

# Lanczos for matrix elements

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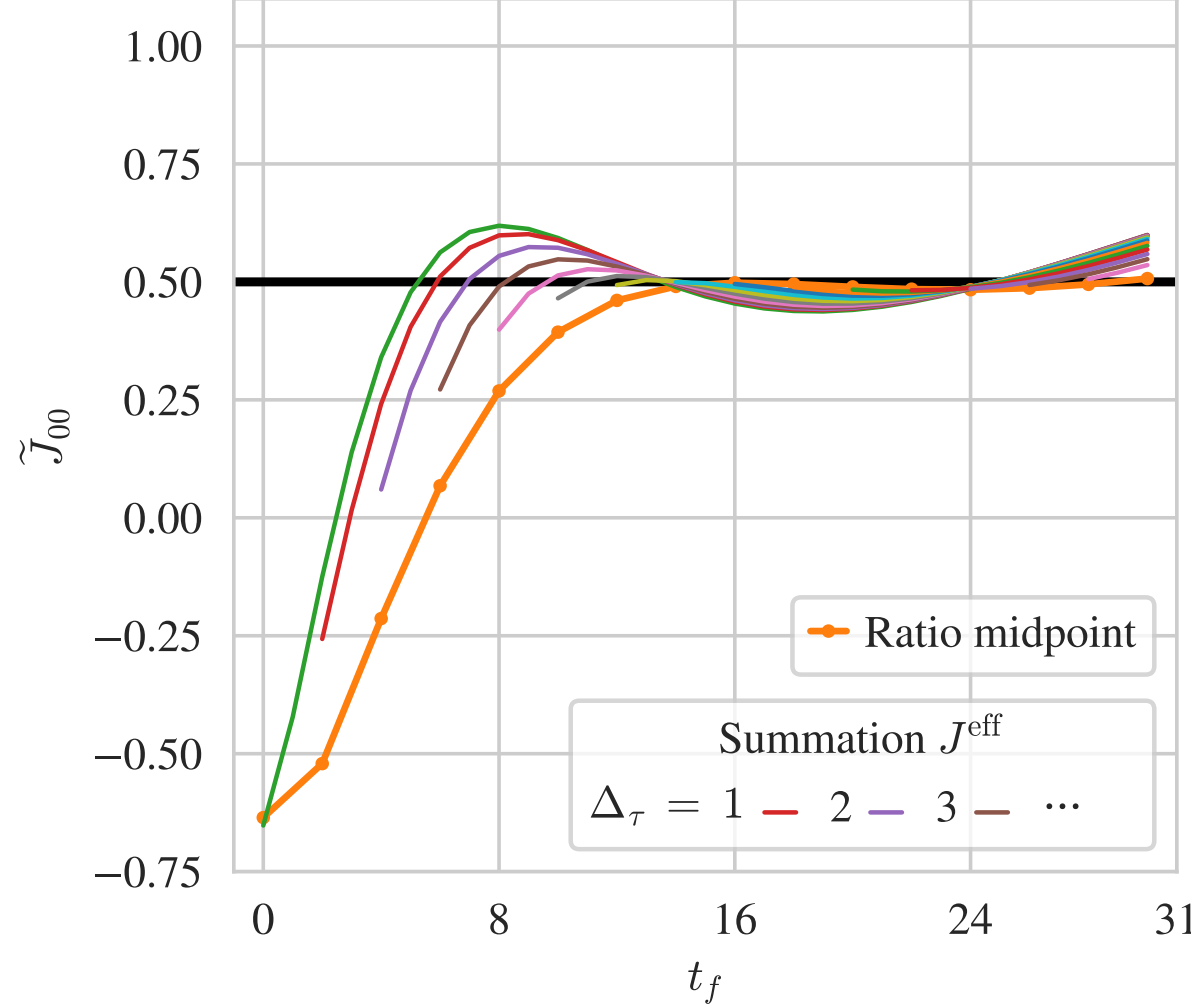
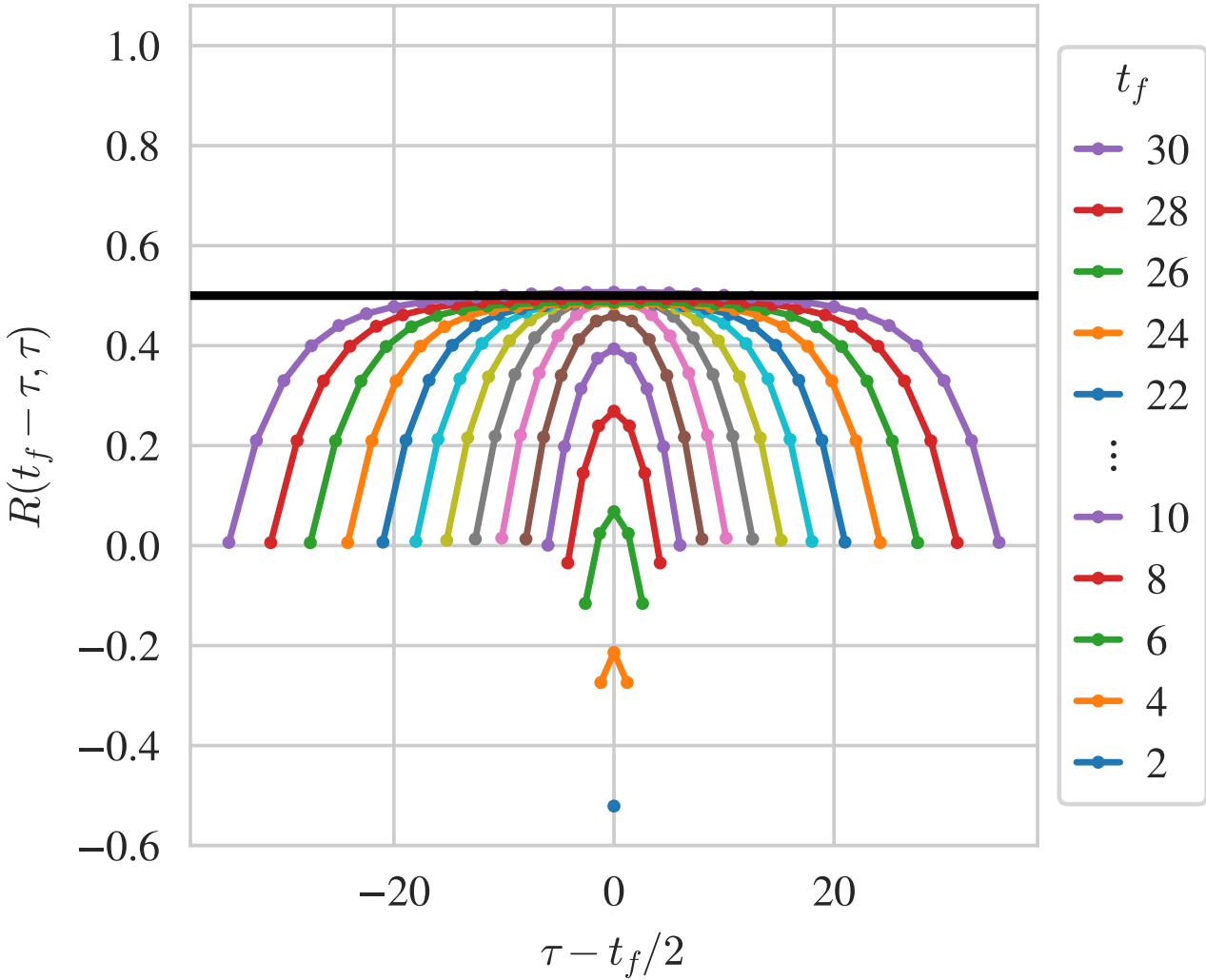
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