

SGEVP

A novel way to extend the power of GEVP

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- $\hat{C}(t) \leftrightarrow \hat{C}(t) + A_\epsilon e^{-E_{\max} t}$
(Can be partially solved by F -test, however not so decisive.)
- Less elegant compared to GEVP

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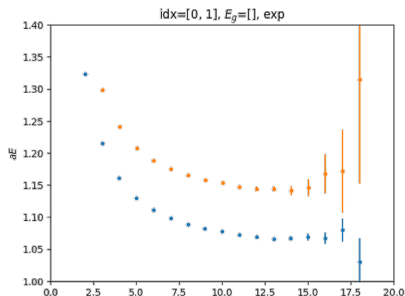
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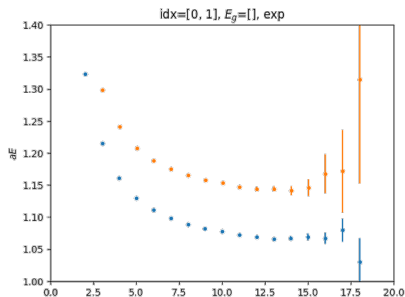
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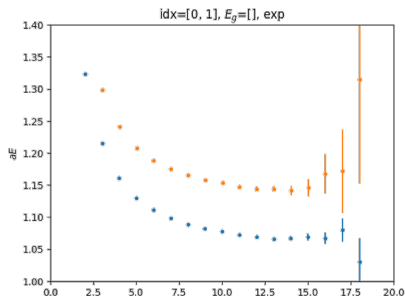
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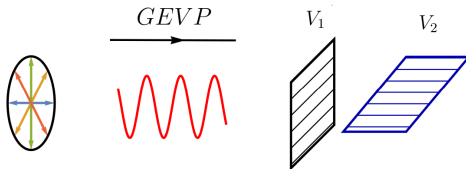
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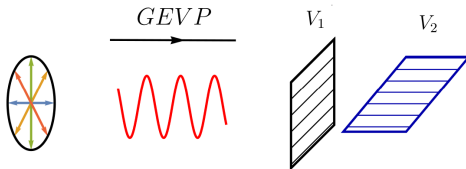
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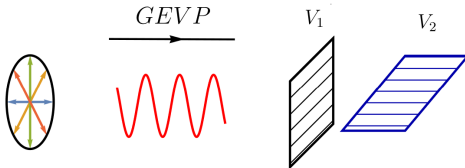
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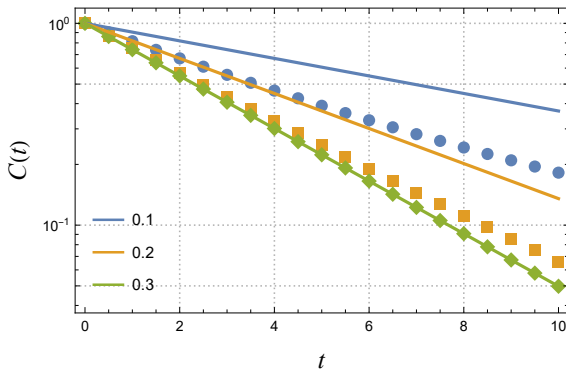
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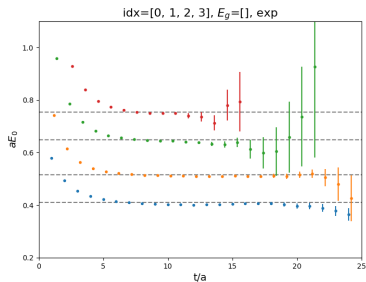


