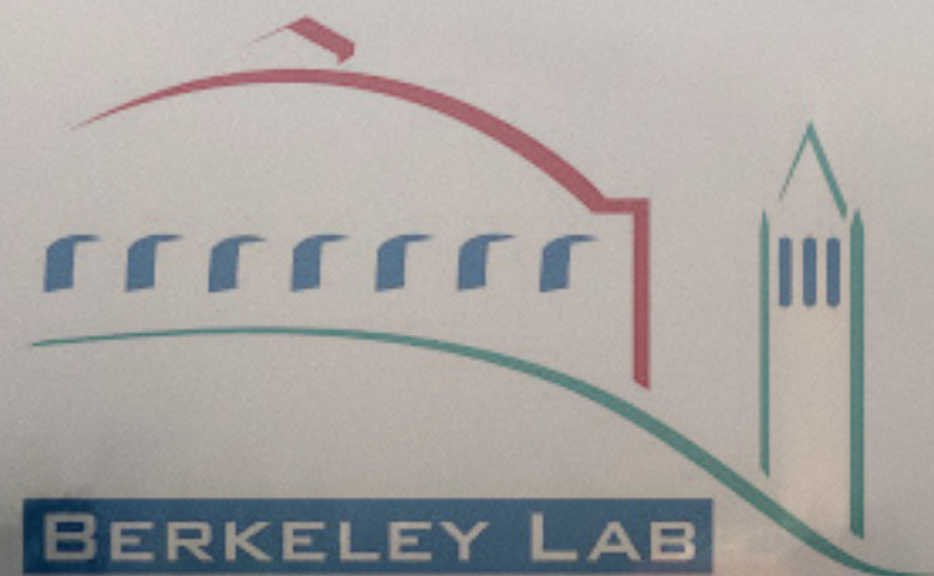


# Pion mass dependence of the nucleon mass and the pion-nucleon sigma term from lattice QCD and EFT

INT Workshop:  
Origin of the Visible Universe: Unraveling the Proton Mass  
June 13-17

André Walker-Loud



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# Outline

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- Who?
- What?
- Where?
- When?
- Why?

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- Who? CalLat Collaboration
- What?  $\langle N | m_u \bar{u}u + m_d \bar{d}d | N \rangle$   $\left[ \langle N | m_s \bar{s}s | N \rangle, \langle N | m_c \bar{c}c | N \rangle \right]$
- Why Why not?
- Where? Summit at OakRidge Leadership Computing Facility and Lassen at LLNL
- When? The last few years
- How? Lattice QCD
  - Lattice QCD brief intro
  - Feynman-Hellmann Method versus Direct Method
  - Our results

# Who?



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# What?

- We are computing the scalar quark condensation in the nucleon

$$\sigma_{\pi N} = \langle N | m_u \bar{u}u + m_d \bar{d}d | N \rangle = \langle N | \hat{m} (\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d) | N \rangle \quad \hat{m} = \frac{m_u + m_d}{2}$$

- We are also interested in the strange and charm scalar condensation in the nucleon

$$\langle N | m_s \bar{s}s | N \rangle, \quad \langle N | m_c \bar{c}c | N \rangle$$

- I will focus on the light-quark matrix elements in this talk

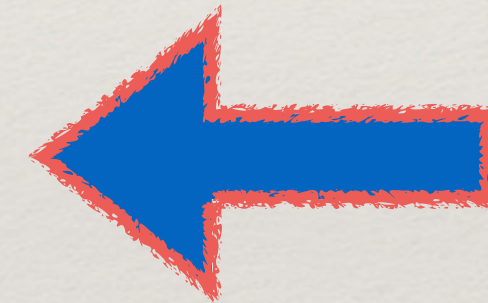
# Why?

- This workshop — how does the proton mass emerge from QCD?

$$m_N = \frac{\beta}{2g} \langle N | G^2 | N \rangle + \sum_q \langle N | (1 + \gamma_m) m_q \bar{\psi}_q \psi_q | N \rangle$$
$$= \langle N | \frac{\beta}{2g} G^2 + \gamma_m \sum_q m_q \bar{\psi}_q \psi_q | N \rangle + \sum_q \langle N | m_q \bar{\psi}_q \psi_q | N \rangle$$

RG Invariant  
Unambiguous

How do I define this term  
non-perturbatively?



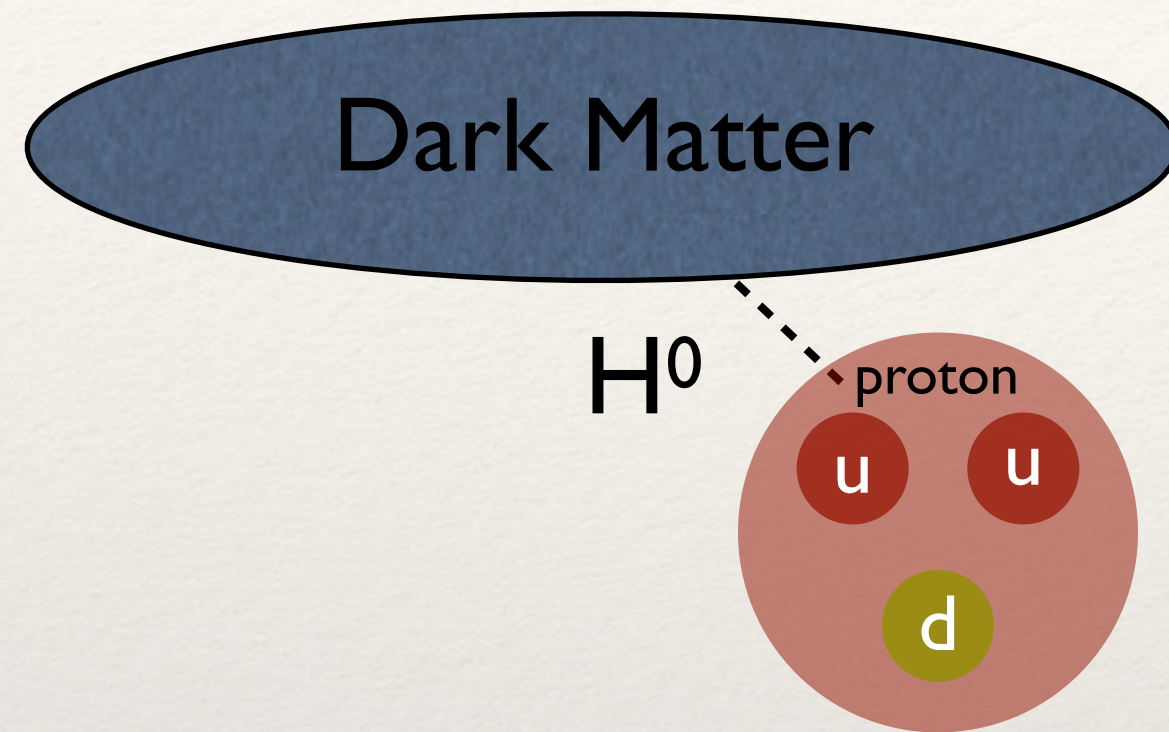
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- NOTE: I have not specified what quark flavors I am summing over...

certainly, we have no hope to compute the light and strange matrix elements w/o LQCD  
the charm content is well estimated by pQCD — but — we might be hyper-sensitive to it

# Why?

- Prospective scattering of Dark Matter off matter is sensitive to these matrix elements



$$\sigma \propto |f|^2$$

$$f = \frac{2}{9} + \frac{7}{9} \sum_{q=u,d,s} f_q$$

$$f_q \equiv \frac{\langle N | m_q \bar{q}q | N \rangle}{m_N}$$

see eg. [Cheung, Hall, Pinner, Ruderman](#)  
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- These scalar current matrix elements are difficult to measure experimentally
  - $f_{u,d}$ : can be estimated from pion-nucleon scattering
  - $f_s$  : no good way to estimate (it turns out) - SU(3) Baryon XPT does not converge

- “Perfect” problem for LQCD

# Why?

- Uncertainty was dominated by strange content value was estimated using SU(3) baryon Chiral Perturbation Theory (XPT)

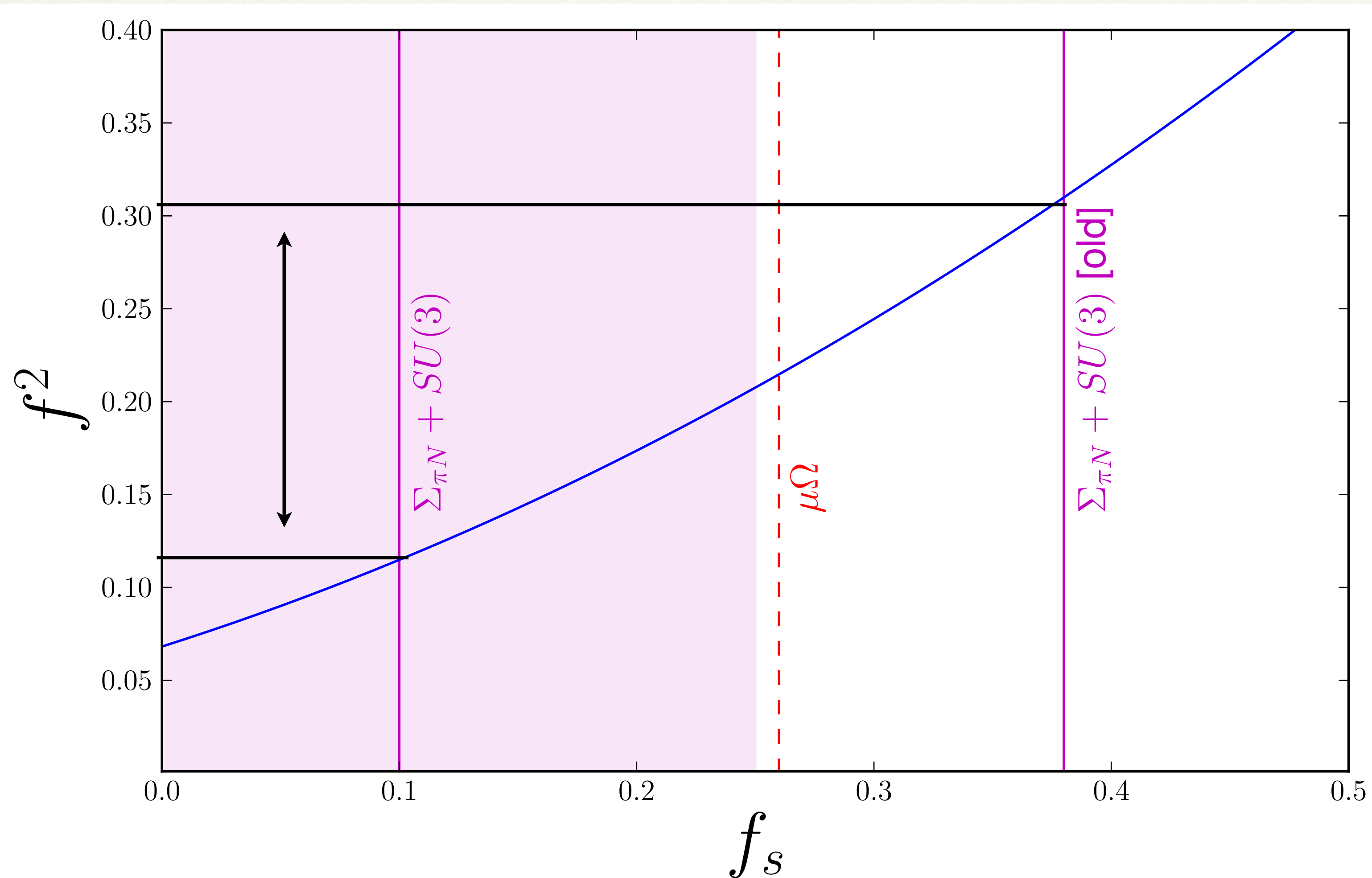


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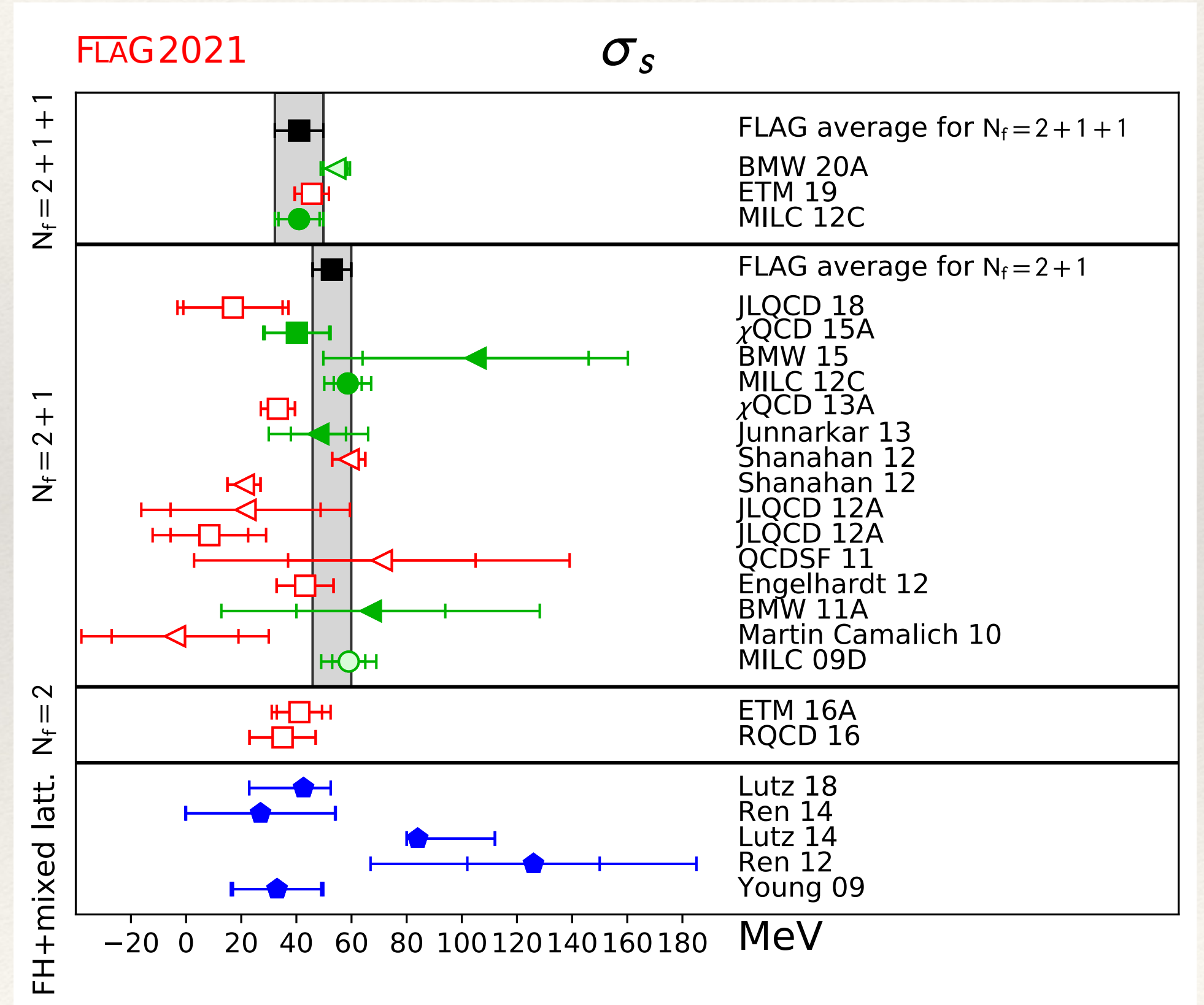
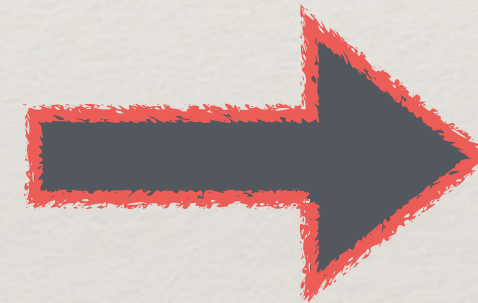
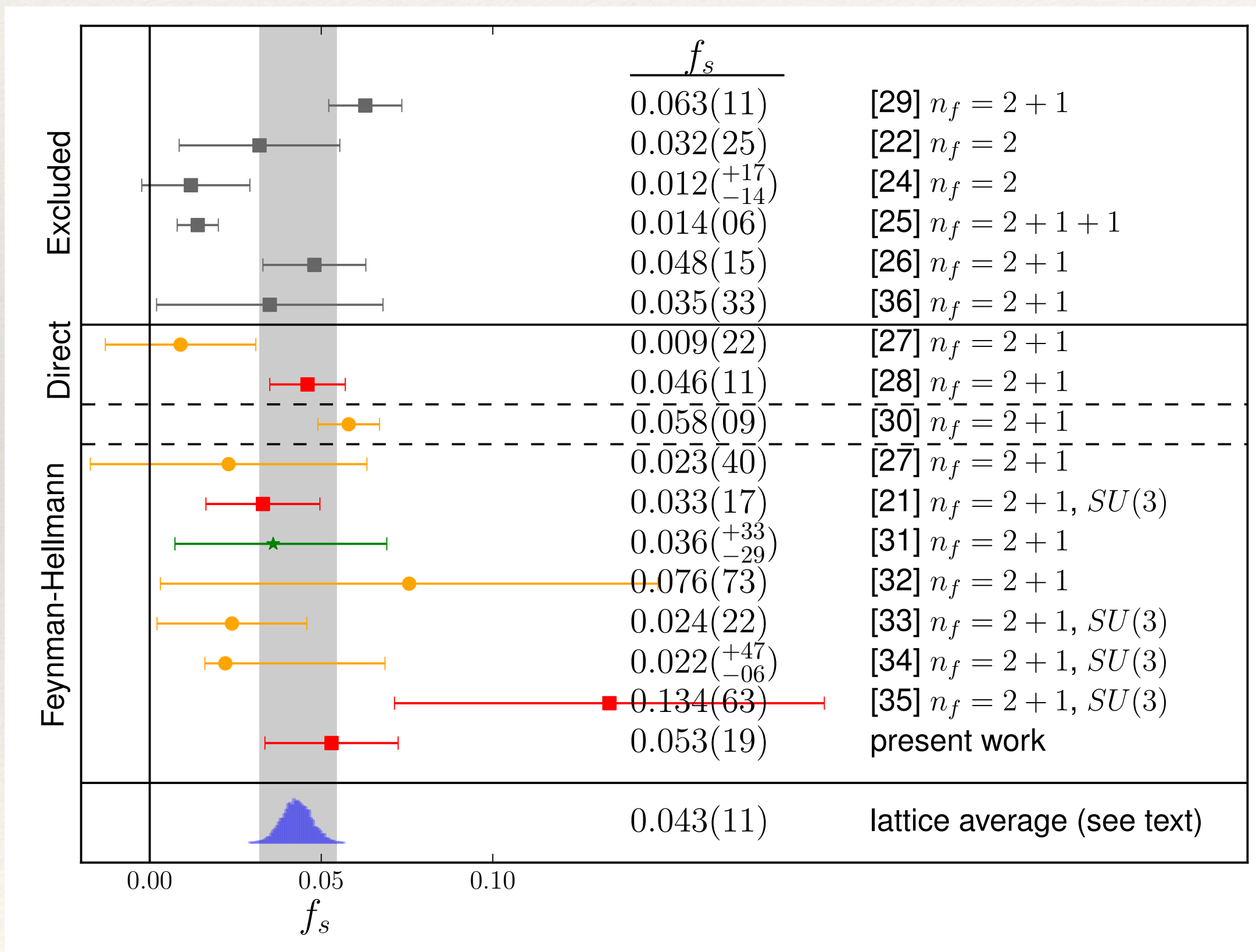
# Why?

