

# A property of fermions at finite densities by a reduction formula of fermion determinant

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# Introduction

- QCD at low-T and finite- $\mu$  is a challenge for lattice simulations: **the puzzle about a value of  $\mu$  at T=0 where  $n_q$  or  $\langle \bar{q} q \rangle$  start to change.** [e.g. Gibbs('86), Glasgow group('91, '96)]

$$\mu_c = m_\pi/2 \neq m_N/3$$

- The early onset problem was discussed in
  - a propagator matrix [Gibbs('86), Glasgow group(e.g. '91, '96), etc ]

$$am_\pi = -Nt^{-1} \ln \max_{|\lambda_n|<1} |\lambda_n|^2$$

- $D(\gamma_0 D)$  in isospin  $\mu$  [Davies, Klepfish '90, Cohen('04)]

$$\gamma_0(D + m)|\psi\rangle = \epsilon|\psi\rangle \quad \epsilon_{\min} = m_\pi/2$$

- We need further investigation of early onset problem to study low-T regions in lattice simulations

# Introduction

- We explain the early onset problem in terms of a Fermi distribution function obtained from quark number operator using a reduction formula.

Reduction formula for fermion determinant



Quark number operator



Fermi distribution for  
single quark for each conf.

Lattice simulations for  
reduced matrix



Early onset problem and quark's Fermi distribution

# Reduction formula

- Reduction formula is a method to calculate the temporal part of the fermion determinant  $\det \Delta$ 
  - for staggered and **Wilson fermions**

[Gibbs ('86), Hasenfratz & Toussaint('92), Adams('03, '04), Borici('04), KN&AN('10), Alexandru &Wenger('10)]

$$\det \Delta = \xi^{-N_{\text{red}}/2} C_0 \det(\xi + \underline{Q})$$

$$\xi = e^{-\mu/T}$$

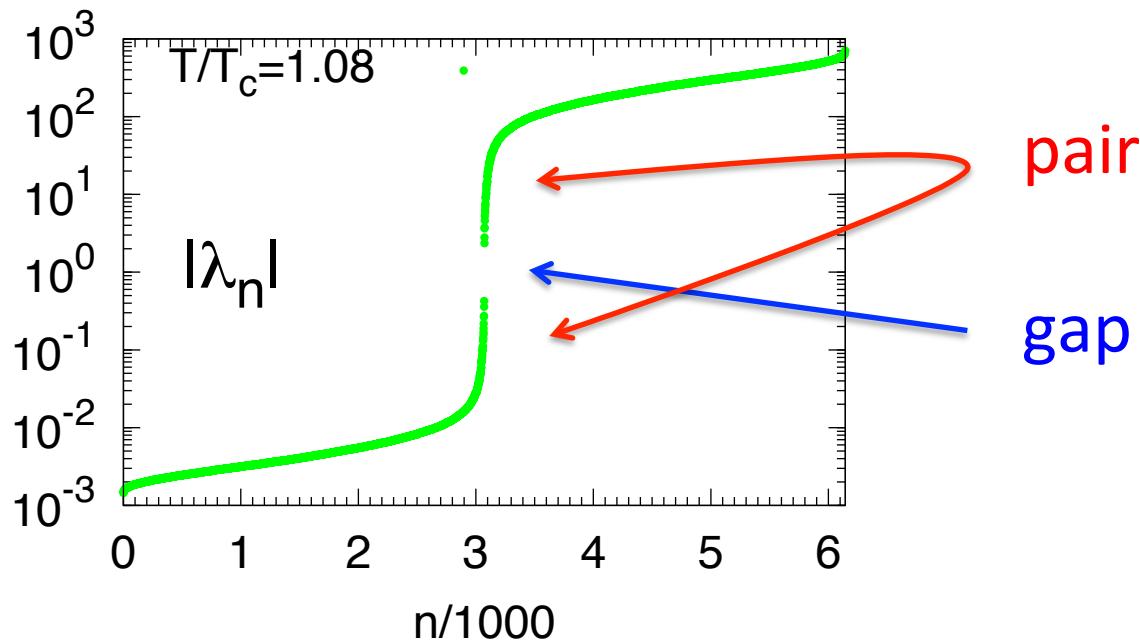
- ✓  $Q$  and  $C_0$  are functions of link variables
- ✓  $N_{\text{red}} = 12 N s^3$

# Reduction formula

- Eigenvalues  $\lambda$  of  $Q$ 
  - pair ( $\gamma_5$ -hermiticity)

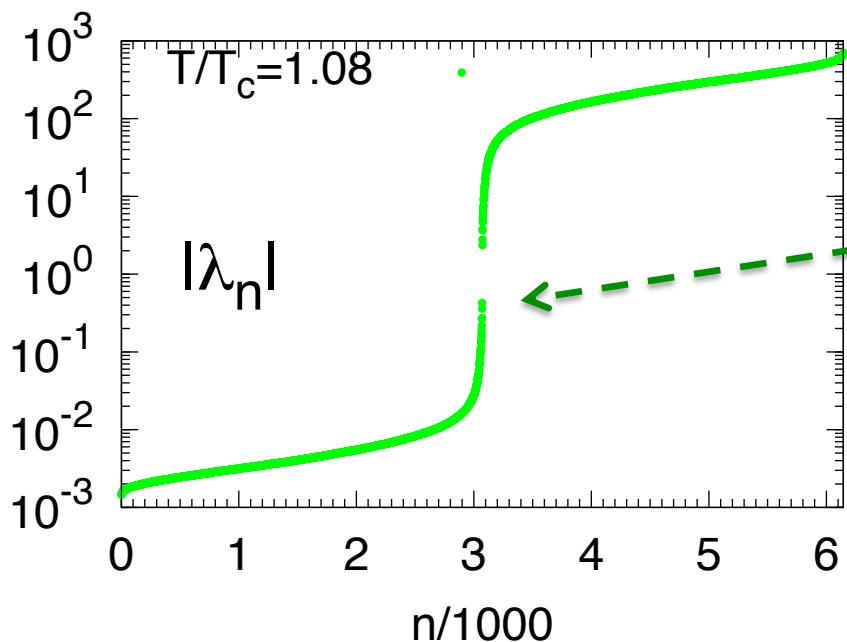
$$\lambda_n \leftrightarrow 1/\lambda_n^*$$

- gap (for finite quark mass)  $||\lambda| - 1| \neq 0$



# Gap in spectrum of $Q$

- The gap size is related to the pion mass for large  $N_t$ .
- Onset of  $n_q$  is closely related to the gap for larger  $N_t$ .  
[Gibbs('86), Glasgow group('91, '97), etc]



$$am_\pi = -N_t^{-1} \ln \max_{|\lambda_n| < 1} |\lambda_n|^2$$
$$am_\pi = \lim_{N_t \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{1}{N_t} \ln \left\langle c \left| \sum_{n=1}^{3V} \lambda_n \right|^2 \right\rangle \right)$$

Gibbs('86) & Fodor, Szabo, Toth('07)  
[We assume they are equivalent at  $T=0$ . ]

# Fermion determinant

- Fermion determinant can be written as

$$\det \Delta(\mu) = C_0 \xi^{-N_r/2} \prod_{n=1}^{N_r} (\lambda_n + \xi) \quad \xrightarrow{\text{--- dashed ---}} \quad \lambda_n \leftrightarrow 1/\lambda_n^*$$
$$= C_0 \prod_{n=1}^{N_r/2} (\lambda_n^*)^{-1} \prod_{n=1}^{N_r/2} (1 + \lambda_n \xi^{-1})(1 + \lambda_n^* \xi) \quad |\lambda| < 1$$

