

Performance of Low Mode Averaging on physical pion mass Twisted-Mass ensembles

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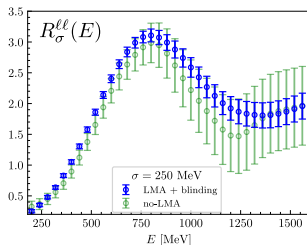
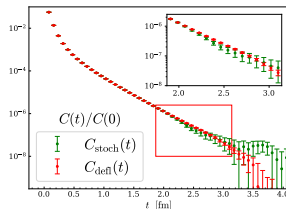
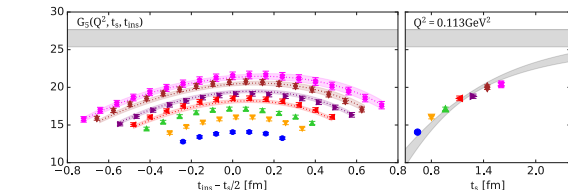
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why low mode averaging?

in modern lattice QCD we need very precise correlators at large Euclidean distances!



- ◆ hadronic matrix elements
- ◆ hadron vacuum polarisation
- ◆ spectral densities reconstruction

to improve lattice correlators at long distances, deflation techniques played a central role!

the journey

- ❖ general feature of LMA
- ❖ results for mesonic and baryonic correlators
- ❖ a multigrid approach to LMA

improving the infrared part of correlators via propagator splitting

$$S \equiv D^{-1} = S^{\text{IR}} + S^{\text{UV}}$$

1. stochastic approach

$$S_\eta \equiv SH_\eta = S_\eta^{\text{IR}} + S_\eta^{\text{UV}}$$

2. low mode averaging approach

$$S_\eta^{\text{LMA}} \equiv S^{\text{IR}} + S_\eta^{\text{UV}} = S_\eta + (S^{\text{IR}} - S_\eta^{\text{IR}})$$

mixed terms appear in n -propagator correlation functions

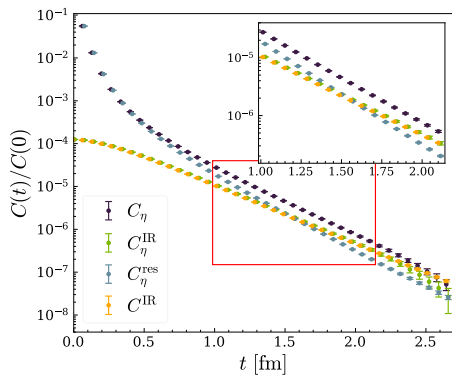
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$$C_\eta = C_\eta^{\text{IR}} + C_\eta^{\text{UV}} + \underbrace{C_{\eta, \eta}^{\text{IR, UV}}}_{\text{green box}} \longleftrightarrow C_\eta^{\text{LMA}} = C_\eta^{\text{IR}} + C_\eta^{\text{UV}} + \underbrace{C_{\eta, \text{ex}}^{\text{IR, UV}}}_{\text{green box}}$$

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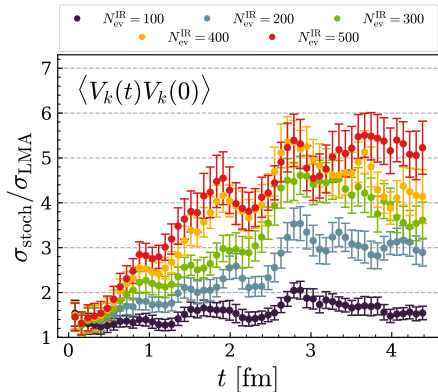


