

# Phase structure and critical point in heavy-quark QCD at finite temperature

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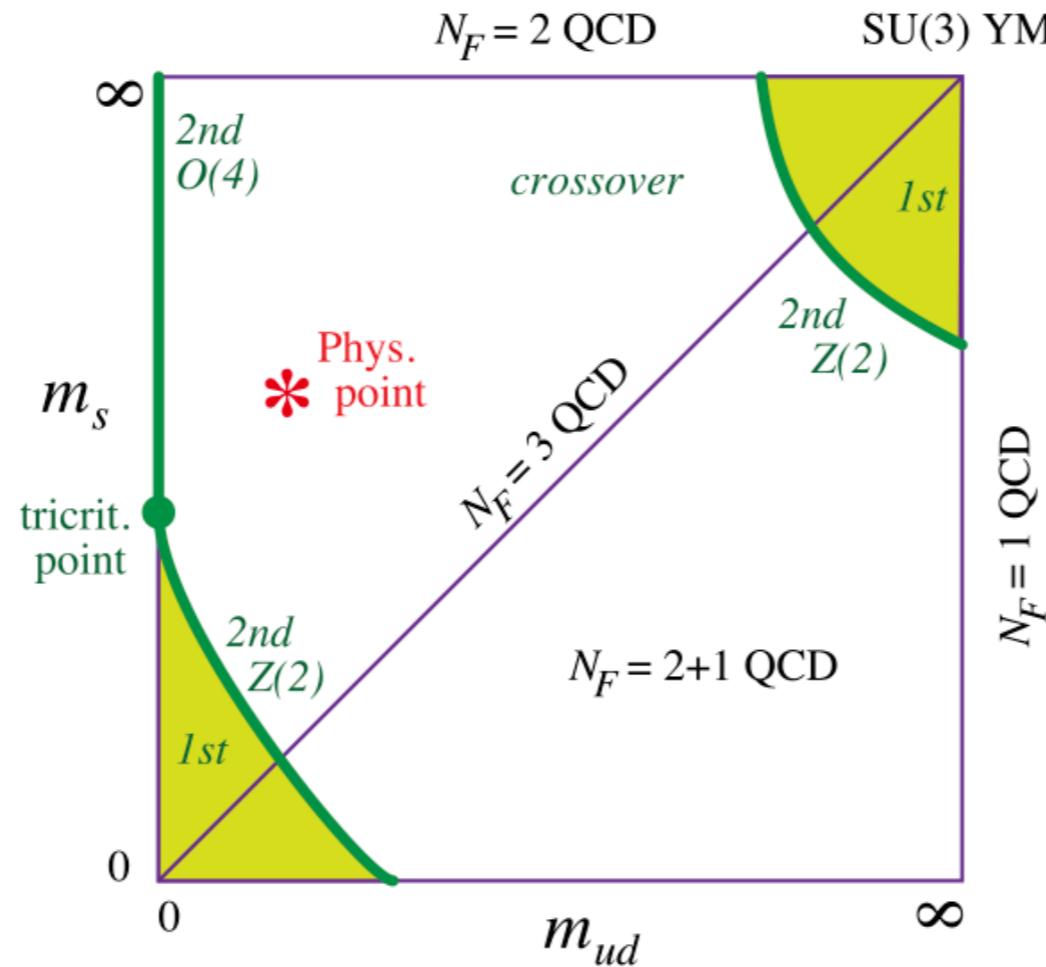


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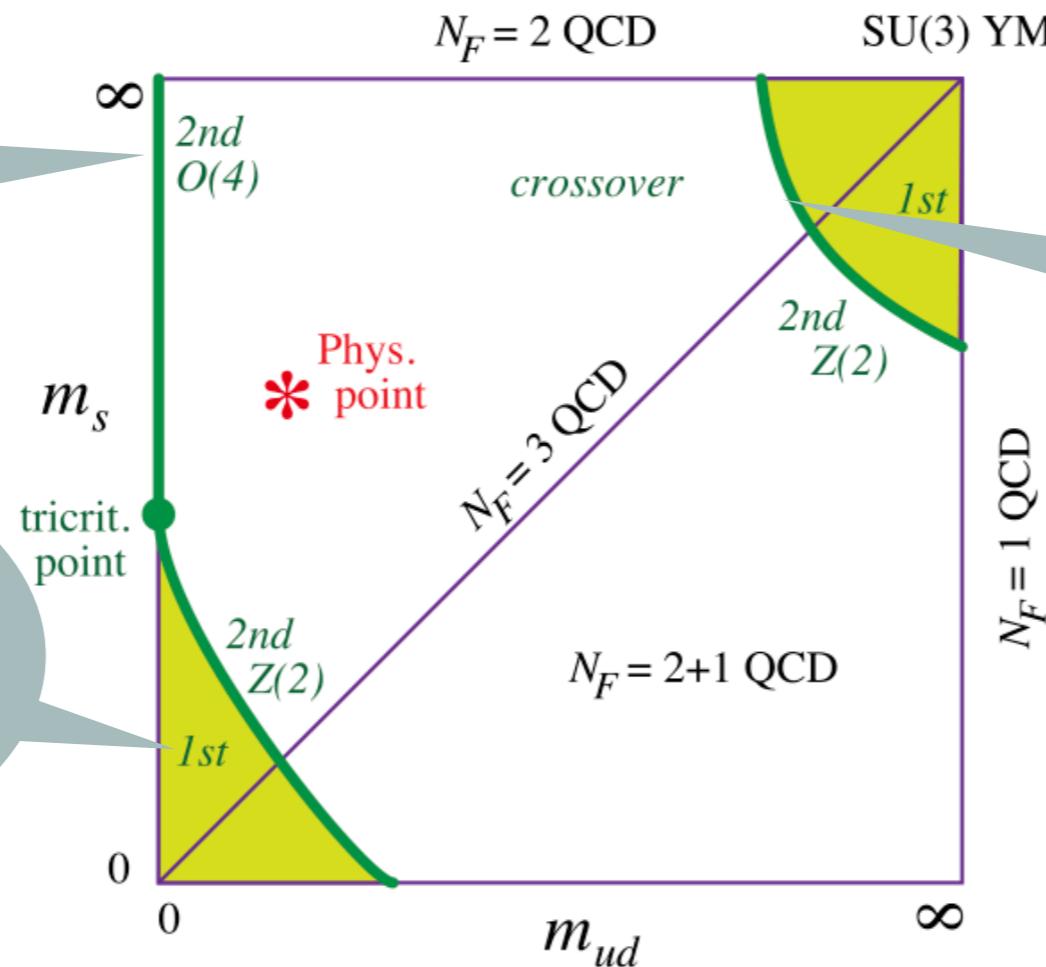
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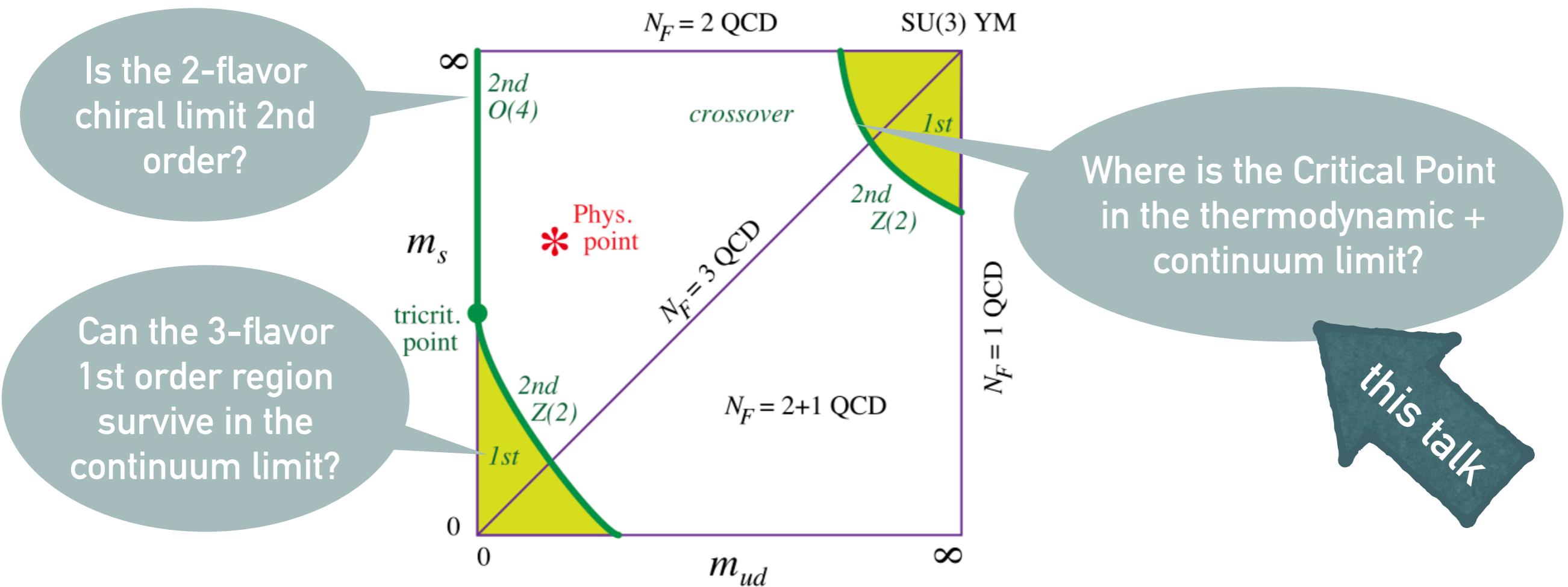
Can the 3-flavor 1st order region survive in the continuum limit?

Where is the Critical Point in the thermodynamic + continuum limit?



