

# Topological insights in many flavor QCD on the lattice



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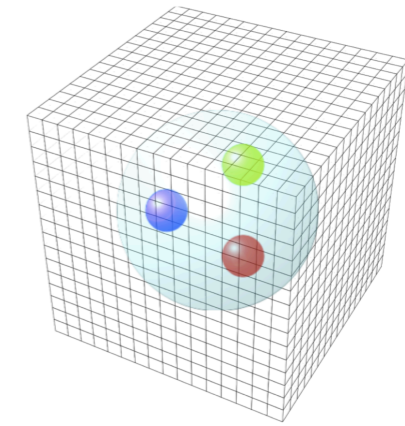
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# Plan of Talk:



1. Introduction

2. Topological charge and susceptibility

Mainly, in  $N_f=8$

♠  $N_f=8$  is a candidate for the walking.

3. Eigenvalues and Anomalous dimension

4. Summary, Discussion

# 1. Introduction

# Walking technicolor

$N_f$  massless fermions +  $SU(N_{TC})$  gauge at  $O(1)$  TeV

Model requirement:

- Spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking
- Slow running (walking) coupling in wide scale range
- Large anomalous mass dimension  $\gamma^* \sim 1$  in walking region

- Higgs  $\approx$  Light composite scalar  
pNGB (technidilaton)  
of scale symmetry breaking



$$m_{\text{Higgs}}/v_{\text{EW}} \sim 0.5 = m_{\sigma}/(\sqrt{N_d}F)$$

$F$  : decay constant,  $N_d$  : number of weak doublets

usual QCD  $m_{\sigma}/F \sim 4-5$

In the topological nature,

What happens in the walking/conformal phase?

In hadron phase:

★ Index theorem

fermionic chiral zero mode  $\Leftrightarrow$  gluonic  $F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$

★ Banks-Casher relation

fermionic zero mode

$$\langle\bar{\psi}\psi\rangle = \lim_{m\rightarrow 0} \lim_{V\rightarrow\infty} \int d\lambda \rho(\lambda) \frac{2m}{\lambda^2 + m^2} = \pi\rho(\lambda = 0)$$

★ Leutwyler-Smilga relation

$$\langle Q_{top}^2 \rangle / V = \Sigma m_f / N_f$$

★ Eigenvalue distribution

$\rho(\lambda)$  in  $\rho$ - and  $\varepsilon$ -regime,

$$\nu(\lambda) = \int_{-\lambda}^{\lambda} \rho(\lambda) d\lambda$$

★ Flavor singlet Pseudo-scalar meson  $\Leftarrow$  (famous) U(1) problem

Witten-Veneziano formula

$$m_{\eta'}^2 = \lim_{N_c \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2N_f}{F_\pi^2} \chi|_{quenched},$$

$$m_{\eta'}^2 + m_\eta^2 - 2m_K^2 = \mu_0^2 = \frac{4N_f \chi T}{f_\pi^2}$$

In Veneziano limit:  $O(1/N_c)$  expansion, because of  $f_\pi \simeq \sqrt{N_c}$

$$\frac{N_f}{N_c} \ll 1$$

## 2. Topological charge and susceptibility

Mainly, in  $N_f=8$

♠  $N_f=8$  is a candidate for the walking.



# Gradient flow (Wilson flow, Symanzik flow)

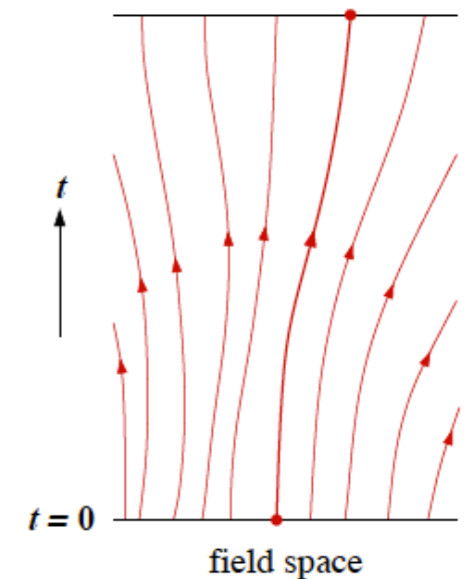
M. Luscher, (2009, 2010)

$$\partial_t V(x, \mu) = -g_0^2 \{ \partial_{x, \mu} S_g(V_t) \} V_t(x, \mu), \quad V_t(x, \mu)|_{t=0} = U(x, \mu),$$

Example) In the continuum QED,

$$\dot{B}_\mu = D_\nu G_{\nu\mu}, \quad B_\mu|_{t=0} = A_\mu,$$

$$B_\mu(t, x) = \int d^4 y K_t(x-y) A_\mu(y) + \text{gauge terms}, \quad K_t(z) = \frac{e^{-\frac{z^2}{4t}}}{(4\pi t)^2}.$$



In QCD and BSM,

Key technology in the lattice studies, nowadays.

$$\dot{V}_t = Z(V_t)V_t,$$

4th order Runge-Kutta method

$$W_0 = V_t,$$

$$W_1 = \exp\left\{\frac{1}{4}Z_0\right\}W_0,$$

$$W_2 = \exp\left\{\frac{8}{9}Z_1 - \frac{17}{36}Z_0\right\}W_1,$$

$$V_{t+\epsilon} = \exp\left\{\frac{3}{4}Z_2 - \frac{8}{9}Z_1 + \frac{17}{36}Z_0\right\}W_2,$$

where

$$Z_i = \epsilon Z(W_i), \quad i = 0, 1, 2.$$

Our case:

Wilson flow ( $S_{\text{Wilson}}$ )  $\rightarrow$  Symanzik flow ( $S_{\text{Symanzik}}$ )

$$\epsilon = 0.03$$

(If  $\epsilon = 0.1$  for instance, RK doesn't solve correctly or 5th order RK is needed.)

We re-use [LatKMI configurations](#) generated for the flavor-singlet scalar meson.

Tree-level Symanzik gauge + HISQ fermions

$L^3 \times (4L/3)$

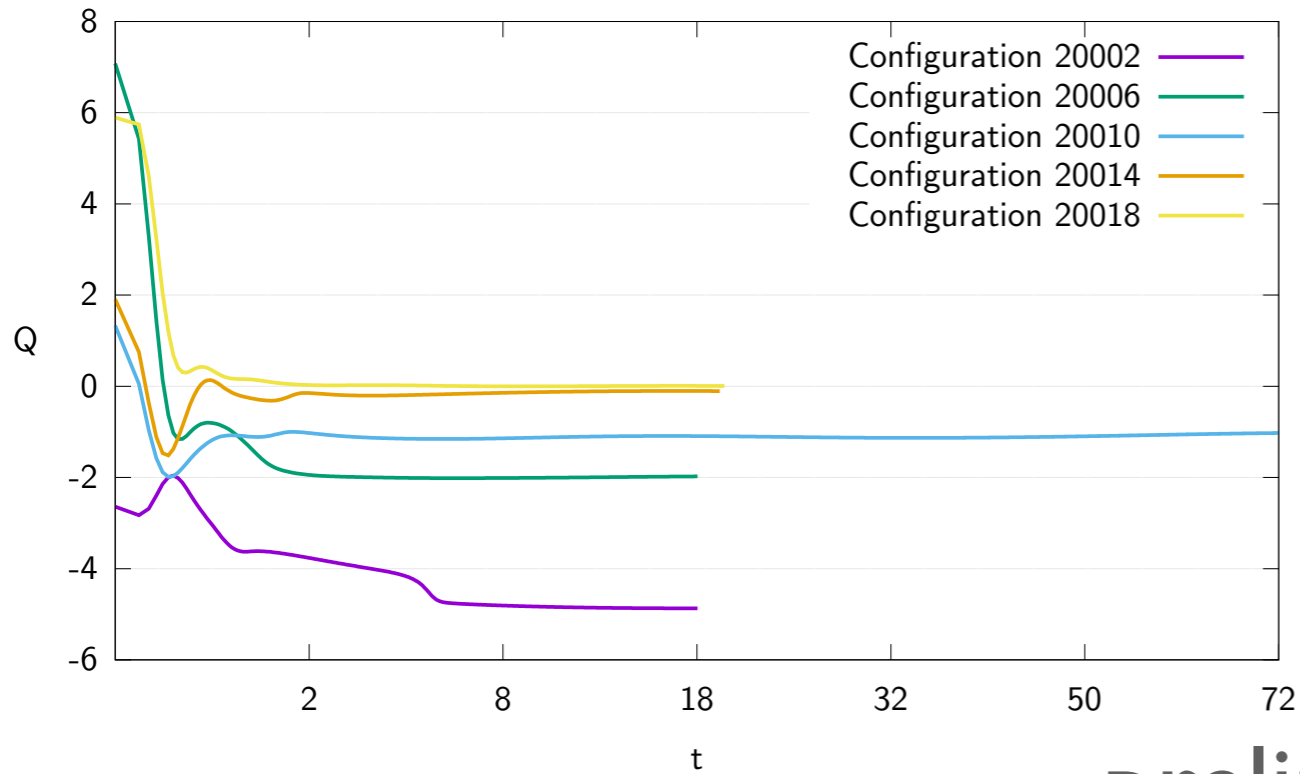
Periodic boundary condition in spatial-dir.

Anti-PBC in time-dir.

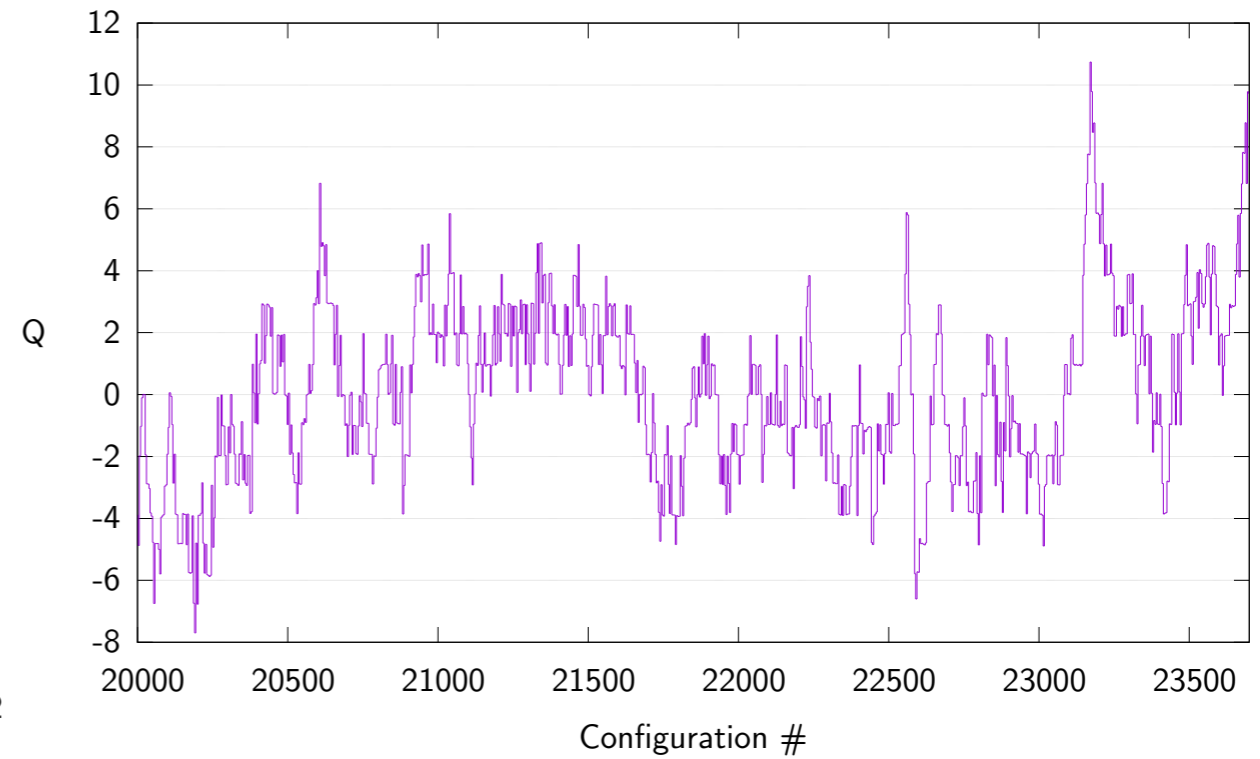
$L=12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42, (48)$

