

The perturbative gradient flow

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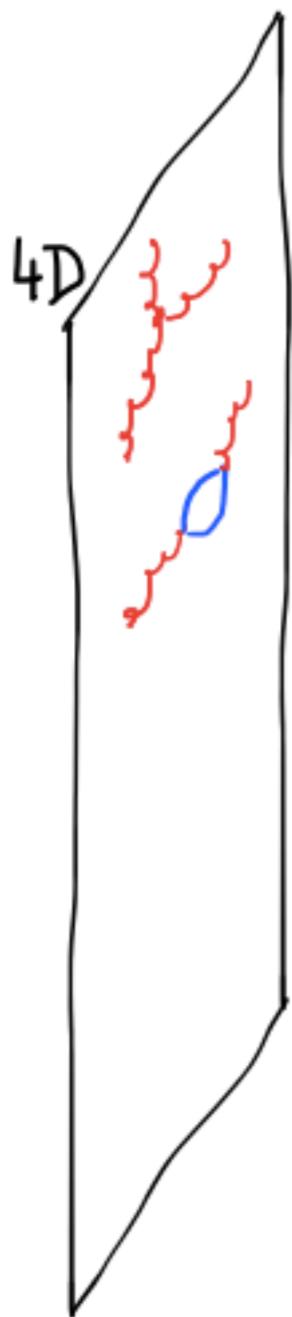
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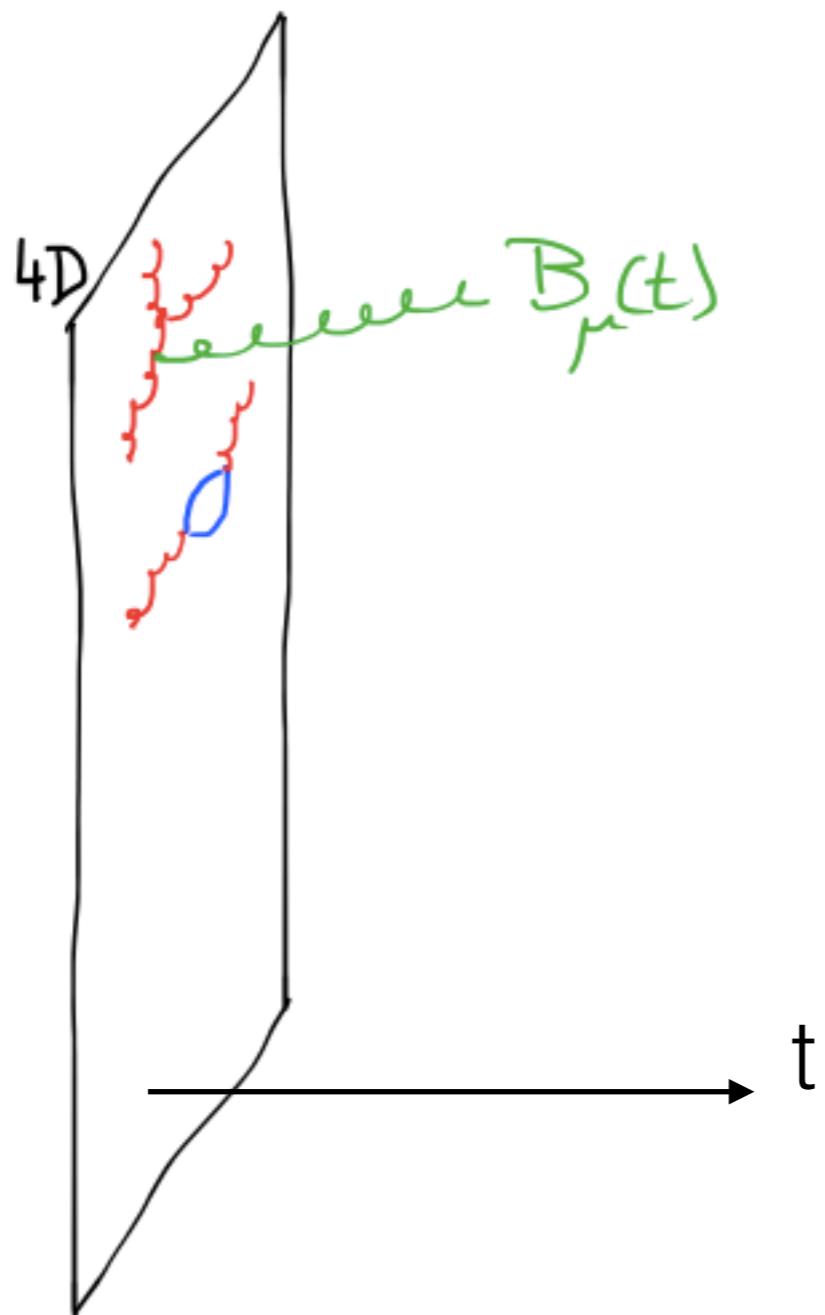
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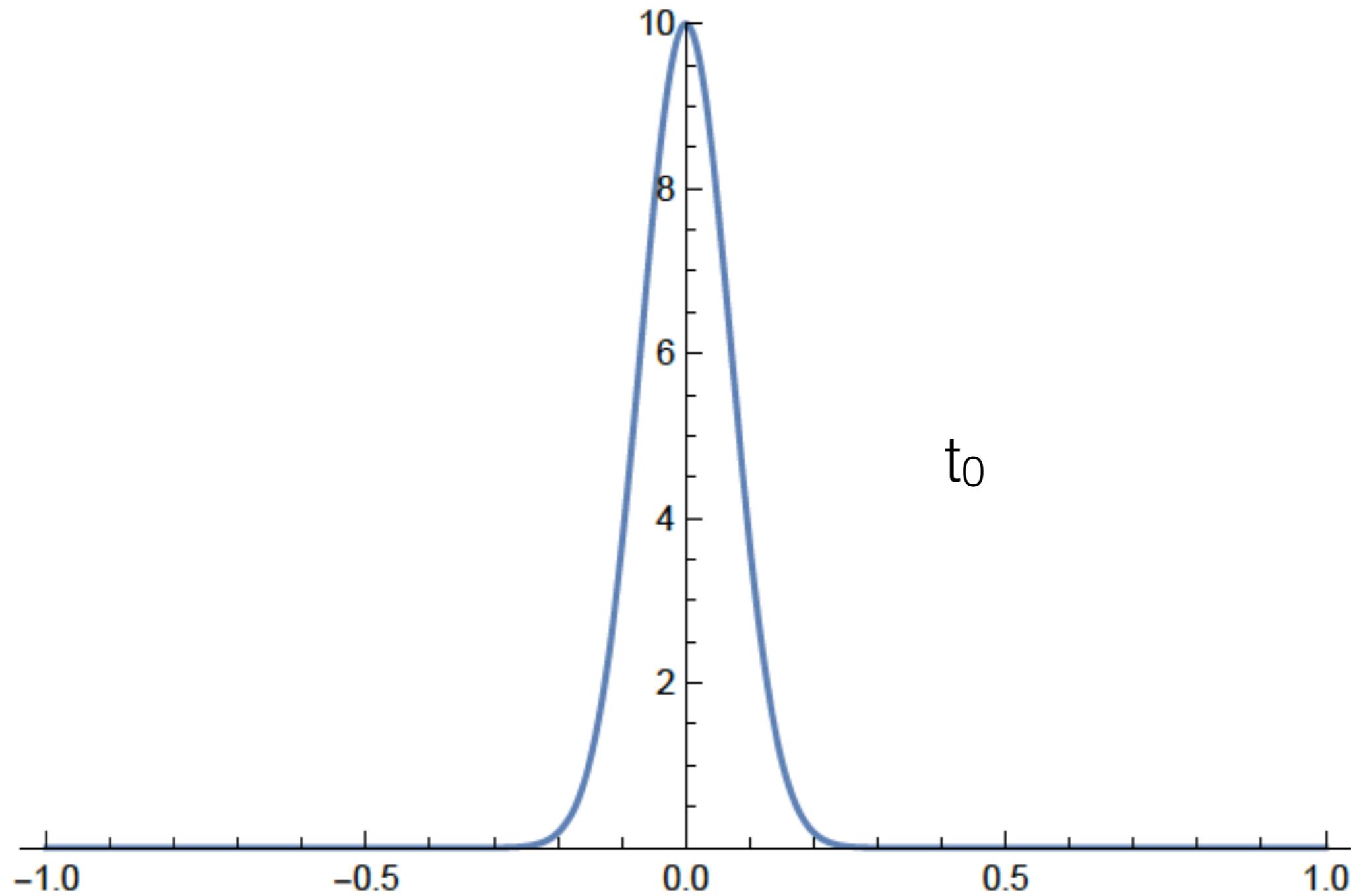
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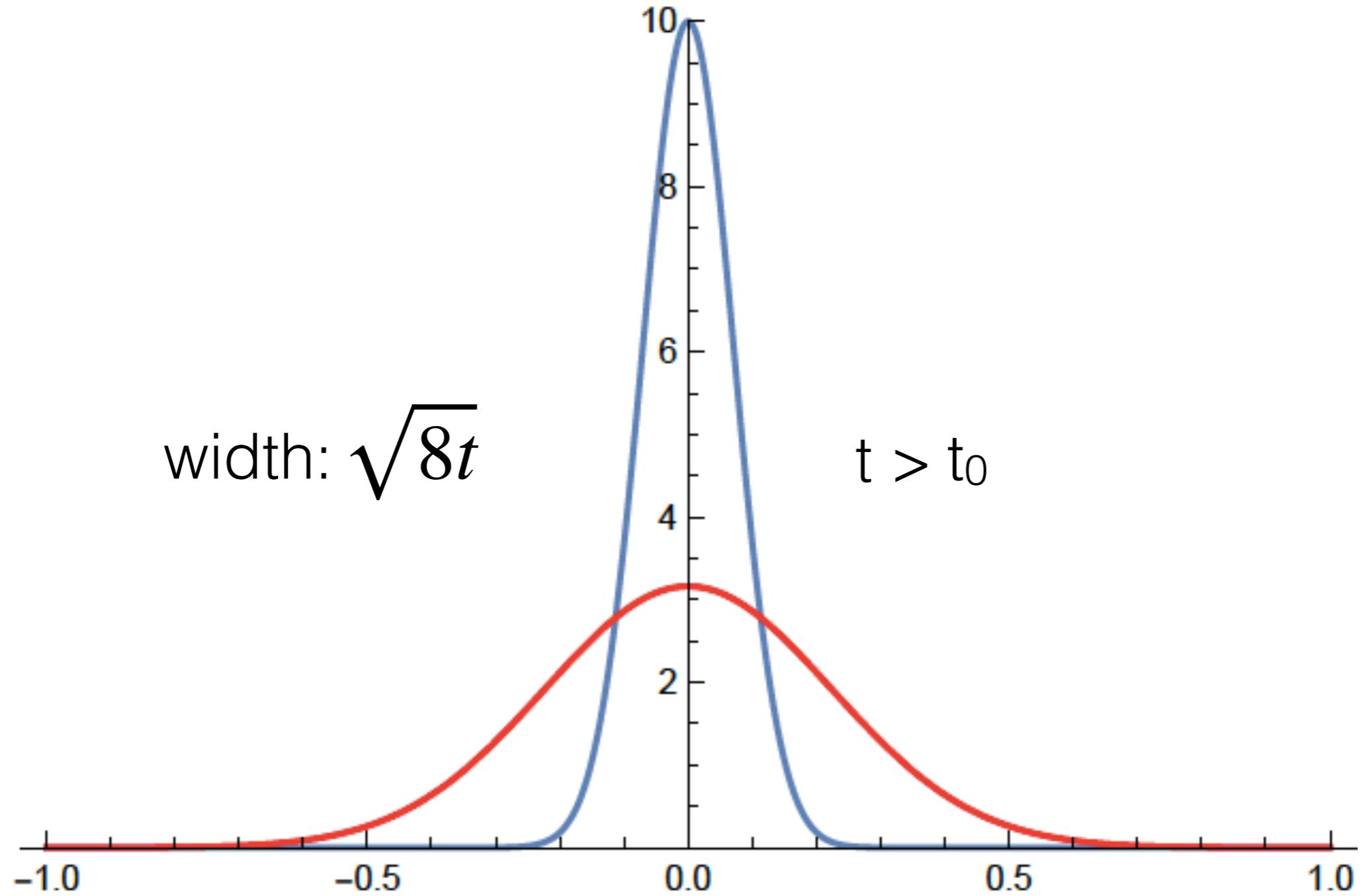
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Example: $B(t = 0, x) = c \delta(x)$

$$\mathcal{O}(g) : \quad B(t, x) = \frac{c}{\sqrt{4\pi t}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{4t}\right)$$

