

Truncated perfect hypercube fermions and overlap-hypercube fermions

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- Perfect lattice fermions
- Truncation to the hypercube fermion (HF)
- Chiral correction to the overlap-HF

Scaling, locality, approximate rotation symmetry,
condition number

Applications to topology, Random Matrix Theory,
Low Energy Constants

Block Variable Renormalization Group Transformation (RGT)

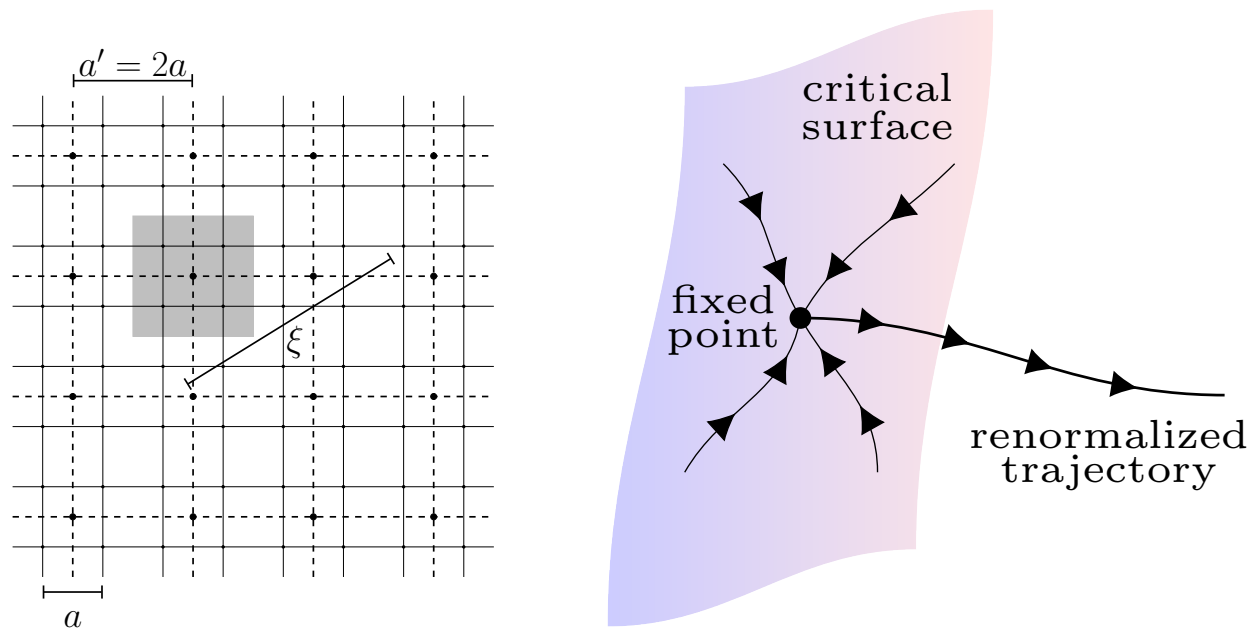
Integrate out field variables on a fine lattice \rightarrow action on a coarser lattice represents identical physics (if the integration is carried out exactly).

Changes resolution, *i.e.* energy level, in particular correlation length ξ in lattice units

At $\xi = \infty$: iterations may lead to a **Fixed Point Action (FPA)**

Invariant under change of lattice spacing

Leave FPA by RGTs in a relevant direction: no irrelevant lattice artifacts come in \rightarrow yields continuum physics on the lattice, **perfect lattice action**



Left: **Block factor 2 RGT:** Average of the field values over the 2^d sites within a block (shaded) on the fine lattice (spacing a) \rightarrow field value at the block center on the coarse lattice (spacing $a' = 2a$). Correlation length ξ unchanged in physical units, reduced by a factor of 2 in units of a' .

Right: Critical surface ($\xi/a = \infty$) in space of couplings. Iterated RGTs in critical surface may converge to a Fixed Point. A **renormalized trajectory** leaves the critical surface in a relevant direction: formulations free of any lattice artifacts, even at finite ξ/a — **perfect lattice actions**

[Figure from: WB/Wiese, “Quantum Field Theory and the Standard Model of Particle Physics:

From Fundamental Concepts to Dynamical Mechanisms”, Cambridge University Press, 2023]

Perfect action: can be computed analytically for free fermions

$$e^{-S'[\bar{\Psi}, \Psi]} = \int D\bar{\psi} D\psi \exp \left[-S[\bar{\psi}, \psi] + \frac{\rho}{2} \left(\bar{\Psi}_x - \frac{\beta_n}{b^d} \sum_{y \in c_x} \bar{\psi}_y \right) \left(\Psi_x - \frac{\beta_n}{b^d} \sum_{y \in c_x} \psi_y \right) \right]$$

x : sites on coarse lattice, y : sites on fine lattice

c_x : coarse unit hypercube associated with x

b : block size, $\beta_n = n^{(d-1)/2}$ re-scaling factor

$\bar{\psi}, \psi$: fermion fields on the fine lattice

$\bar{\Psi}, \Psi$: fermion fields on the coarse lattice

RGT: $S \rightarrow S' \rightarrow S'' \rightarrow S''' \dots$

ρ : RGT parameter

$\rho \rightarrow \infty$: δ -blocking, but any ρ works, even $\rho_{x,x'}$, if ρ^{-1} is local

Size b of the blocking cell c_x can also be varied. Most efficient: $b \rightarrow \infty$, **blocking from the continuum** to the lattice.

Leads directly to a **perfect action for free fermions**:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_{\text{perf}}[\bar{\Psi}, \Psi] &= \sum_{x,r} \bar{\Psi}_x D_{\text{perf}}(r) \Psi_{x+r} \\
 &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_B d^d p \, \bar{\Psi}(-p) D_{\text{perf}}(p) \Psi(p) \\
 D_{\text{perf}}^{-1}(p) &= \sum_{l \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \frac{\Pi(p + 2\pi l)^2}{i\gamma_\mu(p_\mu + 2\pi l_\mu) + m} + \frac{2}{\rho}, \quad \Pi(p) := \prod_{\mu} \frac{\frac{2}{a} \sin \frac{ap_\mu}{2}}{p_\mu}
 \end{aligned}$$

[Ginsparg/Wilson '82, WB/Wiese '95, '96] Relevant parameter: mass m

$\rho \rightarrow \infty$: chirality as in the continuum, $\{D_{\text{perf}}(m=0), \gamma_5\} = 0$,
no doublers, how about Nielsen-Ninomiya Theorem?

Answer: $D_{\text{perf}}(m=0)|_{\alpha=\infty} = D_{\text{FPA}}(r)|_{\alpha=\infty} \sim |r|^{1-d}$ **non-local**

ρ finite:

$$D_{\text{perf}}(r) := \rho_\mu(r)\gamma_\mu + \lambda(r)$$

Local: vector term $|\rho_\mu(r)|$ and scalar term $|\lambda(r)|$ fall off **exponentially**

$\lambda(r) \neq 0$: lattice modified chiral symmetry, fulfills
Ginsparg-Wilson relation (GW '82)

$$\{D_{\text{FPA}}, \gamma_5\} = \frac{1}{\rho} D_{\text{FPA}} \gamma_5 D_{\text{FPA}}$$

Conceptually okay, but application requires short-ranged truncation

Truncation scheme: periodic boundary conditions in the hypercube with $|r_\mu| \leq 1 \Rightarrow$ normalized **hypercube-fermion (HF)** (couplings to 3^d sites, structure like “Brillouin fermions”)

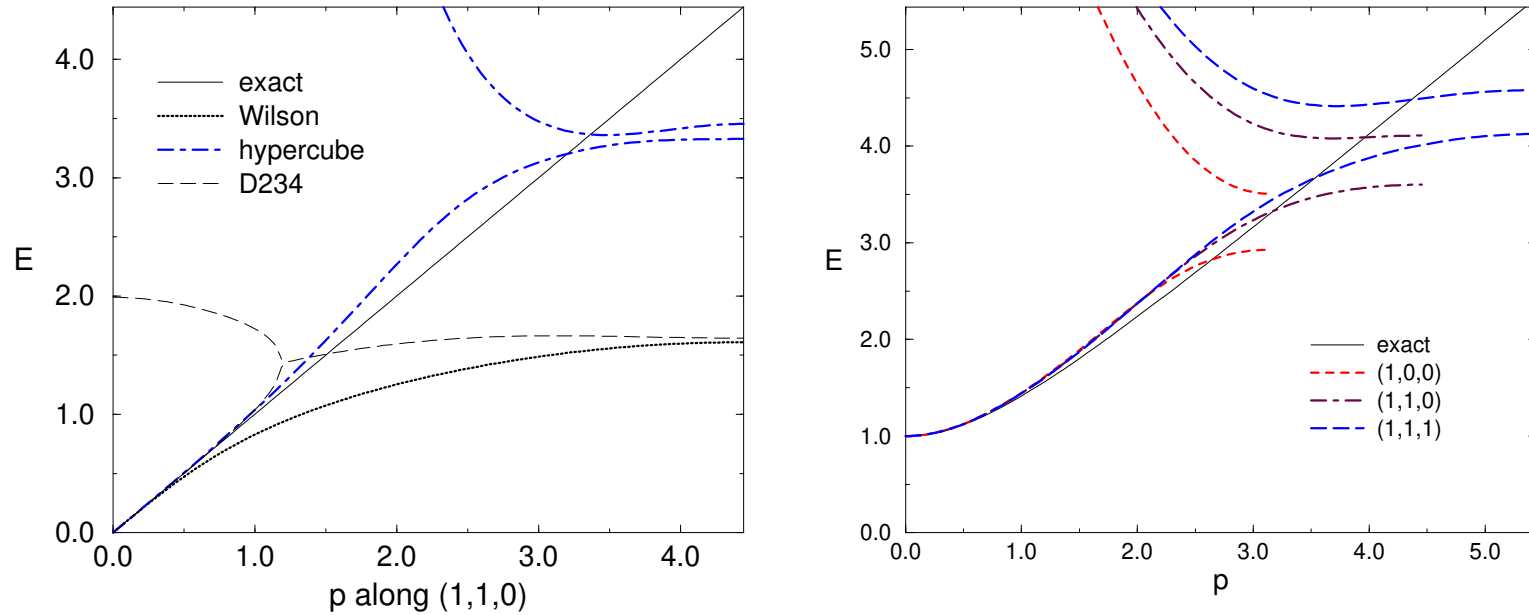
r	$\rho_1(r)$	$\lambda(r)$
(0, 0, 0, 0)	0	1.85272055
(1, 0, 0, 0)	0.13684679	-0.06075787
(1, 1, 0, 0)	0.03207728	-0.03003603
(1, 1, 1, 0)	0.01105813	-0.015967620
(1, 1, 1, 1)	0.00474899	-0.008426812
(0, 0)	0	1.48954496
(1, 0)	0.30938846	-0.24477248
(1, 1)	0.09530577	-0.12761376

Couplings of the free, massless HF in $d = 4$ and $d = 2$: $\rho_\mu(r)$ is odd in r_μ and even in all other r_ν , while $\lambda(r)$ is even in all directions.

$\rho = 1$ (in lattice units): optimized locality

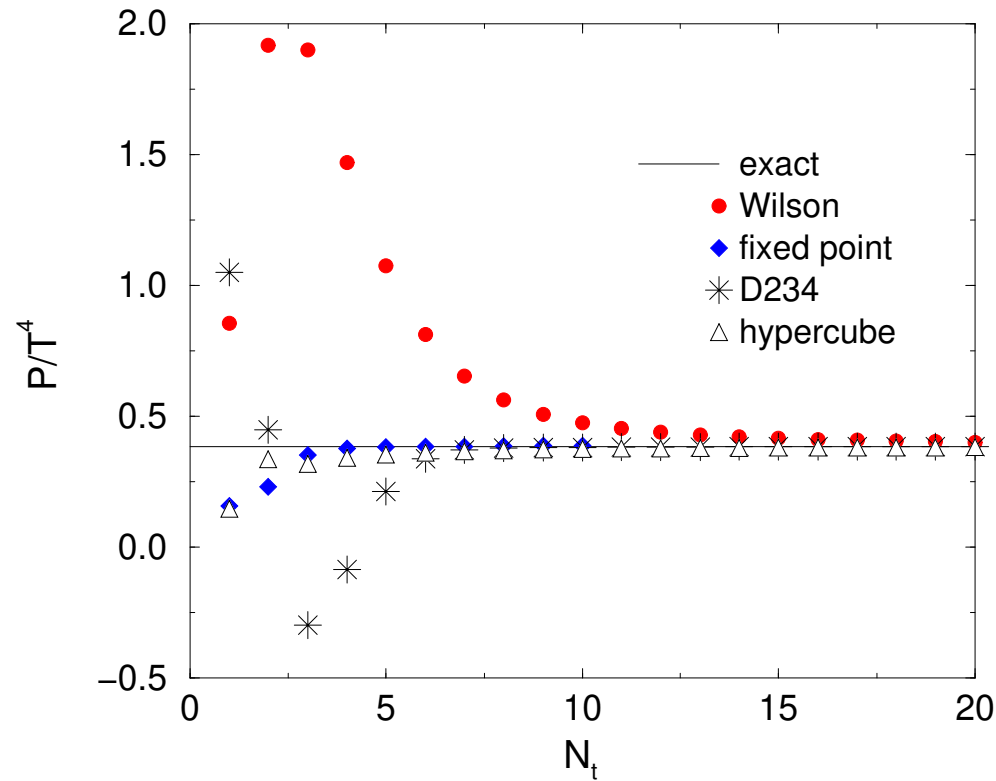
Fermion mass $m = 0$ is the worst case. $m > 0$ accelerates exponential decay, truncation less harmful, $\rho = m^2/(2(e^m - m - 1))$

[WB/Brower/Chandrasekharan/Wiese '97]



Left: Dispersion relation for free, massless 4d lattice fermions, for spatial momenta $\vec{p} \propto (1, 1, 0)$ (as an example). For perfect fermion: coincides with continuum dispersion; HF dispersion follows it closely. Wilson fermion deviates strongly; the Symanzik improved D234 [Alford/Klassen/Lepage '96] fermion behaves well up to $|\vec{p}| \approx 1$, before it hits a doubler coming down from higher energy.

