

Large-Nc gauge theory and chiral random matrix theory

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1302.3532[hep-lat]



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introduction

a 'puzzle'

- QCD and its SO and USp analogues are 'equivalent' at large- N_c . (similar to Eguchi-Kawai)

Lovelace, Nucl. Phys. B 201 (1982)

Cherman-M.H.-Robles, Phys. Rev. Lett. 106 (arXiv:1009.1623)

M.H.-Yamamoto, JHEP 1202 (arXiv:1103.5480)

- They are different, according to the effective theory calculations (chiral random matrix theory)

(P. H. Damgaard and K. Splittorff pointed it out to me)

Contradiction?

various large- N_c limits

- 't Hooft limit ($\lambda = g^2 N_c$ fixed, $N_c \rightarrow \infty$)

't Hooft, Nucl. Phys. B 72 (1974)

- “M-theory limit” (g^2 fixed, $N_c \rightarrow \infty$)

Fujita-M.H.-Hoyos, Phys. Rev. D 86 (arXiv:1205.0853[hep-th])

Azeyanagi-Fujita-M.H., Phys. Rev. Lett. 110 (arXiv:1210.3601[hep-th])

- chi-RMT limit ($m_q V \times (N_c)^\alpha$ fixed, $\alpha > 0$)

M.H.-Lee-Yamada, arXiv:302.3532[hep-lat]

We must understand the similarity and the difference.

't Hooft large-N limit

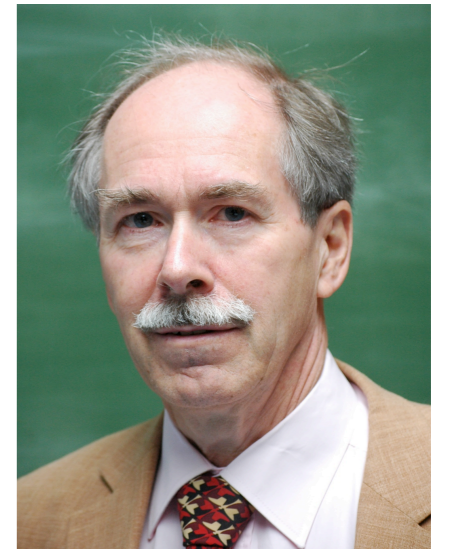
$$\lambda = g^2 N \text{ fixed, } N \rightarrow \infty$$

why?

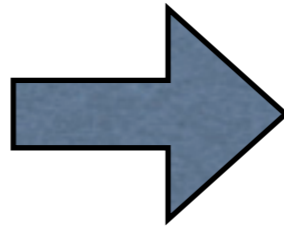
- $1/N$ expansion = genus expansion
(string theory)

$$F = \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} F_g(\lambda) / N^{2g-2}$$

- perturbative series may have a finite radius of convergence at large- $N \rightarrow$ analytic continuation to strong coupling ?
- Various nice properties (factorization, integrability, gravity dual, ...)

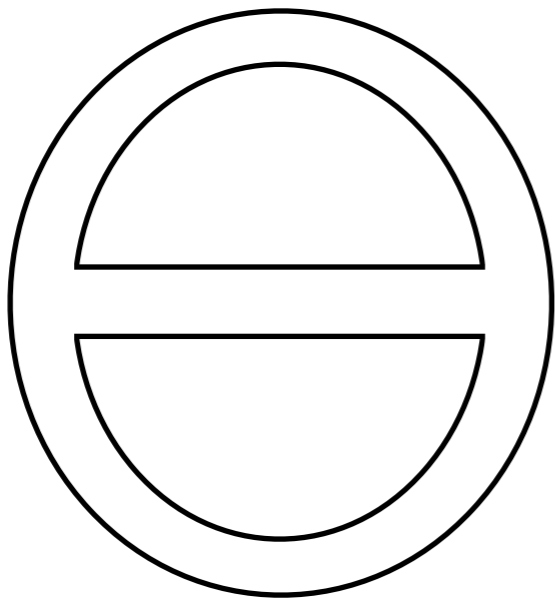


$$S = \frac{N}{4\lambda} \int d^4x \text{Tr} F_{\mu\nu}^2$$



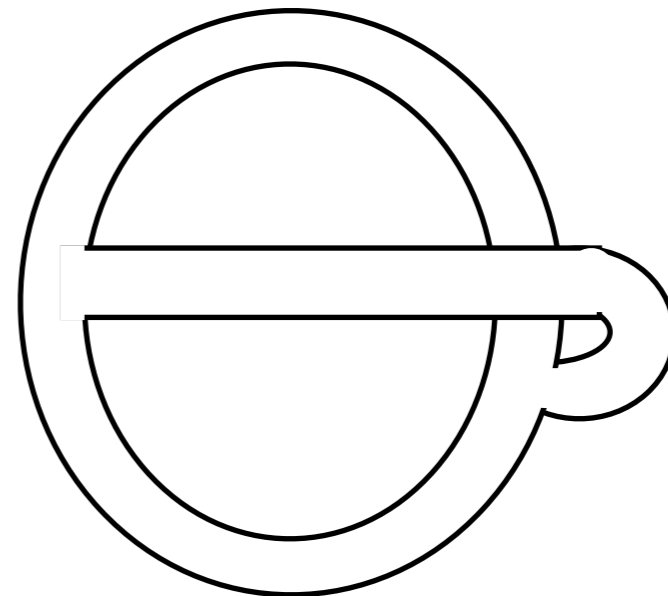
vertex $\sim N$
 index loop $\sim N$
 propagator $\sim 1/N$

planar diagram



$$N^2 \times N^{-3} \times N^3 = N^2$$

nonplanar diagram
 (genus one)



