

Nucleon structure from 2+1f dynamical DWF lattice QCD at nearly physical pion mass

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RBC and UKQCD collaborations have been generating **dynamical Domain-Wall Fermions (DWF)** ensembles:

- **good chiral and flavor symmetries,**

that allowed us do a lot of good pion and kaon physics as well as nucleon.

We are now much **closer to physical pion mass** with **large volume**, than the previous sets of ensembles:

- light, $m_\pi \sim 170$ and 250 MeV, quarks ($m_{ud}a = 0.001$ and 0.0042 , and $m_{res}a \sim 0.002$),
- a large, $(4.6\text{fm})^3$, volume ($a^{-1} \sim 1.371(8)$ GeV),

made possible by Iwasaki + **dislocation suppressing determinant ratio (DSDR)** gauge action.

Here we report the current status of our nucleon calculations, by

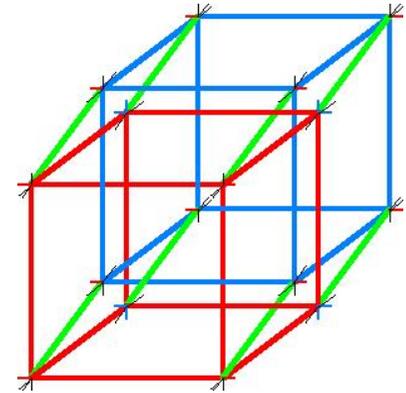
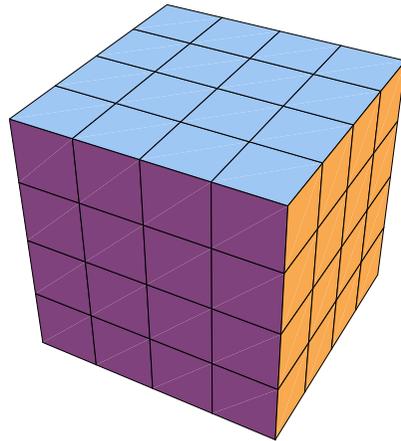
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Lattice: 4D simple hyper-cubic lattice, $L_0L_1L_2L_3$, Euclidean



site: $s = (n_0n_1n_2n_3)$, $0 \leq n_i \leq L_i - 1$ ($i = 0, 1, 2, 3$).

link: $l = (s, \mu)$, $\mu \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$, connects s and $s + \hat{\mu}$.

constant separation (lattice constant) a between neighboring sites.

Taking $a \rightarrow 0$ through asymptotic scaling gives exact continuum physics.

Dynamical variables:

quark: $q(s)$, defined on site and forms basis of fundamental (3) representation of $SU(3)$,

gluon: $U(s, \mu) = \exp(ig \int_s^{s+\hat{\mu}} A_\mu(y) dy_\mu) \in SU(3)$, now a group element defined on link.

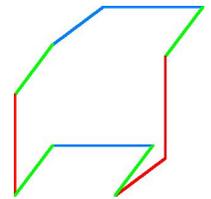
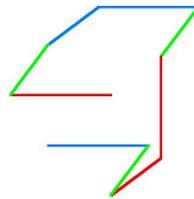
There are many other ways to define lattice (eg. random lattice) with different advantages, but the way q , U and G are defined is basically the same.

Gauge transformation: $G(s) \in \text{SU}(3)$, defined on site, maps quarks and gluons

$$q(s) \mapsto G(s)q(s) \quad \text{and} \quad U(s, \mu) \mapsto G(s)U(s, \mu)G(s + \hat{\mu})^{-1}.$$

Gauge invariant objects (**QCD action, observables**):

- Quark: $\bar{\psi}(x)U(x, \mu)U(x + \hat{\mu}, \nu) \dots U(y - \hat{\rho}, \rho)\psi(y)$, $\mapsto \bar{\psi}(x)\underline{G^{-1}(x)G(x)}U(x, \mu)\underline{G^{-1}(x + \hat{\mu})G(x + \hat{\mu})}U(x + \hat{\mu}, \nu) \dots U(y - \hat{\rho}, \rho)\underline{G^{-1}(y)G(y)}\psi(y)$.



- Gluon, $\text{Tr}[U(x, \mu)U(x + \hat{\mu}, \nu) \dots U(x - \hat{\rho}, \rho)] \mapsto \text{Tr}[\underline{G(x)U(x, \mu)G^{-1}(x + \hat{\mu})G(x + \hat{\mu})}U(x + \hat{\mu}, \nu) \dots U(x - \hat{\rho}, \rho)\underline{G^{-1}(x)}]$.

Action: $S_{\text{QCD}}[U, q, \bar{q}] = S_{\text{gluon}}[U] + S_{\text{quark}}[U, q, \bar{q}]$, must respect **gauge invariance**:

gluon part: such as $S_{\text{gluon}}[U] = \frac{6}{g^2} \sum_s \sum_{\mu < \nu} \square(s, \mu, \nu)$, gives $-\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} G^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}$ as $a \rightarrow 0$ and $g \rightarrow 0$,

- with **plaquette** $\square(s, \mu, \nu) = 1 - \frac{1}{3} \text{Re} \text{Tr} U(s, \mu) U(s + \hat{\mu}, \nu) U(s + \hat{\nu}, \mu)^{-1} U(s, \nu)^{-1}$.

quark part: $S_{\text{quark}}[U, q, \bar{q}] = \sum_{s, s'} \bar{q}(s) M[U](s, s') q(s')$, which should give $\bar{q}(i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - m)q$,

- with $M[U](s, s')$ describing quark propagation between sites s and s' .

Expectation values of any gauge-invariant observable: $\langle O \rangle = N^{-1} \int [dU][dq][d\bar{q}] O[U, q, \bar{q}] \exp(-S_{\text{QCD}}[U, q, \bar{q}])$,

or by integrating over the quark Grassmann variables: $N'^{-1} \int [dU] (\det M[U]) \exp(-S_{\text{gluon}}[U])$.

It is often convenient to use **effective action**: $\tilde{S}[U] = S_{\text{gluon}}[U] - \text{Tr} \log M[U]$.

Finite lattice and compact SU(3) assures finite $\langle O \rangle$.

Continuum limit is well defined through **asymptotic freedom**: consider an observable O with mass dimension,

- the expectation value is described as $\langle O \rangle = a^{-1} f(g)$ with some **dimensionless function $f(g)$** of **dimensionless coupling g** .
- **Renormalizability** of the theory means the cutoff dependence should vanish, $\frac{d\langle O \rangle}{da} \rightarrow 0$, as $a \rightarrow 0$, or

$$f(g) - f'(g) \left(a \frac{dg}{da} \right) = \beta(g) f'(g) + f(g) \rightarrow 0.$$

- This ($df/f = -dg/\beta$) is easily solved to give: $\langle O \rangle a \propto \exp \left(- \int^g \frac{dh}{\beta(h)} \right)$, or

$$\langle O \rangle a \propto (g^2 b_0)^{-\frac{b_1}{2b_0^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2b_0 g^2}} [1 + O(g^2)],$$

where $\beta(g) \equiv -a \frac{dg}{da} = -b_0 g^3 - b_1 g^5 + O(g^7)$ is perturbatively well known.

Chiral symmetry:

- Invariance under global $U(N_f)$ transformations, $q \mapsto \exp(i\theta)q$, $\exp(i\theta'\gamma_5)q$, $\exp(i\alpha^a \frac{\lambda^a}{2})q$ and $\exp(i\beta^a \frac{\lambda^a}{2}\gamma_5)q$.
- Should be preserved in the absence of $m\bar{q}q$, like $U(N_f)_L \times U(N_f)_R = SU(N_f)_V \times SU(N_f)_A \times U(1)_V \times U(1)_A$.
- In fact **spontaneously broken** for light normal quarks, $m_u \sim m_d \sim 0$, $\langle \bar{u}u + \bar{d}d \rangle \neq 0$.
- **Important** for Nambu-Goldstone pion, PCAC, etc, $m_\pi^2 f_\pi^2 = m_q \langle \bar{q}q \rangle$.

However, **difficult to maintain on regular lattices**.

Naive lattice fermion action, with $M_{xy} = \frac{1}{2}a^{D-1} \sum_\mu \gamma_\mu [\delta_{x+\hat{\mu},y} - \delta_{x-\hat{\mu},y}]$, leads to a propagator $\Delta(p) = a[\gamma_\mu \sin(p_\mu a)]^{-1}$, which has 2^D poles at $p_\mu = 0$ or π/a : for $D = 4$, there are $2^4 = 16$ **flavors/tastes** instead of one.

Shifting of one component of p_μ , such as $\tilde{p}_\mu = p_\mu - \pi/a$, acts like

$$\gamma_\mu \sin(p_\mu a) = -\gamma_\mu \sin(\tilde{p}_\mu a)$$

so the **chirality \pm states are paired**.

Nielsen and Ninomiya theorem: doubling inevitable (**chirality \pm states are paired**) for a **regular lattice** and **local, hermitian, and translationally invariant action**.

Domain-wall fermions¹: introduce a 5-th dimension, s , and define a 5D Dirac operator: $D = \gamma_\mu \partial_\mu + \gamma_5 \partial_s + m(s)$,

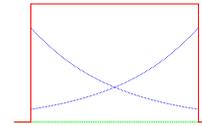
- With a monotonic $m(s)$ with $m(s=0) = 0$, a 4D chiral modes emerge: $\psi_\pm(x, s) = u_p(x) \phi_\pm(s) \chi_\pm$.
- 4D Dirac plane wave u_p and γ_5 eigenstate, $\gamma_5 \chi_\pm = \pm \chi_\pm$, indicate the s -dependence,

$$[\pm \partial_s + m(s)] \phi(s) = 0, \quad \text{or} \quad \phi(s) \propto \exp[\mp \int_0^s ds' m(s')],$$

pinned at the $s = 0$ wall, and exponentially decay to $\pm s$ direction.



- On a finite lattice, two walls, with a pair of \pm chiralities mix.



- No problem for a vector theory like QCD²: mixing exponentially suppressed, described by m_{res} .

RIKEN-BNL-Columbia (RBC) Collaboration proved DWF works very well for QCD:

- light hadron mass spectrum,
- electroweak transitions among light hadrons (such as f_π , f_K , B_K and ϵ'/ϵ),

unlike conventional Wilson and staggered fermions.

¹D.B. Kaplan, Phys. Lett. B288, 342 (1992), hep-lat/9206013.

²Y. Shamir, Nucl. Phys. B406, 90 (1993), hep-lat/9303005; V. Furman and Y. Shamir, Nucl. Phys. B439, 54 (1995), hep-lat/9405004; and references cited therein.

QCDSF and QCDOC computers: dedicated for lattice QCD calculations.

QCDSF: completed in 1998, 600 (RBRC) and 400 (Columbia) GFlops configurations

- based on commercial DSP
- assisted by custom designed 4D hypercubic nearest-neighbor communication
- 10\$ per MFlops

Demonstrated the use of DWF in (quenched) lattice QCD

- Chiral and flavor symmetries and associated ease in non-perturbative renormalizations,
- hadron spectroscopy: masses and decay constants,
- hadron matrix elements: B_K , ϵ'/ϵ , K_{l3} , nucleon form factors and structure functions.

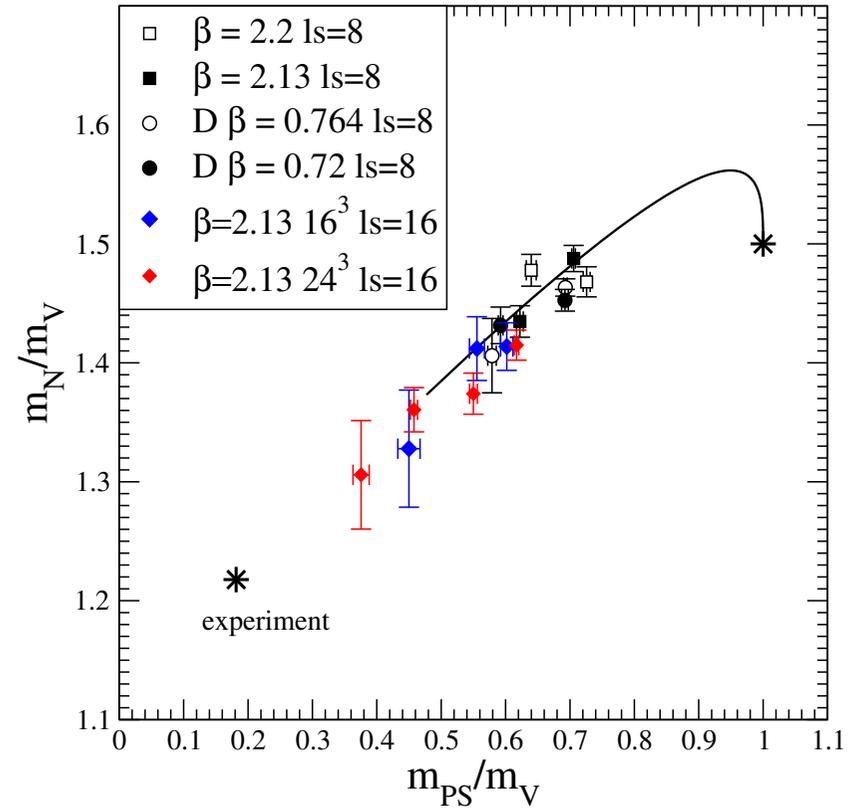
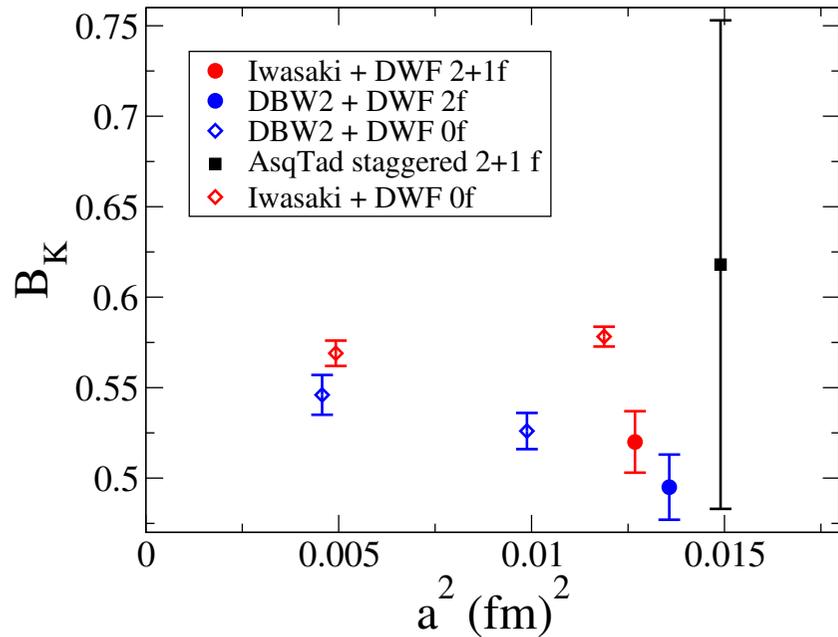
QCDOC: complete in 2005, 10 TFlops configurations in RBRC, BNL and Edinburgh.