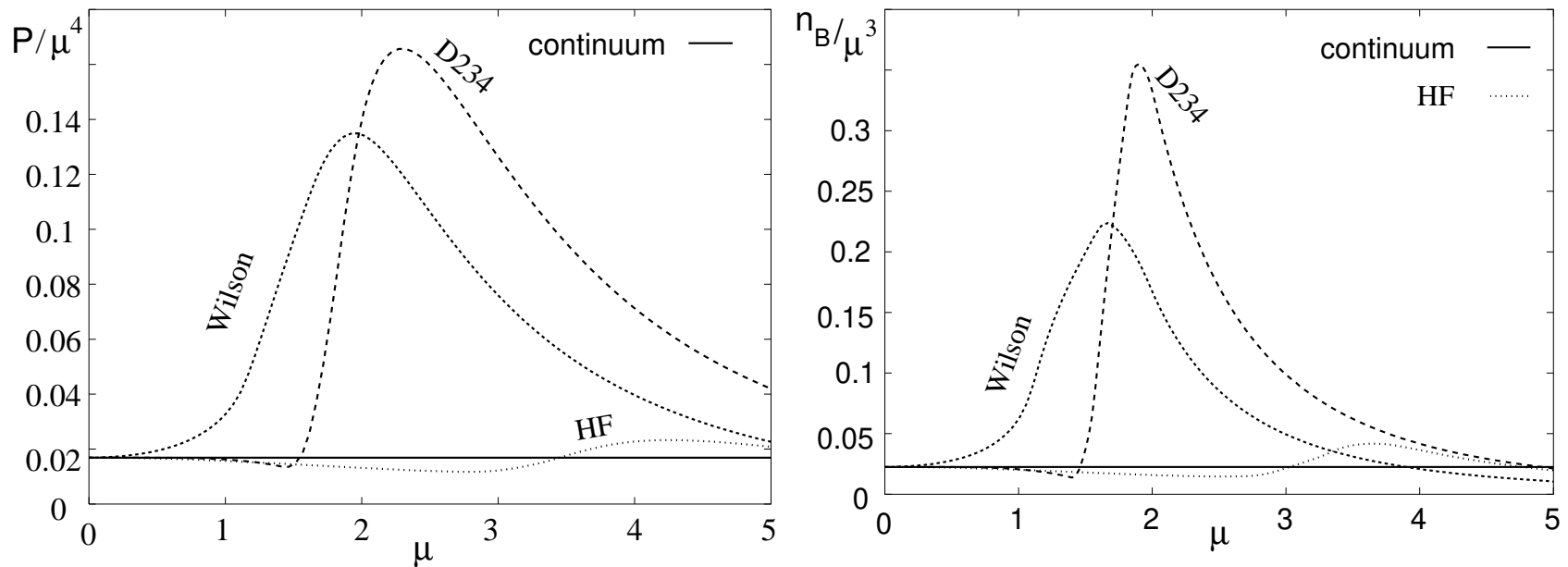
Right: Dispersion relation for the free HF with mass $m = 1$. Energy $E(\vec{p})$ for various directions of \vec{p} ($p = |\vec{p}|$): they all follow closely the continuum dispersion over a large part of the Brillouin zone.



Pressure $P / (\text{temperature } T)^4$ for various types of free lattice fermions.
 Continuum: Stefan-Boltzmann law $P/T^4 = 7\pi^2/180$.

RGT improved actions converge much faster for decreasing temperature (increasing N_t) than the Wilson action or the D234 action.

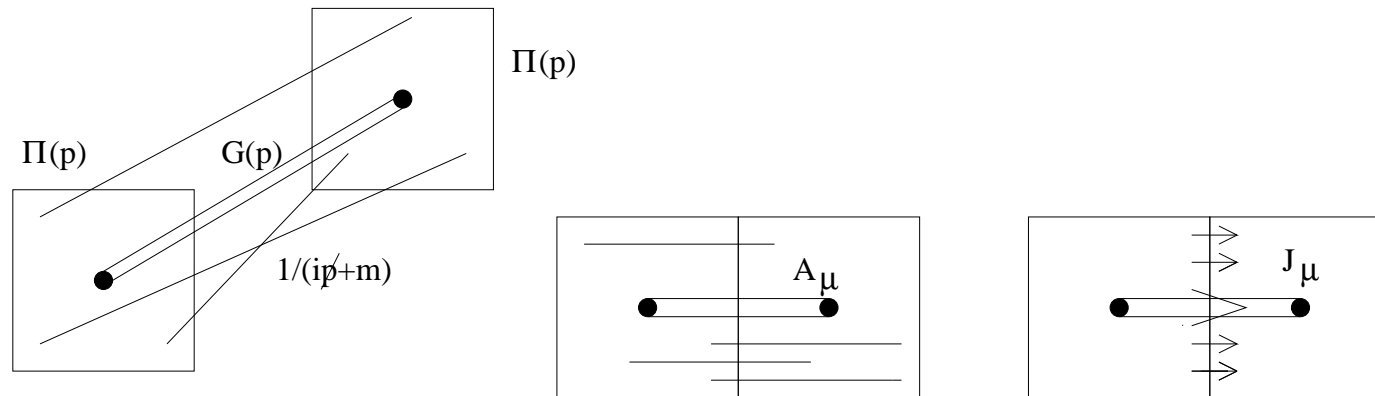
(Here even the Fixed Point Action has (minor) artifacts, because it is constructed at $T = 0$).



P/μ^4 and n_B/μ^3 , for pressure P , baryon density n_B and chemical potential μ , at zero temperature, for various types of free, massless lattice fermions.

For the HF both ratios converge rapidly to the continuum values as μ decreases, in contrast to the Wilson fermion and the D234 fermion.

Schemes for blocking from the continuum



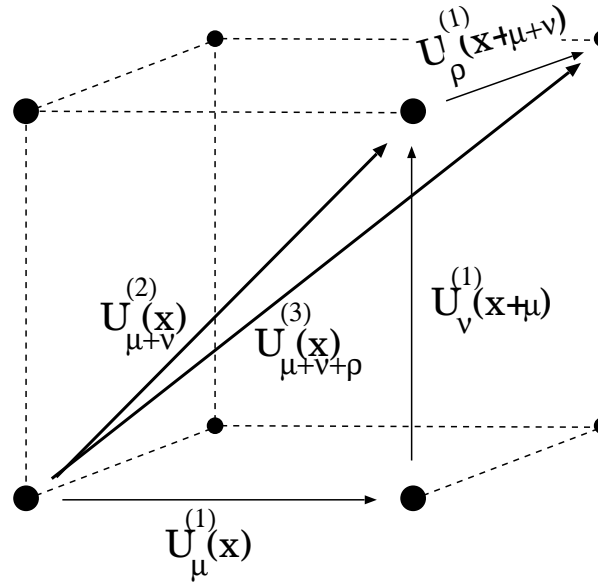
Left: **Matter fields** are blocked by integrating the continuum field in a lattice cell, with the convolution function Π . Perfect propagator G is obtained by integrating all continuum propagators between points in the corresponding lattice cells.

Center: Blocking for **non-compact gauge fields**: we integrate all straight parallel transporters between continuum points, which have the same relative position in adjacent lattice cells.

Right: Perfect **current**, obtained by integrating the continuum flux through the face between adjacent lattice cells.

Consistently perfect lattice formulation reproduces the axial anomaly

3d illustration of the HF gauging by means of **hyperlinks**



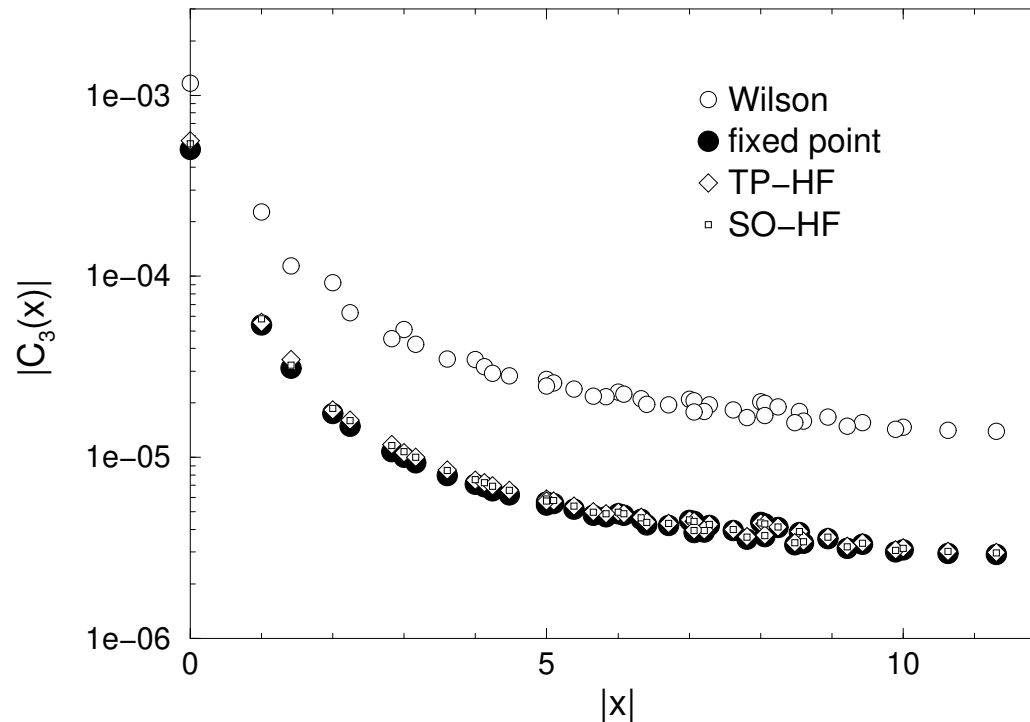
$$U_{\mu+\nu}^{(2)}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\gamma_\mu U_\mu(x) \gamma_\nu U_\nu(x + a\hat{\mu}) + \gamma_\nu U_\nu(x) \gamma_\mu U_\mu(x + a\hat{\nu}) \right)$$

$$U_{\mu+\nu+\rho}^{(3)}(x) = \frac{1}{6} \left(\gamma_\nu U_\mu(x) \gamma_\nu U_\nu(x + a\hat{\mu}) \gamma_\rho U_\rho(x + a\hat{\mu} + a\hat{\nu}) + \dots \right. \\ \left. \dots + \gamma_\rho U_\rho(x) \gamma_\nu U_\nu(x + a\hat{\rho}) \gamma_\mu U_\mu(x + a\hat{\rho} + a\hat{\nu}) \right)$$

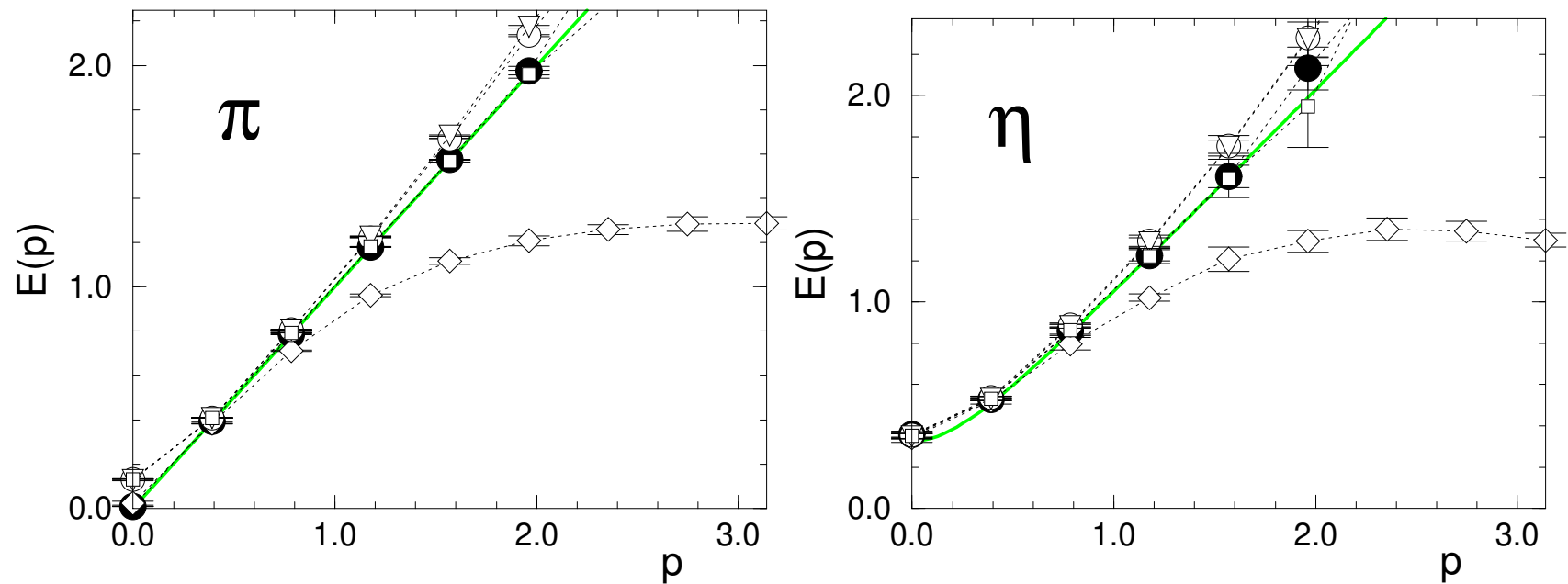
“Rainbow preconditioning” for parallel fermion matrix inversion:

40 “colors” instead of just even/odd, successively includes more “colors”

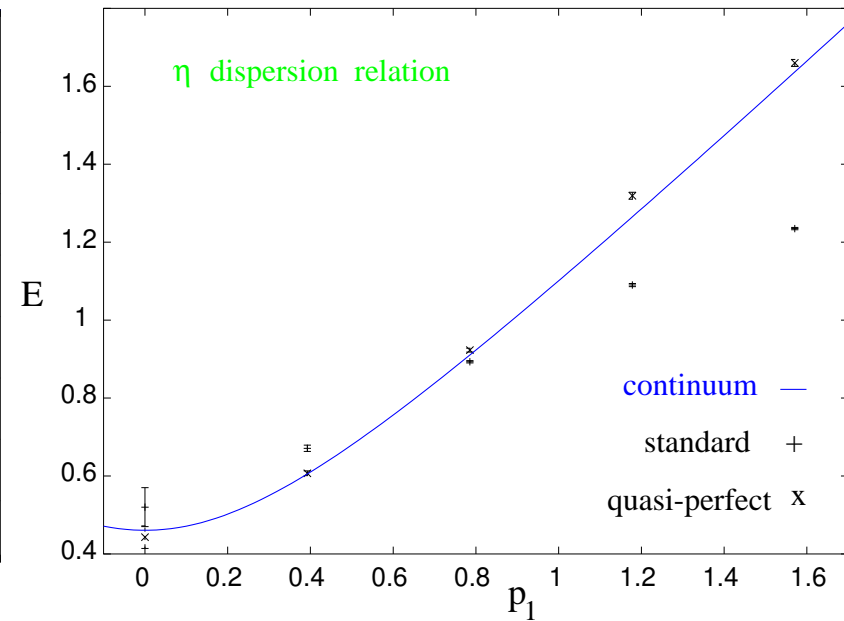
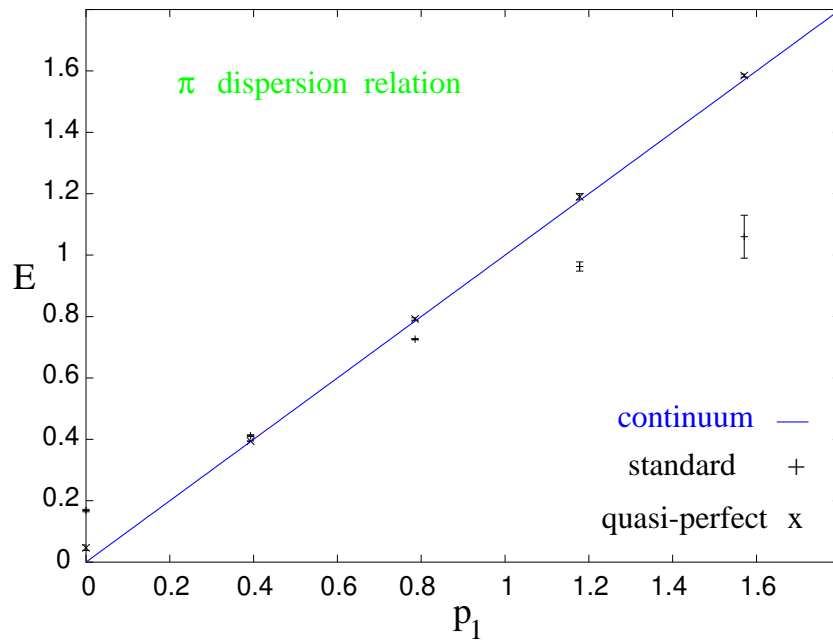
Gain factor 3...4 [WB/Eicker/Frommer/Lippert/Medeke/Schilling/Weuffen '98]