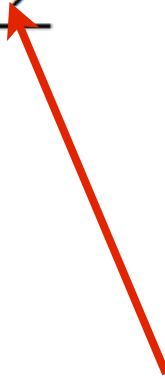
$$N^2 \times N^{-3} \times N^1 = N^0$$

Assumption

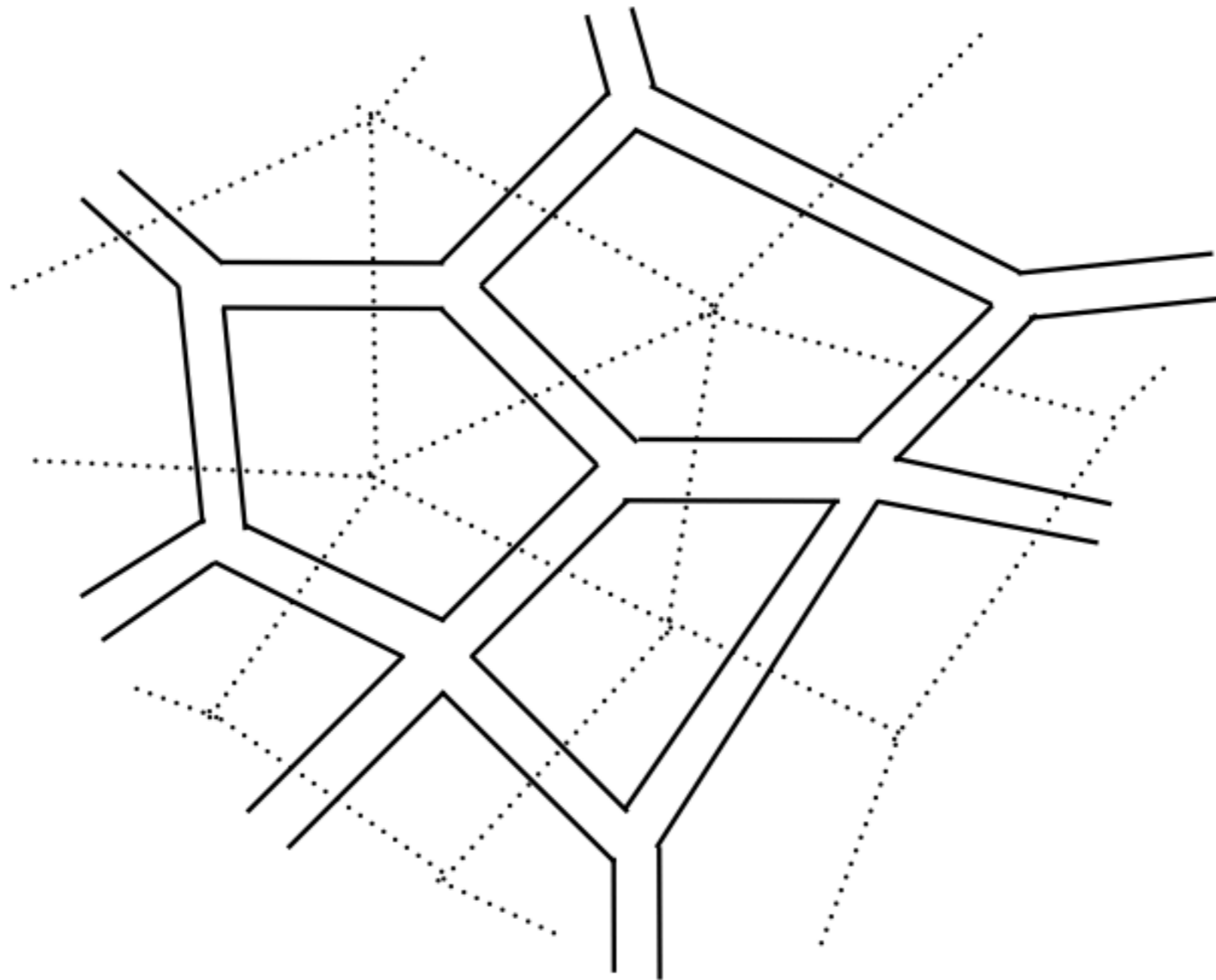
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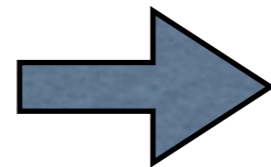
$$f(m, V, N_c) = \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} \frac{f_g(m, V)}{N_c^{2g}}$$


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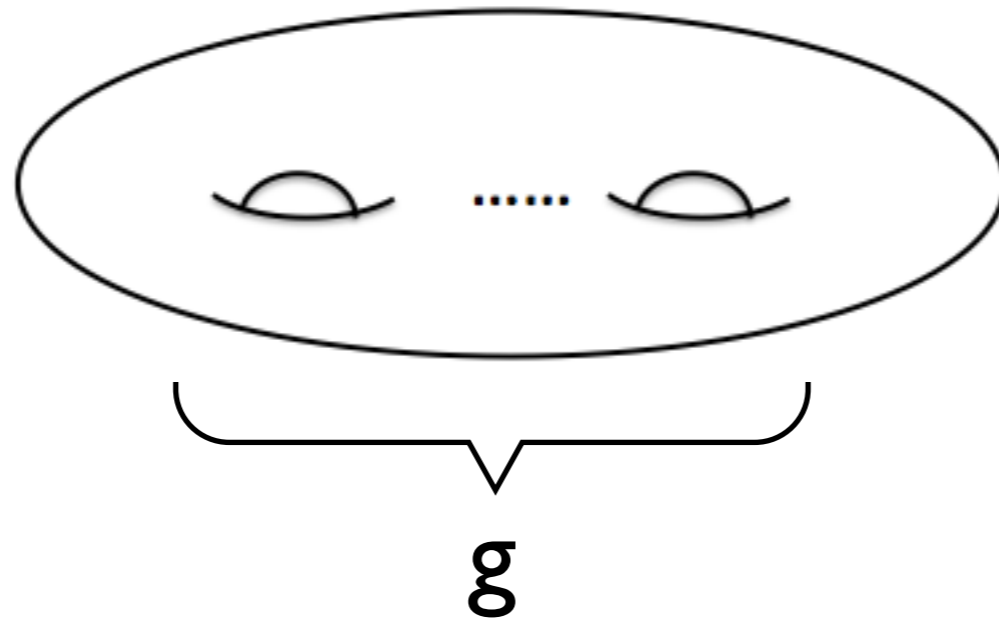


ribbon diagrams \rightarrow two-dimensional surface

genus- g diagram = diagram which can be drawn
on genus- g surface



g closed string loops



$1/N$ correction = g_s correction
't Hooft large- N limit = classical string

't Hooft limit
vs
chi-RMT limit

$SU(\infty), V=\infty$ gauge theory
with $N_f=2$ adjoint fermions

(※ other representations are also possible)

conformal? confining?
chiral symmetry breaking?