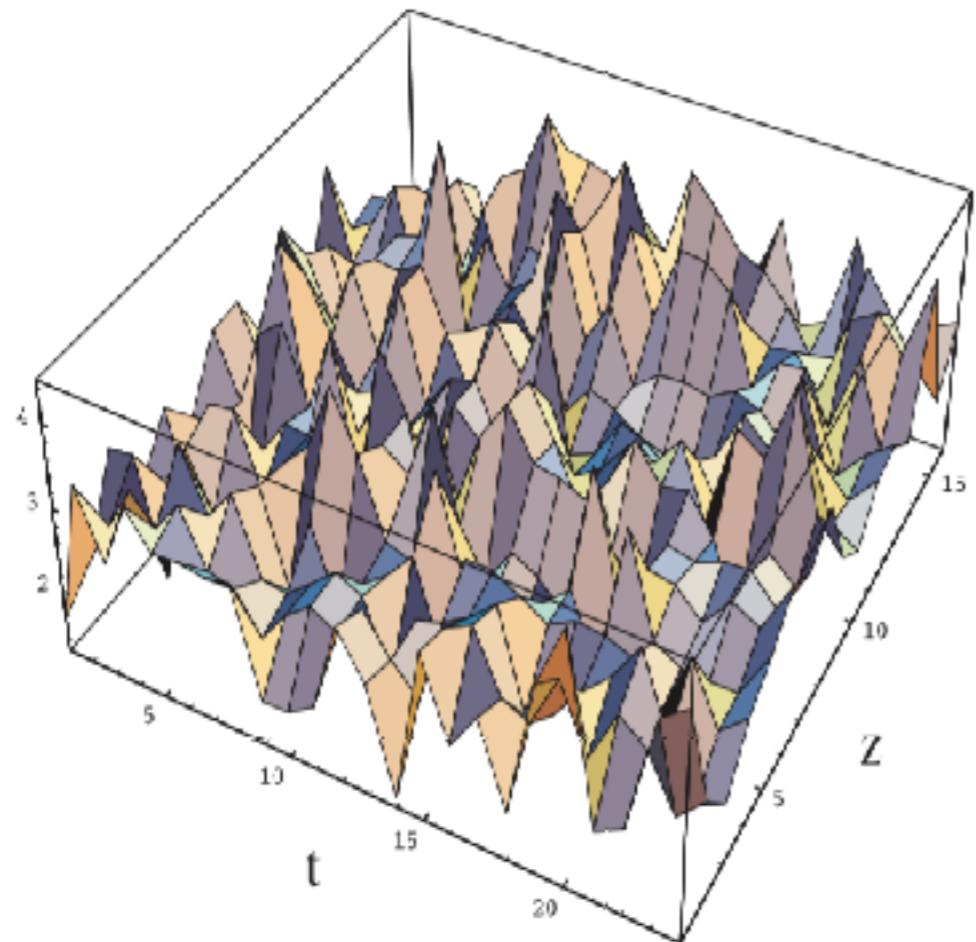


t_0



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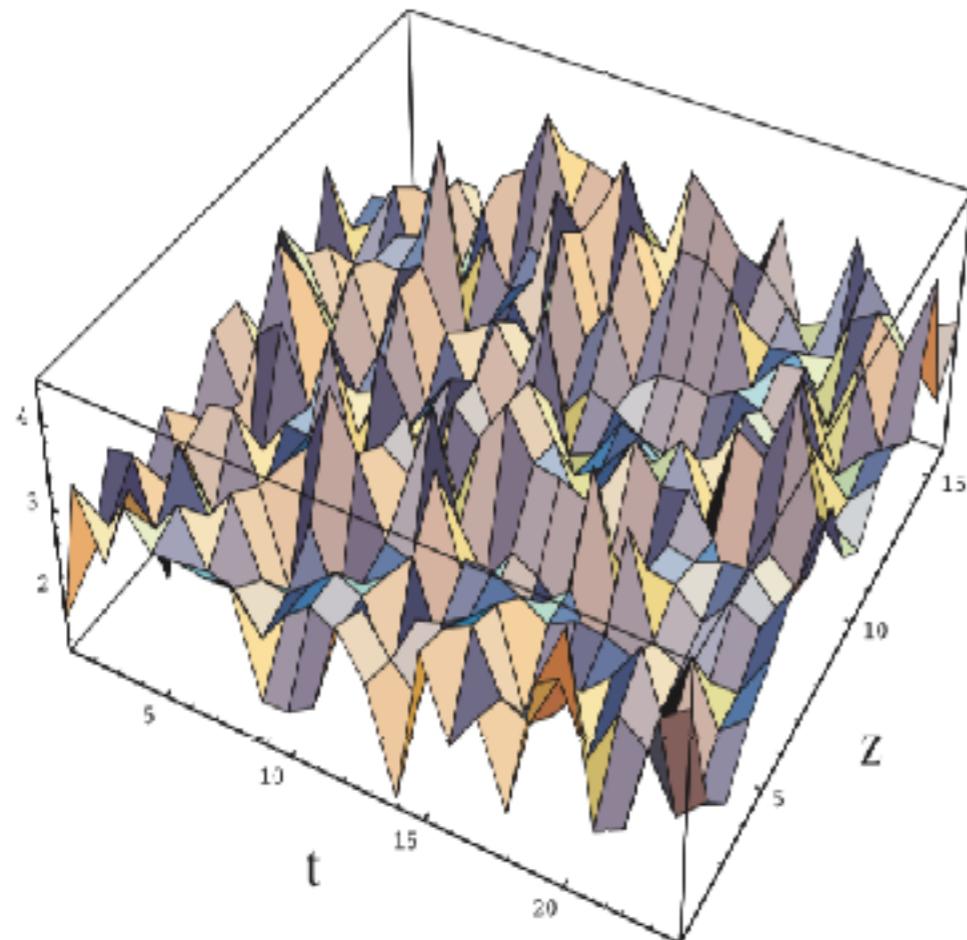
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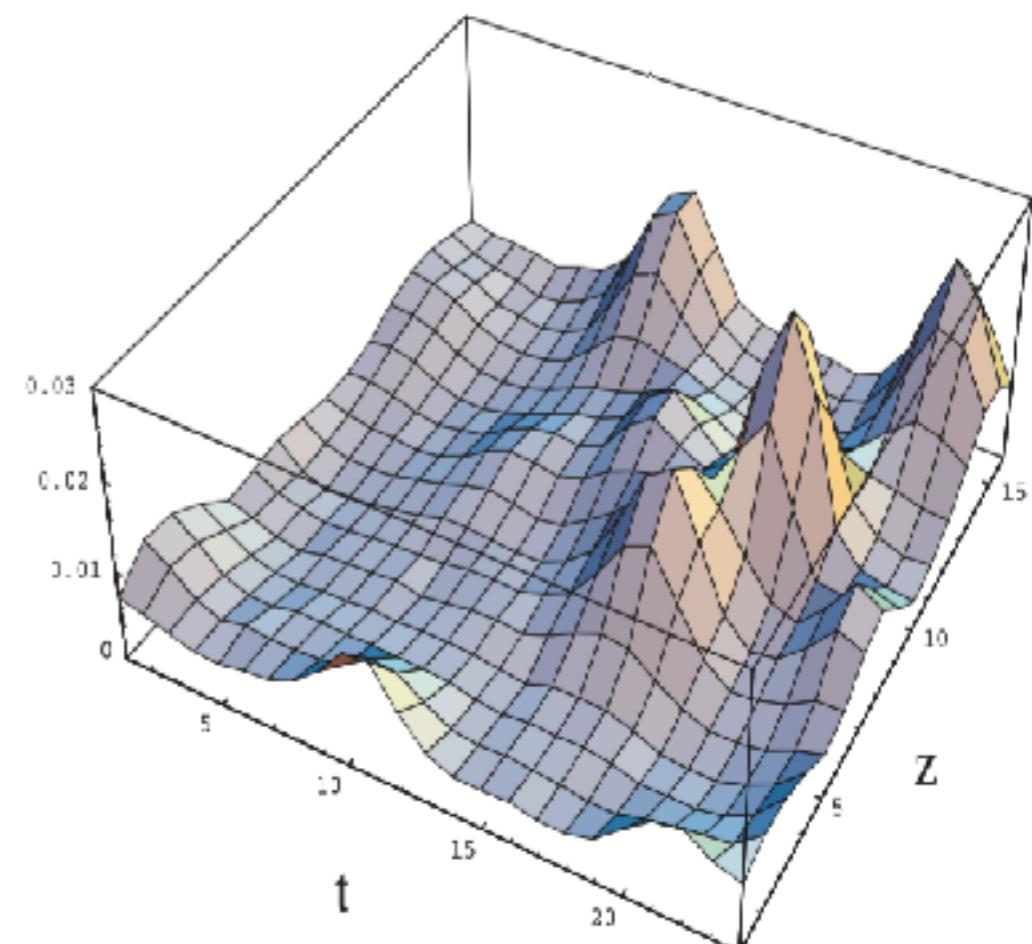
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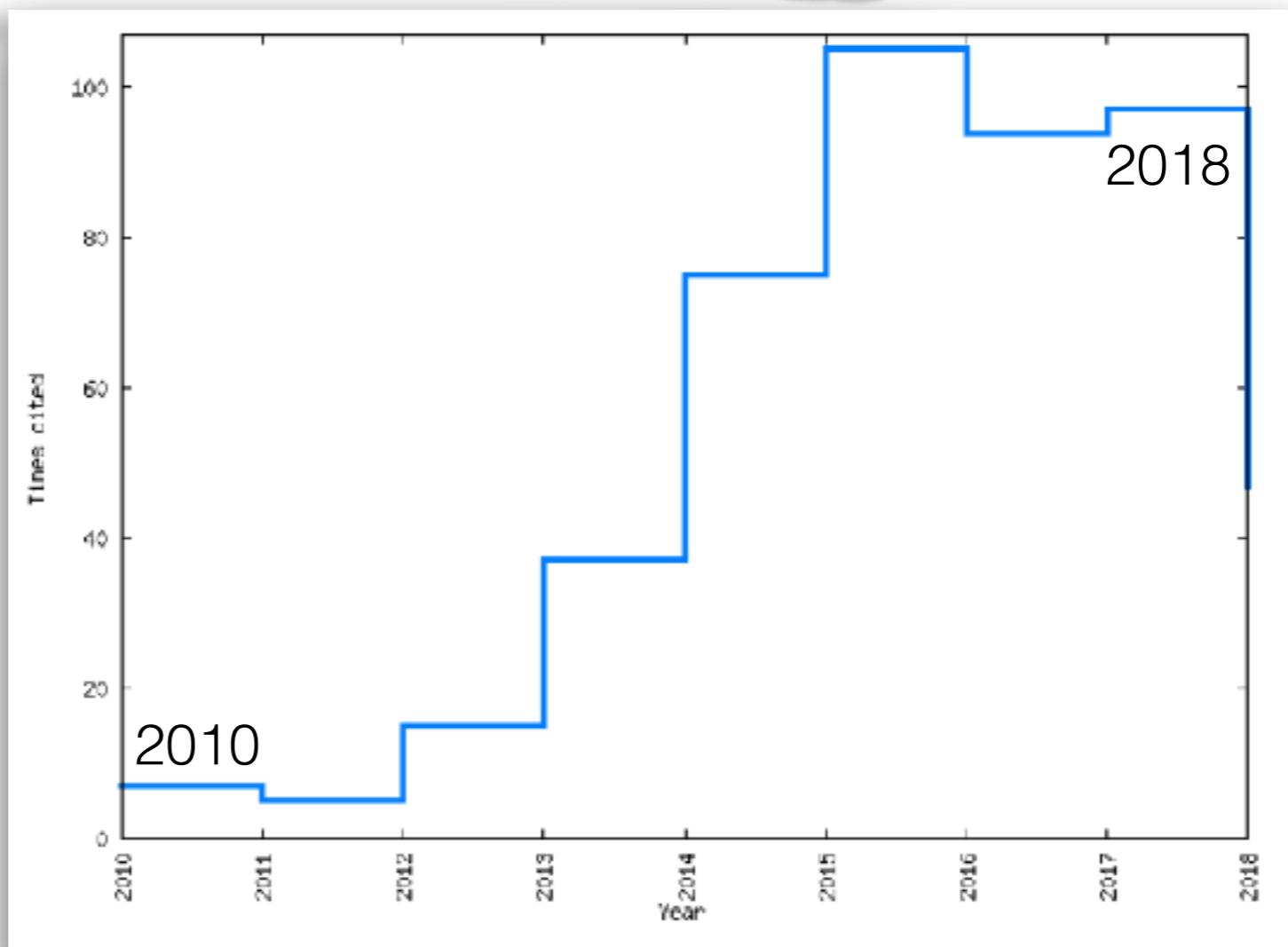
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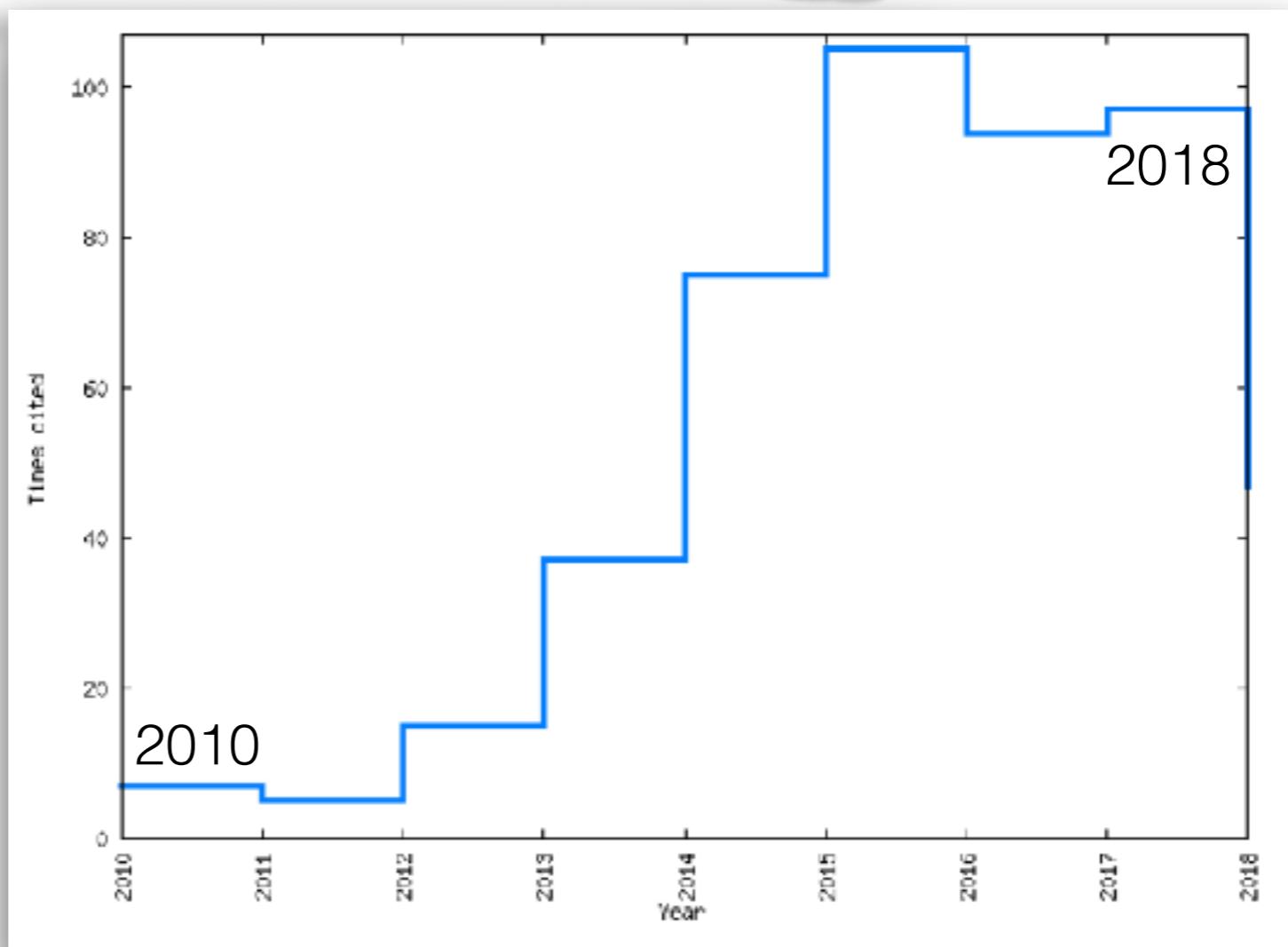