# In Nf=8 at mf=0.06 on L=24

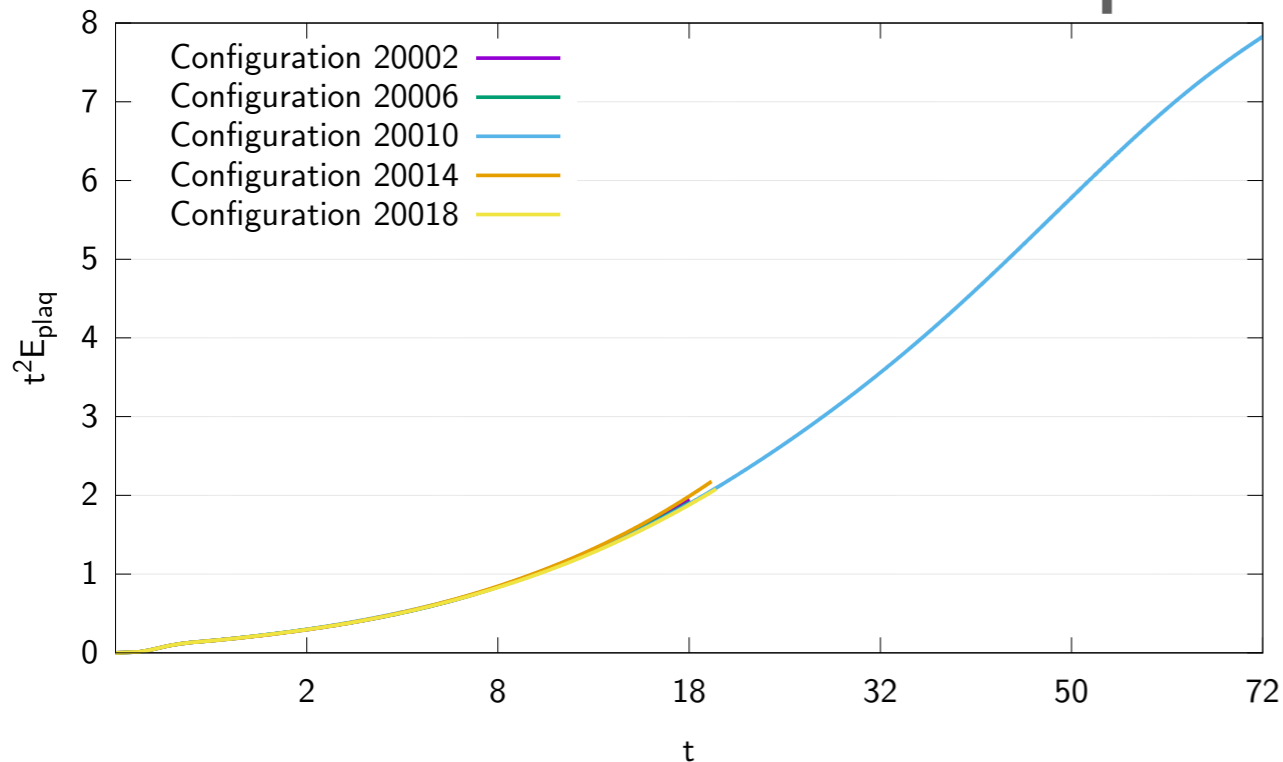
## Qtop vs Symanzik flow time



## Qtop vs #trajectory



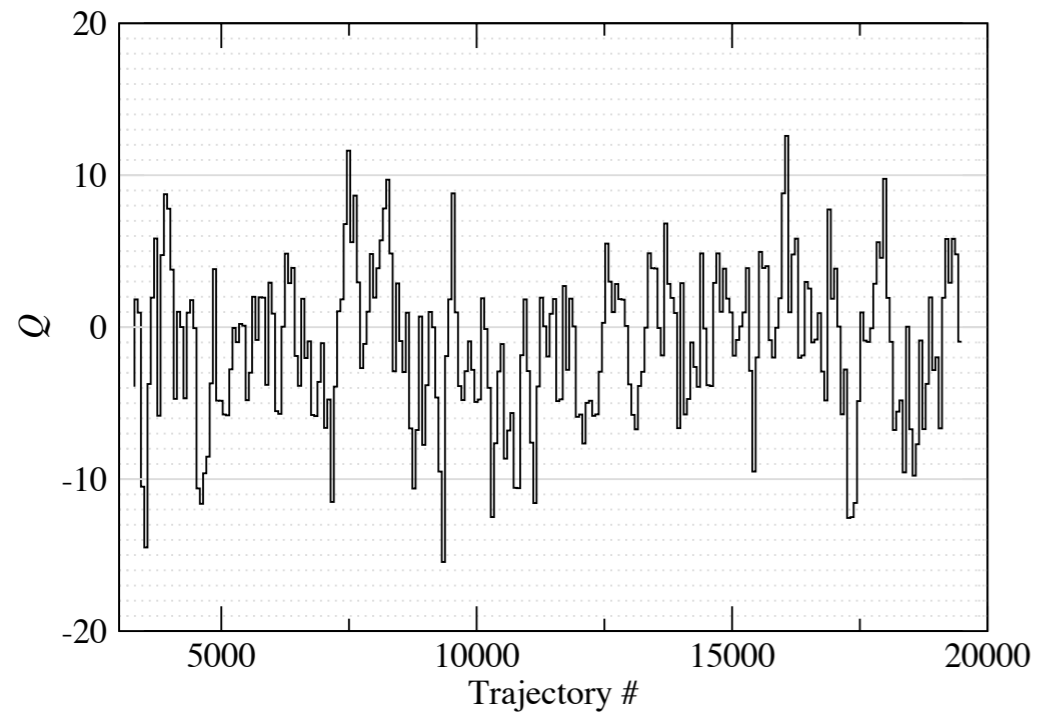
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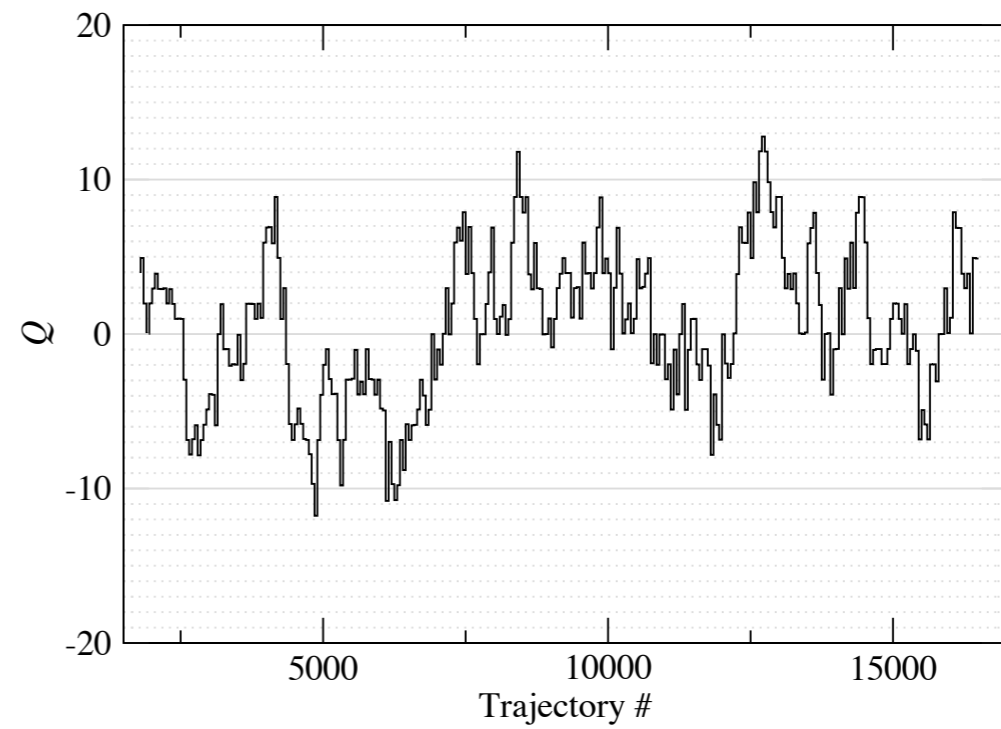
## $t^2 E_{\text{plaq}}$ vs flow time

Scale determination:  $t^2 \langle E \rangle|_{t=t_0} = 0.3$

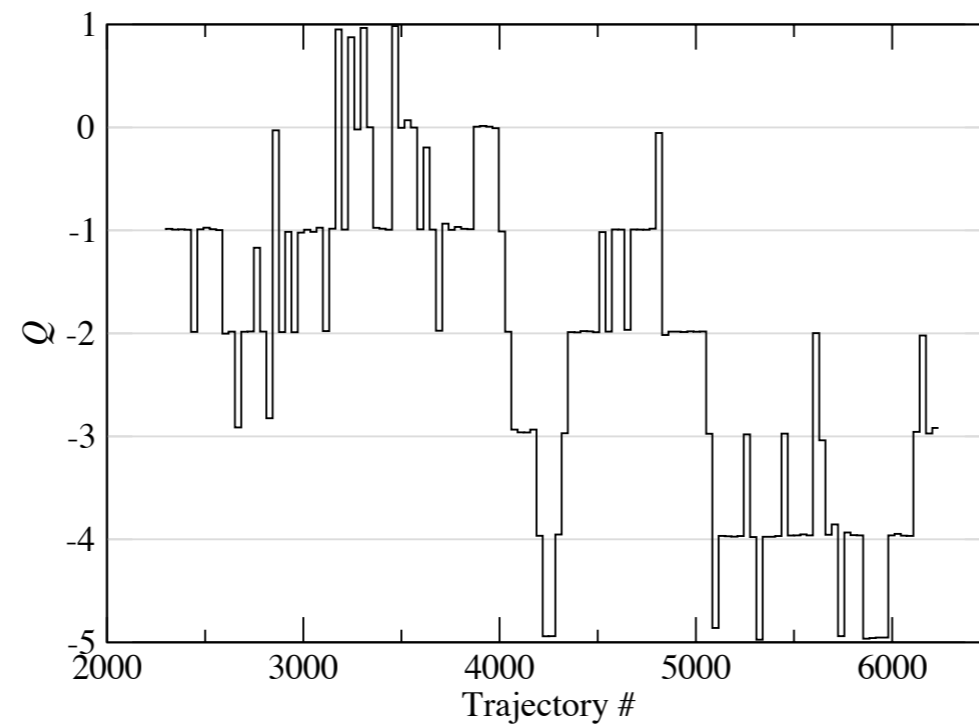
$N_f = 8, m = 0.08, L = 24$



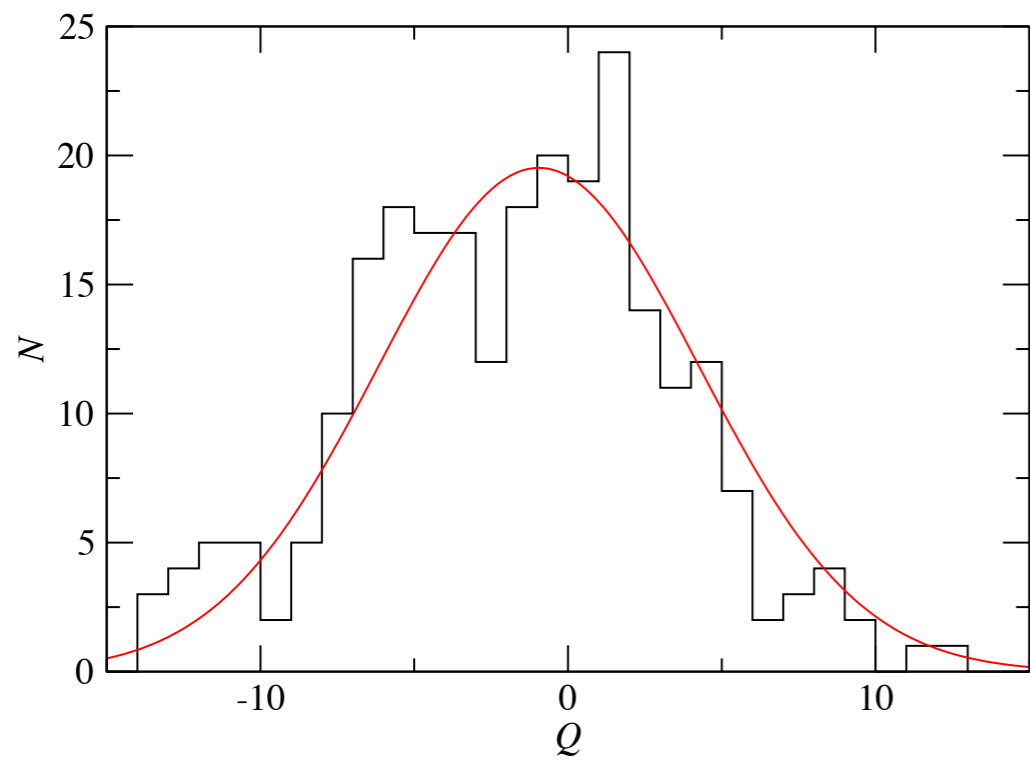
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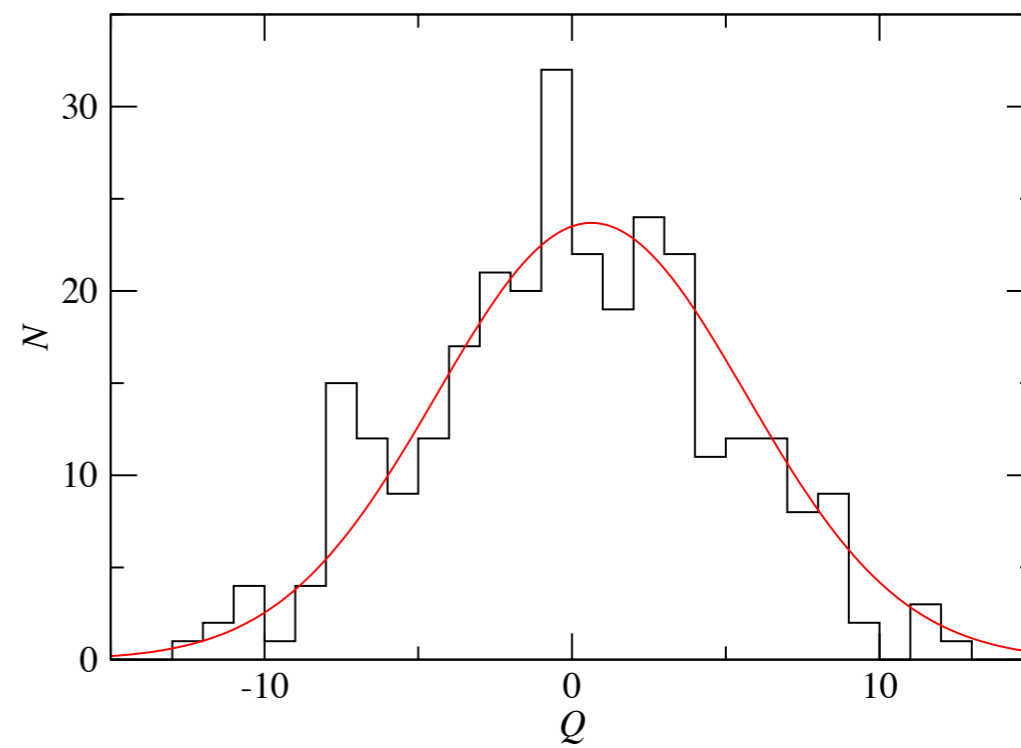
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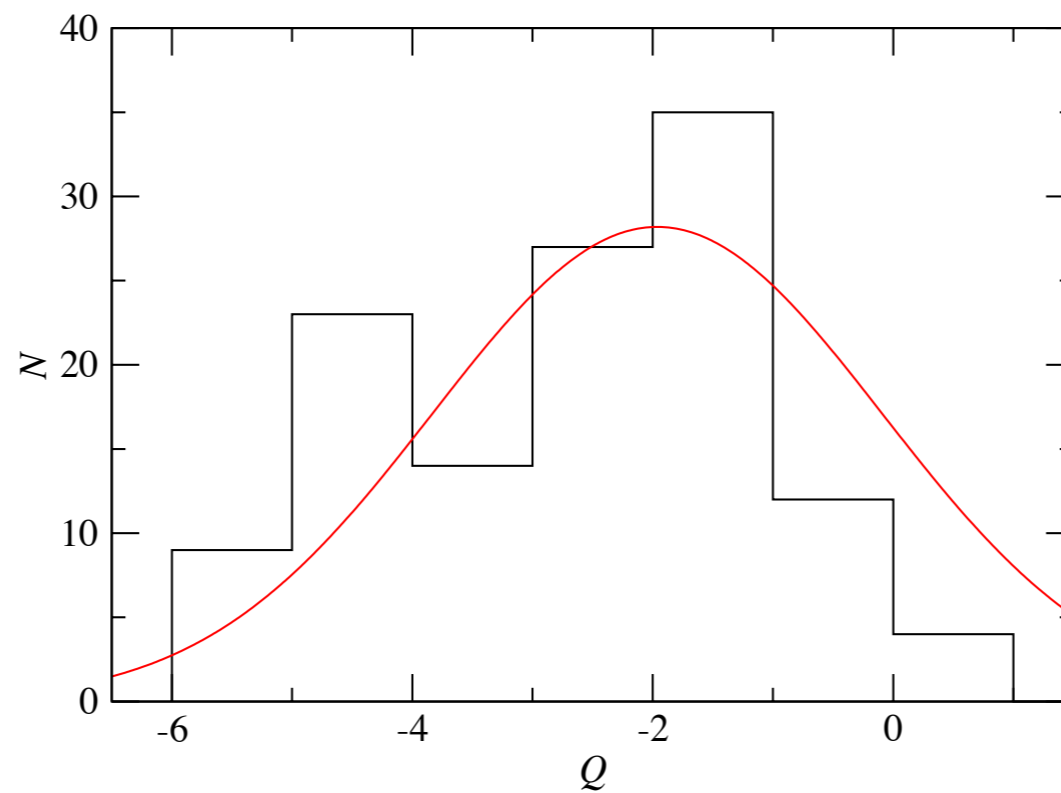
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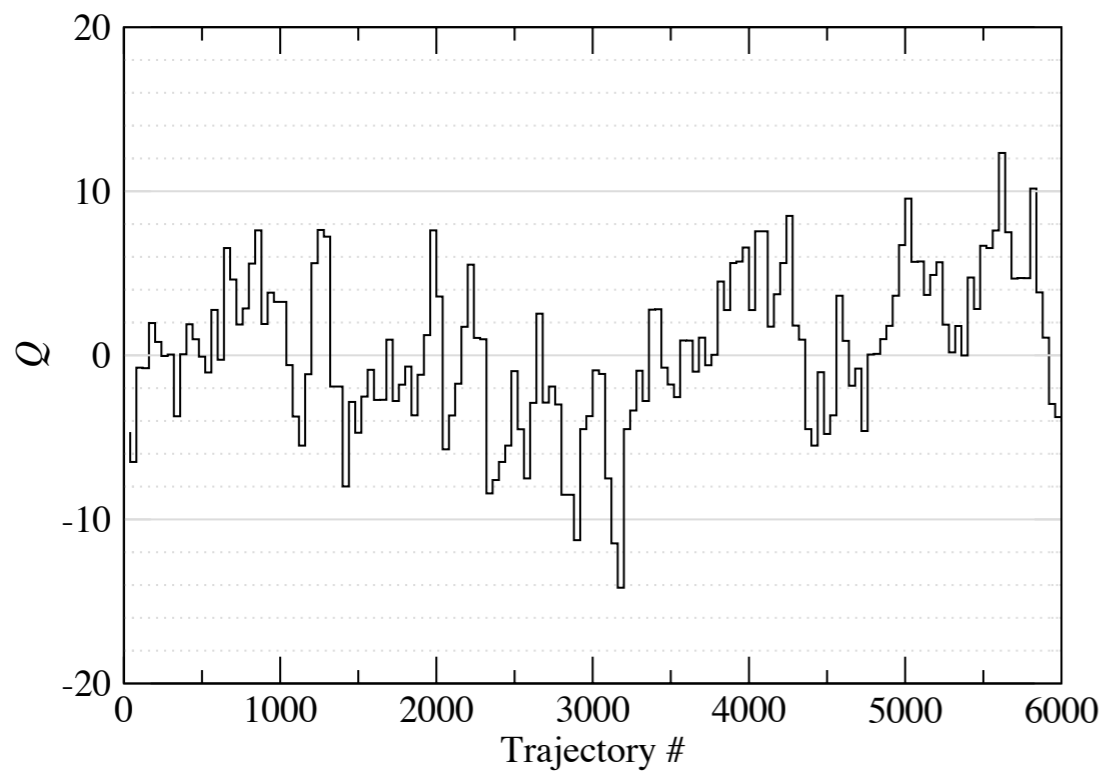
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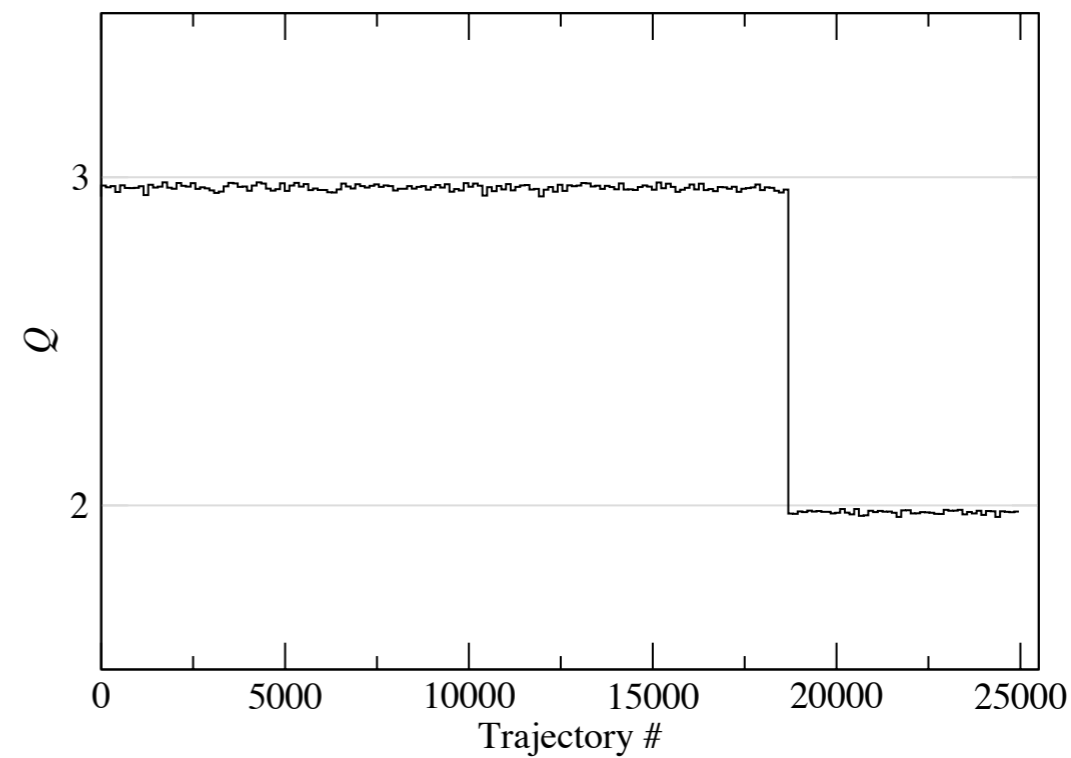
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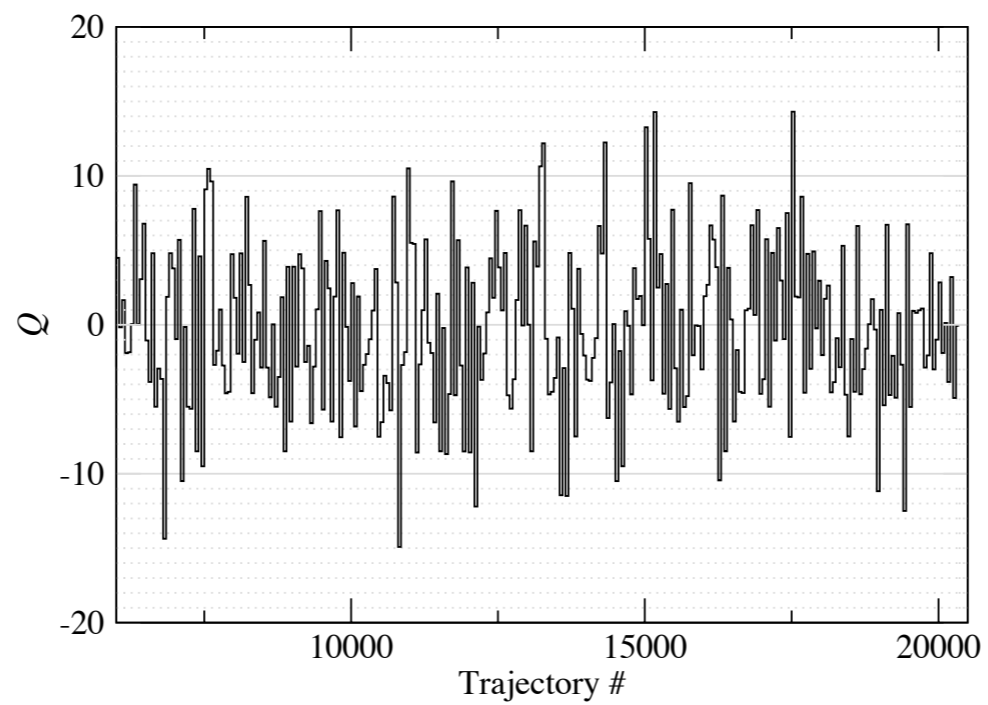
$N_f = 12, \beta = 3.7, m = 0.16, L = 18$



