



# Multi-meson systems from Lattice QCD

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- High density systems exist in the evolution of the early universe, and it may exist in the core of a neutron star.
- Such system can also be produced experimentally, for example in LHC, where high temperature and high density systems may be produced.
- Famous sign problem for non-zero baryon chemical potential systems makes the simulation at high densities exponentially expensive, however non-zero isospin chemical potential does not have the sign problem.
- Study multi-meson system is the first step toward more complicated and more interesting multi-baryon system.



## Constructing a $n$ - $\pi^+$ system

The correlation functions for a system of  $\bar{n} = \sum_{i=1}^N n_i$   $\pi^+$ 's with  $n_i$   $\pi^+$ s from the  $i^{\text{th}}$  source is defined as:

$$C_{n_1, \dots, n_M}(t) = \left\langle \left( \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \pi^+(\mathbf{x}, t) \right)^{\bar{n}} \left( \pi^-(\mathbf{y}_1, 0) \right)^{n_1} \dots \left( \pi^-(\mathbf{y}_N, 0) \right)^{n_N} \right\rangle, \quad (1)$$

where  $\pi^+(\mathbf{x}, t) = \bar{d}(\mathbf{x}, t)\gamma_5 u(\mathbf{x}, t)$  and  $\pi^-(\mathbf{x}, t) = \bar{u}(\mathbf{x}, t)\gamma_5 d(\mathbf{x}, t)$ .



## $C_n(t)$

- Number of contractions  $\propto \bar{n}!$ .

- Without thermal contributions

$$C_{n\pi^+}(t) = Z_0 e^{-(E_n)T/2} \cosh(E_n \cdot (t - T/2)) + \dots$$

where the ellipsis denote contributions from excited states.

- With thermal contributions

$$C_{n\pi^+}(t) = \sum_{m=0}^n \binom{n}{m} Z_m^n e^{-(E_m + E_{n-m})T/2} \cosh((E_m - E_{n-m}) \cdot (t - T/2))$$

Additional terms are thermal contributions.



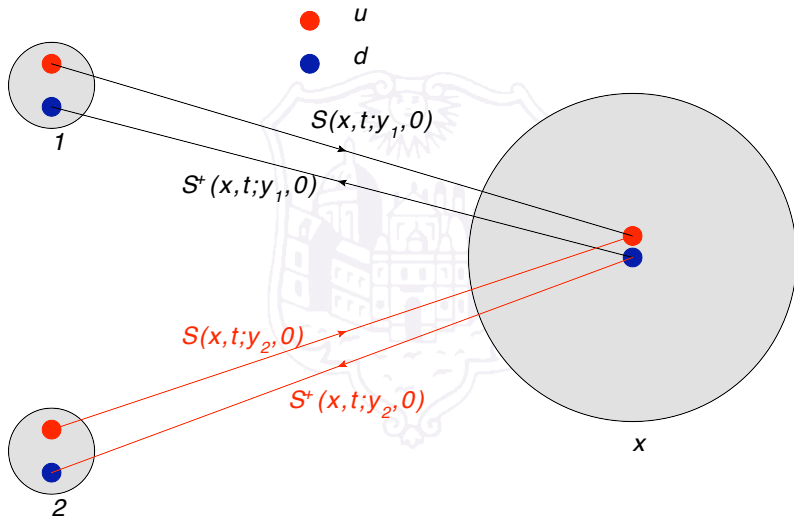
## First attack on the $n!$ contractions

The correlator  $C_{n_1, \dots, n_N}$  can be identified as the term with prefactor  $\prod_{i=1}^N \lambda_i^{n_i}$  from the expansion of  $\det[1 + \lambda_1 P_1 + \lambda_2 P_2 + \dots + \lambda_N P_N]$ , where  $N$  is the number of sources, and the  $12N \times 12N$  matrices  $P_k$  are given by:

$$P_k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ P_{k,1} & P_{k,2} & \dots & P_{k,N} \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2)$$

with  $12 \times 12$  sub-blocks

$$P_{k,i}(t) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} S(\mathbf{x}, t; \mathbf{y}_i, 0) S^\dagger(\mathbf{x}, t; \mathbf{y}_k, 0), \quad (3)$$