- based on system on a chip technology,
- a QCDSF card was shrunk to be a QCDOC chip, with custom-designed 6D hypercubic communications,
- 1\$ per MFlops.

Used for realistic (2+1)-flavor dynamical DWF lattice QCD.

Evolved into **BG/L**, **P** and **Q** \sim **QCDCQ**.

RBC/UKQCD $N_f = 2 + 1$ dynamical DWF ensembles: $a^{-1} = 1.73(2)$ and $2.28(3)$ GeV with volumes larger than 2.7 fm across,



Chiral and continuum limit with good flavor and chiral symmetries:

- $f_\pi = 122(2)(5)$ MeV, $f_K/f_\pi = 1.21(3)$; $m_s^{\overline{\text{MS}}(2\text{GeV})} = 97(3)$ MeV, $m_{\text{ud}}^{\overline{\text{MS}}(2\text{GeV})} = 3.6(2)$ MeV,
- Very accurate constraints on CKM matrix: $B_K^{\overline{\text{MS}}(2\text{GeV})} = 0.524(10)(28)$, $K_{l3} f_+(0) = 0.964(5)$, ...
- Chiral perturbation useless from our previous mass range, $m_\pi \sim 300$ MeV: e.g. NLO $\sim 0.5 \times$ LO.

Nucleon form factors, measured in elastic scatterings or β decay or muon capture:

$$\langle p|V_\mu^+(x)|n\rangle = \bar{u}_p \left[\gamma_\mu F_V(q^2) + \frac{\sigma_{\mu\lambda} q_\lambda}{2m_N} F_T(q^2) \right] u_n e^{iq \cdot x},$$

$$\langle p|A_\mu^+(x)|n\rangle = \bar{u}_p \left[\gamma_\mu \gamma_5 F_A(q^2) + i q_\mu \gamma_5 F_P(q^2) \right] u_n e^{iq \cdot x}.$$

$$F_V = F_1, F_T = F_2; G_E(q^2) = F_1 - \frac{q^2}{4m_N^2} F_2, G_M = F_1 + F_2.$$

Related to mean-squared charge radius, magnetic moment, $g_V = F_V(0) = G_{\text{Fermi}} \cos \theta_{\text{Cabibbo}}$, $g_A = F_A(0) = 1.2701(25)g_V$, Goldberger-Treiman relation, $m_N g_A \propto f_\pi g_{\pi NN}$, ... determine much of nuclear physics.

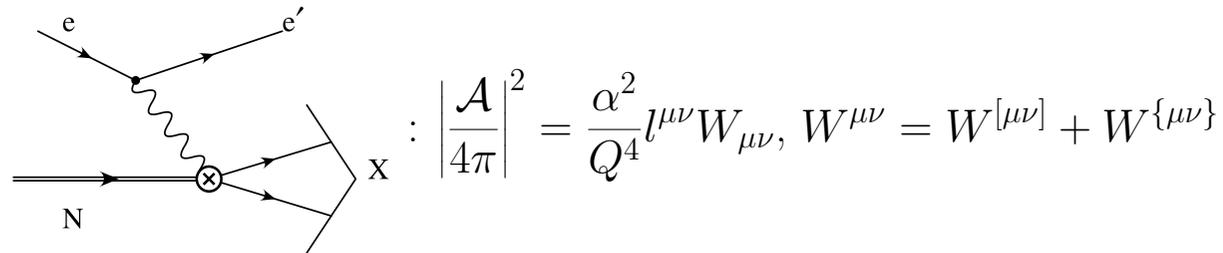
On the lattice, with appropriate nucleon operator, for example, $N = \epsilon_{abc} (u_a^T C \gamma_5 d_b) u_c$, ratio of two- and three-point correlators such as $\frac{C_{3\text{pt}}^{\Gamma, O}(t_{\text{sink}}, t)}{C_{2\text{pt}}(t_{\text{sink}})}$ with

$$C_{2\text{pt}}(t_{\text{sink}}) = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \left(\frac{1 + \gamma_t}{2} \right)_{\alpha\beta} \langle N_\beta(t_{\text{sink}}) \bar{N}_\alpha(0) \rangle,$$

$$C_{3\text{pt}}^{\Gamma, O}(t_{\text{sink}}, t) = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \Gamma_{\alpha\beta} \langle N_\beta(t_{\text{sink}}) O(t) \bar{N}_\alpha(0) \rangle,$$

give a plateau in t for a lattice bare value $\langle O \rangle$ for the relevant observable, with appropriate spin ($\Gamma = (1 + \gamma_t)/2$ or $(1 + \gamma_t)i\gamma_5\gamma_k/2$) or momentum-transfer (if any) projections.

Deep inelastic scatterings



- unpolarized: $W^{\{\mu\nu\}}(x, Q^2) = \left(-g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{q^\mu q^\nu}{q^2}\right) F_1(x, Q^2) + \left(P^\mu - \frac{\nu}{q^2} q^\mu\right) \left(P^\nu - \frac{\nu}{q^2} q^\nu\right) \frac{F_2(x, Q^2)}{\nu}$,
- polarized: $W^{[\mu\nu]}(x, Q^2) = i\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} q_\rho \left(\frac{S_\sigma}{\nu} (g_1(x, Q^2) + g_2(x, Q^2)) - \frac{q \cdot S P_\sigma}{\nu^2} g_2(x, Q^2)\right)$,

with $\nu = q \cdot P$, $S^2 = -M^2$, $x = Q^2/2\nu$.

Moments of the structure functions are accessible on the lattice:

$$2 \int_0^1 dx x^{n-1} F_1(x, Q^2) = \sum_{q=u,d} c_{1,n}^{(q)}(\mu^2/Q^2, g(\mu)) \langle x^n \rangle_q(\mu) + \mathcal{O}(1/Q^2),$$

$$\int_0^1 dx x^{n-2} F_2(x, Q^2) = \sum_{f=u,d} c_{2,n}^{(q)}(\mu^2/Q^2, g(\mu)) \langle x^n \rangle_q(\mu) + \mathcal{O}(1/Q^2),$$

$$2 \int_0^1 dx x^n g_1(x, Q^2) = \sum_{q=u,d} e_{1,n}^{(q)}(\mu^2/Q^2, g(\mu)) \langle x^n \rangle_{\Delta q}(\mu) + \mathcal{O}(1/Q^2),$$

$$2 \int_0^1 dx x^n g_2(x, Q^2) = \frac{1}{2n+1} \sum_{q=u,d} \left[e_{2,n}^q(\mu^2/Q^2, g(\mu)) d_n^q(\mu) - 2e_{1,n}^q(\mu^2/Q^2, g(\mu)) \langle x^n \rangle_{\Delta q}(\mu) \right] + \mathcal{O}(1/Q^2)$$

- c_1 , c_2 , e_1 , and e_2 are the Wilson coefficients (perturbative),
- $\langle x^n \rangle_q(\mu)$, $\langle x^n \rangle_{\Delta q}(\mu)$ and $d_n(\mu)$ are forward nucleon matrix elements of certain local operators,
- so is $\langle 1 \rangle_{\delta q}(\mu) = \langle P, S | \bar{\psi} i \gamma_5 \sigma_{\mu\nu} \psi | P, S \rangle$ which may be measured by polarized Drell-Yan and RHIC Spin.

Unpolarized (F_1/F_2): on the lattice we can measure: $\langle x \rangle_q$, $\langle x^2 \rangle_q$ and $\langle x^3 \rangle_q$.

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_s \langle P, S | \mathcal{O}_{\{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_n\}}^q | P, S \rangle = 2 \langle x^{n-1} \rangle_q(\mu) [P_{\mu_1} P_{\mu_2} \dots P_{\mu_n} + \dots - (\text{trace})]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_n}^q = \bar{q} \left[\left(\frac{i}{2} \right)^{n-1} \gamma_{\mu_1} \overleftrightarrow{D}_{\mu_2} \dots \overleftrightarrow{D}_{\mu_n} - (\text{trace}) \right] q$$

Polarized (g_1/g_2): on the lattice we can measure: $\langle 1 \rangle_{\Delta q}$ (g_A), $\langle x \rangle_{\Delta q}$, $\langle x^2 \rangle_{\Delta q}$, d_1 , d_2 , $\langle 1 \rangle_{\delta q}$ and $\langle x \rangle_{\delta q}$.

$$-\langle P, S | \mathcal{O}_{\{\sigma \mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_n\}}^{5q} | P, S \rangle = \frac{2}{n+1} \langle x^n \rangle_{\Delta q}(\mu) [S_\sigma P_{\mu_1} P_{\mu_2} \dots P_{\mu_n} + \dots - (\text{traces})]$$

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and transversity (h_1):

$$\langle P, S | \mathcal{O}_{\rho\nu \{\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_n\}}^{\sigma q} | P, S \rangle = \frac{2}{m_N} \langle x^n \rangle_{\delta q} [(S_\rho P_\nu - S_\nu P_\rho) P_{\mu_1} P_{\mu_2} \dots P_{\mu_n} + \dots - (\text{traces})]$$

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Higher moment operators mix with lower dimensional ones: Only $\langle x \rangle_q$, $\langle 1 \rangle_{\Delta q}$, $\langle x \rangle_{\Delta q}$, d_1 , and $\langle 1 \rangle_{\delta q}$ can be measured with $\vec{P} = 0$.

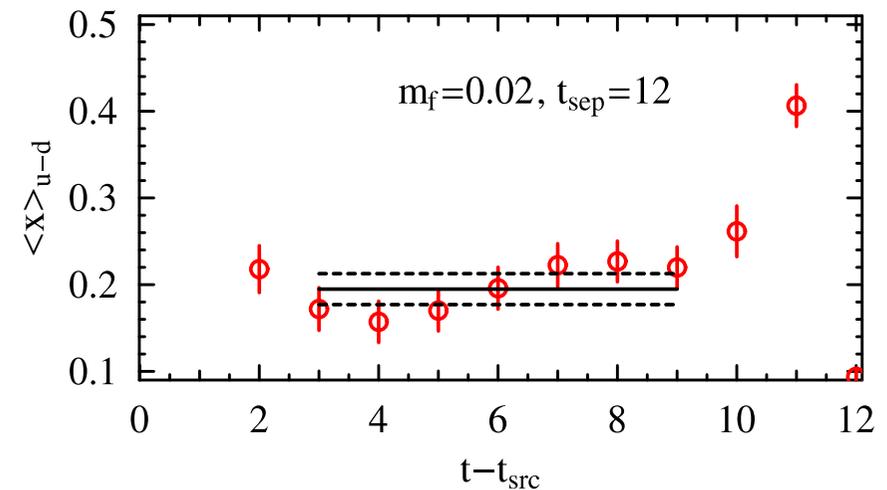
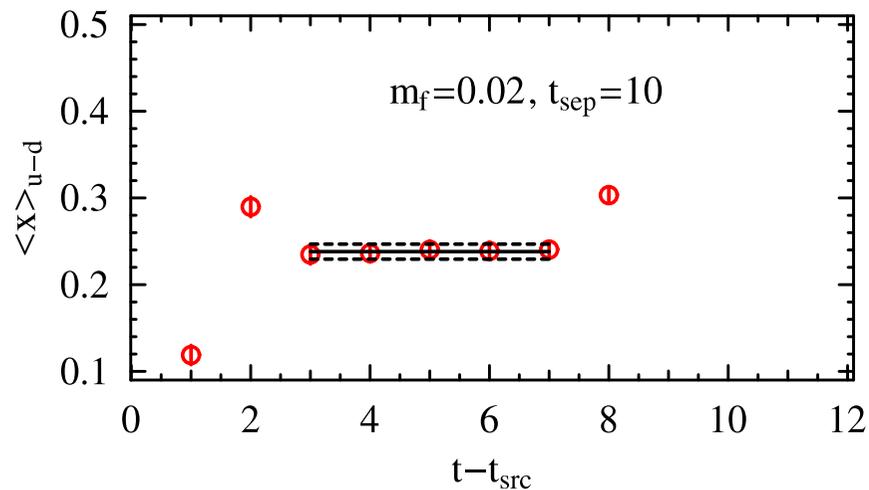
Previous RBC and RBC+UKQCD calculations addressed two important sources of systematics:

- Time separation between nucleon source and sink,
- Spatial volume.

