

Towards the determination of excited nucleon matrix elements with lattice QCD

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Introduction and Motivation



Nobel Prize

(ν_e) neutrino flux originated from the sun (pp-chain) and flux detected on earth are in discrepancy.

Prediction of an undetected particle ($\bar{\nu}_e$) in β -decay

Discovery of ν_e^*

Prediction of neutrino oscillations

Discovery of ν_μ^*

solar neutrino puzzle^{*}

“Discovery” of ν_τ

Clear observation of neutrino oscillations^{*}

1930

1956

1957

1962

1960'

2000

2015



W. Pauli



F. Reines and C. Cowan^{*}



B. Pontecorvo
(Z. Maki, M. Nakagawa, S. Sakata)



L. Lederman^{*}



Homestake Experiment^{*}

DONUT Experiment

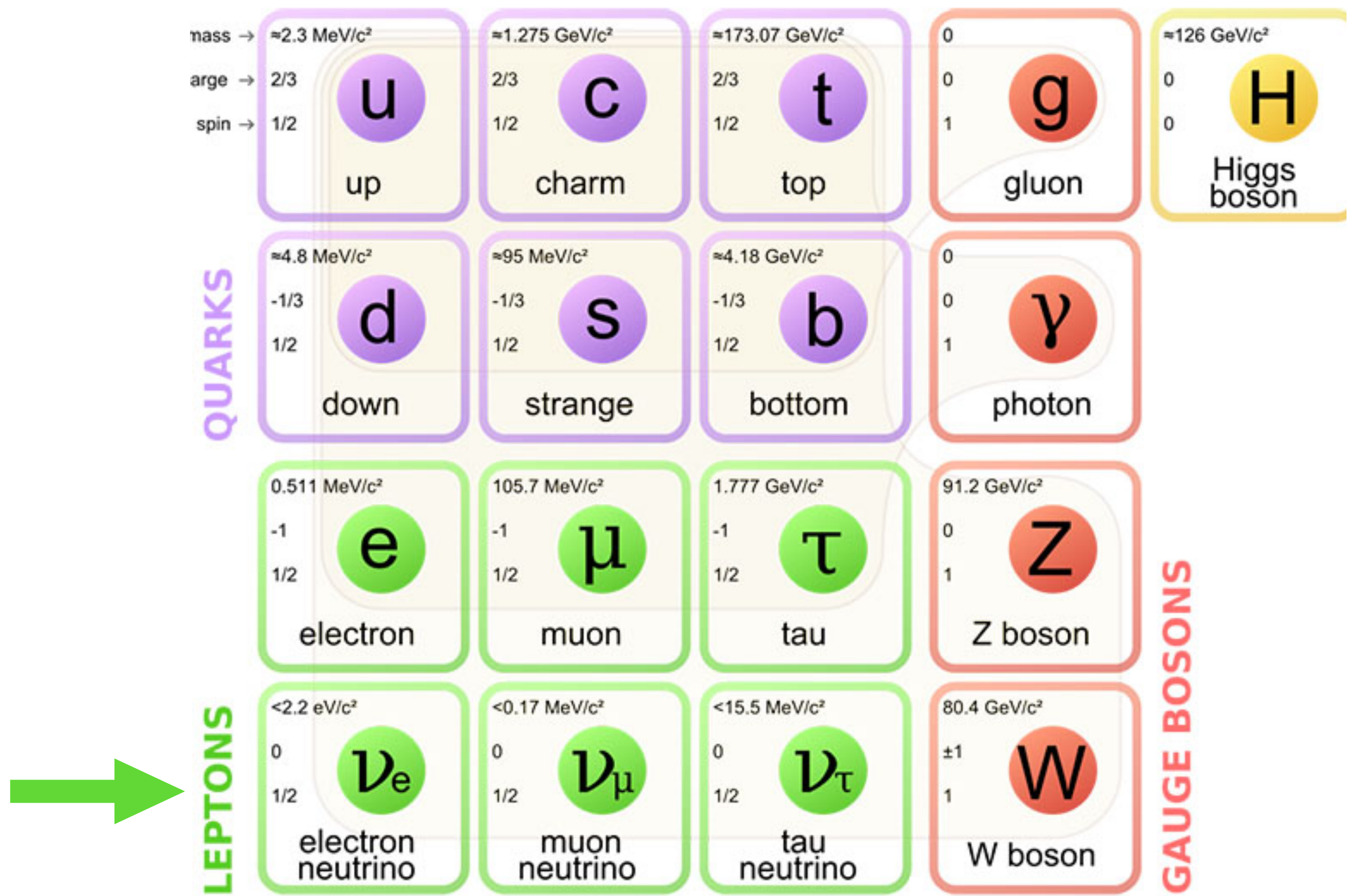


A. McDonald^{*}
SNO Experiment



T. Kajita^{*}
Super-Kamiokande

Introduction and Motivation



Neutrino oscillations (in vacuum)

$$|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum_i U_{\alpha i}^* |\nu_i\rangle$$

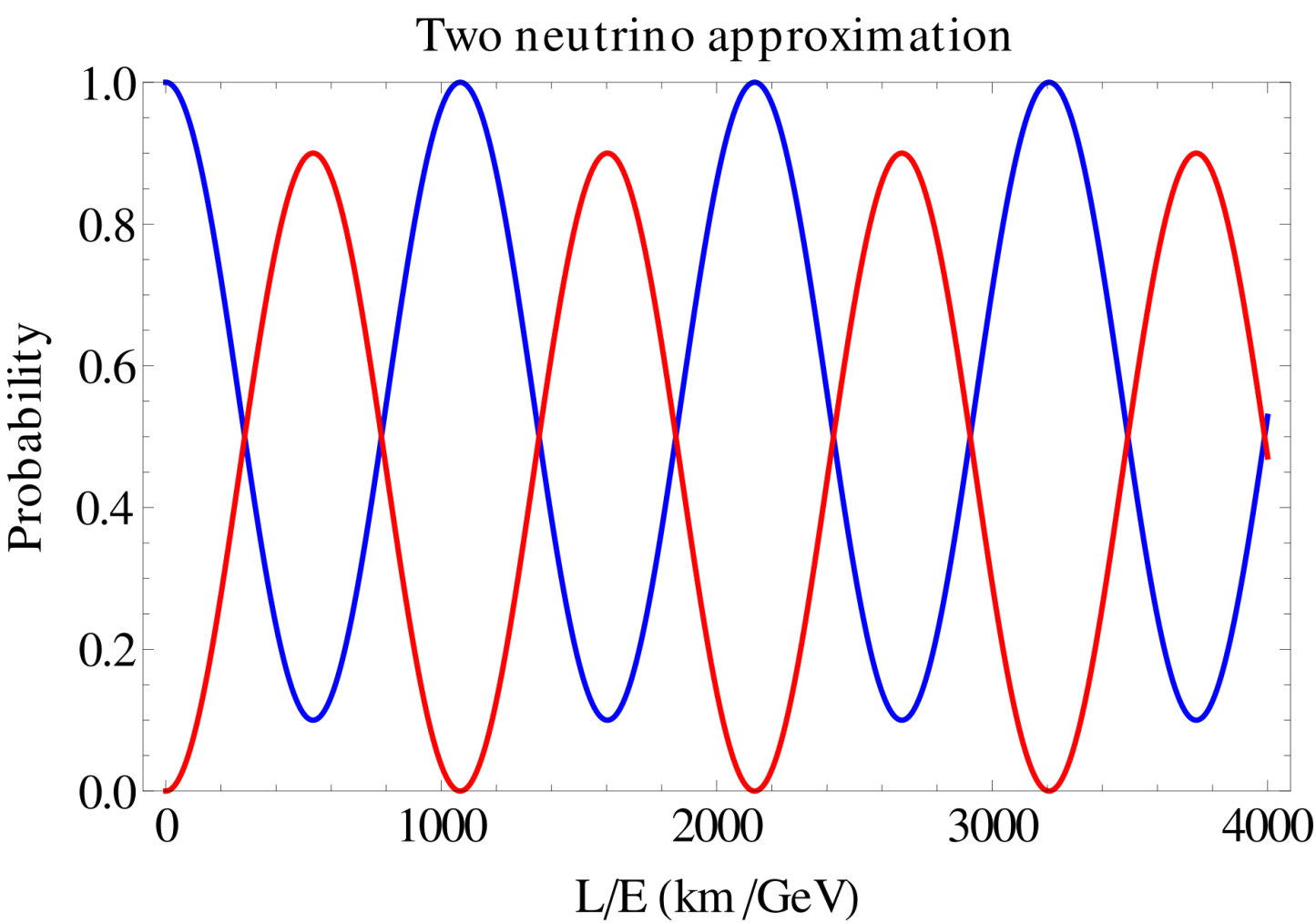
$$|\nu_i(t)\rangle = e^{-i(E_i t - \mathbf{p}_i \cdot \mathbf{x})} |\nu_i\rangle$$



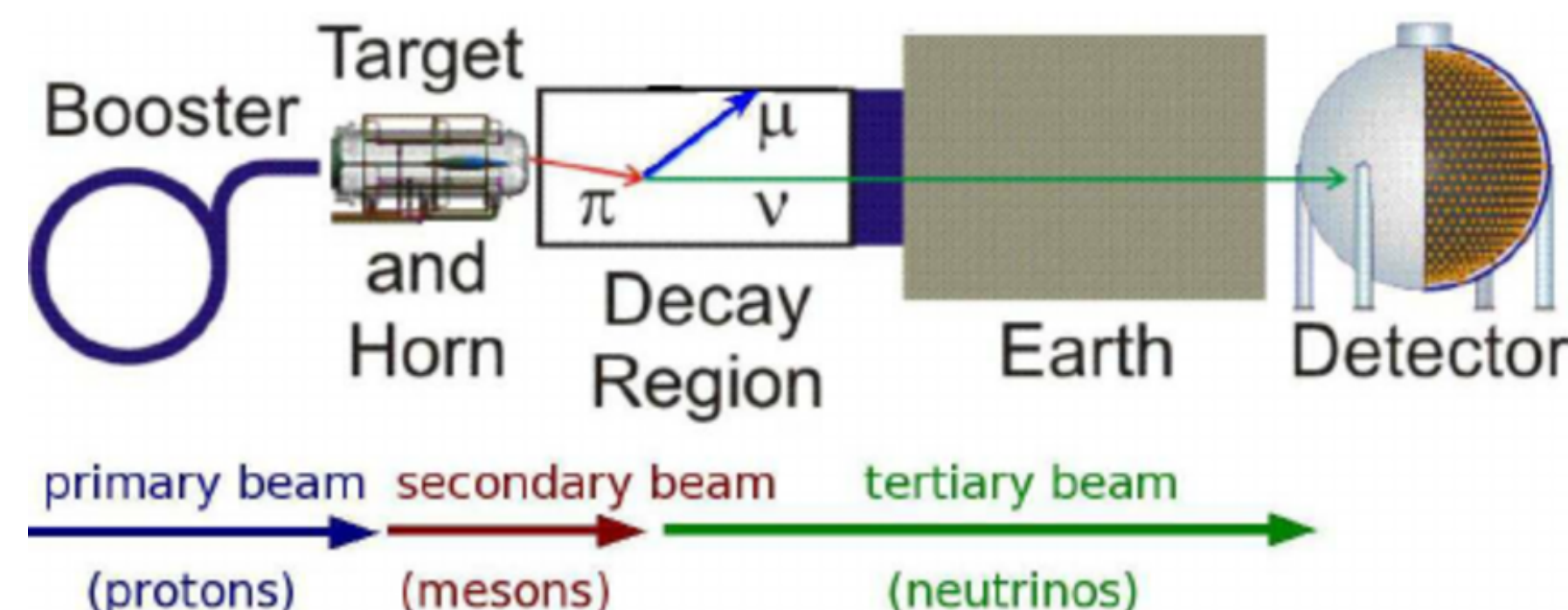
2-flavour case

Neutrinos cannot be **massless**!