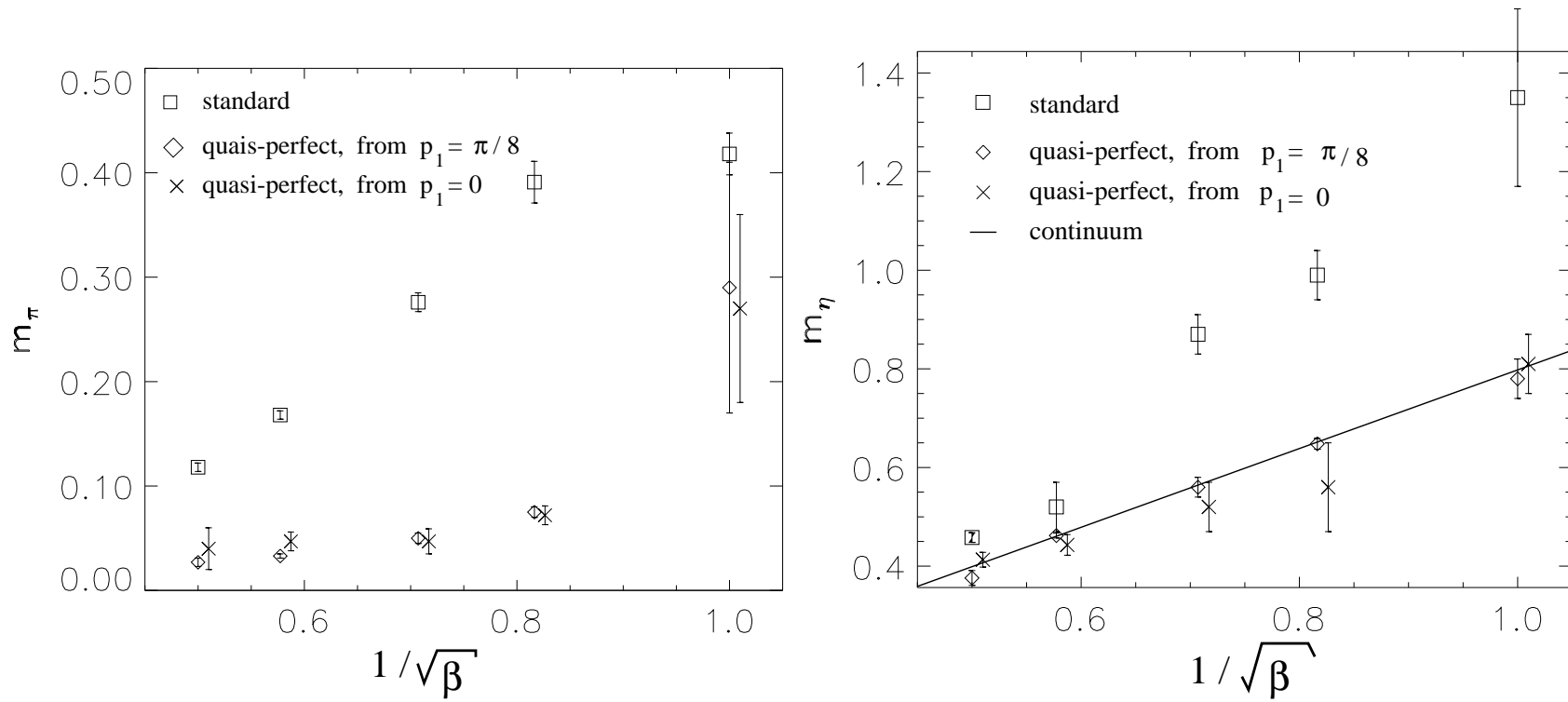
Point-to-point pseudoscalar correlation function in the 2-flavor Schwinger model for the Wilson fermion, a fixed point fermion [Lang/Pany, '98, with many terms] and two HF versions. We see in all cases but the Wilson fermion a *smooth short-range decay*, *i.e.* **approximate rotation symmetry**.



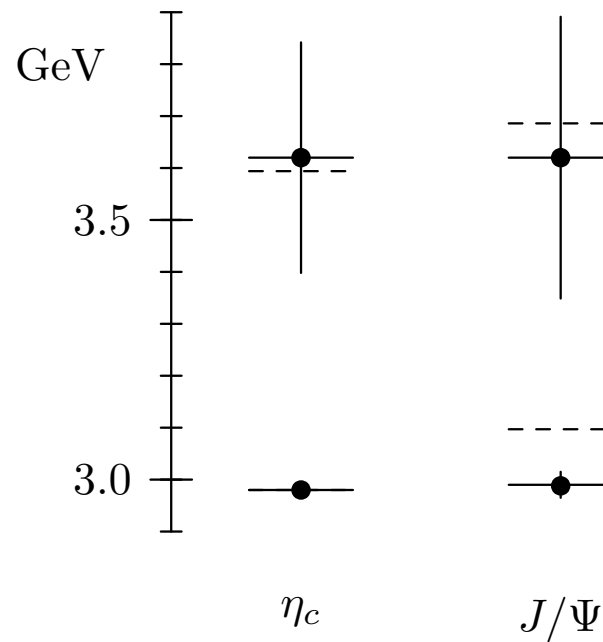
Dispersion relations for the “**pion**” and the “ **η -meson**” in the 2-flavor Schwinger model: **green lines: continuum**; Wilson fermions (diamonds); FPA [Lang/Pany '98] (filled circles); three types of HFs, in particular the scaling optimized **SO-HF** (little empty boxes) performs at least as well as the **FPA** [WB/Hip, '00].



“Pion” and “ η -meson” dispersion relations in the 2-flavor Schwinger model with **dynamical staggered fermions**: standard vs. **truncated perfect** (16×16 lattice, $m = 0$) [WB/Dilger '99], **similar to HF**.

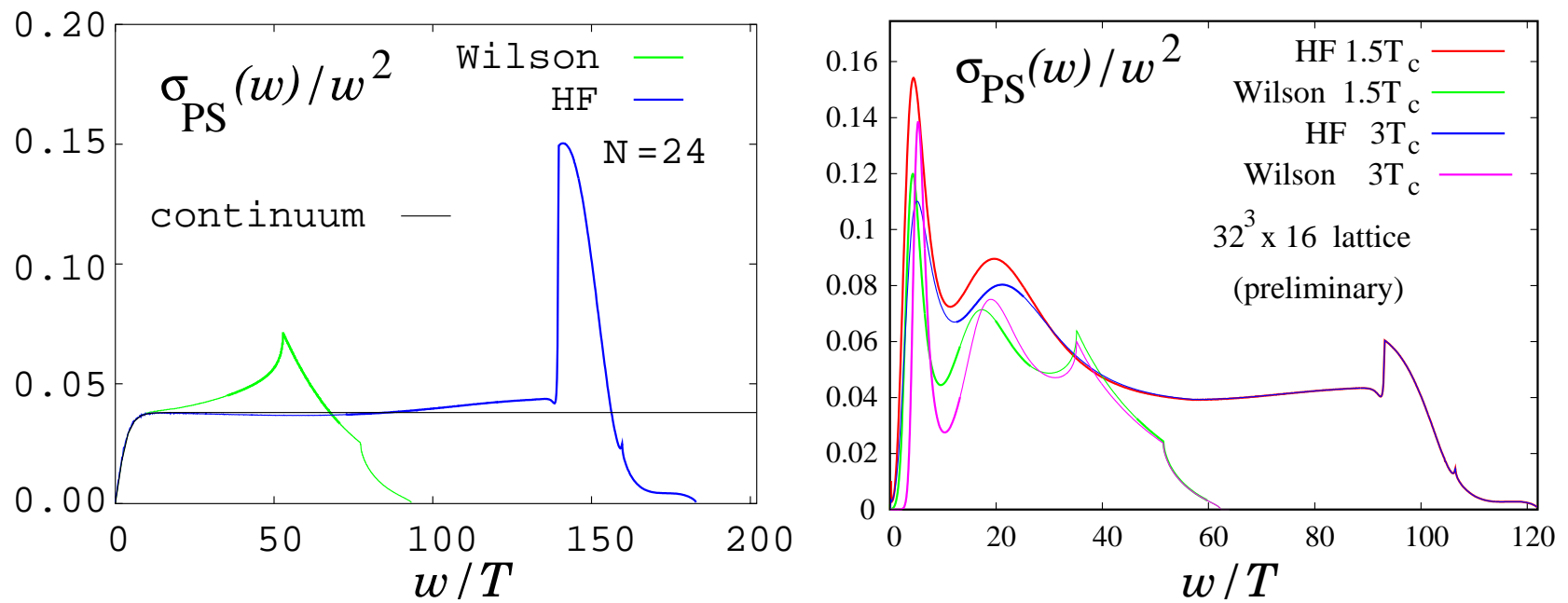


“Meson” masses in the Schwinger model with **dynamical staggered fermions**, at lattice spacings $a \propto 1/\sqrt{\beta}$. The results for the truncated perfect staggered fermion are much closer to the continuum values; in particular they provide much lighter “pions”.



Charmonium spectrum, measured in quenched simulations with the HF and a **truncated perfect quark gluon vertex function** (rather complicated) [Orginos et al. '98].

Experimental values are dashed; the η_c ground state sets the scale.



Spectral function σ_{PS} , depending on the frequencies ω , at critical temperature $T_c = \infty$ (free, left) and finite T_c (right) [Wissel, Laermann, Shcheredin, Datta, Karsch '06].

Results with the Maximum Entropy Method [Nakahara/Asakawa/Hatsuda '99]. The free HF result (left) follows the continuum up to high ω .

In both cases, the Wilson fermion result collapses at moderate ω .

$$G_{\Gamma}(x) = \langle J(x) J^{\dagger}(0) \rangle, \quad J(x) = \bar{q}(x) \Gamma q(x)$$

$$G_{\Gamma}(t, \vec{p}) = \int_0^{\infty} d\omega \, \sigma_{\Gamma}(\omega, \vec{p}) K(\omega, t), \quad K(\omega, t) = \cosh[\omega(t - T/2)] / \sinh(\omega/2T)$$

Ginsparg-Wilson Relation (GWR) and Overlap formula

Lattice modified chirality circumvents the Nielsen-Ninomiya Theorem (Lüscher, '98).

Set $\rho = 1$ in lattice units; local transformation

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\Psi} D \Psi &\rightarrow \bar{\Psi} \left(1 - \varepsilon \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} D \right) \gamma_5 \right) D \left(1 + \varepsilon \gamma_5 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} D \right) \right) \Psi + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2) \\ &= \bar{\Psi} D \Psi + \varepsilon \bar{\Psi} \left[\underbrace{\{D, \gamma_5\} - D \gamma_5 D}_{=0, \text{ GWR}} \right] + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)\end{aligned}$$

For finite ε mysterious, but not needed.

Satisfied by $D_{\text{perf}}(m = 0)$ (Ginsparg/Wilson '83, Hasenfratz '97), but hard to construct and apply.

Overlap formula (Neuberger '98)

D_0 : some massless lattice Dirac operator, γ_5 -Hermitian: $D_0^\dagger = \gamma_5 D_0 \gamma_5$

$A := D_0 - 1$ (generally $D_0 - \rho$) is unitary, *iff* D_0 is a GW operator,

$$A^\dagger A = \gamma_5 \left[\underbrace{D_0 \gamma_5 D_0 - \{D, \gamma_5\}}_0 + \gamma_5 \right] = 1$$

Usually not fulfilled, *e.g.* for $D_0 = D_W$, *but we can enforce it* by substituting

$$A \rightarrow A_{\text{ov}} = A / \sqrt{A^\dagger A} \Rightarrow A_{\text{ov}}^\dagger A_{\text{ov}} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\text{ov}} &= 1 + A_{\text{ov}} = 1 + (D_0 - 1) / \sqrt{(D_0^\dagger - 1)(D_0 - 1)} \\ &= 1 + \gamma_5 H / \sqrt{H^2}, \quad H := \gamma_5 A = H^\dagger \end{aligned}$$

Overlap-Hypercube Fermion

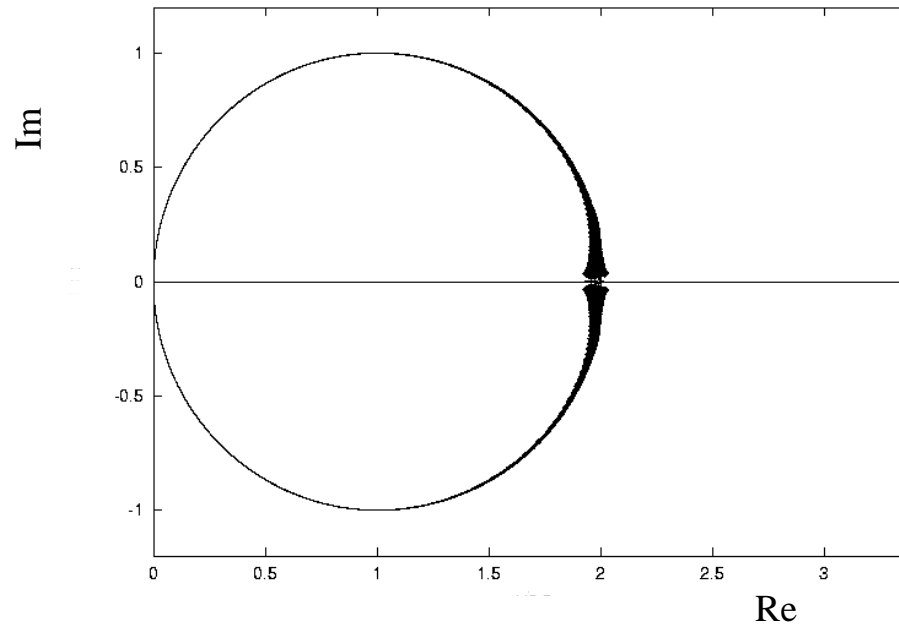
Neuberger inserts D_W , but D_0 can also be *e.g.* D_{HF} (WB '98, Niedermayer '99, DeGrand '00), which is already approx. chiral, in contrast to D_W .