And though not explicitly addressed yet, a better understanding of quark mass dependence is necessary.

Source/sink time separation:

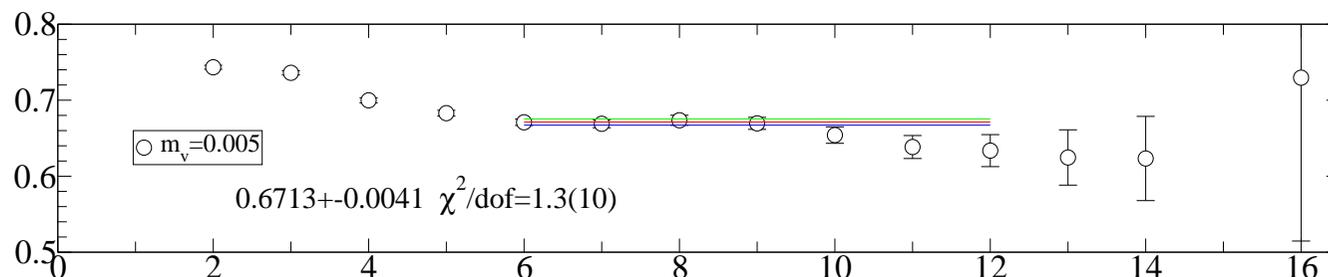
- If too short, too much contamination from excited states, but if too long, the signal is lost.



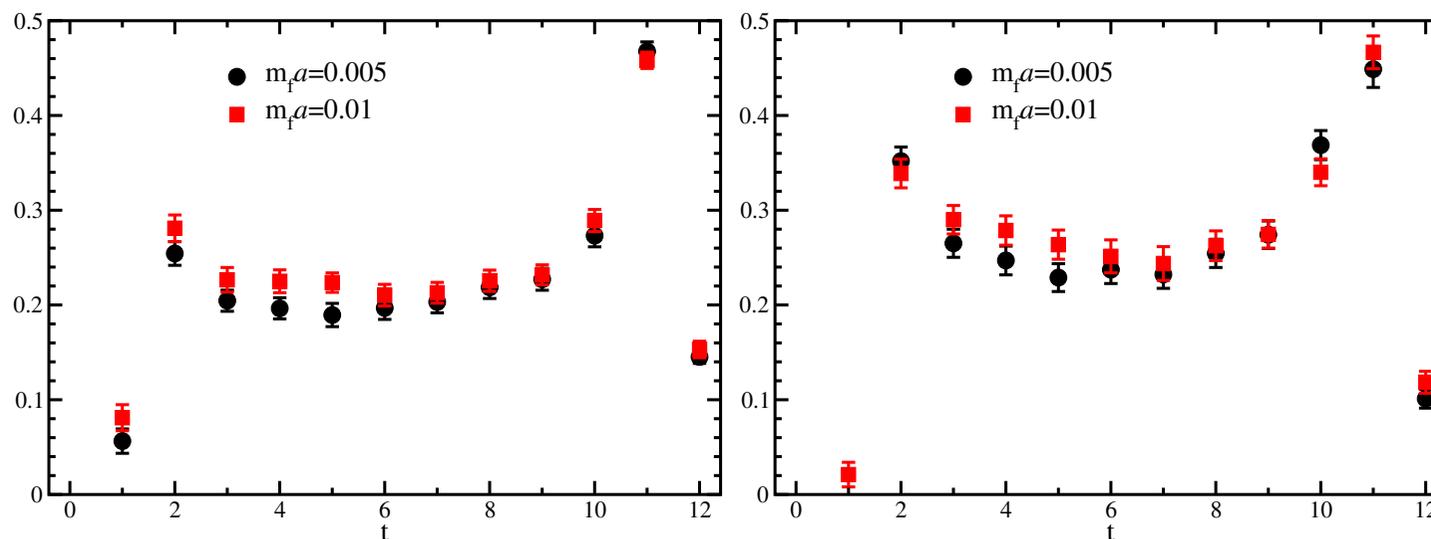
- In an earlier RBC 2-flavor DWF study at $a^{-1} \sim 1.7$ GeV, separation of 10 or 1.1 fm appeared too short.

In the previous (2+1)-flavor study we choose separation 12 or 13, ~ 1.4 fm:

Mass signal ($m_f = 0.005$):

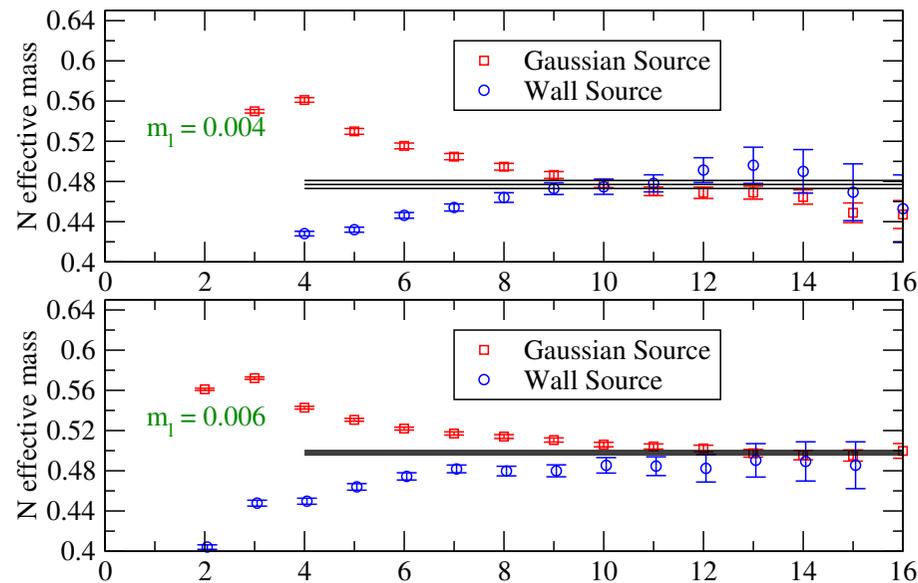


Bare three-point functions: $\langle x \rangle_{u-d}$ (left) and $\langle x \rangle_{\Delta u - \Delta d}$ (right), for $m_f = 0.005$ (black \bullet) and 0.01 (red \square):



In the present study we like to do at least as good, hopefully better: separation of 9 lattice units or longer.

On the other hand, with RBC+UKQCD 2.2-GeV (2+1)-flavor dynamical DWF ensemble:



2-state fits suggest excited-state survives $t_{\text{sink}} \geq 9$.

LHP analysis of vector form factors with $t_{\text{sep}} = 12$ or 1 fm agree with RBC+UKQCD 1.7-GeV results.

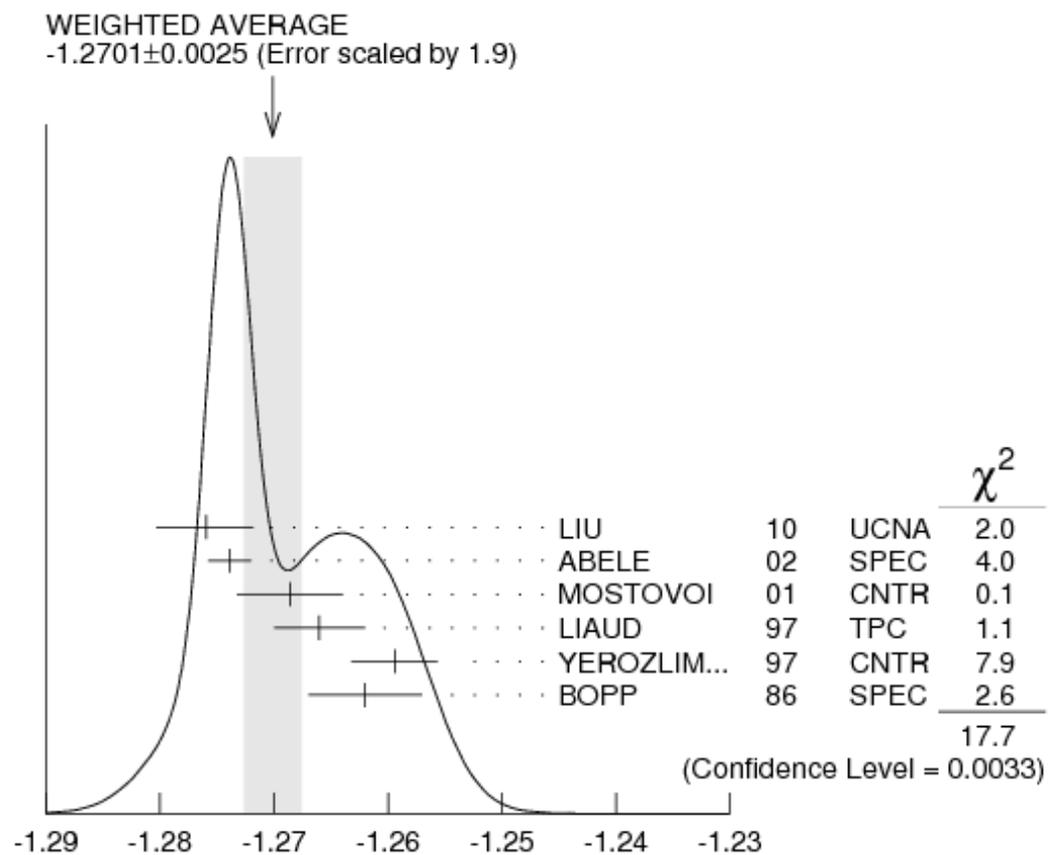
Vector current is less sensitive: conserved charge cannot tell excited-state contamination, for example.

Can we go shorter, ~ 1 fm, separation, in spite of our lighter masses?

- Perhaps with better tuned source and sink smearing?
- Would be good as we have to fight growing error, $\sim \exp(-3m_\pi t)$.

LHP now seem to agree with us that their choice was too short.

Spatial volume: let's look at nucleon isovector axial charge, $g_A/g_V=1.2701(25)$,

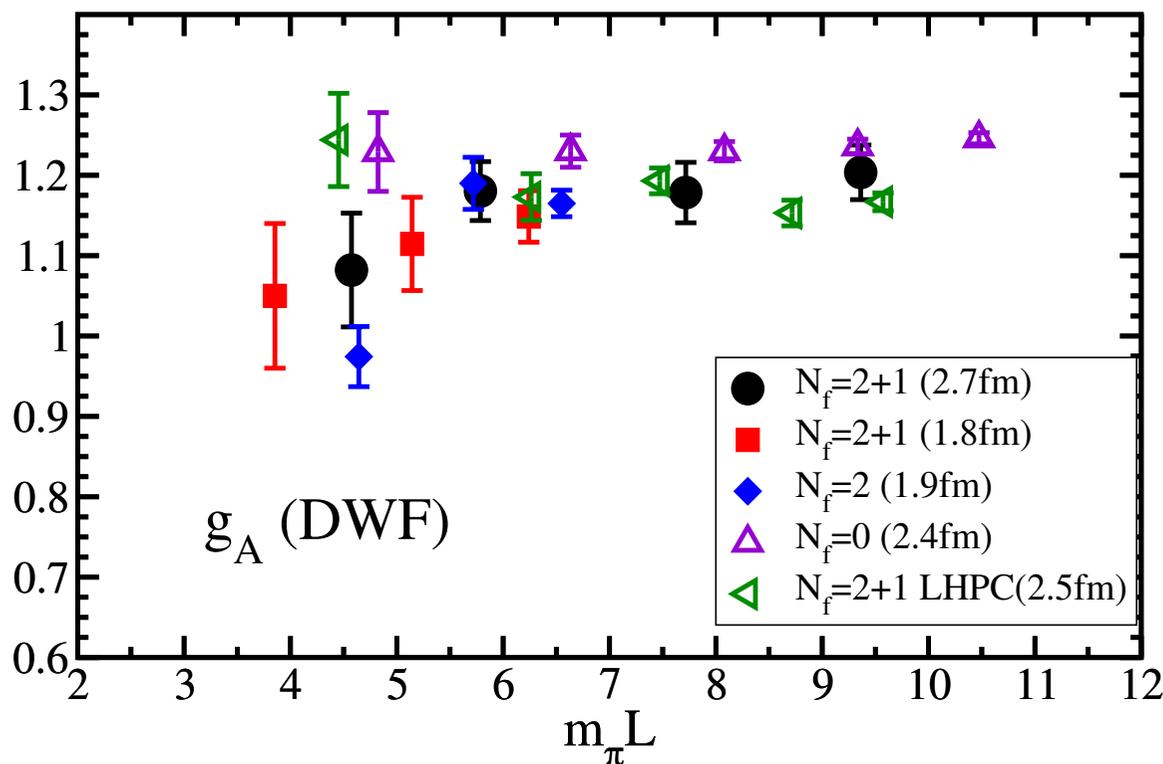


Experimental value has been almost monotonically increasing since Maurice Goldhaber's first measurement.