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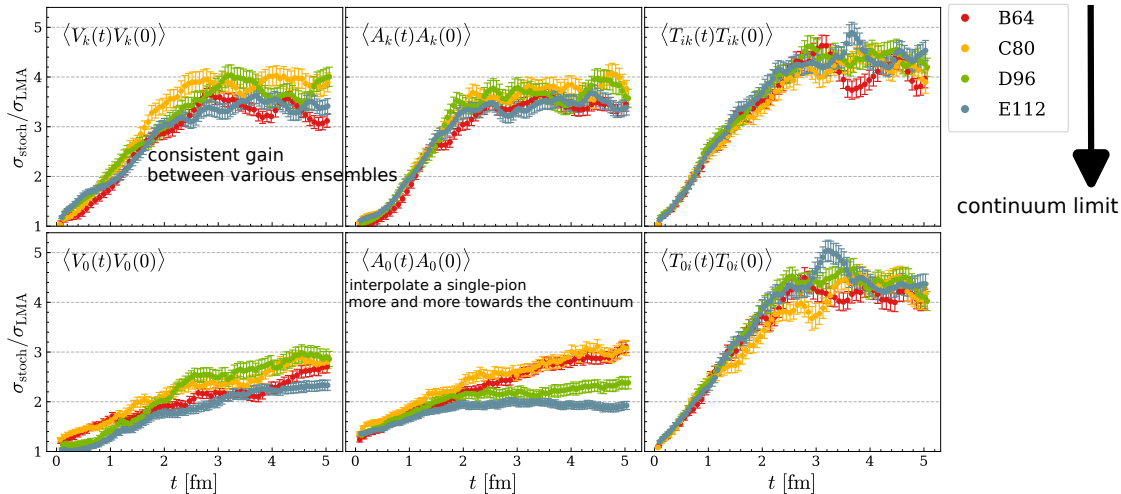
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! if the relation does not hold exactly, it can still be used with some care !

improved mesonic correlators

1. how many eigenvectors do we need?
2. does N_{ev}^{IR} depends on the Dirac structures considered?

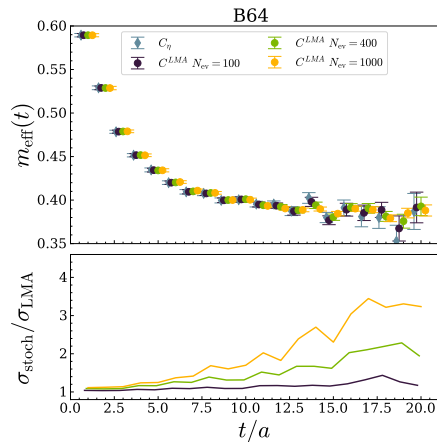


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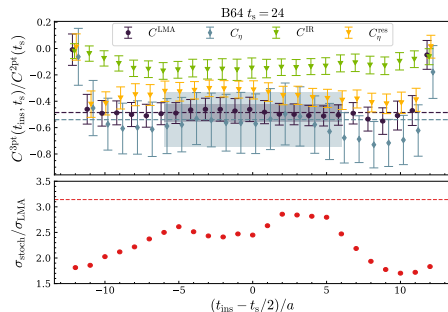
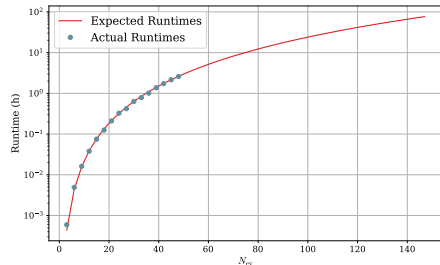


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- ❖ contractions in C^{IR} scale $\propto (N_{ev}^{IR})^3$
 ~ 100 eigenvectors take more than a day
 ~ 1000 eigenvectors take more than a 3 years!!

$$C^{IR}(t) \rightarrow C_{impr.}^{IR} = \frac{1}{N_{x_s}^{IR}} \sum_{x_s} C_{x_s}^{IR}(t)$$

high-statistic realisation for two- and three-point functions



improved three-point functions

- ❖ Dirac structure dependence of the computational gain $\left(g_{\Gamma} \xleftarrow{a \ll t_{\text{ins}} \ll t_s} \frac{C_N^{3pt}(t_{\text{ins}}, t_s; \Gamma)}{C_N(t_s)} \right)$
- ❖ maximisation of the computational gain $G_C(N_{x_s}, N_{x_s}^{\text{IR}}) = G_{\mathcal{E}}^2(N_{x_s}, N_{x_s}^{\text{IR}}) \cdot R_C(N_{x_s}, N_{x_s}^{\text{IR}})$

