

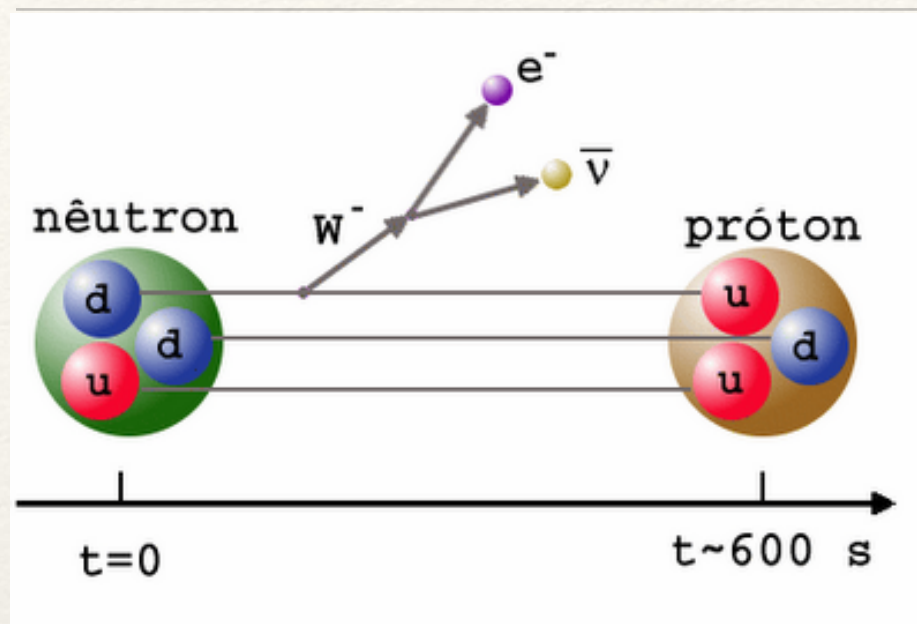
Status of Lattice Calculations of g_A



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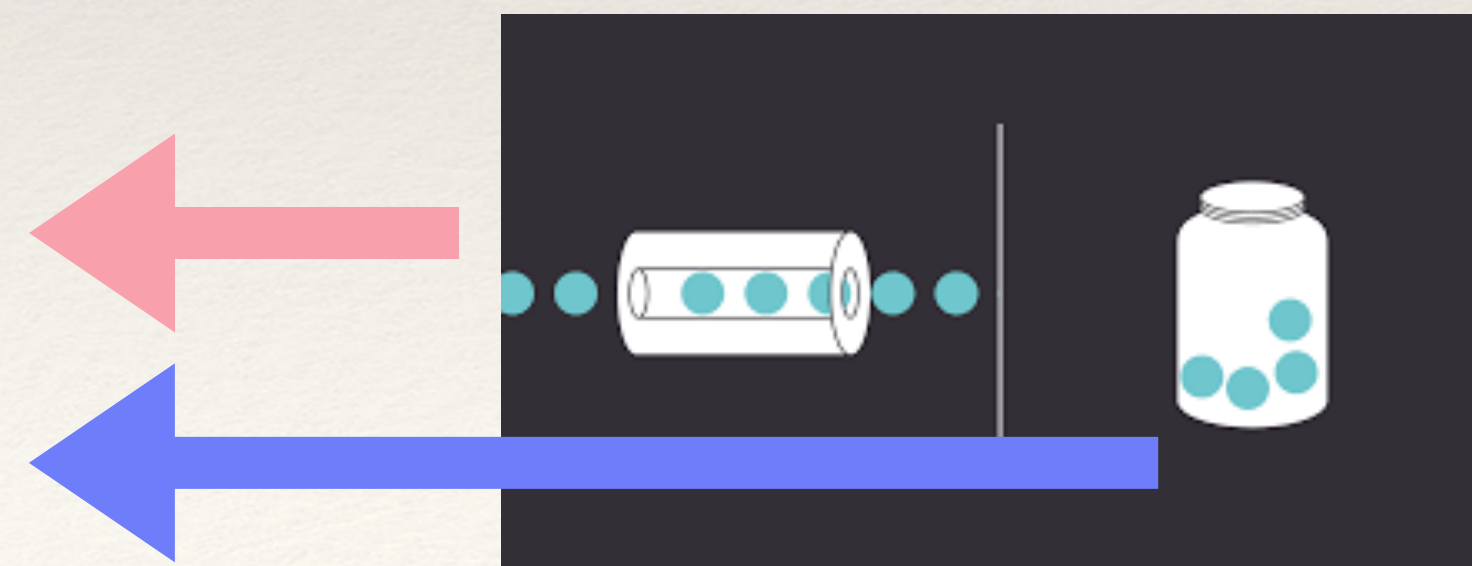
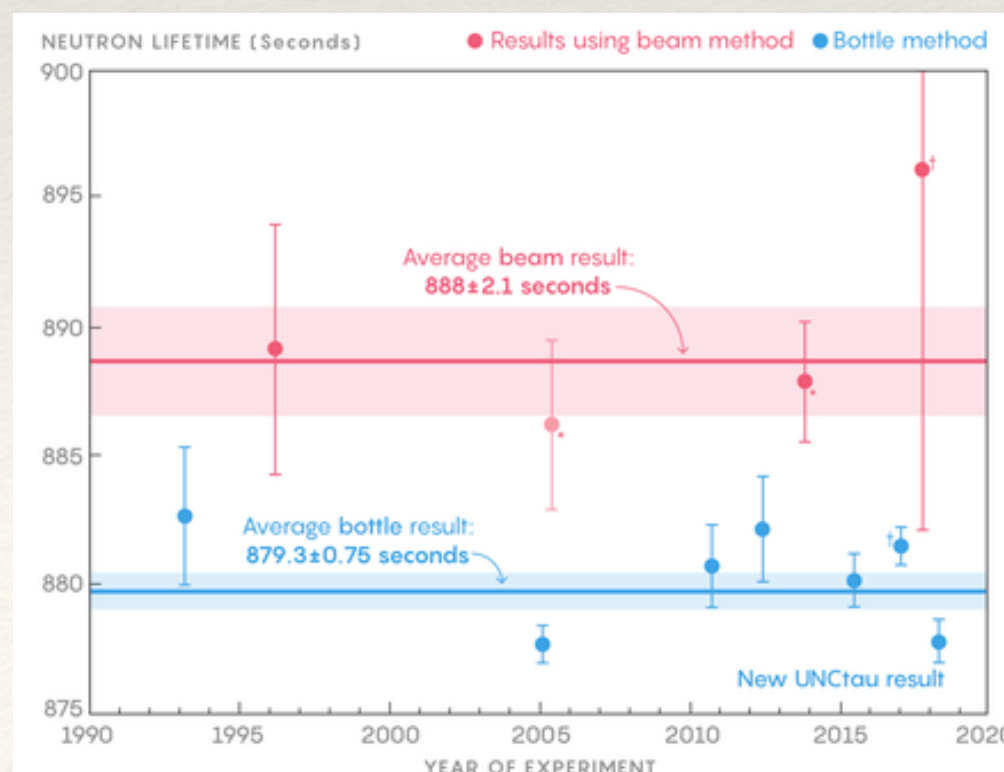


Neutron lifetime and the axial coupling



$$\frac{1}{\tau_n} = \frac{G_\mu^2 |V_{ud}|^2}{2\pi^3} m_e^5 (1 + 3g_A^2)(1 + RC) f_{V,A}$$

- ❑ 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
- ❑ 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?**



$$\tau_n^{\text{beam}} = 888.0(2.0)s$$

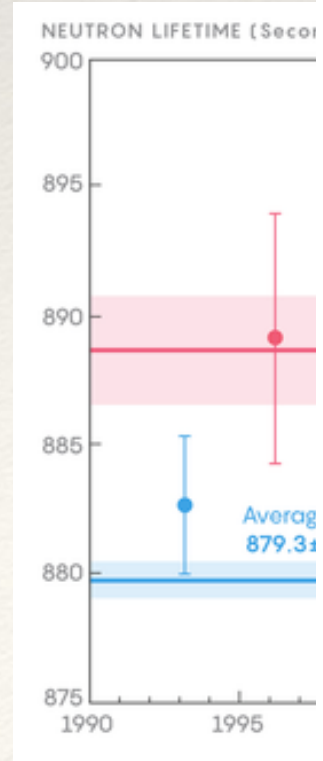
$$\tau_n^{\text{bottle}} = 879.4(0.6)s$$

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 😱

<http://pdg.lbl.gov/2019/listings/rpp2019-list-n.pdf>

In the words of my high school physics teacher - “when you do a measurement, and it disagrees with your prediction, just fudge the measurement because you know you are right!”

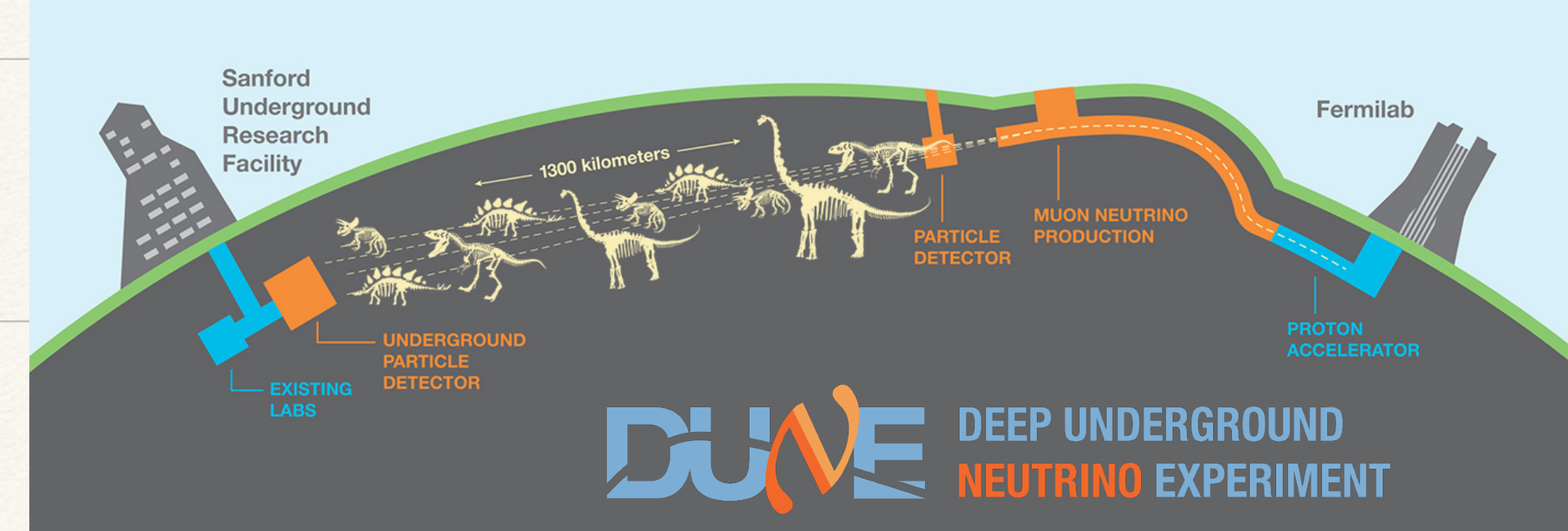
- ❑ To gain confidence in our calculations against the PDG
- ❑ In order for the PDG to include our measurements,



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879.4 ± 0.6 OUR AVERAGE			Error includes scale factor of 1.6. See the ideogram below.
878.3 ± 1.6 ± 1.0	EZHOV 18	CNTR	UCN magneto-gravit. trap
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878.5 ± 0.7 ± 0.3	SEREBROV 05	CNTR	UCN gravitational trap
● ● ● We do not use the following data for averages, fits, limits, etc. ● ● ●			
887.7 ± 1.2 ± 1.9	4 YUE 13	CNTR	In-beam <i>n</i> , trapped <i>p</i>
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... (calibrate) our
... neutron lifetime

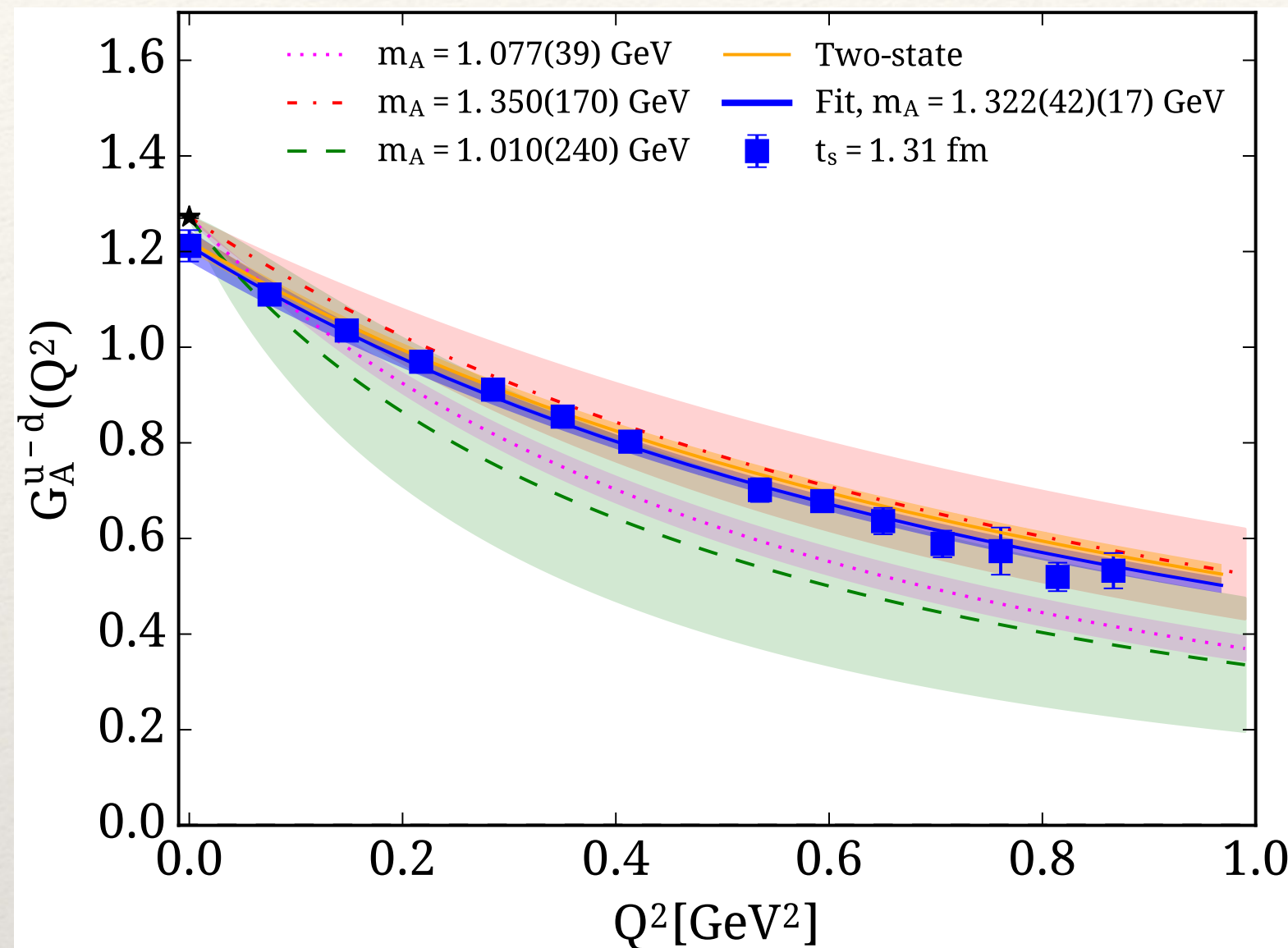
Nucleon Axial Form Factor



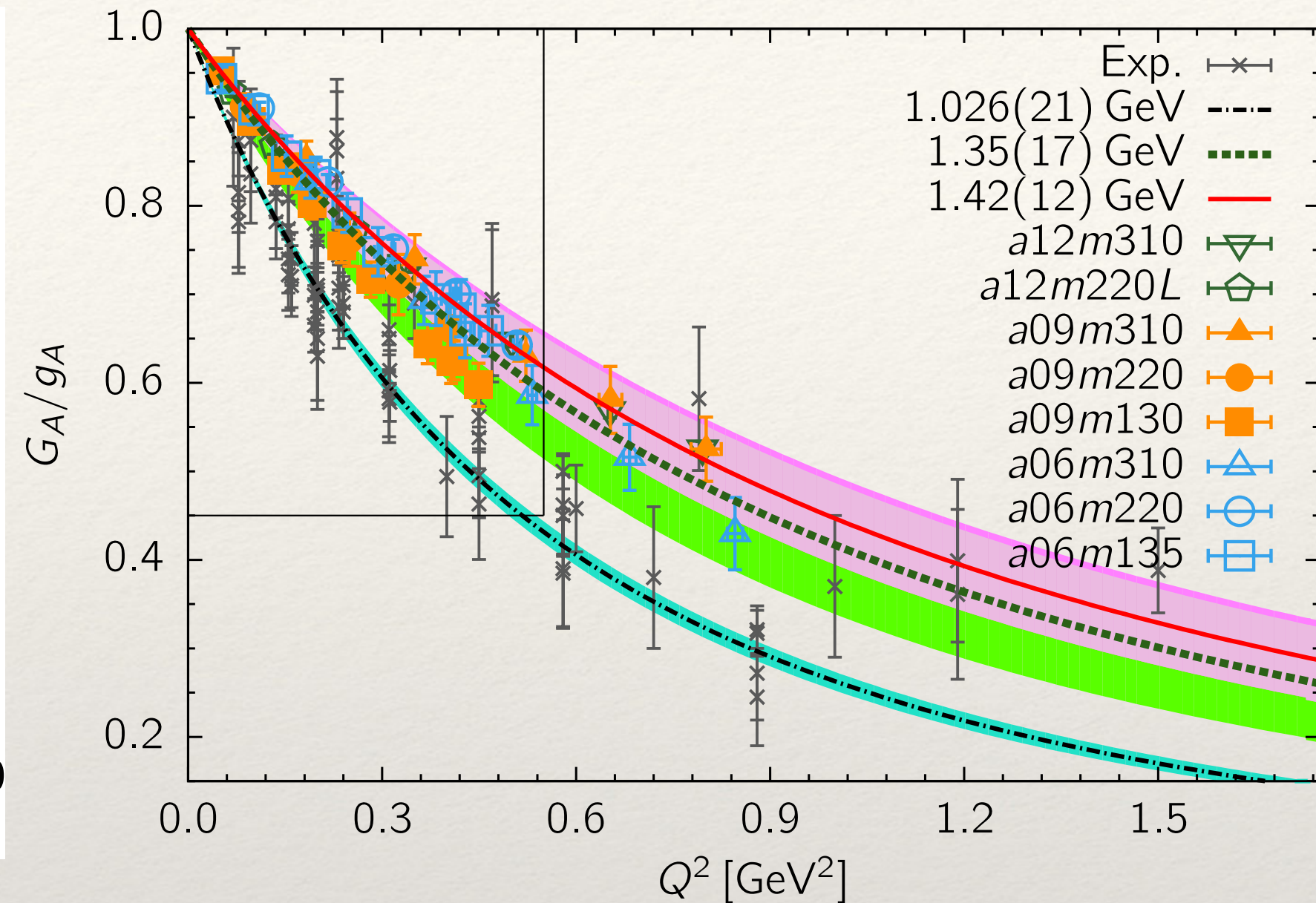
- DUNE is a future neutrino oscillation experiment that will fire a beam of neutrinos from FNAL into an Argonne target in South Dakota.
 - A determination of the CP-violating phase in the neutrino-mixing (PMNS) matrix is one of the goals
 - enough CP violation could explain the matter/anti-matter asymmetry 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)

Nucleon Axial FormFactor

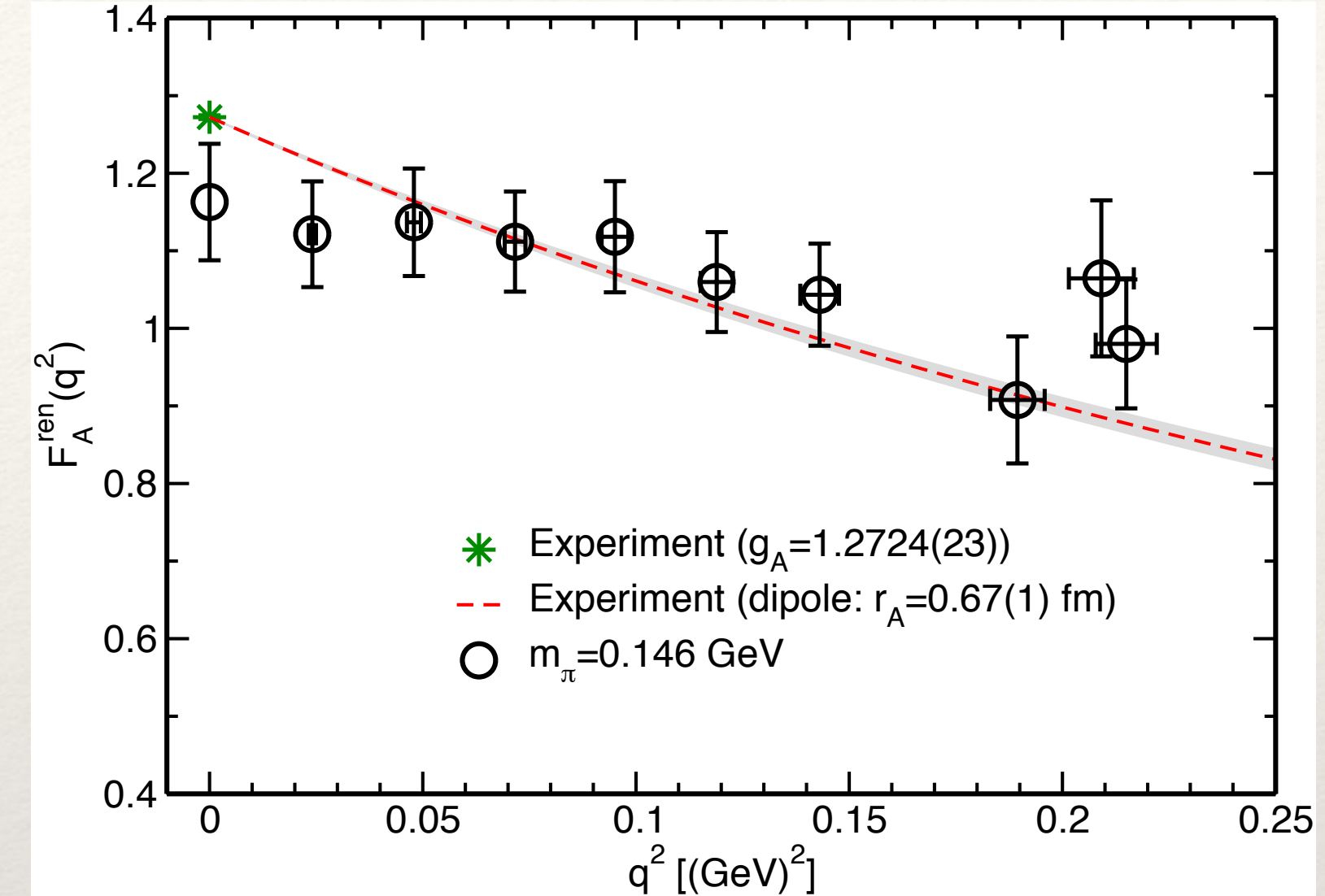
Alexandrou et al. PRD96 (2017) [1705.03399]



Gupta et al. PRD96 (2017) [1705.06834]

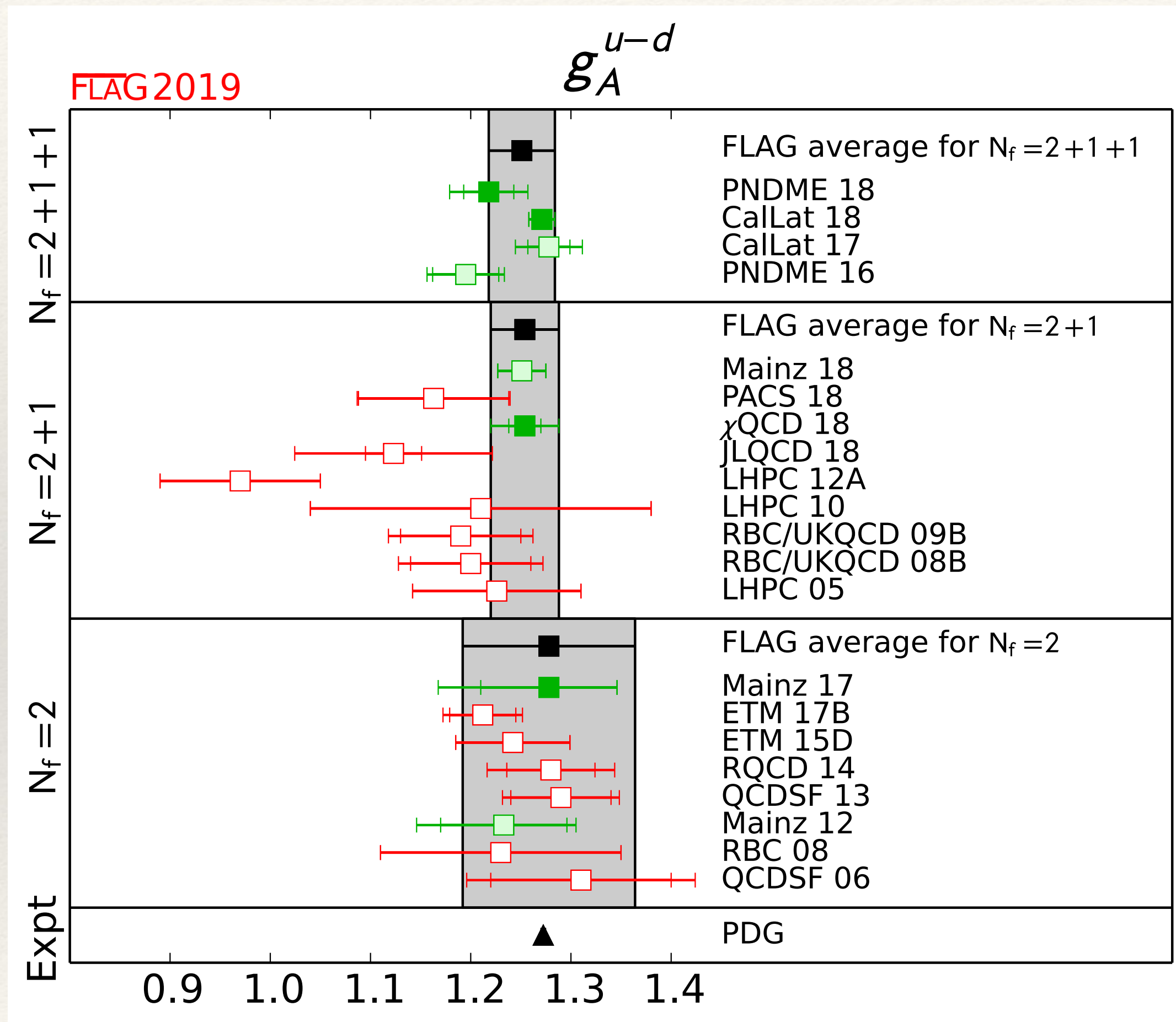
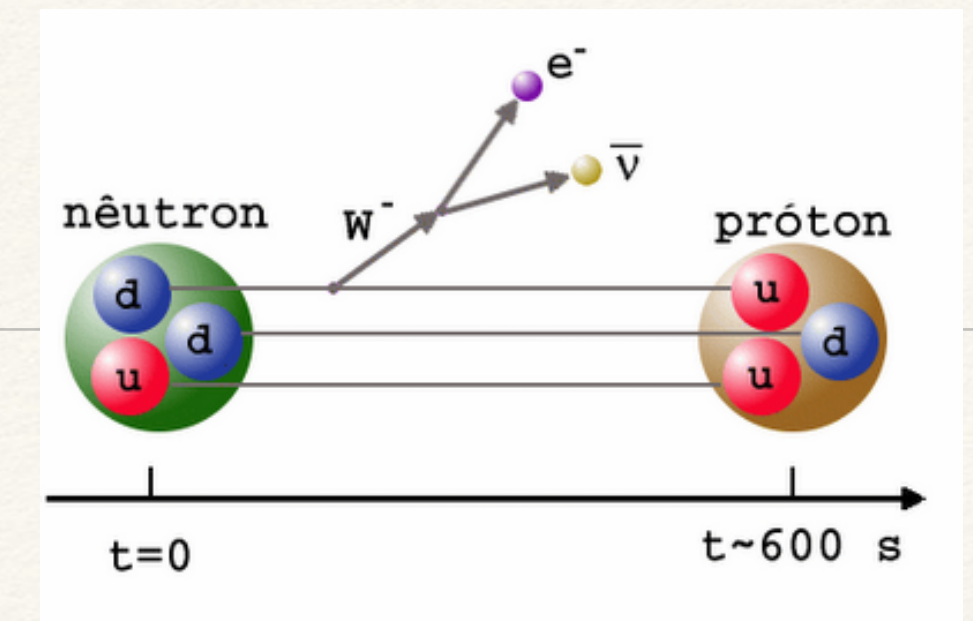


Ishikawa et al. PRD98 (2018) [1807.03974]



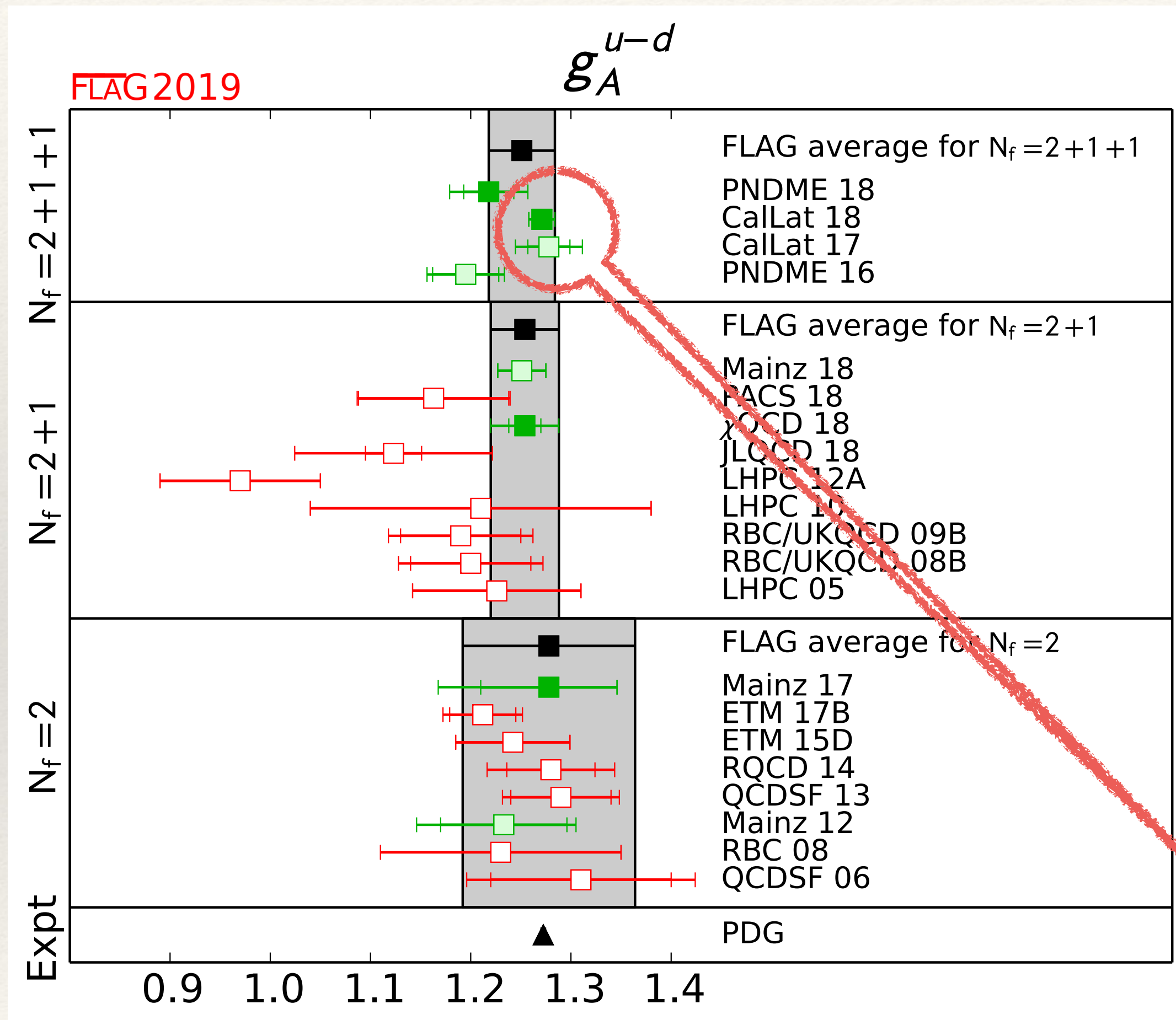
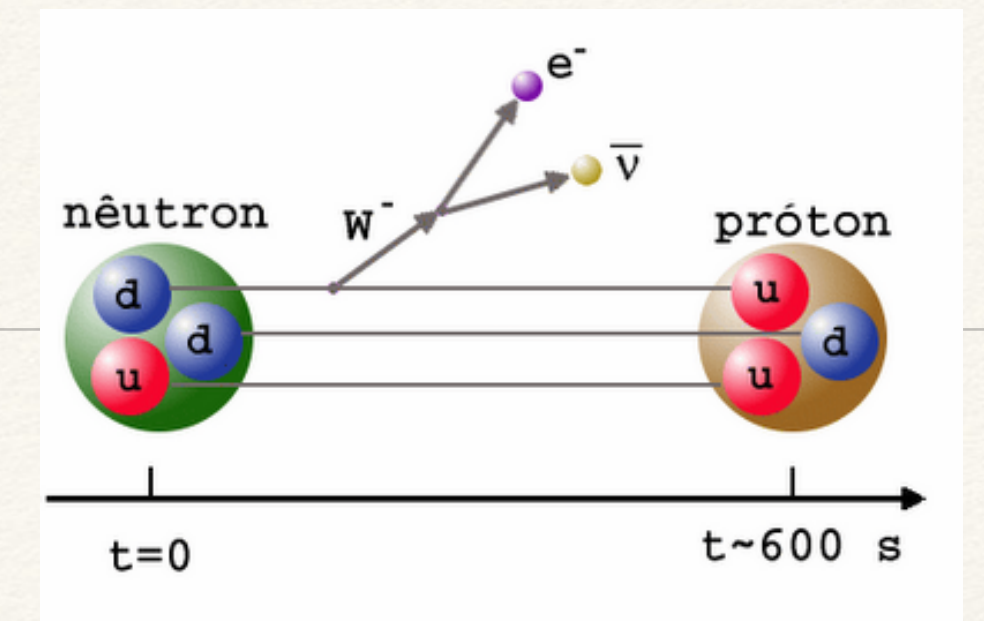
- All lattice QCD results determine an axial form factor with a significantly different slope (30%) than that determined from the phenomenological determination - two recent examples here
- Examining the LQCD results, it is difficult to understand/guess where this discrepancy is coming from
- A few years 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

nucleon axial coupling from LQCD



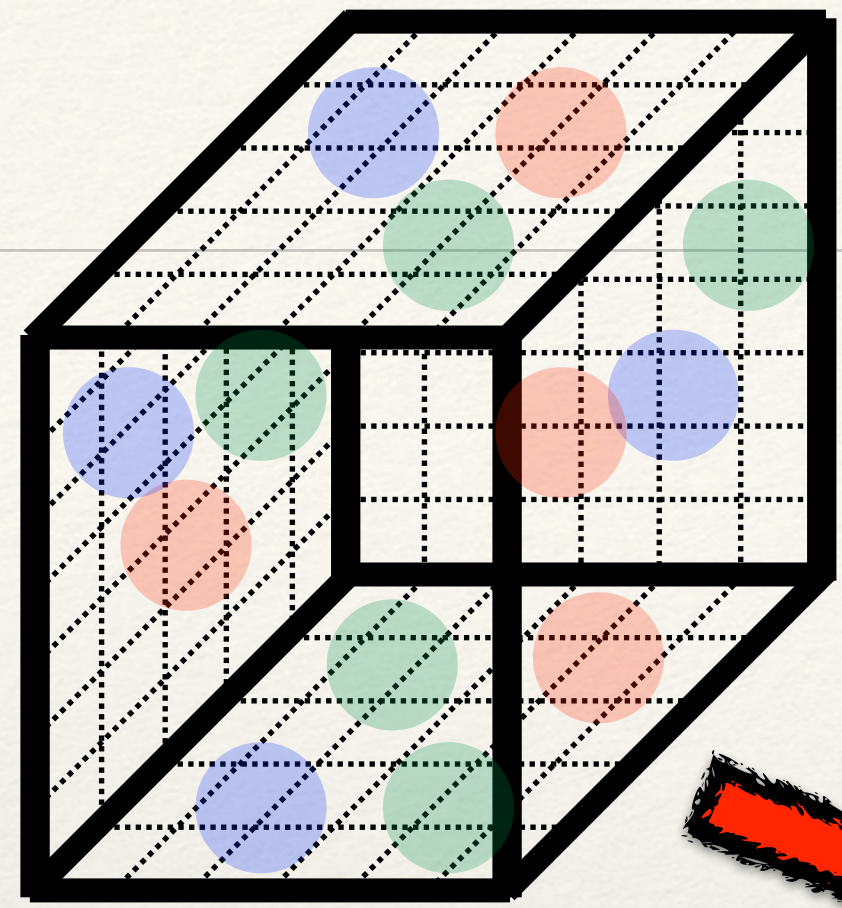
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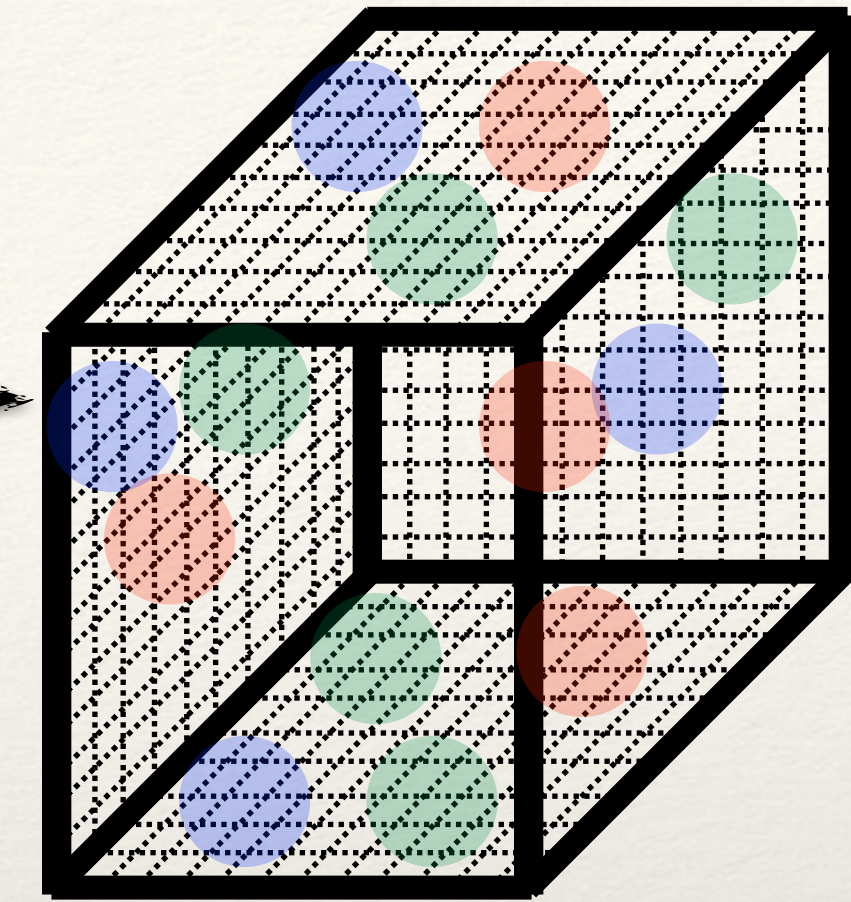
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- Notice one result is significantly more precise than the others

Standard Systematics



continuum limit
need 3 or more
lattice spacings

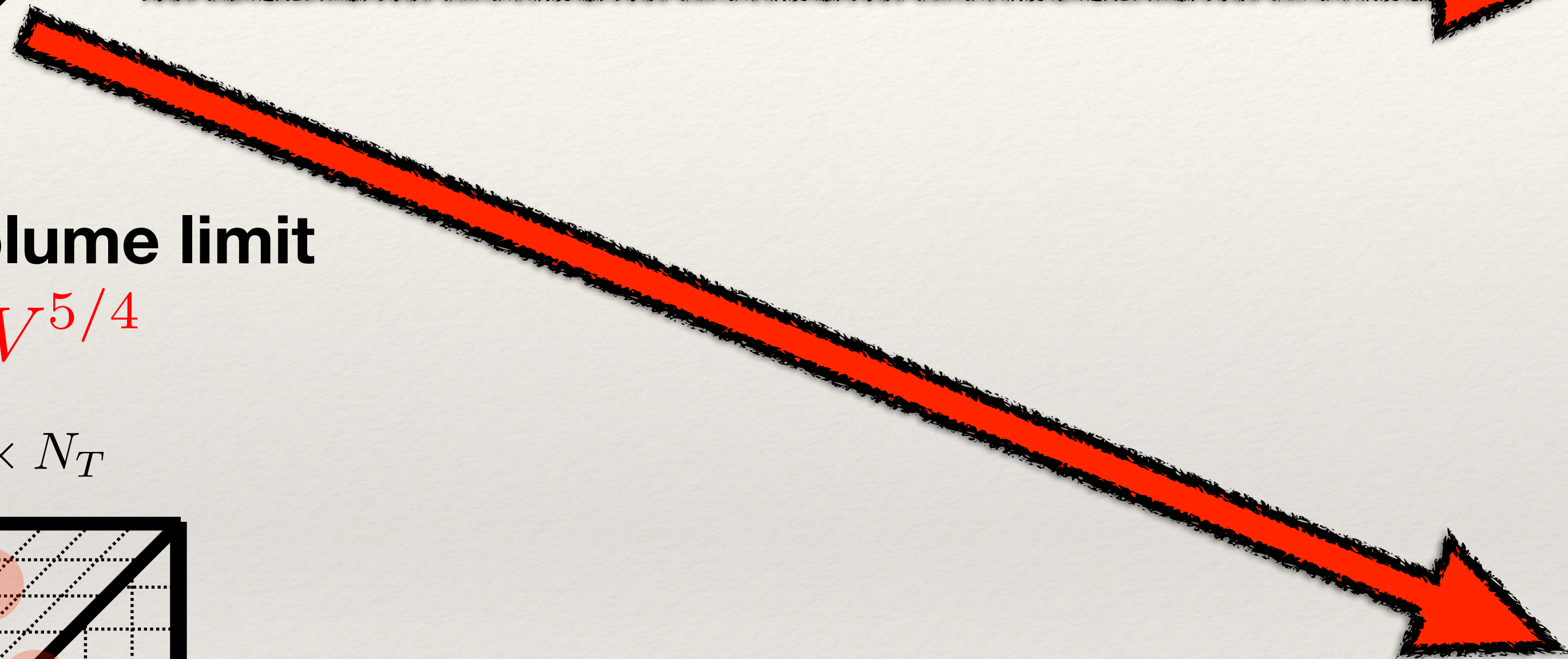
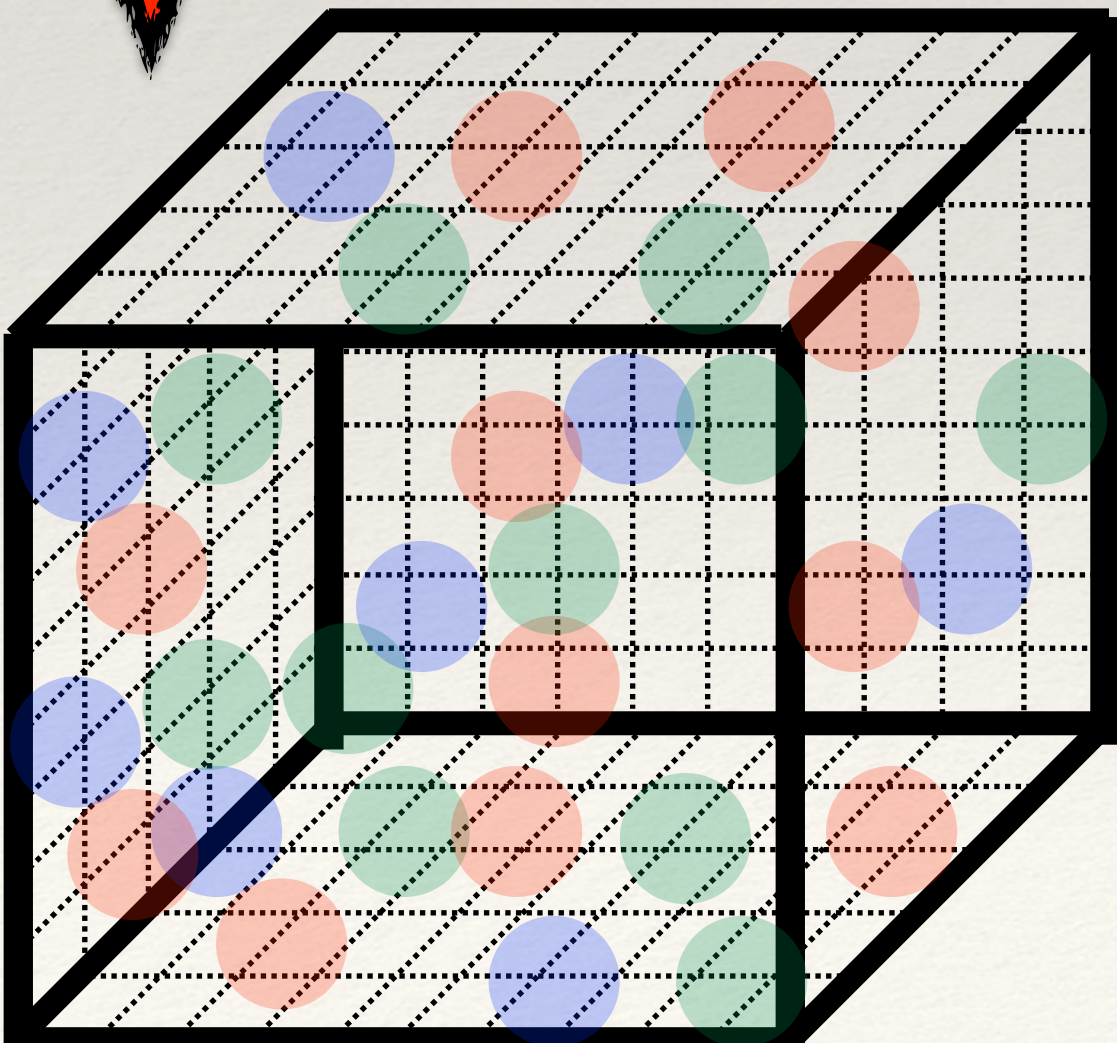
$$t_{comp} \propto \frac{1}{a^6}$$



