

Message from Yoichi Iwasaki

I am very happy to come back to research activity in lattice community after 8 years absence.

However, unfortunately my present health condition has not allowed me to travel to Europe.

Ken-ichi Ishikawa will give a talk on behalf of me.

I hope I am able to meet you in New York next year.

Best regards.

Toward the Global Structure of Conformal Theories in the $SU(3)$ Gauge Theory

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Objective (this talk)

Introducing the nomenclature “conformal theories with an IR cutoff”,

Verify the existence of the “conformal region” in addition to the confining region and the deconfining region and clarify the property of the conformal region

Objective (for a long term)

Clarify the whole structure of Conformal theories with an IR cutoff and thereby reveal the characteristic of each theory

Plan of Talk

- Propose the nomenclature “Conformal theories with an IR cutoff”
- Make conjecture based on RG argument
- Verify the conjecture for various cases
 - Clarify the structure of the vacuum of the conformal region
 - Clarify the phase structure including the conformal region

Stage and Tools

SU(3) gauge theories with N_f quarks in the fundamental representation

Action: one-plaquette gauge action + Wilson fermion action

$N_f = 7, 12, 16$

Lattice size: $16^3 \times 64$

Boundary conditions: periodic boundary conditions except for an anti-periodic boundary conditions in the t direction for fermions

Algorithm: Blocked HMC for $2N$ and RHMC for $1 : N_f = 2N + 1$

Statistics: 1,000(500) + 1,000(500) trajectories

Computers: U. Tsukuba: CCS HAPACS; KEK: HITAC 16000

Nomenclature

Conformal theories with an IR cutoff

Theories with an IR fixed point and with an IR cutoff

Conformal QCD (the large N_f QCD
within the conformal window) with an IR cutoff

Note that all numerical simulations for
Conformal QCD are with an IR cutoff

Conjecture:
based on RG argument

"Conformal region" : $m_H \leq c \Lambda_{IR} (m_q \leq m_q^c)$

"Conformal behavior":

meson propagator $G(t)$ behaves at large t as

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

Transition at the boundary of the conformal region
is first order

Verification of Conjecture

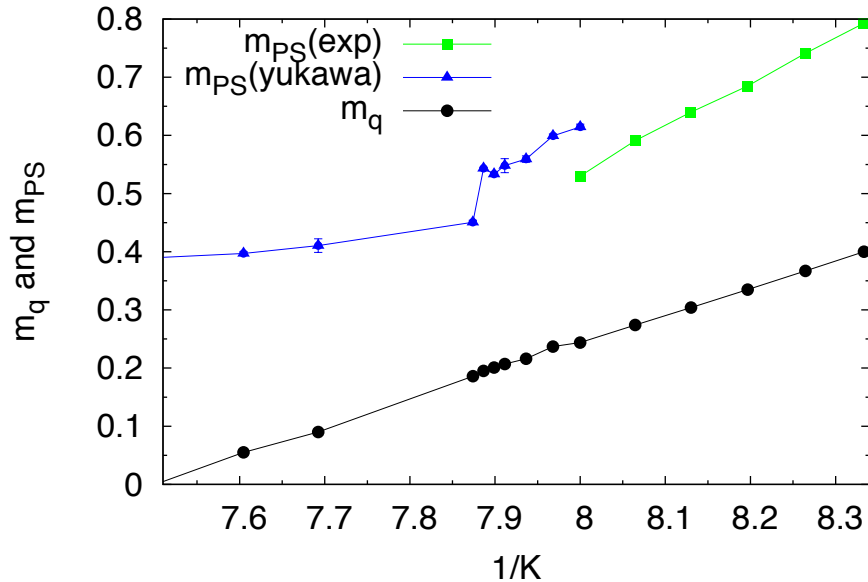
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$N_f=7$

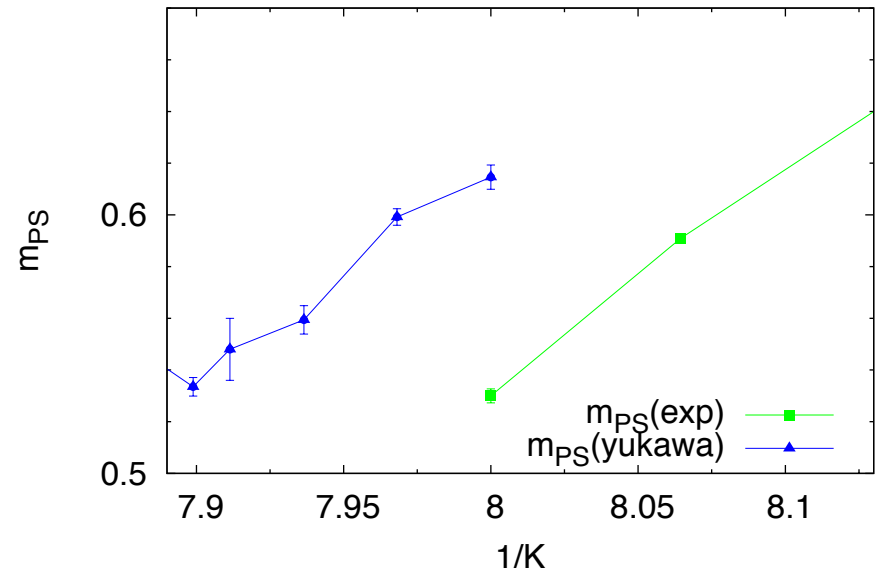
$N_f=12$

$$N_f = 16; \beta = 11.5$$

Quark mass and PS mass



PS mass: enlarged scale



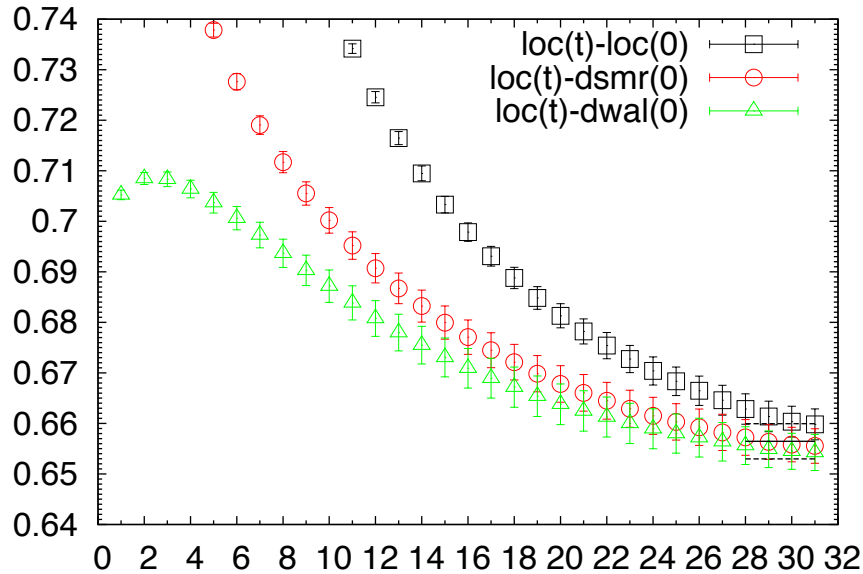
For $K > 0.125$ yukawa-type decay:

For $K < 0.125$ exponential-type decay

Two states at $K = 0.125$; First order transition

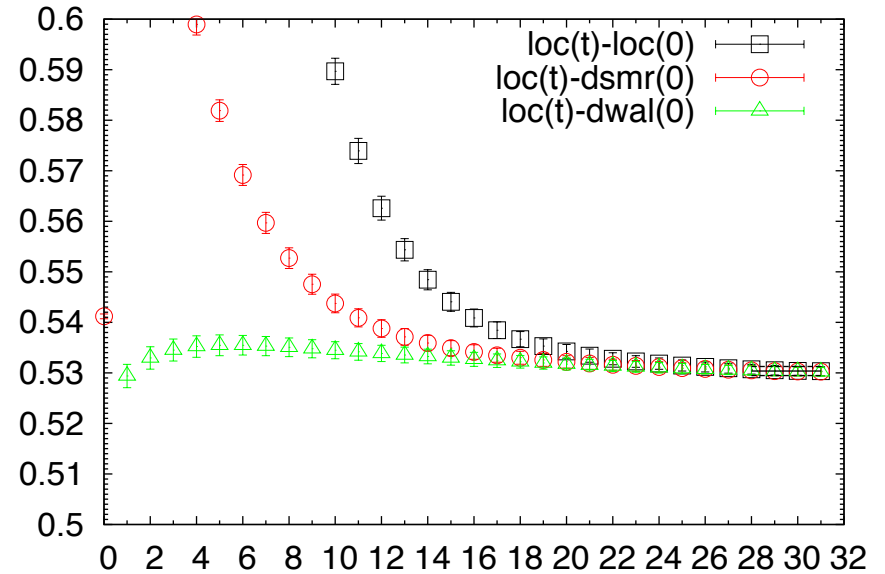
Two states at $K=0.125$: effective mass

Beta=11.5, $K=0.125(h)$, $N_f=16$



Yukawa-type decay
 $m \rightarrow 0.66$

Beta=11.5, $K=0.125(l)$, $N_f=16$



Exponential-type decay
 $m \rightarrow 0.53$

Structure of the vacuum

Effective potential in the one-loop approximation

Parametrize the loop of link variables in spatial directions

$$U = \text{diag}(e^{i2\pi a}, e^{i2\pi b}, e^{-i2\pi(a+b)})$$

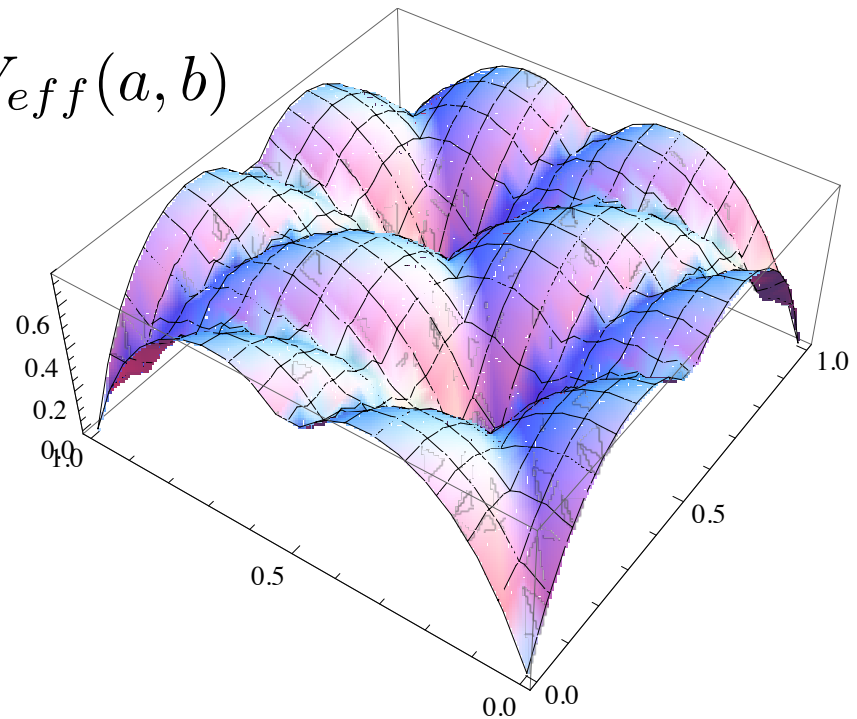
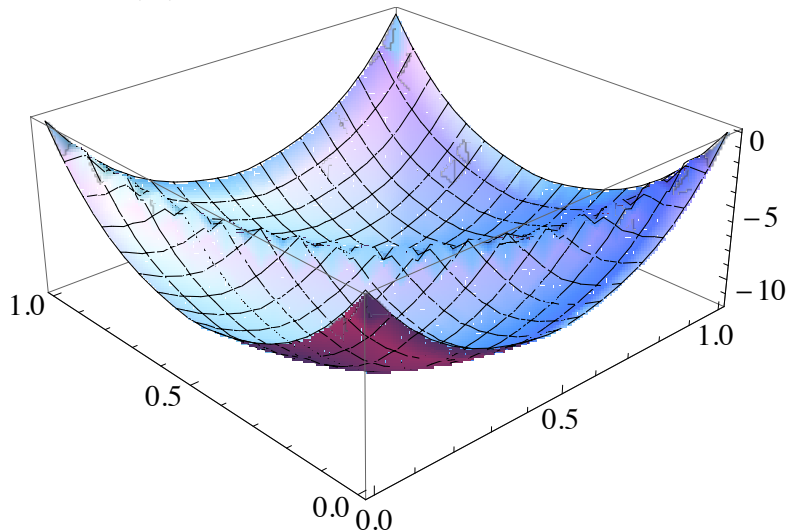
x, y, z directions

Nf=16, mq=0.0005

Nf=16, mq=1.0

$V_{eff}(a, b)$

$V_{eff}(a, b)$



Z(3) twisted vacuum

Polyakov loops in spatial directions: P_x, P_y, P_z

$N_f=16, m_q=0.0005$

Lowest energy state $a = b = 1/3$ and $c = 2/3 (= -1/3)$

$$P_x, P_y, P_z = \exp(\pm i 2\pi/3)$$

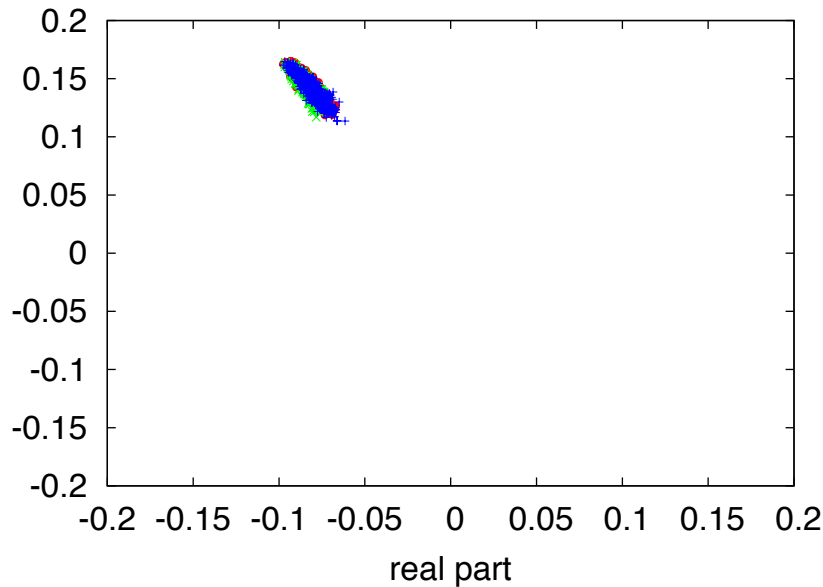
$N_f=16, m_q < \sim 0.15$

$$a = b = 0 \quad P_x, P_y, P_z = 1$$

Locally unstable state

Nf=16: Two states at K=0.125: Polyakov loops

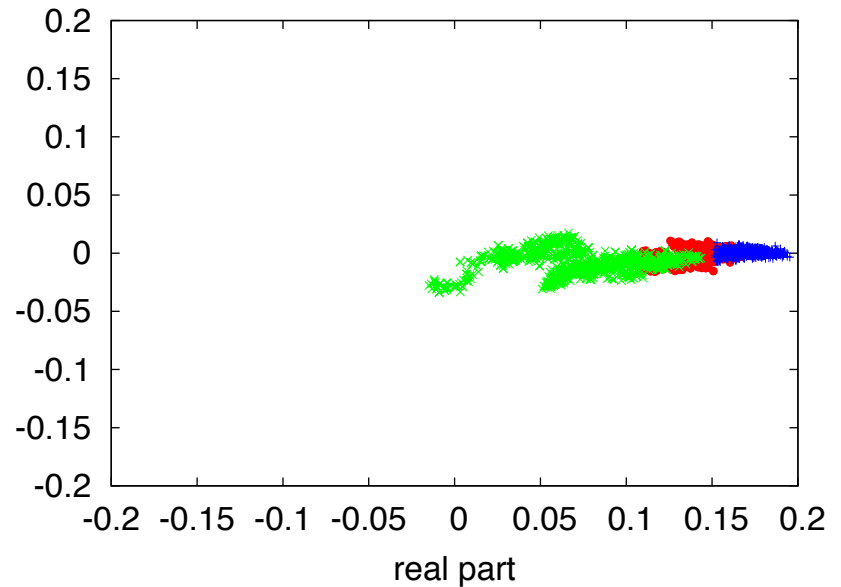
Polyakov loop; Nf=16, beta=11.5, K=0.125_h



$$P_x, P_y, P_z \simeq 0.2 \exp(\pm i 2\pi/3)$$

Close to the twisted vacuum,
But not equal

Polyakov loop; Nf=16, beta=11.5, K=0.125_l



$$P_x, P_y, P_z \simeq 0.05 \sim 0.2$$

characteristic in the deconfining
region

Verified in the $N_f=16$ case

Inside the conformal region

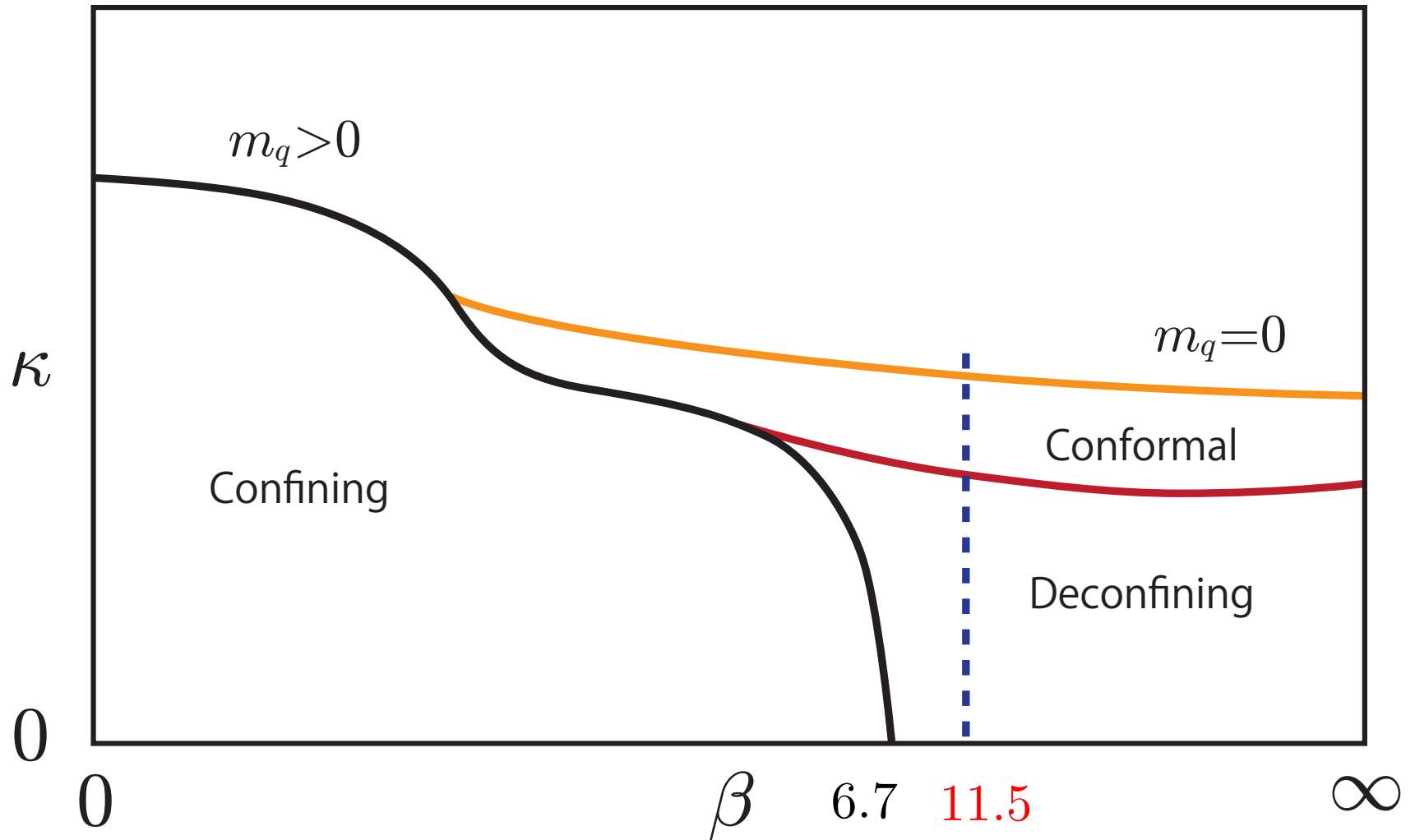
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Outside the conformal region