Lattice calculations appeared to follow the same path, but,

Spatial volume. In Lattice 2007 Takeshi Yamazaki reported **unexpectedly large finite-size effect**:

- in axial charge, $g_A/g_V = 1.2701(25)$, measured in neutron β decay, decides neutron life.



Our DWF on quenched and LHPC DWF on MILC calculations are presented for comparison.

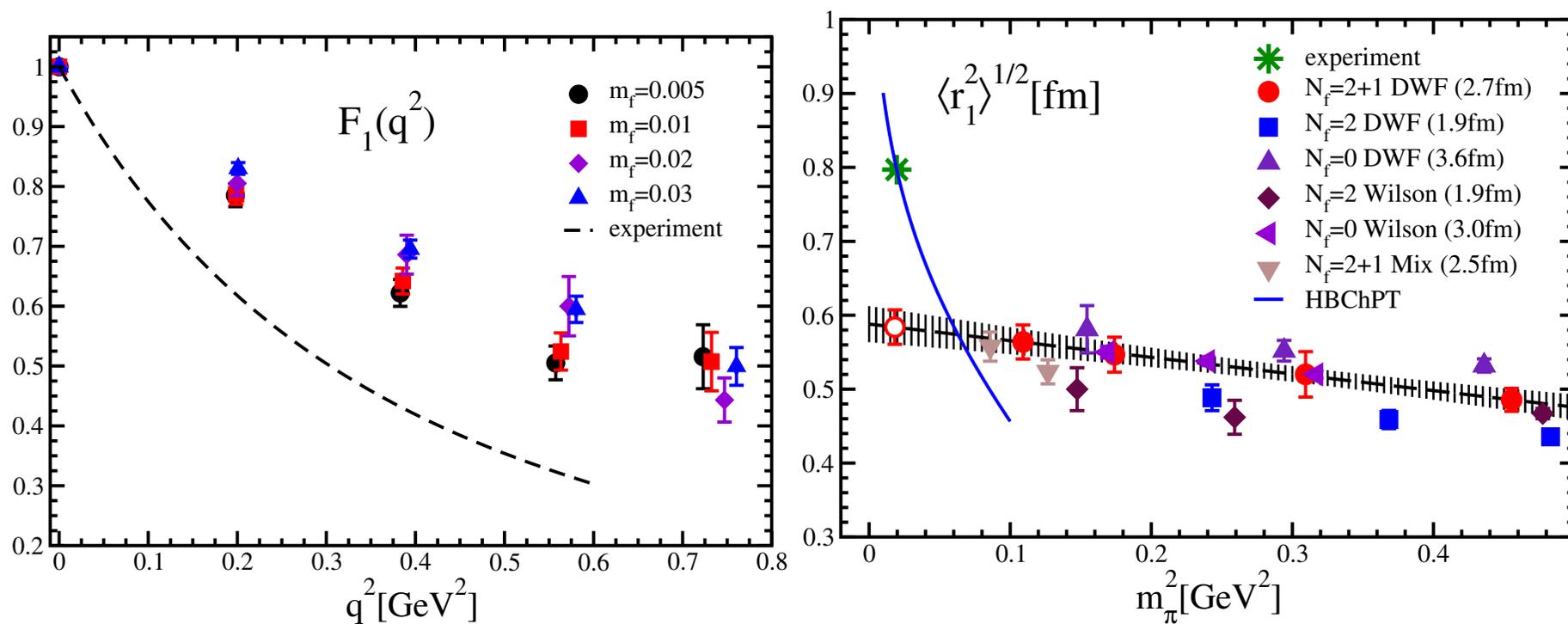
- Heavier quarks: almost consistent with experiment, no discernible quark-mass dependence.
- Lighter quarks: finite-size sets in as early as $m_\pi L \sim 5$, appear to scale in $m_\pi L$:
- **If confirmed, first concrete evidence of pion cloud surrounding nucleons.**

Structure function moments do not seem to suffer so badly, but we need large volume at least for form factors, such important quantities as g_A or $g_{\pi NN}$: **present ($\sim 4.6\text{fm}$)³ volume is a good start.**

RBC/UKQCD(2+1)-flavor, Iwasaki+DWF dynamical, $a^{-1} = 1.73(2)$ GeV, $m_{\text{res}} = 0.00315(2)$, $m_{\text{strange}} = 0.04$,

- $m_{\pi} = 0.67, 0.56, 0.42$ and 0.33 GeV; $m_N = 1.55, 1.39, 1.22$ and 1.15 GeV,

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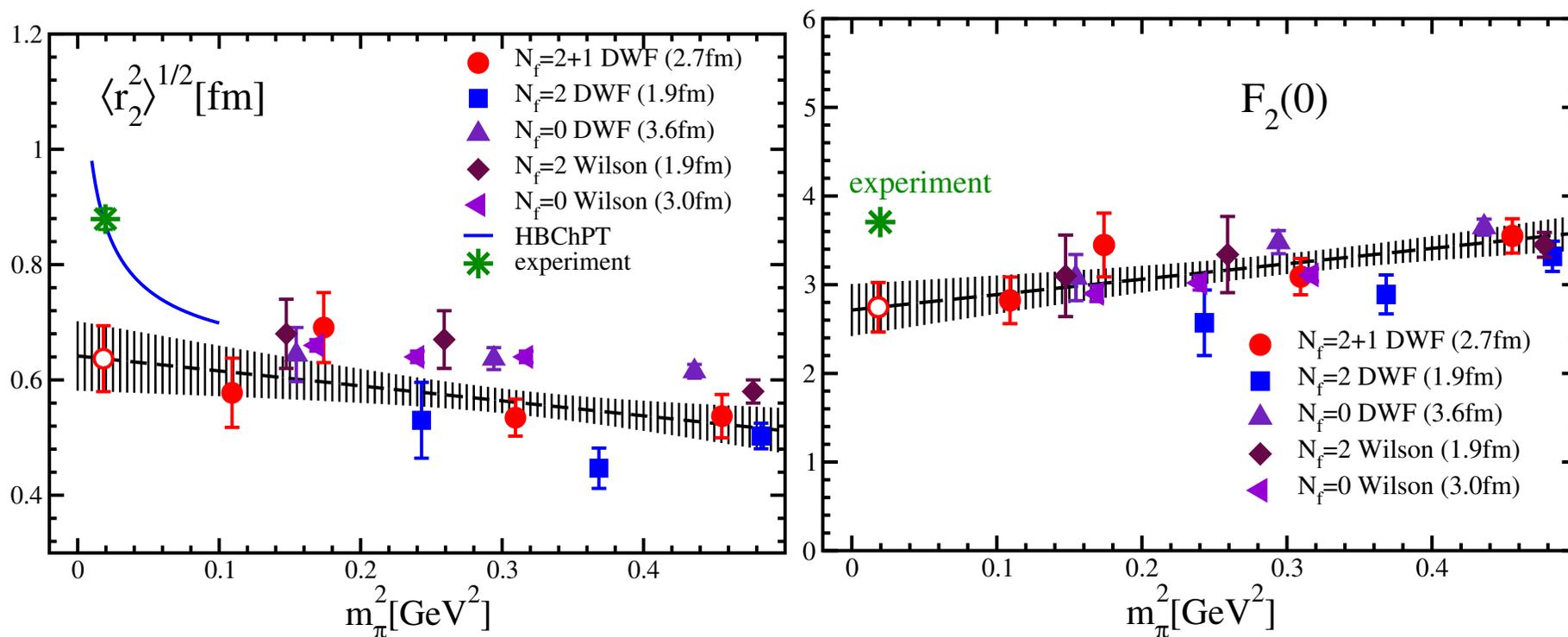


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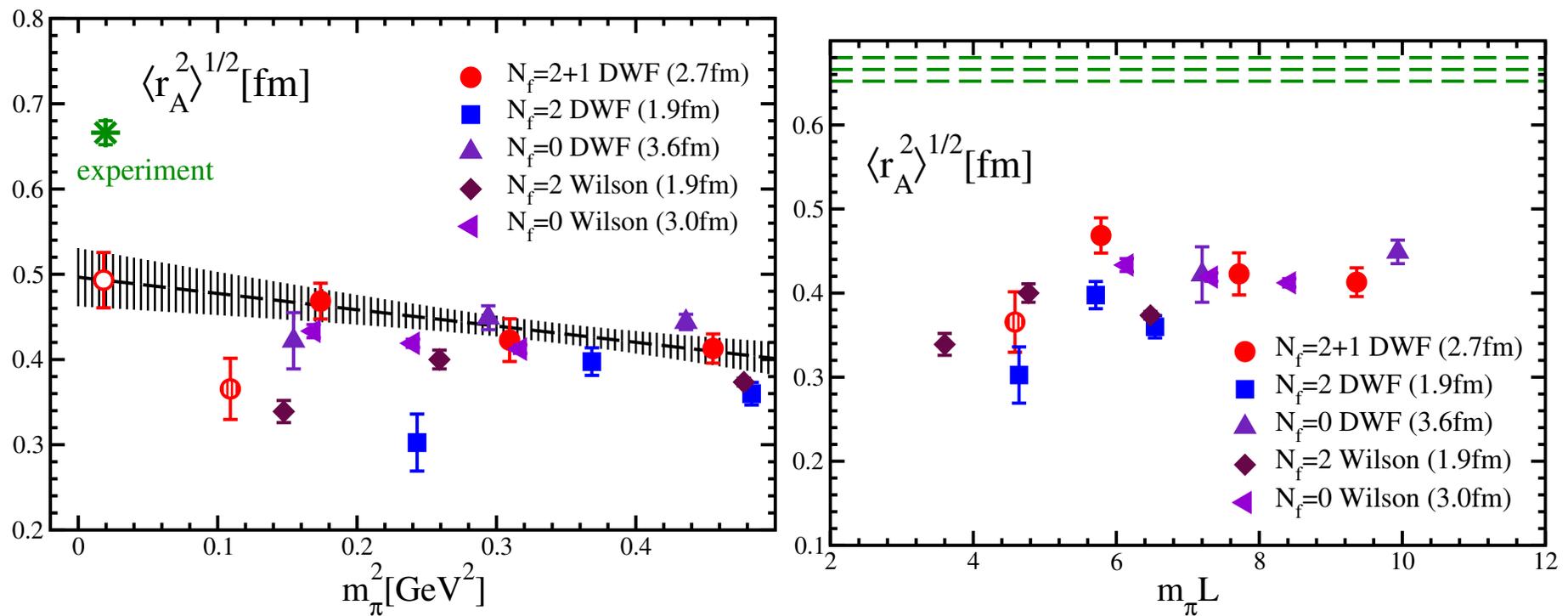


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 perhaps better agreement with experiment for magnetic moment.

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Isovector axialvector form factor from the axial-vector current,

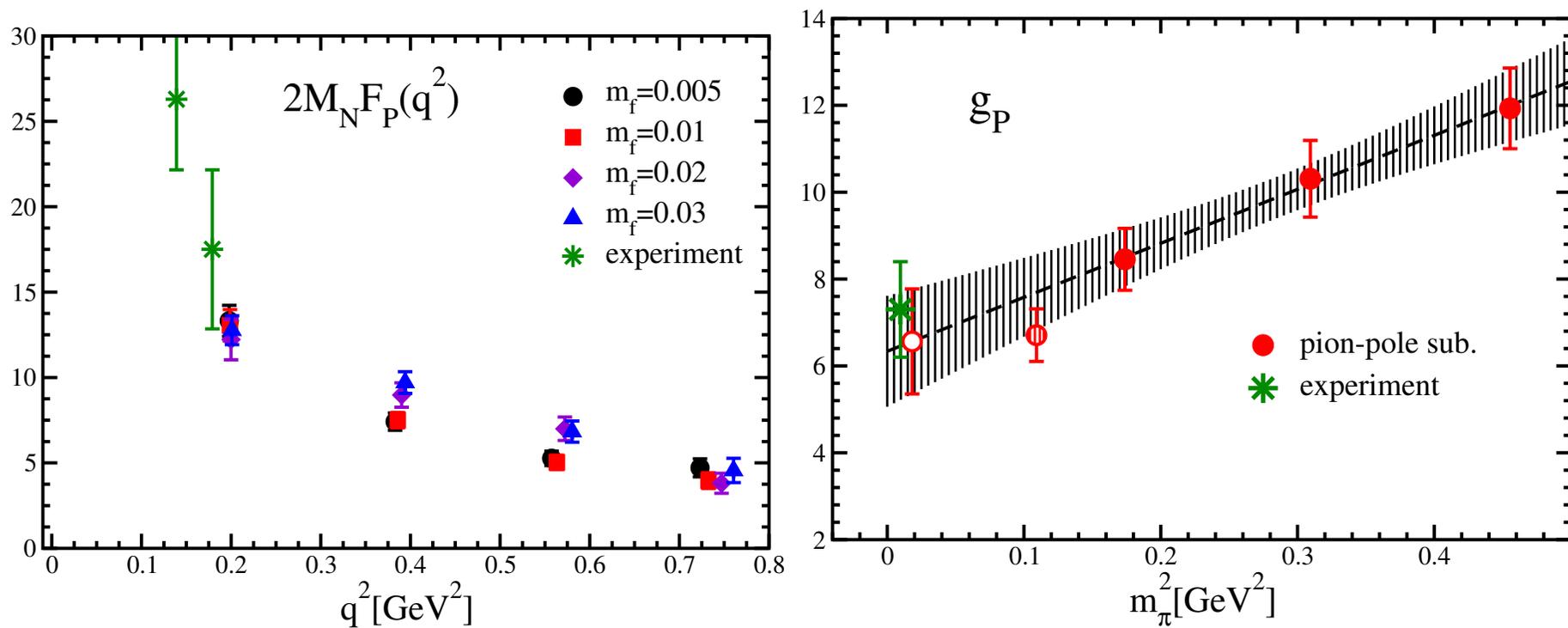


much too small rms radius,
similar dependence on $m_{\pi} L$ as g_A/g_V .

