

# Twisted volume reduction in large N QCD

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We study large N QCD using twisted volume reduced model.

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- Eguchi-Kawai model, PRL 48 (1982) 1063.

Eguchi-Kawai model is obtained from the usual SU(N) lattice gauge theory

$$Z_W = \int \prod_{x,\mu} dU_{x,\mu} \exp \left\{ bN \sum_x \sum_{\mu \neq \nu=1}^d \text{Tr} \left( I - U_{x,\mu} U_{x+\mu,\nu} U_{x+\nu,\mu}^\dagger U_{x,\nu}^\dagger \right) \right\}$$

by neglecting the space-time dependence of the link variables

$$U_{x,\mu} \rightarrow U_\mu \quad \rightarrow \downarrow$$

$$Z_{EK} = \int \prod_\mu dU_\mu \exp \left\{ bN \sum_{\mu \neq \nu=1}^d \text{Tr} \left( I - U_\mu U_\nu U_\mu^\dagger U_\nu^\dagger \right) \right\}, \quad b = \frac{1}{g^2 N}$$

In the same way, Wilson loop is defined by

$$W_W(C) = \left\langle \text{Tr} \left( U_{x,\mu} U_{x+\mu,\nu} \cdots U_{x-\rho,\rho} \right) \right\rangle$$

$$W_{EK}(C) = \left\langle \text{Tr} \left( U_\mu U_\nu \cdots U_\rho \right) \right\rangle$$

Eguchi and Kawai show that in the large  $N$  limit, the Schwinger-Dyson eqs. satisfied by Wilson loops are identical in both theories provided that the  $Z(N)^d$  symmetry

$$U_\mu \rightarrow e^{i\theta_\mu} U_\mu, \quad e^{i\theta_\mu} \in Z(N)$$

of the EK model is not spontaneously broken.

SD eqs. are identical except for the contributions from open loops

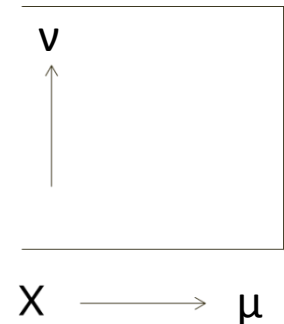
In the usual theory, expectation values of open loops are zero due to Local gauge invariance

$$\left\langle \text{Tr}(U_{x,\mu} U_{x+\mu,\nu} U_{x+\nu,\mu}^\dagger) \right\rangle = 0$$

In the EK model, if the  $Z(N)^d$  symmetry is not spontaneously broken expectation values of open loops are zero

$$\left\langle \text{Tr} U_\mu U_\nu U_\mu^\dagger \right\rangle = e^{i\theta_\nu} \left\langle \text{Tr} U_\mu U_\nu U_\mu^\dagger \right\rangle$$

$$\therefore \left\langle \text{Tr}(U_\mu U_\nu U_\mu^\dagger) \right\rangle = 0$$



Bhanot, Heller and Neuberger found, however, that this symmetry is broken spontaneously in the weak coupling region (1982).

The vacuum configurations  $U_\mu^{(0)}$  having zero action satisfy

$$\text{Tr}(I - U_\mu^{(0)}U_\nu^{(0)}U_\mu^{(0)\dagger}U_\nu^{(0)\dagger}) = 0$$

$$\therefore U_\mu^{(0)}U_\nu^{(0)} = U_\nu^{(0)}U_\mu^{(0)}$$

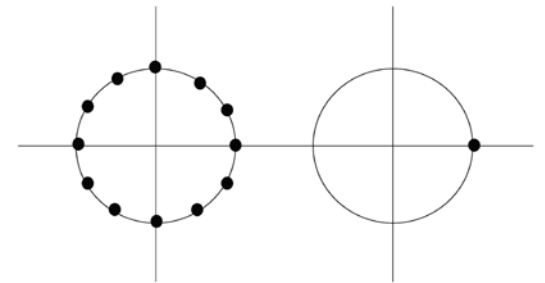
Thus  $U_\mu^{(0)}$  are diagonal matrices. Let  $e^{i\theta_\alpha}$  ( $\alpha=1,N$ ) be their eigenvalues. Bhanot, Heller and Neuberger found that, in the weak coupling region, there exist an attractive forces between different  $\theta_\alpha$ . As a result,  $\theta_\alpha$  tend to have same value.

Thus  $U_\mu^{(0)}$  are proportional to the unit matrix, then

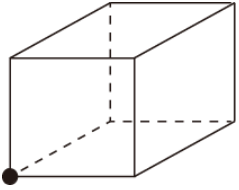
$$\text{Tr} U_\mu^{(0)} \neq 0$$

$Z(N)^d$  symmetry is broken in the weak coupling

$\text{Tr} U_\mu^{(0)} = \sum_\alpha e^{i\theta_\alpha}$  is the simplest order parameter



- Twisted Eguchi-Kawai model, PRD 27 (1983) 2397.



EK model can be viewed as the usual Wilson gauge theory having only one site with the periodic boundary conditions.

We introduce twisted boundary conditions in  $SU(N)$ ,  $N = L^2$  theory

$$S_{TEK} = bN \sum_{\mu \neq \nu=1}^d \text{Tr} \left( I - Z_{\mu\nu} U_{\mu} U_{\nu} U_{\mu}^{\dagger} U_{\nu}^{\dagger} \right)$$

$$Z_{\mu\nu} = \exp \left( k \frac{2\pi i}{L} \right), \quad Z_{\nu\mu} = Z_{\mu\nu}^*, \quad \mu > \nu$$

$$Z_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & z^{*k} & z^{*k} & z^{*k} \\ z^k & 1 & z^{*k} & z^{*k} \\ z^k & z^k & 1 & z^{*k} \\ z^k & z^k & z^k & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$z = \exp \left( \frac{2\pi i}{L} \right)$$

$k, L$  : co-prime,  $k/L$  fixed as we go  $N = L^2 \rightarrow \infty$

$$\text{Tr} ( I - z_{\mu\nu} U_{\mu}^{(0)} U_{\nu}^{(0)} U_{\mu}^{(0)\dagger} U_{\nu}^{(0)\dagger} ) = 0$$

$$\therefore U_{\nu}^{(0)} U_{\mu}^{(0)} = z_{\mu\nu} U_{\mu}^{(0)} U_{\nu}^{(0)}$$

We can construct  $\Gamma_\mu$  from 't Hooft matrices  $P_L$ ,  $Q_L$  as

$$P_L = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & \\ & 0 & 1 & & \\ & & \cdot & & \\ & & & \cdot & 1 \\ 1 & & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q_L = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \\ & z & & & \\ & & z^2 & & \\ & & & \cdot & \\ & & & & z^{L-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad z = \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i}{L}\right)$$

$$P_L Q_L = z Q_L P_L$$

$P_L, Q_L : L \times L$  matrices

$$\Gamma_1 = P_L \otimes I_L$$

$$\Gamma_2 = Q_L^k \otimes P_L$$

$$\Gamma_3 = Q_L^k \otimes P_L Q_L^k$$

$$\Gamma_4 = Q_L^k \otimes Q_L^k$$

$\Gamma_\mu : N \times N$  matrices,  $N = L^2$

$$\Gamma_\nu \Gamma_\mu = z^k \Gamma_\mu \Gamma_\nu, \quad \mu > \nu$$

The order parameters of  $Z(L)^4$  symmetry  $U_\mu \rightarrow zU_\mu$  of the TEK action are

$$\langle \text{Tr}(U_\mu^\ell) \rangle, \quad \ell = 1 \sim (L-1)$$

For the classical vacuum  $U_\mu^{(0)} = \Gamma_\mu$ , it is straightforward to show

$$\text{Tr}(U_\mu^{(0)\ell}) = \text{Tr}(\Gamma_\mu^\ell) = 0, \quad \ell = 1 \sim (L-1) \quad ; \quad \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr}(\Gamma_\mu^L) = 1$$

Then the Schwinger-Dyson eqs. satisfied by the TEK model and the corresponding lattice theory are identical in the large L limit.

We naturally expect that both theories are equivalent even nonperturbatively.

A. Gonzalez-Arroyo and M. O. 1983  $k = 1$



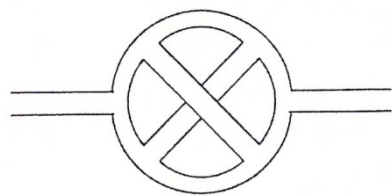
Propagator is identical to that of the lattice theory on  $V = L^4 = N^2$ .  
 $L^4 = N^2$  is the number of degree of freedom of SU(N) matrix !

