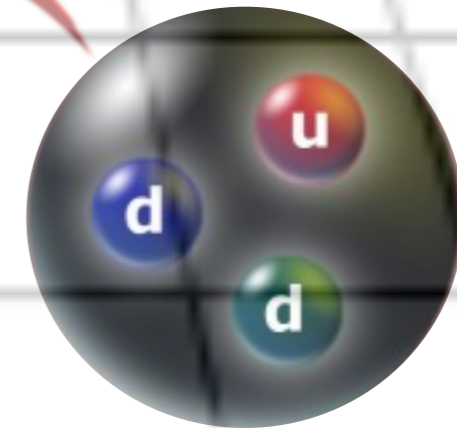


# Advances in nucleon-nucleon scattering




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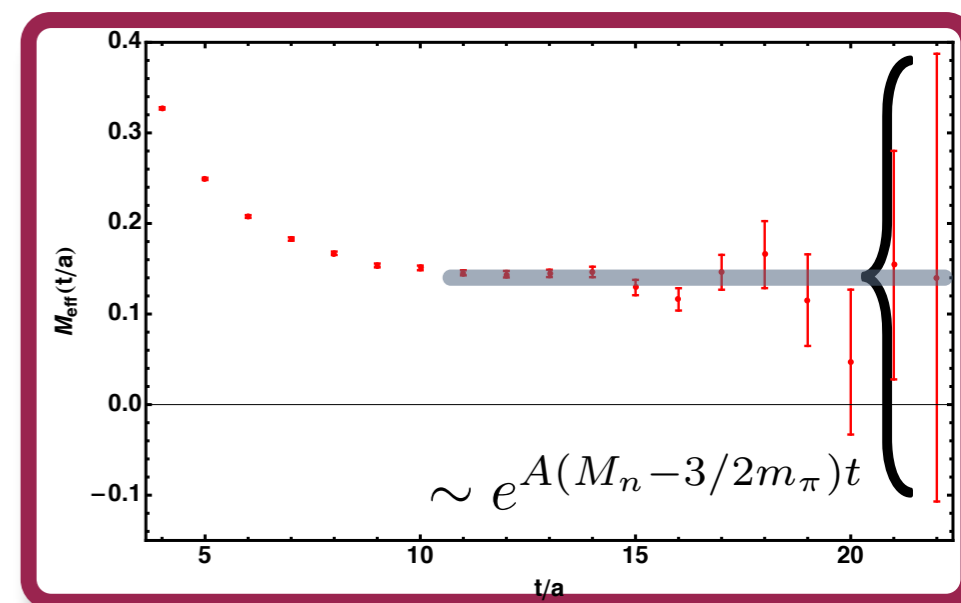
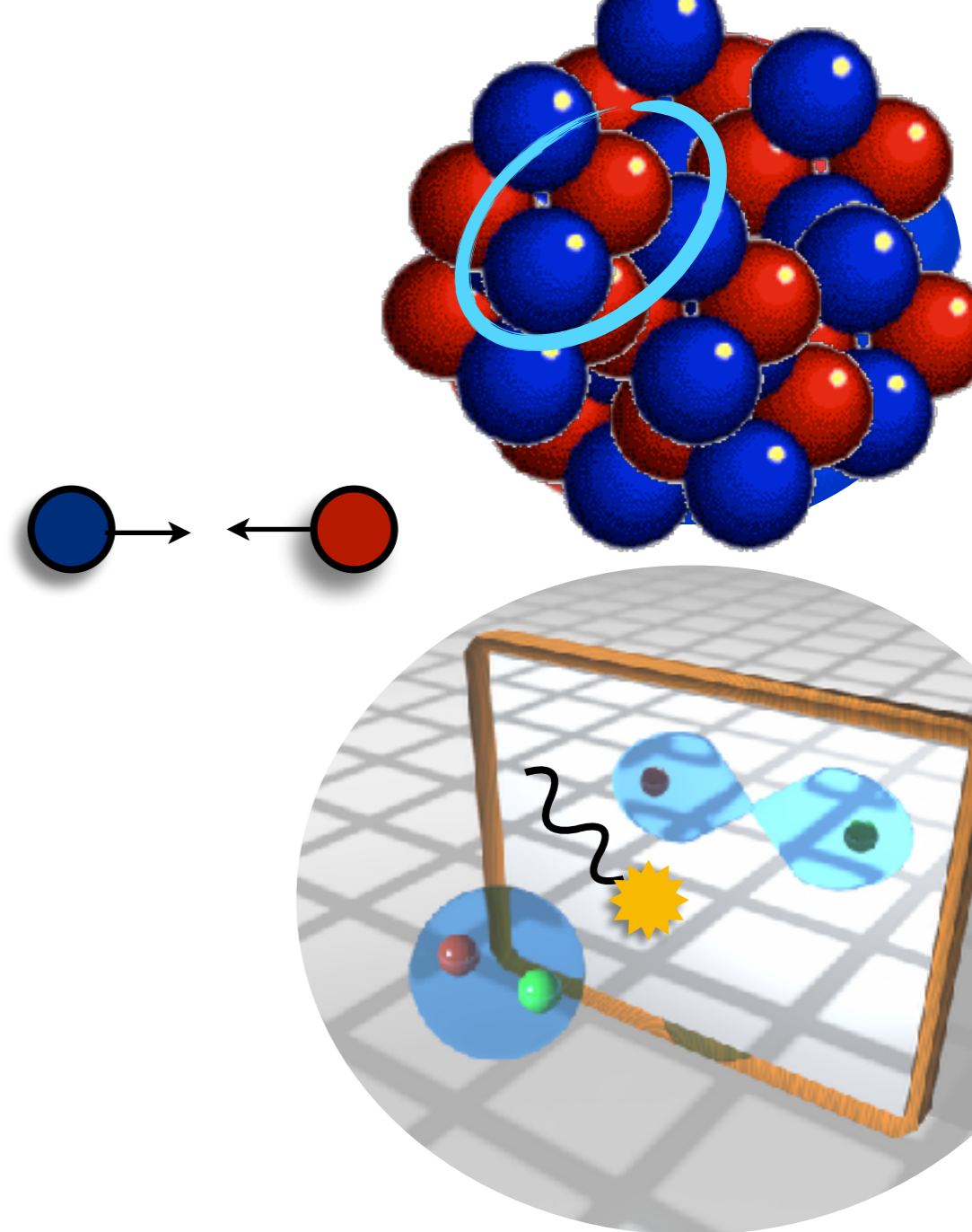
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# NN systems

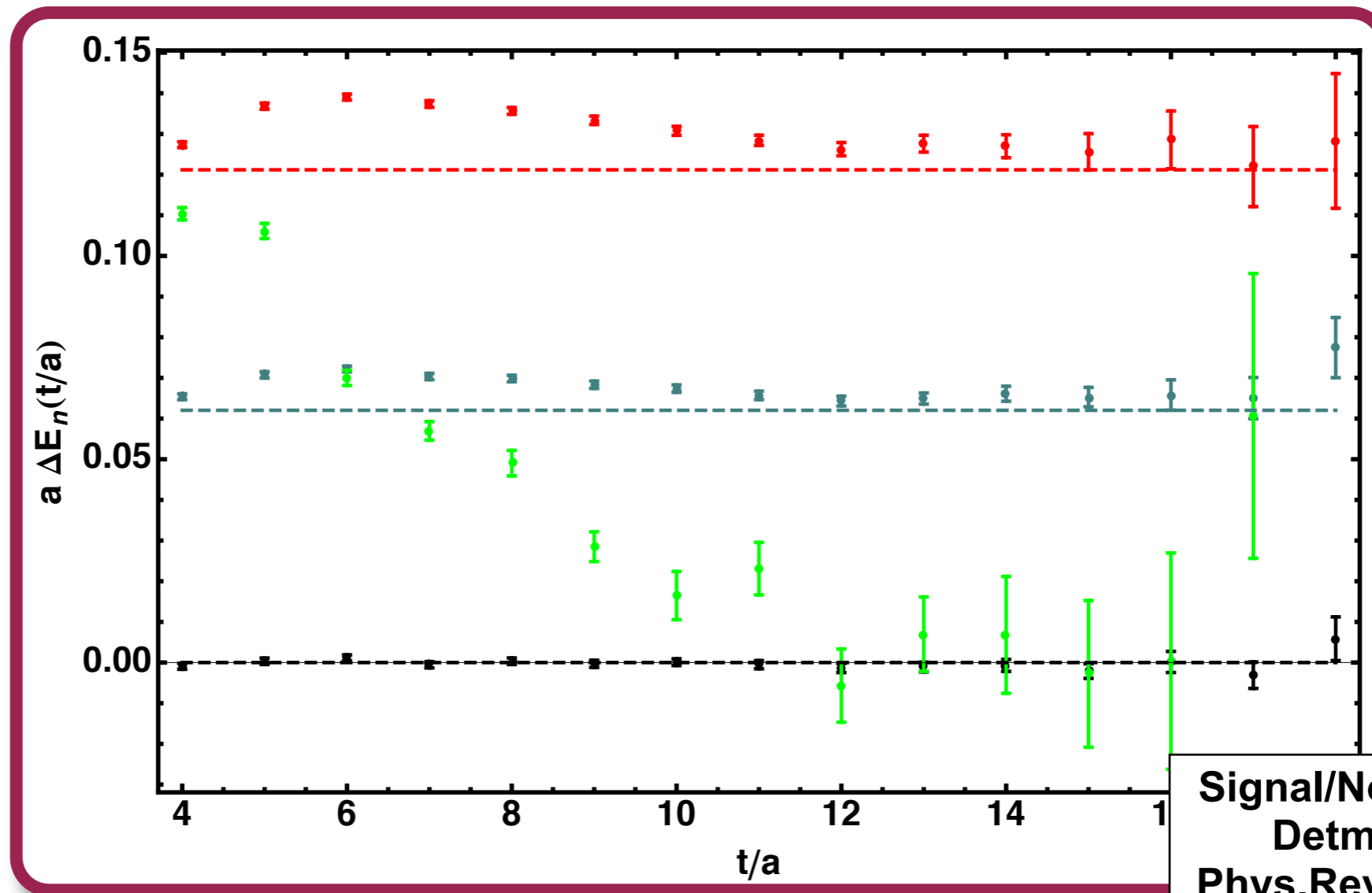
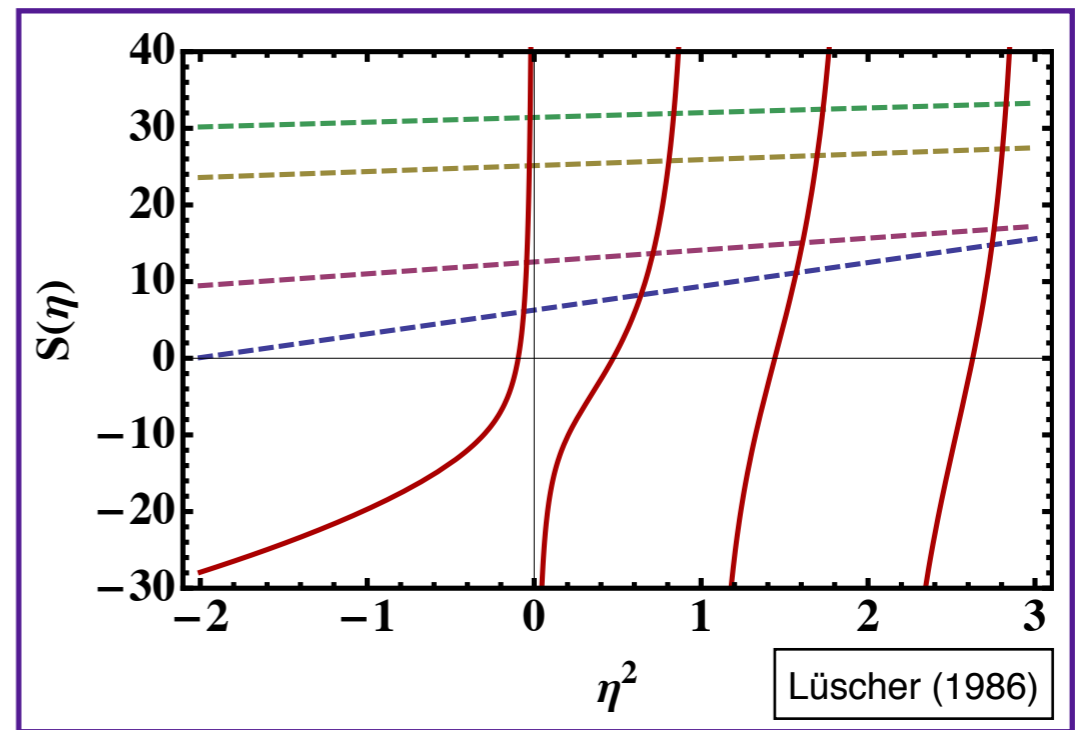
- What do we need to do nuclear physics?
- Must have full control over 2-body systems
- How do we project onto desired states?
- How do we disentangle signals from closely spaced energy levels?
- How do we beat the noise? 

 **Good operators (and analysis)!**



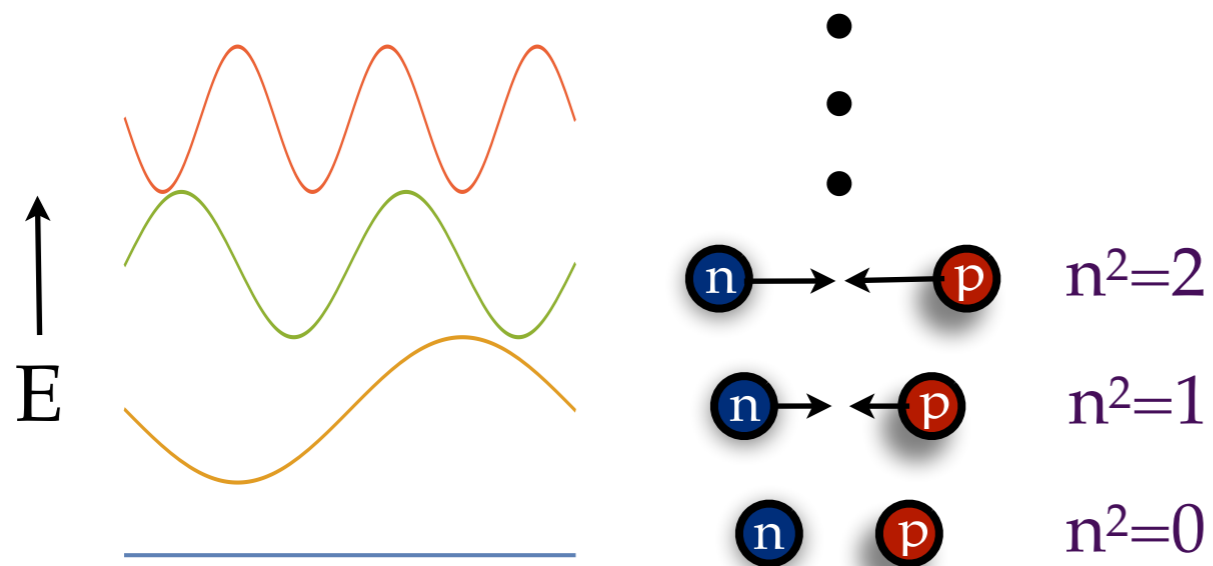
Trying to pull off tiny correction compared to large nucleon mass:

$$\Delta E = E_{NN} - 2E_N$$



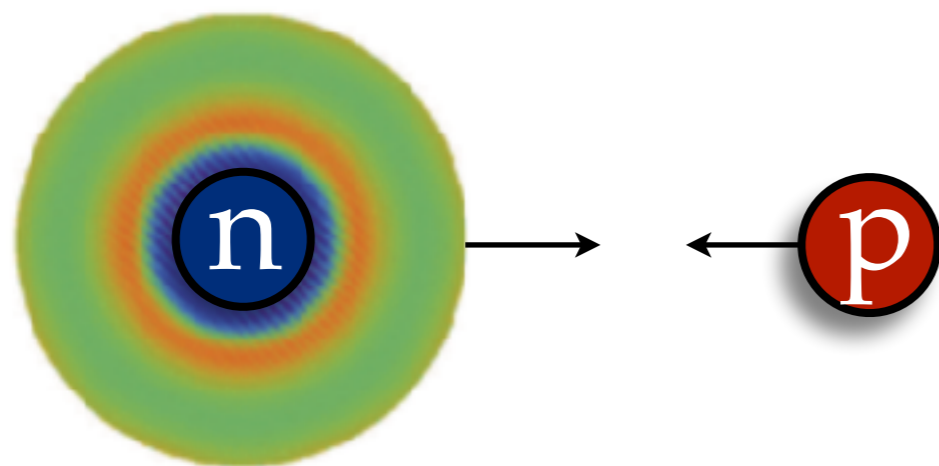
**Signal/Noise optimization:**  
**Detmold & Endres,**  
**Phys.Rev. D90 (2014) no.3,**  
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# Excited state contamination



Elastic scattering  
(2-body)

$$\Delta E \sim 50 \text{ MeV}$$

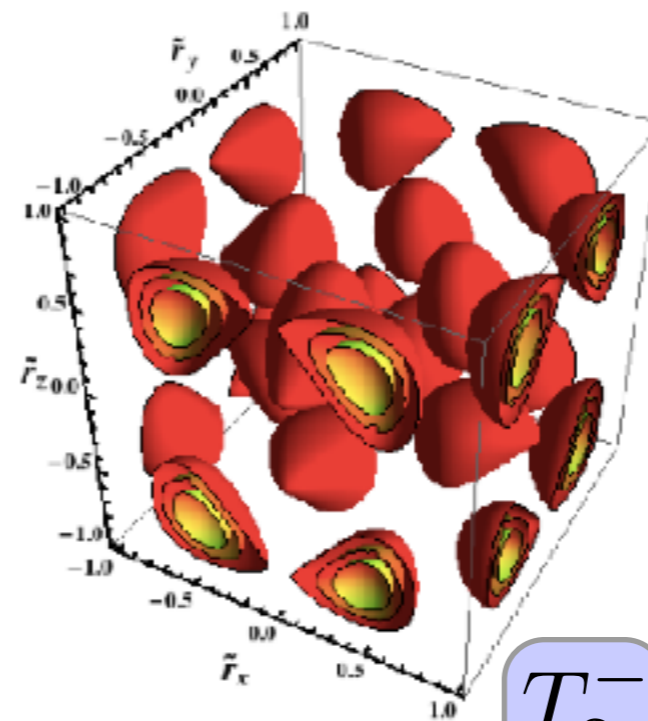
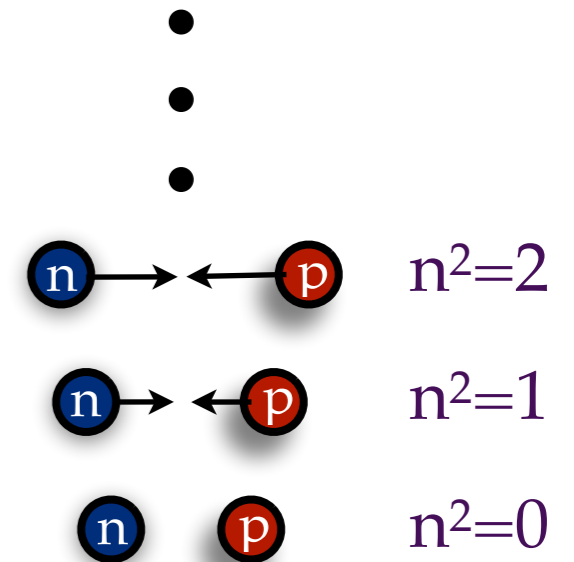
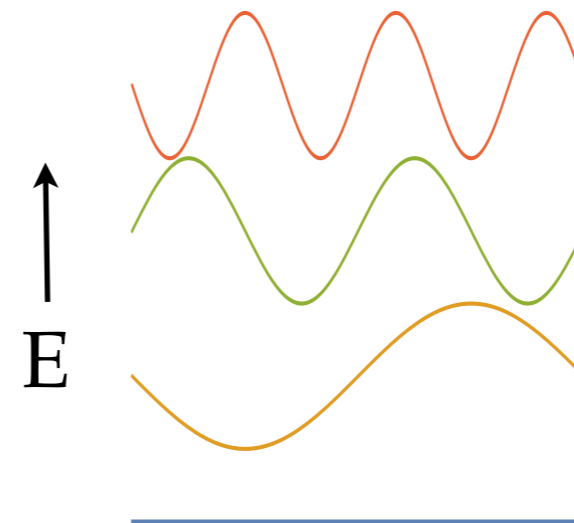


Inelastic single body

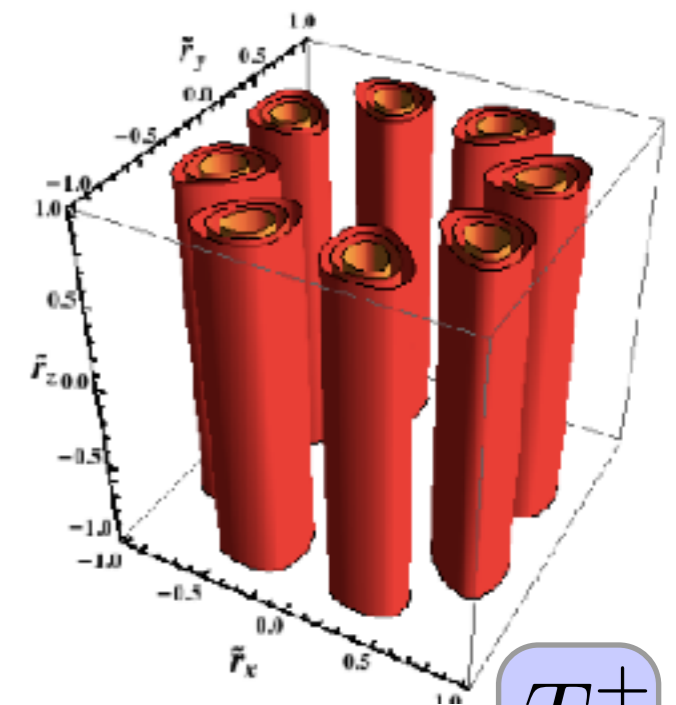
$$\Delta E \sim m_{\pi}$$

# Reducing elastic 2-body excited states

- Project onto non-interacting eigenstates of the box
- Very costly to perform exact momentum/angular momentum projection at both source & sink ( $\sim V$ )
- Perform exact projection only at the sink



