

Conformal Window and Correlation Functions in Lattice Conformal QCD

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Plan of Talk

- Briefly review our previous works on the **phase structure** of the lattice SU(3) QCD. Thereby clarify the reason why we conjecture that the conformal window is $7 \leq N_f \leq 16$
- Introduce the concept of “**conformal theory with IR cutoff**”. Propose **new predictions** about the propagator of a meson.
We verify that new numerical results satisfy our proposals for **Nf=7** and **Nf=16**.

(to be continued)

Plan of Talk (Cont.)

- Point out and verify that the propagator of a meson at $T/T_c > 1$ shows the characteristics of “conformal theory with IR cutoff”.

STAGES and TOOLS

- Lattice gauge theory
 - one-plaquette gauge action
 - Improved RG action: future plan
 - Wilson fermion action
- Lattice size: $N_x = N_y = N_z = N$; $N_t = r N$
- Lattice spacing: a
- PCAC quark mass: m_q
- $G(t)$: propagators of mesons

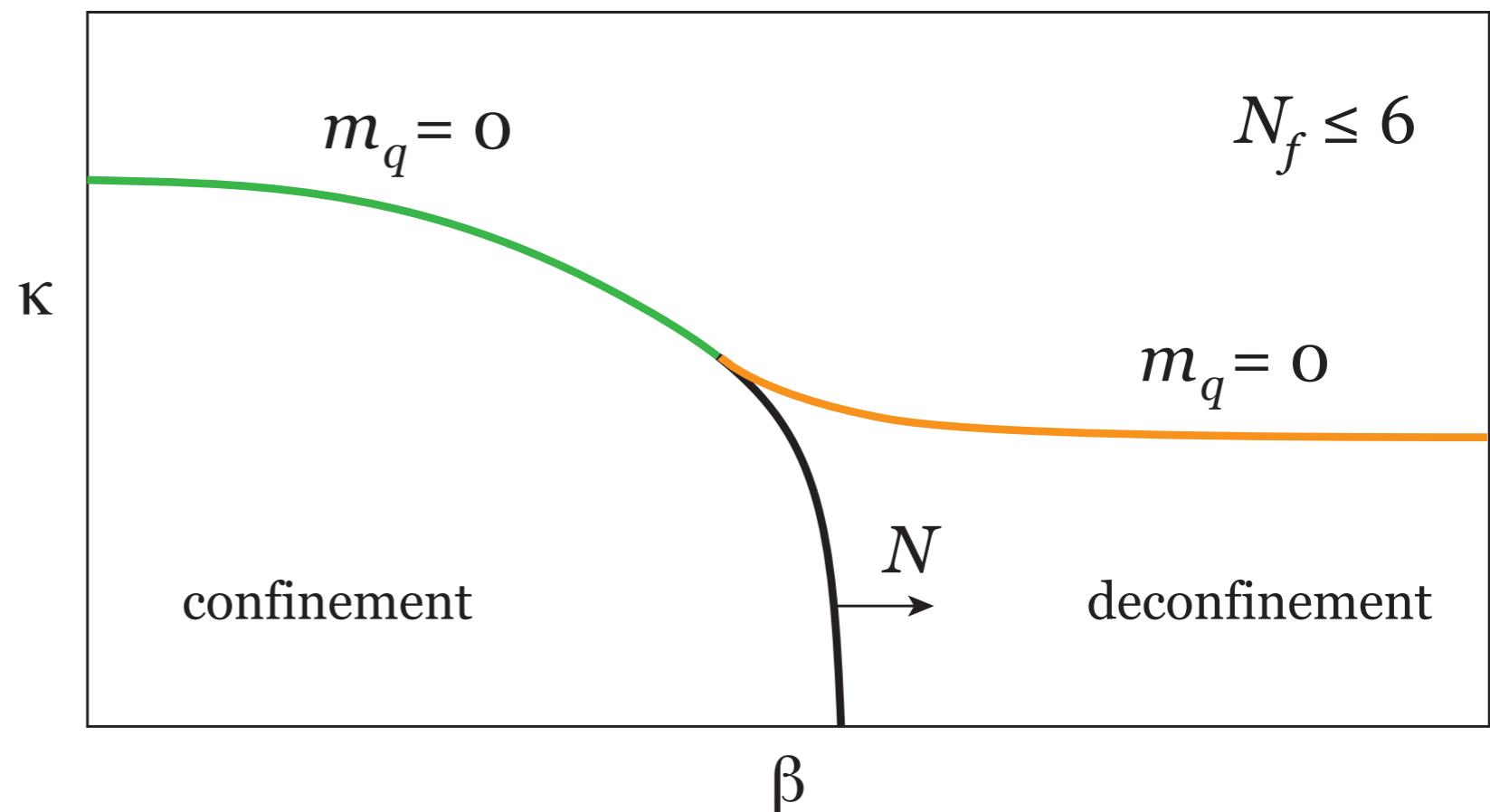
Strategy for Part 1

- Investigate the phase structure
in terms of g_0, m_{q0} for $N_f \leq 16$
- UV fixed point at $g_0 = 0, m_{q0} = 0$
- Find critical N_f for the Banks-Zaks IRFP
on the massless line starting from UVFP
- Construct the field theory toward UVFP,
taking the limit $a \rightarrow 0$ and $N \rightarrow \infty$
with $L = a N$ constant

Phase Diagram: $N_f \leq 6$

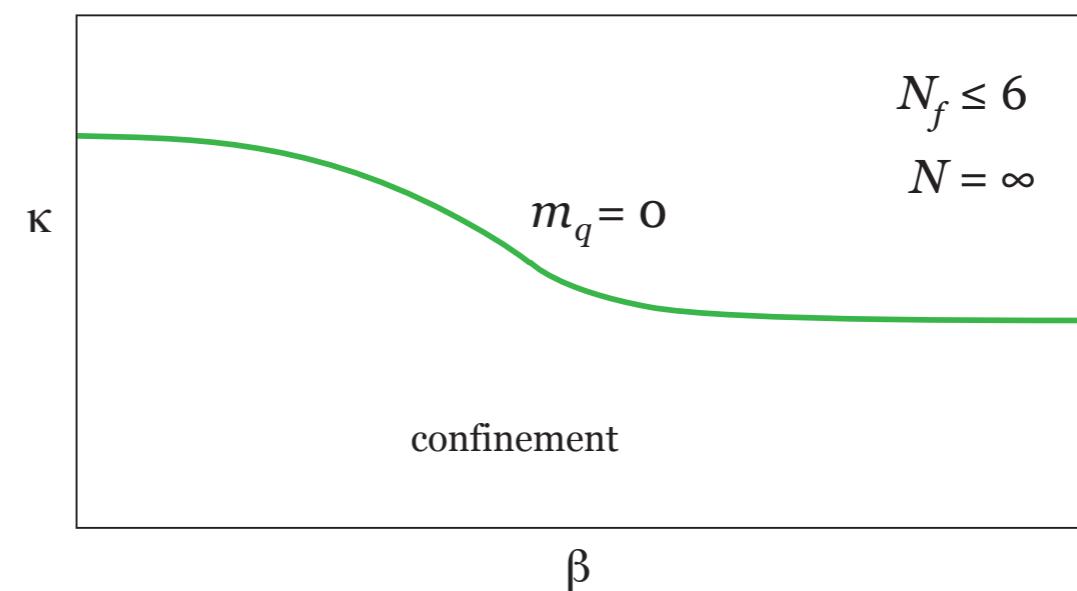
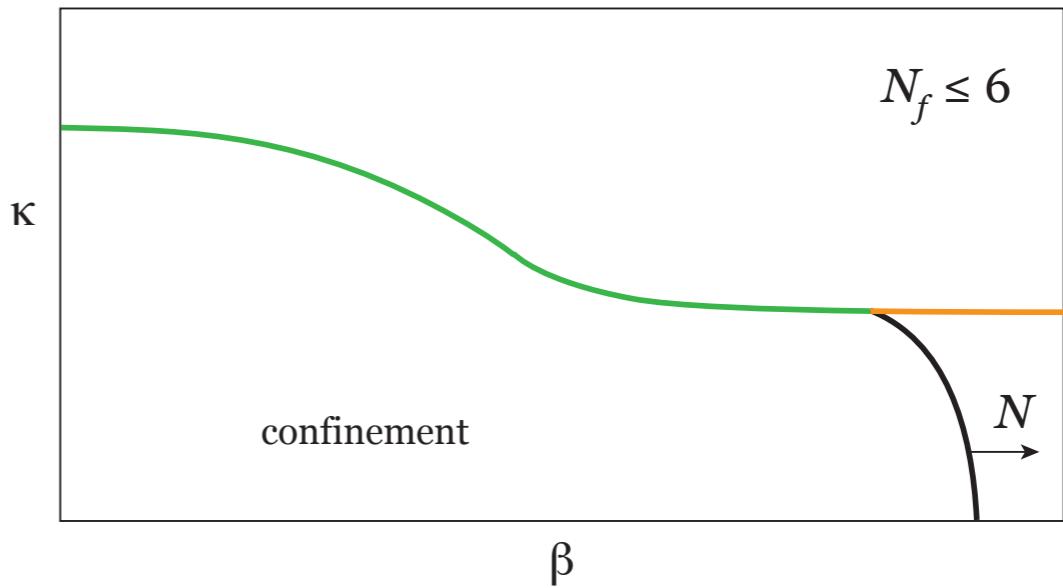
Chiral transition on the massless line
starting from the UVFP

The finite temperature phase transition in the quenched QCD transition and the chiral transition move toward larger beta, as N increases.



Phase Diagram: $N_f \leq 6$; N larger

As N increases, the green line becomes longer and in the limit $N \Rightarrow \infty$ only the green part survives.

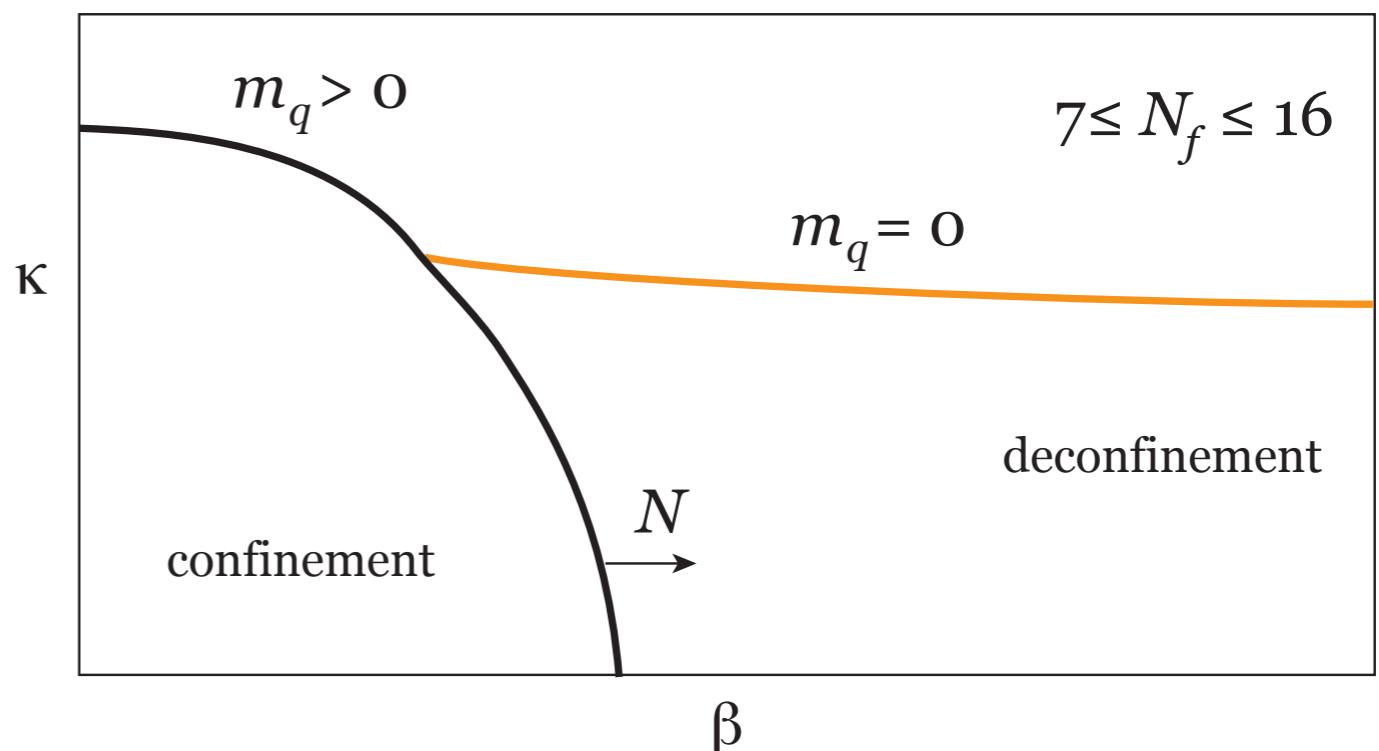


Phase Diagram: $7 \leq N_f \leq 16$

Complicated due to lack of chiral symmetry

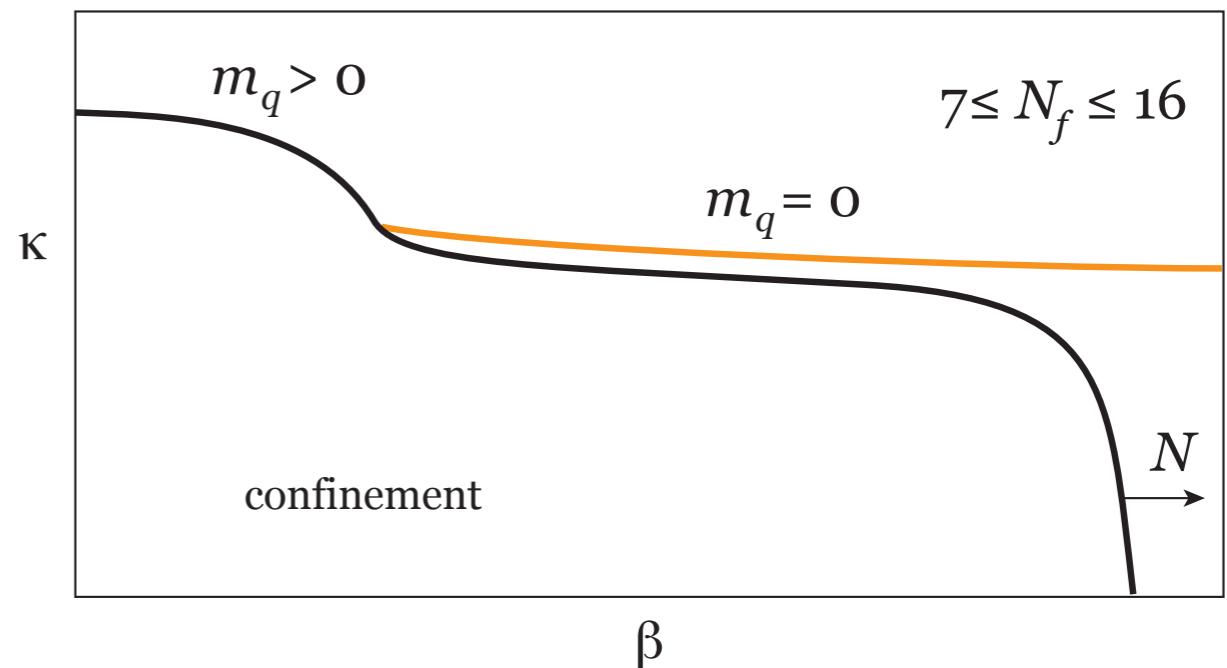
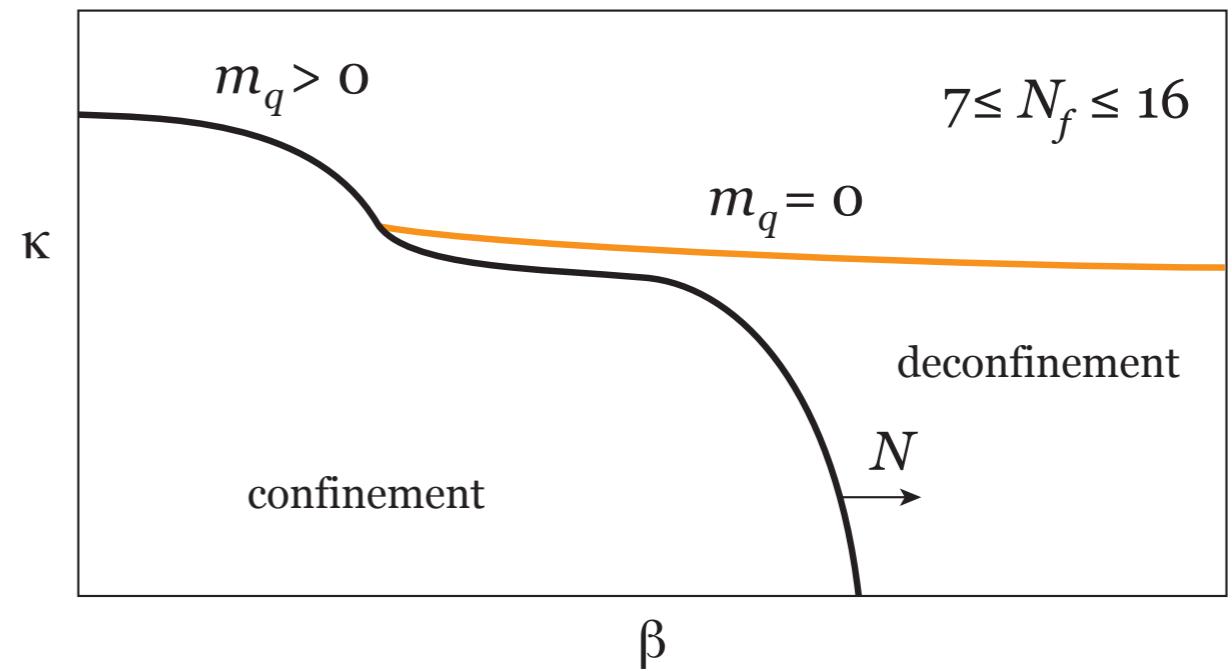
1. the massless line from the UVFP hits the bulk transition
2. no massless line in the confining phase at strong coupling region

massless quark line only in the deconfining phase



Phase Diagram: $7 \leq N_f \leq 16$

As N increases,
massless quark line is, still,
only in the deconfining phase



What found

- There are no green lines
(massless line in the confining phase)
for $7 \leq N_f \leq 16$
- Conformal window is $7 \leq N_f \leq 16$
- Indirect way to conclude this

More direct way

- Identify the IR fixed point
For small N_f , g^* is in strong coupling region
Only upper limit for g^* ?
- Find out characteristics of Conformal theories <= this work

(End of part 1)

Strategy for part 2

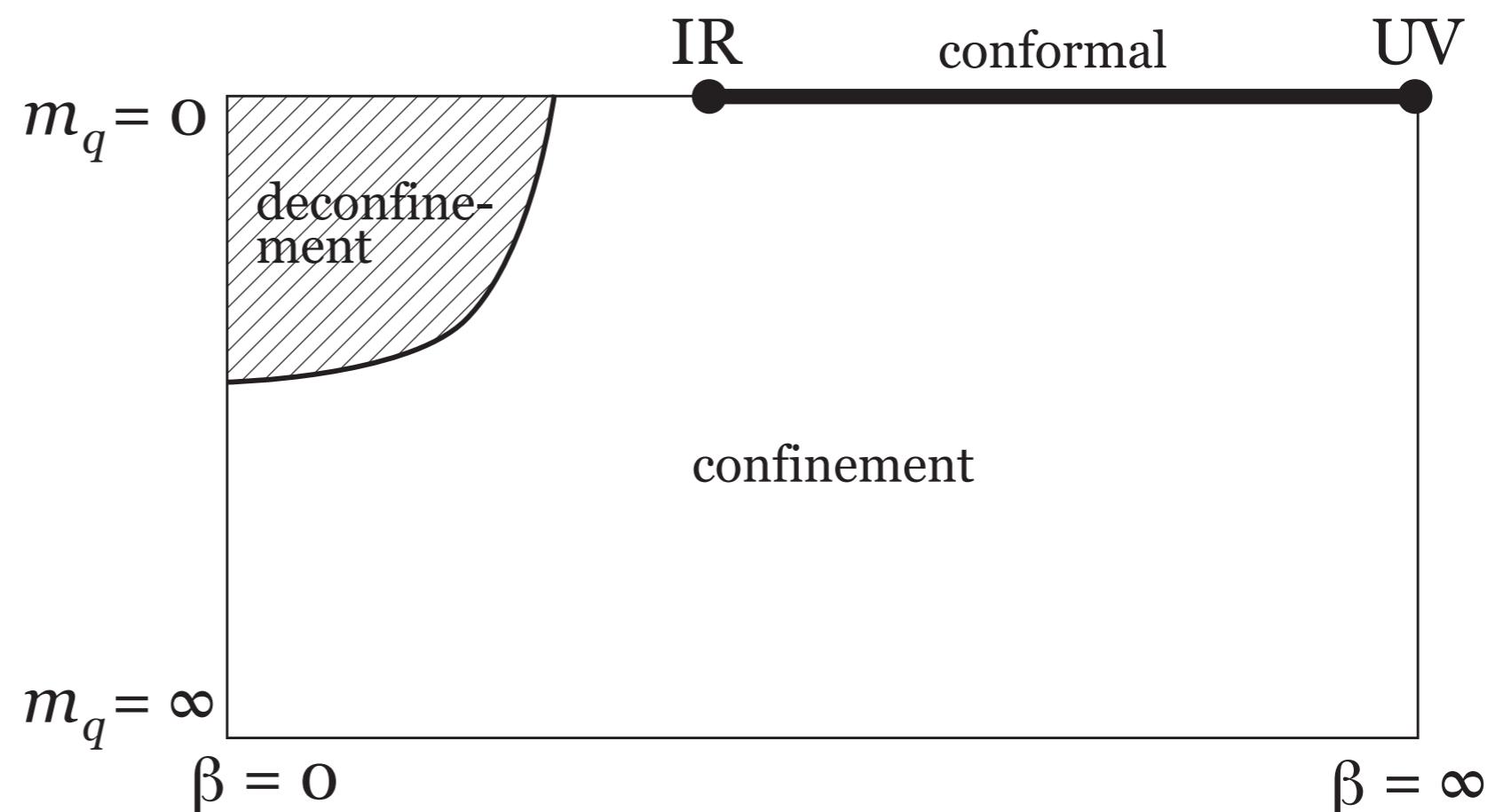
- Define a continuous theory by continuum limit of lattice theory, keeping $L = \text{finite or infinity}$
- Introduce the concept “Conformal theories with IR cutoff” in continuous theories
- Then propose Conformal theories on a lattice

Continuum limit

- $a \rightarrow 0$ and $N \rightarrow \infty$, keeping $L = N a$ constant
- case 1: $L=\text{infinity}$ IR cut-off $\Lambda_{IR} = 0$; R^4
- case 2: $L=\text{finite}$ IR cut-off $\Lambda_{IR} = 1/L$; T^4
- A huge difference between case1 and case2

Case 1: $\Lambda_{IR} = 0$

No physical quantities with physical dimensions
conformal region exists only on the massless line
massive region is confining phase
deconfining phase in strong coupling region is conjectured based on numerical
simulations



Case 1: Propagators of mesons

When $g(\mu) = g^*$

$$G(t) = c \frac{1}{t^\alpha} \quad \alpha = 3 - 2\gamma_H^* \quad \text{scale invariant}$$

When $0 < g(\mu) < g^*$

$$G(t) = c \frac{1}{t^{\alpha(t)}}$$

$$\alpha(t) = 3 \quad t \ll \Lambda_{CFT} \quad \text{UV fixed point}$$

$$\alpha(t) = 3 - 2\gamma_H^* \quad t \gg \Lambda_{CFT} \quad \text{IR fixed point}$$

Λ_{CFT} is a scale parameter for the transition region from UV to IR

Case 2: Conformal theories with IR cutoff

Physical quantities: Λ_{CFT} Λ_{IR} m_H

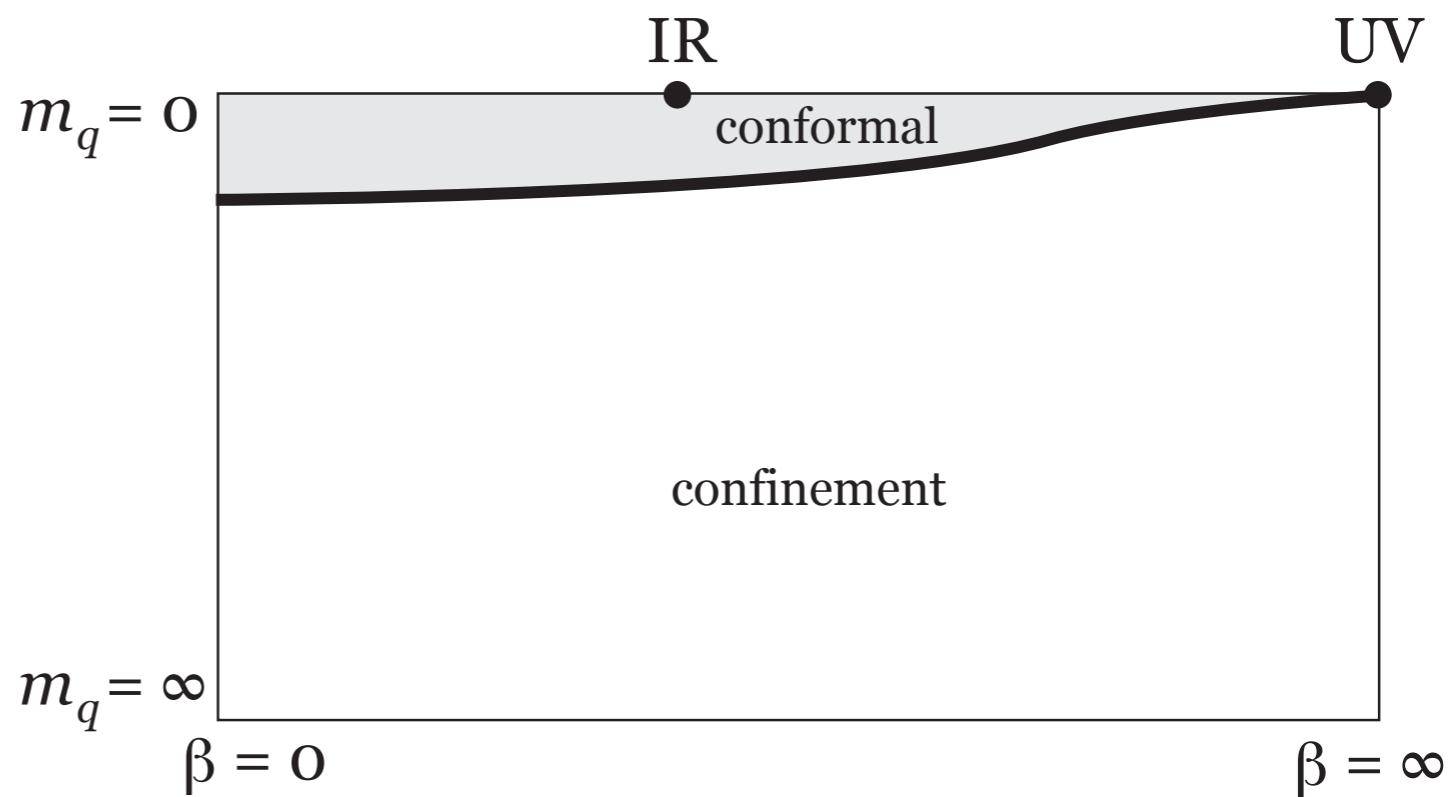
“Conformal theories with IR cutoff” region: see figure

Boundary of the “conformal” region is given by

$$m_H \leq c \Lambda_{IR}$$

Propagators :

$$G(t) = c \frac{\exp(-mt)}{t^\alpha}$$



Case 2: Conformal theories with IR cutoff (Cont.)

$$G(t) = c \frac{\exp(-mt)}{t^\alpha}$$

α and m are t-dependent: $\alpha(t)$ $m(t)$
evolve with RG transformation

$$t \ll \Lambda_{CFT} \quad \alpha(t) = 3 \quad m(t) = 2mq$$

$$t \gg \Lambda_{CFT} \quad \alpha(t) = 3 - 2\gamma_H^* \quad m(t) = m_H$$

Conformal theories on the Lattice

- Note: IR cutoff is inherent in numerical simulations on a lattice: $\Lambda_{IR} = 1/(aN)$
- Primary target of part 2 is to verify the transition of meson propagators from an exponential damping form to a modified Yukawa-type, that is, an exponential form with power correction

Size Dependence of Critical mass

When the lattice size is increased

$$N_2 = s N_1$$

The critical mass is decreased

$$m_q^{critical}(\beta, N_2) = 1/s m_q^{critical}(\beta, N_1)$$

If we keep the quark mass in the region

$$m_q^{critical}(\beta, N_2) \leq m_q \leq m_q^{critical}(\beta, N_1)$$

Yukawa-type disappears

Have to carefully choose the parameters to find
the “Conformal region”

Numerical Simulations

- Algorithm: Blocked HMC for $2N$ and RHMC for $1 : N_f = 2N + 1$
- Computers:
U. Tsukuba: CCS HAPACS;
KEK: HITAC 16000
- $N_f = 7, 16$ and ($N_f = 2, 6$)
- Lattice size: $8^3 \times 32, 16^3 \times 64, 24^3 \times 96$
- Statistics: 1,000 + 1000 trajectories

Parameters of Simulations

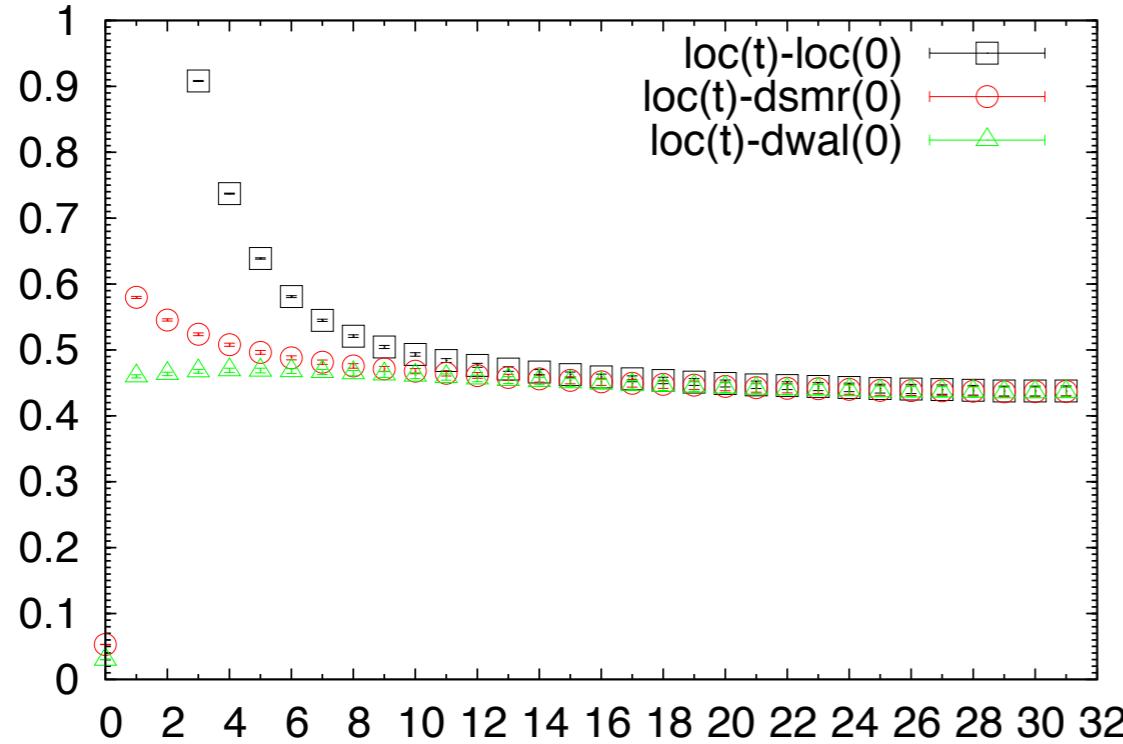
Masses are preliminary !

Nf7						
K	0.1400	0.1446	0.1452	0.1459	0.1472	
mq	0.22	0.084	0.062	0.045	0.006	
mH(96)	0.66	0.33	0.33	0.20		
mH(64)	0.68	0.46	0.42	0.41	0.41	
mH(32)	0.74		0.74	0.74		
Nf16						
K	0.125	0.126	0.127	0.13	0.1315	0.13322
mq	0.25	0.22	0.19	0.1	0.055	0.003
mH(96)				0.30	0.27	0.32
mH(64)	0.54	0.54	0.49	0.43	0.38	0.38
mH(32)						

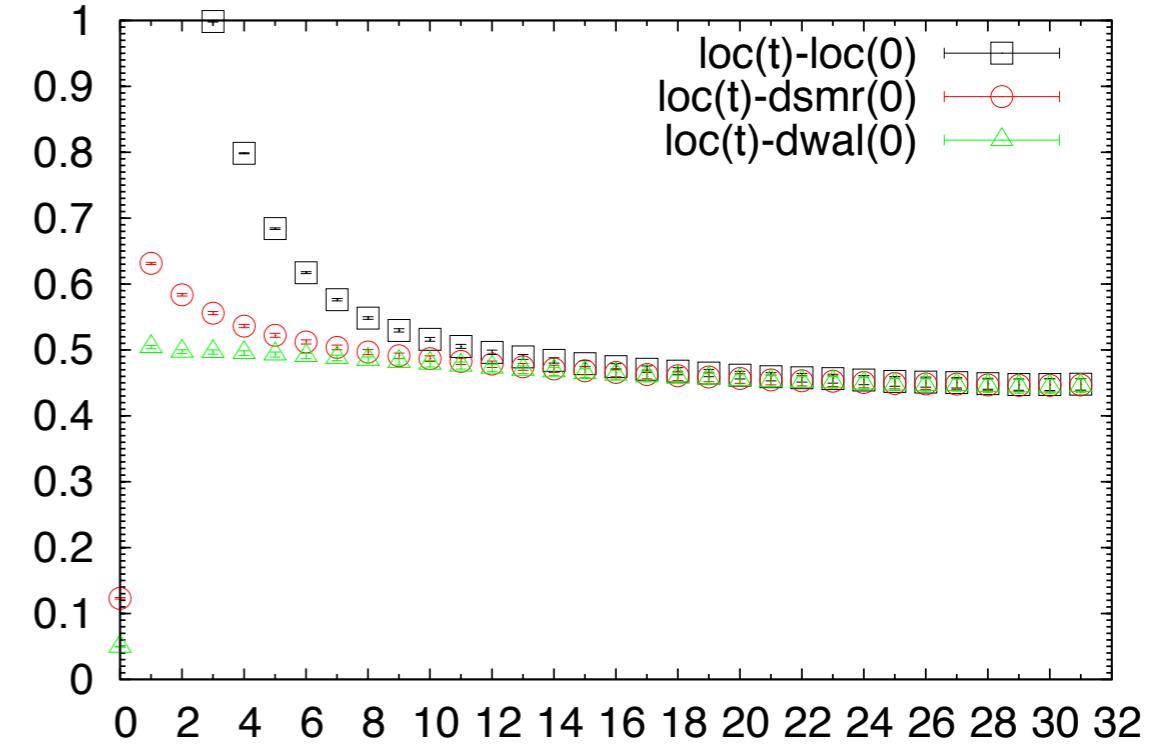
From now on, let me show you
examples of Yukawa-type propagators
for $N_f=7$ at $\beta=6.0$ and $N_f=16$ at $\beta=11.5$
detailed analyses will come later

Nf7: mq=0.045: example of Yukawa-type

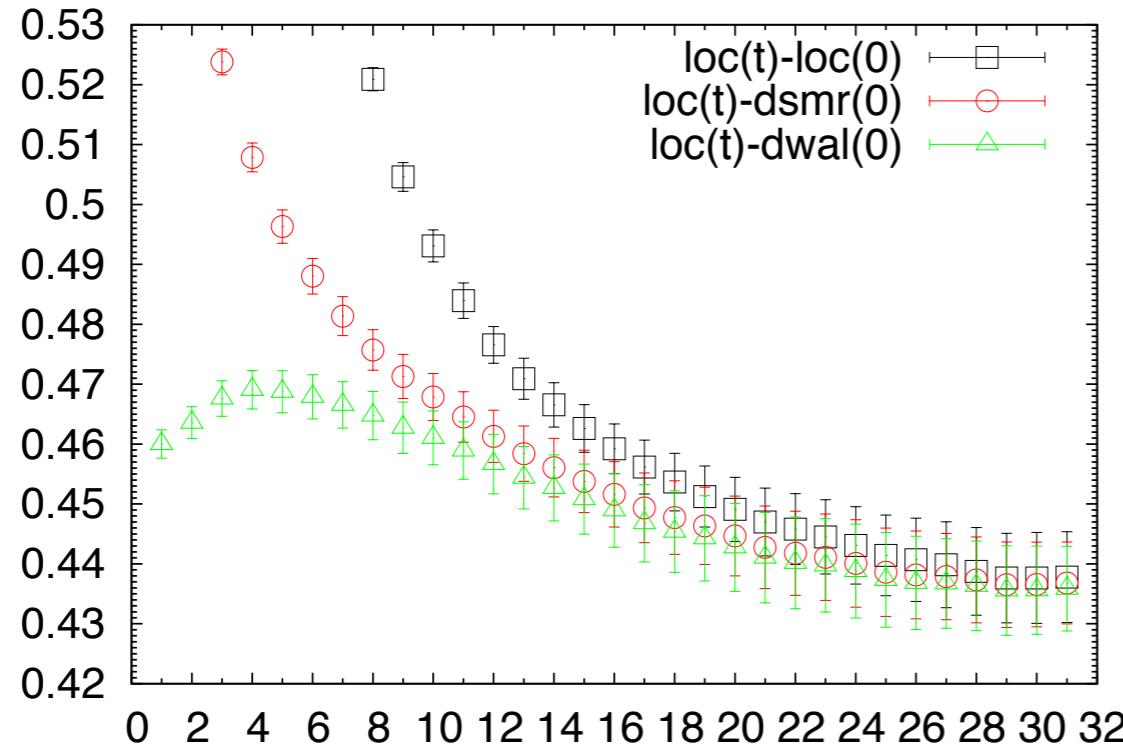
Beta=6.0, K=0.1459, Nf=7, $16^3 \times 64$, PS-channel



