

Noise reduction exploration for the extraction of the neutral pion mass

(from 3-month visiting period at Humboldt University)

Wick contraction with C* BC

☆ Quark-antiquark doublet formalism

$$\chi_f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_f(x) \\ \psi_f^C(x) \end{pmatrix} \quad \chi_f(x + L\hat{k}) = K\chi_f(x) \quad K = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S_F = \frac{1}{2} \sum_f \int d^4x \bar{\chi}_f(x) D_f \chi_f(x)$$

☆ χ and $\bar{\chi}$ are not independent Grassman variables: $\bar{\chi} = (\bar{\psi}, \bar{\psi}^C) = -\chi^T C K$

↳ non-vanishing $\langle \chi \bar{\chi} \rangle$, $\langle \bar{\chi} \bar{\chi} \rangle$, $\langle \chi \chi \rangle$

☆ General Wick contraction rule

$$\langle \chi_f(x) \chi_{f'}(y) \rangle = -\delta_{f,f'} (CKD)_{\substack{\alpha\beta \\ c\ d \\ r\ s}}^{-1}$$

α, β : spin
 c, d : color
 r, s : doublet

Spectral decomposition

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 0 | O(t) O^\dagger(0) | 0 \rangle &= \sum_n \langle 0 | O(t) | n \rangle \langle n | O^\dagger(0) | 0 \rangle \\ &= \sum_n |\langle 0 | O | n \rangle|^2 e^{-\Delta E_n t} \xrightarrow{t \gg 1} |\langle 0 | O | 0 \rangle|^2 + |\langle 0 | O | 1 \rangle|^2 e^{-\Delta E_1 t} \end{aligned}$$

★ π^0 interpolating operator: $O_{\pi^0}(x) = \bar{\chi}_u(x) \gamma_5 \chi_u(x) - \bar{\chi}_d(x) \gamma_5 \chi_d(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle O_{\pi^0}(n) \bar{O}_{\pi^0}(m) \rangle &= \langle \bar{\chi}_u(n) \gamma_5 \chi_u(n) \bar{\chi}_u(m) \gamma_5 \chi_u(m) \rangle - \langle \bar{\chi}_u(n) \gamma_5 \chi_u(n) \bar{\chi}_d(m) \gamma_5 \chi_d(m) \rangle \\ &\quad + u \leftrightarrow d \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle O_{\pi^0}(x_0) \bar{O}_{\pi^0}(y_0) \rangle &= -2 \operatorname{tr} [\gamma_5 D_u^{-1}(x_0|y_0) \gamma_5 D_u^{-1}(y_0|x_0)] \quad \text{connected} \\ \text{disconnected} &\left[\begin{aligned} &+ \operatorname{tr} [\gamma_5 D_u^{-1}(x_0|x_0)] \operatorname{tr} [\gamma_5 D_u^{-1}(y_0|y_0)] \\ &- \operatorname{tr} [\gamma_5 D_u^{-1}(x_0|x_0)] \operatorname{tr} [\gamma_5 D_d^{-1}(y_0|y_0)] + u \leftrightarrow d \end{aligned} \right. \end{aligned}$$

Stochastic estimation of traces

★ Stochastic representation of the identity matrix:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \eta &\sim \mathcal{CN}(0, 1) \in \mathbb{C}^N \\ \mathbb{E}[\eta_i] &= 0, \quad \mathbb{E}[\eta_i \eta_j^*] = \delta_{ij} \end{aligned} \right\} \mathbb{E}[\eta \eta^\dagger] = \mathbb{I}_{N \times N}$$