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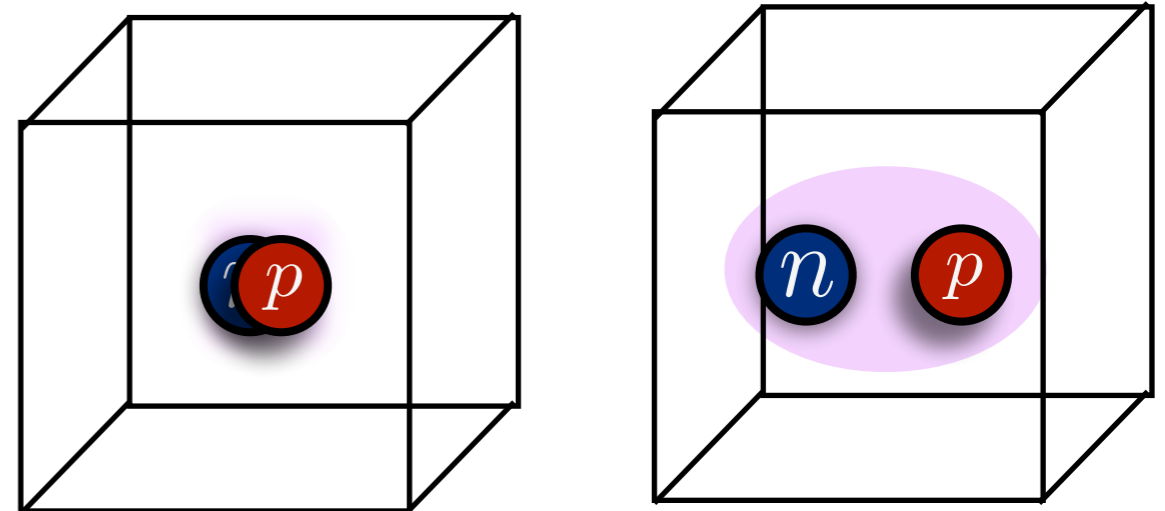
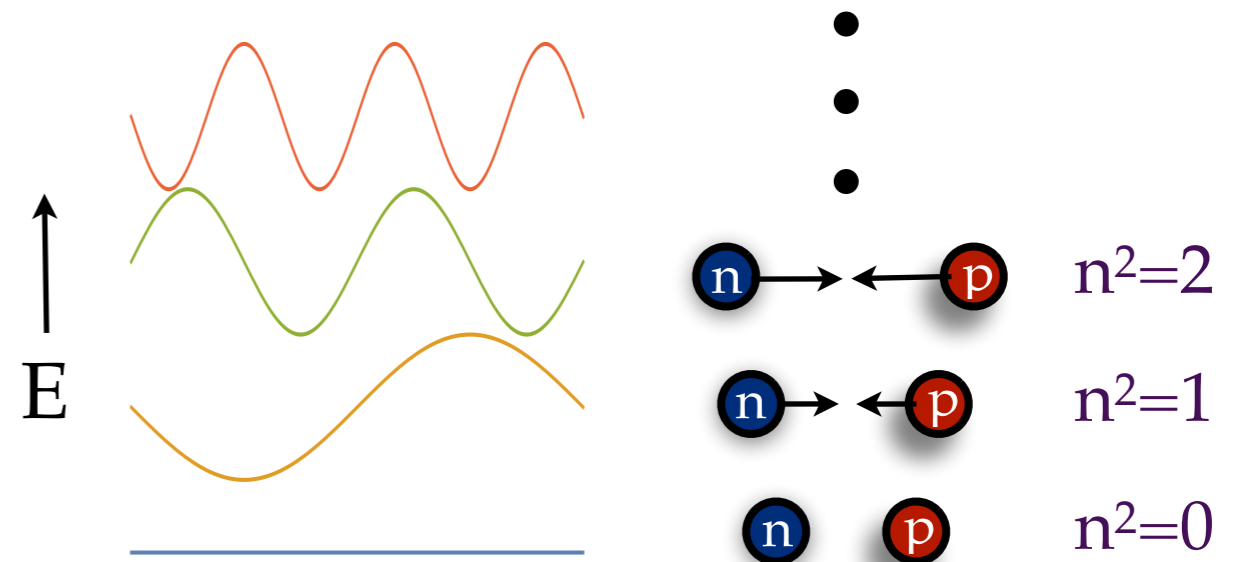


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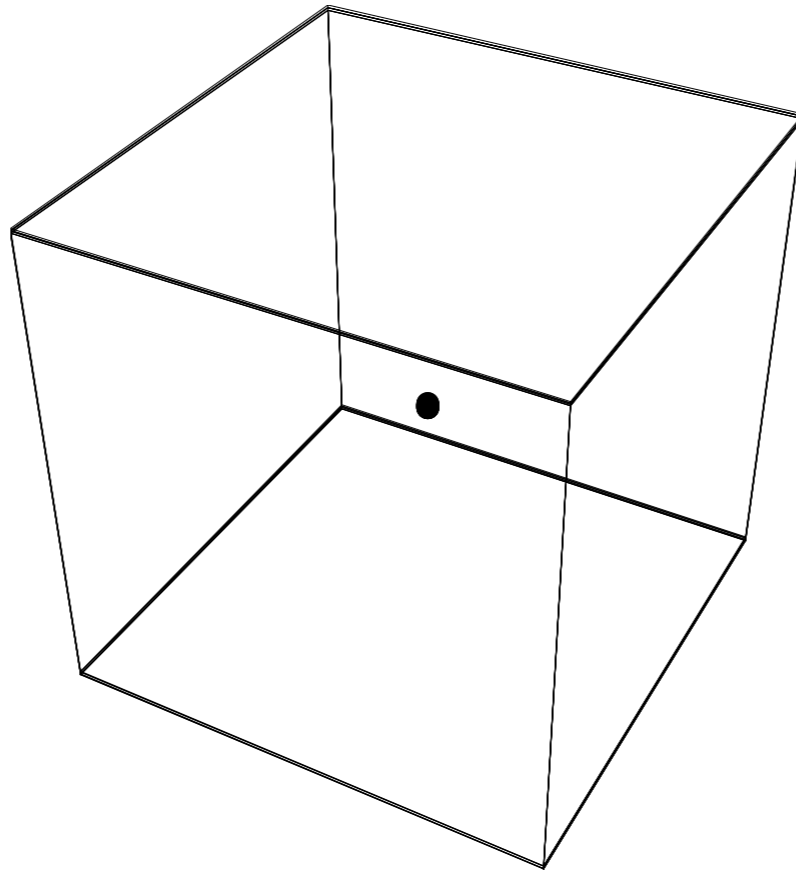


# Reducing elastic 2-body excited states

- Project onto non-interacting eigenstates of the box
- Very costly to perform exact momentum/angular momentum projection at both source & sink ( $\sim V$ )
- Source: need spatially displaced source operators to have overlap with  $\ell > 0$
- Even for s-wave, displaced sources are cleaner

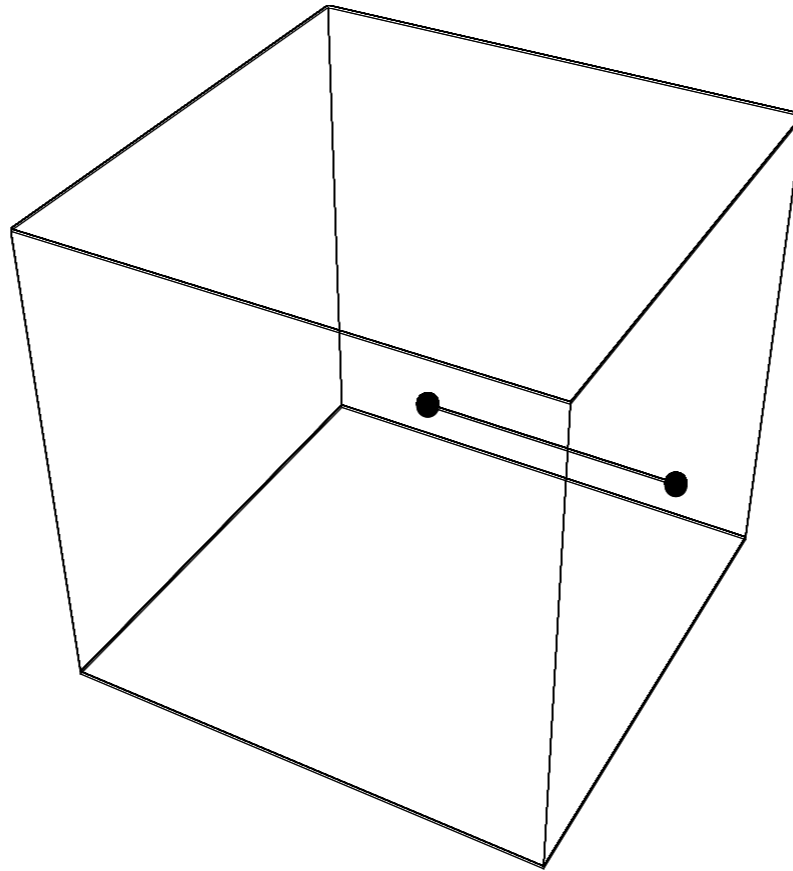


# Source: position space



Starting with a good interpolating operator for a  
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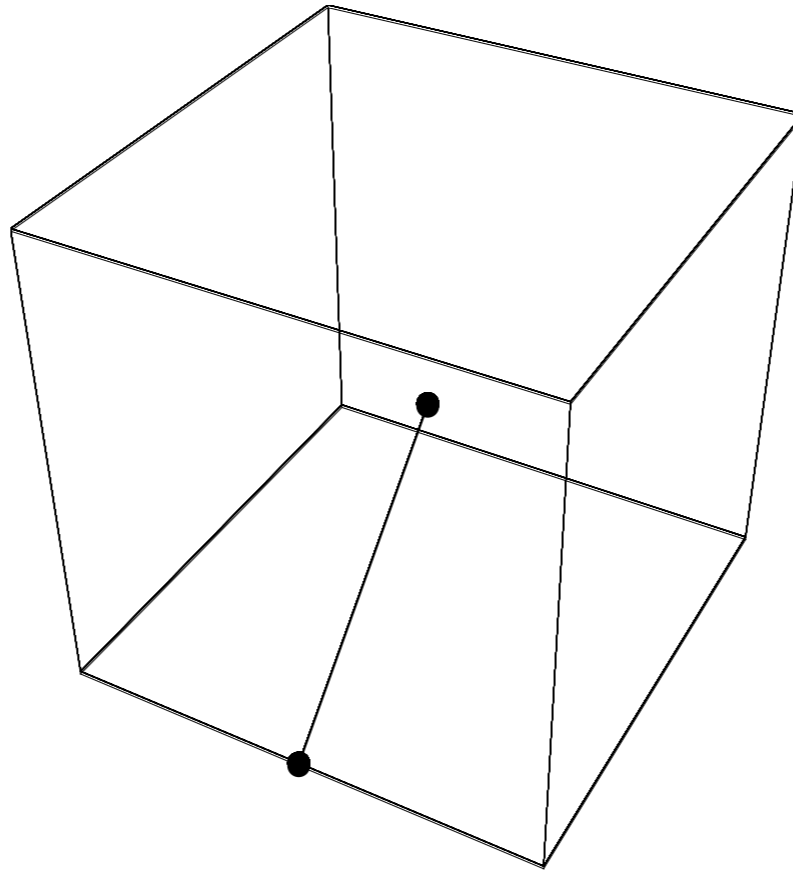
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Add displaced nucleon:  
"Face" (6)

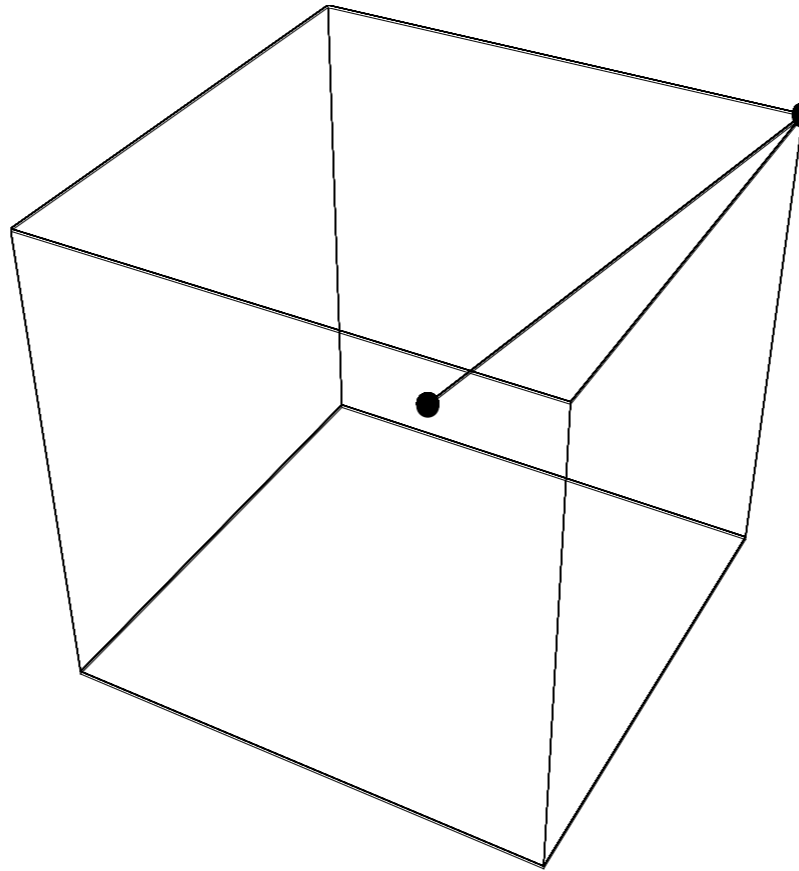


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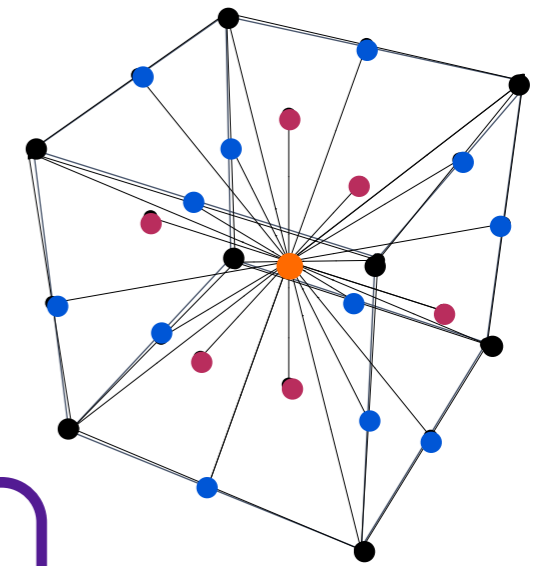
Add displaced nucleon:  
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# Source: position space

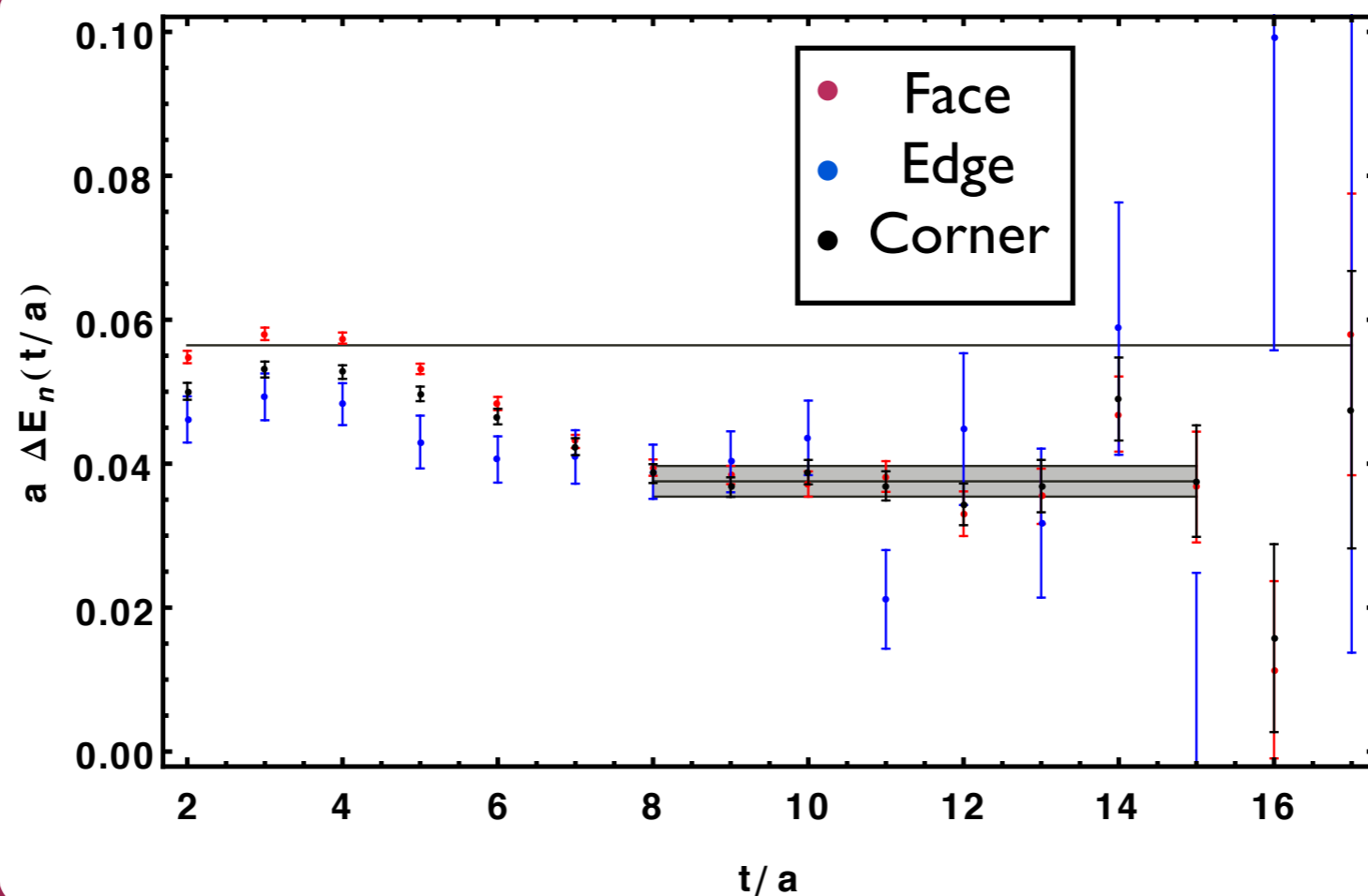


Add displaced nucleon:  
"Corner" (8)