$$R_C = \left[1 + \frac{C_{x_s}^{\text{IR}}}{C_{x_s}} \cdot \frac{N_{x_s}^{\text{IR}}}{N_{x_s}} \right]^{-1}$$

implementation dependent

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$\frac{\text{Var}[C_{x_s}^{\text{IR}}(t_s)]}{\text{Var}[C_{x_s}(t_s)]}$	g_A^{u-d}	g_A^{u+d}	g_S^{u-d}	g_S^{u+d}	g_T^{u-d}	g_T^{u+d}
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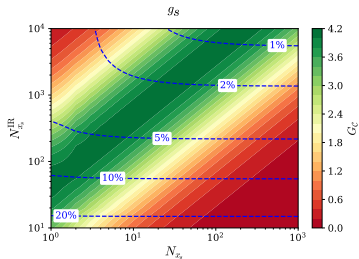
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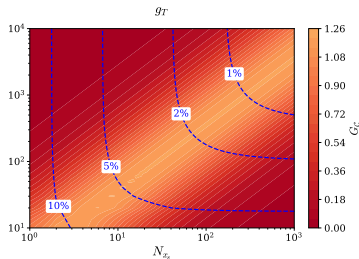
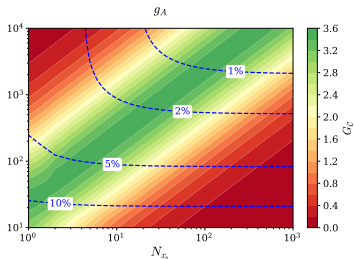
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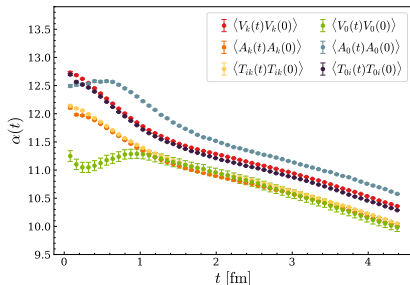
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! **breaking of exact realisation of IR substitution** !

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$$\alpha(t) = \frac{\text{Cov}[C_\eta(t), C_\eta^{\text{MG}}(t)]}{\text{Var}[C_\eta^{\text{MG}}(t)]}$$



why a multigrid approach is favourable on large volumes?

to keep the same performance level $N_{\text{ev}}^{\text{IR}}$ grows like V
the costs grows like V^2



on a $L \simeq 7.5$ fm ensemble ~ 4 times more eigenvectors compared to $L \simeq 5.5$ fm
a factor 16 in costs



in our experience exact LMA would require 950 GPUs (256 nodes on Leonardo)

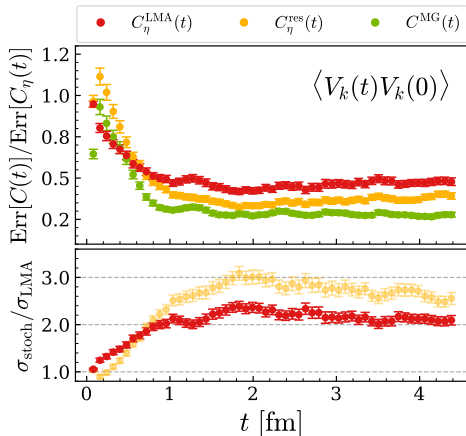


via our multigrid approach, we have been able to reduce it to 54 nodes

our multigrid approach

- ❖ a high-statistic realisation requires less implementation effort and maintains generality

$$S^{\text{MG,IR}} \implies C_{\text{impr.}}^{\text{MG}}(t) = \frac{1}{N_{\eta}^{\text{MG}}} \sum_{\eta}^{N_{\eta}^{\text{MG}}} C_{\eta}^{\text{MG}}(t),$$



$$C_{\eta}^{\text{LMA,MG}}(t) \equiv C_{\eta}^{\text{res,MG}}(t) + C^{\text{MG}}(t)$$

$$C_{\eta}^{\text{res,MG}}(t) \equiv C_{\eta}(t) - \alpha(t) C_{\eta}^{\text{MG,IR}}(t)$$

$$C^{\text{MG}}(t) \equiv \alpha(t) C_{\text{impr.}}^{\text{MG,IR}}(t)$$

- ❖ stochastic error of C^{MG} can be sent to 0
implementation of $C_{\text{all-to-all}}^{\text{MG,IR}}$
- ❖ balance of errors is crucial for the costs

