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Separation of Infrared and Bulk in Thermal QCD



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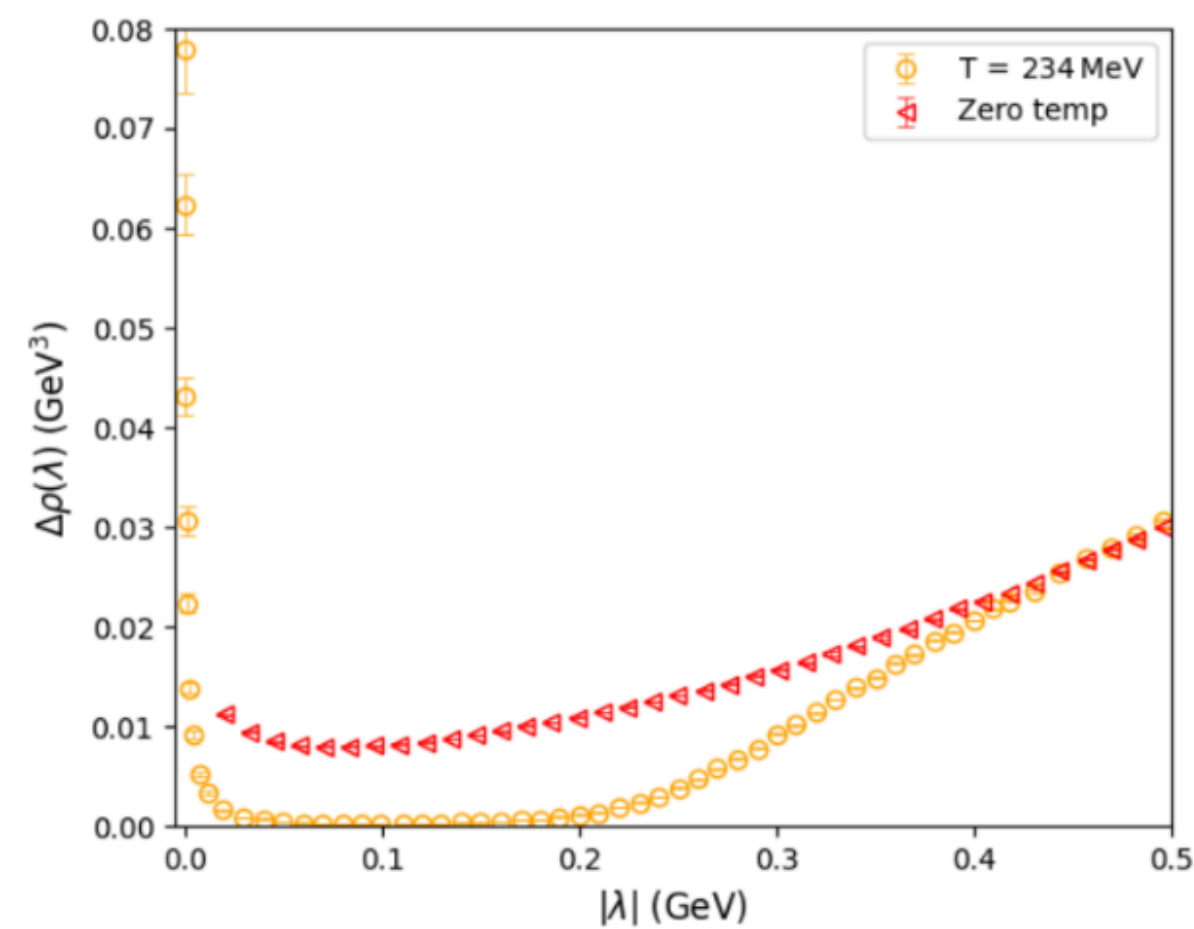