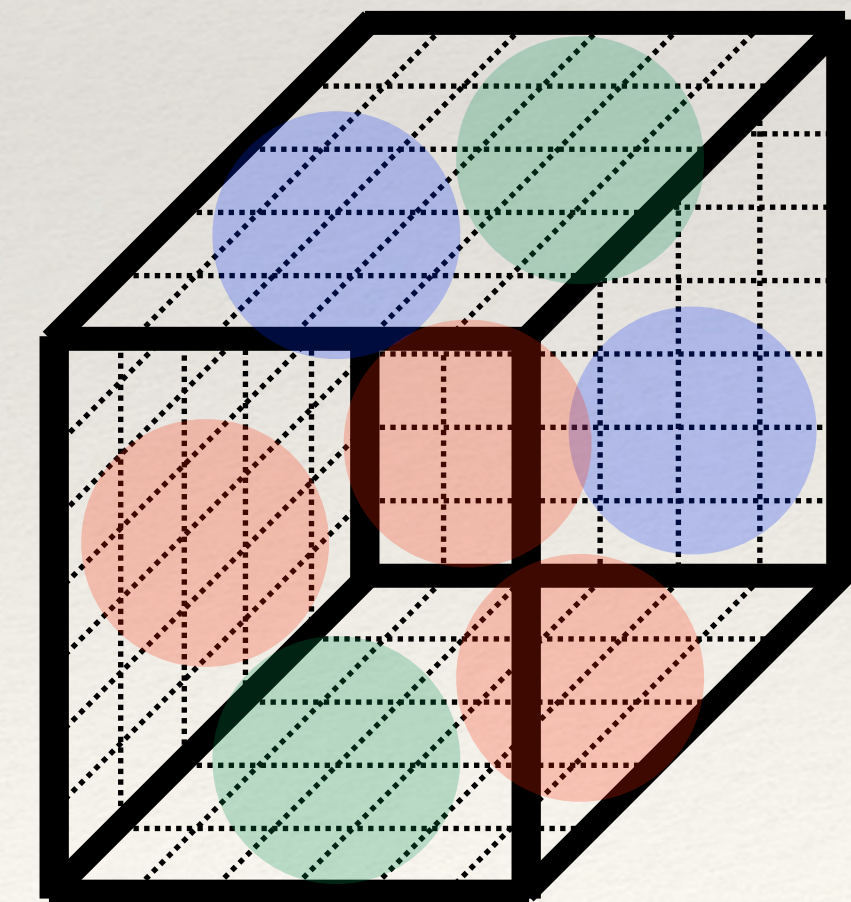
infinite volume limit

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

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



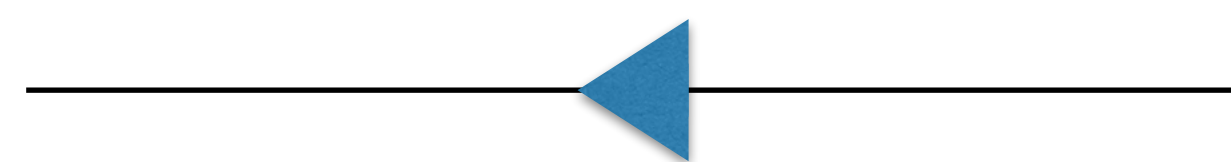
physical pion masses
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LQCD challenges for NP

Most difficult challenge: an **exponentially bad signal-to-noise** problem

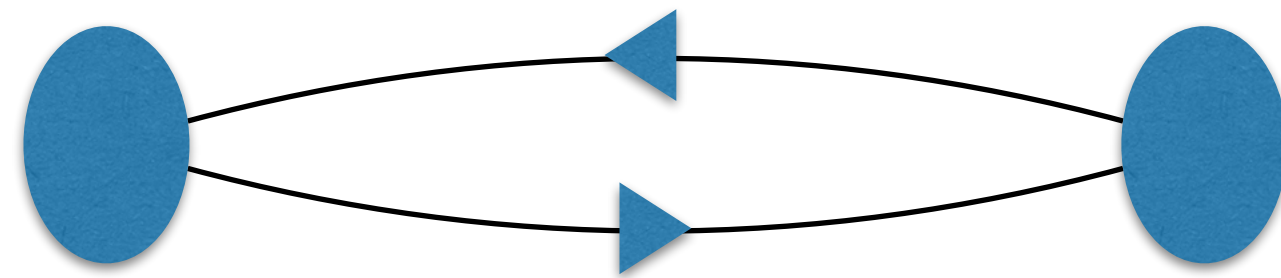
Parisi, Phys. Rep. 103 (1984) 203


 $\sim e^{-\frac{1}{2}m_\pi t} + e^{-\frac{1}{3}m_N t} + \dots$
Lepage, TASI 1989

Each **quark propagator** carries information about pions and nucleons
(conversations with David Kaplan)

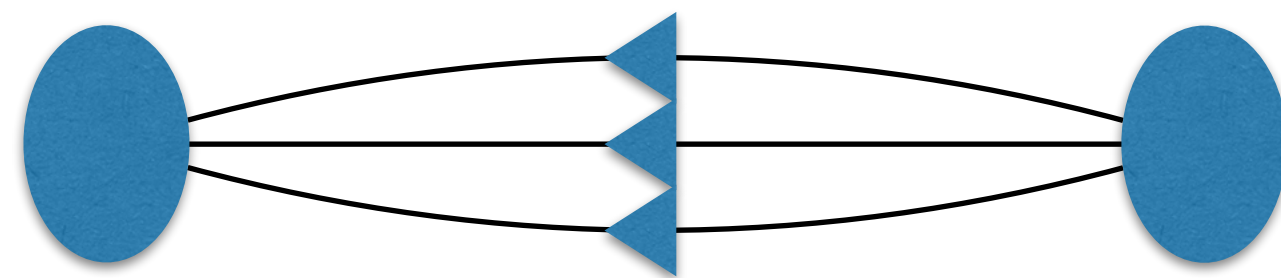
$$\lambda_\pi(t) \gg \lambda_N(t)$$

$$\lambda_i(t) \sim e^{-E_i t}$$



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

Large pion eigenvalues must cancel to expose small nucleon eigenvalues



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

$$\frac{\text{Signal}}{\text{Noise}} \sim \sqrt{N} \exp \left[-A \left(m_N - \frac{3}{2} m_\pi \right) t \right] \longrightarrow \text{exponential noise power-law statistics}$$

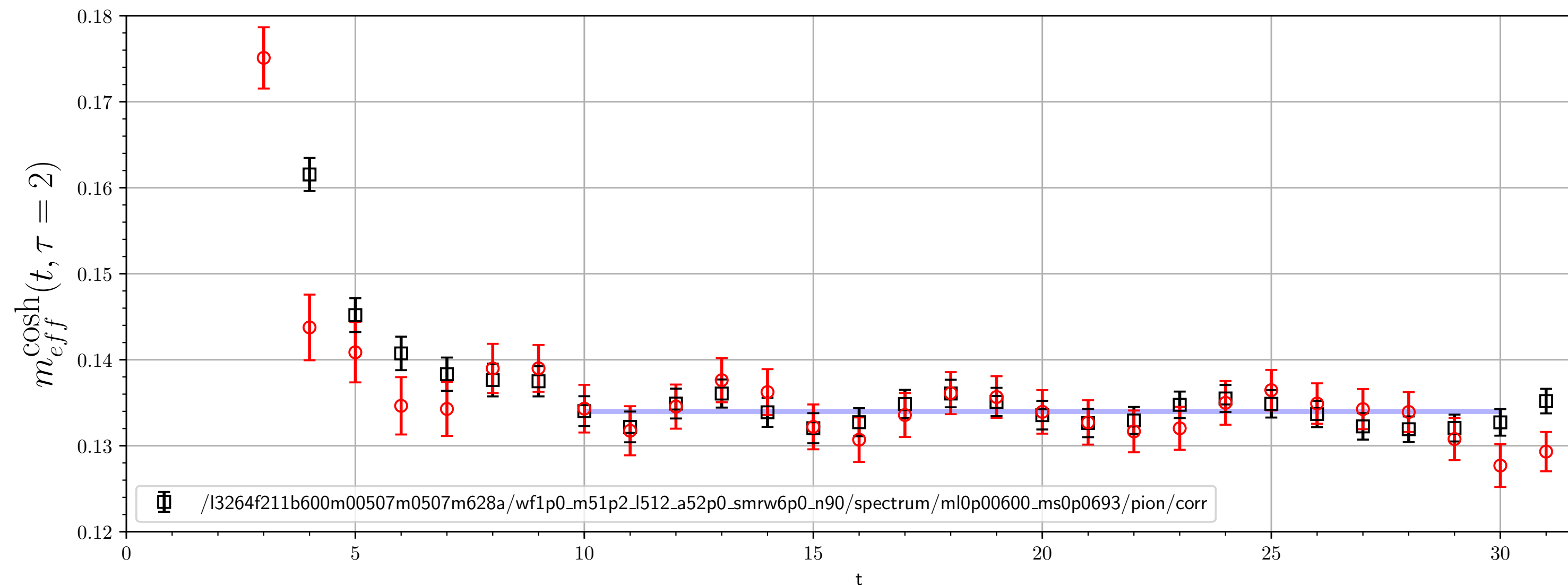
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2-point correlation function

$$C(t) = \sum_n z_n z_n^\dagger e^{-E_n t}$$
$$m_{eff}(t) = \frac{1}{\tau} \ln \left(\frac{C(t)}{C(t+\tau)} \right)$$

For pions, need to consider leading finite temperature effects

$$C(t) = \sum_n z_n z_n^\dagger \left(e^{-E_n t} + e^{-E_n(T-t)} \right)$$
$$m_{eff}^{\cosh}(t, \tau) = \frac{1}{\tau} \cosh^{-1} \left(\frac{C(t+\tau) + C(t-\tau)}{2C(t)} \right)$$



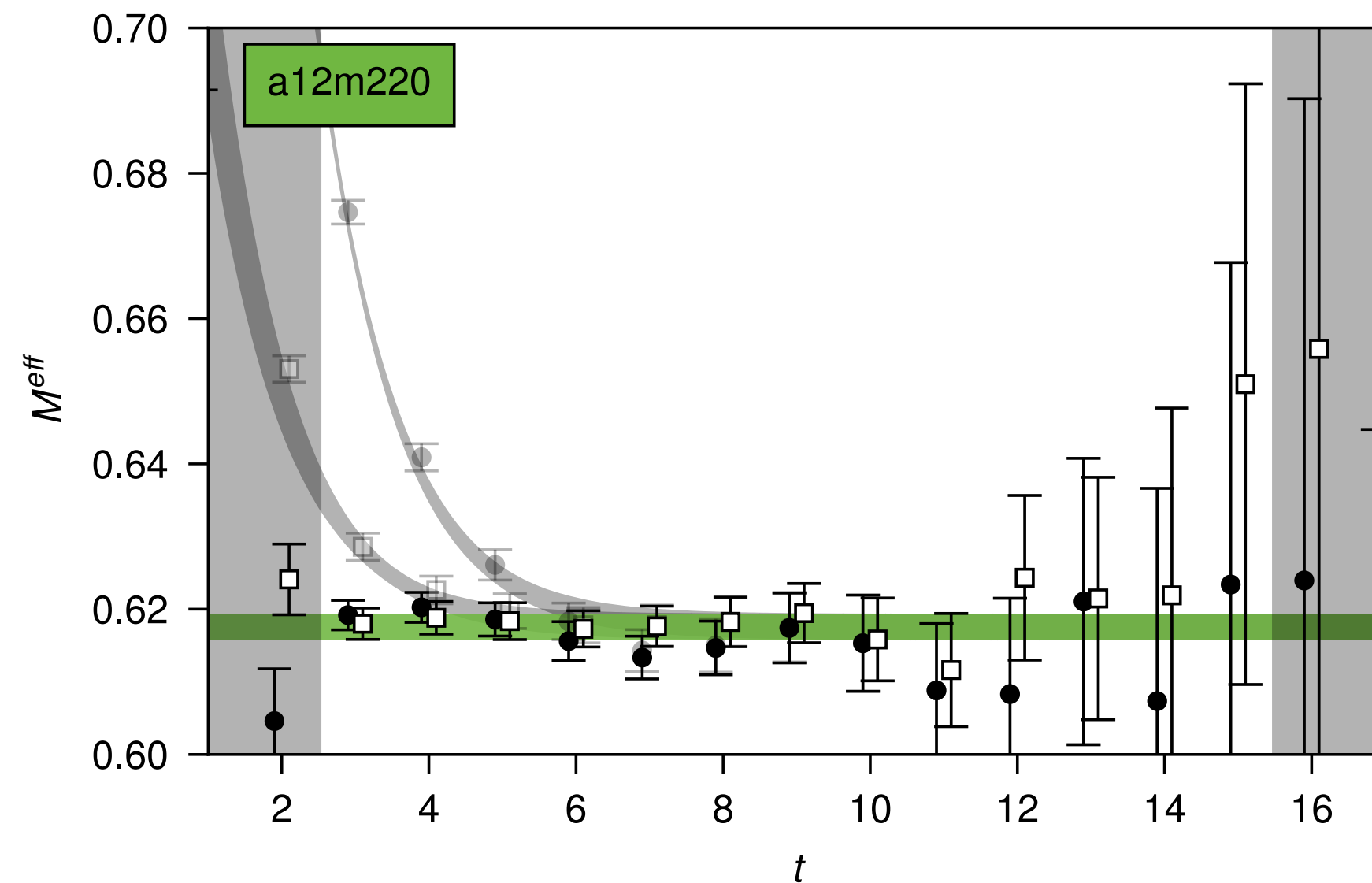
Effective mass of **Pion** 2-point correlation function

red and black “data” are from different choices of *interpolating* operators

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

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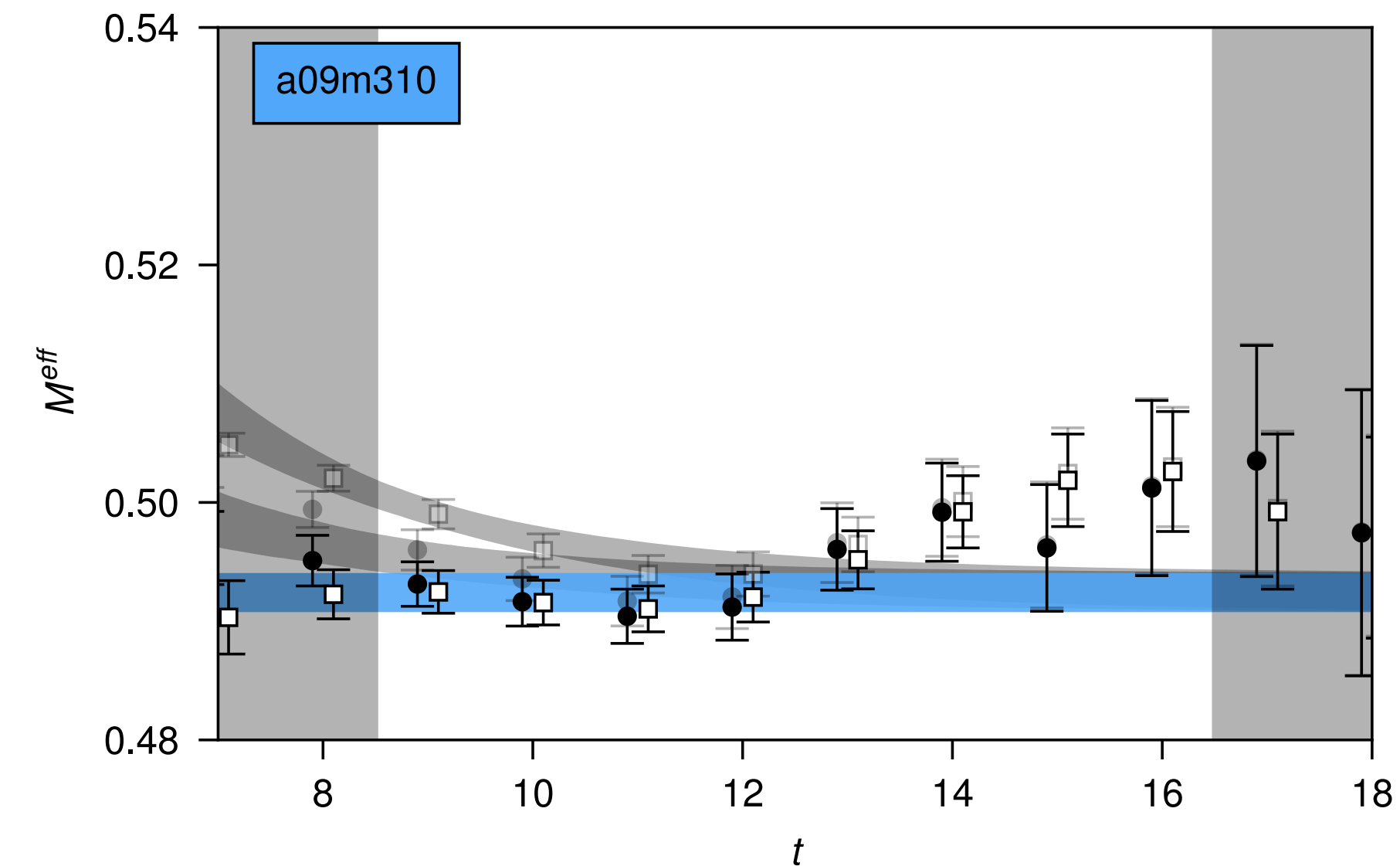
2-point correlation function



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

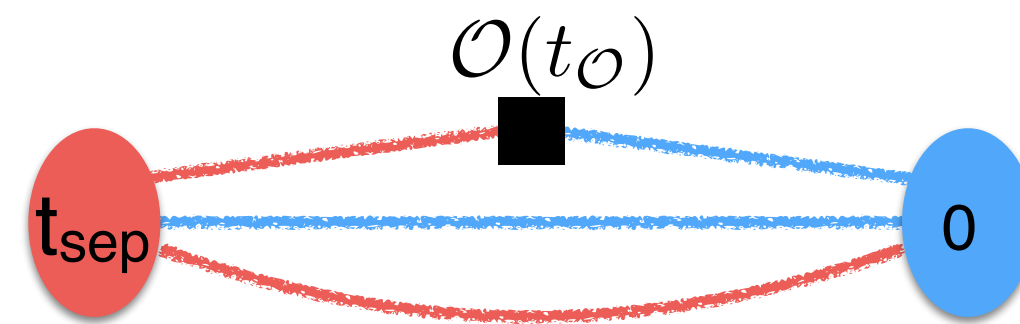
This problem is exacerbated with form-factor calculations (g_A) and 2+ nucleons

- quark contraction cost becomes dominant
- density of excited states grows significantly and gap becomes small (nuclear interaction energies instead of pion mass gap)

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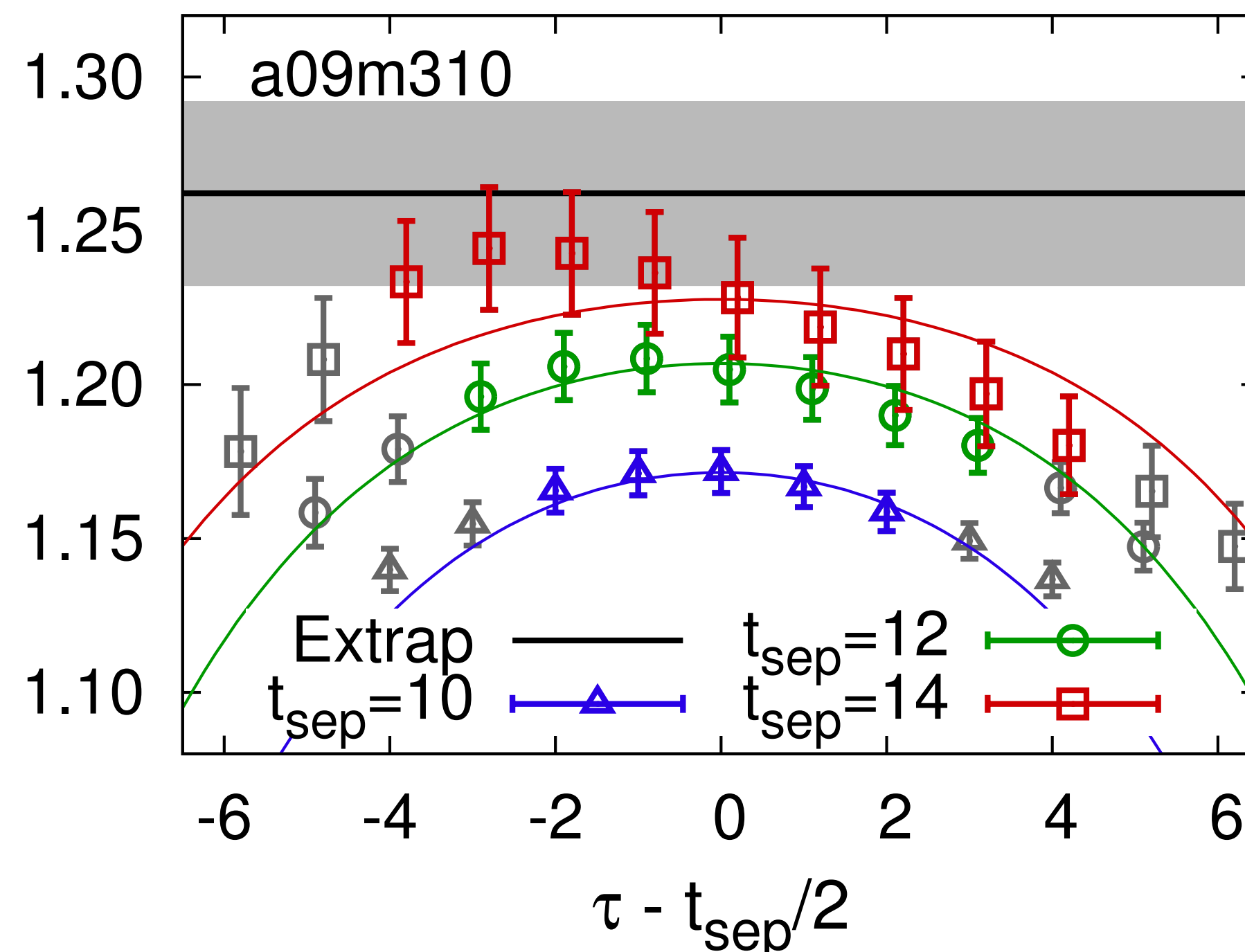
Nucleon axial charge calculation

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in long-time (\mathbf{t}_{sep}) limit - should be flat



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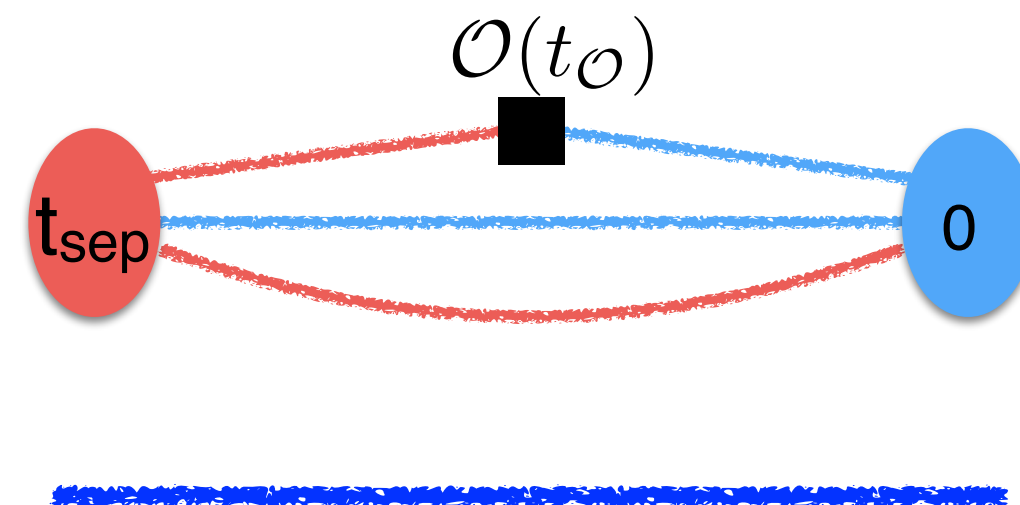
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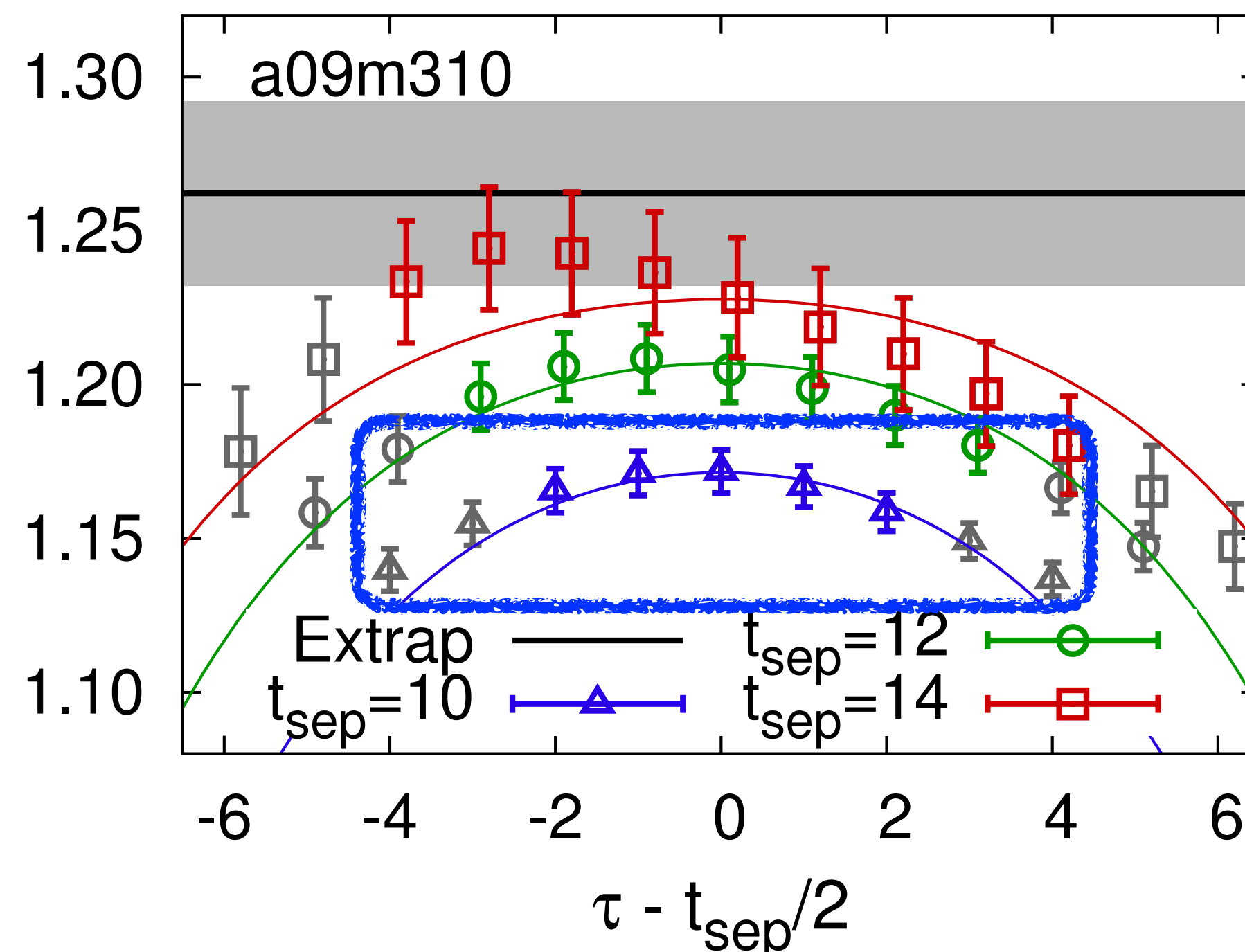
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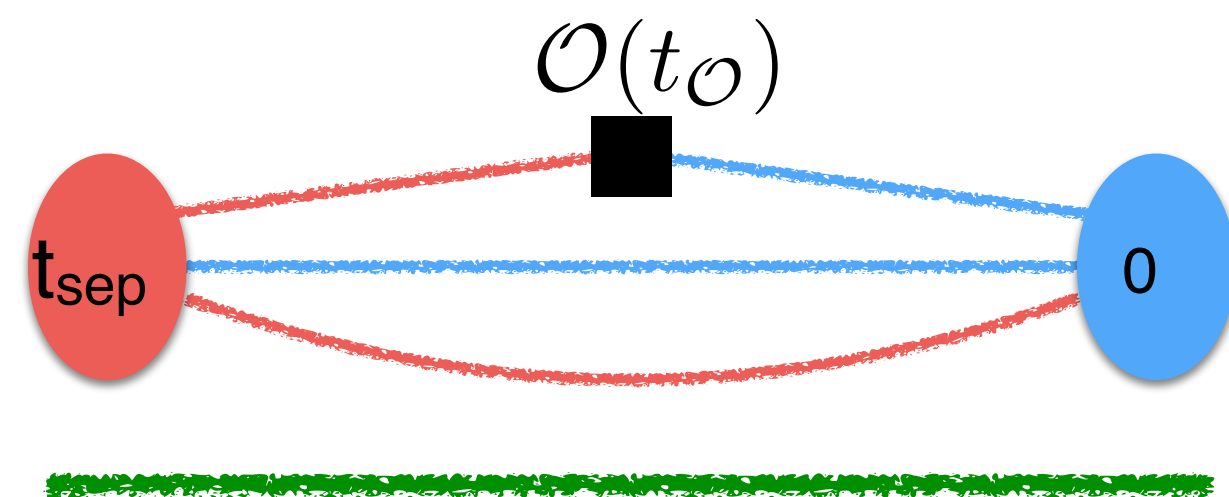
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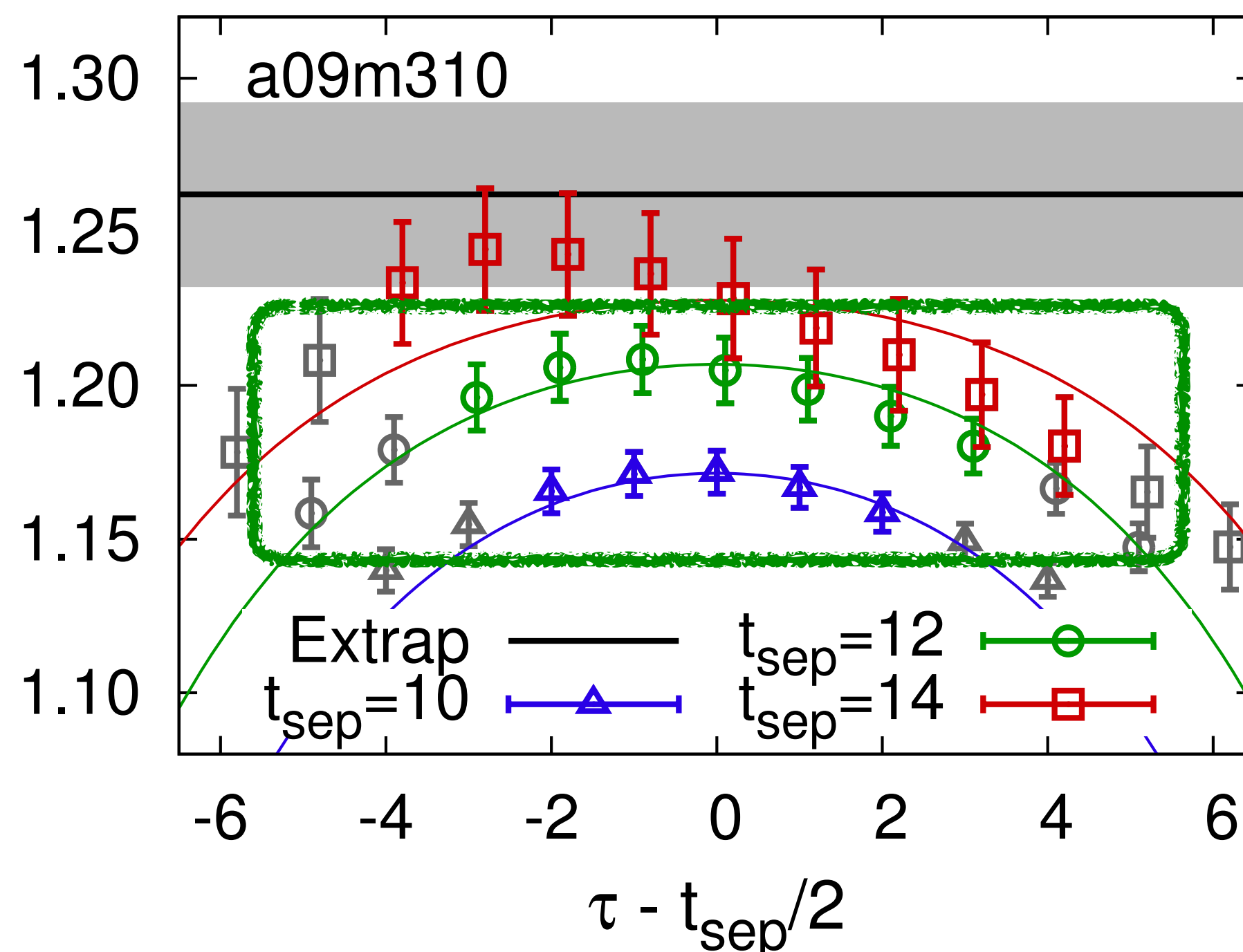
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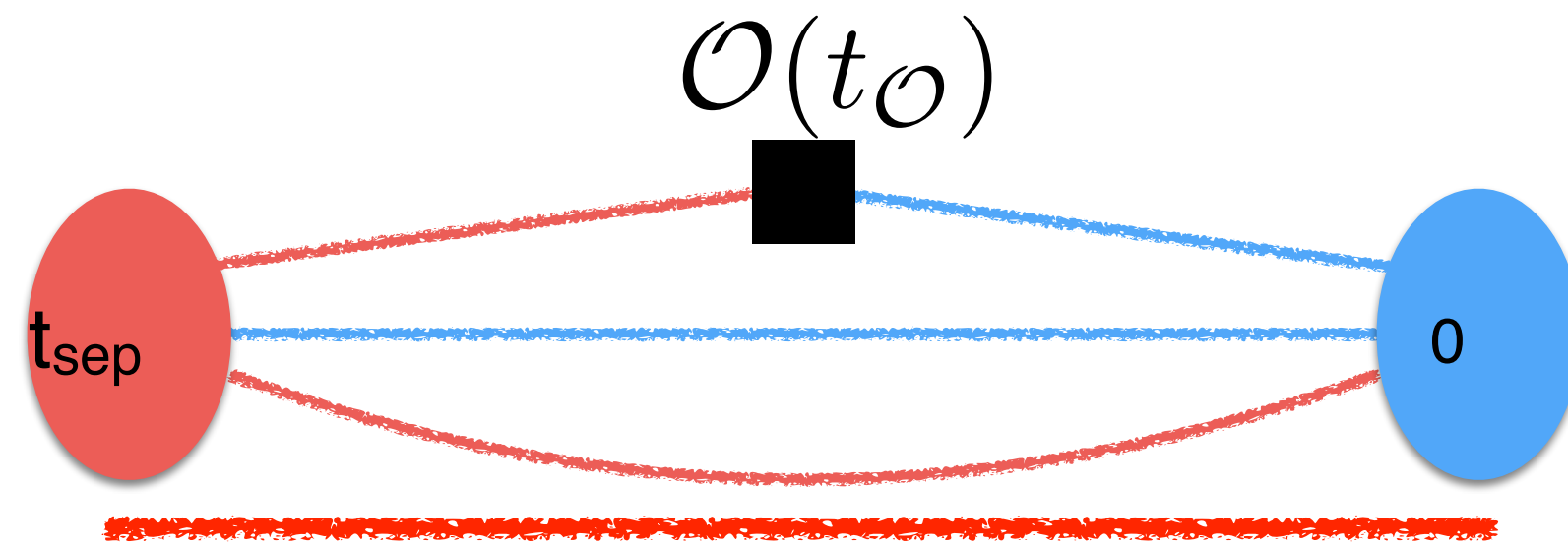
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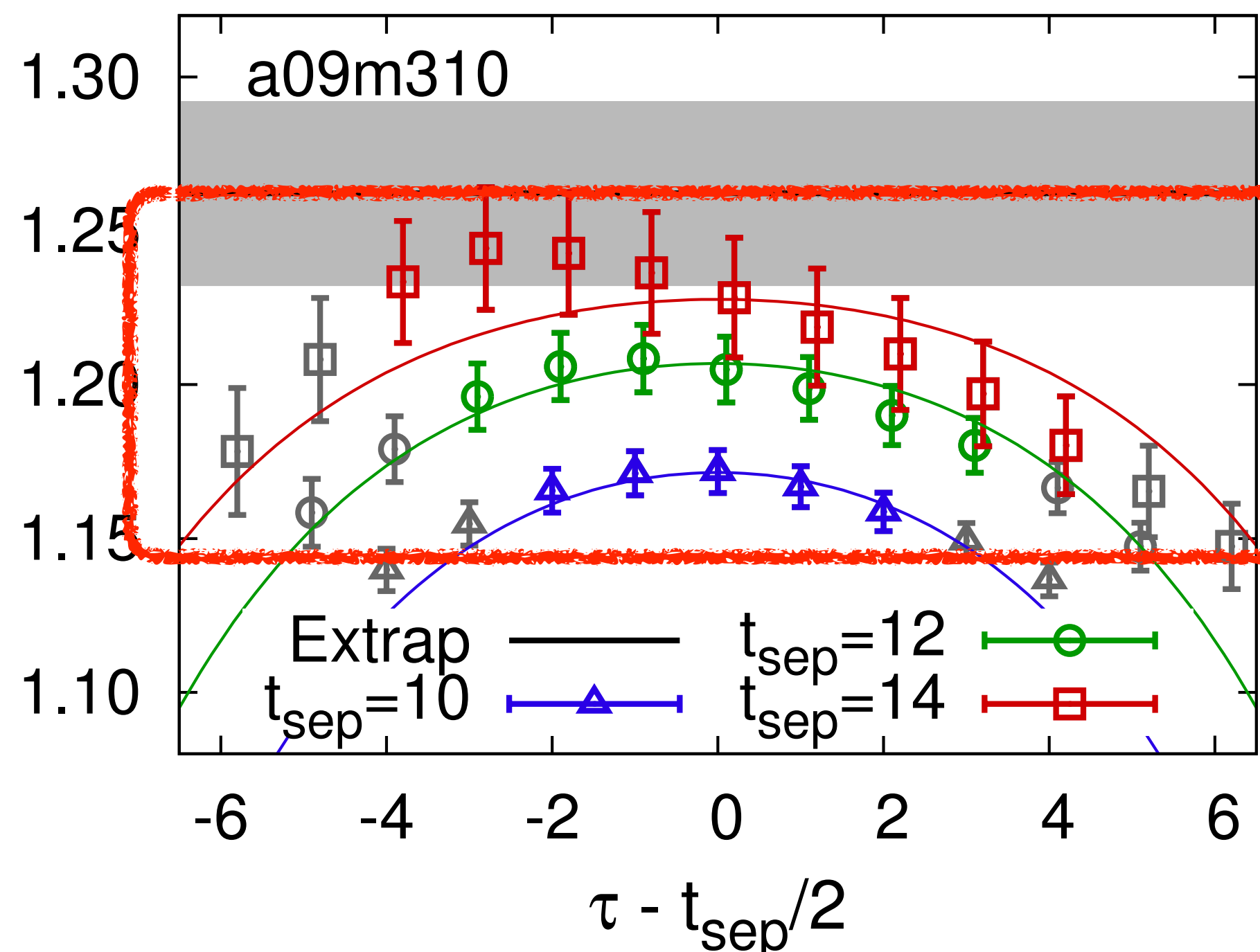
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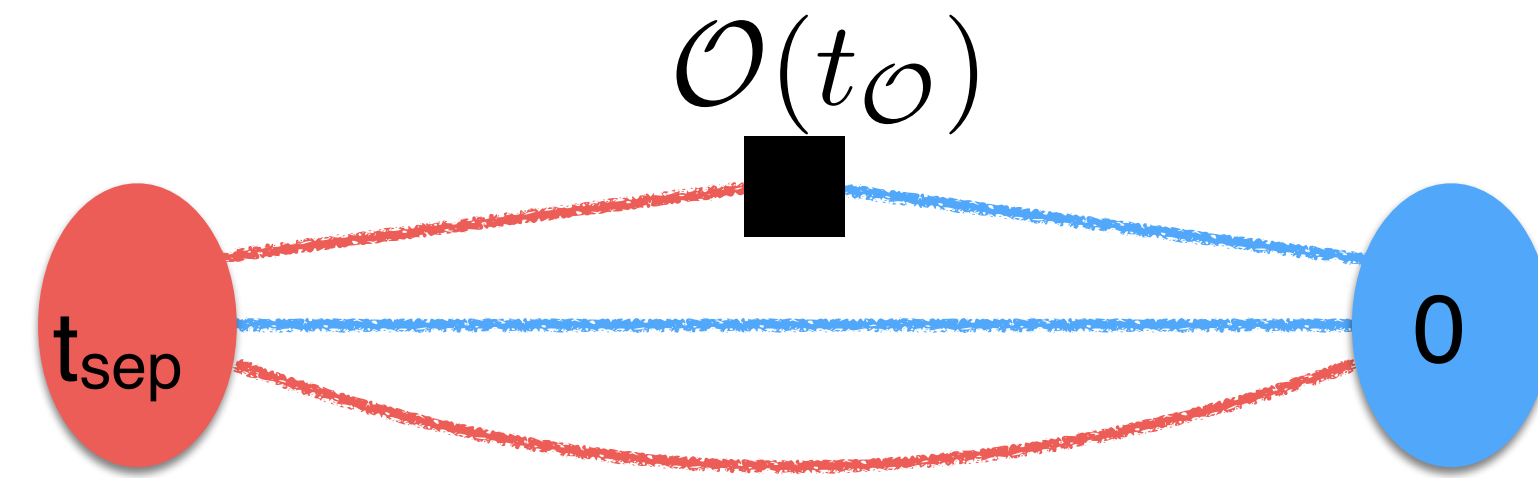
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On the Feynman-Hellmann Theorem in QFT and the calculation of matrix elements