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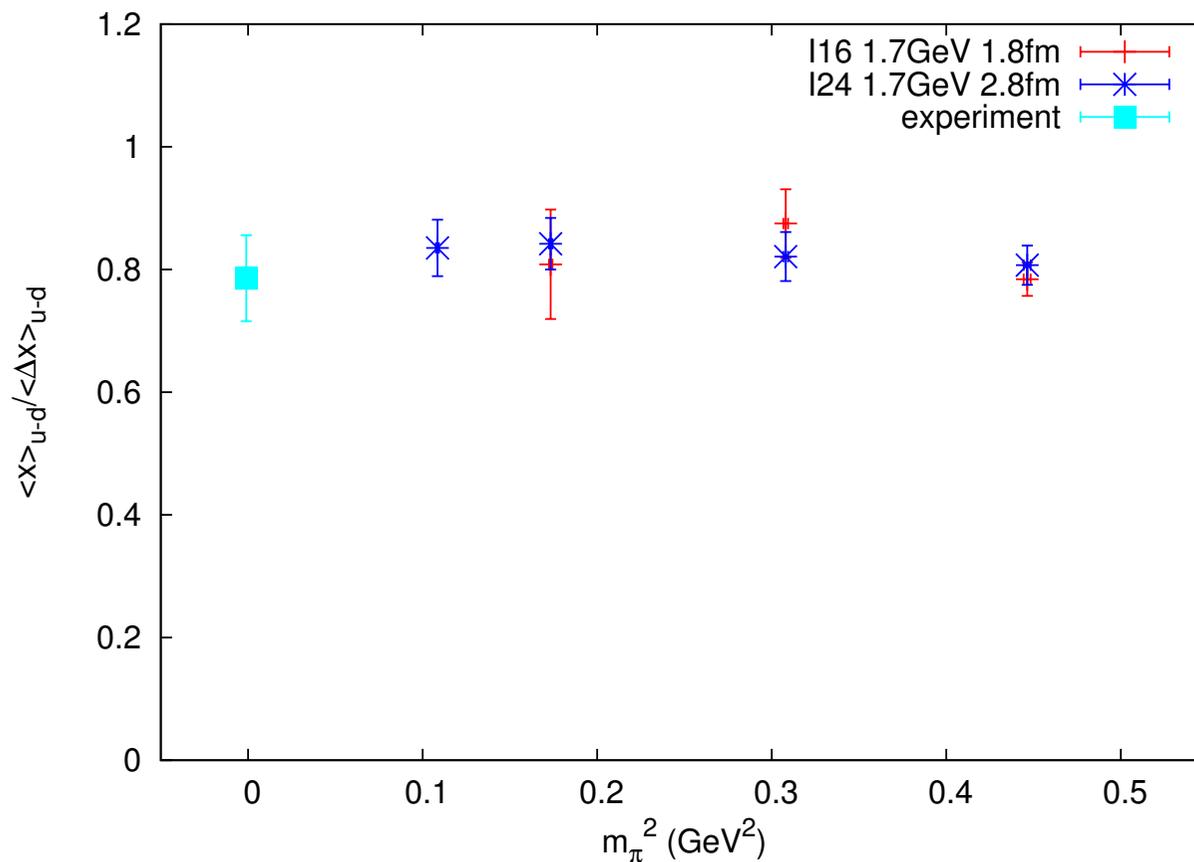


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Ratio, $\langle x \rangle_{u-d} / \langle x \rangle_{\Delta u - \Delta d}$, of momentum and helicity fractions (naturally renormalized on the lattice),



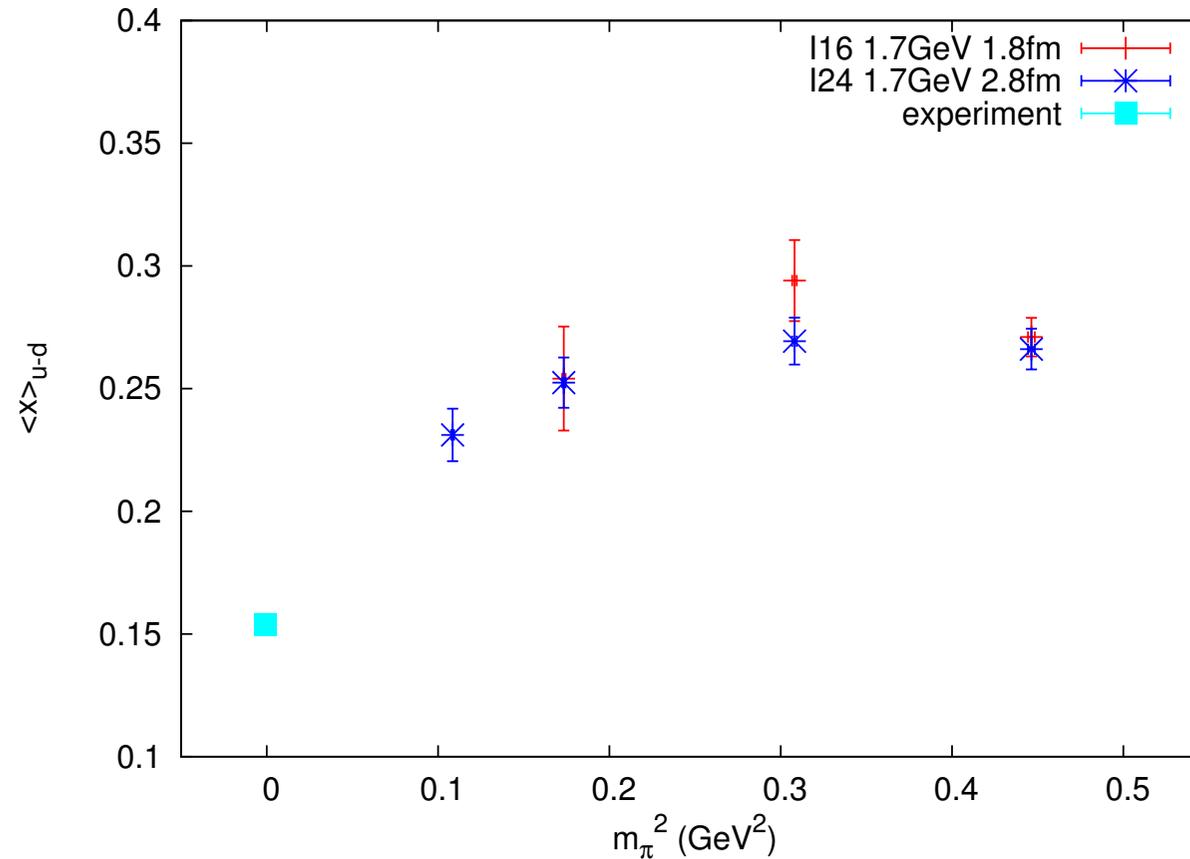
consistent with experiment, no discernible quark-mass dependence.

No finite-size effect seen, in contrast to g_A/g_V which is also naturally renormalized on the lattice.

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Momentum fraction, $\langle x \rangle_{u-d}$, with NPR, $Z^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(2\text{GeV}) = 1.15(4)$, plotted against m_{π}^2 ,



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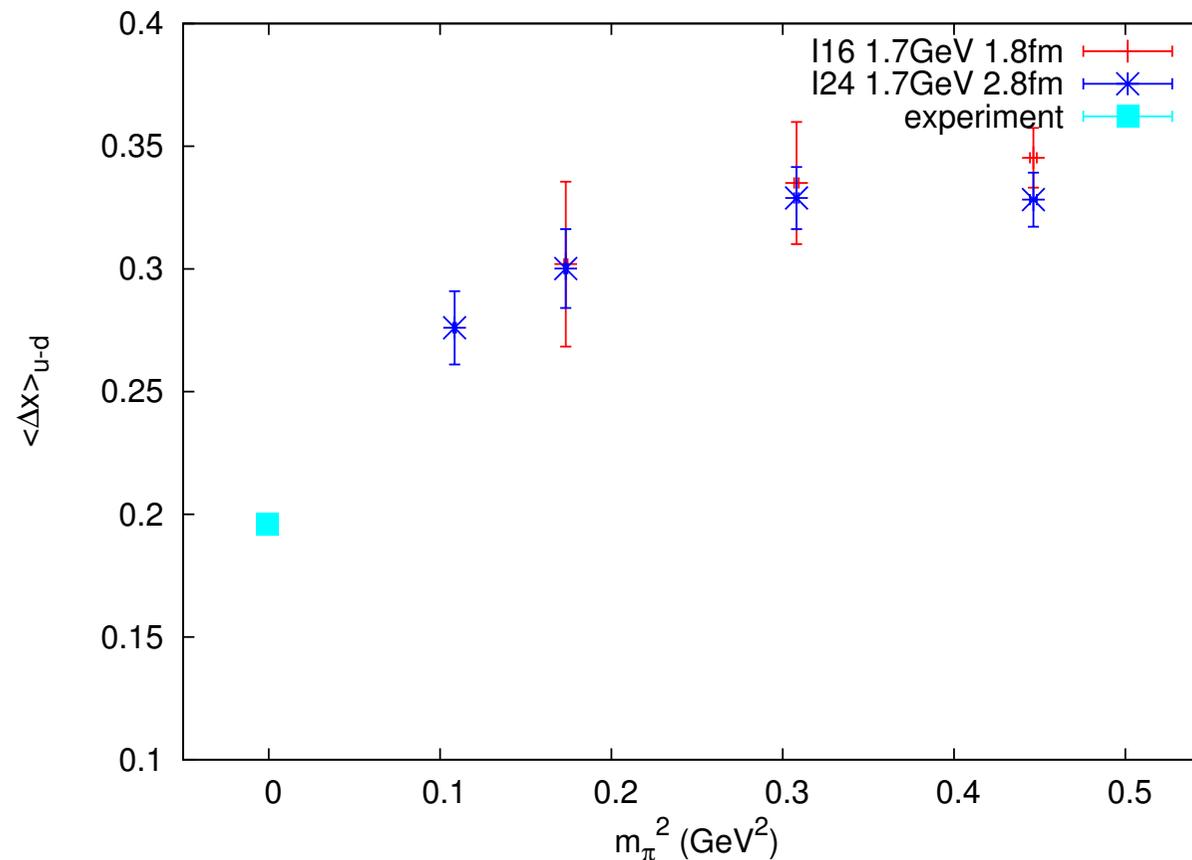
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Helicity fraction, $\langle x \rangle_{\Delta u - \Delta d}$, with NPR, $Z^{\overline{\text{MS}}(2\text{GeV})} = 1.15(3)$, plotted against m_{π}^2 ,



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(2+1)-flavor dynamical lattice-QCD calculations of nucleon structure so far ($m_\pi \sim 300$ MeV) give

- much too small radii for vector-current form factors,
- while axial-current form factors seem to overflow,
- but structure function moments may be starting to behave.

The vector-current form factors are confirmed by LHP at a higher cut off, ~ 2.3 GeV, using another set of RBC+UKQCD (2+1)-flavor dynamical DWF ensembles.