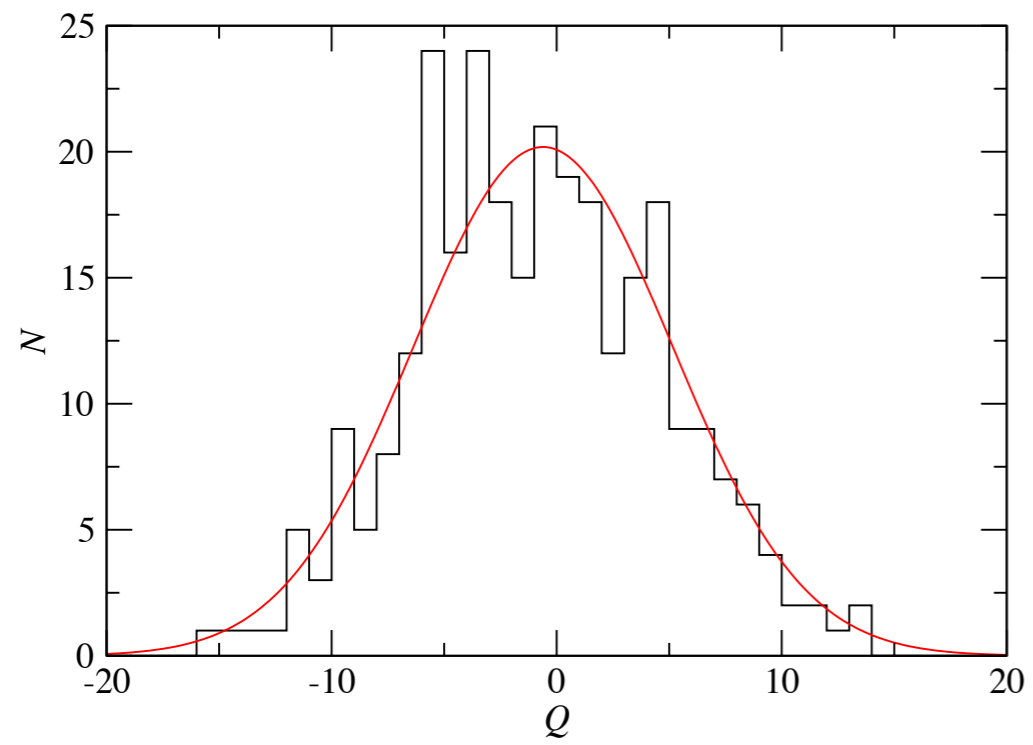
$N_f = 12, \beta = 4.0, m = 0.04, L = 36$



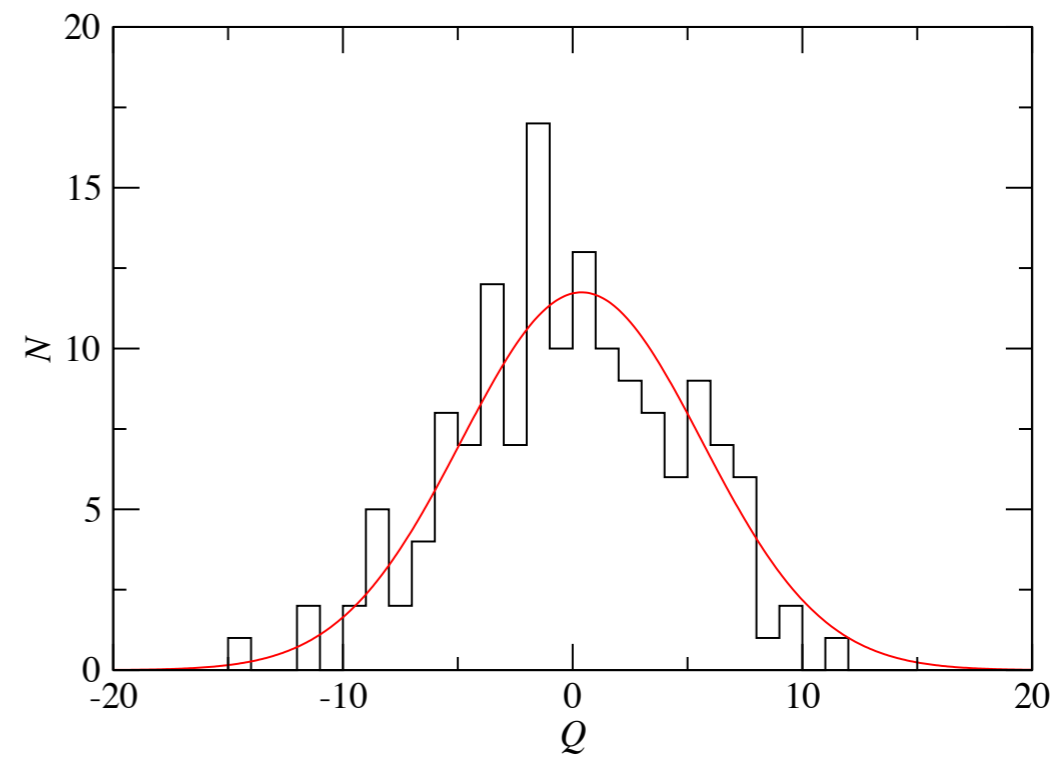
$N_f = 4, m = 0.01, L = 20$



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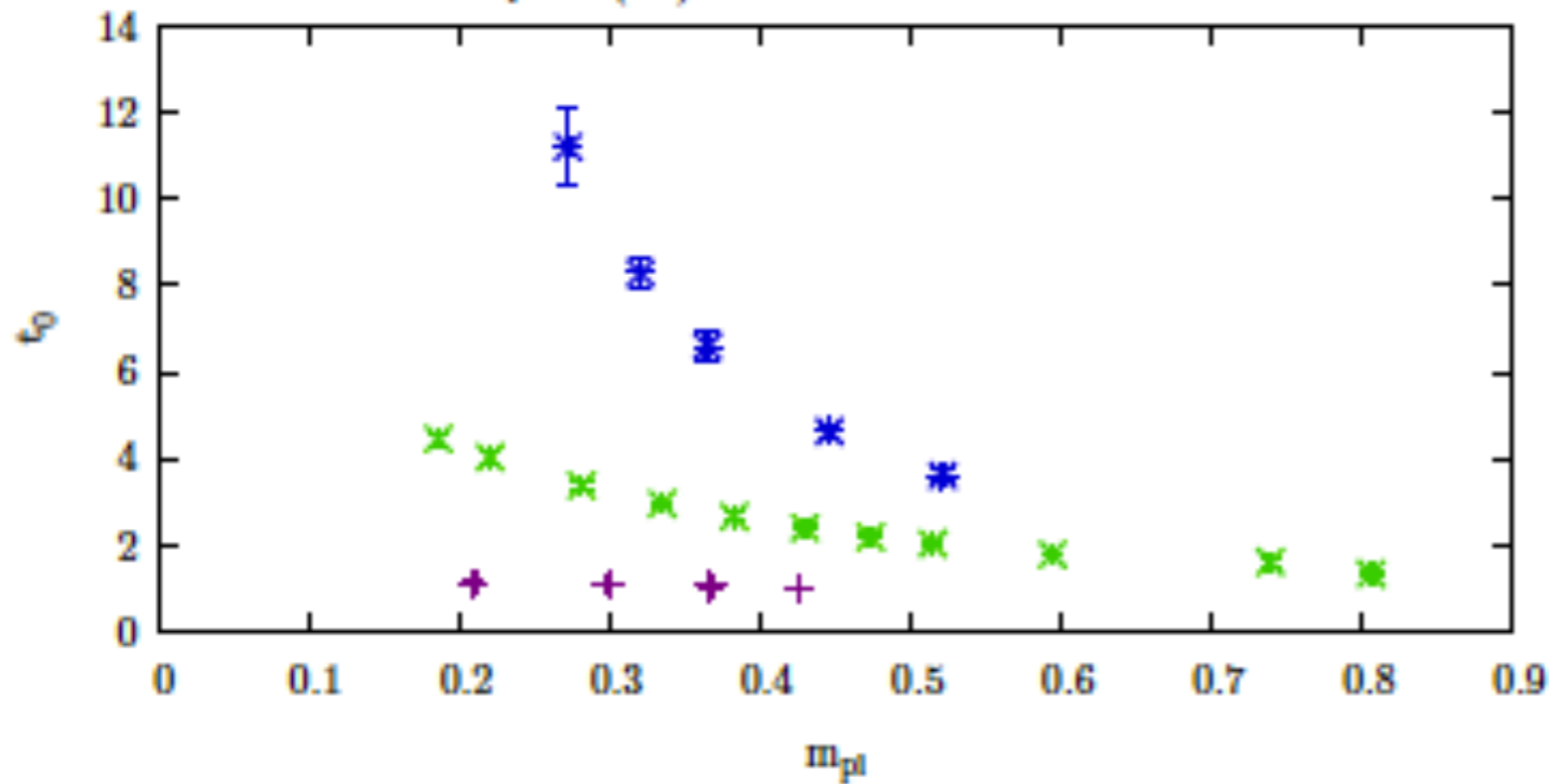


$t_0$  vs  $m_\pi$  :

Scale determination:

$$t^2 \langle E \rangle |_{t=t_0} = 0.3$$

$N_f = 4$  (SF)  $\text{---} \text{+} \text{---}$      $N_f = 12$  (SF, subvolume)  $\text{---} * \text{---}$   
 $N_f = 8$  (SF)  $\text{---} \times \text{---}$