$$P_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta} = |\langle \nu_\beta(L) | \nu_\alpha(0) \rangle|^2 = \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E} \right)$$



Need for excited nucleon structure (in neutrino oscillation)



e.g. MiniBooNE

ν_μ flux is artificially produced and then detected after a travel length L

$$\nu_\mu n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{J}^-} \mu^- p \quad \frac{d\sigma^{(\nu p)}}{dQ^2} \propto |\langle N | \mathcal{J}^- | N \rangle|^2 \quad \mathcal{J}^- \text{ is the weak CC}$$

neutrino process	abbreviation	reaction	fraction (%)
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multi pion production, DIS, etc.	other	$\nu_\mu + p(n) \rightarrow \mu^- + N\pi^\pm + X, \text{ etc.}$	4

Main challenges

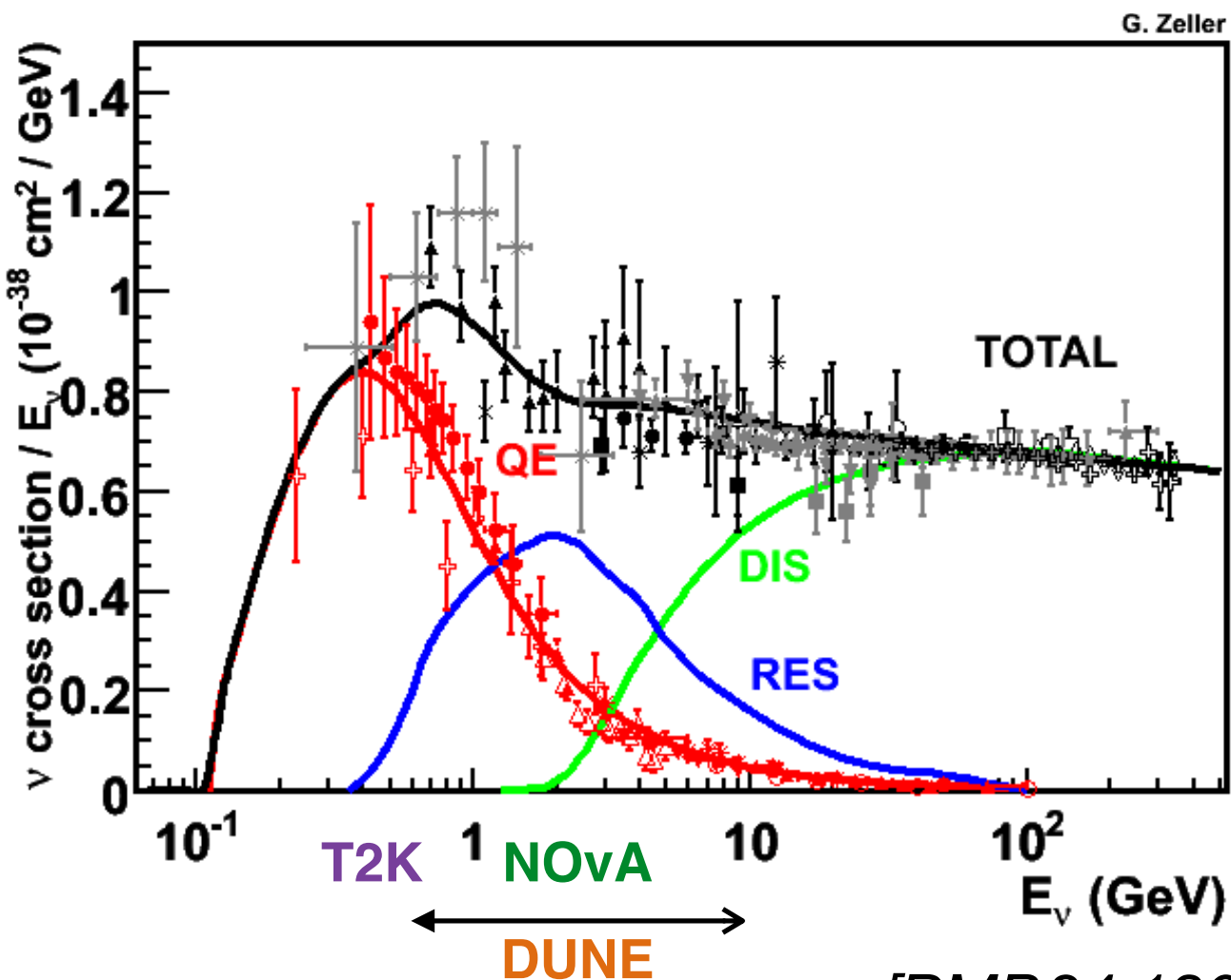
- Nuclear model to factorise neutrino-nuclei scattering into neutrino-nucleon scattering (known from EW theory);
- Q^2 in a range where **excited nucleons** are produced!

[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

[PRD.81.092005]



[RMP.84.1307]

Accessing hadron structure through lattice QCD

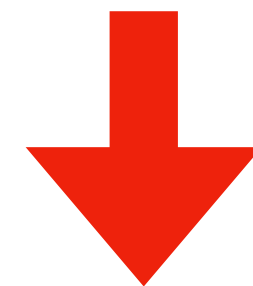
1) Construct operator O_1 with $\mathcal{J}^P = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^+$ s.t. $\bar{O}_1 |\Omega\rangle = c^N |N\rangle + c^{N^*} |N^*\rangle + c^{N\pi} |N\pi\rangle + \dots$

2) Compute three-point functions (momentum $\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{p}' - \mathbf{p}$) and employ spectral decomposition

$(n, n' = N, N^*, N\pi, \dots)$

$$\langle O_1(\mathbf{p}', t) \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{q}, \tau) \bar{O}_1(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle = \sum_{n', n} \frac{e^{-E'_n(t-\tau)} e^{-E_n \tau}}{2E_n 2E_{n'}} \langle \Omega | O_1(\mathbf{p}') | n' \rangle \langle n' | \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{q}) | n \rangle \langle n | \bar{O}_1(\mathbf{p}) | \Omega \rangle$$

3) Extract $\langle N(\mathbf{p}') | \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{q}) | N(\mathbf{p}) \rangle$ at $t \gg \tau \gg 0$, where $\langle O_1(\mathbf{p}', t) \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{q}, \tau) \bar{O}_1(\mathbf{p}, 0) \rangle \propto \frac{e^{-E'_N(t-\tau)} e^{-E_N \tau}}{2E_N 2E_{N'}} \langle N(\mathbf{p}') | \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{q}) | N(\mathbf{p}) \rangle$



Problem

large t, τ data is noisy w/ current statistics.

We use small t, τ data



Consequences

Contamination from excited nucleons (N^*, \dots)

and multiparticle states ($N\pi, \dots$)

Improvement through the construction of better operators

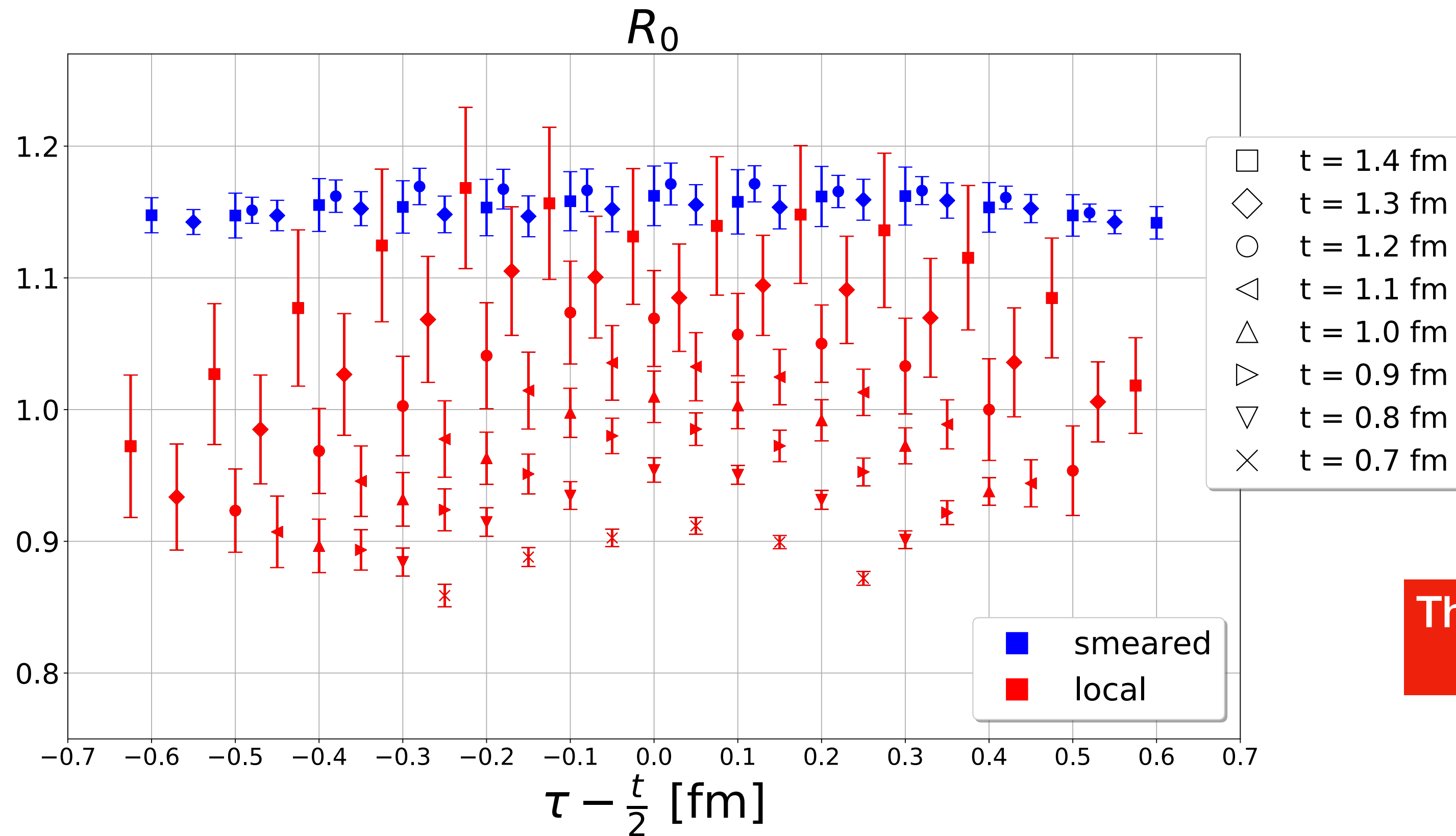
O_1 can be iteratively improved with smearing techniques (a technical and effective tool)

$$\langle N(\mathbf{0}) | \mathcal{A}_i(\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}) | N(\mathbf{0}) \rangle = g_A$$

