

# Pseudoscalar Flavor-Singlet Physics with Staggered Fermions

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# Overview

- Quick review of singlet physics
- Singlets as a probe of validity of the  $\det^{1/4}$  trick in staggered formulation
- Very preliminary results
- Future plans

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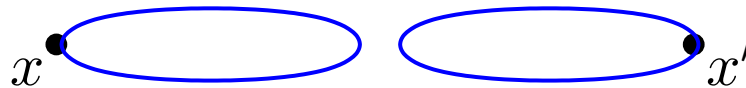
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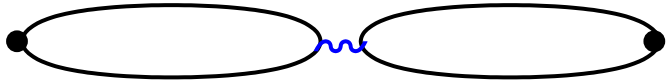
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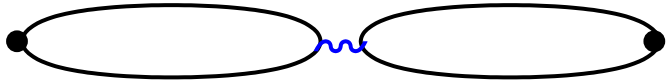
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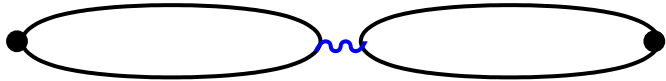
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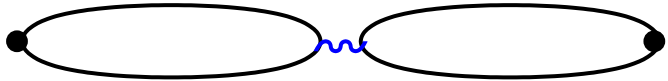
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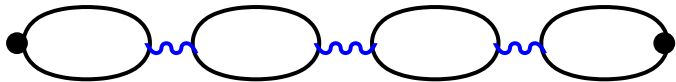
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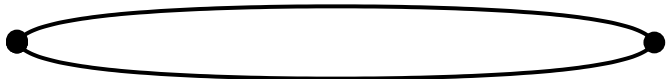
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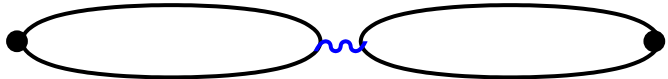
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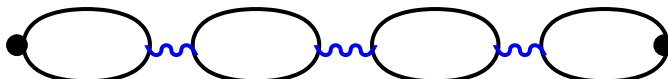
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$$\tilde{G}_{\eta'} = \frac{1}{p^2 + m_\pi^2 + \mu^2}$$

## $D(t)/C(t)$ ratio

For  $N_f$  flavors

$$\begin{aligned} G_\pi(t) &= N_f \text{ (diagram: a blue oval with two black dots)} \\ &= N_f C(t) \\ G_{\eta'}(t) &= N_f \text{ (diagram: a blue oval with two black dots)} - N_f^2 \text{ (diagram: two blue ovals with two black dots each)} \\ &= N_f C(t) - N_f^2 D(t) \end{aligned}$$

In full QCD we expect

$$G_{\eta'}(t) \sim e^{-m_{\eta'} t} \quad \text{and} \quad G_\pi(t) \sim e^{-m_\pi t}.$$

So

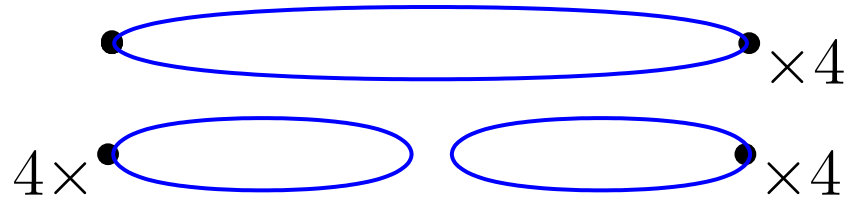
$$R(t) = \frac{N_f^2 D(t)}{N_f C(t)} = \frac{N_f C(t) - G_{\eta'}(t)}{N_f C(t)} = 1 - A \exp [-(m_{\eta'} - m_\pi)t]$$

Whereas in quenched QCD

$$R(t) = \frac{N_f^2 D(t)}{N_f C(t)} = A + Bt$$

Or something else if  $(\det M)^{1/4}$  introduces some strange pathology like  $m_{\text{val}} \neq m_{\text{sea}}$  or  $N_{\text{val}} \neq N_{\text{sea}}$ .

# Caveat:



In fact, since the staggered formulation is a theory of four valence tastes,  $D$  is too large by a factor of 4.

Rescaling of  $D$  by a factor of  $\frac{1}{4}$  is implicit in the rest of the talk.

**2+1 flavors,  $m_u = m_d \neq m_s$**

Two connected correlators represent three diagrams:



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$$D_{uu} = D_{dd} = D_{ud} = D_{du} \equiv D_{qq}$$