□ LQCD  $f_s = \frac{\langle N | m_s \bar{s} s | N \rangle}{m_N} = \frac{\sigma_s}{m_N} = \frac{40 \pm 10 \text{ MeV}}{m_N}$

$$\sigma_s = \begin{cases} 52.9 \pm 7.0 \text{ MeV} & N_f = 2 + 1 \\ 41.0 \pm 8.8 \text{ MeV} & N_f = 2 + 1 + 1 \end{cases}$$

Junnarkar & Walker-Loud  
PRD 87 (2013) [arXiv:1301.1114]

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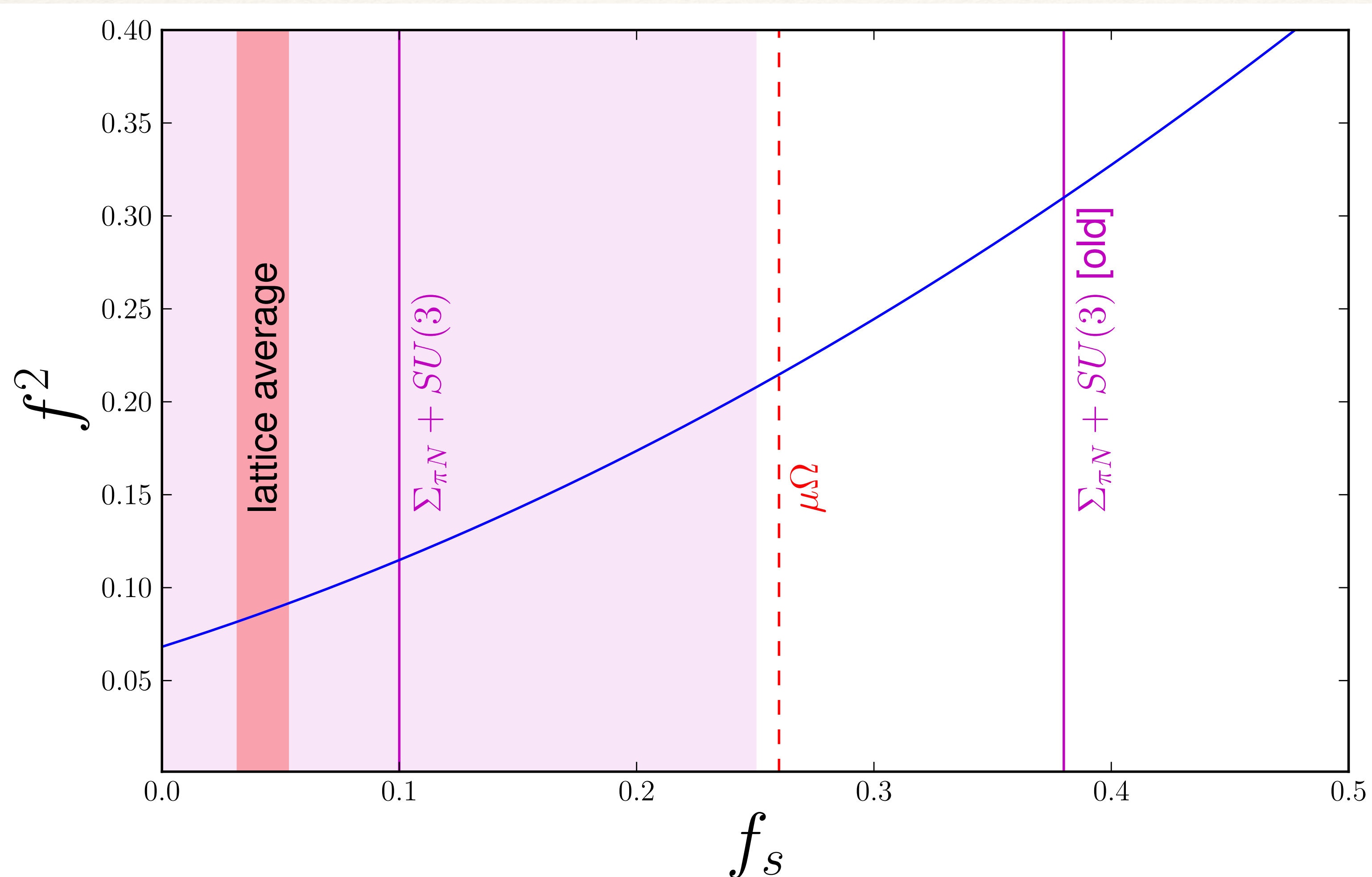
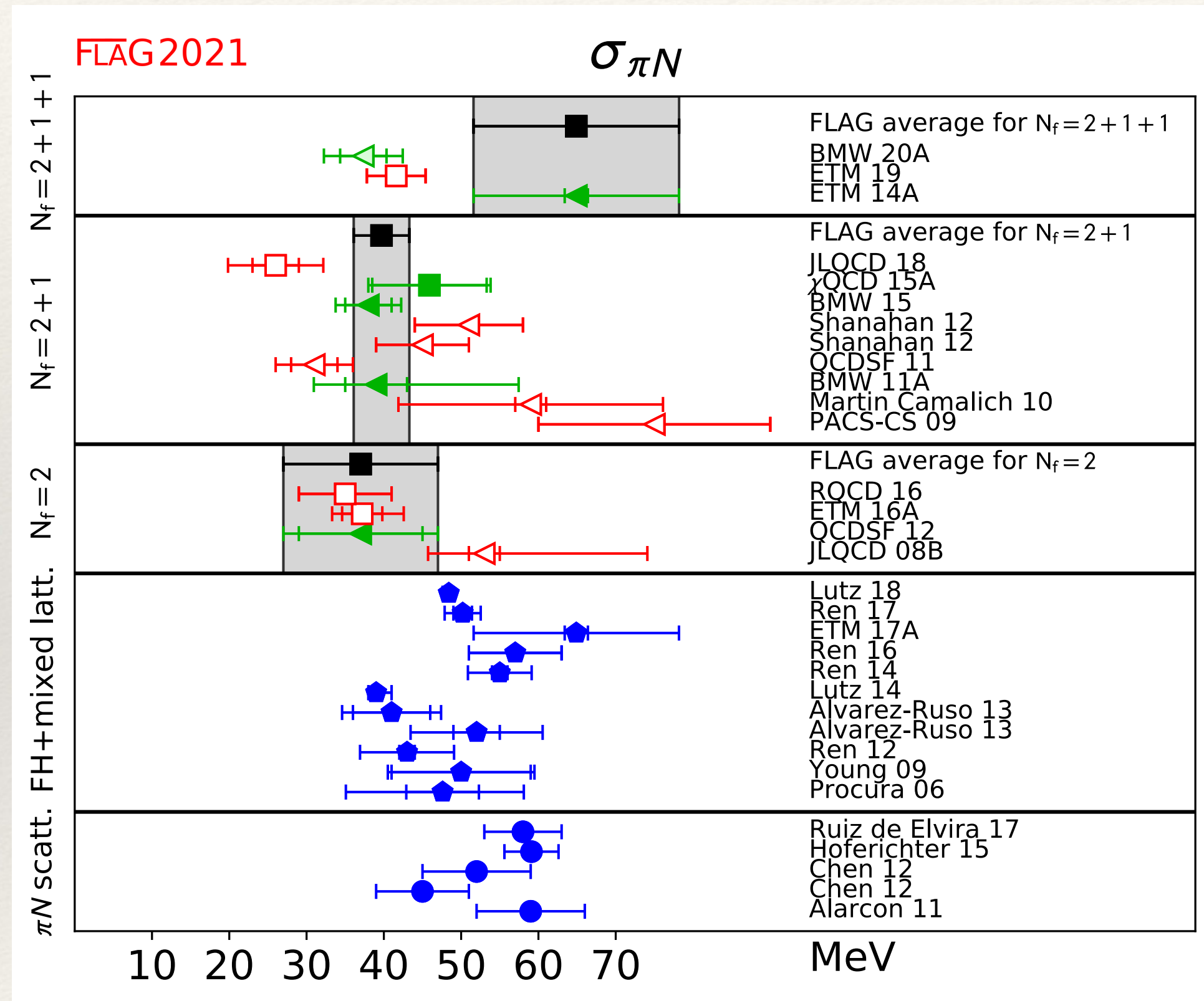


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Uncertainty is now sensitive to  
light-quark matrix element  
and heavy?

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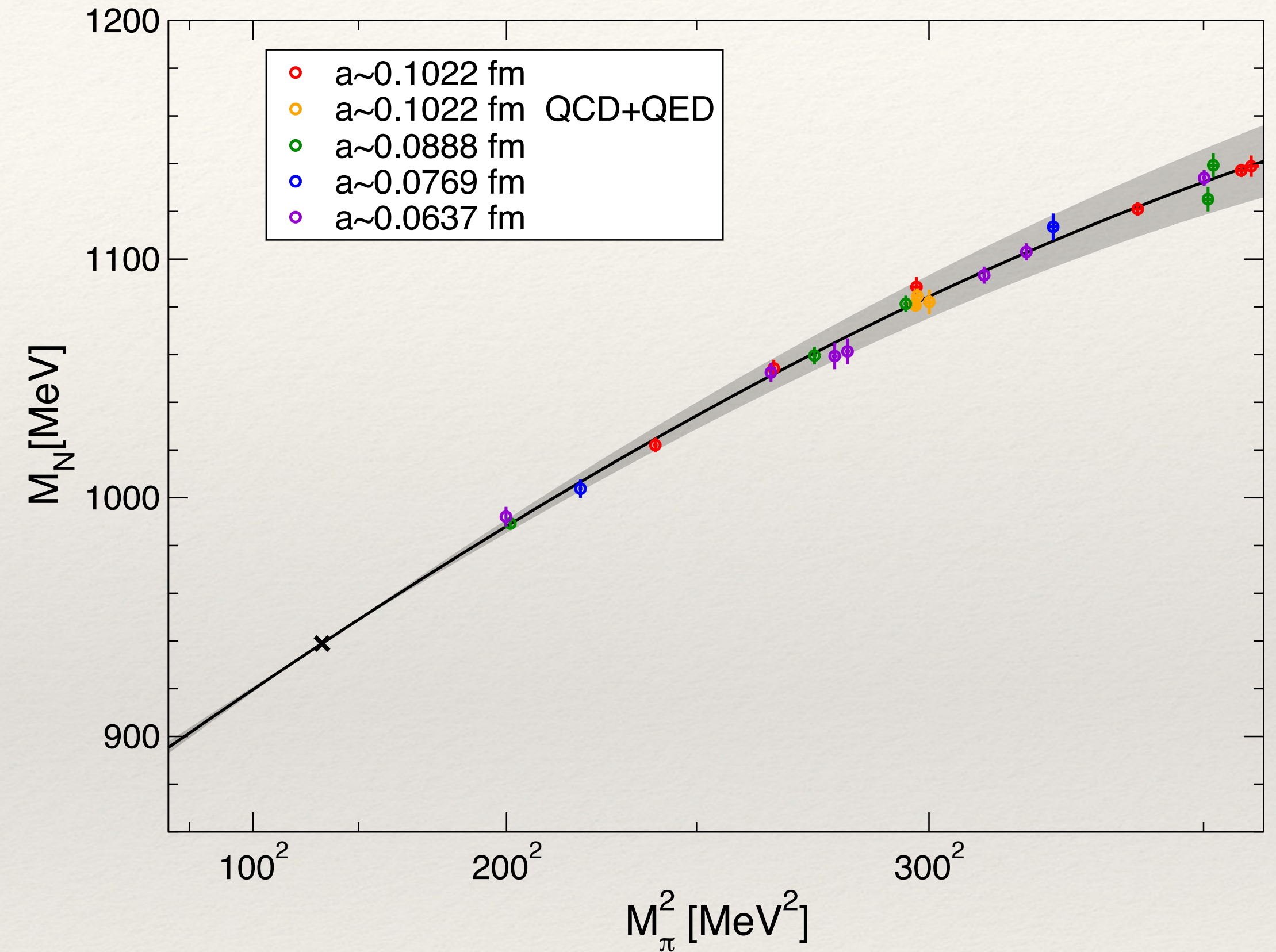
## □ Light-quark matrix element



LQCD

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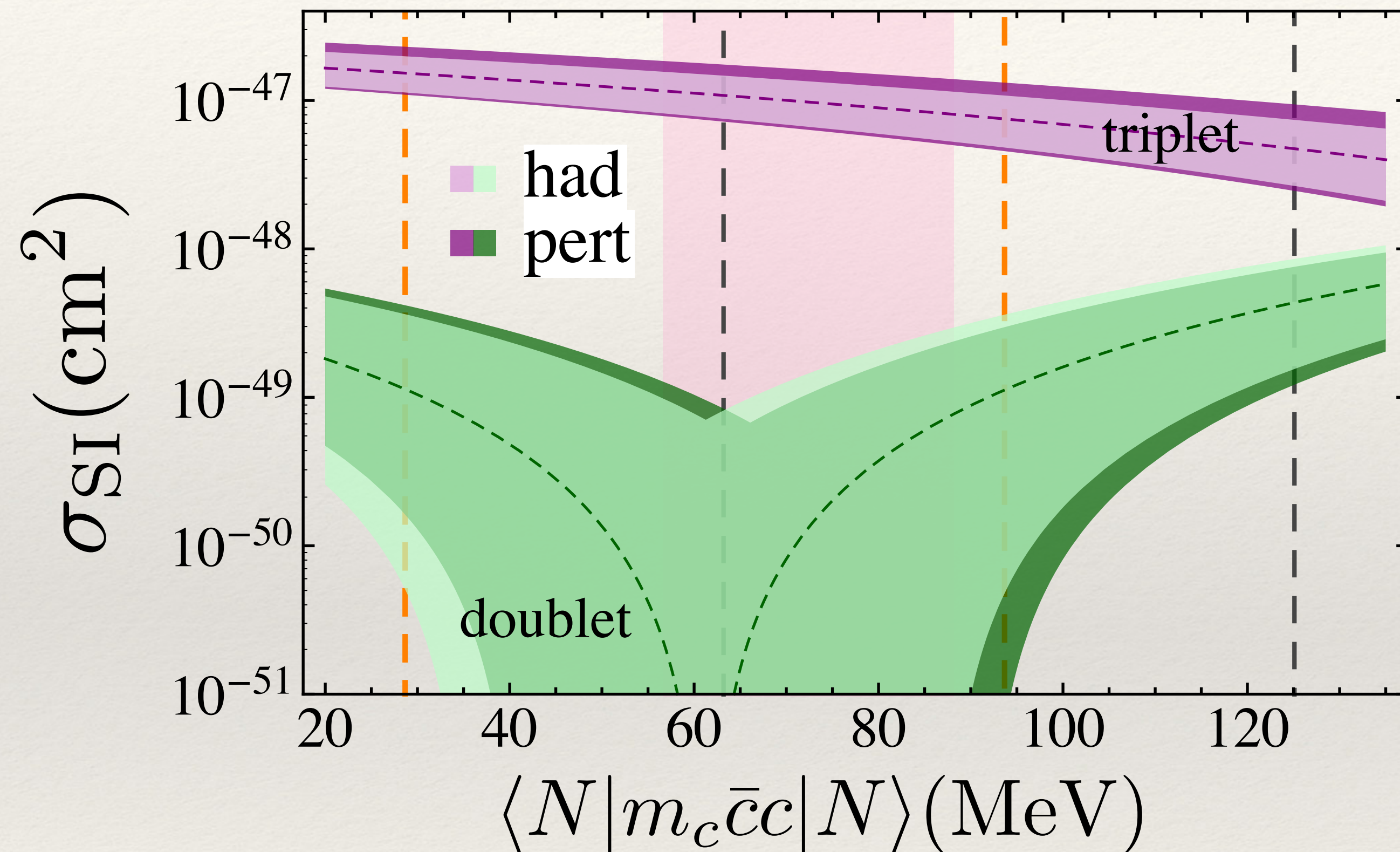
BMWc: Borsanyi et al  
[arXiv:2007.03319]



Is the tension due to LQCD systematics?  
 $M_{\pi}$  extrapolation?  
 Excited states?

# Why?

- The charm content may be particularly interesting



## WIMP Dark Matter scattering through HIGGS portal

- heavy WIMP (integrate out to SMEFT)
- cancellation between spin-0 and spin-2 gluon contributions to spin-independent (SI) cross section
- Normally - one would not need to precisely know a heavy quark matrix element
- Depending upon precise value of charm content, SI cross section can drop below “neutrino-floor”

Hill & Solon

PRL 112 (2014) [arXiv:1309.4092]

# How?

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- ❑ Lattice QCD is “perfect” tool to compute these scalar quark matrix elements
- ❑ Two ways to perform the calculation
  - ❑ Direct method: matrix element
  - ❑ Indirect method: Feynman-Hellmann Theorem

# Introduction to LQCD

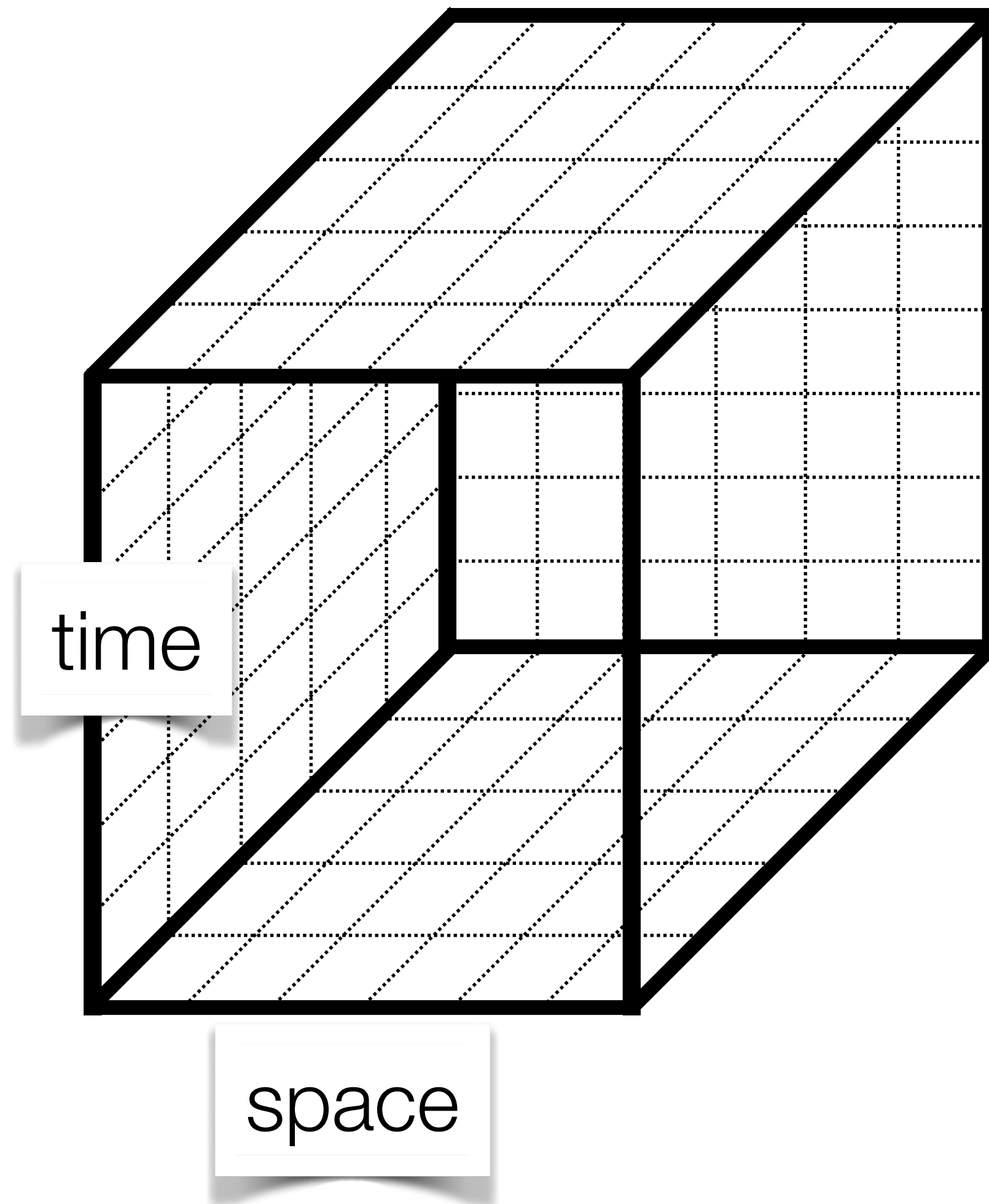
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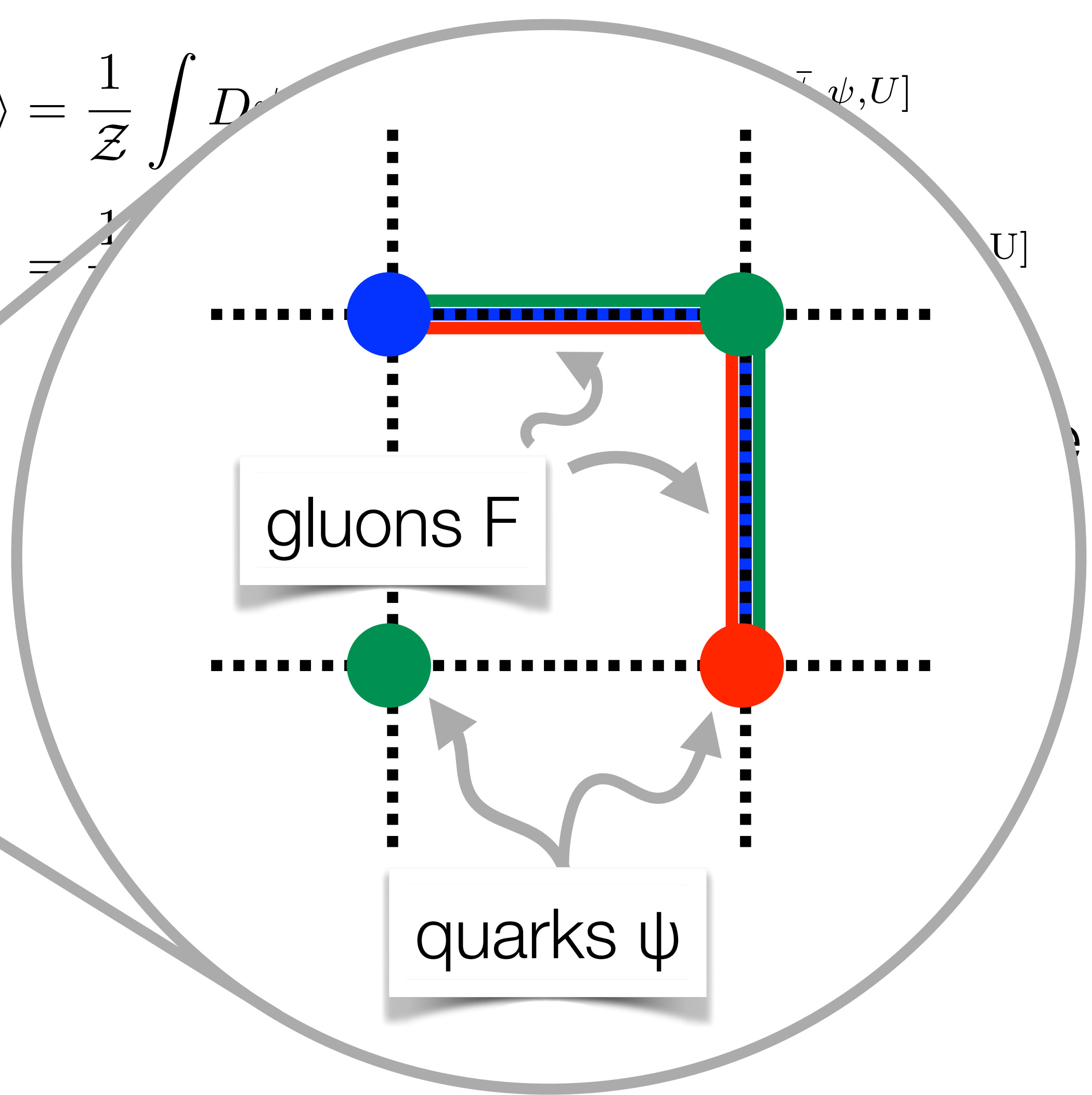
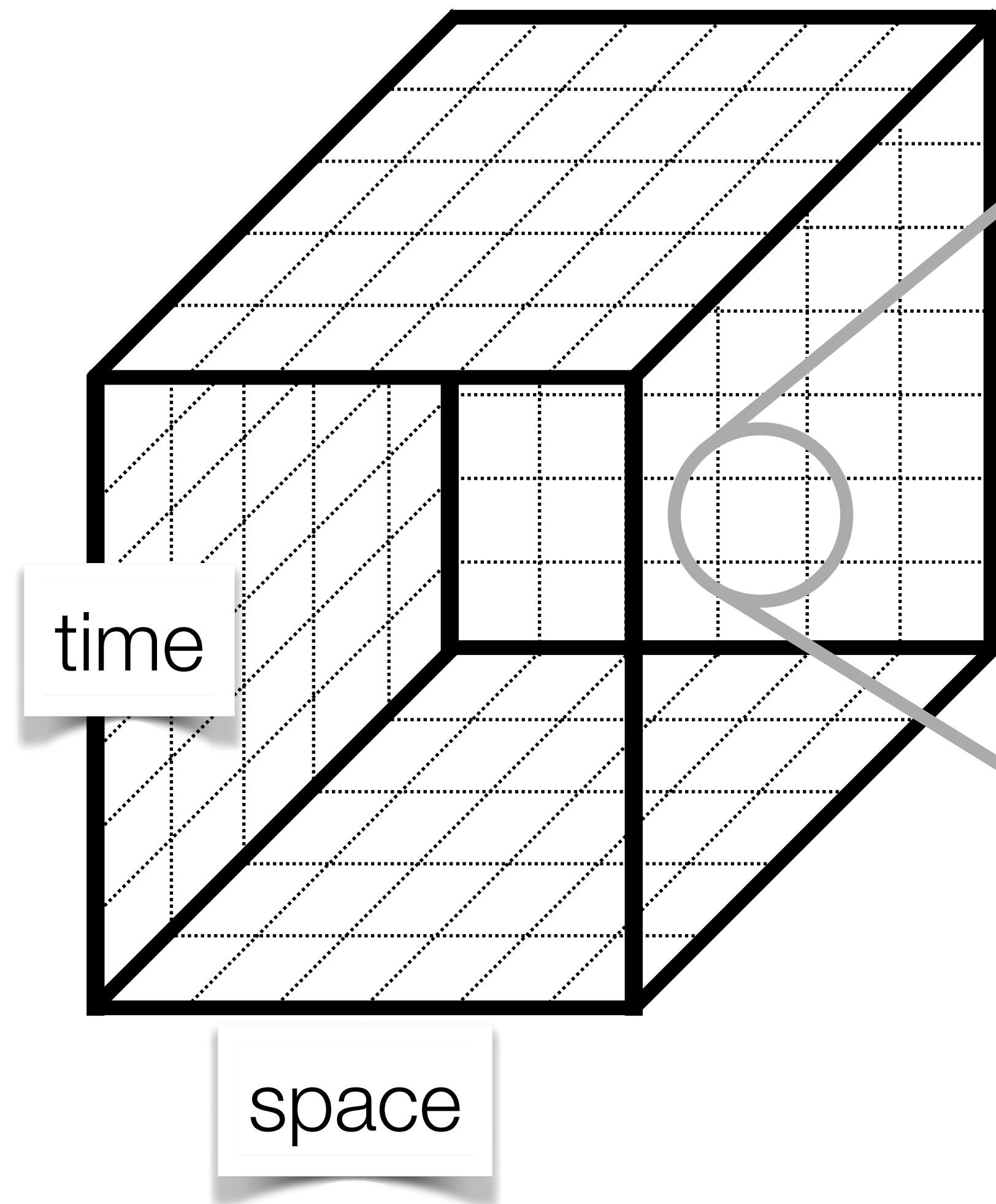
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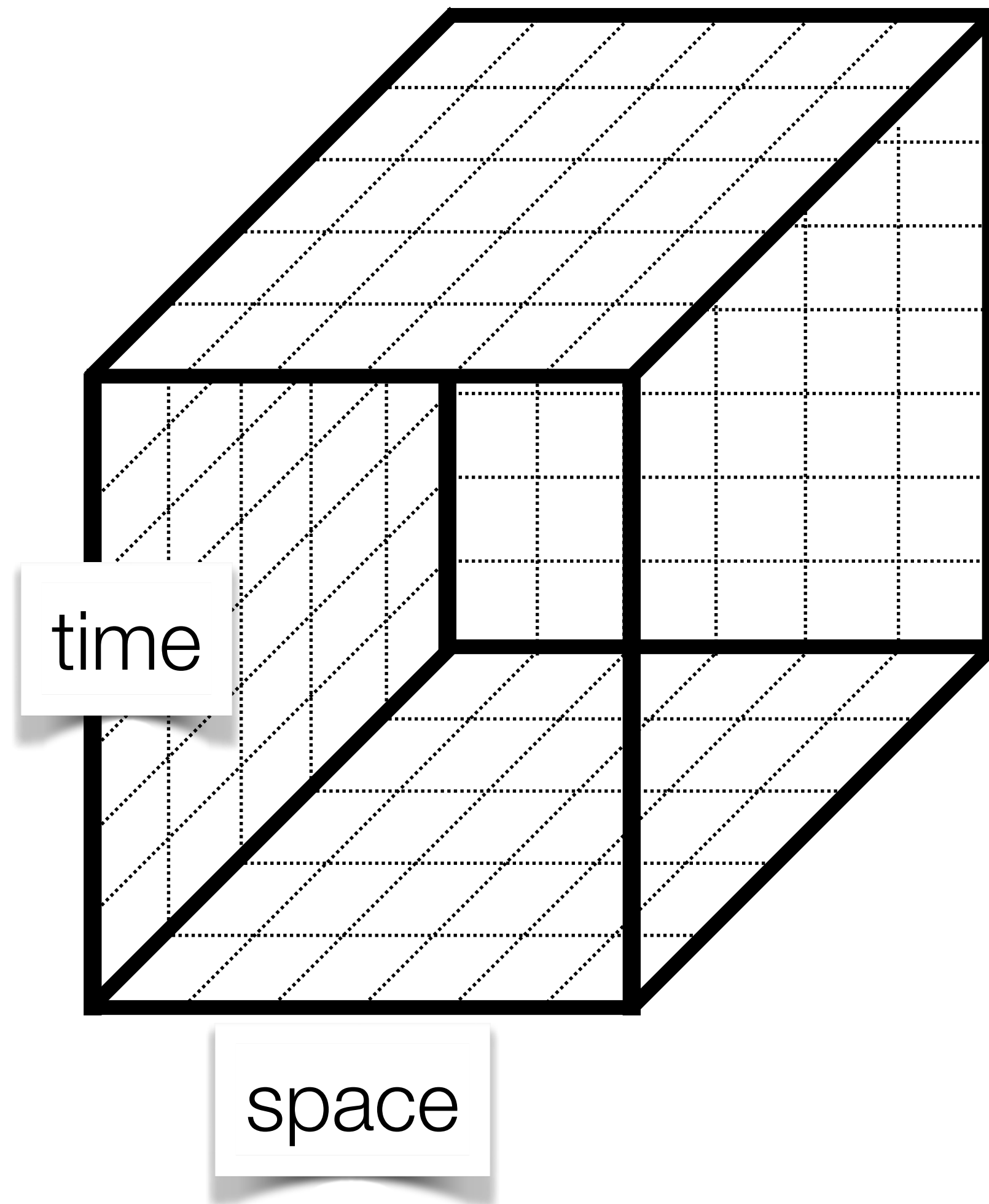