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conclusions & outlooks

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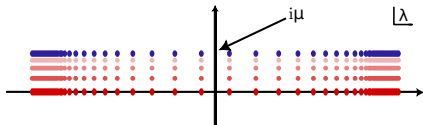
Backup

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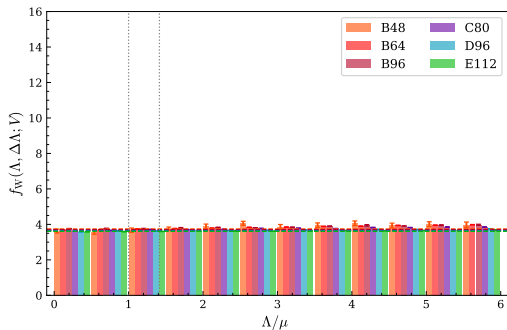
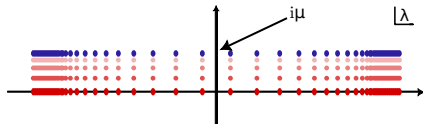


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$$f_W \equiv \frac{1}{V \delta\Lambda} \int_{\Lambda}^{\Lambda+\delta\Lambda} \rho_W(\tilde{\Lambda}; V) d\tilde{\Lambda} = \bar{\rho}_W + df_W$$

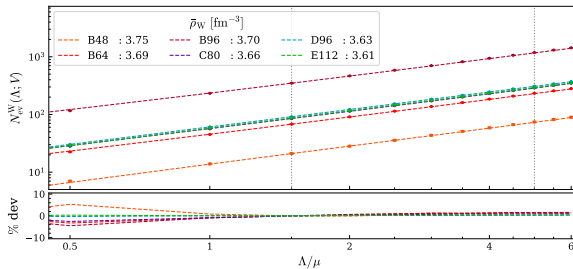
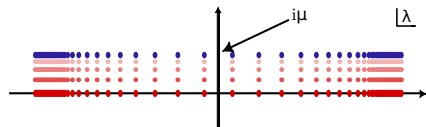
true for massless Wilson fermions

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$\bar{\rho}_W$ related to the chiral condensate

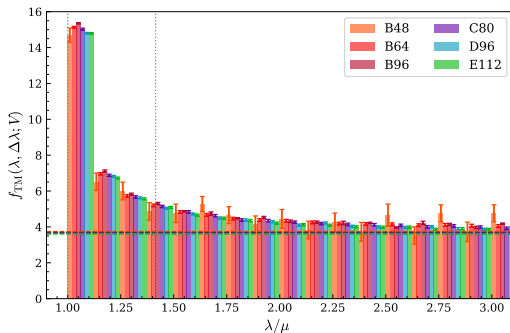
$$\Lambda \leq \mu \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mu \leq \left(|\lambda(\mu)| = \sqrt{\Lambda^2 + \mu^2} \right) \leq \sqrt{2} \mu$$