Large- N_c equivalence
(Eguchi-Kawai equivalence)

in the 't Hooft limit

$SU(\infty)$, finite- V gauge theory
(Eguchi-Kawai model)

Study this theory
instead of $V=\infty$

Earlier related work:
Narayanan-Neuberger,
Hietanen-Narayanan,
Gonzalez-Arroyo-Okawa, etc

($V=2^4$ in our simulation)

※ To establish the method, we numerically study
 $N_f=0$ case, for which we know the answer.

Perturbative Proof of the Eguchi-Kawai equivalence

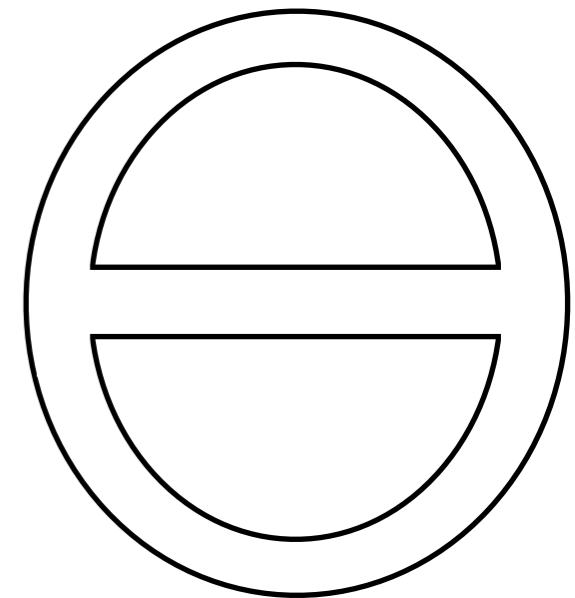
- Take the 't Hooft large- N limit.
- Then only the planar diagrams remain.

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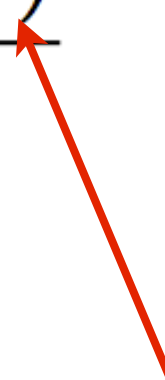
N -dependence appears only through combinatorics.

- One can see the one-to-one matching of Feynman diagrams, up to a common constant factor.
- Perturbative proof is good enough, because there is the convergence radius is finite and can be analytically continued to strong coupling.

belief



(If one wants to consider a possible phase transition, one has to take a more sophisticated approach.)

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Chiral Random Matrix Theory (chi-RMT)

Shuryak-Verbaarschot Nucl. Phys. A 560(1993)

QCD and chi-RMT

give the same Dirac spectrum

SU(3) QCD

$L \gg 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

Chiral Perturbation Theory

ϵ -regime ($L \ll 1/m_\pi$),

$m_q V \Sigma$: fixed, $V \rightarrow \infty$

chi-RMT

$N \times N$ complex
matrix

$V \Leftrightarrow N$
($N_c=3$)

$$\mathcal{D}_f = \begin{pmatrix} m_f \mathbf{1} & \Phi \\ -\Phi^\dagger & m_f \mathbf{1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Z = \int d\Phi \left(\prod_{f=1}^{N_f} \det \mathcal{D}_f \right) e^{-N \text{tr} \Phi^\dagger \Phi}$$

$m_q N$: fixed, $N \rightarrow \infty$

(※ 't Hooft limit of RMT: m_q fixed, $N \rightarrow \infty$)

Chiral Random Matrix Theory (chi-RMT)

QCD-like theory (YM + fermion)

if the chiral sym.
breaking is broken



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chi-RMT

(3 classes depending on the chiral
symmetry breaking pattern)

The Dirac spectrum coincide
if the chiral symmetry is spontaneously broken.

Large- N_c vs chi-RMT

- In QCD, thermodynamic limit is $V \rightarrow \infty$.
- In the $SU(N_c)$ case, it is $V \rightarrow \infty$ and/or $N_c \rightarrow \infty$.
- N in chi-RMT corresponds to the number of degrees of freedom in QCD.

So, when we compare it with chi-RMT,

$$V \times (N_c)^\alpha \Leftrightarrow N$$
$$m_q V \times (N_c)^\alpha : \text{fixed.}$$

$$\Sigma \sim (N_c)^\alpha$$
$$(\alpha > 0)$$

Let us call it as ‘chi-RMT limit.’

Large- N_c vs χ -RMT



The large- N_c 't Hooft limit and χ -RMT limit are different!

't Hooft limit (planar limit) : $m_q, V : \text{fix}, N_c \rightarrow \infty$

χ -RMT limit : $m_q V \times (N_c)^\alpha$ fixed, $N_c \rightarrow \infty$

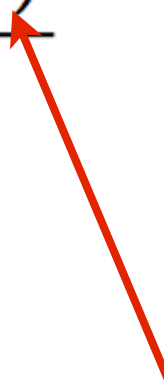
The Eguchi-Kawai equivalence
does not hold in the χ -RMT limit!

(※ $m_q=0$ should be regarded as the χ -RMT limit.)

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But IR divergence picks up additional N_c -dependence!

Large- N_c vs chi-RMT

QCD (SU(3))