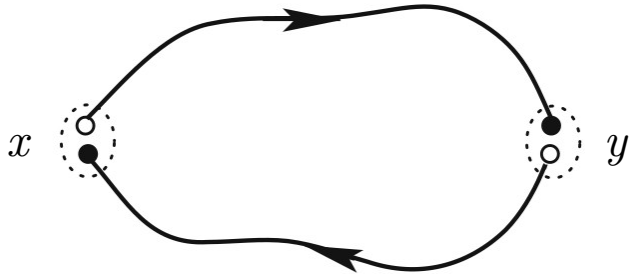
↳ Can use this to estimate trace of a matrix (**Hutchinson algorithm**)

$$\text{tr } A = \text{tr} \left[A \mathbb{E}[\eta \eta^\dagger] \right] = \mathbb{E}[\eta^\dagger A \eta]$$

$$\sigma_{\text{tr } A}^2 = \text{Var}[\eta^\dagger A \eta] = \text{tr } A A^\dagger$$

★ In our case $A = \gamma_5 D^{-1} \gamma_5 D^{-1}$ and $A = \gamma_5 D^{-1}$
connected disconnected

Stochastic estimation of traces



Connected pieces

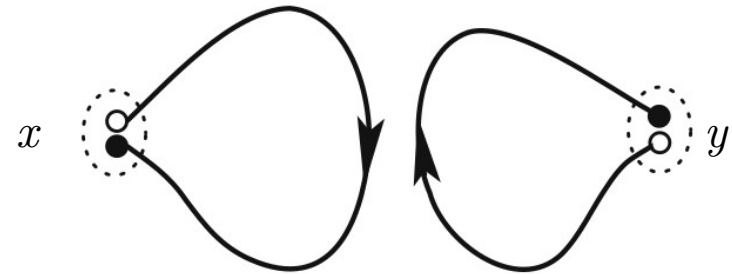
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↳ Estimator:

$$\eta_{(x_0)}^\dagger \gamma_5 D_u^{-1}(x_0|y_0) \gamma_5 D_u^{-1}(y_0|x_0) \eta_{(x_0)}$$

↳ Only needs 1 inversion of D (per flavor)

↳ Error $\propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{\text{src}}}}$



Disconnected pieces

$$C_{\text{disc.}}(y_0 - x_0) \supset \text{tr} [\gamma_5 D_u^{-1}(x_0|x_0)] \text{tr} [\gamma_5 D_u^{-1}(y_0|y_0)]$$