- analogous to Matsubara- frequency summation form [Adams '04]
- Quark number operator is given by

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu/T} \ln \det \Delta(\mu) = \sum_{|\lambda|<1} \left( \frac{\lambda \xi^{-1}}{1 + \lambda \xi^{-1}} - \frac{\lambda^* \xi^{-1}}{1 + \lambda^* \xi^{-1}} \right)$$

# Nt-dependence of spectrum of $Q$

- A reduced matrix  $Q$  describes the propagation of a quark between initial and final time slices

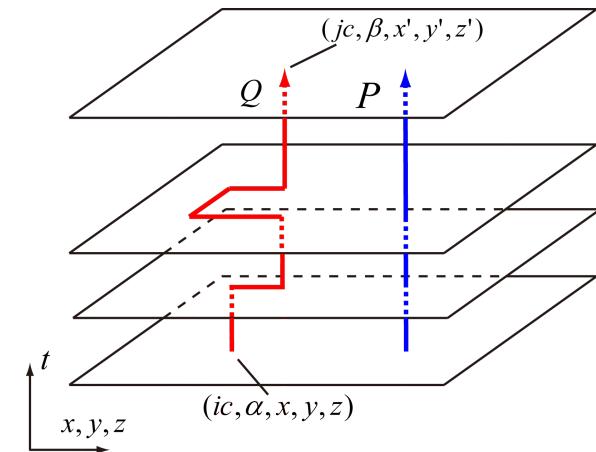
- similar to the Polyakov loop

$$Q = A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{N_t}$$

- Eigenvalues of  $Q$  are expected to scale as [KN, Nakamura('10)]

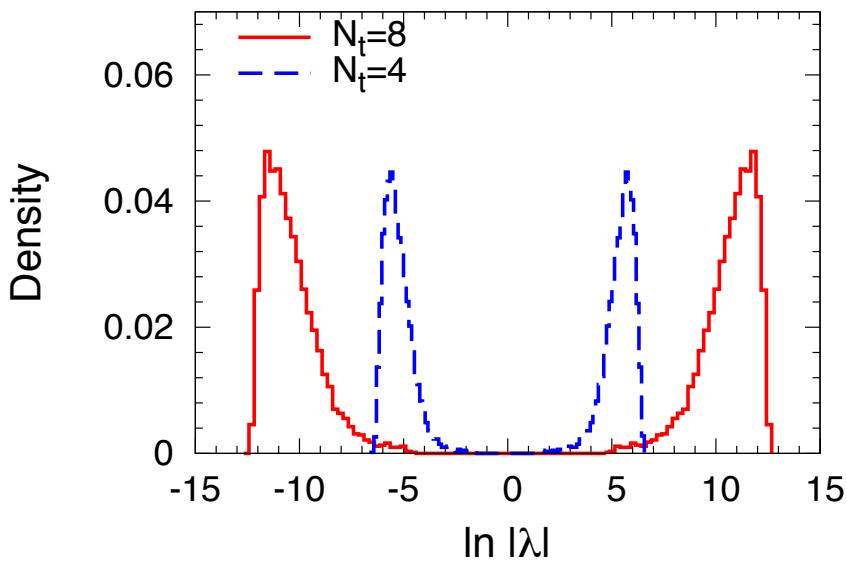
$$\lambda = l^{N_t} = e^{-\epsilon/T+i\theta}$$

- It should be confirmed in lattice simulations.

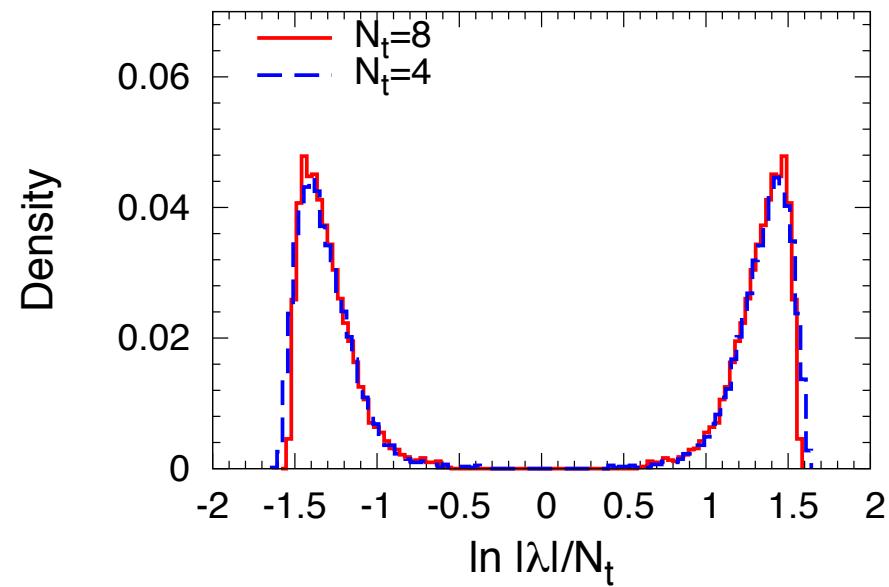


# Eigenvalue density (original vs scaled)

$$\rho(\ln |\lambda_n|)$$



$$\rho((\ln |\lambda_n|)/N_t)$$



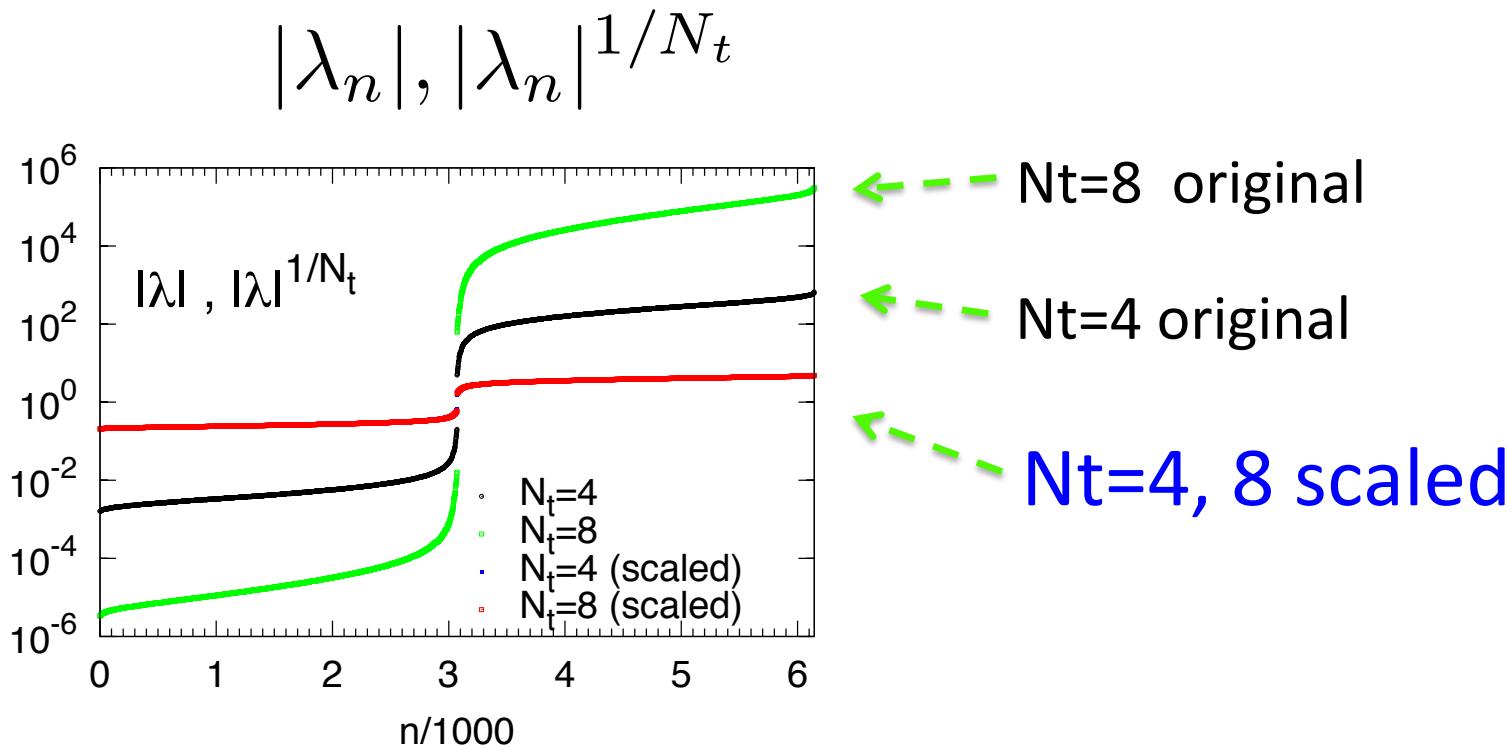
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[KN, Motoki, Nakagawa, Nakamura, Saito ('12)]