## Recursion relationship of $C_n(t)$ from 1 source

$$C_{n\pi^+}(t) = \left\langle \left( \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \pi^+(\mathbf{x}, t) \right)^n \left( \pi^-(\mathbf{0}, 0) \right)^n \right\rangle$$

$$C_n(t) = (-1)^n n! \langle R_n(t) \rangle$$

$$R_{n+1}(t) = \langle R_n \rangle A - n R_n A$$

where

$$A_{ij}(t) = \sum_{\mathbf{x}} [S(\mathbf{x}, t; \mathbf{0}, 0)]_{ik} [S^\dagger(\mathbf{x}, t; \mathbf{0}, 0)]_{kj}$$

$$R_1 = A, \langle R_1 \rangle = \langle A \rangle$$

$A$  is a  $12 \times 12$  matrix, and  $\langle \quad \rangle$  is to take the trace of a matrix.





## $C_{n\pi}$ from 2 sources

- Maximal number of pions can be put in a single source is  $N_c N_s = 12$ . Two sources are required for study of more than 12 pions.

Correlation function of a system putting  $n_1\pi^+$  in one source and  $n_2\pi^+$  in another source is defined as:

$$C_{(n_1\pi_1^+, n_2\pi_2^+)}(t) = \left\langle \left( \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \pi^+(\mathbf{x}, t) \right)^{n_1+n_2} \left( \pi^-(\mathbf{y}_1, 0) \right)^{n_1} \left( \pi^-(\mathbf{y}_2, 0) \right)^{n_2} \right\rangle$$

## Recursion relation for 2 sources

$$C_{(n_1\pi_1^+, n_2\pi_2^+)}(t) = (-)^{\bar{n}} \frac{\bar{n}!}{\bar{n} C_{n_1}} \langle Q_{(n_1, n_2)} \rangle$$

$$Q_{(n_1+1, n_2)} = \langle Q_{(n_1, n_2)} \rangle P_1 - (n_1 + n_2) Q_{(n_1, n_2)} P_1 \\ + \langle Q_{(n_1+1, n_2-1)} \rangle P_2 - (n_1 + n_2) Q_{(n_1+1, n_2-1)} P_2$$

where  $\bar{n} = n_1 + n_2$ , and  $Q$ 's,  $P$ 's are all  $24 \times 24$  matrices.

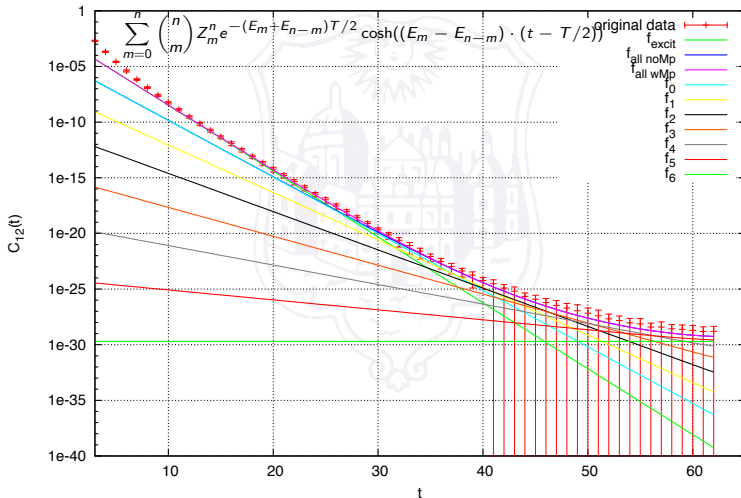
- All combinations of  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are required for  $n_1 + n_2 = n$  in order to compute  $C_{n'_1, n'_2}$  for  $n'_1 + n'_2 = n + 1$ .