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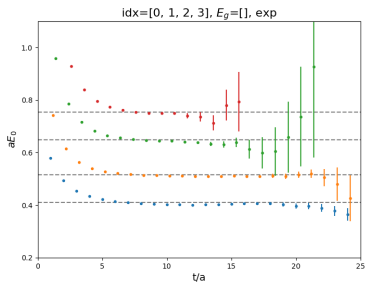
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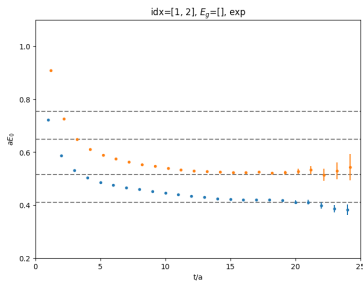
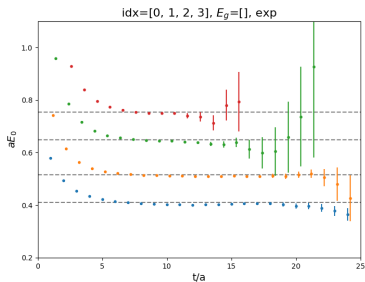
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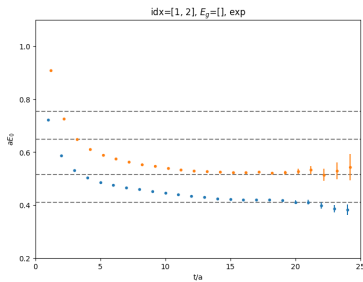
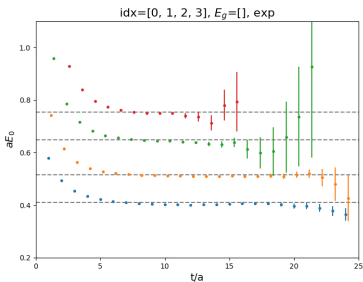
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- 3 How to push GEVP to its limit?
(e.g. Extract $N + 1$ or more spectra from $N \times NC(t)$)