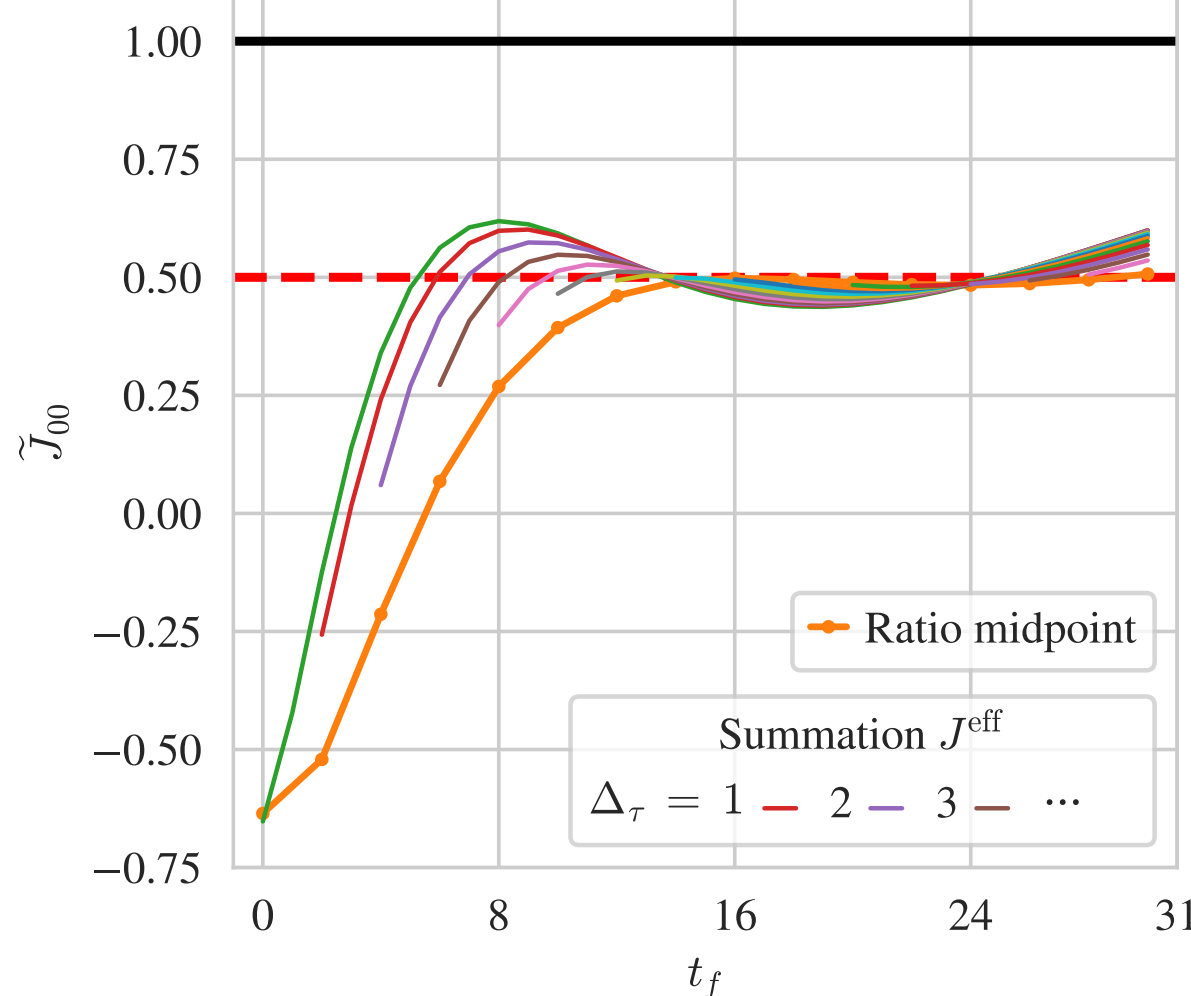
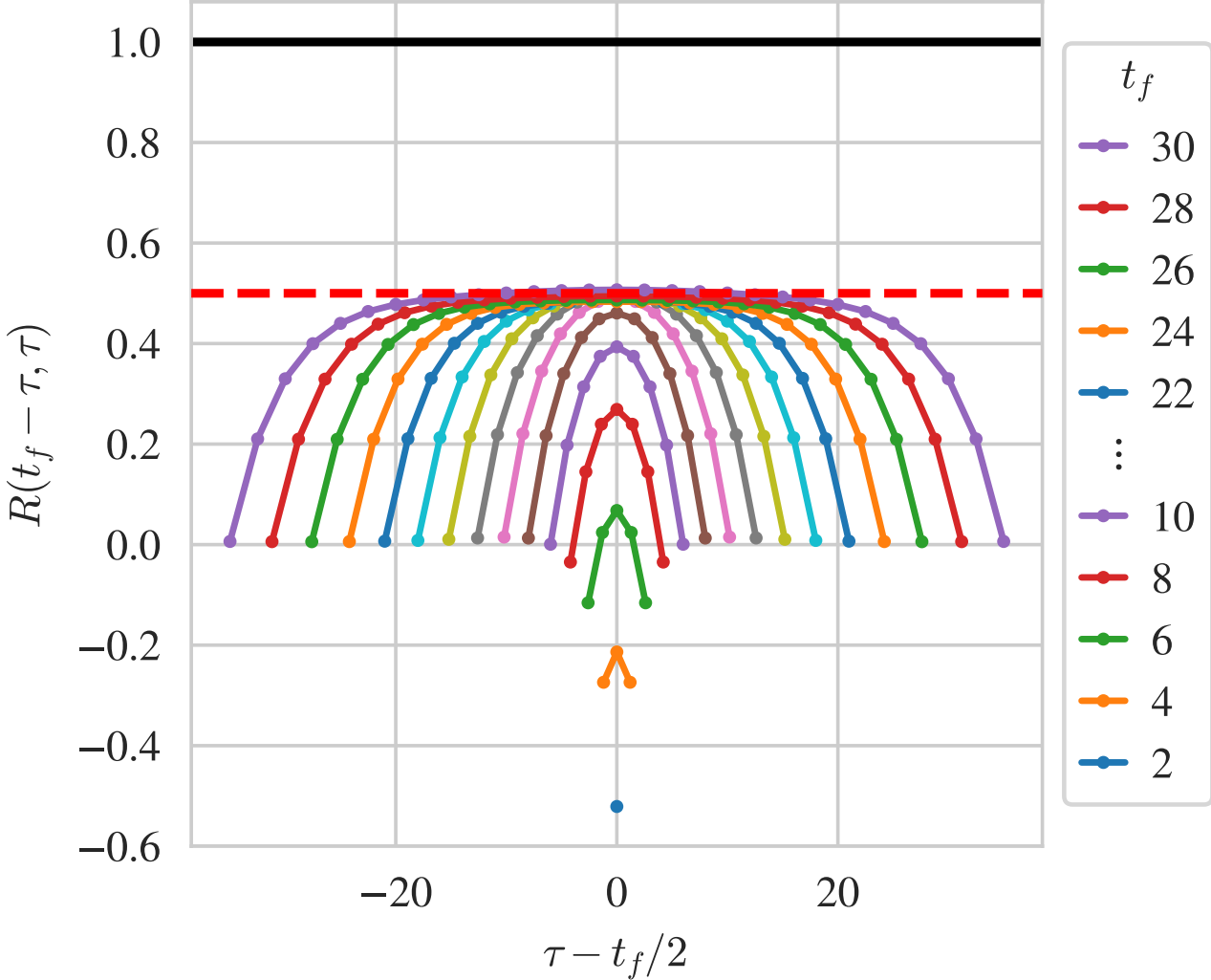
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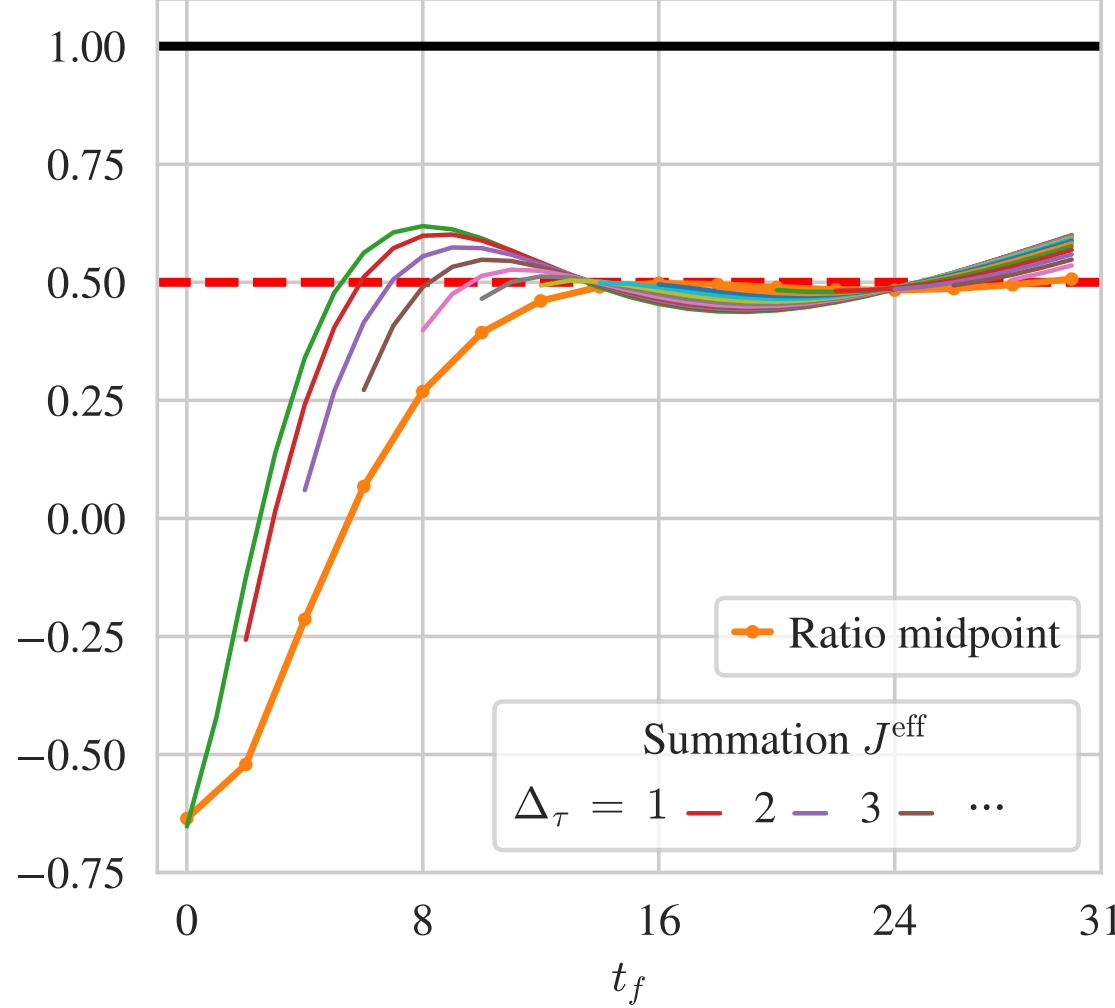
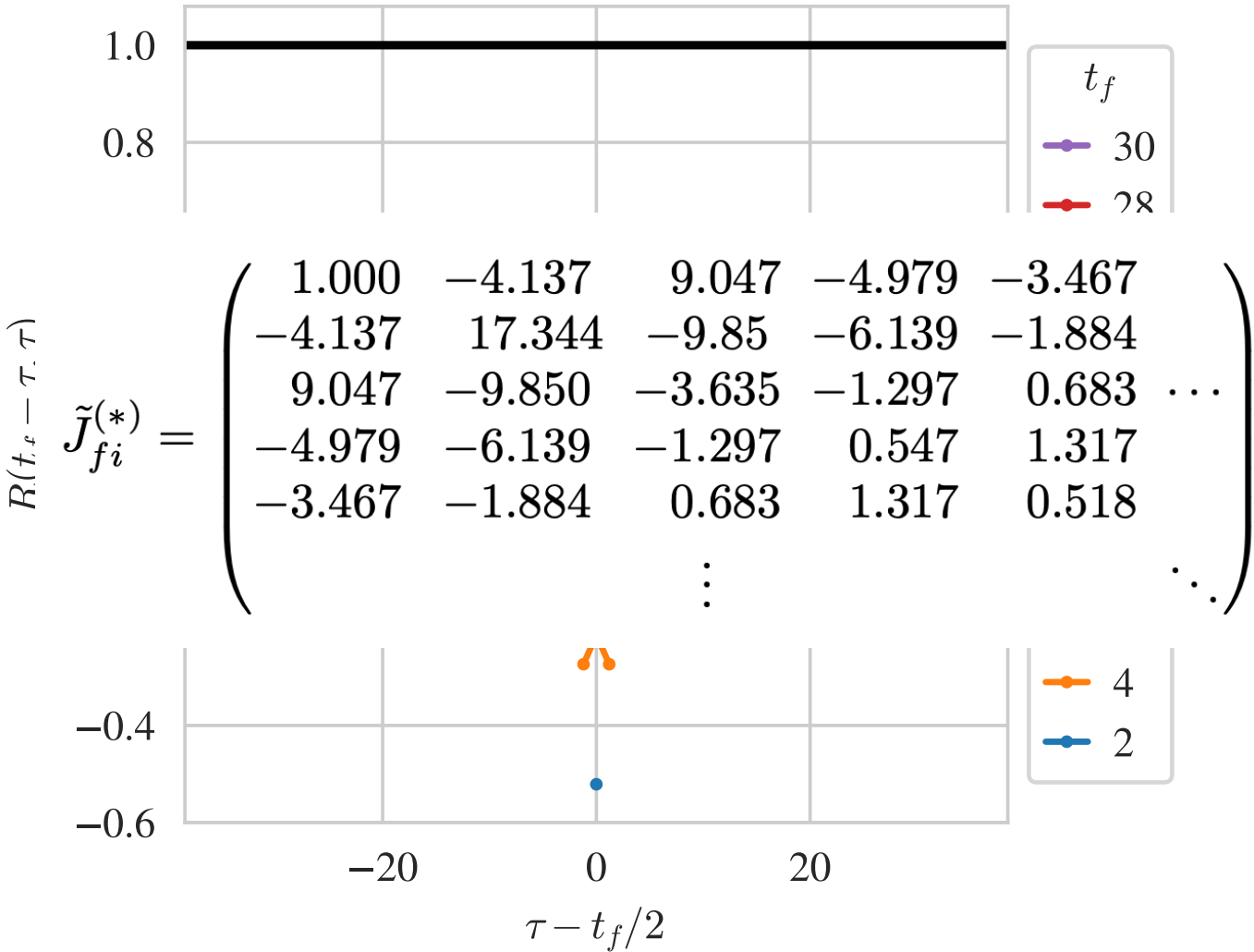