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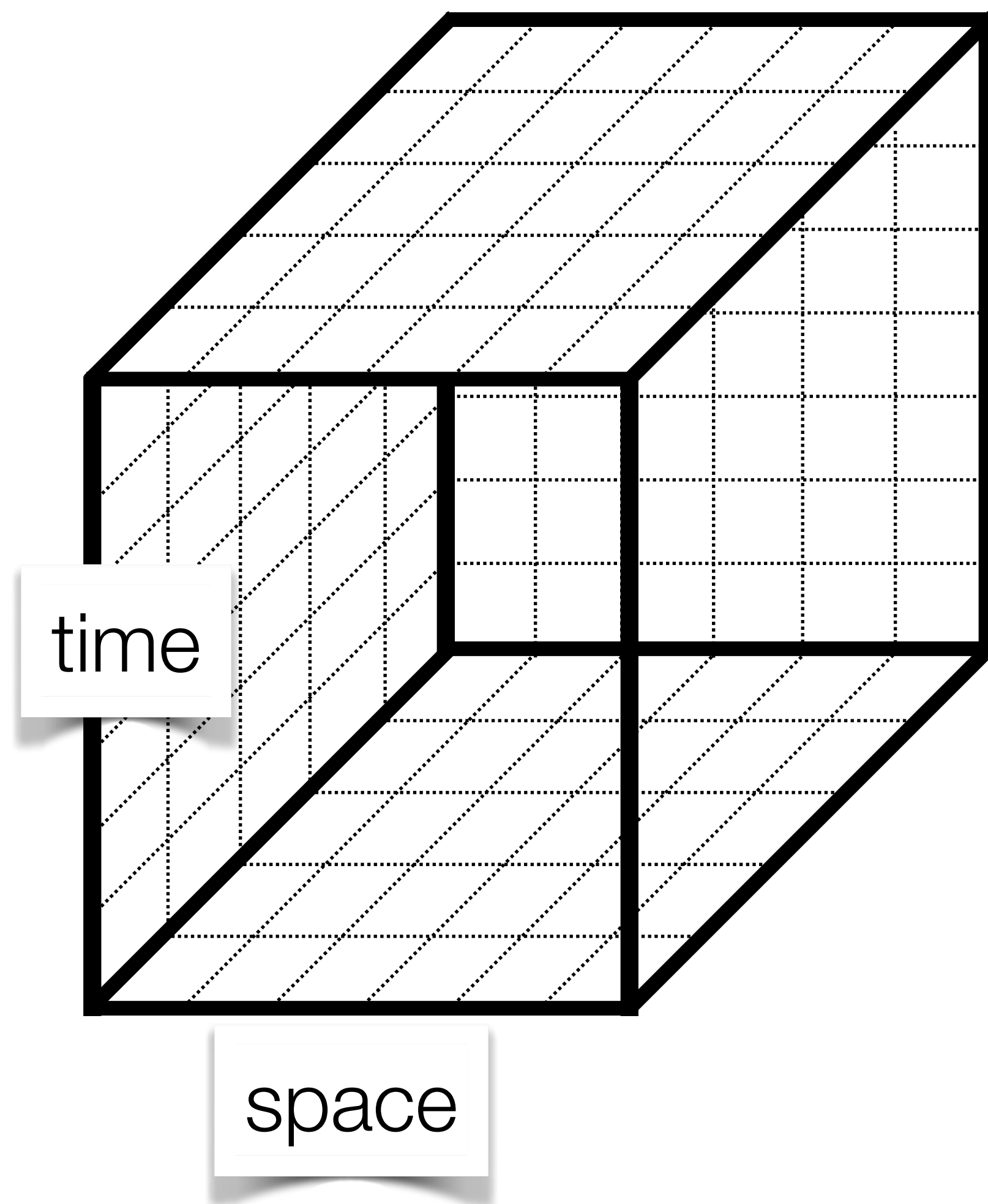
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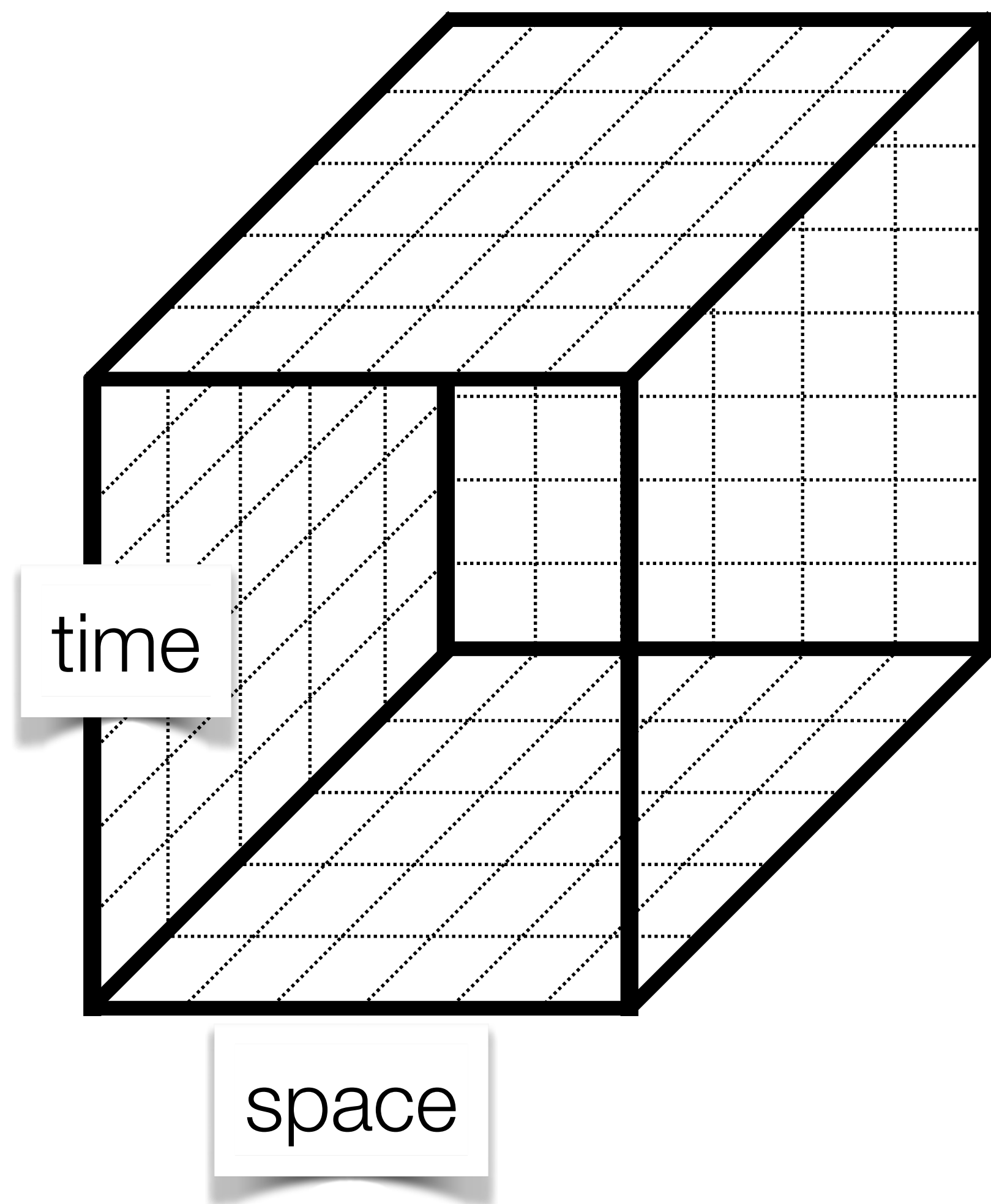
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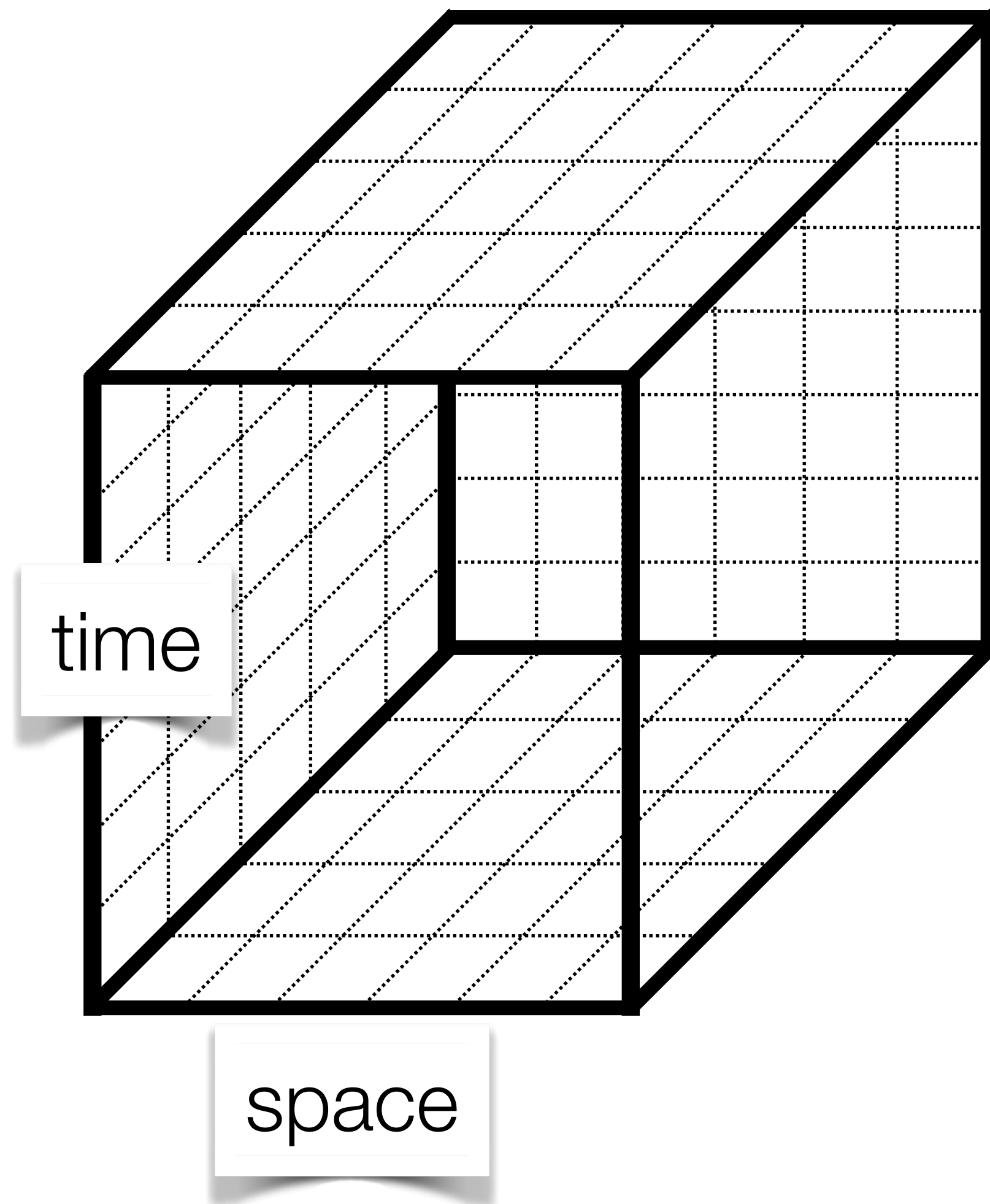
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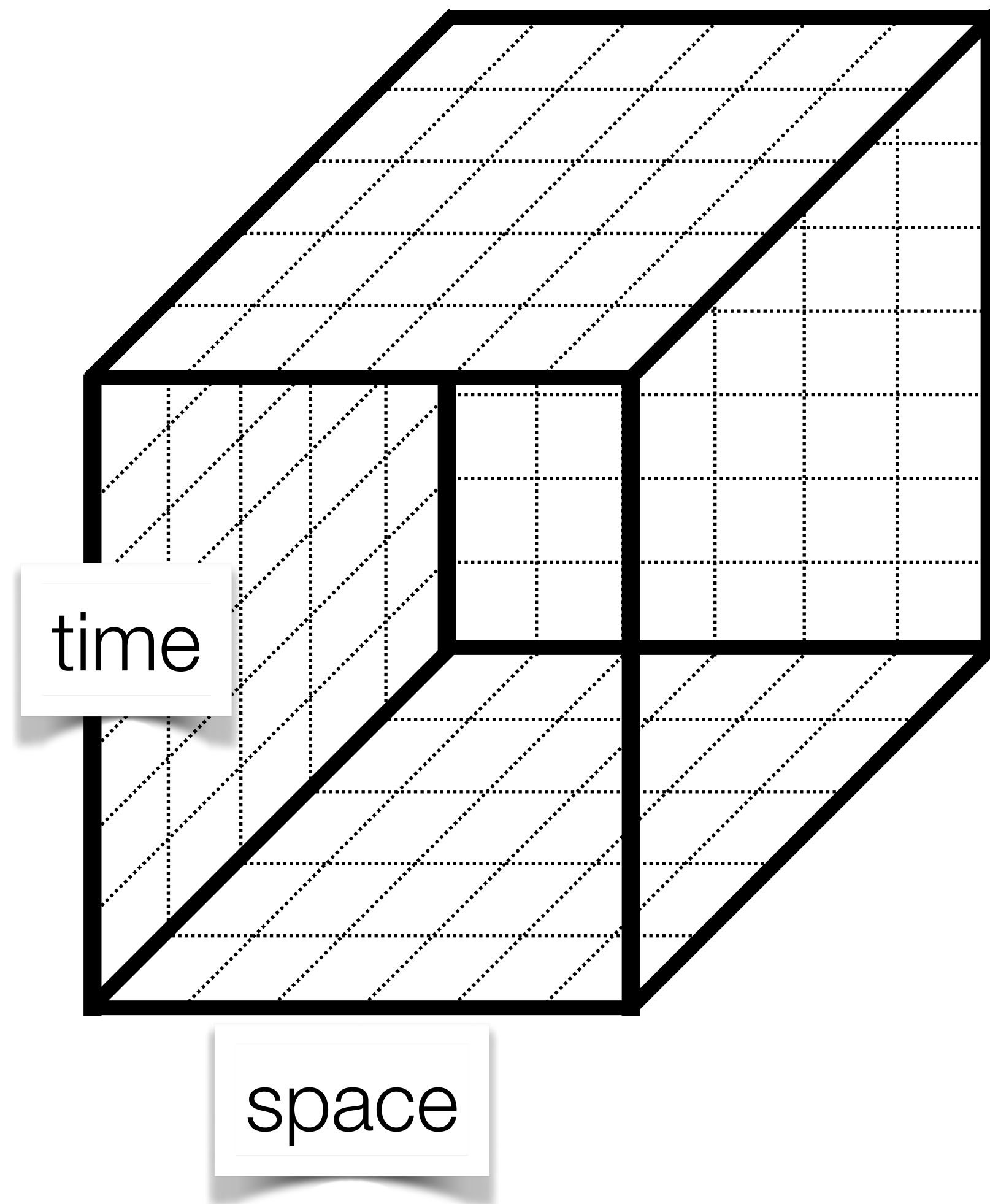
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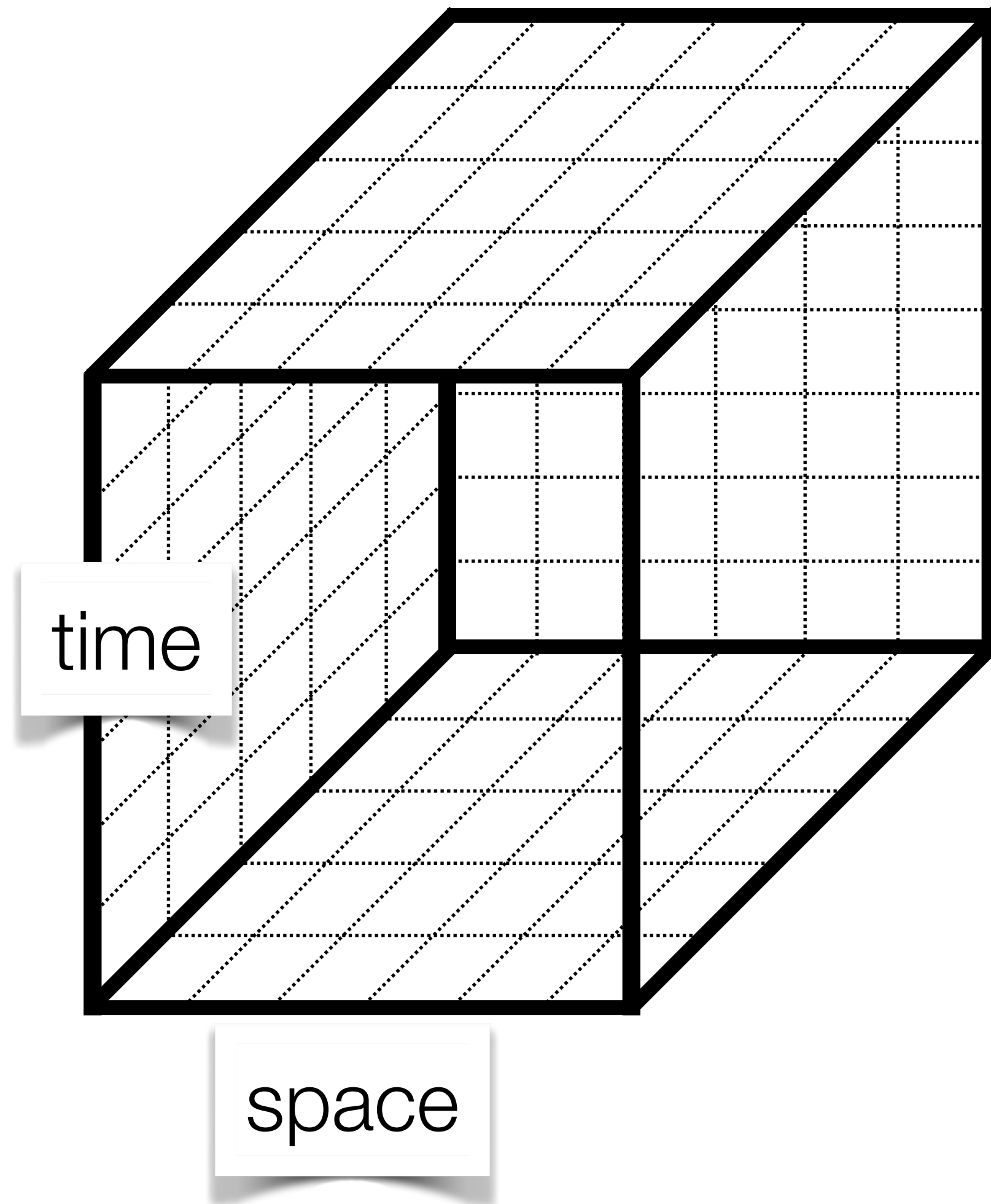
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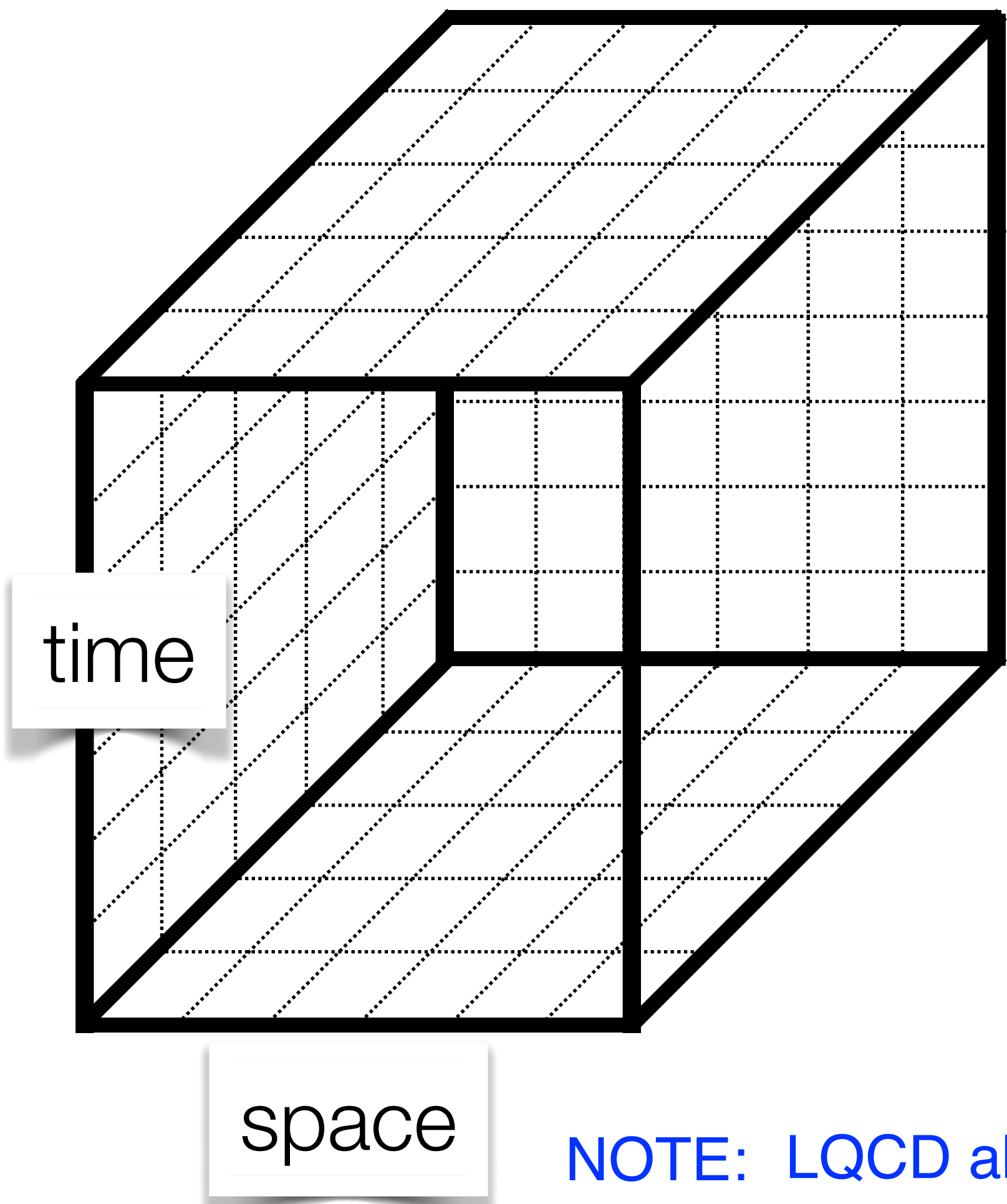
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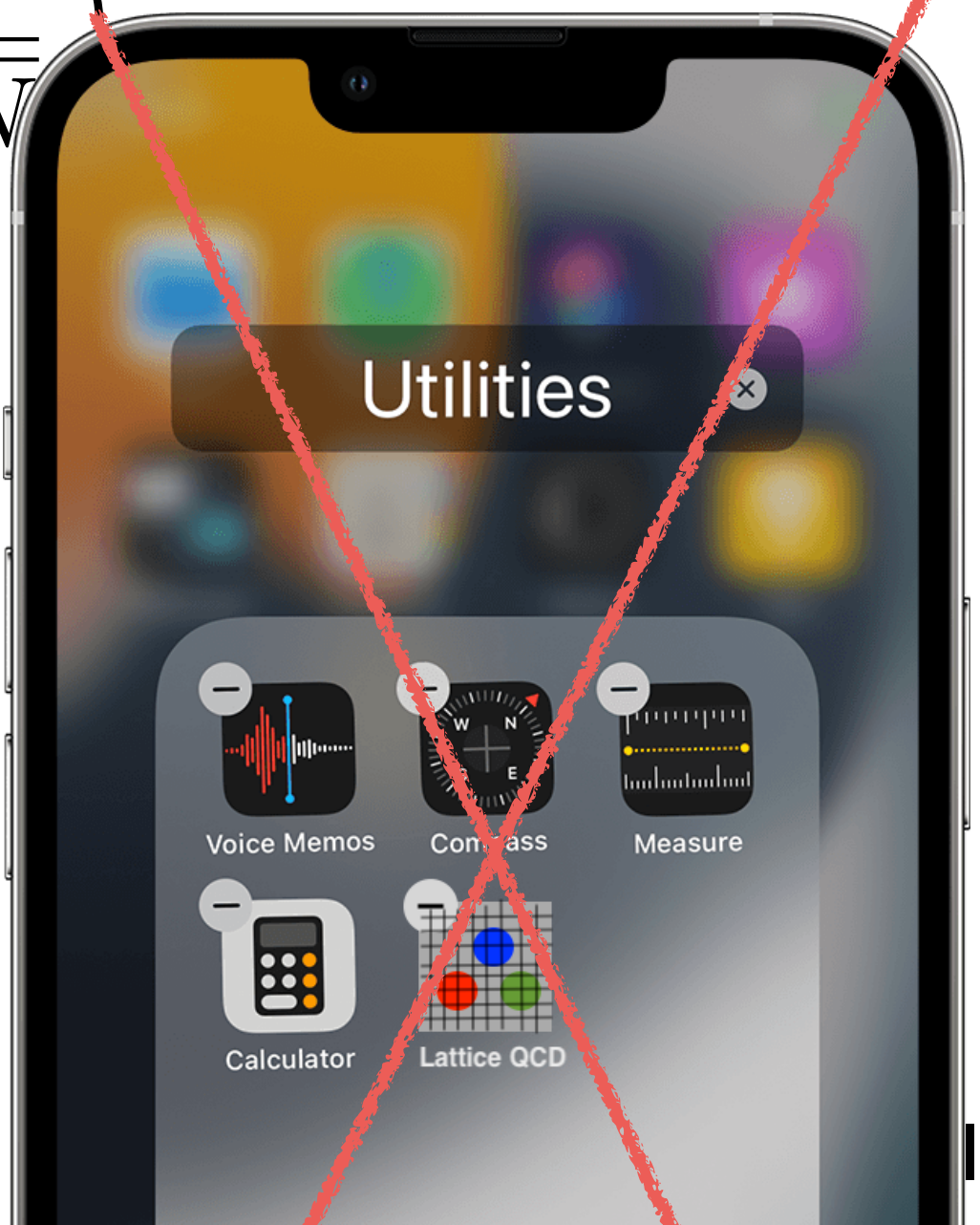
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NOTE: LQCD allows us to compute Euclidean space, finite volume, correlation functions

