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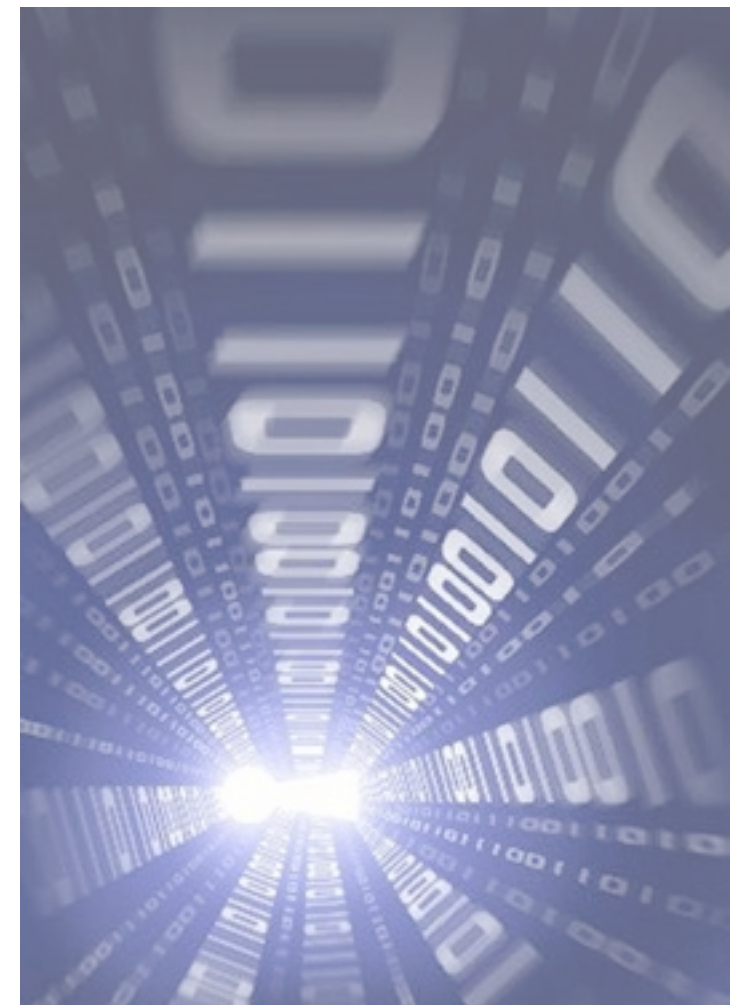
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QCD @ the Exascale

- Goal: understanding nuclear physics from QCD
 - Multi hadron systems define nuclear physics
 - Complexity and precision frontier
- What do we want to know?
 - Spectra
 - Properties/matrix elements
 - Reactions



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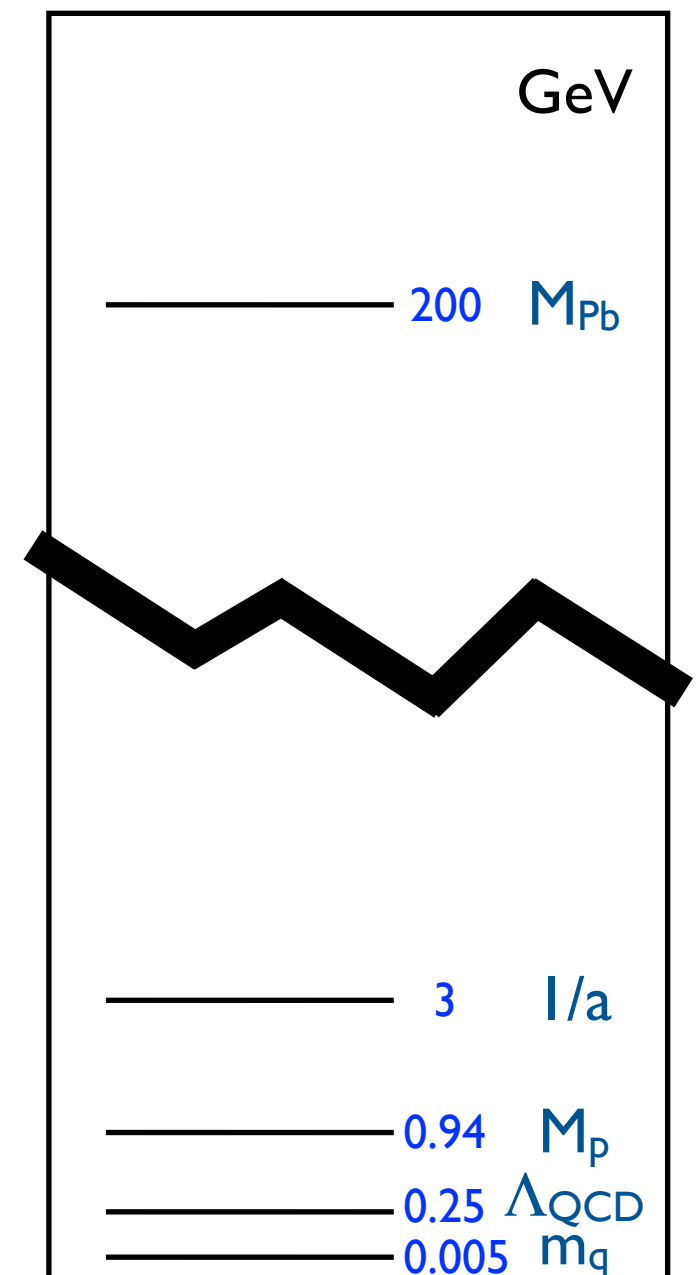
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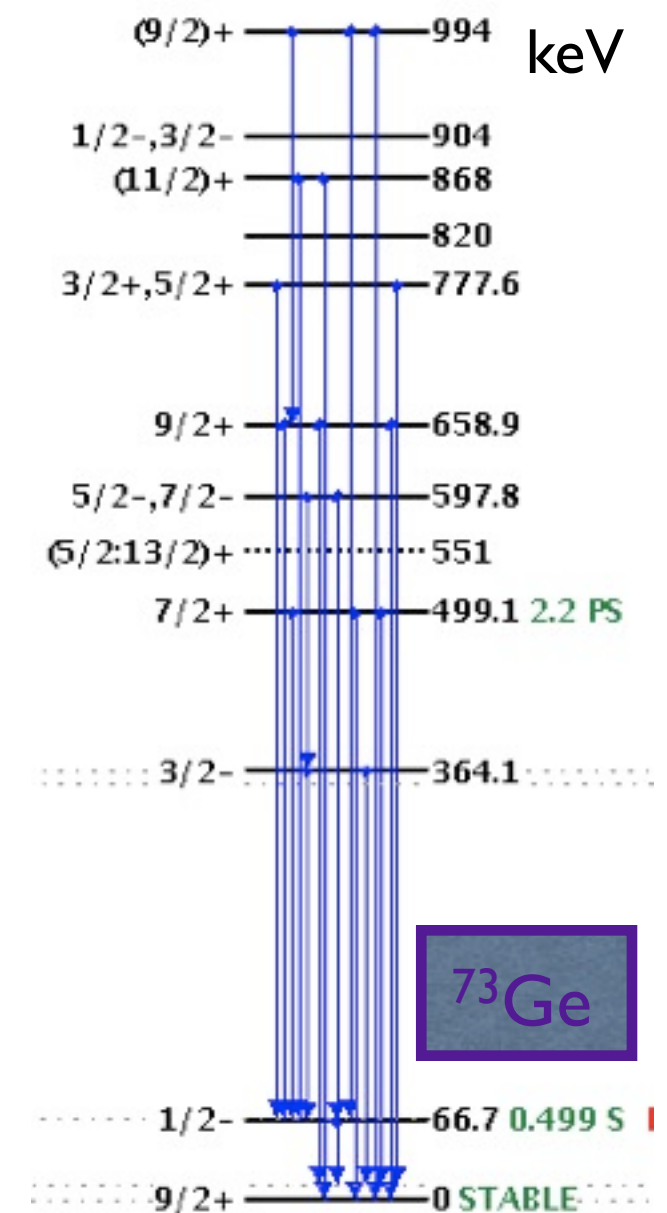
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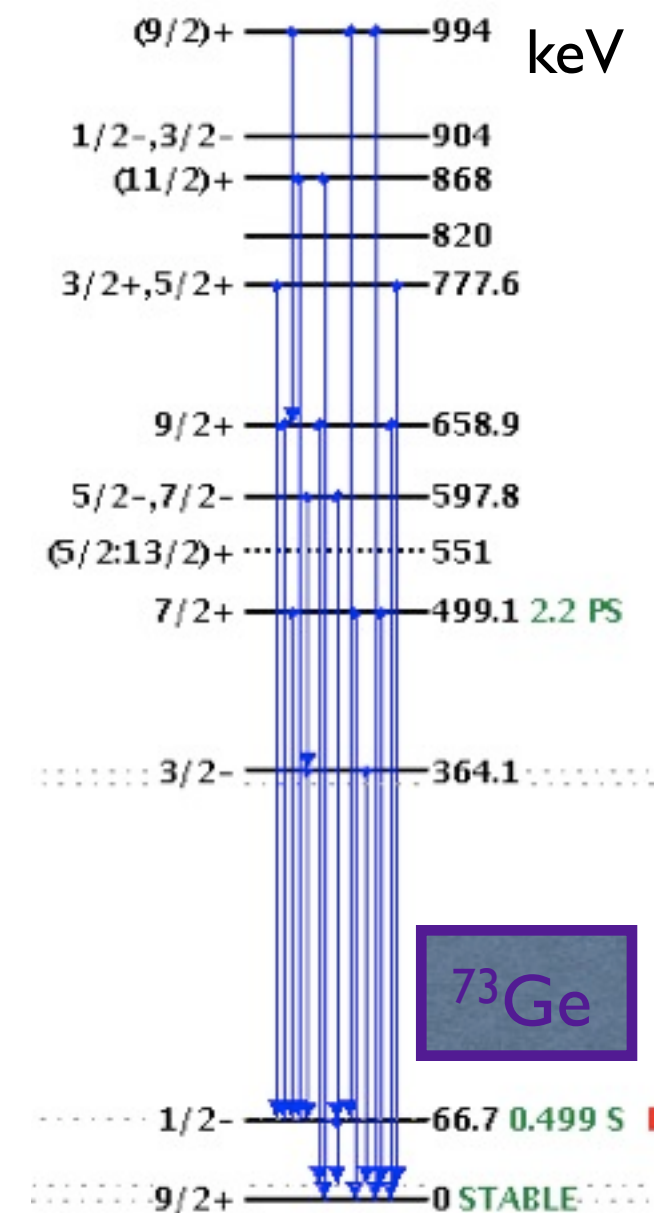
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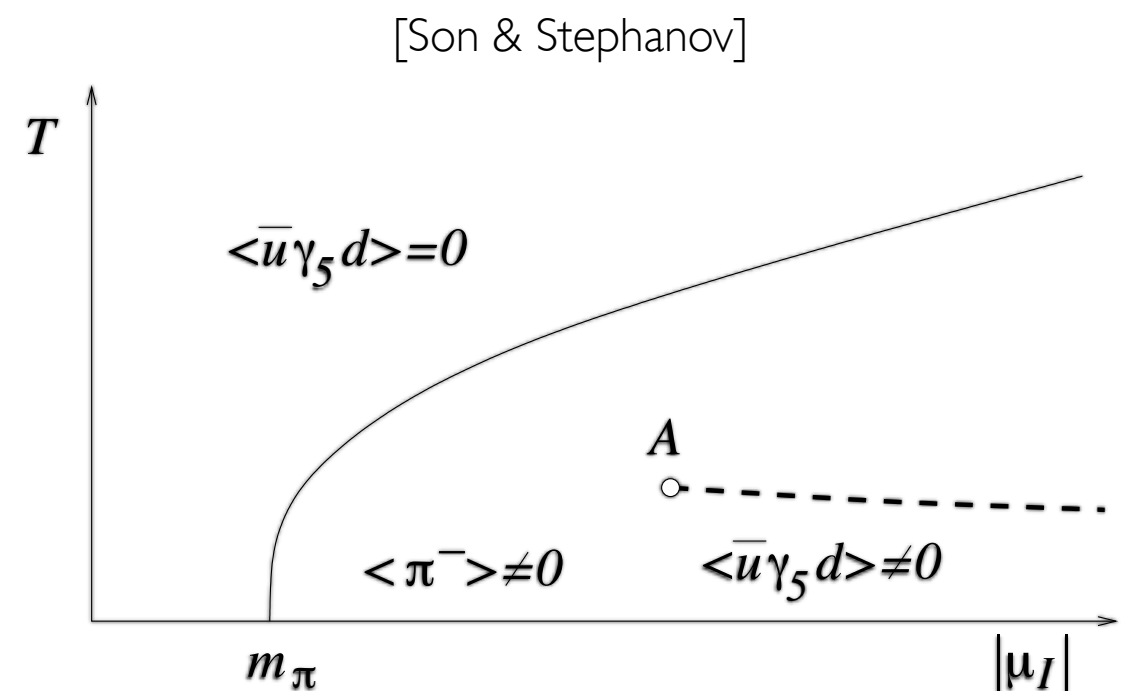
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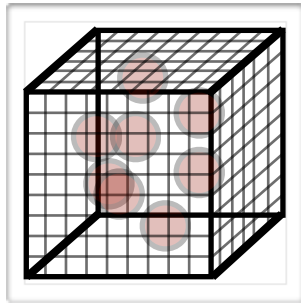
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- Statistical noise: exponentially increases with A



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- Many meson systems: a precursor to nuclei
- Meson condensates: interesting state of matter with a complex phase diagram
- finite μ_I : BEC-BCS crossover
- Vector condensation?
- Kaon condensation may be phenomenologically relevant in n-stars [Kaplan/Nelson]





Few meson ($N < 13$) systems

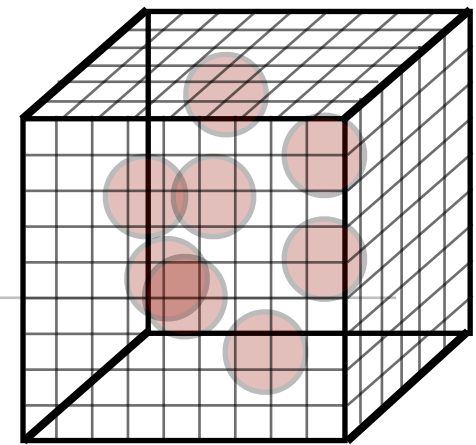
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Many boson systems



