

Performance of two-level methods for the glueball spectrum in pure gauge theory.

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Glueballs in pure gauge

$\Lambda = \{n = (\vec{n}, n_t)\}$ 4D lattice

Consider $SU(3)$ Yang-Mills theory in 4D:

$$S_g = \frac{\beta}{3} \sum_{n \in \Lambda} \sum_{\mu < \nu} \text{Re} \left\{ \text{Tr} \left[1 - U_{\mu\nu}(n) \right] \right\}$$

Plaquette

$$\langle W^\Gamma(t) W^\Gamma(0) \rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} \int \mathcal{D}[U] e^{-S_g[U]} W^\Gamma(t) W^\Gamma(0)$$

[B. Berg, A. Billoire, *Nucl.Phys.B* 221 (1983)]

$$\approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N W^\Gamma(U_i, t) W^\Gamma(U_i, 0) + \mathcal{O}\left(1/\sqrt{N}\right)$$

$W^\Gamma(t)$ = Wilson loop

$\Gamma = \{\text{irrep}, P, C\}$ irrep $\in \{A_1, A_2, E, T_1, T_2\}$

Statistical Error [G. Parisi *Phys. Rept.* 103 (1984) 203]

- Generate N gauge configurations $U^{(i)}(\vec{x}, t)$
- Apply link smearing to $U^{(i)}(\vec{x}, t)$ to mitigate UV fluctuations
- compute $W_i^\Gamma(t) \equiv W^\Gamma(U^{(i)}, t) \quad \forall \quad i = 1, \dots, N$
- compute $C^\Gamma(t) = \langle W^\Gamma(t) W^\Gamma(0) \rangle$ + variational method (due to S/N ratio)...

Exponential loss of significance

$$\langle W^\Gamma(t) W^\Gamma(0) \rangle = |Z_0|^2 e^{-E_0 t} + |Z_1|^2 e^{-E_1 t} + \dots \xrightarrow{t \gg 0} |Z_0|^2 e^{-E_0 t}$$

Problem S/N Ratio of Glueball correlation functions

$$C(t) / \sigma(t) \sim \sqrt{N} e^{-m_G t} / L^8$$

[G. P. Lepage TASI (1989)]

! Extraction of E_0 from $C(t)$ at small t is contaminated by excited states (E_1, \dots)

$$\text{s. t. } E_0^\Gamma \leftarrow \log \left(\frac{C(t)}{C(t+1)} \right)$$

$$W_k, W_l = W_1, \dots, W_M$$

Solution Determine E_0 at small t with a **variational method**

[K. Wilson Talk @ Abingdon Meeting (1981)]

$$C_{kl}(t) = \langle W_k(t) W_l(0) \rangle$$

$$\text{Solve } C(t)V(t) = C(t_{\text{ref}}) \Lambda(t) V(t) \rightarrow \begin{aligned} \Lambda(t) &= [\lambda_1(t), \dots, \lambda_M(t)]^T & \lambda_n &\propto e^{-E_n(t-t_{\text{ref}})} \\ V(t) &= [v_1(t), \dots, v_M(t)]^T & E_n^\Gamma &\leftarrow \log \left(\frac{\lambda_n(t)}{\lambda_n(t+1)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Different W_k constructed usually with combinations of **different smearing radii + loop shapes**

e.g. [A. Athenodorou, M. Teper (2020)]

Multilevel algorithm: The Idea

We want to find an other variable B s. t. $\langle B \rangle = \langle A \rangle$ but $\langle B^2 \rangle_C \ll \langle A^2 \rangle_C$

Multihit method

SU(3) Polyakov loops for string tension

[G. Parisi et al., *Phys.Lett. B* 128 (1983)]

Example: Ising model

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ik} J_{ik} s_i s_k \quad \langle s_i \rangle = \left\langle \tanh \left[\beta \sum_k J_{ik} s_k \right] \right\rangle$$

$\langle s_i \rangle$ has smaller fluctuations than s_i

[H. B. Callen, *Phys.Lett.* 4B (1963)]

In [G. Parisi et al., *Phys.Lett. B* 128 (1983)] statistical errors σ was reduced

by 10 with just $\mathcal{O}(10)$ more measurements or “hits” of the Polyakov loops

Usually $\mathcal{O}(10^2)$ more statistics is required to achieve the same statistical errors.

**Square error
reduction achieved!**

Multilevel algorithm: Applications

[M. Lüscher, P. Weisz, *JHEP* 09 (2001)]

Exploiting locality of pure SU(3) gauge theory for **Polyakov loops**, the authors factorise $\langle W(\mathcal{C}) \rangle = \text{tr} \{ U(\mathcal{C}) \}$

in terms of products of line operators $\mathbb{L}(x_0)$ and two-link $\mathbb{T}(x_0)$ operators

$$\mathbb{T}(x)_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = U_0(x)_{\alpha\beta}^* U_0(x + r\hat{1})_{\gamma\delta}$$

