

# Lattice computation of heavy hadron axial couplings

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# Motivation

- LHCb phenomenology,  $b$  baryon physics.
- Better control in chiral extrapolations.
- Heavy hadron decay widths.

# Outline

- Heavy hadron chiral perturbation theory.
- Axial couplings.
- Numerical calculation.
- Heavy hadron decay widths\*.

# Single-HQ hadron states

- Heavy mesons,

$$H_i^{(\bar{b})} = (B_{i,\mu}^* \gamma^\mu - B_i \gamma_5) \frac{1 - \not{p}}{2}.$$

- Heavy baryons with  $s_l = 0$  ( $s = 1/2$ ),

$$T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \Lambda_b \\ -\Lambda_b & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- Heavy baryons with  $s_l = 1$ ,

$$S_{ij}^\mu = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} (v^\mu + \gamma^\mu) \gamma_5 \mathcal{B}_{ij} + \mathcal{B}_{ij}^{*\mu} \quad (\mathcal{B}_{ij} : s = 1/2, \mathcal{B}_{ij}^* : s = 3/2)$$

$$\mathcal{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_b^{+1} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Sigma_b^0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Sigma_b^0 & \Sigma_b^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{B}^* = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_b^{+*} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Sigma_b^{0*} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Sigma_b^{0*} & \Sigma_b^{-*} \end{pmatrix}.$$

# HH $\chi$ PT Lagrangian

G.Burdman & J.Donoghue; P.Cho; M.Wise; T.M.Yan *et al.*, circa 1990.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{HH}\chi\text{PT}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{HH}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{pure-Goldstone}},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{HH}}^{(\text{LO})} = & -i \text{tr}_D \left[ \bar{H}^{(\bar{b})i} v_\mu \mathcal{D}^\mu H_i^{(\bar{b})} \right] + i (\bar{T} v_\mu \mathcal{D}^\mu T)_f - i (\bar{S}^\nu v_\mu \mathcal{D}^\mu S_\nu)_f + \Delta^{(B)} (\bar{S}^\nu S_\nu)_f \\ & + g_1 \text{tr}_D \left[ \bar{H}_i^{(\bar{b})} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 H_j^{(\bar{b})} A^{ij} \right] + i g_2 \epsilon_{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} (\bar{S}^\mu v^\nu A^\sigma S^\rho)_f + \sqrt{2} g_3 \left[ (\bar{T} A^\mu S_\mu)_f + (\bar{S}_\mu A^\mu T)_f \right]. \end{aligned}$$

- HH's are (almost) on-shell, with fixed velocity.
- $V^\mu = \frac{1}{2} (\xi^\dagger \partial^\mu \xi + \xi \partial^\mu \xi^\dagger)$ ,  $A^\mu = \frac{i}{2} (\xi^\dagger \partial^\mu \xi - \xi \partial^\mu \xi^\dagger)$ .
- The mass difference,  $\Delta^{(B)}$ , does not vanish in any limit.
- Three **LEC's** which were poorly determined.

# Axial currents

$$J_{ij,\mu}^A = g_1 \text{tr}_D \left[ \bar{H}_k^{(\bar{b})} H_l^{(\bar{b})} \left( \tau_{ij,\xi}^{(+)} \right)^{kl} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \right] + i g_2 \epsilon_{\mu\nu\sigma\rho} (\bar{S}^\nu v^\sigma \tau_{ij,\xi}^{(+)} S^\rho)_f \\ + \sqrt{2} g_3 \left[ (\bar{S}_\mu \tau_{ij,\xi}^{(+)} T)_f + (\bar{T} \tau_{ij,\xi}^{(+)} S_\mu)_f \right] + \text{higher order.}$$

- $\tau_{ij,\xi}^{(+)} = (\xi^\dagger \tau_{ij} \xi + \xi \tau_{ij} \xi^\dagger) / 2$ , where  $(\tau_{ij})_{kl} = \delta_{il} \delta_{jk}$ .
- Obtained using the Noether theorem.
- Matrix elements,

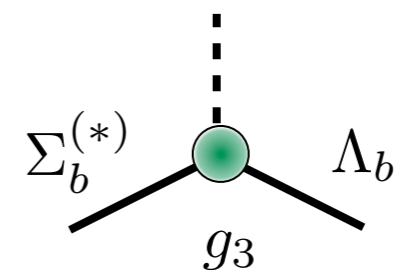
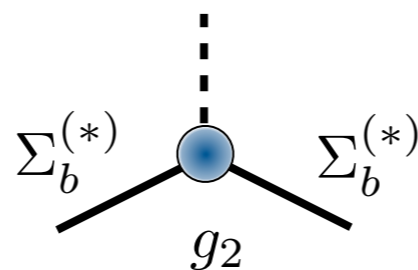
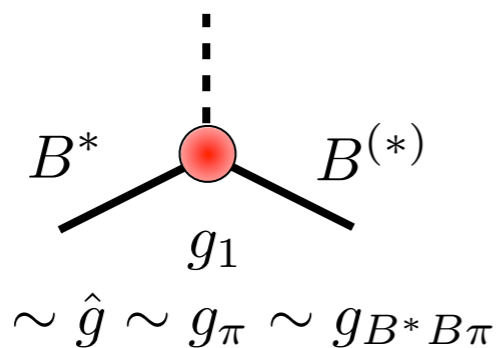
$$\langle B_j^* | J_{ij,\mu}^A | B_i \rangle = -2 (g_1)_{\text{eff}} \epsilon_\mu^*,$$

$$\langle S_{kj} | J_{ij,\mu}^A | S_{ki} \rangle = -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} (g_2)_{\text{eff}} v^\sigma \epsilon_{\sigma\mu\nu\rho} \bar{U}^\nu U^\rho,$$

$$\langle S_{kj} | J_{ij,\mu}^A | T_{ki} \rangle = - (g_3)_{\text{eff}} \bar{U}_\mu \mathcal{U}.$$

# Chiral dynamics of heavy hadrons

- Axial couplings *defined* in static limit



$$B^* \rightarrow \langle P^{*d}(0, s) | A_\mu^{-(\chi^{PT})}(0) | P^u(0) \rangle |_{\text{LO}} = -2 g_1 \varepsilon_\mu^*(s).$$

$$B \rightarrow \langle S^{dd}(0, s) | A^{\mu-(\chi^{PT})}(0) | S^{du}(0, s') \rangle |_{\text{LO}} = -\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} g_2 v_\lambda \varepsilon^{\lambda\mu\nu\rho} \bar{U}_\nu(s) U_\rho(s').$$

$$\langle S^{dd}(0, s) | A^{\mu-(\chi^{PT})}(0) | T^{du}(0, s') \rangle |_{\text{LO}} = -g_3 \bar{U}^\mu(s) \mathcal{U}(s').$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc} \Sigma_b^+ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Sigma_b^0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Sigma_b^0 & \Sigma_b^- \end{array} \right)^{(*)} \quad \left( \begin{array}{cc} 0 & \Lambda_b \\ -\Lambda_b & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

- Heavy-light mesons and baryons: dynamics amenable to HQ and chiral expansions [Wise; Burdman & Donoghue; Cheng et al.]