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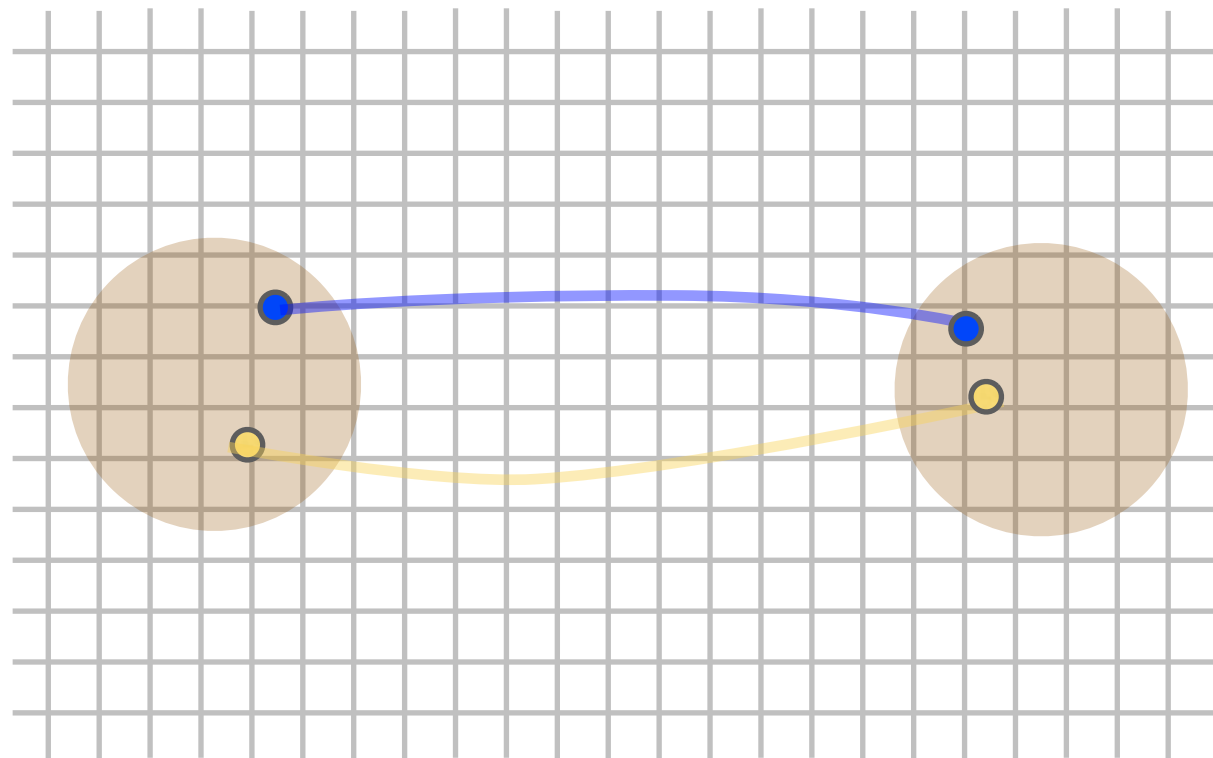
Three body Interaction

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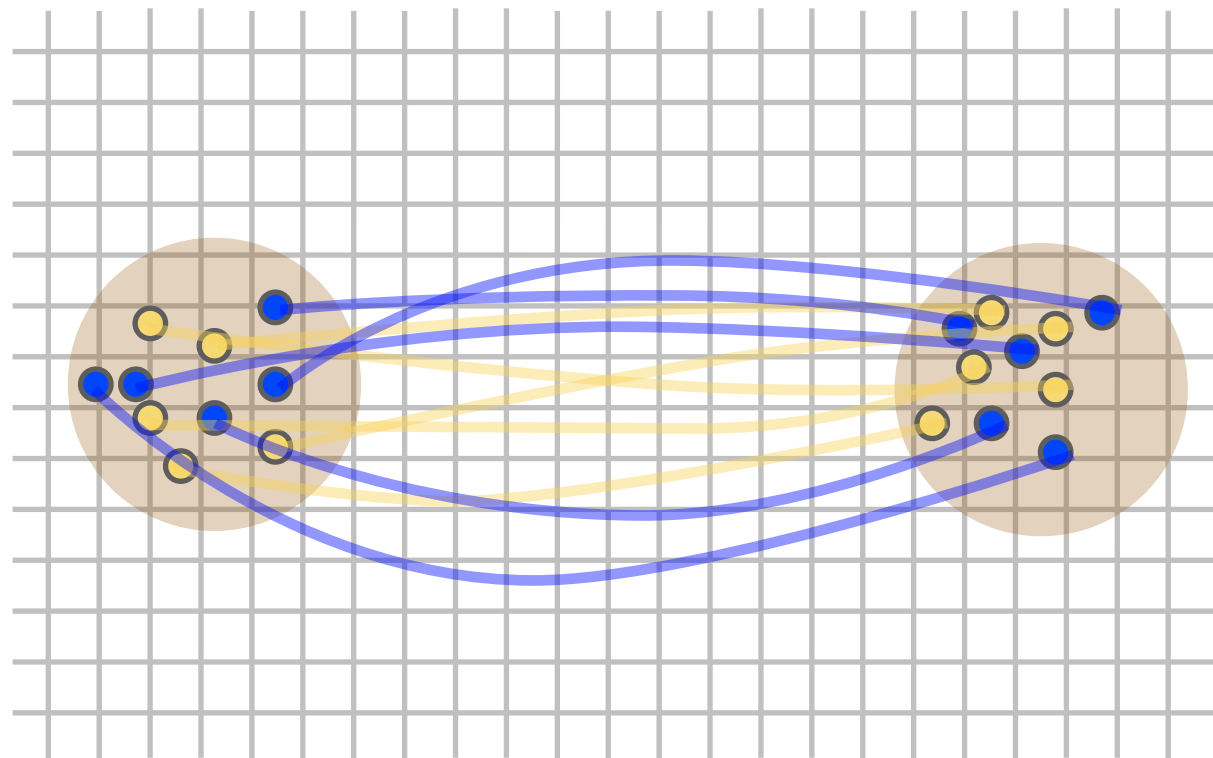


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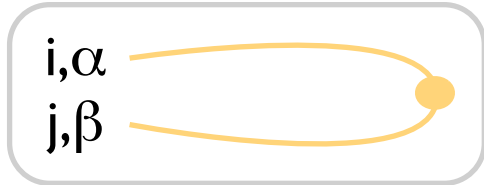
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- $n!^2$ Wick contractions: $(12!)^2 \sim 10^{17}$

$$C_3(t) = \text{tr} [\Pi]^3 - 3 \text{tr} [\Pi] \text{tr} [\Pi^2] + 2 \text{tr} [\Pi^3]$$

$$\Pi = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \gamma_5 S(\mathbf{x}, t; 0) \gamma_5 S^\dagger(\mathbf{x}, t; 0)$$



- Maximal isospin: only a single quark propagator

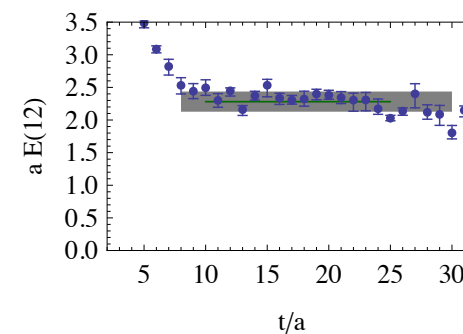
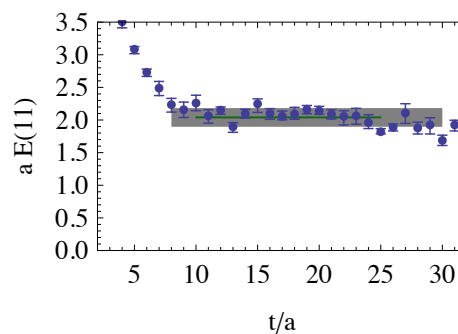
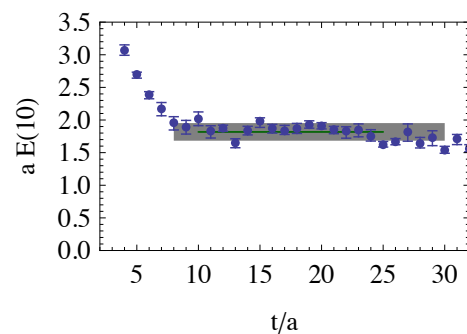
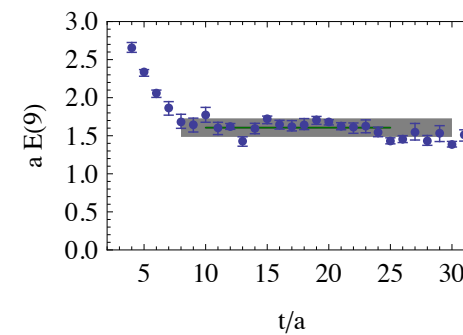
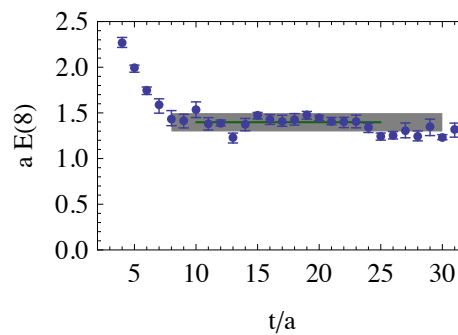
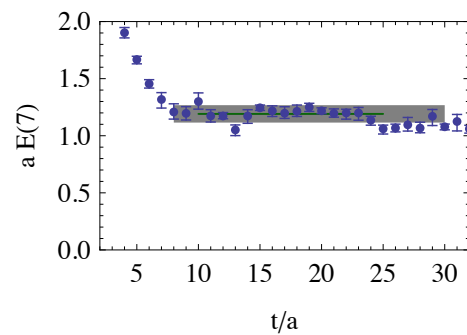
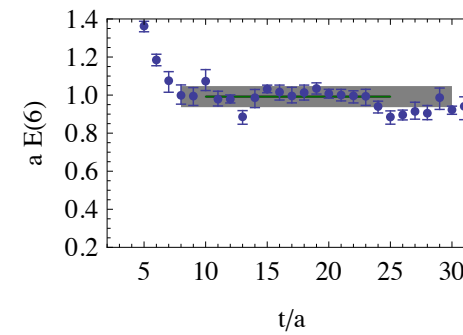
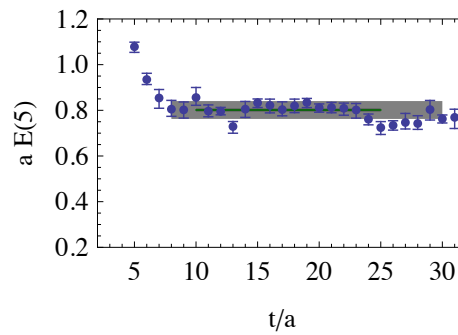
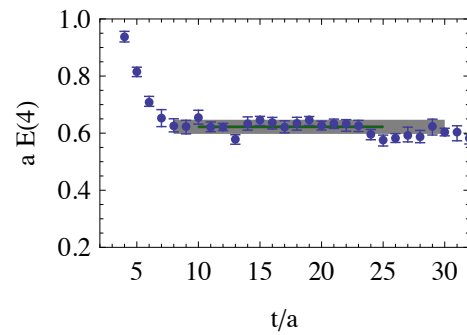
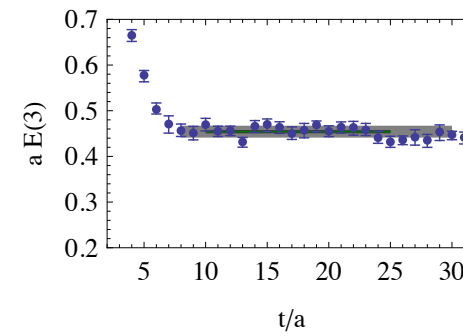
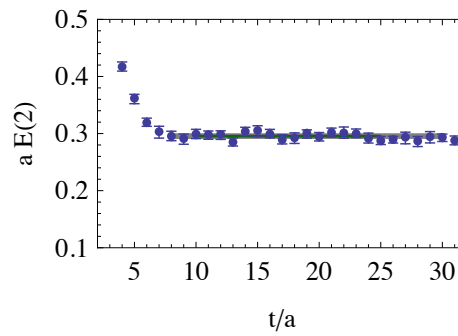
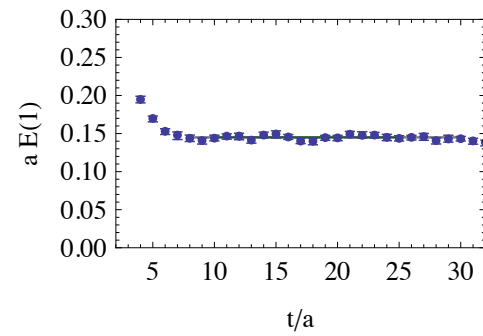


Lattice details

- Calculations use MILC gauge configurations
 - $L=2.5$ fm, $a=0.12$ fm, *rooted* staggered
 - also $L=3.5$ fm and $a=0.09$ fm
- NPLQCD: domain-wall quark propagators
 - $m_\pi \sim 291, 318, 352, 358, 491, 591$ MeV
 - 24 propagators / lattice in best case
- $I_z=n=1, \dots, 12$ pion and ($S=n$) kaon systems