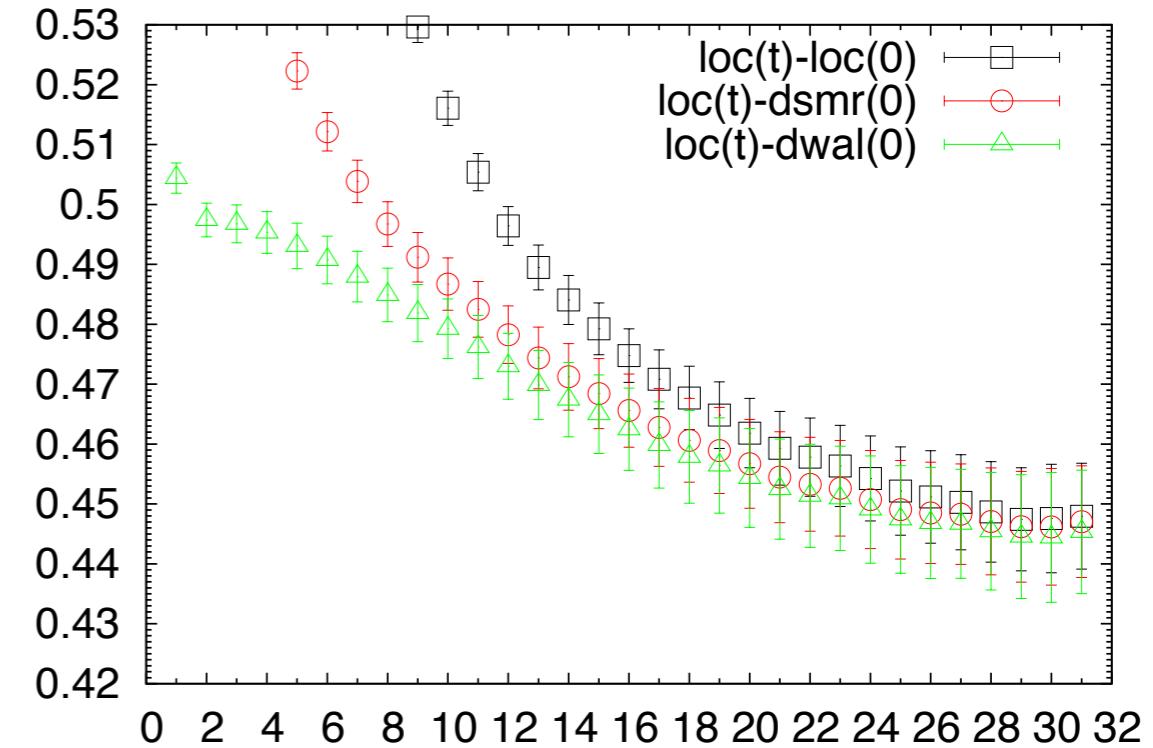
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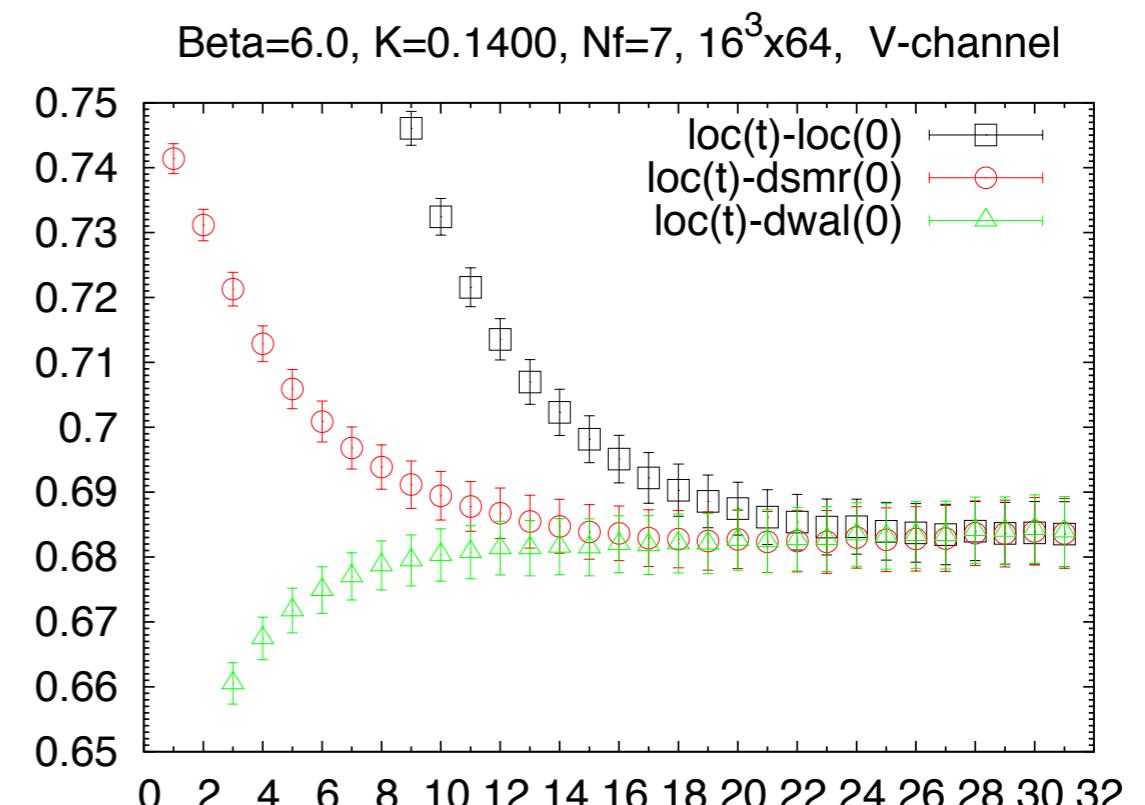
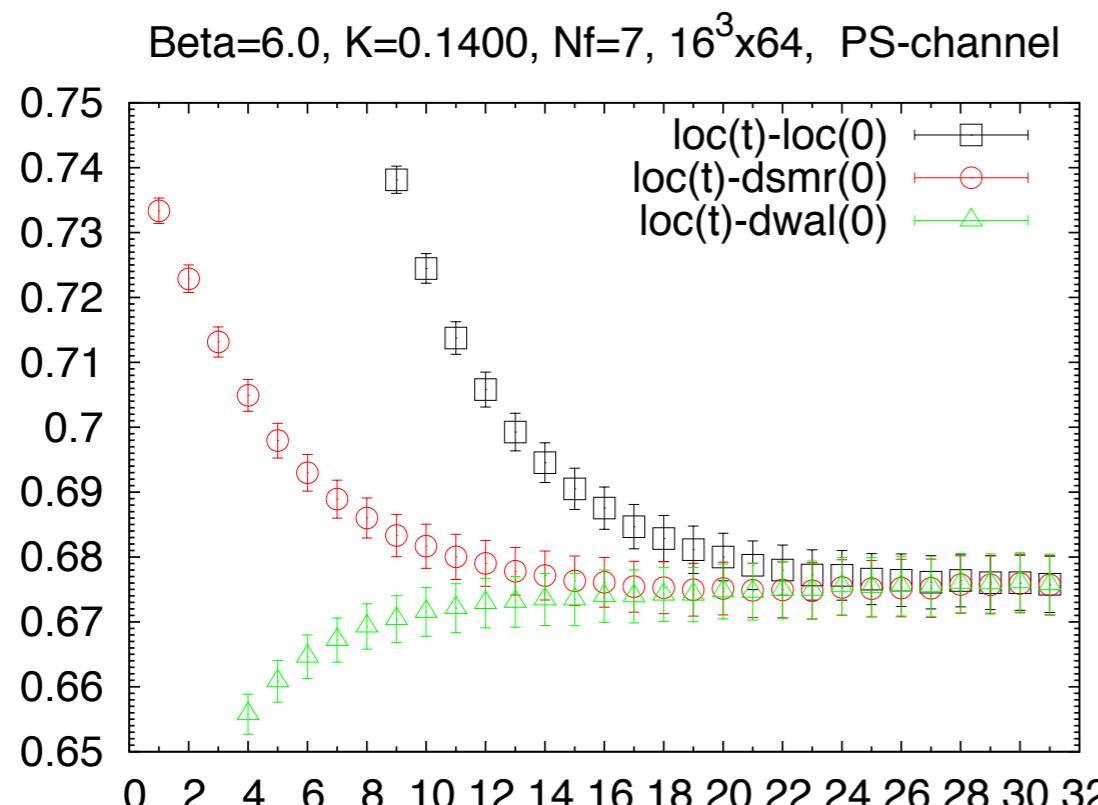
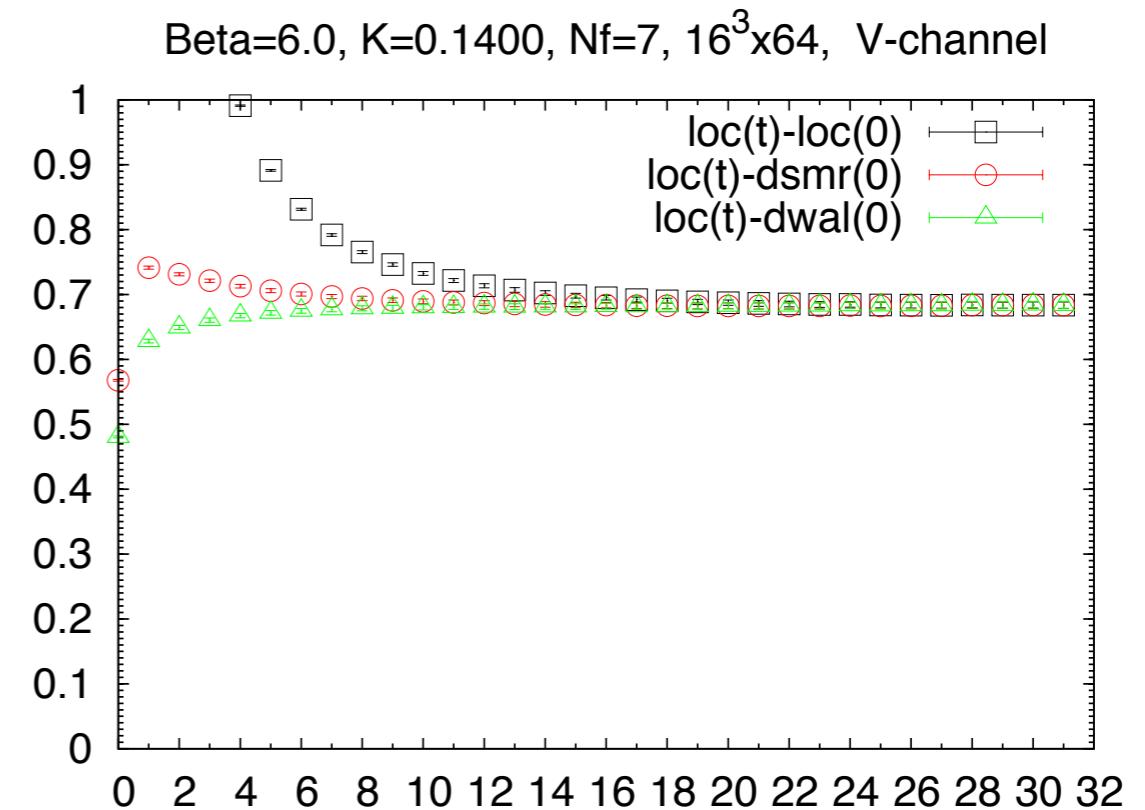
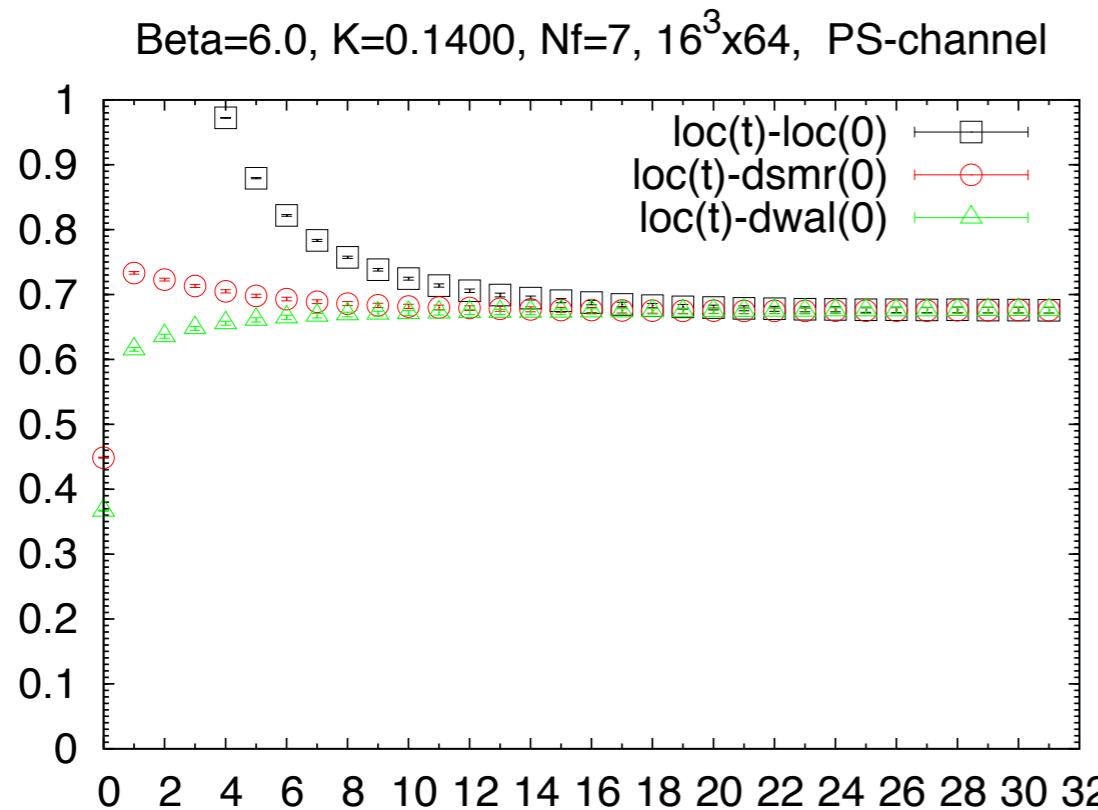
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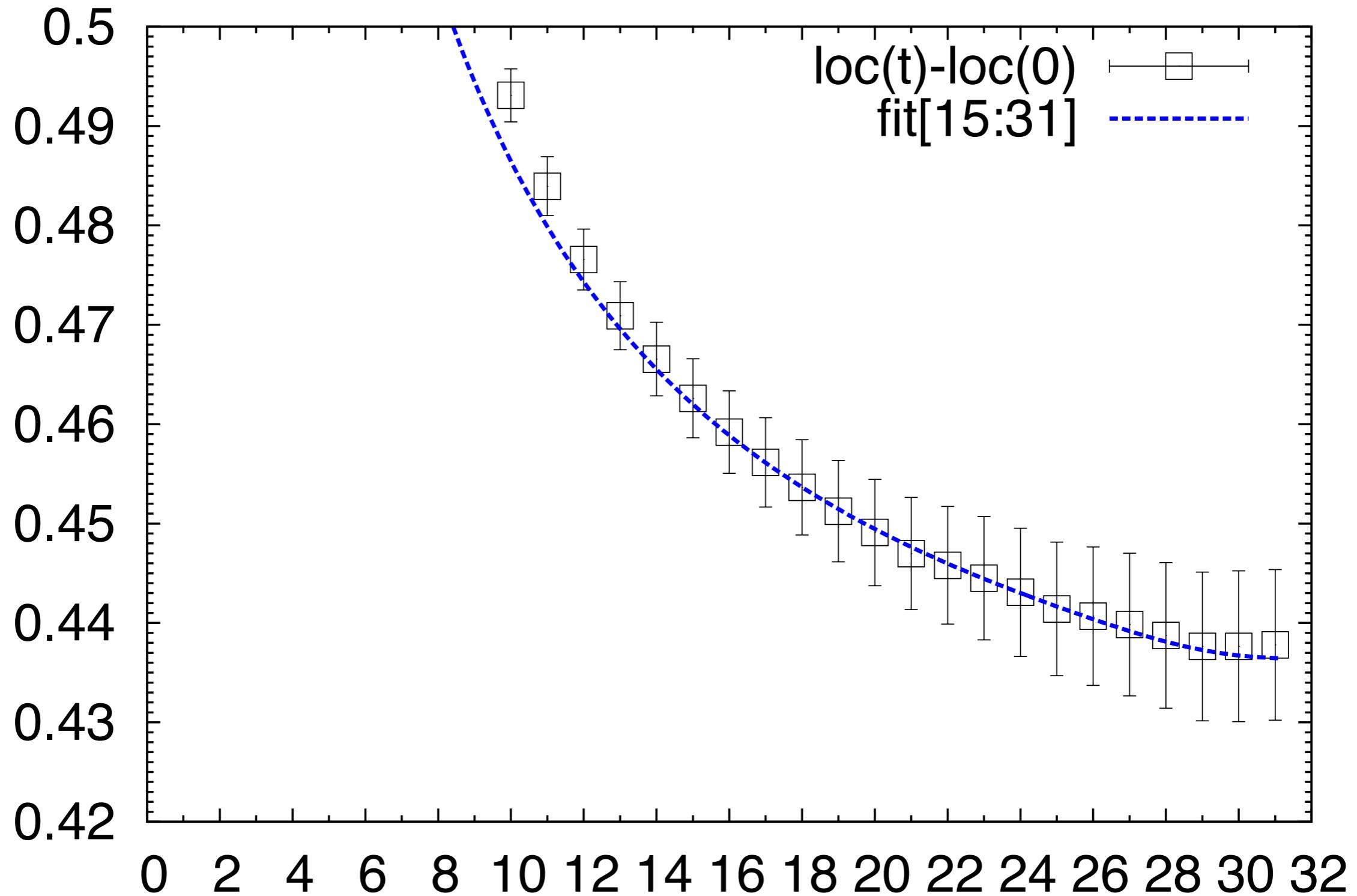


Nf=7: mq=0.22; example of exp!!-damp

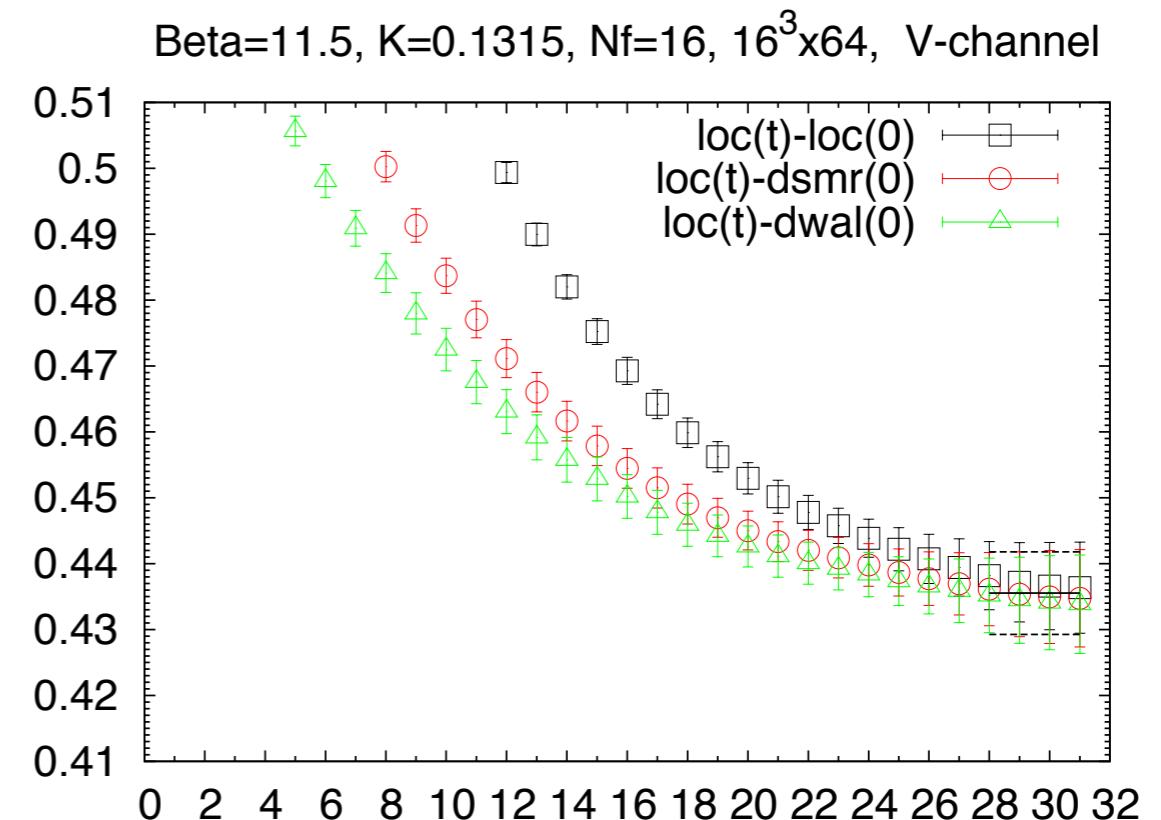
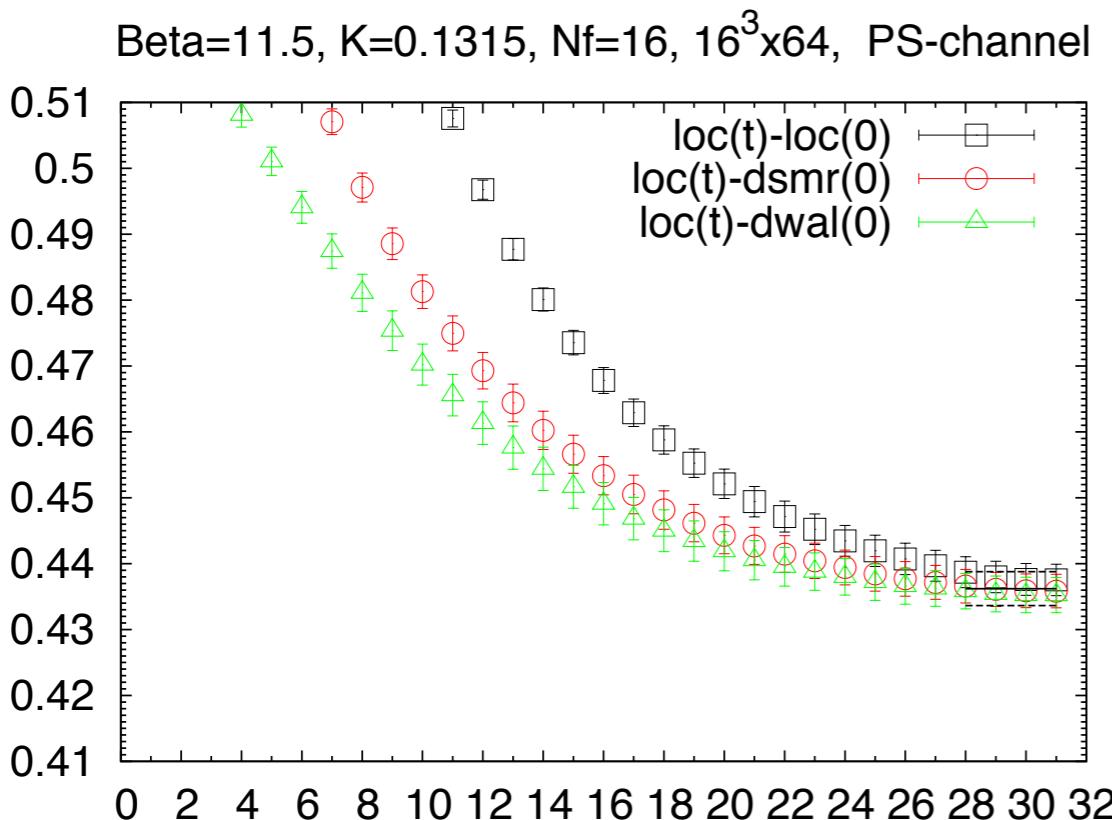
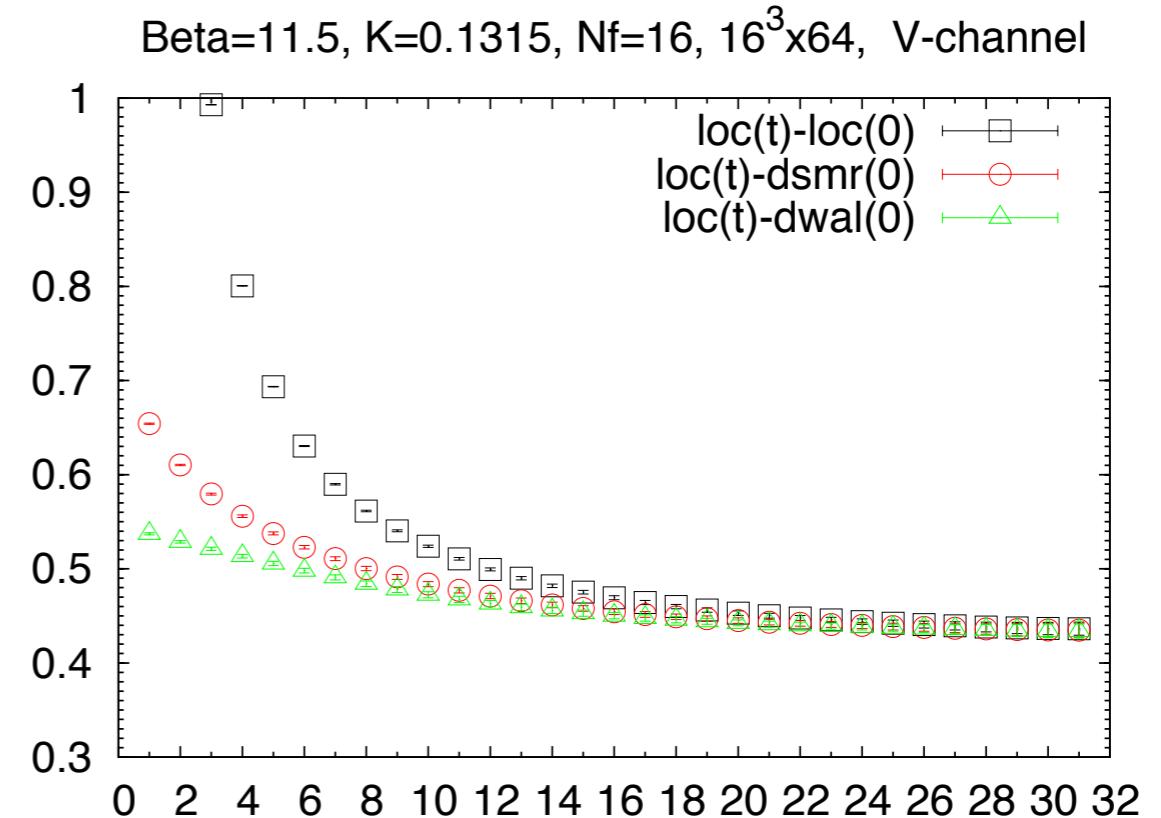
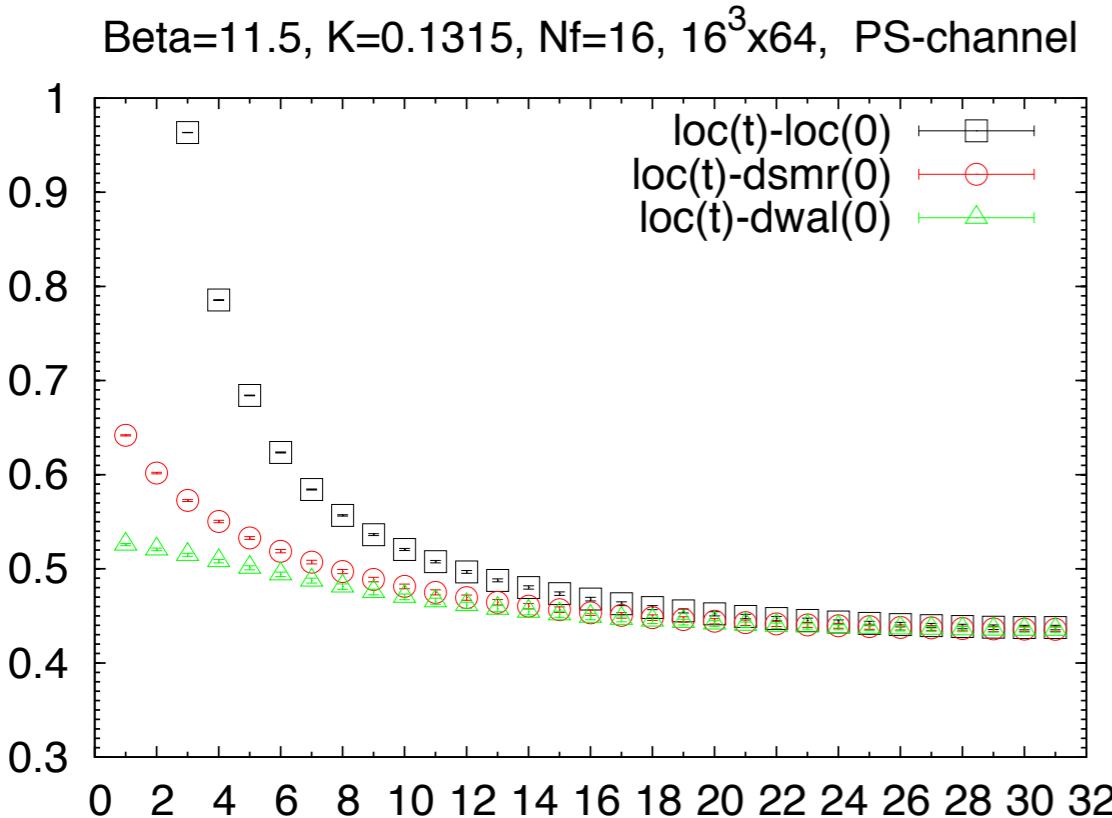


Nf=7: mq=0.045 Yukawa-type fit[15:31]

Beta=6.0, K=0.1459, Nf=7, $16^3 \times 64$, PS-channel

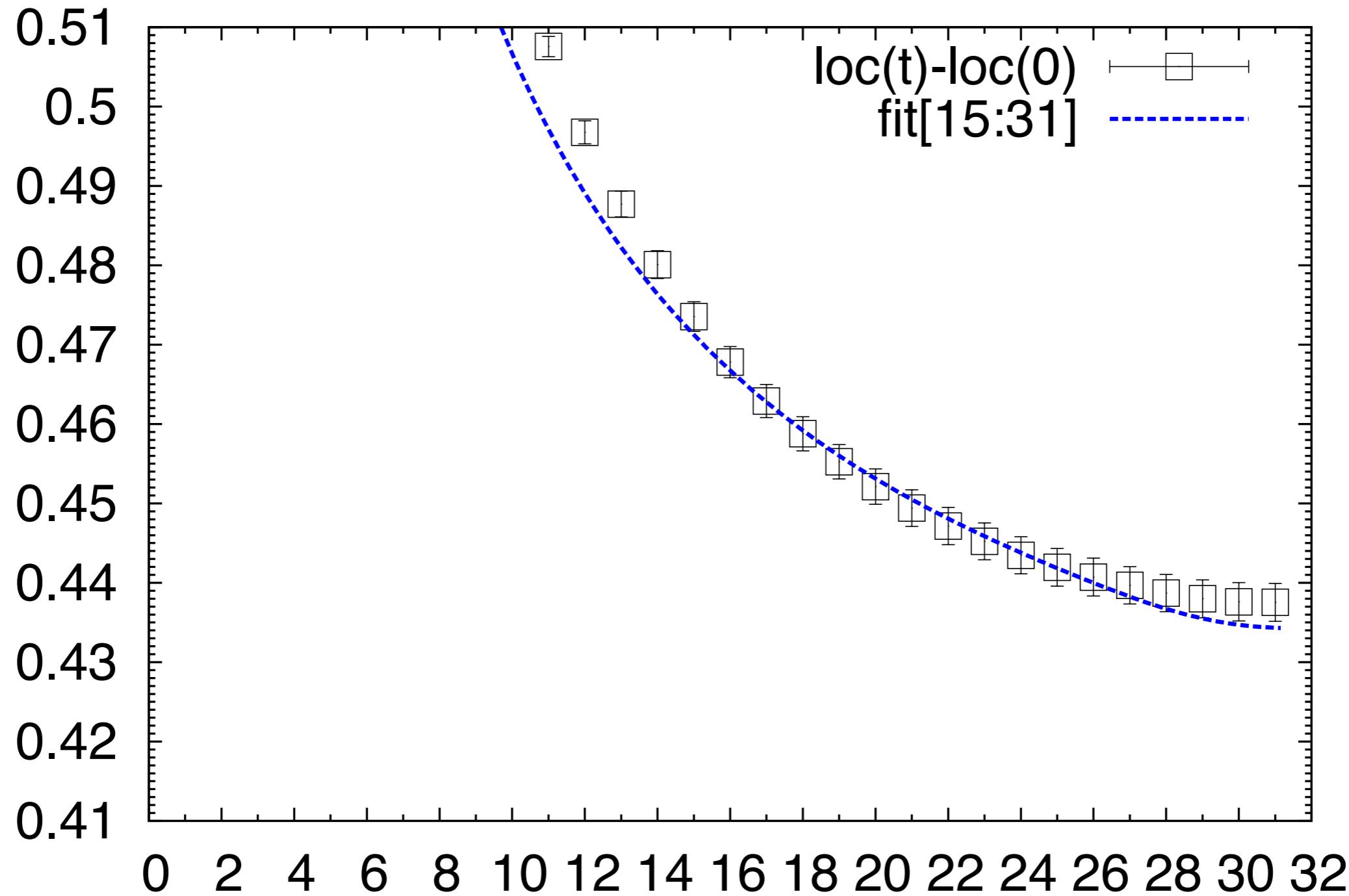


Nf16: mq=0.055; example of Yukawa-type



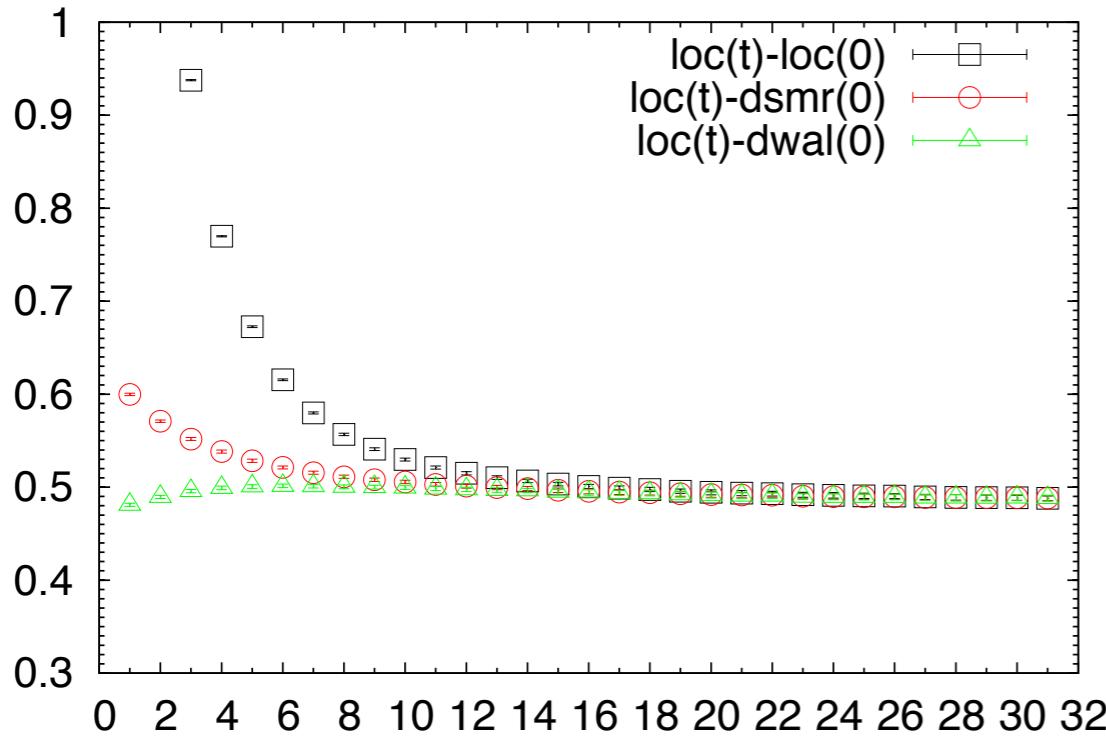
Nf16: mq=0.055: Yukawa-type fit[15:31]