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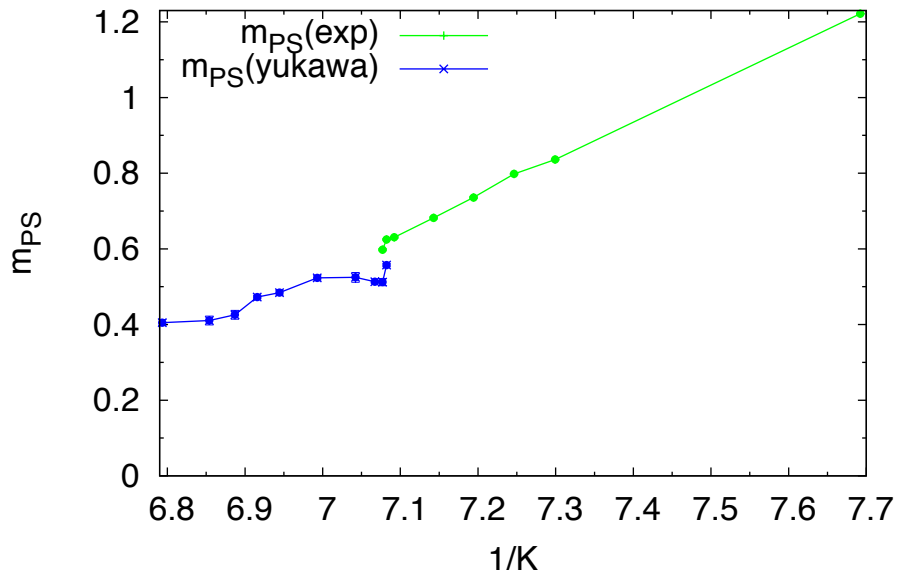
Boundary is that between different vacua and therefore first order