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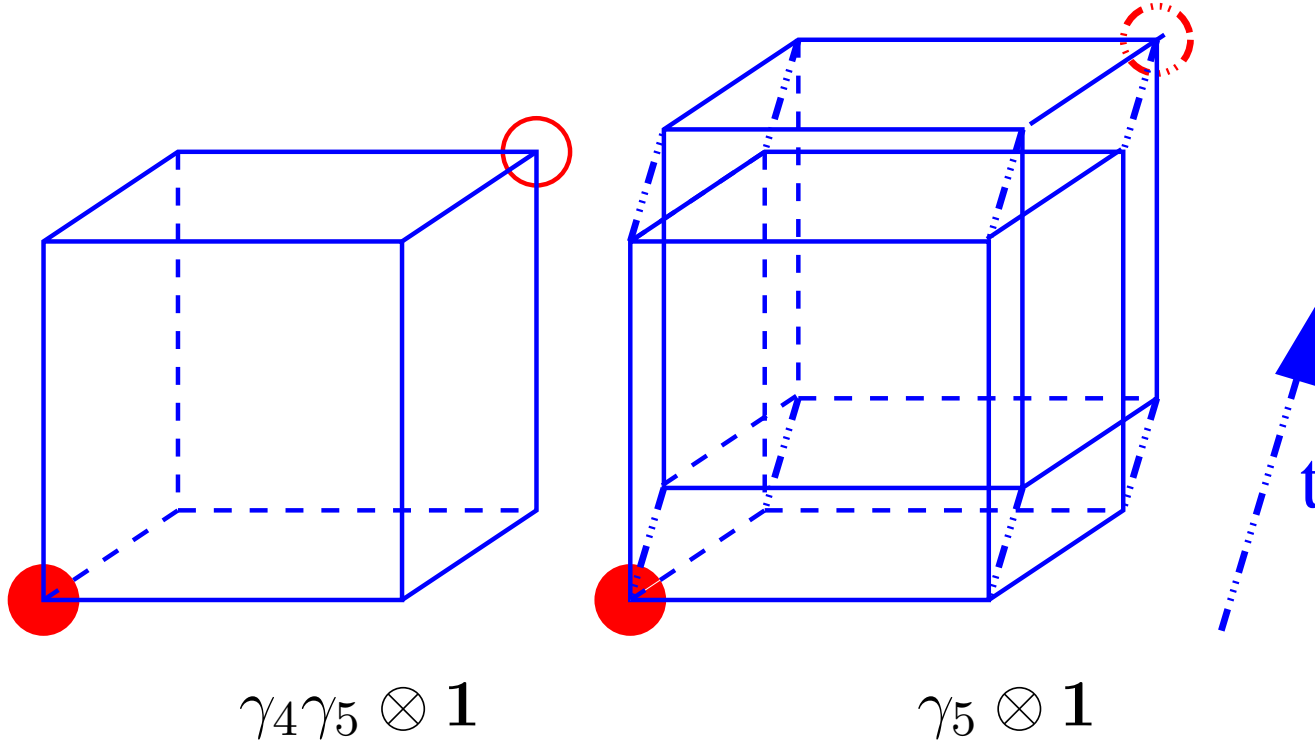


$$D_{us} = D_{ds} = D_{su} = D_{sd} \equiv D_{qs}$$

So construct:

$$R(t) = \frac{N_f^2 D(t)}{N_f C(t)} \longrightarrow \frac{4D_{qq} + 4D_{qs} + D_{ss}}{2C_{qq} + C_{ss}}$$

# Staggered PS Singlets





# Measuring Correlators

- Measure connected correlators with standard point sources.
- Measure disconnected correlators with gaussian stochastic volume sources  $\eta$ .
- Invert and solve for

$$\mathcal{O}(t) = \text{Tr} \eta^\dagger \Delta_{\gamma_5 \otimes \mathbf{1}} M^{-1} \eta,$$

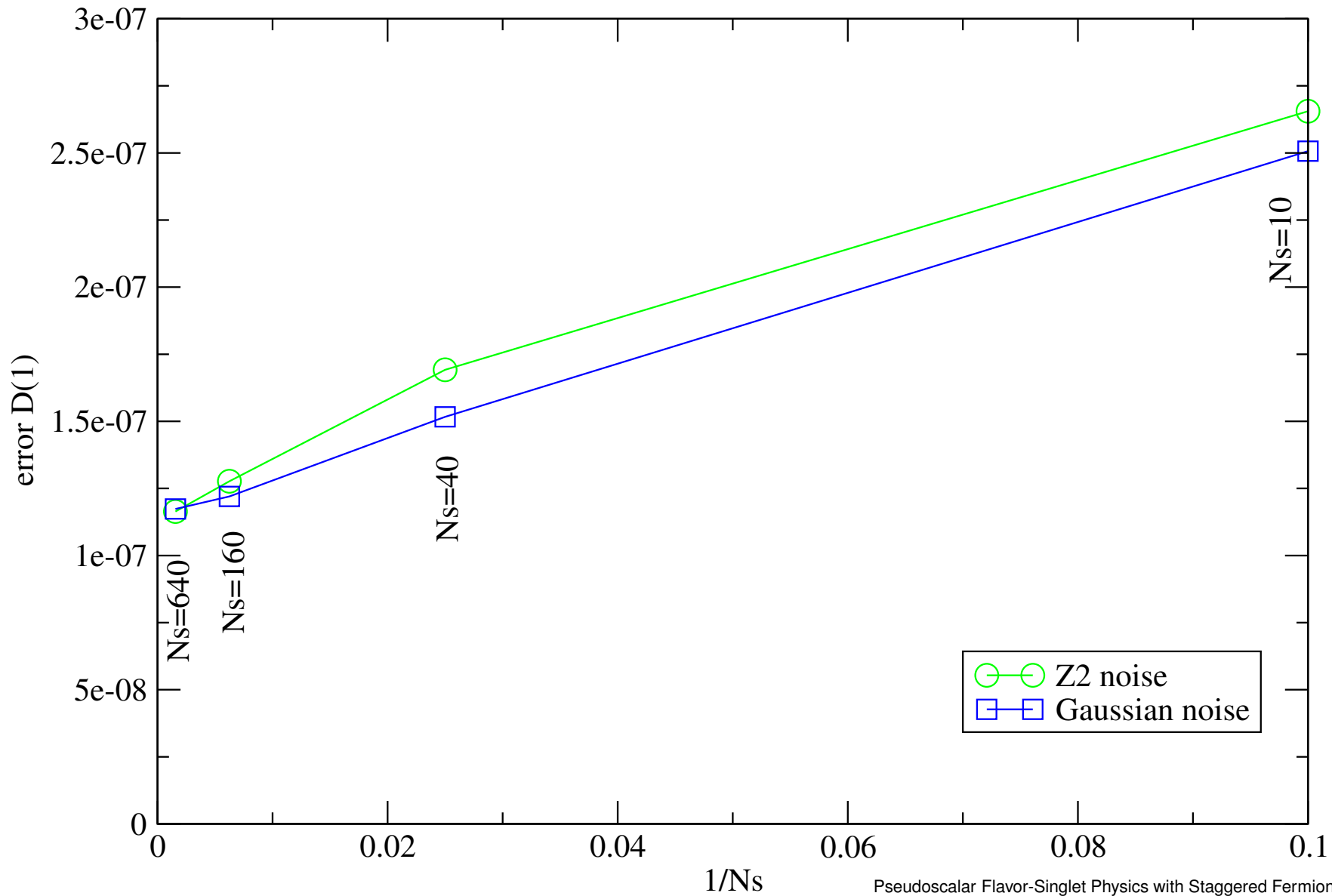
(summed over timeslice  $t$ ) where  $\Delta_{\gamma_5 \otimes \mathbf{1}}$  effects the shifts and phasing appropriate to the staggered  $\gamma_5 \otimes \mathbf{1}$  operator.