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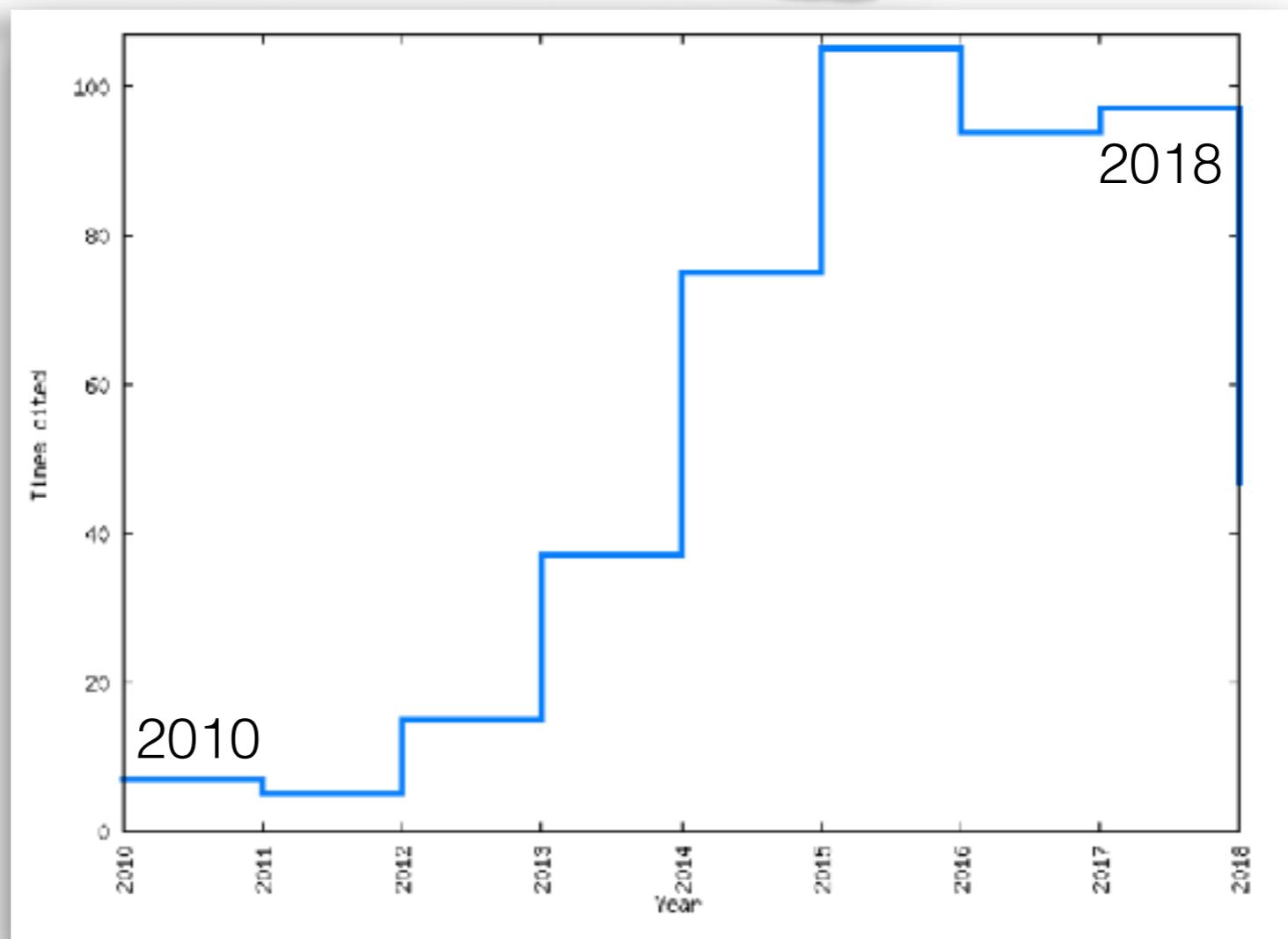
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see also

Narayanan, Neuberger '06



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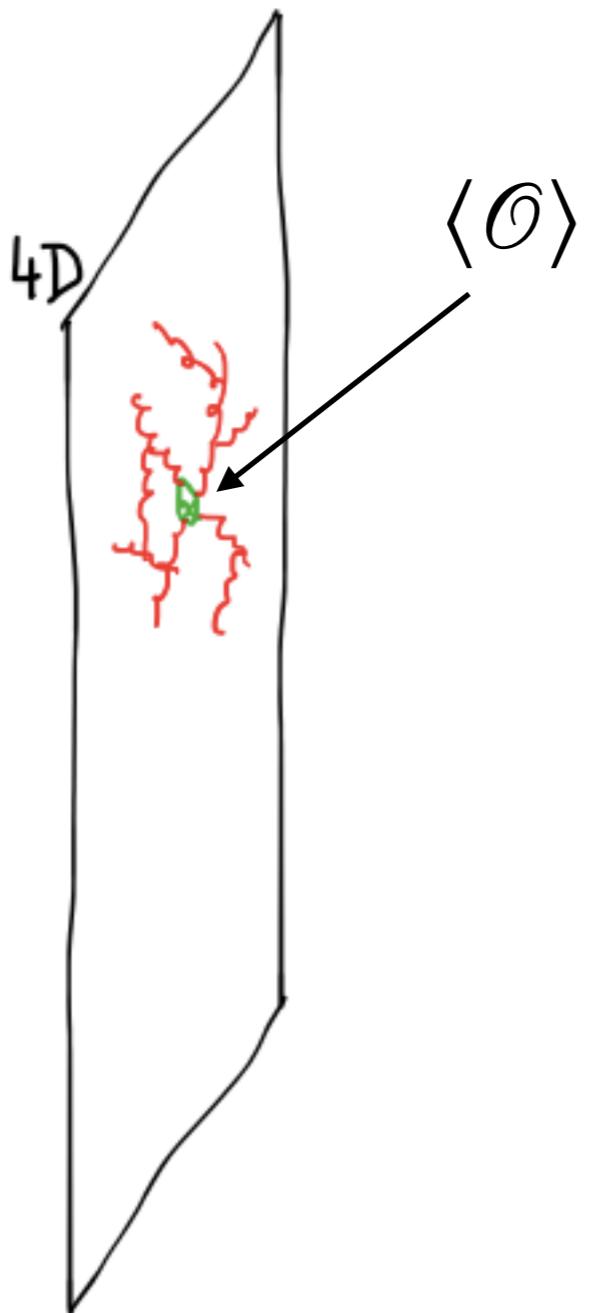
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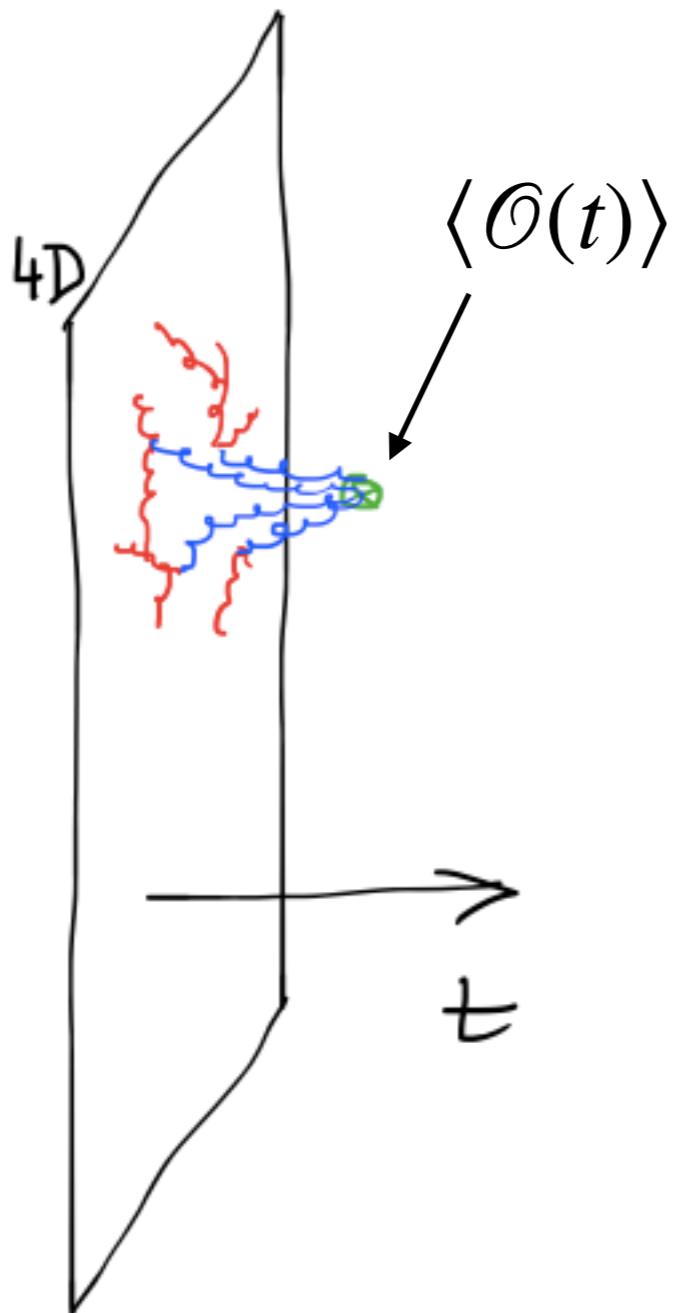
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Exponential damping in momentum integrals!

