

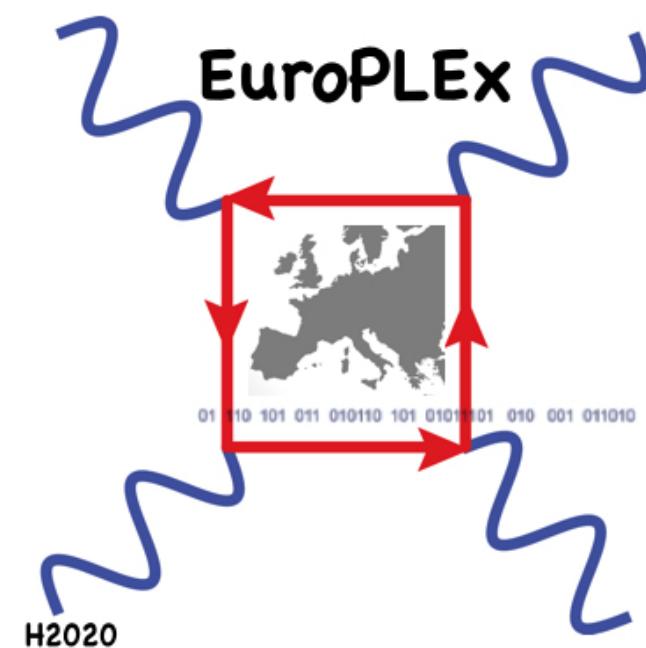
# Nucleon form factors from Lattice QCD for neutrino oscillation experiments

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- Introduction and Motivation
- Extracting nucleon form factors from LQCD with the variational method
- Results
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What are neutrino oscillations?

What are nucleon form factors?

How do nucleon form factors enter  
in the neutrino oscillation experiments?

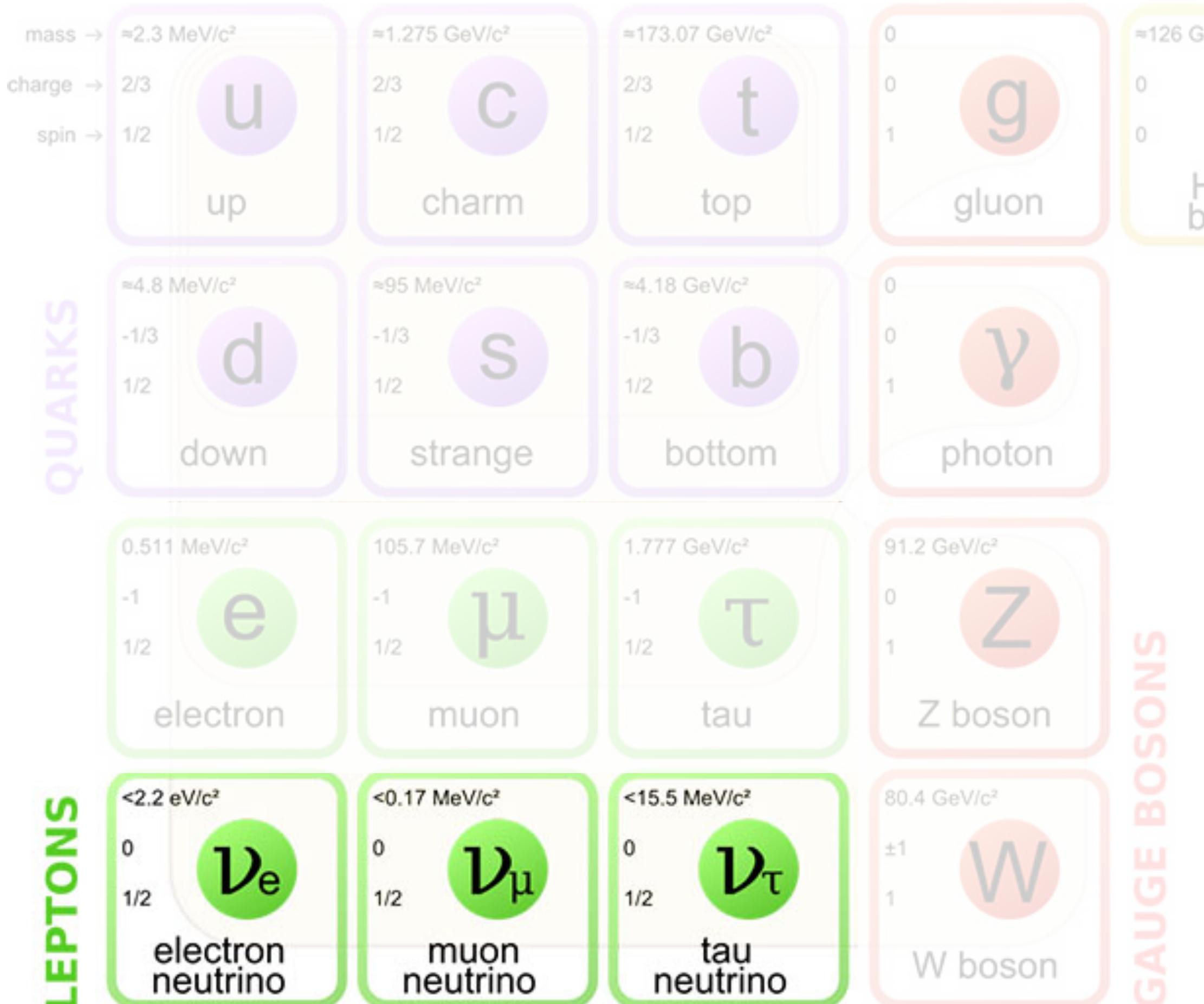
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Leptons ( $e^-$ ,  $\mu^-$ ,  $\tau^-$ ,  $\nu$ ) do not interact via the strong force

neutrinos  $\nu$  interact only via the weak force and gravity (!)

There is still a lot to understand about their nature...

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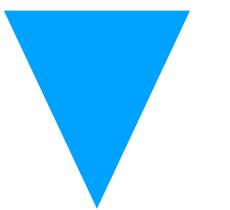
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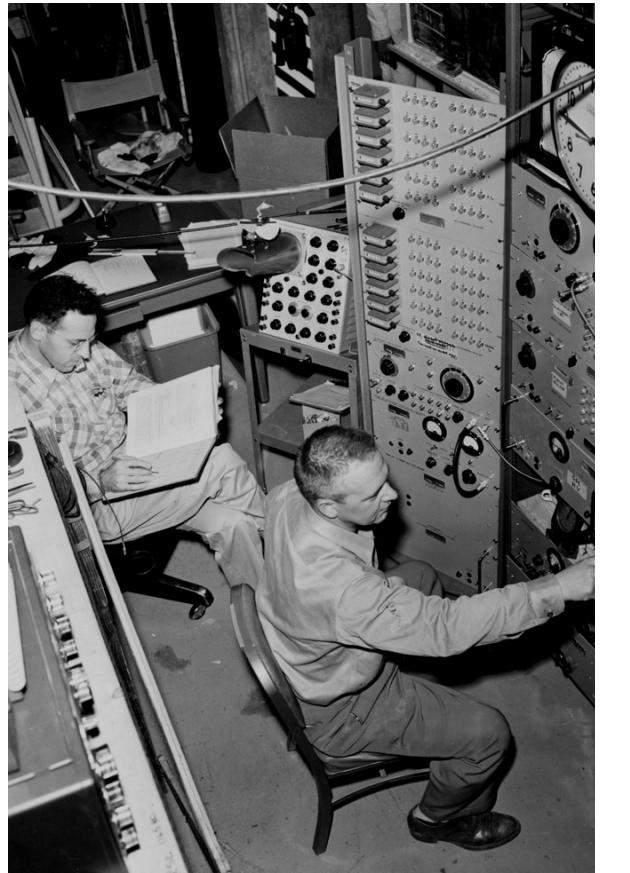


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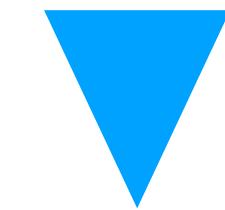
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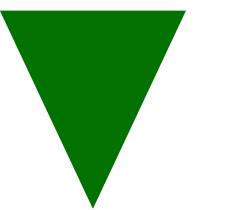
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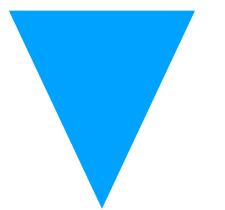
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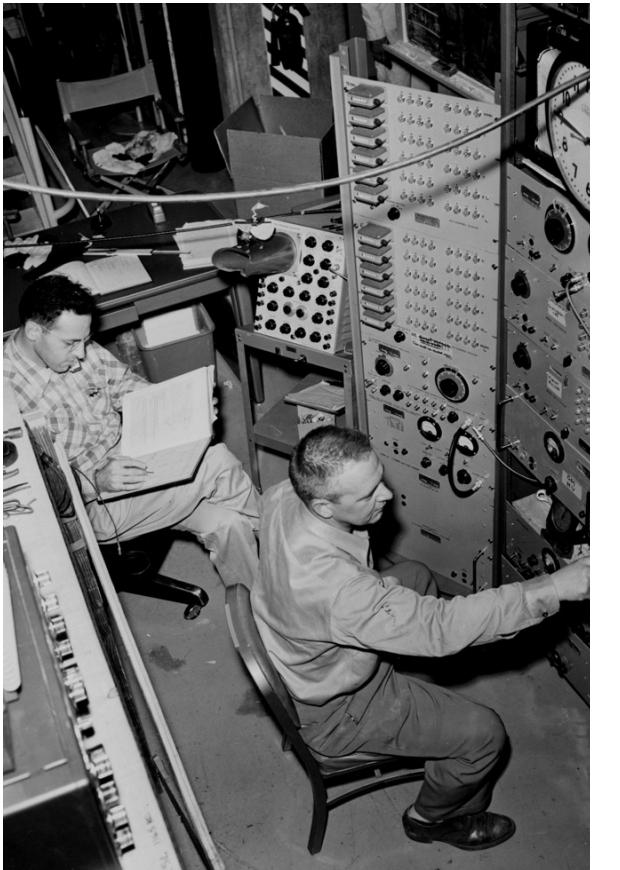


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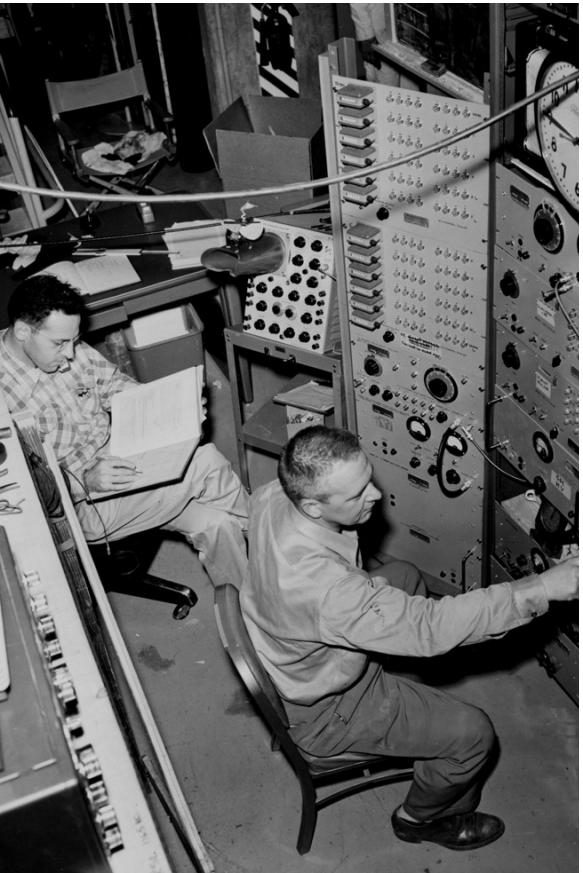
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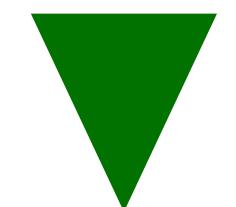
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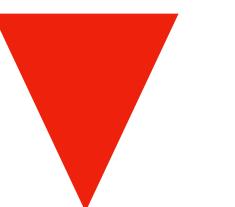
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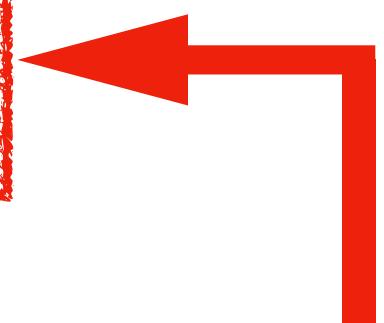


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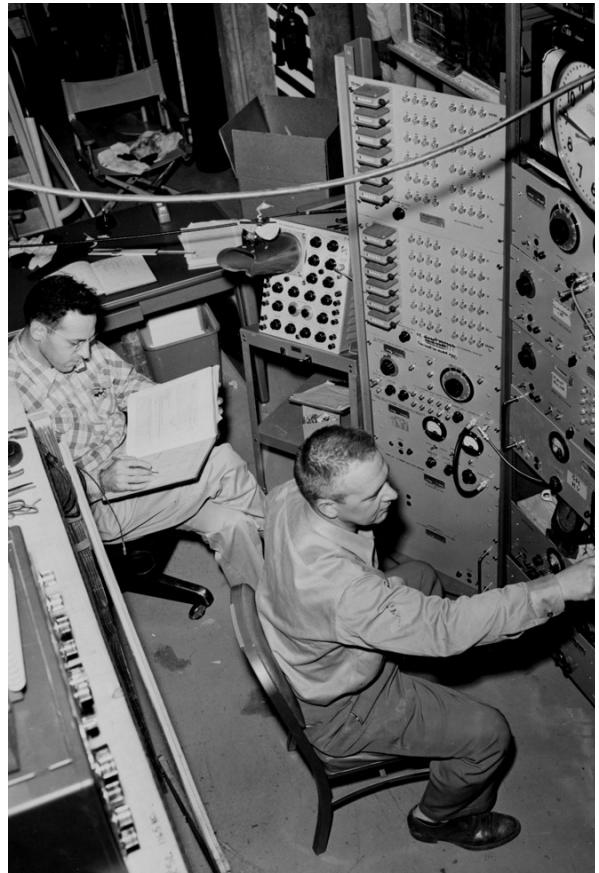
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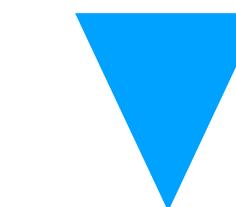


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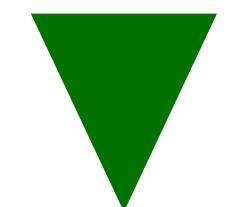
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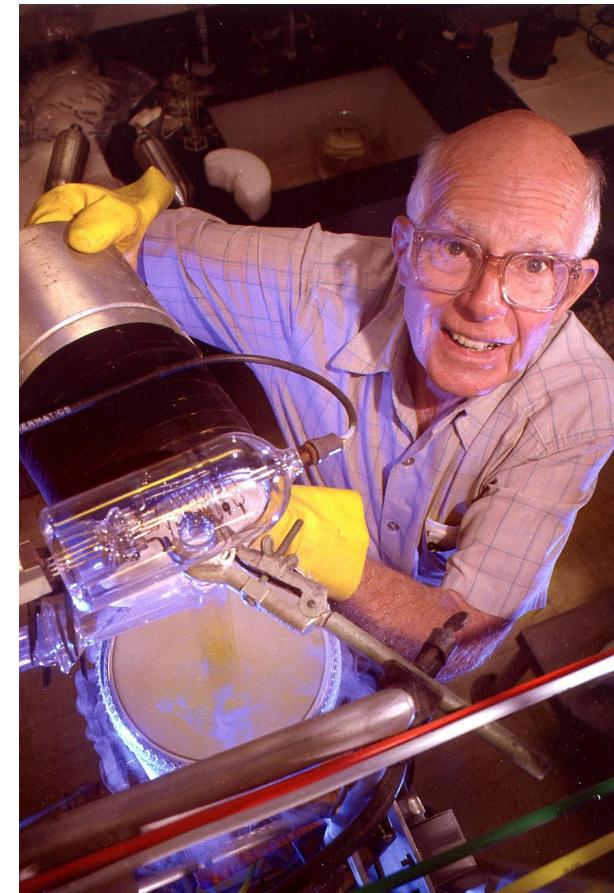


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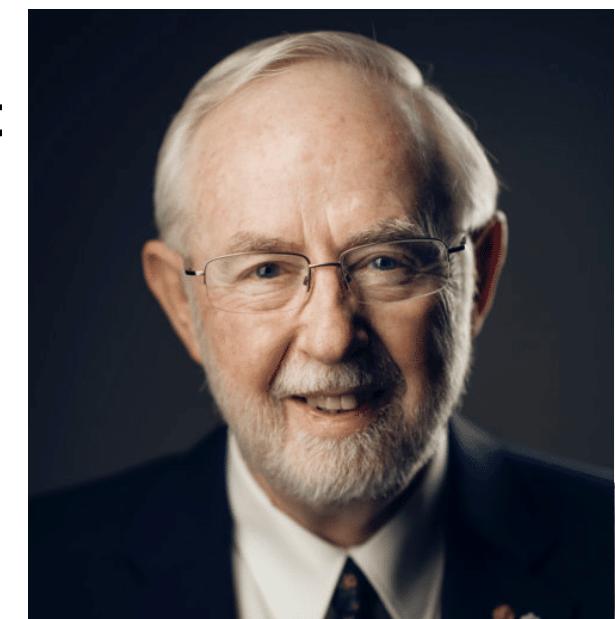
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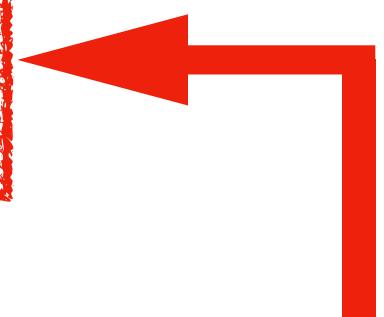
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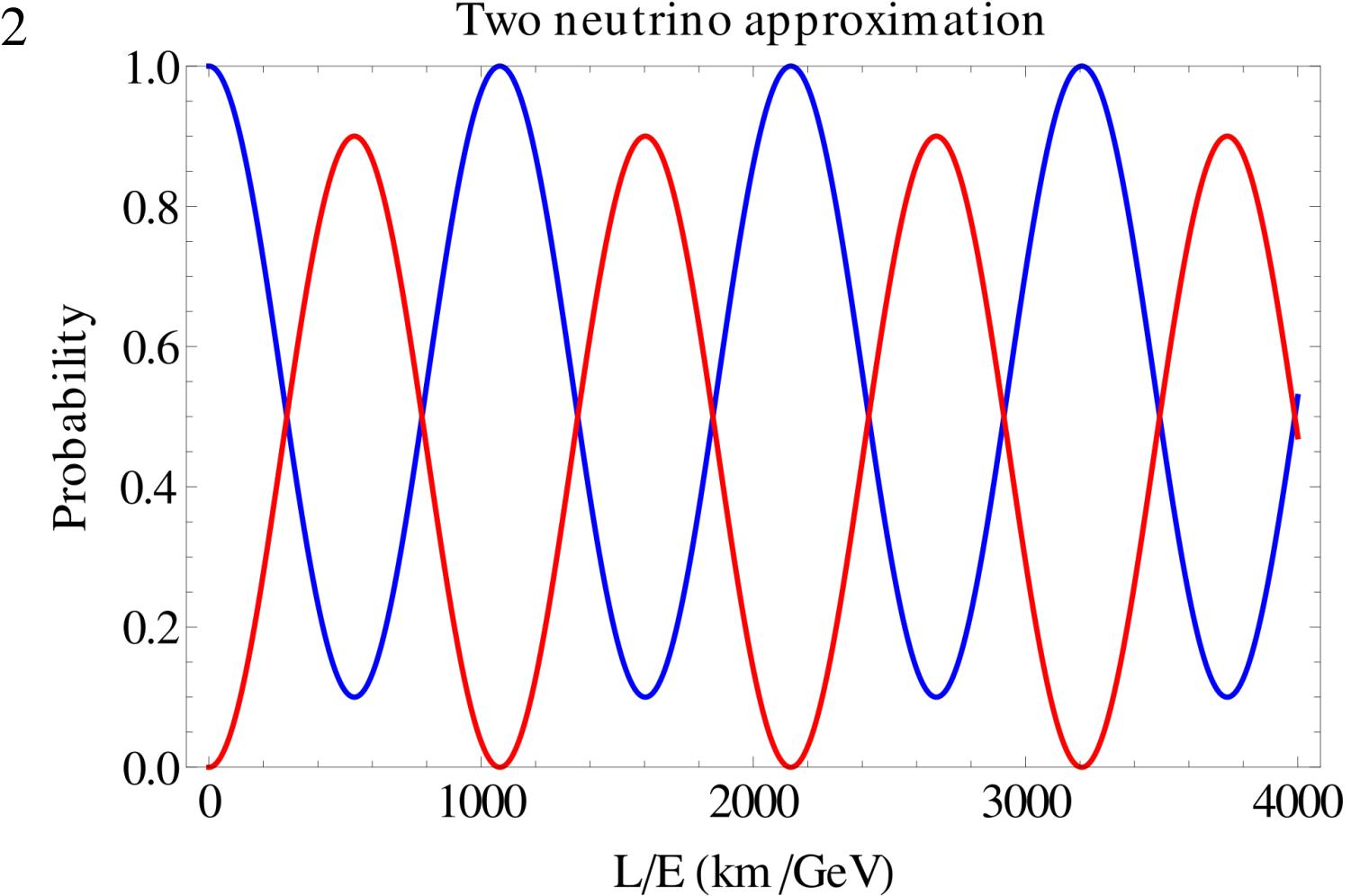
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**QUARKS** → **LEPTONS** ← **GAUGE BOSONS**

- How do they acquire the mass?

- Are they Majorana particles? ( $\nu_\ell = \bar{\nu}_\ell$ )

- Do  $\bar{\nu}_\ell$  oscillate differently than  $\nu_\ell$ ?

← addressed by  $0\nu\beta\beta$  experiments

→ related to Matter-Antimatter Asymmetry

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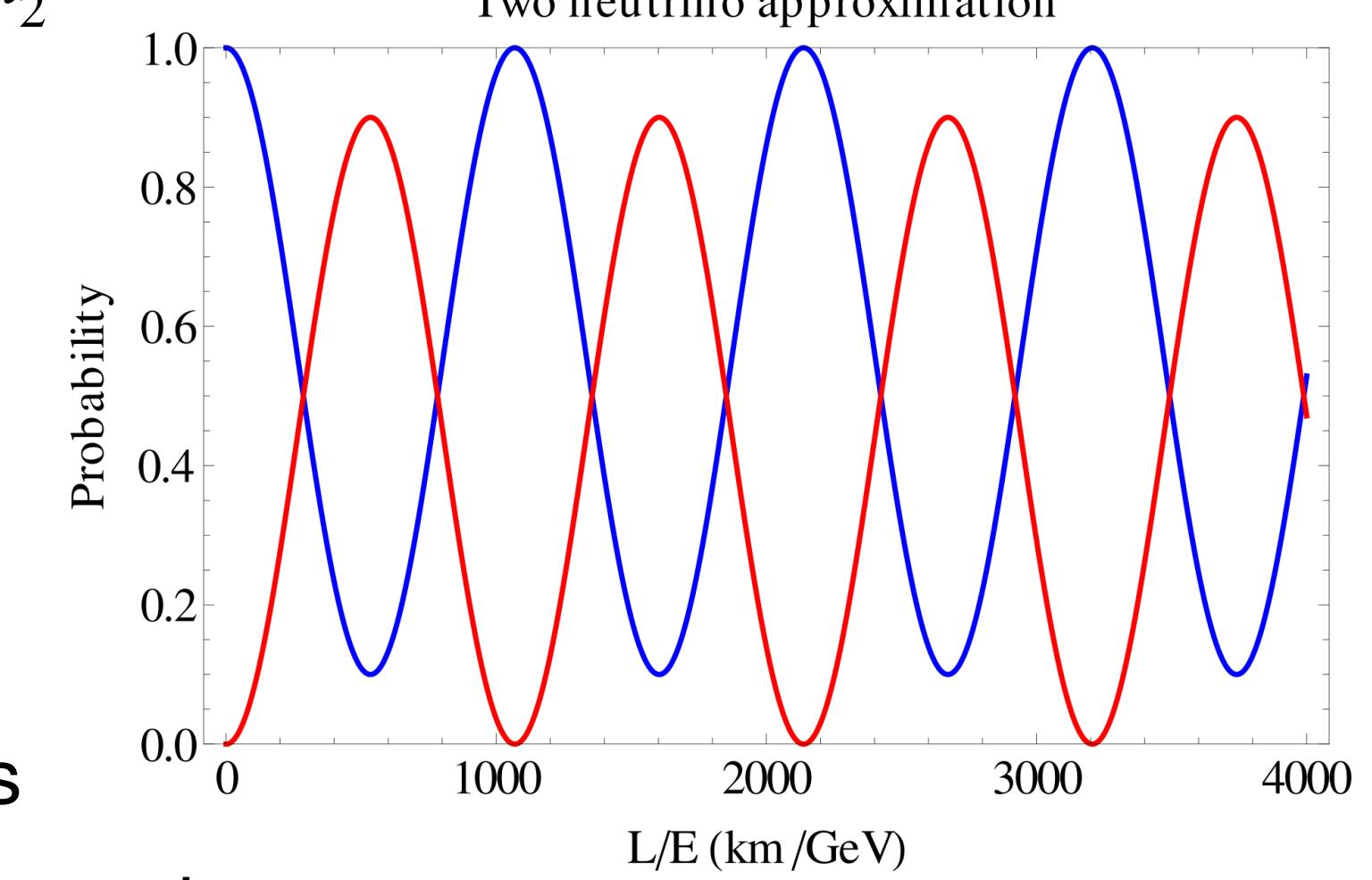
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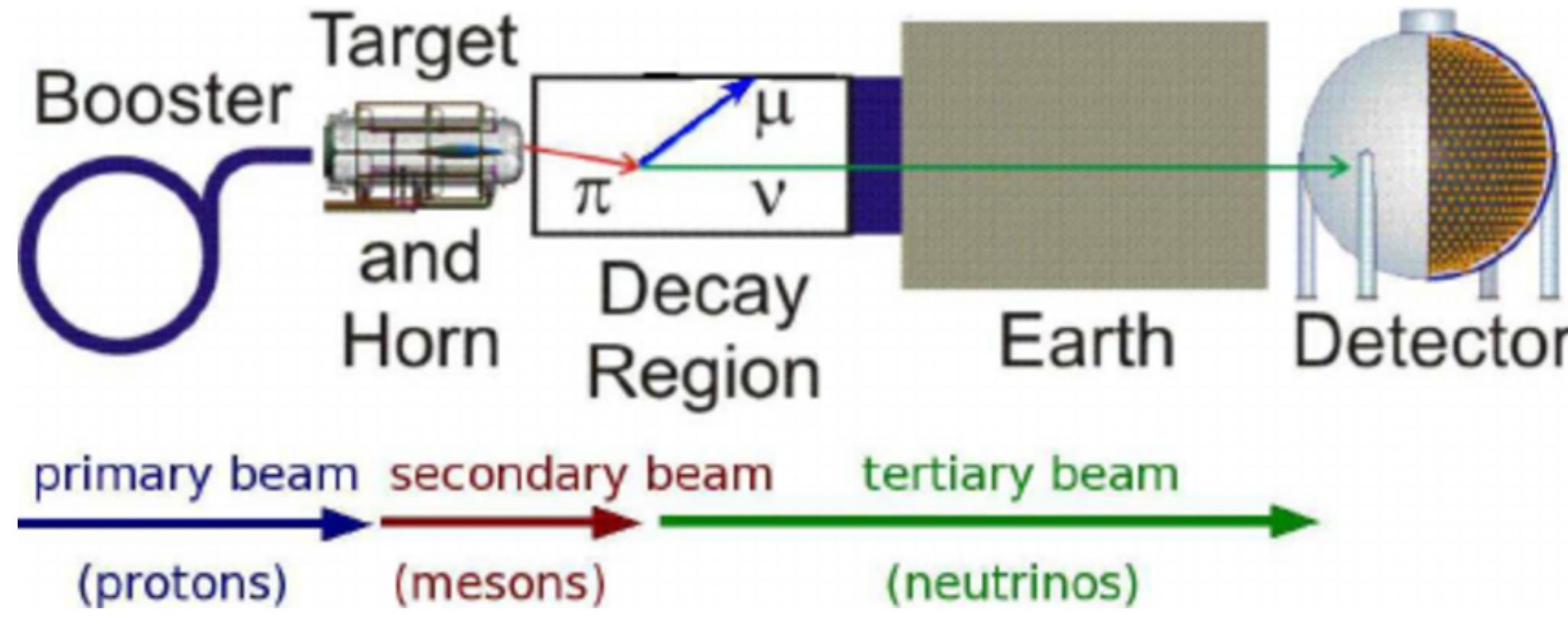
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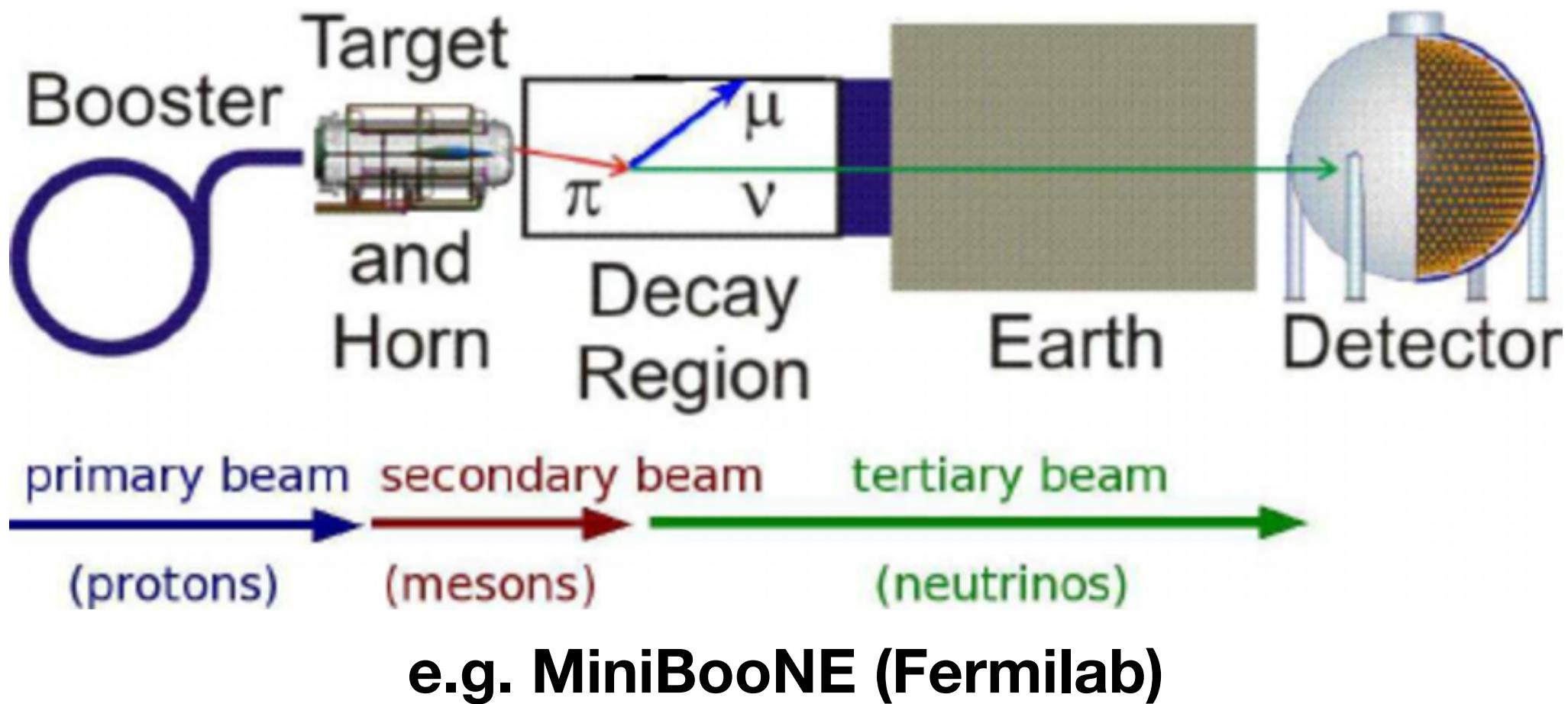


e.g. MiniBooNE (Fermilab)

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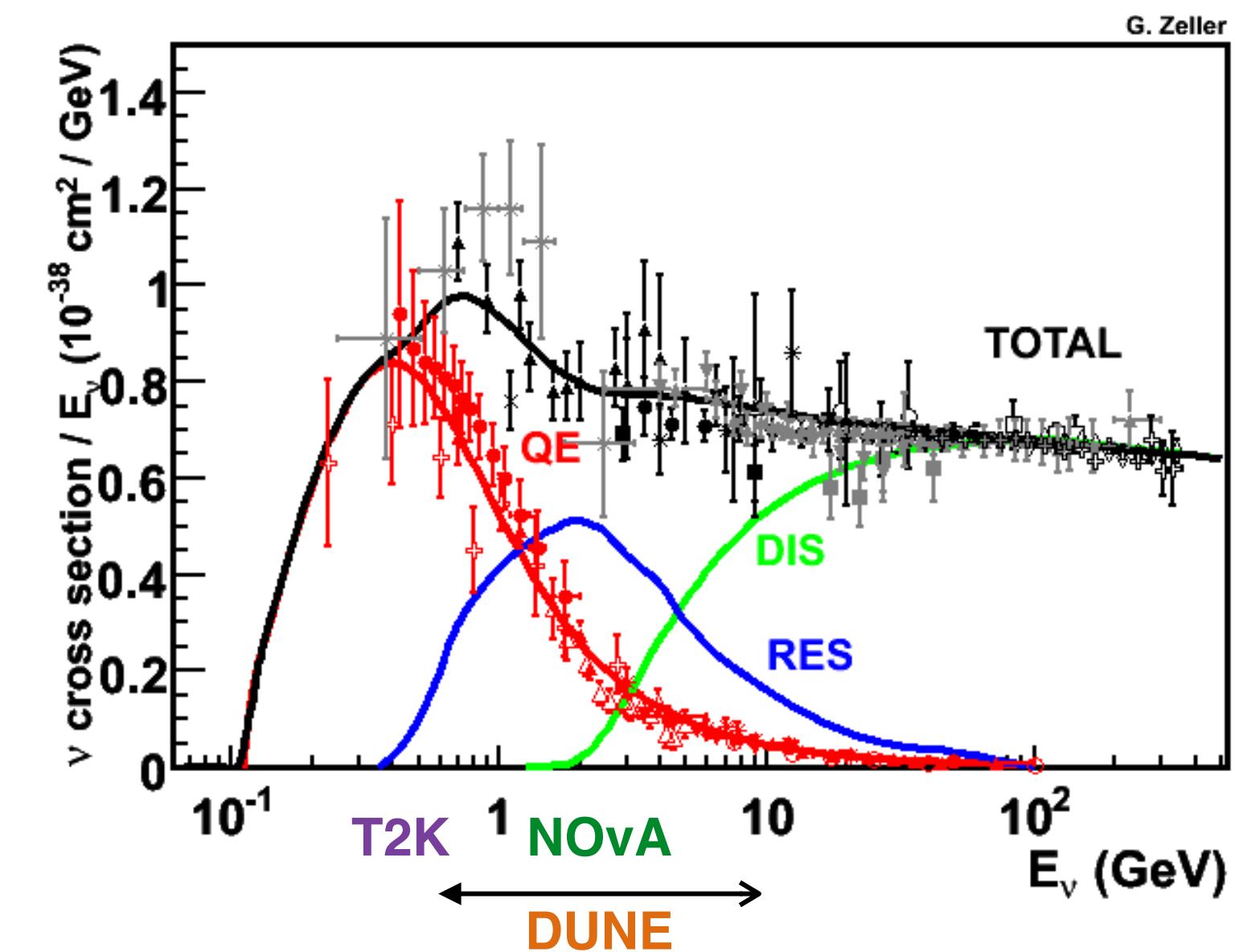
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## Main challenges

- Nuclear model to factorise neutrino-nuclei scattering into neutrino-nucleon scattering (known from theory);
- $Q^2$  in a range where **excited nucleons** are produced!