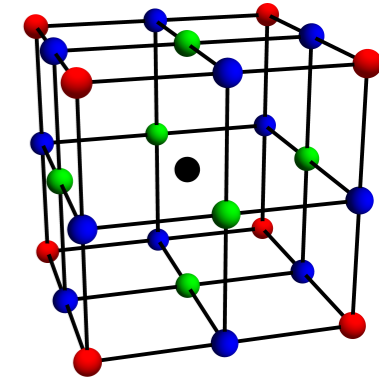
# Source: position space



Different source types give us a handle for isolating the desired state



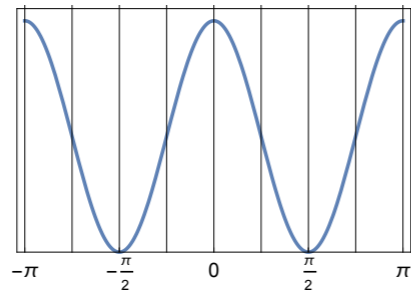
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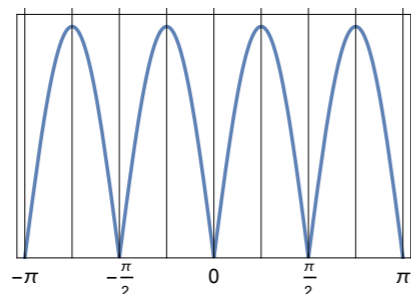
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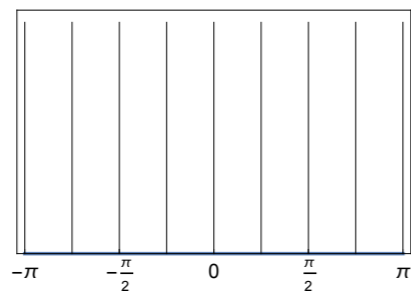
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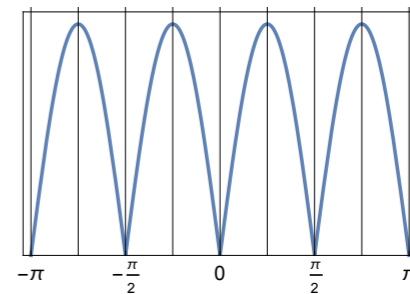
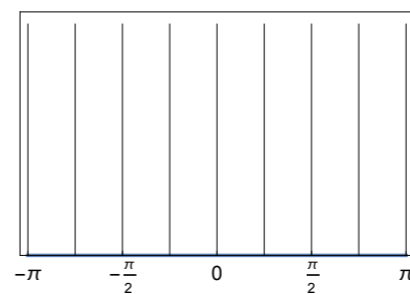
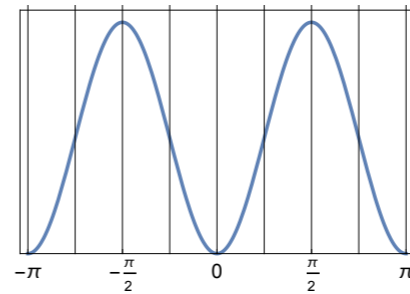
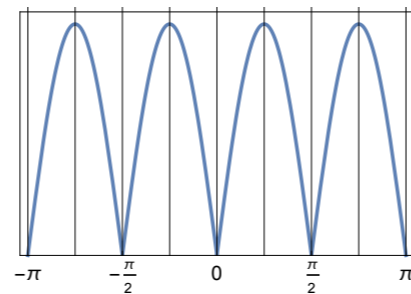
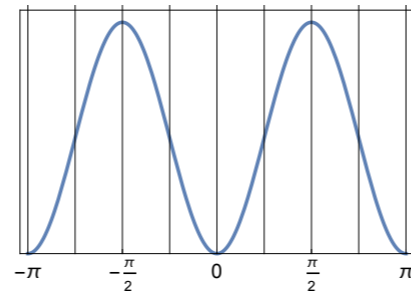
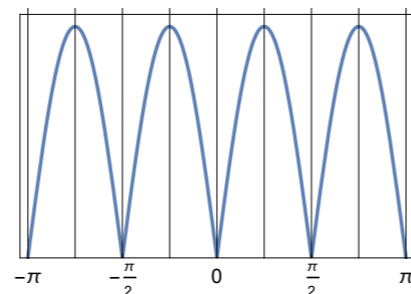
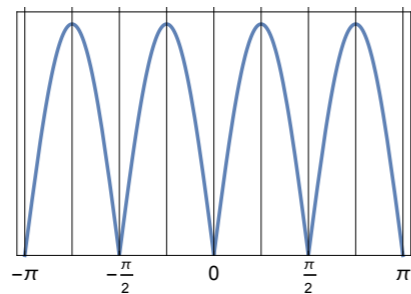
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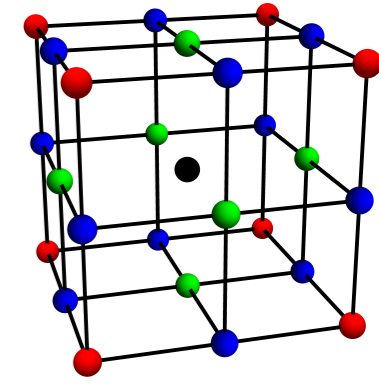
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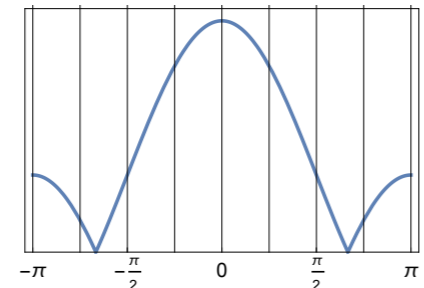
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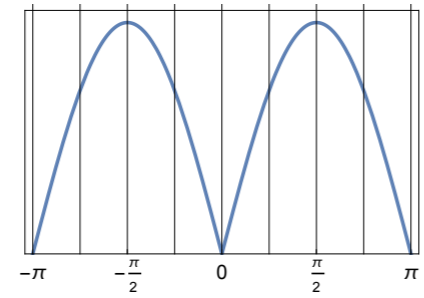
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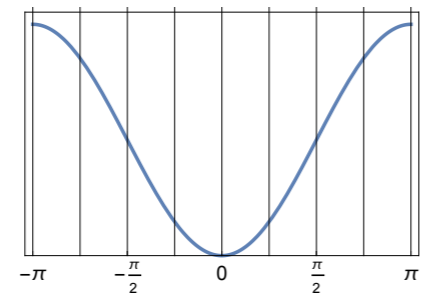
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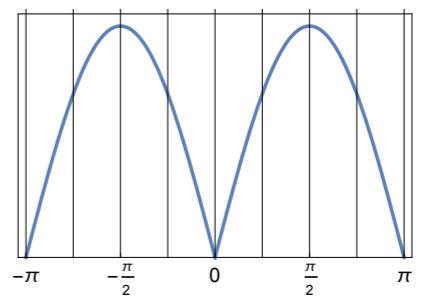
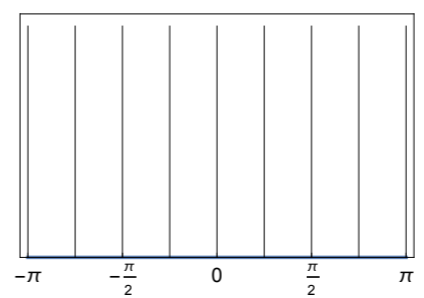
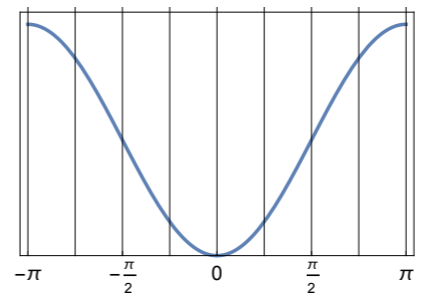
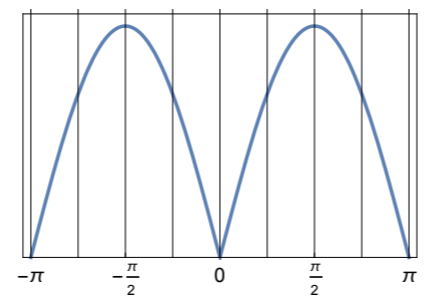
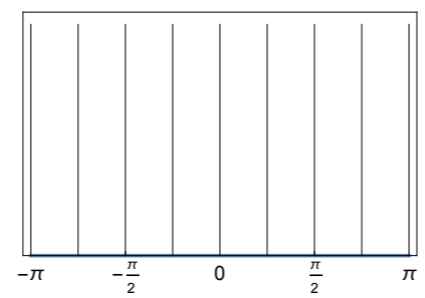
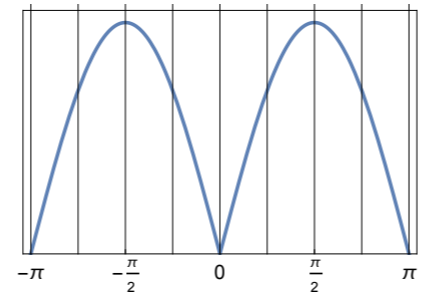
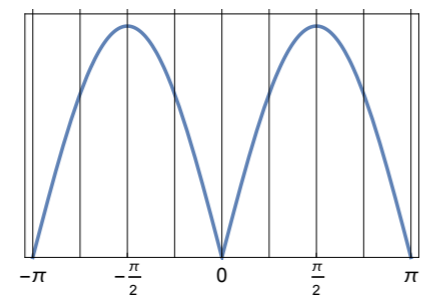
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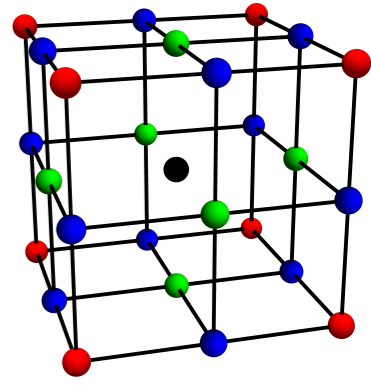
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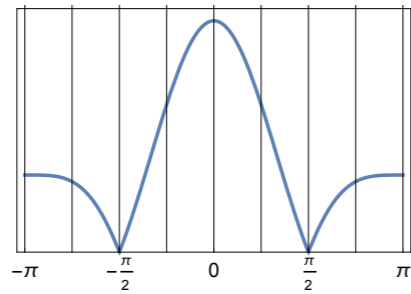
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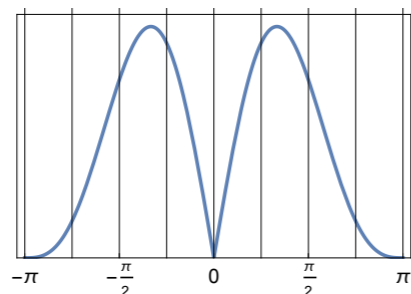
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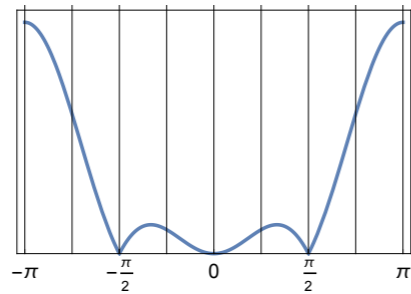
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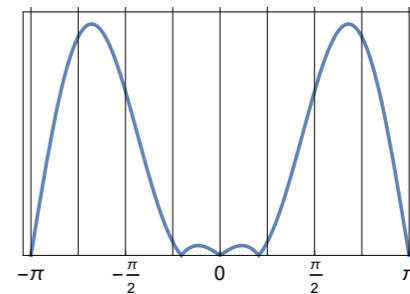
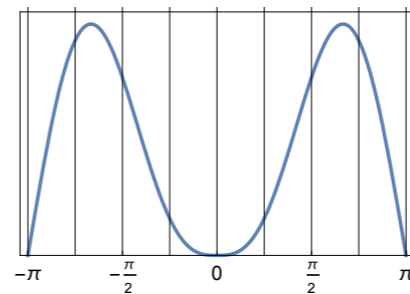
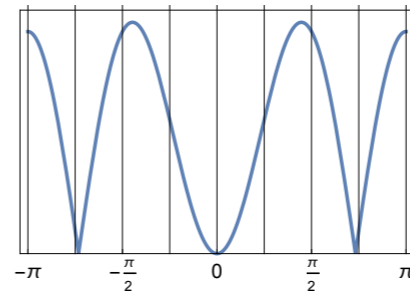
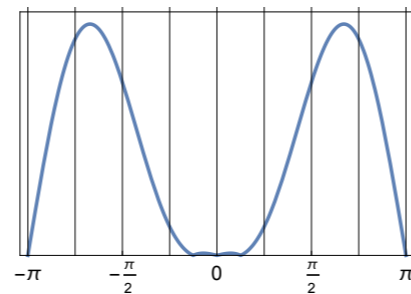
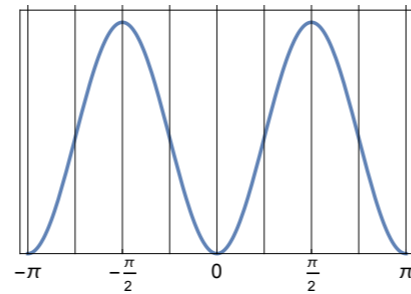
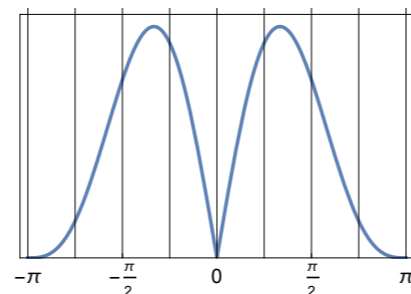
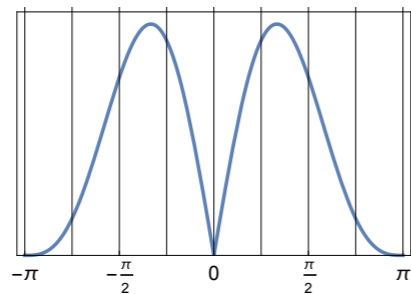
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# Propagator Reuse

$$0 = (0,0,0)$$

$$A = (L,L,L)/2$$

$$C = (\pm 1, \pm 1, \pm 1) \Delta x$$

10 local sources

+1 *maximally displaced*

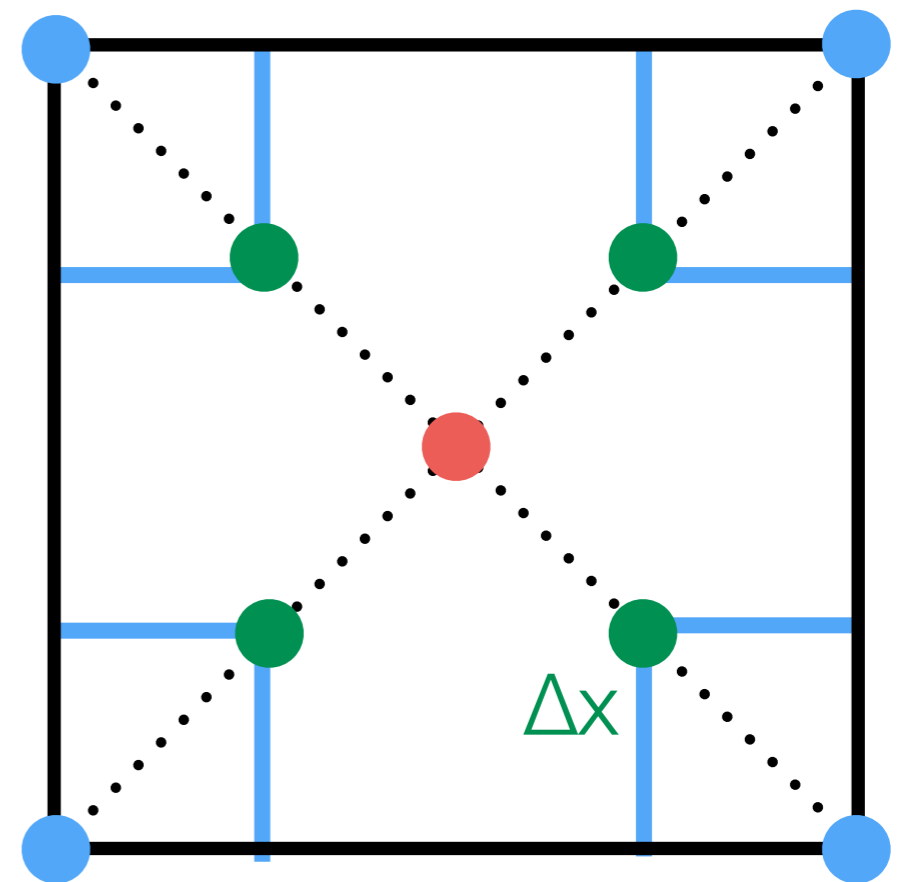
+1 *corner*( $\Delta x$ ) around  $0$

+1 *corner*( $L/2 - \Delta x$ ) around  $A$

+1/2 *corner*( $2\Delta x$ ) from  $C$

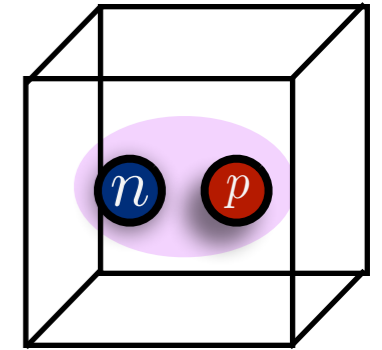
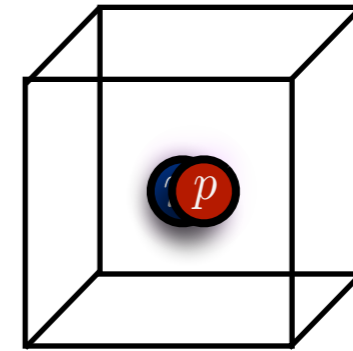
+2 *faces*( $2\Delta x$ ) from  $C$

+1 *edges*( $2\Delta x$ ) from  $C$

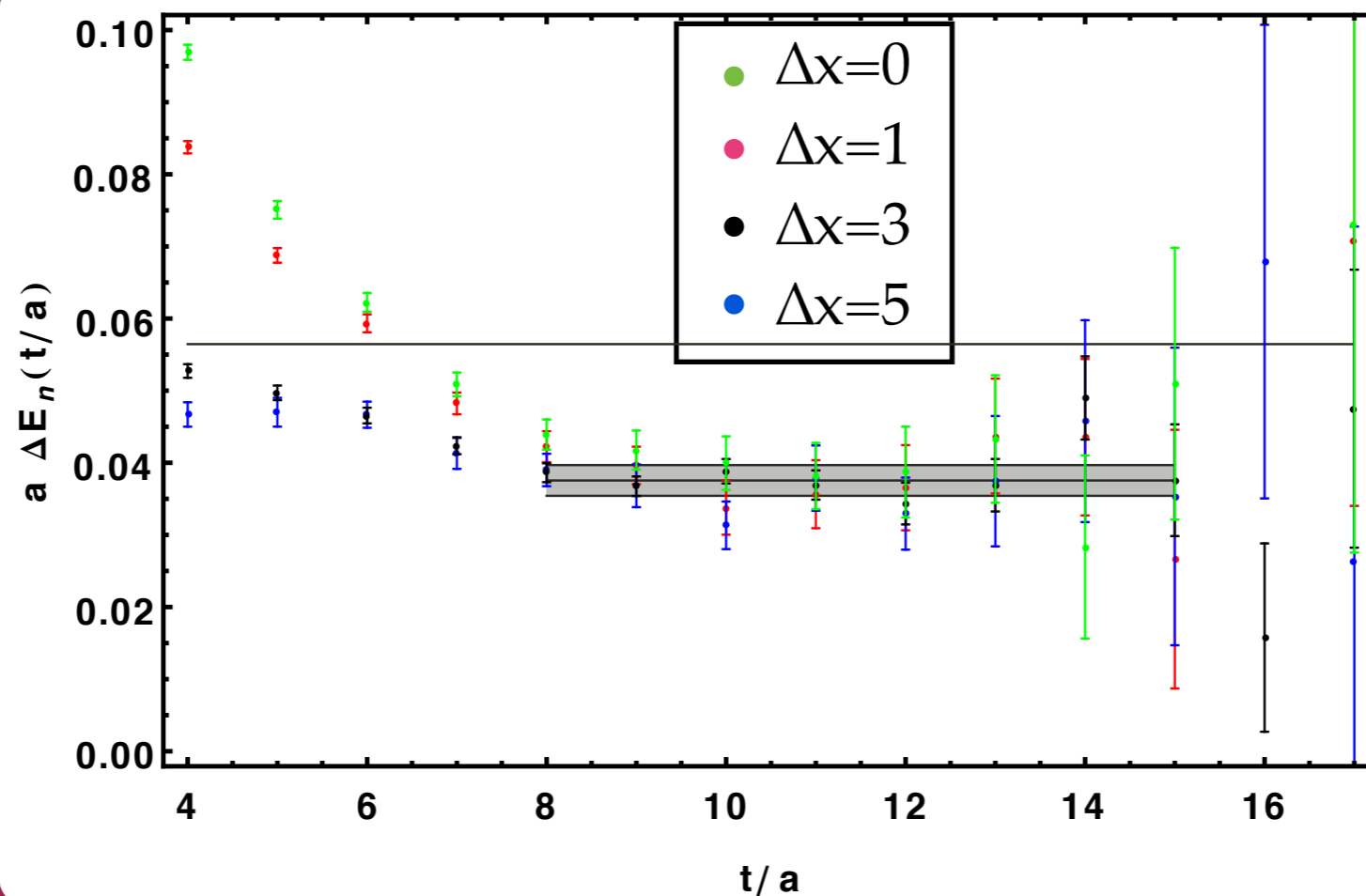




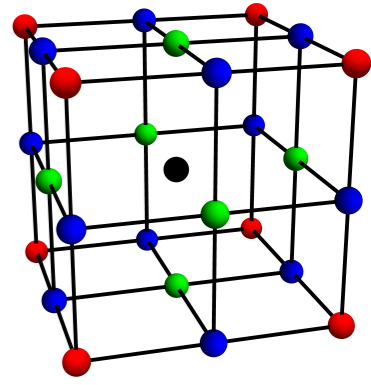
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Large displacements are necessary for maximal overlap with low-energy states



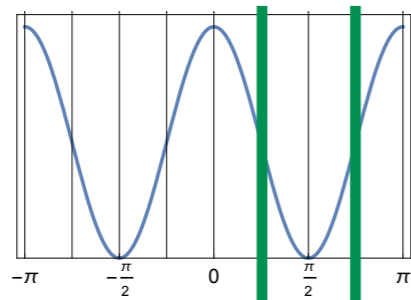
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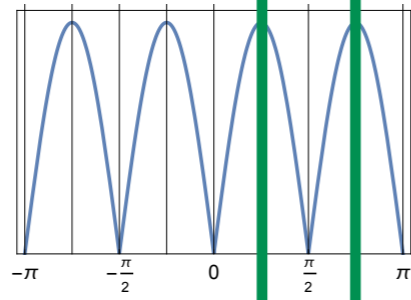
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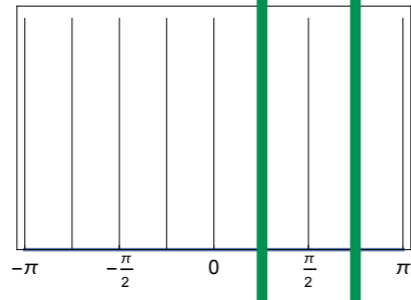
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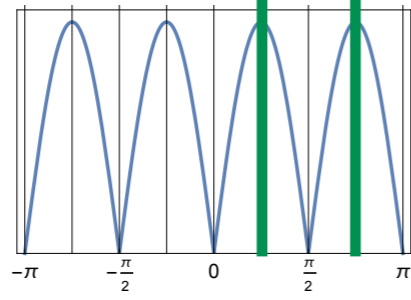
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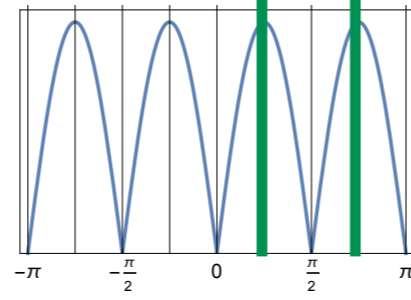
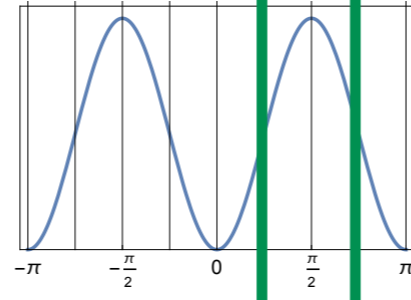
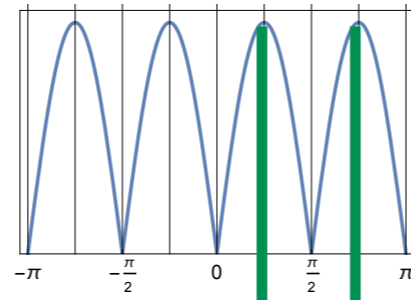
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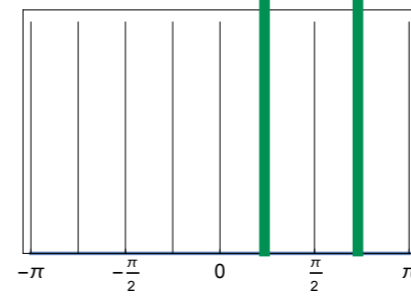
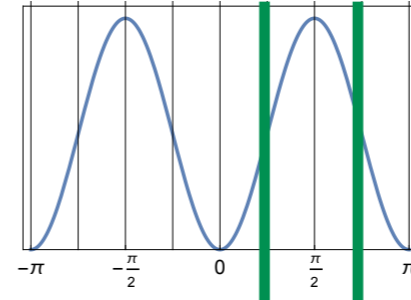
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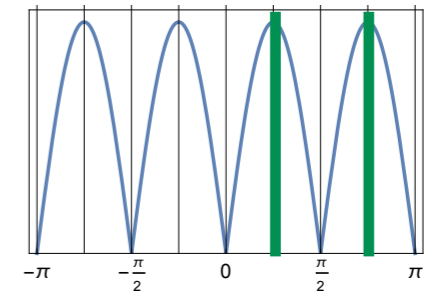
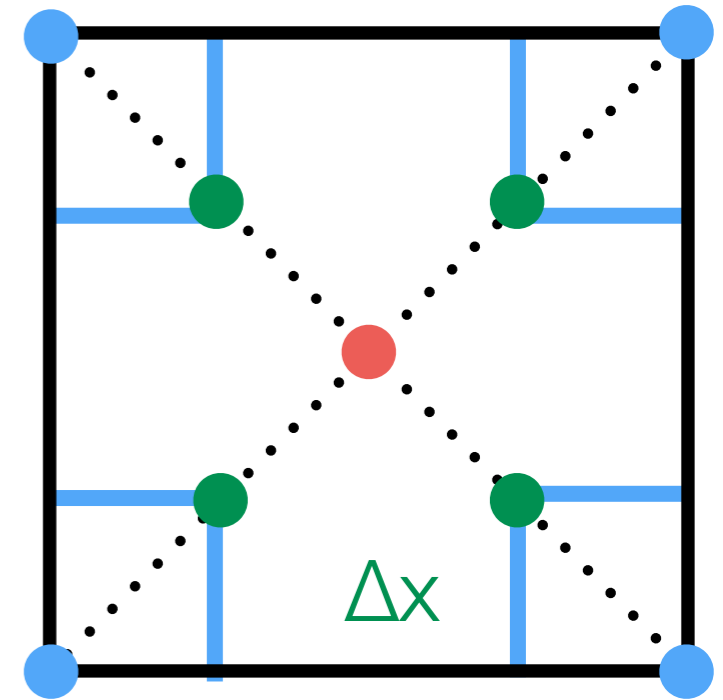
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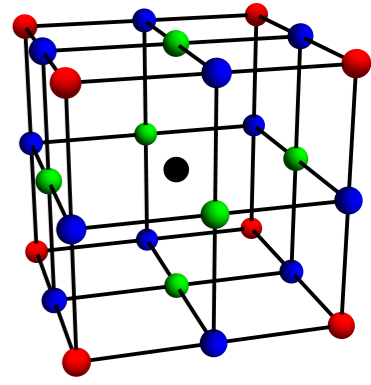