- Lattice setup  
 $\beta=1.86$ (same value of  $a$ )  
 $8^3 \times N_t$ ,  $\text{mps}/mV=0.8$ ,  
RG-improved gauge and  
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# Eigenspectrum $|\lambda_n|$ (original vs scaled)



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# Fermi distribution for each configuration

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- This is the Fermi distribution of single quark for each configuration. (winding number of  $\lambda$  is 1).
- Eigenvalues of the reduced matrix are identified as energy levels of single quark for each configuration.

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- Onset of quark number at T=0

$$\hat{n} = 0 \text{ for } \mu < \epsilon_{\min}$$

$$\neq 0 \text{ for } \mu > \epsilon_{\min}$$

- Low-lying energy levels  $\sim$  eigenvalues near the gap

$$\epsilon_{\min} \sim m_\pi/2$$

# Low-mode Approximation

- To obtain  $\mu=m_N/3$ , we need further investigations of eigenvalues near the gap (larger  $V$ , fluctuations, lower  $T$ ...)
- However, the eigen-problem of  $Q$  becomes ill-conditioned at low-T, and requires large memory for large volume.
- High-lying modes(large and small  $\lambda$ ) would be irrelevant of low-energy physics.

# Low-mode Approximation

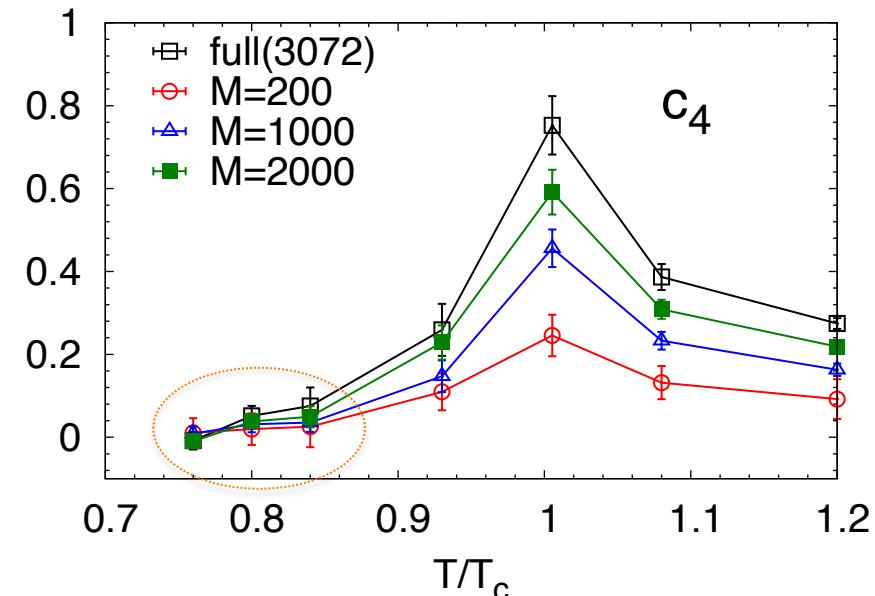
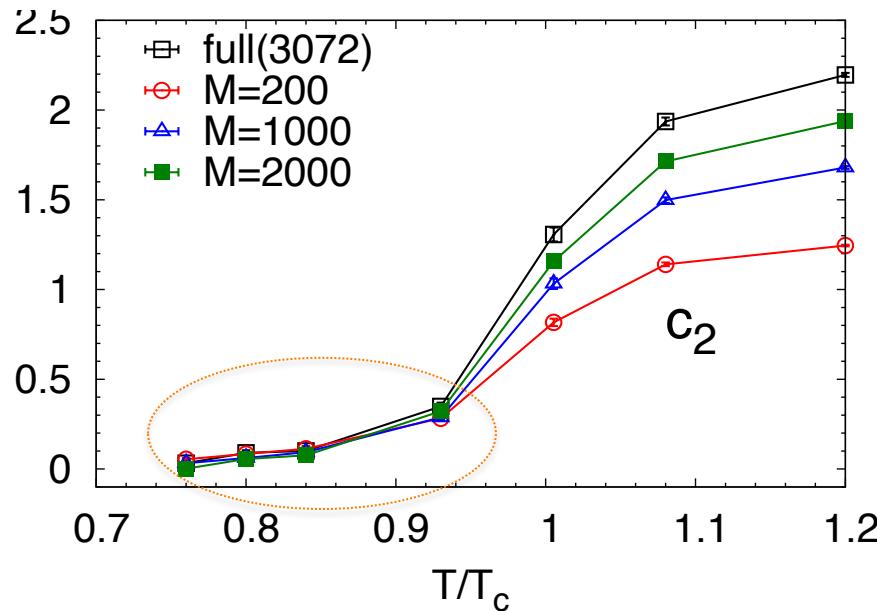
- We consider a low-mode expansion, e.g,

$$\hat{n} = \sum_{n=1}^M \left( \frac{\lambda_n \xi^{-1}}{1 + \lambda_n \xi^{-1}} - \frac{\lambda_n^* \xi}{1 + \lambda_n^* \xi} \right) + (n > M + 1)$$

- We test the approximation for the Taylor coefficients of EoS ( $c_2$  and  $c_4$ )

$$c_n = \frac{1}{n!} (N_t/N_s)^3 T^n \frac{\partial^n \ln Z}{\partial \mu^n}$$

# Results



- Results with  $M=200, 1000, 2000$ , and 3072(all)
- Lattice setup
  - RG-improved gauge and clover-Wilson fermion with  $N_f=2$
  - Mass & size :  $\text{mps}/mV=0.8$ ,  $8^3 \times 4$
  - Configs. : 10K trajectories at  $\mu=0$
  - Measurement : 400 configs.