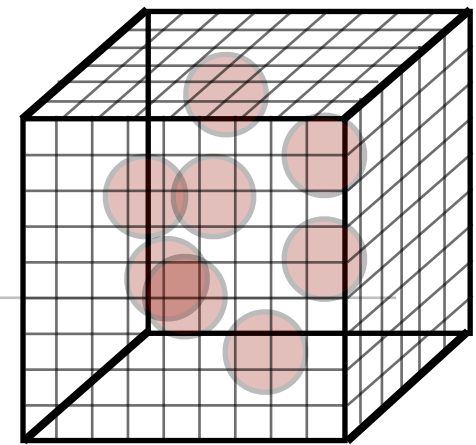
n-meson energies

- Effective energy plots: $\log[C_n(t)/C_n(t+1)]$



DWF on MILC
 $m_\pi = 319$ MeV
 $a=0.09$ fm, $28^3 \times 96$

Bosons in a box



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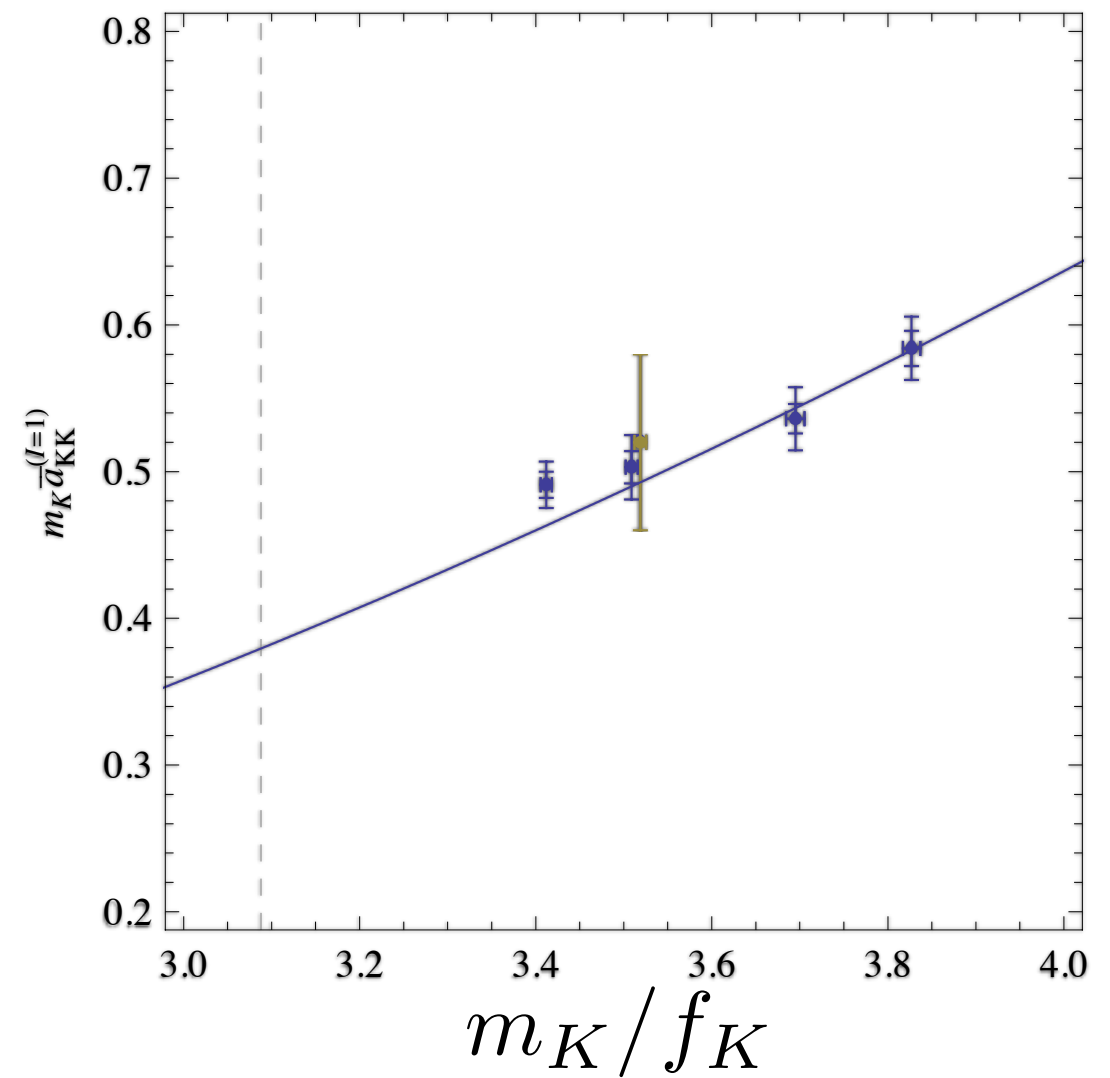
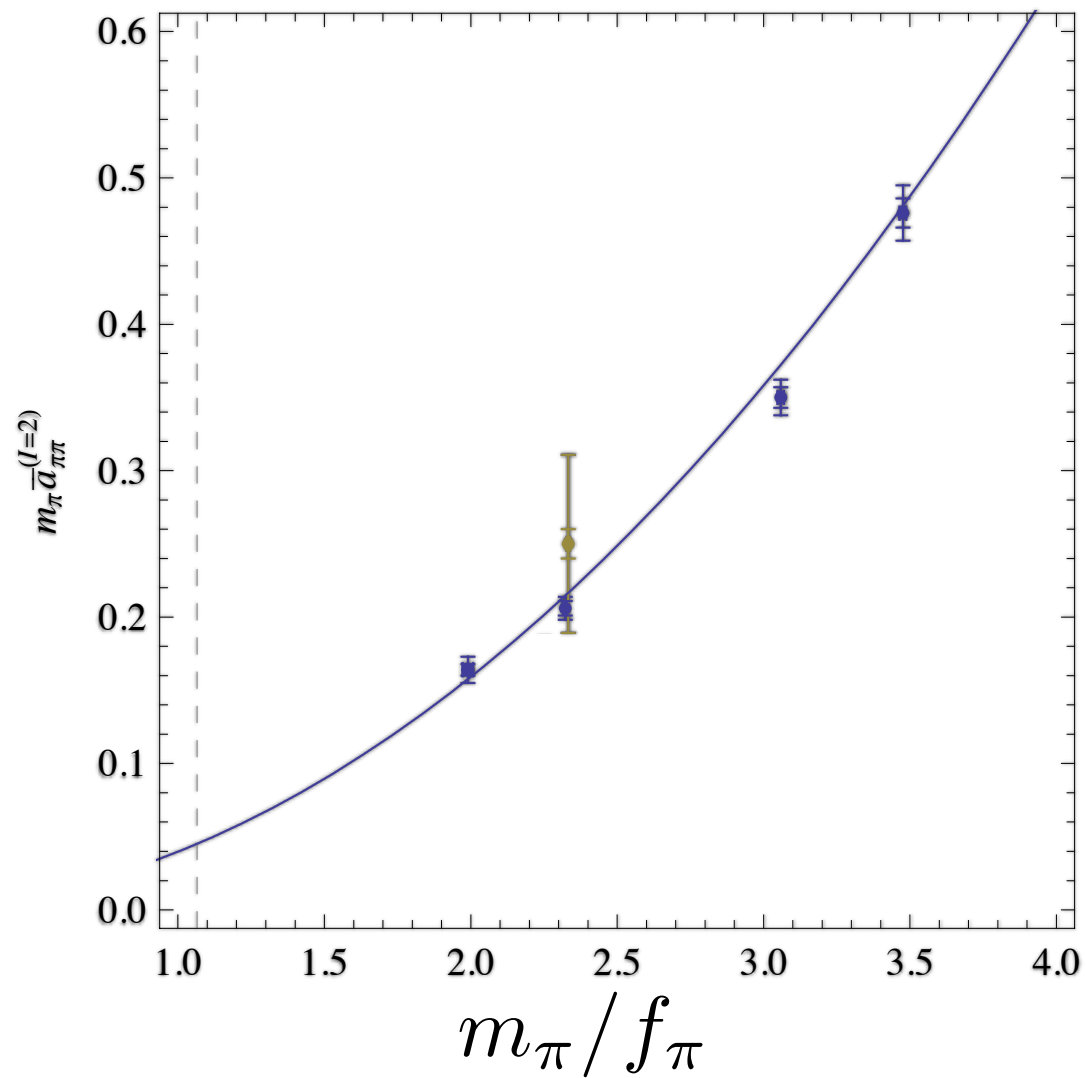
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$2\pi^+$ and $2K^-$ interaction

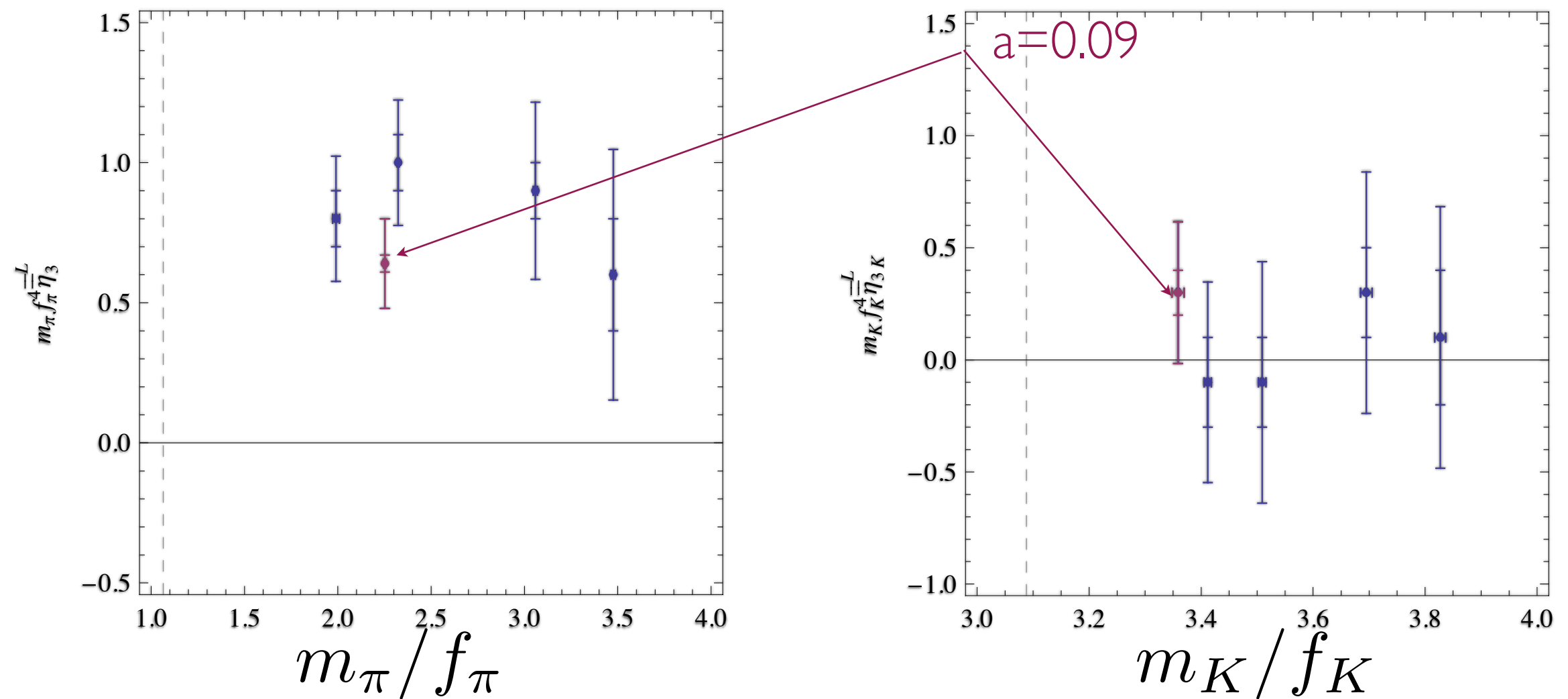
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curves: Weinberg

$3\pi^+$ and $3K^-$ interaction

- First QCD three body interaction



Naïve dimension analysis: I

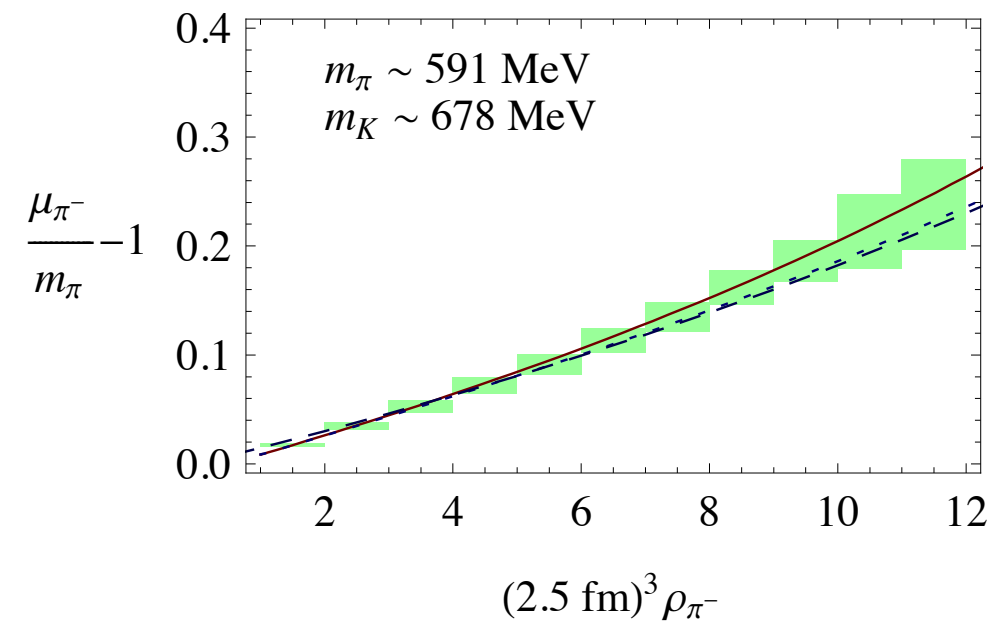
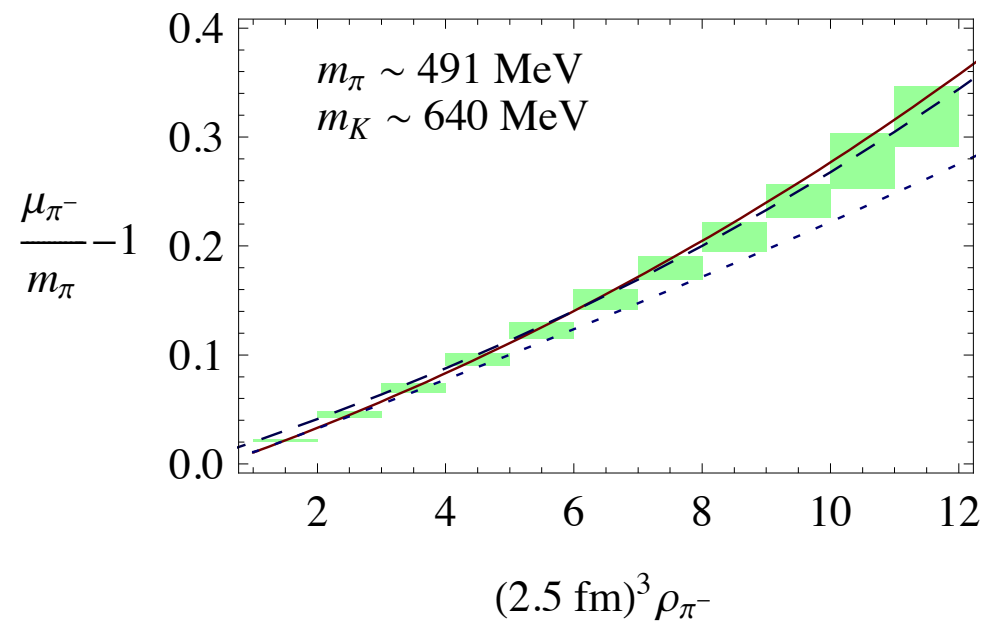
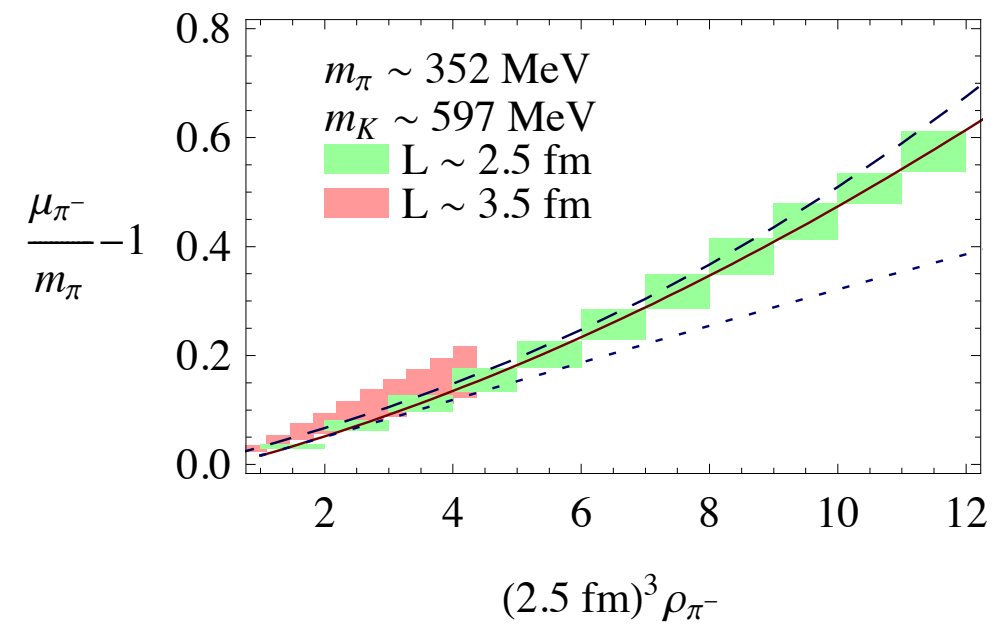
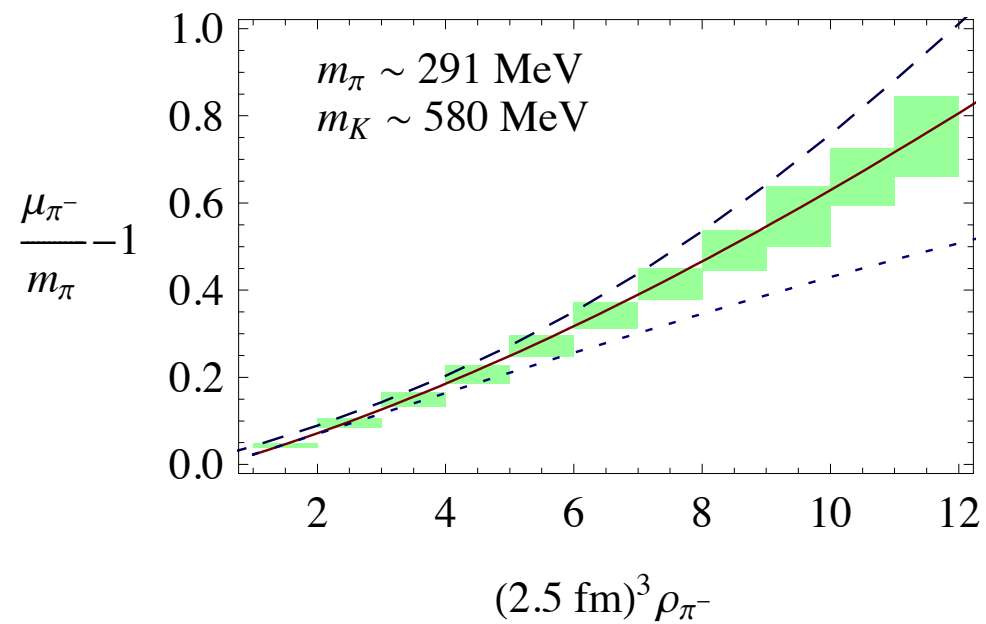
Equation of State