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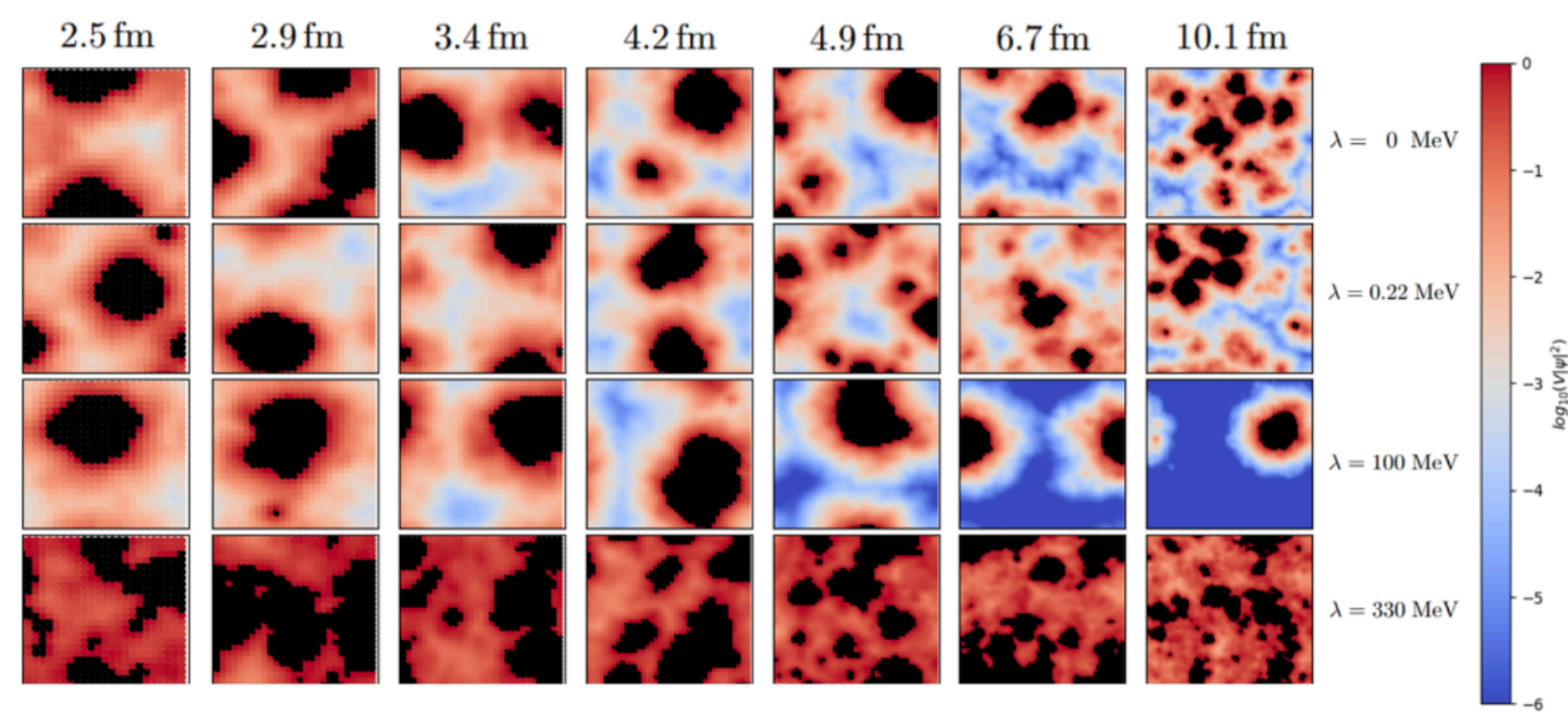