- We are currently using  $N_s = 40$  stochastic sources per gauge configuration.

# Noise dependence of errors

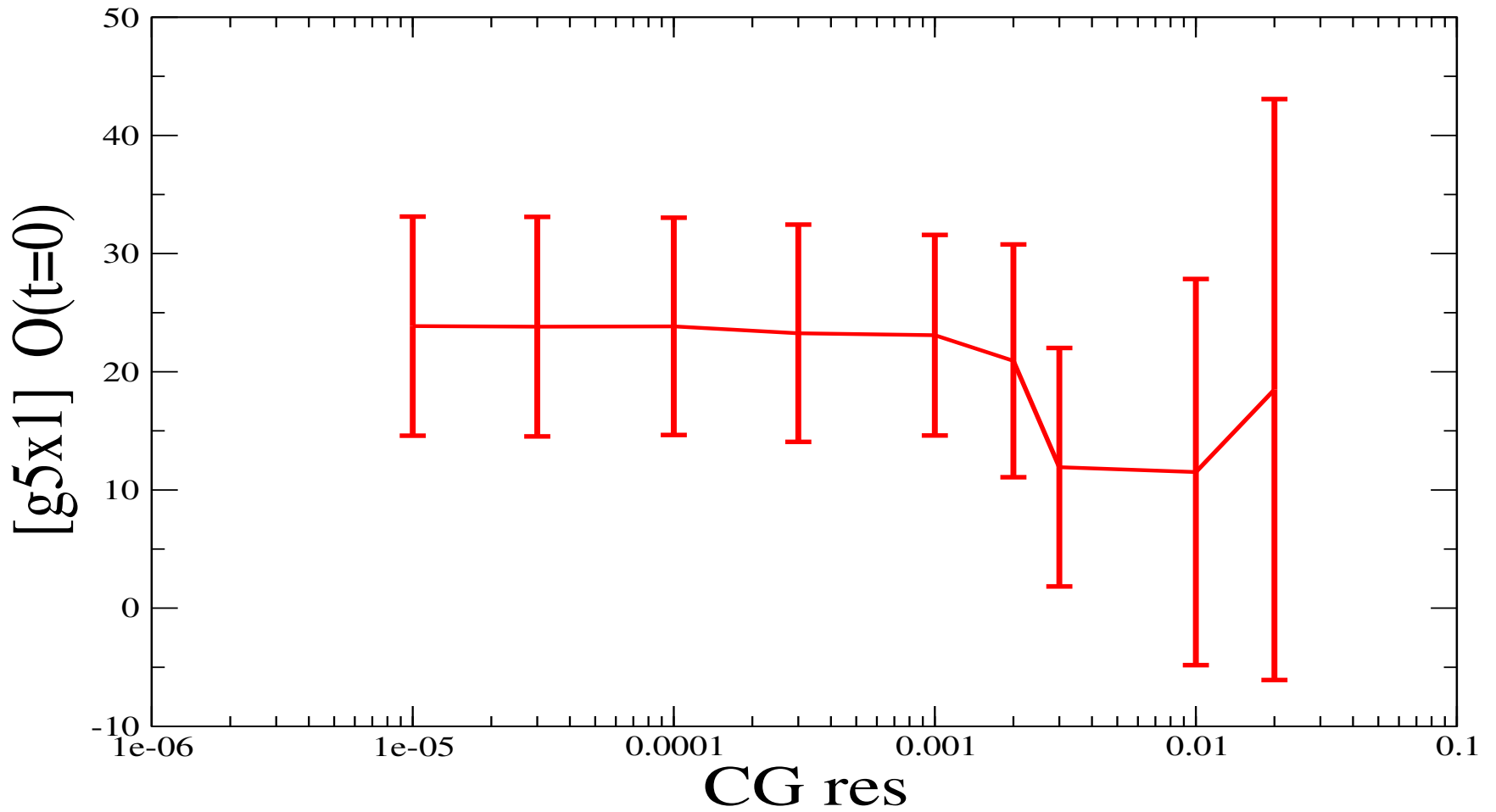
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$16^3 \times 32$ ,  $N_f=2$ ,  $\beta=7.2$ , 32 configs