If we introduce interactions, there appears phase factor in each vertex.  
**However, they cancel completely in planar diagram.**

For non-planar diagrams, phase factor survives, which oscillates very rapidly in the large N limit, and suppressing the contribution of non-planar diagram.



**no phase factor remains**

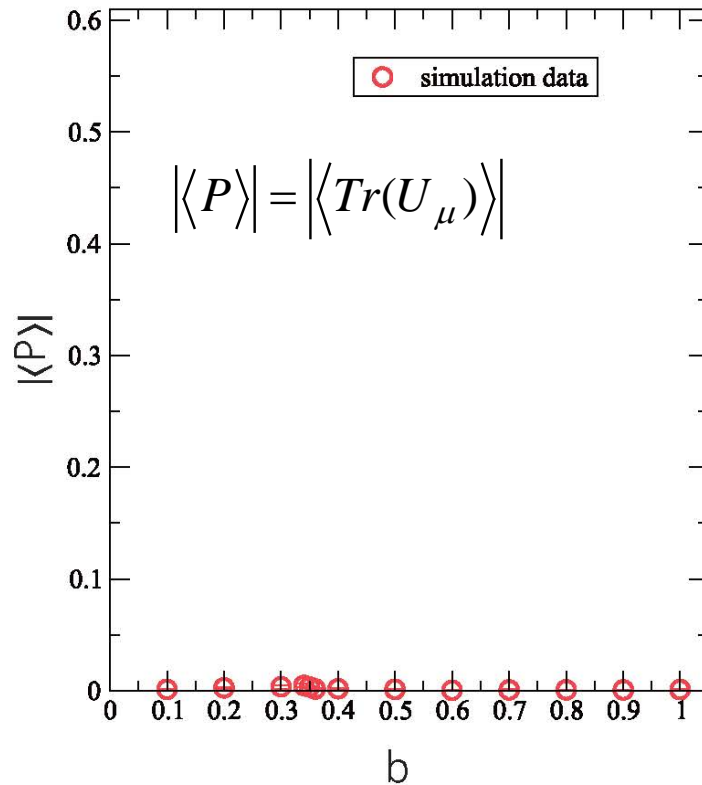


$$\int dp \exp[i\bar{k} L f(p)] \xrightarrow{L \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

$$k\bar{k} = 1 \pmod{L}$$

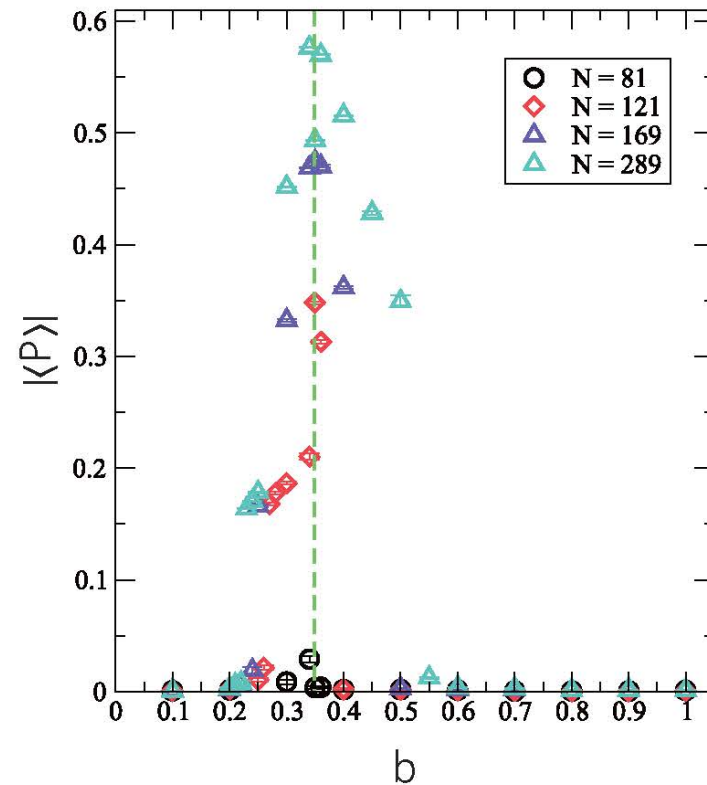
In 2003, Tomomi Ishikawa and M. O. found that in the intermediate coupling region,  $\langle \text{Tr}(U_\mu) \rangle \neq 0$  for  $N > 100$  with  $k=1$ .

$N=64, k=1$



$Z_L^4$  symmetry is not broken all over the coupling region.

$k=1$



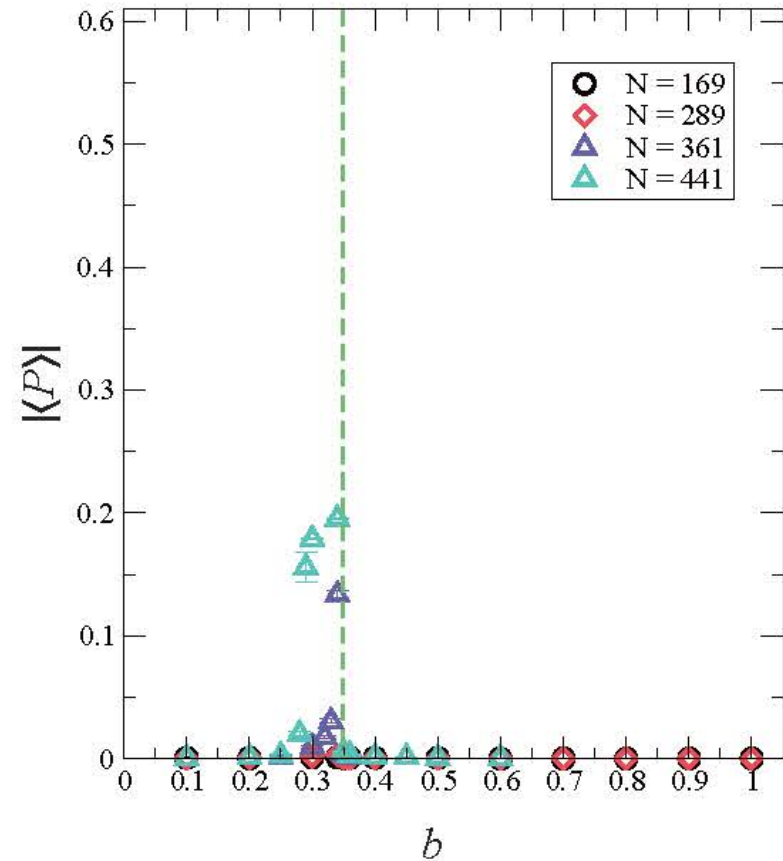
$Z_L^4$  symmetry is broken in the intermediate region for  $N > 100$

$$k = 2$$

We also found that

$Z(L)^4$  symmetry is broken

for  $N \geq 360$  with  $k=2$ .



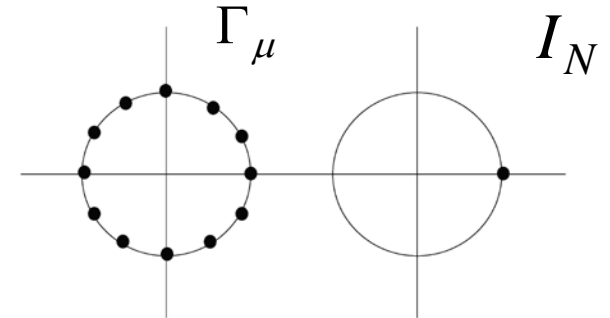
$Z_L^4$  symmetry is broken in the intermediate region for  $N \gtrsim 360$ .

Why  $Z(L)^4$  symmetry is broken ?

$k=1$  M. Teper, H. Vairinhops (2007)

general  $k$  A. Gonzalez-Arroyo, M. O. JHEP 07 (2010) 043.

In the  $Z(L)^4$  symmetry broken phase,  
the eigenvalues of  $U_\mu$  attract each other  
in the complex plane, thus  $U_\mu^{(0)} \sim I_N$



It is then the competition of **energy gap** and **entropy**  
between two configurations

$$E(U_\mu^{(0)} = \Gamma_\mu) = 0$$

$$E(U_\mu^{(0)} = I_N) = 12bN^2 \left( 1 - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi k}{L}\right) \right) \sim O(bN), \quad \text{for } k = 1$$

$$\sim O(bN^2), \quad \text{for finite } k / L$$

Entropy of  $U_\mu^{(0)} \sim I_N$  is always larger than that of  $U_\mu^{(0)} \sim \Gamma_\mu$   
and difference is of order  $O(N^2)$

So far, the arguments are perturbative, which we should not trust so much. We need non-perturbative study.