Beta=11.5, K=0.1315, Nf=16, $16^3 \times 64$, PS-channel

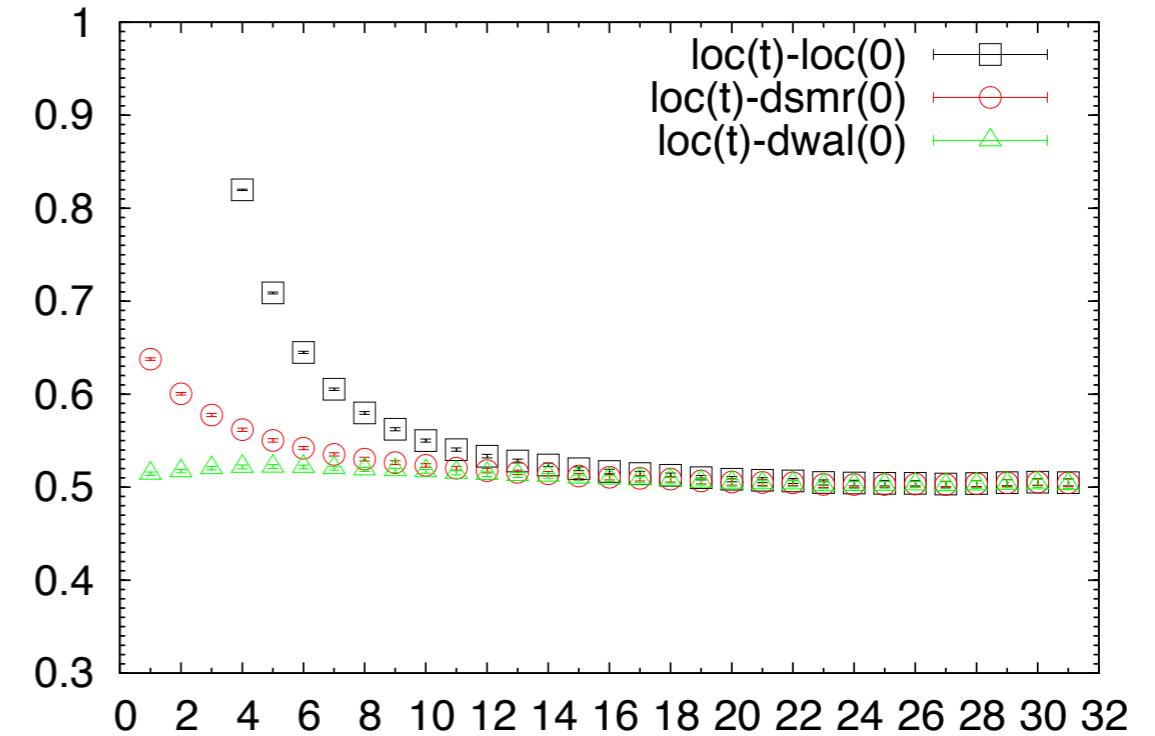


More example :Nf=7; mq=0.084

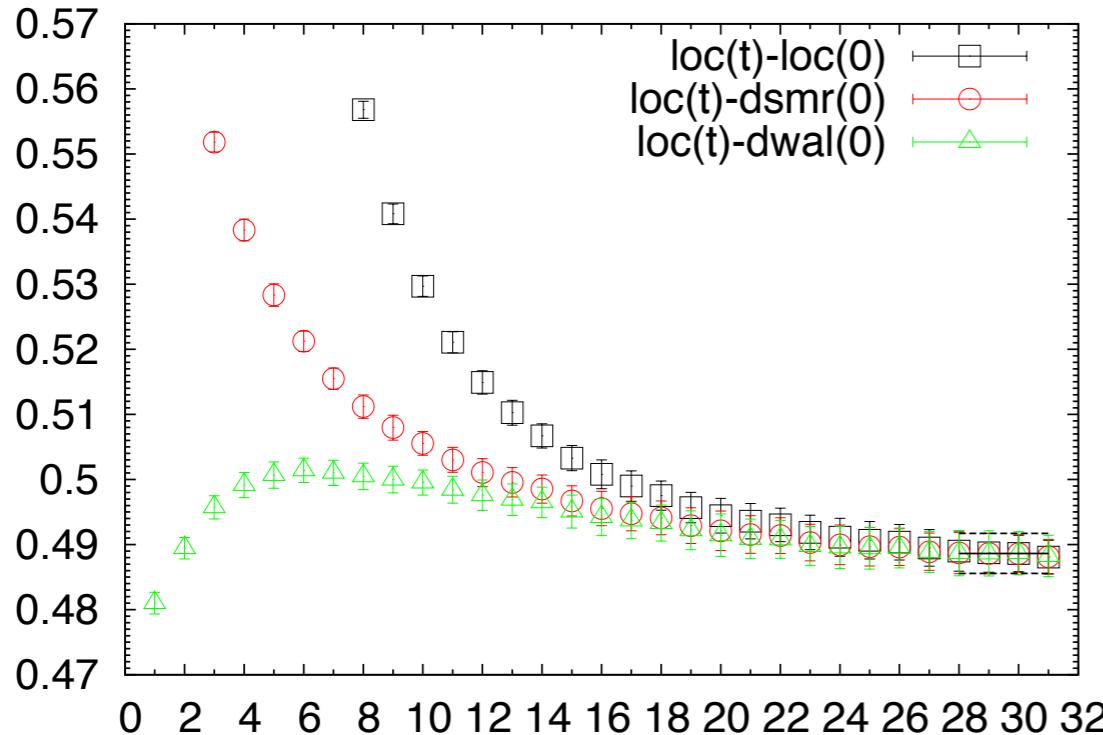
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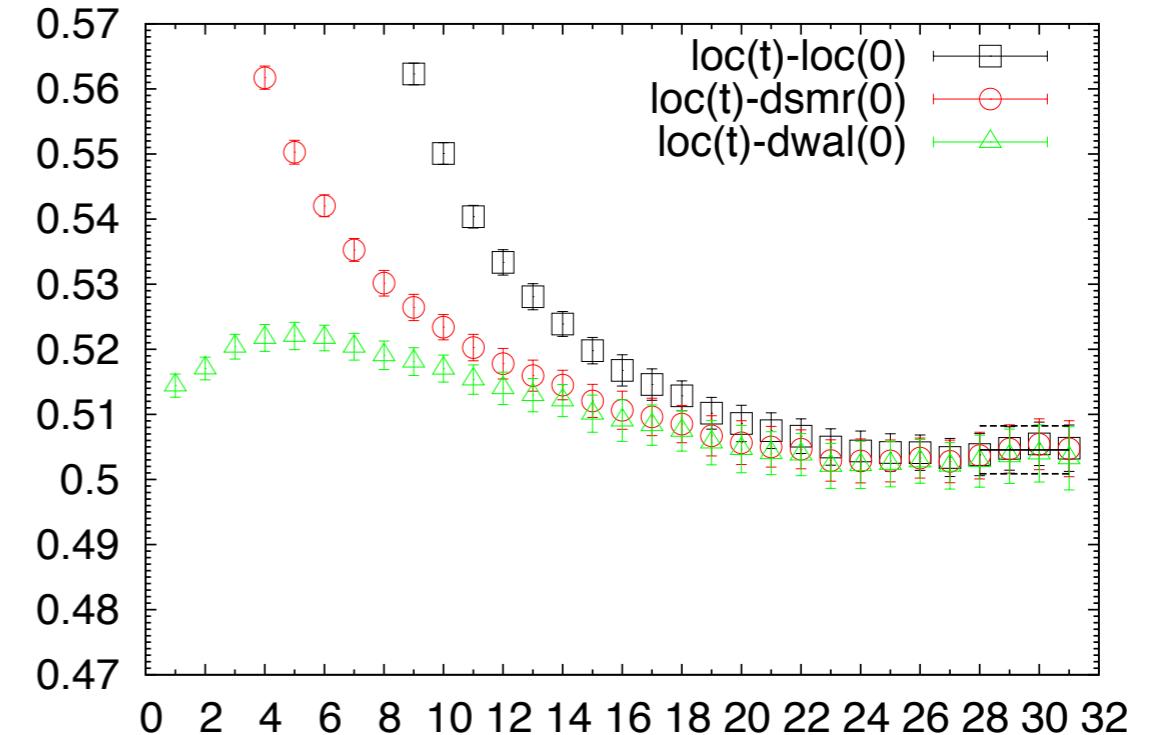
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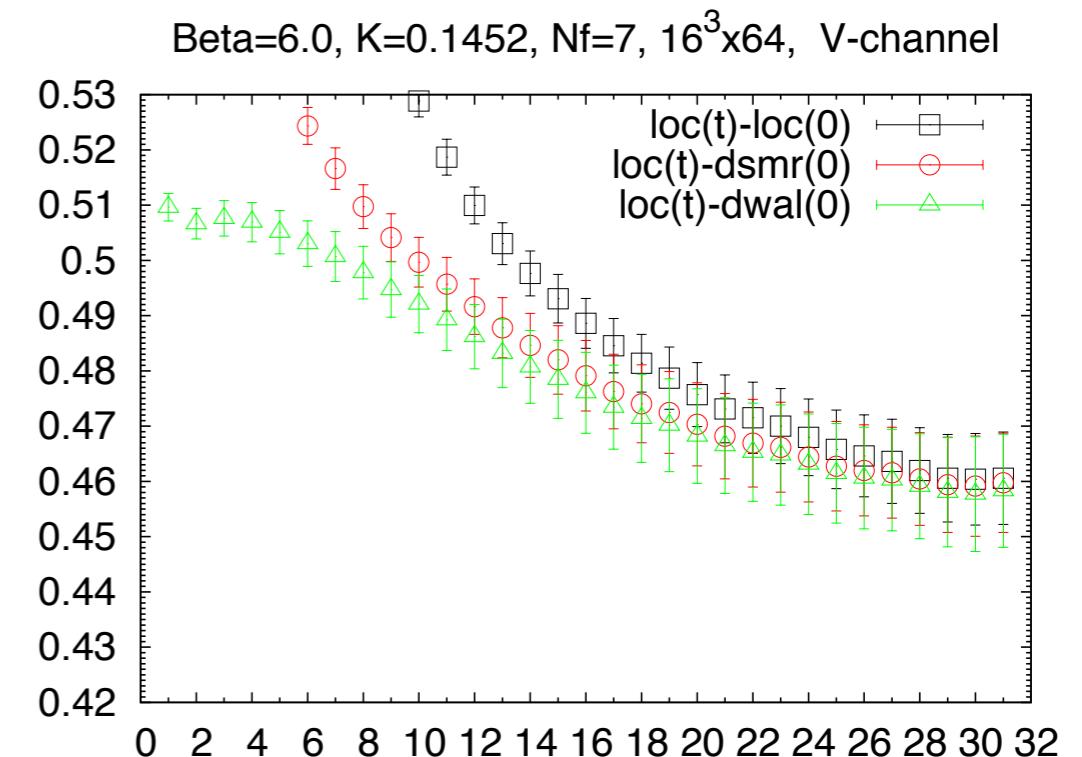
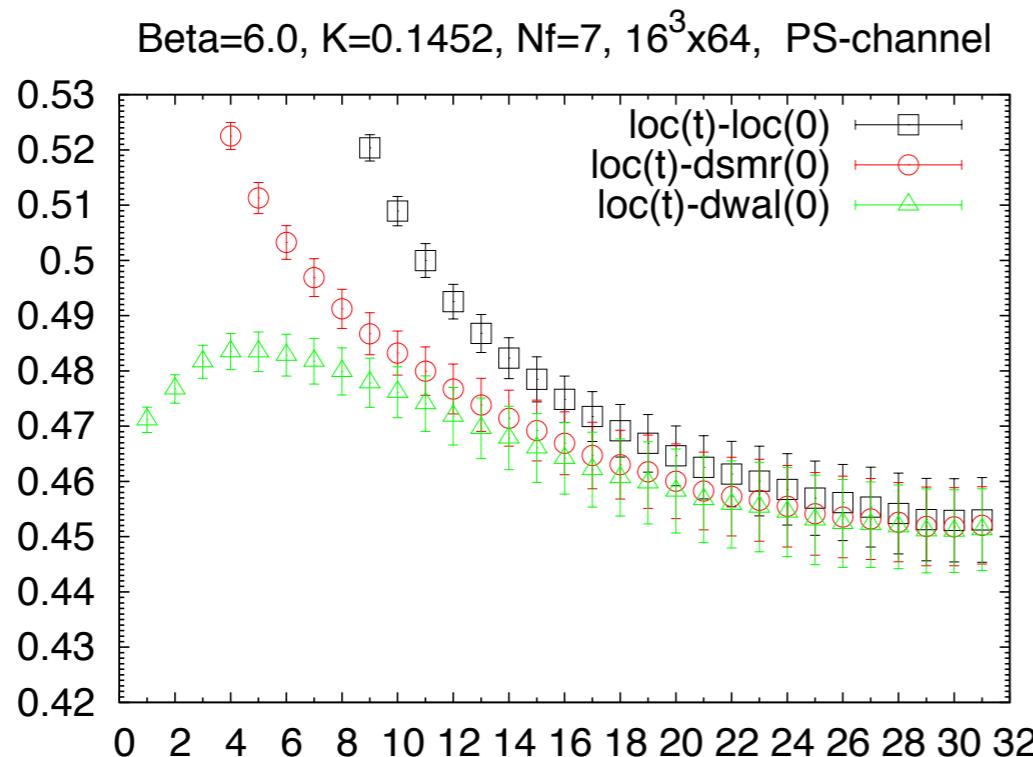
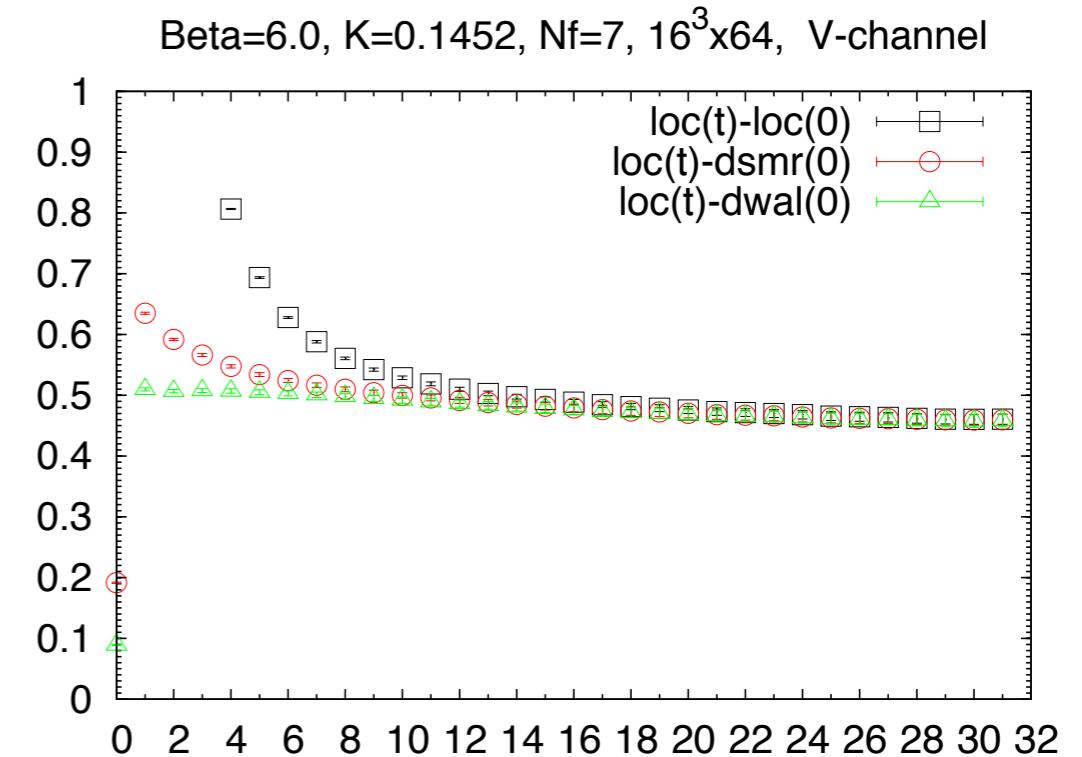
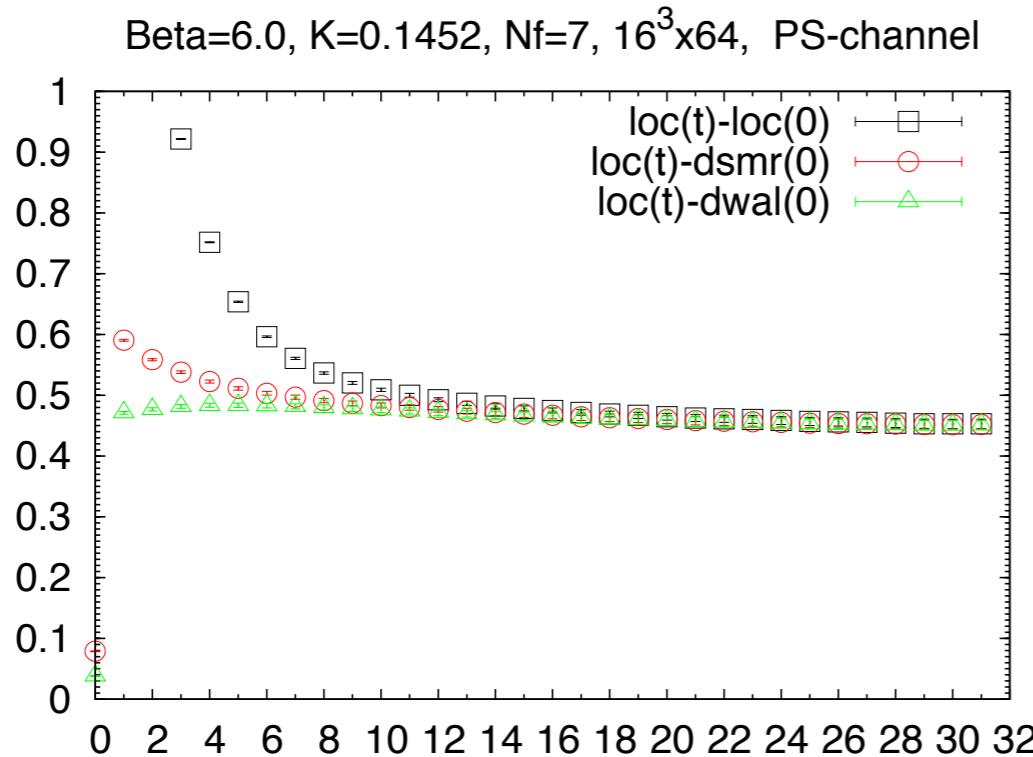
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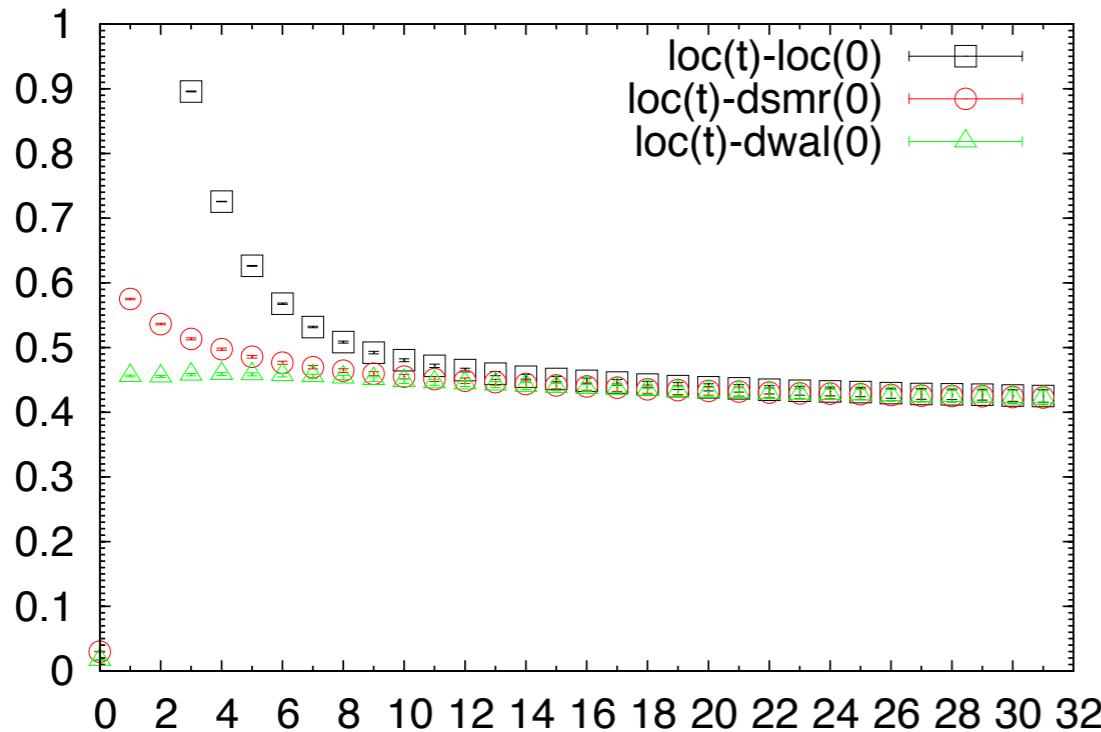


More Nf=7; mq=0.062

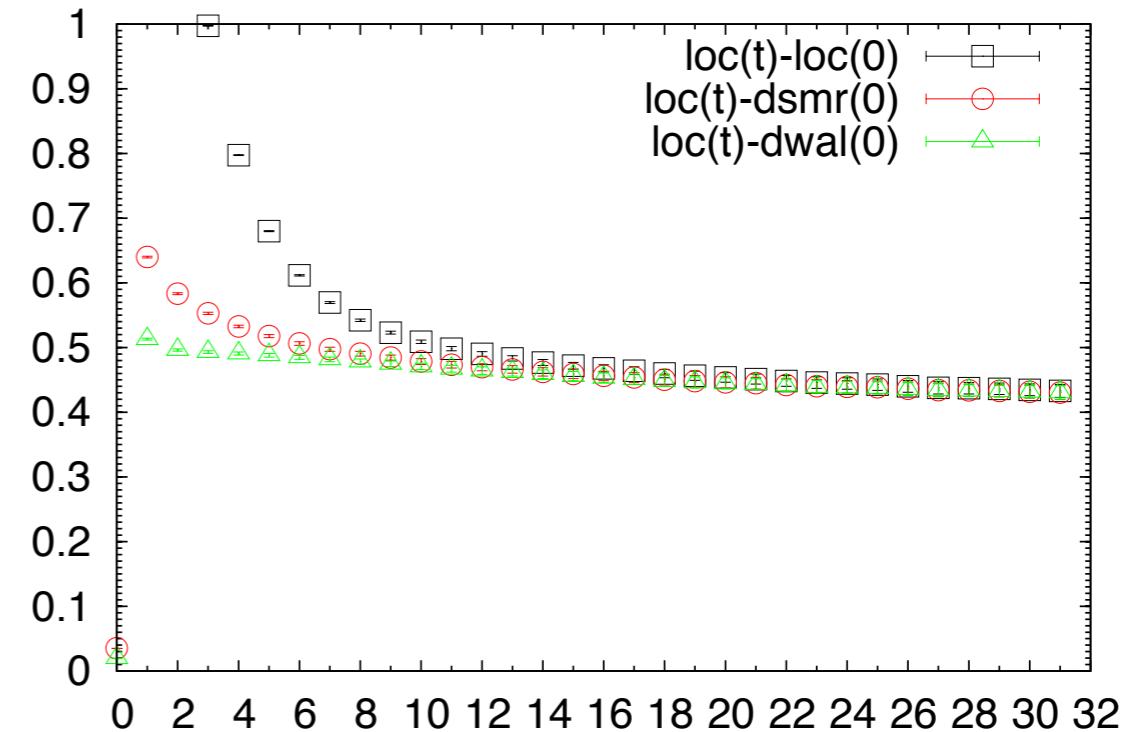


More Nf=7; mq=0.0006

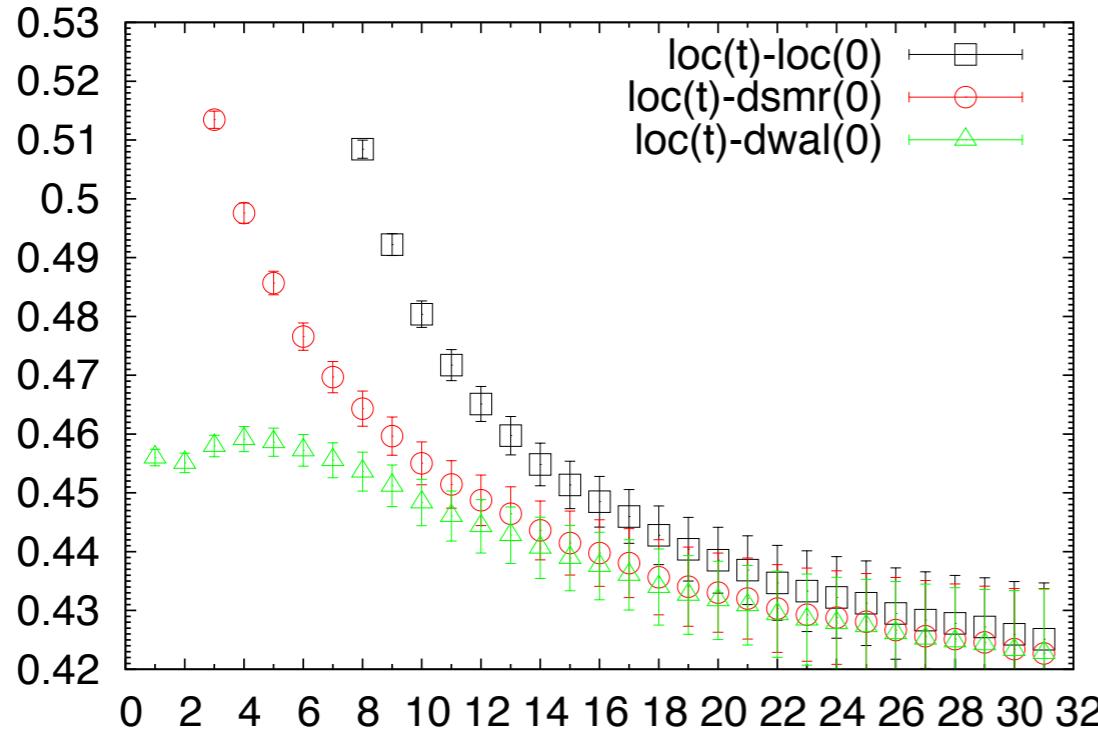
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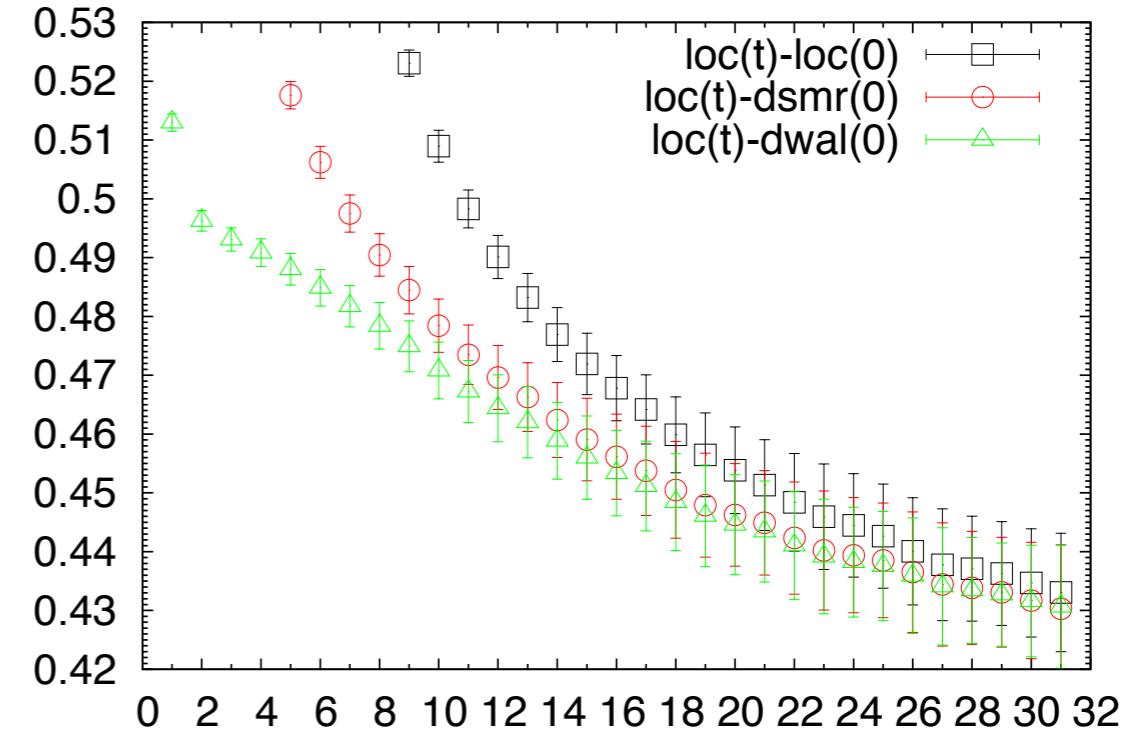
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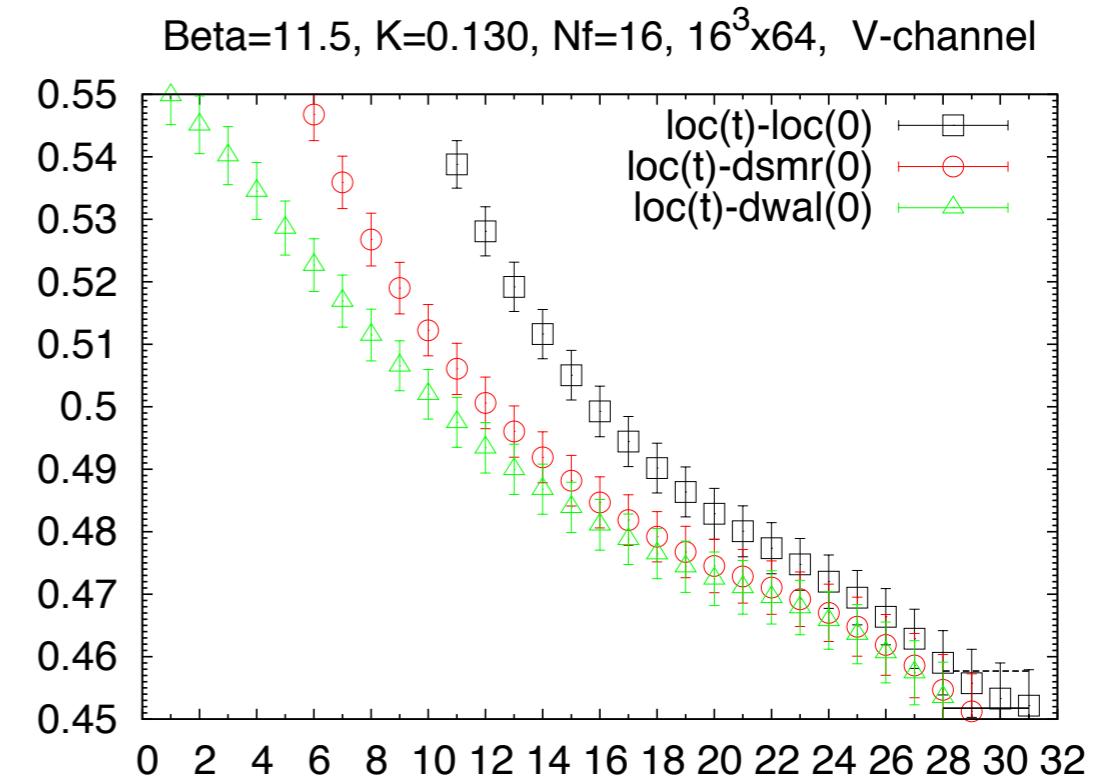
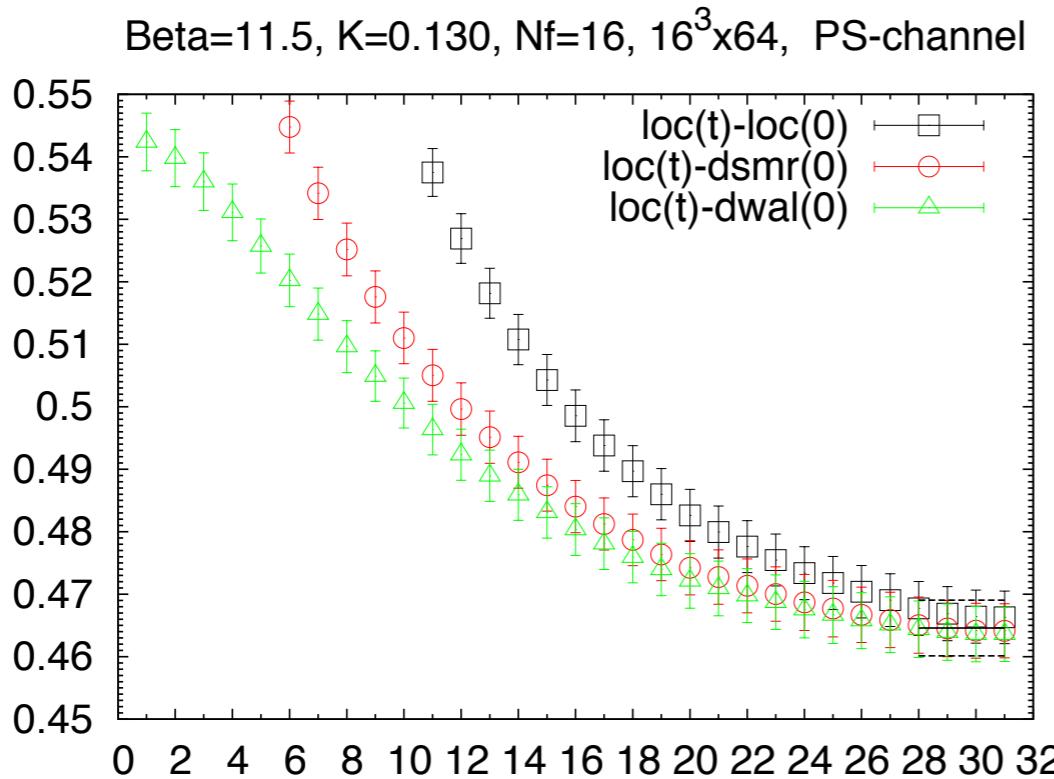
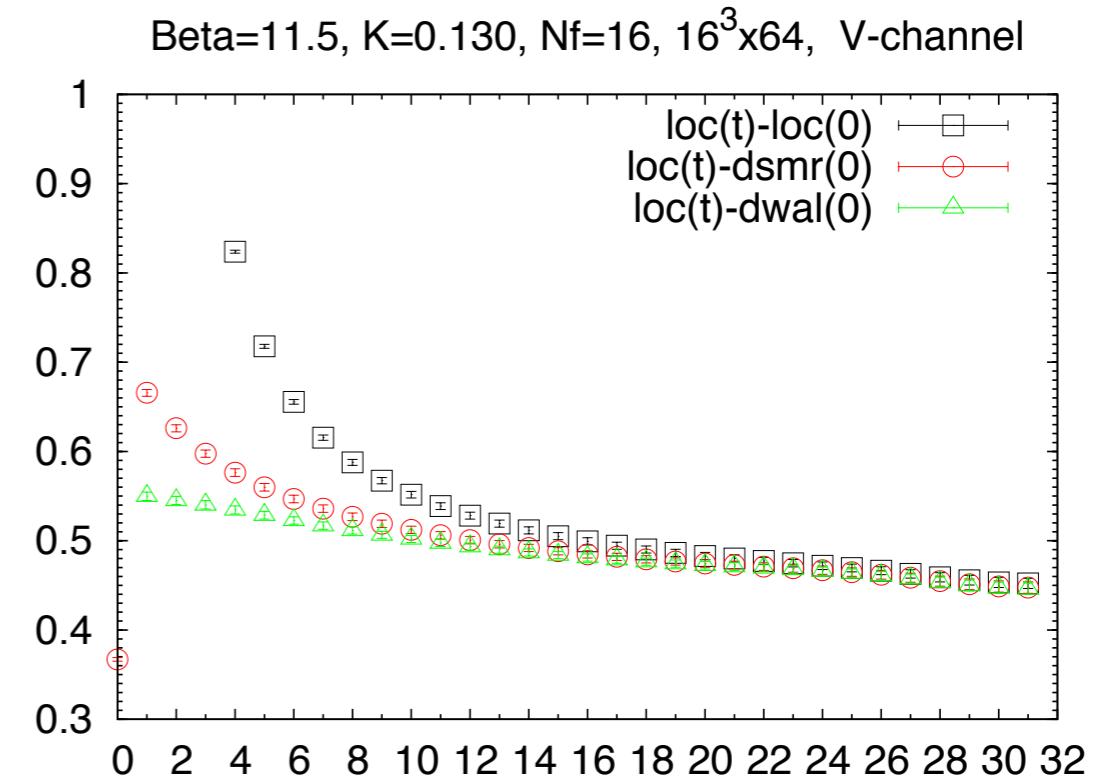
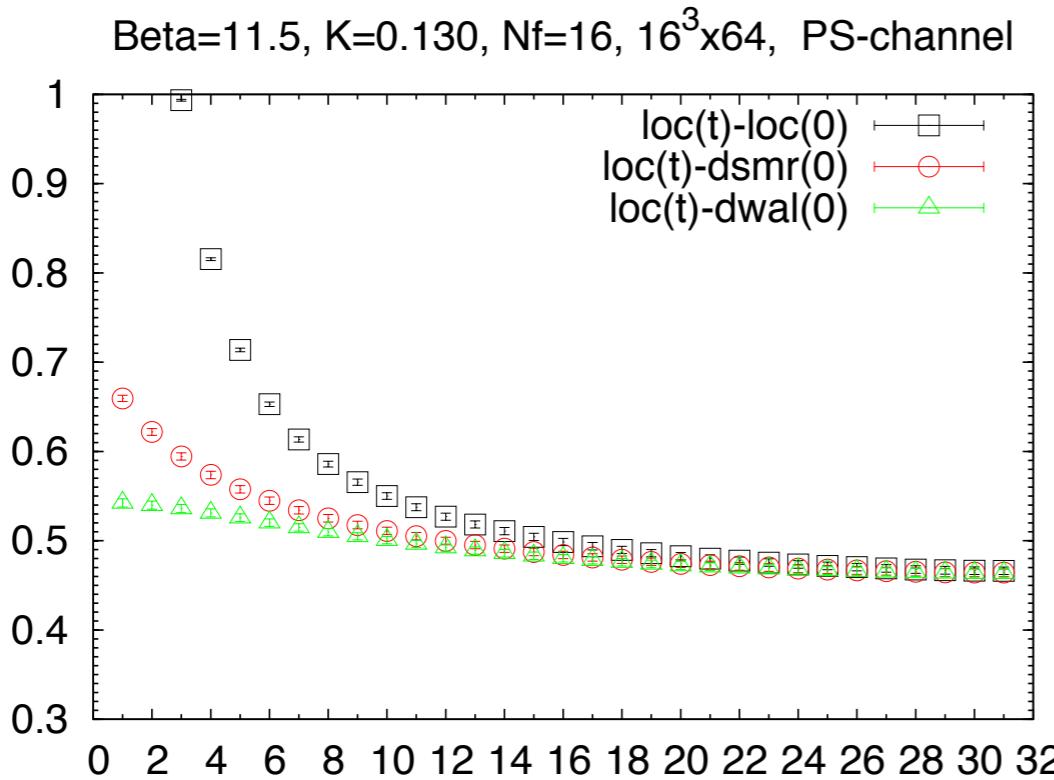
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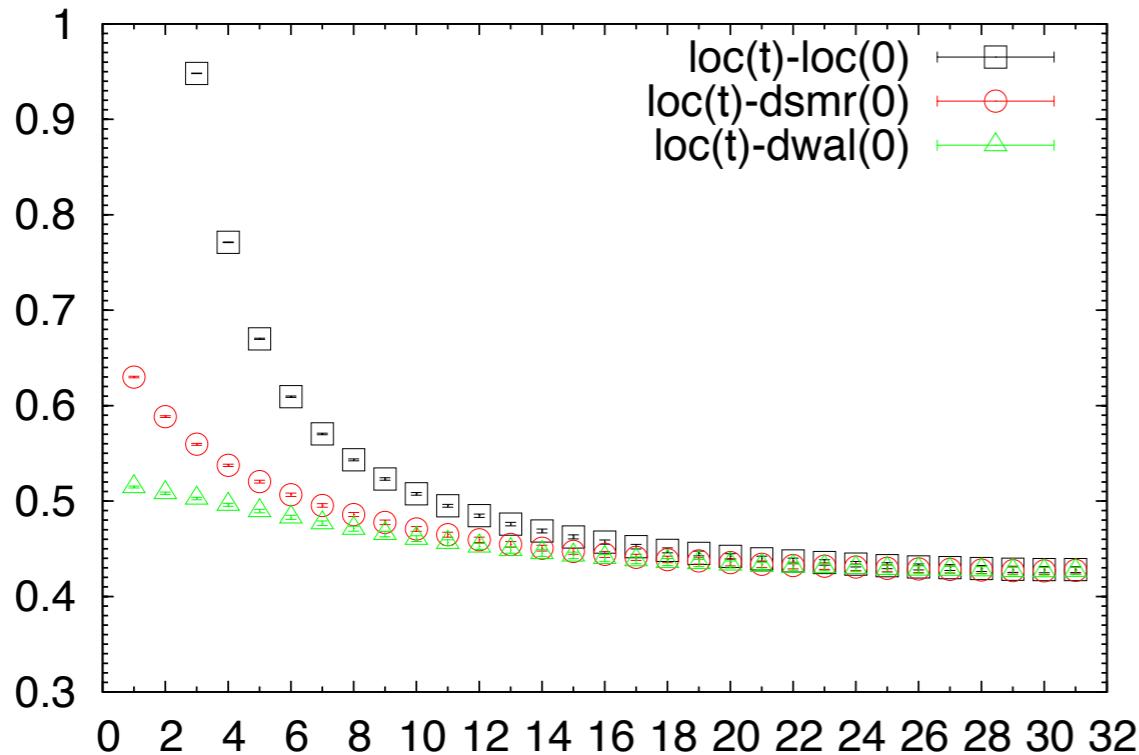


