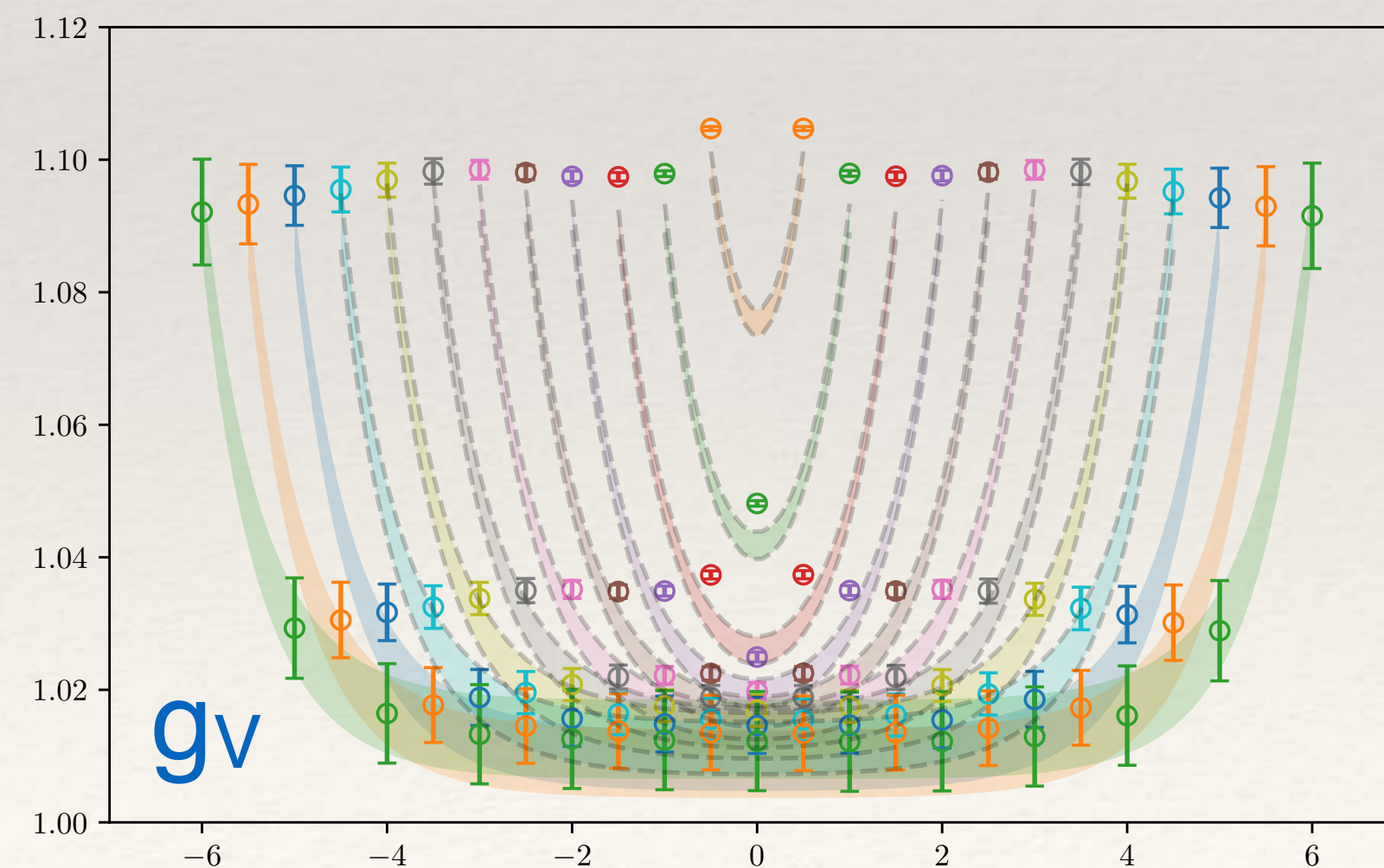
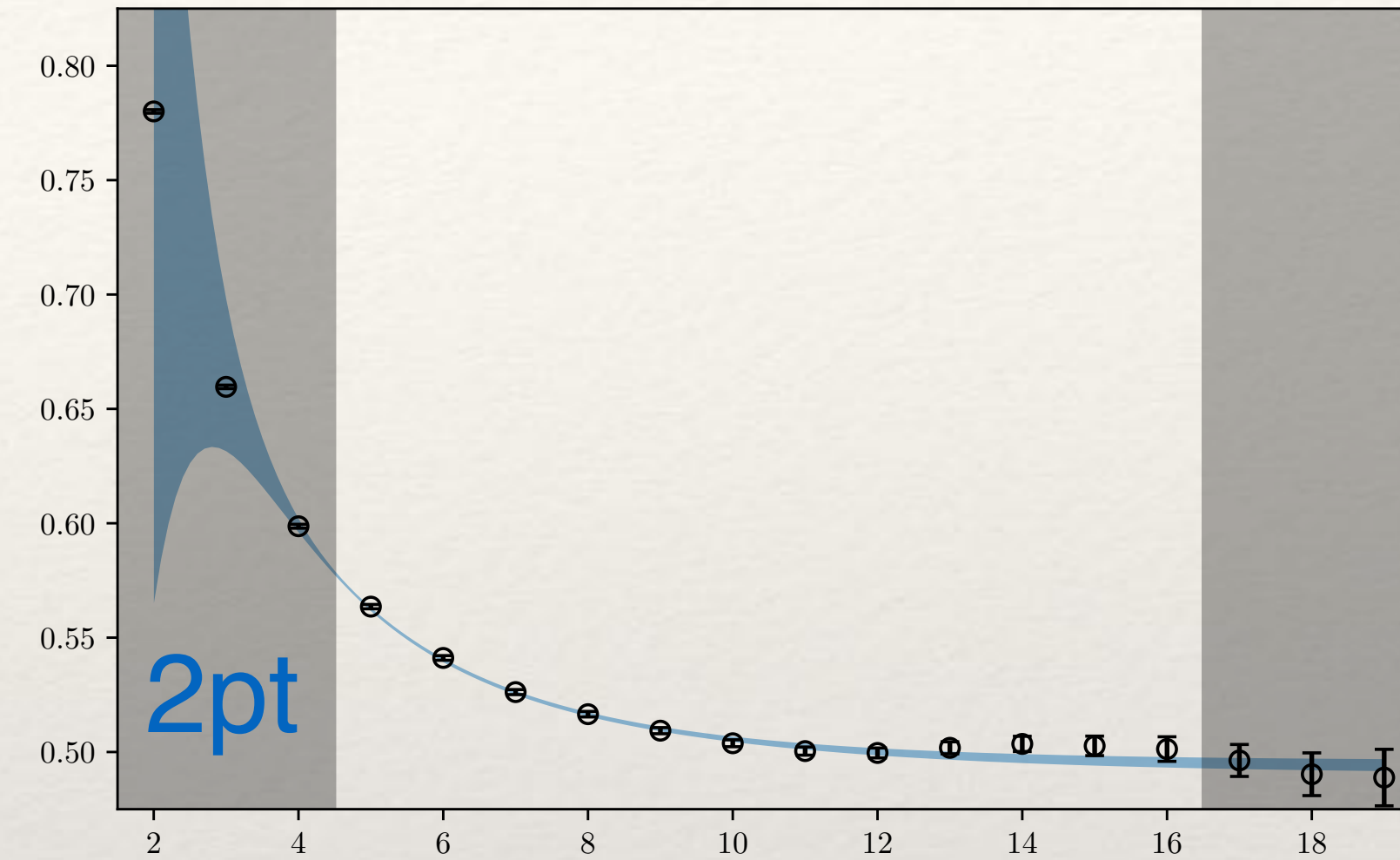
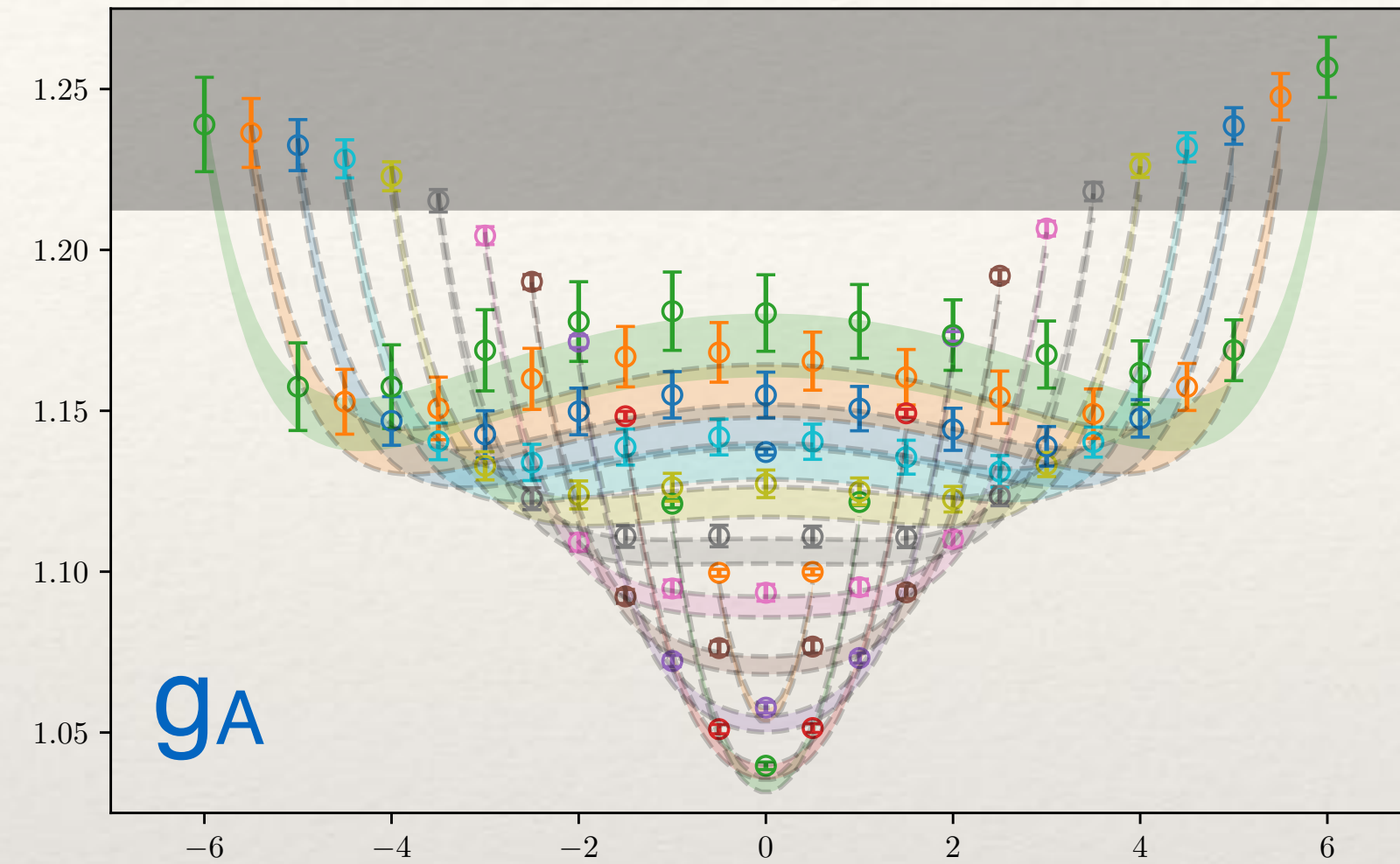
- However, if there was a lesson to be learned from our g_A calculation when applying the fixed source-sink separation method - it is imperative to use many values of \mathbf{t}_{sep} and also small values
 - See also S. Meinel, Chiral Dynamics 2012 and Hasan et al. (LHPC) 1903.06487