# NLO results

- Generic form (PQ in FV)

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_{\text{LO}} (1 + g^2 L + g'^2 L' + L'') + \mathcal{A}_{\text{NLO-analytic}}.$$

$\mathcal{A}_{\text{LO}} \sim g$  for axial current matrix elements.

- Compare  $(g_1)_{\text{eff}}$  and  $\langle B^* | B\pi \rangle$ ,

$$(g_1)_{\text{eff}} = g_1 \left[ 1 - 2 \left( \frac{M_\pi^2}{4\pi f} \right) \log \left( \frac{M_\pi^2}{\mu^2} \right) - 4g_1^2 \left( \frac{M_\pi^2}{4\pi f} \right) \log \left( \frac{M_\pi^2}{\mu^2} \right) + c(\mu) M_\pi^2 \right],$$

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# Current knowledge of $g_{1,2,3}$

- Model estimates for  $g_{1,2,3}$  [Cho normalisation]

Reference	Method	$g_1$	$g_2$	$g_3$
Yan <i>et al.</i> , 1992 [5]	Nonrelativistic quark model	1	2	$\sqrt{2}$
Colangelo <i>et al.</i> , 1994 [45]	Relativistic quark model	1/3	...	...
Bećirević, 1999 [46]	Quark model with Dirac eq.	$0.6 \pm 0.1$	...	...
Guralnik <i>et al.</i> , 1992 [47]	Skyrme model	...	1.6	1.3
Colangelo <i>et al.</i> , 1994 [48]	Sum rules	0.15 - 0.55	...	...
Belyaev <i>et al.</i> , 1994 [49]	Sum rules	$0.32 \pm 0.02$	...	...
Dosch and Narison, 1995 [50]	Sum rules	$0.15 \pm 0.03$	...	...
Colangelo and Fazio, 1997 [51]	Sum rules	0.09 - 0.44	...	...
Pirjol and Yan, 1997 [52]	Sum rules	...	$< \sqrt{6 - g_3^2}$	$< \sqrt{2}$
Zhu and Dai, 1998 [53]	Sum rules	...	$1.56 \pm 0.30 \pm 0.30$	$0.94 \pm 0.06 \pm 0.20$
Cho and Georgi, 1992 [54]	$\mathcal{B}[D^* \rightarrow D \pi], \mathcal{B}[D^* \rightarrow D \gamma]$	$0.34 \pm 0.48$	...	...
Arnesen <i>et al.</i> , 2005 [57]	$\mathcal{B}[D_{(s)}^* \rightarrow D_{(s)} \pi], \mathcal{B}[D_{(s)}^* \rightarrow D_{(s)} \gamma], \Gamma[D^*]$	0.51	...	...
Li <i>et al.</i> , 2010 [58]	$d\Gamma[B \rightarrow \pi l \nu]$	$< 0.87$	...	...

- All over the place!
- Precise calculation needed

# Current knowledge of $g_1$

- Experimental extraction of  $g_1$  from  $D^* \rightarrow D\pi$ ,  $D^* \rightarrow D\gamma$ 
  - $g_1 = 0.5(?)$  [Arnesen et al.]
- Lattice calculations for  $g_1$

Reference	$n_f$ , action	$[m_\pi^{(vv)}]^2$ (GeV <sup>2</sup> )	$g_1$
De Divitiis <i>et al.</i> , 1998 [14]	0, clover	0.58 - 0.81	$0.42 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.08$
Abada <i>et al.</i> , 2004 [15]	0, clover	0.30 - 0.71	$0.48 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.11$
Negishi <i>et al.</i> , 2007 [16]	0, clover	0.43 - 0.72	$0.517 \pm 0.016$
Ohki <i>et al.</i> , 2008 [17]	2, clover	0.24 - 1.2	$0.516 \pm 0.005 \pm 0.033 \pm 0.028 \pm 0.028$
Bećirević <i>et al.</i> , 2009 [18]	2, clover	0.16 - 1.2	$0.44 \pm 0.03_{-0.00}^{+0.07}$
Bulava <i>et al.</i> , 2010 [19]	2, clover	0.063 - 0.49	$0.51 \pm 0.02$