Phys. Rev. D96 (2017)

arXiv:1612.06963



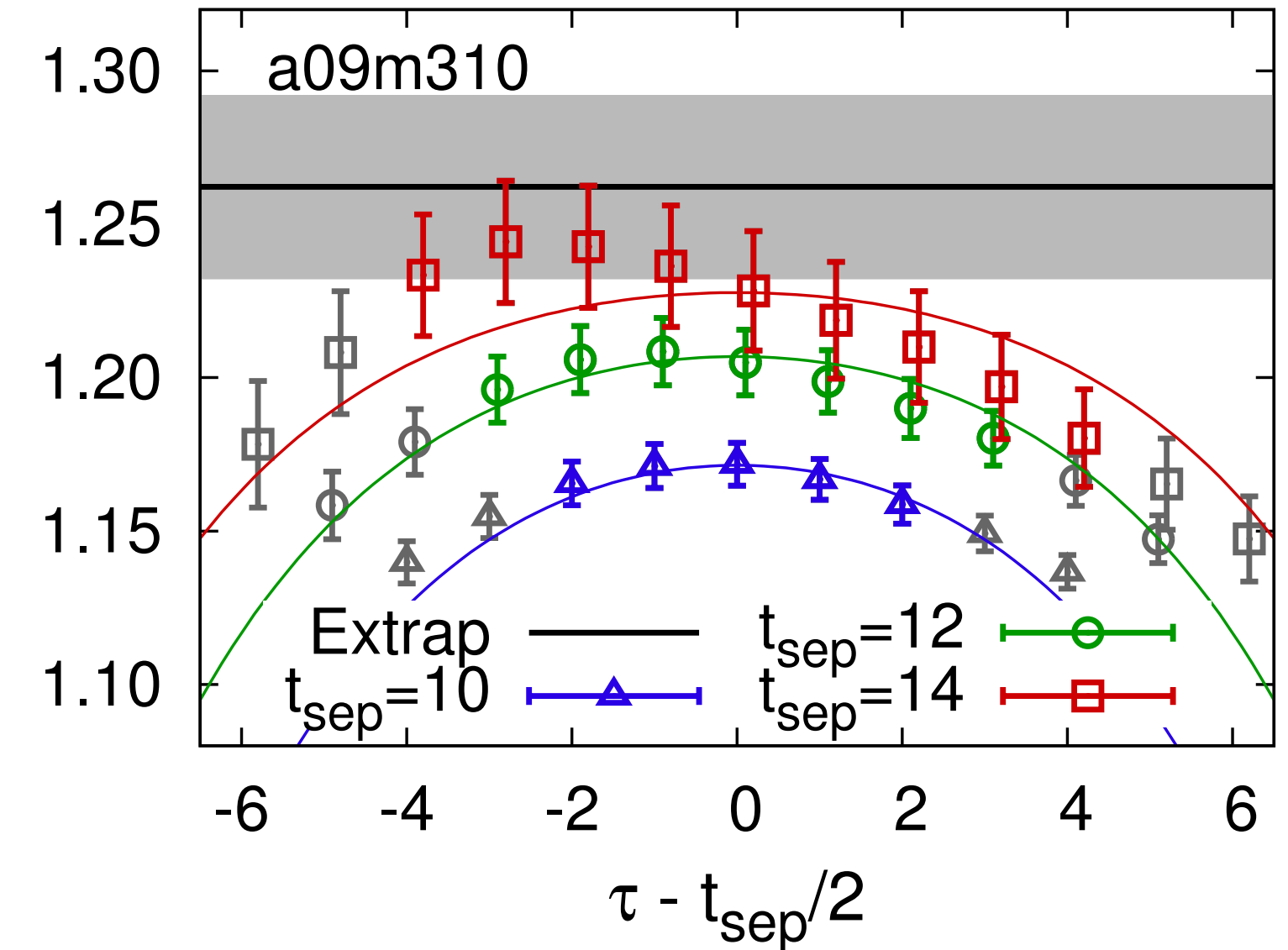
fixed source-sink separation time, t_{sep}
repeat for a few different t_{sep}

standard method

- two time variables to extrapolate in, t_{sep}, τ
- late t_{sep} typically used to control excited states, but noisy and susceptible to correlated fluctuations

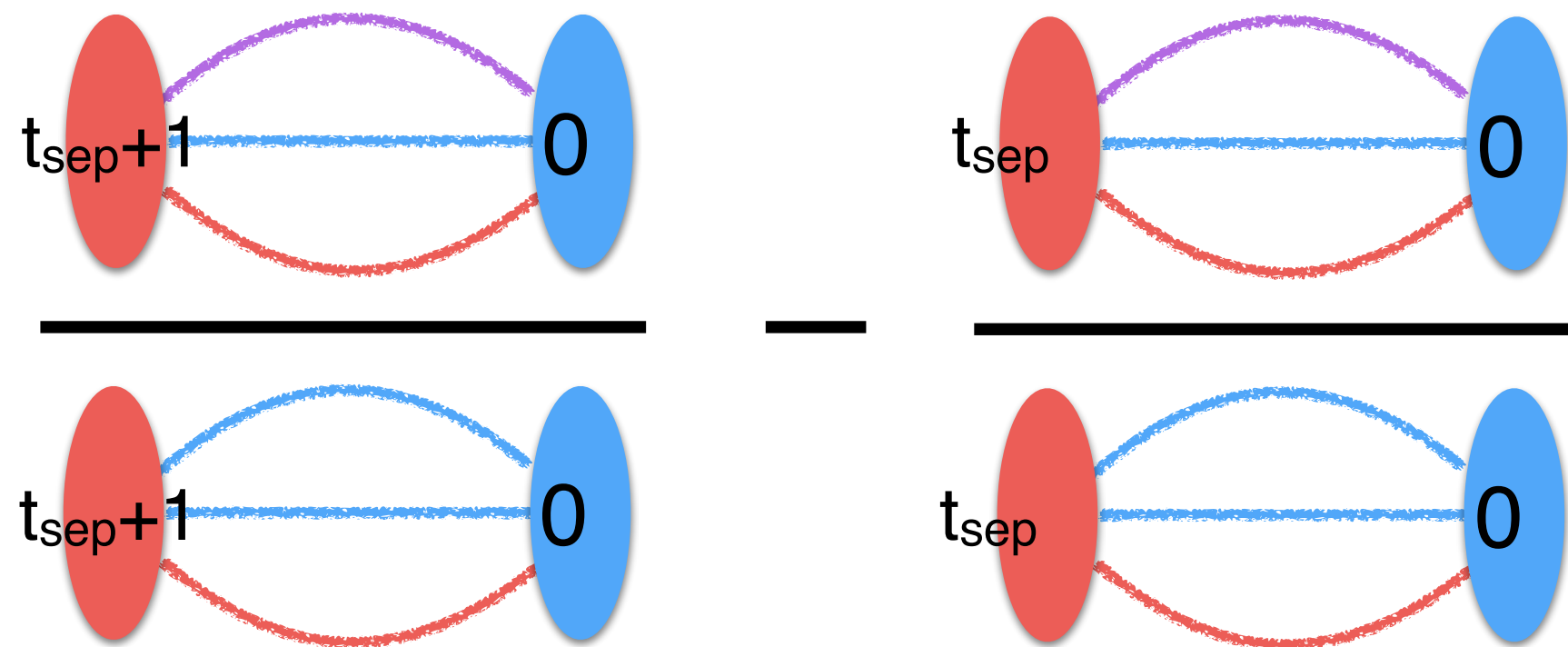
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PNDME arXiv:1606.07049



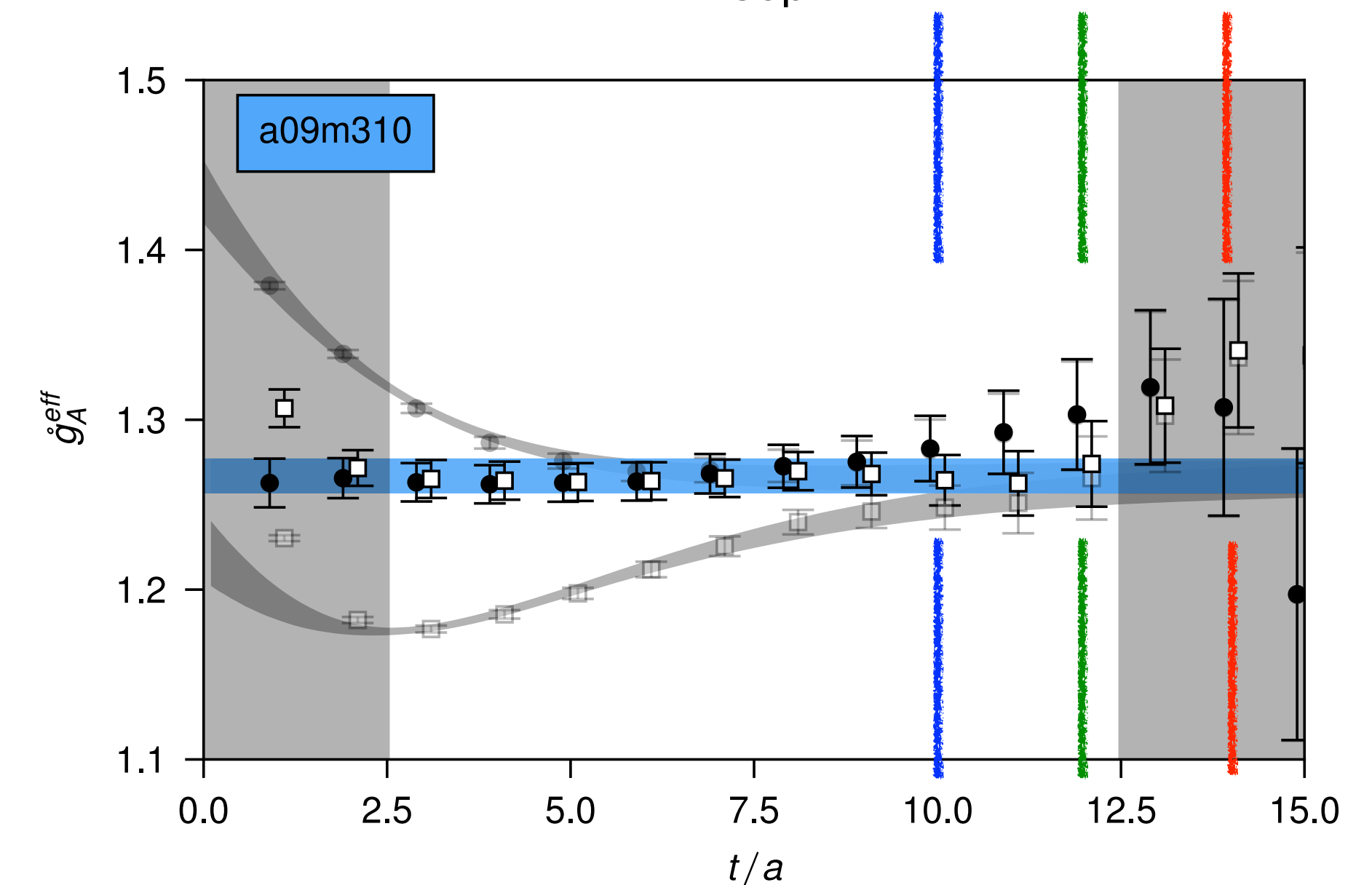
our unconventional method - sum over all current insertion time - subtract neighboring times - can be derived from invoking the Feynman-Hellmann Theorem

idea traced back to [Maiani, Martinelli, Paciello and Taglienti Nucl. Phys. B293 \(1987\)](#)



- one time variable, t_{sep} , (sum τ)
- excited states more strongly suppressed
- Many t_{sep} available for extrapolation including precise results at early t_{sep}

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





improving the determination of g_A

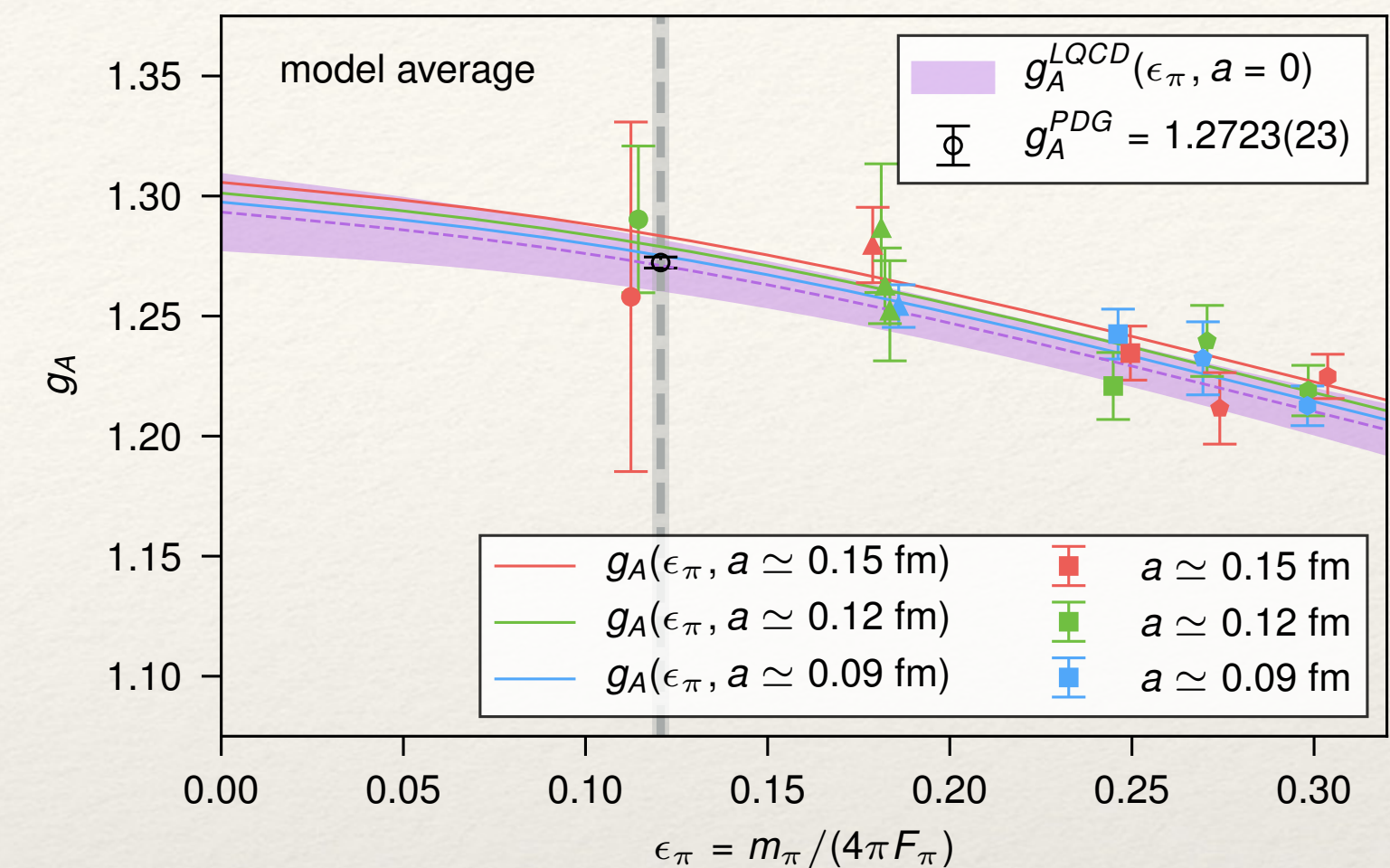
Nature 558 (2018) no.7708, 91-94

Chang et al.

[arXiv:1805.12130]

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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) **NOTE, a12m130** has 2.3% uncertainty

□ 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 ($\sim 0.06\text{fm}$)

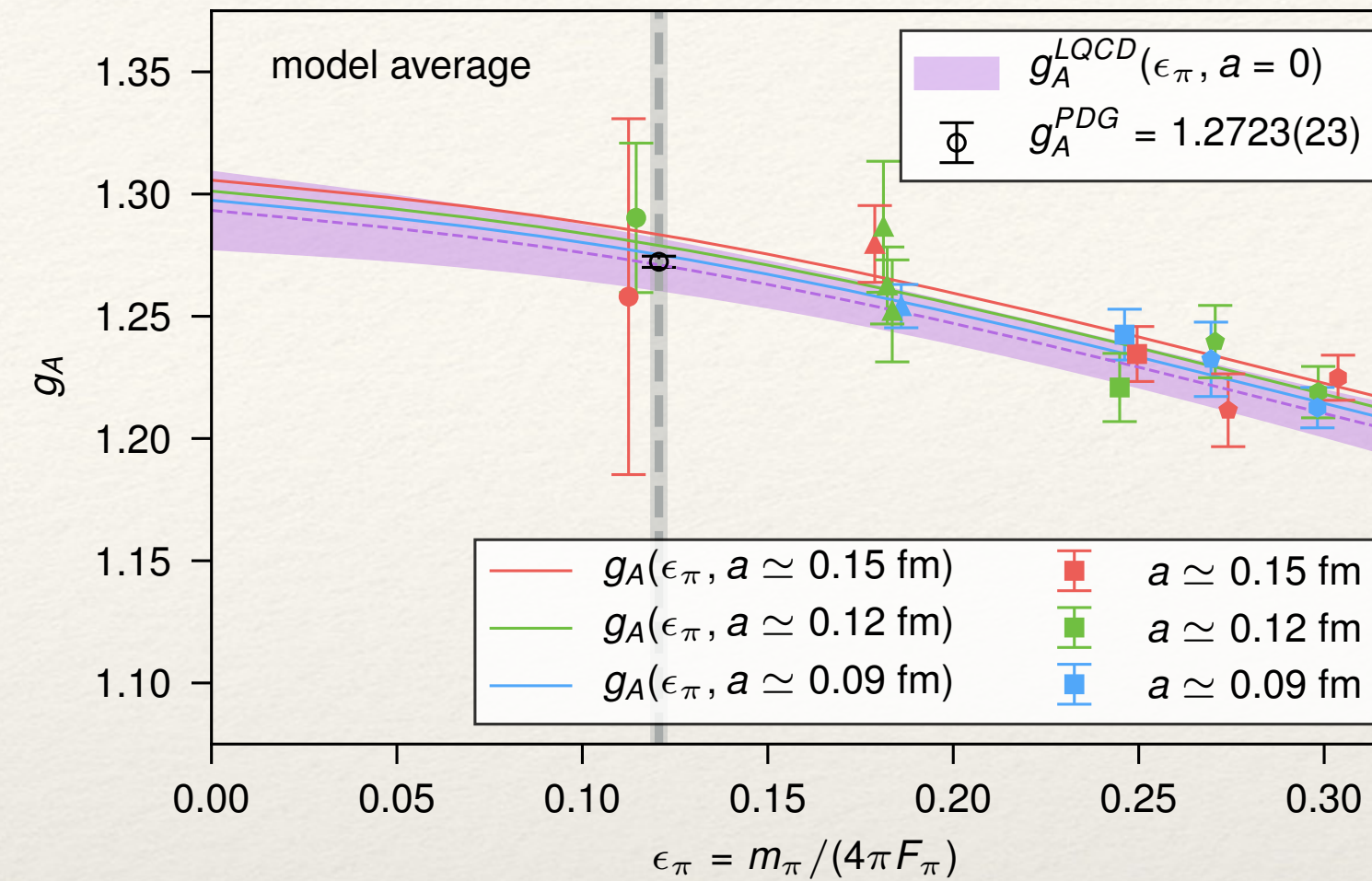
□ Adding a FV study on additional pion mass points will improve the FV uncertainty

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

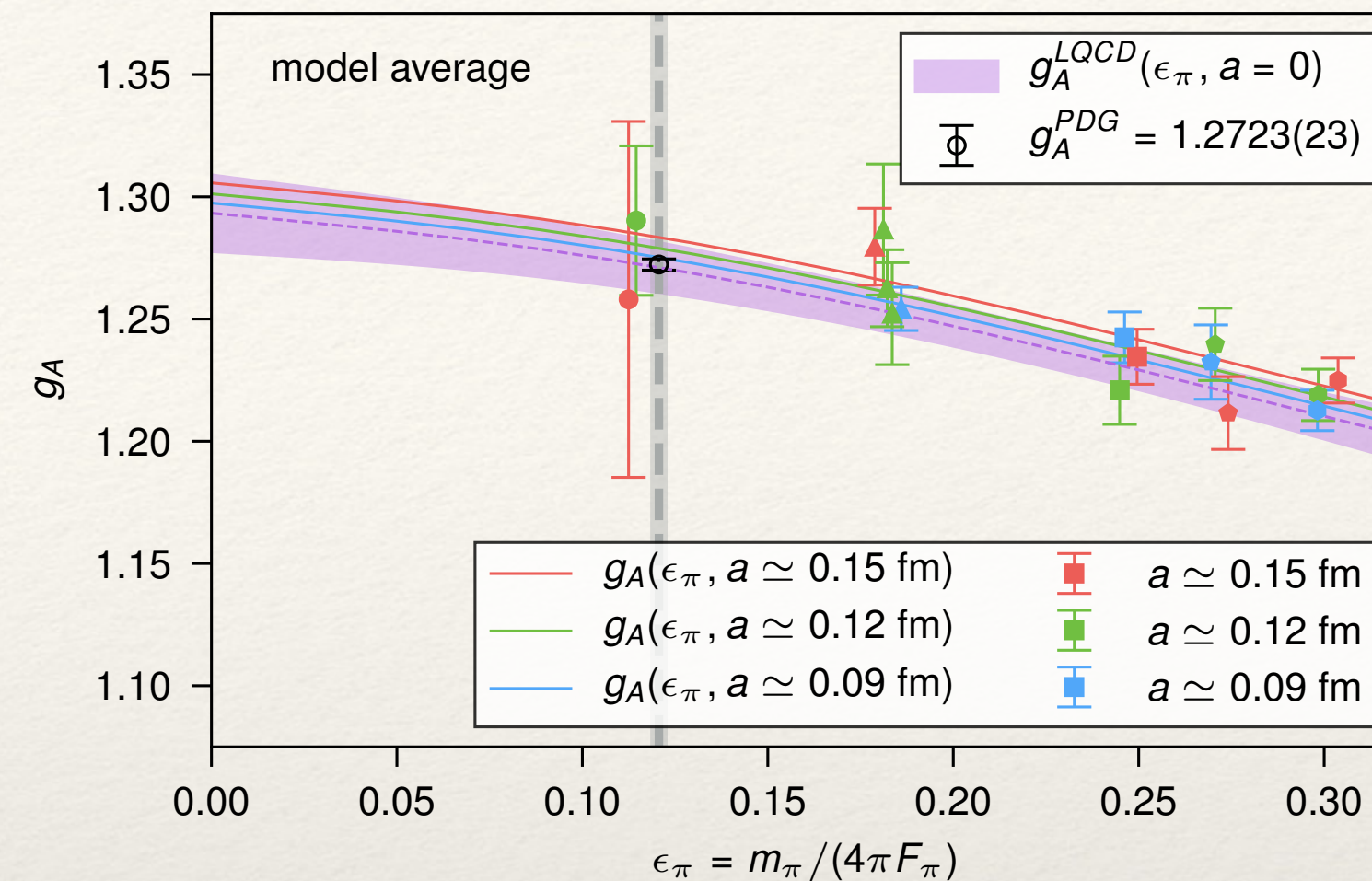
□ There are mixed corrections of $\mathcal{O}\left(\alpha_{EM} \frac{m_d - m_u}{m_d + m_u} \epsilon_\pi^2\right) \sim 0.004\%$

□ 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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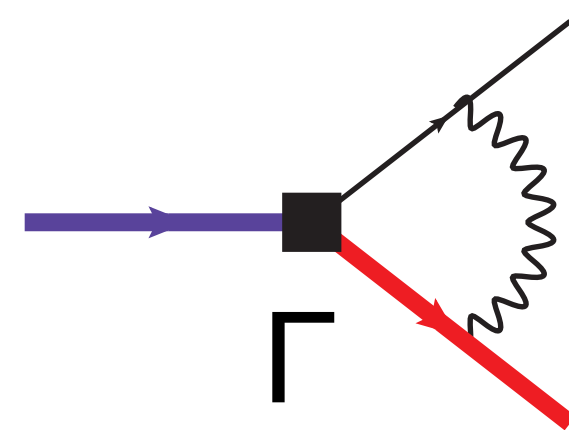
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- There is a radiative correction - **not previously computed** - that leads to a 0.4% correction - **See talk of Leendert Hayen** at ACFI workshop and [arXiv:1906.09870](https://arxiv.org/abs/1906.09870)



$$\Gamma = \gamma_\mu \text{ or } \gamma_\mu \gamma_5$$

$$|V_{ud}|^2 \tau_n (f_V + 3f_A \lambda^2)$$

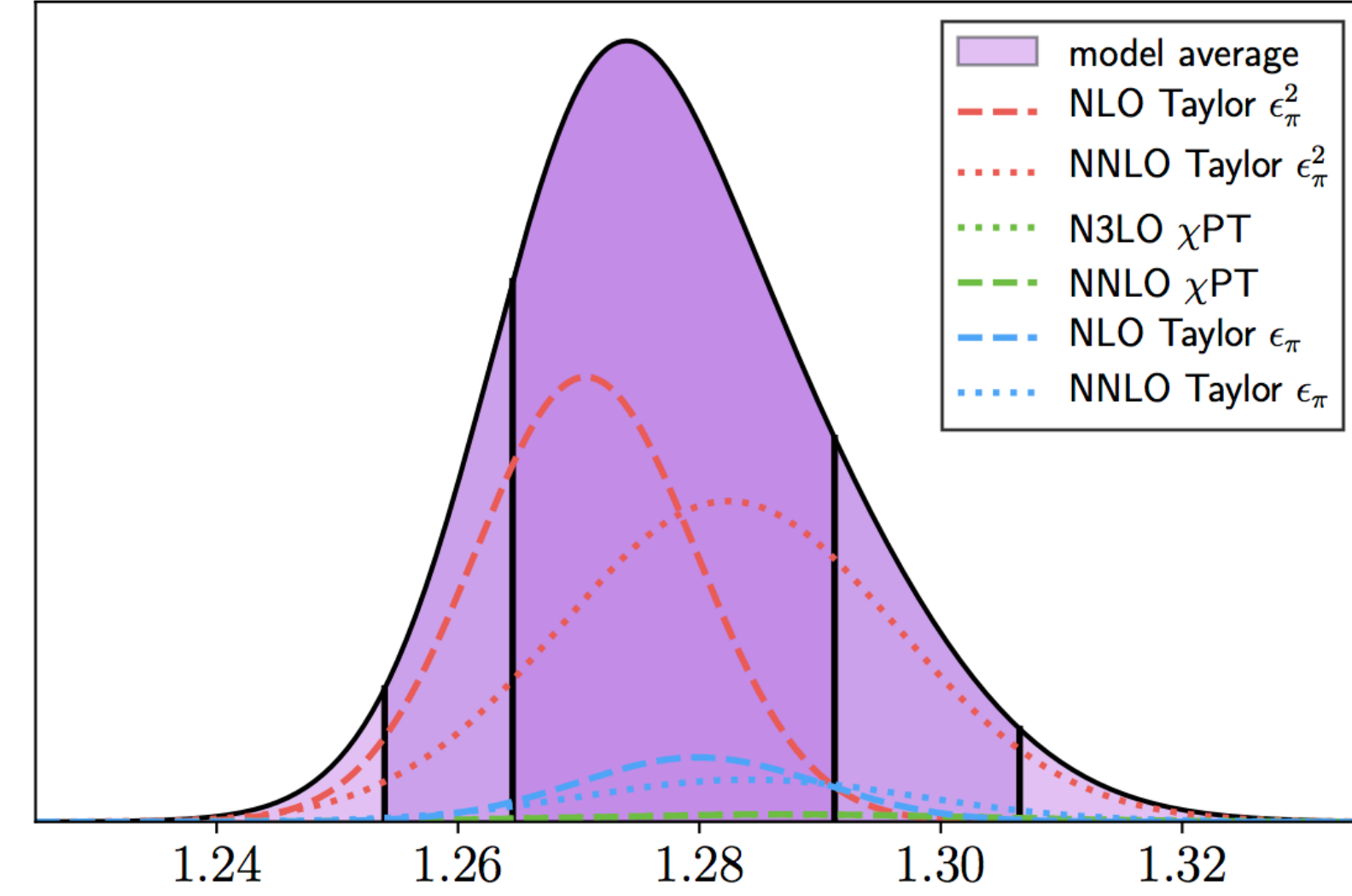
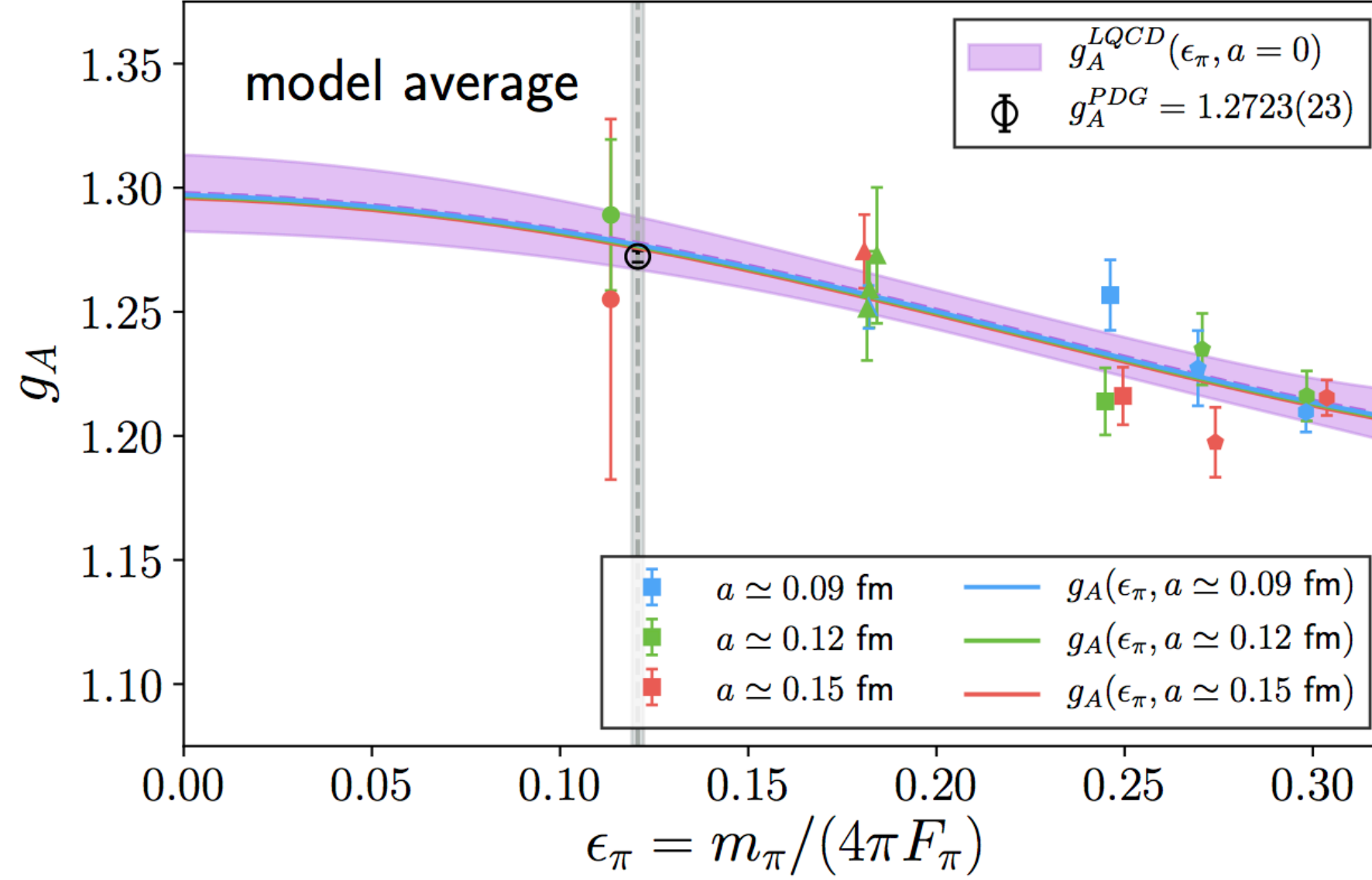
$$= \frac{2\pi^3}{G_F^2 m_e^5 g_V^2} \frac{1}{1 + RC}$$

previously, assumed $f_A = f_V$ to 10^{-6} , but 0.4% correction. Does not effect V_{ud} but does impact BSM constraints

- At 0.5%, we should incorporate isospin breaking corrections and verify this result
- if we agree, we can return to isospin-symmetric to push down to 0.2%