Phase structure on a finite lattice: $N_f=16$

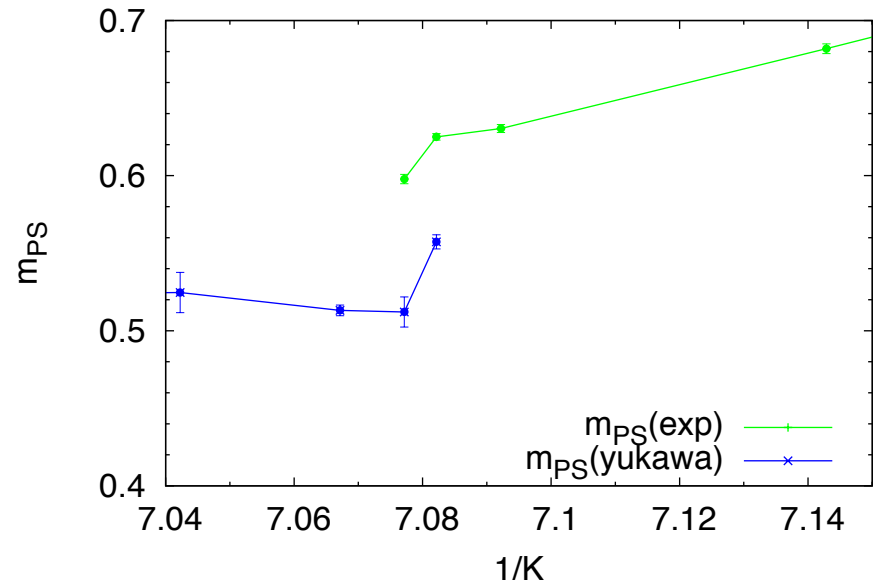


$N_f=7$: beta = 6.0: Two states at $K=0.1413$

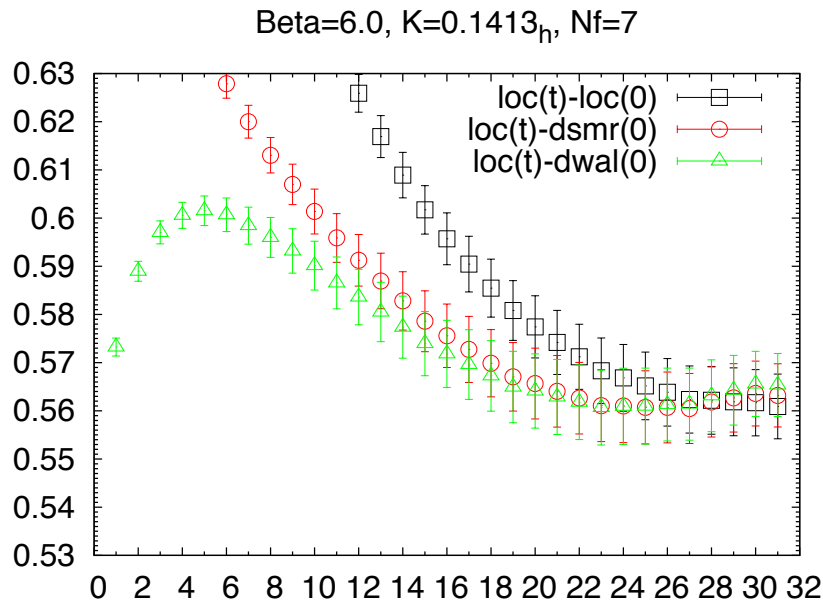
PS mass vs Quark mass: $N_f=7$



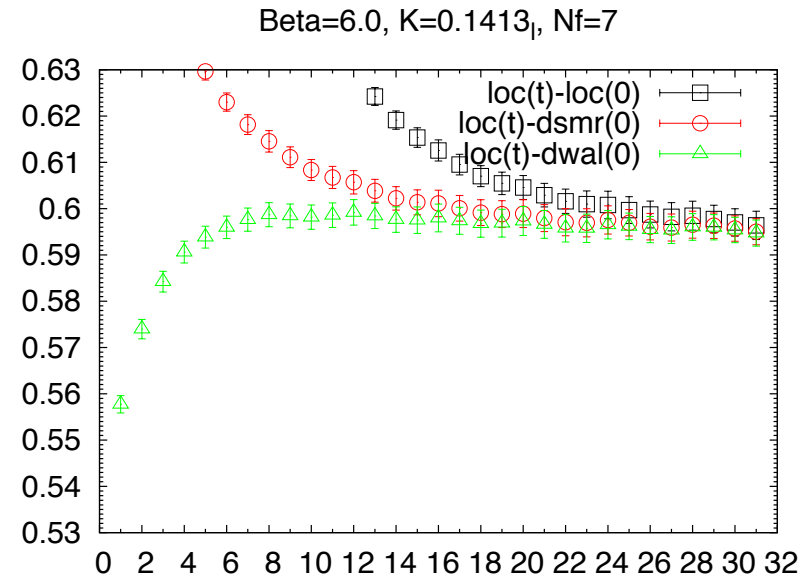
PS mass: enlarged scale; $N_f=7$



$N_f=7$: $\beta = 6.0$: effective masses at $K=0.1413$

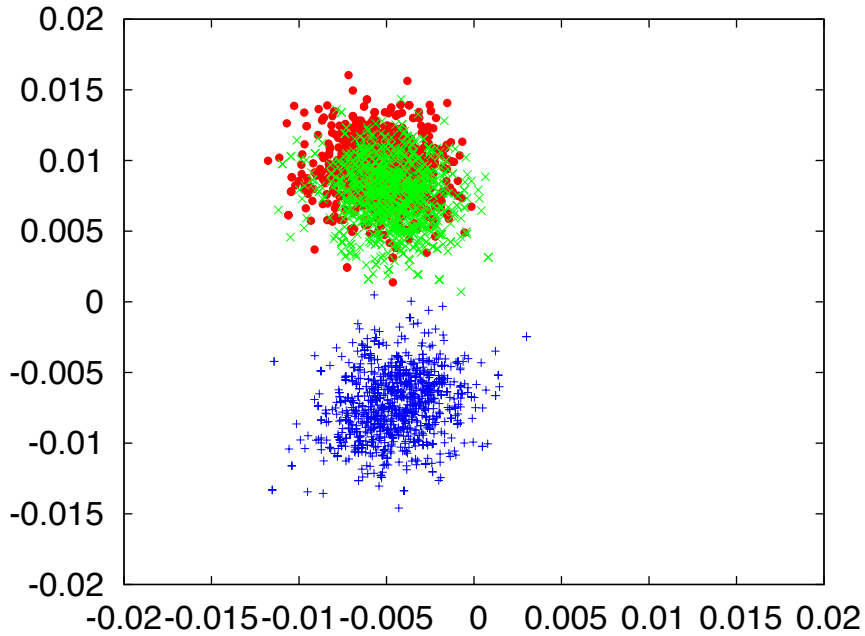


Yukawa-type decay
 $m \rightarrow 0.56$



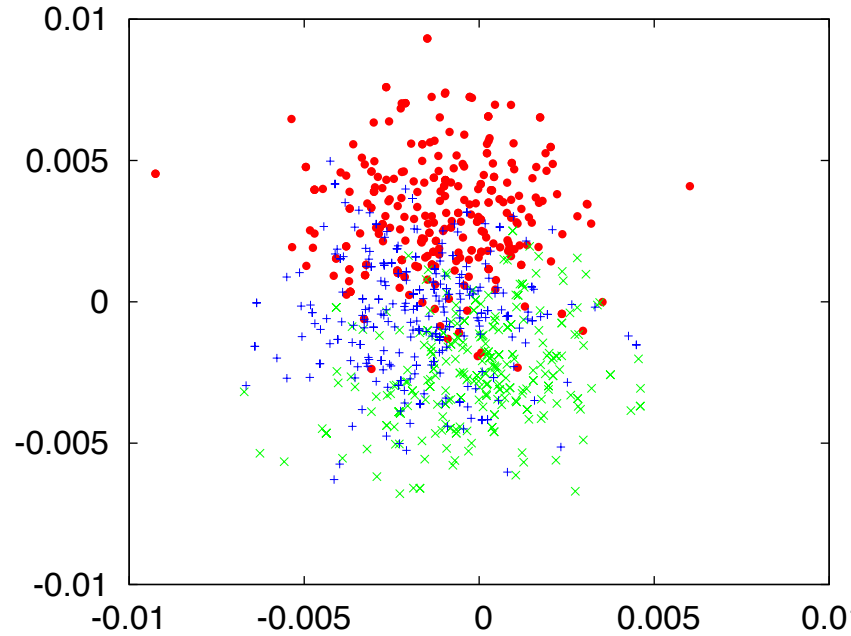
Exponential-type decay
 $m \rightarrow 0.59$

Polyakov loops : $N_f=7$



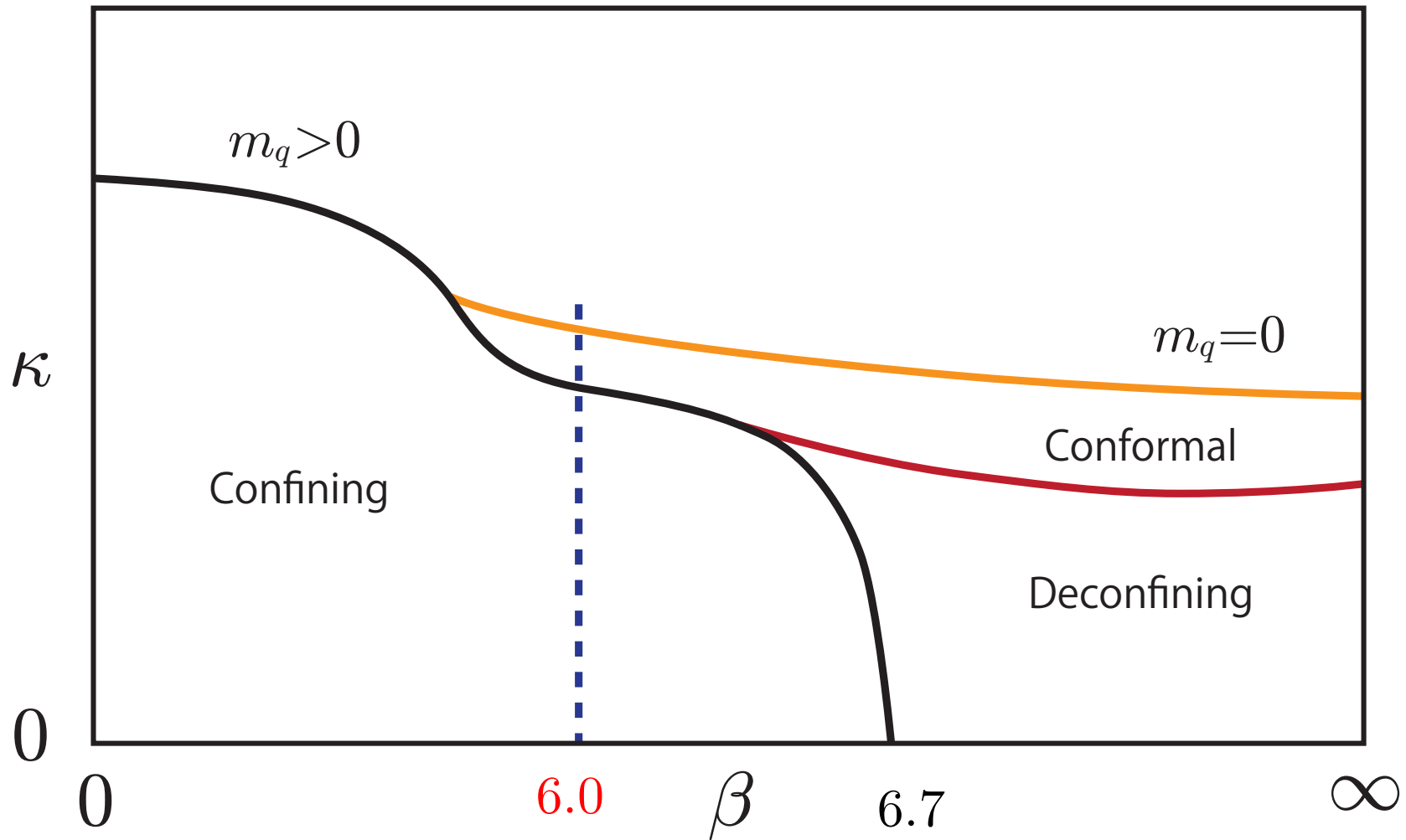
Inside the conformal region

$$P_x, P_y, P_z \simeq 0.01 \exp(\pm i 2\pi/3)$$



Outside the conformal region
Typical in the confining region

Phase structure on a finite lattice: $N_f=7$



$N_f=12$: $\beta=6.0$ and $\beta=8.0$

Investigate the state outside the conformal region

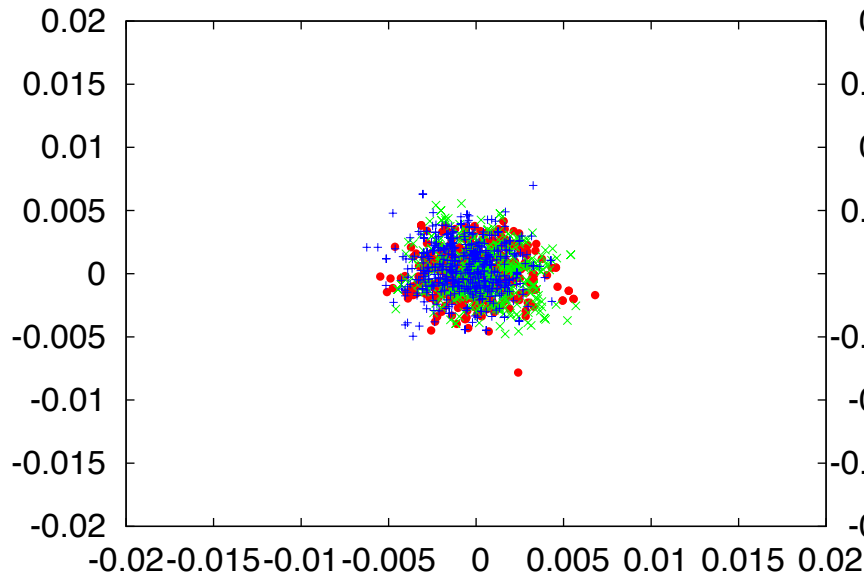
First, Polyakov loops

Then, the m_q dependence of m_{PS}

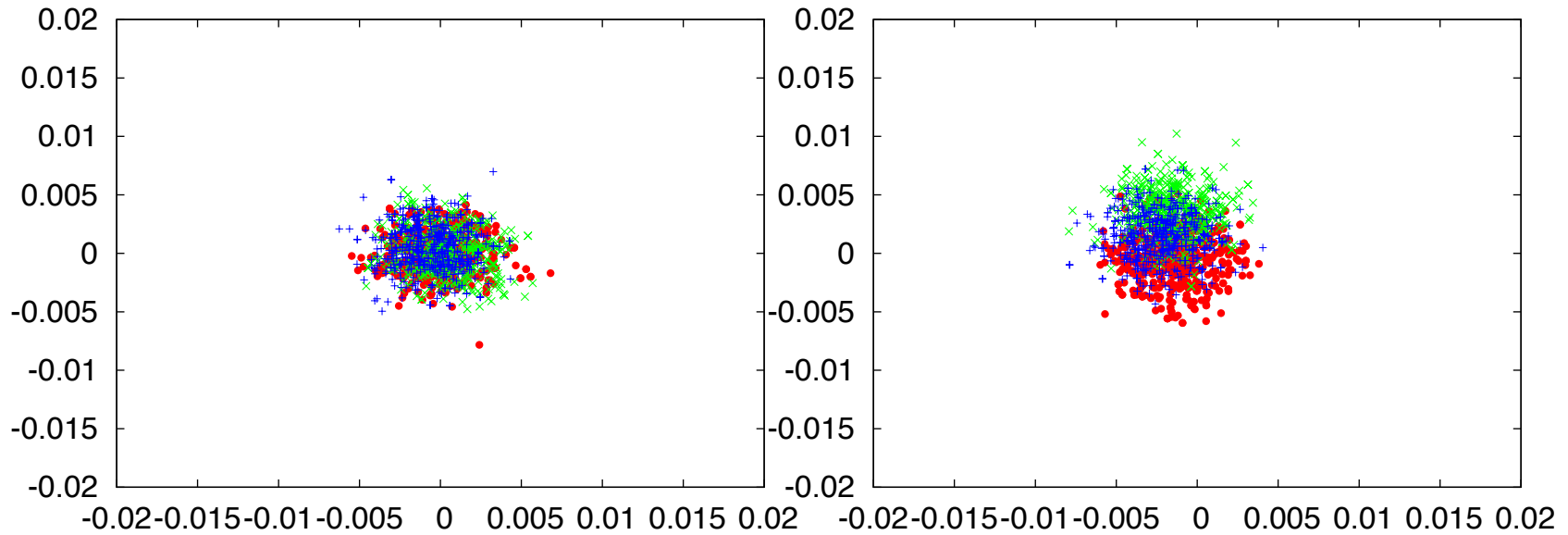
Polyakov loops outside the conformal region :Nf=12

