

# Can Eguchi-Kawai reduction provide a practical method for studying large- $N_c$ theories on the lattice?

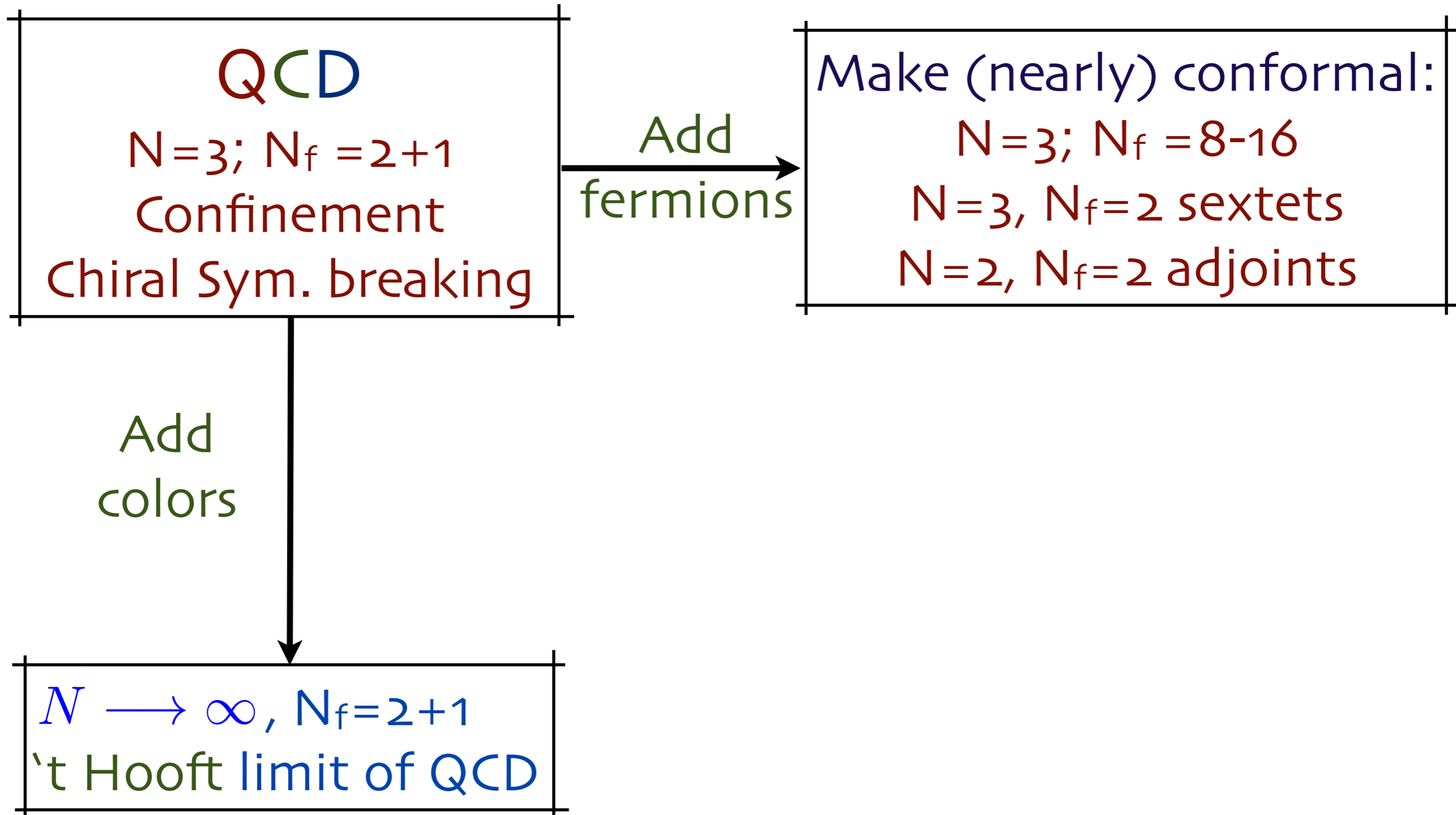
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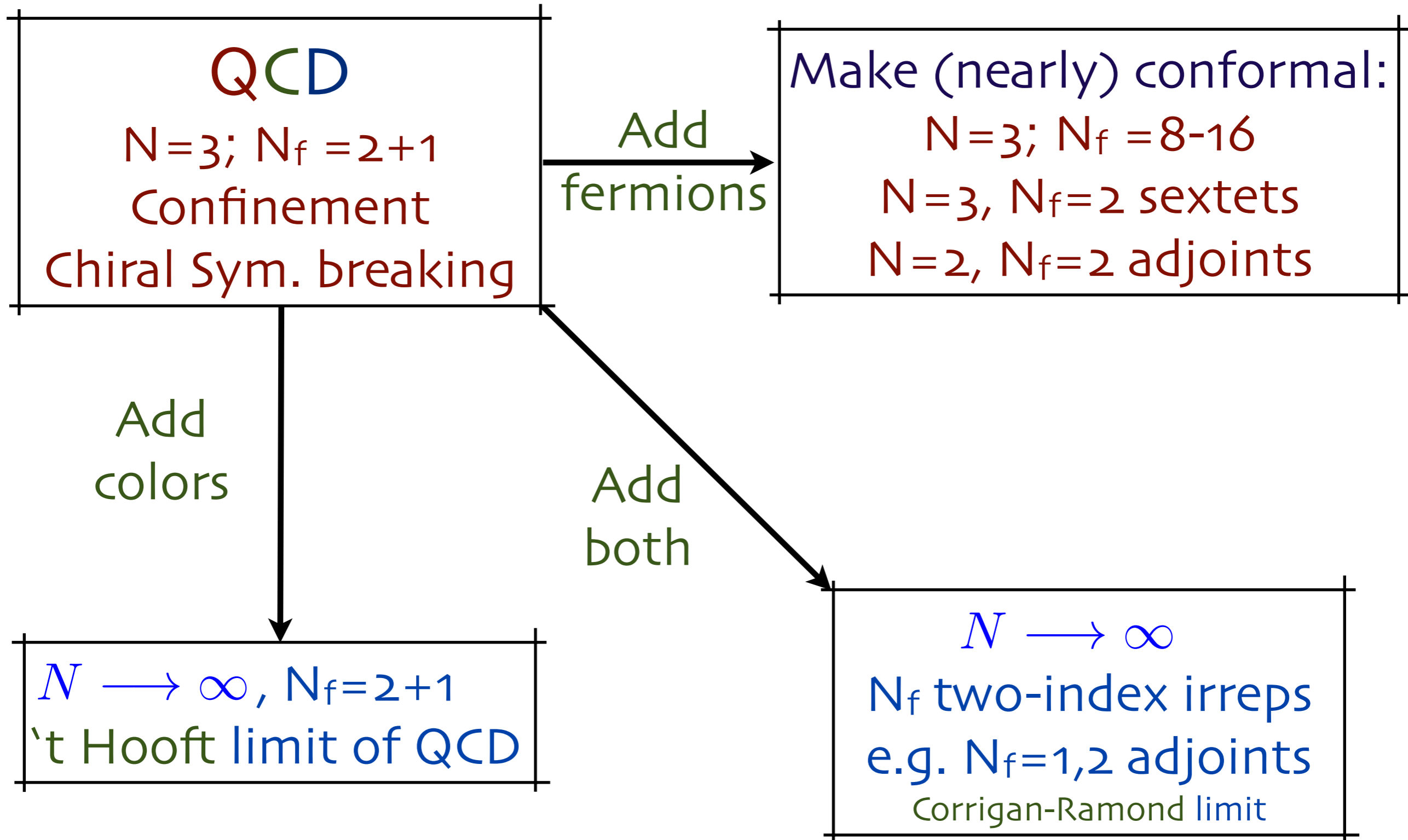
# Outline

- \* Introduction & Motivation
- \* Short history of “volume reduction”
- \* Application to QCD with 1 & 2 adjoint fermions:  
adjoint Eguchi-Kawai [AEK] model
- \* Twisted adjoint Eguchi-Kawai [TAEK] model
- \* Outlook

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# Why add colors?

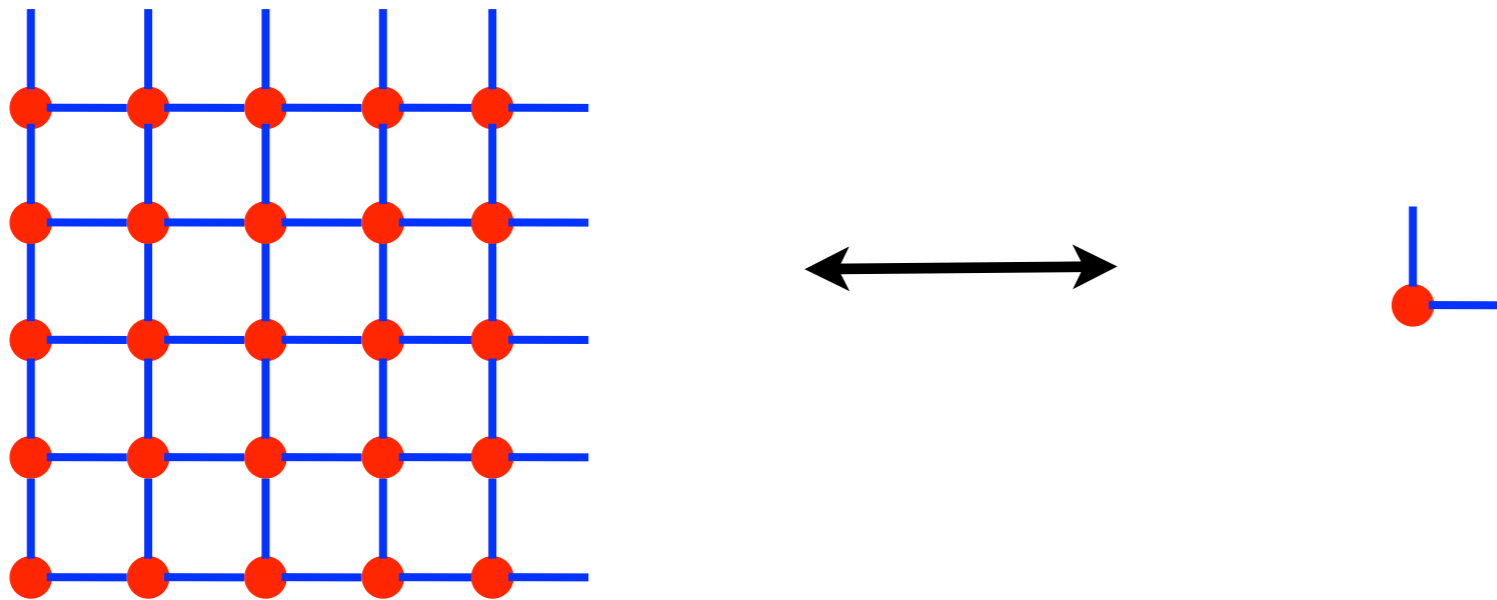
- \* At first sight, this seems foolhardy!
  - Increasing the number of degrees of freedom while still studying a strongly coupled theory
- \* However, there are important theoretical and computational simplifications
  - Planarity
  - Gauge-gravity duality
  - Volume independence

# Planarity [‘t Hooft, Witten,...]

- \* Limit is  $N \longrightarrow \infty$  with  $\lambda = g^2 N$  &  $N_f$  fixed
  - \* Only planar diagrams contribute in perturbation theory
  - \* Mesons & glueballs are stable (widths  $\sim 1/N$ )
  - \* Expectation values factorize:  $\langle \mathcal{O}_1 \mathcal{O}_2 \rangle = \langle \mathcal{O}_1 \rangle \langle \mathcal{O}_2 \rangle$
- ➔ Simplified theory sharing asymptotic freedom, confinement & Chiral SB with QCD
- Long-standing hope that analytic progress is possible
  - Lattice calculations can help guide search for string-theory duals

# Volume Independence [Eguchi & Kawai]

- \* Under non-trivial conditions, certain properties of gauge theories at large  $N$  are independent of volume



- ➔ Does this reduction in degrees of freedom provide a practical method to access the theoretical simplicity of large  $N$  theories? Are the conditions satisfied?

# After a hiatus, much recent interest, e.g.

T. Eguchi & H. Kawai, PRL 48 (1982) 1063 [EK model]

G. Bhanot, U. Heller & H. Neuberger, PL 113B (1982) 49 [QEK model]

A. Gonzalez-Arroyo & M. Okawa, PL 120B (1983) 174 [TEK model]

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P. Kovtun, M. Unsal & L.G. Yaffe, JHEP 0706 (2007) 109 [Adjoint EK]

B. Bringoltz & S.R. Sharpe, PRD 80 (2009) 065031 [massive  $N_f=1$  AEK works]

A. Heitonen & R. Narayanan, JHEP 1001 (2010) 79, PLB 698 (2011) 171 [massless  $N_f=1/2$  AEK]

T. Azeyanagi, M. Hanada, M. Unsal & R. Yacoby, PRD82 (2010) 125013 [why massive AEK works; ATEK;  $T > 0$ ]

M. Unsal & L.G. Yaffe, JHEP 1008 (2010) 030 [why massive AEK works]

B. Bringoltz, M. Koren & S.R. Sharpe, PRD85 (2012) 094504 [massive  $N_f=2$  AEK works]

M. Hanada, J.-W. Lee & N. Yamada, arXiv: [chiral symmetry breaking using  $2^4$  AEK]

A. Gonzalez-Arroyo & M. Okawa, JHEP 1007 (2010) 043 [TEK lives and thrives]

R. Lohmayer & R. Narayanan, arXiv:1305.1279 [AEK problems in weak coupling]

A. Gonzalez-Arroyo & M. Okawa, arXiv:1305.6253 [ATEK for  $N$  up to  $29^2=841$ ]



# I will not discuss:

- \* Novel simulations of single-site SUSY lattice theories aimed at testing AdS/CFT correspondence and learning about string theories & quantum gravity

[J. Nishimura, M. Hanada, T. Wiseman, S. Catterall, .....]

- \* Partial reduction of QCD in 't Hooft limit

- If  $L > L_c \approx 1$  fm then results independent of  $L$  [Narayanan & Neuberger]

- \* Obtaining results for large  $N$  by extrapolating from  $N=3,4,5,6$  (useful for pure gauge theory) [Teper,...]

- \* Reduction of one dimension [Cossu & D'Elia]

# History of large-N volume independence

# First example

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## Reduction of Dynamical Degrees of Freedom in the Large- $N$ Gauge Theory

Tohru Eguchi and Hikaru Kawai

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(Received 19 January 1982)

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Now usually called "large- $N$  volume independence"

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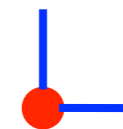
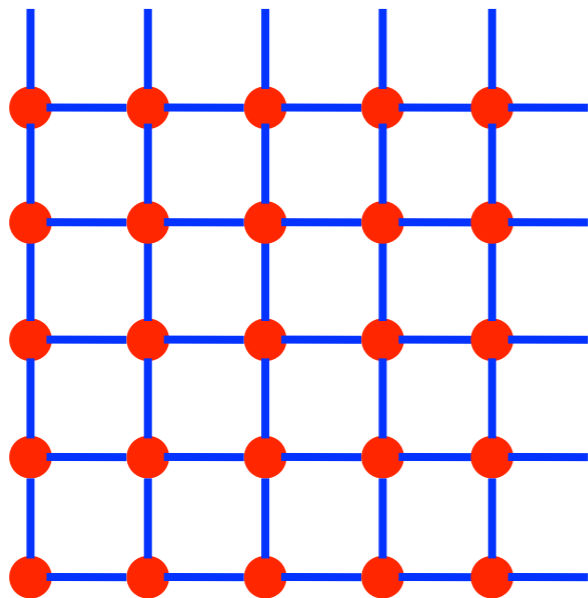
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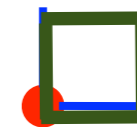
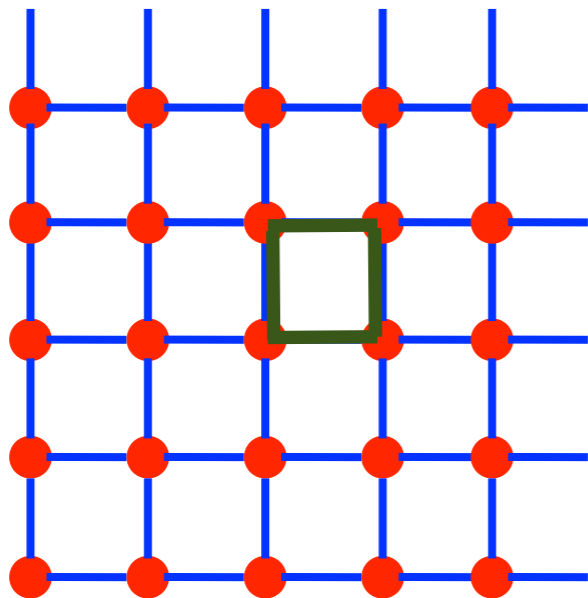
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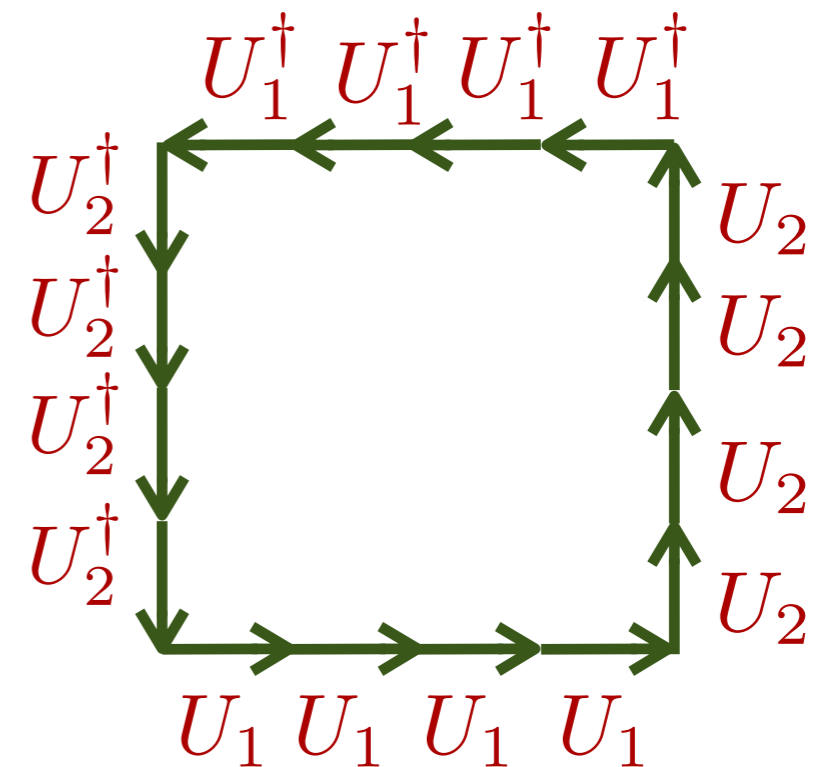
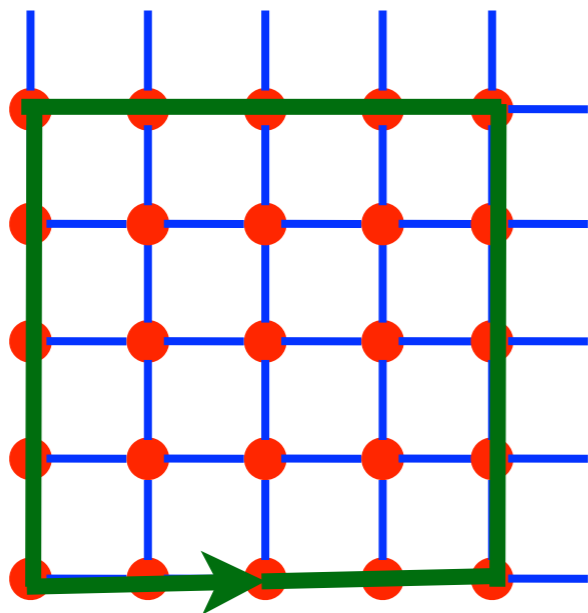
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$$W_C^{\text{reduced}} = \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} U_\mu U_\nu \cdots U_\rho U_\nu.$$



$$\langle W_C \rangle_{\text{gauge theory}} = \langle W_C^{\text{reduced}} \rangle_{\text{reduced}} + O(1/N^2).$$

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gauge symmetry

$$U_{n\mu} \rightarrow \Omega_n U_{n\mu} \Omega_{n+\mu}^\dagger \quad ; \quad \Omega_n \in SU(N) \quad \left| \quad U_\mu \rightarrow \Omega U_\mu \Omega^\dagger \quad ; \quad \Omega \in SU(N)$$

“center” symmetry

$$U_{[(\vec{n}, \tau), \mu]} \rightarrow U_{[(\vec{n}, \tau), \mu]} z_\mu \quad ; \quad z_\mu \in Z_N \quad \left| \quad U_\mu \rightarrow U_\mu z_\mu \quad ; \quad z_\mu \in Z_N$$

# EK's demonstration of vol. indep.

- Show equivalence of Dyson-Schwinger eqs for Wilson loops

$$U_{n,\mu} \xrightarrow{\text{gauge}} U_{n\mu} (1 + i\epsilon t^a)$$

$$U_\mu \xrightarrow{\text{reduced}} U_\mu (1 + i\epsilon t^a)$$

- Crucial difference

$$\text{tr} \left( \cdots \underline{U_{n,\mu}} U_{n+\mu,\nu} \cdots \underline{U_{m,\mu}^\dagger} U_{m-\mu,\rho} \cdots \right)$$

$$\text{tr} \left( \cdots \underline{U_\mu} U_\nu \cdots \underline{U_\mu^\dagger} U_\rho \cdots \right)$$

- Get extra terms on the reduced side: must vanish for reduction to hold

e.g.  $\left\langle \text{tr} \left( \text{diagram 1} \right) \text{tr} \left( \text{diagram 2} \right) \right\rangle_{\text{reduced}} = 0$

- Extra terms correspond to “open loops” in gauge theory

e.g.  $\left\langle \text{tr} \left( U_\mu U_\nu^\dagger \right) \text{tr} \left( U_\mu^\dagger U_\nu \right) \right\rangle_{\text{reduced}} = 0$



# EK's demonstration of volume independence

Reduction holds if  $\left\langle \text{tr}(\text{loop}) \text{tr}(\text{loop}) \right\rangle_{\text{reduced}} = 0$

- Valid if have large-N factorization

$$\langle W_{C_1} W_{C_2} \rangle_{\text{reduced}} = \langle W_{C_1} \rangle_{\text{reduced}} \langle W_{C_2} \rangle_{\text{reduced}} + O(1/N^2),$$

- ... and if center symmetry is unbroken  $(Z_N^4 : U_\mu \rightarrow U_\mu z_\mu)$