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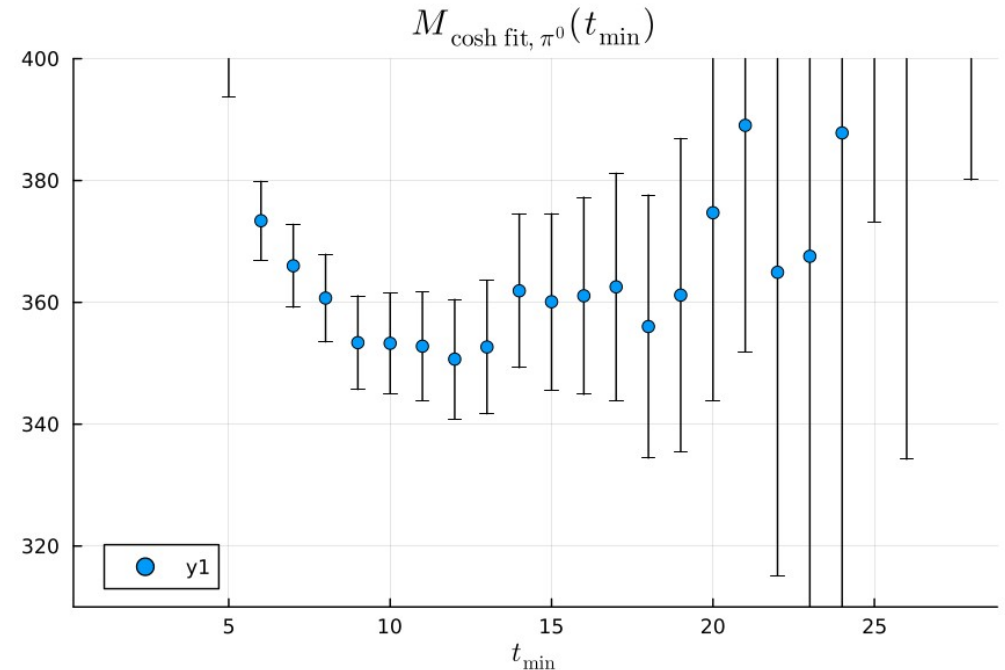
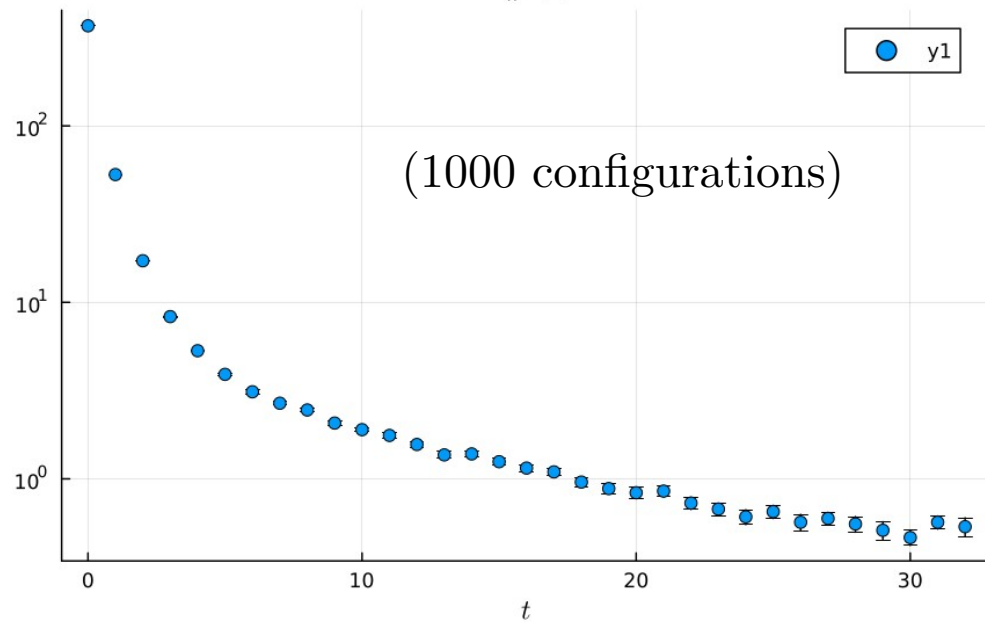
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↳ Needs L_0+1 inversions of D

↳ Error $\propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{\text{src}}^2}} = \frac{1}{N_{\text{src}}}$

Cheapest neutral pion mass

ensemble	lattice	β	α	κ_u	$\kappa_d = \kappa_s$	κ_c
A360a50b324	64×32^3	3.24	0.05	0.135560	0.134617	0.129583
	a [fm]	$M_{\pi^\pm} = M_{K^\pm}$				
	0.05054(27)	358.6(3.7) MeV				
	$C_{\pi^0}(t)$					



$$C_{t_{\min}}(t) = A \cosh \left[M_{t_{\min}} \left(\frac{T}{2} - t \right) \right], \quad t \in [t_{\min}, T/2]$$

➡ Need noise reduction techniques

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 Smearing
 Increase number of sources

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★ Smearred fermion fields

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H : spatial hopping operator with smeared SU(3) and U(1) gauge fields

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$$\langle \chi^{(S)}(x) \chi(y) \rangle = S \langle \chi(x) \chi(y) \rangle = -S (CKD)^{-1}(x, y)$$