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PRELIMINARY

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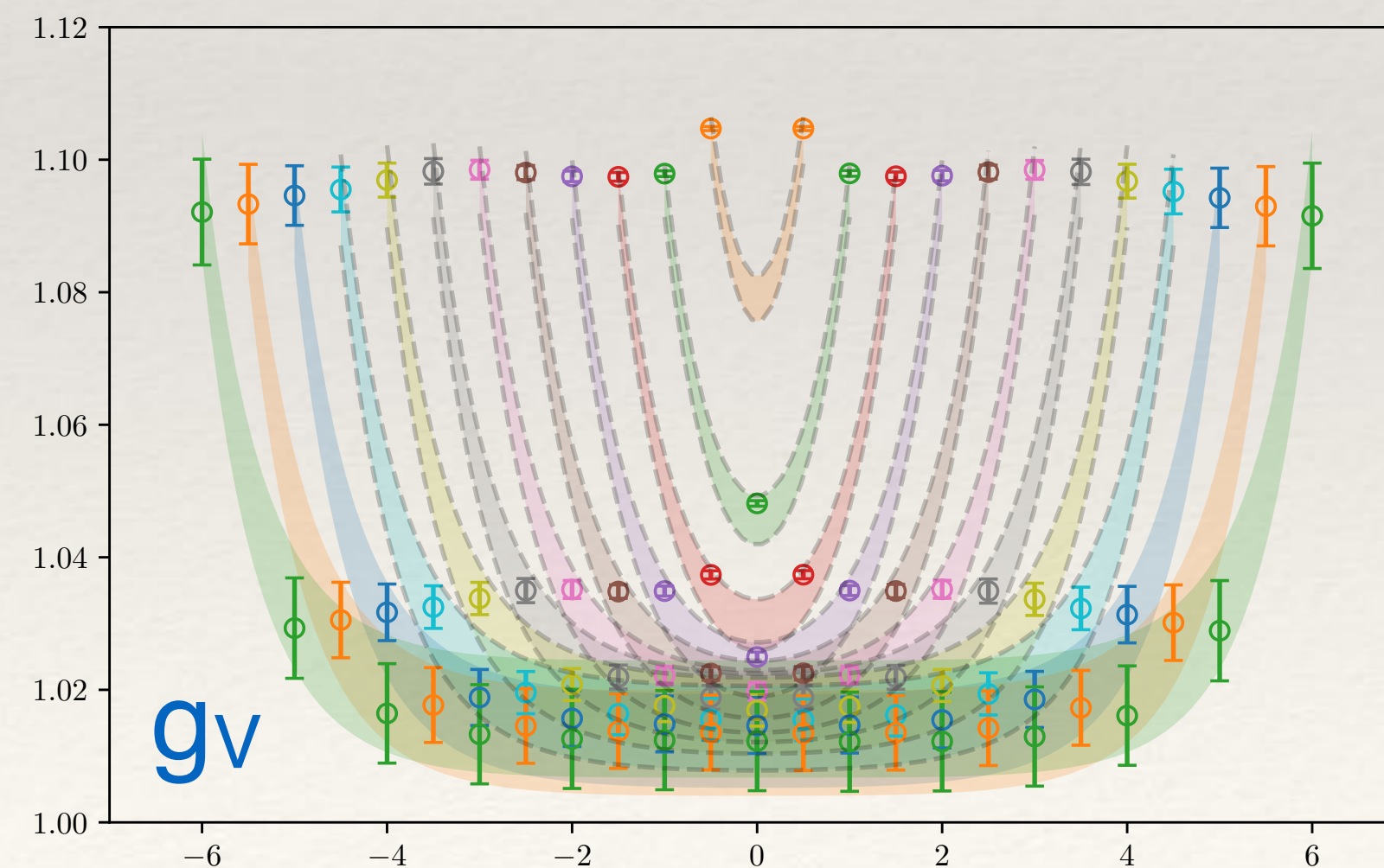
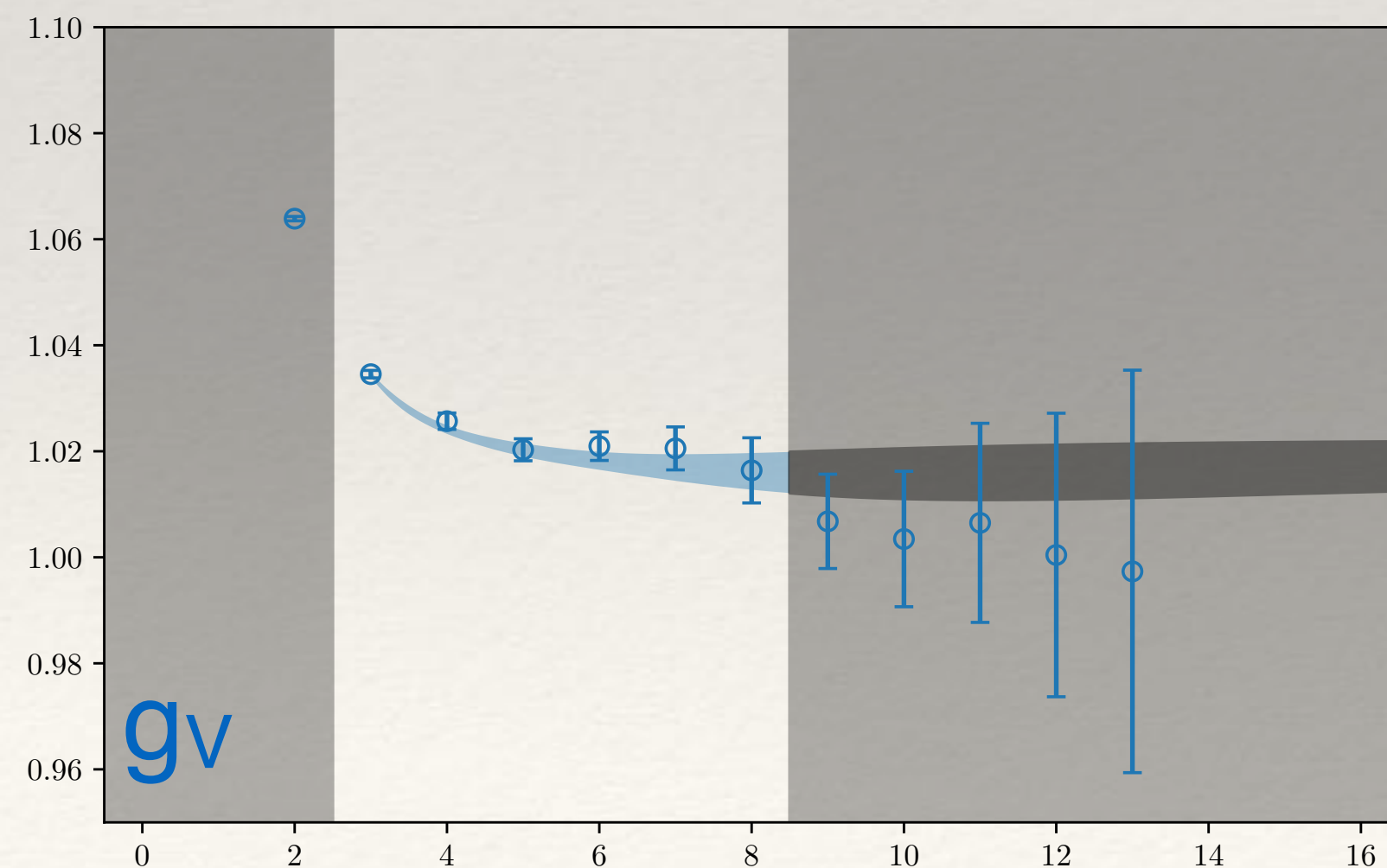
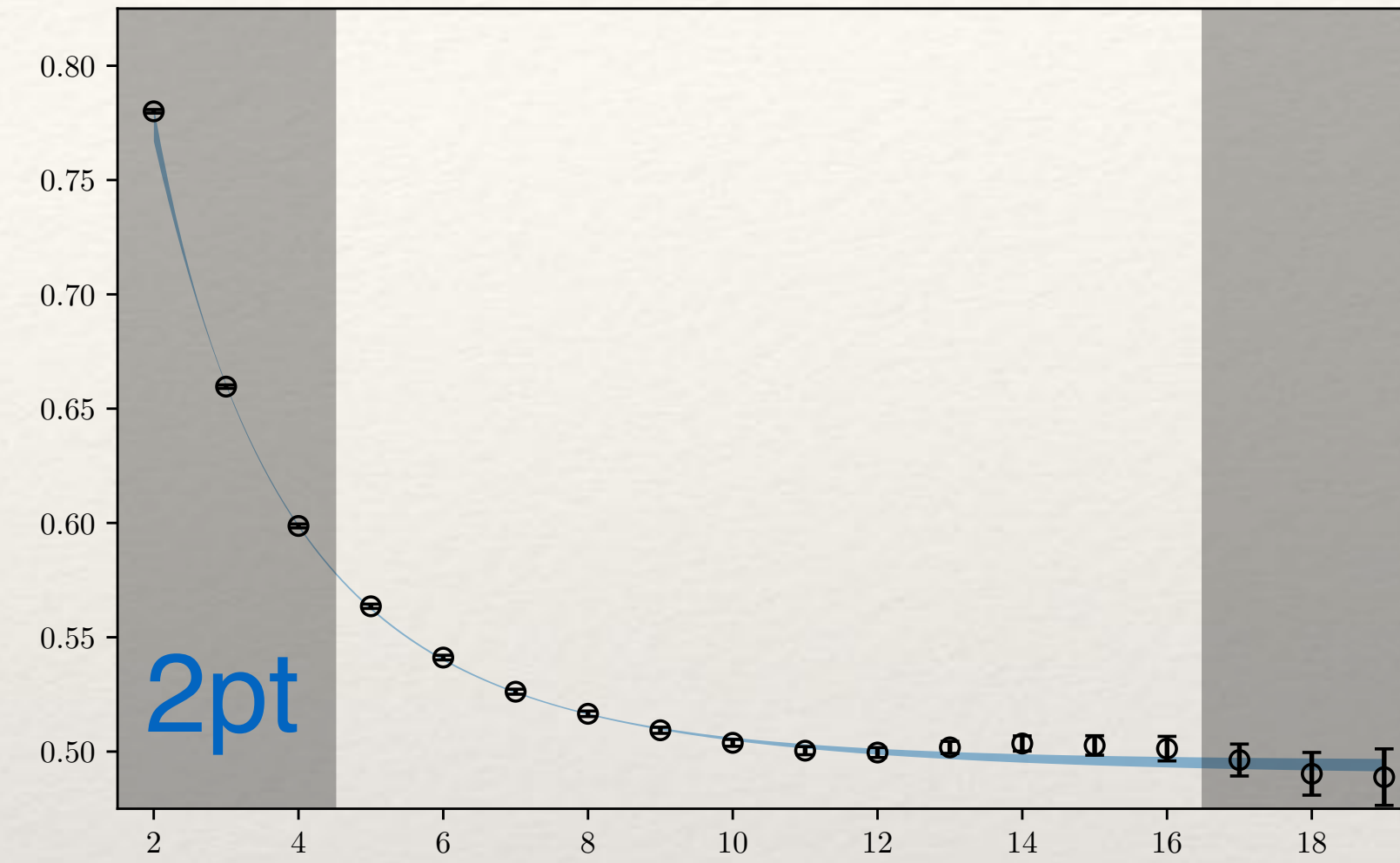
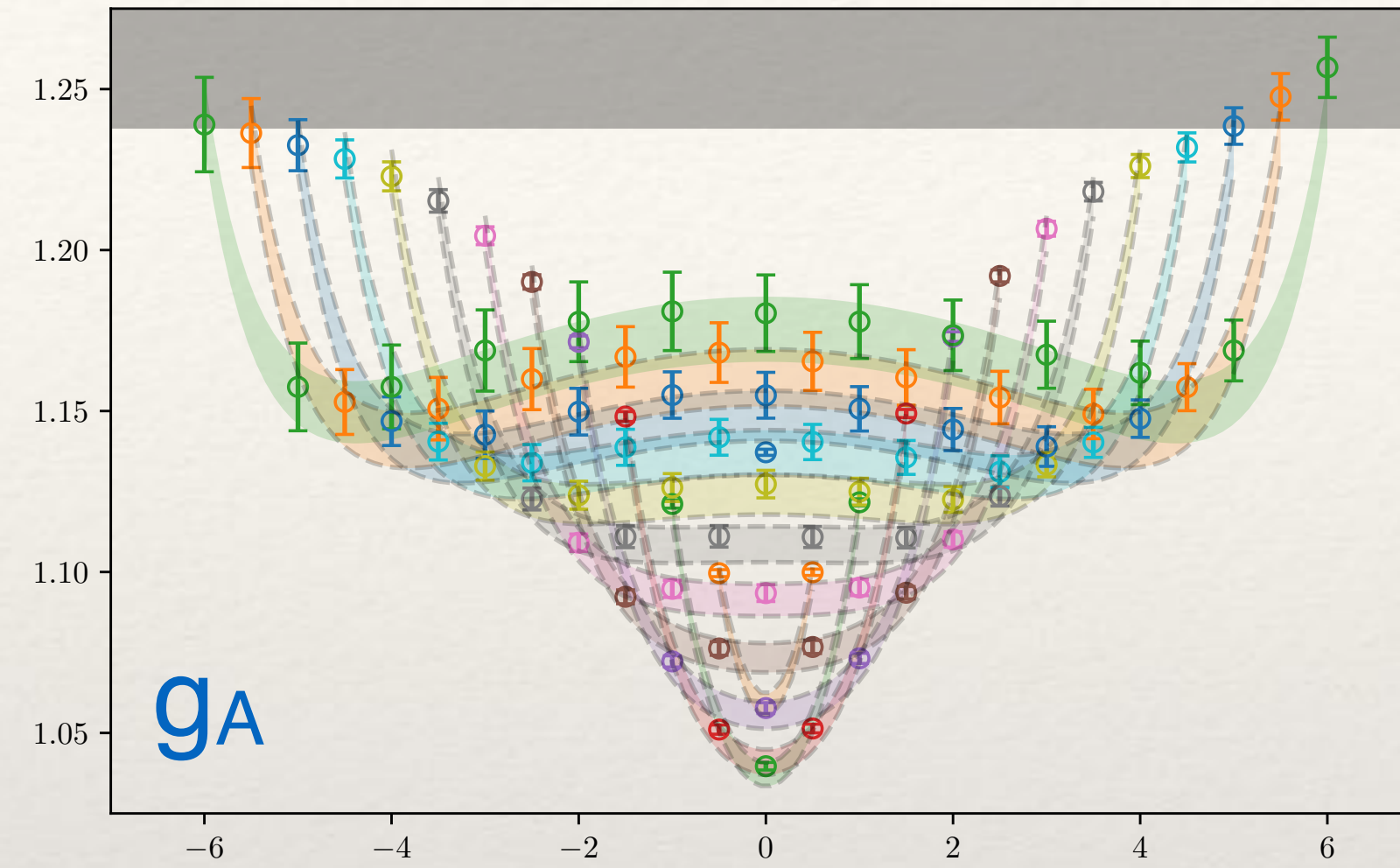
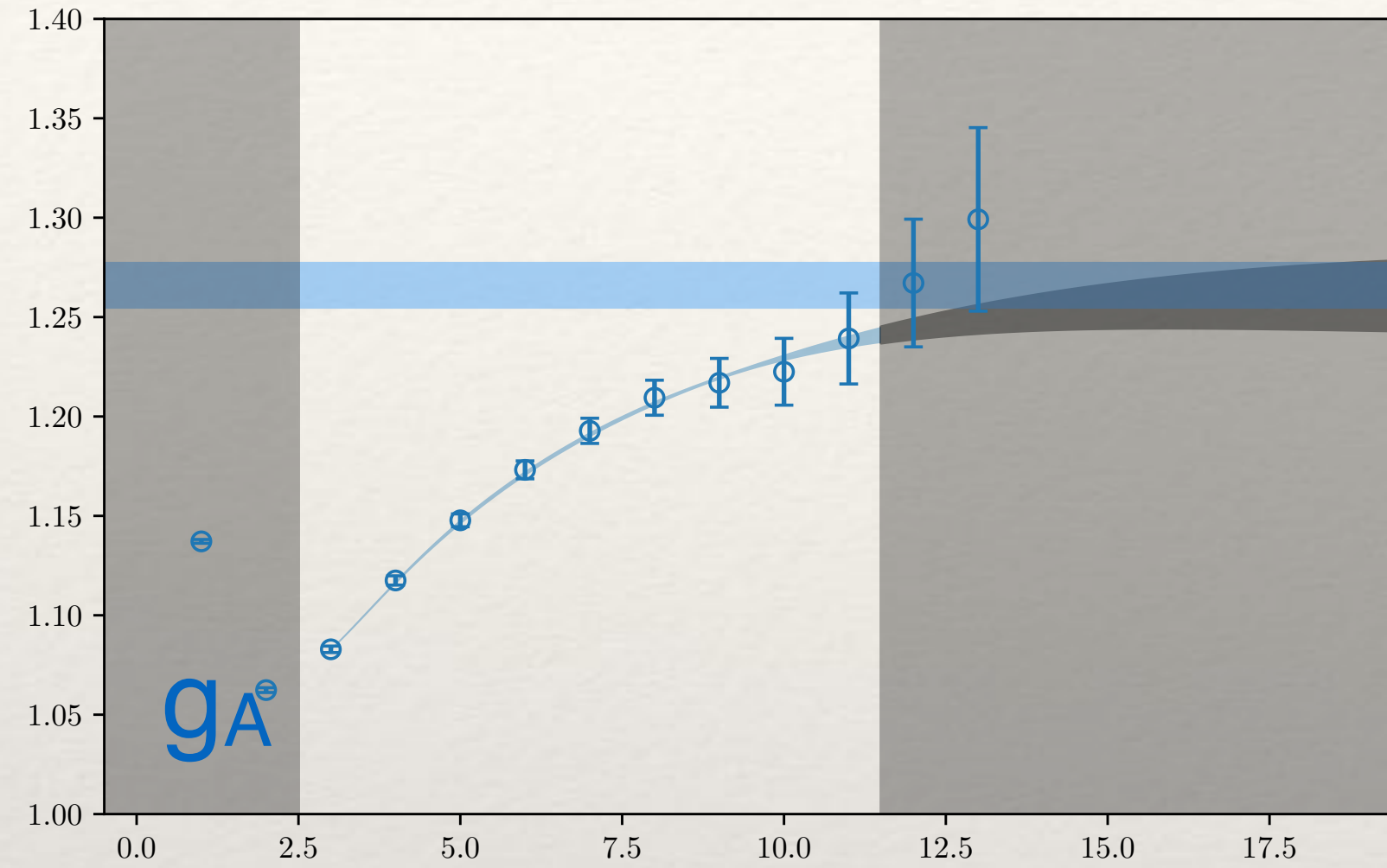
$t_{\text{sep}} = [3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14]$



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PRELIMINARY

a09m310 - 8 sources - 1 coherent sink $t_{sep} = [3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14]$