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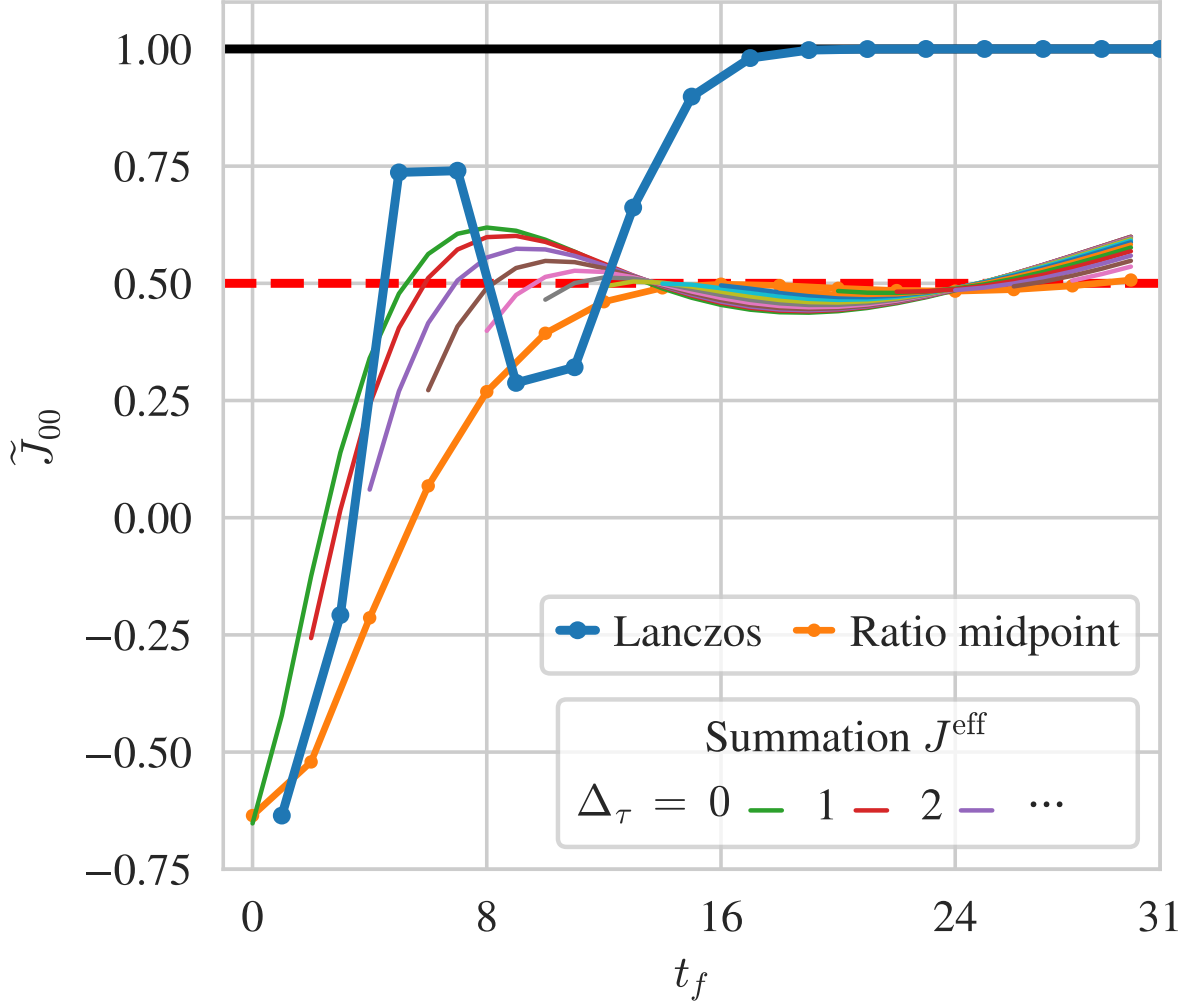
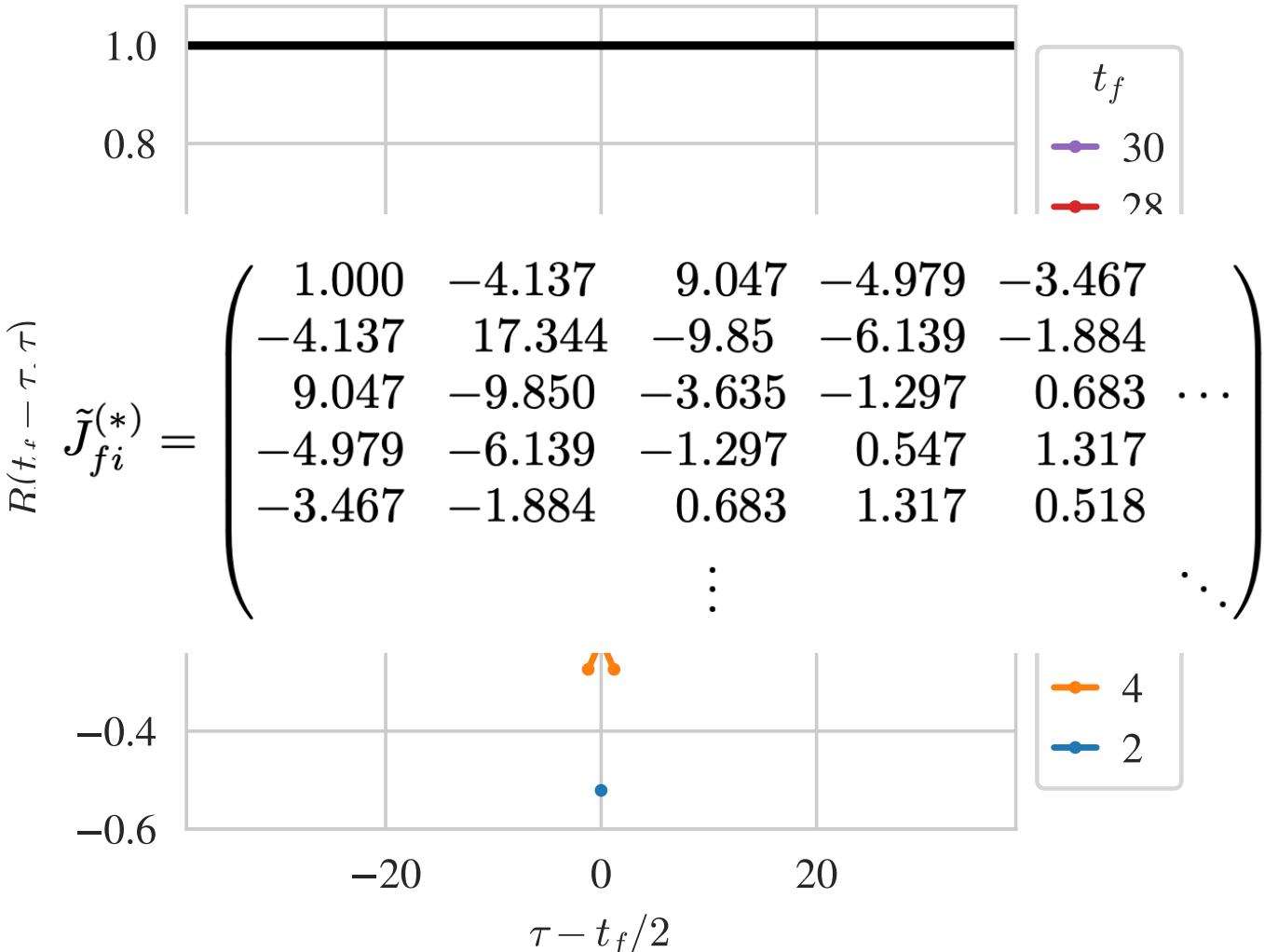
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# Outline