Smearing source x

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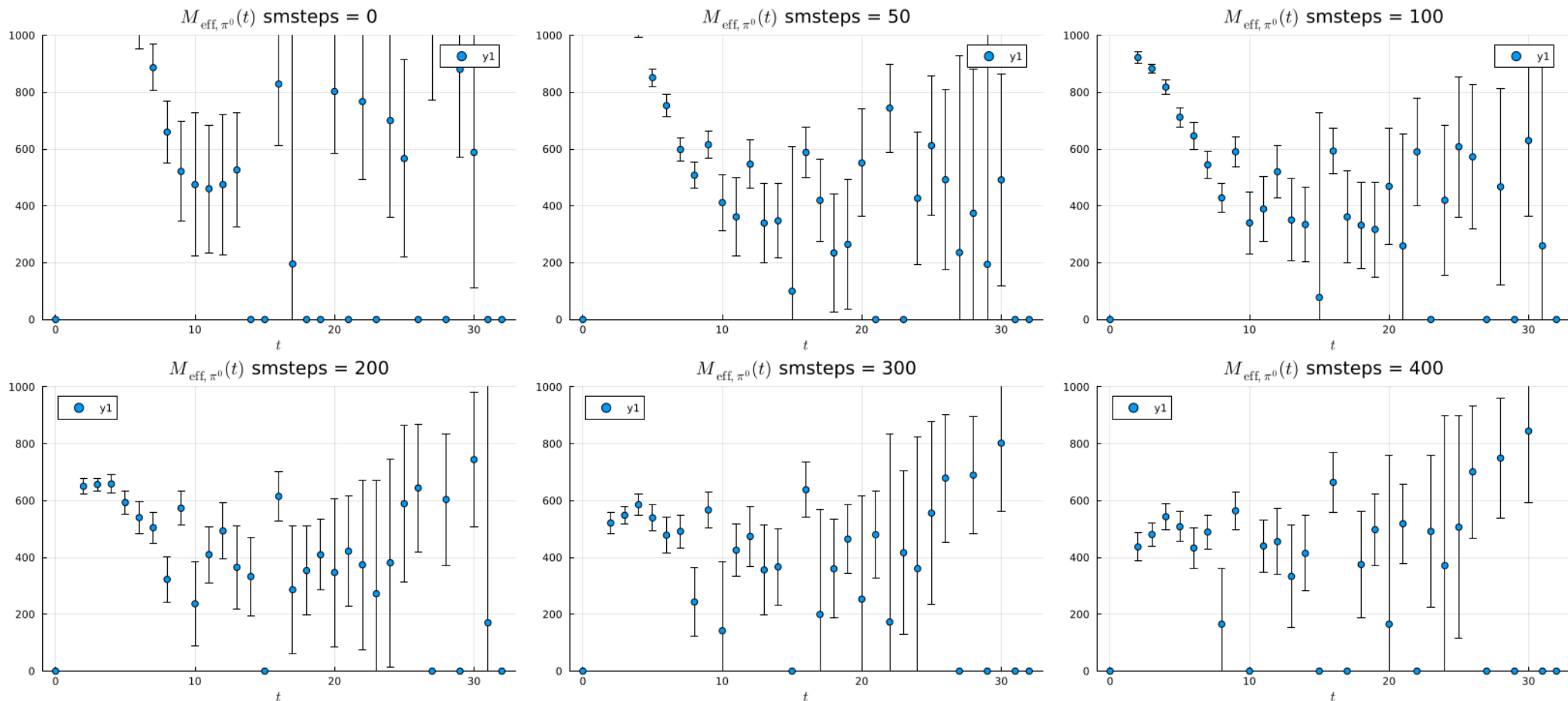
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Exploration: # stochastic sources # smearing steps
 $N_{\text{src}}: 1 - 200$ $n: 0 - 400$