# Summary

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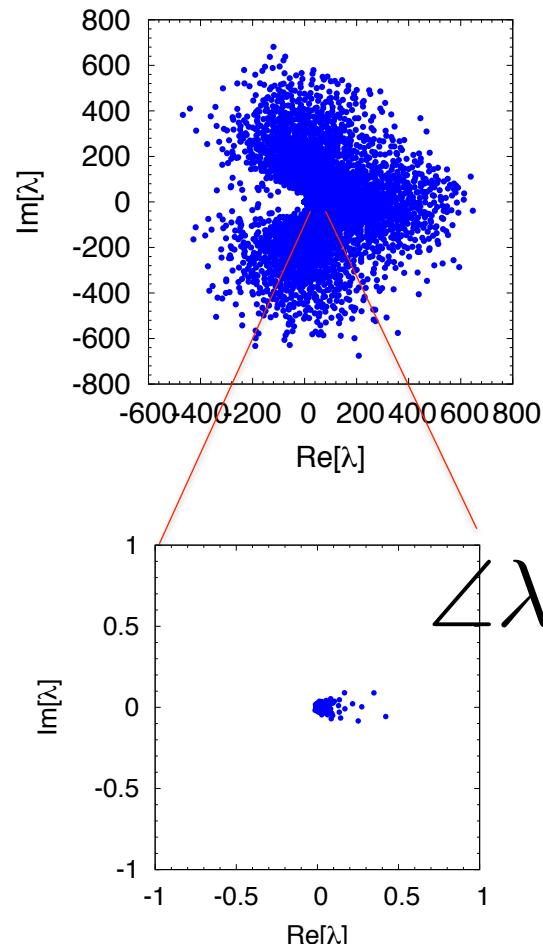
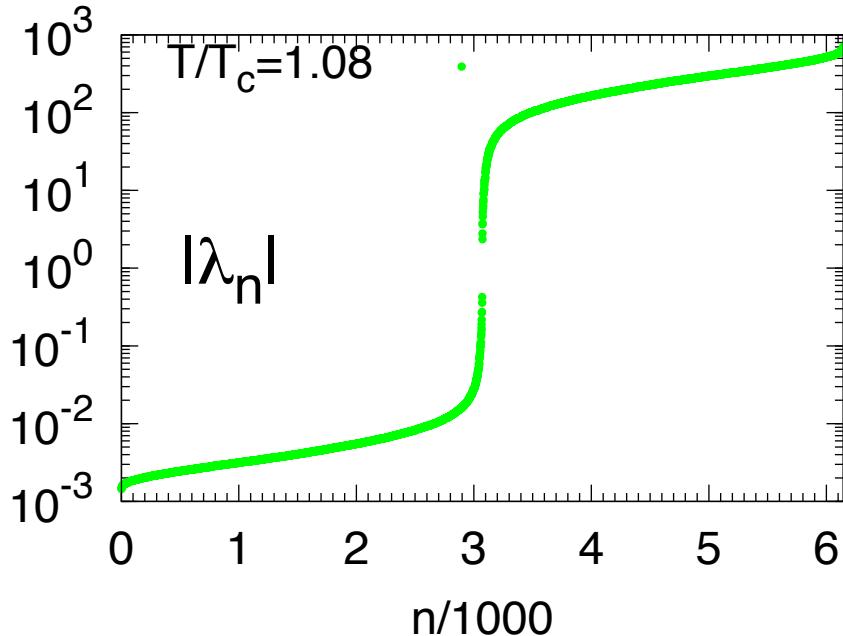
- Manifest representation of the early onset problem was shown using lattice QCD with the reduction formula.
  - The correspondence between the quark number operator and the Fermi distribution is clarified.
  - The eigenvalues of the reduced matrix are identified as energy levels of single quark for each configuration, which would be useful for applications.
  - We test the low-mode expansion, which is helpful for further studies of the early onset problem.

# Buckup Slides

# Reduction formula

- Eigenvalues  $\lambda$  of  $Q$

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# Introduction

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- Need better understanding spectrum of fermions in QCD
- We discuss the early onset problem using the reduced matrix  $Q$  in the reduction formula
  - lattice results of a *Nt-scaling* of eigenvalues of  $Q$  ('Lat12)
  - derivation of **the Fermi distribution of single quark** from fermion determinant
  - identification of eigenvalues of  $Q$  as energy levels of **single quark** for each configuration
  - application to the early onset problem and introduction of low-mode approximation

# Reduction formula

- A fermion matrix in t-t matrix rep.

$$\Delta = \textcolor{red}{B} - e^{\mu a} V - e^{-\mu a} V^\dagger$$

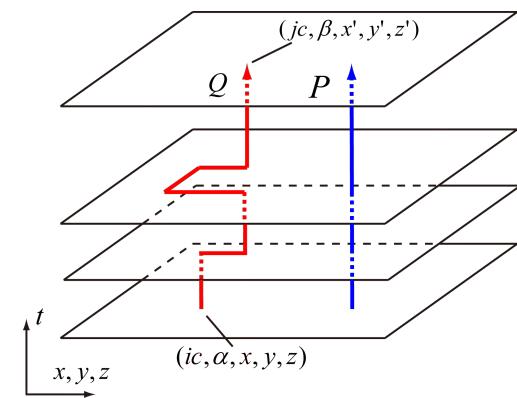
$$\Delta = \begin{pmatrix} \square & \triangle & & \triangle \\ \triangle & \square & \triangle & \\ & \triangle & \ddots & \\ & & \ddots & \triangle \\ \triangle & & & \square \end{pmatrix}$$

[Gibbs ('86). Hasenfratz, Toussaint('92).  
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$$\det \Delta = \xi^{-N_{\text{red}}/2} C_0 \det(\xi + Q)$$