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## ► Recent studies on the location of CP in heavy-quark QCD

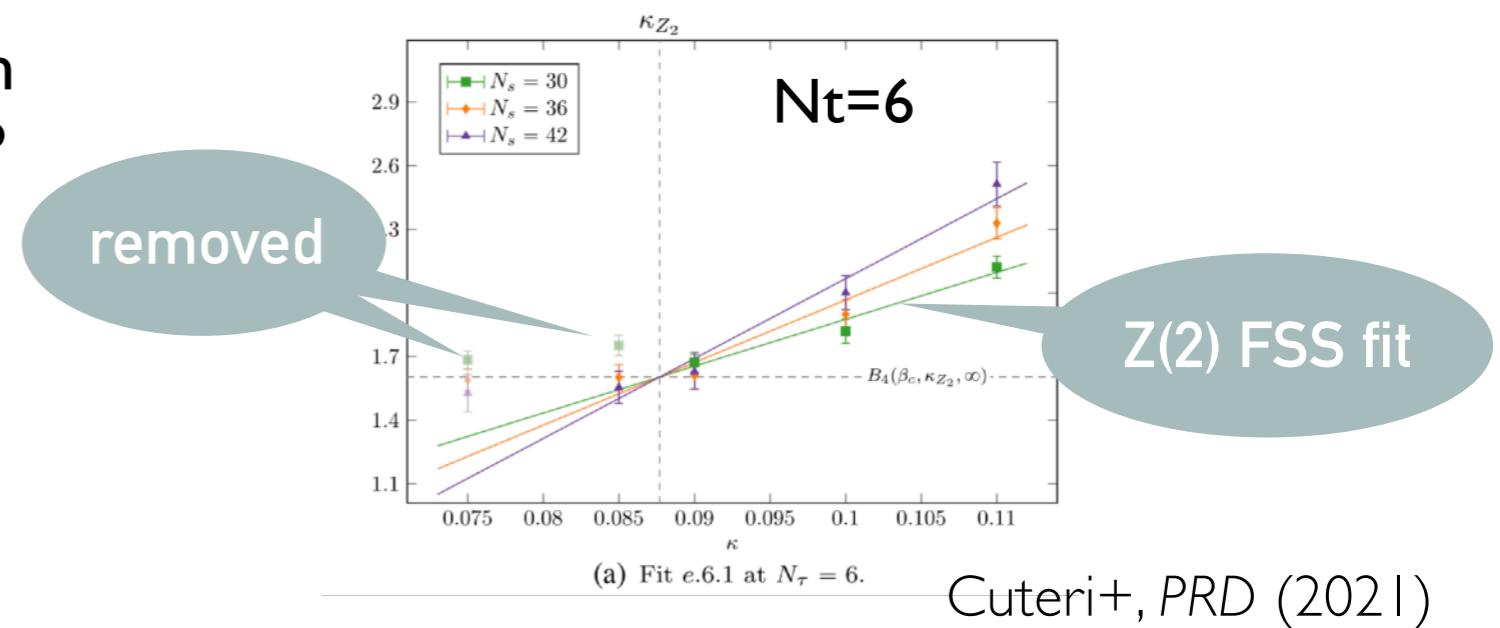
- ⌚ Saito+ (WQHOT-QCD), PRD (2011/2014): HPE LO, Nt=4, Ns/Nt=6
- ⌚ Ejiri+ (WHOT-QCD), PRD (2020): HPE eff-NLO, Nt=6, Ns/Nt=4–6; Nt=8, Ns/Nt=3
- ⌚ Cuterit+, PRD (2021): Nf=2, fullQCD, Nt=6,8,10, Ns/Nt=4–7(10)

=> We still have strong cutoff & spatial volume dependences.

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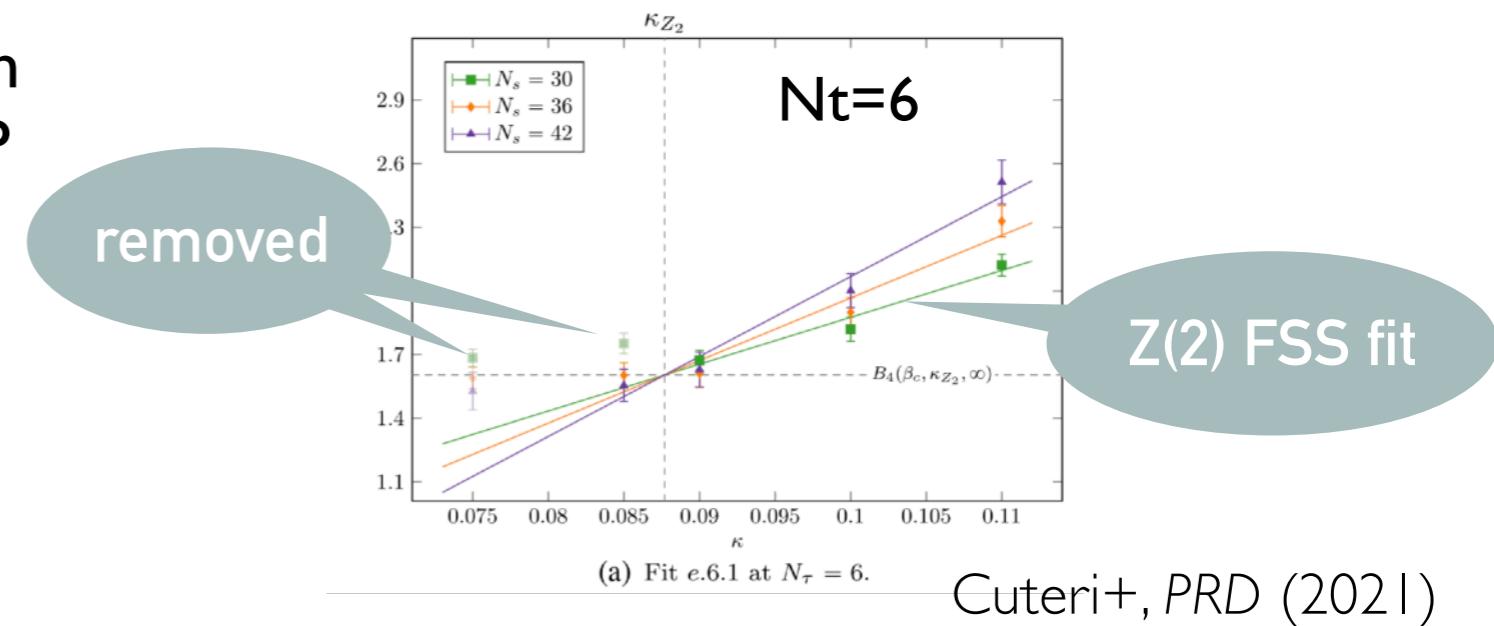


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- => Simulations with larger spatial volumes & high statistics to identify the FSS more clearly.
- => Multi-point reweighting to vary coupling parameters continuously.

This talk is based on

- Kiyohara+ (WQHOT-QCD), *Phys.Rev.D* (2021) [DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevD.104.114509]
- Wakabayashi+ (WHOT-QCD), *Prog.Theor.Exp.Phys.* (2022) [DOI: 10.1093/ptep/ptac019]
- Ashikawa+ (WHOT-QCD), ongoing

We first revisit the Nt=4 case to increase the spatial volume [Kiyohara+, PRD ('21)].

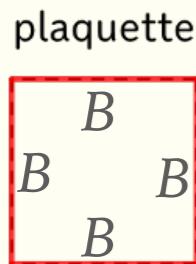
# Lattice setup

- ▶ Action: plaquette gauge + standard Wilson quarks
- ▶ Kernel for each flavor: 
$$M_{xy}(\kappa) = \delta_{xy} - \kappa \sum_{\mu} \left[ (1 - \gamma_{\mu}) U_{x,\mu} \delta_{y,x+\hat{\mu}} + (1 + \gamma_{\mu}) U_{y,\mu}^{\dagger} \delta_{y,x-\hat{\mu}} \right]$$

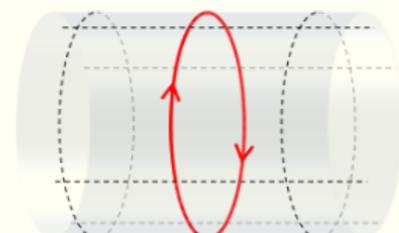
$$= \delta_{xy} - \kappa B_{xy}$$
hopping term

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{2am_q + 8}$$
- ▶ Quark contribution to the effective action:  $\ln \det M(\kappa) = -\frac{1}{N_{\text{site}} n} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{Tr}[B^n] \kappa^n$ 
  - ⌚ closed loops of  $B$  with  $\kappa$  [loop length]
- ▶ Hopping Parameter Expansion to reduce simulation cost for large spatial volumes

LO:



Polyakov loop  $\Omega$



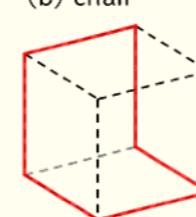
$$\kappa^4$$

NLO:

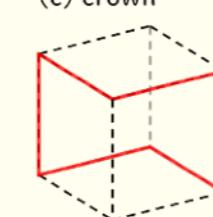
(a) rectangle



(b) chair

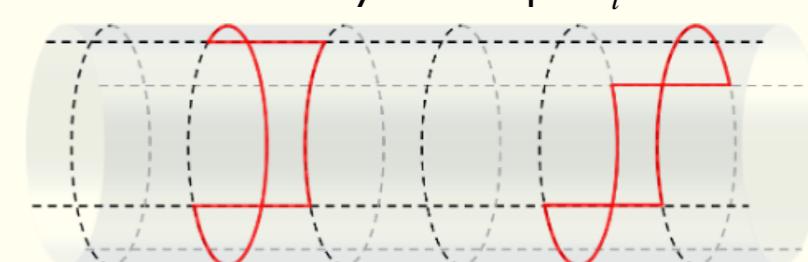


(c) crown



$$\kappa^6$$

bent Polyakov loops  $\Omega_i$



$$\kappa^{N_t+2}$$

⌚ HPE  $\approx 1/(am_q)$  expansion

⌚ HPE worsens with  $a \rightarrow 0$  ( $N_t \rightarrow \infty$ ) => higher order terms required with  $N_t \rightarrow \infty$ .