$n$ (# of sources)	1	2	3	4	5
Max # of pions	12	24	36	48	60
total # of combinations	12	167	2195	28559	371291



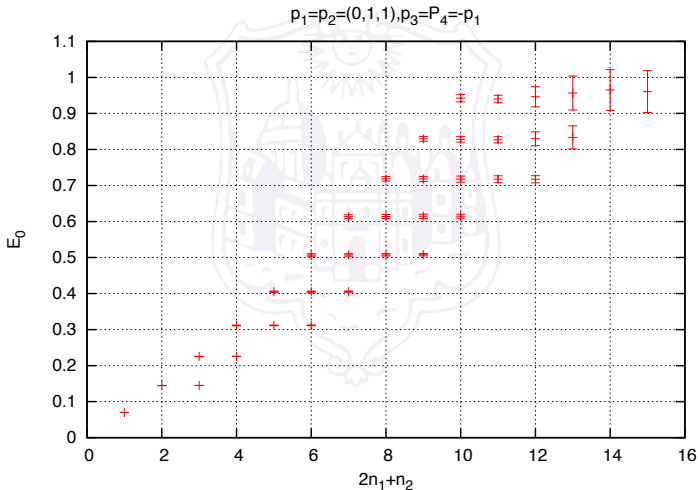
# Extract ground state energies, $E_{n\pi}$

12 pions  $p_1 = 0\ 0\ 0$  from  $p_1=p_2=1\ 1\ 1$





# $E_{n_1, n_2}$ for $n_1 + n_2 = n$





## Another attempt to study $n$ - $\pi$ system

- Ground state energies are independent of distribution of  $\pi^+$ .
- We can also identify a combined correlator  $C_{\bar{n}\pi}(t)$  as the term having prefactor  $\lambda^n$  from the expansion of  $\det[1 + \lambda A]$ , with

$$A = P_1 + P_2 + \dots + P_N = \begin{pmatrix} P_{1,1} & P_{1,2} & \dots & P_{1,N} \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ P_{k,1} & P_{k,2} & \dots & P_{k,N} \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ P_{N,1} & P_{N,2} & \dots & P_{N,N} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4)$$

- $\det[1 + \lambda A] = 1 + \lambda C_{1\pi} + \lambda^2 C_{2\pi} + \dots + \lambda^{12N} C_{12N\pi}$ .

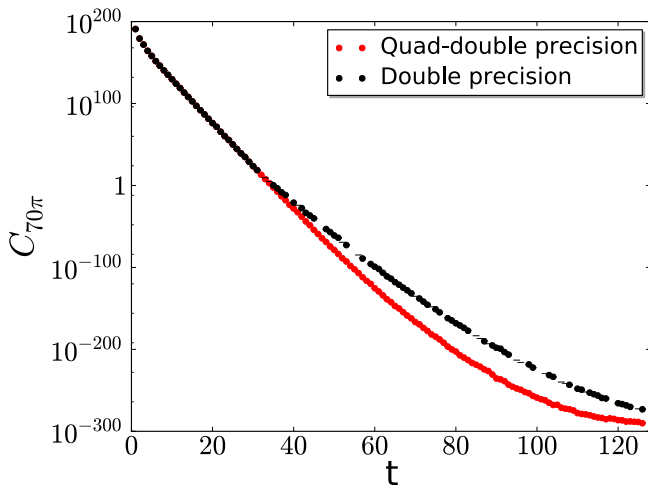


$$\det[1 + \lambda A] = 1 + \lambda C_{1\pi} + \lambda^2 C_{2\pi} + \dots + \lambda^{12N} C_{12N\pi}.$$

- 1. Compute  $\det[1 + \lambda A]$  for  $12N$  different  $\lambda$ 's, and solve a linear equation,
  - 2. Set  $\lambda = \exp(i2\pi f_0 t')$ , and identify  $C_n$  as the magnitude of frequency  $nf_0$ ,
  - 3. Identify odd/even property of  $\lambda^n$ ,
  - 4. Identify  $C_{n\pi}$  with eigenvalues of the matrix  $A$ .
- Computational cost for the recursion relation is  $N^4 \exp(2.8(N - 1))$ . • Computational cost for above methods are  $(N^3 \sim N^4)$ . • The recursion relation method, and first three above methods can be extended to study systems of mixed species. Method 4 is only applicable for one species systems.



$$C_{70\pi}(t)$$

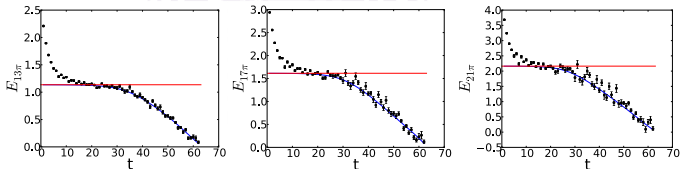




## Numerical simulations

- Simulations are performed on three anisotropic ensembles,  $L^3 \times T = \{16^3 \times 128, 20^3 \times 256, 24^3 \times 128\}$ , with the anisotropic parameter  $\xi = a_s/a_t \approx 3.5$ , where  $a_s(a_t)$  is the spatial(temporal) lattice spacing and  $a_s = 0.125$  fm.