$k = 0$ :  $Z(L)$  symmetry is broken for  $L > 0$

$k = 1$ :  $Z(L)$  symmetry is broken for  $L > 10$

$k = 2$ :  $Z(L)$  symmetry is broken for  $L > 18$

$k = 3$ :  $Z(L)$  symmetry is broken for  $L > 28$

$k = 4$ :  $Z(L)$  symmetry is broken for  $L > 37$

The above numerical results strongly suggest that

$Z(L)^4$  symmetry is not broken for  $\frac{k}{L} > \frac{1}{9}$

We also found that  $k$  should not be chosen too large .

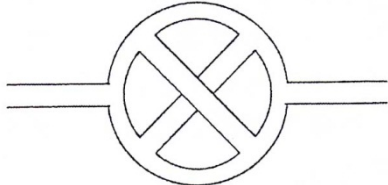
In fact, for  $k = \frac{L-1}{2}$  , we observe at  $L = 17, 19, 21, 23$

$$\langle \text{Tr}(U_\mu) \rangle = 0 \quad \text{but} \quad \langle \text{Tr}(U_\mu^2) \rangle \neq 0$$

We notice  $2k = L - 1 = 1 \pmod{L}$  , then  $\bar{k} = 2 \quad \left[ k\bar{k} = 1 \pmod{L} \right]$

Related to the tachyonic instability of  
the non-commutative field theory !

In any case, large value of  $\bar{k}$  is desirable  
to suppress non planer diagrams



$$\int dp \exp[i\bar{k} L f(p)] \xrightarrow{L \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

Take large  $L$  keeping  $k/L > 1/9$  with large  $\bar{k}$ .  $L$  and  $k$  co-prime.

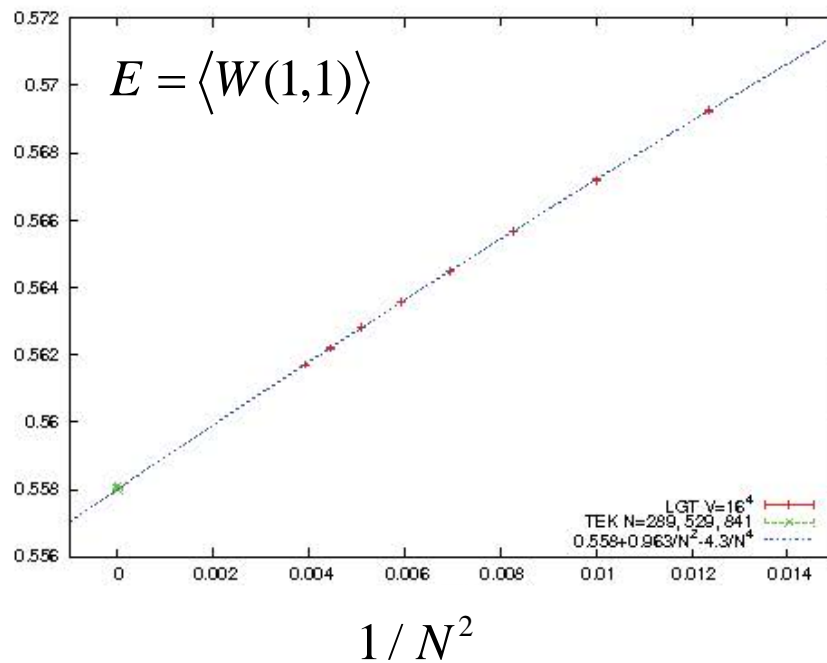
We mainly make numerical simulations  
for the following four parameter sets

$N$	$L$	$k$	$\bar{k}$
<u>289</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>529</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>841</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>1369</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>

We note  $\frac{k}{L} \sim \frac{\bar{k}}{L} \sim 0.3-0.4$  for all cases !

# N dependence of $W(1,1)$

Detailed comparison at  $b=0.36$



For  $V = 16^4$   $N = 9-16$

$$E = 0.55800(2) + \frac{0.963(6)}{N^2} - \frac{4.3(4)}{N^4}$$

$$E = 0.557998(5) \quad (N=841, k=9)$$

$$E = 0.557999(19) \quad (N=289, k=5)$$

$$E = 0.557991(13) \quad (N=529, k=7)$$



If the TEK model is correct nonperturbatively,  
we should be able to calculate the string tension.

In our reduced model, the Wilson loop  $W(R, T)$  is defined by

$$W(R, T) = Z_{\mu\nu}^{RT} \left\langle \text{Tr} \left( U_{\mu}^R U_{\nu}^T U_{\mu}^{\dagger R} U_{\nu}^{\dagger T} \right) \right\rangle \sim \sigma RT + \dots$$

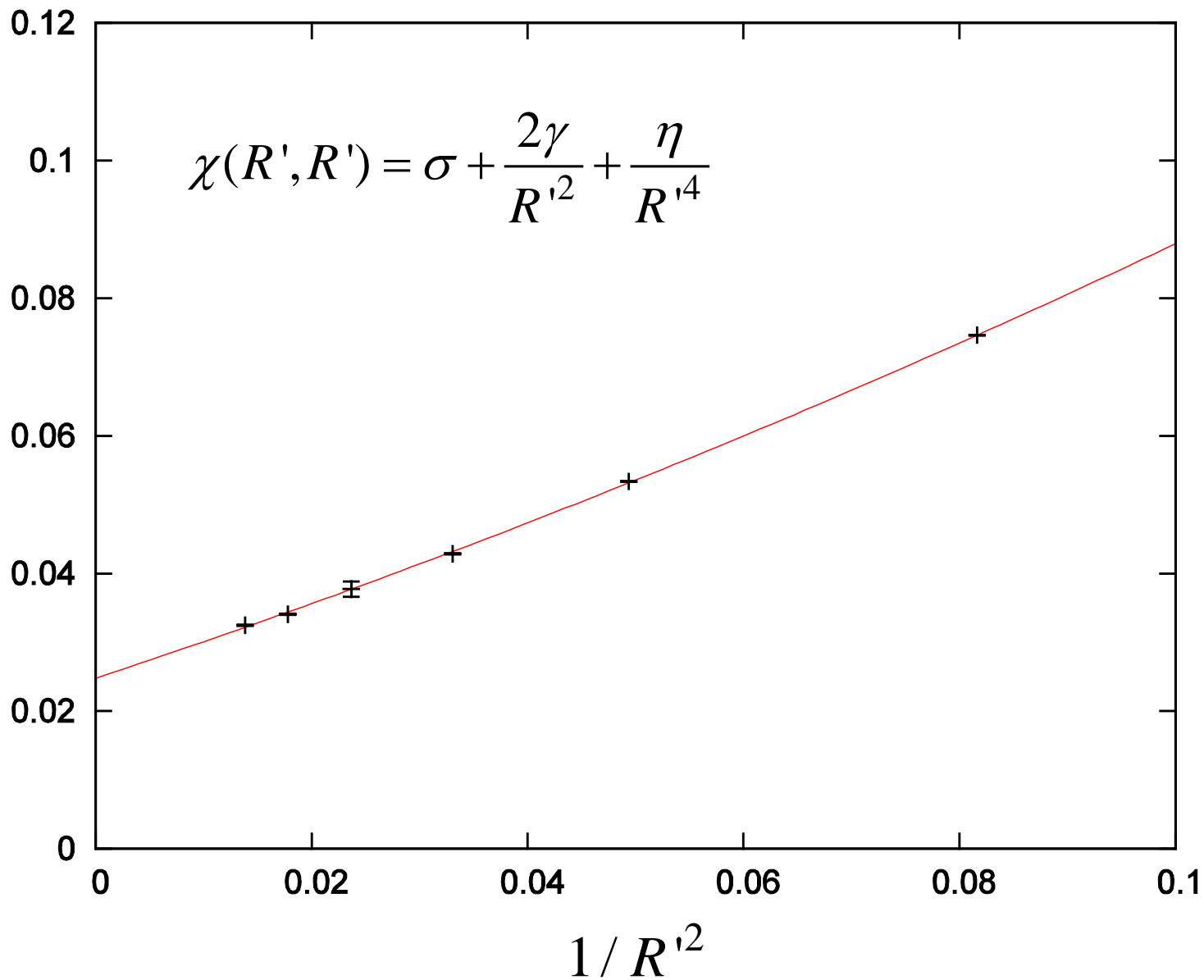
Then the string tension  $\sigma$  is obtained from Creutz ratio as

$$\chi(R', T') = -\log \frac{W(R'+0.5, T'+0.5)W(R'-0.5, T'-0.5)}{W(R'+0.5, T'-0.5)W(R'-0.5, T'+0.5)}$$

$$\chi(R', R') = \sigma + \frac{2\gamma}{R'^2} + \frac{\eta}{R'^4}$$

with half-integer  $R', T'$ .