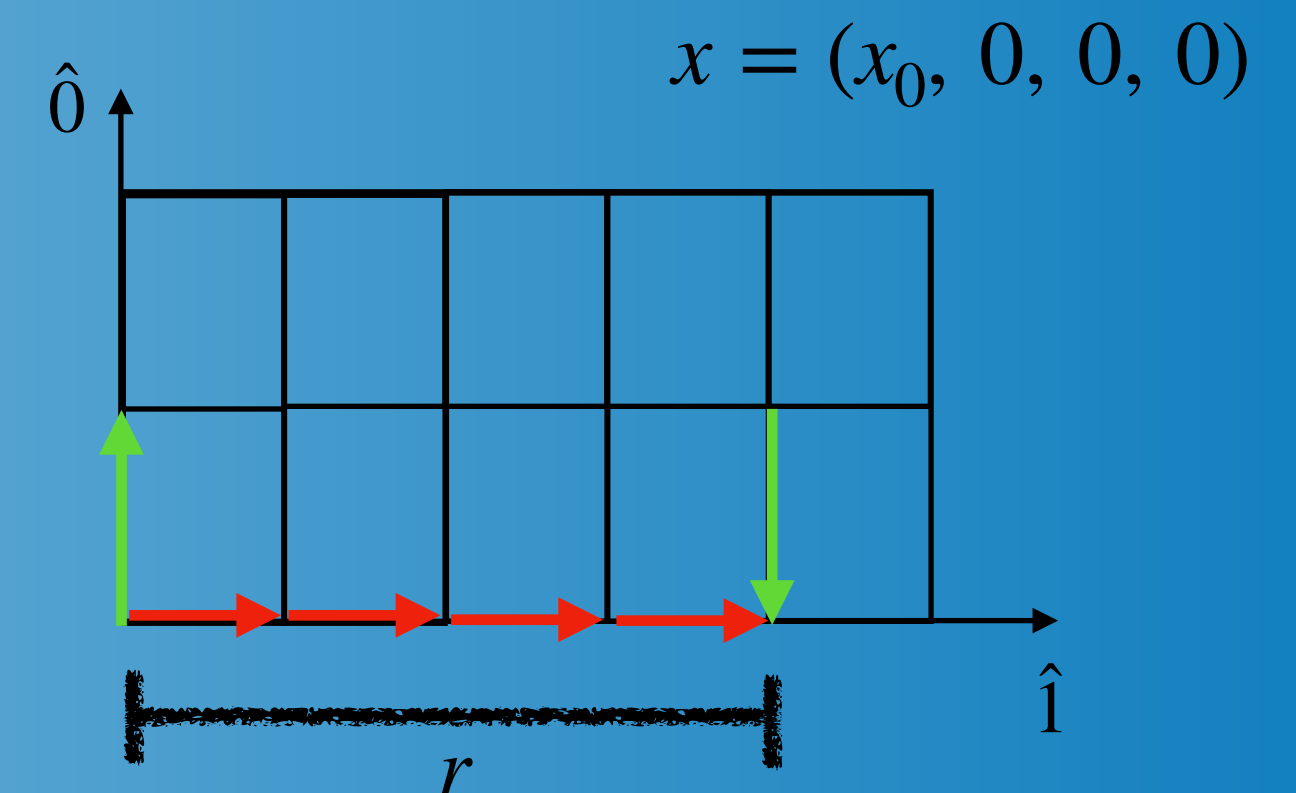
$$\mathbb{L}(x) = \left\{ U_1(x)^* \cdots U_1(x + (r-a)\hat{1})^* \right\}$$

$$\langle W(\mathcal{C}) \rangle = \left\langle \mathbb{L}(0)_{\alpha\gamma} \left\{ [\mathbb{T}(0)\mathbb{T}(a)] \cdots [\mathbb{T}(t-2a)\mathbb{T}(t-a)] \right\}_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \mathbb{L}(t)_{\beta\delta}^* \right\rangle$$

[...] = Sublattice expectation values / measurements

\langle ... \rangle = Full lattice expectation values

Exponential error reduction achieved!



e.g. $[\mathbb{T}(0)\mathbb{T}(a)] = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_{\text{sub}}} \int \mathcal{D}[U]_{\text{sub}} \mathbb{T}(0)\mathbb{T}(a) e^{-S[U]_{\text{sub}}}$ here sublattice consists of timeslices $[0, a]$

Similar idea applied for **Glueball spectrum**

SU(3) (3+1)D [H. Meyer, *JHEP* 01 (2003)]


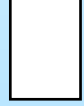
$$\langle W(t) W(t_0) \rangle \longrightarrow \langle [W(t)] [W(t_0)] \rangle$$

SU(2) (2+1)D [H. Meyer, *JHEP* 01 (2004)]

Our simulations

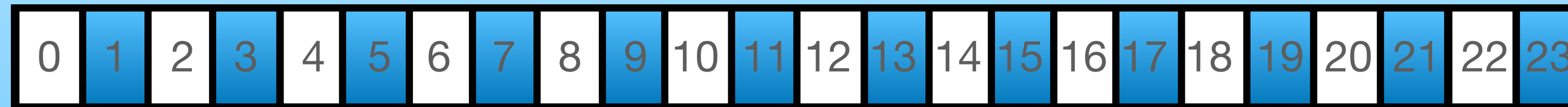
$SU(3)$ Yang-Mills, $V = 24^4$, $\beta = 6.2$

$$\langle W(t) W(t_0) \rangle \longrightarrow \langle [W(t)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}} [W(t_0)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}} \rangle$$

 Fixed boundary
 Updated

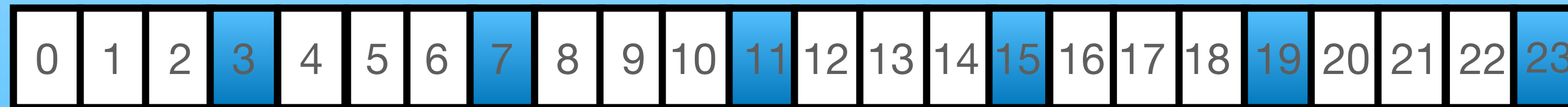
Different sublattices $\tilde{\Lambda}$ with different widths

• $\tilde{\Lambda}_1$



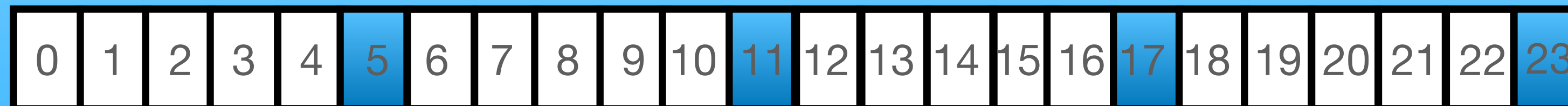
$[W(t)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_1}$

• $\tilde{\Lambda}_3$



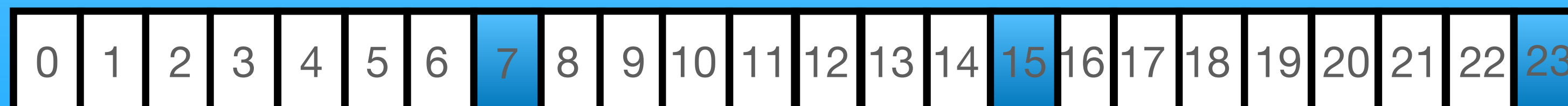
$[W(t)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_2}$