$20^3 \times 128$

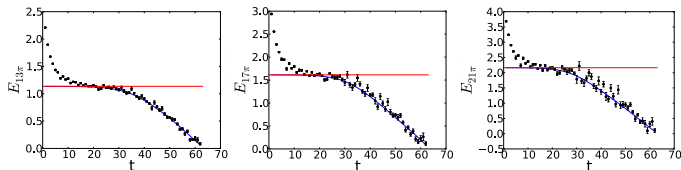


- $A \pm P$  method has been used on  $T = 128$  ensembles to double the temporal extent.



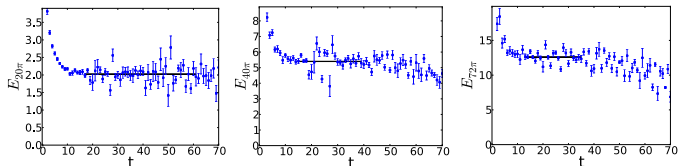


Figure :  $20^3 \times 128$



- Extremely long plateau region in the effective mass plot enables us to fit a single exponential to extract the ground state energies,  $E_{n\pi^+}$ , for  $n$  up to 72 from all three ensembles.

Figure :  $20^3 \times 256$





$E_{n\pi}$  and isospin chemical potential  $\mu_I = \frac{dE}{dn} \approx \frac{E_n - E_{n-1}}{1}$

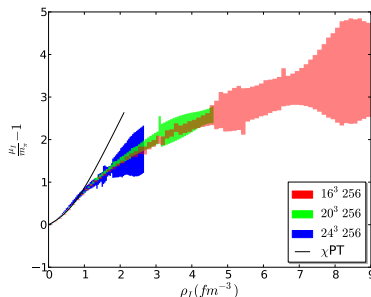
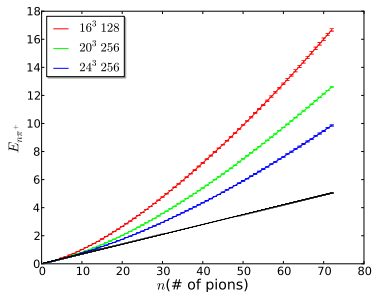
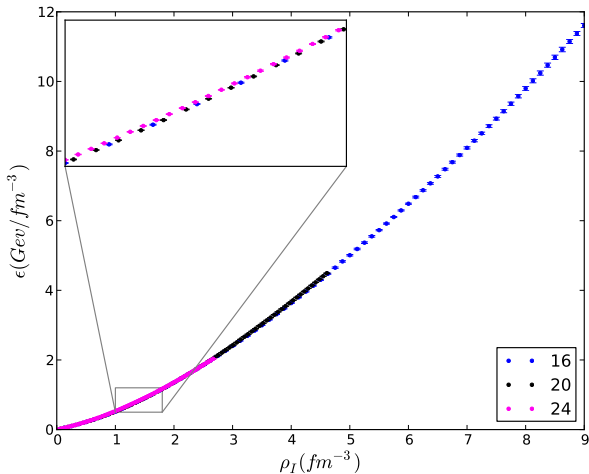


Figure : The left panel shows energies of a rest system of  $n$ - $\pi^+$  ( $E_{n\pi^+}$ ), the right panel shows the isospin chemical potential ( $\mu_I(n)$ ) as a functions of isospin density. The solid black line is from expectations of  $\chi$ PT.