Analysis Details

Model average extrapolation



Fit	χ^2/dof	$\mathcal{L}(D M_k)$	$P(M_k D)$	$P(g_A M_k)$
NNLO χ PT	0.727	22.734	0.033	1.273(19)
NNLO+ct χ PT	0.726	22.729	0.033	1.273(19)
NLO Taylor ϵ_π^2	0.792	24.887	0.287	1.266(09)
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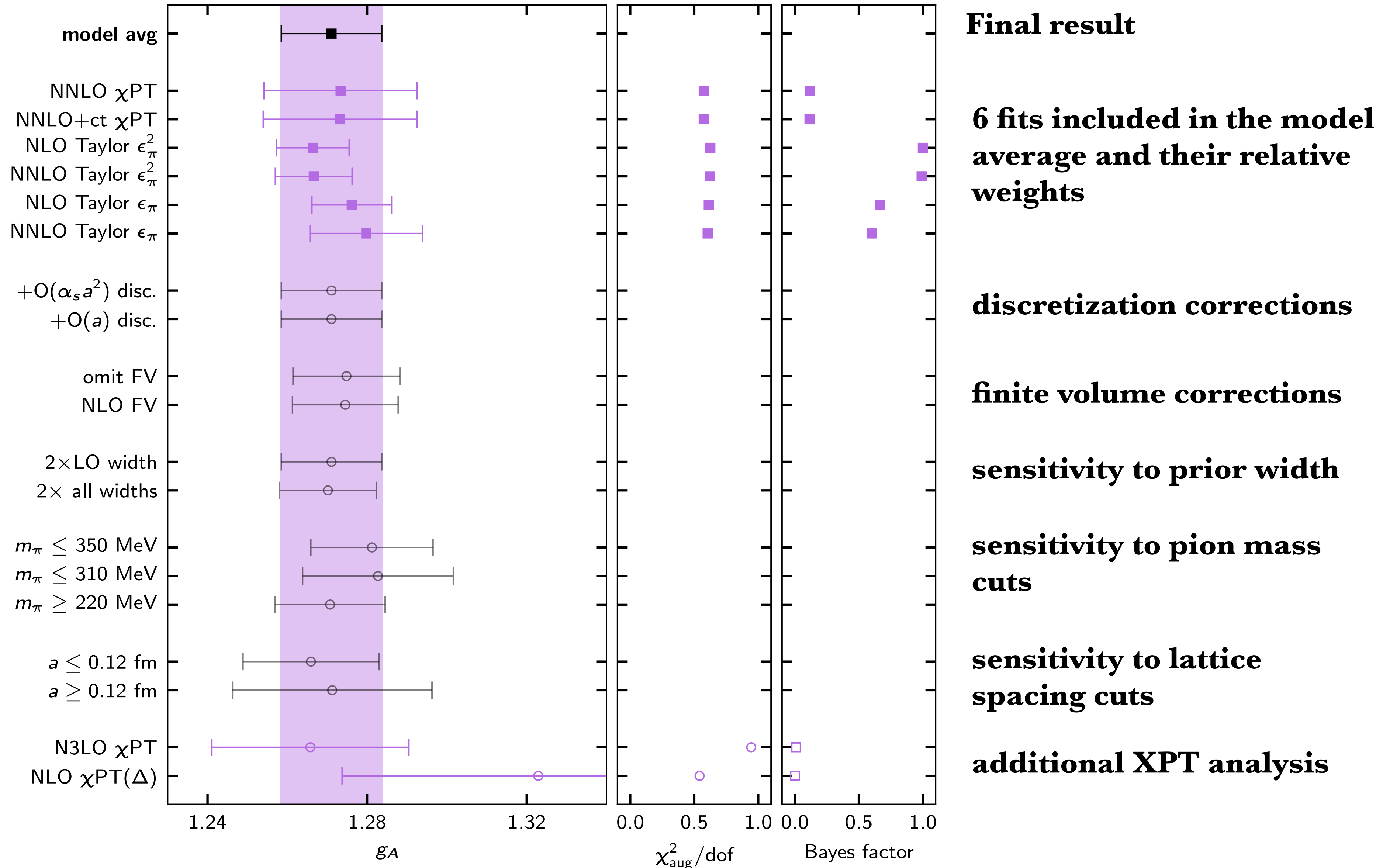
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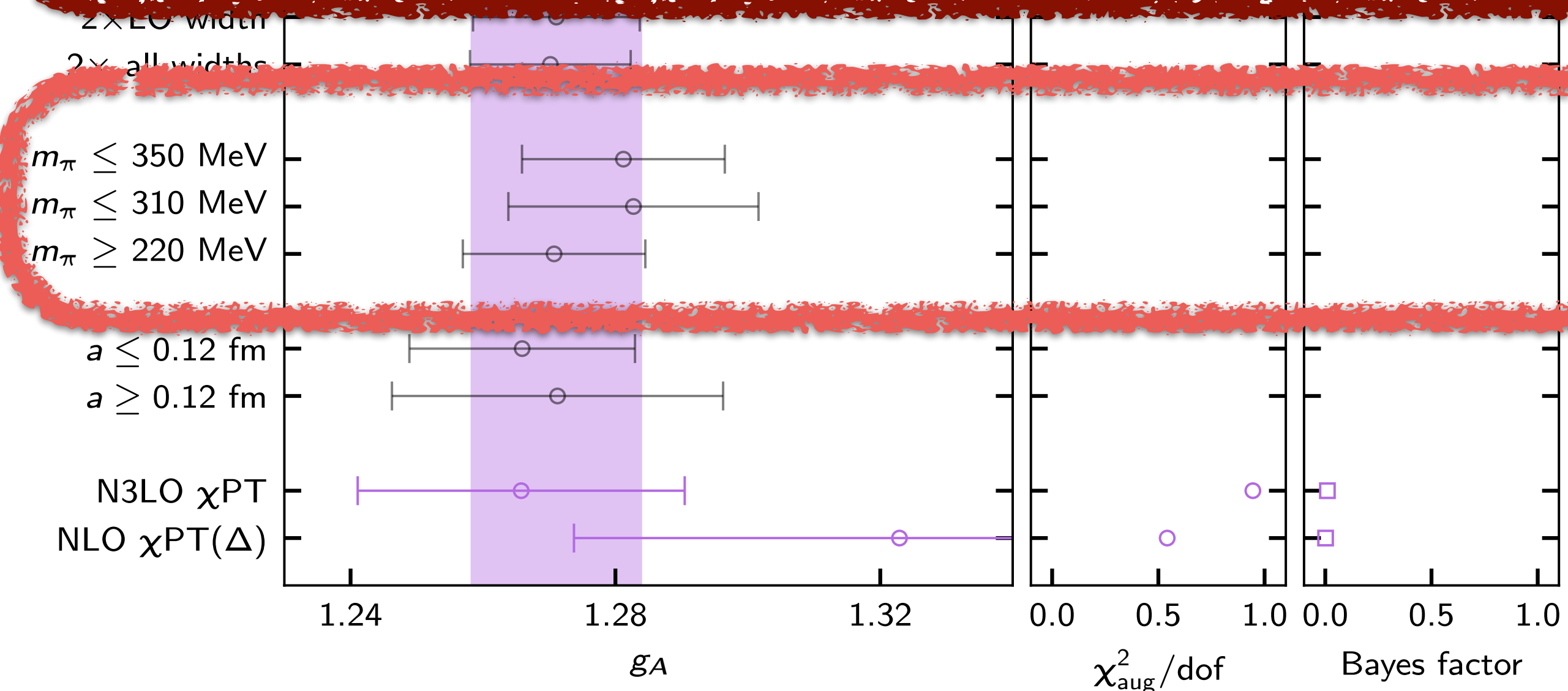
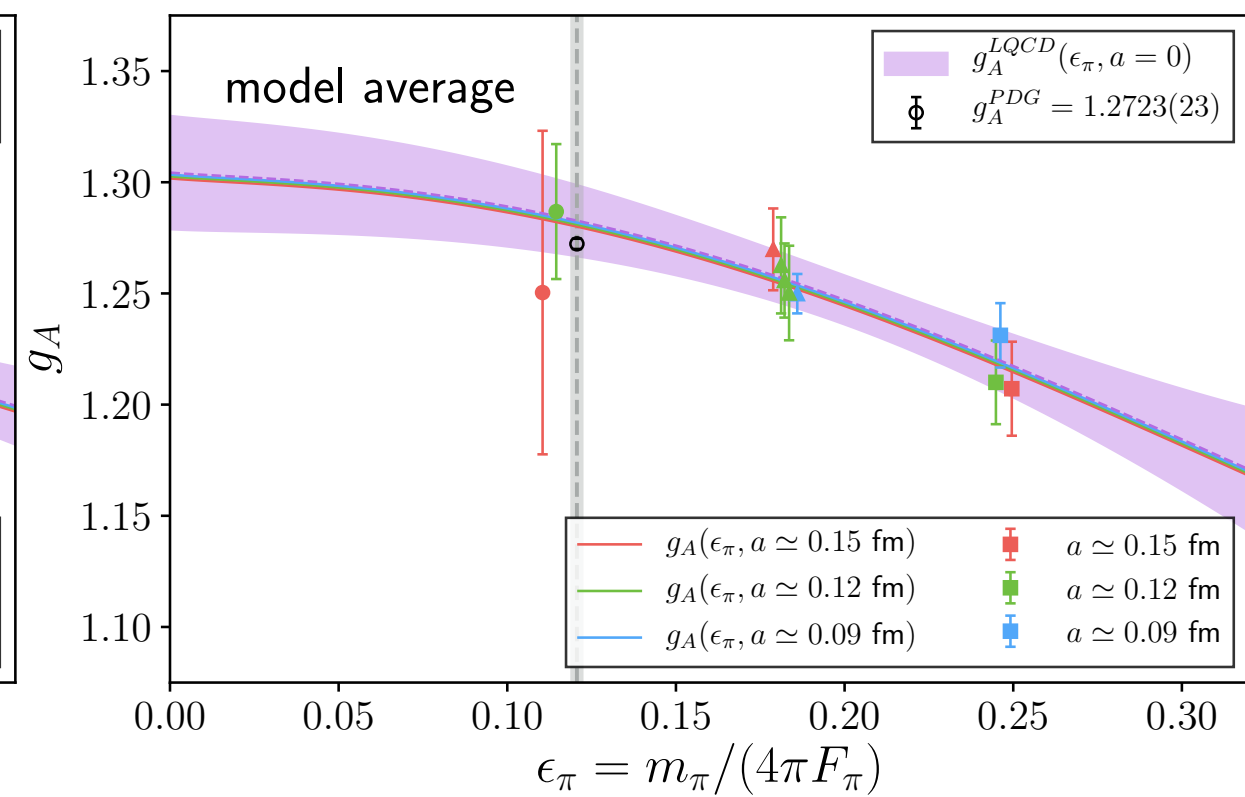
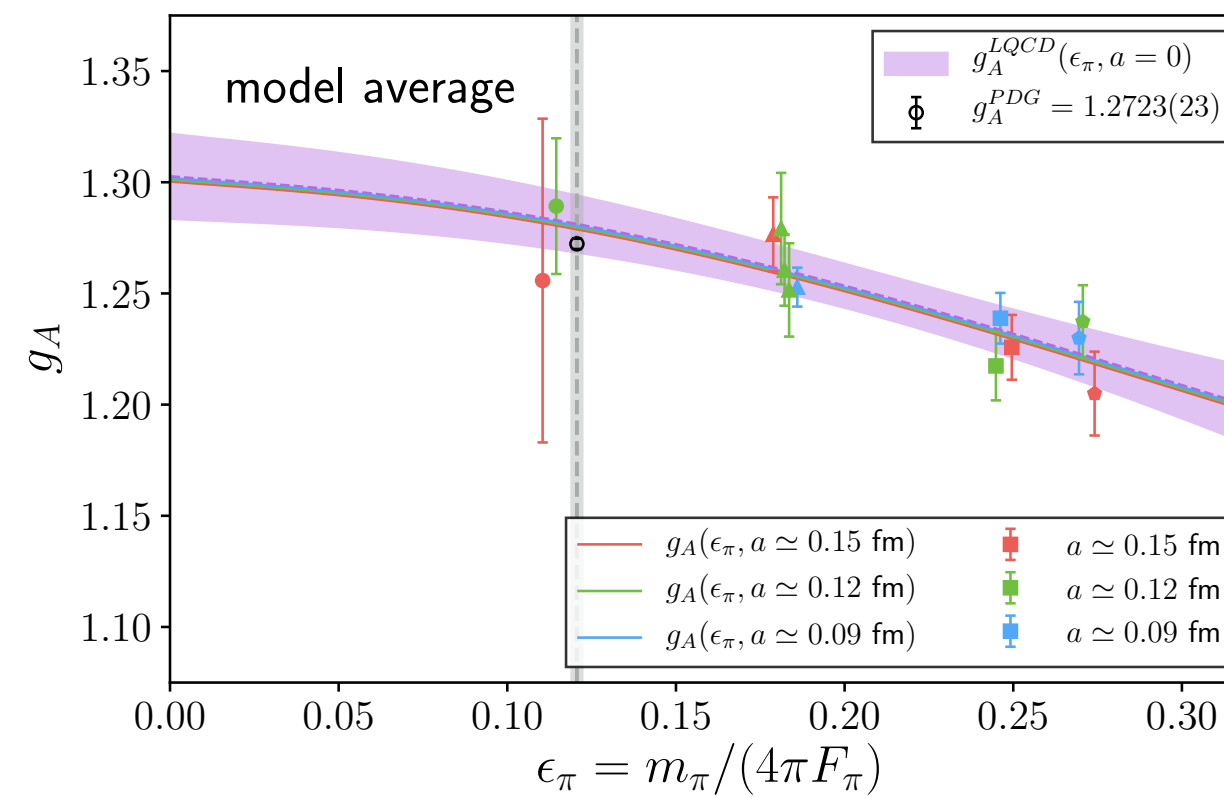
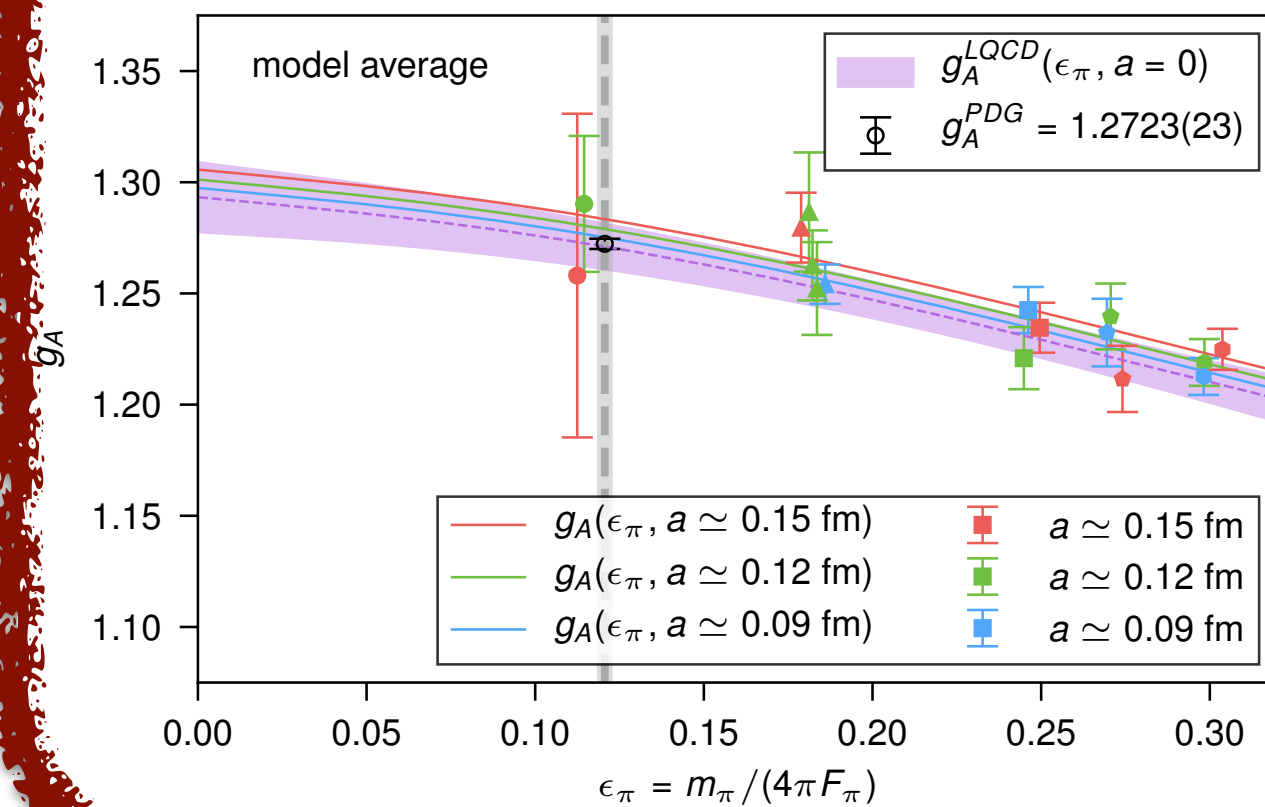
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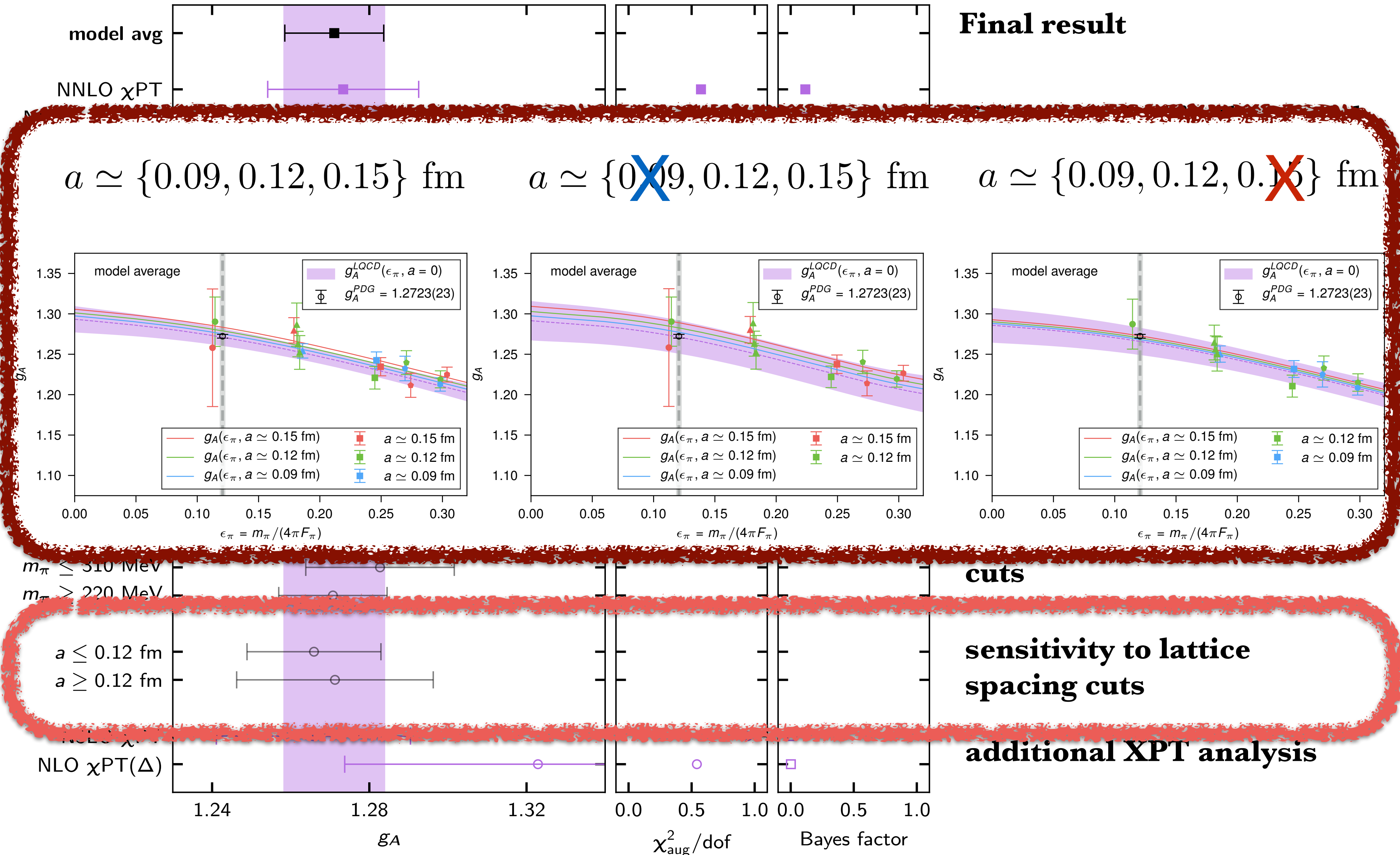
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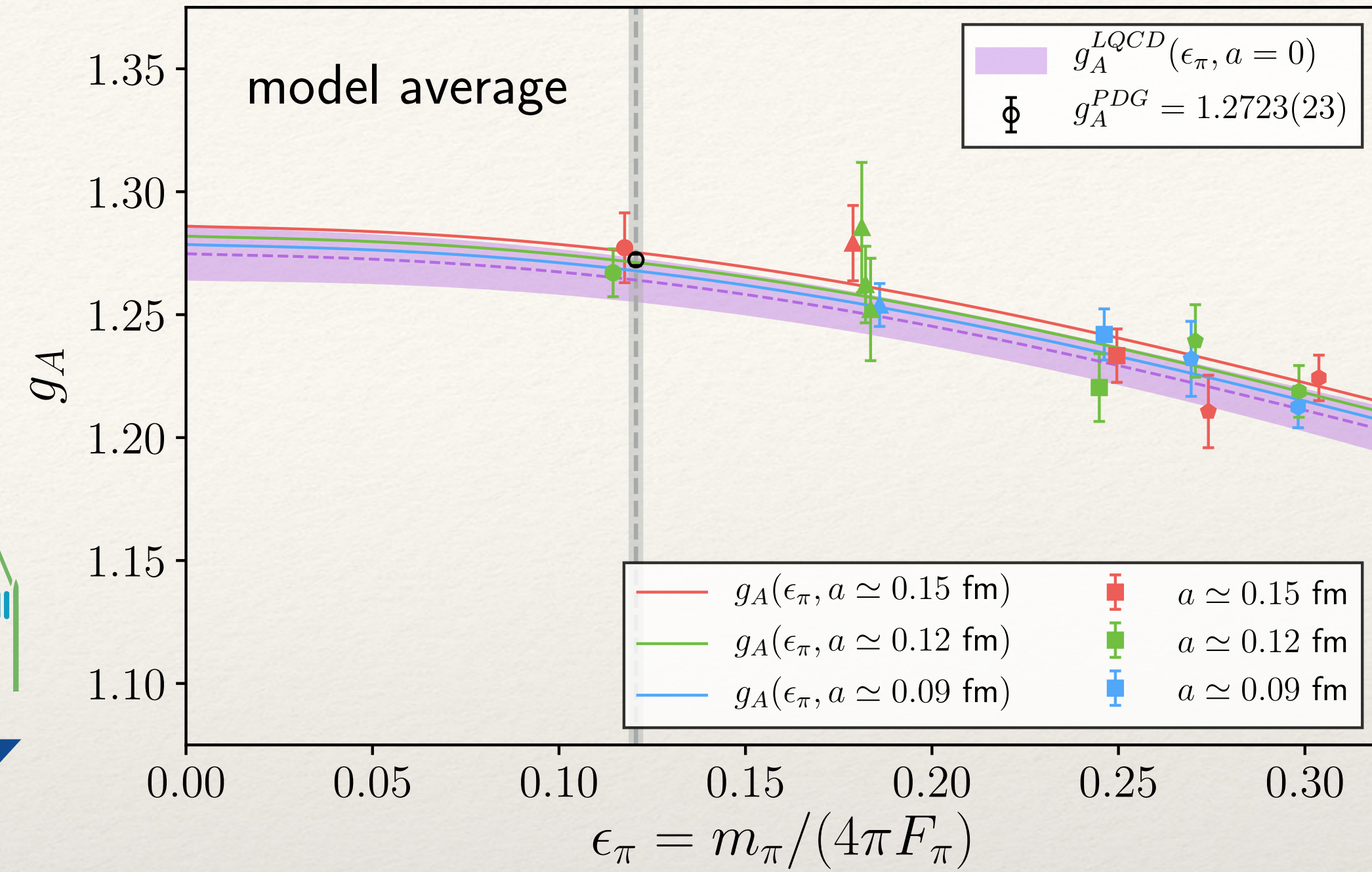
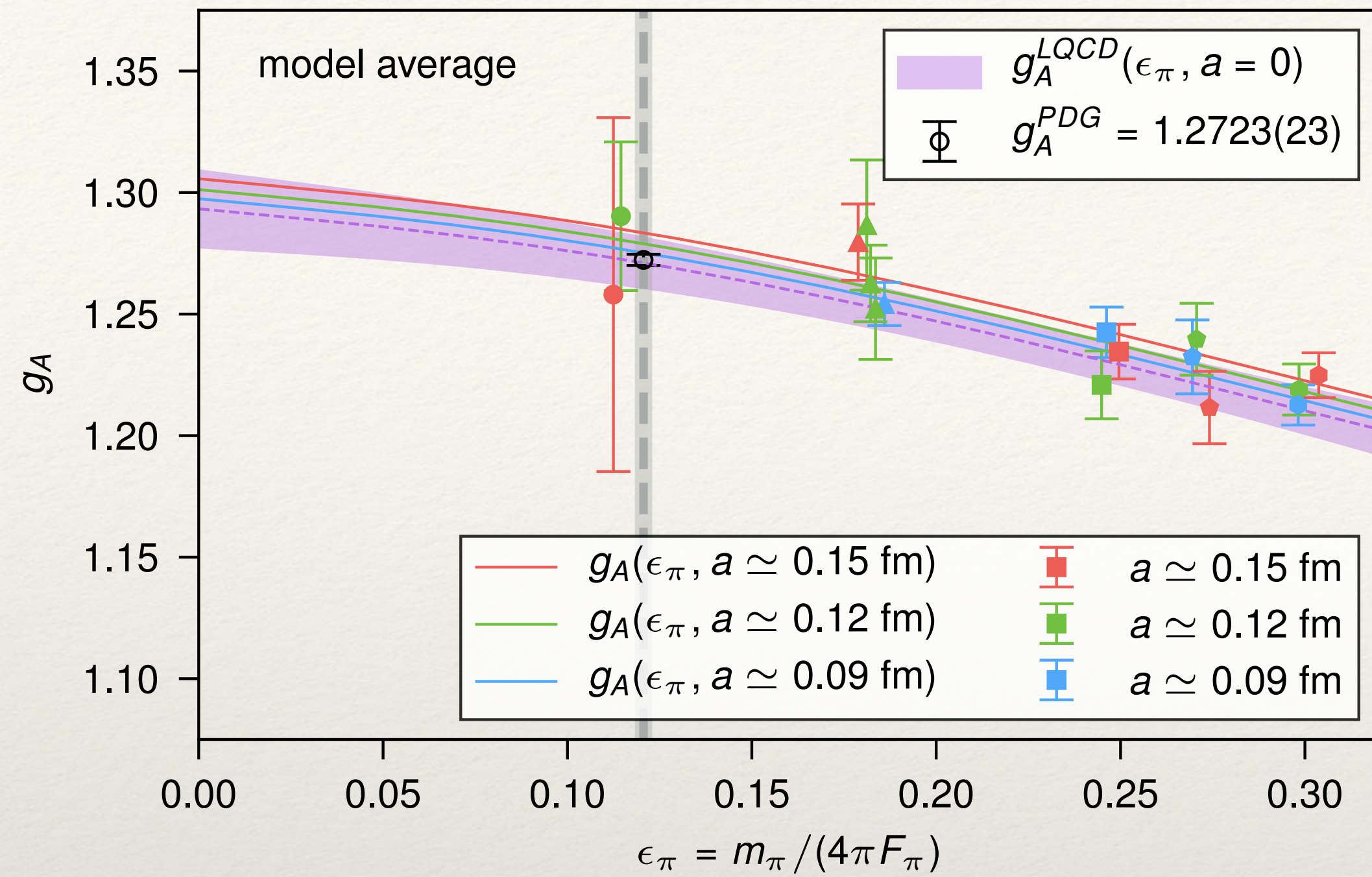


https://github.com/callat-qcd/project_gA

raw correlation functions, correlation function analysis results, extrapolation analysis

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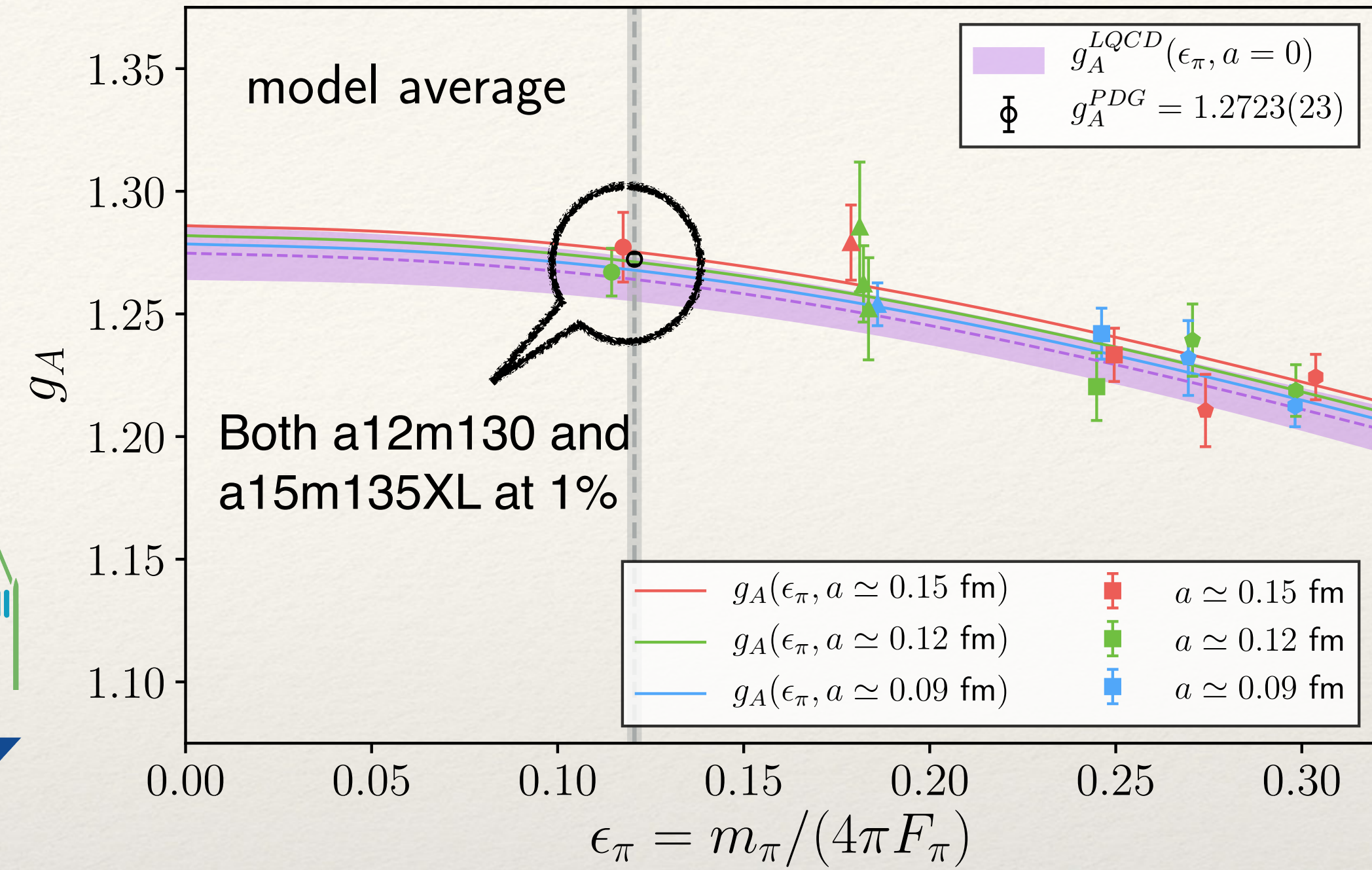
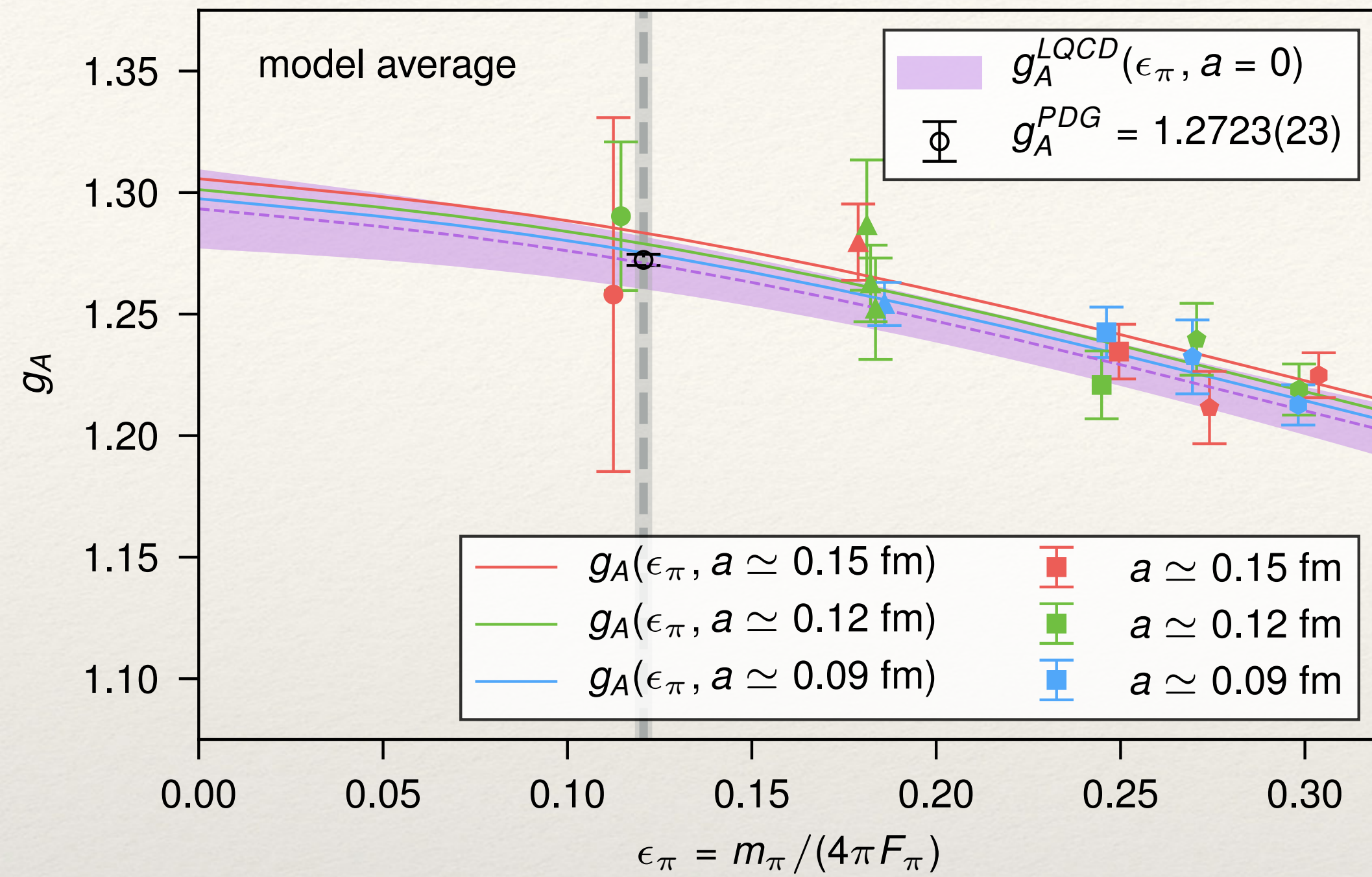
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Simulating the *weak* death of the neutron in a femtoscale universe with near-Exascale computing

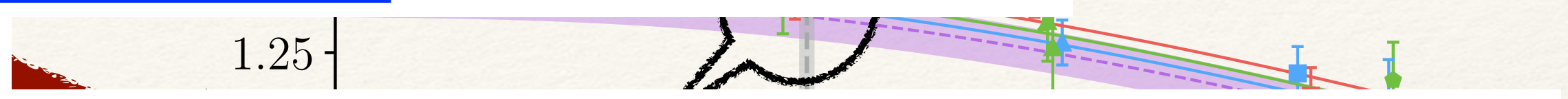
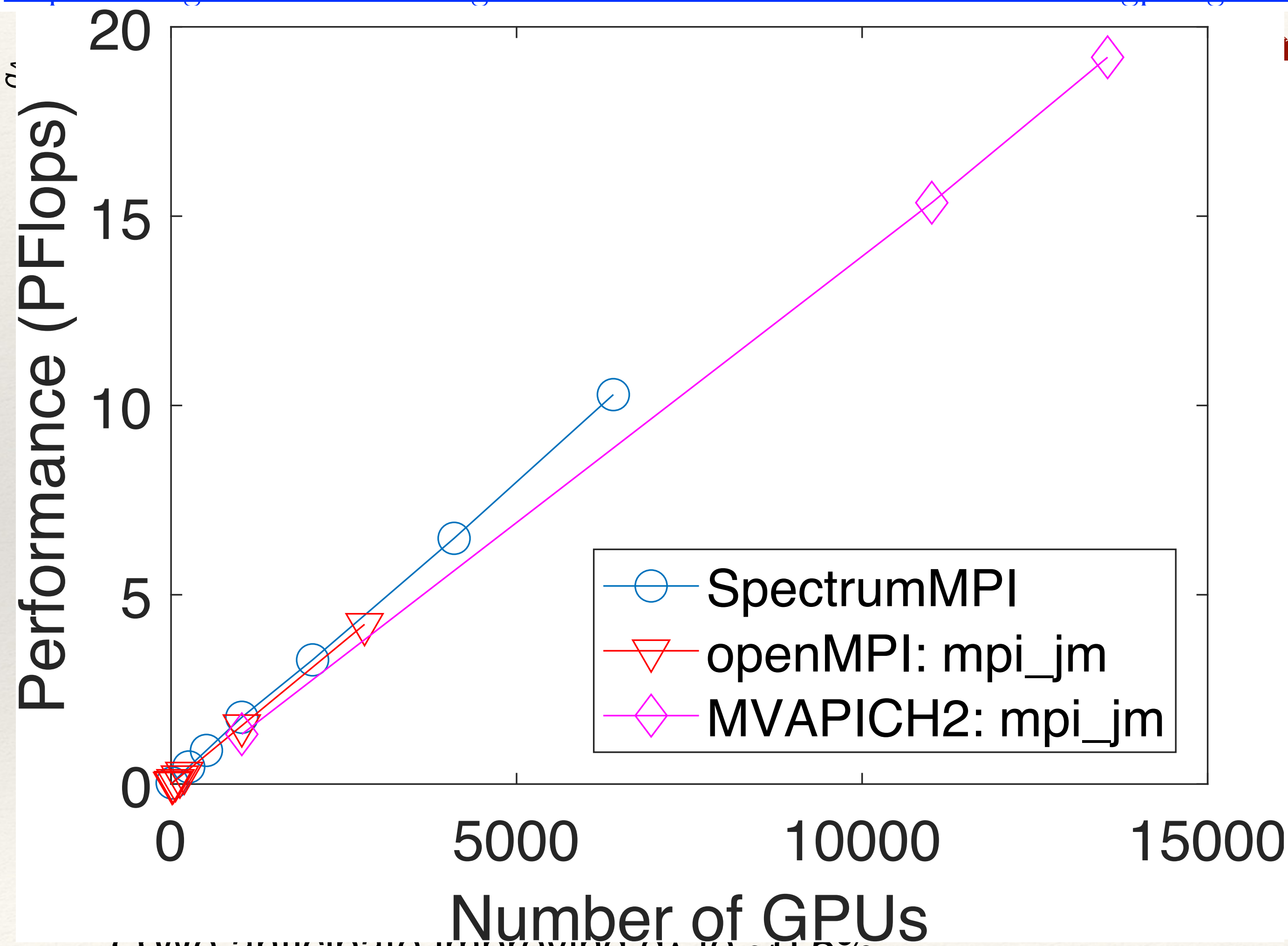
Berkowitz, Clark, Gambhir, McElvain, Nicholson, Rinaldi, Vranas, Walker-Loud, Chang, Joó, Kurth, Orginos

SuperComputing 2018 [[arXiv:1810.01609](https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.01609)]

<https://www.olcf.ornl.gov/2018/09/17/uncharted-territory/>

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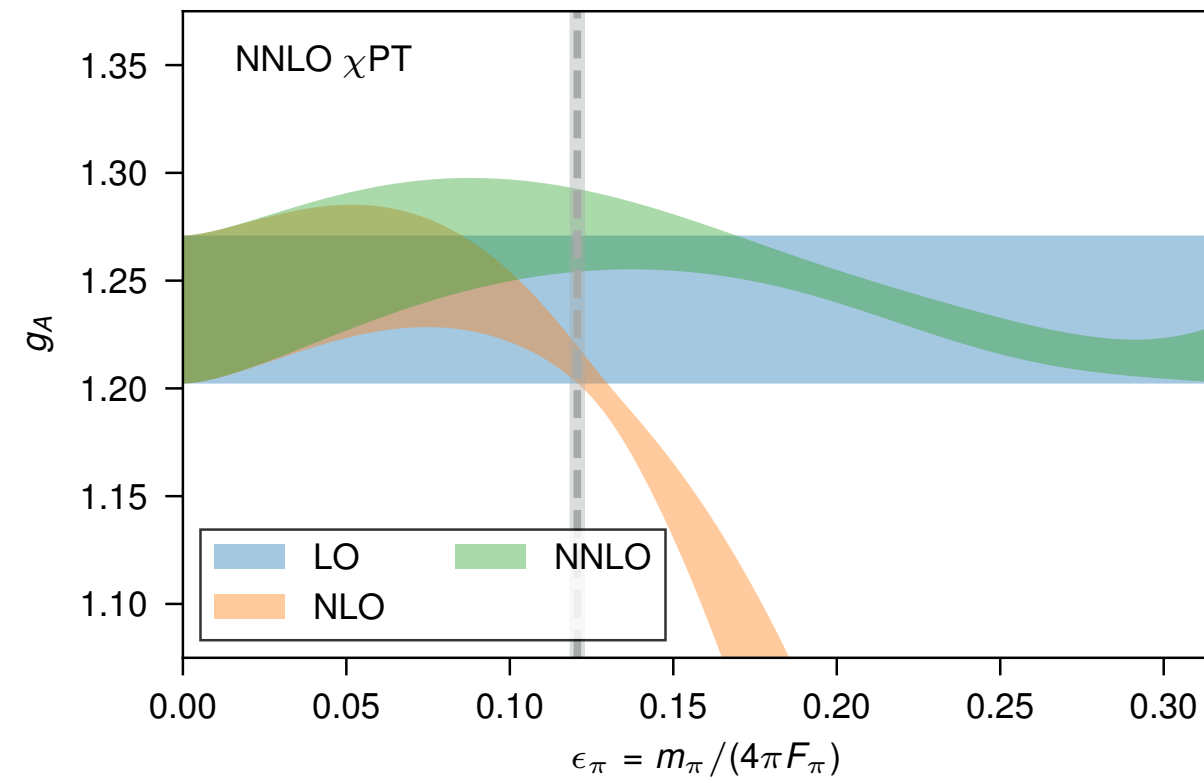
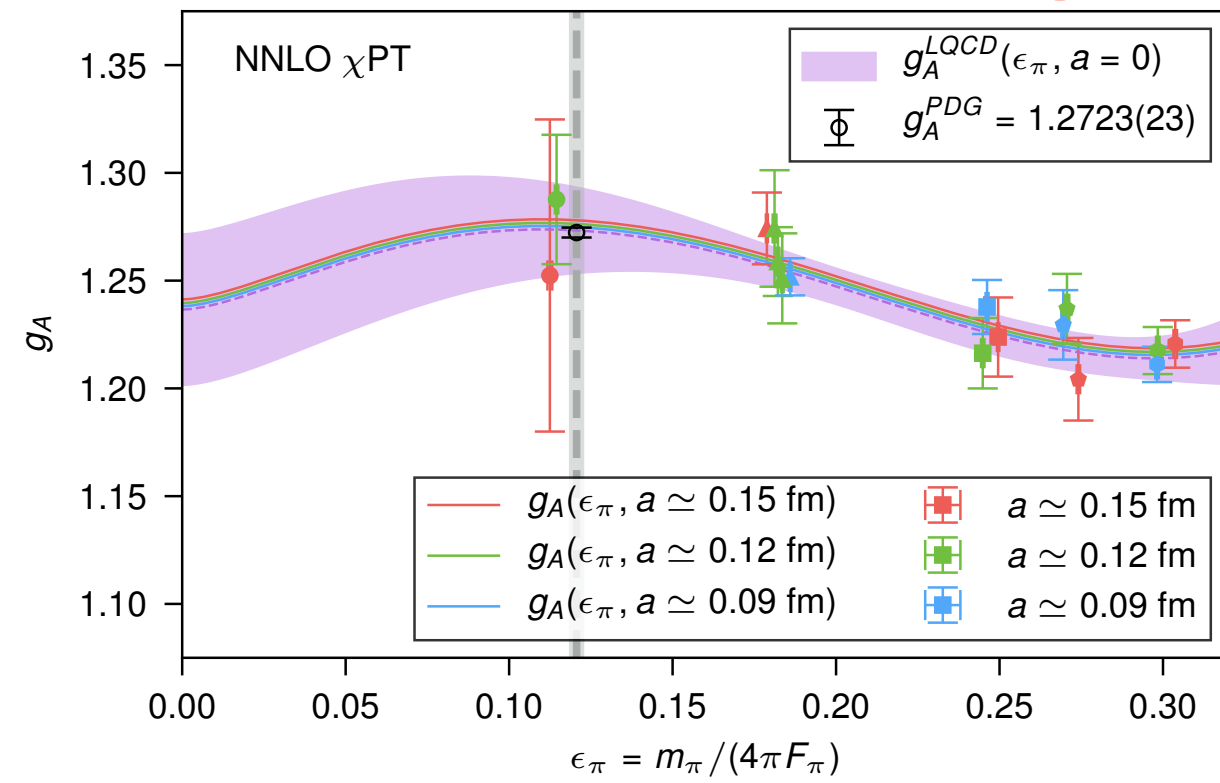
$g_A^{LQCD}(\epsilon_\pi, a=0)$
 Φ $g_A^{PDG} = 1.2723(23)$



- The new supercomputers are disruptively fast
- Summit **15x** faster than Titan
- To take advantage of these new machines - need
 - Optimized GPU code (QUDA)
 - Sophisticated, user friendly job-management software
 - METAQ (bash) [[arXiv:1702.06122](https://arxiv.org/abs/1702.06122)]
 - MPI_JM (C++) [coming soon]

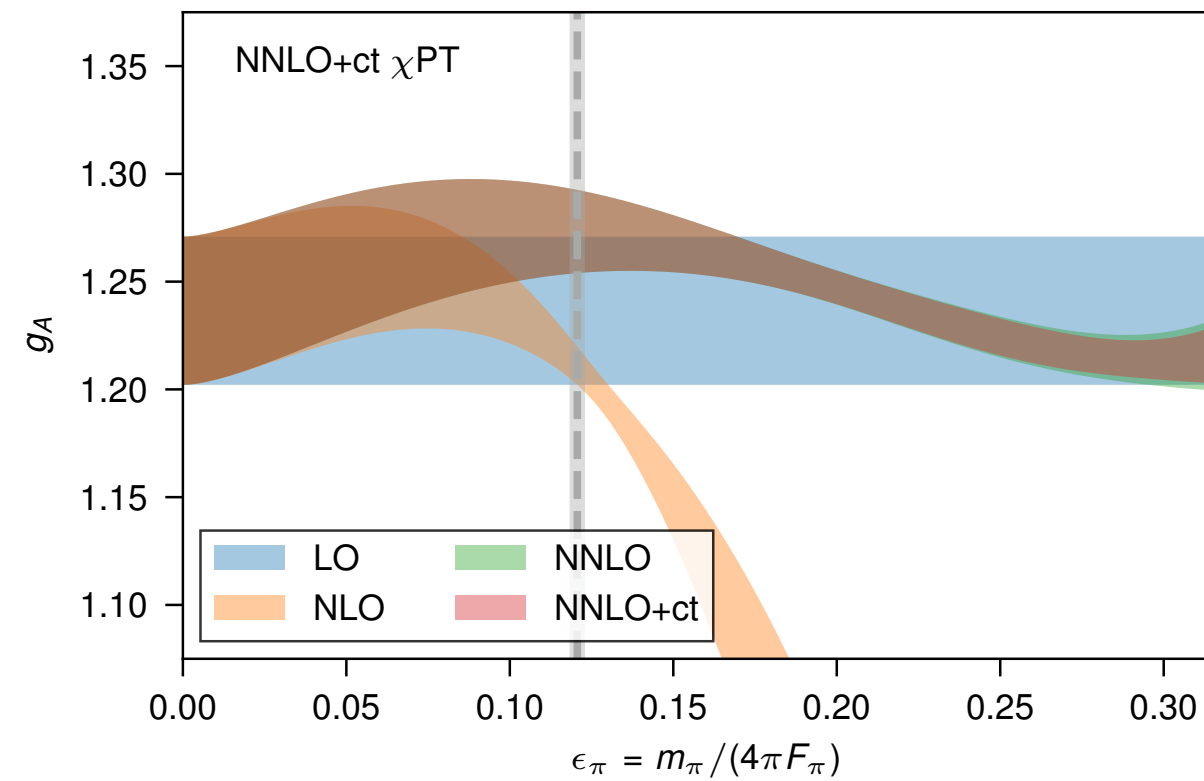
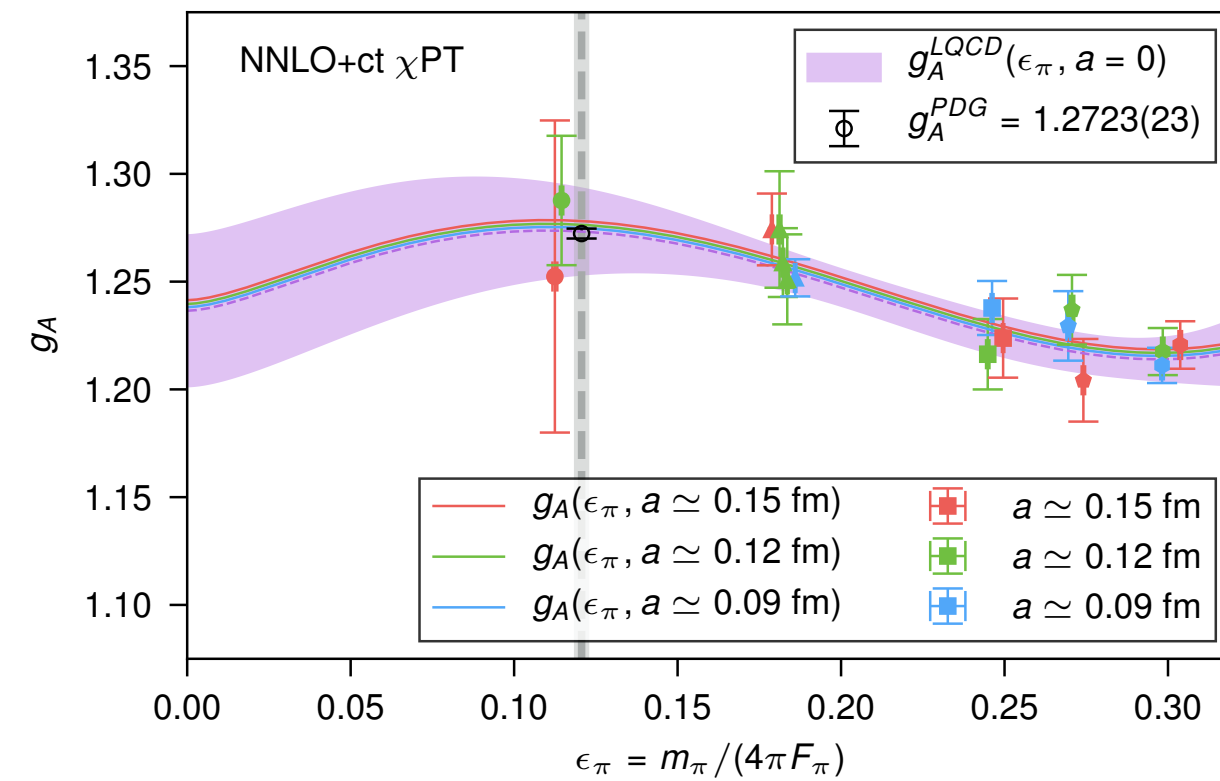
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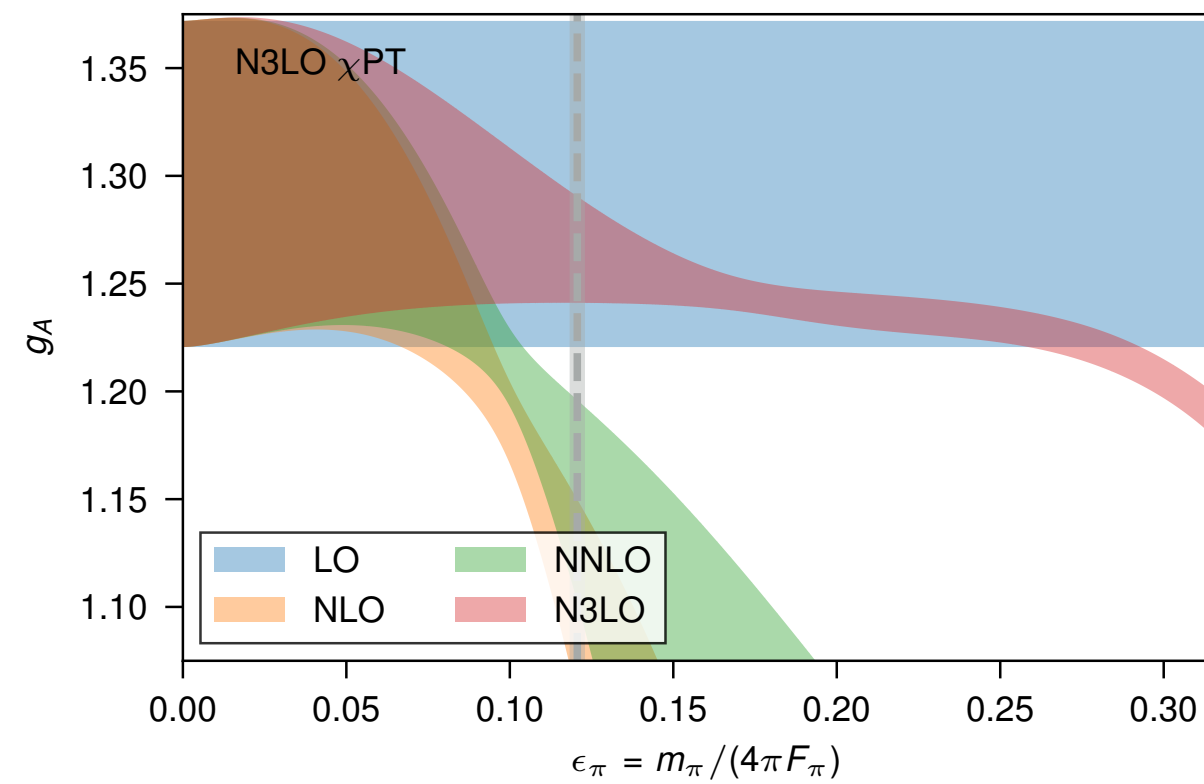
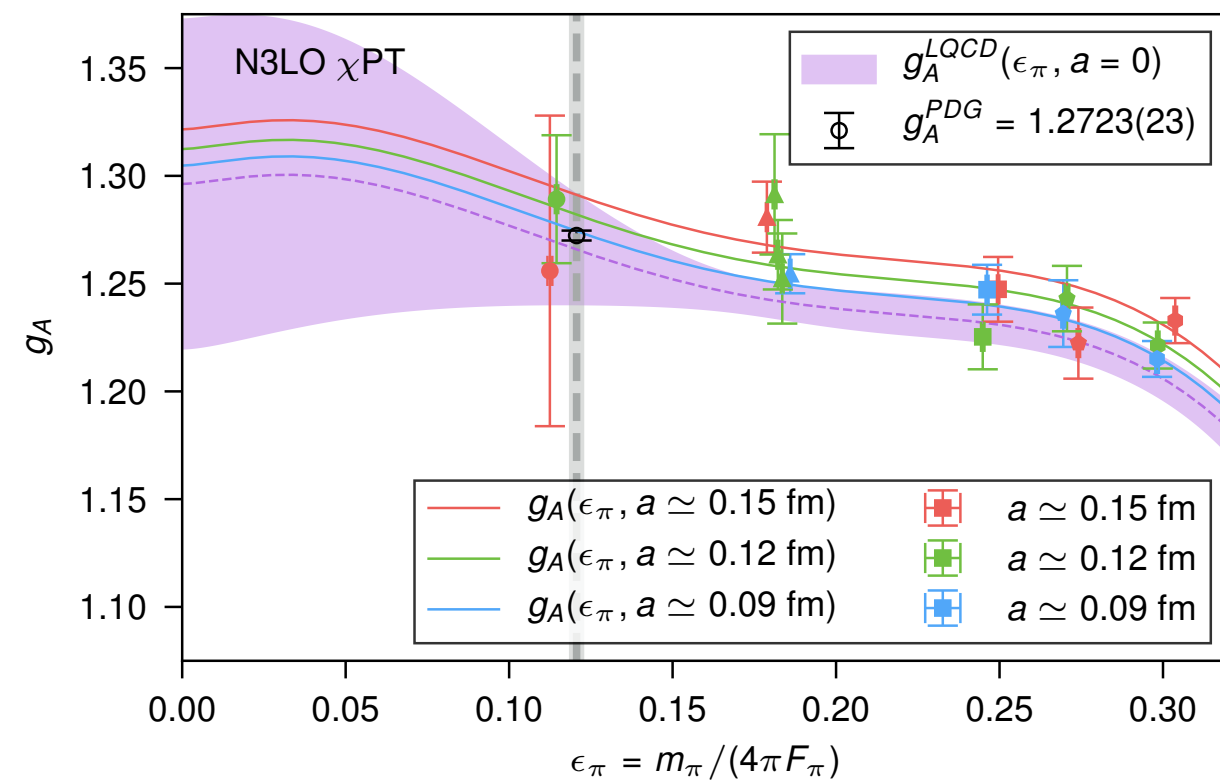