- ~~Motivation~~
- Lanczos in Hilbert space
- Convergence in noiseless case
- Adjustments for noise
- Strange scalar current in the nucleon & excited states

## Lanczos for lattice QCD matrix elements

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Recent work found that an analysis formalism based on the Lanczos algorithm allows energy levels to be extracted from Euclidean correlation functions with faster convergence than existing methods, two-sided error bounds, and no apparent signal-to-noise problems. We extend this formalism to the determination of matrix elements from three-point correlation functions. We demonstrate similar advantages over previously available methods in both signal-to-noise and control of excited-state contamination through example applications to noiseless mock-data as well as calculations of (bare) forward matrix elements of the strange scalar current between both ground and excited states with the quantum numbers of the nucleon.

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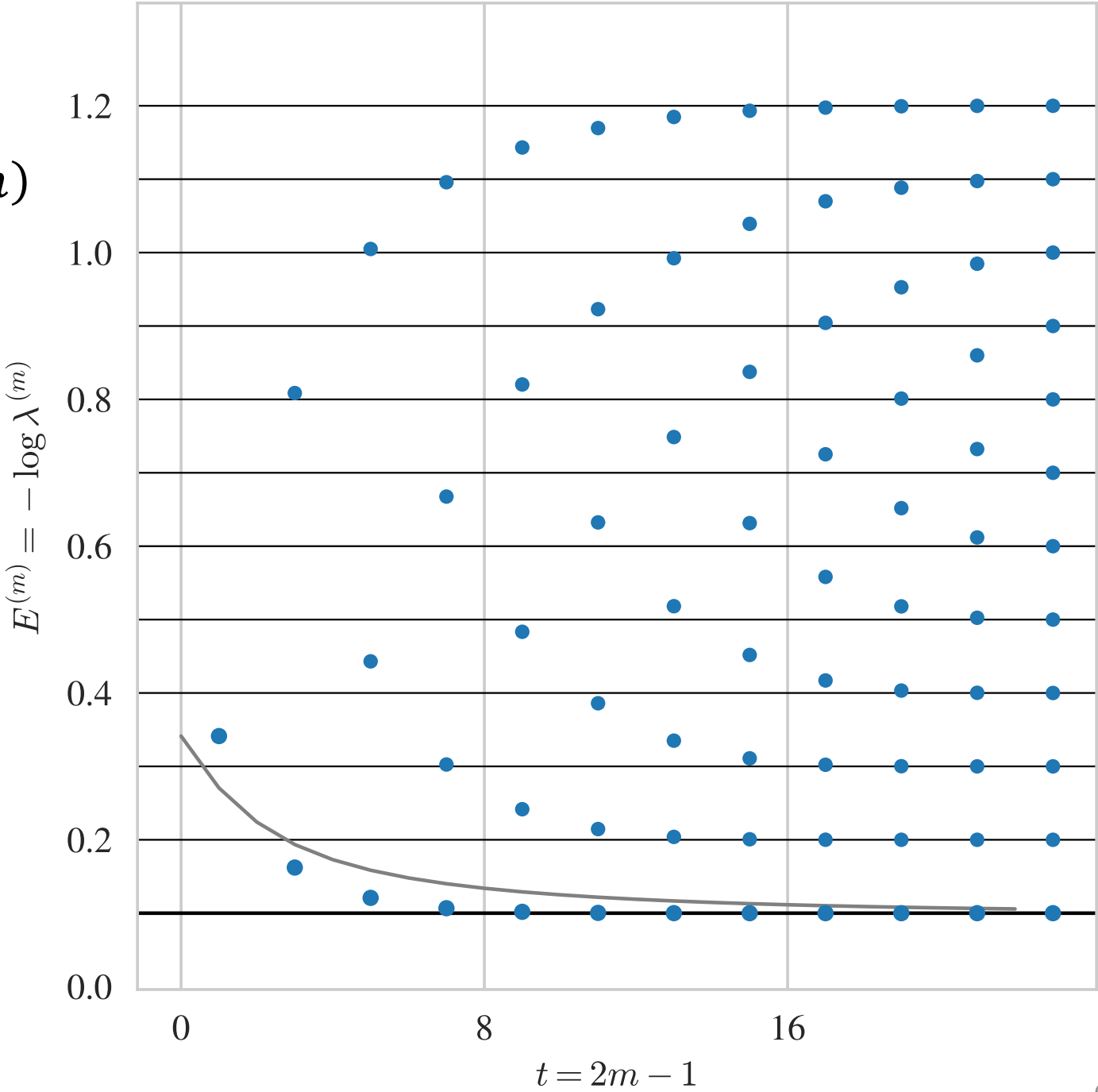
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 (via a recursion relation)