• $\tilde{\Lambda}_5$



$[W(t)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_5}$

• $\tilde{\Lambda}_7$

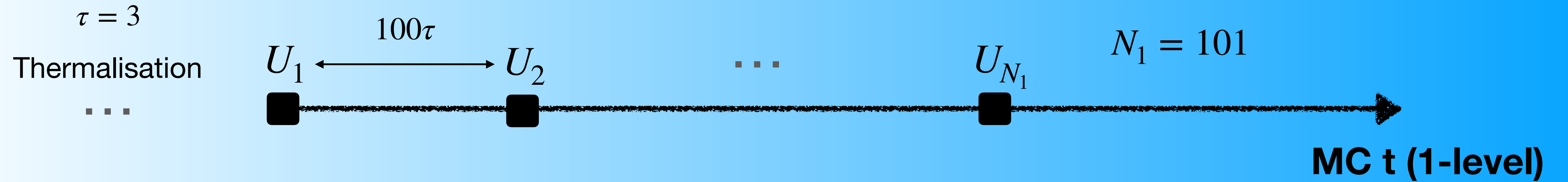


$[W(t)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_7}$



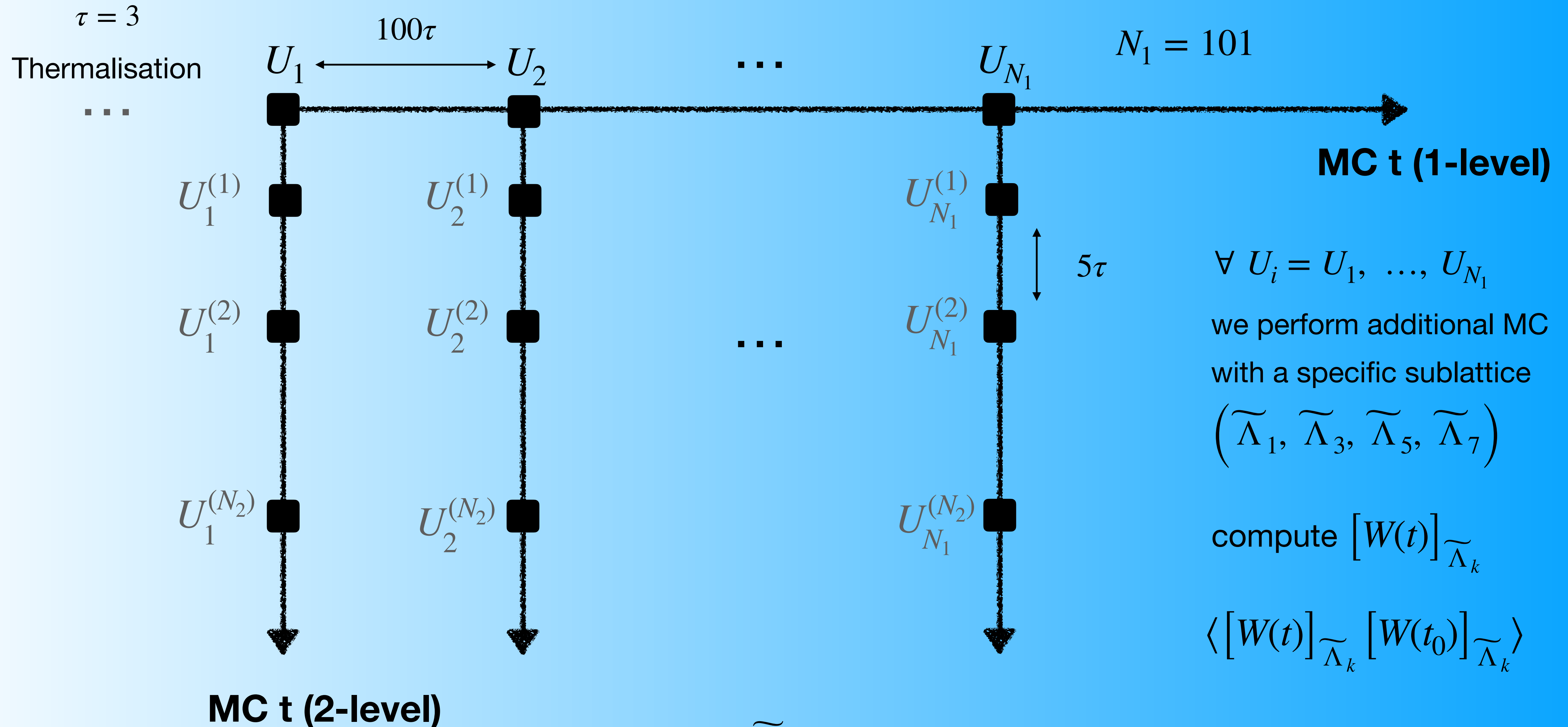
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$\forall U_i = U_1, \dots, U_{N_1}$
 we perform additional MC
 with a specific sublattice
 $(\tilde{\Lambda}_1, \tilde{\Lambda}_3, \tilde{\Lambda}_5, \tilde{\Lambda}_7)$
 compute $[W(t)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_k}$
 $\langle [W(t)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_k} [W(t_0)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_k} \rangle$

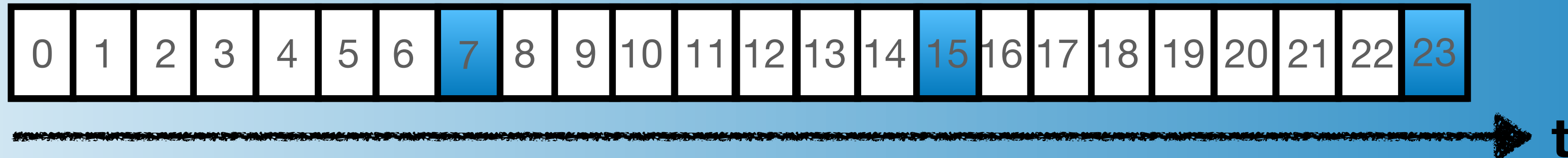
e.g. for $\tilde{\Lambda}_1$ we update the even timeslices and fix the odd (sublattice boundaries)