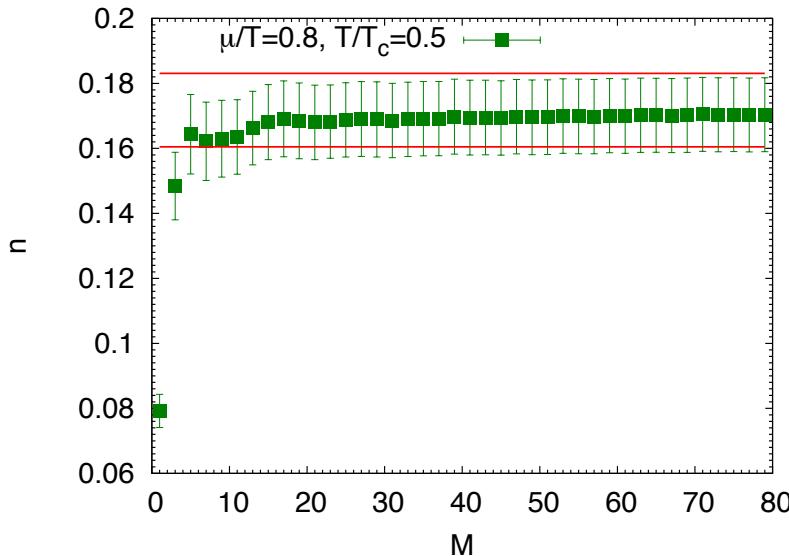
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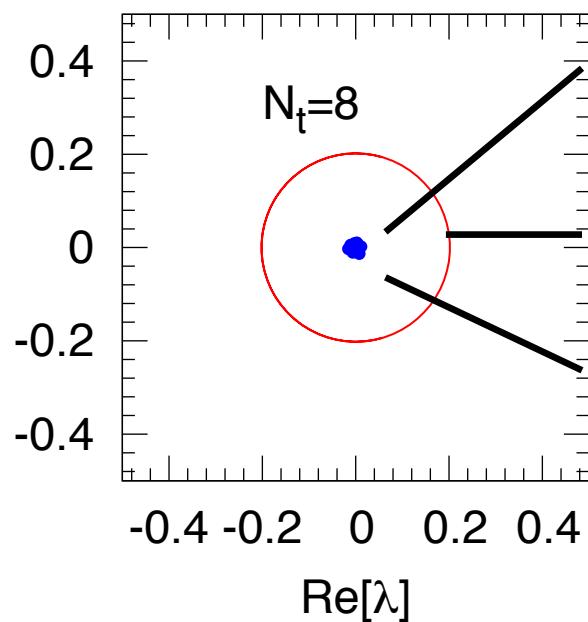
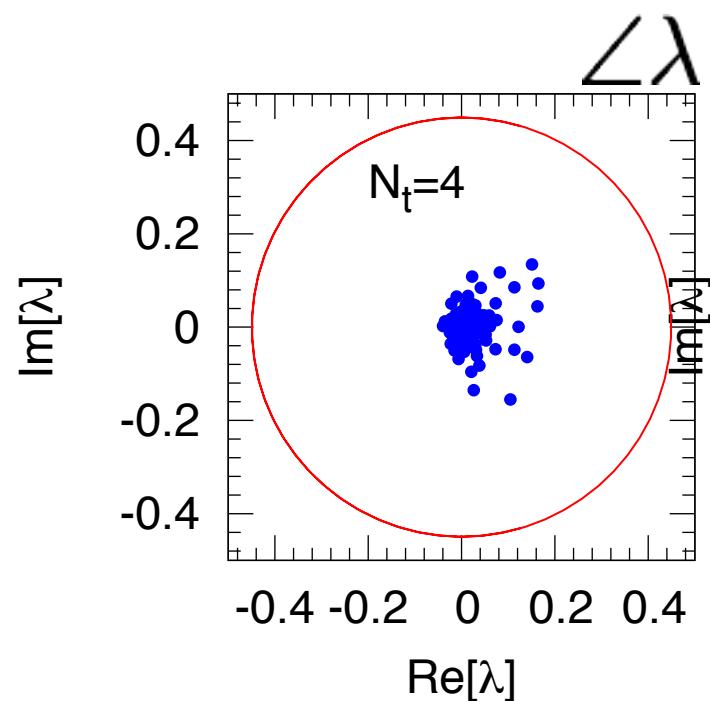
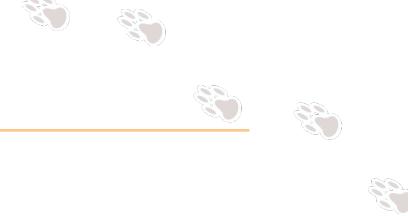
# Approximations at low temperatures ( $T \sim 0.5 T_c$ )

- The average of the quark number density.



- It converges at small  $M \sim 20$ .

# Low Temperature Limit



$$|\lambda_n| = (l_n)^{N_t}$$

$$e^{-\mu/T} = e^{-0.2Nt}$$

$$\max_{|\lambda|<1} |\lambda| = e^{-m_\pi/(2T)}$$

Ev distribution  
is bounded  
by pion mass

$$\begin{aligned} \det \Delta &= \xi^{-N_{\text{red}}/2} C_0 \prod_{|\lambda|>1} (\xi + \lambda_n) \prod_{|\lambda|<1} (\xi + \cancel{\lambda}_n) \\ &= C_0 \prod_{|\lambda|>1} (\lambda_n) \quad \mu < m_\pi/2 \end{aligned}$$

# Reduction formula

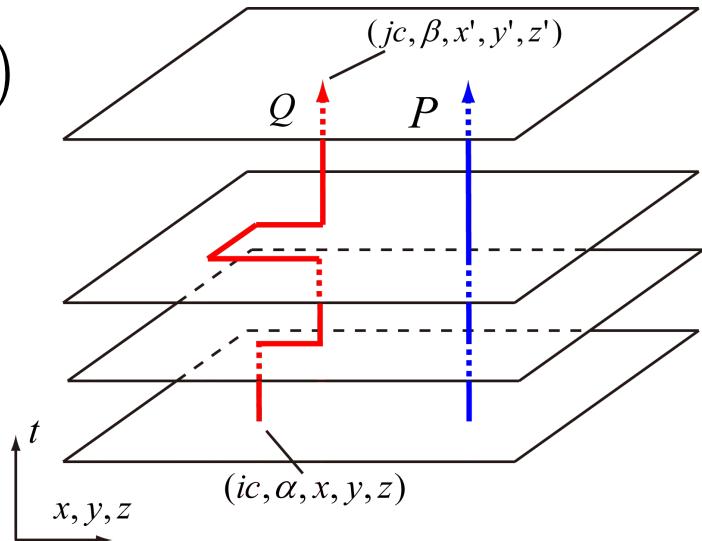
- Fermion determinant  $\det \Delta$ 
  - calculating the temporal part of  $\det \Delta$  leads to

$$\det \Delta = \xi^{-N_{\text{red}}/2} C_0 \det(\xi + Q)$$

$$\xi = e^{-\mu/T}$$

$$N_{\text{red}} = 4N_c N_x N_y N_z$$

$$Q = A_1 A_2 \cdots A_{N_t}$$



- $Q$  and  $C_0$  are independent of  $\mu$
- chemical potential and gauge fields are separated

Gibbs ('86). Hasenfratz & Toussaint('92). Adams('03, '04),  
Borici('04). KN&AN('10), Alexandru & Wenger('10)

# Complex potential problem

A free energy or complex potential satisfies electromagnetic analogy (the same as Lee-Yang zero theorem)

$$h(\mu) = \frac{\ln \det \Delta(\mu)}{N_r}, (N_r = 4N_c V_s)$$

$$= \frac{\mu}{2} \ln \xi + N_r^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^{N_r} \ln(\xi + \lambda_n) + (\mu - \text{indep.})$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_x^2 + \partial_y^2) \operatorname{Re}[h] &= -\pi \delta(\xi) + 2\pi N_r^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^{N_r} \delta(\xi + \lambda_n) \\ &= -\pi \delta(\xi) + 2\pi \rho(-\xi) \end{aligned}$$

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$h$  is analytic function of  $\mu$  except for  $\det = 0$ ,

$$\partial_x X = \partial_y Y$$

Cauchy-Riemann

$$\partial_y X = -\partial_x Y$$

$$\nabla_\xi^2 X = 0$$

Laplace

$$\nabla_\xi^2 Y = 0$$

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Gauss's law (2D electrostatic problem )