[arXiv:2203.09030]

Required also knowledge of  $\langle N^* | \mathcal{J}^- | N \rangle$ ,  $\langle \Delta | \mathcal{J}^- | N \rangle$  and  $\langle N\pi | \mathcal{J}^- | N \rangle$

We are the first to investigate  $\langle N\pi | \mathcal{J}^- | N \rangle$  with LQCD

[RMP.84.1307]

# Lorentz decomposition of nucleon matrix elements

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$$\mathcal{J} = \bar{q}\Gamma q \quad \Gamma \in \{\gamma_5, \gamma_\mu, \gamma_\mu\gamma_5\}$$

$\textcolor{red}{FF[\mathcal{J}]}$  = Lorentz decomposition of the nucleon matrix element in terms of nucleon form factors  $G(Q^2)$

Pseudoscalar

$$\Gamma = \gamma_5 : \mathcal{J} = \mathcal{P}$$

$$\langle N(\mathbf{p}') | \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{q}) | N(\mathbf{p}) \rangle = \bar{u}_{\mathbf{p}'} \gamma_5 G_P(Q^2) u_{\mathbf{p}}$$

Axial

$$\Gamma = \gamma_\mu\gamma_5 : \mathcal{J} = \mathcal{A}_\mu$$

$$\langle N(\mathbf{p}') | \mathcal{A}_\mu(\mathbf{q}) | N(\mathbf{p}) \rangle = \bar{u}_{\mathbf{p}'} \left[ \gamma_\mu\gamma_5 G_A(Q^2) + \frac{q_\mu}{2m_N} \gamma_5 \widetilde{G}_P(Q^2) \right] u_{\mathbf{p}}$$

$g_A \equiv G_A(0)$

**Axial charge**

Vector

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# From nucleon form factors to charge distribution

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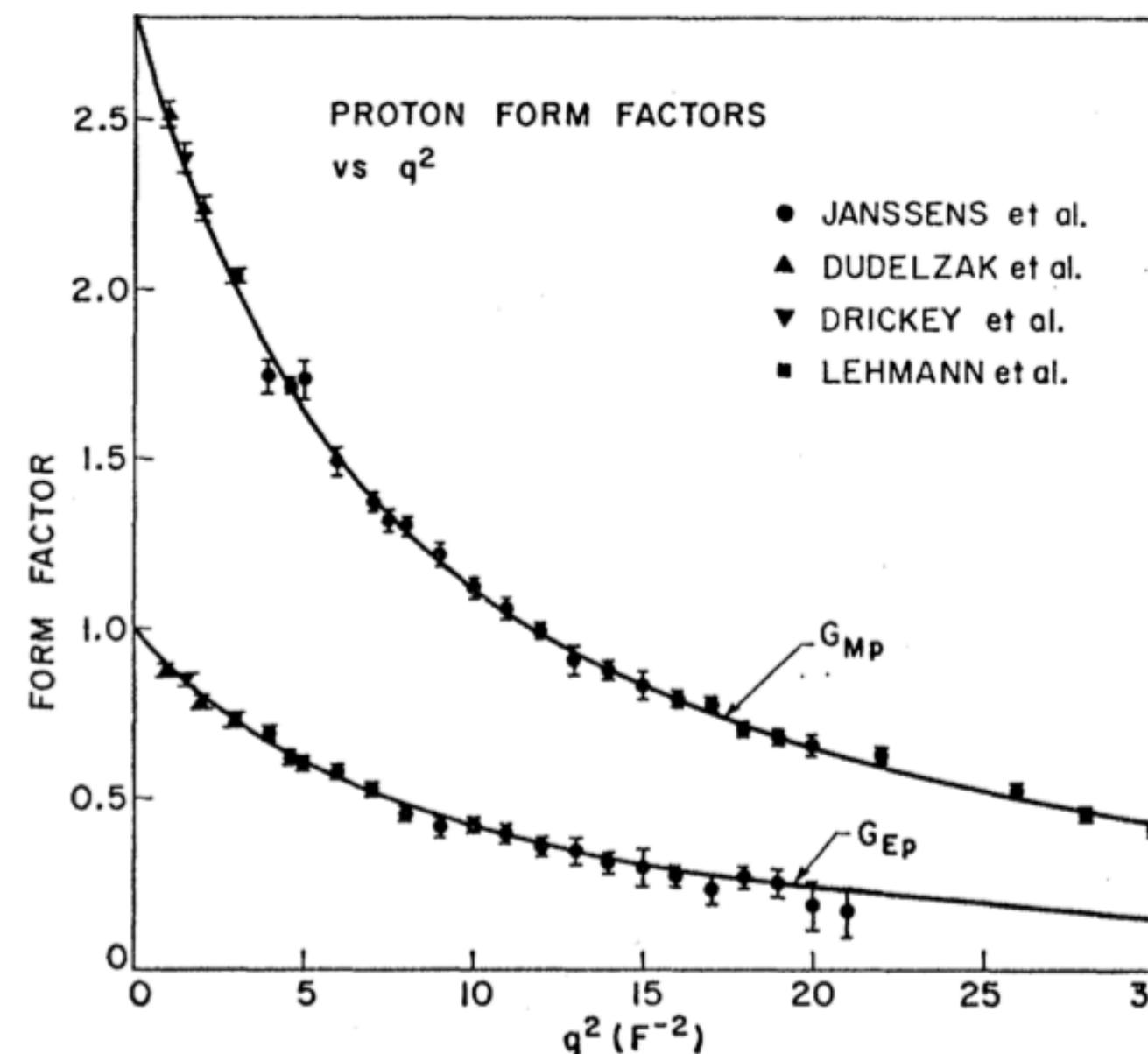
$$G_M = F_1 + F_2$$

**Electromagnetic  
form factors**

Form factors are related  
to charge distribution  
via Fourier transform

Charge distribution $f(r)$		Form factor $F(\mathbf{q}^2)$	
Point	$\delta(r)/4\pi$	1	Constant
Exponential	$(a^3/8\pi) \cdot \exp(-ar)$	$(1 + \mathbf{q}^2/a^2\hbar^2)^{-2}$	Dipole

Since  $G_M, G_E$  are not constant...



Proton is not point-like!

Form factors contain information  
on the hadron structure

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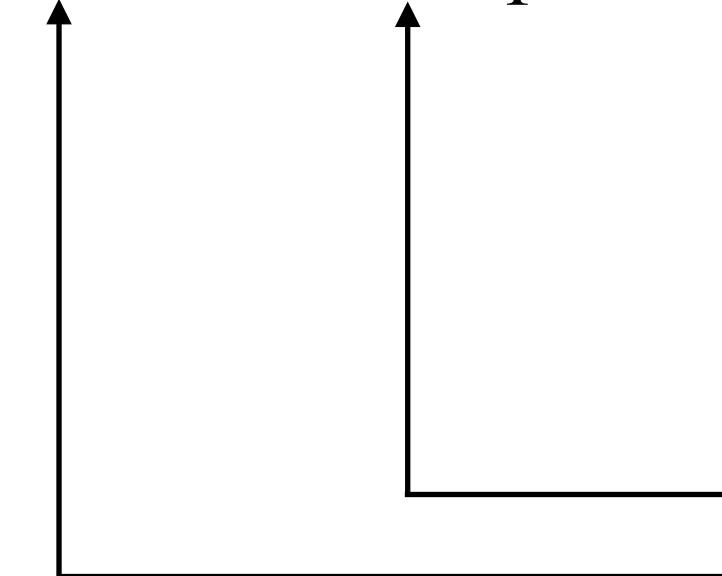
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$$1 = \sum_n \frac{1}{2E_n} |n\rangle\langle n| \quad (\text{spectral decomposition})$$

$$n = N, N^*, N\pi, \dots$$

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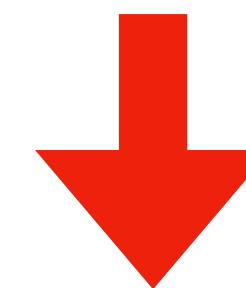
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## Problem

large  $t, \tau$  data is noisy w/ current statistics.  
We use small  $t, \tau$  data

## Consequence

Contamination from excited nucleons ( $N^*, \dots$ )  
and multiparticle states ( $N\pi, \dots$ )

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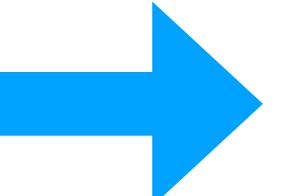
**Example**

$$\mathcal{A}_i = \bar{q} \gamma_i \gamma_5 q$$

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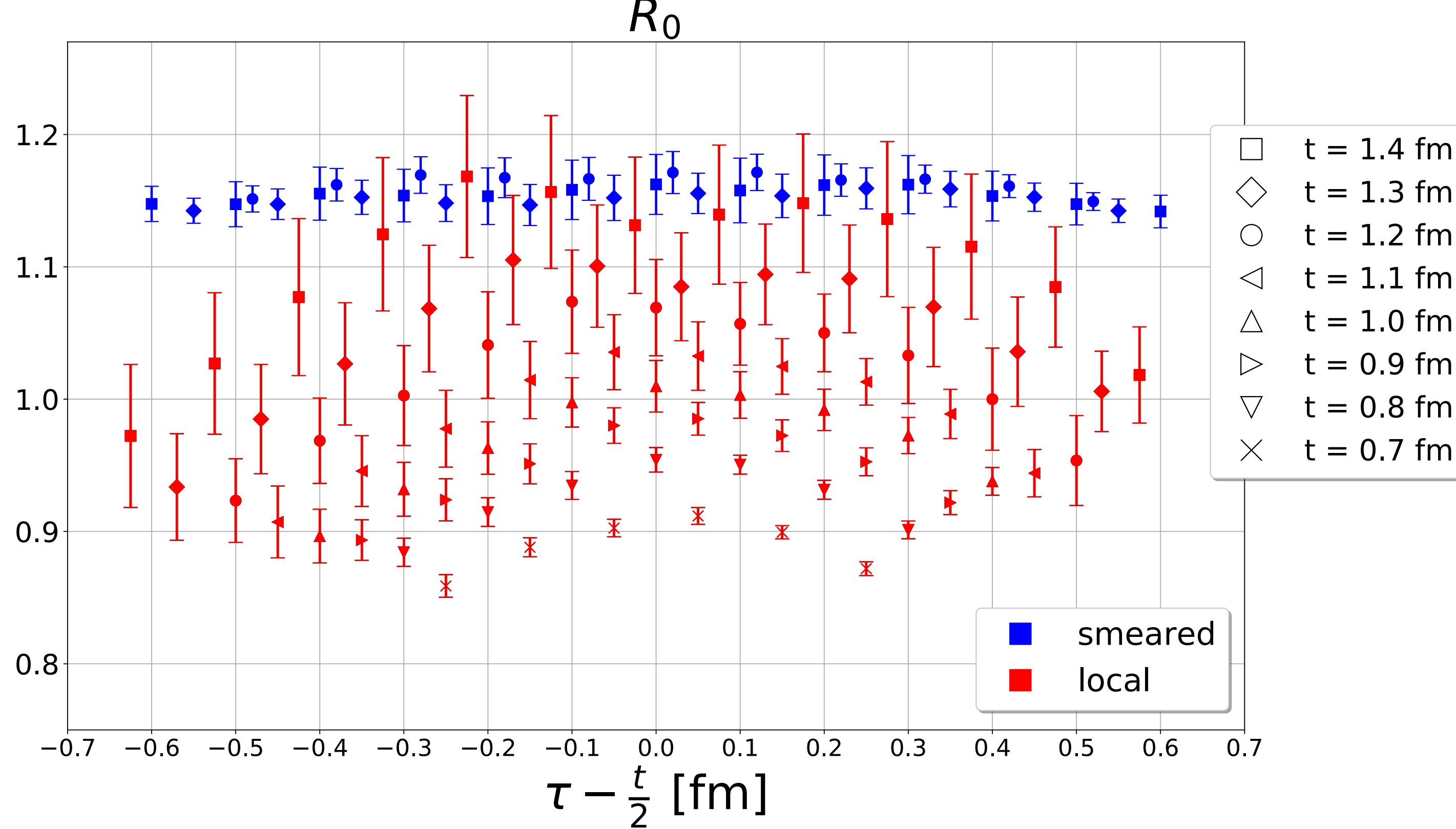
Axial charge  $g_A$

Results for  $g_A$  in the following



# The effect of the smearing at zero momentum

$O_1$  can be iteratively improved with smearing techniques (quark + link smearing)



Axial charge  $g_A$

$$R_0 = \frac{\langle O_1(\mathbf{0}, t) \mathcal{A}_i(\mathbf{0}, \tau) \bar{O}_1(\mathbf{0}, 0) \rangle}{\langle O_1(\mathbf{0}, t) \bar{O}_1(\mathbf{0}, 0) \rangle} = g_A$$

$$\mathcal{A}_i = \bar{q} \gamma_i \gamma_5 q \quad \mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0} \quad (\text{Rest frame})$$

Clear sign of excited state contamination  
with local nucleon operators

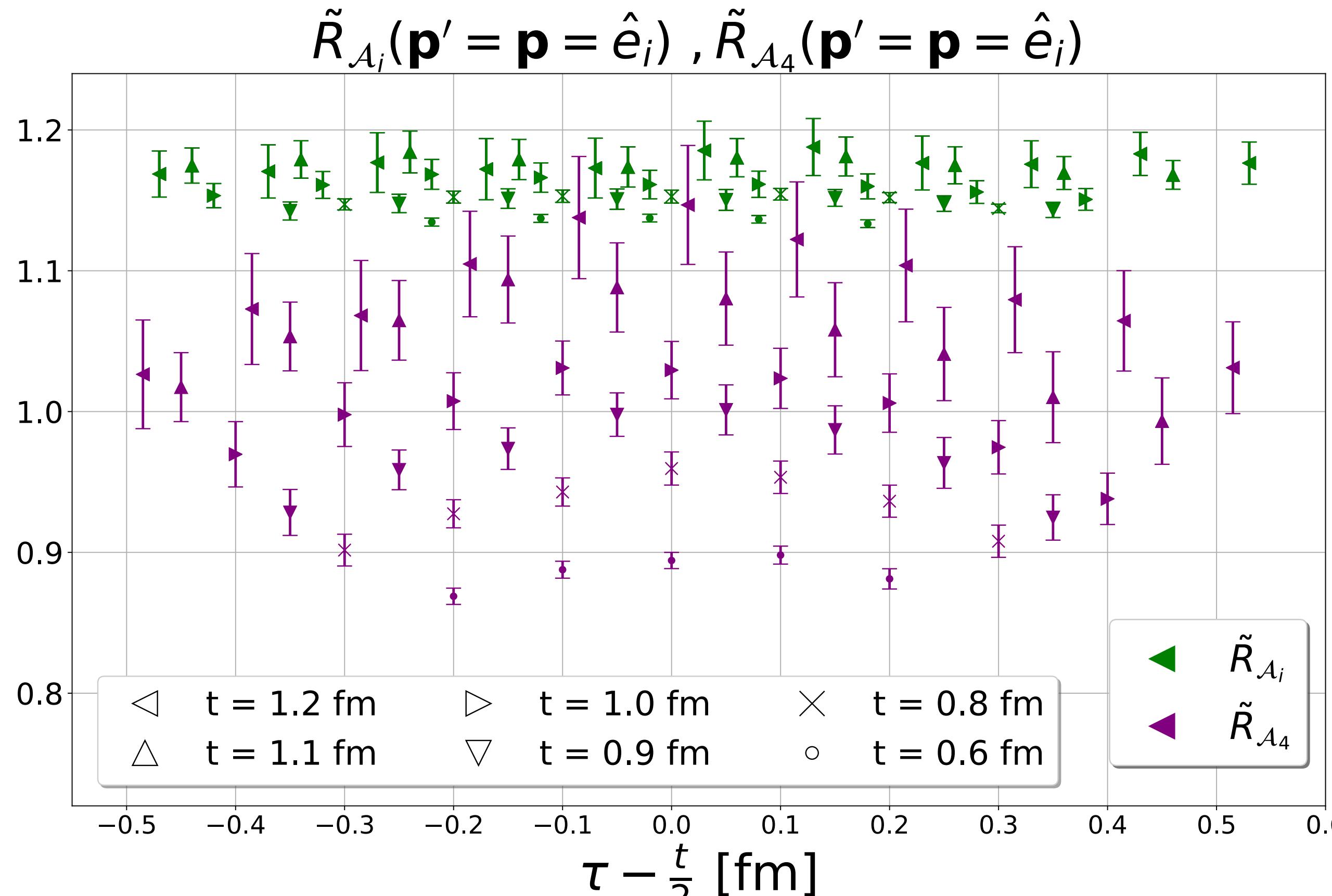
The effect of the smearing is evident

$$g_A = 1.16 \pm 0.07$$

$$\text{at } m_\pi = m_K \approx 426 \text{ MeV}, \quad a \approx 0.098 \text{ fm}, \quad L = 24a, T = 2L$$

# The axial charge $g_A$ from $\langle N(\mathbf{p}) | \mathcal{A}_\mu(\mathbf{q} = 0) | N(\mathbf{p}) \rangle$

$g_A$  can be also extracted from moving frame  $\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{p} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i = \frac{2\pi}{L}\hat{n}_i$



(Here only improved/smeared operators)

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$$\tilde{R}_{\mathcal{A}_i} = \frac{\langle O_1(\mathbf{p}, t) \mathcal{A}_i(\mathbf{q} = 0, \tau) \bar{O}_1(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle}{\langle O_1(\mathbf{p}, t) \bar{O}_1(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle} = g_A + \dots$$

$$\tilde{R}_{\mathcal{A}_4} = \frac{\langle O_1(\mathbf{p}, t) \mathcal{A}_4(\mathbf{q} = 0, \tau) \bar{O}_1(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle}{\langle O_1(\mathbf{p}, t) \bar{O}_1(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle} \left( -\frac{E}{p_i} \right) = g_A + \dots$$

Results with  $\mathcal{J} = \mathcal{A}_i$  are consistent with rest frame  
 $g_A = 1.16 \pm 0.07$

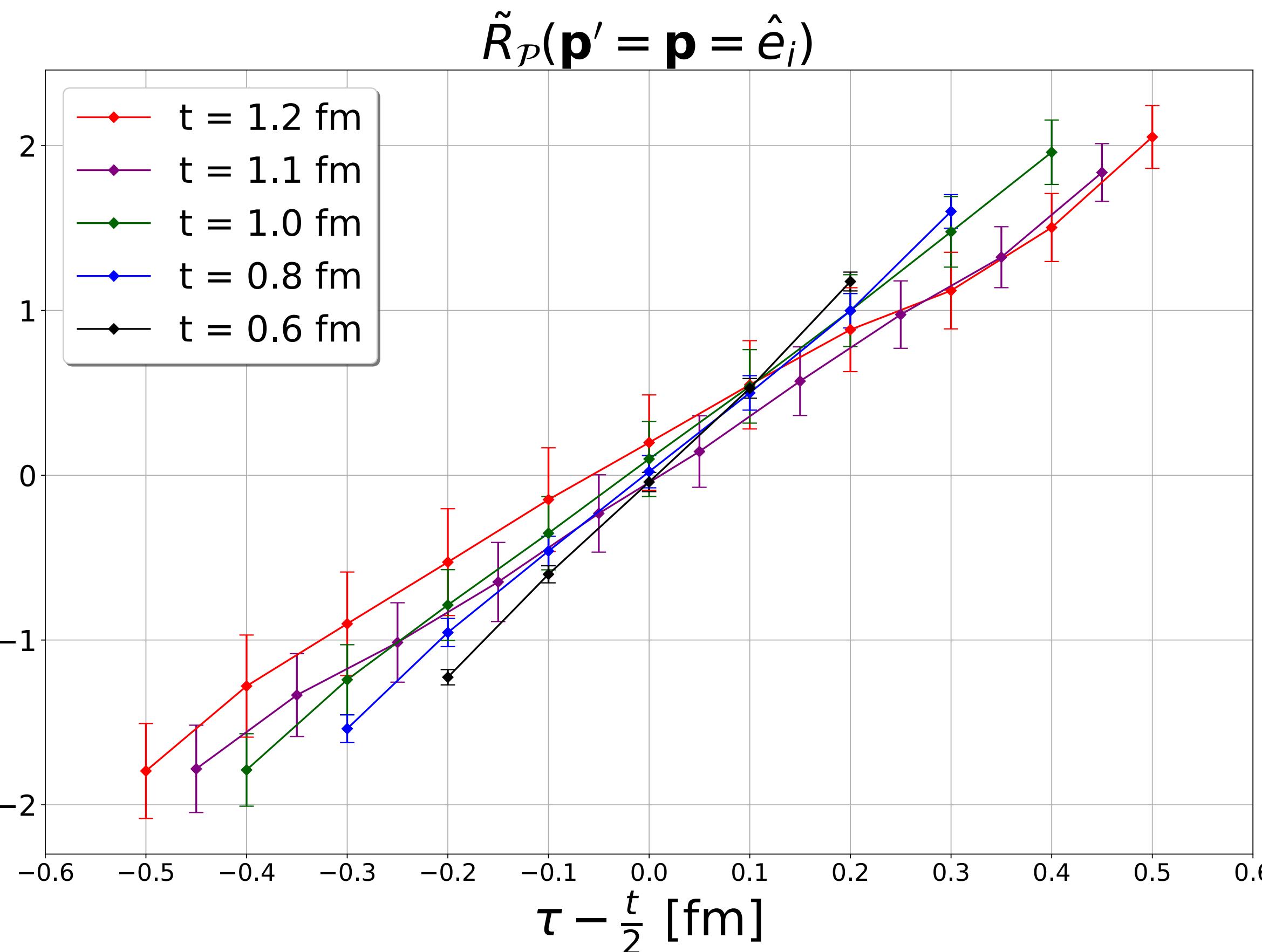
Results with  $\mathcal{J} = \mathcal{A}_4$  show 5%-20% discrepancy

Observed also by  $\chi$ PT collaboration

[arXiv:1612.04388]

# Excited state effect in the pseudoscalar channel ( $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$ , but $\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{p} \neq \mathbf{0}$ )

We investigate, for the first time, channels with  $\mathcal{J} = \mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{p} = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i = \frac{2\pi}{L}$



$m_\pi = m_K \approx 426$  MeV,  $a \approx 0.098$  fm,  $L = 24a, T = 2L$

$$\tilde{R}_P = \frac{\langle O_1(\mathbf{p}, t) \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}, \tau) \bar{O}_1(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle}{\langle O_1(\mathbf{p}, t) \bar{O}_1(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle} \frac{E}{p_i} = 0 + \dots$$

The signal is **purely** excited states and in particular  $N\pi$ .

$$\bar{O}_1 |\Omega\rangle \approx c^N |N\rangle + c^{N\pi} |N\pi\rangle$$

O. Bär predicts with ChPT that terms  $\propto \langle N\pi | \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{A}_4 | N \rangle$  are relevant

[PRD.100.054507] [PRD.99.054506]

With LO-ChPT, the correction to the 3pt at tree-level is

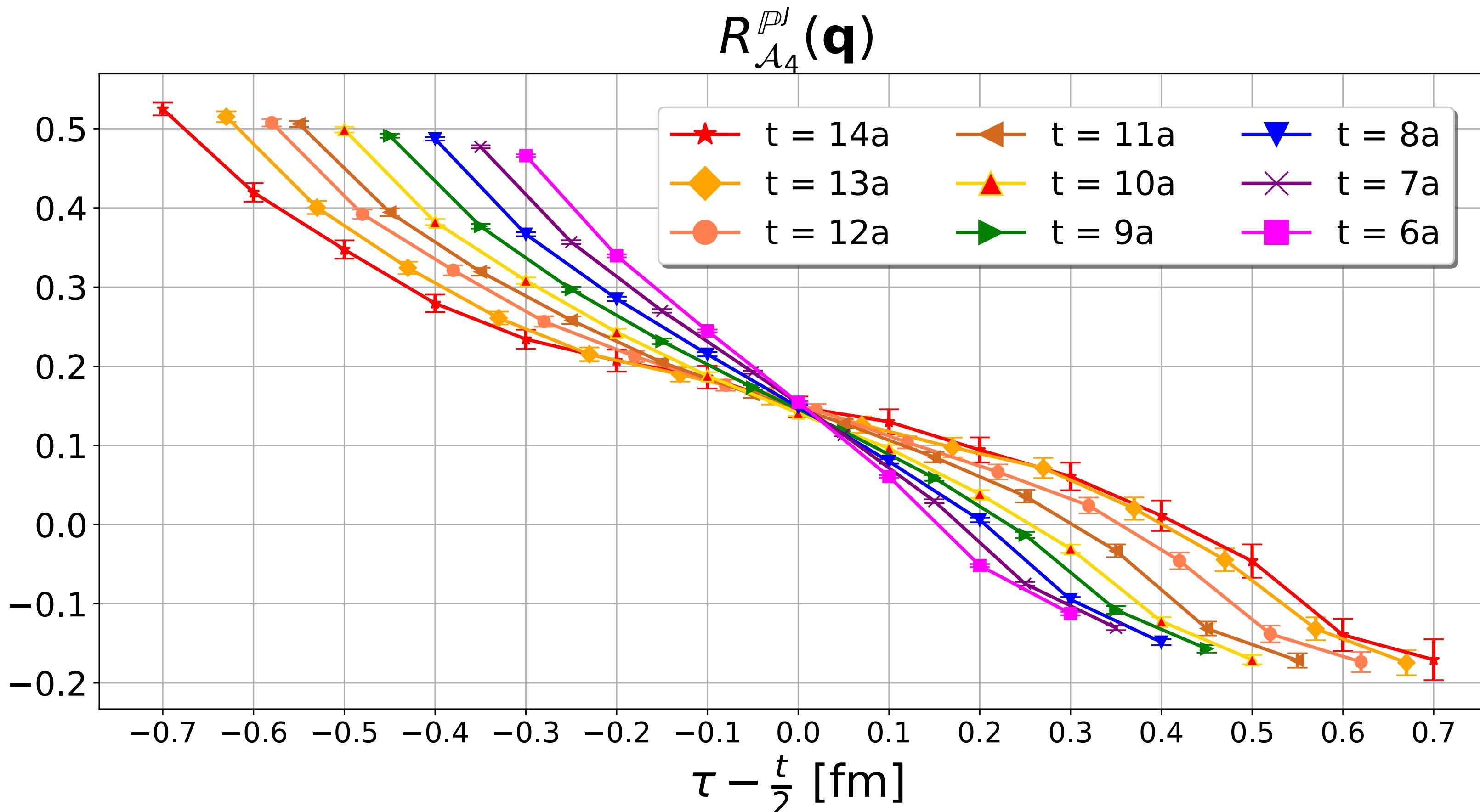
$$\delta_{\chi PT}^{\mathcal{P}} = A \frac{E'}{E_\pi} e^{-(E' - m_\pi/2)t} \sinh(m_\pi(\tau - t/2))$$

where  $A \propto g_A, \mathbf{p}$

[JHEP05(2020)126]

This channel is the clearest case of  
 $N\pi$  state contamination

# Excited state effect at $\mathbf{q} \neq 0$ : the $\mathcal{A}_4$ channel



$$q = \hat{e}_j = \frac{2\pi}{L} \hat{n}_j$$

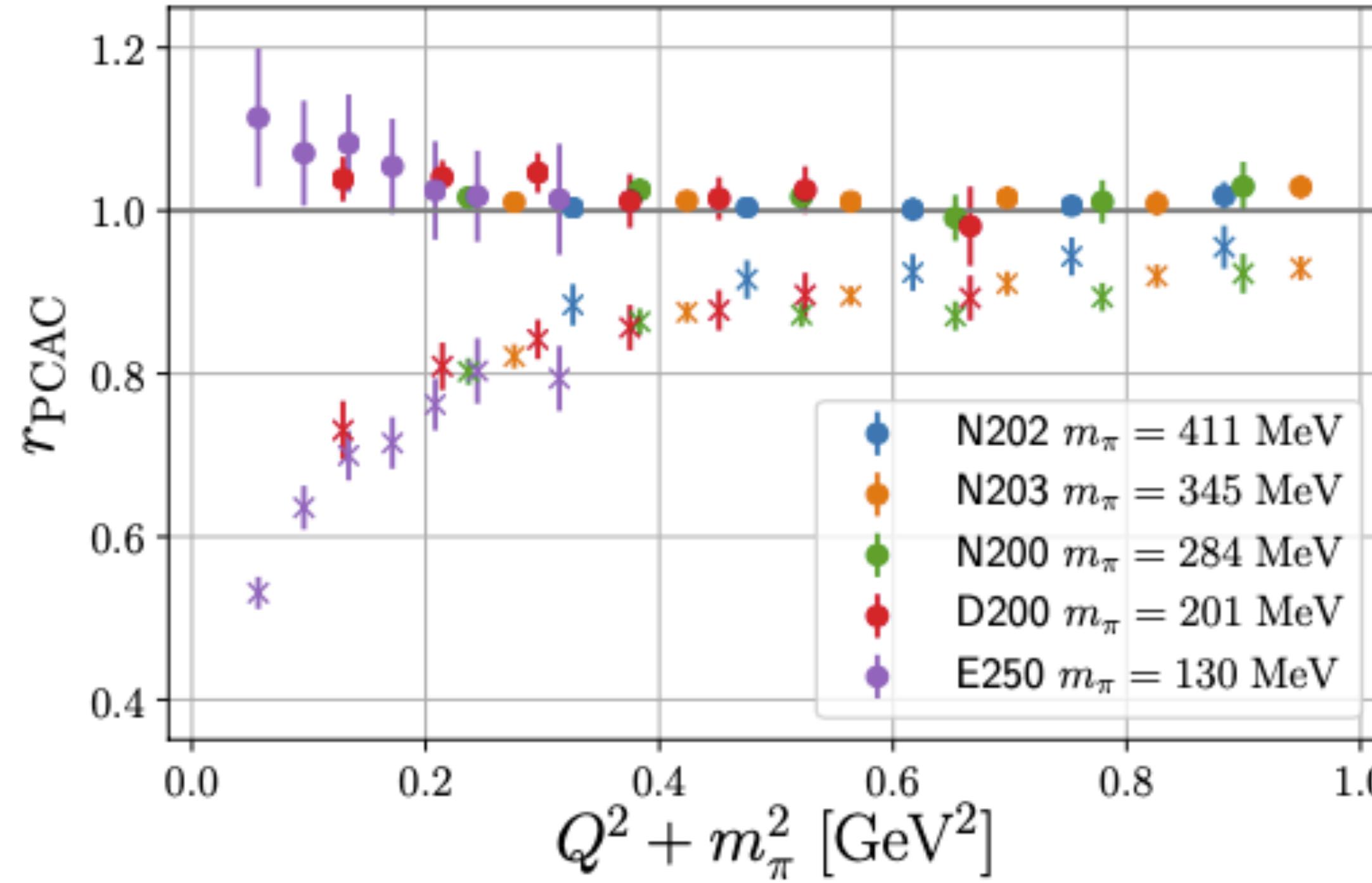
$$R^{\mathcal{A}_4}(\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{0}, t; \mathbf{q}, \tau) \propto G_A, \widetilde{G}_P$$