2-level setups

$$N_1 = 101$$

$$N_2 \in \{1, 4, 10, 30, 50, 100, 200, 1000\}$$

• $\tilde{\Lambda}_7$



$$\langle [W(t)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_7} [W(t_0)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_7} \rangle$$

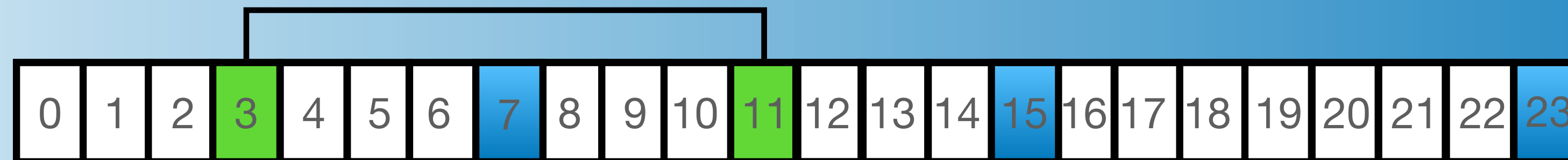
$$t = t_0 + \Delta t$$

$$\Sigma_{\text{rel}}(t, t_0, N_2) = \frac{\sigma(t, t_0, N_2)}{\sigma(t, t_0, N_2 = 1)}$$

Relative error wrt $N_2 = 1$

$$\Delta t = 8$$

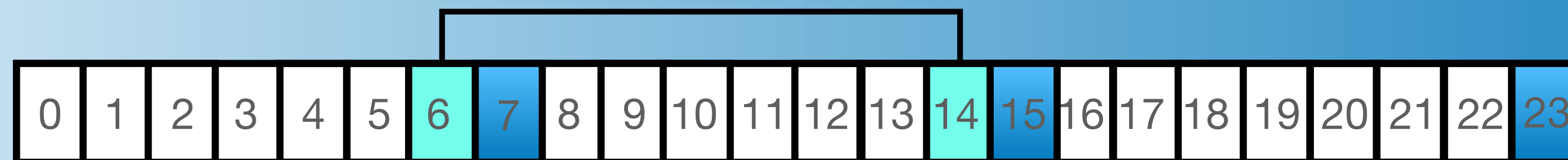
$$\Sigma_{\text{rel}}(t = 11, t_0 = 2, N_2)$$



Best multilevel performance, i.e. $\Sigma_{\text{rel}} \sim \mathcal{O}(1 / N_2)$