$N_f=4$ ; flat in  $m_\pi \rightarrow 0$

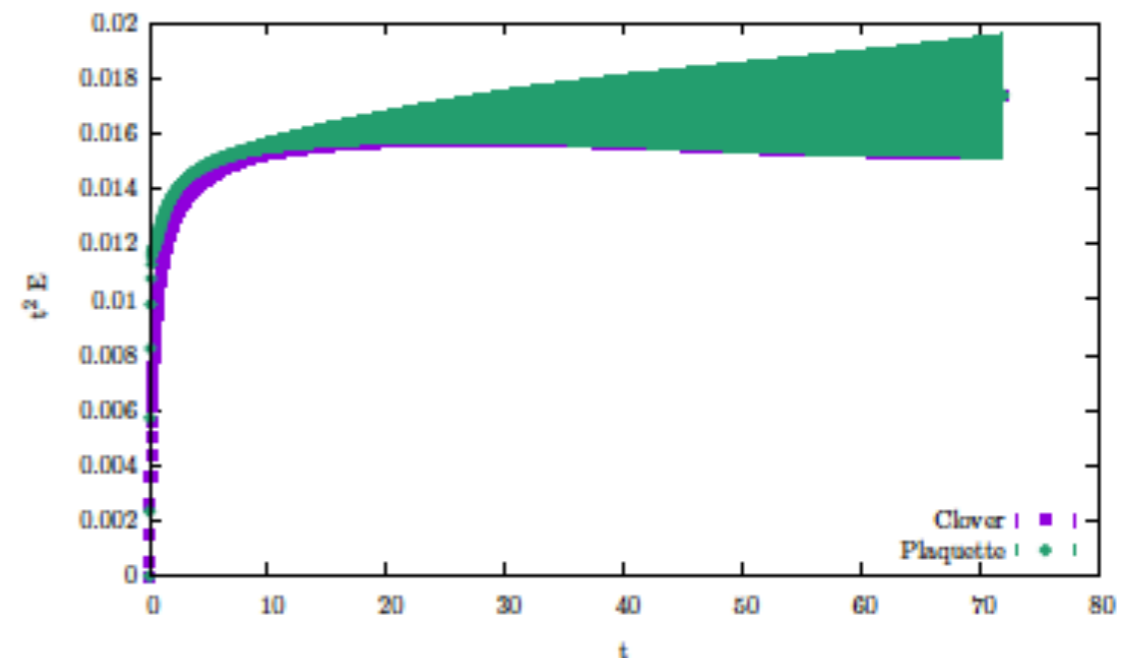
$N_f=12$ ; blowup in  $m_\pi \rightarrow 0$

$N_f=8$ ; ? in  $m_\pi \rightarrow 0$

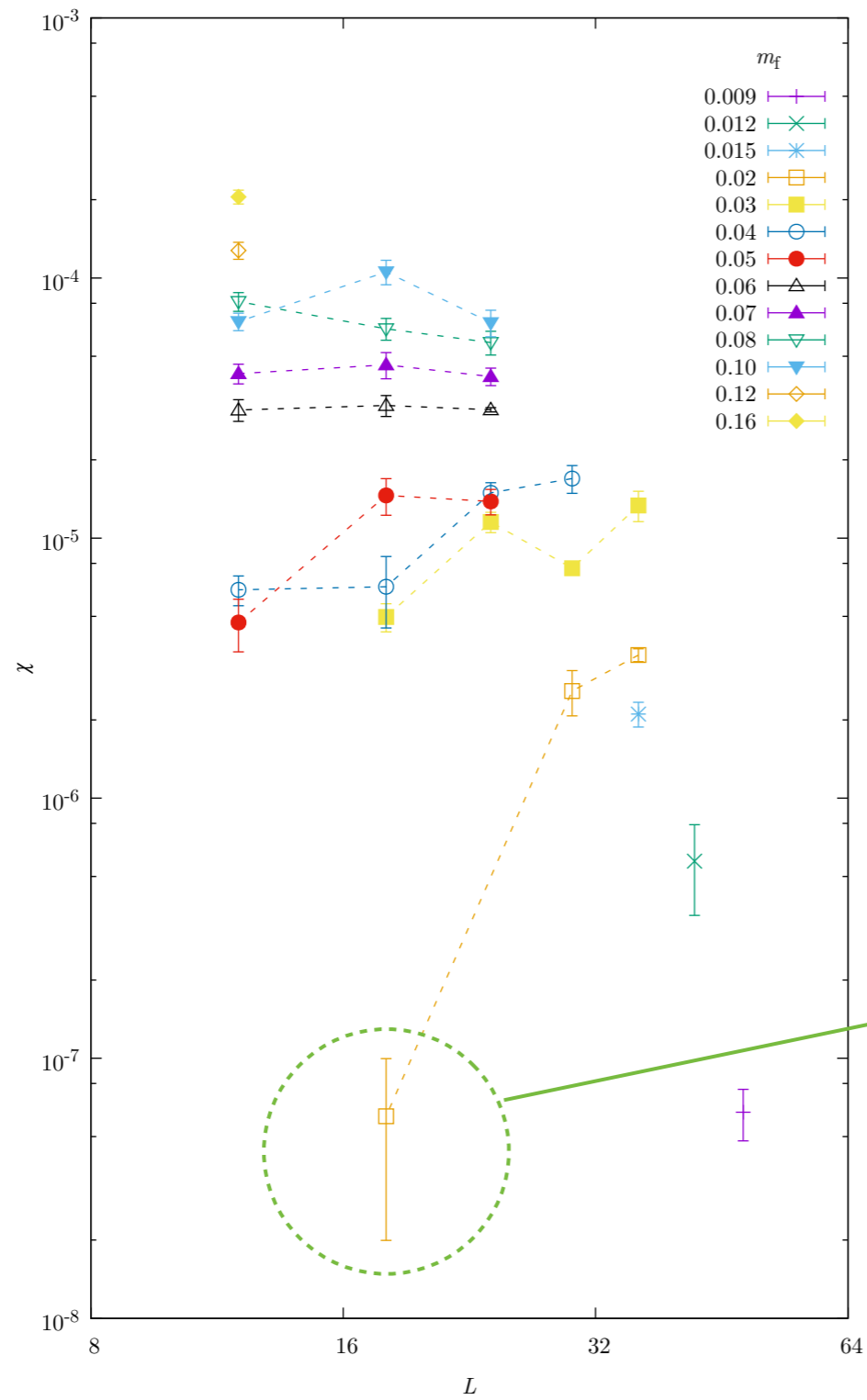
$t^2 E$  vs  $t$  (flow time) in  $N_f=16$

We can't extract  $t_0$  for the current  $N_f = 16$  data, as  $t^2 E$  flattens off before it reaches 0.3.

$N_f = 16, L = 48, m = 0.015$

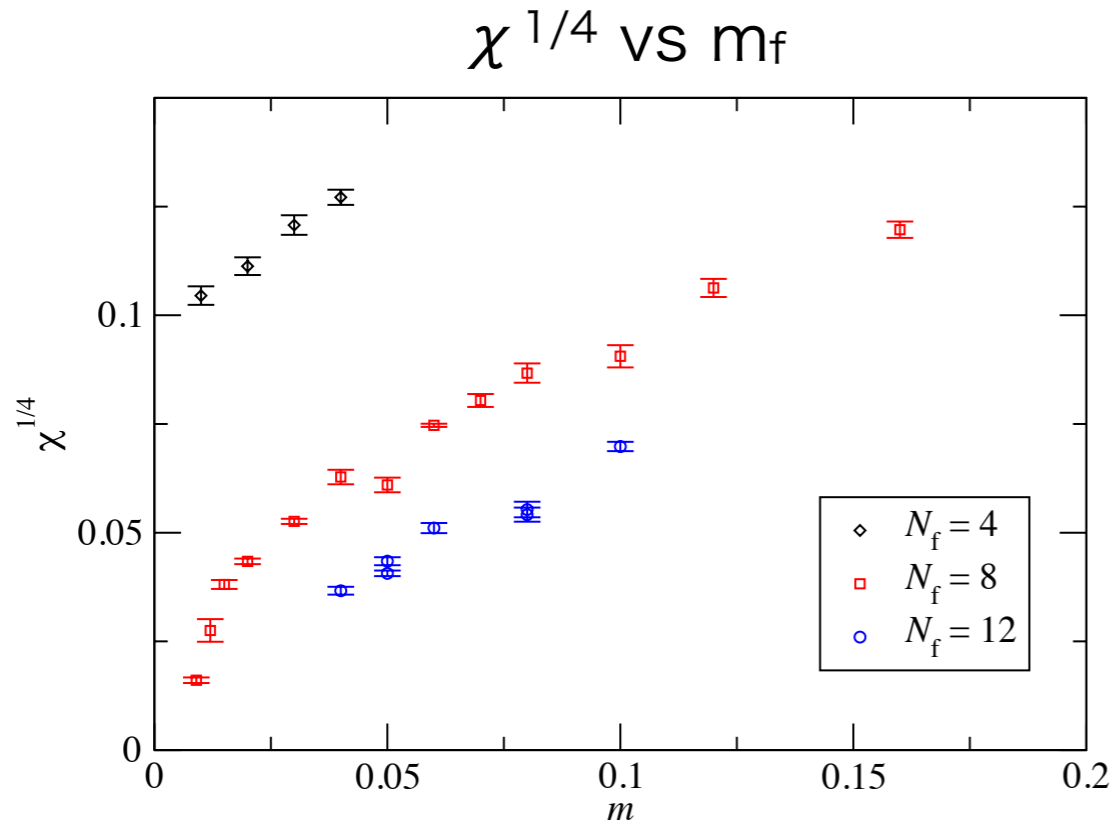


# Nf=8 Finite volume study of $\chi_{\text{top}}$



At small  $m_f$  on small Vol.,  $\chi_{\text{top}}$  is almost frozen.

# Analysis of $\chi_{\text{top}} - (1)$



In hadron phase: (ChPT)

$$\chi = C m_f + f(a)$$

$f(a)$ : lattice artifact

$$\chi^{1/4} = (C m_f + f(a))^{1/4}$$

(blue line)

In conformal phase: (Hyperscaling)

$$\chi^{1/4} = A m_f^{\frac{1}{1+\gamma}}$$

(green line)

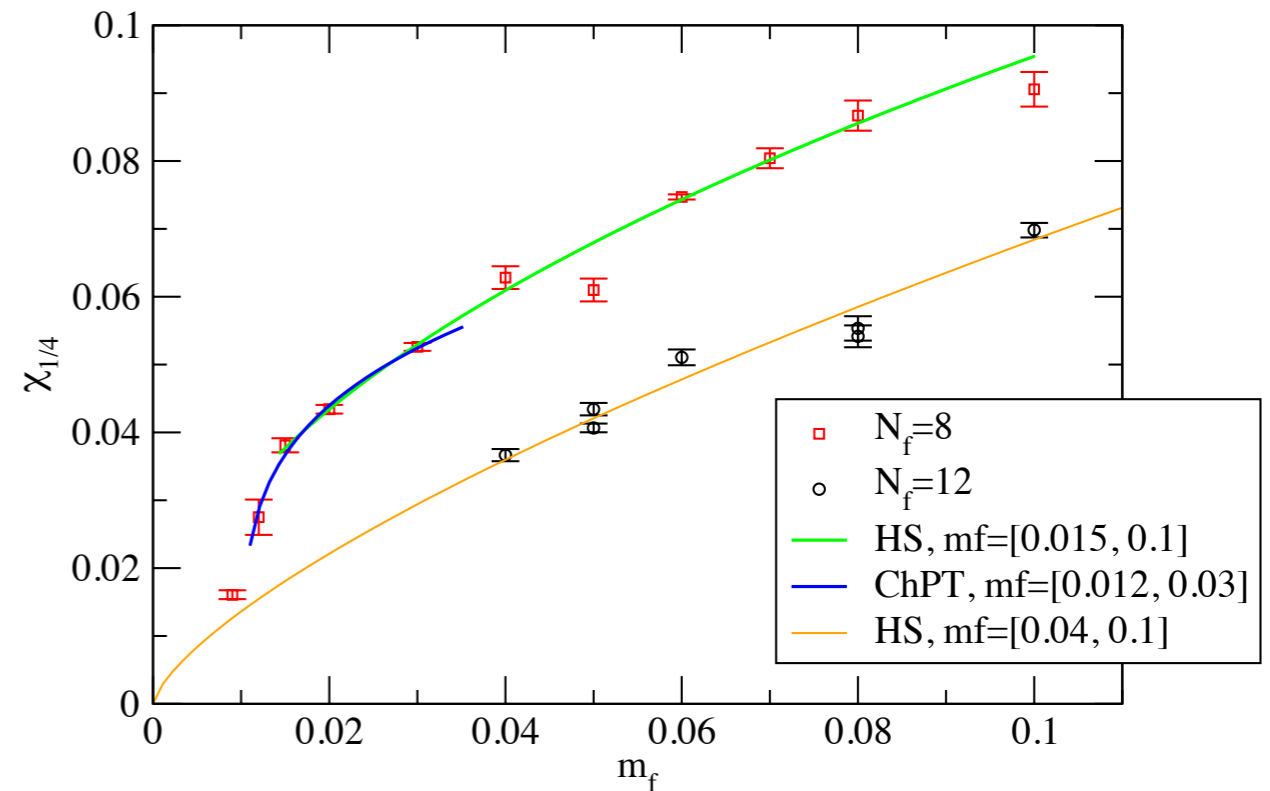
both ChPT and Hyperscaling

→ It seems to be good.