Now Nf=16; mq=0.1

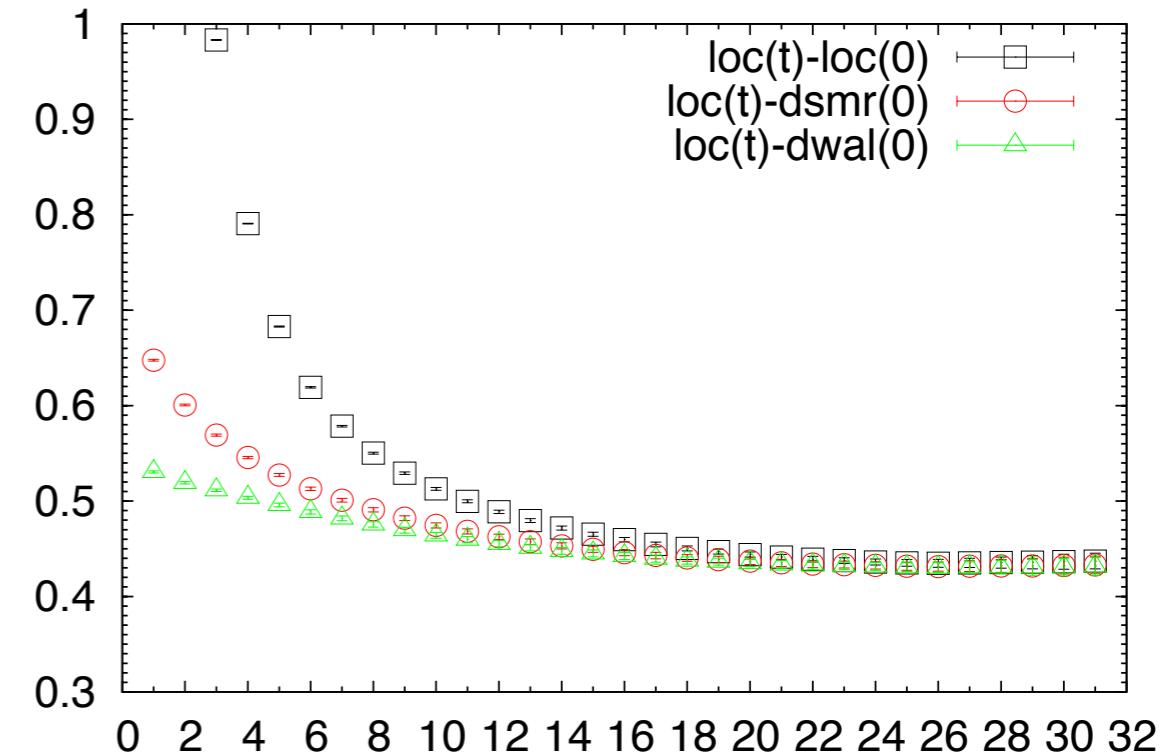


More NF=16; mq=0.003

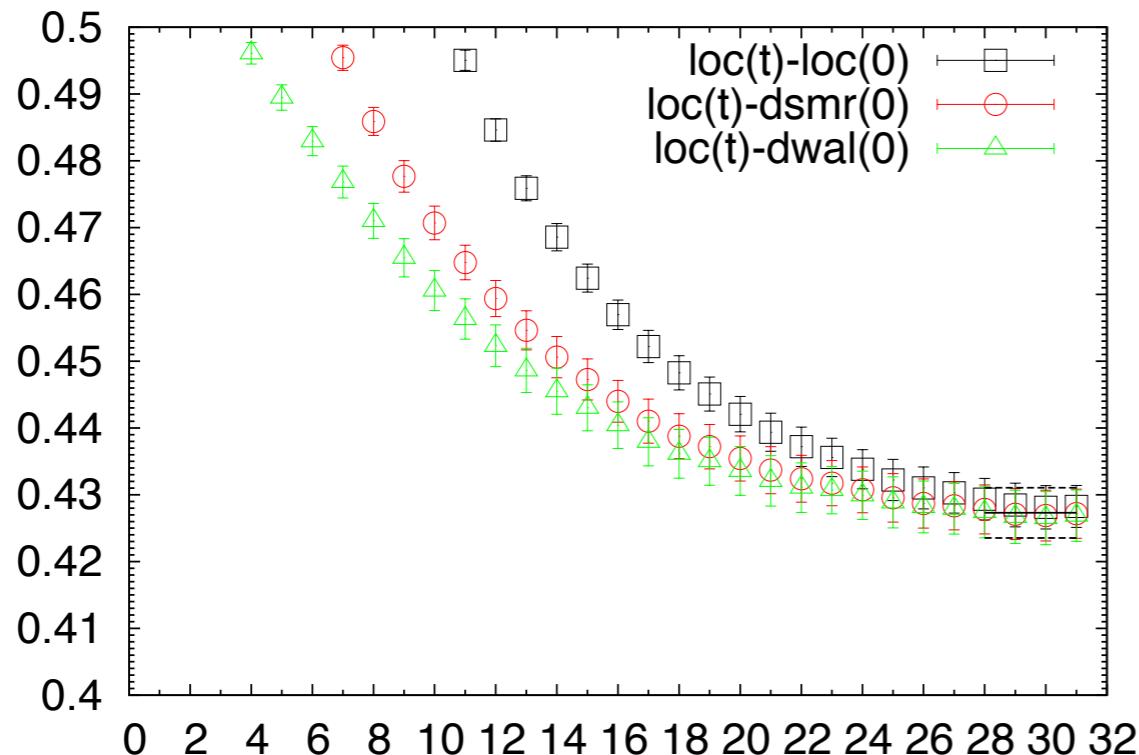
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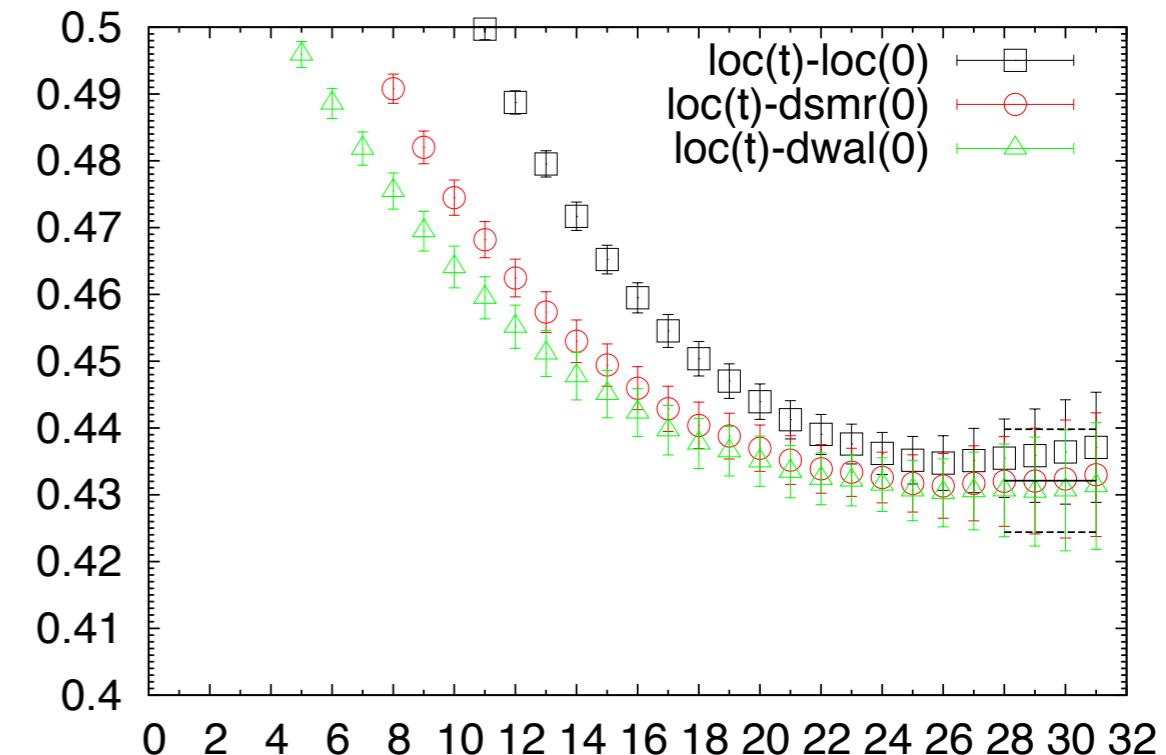
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Verified the existence of
“Conformal theories with IR cutoff”
for Nf=7 and 16

$$m_H \leq c \Lambda_{IR} \quad \Lambda_{IR} = 1/(N^3 \times N_t)^{1/4}$$

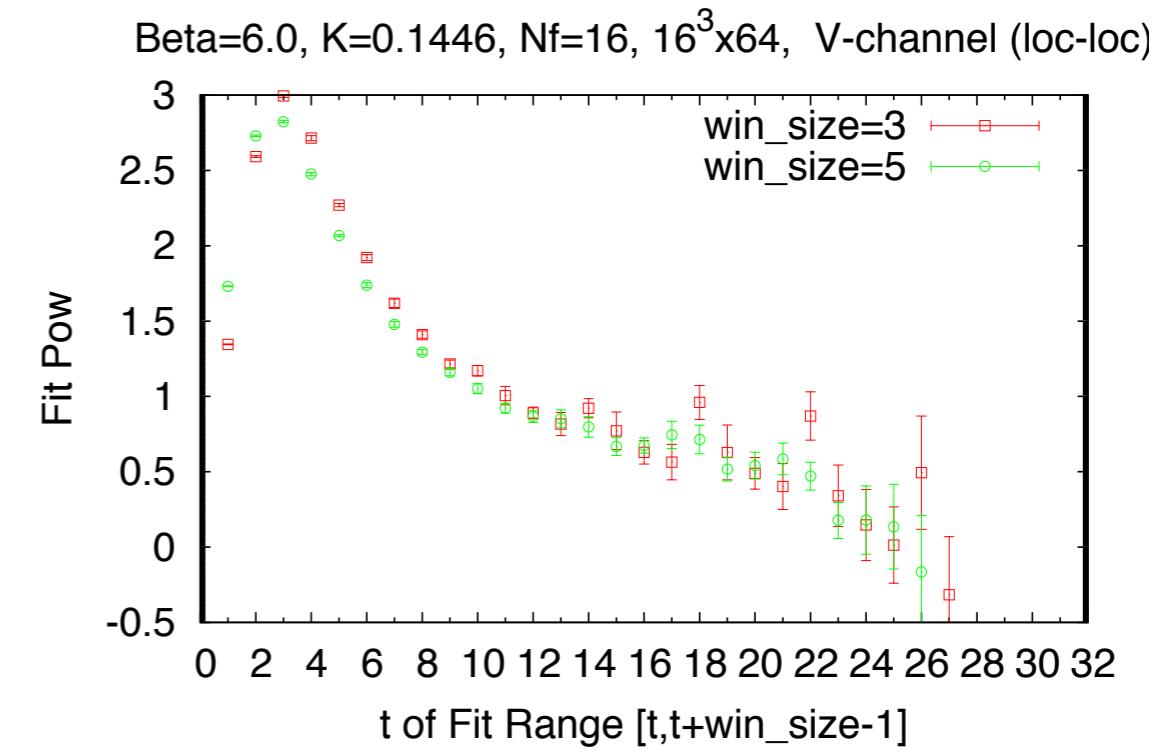
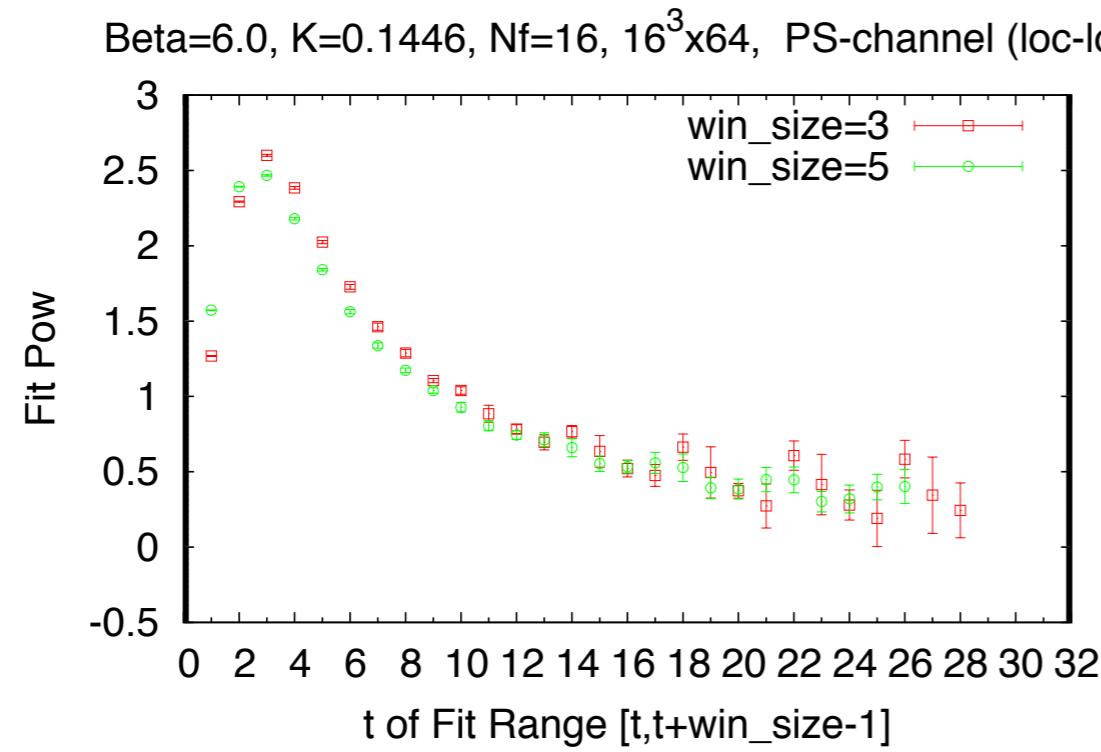
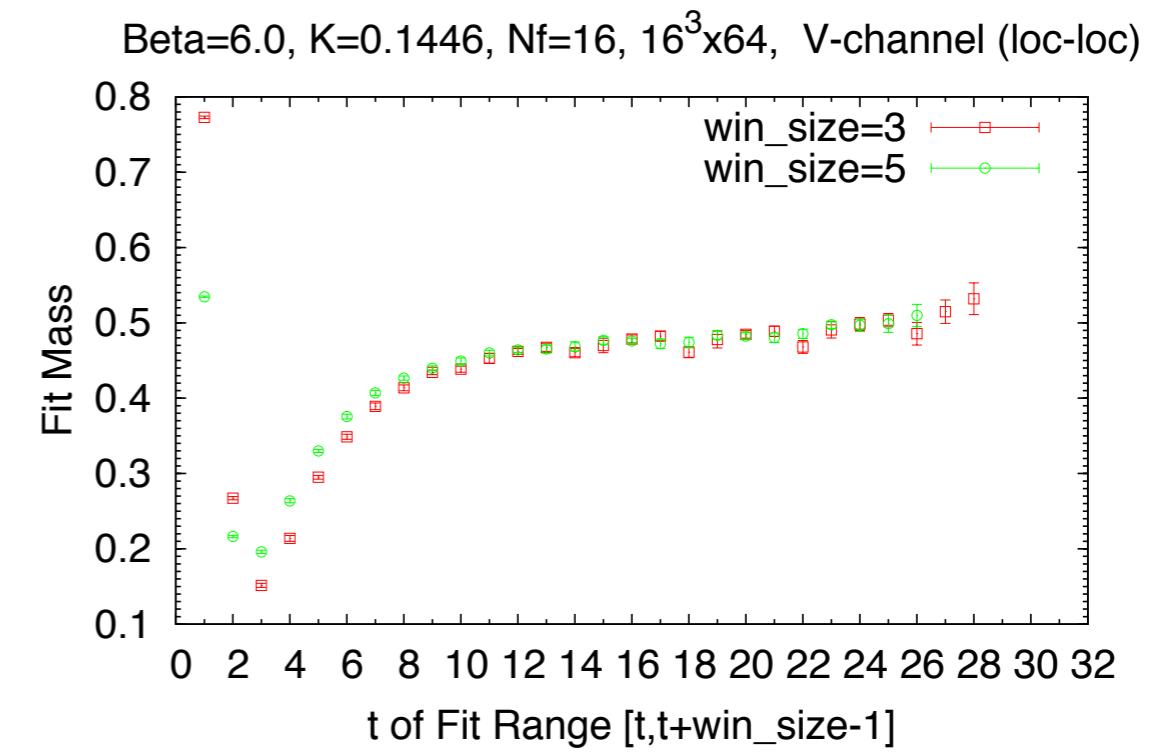
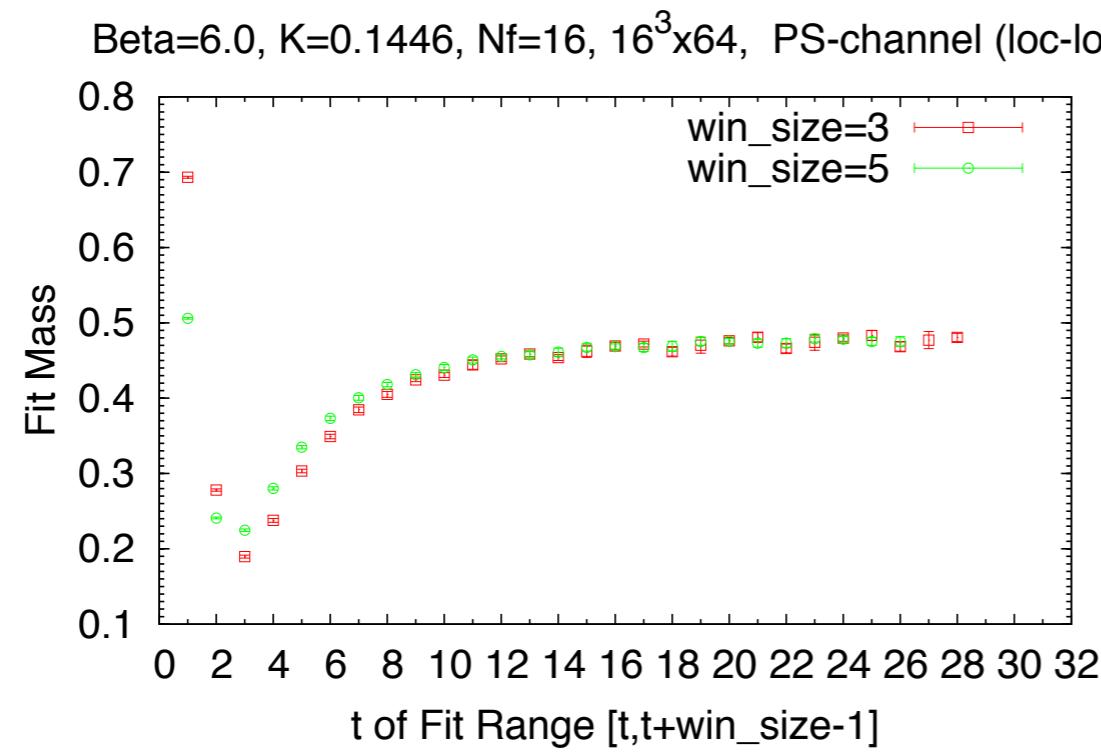
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| $c \sim 11.0$ | Nf=7 for all lattice sizes at beta=6.0 |
| $c \sim 12.4$ | Nf=16 for all lattice sizes at beta=11.5 |

Achieved the first target in part 2

Second primary target in part 2

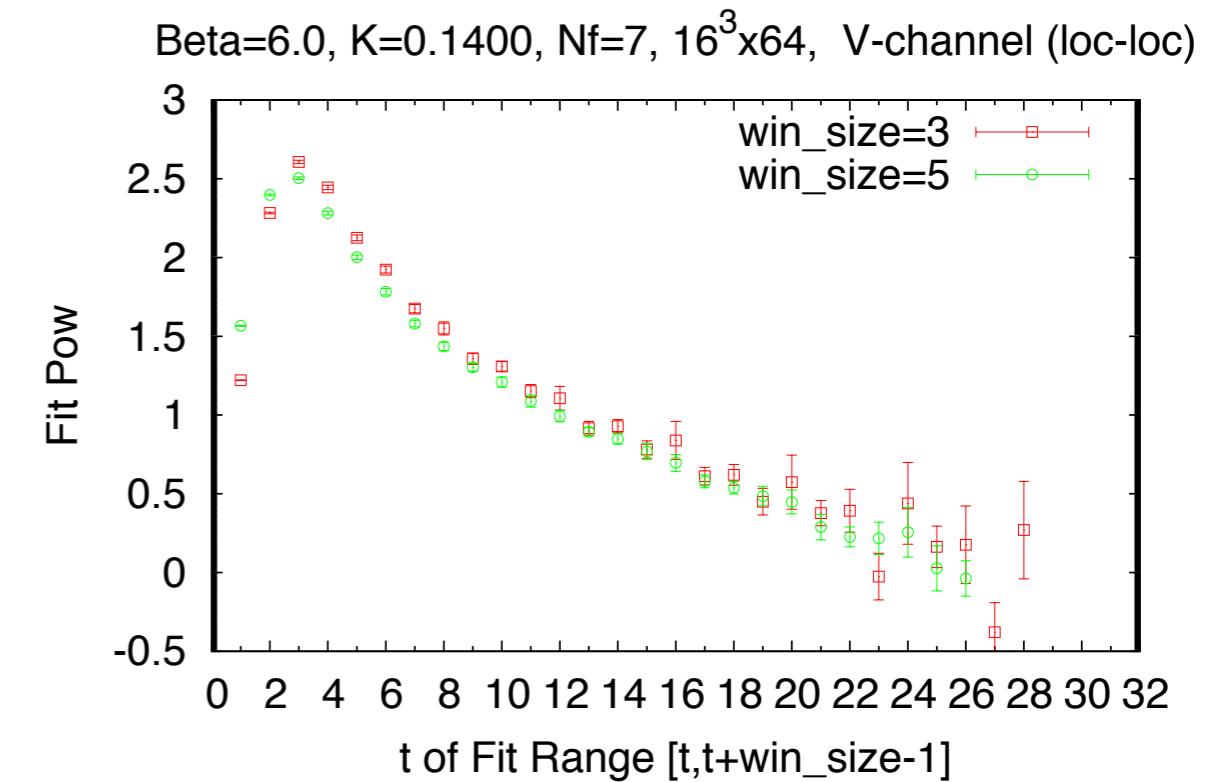
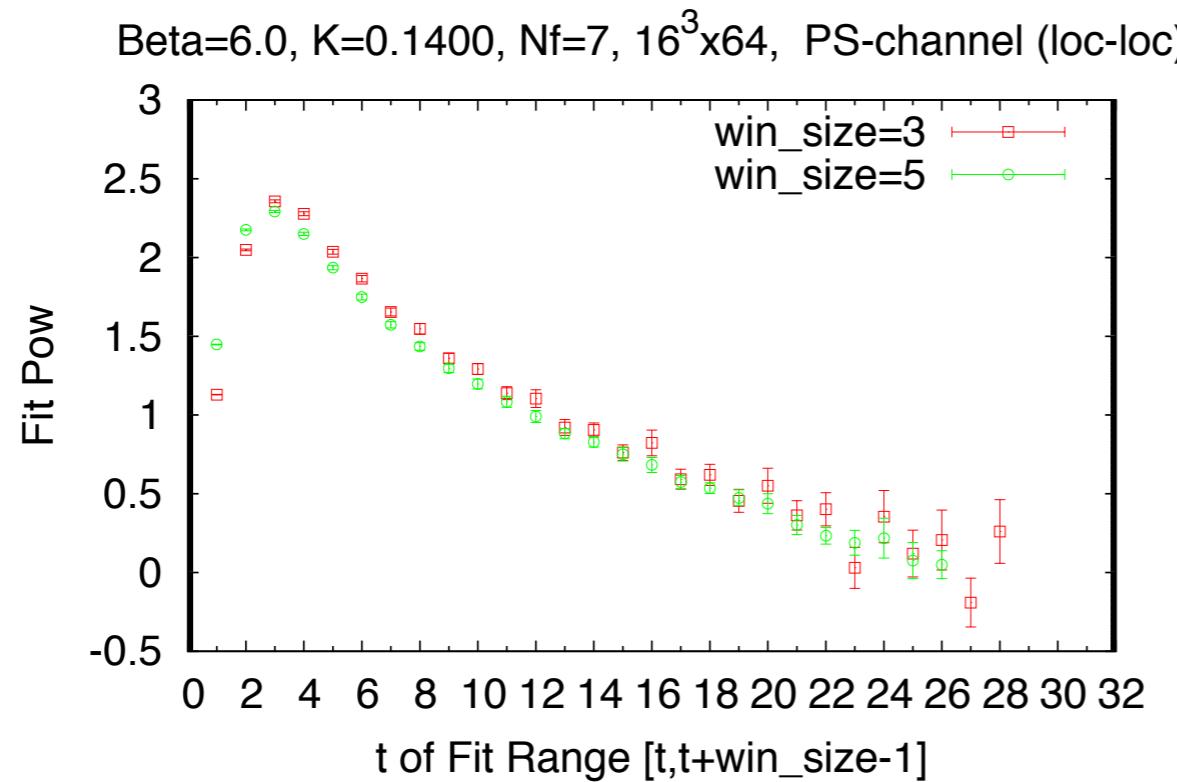
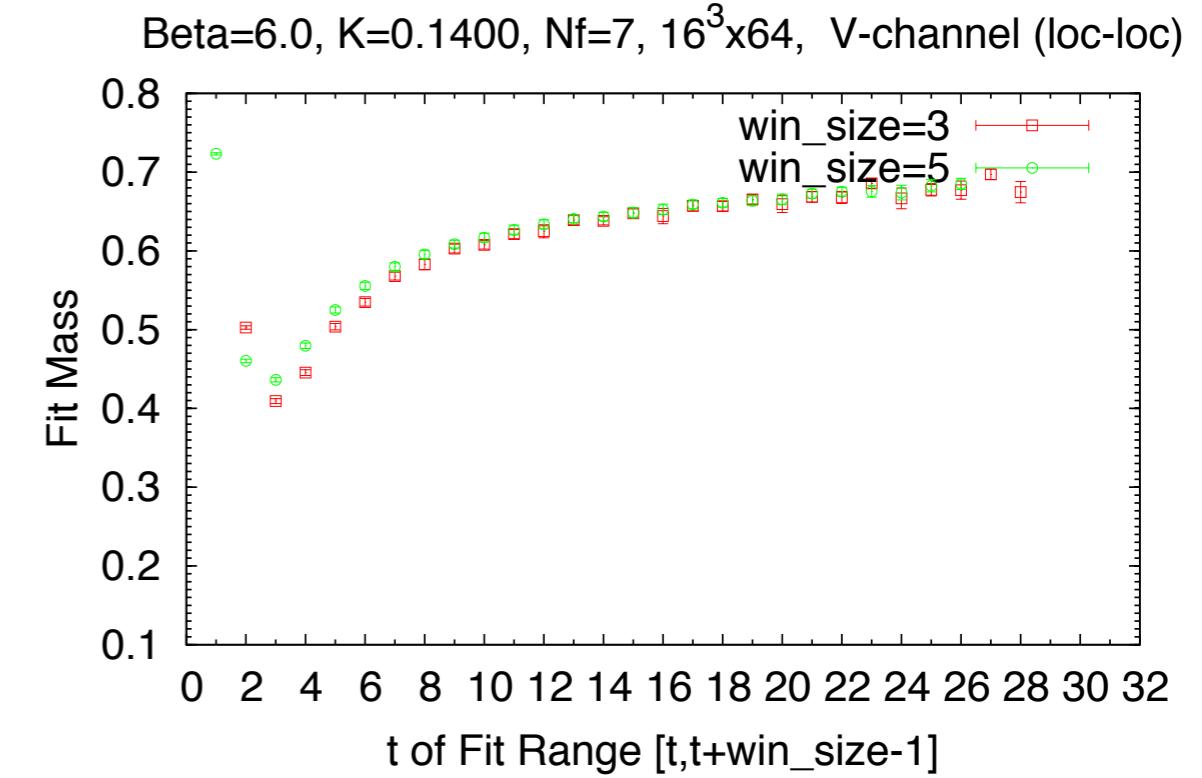
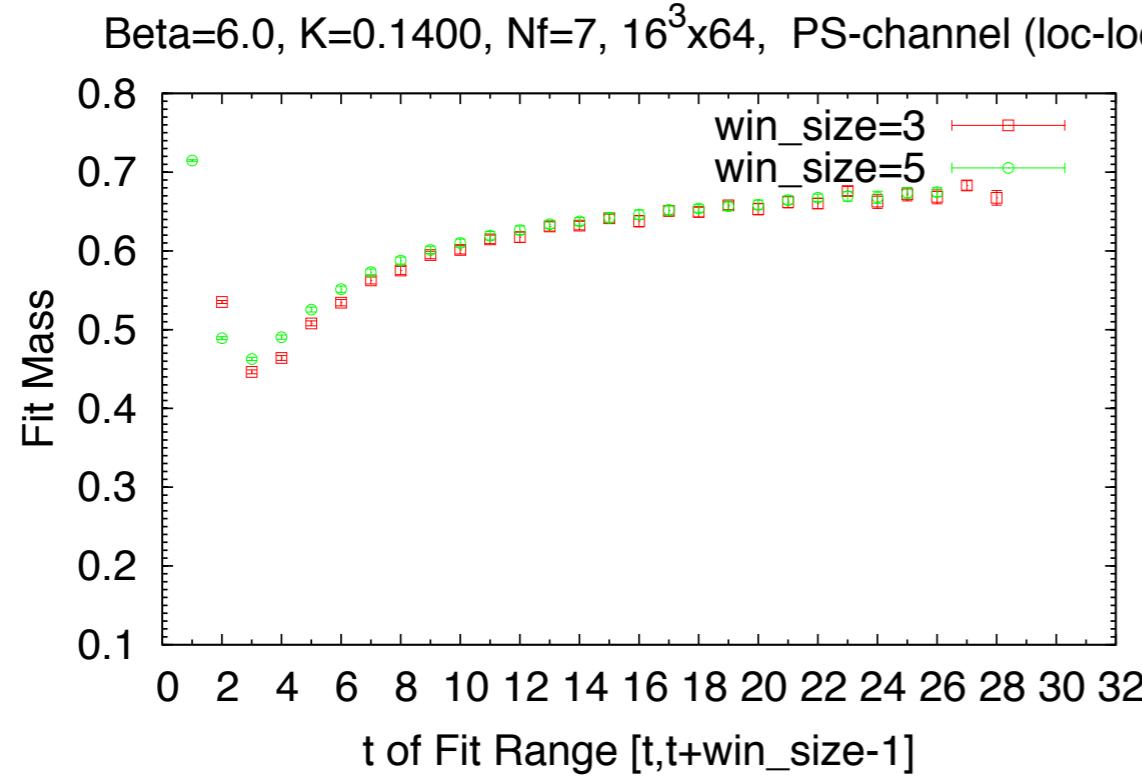
- What kind of theory is defined ?
- $\alpha(t)$ and $m(t)$ reflect the dynamics
- Investigate t-dependence of $\alpha(t)$ and $m(t)$

$m(t), \alpha(t) : N_f=7; m_q=0.084$



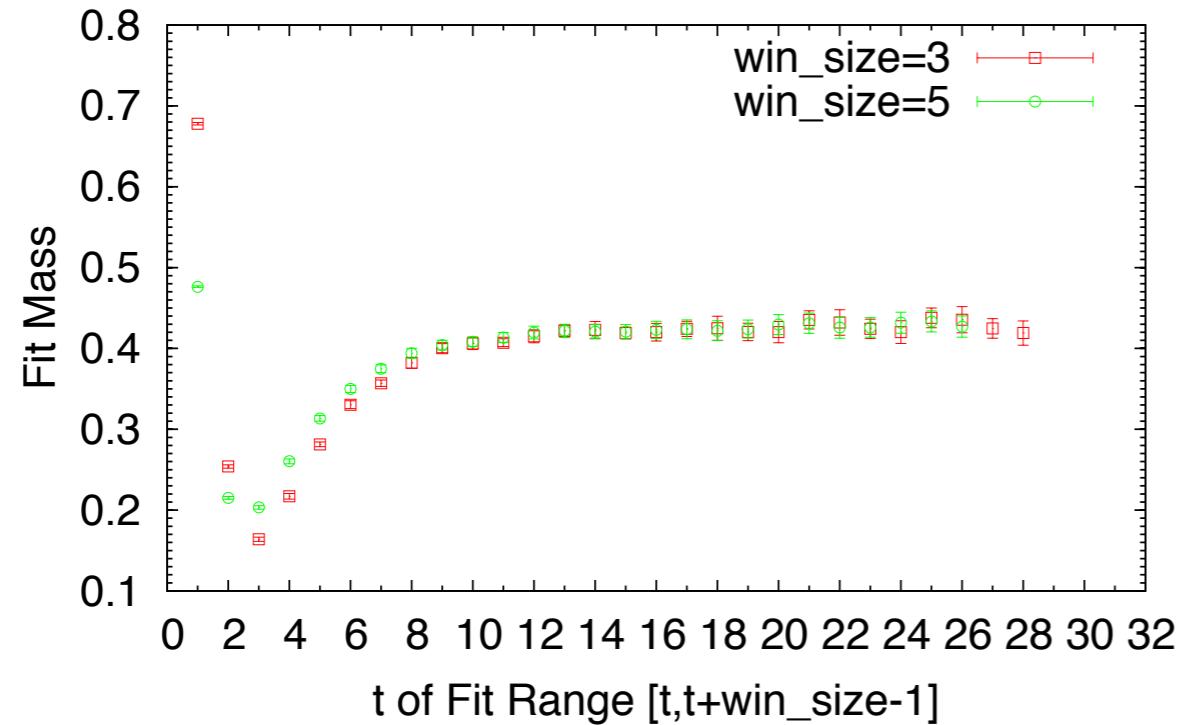
Compare with exp. damping

Nf=7; K=0.1400(mq=0.22)