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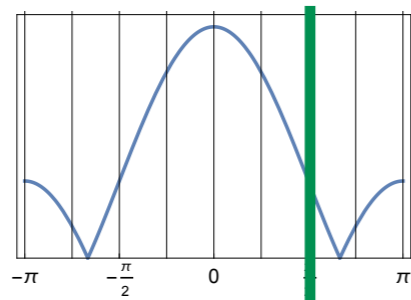
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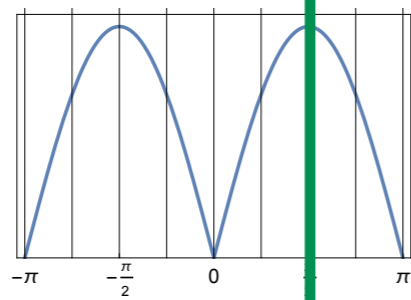
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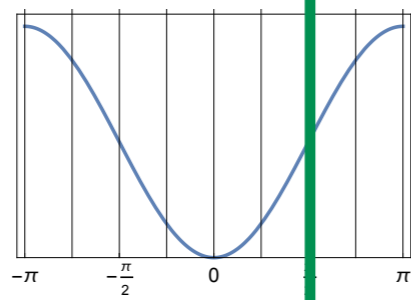
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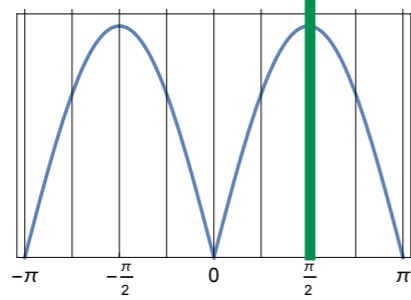
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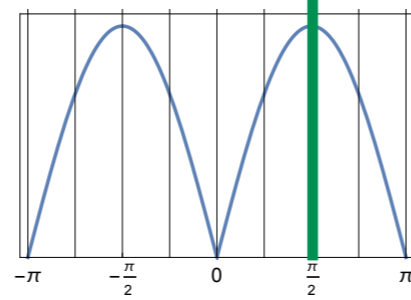
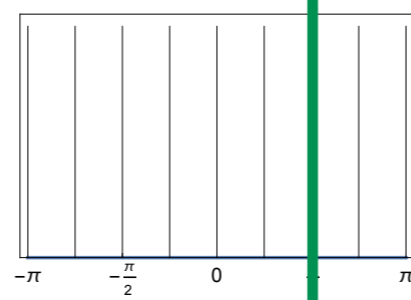
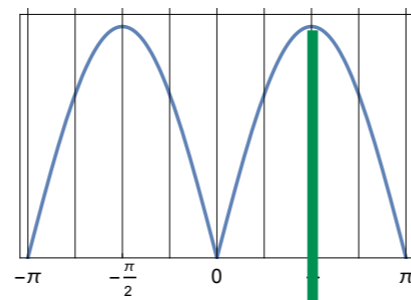
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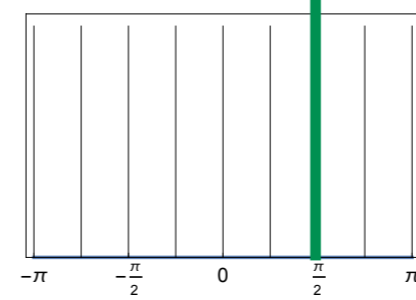
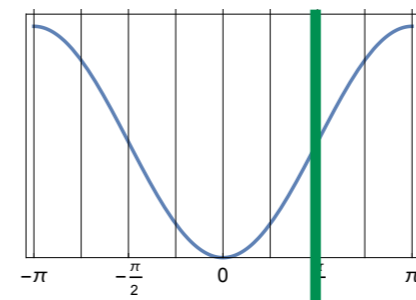
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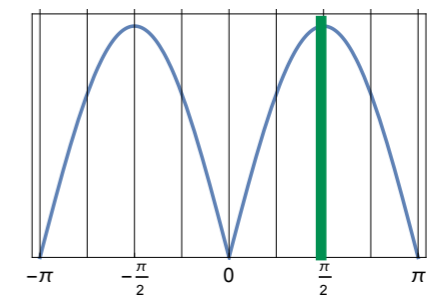
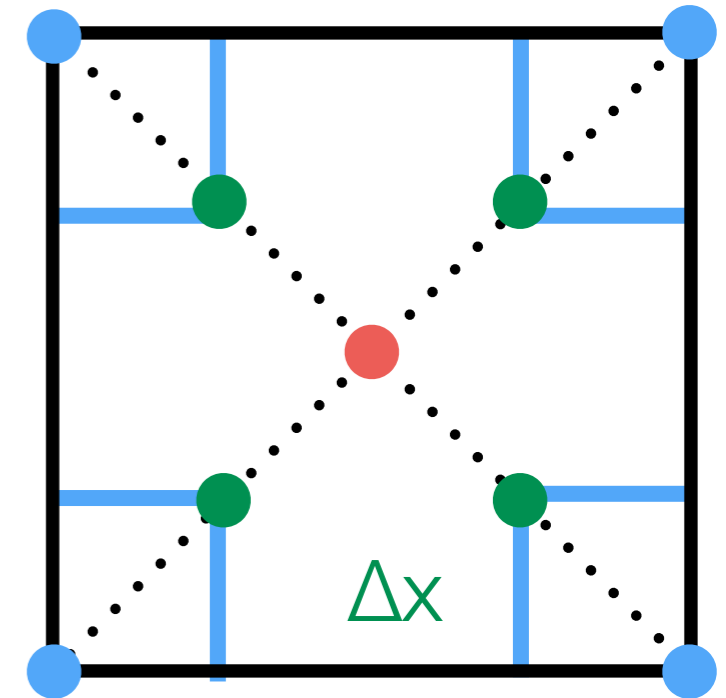
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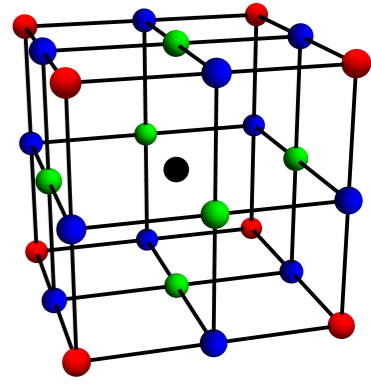


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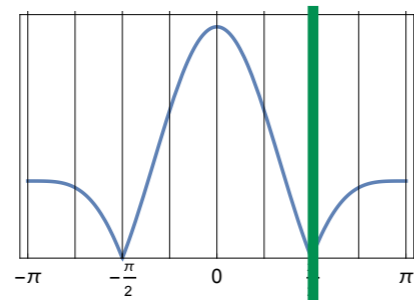
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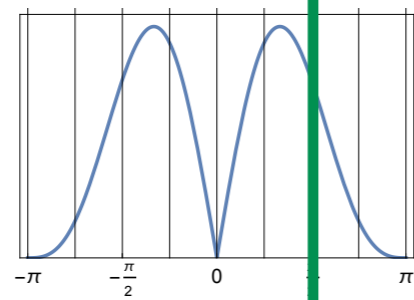
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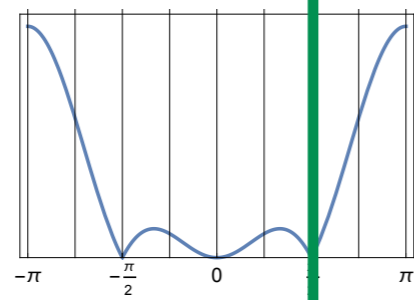
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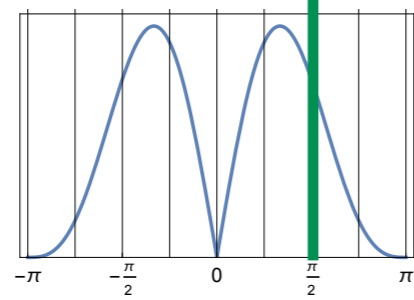
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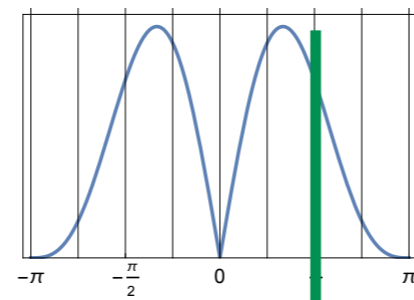
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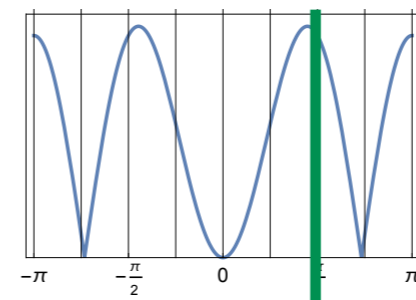
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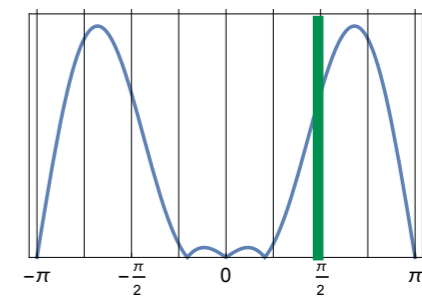
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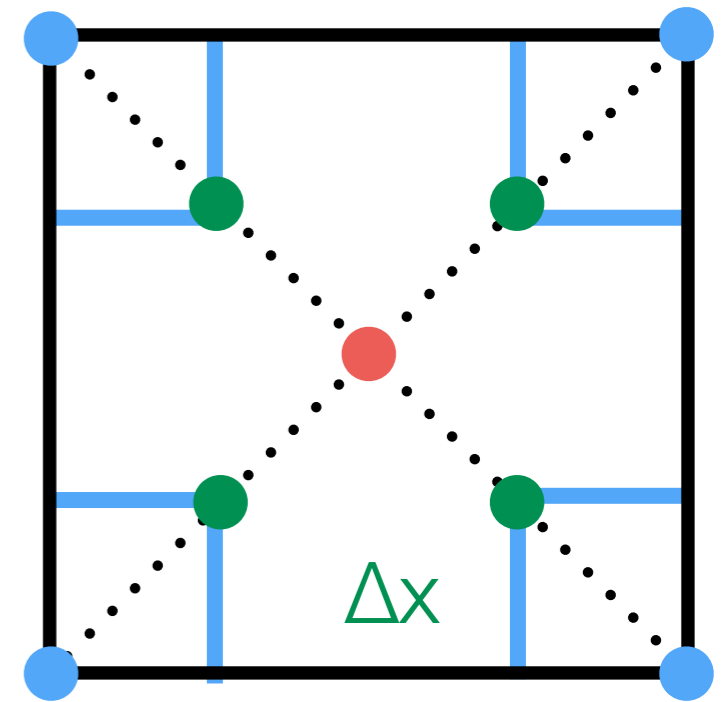
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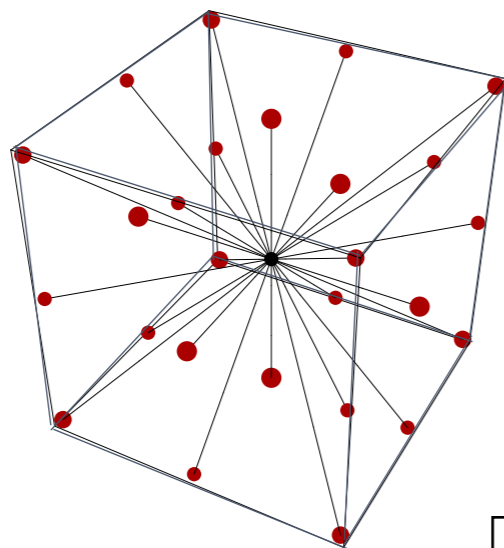


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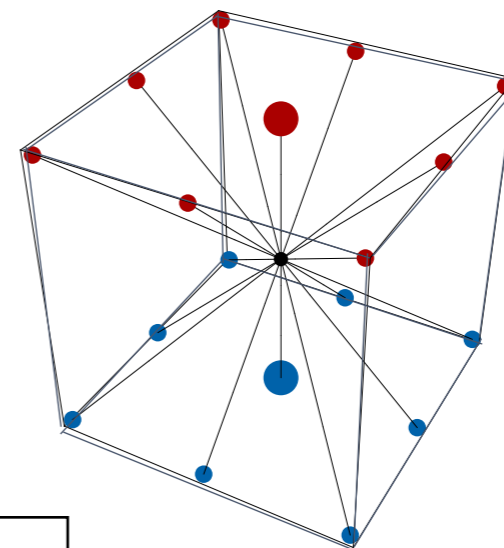


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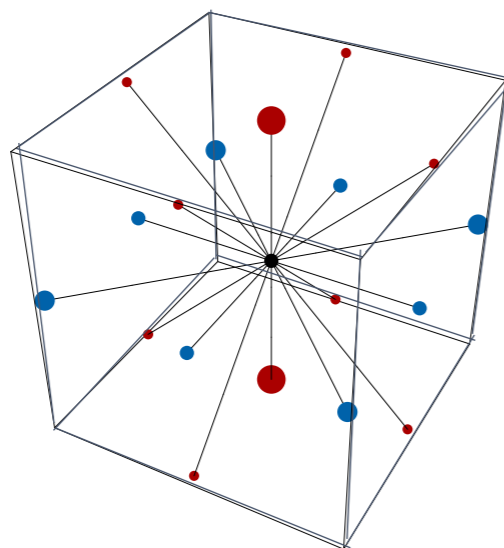
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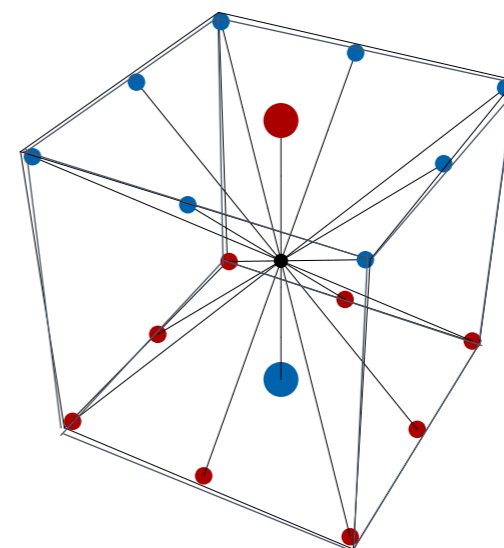


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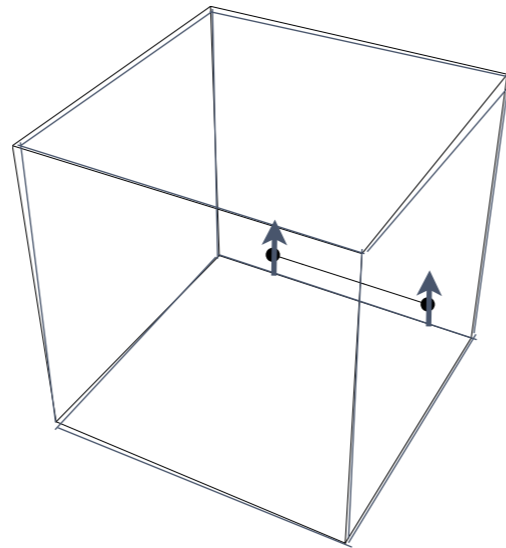
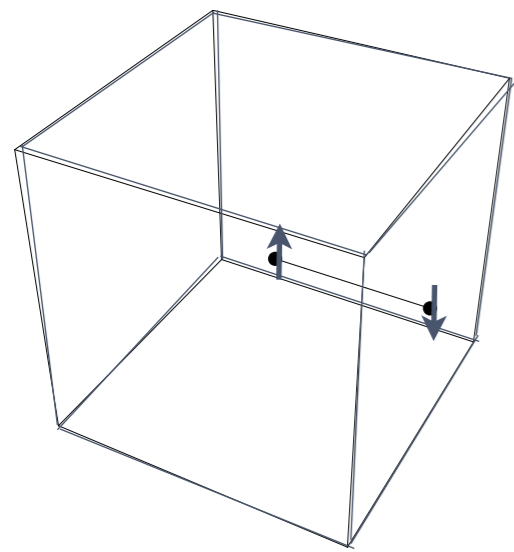


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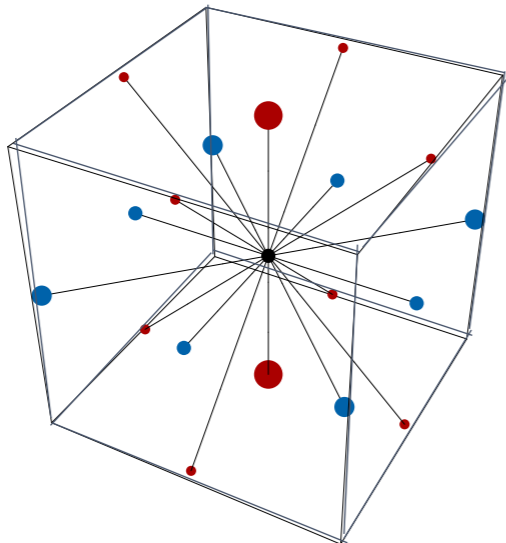
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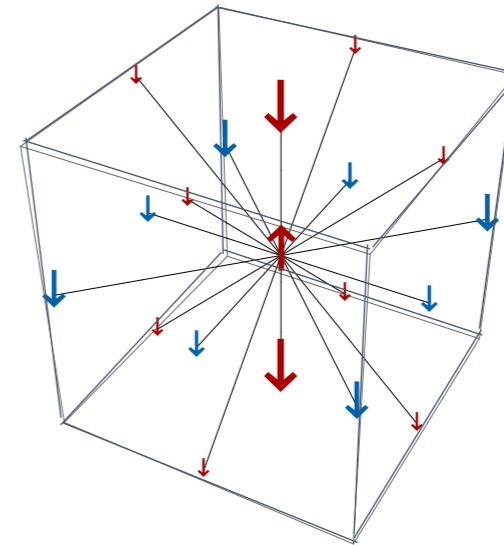
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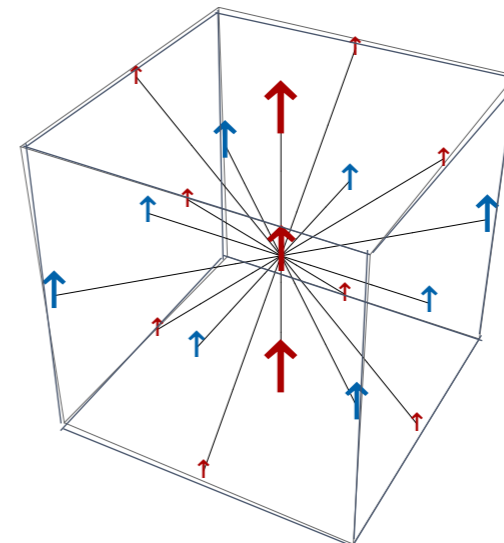
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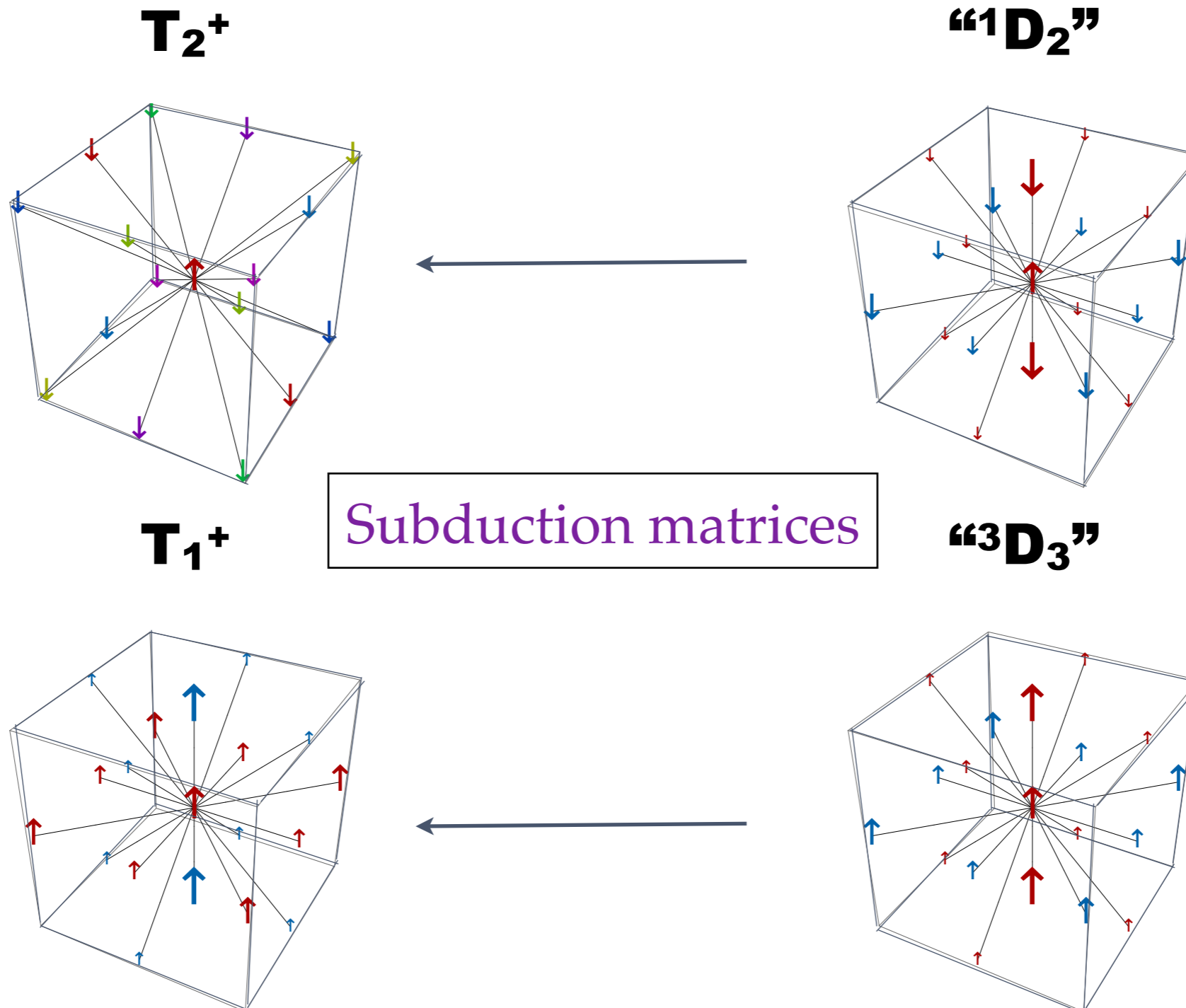


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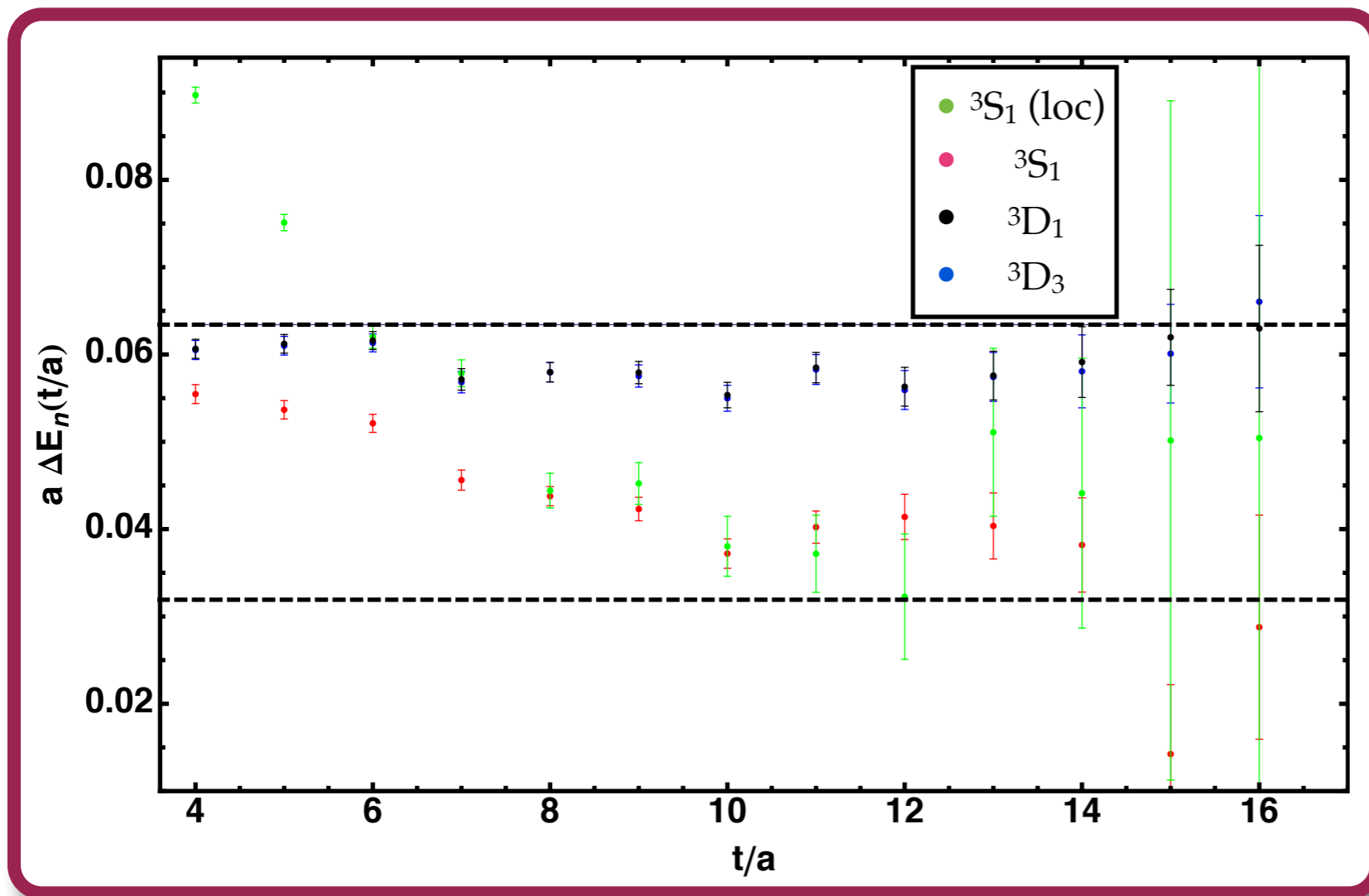
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Set of multiple sources  
coupling to same cubic irrep