$$\Delta t = 8$$

$$\Sigma_{\text{rel}}(t = 14, t_0 = 6, N_2)$$

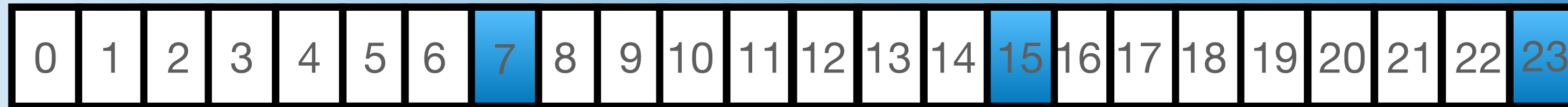


Poor multilevel performance, i.e. $\Sigma_{\text{rel}} \gg \mathcal{O}(1 / N_2)$

Performance of multilevel at fixed $\Delta t = 8$

$$\Gamma = E^{++}, T_2^{++}$$

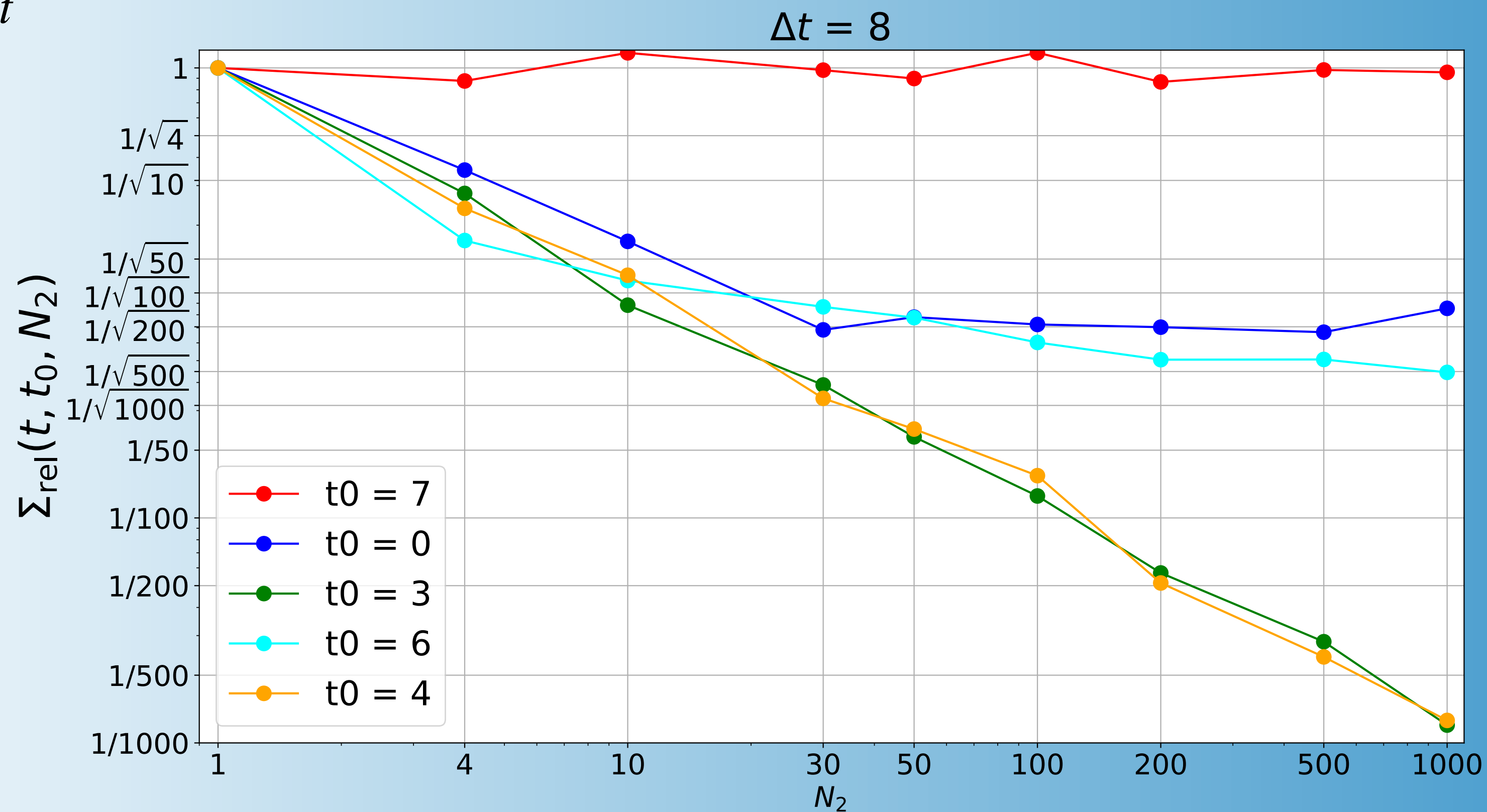
• $\tilde{\Lambda}_7$



$$\langle [W(t)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_7} [W(t_0)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_7} \rangle$$

$$\Sigma_{\text{rel}}(t, t_0, N_2) = \frac{\sigma(t, t_0, N_2)}{\sigma(t, t_0, N_2 = 1)}$$

$$t = t_0 + \Delta t$$



$$\langle [W(14)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_7} [W(6)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_7} \rangle$$

$$\langle [W(12)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_7} [W(4)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_7} \rangle$$

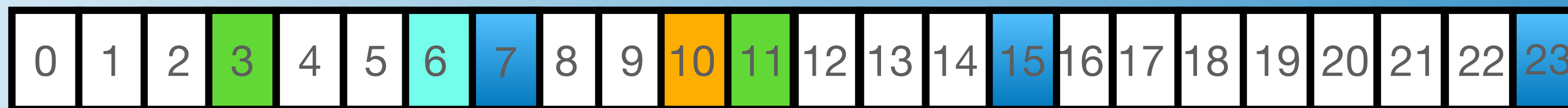
$$\langle [W(11)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_7} [W(3)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_7} \rangle$$

$$\Sigma_{\text{rel}} \sim 1/1000$$

Performance of multilevel at fixed $t_0 = 3$

$$\Gamma = E^{++}, T_2^{++}$$

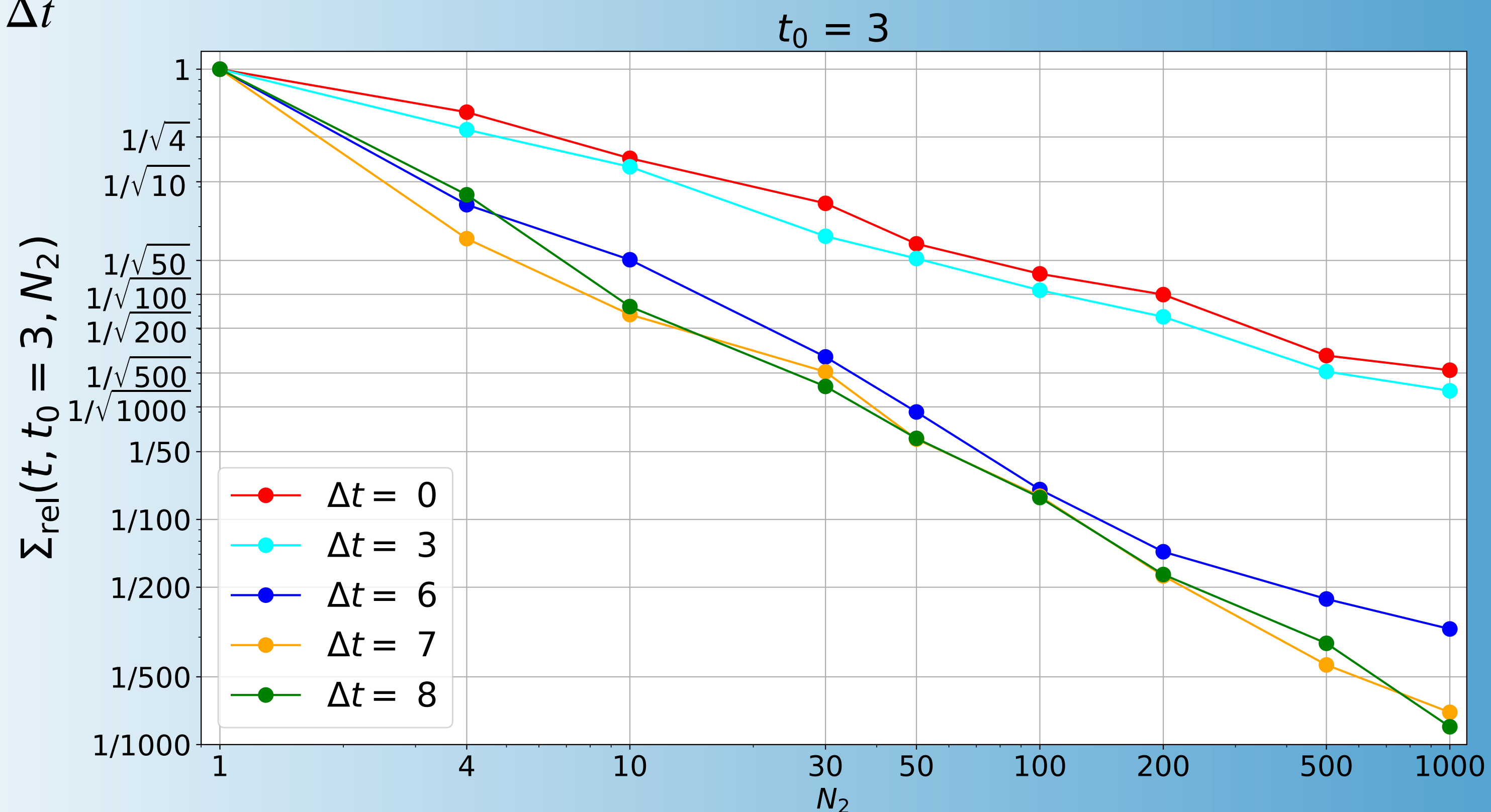
• $\tilde{\Lambda}_7$



$$\langle [W(t)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_7} [W(t_0 = 3)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_7} \rangle$$

$$\Sigma_{\text{rel}}(t, 3, N_2) = \frac{\sigma(t, 3, N_2)}{\sigma(t, 3, N_2 = 1)}$$