Axial charge g_A

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

$$\mathcal{A}_i = \bar{q} \gamma_i \gamma_5 q \quad \mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0}$$



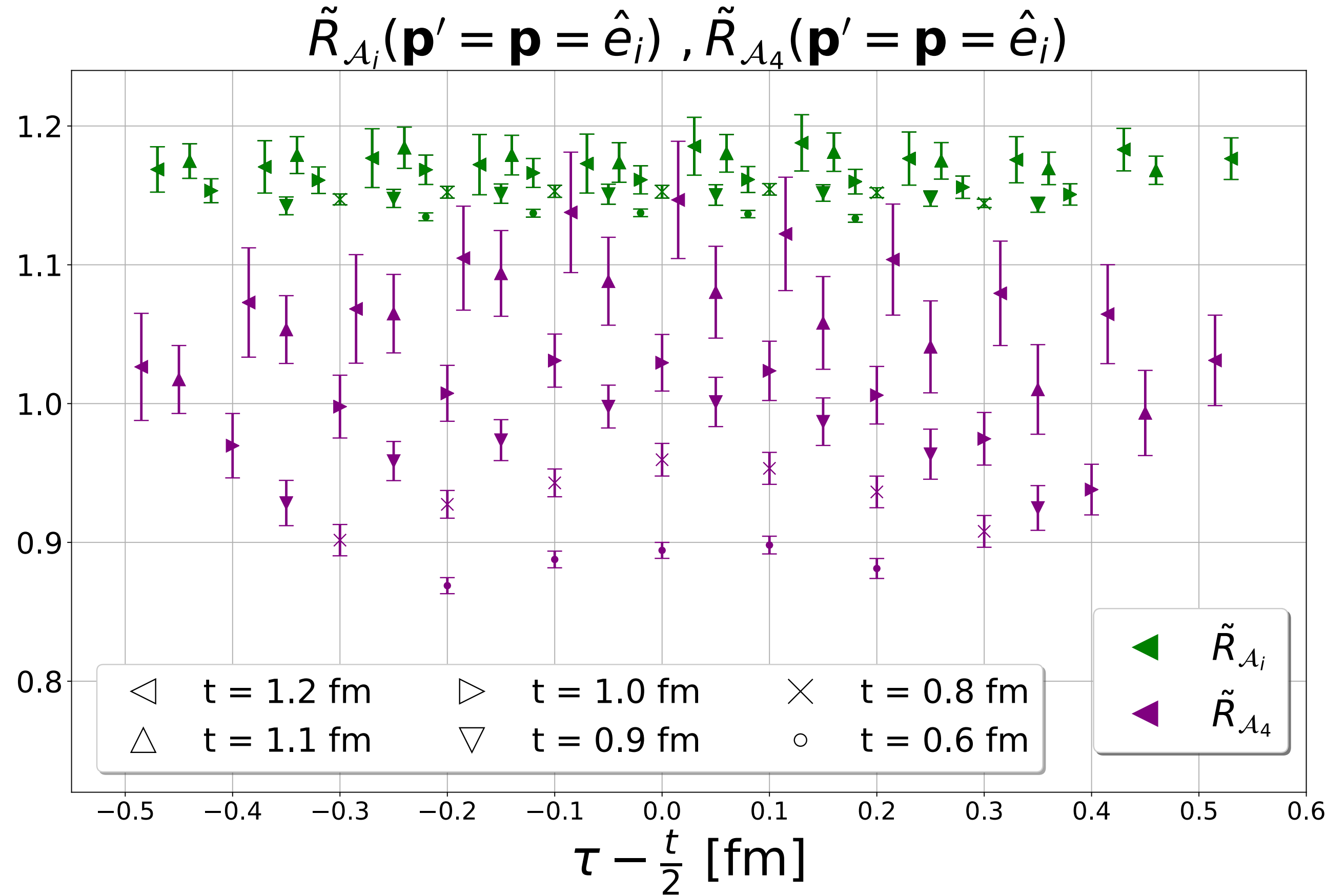
There is a clear sign of excited state contamination with local nucleon operators

The effect of the smearing is evident

$$g_A = 1.16 \pm 0.07 \quad \text{at} \quad m_\pi \approx 426 \text{ MeV}, a \approx 0.098 \text{ fm}, L = 24a, T = 2L$$

The axial charge g_A from $\langle N(\mathbf{p}) | \mathcal{A}_i(\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}) | N(\mathbf{p}) \rangle$ and $\langle N(\mathbf{p}) | \mathcal{A}_4(\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}) | N(\mathbf{p}) \rangle$

g_A can be extracted from $\mathcal{A}_i = \bar{q}\gamma_i\gamma_5q$ and $\mathcal{A}_4 = \bar{q}\gamma_4\gamma_5q$ with $\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{p} = \hat{e}_i = \frac{2\pi}{L}\hat{n}_i$



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Results with $\mathcal{J} = \mathcal{A}_i$ are consistent with rest frame

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

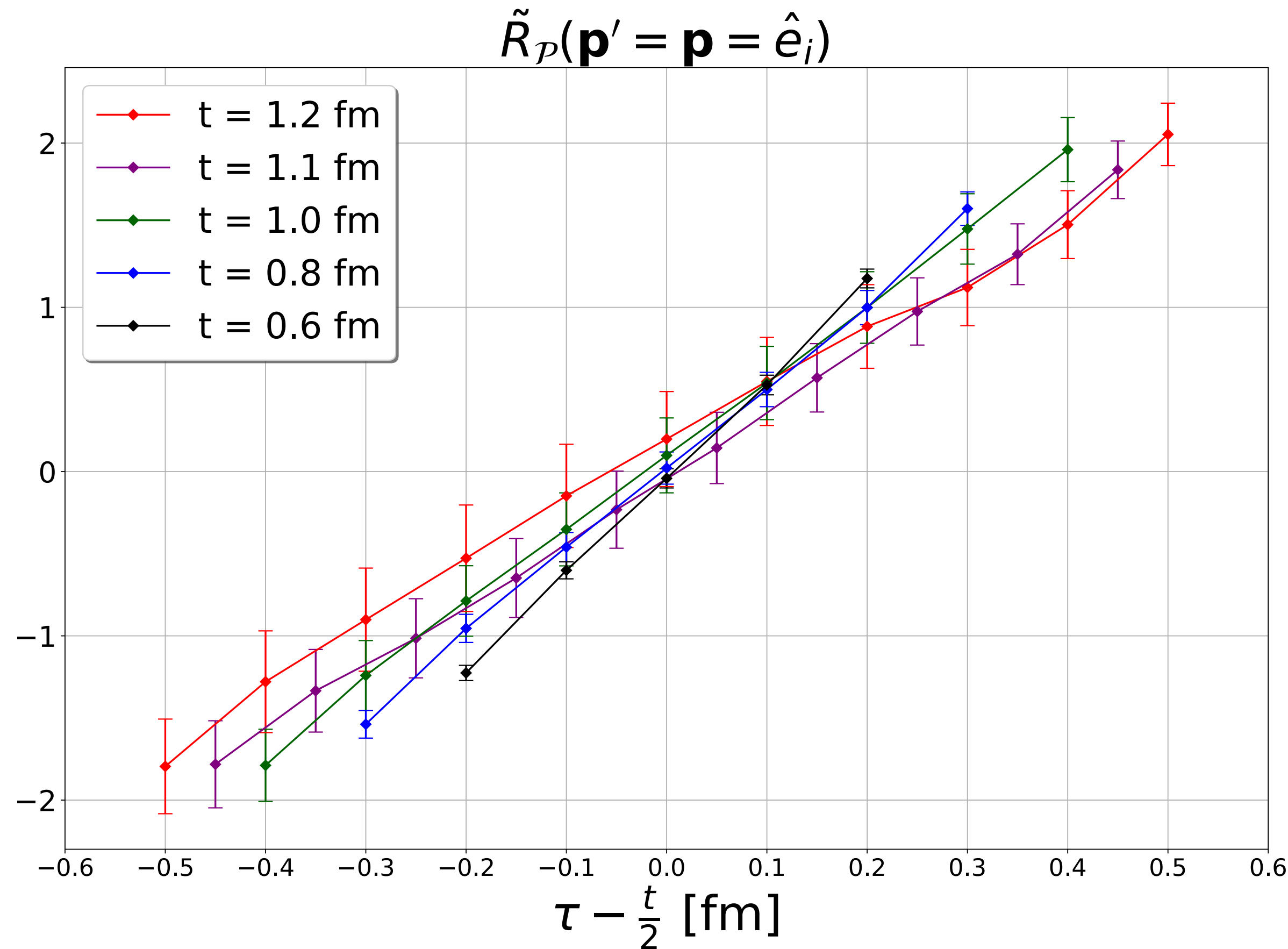
Observed also by χ PT collaboration [arXiv:1612.04388]