Non-trivial numerical analysis (and sometimes formalism) to extract spectrum, matrix elements, form factors, ...



# What does it mean to have a LQCD result?

**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**

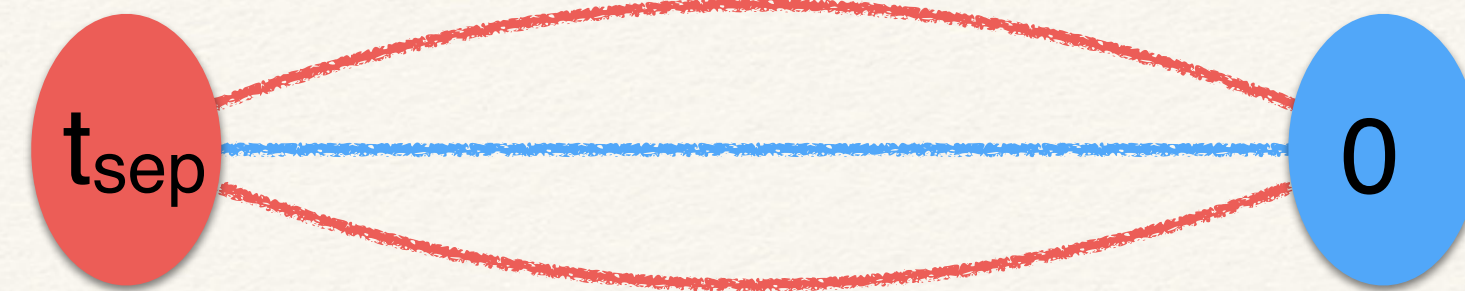
exponentially bad  
signal-to-noise problem

Slide adapted from E. Berkowitz



# LQCD: 2 point functions

$$C(t, \mathbf{p}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} e^{-i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \langle \Omega | O(t, \mathbf{x}) O^\dagger(0, \mathbf{0}) | \Omega \rangle$$



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focus on 0-momentum

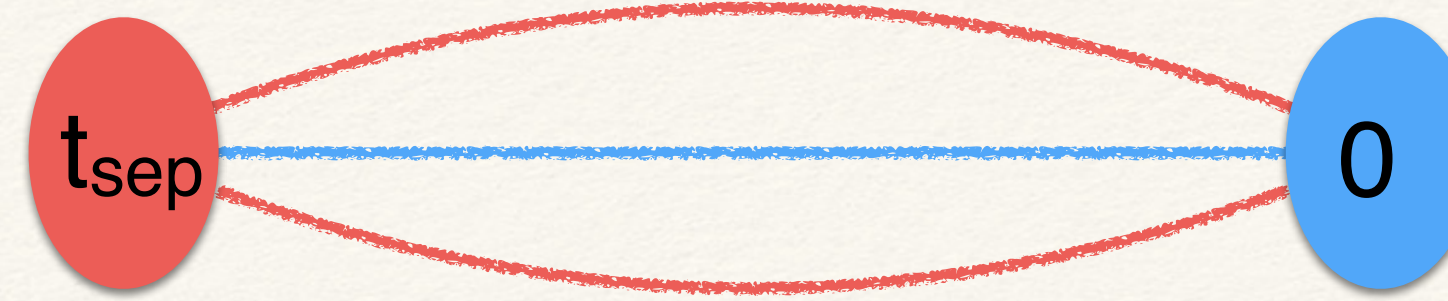
time-evolve operator

multiply by 1,  $1 = \sum_n |n\rangle \langle n|$

define vacuum to have 0-energy

sum of exponentials

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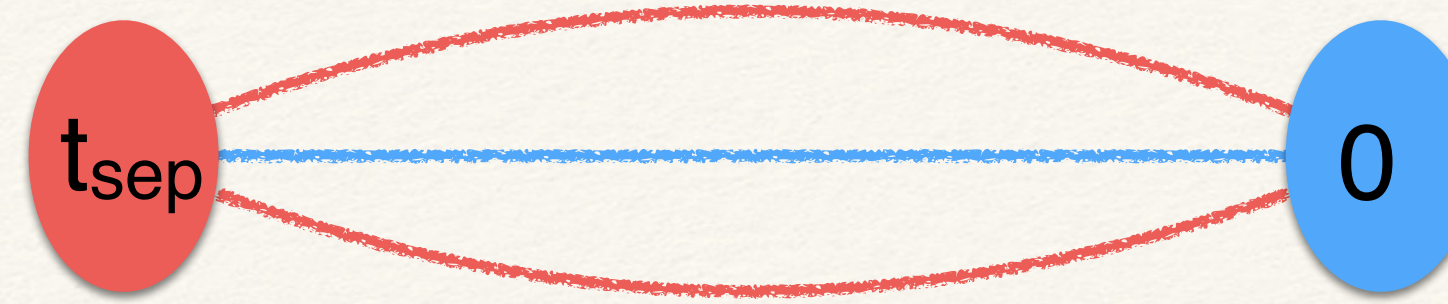


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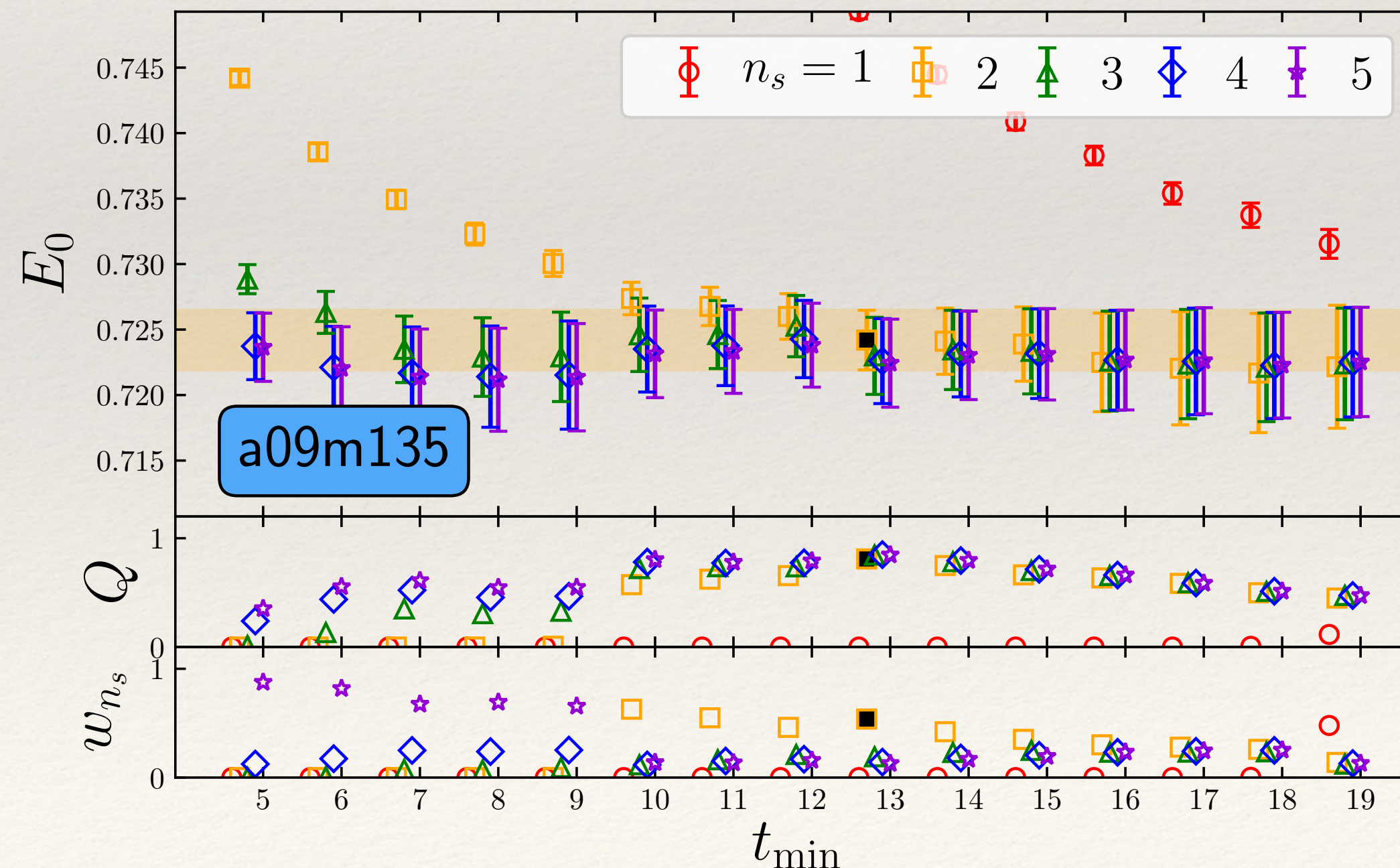
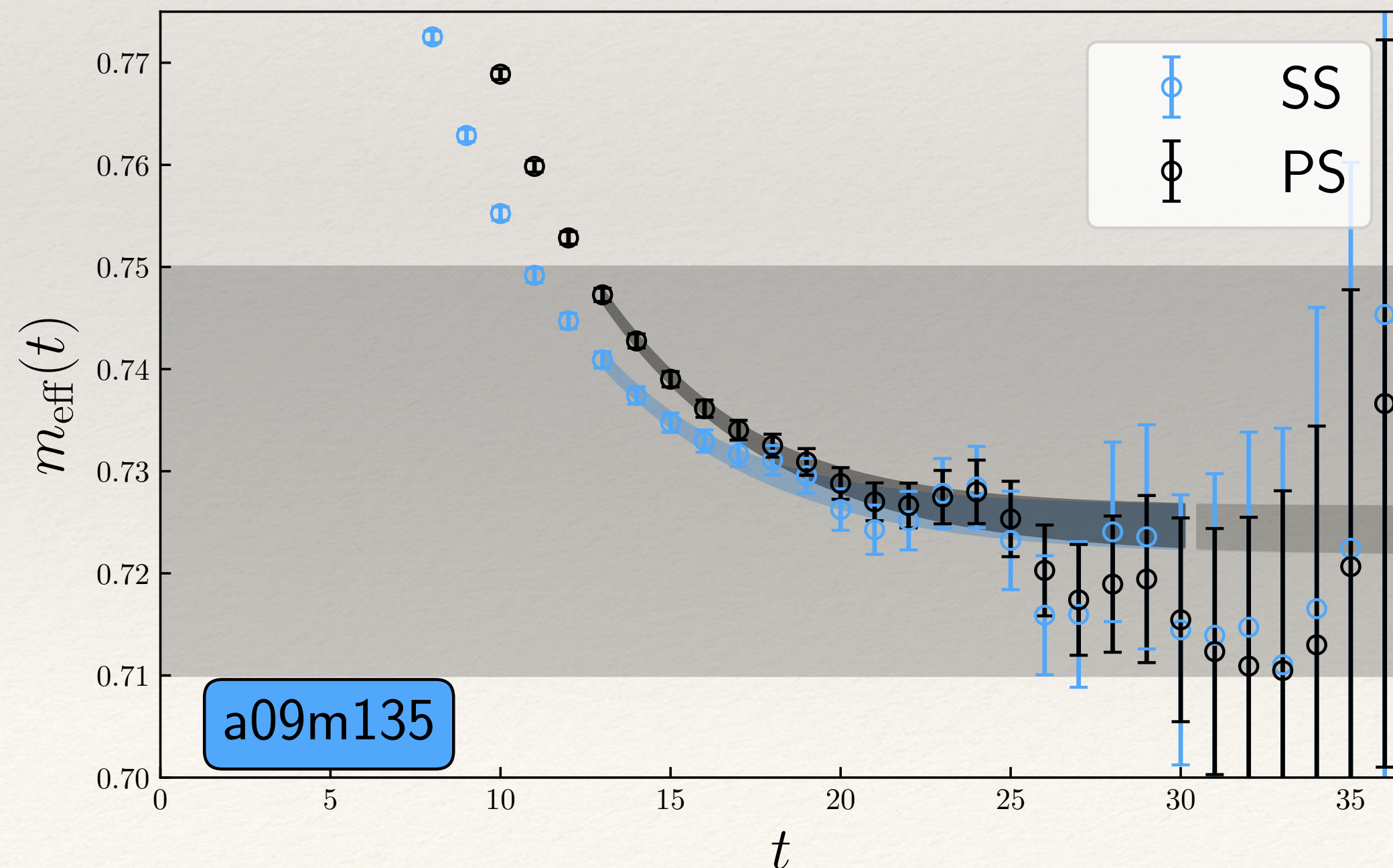
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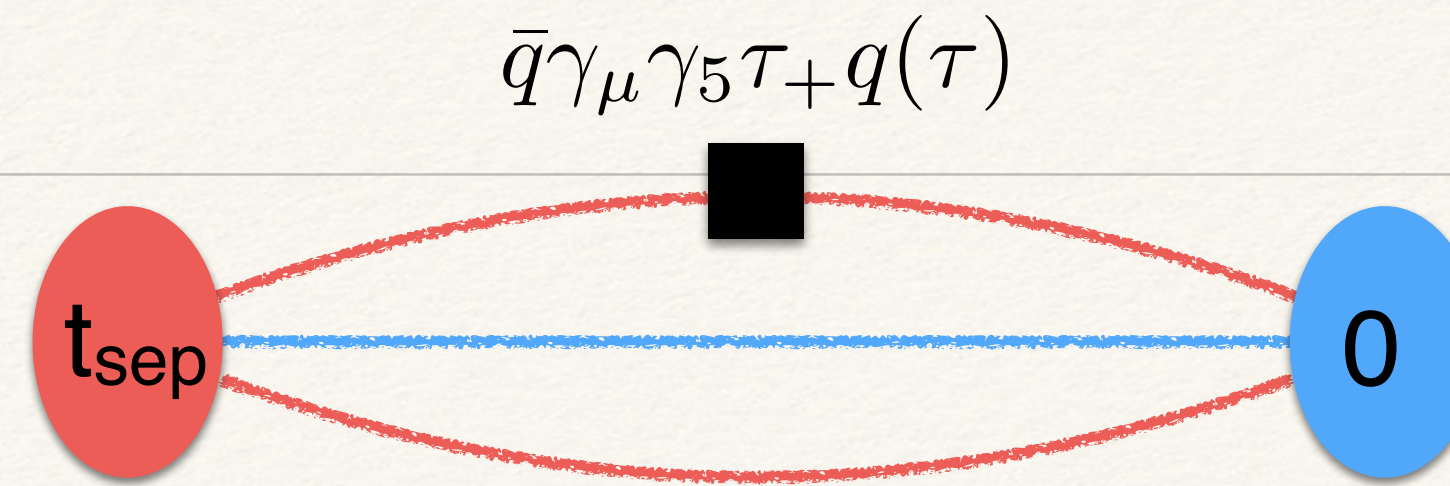
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but... signal-to-noise - can not simply “wait till long time” to get ground state (g.s.)