- Need fully quantified uncertainties

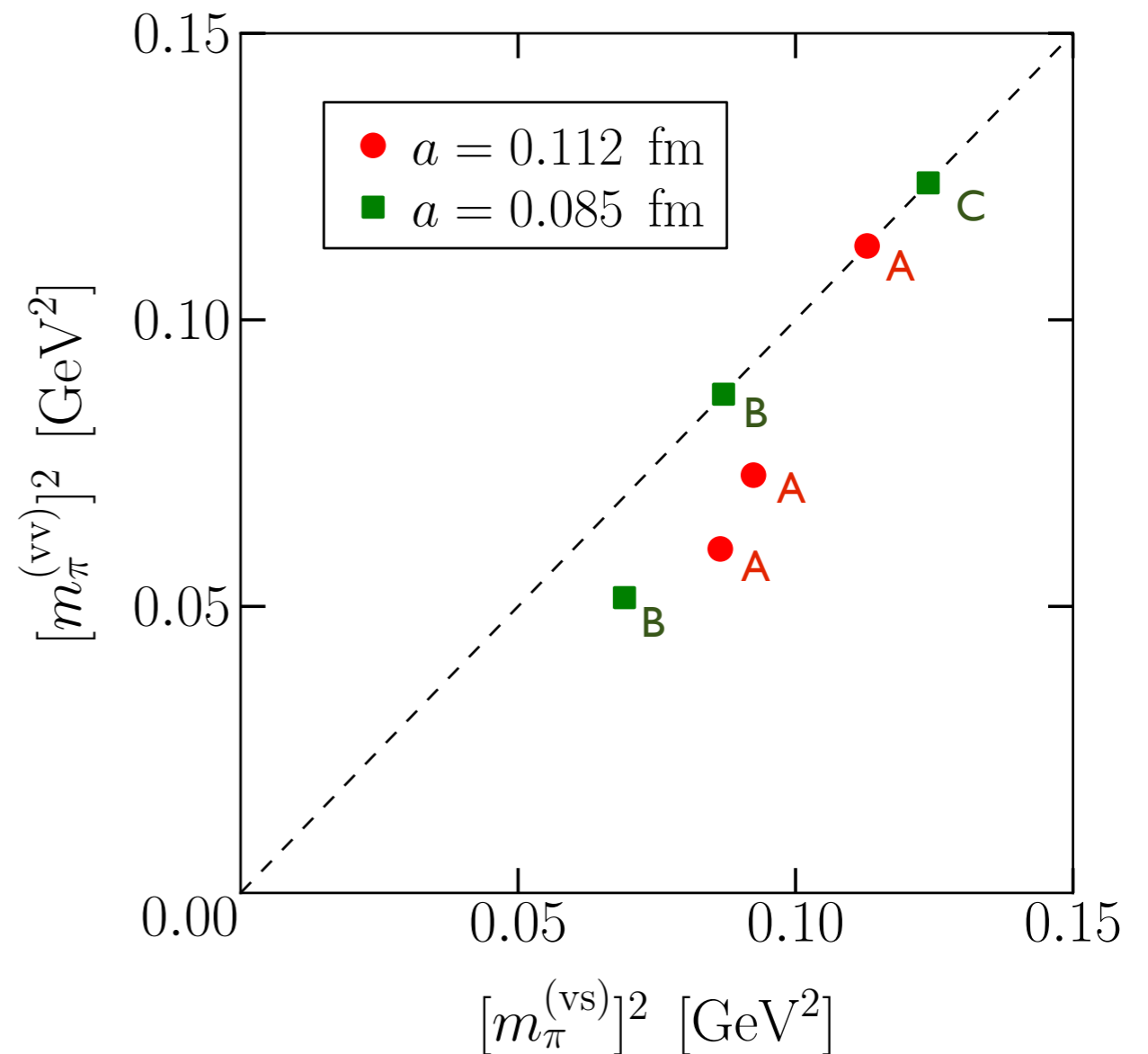
# Actions and ensembles

- Domain-wall light quarks [RBC/UKQCD]
- Lattice chiral symmetry
- Static heavy quarks with  $n_{\text{HYP}}=0,1,2,3,5,10$  levels of HYP smearing
- Two lattice spacings  $a = 0.085, 0.112$  fm
- Six valence quark masses  $m_{\pi} = 0.23\text{--}0.35$  GeV
- Single  $(2.5 \text{ fm})^3$  volume

Ensemble	$a$ (fm)	$L^3 \times T$	$am_{u,d}^{(\text{sea})}$	$m_{\pi}^{(\text{ss})}$ (MeV)
A	0.1119(17)	$24^3 \times 64$	0.005	336(5)
B	0.0849(12)	$32^3 \times 64$	0.004	295(4)
C	0.0848(17)	$32^3 \times 64$	0.006	352(7)
Ensemble	$am_{u,d}^{(\text{val})}$	$m_{\pi}^{(\text{vs})}$ (MeV)	$m_{\pi}^{(\text{vv})}$ (MeV)	$t/a$
A	0.001	294(5)	245(4)	4, 5, ..., 10
A	0.002	304(5)	270(4)	4, 5, ..., 10
A	0.005	336(5)	336(5)	4, 5, ..., 10
B	0.002	263(4)	227(3)	6, 9, 12
B	0.004	295(4)	295(4)	6, 9, 12
C	0.006	352(7)	352(7)	13

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- $O(a)$  improved\* axial current:

$$Z_A = \begin{cases} 0.7019(26) & \text{for } a = 0.112 \text{ fm,} \\ 0.7396(17) & \text{for } a = 0.085 \text{ fm.} \end{cases} \quad [\text{RBC}]$$

# Correlation functions

- Interpolating operators in static limit

$$P^i = \bar{Q}_{a\alpha} (\gamma_5)_{\alpha\beta} \tilde{q}_{a\beta}^i,$$

$$P_\mu^{*i} = \bar{Q}_{a\alpha} (\gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \tilde{q}_{a\beta}^i,$$

$$S_{\mu\alpha}^{ij} = \epsilon_{abc} (C\gamma_\mu)_{\beta\gamma} \tilde{q}_{a\beta}^i \tilde{q}_{b\gamma}^j Q_{c\alpha},$$

$$T_\alpha^{ij} = \epsilon_{abc} (C\gamma_5)_{\beta\gamma} \tilde{q}_{a\beta}^i \tilde{q}_{b\gamma}^j Q_{c\alpha}.$$

- Two point and three point correlation functions

$$C[P^u P_u^\dagger](t) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \langle P^u(\mathbf{x}, t) P_u^\dagger(0) \rangle,$$

$$C[P^{*d} P_d^{*\dagger}]^{\mu\nu}(t) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \langle P^{*d\mu}(\mathbf{x}, t) P_d^{*\nu\dagger}(0) \rangle,$$

$$C[S^{dd} \bar{S}_{dd}]_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu\nu}(t) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \langle S_\alpha^{dd\mu}(\mathbf{x}, t) \bar{S}_{dd\beta}^\nu(0) \rangle,$$

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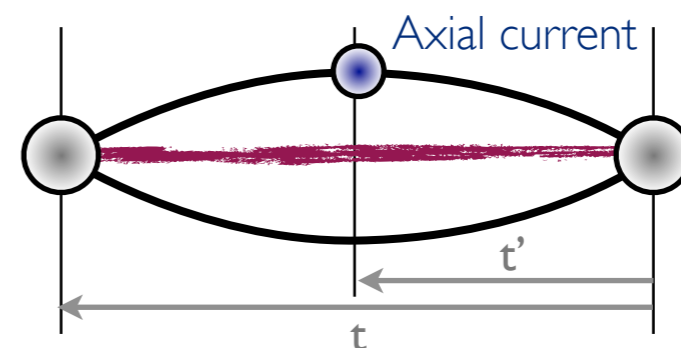
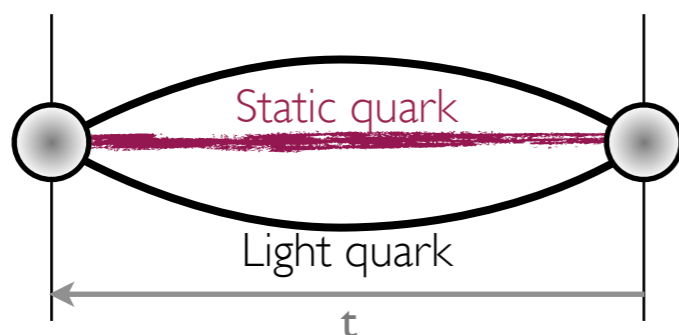
$$C[T^{du} \bar{T}_{du}]_{\alpha\beta}(t) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \langle T_\alpha^{du}(\mathbf{x}, t) \bar{T}_{du\beta}(0) \rangle.$$

$$C[P^{*d} A P_u^\dagger]^{\mu\nu}(t, t') = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \sum_{\mathbf{x}'} \langle P^{*d\mu}(\mathbf{x}, t) A^\nu(\mathbf{x}', t') P_u^\dagger(0) \rangle,$$

$$C[S^{dd} A \bar{S}_{du}]_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu\nu\rho}(t, t') = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \sum_{\mathbf{x}'} \langle S_\alpha^{dd\mu}(\mathbf{x}, t) A^\nu(\mathbf{x}', t') \bar{S}_{du\beta}^\rho(0) \rangle,$$

$$C[S^{dd} A \bar{T}_{du}]_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu\nu}(t, t') = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \sum_{\mathbf{x}'} \langle S_\alpha^{dd\mu}(\mathbf{x}, t) A^\nu(\mathbf{x}', t') \bar{T}_{du\beta}(0) \rangle,$$