RBC and UKQCD jointly generated new DWF ensembles using FNAL ALCF, a BG/P facility:

- with Iwasaki and dislocation-suppressing-determinant-ratio (DSDR) gauge action, $\beta = 1.75$,
- and DWF fermion action, $L_s = 32$ and $M_5 = 1.8$, with $m_{\text{strange}} = 0.045$, $m_{\text{ud}} = 0.0042$ and 0.001 ,

We have reasonable topology distribution while maintaining small residual mass, $m_{\text{res}}a \sim 0.00184(1)$:

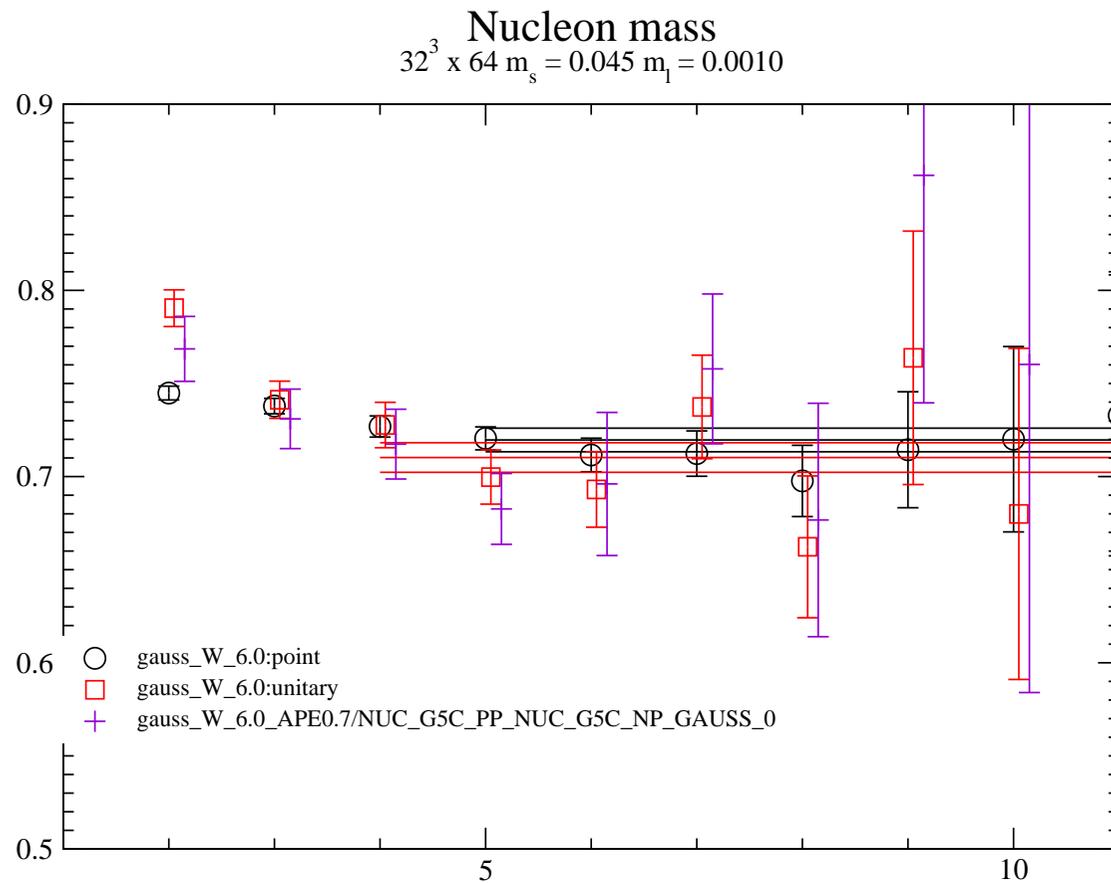
- lattice scale from Ω^- : $a^{-1} = 1.371(8)$ GeV,
- $m_\pi = 0.1816(8)$ and $0.1267(8)$, or ~ 250 and 170 MeV.

$32^3 \times 64$ volume is about 4.6 fm across in space, 9.2 fm in time. We started nucleon structure calculations:

- finished tuning Gaussian smearing, width 6 favored over 4.
- sink separation at 9, four source positions per configuration,
- $[608, 1920]/8$ for 250-MeV, $[500, \sim 1400]/8$ for 170-MeV so far partially analyzed for 3pt,

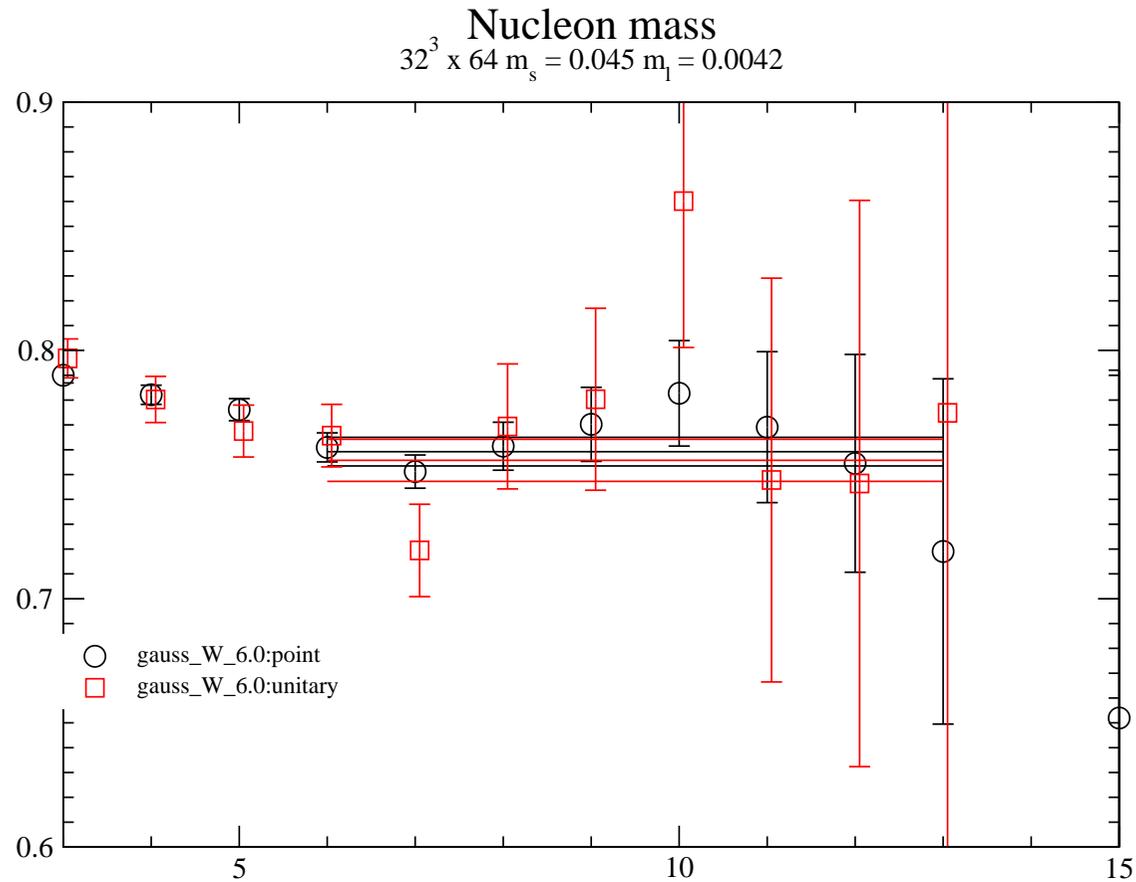
using RICC/RIKEN and Teragrid/Xsede clusters.

RBC/UKQCD (2+1)-flavor, ID+DWF dynamical, $a^{-1} = 1.371(8)$ GeV, $m_\pi \sim 170$ MeV,



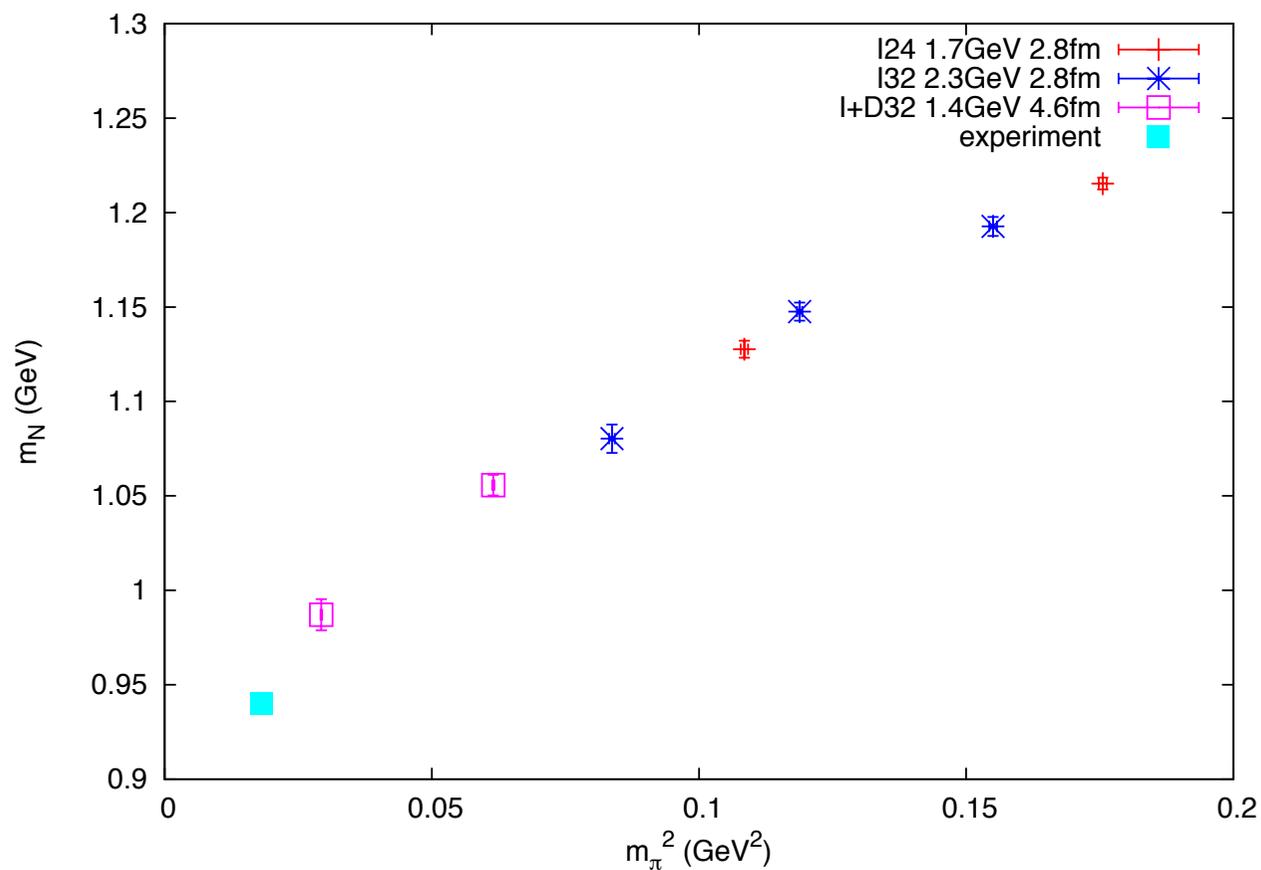
$m_N = 0.720(6)$ or ~ 0.99 GeV,
 presently increasing the statistics.

RBC/UKQCD (2+1)-flavor, ID+DWF dynamical, $a^{-1} = 1.371(8)$ GeV, $m_\pi \sim 250$ MeV,



$m_N = 0.770(4)$ or ~ 1.06 GeV,
presently increasing the statistics.

Nucleon mass: RBC/UKQCD (2+1)-flavor, ID+DWF ensembles are being analyzed for nucleon physics.

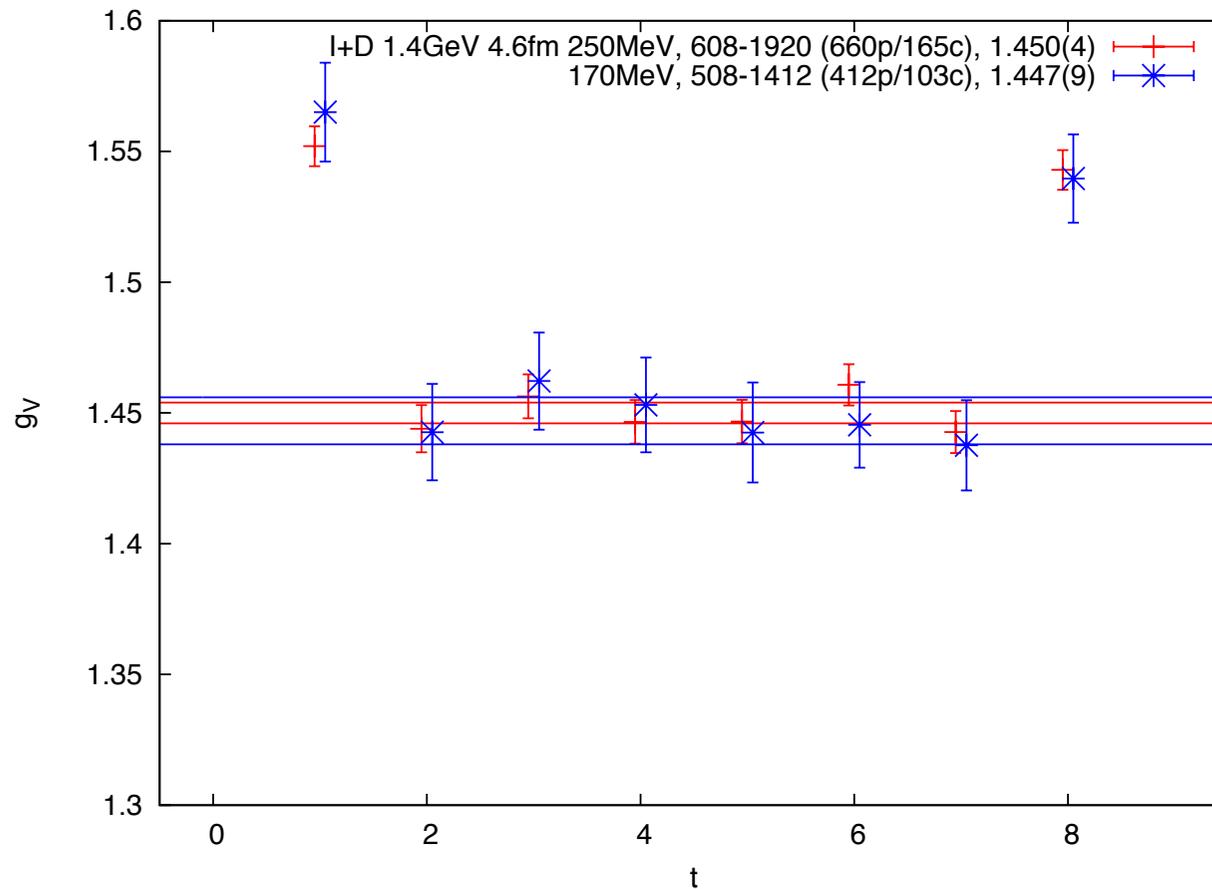


with $a^{-1} = 1.371(8)$ GeV, ($\sim 4.6\text{fm}$)³ spatial volume.