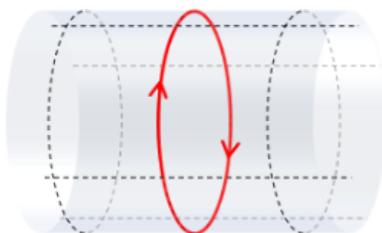
# Simulation incorporating LO + NLO meas.'s

Kiyohara, Kitazawa, Ejiri, KK (WHOT-QCD), PRD 104 (2021)

## ► LO incorporated in the configuration generation



$$\beta \rightarrow \beta^* = \beta + 48N_f\kappa^4$$



$\lambda \sum_x \Omega(x)$  term in the effective action ( $\lambda = 48N_f N_t \kappa^4$  for  $N_t=4$ )

can be incorporated in PHB+OR parallel simulation efficiently  
by keeping all temporal sites within a node

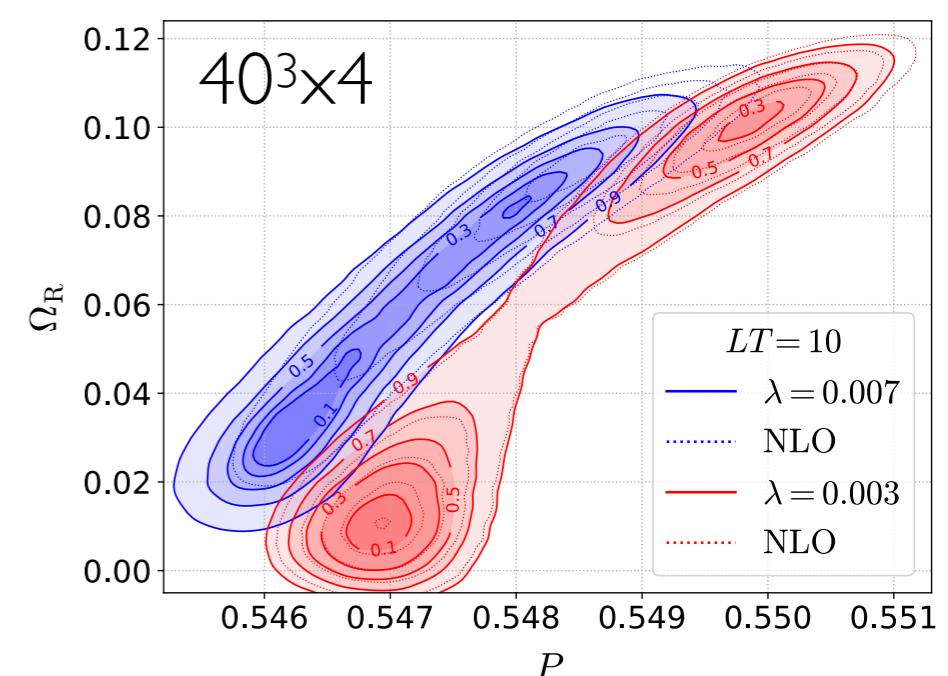
## ► NLO incorporated in the measurements through multi-point reweighting

$$\langle \hat{O}(U) \rangle_{\beta,\lambda}^{\text{NLO}} = \frac{\langle \hat{O}(U) e^{-\delta S_{\text{LO}} - S_{\text{NLO}}(\beta,\lambda)} \rangle_{\tilde{\beta},\tilde{\lambda}}^{\text{LO}}}{\langle e^{-\delta S_{g+\text{LO}} - S_{\text{NLO}}(\beta,\lambda)} \rangle_{\tilde{\beta},\tilde{\lambda}}^{\text{LO}}}$$

$$\delta S_{g+\text{LO}} = S_{g+\text{LO}}(\beta,\lambda) - S_{g+\text{LO}}(\tilde{\beta},\tilde{\lambda})$$

Simulations at several  $(\tilde{\beta}^*, \tilde{\lambda}) \Rightarrow$  measure at  $(\beta^*, \lambda)$

Overlap problem resolved by the inclusion of LO in configuration generations <= essential on spatially large lattices in this study

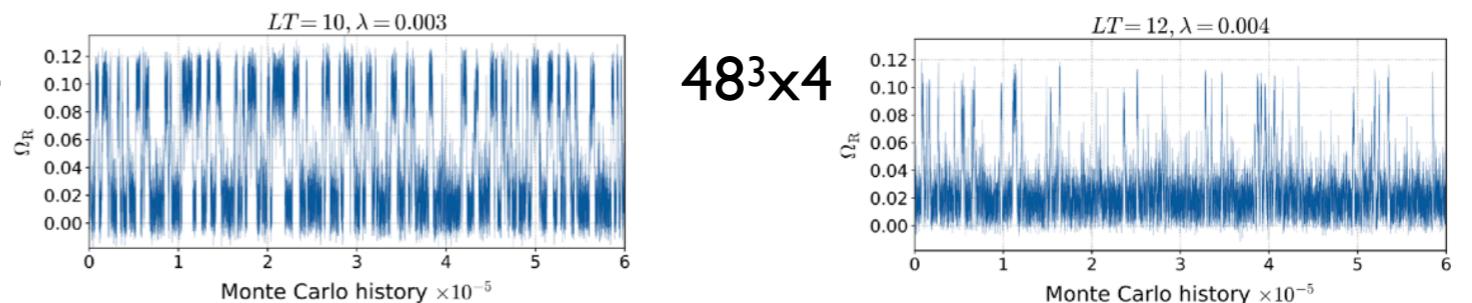


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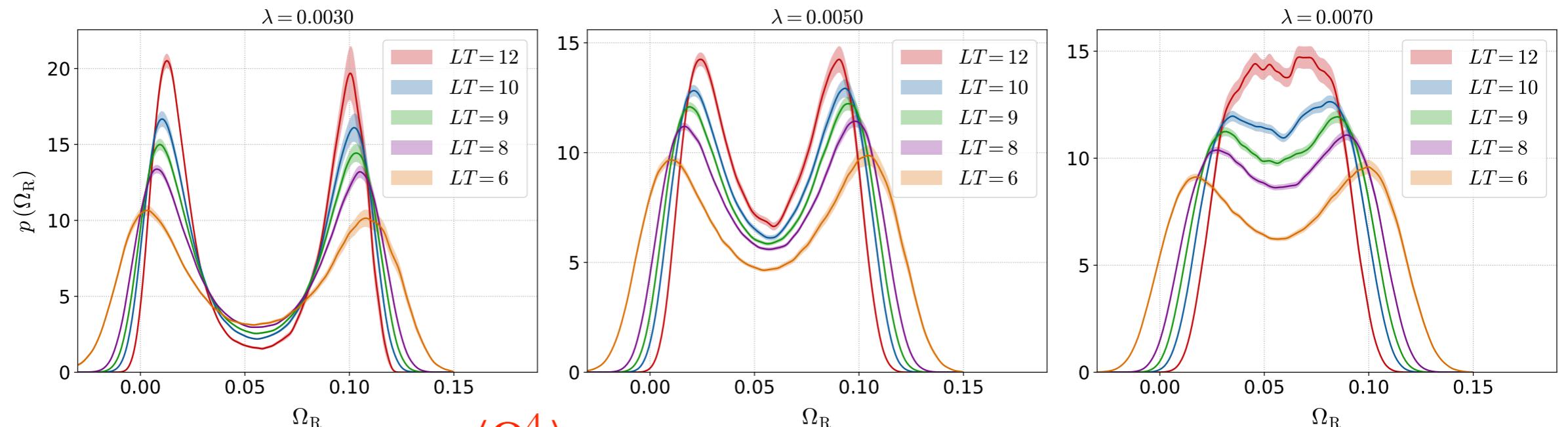
- ▶ Simulations:  $N_t=4$ ,  $N_s/N_t = LT = 6, 8, 9, 10, 12$ , each  $3-6 \times [(\tilde{\beta}^*, \tilde{\lambda})]$  with  $\sim 10^6$  meas.]  
around the transition line       $L = \text{spatial lattice size}, \lambda = 48N_f N_t \kappa^4$  for  $N_t=4$

- ▶ History of  $\Omega_R = \text{Re}\Omega$      $40^3 \times 4$



$48^3 \times 4$

- ▶ Distribution of  $\Omega_R$  on the transition line

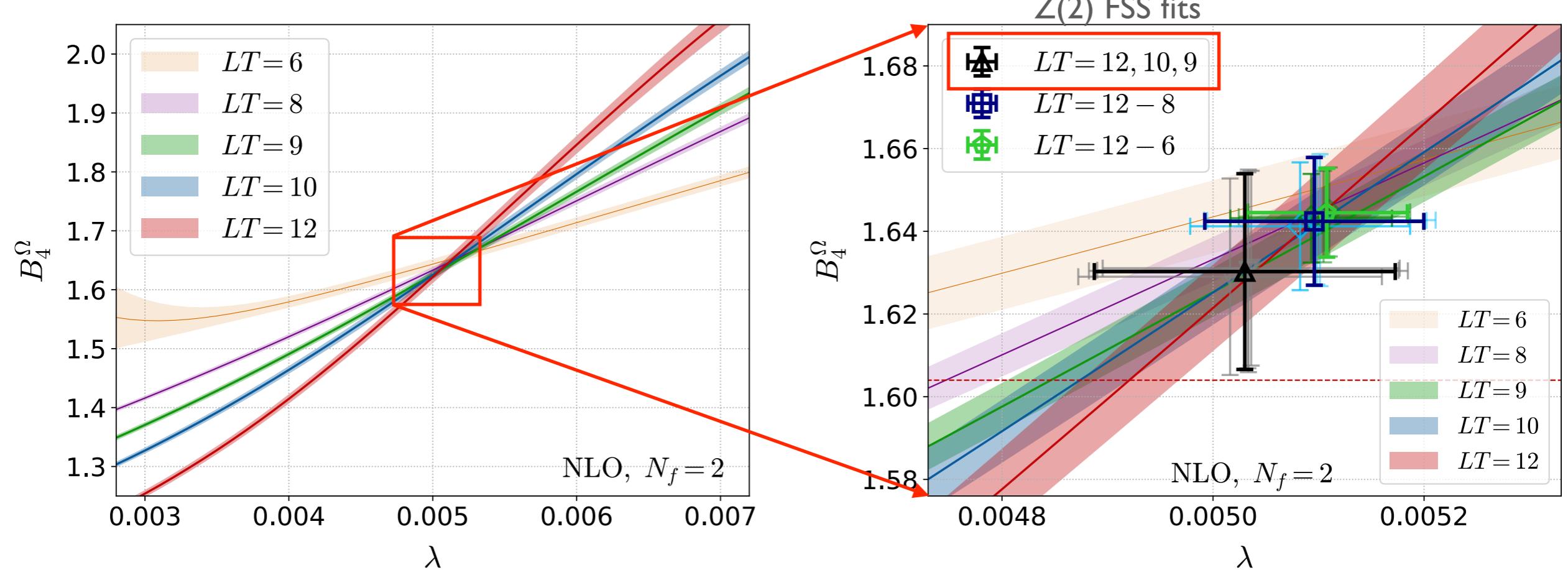


=> Binder cumulant  $B_4^\Omega = \frac{\langle \Omega_R^4 \rangle_c}{\langle \Omega_R^2 \rangle_c^2} + 3$  along the transition line