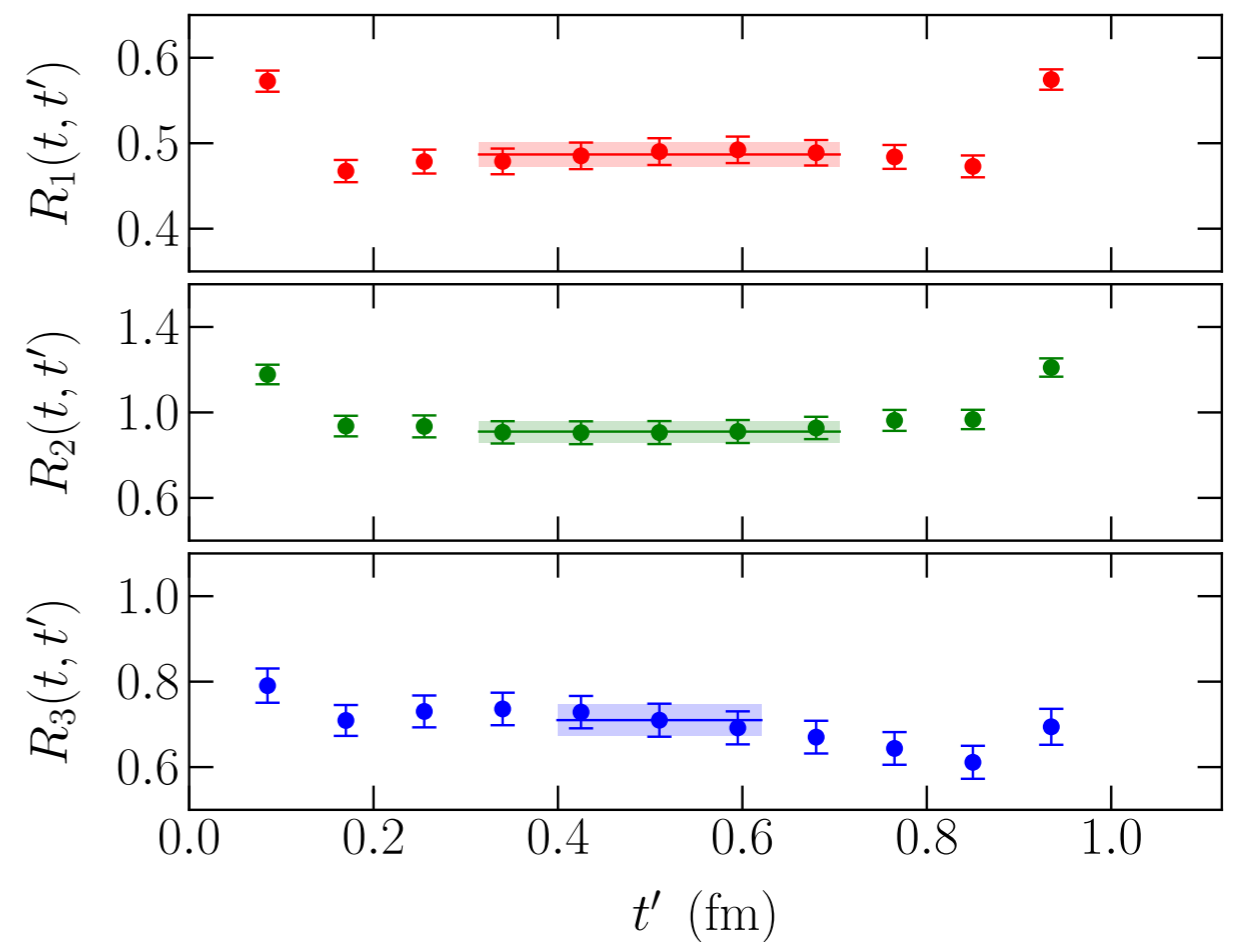
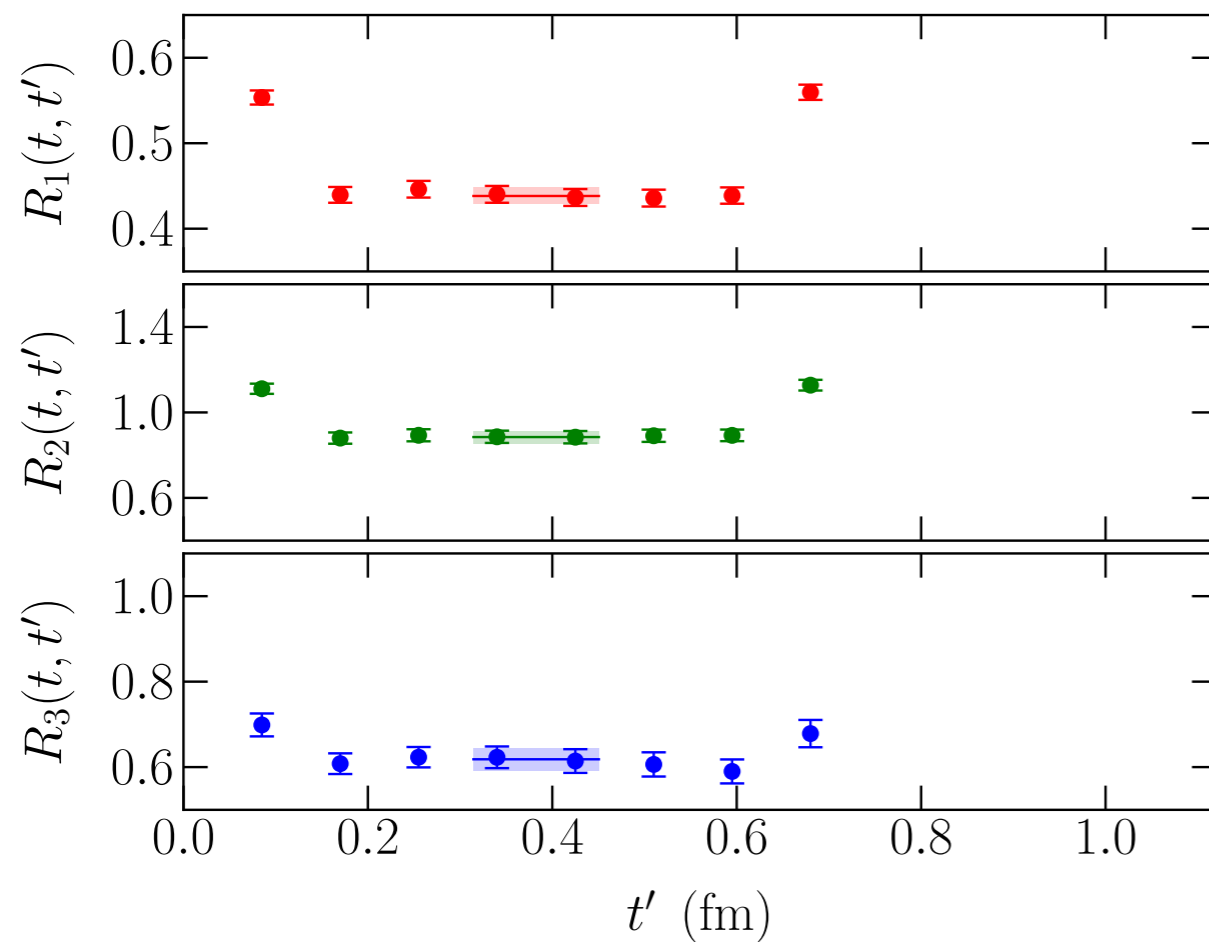
$$C[T^{du} A^\dagger \bar{S}_{dd}]_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu\nu}(t, t') = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \sum_{\mathbf{x}'} \langle T_\alpha^{du}(\mathbf{x}, t) A^{\mu\dagger}(\mathbf{x}', t') \bar{S}_{dd\beta}^\nu(0) \rangle.$$