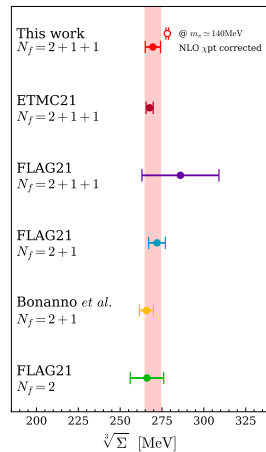
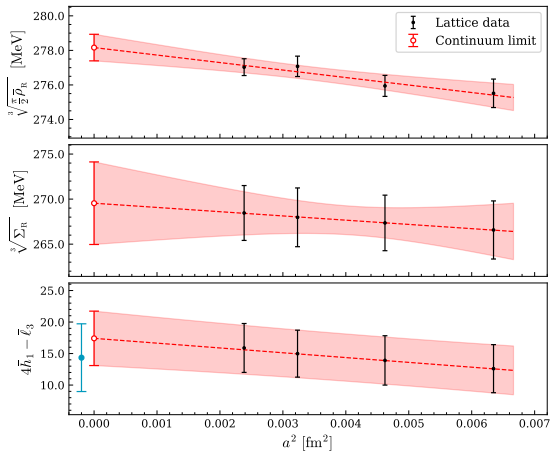
compression of eigenvalues

$$\begin{aligned} N_{\text{ev}}^{\text{TM}}(\sqrt{2}\mu; V) &\equiv \int_{\mu}^{\sqrt{2}\mu} \rho_{\text{TM}}(|\lambda|; V, \mu) \, d|\lambda| \\ &= \int_0^{\mu} \rho_{\text{W}}(\Lambda; V) \, d\Lambda \equiv N_{\text{ev}}^{\text{W}}(\mu; V) \end{aligned}$$

	$N_{\text{ev}}^{\text{TM}}(\sqrt{2}\mu)$	$\bar{\rho}_{\text{W}} \mu V$
B48	13	14
B64	44	45
B96	232	229
$V_{B48 \times 16}$		

- ❖ LMA production scale as $\propto \mu V \cdot \frac{V}{a^4}$
- ❖ at fixed $N_{\text{ev}}^{\text{IR}}$ LMA deteriorate with increasing μ
- ❖ in mixed correlators, the higher mass dominates the improvement