# Energy density $\epsilon_n = \frac{E_n}{V}$





## Lüscher's method

Scattering length,  $a$ , and phase shift,  $\delta(p)$ , can be calculated from the energy shifts of two particle states in a finite volume,  $\Delta E \equiv E_2 - 2E_1 = 2\sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 + m_\pi^2} - 2E_1$  by using:

$$p \cot \delta(p) = \frac{1}{\pi L} \mathbf{S} \left( \left( \frac{pL}{2\pi} \right)^2 \right). \quad (5)$$

The regulated three-dimensional sum,  $\mathbf{S}(x)$ , is

$$\mathbf{S}(x) \equiv \lim_{\Lambda \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{\mathbf{j}}^{\|\mathbf{j}\| < \Lambda} \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{j}\|^2 - x} - 4\pi\Lambda \right), \quad (6)$$

where the summation is over all triplets of integers  $\mathbf{j}$  such that  $\|\mathbf{j}\| < \Lambda$ .



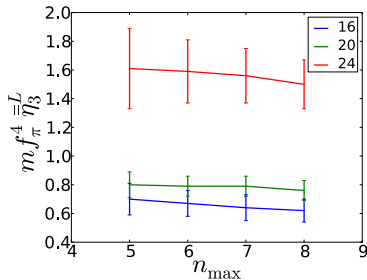
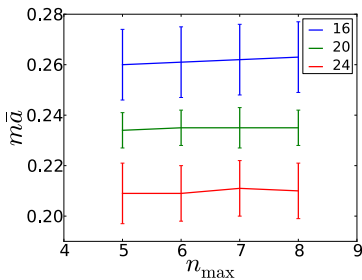
## Finite volume expansion

By performing an expansion in small  $1/L$ , the energy shift of  $n$  identical bosons in a finite volume,  $\Delta E_n = E_n - nE_1$ , is given by:

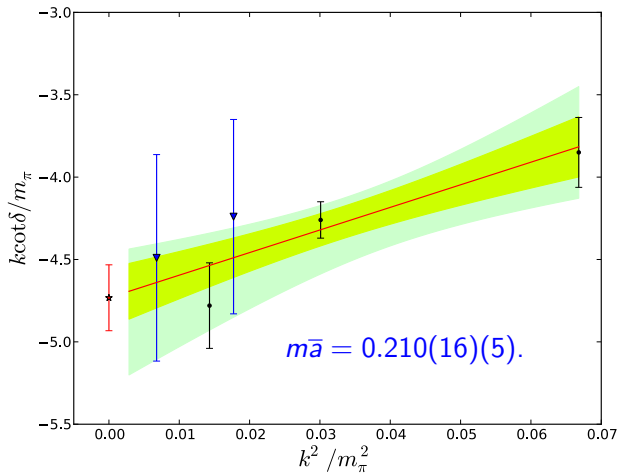
$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta E_n = & \frac{4\pi\bar{a}}{ML^3} \binom{n}{2} \left\{ 1 - \left(\frac{\bar{a}}{\pi L}\right) \mathcal{I} + \left(\frac{\bar{a}}{\pi L}\right)^2 [\mathcal{I}^2 + (2n-5)\mathcal{J}] \right. \\
 & - \left(\frac{\bar{a}}{\pi L}\right)^3 [\mathcal{I}^3 + (2n-7)\mathcal{I}\mathcal{J} + (5n^2 - 41n + 63)\mathcal{K}] \\
 & + \left(\frac{\bar{a}}{\pi L}\right)^4 [\mathcal{I}^4 - 6\mathcal{I}^2\mathcal{J} + (4+n-n^2)\mathcal{J}^2 + 4(27-15n+n^2)\mathcal{I}\mathcal{K} \\
 & \left. + (14n^3 - 227n^2 + 919n - 1043)\mathcal{L}] \right\} \\
 & + \binom{n}{3} \left[ \frac{192\bar{a}^5}{M\pi^3L^7} (\mathcal{T}_0 + \mathcal{T}_1 n) + \frac{6\pi\bar{a}^3}{M^3L^7} (n+3)\mathcal{I} \right] \\
 & + n^3 \frac{1}{L^6} \frac{1}{\bar{\eta}_3} + \mathcal{O}(L^{-8}) . \tag{7}
 \end{aligned}$$