- Calculate with forward propagators from 2 sources

# Correlator ratios

- Ratios for varying operator insertion time



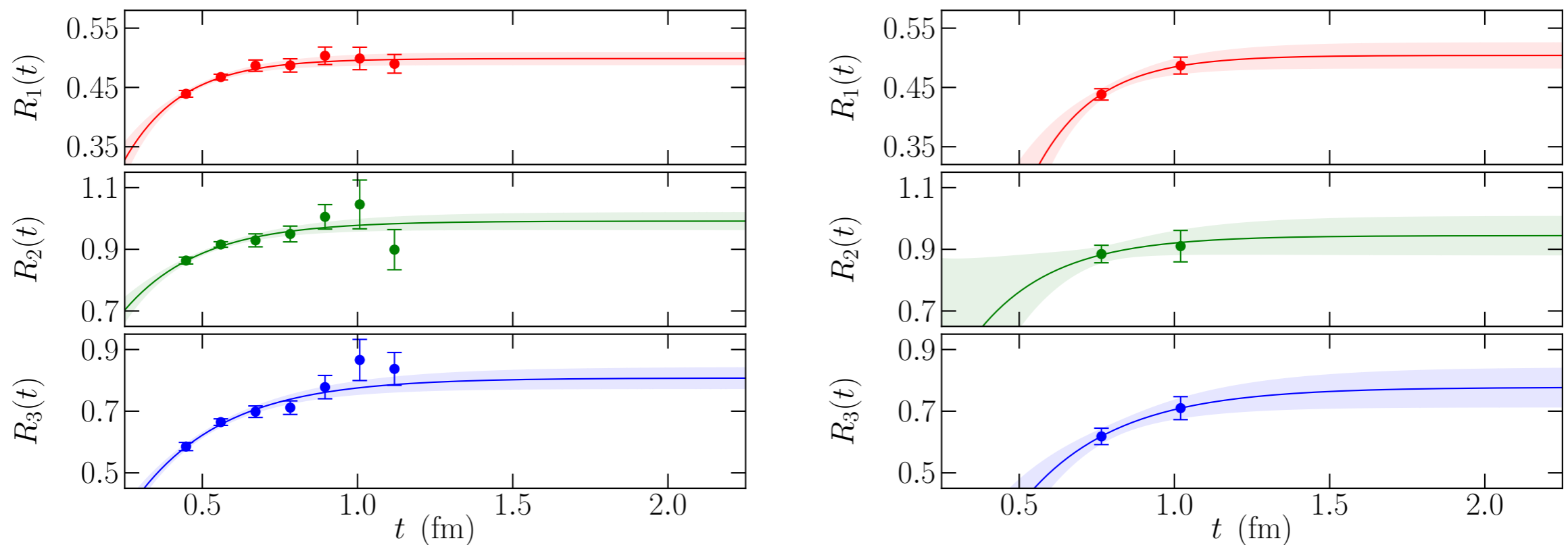
- Negligible  $t'$  dependence away from source/sink

# Source-sink separation

- Extract effective axial couplings  $(g_i)_{\text{eff}}$  from  $t$  extrapolation

$$R_i(t, a, m_\pi, n_{\text{HYP}}) = (g_i)_{\text{eff}}(a, m_\pi, n_{\text{HYP}}) - A_i(a, m_\pi, n_{\text{HYP}})e^{-\delta_i(a, m_\pi, n_{\text{HYP}})t}$$

- Constrain  $\delta_i$  for  $a=0.086$  fm from  $\delta_i$  at  $a=0.112$  fm



- Fitted gaps:  $\delta_i \sim 0.7\text{--}1.0$  GeV

# Chiral and continuum extrapolation

- Use NLO partially quenched SU(4|2) HH $\chi$ PT at finite volume and include polynomial discretisation effects

$$\begin{aligned}
 (g_1)_{\text{eff}}(a, m, n_{\text{HYP}}) &= \textcircled{g_1} \left[ 1 - \frac{2}{f^2} \mathcal{I}(m_\pi^{(\text{vs})}) + \frac{\textcircled{g_1^2}}{f^2} \left\{ 4 \mathcal{H}(m_\pi^{(\text{vs})}, 0) - 4 \delta_{VS}^2 \mathcal{H}_{\eta'}(m_\pi^{(\text{vv})}, 0) \right\} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + c_1^{(\text{vv})} [m_\pi^{(\text{vv})}]^2 + c_1^{(\text{vs})} [m_\pi^{(\text{vs})}]^2 + d_{1, n_{\text{HYP}}} a^2 \right]. \\
 (g_2)_{\text{eff}}(a, m, n_{\text{HYP}}) &= \textcircled{g_2} \left[ 1 - \frac{2}{f^2} \mathcal{I}(m_\pi^{(\text{vs})}) + \frac{\textcircled{g_2^2}}{f^2} \left\{ \frac{3}{2} \mathcal{H}(m_\pi^{(\text{vs})}, 0) - \delta_{VS}^2 \mathcal{H}_{\eta'}(m_\pi^{(\text{vv})}, 0) \right\} \right. \\
 &\quad + \frac{\textcircled{g_3^2}}{f^2} \left\{ 2 \mathcal{H}(m_\pi^{(\text{vs})}, -\Delta) - \mathcal{H}(m_\pi^{(\text{vv})}, -\Delta) - 2 \mathcal{K}(m_\pi^{(\text{vs})}, -\Delta, 0) \right\} \\
 &\quad \left. + c_2^{(\text{vv})} [m_\pi^{(\text{vv})}]^2 + c_2^{(\text{vs})} [m_\pi^{(\text{vs})}]^2 + d_{2, n_{\text{HYP}}} a^2 \right], \\
 (g_3)_{\text{eff}}(a, m, n_{\text{HYP}}) &= \textcircled{g_3} \left[ 1 - \frac{2}{f^2} \mathcal{I}(m_\pi^{(\text{vs})}) + \frac{\textcircled{g_3^2}}{f^2} \left\{ \mathcal{H}(m_\pi^{(\text{vs})}, -\Delta) - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{H}(m_\pi^{(\text{vv})}, -\Delta) \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{3}{2} \mathcal{H}(m_\pi^{(\text{vv})}, \Delta) + 3 \mathcal{H}(m_\pi^{(\text{vs})}, \Delta) - \mathcal{K}(m_\pi^{(\text{vs})}, \Delta, 0) \right\} \right. \\
 &\quad + \frac{\textcircled{g_2^2}}{f^2} \left\{ -\mathcal{H}(m_\pi^{(\text{vs})}, \Delta) - \mathcal{H}(m_\pi^{(\text{vv})}, \Delta) + \mathcal{H}(m_\pi^{(\text{vs})}, 0) - \delta_{VS}^2 \mathcal{H}_{\eta'}(m_\pi^{(\text{vv})}, 0) \right\} \\
 &\quad \left. + c_3^{(\text{vv})} [m_\pi^{(\text{vv})}]^2 + c_3^{(\text{vs})} [m_\pi^{(\text{vs})}]^2 + d_{3, n_{\text{HYP}}} a^2 \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Partial quenching