Ratio is  $t$ - and  $\tau$ -dependent

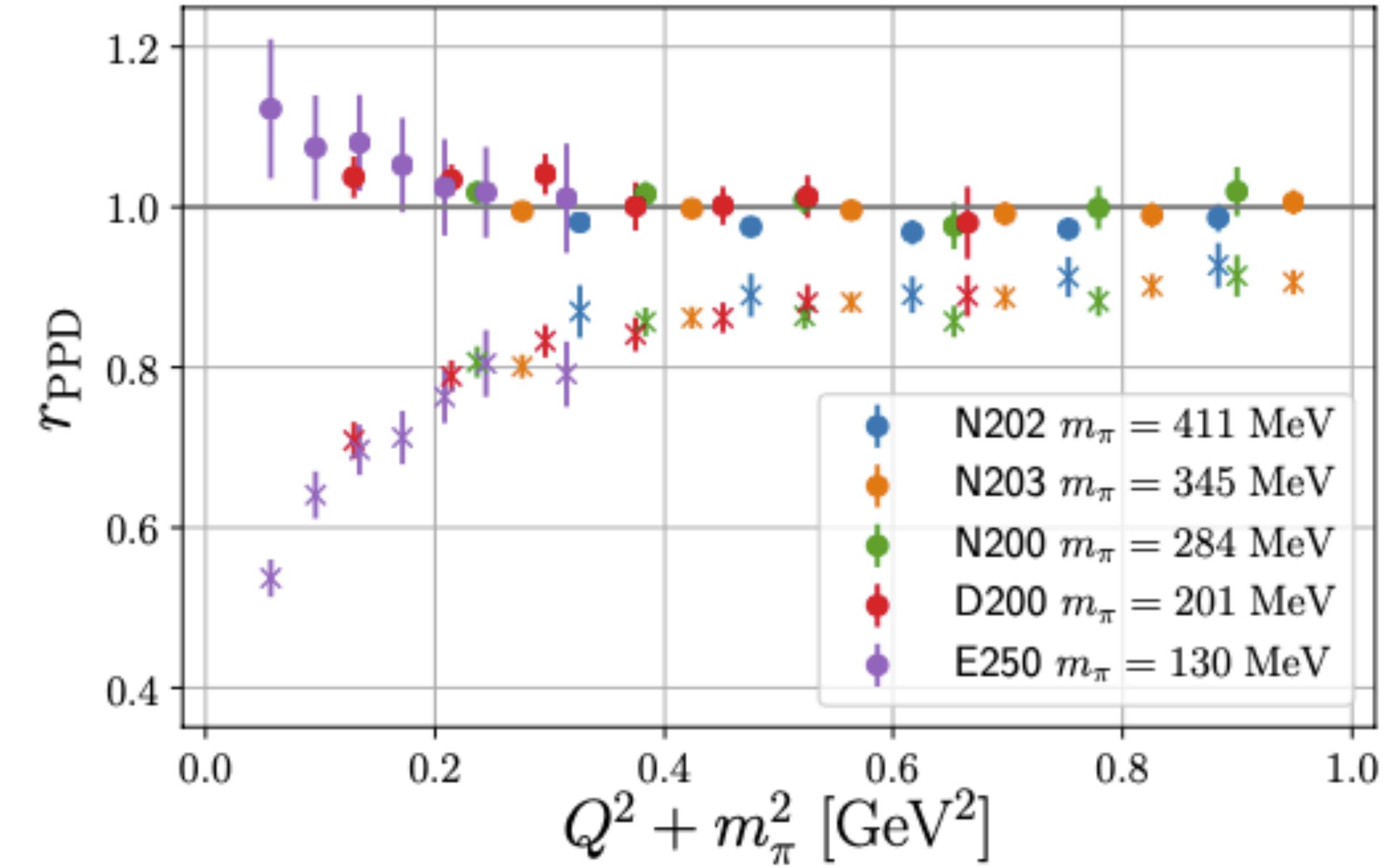
$G_A$  and  $\widetilde{G}_P$  are extracted unreliable  
if ESC is not taken into account carefully

$G_A$  is extracted from another channel

# PCAC and PPD ratios



$$r_{\text{PCAC}} = \frac{m_q G_P(Q^2) + \frac{Q^2}{4m_N} \tilde{G}_P(Q^2)}{m_N G_A(Q^2)} = 1 ?$$



$$r_{\text{PPD}} = \frac{(m_\pi^2 + Q^2) \tilde{G}_P(Q^2)}{4m_N^2 G_A(Q^2)} = 1 ?$$

Filled circles are when taking into account  $N\pi$  contamination with ChPT-based ansatz

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ChPT reveals significance of  $N\pi$  contamination

[PRD.100.054507, PRD.99.054506]

O. Bär

The GEVP approach for matrix elements was treated in

[JHEP04(2009)094]

R. Sommer et al.

[JHEP01(2012)140]

J. Bulava, R. Sommer, et al.

$\Delta E_n = E_{N\pi^n} - E_N$  depends on the box size and  $m_\pi$

[PoS Lattice 2018]

J. Green

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As a pilot study, we use the same ensemble as before

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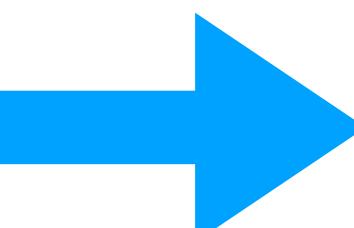
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**(Amazing)  
Properties**

$$\lambda^\alpha(t_0) = d^\alpha(t_0) e^{-E_\alpha(t-t_0)}$$

$$\sum_{i,j} v_i^\alpha(t_0) C_{ij}(t_0) v_j^\beta(t_0) = \delta^{\alpha\beta}$$



$$\bar{\mathbf{O}}_\alpha = \sum_i v_i^\alpha(t_0) \bar{\mathbf{O}}_i \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \bar{\mathbf{O}}_\alpha |\Omega\rangle \approx c_\alpha |\alpha\rangle$$

System is diagonalised! e.g.  $\bar{\mathbf{O}}_N |\Omega\rangle \approx c_N |N\rangle$

# Operators with $J^P = (1/2)^+$ and $I = 1/2$ , $I_z = -1/2$ (neutron channel)

Isospin projection with Clebsch-Gordan

$$O_2(x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} O_p(x) O_{\pi^-}(y) - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} O_n(x) O_{\pi^0}(y)$$

## New correlation functions to be computed

$$\langle O_{p\pi^-}(\mathbf{p}', t) \mathcal{J}^-(\mathbf{q}, \tau) O_p(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle$$

$$\langle O_{n\pi^0}(\mathbf{p}', t) \mathcal{J}^-(\mathbf{q}, \tau) O_p(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle$$

Helicity projection with (Lattice) Group Theory

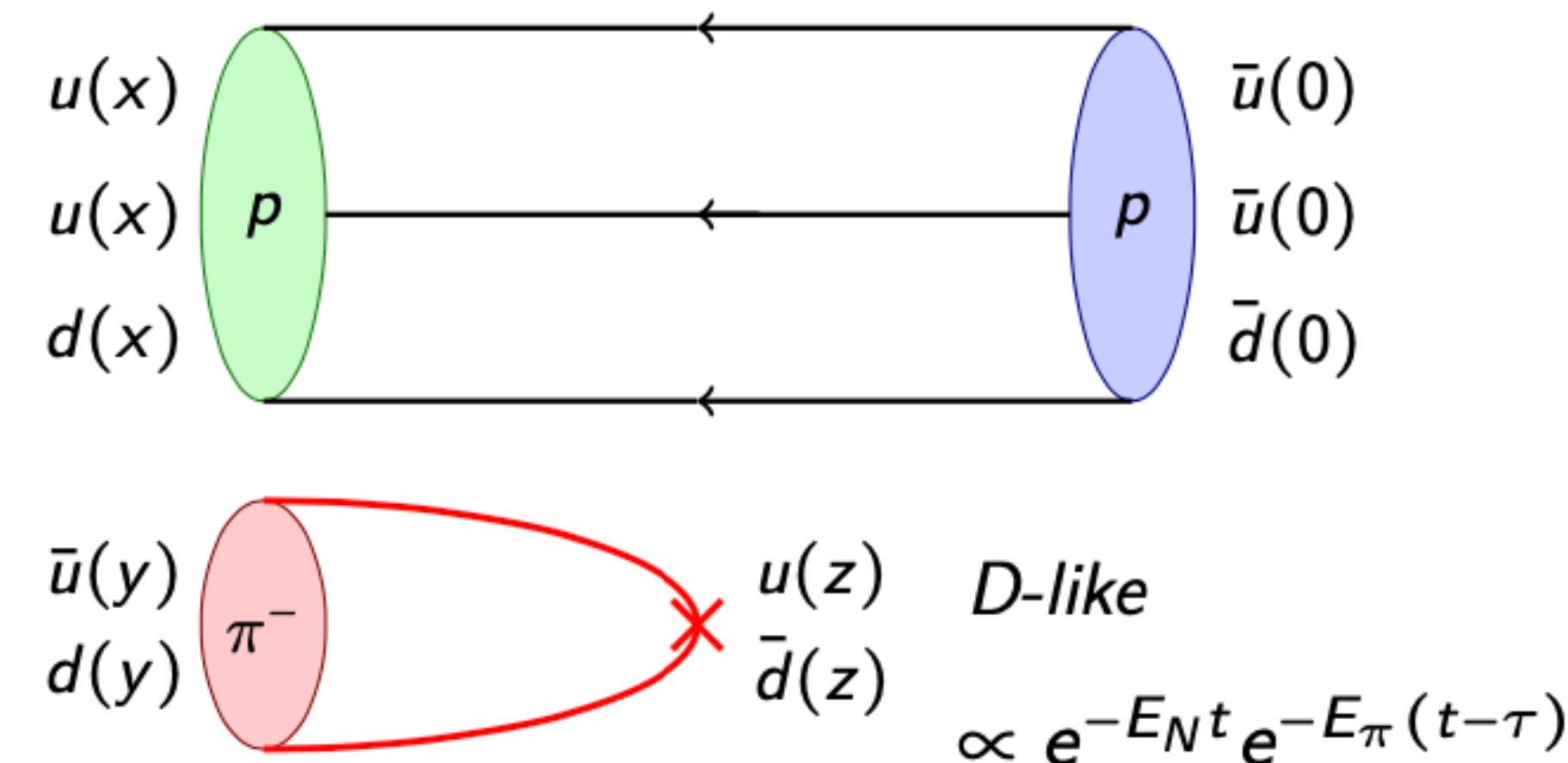
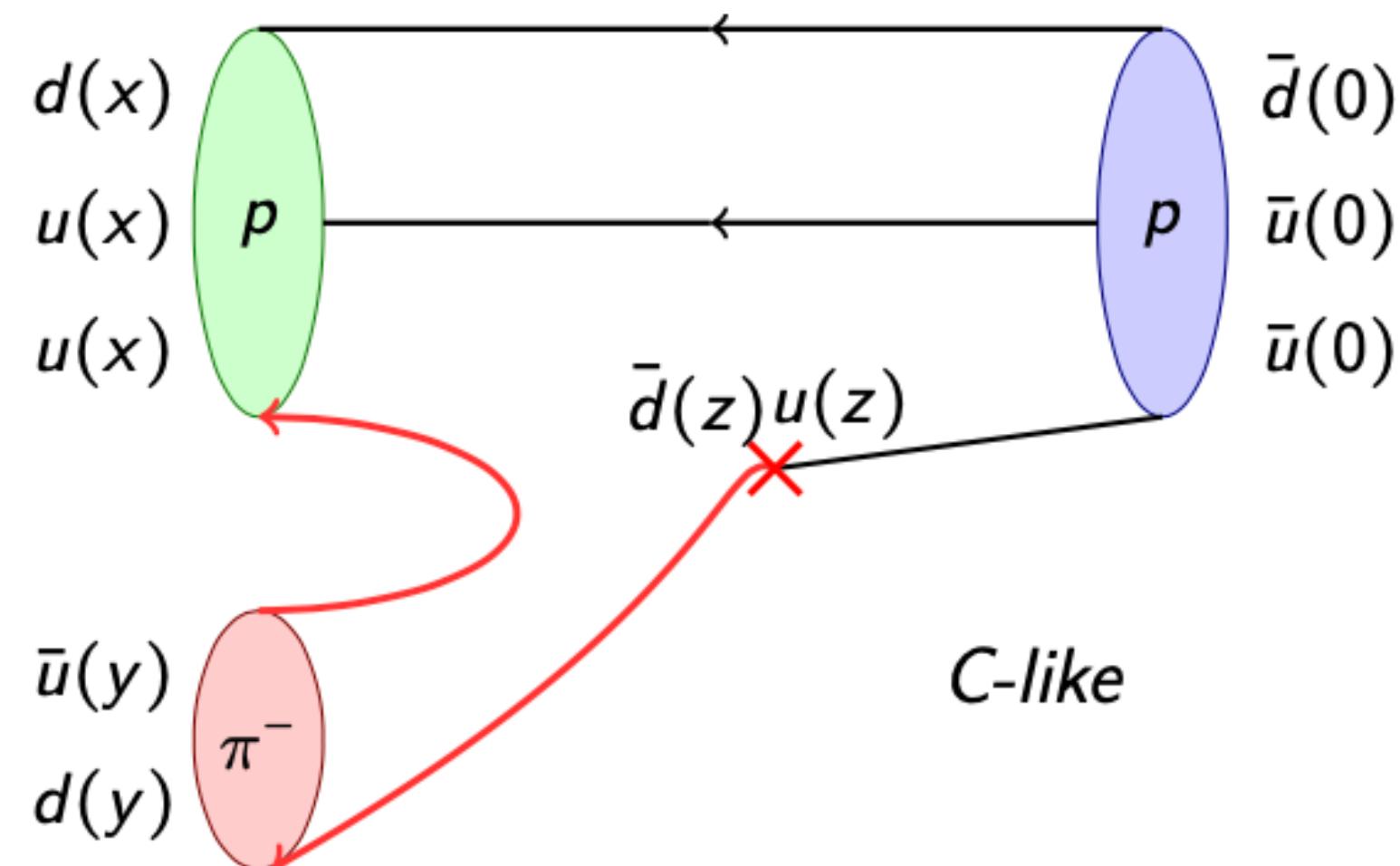
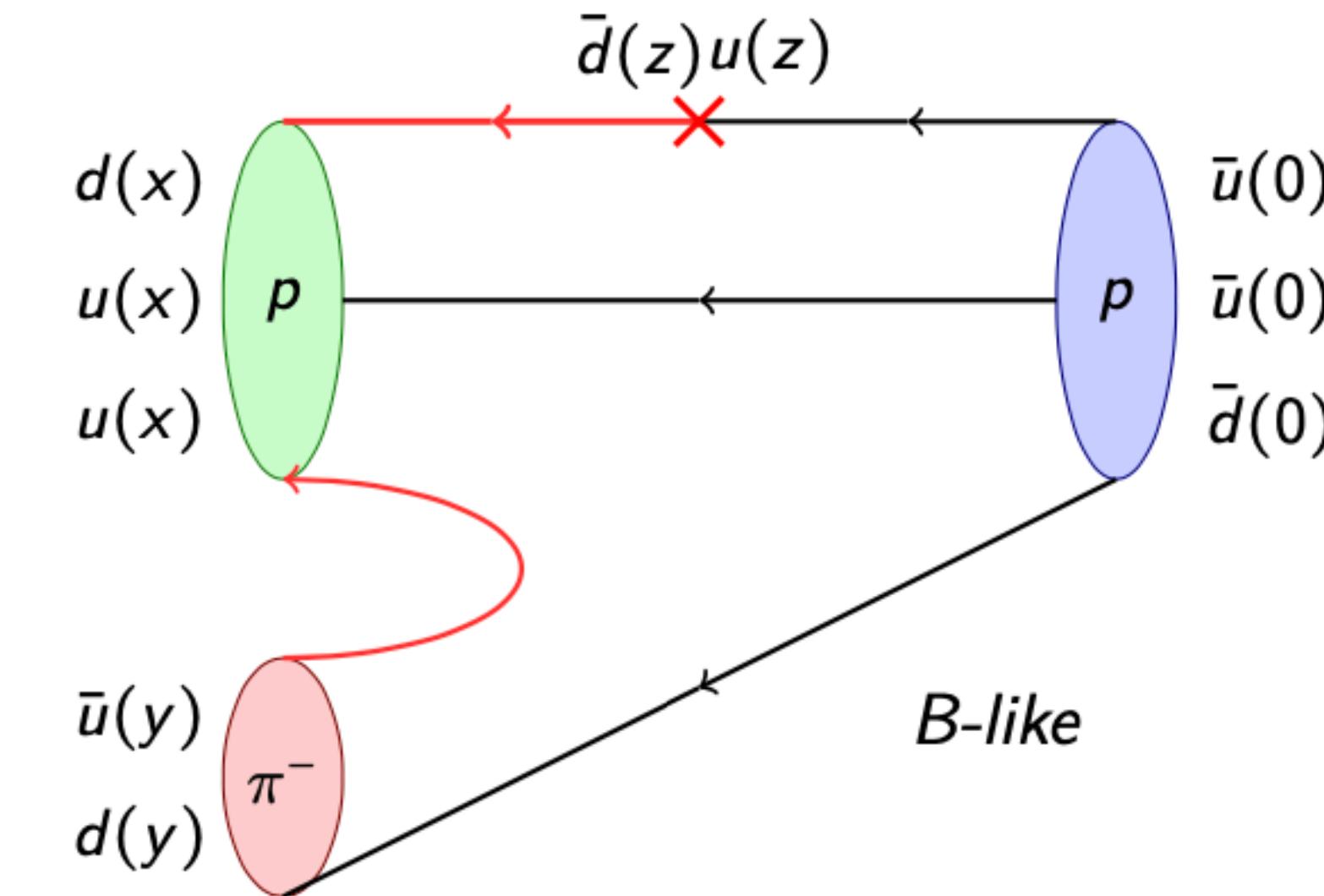
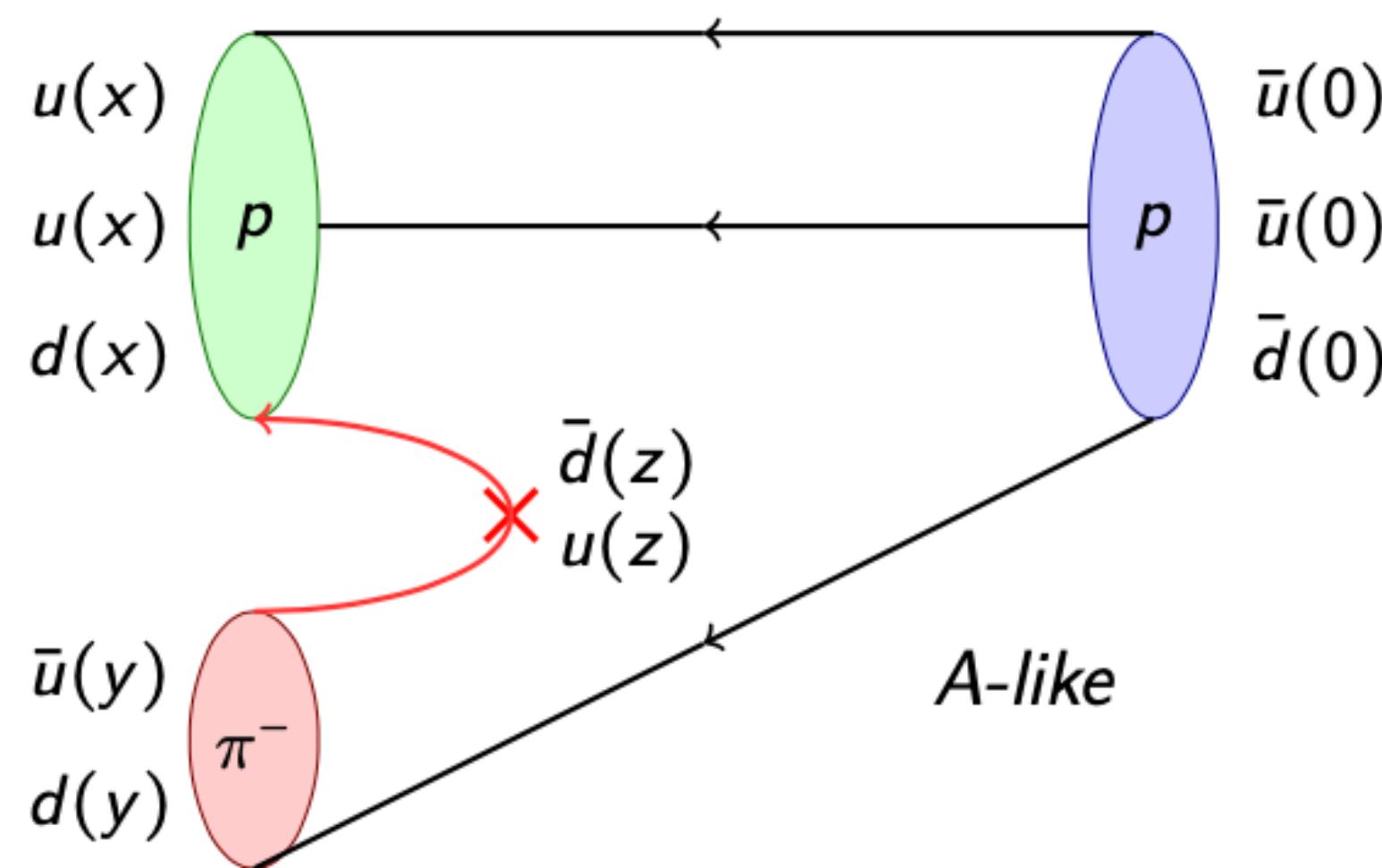
$$O_{2,\uparrow}(\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{0}) = O_{N\downarrow}(-\hat{e}_x) O_\pi(\hat{e}_x) - O_{N\downarrow}(\hat{e}_x) O_\pi(-\hat{e}_x) - i O_{N\downarrow}(-\hat{e}_y) O_\pi(\hat{e}_y) + i O_{N\downarrow}(\hat{e}_y) O_\pi(-\hat{e}_y) + O_{N\uparrow}(-\hat{e}_z) O_\pi(\hat{e}_z) - O_{N\uparrow}(\hat{e}_z) O_\pi(-\hat{e}_z)$$

$$O_2^{(1)}(\mathbf{p}' = \hat{e}_i) = O_N(\mathbf{0}) O_\pi(\hat{e}_i)$$

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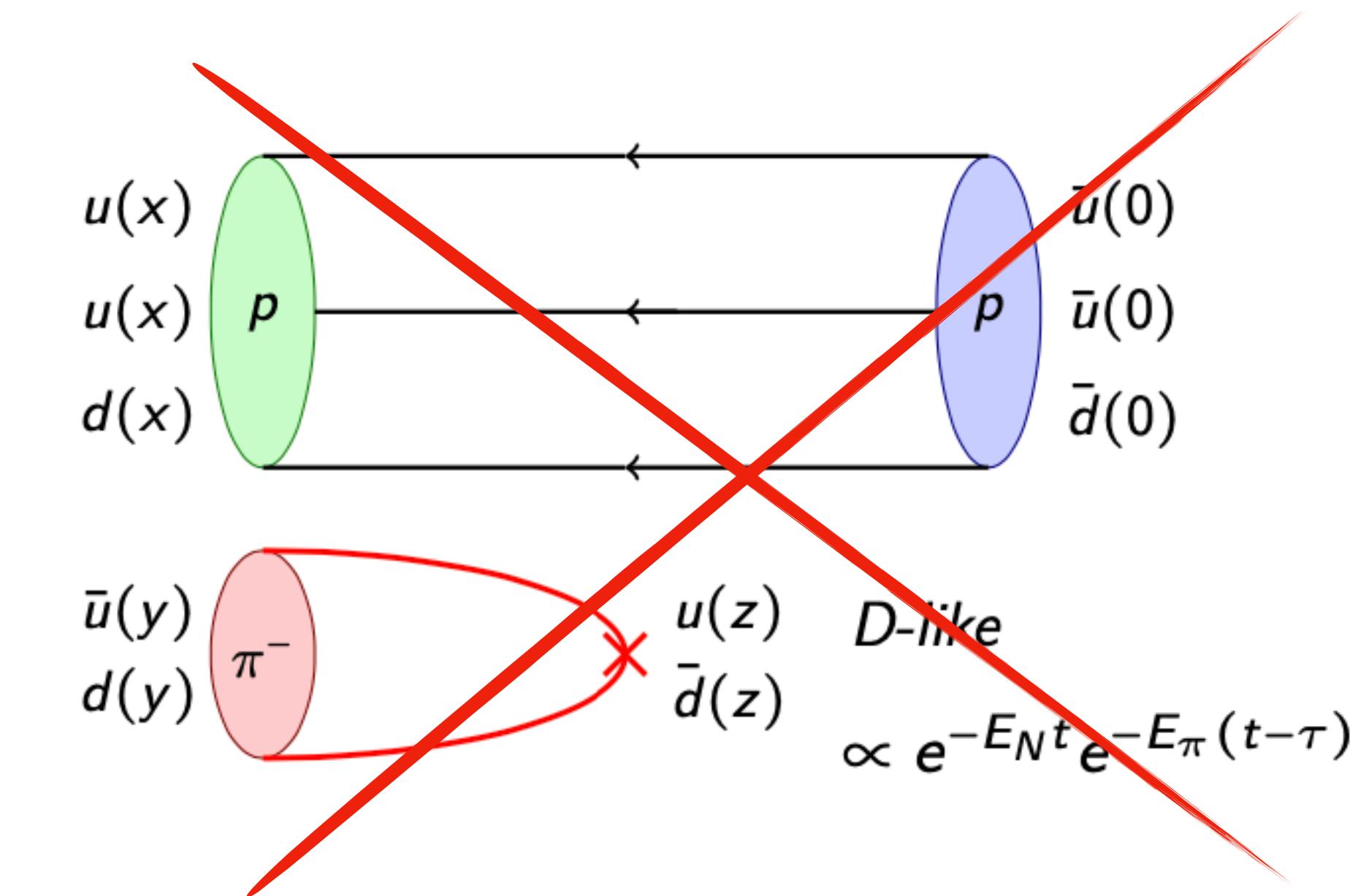
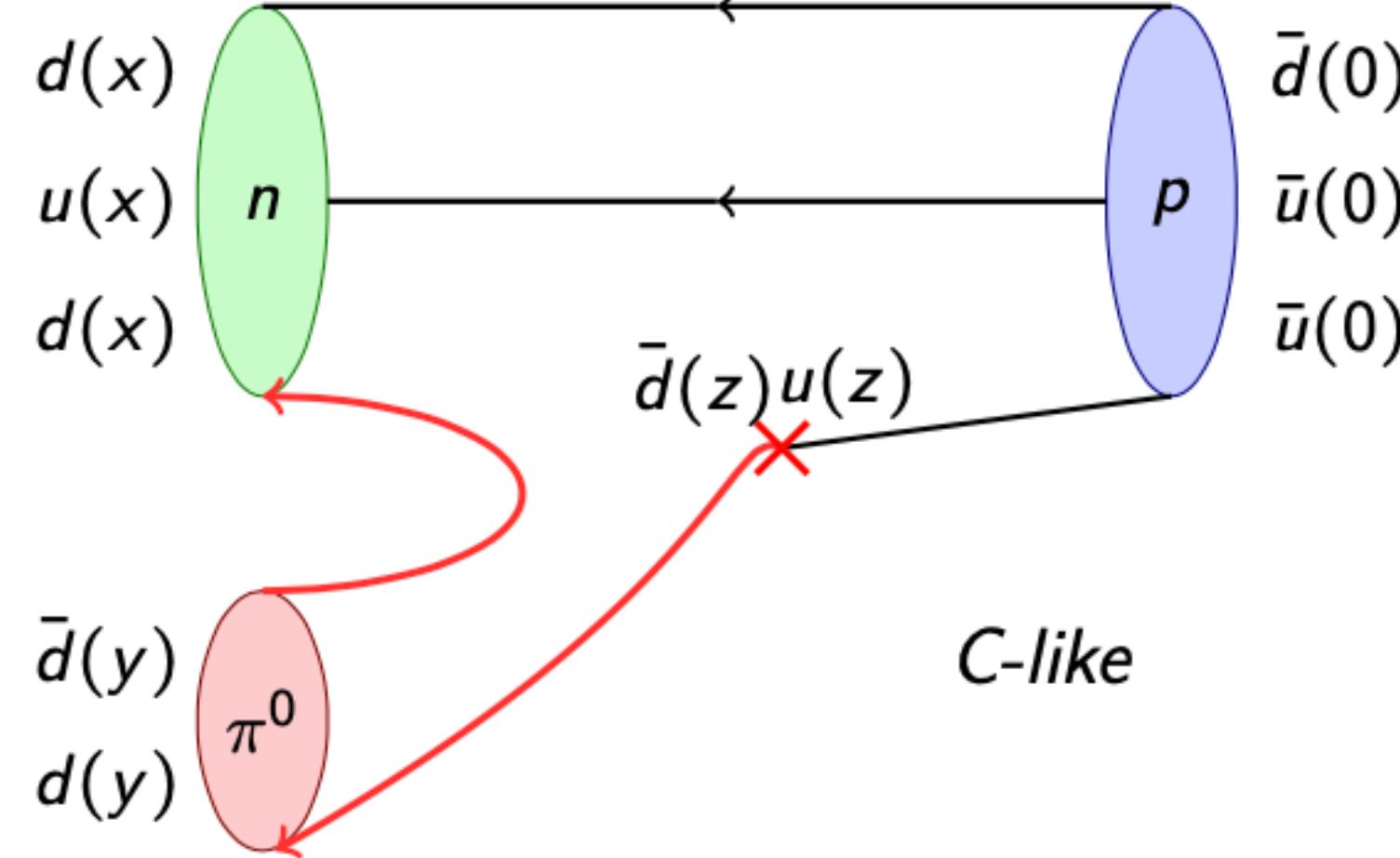
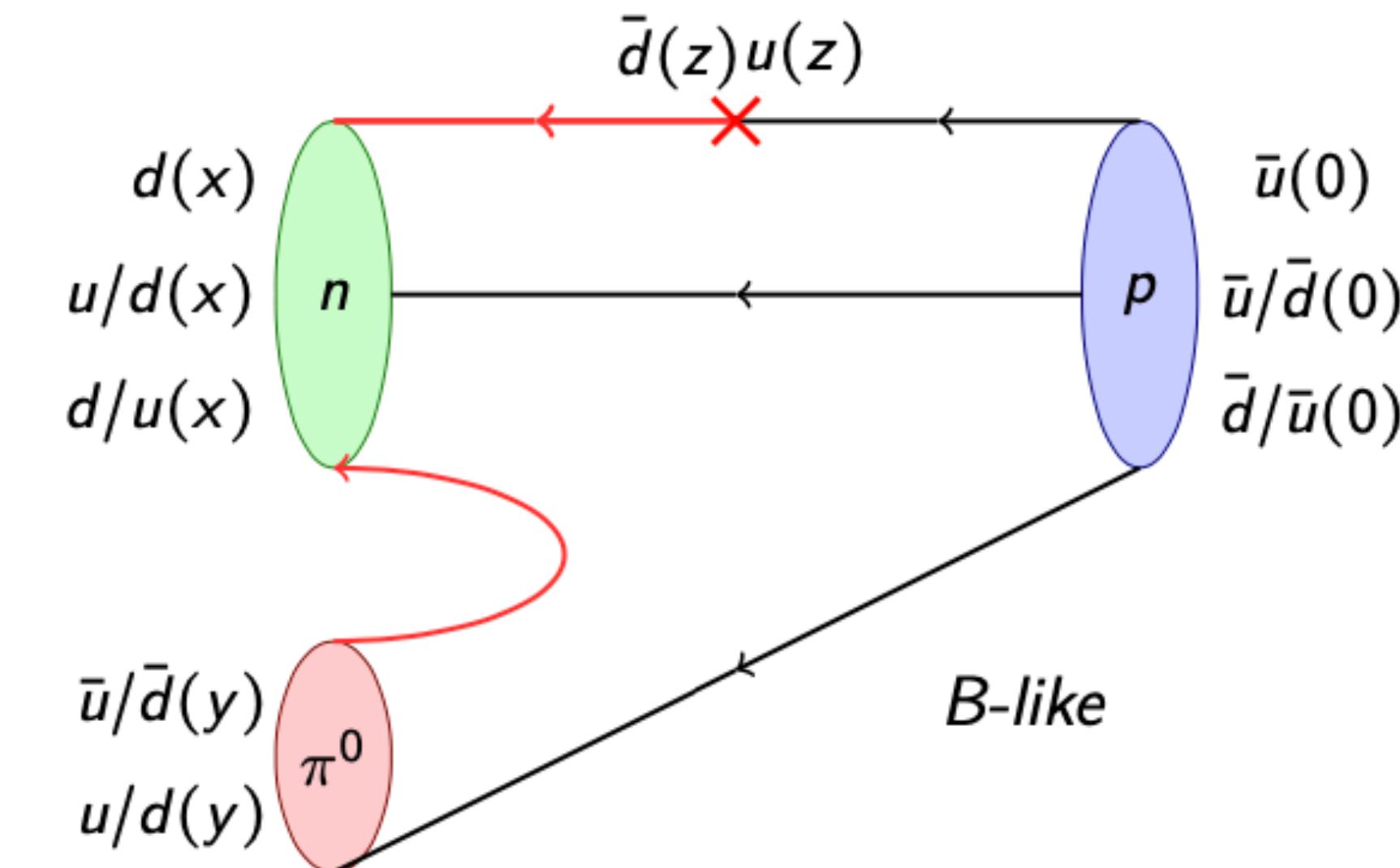
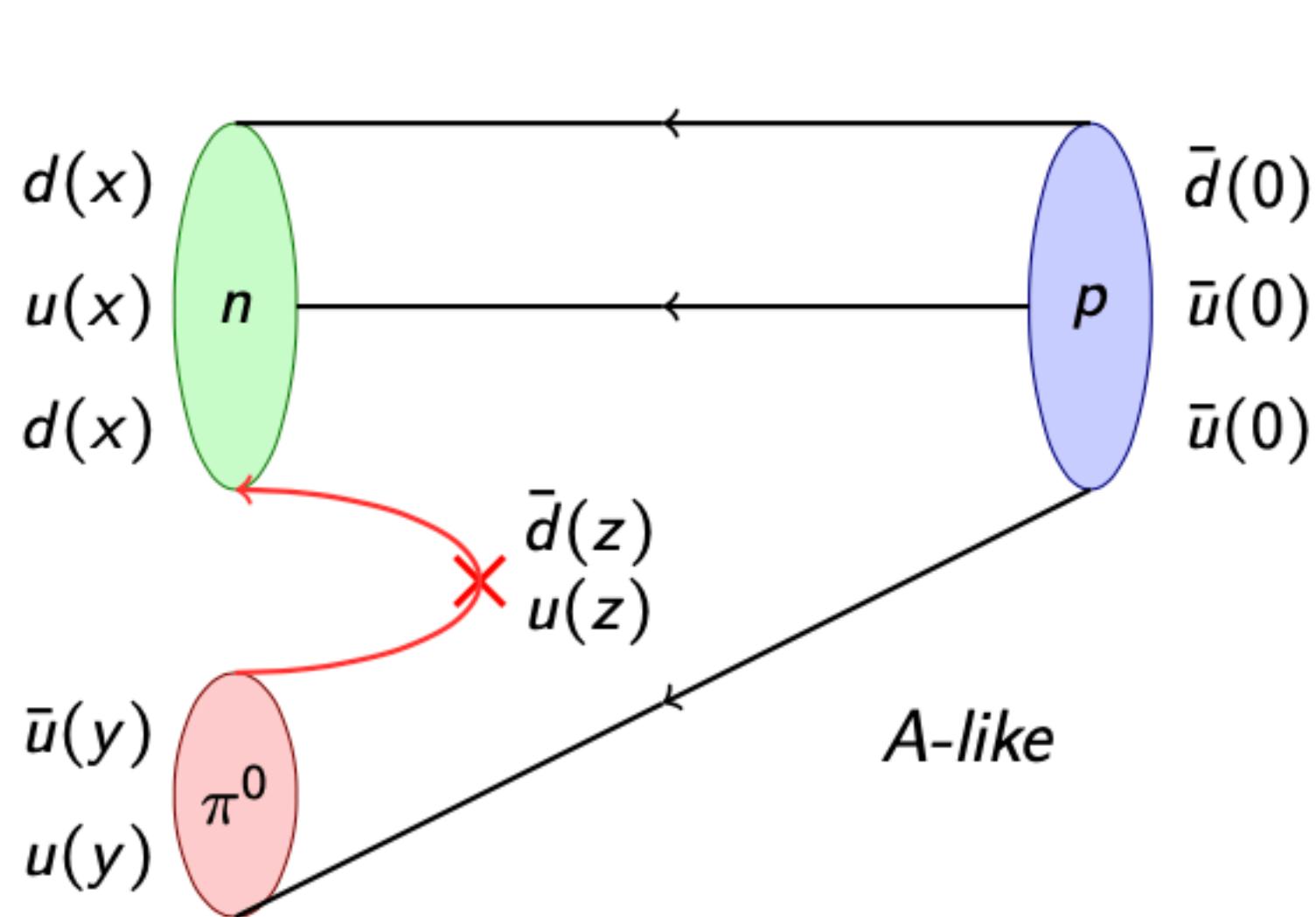
$$\hat{e}_i = \frac{2\pi}{L} \hat{n}_i$$

# Topologies in $p \xrightarrow{\mathcal{J}^-} p\pi^-$ for $\langle O_2(\mathbf{p}', t) \mathcal{J}^-(\mathbf{q}, \tau) \bar{O}_1(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle$



as LO-ChPT predicts!