Closer to physical mass, $m_\pi = 170$ and 250 MeV, $m_N < 1.0$ GeV, downward curvature seems setting in, bringing m_N to agree better with experiment.

Note, however, different $O(a^2)$ errors.

Nucleon isovector 3-pt functions are being obtained: for 165 configurations for 250-MeV, ~ 120 for 170-MeV, with **the longest ever source/sink separation of about 1.3 fm**.

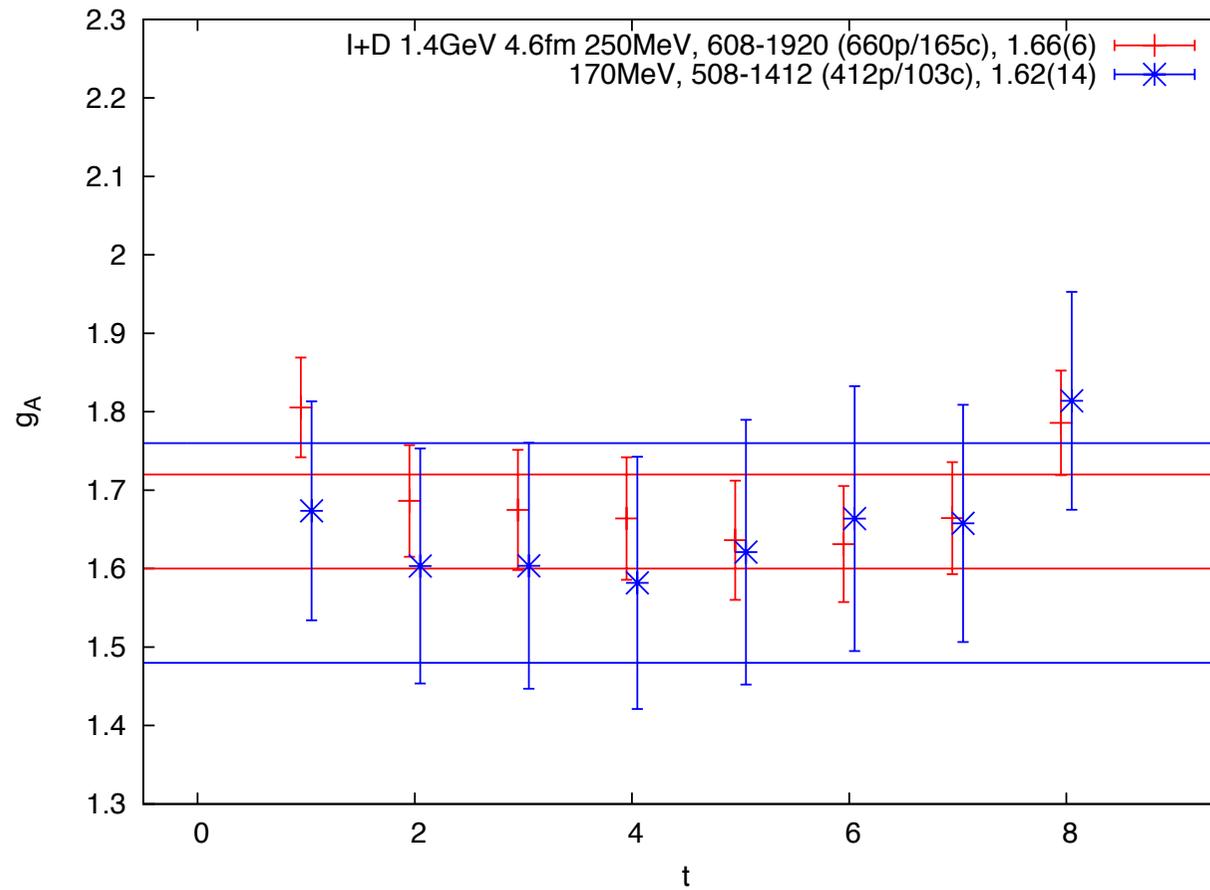


Local-current isovector vector charge, $g_V = 1.450(4)$ and $1.447(9)$, correspond to $Z_V = 0.694(11)$ at $m_\pi^2 = 0$,

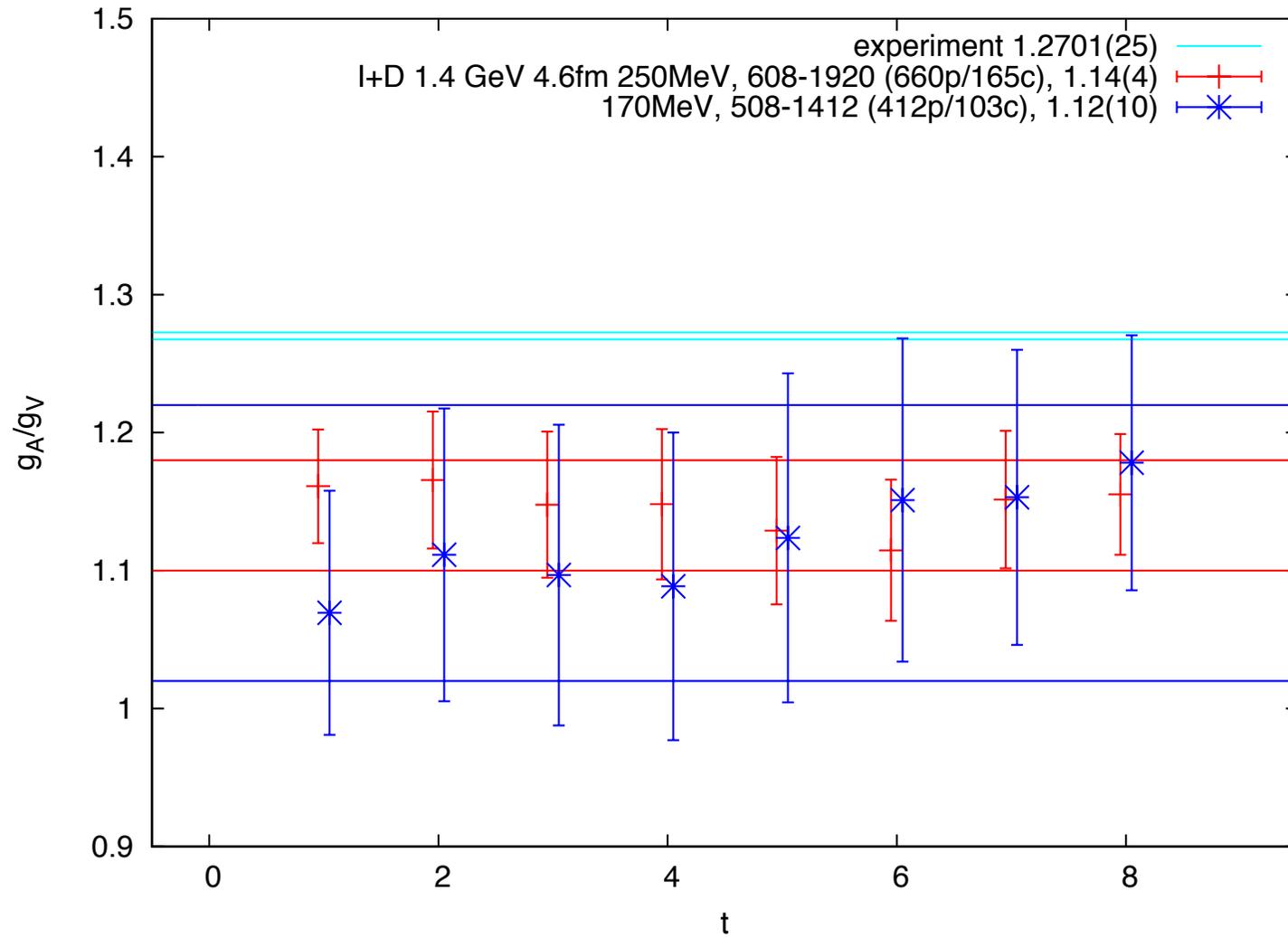
- in good agreement with $Z_A = 0.6878(3)$ obtained in the meson sector,

yet again proving **good chiral and flavor symmetries up to $O(a^2)$** .

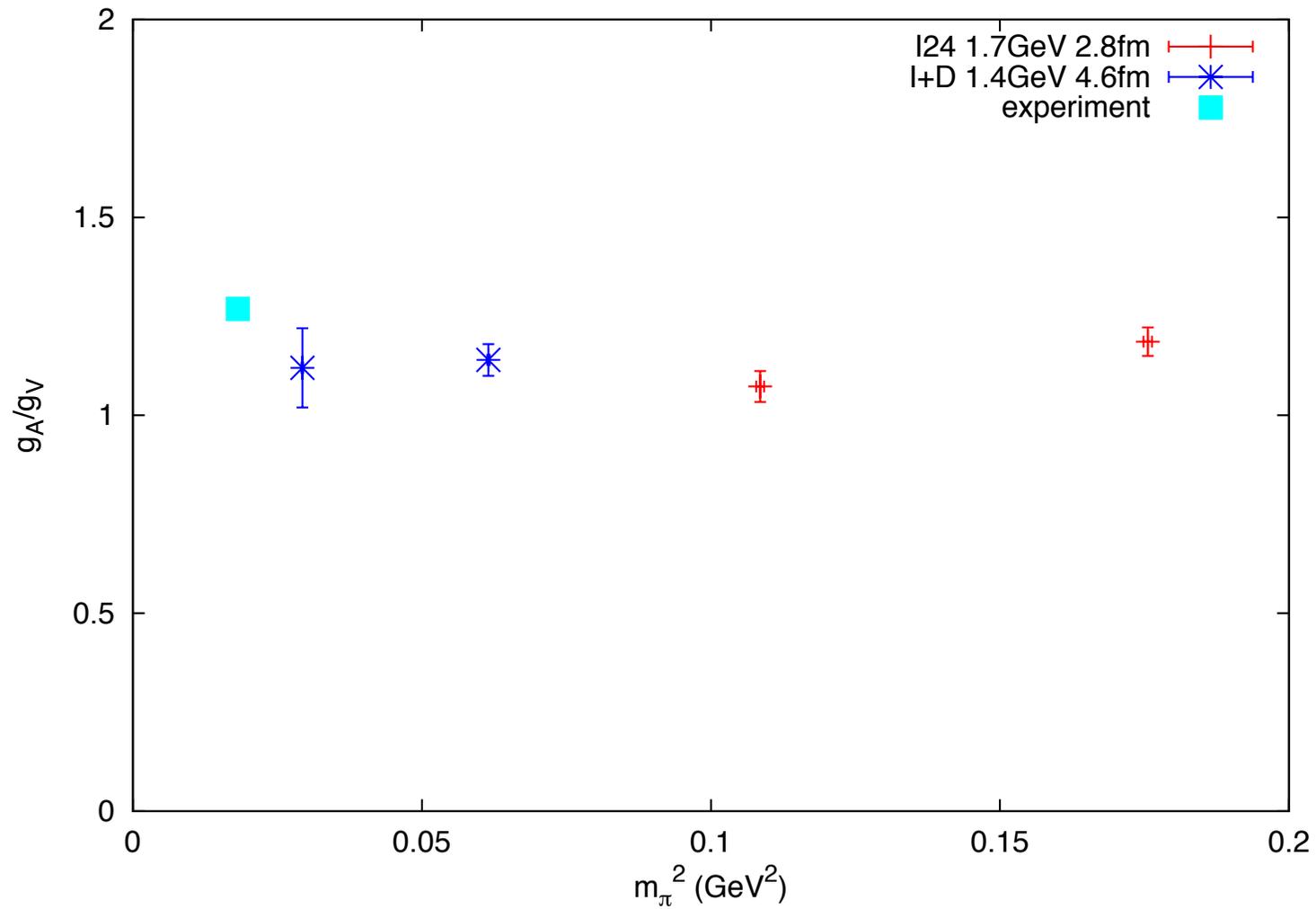
Axialvector current: Noisier than vector current, as expected,



g_A/g_V , ratio of isovector axial and vector charges, is less noisy, again as expected,