Add summed and then subtracted
3pt data to analysis

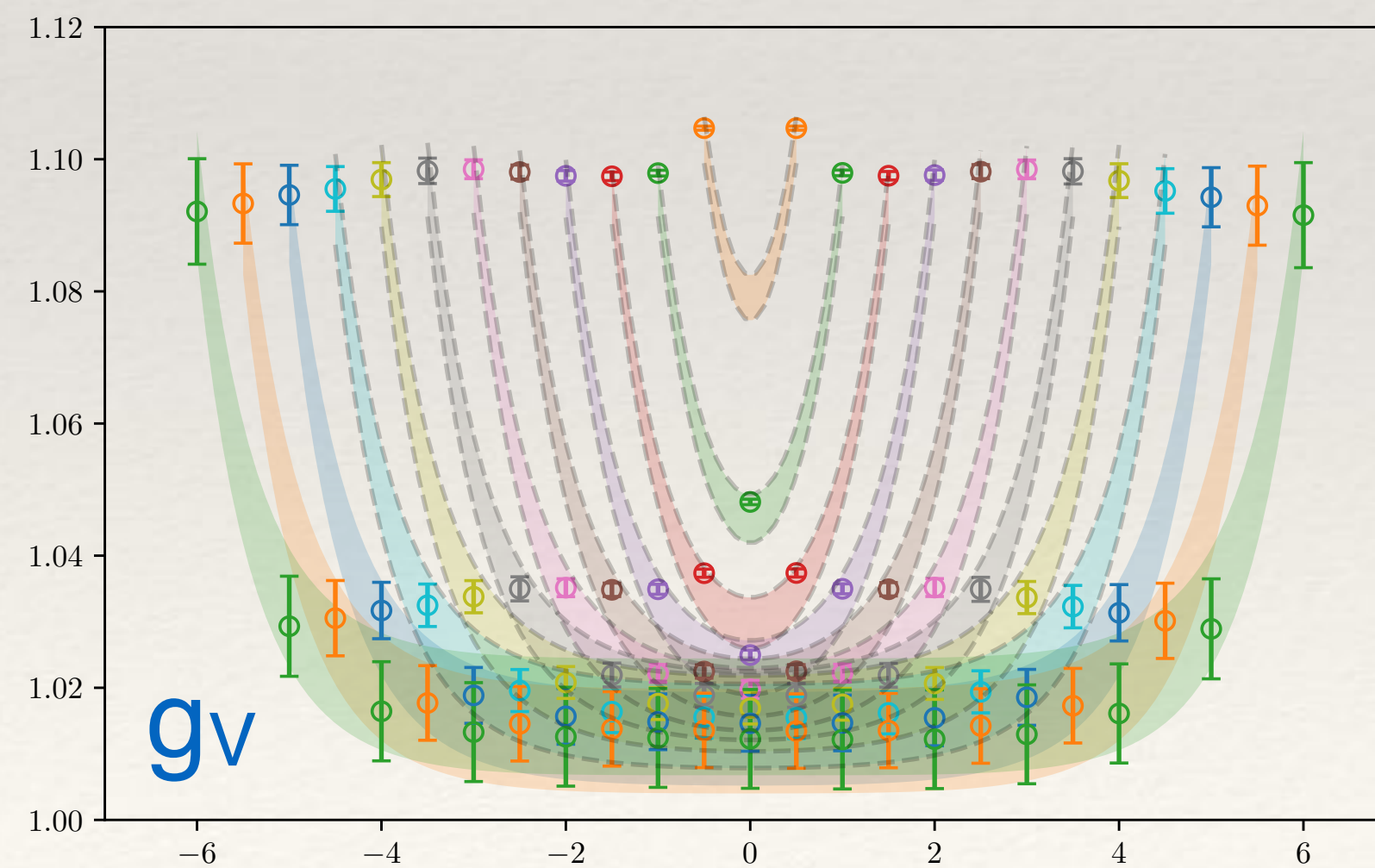
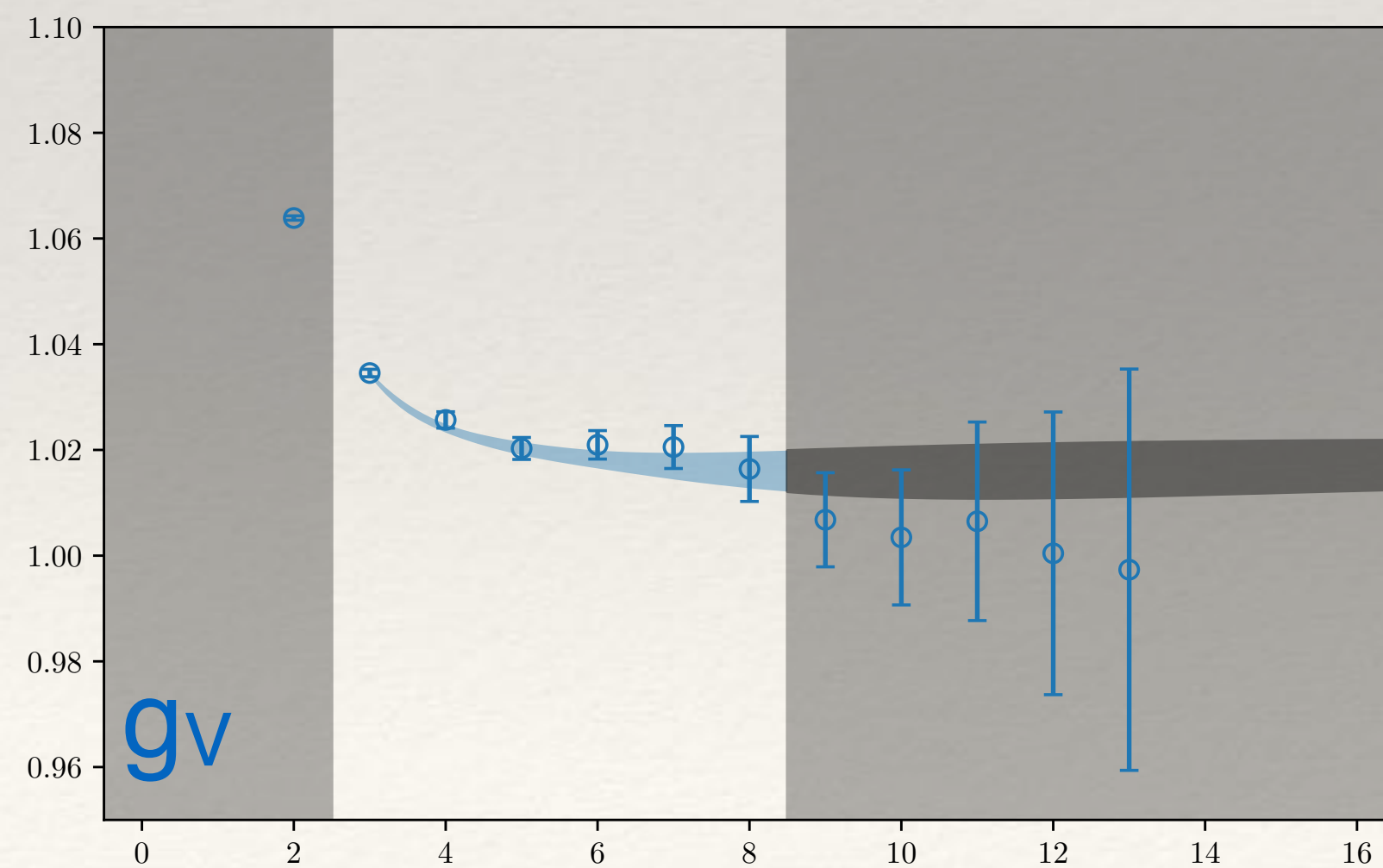
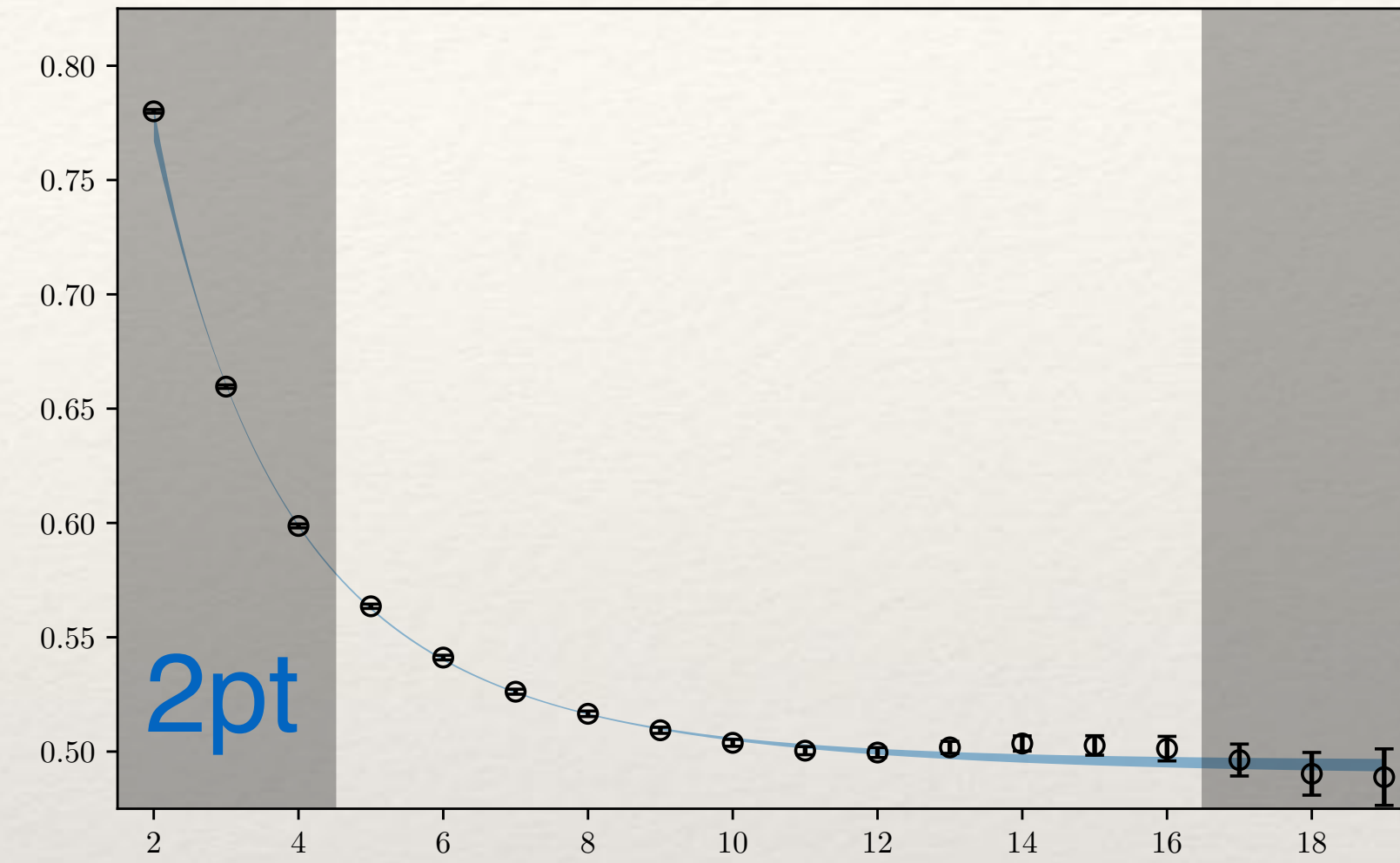
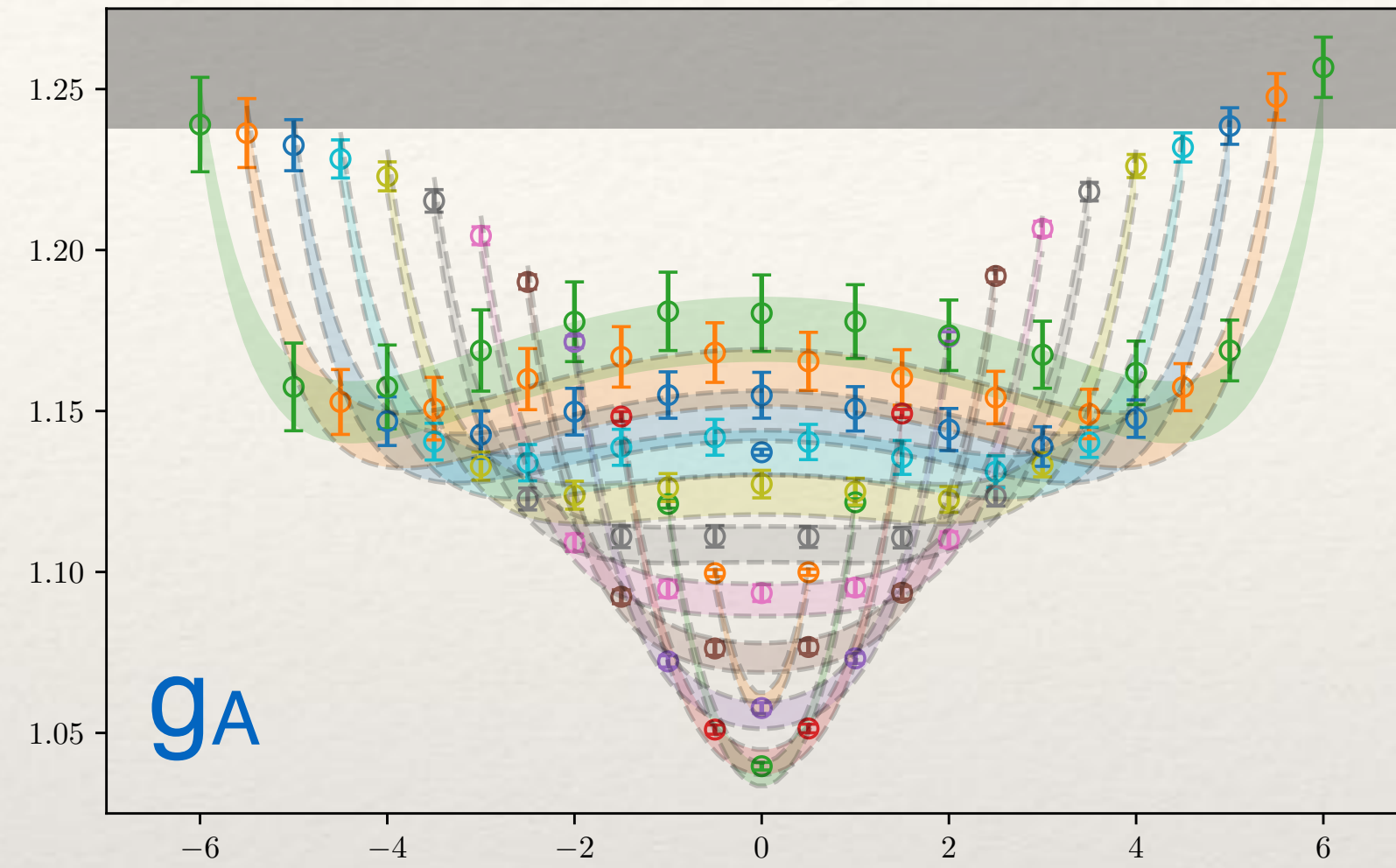
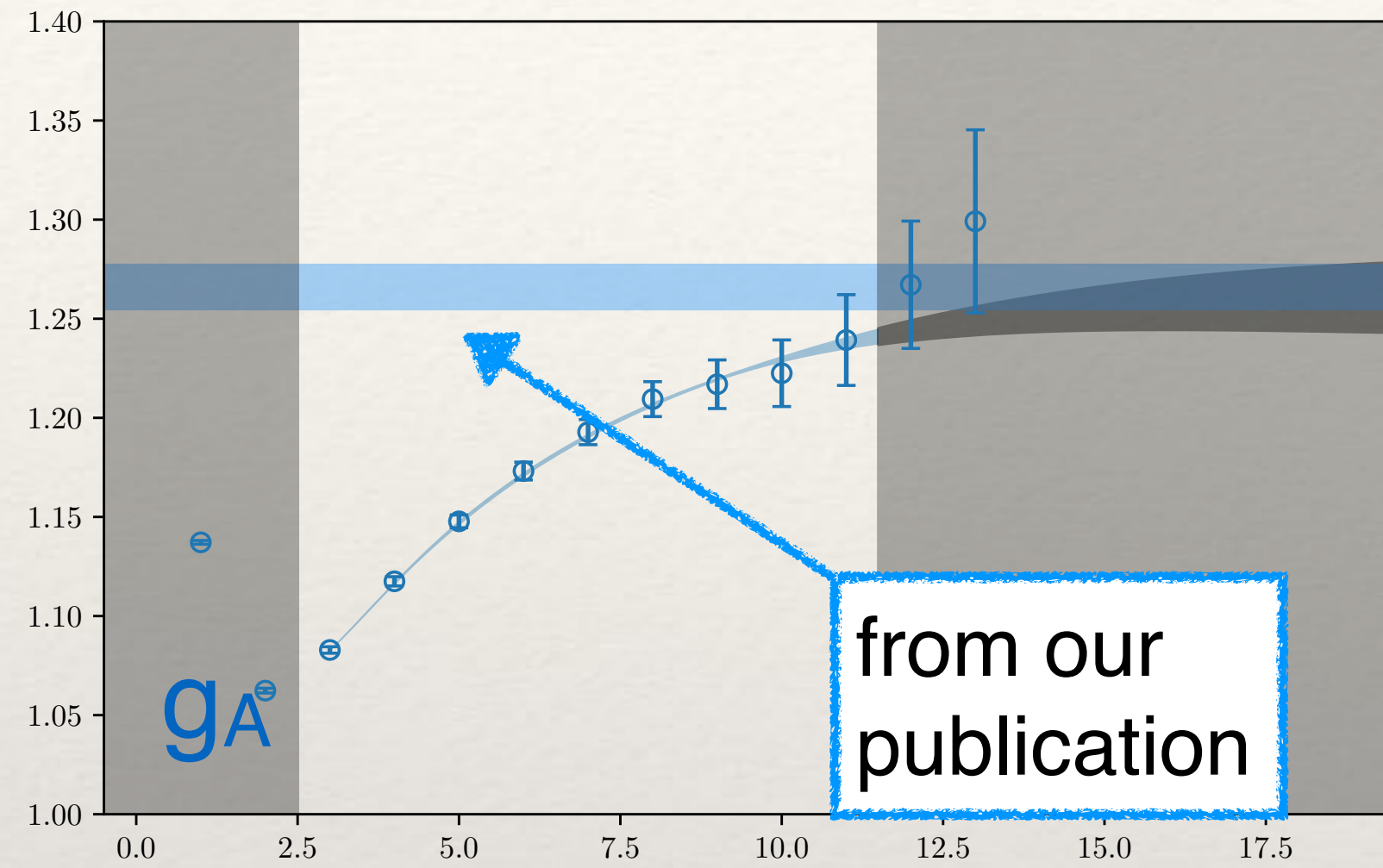
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Nucleon Axial FormFactor