agreement with chi-RMT @ mV fixed, $V \rightarrow \infty$

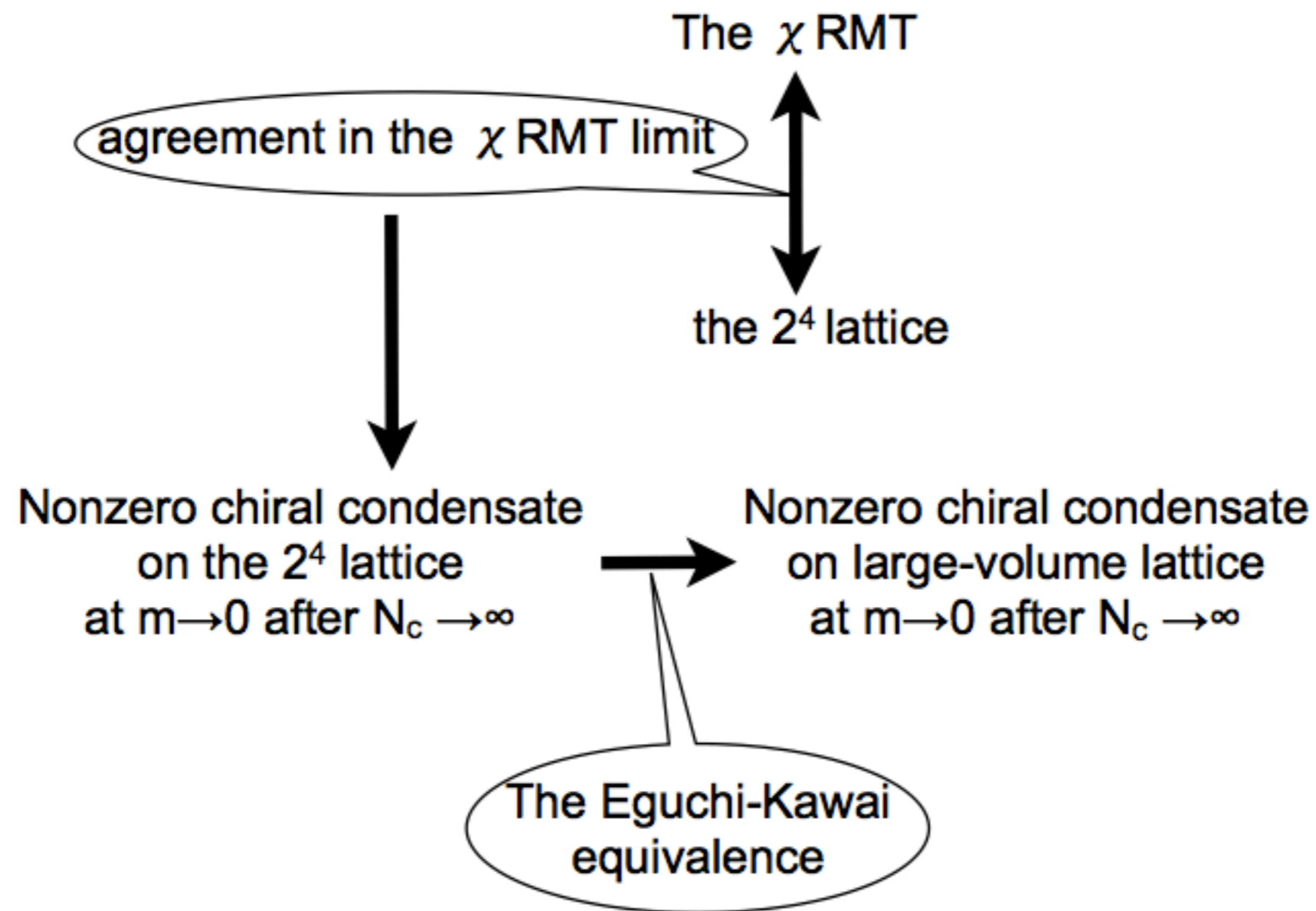
↑
nonzero chiral condensate @ $m \rightarrow 0$ after $V \rightarrow \infty$

large- N_c YM

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't Hooft limit



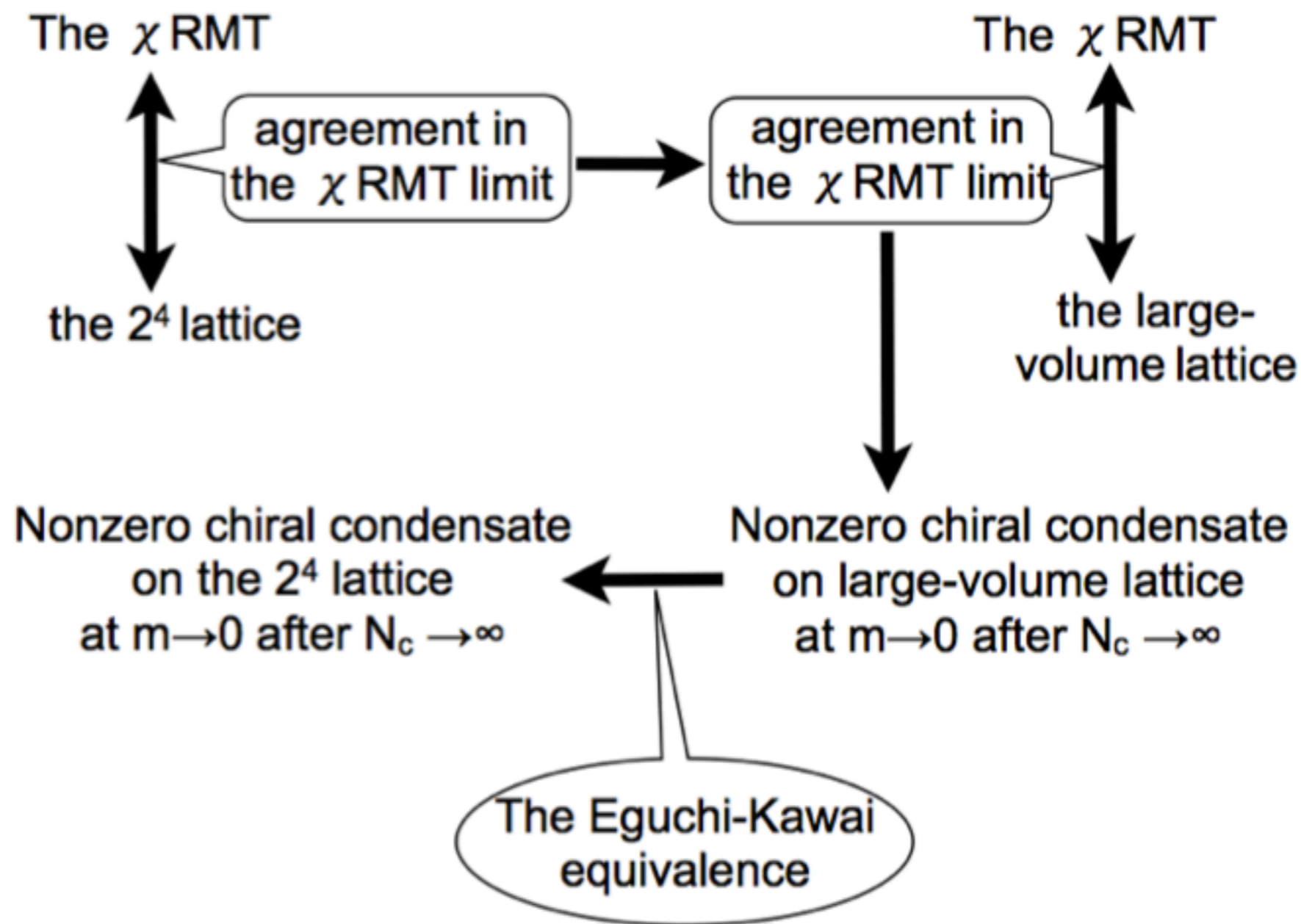
Large- N_c vs chiral-RMT



This argument might be too naive for the Eguchi-Kawai model, because the chiral perturbation might not be applicable to 2^4 lattice straightforwardly.