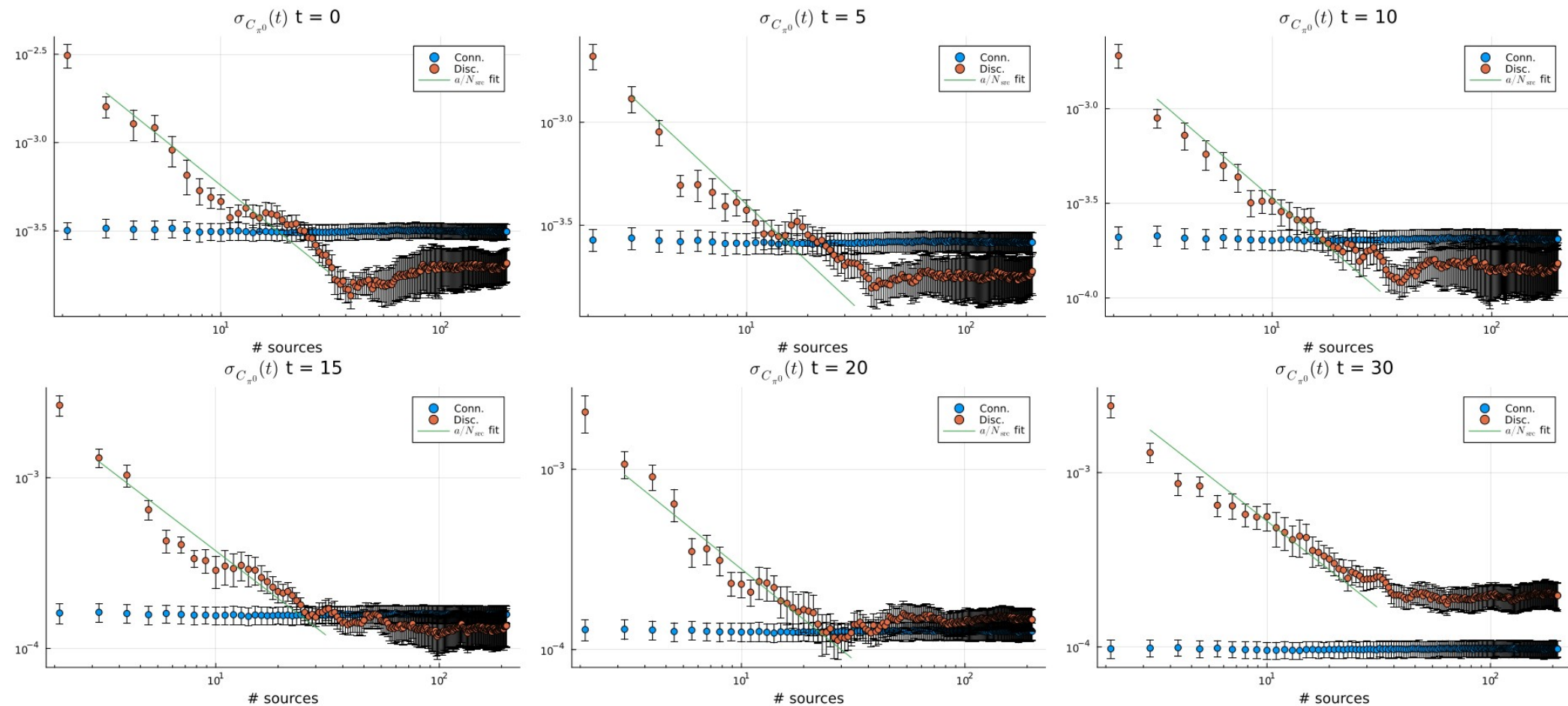
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★ Plateau is extended and error is reduced