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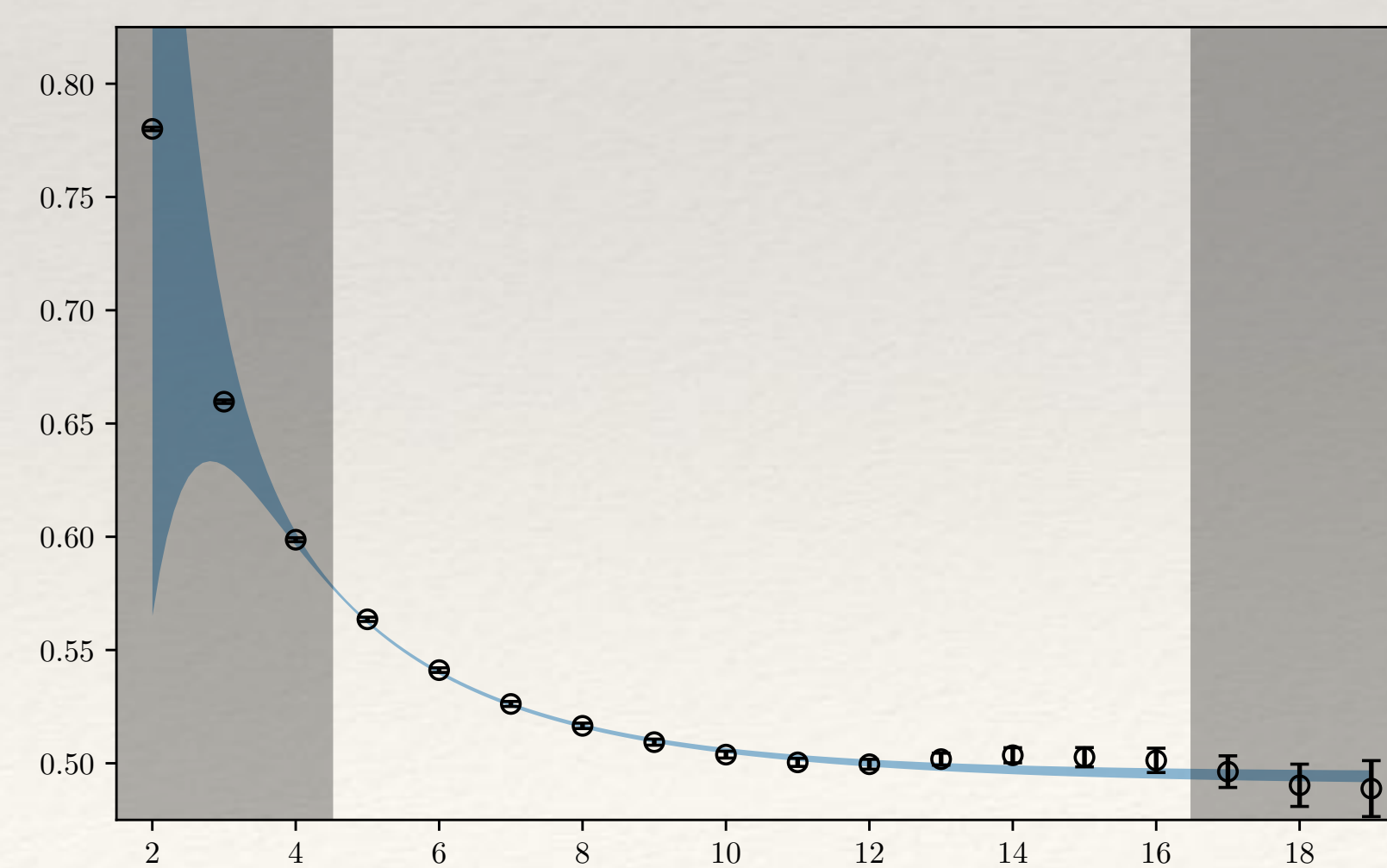
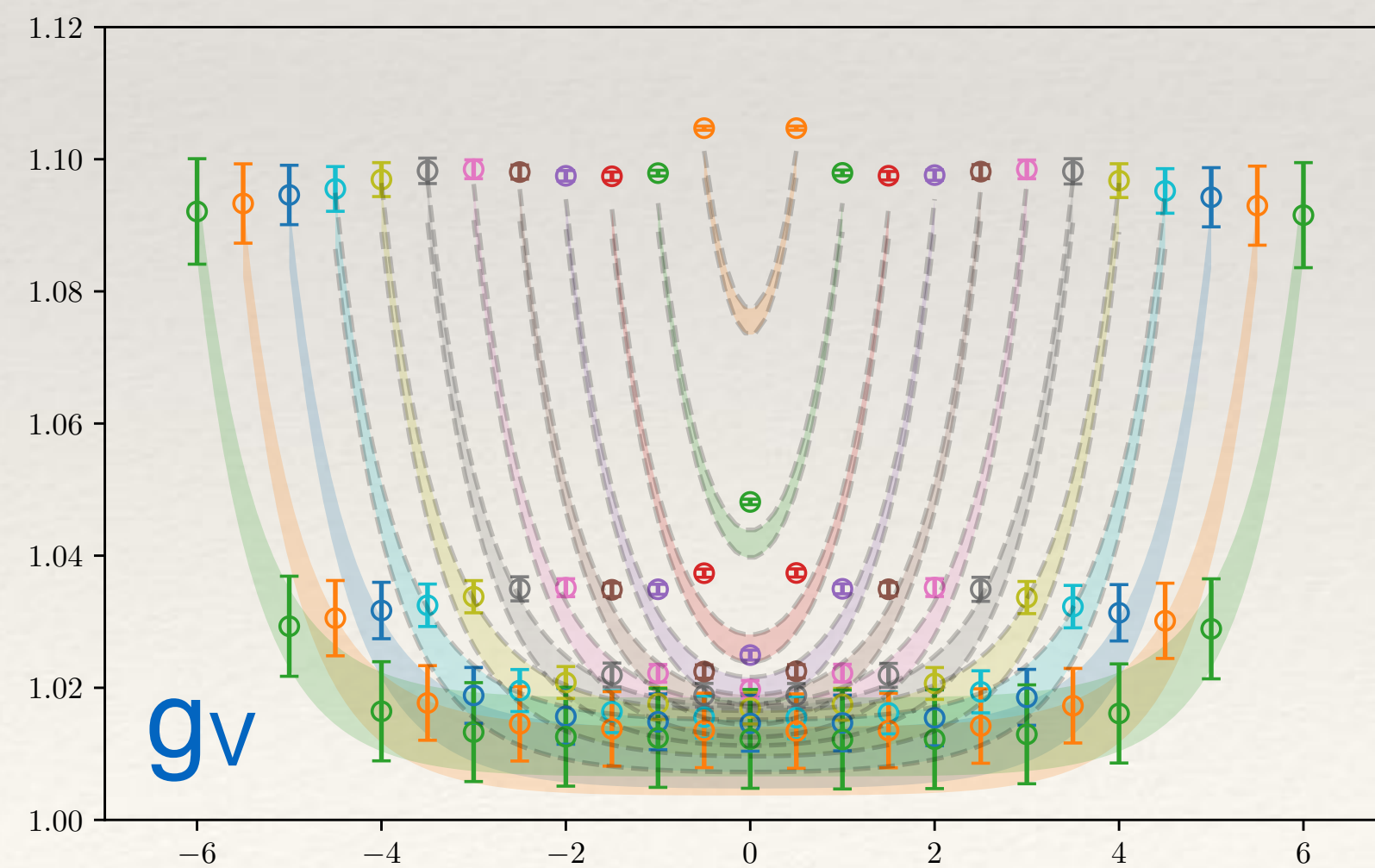
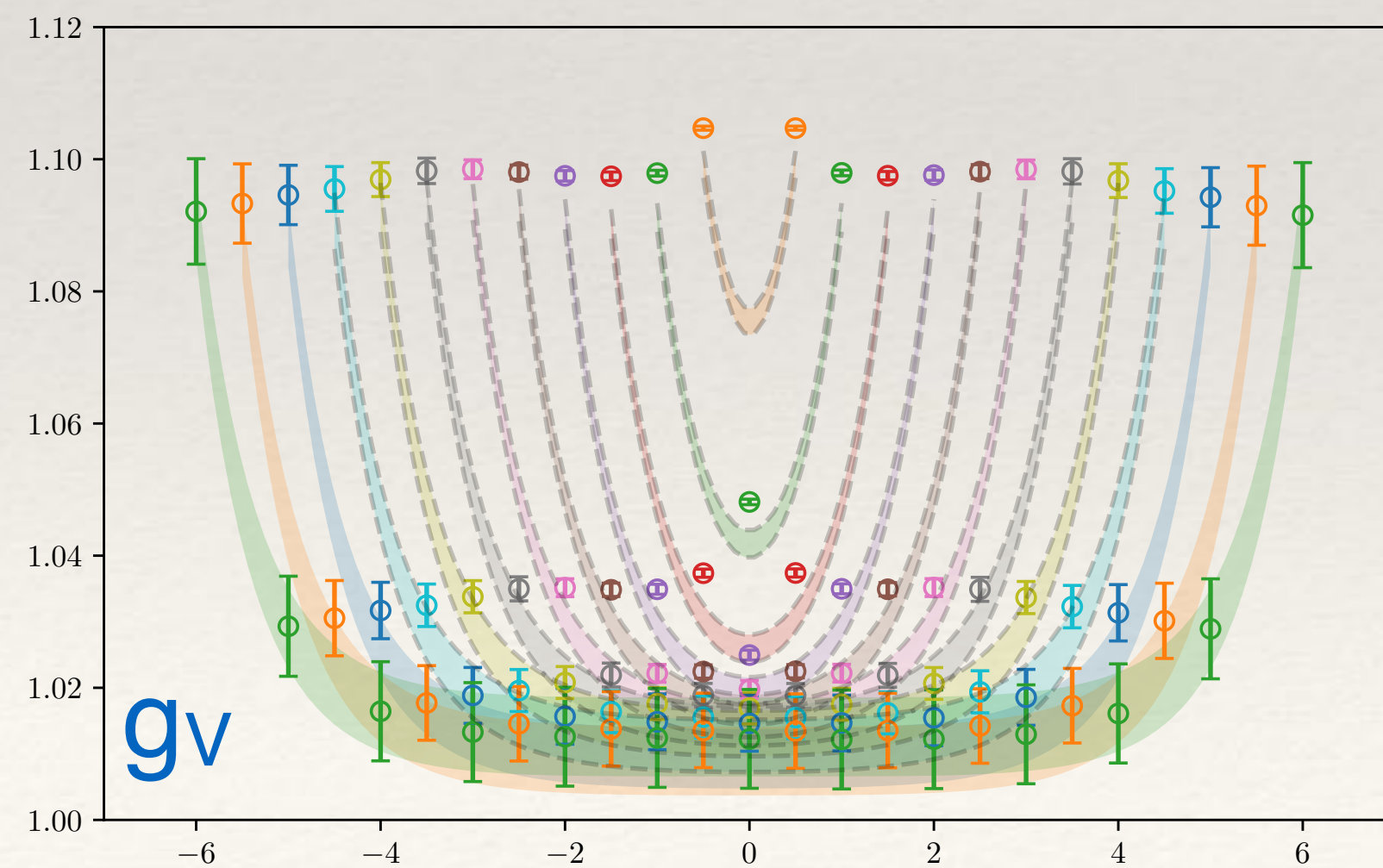
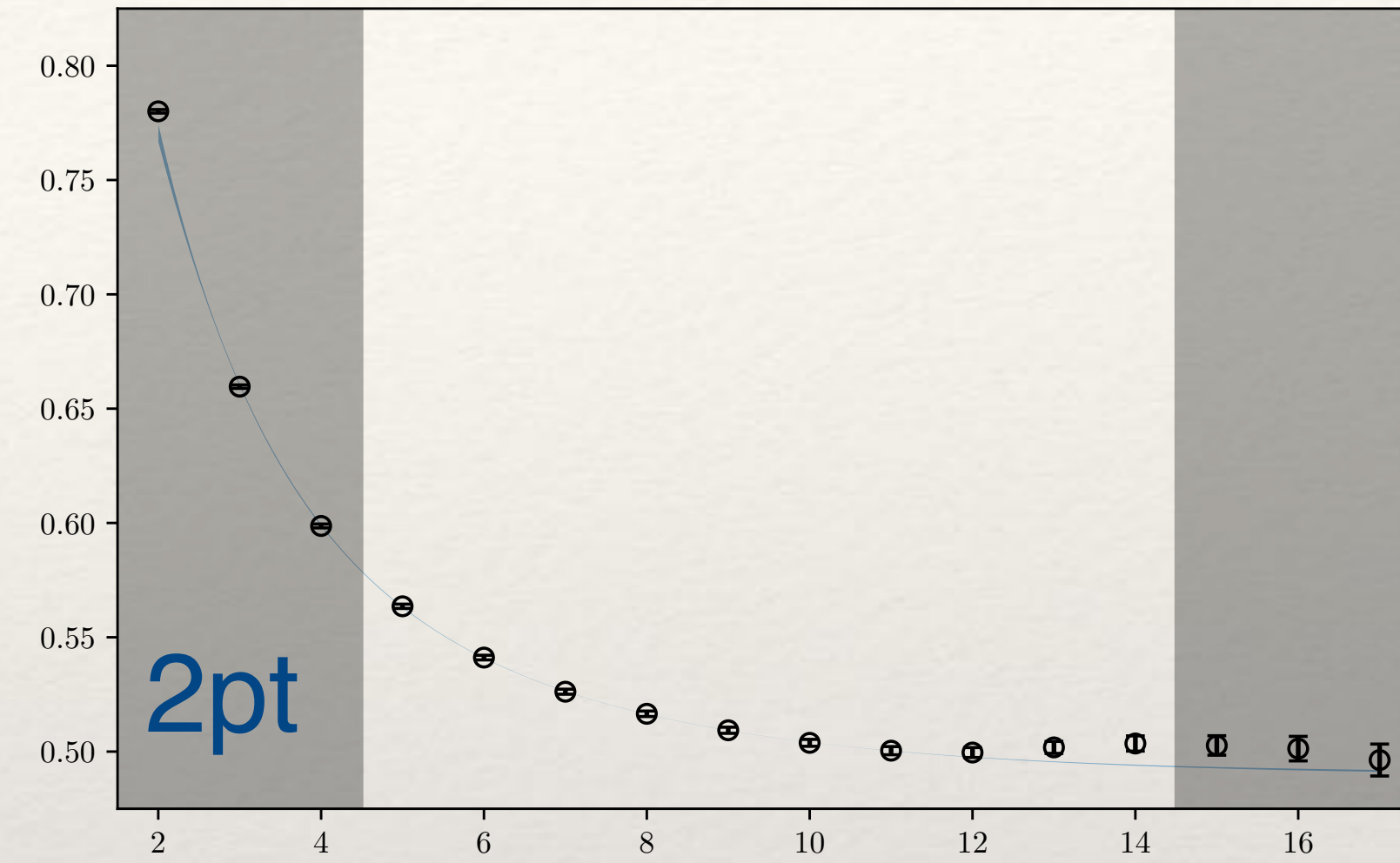
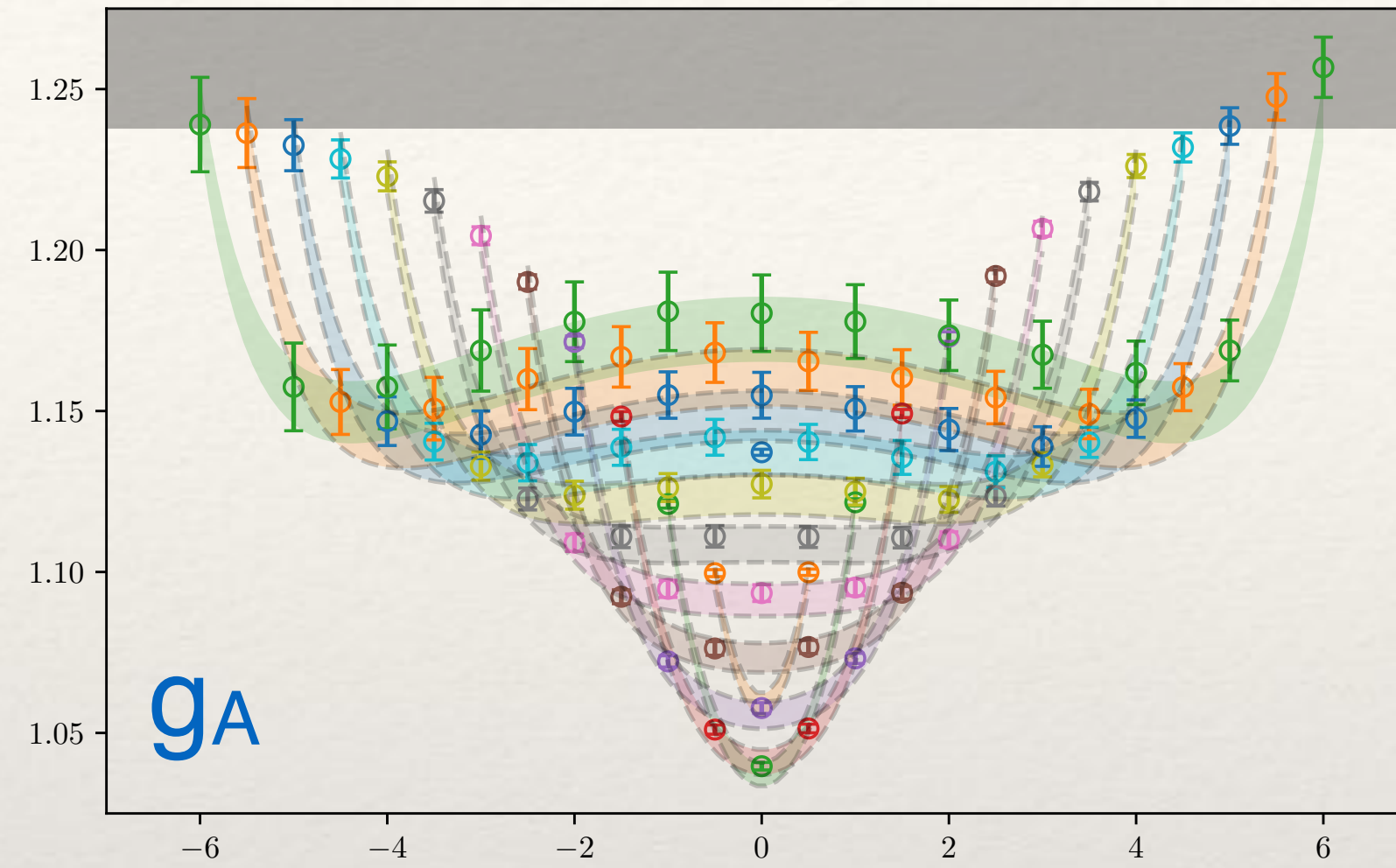
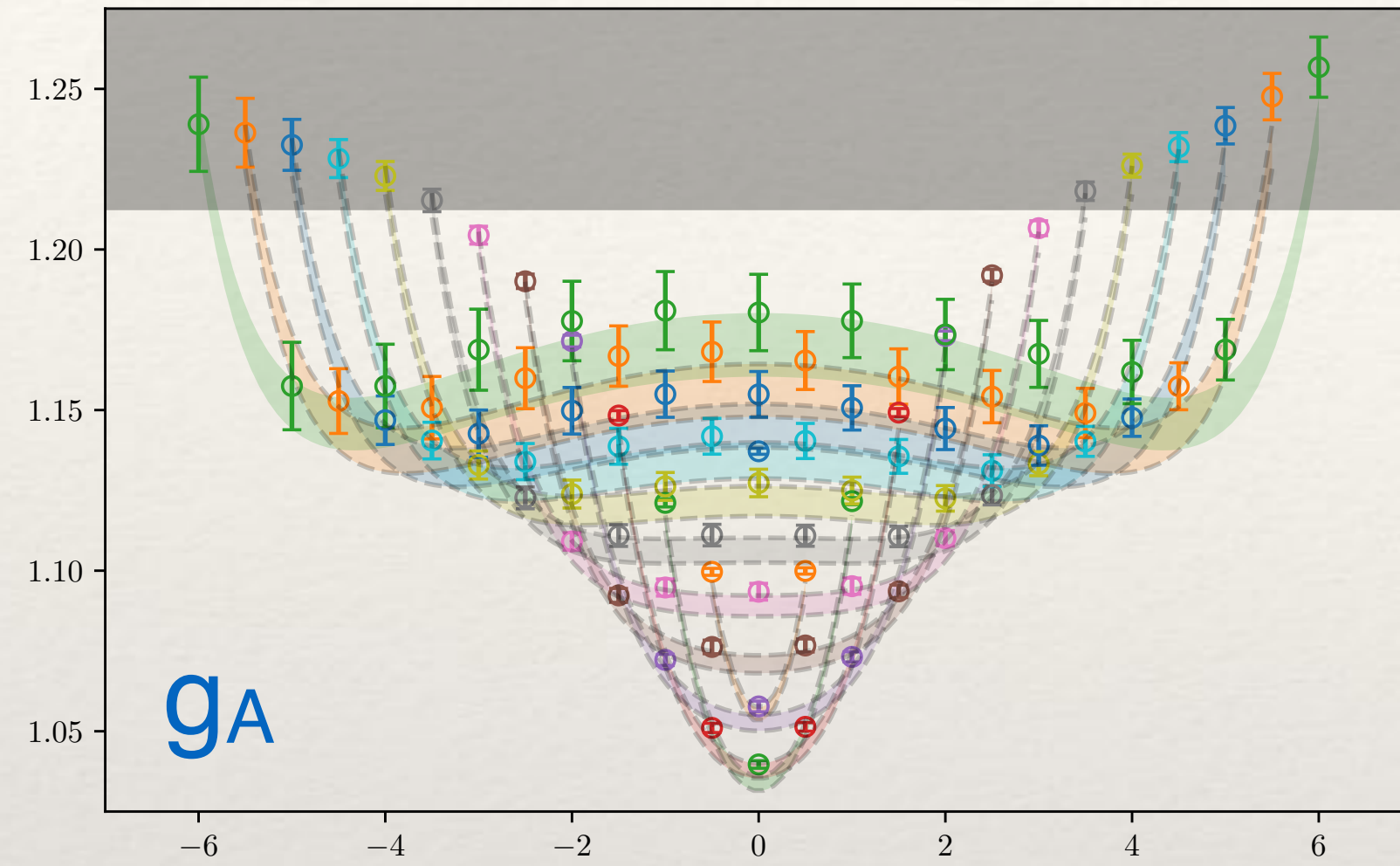
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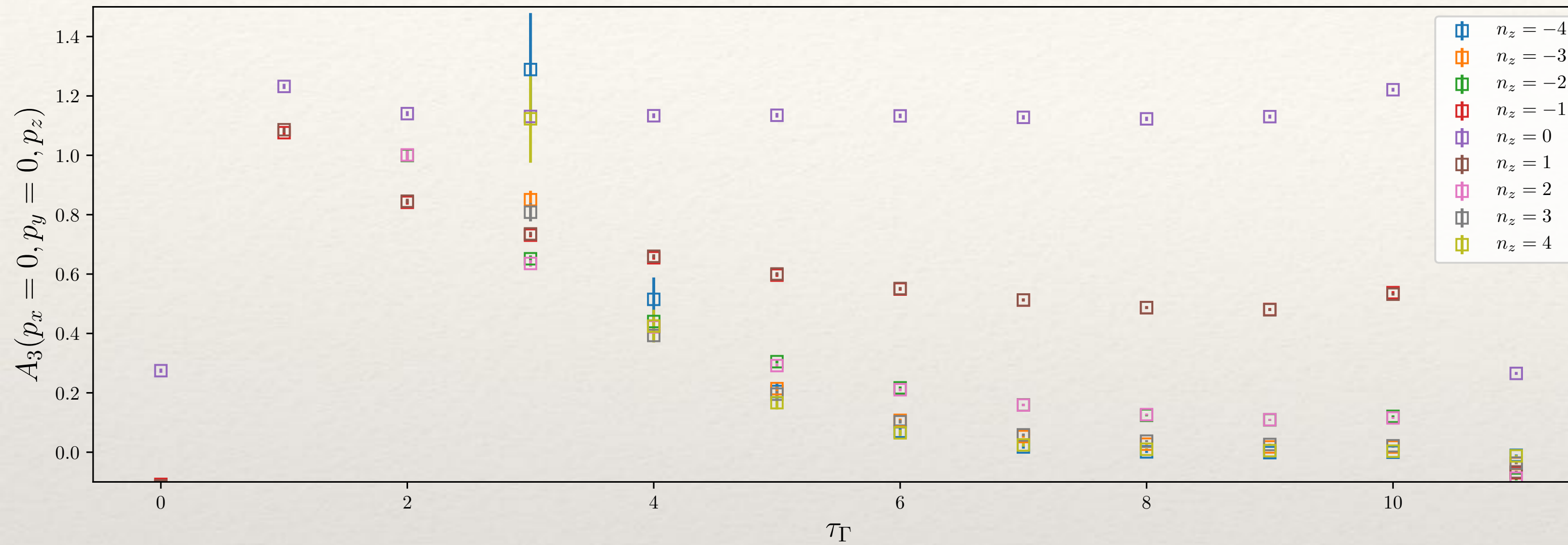