# LQCD: 3 point functions

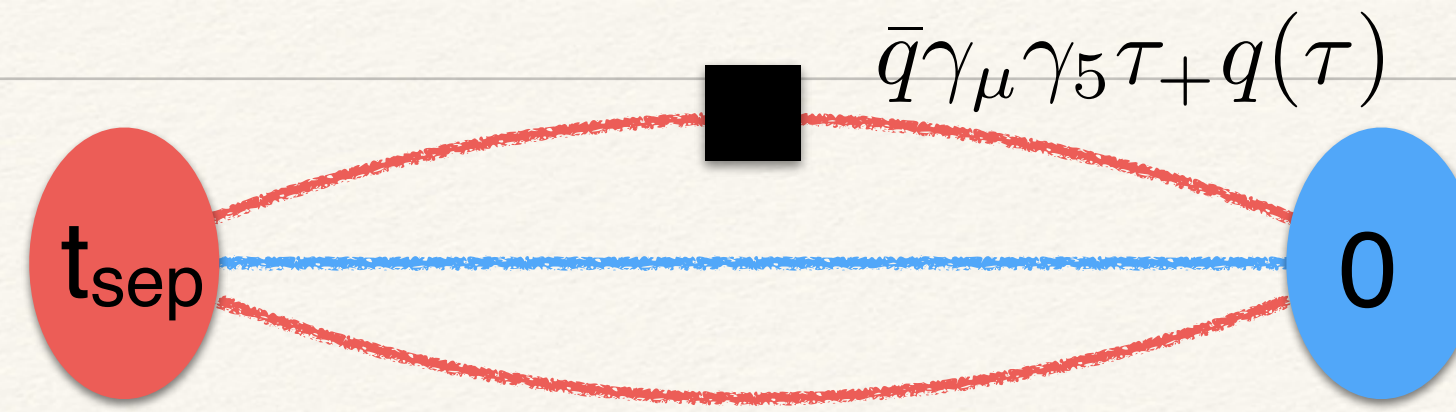


- The most common method (sub-optimal) to compute nucleon matrix elements
  - For a few values of  $t$ , compute the 3-point function for all  $\tau$

$$C_\Gamma(t, \tau, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = \sum_{\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}} e^{-i\mathbf{p}\cdot\mathbf{y}} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \langle \Omega | N(t, \mathbf{y}) j_\Gamma(\tau, \mathbf{x}) N^\dagger(0, \mathbf{0}) | \Omega \rangle$$

- Each choice of  $t$  is a new, expensive computation
- Ideally,  $t \sim 2 t_{2\text{pt-gs}}$ , but, S/N prevents that
- The g.s. matrix-element/form-factor must be determined through an extrapolation in  $t$  and  $\tau$  after numerical analysis

# LQCD: 3 point functions



- Consider zero-momentum ( $p=0$ ) and zero momentum transfer ( $q=0$ ) use “multiply by 1” trick

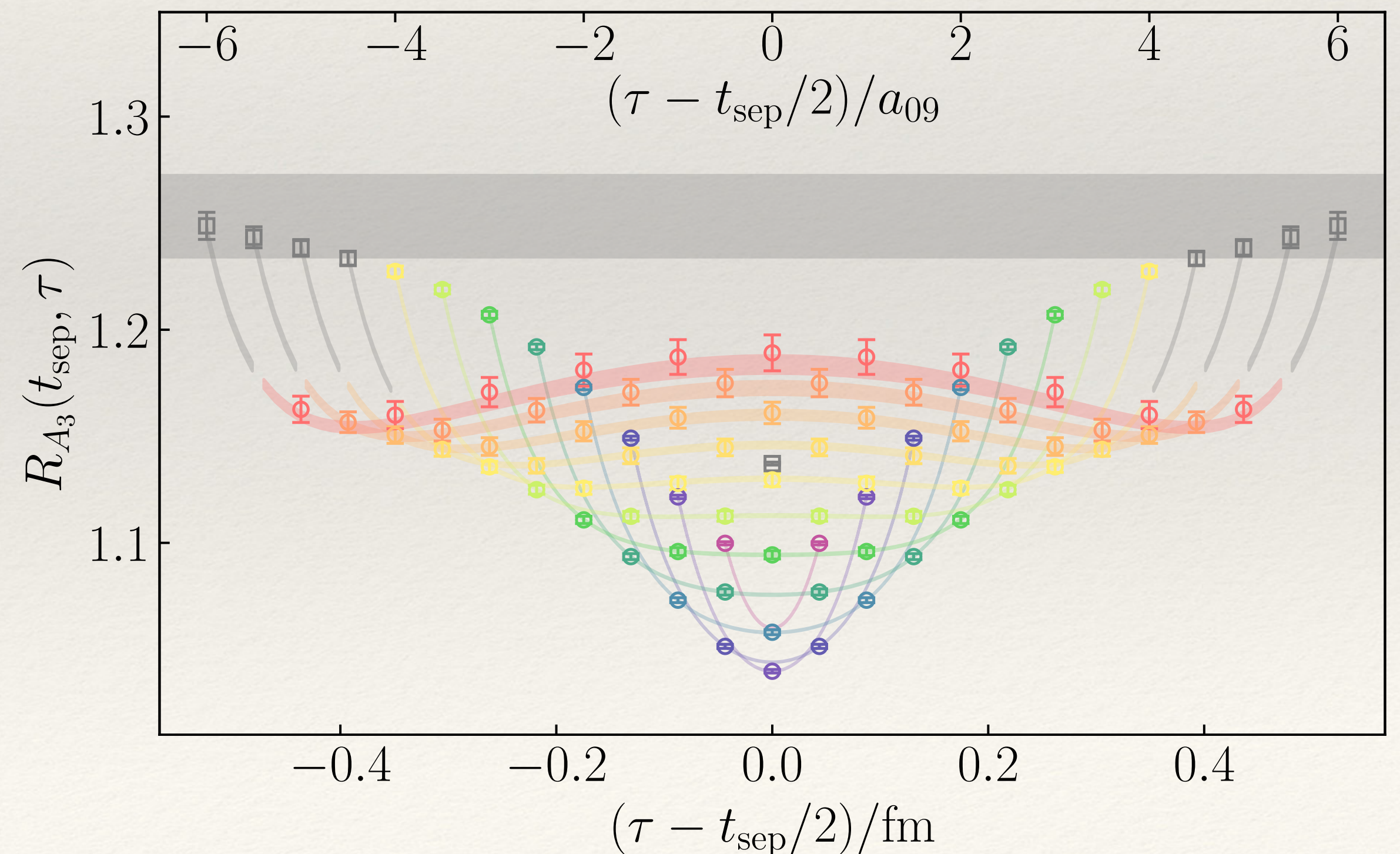
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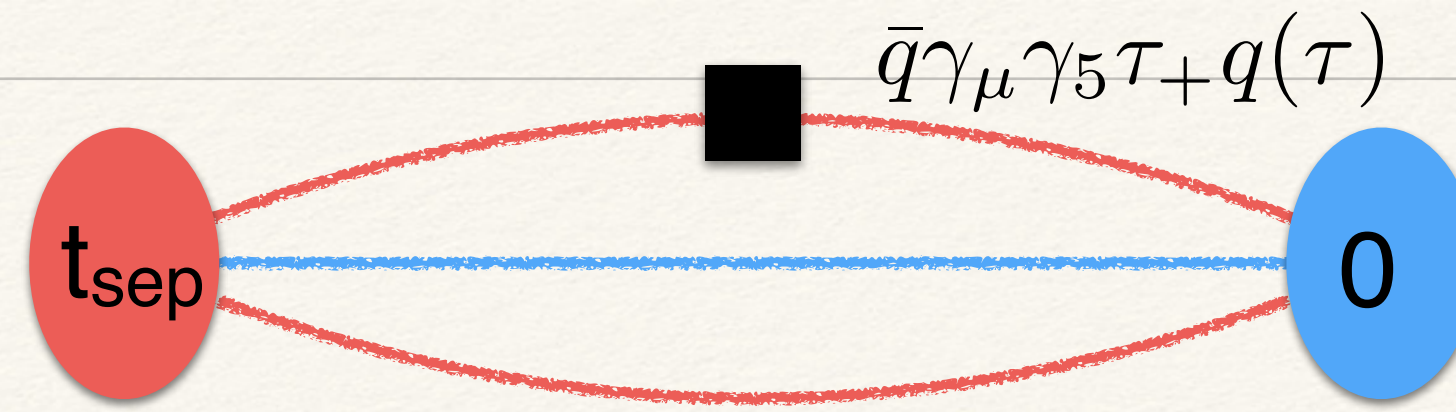
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“scattering” (sc) excited states      “transition” (tr) excited states

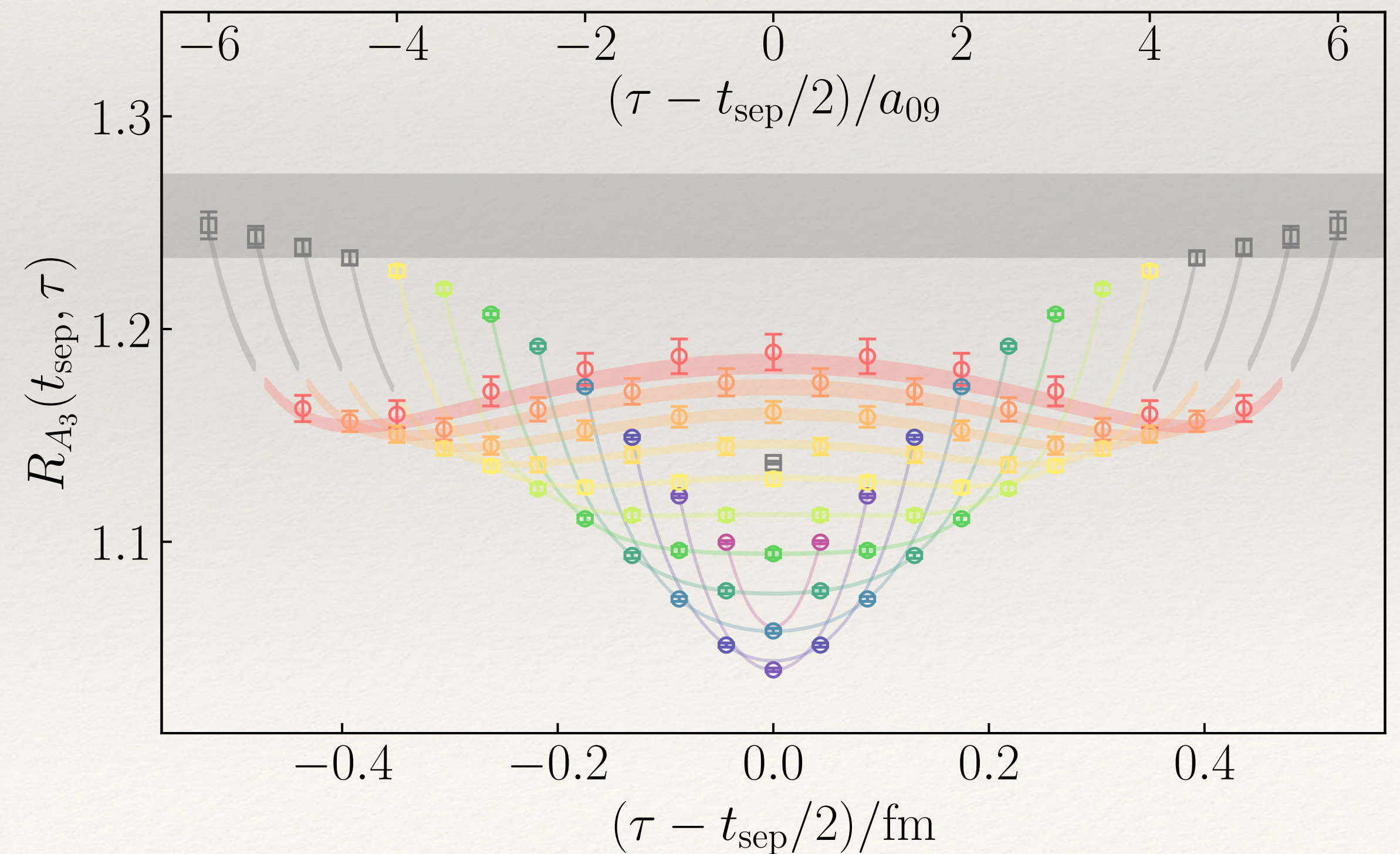
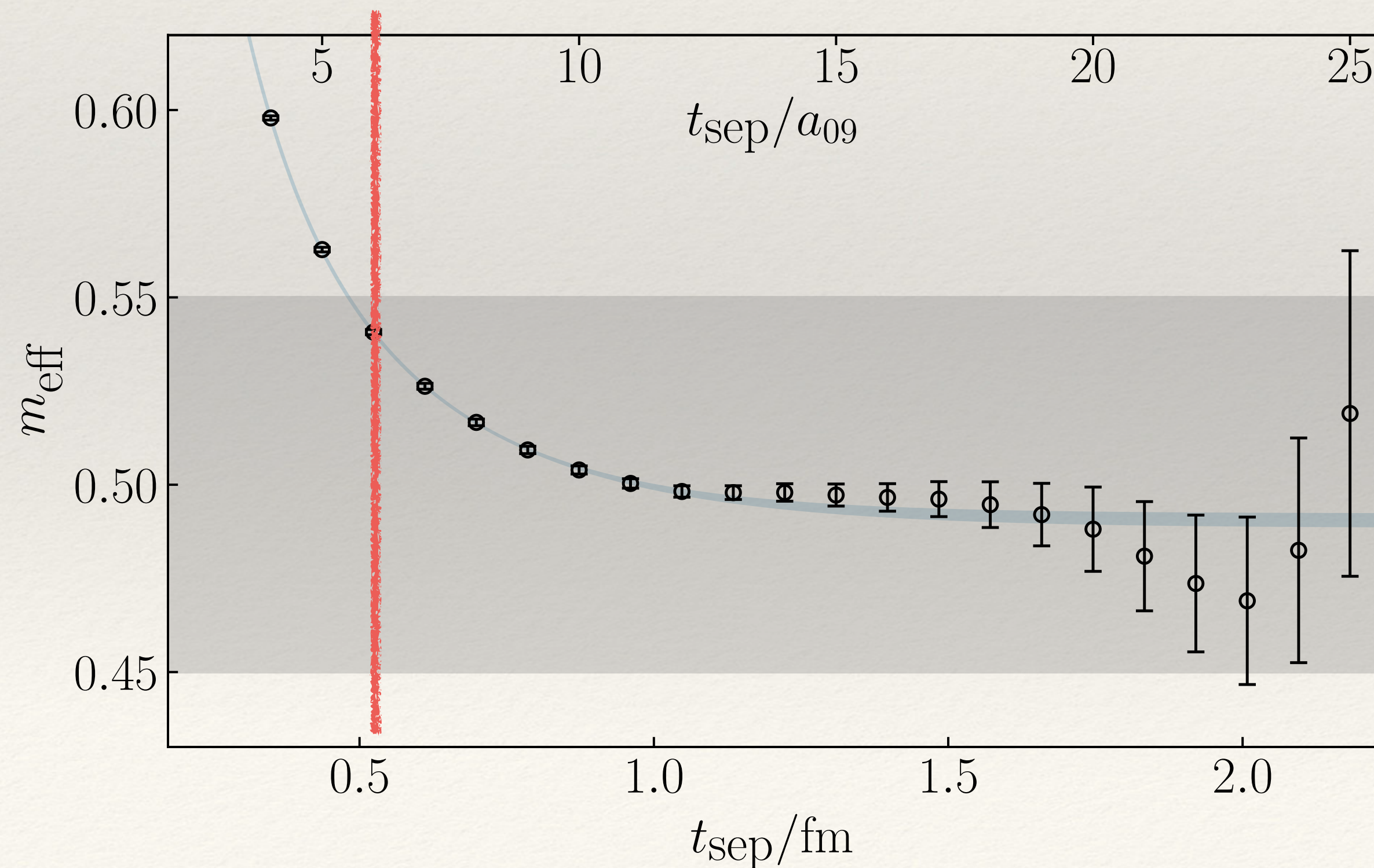
- scattering excited states only depend on  $t$
- transition excited states depend on  $t$  and  $\tau$
- NOTE: for intermediate  $t$ , there is a conspiracy of excited states that give the appearance of no excited state contamination



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- Consider zero-momentum ( $p=0$ ) and zero momentum transfer ( $q=0$ )
- **NOTE:** 2pt at  $t=6$  (similar to 3pt with  $t=12$ ,  $\tau=6$ ) has significant excited state contamination



# LQCD: Feynman-Hellmann Method

Bouchard, Chang, Kurth, Orginos, WL  
PRD 96 (2017) [arXiv:1612.06963]

$$C(t) = \langle \Omega | O(t) O^\dagger(0) | \Omega \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int D\Phi e^{-S_G - \int d^4x \bar{\psi}_q [D + m_q] \psi_q} O(t) O(0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\partial_{m_q} C(t) &= \frac{1}{Z} \int D\Phi e^{-S_G - \int d^4x \bar{\psi}_q [D + m_q] \psi_q} O(t) \int d^4z \bar{\psi}_q(z) \psi_q(z) O(0) - C(t) \int d^4z \langle \Omega | \bar{\psi}_q(z) \psi_q(z) | \Omega \rangle \\ &= \int d^4z \langle \Omega | O(t) \bar{\psi}_q(z) \psi_q(z) O^\dagger(0) | \Omega \rangle + \text{terms to subtract vacuum bubbles} \end{aligned}$$

## Feynman-Hellmann Theorem

relate spectrum to matrix elements

$$\partial_\lambda E_n = \langle n | H_\lambda | n \rangle$$

in QFT - differentiate effective mass?