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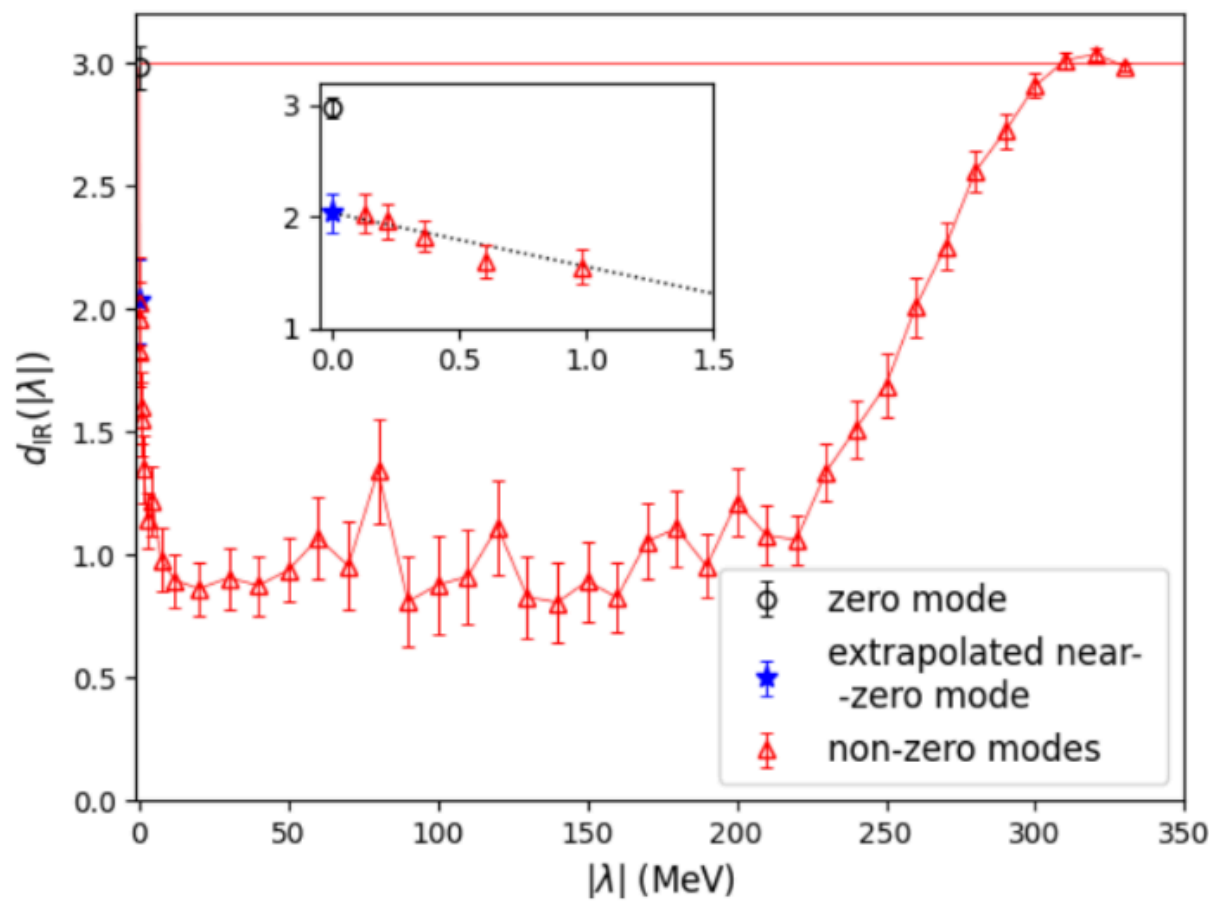