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- ▶ Results at  $N_t=4$  with HPE up to NLO



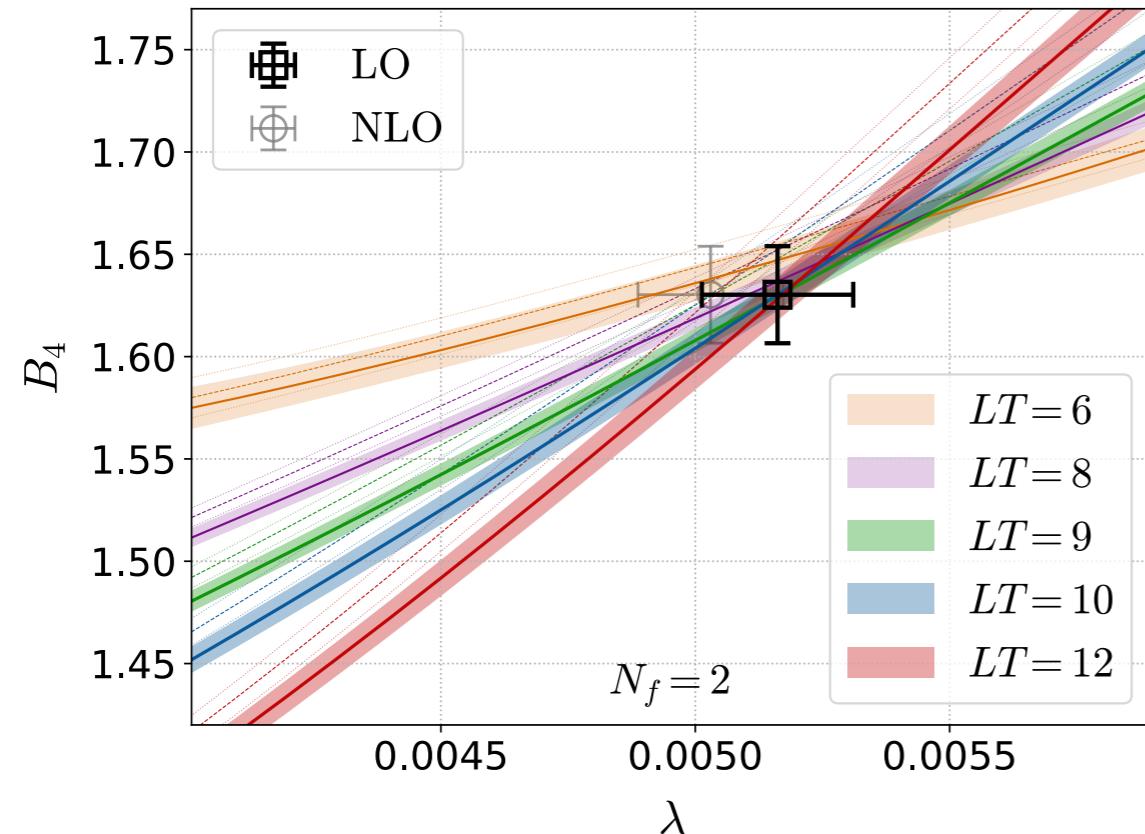
- ★ Precision much improved over previous studies
- ★  $N_s/N_t = LT \geq 9$  required for  $Z(2)$  FSS
- ★  $B_4^\Omega = 1.630(24)(2)$  using  $N_s/N_t \geq 9$ , consistent with  $Z(2)$  value 1.604 within  $\approx 1\sigma$
- ★  $\lambda_c = 0.00503(14)(2)$  [ $\kappa_c = 0.0603(4)$ ] for  $N_t=4, N_f=2$

(cf.) Ejiri+ PRD(2020):  $\kappa_c = 0.0640(10)$  with eff. NLO

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► Comparison with LO analysis => effects of NLO corrections



- ★ LO  $\approx$  NLO with  $N_s/N_t = LT \geq 9$
- ★ Shift due to NLO is small ( $\approx 2.6\%$ ), suggesting LO dominance around  $\kappa_c$  for  $N_t=4$   
=> previous  $N_t=4$  LO results seems OK

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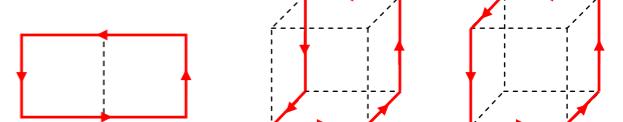
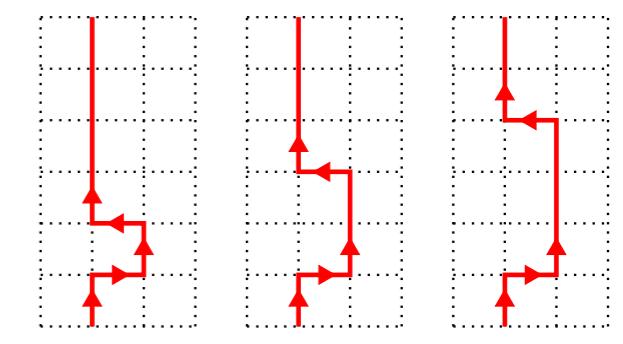
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► Quark contribution to the effective action:

$\ln \det M(\kappa) = N_{\text{site}} \sum_n D_n \kappa^n,$	$D_n = \frac{-1}{N_{\text{site}} n} \text{Tr}[B^n] \approx \frac{-1}{N_{\text{site}} n} \langle\langle \eta^\dagger B^n \eta \rangle\rangle_{\text{noises}}$	<b>loops of length n</b>	<b>noise average</b>
		$B_{xy} = \sum_\mu \left[ (1 - \gamma_\mu) U_{x,\mu} \delta_{y,x+\hat{\mu}} + (1 + \gamma_\mu) U_{y,\mu}^\dagger \delta_{y,x-\hat{\mu}} \right]$	
		$W(4) = 96N_c \hat{P}, \quad W(6) = 256N_c (3\hat{W}_{\text{rec}} + 6\hat{W}_{\text{chair}} + 2\hat{W}_{\text{crown}})$	
$D_n = W(n) + \sum_m L_m(N_t, n) = W(n) + L(N_t, n)$			
$L_1(N_t, N_t) = \frac{4N_c 2^{N_t}}{N_t} \text{Re} \hat{\Omega}$			

We developed a method to separately evaluate  $W(n)$  and  $L_m(N_t, n)$  from  $D_n$  by combining the results with various twisted boundary conditions.