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non-zero momentum, $t_{\text{sep}} = 11$

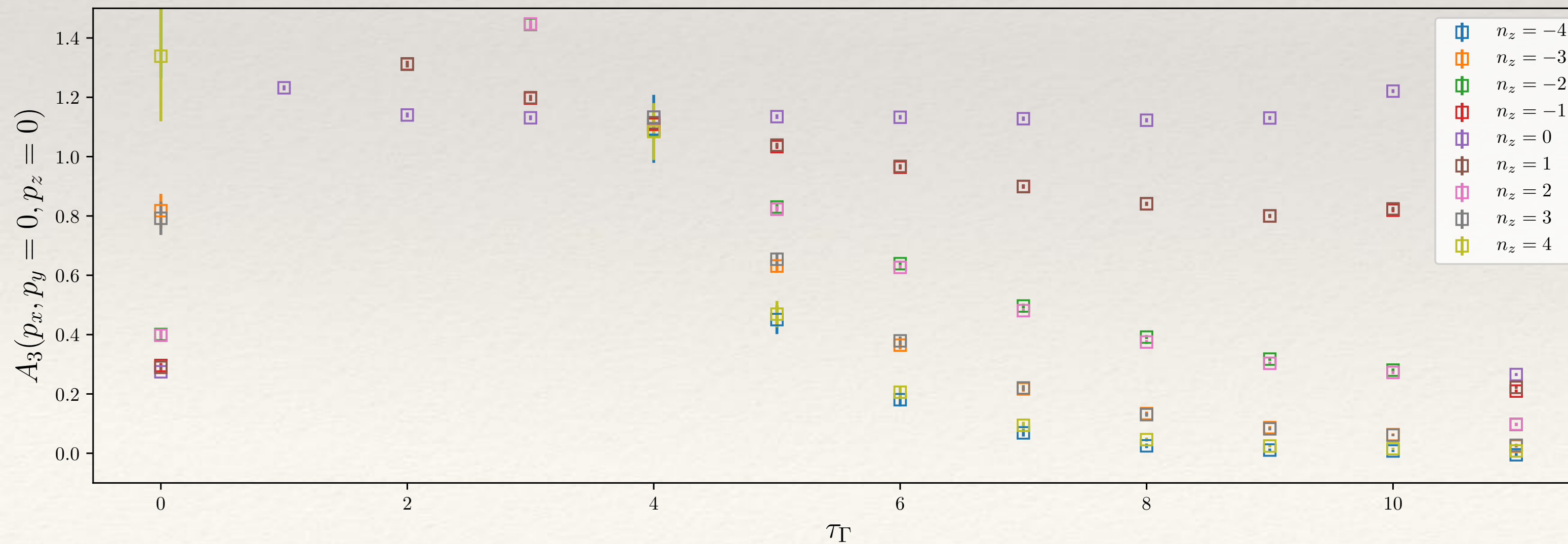


Inl=1, Q=0.196 GeV

Inl=2, Q=0.393 GeV

Inl=3, Q=0.589 GeV

Inl=4, Q=0.785 GeV



Nucleon Axial FormFactor

Spin averaging

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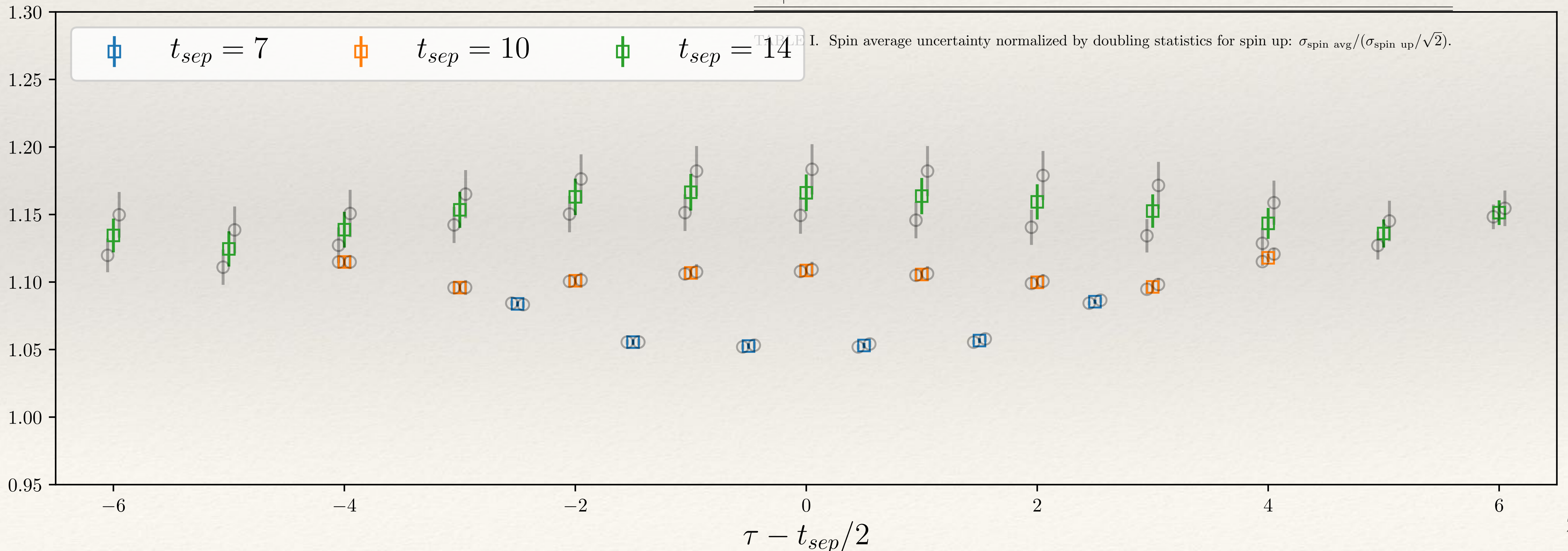
In the literature - we see both

$$\mathcal{P}_{3pt} \propto 1 + i\gamma_5\gamma_3 \quad \text{spin up only}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{3pt} \propto i\gamma_5\gamma_3 \quad \text{spin up - spin dn}$$

| t_{sep} | $t_0 + \tau$ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | |
| 3 | 1.23 | 1.23 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 1.19 | 1.20 | 1.18 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 1.14 | 1.15 | 1.15 | 1.12 | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 1.09 | 1.11 | 1.12 | 1.10 | 1.06 | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 1.07 | 1.08 | 1.10 | 1.09 | 1.06 | 1.03 | | | | | | | |
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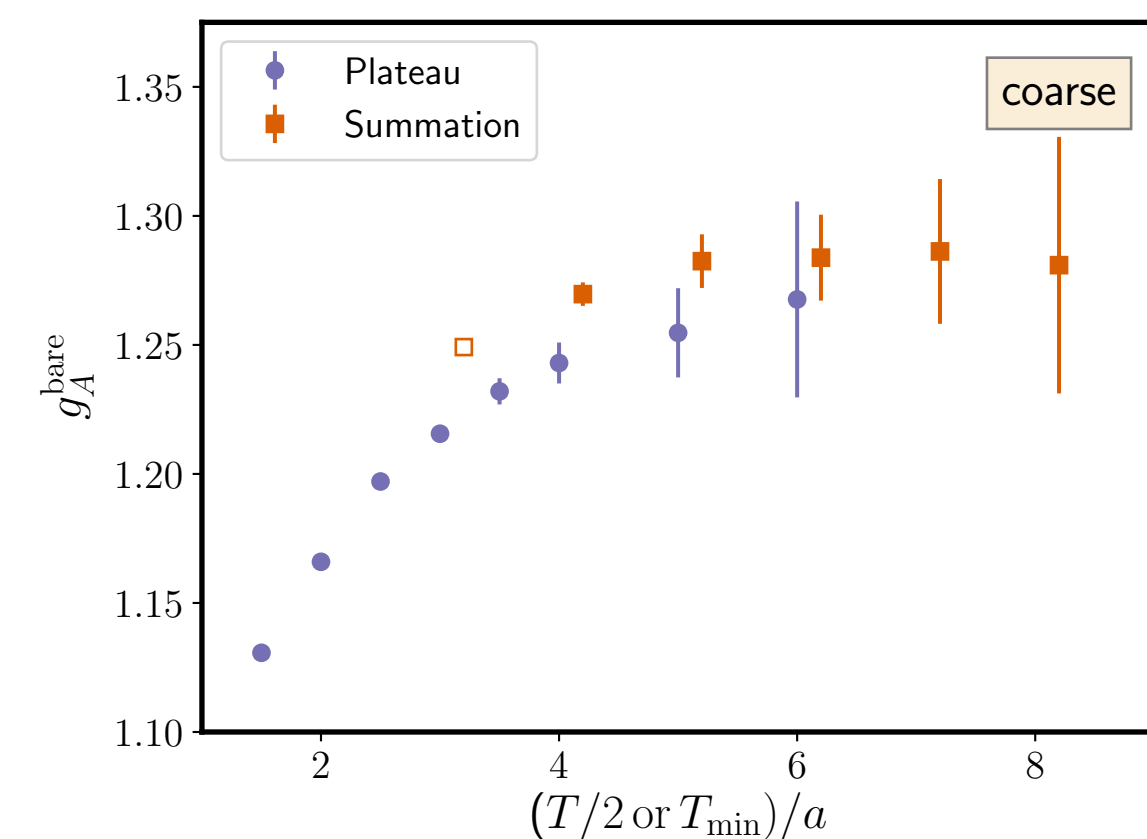
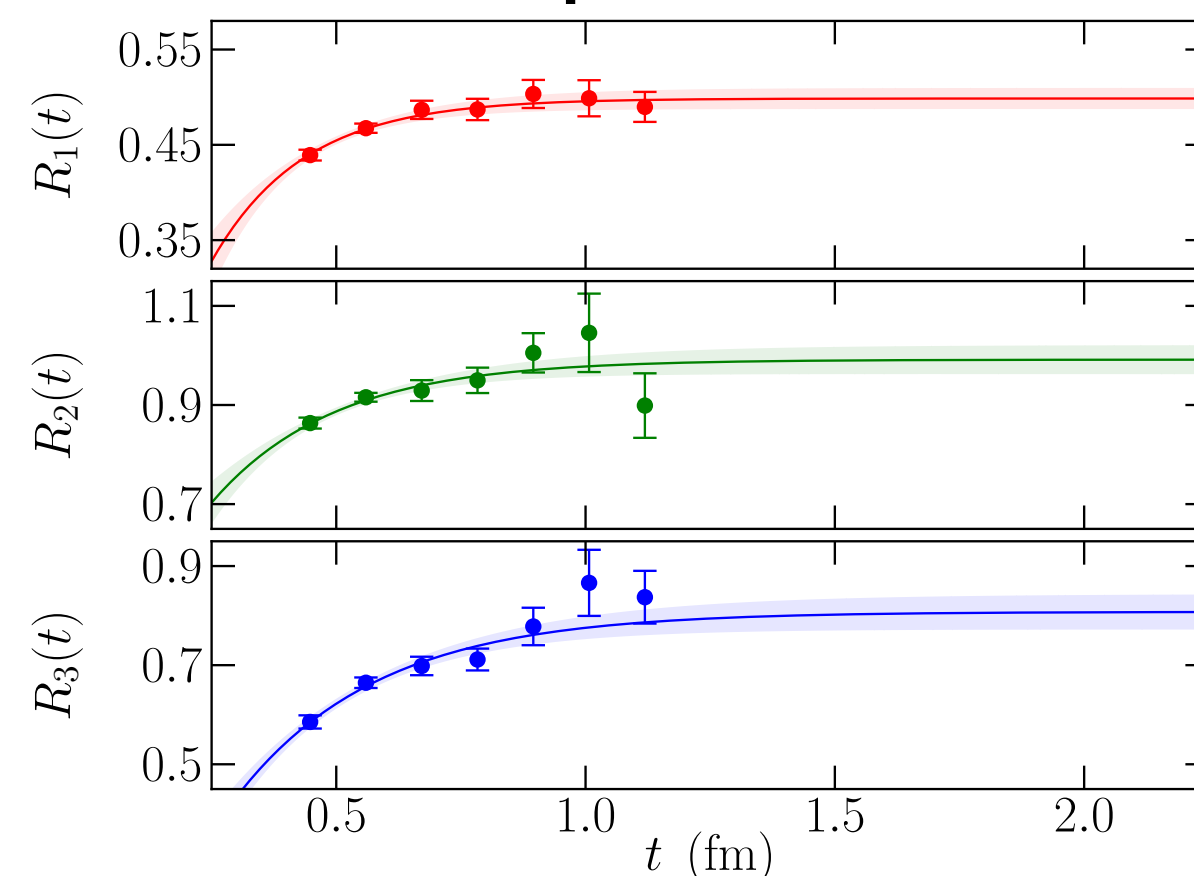
$$\frac{\sigma_{\text{spin avg}}}{\sigma_{\text{spin up}}/\sqrt{2}}$$