- For large n : Bose-Einstein condensate
- $1/L$ expansion: analytic form of EOS
- Chemical potential $\mu(\rho)$ (and pressure) numerically using finite difference

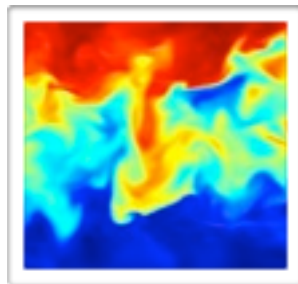
$$\mu = \left. \frac{dE}{dn} \right|_{V \text{ const}} \quad p = - \left. \frac{dE}{dV} \right|_{n \text{ const}} = - \frac{1}{3L^2} \left. \frac{dE}{dL} \right|_{n \text{ const}}$$

- Compare with LO χ PT [Son & Stephanov]

Isospin Chemical Potential



— 2+3 body fit No 3 body - - - LO χ PT



Mixed systems: pions & kaons

n pions and m kaons

- Weakly interacting two species systems: pions and kaons - complexity
- $E_{n,m}$ of n pions and m kaons depends on three 2-body and four 3-body interaction parameters
- Perturbative form is known for weakly interacting case [*Smigielski & Wasem '08*]
- Matching to lattice energies allows for extraction of interaction parameters

LQCD calculations

- One ensemble of anisotropic clover lattices
 - Dynamical $N_f=2+1$ lattices from JLab
 - $m_\pi=390$ MeV, $a_s=0.123$ fm, $\xi=3.5$, $20^3 \times 128$
 - ~ 30 K measurements: ~ 75 sources on ~ 400 cfgs
- Anti-periodic BCs for quarks (periodic for mesons)
 - Correlators have complicated time dependence
- Correlators for all sets of $\{n,m\}$ with $n+m < 13$



LQCD correlators

- Extend single species construction

$$C_{N,M}(t) = \left\langle \left(\sum_x \pi^-(x, t) \right)^N \left(\sum_x K^-(x, t) \right)^M \left(\pi^+(0, t) \right)^N \left(K^+(0, t) \right)^M \right\rangle$$

(projects $p_{\text{tot}}=0$ @ sink)

where

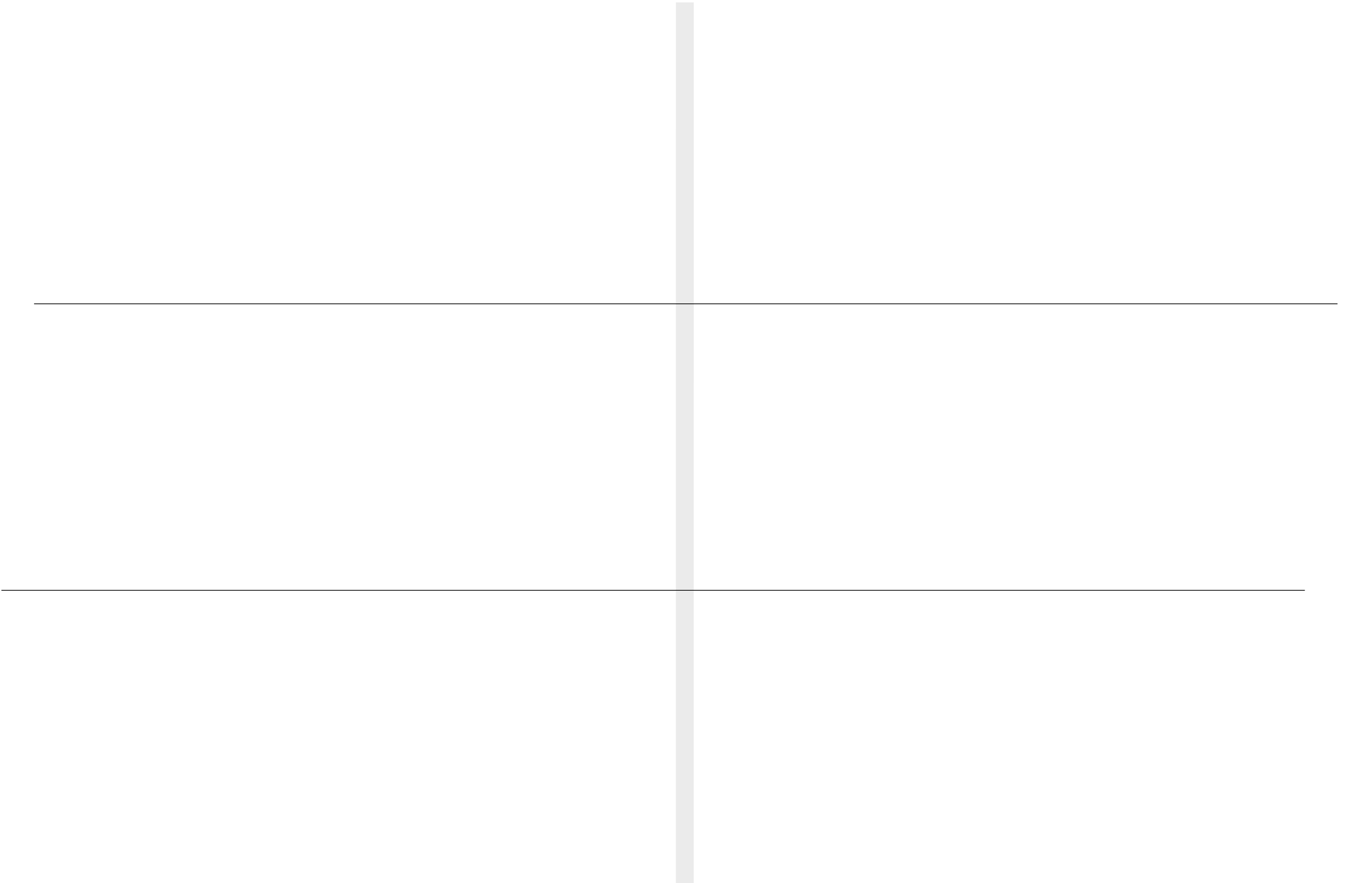
$$\pi^+ = \bar{u}\gamma_5 d, \quad K^+ = \bar{u}\gamma_5 s$$

- Reduced symmetry: contractions significantly more complex – $n=6$ pions, $m=6$ kaons: 1500 terms!
- Can show the expected behaviour is

$$C_{N,M}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=0}^M \sum_{n=0}^N Z_{n,m}^{N-n, M-m} e^{-(E_{N-n, M-m} + E_{n,m})T/2} \cosh \left(\left(E_{N-n, M-m} - E_{n,m} \right) (t - T/2) \right)$$

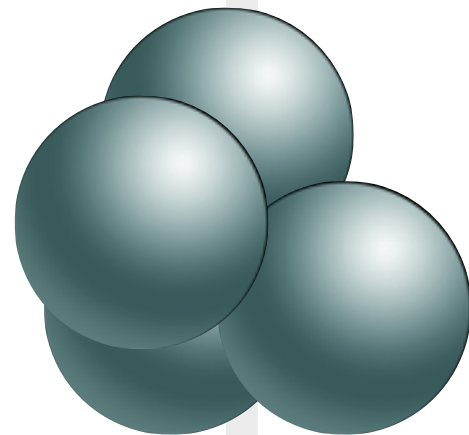
$$+ \frac{1}{2} Z_{\frac{N}{2}, \frac{M}{2}}^{N/2, M/2} e^{(E_{N/2, M/2})T/2} \delta_{N, 2l} \delta_{M, 2k} + \dots$$

Four pion correlation



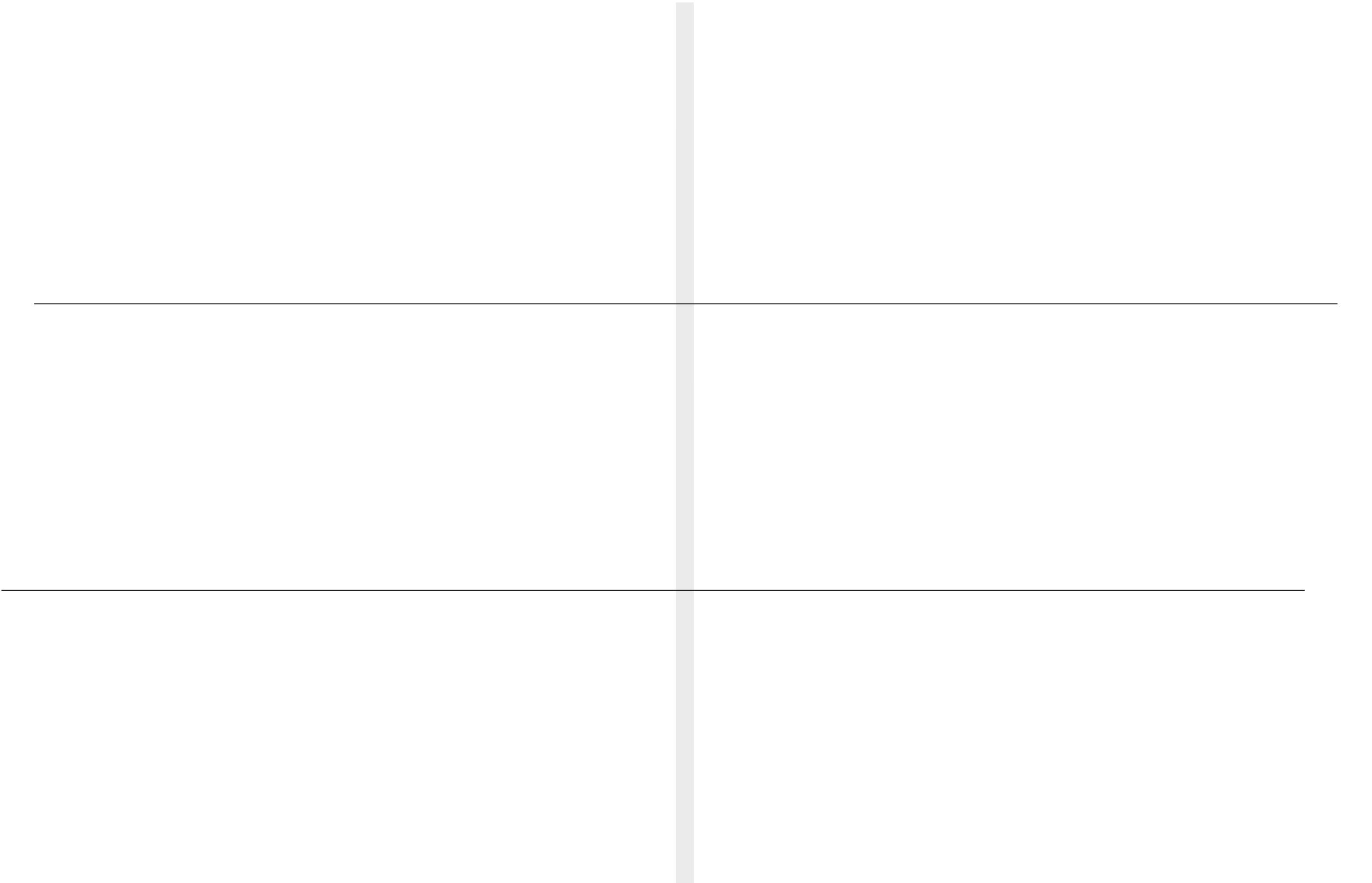
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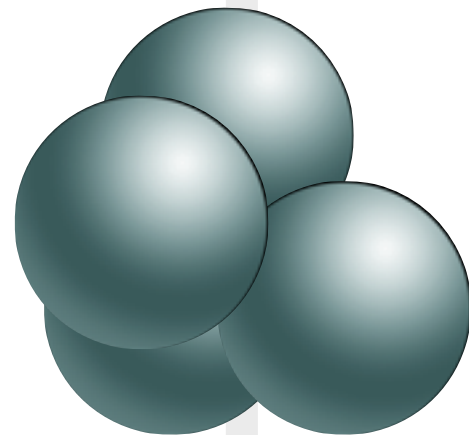
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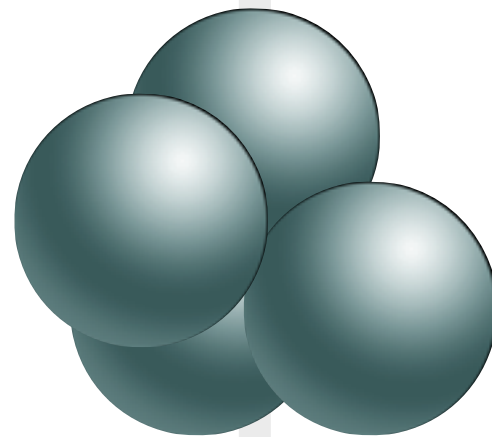
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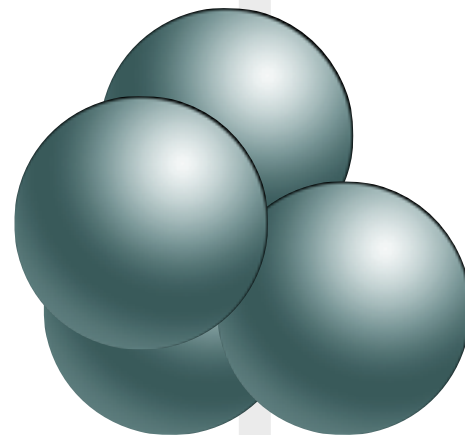
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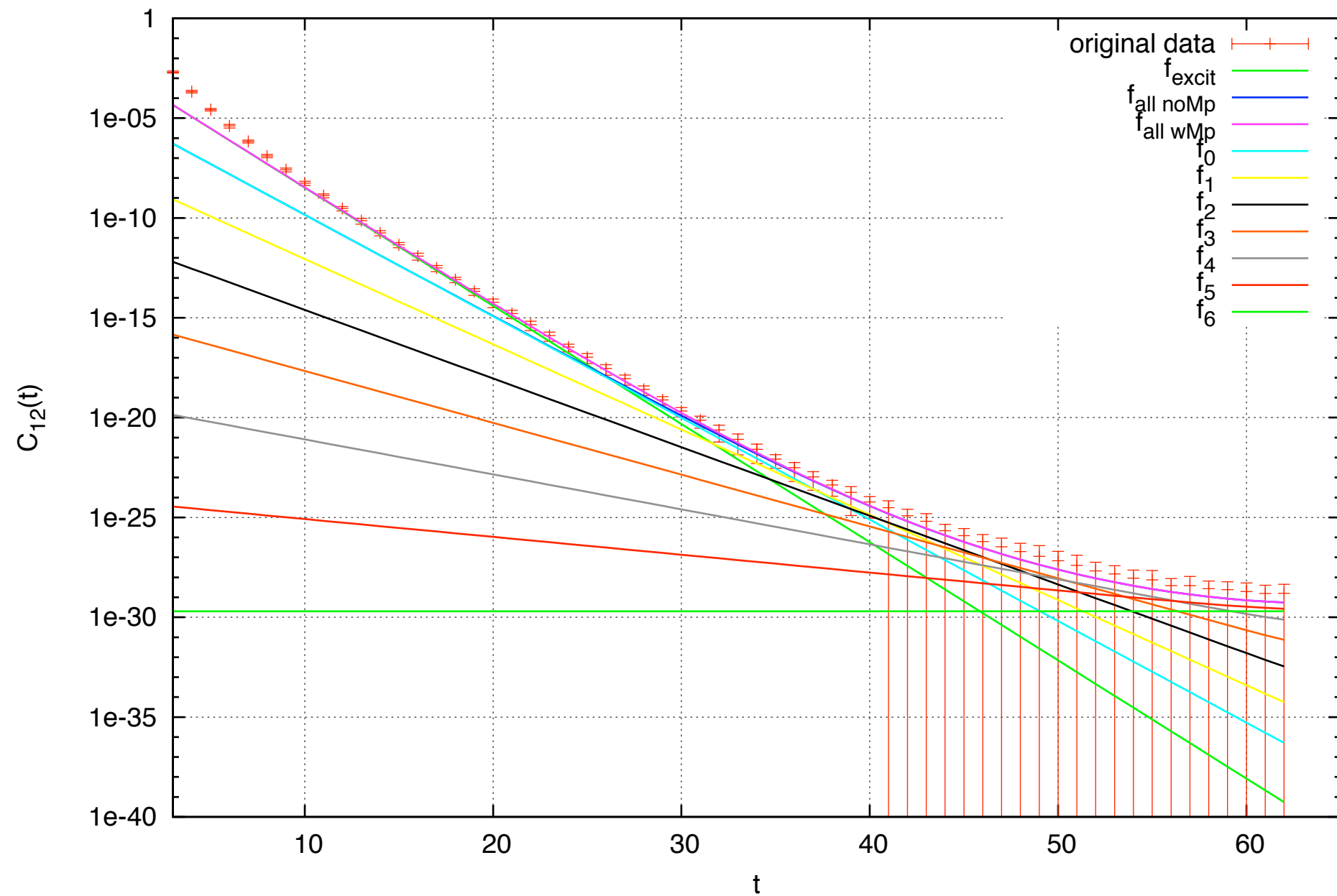
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Analysis