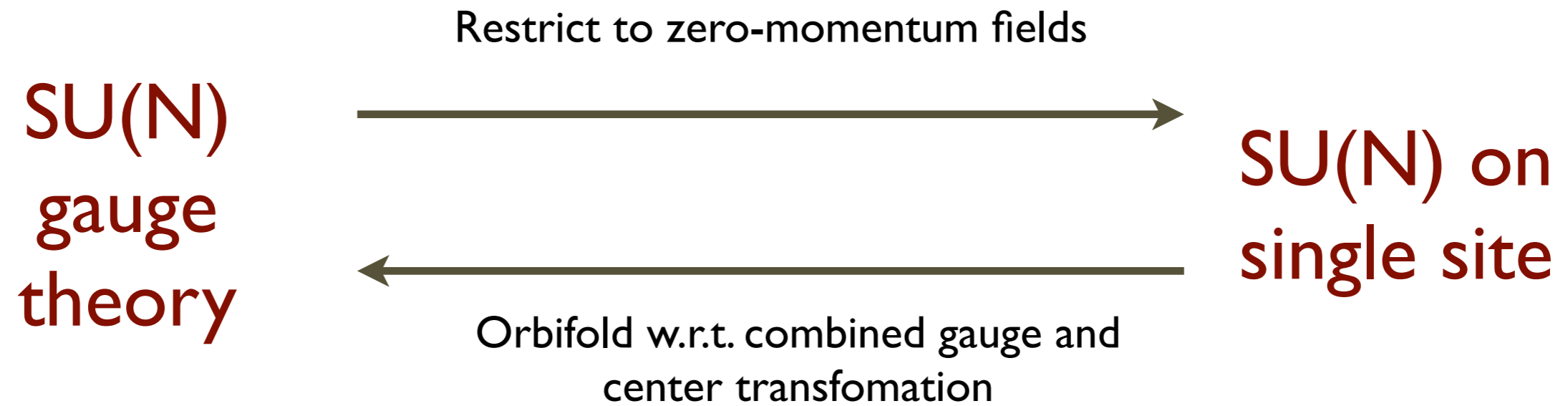
$$\langle W_{\text{open}} \rangle_{\text{reduced}} = 0.$$

**CONCLUSION:**  $\text{tr}U_\mu, \text{tr}U_\mu U_\nu, \text{ etc.}$

**must all vanish in the reduced model**

# Alternative view of reduction

- Volume independence is an example of a larger class of equivalences: large- $N$  orbifold equivalences [Kovtun, Unsal & Yaffe]



- Orbifold equivalence holds if “orbifolding symmetries” (translation invariance and center symmetry) are unbroken

# Reduction fails! [Bhanot, Heller & Neuberger '82]

- Qualitatively: Small  $L \Leftrightarrow$  High  $T \Rightarrow$  deconfinement  $\Rightarrow \text{tr}(U_\mu) \neq 0$
- Can understand in weak coupling limit as due to clustering of eigenvalues of  $U_\mu$  [BHN '82, Kazakov & Migdal '82]

$$U_\mu = V_\mu^\dagger \Lambda_\mu V_\mu \quad \Lambda_\mu = \text{diag} \left[ e^{i\theta_\mu^1}, \dots, e^{i\theta_\mu^N} \right]$$

$$Z_N \text{ symmetry: } \theta_\mu^a \longrightarrow \theta_\mu^a + \frac{2\pi}{N}$$

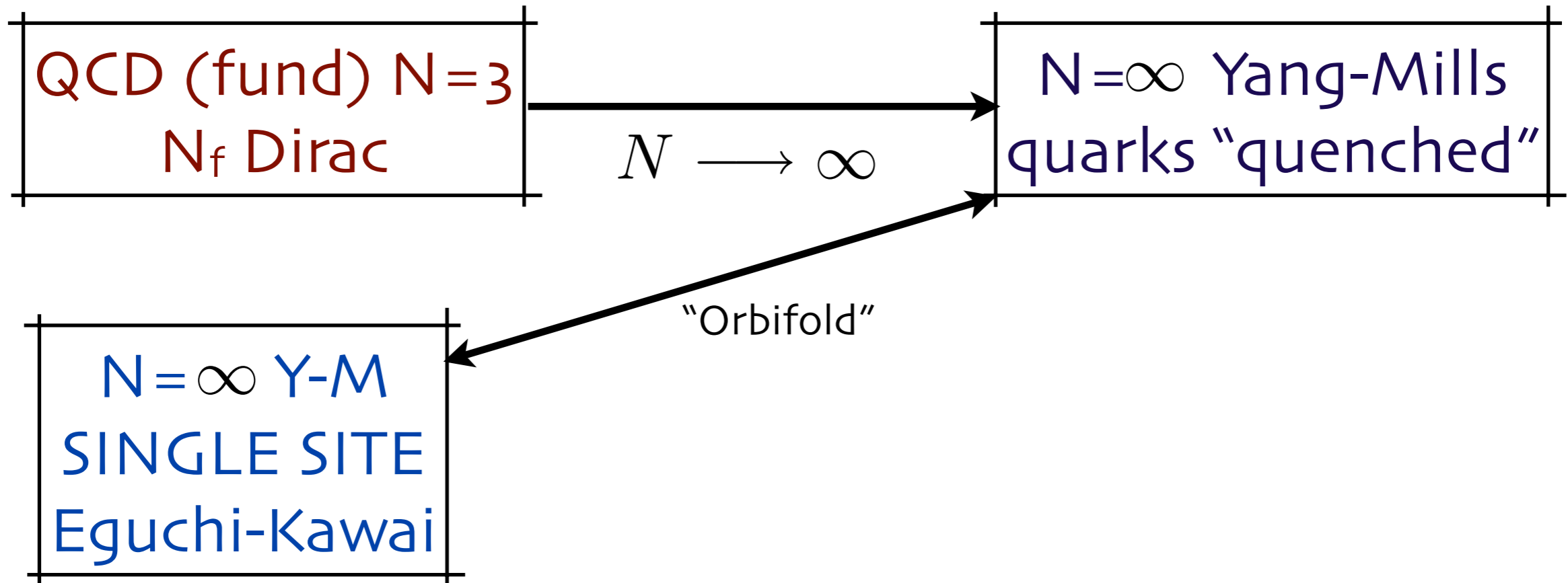
$$F_{EK} \xrightarrow{b \rightarrow \infty} (d-2) \sum_{a < b} \log \left[ \sum_\mu \sin^2 \left( \frac{\theta_\mu^a - \theta_\mu^b}{2} \right) \right]$$

➔ Eigenvalues attract for  $d > 2 \Rightarrow \theta_\mu^a = \theta_\mu^b$  and so  $\text{tr } U_\mu \neq 0$

- For reduction to hold need uniform distribution of eigenvalues, uncorrelated in different directions
- Role of momenta played by  $\theta_\mu^a - \theta_\mu^b$

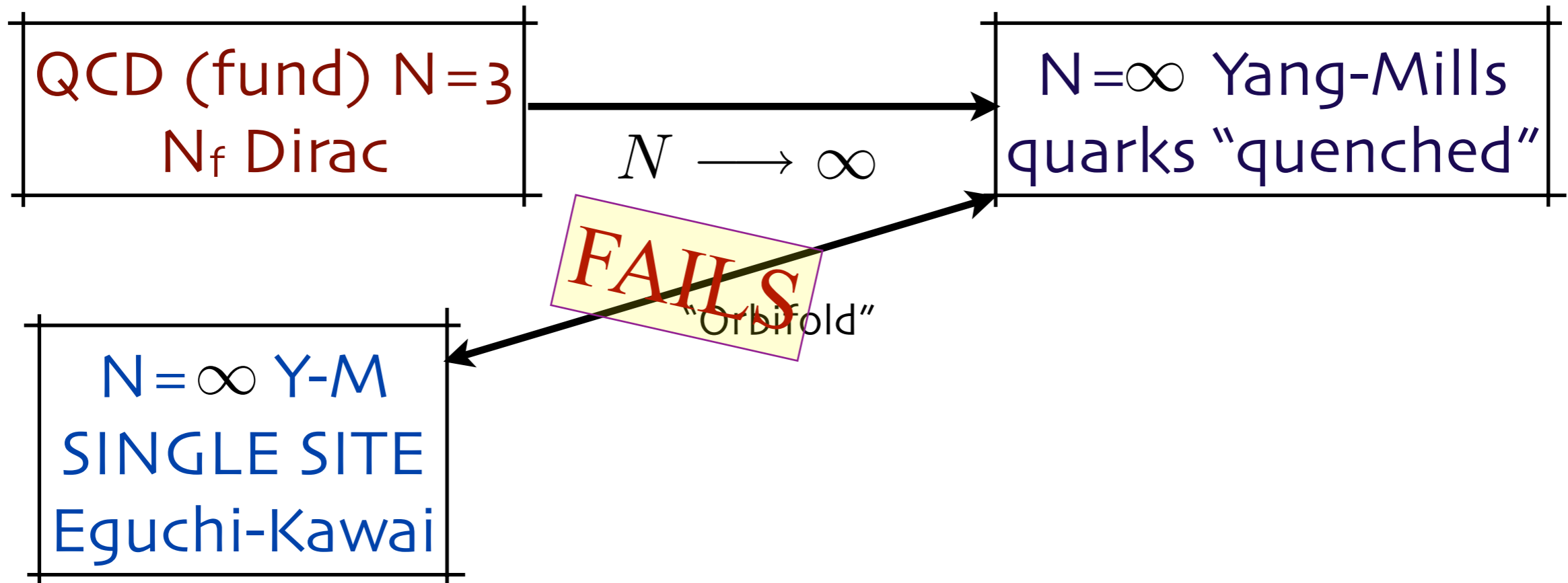
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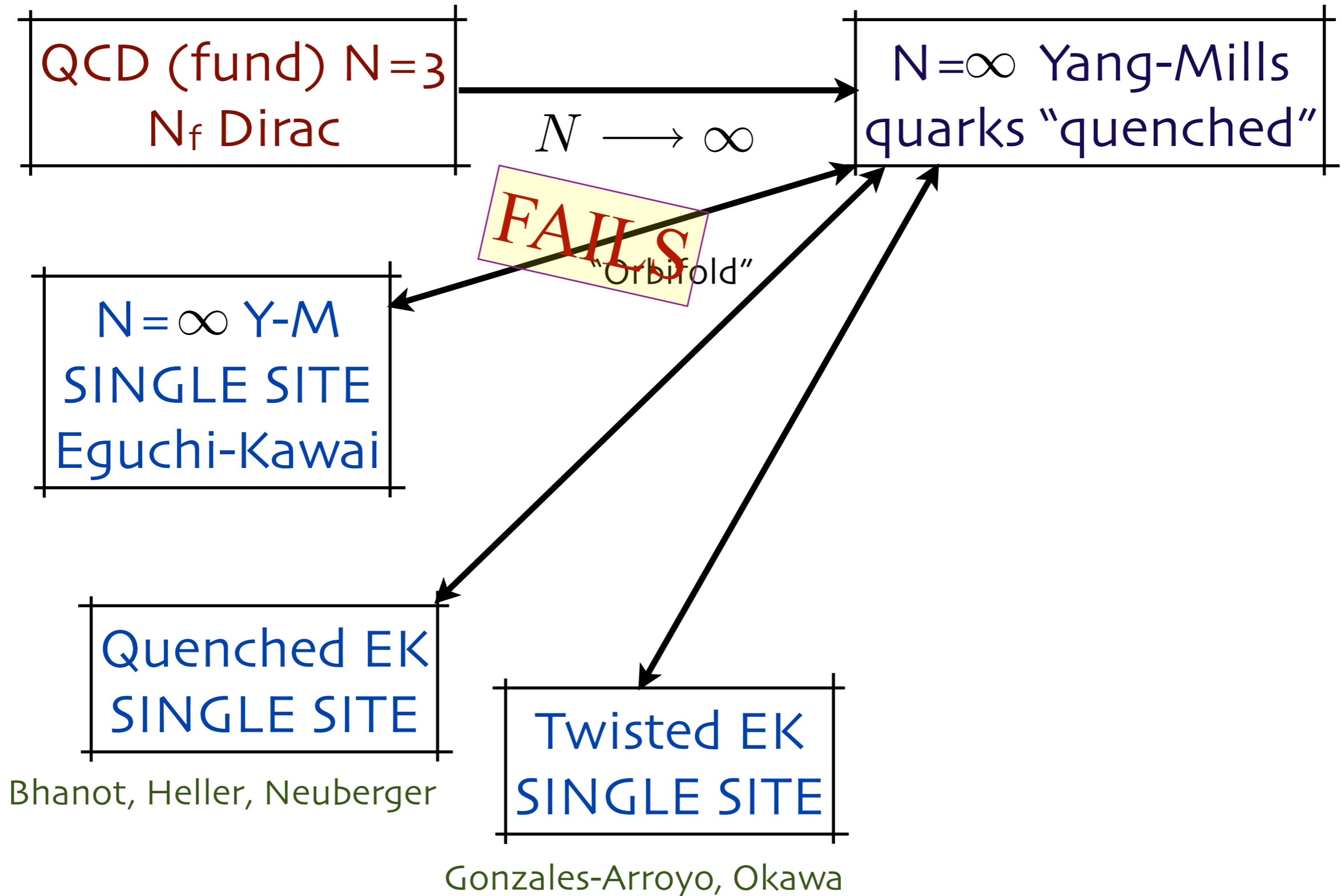
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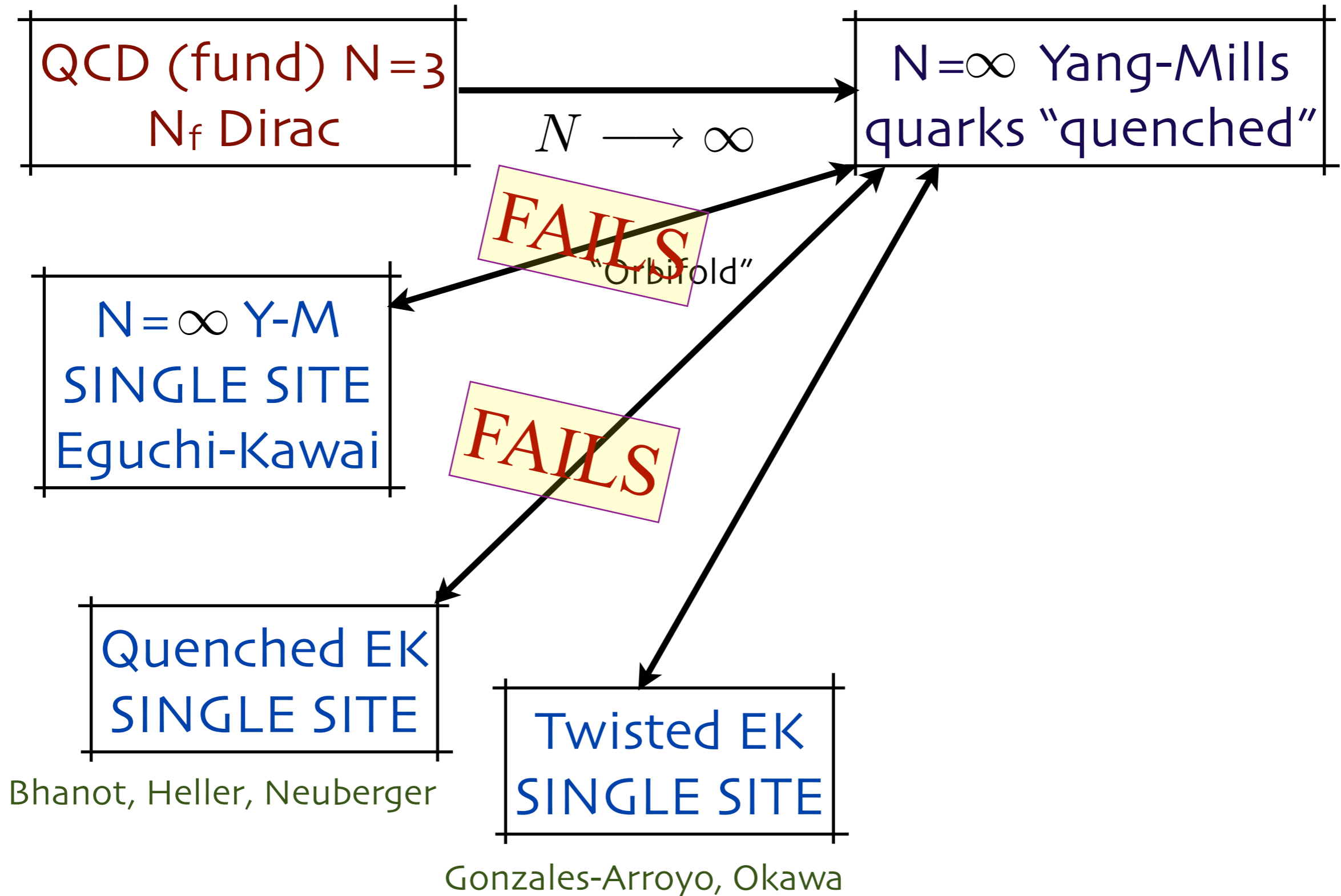
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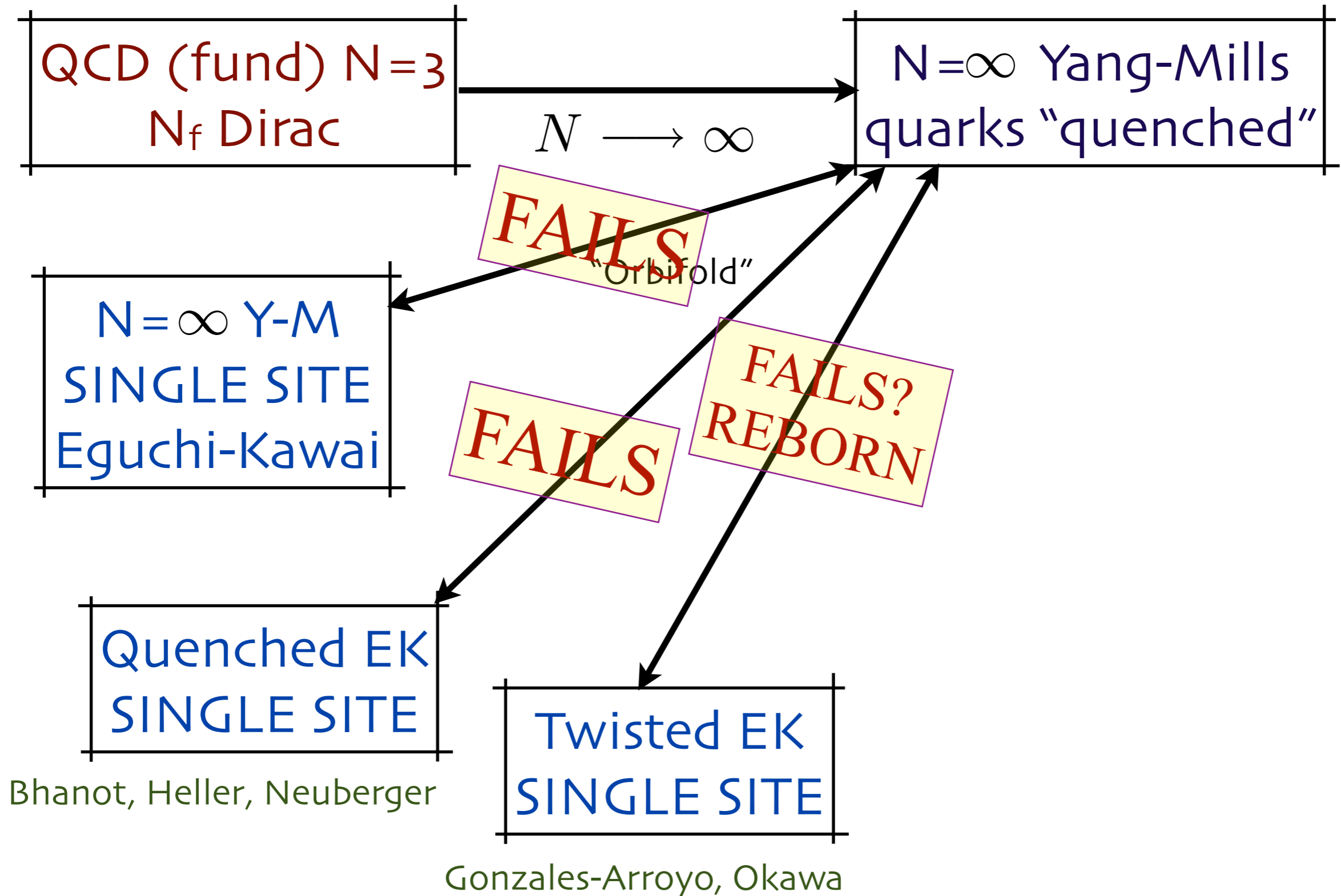
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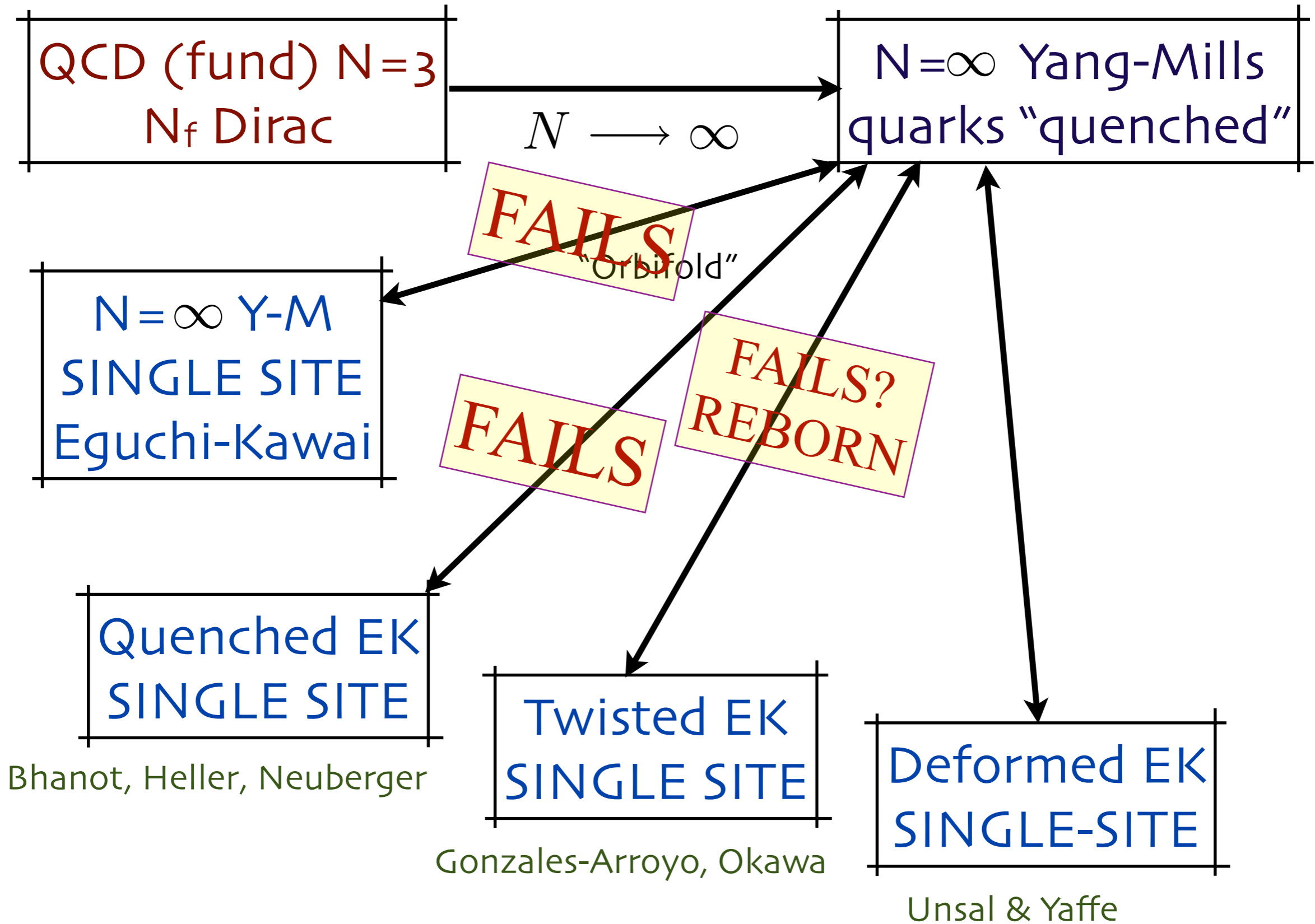
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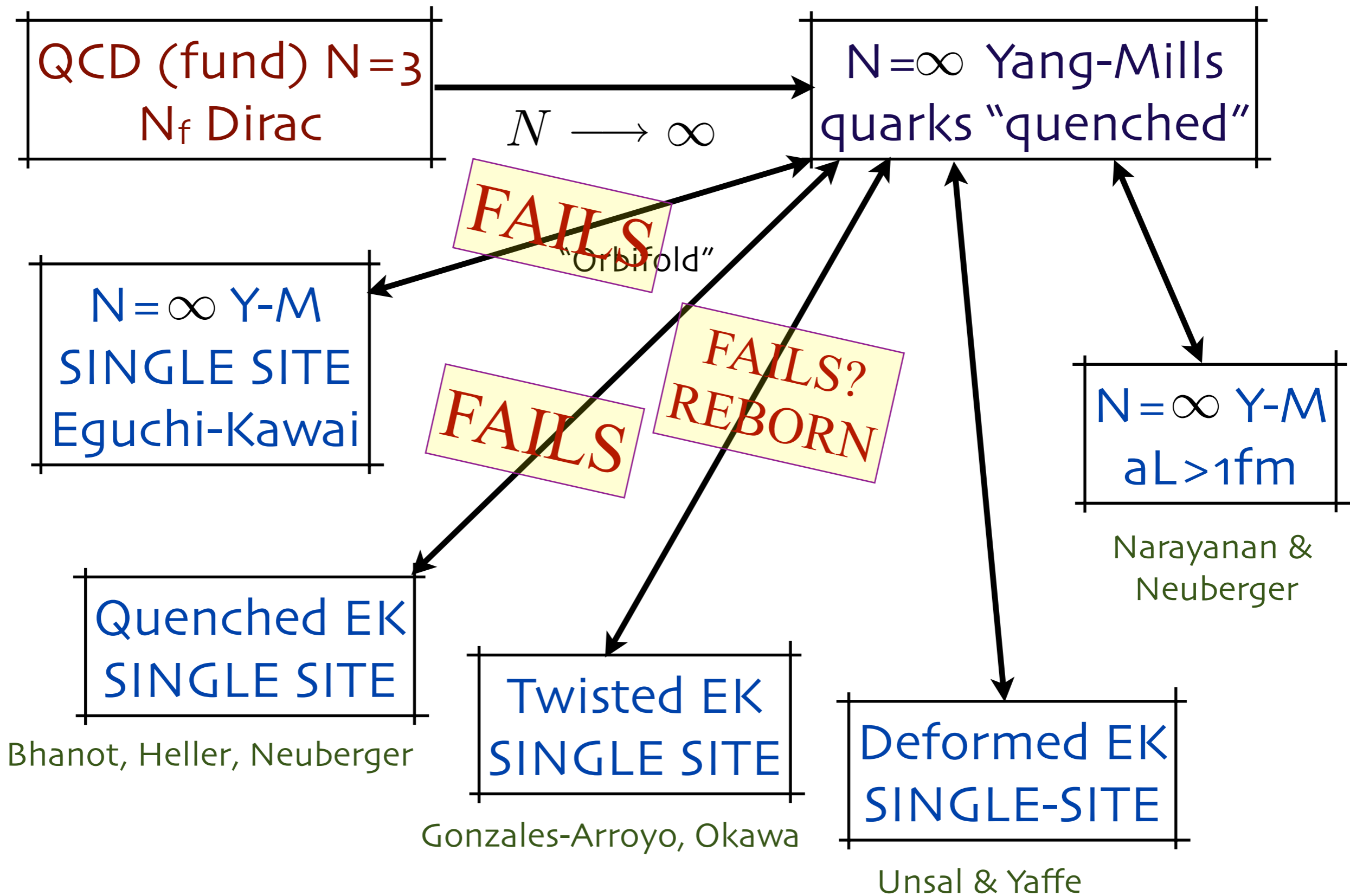
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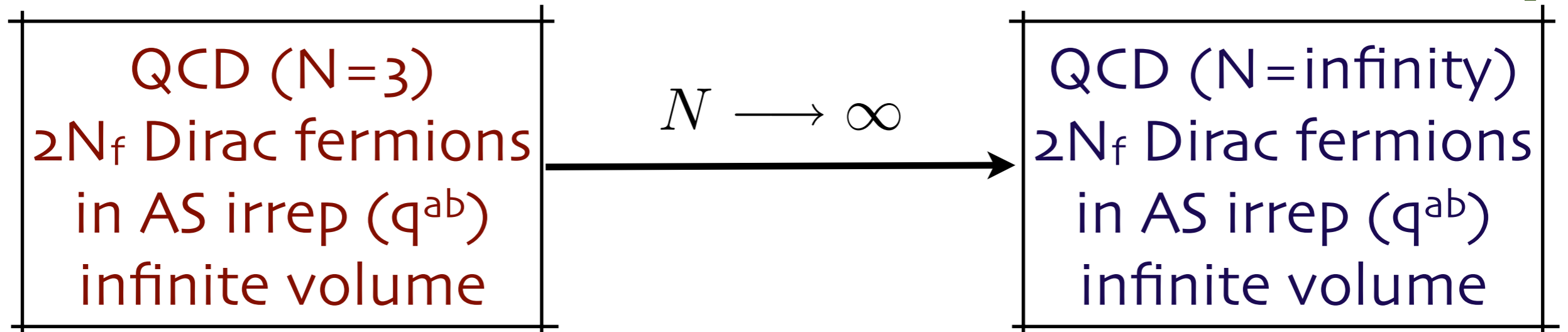


