

# Energy-momentum tensor in the 2D Ising CFT in full modular space

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Based on work in collaboration with  
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- Lattice field theories on curved spacetimes open up new branches of theoretical study
  - Nonperturbative calculation on curved space
    - *vacuum structure under curvature, BH background, ...?*
  - Infinite volume calculations for CFT w/ Riemann projection or radial quantization
    - *infinite volume scattering from lattice, ...?*
- Difficulty: **Brower-Cheng-Weinberg-Fleming-Gasbarro-Raben-Tan 2018**  
We need to give up rectangular lattice and its symmetries;  
discretization of curved manifolds often done w/ simplicial decomposition  
**e.g., Regge 1961, Friedberg-Lee 1984**
- Half step forward:  
Flat space but with stressed metrics “affine transformation” **e.g., Owen-Brower 2023**  
**Adjusting couplings in 3D Ising: George’s poster**  
→ *may be possible to reconstruct theory on curved space from tangential info*  
→ **Rich’s next talk**
- An essential quantity in any of these directions: energy-momentum tensor
  - measures the linear response to metric perturbation by definition.
  - In 2D CFT, it is related to the background geometry transparently
$$L_0 \text{ changes } \tau \text{ on } T^2, \langle T_{\mu}^{\mu} \rangle = -\frac{c}{12}R \text{ (trace anomaly)}$$
  - Even on regular lattices, its definition requires care on discretized spacetime; more for simplicial lattices as translation is even more screwed up

- Thoroughly study EM tensor of the 2D Ising CFT on  $T^2$ :
  - w/ arbitrary modulus  $\tau$ , on hexagonal lattice (dual to simplicial, triangular lattice)
  - Both in spin and Majorana variables
  - Including overall normalization and one-point function
- Previous work on lattice: **Kadanoff-Ceva 1970**
  - On rectangular lattice, before the developments of CFT (cf. **BPZ 1984**)
  - Require antisymmetrization from the original expression to remove contribution from the descendants of  $\varepsilon$
- Nontrivial points on non-regular lattice  $\tau \equiv \tau_1 + i\tau_2$ : modulus
  - Naive  $\tau_{1,2}$  derivatives do not give a suitable EM tensor operator
  - Free Majorana fermion but nontrivial mixing of operators occurs; can be fully described geometrically by the relative shift between the e/o lattices
  - Not all lattice operator works consistently as the EM tensor (under different BC)

*This talk mainly focuses on these technicalities*

- Ising CFT partition function as free fermion theory:

**Onsager 1944,  
Schultz-Mattis-Lieb 1964,  
Itzykson 1982, BPZ 1984,  
Francesco-Saleur-Zuber 1987**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} L_0 = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} - 1/2} k a_{-k} a_k \quad (\text{ABC=NS}) \\ L_0 = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}} k a_{-k} a_k + \frac{1}{16} \quad (\text{PBC=R}) \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_k: \text{fermion operator for the Fourier mode } k \\ \{a_p, a_q\} = \delta_{p+q} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\text{cont}} &\equiv \text{Tr}_{\text{NS+R}} \left[ P_{\text{GSO}} q^{L_0 - \frac{1}{48}} \bar{q}^{\bar{L}_0 - \frac{1}{48}} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \text{Tr}_{\text{R}} \left[ (-1)^F q^{L_0 - \frac{1}{48}} \bar{q}^{\bar{L}_0 - \frac{1}{48}} \right] + \text{Tr}_{\text{R}} \left[ q^{L_0 - \frac{1}{48}} \bar{q}^{\bar{L}_0 - \frac{1}{48}} \right] + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \text{Tr}_{\text{NS}} \left[ q^{L_0 - \frac{1}{48}} \bar{q}^{\bar{L}_0 - \frac{1}{48}} \right] + \text{Tr}_{\text{NS}} \left[ (-1)^F q^{L_0 - \frac{1}{48}} \bar{q}^{\bar{L}_0 - \frac{1}{48}} \right] \right\} \\ &\equiv \frac{1}{2} \{ Z_{\nu=1}^{\text{cont}} + Z_{\nu=2}^{\text{cont}} + Z_{\nu=3}^{\text{cont}} + Z_{\nu=4}^{\text{cont}} \} \end{aligned}$$

∩ ∴ zero modes

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} P_{\text{GSO}} \equiv \frac{1 + (-1)^F}{2} \\ F: \text{fermion number} \\ q \equiv \exp(2\pi i \tau) \\ T \equiv T_{zz} = \frac{1}{2} (T_{xx} - iT_{xy}) \end{array} \right)$$

- $T_{\alpha\beta}$  changes  $\tau$  by the effect of  $L_0$  **Eguchi-Ooguri 1986**

$$\langle T \rangle = 2\pi i \partial_\tau \ln Z_{\text{cont}}(\tau, \bar{\tau})$$

# Review2: 2D Ising model on hexagonal lattice

- Spin partition function

$$Z_I \equiv \sum_{\{\sigma\}} \exp \sum_{x \in e, M} \beta_M s_x s_{x+\hat{M}} \quad (s_x = \pm 1)$$

Periodic-Periodic in  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$

- Wilson-Majorana partition function

$$Z_W^v \equiv \int [d\xi]_v \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \sum_x \bar{\xi}_x \xi_x + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x \in e, M} \kappa_A \bar{\xi}_x (1 - \gamma_\mu e_M^\mu) \xi_{x+\hat{M}} \right)$$

$v = 1, 2, 3, 4 \Leftrightarrow$  PP, PA, AA, AP in  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2)$

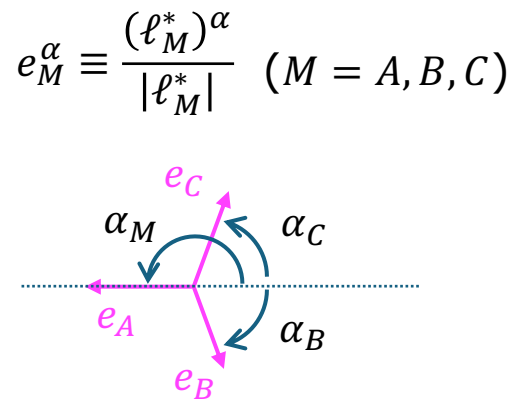
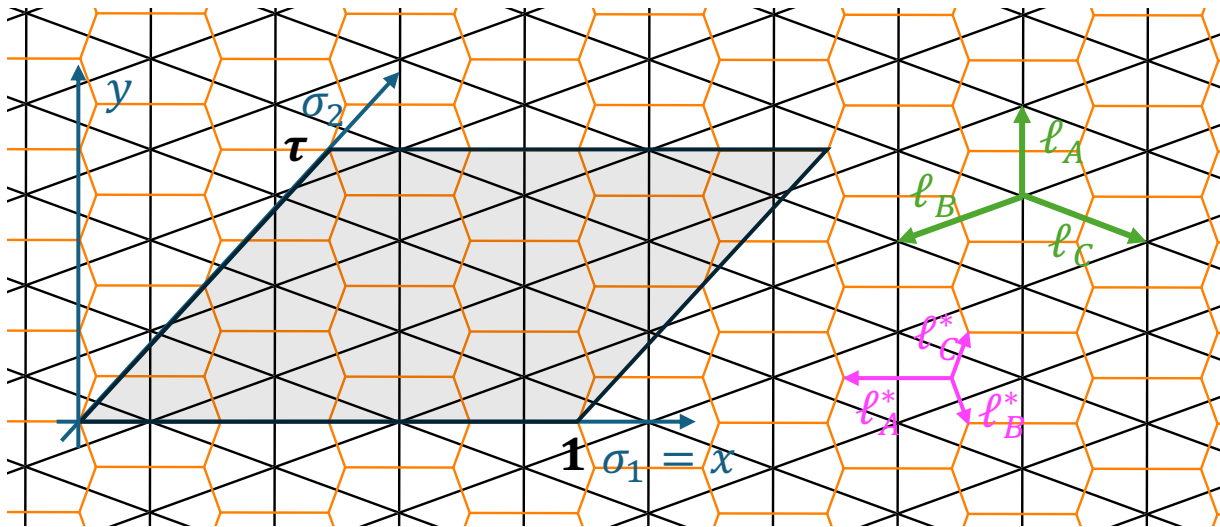
Exact mapping via loop expansion on  $T^2$

$$Z_I = \frac{1}{2} \sum_v \frac{(-1)^{\delta_{v,1}}}{2^V \prod \cosh \beta_{xy}} Z_W^v$$

$$\tanh \beta_A = \kappa_A \sqrt{\frac{\cos \theta_B \cos \theta_C}{\cos \theta_A}}$$

**Samuel 1980, Itzykson 1982, Wolff 2020, Brower-Owen 2023**

- Parametrization of the hexagonal lattice



Utilize  $\tau_{1,2}$  derivatives?  $\langle T_{xx} \rangle_{\nu} = 2\pi \partial_{\tau_2} \ln Z_{\nu}^{\text{cont}}(\tau_1, \tau_2)$   
 $\approx 2\pi \partial_{\tau_2} \ln \{ \mathcal{N}^{-1}(\tau_1, \tau_2; L) Z_{\nu}^{\text{lat}}(\tau_1, \tau_2; L) \}$