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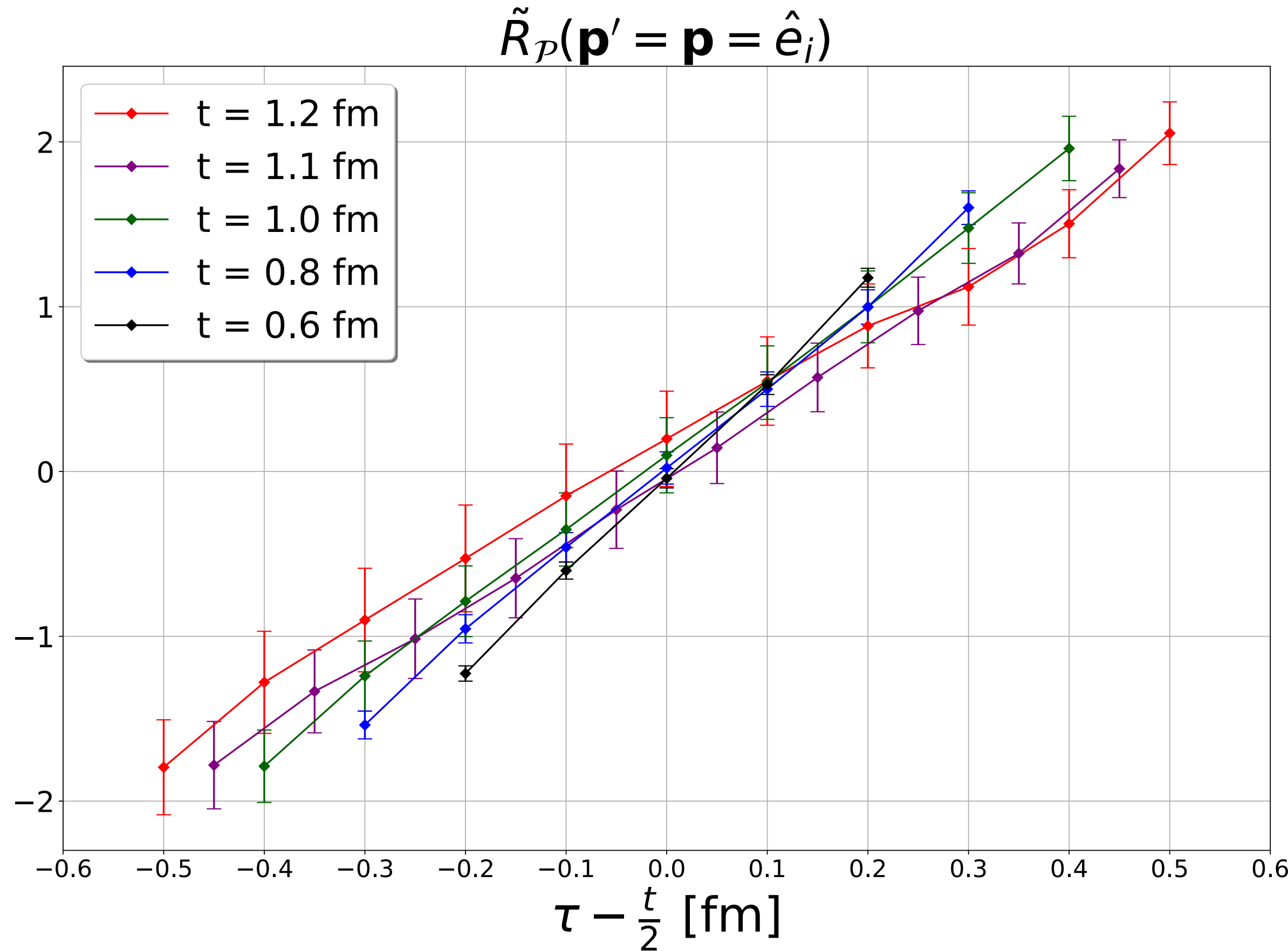
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ChPT predicts that terms $\propto \langle N\pi | \mathcal{P} | N \rangle$ and $\langle N | \mathcal{P} | N\pi \rangle$ are large.

[PRD.100.054507] [PRD.99.054506]

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

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

[JHEP05(2020)126]

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

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More general approach: Variational Method

Variational method

Construct a basis $\mathbb{B}_n = \{O_1, O_2, \dots, O_n\}$ of operators with same quantum numbers $J^P = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^+$

Construct a matrix $C(t)_{ij} = \langle O_i(t) \bar{O}_j(0) \rangle$ where $O_k \in \mathbb{B}_n$

$$O_1 \propto (qqq)$$

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

Suppose we find $n = 2$ operators that overlap with the physical states $|N\rangle$ and $|N\pi\rangle$:

$$\bar{O}_1 |\Omega\rangle = c_1^N |N\rangle + c_1^{N\pi} |N\pi\rangle$$

$$\bar{O}_2 |\Omega\rangle = c_2^N |N\rangle + c_2^{N\pi} |N\pi\rangle$$

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

$$\text{solve } C(t)v^\alpha(t, t_0) = C(t_0) \lambda^\alpha(t, t_0)v^\alpha(t, t_0)$$

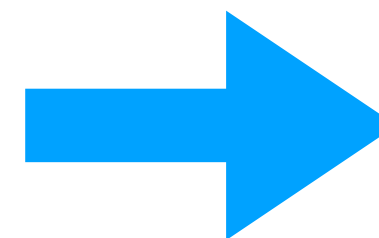
GEVP

$v^\alpha(t_0), \lambda^\alpha(t_0)$ are Generalised Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

(Amazing)
Properties

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

$$\sum_i v_i^\alpha(t_0) v_j^\beta(t_0) \propto \delta^{\alpha\beta}$$



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

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

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

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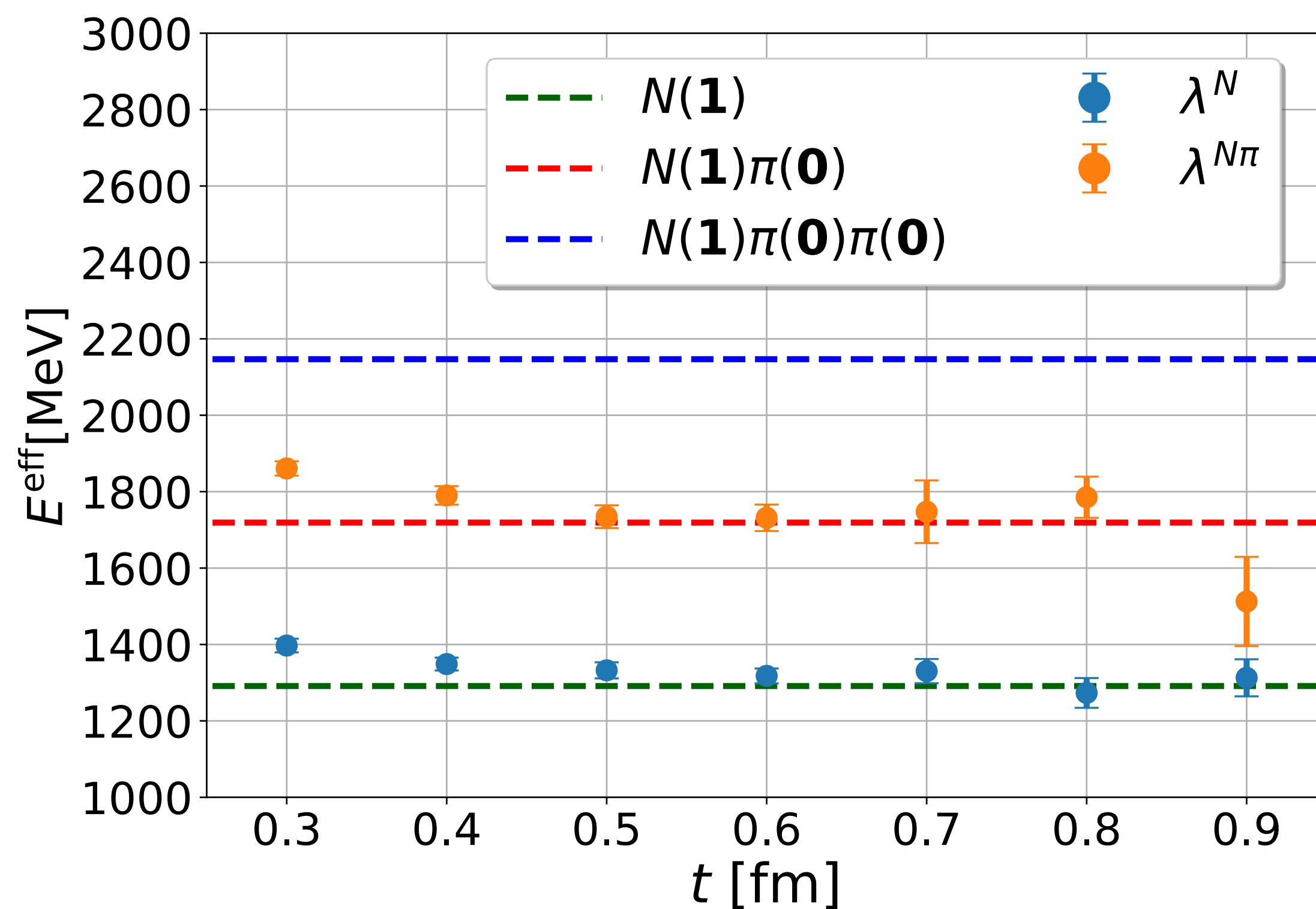
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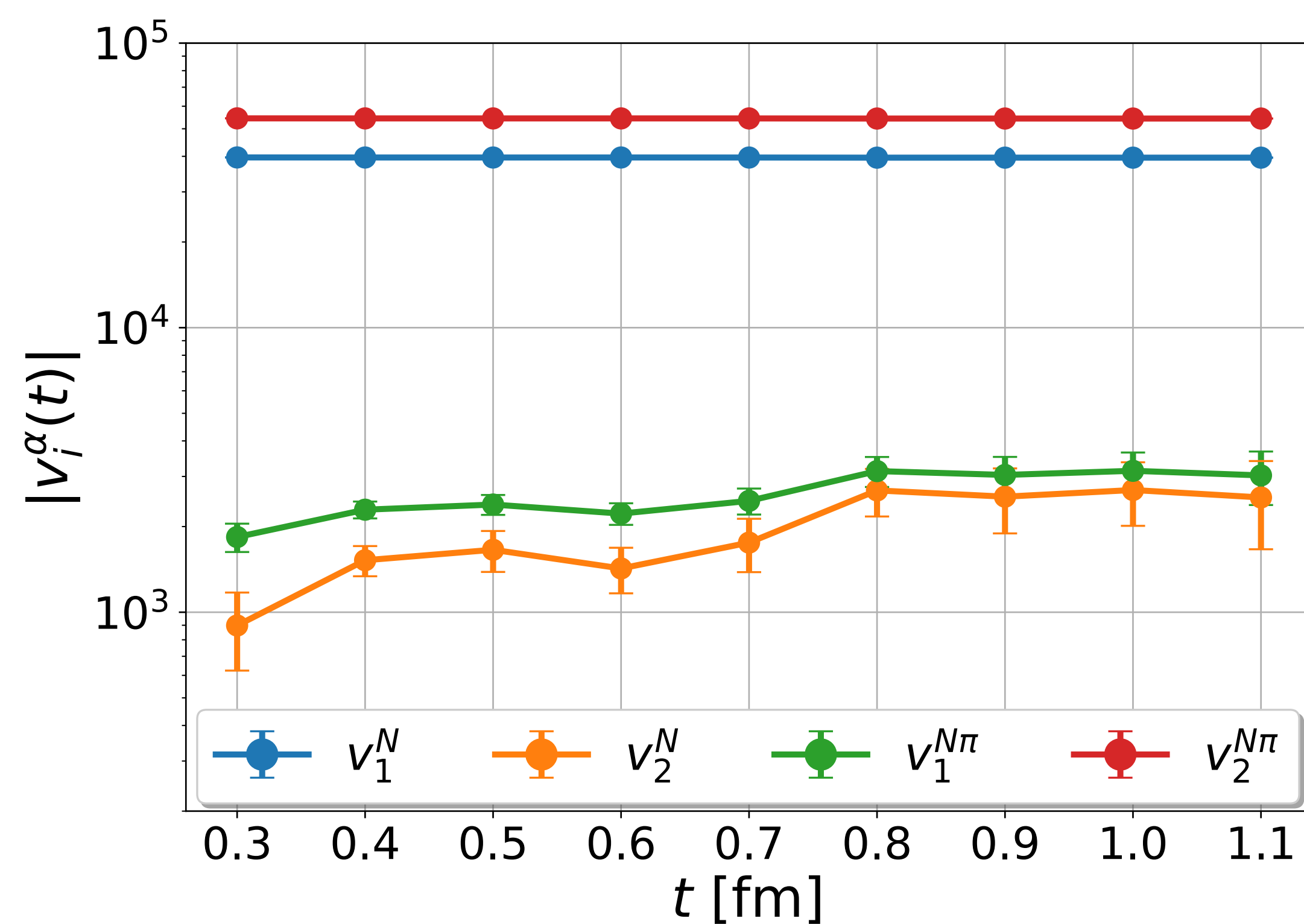
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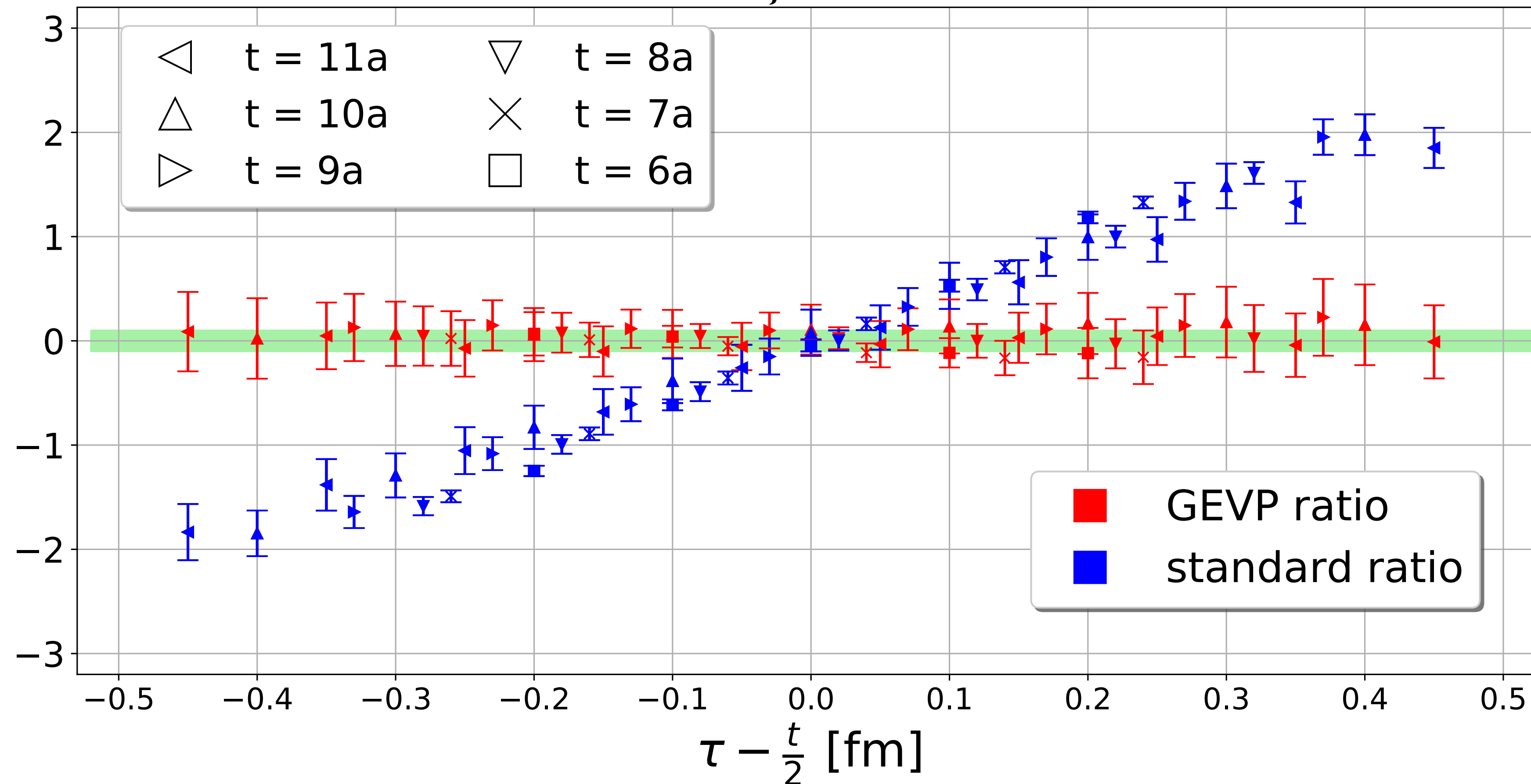
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we replace O_1 with O_N to get the GEVP ratio