$$\partial_{m_q} m_{\text{eff}}(t) = \partial_{m_q} \ln \left( \frac{C(t)}{C(t+1)} \right) = \frac{-\partial_{m_q} C(t+1)}{C(t+1)} - \frac{-\partial_{m_q} C(t)}{C(t)} = \langle N | \bar{q}q | N \rangle + \text{excited states}$$

# LQCD: Feynman-Hellmann Method

Study nucleon mass versus quark mass to extract light-quark matrix elements

**Heavy Baryon XPT:** 
$$M_N = M_0 - 4\bar{c}_1 \frac{M_\pi^2}{4\pi F} - \frac{3\pi g_A^2}{2} \frac{M_\pi^3}{(4\pi F)^2} + \dots$$

Convergence issues

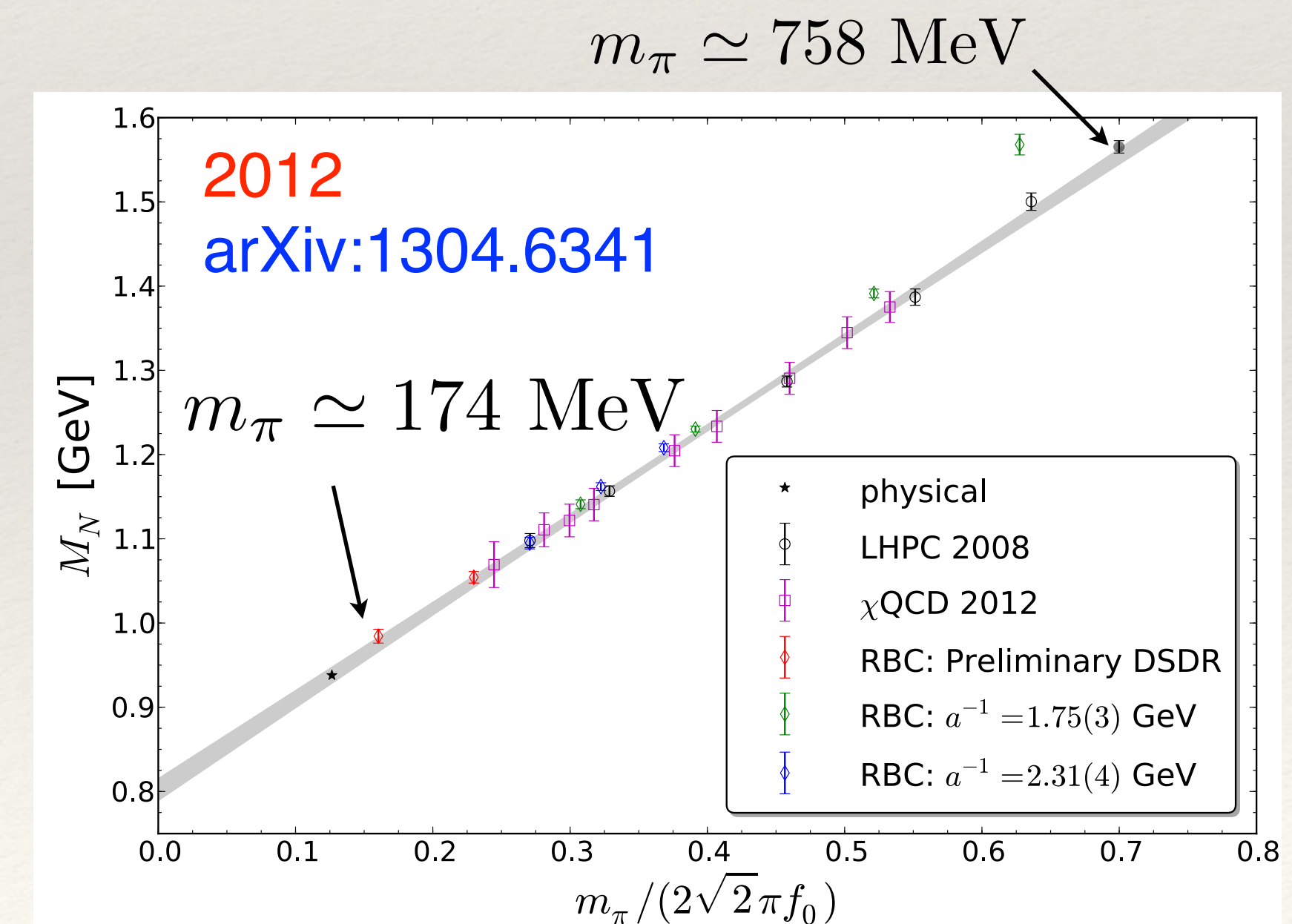
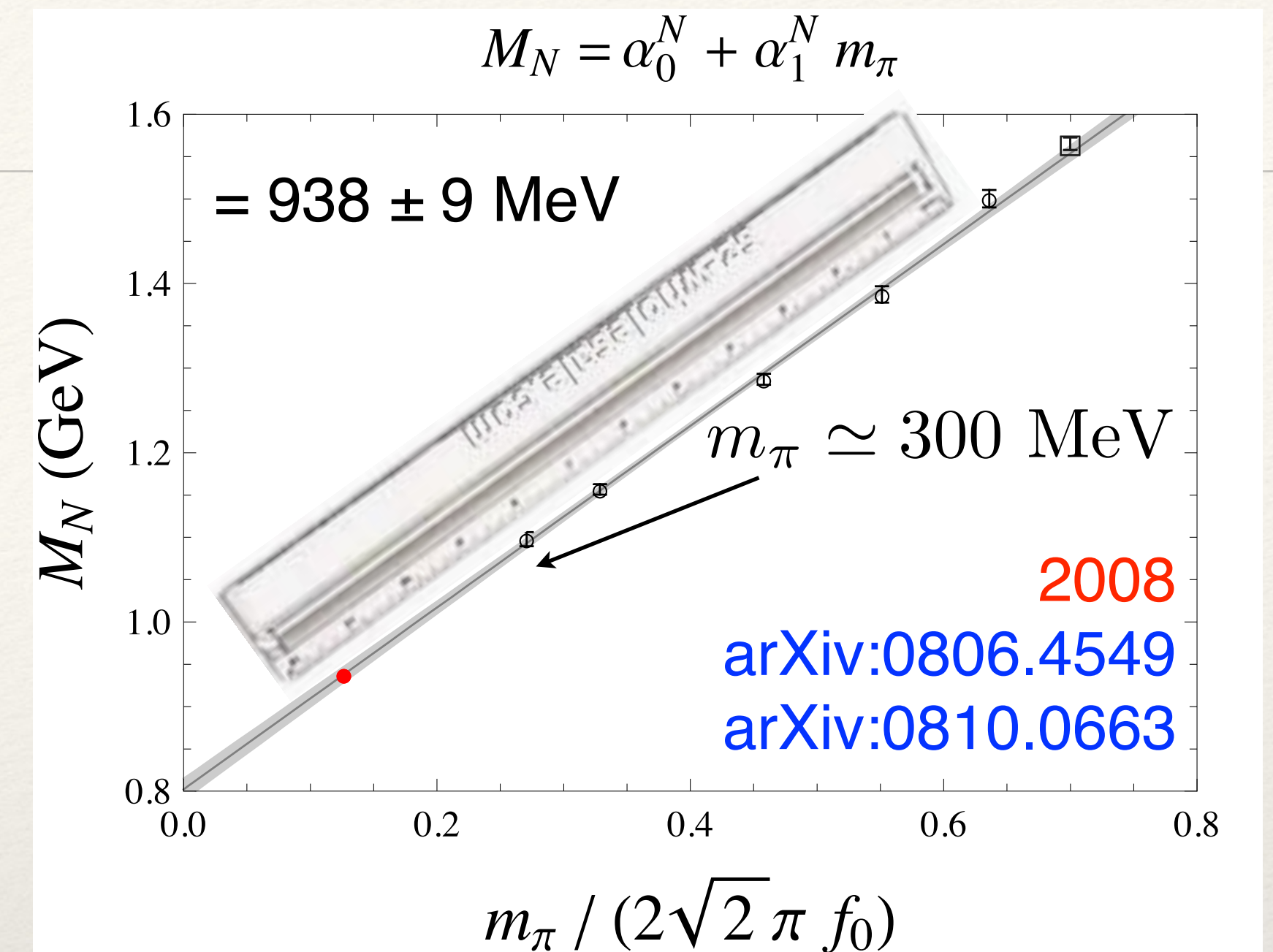
□ NLO predicts a large, negative correction

□  $M_N$  increases monotonically with increasing quark/pion mass

□ Must include at least NNLO - but also - warning of large cancellations between orders (not healthy for EFT expansion)

□ Ignore this issue and proceed (hope convergence is OK for light-enough pion mass)

□ Need to convert pion mass dependence to quark-mass dependence will come back to this point

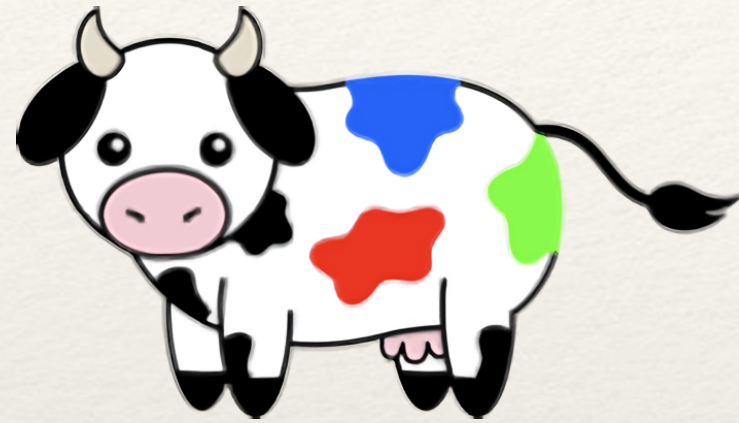




# LQCD: Our Results - When and Where and what action

Möbius Domain Wall Fermions on rooted HISQ sea

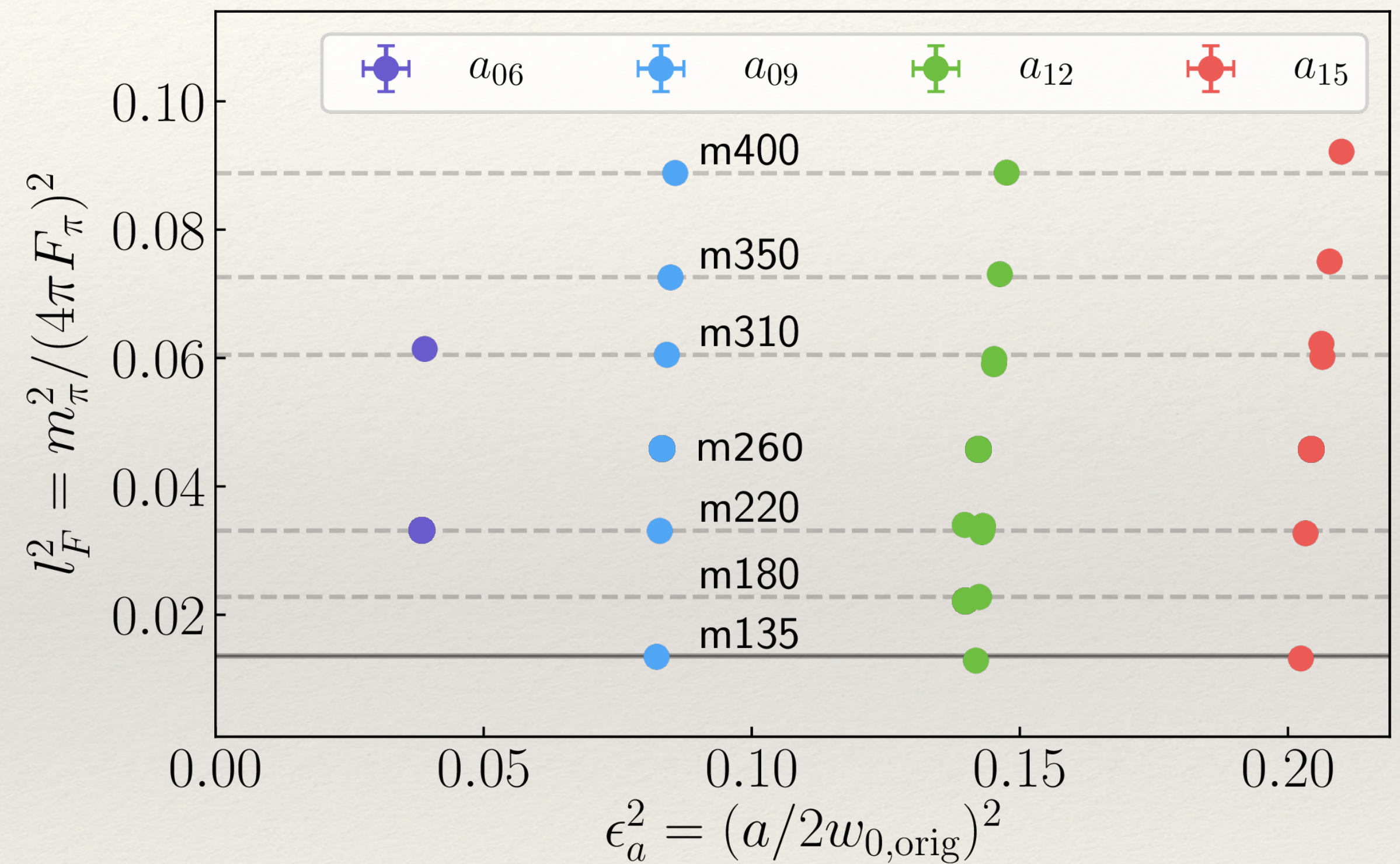
HISQ ensembles from MILC and CalLat Collaborations



MDWF quarks efficiently solved with **QUDA** on  
NVIDIA GPU machines from 2016 — present  
Lassen @ LLNL  
Grand Challenge  
Summit @ OLCF  
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Parameter space in pion mass and lattice spacing



# LQCD: Our Results – How to extrapolate to physical point?

Consider 3 options

□  $M_N(m_q)$

□  $M_N(M_\pi)$

□  $M_N(\epsilon_\pi) / (4\pi F_\pi)$

There are challenges with each choice.

□ The first 2 require scale setting

□  $m_q$  expansion

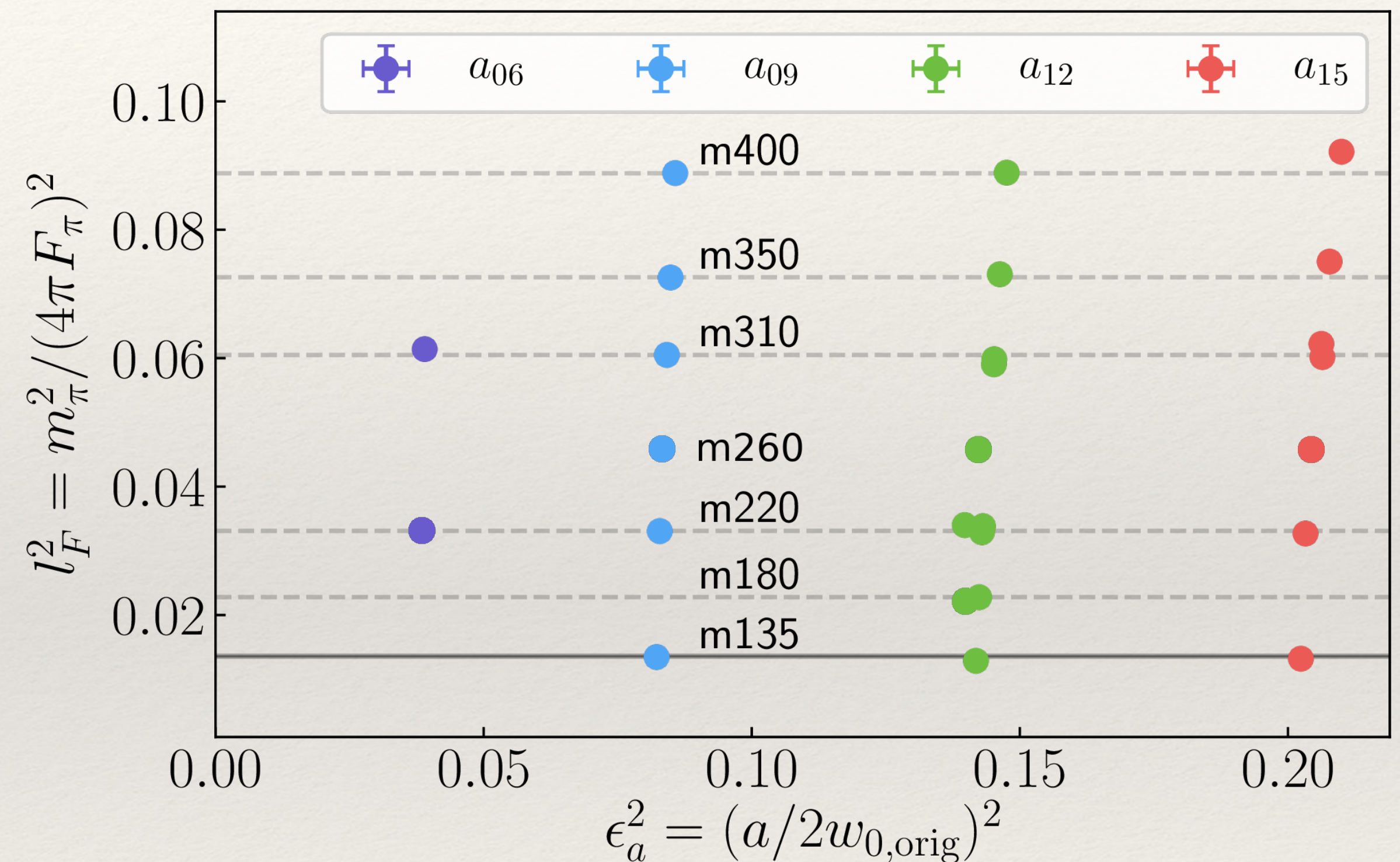
□ bare parameter expansion often converge slower