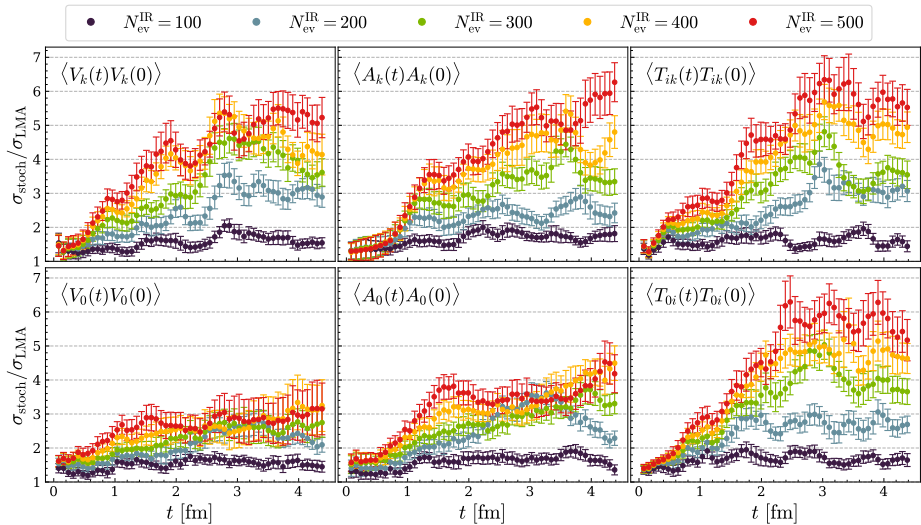




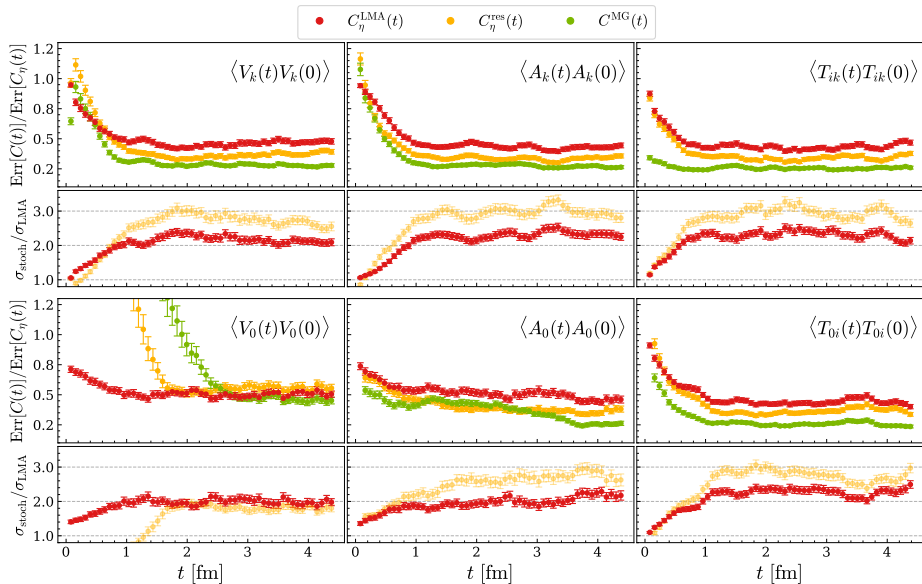
the Bank-Casher relation

$$\Sigma_R = -\frac{1}{2} \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \left\langle (\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d)_R \right\rangle (\mu) = \frac{\pi}{2} Z_P \bar{\rho}_W^0 \quad \text{with} \quad \bar{\rho}_W^0 = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \bar{\rho}_W$$

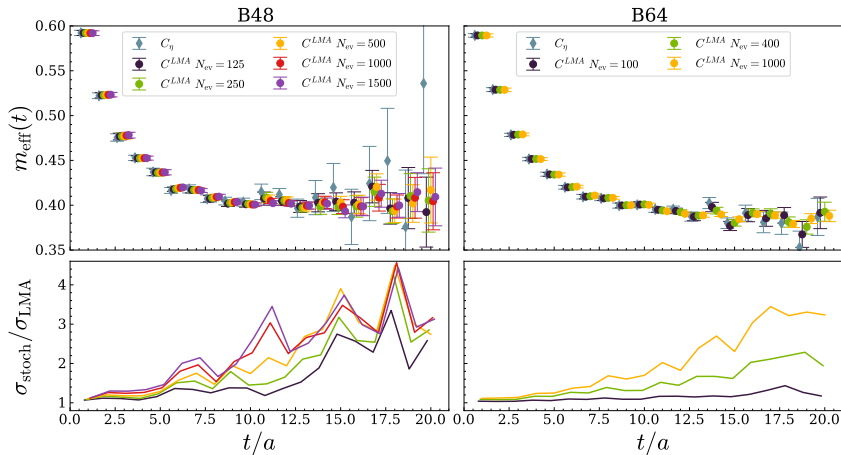
$$Z_P \bar{\rho}_W(\xi_\pi) = \frac{2 \Sigma_R}{\pi} \left(1 + \xi_\pi (4\bar{h}_1 - \bar{l}_3) + \mathcal{O}(\xi_\pi^2) \right) \quad \text{with} \quad \xi_\pi = \frac{m_\pi^2}{16\pi^2 f_\pi^2}$$