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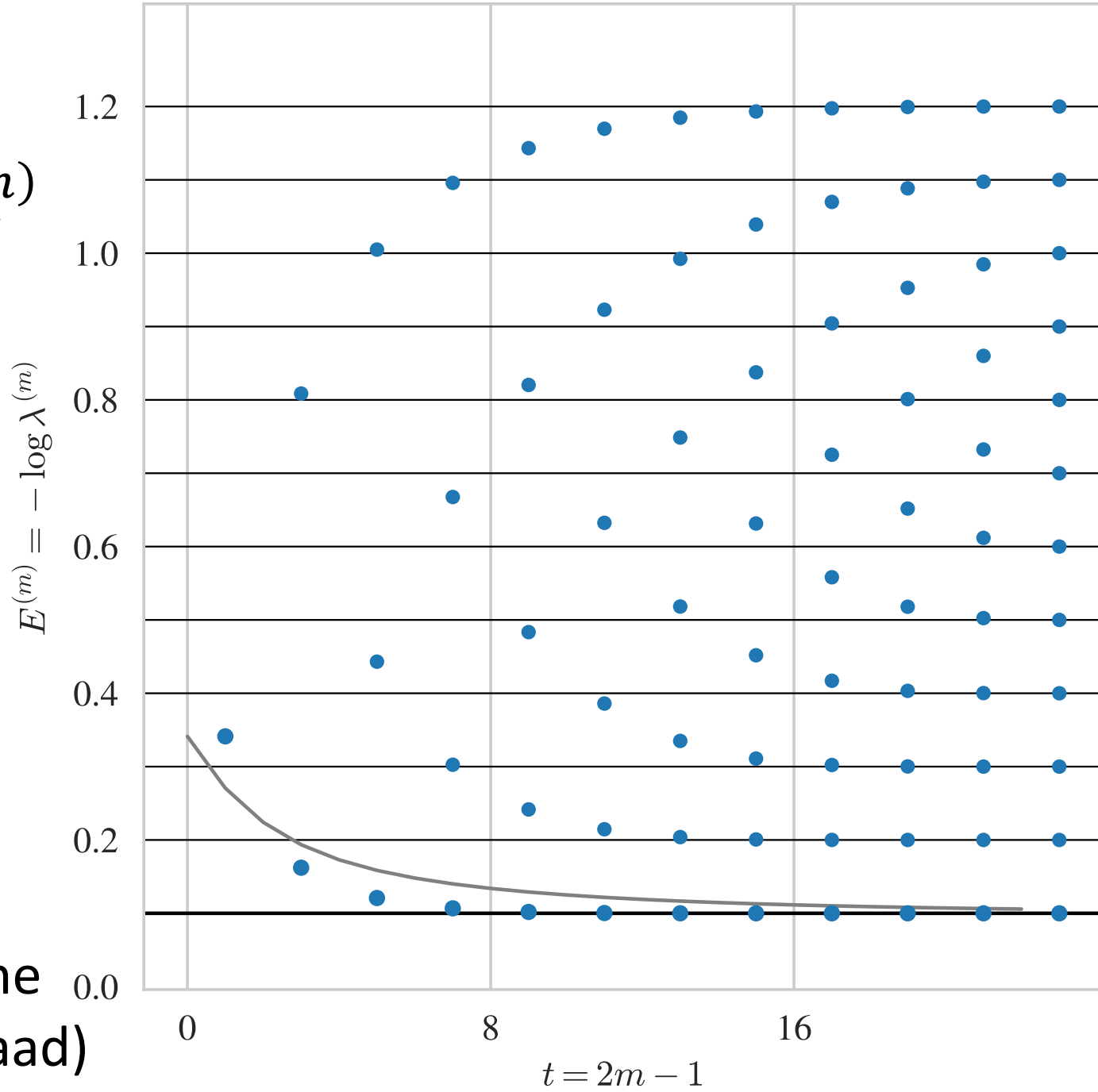
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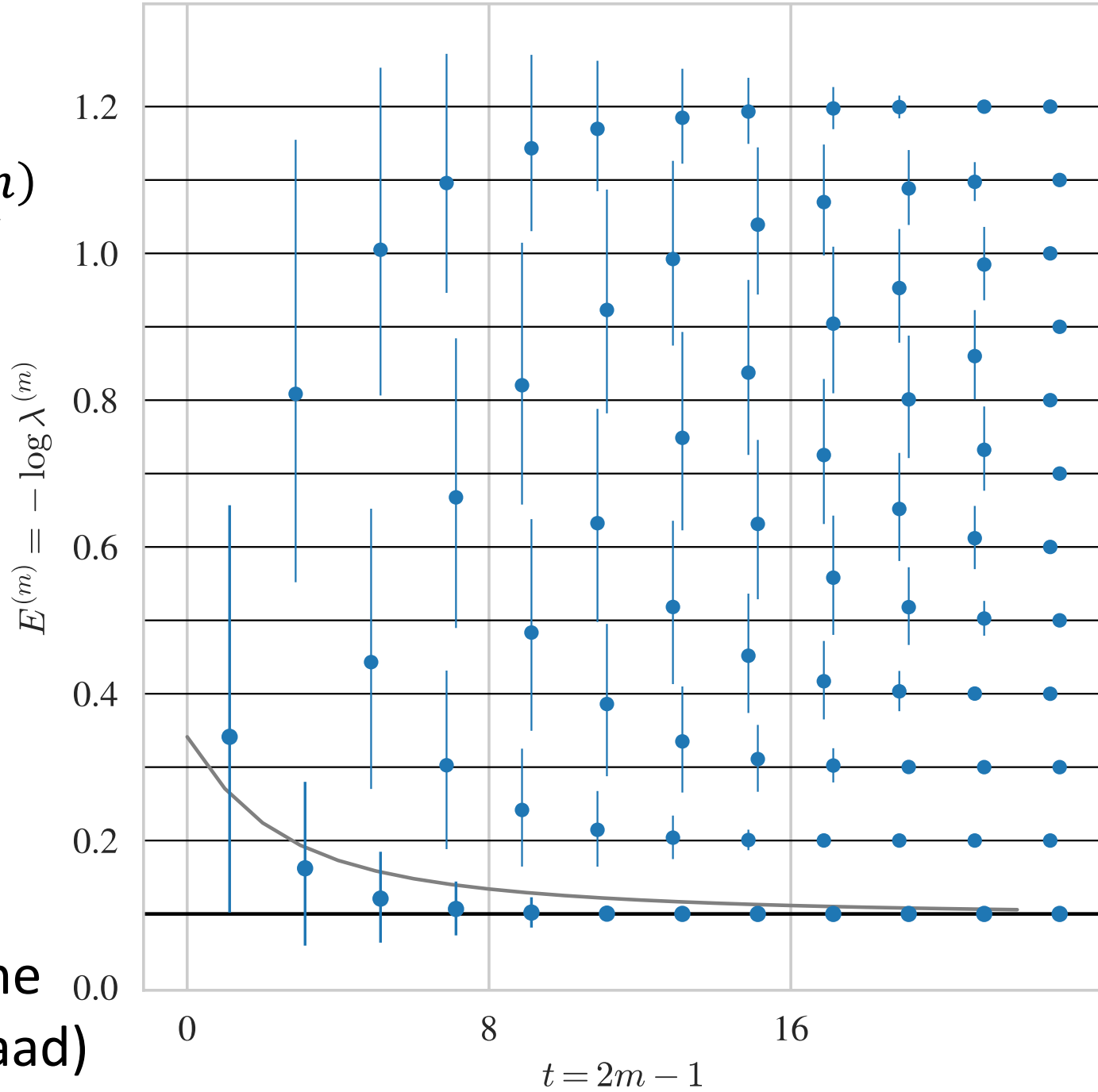
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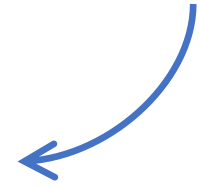


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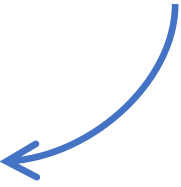
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# Matrix elements with Lanczos