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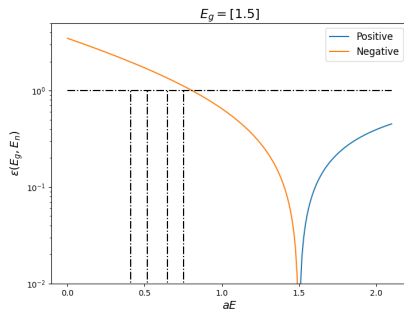
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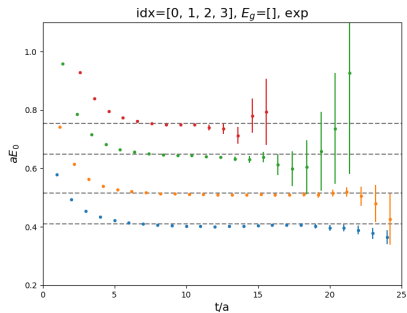
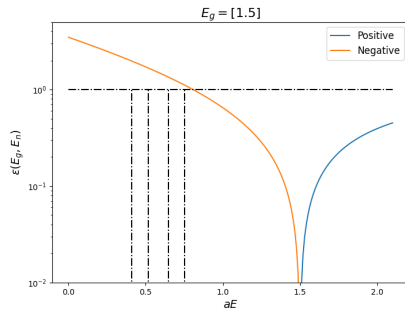
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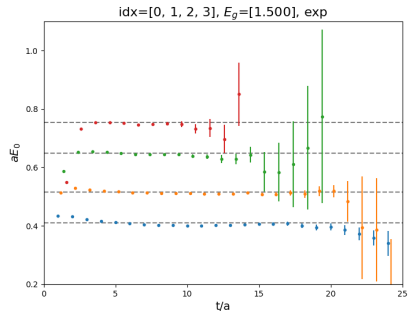
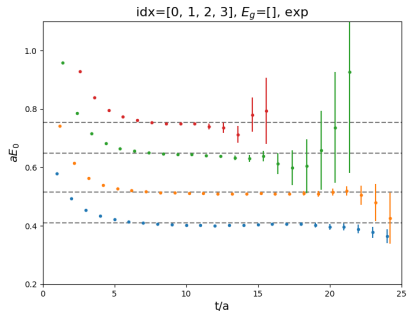
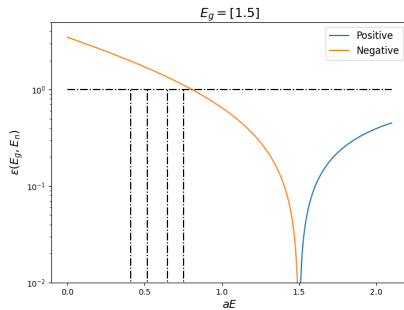
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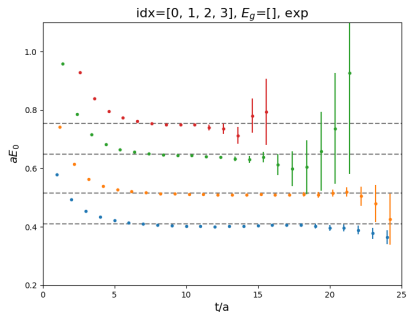
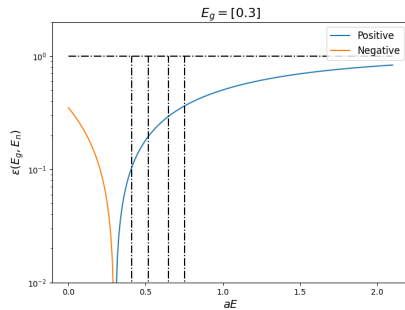
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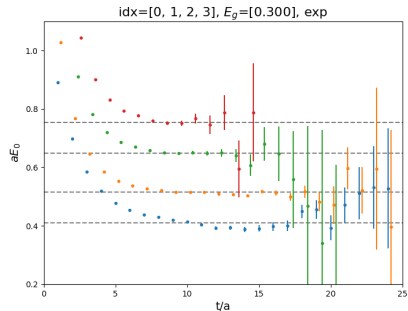
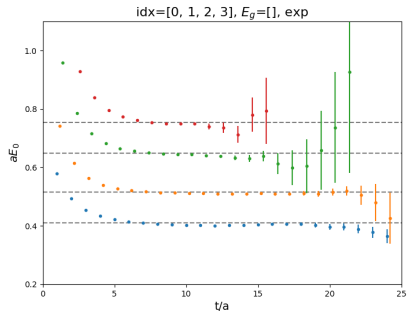
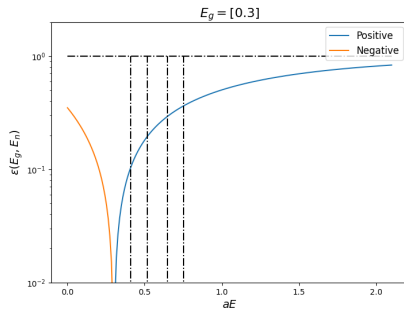
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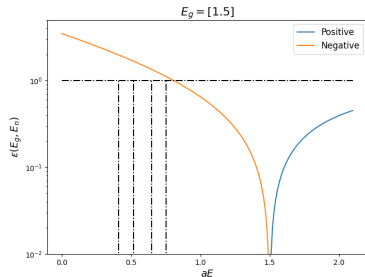
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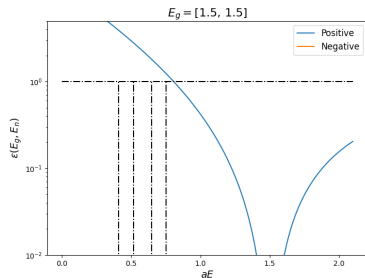
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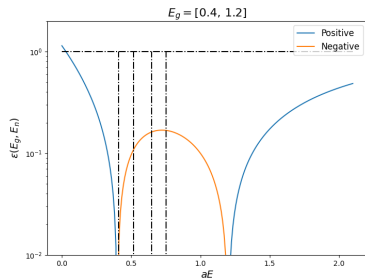
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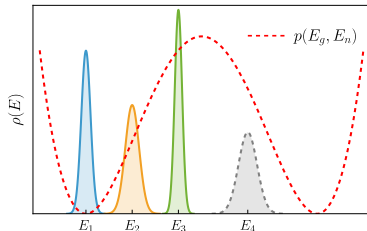
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Realistic Examples