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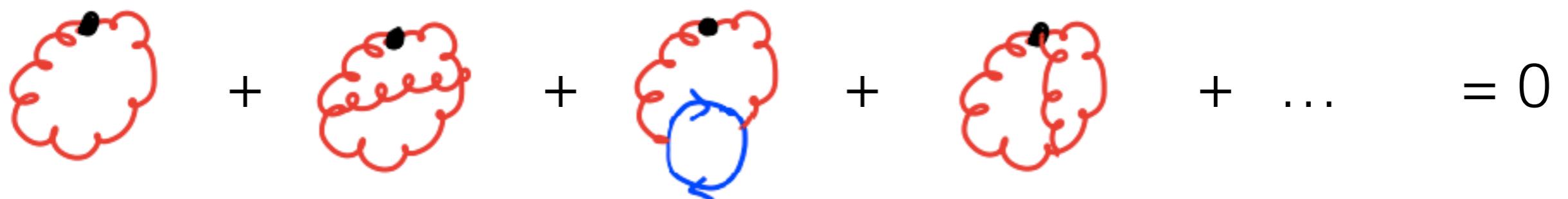


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at $t=0$ (i.e. fundamental QCD):


$$+ \dots = 0$$

in dim. reg. ($m_q=0$)

with gradient flow: $\tilde{B}_1(t, p) = e^{-tp^2} \tilde{A}(p)$

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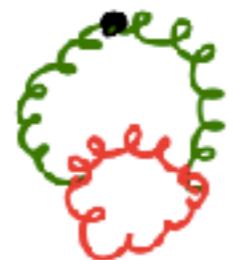
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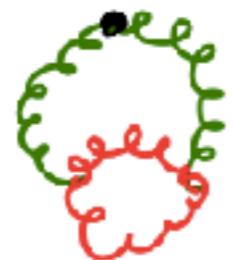
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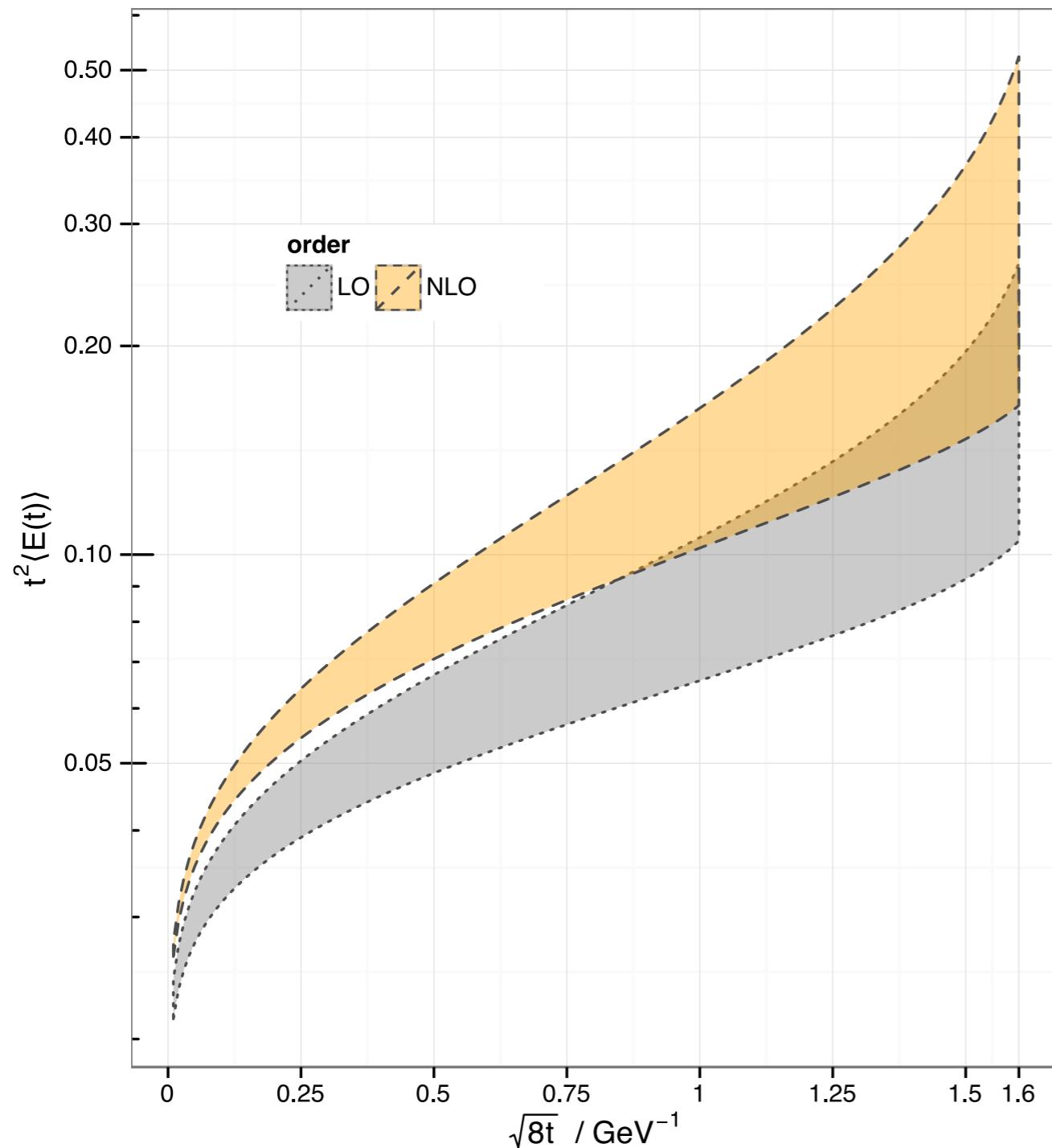
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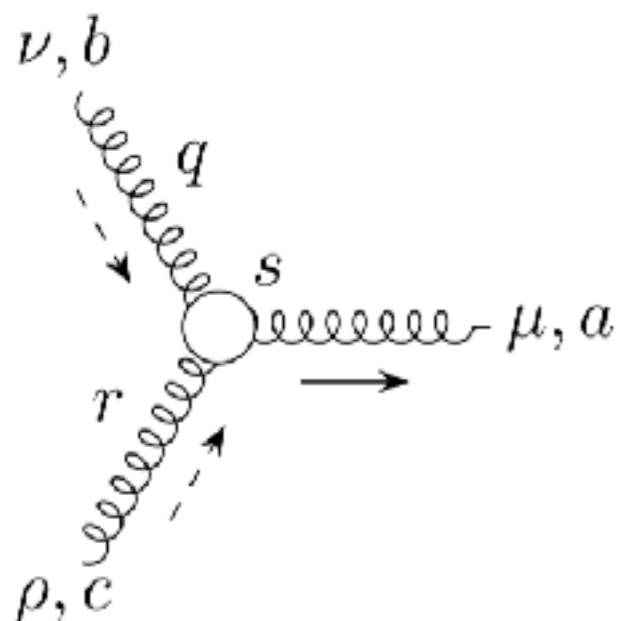
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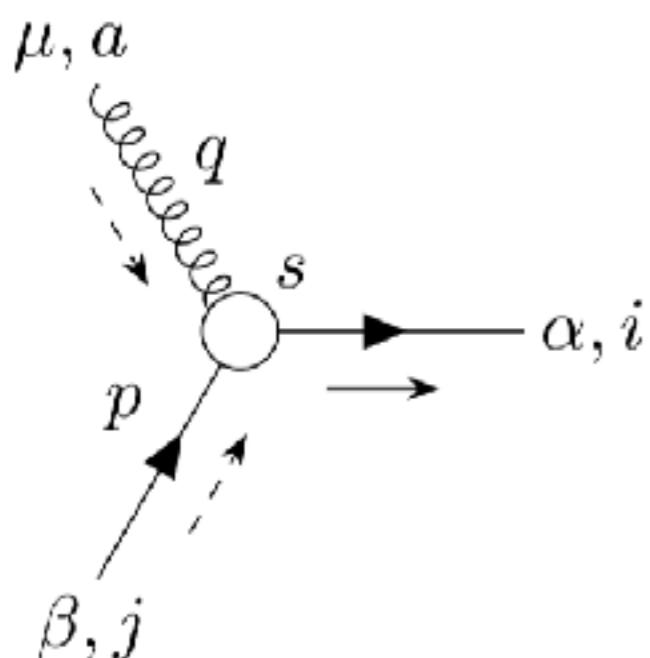
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$$2ig\delta_{\alpha\beta}(T^a)_{ij} \int_0^\infty ds p_\mu$$