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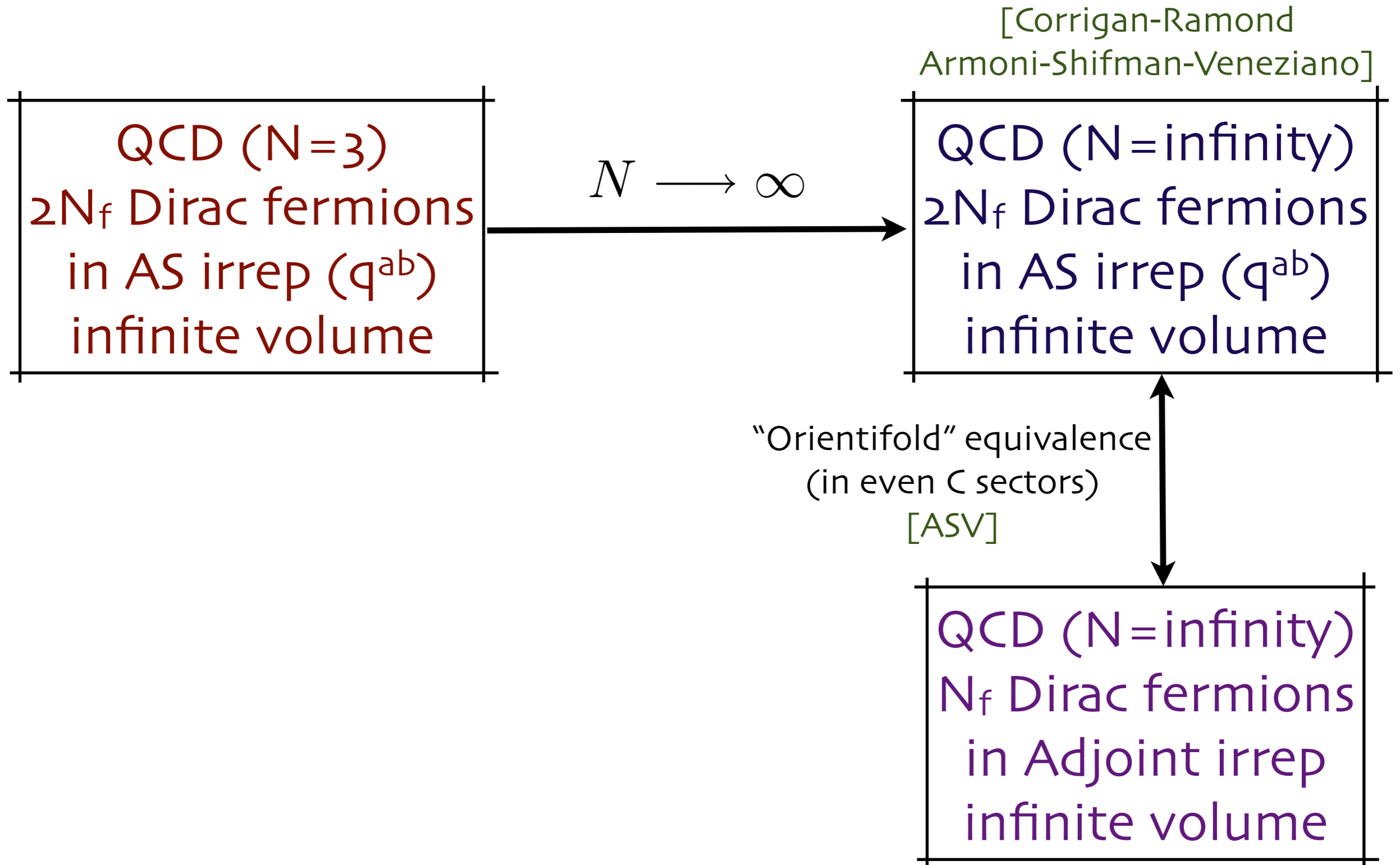
QCD ( $N=3$ )  
 $2N_f$  Dirac fermions  
in AS irrep ( $q^{ab}$ )  
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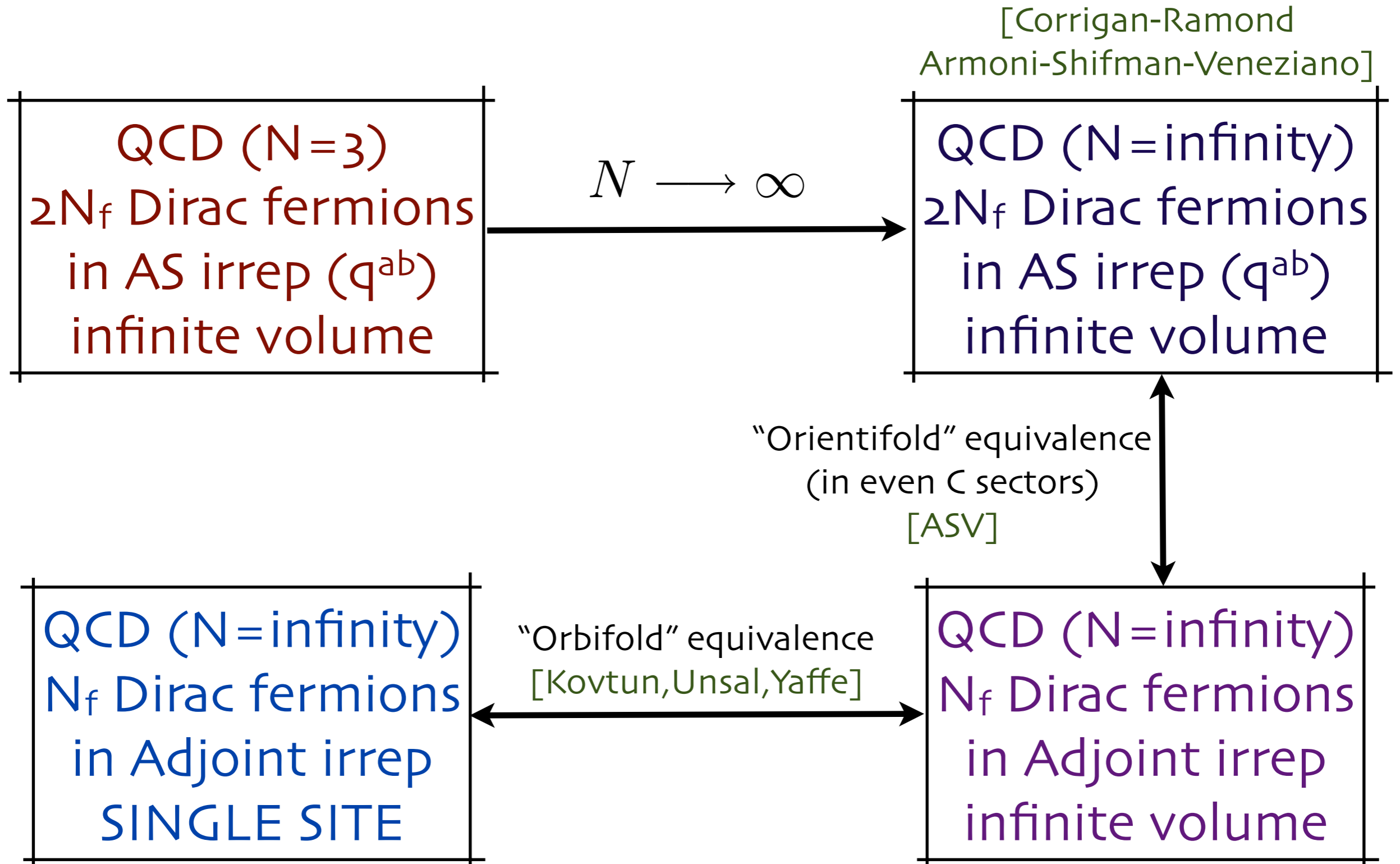
[Corrigan-Ramond  
Armoni-Shifman-Veneziano]



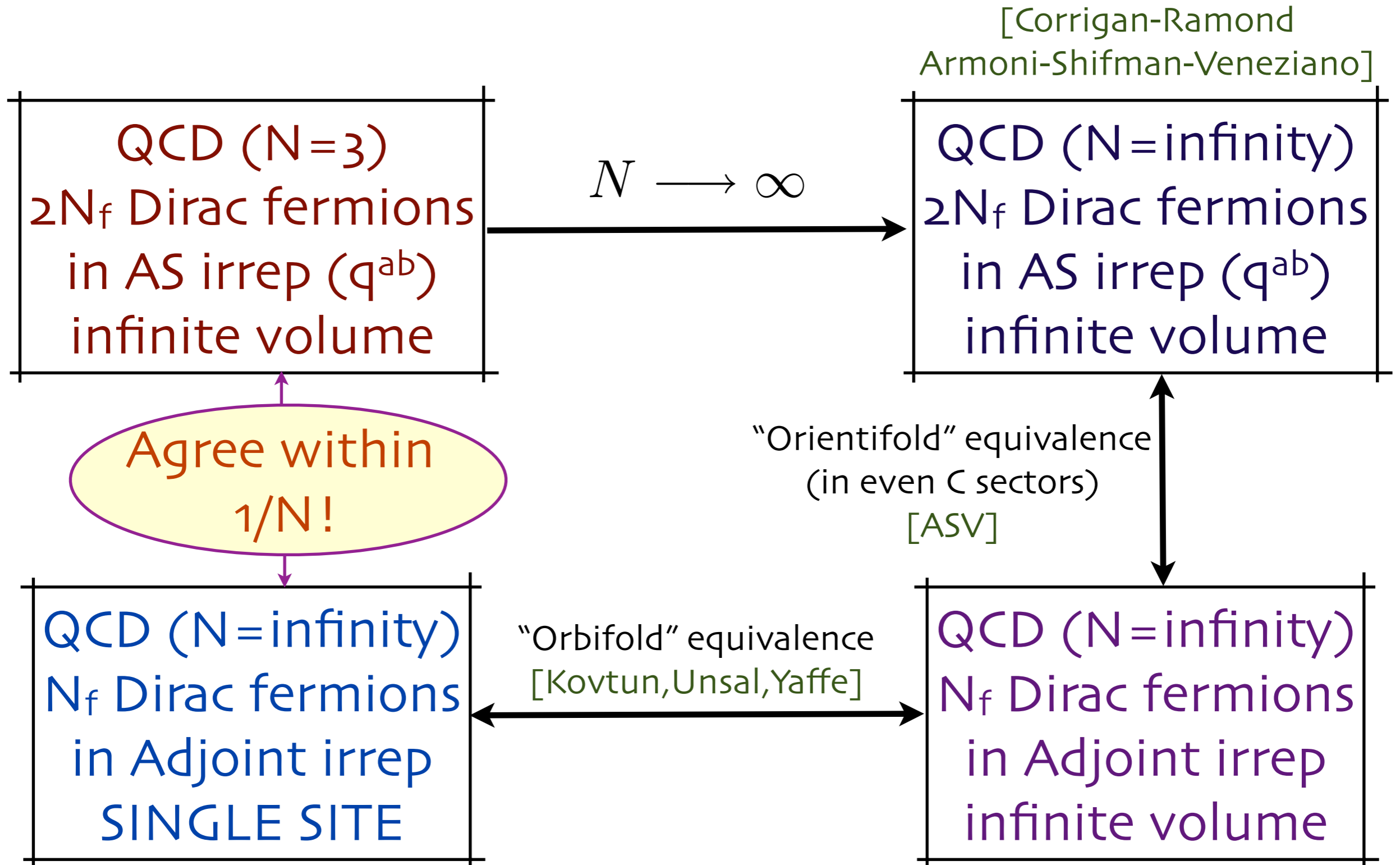
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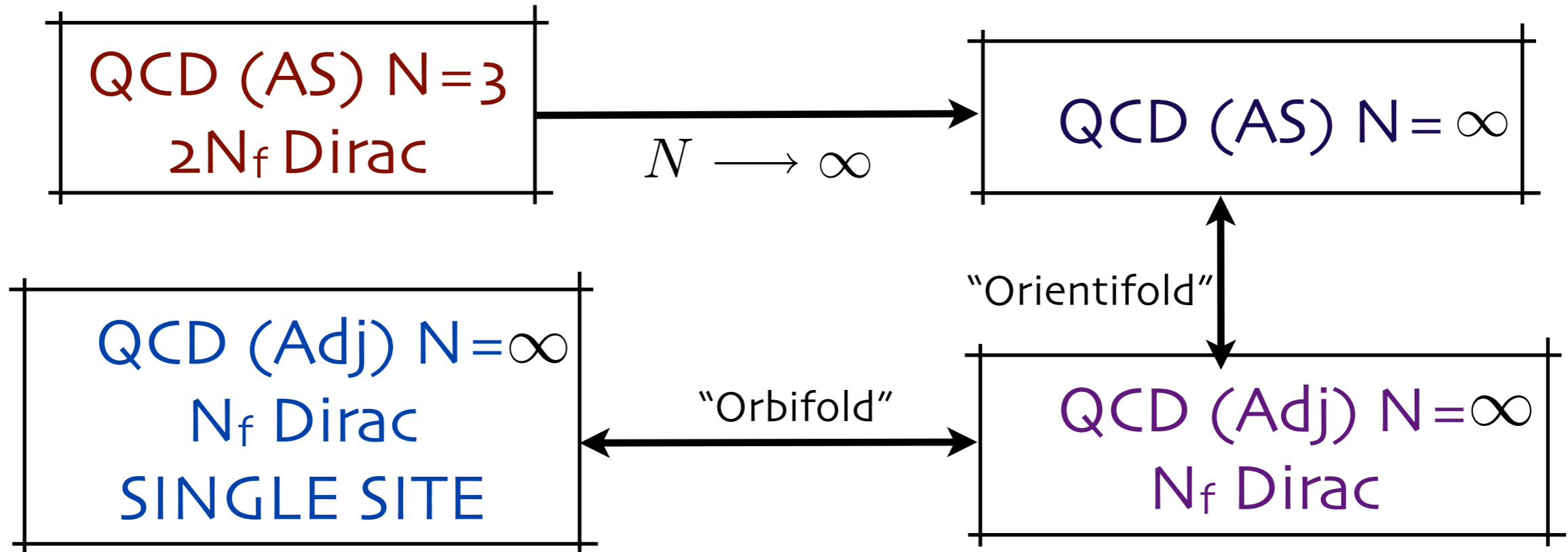


# Why do adjoint fermions help?

- Adjoint fermions survive in large N limit (unlike fundamentals)
- At one-loop order, fermions lead to repulsion between link eigenvalues, as long as use periodic (non-thermal) BC [K,U & Y]
- Repulsion wins for  $N_f > 1/2$  massless Dirac fermions
  - ➔ Usually leads to uniform distribution of  $\theta_\mu$ , but depends on details of fermion action [Lohmayer & Narayan, 2013]
- Any non-zero mass [ $|m_{\text{phys}}| > 1/(aN)$ ] leads to attraction at small  $\theta_\mu^a - \theta_\mu^b$  and thus to center-symmetry breaking
  - ➔ Need massless fermions?
- However, perturbation theory not reliable for small  $|\theta_\mu^a - \theta_\mu^b|$ , nor in stronger coupling region of interest
  - ➔ Need non-perturbative simulation

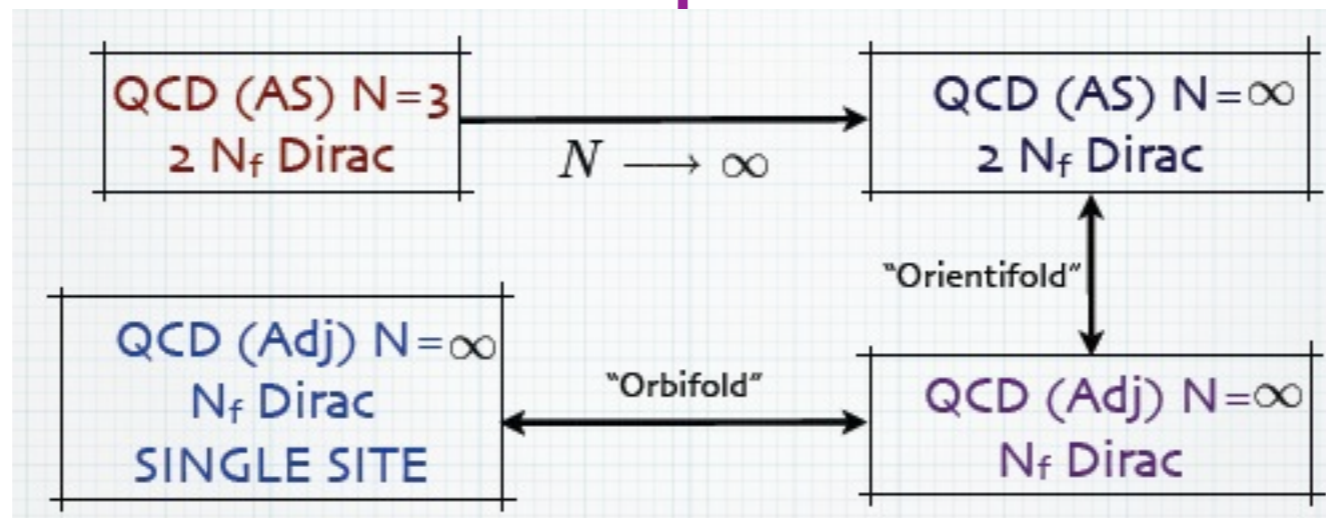


# What would we learn?



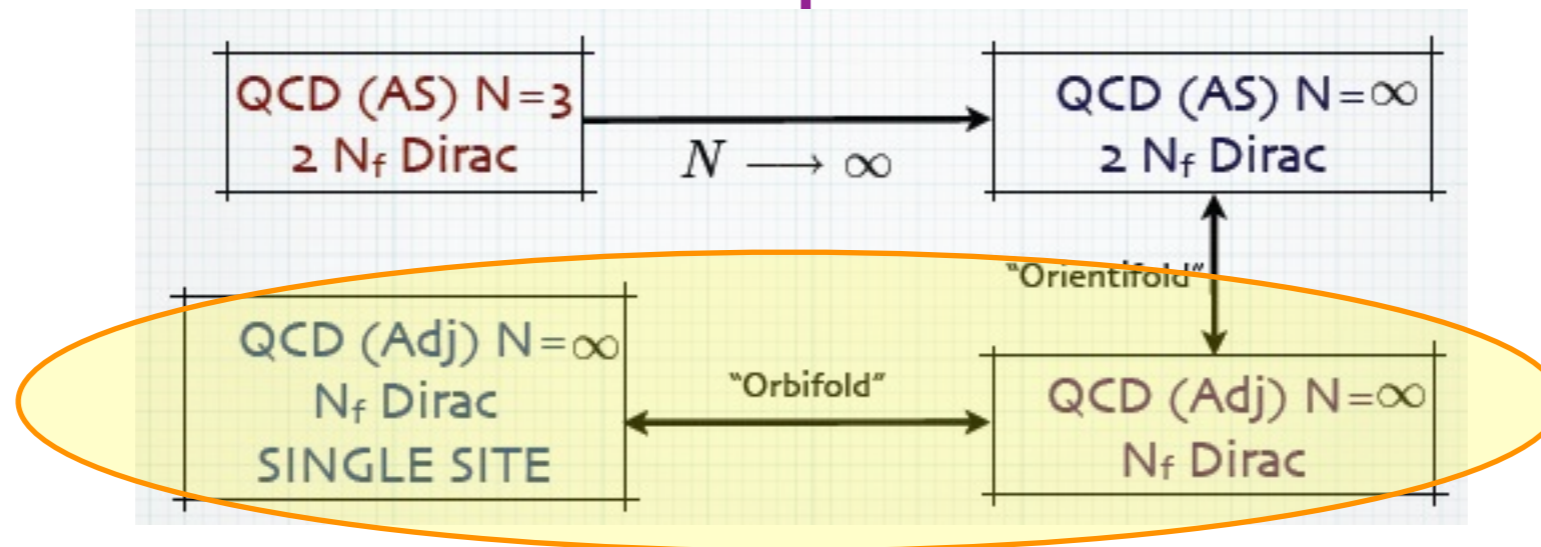
- \* Use single-site QCD(Adj) for  $N$  large to learn about 3 theories of great interest
  - $N_f=1$ : learn about QCD with 2 flavors in Corrigan-Ramond large- $N$  limit
  - $N_f=2$ : alternative window on "minimal" walking technicolor theory
  - [ $N_f=1/2$ : equivalent to SYM, for which exact results are known]
- \* Even though "matrix model" lives on a single site, one can calculate many physical quantities (string tension, pion mass, ...)