- The success of this (and future) result(s) was enabled through several key features:
 - an unconventional strategy that can exploit **exponentially more precise data** at early time and has **demonstrable control of excited state** contributions
 - access to a set of ensembles (HISQ 2+1+1 from **MILC**) that allowed for control over all standard lattice systematics,
 - **ludicrously fast** GPU code - QUDA
 - an action with **improved stochastic behavior** and a **mild continuum** extrapolation $m_\pi \rightarrow m_\pi^{phys}, a \rightarrow 0, L \rightarrow \infty$
 - **access to Leadership Computing**
- Making progress in understanding $g_A(Q^2)$ - it seems essential to have enough **t_{sep}** values to control the infinite separation extrapolation - more than is common

□ See also

- Detmold, Lin, Meinel
PRL 108 (2012) [arXiv:1109.2480]
- N. Hasan et al (LHPC)
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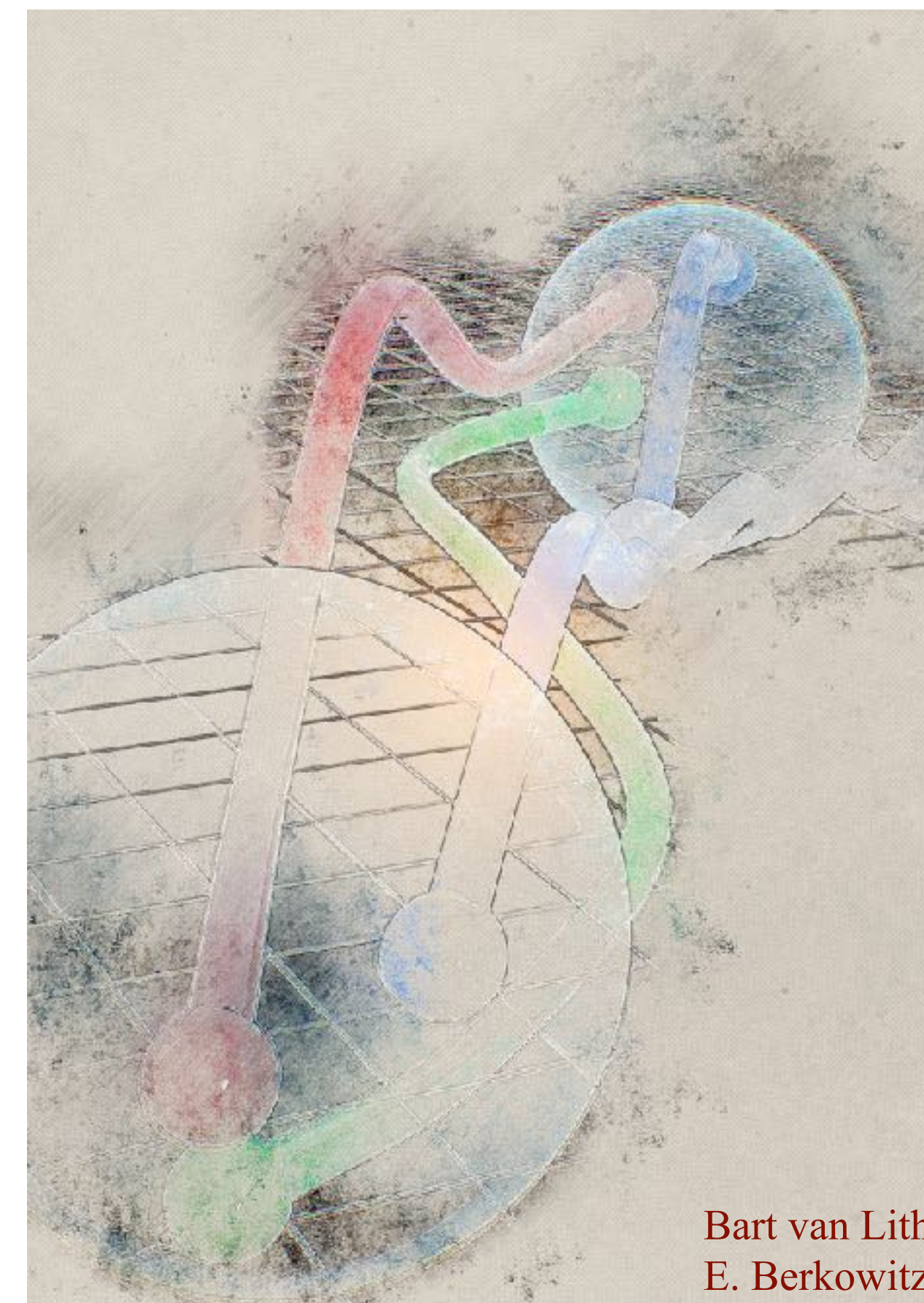
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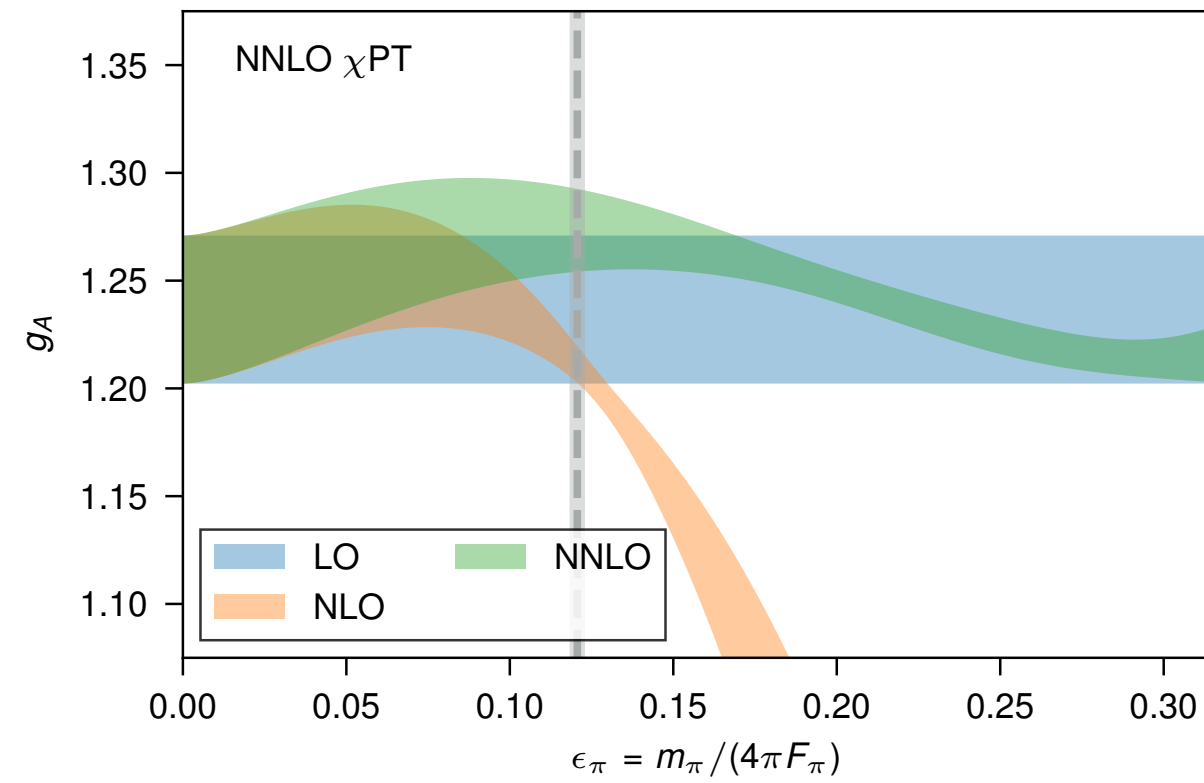
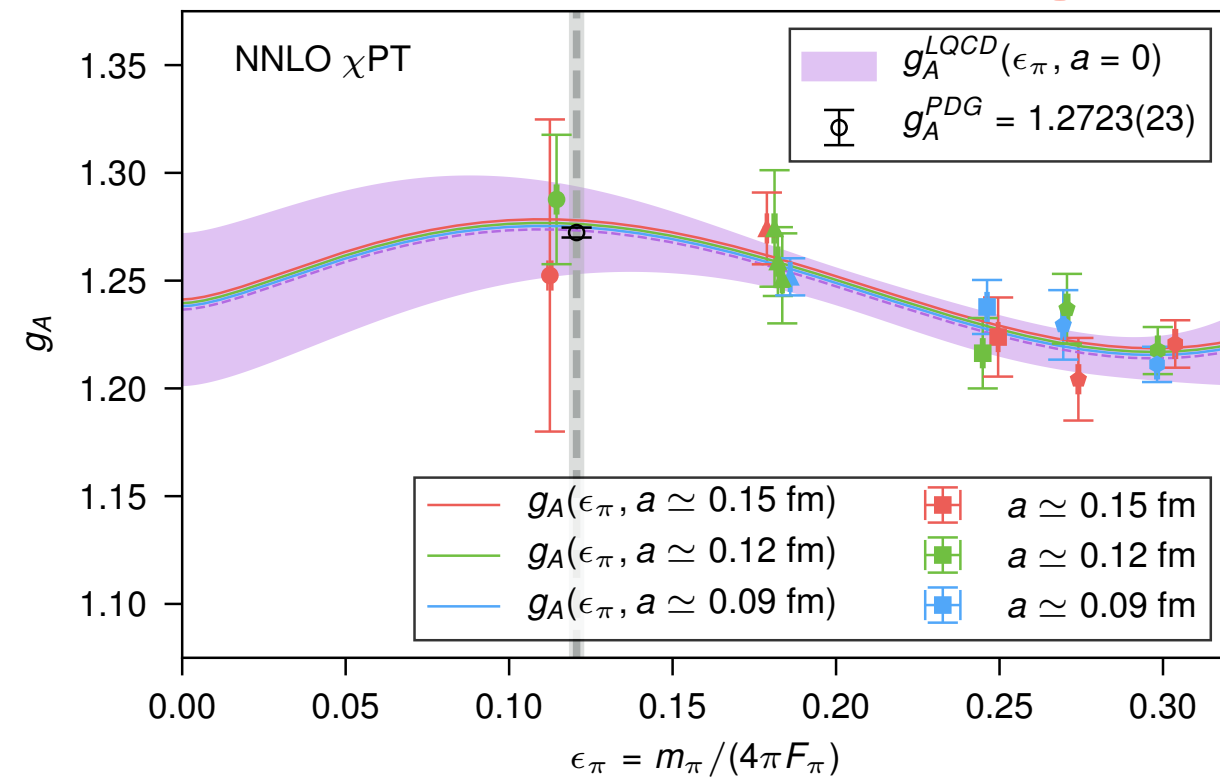