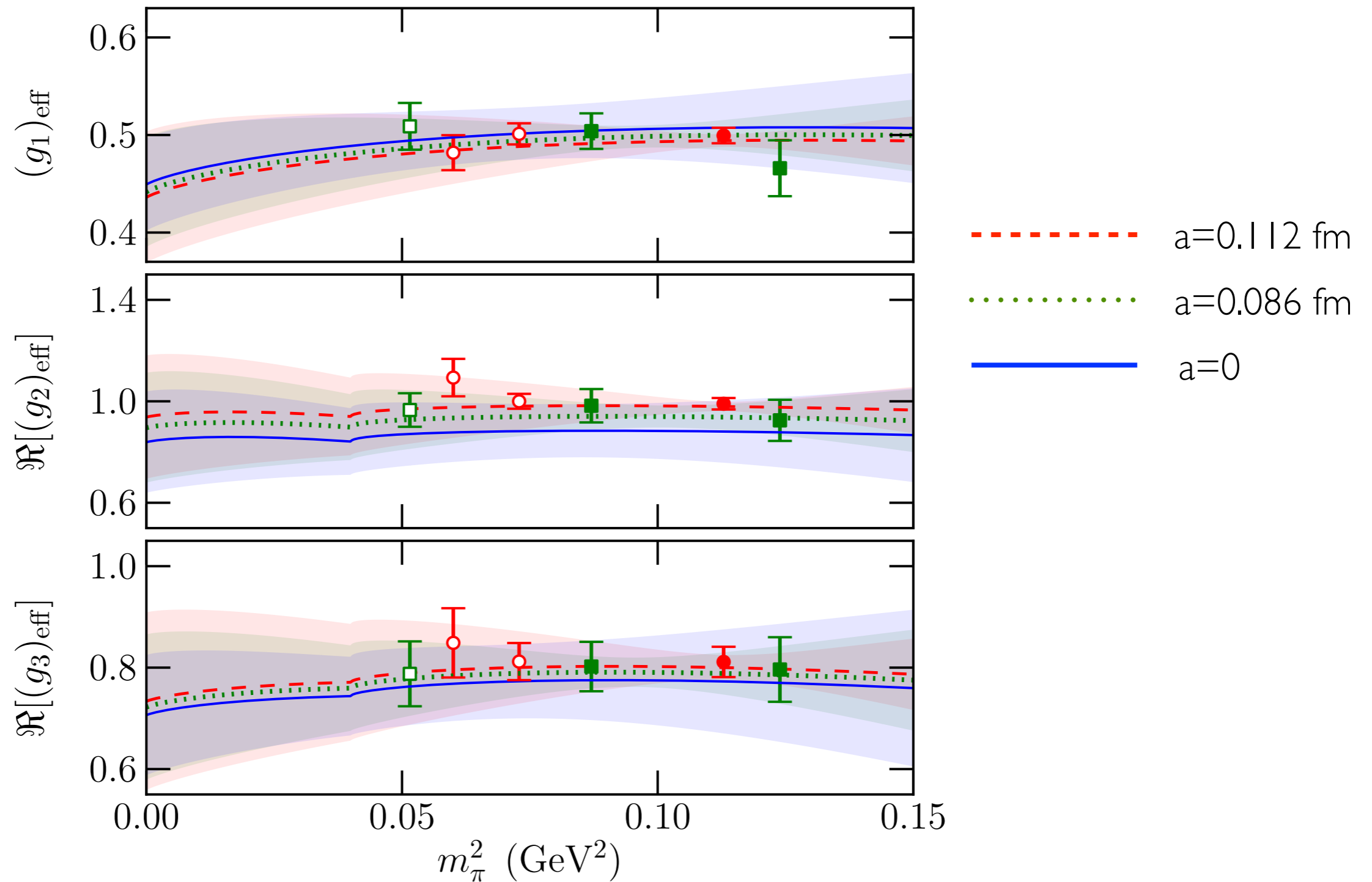
Loop functions

Lattice spacing effects depend on  $n_{\text{HYP}}$

$g_{2,3}$  extrapolation is coupled



# Chiral and continuum extrapolation



# Axial couplings

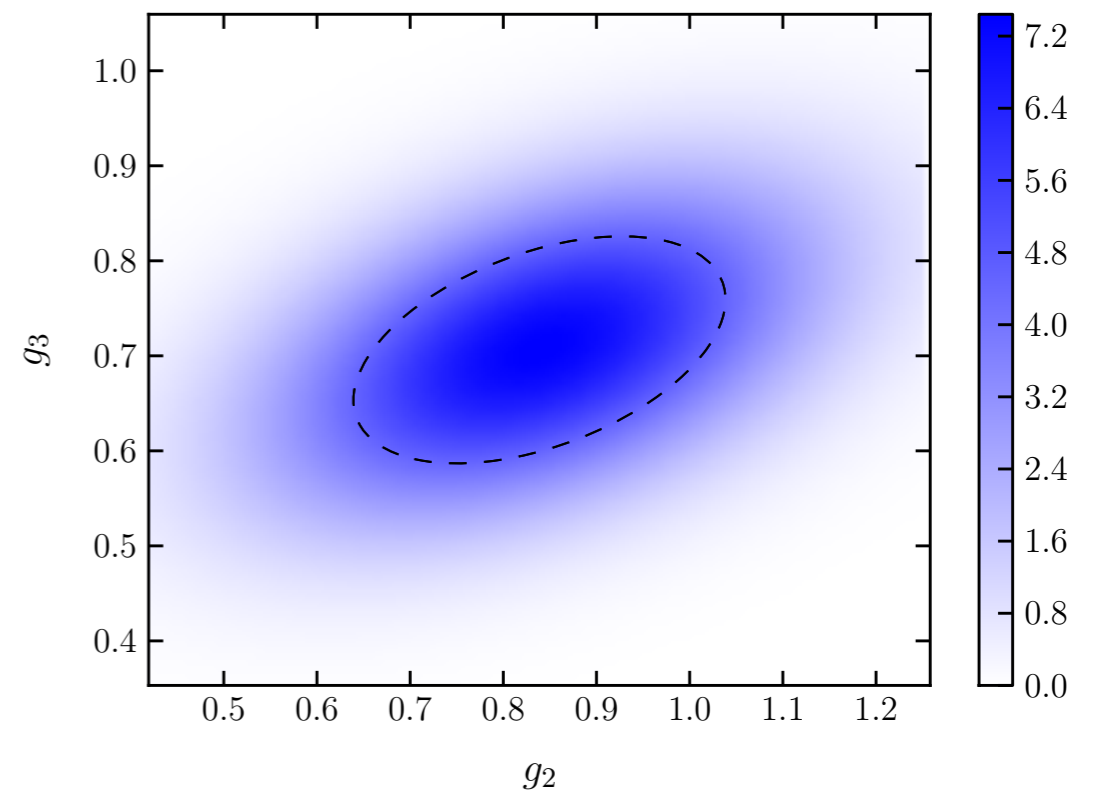
- Final extracted values

$$\begin{aligned} g_1 &= 0.449 \pm 0.047_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.019_{\text{syst}} \\ g_2 &= 0.84 \pm 0.20_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.04_{\text{syst}} \\ g_3 &= 0.71 \pm 