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\dots} \approx 1$, **minor chiral correction**

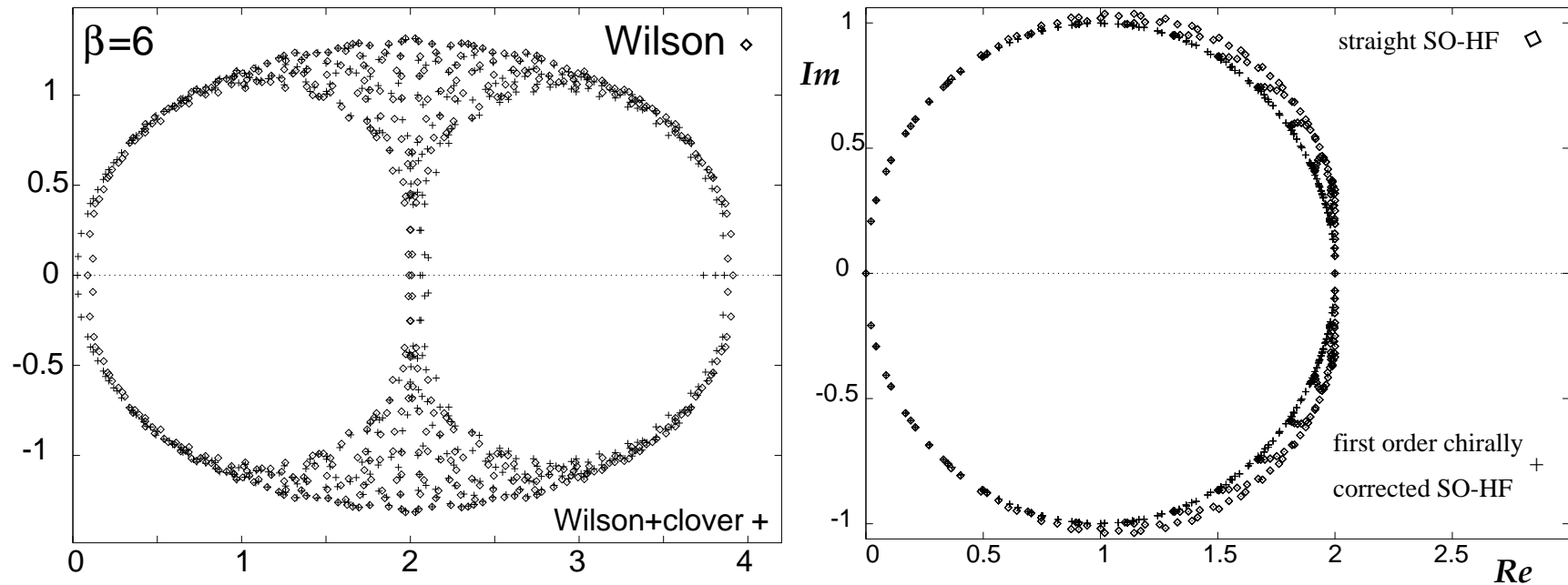
More couplings in the kernel, *but*

- **better locality** \rightarrow valid up to stronger gauge coupling
- preserves **good scaling** and **approx. rotation invariance**
- **small condition number** of $A^\dagger A \rightarrow$ convergence with modest polynomial for $1/\sqrt{\dots}$

Approximate chirality of the HF

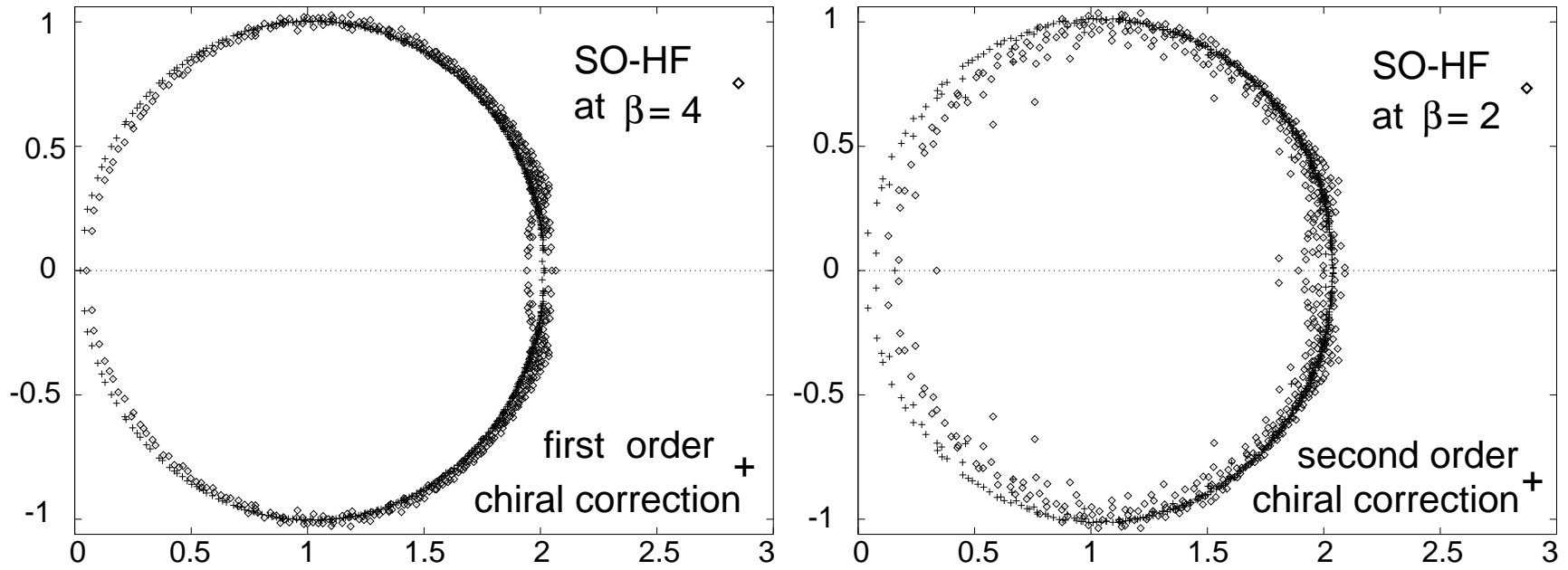


Spectrum of the free 4d HF (in infinite volume): close to GW circle with center 1 and radius 1 ($\rho = 1$): approximates chirality very well [WB '98].



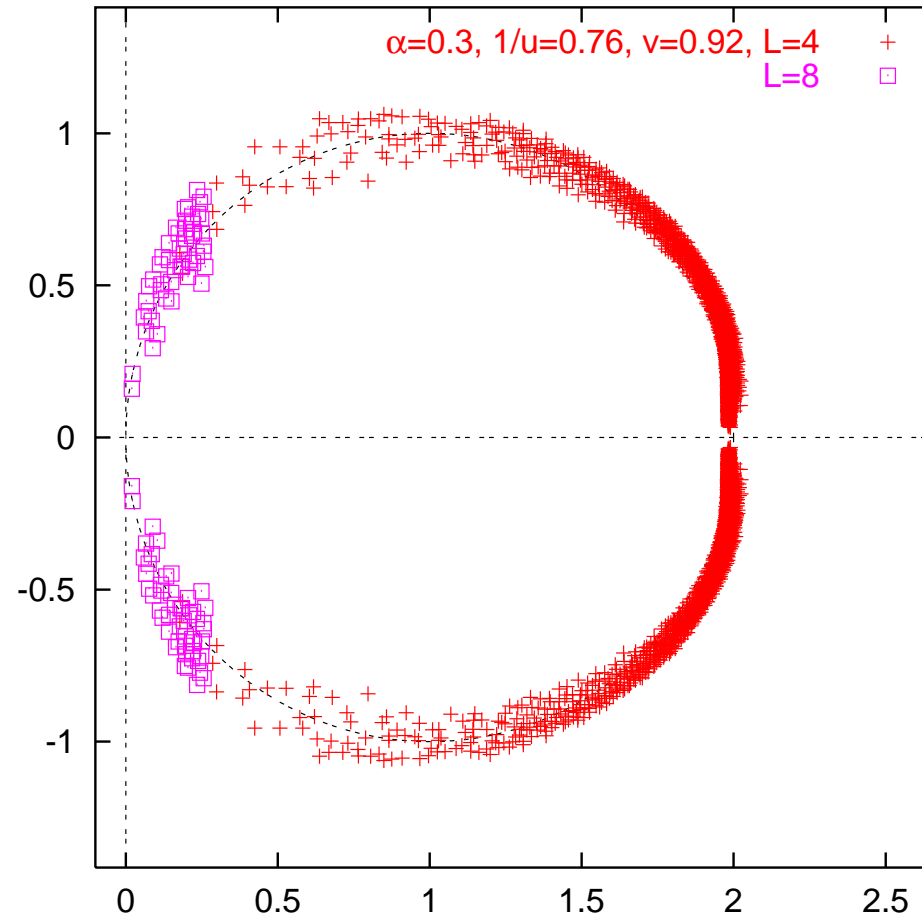
Spectra of the Wilson operator (left, without and with a clover term) and of the HF operator (right) for a typical conf. in the 2-flavor Schwinger model at $\beta = 6$. [WB/Hip '00]

The Wilson spectrum deviates strongly from the GW circle, whereas the HF spectrum approximates it well. For the HF we add a correction where the overlap formula is approximated by a *1st order polynomial*, which is sufficient to put the eigenvalues quite exactly onto the GW circle.



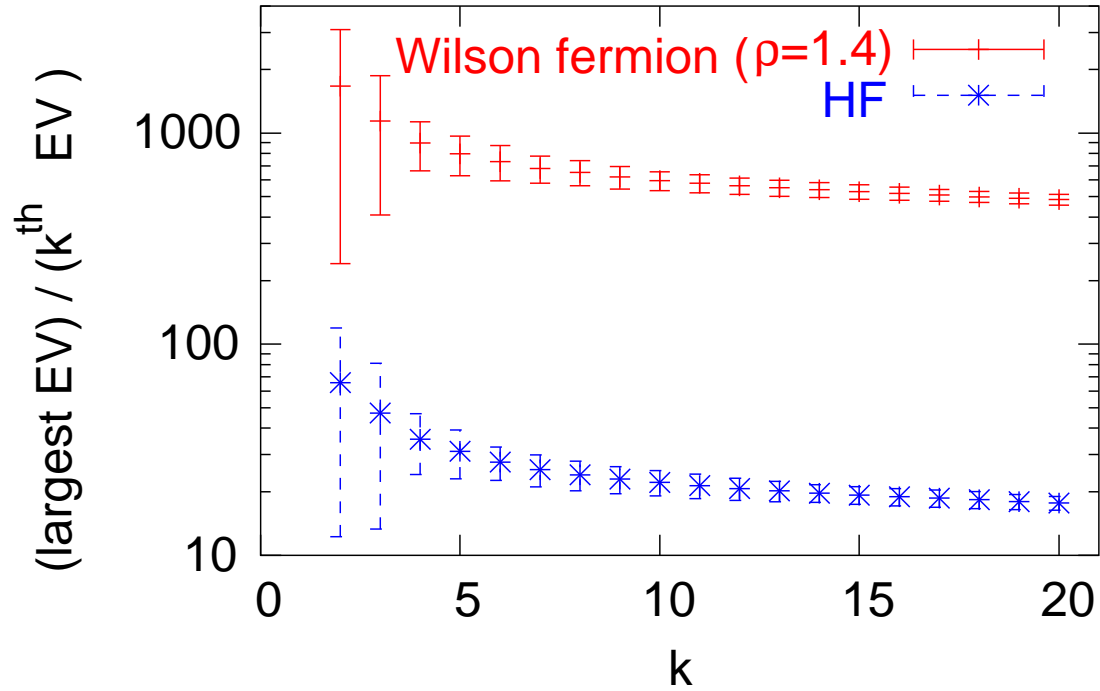
Spectra of the HF operator for typical configurations in the Schwinger model at $\beta = 4$ and at $\beta = 2$.

The GW circle is still approximated well. We include a polynomial correction with the Taylor expanded overlap formula to the 1st and 2nd order.



Spectrum of the optimized HF operator for a typical configuration in **quenched QCD** at $\beta = 6$ (standard gluon action) on lattices of the size 4^4 (crosses, full spectrum) and 8^4 (squares, physical part of the spectrum)

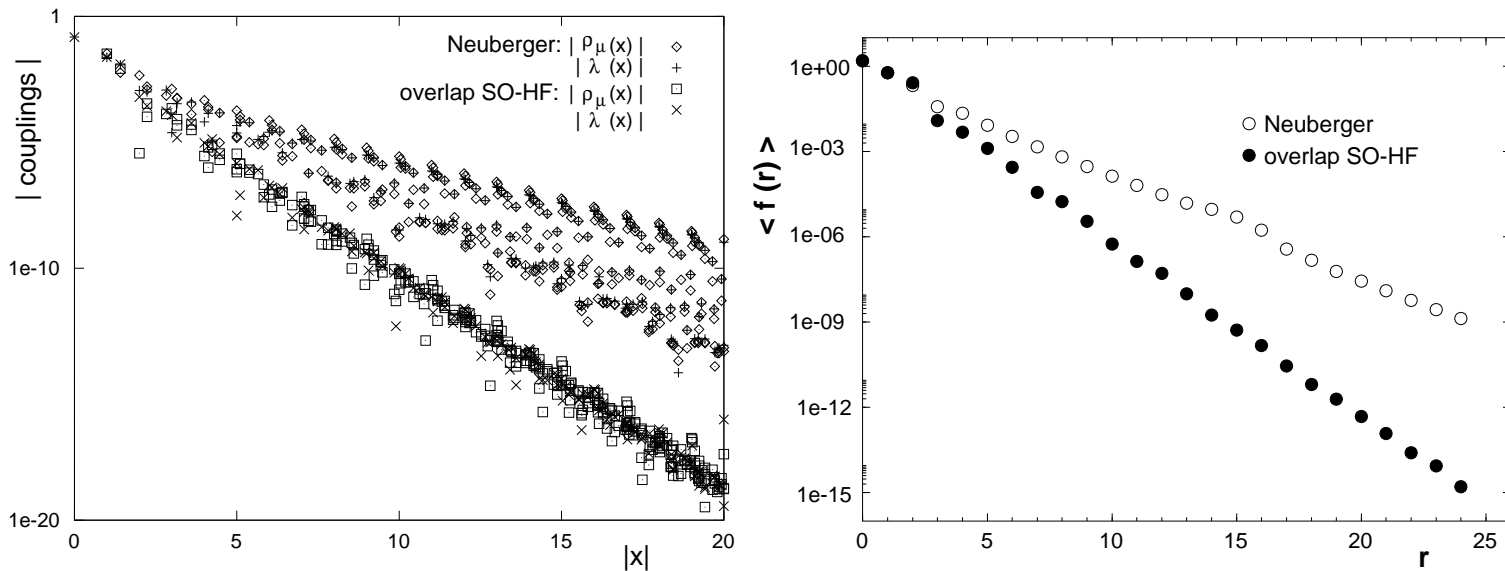
Condition numbers c_2 to c_{20} of $A^\dagger A$



Condition numbers c_k of $A^\dagger A = H^2$, where $A = D_0 - \alpha$, for $D_0 = D_W$ and $D_0 = D_{HF}$, in QCD on a 12^4 lattice at $\beta = 6$. The $k - 1$ lowest modes which are projected out. $c_k := (\text{largest eigenvalue of } A^\dagger A) / (k^{\text{th}} \text{ eigenvalue of } A^\dagger A)$ is ≈ 25 times lower for the HF [WB '02] \Rightarrow gain factor ≈ 5 in the (polynomial degree for $1/\sqrt{A^\dagger A}) \propto$ computational effort.