**Topologies in  $p \xrightarrow{\mathcal{J}^-} n\pi^0$  for  $\langle O_2(\mathbf{p}', t) \mathcal{J}^-(\mathbf{q}, \tau) \bar{O}_1(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle$**



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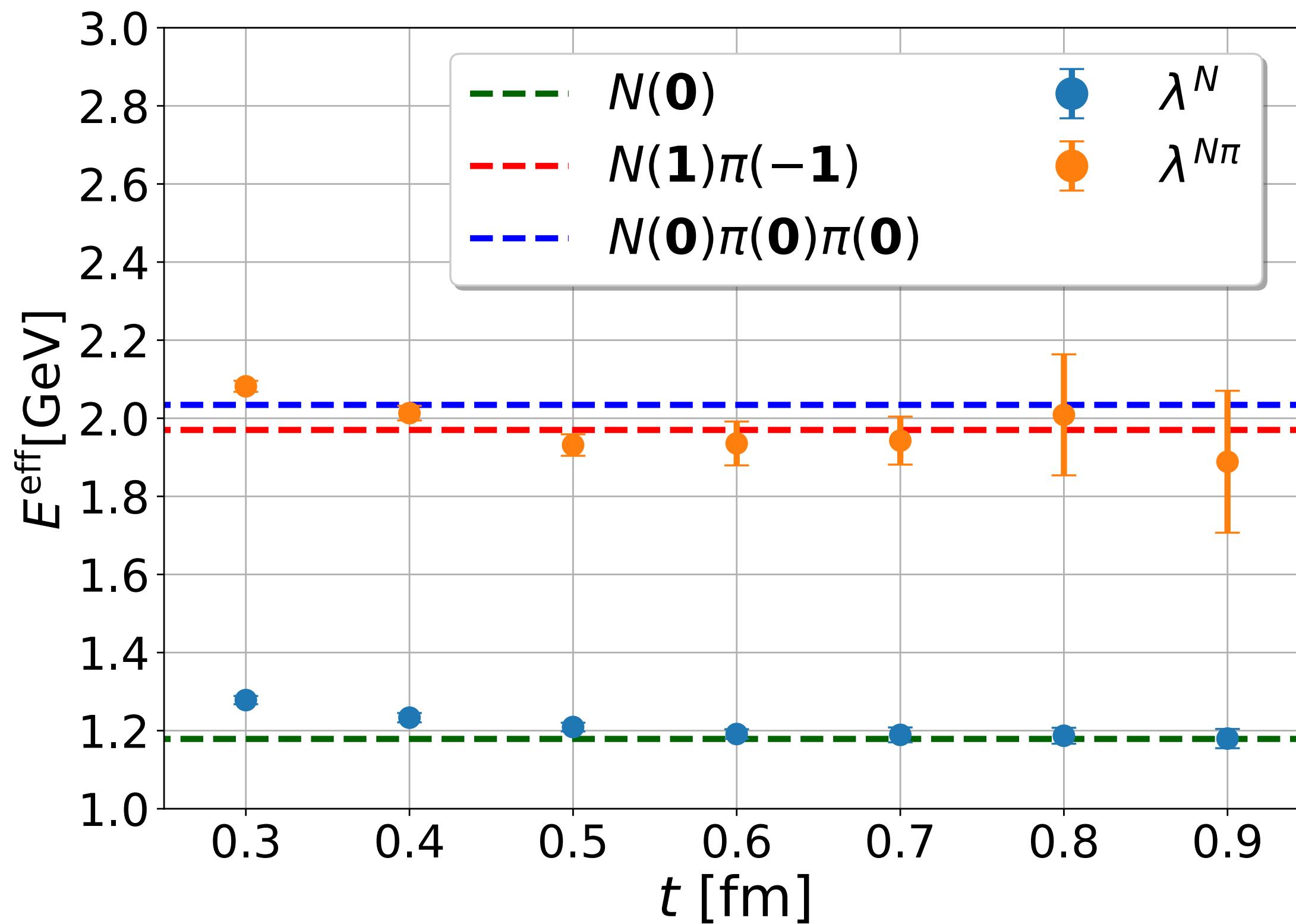
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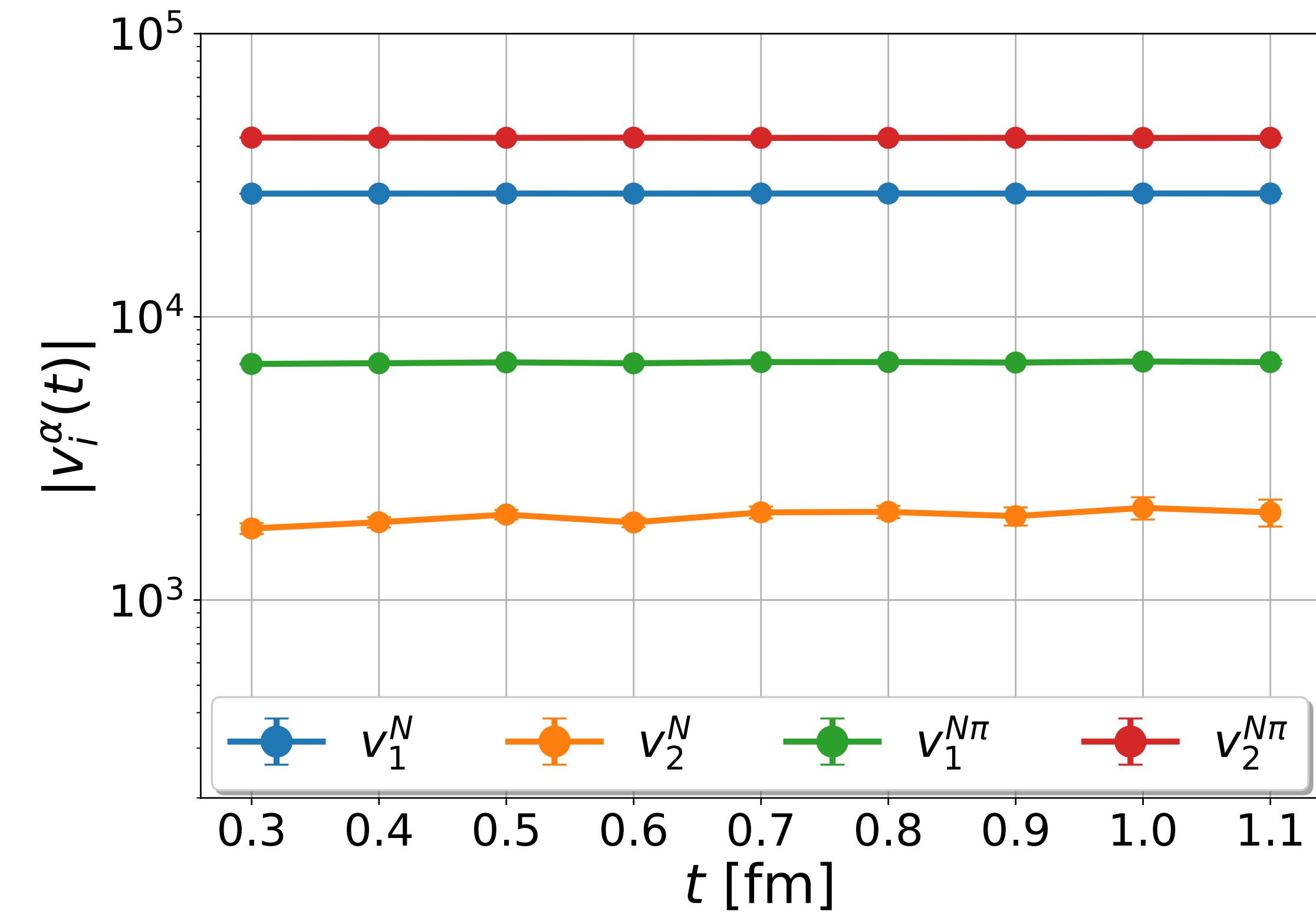
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(Dashed lines are non-interacting energy levels)



$v^\alpha(t, t_0)$  normalised s.t.  $(v^\alpha(t, t_0), C(t_0)v^\beta(t, t_0)) = \delta^{\alpha\beta}$

# GEVP results with $\mathbf{p} = (2\pi/L) \hat{n}_z$

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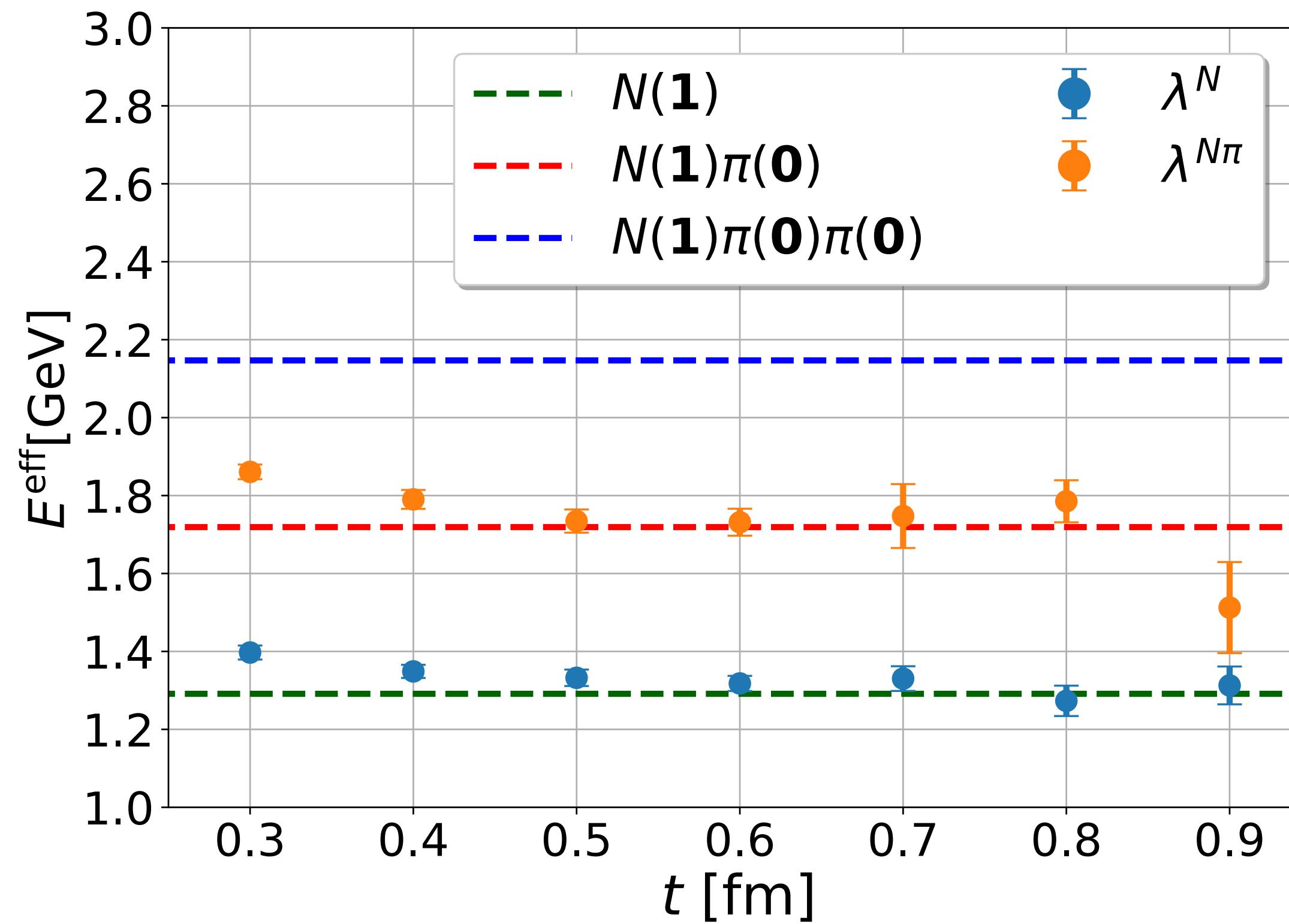
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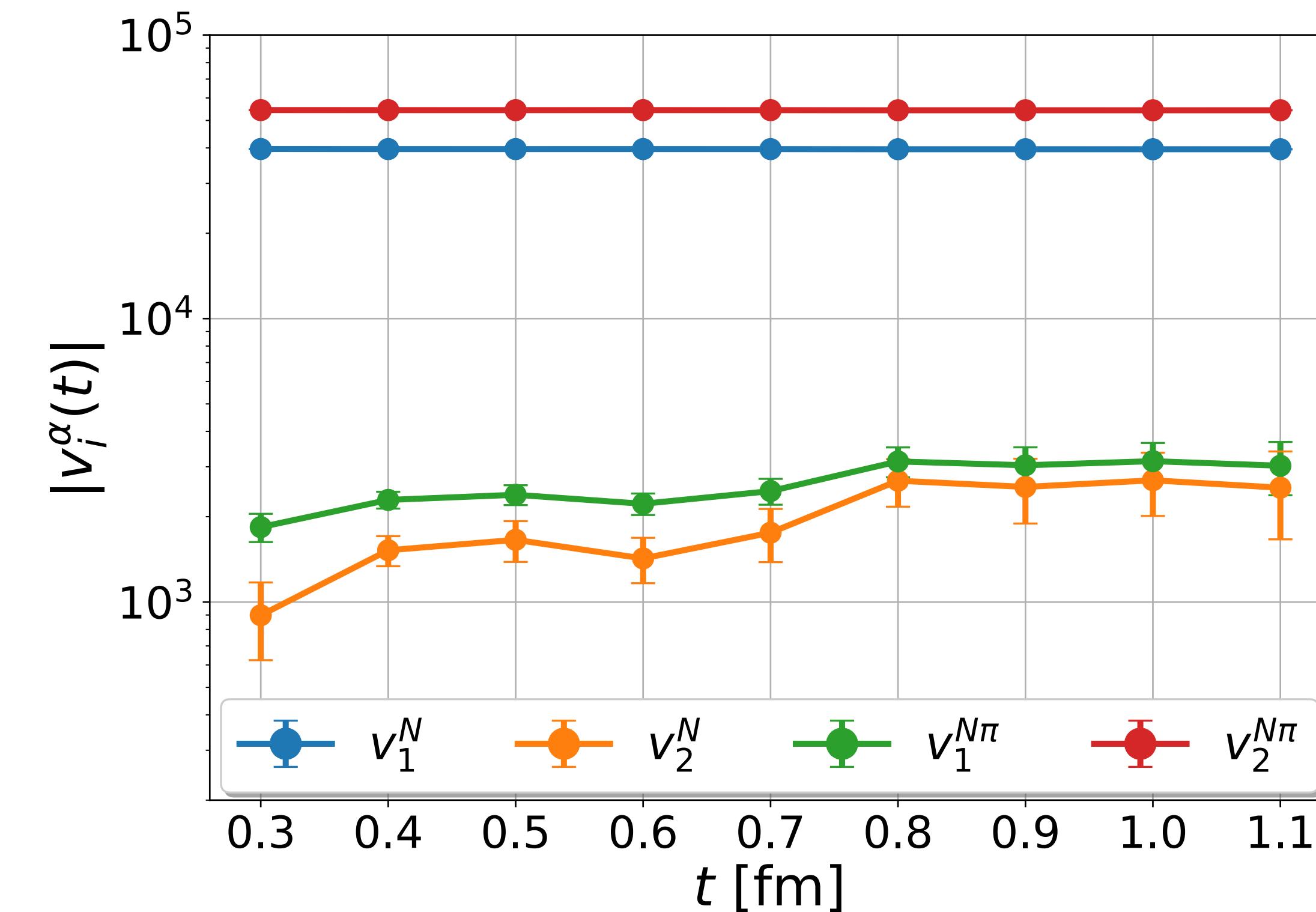
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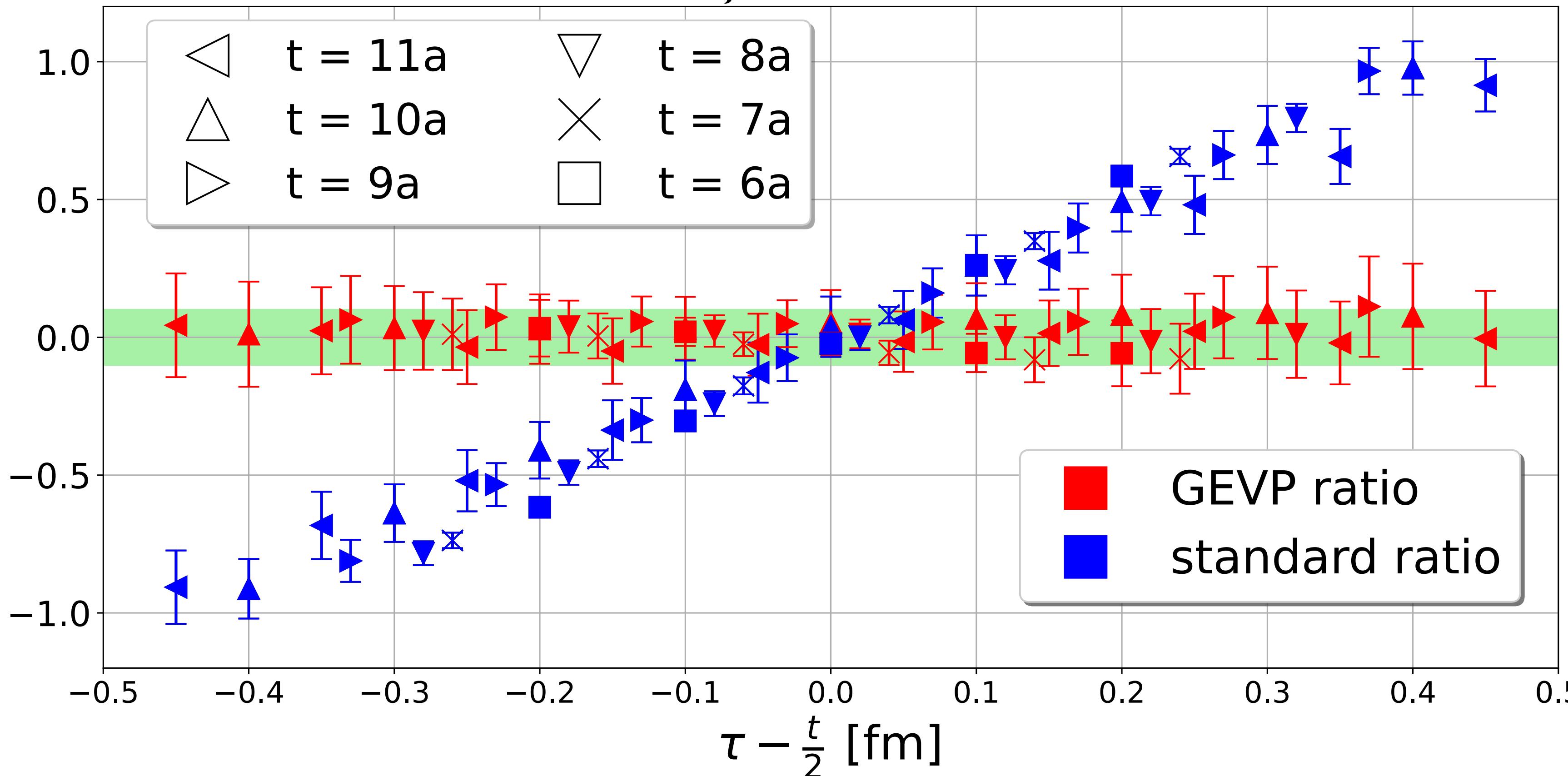
# GEVP ratio in the pseudoscalar channel ( $\mathbf{q} = 0$ )

we replace  $\mathbf{O}_1$  with  $\mathbf{O}_N$  to make the GEVP ratio

$$\mathbf{O}_N = \sum_i v_i^N(t_0) \mathbf{O}_i$$

$$\tilde{R}_{\mathcal{P}} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{O}_N(\mathbf{p}', t) \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{q} = 0, \tau) \bar{\mathbf{O}}_N(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{O}_N(\mathbf{p}, t) \bar{\mathbf{O}}_N(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle} \frac{E}{p_i} = 0 + \dots$$

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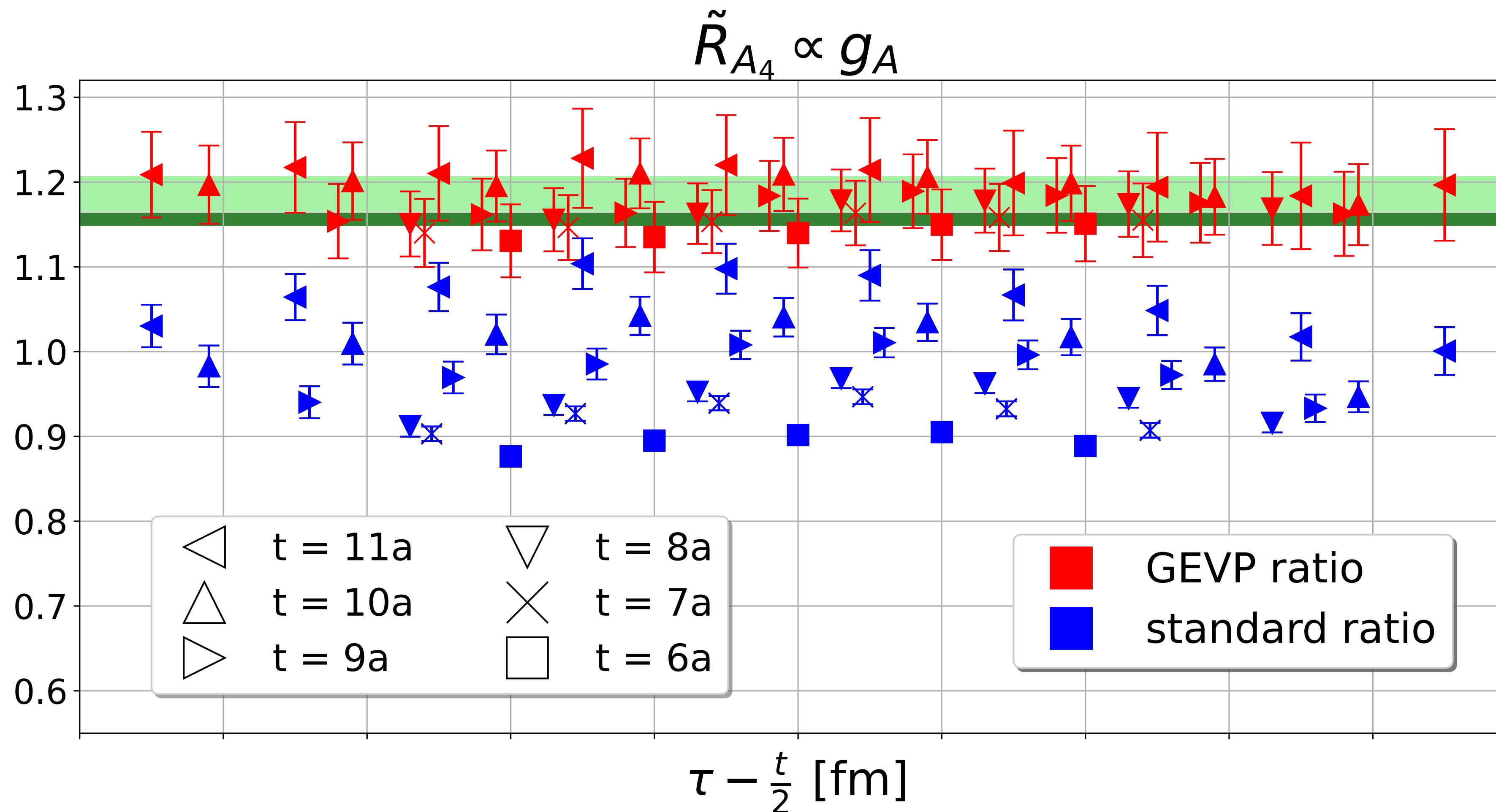


GEVP method removes  
the  $N\pi$  contamination!

Green band in the following plots  
is the expected result,  
(0 in this case)

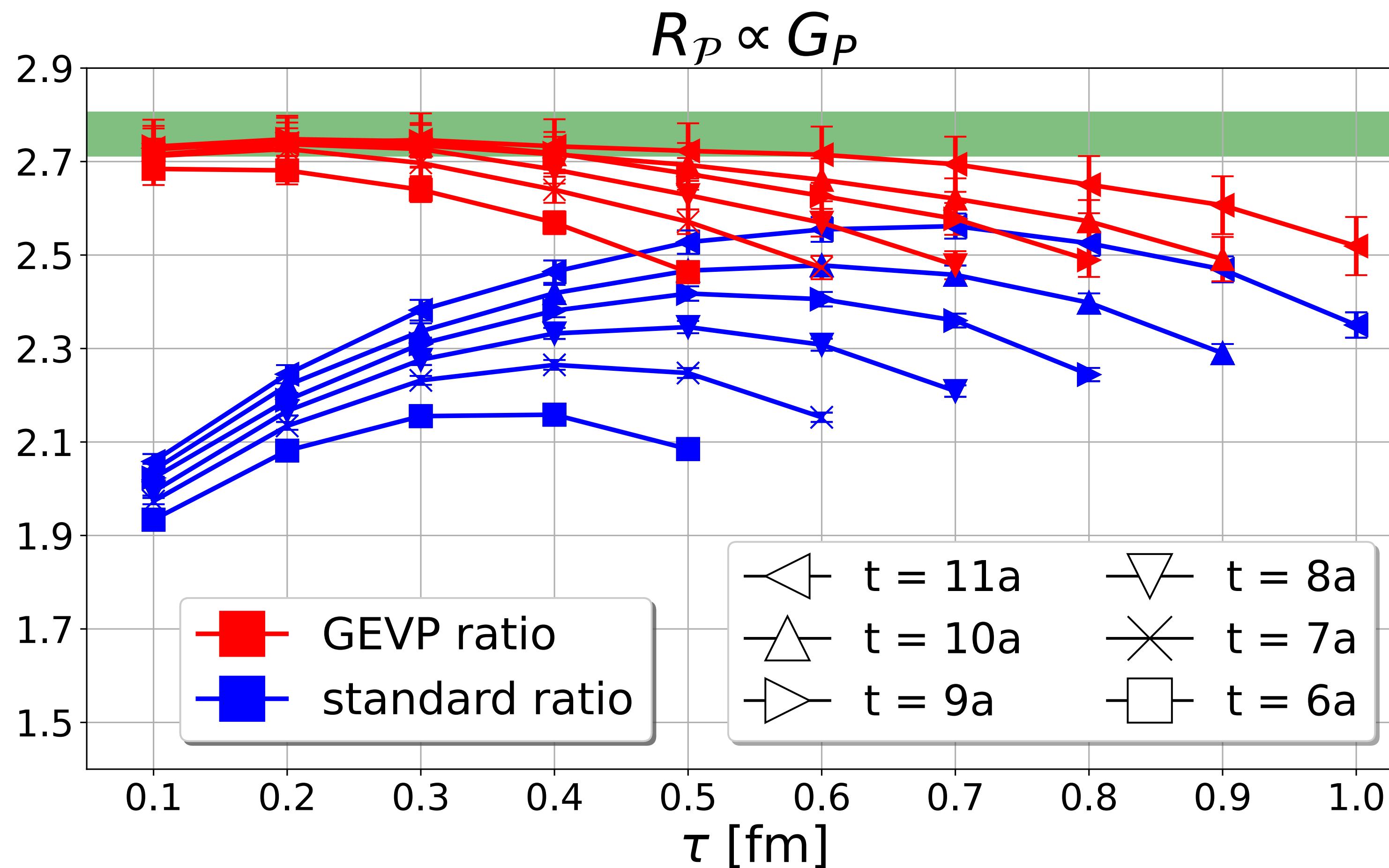
# GEVP ratio in the axial temporal channel ( $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$ )

$$\tilde{R}_{\mathcal{A}_4} = - \frac{\langle O_N(\mathbf{p}', t) \mathcal{A}_4(\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}, \tau) \bar{O}_N(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle}{\langle O_N(\mathbf{p}, t) \bar{O}_N(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle} \left( \frac{E}{p_i} \right) = g_A + \dots$$



# GEVP ratio at $Q^2 \approx 0.3$ GeV $^2$ in the pseudoscalar channel

Phenomenologically more interesting are nucleon form factors  $G_A, G_P, \tilde{G}_P$  at  $Q^2 \neq 0$  GeV $^2$   
Unfortunately, a traditional fit to lattice data gives unreliable form factors.



ChPT studies\* show that  $N\pi$  contribution can be quite large!