- Fermion bilinear part:

$$\partial_{\tau_2} \ln Z_{\nu}^{\text{lat}} = - \sum_M \left\langle \left( \frac{\partial \kappa_M}{\partial \tau_2} \frac{\partial S_{\nu}^{\text{lat}}}{\partial \kappa_M} + \frac{\partial e_M^{\alpha}}{\partial \tau_2} \frac{\partial S_{\nu}^{\text{lat}}}{\partial e_M^{\alpha}} \right) \right\rangle_{\nu}^{\text{lat}}$$

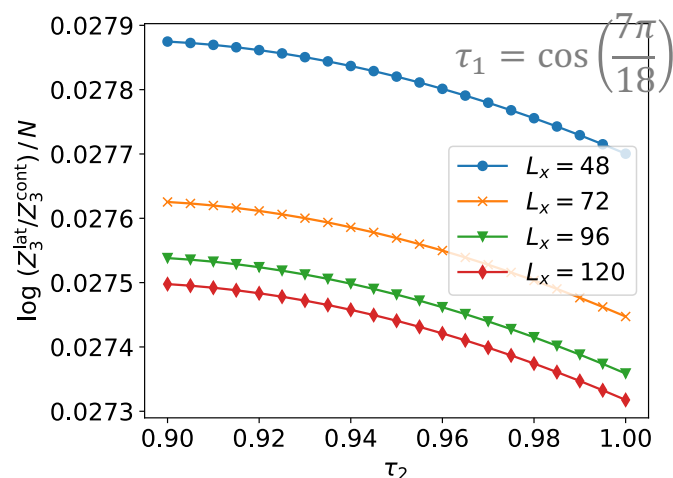
$$\frac{\partial \kappa_M}{\partial \tau_2} \frac{\partial S_{\nu}^{\text{lat}}}{\partial \kappa_M} + \frac{\partial e_M^{\alpha}}{\partial \tau_2} \frac{\partial S_{\nu}^{\text{lat}}}{\partial e_M^{\alpha}} = \frac{\partial \kappa_M}{\partial \tau_2} \sum_{x \in e} \frac{1}{2} \bar{\xi}_x (1 - \gamma \cdot e_M) \xi_{x+\hat{M}} + \underbrace{\sum_M \frac{\partial e_M^{\alpha}}{\partial \tau_2} \sum_{x \in e} \bar{\xi}_x \gamma_{\alpha} \xi_{x+\hat{M}}}_{\text{Not easy to map to the spin system}}$$

*Not easy to map to the spin system*

- Constant part

$\tau_{1,2}$  dependence on  $\mathcal{N}(\tau_1, \tau_2; L)$  remains in the  $L \rightarrow \infty$  limit, that would be only canceled by a divergent part of the fermion bilinear operator

( Usually, the continuum path integral is regularized with zeta function regularization, which does so cleanly w/o such  $\tau_{1,2}$  dependence. )



- Defining a local operator from a global discussion is ambiguous (cf. need of antisymmetrization for **Kadanoff-Ceva 1970**)

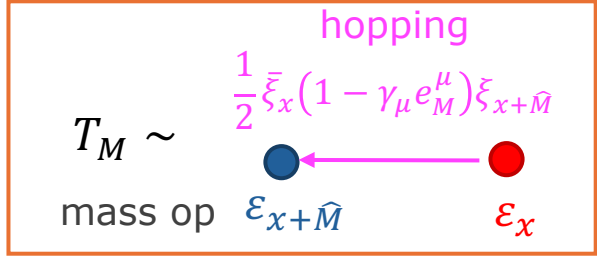
*We rather take a conventional lattice strategy*

- We consider the lattice operator:

$$\hat{T}_{x,M}^{\text{lat}} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \bar{\xi}_x (1 - \gamma_\mu e_M^\mu) \xi_{x+\hat{M}} - \frac{1}{4} (\bar{\xi}_x \xi_x + \bar{\xi}_{x+\hat{M}} \xi_{x+\hat{M}})$$

$$T_{x,M}^{\text{lat}} \equiv \frac{2\pi}{s} \frac{1}{|\ell_M^*|} \hat{T}_{x,M}^{\text{lat}}$$

*easily mappable to the spin system via loop expansion*



$s \equiv \frac{\sum_M |\ell_M^*|}{2}$ : semiperimeter; supplies dimension

- Mixing of  $T, \bar{T}$  (and 1) can be resolved by the three projected components  $T_M$
- To calculate the mixing matrix, naively, one may use:

$$\xi_{x+\hat{M}} = \xi_x + |\ell_M^*| e_M^\nu \partial_\nu \xi_x + O(a^2),$$

which implies:

$$\hat{T}_{x,M}^{\text{lat}} = -|\ell_M^*| \cdot e_M^\mu e_M^\nu \frac{1}{2} \bar{\xi}_x \gamma_\mu \partial_\nu \xi_x \cdot (1 + O(a))$$

projected EM tensor:  $e_M^\alpha e_M^\beta T_{\alpha\beta}$

*However, "?" turns out to be negative for nonregular lattices*

# Deviation from the prediction of classical expansion

- Contribution from 1 dropped by taking connected part
- Mixing of  $T$  and  $\bar{T}$  differs from the prediction from the classical expansion:

$$\langle T_A(x)T_A(0) \rangle_{3,c}$$

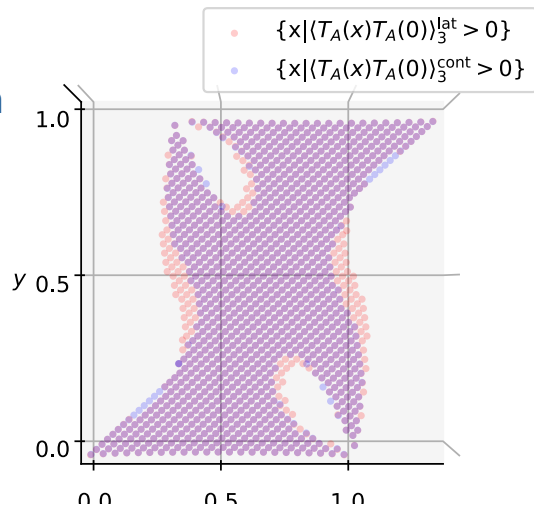
red: from lattice op  $T_A$

blue: predicted exact expression

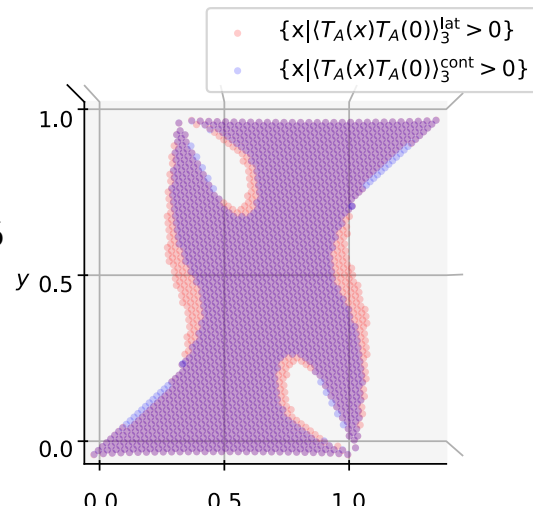
positive region is shown

$$\tau = e^{7\pi i/18}$$

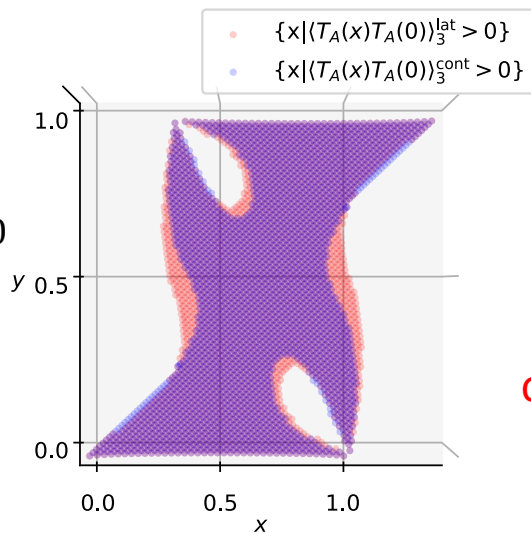
$L = 72$



$L = 96$

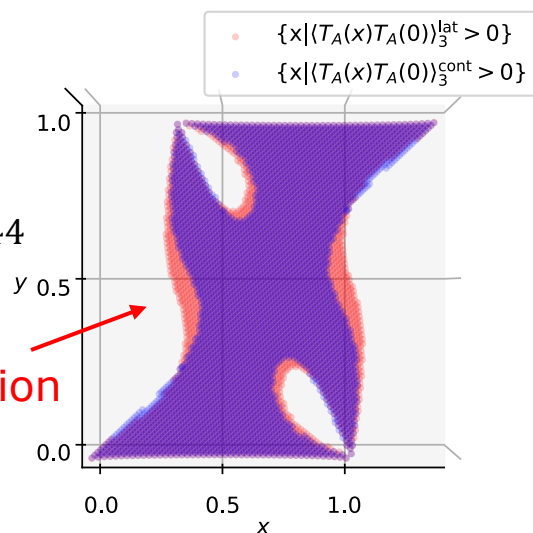


$L = 120$



$L = 144$

deviation



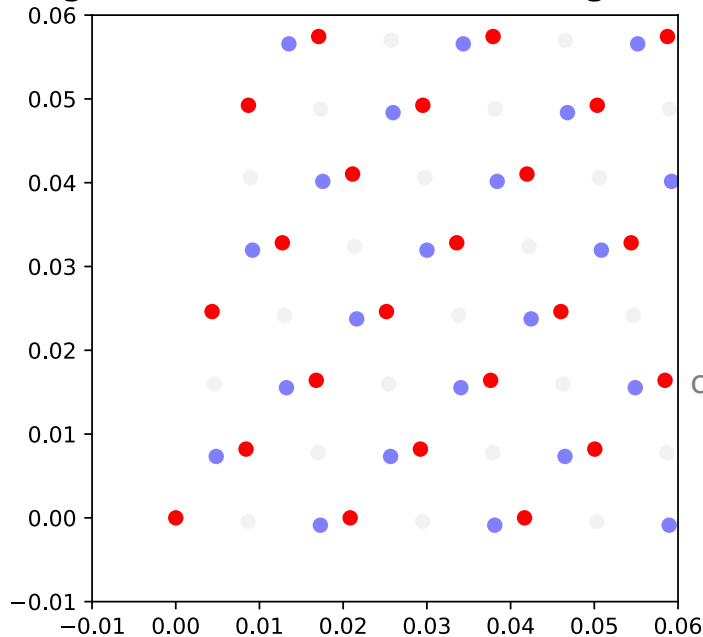
*Deviation remains in the continuum limit.*



# Source of deviation

- Lattice translation holds only for e/o sublattices, which cannot constrain their relative position to the classical prediction:

original sites when constructing the action



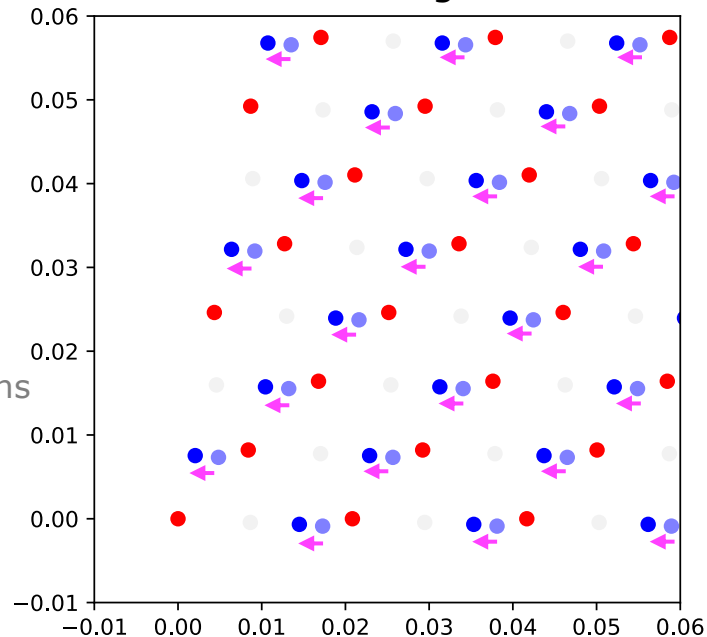
e=red  
o=blue



centers of hexagons  
=  
gray

$$(\tau = 1.2e^{4\pi i/9})$$

shifted sites in constructing the observables



This allows  $\xi_{x+\hat{M}}$  to float and redeclare its location in the observables:

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{x+\hat{M}} &= \xi_x + \tilde{\ell}_M^{*v} \partial_v \xi_x + O(a^2) \\ &= \xi_x + |\tilde{\ell}_M^*| \tilde{e}_M^v \partial_v \xi_x + O(a^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} (\tilde{e}_M^v) \equiv [\cos(\alpha_M + \delta\alpha_M), \sin(\alpha_M + \delta\alpha_M)]^T \\ x \in e \end{array} \right)$$

- With such possibility: different from original  $\ell_M^*$

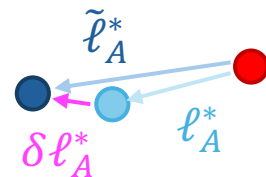
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two different vectors; one known, one unknown

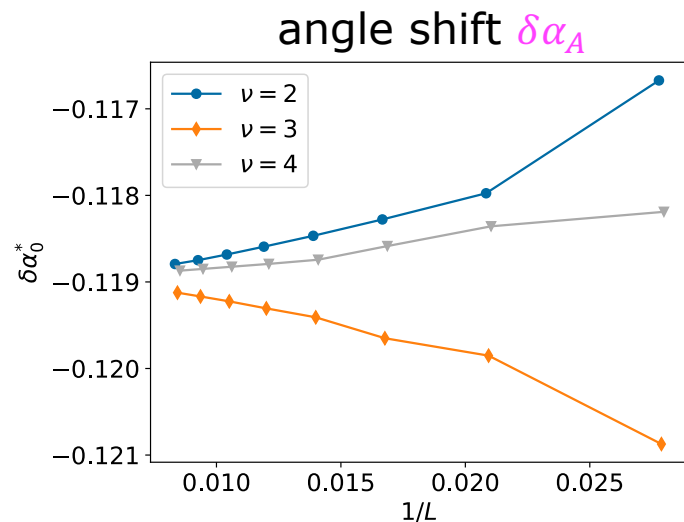
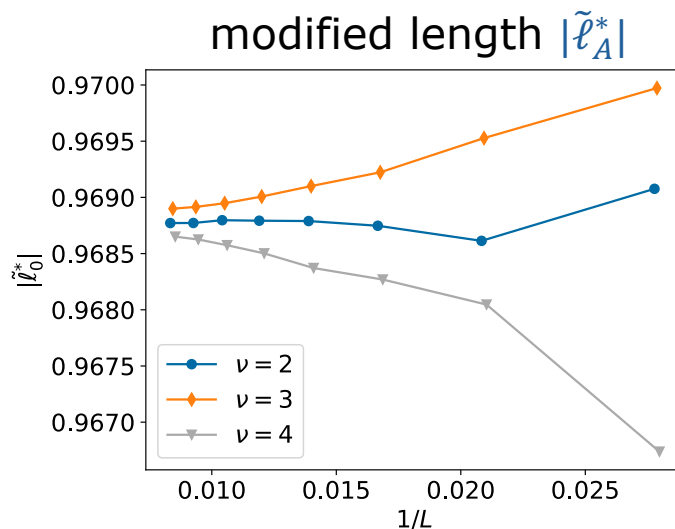
# Determining the shift params

- Fit an IR part of the correlators  $\langle T_M^{\text{lat}}(x) T_N^{\text{lat}}(0) \rangle_{\nu, \text{conn}}$

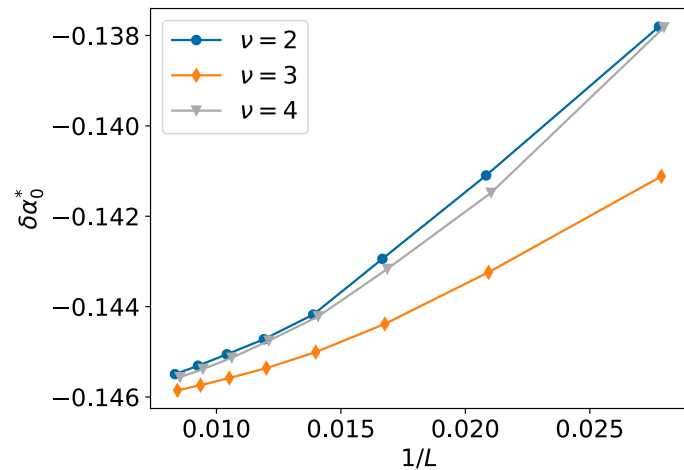
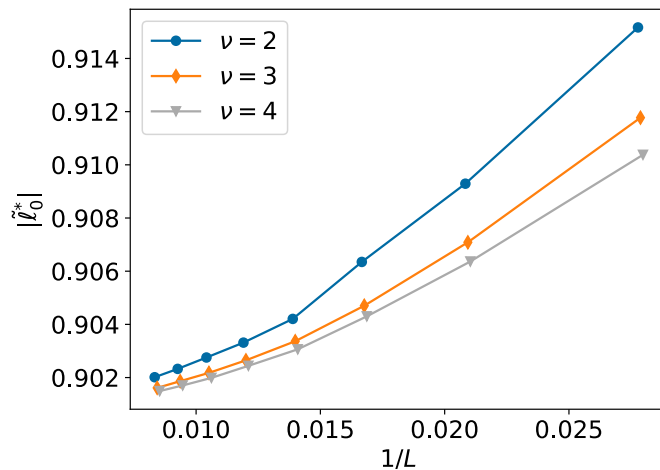
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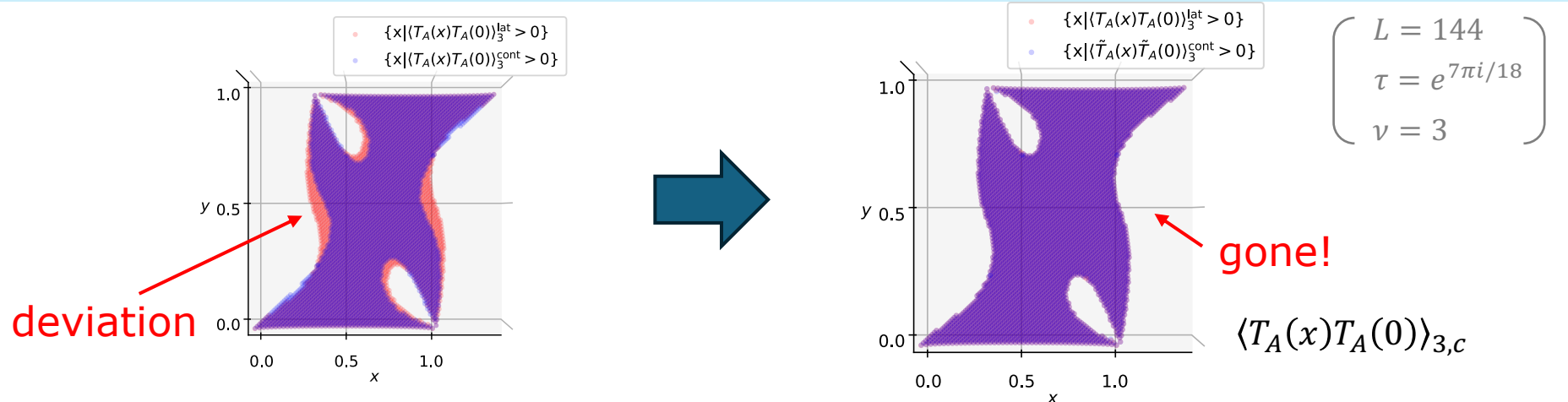