Construct initial/final state Ritz vectors

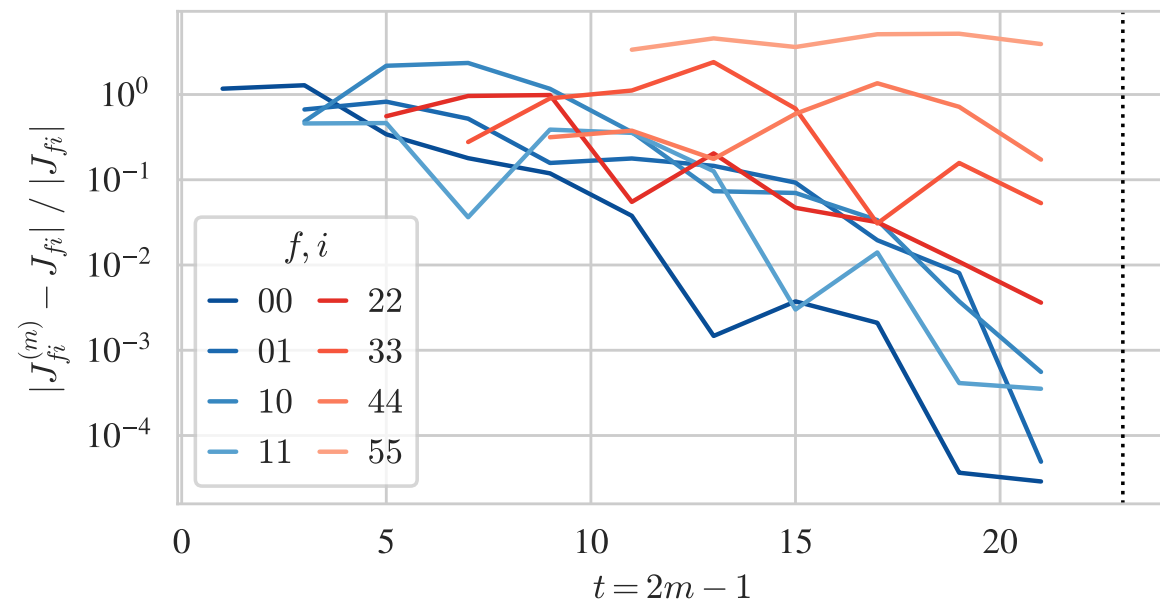
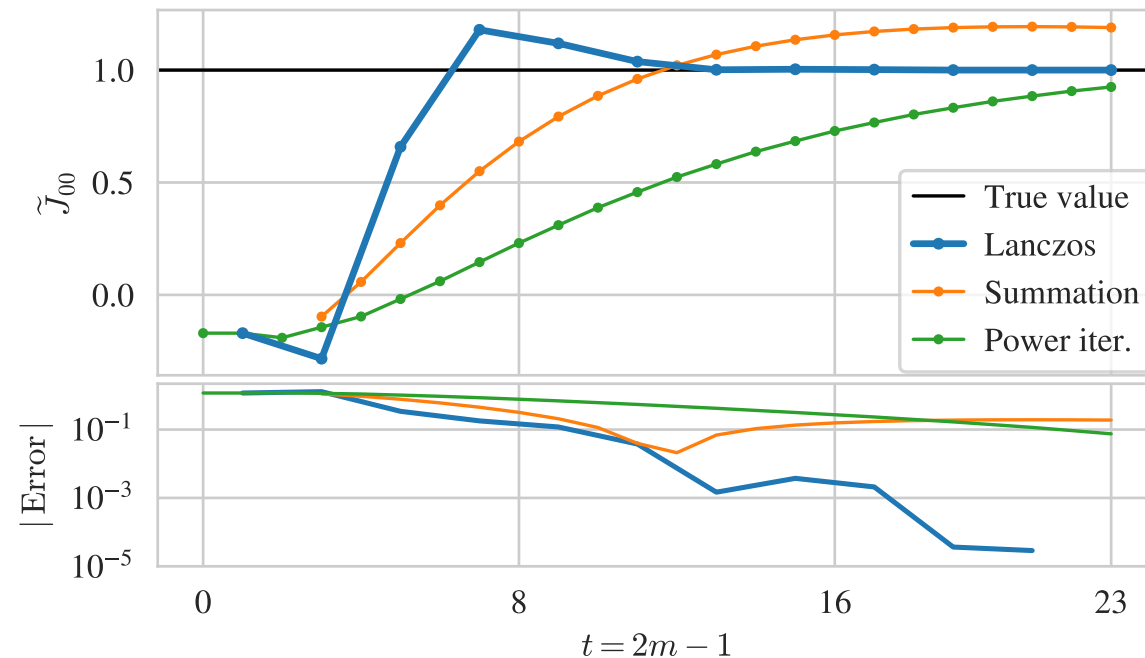
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$$\begin{aligned} \langle y'_f | J | y_i \rangle &= \sum_{\sigma\tau} P'_{f\sigma}{}^* \langle v_1 | T^\sigma J T^\tau | v_1 \rangle P_{i\tau} \\ &= \sum_{\sigma\tau} P'_{f\sigma}{}^* \frac{C^{3\text{pt}}(\sigma, \tau)}{\sqrt{C'(0)C(0)}} P_{i\tau} \end{aligned}$$

Just matrix multiplication!

Noiseless case: solves an  $N_t/2$  state system after incorporating all  $N_t$  points

i.e. finds all  $(N_t/2)^2$  matrix elements *exactly*



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+ Cullum-Willoughby test  
(see Mike Wagman’s talk)

# Strange scalar matrix elements of the nucleon (& exciteds)

Action: Luscher-Weisz, 2+1 stout-smearred clover

$$M_\pi \approx 170 \text{ MeV} \quad a \approx 0.09 \text{ fm}$$

Nucleon  $\chi \sim (u C \gamma_5 d) u$

Quarks smeared to  $r = 4.5$

Strange scalar current  $J \sim \bar{s}s$

Forward ( $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$ ) matrix elements

1381 configs  $\times$  1024 sources  $\approx 1.4 \times 10^6$  meas

Fully disconnected  $C^{3pt}$

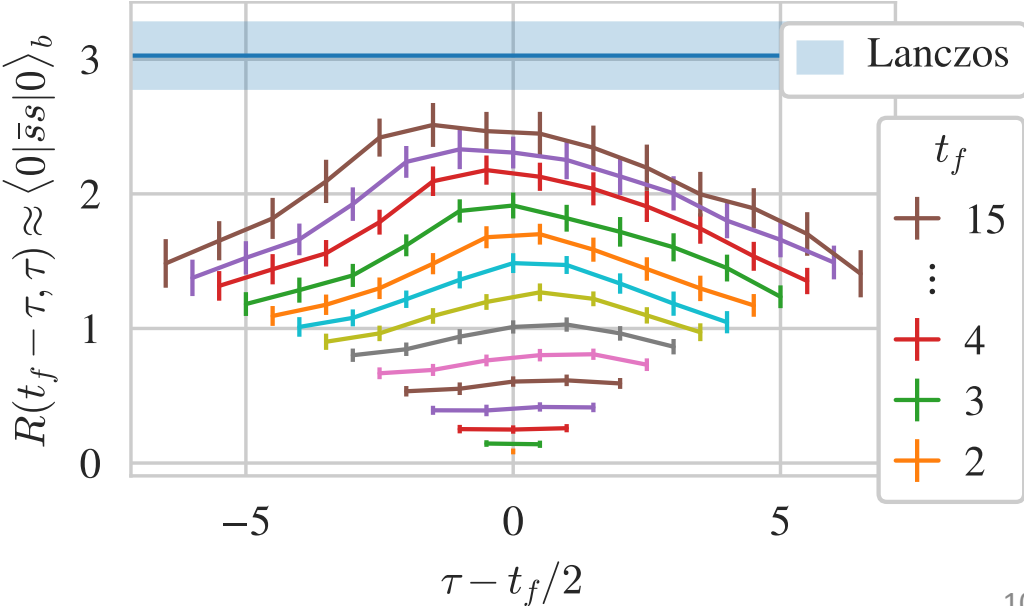
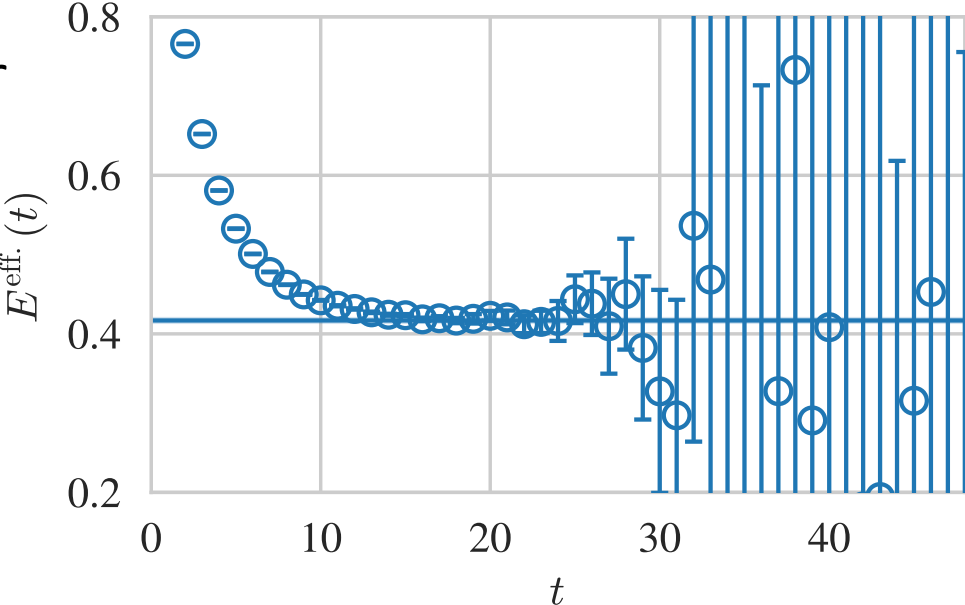
Hierarchical probing w/ 512 Hadamards