Dirac spectrum above crossover;

○ Dimension of Dirac Eigenvectors...



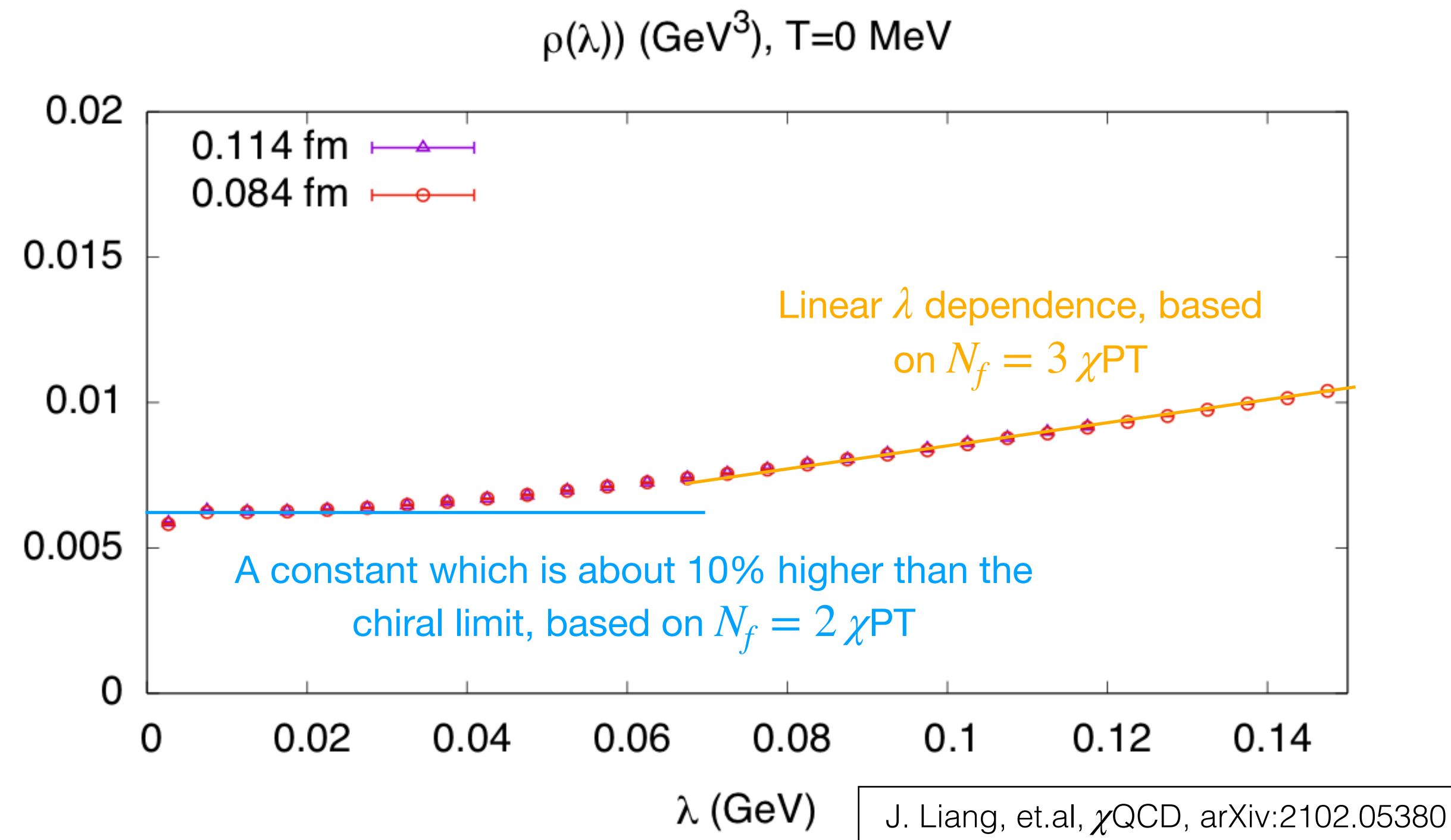
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...and its distribution.

Dirac spectrum

at zero temperature



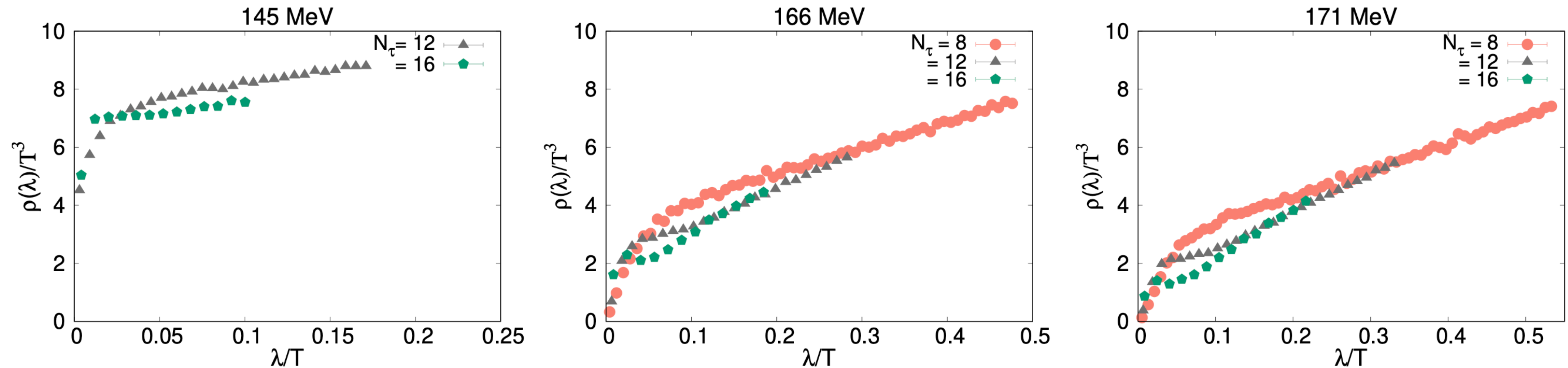
- 2+1 flavors DWF ensembles at physical light quark masses and two lattice spacings.
- Dirac spectrum based on the exact eigensolver of the overlap fermion.
- Corresponds to the chiral condensate in proper limits:

$$-\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle = \pi \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} \lim_{m_l \rightarrow 0} \lim_{V \rightarrow \infty} \rho(\lambda, V, m_l).$$

$$\rho(\lambda, V) = \frac{\Sigma}{\pi} \left(1 + \frac{N_f^2 - 4}{N_f} \frac{\lambda \Sigma}{32\pi F^4} \right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{V}}, m_q^{\text{sea}}, \lambda^2\right)$$