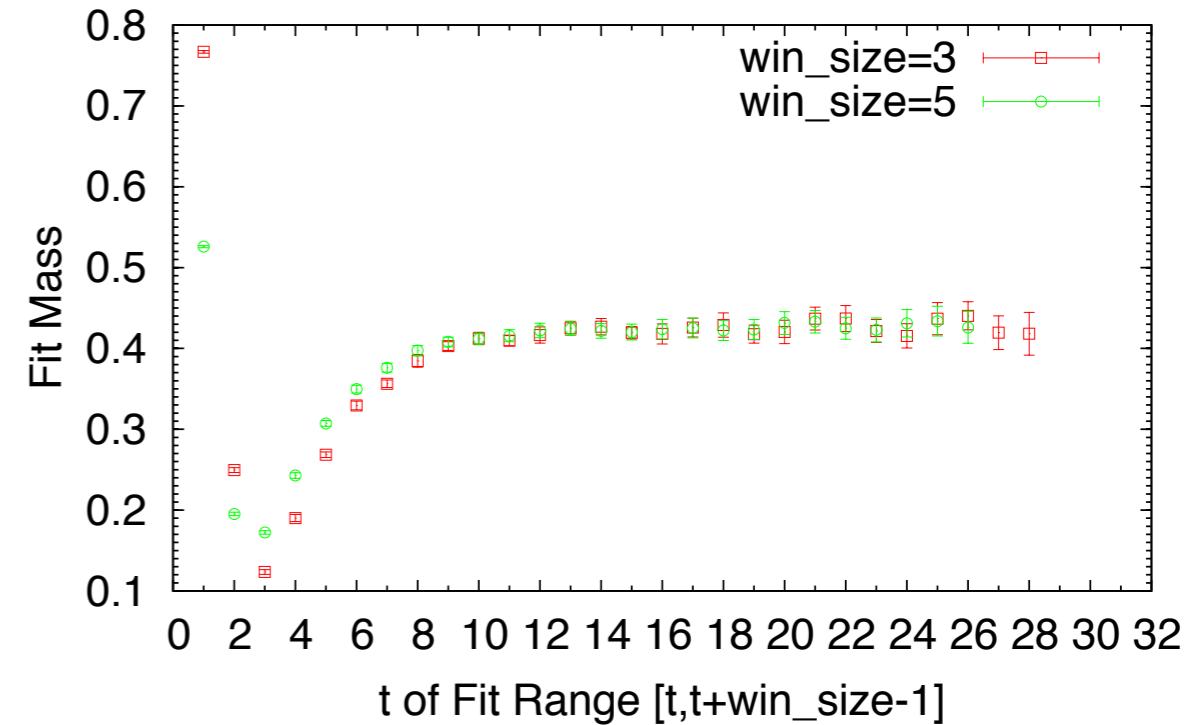


$m(t), \alpha(t) : \text{Nf}7; \text{mq}=0.062$

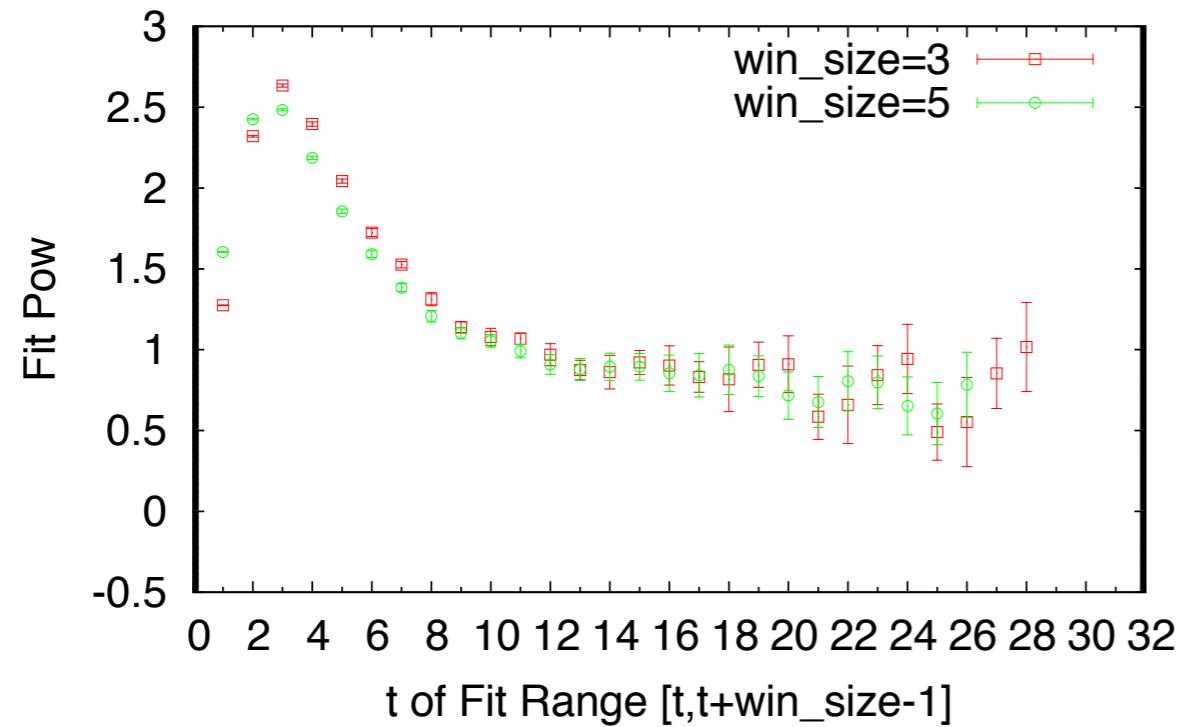
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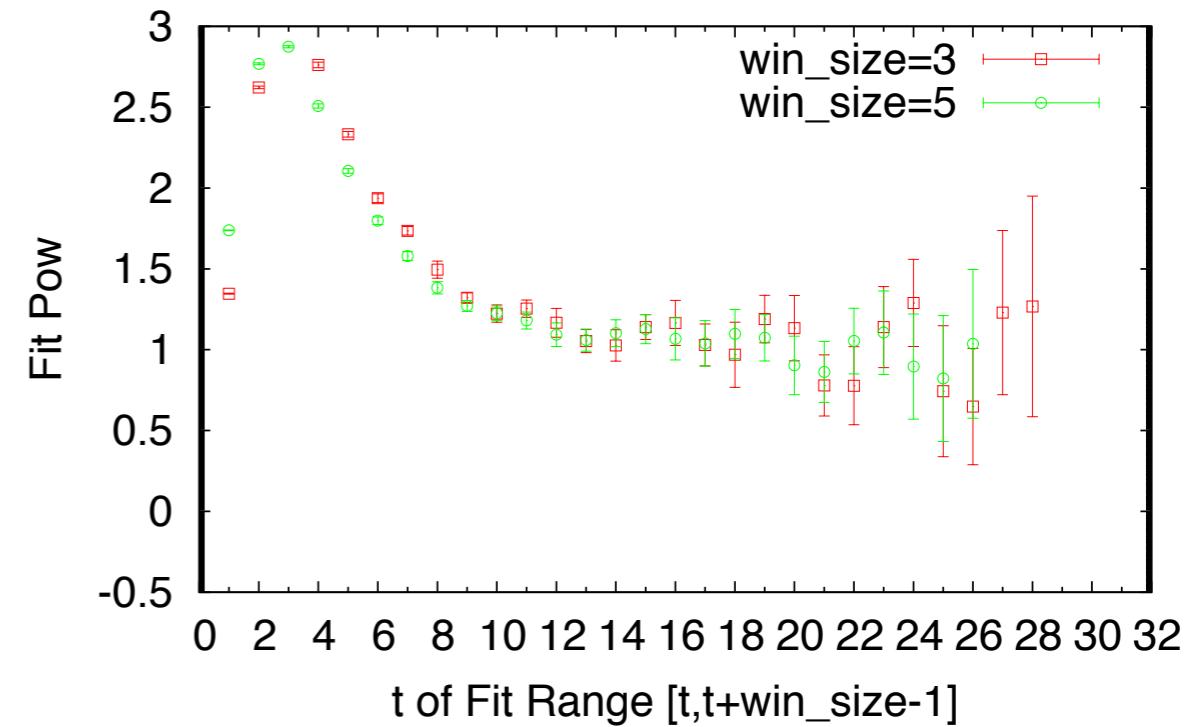
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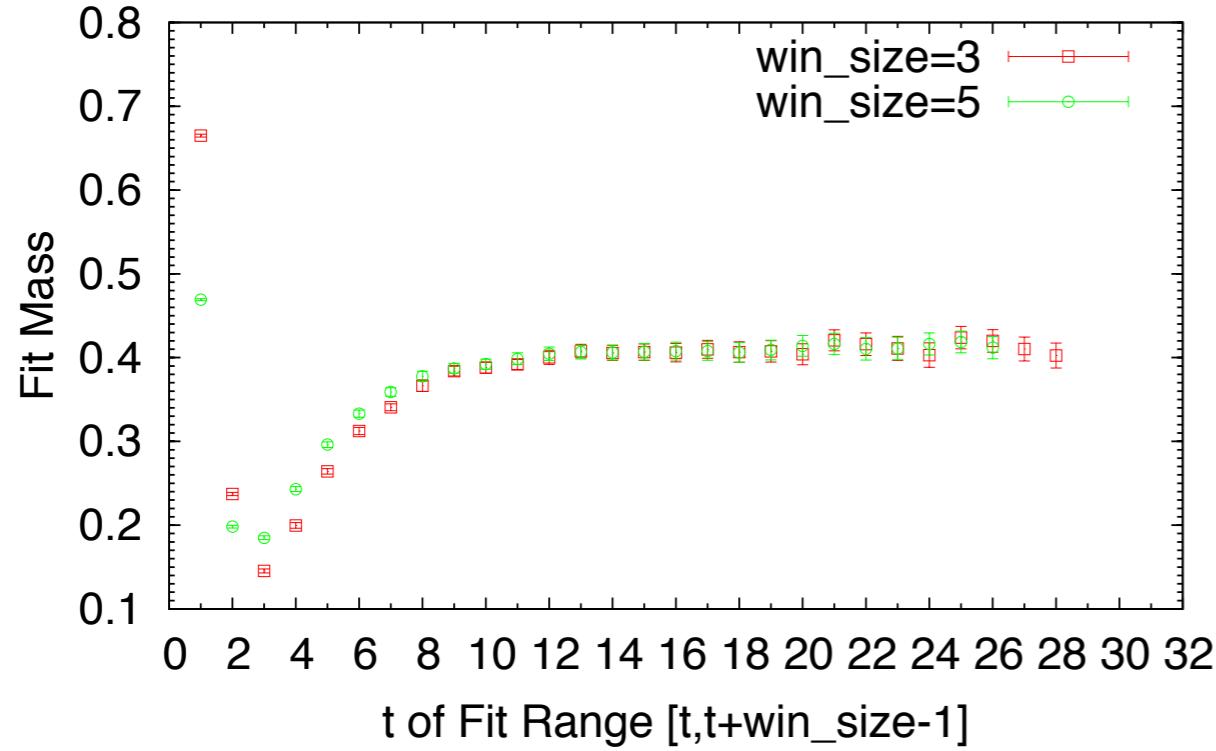


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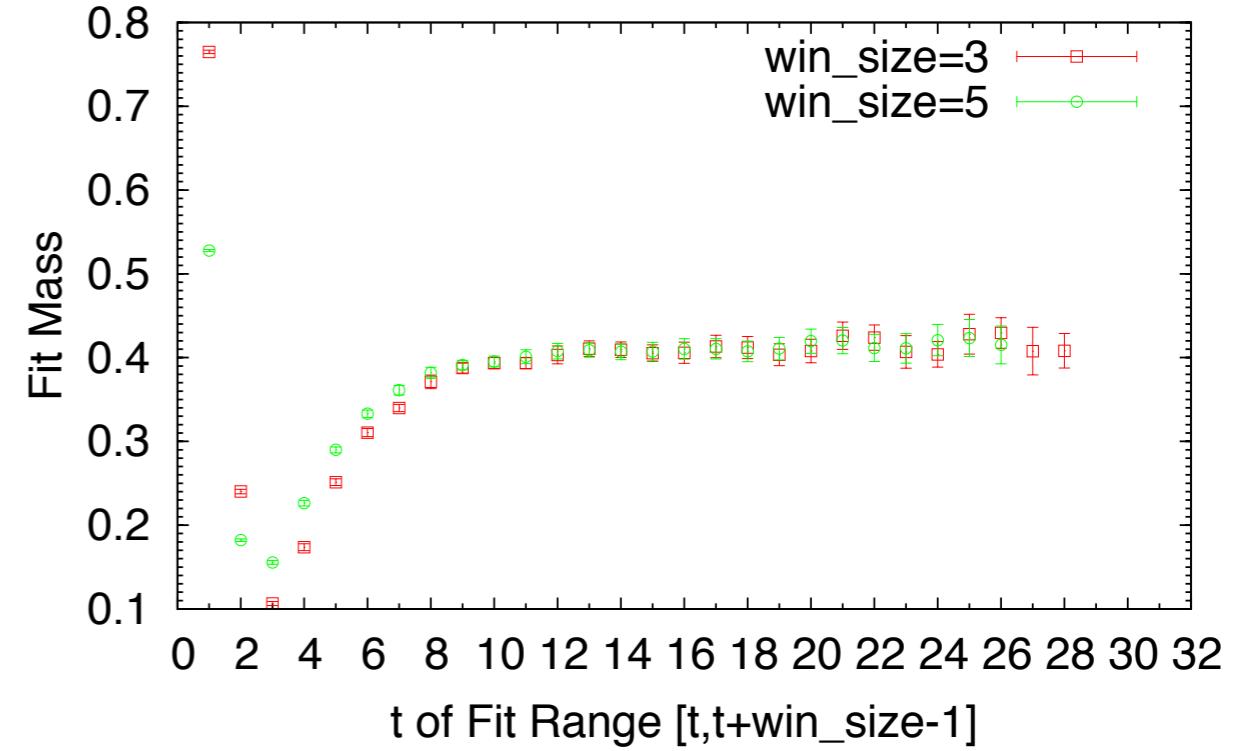


$m(t), \alpha(t)$: Nf7; mq=0.045

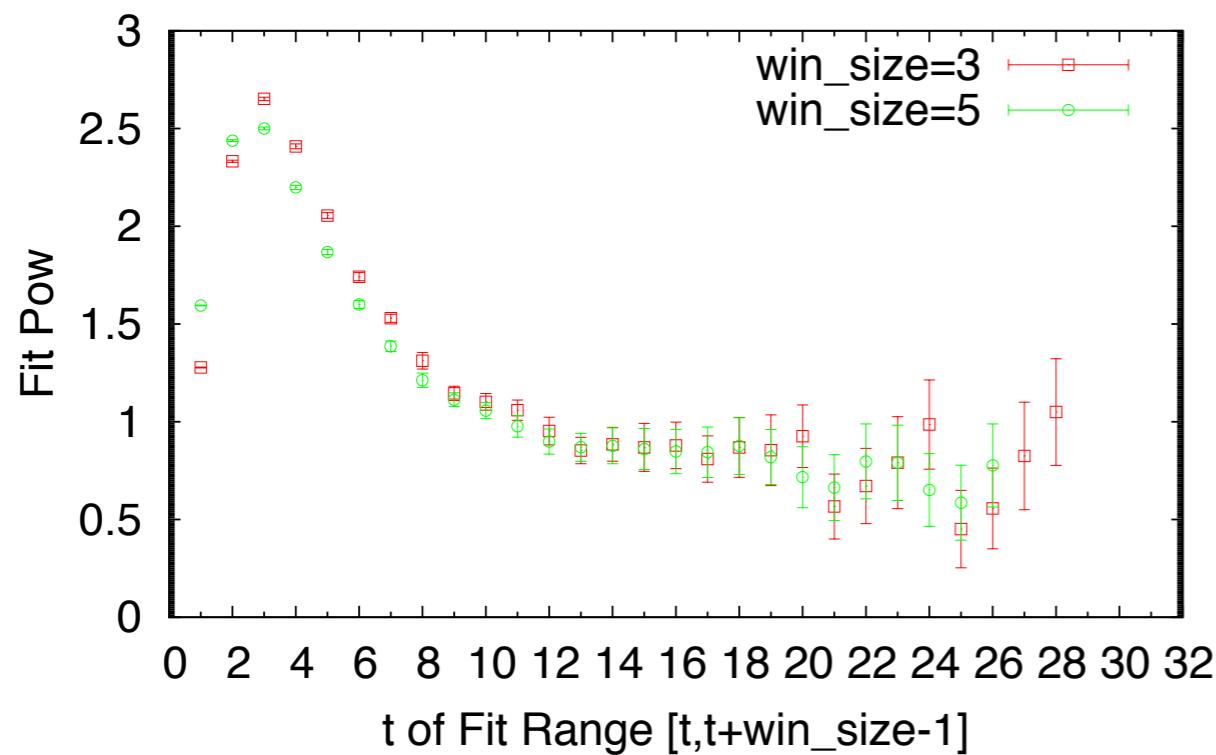
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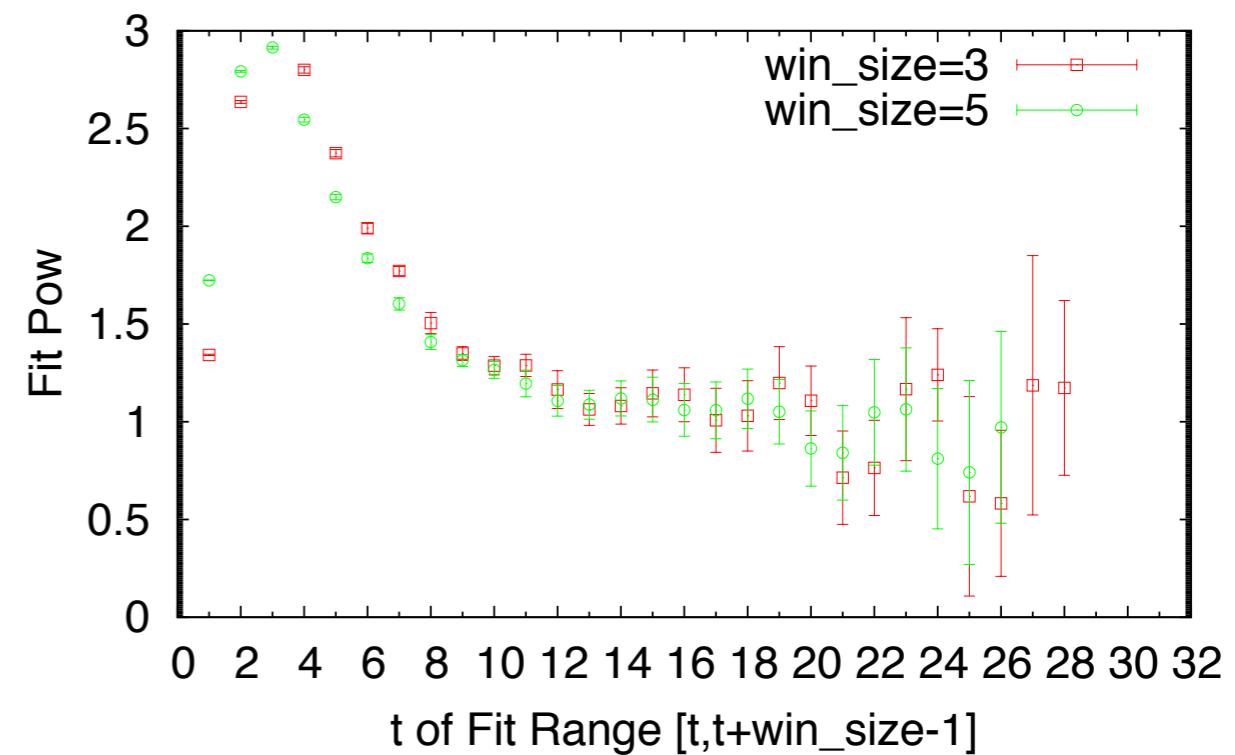
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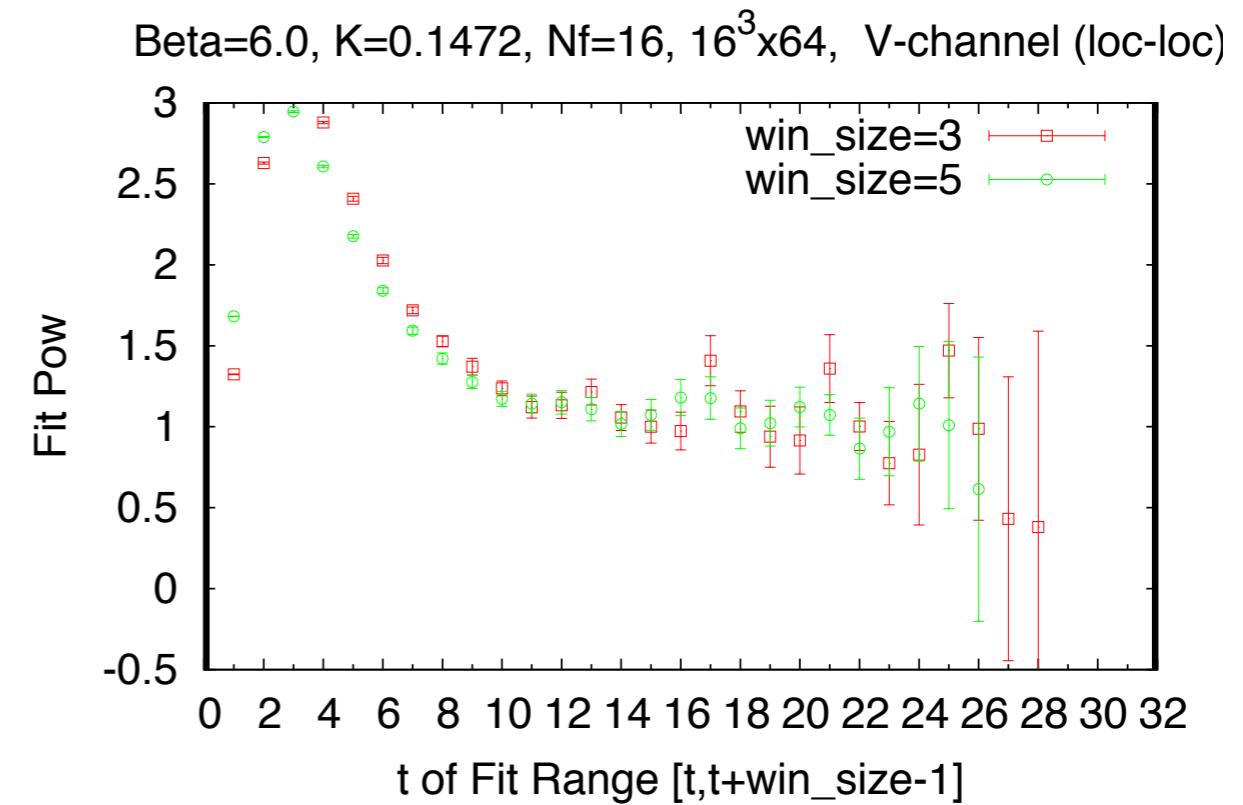
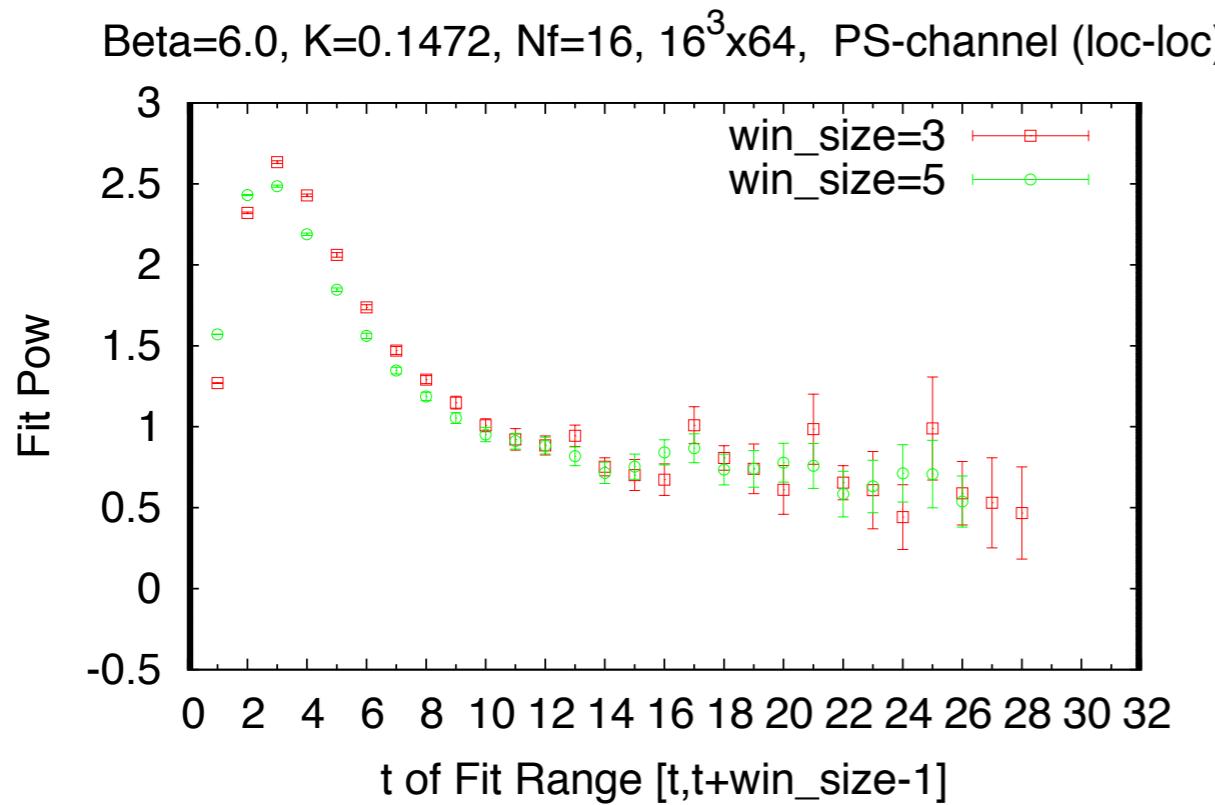
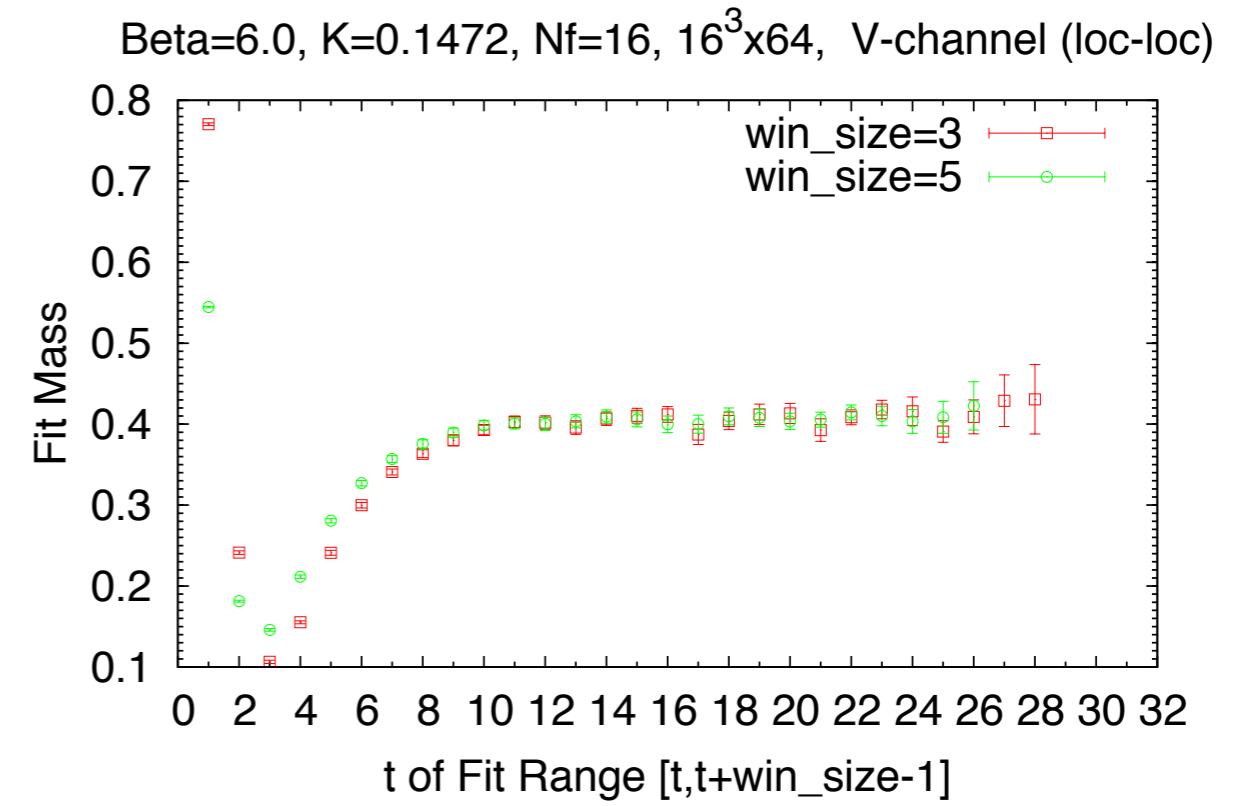
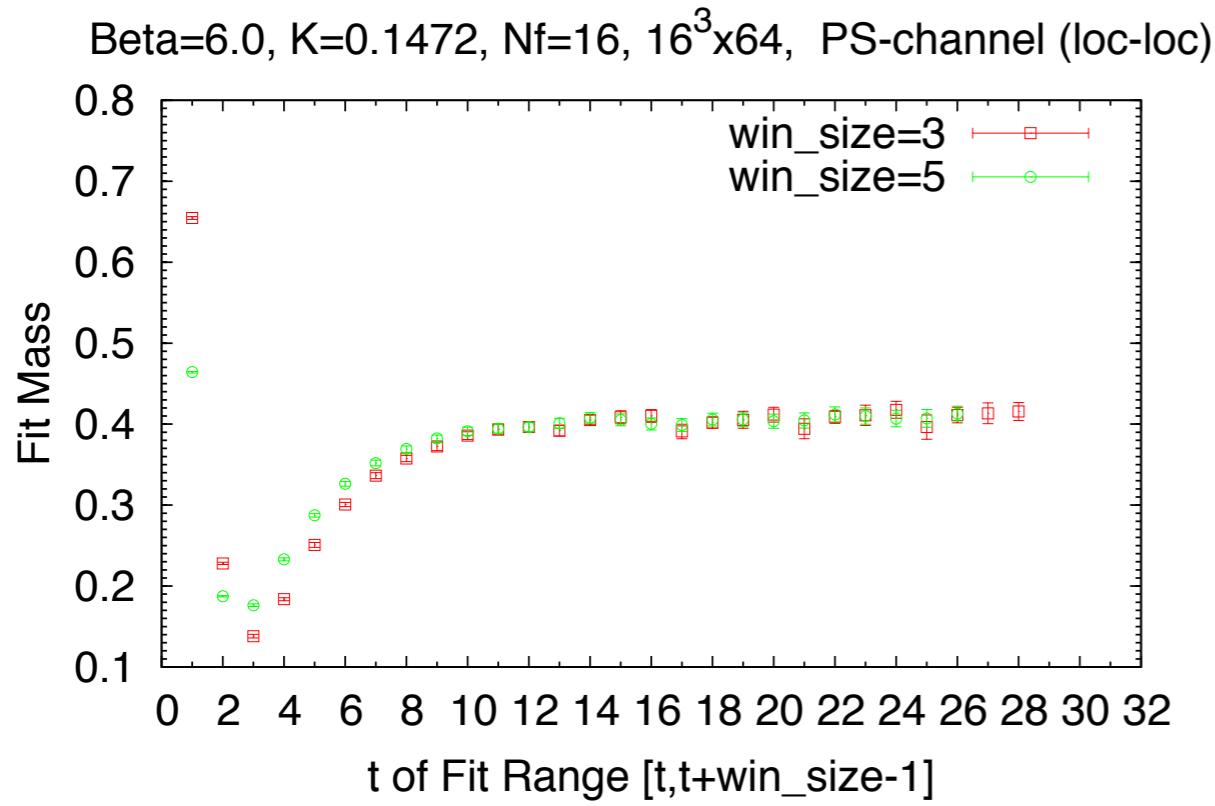
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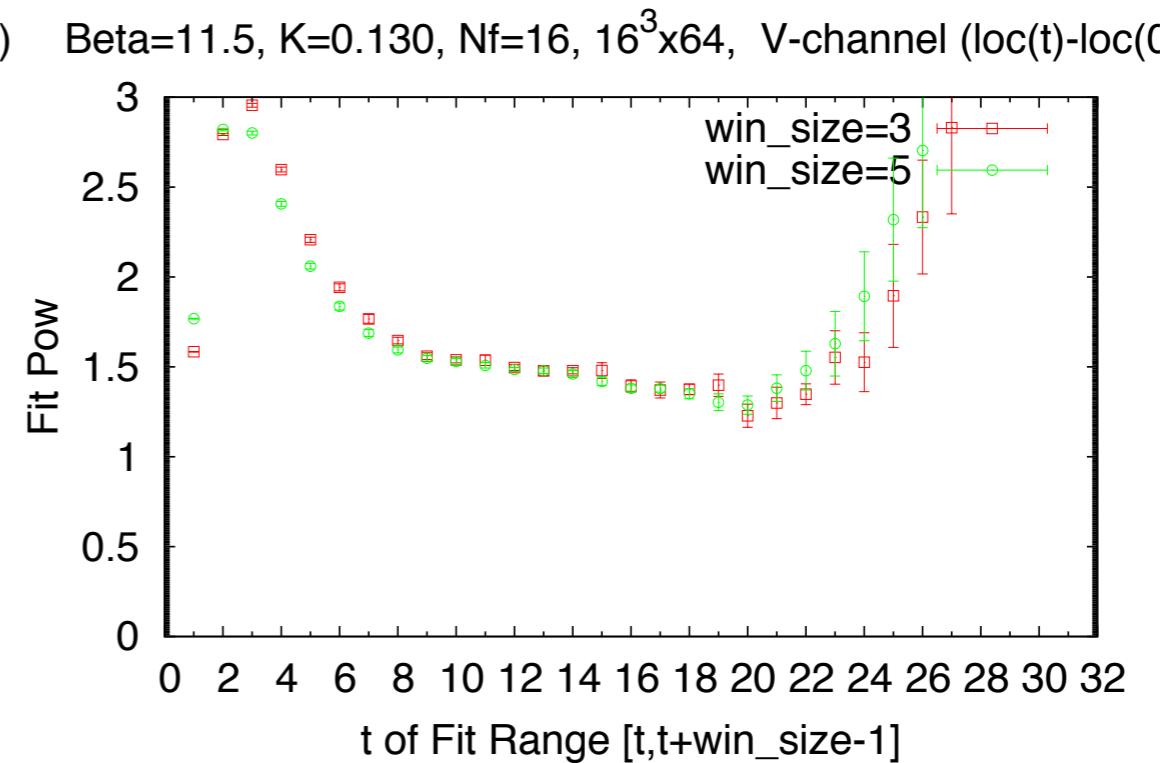
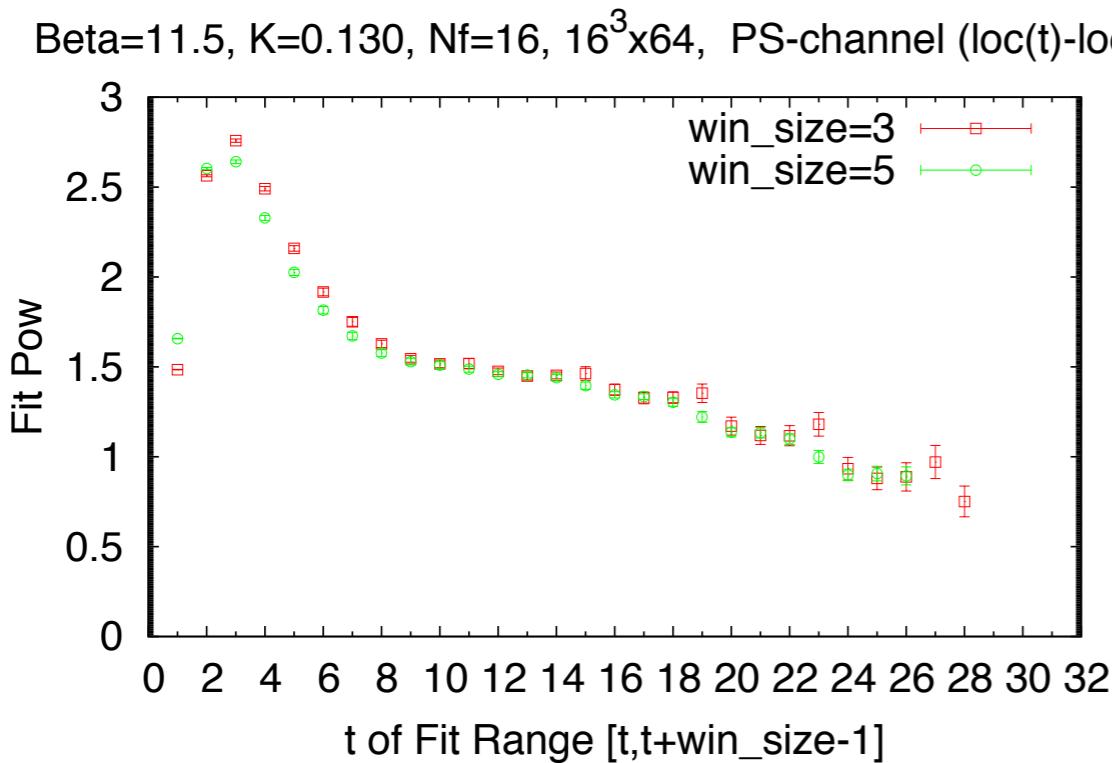
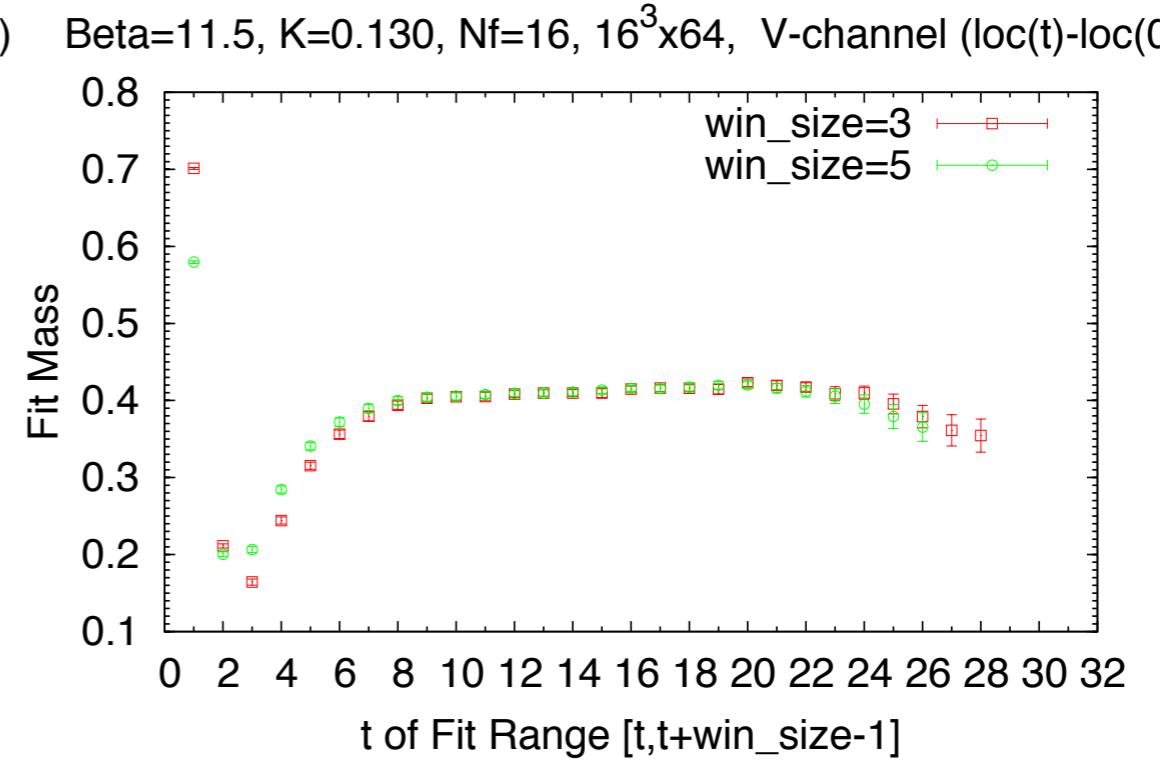
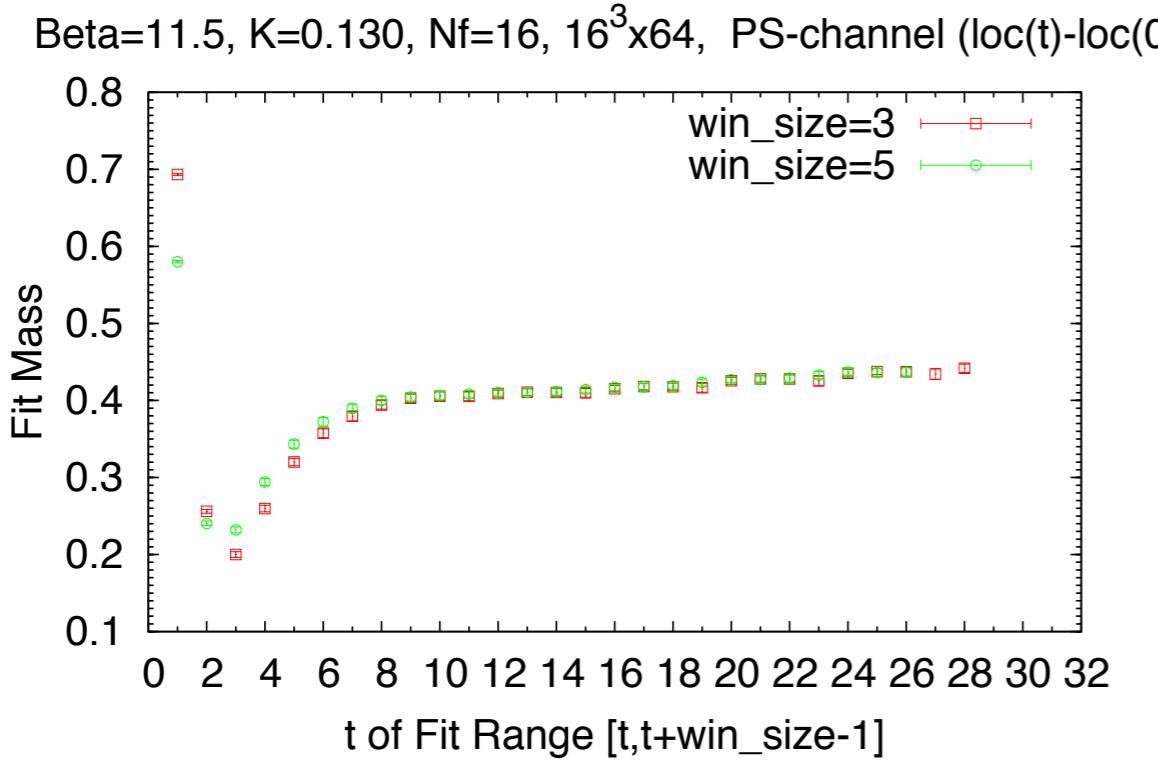
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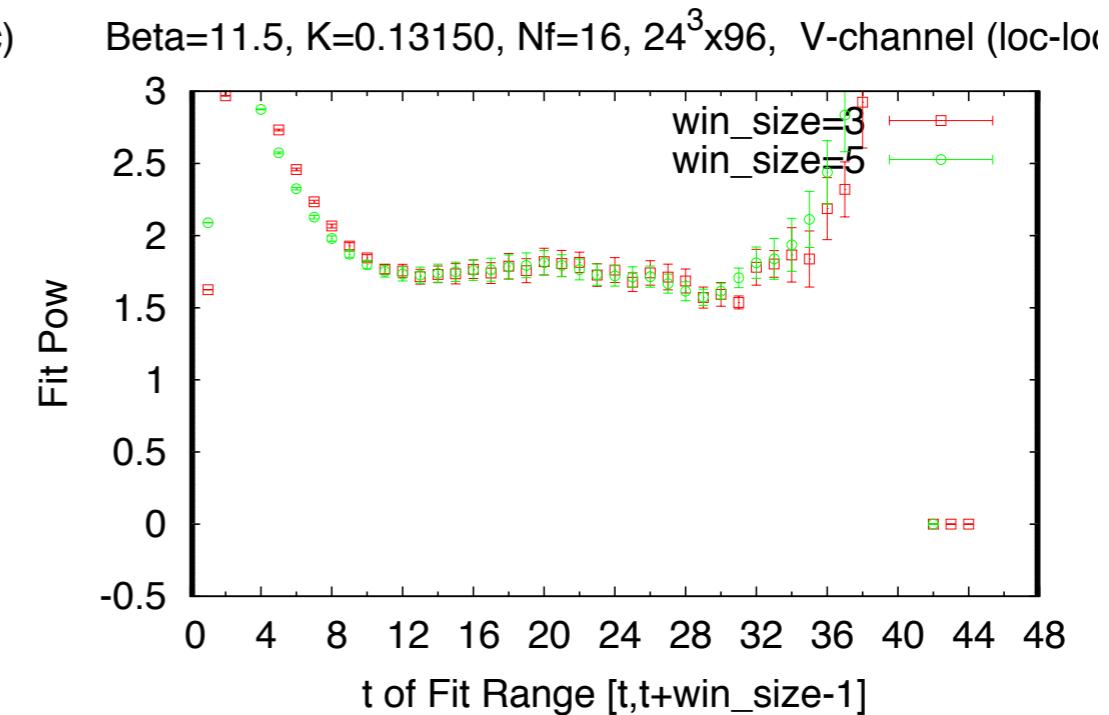
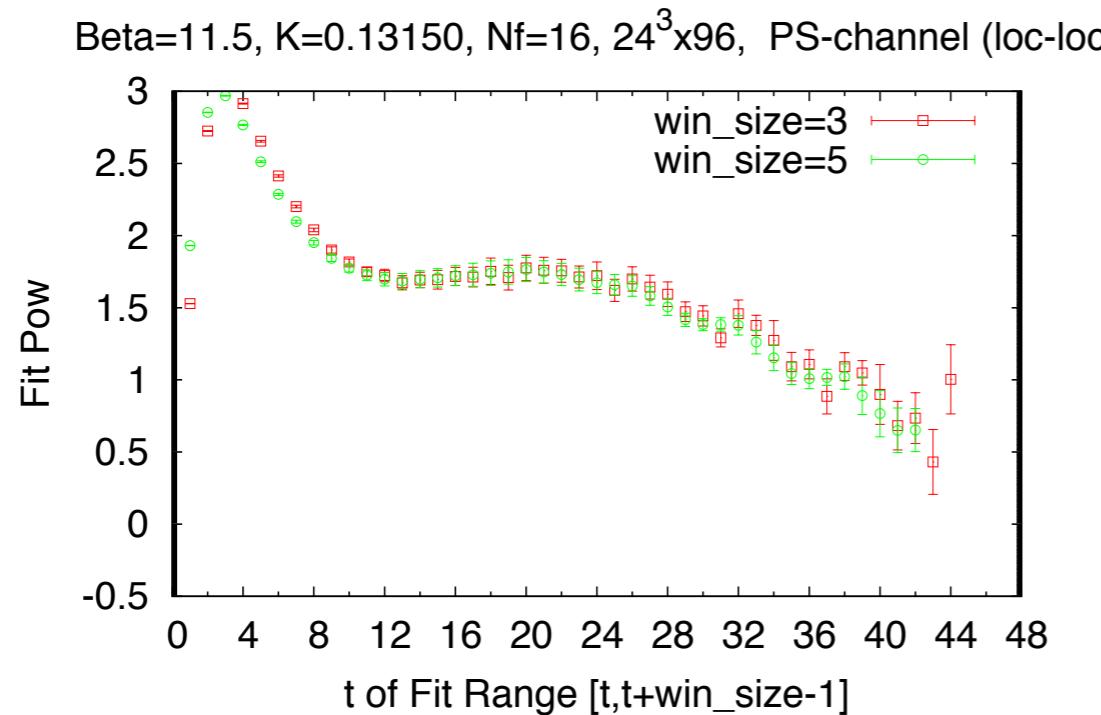
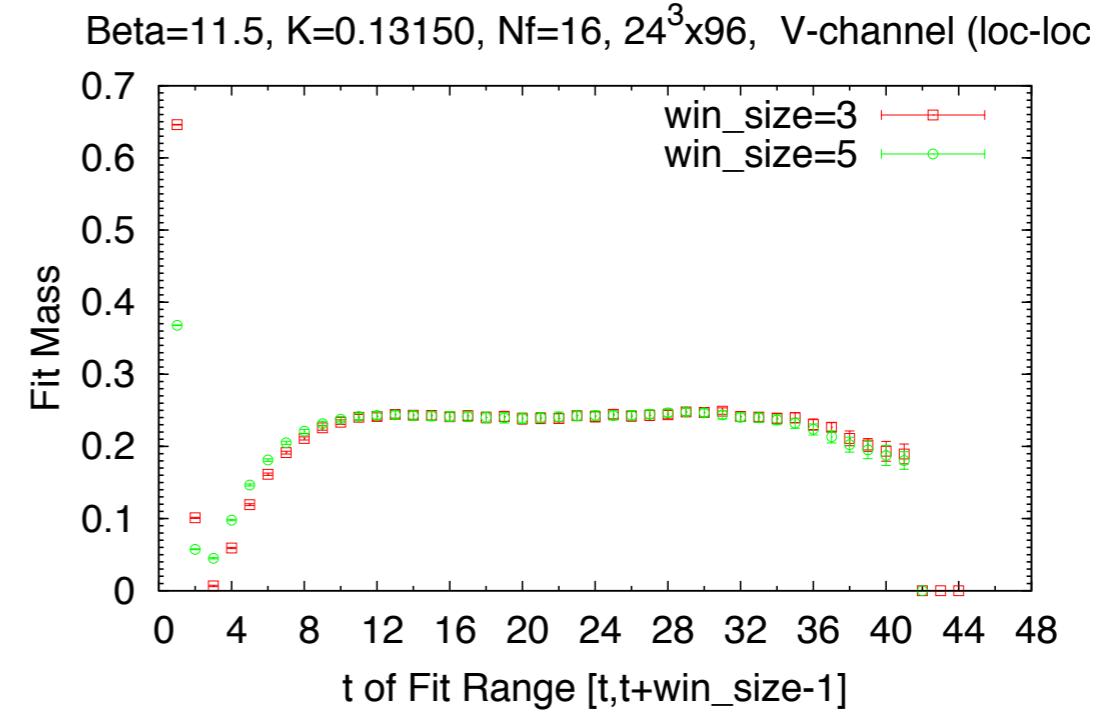
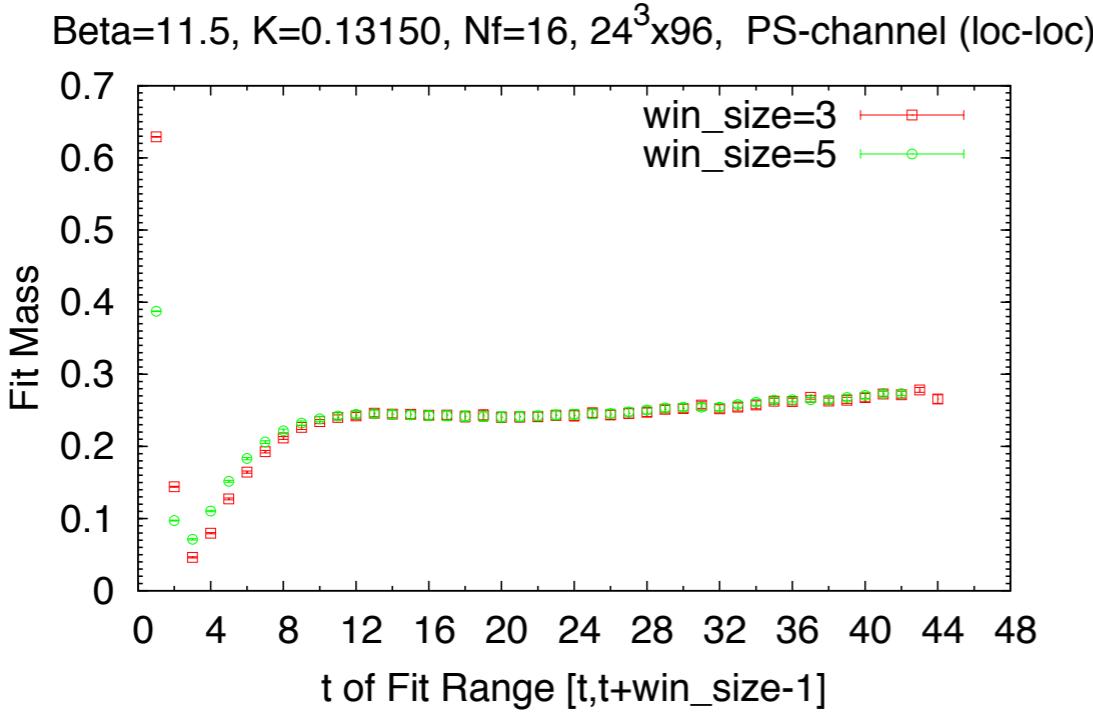
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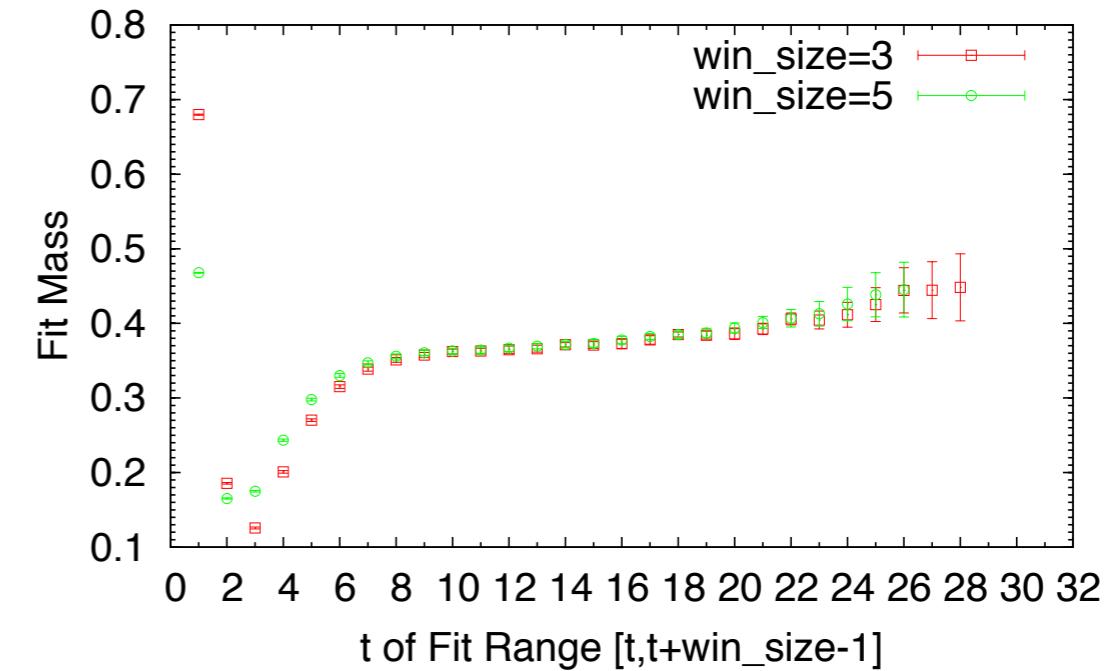
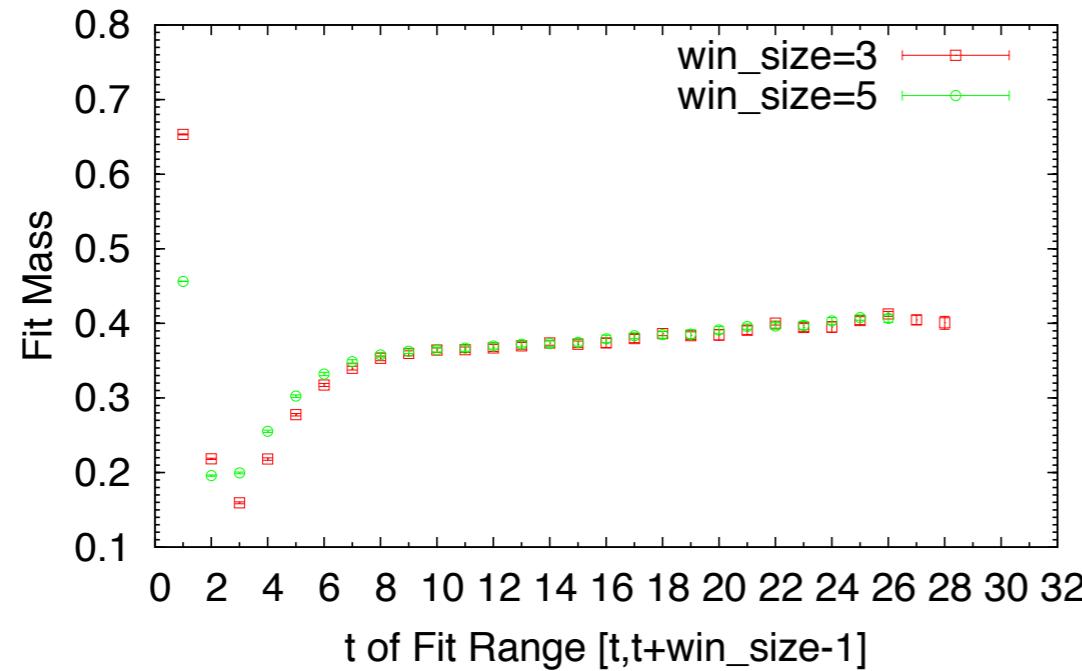