Restore the Plateau by SGEVP

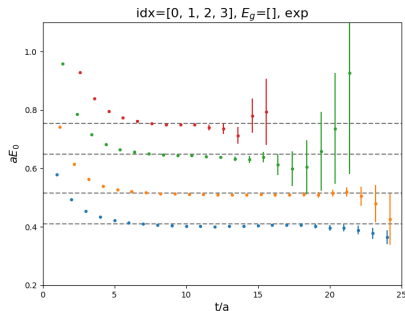
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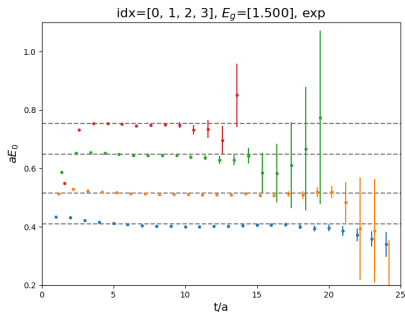
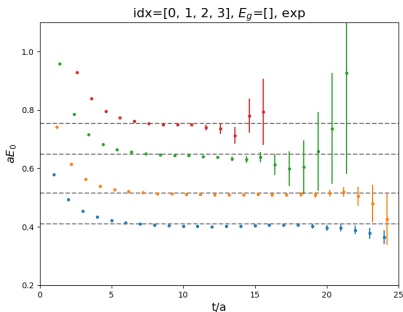
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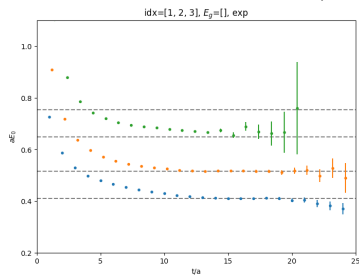


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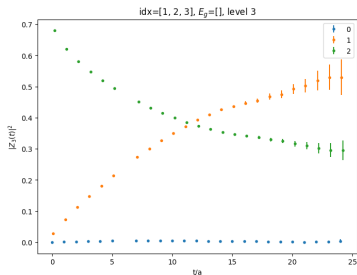
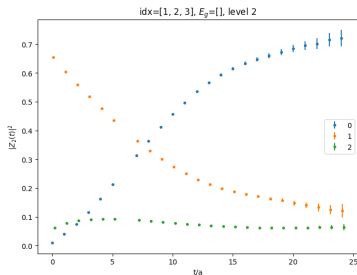
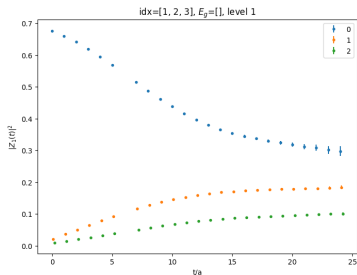
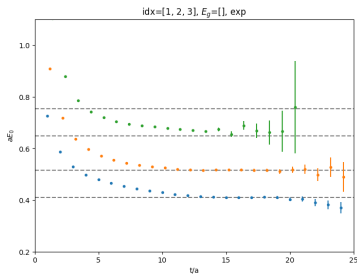
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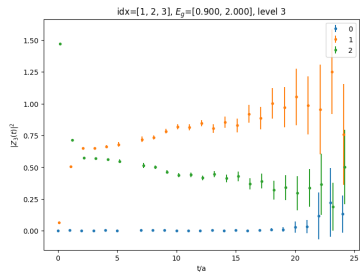
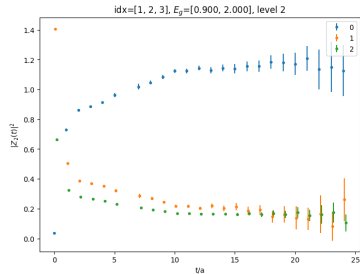
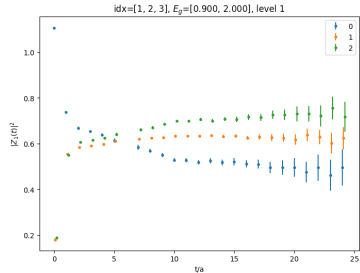
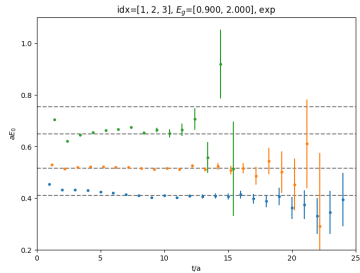