Still, however:

- For sufficiently large lattice, there is no problem. There, the eigenvalue distribution depends only on $mV \times (N_c)^\alpha$. (This α might depend on V .)
- If there is no phase transition (center symmetry breaking), the same expression should hold even at small V .

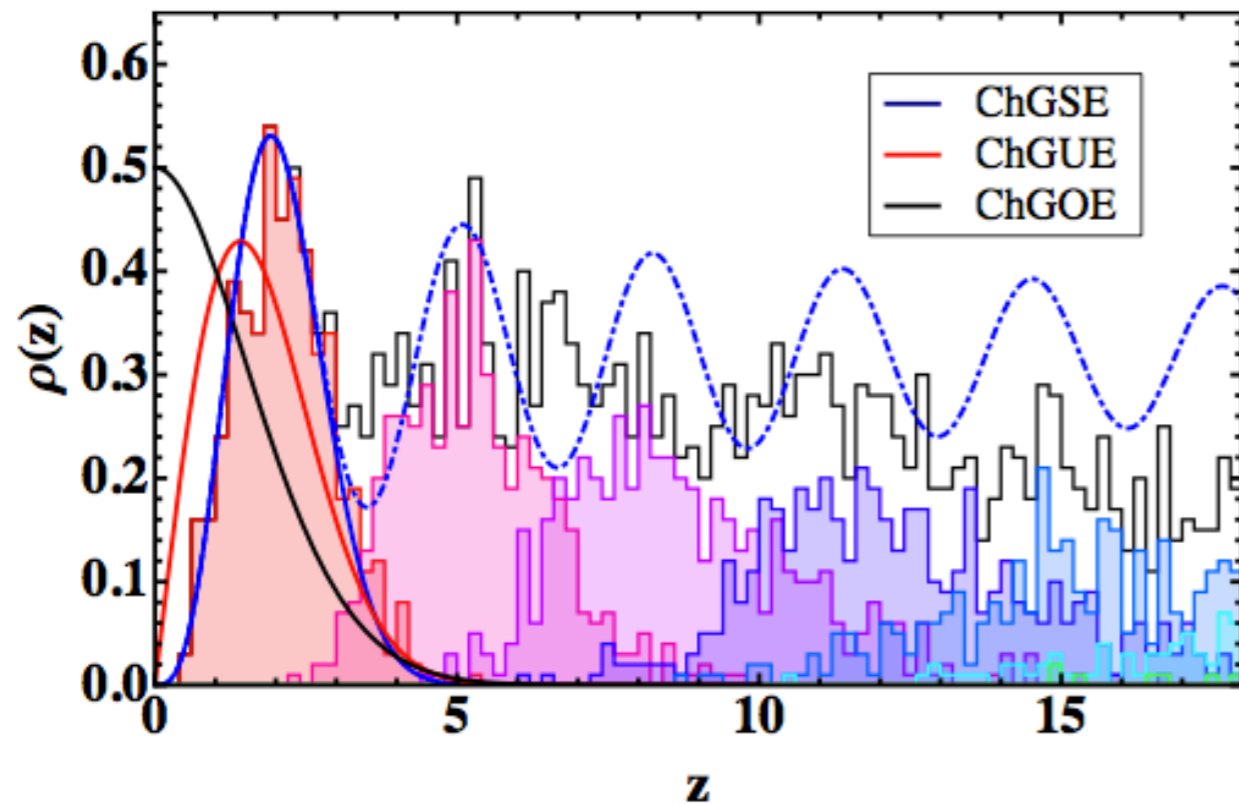


Numerical results ($N_f=0$)