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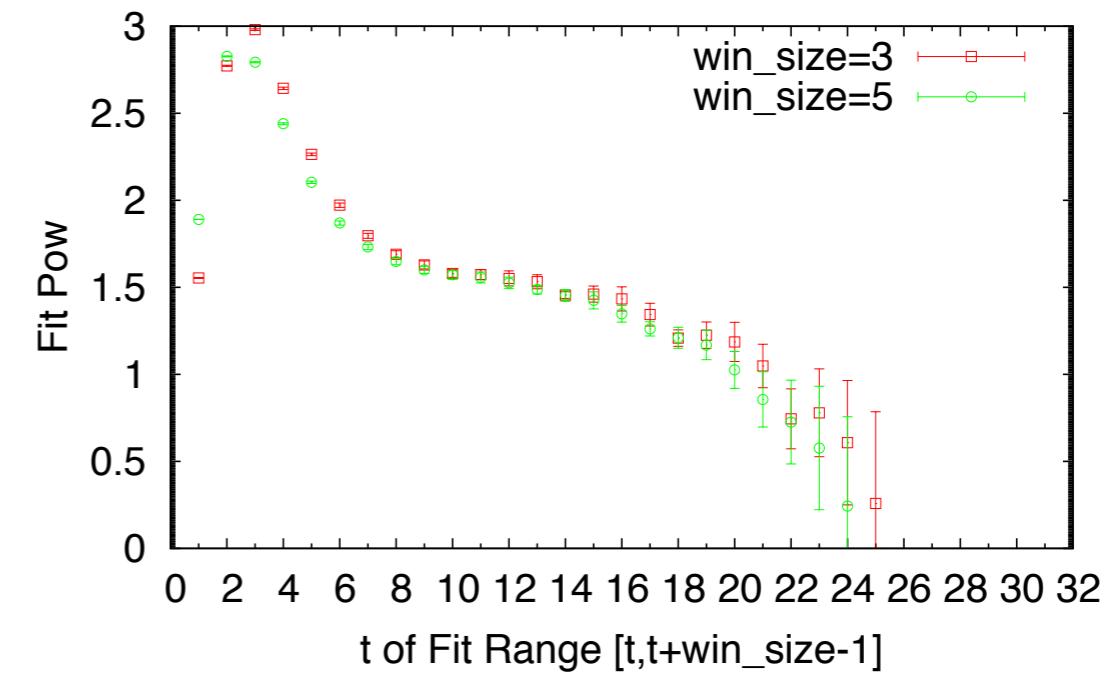
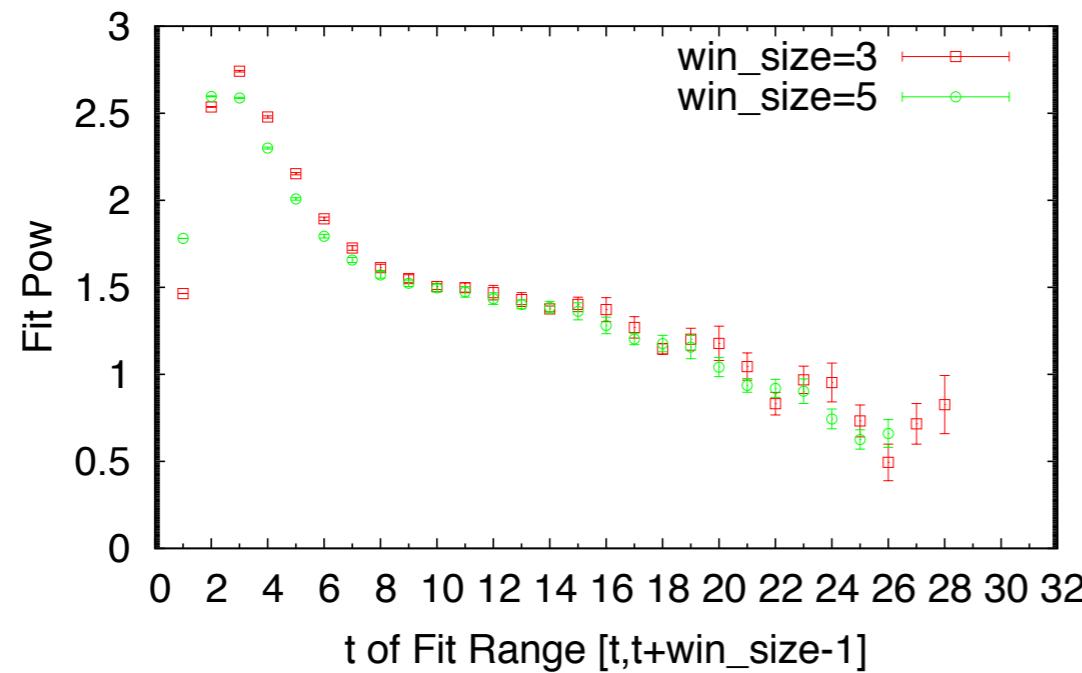