0.12_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.04_{\text{syst}} \end{aligned}$$

- Sources of systematic errors

Source	$g_1$	$g_2$	$g_3$
NNLO terms in fits of $m_{\pi^-}$ - and $a$ -dependence	3.6%	2.8%	3.7%
Higher excited states in fits to $R_i(t)$	1.7%	2.8%	4.9%
Unphysical value of $m_s^{(\text{sea})}$	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%
Total	4.2%	4.3%	6.3%

- Dominated by statistical errors



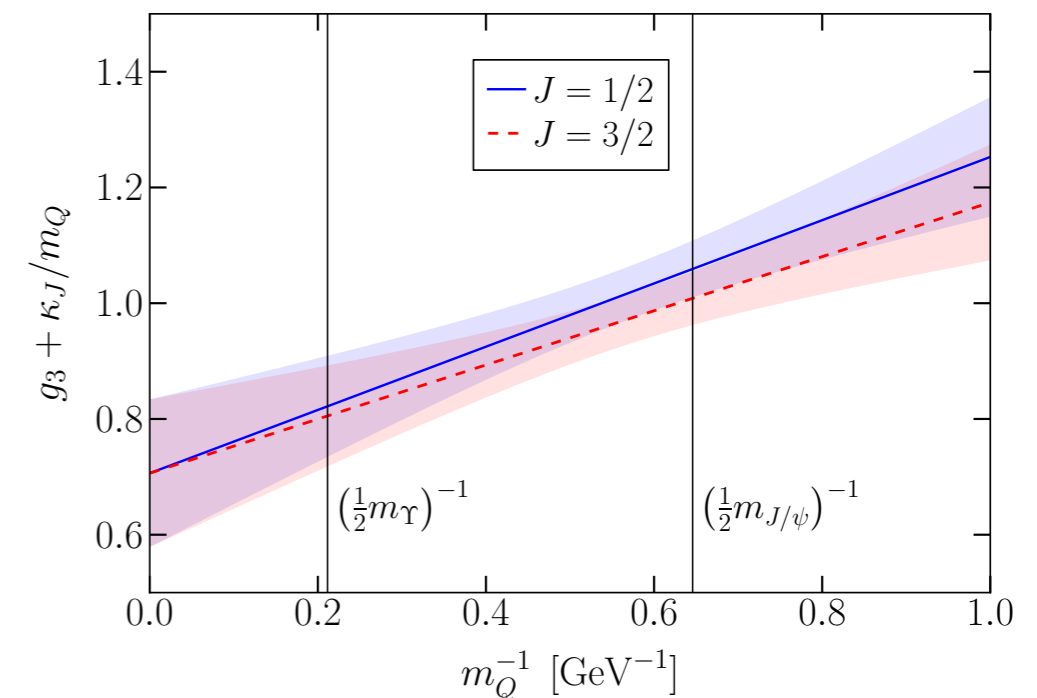
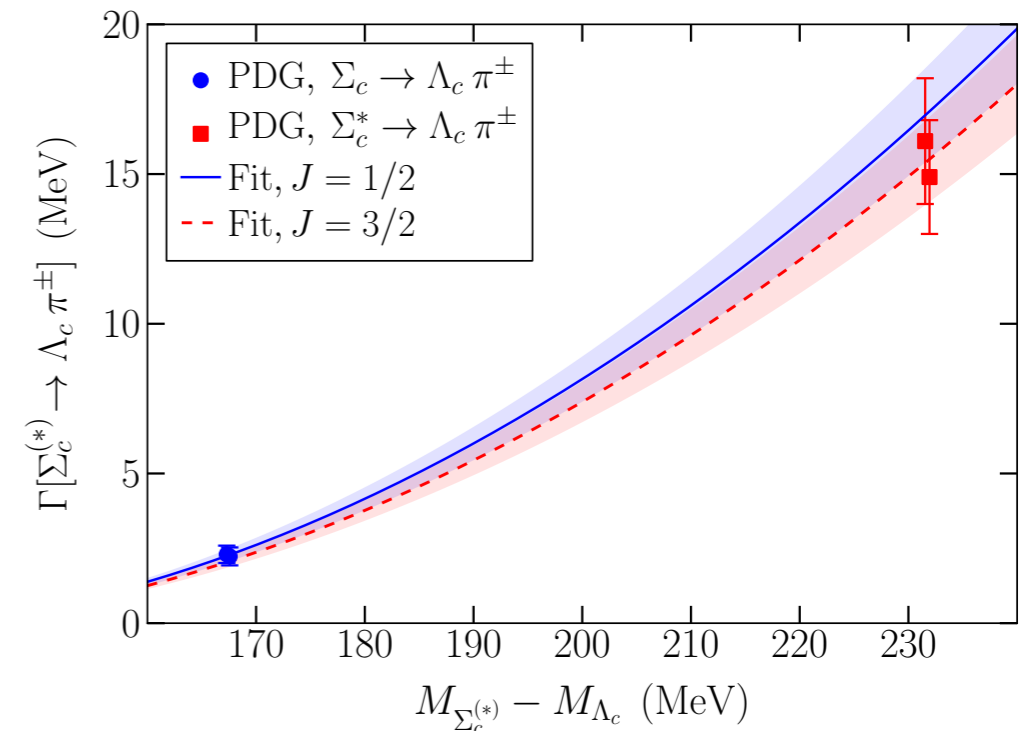
# Decay widths