$$O_N = \sum_i v_i^N(t_0) O_i$$

$$\tilde{R}_{\mathcal{P}} = 0$$

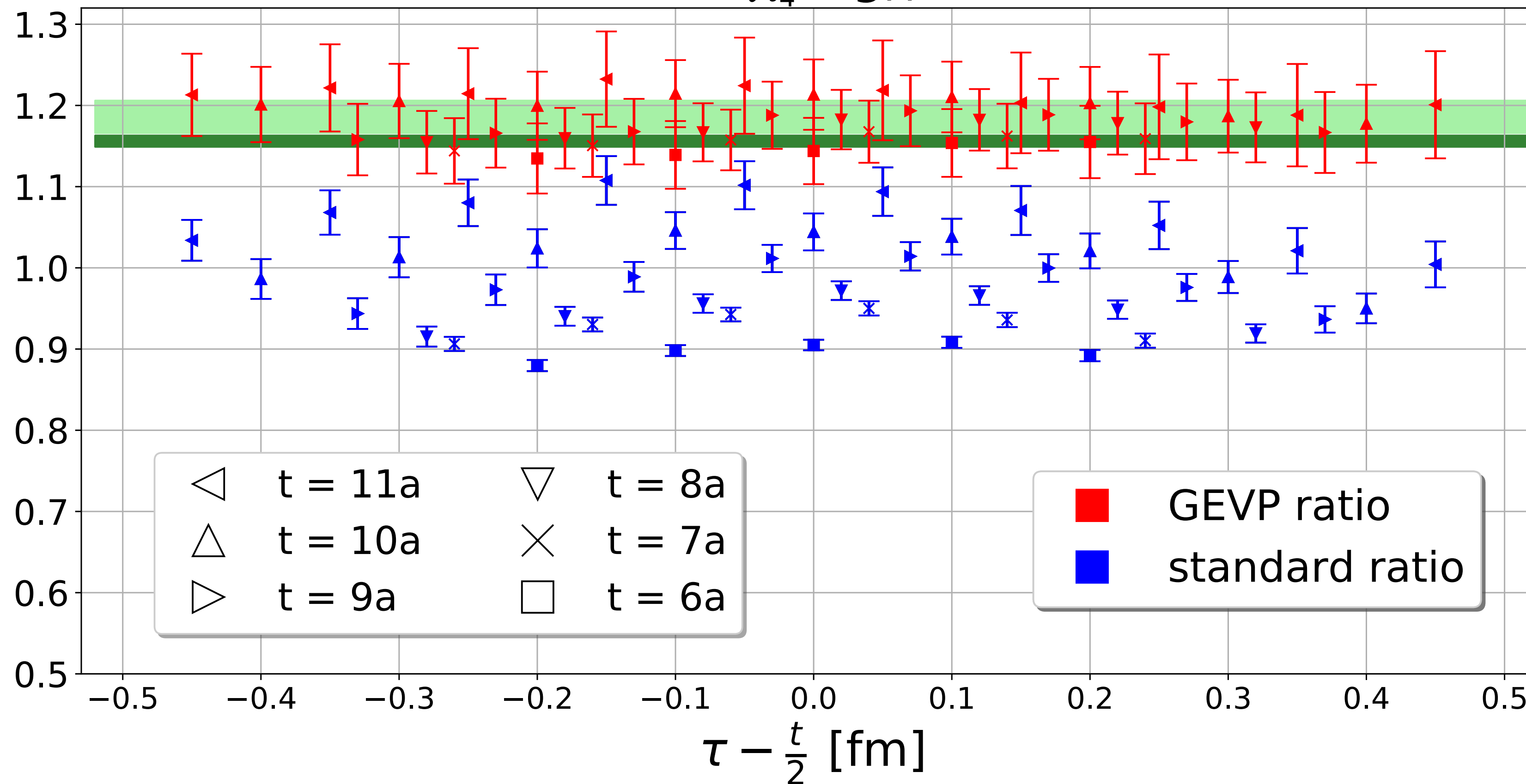


GEVP ratio in the axial temporal channel ($\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$)

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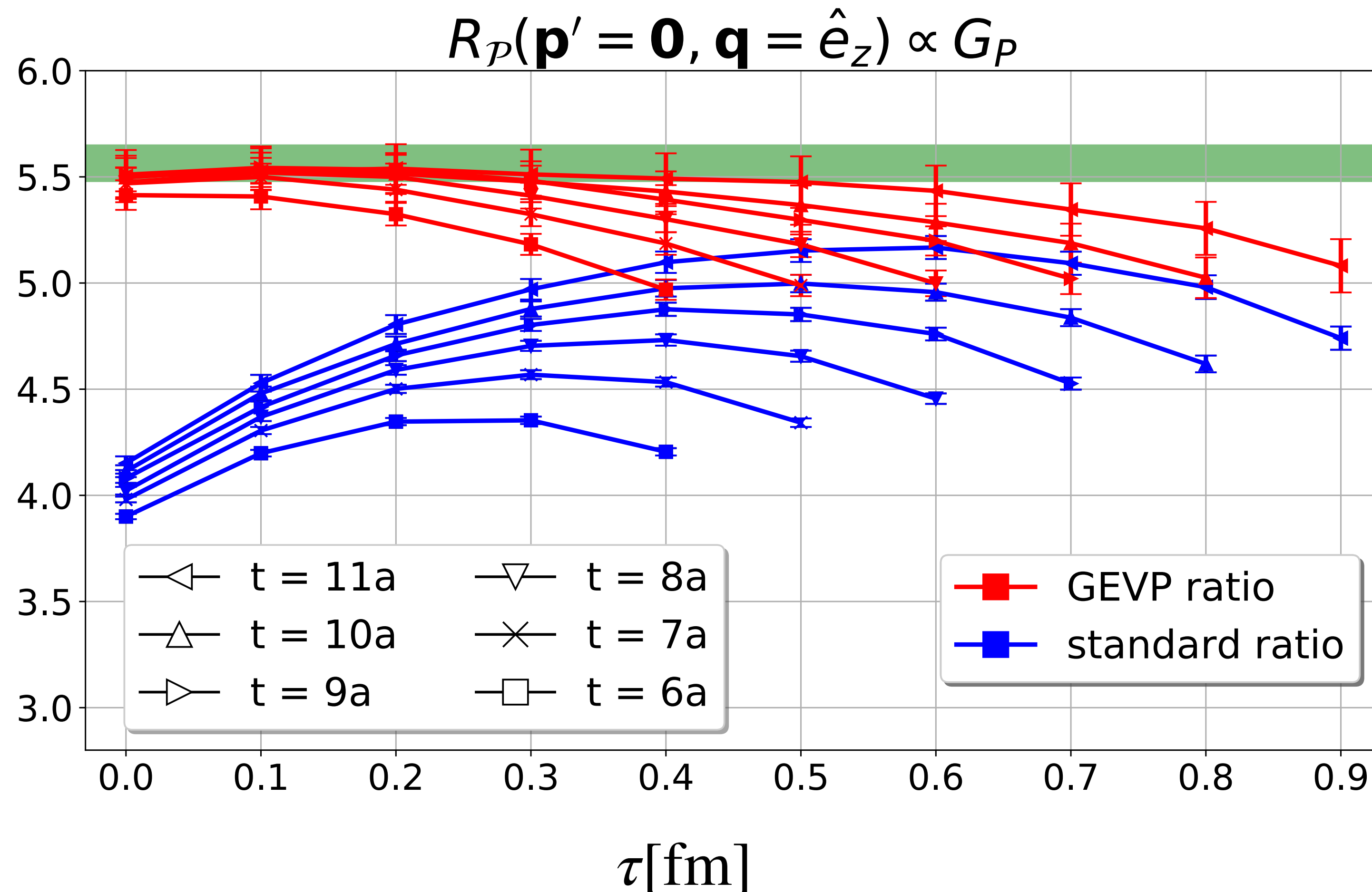
$$\tilde{R}_{\mathcal{A}_4} \propto g_A$$