# CG residual dependence of PS operators

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## Very preliminary results

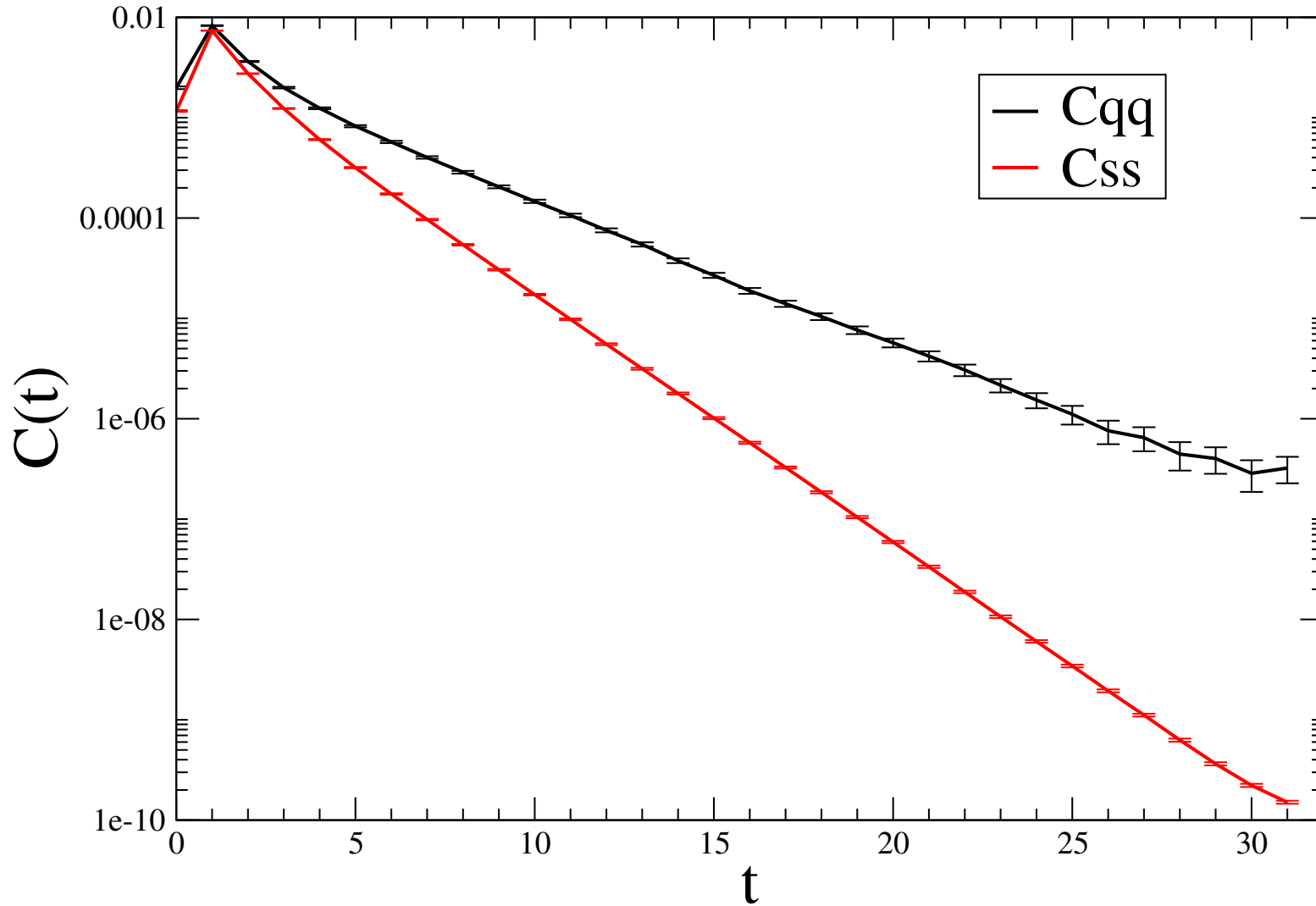
To date have run small test ensembles:

- $N_f = 2, \beta = 7.2 \ 16^3 \times 32, am = 0.02$
- $N_f = 0, \beta = 8.0 \ 16^3 \times 32, am_{\text{val}} = 0.02$

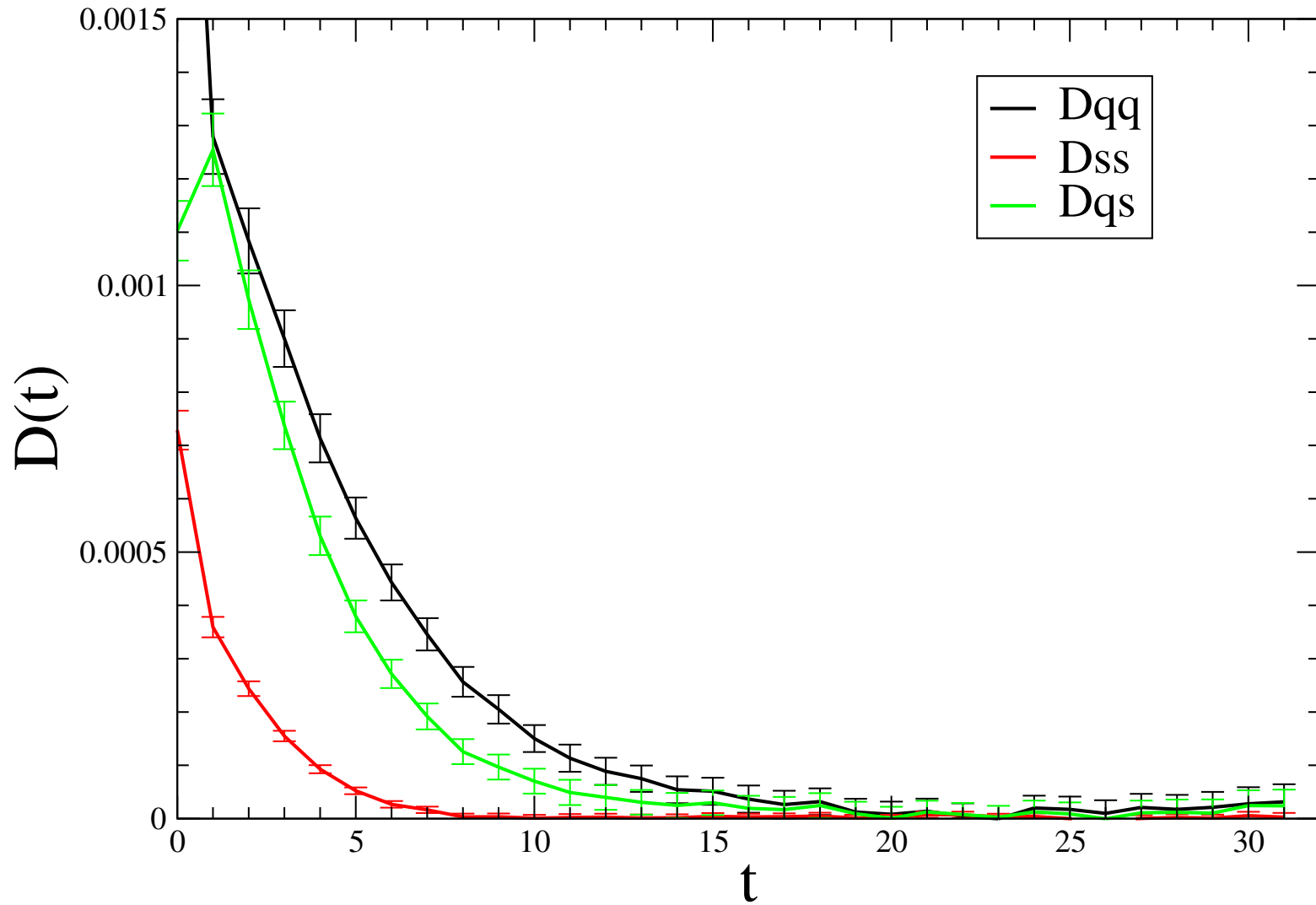
and two larger  $N_f = 2 + 1$  MILC ensembles:

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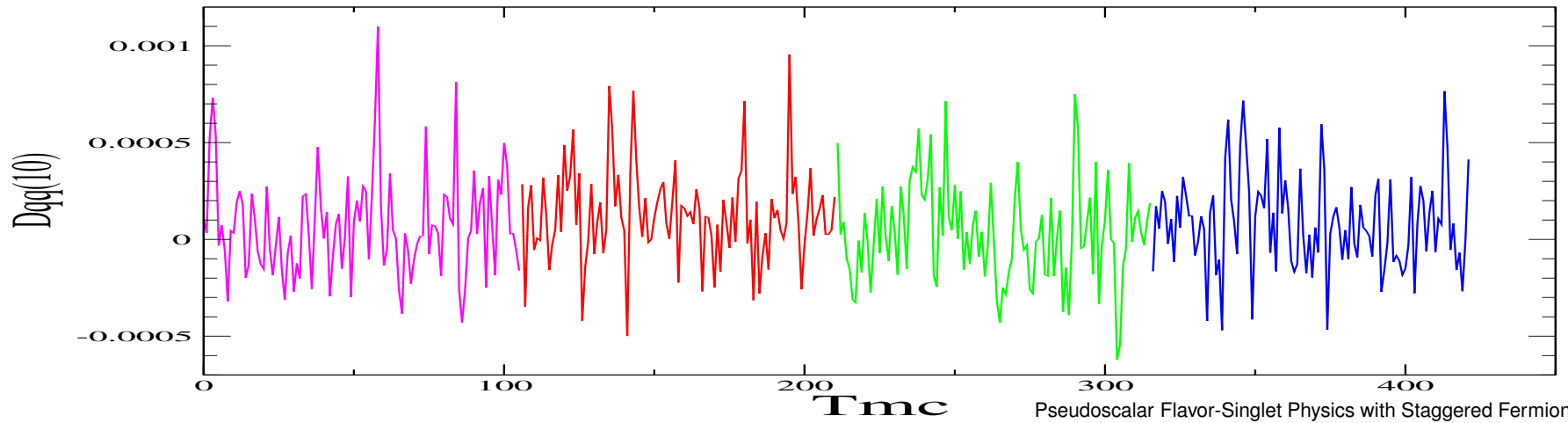
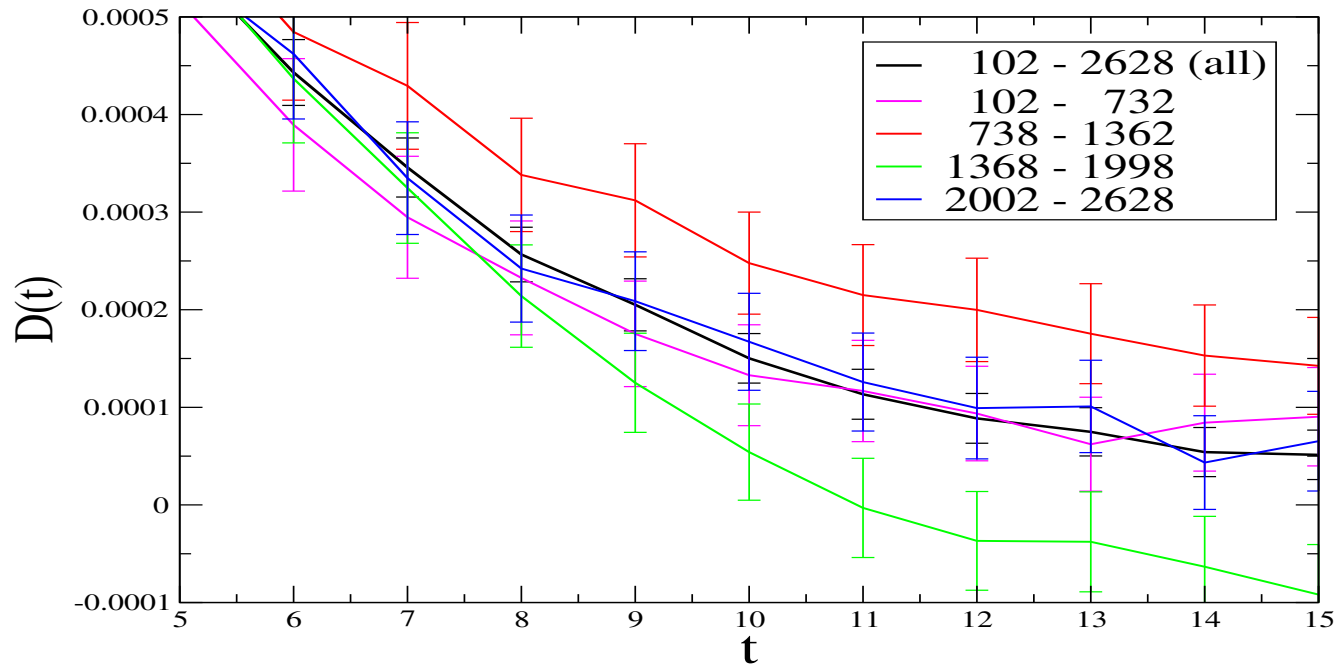
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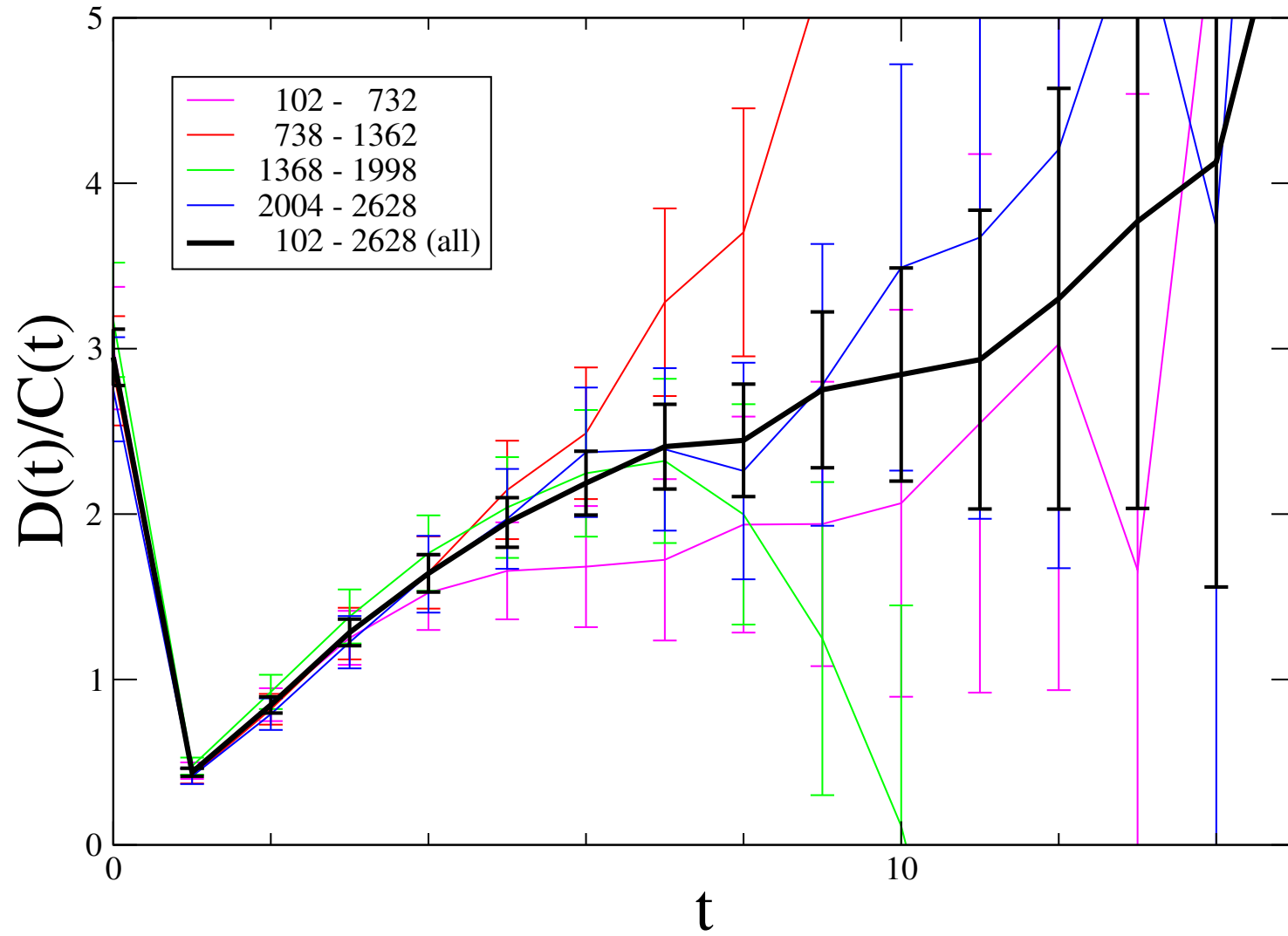
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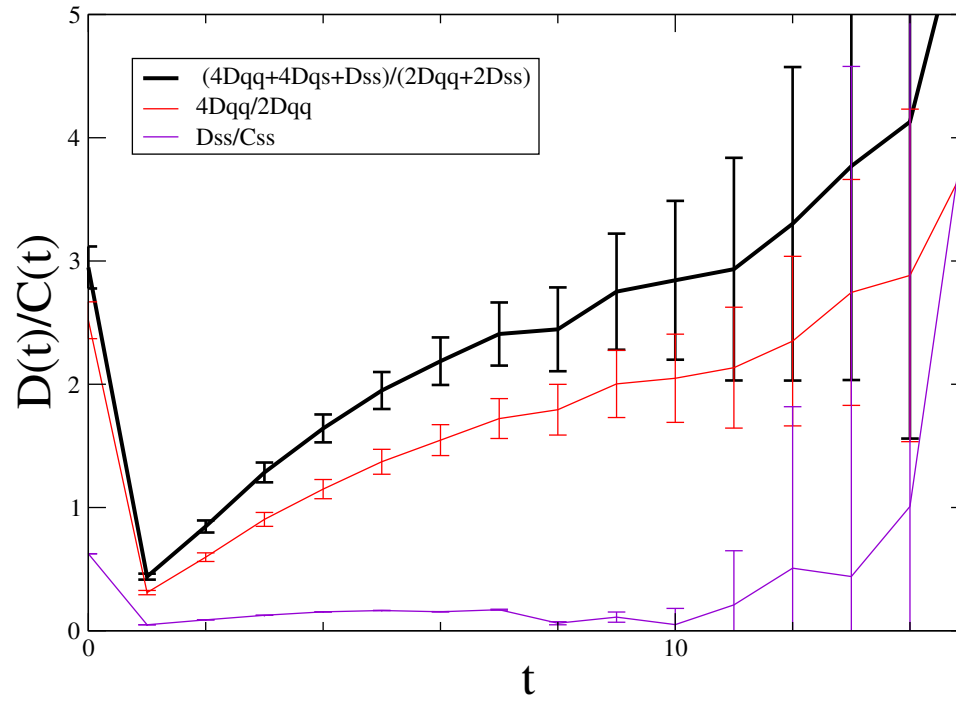