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IN THIS TALK:

We assume the first three hold and study the last

# Results for $N_f=1&2$ adjoint Eguchi-Kawai (AEK) model

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# Action of AEK model

## Wilson gauge and fermion action

$$S_{\text{gauge}} = 2Nb \sum_{\mu < \nu} \text{ReTr} U_{\mu} U_{\nu} U_{\mu}^{\dagger} U_{\nu}^{\dagger}, \quad b = 1/(g^2 N)$$

Parameters

$$S_F = \sum_{j=1, N_f} \bar{\psi}_j D_W \psi_j \quad \kappa \sim 1/m$$

$$D_W = \mathbf{1} - \kappa \sum_{\mu=1}^4 [(1 - \gamma_{\mu}) U_{\mu}^{\text{adj}} + (1 + \gamma_{\mu}) U_{\mu}^{\dagger \text{adj}}]$$

## Symmetries:

**gauge:**  $U_{\mu} \longrightarrow \Omega U_{\mu} \Omega^{\dagger} \quad (\text{all } \mu) \quad \Omega \in SU(N)$

**center  $(Z_N)^4$ :**  $U_{\mu} \longrightarrow U_{\mu} e^{2\pi i n_{\mu}/N} \quad n_{\mu} \in Z_N$

# Scaling of CPU with N

- \* Original studies used Metropolis algorithm

$$P(U) = e^{S_{\text{EK}}(U)} (\det D_W)^{N_f}$$

- Determinant real & positive; evaluate explicitly
- Scaling is  $\sim(N^2)^3 \times N^2 \sim N^8 \Rightarrow$  can reach  $N \approx 15$  on PC

- \* Present studies use rHMC (HMC) for  $N_f=1$  (2)

- Using  $U^{\text{adj}} \sim U \cdot U^\dagger$ , scaling is  $\sim(N^3) \times N^{1-1.5} \sim N^{4-4.5}$
- Can reach  $N=53$  on PC,  $N=289$  on supercomputer

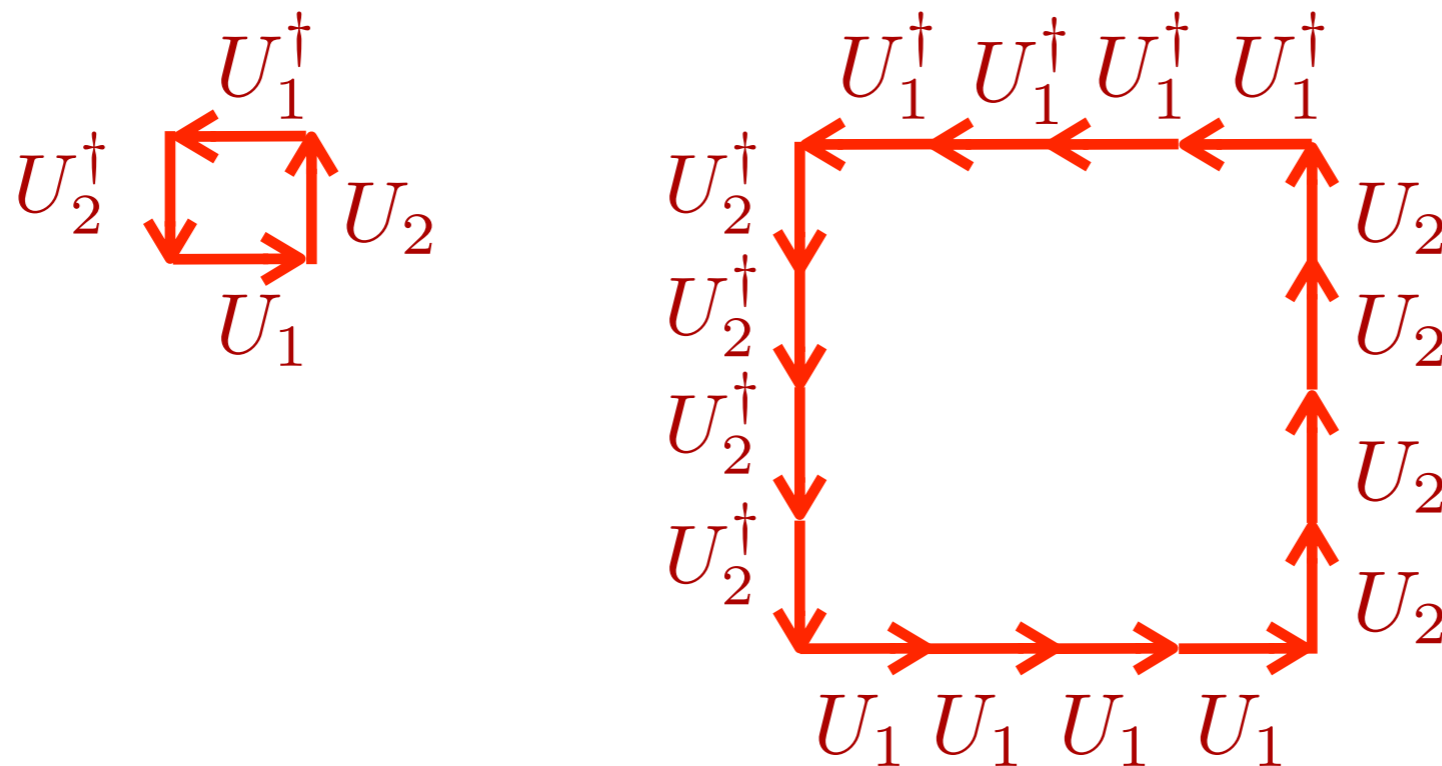
# Order params for symm breaking

- \* traces of “open” loops

$$\text{tr}(U_\mu), \text{tr}(U_\mu U_\nu), \text{tr}(U_\mu U_\nu^\dagger), \text{tr}(U_1^{n_1} U_2^{n_2} U_3^{n_3} U_4^{n_4}), \dots$$

- \* histograms of eigenvalues of links:  $\theta_\mu^a$

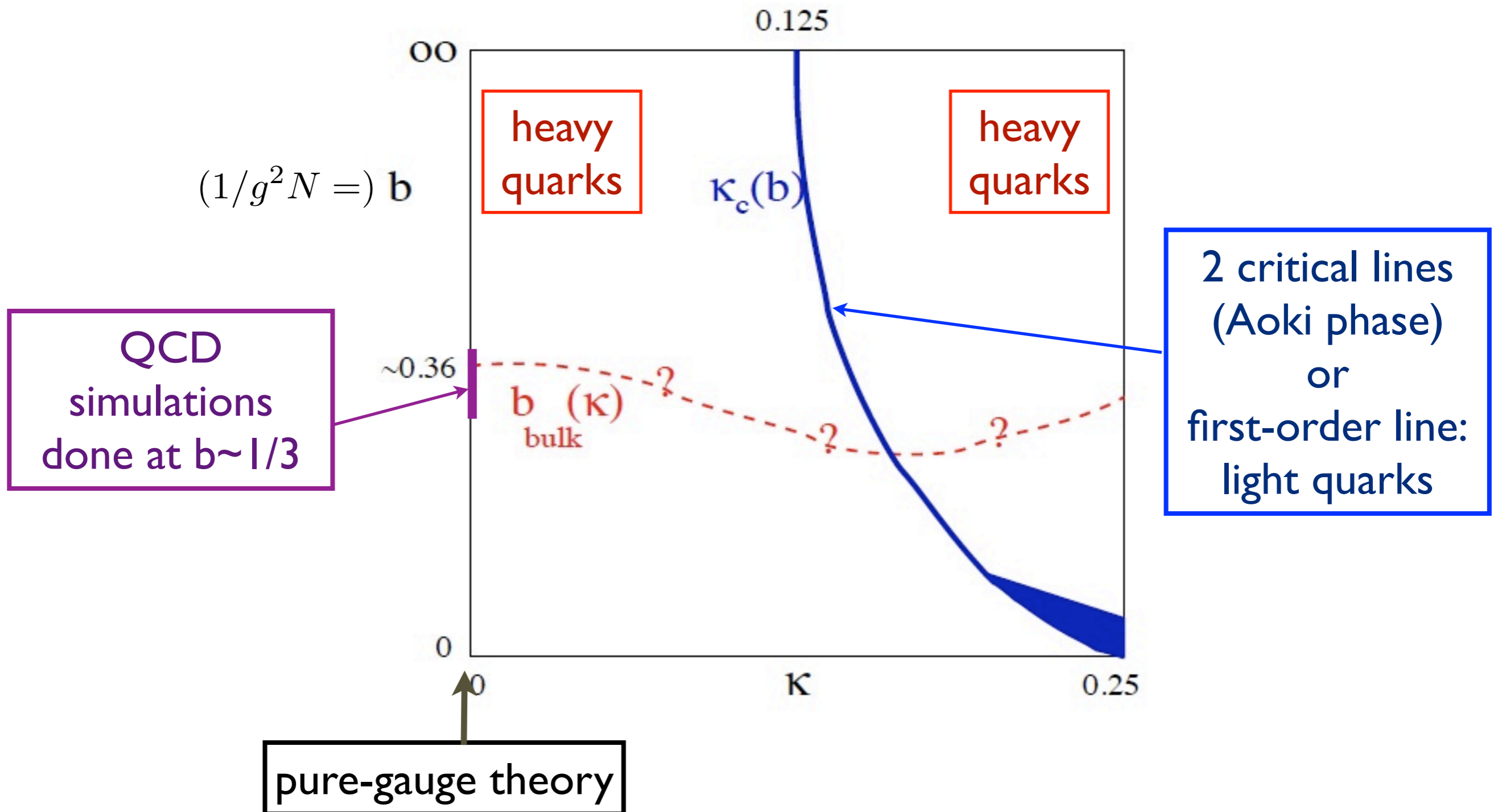
- \* also calculate plaquette and larger Wilson loops