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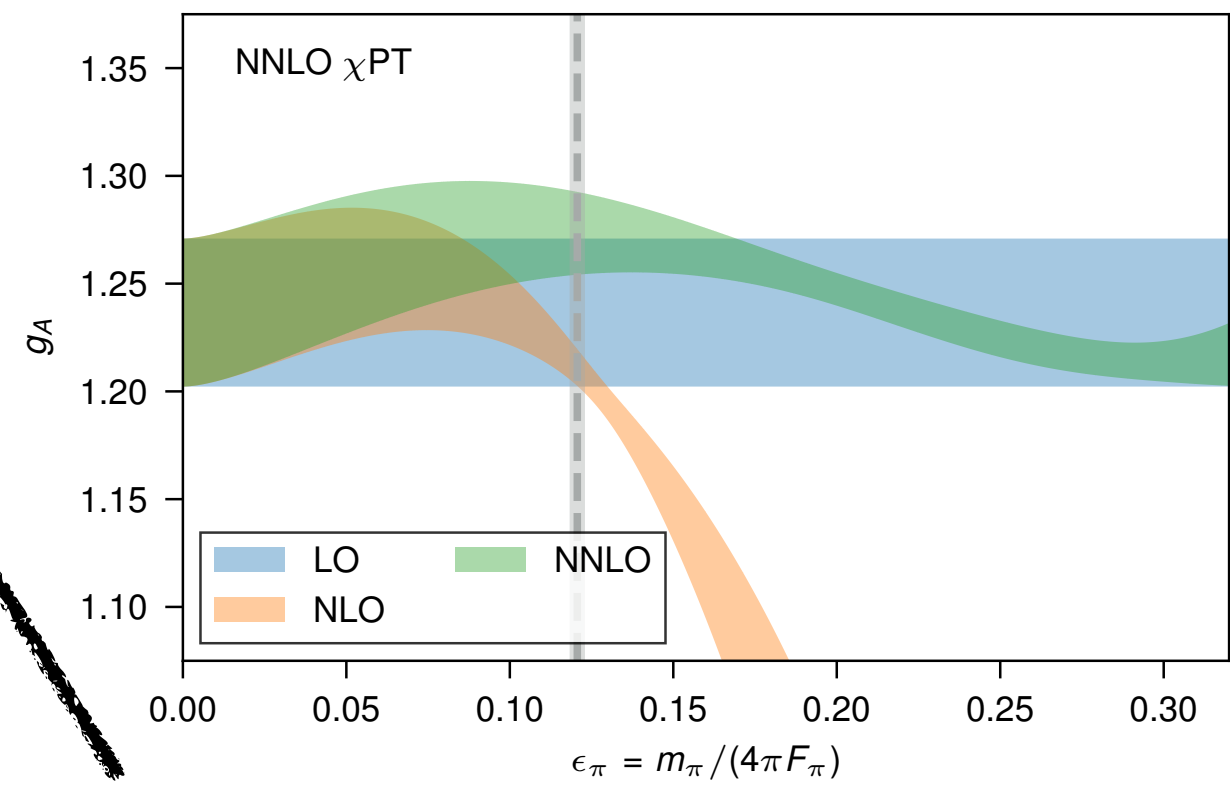
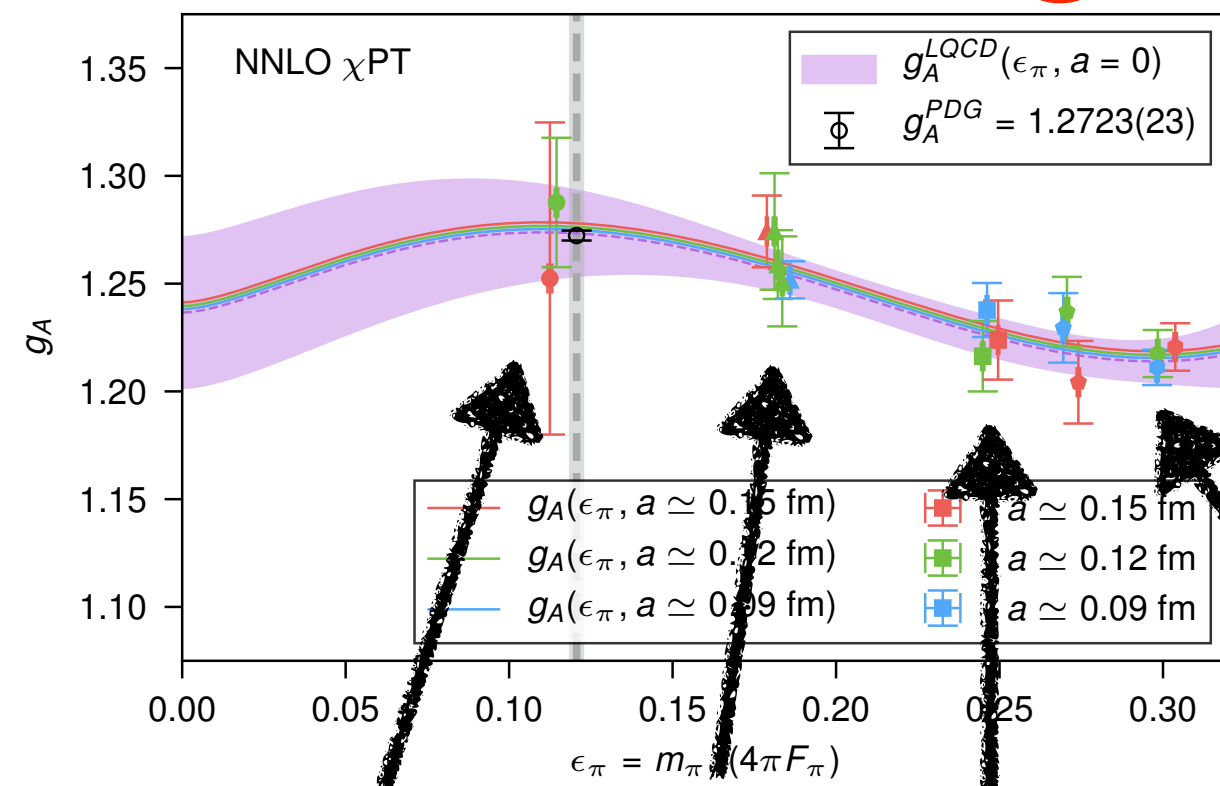
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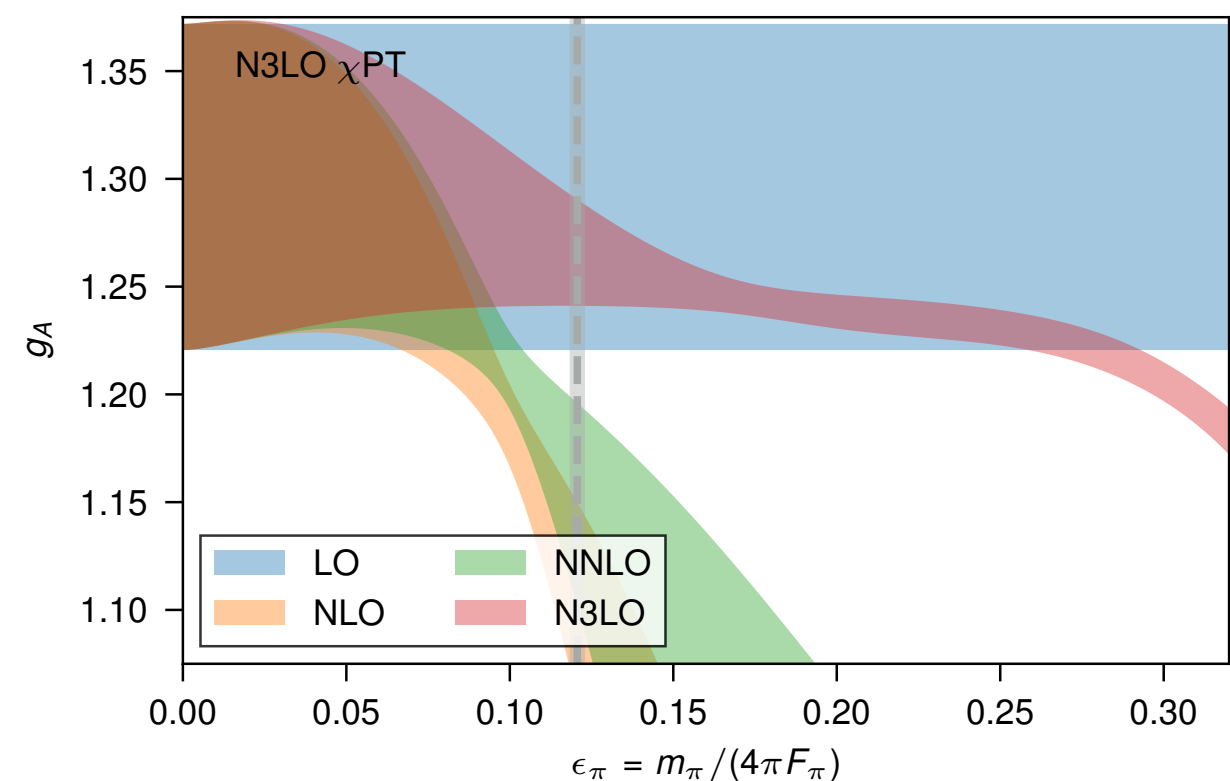
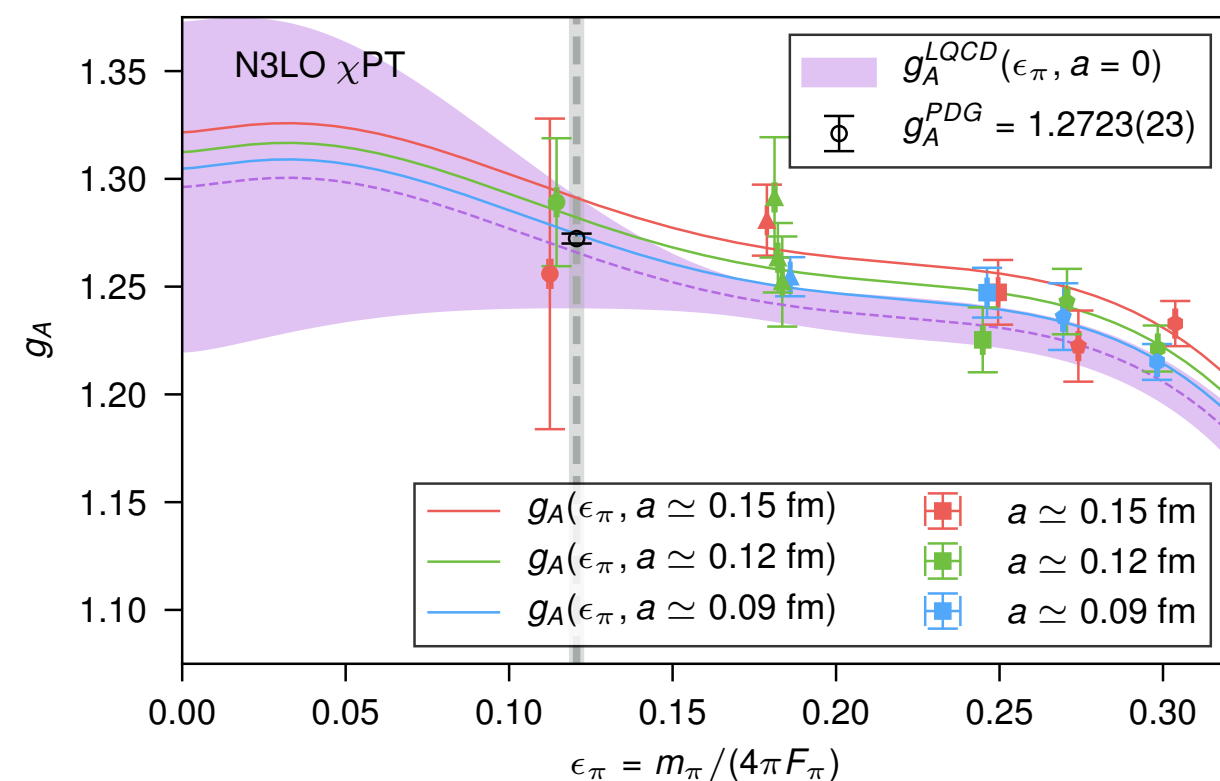
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can we trust extrapolation of quantities with chirally-enhanced behavior?

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

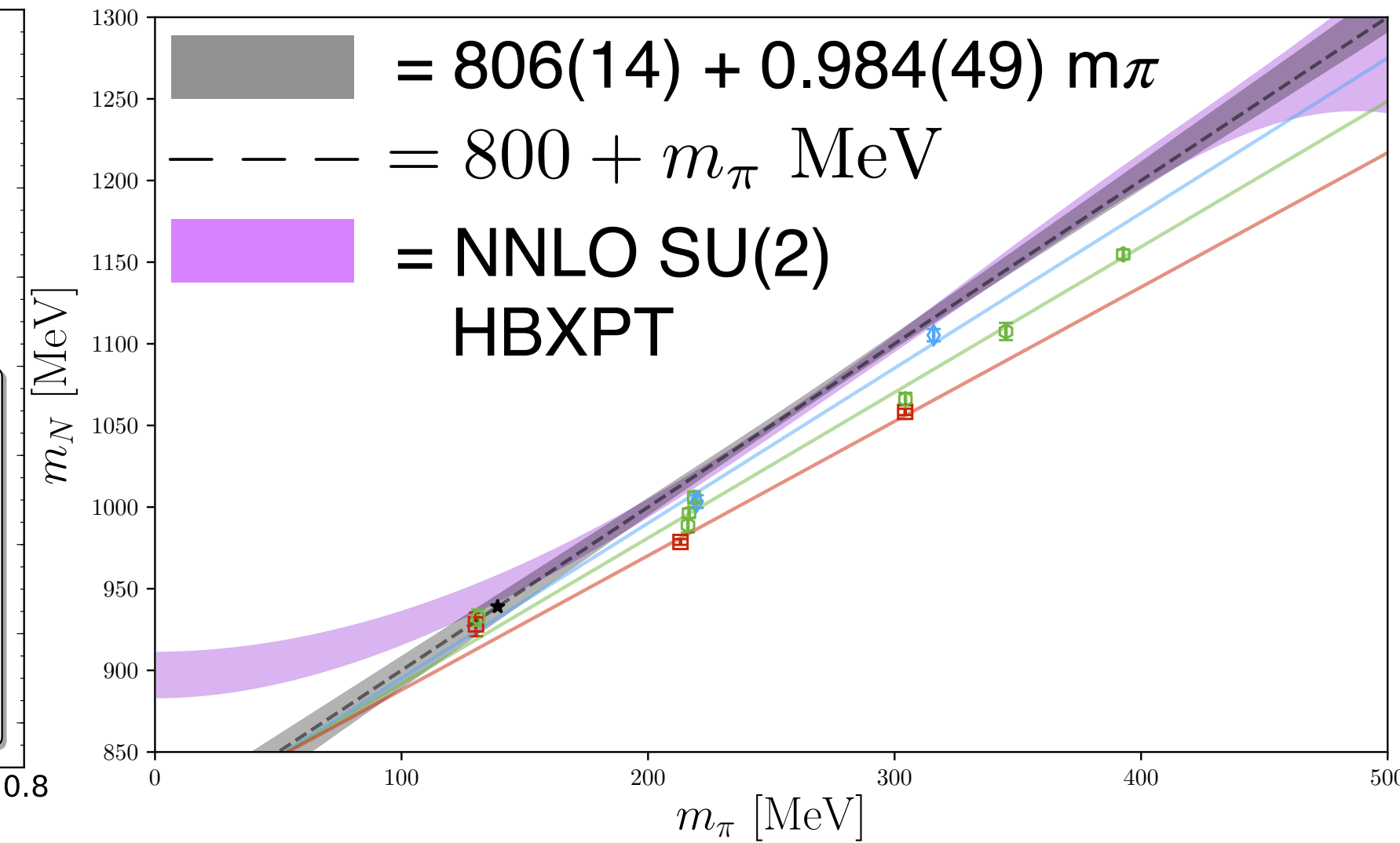
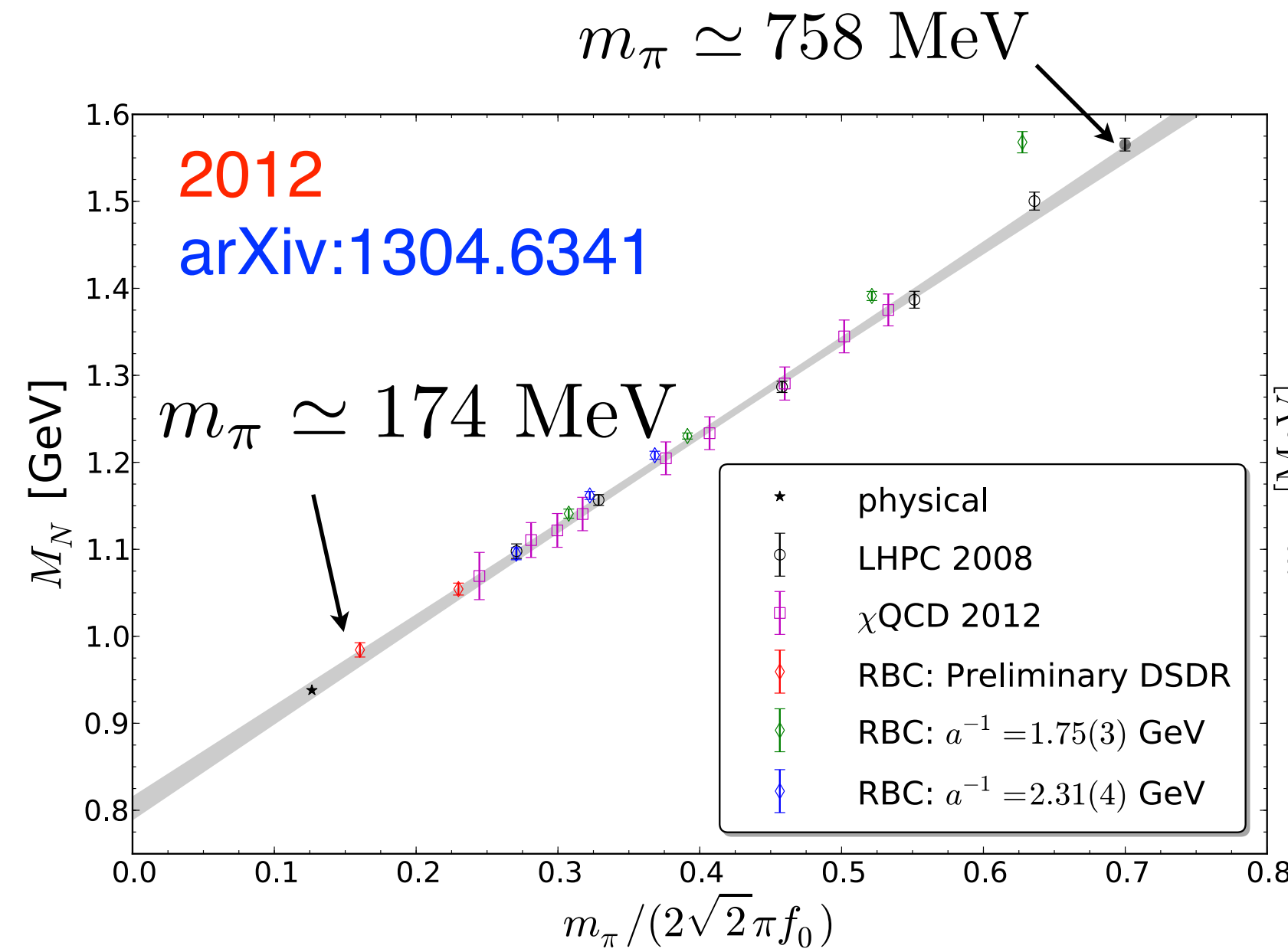
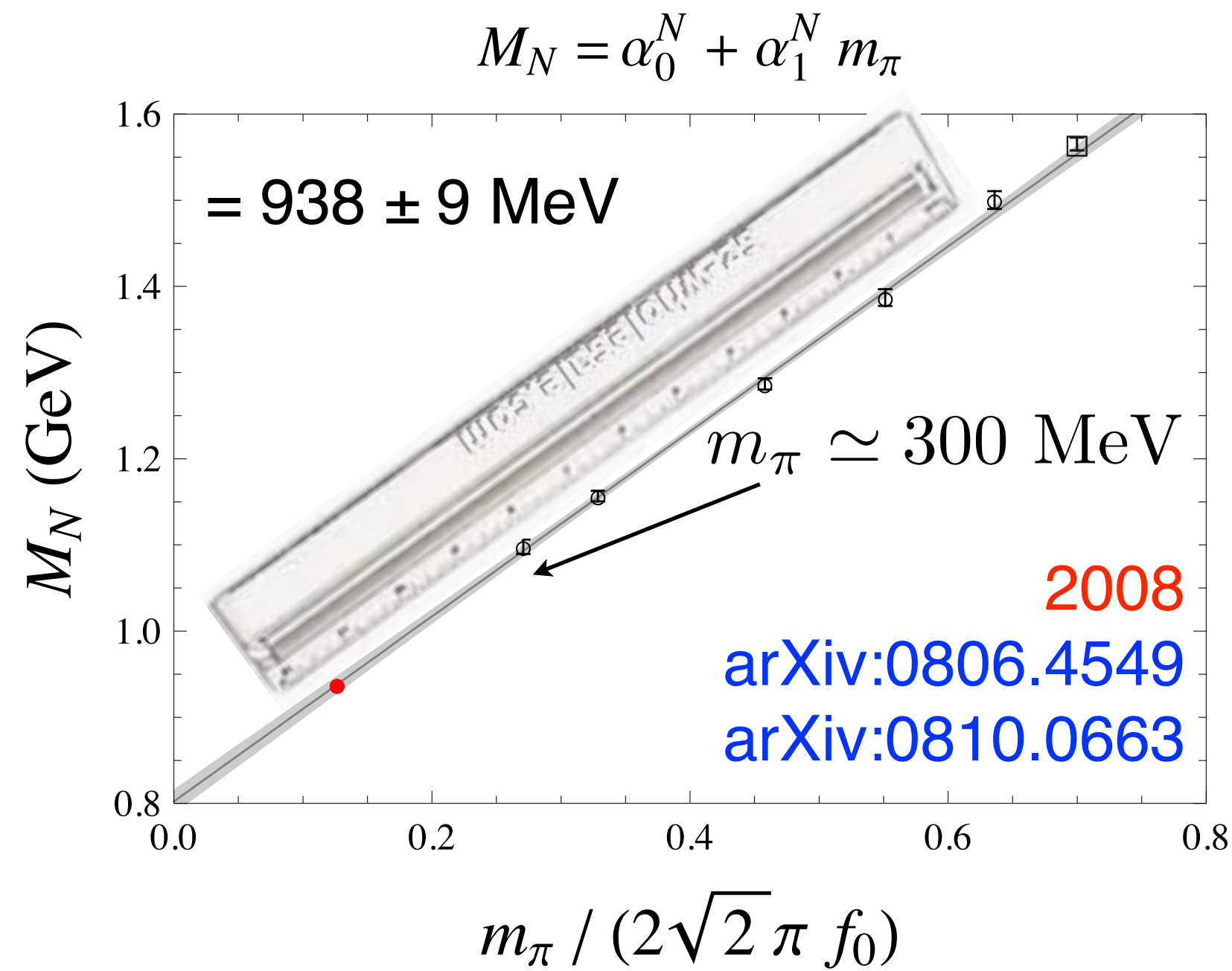


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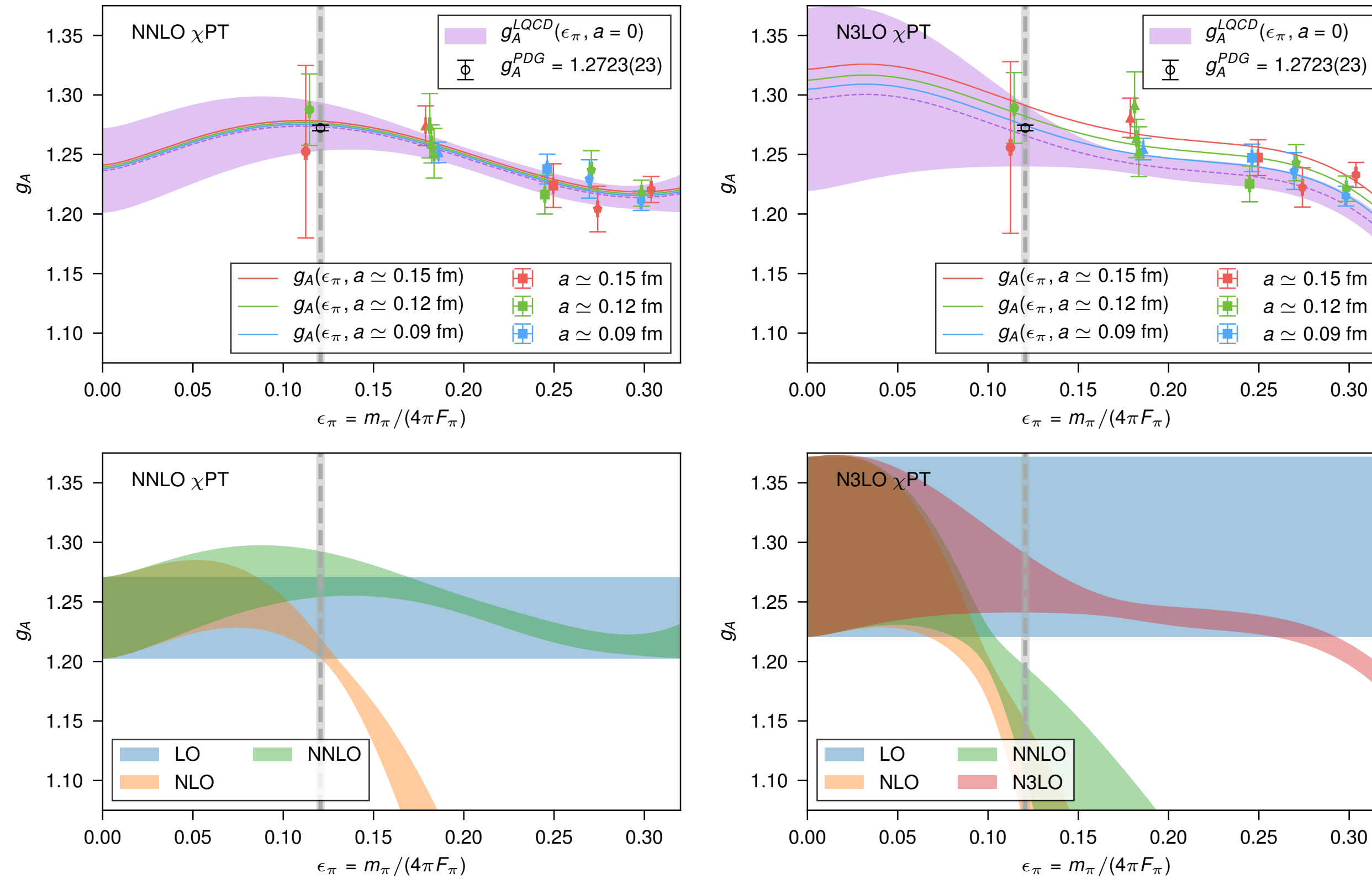
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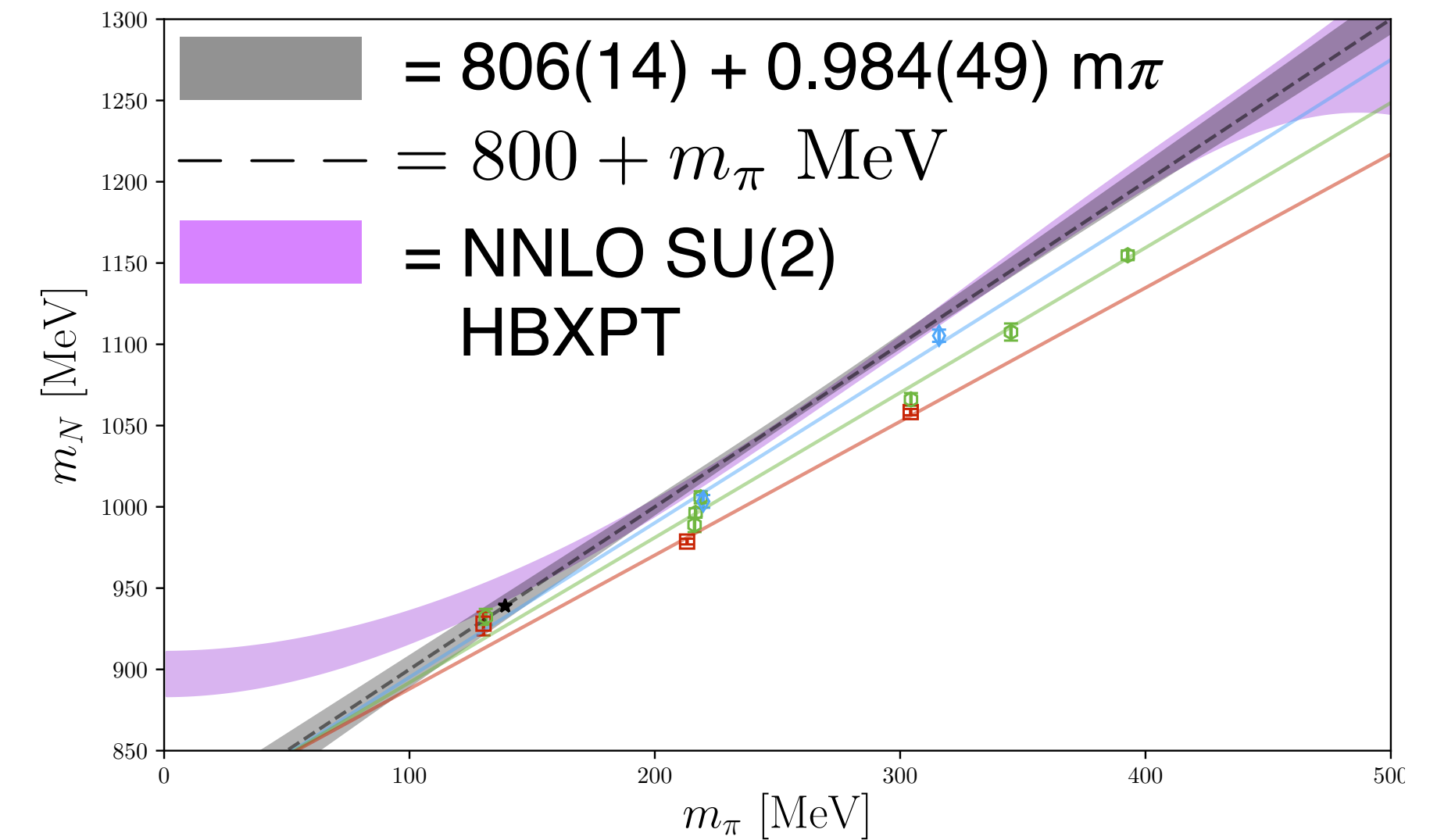


- The point is not - will this ruler approximation hold to arbitrary precision?
 - Already, it holds to sufficient precision that it demonstrates a strong cancellation between different orders in the expansion
 - Is it sufficiently accurate that one can extract the pion-nucleon sigma term? $\sigma_{\pi N} = 67 \pm 4 \text{ MeV}$
 - Laurent (BMW) find a much smaller sigma term, $38(3)(3) \text{ PRL 116 (2016) [arXiv:1510.08013]}$
 - Almost all other lattice groups find similarly small values - in significant tension with the phenomenological determinations [**Hoferichter, Ruiz de Elvira, Kubis, Meissner PhysRept 625 (2016)**]
 - as well as **Martin Camalich, Geng, Vincente Vacas PRD 82 (2010)** fitting LQCD spectrum data

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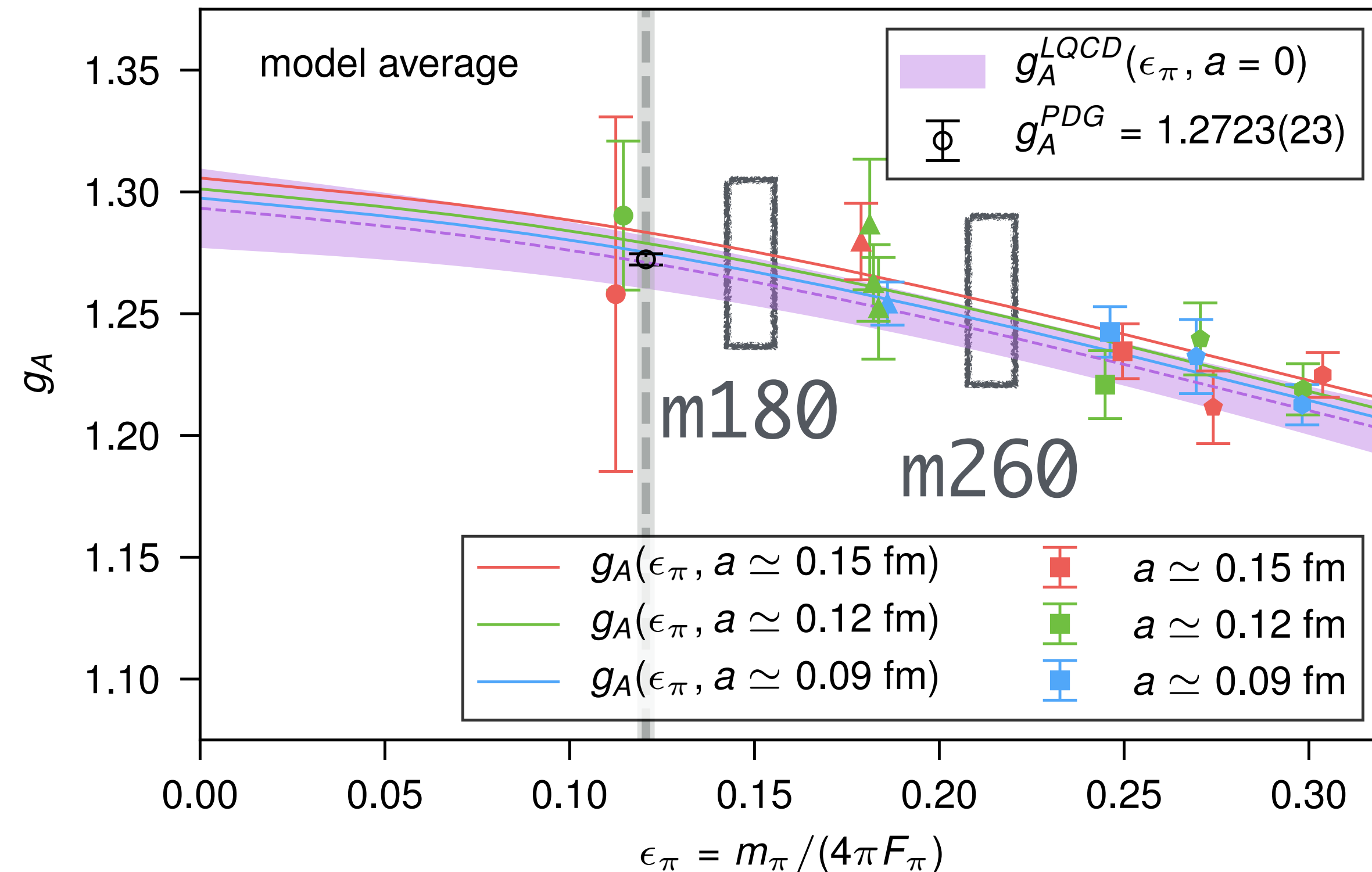
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□ $SU(2)$ HB χ PT(Δ) is a failed expansion...