$$\gamma = 1.04(4) \text{ in } N_f=8$$

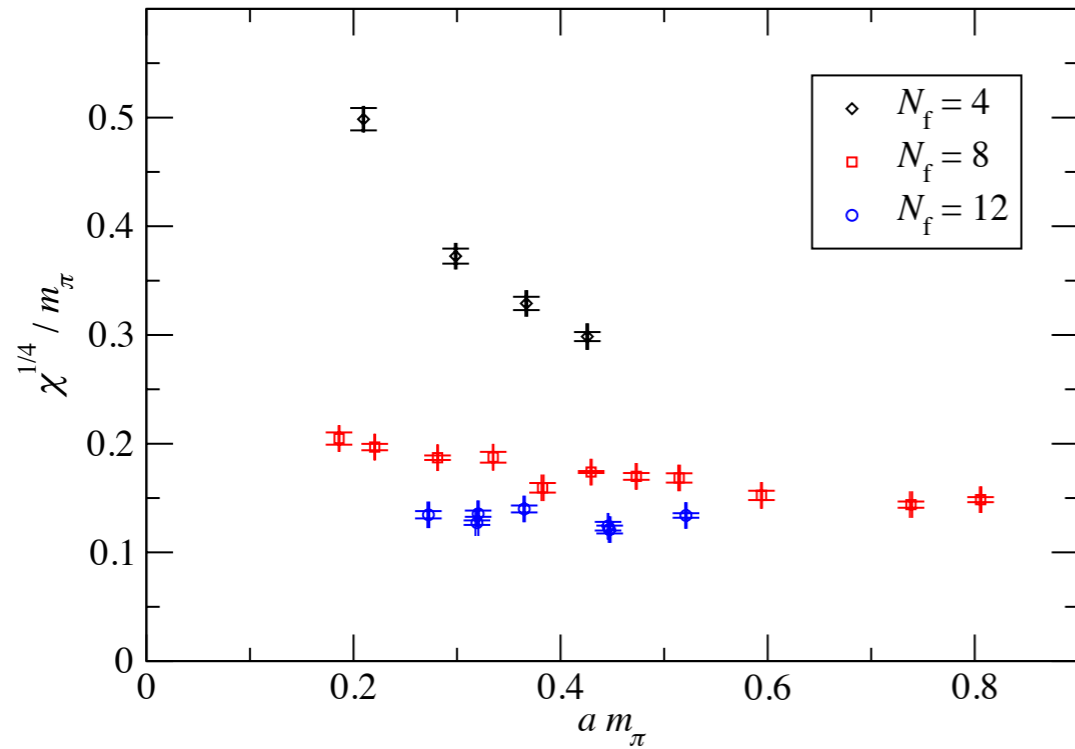
$$\gamma = 0.43(5) \text{ in } N_f=12$$

$N_f=8$  and  $12$  data and fit

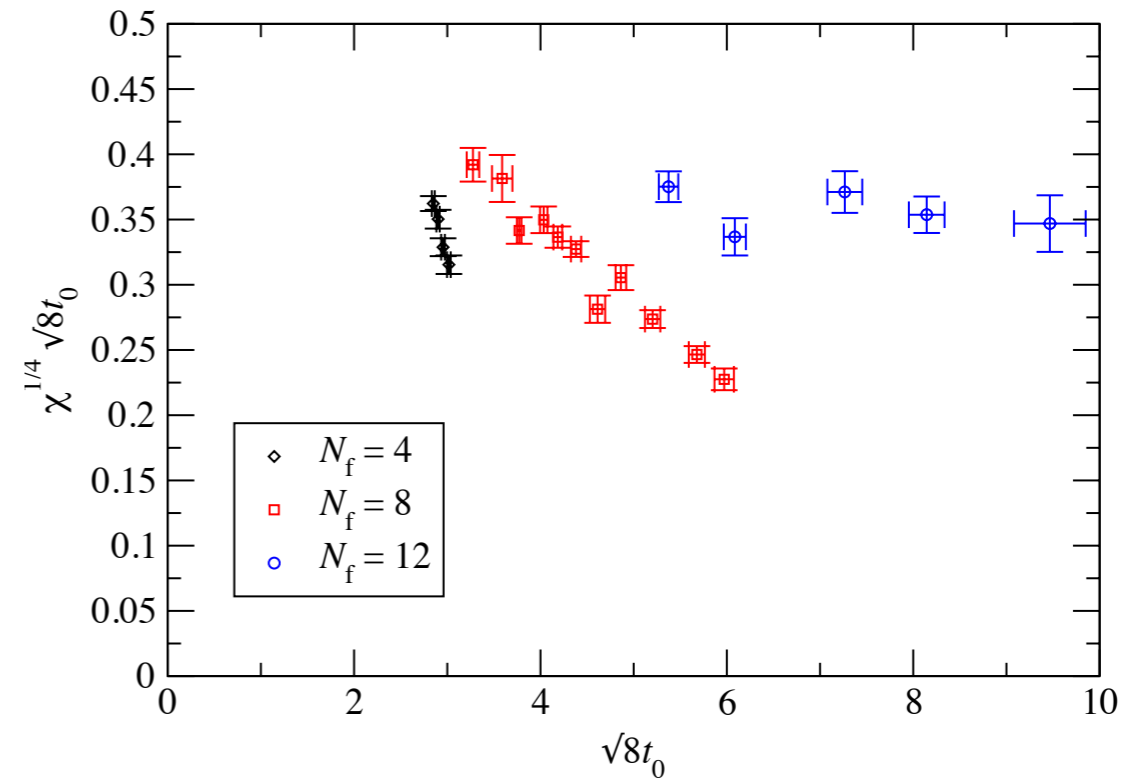


# Analysis of $\chi_{\text{top}} - (2)$

$\chi^{1/4}/m_\pi$  vs  $m_\pi$



$\chi^{1/4}\sqrt{8t_0}$  vs  $\sqrt{8t_0}$



$N_f=4$ :  $\chi^{1/4}/m_\pi$  &  $\chi^{1/4}\sqrt{8t_0}$  ↖  
steep slope

for  $m_\pi$  &  $\sqrt{8t_0} \rightarrow 0$

$N_f=12$ :  $\chi^{1/4}/m_\pi$  &  $\chi^{1/4}\sqrt{8t_0}$  ←  
flat

for  $m_\pi$  &  $\sqrt{8t_0} \rightarrow 0$

$N_f=8$ : between  $N_f=4$  and 12

# Summary-(1): $Q_{\text{top}}$ and $\chi_{\text{top}}$

From  $Q_{\text{top}}$  and  $\chi_{\text{top}}$ ,

it is difficult with current data to determine whether  $N_f=8$  is confining/walking/conformal.

$$\gamma = 1.04(4)$$

However,

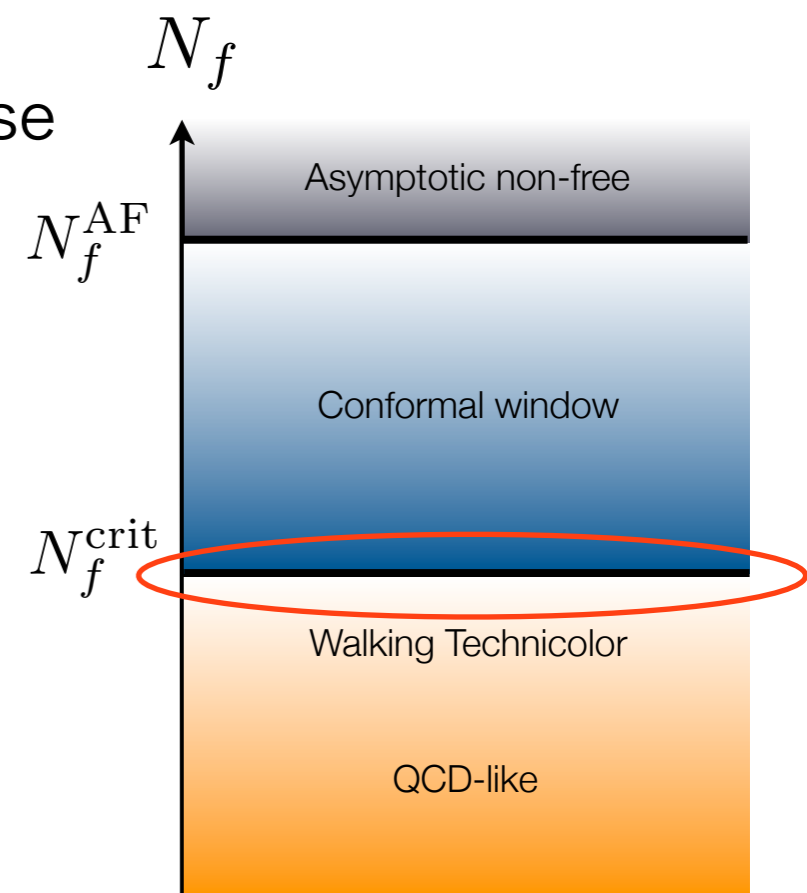
$\chi_{\text{top}}$  in  $N_f=8$  is just between  $N_f=4$  and 12.

{ If  $\chi_{\text{top}}$  in  $N_f=4$  is regarded as in the hadron phase  
If  $\chi_{\text{top}}$  in  $N_f=12$  is regarded as in the conformal phase

$$\gamma(N_f=12) = 0.43(5)$$

$\Rightarrow N_f=8$  is in the near-conformal/walking phase.  
(near the conformal edge)

We have to confirm this conjecture.



# **3. Eigenvalues and Anomalous dimension**

# ★ Contribution of $\lambda \sim 0$ region (IR)

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = \lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \lim_{V \rightarrow \infty} \int d\lambda \rho(\lambda) \frac{2m}{\lambda^2 + m^2} = \pi \rho(\lambda = 0) \quad \text{Banks-Casher relation}$$

$\rho(\lambda)$  is measured in the dynamical gauge background.

$$\Rightarrow \rho_{m_f}(\lambda) = \langle \rho(\lambda) \rangle_{m_f} \quad \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{m_f} = \int dU \mathcal{O}(U) \det(i\lambda(U) + m_f) \exp(-S_g(U))$$

$$\nu(\lambda, m_f) = \int_0^\lambda \rho_{m_f}(\omega) d\omega \quad , \quad \lambda = \sqrt{EV(D_{\text{HISQ}}^\dagger D_{\text{HISQ}})}, \text{ for } D_{\text{HISQ}}^\dagger D_{\text{HISQ}} + m_f^2$$

If the system is in the conformal,

$$\nu(\lambda, m_f) = d_1 \lambda^{\alpha+1}$$

$$\alpha + 1 = \frac{4}{1 + \gamma}$$

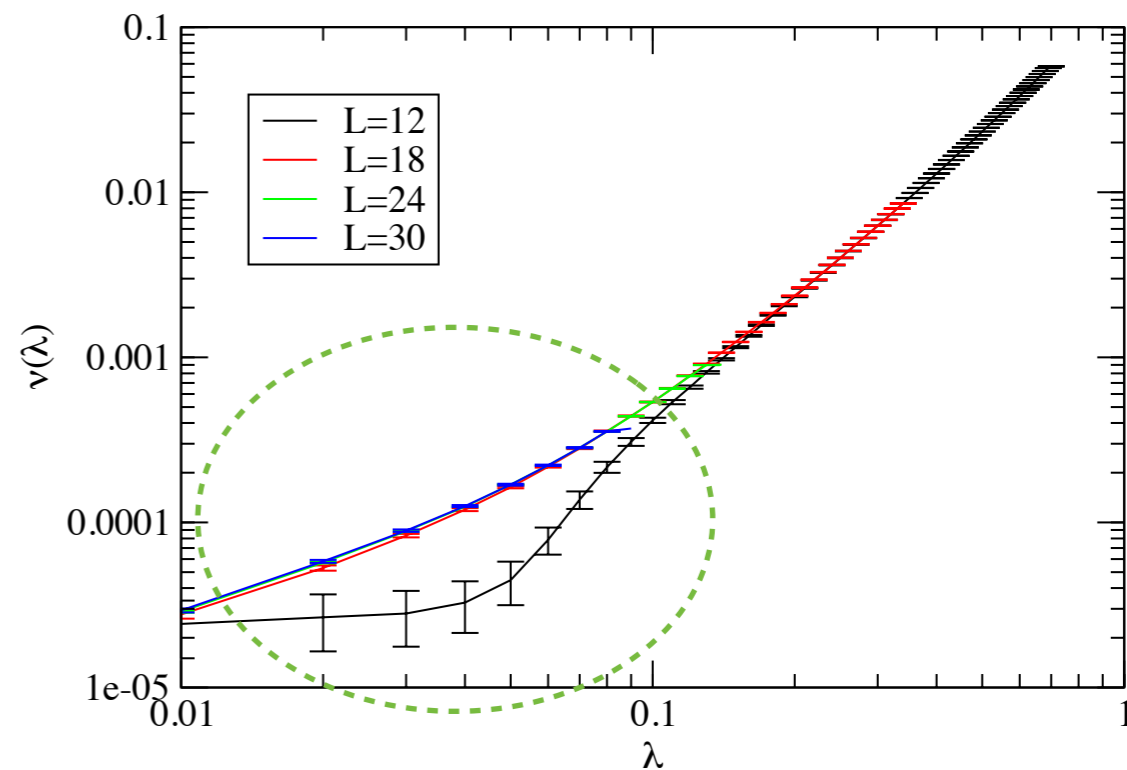
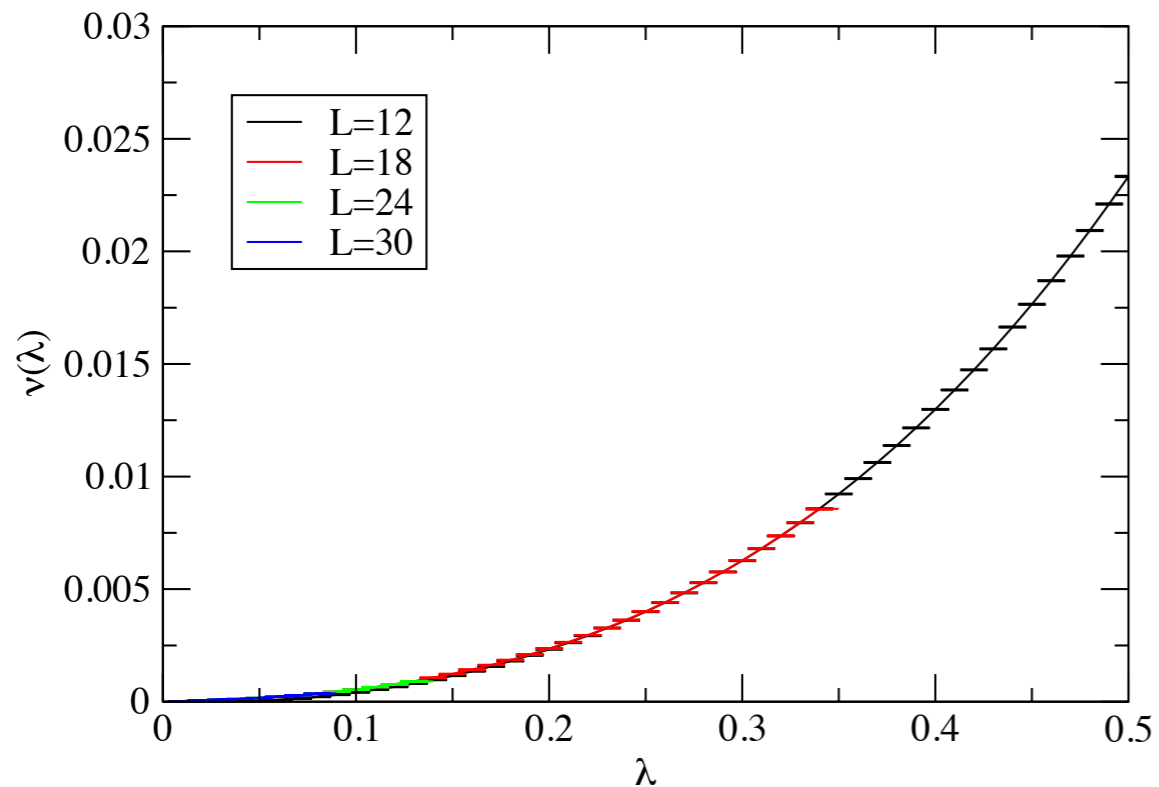
$\gamma$  is a function of  $\lambda$  and  $m_f$ ;  $\gamma = \gamma(\lambda, m_f)$

$$\alpha + 1 = \frac{\ln \nu_2 - \ln \nu_1}{\ln \lambda_2 - \ln \lambda_1} \quad \text{where} \quad \lambda_2 = \lambda_1 + \Delta$$

$\Rightarrow$  local  $\gamma$  ( $\gamma_{\text{eff}}$ )