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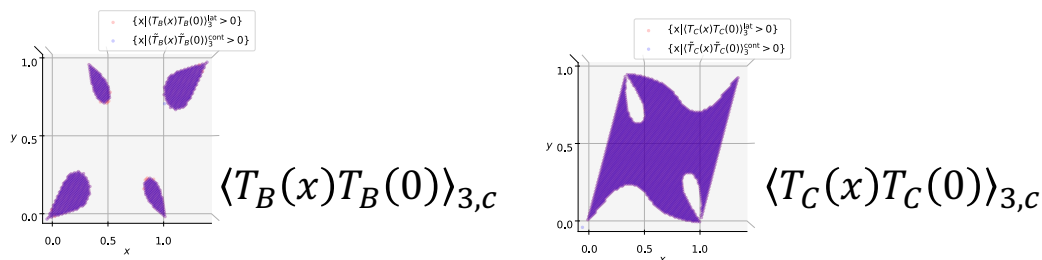


suggesting the existence of a consistent continuum limit

# Confirming the correction

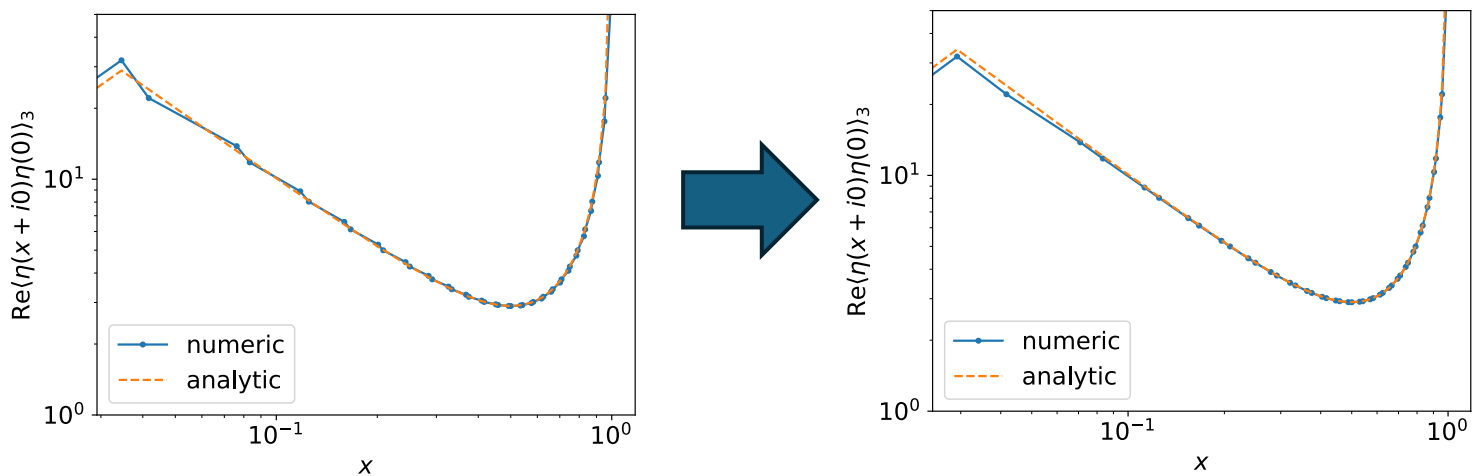


Possibly 2 x 3 mixing parameters explained only with 2 param shift



- In fact, staggered bumps disappears in the fermion correlators  $\langle \eta(z) \eta(0) \rangle$ : holomorphic