Beta=6.0

Polyakov loop; Nf=12, beta=6.0, K=0.120



Polyakov loop; Nf=12, beta=6.0, K=0.130_h



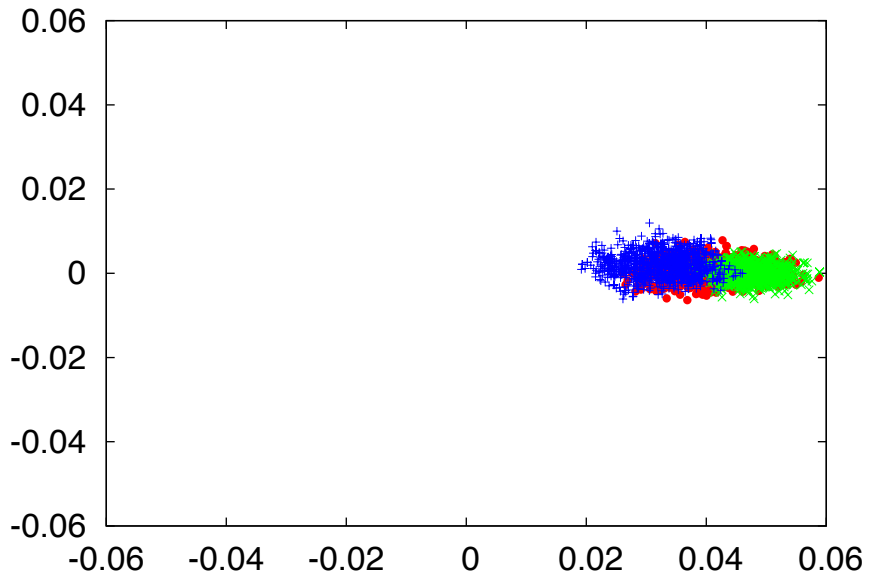
$$P_x, P_y, P_z \simeq 0$$

Characteristic in the confining region

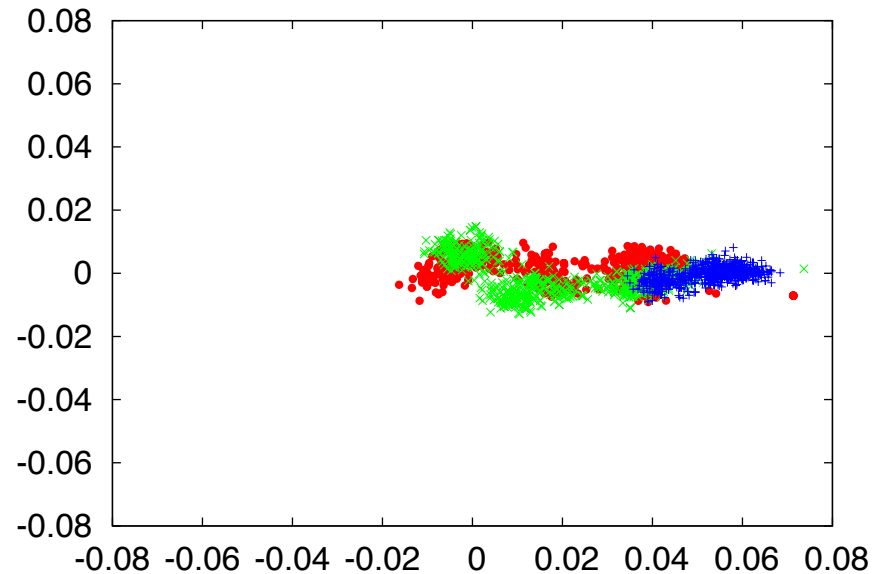
Polyakov loops outside the conformal region :Nf=12

Beta=8.0

Polyakov loop; Nf=12, beta=8.0, K=0.120



Polyakov loop; Nf=12, beta=8.0, K=0.130



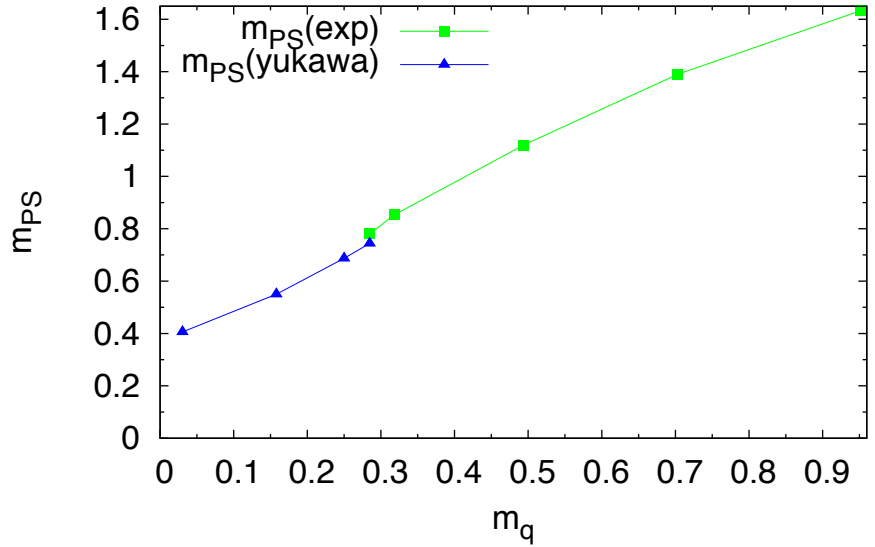
$$P_x, P_y, P_z \simeq 0.01 \sim 0.06$$

Characteristic in the deconfining region

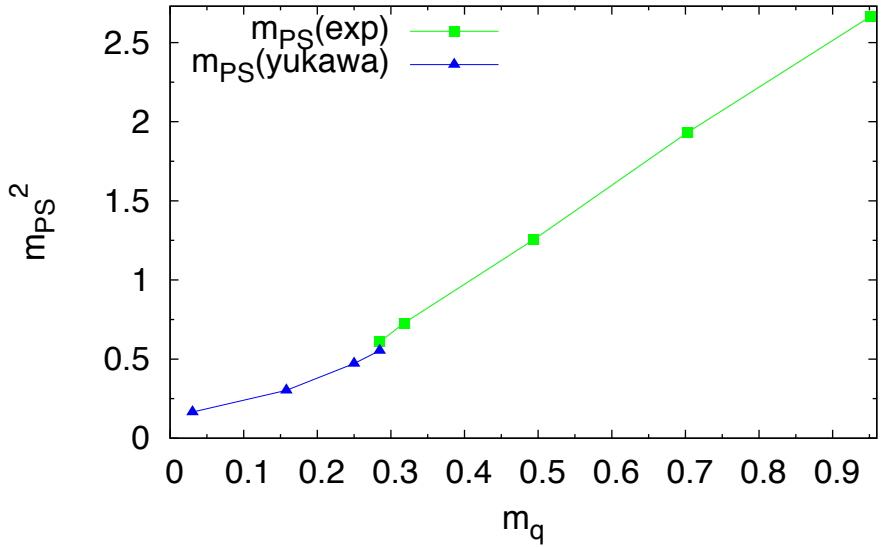
Mq dependence of m_{PS} outside the conformal region