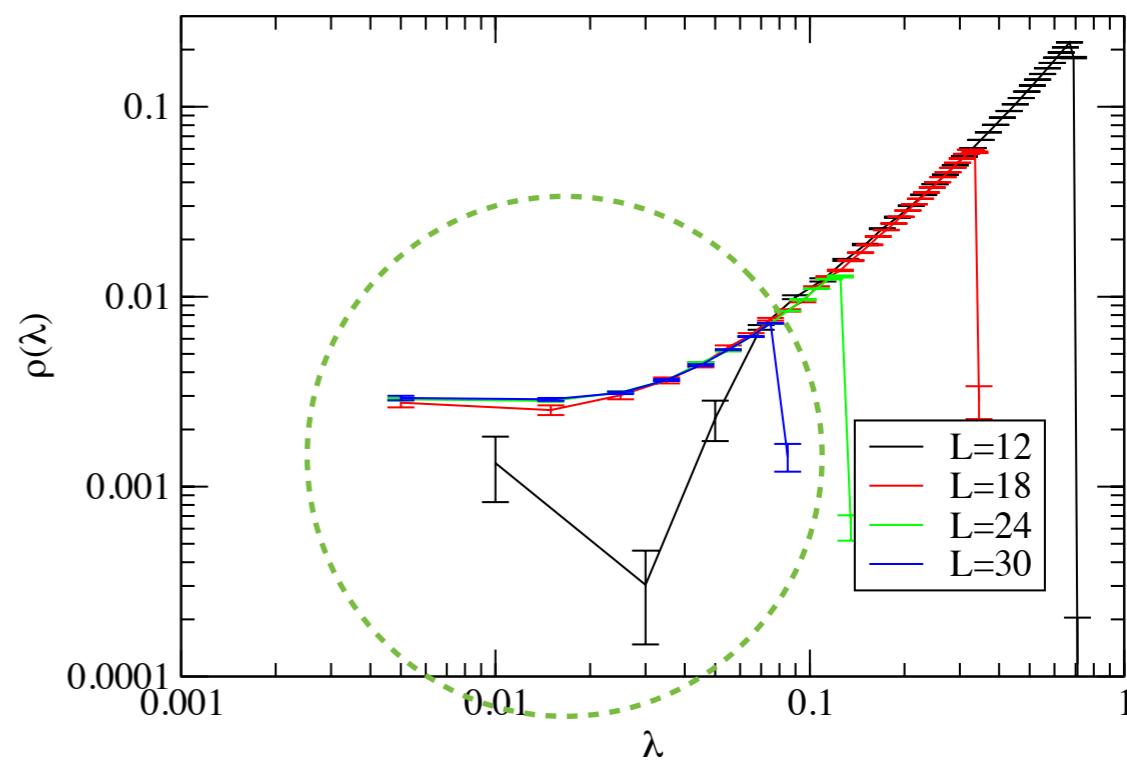
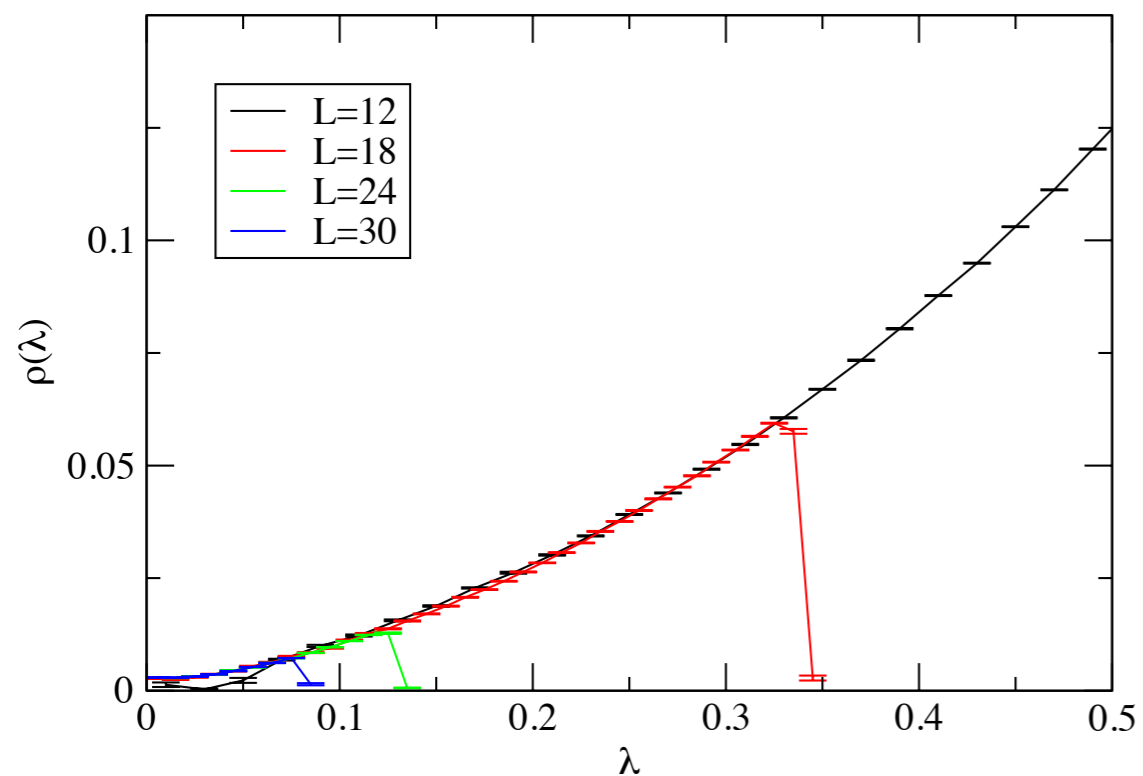
Nf=8, mf=0.04, mode number counting,  $\nu(\lambda)$

log-log plot



Nf=8, mf=0.04, spectral density,  $\rho_{mf}(\lambda)$

log-log plot



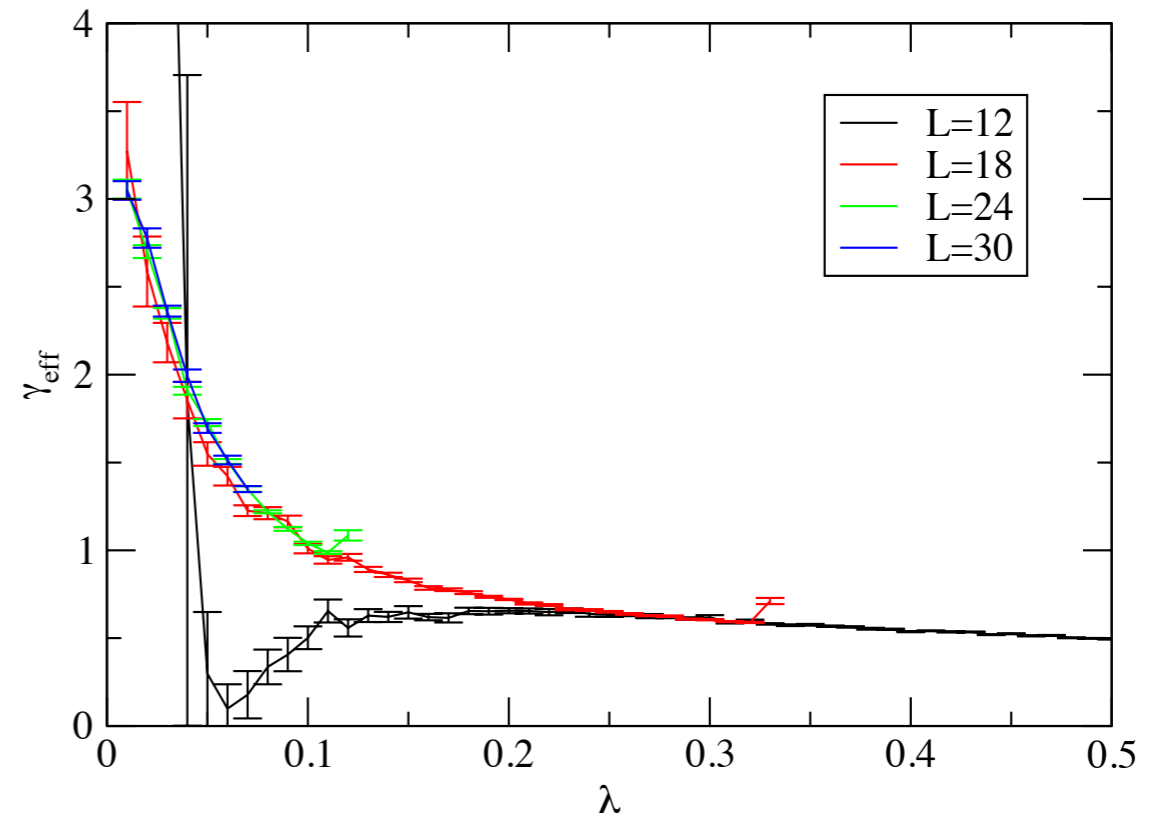
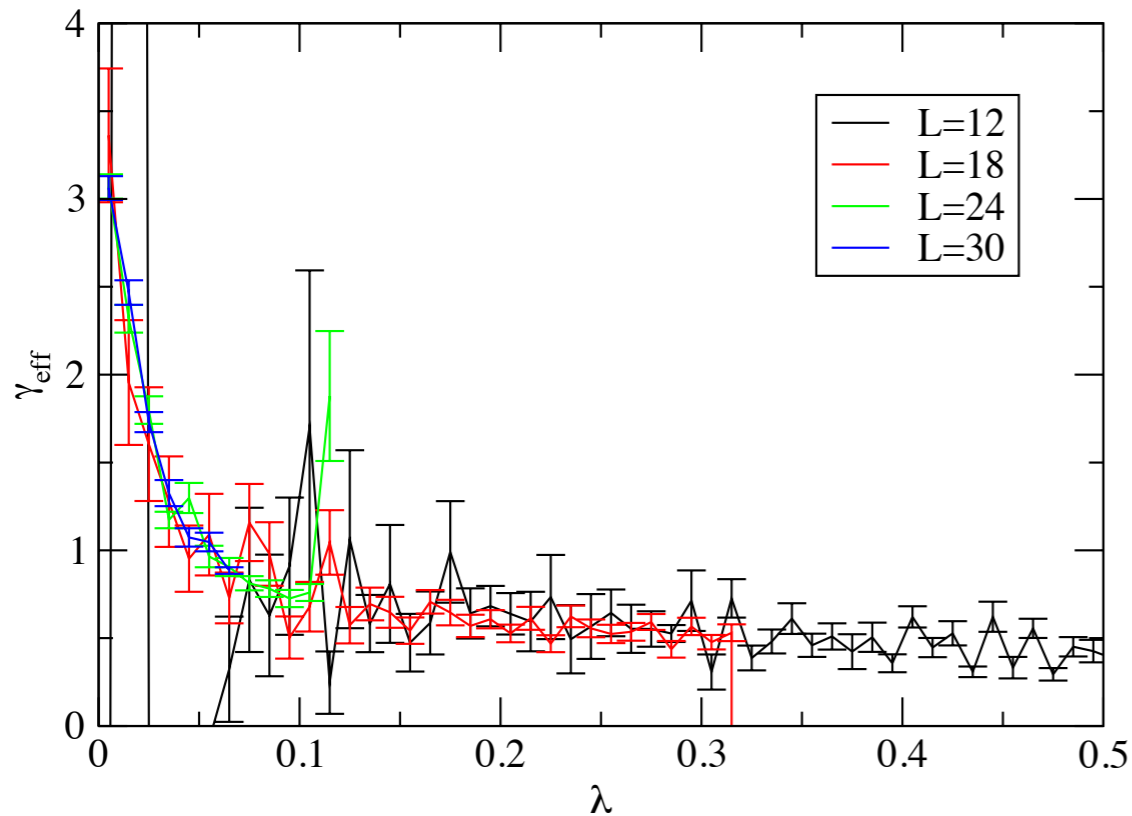


# Effective $\gamma_{\text{eff}}$ from $\rho(\lambda)$ and $\nu(\lambda)$

from  $\rho_{\text{mf}}(\lambda)$

**Nf=8, m=0.04**

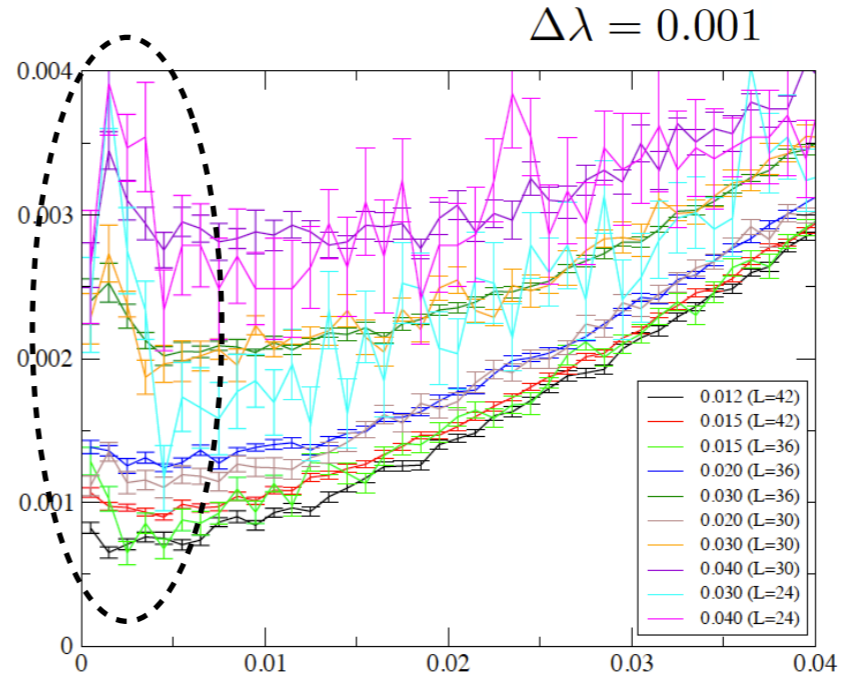
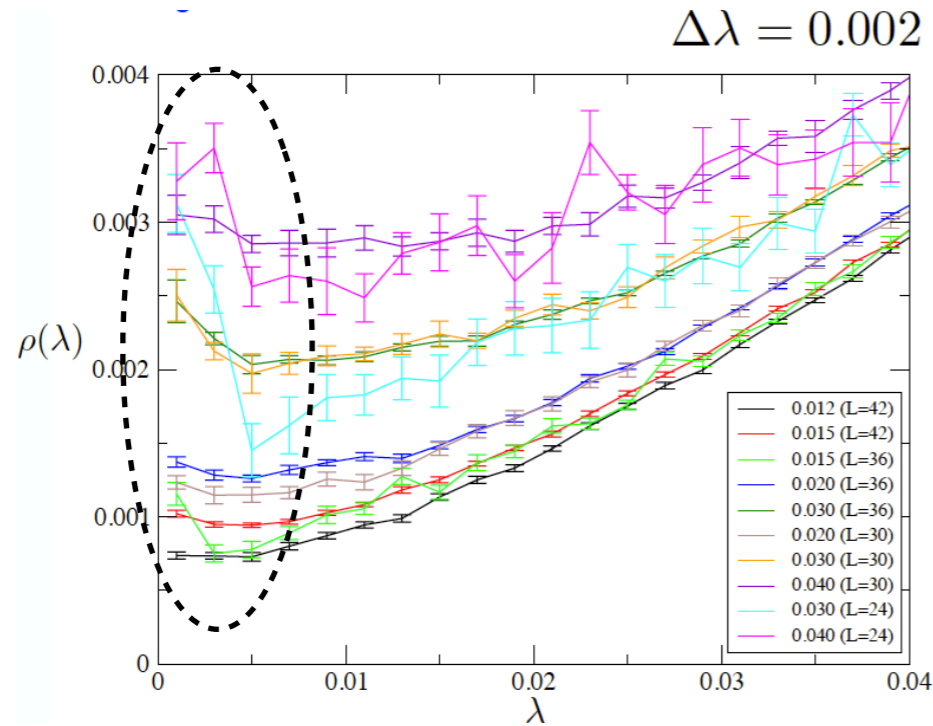
from  $\nu(\lambda)$



$\gamma_{\text{eff}} = 0.5 \sim 0.7$  for  $\lambda > 0.1 \sim 0.2$  ( $\gg m_f$ )

This value is smaller than  $\gamma$  from the spectroscopy.