$\chi(R',R'), N=841, b=0.37$



We calculate the continuum string tension by extrapolating the TEK data with  $N = 841 = 29^2$ ,  $k = 9$  at 6 values of  $b$

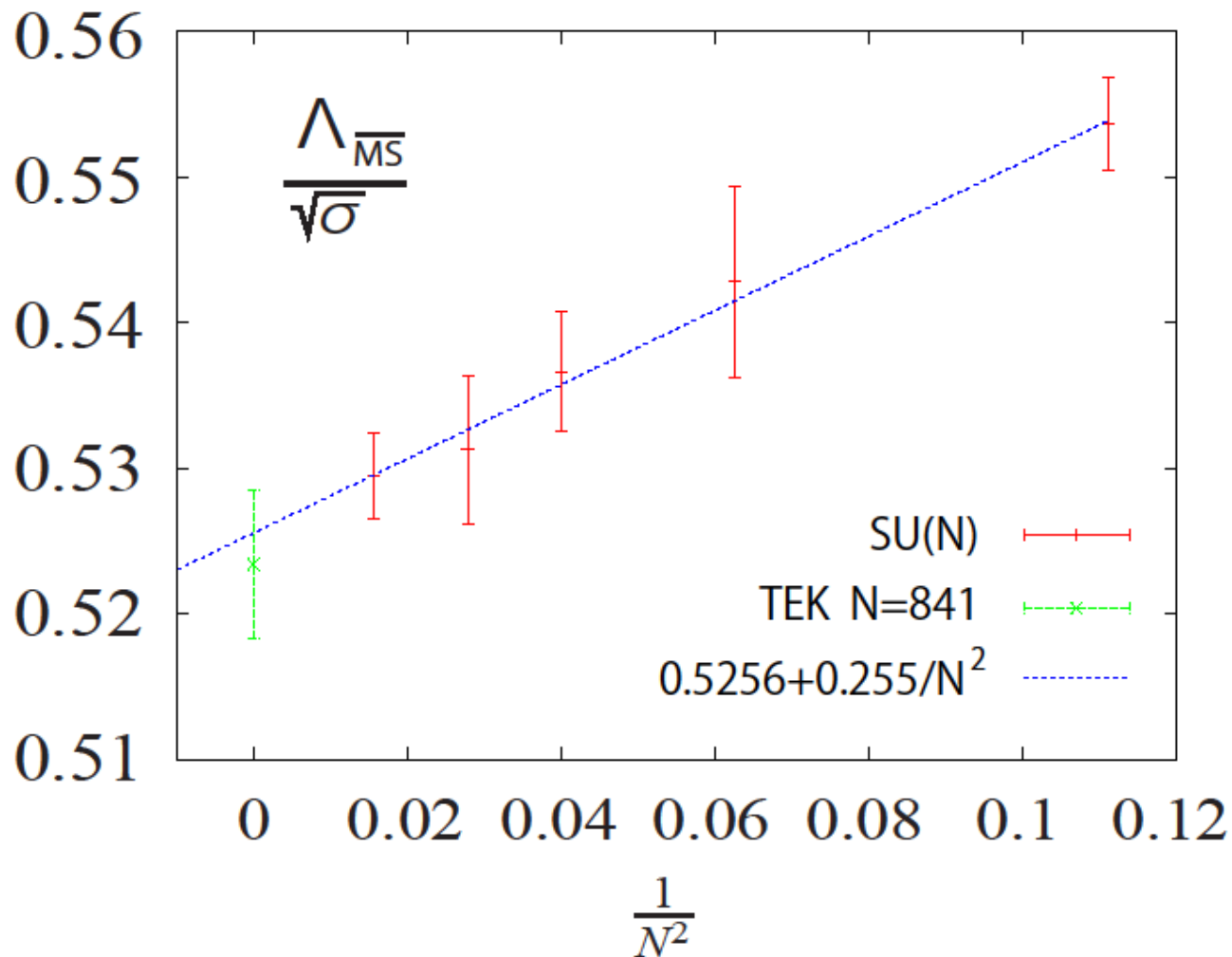
$$b = 0.36, 0.365, 0.37, 0.375, 0.38, 0.385$$

Our system should be related to the lattice theory with  $V = 29^4$

For comparison, we also calculate the continuum string tension using ordinary  $SU(N)$  lattice gauge theory with  $N = 3, 4, 5, 6, 8$  on a  $V = 32^4$  lattice

Comparison of the continuum string tension  $\Lambda_{\overline{MS}} / \sqrt{\sigma}$

TEK model with  $N = 841 = 29^2$  and LGT with  $N = 3, 4, 5, 6, 8$



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# Motivation for $N_f = 2$ adjoint fermions

SU(N) LGT with two adjoint fermions is thought to be conformal or nearly conformal for any value of N since the first two coefficient of beta functions expressed in term of 't Hooft coupling is independent of N.

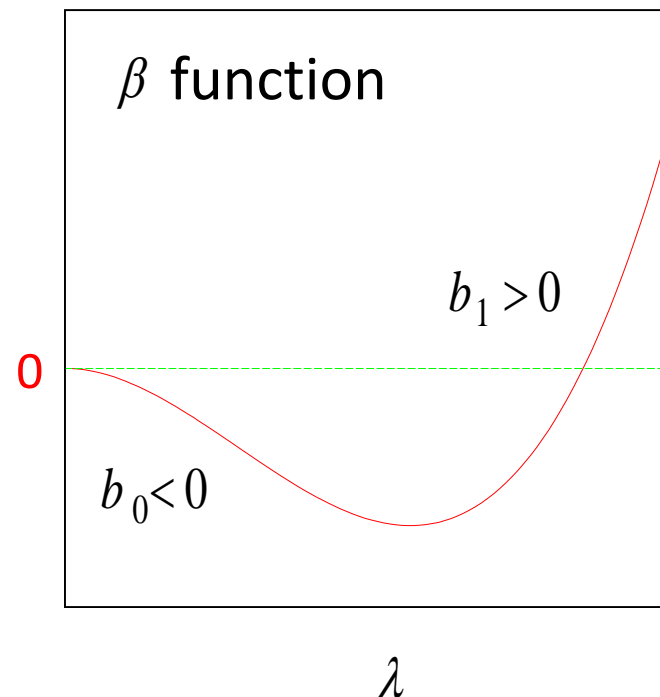
$$b_0 = \frac{4N_f - 11}{24\pi^2}, \quad b_1 = \frac{16N_f - 17}{192\pi^4}$$

- asymptotic free

$$b_0 < 0 \rightarrow N_f < \frac{11}{4} = 2.75$$

- infrared fixed point

$$b_1 > 0 \rightarrow N_f > \frac{17}{16} = 1.08$$



- Twisted reduced model of large N QCD  
with two adjoint Wilson fermions

We consider gauge group  $SU(N)$ ,  $N = L^2$

$$S = bN \sum_{\mu \neq \nu=1}^d \text{Tr} \left( Z_{\mu\nu} U_\mu U_\nu U_\mu^\dagger U_\nu^\dagger \right) + \sum_{j=1}^{N_f} \bar{\psi}_j D_W \psi_j$$

$$Z_{\mu\nu} = \exp \left( k \frac{2\pi i}{L} \right), \quad Z_{\nu\mu} = Z_{\mu\nu}^*, \quad \mu > \nu$$

$$D_W = 1 - \kappa \sum_{\mu=1}^4 \left[ (1 - \gamma_\mu) U_\mu^{adj} + (1 + \gamma_\mu) U_\mu^{\dagger adj} \right], \quad U_\mu^{adj} \psi_j = U_\mu \psi_j U_\mu^\dagger$$

$$k, L : \text{co-prime}, \quad m_q = (1/\kappa - 1/\kappa_c) / 2$$

$k = 0$  corresponds to periodic boundary condition

$k \neq 0$  corresponds to twisted boundary condition

We calculate the string tension with  $N = 289 = 17^2$ ,  $k = 5$   
at 2 values of  $b = 0.35, 0.36$  for various values of  $\kappa$

Our system should be related to the lattice theory with  $V = 17^4$

- For  $N_f = 2$ , we use the Hybrid Monte Carlo method.