- Strong decays allowed for heavy baryons

$$\Gamma[S \rightarrow T \pi] = c_f^2 \frac{1}{6\pi f_\pi^2} \left( g_3 + \frac{\kappa_J}{m_Q} \right)^2 \frac{M_T}{M_S} |\mathbf{p}_\pi|^3$$

$$c_f = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } \Sigma_Q^{(*)} \rightarrow \Lambda_Q \pi^\pm, \\ 1 & \text{for } \Sigma_Q^{(*)} \rightarrow \Lambda_Q \pi^0, \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & \text{for } \Xi_Q'^{(*)} \rightarrow \Xi_Q \pi^\pm, \\ 1/2 & \text{for } \Xi_Q'^{(*)} \rightarrow \Xi_Q \pi^0. \end{cases}$$

- $1/m_Q$  corrections important: determine from charm sector
- Effective coupling vs  $1/m_Q$
- Valid only at LO in  $\text{HH}\chi\text{PT}$

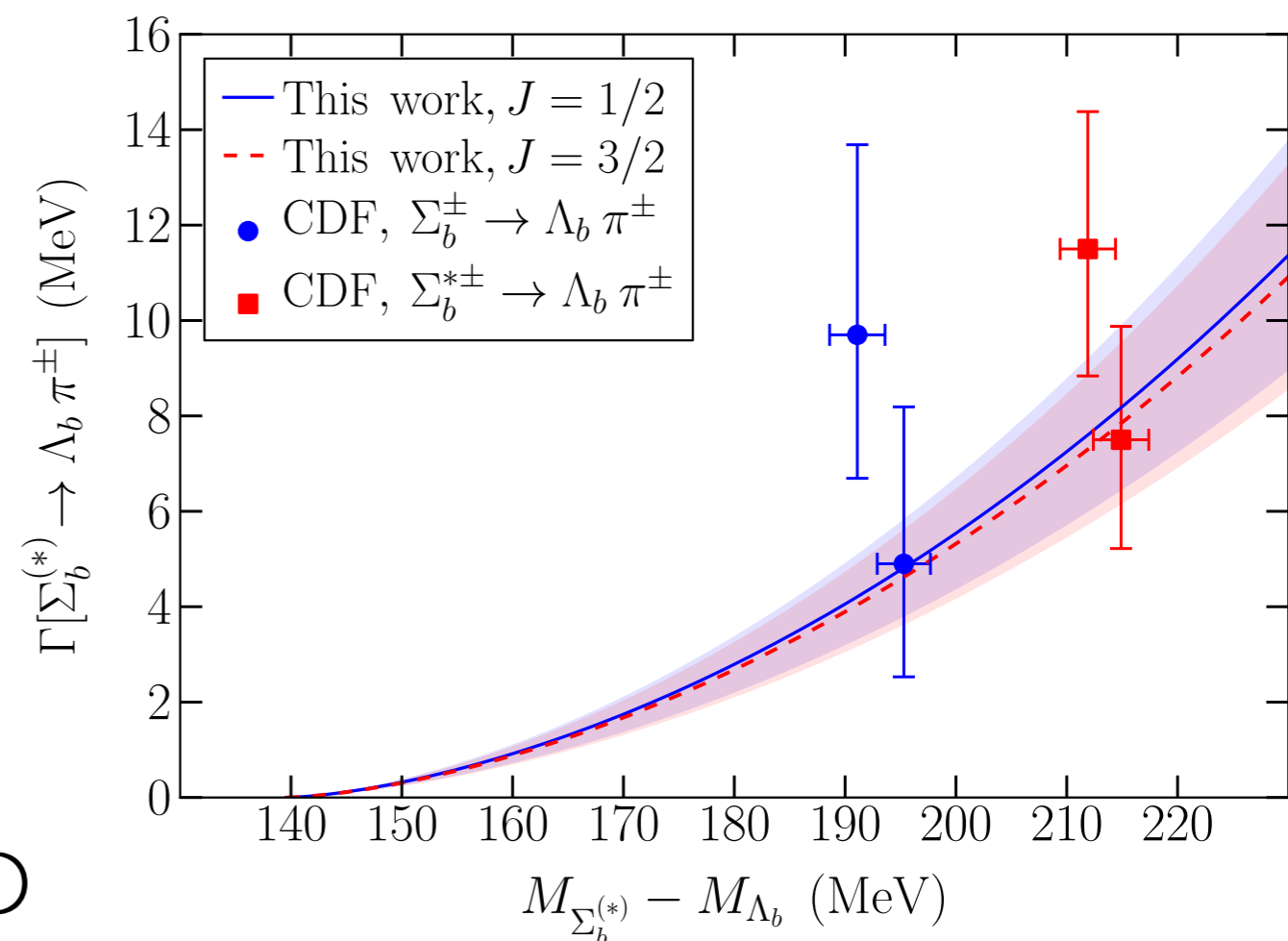


# Decay widths

- Calculate (and predict) bottom and charm baryon decay widths

Hadron	This work	Experiment
$\Sigma_b^+$	4.2(1.0)	$9.7^{+3.8+1.2}_{-2.8-1.1}$ [13]
$\Sigma_b^-$	4.8(1.1)	$4.9^{+3.1}_{-2.1} \pm 1.1$ [13]
$\Sigma_b^{*+}$	7.3(1.6)	$11.5^{+2.7+1.0}_{-2.2-1.5}$ [13]
$\Sigma_b^{*-}$	7.8(1.8)	$7.5^{+2.2+0.9}_{-1.8-1.4}$ [13]
$\Xi'_b$	1.1 (CL=90%)	...
$\Xi_b^*$	2.8 (CL=90%)	...
$\Xi_c^{*+}$	2.44(26)	$< 3.1$ (CL=90%) [70]
$\Xi_c^{*0}$	2.78(29)	$< 5.5$ (CL=90%) [71]

- Uses determinations of  $\Xi'_b$ ,  $\Xi_b^*$  masses from LQCD [Lewis & Woloshyn 09]



# Heavy hadron axial couplings

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- First complete calculation of axial couplings controlling all systematics

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- Considerably smaller than quark model estimates
- Pleasant consequences for convergence of  $\text{HH}\chi\text{PT}$
- Allows pre- (and post-) dictions of strong decay widths (also  $\Gamma[\Xi_c^* \rightarrow \Xi_c \gamma]$ )