GEVP ratio at $Q^2 = 0.297 \text{ GeV}^2$ in the pseudoscalar channel

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

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



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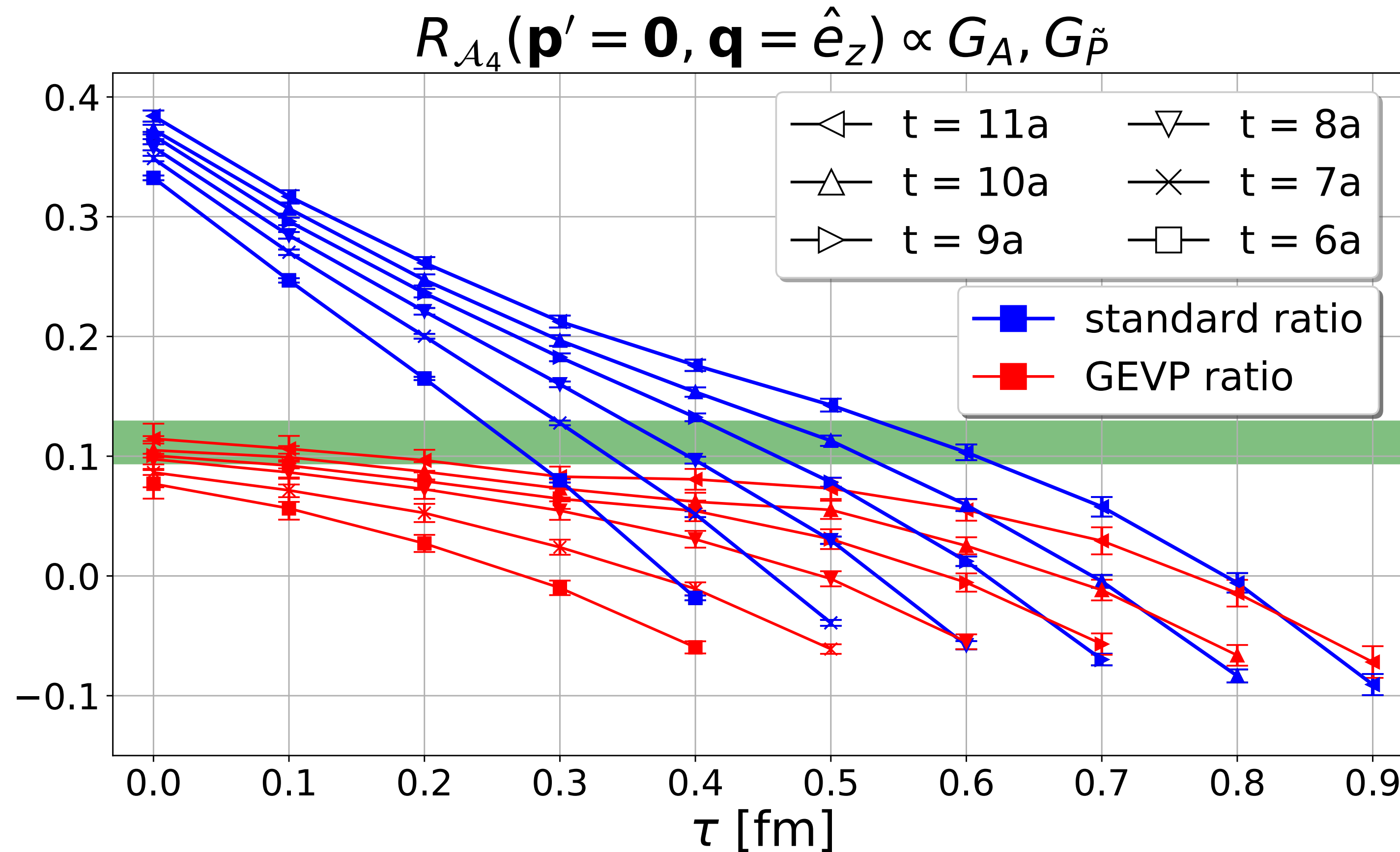
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*[PRD.100.054507, PRD.99.054506]

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The most dramatic channel is with $\mathcal{J} = \mathcal{A}_4$. Excited states at source and sink have different signs



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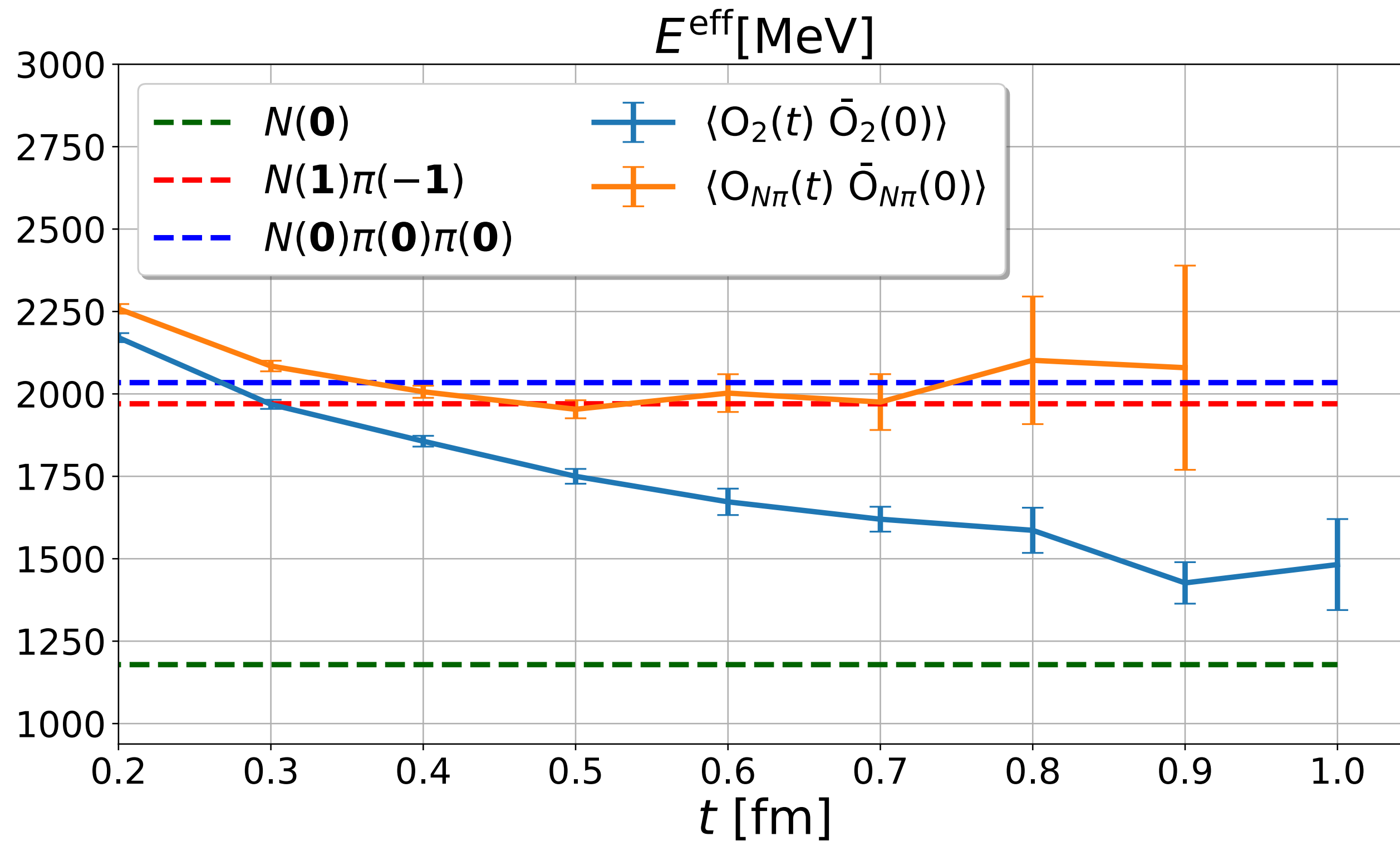
$G_A, G_P, G_{\tilde{P}}$ satisfy PCAC with a simple fit.

$$m_N G_A(Q^2) = m_\ell G_P(Q^2) + \frac{Q^2}{4m_N} G_{\tilde{P}}(Q^2)$$

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: $O_{N\pi} = \sum_i v_i^{N\pi} O_i = v_1^{N\pi} O_N + v_2^{N\pi} O_{N\pi}$  $\langle O_{N\pi}(t) \bar{O}_{N\pi}(0) \rangle \approx c_{N\pi} e^{-E_{N\pi}t}$



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

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

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

Conclusions



Hadron structure

- 📌 Structure of the nucleons and excited nucleons is relevant for neutrino oscillation experiments
- ★ Variational method gives promising results for the nucleon ground state matrix elements
- ★ Studies of $\langle N\pi | \mathcal{J} | N \rangle$ are undergoing *[PRD.92.074509] (M. Hansen & R. Briceño)*
- 📌 Need to clarify the remaining contamination: $N\pi\pi$ in S-wave?
- 📌 First step needed in order to study $\langle N^* | \mathcal{J} | N \rangle$ and $\langle \Delta^+ | \mathcal{J} | N \rangle$