Beta=6.0

m_{PS} vs m_q : Nf=12; beta=6.0



m_{PS}^2 vs m_q : Nf=12; beta=6.0

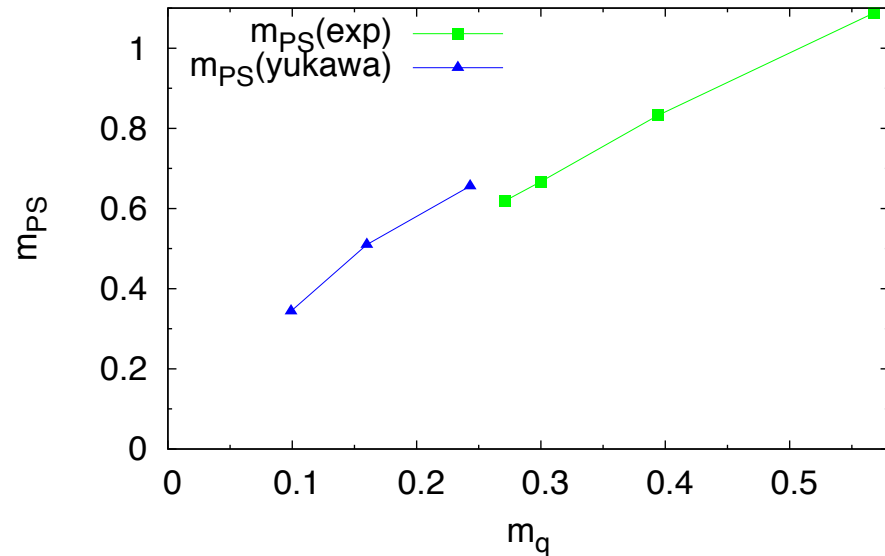


$m_{PS}^2 \sim m_q$ is favorable as expected

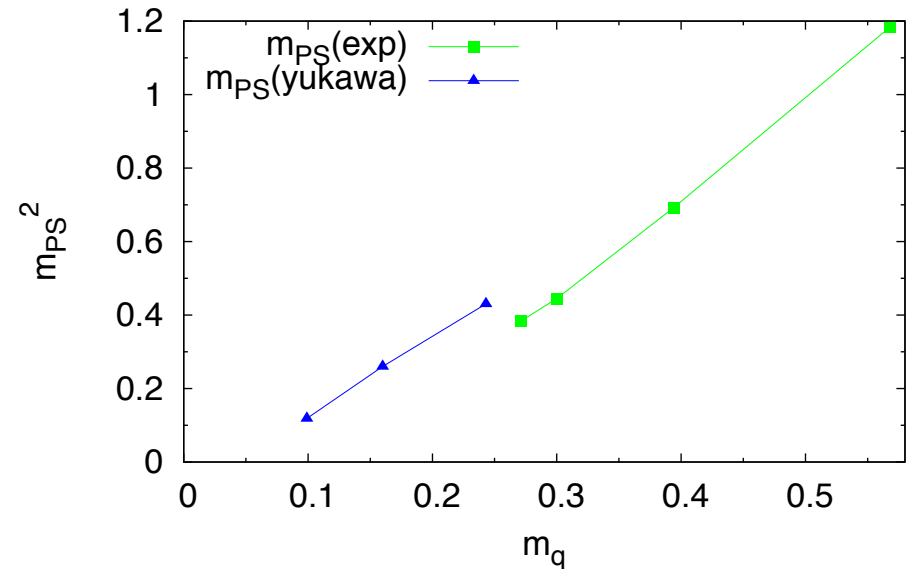
Mq dependence of $m_{\{PS\}}$ outside the conformal region

Beta=8.0

m_{PS} vs m_q ; Nf=12; beta=8.0

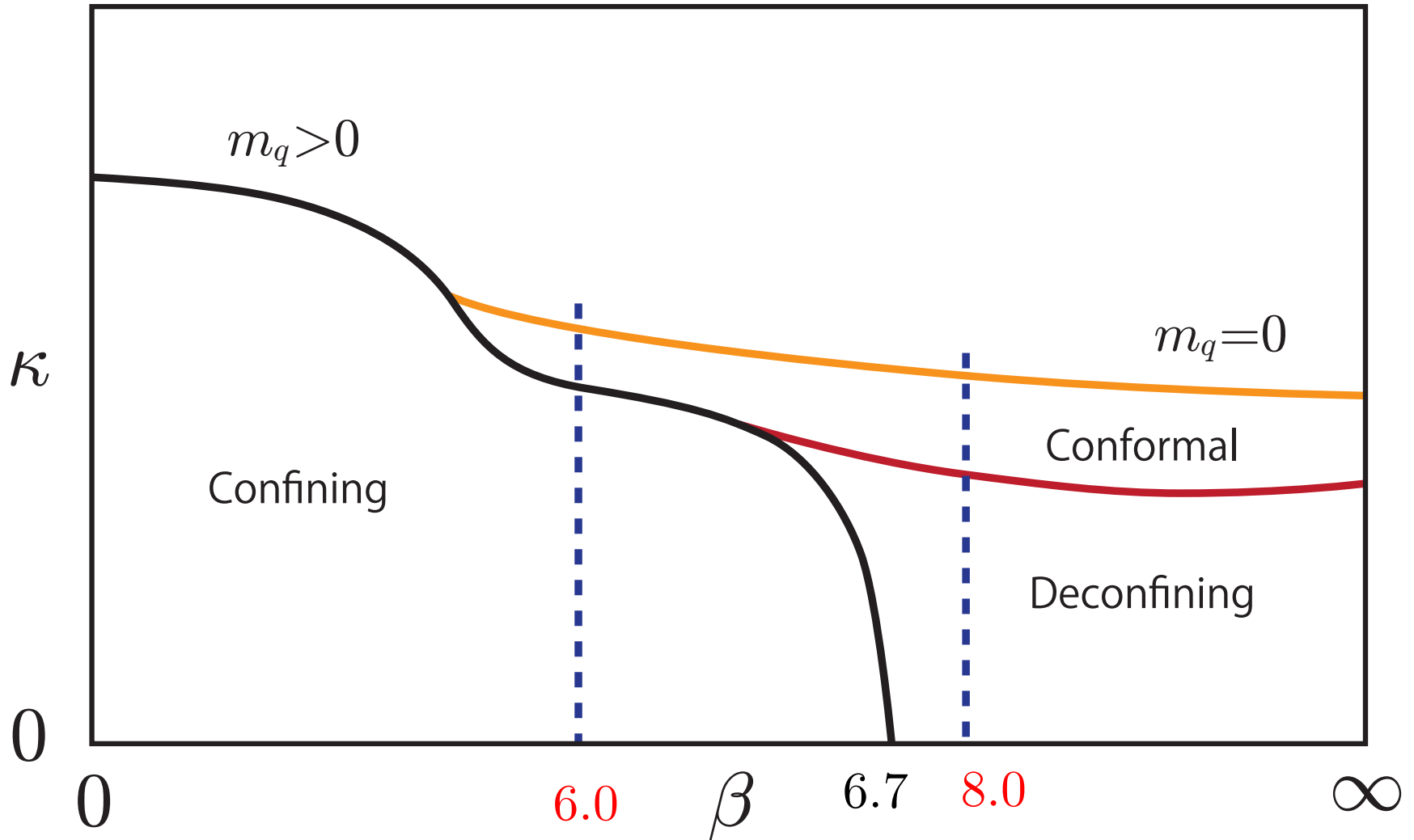


m_{PS}^2 vs m_q ; Nf=12; beta=8.0



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Phase structure on a finite lattice: $N_f=12$



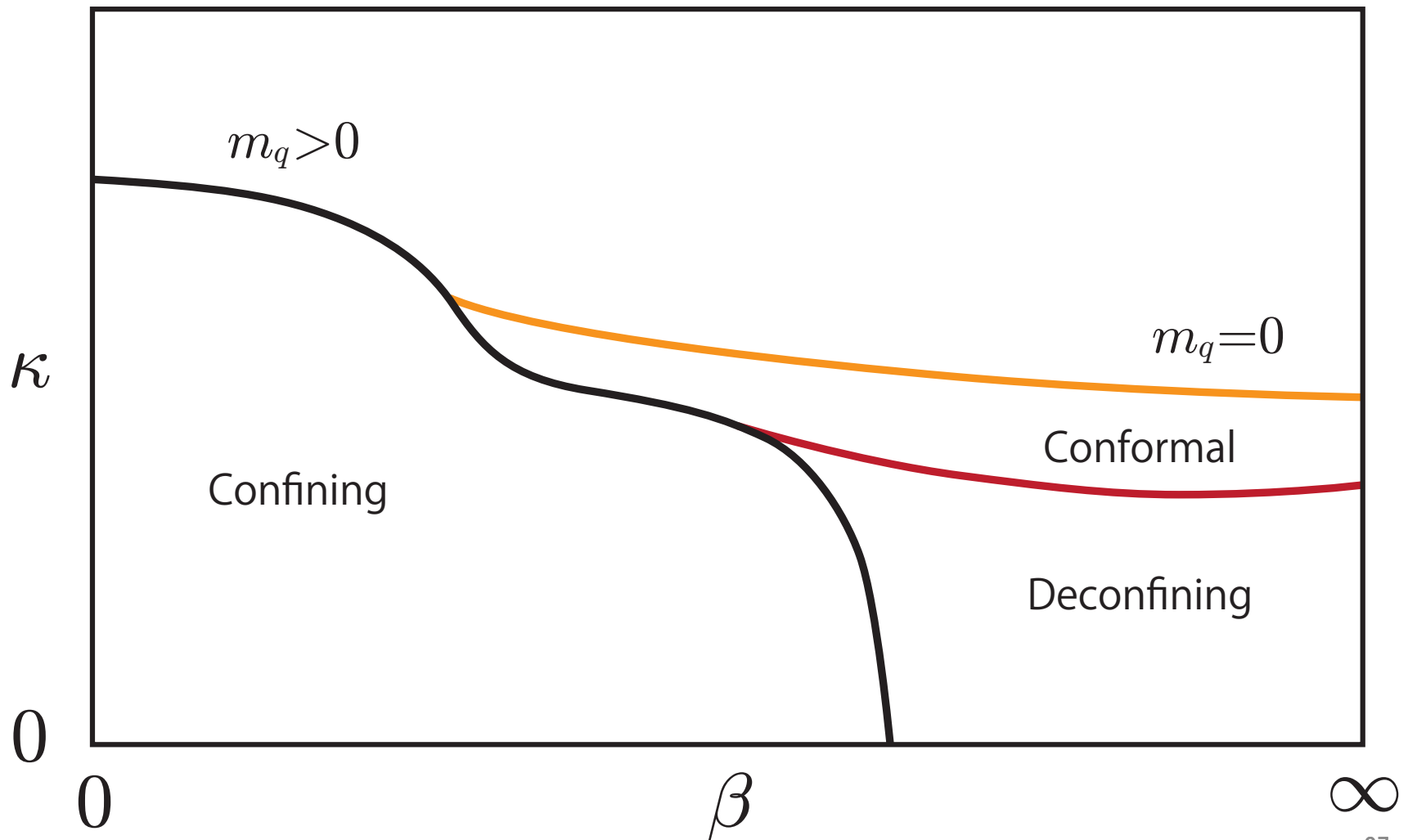
Cautious remark

The m_q dependence of $m_{\{PS\}}$ outside the conformal region is determined by the lattice size and the beta

It is irrelevant to the conformal behavior

In order to obtain conformal properties, one should be inside the conformal region