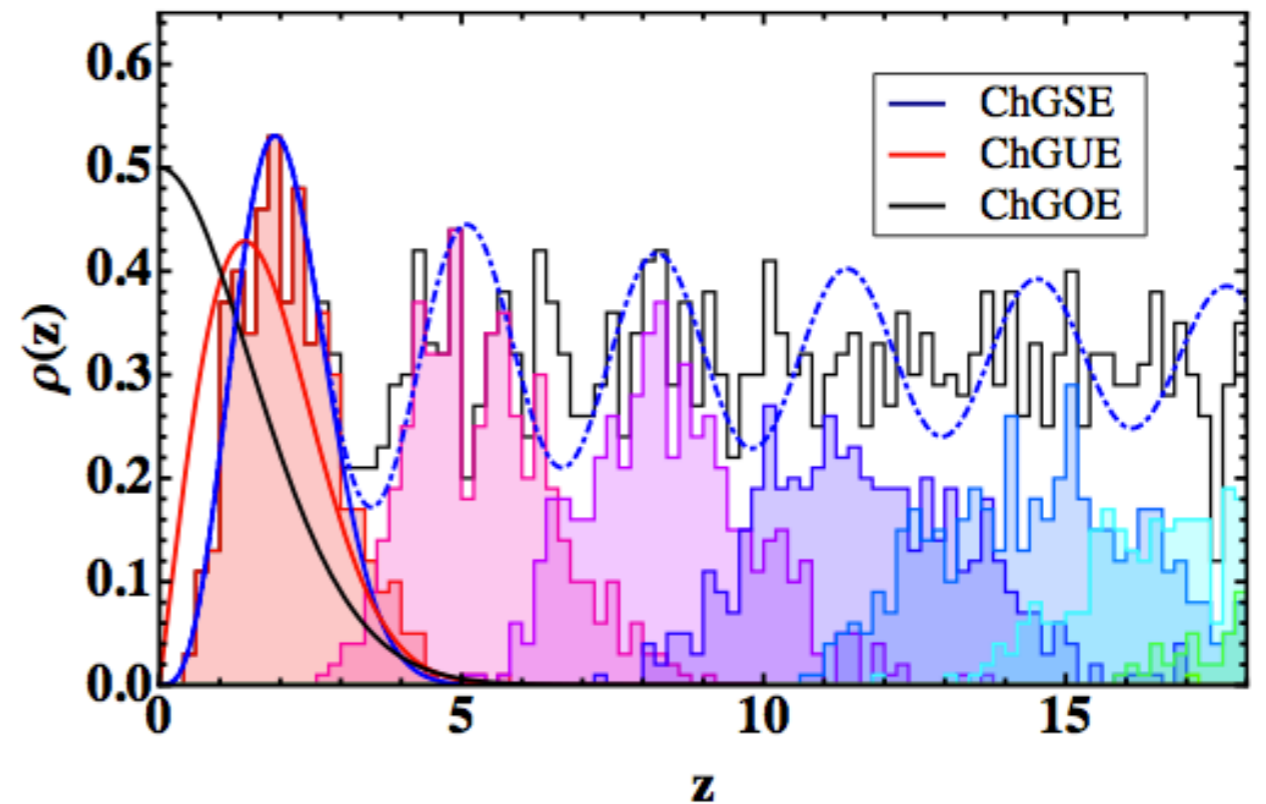
- 2^4 plaquette action + heavy Dirac adjoint fermion
→ unbroken center symmetry
(Bringoltz-Sharpe 2009, Azeyanagi-M.H.-Unsal-Yacoby 2010)
- Probe massless overlap fermion
in the adjoint representation
- Low-lying Dirac eigenvalues scales as $1/N_c \rightarrow \alpha=1$
(Naive expectation from the 't Hooft counting is $\alpha=2$)
- Chiral symmetry must be broken.
Can we detect it by comparing the simulation data with the chi-RMT prediction?

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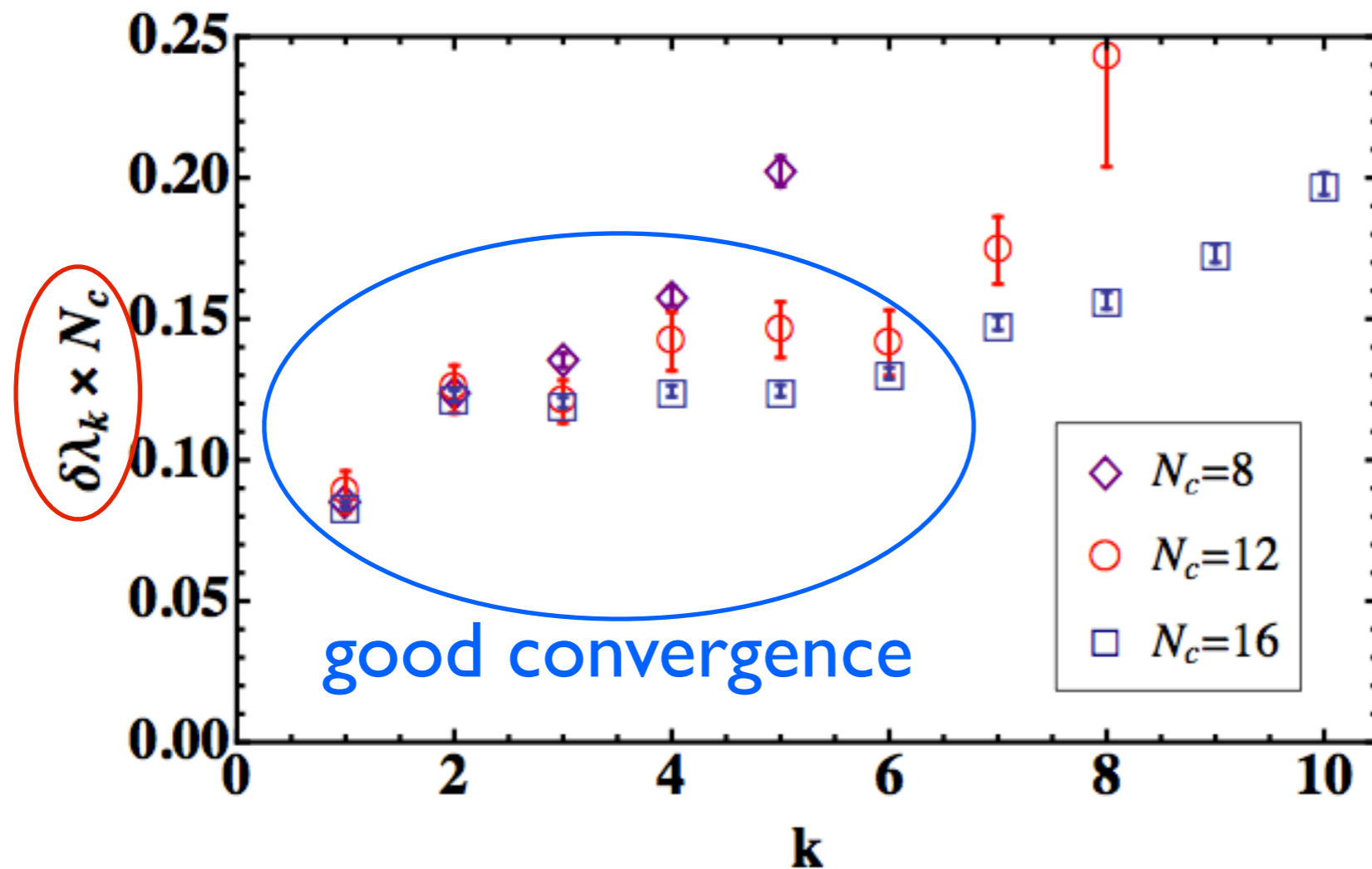
$N_c=8$