Simulations have been done on Hitachi SR16000 at KEK

One node: 32 cores power 7,  
peak speed 980 GFlops  
256 GB shared memory

Sustained speed of our code in one node is  
600 Gflops at  $N=289$

We thank to Hitachi system engineers !



If the theory is governed by an infrared fixed point with the relevant mass term  $m_q \bar{\psi} \psi$ , all physical quantity having mass dimension should vanish as  $m_q \rightarrow 0$ .

In particular, the string tension having mass square dimension should behave as

$$\sigma \sim m_q^{2/(1+\gamma_*)}$$

with  $\gamma_*$  the mass anomalous dimension at infrared fixed point.

## Simple derivation

$$\mu \frac{dm(\mu)}{d\mu} = -\gamma_* m(\mu)$$

$$\therefore m(\mu) \propto \mu^{-\gamma_*} \mu_0^{\gamma_*} m(\mu_0)$$

Define RG invariant mass  $M$  as  $m(M) = M$  .

Then setting  $\mu_0 = M$  and  $\mu = a^{-1}$  , we have

$$m(a^{-1}) = m_q \propto a^{-\gamma_*} M^{1+\gamma_*}$$

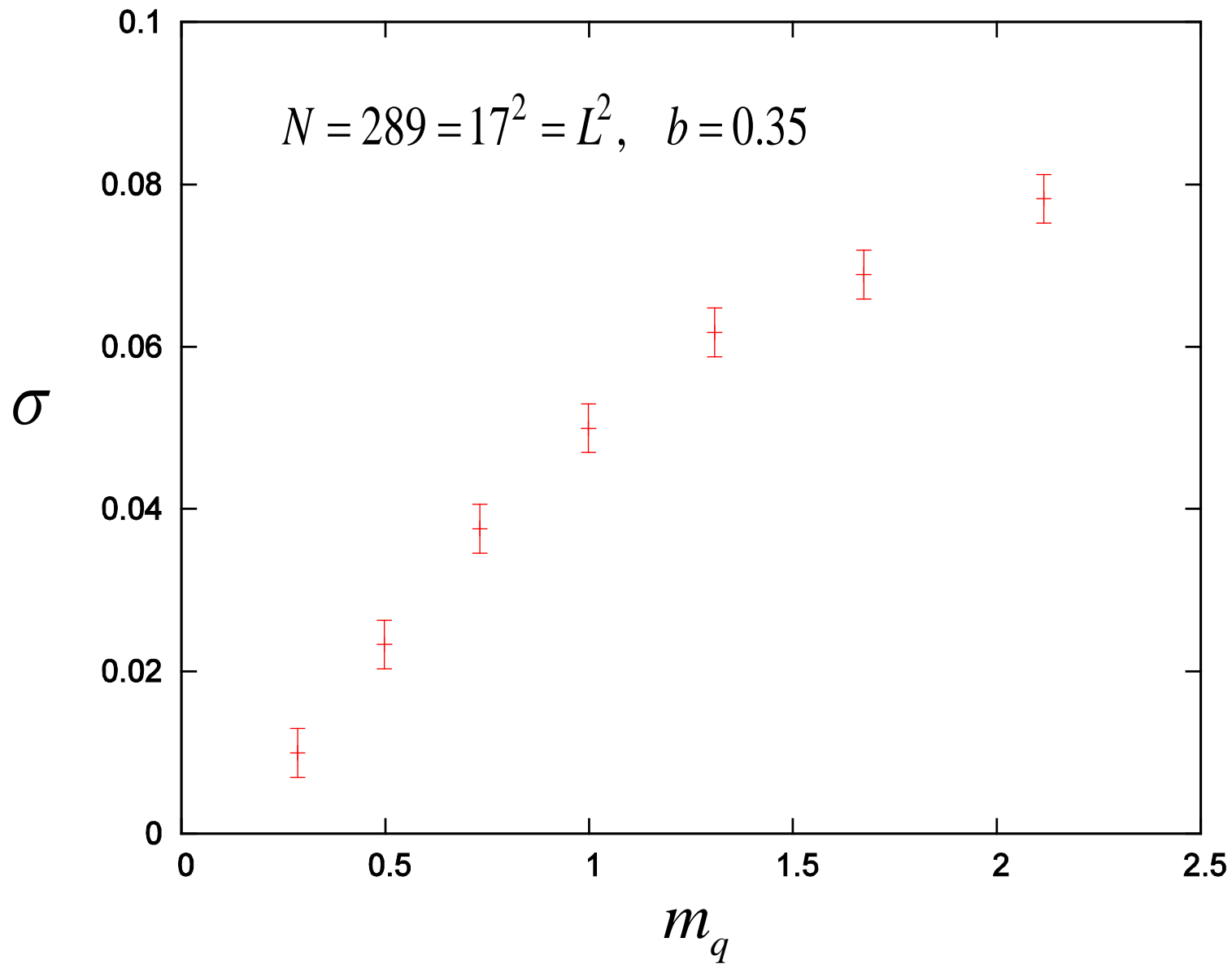
$$\therefore aM \propto (am_q)^{1/(1+\gamma_*)}$$

We can show that all physical quantity  $M_X$  having mass dimension is proportional to  $M$  , then

$$aM_X \propto (am_q)^{1/(1+\gamma_*)}$$

String tension  $\sigma$ ,  $N=289$ ,  $k=5$ ,  $b=0.35$

$$N = 289 = 17^2 = L^2, \quad b = 0.35$$



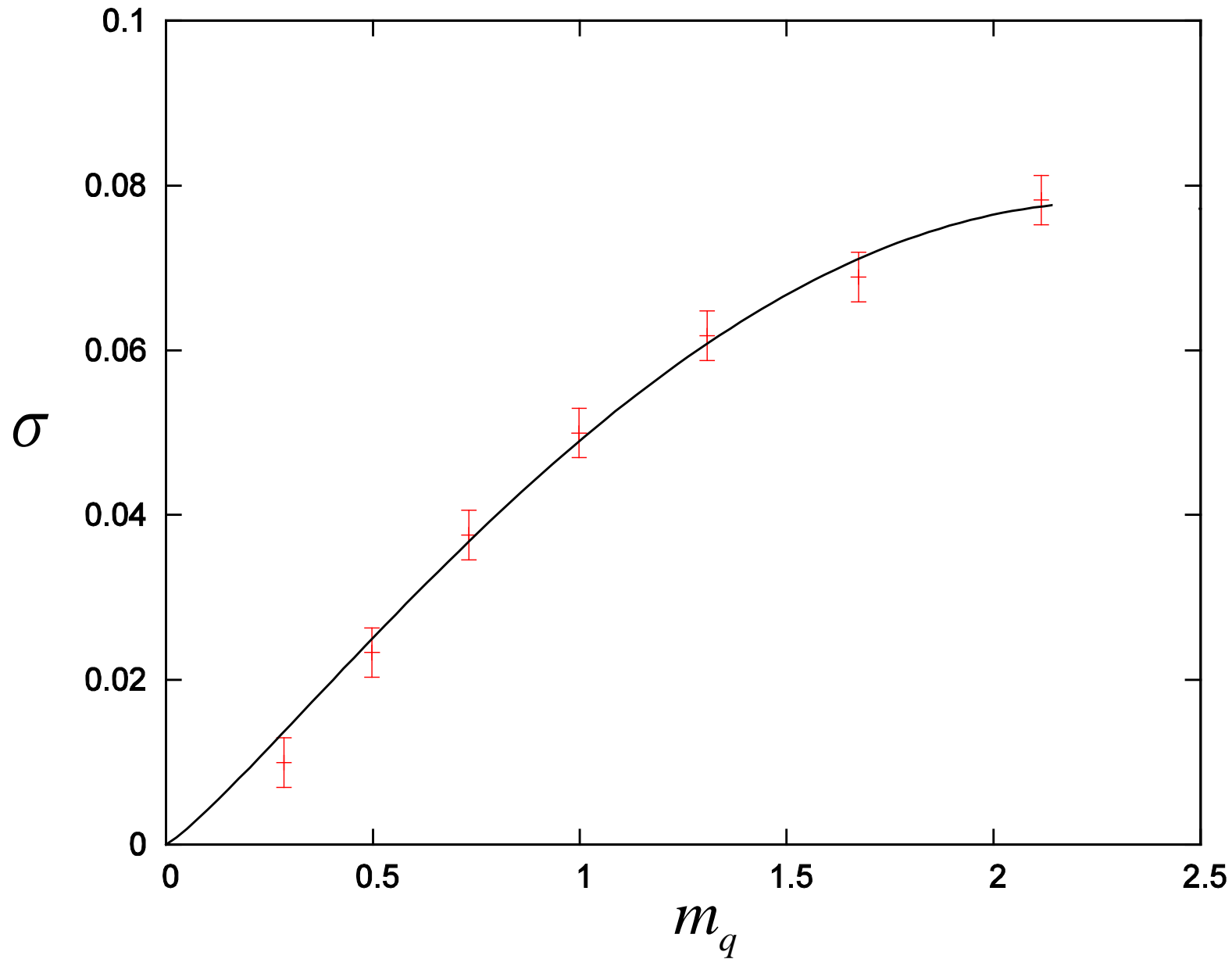
Fit the string tension  $\sigma$  with the fitting function