$t = t_0 + \Delta t$



Distance from boundaries important for achieving high performance

$$\langle [W(6)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_7} [W(3)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_7} \rangle$$

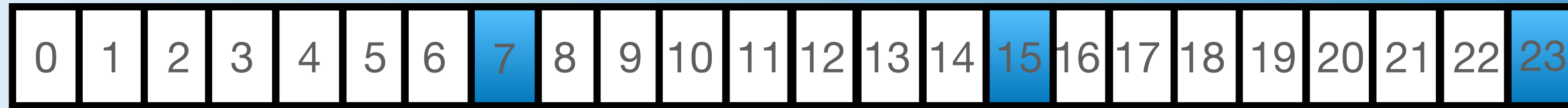
Error decreased by ~ 1000 with $N_2 = 1000$

$$\langle [W(10)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_7} [W(3)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_7} \rangle$$

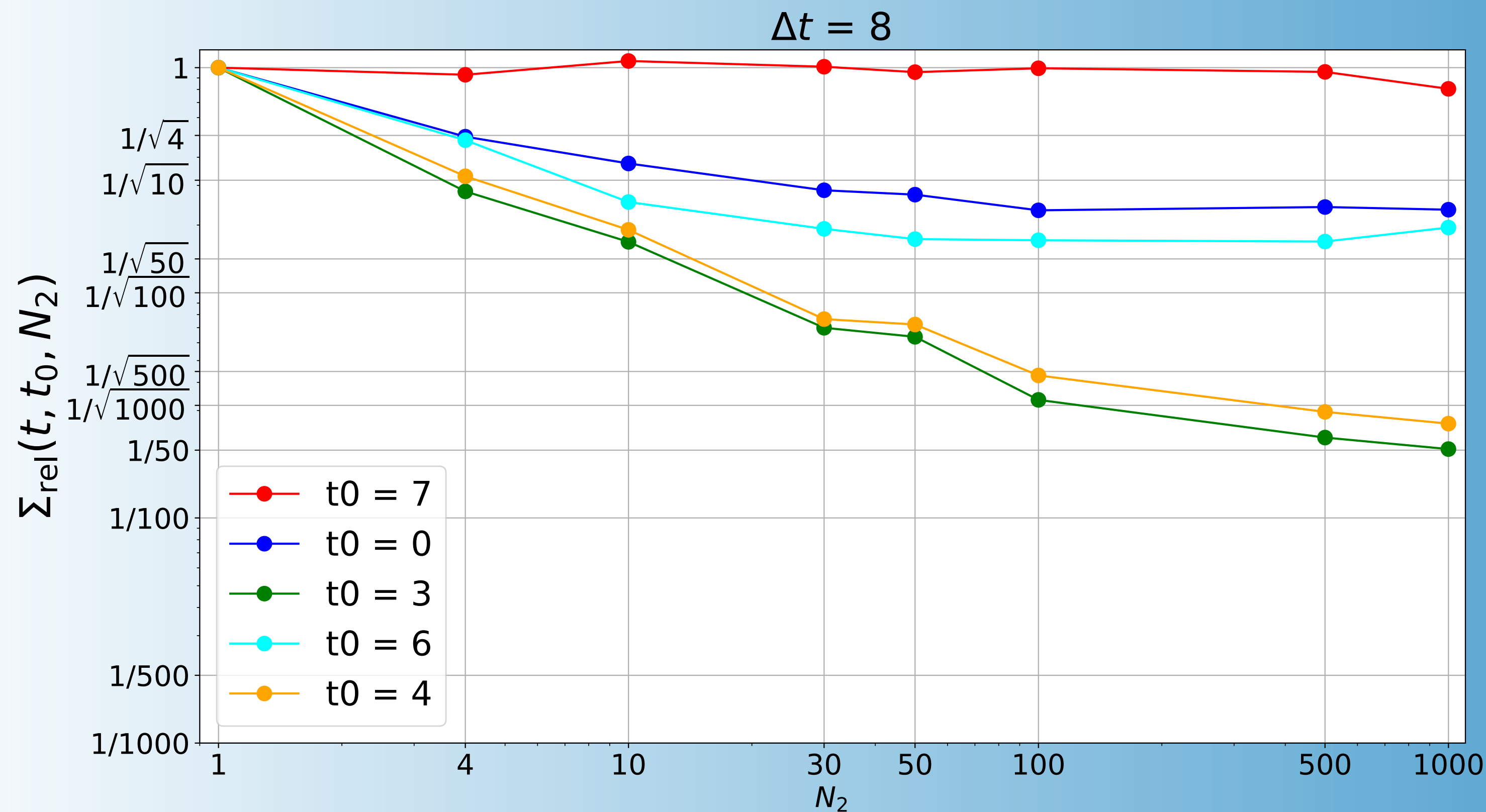
$$\langle [W(11)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_7} [W(3)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_7} \rangle$$

Performance of multilevel: A_1^{++} with $\langle W \rangle \neq 0$

• $\tilde{\Lambda}_7$



$$\langle [\bar{W}(t)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_7} [\bar{W}(t_0)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}_7} \rangle \quad \bar{W}(t) = W(t) - \langle W(t) \rangle \quad \Sigma_{\text{rel}}(t, t_0, N_2) = \frac{\sigma(t, t_0, N_2)}{\sigma(t, t_0, N_2 = 1)}$$



Multilevel is not very effective for $\Gamma = A_1^{++}$

Boundary fluctuations (at t_B) of lightest state (vacuum) with $E = 0$
 Covariance $\sigma(t, t_B) \approx \sigma(t_B) e^{-E(t-t_B)/2}$

[G. P. Lepage TASI (1989)]