Dirac spectrum

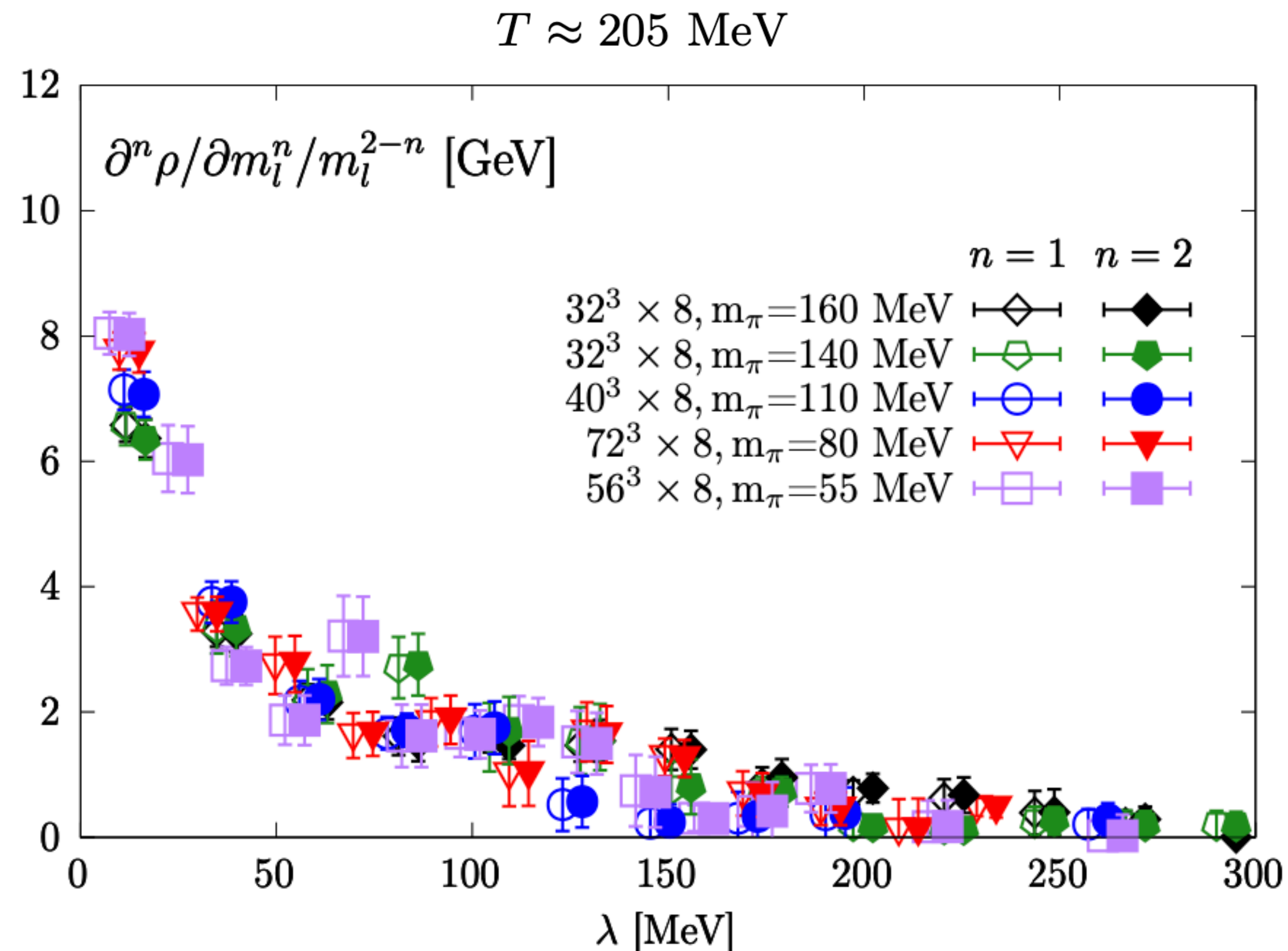
above the crossover temperature



- 2+1 flavors HISQ ensembles at physical light quark masses and 2-3 lattice spacings:
- Dirac spectrum with unitary HISQ action.
- $\rho(\lambda \rightarrow 0)$ becomes lower with higher temperature.
- $\rho(\lambda)$ develops a peaked structure at small λ , which becomes sharper as $a \rightarrow 0$.