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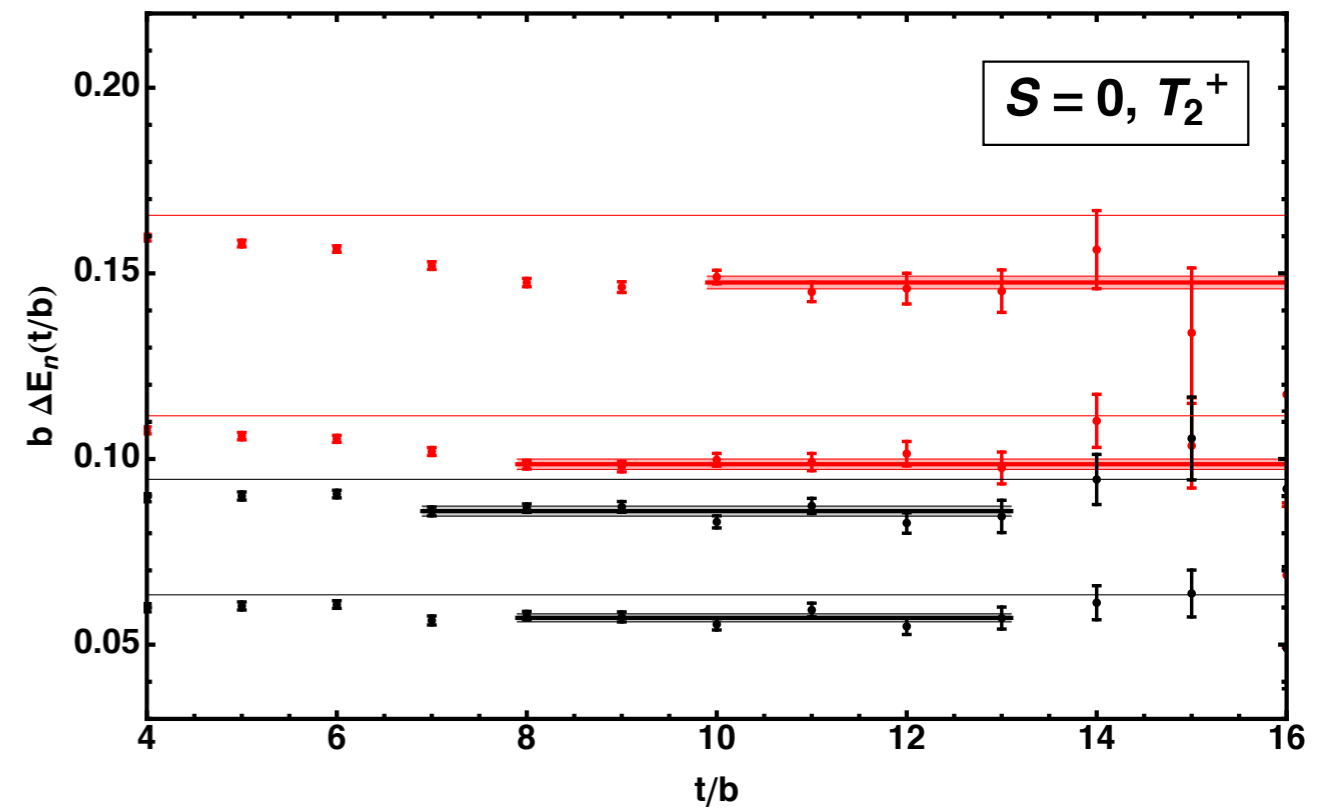
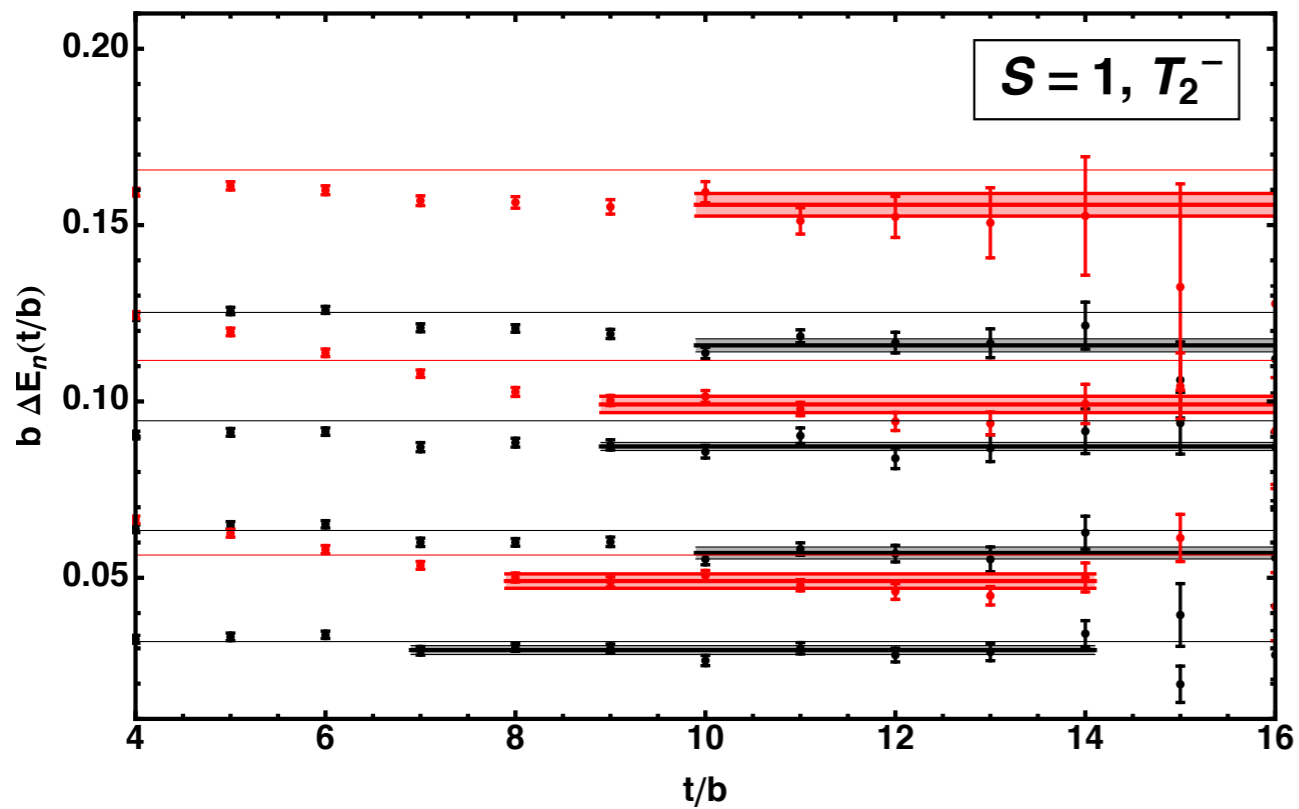
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Partial wave	Irreps
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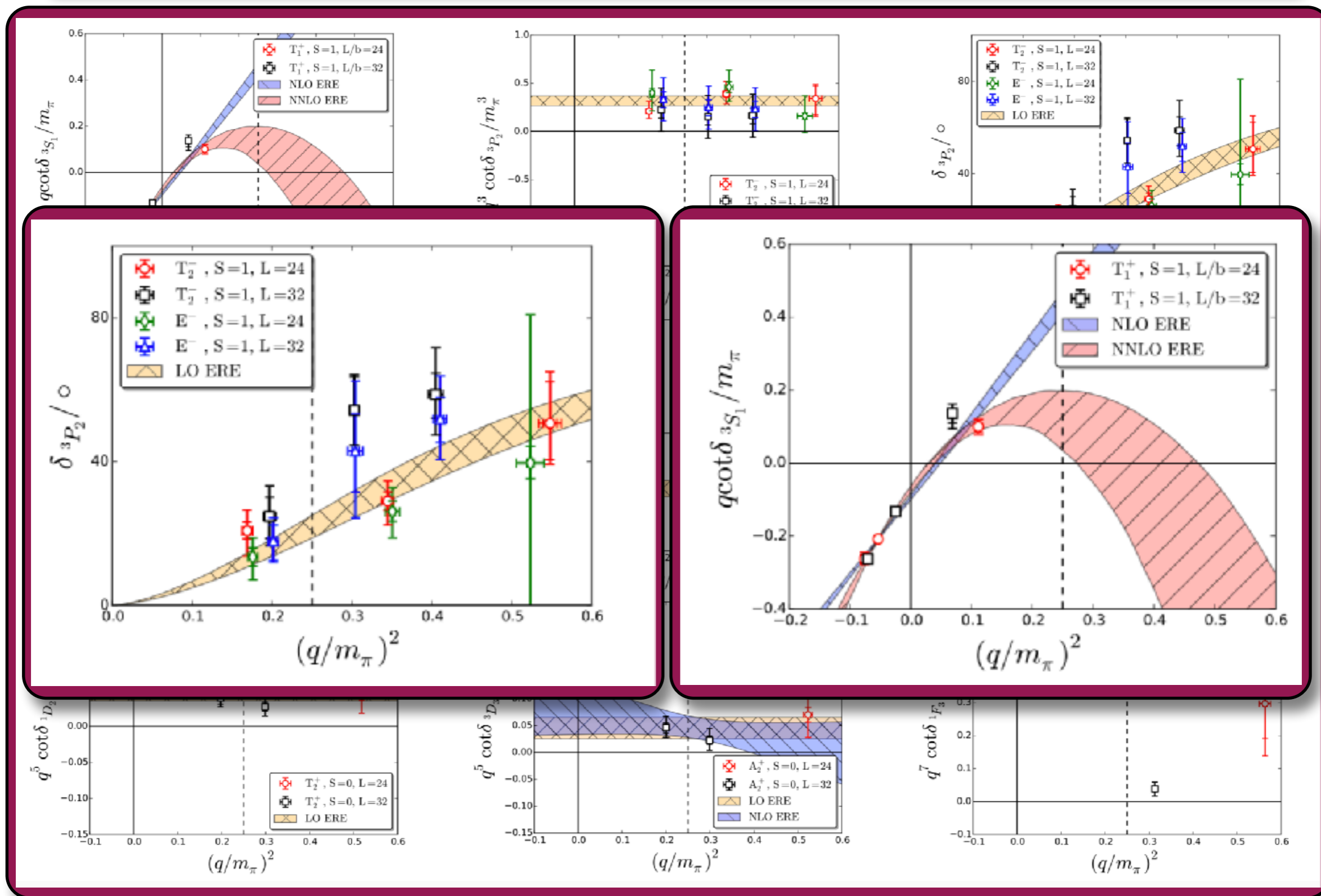
# Signals

- $m_\pi \sim 800$  MeV
- $a \sim 0.145$  fm
- $L \sim 2.5, 3.5$  fm
- $\sim$  IM sources
- W&M/JLab configs

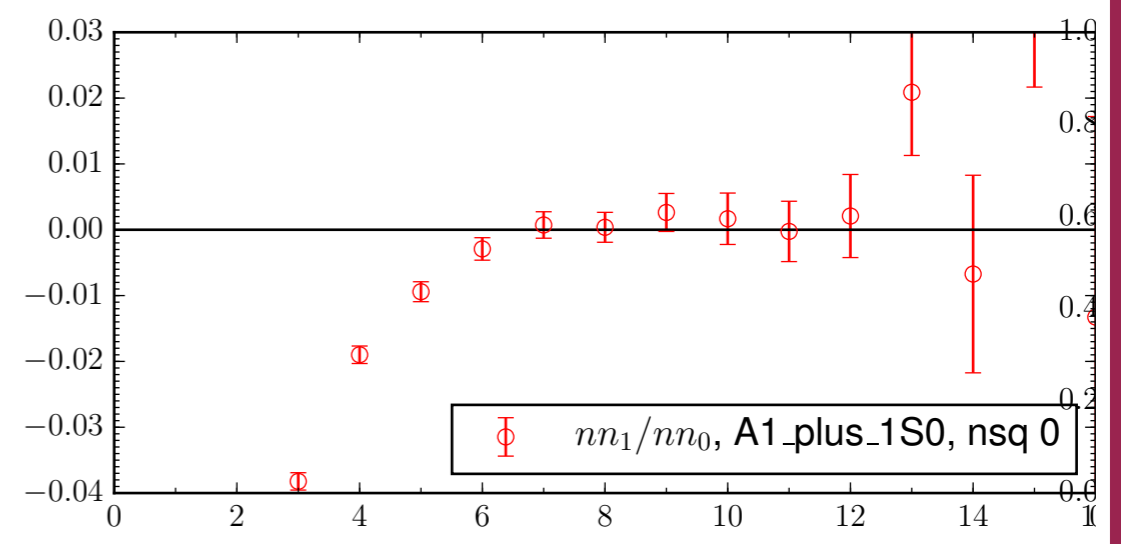
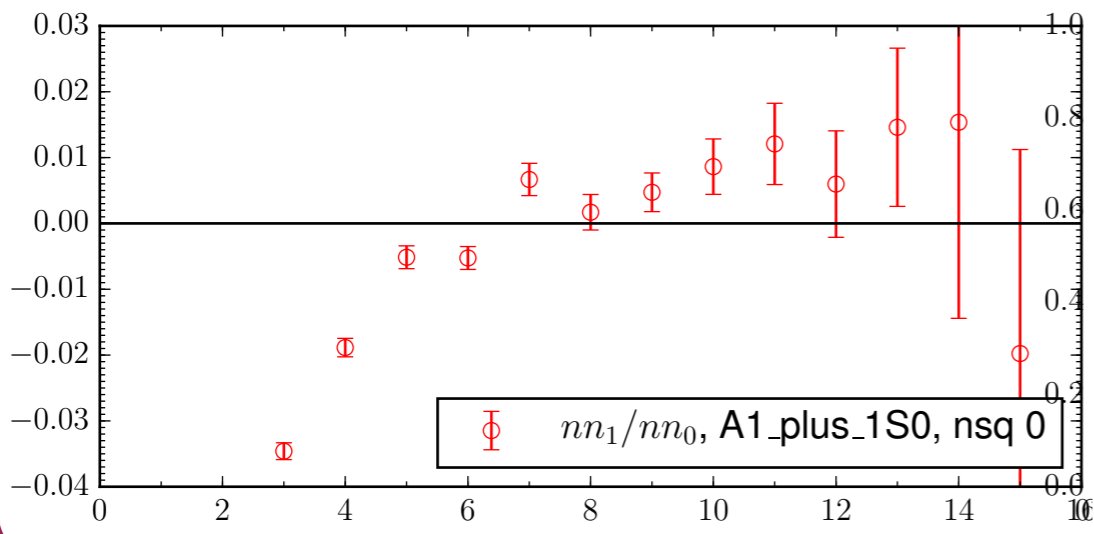
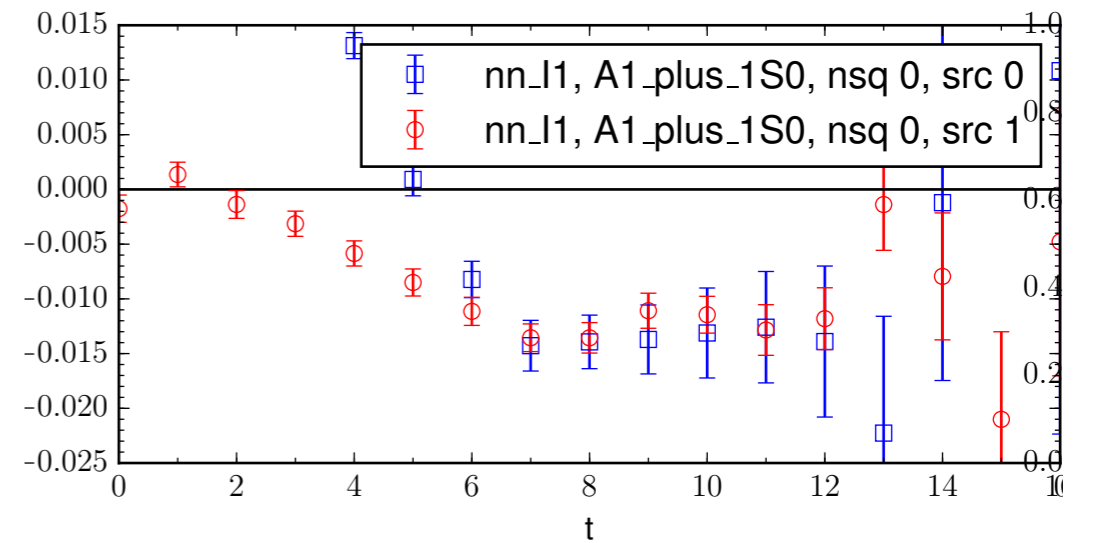
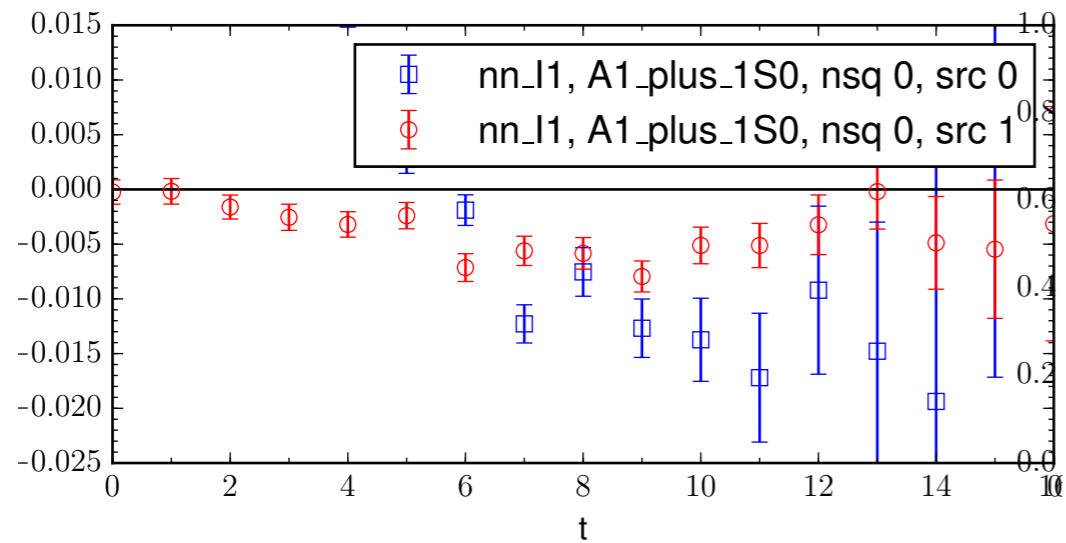
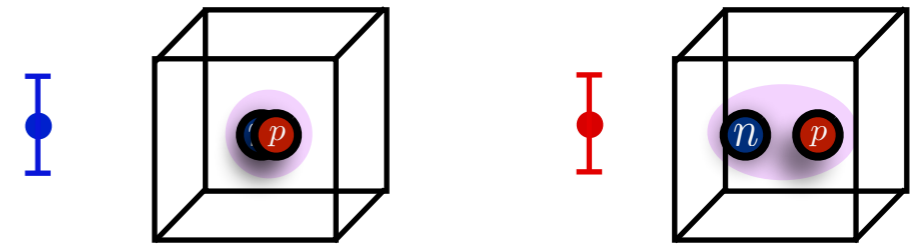


- $L=32$
- $L=24$

# NN scattering at $m_\pi \sim 800$ MeV

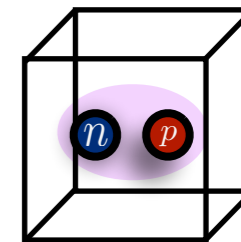
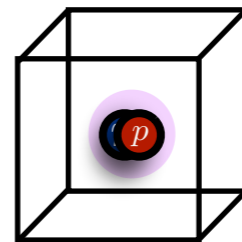