# Expected phase diagram (infinite volume)

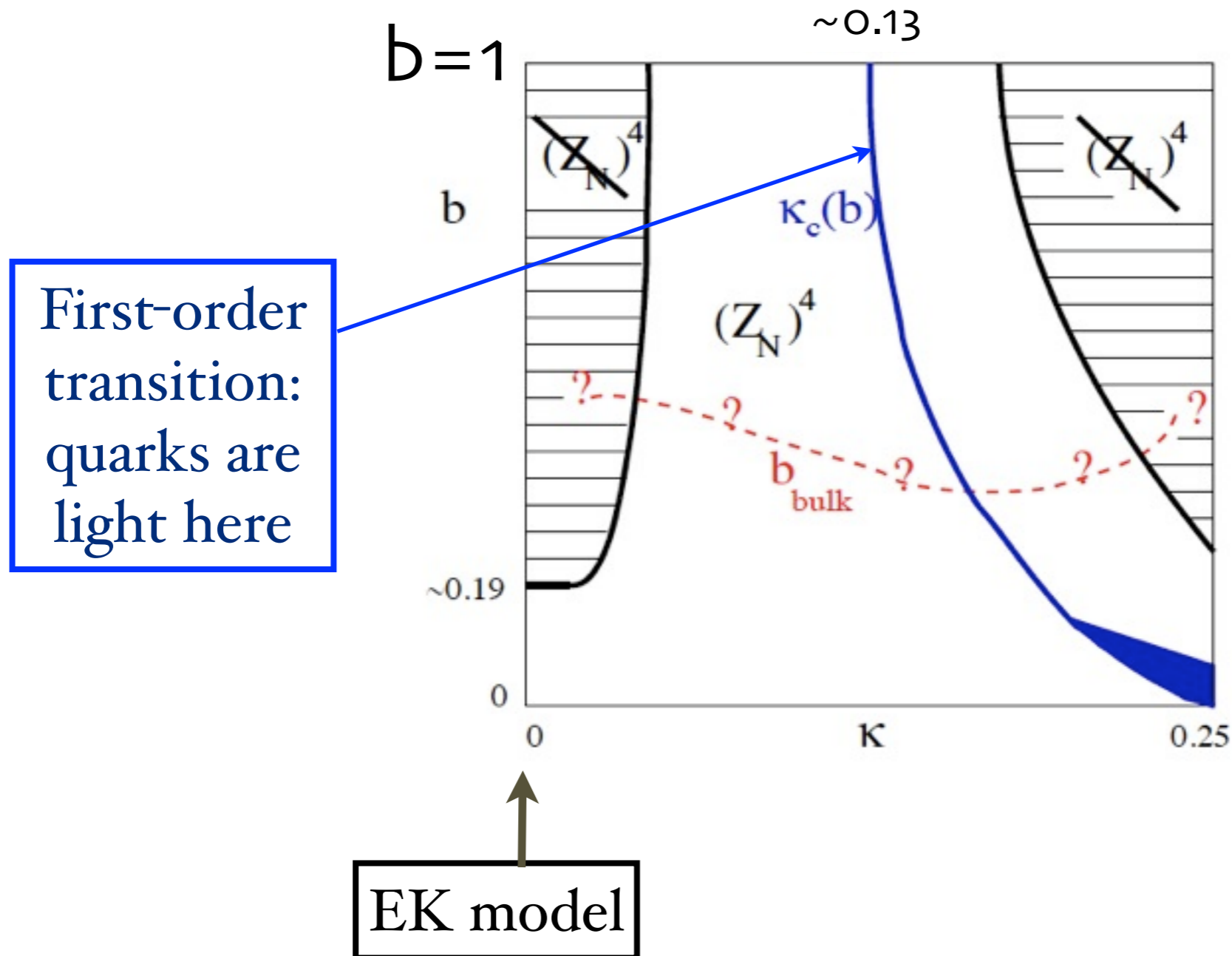
$N_f=1, N=\text{infinity}$

Continuum physics



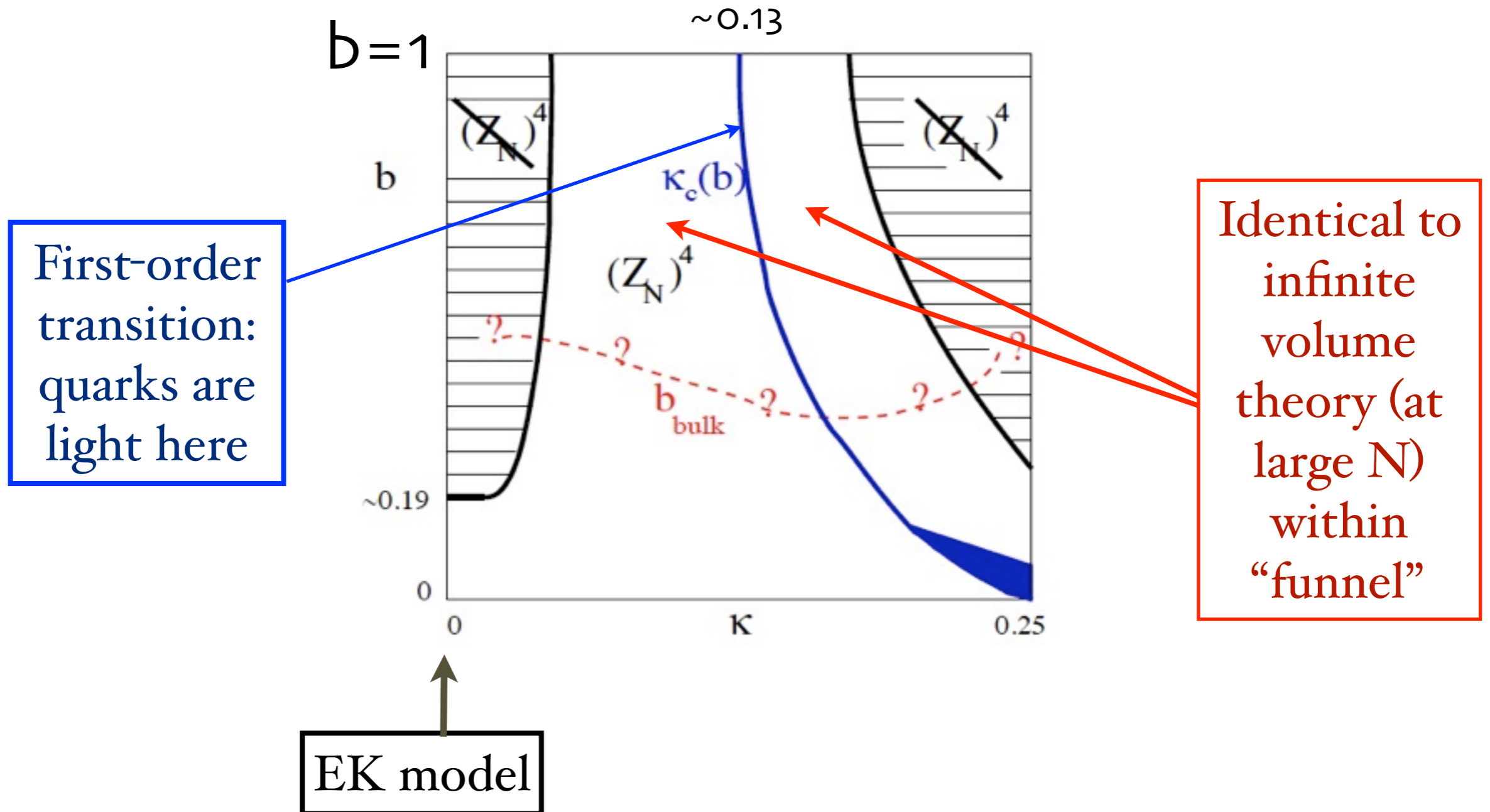


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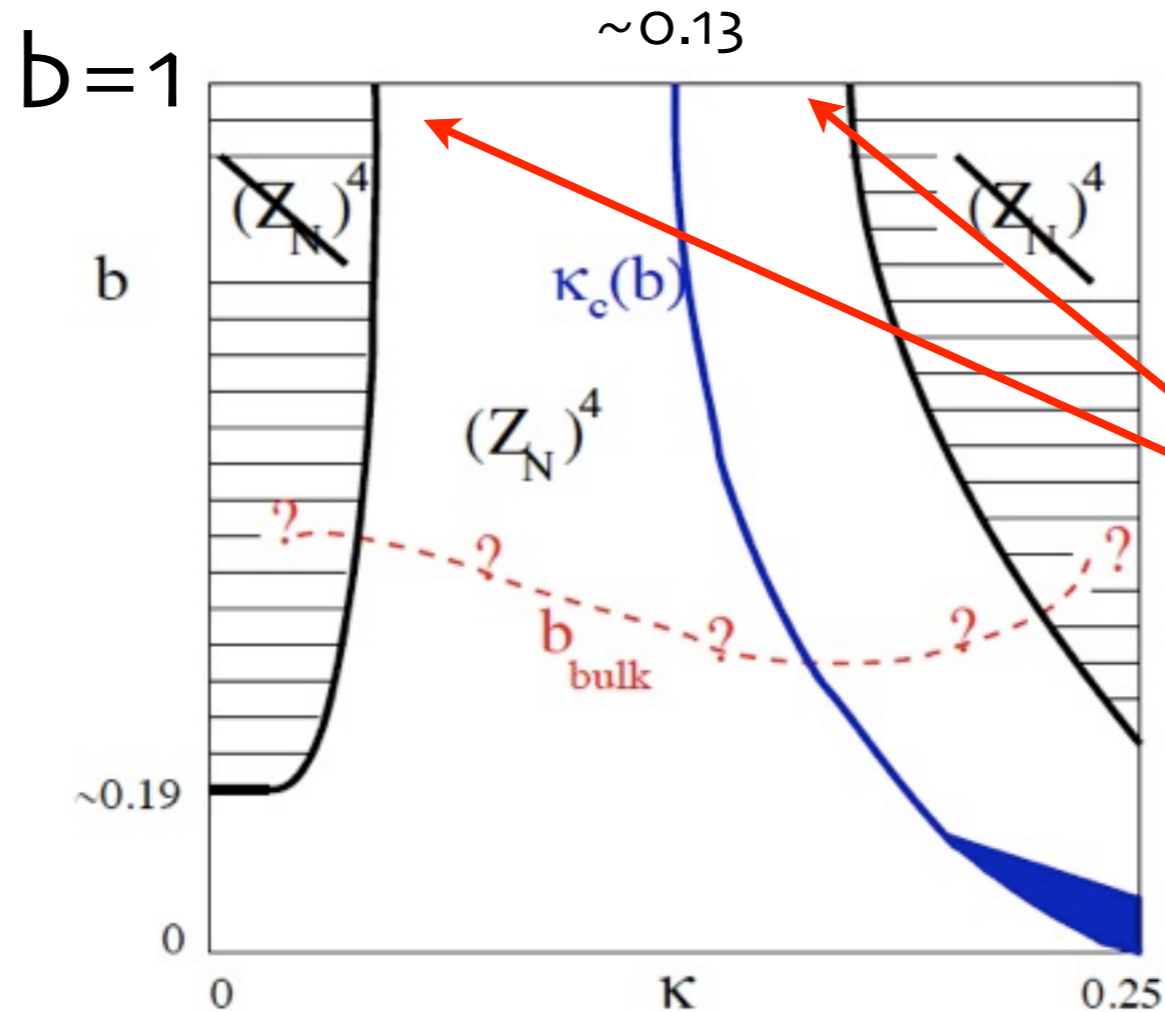
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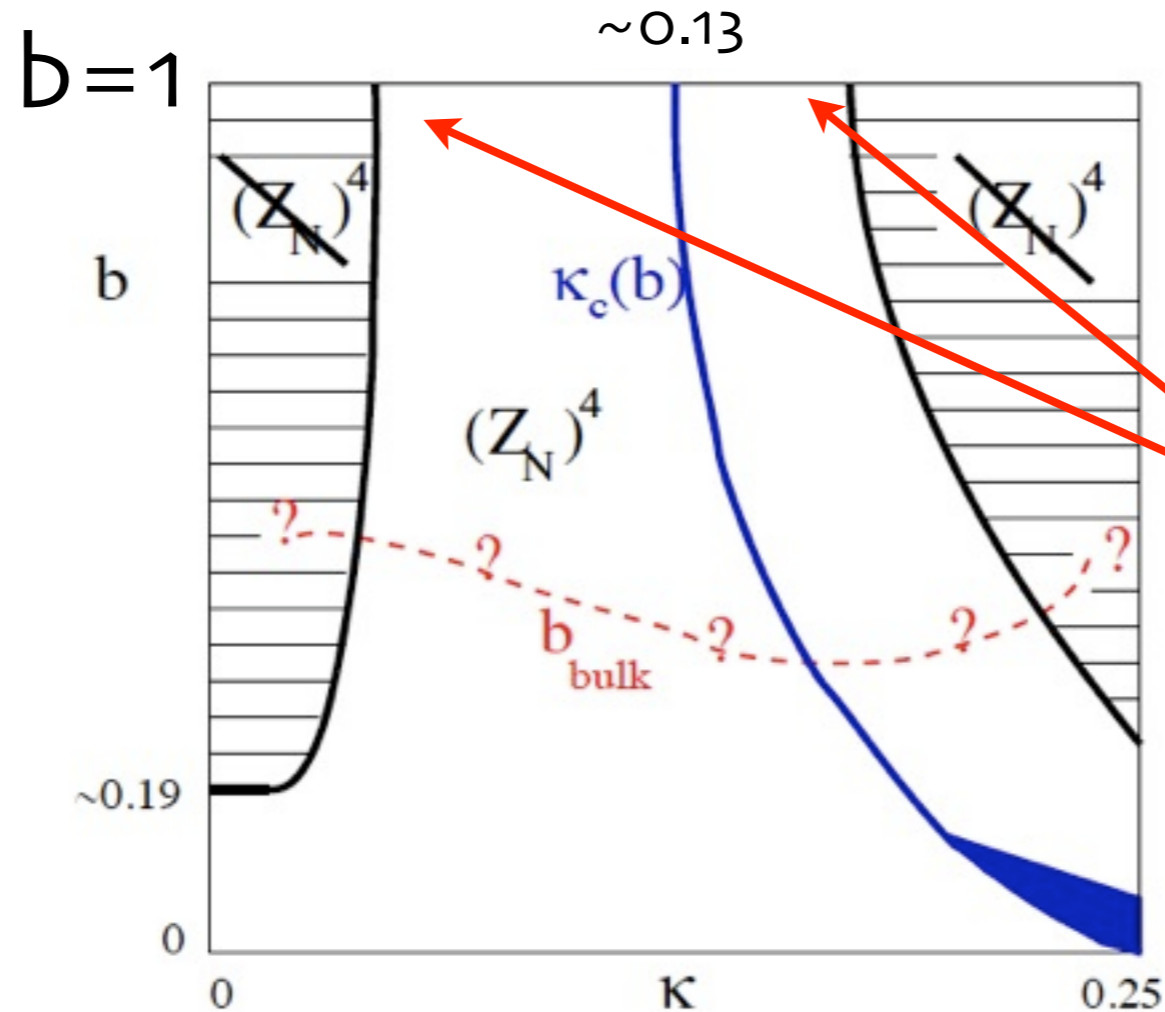
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( $m_{\text{phys}} \sim 1/a$ )  
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- \* Inconsistent with pert. thy (requires  $m_{\text{phys}}=0$  in general)
- \* Violates naive decoupling of heavy quarks

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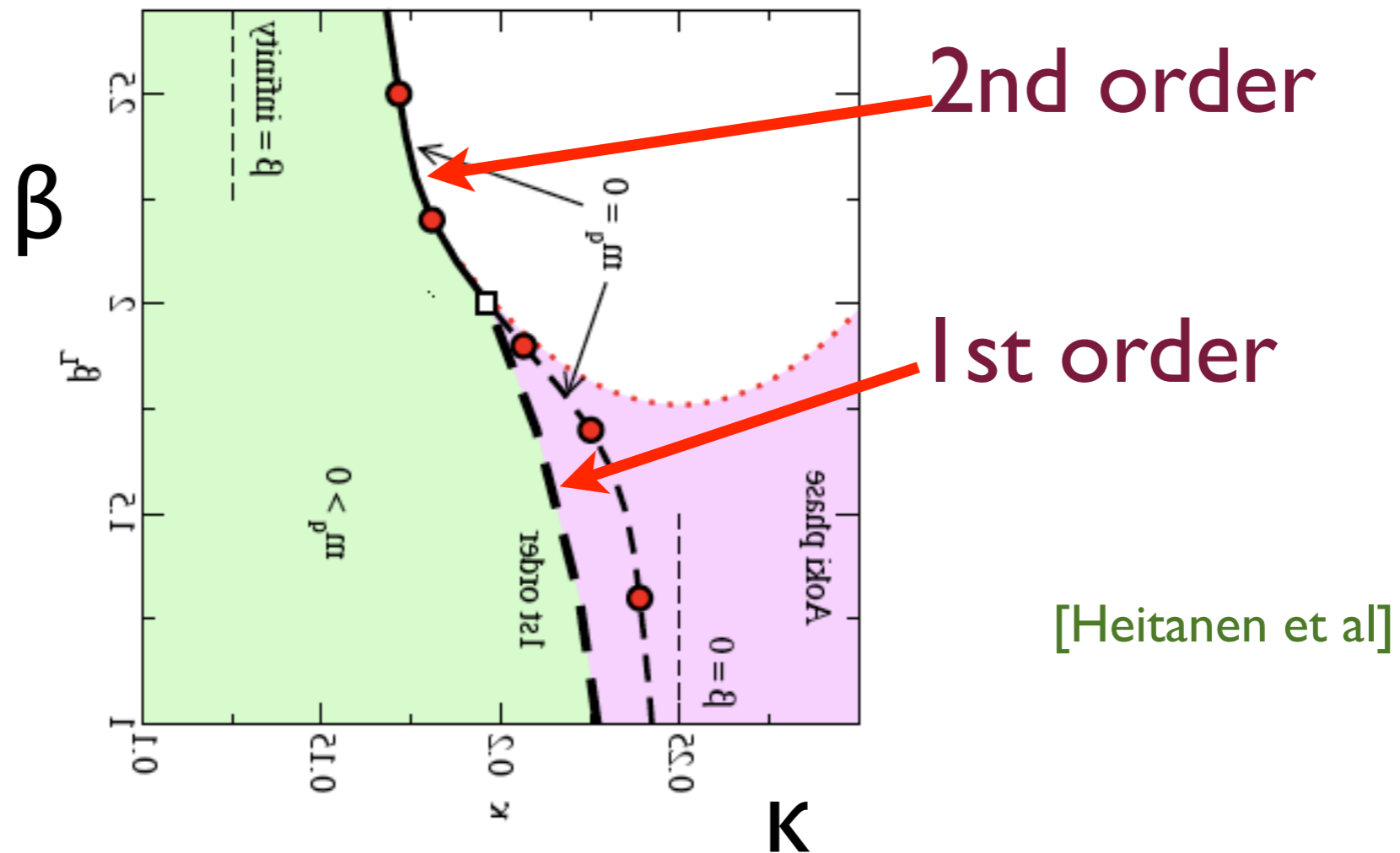
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- \* Checked using rHMC [Azeyanagi, Hanada, Unsal & Yacoby; Koren & SS]
- \* Supported by analytic arguments going beyond PT [AHUY, Unsal & Yaffe]

➔ Predicts that funnel closes as  $|am_{\text{phys}}| < \frac{1}{b^{1/4}}$

# Infinite volume expectation for $N_f=2$ ?

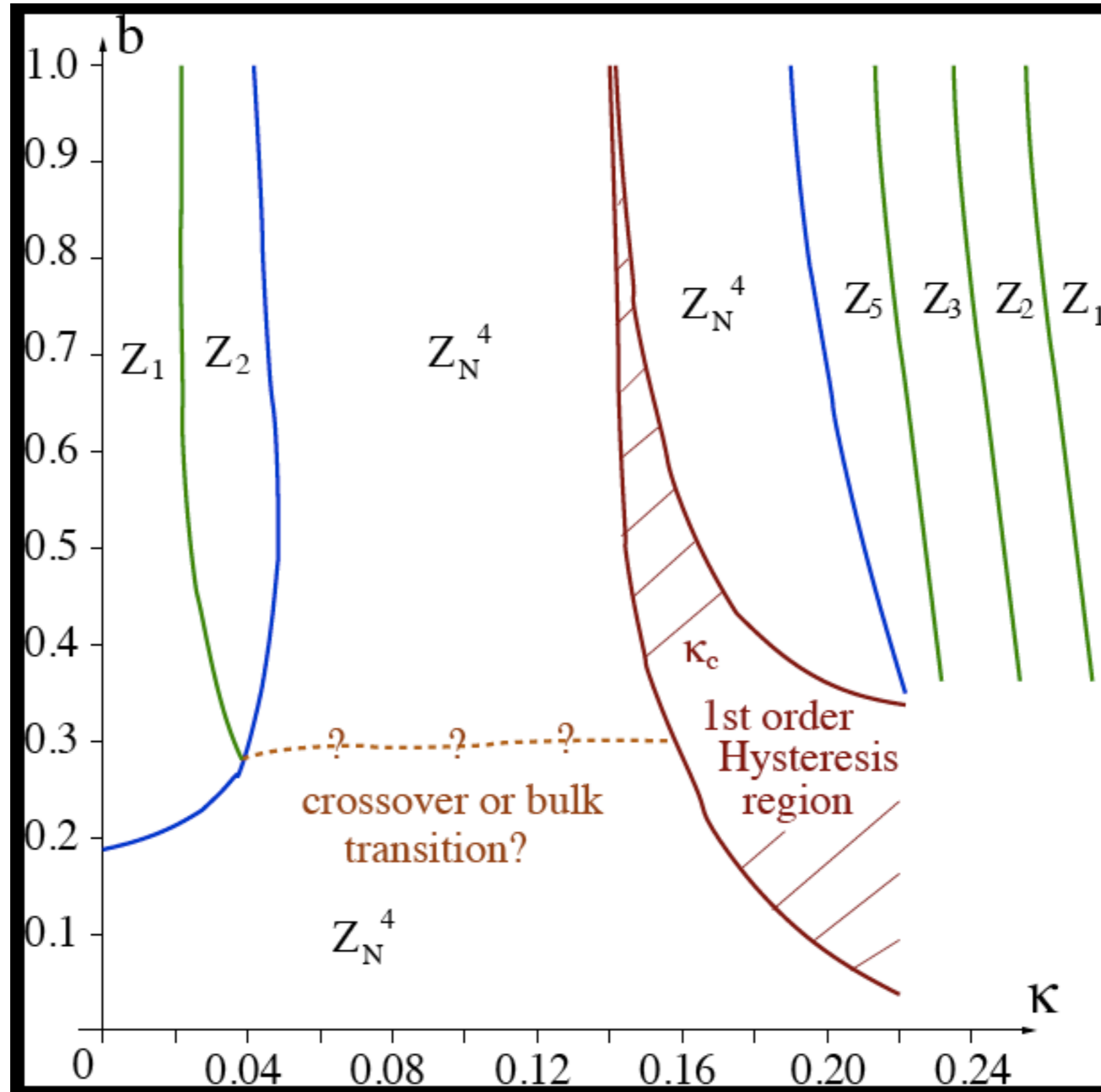
- \*  $N=2$  gauge theory (“minimal walking technicolor”) subject of many recent studies



- \* Dependence on  $N$  not known

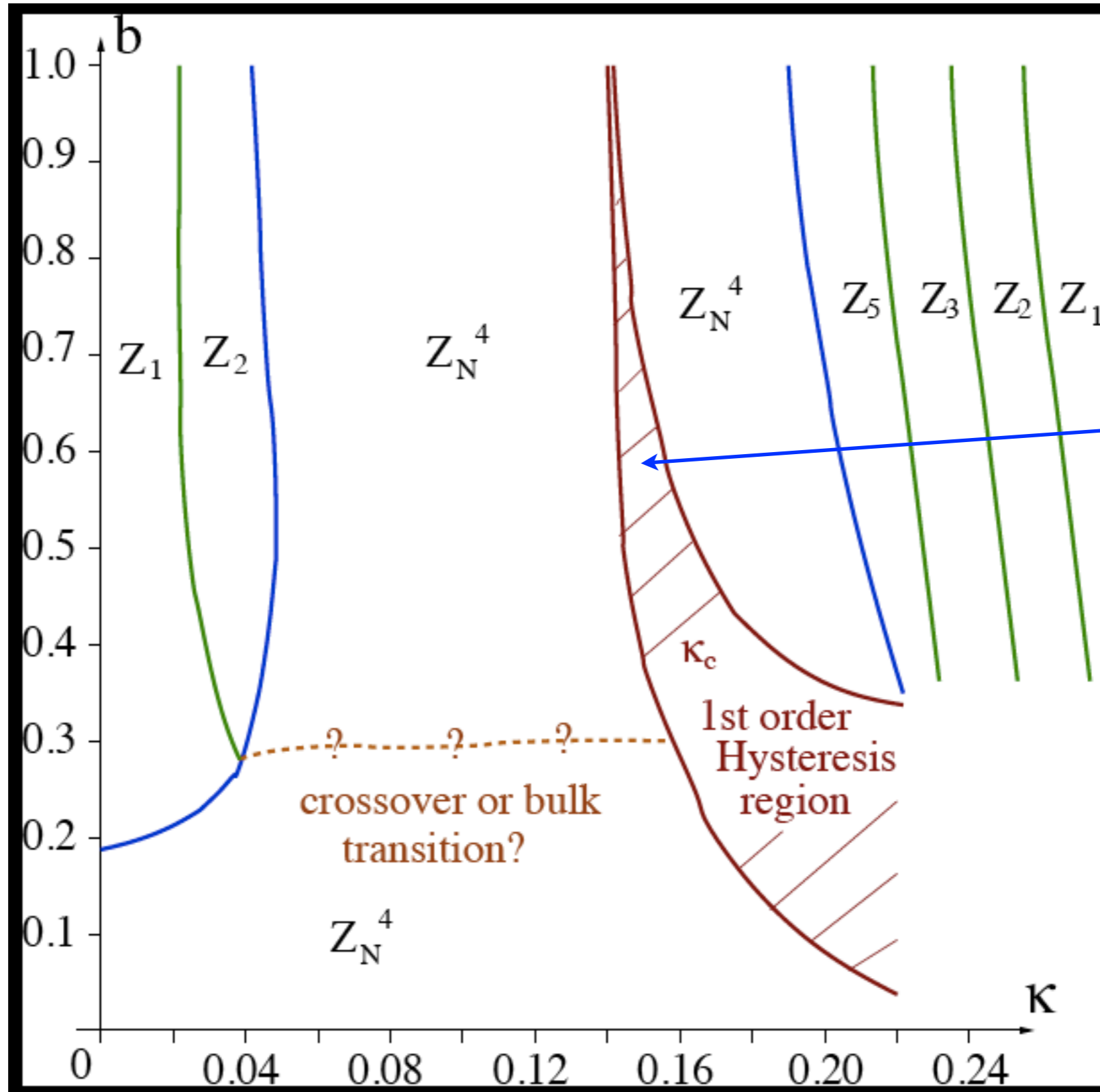
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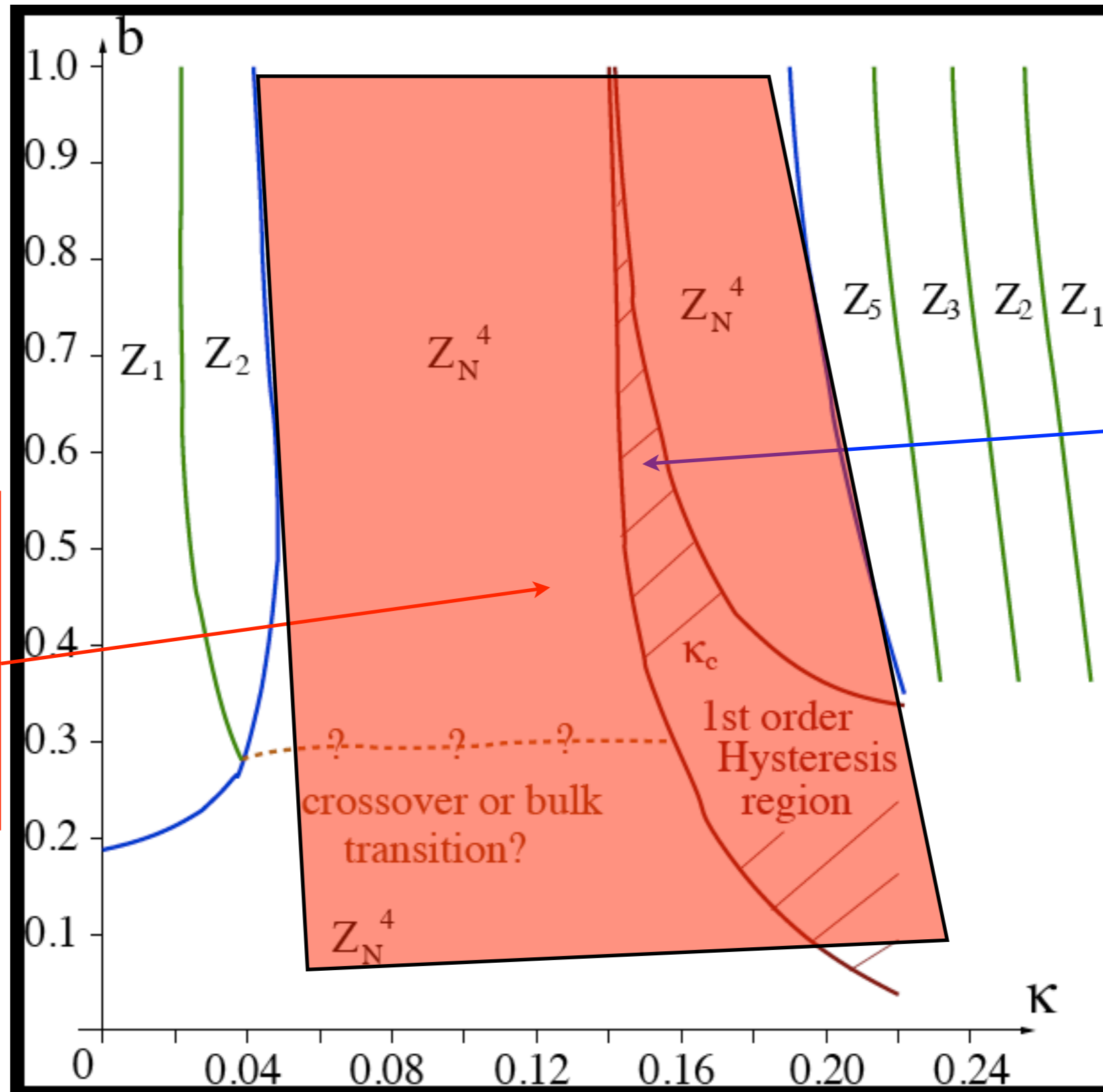
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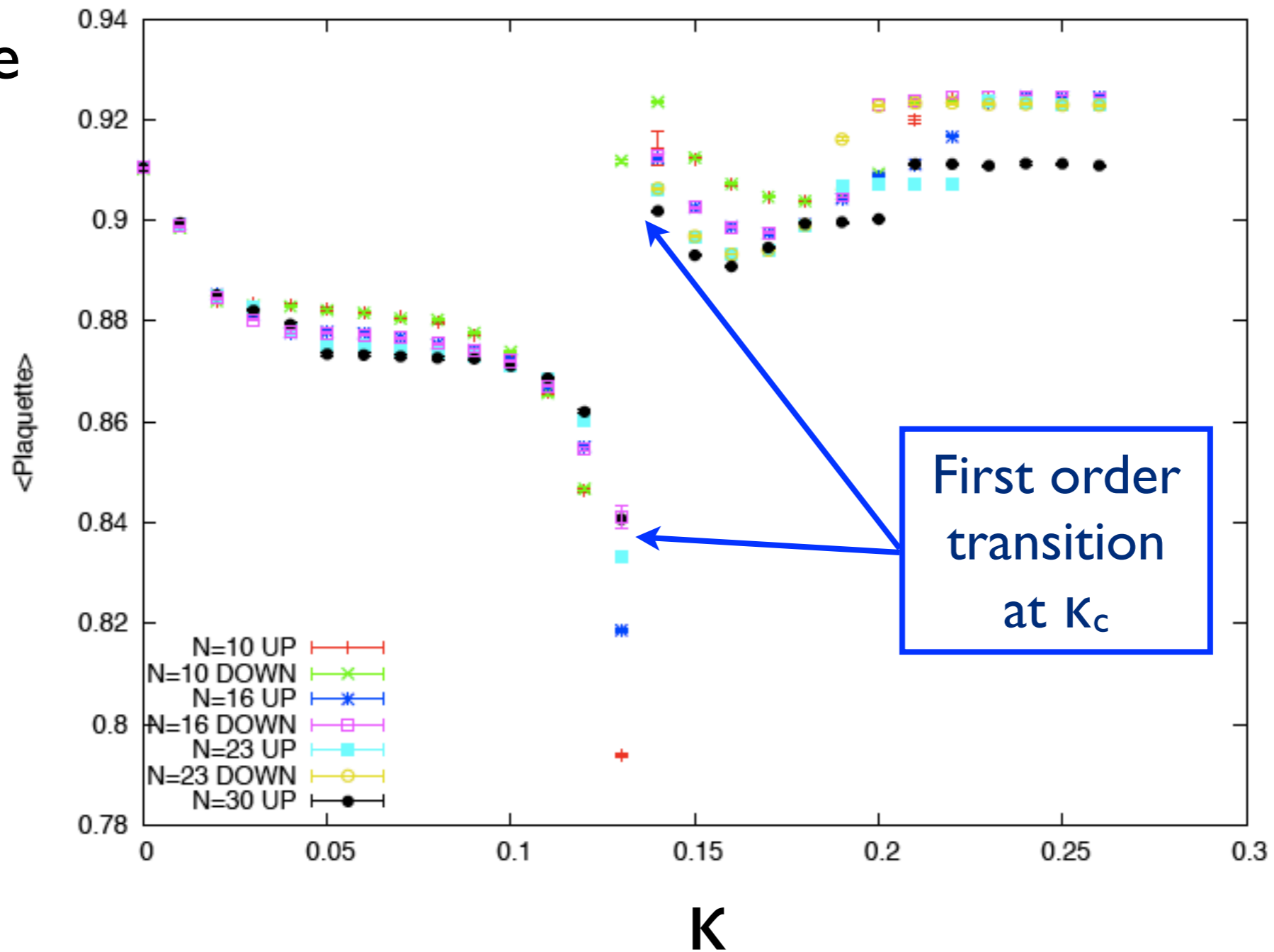
Funnel in which volume indep. holds