$L = 72$   $\tau = 1.2e^{4\pi i/9}$   
 $\nu = 3$



# Mixing with 1: One point function

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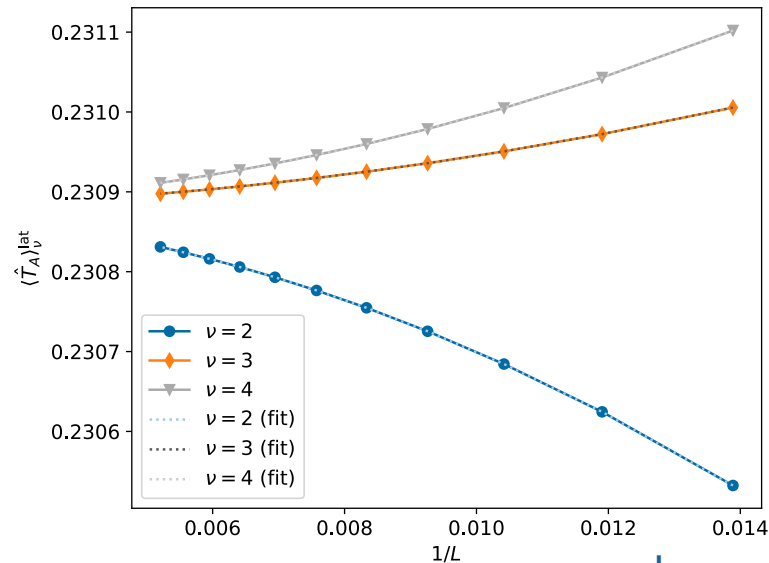
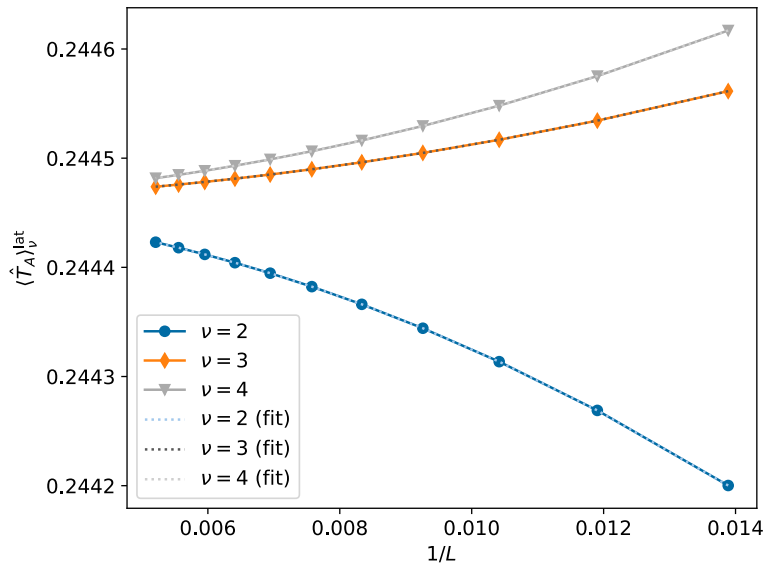
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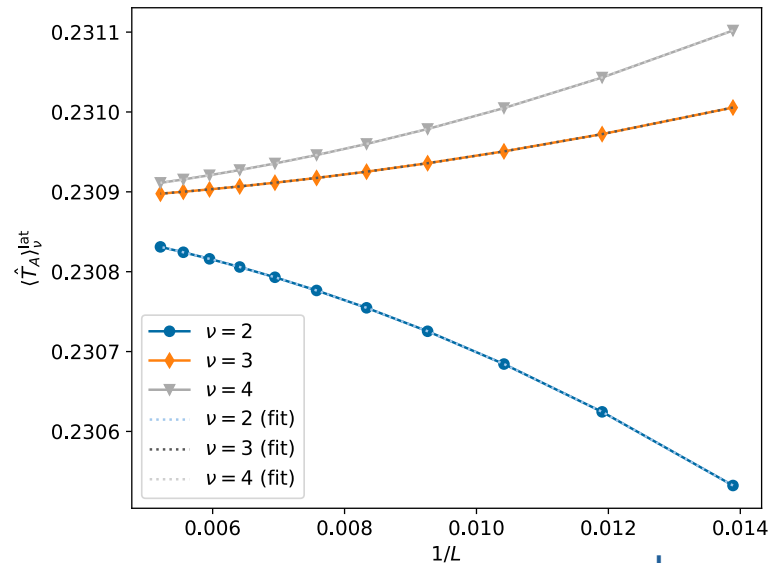
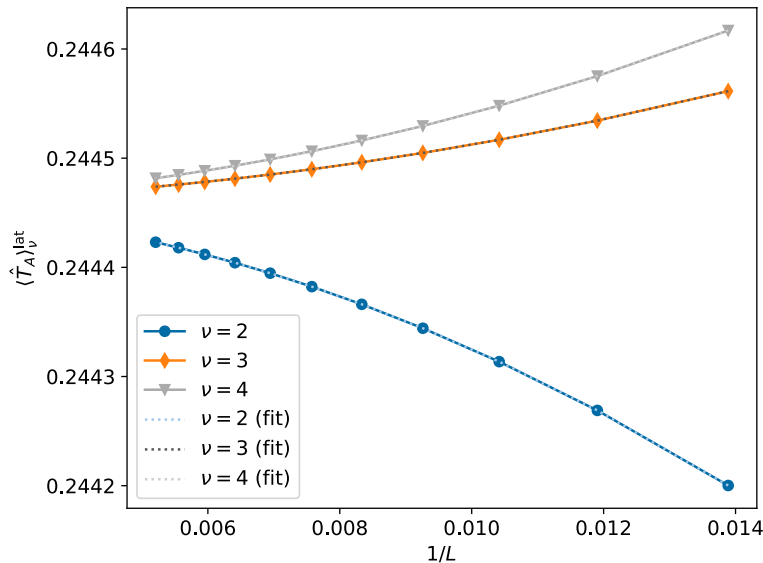
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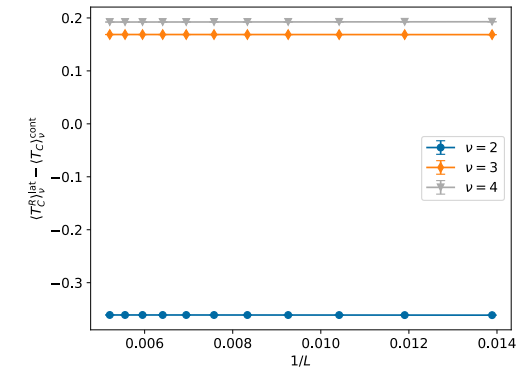
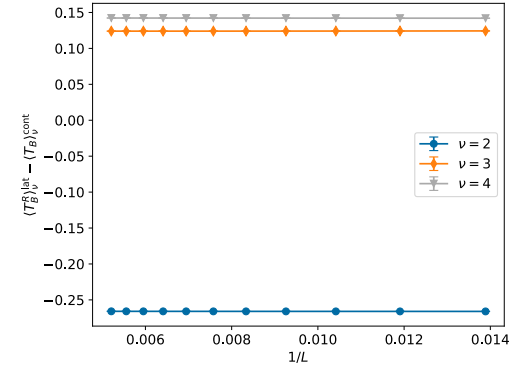
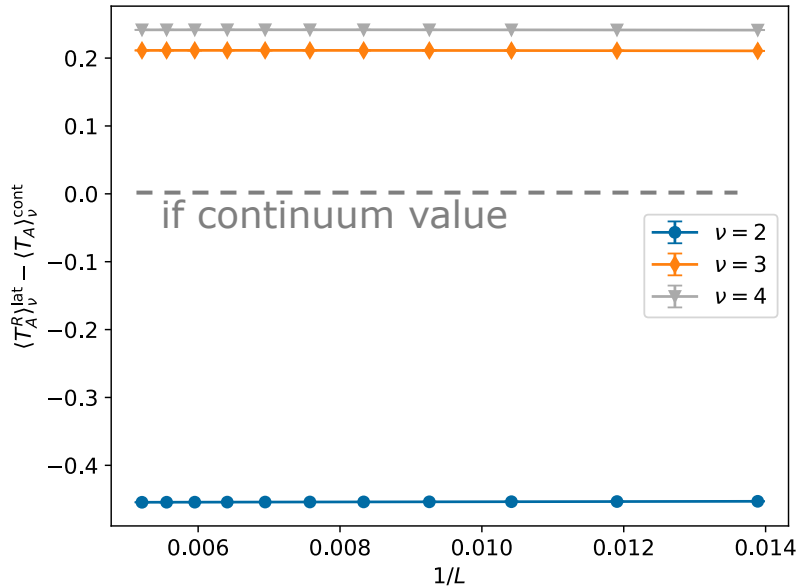
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# Nonuniversal finite part of $\langle T_M^{\text{lat}} \rangle_\nu$

- One might regularize  $T_M^{\text{lat}}$  by subtracting the divergent part:  $T_M^{\text{lat},R} \equiv T_M^{\text{lat}} - \frac{C_M}{a}$
- However,  $\langle T_M^{\text{lat},R} \rangle_\nu$  does not approach the continuum value  $\langle e_M^\alpha \tilde{e}_M^\beta T_{\alpha\beta} \rangle_\nu$  and the deviation differs by  $\nu$ :

$$\tau = 1.2e^{4\pi i/9}$$



- This finite shift may *not* be regarded as a finite part of the renormalization as it depends on the BC  $\nu$ .

$T_M^{\text{lat},R}$  themselves do not behave consistently as the projected EM tensor operator when including one-point function.

# Consistent EM tensor operator

- Nontrivial point:

By constructing  $T_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{lat}}$  as a linear combination of  $T_M^{\text{lat}}$  s.t. the divergent part cancels, the finite part likely also cancels for every  $\nu$ .

*i.e.,*

$$T_M^{\text{lat}} \simeq \cos(2\alpha_M + \delta\alpha_M)T_{xx} + \sin(2\alpha_M + \delta\alpha_M)\tilde{T}_{xy} + \frac{A_M}{a} + B_{M,\nu} + O(a)$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} T_{xx}^{\text{lat}} \equiv \sum_M C_{xx,M} T_M^{\text{lat}} \simeq \underbrace{1 \cdot T_{xx} + 0 \cdot T_{xy} + \frac{0}{a}} + \sum_M C_{xx,M} B_{M,\nu} + O(a) \\ \\ T_{xy}^{\text{lat}} \equiv \sum_M C_{xy,M} T_M^{\text{lat}} \simeq \underbrace{0 \cdot T_{xx} + 1 \cdot T_{xy} + \frac{0}{a}} + \sum_M C_{xy,M} B_{M,\nu} + O(a) \end{array} \right.$$

by the choice of  $C_{xx,M}, C_{xy,M}$

can exist in principle but cancels

$T_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{lat}}$  uniquely constructed from  $T_M^{\text{lat}}$