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- use automatic diagram generation `qgraf` Nogueira 1993
- reduce to master integrals
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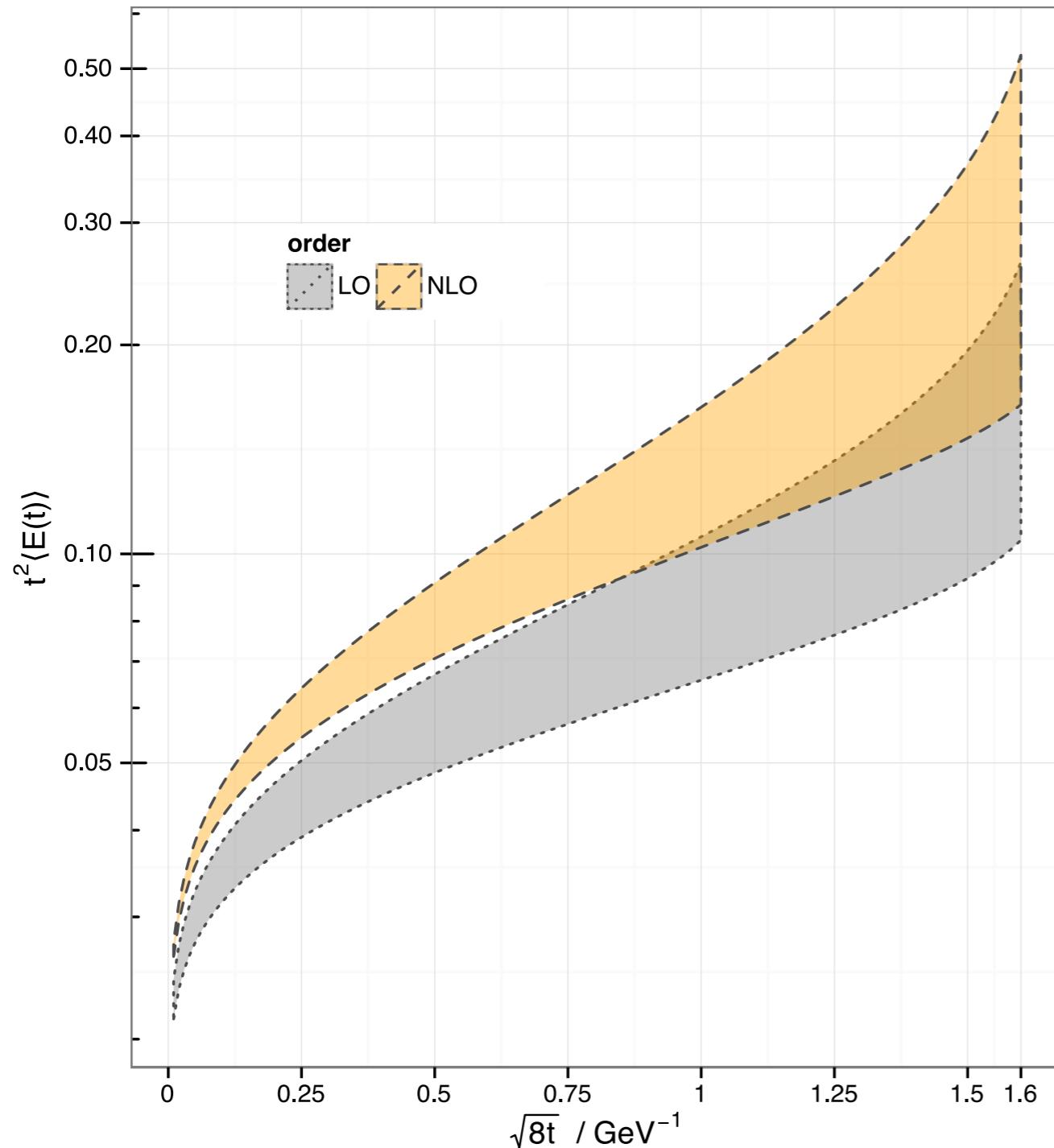
FireFly [Klappert, Lange 2019](#)

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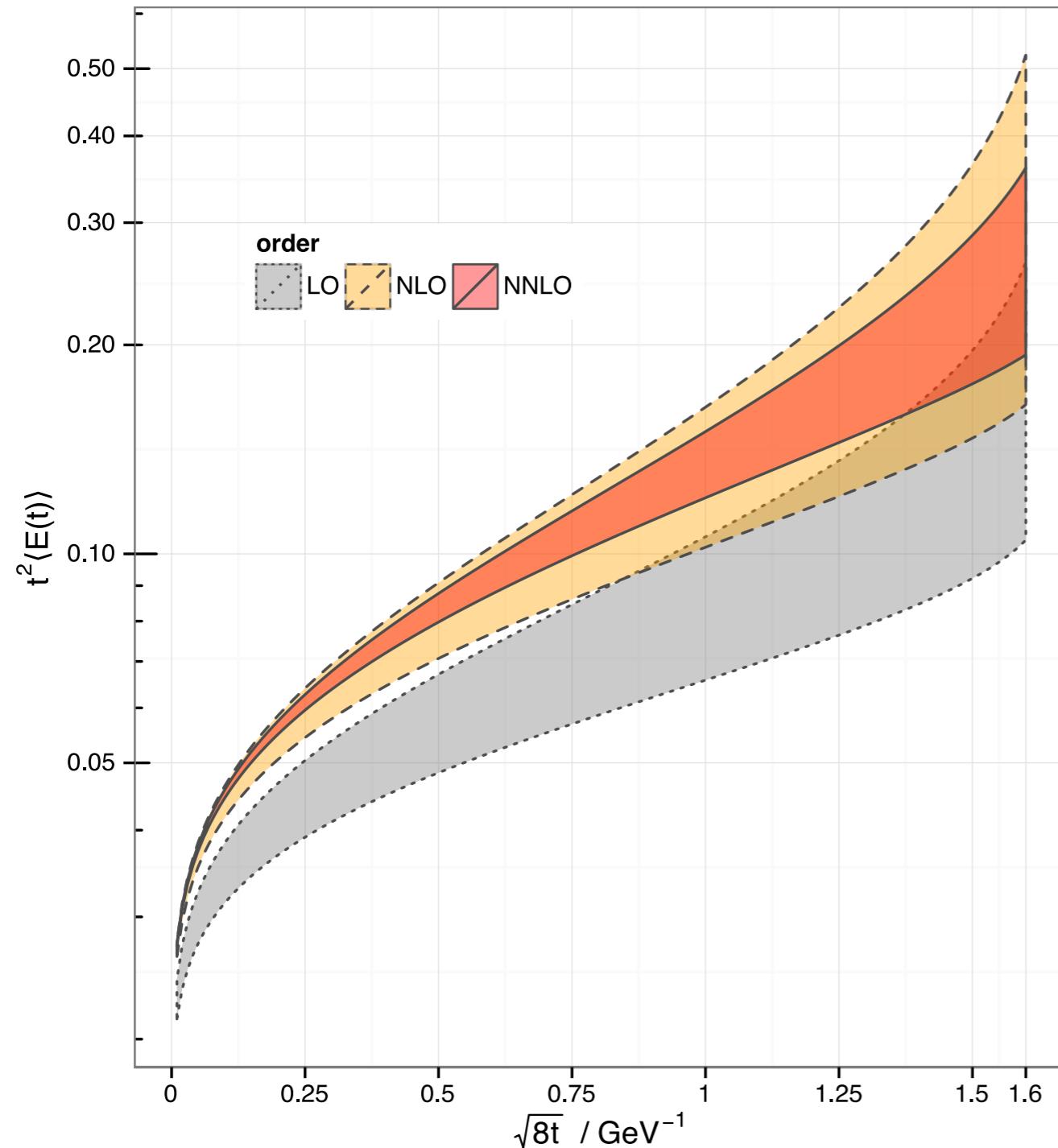
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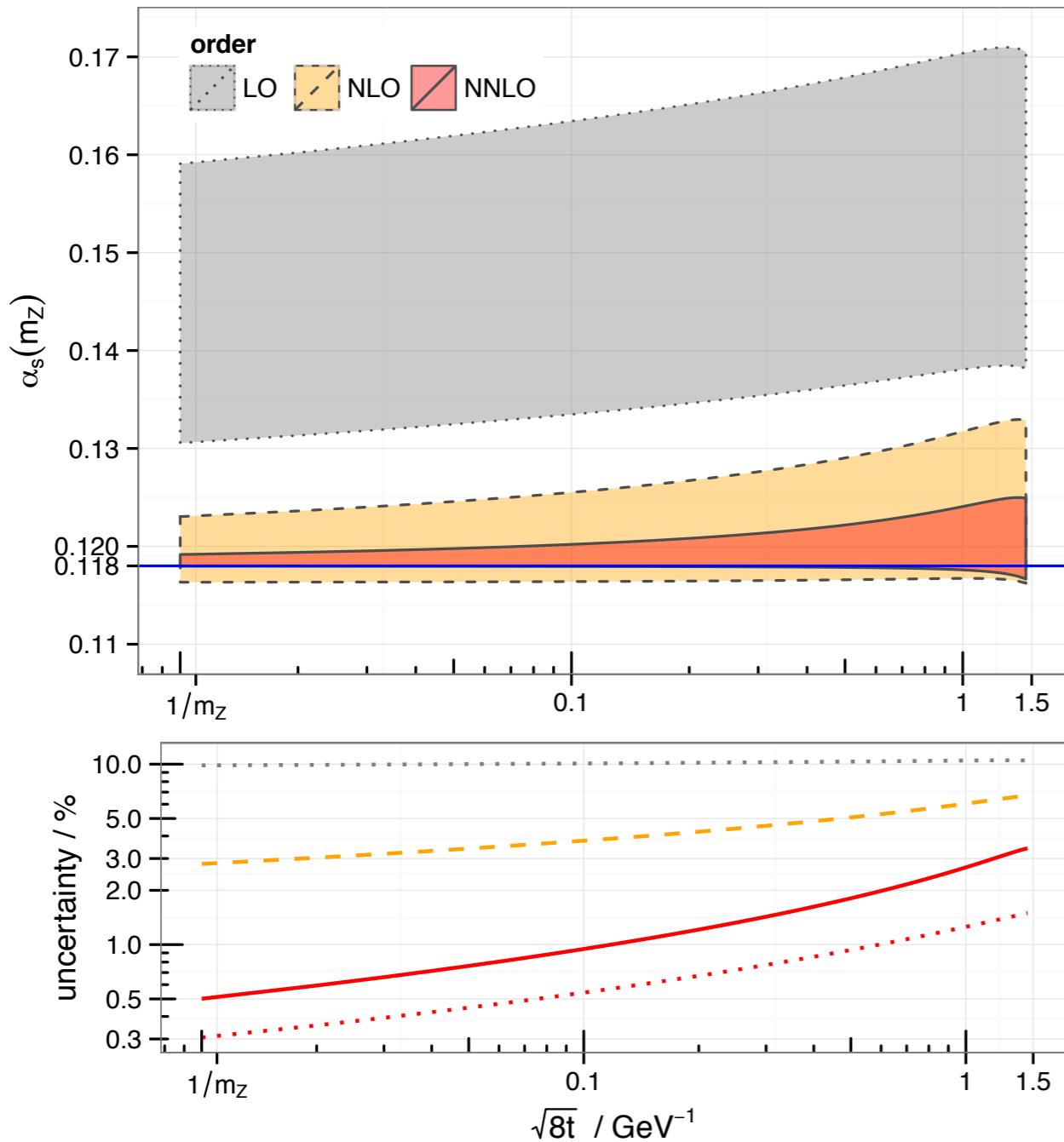
RH, Neumann '16