$$\sigma = A m_q^{2/(1+\gamma_*)} (1 + B m_q)$$

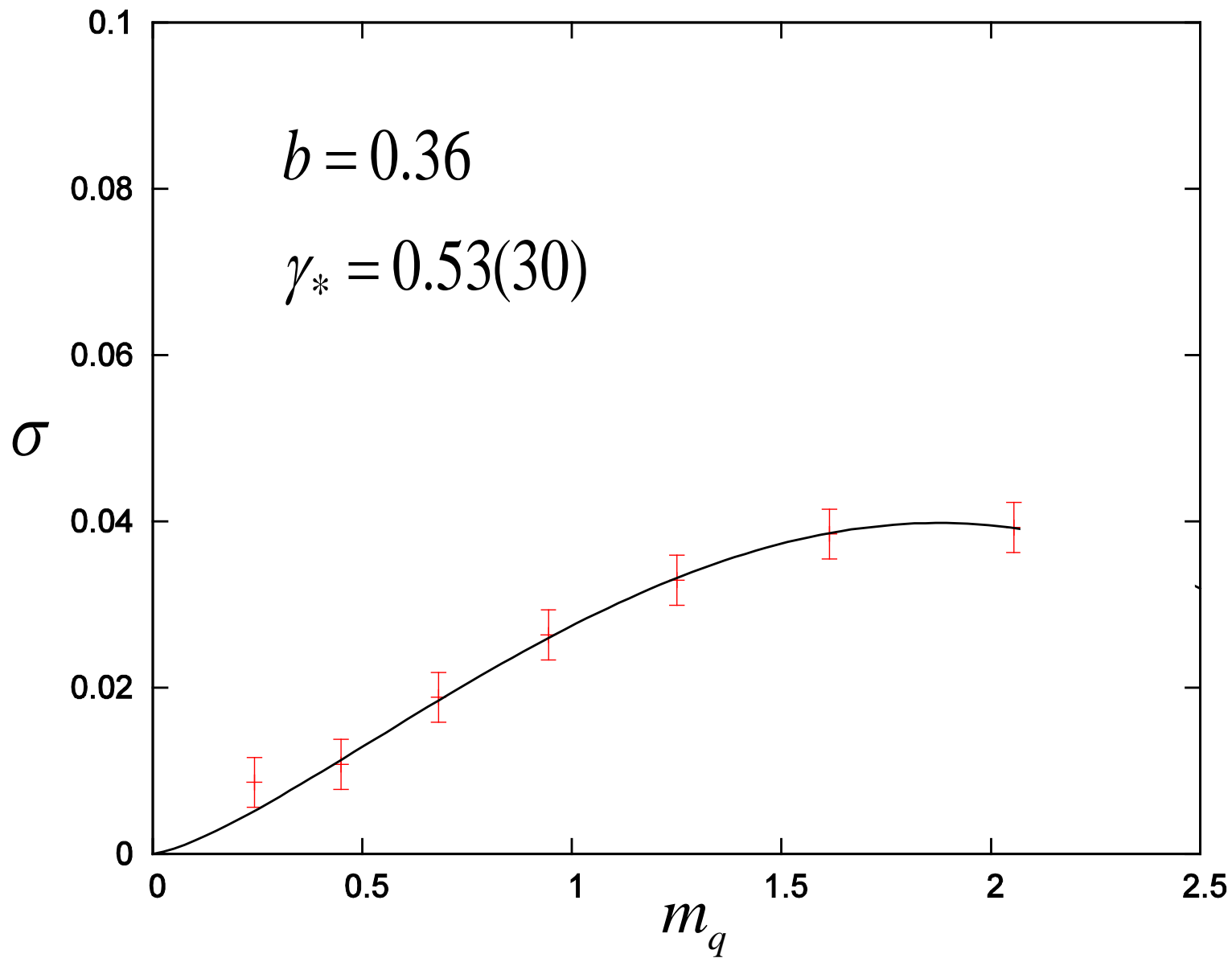
The result is

$$\gamma_* = 0.87(40)$$

String tension  $\sigma$ ,  $N=289$ ,  $k=5$ ,  $b=0.35$



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## Motivation for $N_f = 1$ adjoint fermion

In the large N limit,  $N_f = 1$  adjoint fermion is equivalent to  $N_f = 2$  fundamental fermion in rank two anti-symmetric rep.  
(Armoni, Shifman, Veneziano, Kovtun, Unsal, Yaffe)

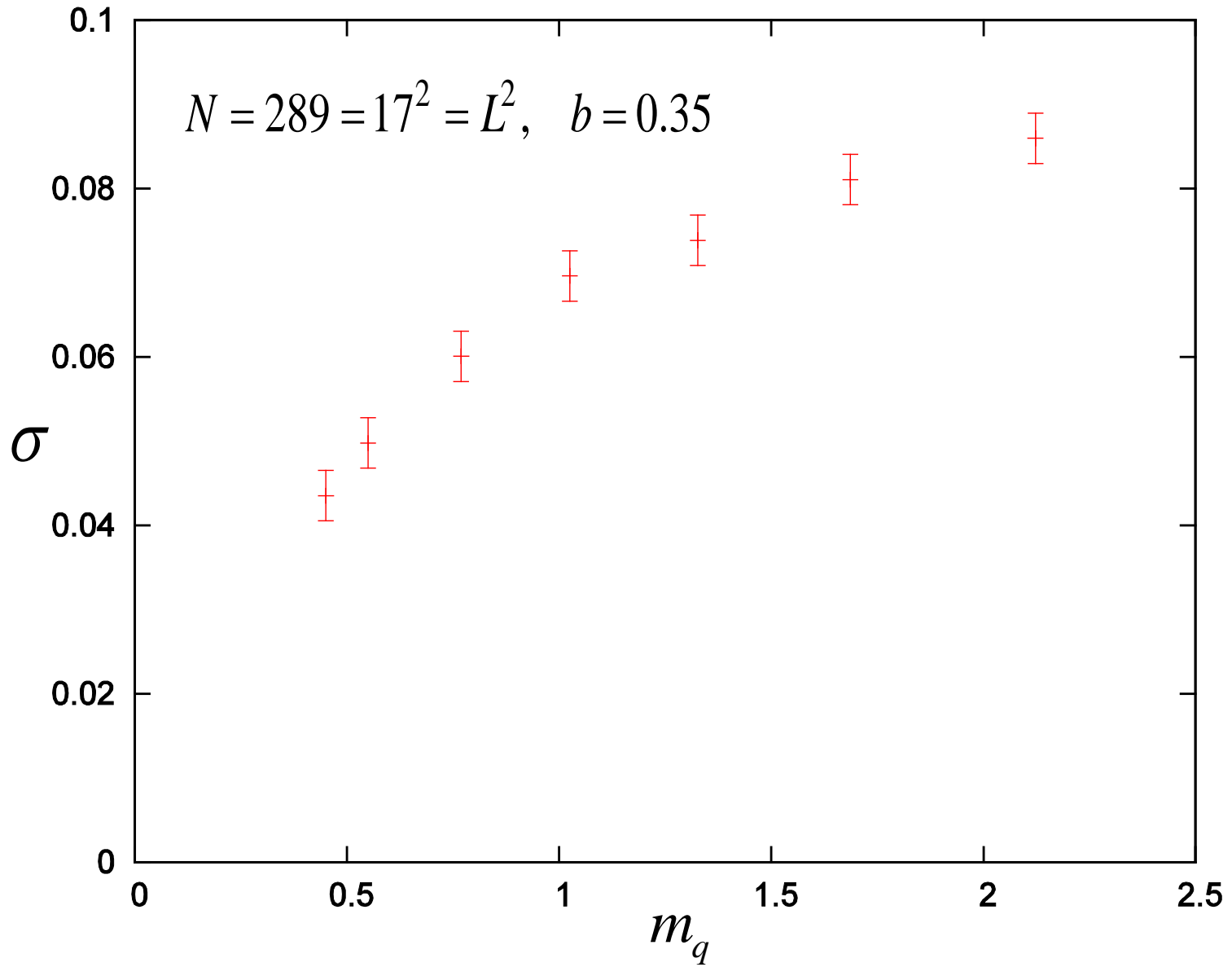
For  $N=3$ , the latter theory is just two flavor QCD and our model corresponds to Corrigan-Ramond large-N limit.