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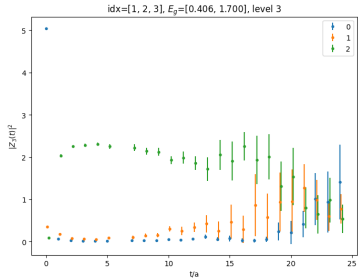
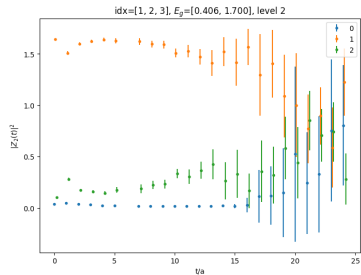
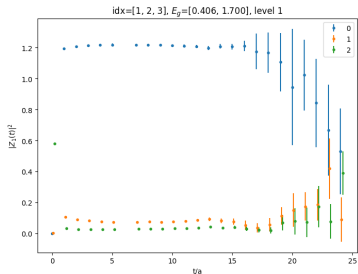
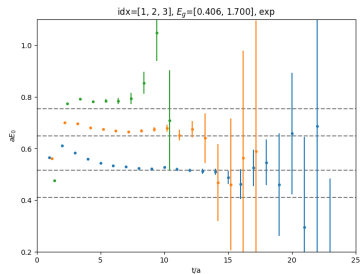
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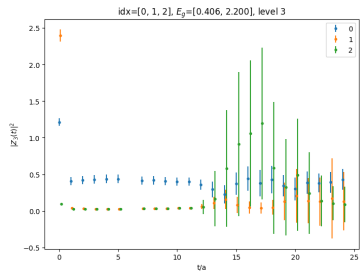
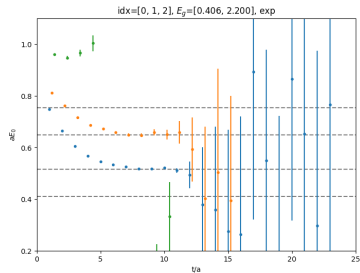
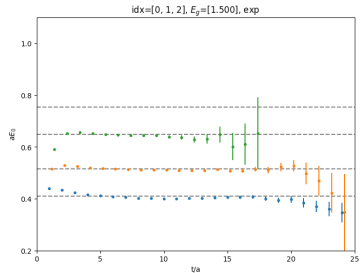
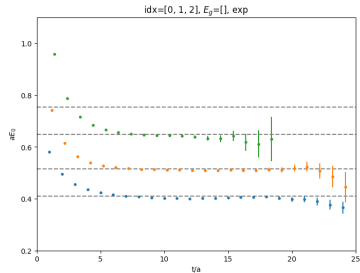
SGEVP. Extend the Plateau of E_{eff}, Z



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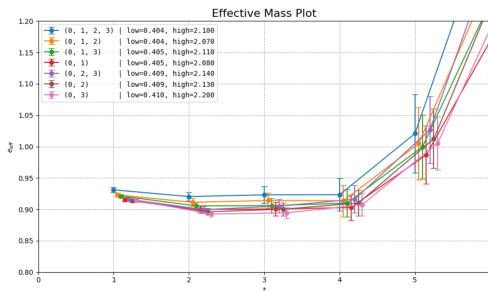