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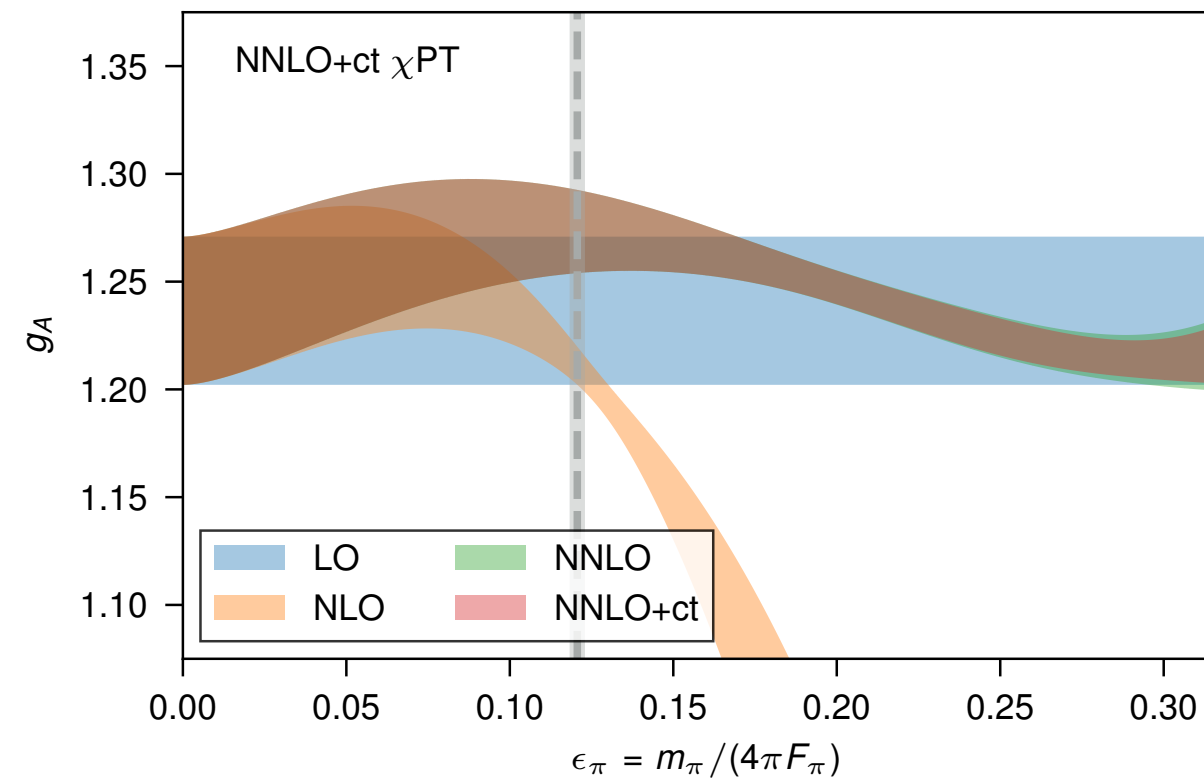
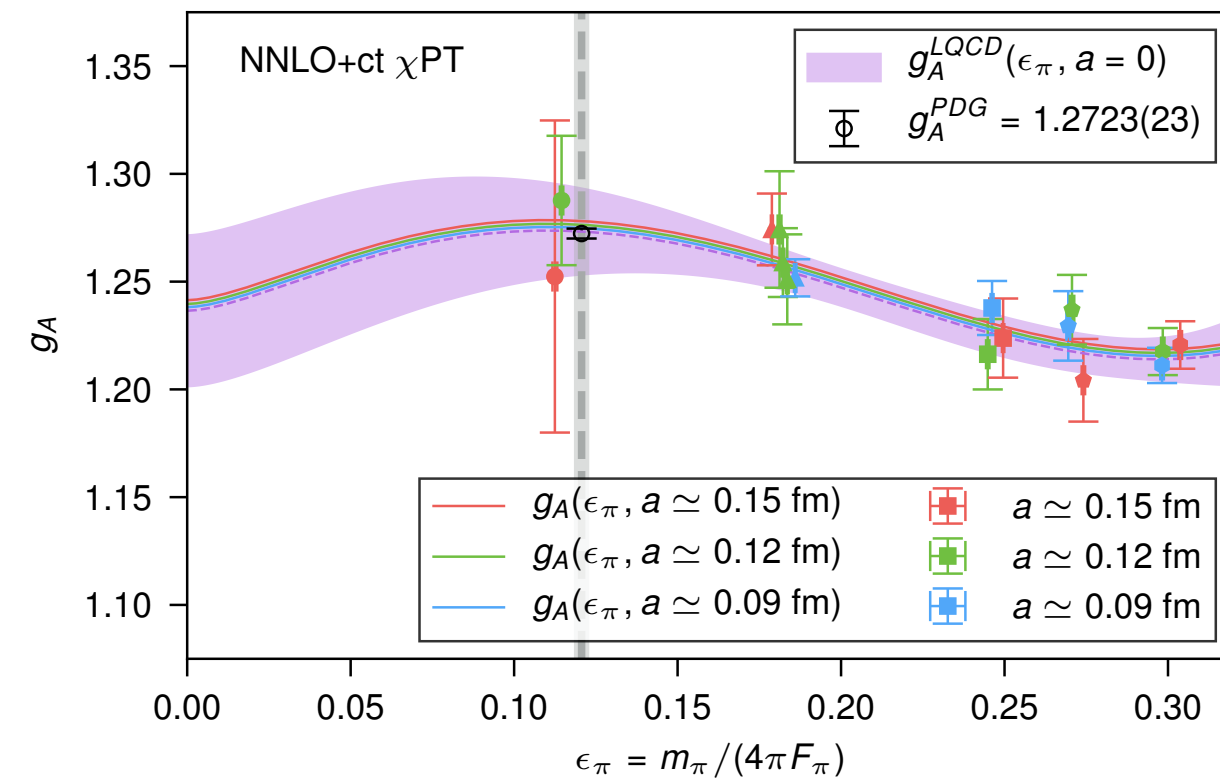
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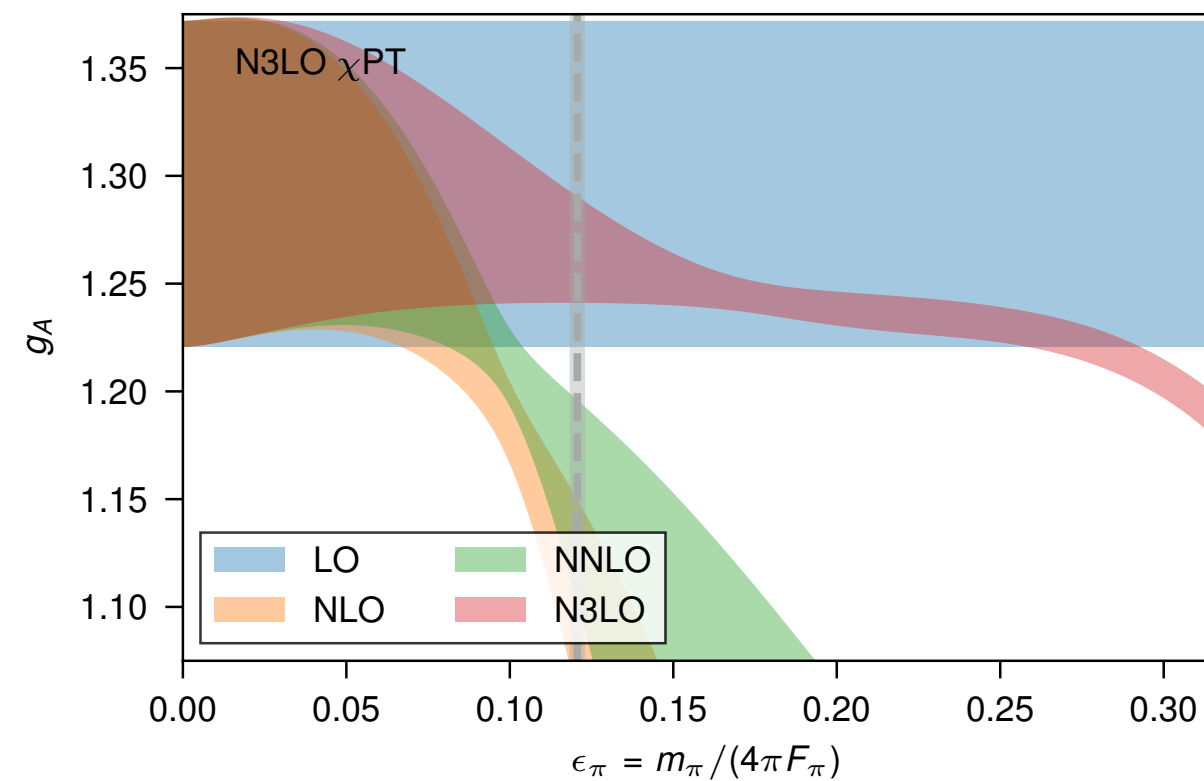
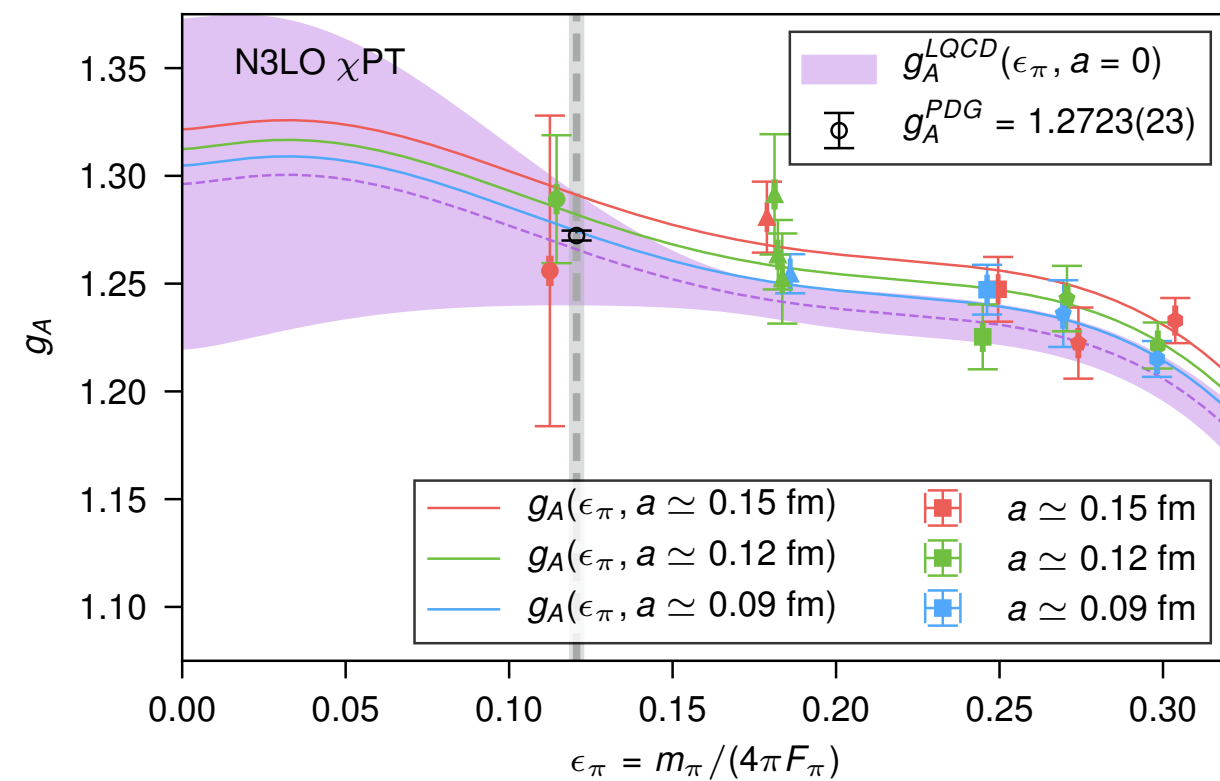


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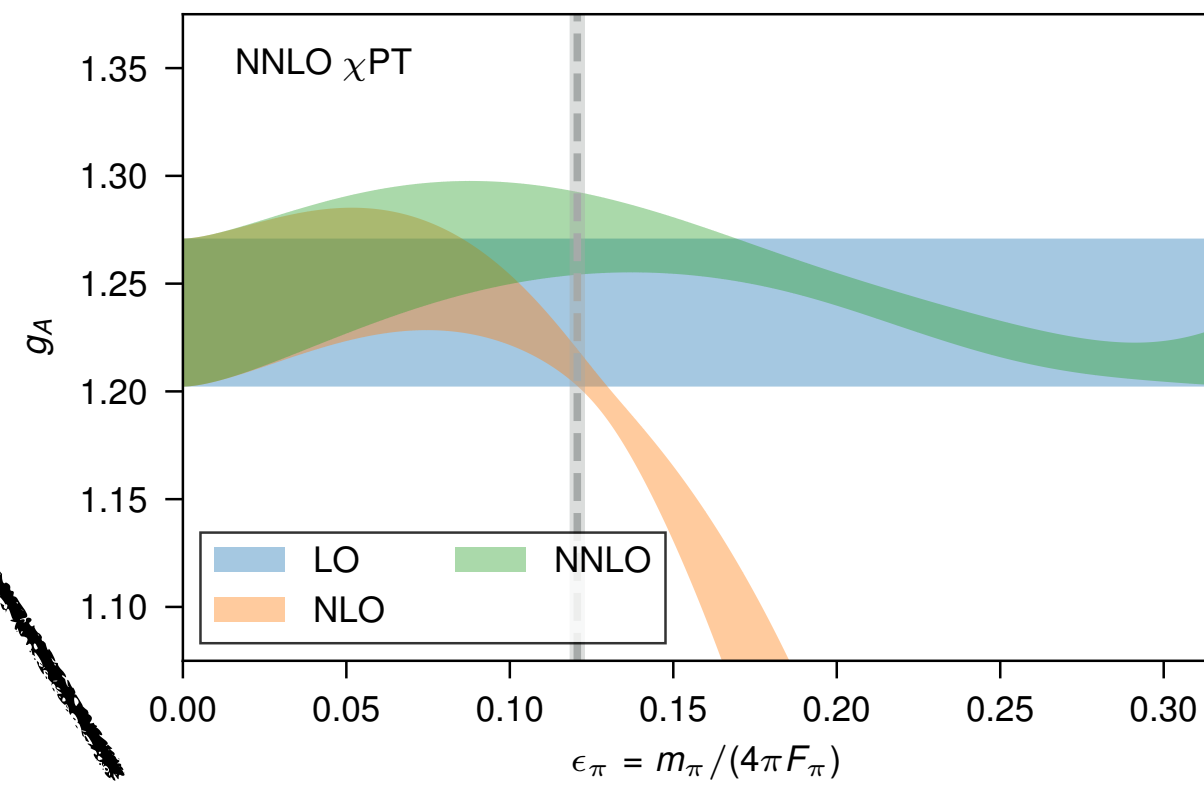
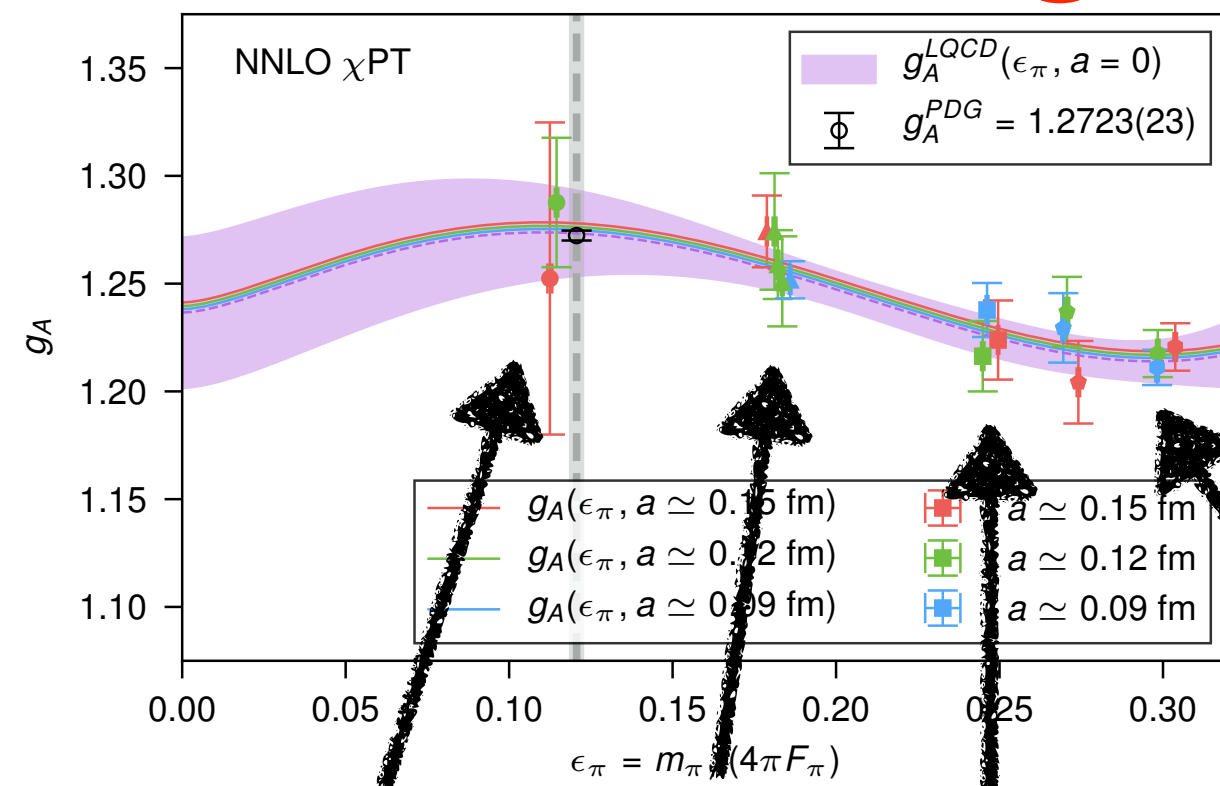
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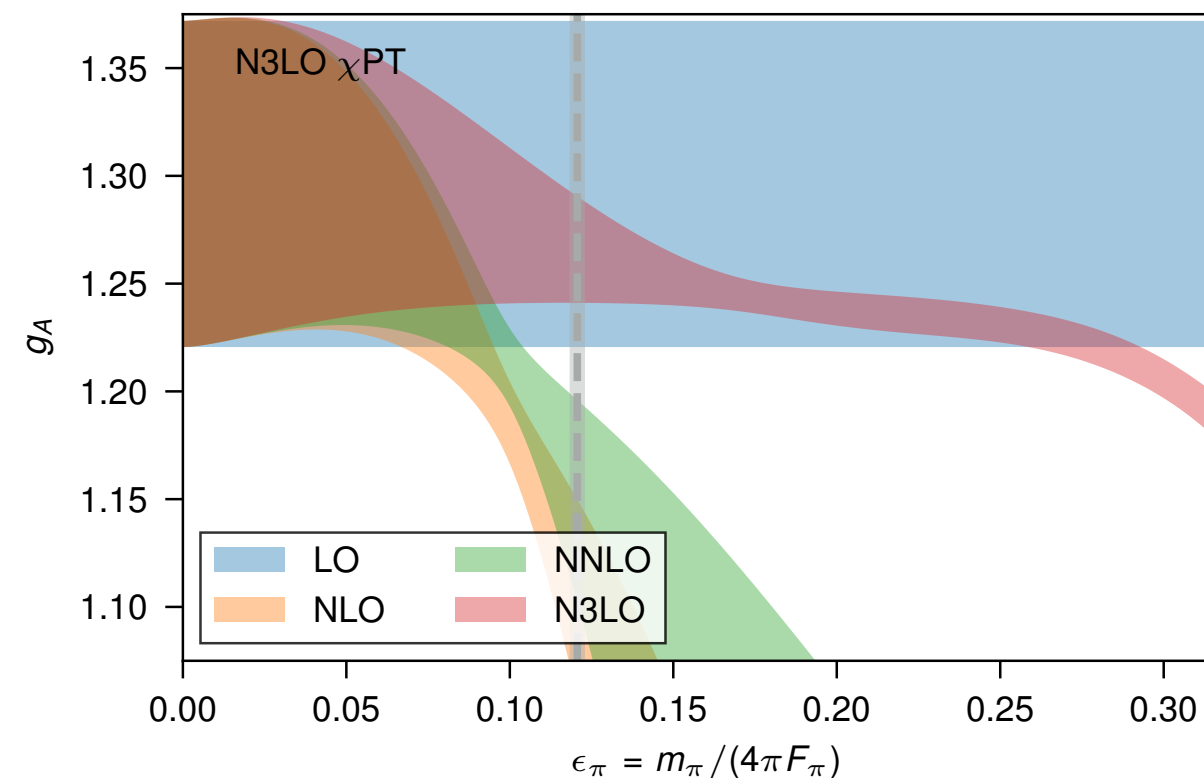
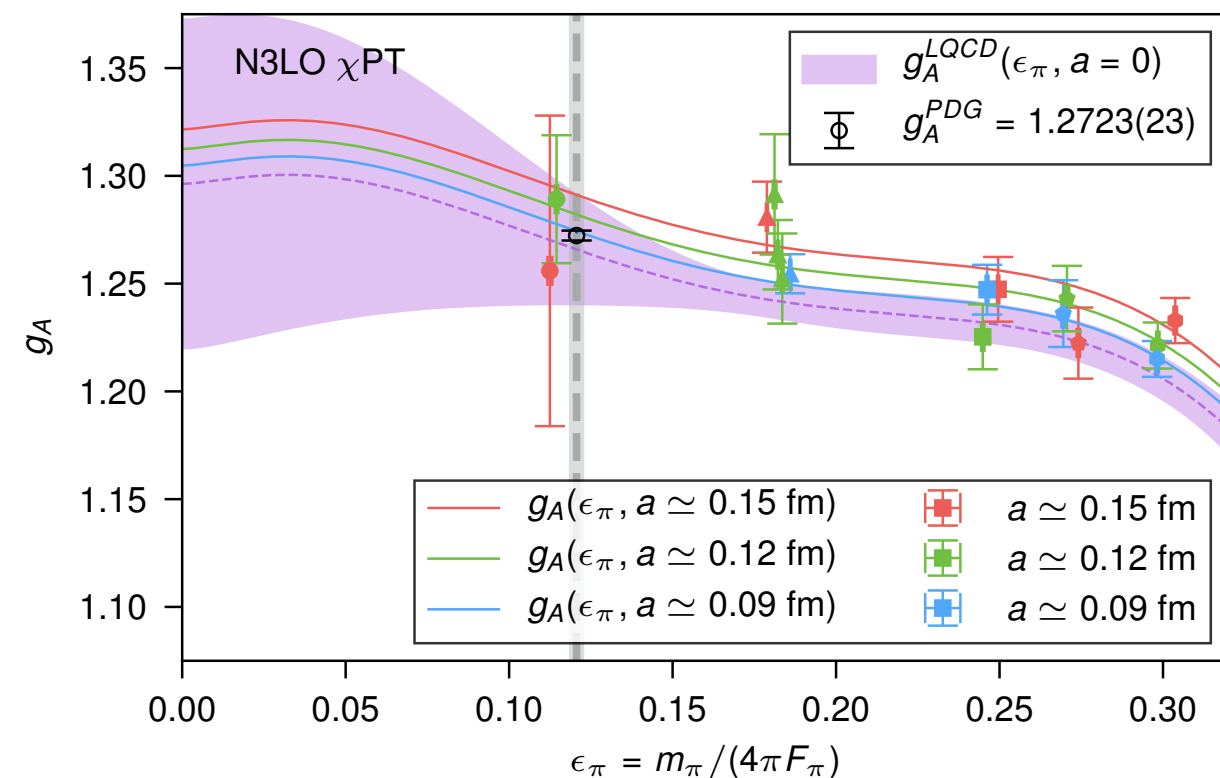
$m_\pi \sim 130$ MeV 220 310 400