- Extracting the eigen-energies (or interaction parameters) from these correlators is difficult
- Correlations between different $\{n,m\}$
- Huge parameter space, $O(90)$ observables
 - $C_{4\pi,2K}$ involves 18 parameters
 - Cascading fit of more and more $\{n,m\}$
 - Augment χ^2 via Bayesian priors, VarPro

Thermal pollution

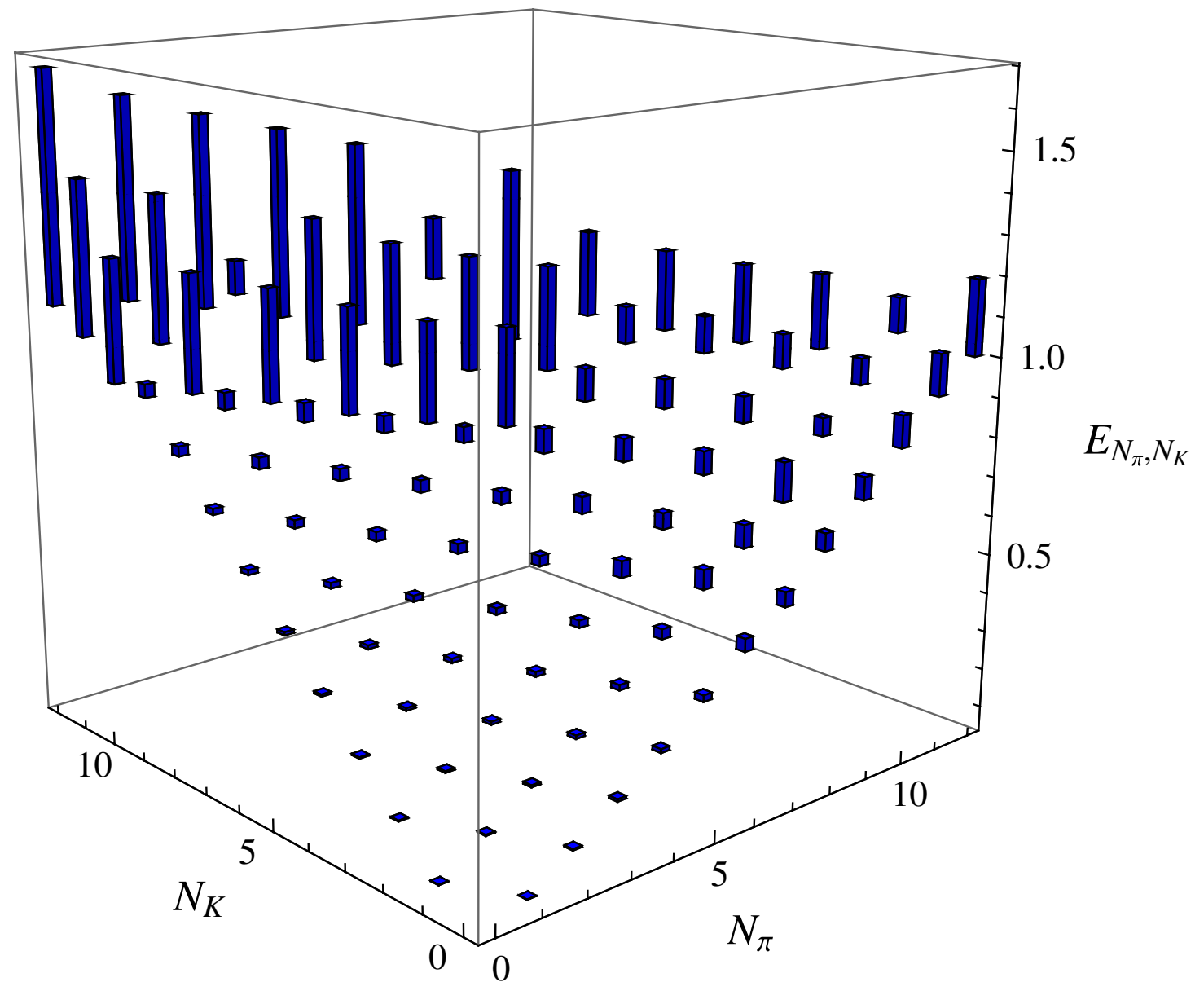
12 pions $p_t = 0\ 0\ 0$ from $p_1=p_2=1\ 1\ 1$



At no point does the ground state dominate the correlator!!!

Extracted energies

- Boxes correspond to extracted energies and their uncertainties



Interaction parameters

- Energies allow us to interaction parameters

$$m_K \bar{a}_{KK} = 0.461 \pm 0.010,$$

$$m_\pi \bar{a}_{\pi\pi} = 0.271 \pm 0.021,$$

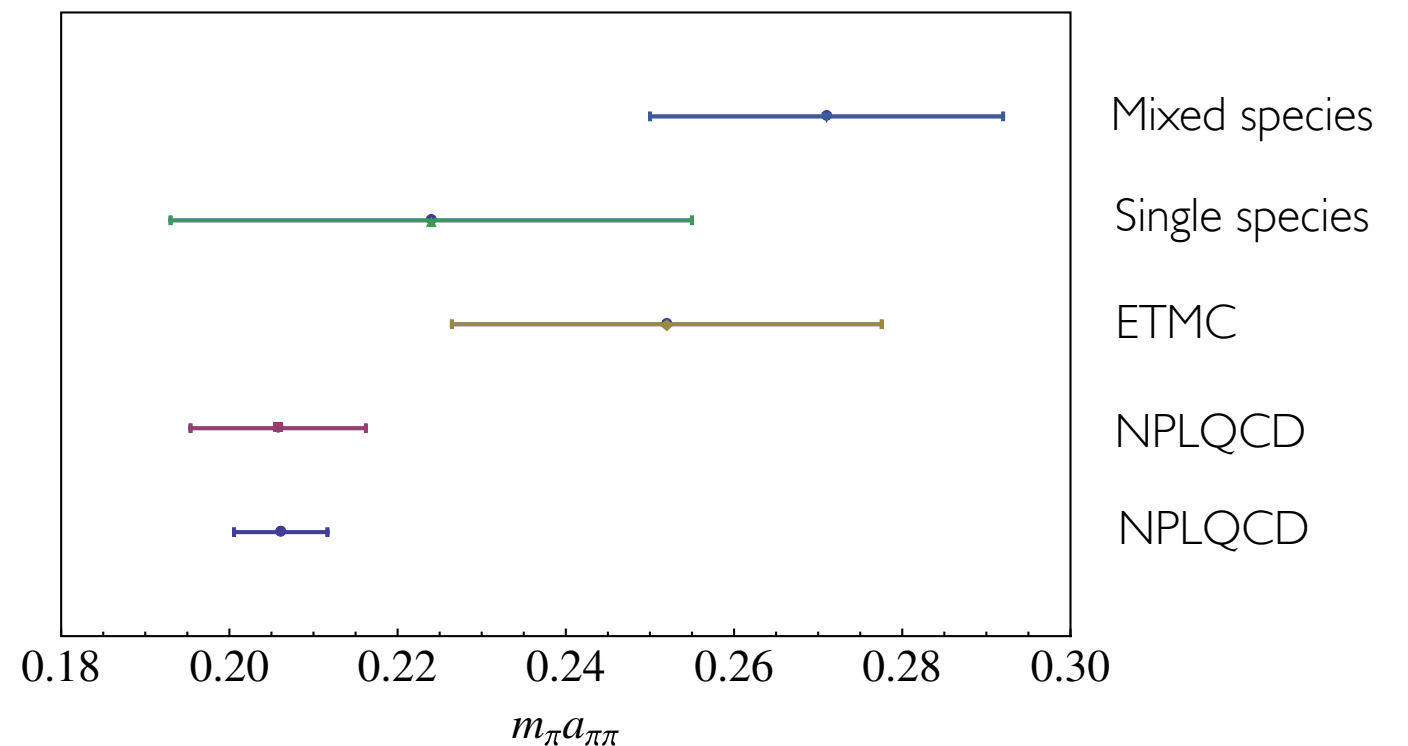
$$m_{\pi K} \bar{a}_{\pi K} = 0.166 \pm 0.016,$$

$$m_K \bar{\eta}_{3,KKK} f_K^4 = -0.08 \pm 0.12,$$

$$m_\pi \bar{\eta}_{3,\pi\pi\pi} f_\pi^4 = 0.68 \pm 0.33,$$

$$\frac{m_\pi m_K}{m_\pi + 2m_K} \bar{\eta}_{3,\pi KK} f_{\pi KK}^4 = 0.22 \pm 0.17,$$

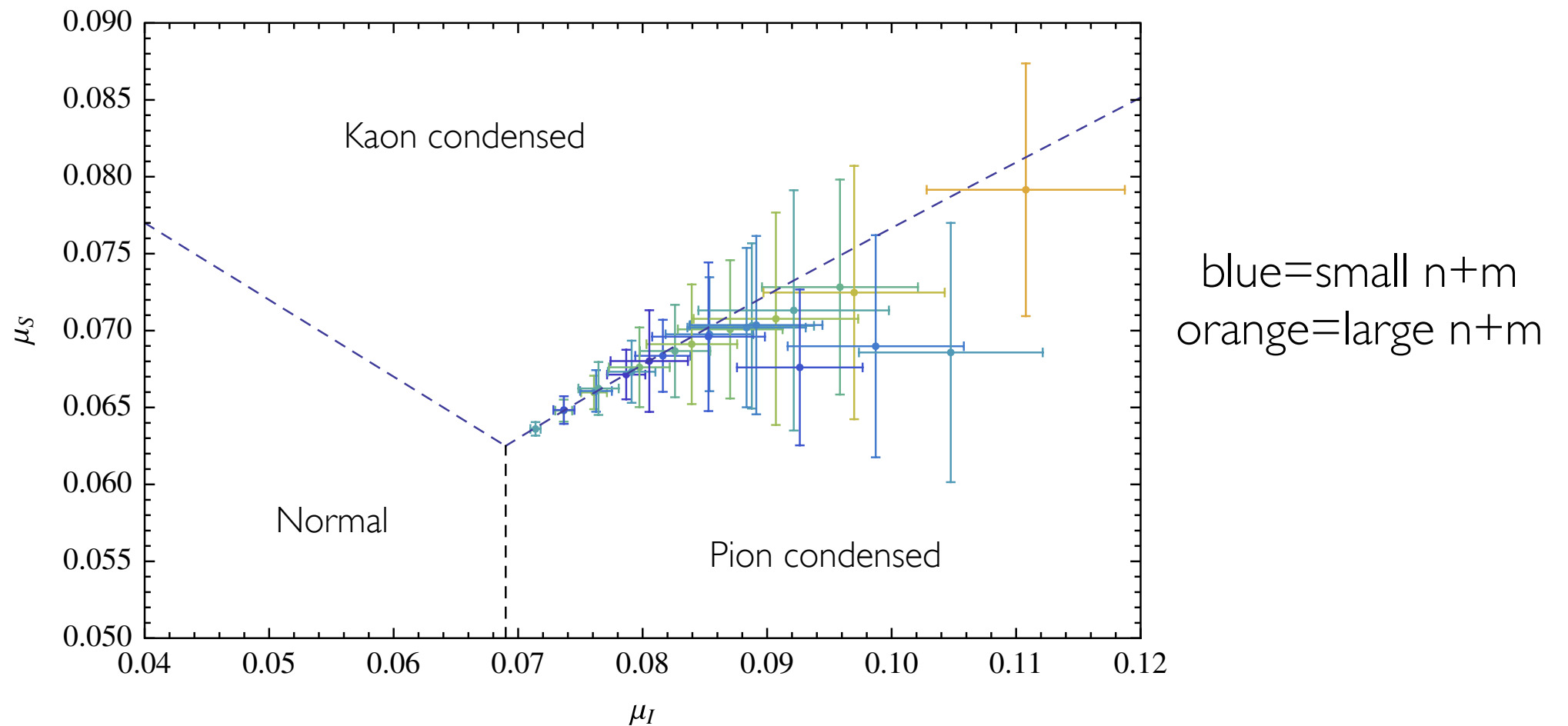
$$\frac{m_\pi m_K}{2m_\pi + m_K} \bar{\eta}_{3,\pi\pi K} f_{\pi\pi K}^4 = 0.45 \pm 0.26.$$