# Behavior and Care in $\lambda \sim 0$ region:



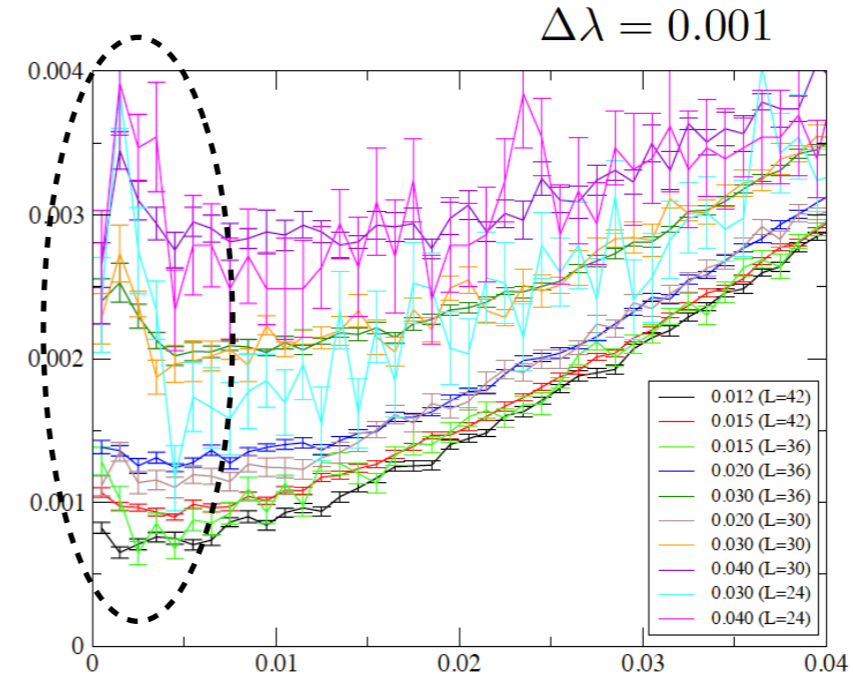
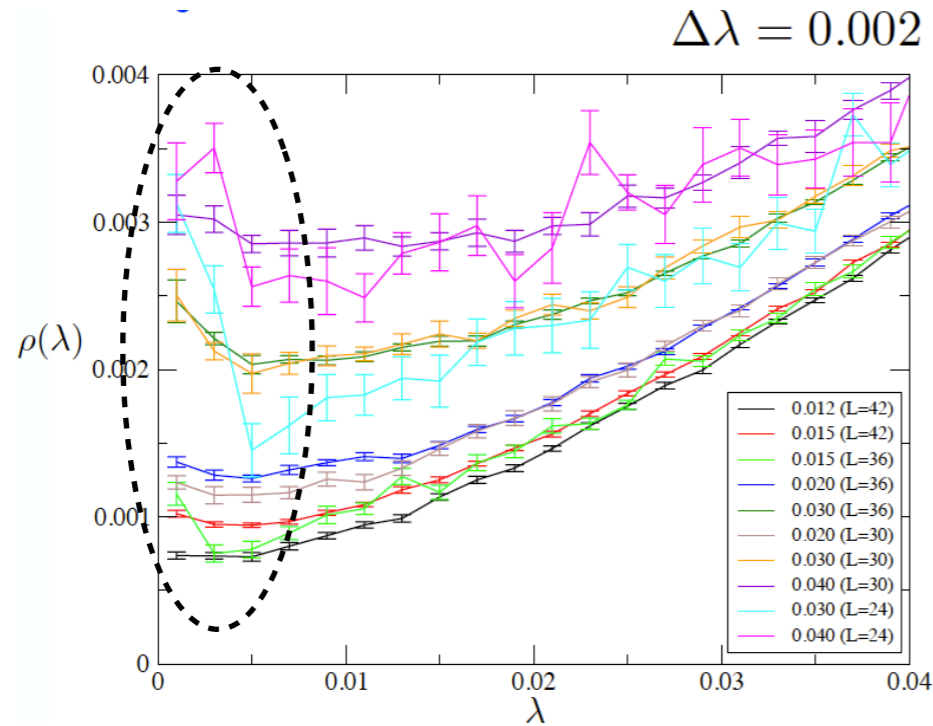
At  $\lambda \sim 0$ ,  $\rho(\lambda)$  has the strong dependence of  $\Delta\lambda$  (=bin size of histogram).  
 For finer  $\Delta\lambda$ ,  $\rho(\lambda \sim 0)$  has a peak.  $\rightarrow$  mass deformed effect?

$\rho_{m_f}(\lambda) = c_0 + c_1 \lambda^\alpha$  is not valid.

$$\nu(\lambda, m_f) = \int_0^\lambda \rho_{m_f}(\omega) d\omega$$

$\nu(\lambda, m_f) = d_0 \lambda + d_1 \lambda^{\alpha+1}$  doesn't describe exactly this behavior.

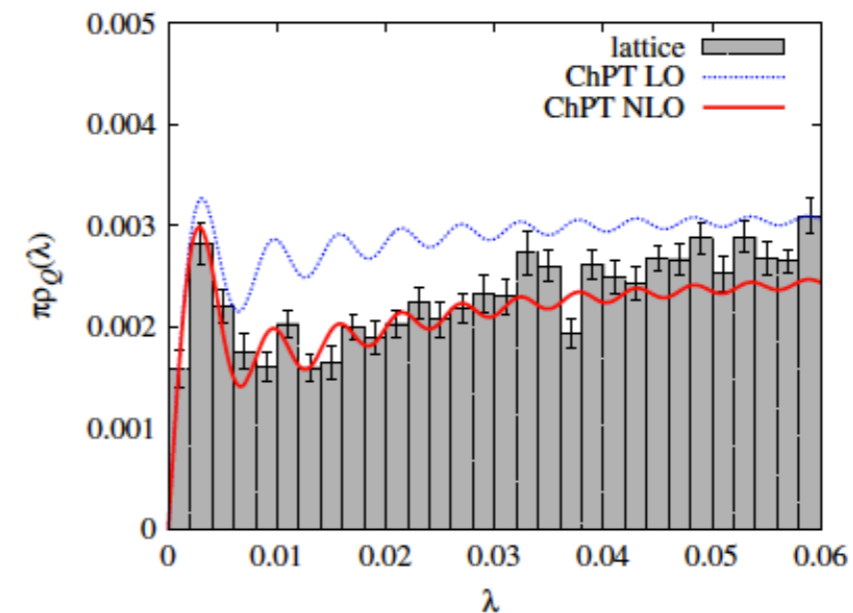
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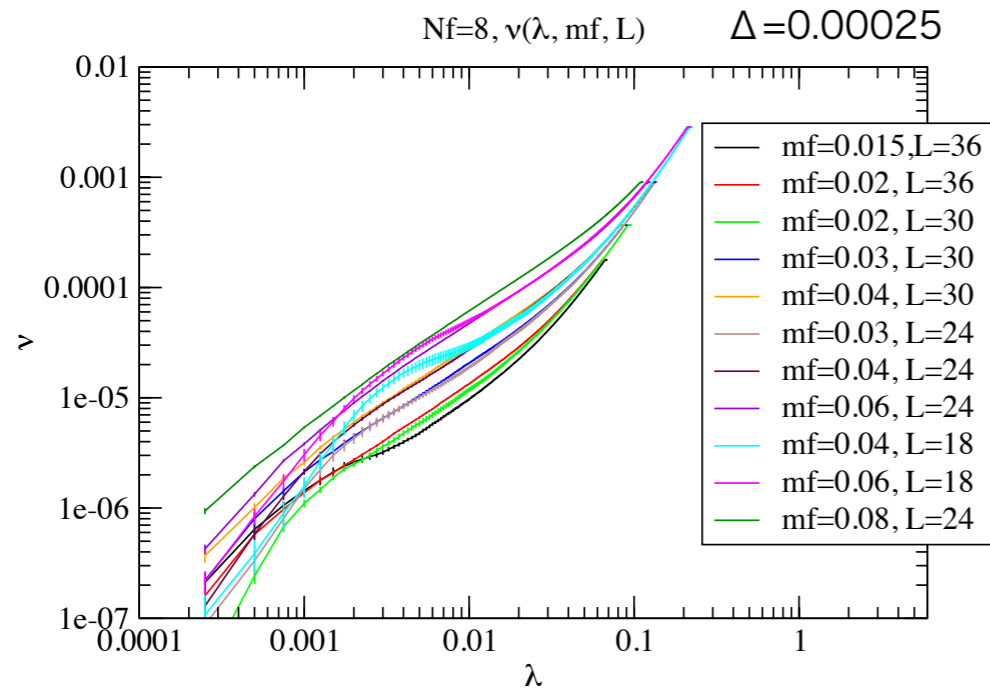
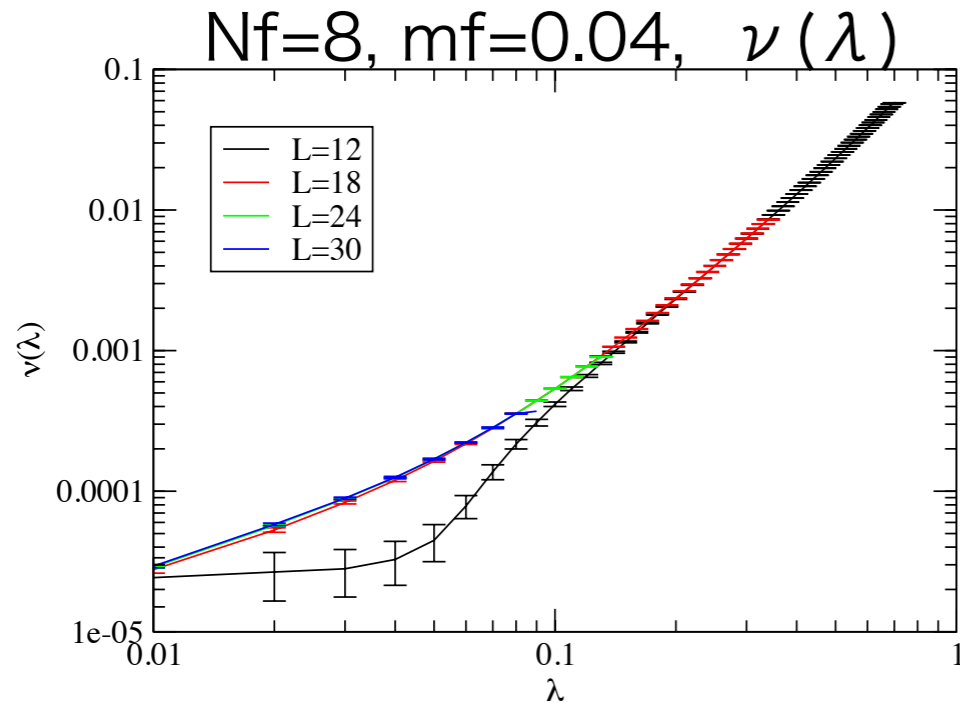
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 For finer  $\Delta\lambda$ ,  $\rho(\lambda \sim 0)$  has a peak.  $\rightarrow$  **mass deformed effect?**

Is it similar to the  $\varepsilon$ -regime ChPT?

c.f. H.Fukaya et al., PRL104(2010)122002



Furthermore; to consider  $\lambda \sim 0$  (IR) region



It seems that  $\nu(\lambda)$  is independent of mf  
for  $\lambda > 0.2 \gg mf$

For  $\lambda < 0.1$ ,  $\nu(\lambda)$  is not simple power behavior.

$\Rightarrow \gamma$  obtained from  $\lambda > 0.1 \sim 0.2 \equiv$  the anomalous dimension?

## Summary-(2): EV and $\gamma$

From EV distribution and the mode number counting,

$$\gamma = 0.5 \sim 0.7 \text{ (Nf=8) for } \lambda > 0.1 \sim 0.2 (\gg m_f)$$

smaller than that from spectroscopy ( $\gamma = 0.7 \sim 1.0$ )

Why?  $\Rightarrow$  We should make clear.

We estimate  $\gamma$  from large  $\lambda$  region. ( $\lambda \gg m_f$ )

$\Rightarrow$  near UV  $\lambda$ ? (very far from IR?)

At  $\lambda \sim 0$ , the peak in  $\rho(\lambda)$  appears. Is this similar to the  $\varepsilon$ -regime ChPT?

(Due to mass deformed,  $m_f \neq 0$  effect?)

Our simulation is done in  $m_f \neq 0$  dynamical gauge background.

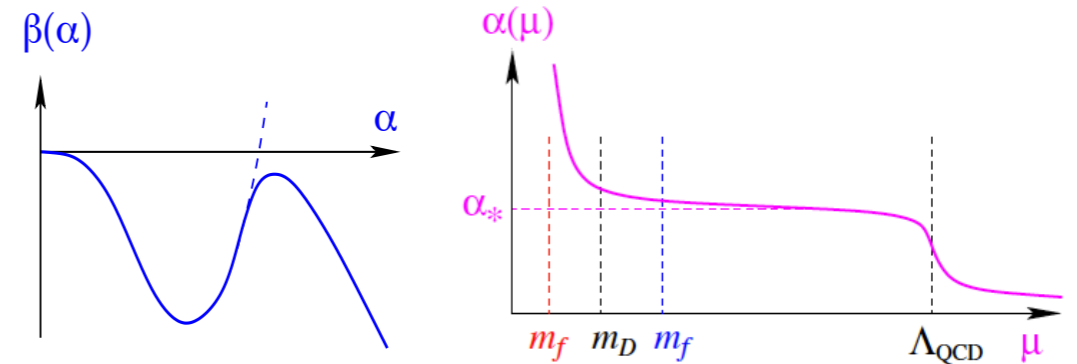
$\Rightarrow$  How to take  $m_f \rightarrow 0$ ?

$\Rightarrow$  How to treat  $\lambda \sim 0$  region?

# Summary

- ◆ SU(3) gauge theories with 8 HISQ quarks.

Preliminary (data updated: 2013 → 2014 → 2015)



- ◆  $F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$  + Gradient flow
- ◆ Topological charge & susceptibility  $\Rightarrow \gamma = 1.04(4)$  in  $N_f=8$   
it is difficult with current data to determine whether  $N_f=8$  is confining/walking/conformal.
- ◆ Dirac Eigenvalue Distribution (Mode Number Counting)  
 $\Rightarrow$  Anomalous dimension  $\Rightarrow$  but, small value  
Care of  $\lambda=0$  region and  $m_f \rightarrow 0$

We have a lot of issues to understand a large  $N_f$  QCD

Furthermore,

What we are doing, What we are planning.

## Discussion:

In conformal/walking phase

(0) In each  $Q_{\text{top}}$  sector

(1) Index theorem

(2) Banks-Casher relation

(3) Leutwyler-Smilga relation

(4) Flow  $\Rightarrow$  smearing (smoothing)

(5) Glueball, String tension (Wilson loop), Polyakov loop

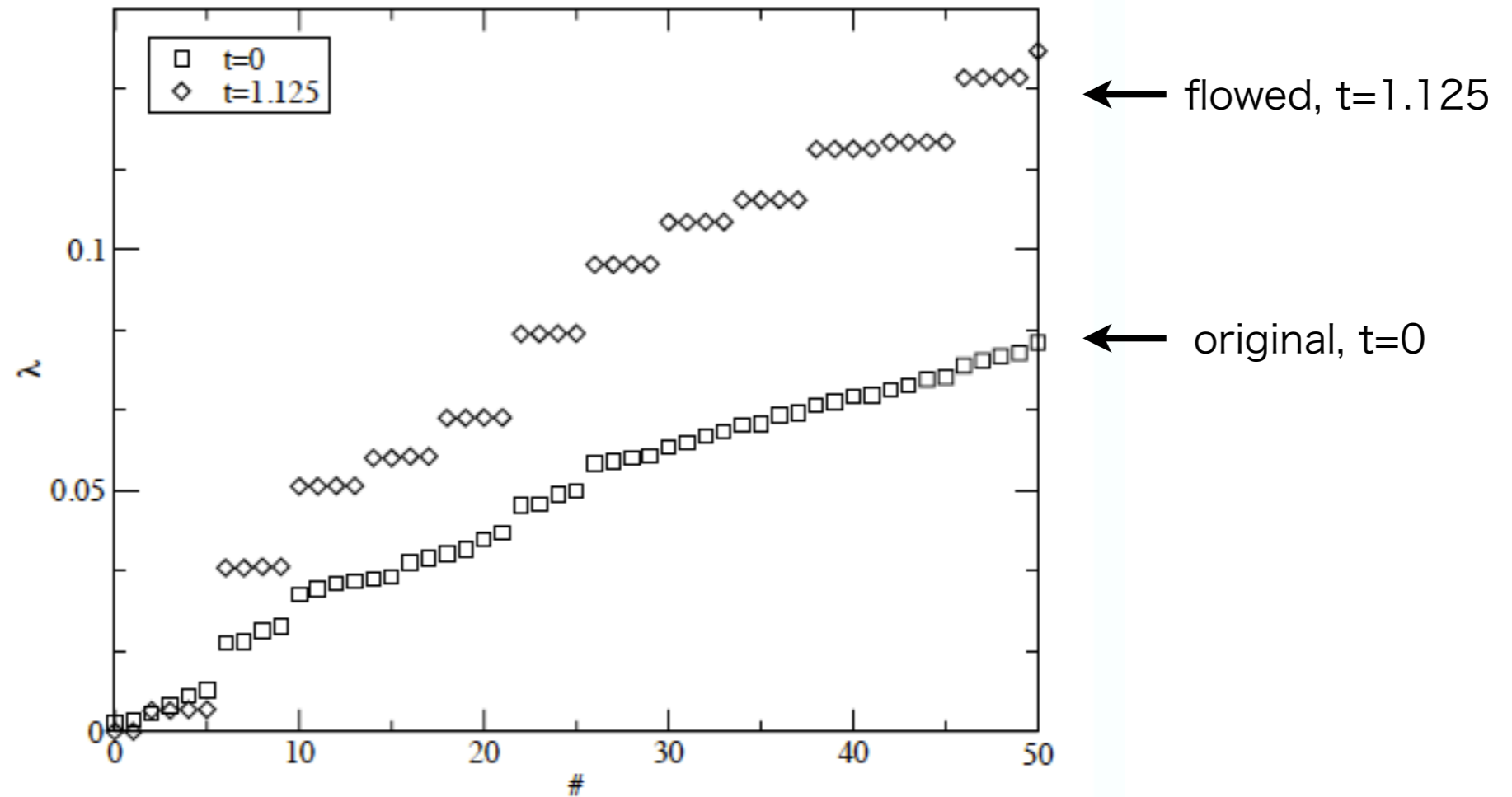
(6) Flavor singlet scalar meson (re-calc.), Cross Corr. with G-ball