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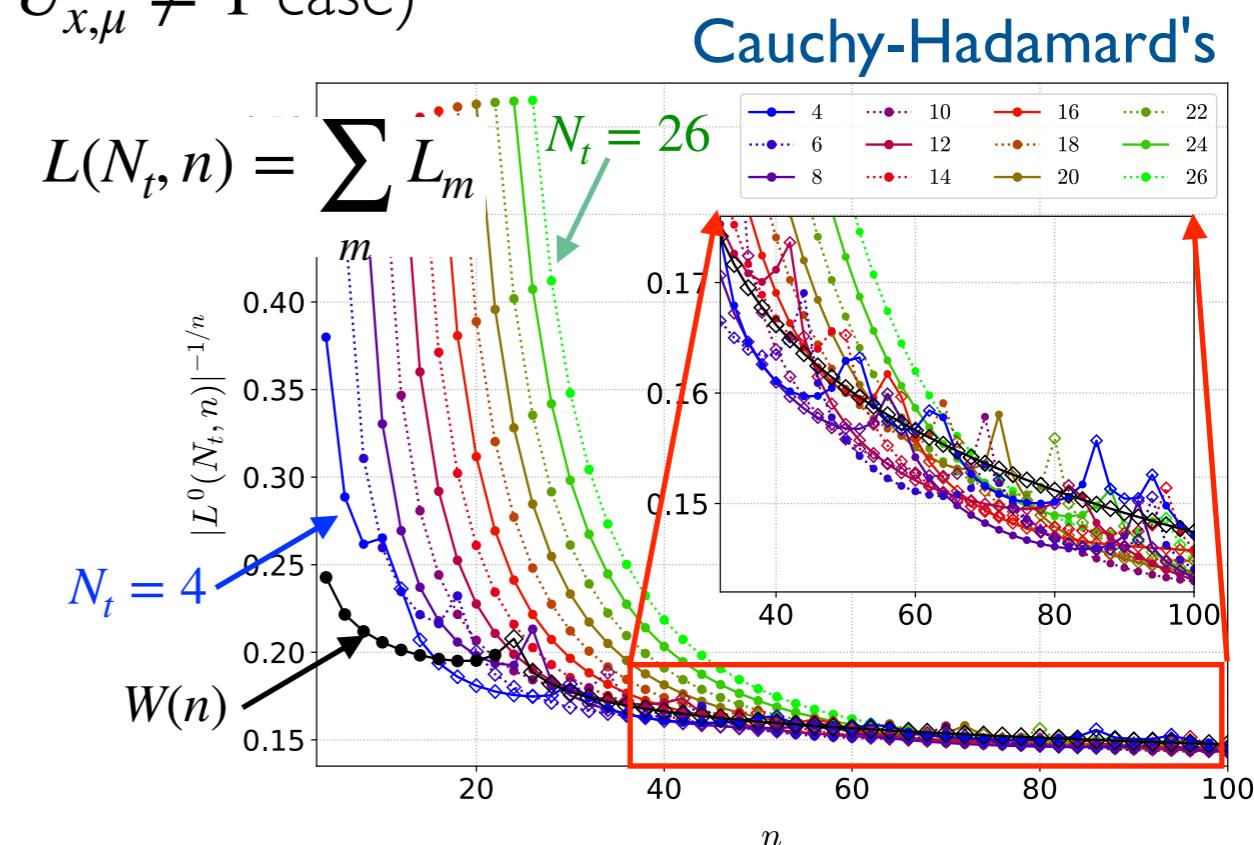
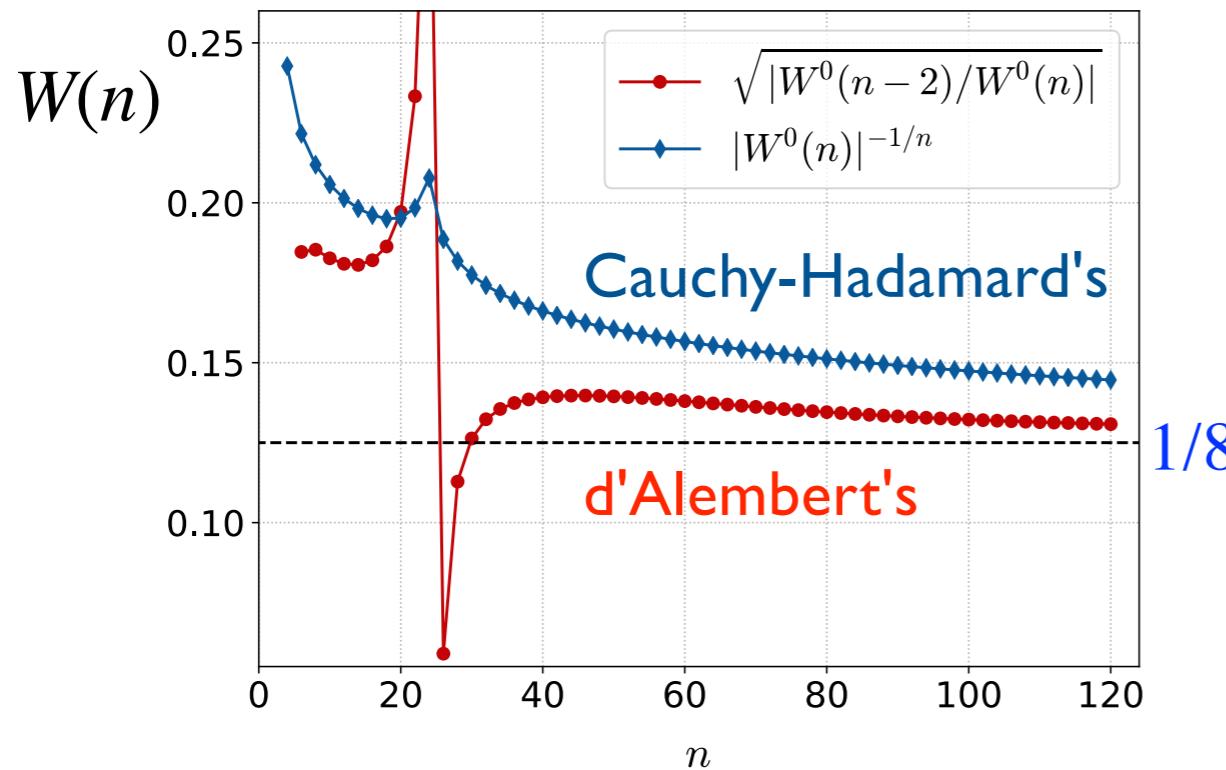
- $\hat{W}_i, \hat{P}_j$  in  $W(n)$  and  $L_m(N_t, n)$  take their maximum value 1 when we set  $U_{x,\mu} = 1$   
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◆ Convergence radius (lower bound for the  $U_{x,\mu} \neq 1$  case)



★ Convergence radius  $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} 1/8$ , i.e. convergent up to the chiral limit.

<= free Wilson quarks when  $U_{x,\mu} = 1$

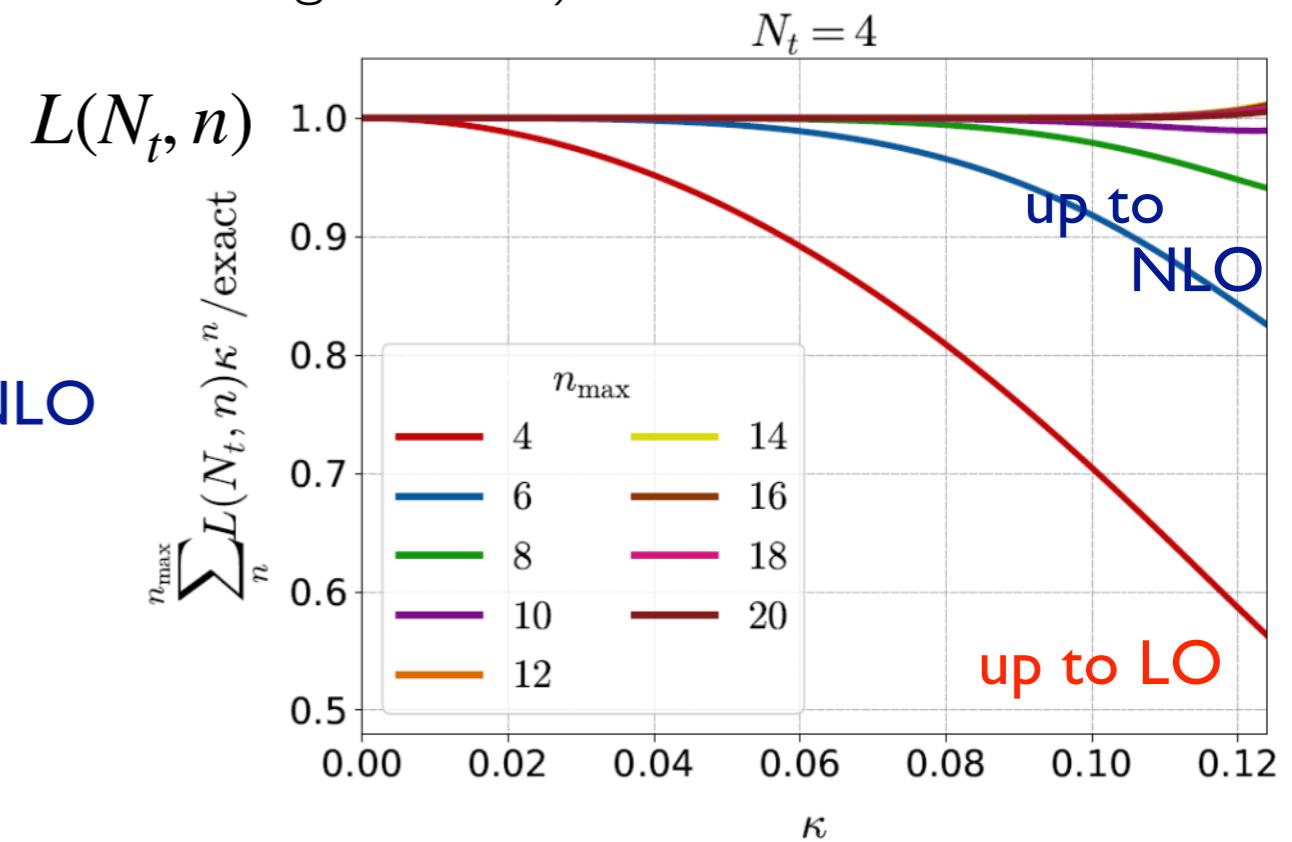
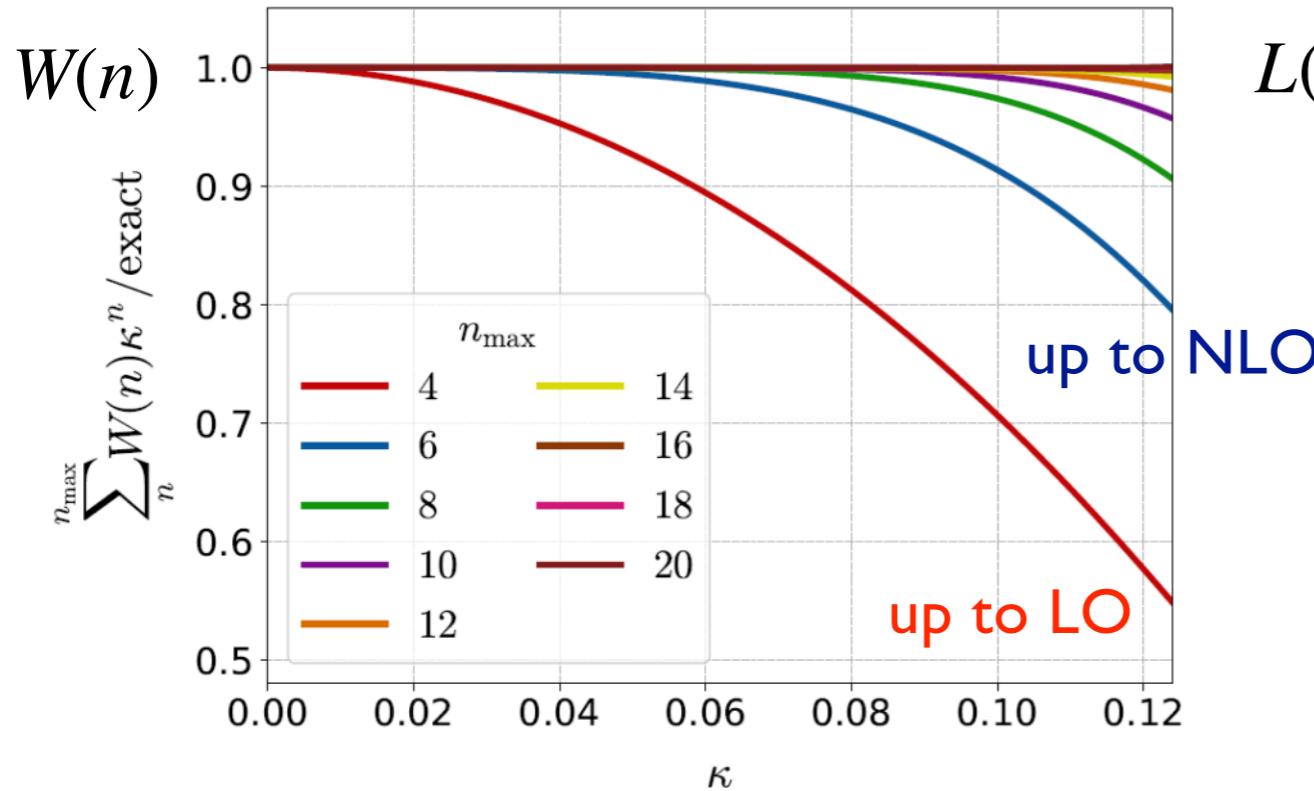
=> HPE reliable up to the chiral limit when sufficiently high orders are taken.