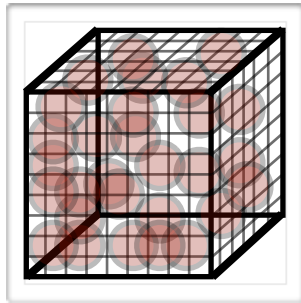
- Single species parameters consistent with literature
- Predictions for mixed interactions

Chemical potentials

- LO χ PT phase diagram for μ_I, μ_S [Kogut & Toublan, PRD 64, 034007 (2001)]



- QCD calculations probe interesting region



Many meson systems

[WD, Savage, *Phys. Rev. D*82, 014501, 2010]

[WD + Zhifeng Shi, in progress]

Large systems

- How do we deal with complexity of contractions?
 - One species: $N_{\text{terms}} \sim e^{\pi\sqrt{2n/3}} / \sqrt{n}$
 - Two-species is harder, more is unfeasible
- How do we go beyond $n=12$?
 - Previous method fails because of Pauli principle
 - Avoid by using multiple propagator sources but this leads to contraction complexity

Few pion contractions

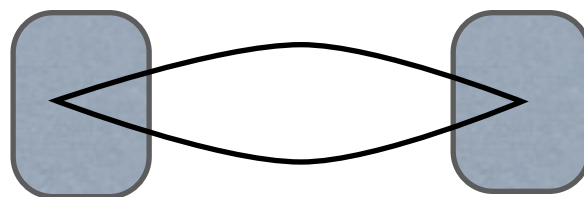
$$C_{1\pi}(t) = \text{Diagram 1}$$


Diagram 1: A single pion contraction between two nucleons. Two blue rounded rectangles represent nucleons. Two black lines connect them, forming a lens shape with a concave top and convex bottom.

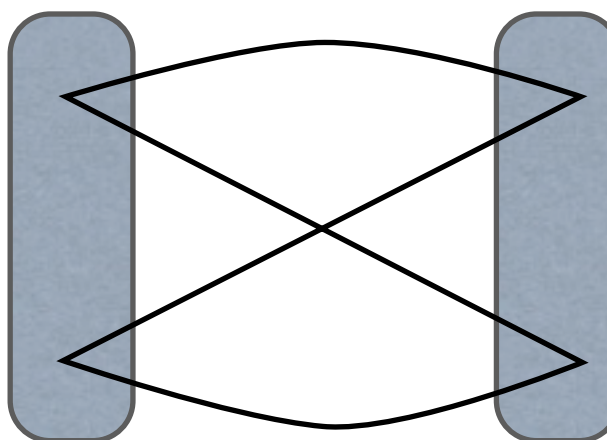
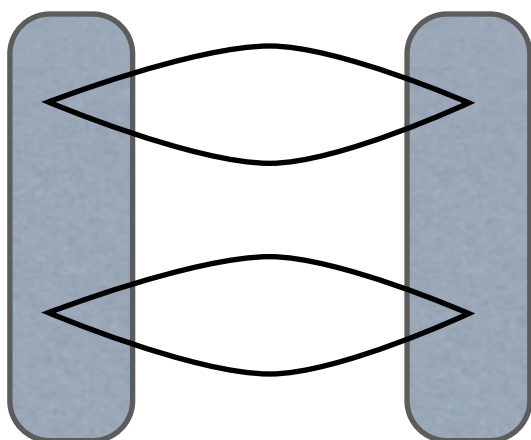
$$C_{2\pi}(t) = \text{Diagram 2} - \text{Diagram 3}$$


Diagram 2: Two parallel pion contractions between two nucleons. Two blue rounded rectangles represent nucleons. Two black lines connect them, forming two parallel lens shapes, one above the other.

Diagram 3: Two crossed pion contractions between two nucleons. Two blue rounded rectangles represent nucleons. Two black lines connect them, forming two crossed lens shapes, one above the other.

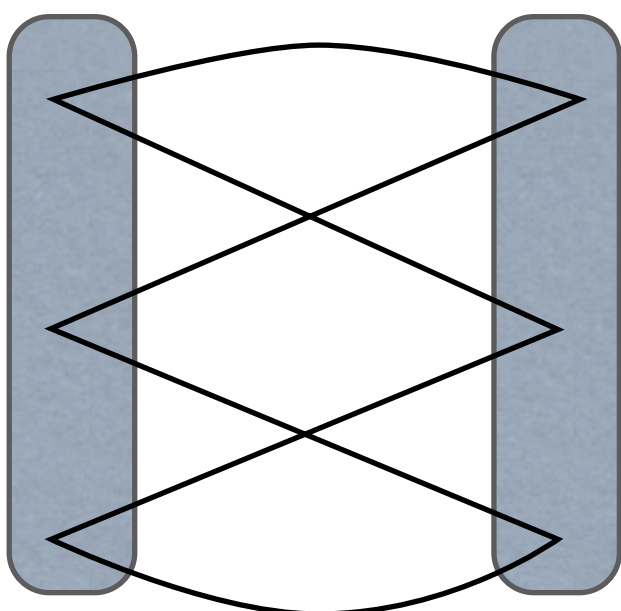
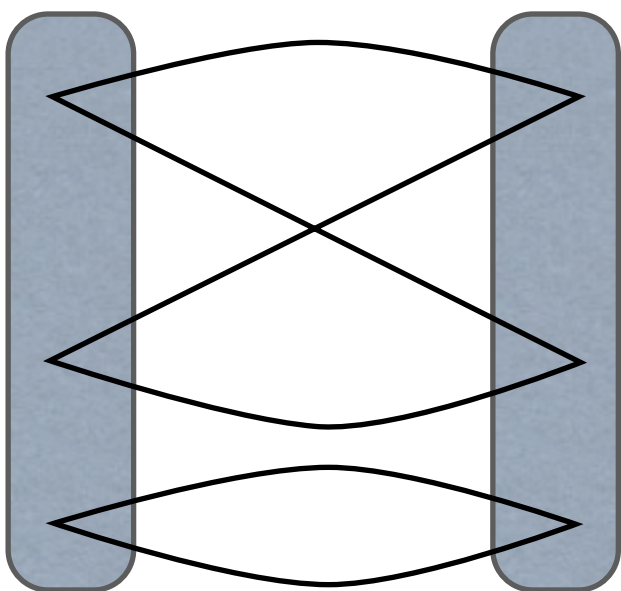
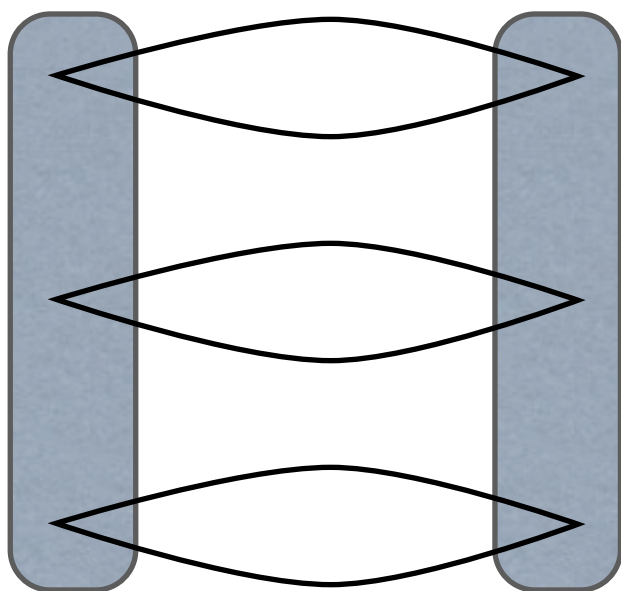
$$C_{3\pi}(t) = \text{Diagram 4} - 3 \text{Diagram 5} - 2 \text{Diagram 6}$$


Diagram 4: Three parallel pion contractions between two nucleons. Two blue rounded rectangles represent nucleons. Three black lines connect them, forming three parallel lens shapes, one above the other.

Diagram 5: Three parallel pion contractions between two nucleons with a crossing. Two blue rounded rectangles represent nucleons. Three black lines connect them, forming three parallel lens shapes, one above the other, with a crossing in the middle.

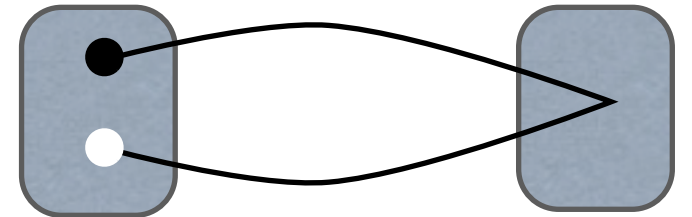
Diagram 6: Three crossed pion contractions between two nucleons. Two blue rounded rectangles represent nucleons. Three black lines connect them, forming three crossed lens shapes, one above the other.

Blocks

- Define a partly contracted pion correlator

$$\Pi \equiv R_1 = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} S_u(\mathbf{x}, t; x_0) \gamma_5 S_d(x_0; \mathbf{x}, t) \gamma_5 = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} S_u(\mathbf{x}, t; x_0) S_d^\dagger(\mathbf{x}, t; x_0)$$

- Time-dependent 12×12 matrix (spin-colour indices)



- Correlators

$$C_1(t) = \langle \Pi \rangle, \quad C_2(t) = \langle \Pi \rangle^2 - \langle \Pi^2 \rangle, \dots$$

- Functional definition

$$\Pi_{ij} = \bar{u}_i(x) u_k(x_0) \frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{u}_j(x) \delta u_k(x_0)} C_1(t)$$

- Generalises to

$$(R_n)_{ij} \equiv \bar{u}_i(x) u_k(x_0) \frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{u}_j(x) \delta u_k(x_0)} C_n(t)$$

Recursion relation

[WD, Savage, Phys. Rev. D82, 014501, 2010]

- The block objects are simply related
- Recursion relation

$$R_{n+1} = \langle R_n \rangle R_1 - n R_n R_1$$

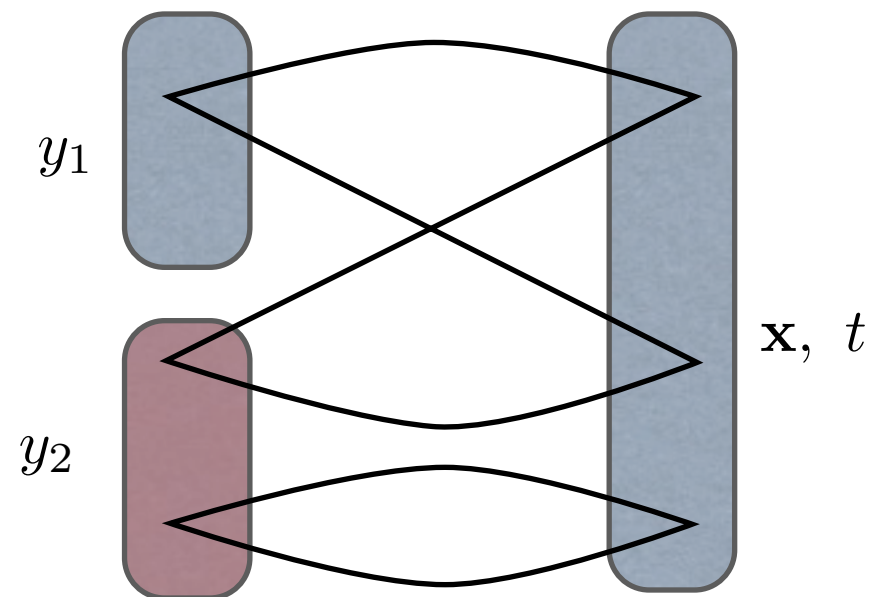
- Initial condition is that $R_1 = \Pi$, $R_j = 0, \forall j < 1$
- Can also construct a descending recursion as we know that $R_{13}=0$

Multi-source systems

- To get beyond $n=12$, need to consider multi-source systems
- Consider two sources first

$$C_{(n_1\pi_1^+, n_2\pi_2^+)}(t) = \left\langle \left(\sum_{\mathbf{x}} \pi^+(\mathbf{x}, t) \right)^{n_1+n_2} \left(\pi^-(\mathbf{y}_1, 0) \right)^{n_1} \left(\pi^-(\mathbf{y}_2, 0) \right)^{n_2} \right\rangle$$

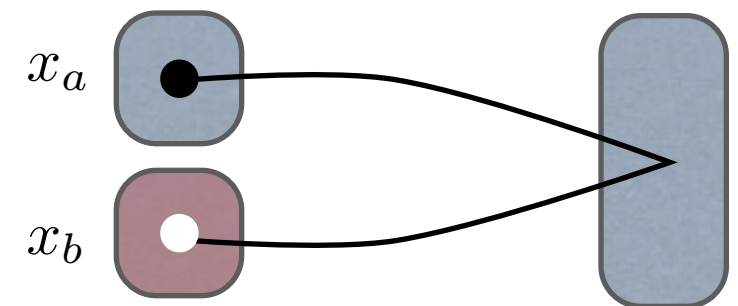
- $C_{(1,2)}(t)$ contains contractions like



Multi-source systems

- Multiple types of blocks needed

$$A_{ab} = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} S_u(\mathbf{x}, t; x_a) S_d^\dagger(\mathbf{x}, t; x_b)$$