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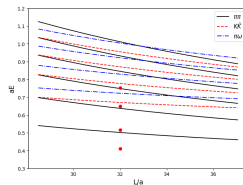
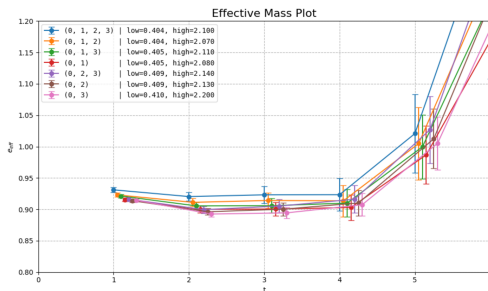


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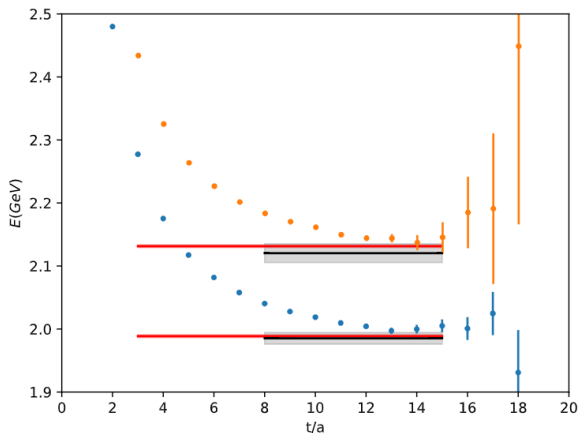


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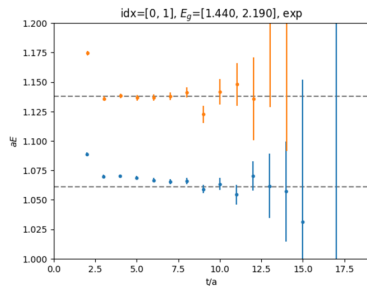
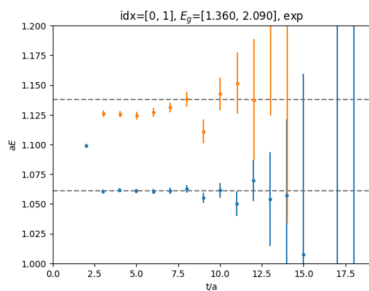


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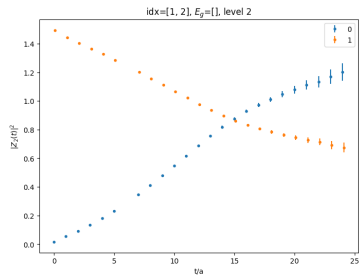
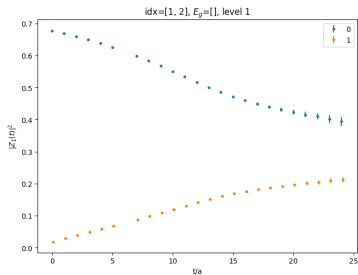
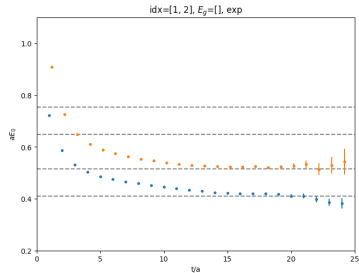
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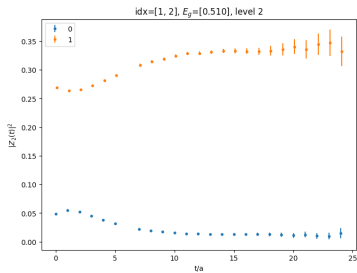
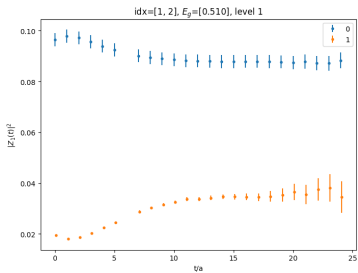
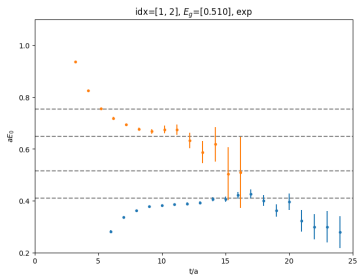
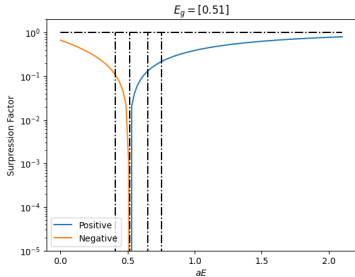
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- In some subtractions, matrix may be indefinite $/(T \circ T)/$