# Scope and convergence of HPE

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*To which order we need to incorporate? <= depends on the value of  $\kappa$*

◆ Deviation due to truncation (in the worst convergent case):



- ★ For  $N_t=4$ :  $\kappa_c = 0.0603(4)$  [Kiyohara+ ('21)]  
=> LO may have at worst  $\approx 10\%$  error, NLO good enough
- ★ For  $N_t=6$ :  $\kappa_c = 0.0877(9)$  [Cuteri+ ('22)],  $0.1286(40)$  [Ejiri+ ('20) using eff. pot.]  
=> NLO is  $\geq 93\%$  accurate. remaining error can be removed by NNLO or higher
- ★ For  $N_t=8$ :  $\kappa_c = 0.1135(8)$  [Cuteri+ ('22)] => NNLO needed for  $\geq 95\%$  accuracy

# Effective method to incorporate high orders

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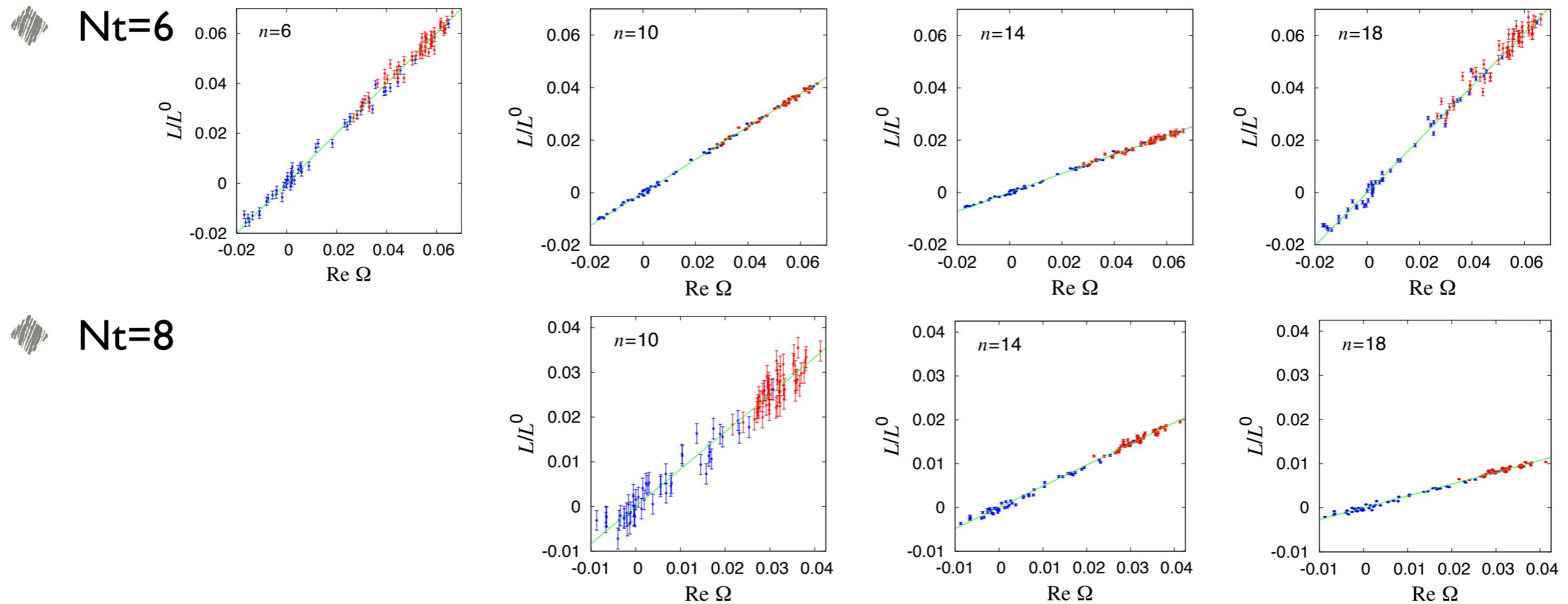
*Calculation of high order term becomes quickly difficult with increasing  $n$ .*

We extend the idea of the effective NLO method [Ejiri+ ('20)] to high orders.

Basic observation: **strong correlation of Wilson/Polyakov-type loops among different  $n$ .**

## ► Distribution of $L(N_t, n)$ vs. the Polyakov loop $\Omega$

- qQCD simulation on  $32^3 \times (6, 8)$ , blue/red slightly below/above  $\beta_{\text{trans}}$
- normalized by the  $U \times \mu = 1$  result  $L^0$



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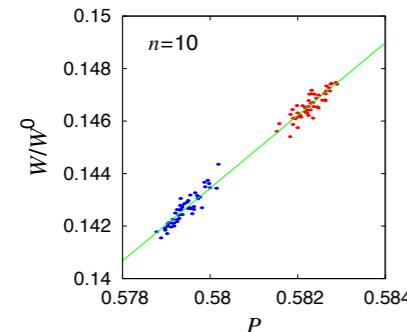
This linear correlation suggests us to approximate

$$\star \quad L(N_t, n) \approx L^0(N_t, n) c_n \operatorname{Re} \hat{\Omega}$$

known from  $U_{x\mu}=1$

our MC results:

$$\star \quad W(n) \approx W^0(n) (d_n \hat{P} + f_n)$$



though the correlation  
weaker than  $L(N_t, n)$

	$N_t = 6$	$N_t = 8$
$c_6$	1	
$c_8$	0.8112(20)(7)	1
$c_{10}$	0.6280(15)(3)	0.8327(114)(95)
$c_{12}$	0.4736(29)(15)	0.6408(36)(27)
$c_{14}$	0.3609(26)(11)	0.4841(22)(10)
$c_{16}$	0.3106(25)(10)	0.3616(21)(6)
$c_{18}$	1.0159(90)(33)	0.2679(16)(3)
$c_{20}$	-0.02771(57)(13)	0.2020(13)(2)

$n$	$d_n(N_t = 6)$	$f_n(N_t = 6)$	$d_n(N_t = 8)$	$f_n(N_t = 8)$
4	1	0	1	0
6	1.3625(73)(12)	-0.4070(42)(7)	1.3366(66)(8)	-0.3922(39)(5)
8	1.4644(123)(11)	-0.6089(72)(6)	1.4256(96)(8)	-0.5869(57)(5)
10	1.3835(156)(10)	-0.6590(91)(6)	1.3433(117)(8)	-0.6367(70)(5)
12	1.2140(178)(9)	-0.6235(103)(5)	1.1752(130)(7)	-0.6025(78)(4)
14	1.0256(196)(9)	-0.5533(114)(5)	0.9825(141)(7)	-0.5303(85)(4)
16	0.8607(219)(9)	-0.4811(127)(5)	0.8052(153)(8)	-0.4512(92)(5)
18	0.7481(258)(10)	-0.4296(150)(6)	0.6698(173)(9)	-0.3870(103)(5)
20	0.7290(337)(12)	-0.4275(196)(7)	0.6071(219)(12)	-0.3606(131)(7)