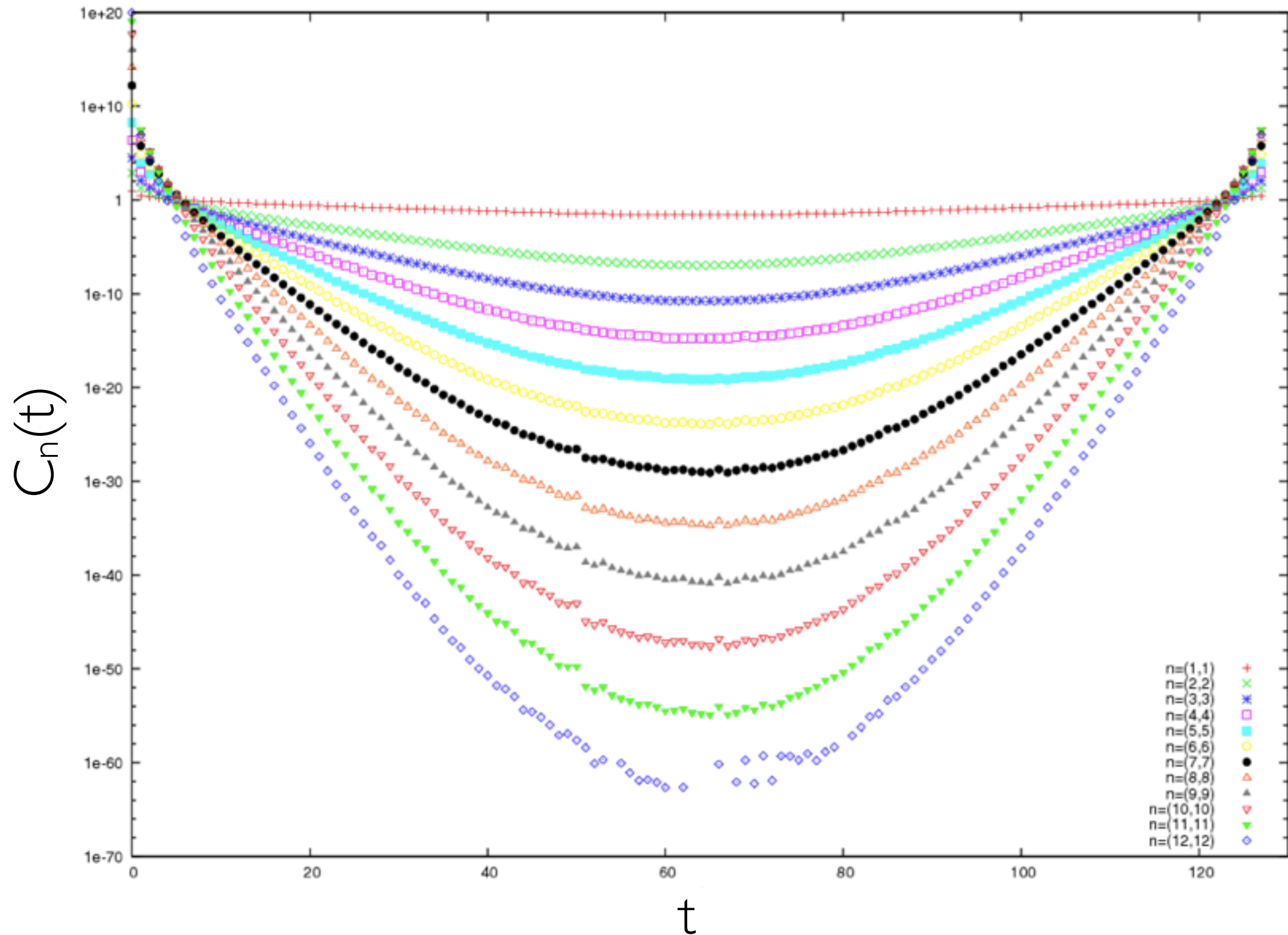
- Two species case has a simple recursion relation:
First define

$$P_1 = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{11}(t) & A_{12}(t) \\ \hline 0 & 0 \end{array} \right), \quad P_2 = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline A_{21}(t) & A_{22}(t) \end{array} \right)$$

Then the generalisations of the R_n satisfy a recursion

$$Q_{(n_1+1, n_2)} = \langle Q_{(n_1, n_2)} \rangle P_1 - (n_1 + n_2) Q_{(n_1, n_2)} P_1 \\ + \langle Q_{(n_1+1, n_2-1)} \rangle P_2 - (n_1 + n_2) Q_{(n_1+1, n_2-1)} P_2$$

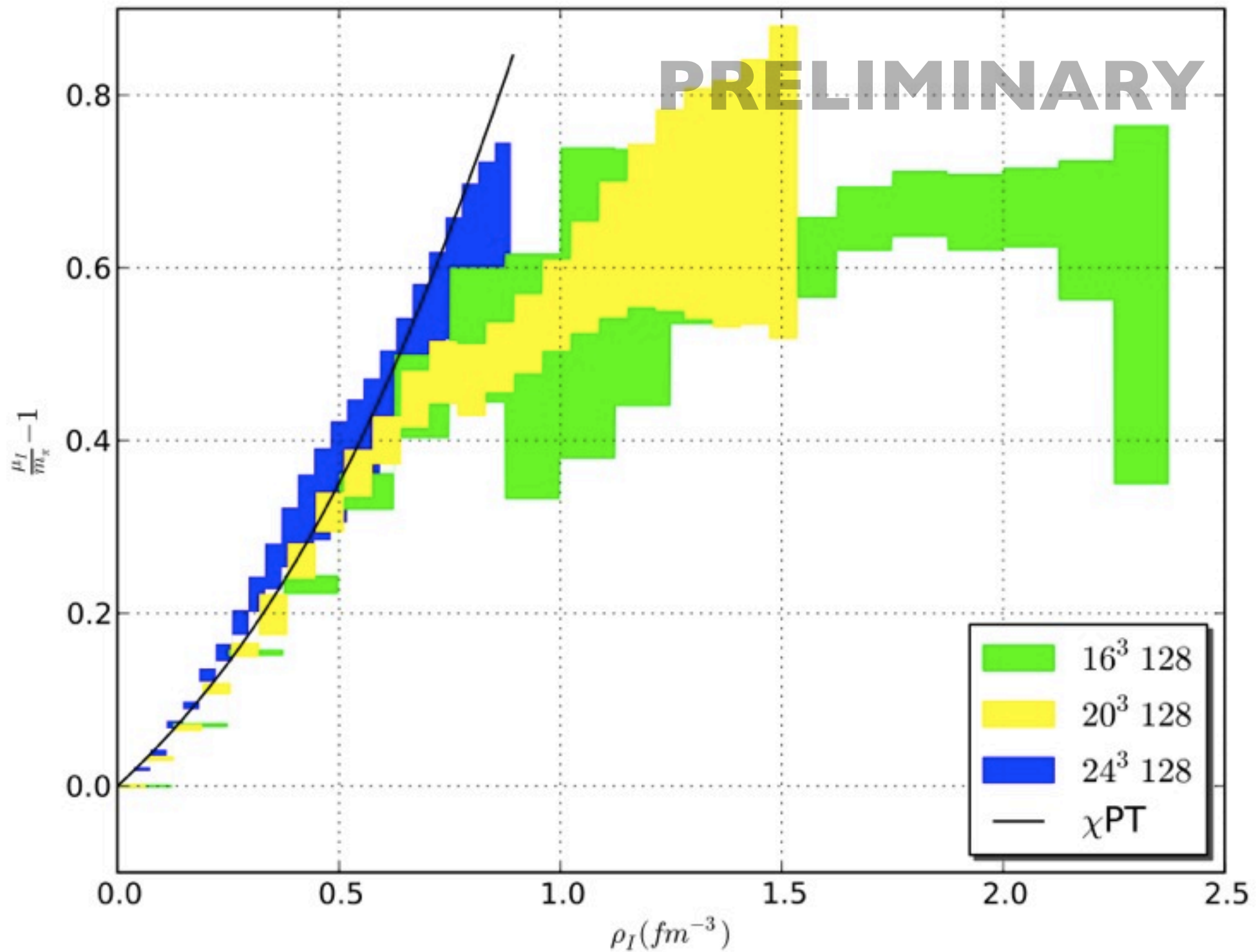
N=24 pions



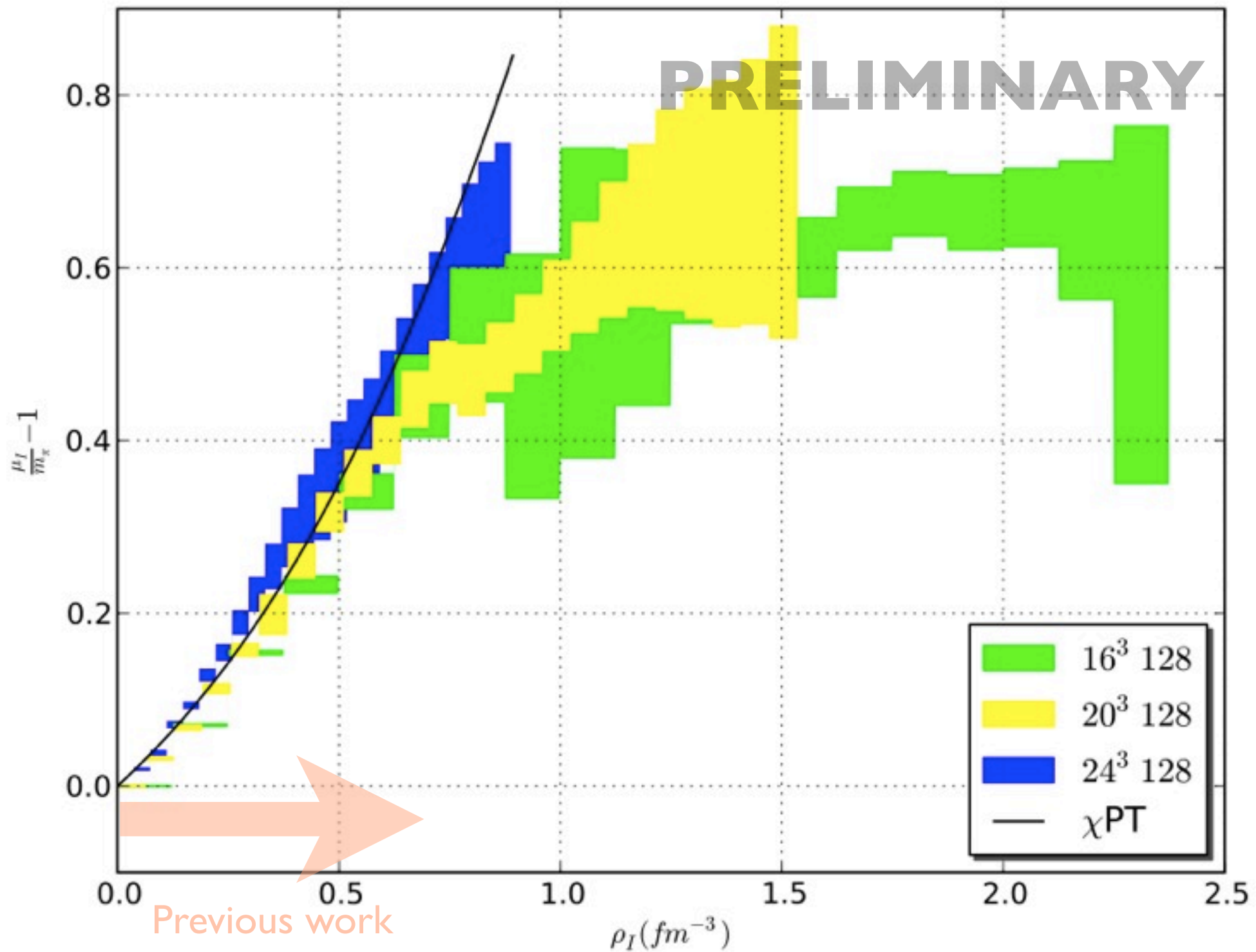
Higher density

- Recurrence relations become costly
 - Number of applications of recurrence grows fast
 - Make use of closed shells/descending recurrence
 - Beyond $N \sim 36$ is problematic ☹
- New method: scales as $N \log(N)$
 - Limited only by computer representation of floats:
 $2^{38}\pi^+$ requires ~ 250 decimal digit precision

Higher density: μ_I



Higher density: μ_I



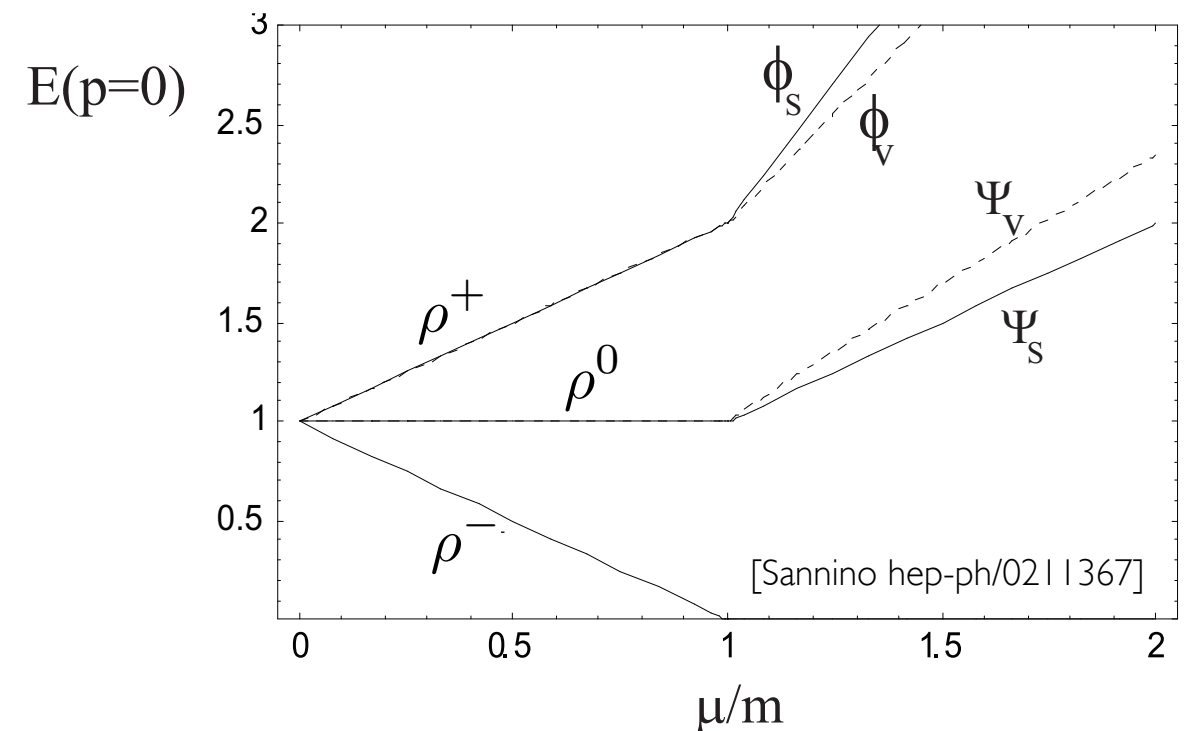
Vector condensation

- Possible explanation: condensation of ρ mesons
- Ground state contains J=0 pairs of ρ 's replacing π 's

- Expected from general arguments [Voskresensky; Sannino,...]