- Worth noting - if you use $SU(2)$ HB χ PT(Δ) and force the delta-axial couplings, the value of the pion-nucleon sigma term is also large
- large N_c gives de-coherent nucleon and delta loop corrections to g_A , but coherent to M_N
- $SU(2)$ HB χ PT(Δ) has a chance of being a converging expansion - but it won't be pretty

Understanding the quark mass dependence



- To make a definitive statement on the death of $SU(2)$ HB χ PT(Δ)
- We are running on **new ensembles** at $M_\pi \sim 180, 260$ MeV
- We plan to run on $a \sim 0.06$ fm as well (probably necessary to stabilize 0.5% precision result)

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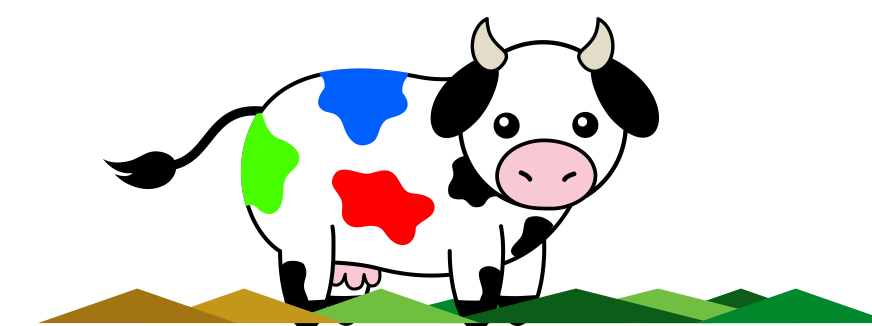
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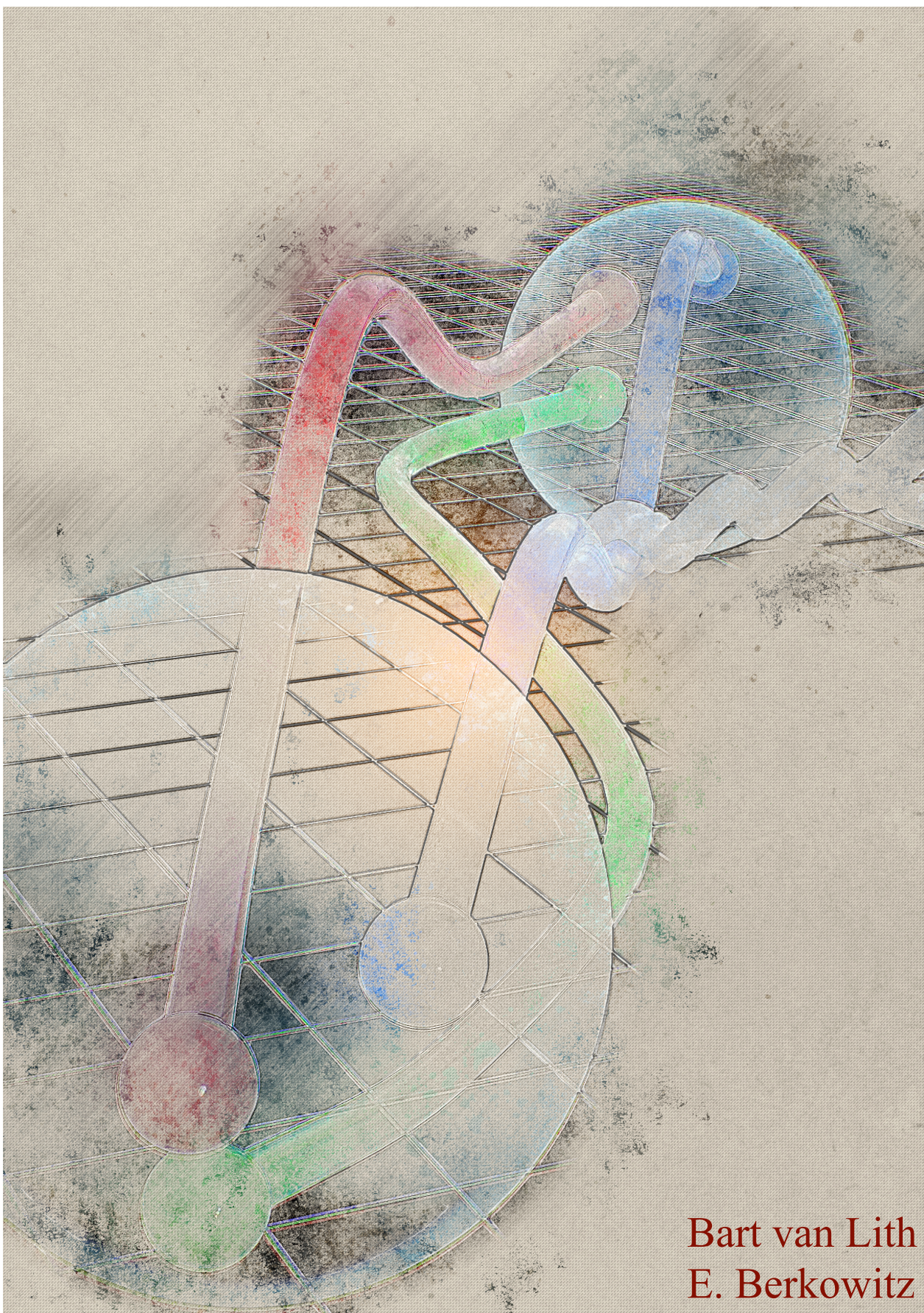
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gauge configs provided free of constraints from MILC



unofficial MILC cow

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DOE Topical Collaboration
Double Beta Decay



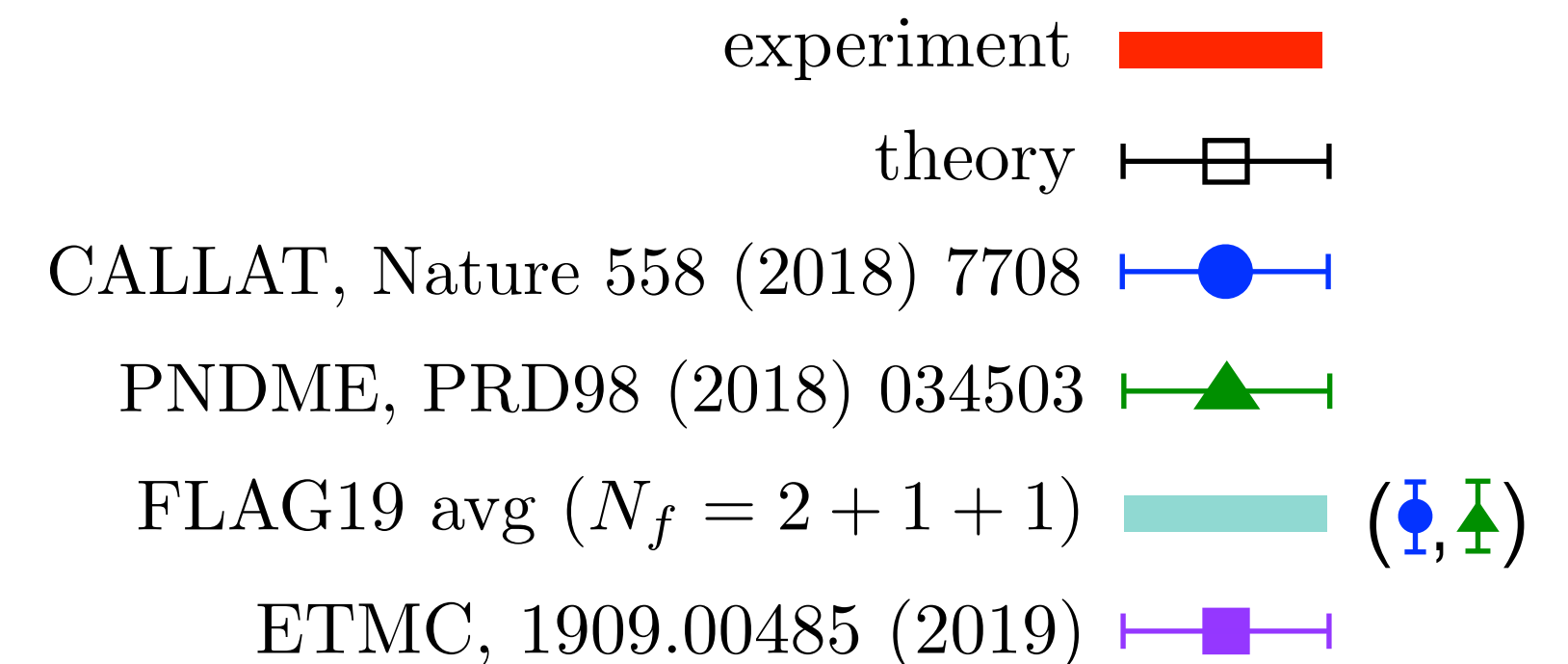
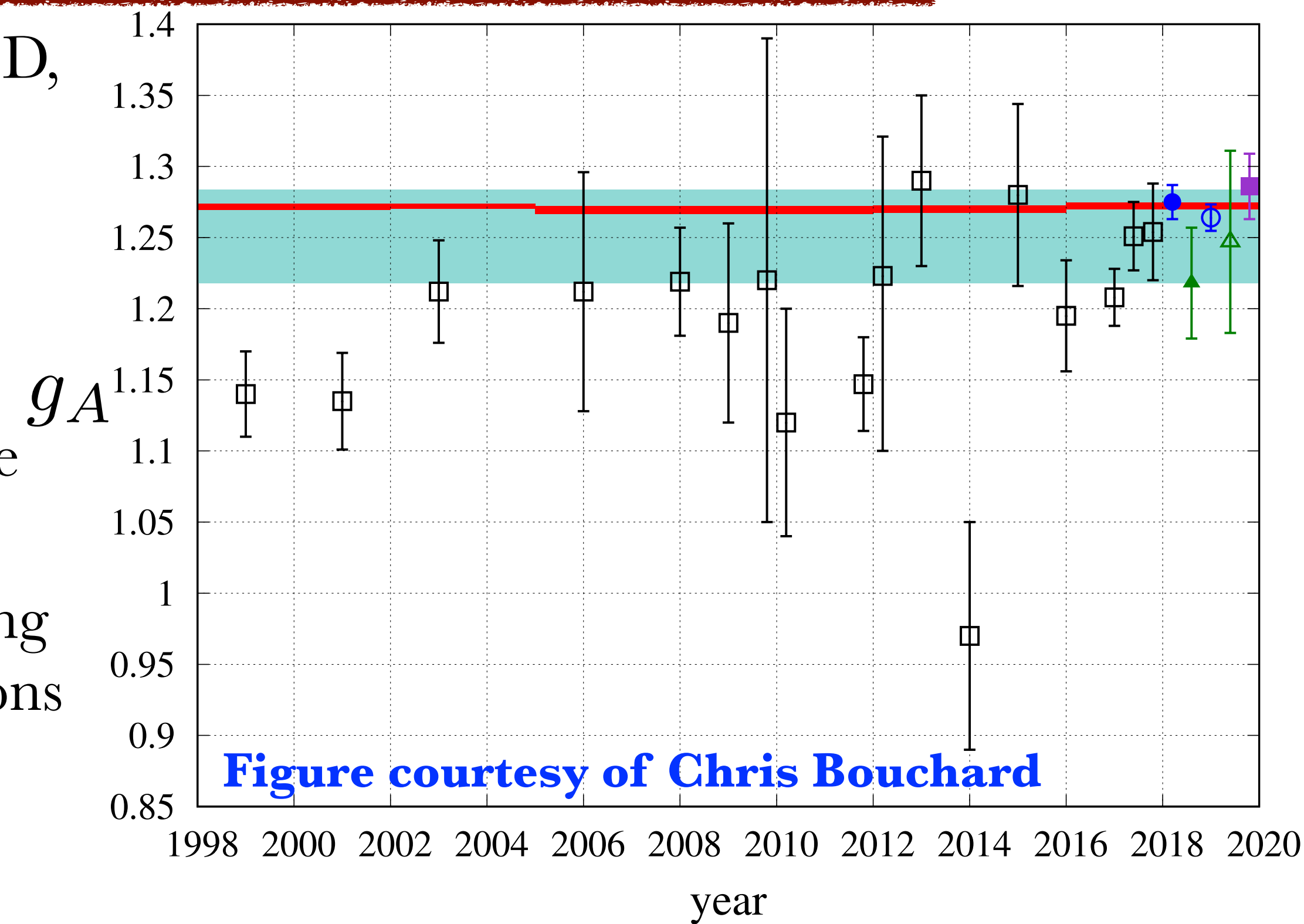
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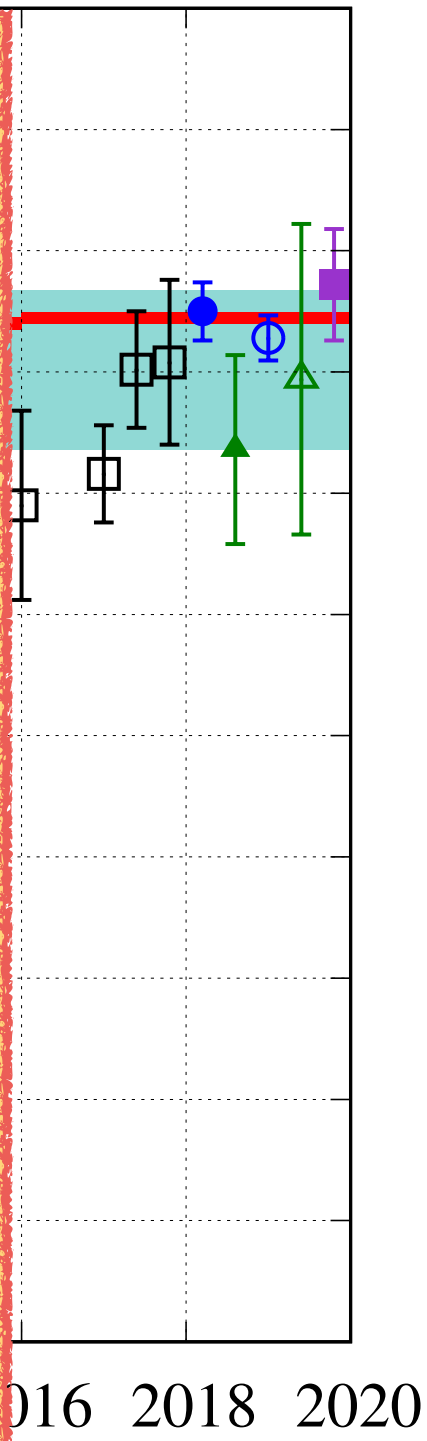
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- The Exascale machines have been commissioned (in the US at least)
- we have entered the era where LQCD can be used to determine few-nucleon physics observables
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ETMC, 1909.00485 (2019) \blacksquare

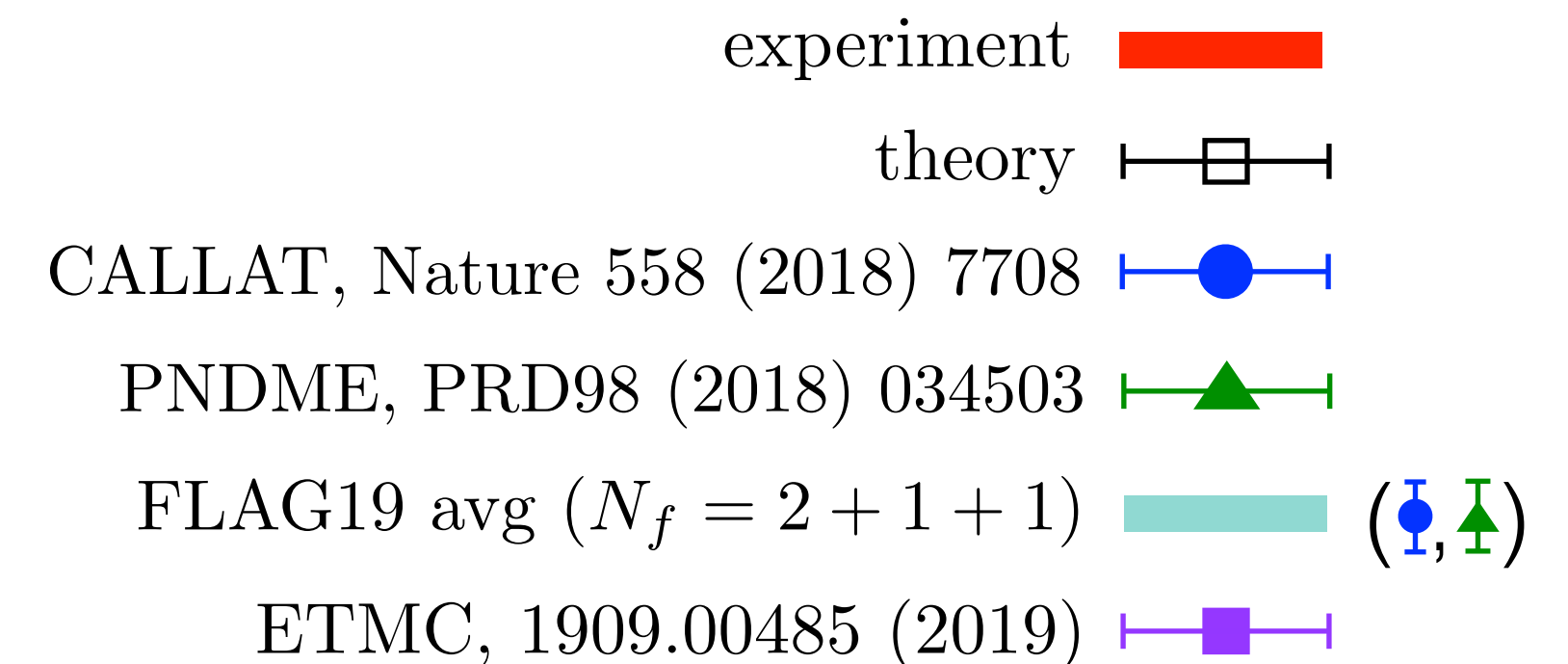
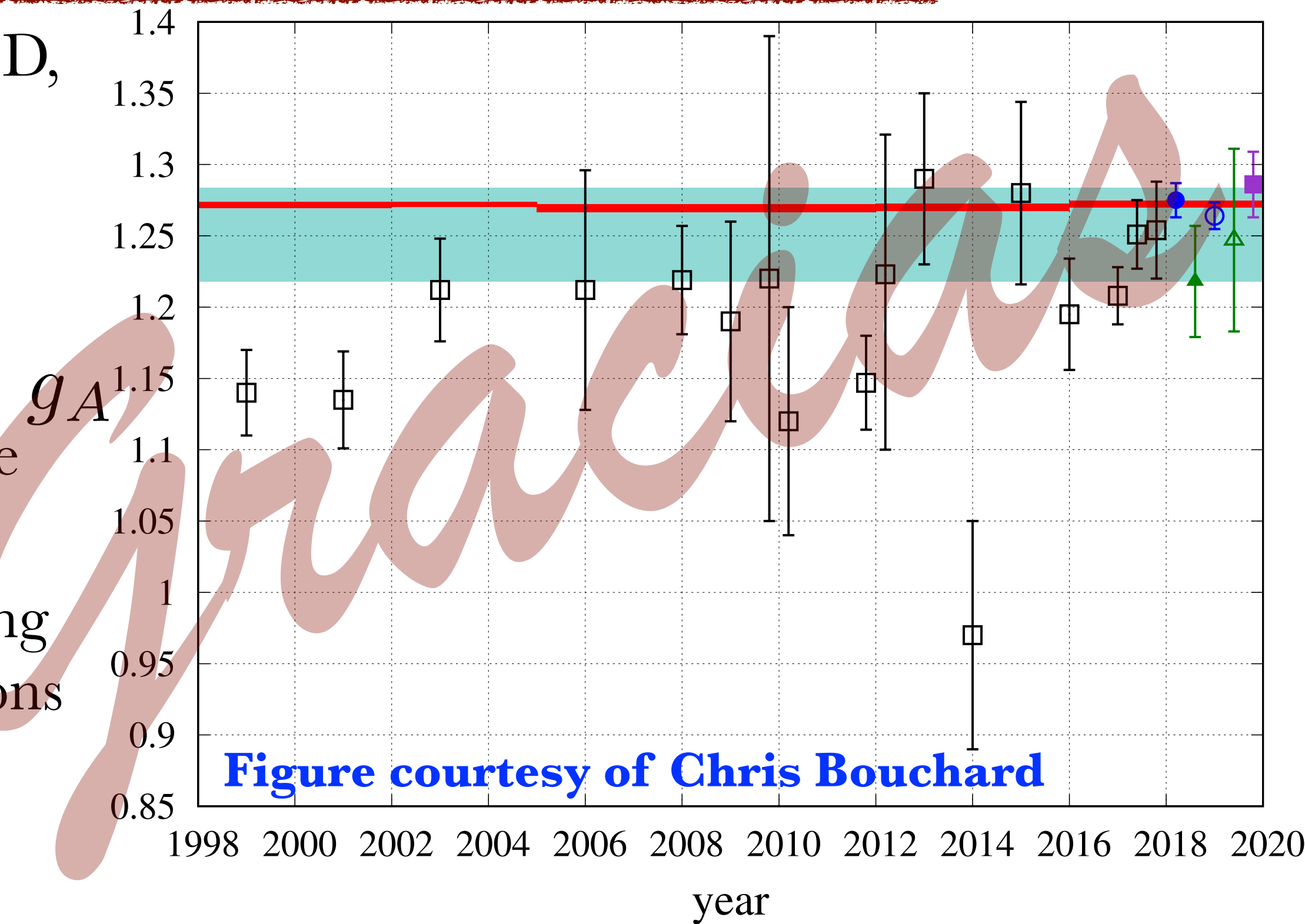
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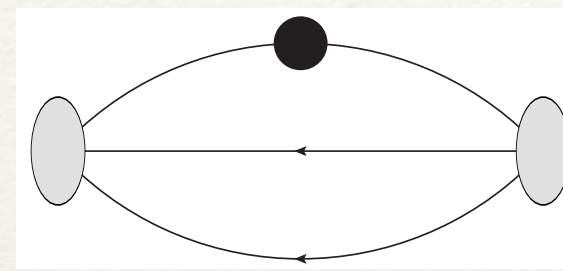
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Nucleon Axial FormFactor

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


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

- 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)



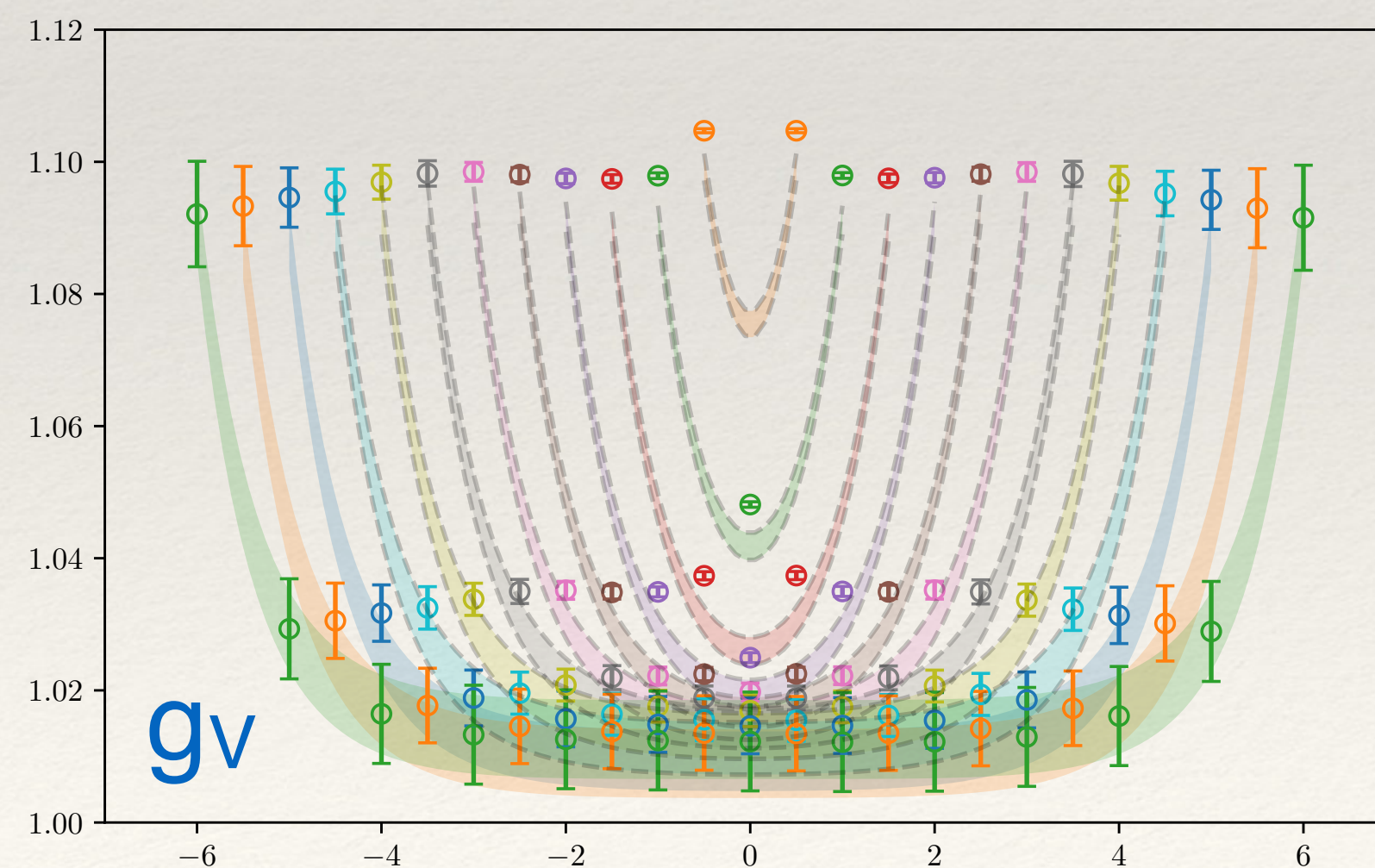
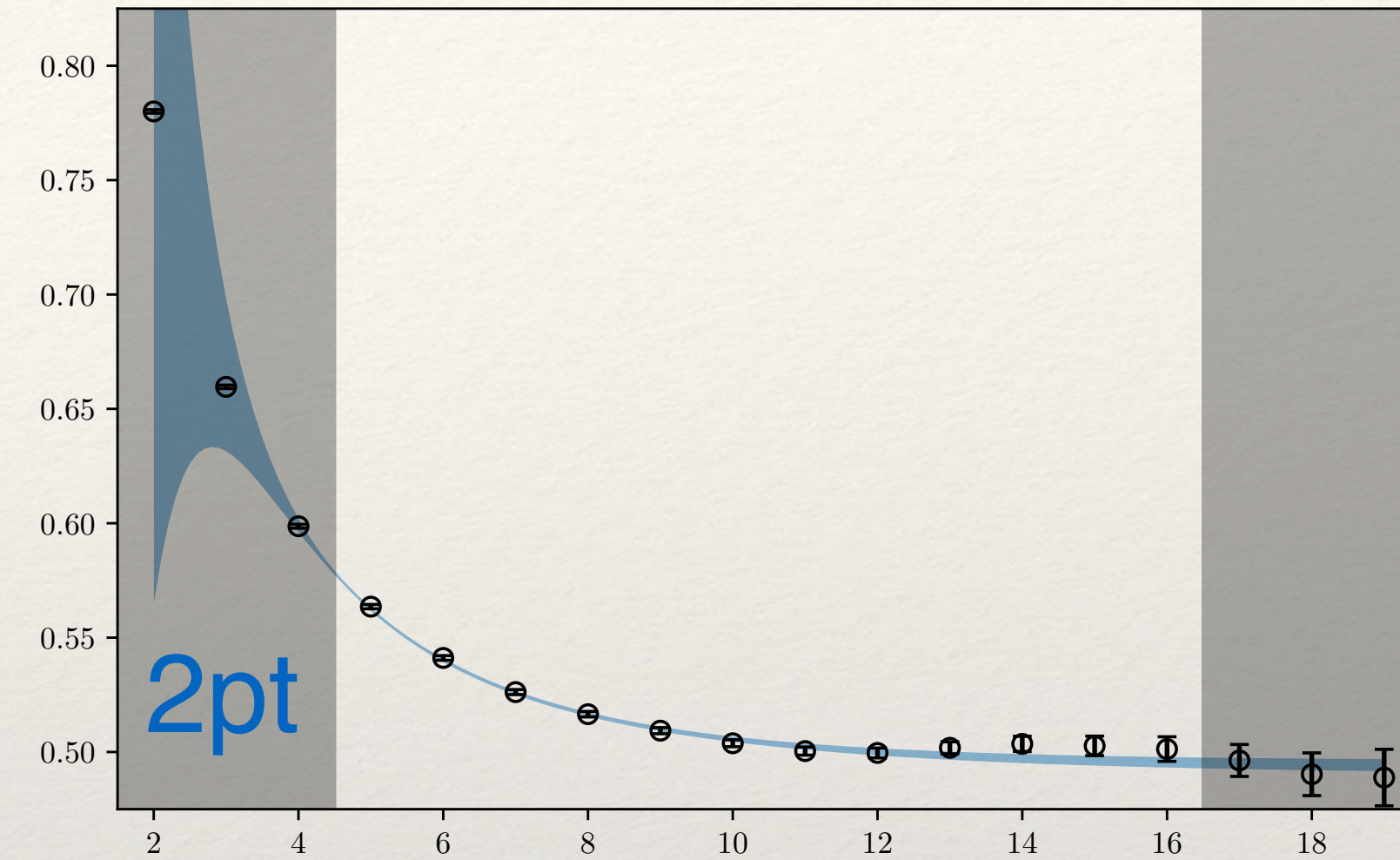
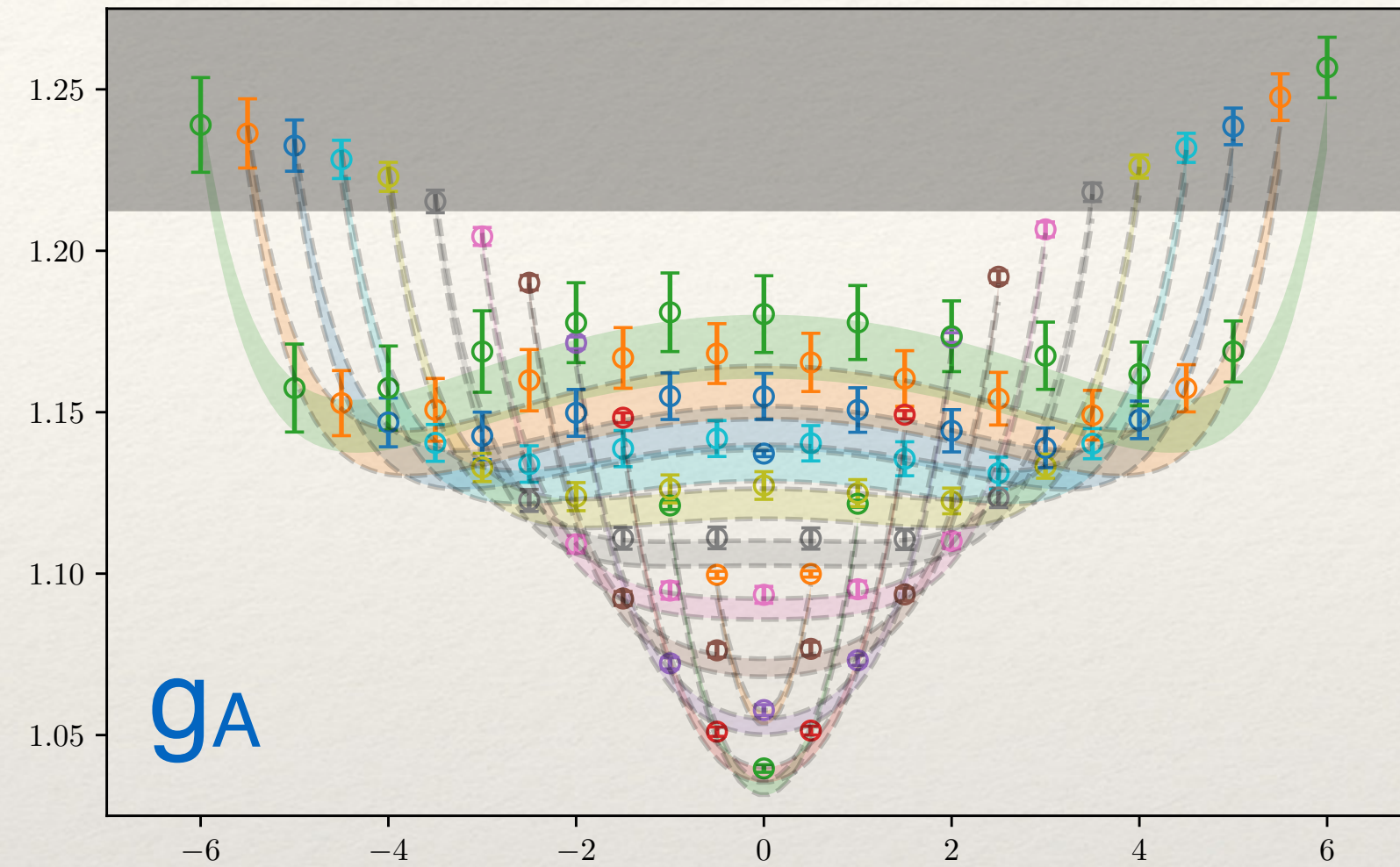
- However, if there was a lesson to be learned from our g_A calculation when applying the fixed source-sink separation method - it is imperative to use many values of \mathbf{t}_{sep} and also small values
- See also S. Meinel, Chiral Dynamics 2012 and Hasan et al. (LHPC) 1903.06487