Conclusion: Phase structure on a finite lattice



Summary

We have verified

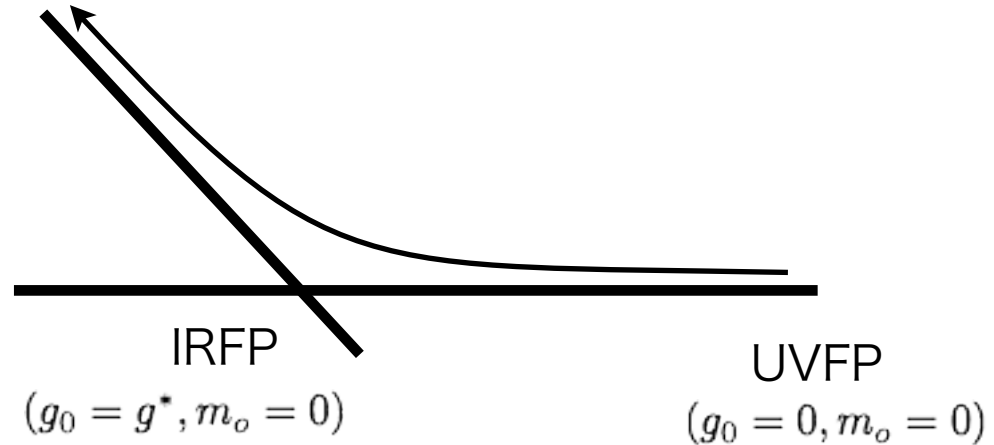
- The existence of the conformal region in Conformal QCD ($N_f=7, 12, 16$) on a $16^3 \times 64$ lattice
- The vacuum in the conformal region is close to the $Z(3)$ twisted vacuum
- The boundary between the conformal region and the confining (deconfining) region is first order transition
- The m_q dependence of $m_{\{PS\}}$ outside the conformal region is irrelevant to the conformal behavior