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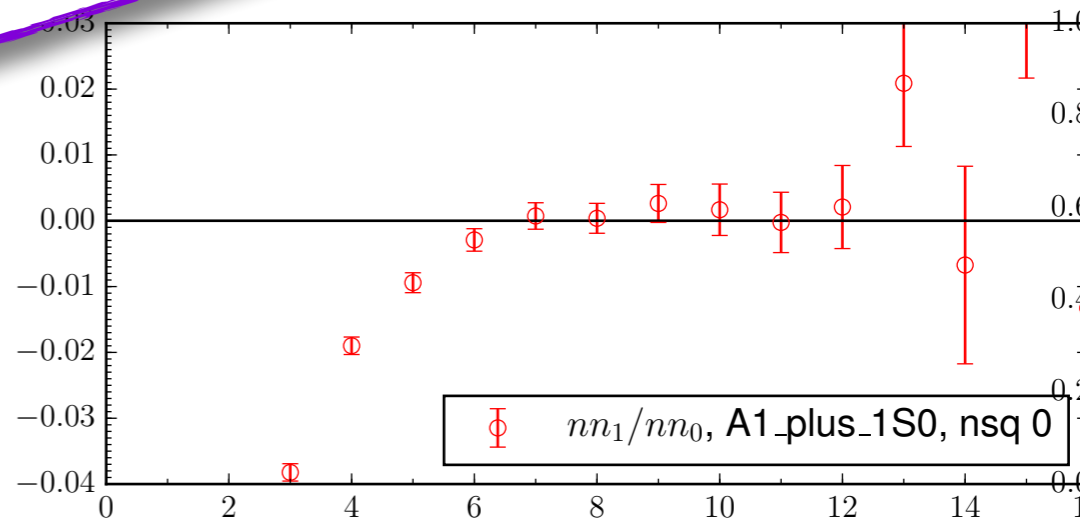
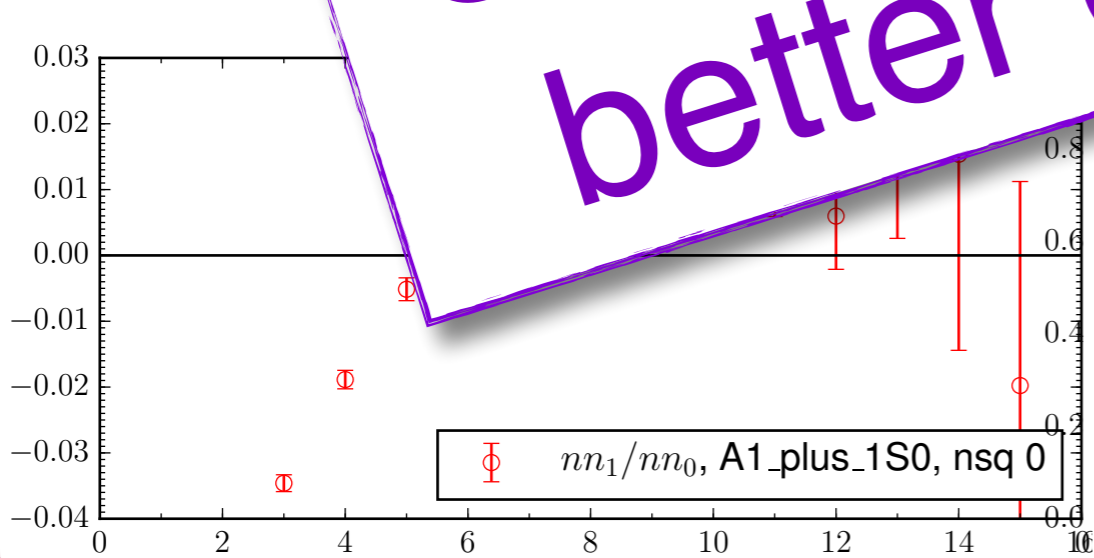
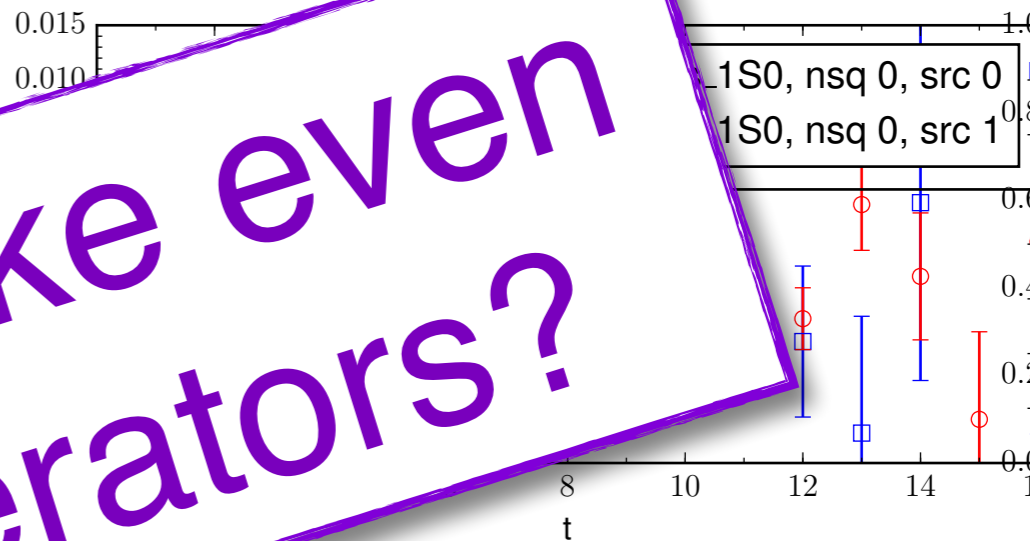
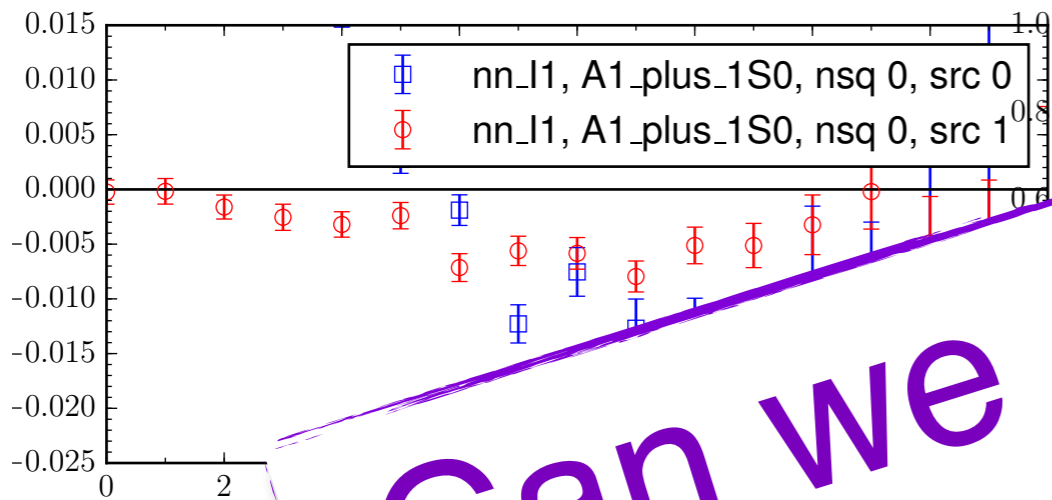




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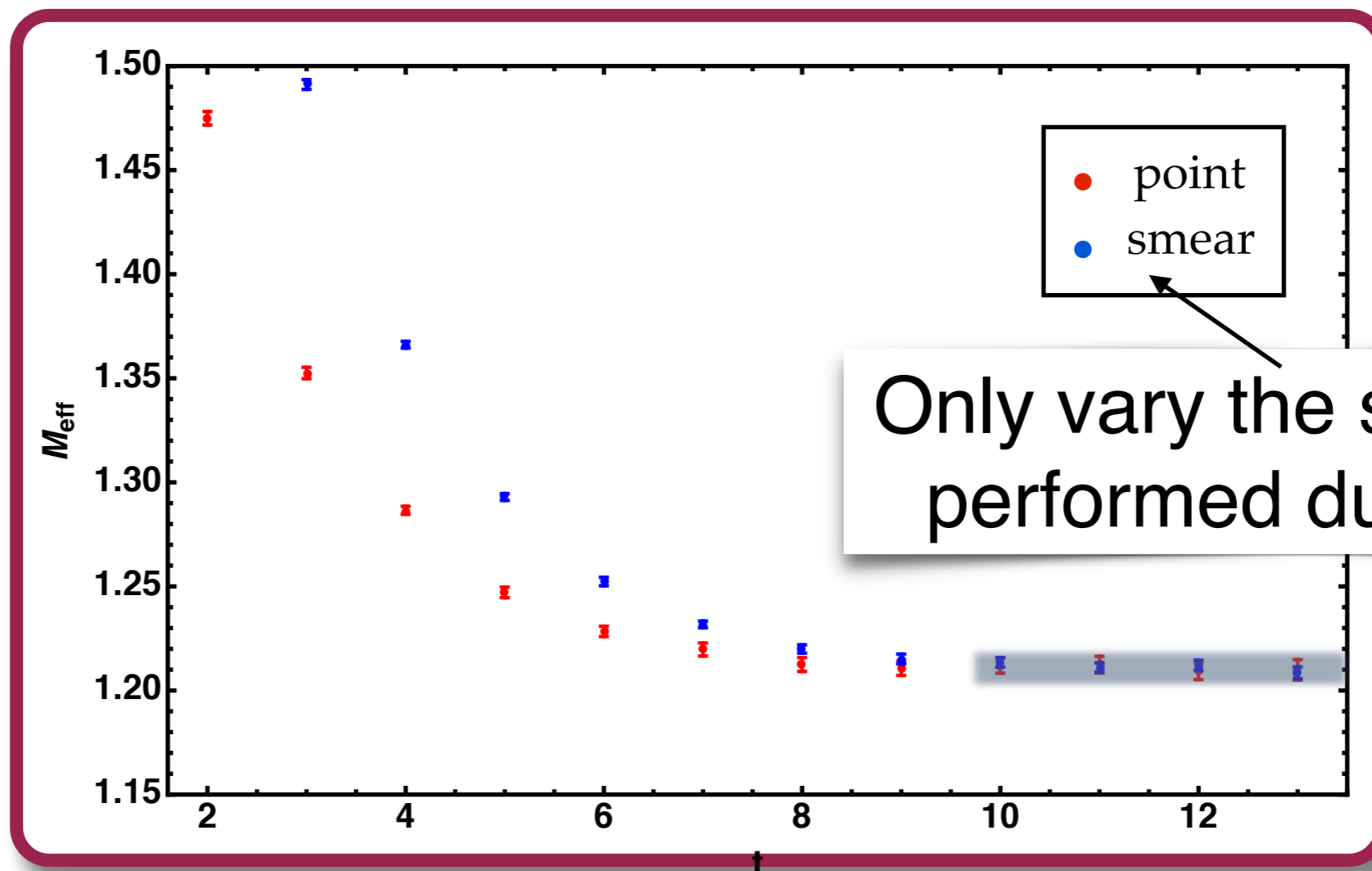
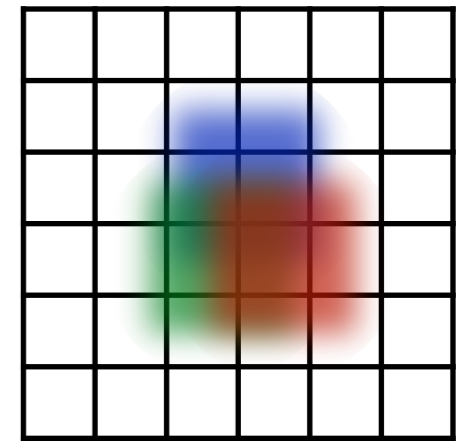
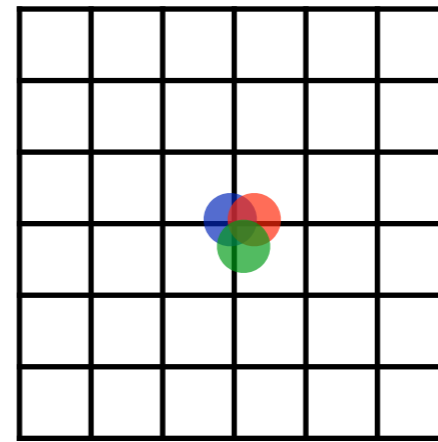


Can we make even better operators?



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# Matrix Prony: poor man's GEVP



Only vary the sink: easily performed during FFT

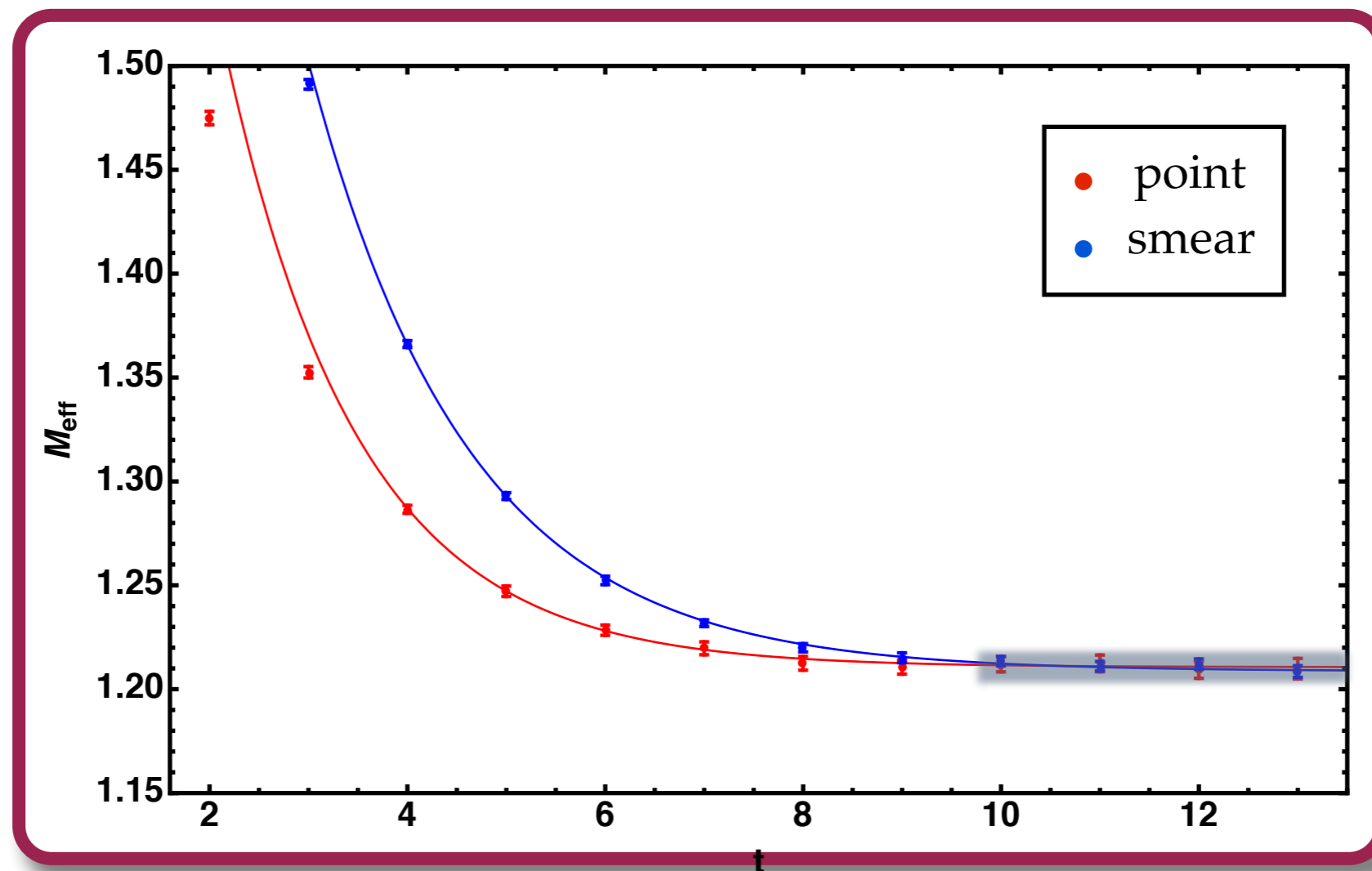
Single nucleon correlator

# Matrix Prony: poor man's GEVP

$$C_0(t + t_0) + \alpha C(t) = 0$$

$$\alpha = -e^{-E_0 t_0}$$

$$E_0 = -\frac{1}{t_0} \ln \frac{C(t + t_0)}{C(t)}$$



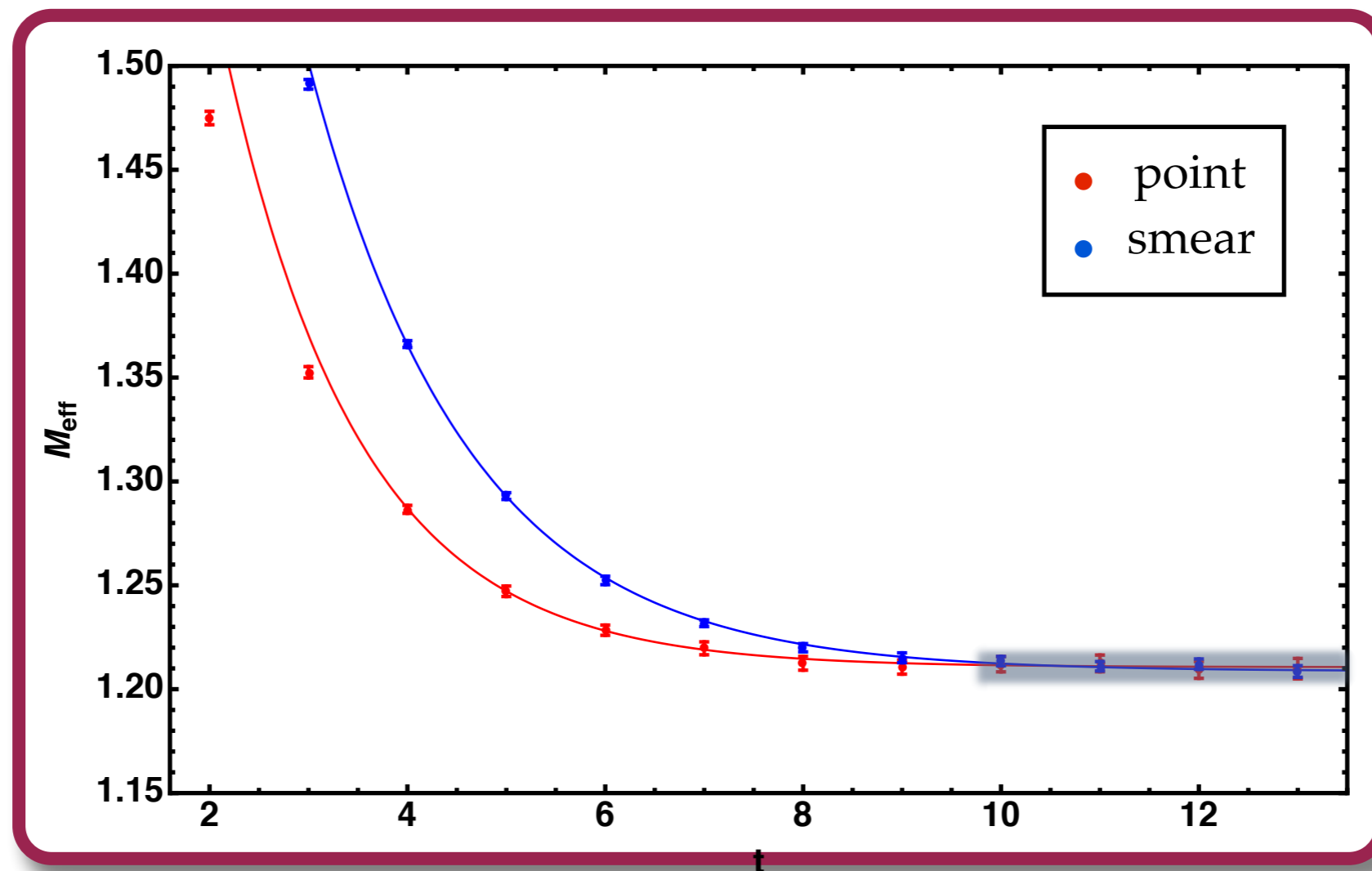
Single nucleon correlator

NPLQCD (2009)