exLMA gain

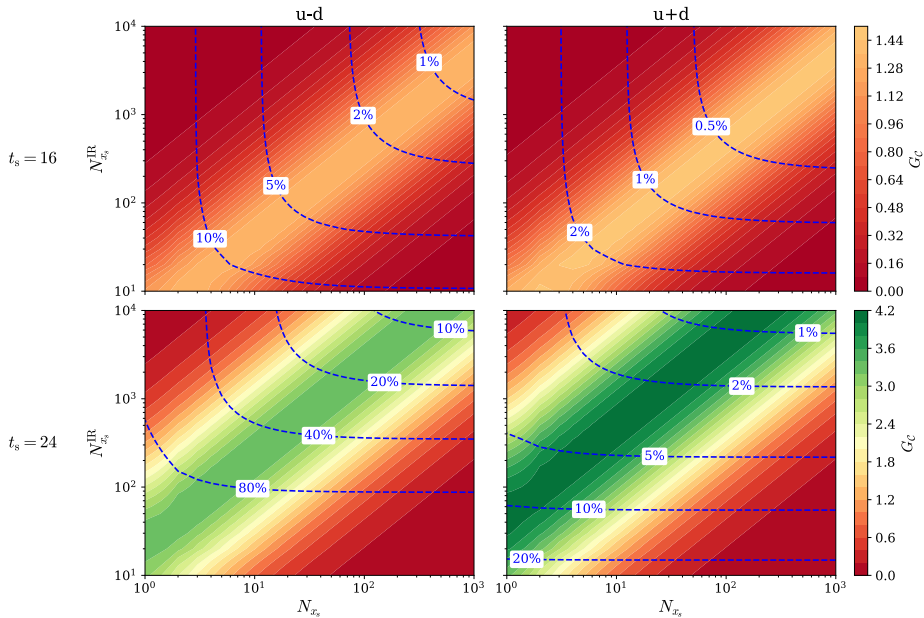


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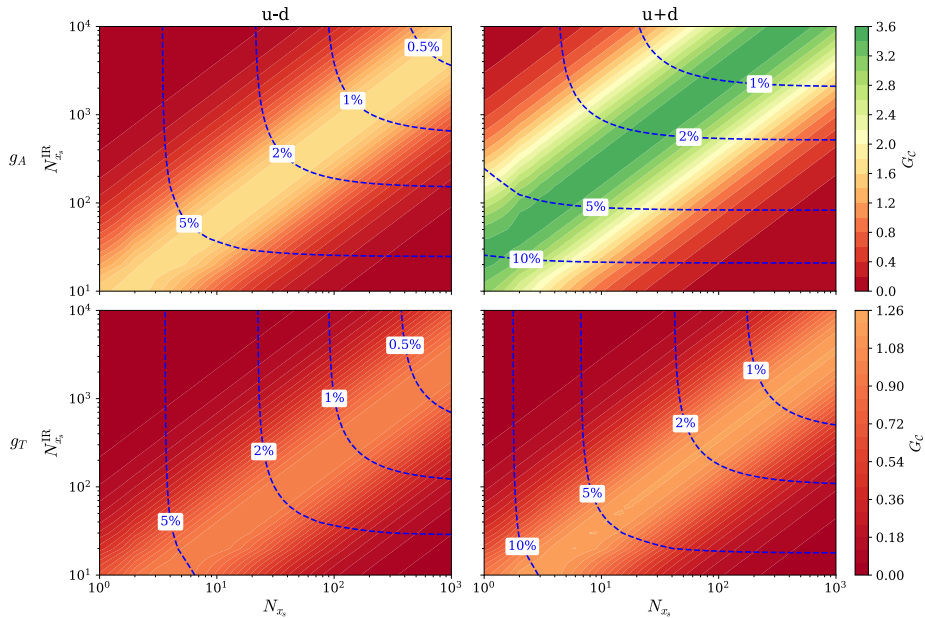


nucleon m_{eff}
factor 3 in volume
B48 vs B64

B64 saturation expected between 1000-1500



gS cost gain



gA and gT cost gain

the multigrid approach

1. constructing a coarse operator through prolongation and restriction operators

$$D_c \equiv RDP$$

❖ preserve the identity $\mathbb{1}_c \equiv R\mathbb{1}P$

❖ preserve γ_5 -hermiticity $\longrightarrow R = P^\dagger$

❖ D_c retains a nearest-neighbour structure

❖ for TM-fermions γ_5 -compatibility

2. construct a projector acting on the fine space $\mathbb{P}_{\text{MG}} \equiv PD_c^{-1}R$

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3. direct connection to exact deflation if P and R are constructed from eigenvectors of the Dirac operator

$$P = \mathbf{V}^{\text{IR}} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad D_c = (\mathbf{V}^{\text{IR}})^\dagger D \mathbf{V}^{\text{IR}} = \Lambda^{\text{IR}} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \mathbf{S}^{\text{MG}} = \mathbf{S}^{\text{IR}}$$