# $\bar{a}$ and $\bar{\eta}$



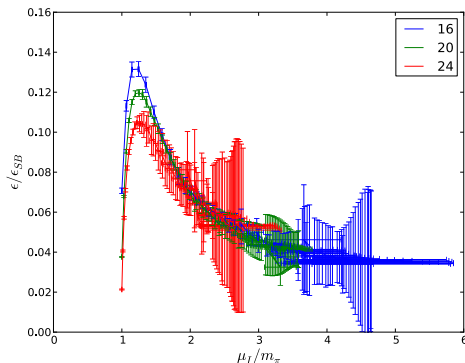
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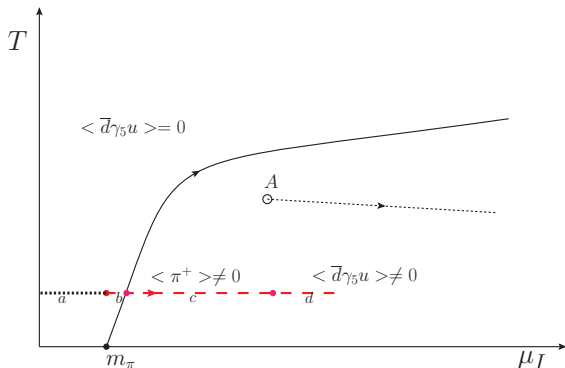


## QCD phase diagram

- Compare energy density with the Stefan Boltzmann limit.  
( $\epsilon_{SB} = 3p_{SB} = \frac{N_f N_c}{4\pi^2} \mu_I^4$  with  $N_f = 4, N_c = 3$ )







- a Vacuum. ( $\mu_I < m_\pi$ )
- b Pion gas. ( $m_\pi < \mu_I < 1.3 m_\pi$ )
- c BEC. ( $1.3 m_\pi < \mu_I < 3 m_\pi$ )
- d BCS. ( $\mu_I > 3 m_\pi$ )?



## Conclusion and Outlook

- Construct new algorithms to study many-meson systems.
- Compute correlation functions of systems of quantum number up to  $72 \pi^+$  in three different volumes.
- Identify different physical state in the QCD phase diagram.

### Future: Investigate

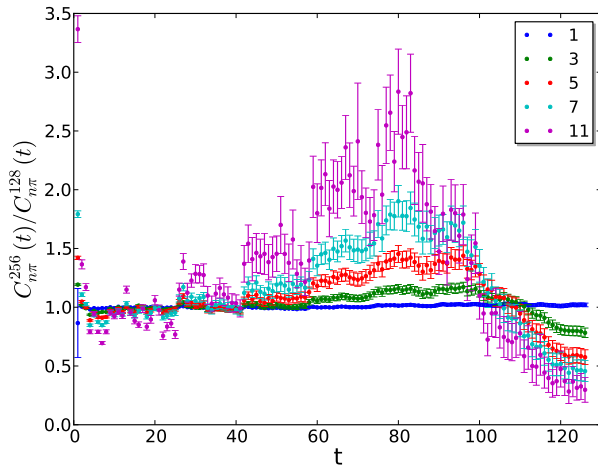
- Investigate multi-species systems,
- Suppression of heavy quarkonium spectrum in presence of different isospin density.
- Study other physical quantities around the phase shift.



Thanks for your attention!



Investigate the  $A \pm P$  method:



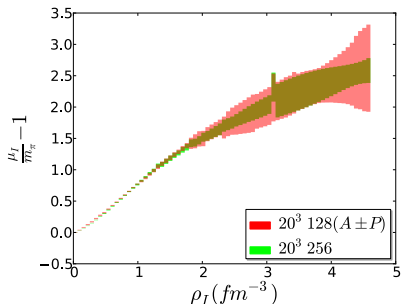
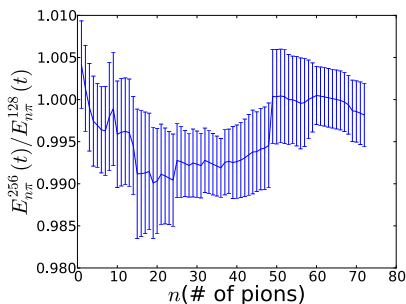


Figure : The ground state energies and isospin chemical potential from ensemble  $20^3 \times 128$  with  $A \pm P$  method are compared with those from ensemble  $20^3 \times 256$



**High precision is required.** Compare  $C_{1\pi^+}$ 's calculated from 2 source simulation from Cm and ICm.