□ requires renormalization

□ The second method requires  $\partial M_\pi$  to  $\partial m_q$  conversion

□ The last method requires knowledge of  $\partial F_\pi / \partial m_q$

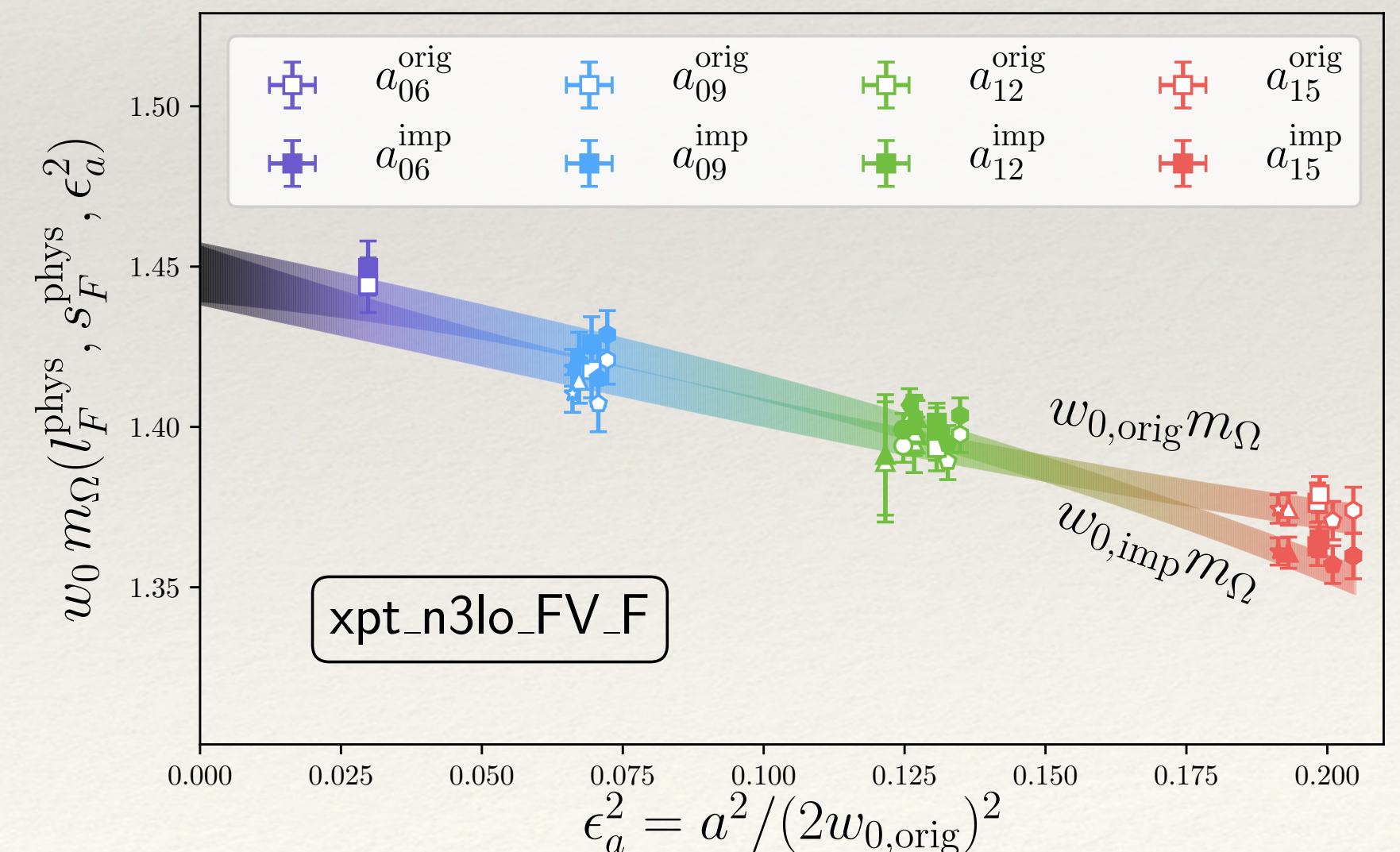
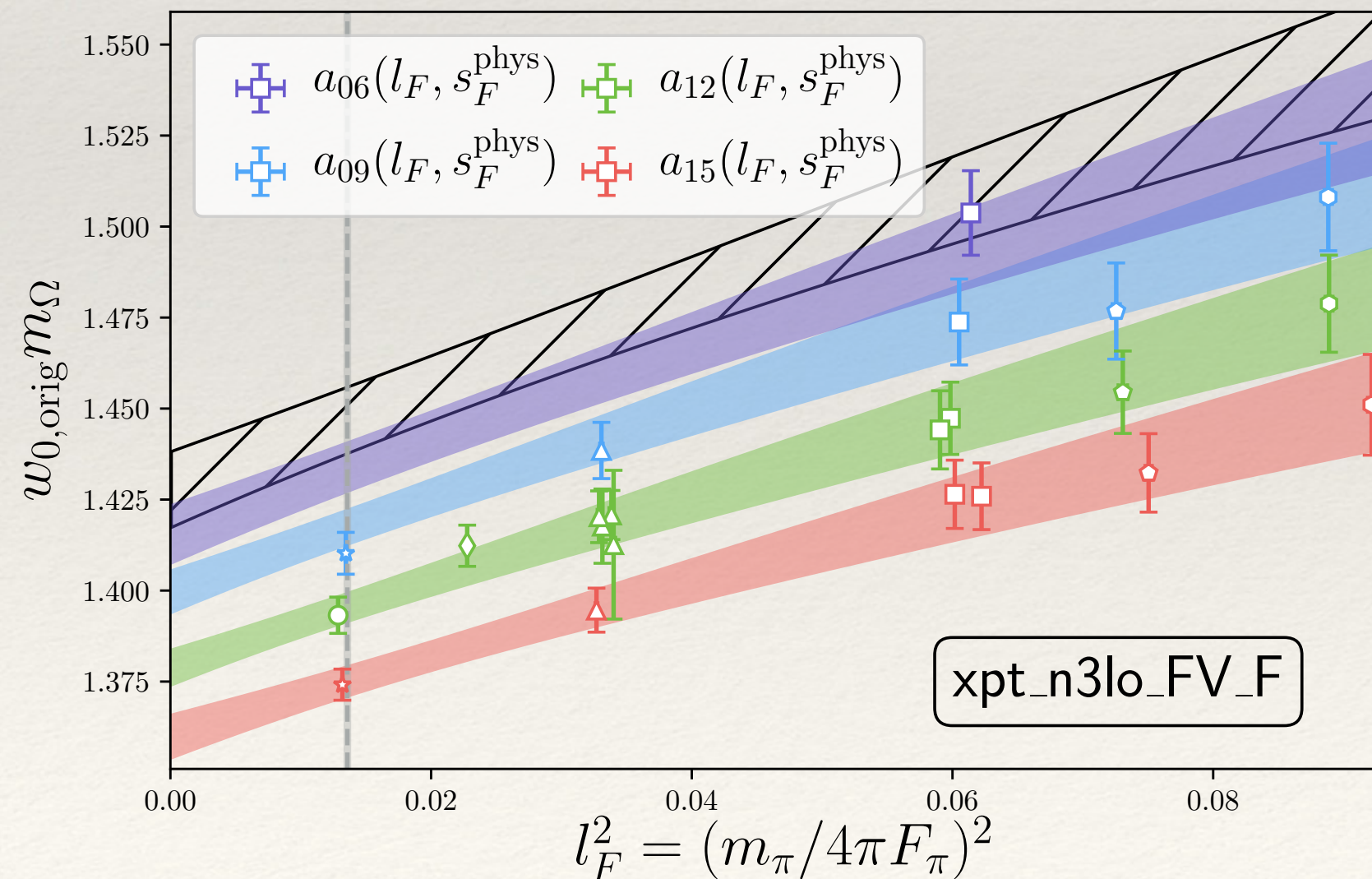
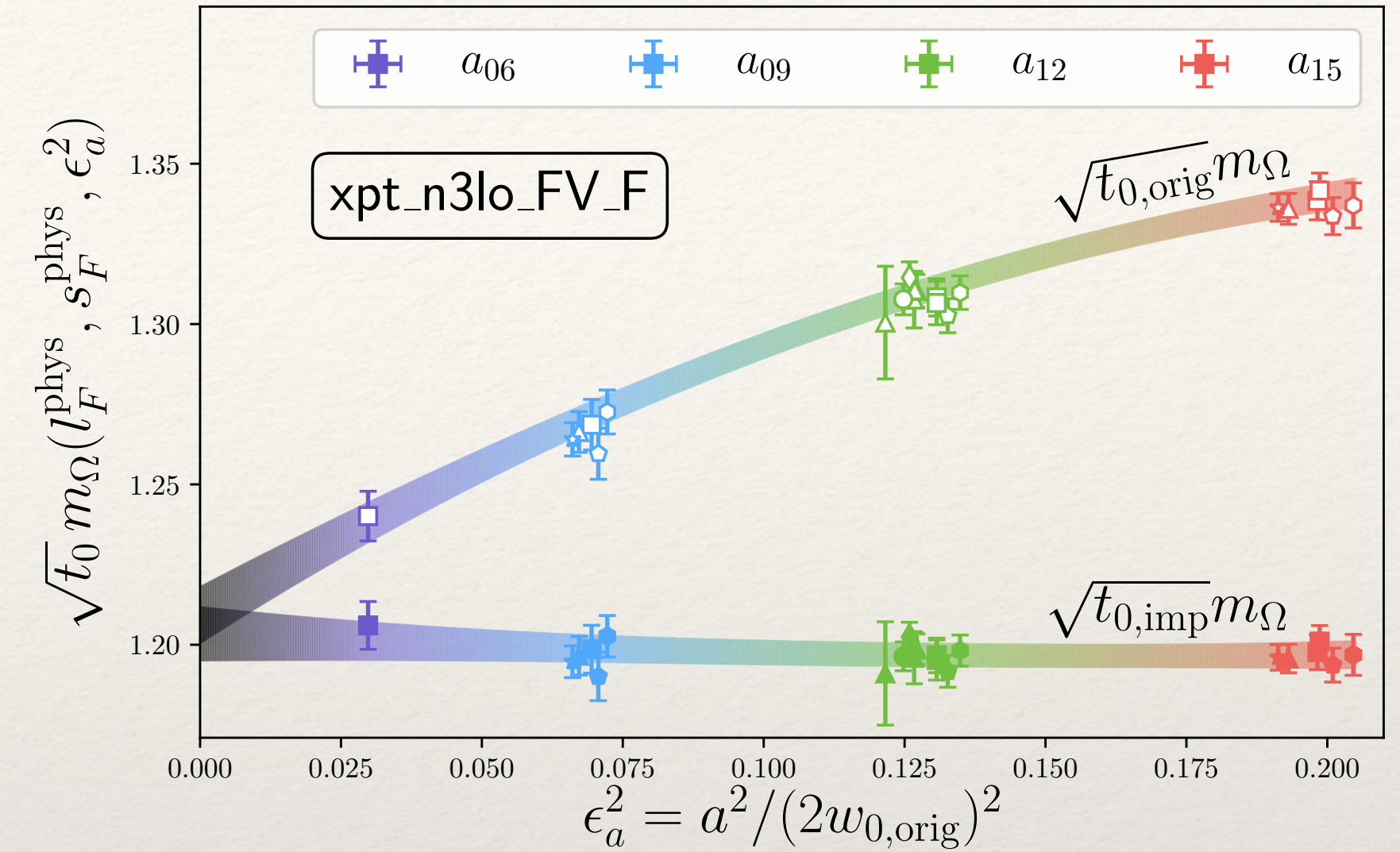
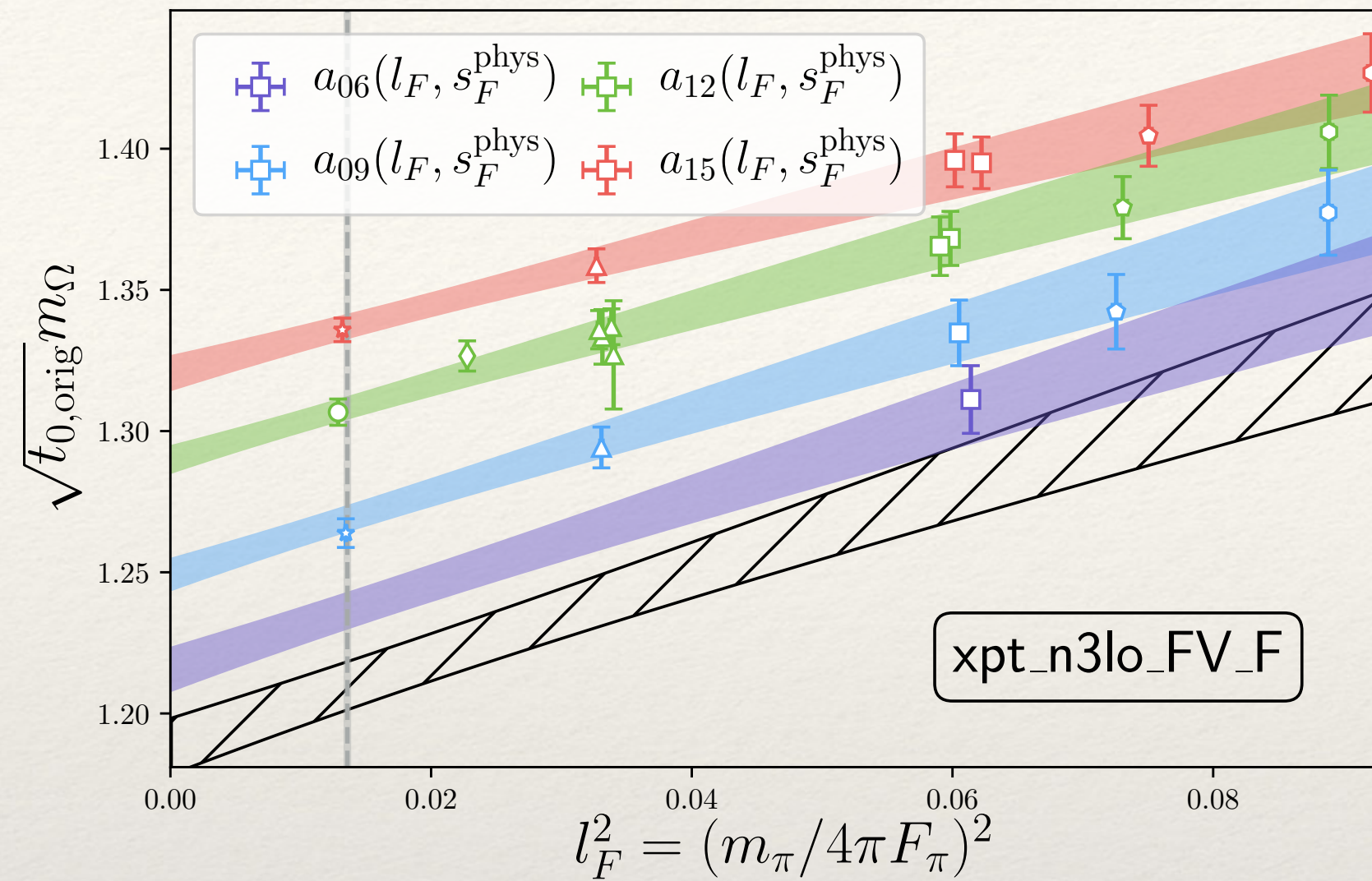
Parameter space in pion mass and lattice spacing



# LQCD: Our Results – How to extrapolate to physical point?

## Scale Setting: 2011.12166

- Precise scale setting is possible (sub-percent)
- Scale setting induces correlation among all ensembles
- Scale-setting uncertainty can often be dominant for hadron spectrum
- Subsequent extrapolations in MeV can become complicated from the correlation
- Alternatively: form dimensionless ratios and extrapolate  $\frac{M_N}{4\pi F_\pi}$



# LQCD: Our Results – How to extrapolate to physical point?

## Extrapolation Options

$$M_N(m_q) = M_0 - \frac{4\bar{c}_1 2B\hat{m}}{4\pi F} - \frac{3\pi g_A^2 (2B\hat{m})^{3/2}}{2(4\pi F)^2} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_N(M_\pi) &= M_0 - \frac{4\bar{c}_1 M_\pi^2}{4\pi F_\pi} - \frac{3\pi g_A^2 M_\pi^3}{2(4\pi F_\pi)^2} + \dots \\ &= M_0 - (4\pi F_\pi) \frac{4\bar{c}_1 M_\pi^2}{(4\pi F_\pi)^2} - (4\pi F_\pi) \frac{3\pi g_A^2 M_\pi^3}{2(4\pi F_\pi)^3} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{M_N(\epsilon_\pi)}{4\pi F_\pi} = \frac{M_0}{4\pi F_\pi} - 4\bar{c}_1 \epsilon_\pi^2 - \frac{3\pi g_A^2}{2} \epsilon_\pi^3 + \dots$$

$$\epsilon_\pi = \frac{M_\pi}{4\pi F_\pi}$$

In principle, all methods should yield the same result

Discrepancies are an additional systematic uncertainty we must add to the result (if we are honest)

We are in the process of performing these three analysis methods

# LQCD: Our Results – How to extrapolate to physical point?

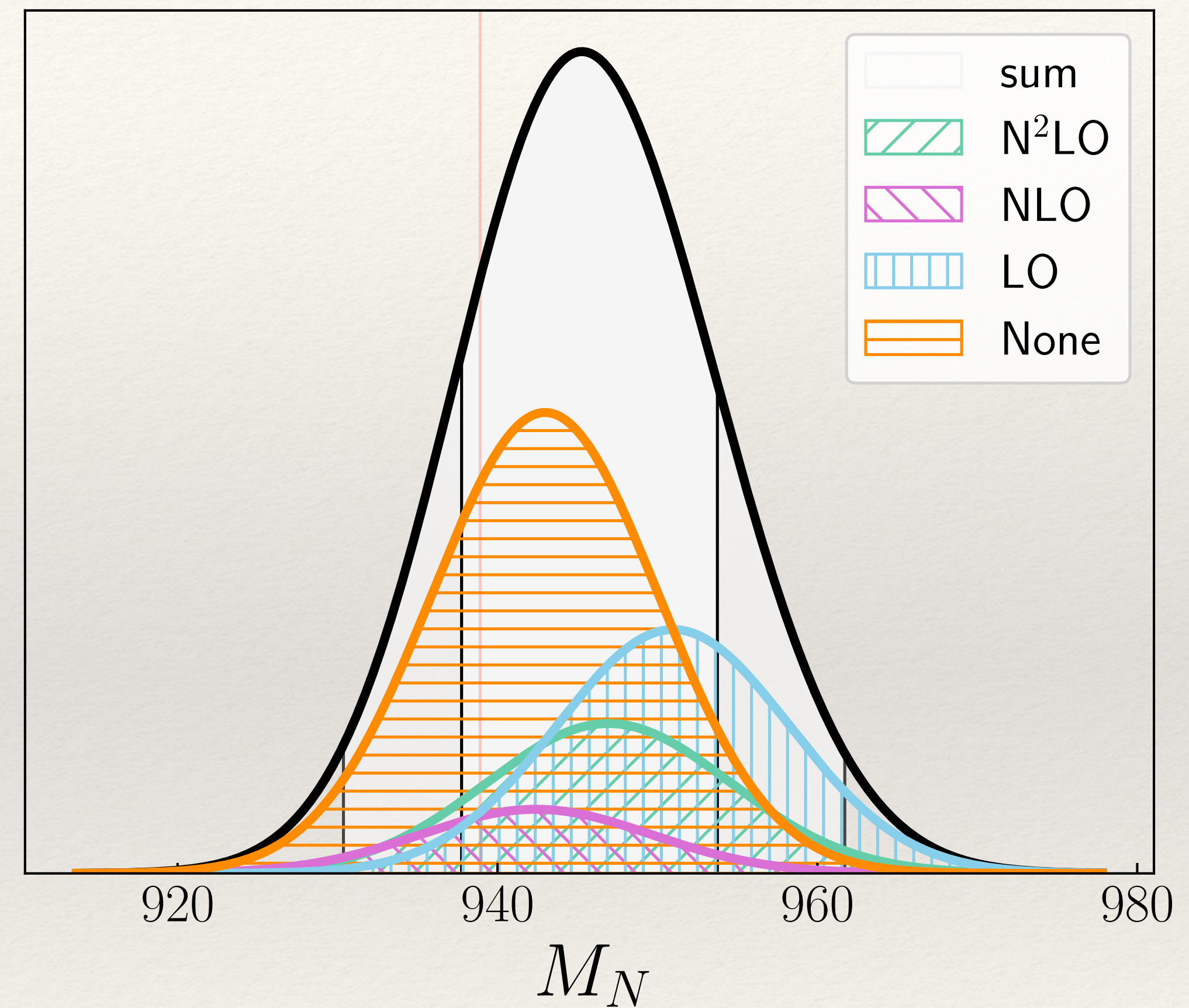
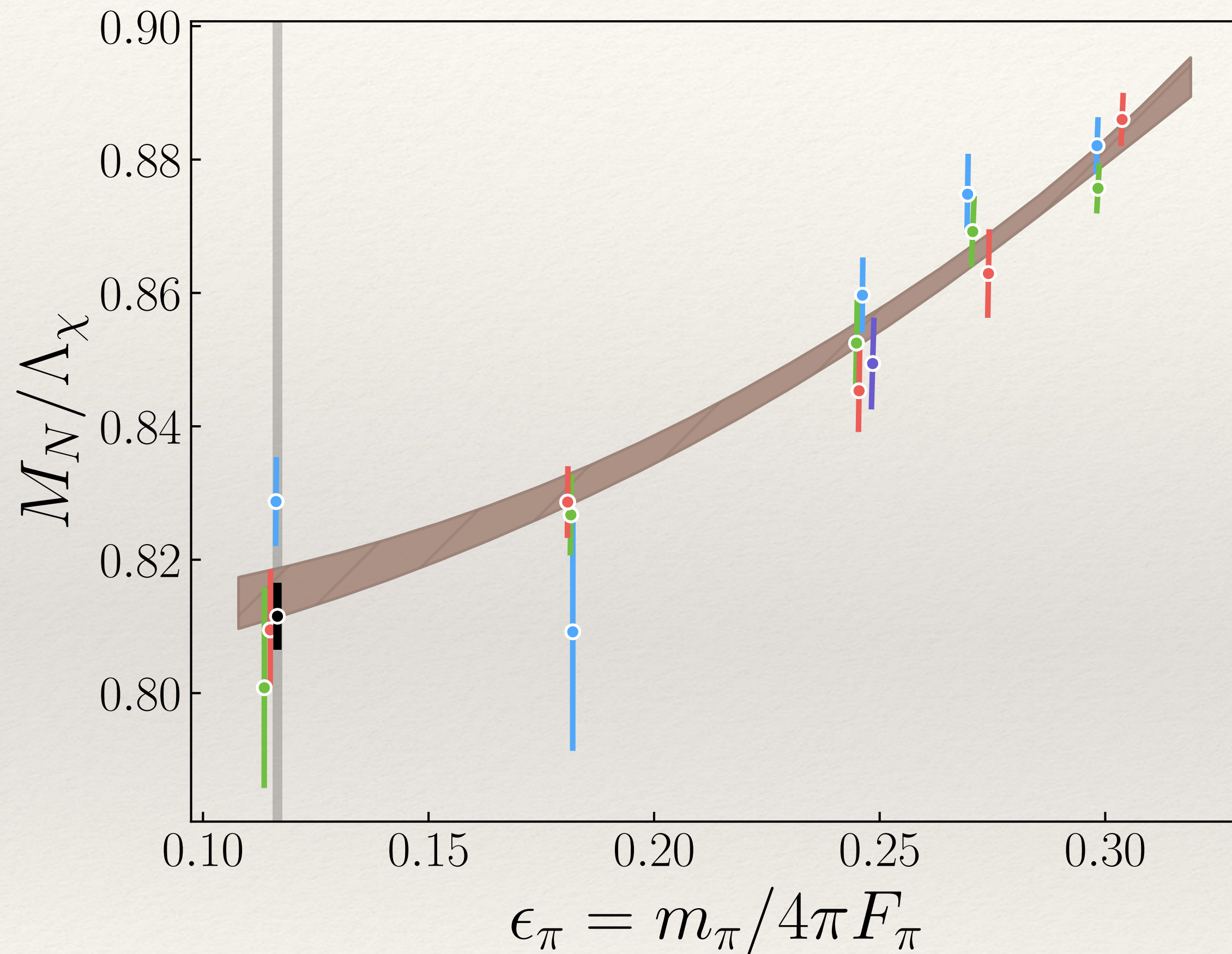
Use XPT to related quark mass derivative to derivative in  $M_\pi$  or  $\epsilon_\pi$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{m}\partial_{\hat{m}} &= \hat{m}\frac{\partial\epsilon_\pi}{\partial\hat{m}}\partial_{\epsilon_\pi} \\ &= \hat{m}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\hat{m}}\frac{\sqrt{m_\pi^2}}{4\pi F_\pi}\right)\partial_{\epsilon_\pi} \\ &= \left(\frac{\hat{m}\partial_{\hat{m}}m_\pi^2}{2m_\pi 4\pi F_\pi} - \frac{m_\pi}{4\pi F_\pi}\frac{\hat{m}\partial_{\hat{m}}F_\pi}{F_\pi}\right)\partial_{\epsilon_\pi} \\ &= \left(\frac{\hat{m}\partial_{\hat{m}}m_\pi^2}{m_\pi^2} - 2\frac{\hat{m}\partial_{\hat{m}}F_\pi}{F_\pi}\right)\frac{\epsilon_\pi}{2}\partial_{\epsilon_\pi}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{m}\partial_{\hat{m}}M_N &= \Lambda_\chi\hat{m}\partial_{\hat{m}}\left(\frac{M_N}{\Lambda_\chi}\right) + \frac{M_N}{\Lambda_\chi}\hat{m}\partial_{\hat{m}}\Lambda_\chi \\ &= \left(\frac{\hat{m}\partial_{\hat{m}}m_\pi^2}{m_\pi^2} - 2\frac{\hat{m}\partial_{\hat{m}}F_\pi}{F_\pi}\right)\frac{\epsilon_\pi}{2}\left[\Lambda_\chi\partial_{\epsilon_\pi}\left(\frac{M_N}{\Lambda_\chi}\right) + M_N\frac{\partial_{\epsilon_\pi}\Lambda_\chi}{\Lambda_\chi}\right]\end{aligned}$$