$N_c=16$

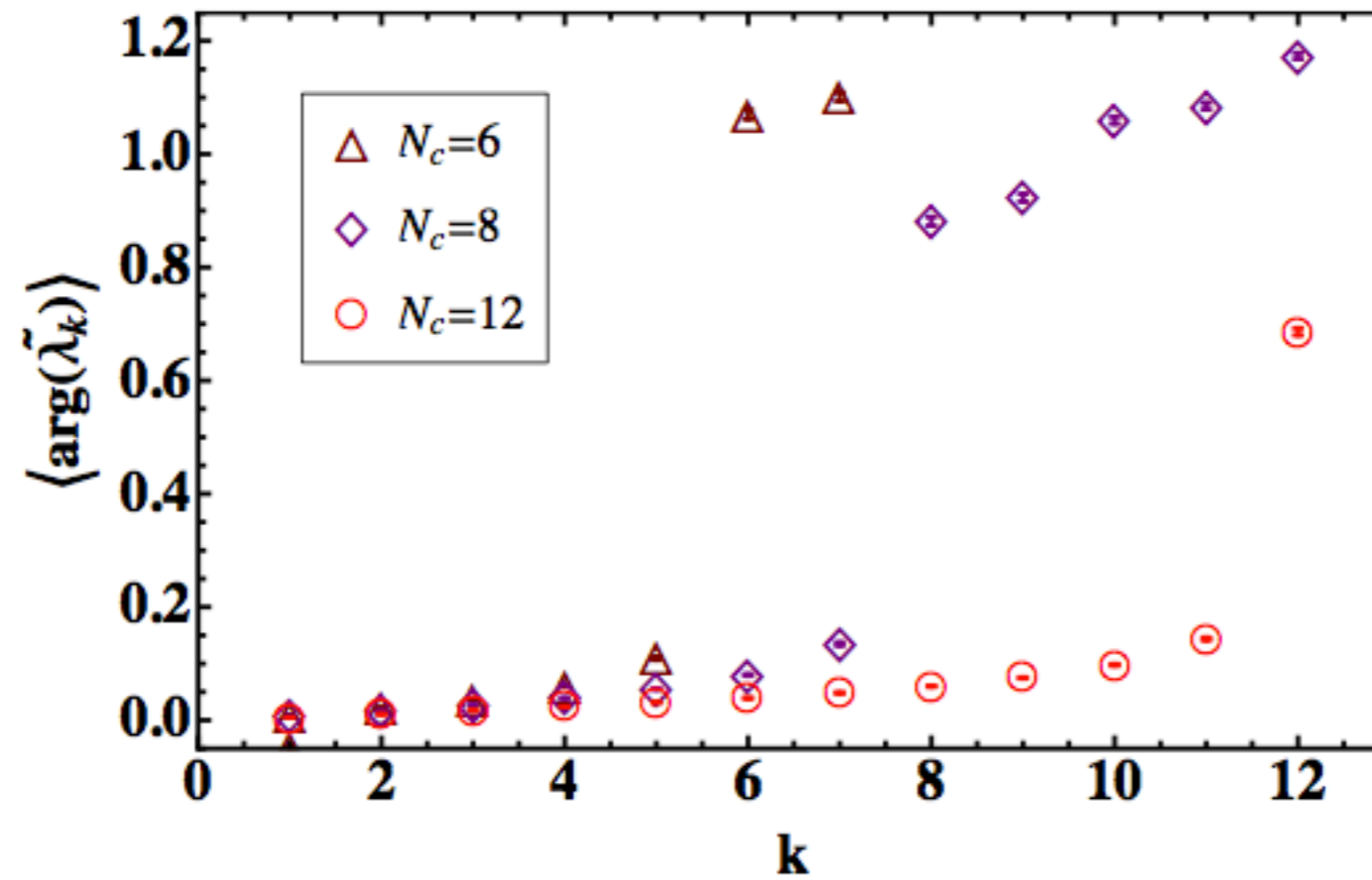


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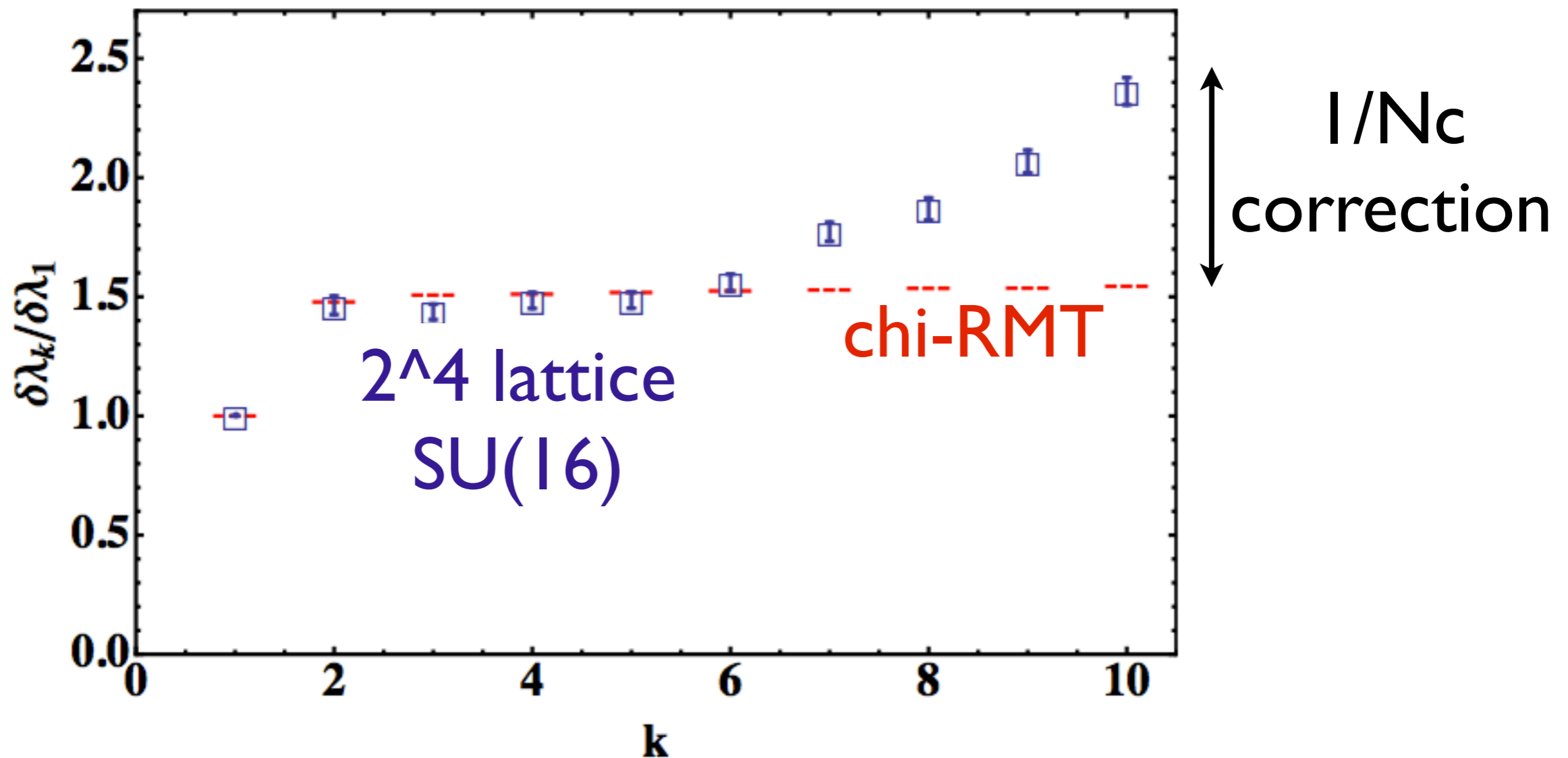
$$\delta\lambda_k = \langle \text{Im}[\lambda_k - \lambda_{k-1}] \rangle, \quad \delta\lambda_1 = \langle \lambda_1 \rangle$$