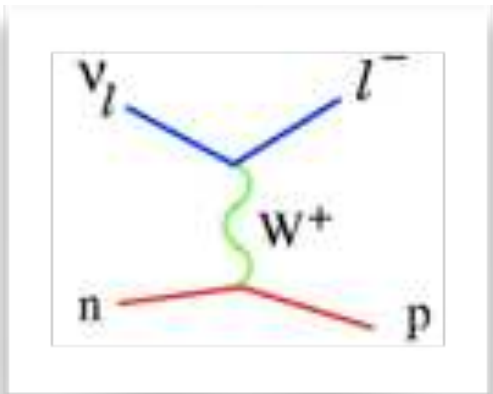
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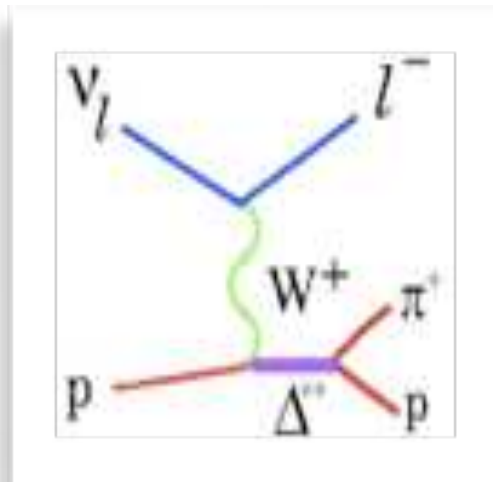
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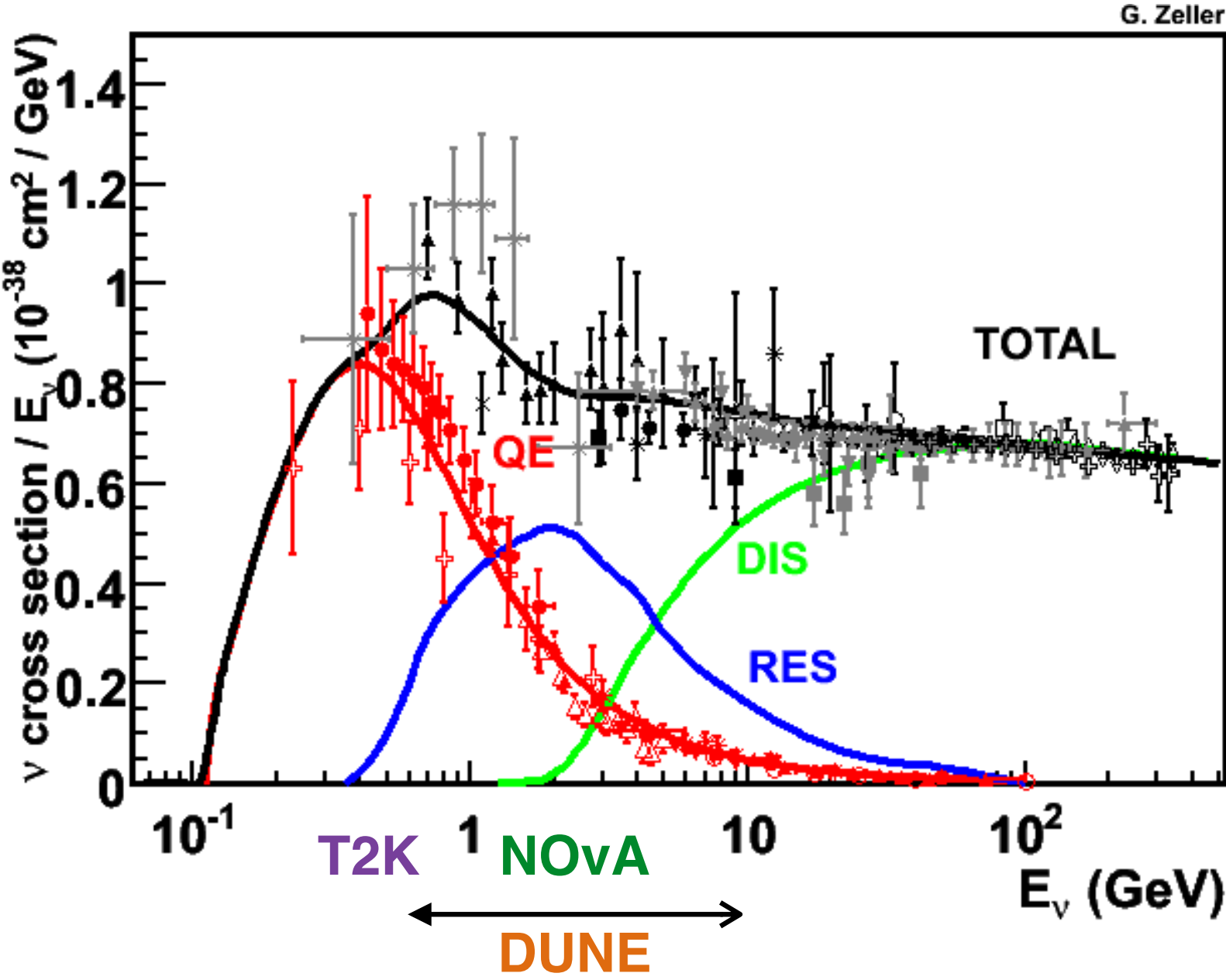
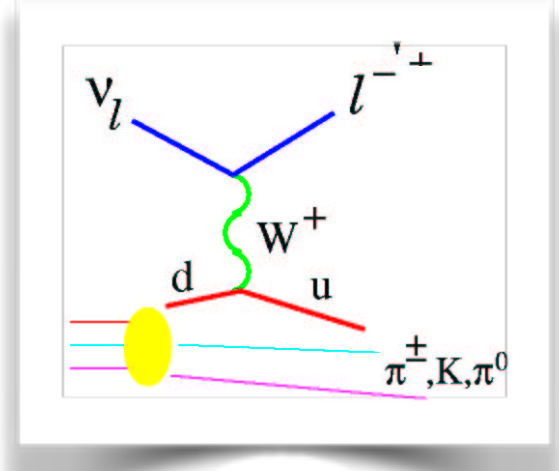
Quasi-elastic scattering (QE)



Resonance production (RES)



Deep Inelastic scattering (DIS)



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

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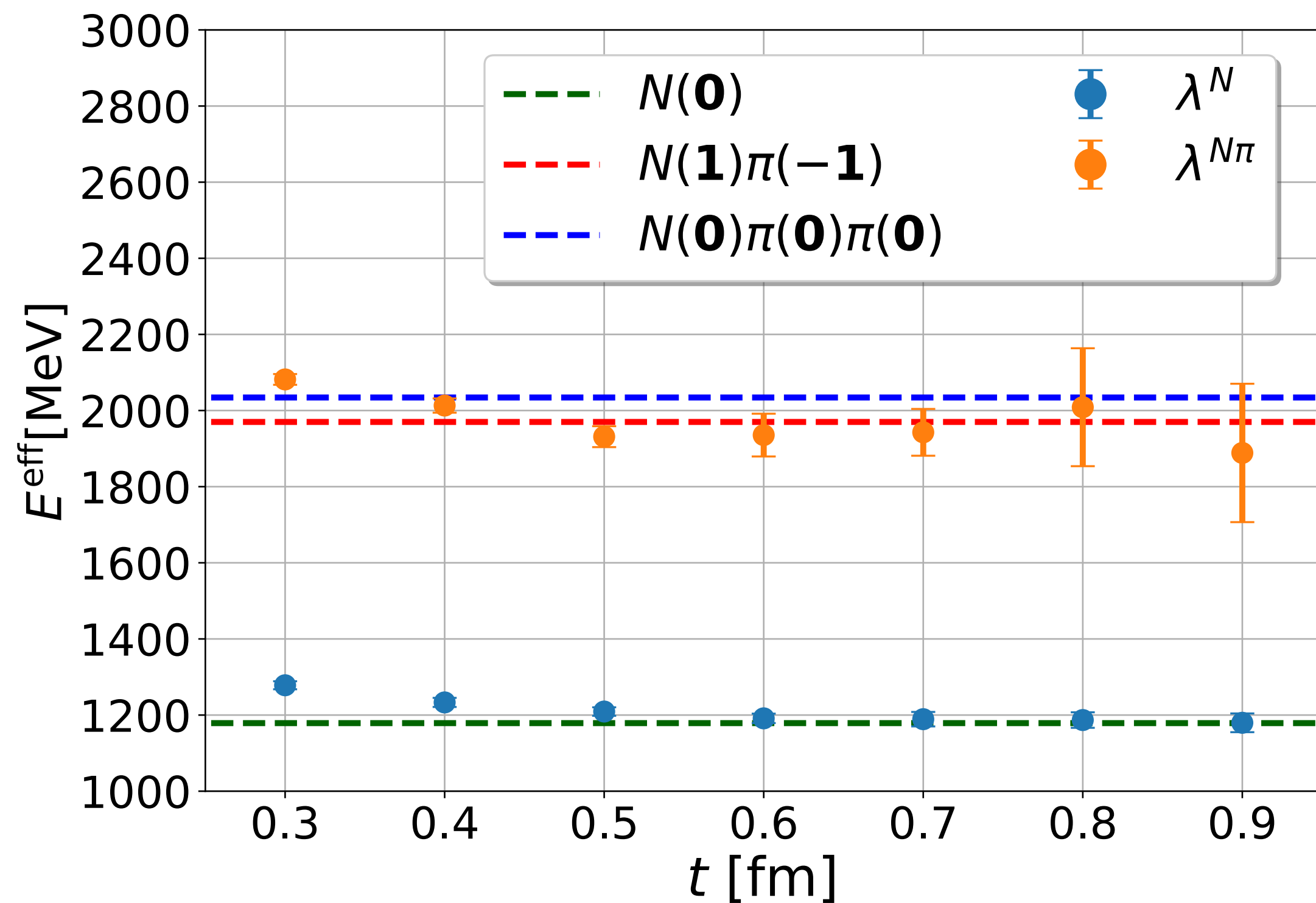
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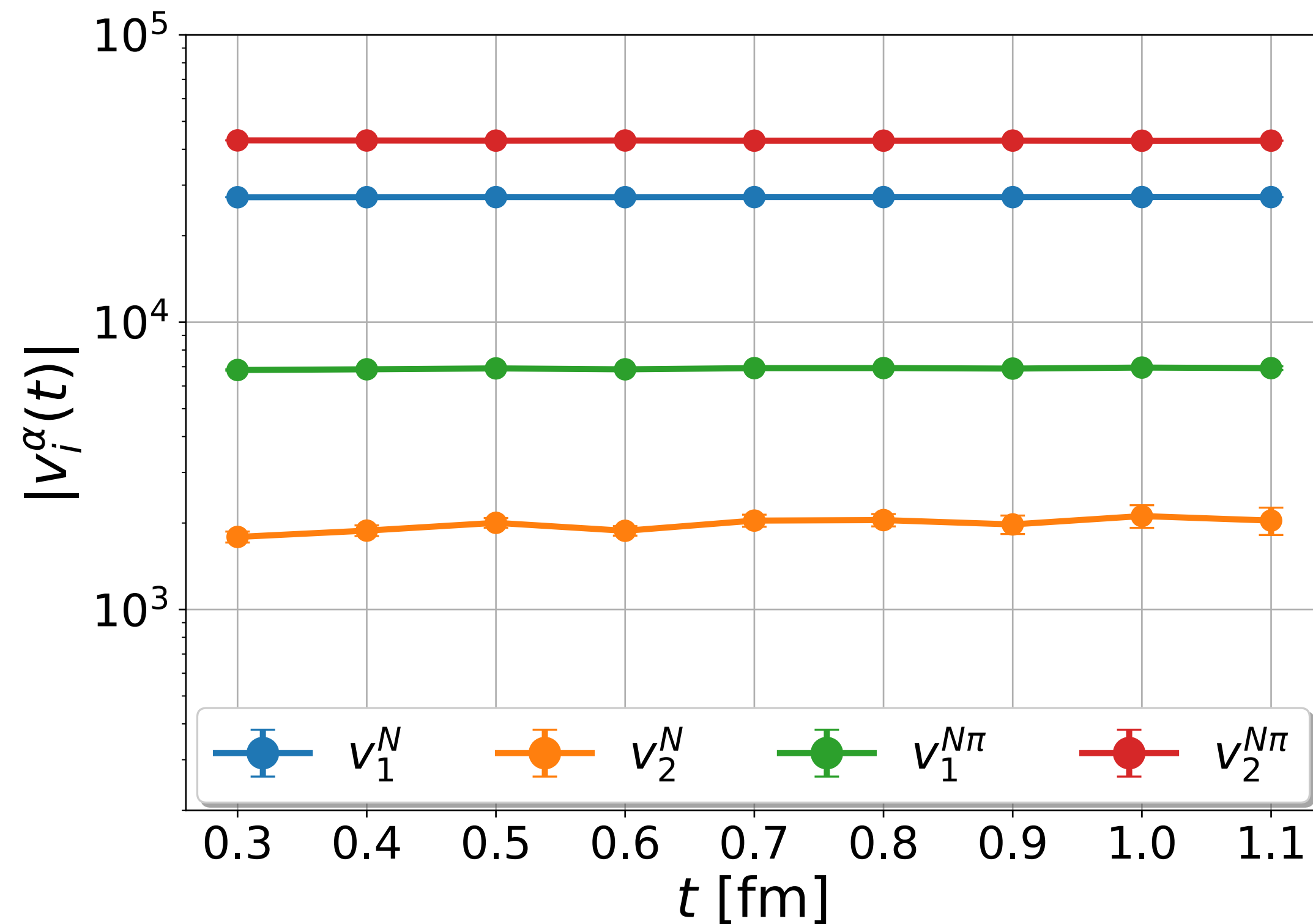
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$$C(t)v^\alpha(t, t_0) = C(t_0) \lambda^\alpha(t, t_0)v^\alpha(t, t_0)$$