\*[PRD.100.054507, PRD.99.054506]

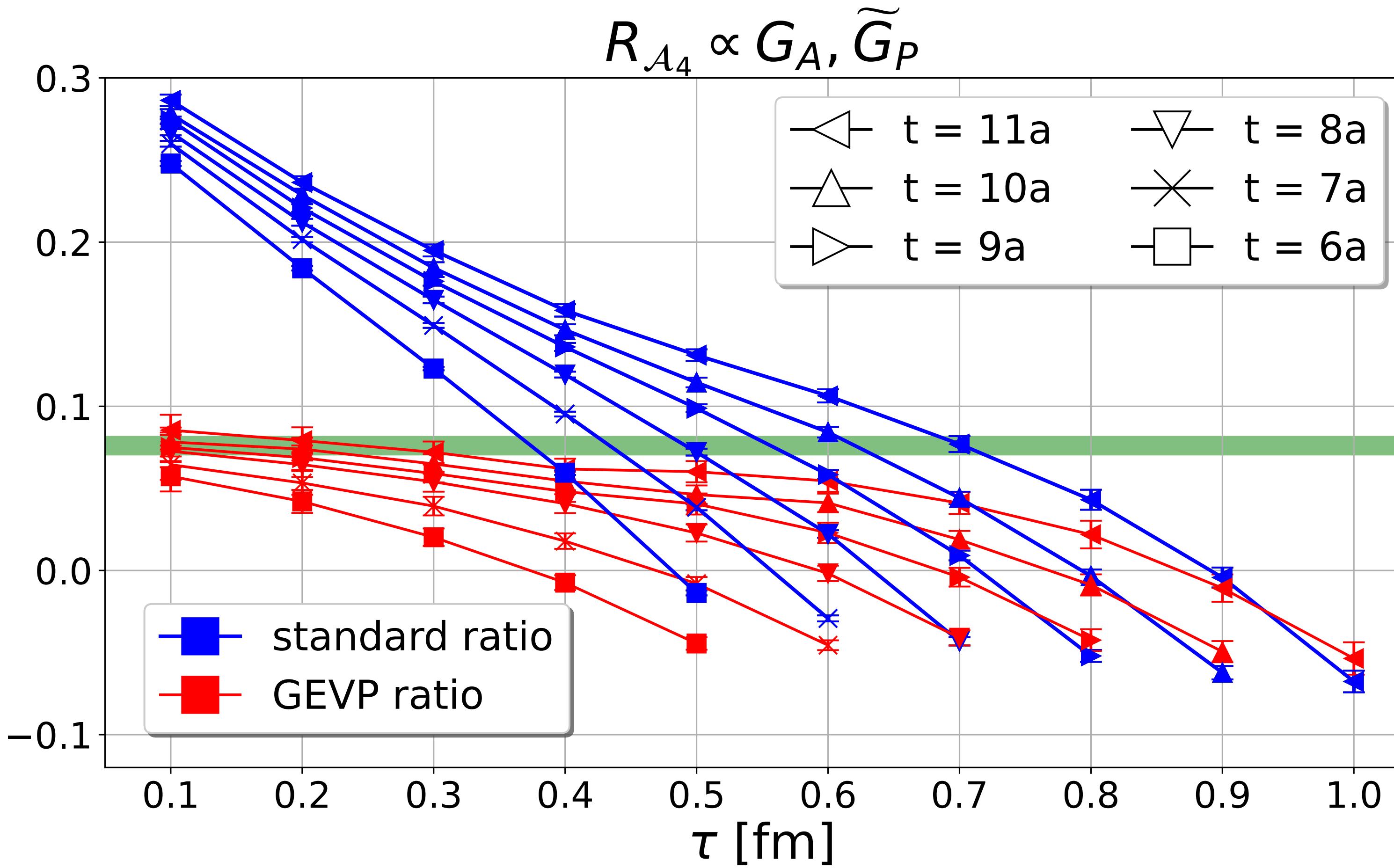
$R_{\mathcal{P}}$  is constructed with  $\mathcal{J} = \mathcal{P}$

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Ideally data points should lie on green band

There is still a trace of contamination left at  $\tau = t$  (aka “sink” = rightmost part)

# GEVP ratio at $Q^2 \approx 0.3$ GeV $^2$ in the temporal axial channel



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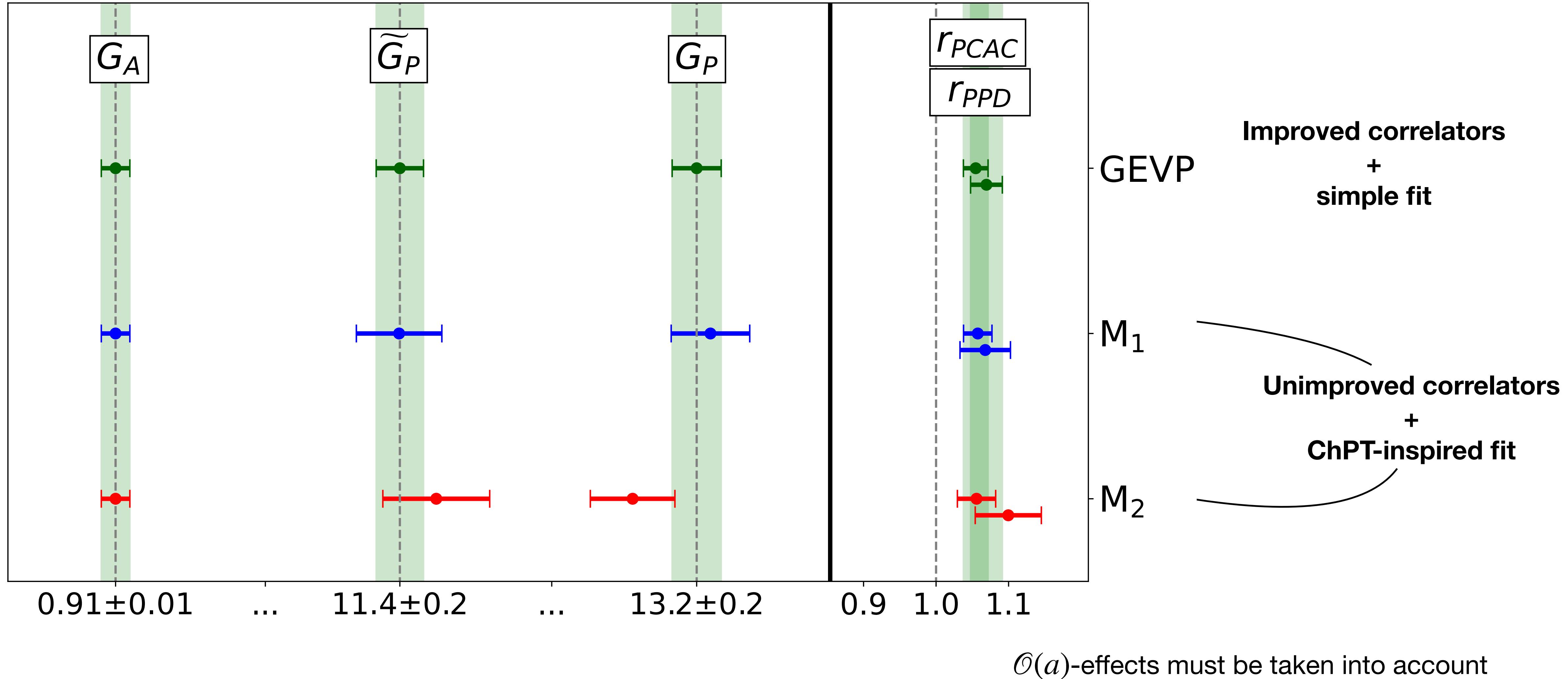
$G_A, G_P, \tilde{G}_P$  satisfy PCAC/PPD with a simple fit

[JHEP05(2020)126, PRL.124.072002]

$$m_N G_A(Q^2) = m_\ell G_P(Q^2) + \frac{Q^2}{4m_N} \tilde{G}_P(Q^2) \quad \text{PCAC}$$

$$G_{\tilde{P}}(Q^2) = \frac{4m_N^2}{Q^2 + m_\pi^2} G_A(Q^2) \quad \text{PPD}$$

# Comparison of final results using different methods



# Conclusions and outlook



- ★ Structure of nucleons and excited nucleons is relevant for neutrino oscillation experiments
- ★ For the first time, we use the variational method with  $N$  &  $N\pi$ -like operators for 3pts
- ★ It works very well in the forward limit to extract  $\langle N(\mathbf{p}) | \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}) | N(\mathbf{p}) \rangle$  with  $\mathcal{J} = \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{A}_\mu$
- ★ It works quite well also in the off-forward limit to extract  $\langle N(\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{0}) | \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{q}) | N(-\mathbf{q}) \rangle$
- ★ This project confirms the ChPT picture of  $N\pi$  contamination dominance in some  $\mathcal{J} = \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{A}_\mu$  channels

The D-like/disconnected diagram has the largest signal, and it depends on the  $\mathcal{J} - \pi$  coupling

$$\langle \langle O_N(\mathbf{p}'_N, t) \bar{O}_N(\mathbf{p}_N, 0) \rangle \langle O_\pi(\mathbf{p}'_\pi, t) \mathcal{A}_\mu(\mathbf{q}, \tau) \rangle \rangle$$

$$\langle \pi(\mathbf{k}) | \mathcal{A}_\mu(\mathbf{q}) | \Omega \rangle = iq_\mu f_\pi \delta_{q,k}$$



Next?

## Possible projects along this line...

- Compute  $\langle N\pi | \mathcal{J} | N \rangle$  on this ensemble with  $\mathcal{J} = \mathcal{A}_\mu, \mathcal{P}$
- Investigate  $\langle N\pi | \mathcal{V}_\mu | N \rangle$  and  $\langle N | \mathcal{V}_\mu | N \rangle$
- Include more ensembles and take physical limit ( $m_\pi \rightarrow m_\pi^{\text{phys}}$ ,  $a \rightarrow 0$ ,  $V \rightarrow \infty$ )
- Investigate  $\langle N^* | \mathcal{J} | N \rangle$  and  $\langle \Delta^+ | \mathcal{J} | N \rangle$  with 3-quark operators *(good for students)*
- Investigate  $\langle N^* | \mathcal{J} | N \rangle$  and  $\langle \Delta^+ | \mathcal{J} | N \rangle$  with 3-quark and 5-quark operators *(a bunch of postdocs)*

$\pi$  states contaminate other channels like e.g.  $B \rightarrow \pi \ell \bar{\nu}$

[PoS Lattice 2022 O. Bär, A. Broll, R. Sommer]

## Based on

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- [PoS LATTICE2021 (2022) 359] (L. B., G. Bali, S. Collins)
- [PoS NSTAR 2022 *in preparation*] (L. B.)



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BACKUP SLIDES

For completeness the spectral decomposition of the 3pt is ...

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle O_1(p', t) \mathcal{J}(q, \tau) \bar{O}_1(p, 0) \rangle &= \langle \Omega | O_1 | N(p') \rangle \langle N(p') | \mathcal{J} | N(p) \rangle \langle N(p) | \bar{O}_1 | \Omega \rangle \frac{e^{-E'_N(t-\tau)} e^{-E_N \tau}}{4E'_N E_N} + \\
 &\quad (\text{ESC at the sink}) \quad + \langle \Omega | O_1 | N^*(p') \rangle \langle N^*(p') | \mathcal{J}(q) | N(p) \rangle \langle N(p) | \bar{O}_1 | \Omega \rangle \frac{e^{-E'_{N^*}(t-\tau)} e^{-E_N \tau}}{4E'_{N^*} E_N} + \\
 &\quad (\text{ESC at the source}) \quad + \langle \Omega | O_1 | N(p') \rangle \langle N(p') | \mathcal{J}(q) | N^*(p) \rangle \langle N^*(p) | \bar{O}_1 | \Omega \rangle \frac{e^{-E'_N(t-\tau)} e^{-E_{N^*} \tau}}{4E'_N E_{N^*}} + \dots \\
 &\qquad\qquad\qquad N^* \rightarrow N\pi, \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\langle \Omega | O_1 | N \rangle}{\langle \Omega | O_1 | N^* \rangle}$$

can be increased with smearing techniques

ESC = Excited State Contamination

# New correlation functions to be computed

$$O_1 \propto (qqq)$$

$$O_2 \propto (qqq)(\bar{q}q)$$

**2pts**

$$\langle O_2(\mathbf{p}, 0) O_1(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle$$

$$\langle O_2(\mathbf{p}, t) O_2(\mathbf{p}, t) \rangle$$

Already investigated for  $N\pi$  scattering ( $\mathbf{l}=1/2$ ) in

[PRD.87.054502 (C. Lang, V. Verduci)]

[PRD.95.014510 (S. Prelovsek et al.)]

[arXiv:2208.03867 (J. Bulava et al.)]

[PoS Lattice 2022 (ETMC)]

**3pts**

$$\langle O_{p\pi^-}(\mathbf{p}', t) \mathcal{J}^-(\mathbf{q}, \tau) O_p(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle$$

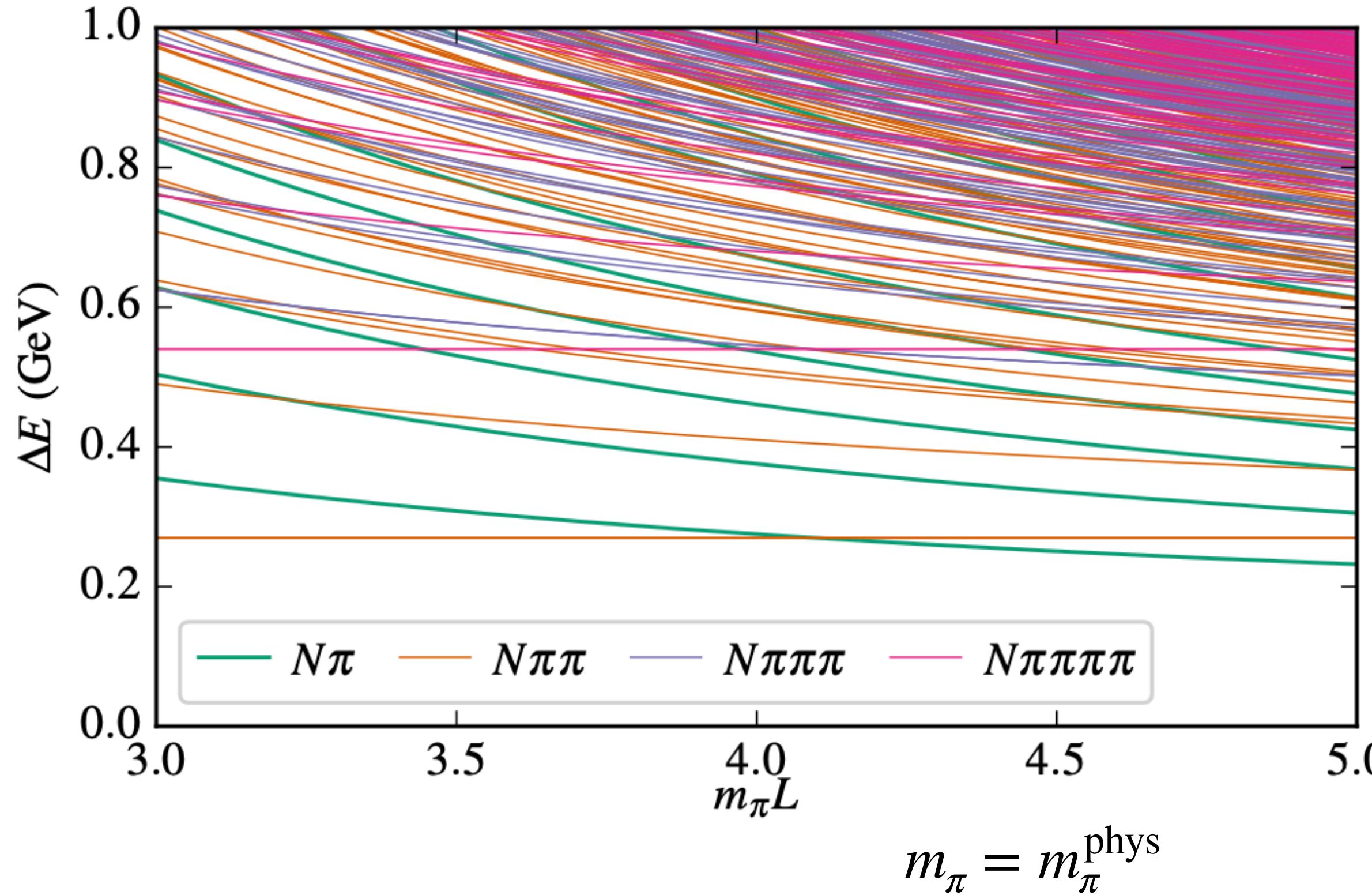
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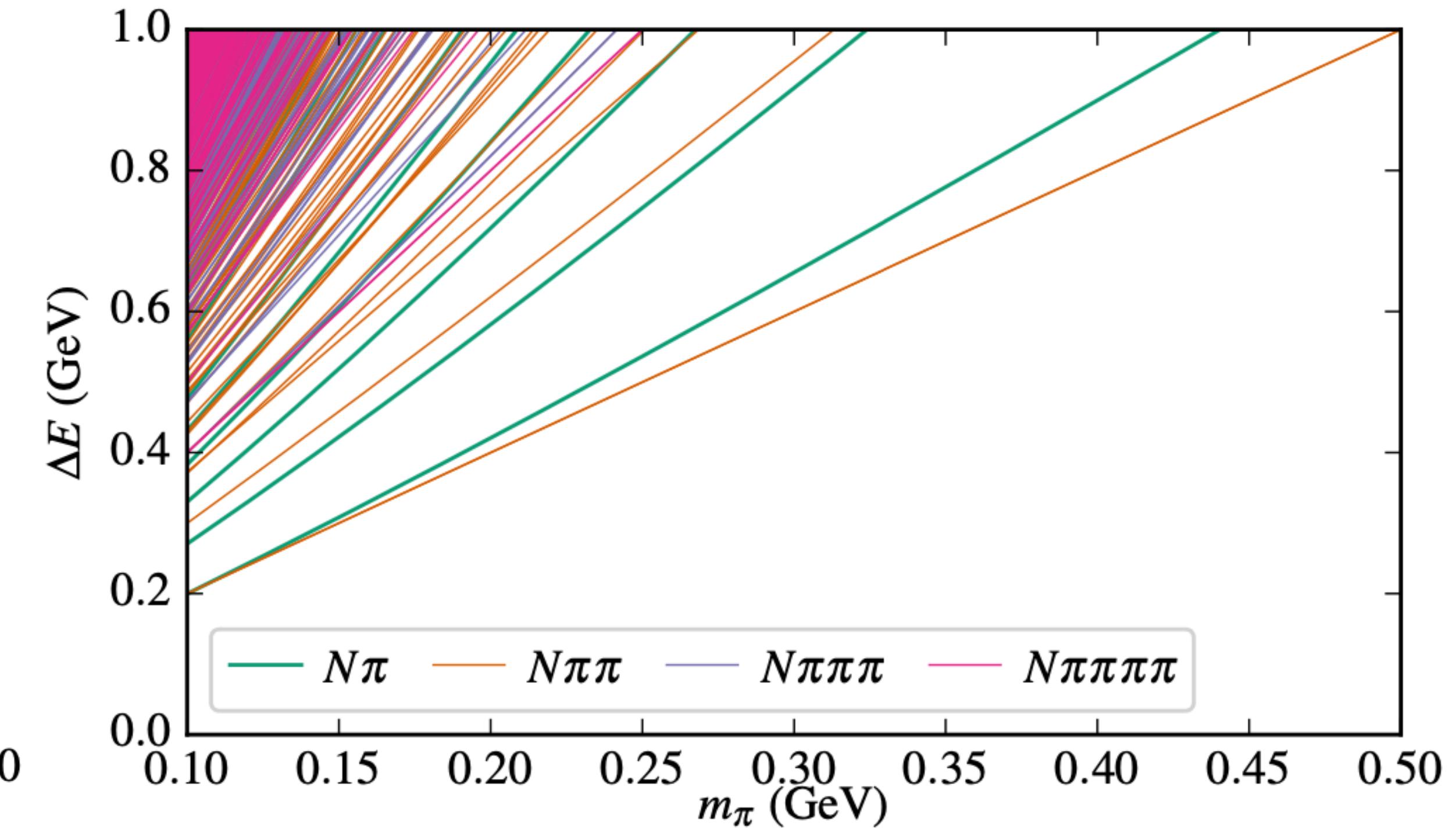
$$\langle O_{n\pi^0}(\mathbf{p}', t) \mathcal{J}^-(\mathbf{q}, \tau) O_p(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle$$

# “Systematics in nucleon matrix elements” J. Green

[arXiv:1812.10574]



$$m_\pi = m_\pi^{\text{phys}}$$



$$m_\pi L = 4$$

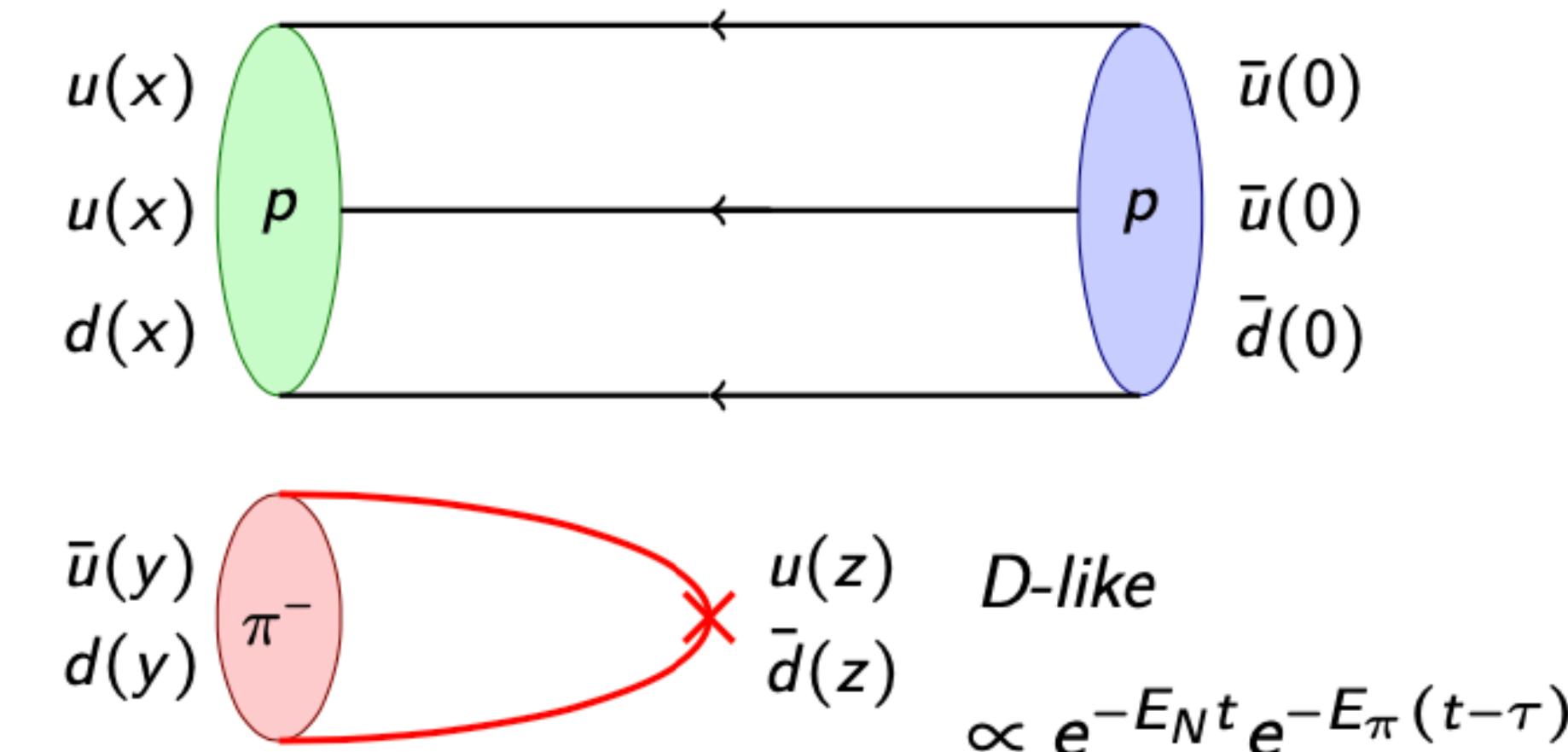
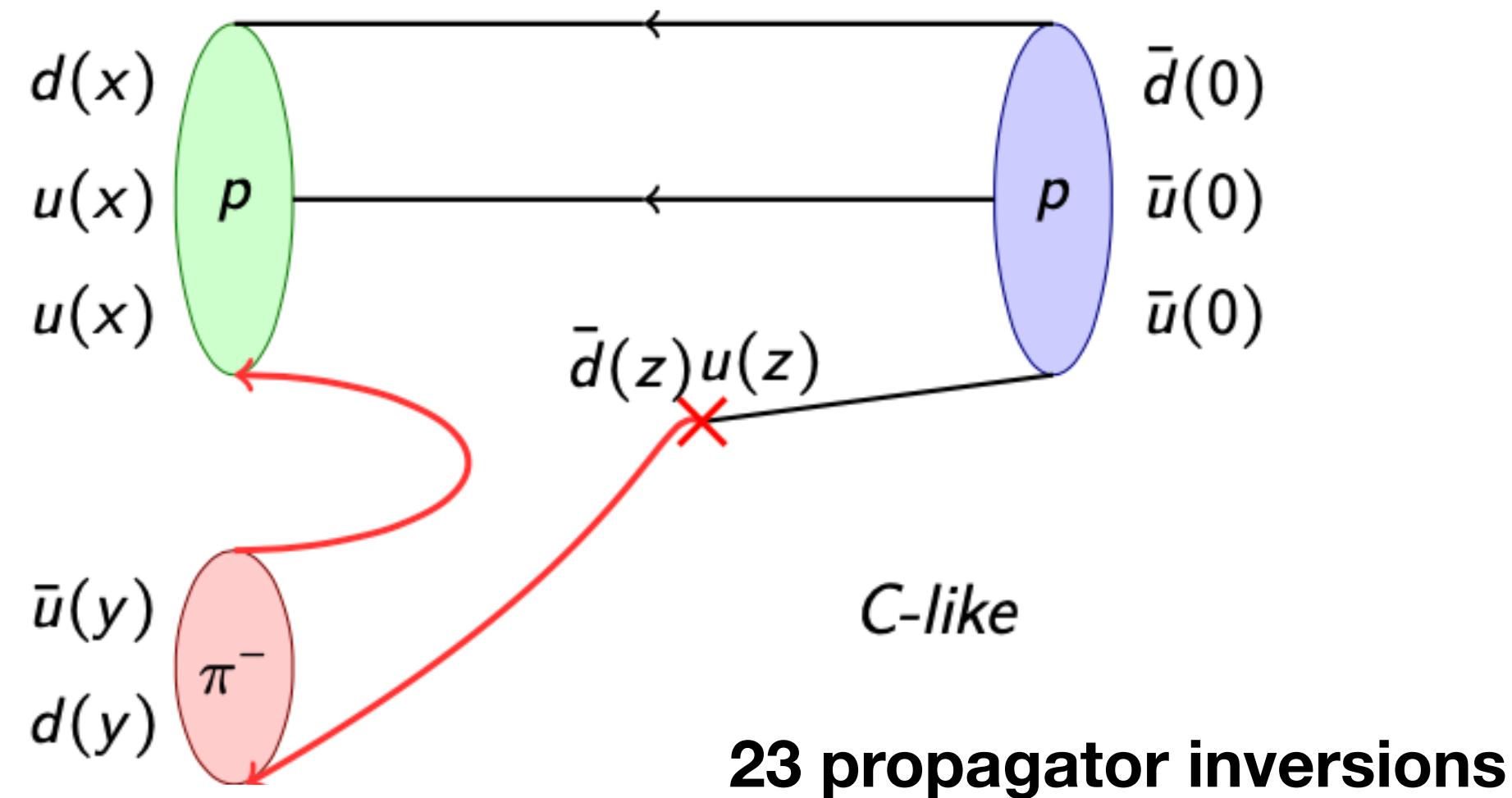
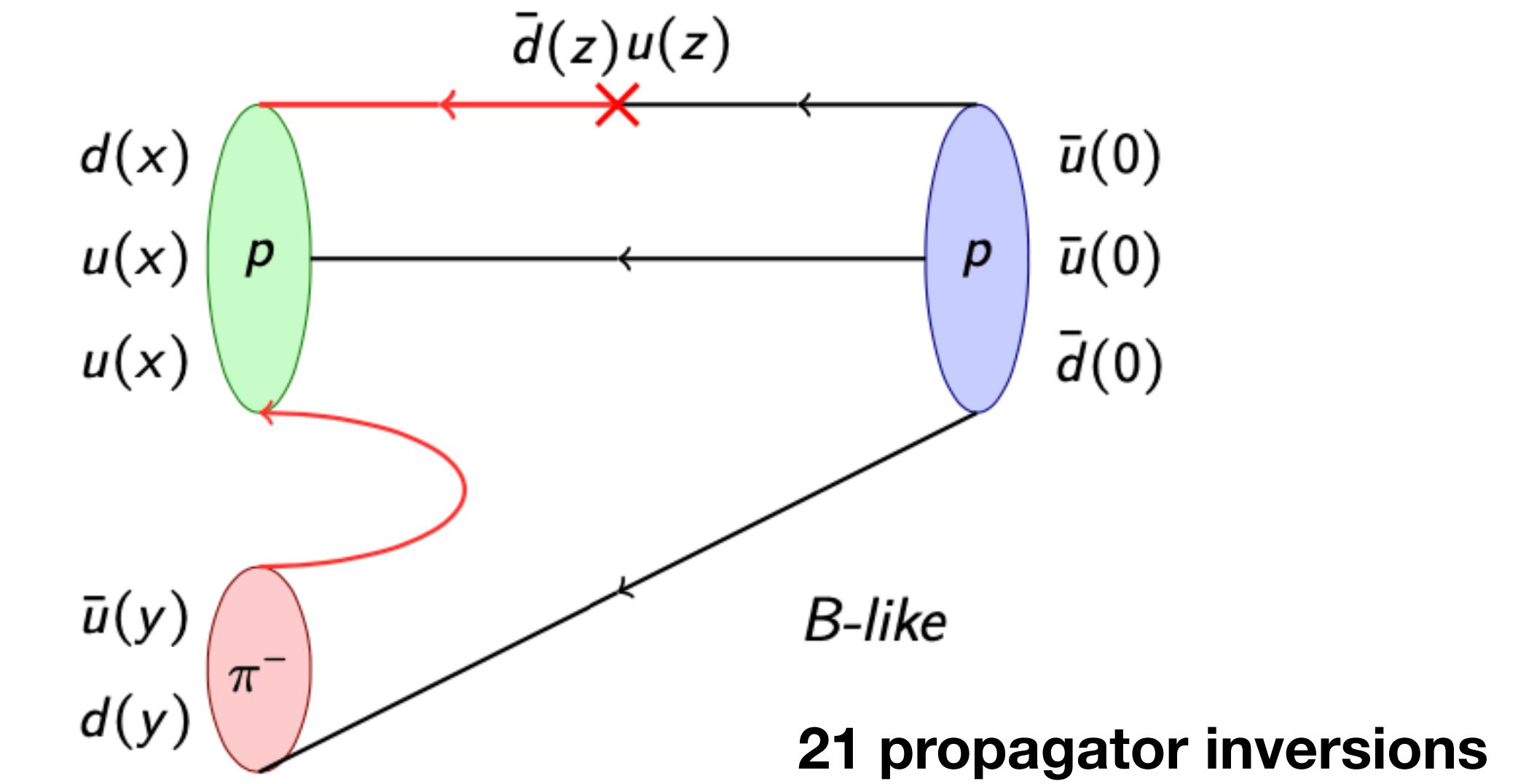
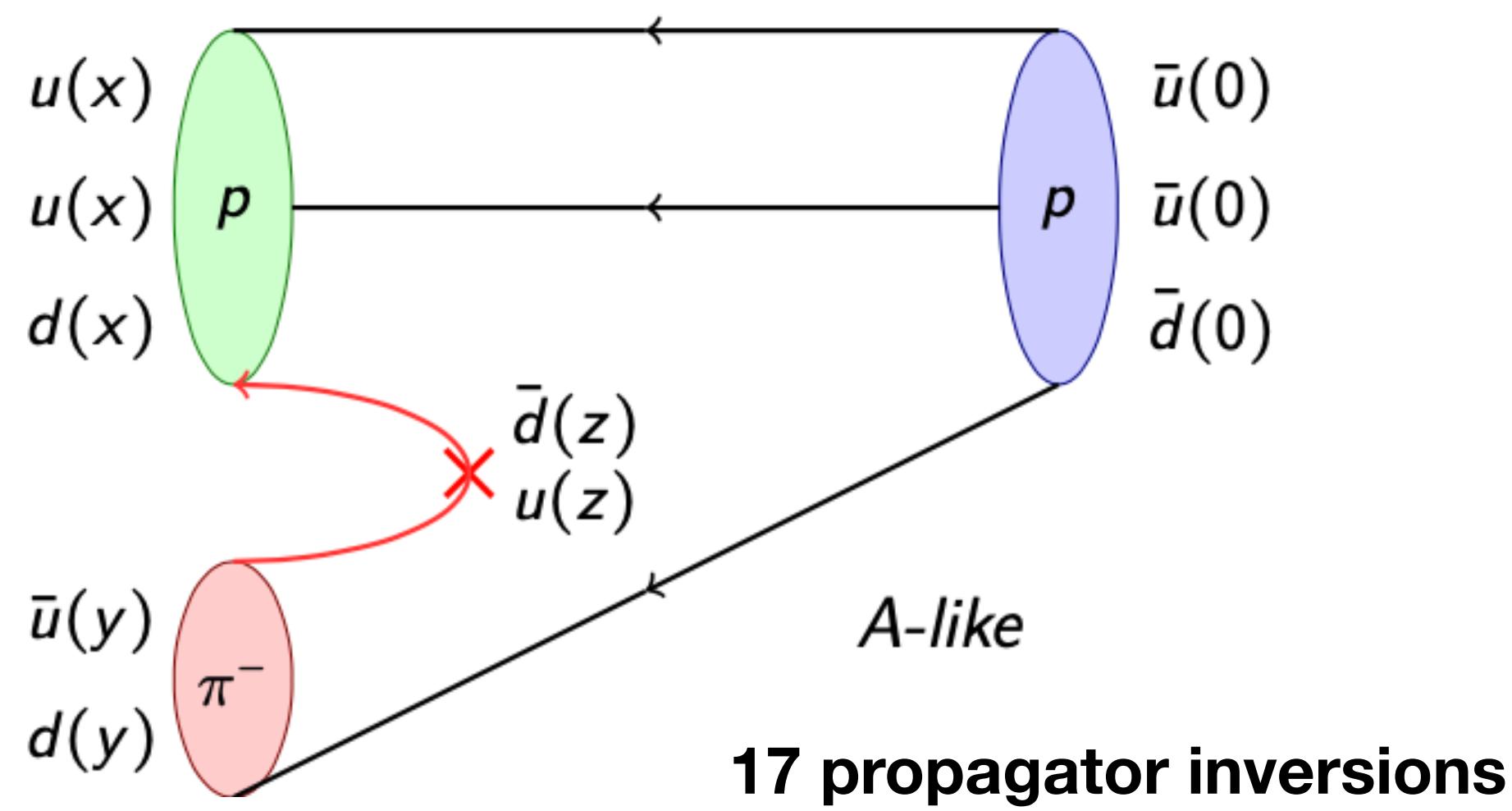
The energy gap  $\Delta E = E_{N\pi^n} - E_N$  depends on the box size and  $m_\pi$

Our ensemble

$$m_\pi = m_K \approx 420 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_\pi L = 5.1$$

**Topologies in  $p \xrightarrow{\mathcal{J}^-} p\pi^-$  for  $\langle O_2(\mathbf{p}', t) \mathcal{J}^-(\mathbf{q}, \tau) \bar{O}_1(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle$**



as LO-ChPT predicts!