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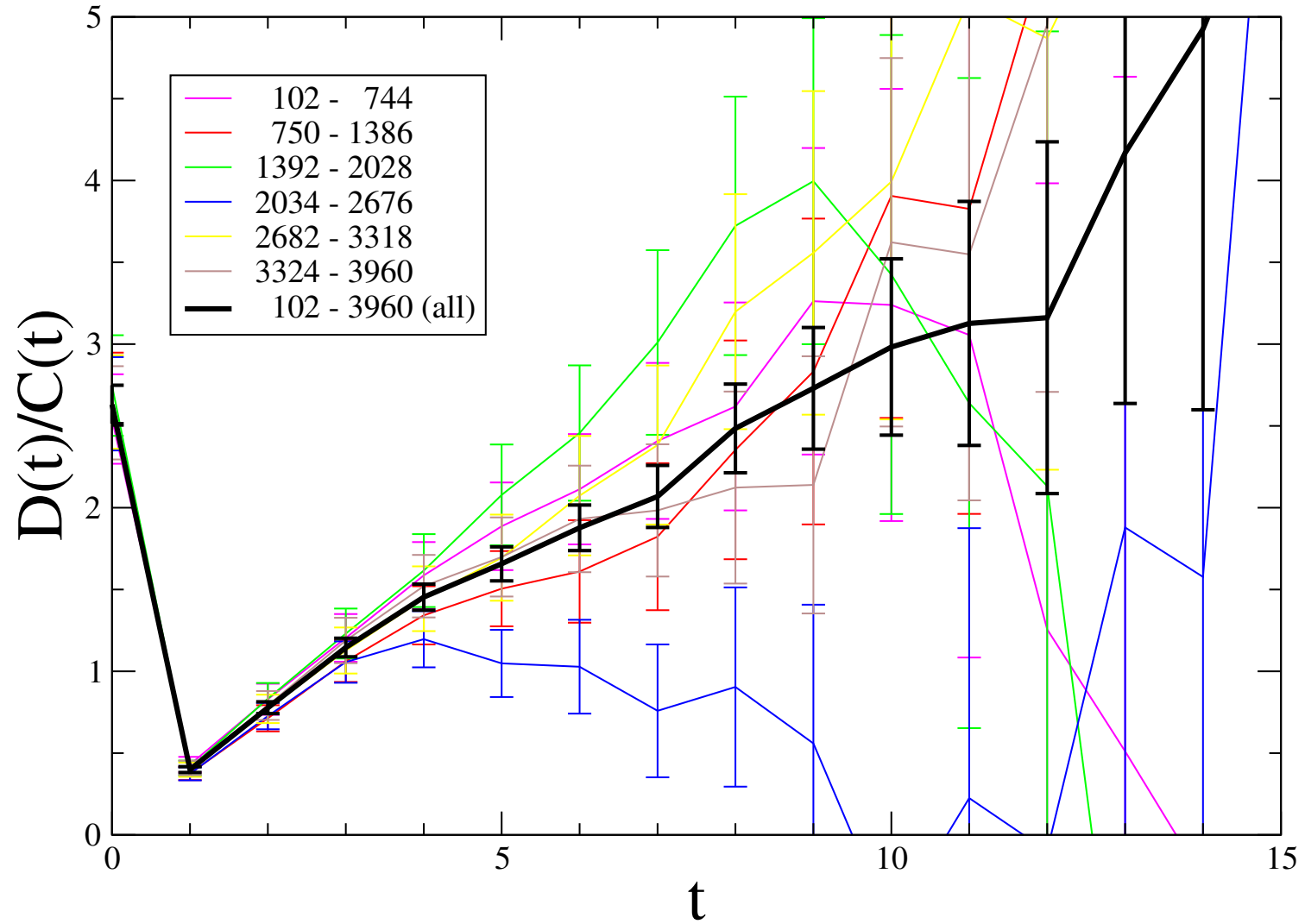