First-order transition for all  $b$



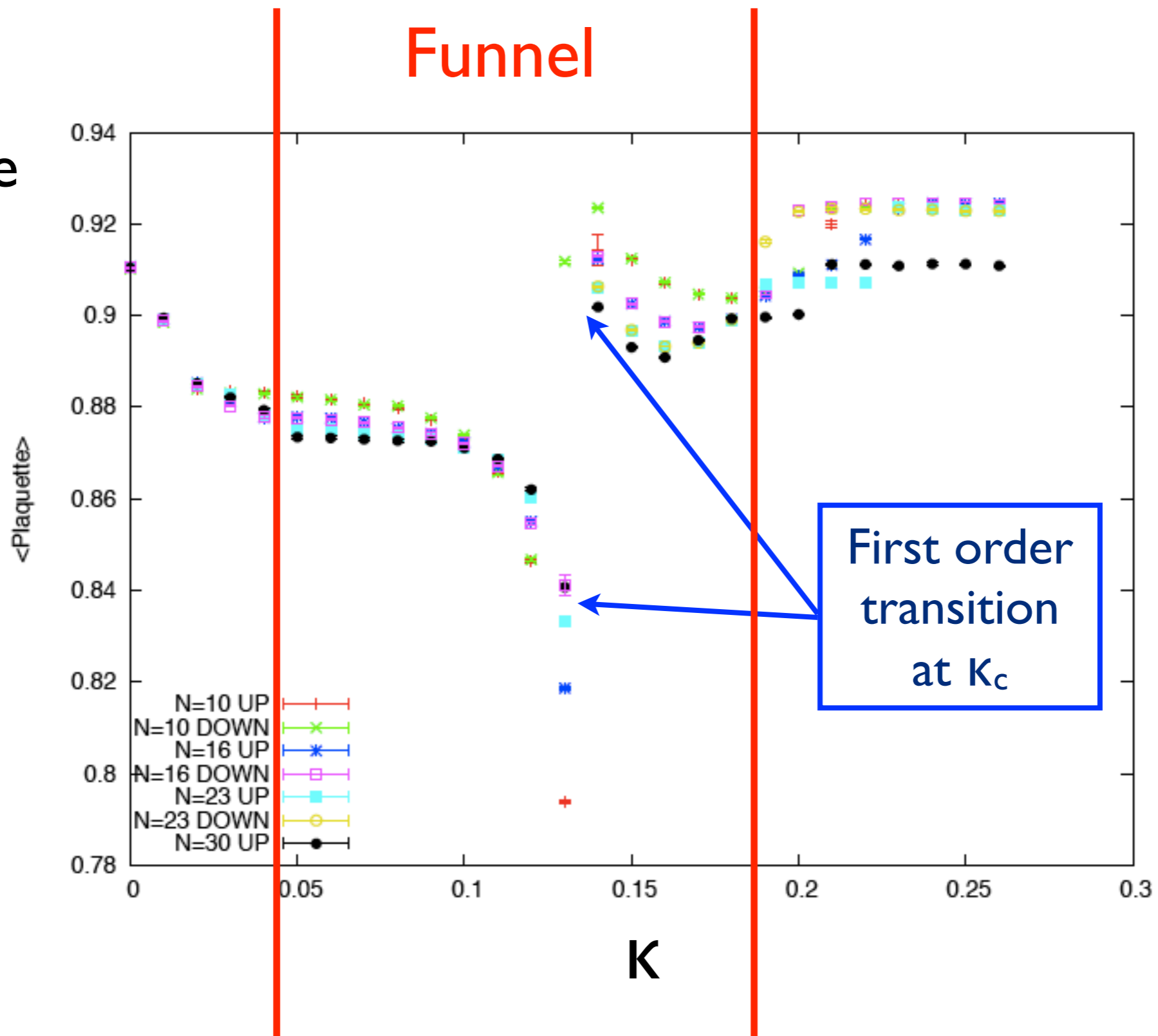
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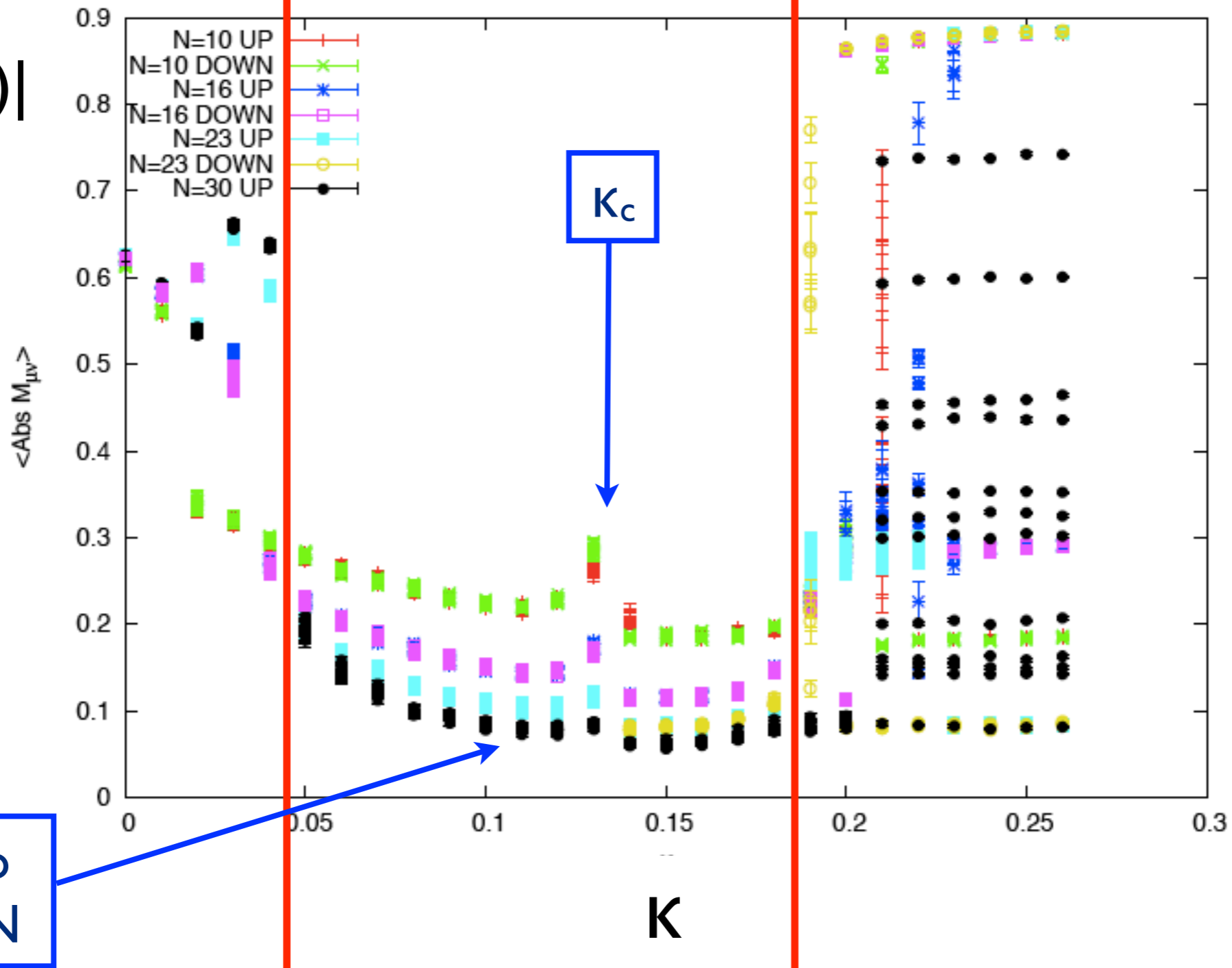
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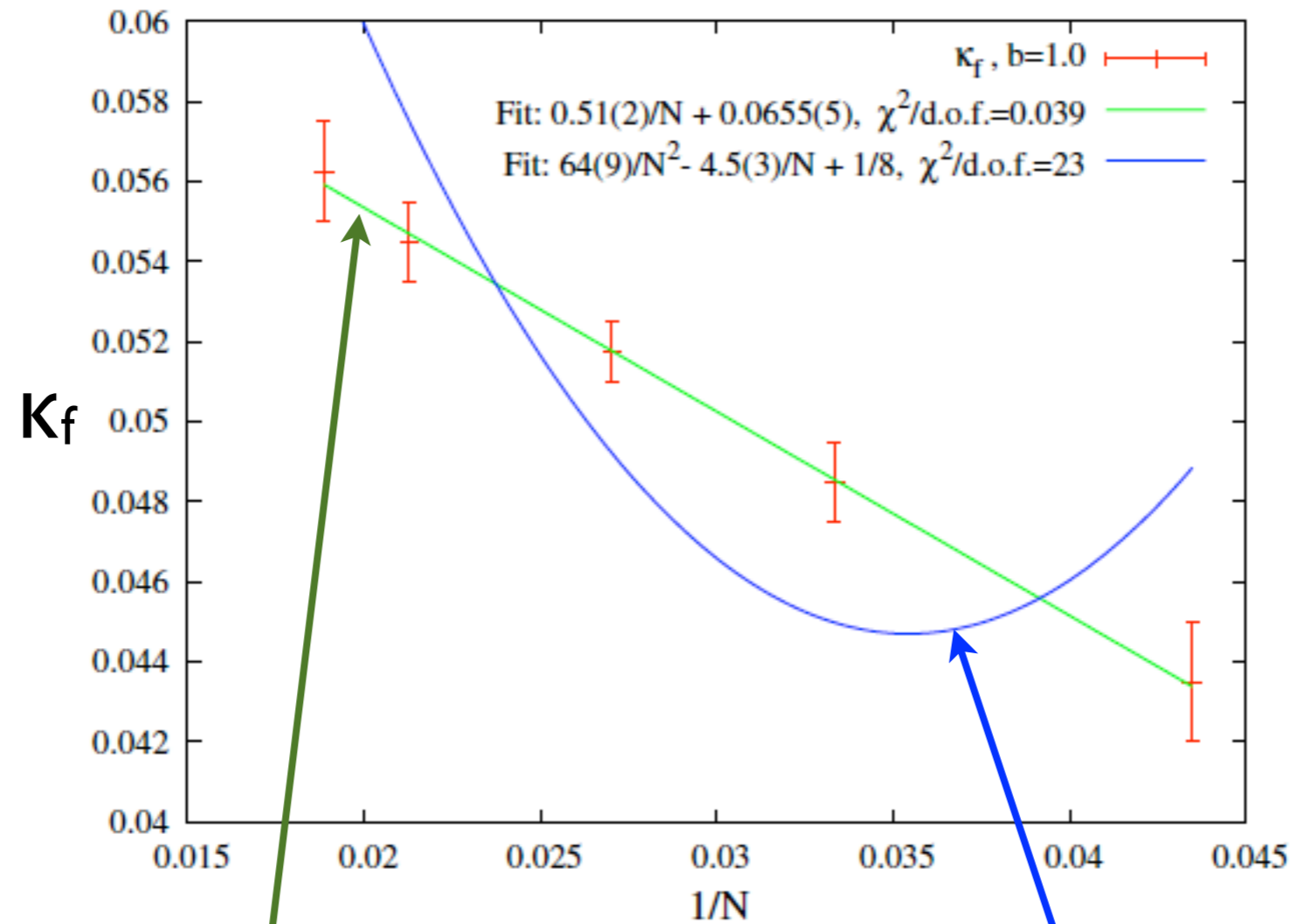
Funnel

$$|\text{tr}(U_\mu U_\nu)|$$



Scaling to  
zero  $\sim 1/N$

# Funnel width finite as $N \rightarrow \infty$



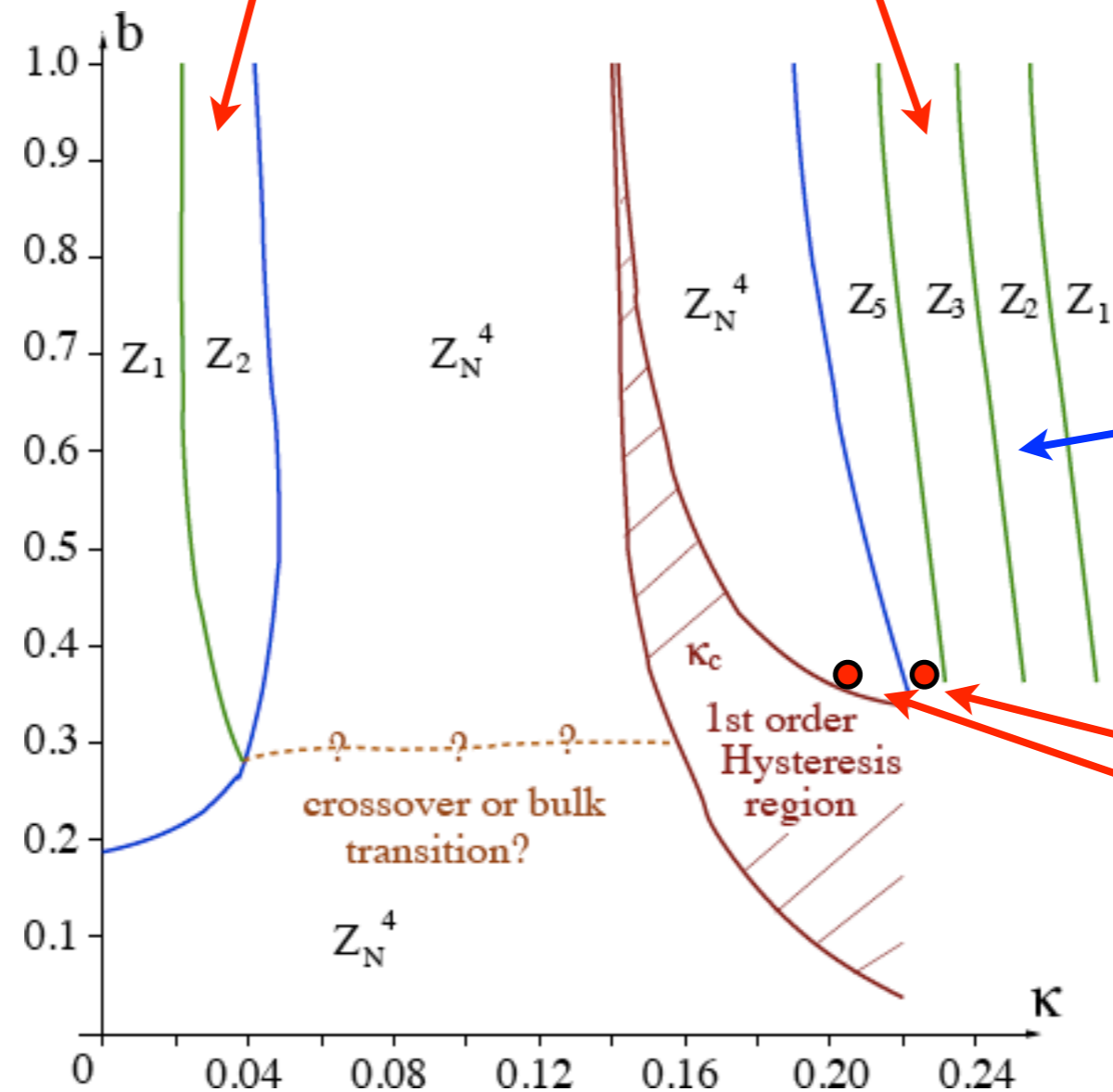
$b=1$

Good fit gives intercept  
 $K_f = 0.0655 \ll K_c$

V. poor fit if force  $K_f$  to equal  
 $K_c$  at  $N = \infty$

# Outside the “funnel”

Complicated pattern of clumping of link eigenvalues



Several competing “vacua”

Examples on next slide

\* Qualitatively consistent with analytic arguments

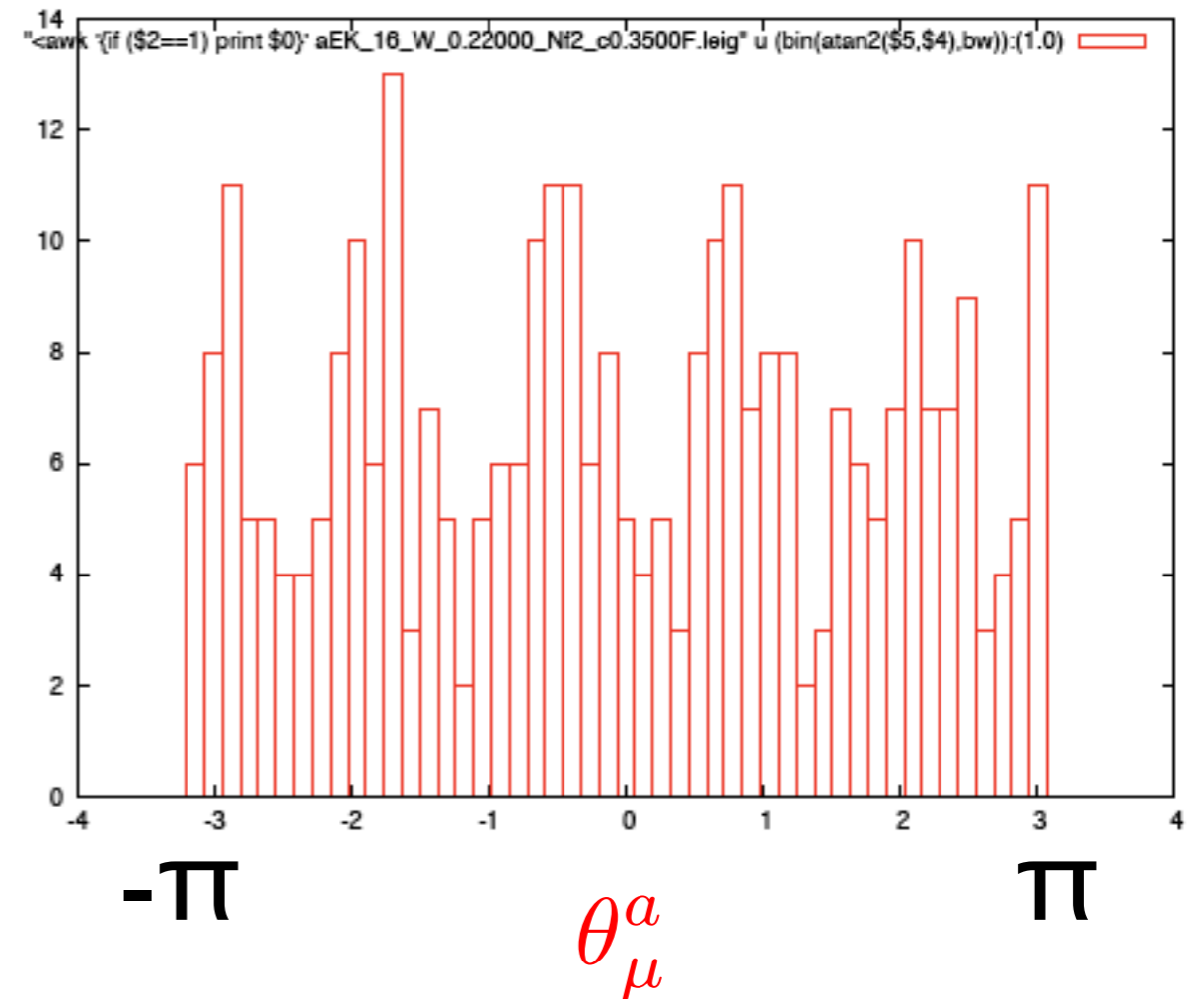
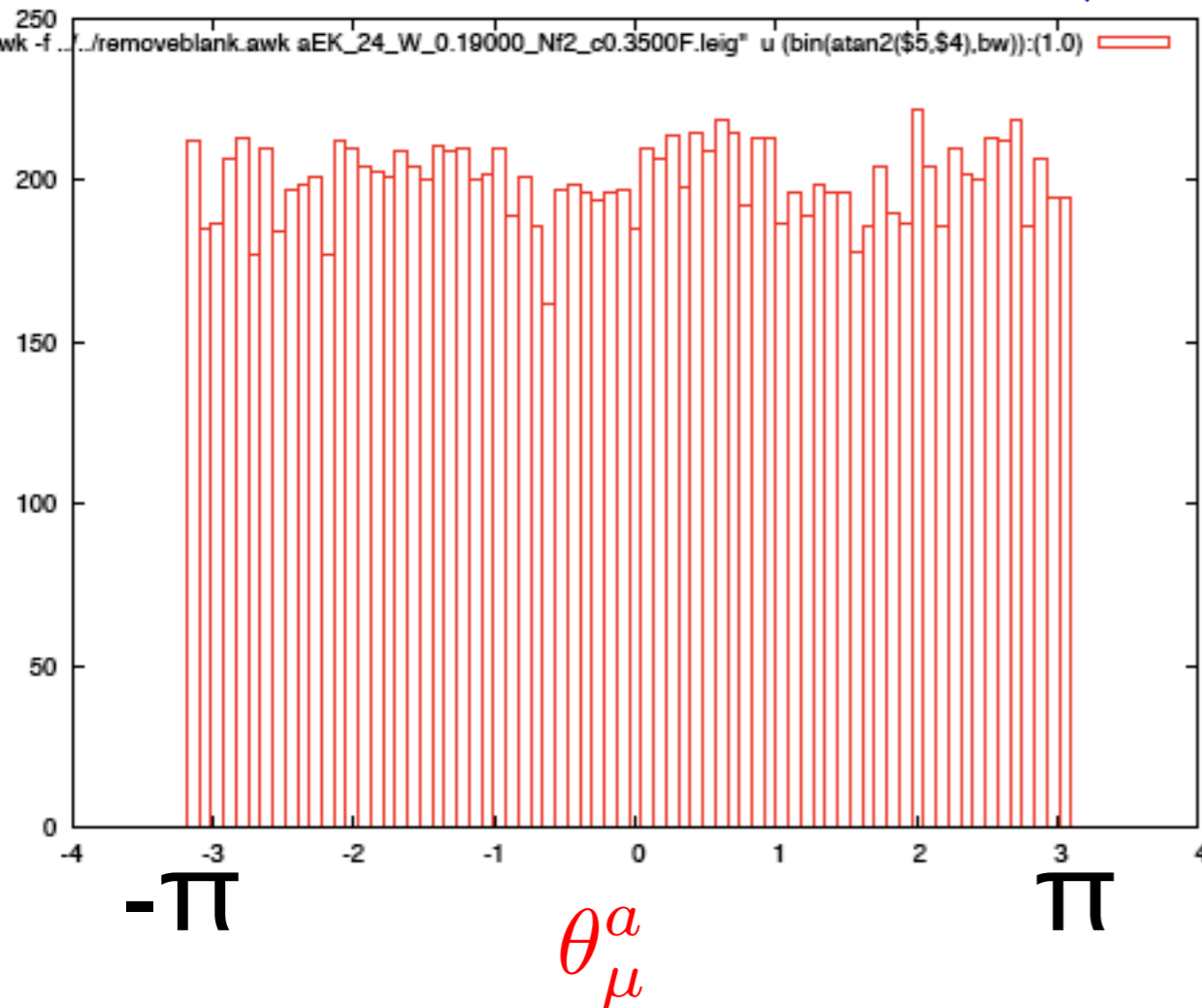
# Distribution of link eigenvalues

$$U_\mu = V_\mu^\dagger \Lambda_\mu V_\mu$$

$$\Lambda_\mu = \text{diag} \left[ e^{i\theta_\mu^1}, \dots, e^{i\theta_\mu^N} \right]$$