Gain factor \approx same at $\beta = 5.85$ on a $12^3 \times 24$ lattice [WB/Shcheredin '06].

Locality of overlap fermions

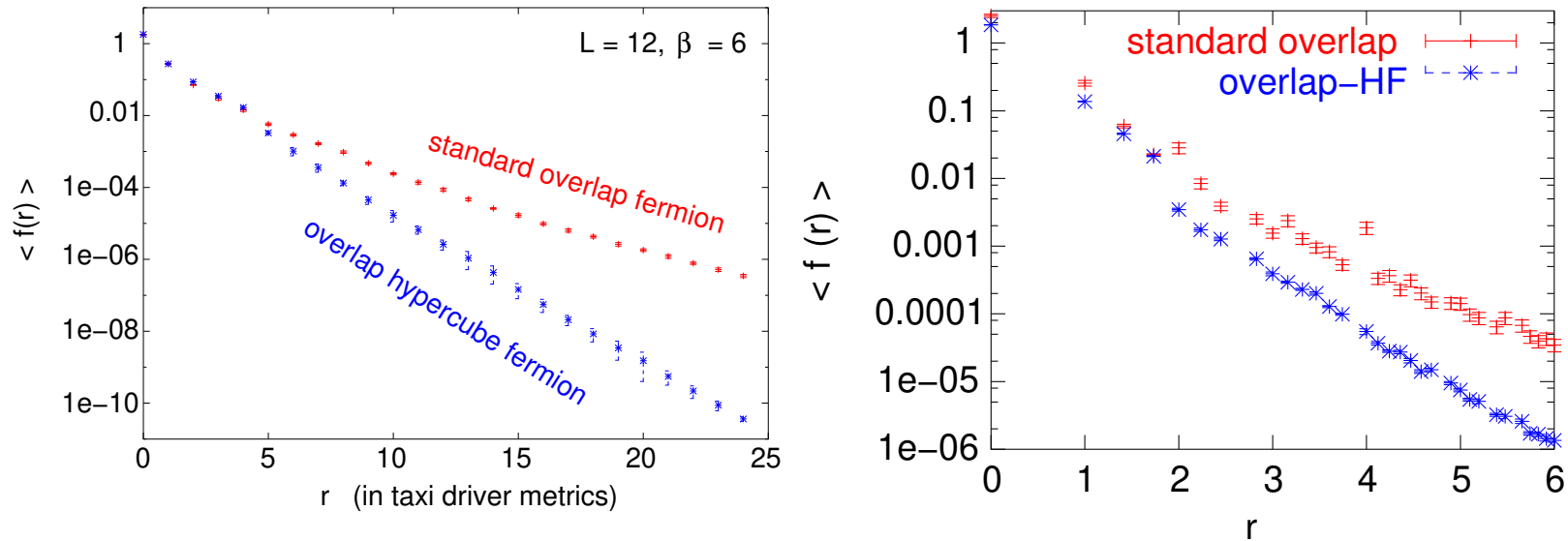


Locality of the overlap-HF vs. the Neuberger operator in $d = 2$.

Left: Decay of the free couplings of the vector term ρ_μ and scalar term λ in the Euclidean distance $|x|$. The exponential of the overlap-HF is much faster \rightarrow higher level of locality.

Couplings in the Neuberger operator are much more spread out \rightarrow better approximate rotation symmetry for the overlap-HF.

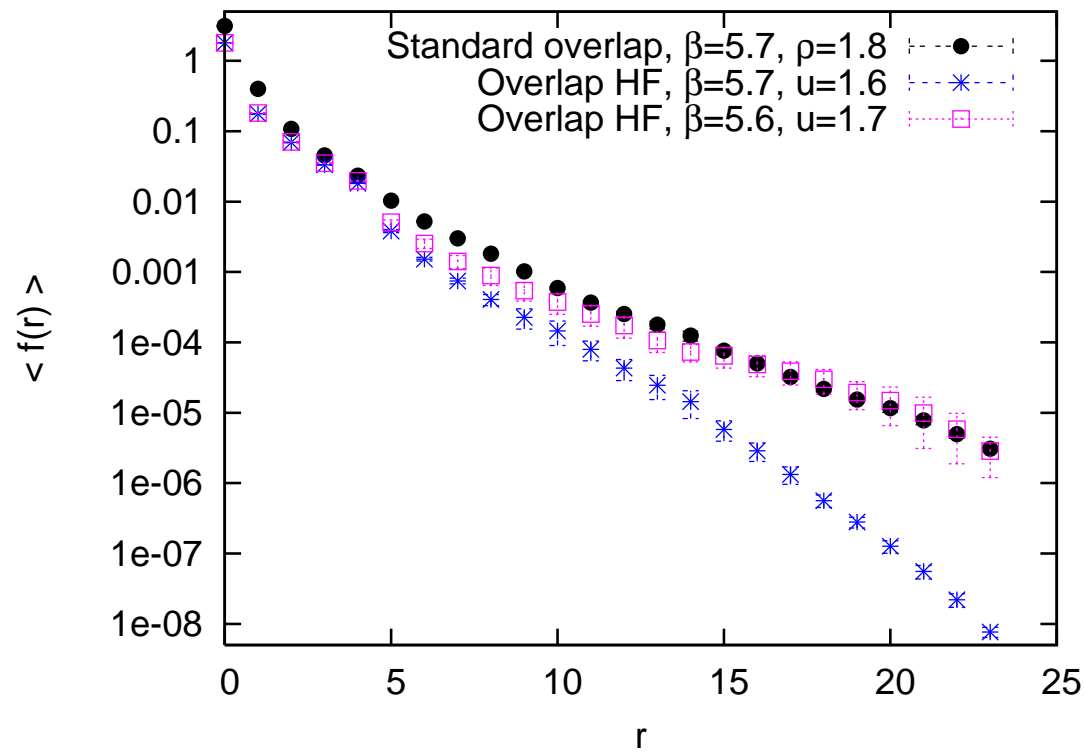
Right: Schwinger model at $\beta = 6$, locality measured by the largest coupling at fixed taxi driver distance [method by Hernández/Jansen/Lüscher '99]



Locality of the overlap-HF vs. Neuberger operator in quenched QCD

Left: Decay in the taxi driver metrics at $\beta = 6$, the gain factor in the exponent is almost 2 in the exponent of the decay [WB '02].

Right: $\beta = 5.85$ in Euclidean metrics, which also compares the quality of rotation symmetry

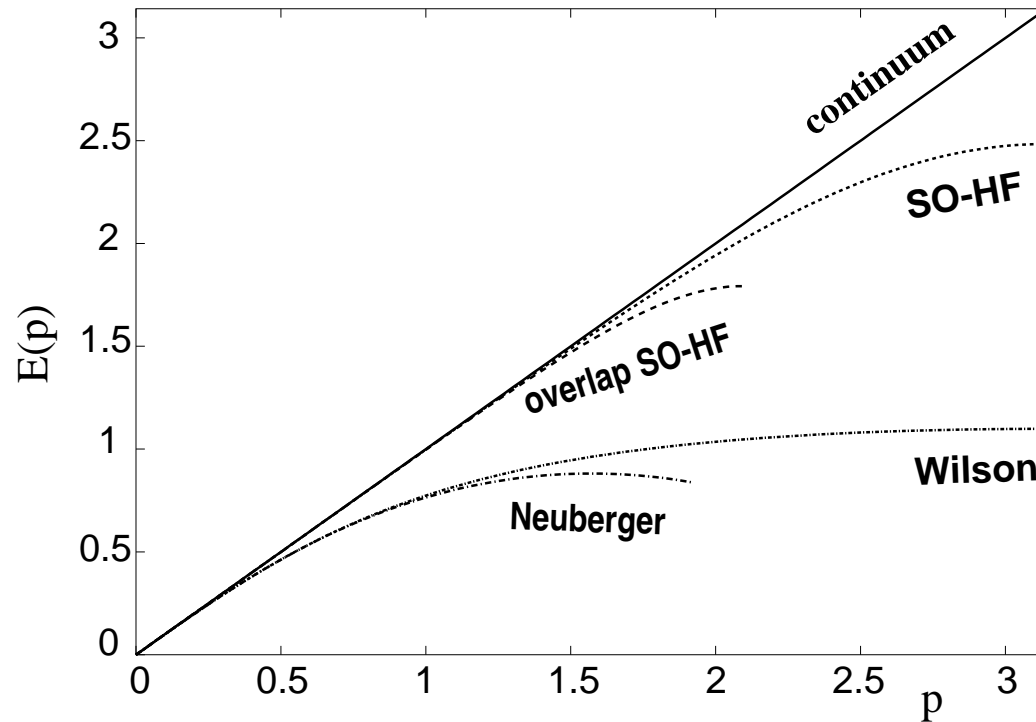


*Locality of the overlap-HF (with link amplification factor u and $\alpha = 1$) vs. D_N , in QCD at **strong coupling** (taxi driver metrics).*

At $\beta = 5.7$, D_N (with optimized $\alpha = 1.8$) is still local, but at $\beta = 5.6$ its locality — and therefore its validity as a lattice Dirac operator — collapses. **The overlap-HF is local in both cases.**

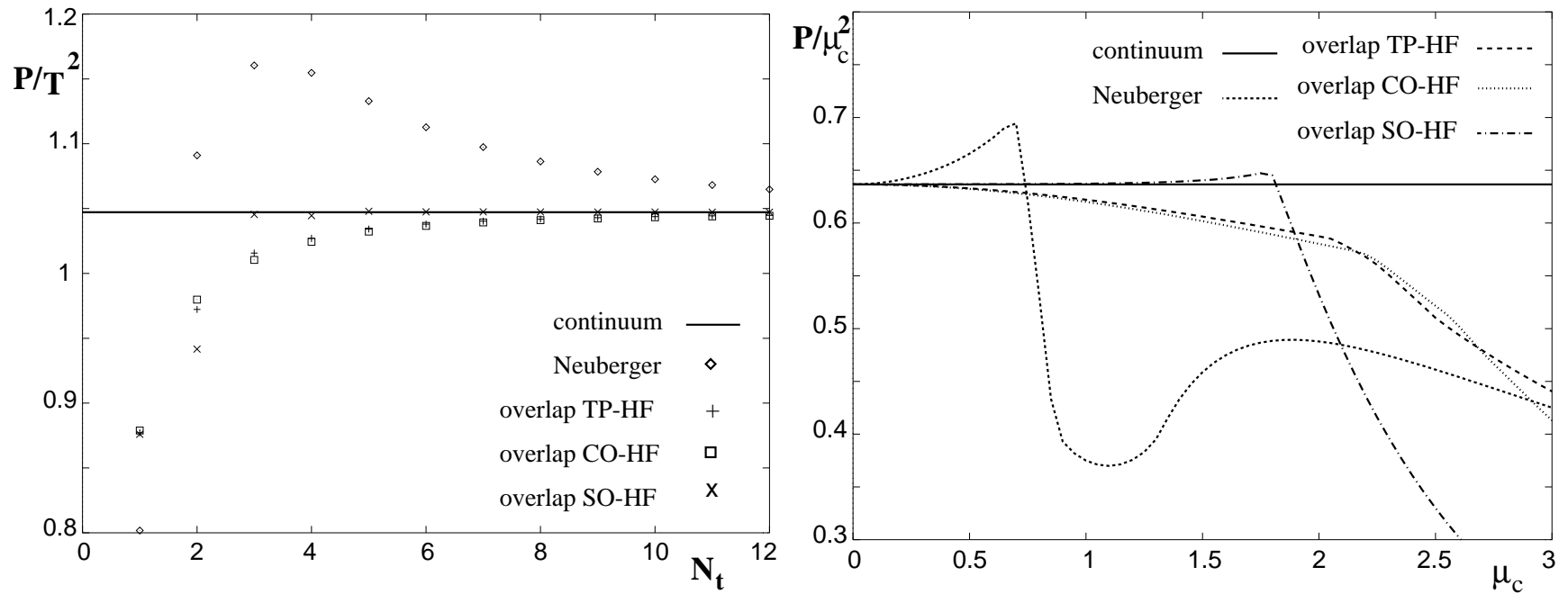
Measurements on a $12^3 \times 24$ lattice, anisotropy \rightarrow bending down at large r .

Scaling of overlap fermions



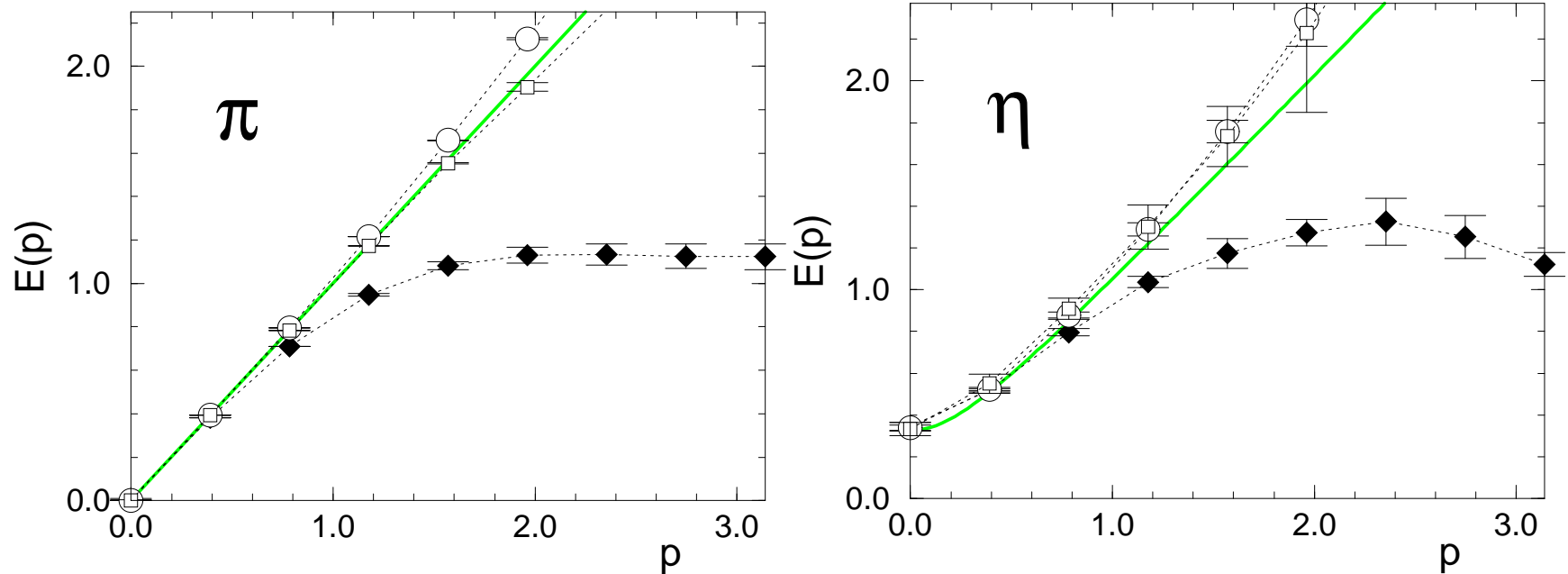
Dispersion relation of the free, massless 2d (scaling optimized) overlap-HF, compared to the continuum and to D_N .