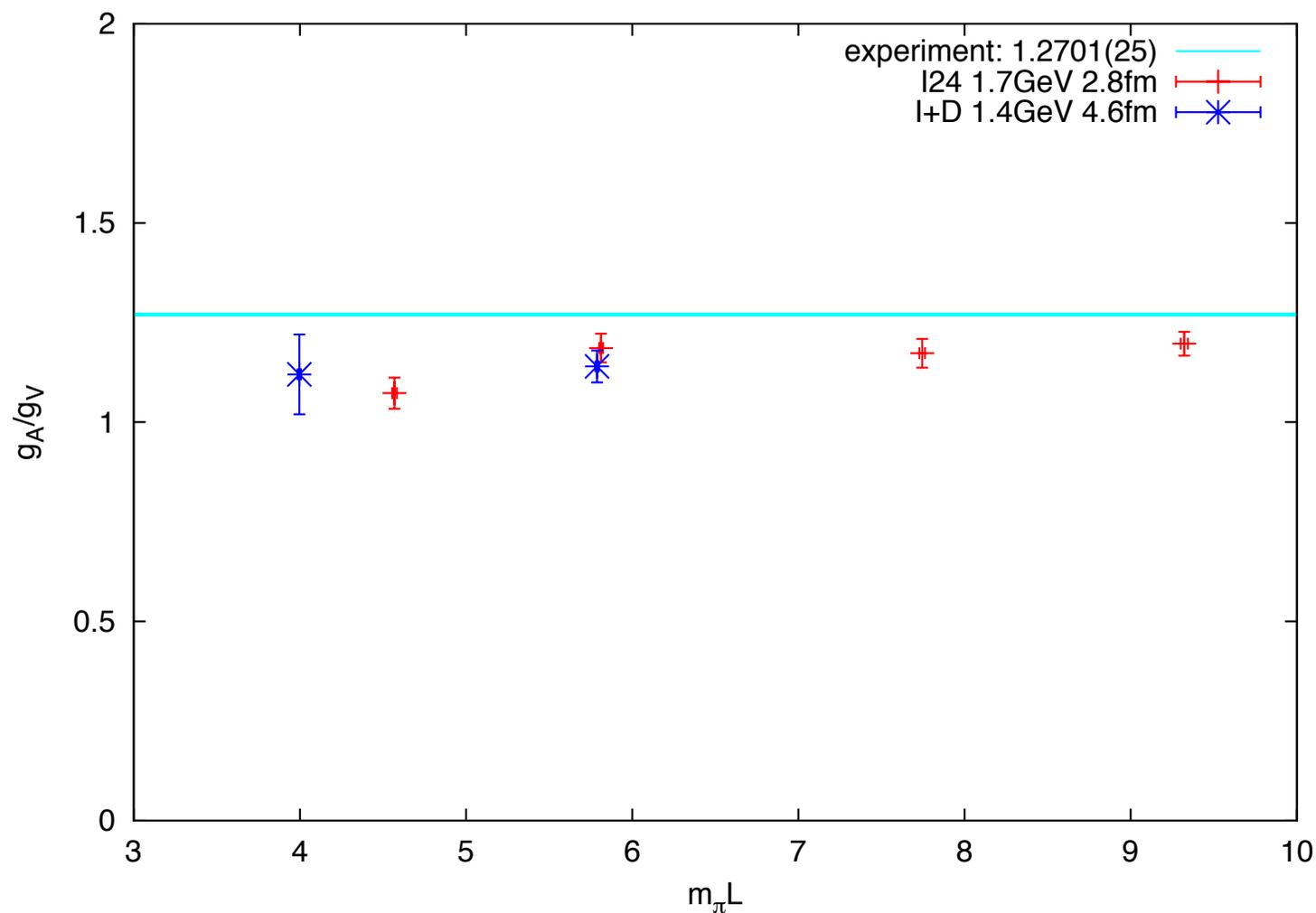


g_A/g_V : clearly stays away from the experiment at 250 MeV; statistics at 170 MeV still too small.



Finite-size effect?

g_A/g_V : Yes, finite-size effect. Scaling is very clear at $m_\pi L \sim 5.8$.

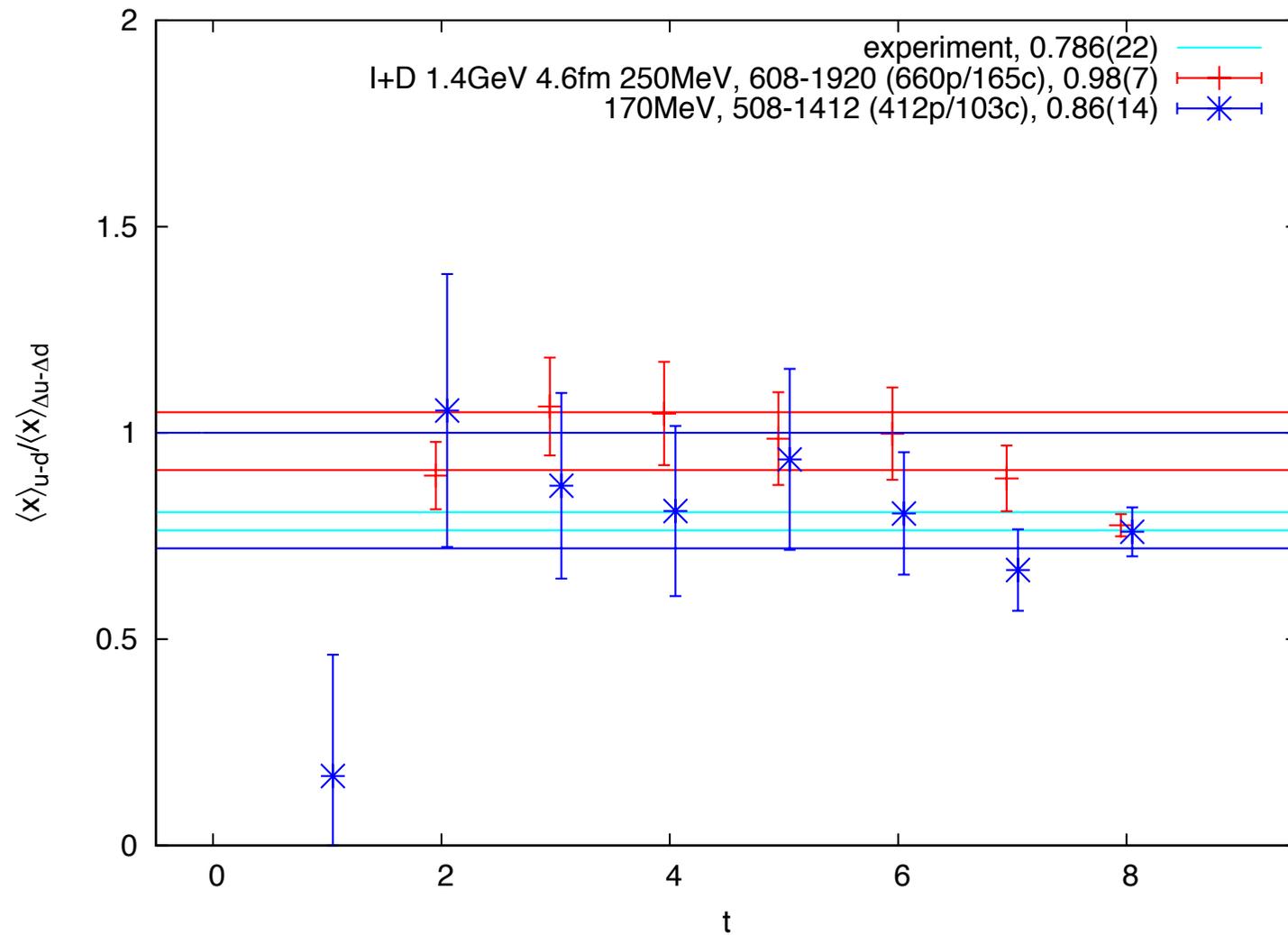


$m_\pi L \sim 6$ or larger seems necessary.

Nucleon, in terms of its coupling to pion, is a bloated object, of radius $> \sim 2$ fm.

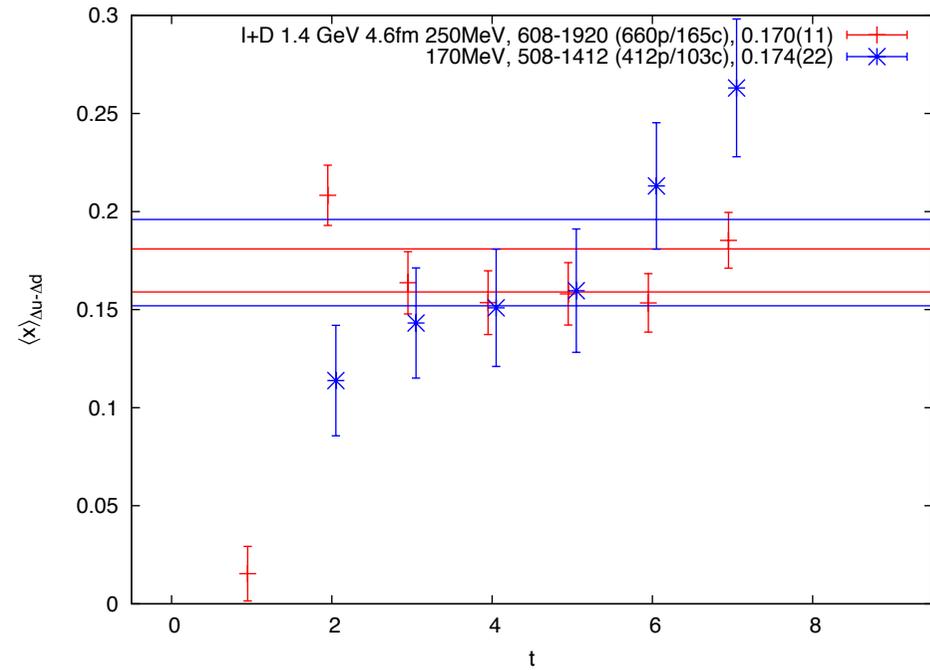
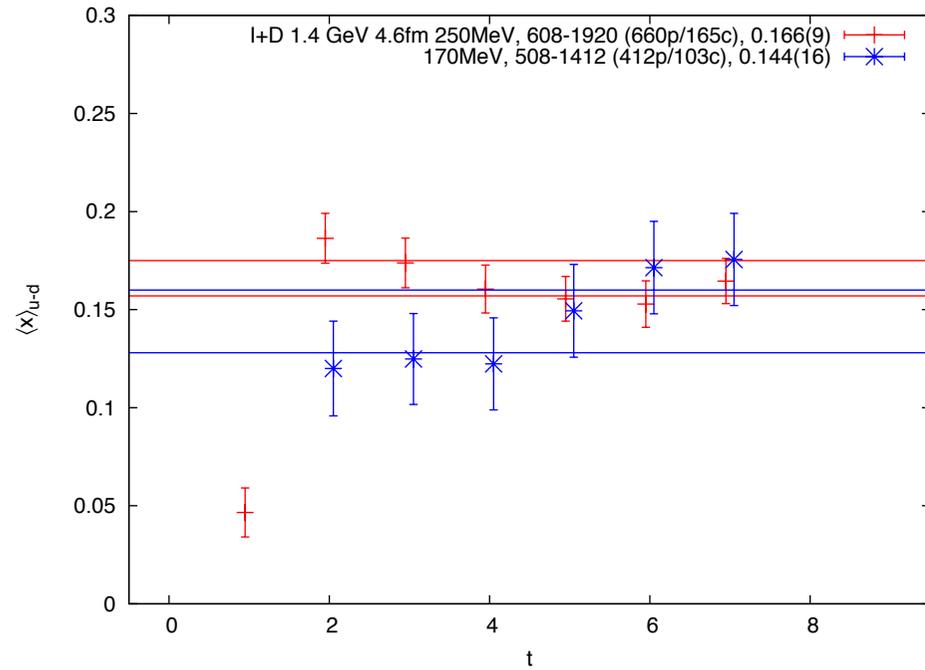
Rather hard to reconcile with conventional nuclear theory that treats nucleon as pointlike??

Ratio, $\langle x \rangle_{u-d} / \langle x \rangle_{\Delta u - \Delta d}$, of moments of structure functions, naturally renormalized like g_A/g_V :



much too noisy yet,
but broadly consistent with experiment, 0.786(22).

Individual moments of structure functions, though yet to be renormalized: signals are seen,



possibly decreasing with mass.

Conclusions: RBC+UKQCD work on nucleon structure using the 2+1f dynamical DWF ensembles,

- lattice cutoff ~ 1.4 GeV, $(4.6\text{fm})^3$ spatial volume,
- good chiral and flavor symmetries up to $O(a^2)$, $m_{\text{res}}a \sim 0.00184(1)$,
- $m_\pi \sim 170$ and 250 MeV, $m_N \sim 0.99$ and 1.06 GeV.

Isovector vector-current form factors seem well contained in the volume:

- Nucleon appears like a compact object if probed electromagnetically.

They have to grow as we approach physical mass, $m_\pi \sim 140$ MeV.

Axialvector-current form factors are noisier, yet clearly overflows the lattice volume:

- confirms the finite-size effect in g_A/g_V , with scaling in $m_\pi L$,
- suggesting the first concrete evidence for the pion cloud surrounding nucleon.

Nucleon is hardly point-like: it may grow further toward physical mass, $m_\pi \sim 140$ MeV. It seems hard to reconcile with the conventional nuclear models.

Moments of structure functions are noisier, but calculations are well under way:

We are increasing our statistics: double at least, and possibly quadruple or further.

We are exploring calculations at smaller momentum transfer.

We seek calculations at physical pion mass, and with appropriate isospin breaking soon afterward.