# Matrix Prony: poor man's GEVP

$$MC(t + t_0) - VC(t) = 0$$
$$C(t) = \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_n u_n \lambda_n^{-t} \quad \lambda = e^{E_n}$$
$$Mu = \lambda^{t_0} Vu$$
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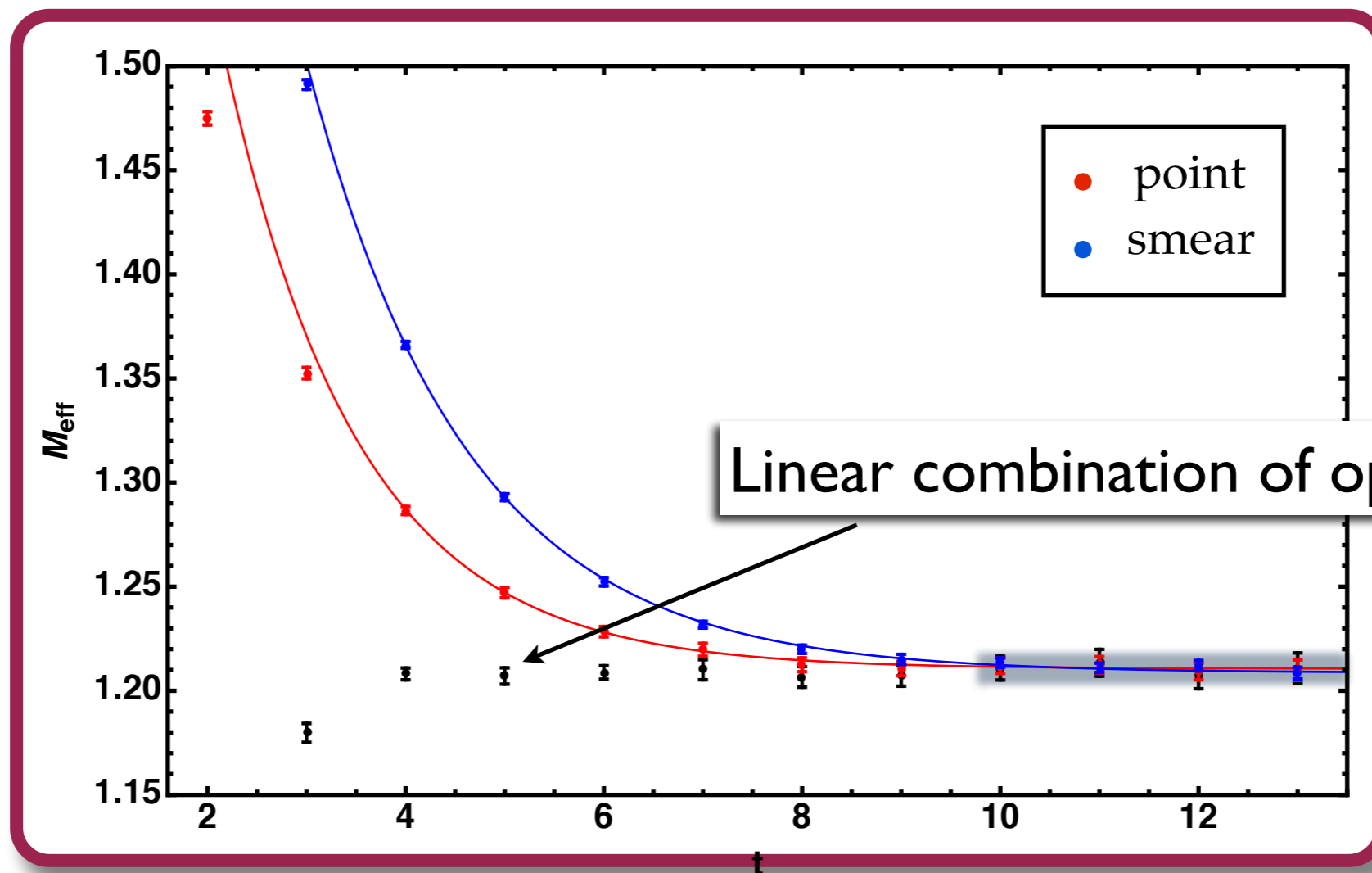
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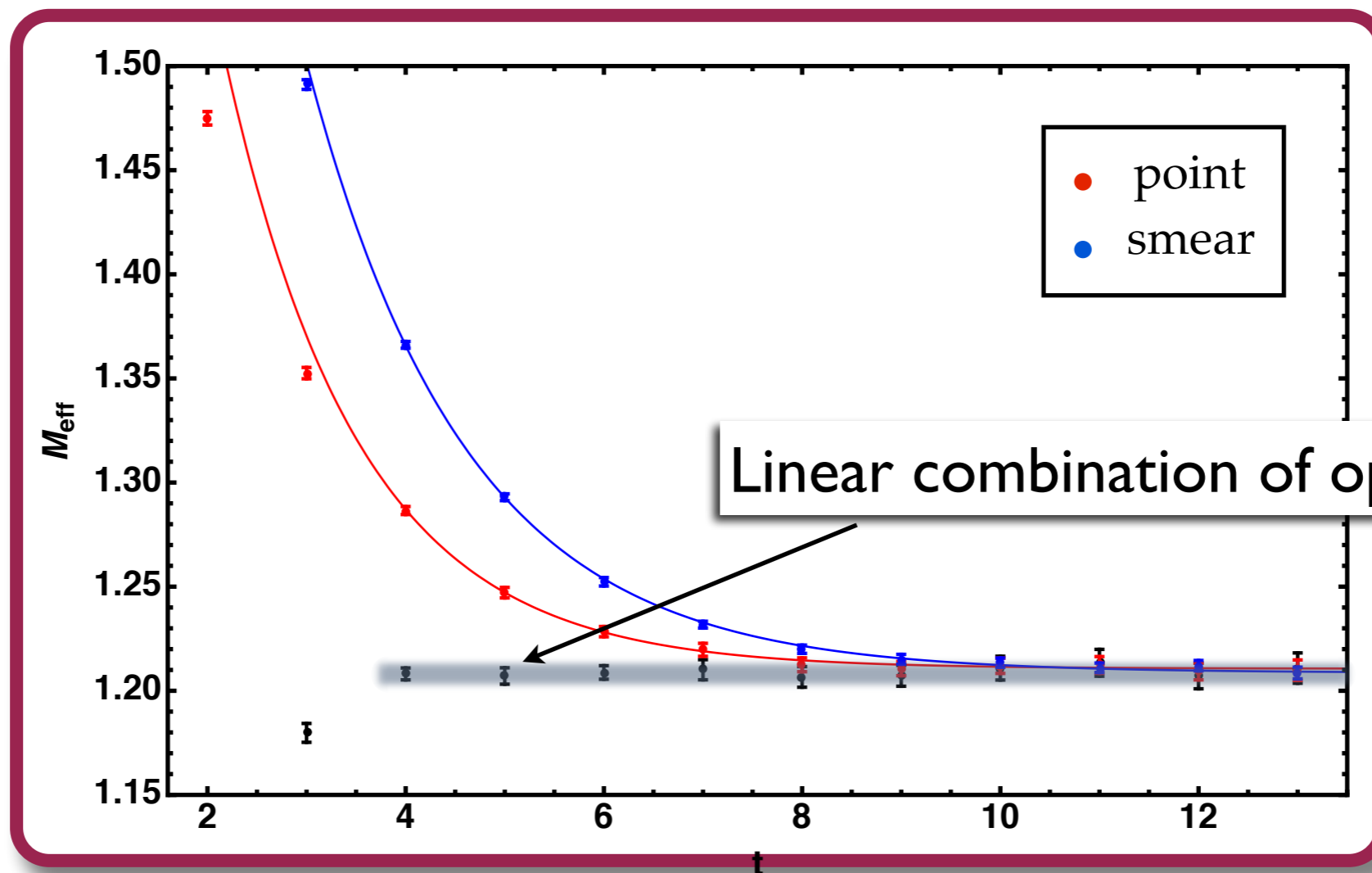
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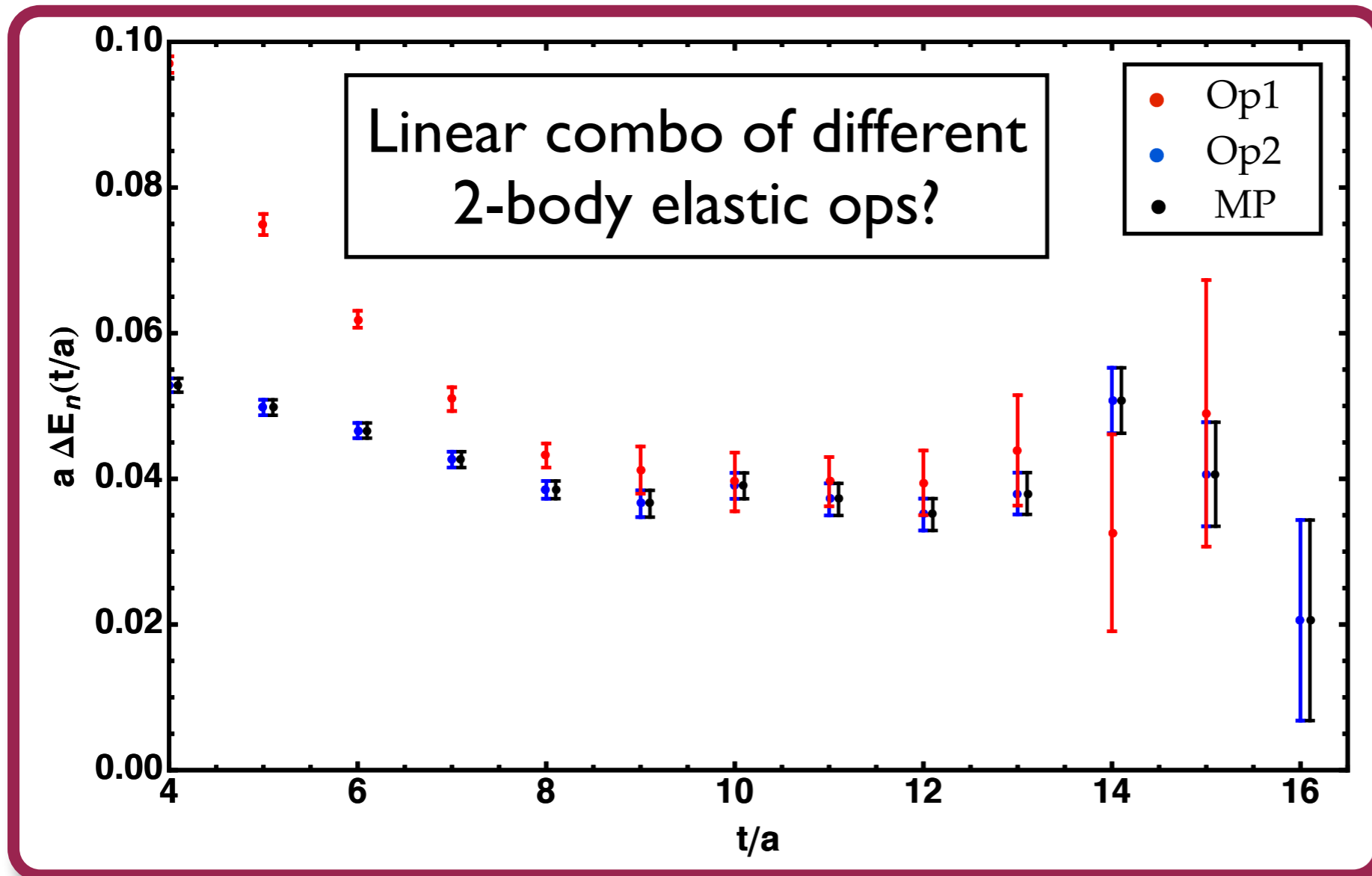
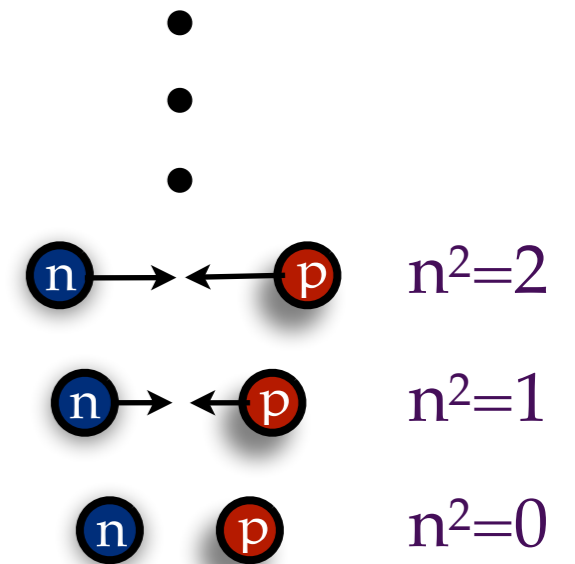
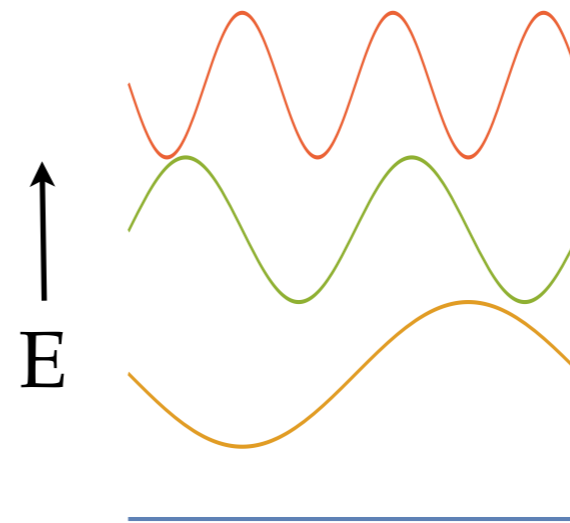
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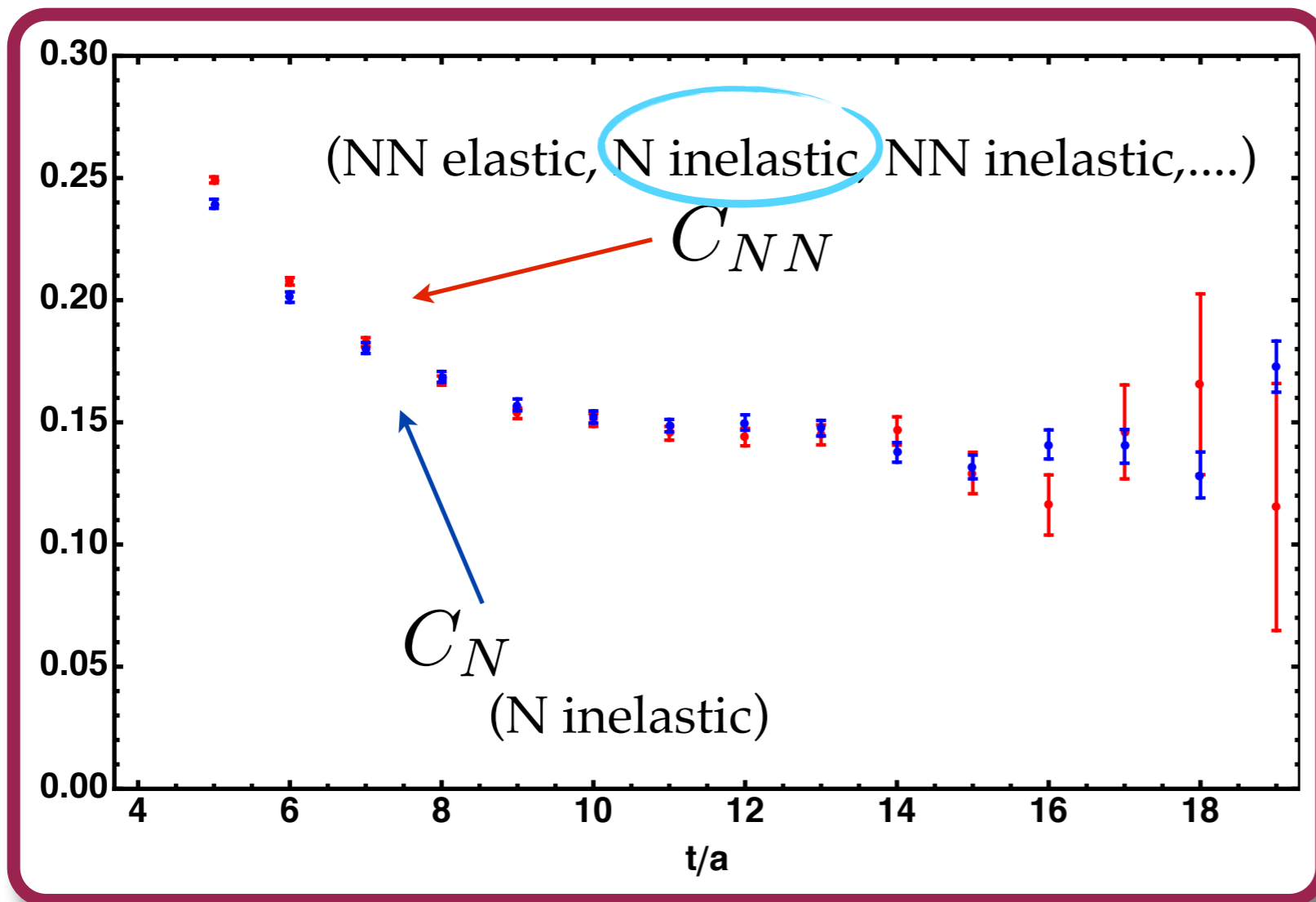
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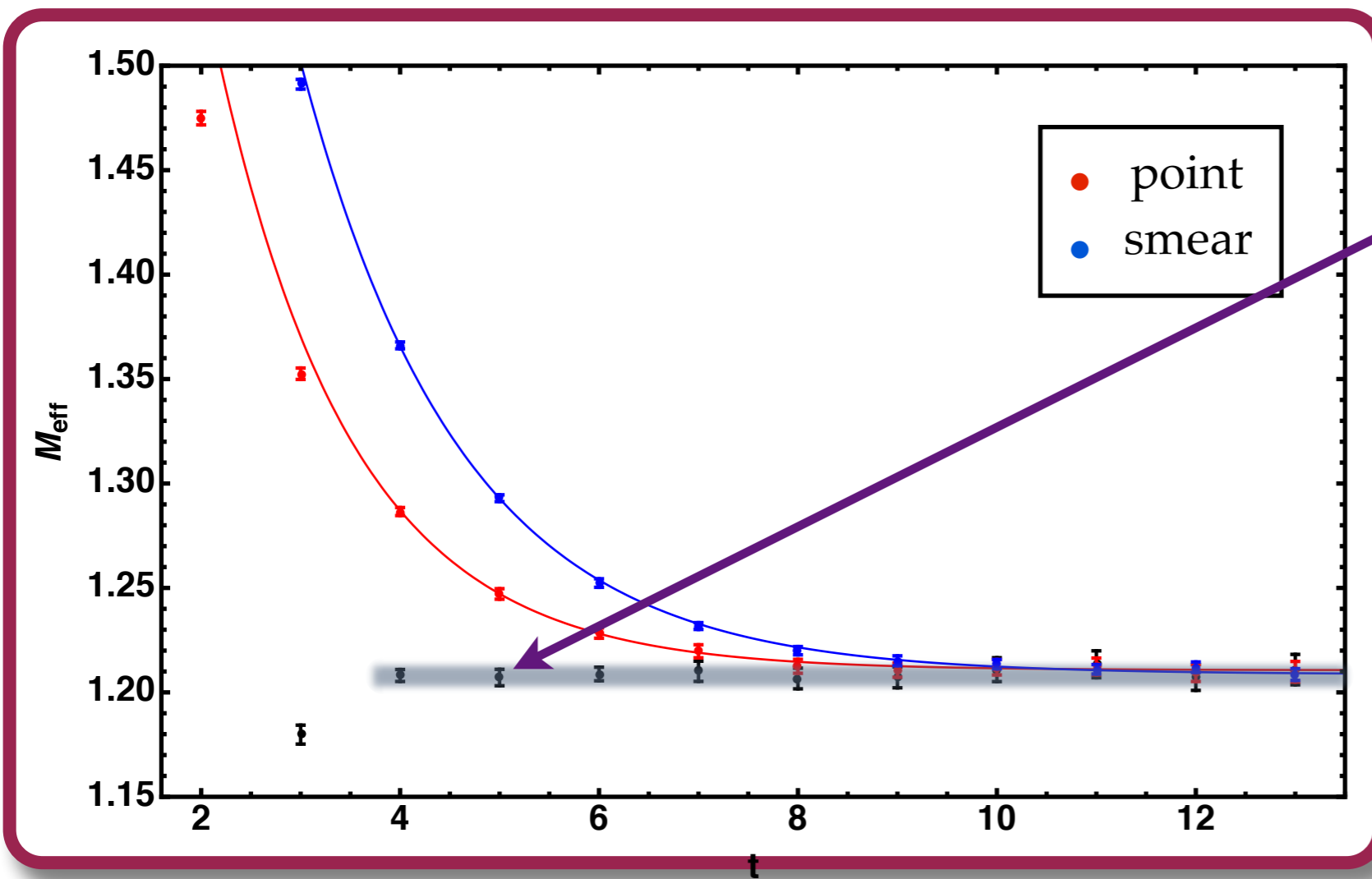
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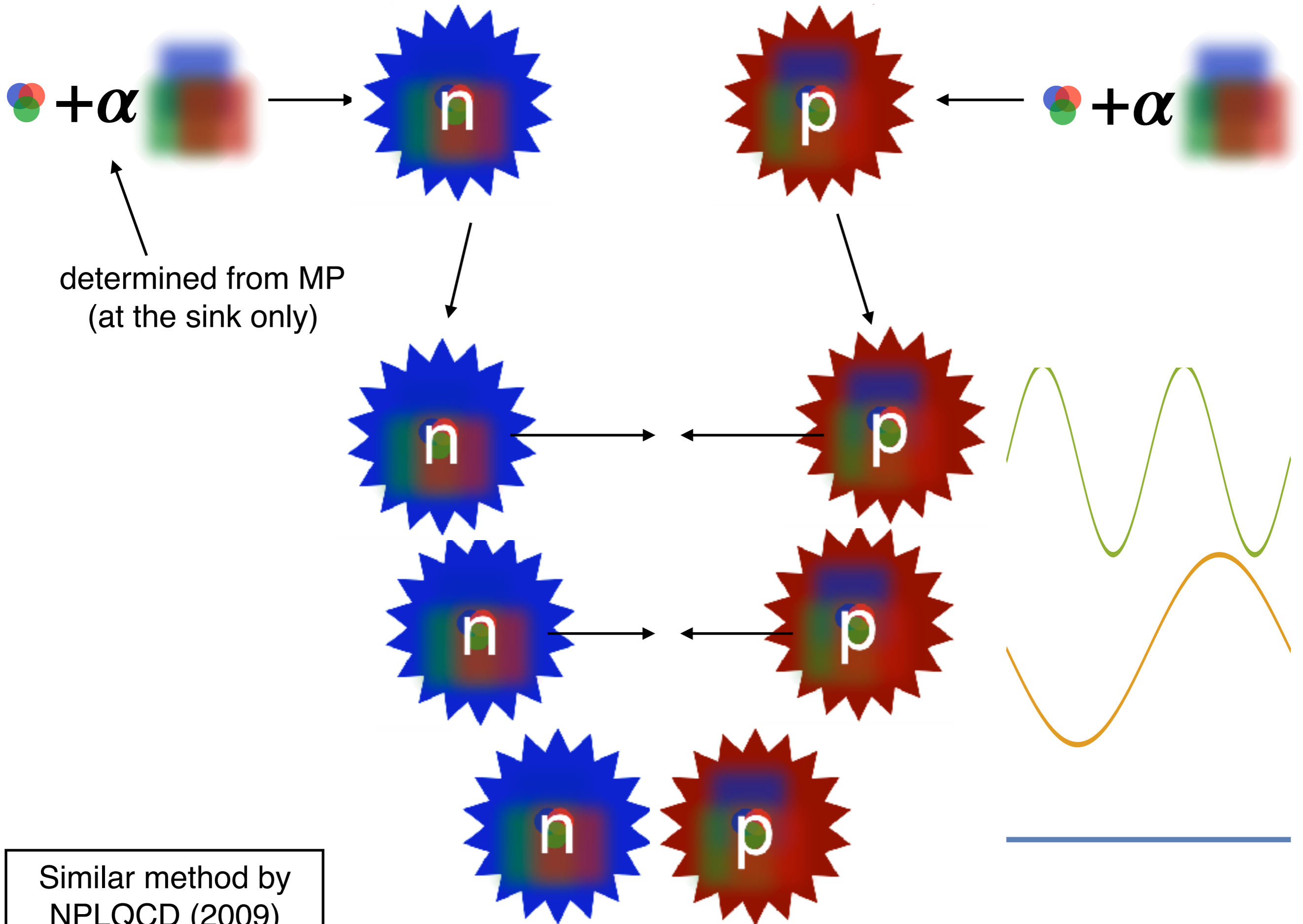
Long time behavior  
of NN correlator  
dominated by  
inelastic single  
nucleon excited state

→ Need to improve  
single nucleon  
interpolating  
operator for earlier  
plateaus