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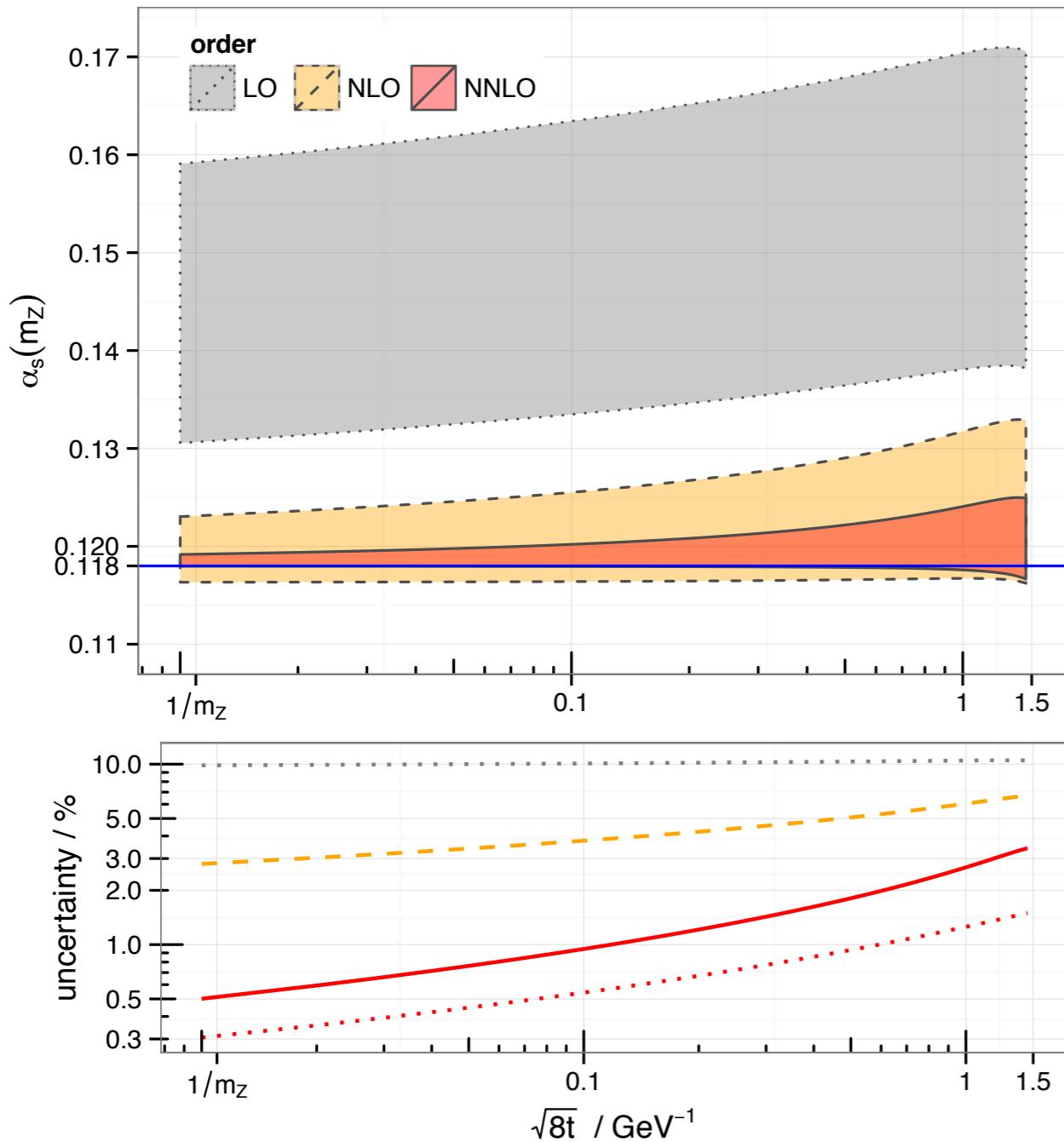
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Derive $\alpha_s(m_Z)$

q_8	$t^2 \langle E(t) \rangle \cdot 10^4$								
	2 GeV			10 GeV			m_Z		
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However: Dalla Brida, Ramos '19

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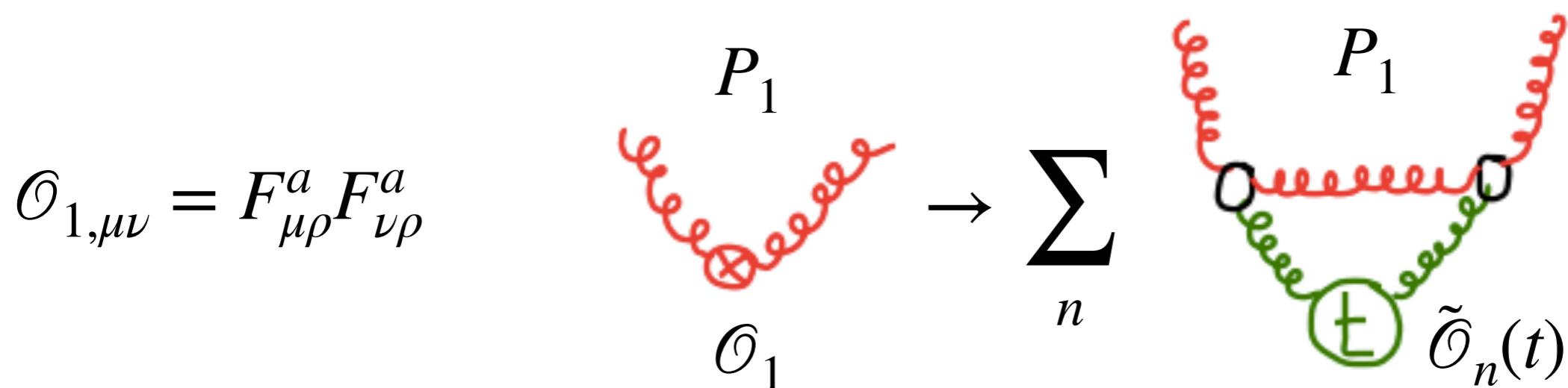
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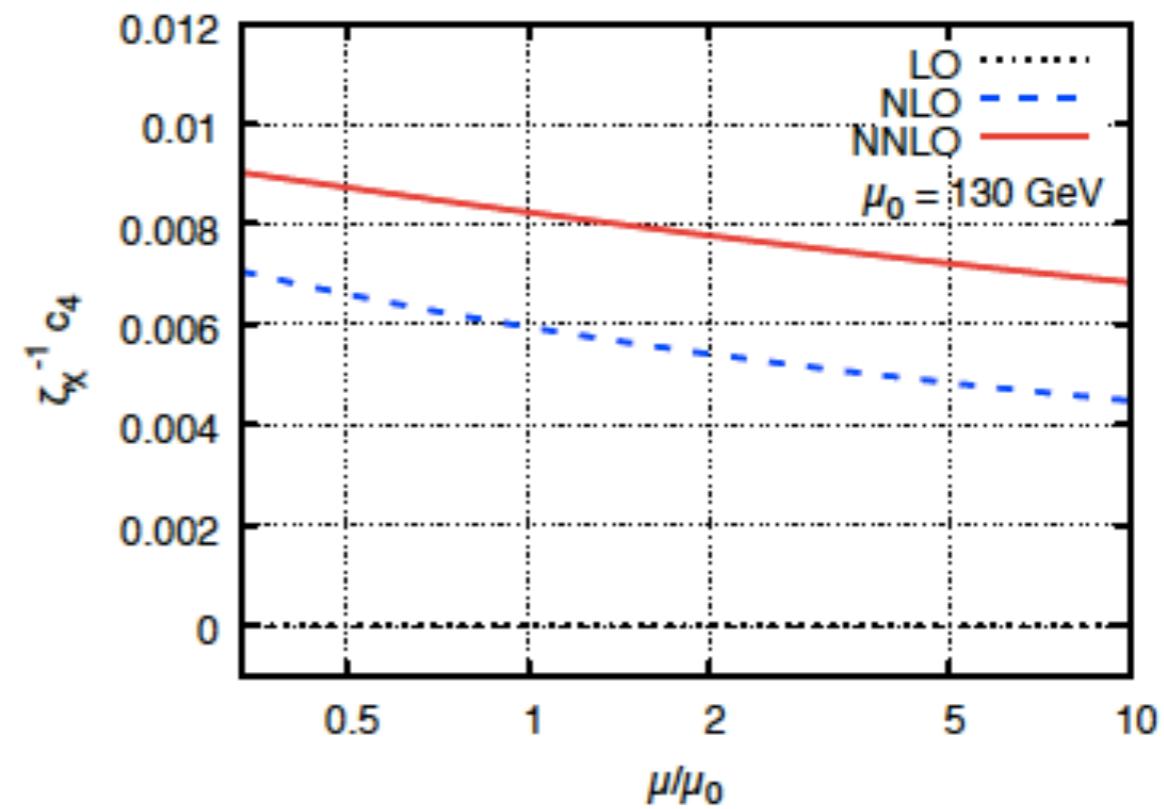
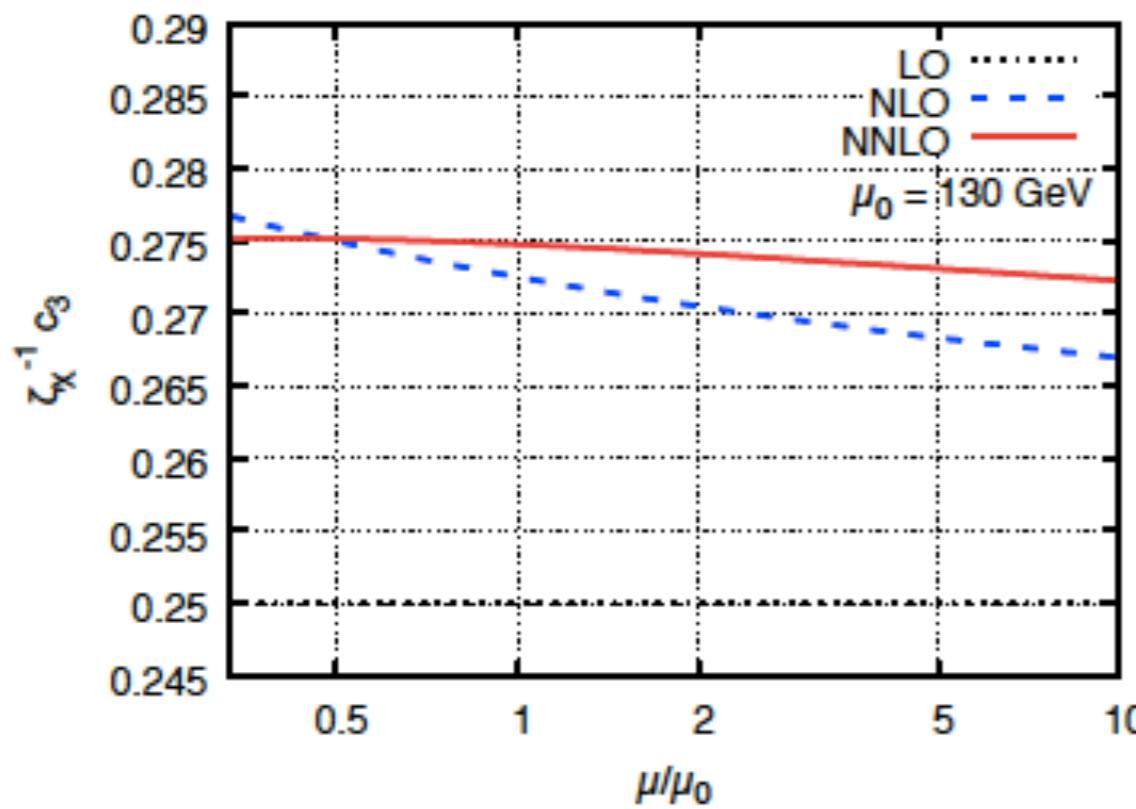
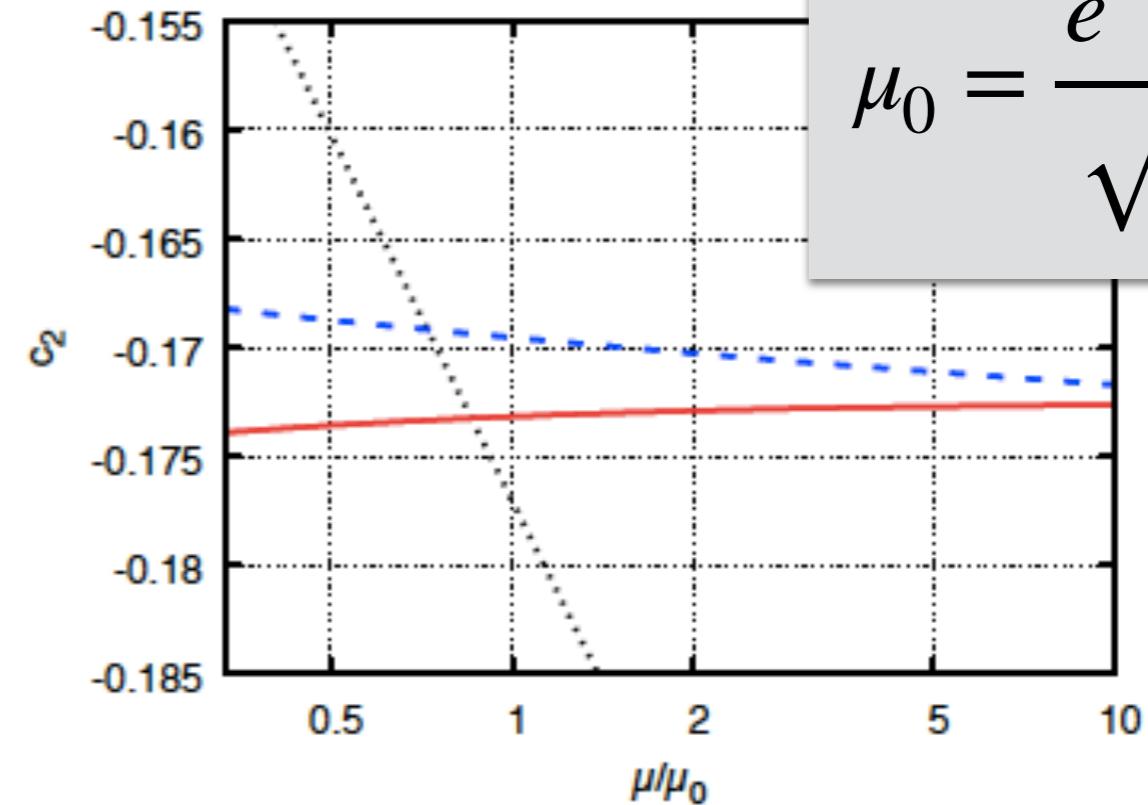
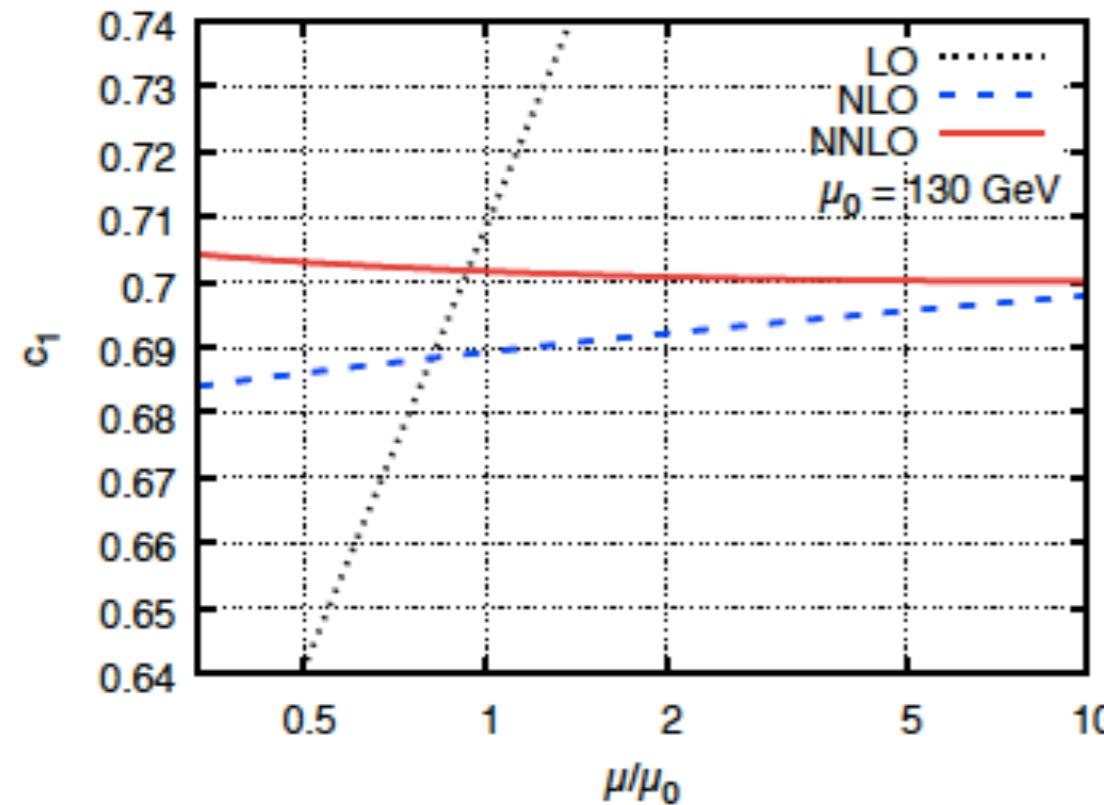
idea and NLO result: H. Suzuki '14