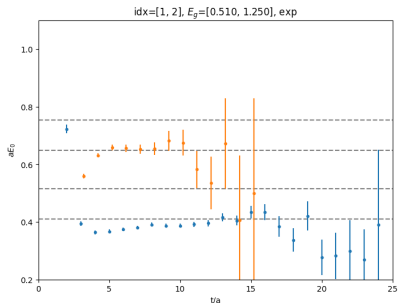
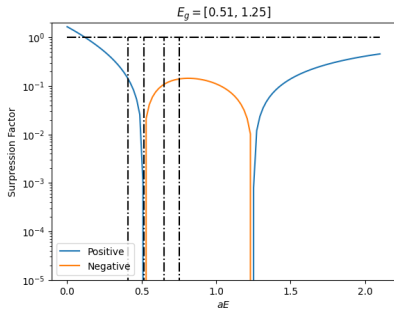
GEVP is Problematic for [1,2]



$E_g = 0.51$ is just fine?



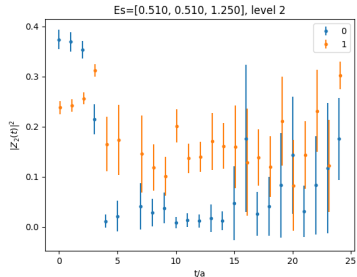
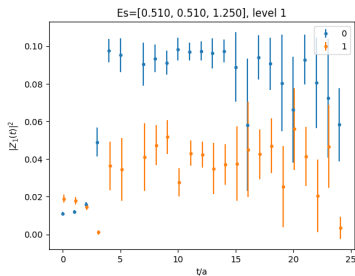
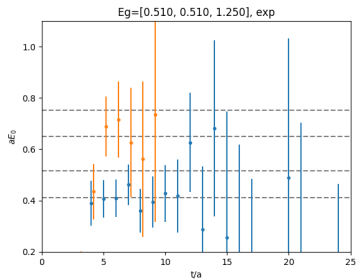
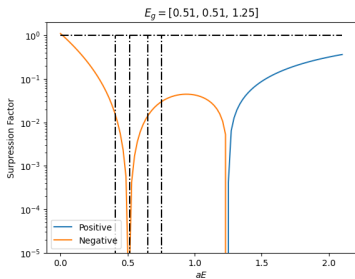
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 [2446.00313703 -975.54334924]],
C[6]=
[[1165.52387762 527.89528302]
 [ 527.89528302 -19.85263655]],
Eigenvalues=
[[-5382.43372607+0.j          -37.08836965+0.j
  6.39332773+1.30034047j      0.          +0.j
  0.          +0.j          0.          +0.j]
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Discard the imaginary part to
get E_{eff} plot
 Z is not well defined.

$[0.51, 0.51, 1.25]$ is too noisy



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- SGEVP can extract $N + 1$ from N , “nearly” for free.
(such as $\rho(2S)$)
- Complex eigenvalues (due to indefinite) hinder free subtraction
- DOF from E_g challenges strict error analysis
(call for experts in the audience $>_{_}<$)