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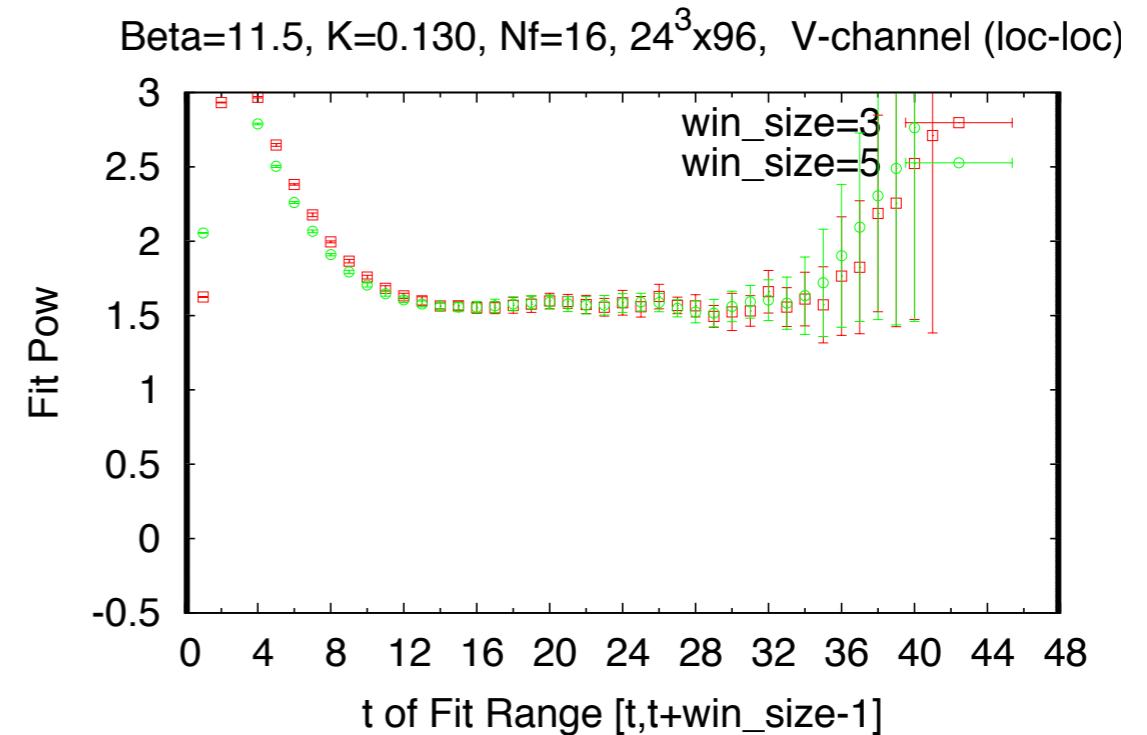
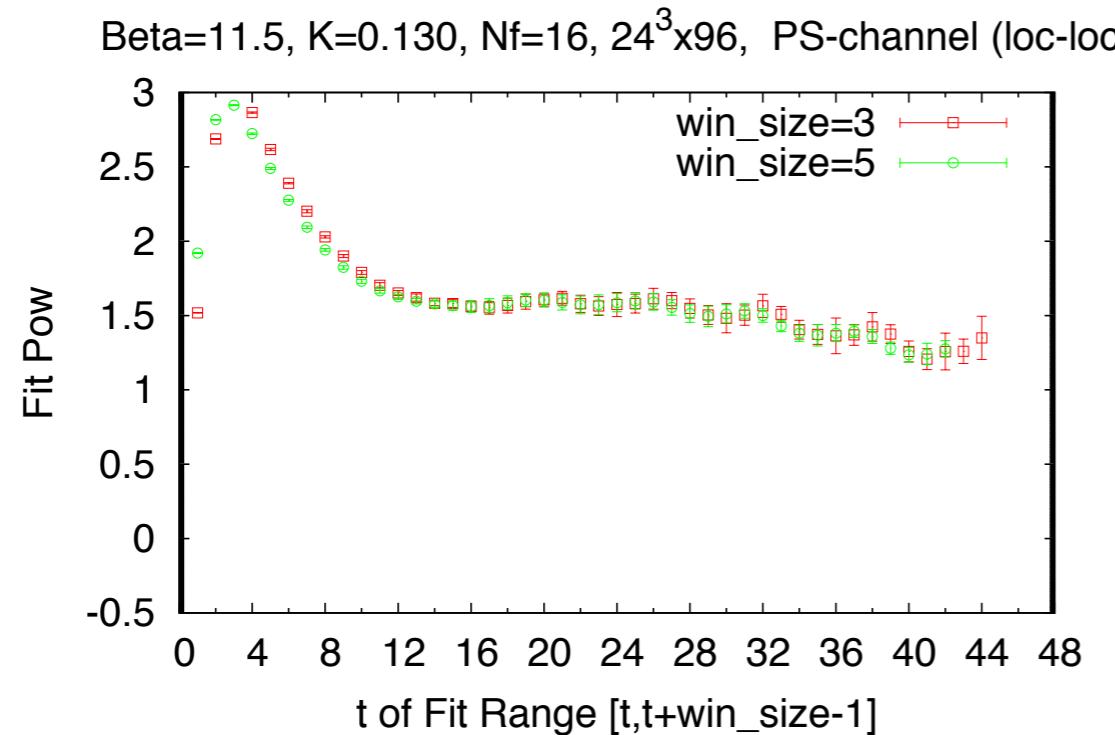
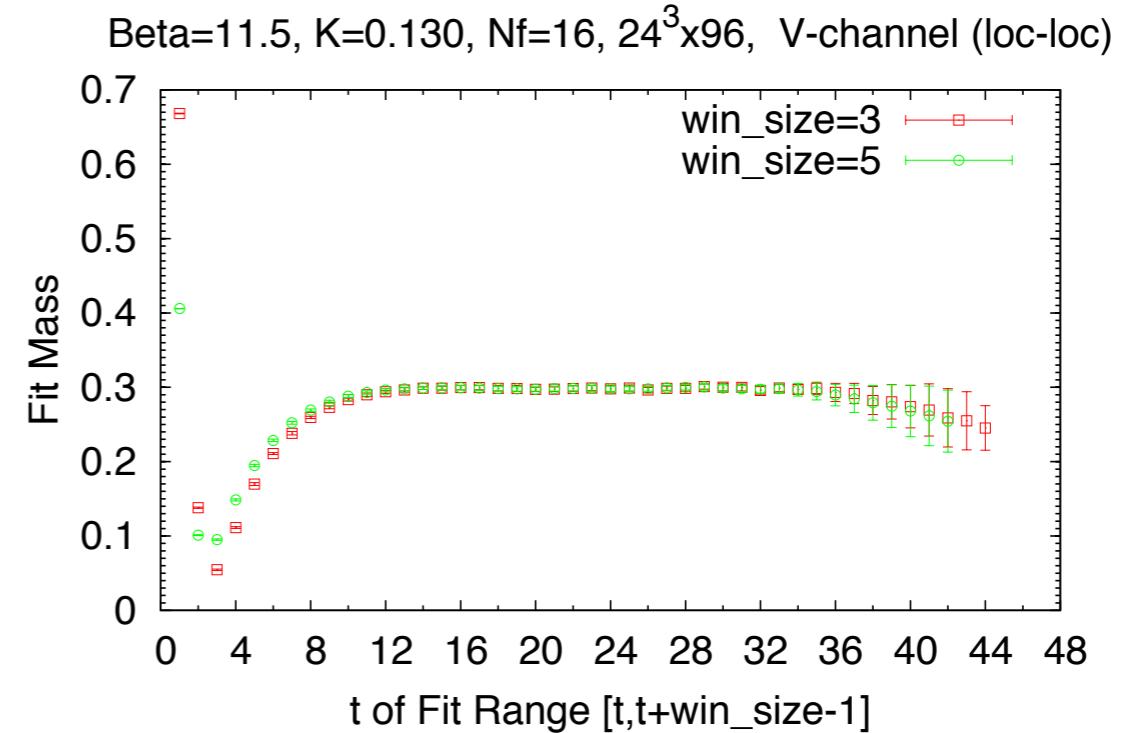
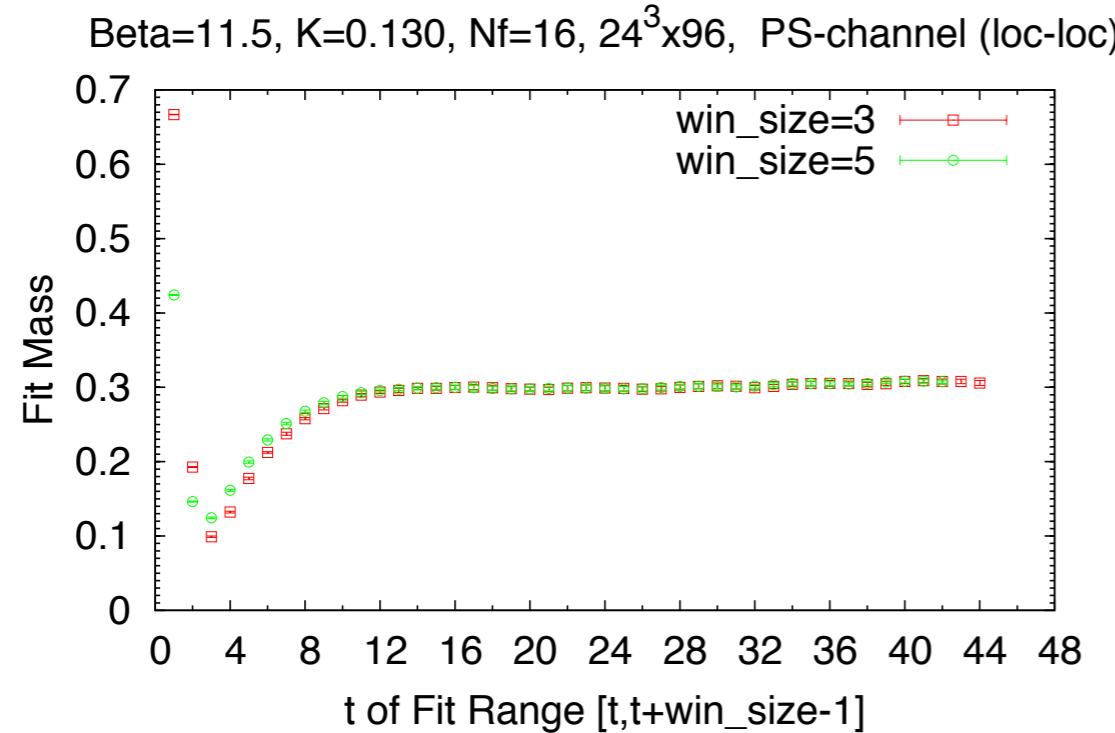
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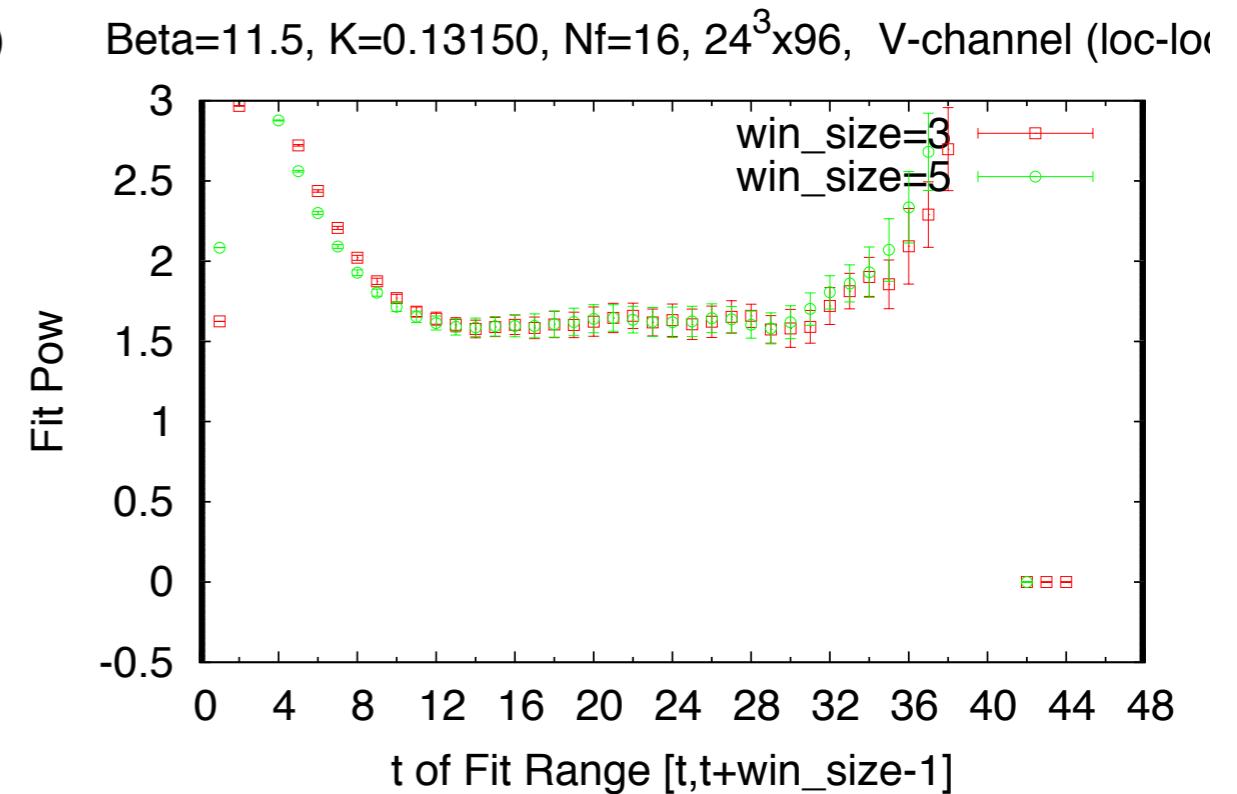
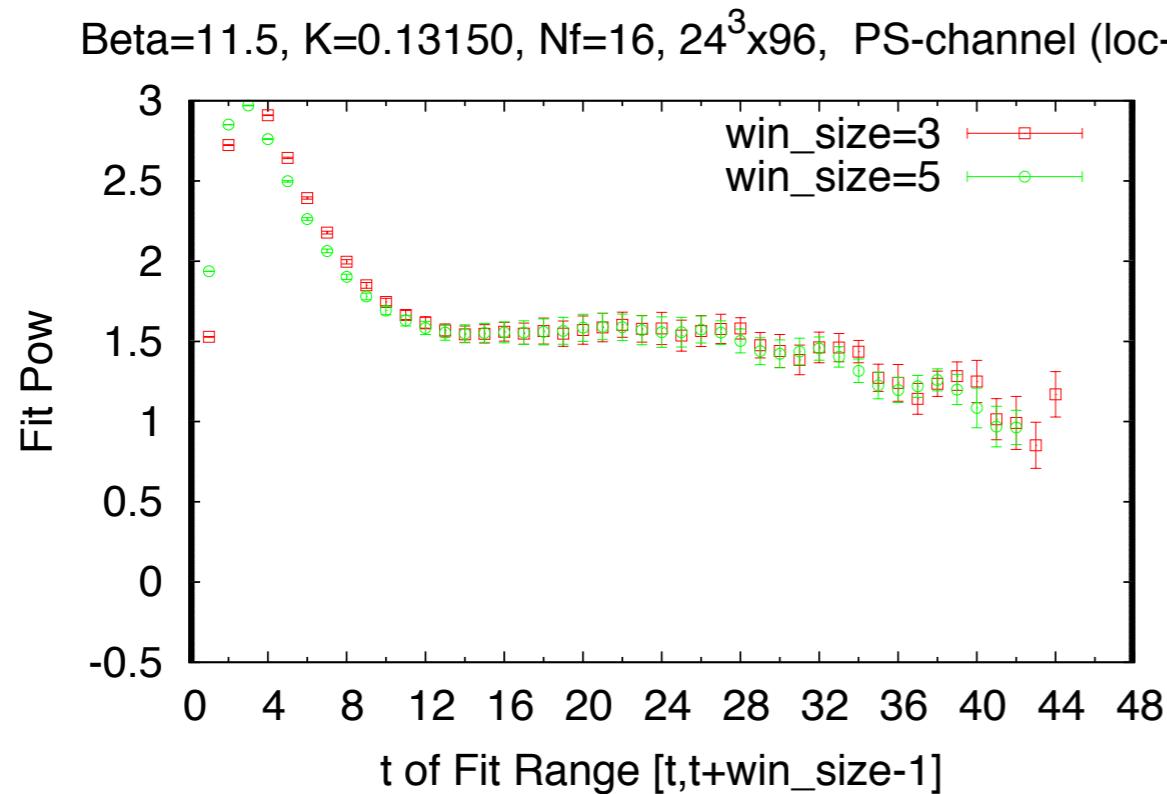
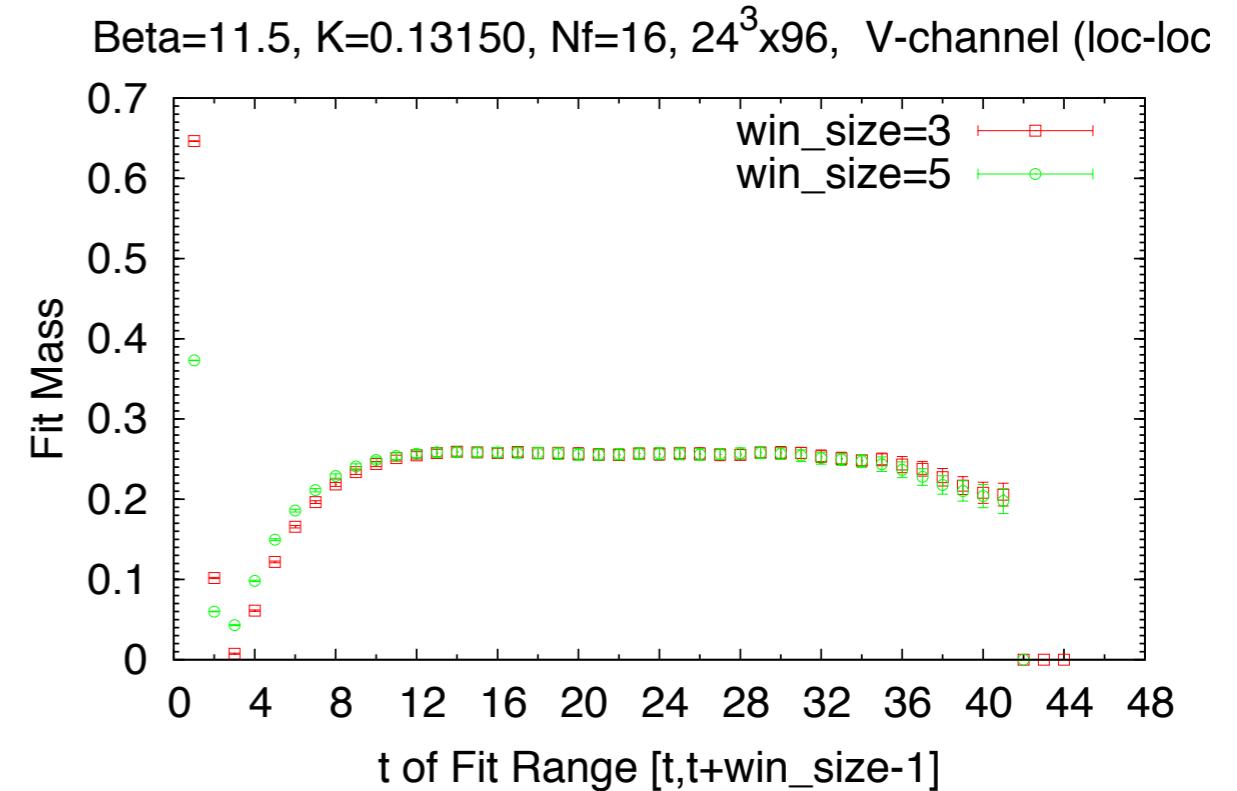
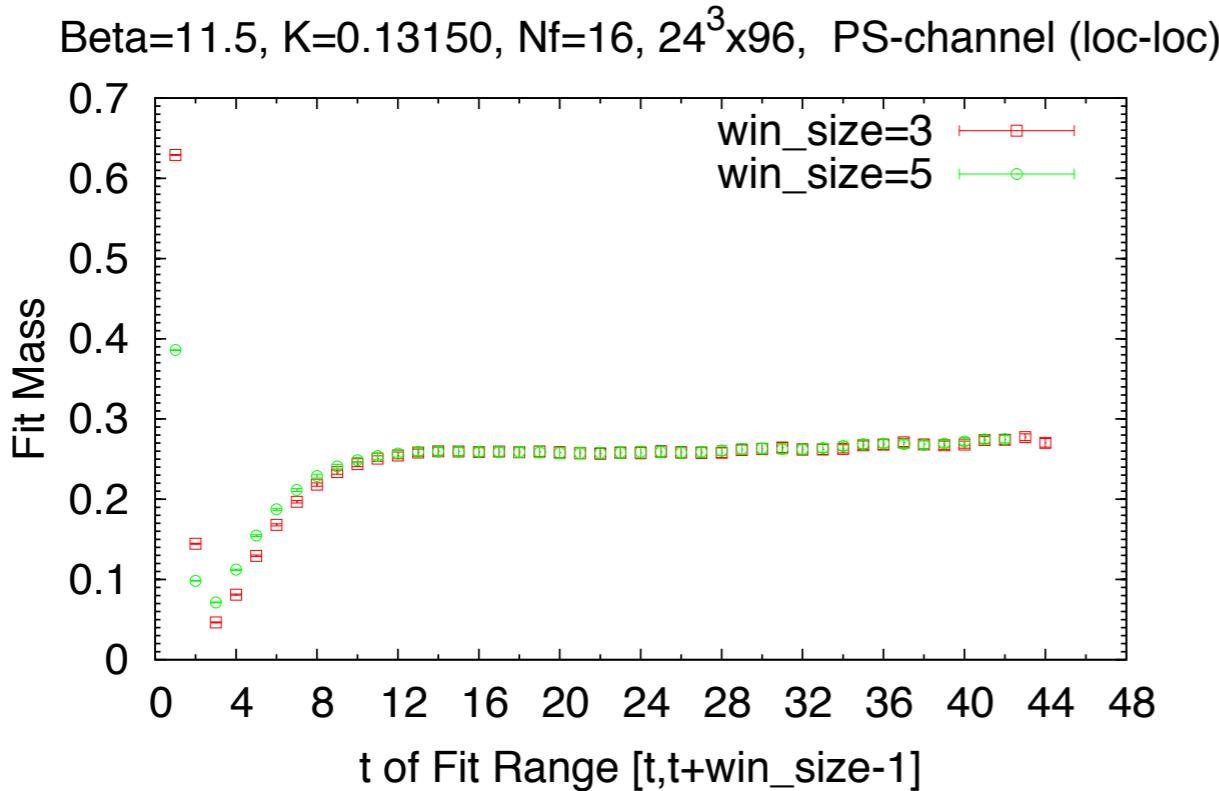
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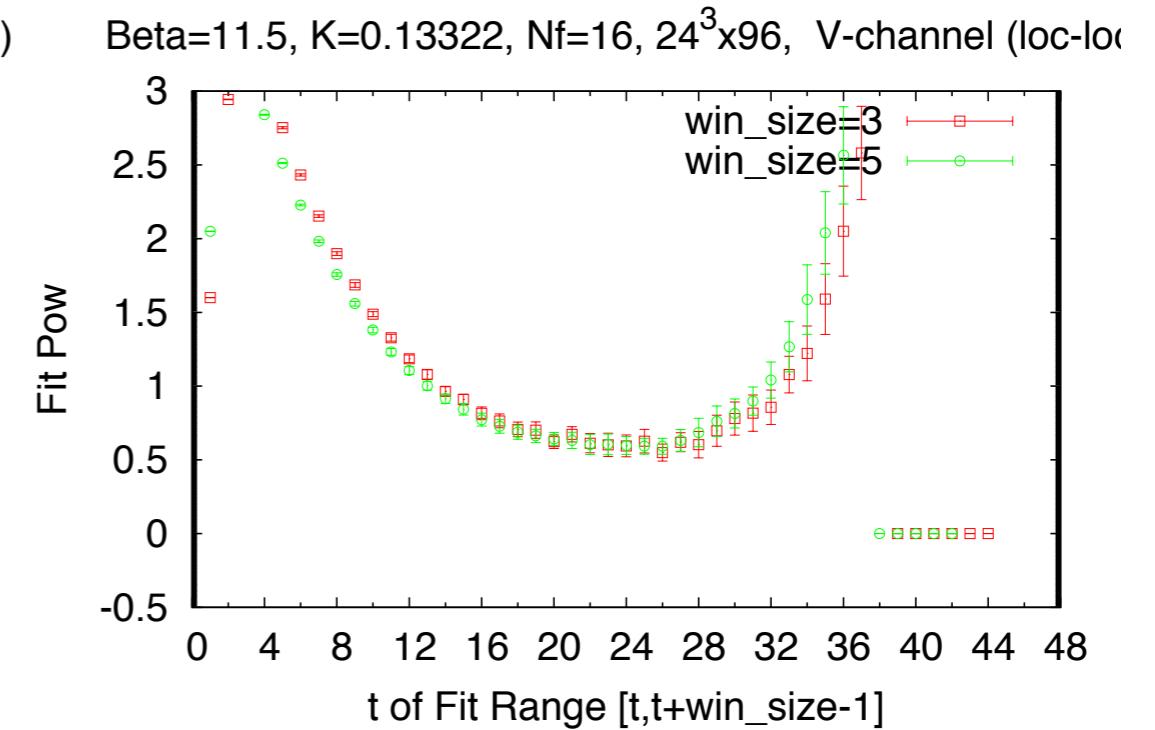
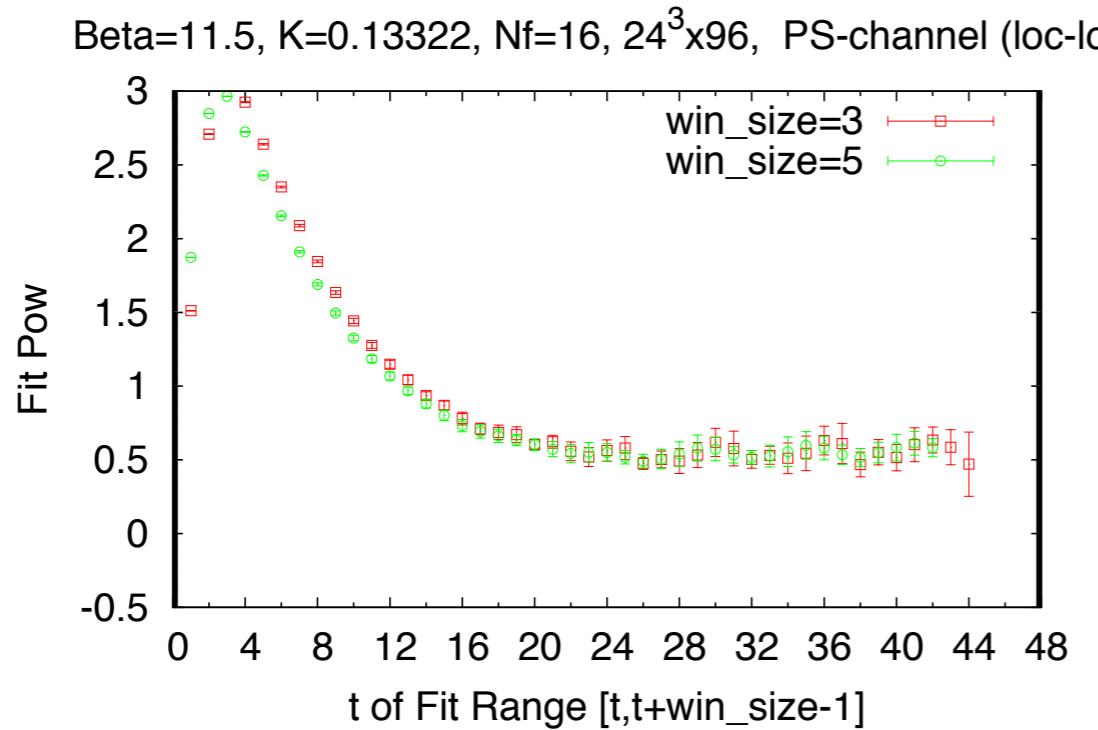
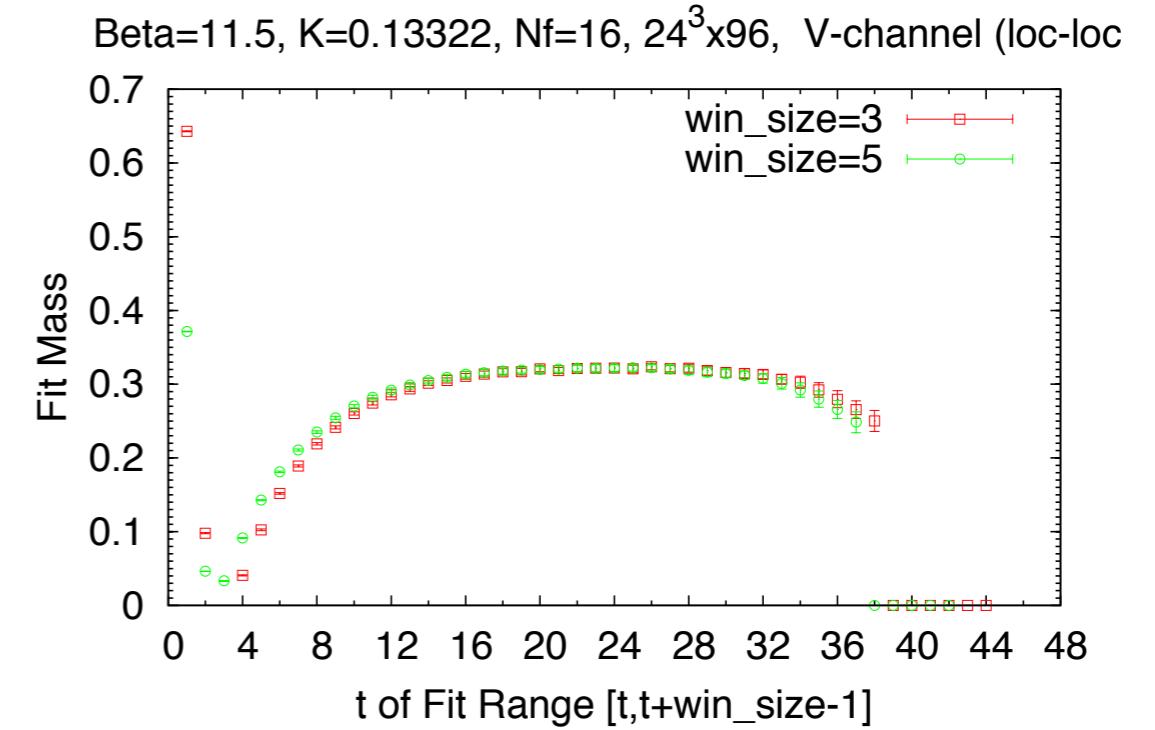
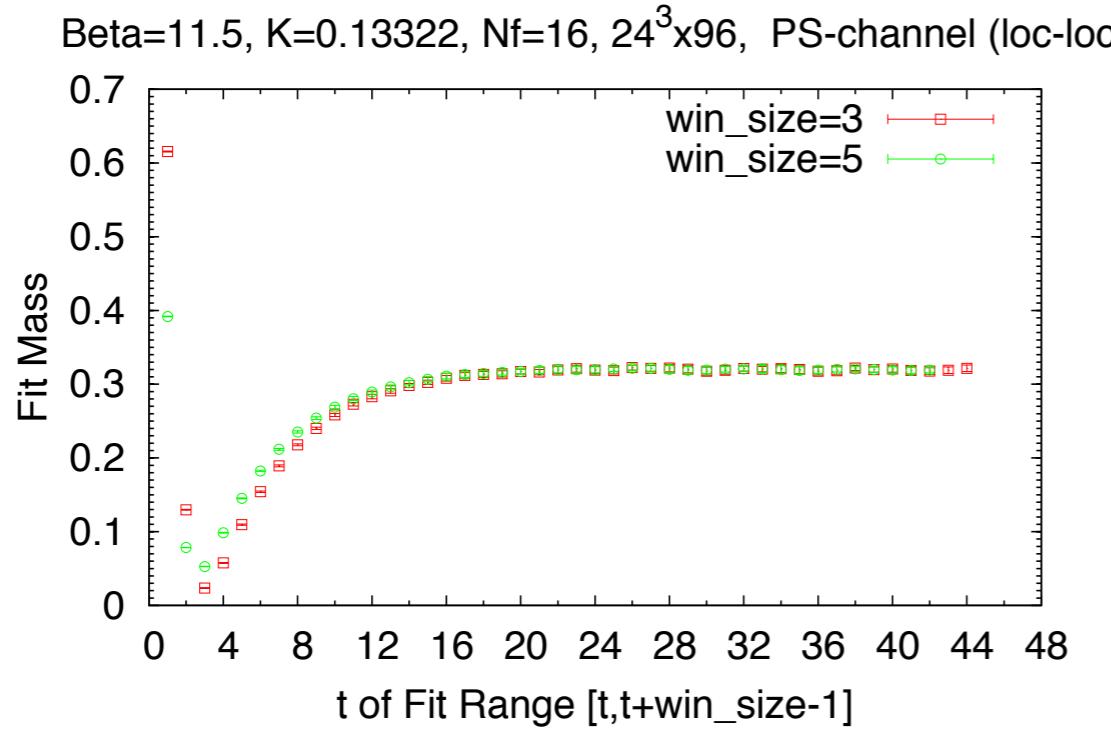
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$m(t), \alpha(t) : \text{Nf}16; \text{mq}=0.0006; \text{N}24$



Observation of the results

- Finite size effects are severe
 $m_H = 0.2 \sim 0.4$ for $m_q \sim 0.0$
- Clear difference between Nf=7 and Nf=16
- Nf 7: plateau at $t= 15 \sim 31$ ($16^3 \times 64$)
- Nf16: shoulder at $t= 12 \sim 24$ (both sizes)
- Compare the results with some models

t -dependence of $\alpha(t)$

- In general, in the continuum limit

$$\alpha(t) = 3 - 2\gamma^* \text{ for } t \gg \Lambda_{CFT}$$

- In the above derivation, assumed

$$m_H t \ll 1$$

- In simulation results

$$m_H t \geq 1 \quad m_H = 0.3 \sim 0.4, t = 30 \sim 45$$

- To estimate $\alpha(t)$ in this case, we need a model

Some models

- a free Wilson quark and an anti-quark
- meson unparticle model*

$$\langle O(p)O(-p) \rangle = \frac{1}{(p^2 + m^2)^{2-\Delta}}$$

$O(p)$: meson operator

- fermion unparticle model*

$$\langle \psi(p)\bar{\psi}(-p) \rangle = (p^\mu \gamma_\mu + m) \frac{1}{(p^2 + m^2)^{\frac{5}{2}-\Delta_f}}$$

*: motivated by the soft-wall model in AdS/CFT correspondence

Model calculations

In case $m_H t \gg 1$, for $t \gg \Lambda_{CFT}$

Free case: $\alpha(t) = 3/2$

Meson unparticle case:

$$\alpha(t) = 2 - \gamma^*$$

Fermion unparticle case:

$$\alpha(t) = 3/2 - \gamma^*$$

Interpretation of Results

- $N_f=7$ is close to the meson unparticle model plateau at $t = 16 \sim 24$
 $2 - \gamma^* \sim 0.8$
 $\gamma^* \sim 1.2$
- $N_f=16$ is close to the fermion unparticle model shoulder at $t = 20 \sim 24$
 $1.5 - \gamma^* = \alpha$
 $1.5 - \gamma^* \sim 1.5$
consistent with 2-loop results:
 $\gamma^* \sim 0.025$

(End of part 2)

Strategy for Part 3

- Note that QCD at high temperature is the theory with IR cutoff
- Apply a similar idea of Part 2 to this case
- Derive physical implications

Running Coupling Constant at T

Define a running coupling constant $g(\mu; T)$

on the line $m_q = 0$

by any method such as Wilson method

cf: Kaczmarek(2004) et. al

$$V(r, T) = c \alpha(r, T) / r$$

In UV region, the theory is asymptotic free,
therefore perturbative RG is applicable
the coupling constant is universal

$$g^2(\mu; T) = g^2(\mu; T = 0) + c g^4(\mu; T = 0)$$

Running Coupling Constant at T (Cont.)

- In IR region, the running constant $g(\mu, T)$ may be quite different from $g(\mu, T = 0)$ since the IR cutoff is finite; $1/T$
- When $T/T_c > 1$, $g(\mu, T)$ cannot be arbitrarily large, since the quark is not confined

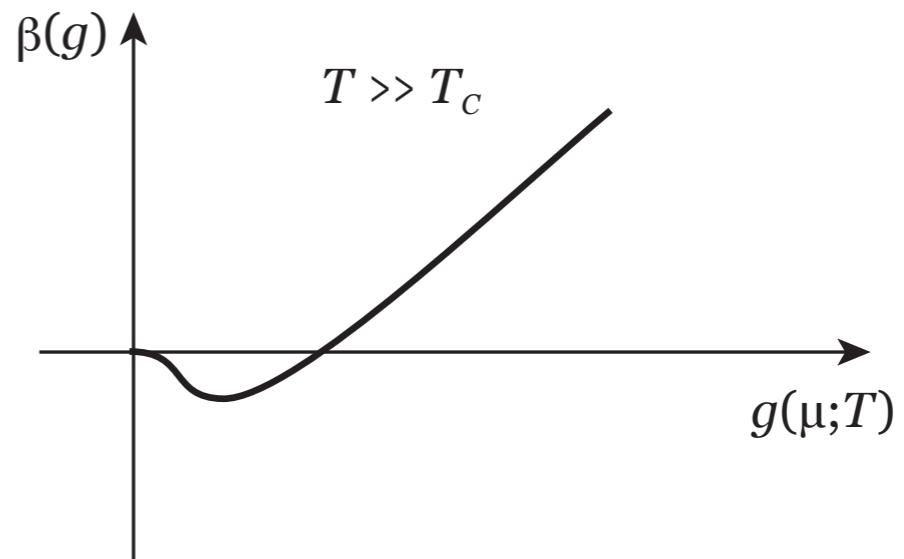
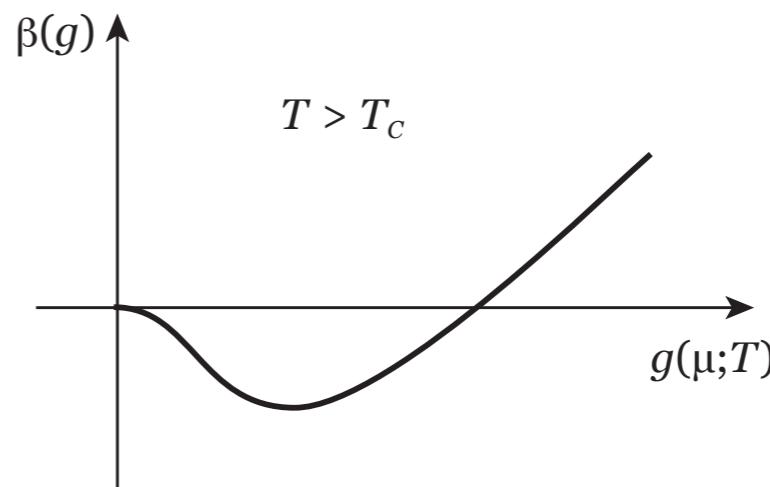
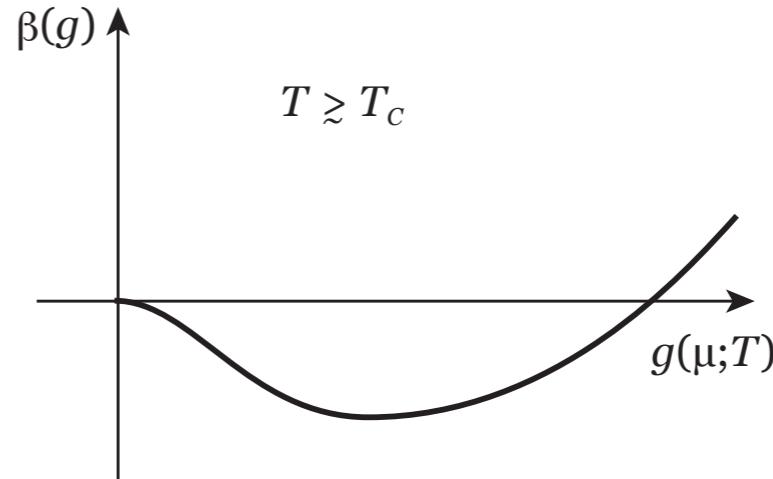
Beta function for $T > T_c$

As far as $T < T_c$,
the beta-function is negative all through g

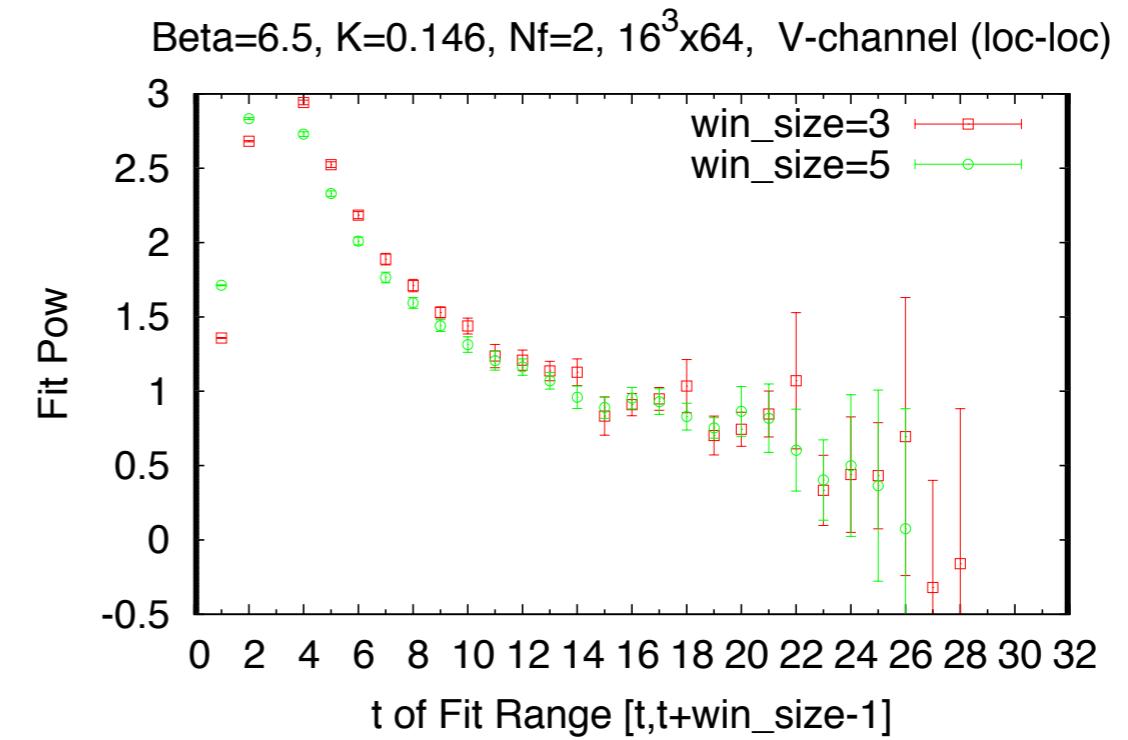
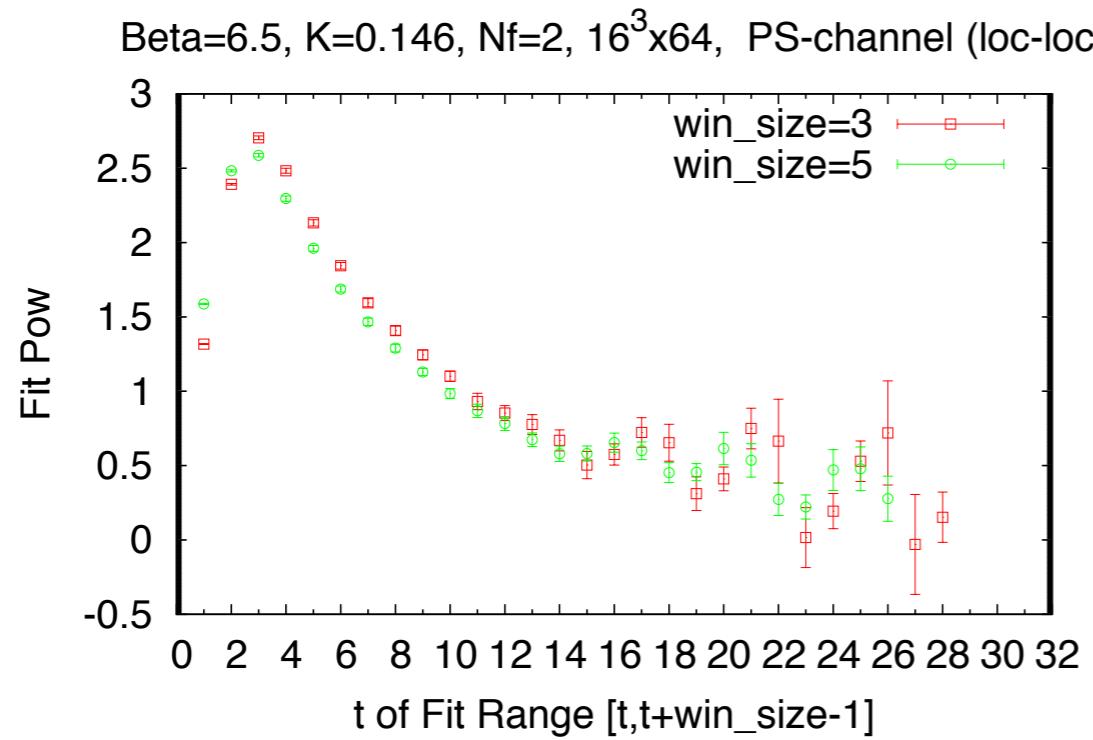
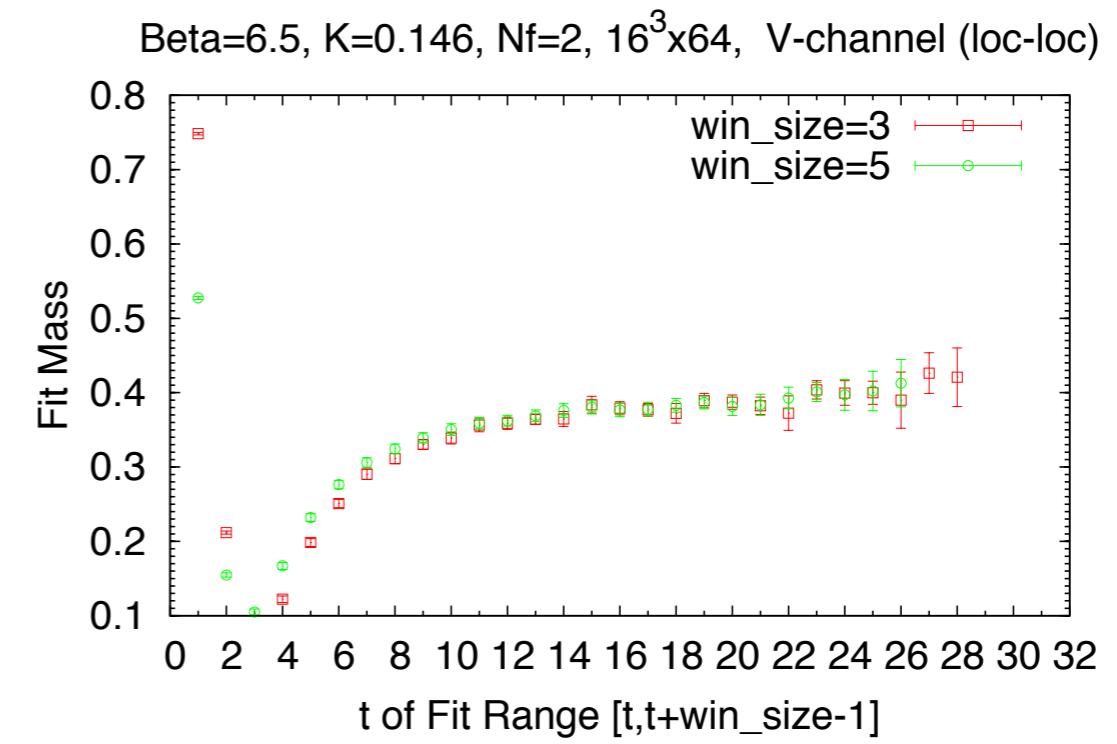
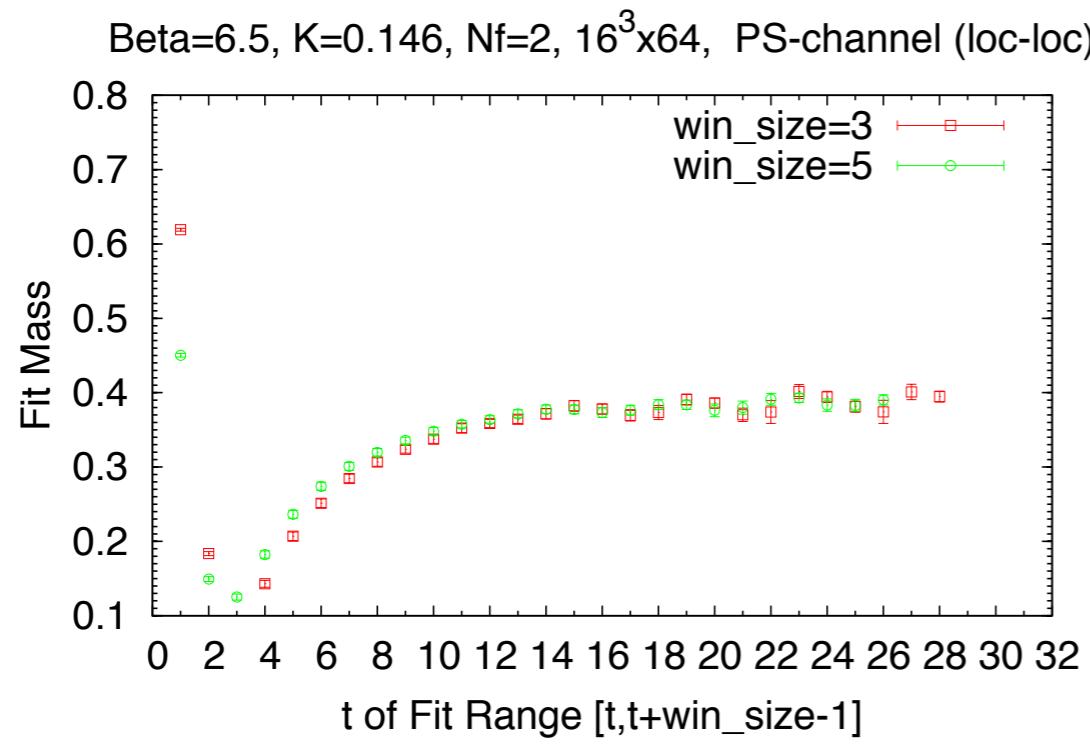
When $T > T_c$, but $T \sim T_c$
the beta function changes the sign
from negative to positive at large g