NNLO result

$$c_1(t) = \frac{1}{g^2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{g^2}{(4\pi)^2} \left[-\frac{7}{3}C_A + \frac{3}{2}T_F - \beta_0 L(\mu, t) \right] \right.$$
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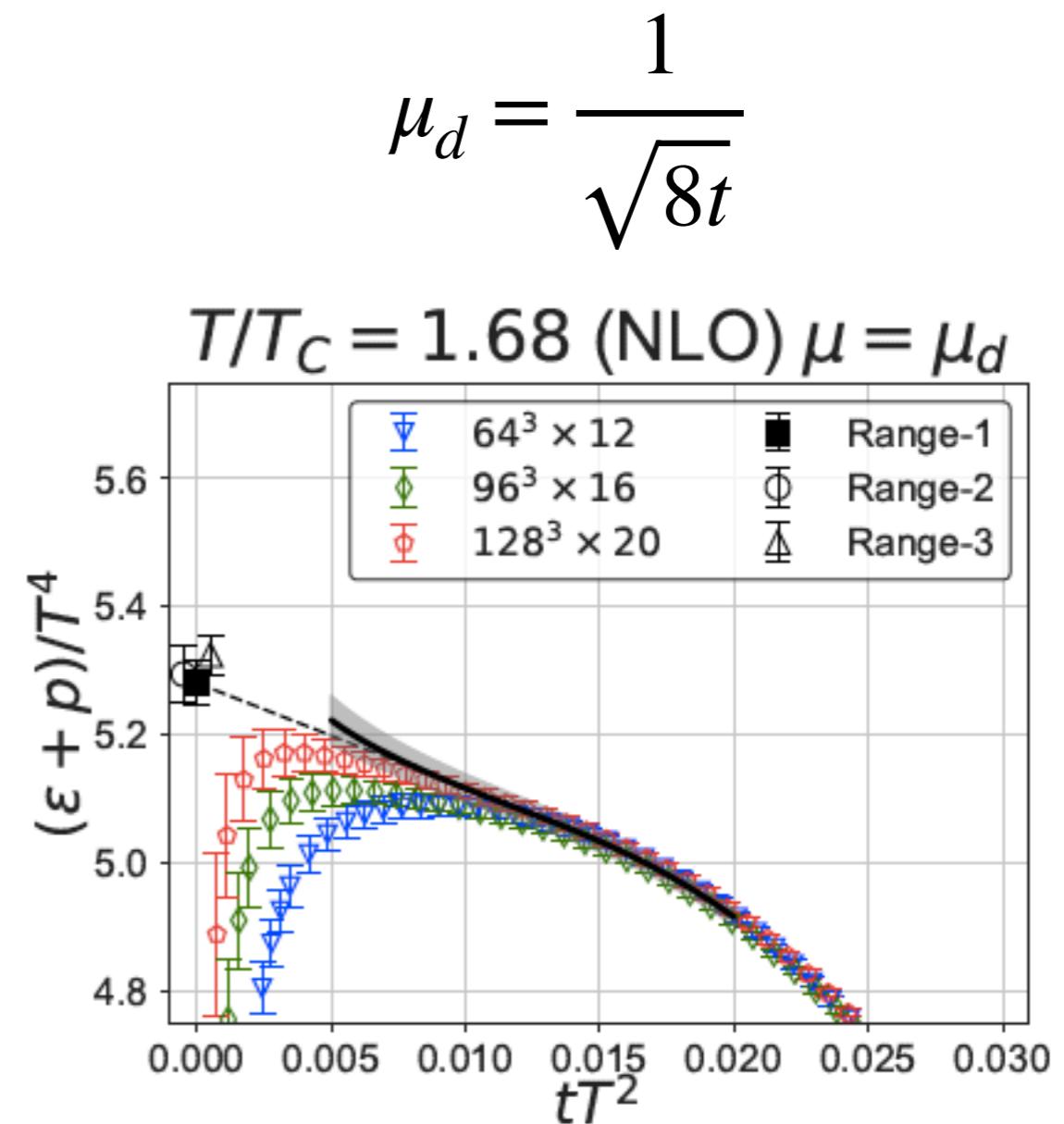
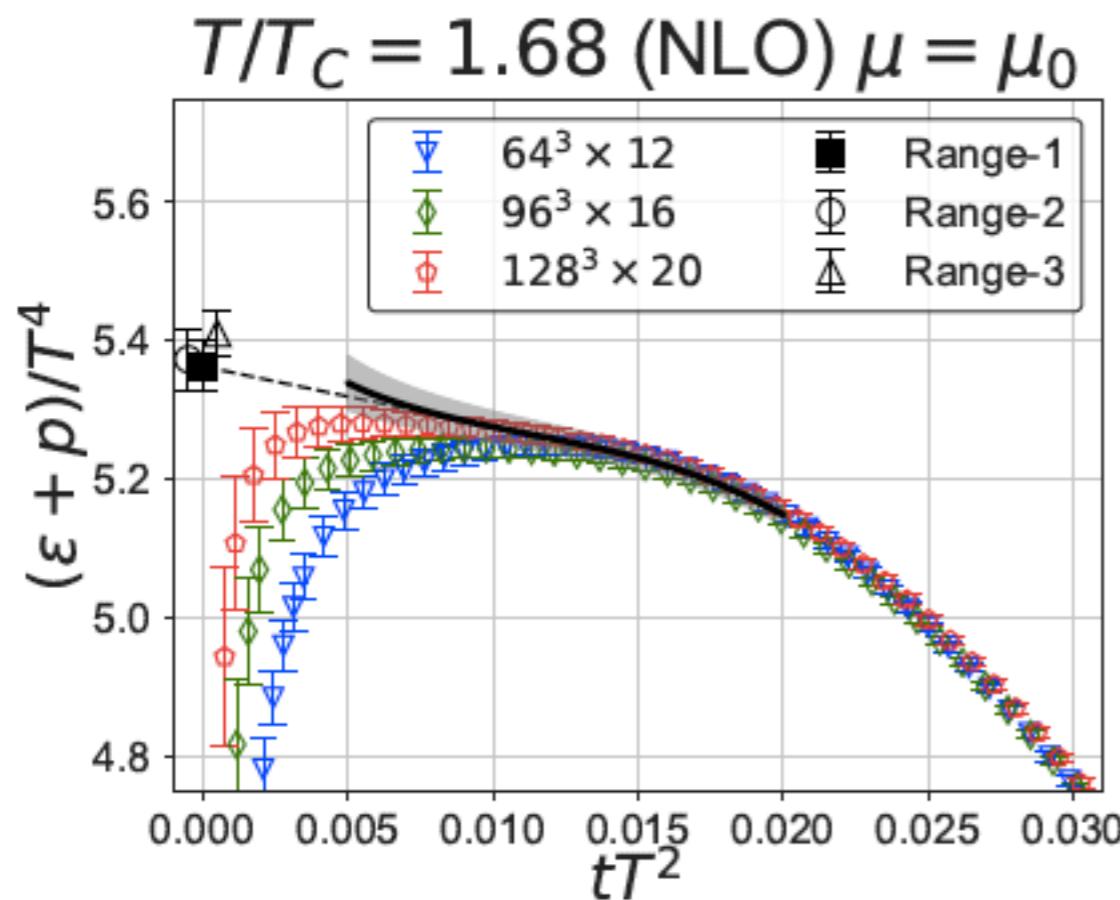
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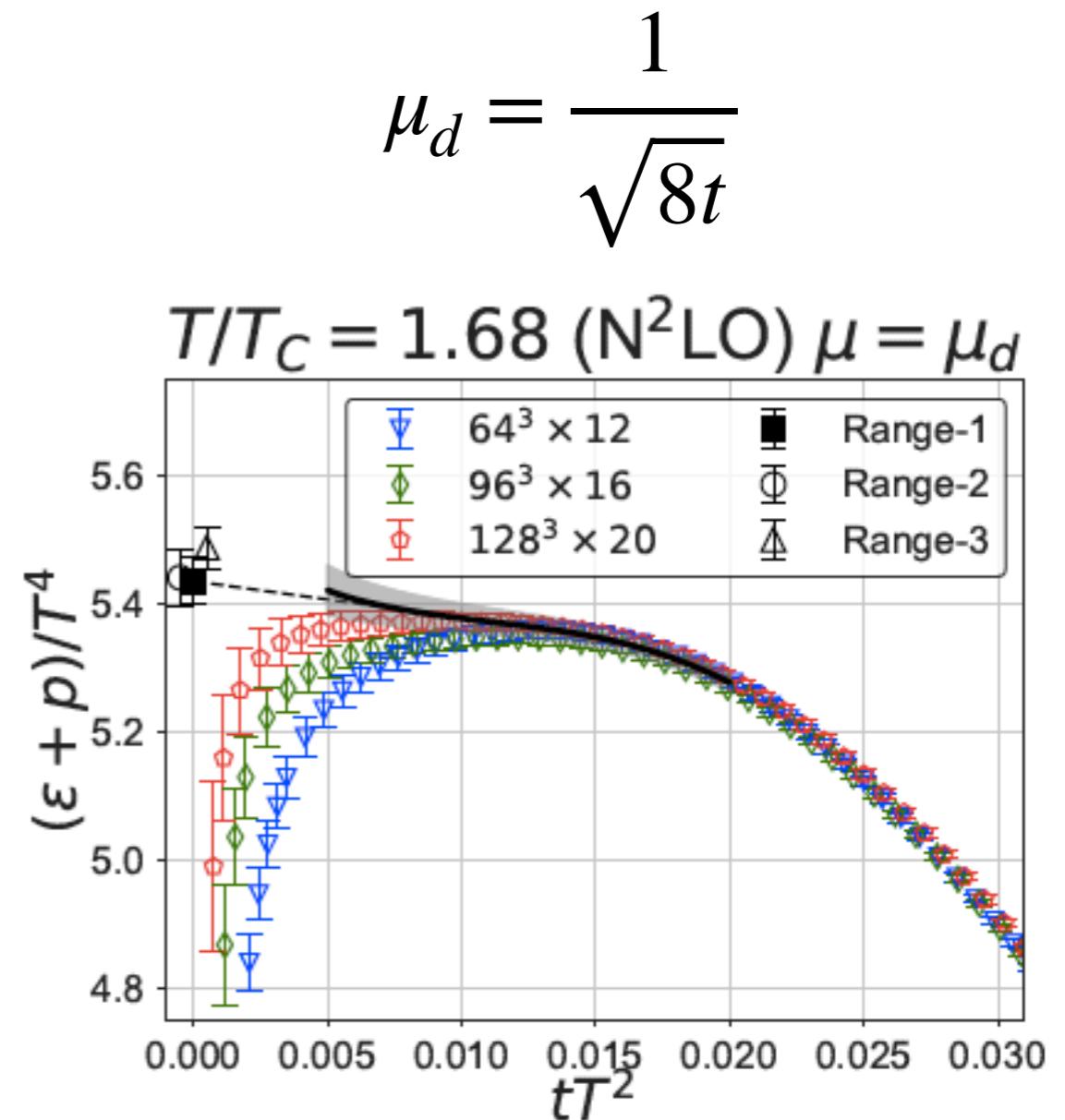