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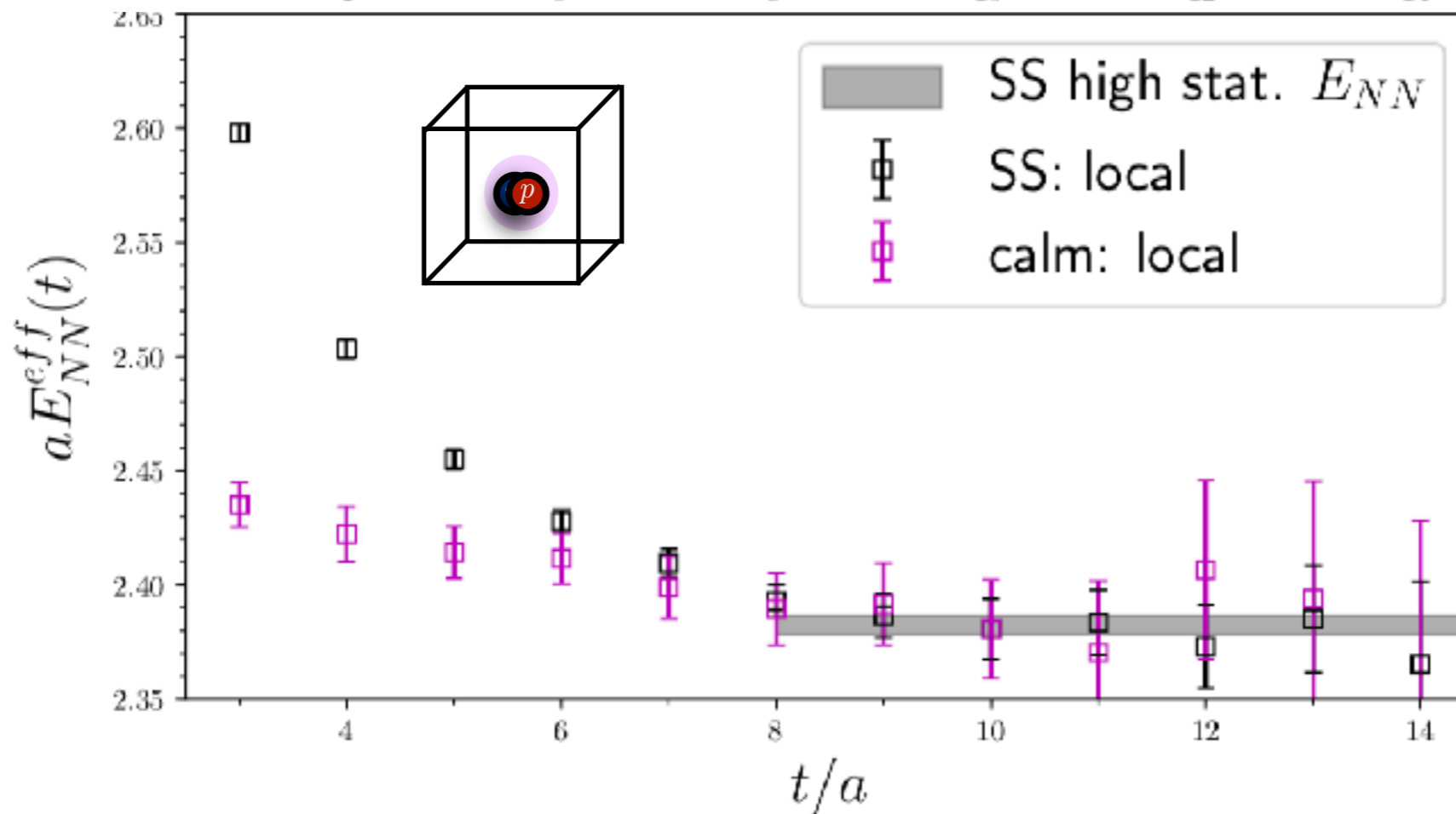
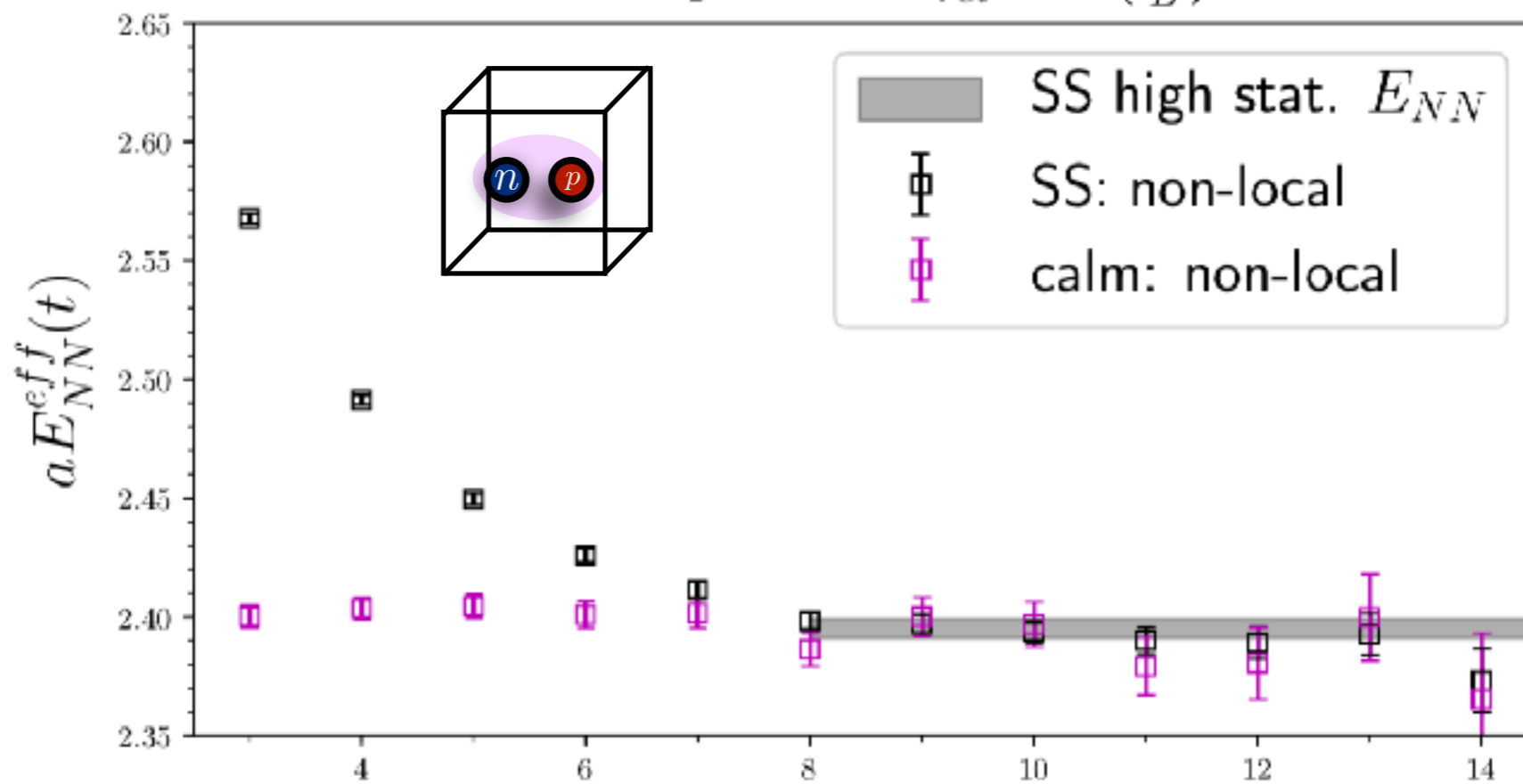


Single nucleon  
interpolating field:  
we should be using  
this sink operator!

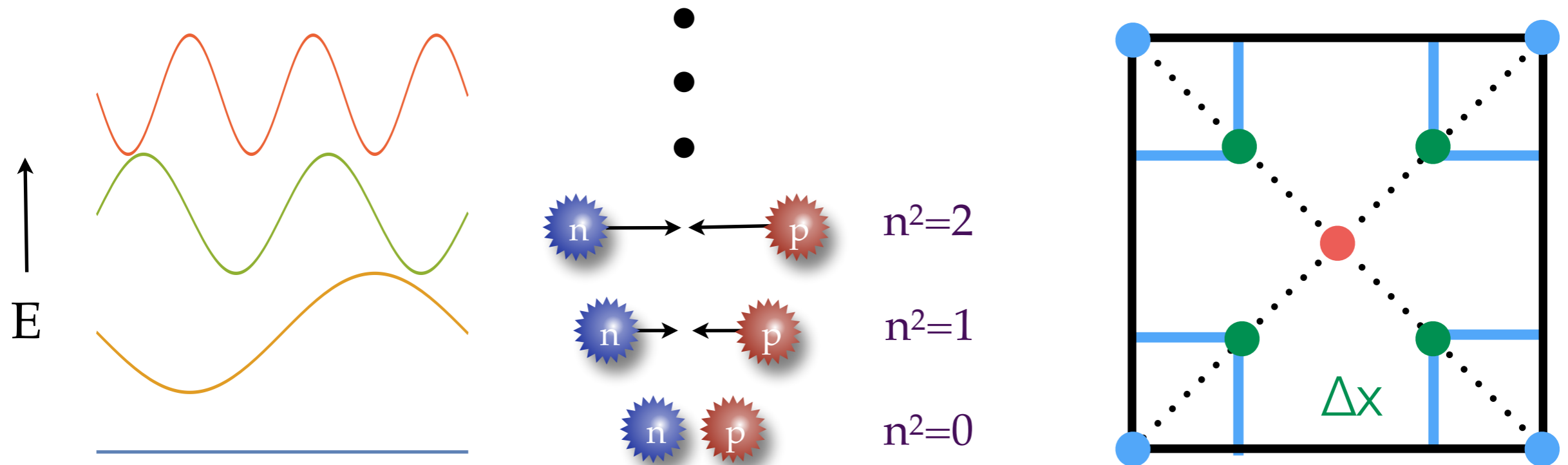




$$NN : T_1^+ : {}^3S_1 : p_{rel}^2 = 0 \left(\frac{2\pi}{L}\right)^2$$

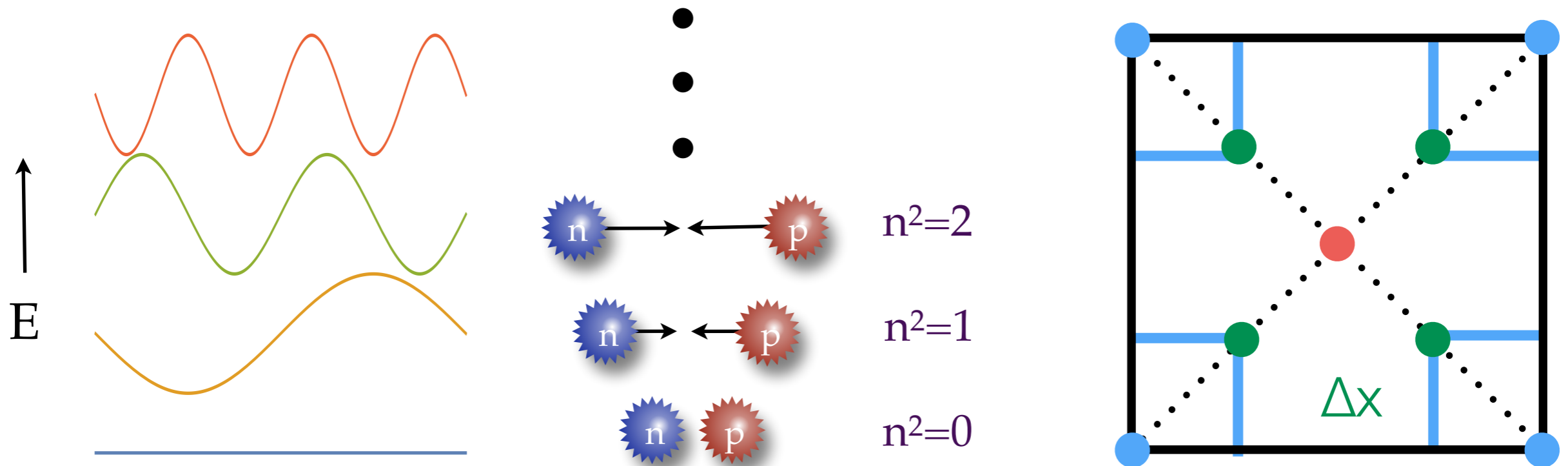


# MP method for NN



- Works best when you've eliminated leading elastic states
- Prony often doesn't work well for more than 2 ops:
  - should be able to do two stages of Prony to further reduce elastic excited states
  - or, do simultaneous fits of different elastic ops

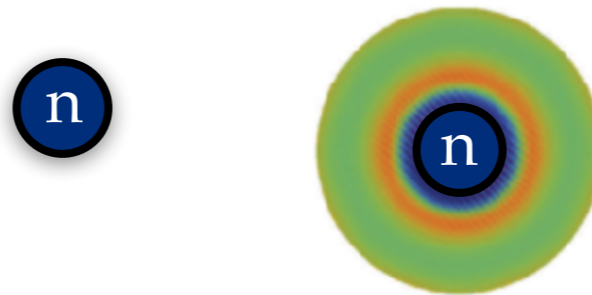
# MP method for NN



- Contributions from inelastic excited states are important
- Forming a ratio with the single N correlator can lead to delicate cancellations between numerator and denominator
  - Improved single N operator lets us more confidently use the ratio

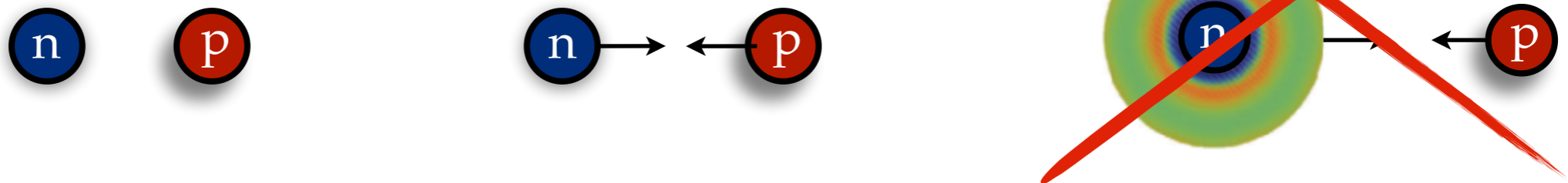
# MP method for NN

- Single N:  $C_N(t) = A_0 e^{-E_0 t} + A_1 e^{-E_1 t} + \dots$



- NN:

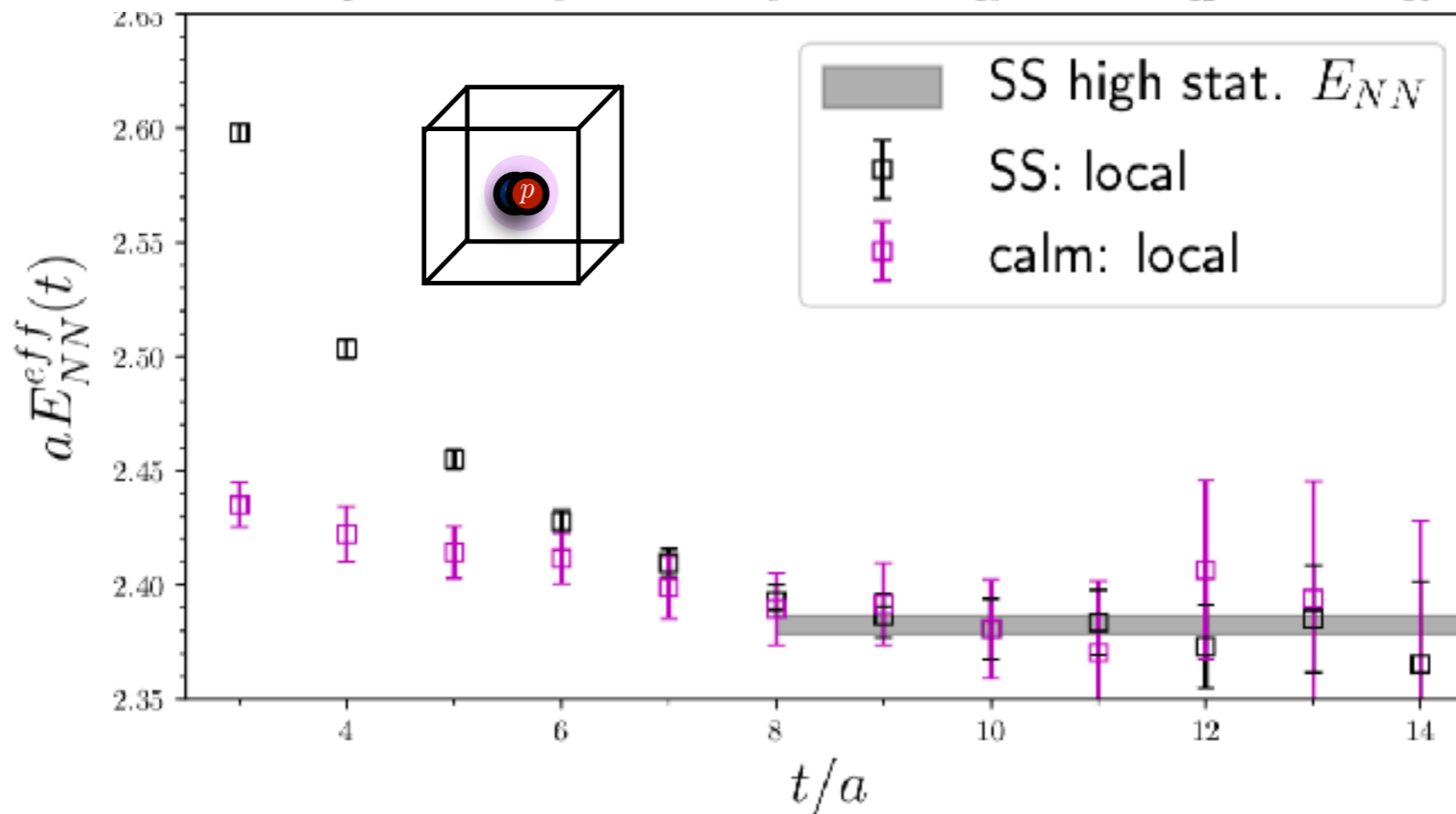
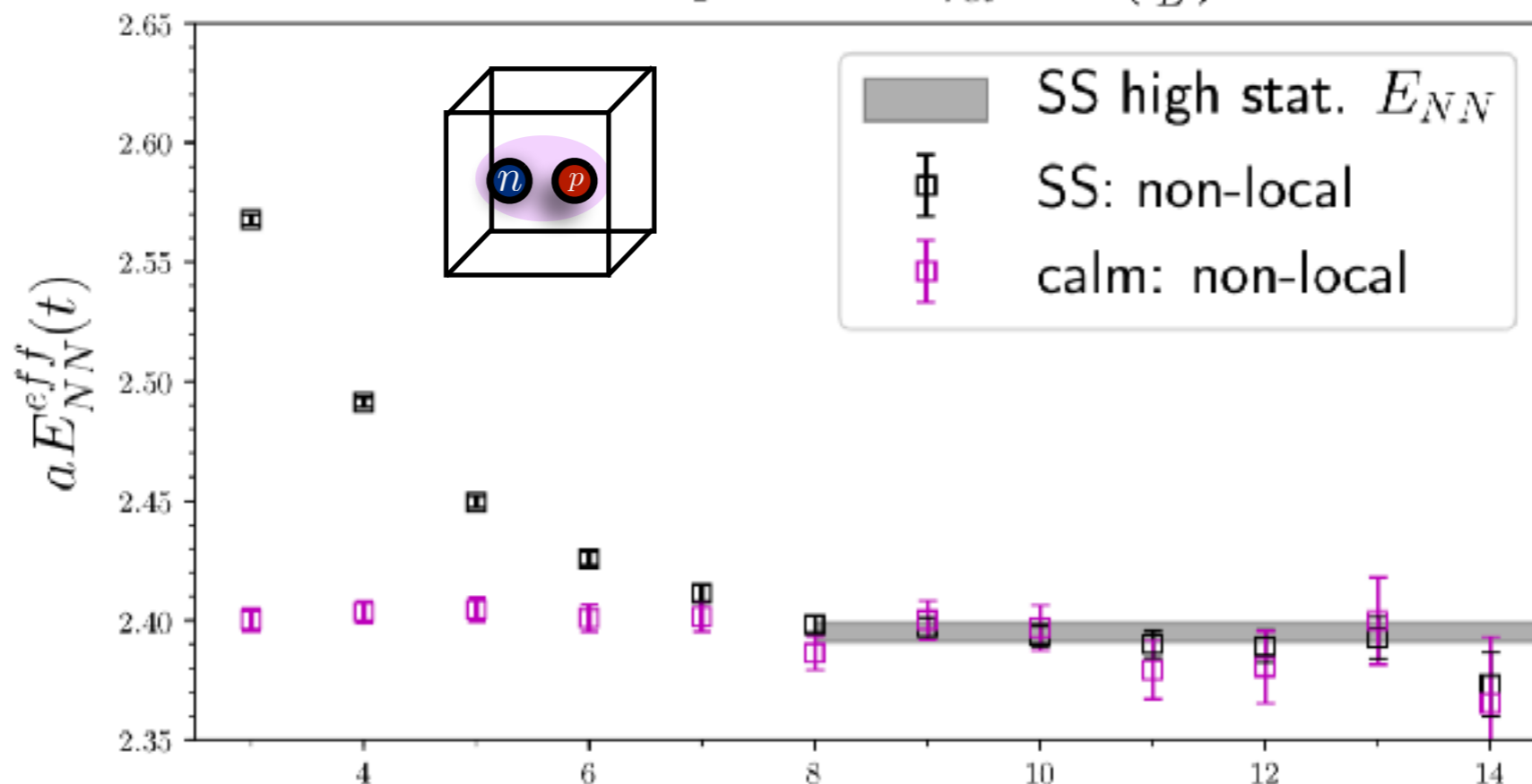
$$C_{NN}(t) = (A_0^2 + \delta_0) e^{-(2E_0 + \epsilon_0)t} + (A_0^2 + \delta_1) e^{-(2E_0 + \epsilon_1)t} + \left(2A_0 A_1 + \delta'_1\right) e^{-(E_0 + E_1 + \epsilon'_1)t} + \dots$$



- “Fake plateaus” resulting from cancellation in non-positive correlation functions require at least three terms of roughly the same order over a given time range
  - Eliminating contamination from single nucleon excitations reduces this possibility
  - Can we use the ratio?

$$\log \left[ \frac{C_{NN}(t)}{C_N^2(t)} \right] \sim \log \left[ \sum_n \left( 1 + \frac{\delta_n}{A_0^2} \right) e^{-(\epsilon_n)t} \right] + \frac{2A_1}{A_0} e^{-\Delta_{01}t} - B \left( \frac{2A_1}{A_0} + \delta''_1 \right) e^{-(\Delta_{01} + \epsilon'_1)t}$$

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# Summary

- Lüscher method requires excellent resolution of energy levels  $\longleftrightarrow$  excellent operators
  - Displaced operators help reduce elastic excited state contamination
  - Need to improve single nucleon!
- Still need to sort out composite states at  $m_\pi \sim 800$  MeV
- Variational?

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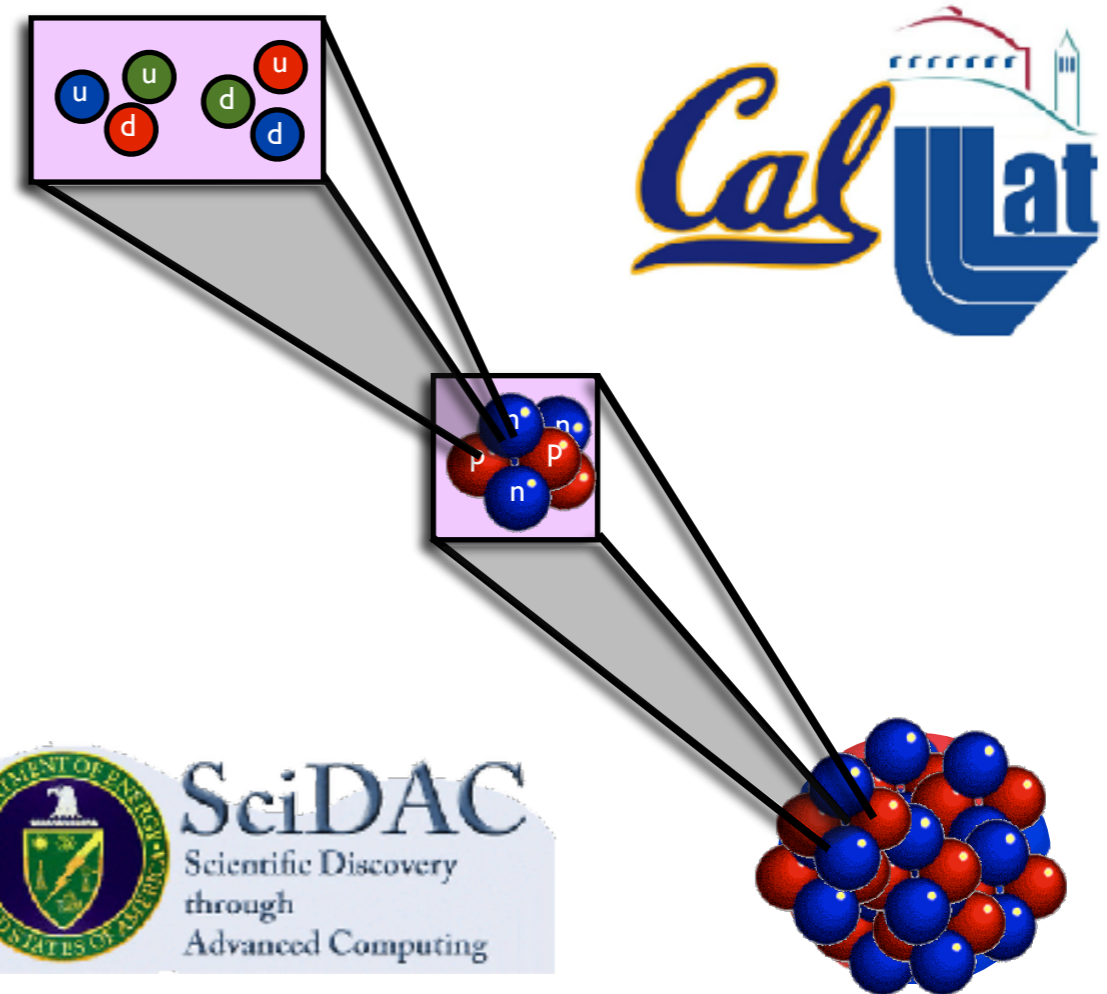
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