The dispersions end when the argument of the square root becomes negative. For an overview, we include the dispersion for the kernels D_{HF} and D_W .



Thermodynamic scaling ratios pressure/(temperature)² (left) and pressure/(chemical potential)² (right) for free 2d overlap fermions.

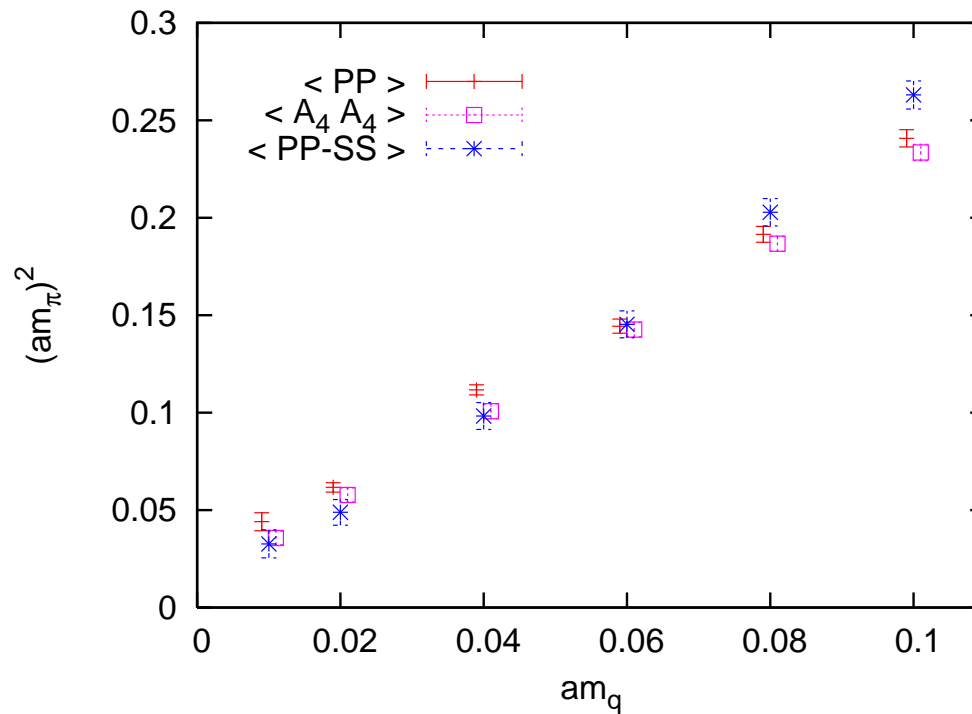
The hierarchy of the scaling behavior is confirmed in all respects.



“Mesonic” dispersion relations in the Schwinger model with two types of overlap-HFs (open circles and squares).

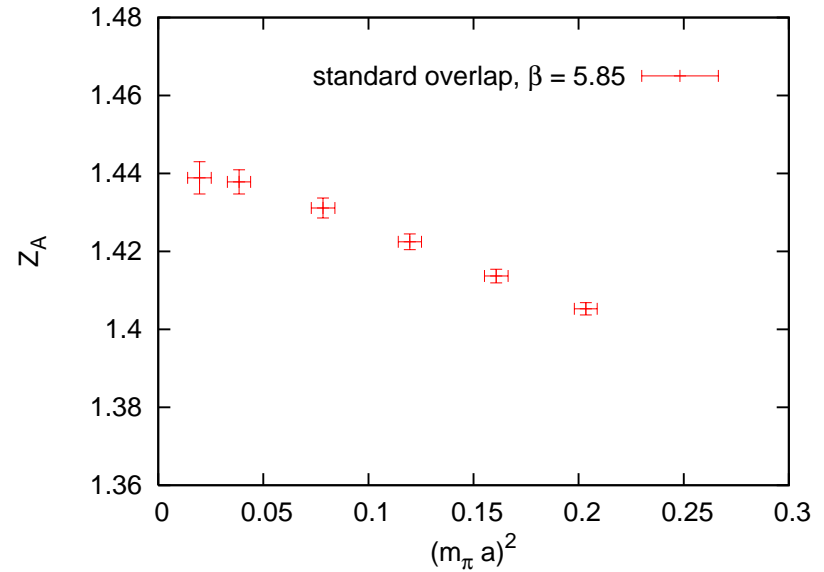
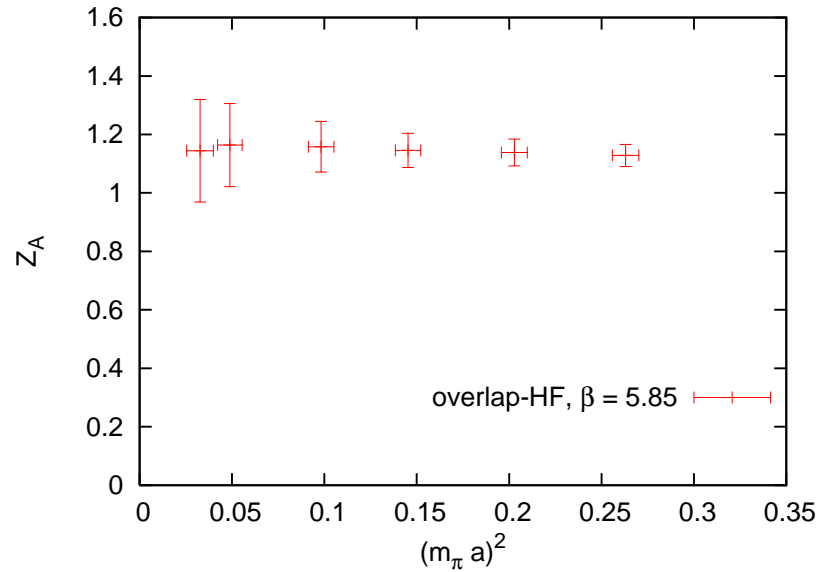
Both the “pion” (left) and the “ η -meson” (right) display a scaling which is far improved for the overlap-HFs compared to D_N (diamonds).

[WB/Hip '00]



The pion mass evaluated from overlap-HFs in the p-regime of QCD in three different ways.

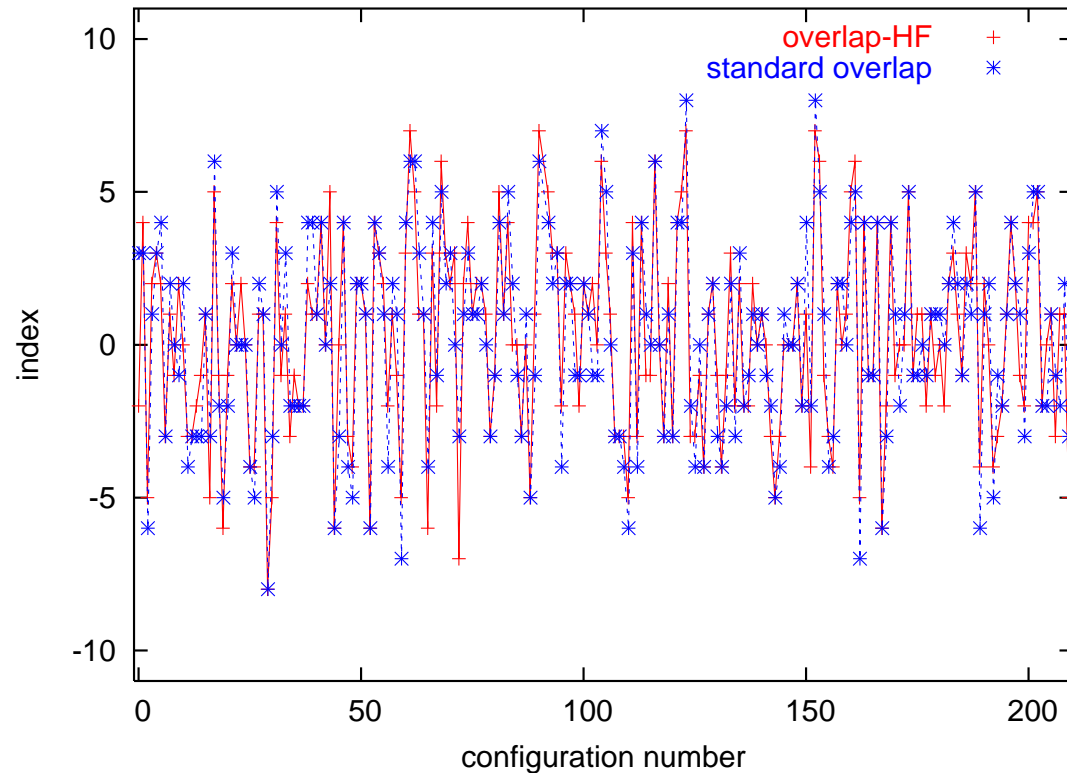
Follows the generic behavior $m_\pi^2 \propto m_q$ (m_q : light quark mass).



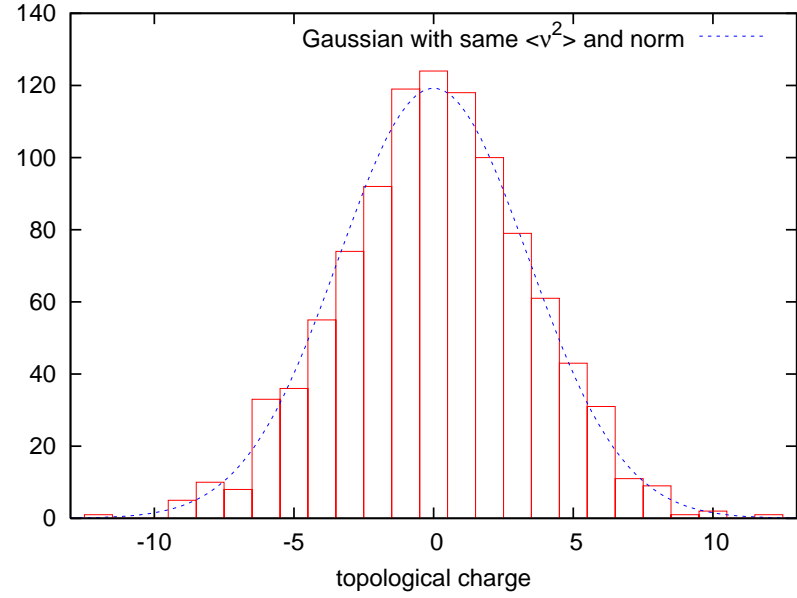
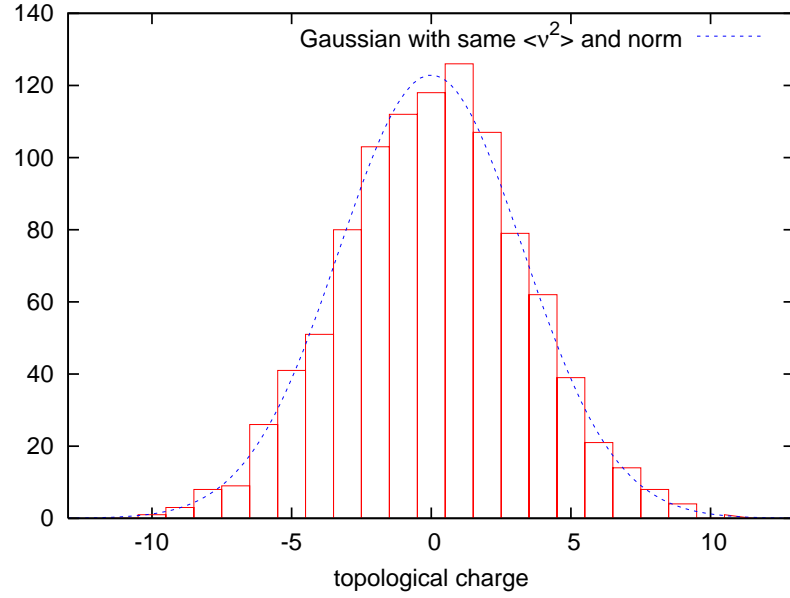
Axial current renormalization constant Z_A evaluated from PCAC relation, in QCD at $\beta = 5.85$.

For D_{ovHF} (left) we find $Z_A \approx 1$ [WB/Shcheredin '06], in contrast to the result with the Neuberger operator D_N (right) [WB et al. '04].