Thank You

⑥ Backup Slides

cosh Type

Normalization Issue

Wider plateau does not ensure smaller error bars

Toy model

$$\begin{cases} C_x := \cosh x, S_x := \sinh x \\ \cosh(x \pm \Delta) = C_x C_\Delta \pm S_x S_\Delta \Rightarrow \\ \sinh(x \pm \Delta) = S_x C_\Delta \pm C_x S_\Delta \end{cases} \quad \boxed{C_{x+\Delta} - 2C_{E_g} C_x + C_{x-\Delta} = 2(C_\Delta - C_{E_g}) C_x}$$

For cosh-type correlation function

$$\begin{aligned} C_{ij}(t) &= \sum_n a_{in} a_{jn}^* 2e^{-E_n T/2} \cosh(E_n(t - T/2)) \\ &\quad \Downarrow \\ C'_{ij}(t) &= \sum_n a_{in} a_{jn}^* 2e^{-E_n T/2} 2(\cosh E_n - \cosh E_g) \cosh(E_n(t - T/2)) \end{aligned}$$

We make the following subtraction (for all C_{ij} along t -axis)

$$\begin{pmatrix} C'(0) \\ C'(1) \\ \vdots \\ C'(T/2 - 2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2C_{E_g} & 1 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 1 & -2C_{E_g} & 1 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \ddots & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} C(0) \\ C(1) \\ \vdots \\ C(T/2) \end{pmatrix}$$

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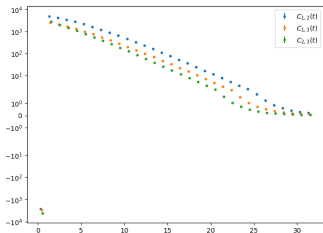
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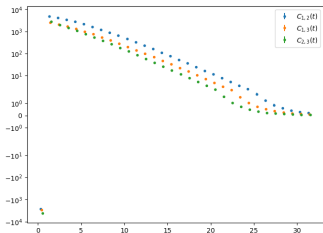
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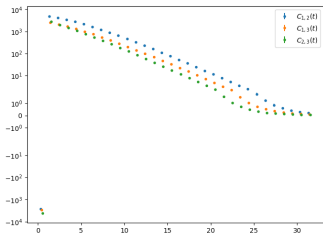
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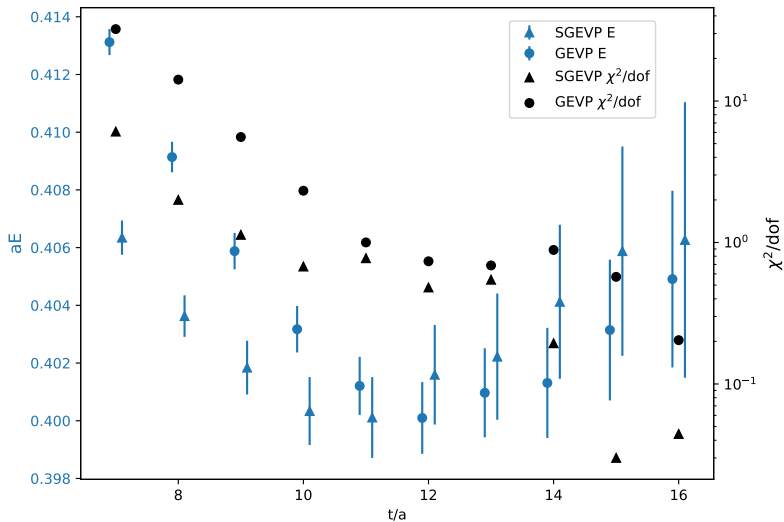
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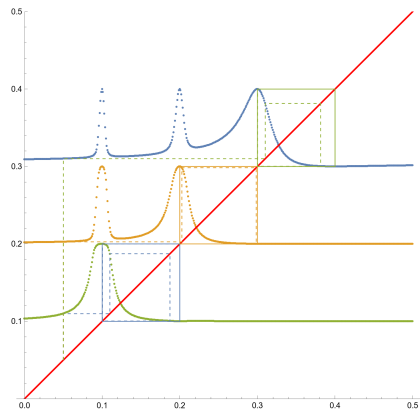


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Fit Spectra and χ^2/dof



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