We then expect the reduced model of  $N_f = 1$  adjoint fermion as

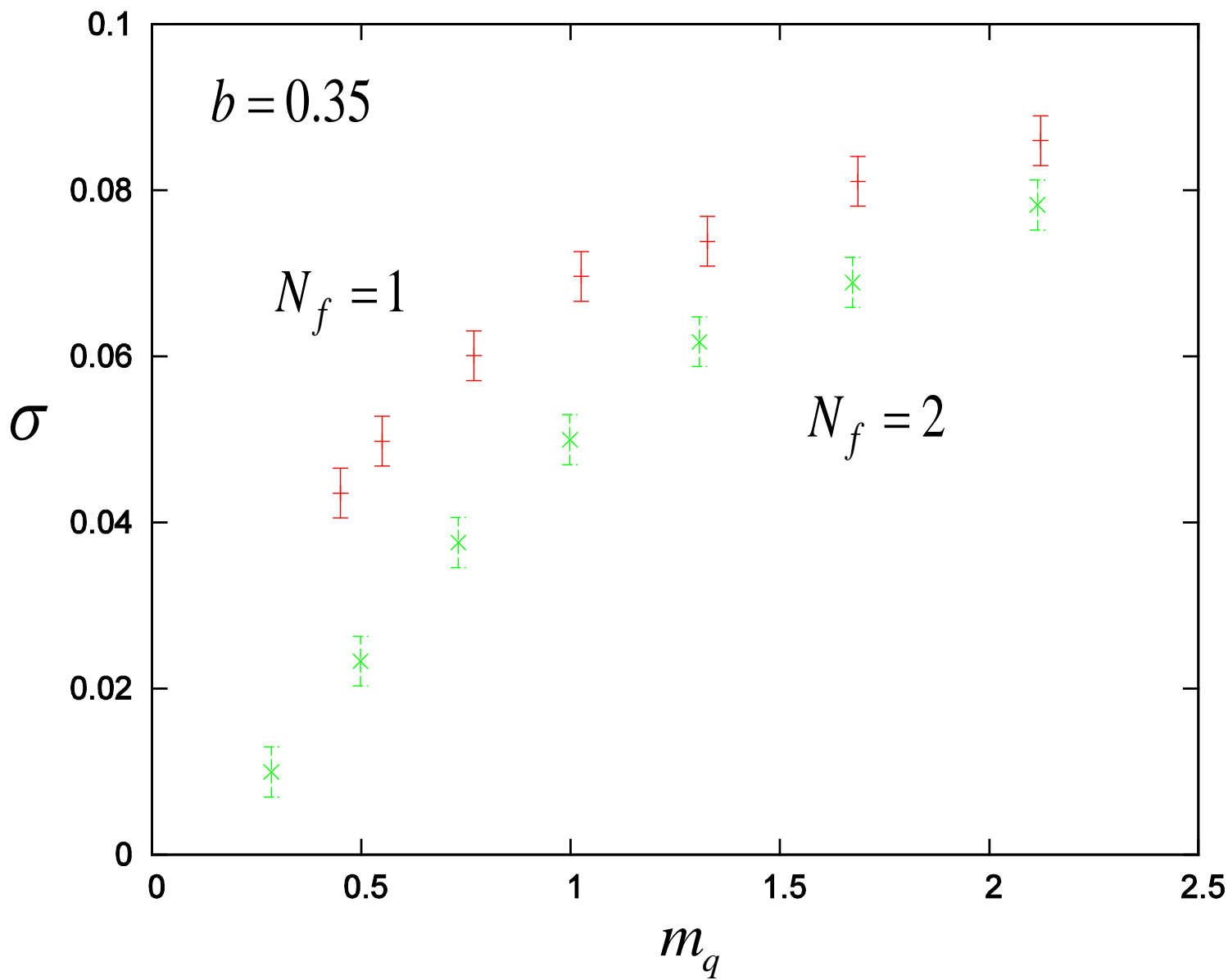
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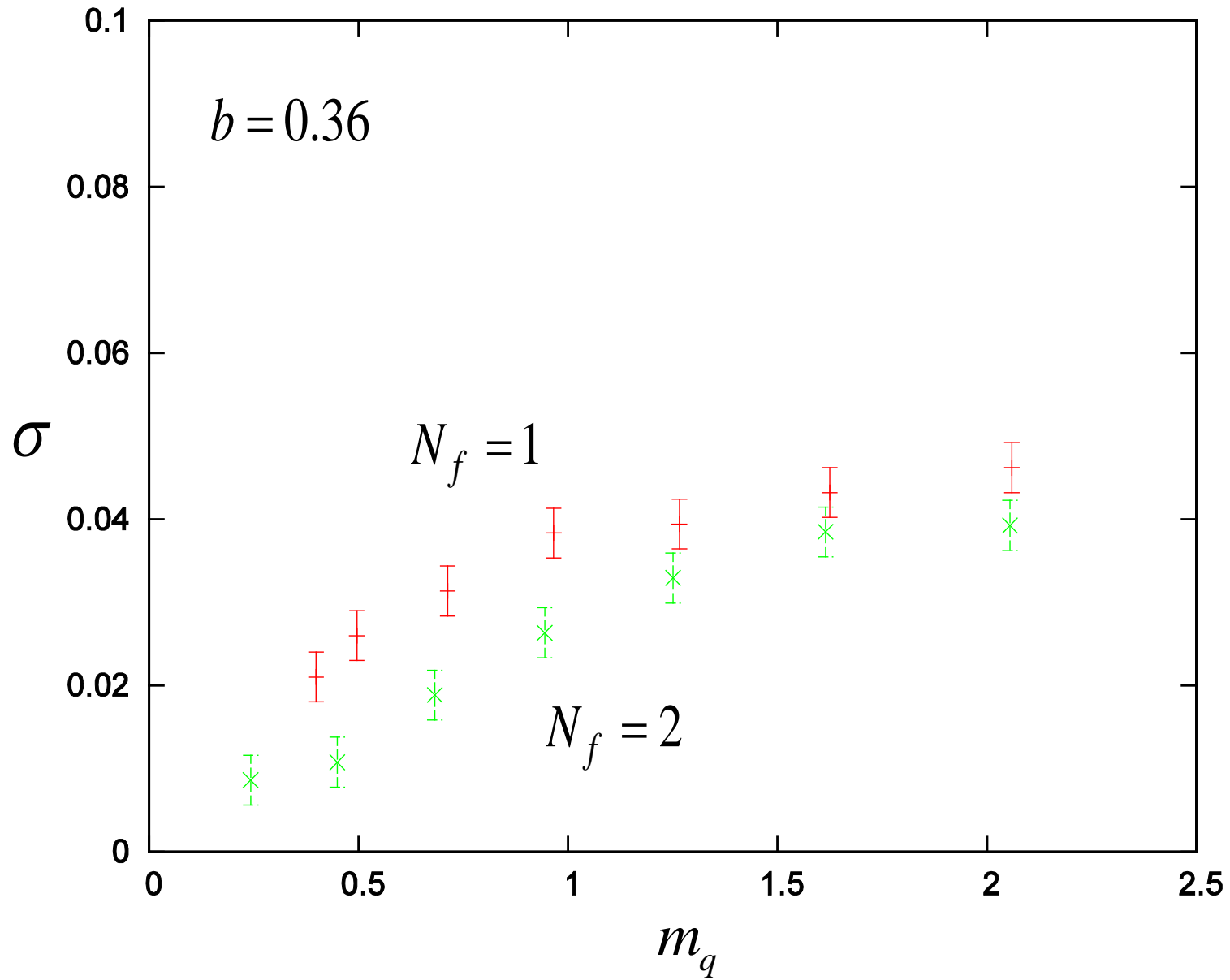
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# Relation to non-commutative field theory