Thank you

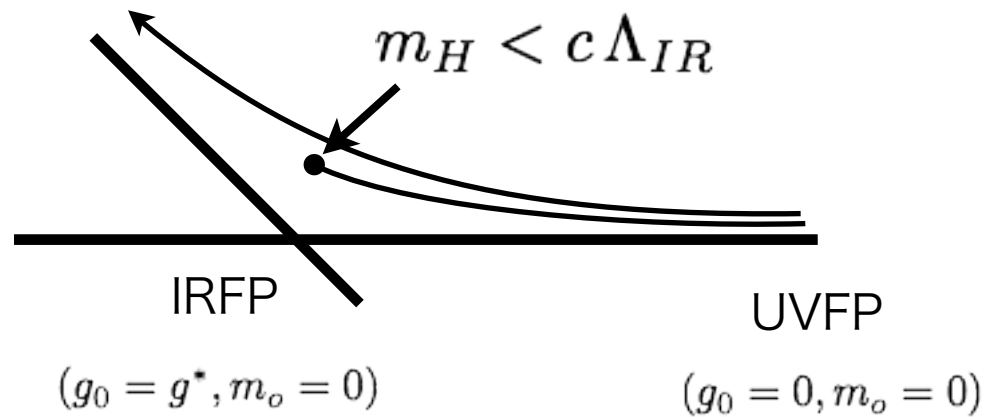
Appendix

RG argument

$$\Lambda_{IR} = 0$$



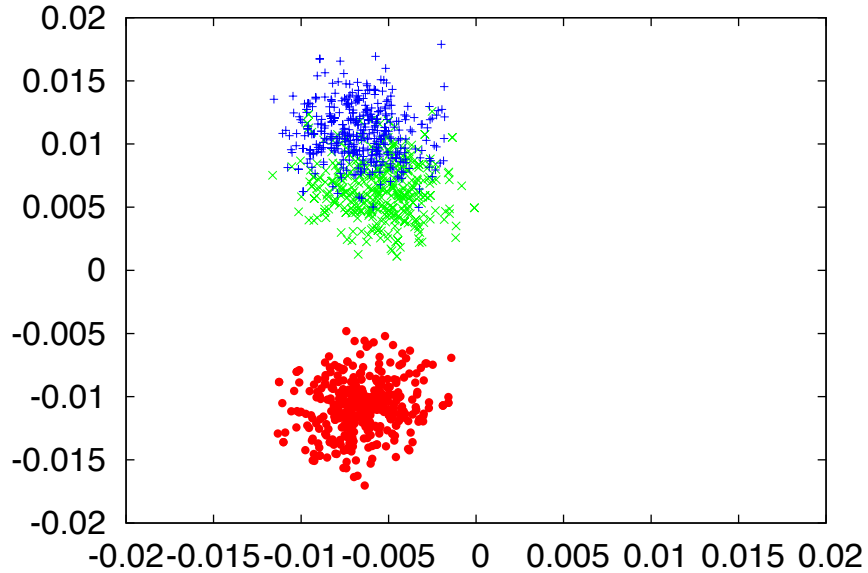
$$\Lambda_{IR} = \textit{finite}$$



Nf=12 inside the conformal region

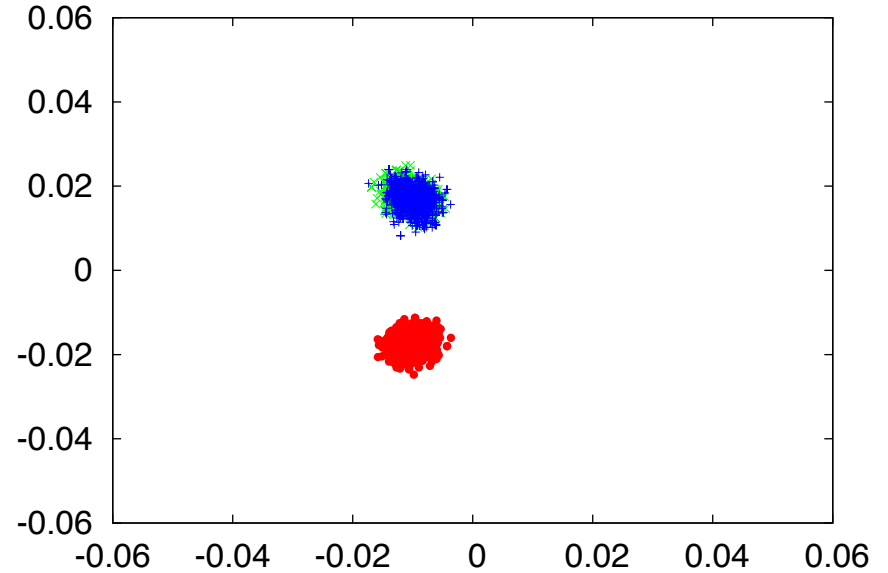
beta=6.0

Polyakov loop; Nf=12, beta=6.0, K=0.140



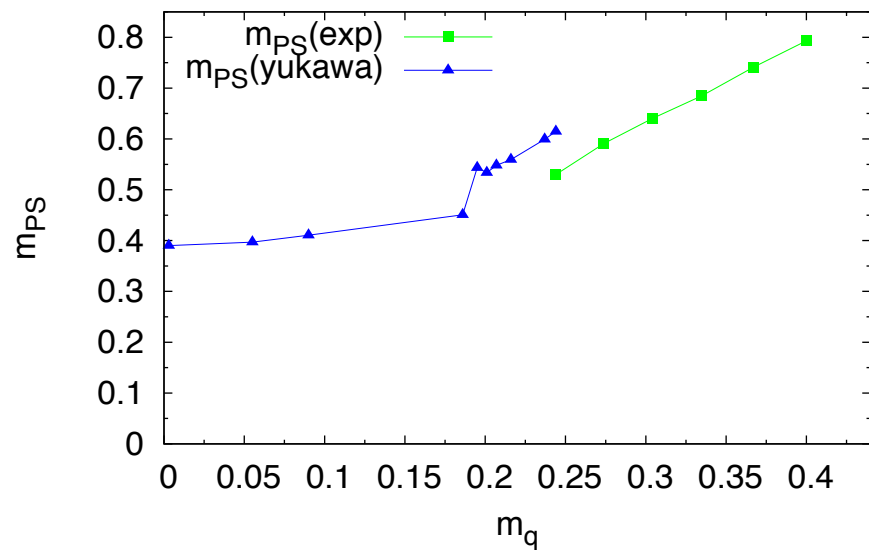
beta=8.0

Polyakov loop; Nf=12, beta=8.0, K=0.144

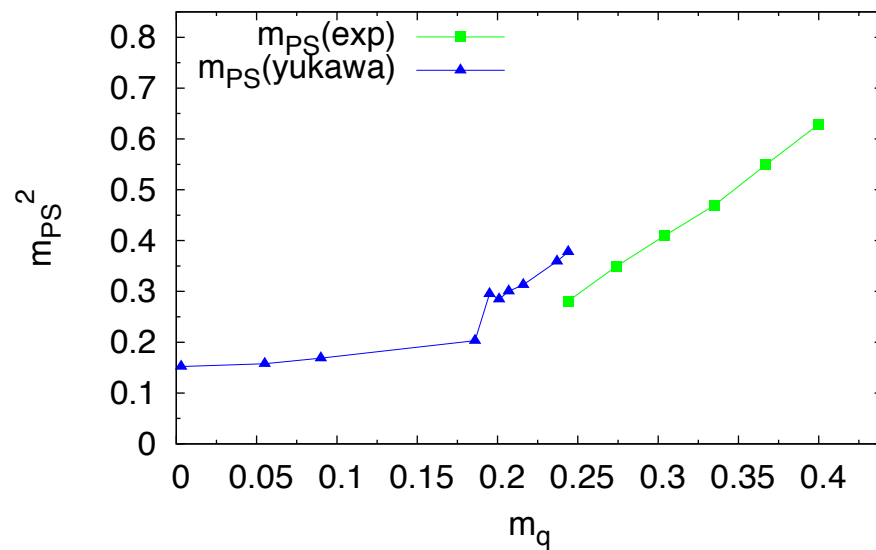


Nf=16: m_q vs. m_{PS}

m_{PS} vs m_q : Nf=16; beta=11.5

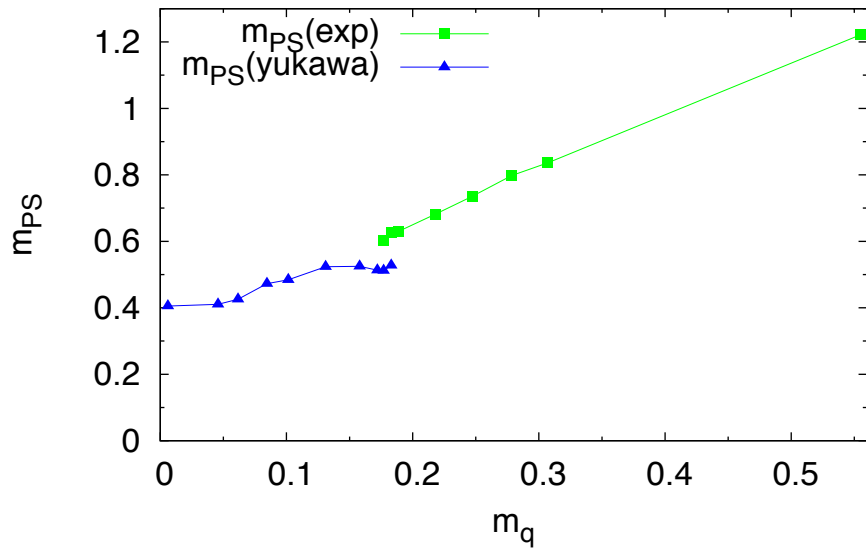


m_{PS}^2 vs m_q : Nf=16; beta=11.5

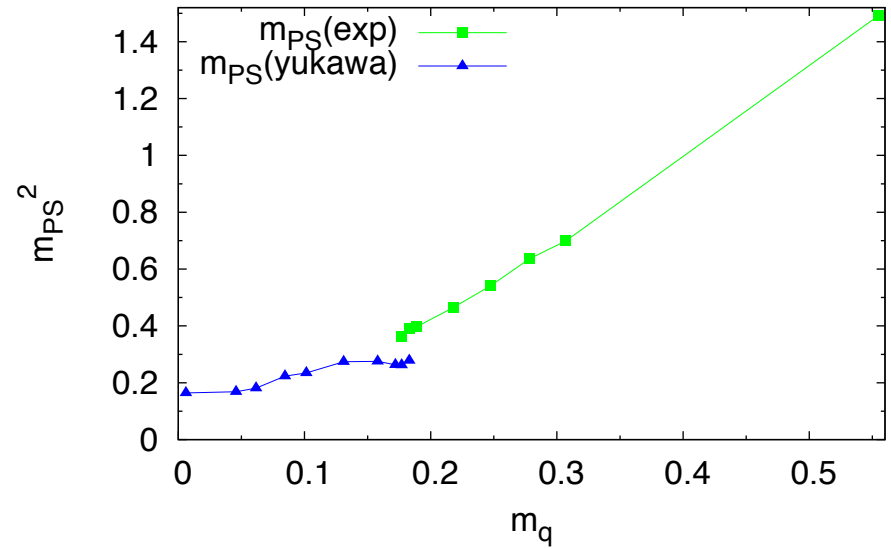


Nf=7: m_q vs. m_{PS}

m_{PS} vs m_q : Nf=7; beta=6.0



m_{PS}^2 vs m_q : Nf=7; beta=6.0



1 vacuum

1.1 Periodic boundary condition

In general quantum mechanics, the one-loop corrections to the zero-temperature vacuum energy (which is same as $\pm \text{Tr} \log(D)$) is obtained by

$$E = \sum_{\text{boson}} \frac{E_B}{2} - \sum_{\text{fermion}} \frac{E_F}{2}. \quad (1)$$

The most generic Wilson line (in fundamental rep of $SU(3)$) would be

$$\begin{aligned} U_x &= \exp(i \int A_x dx) = \text{diag}(e^{i2\pi a_x}, e^{i2\pi b_x}, e^{i2\pi c_x}) \\ U_y &= \exp(i \int A_y dy) = \text{diag}(e^{i2\pi a_y}, e^{i2\pi b_y}, e^{i2\pi c_y}) \\ U_z &= \exp(i \int A_z dz) = \text{diag}(e^{i2\pi a_z}, e^{i2\pi b_z}, e^{i2\pi c_z}) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

with $a_x + b_x + c_x = 1$ and so on (in general it can be integer) from the unitary condition. Note that $a_x = b_x = c_x = \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$ gives a non-trivial center of the gauge group.

For free Wilson fermion, the energy can be obtained by

$$\begin{aligned} k^2[k_x, k_y, k_z] &= (\sin(k_x))^2 + (\sin(k_y))^2 + (\sin(k_z))^2 \\ m^2[k_x, k_y, k_z] &= (m_q + 3 - \cos(k_x) - \cos(k_y) - \cos(k_z))^2 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where m_q is the quark mass in the action, with the implicit form:

$$\cosh(E[k_x, k_y, k_z]) = 1 + \frac{k^2 + m^2}{2(1 + m)}. \quad (4)$$

If we do the singular gauge transformation, the Wilson-line can be encoded in the twisted boundary condition for the quark field, which in turn changes momentum quantization in the summation. Therefore the one-loop potential (note there are three differently colored quarks) is obtained by

$$\begin{aligned} -V(\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}) &= \sum_{n_x=a_x}^{N-1+a_x} \sum_{n_y=a_y}^{N-1+a_y} \sum_{n_z=a_z}^{N-1+a_z} E[2\pi n_x/N, 2\pi n_y/N, 2\pi n_z/N] \\ &+ \sum_{n_x=b_x}^{N-1+b_x} \sum_{n_y=b_y}^{N-1+b_y} \sum_{n_z=b_z}^{N-1+b_z} E[2\pi n_x/N, 2\pi n_y/N, 2\pi n_z/N] \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \sum_{n_x=c_x}^{N-1+c_x} \sum_{n_y=c_y}^{N-1+c_y} \sum_{n_z=c_z}^{N-1+c_z} E[2\pi n_x/N, 2\pi n_y/N, 2\pi n_z/N] . \quad (5)$$

The summation is taken for $n_x = a_x, a_x + 1, a_x + 2, \dots$. In the figure, I subtracted $V(0, 0, 0)$ since the absolute value is unphysical.

The gauge field contribution can be estimated as follow. For $SU(3)$, the adjoint representation (octet) of the gauge group obtains the shift of momentum in $(a-b), (b-a), (c-a), (a-c), (b-c), (c-b), 0, 0$. This can be understood as follows. Set $A_\mu = A_\mu^0 + \delta A_\mu$, where A_μ^0 is the background field that gives the specified Wilson line. The gauge transformation is given by $A_\mu^0 \rightarrow U^\dagger A_\mu^0 U + U^\dagger \partial_\mu U$ and $\delta A_\mu \rightarrow U^\dagger \delta A_\mu U$ (with $\psi \rightarrow U\psi$ for fundamental matter). Now, we use the singular gauge transformation to get rid of A_μ^0 . Then the matrix U acts as the twisted boundary condition for the fluctuation δA_μ (and matter field ψ), which transforms as adjoint representation of the gauge group. This leads to the above mentioned shift of momentum. The path integral over δA_μ gives the one-loop energy from the one-loop determinant (it is instructive to see that when $a = b = c = 1/3$, there is no contribution to the potential due to center symmetry).

One can compute the one-loop shift of energy (vacuum energy) by using the similar formula to the above by the momentum shift for the adjoint representation.

$$+V(\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}) = \sum_{n_x=a_x-b_x}^{N-1+a_x-b_x} \sum_{n_y=a_y-b_y}^{N-1+a_y-b_y} \sum_{n_z=a_z-b_z}^{N-1+a_z-b_z} E[2\pi n_x/N, 2\pi n_y/N, 2\pi n_z/N] + \dots . \quad (6)$$

Here $E(\vec{k})$ should be determined from the pole of the propagator of the gauge fields. I used massless limit of (4) in the potential computation.

The effective energy in terms of (a_x, b_y) is shown in Fig.???. The minimum is at $(a_x = 1/3, b_y = 1/3)$.

1.2 Antiperiodic boundary condition

We could instead use the anti-periodic boundary condition for the quarks. With the above Wilson line introduced, the one-loop potential for quark fields becomes

$$-V(\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}) = \sum_{n_x=a_x+1/2}^{N-1+a_x+1/2} \sum_{n_y=a_y+1/2}^{N-1+a_y+1/2} \sum_{n_z=a_z+1/2}^{N-1+a_z+1/2} E[2\pi n_x/N, 2\pi n_y/N, 2\pi n_z/N]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{n_x=b_x+1/2}^{N-1+b_x+1/2} \sum_{n_y=b_y+1/2}^{N-1+b_y+1/2} \sum_{n_z=b_z+1/2}^{N-1+b_z+1/2} E[2\pi n_x/N, 2\pi n_y/N, 2\pi n_z/N] \\
& + \sum_{n_x=c_x+1/2}^{N-1+c_x+1/2} \sum_{n_y=c_y+1/2}^{N-1+c_y+1/2} \sum_{n_z=c_z+1/2}^{N-1+c_z+1/2} E[2\pi n_x/N, 2\pi n_y/N, 2\pi n_z/N] .
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

The one-loop potential from gauge field does not change. We realize that $a_i = b_i = c_i = 0$ is the minimum of the total potential (by computing the potential with mathematica).