$$\vec{n} = \nabla \operatorname{Re}[h]$$

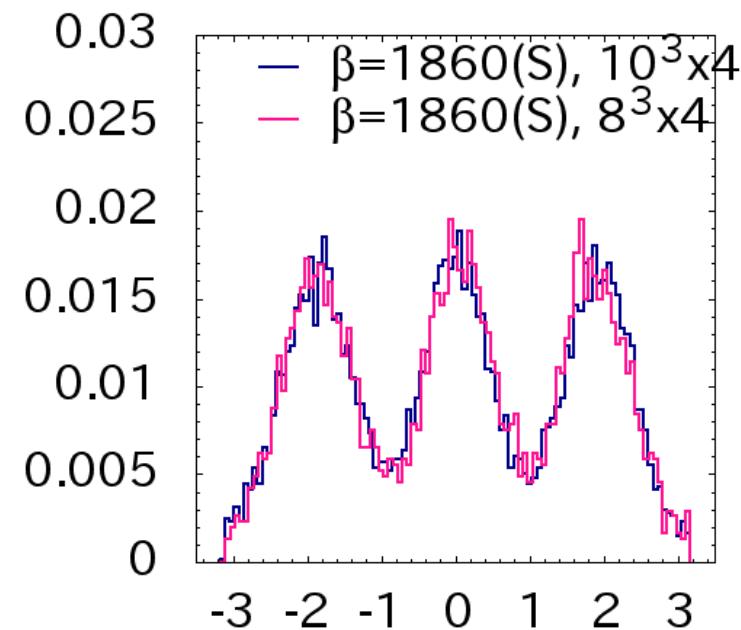
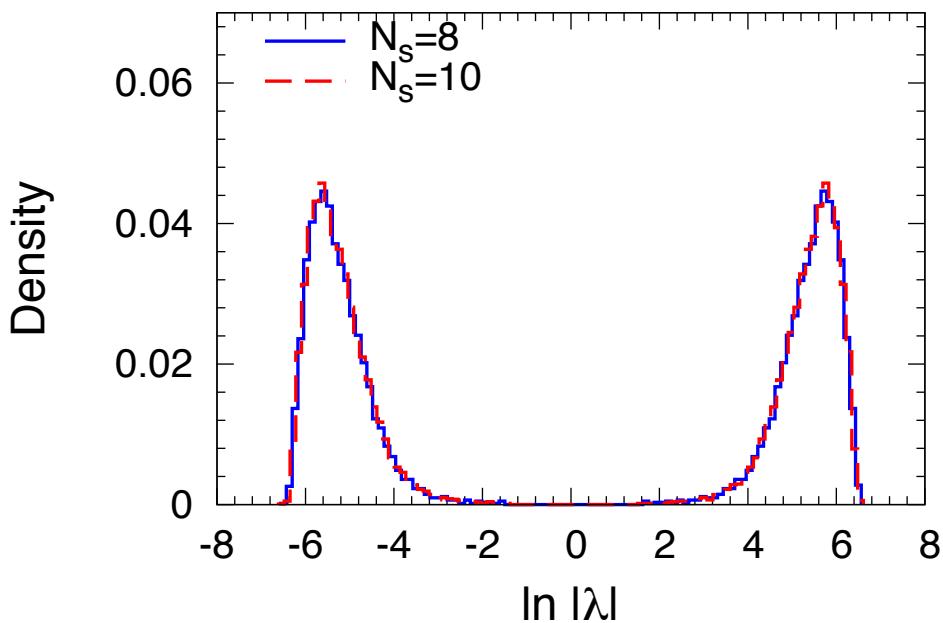
Electrostatic analogy ( Lee-Yang('50))

quark number density ~ electric field

eigenvalues of reduced matrix ~ (opposite) location of charge

# Spectral property - Volume

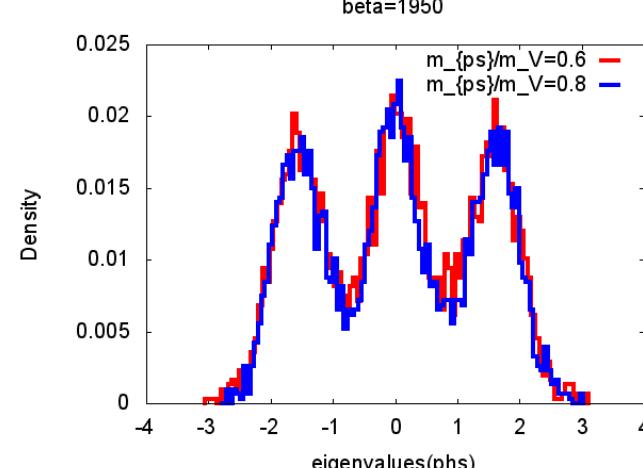
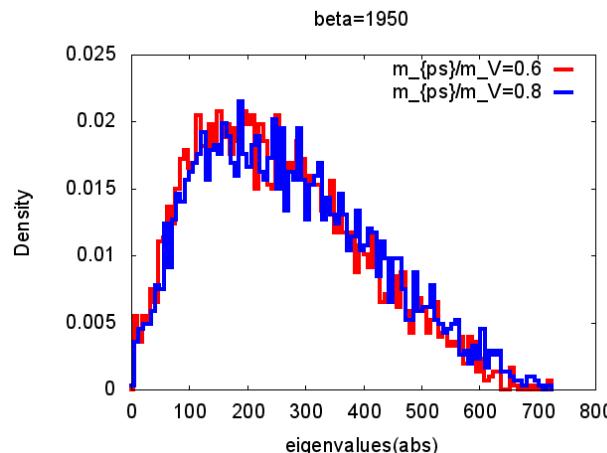
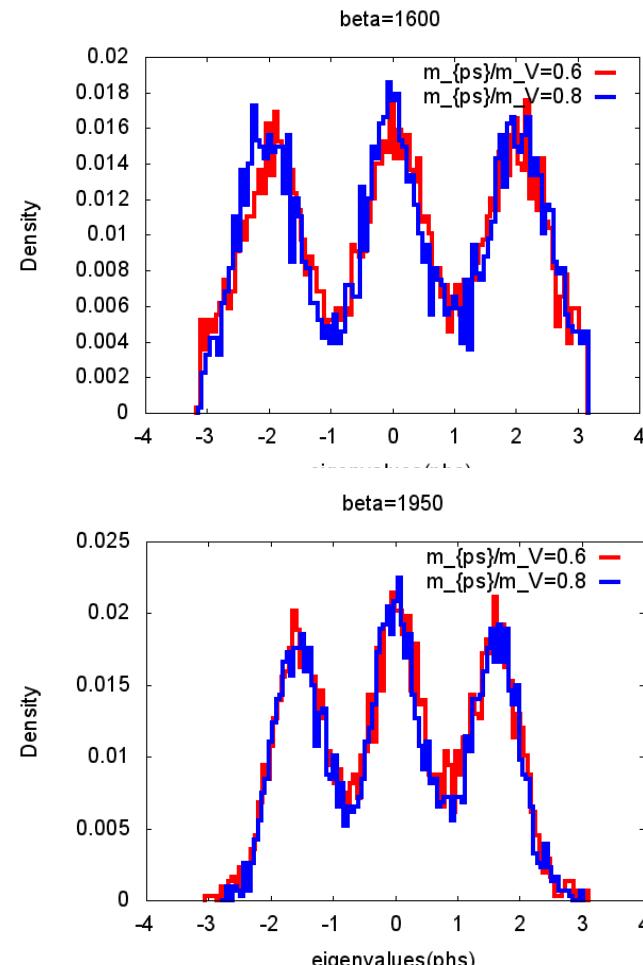
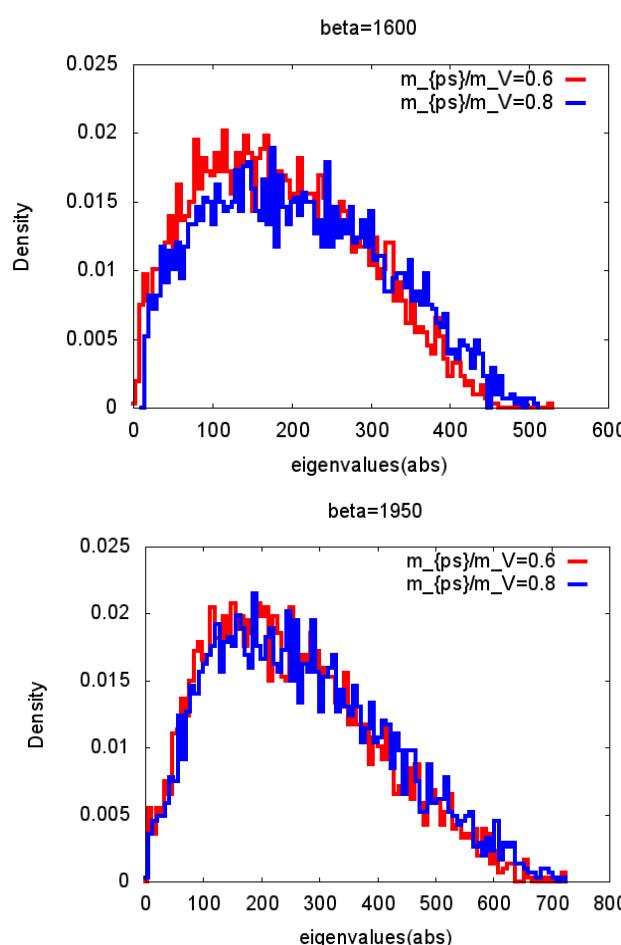
- Volume dependence