# Nucleon spectrum

Nucleon resonances with  $I = \frac{1}{2}$

Symbol	$J^P$	PDG mass average (MeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	Full width (MeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	Pole position (real part)	Pole position (-2 × imaginary part)	Common decays
N(939) P <sub>11</sub> [PDG 3]	$\frac{1}{2}^+$	939	†	†	†	†
N(1440) P <sub>11</sub> [PDG 4] (the Roper resonance)	$\frac{1}{2}^+$	1440 (1420–1470)	300 (200–450)	1365 (1350–1380)	190 (160–220)	N + π
N(1520) D <sub>13</sub> [PDG 5]	$\frac{3}{2}^-$	1520 (1515–1525)	115 (100–125)	1510 (1505–1515)	110 (105–120)	N + π
N(1535) S <sub>11</sub> [PDG 6]	$\frac{1}{2}^-$	1535 (1525–1545)	150 (125–175)	1510 (1490–1530)	170 (90–250)	N + π or N + η
N(1650) S <sub>11</sub> [PDG 7]	$\frac{1}{2}^-$	1650 (1645–1670)	165 (145–185)	1665 (1640–1670)	165 (150–180)	N + π
N(1675) D <sub>15</sub> [PDG 8]	$\frac{5}{2}^-$	1675 (1670–1680)	150 (135–165)	1660 (1655–1665)	135 (125–150)	N + π + π or Δ + π
N(1680) F <sub>15</sub> [PDG 9]	$\frac{5}{2}^+$	1685 (1680–1690)	130 (120–140)	1675 (1665–1680)	120 (110–135)	N + π
N(1700) D <sub>13</sub> [PDG 10]	$\frac{3}{2}^-$	1700 (1650–1750)	100 (50–150)	1680 (1630–1730)	100 (50–150)	N + π + π
N(1710) P <sub>11</sub> [PDG 11]	$\frac{1}{2}^+$	1710 (1680–1740)	100 (50–250)	1720 (1670–1770)	230 (80–380)	N + π + π

# GEVP results with $\mathbf{p} = (2\pi/L) \hat{n}_z$

$$O_2(\mathbf{p}) = O_{qqq}(\mathbf{0}) O_{\bar{q}q}(\mathbf{p})$$

$$C(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \langle O_1(t) \bar{O}_1(0) \rangle & \langle O_1(t) \bar{O}_2(0) \rangle \\ \langle O_2(t) \bar{O}_1(0) \rangle & \langle O_2(t) \bar{O}_2(0) \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C(t)v^\alpha(t, t_0) = C(t_0) \lambda^\alpha(t, t_0)v^\alpha(t, t_0)$$

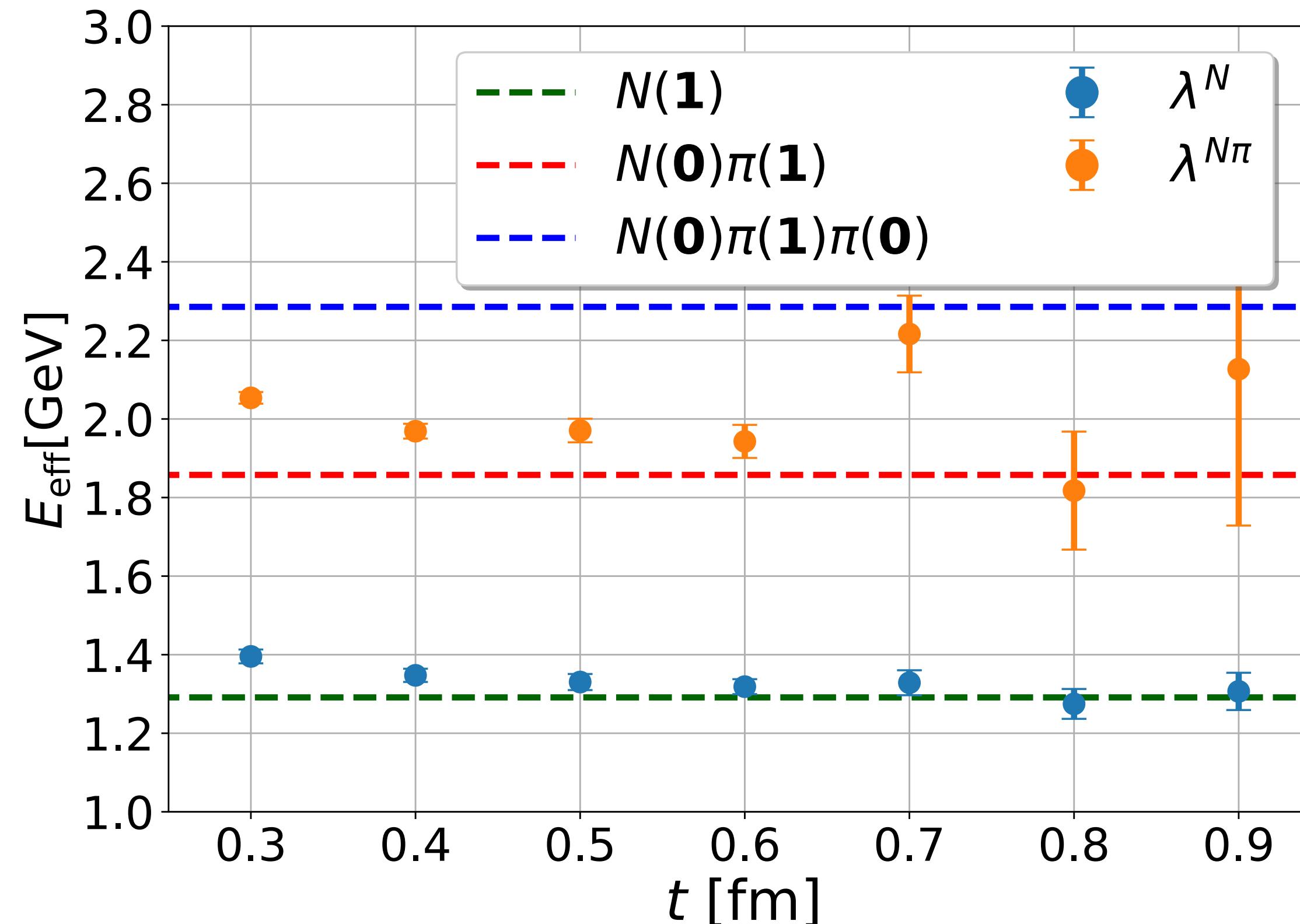
$$\lambda^1 \propto e^{-E_N(t-t_0)} \equiv \lambda^N$$

$$\lambda^2 \propto e^{-E_{N\pi}(t-t_0)} \equiv \lambda^{N\pi}$$

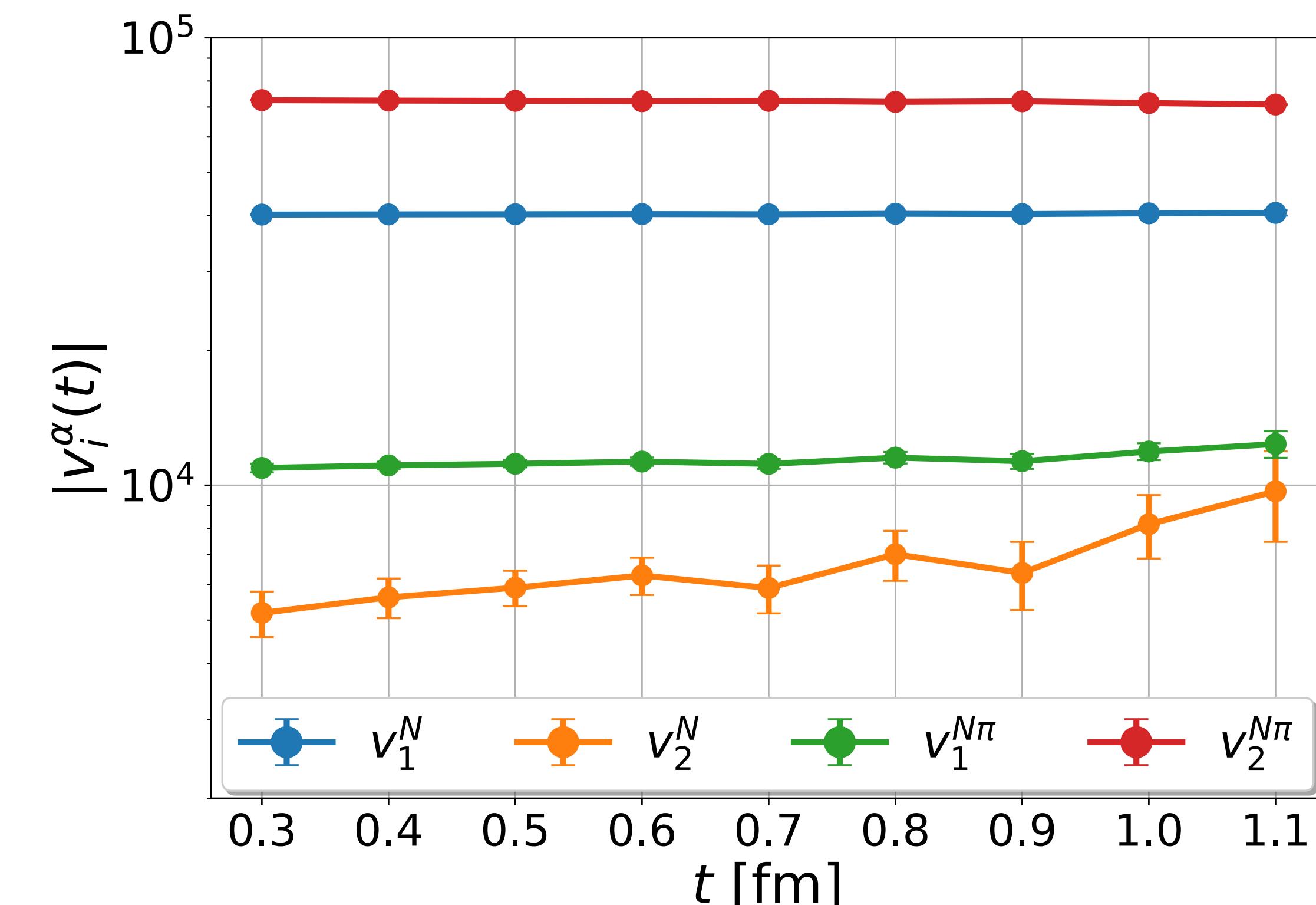
We extract the (effective) energies from the eigenvalues:

$$E_\alpha^{\text{eff}} = \log \left( \lambda^\alpha(t-a) / \lambda^\alpha(t) \right)$$

$$v^1 \equiv v^N, v^2 \equiv v^{N\pi}$$

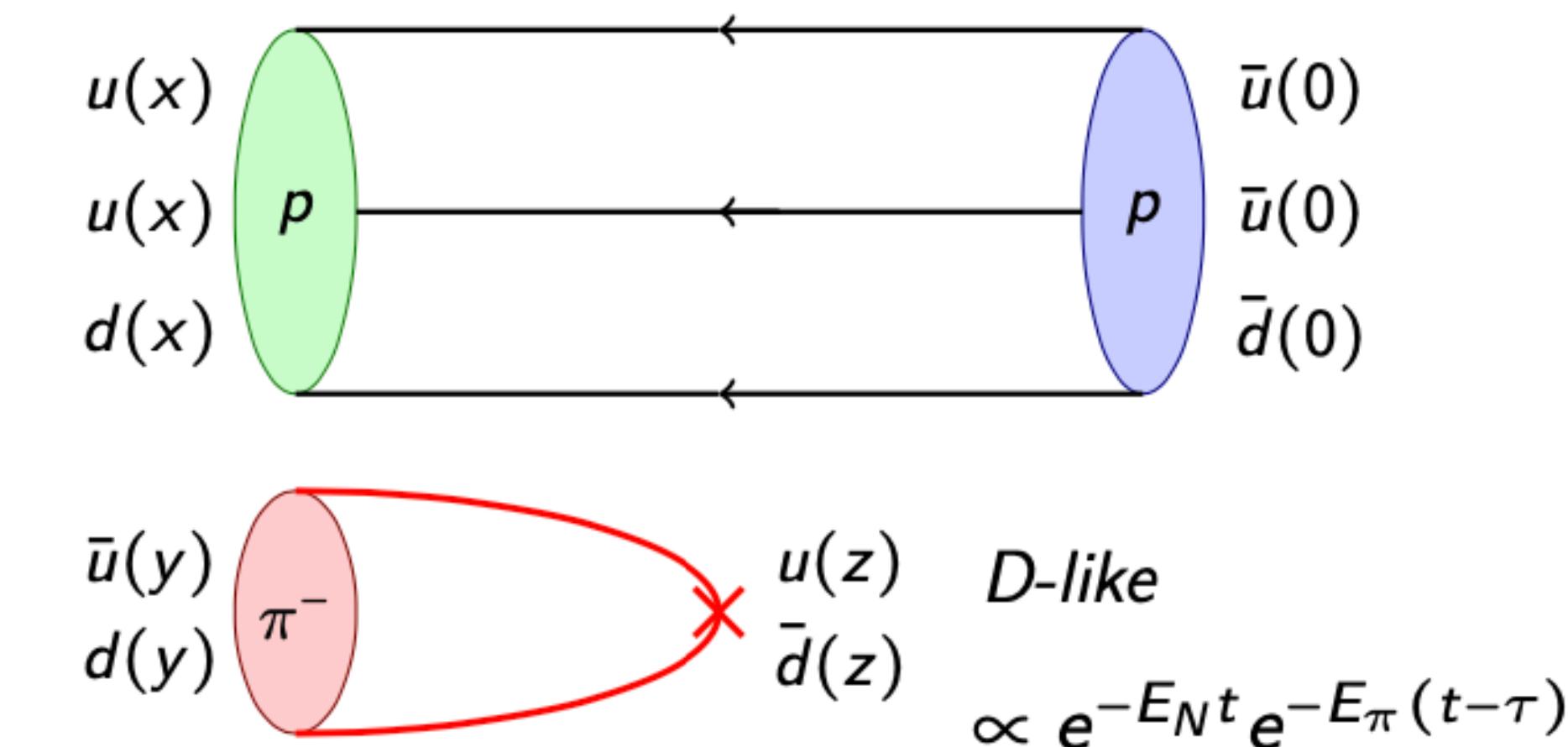
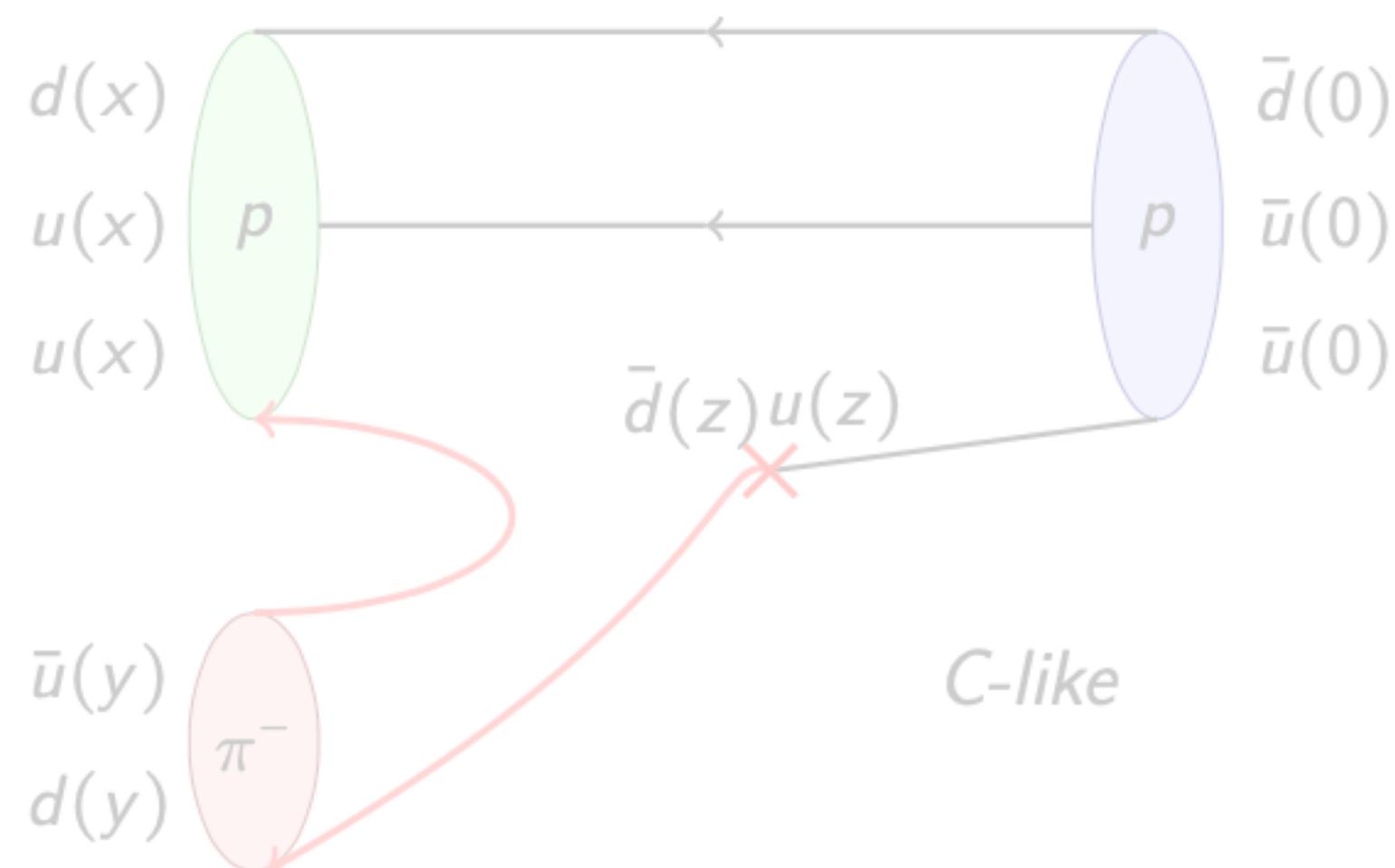
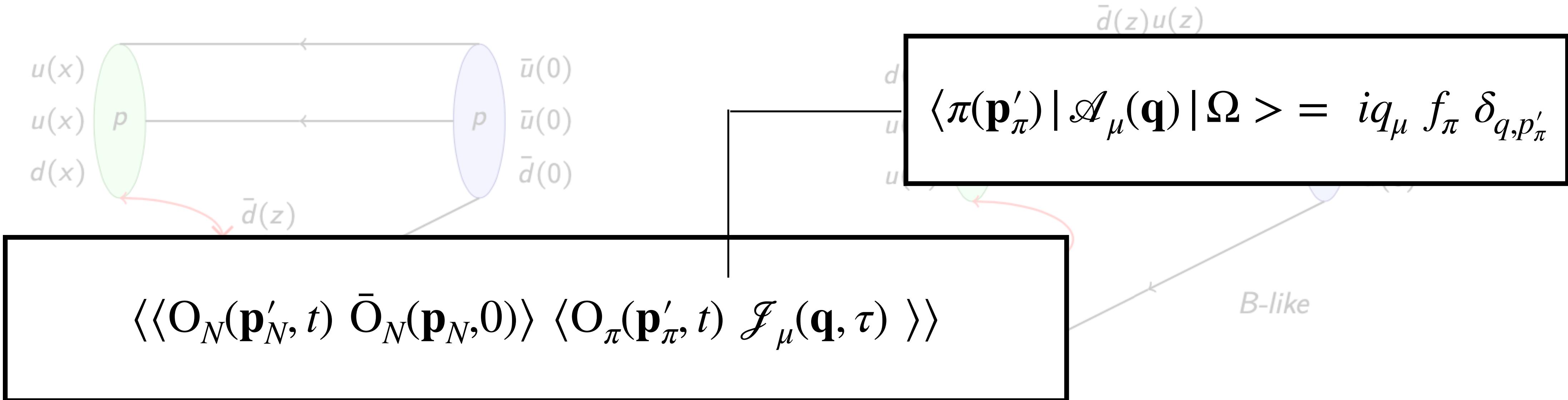


(Dashed lines are non-interacting energy levels)



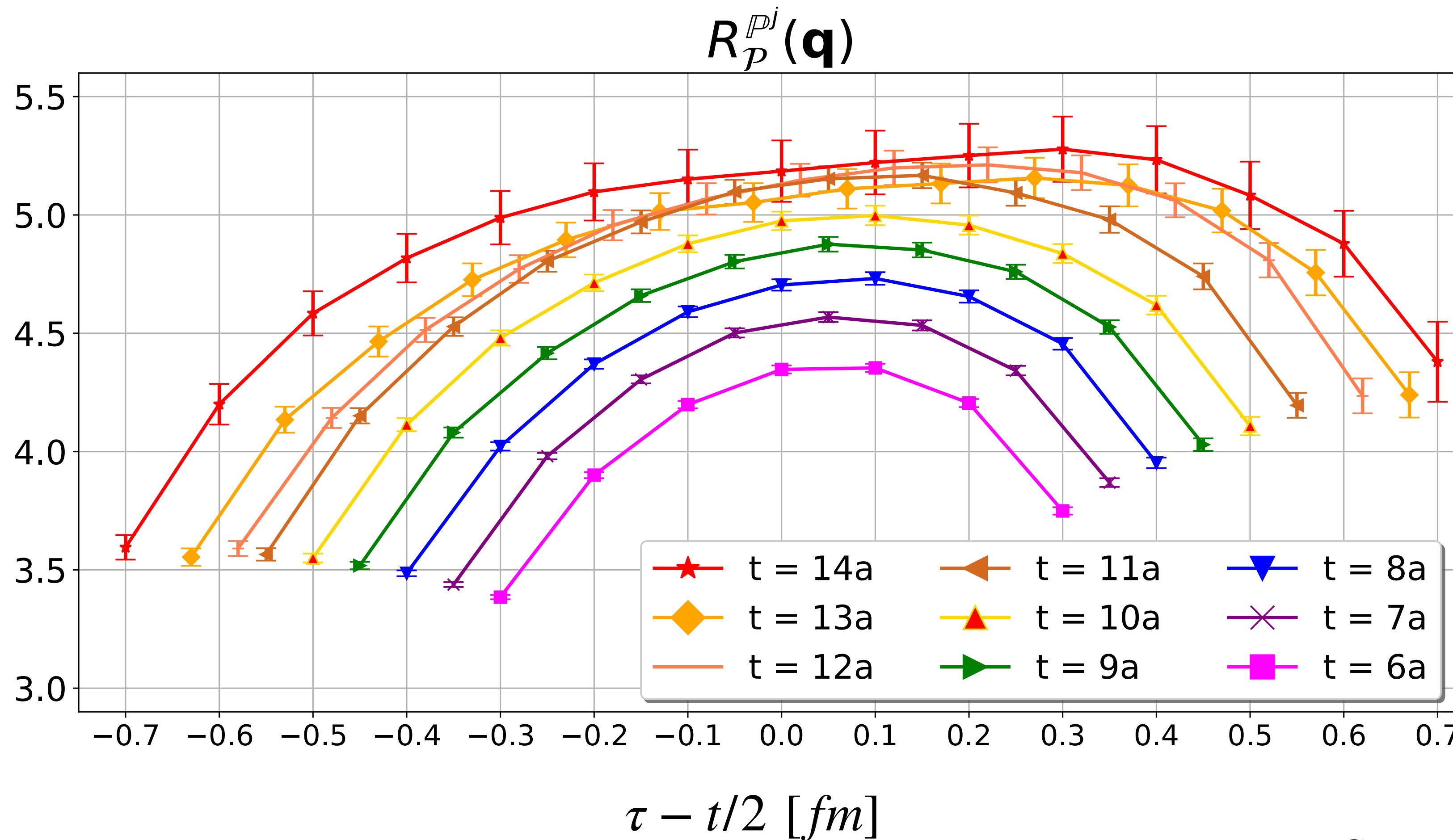
$v^\alpha(t, t_0)$  normalised s.t.  $(v^\alpha(t, t_0), C(t_0)v^\beta(t, t_0)) = \delta^{\alpha\beta}$

**Topologies in  $p \xrightarrow{\mathcal{J}^-} p\pi^-$  for  $\langle O_2(\mathbf{p}', t) \mathcal{J}^-(\mathbf{q}, \tau) \bar{O}_1(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle$**



as LO-ChPT predicts!

# Excited state effect at $\mathbf{q} \neq 0$ : the $\mathcal{P}$ channel



$$\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{0} \quad q_j \neq 0 \quad (\mathbf{q} \parallel \mathbb{P})$$

$\mathbb{P}$  = spin-parity projector

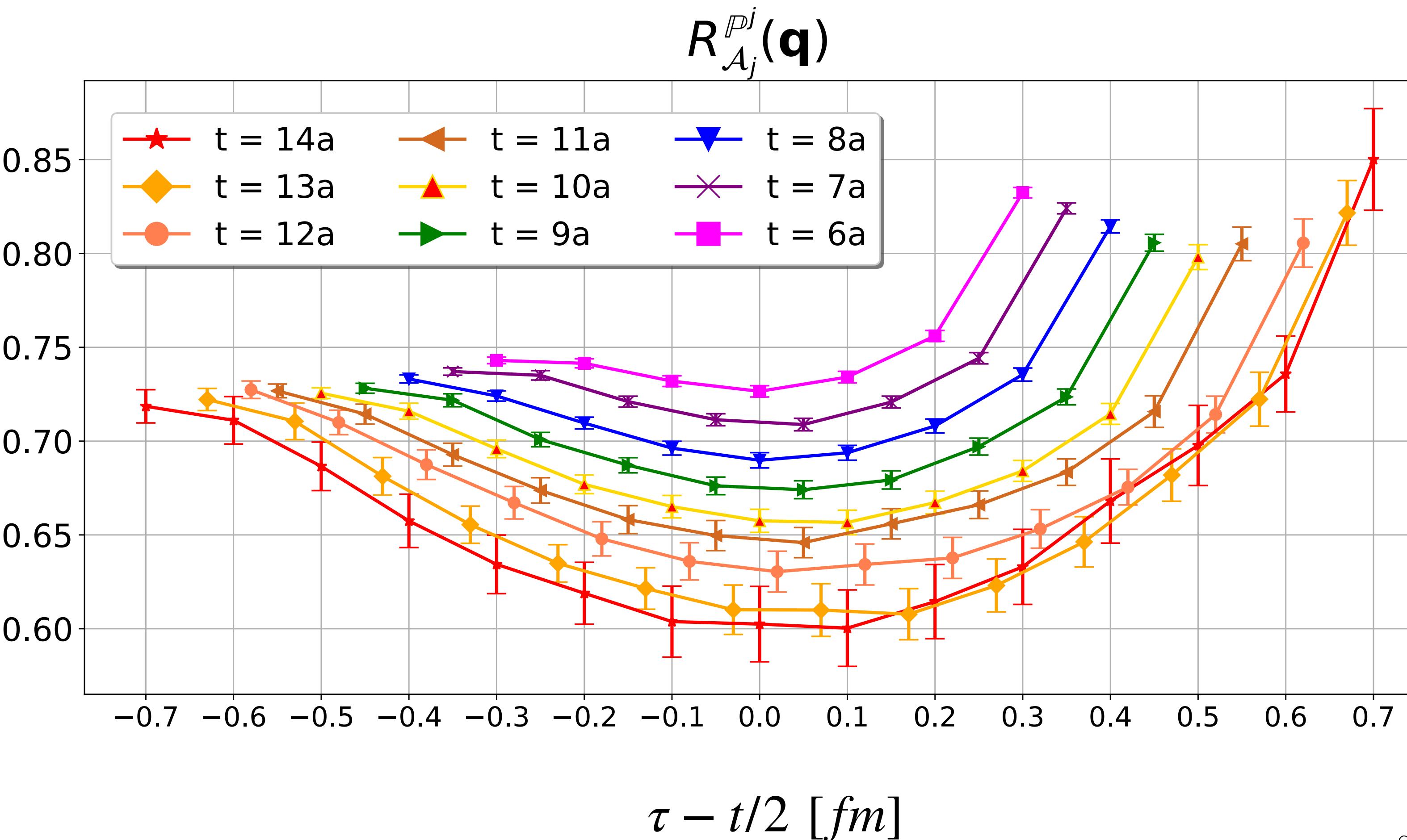
$$q = \hat{e}_j = \frac{2\pi}{L} \hat{n}_j$$

$$R^{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{0}, t; \mathbf{q}, \tau) \propto G_P$$

Ratio is  $t$ - and  $\tau$ -dependent

$$R_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{p}', t; \mathbf{q}, \tau) = \frac{C_{3pt}^{\mathcal{P}}(\mathbf{p}', t; \mathbf{q}, \tau)}{C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}', t)} \sqrt{\frac{C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}', \tau) C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}', t) C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}, t - \tau)}{C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}, \tau) C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}, t) C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}', t - \tau)}}$$

# Excited state effect at $\mathbf{q} \neq 0$ : the $\mathcal{A}_j$ channel



$$\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{0} \quad q_j \neq 0 \quad (\mathbf{q} \parallel \mathcal{A}_j, \mathbb{P})$$

$\mathbb{P}$  = spin-parity projector

$$q = \hat{e}_j = \frac{2\pi}{L} \hat{n}_j$$

$$R^{\mathcal{A}_j}(\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{0}, t; \mathbf{q}, \tau) \propto G_A, G_P$$

Ratio is  $t$ - and  $\tau$ -dependent

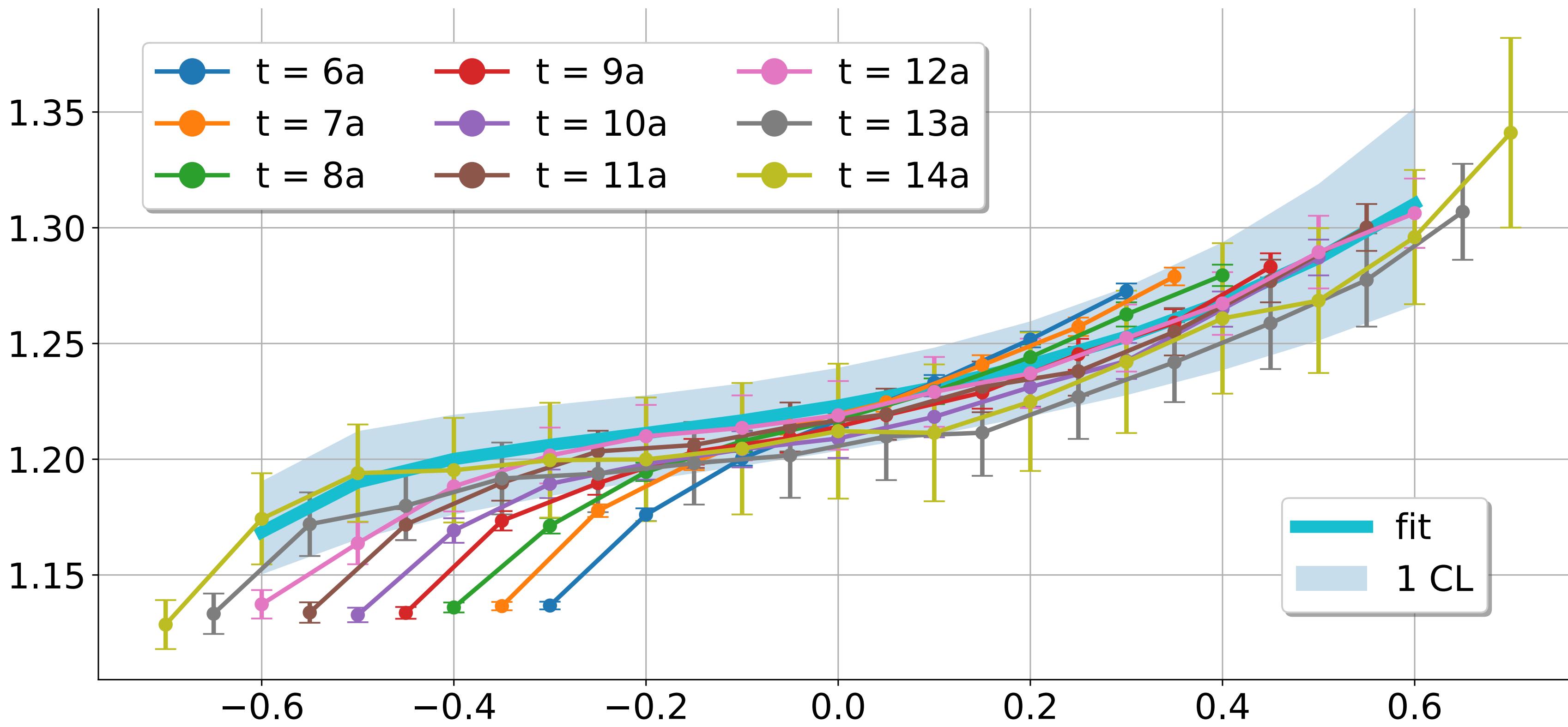
$$R_{\mathcal{A}_j}(\mathbf{p}', t; \mathbf{q}, \tau) = \frac{C_{3pt}^{\mathcal{A}_j}(\mathbf{p}', t; \mathbf{q}, \tau)}{C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}', t)} \sqrt{\frac{C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}', \tau) \ C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}', t) \ C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}, t - \tau)}{C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}, \tau) \ C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}, t) \ C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}', t - \tau)}}$$