(7) Flavor singlet Pseudo-scalar meson  $\Rightarrow$  probe of  $U(1)_A$



# Eigenvalue in gradient flow configuration

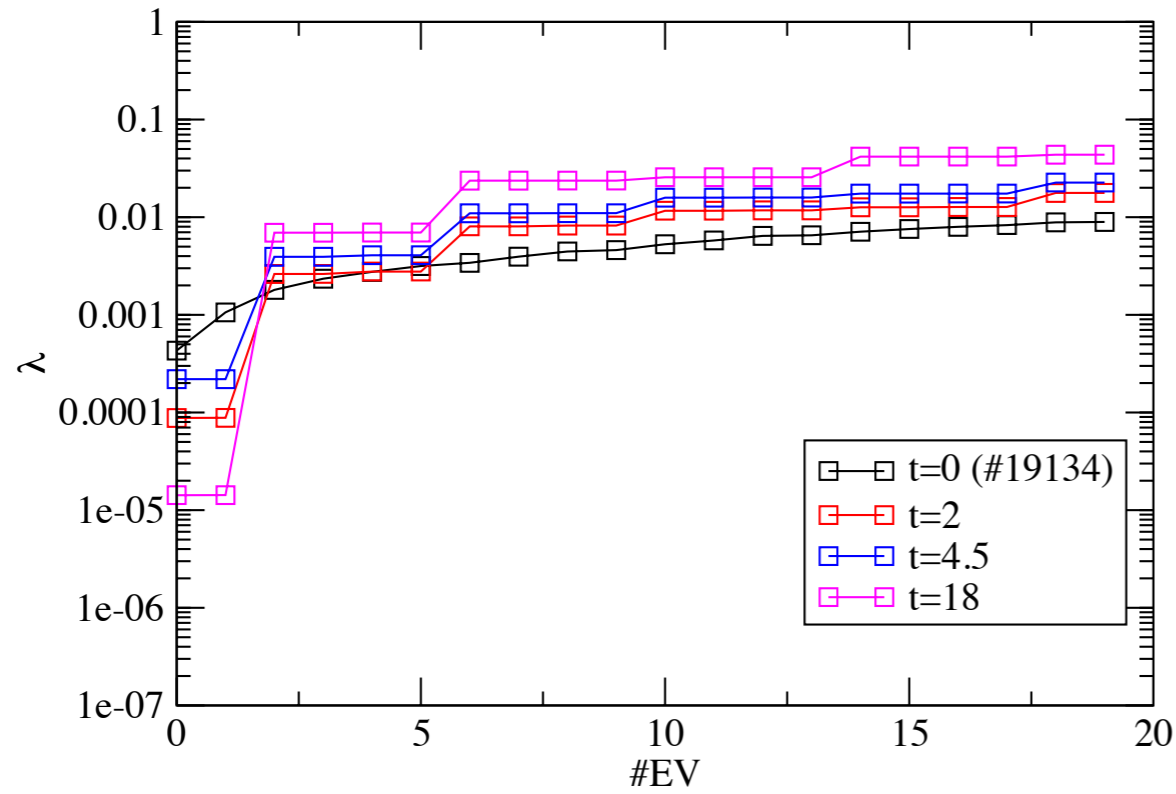
t: flow time (t=0: original configuration)



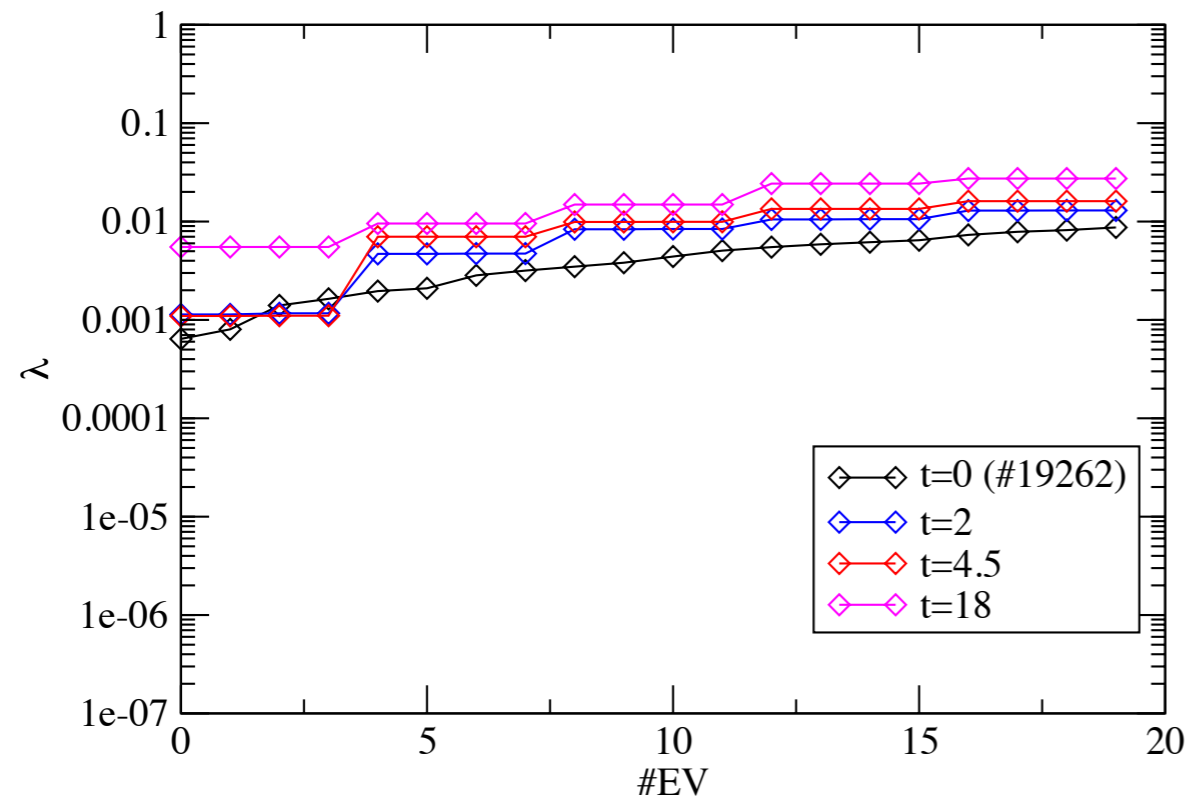
After the flow,  
it is possible to obtain the clear signal of EVs of staggered fermions.

Nf=8, L=24, mf=0.06

# EV behavior after the flow = spectral-“flow”



The cases that zero mode exists.

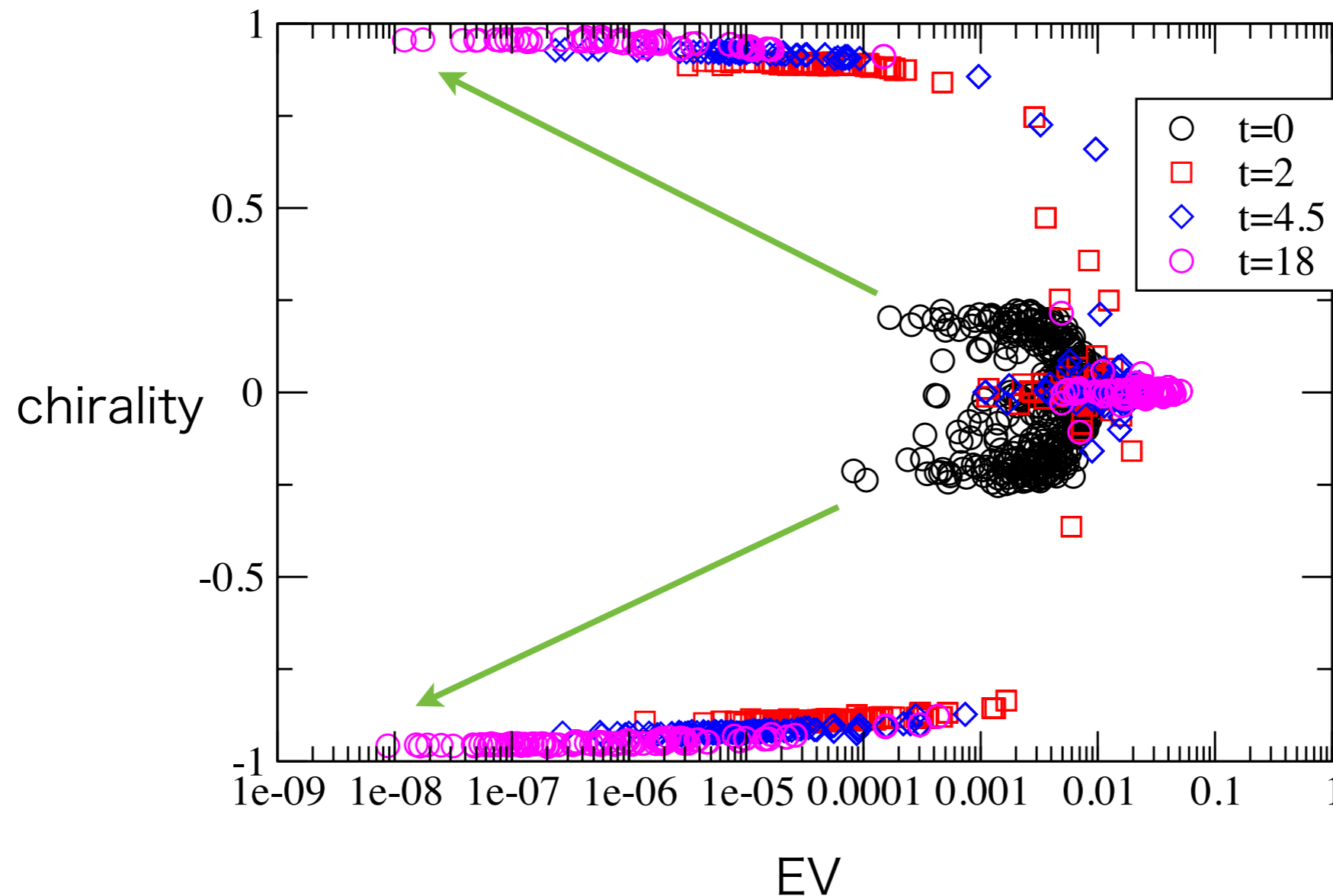


The case of no zero mode

# Chirality in the spectral-“flow”

20 configs. ( $N_{\text{ev}}=20$ )

$N_f=8, L=24, mf=0.06$



⇒ After the flow, the (would-be) zero mode appears with definite chiralities  $=\pm 1$ .

⇒ good application to the topological insights

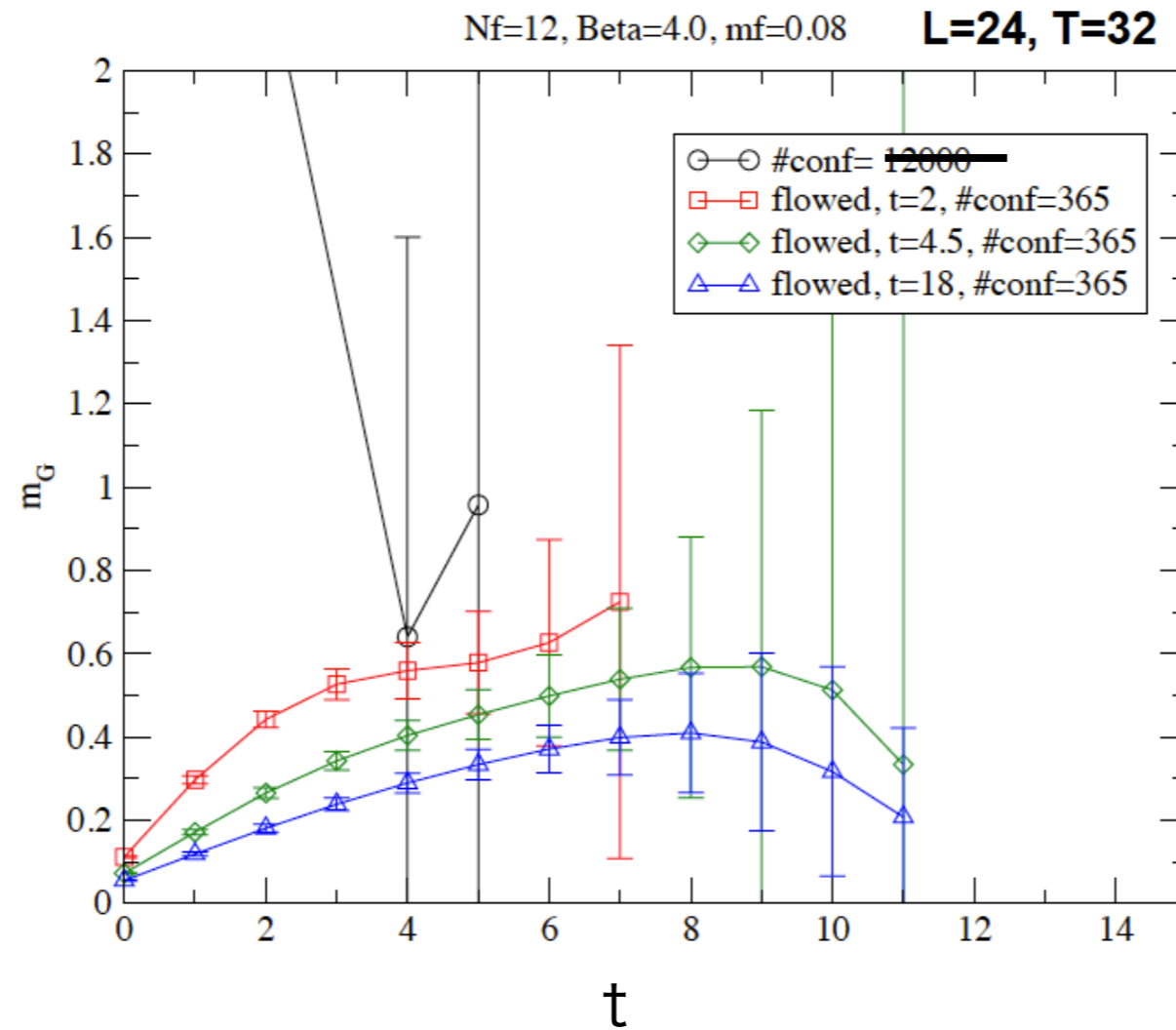
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# Glueball mass $(0^{++})$

effective mass,  $m_G = \log \frac{C_H(t)}{C_H(t+1)}$



t=0: no plateau  $\rightarrow$  cannot extract  $m_G$

t>0: plateau (?), better signal than t=0 case  $\rightarrow m_G$  or  $m_G\sqrt{t_0}$

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## $\eta'$ mass

$m_{\eta'}$  in  $N_c < N_f < N_f^{cr}$  and  $N_f > N_f^{cr}$  ?

In the region of  $N_f/N_c \ll 1$  or  $\gg 1$  ?

Witten-Veneziano formula, Veneziano limit ?

$U(1)_A$  in conformal phase ?

$$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = \lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \lim_{V \rightarrow \infty} \int d\lambda \rho(\lambda) \frac{2m}{\lambda^2 + m^2} = \pi \rho(\lambda = 0) = 0$$

? Instanton ,  $\langle \partial_\mu j_\mu^5 \rangle$  ,  $Q_{top}$  ,  $\chi_{top}$  ,  $\rho(\lambda)$  ?

$m_{\eta'}$  ?

## In Progress & In the near future

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Thank you