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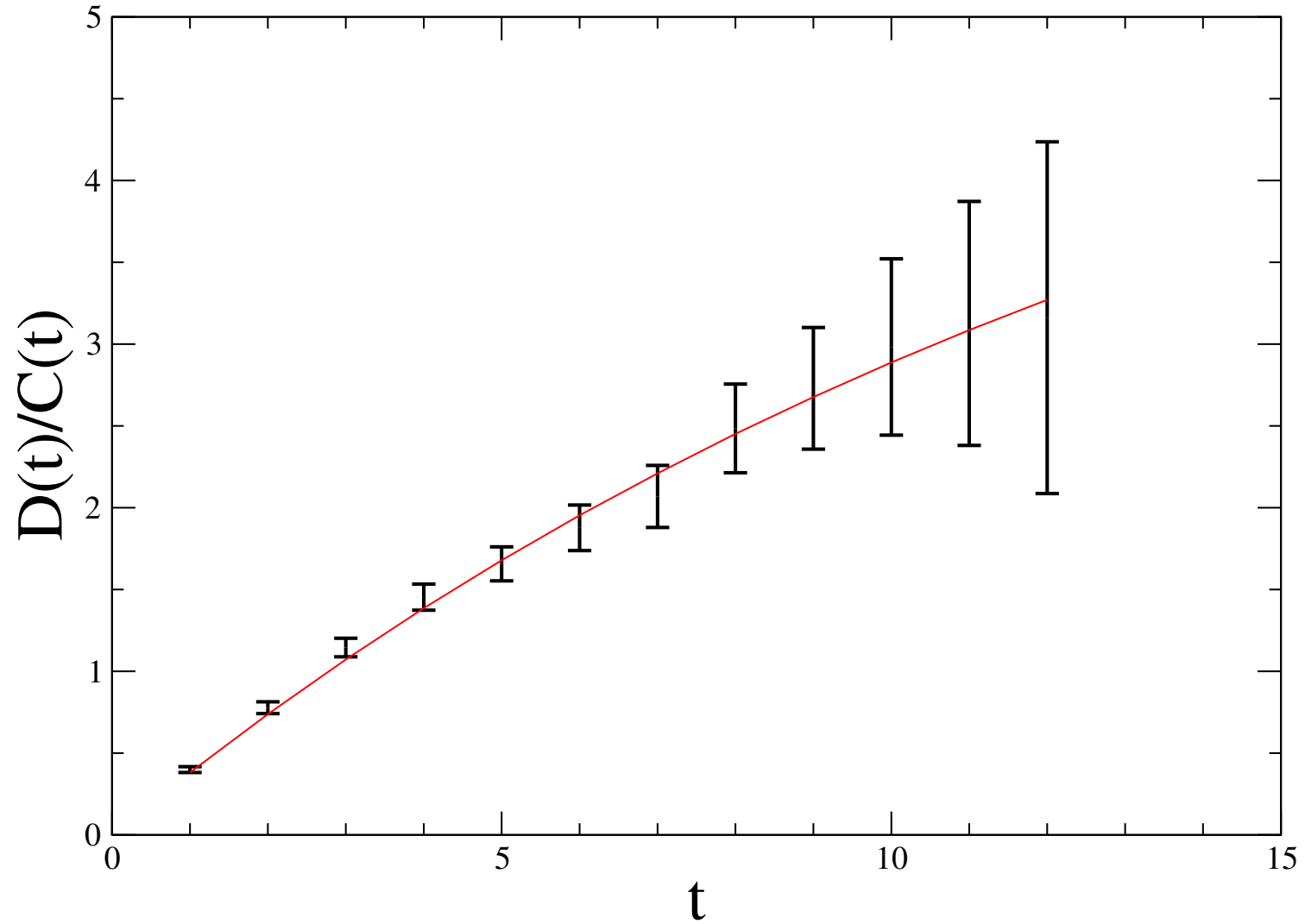
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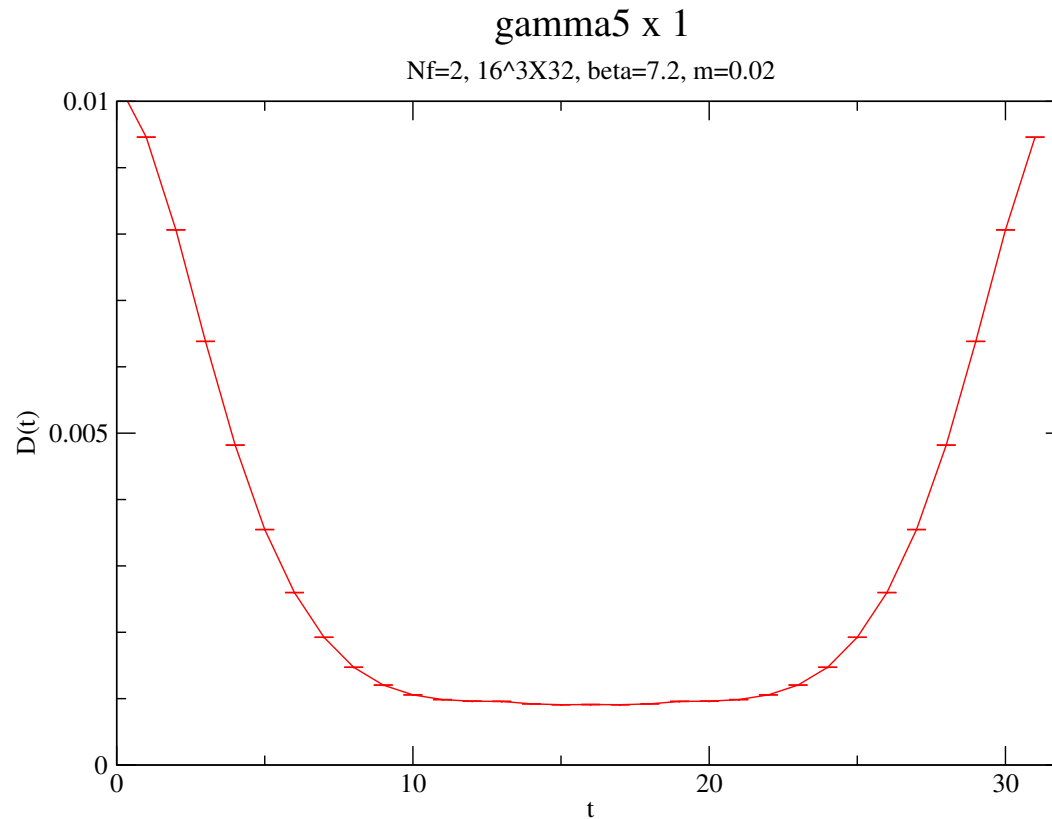
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curve:  $R(t) = 6 [1 - \exp(-(0.066)t)]$