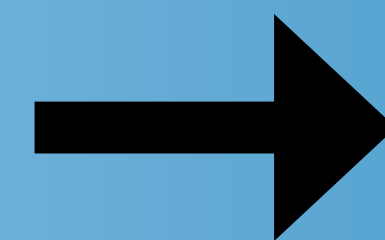
Also observed in [H. Meyer, JHEP 01 (2004)]

Performance of multilevel: effective mass

Weighted average

$$w(t, t_0) = 1 / \sigma^2(t, t_0)$$

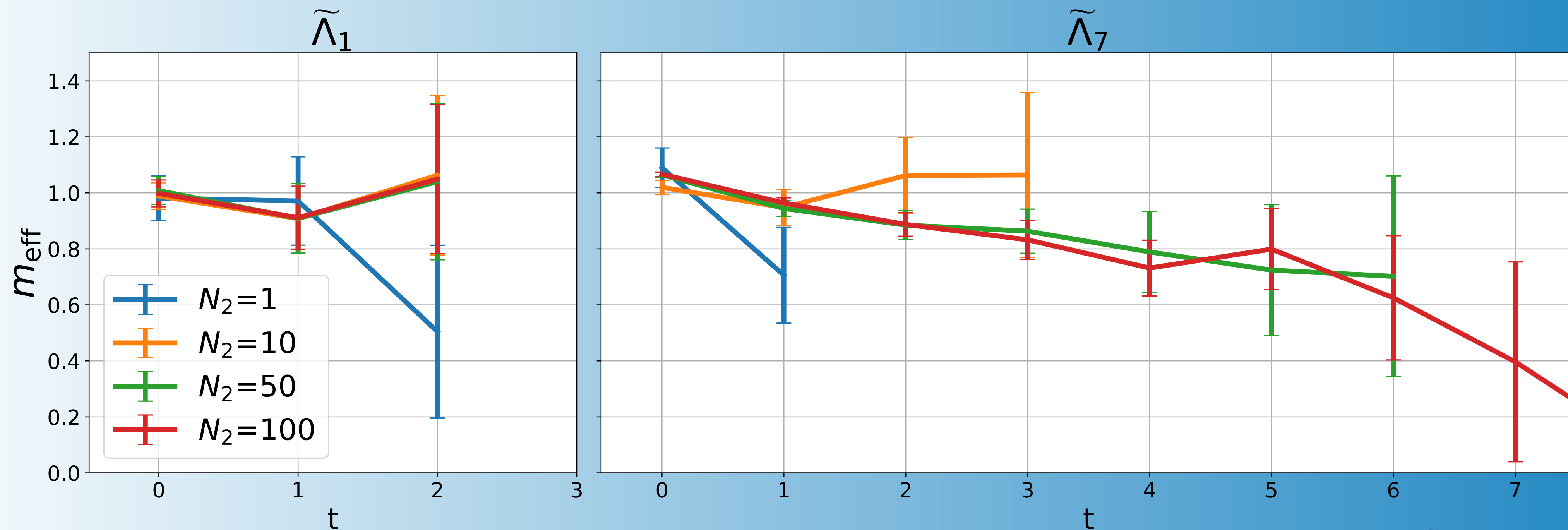
$$C(t, t_0) = \langle [W(t)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}} [W(t_0)]_{\tilde{\Lambda}} \rangle$$