One shot  $Z_4$  noise per config

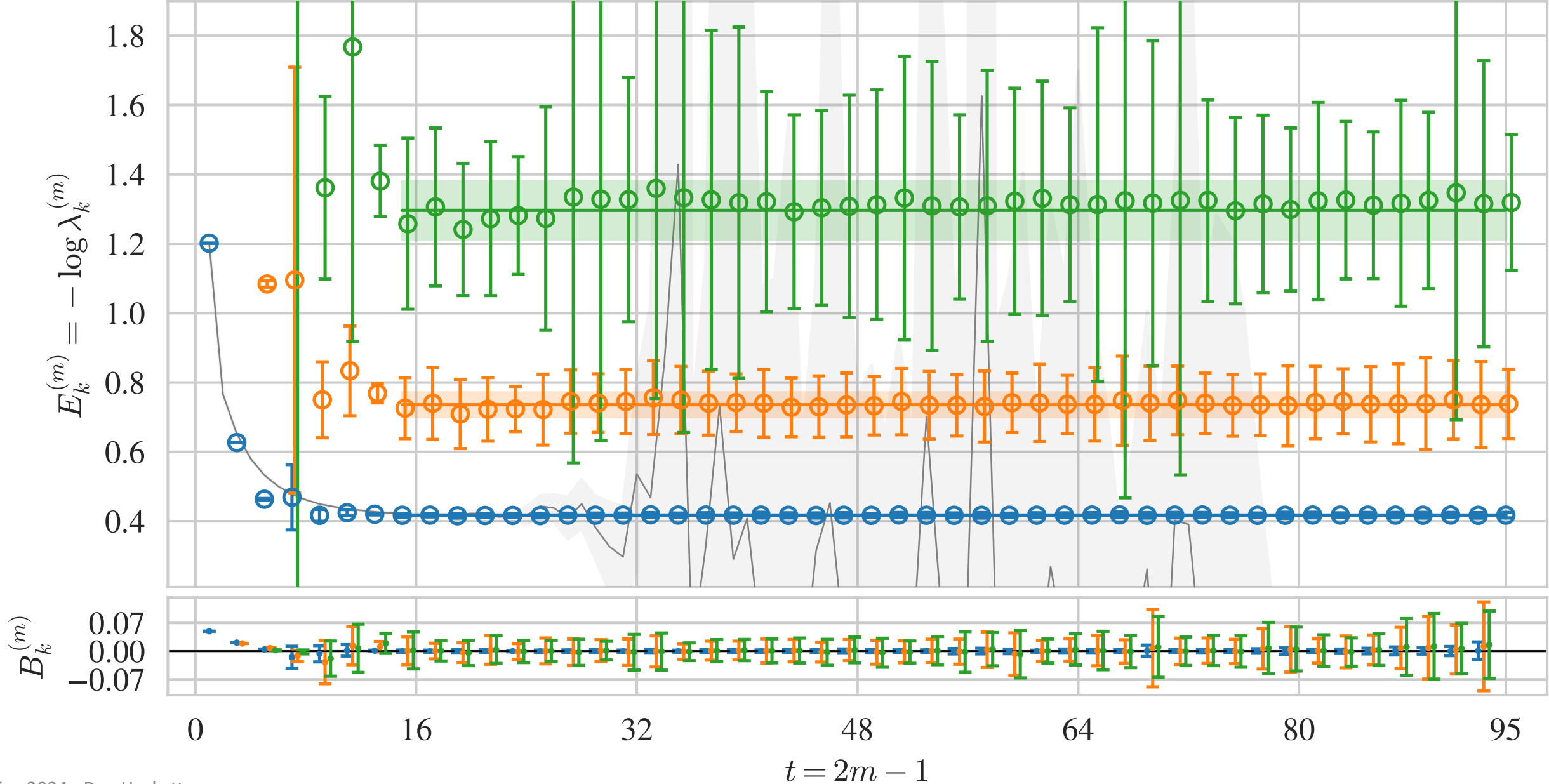
No deflation / low-mode subtraction

Not renormalized!