# Extraction of $G_A(Q^2 \neq 0)$

$$\mathcal{J} = \mathcal{A}_j$$

$$R_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathbf{p}', t; \mathbf{q}, \tau) = \frac{C_{3pt}^{\mathcal{J}}(\mathbf{p}', t; \mathbf{q}, \tau)}{C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}', t)} \sqrt{\frac{C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}', \tau) C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}', t) C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}, t - \tau)}{C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}, \tau) C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}, t) C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}', t - \tau)}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{p}' &= \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{q}_{i \neq j} &\neq 0 \\ && (\mathbf{q} \perp \mathcal{A}_j) \end{aligned}$$



$$\tilde{Q}^2 = 0.297 \text{ GeV}^2$$

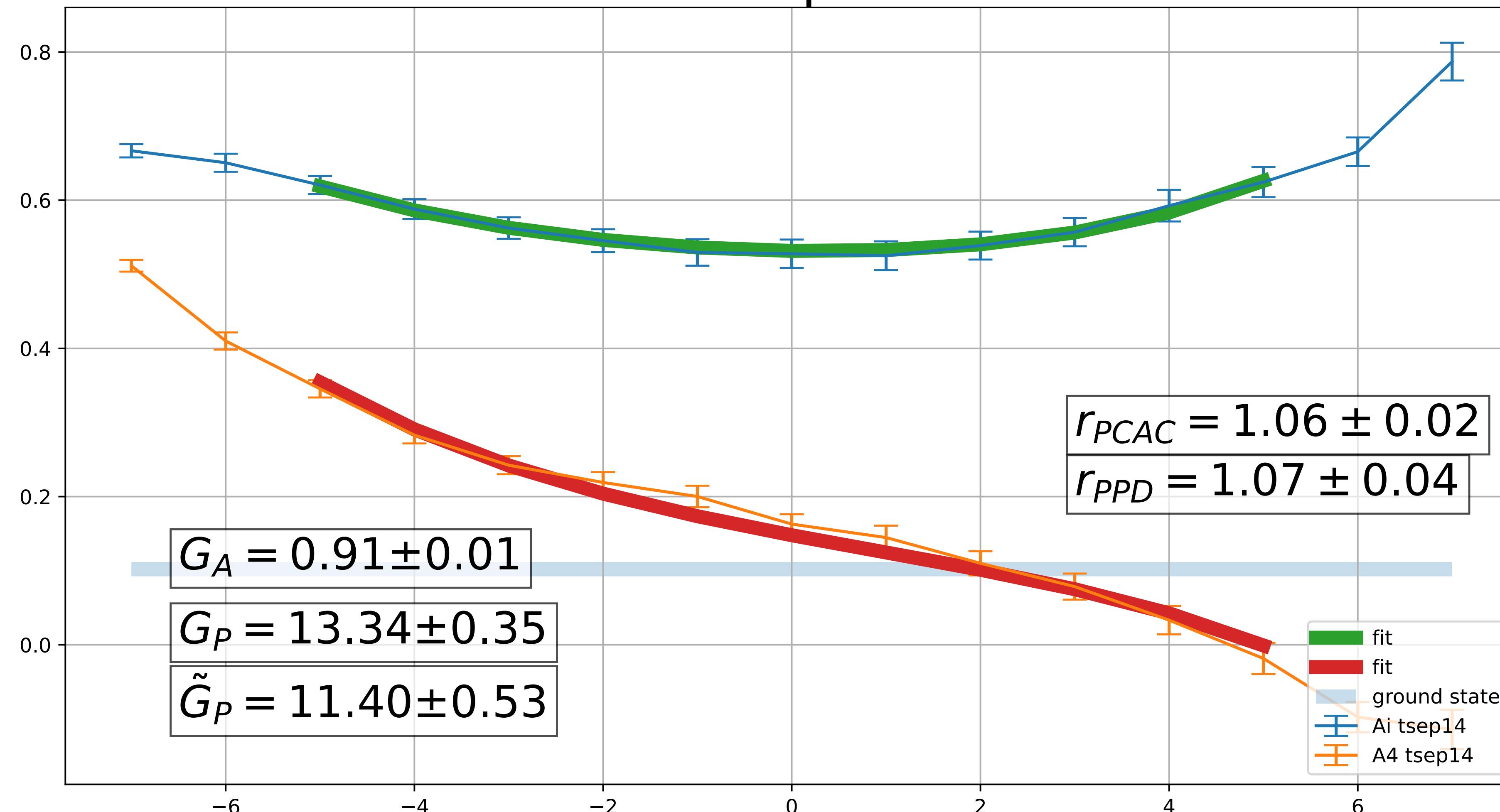
Const. + 2 exp. fit gives

$$G_A(\tilde{Q}^2) = 1.22 \pm 0.02$$

better way to extract  $G_A$ :  
Summation method

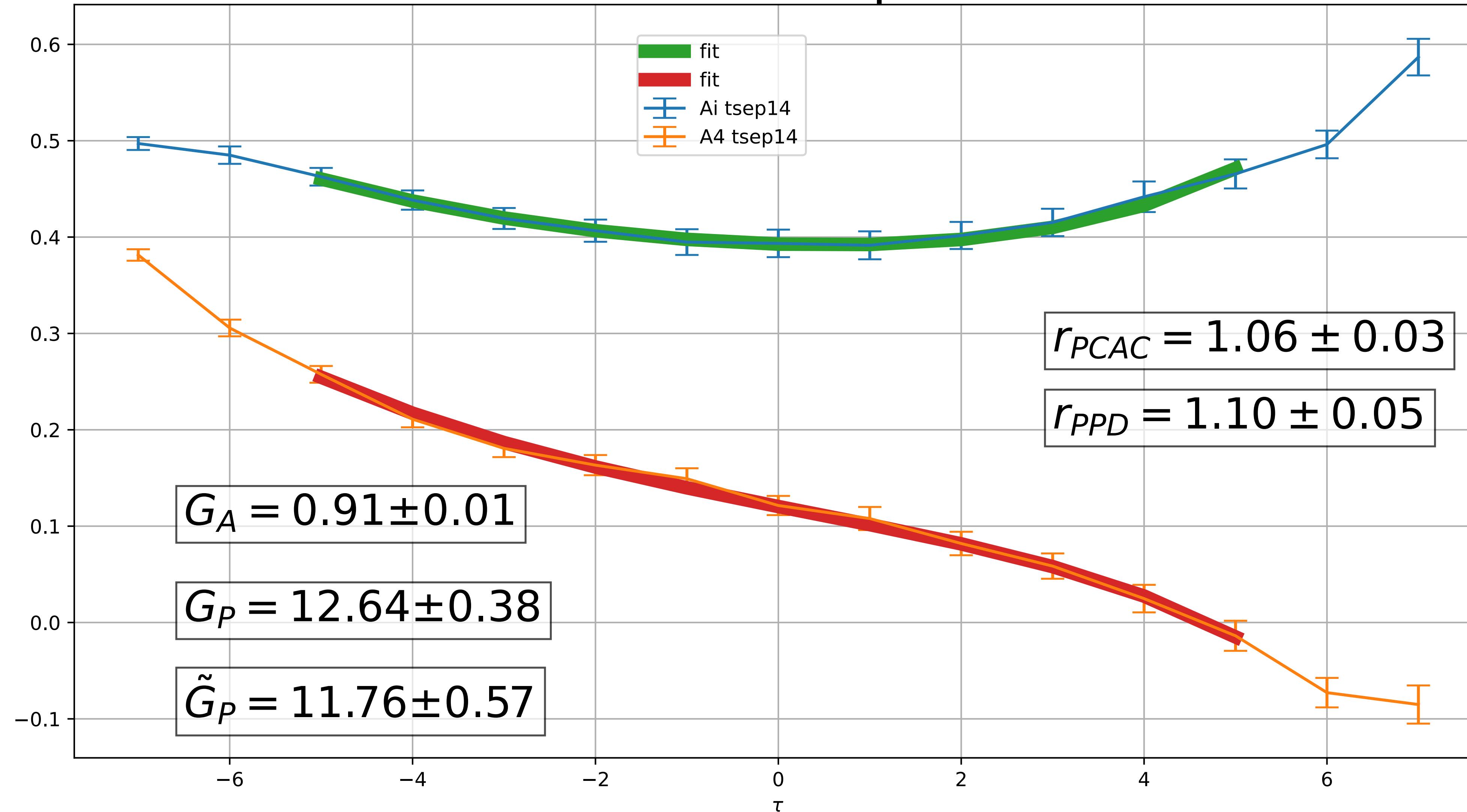
# Fit ChPT

## ChPT-inspired fit

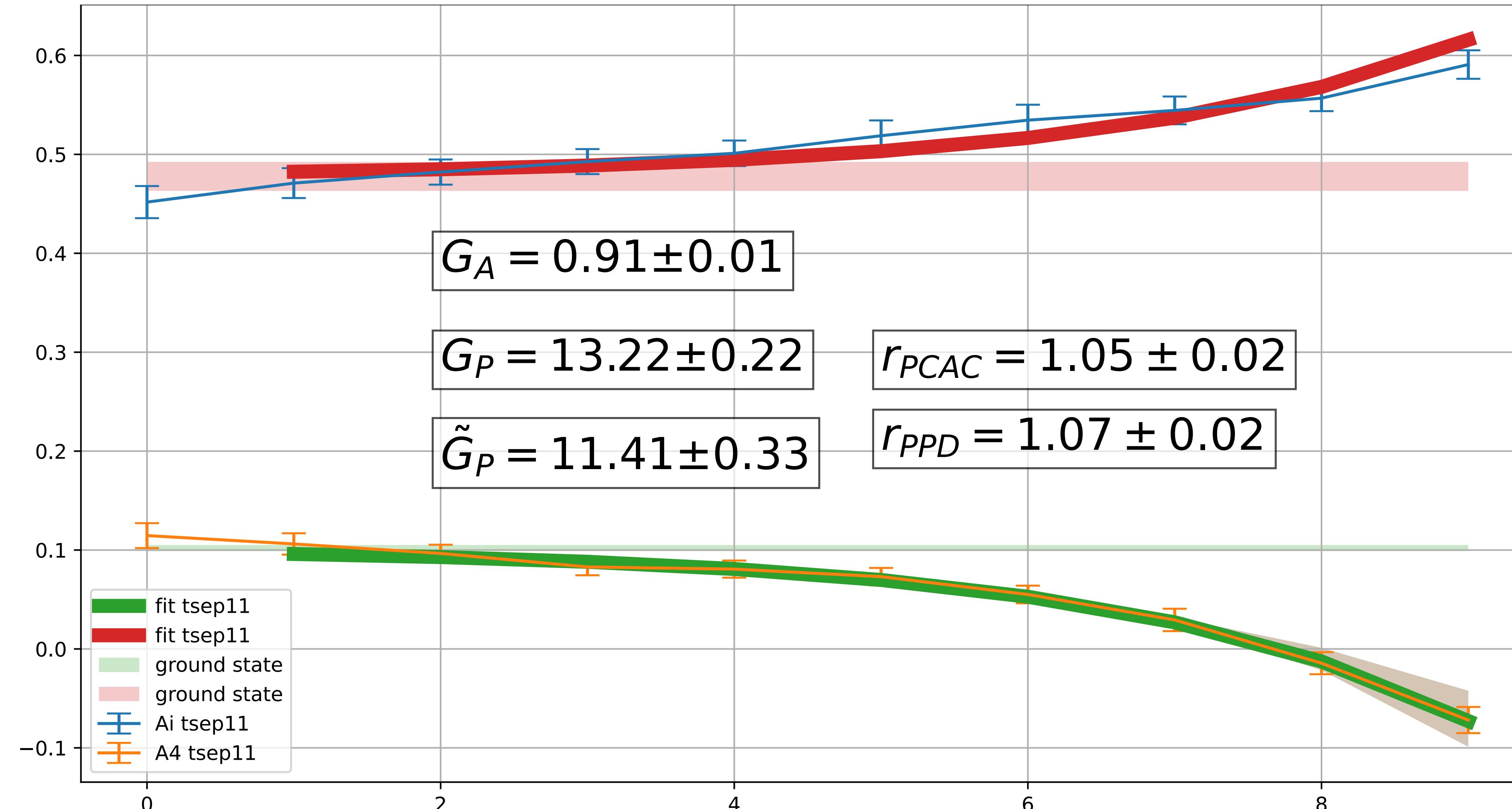


# Fit Los Alamos

## Los Alamos-inspired fit



# Fit GEVP ratios



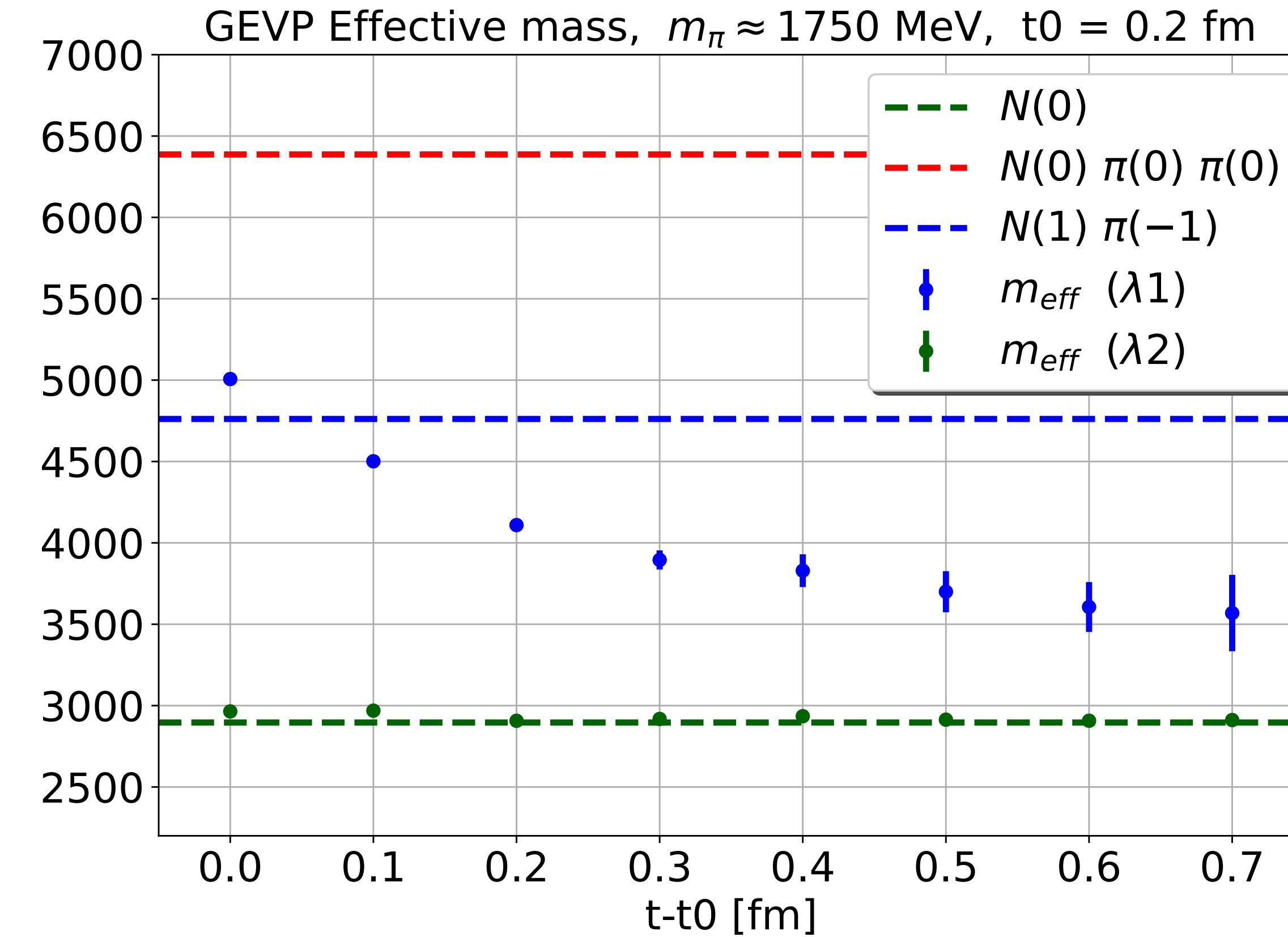
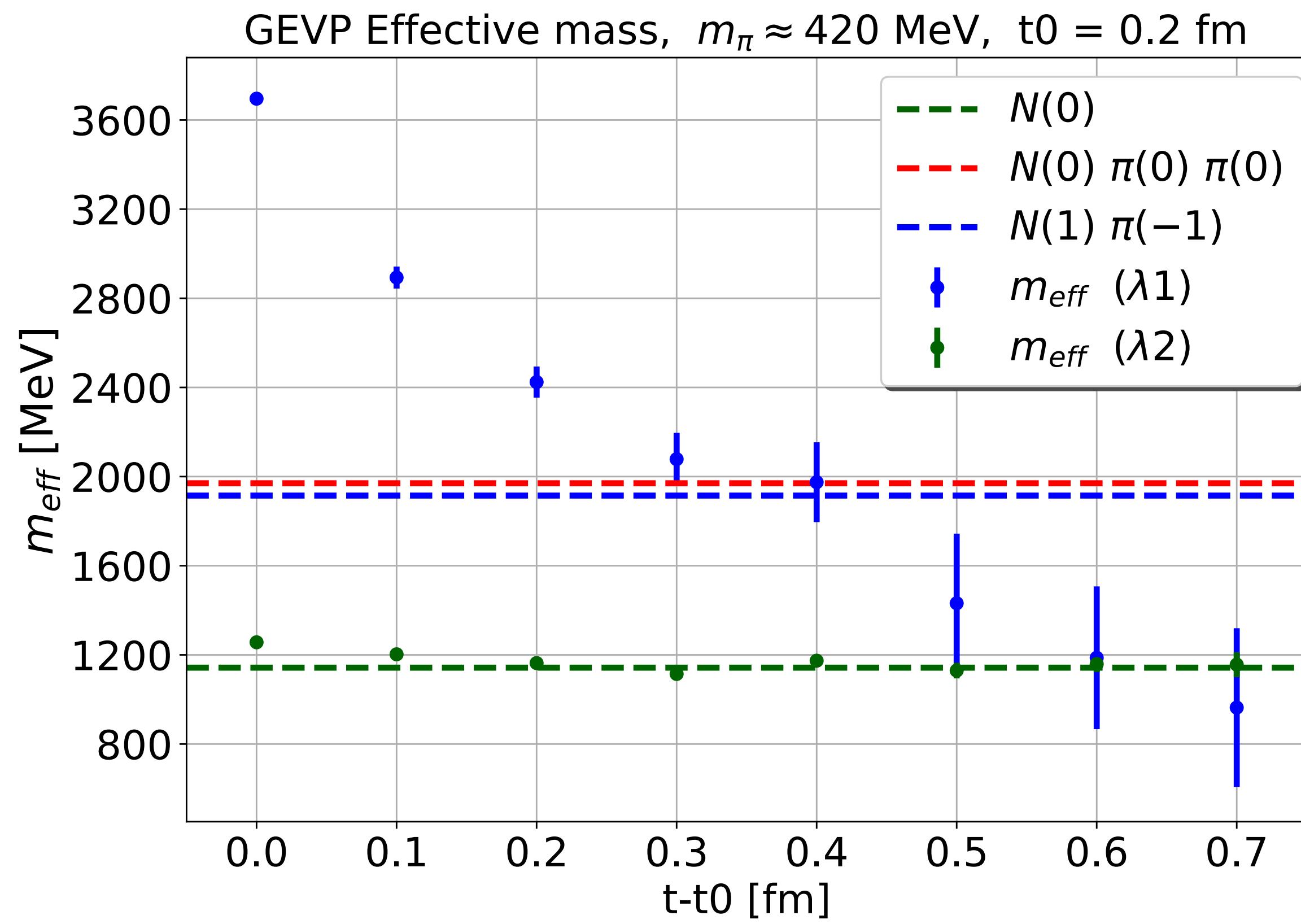
# GEVP results with basis $\mathbb{B} = \{\mathbf{O}_1, \Phi\mathbf{O}_1\}$ and $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0}$

$$C(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \langle \mathbf{O}_1(t) \bar{\mathbf{O}}_1(0) \rangle & \langle \mathbf{O}_1(t) \Phi\bar{\mathbf{O}}_1(0) \rangle \\ \langle \Phi\mathbf{O}_1(t) \bar{\mathbf{O}}_1(0) \rangle & \langle \Phi\mathbf{O}_1(t) \Phi\bar{\mathbf{O}}_1(0) \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C(t)v^\alpha(t, t_0) = C(t_0) \lambda^\alpha(t, t_0)v^\alpha(t, t_0)$$

$$\lambda^1 \propto e^{-E_N(t-t_0)} \equiv \lambda^N$$

$$\lambda^2 \propto e^{-E_{N^*}(t-t_0)} \equiv \lambda^{N^*}$$



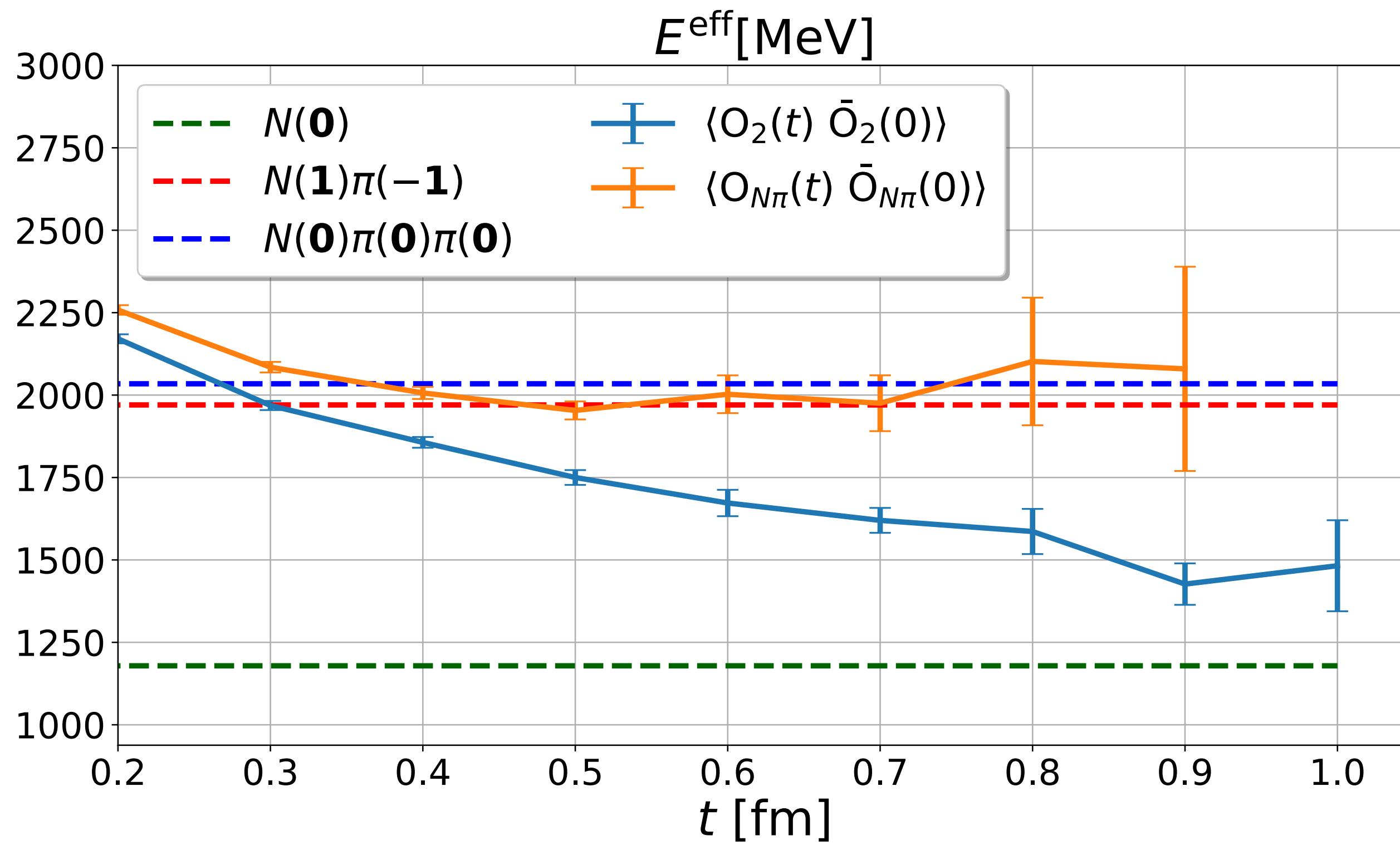
# GEVP-projected operators ( $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0}$ )

We use eigenvectors to project operators:  $\langle O_2(t) \bar{O}_2(0) \rangle \approx c_2^{N\pi} e^{-E_{N\pi}t} + c_2^N e^{-E_N t}$  at  $t \gg 0$  the dominant term is the nucleon

After GEVP-projection:  $O_{N\pi} = \sum_i v_i^{N\pi} O_i = v_1^{N\pi} O_N + v_2^{N\pi} O_{N\pi}$



$$\langle O_{N\pi}(t) \bar{O}_{N\pi}(0) \rangle \approx c_{N\pi} e^{-E_{N\pi}t}$$



(Dashed lines are non-interacting energy levels)

$$E^{\text{eff}} = \log \left( \frac{\langle O(t-a) \bar{O}(0) \rangle}{\langle O(t) \bar{O}(0) \rangle} \right)$$

The correlation functions with  $O_2$  don't exhibit a plateau here because of the mixing with  $N$  states

New step will be the computation of

$$\langle (N\pi)(\mathbf{p}') | \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{q}) | N(\mathbf{p}) \rangle$$

through

$$\langle O_{N\pi}(\mathbf{p}', t) \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{q}, \tau) \bar{O}_N(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle$$

# Extraction of form factors

$$C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}, t) = \langle O_N(\mathbf{p}, t) \bar{O}_N(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle$$

$$C_{3pt}^{\mathcal{J}}(\mathbf{p}', t; \mathbf{q}, \tau) = \langle O_N(\mathbf{p}', t) \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{q}, \tau) \bar{O}_N(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{J} = \bar{q}\Gamma q$$

$$R_{\mathcal{J}}(\mathbf{p}', t; \mathbf{q}, \tau) = \frac{C_{3pt}^{\mathcal{J}}(\mathbf{p}', t; \mathbf{q}, \tau)}{C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}', t)} \sqrt{\frac{C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}', \tau) C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}', t) C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}, t - \tau)}{C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}, \tau) C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}, t) C_{2pt}(\mathbf{p}', t - \tau)}}$$

$$\propto \text{tr} \left[ \mathbb{P} (-i\gamma_\mu p'_\mu + m_N) \color{red} FF[\mathcal{J}] \color{black} (-i\gamma_\mu p_\mu + m_N) \right]$$

$\mathcal{J}$	$\Gamma$
$\mathcal{A}_i$	$\gamma_i \gamma_5$
$\mathcal{A}_4$	$\gamma_4 \gamma_5$
$\mathcal{P}$	$\gamma_5$

$$\propto G_A, G_{\tilde{P}}$$

$$\propto G_A, G_{\tilde{P}}$$

$$\propto G_P$$

$$\langle N(\mathbf{p}') | \mathcal{A}_\mu(\mathbf{q}) | N(\mathbf{p}) \rangle = u_{\mathbf{p}'} \left[ \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 G_A(Q^2) + \frac{q_\mu}{2m_N} \gamma_5 G_{\tilde{P}}(Q^2) \right] u_{\mathbf{p}}$$

$FF[\mathcal{A}_\mu]$

$$\langle N(\mathbf{p}') | \mathcal{V}_\mu(\mathbf{q}) | N(\mathbf{p}) \rangle = u_{\mathbf{p}'} \left[ \gamma_\mu F_1(Q^2) + i \frac{\sigma_{\mu\nu} q_\mu}{2m_N} F_2(Q^2) \right] u_{\mathbf{p}}$$

$FF[\mathcal{V}_\mu]$

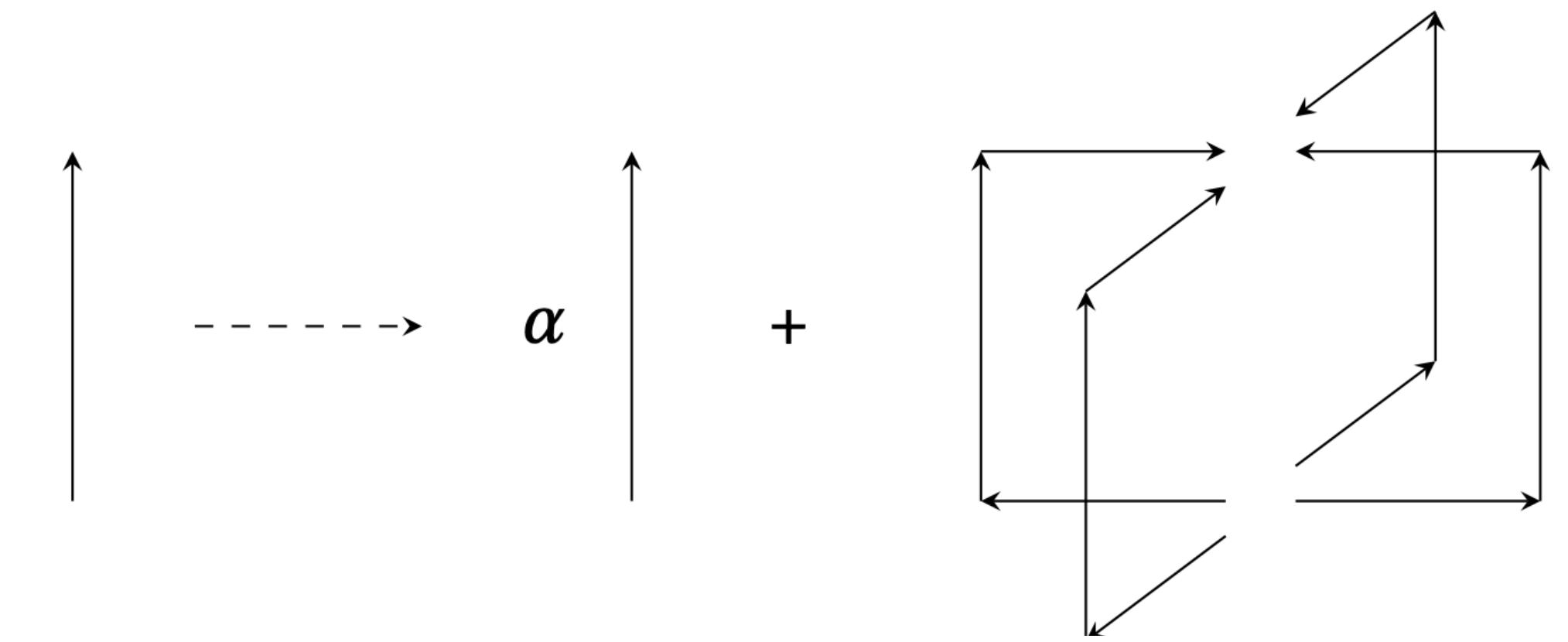
$$\langle N(\mathbf{p}') | \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{q}) | N(\mathbf{p}) \rangle = u_{\mathbf{p}'} \gamma_5 G_P(Q^2) u_{\mathbf{p}}$$