$$C(t) = \frac{\sum_{t_0} w(t, t_0) C(t, t_0)}{\sum_{t_0} w(t, t_0)}$$

$$T_2^{++}$$

$$m_{\text{eff}} = \log (C(t) / C(t + 1))$$

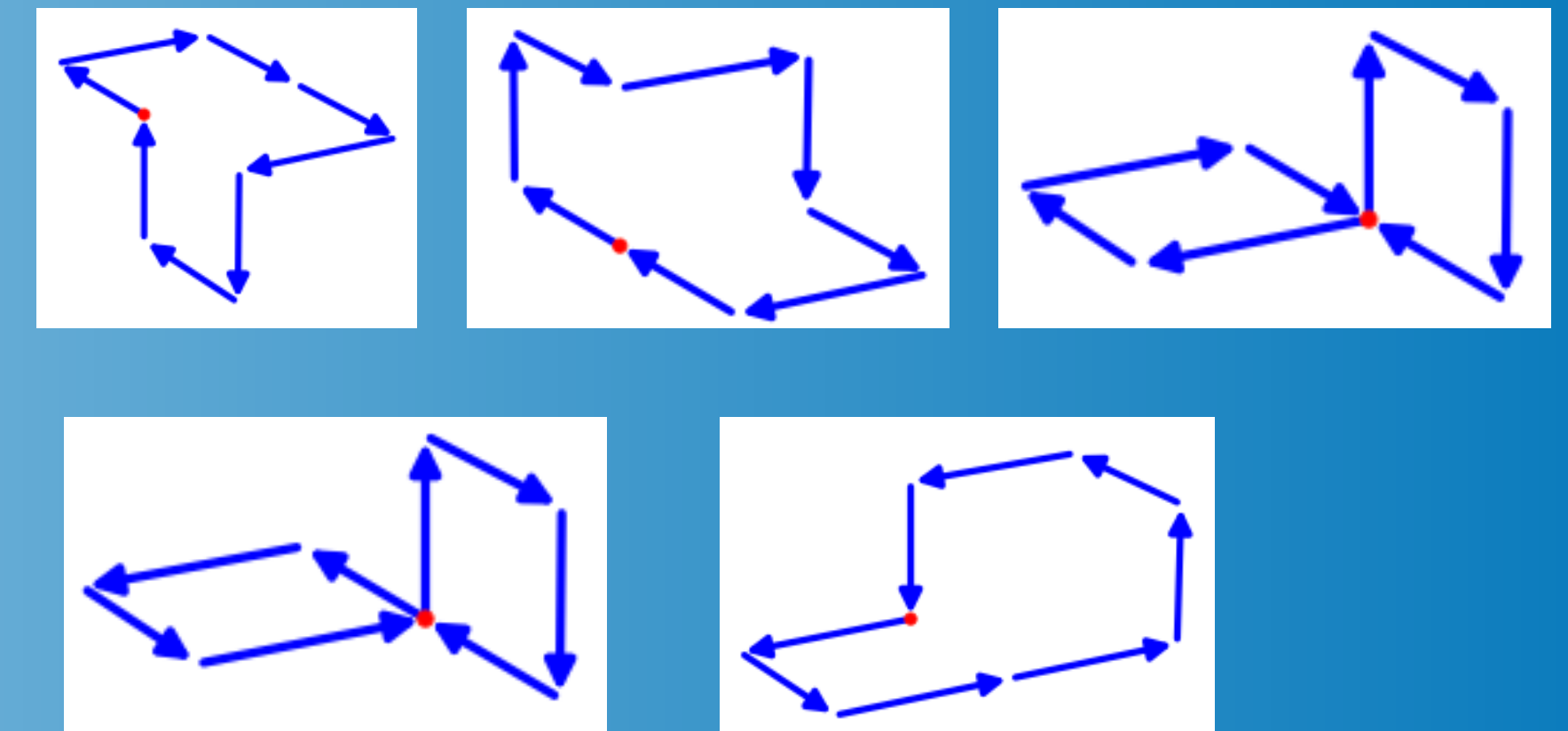
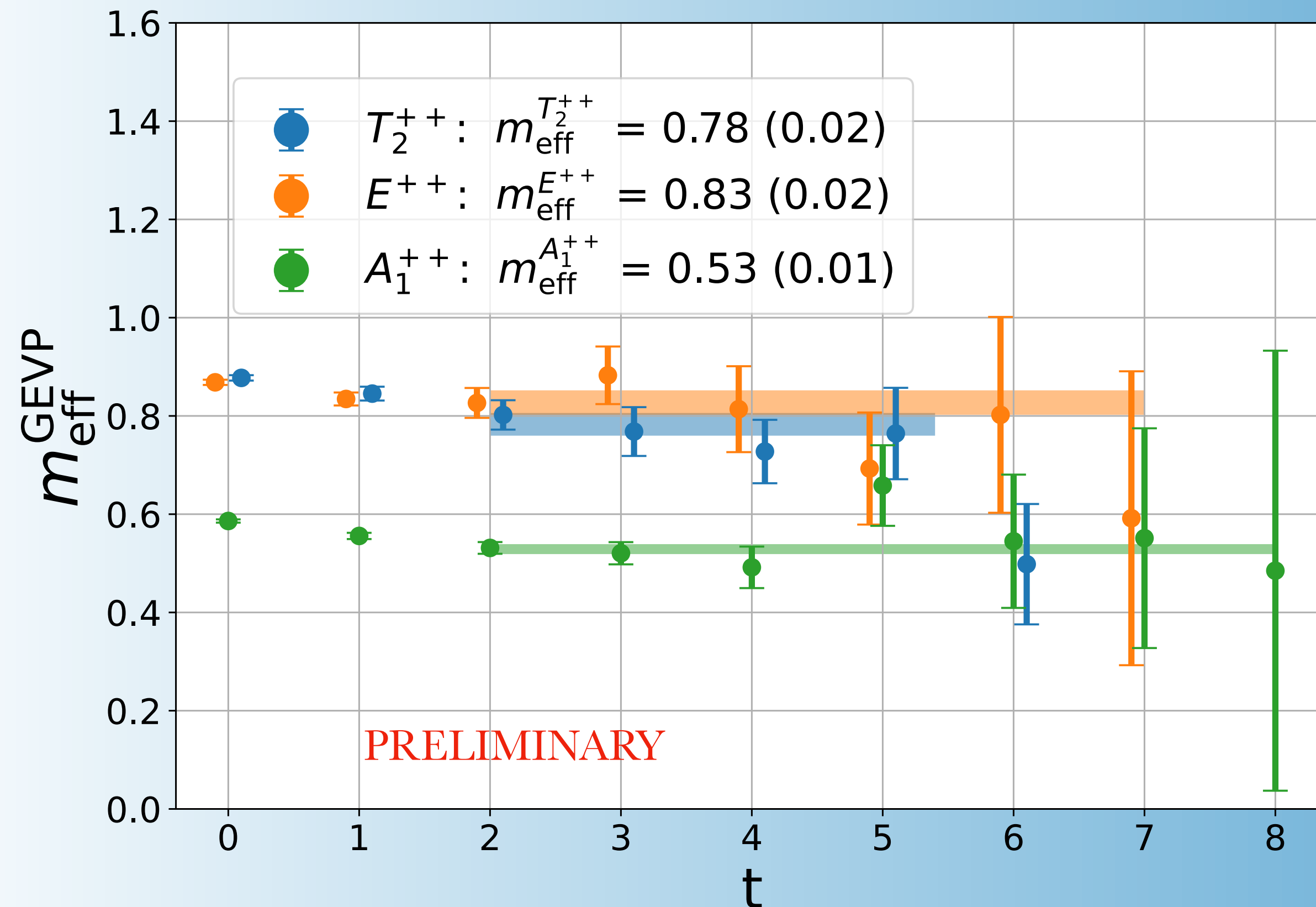


**Larger sublattices achieve
Better error reduction**

GEVP effective masses with 2-level algorithm

$N_1 = 101$ configurations \times $N_2 = 1000$ submeasurements

5 length-8 operators \times 4 smearing radii = 20 operators



Implemented by J. A. Urrea
(University of Wuppertal)

Simpler shapes (length-4 and -6)
will be soon implemented

Results consistent within errors with literature

[K. Sakai, S. Sasaki, PRD 107 (2023)]

Conclusions

- Revisited SU(3) glueball spectrum in 4D in pure gauge theory with a 2-level algorithm
- Error reduction of $\sim N_2$ with $N_2 = 1, \dots, 1000$ updates at fixed boundaries (except $\Gamma = A_1^{++}$)
- Observed dependence of the error reduction on the distance from boundaries
- GEVP with 5 length-8 operators x 4 APE smearing radii gives consistent results

Next

- 📌 Adopt less noisy operators (length-4, length-6)
- 📌 Investigate covariance $\sigma^2(t, t_0) \approx \langle W(t)W(0)W(t_0)W(0) \rangle - \langle W(t)W(0) \rangle \langle W(t_0)W(0) \rangle$
- 📌 Consider larger ensembles & continuum limit