# Quark mass dependence

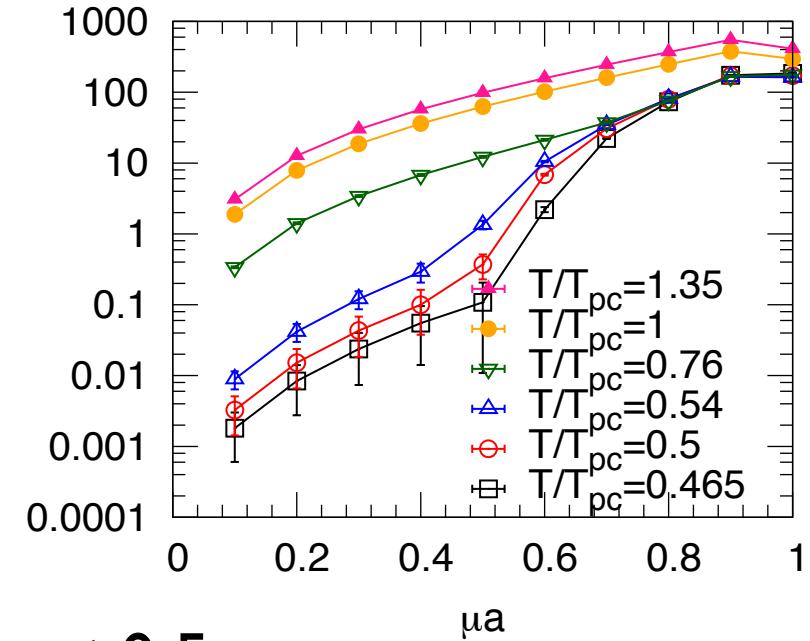
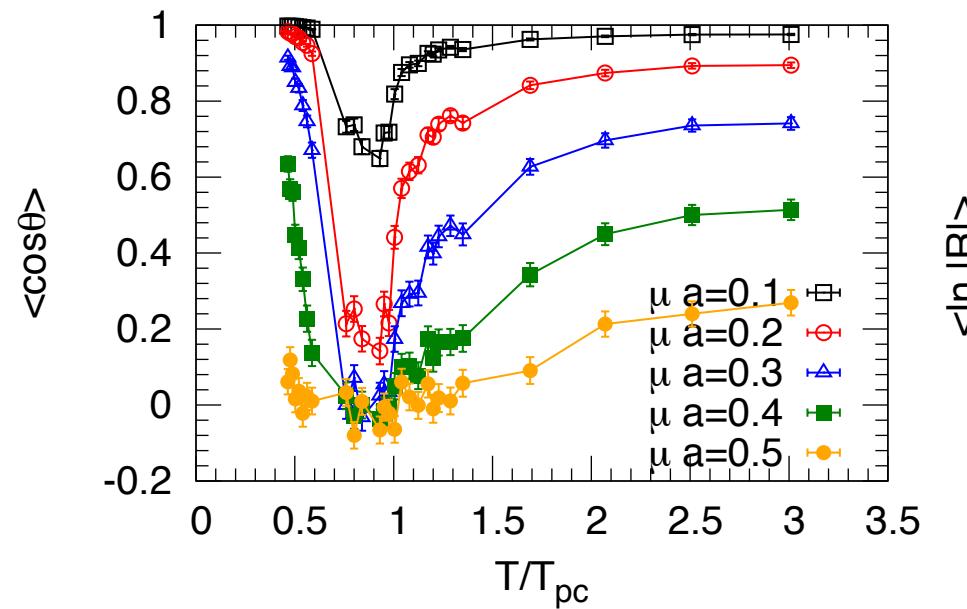
$mps / mv = 0.6$  (red),  $0.8$  (blue)

Histograms :  $|ev|$  (Left),  $\arg(ev)$  (Right)  
confinement (top), deconfinement (bottom)



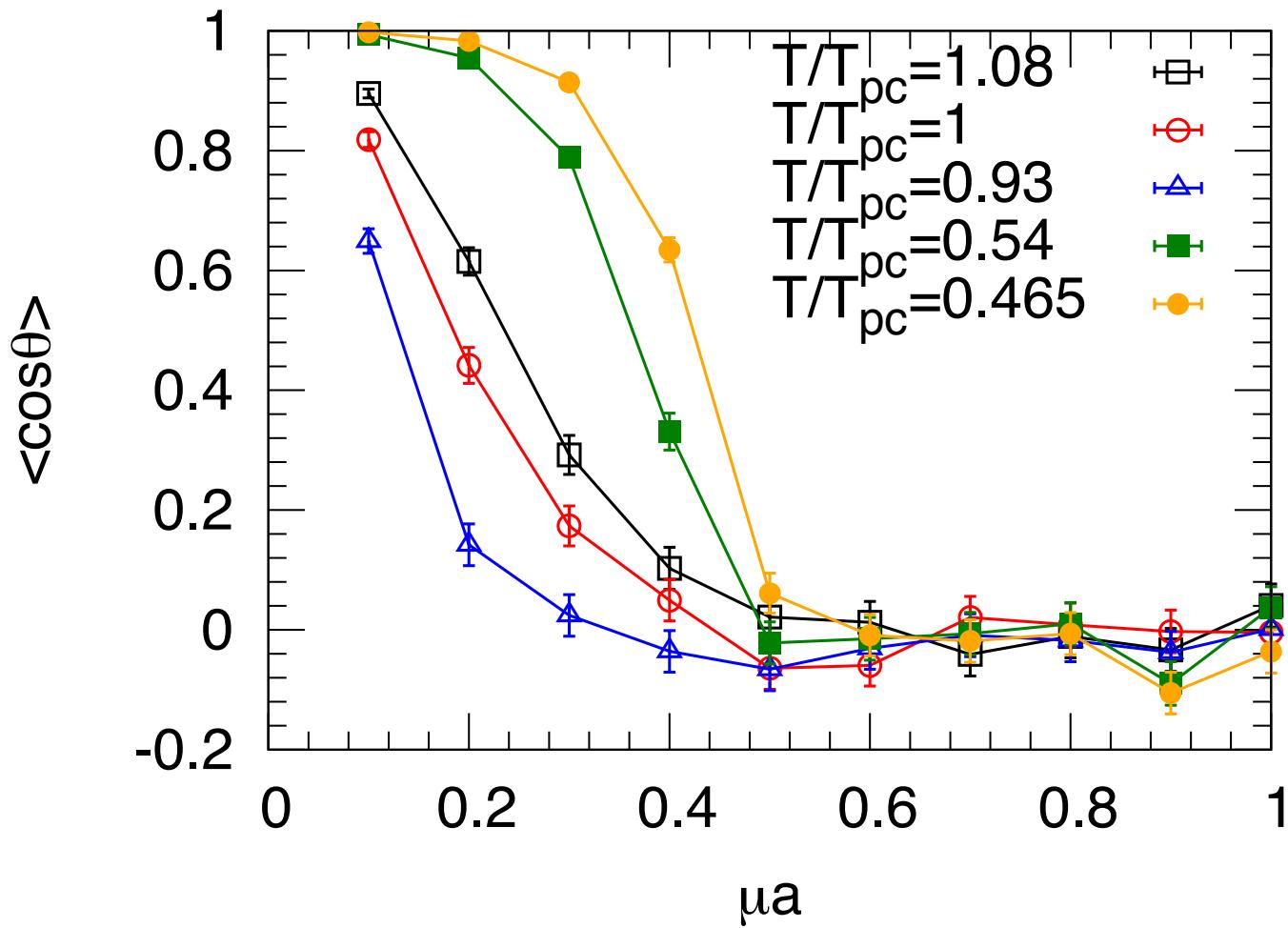
# Chemical Potential Dependence at Low T