=> Higher order effects can be effectively incorporated in the LO simulation by

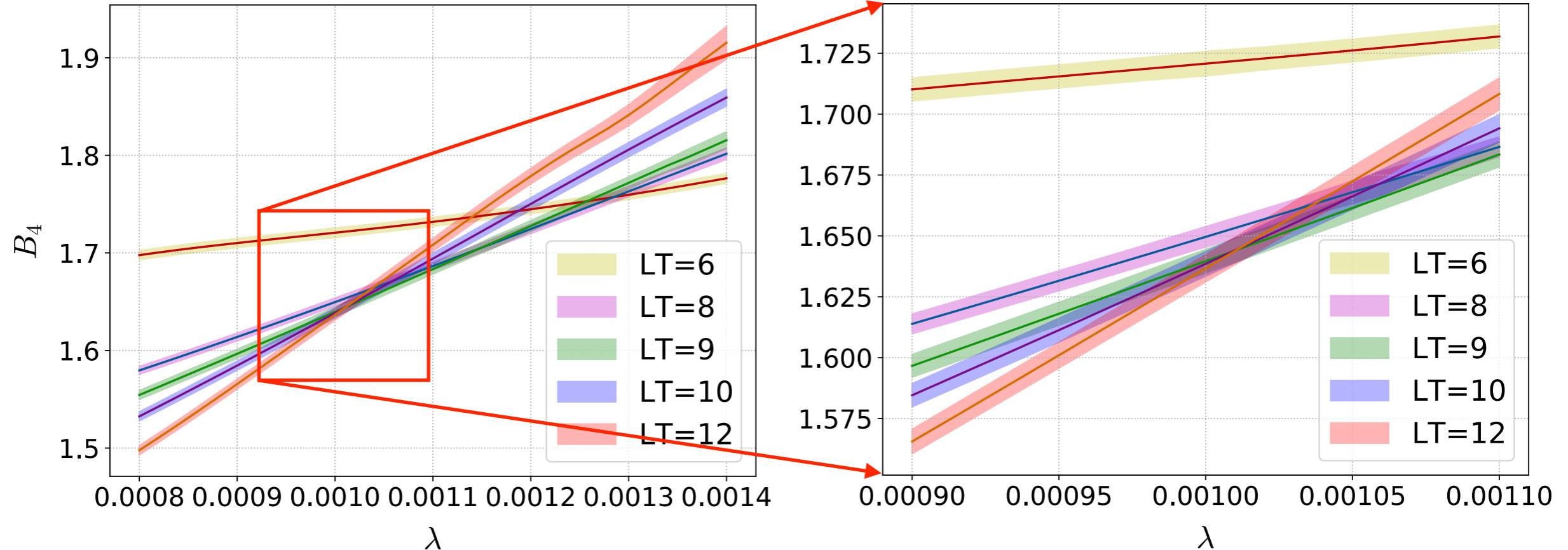
$$\beta \rightarrow \beta^* = \beta + \frac{1}{6} N_f \sum_{n=4}^{n_{\max}} W^0(n) d_n \kappa^n \quad \lambda \rightarrow \lambda^* = N_f N_t \sum_{n=N_t}^{n_{\max}} L^0(N_t, n) c_n \kappa^n$$

Extension to non-degenerate cases ( $N_f=2+1$  etc.) straightforward.

# Study on $N_t = 6$ lattices

Ashikawa+ (WHOT-QCD), *ongoing*

- $N_t=6$ ,  $N_s/N_t = LT = 6, (7,) 8, 9, 10, 12, (15)$  *ongoing*
- Status of  $B_4^\Omega$  with NLO:  $\lambda = 128N_fN_t\kappa^6$  for  $N_t=6$ ,  $N_f=2$ , NLO



*Preliminary:*

- ★  $B_4^\Omega \sim 1.63 - 1.64$  with  $N_s/N_t \geq 9$  (cf.)  $Z(2)$  value = 1.604
- ★  $\lambda_c \sim 0.00101 \Rightarrow \kappa_c \sim 0.093$  NLO  $\Rightarrow \kappa_c \sim 0.0905$  eff. including up to 20th order  
looks consistent with  $\kappa_c = 0.0877(9)$  by a full QCD simulation [Cuteri+ ('22)]

# Conclusion & outlook

We miss our best friend+collaborator  
Yusuke Taniguchi  
who passed away silently on July 22, 2022.



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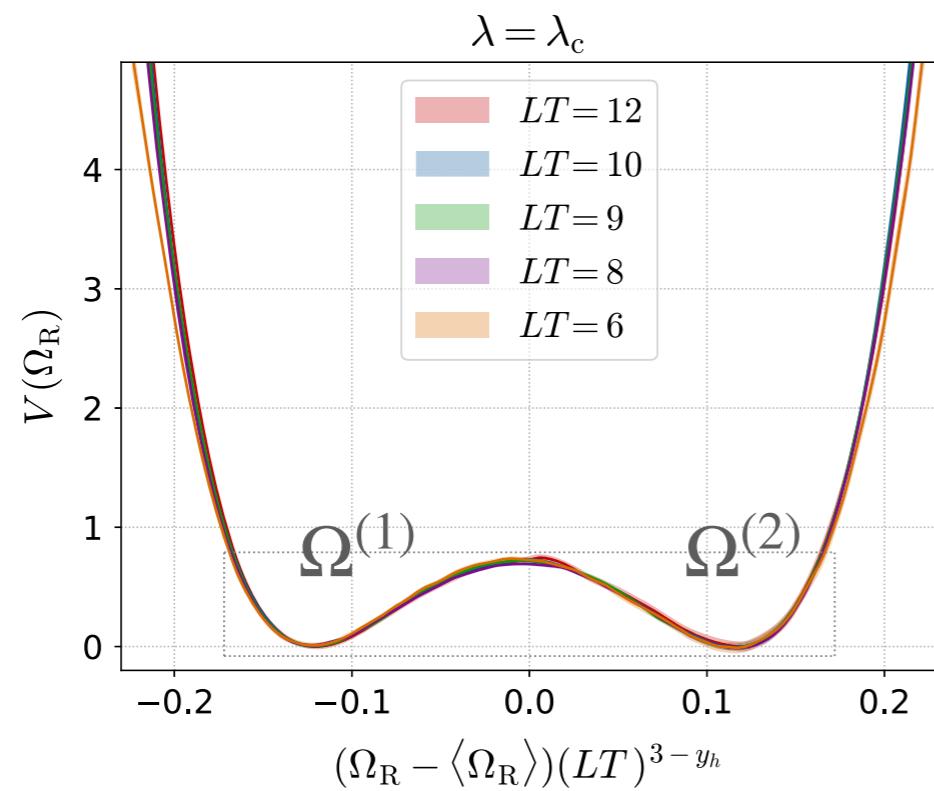
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$$V(\Omega_R; \lambda, LT) = -\ln p(\Omega_R)_{\lambda, LT},$$



$$\Delta\Omega = \Omega^{(2)} - \Omega^{(1)}. \quad (46)$$

According to Eq. (15), this quantity should behave around the *CP* as

$$\Delta\Omega(\lambda, LT) = (LT)^{y_h-3} \Delta\tilde{\Omega}((\lambda - \lambda_c)(LT)^{1/\nu}), \quad (47)$$

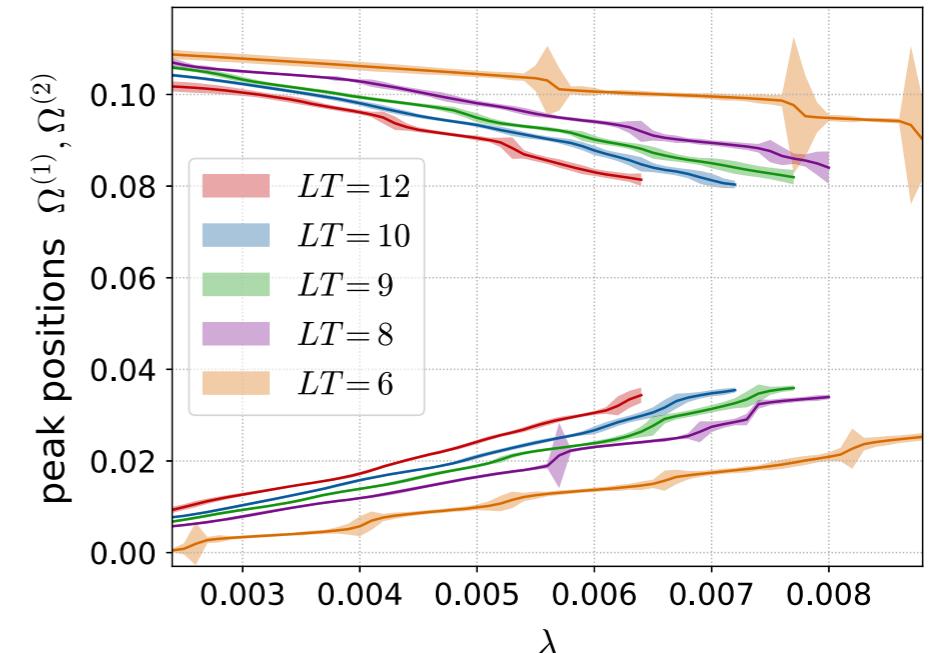
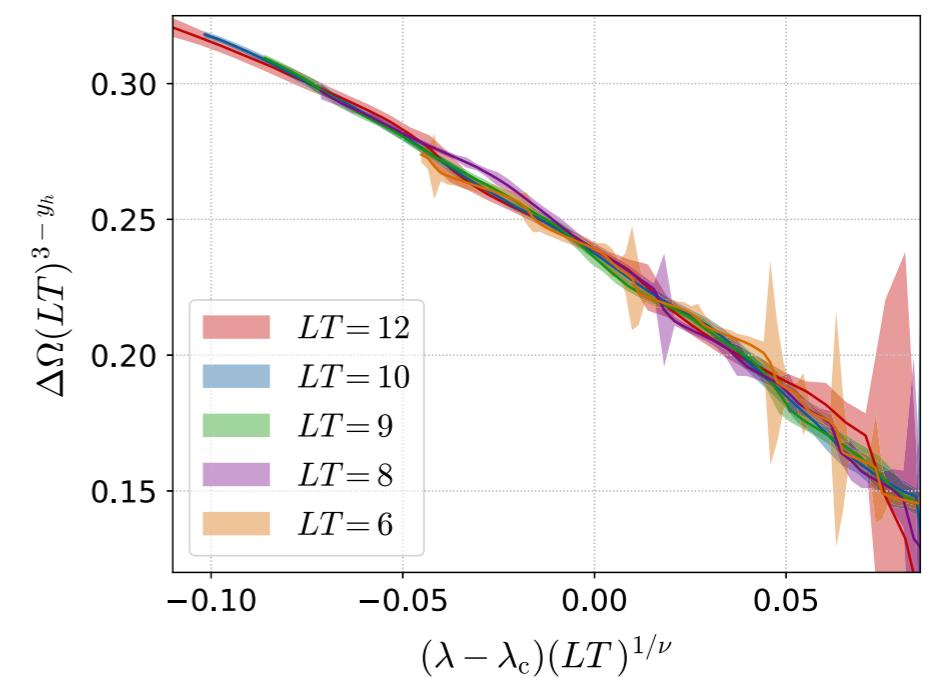


FIG. 13. Positions of peaks of the distribution function  $p(\Omega_R)$  measured on the transition line.