$$\lambda \sim 1/N_c$$

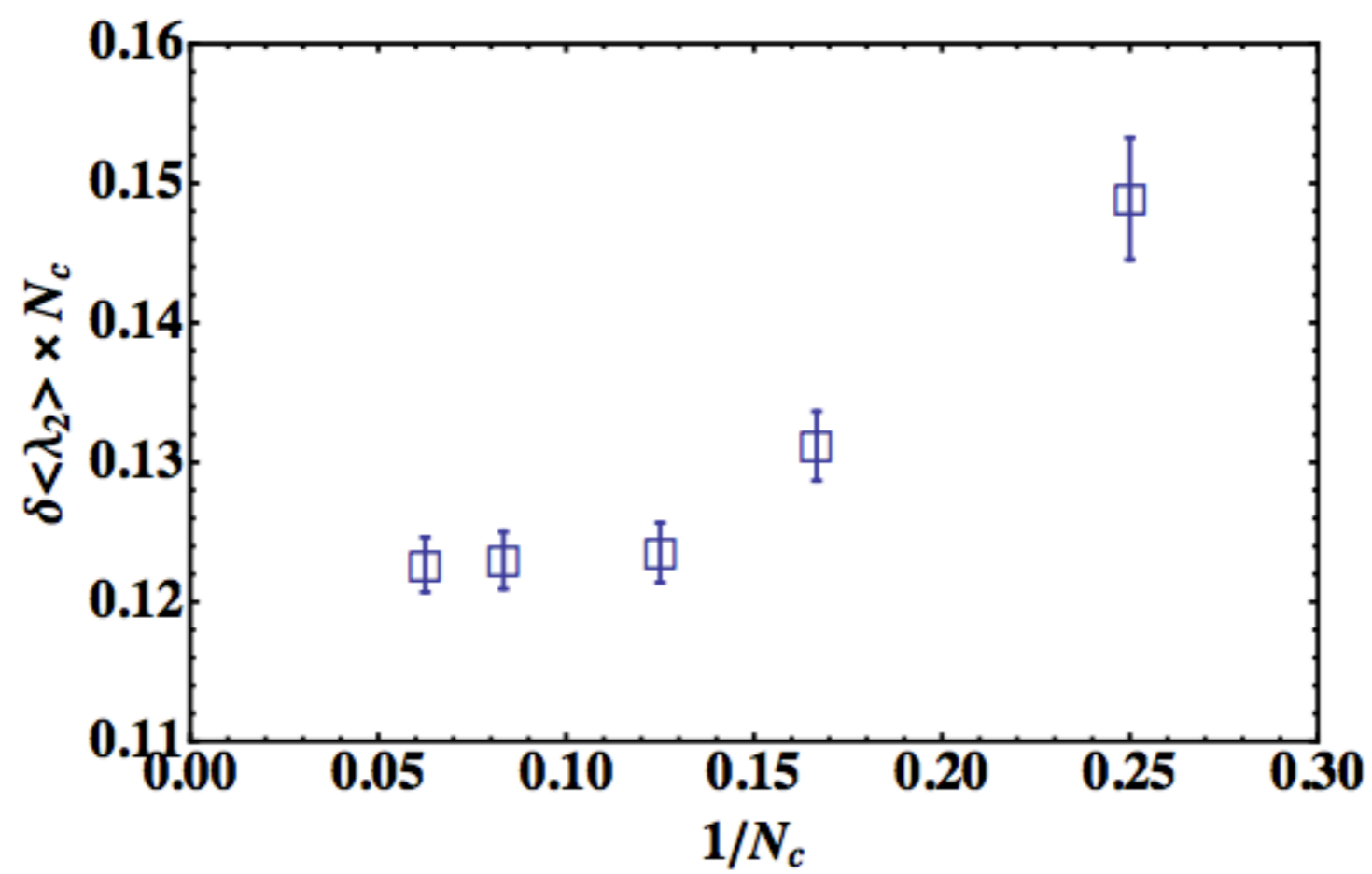


$(N_c - 1)$ eigenvalues are small

Numerical results (Nf=0)



perfect agreement with chi-RMT!



Conclusion & Outlook

- Chiral symmetry breaking at large- N_c can be detected by comparing small-size lattice and chi-RMT.
- 2^4 , $SU(8)$ (or $SU(16)$) is good enough.
- Simulation of $N_f=2$ theory is ongoing.
- Be careful about the difference between the 't Hooft limit and chi-RMT limit when you use them.
- Twisted boundary condition?

(Gonzalez-Arroyo and Okawa 1982, 2010-2013)