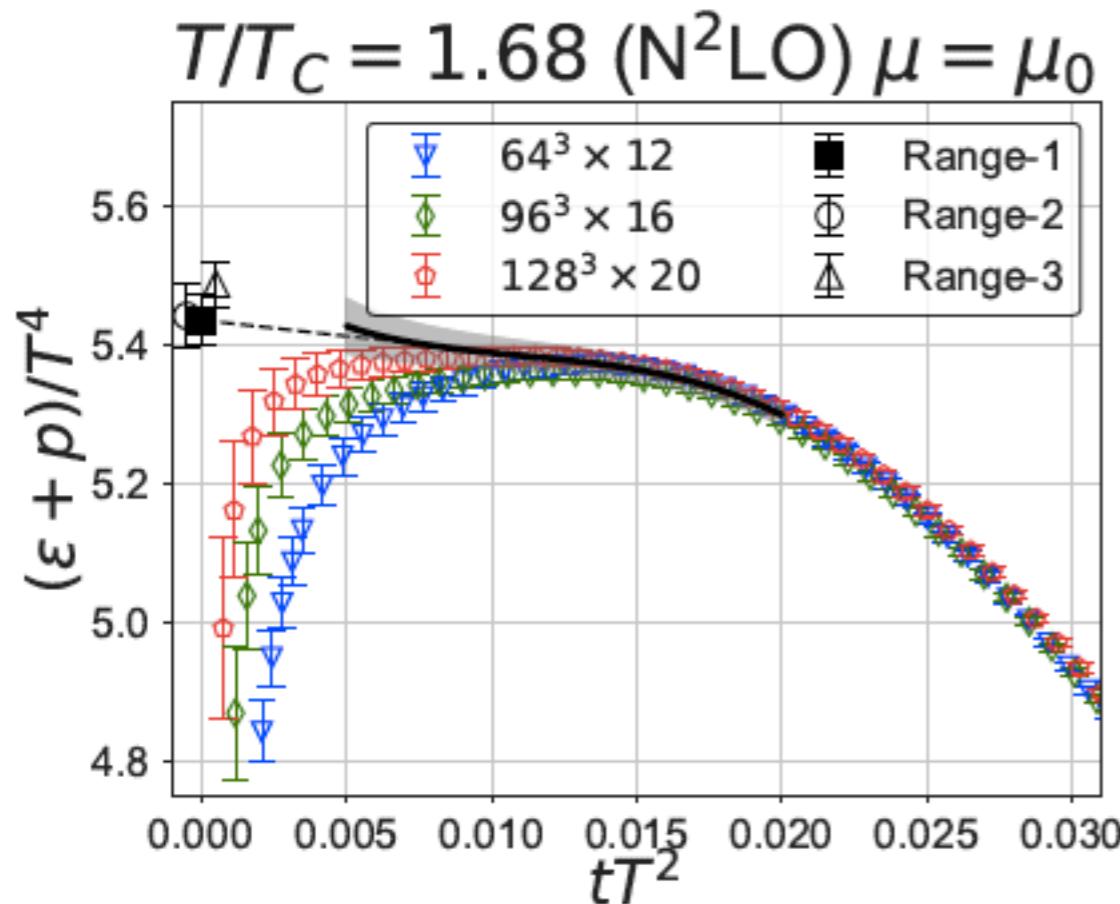
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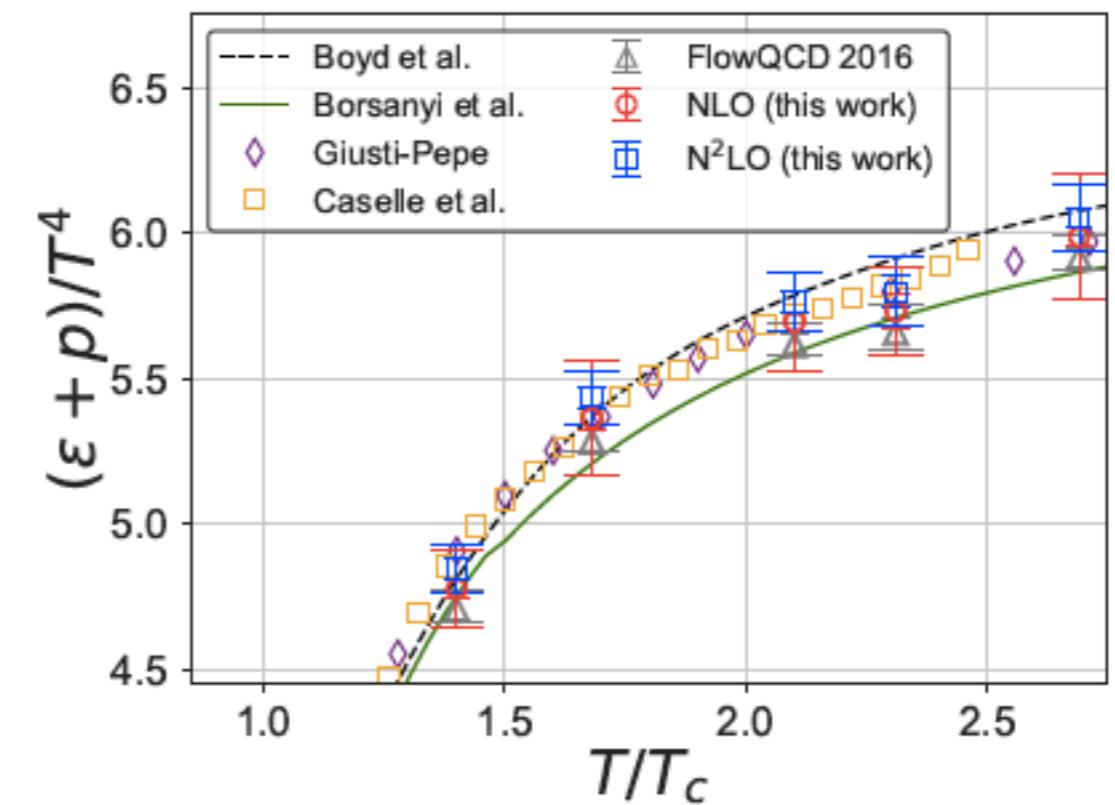
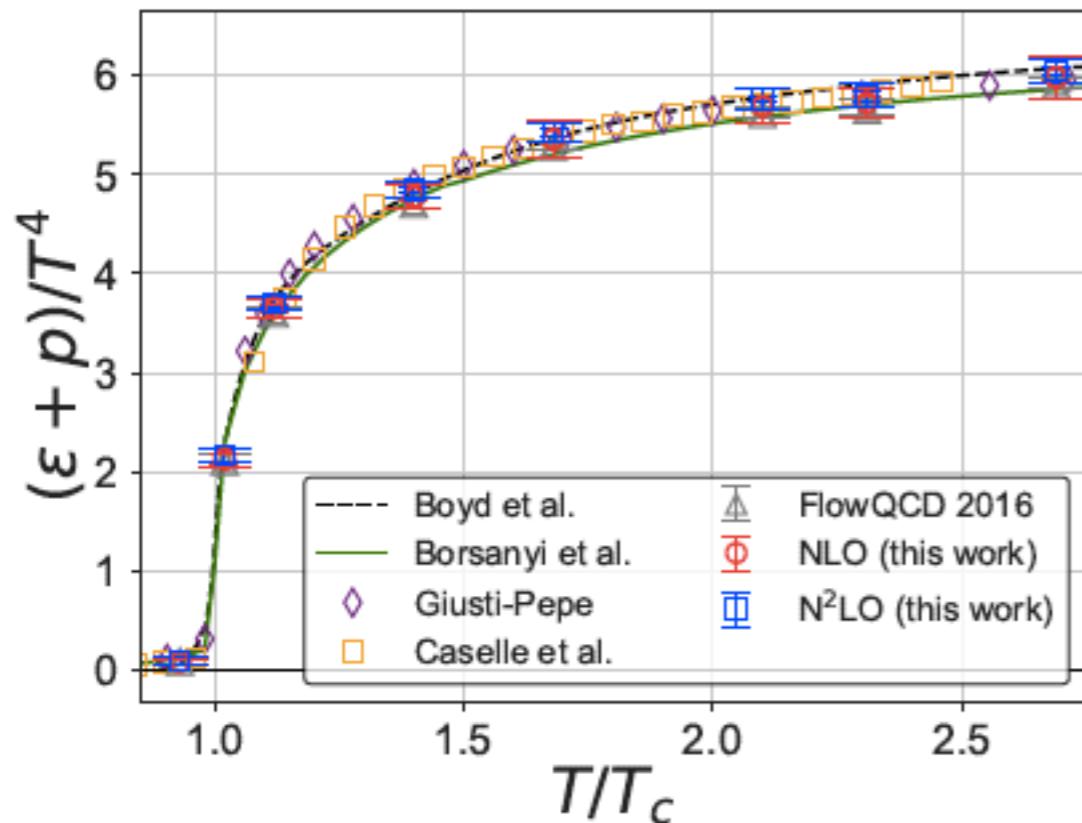
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Summary

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 - lattice definition of energy-momentum tensor

Outlook:

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- Renormalization group vs. flow time?