# LQCD: Our Results – How to extrapolate to physical point?

Consistent with PDG at 1-sigma



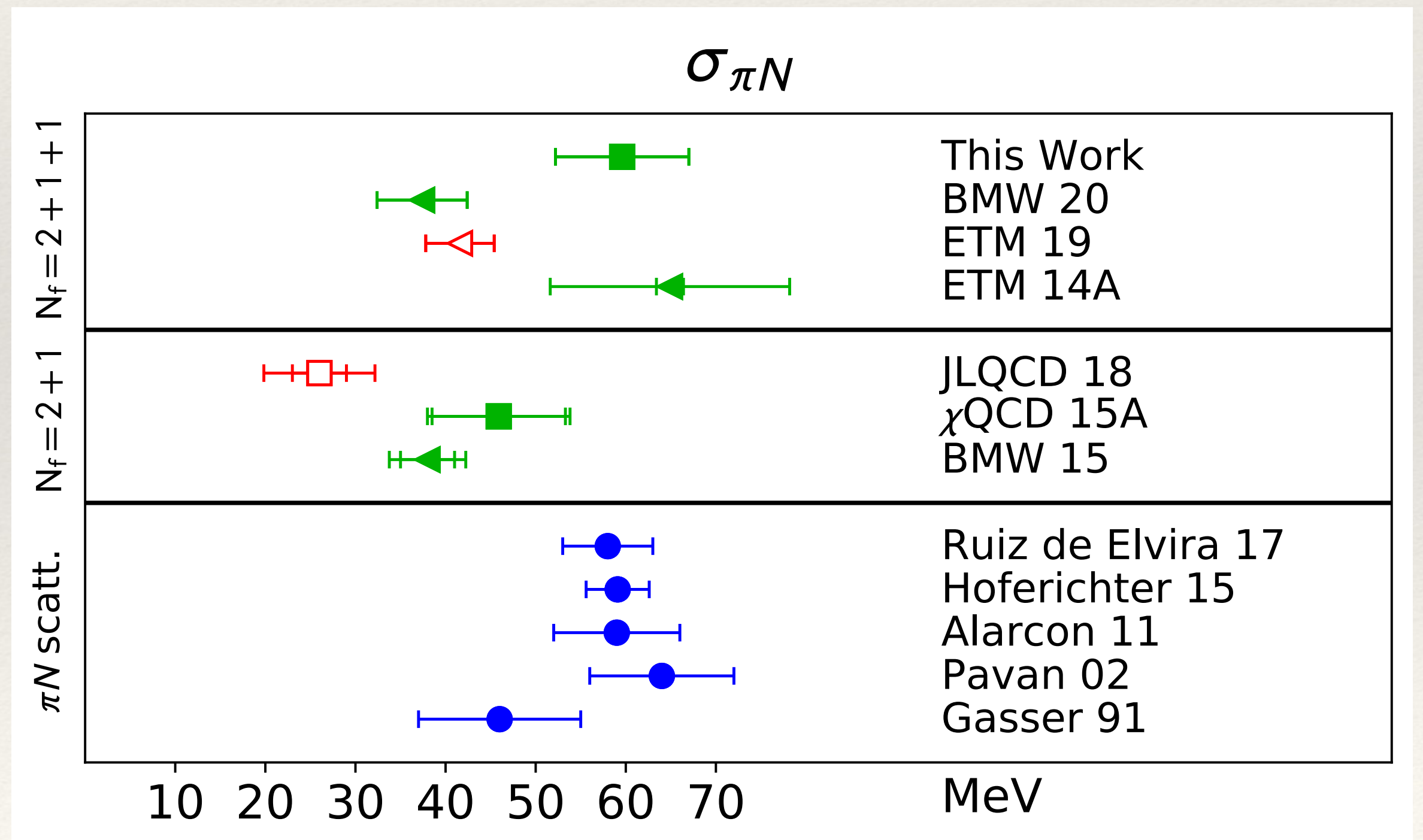
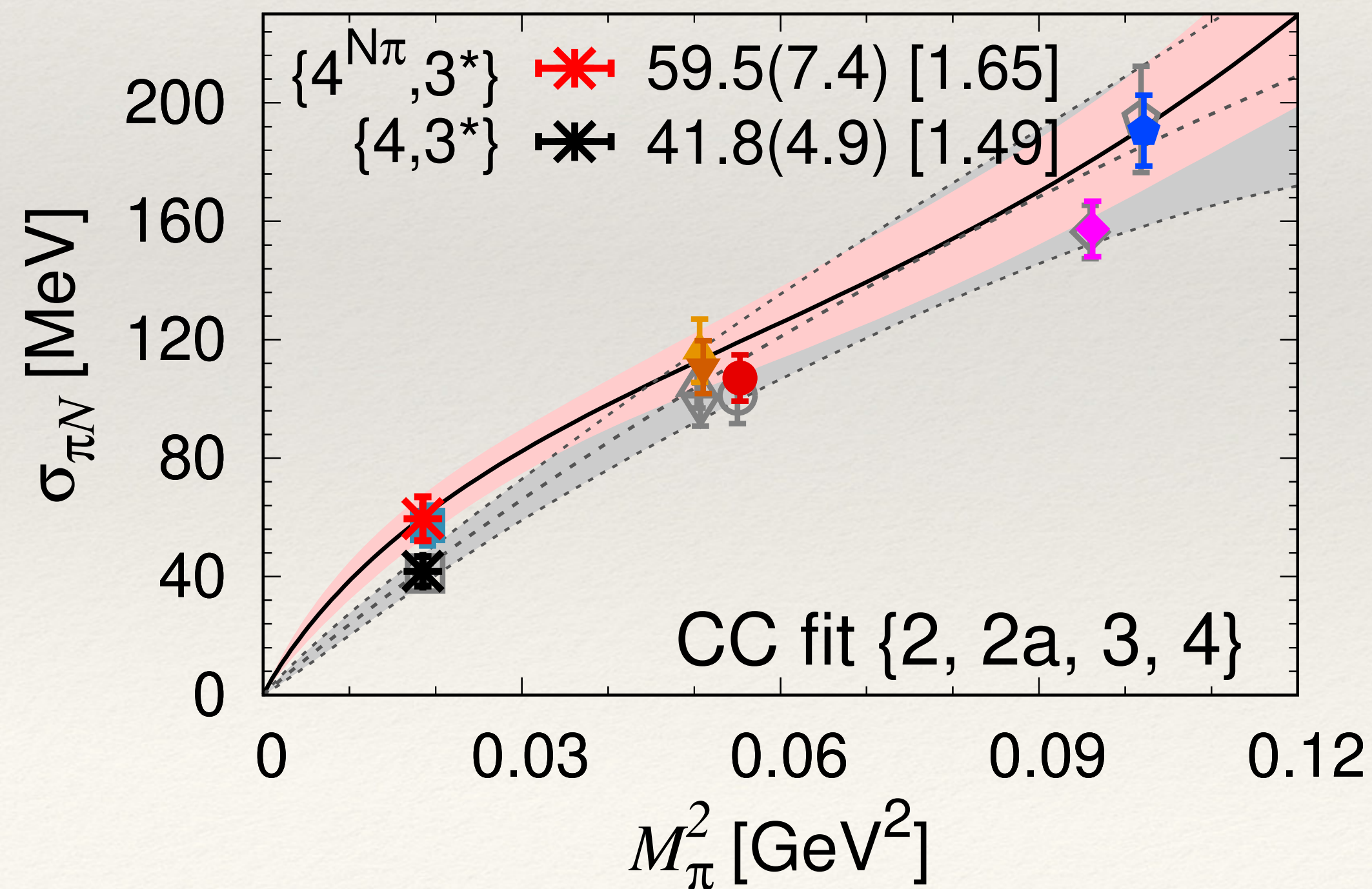
To quote a value of  $\sigma_{\pi N}$ , we need to finalize our  $M_\pi$  and  $F_\pi$  analysis - results hopefully this fall

# LQCD: Our Results – How to extrapolate to physical point?

Interesting new result:

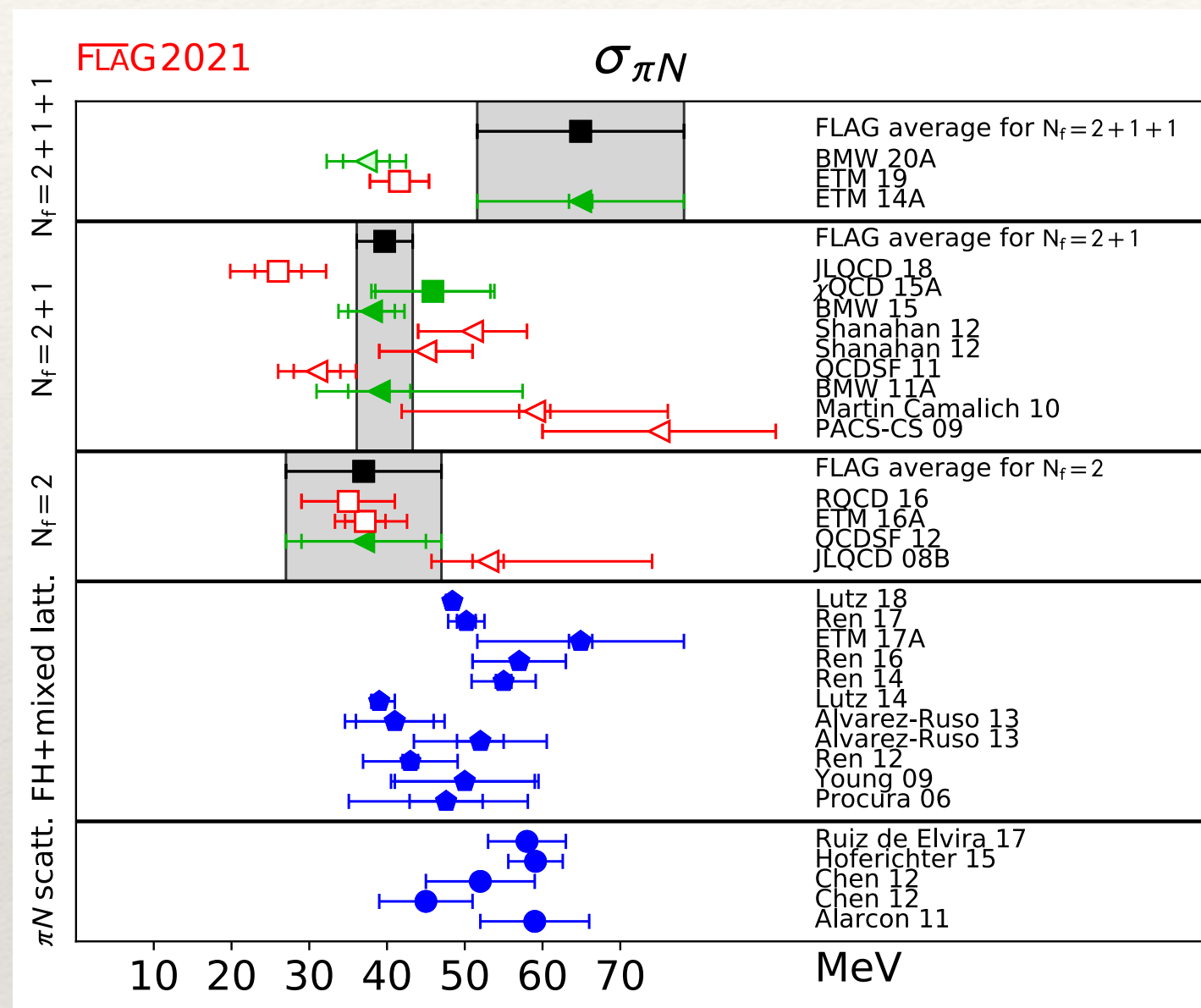
Gupta, Park, Hoferichter, Mereghetti, Yoon, Bhattacharya  
 PRL 127 (2021) [2105.12095]

Hypothesize excited states are not fully quantified in other results - when encouraged to be “natural” sigma-term increases to be compatible with pheno

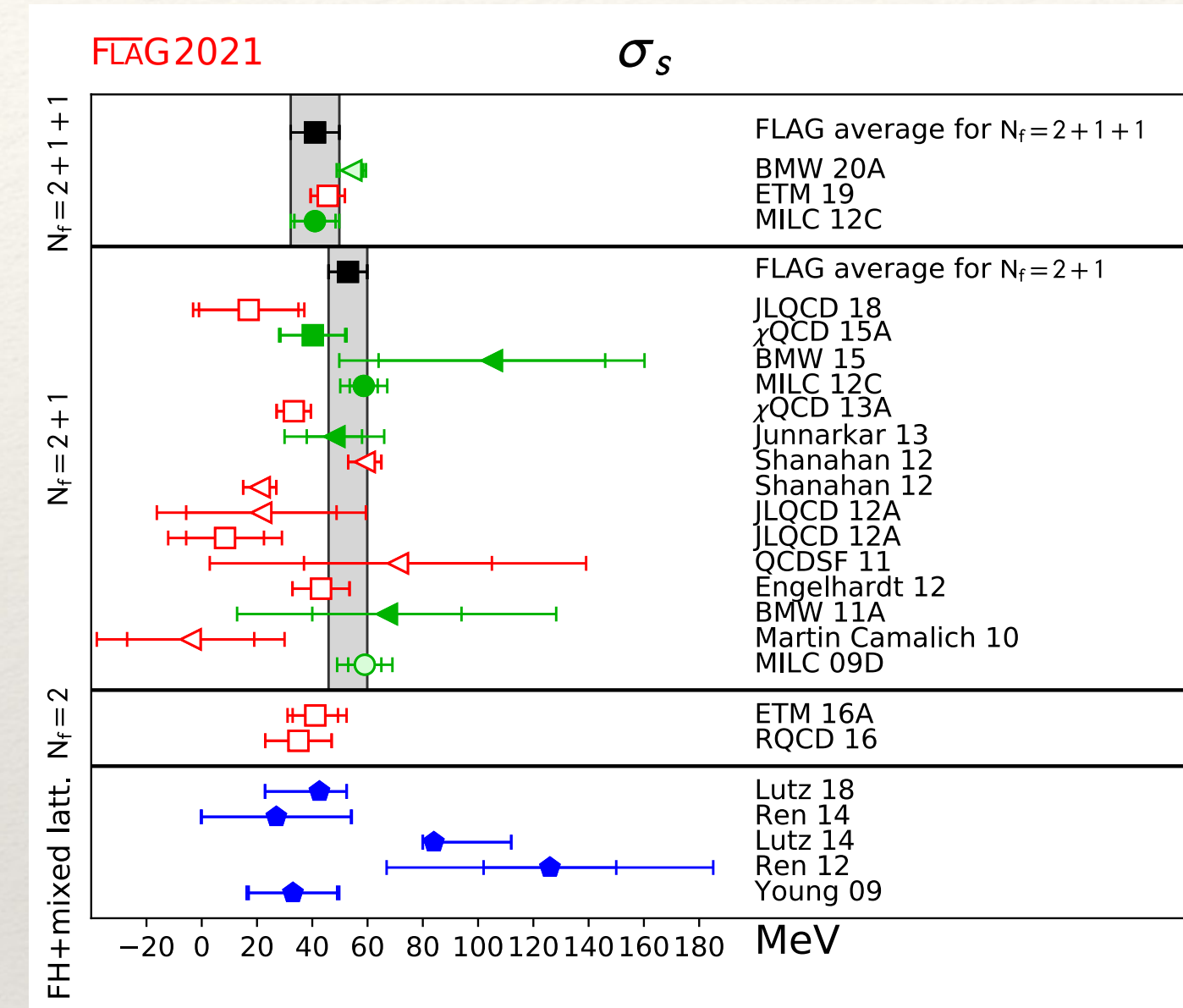


# LQCD: Global Average

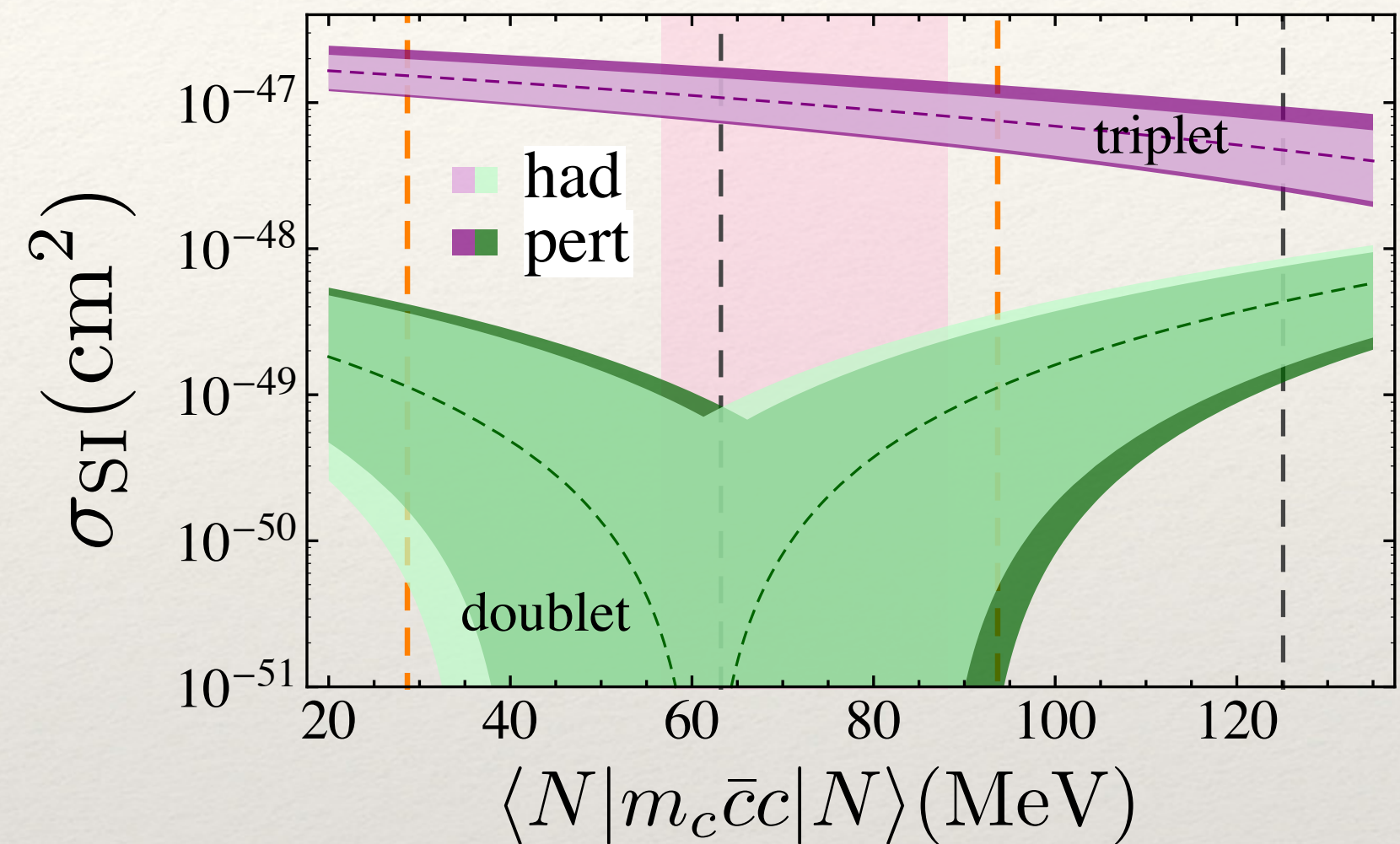
$$m_N = \langle N | \frac{\beta}{2g} G^2 + \gamma_m \sum_q m_q \bar{\psi}_q \psi_q | N \rangle + \sum_q \langle N | m_q \bar{\psi}_q \psi_q | N \rangle$$



$$\sigma_{\pi N} \in [30 - 70] \text{ MeV}$$



$$\sigma_s \in [32 - 60] \text{ MeV}$$



$$\sigma_c \simeq \begin{cases} 88(29) & \chi\text{QCD} [1304.1194] \\ 107(22) & \text{ETMC} [1909.00485] \\ 69(07) & \text{*BMW}_c [2007.03319] \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma_b \simeq 66 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\sigma_t \simeq 64 \text{ MeV}$$

bottom and top contributions are well estimated with perturbative QCD  
 Shifman, Vainstein, Zakharov and many updates from others  
 PLB78 (1978) 443



# Conclusions

- Lattice QCD can provide unambiguous values for the light, strange and charm scalar matrix elements of the nucleon
  - But - systematic uncertainties (excited state contamination) remains an issue to obtain more stable and precise values - discrepancy between different results is larger than quoted uncertainties
  - please keep this in mind for ALL LQCD results
- I anticipate my collaboration (CalLat) will have a robust determination of  $\sigma_{\pi N}$  this fall (next,  $\sigma_s$  &  $\sigma_c$ )
  - ~30 ensembles to control all extrapolations
    - 7 pion masses,  $130 \lesssim M_\pi \lesssim 400$  MeV
    - 4 lattice spacings (3 at the physical pion mass)
    - multiple volumes at 3 different pion masses
- The scalar charm content of the nucleon is particularly important to determine precisely
  - If  $\sigma_c \sim 60 \pm 5$  MeV and Dark Matter is heavy (WIMP), natural explanation as to why we have not yet observed dark-matter — nucleus scattering
  - Hill & Solon PRL 112 (2014) [arXiv:1309.4092]
- I'm interested to understand if we can find a non-perturbative definition of the the trace-anomaly the LQCD user can choose how many quarks to directly compute - how is this reflected in the remaining terms?

$$m_N = \langle N | \frac{\beta}{2g} G^2 + \gamma_m \sum_q m_q \bar{\psi}_q \psi_q | N \rangle + \sum_q \langle N | m_q \bar{\psi}_q \psi_q | N \rangle$$

*Thank You*