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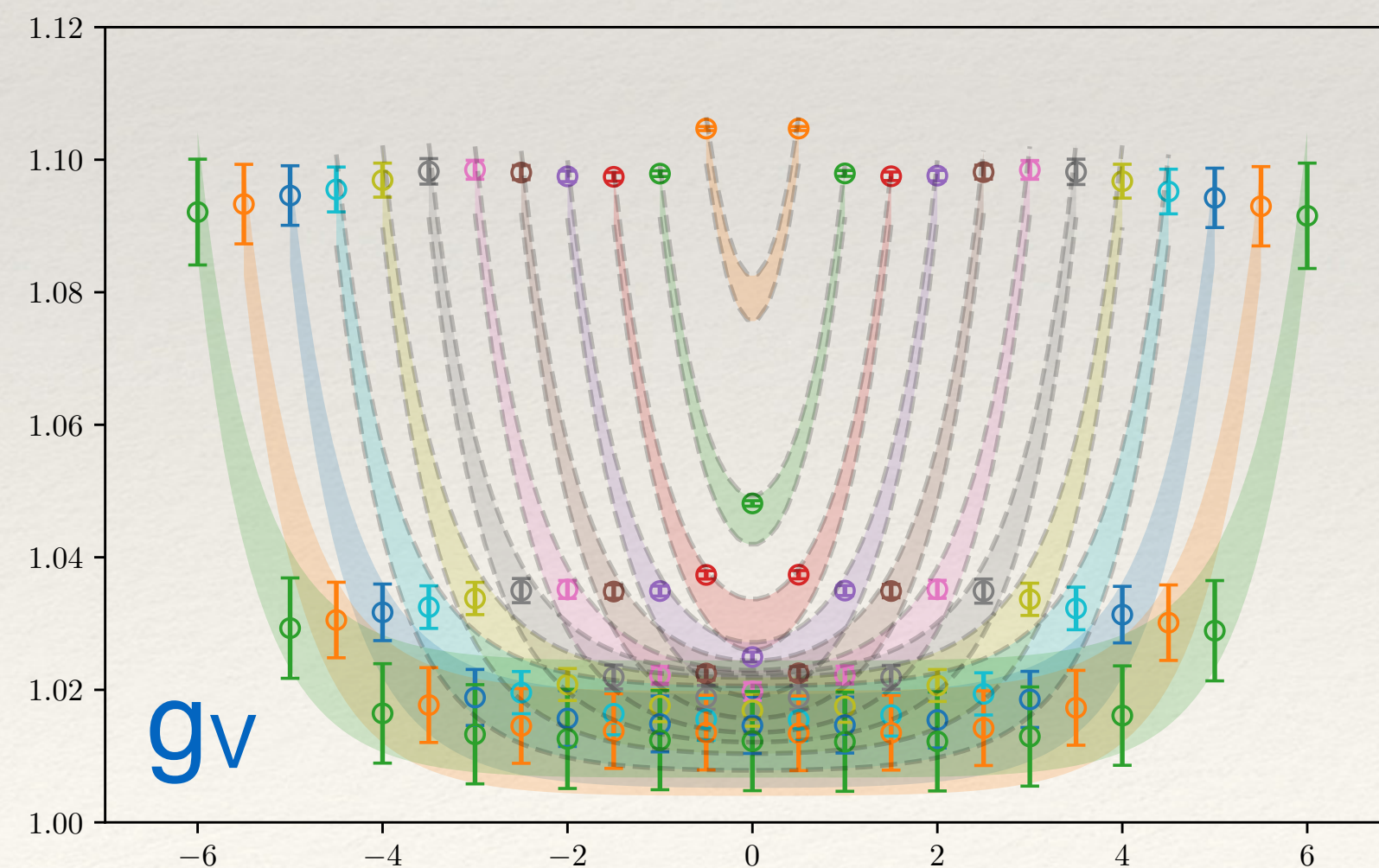
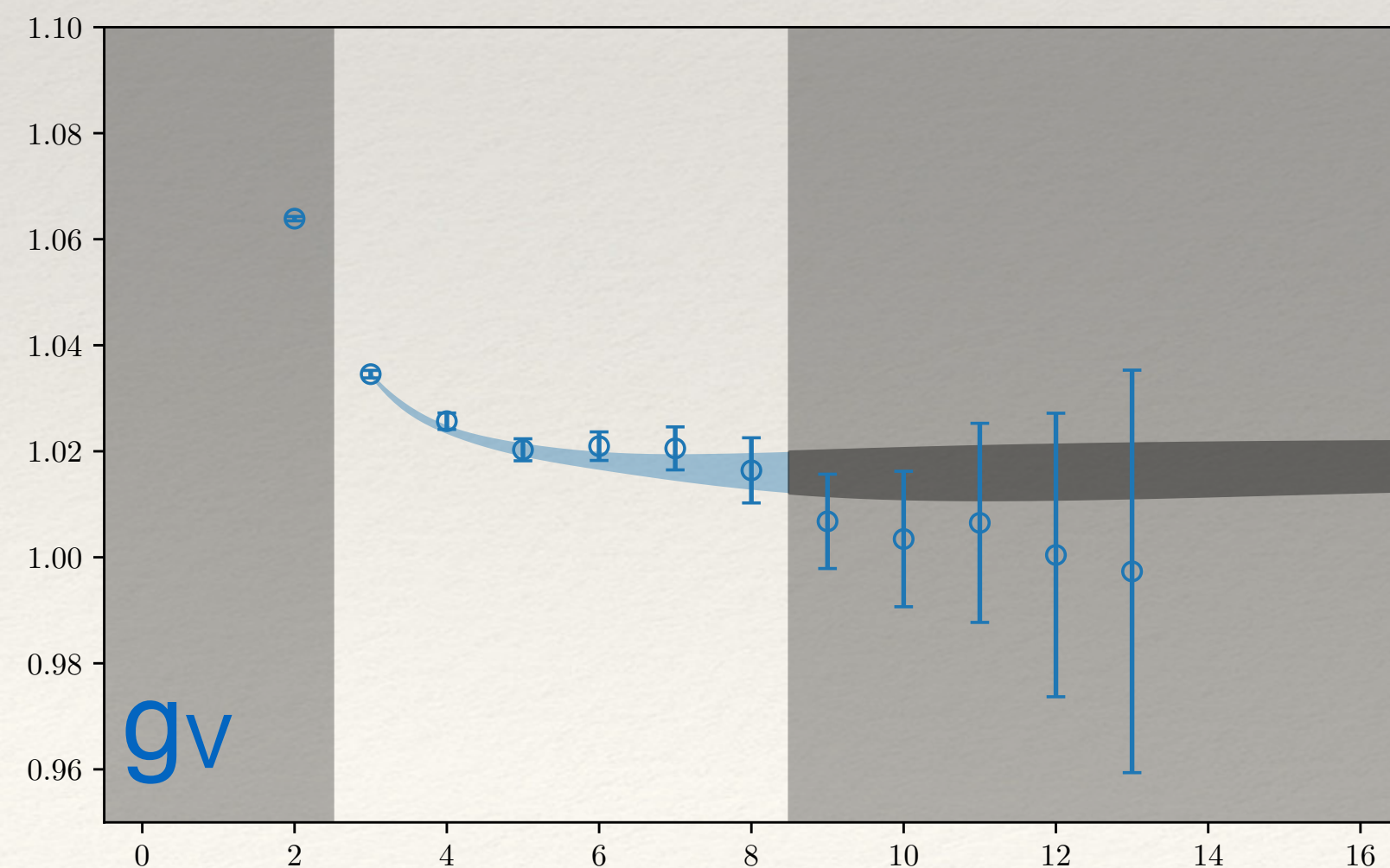
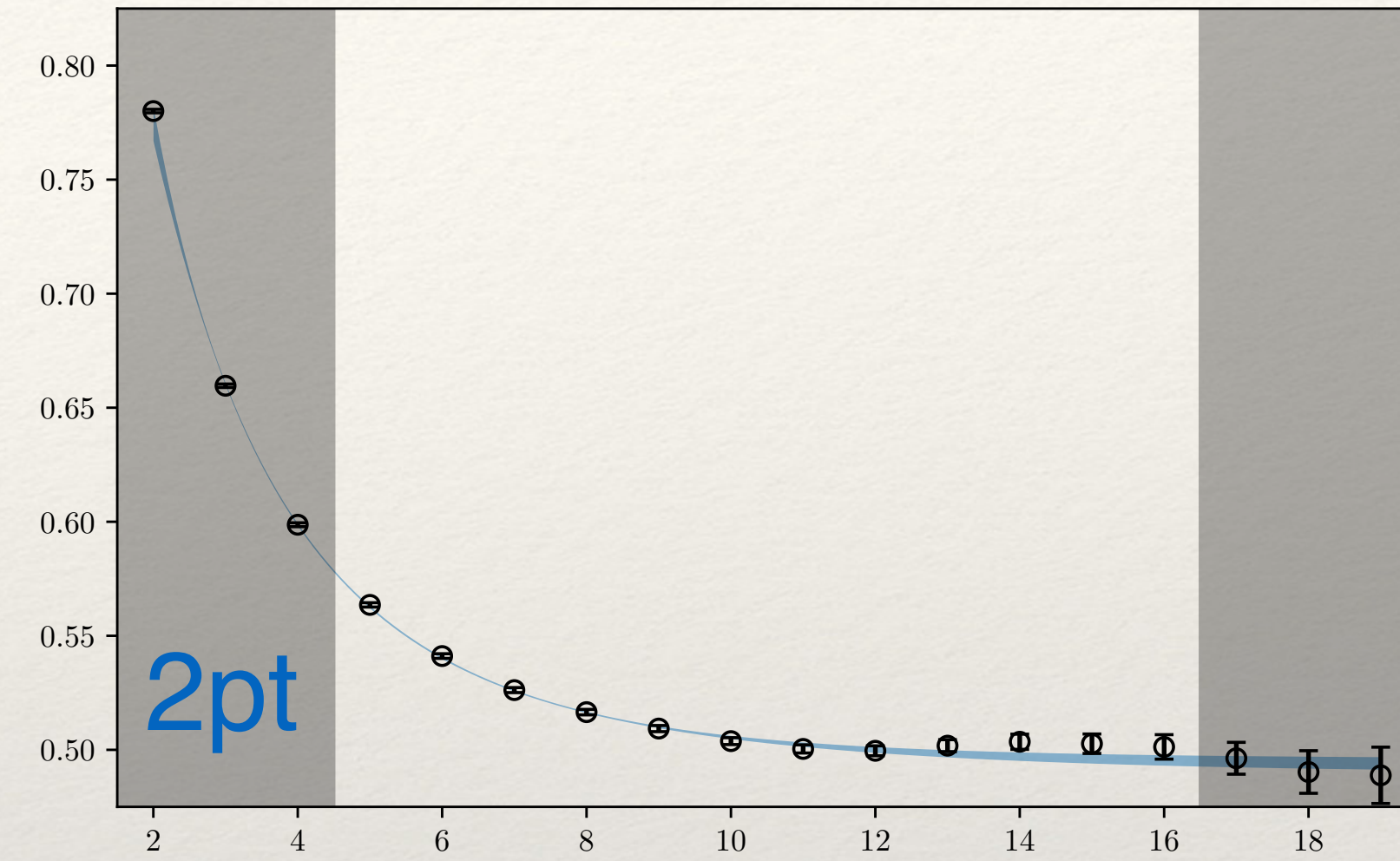
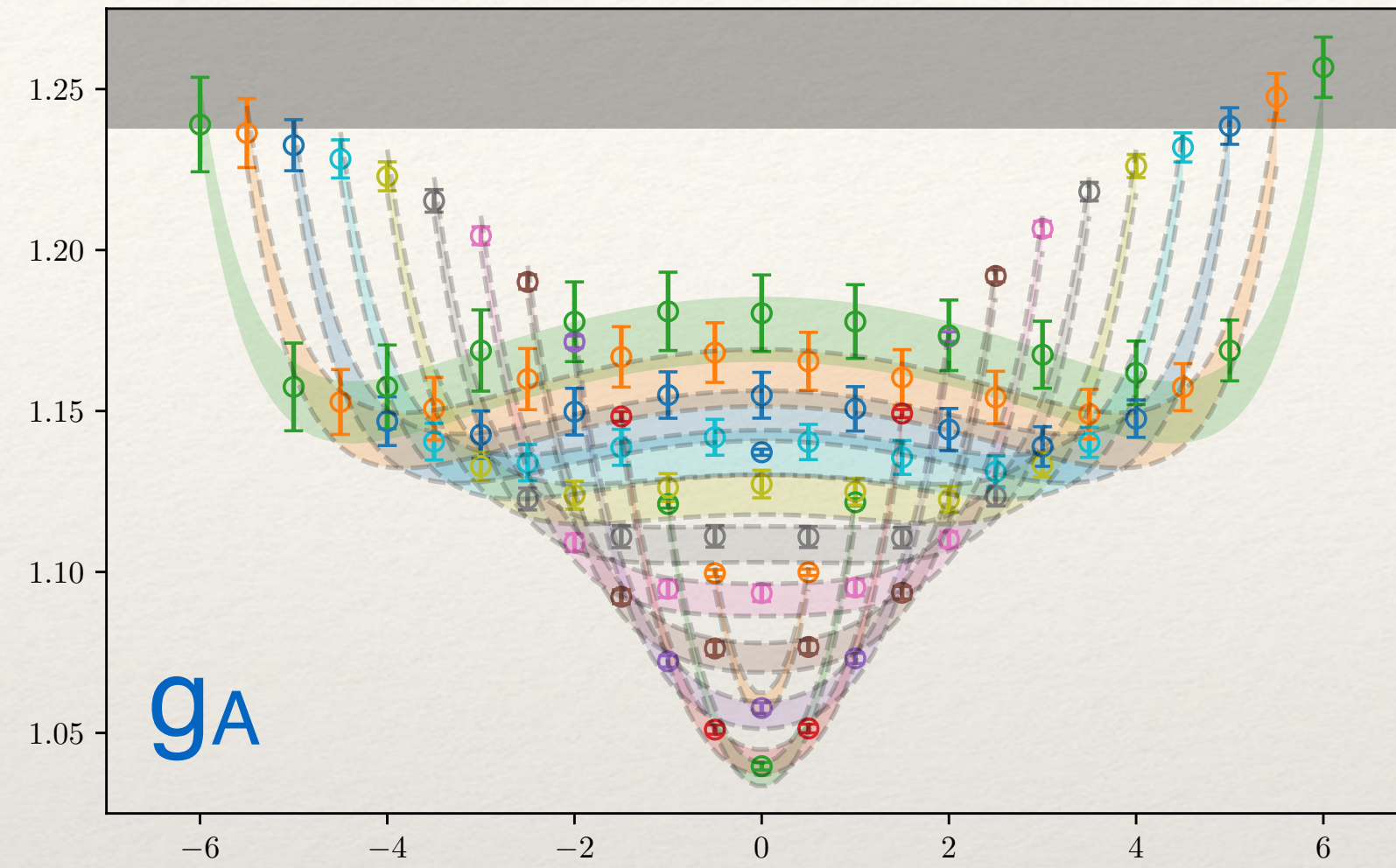
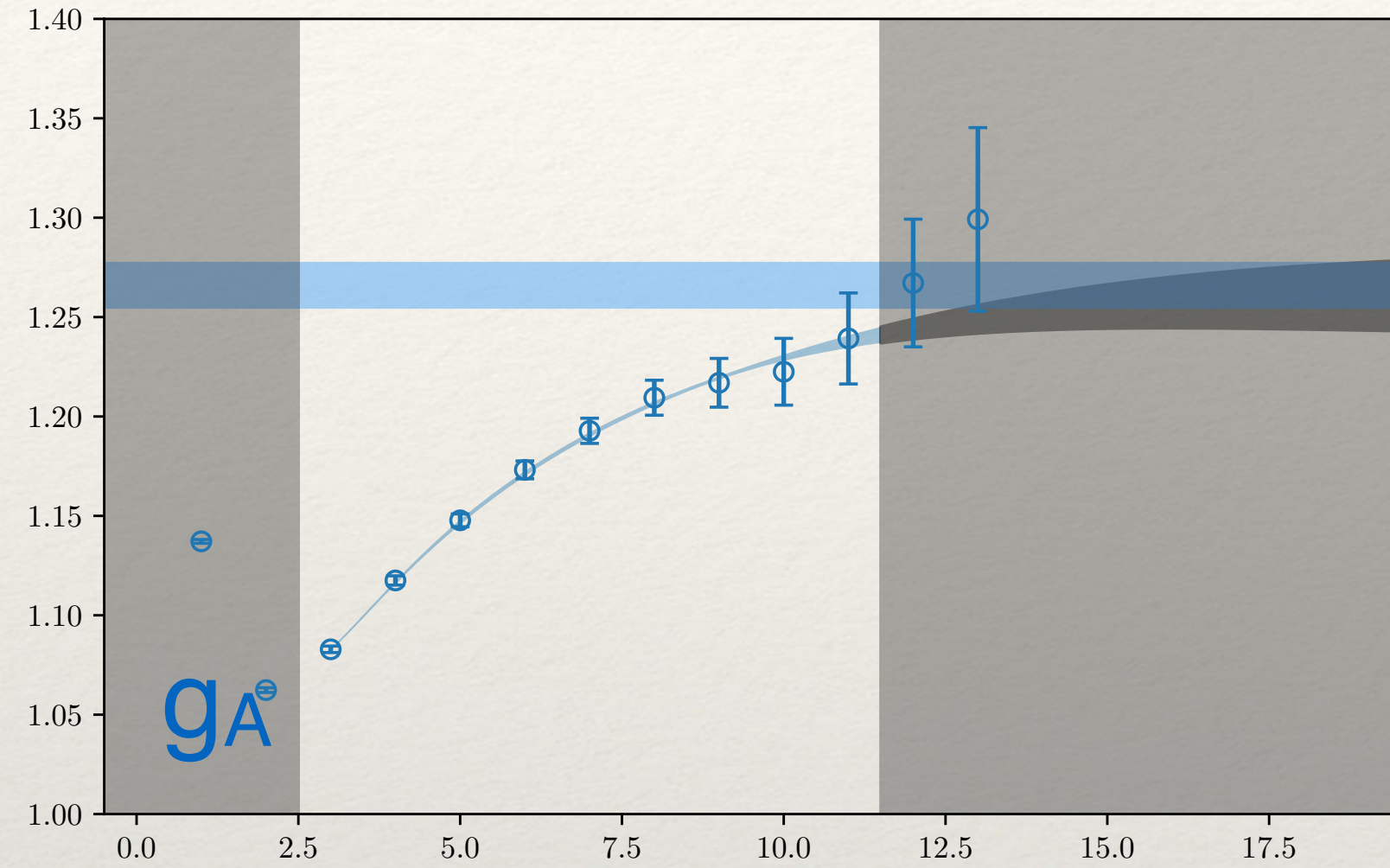
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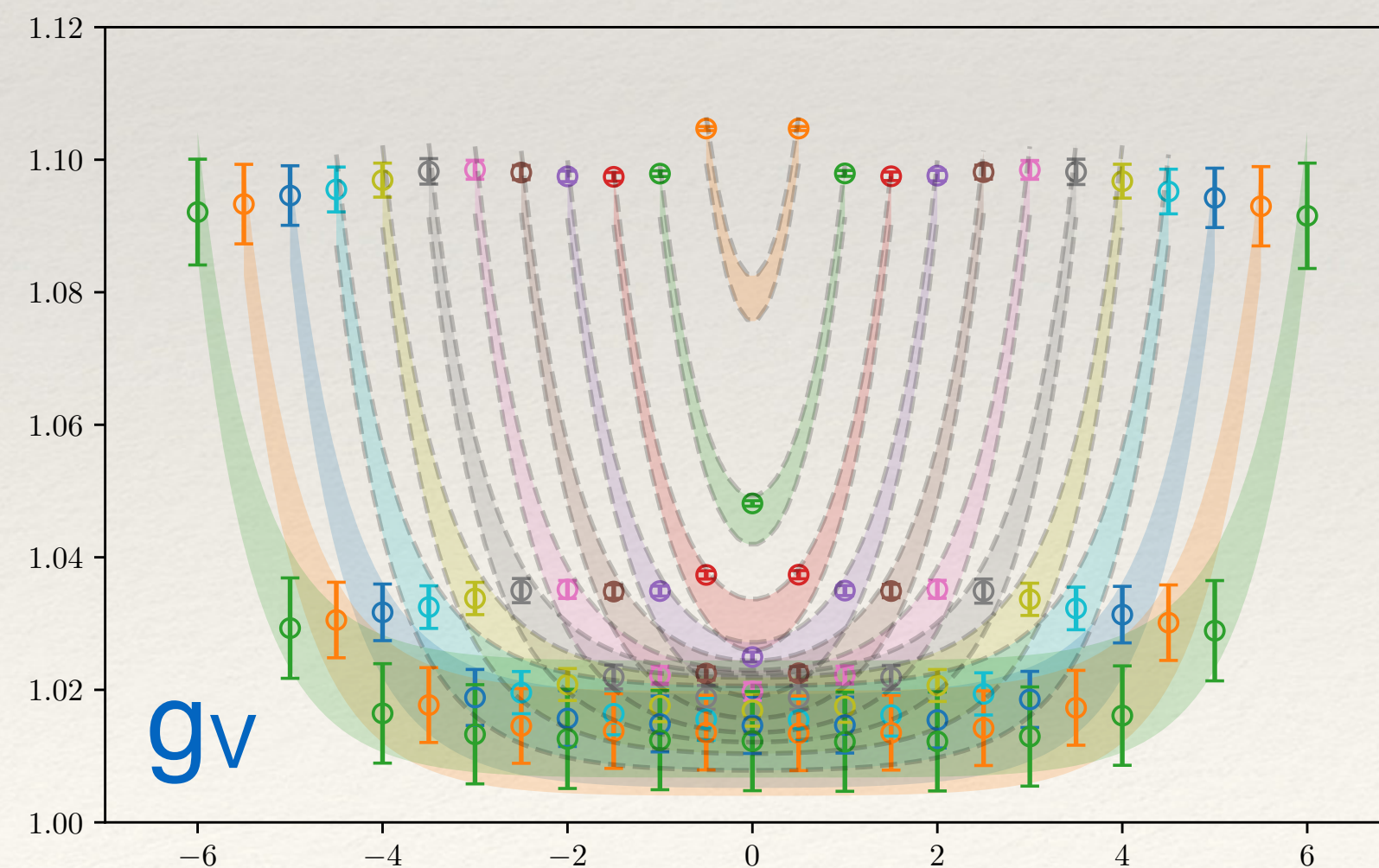
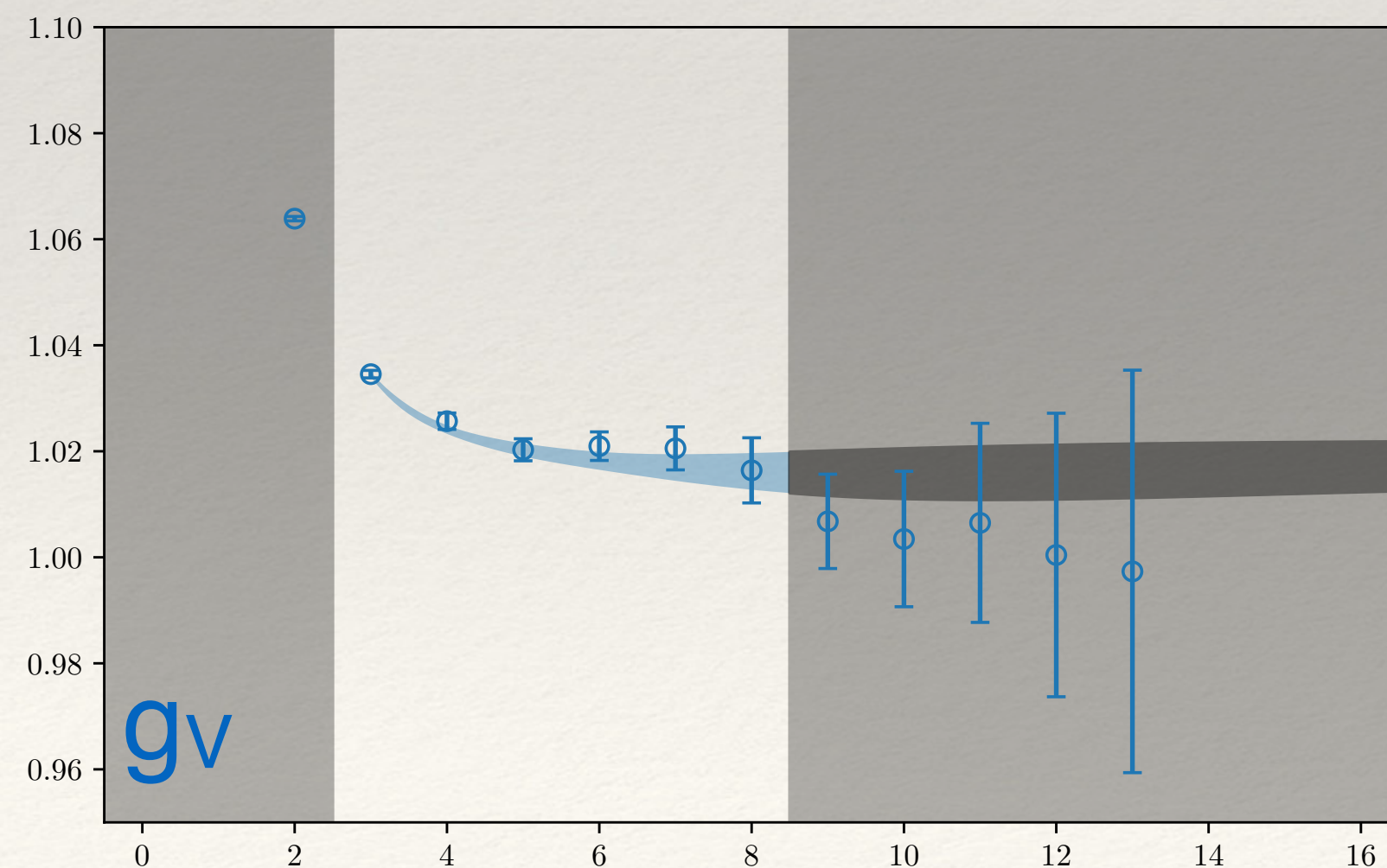
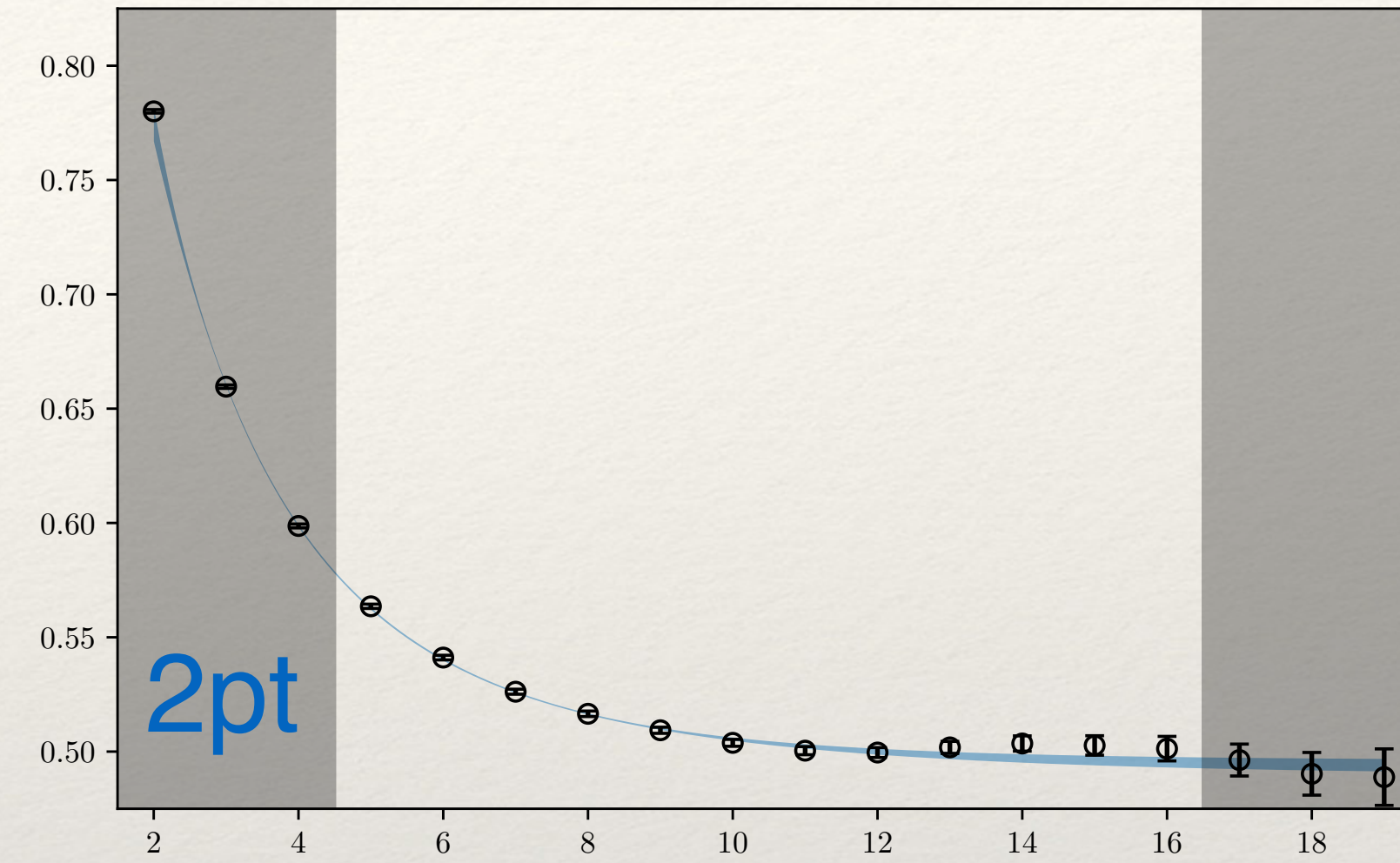
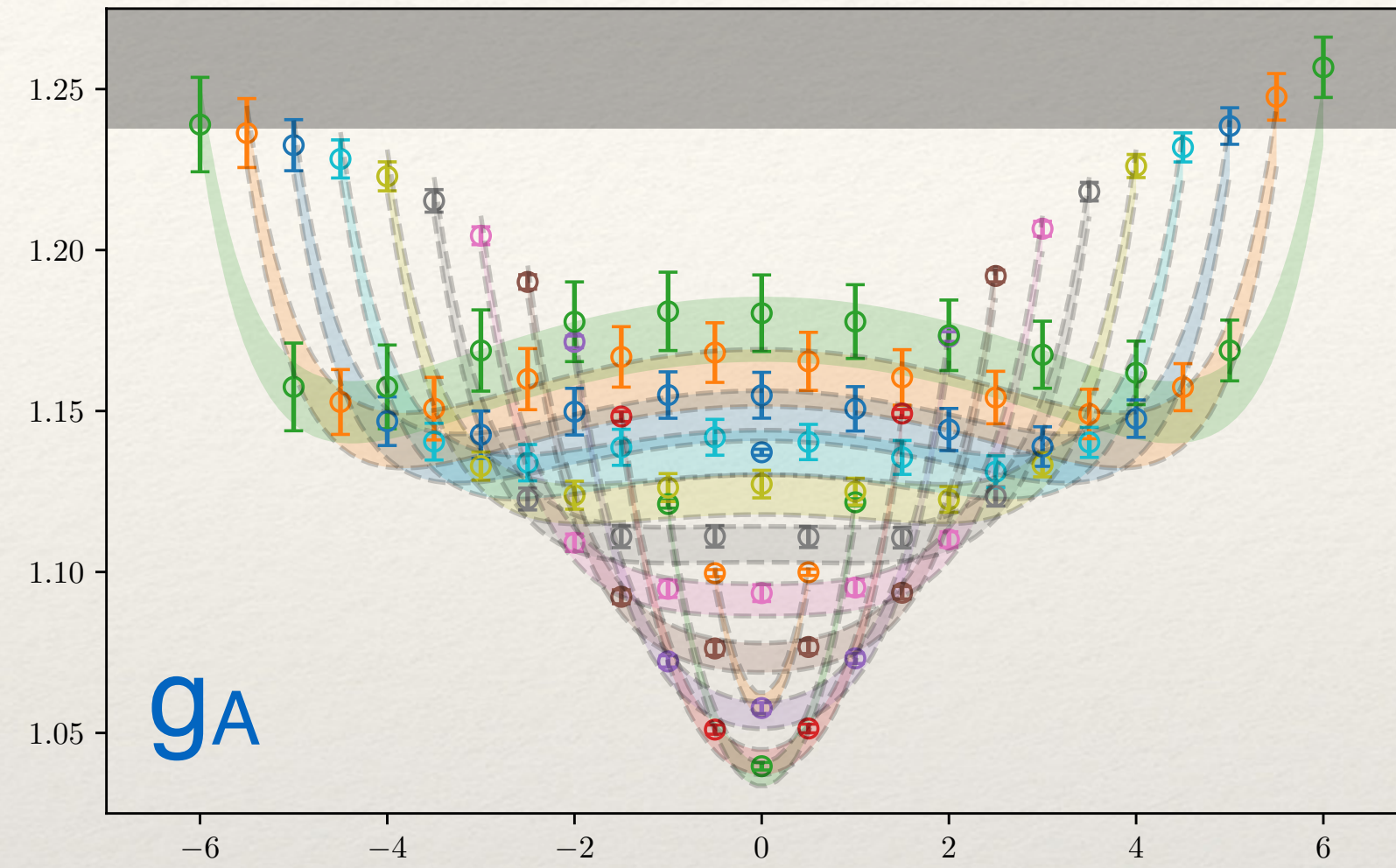
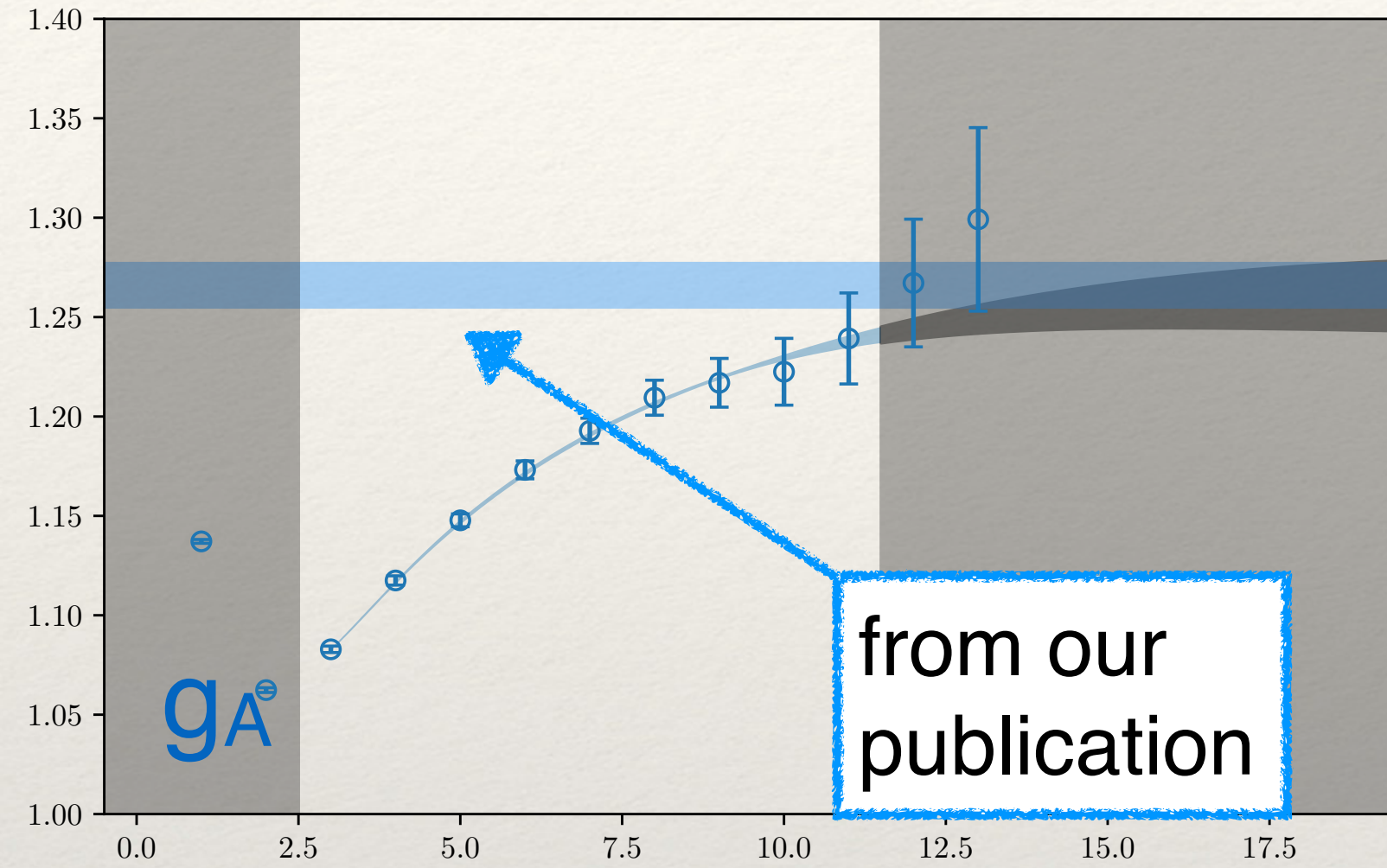
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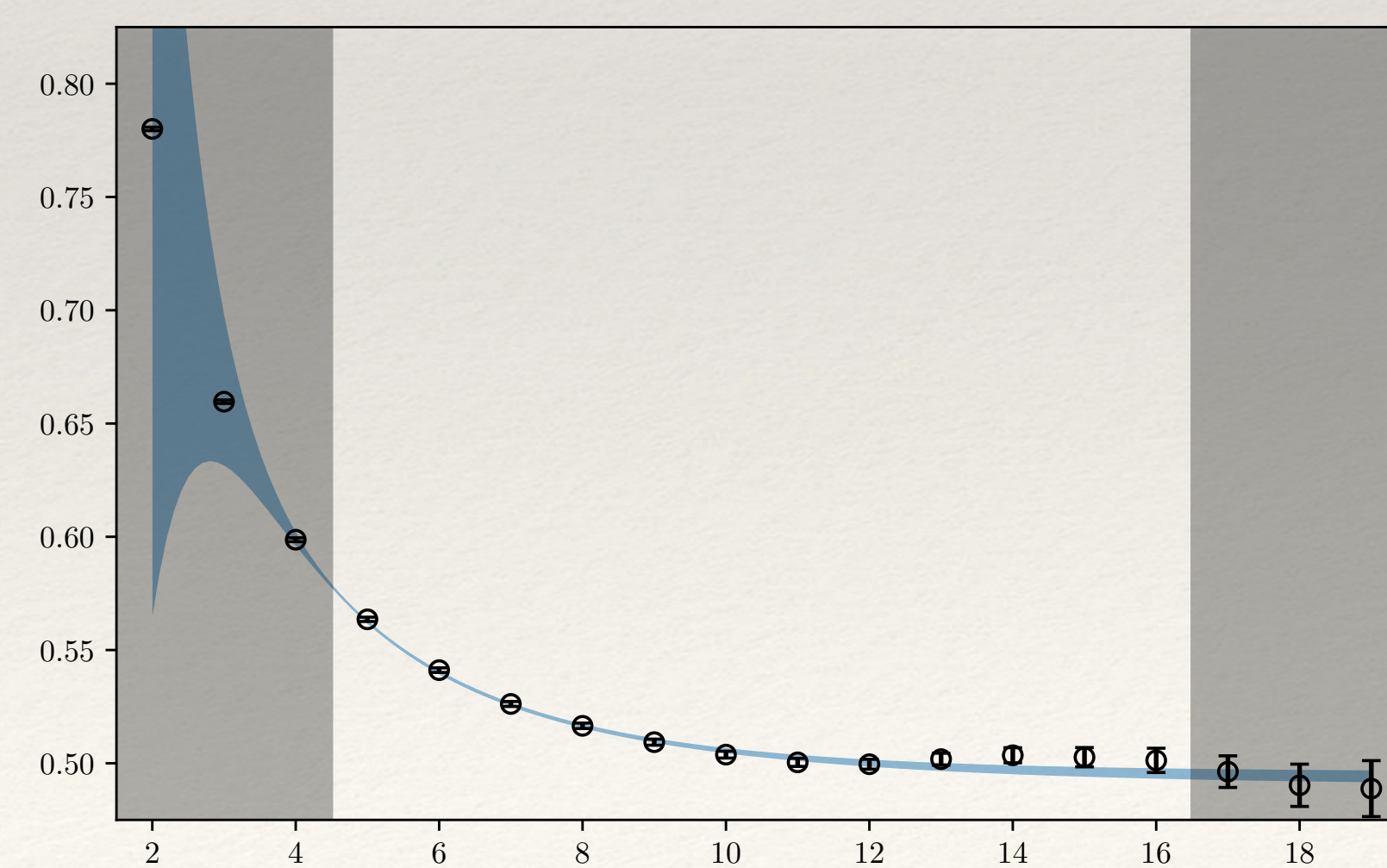
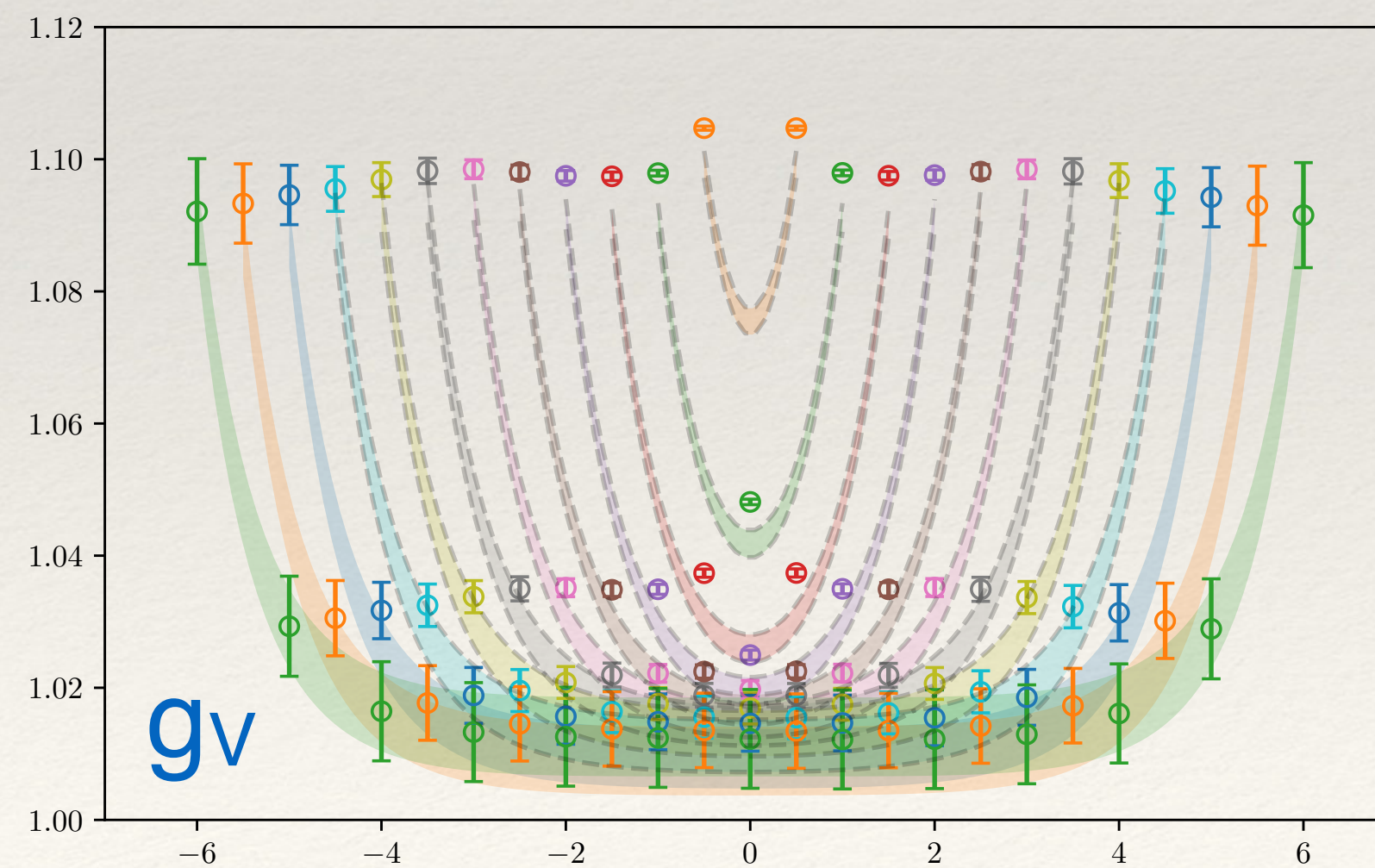
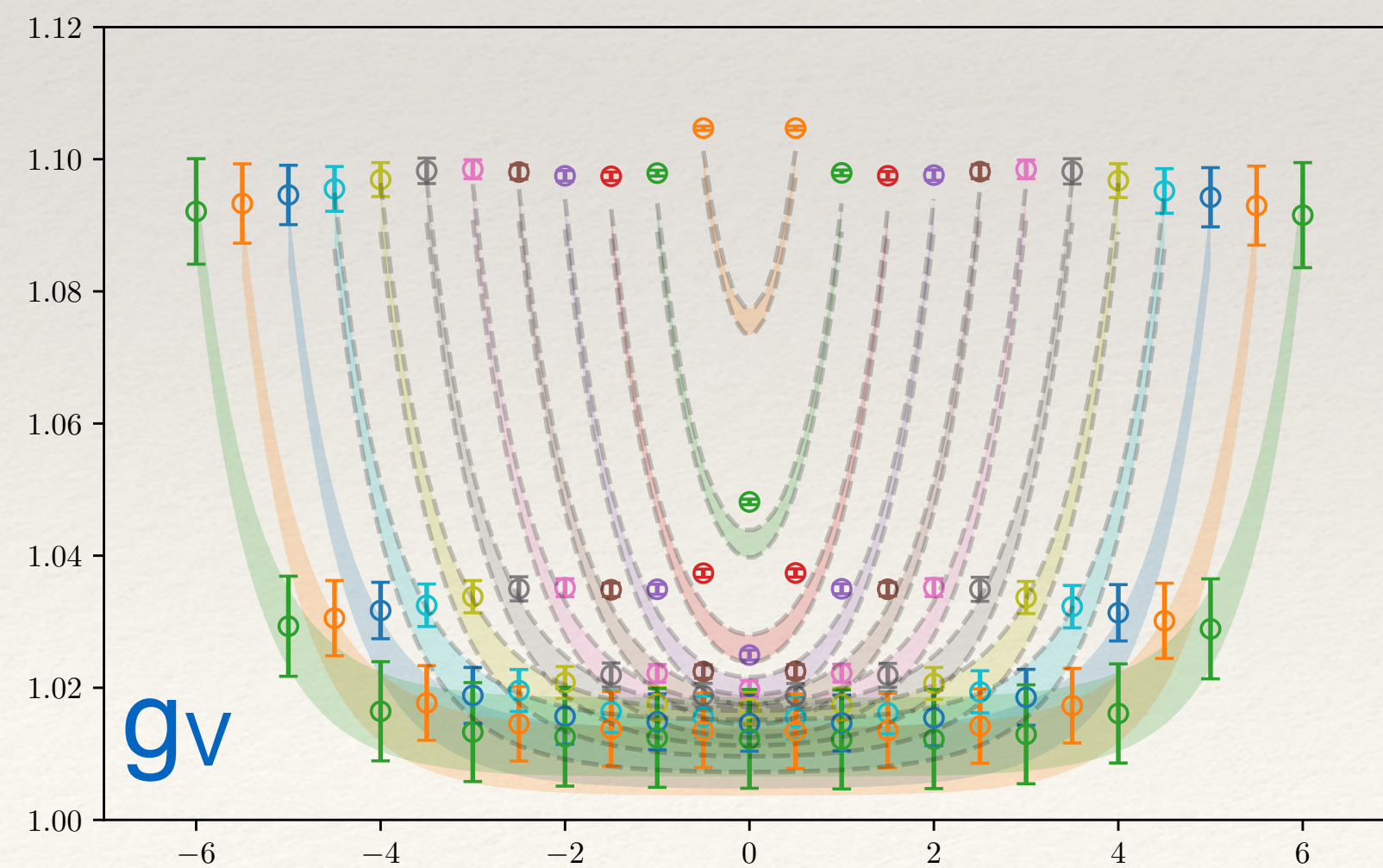
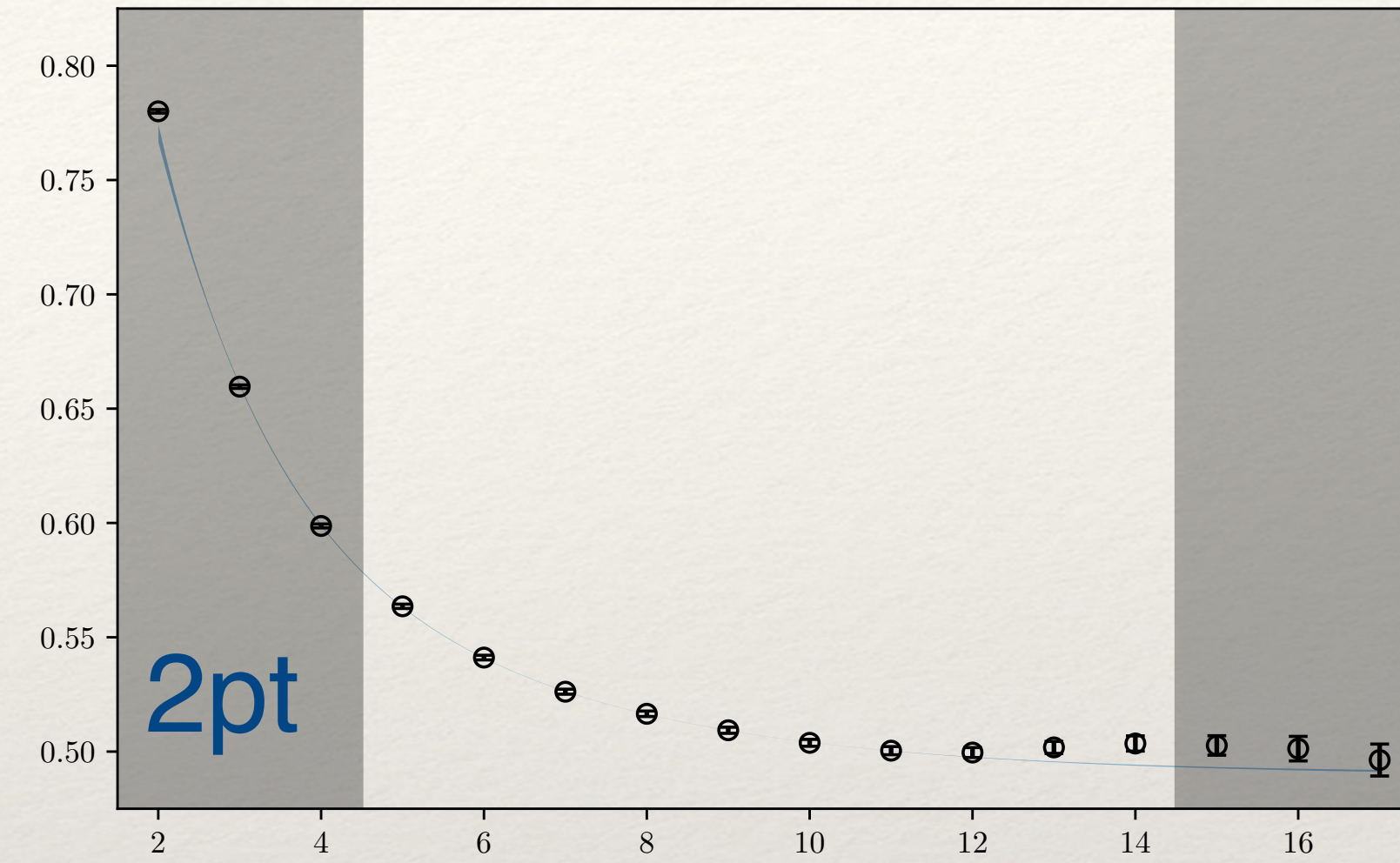
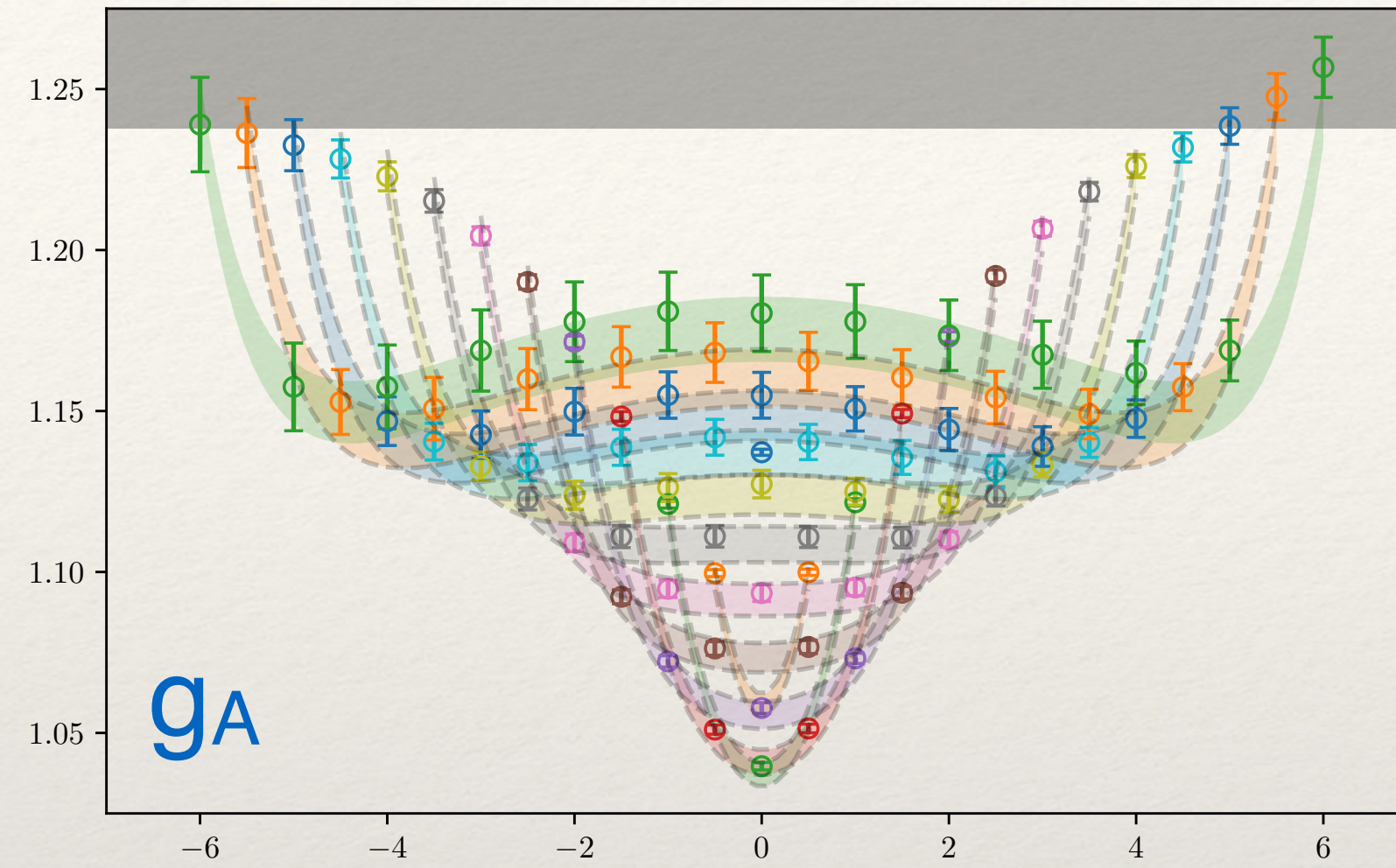
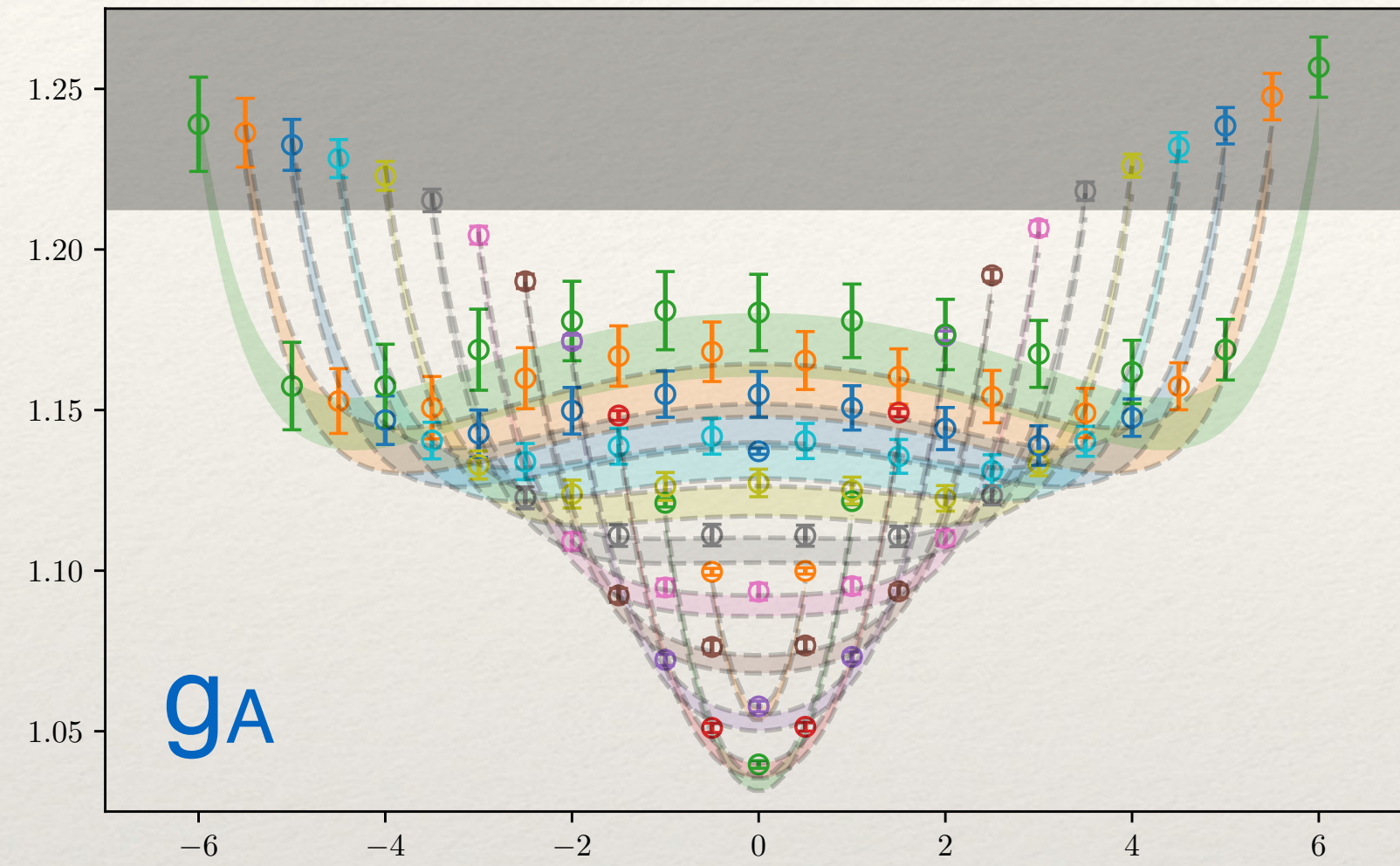
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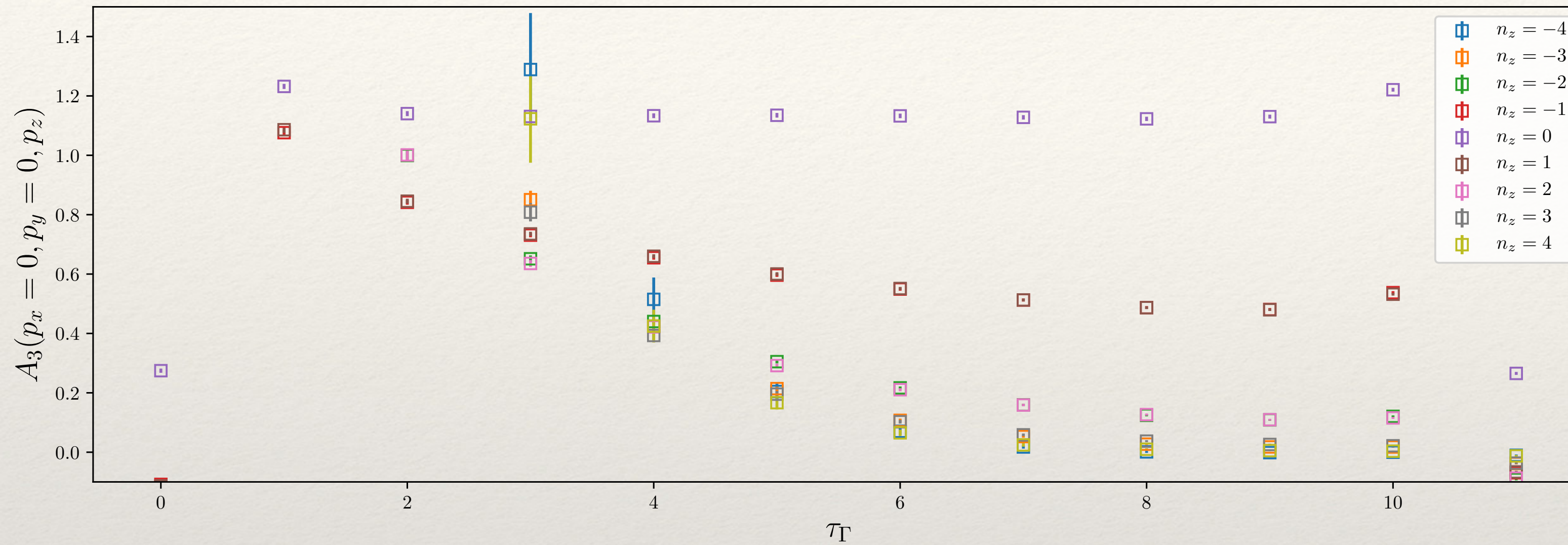