When T increases further,
it will change the sign at medium strong g

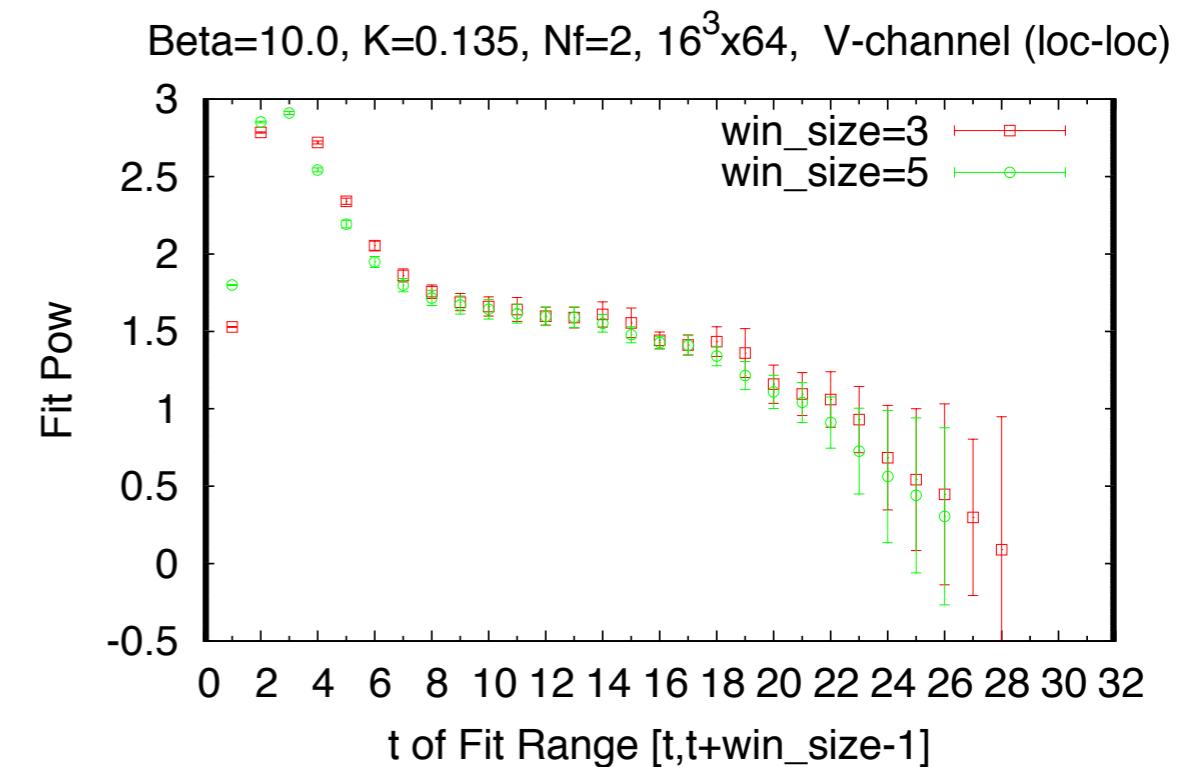
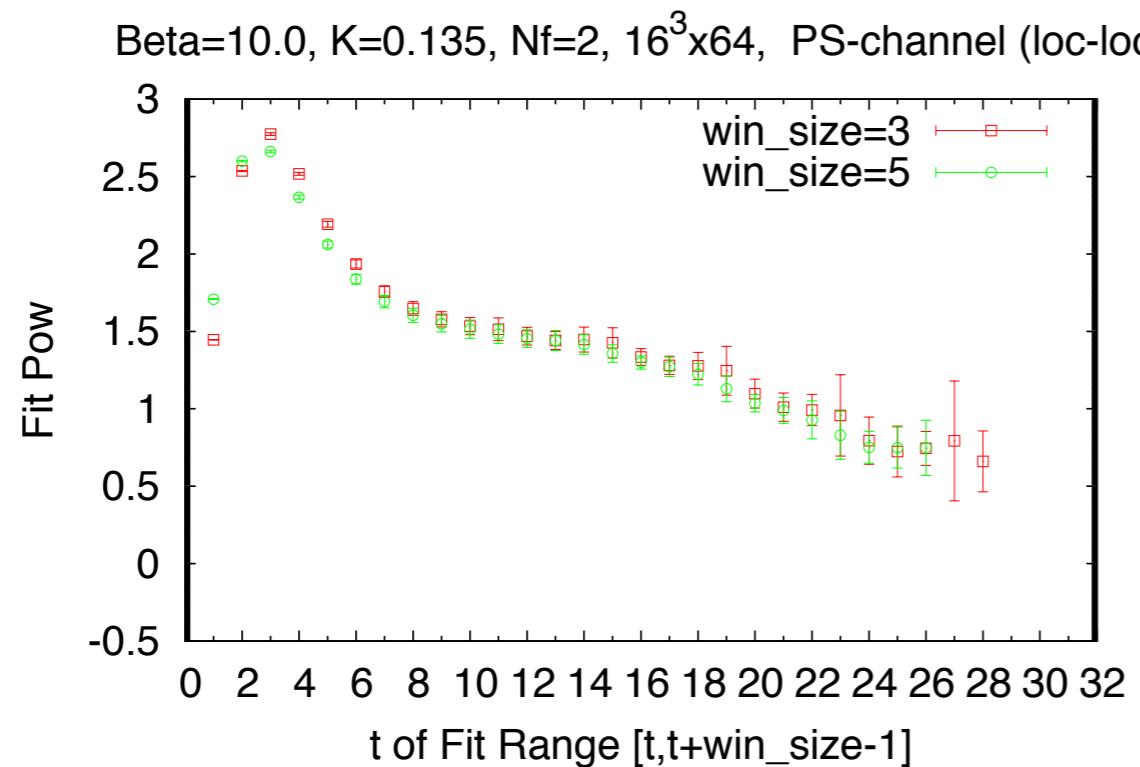
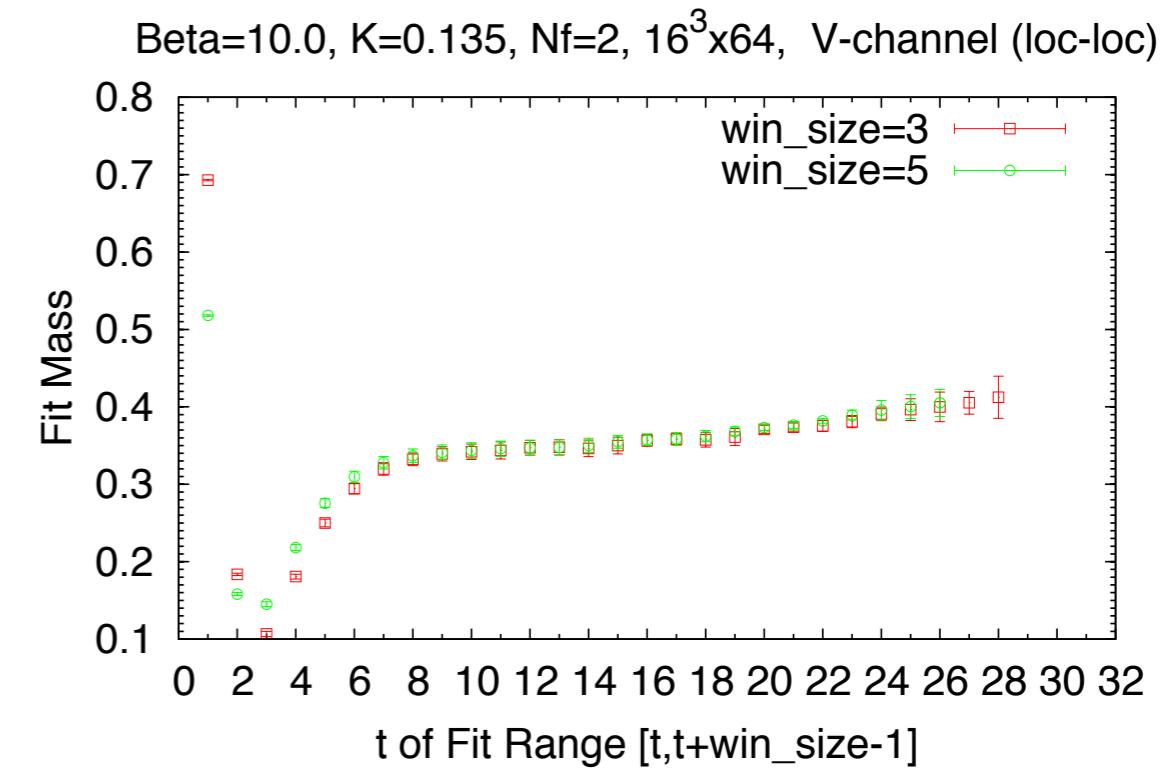
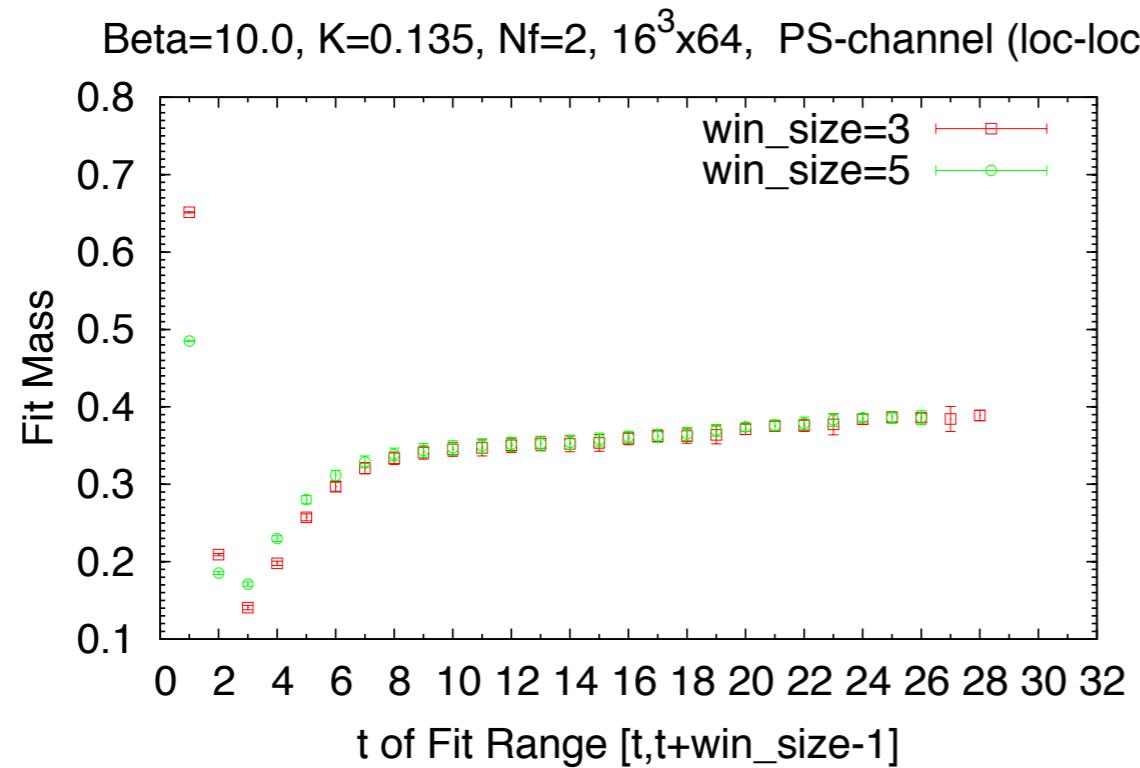
When $T \gg T_c$
it will change the sign at small g



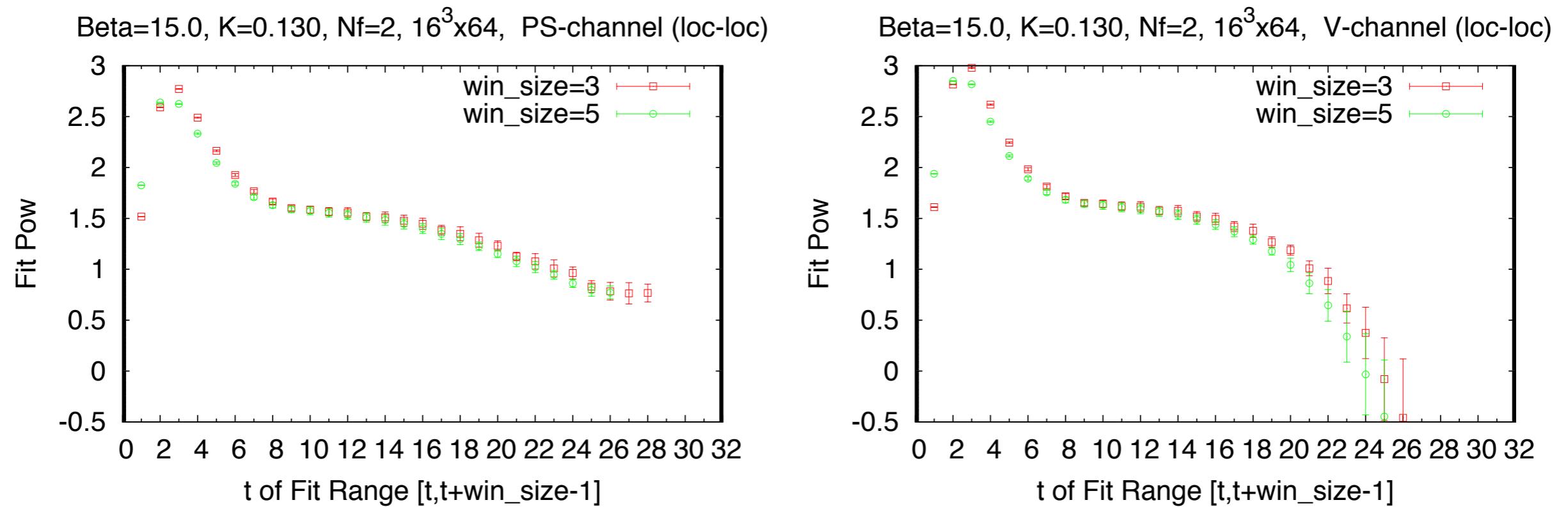
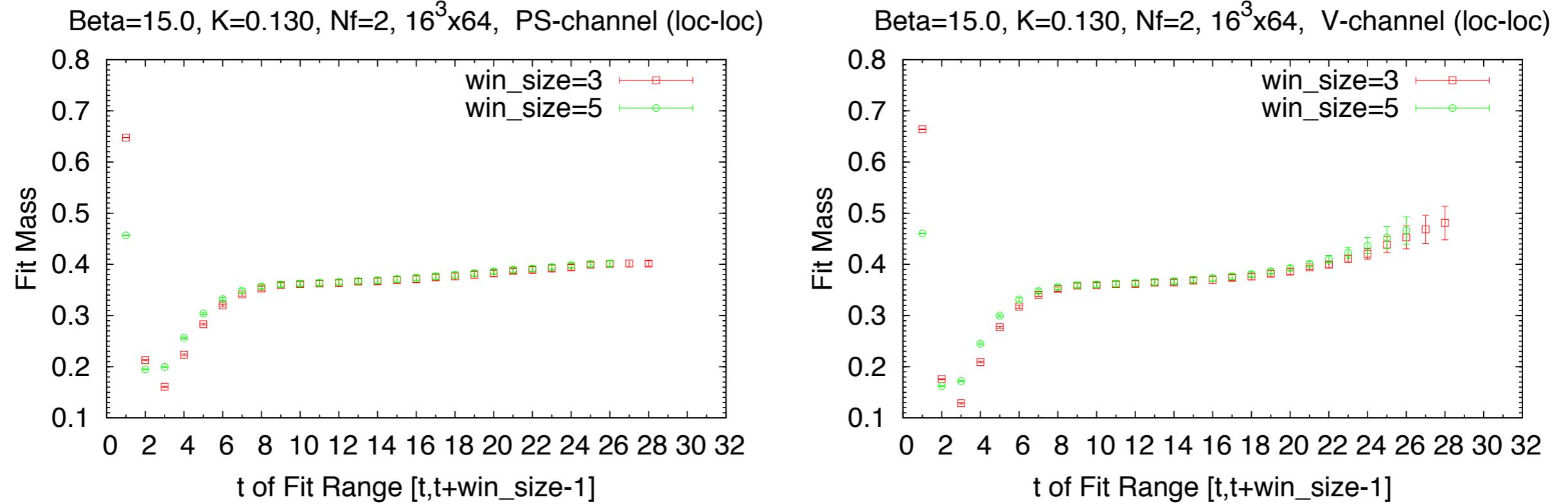
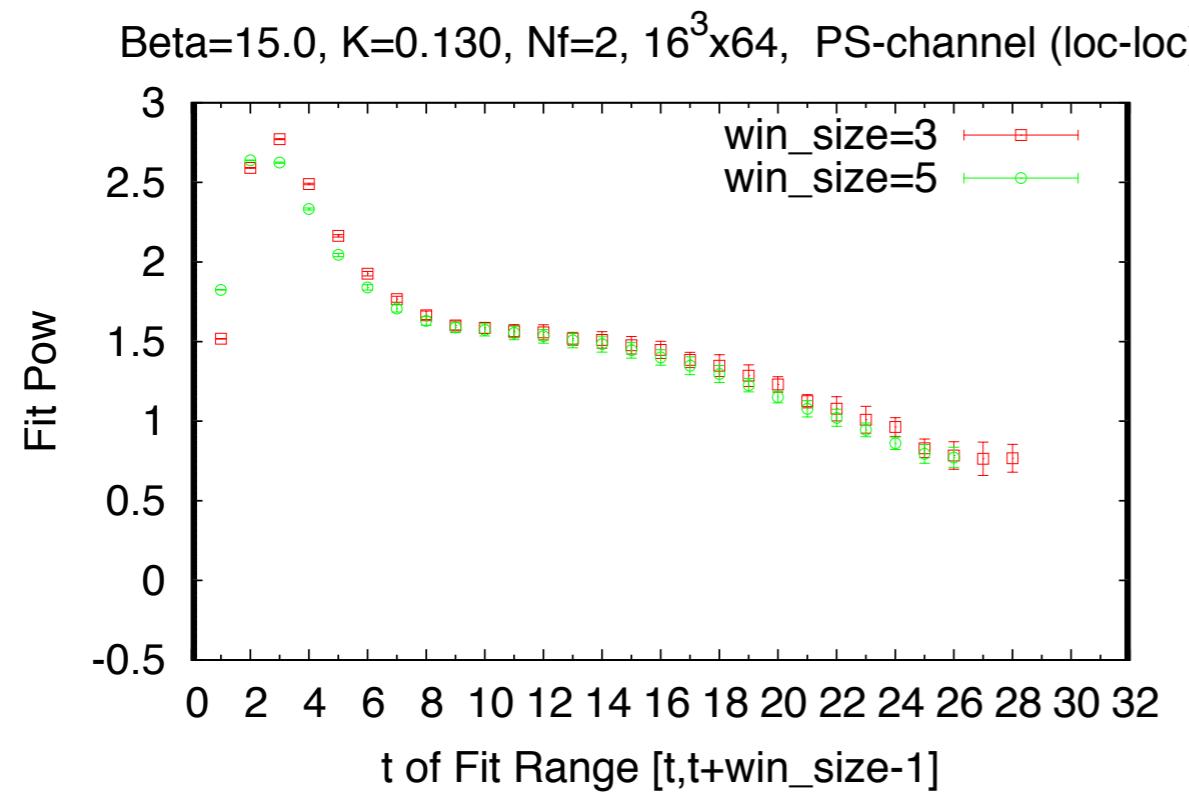
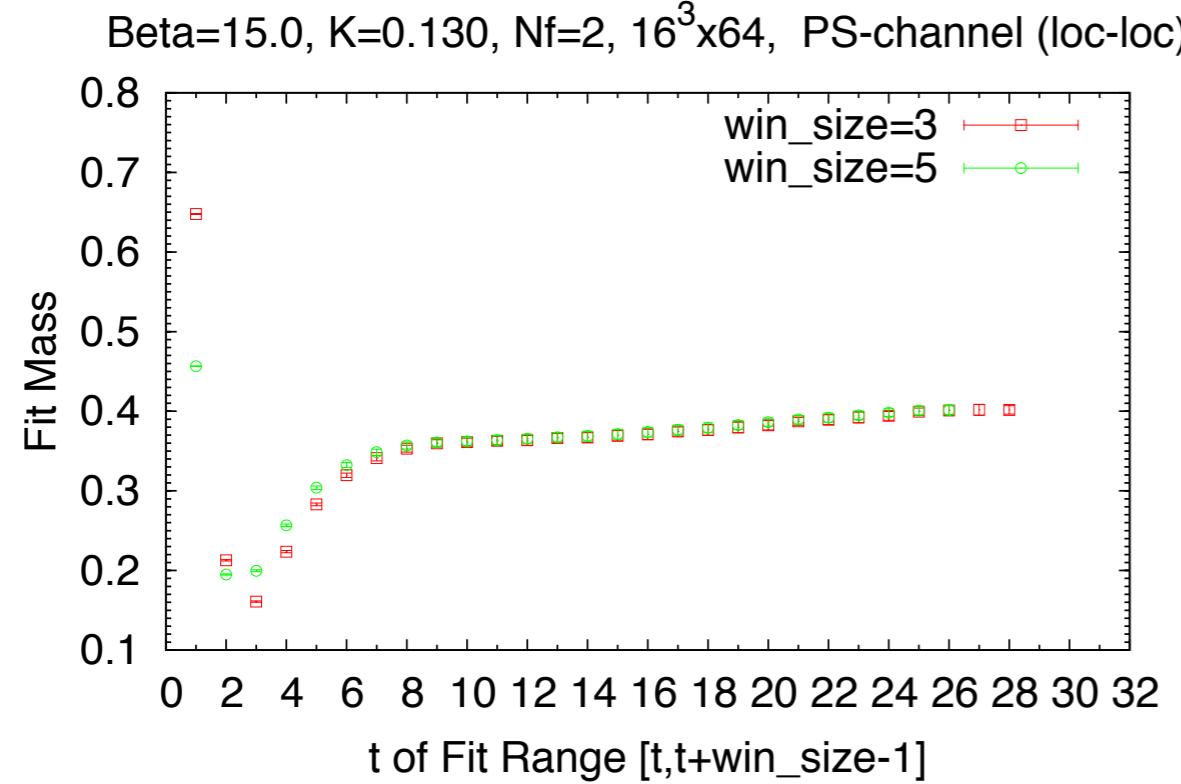
Nf=2; T~ 2 Tc



$T \sim 100T_c$

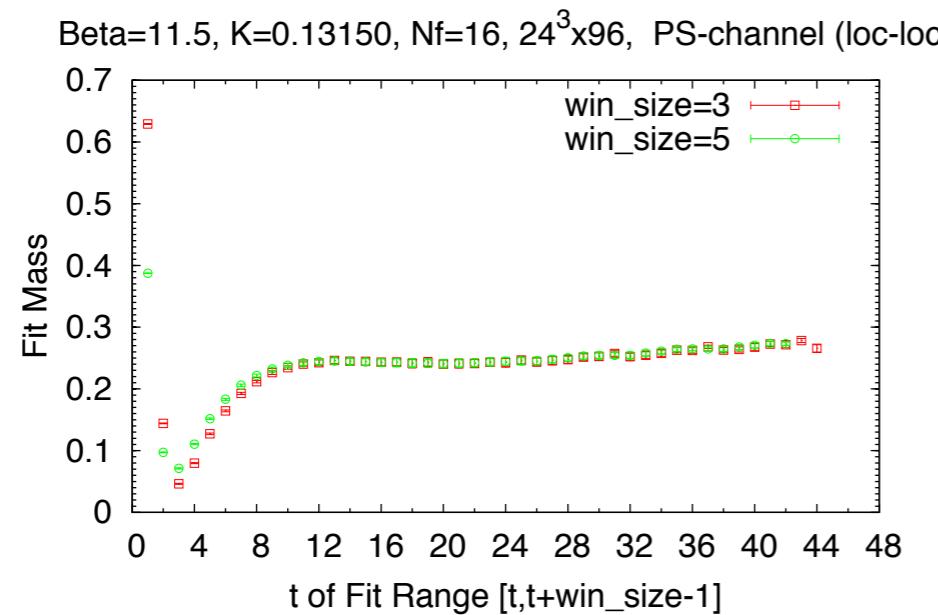


$T \sim 10^5 T_c$

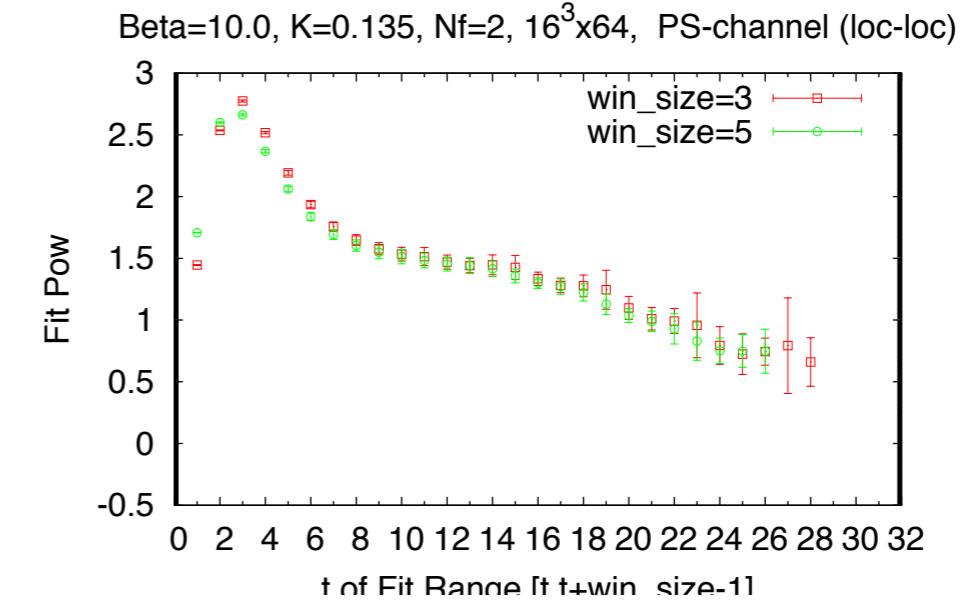
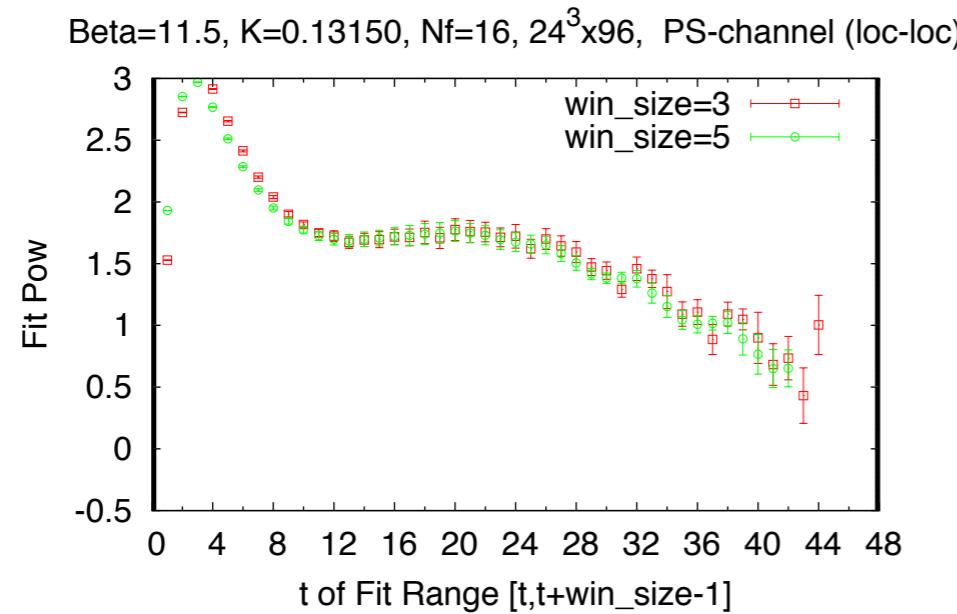
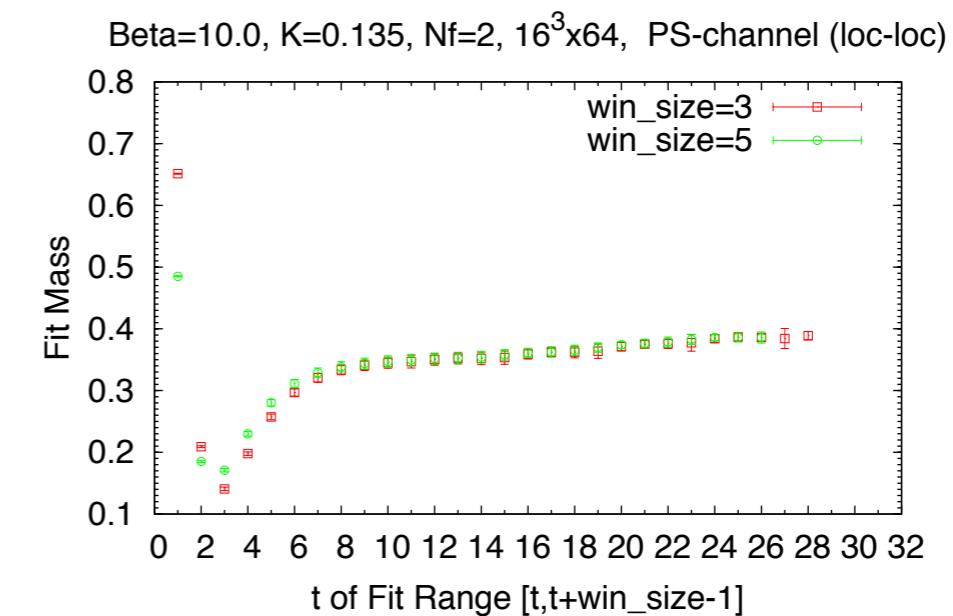


Similarity between large Nf with Λ_{IR} and small Nf at $T/Tc > 1$

Nf16; with Λ_{IR}

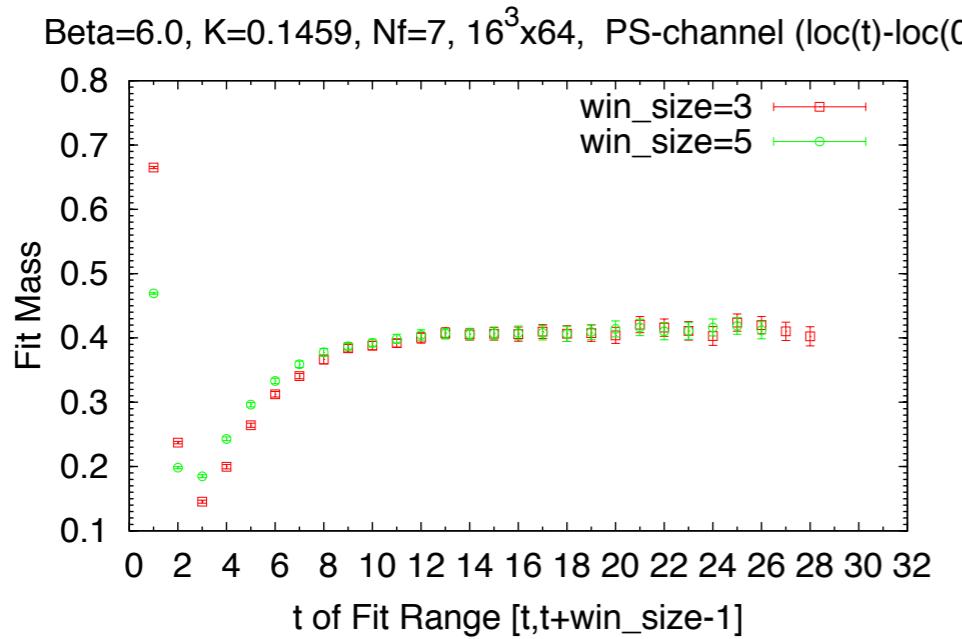


Nf2; $T = 100Tc$

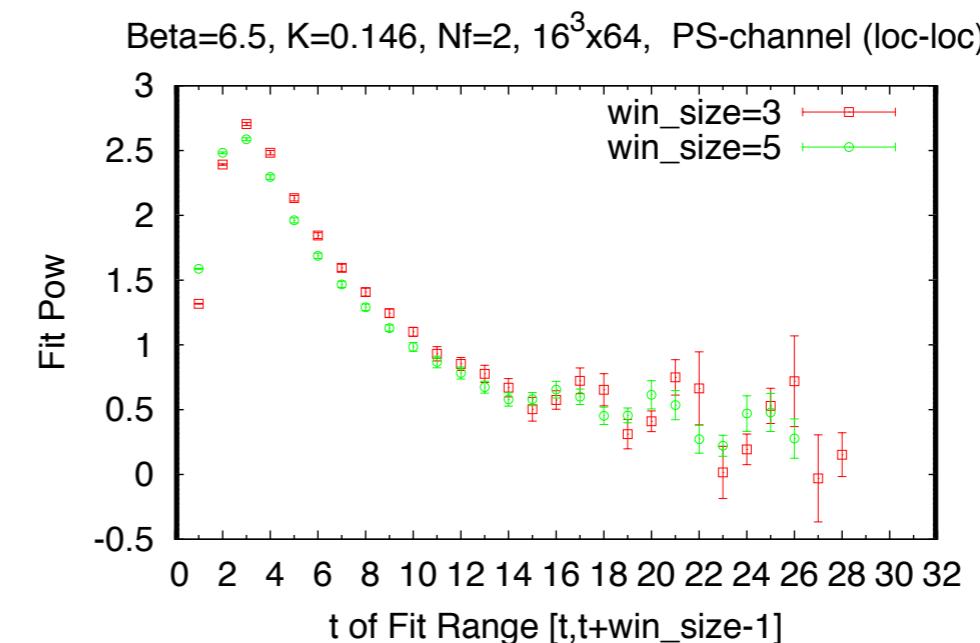
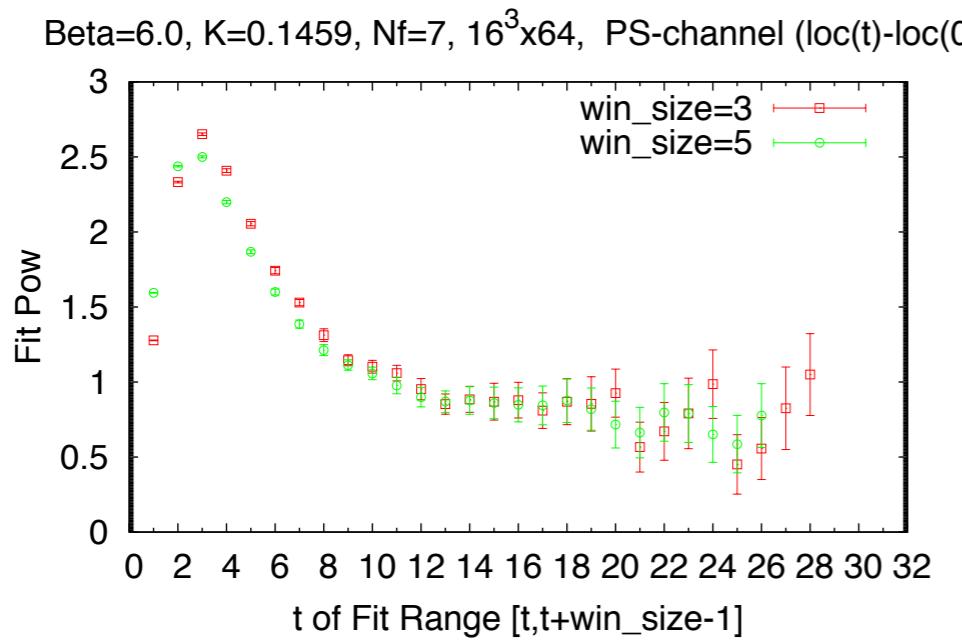
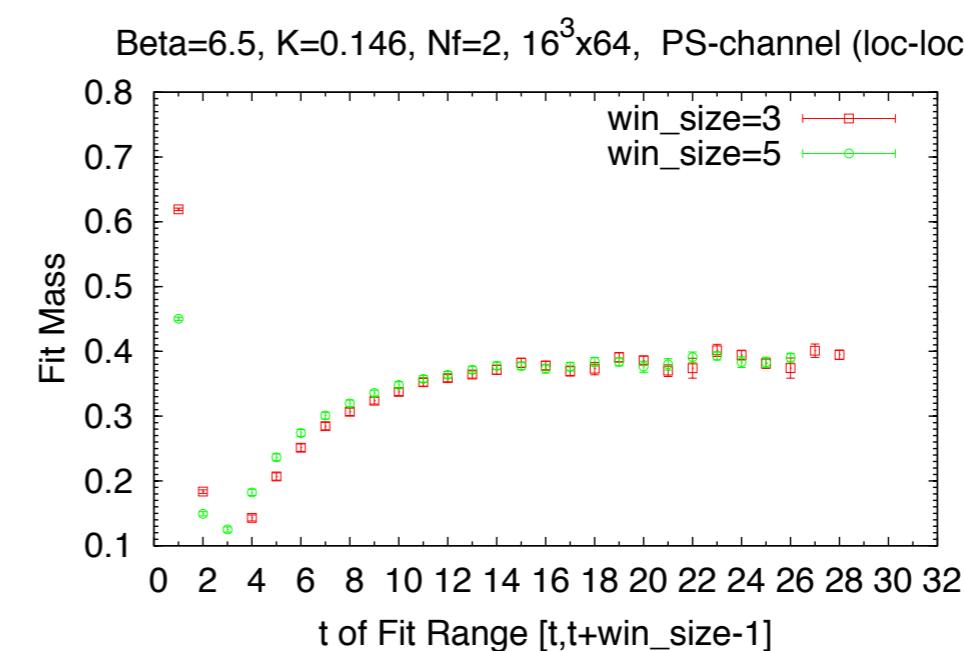


Similarity between large Nf with Λ_{IR} and small Nf at $T/T_c > 1$

Nf7; with Λ_{IR}



Nf2; $T = 2 T_c$



Long standing important issues

- Free energy of quark-gluon plasma state does not reach that of the Stefan-Boltzman idea gas state even at $T/T_c=100$
- Wave function of “meson” just above T_c can be obtained, although quarks are deconfined
- The order of chiral phase transition in $N_f=2$ case: 1st or 2nd ? : $U(1)$ symmetry ?

Pisarski and Wilczek(1984), iwasaki et. al(1997);
S. Aoki et. al(2012)

Solutions

- quarks and gluons are not free particles
When $T \sim T_c$, meson unparticles
When $T \gg T_c$, fermion unparticles
- meson unparticles are similar to meson particles in some aspects
- $G(t)$ is not analytic in terms of m_q and m_H

(End of part 3)

Conclusions

- “Conformal Theories with IR cutoff” are satisfactorily verified in the cases of $N_f=7$ and $N_f=16$
- The assertion that the Conformal Window is $7 \leq N_f \leq 16$, is thereby strengthened
- “Conformal Theories with IR cutoff” are also verified in the case of $T/T_c > 1$ in $N_f=2$ and $N_f=6$
- IR cutoff is inherent with simulations on a lattice and QCD at high temperatures

(to be continued)

Conclusions (Cont.)

- “Nf=7” and “T~Tc” are similar to each other, and are consistent with meson unparticle model
- “Nf=16” and “T>>Tc” are similar to each other, and are consistent with fermion unparticle model
- Physics implications should be deepened
 - A lot of things should be done