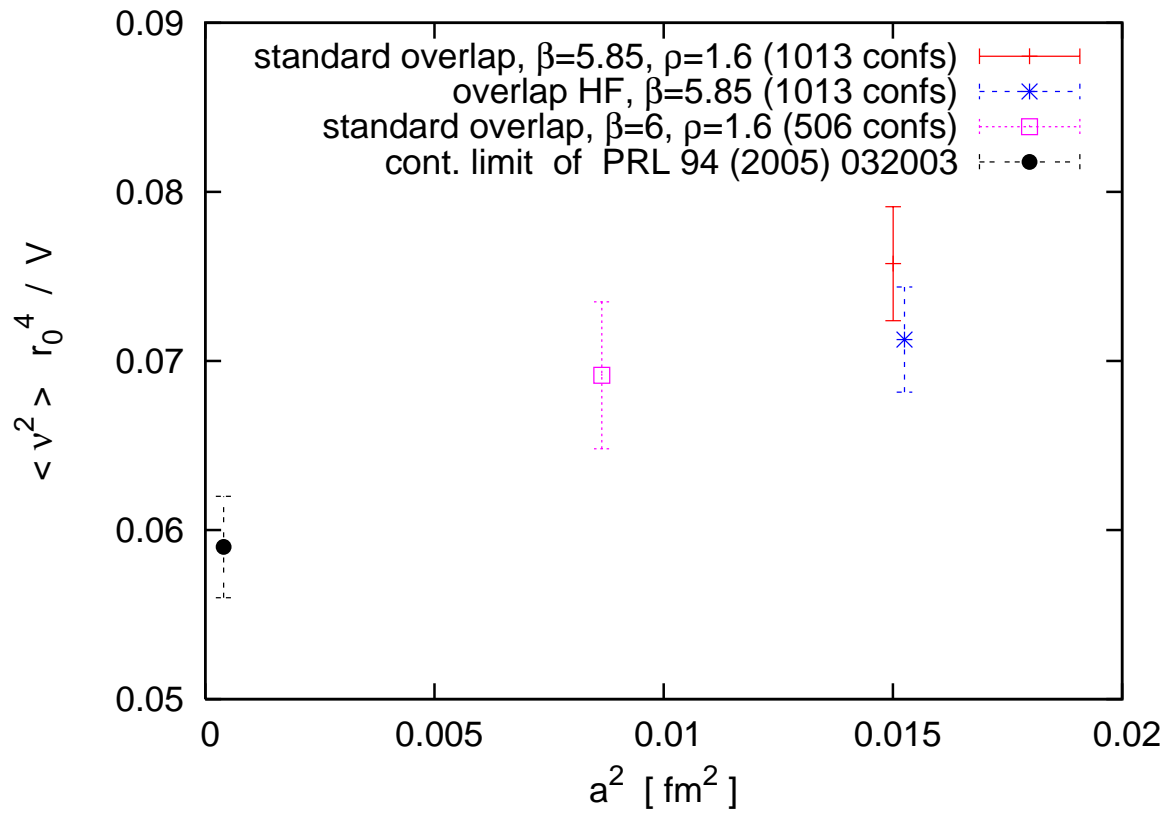
Topological charge: sound definition through the Index Theorem, but still depends on the choice of the Ginsparg-Wilson Dirac operator.
[Hasenfratz/Laliena/Niedermayer '98]



Index histories for D_{ovHF} and for D_N (at $\rho = 1.6$) for the same QCD confs (generated quenched at $\beta = 5.85$)



Histograms of D_{OVHF} indices (left) and of D_{N} indices (right), on a $12^3 \times 24$ lattice in QCD at $\beta = 5.85$ (1013 configurations)

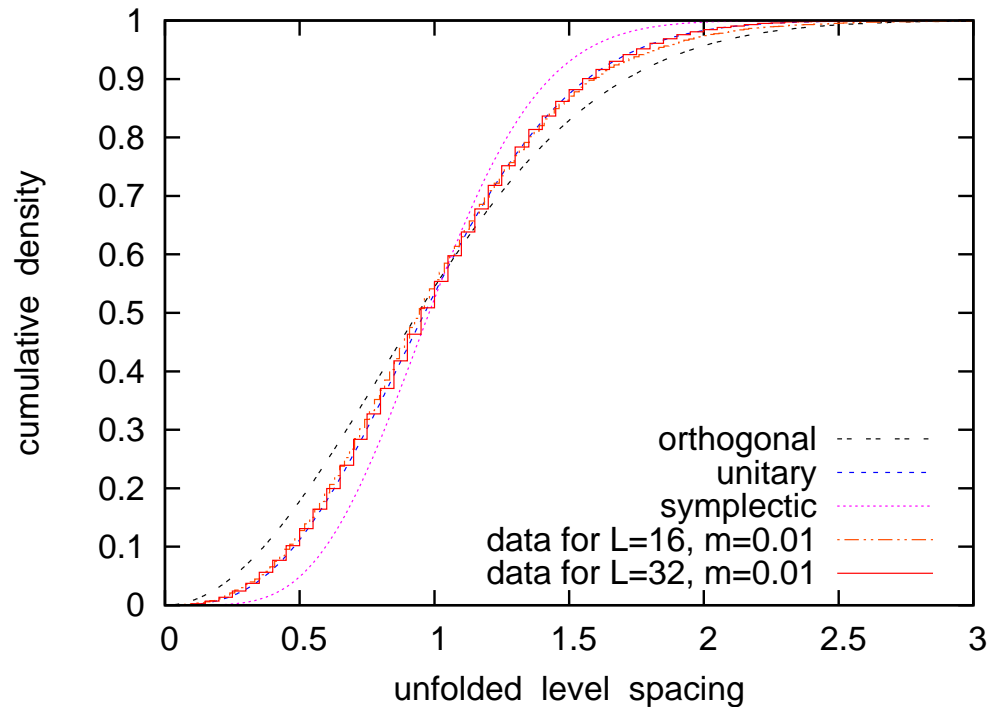


The topological susceptibility measured by indices of D_{ovHF} and of D_{N} , in a volume $V = (1.48 \text{ fm})^3 \times 2.96 \text{ fm}$, with two lattice spacings a .

Our data [WB/Shcheredin '06] are consistent with the continuum extrapolation by Del Debbio/Giusti/Pica '05.

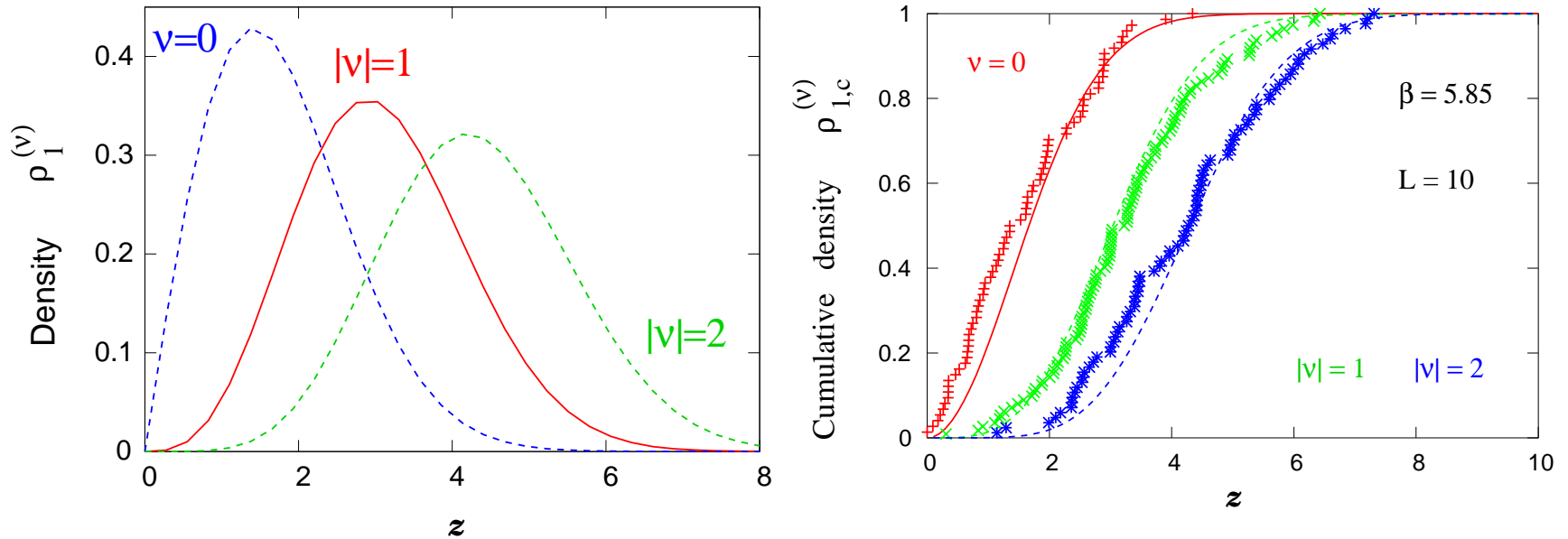
Roughly in agreement with Witten-Veneziano formula for $M_{\eta'}$.

Dirac spectrum and Random Matrix Theory (RMT)



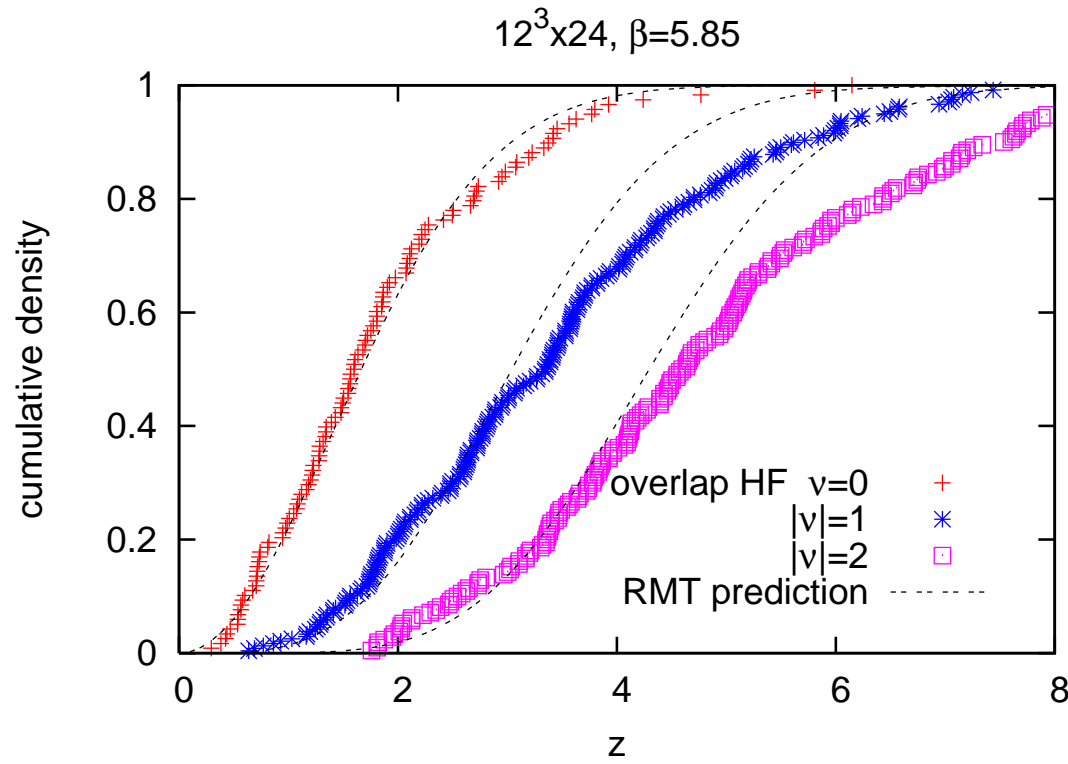
*Cumulative density of the unfolded level spacing distribution.
RMT prediction for the orthogonal, unitary and symplectic ensemble.*

Data from dynamical overlap-HF simulations in the Schwinger model at fermion mass $m = 0.01$: clear agreement with the unitary ensemble.
(For $L = 16$, slight deviation for level spacings $\gtrsim 1.5$. At $L = 32$, even that deviation disappears.) [WB/Hip/Shcheredin/Volkholz '12].



Left: RMT predictions for the **leading non-zero Dirac eigenvalue** in the topological sectors with charge $|\nu| = 0, 1$ and 2 ($z := \Sigma V \lambda_1$).

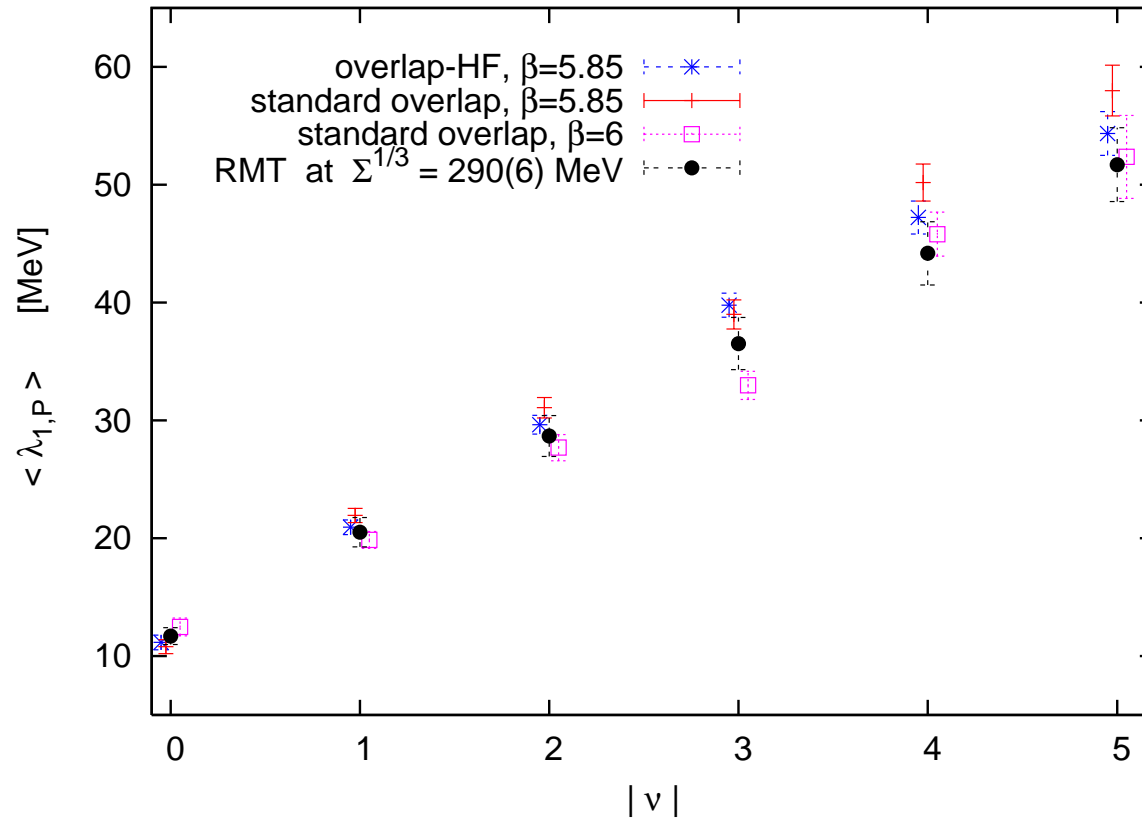
Right: RMT predictions (lines) and simulation results for the corresponding **cumulative densities**. QCD data with D_N on a 10^4 lattice at $\beta = 5.85$ roughly follow the RMT predictions [WB/Jansen/Shcheredin '03].



Cumulative density of the (Möbius projected) lowest Dirac eigenvalue λ_1 of the overlap-HF operator, in the topological sectors $|\nu| = 0, 1, 2$.