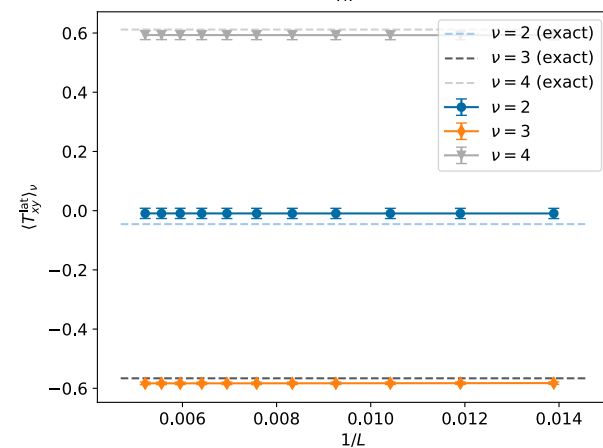
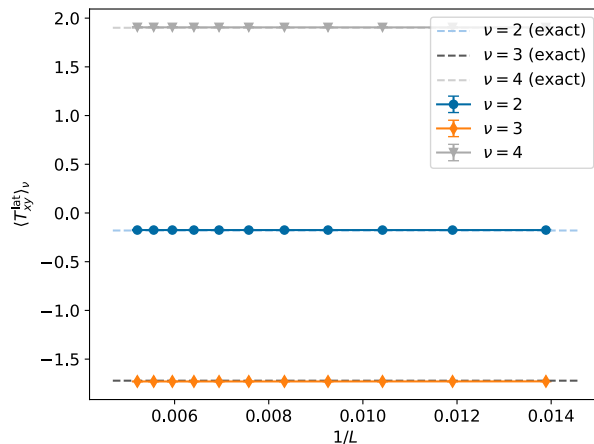
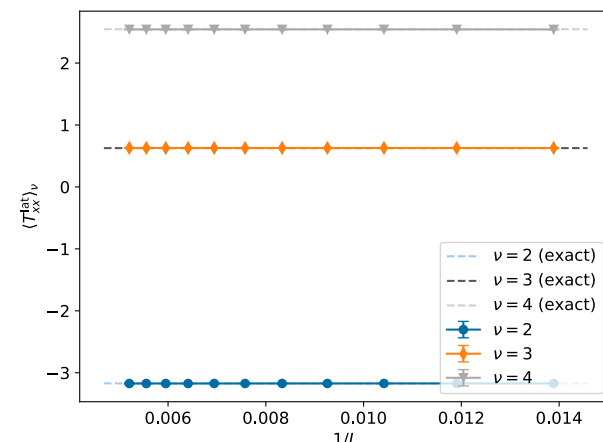
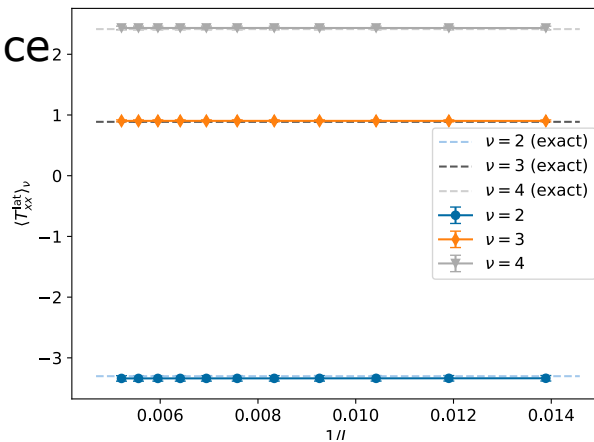
# Numerics

$$\tau = e^{7\pi i/18}$$

$$\tau = 1.2e^{4\pi i/9}$$

Thus-obtained  $\langle T_{\alpha\beta} \rangle_\nu$  from lattice

→ reasonable agreement



$c_0 + c_1 a + c_2 a^2$  fit (errors fully systematic)

$$\langle T \rangle_2 \approx -1.5869(43) - 0.0873(33)$$

$$\text{exact: } -1.5860 \quad -0.0899$$

$$\langle T \rangle_3 \approx +0.3147(30) - 0.8645(24)$$

$$\text{exact: } +0.3132 \quad -0.8606$$

$$\langle T \rangle_4 \approx +1.2718(41) + 0.9530(35)$$

$$\text{exact: } +1.2727 \quad +0.9506$$

$$\langle T \rangle_2 \approx -1.669(23) - 0.0038(88)$$

$$\text{exact: } -1.651 \quad -0.0227$$

$$\langle T \rangle_3 \approx +0.4524(88) - 0.2909(26)$$

$$\text{exact: } +0.4437 \quad -0.2831$$

$$\langle T \rangle_4 \approx +1.217(15) + 0.2974(78)$$

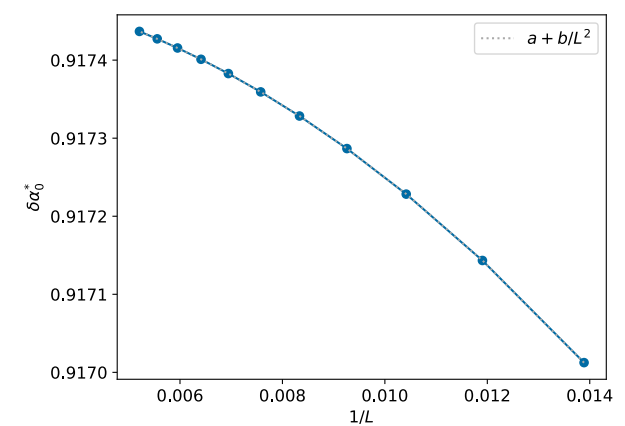
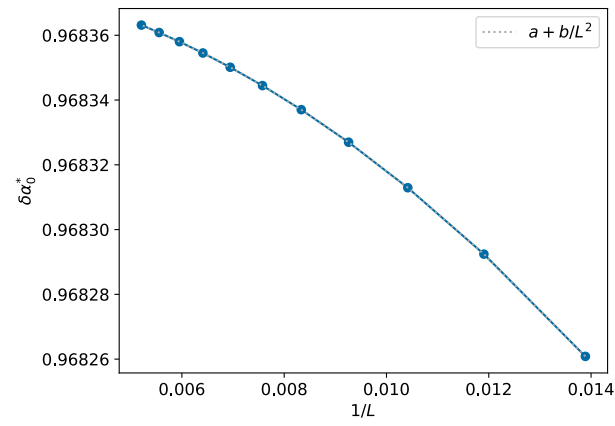
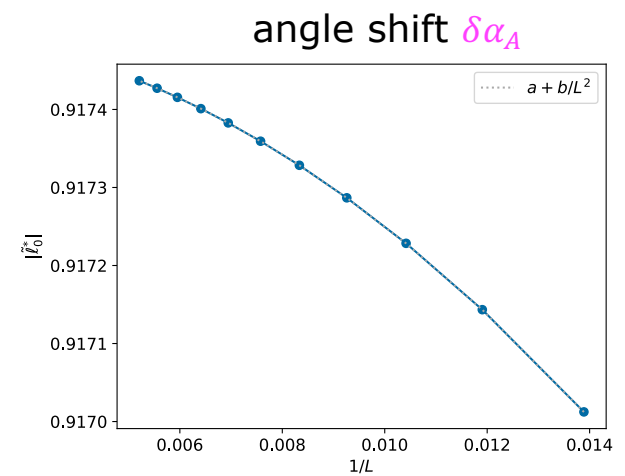
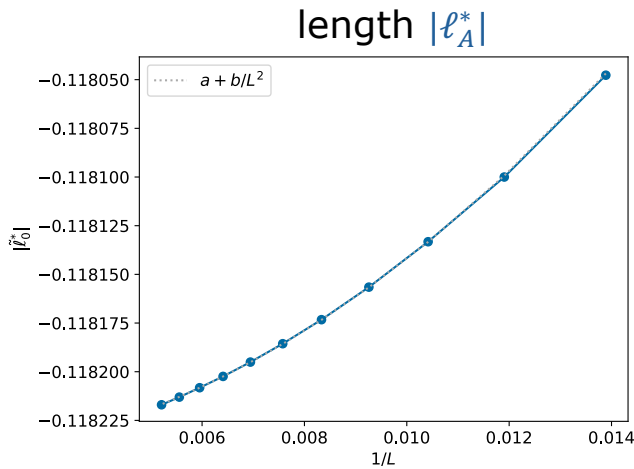
$$\text{exact: } +1.207 \quad +0.3058$$



# Determining the shift params (revisited)

Alternative scheme for shift parameters: fix the 1pt functions

- Fitting all  $\nu$  simultaneously  $\rightarrow$  clean  $a^2$  scaling



- Gives more precise values, two schemes in a tolerable agreement:

	$ \ell_A^* $	$\delta\alpha_A$	$ \ell_A^* $	$\delta\alpha_A$
<u>1pt</u>	0.96837989(13)	-0.11824455(48)	0.917506302(89)	-0.136754468(41)
<u>IR of 2pt</u>	0.9688(11)	-0.11897(44)	0.9015(63)	-0.1458(34)

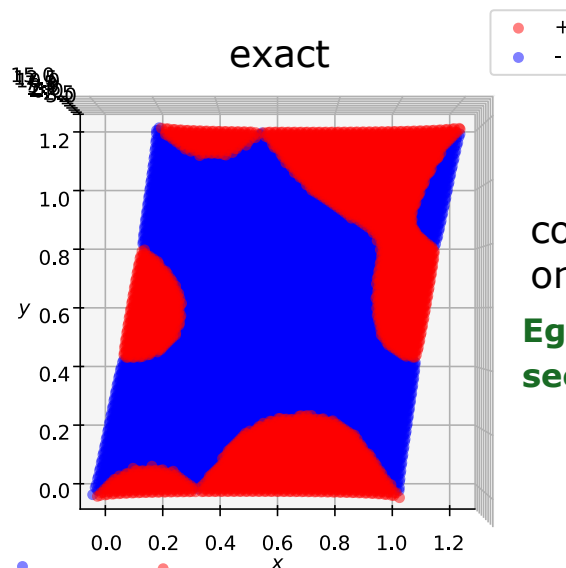
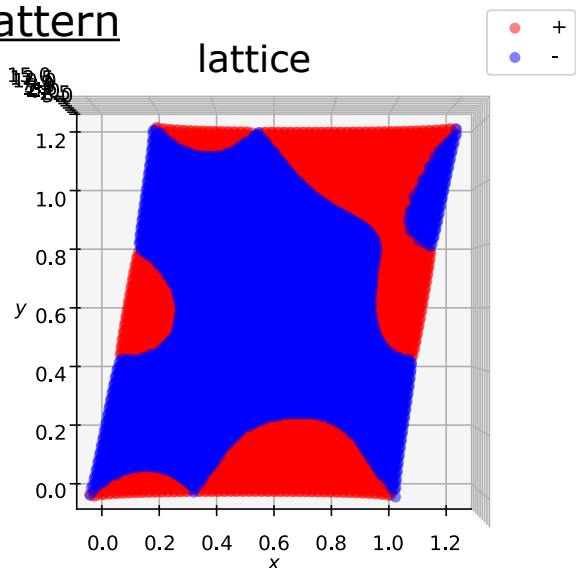
*We use the values from the 1pt scheme below*