# $N_f = 2$ test run

Interesting quirk:



$\langle \bar{q}(\gamma_5 \otimes \mathbf{1})q \rangle \approx 0$ , but long range correlations.

Stay tuned for results on larger ( $20^3 \times 64$ ) lattices.

# $\eta / \eta'$ spectrum

Would expect mixing, so to fit masses diagonalize

$$C(t) = \begin{pmatrix} C_{qq}(t) - 2D_{qq}(t) & \sqrt{2}D_{qs}(t) \\ \sqrt{2}D_{sq}(t) & C_{ss}(t) - D_{ss}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

(properly normalized!)

# Bag of tricks

- Dilution: Define noise source only on some subset of the lattice (e.g., one timeslice, one color, one hyper-cube corner ....)
- “Kilkup & Venkataraman method”  
Instead of  $\mathcal{O} = \langle \phi_x^\dagger \eta_y \rangle$ , measure

$$\mathcal{O} = m \langle \phi_x^\dagger \phi_y \rangle = (\not{D}_{eo} + m) \langle \phi_x^\dagger \phi_y \rangle = \langle \phi_x^\dagger \eta_y \rangle,$$

where  $(\not{D}_{eo} + m)\phi = \eta$ . (Good only for 4-link  $(\gamma_5 \otimes \mathbf{1})$ ).

- eigen modes?

# Future plans

- Continue measurements on  $N_f = 0, 2, 2 + 1$  lattices
- Understand normalizations
- Optimizations
- Fit for  $\eta'$  mass
- Need long time series ensembles to be produced this fall on QCDOC

| $a$ (fm) | $m_q/m_s$ | vol               | trajectories |
|----------|-----------|-------------------|--------------|
| 0.125    | 0.2       | $32^3 \times 64$  | 30000        |
| 0.125    | 0.2       | $24^3 \times 96$  | 20000        |
| 0.125    | 0.2       | $48^3 \times 144$ | 2000         |