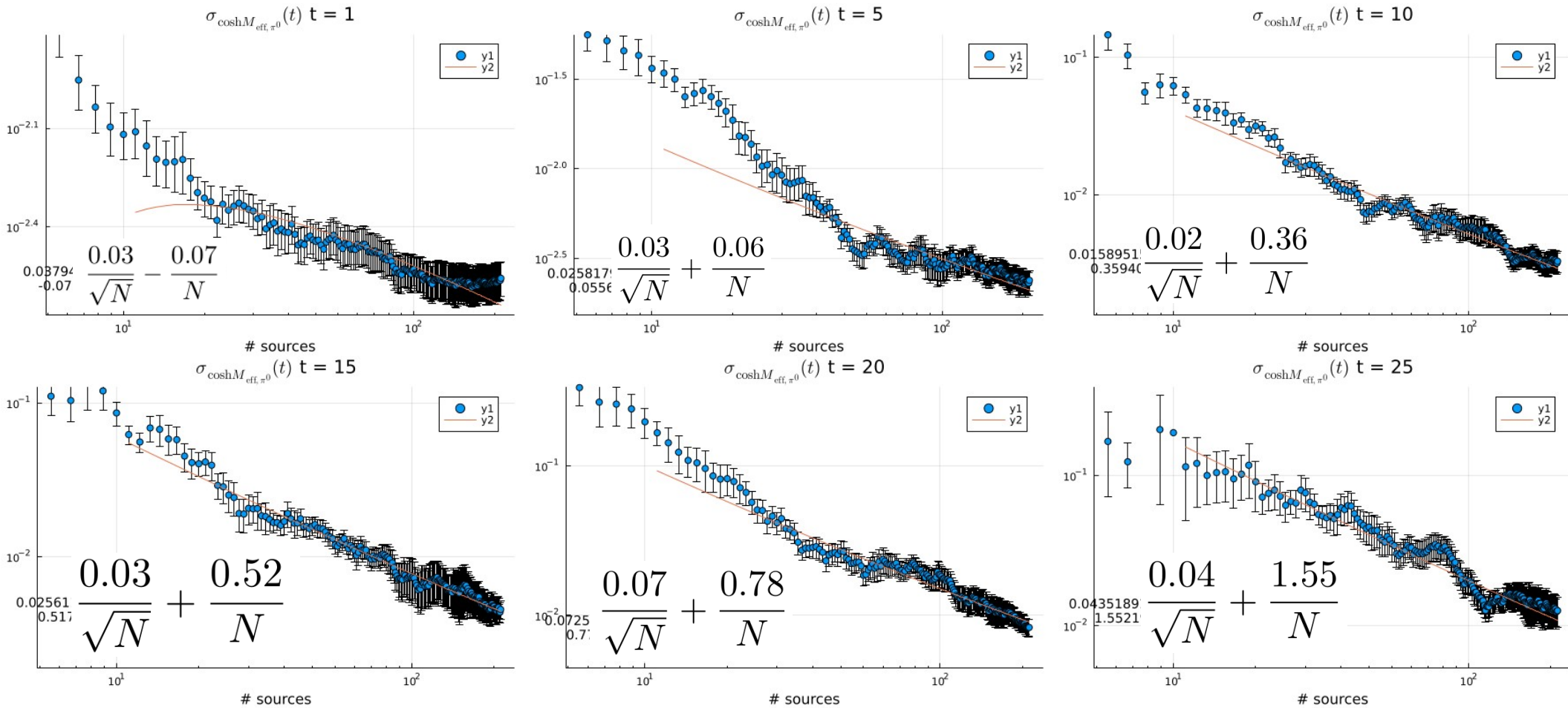
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- ★ Connected part saturates to gauge noise with few stochastic sources
- ★ Disconnected part saturates to gauge noise after 50 stochastic sources (decaying with $1/N$)
- ★ Connected part dominates the error for low t and >50 sources

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★ Saturation to gauge noise for low t , but $1/N$ scaling for big t

↳ Error cancellations

Conclusions & Outlook

- ☆ Smearing extends the plateau of the effective mass
- ☆ Saturation to gauge noise in the correlator is reached with 50 sources...
- ☆ ... but error of effective mass keeps decaying after 200 sources due to error cancelations
- ☆ Might be worth extracting the neutral pion mass with full statistics and a choice of number of sources and smearing steps before jumping into GEVP

Backup

Code to compute disconnected pieces at `openqxd-devel/dalbandea-pi0/main/ms7.c`
(code not ready for production, only for reference)

Report at `rcstar/neutral-pion` repository

- Total time to do the inversions of one configuration for 64 time slices, 2 flavors and 50 sources: $8.18 \times 10^3 \text{s} \approx 2.5 \text{h}$. It took around 5h due, most probably, to the application of smearing steps (see also warning in sec. [4.2](#)).

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#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -t 12:00:00
#SBATCH -n 4096 -N 43
#SBATCH -p standard96
#SBATCH -A bep00102
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