$FF[\mathcal{P}]$

## APE gauge link smearing

$$U_i^{(n+1)} = \mathbb{P}_{SU(3)} \left[ \alpha U_i^{(n)}(x) + \sum_{j \neq i} C_{ij}^{(n)}(x) \right]$$

$$\alpha = 2.5 \quad n = 25$$



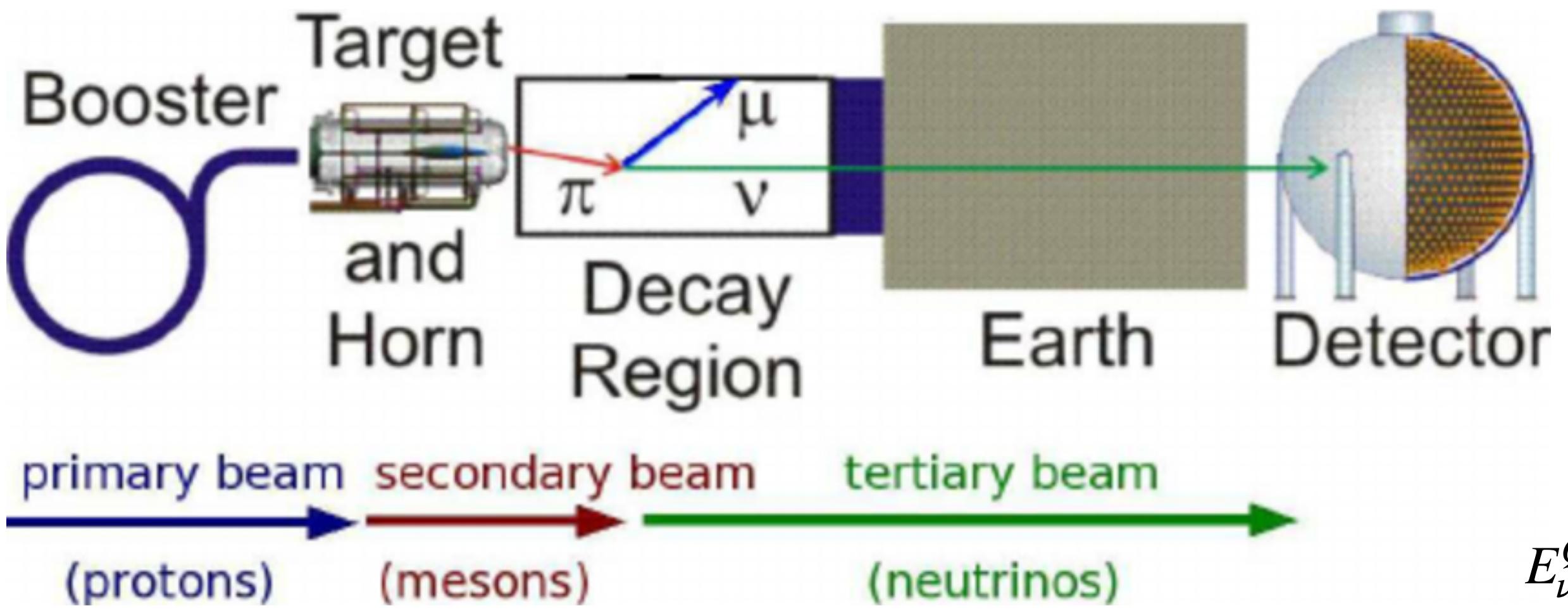
## Wuppertal quark smearing

$$q^{(n)}(x) = \left( 1 + \frac{\kappa_s}{1 + 6\kappa_s} \nabla^2 \right)^n q(x)$$

$$\kappa_s = 0.25 \quad n = 150$$

$$\nabla^2 q(x) = -6q(x) + \sum_{\mu=\pm 1}^{\pm 3} U_\mu(x) q(x + \hat{\mu})$$

# MiniBooNE experiment



**Booster:** proton beam is accelerated

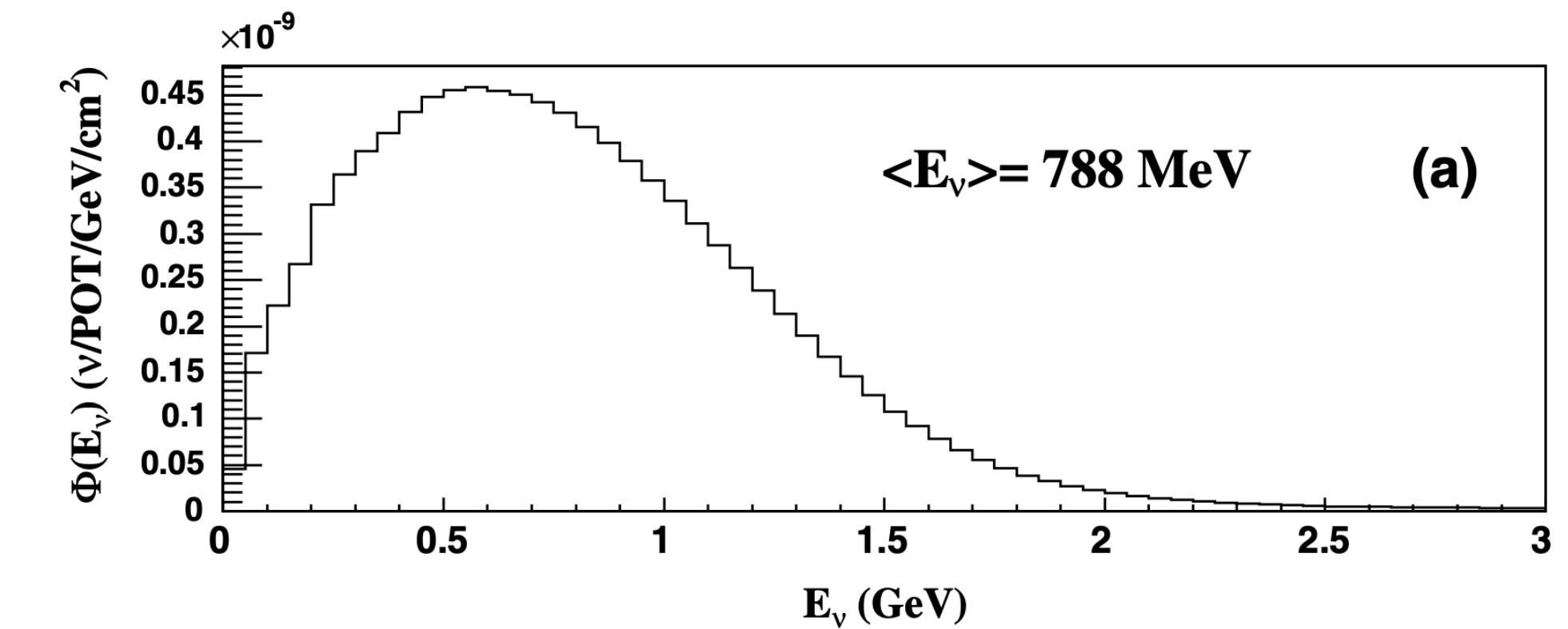
**Target:** proton beam scatters off a target, producing a meson beam

**Mesons' decay:** (muon) neutrino beam is produced

**Earth:** neutrino beam travels a length  $L \approx 450\text{m}$

**Detector:** muons are produced and accelerated in matter

$$\rightarrow \text{Cherenkov light} \quad (\text{refractive index}) n = \frac{c}{v} = 1.47 \quad \rightarrow \text{Cherenkov threshold: } \beta = \frac{v}{c} > 0.68$$



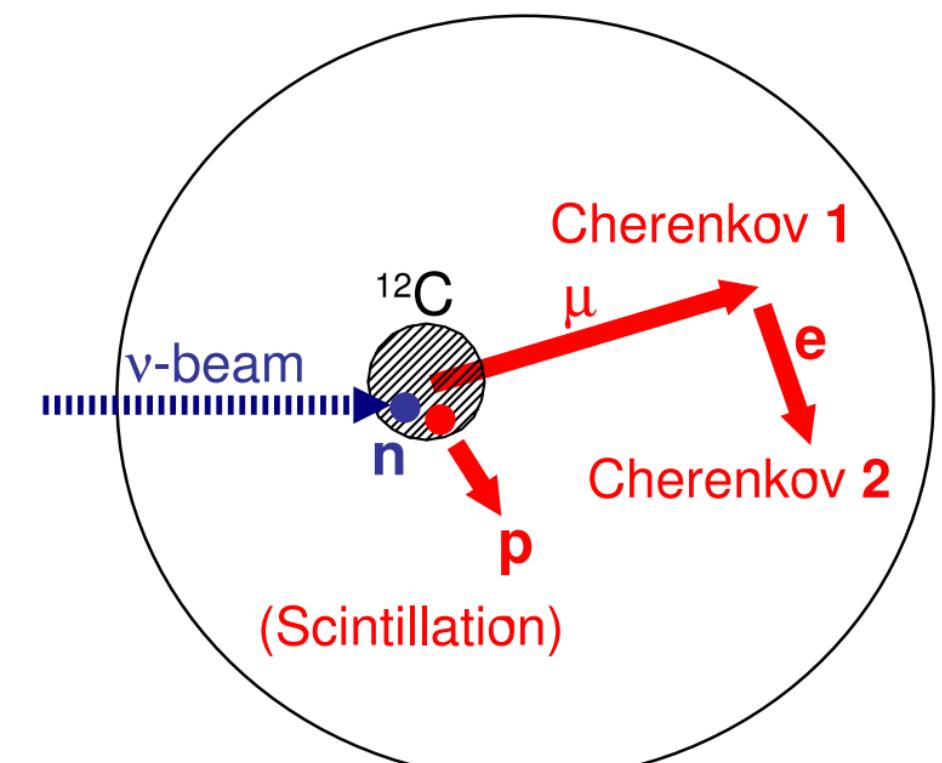
Predicted flux at the detector

$$E_\nu^{QE} = \frac{2M_N E_\mu - M_N^2 + m_\mu^2 + M_p^2}{2[M_N - E_\mu + \cos\theta_\mu \sqrt{E_\mu^2 - m_\mu^2}]}$$

$$M_N = M_n - E_b$$

(Carbon binding energy)

**Detector:** spherical steel tank filled with 818 tons of mineral oil ( $\text{CH}_2$ )



CCQE interaction at the MiniBooNE detector

# Neutrinoless double beta-decay

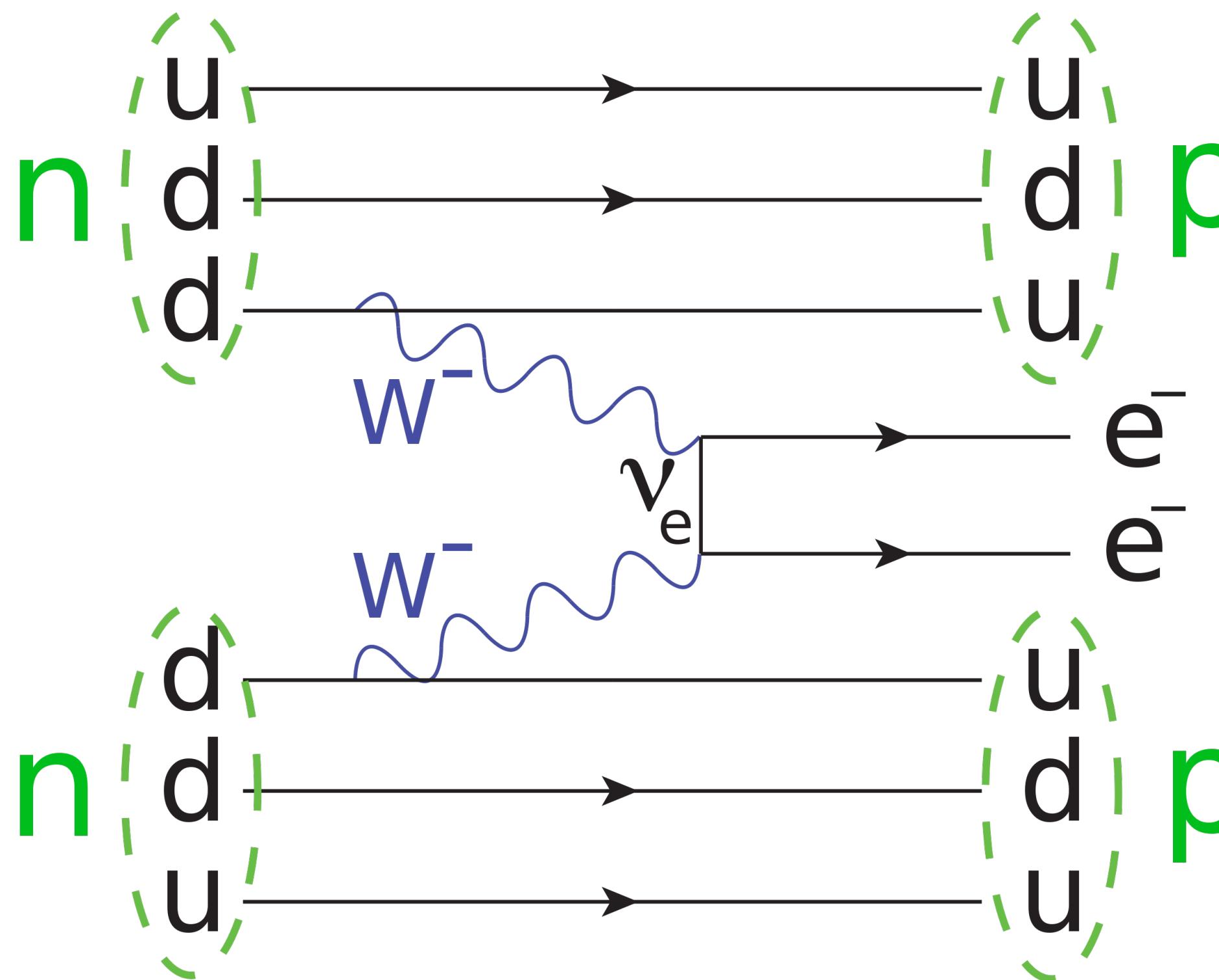


$$\Gamma_{\beta\beta}^{0\nu} = \frac{1}{T_{\beta\beta}^{0\nu}} \propto |M^{0\nu}|^2 \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2$$

$M^{0\nu}$  is the nuclear matrix element

$$\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle = \sum_i U_{ei}^2 m_i$$

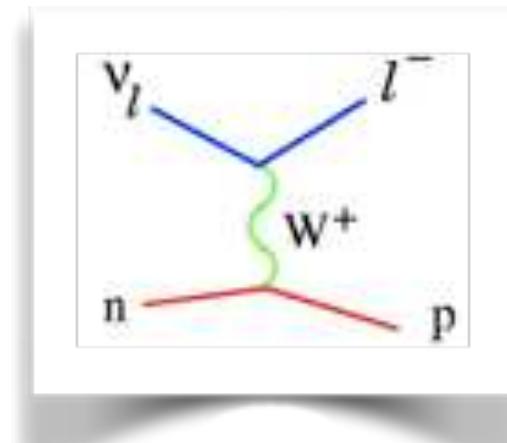
$U_{ei}$  is a PMNS matrix element



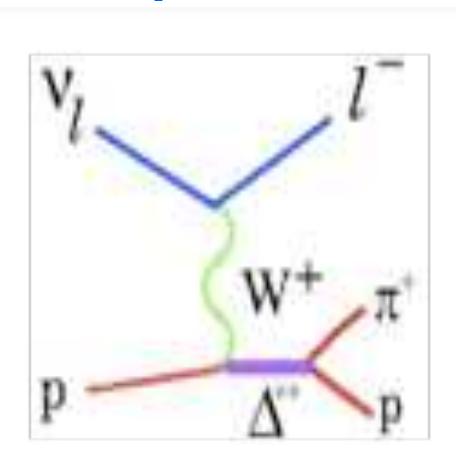
Isotope	Experiment	lifetime $T_{\beta\beta}^{0\nu}$ [years]
$^{48}\text{Ca}$	ELEGANT-VI	$> 1.4 \cdot 10^{22}$
$^{76}\text{Ge}$	Heidelberg-Moscow <sup>[14]</sup>	$> 1.9 \cdot 10^{25}$ [14]
$^{76}\text{Ge}$	GERDA	$> 1.8 \cdot 10^{26}$ [15]
$^{82}\text{Se}$	NEMO-3	$> 1.0 \cdot 10^{23}$
$^{82}\text{Se}$	CUPID-0	$> 4.6 \cdot 10^{24}$ [16]
$^{96}\text{Zr}$	NEMO-3	$> 9.2 \cdot 10^{21}$
$^{100}\text{Mo}$	NEMO-3	$> 2.1 \cdot 10^{25}$
$^{116}\text{Cd}$	Solotvina	$> 1.7 \cdot 10^{23}$
$^{130}\text{Te}$	CUORE	$> 2.2 \cdot 10^{25}$
$^{136}\text{Xe}$	EXO	$> 3.5 \cdot 10^{25}$ [17]
$^{136}\text{Xe}$	KamLAND-Zen	$> 1.07 \cdot 10^{26}$ [18]
$^{150}\text{Nd}$	NEMO-3	$> 2.1 \cdot 10^{25}$

very rare process

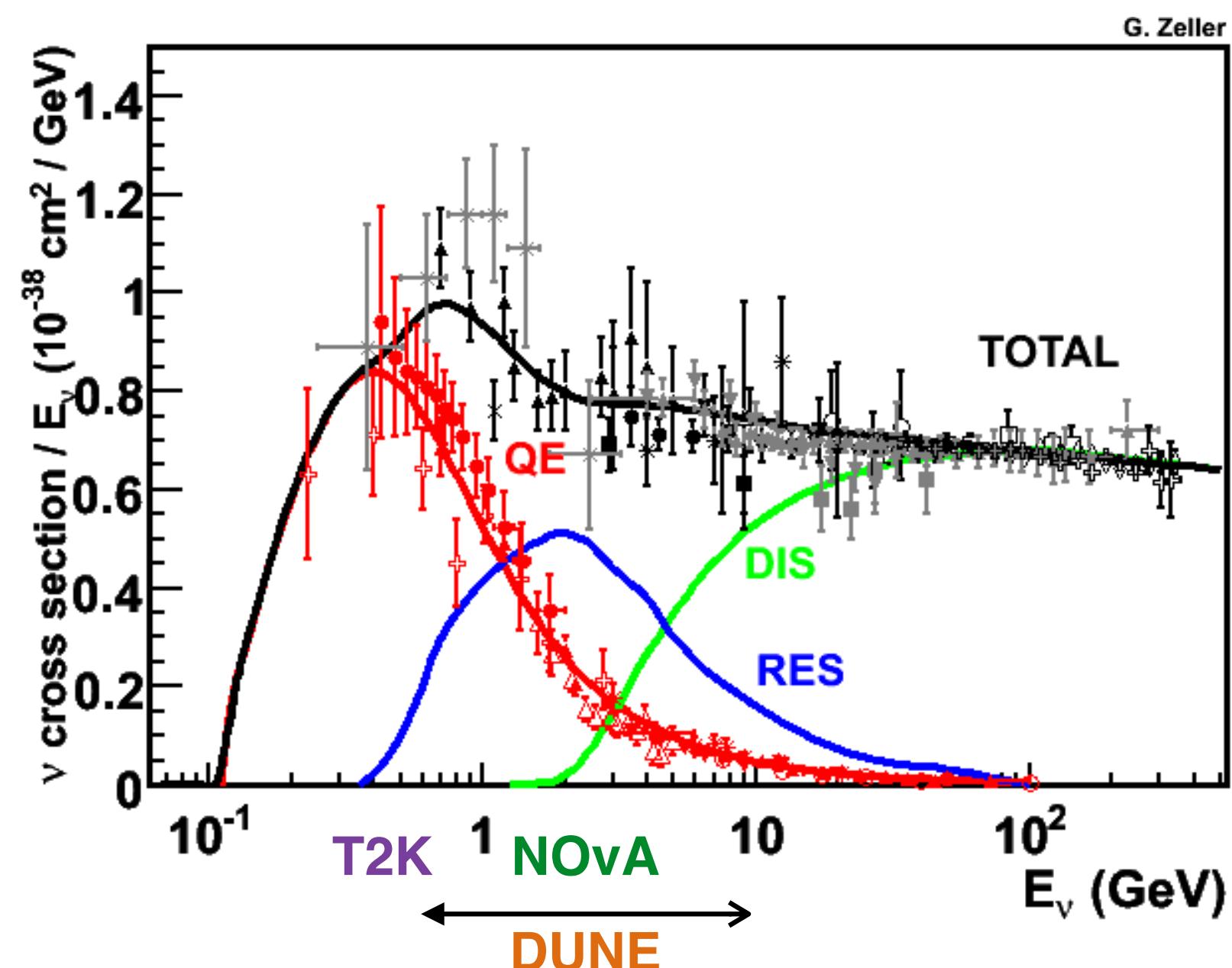
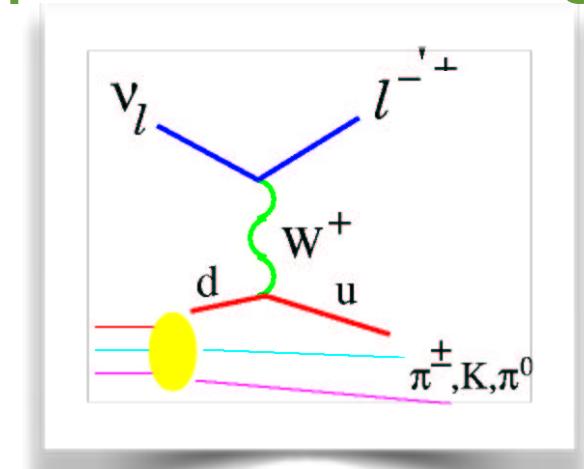
## Quasi-elastic scattering (QE)



## Resonance production (RES)



## Deep Inelastic scattering (DIS)



J.A. Formaggio, G. Zeller, Reviews of Modern Physics, 84 (2012)

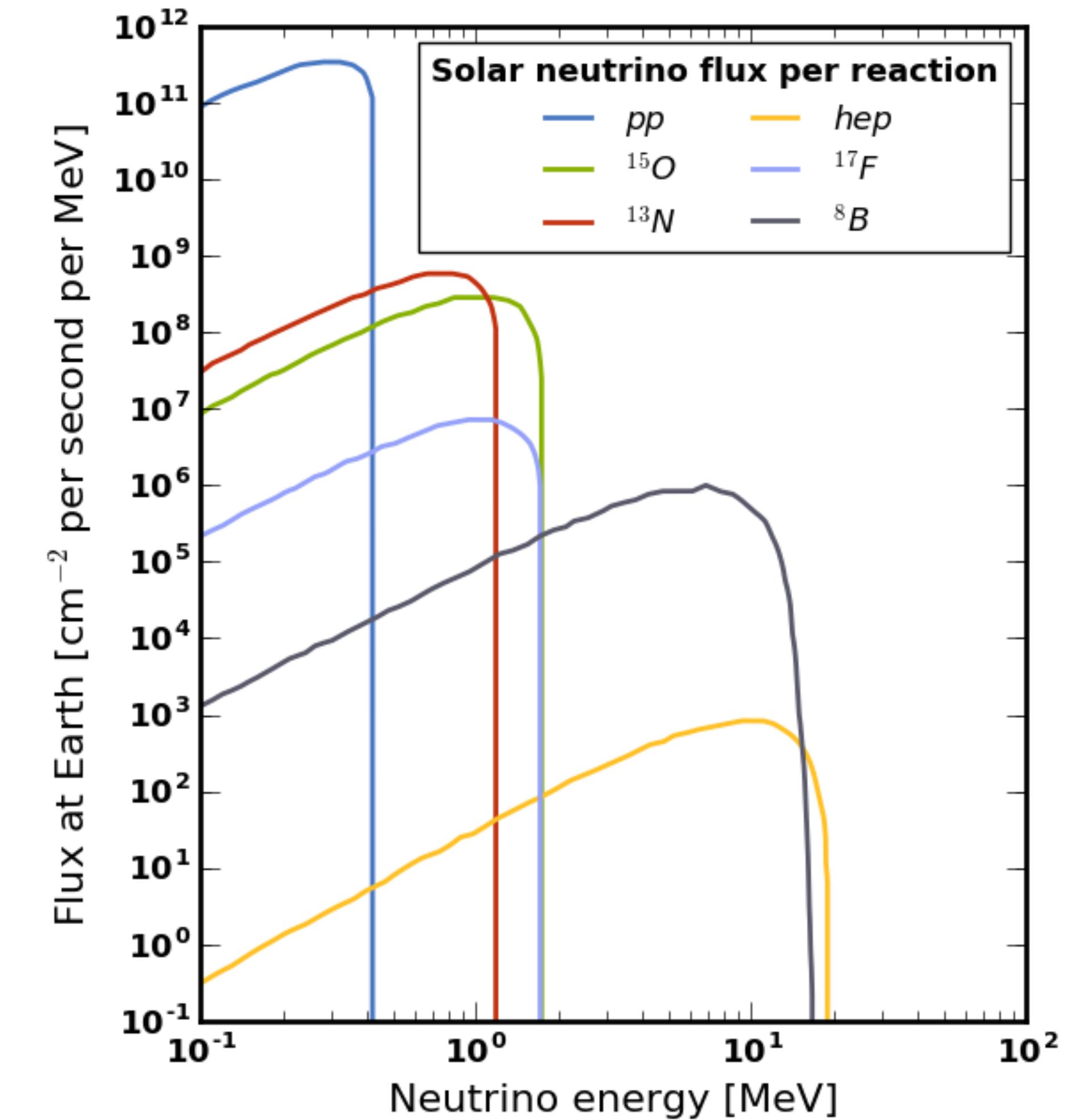
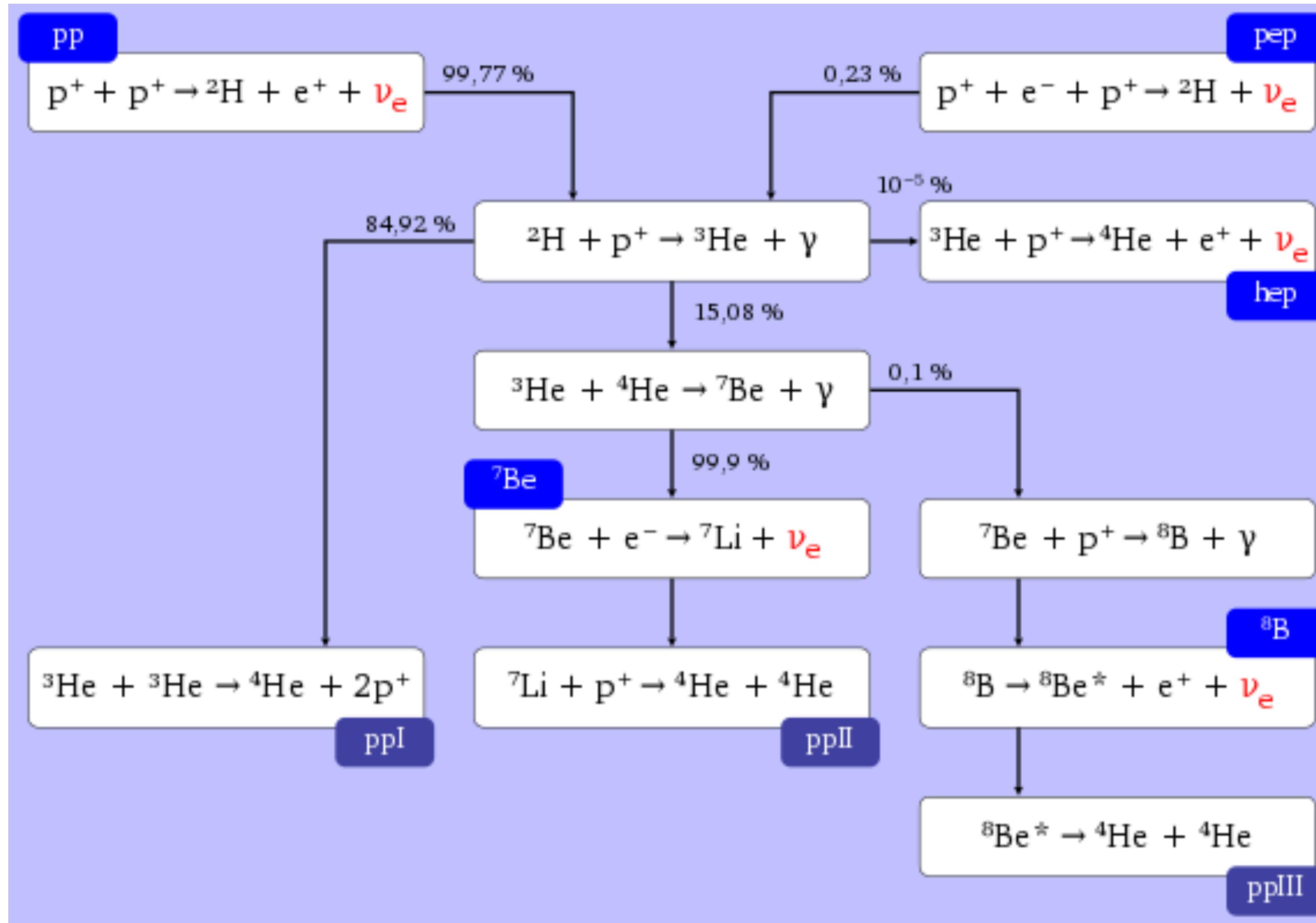
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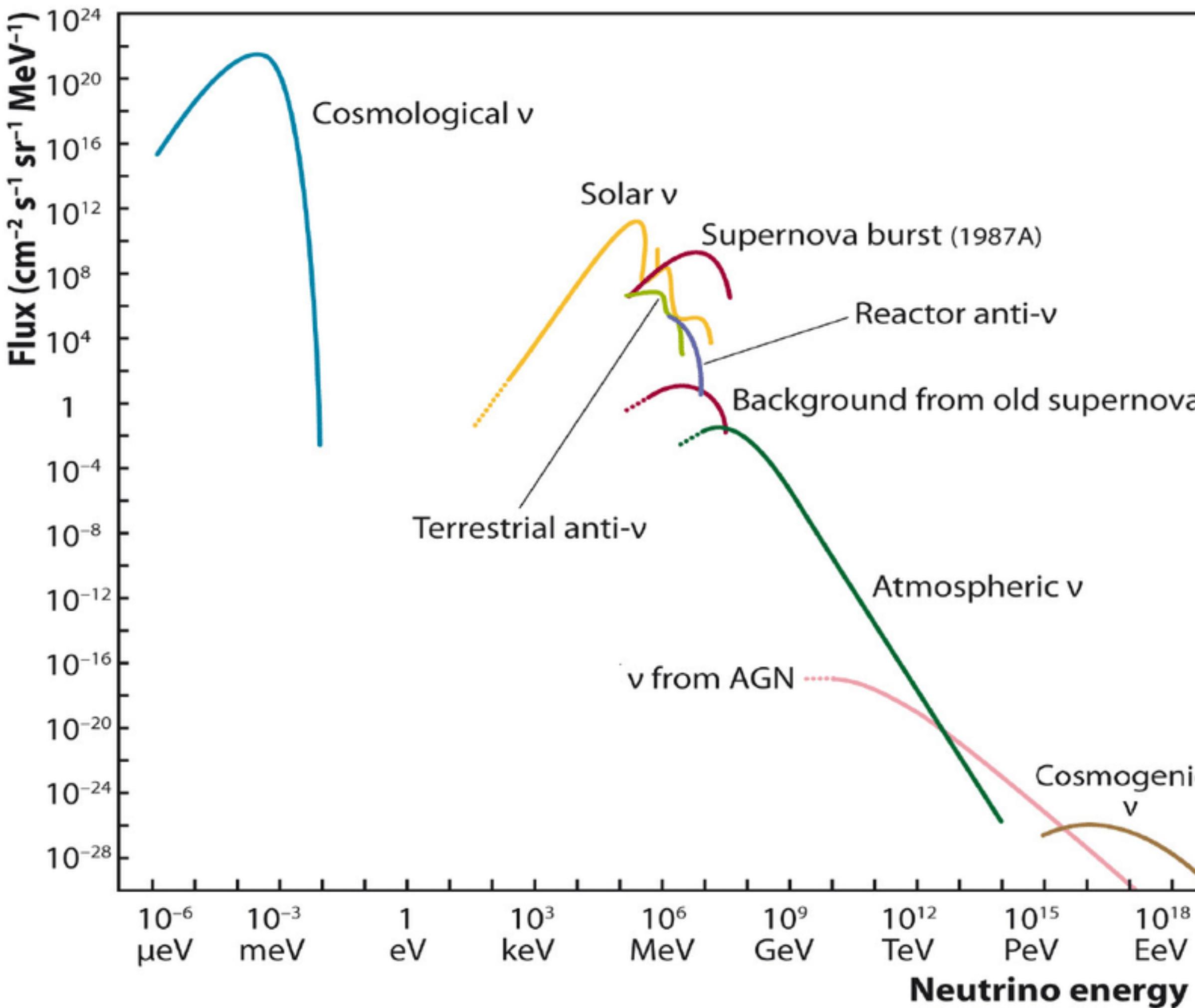
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neutrino process	abbreviation	reaction	fraction (%)
CC quasielastic	CCQE	$\nu_\mu + n \rightarrow \mu^- + p$	39
NC elastic	NCE	$\nu_\mu + p(n) \rightarrow \nu_\mu + p(n)$	16
CC $1\pi^+$ production	CC $1\pi^+$	$\nu_\mu + p(n) \rightarrow \mu^- + \pi^+ + p(n)$	25
CC $1\pi^0$ production	CC $1\pi^0$	$\nu_\mu + n \rightarrow \mu^- + \pi^0 + p$	4
NC $1\pi^\pm$ production	NC $1\pi^\pm$	$\nu_\mu + p(n) \rightarrow \nu_\mu + \pi^+(\pi^-) + n(p)$	4
NC $1\pi^0$ production	NC $1\pi^0$	$\nu_\mu + p(n) \rightarrow \nu_\mu + \pi^0 + p(n)$	8
multi pion production, DIS, etc.	other	$\nu_\mu + p(n) \rightarrow \mu^- + N\pi^\pm + X, \text{etc.}$	4

# Solar fusion and neutrino flux



# Neutrino flux from different sources



**AGN: Active Galactic Nucleus**