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can we trust extrapolation of quantities with chirally-enhanced behavior?

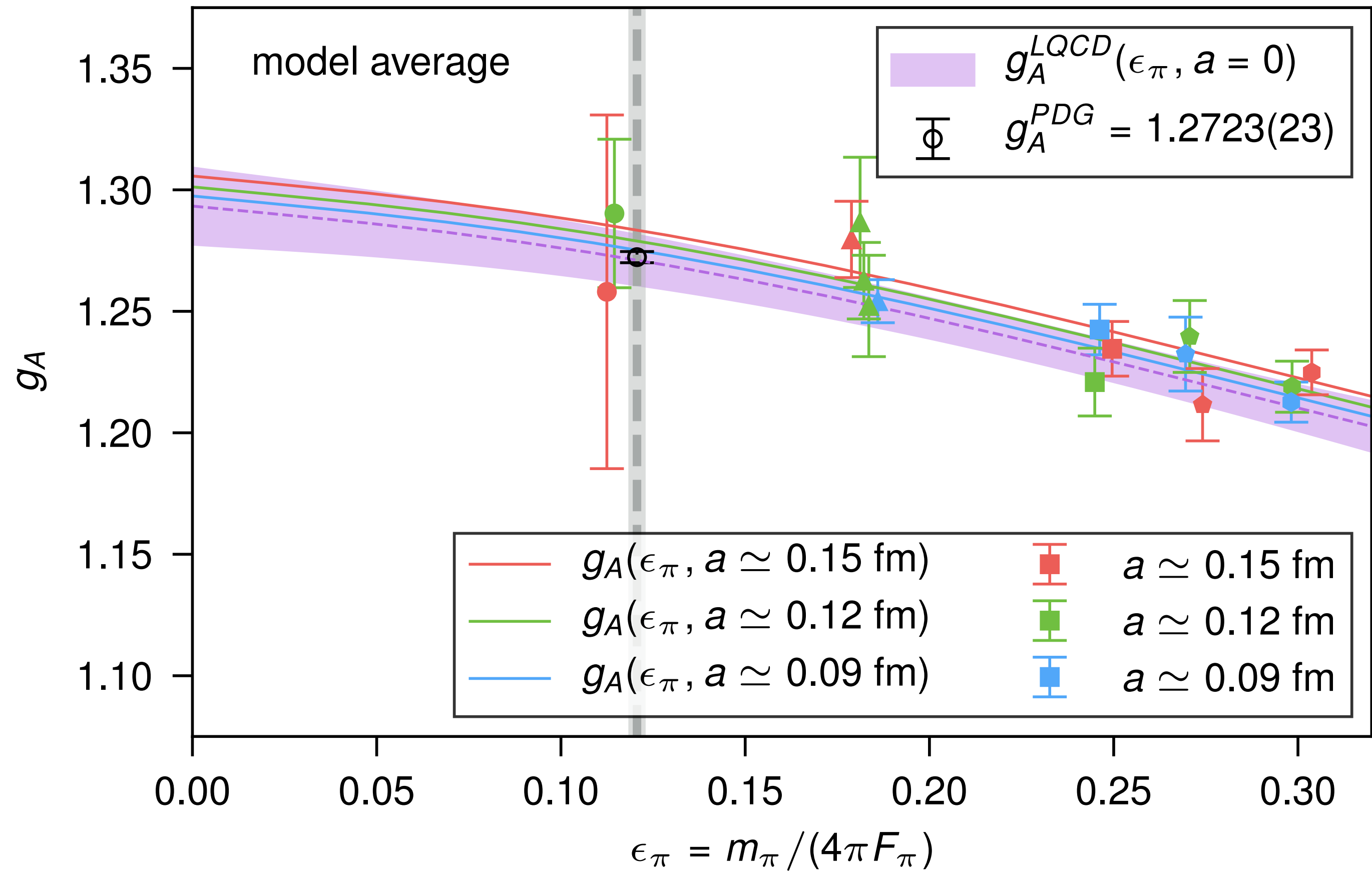
if the single nucleon is not converging, would you trust chiral extrapolations of two or more nucleons?



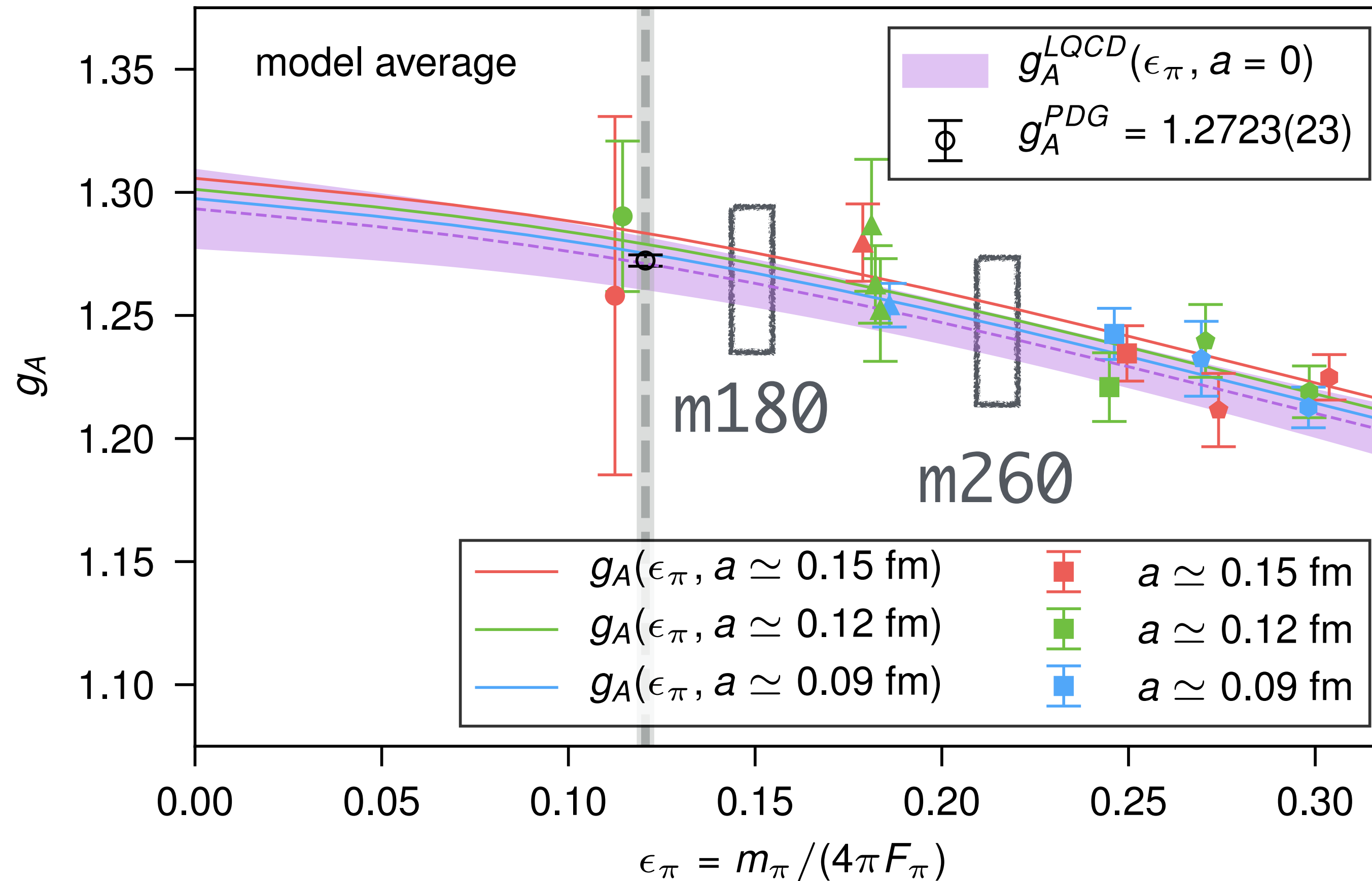
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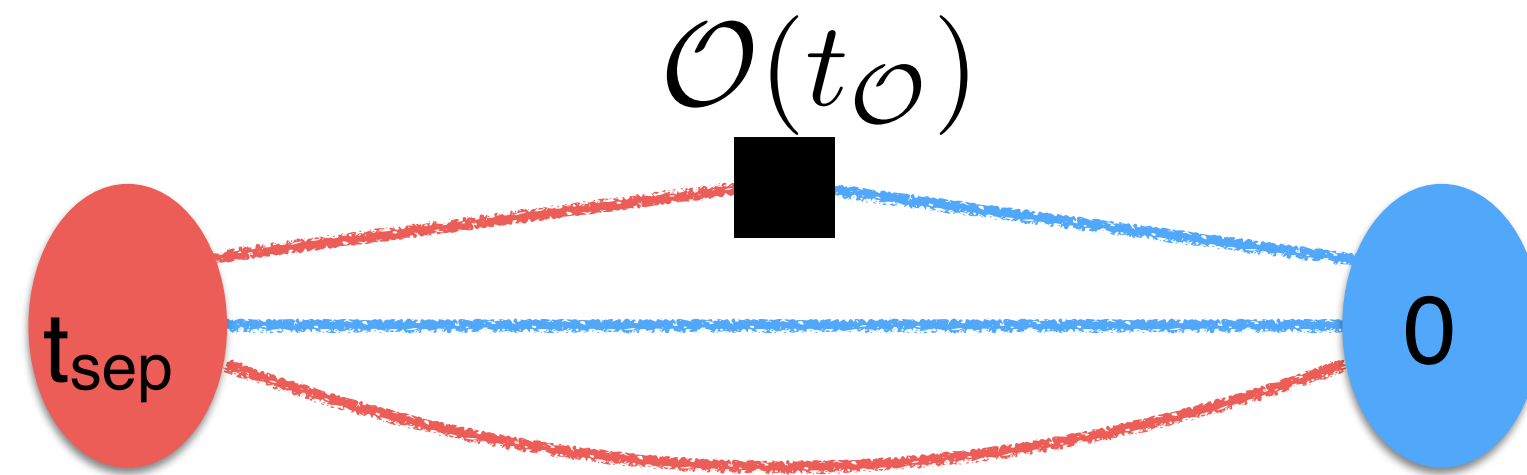
□ We are generating **new ensembles** at $M_\pi \sim 180, 260 \text{ MeV}$

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Phys. Rev. D96 (2017)

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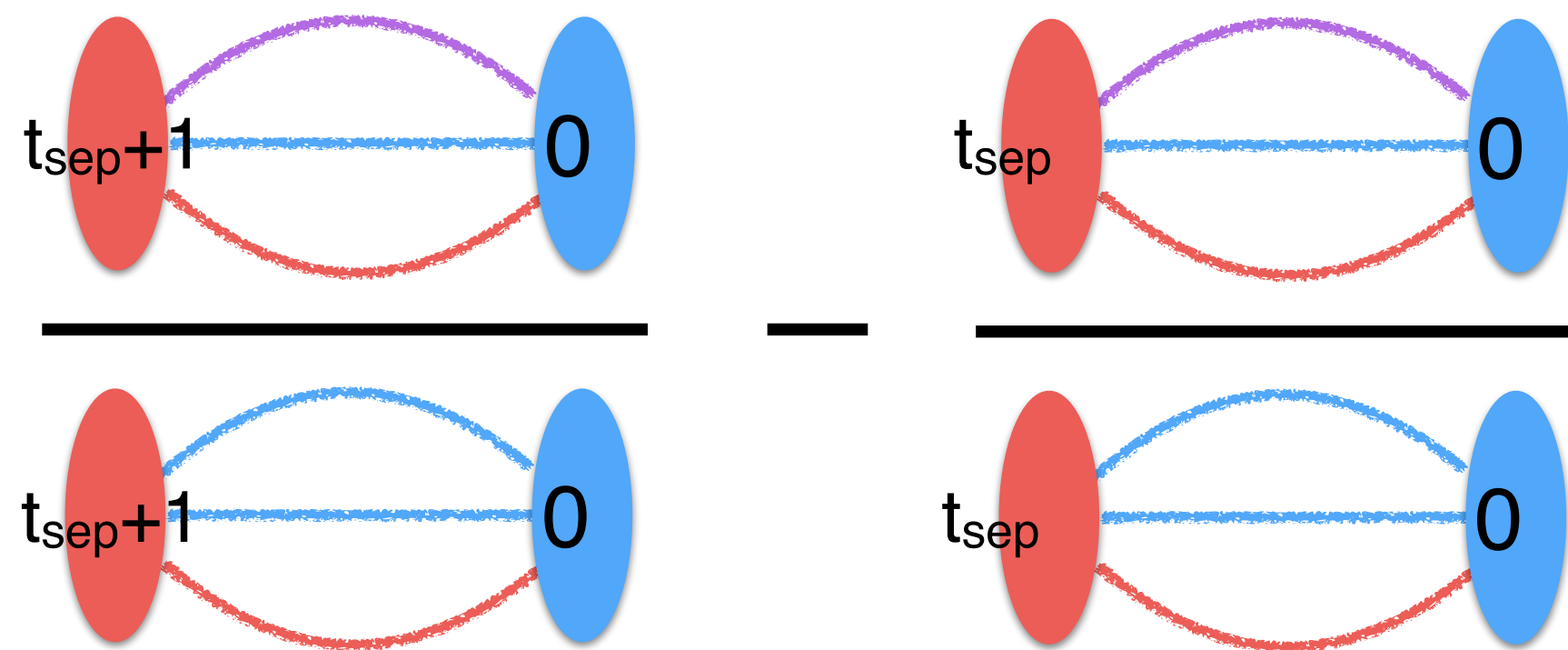
standard method



fixed source-sink separation time, t_{sep}
repeat for a few different t_{sep}

$$R_3 = g_\lambda + z_1 e^{-t_{\text{sep}} \Delta_{10}} + z_{10} e^{-(\tau - t_{\text{sep}}/2) \Delta_{10}} + \dots$$

our unconventional method



$$\partial_\lambda m_\lambda \Big|_{\lambda=0} = g_\lambda + z \left(e^{-(t_{\text{sep}}+1) \Delta_{10}} - e^{-t_{\text{sep}} \Delta_{10}} \right) + \dots$$

PNDME arXiv:1606.07049