(errors fully systematic) 16/19

# Conformal Ward identities – I. fermion variable

- $\langle T_{xx}(z, \bar{z}) \varepsilon(z_1, \bar{z}_1) \varepsilon(z_2, \bar{z}_2) \rangle_{3,c}$  with fermionic variables  $z_1 = 0, z_2 = 1/3, L = 144$

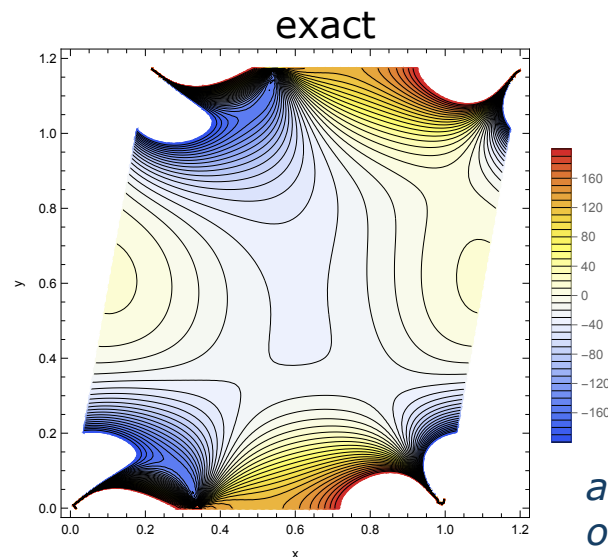
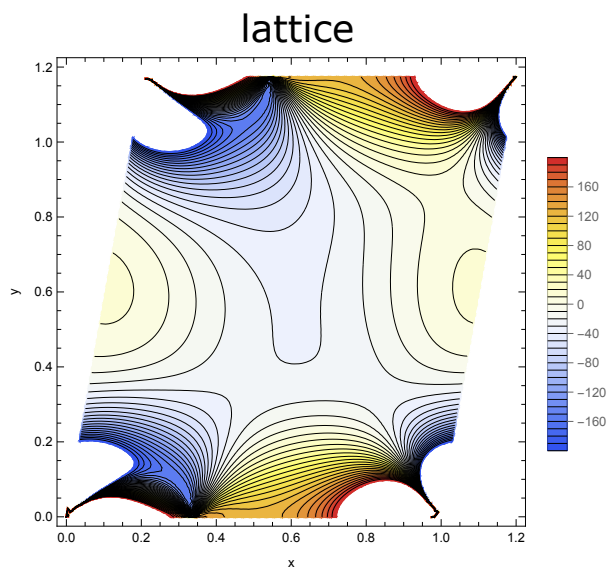
+ pattern



conformal Ward identity  
on torus:

**Eguchi-Ooguri 1986**  
**see also Felder-Silvotti 1989**

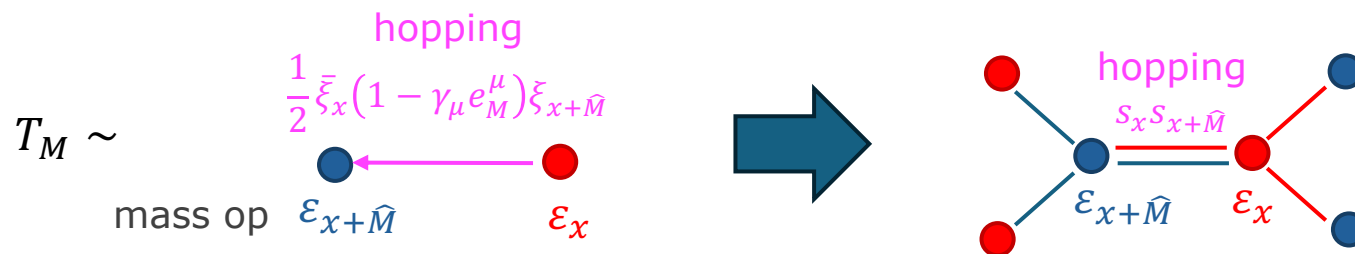
Full contour plot



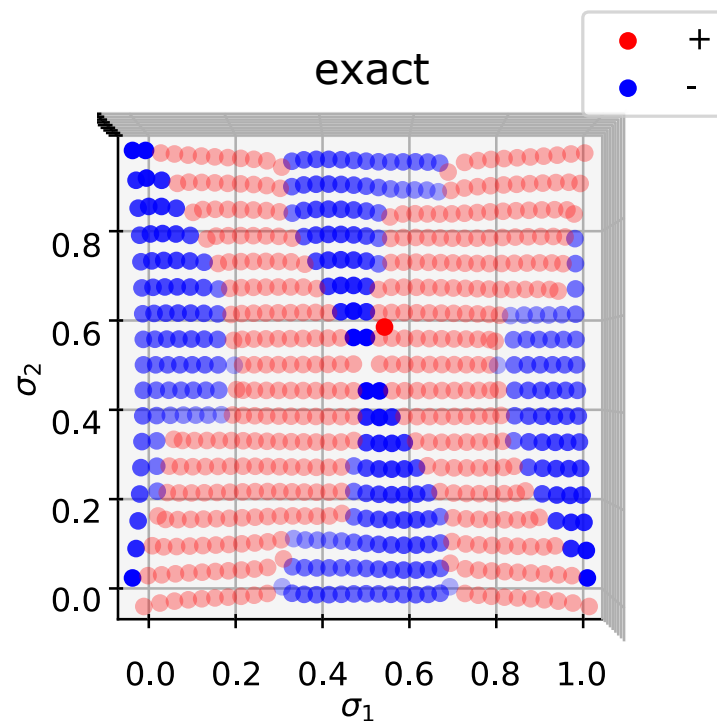
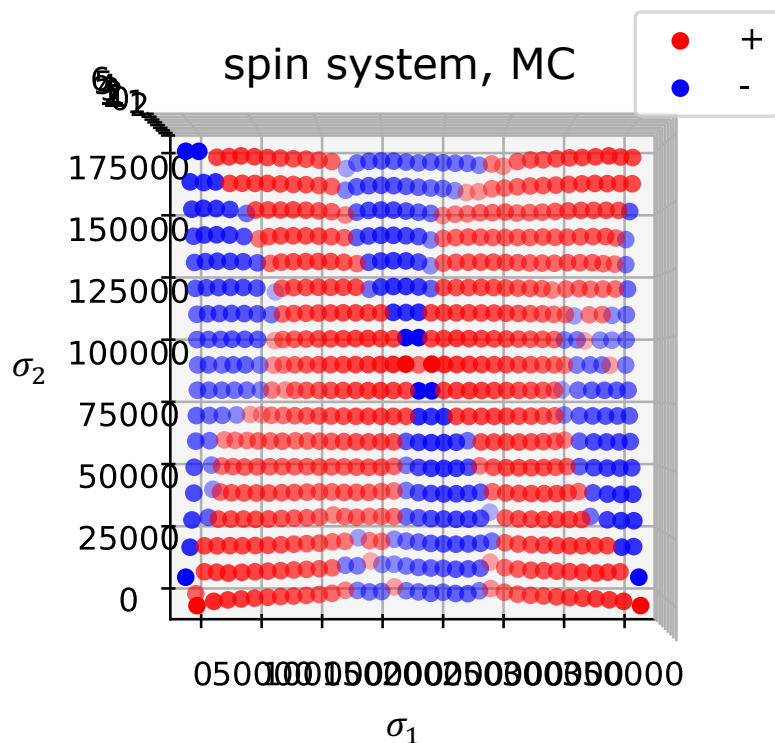
*agreement also in the  
overall scaling*

# Conformal Ward identities – II. spin variable

- Constructed  $T_{\alpha\beta}$  can be readily mapped to spin operator via loop expansion



$$\langle T_{xx}(z, \bar{z}) \sigma(z_1, \bar{z}_1) \sigma(z_2, \bar{z}_2) \rangle \left( z_1 = 0, z_2 = \frac{(\tau+1)}{2} \right) \quad \tau = e^{\pi i/3} \text{ (regular hex lattice)}$$



Good agreement (including the overall scaling)

## Summary

- We constructed a lattice EM tensor in the Ising CFT
  - for arbitrary affine parameter, on hexagonal lattice
  - both in spin and fermion variables
  - including overall normalization and one-point function
- For nonregular lattices:
  - Extra mixing of  $T$  and  $\bar{T}$  can be understood as the geometrical staggered shift
  - Not all lattice operator works consistently as the EM tensor:  
By canceling the diverging part of  $T_M^{\text{lat}}$ , the nonuniversal finite part disappears.