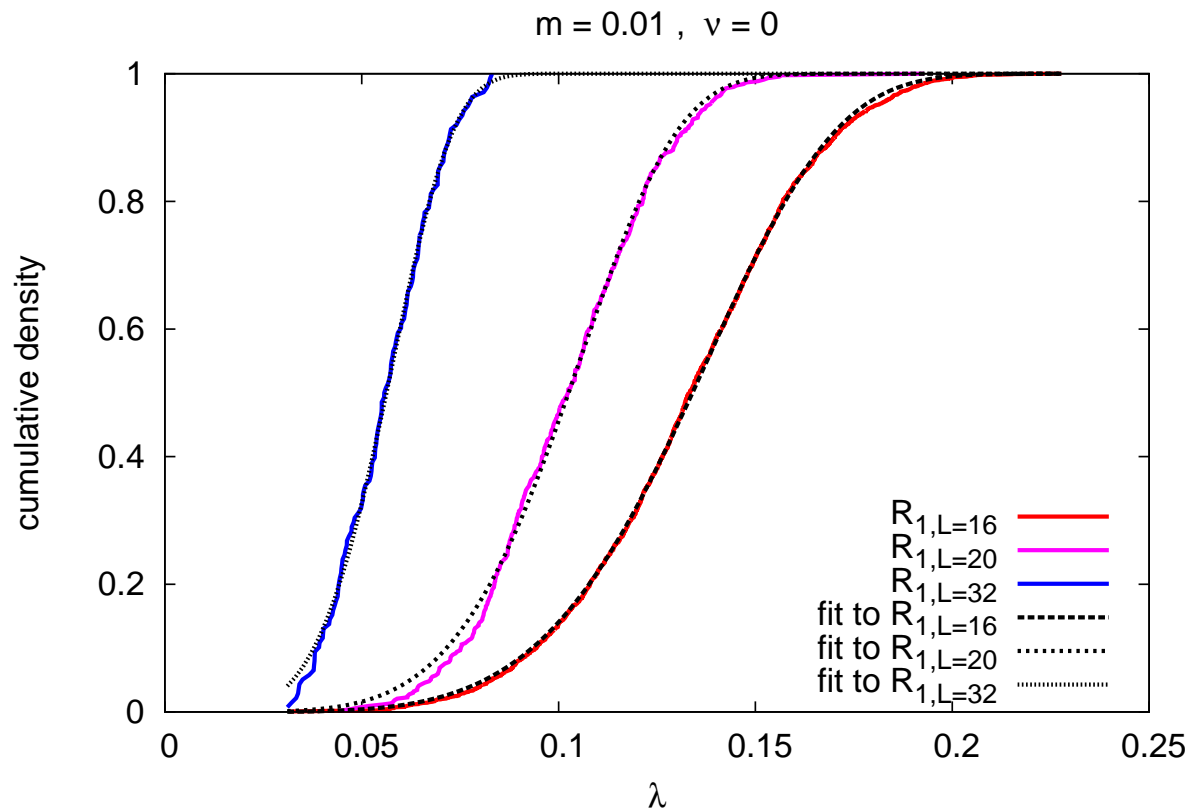
RMT predictions vs. data for $z = \Sigma V \lambda_1$ with $\Sigma^{1/3} = 298$ MeV (optimal value in sector $\nu = 0$).

This value works well up to $z \lesssim 3$ in all topological sectors, well beyond the Thouless value $z_{\text{Thouless}} \lesssim 1$, which is often considered a theoretical bound for the applicability of these predictions.



Mean values of the first non-zero Dirac eigenvalue (in physical units) in the charge sectors $|\nu| = 0 \dots 5$.

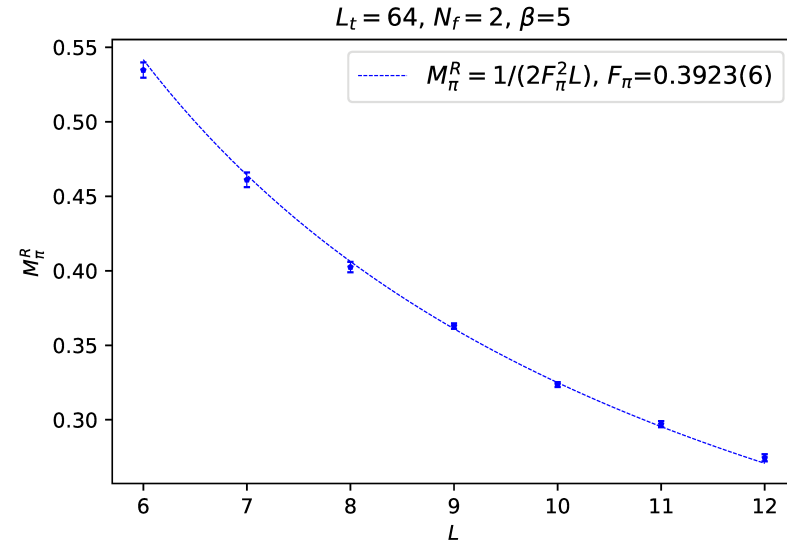
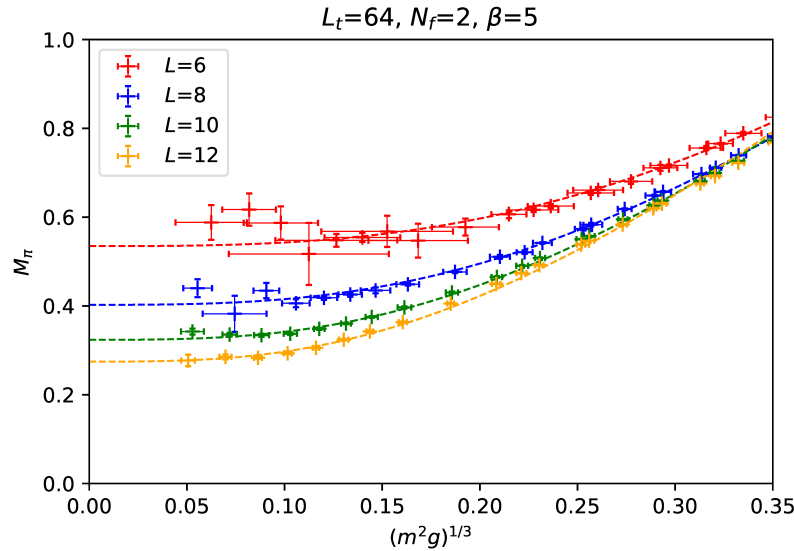
All data are compatible with chiral RMT, if we choose
 $\Sigma^{1/3} = 290(6)$ MeV [WB/Shcheredin '06]



Cumulative density of λ_1 of $D_{\text{ovHF}}(m = 0.1)$ in the 2-flavor Schwinger model, at topological charge $\nu = 0$, on square lattices of size $L = 16, 20$ and 32 , $\beta = 5$.

Excellent agreement with a prediction by T. Kovács' of a decoupled — and therefore **Poisson distributed** — leading eigenvalue, due to $\Sigma(m = 0) = 0$ ($\Sigma \propto m^{1/\delta}$, $\delta = (N_f + 1)/(N_f - 1)$) [Landa-Marbán/WB/Hip '13]

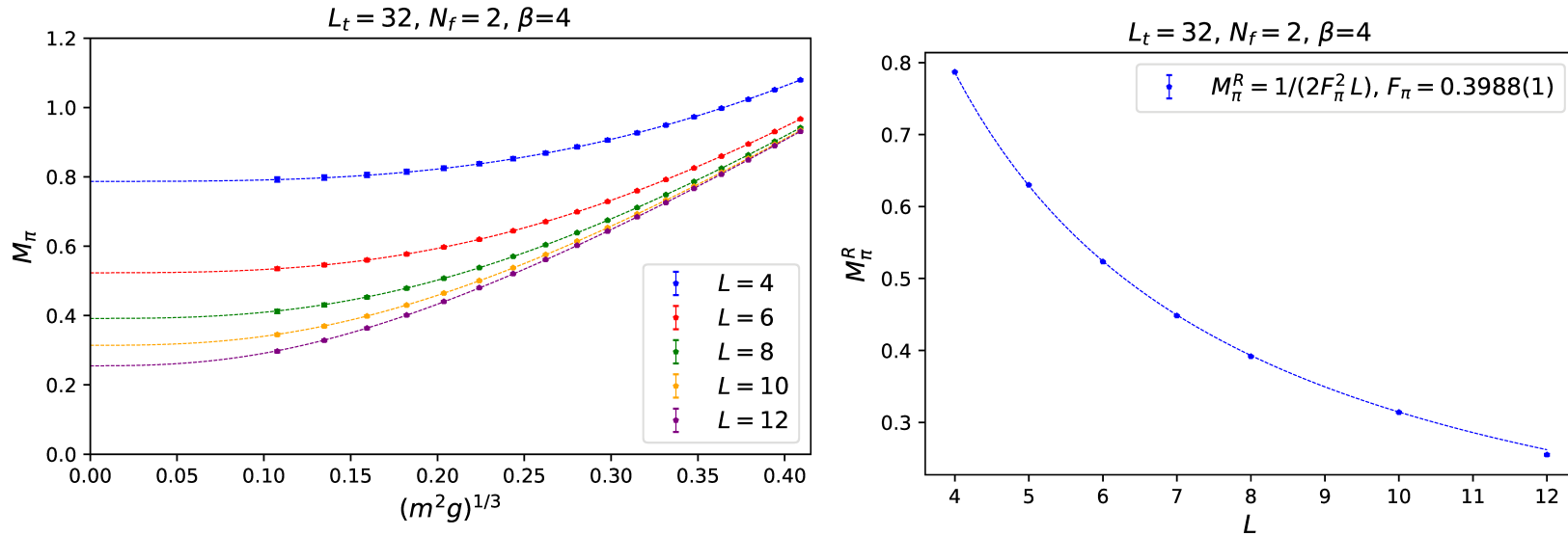
Schwinger model in the “ δ -regime”: $L_t \gg L$



Left: “Pion” mass M_π with dynamical Wilson fermions. For small fermion mass m (determined by the PCAC relation) and small spatial extent L : significant errors. Still, the full range enables sensible extrapolations to the residual “pion” mass M_π^R in the chiral limit.

Right: Residual “pion” masses M_π^R , extrapolated to $m = 0$, at $L = 6 \dots 12$. The data follow a fit $\propto 1/L$.

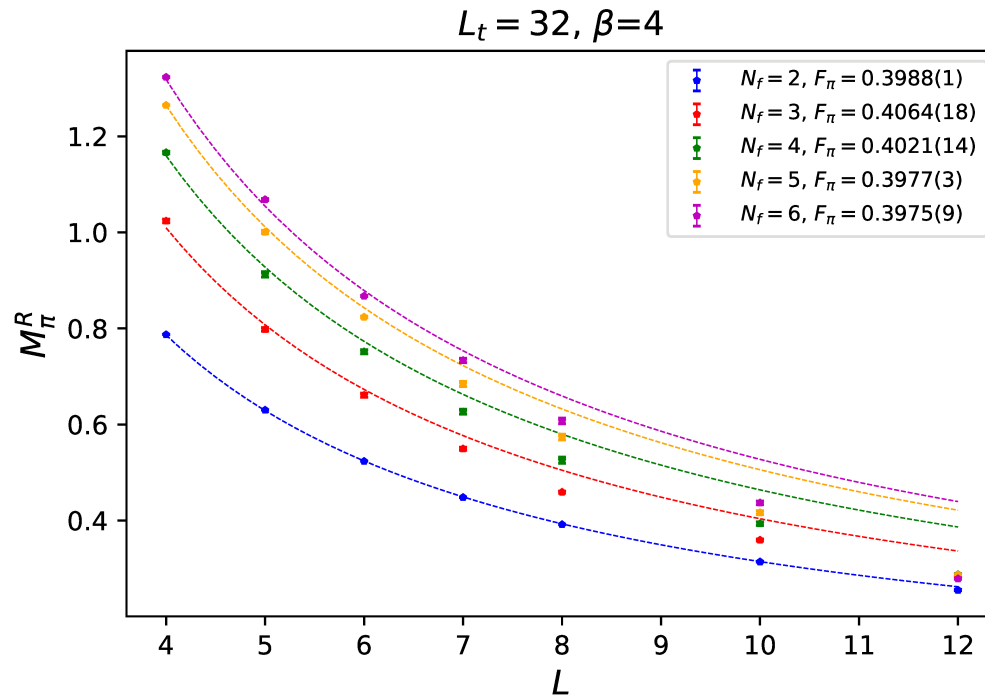
Assuming $M_\pi^R = 1/(2F_\pi^2 L)$ yields $F_\pi := 0.3923(6)$ (dim’less in $d = 2$)



Left: Like previous figure, but M_π measured with the overlap-HF, using quenched, re-weighted confs. Smooth chiral extrapolations for all spatial sizes $L = 4 \dots 12$.

Right: Again the fit $M_\pi^R \propto 1/L$ works for $L < 12$, and leads to $F_\pi = 0.3988(1)$.

Well compatible with further results that we obtained for F_π by employing different methods, and in perfect agreement with $F_\pi = 1/\sqrt{2\pi} \simeq 0.3989 \dots$



Residual “pion” masses M_π^R in the δ -regime ($L_t = 32$) for a variety of spatial sizes $L \ll L_t$, and $N_f = 2 \dots 6$ flavors.

Chiral extrapolations of quenched, re-weighted results with the overlap-HFs at $\beta = 4$. (Fits in the range where they are successful).

Consistent values for F_π with the effective formula

$$M_\pi^R = \frac{N_\pi}{2F_\pi^2 L}, \quad N_\pi = \frac{2(N_f - 1)}{N_f}$$

The value $F_\pi(m=0) = 1/\sqrt{2\pi} = 0.3989\dots$
 is consistent with the 2d Gell-Mann–Oakes–Renner Relation

$$\Sigma = -\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = \frac{M_\pi^2}{4\pi m} \quad (\text{Smilga '92, Hetrick/Hosotani/Iso '95})$$

$$F_\pi^2(m) = \frac{2m\Sigma}{M_\pi^2} \Rightarrow F_\pi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}},$$

and with the Witten-Veneziano Formula

$$M_\eta^2 = \frac{N_f g^2}{\pi} \stackrel{!}{=} \frac{2N_f \chi_t^q}{F_\eta^2} \quad \text{and} \quad F_\pi = F_\eta,$$

where $\chi^q = g^2/4\pi^2$ (Seiler/Stamatescu '87) is the quenched, topological susceptibility. [Nieto Castellanos/Hip/WB, in prep.]

Matches light-cone study of $\langle 0 | \partial_\mu J_\mu^5(0) | \pi(p) \rangle = M_\pi^2 F_\pi \rightarrow F_\pi \simeq 0.3945$
 [Harada et al. '94], but not $\langle 0 | J_\mu^5(0) | \pi(p) \rangle = i p_\pi^2 F_\pi = 0$ [Dürr]

Overview

- **Truncated perfect hypercube fermion (HF)**

Ultralocal, good scaling, approx. rotation symmetry

- **Overlap-Hypercube fermion (Overlap-HF)**

High degree of locality, valid up to strong gauge coupling

low condition number of $A^\dagger A$

good scaling and approx. rotation symmetry inherited from HF

In both cases:

Some additional effort to implement and simulate, but feasible.

Variety of favorable properties, somewhat forgotten in recent years (even by myself), deserves more attention.