$N=24, b=0.35, \kappa=0.19$

$N=16, b=0.35, \kappa=0.22$

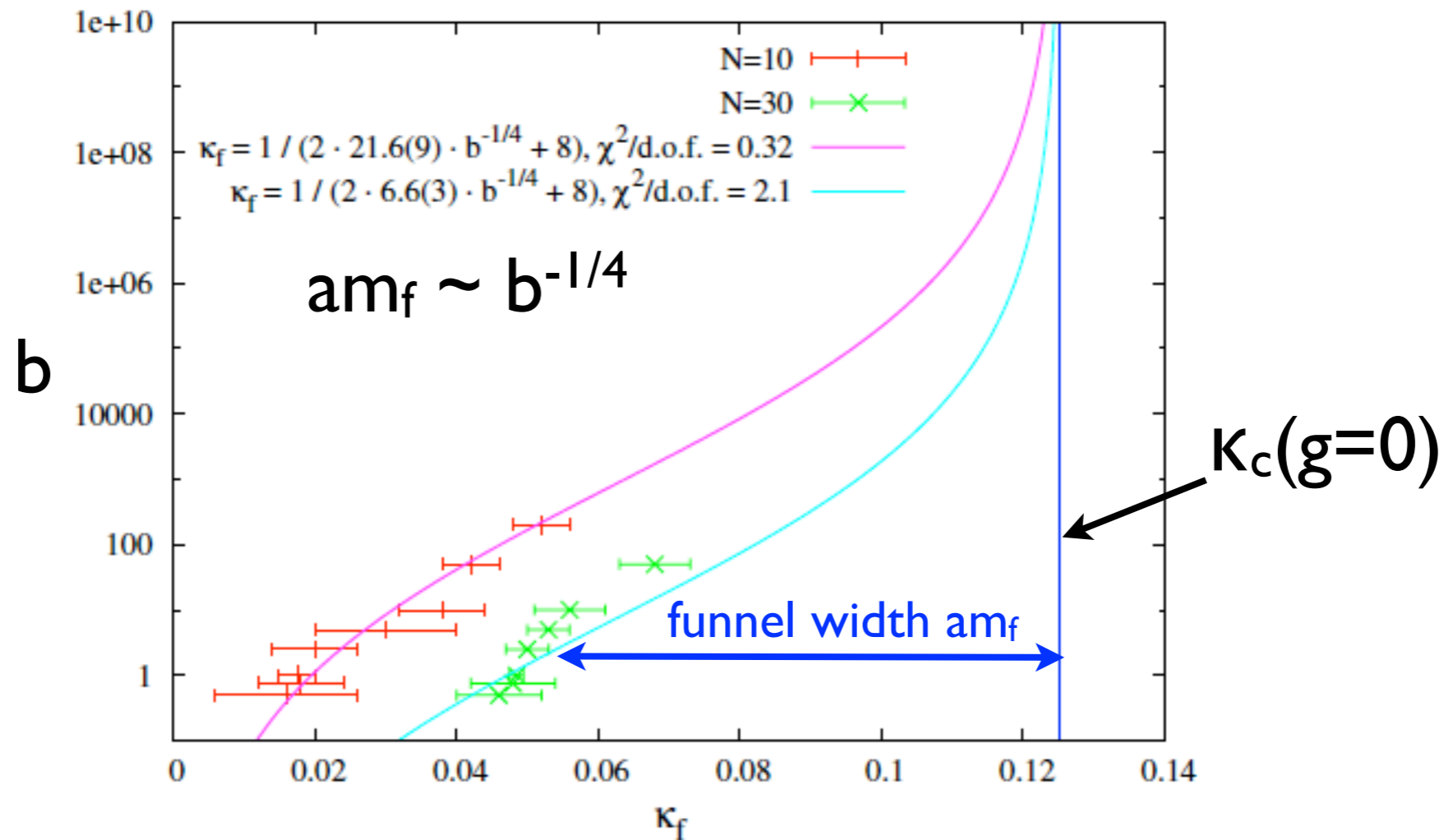


$(Z_{24})^4$  invariant  
inside funnel

5 clumps (e.g. 4,3,3,3 & 3)  
all 4 links have "locked" clumping

# Extreme weak coupling

- \* Funnel narrows in accord with [AHUY] prediction



- \* In fact, funnel closes before  $b = \infty$  due to non-universal UV effect:  $\text{tr}(U_1 U_2 U_3 U_4) \neq 0$  [Lohmayer & Narayanan]
- \* Can fix by small change to fermion action.

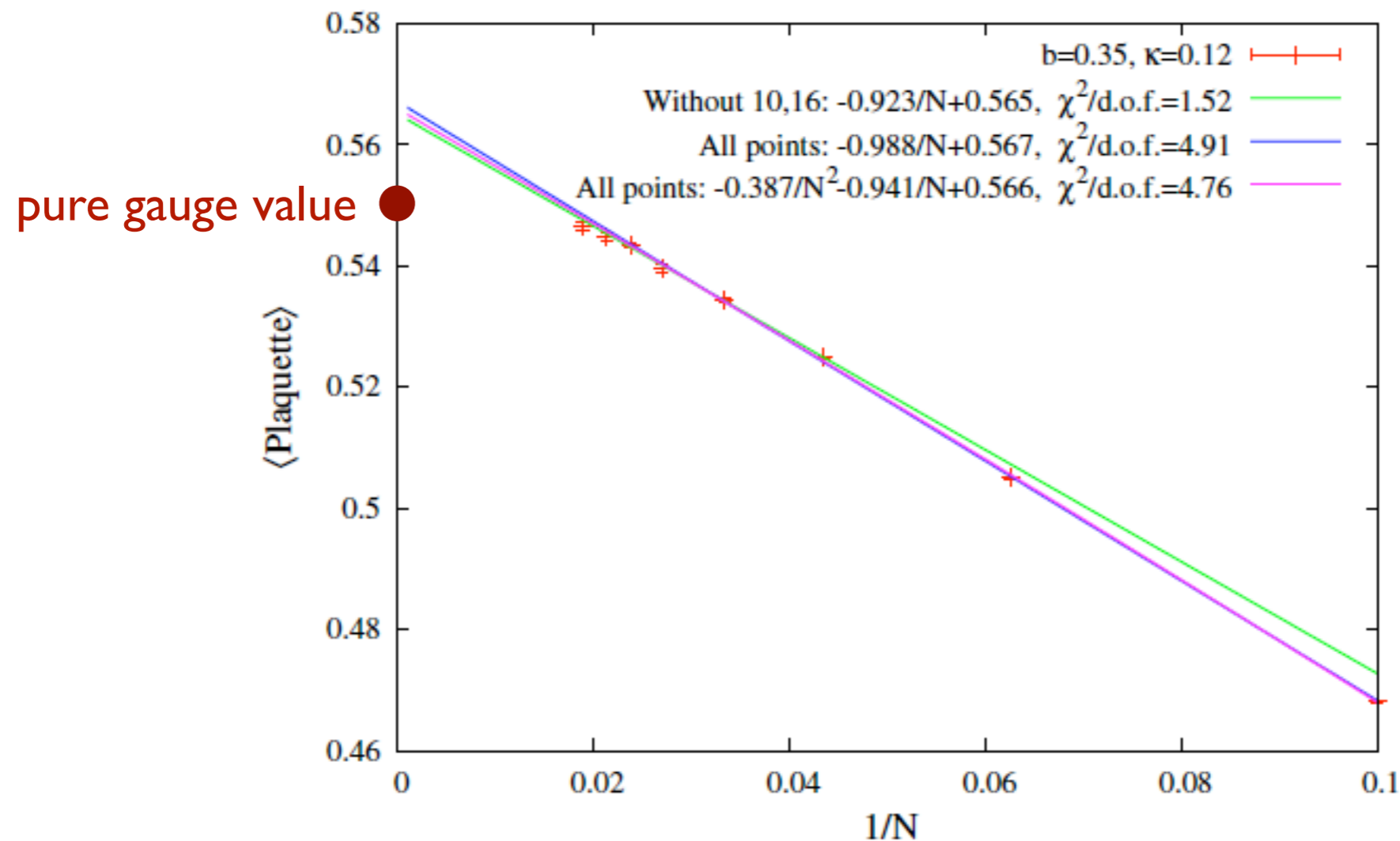
# Conclusions for $N_f=2$ AEK model

- \* In range of interesting values of  $b$  (and beyond) volume independence works for  $|m| < O(1/a)$ 
  - ➔ Crucial first test of reduction has been passed
  - ➔ Also seen on  $2^4$  lattice by [Catterall, Galvez & Unsal, JHEP 1008 (2010) 010]
  - ➔ By tuning quark mass can use reduction to study both pure gauge theory and (nearly) conformal theory
  - ➔ Semi-analytic understanding of phase diagram
- \* Phase diagram similar to that for  $N_f=1$ 
  - ➔ No sign of 2nd-order transition seen for  $N=2$



# Problems at very large N?

- Extrapolate average plaquette to  $N=\infty$  using  $N\leq 53$
- Extrapolation requires  $1/N$  term
- Result should lie close to pure gauge value

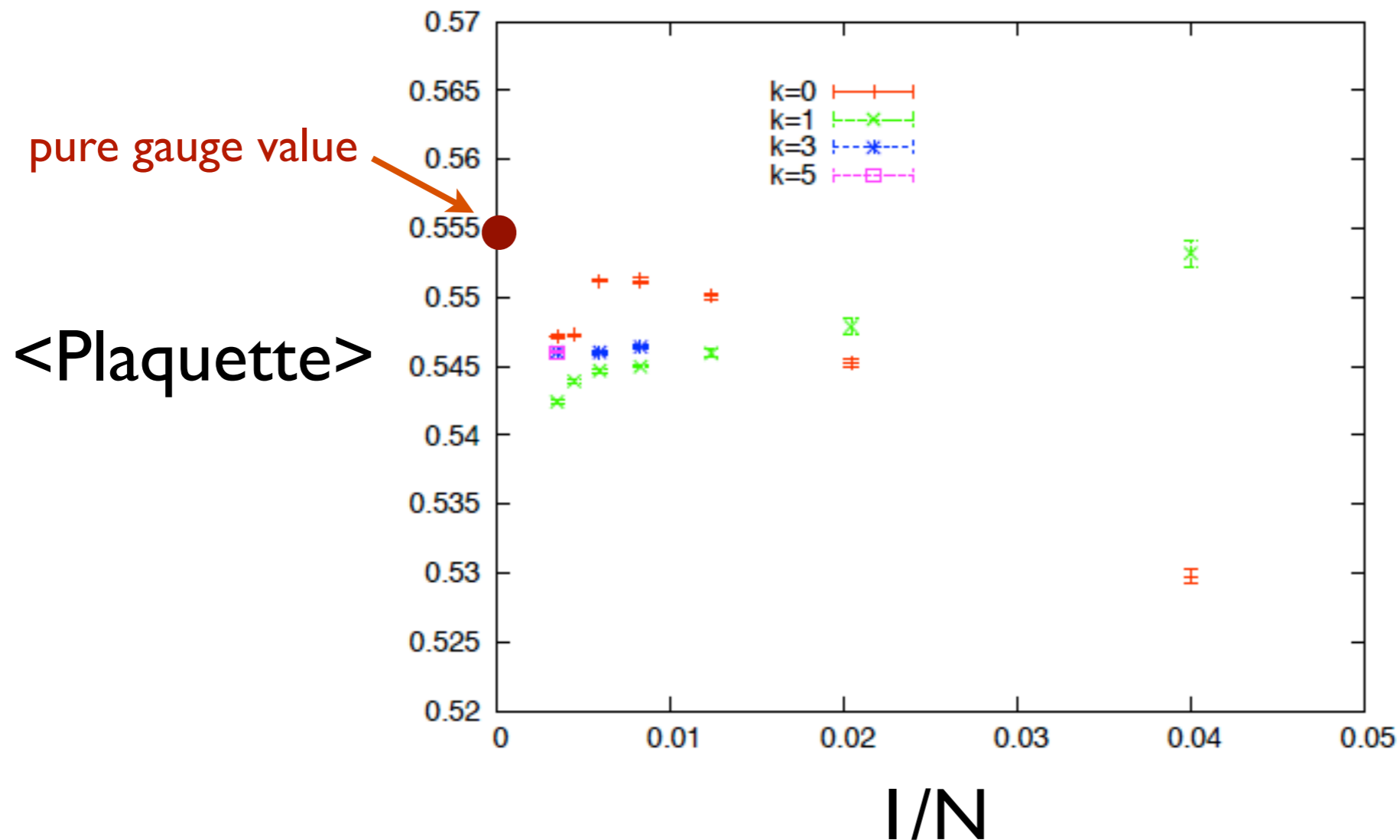


$N_f = 2,$   
 $b=0.35,$   
 $\kappa=0.12$   
(heavy  
adjoint)

[Bringoltz, Koren & SS]

# Problems at very large N?

- New results with N up to 289 [Gonzalez-Arroyo & Okawa]
- Non uniform behavior in N !? ( $k=0$  points in plot)

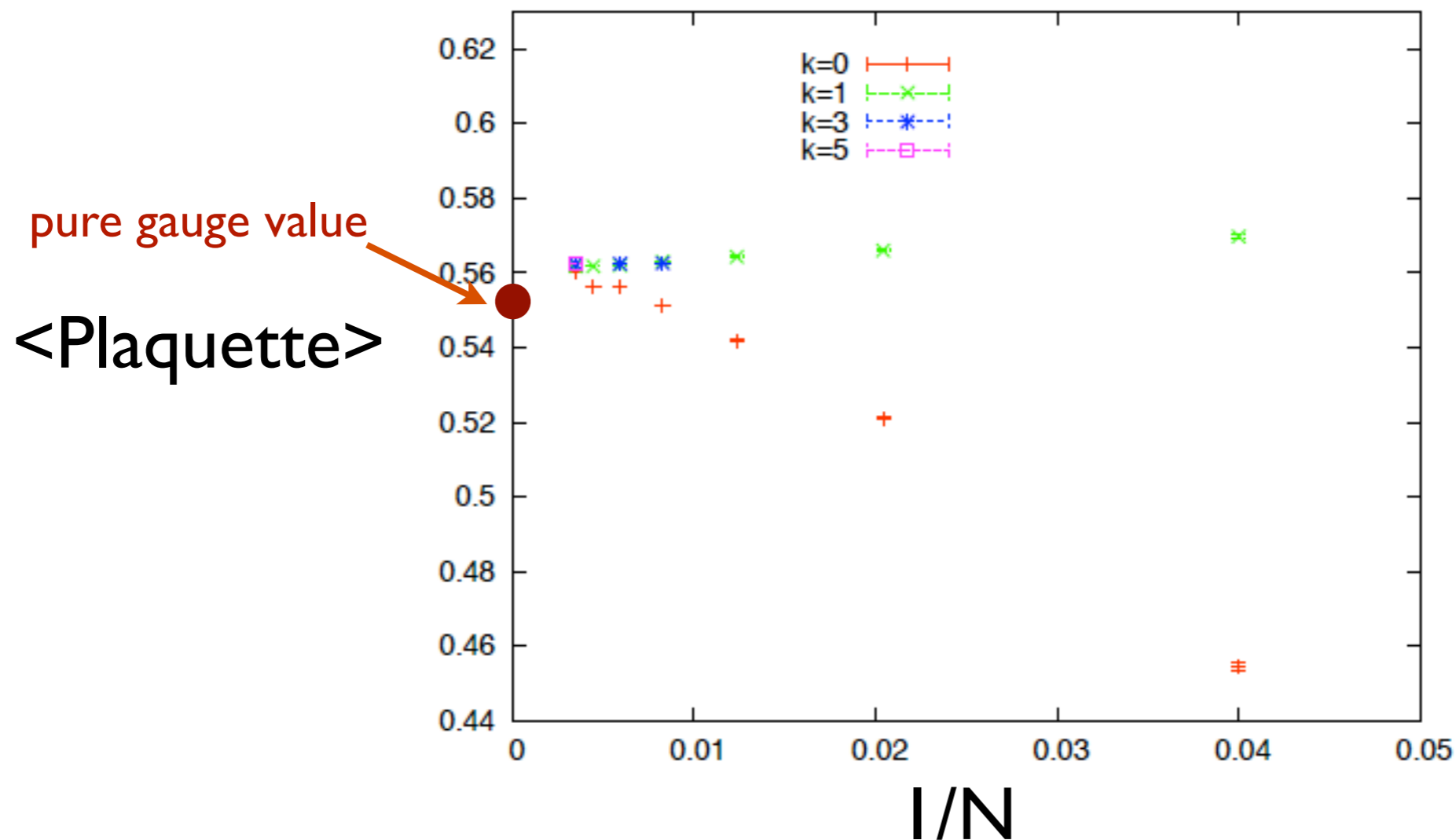


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# Twisted Adjoint Eguchi-Kawai (TAEK) model: recent results

A. Gonzalez-Arroyo & M. Okawa, arXiv: 1304.0306, 1305.6253

# Action of single-site TAEK model

Only change from AEK is twist in gauge action:

$$S_{\text{gauge}} = 2Nb \sum_{\mu < \nu} \text{ReTr} U_{\mu} U_{\nu} U_{\mu}^{\dagger} U_{\nu}^{\dagger} z_{\mu\nu} \quad [\text{'t Hooft; Gonzalez-Arroyo \& Okawa}]$$

$$S_F = \sum_{j=1, N_f} \bar{\psi}_j D_W \psi_j$$

$$D_W = \mathbf{1} - \kappa \sum_{\mu=1}^4 [(1 - \gamma_{\mu}) U_{\mu}^{\text{adj}} + (1 + \gamma_{\mu}) U_{\mu}^{\dagger \text{adj}}]$$

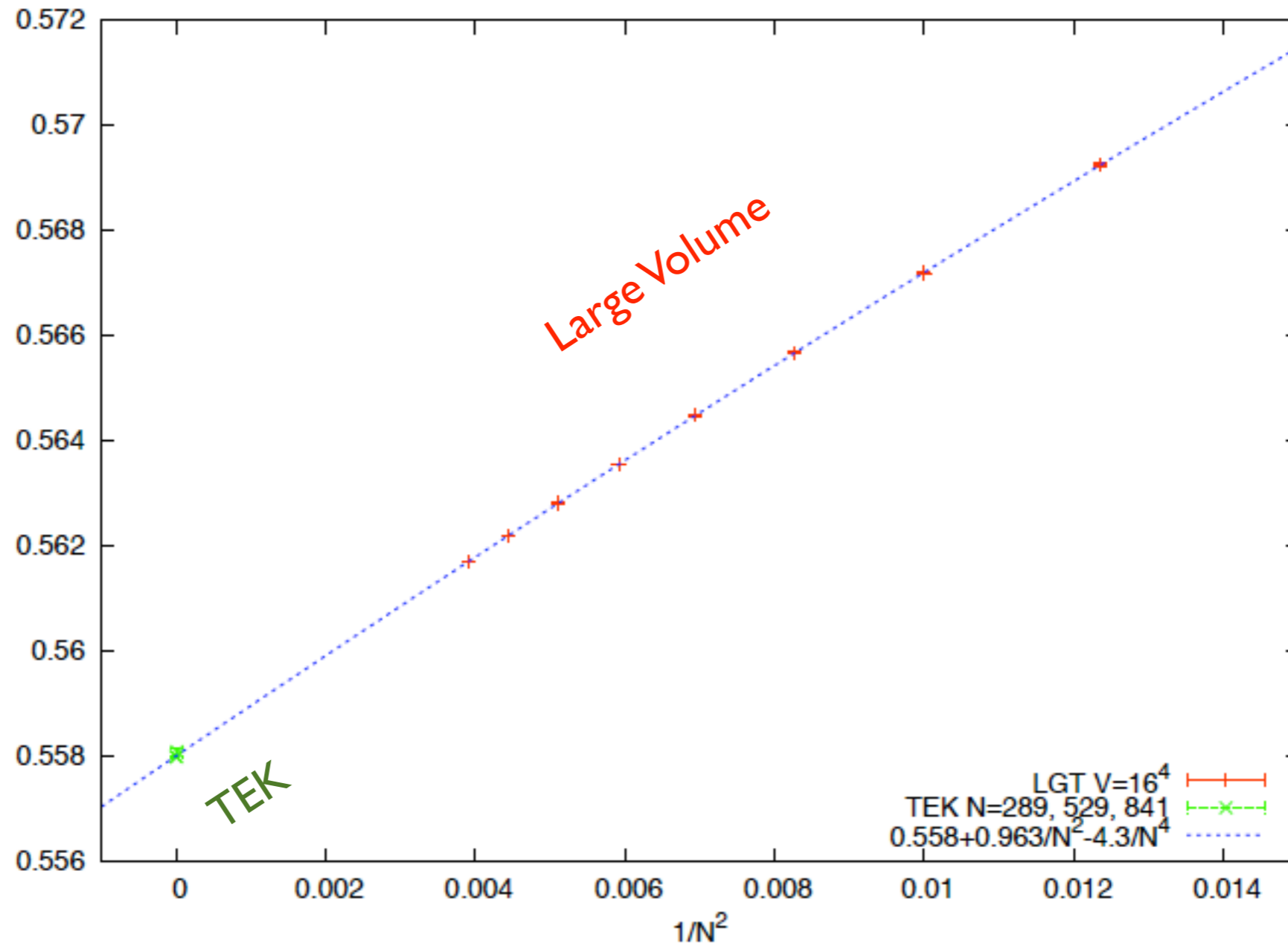
$$z_{\mu\nu} = e^{2\pi i k / L}$$
$$L^2 = N$$

- Weak coupling:  $Z_N^4$  broken to  $Z_L^4$ ; perturbation theory as  $L \rightarrow \infty$  reproduces that on  $L^4$  lattice
- Spectrum of  $D_W$  in weak coupling identical to that on an  $L^4$  lattice
- Pure gauge:  $k=1$  theory fails at large  $N$ ; revived by using  $k/L > 0.1$
- Adjoints not necessary for reduction---used because of physics interest