Consider SU(N) gauge theory on  $V = \ell^4$  volume with the following twisted boundary condition with  $N = L^2$

$$A_\mu(x + \ell \vec{e}_\nu) = \Gamma_\nu A_\mu(x) \Gamma_\nu^\dagger$$

TEK model corresponds to  $\ell = a$ . This theory is closely related to the non-commutative field theory on  $V = (\ell L)^4$  even for finite N.

$$S_{NC} = \int_{V=(\ell L)^4} d^4 x \left\{ -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} \star F_{\mu\nu} \right\}$$

$$f(x) \star g(x) \equiv f(x) \exp\left(\frac{i}{2} \bar{\partial}_\mu \theta_{\mu\nu} \bar{\partial}_\nu\right) g(x)$$

$$\theta_{\mu\nu} = \frac{(\ell L)^2}{4\pi^2} \tilde{\varepsilon}_{\mu\nu} \frac{2\pi\bar{k}}{L}, \quad \varepsilon_{\mu\nu} \tilde{\varepsilon}_{\nu\sigma} = \delta_{\mu\sigma}$$

Let consider the perturbative expansion in gauge theory.

Momentum zero state is excluded in the twisted boundary condition.  
Thus the perturbative expansion generally has the following structure.

$$E^2 \sim \frac{A}{(\ell L)^2} - \lambda \frac{B}{(\ell L)^2} \frac{1}{(\bar{k} / L)^2}, \quad \lambda = g^2 N$$

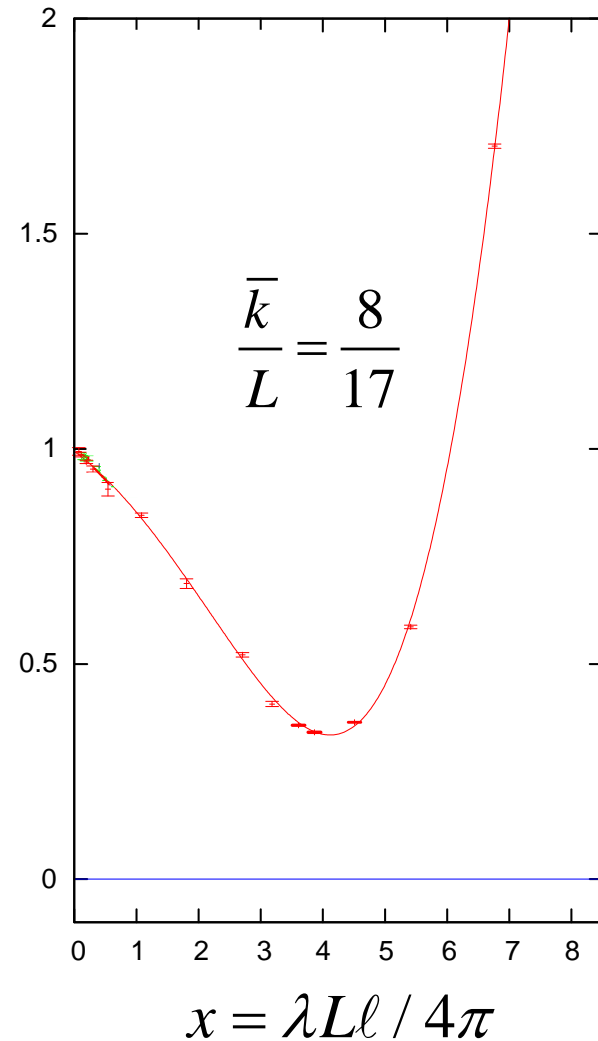
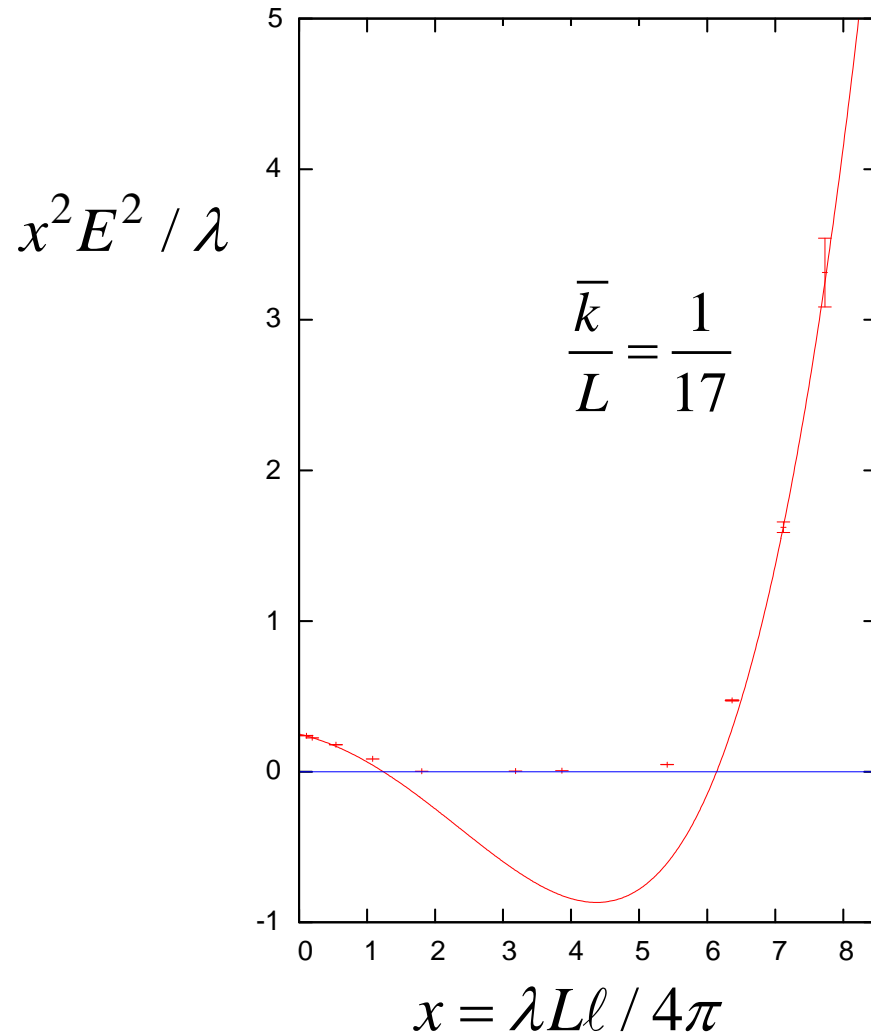
Tachyonic instability (  $E^2 < 0$  ) might occure at

$$\lambda_c > \frac{A}{B} \times \left( \frac{\bar{k}}{L} \right)^2$$

However, if  $\lambda_c$  is too large, we can not trust perturbative arguments since we expect non-negligible non-perturbative effect !

# Result of (2+1) dimensional simulation (in this case $N = L$ )

M. Garcia Perez, A. Gonzalez-Arroyo, M. O. JHEP 1309 (2013) 003.



# Conclusion

We demonstrated that the twisted reduced model of large N QCD works quite well with appropriately chosen twist tensor.

$$N_f = 2$$

String tension is calculated at  $N=289$ , which clearly decreases as we decrease  $m_q$  and seems to vanish at  $m_q = 0$ , in a way consistent with the theory governed by an infrared fixed point.

$$N_f = 1$$

String tension is calculated at  $N=289$ , which seems to remain finite as we decrease  $m_q$ , strongly suggesting this is the confining theory.



## Remaining important problems

We need to understand the finite  $N$  (finite volume) effects to make reliable calculation of mass anomalous dimension  $\gamma_*$  .

We need to make non-perturbative understanding about the relation with non-commutative field theory.

Study half-integer  $N_f$  corresponding to Majorana fermions.

We need to estimate the Pfaffian of anti-symmetric matrix  $CD_W$  .