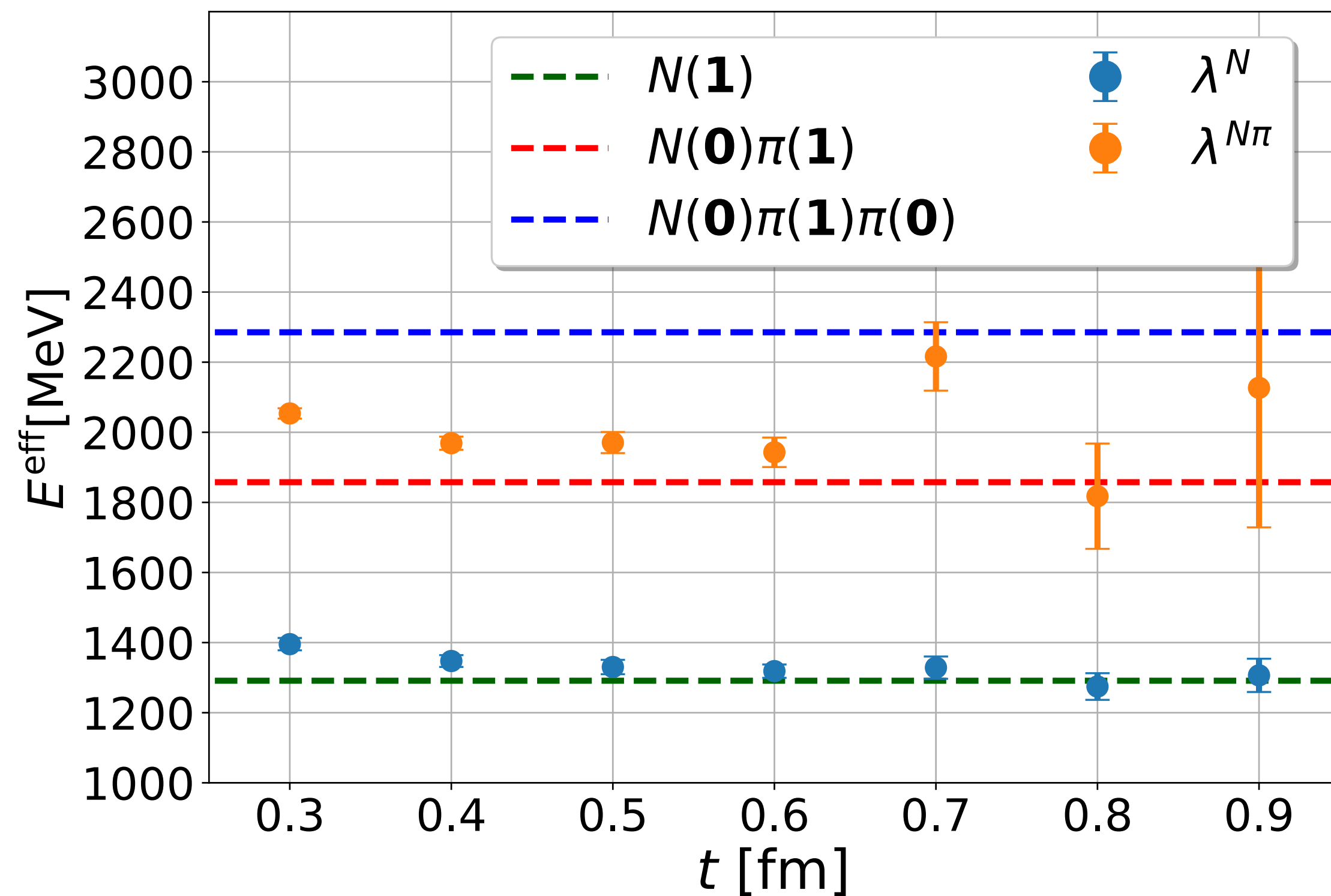
$$\lambda^1 \propto e^{-E_N(t-t_0)} \equiv \lambda^N$$

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

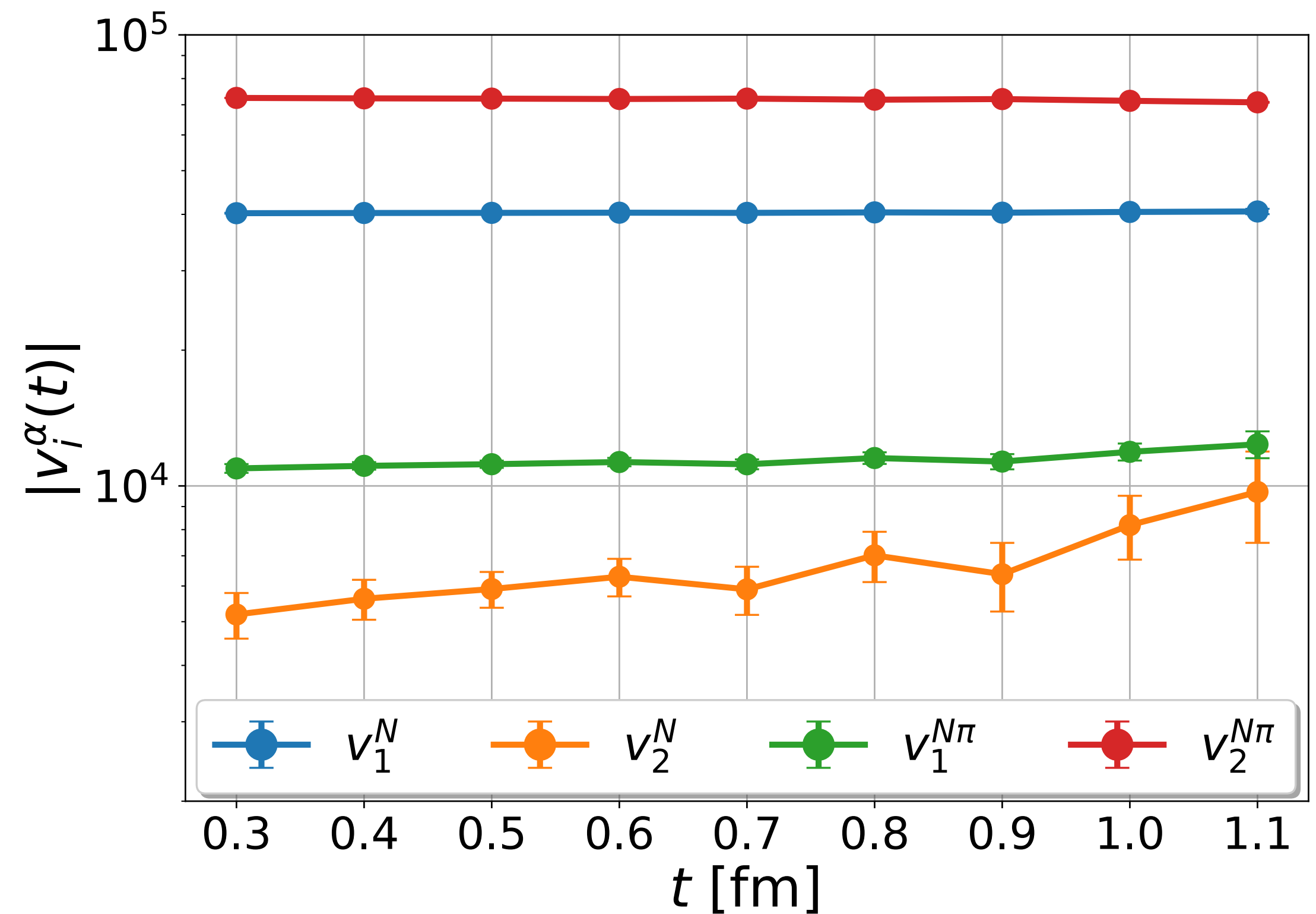
We extract the (effective) energies from the eigenvalues:

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

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



(Dashed lines are non-interacting energy levels)



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

Extraction of form factors

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

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

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

$$\langle N(\mathbf{p}') | \mathcal{J}(\mathbf{q}) | N(\mathbf{p}) \rangle = u_{\mathbf{p}'} \textcolor{red}{FF}[\mathcal{J}] u_{\mathbf{p}}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$O_1(x) = \epsilon^{abc} \left(d_\alpha^a(x) C \gamma_5 u_\beta^b(x) \right) d_\gamma^c(x)$$

$$O_2(x, y) = \left(q(x) q(x) q(x) \right) \left(\bar{q}(y) q(y) \right)$$

O_2 must be projected to represent $J^P = (1/2)^+$ and $I_z = -1/2$

Isospin projection with Clebsch-Gordan

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

Helicity projection with (Lattice) Group Theory

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

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

$$O_2^{(2)}(\mathbf{P} = \hat{e}_i) = O_N(\hat{e}_i) O_\pi(\mathbf{0})$$

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