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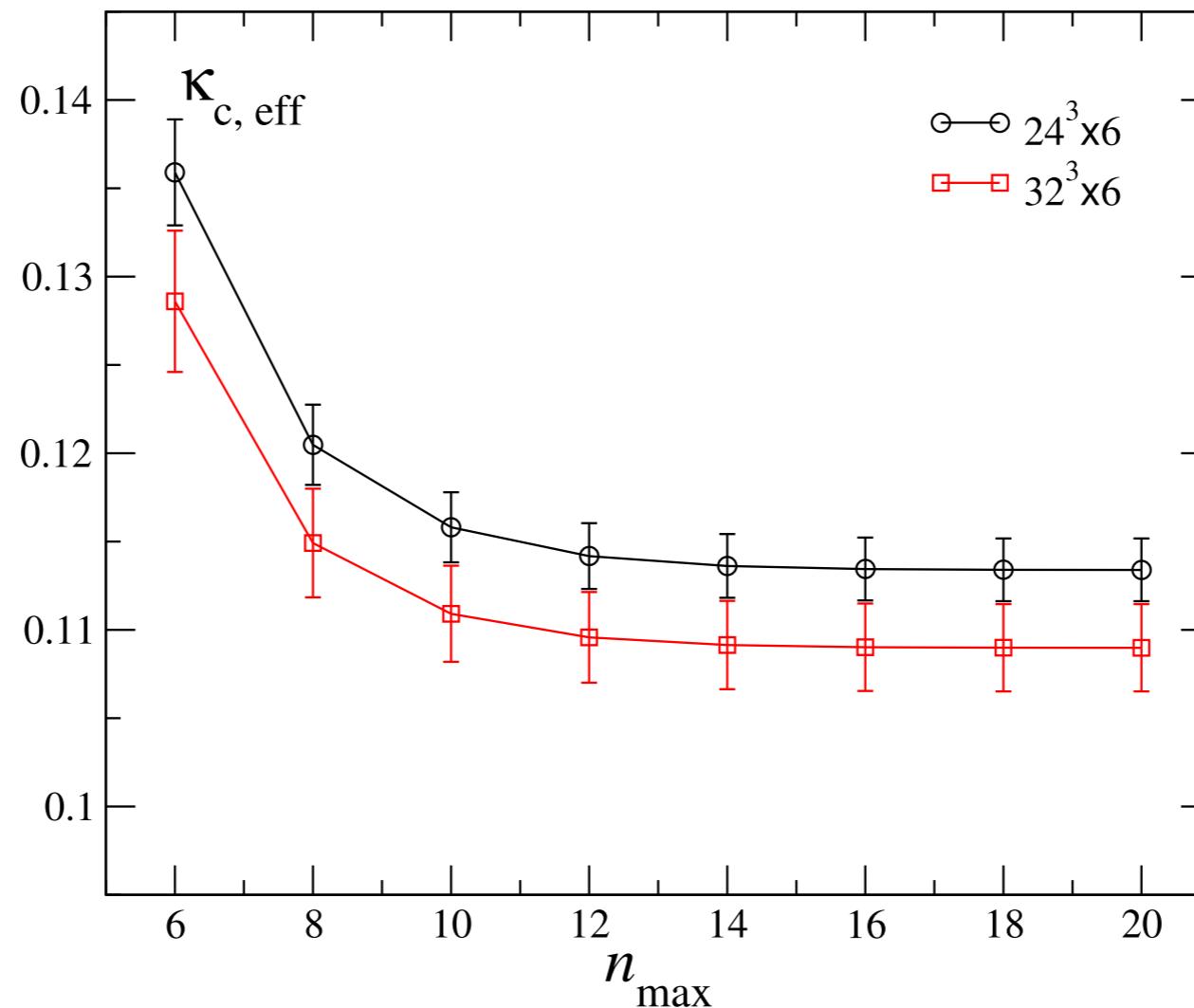
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$W^0(4)$	288	$W^0(20)$	$1.54422361 \times 10^{14}$	$W^0(36)$	$-5.58410362 \times 10^{27}$
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$W^0(8)$	245952	$W^0(24)$	$-2.40028584 \times 10^{16}$	$W^0(40)$	$-1.50223497 \times 10^{31}$
$W^0(10)$	7372800	$W^0(26)$	$-6.88836562 \times 10^{18}$	$W^0(42)$	$-7.71380102 \times 10^{32}$
$W^0(12)$	225232896	$W^0(28)$	$-5.41133954 \times 10^{20}$	$W^0(44)$	$-3.95168998 \times 10^{34}$
$W^0(14)$	6906175488	$W^0(30)$	$-3.39122203 \times 10^{22}$	$W^0(46)$	$-2.02386871 \times 10^{36}$
$W^0(16)$	208431502848	$W^0(32)$	$-1.93668514 \times 10^{24}$	$W^0(48)$	$-1.03783044 \times 10^{38}$
$W^0(18)$	$6.00259179 \times 10^{12}$	$W^0(34)$	$-1.05424635 \times 10^{26}$	$W^0(50)$	$-5.33468075 \times 10^{39}$

$L_1^0(4, 4)$	48	$L_1^0(10, 10)$	1228.8	$L_1^0(18, 18)$	174762.67
$L_1^0(4, 6)$	1728	$L_1^0(10, 12)$	331776	$L_1^0(18, 20)$	160432128
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$L_1^0(4, 12)$	-26224128	$L_1^0(10, 18)$	$5.99330 \times 10^{11}$	$L_1^0(18, 26)$	$5.50232 \times 10^{15}$
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$L_1^0(4, 26)$	$-5.50874 \times 10^{19}$	$L_1^0(12, 12)$	4096	$L_1^0(20, 28)$	$4.24543 \times 10^{16}$
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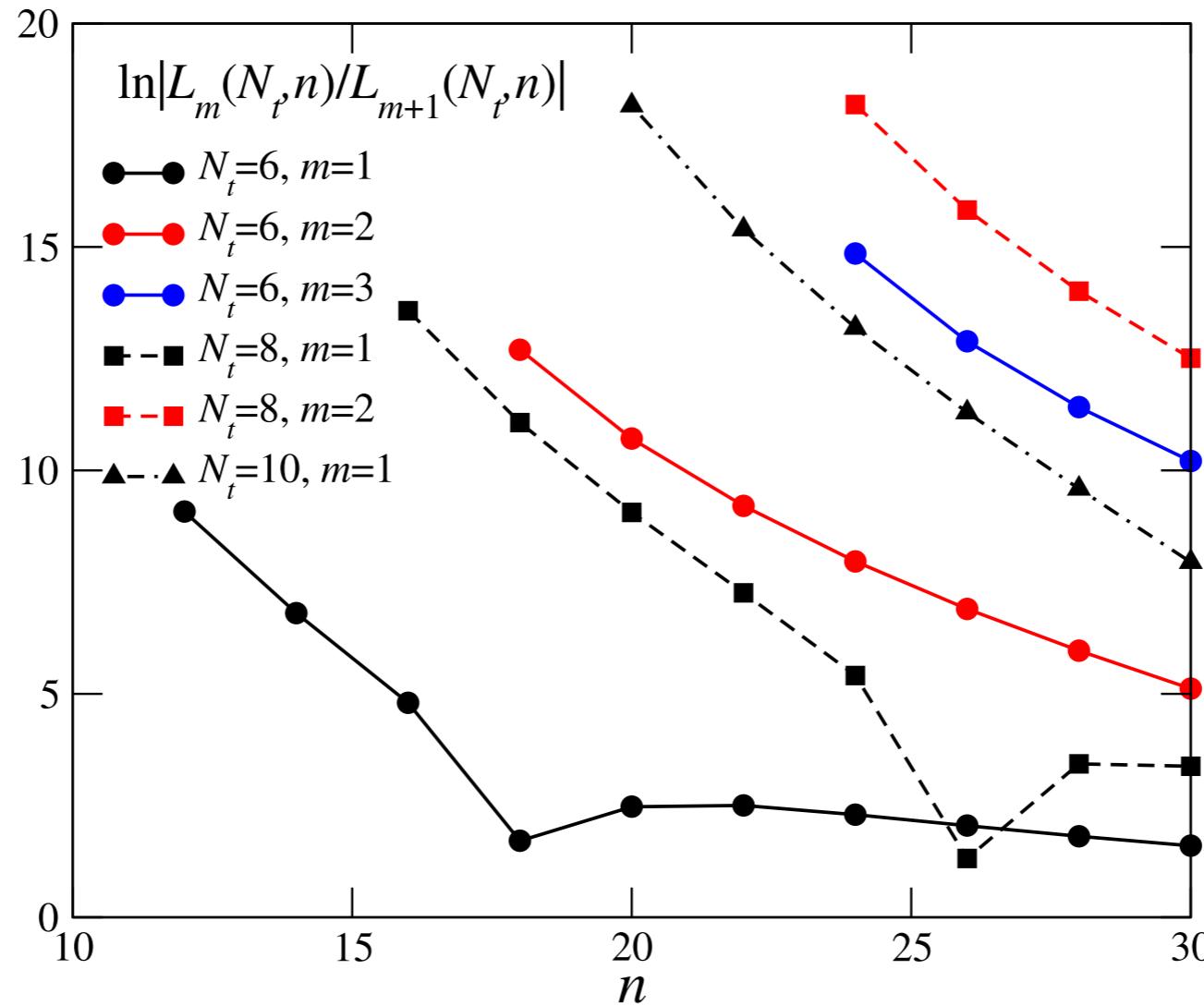
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**Fig. 11.** Effective critical point  $\kappa_{c, \text{eff}}$  in two-flavor QCD for  $N_t = 6$  as a function of  $n_{\max}$ . The black circle and red square symbols are for  $\kappa_{c, \text{LO}}$  obtained on a  $24^3 \times 6$  and a  $32^3 \times 6$  lattice, respectively.

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**Fig. 14.** Upper bound of  $\mu/T$  such that higher- $m$  terms are small, as given in Eq. (71).

$$\frac{\mu}{T} < \ln \left| \frac{L_m^0(N_t, n)}{L_{m+1}^0(N_t, n)} \right|$$