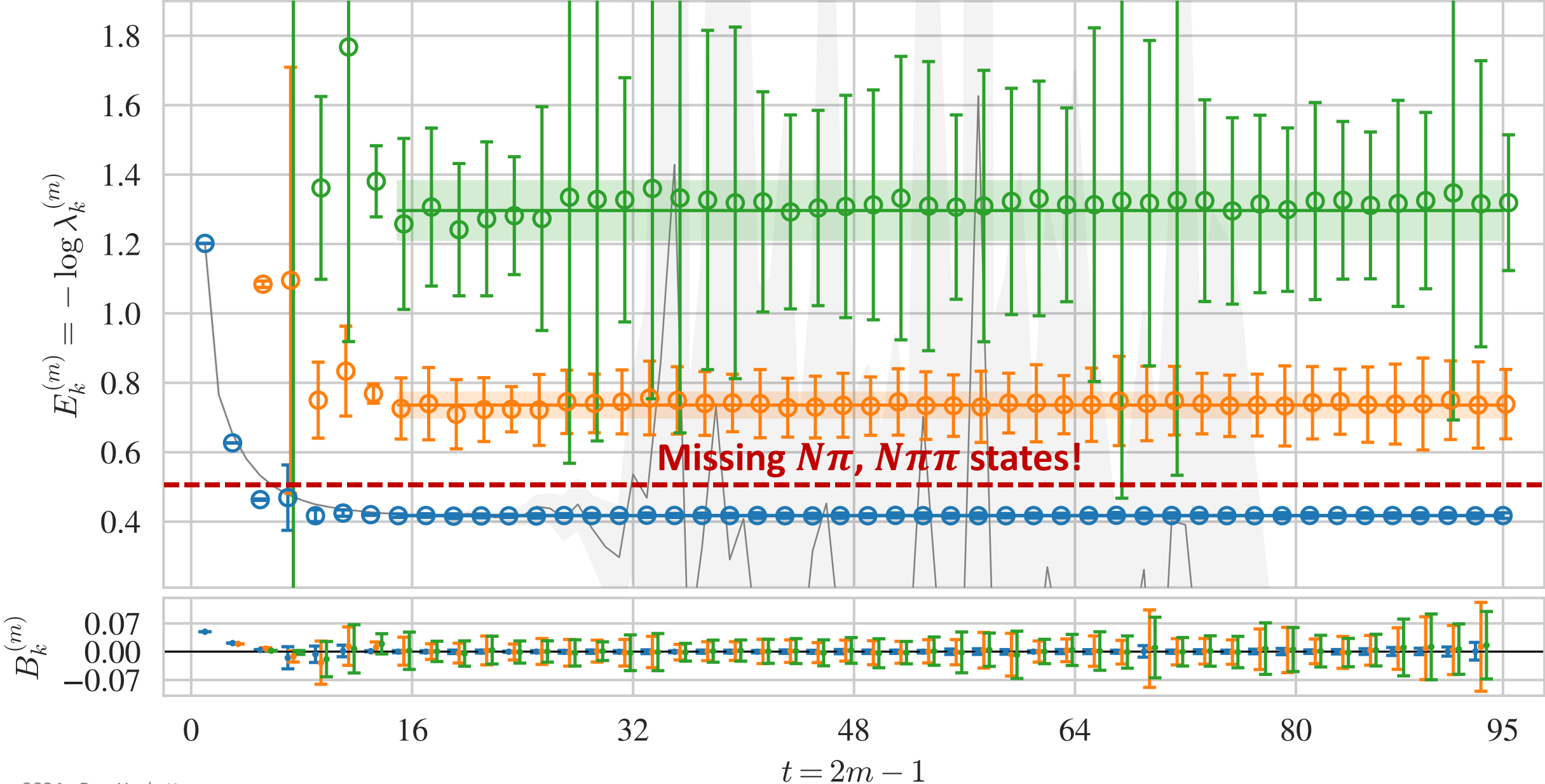
Mixes w/ light quarks



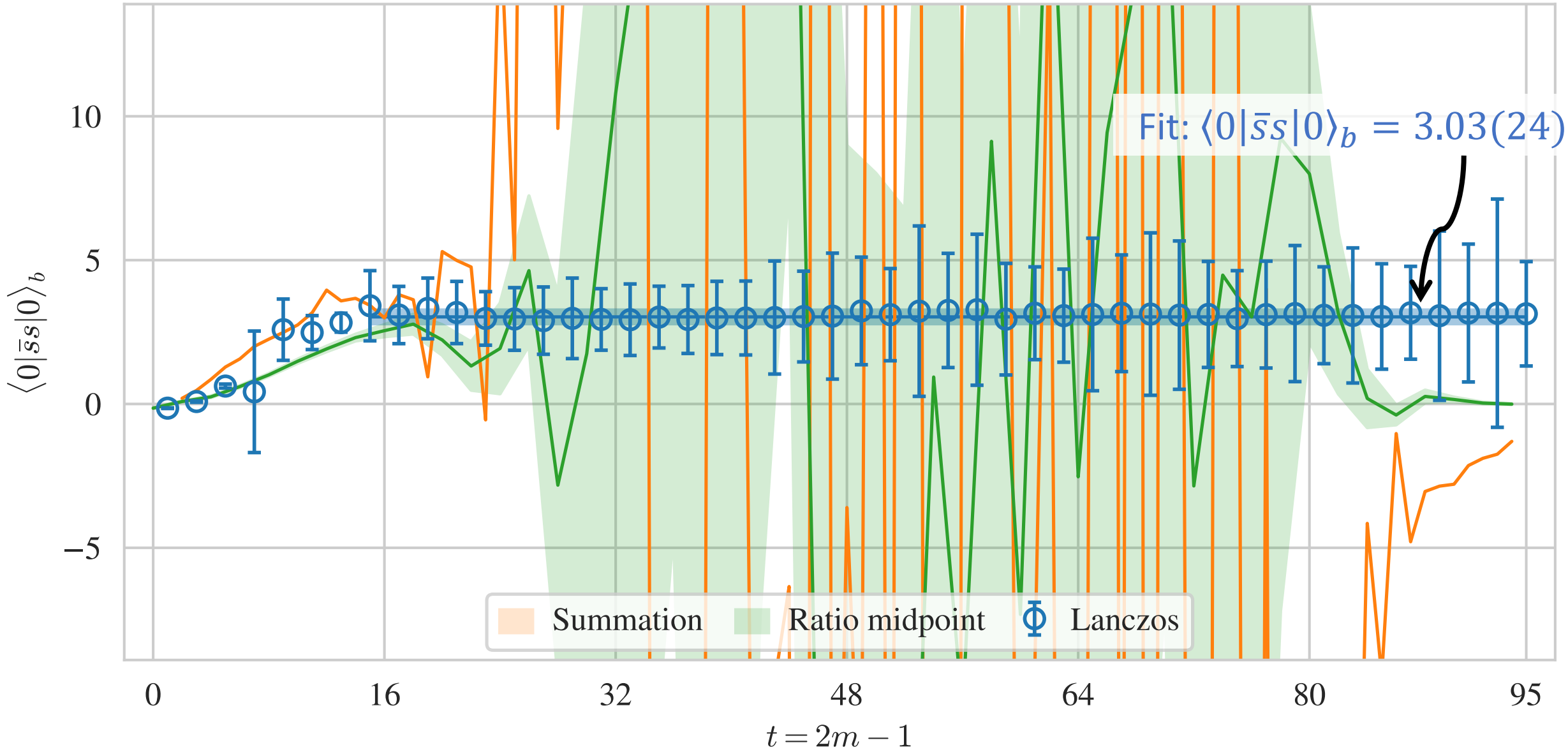
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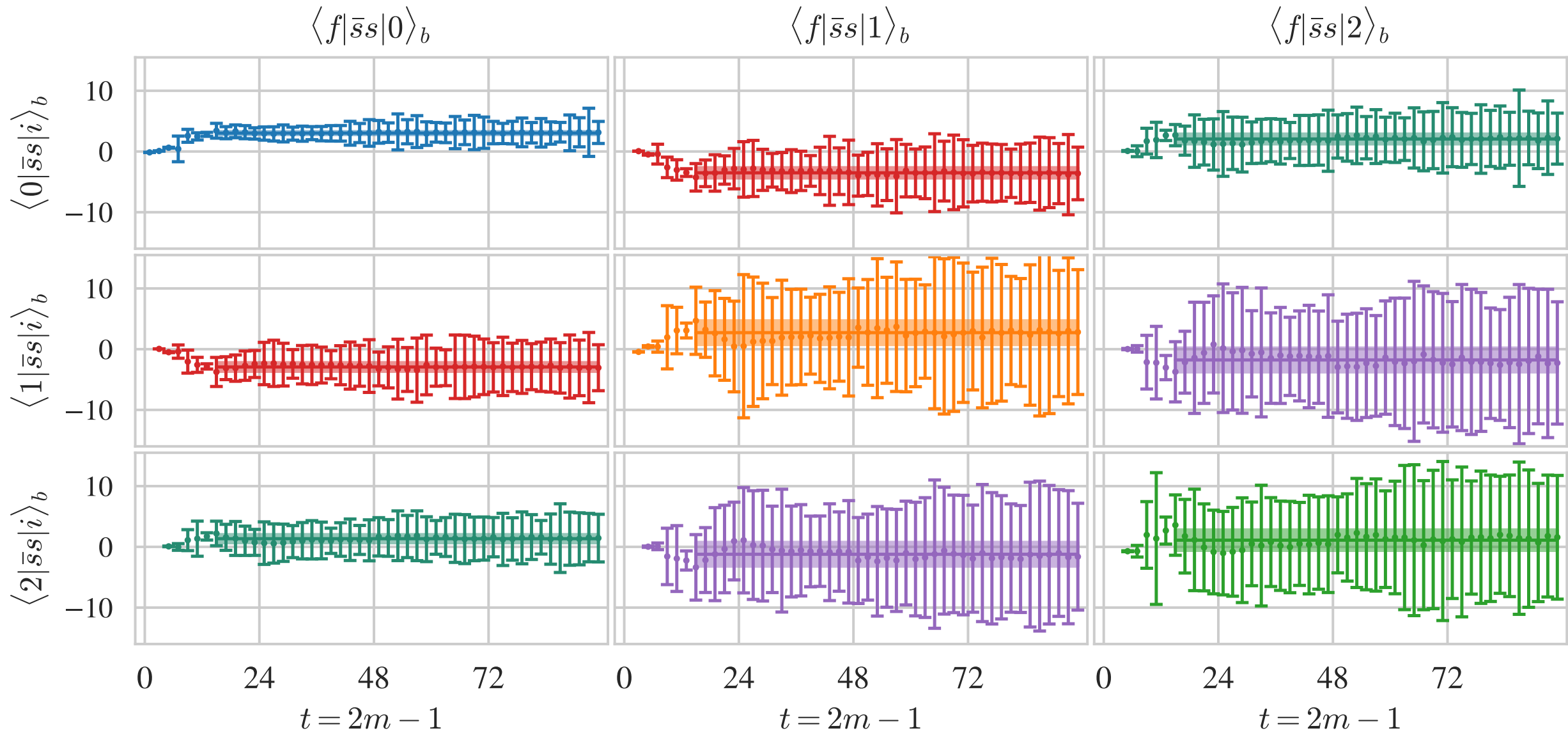
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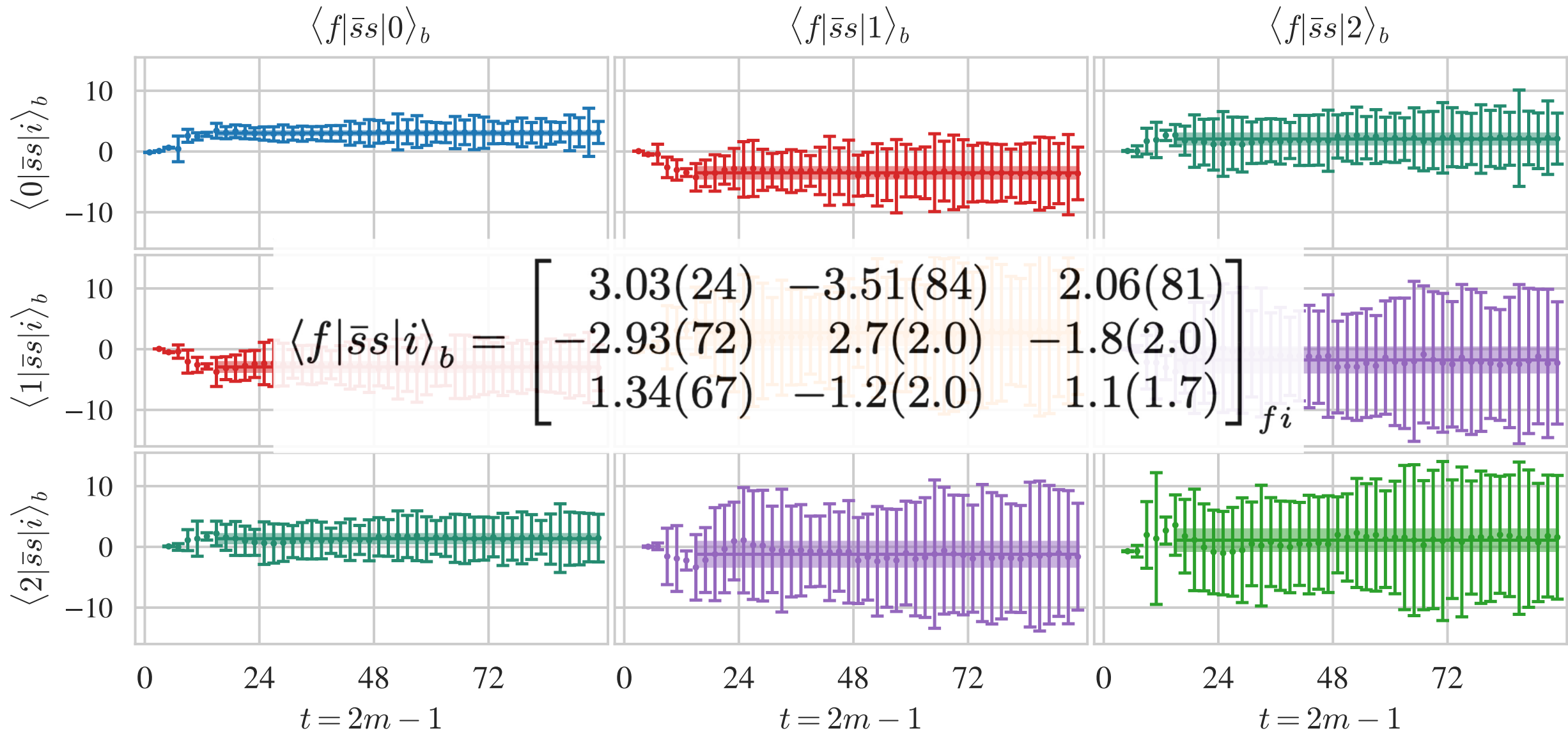
# Ground-state matrix element



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# Outlook

Versus previous methods:

- No SNR decay, no statistical modeling, no optimizers
- Better control of excited states
- Simple: only analysis hyperparameters are for state identification

Can also compute overlaps  $Z_k$  (decay constants!)

Can apply to >3-point functions: take  $\mathcal{J} = J_1 T^\delta J_2$

~~Need dense evaluation of sink times~~

Only have data for  $t_f \geq t_0 \rightarrow$  take  $|\Psi\rangle = T^{t_0} |\psi\rangle$

Only have e.g. even  $t_f \rightarrow$  take “ $T$ ” =  $T^2$

$\rightarrow$  Can apply to existing ~~disconnected~~ data now

TODO: better statistics, state ID, convergence diagnostics; bounds?

**What can we do now that we couldn't before?**