# Reduction works for TEK model

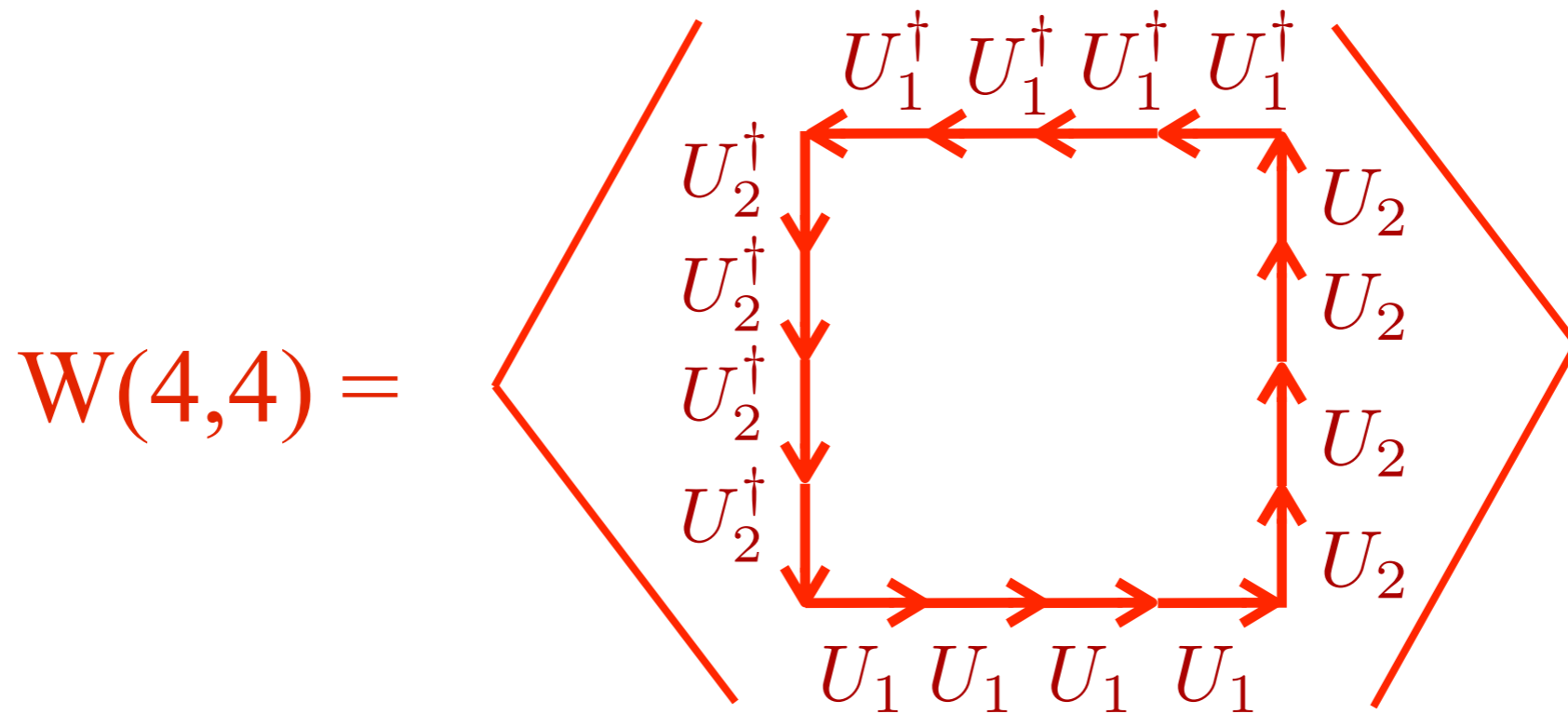
[Gonzalez-Arroyo & Okawa]

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- Pure gauge:  $16^4$  with  $N < 16$  vs  $1^4$  with  $N=289, 529, 841$  ( $L=17, 23, 29$ )  $k=5, 7, 9$

# Wilson loops and string tension



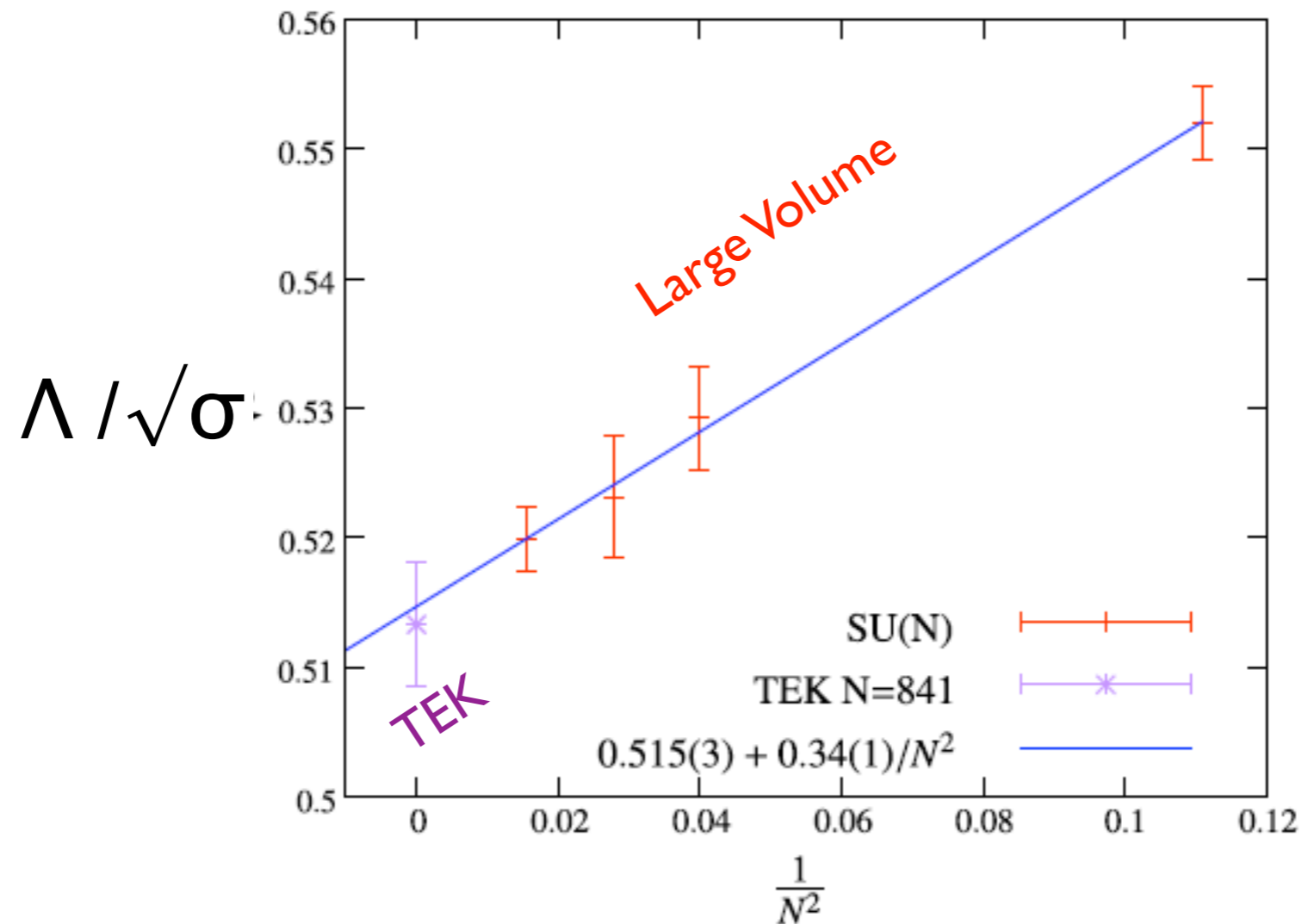
$$W(M, M') \stackrel{M' \rightarrow \infty}{\propto} e^{-V(M)M'}$$

$$V(M) \stackrel{M \rightarrow \infty}{\longrightarrow} \sigma M$$

- Can reach loops of size  $L/2 \times L/2$  (since “volume” is  $L^4$ )
- Use smearing to get good signal for large loops (standard method)

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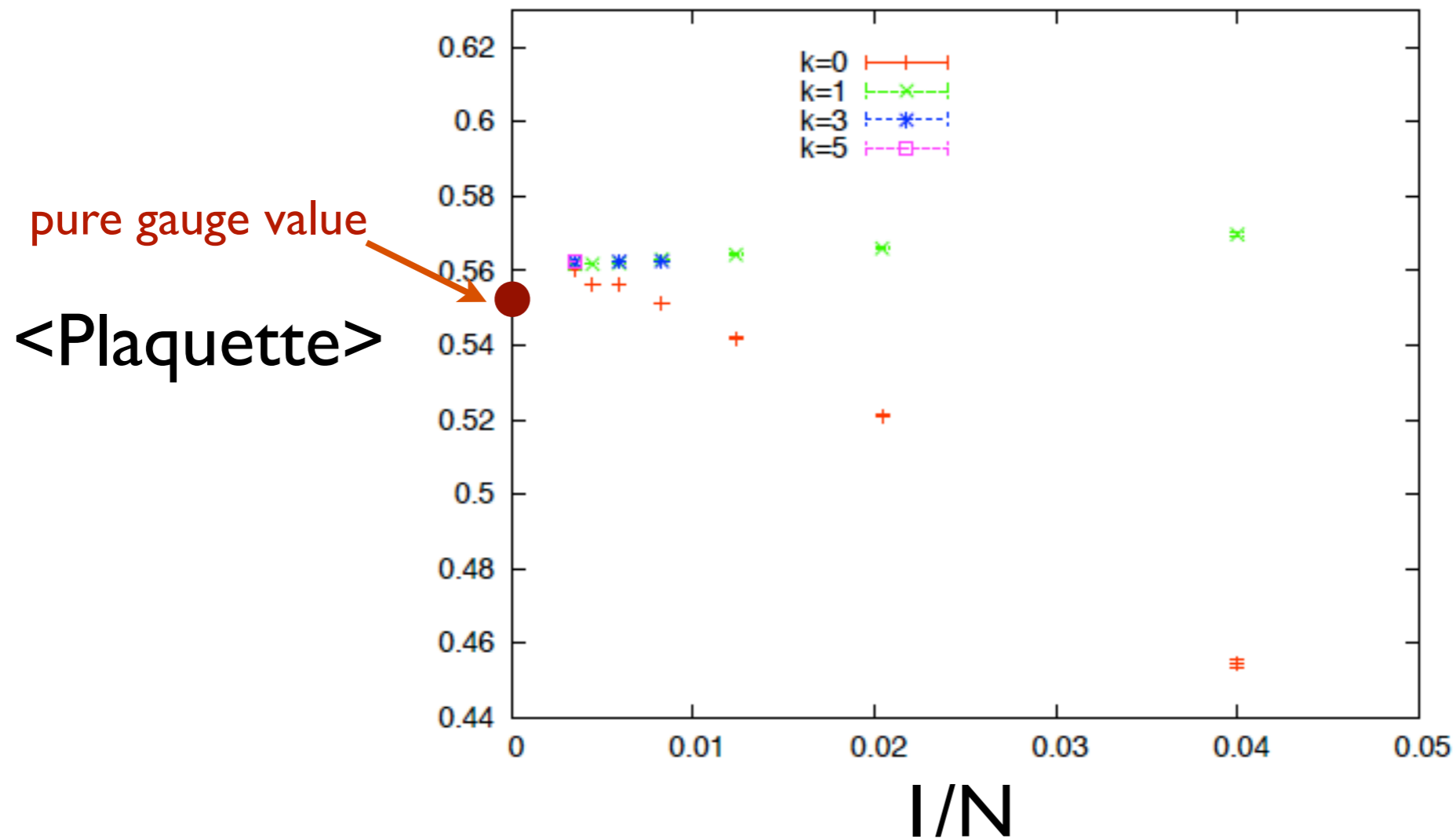


- Pure gauge:  $32^4$  with 3, 5, 6, 8 vs  $1^4$  with N=841, k=9 (L=29)



# Improved N dependence for TAEK model

[Gonzalez-Arroyo & Okawa]

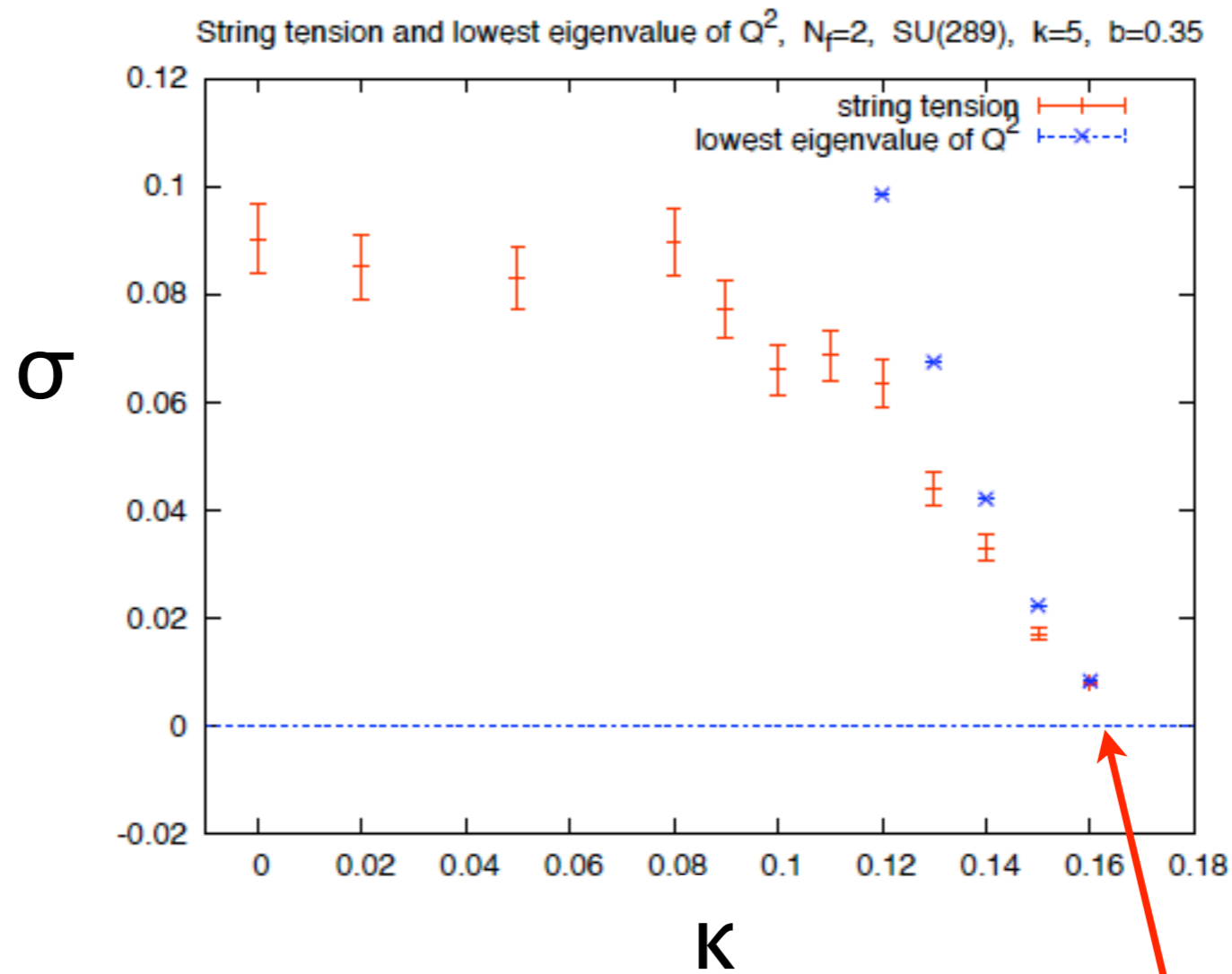


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 $\kappa=0.14$

(Same plot as shown above)

# Search for conformality

[Gonzalez-Arroyo & Okawa, arXiv:1304.0306]



TAEK model

$N_f=2$

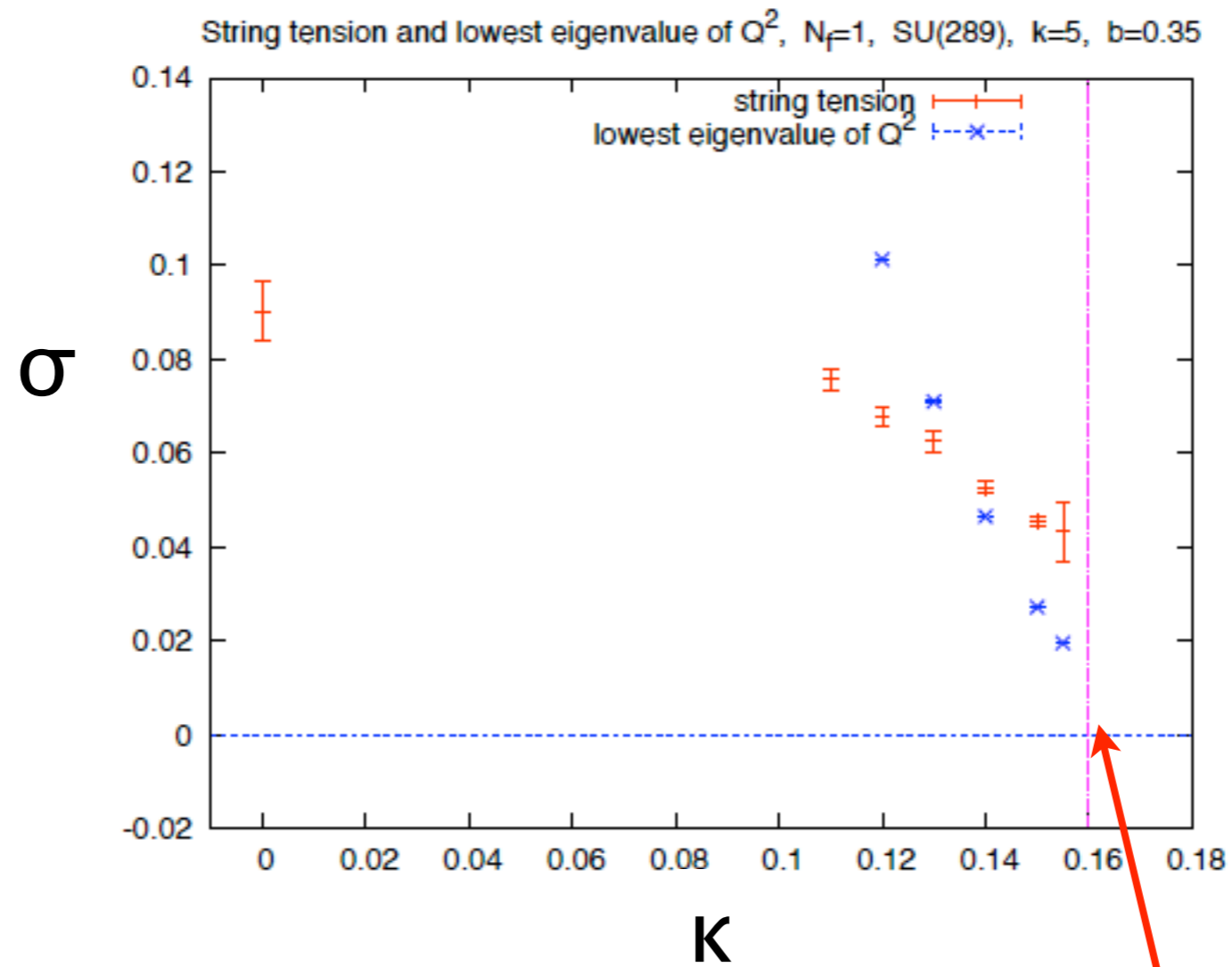
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Preliminary

Quark mass & string tension vanish!

# Cross-check

[Gonzalez-Arroyo & Okawa, arXiv:1304.0306]



TAEK model  
 $N_f=1$   
 $N=289, k=5$

Preliminary

Quark mass vanishes but string tension does not!

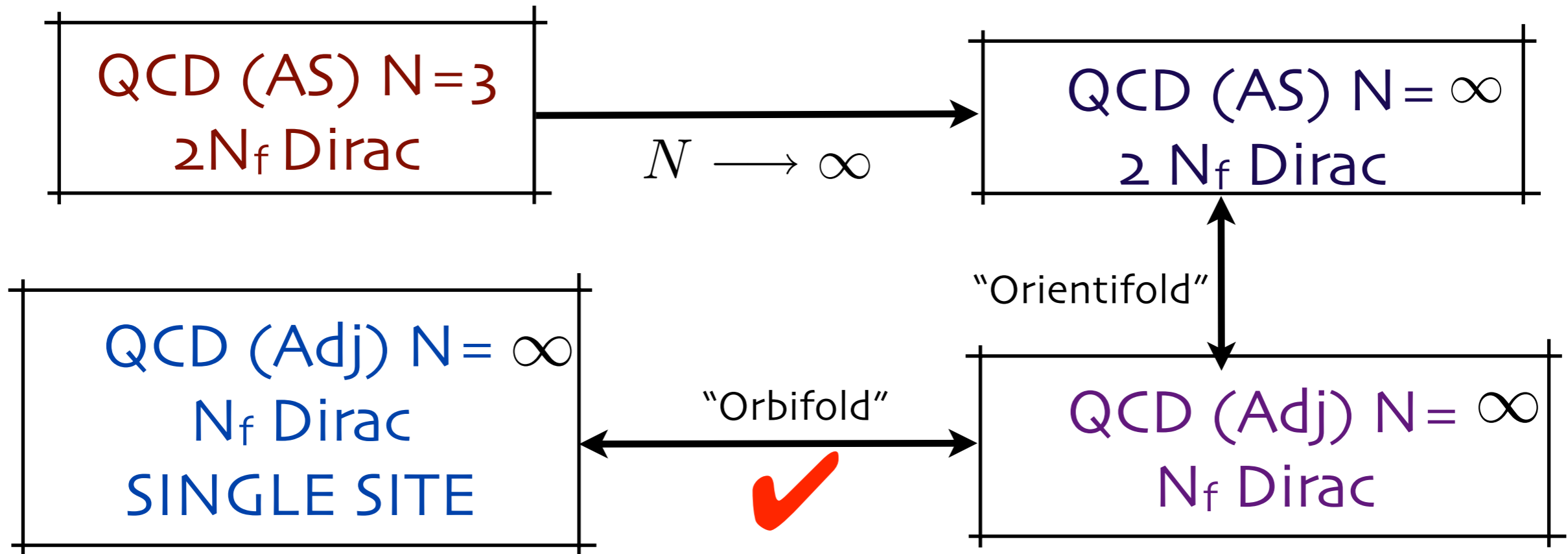
# Conclusions & Outlook

# EK reduction appears practical

- \* Need large values of  $N$  (e.g.  $289=17^2$ ,  $841=29^2$ )
  - Not surprising once accept that  $L=\sqrt{N}$  (no free lunch!)
- \* Twisted model appears to be the “model of choice”
  - Only downside is that it is difficult to include fundamental fermions
  - Without twisting, can use heavy adjoints to stabilize center symmetry
- \* Successful calculation of string tension
  - First application: indications of conformal fixed-point for 2 adjoints

# Future directions & issues

- \* Calculation of hadron properties in  $N_f=1$  TAEK
  - In principle, can calculate hadron masses, glueball-qq-bar mixing, ... on a single site, although it may be easier to extend in one direction
  - Window into hadron resonances where decays widths are small
- \* Efficient implementation on supercomputers?
  - Use  $2^4$  (or larger) to allow parallelism
- \* Scaling vs standard large  $N$  extrapolation?
  - We find  $\text{CPU} \sim N^{4.5} \sim L^5 N^2$  vs. standard  $\text{CPU} \sim L^5 N^3$
- \* Extend calculation to  $N_f=1/2$  using overlap fermions
  - [Heitanen & Narayanan] have taken first steps



Thank you!  
Any questions?