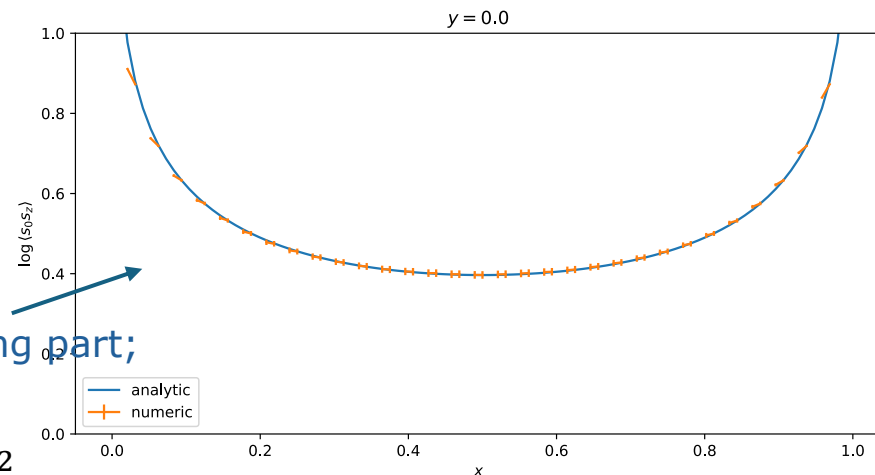
## Outlook

- Map it further to the triangular lattice by taking the dual.
- Get a solid theoretical understanding of the shift parameter and diverging part. The two seem related; both are relevant to the normalization of  $\sigma_x$  operator.

$$\tau = 1.2e^{4\pi i/9}$$

$$L = 96$$

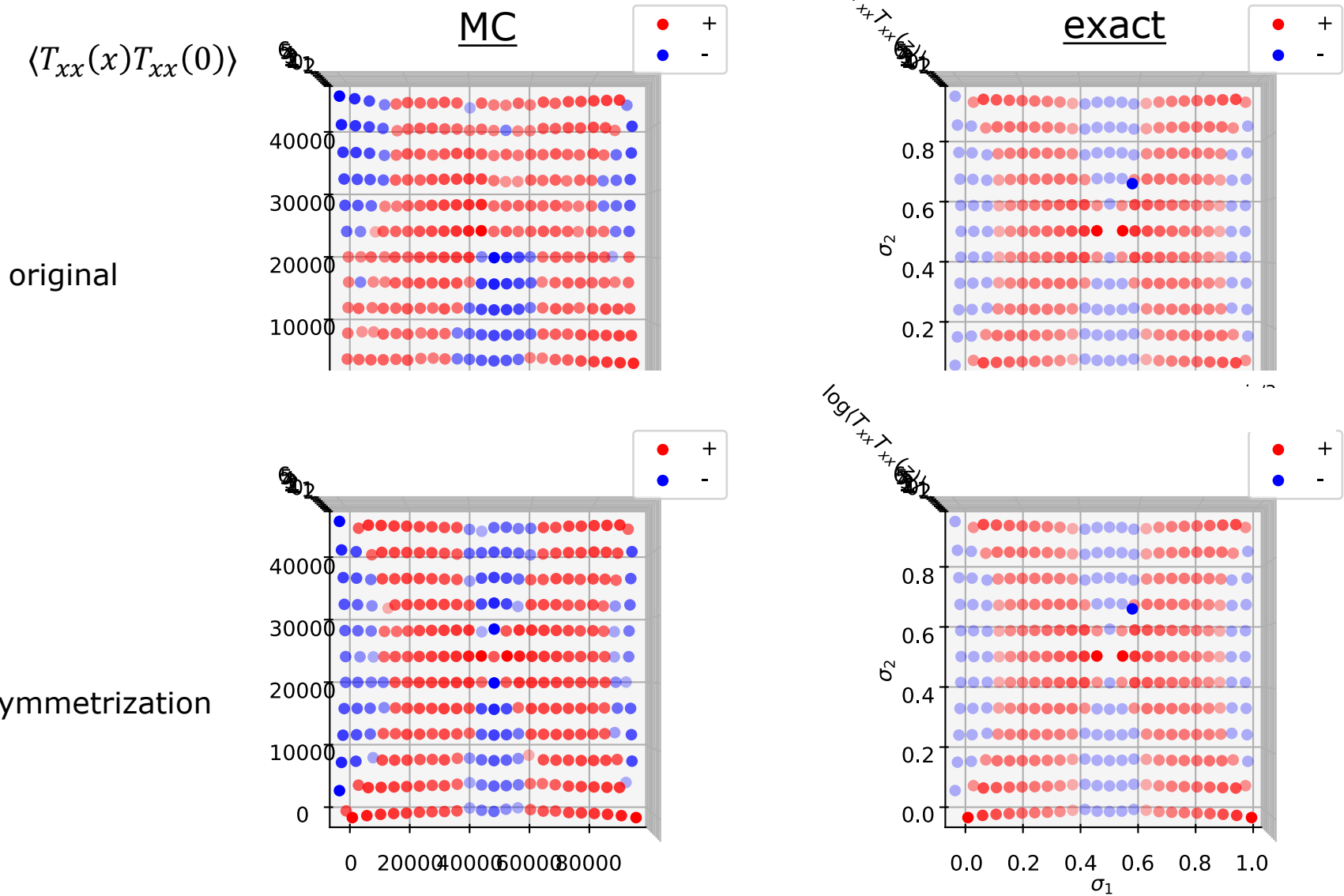
Normalization between  $s_x$  and  $\sigma_x$  is determined from geometrical quantities and diverging part; working quite nicely



- EM tensor of the Ising CFT on  $S^2$ .

Thank you!

# Necessity of antisymmetrization in Kadanoff's operator



Antisymmetrization removes  $\partial\varepsilon, \bar{\partial}\varepsilon$ , leaving  $T, \bar{T}$

- Wilson-Majorana fermion

Wolff 2020  
Brower-Owen 2023

$$Z_\nu^{\text{lat}} \equiv \int (d\xi) e^{-S_\nu^{\text{lat}}}$$

$$S_\nu^{\text{lat}} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_x \bar{\xi}_x \xi_x - \sum_{x \in e, M} \kappa_M \bar{\xi}_x P(e_M) \xi_{x+\hat{M}}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \nu = 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ \text{PP, PA, AA, AP in } (\sigma_1, \sigma_2) \\ P(e_M) \equiv \frac{1}{2} (1 - e_M^\alpha \gamma_\alpha) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ -e^{i\alpha_M} & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & -e^{-i\alpha_M} \end{bmatrix} \\ \gamma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \gamma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \bar{\xi} \equiv \xi^T c, \quad c = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right)$$

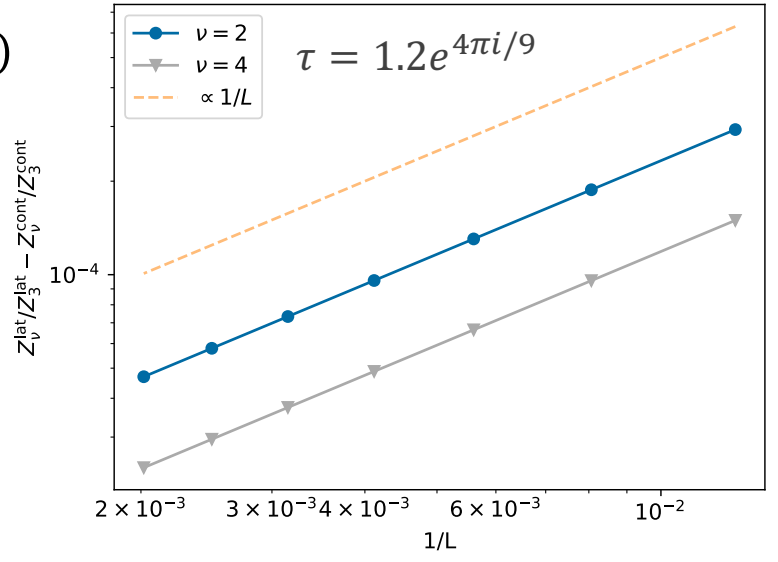
- $Z_\nu^{\text{lat}}(\tau_1, \tau_2; L)$  approaches  $Z_\nu^{\text{cont}}(\tau_1, \tau_2)$  as  $L \rightarrow \infty$  with a diverging const:

$$Z_\nu^{\text{lat}}(\tau_1, \tau_2; L) = \mathcal{N}(\tau_1, \tau_2; L) Z_\nu^{\text{cont}}(\tau_1, \tau_2; L)$$

- With the classical small- $a$  expansion:

$$S_\nu^{\text{lat}} \rightarrow S_\nu^{\text{cont}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_\nu^{\text{cont}} &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^2x \bar{\psi} \gamma_\alpha \partial_\alpha \psi \\ &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^2z (\eta \bar{\partial} \eta + \tilde{\eta} \partial \tilde{\eta}) \end{aligned}$$



$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \xi(x) = \sqrt{s/(2\pi)} \psi(x) \\ \eta(z) = \psi_1(x), \tilde{\eta}(\bar{z}) = -i\psi_2(x) \end{array} \quad s \equiv \frac{\sum_M |\ell_M^*|}{2} \right)$$