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu} + \frac{m^2}{2}A_\mu^a A^{a\mu} + \delta \epsilon^{abc} \partial_\mu A_{a\nu} A_b^\mu A_c^\nu - \frac{\lambda}{4} (A_\mu^a A^{a\mu})^2 + \frac{\lambda'}{4} (A_\mu^a A^{a\nu})^2$$

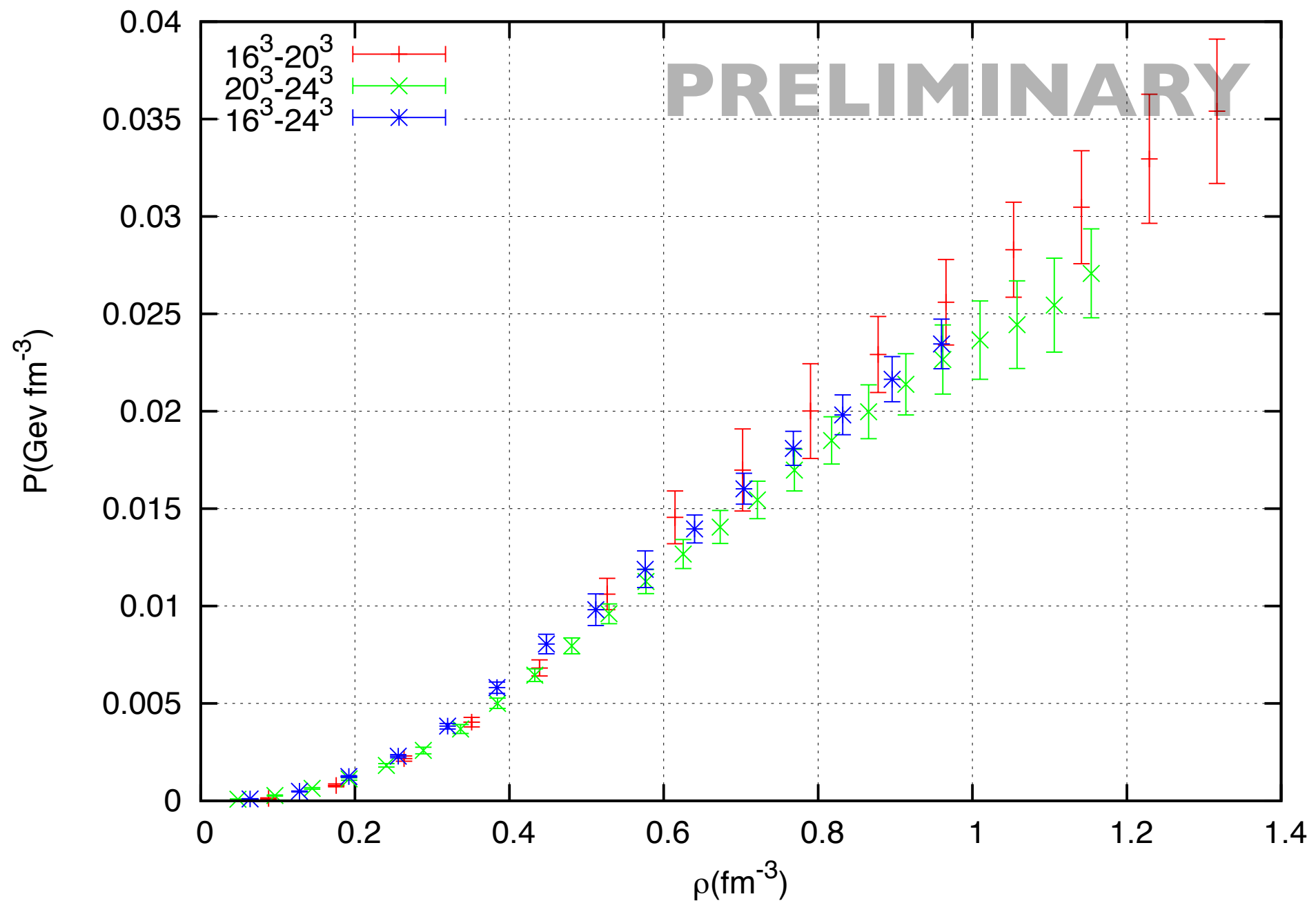
$$\partial_\nu A_\rho \rightarrow \partial_\nu A_\rho - i [B_\nu, A_\rho] \quad B_\nu = \mu \delta_{\nu 0} T^3$$



- Similar expectation from ChPT+vector mesons
- Also seen in AdS models of QCD [Aharony et al.]

Pressure

- Measurements of $E_n(L=16,20,24)$ access pressure





Matrix elements in multi-hadron systems

Properties of multi-hadron systems

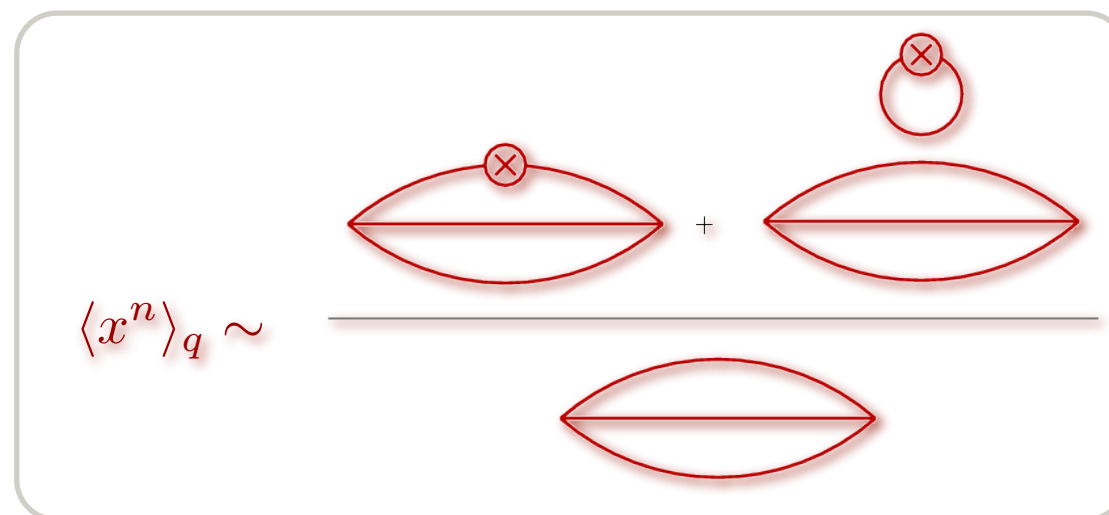
- Many important EW interactions with nuclei
 - $\mu_d, np \rightarrow d\gamma, V_{ud}, 0\nu\beta\beta$
- How can we probe multi-hadron systems?
 - External fields
 - Three-point functions
- Generically difficult

Example: momentum fraction

- Mellin moments of parton distributions defined by forward matrix elements of local operators

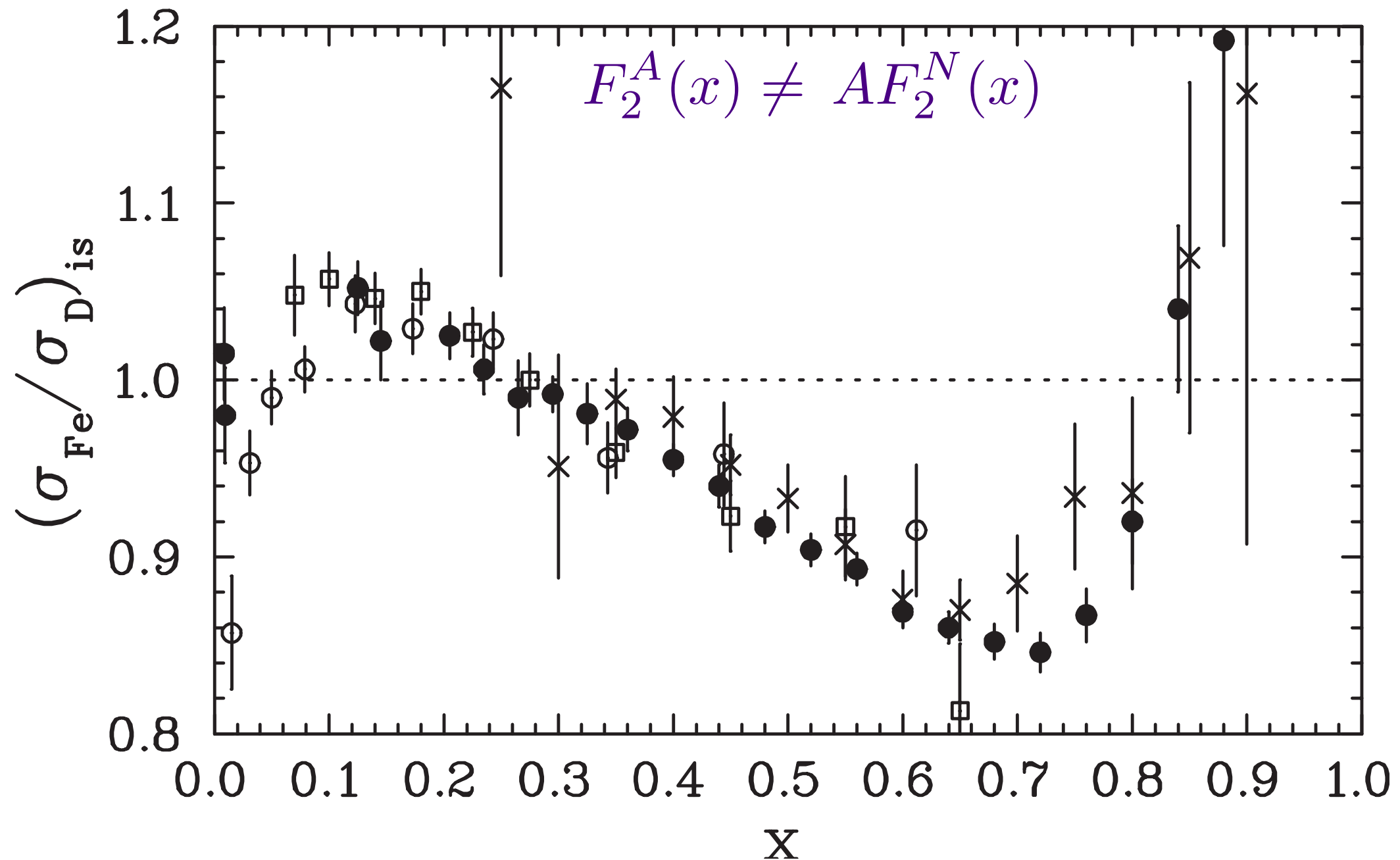
$$\langle x^n \rangle_H = \int_{-1}^1 dx x^n q_H(x) \quad \langle H | \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\{\mu_0} D^{\mu_1} \dots D^{\mu_n\}} | H \rangle = p^{\{\mu_0} \dots p^{\mu_n\}} \langle x^n \rangle_H$$

- $n=1$ corresponds to LC momentum fraction carried by quarks inside H (renormalisation scale dependent)
- Intensively studied in QCD using 3-pt functions (also possible using background fields)



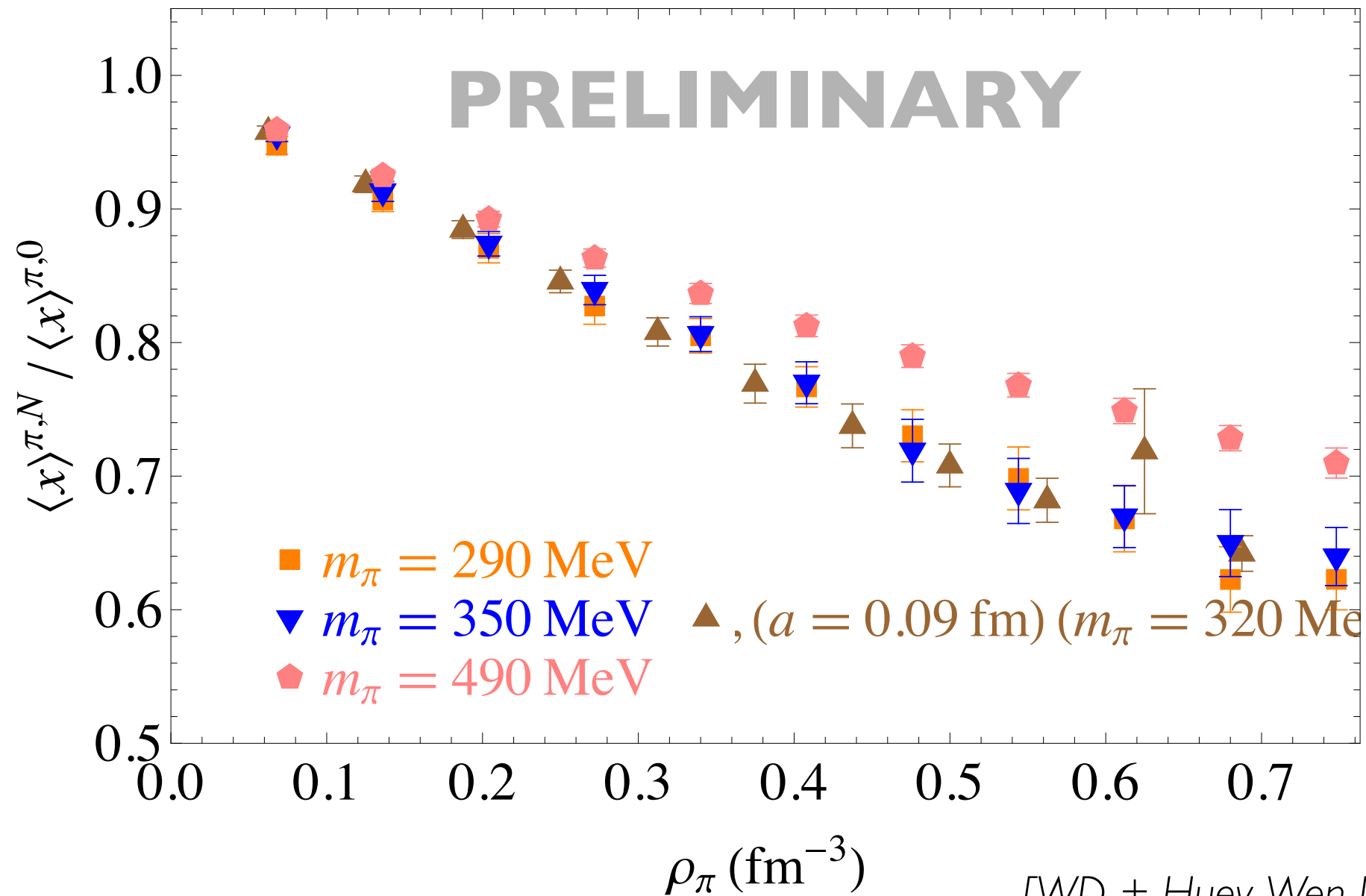
EMC effect

- Medium modification of parton distributions



Pionic EMC effect

- LC momentum fraction carried by quarks in a pion in a dense medium c.f. in free space



[WD + Huey-Wen Lin, in progress]

Outlook

- What lessons have pions taught us?
- Contractions require tricks
- Thermal effects $\sim \exp(-m_\pi L_4)$
 - Particularly bad in multi-hadron states
 - Always present (pions from the sea)
- Precision
 - Contraction of propagators
 - Ultimately: HMC, propagator calculations

BiCG vs precision