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non-zero momentum, $t_{\text{sep}} = 11$

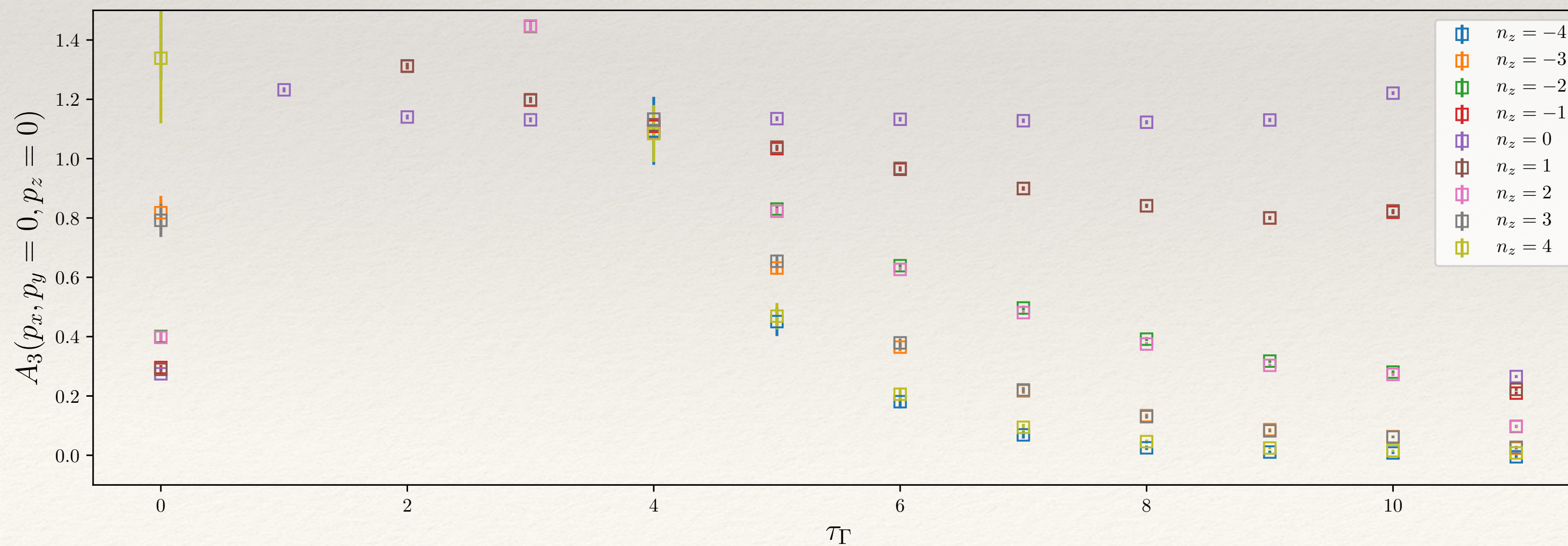


Inl=1, Q=0.196 GeV

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Inl=4, Q=0.785 GeV



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Spin averaging

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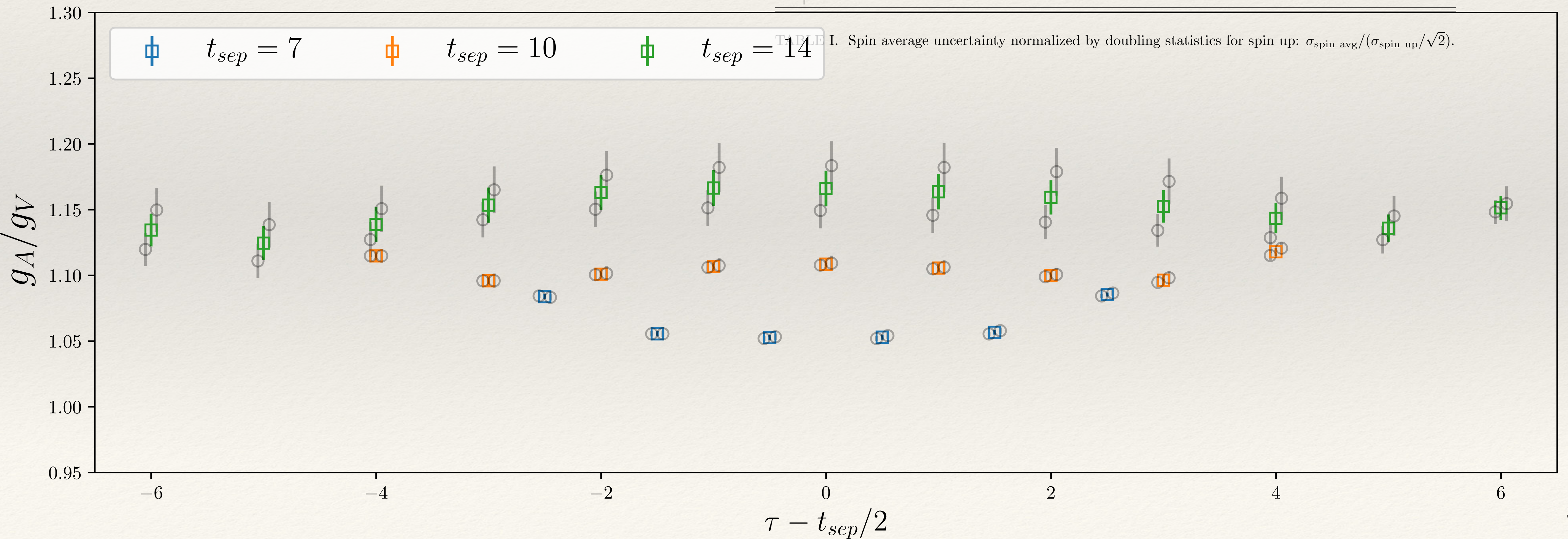
In the literature - we see both

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

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

t_{sep}	$t_0 + \tau$											$\frac{\sigma_{\text{spin avg}}}{\sigma_{\text{spin up}}/\sqrt{2}}$						
	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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9	1.05	1.06	1.08	1.08	1.07	1.05	1.03	1.02										
10	1.04	1.05	1.06	1.07	1.07	1.06	1.05	1.05	1.04									
11	1.03	1.03	1.04	1.05	1.05	1.06	1.07	1.07	1.07	1.07								
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13	1.02	1.02	1.01	1.01	1.03	1.06	1.08	1.10	1.12	1.12	1.13	1.12						
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TABLE I. Spin average uncertainty normalized by doubling statistics for spin up: $\sigma_{\text{spin avg}}/(\sigma_{\text{spin up}}/\sqrt{2})$.



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$$\Delta_{10} = E_1 - E_0 \text{ more than exponentially suppressed}$$

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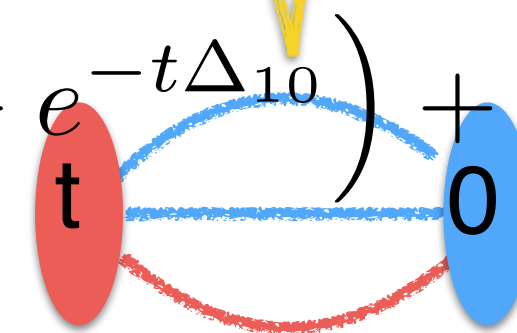
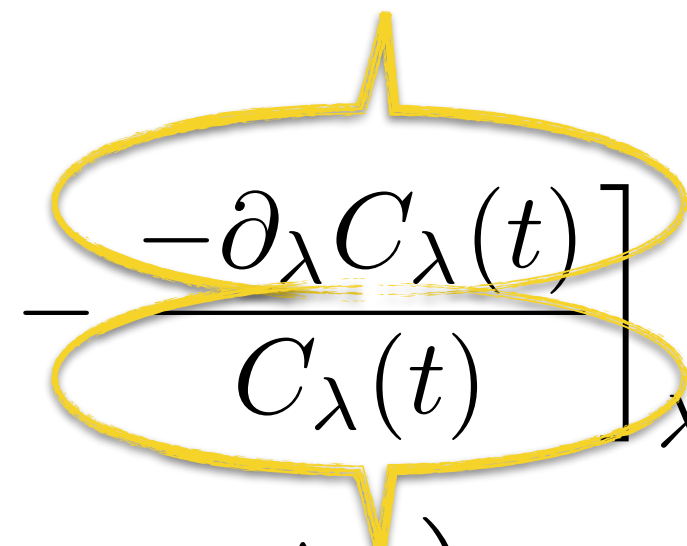
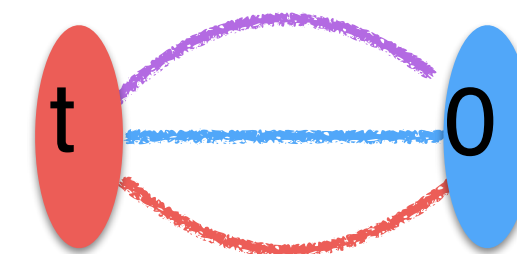
derivative correlation function

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standard 2-point function

“Feynman-Hellmann” propagator

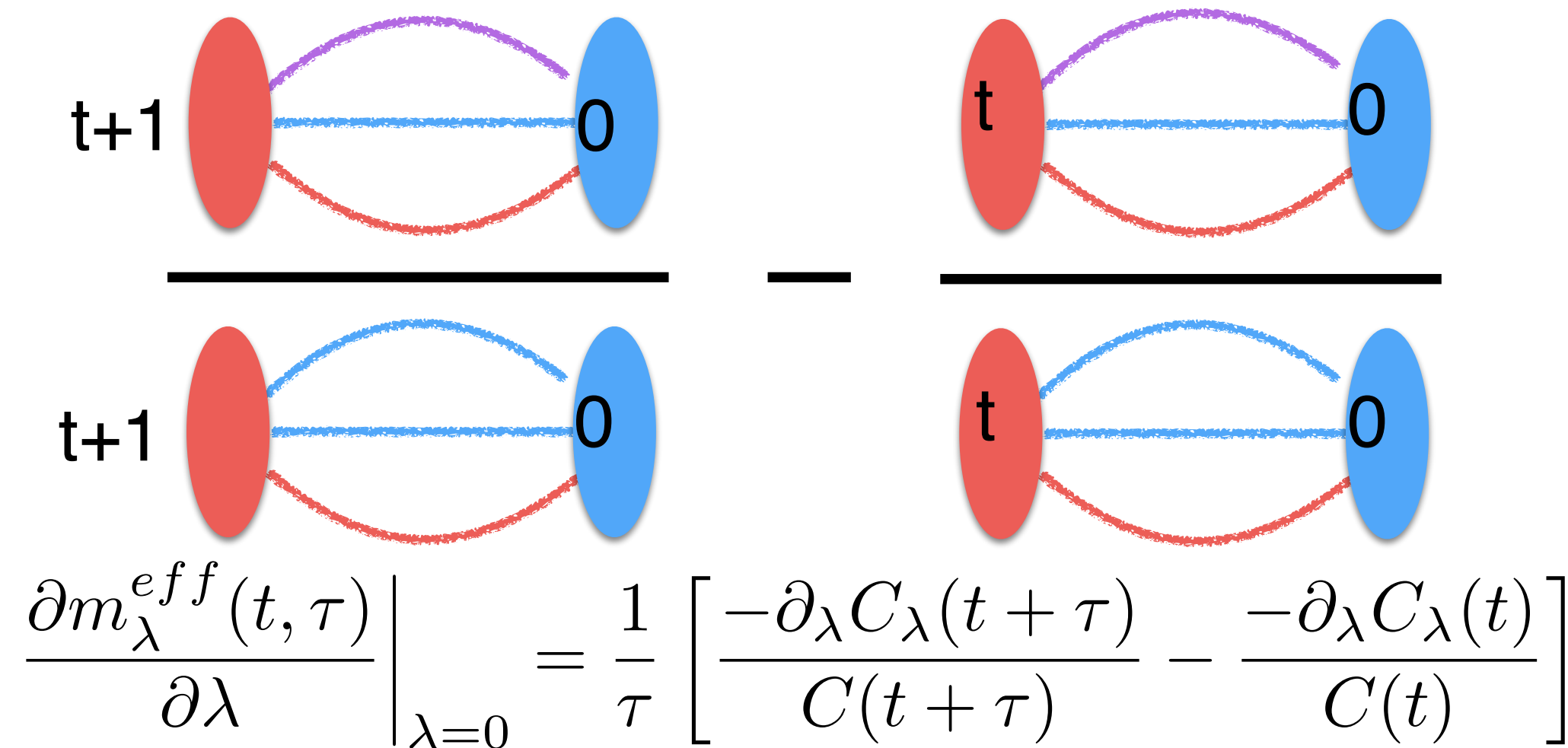
$$= \int dt \mathcal{O} \quad \text{---} \quad \mathcal{O}(t_0) \quad \text{---}$$

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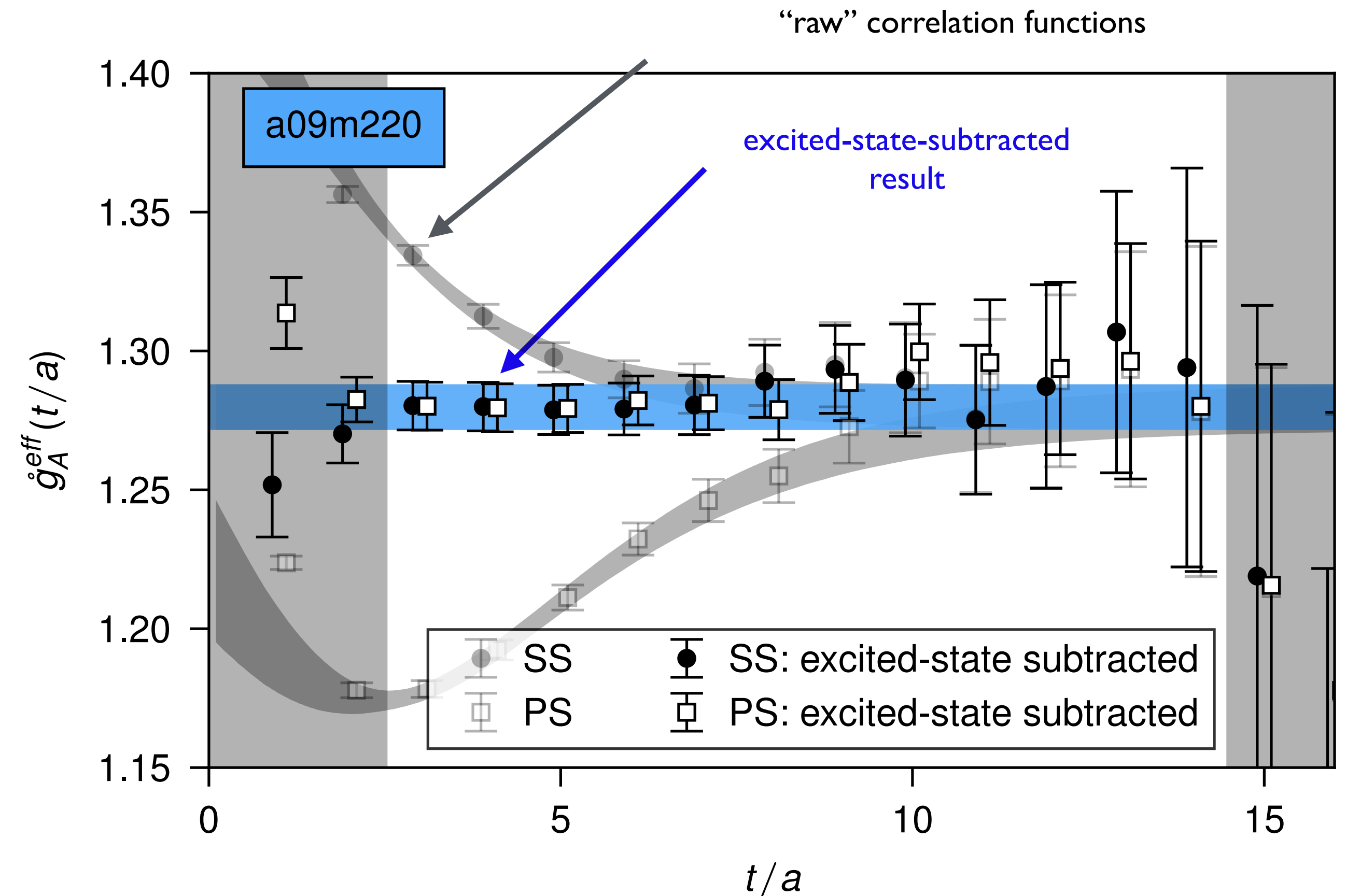
our unconventional method



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Key features of this method

- The correlation function is given by
- excited state contamination is demonstrably controlled
- we can access very early Euclidean time, allowing the use of exponentially more precise numerical points
- **No background field is used** - the FH-theorem is used to “derive” our “Feynman-Hellmann Correlation function” analytically



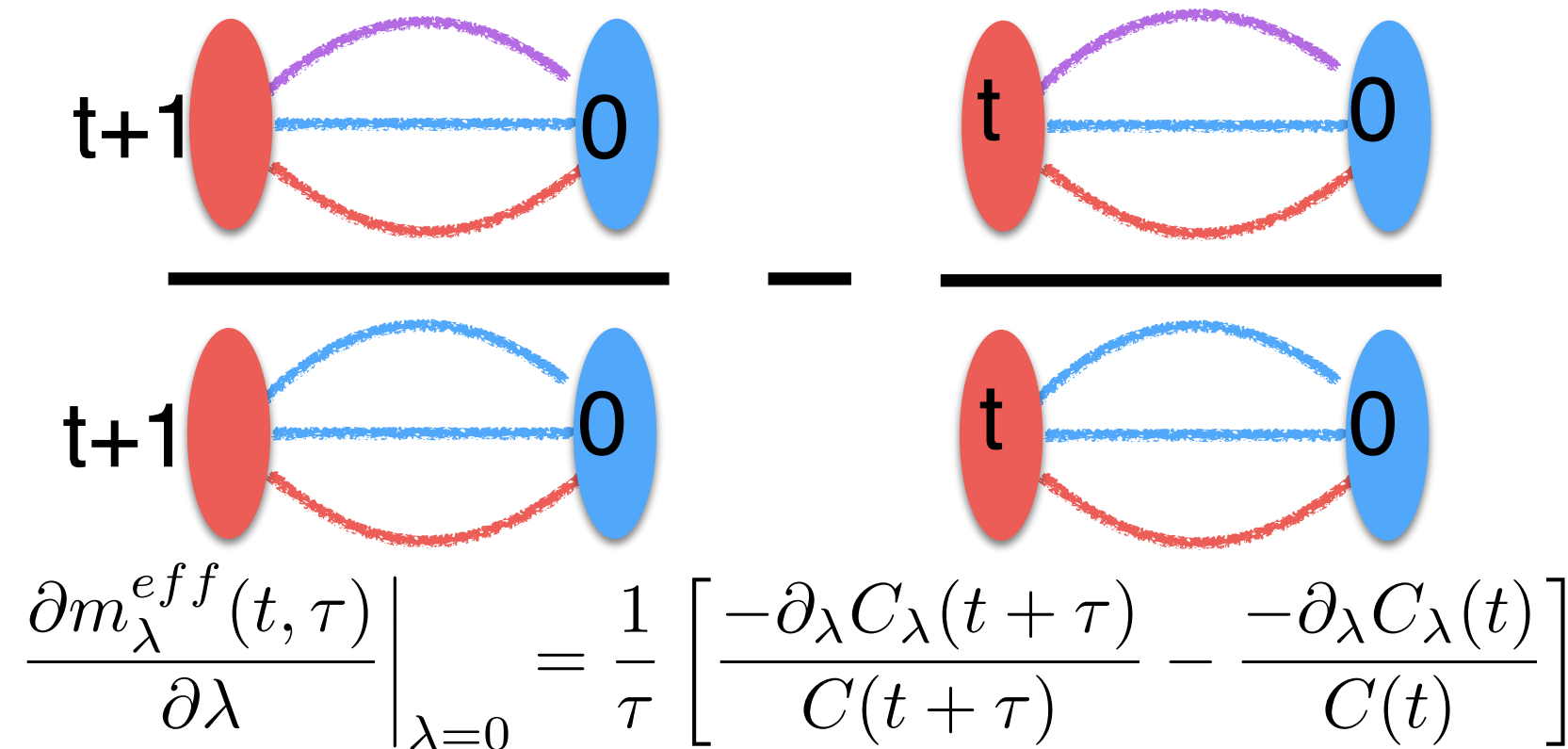
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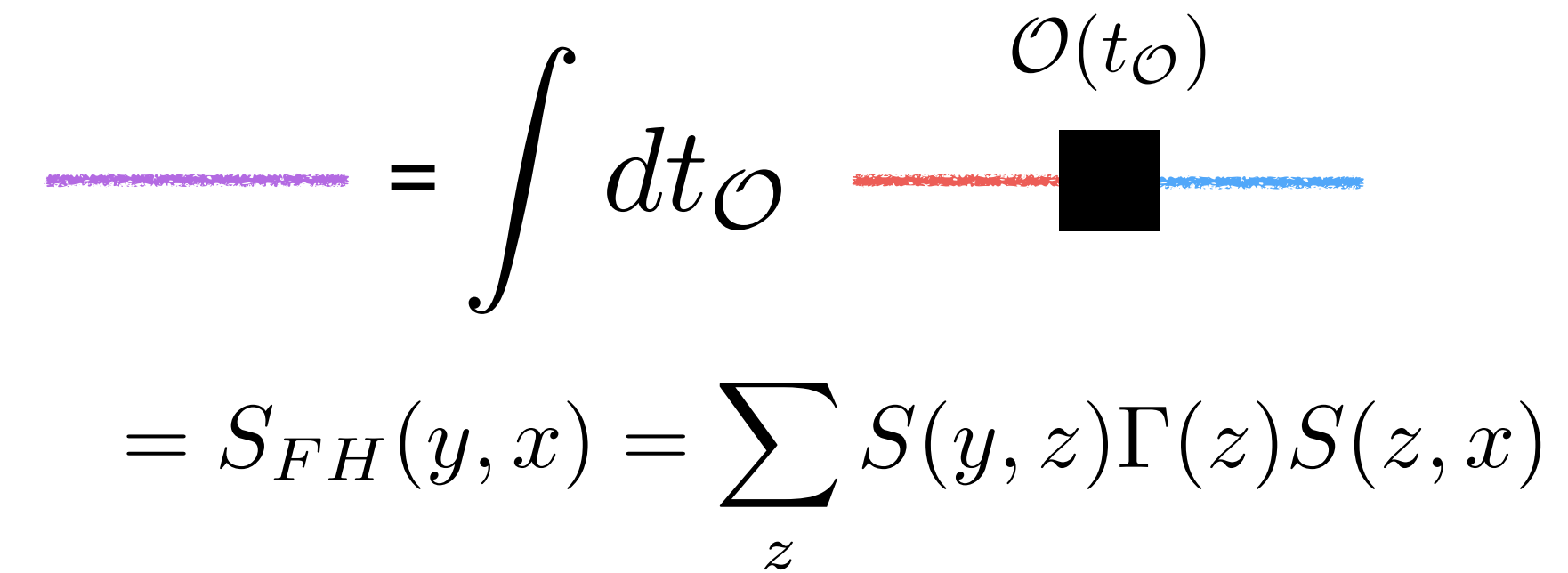
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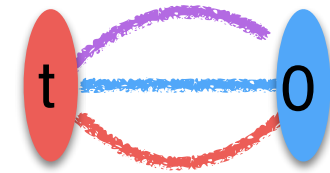
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$$= \int dt_0 \text{ [diagram with } O(t_0) \text{]} = S_{FH}(y, x) = \sum_z S(y, z) \Gamma(z) S(z, x)$$

Our unconventional method is similar too

- traced back to [Maiani, Martinelli, Paciello and Taglienti Nucl. Phys. B293 \(1987\)](#); [Güsken, Low, Mutter, Sommer, Patel, Schilling PLB227 \(1989\)](#) first computed $-\partial_\lambda C_\lambda(t)$ 
- [Bulava, Donnellan, Sommer, JHEP 1201 \(2012\)](#): combined above with GEVP
- [de Divitiis, Petronzio, Tantalò, PLB718 \(2012\)](#): computed derivatives of form factors
- [Chambers et al. PRD90 \(2014\), PRD92 \(2015\)](#) [Savage et al. PRL199 \(2017\)](#); used unconventional method with background field (λ) varying strength of field to extract derivative

○Our method:

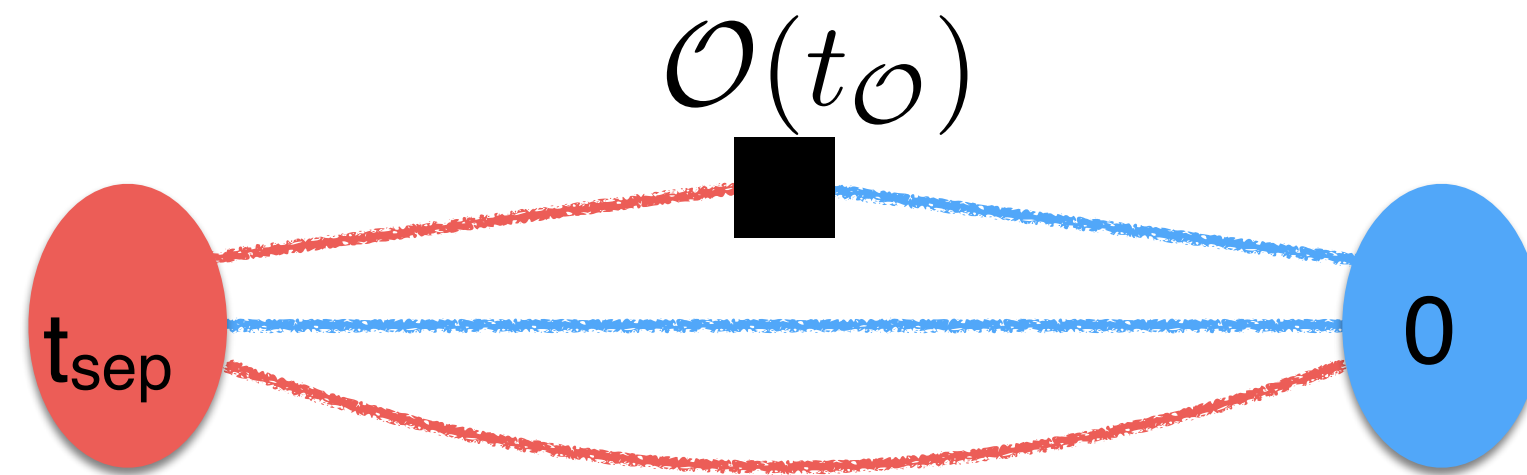
- uses analytic representation of derivative correlator instead of background field (cheaper)
- uses complete spectral decomposition of correlator, including contact operators
- analysis was pushed to greater detail, showing stability of analysis (PRD96 [1612.06963], [1704.01114], Nature 558 [1805.12130])

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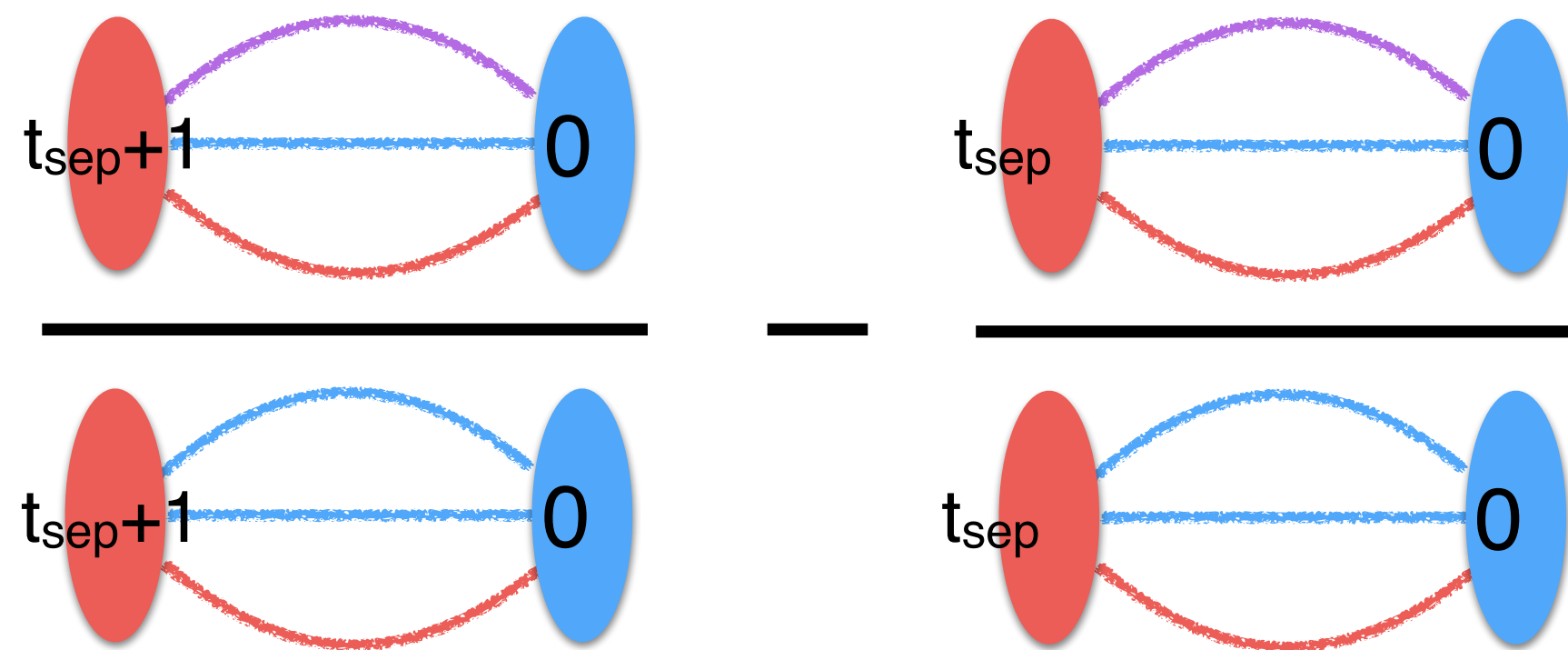
standard method



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

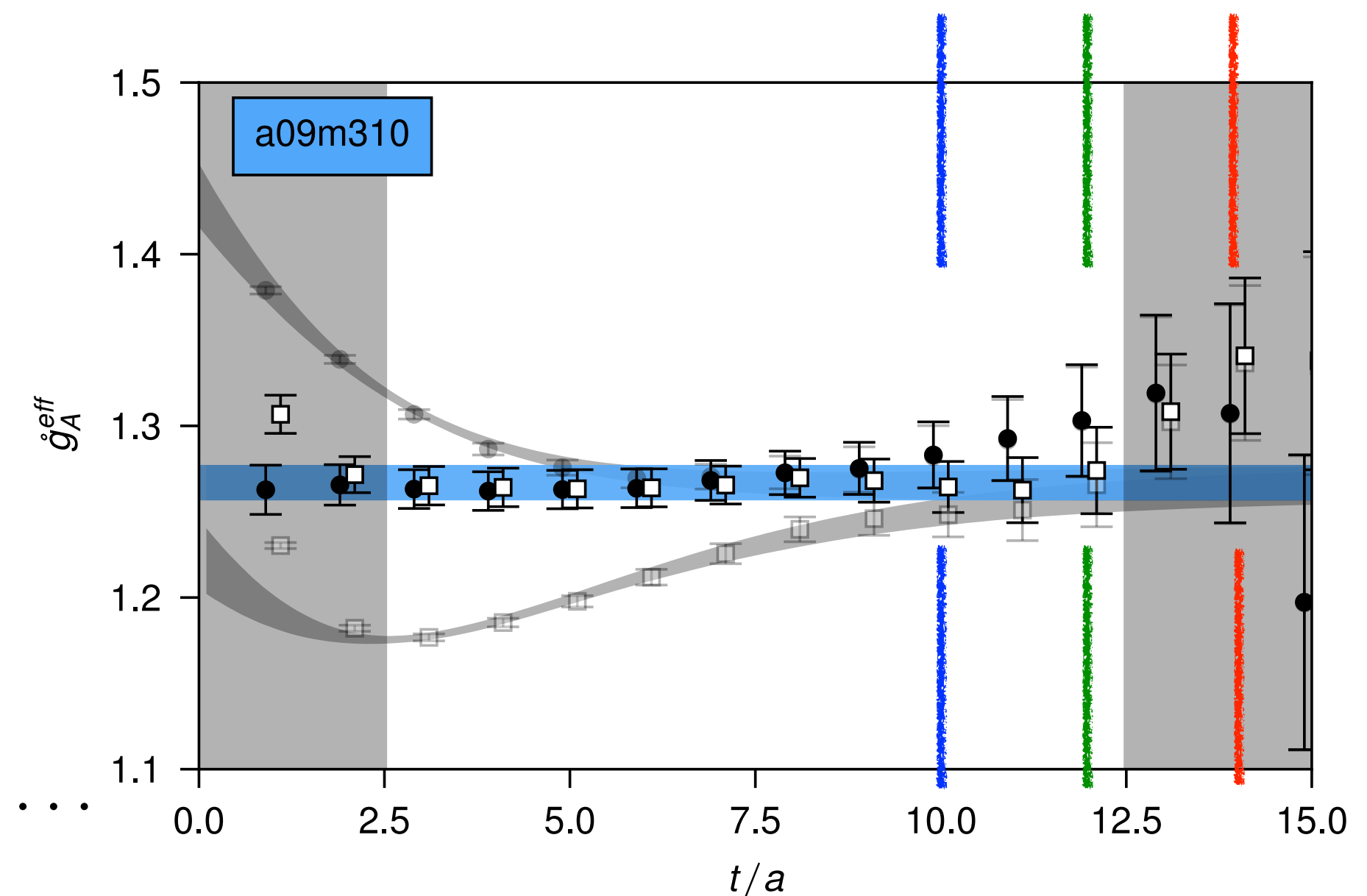
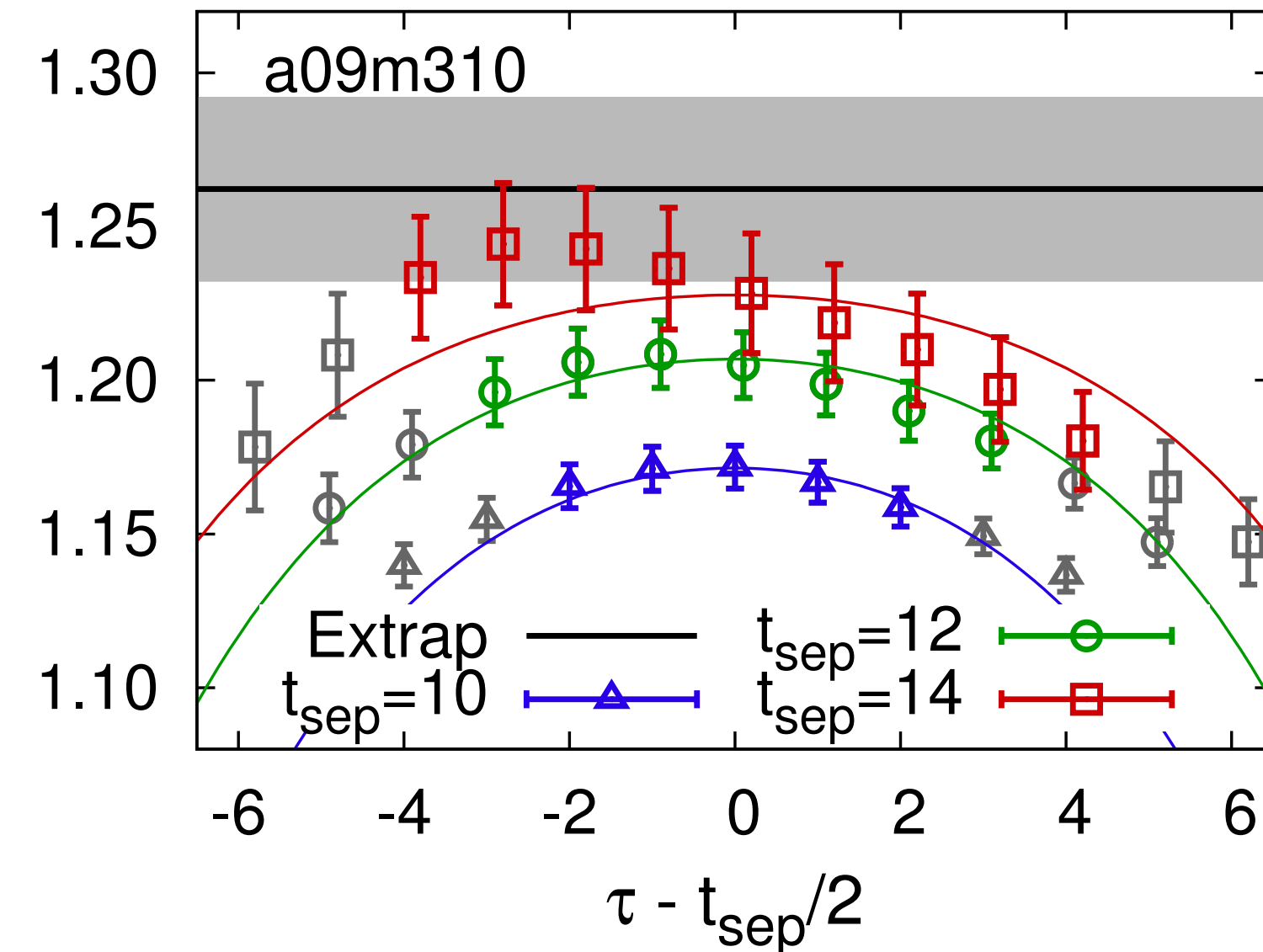
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PNDME arXiv:1606.07049



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Extrapolations

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- ChiPT: EFT expanding around $m_\pi = 0$
 - best hope for model-independent extrapolation
 - not guaranteed to converge around $m_\pi \approx 135 \text{ MeV}$
- Mild m_π dependence
 - Taylor expansion works well for extrapolation/interpolation

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$$\delta_L = \frac{8}{3} \epsilon_\pi^2 [g_0^3 F_1(m_\pi L) + g_0 F_3(m_\pi L)] + f_3 \epsilon_\pi^3 F_1(m_\pi L)$$

$$F_3(x) = -\frac{3}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{n} \neq 0} \frac{K_1(x|\mathbf{n}|)}{x|\mathbf{n}|}$$

Beane and Savage
Phys.Rev.D70 [hep-ph/0404131]

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