$$R = \left( \frac{\det \Delta(\mu)}{\det \Delta(0)} \right)^2 = |R| e^{i\theta}$$



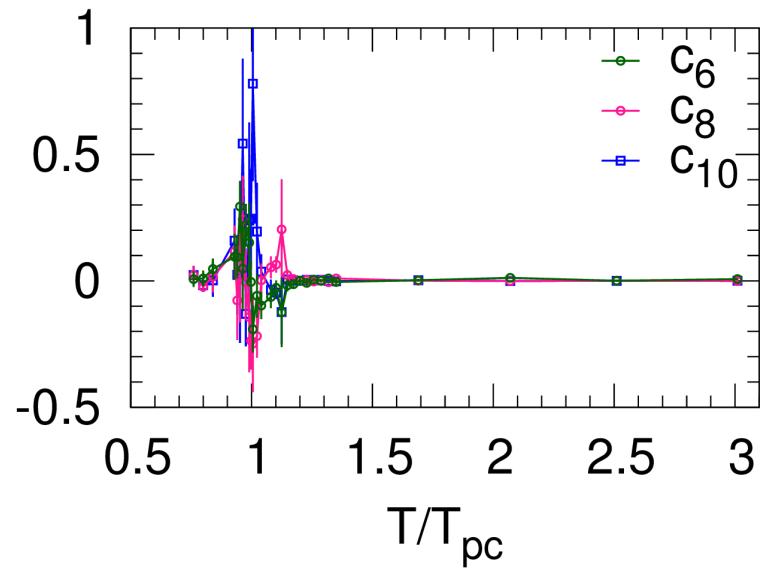
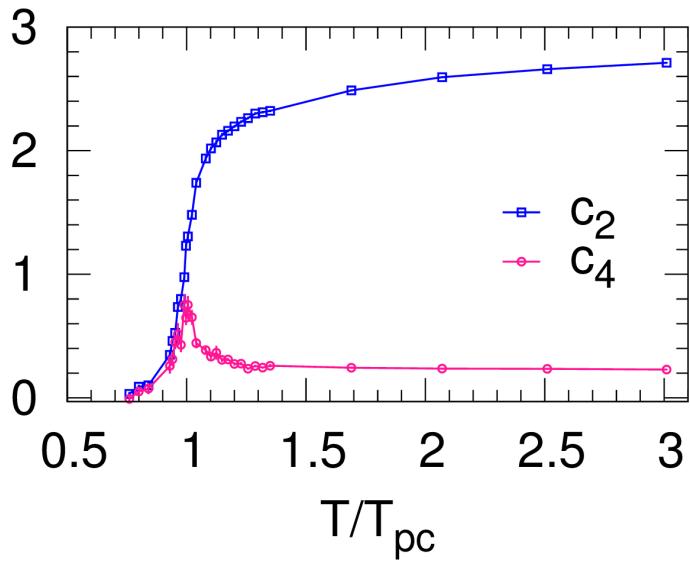
- $\det \Delta$  is insensitive to  $\mu$  for  $\mu a < 0.5$ .
- $\mu$ -dependence appears at  $\mu a = 0.5$ .
  - This value is close to  $m_\pi/2$  in the present setup.

# Average phase factor vs $\mu$



# Taylor coefficients of EoS

$$f(\mu) - f(0) = \sum_{n=1} c_{2n} (\mu/T)^{2n}$$



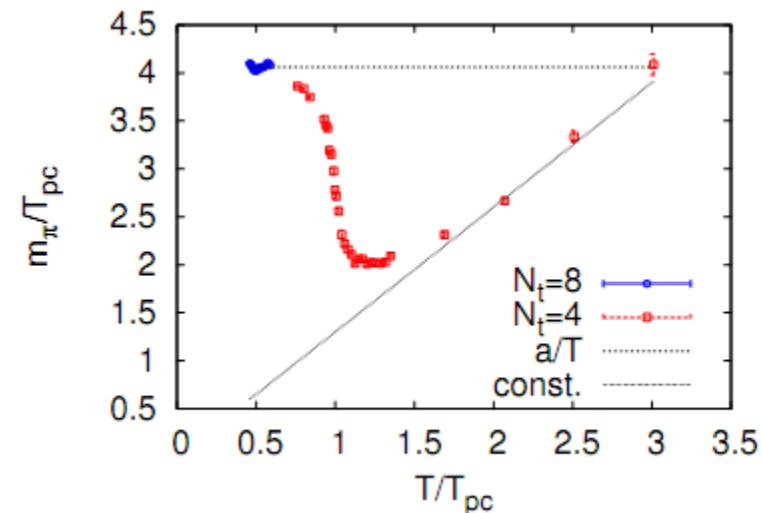
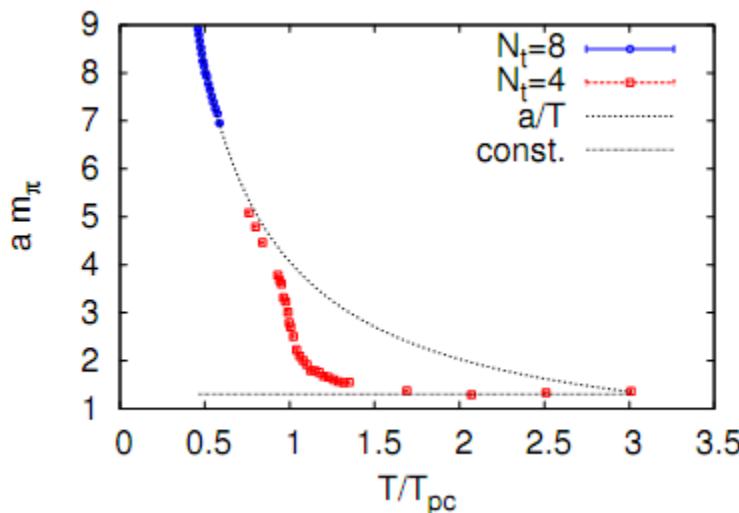
- slow convergence of the Taylor series of EoS
- small S/N ratio of chemical potential dependence

# Gap is related to pion mass

$$am_{\pi} = -\frac{1}{Nt} \ln \max_{|\lambda_n|<1} |\lambda_n|^2$$

Gibbs('86). Eigenvalues and mpi

See also, Fodor, Szabo, Toth ('06). Eigenvalues and hadron spectrum



- At low  $T$ ,  $mpi/T$  is well fitted with  $a/T$ ,  $a = 4$  Tpc ( $mq$  heavy)
- At high  $T$ ,  $mpi$  approaches to a constant