Dirac spectrum

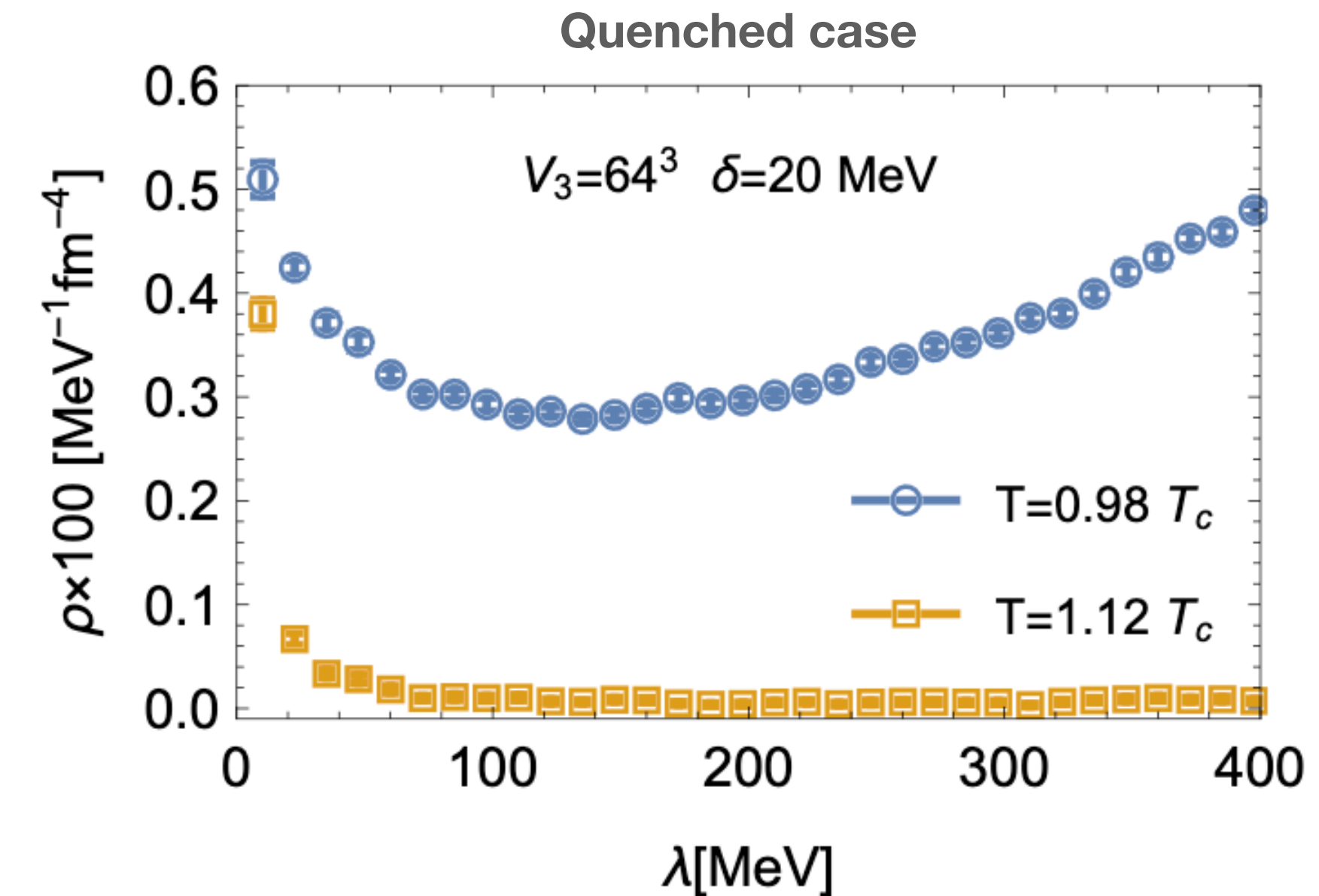
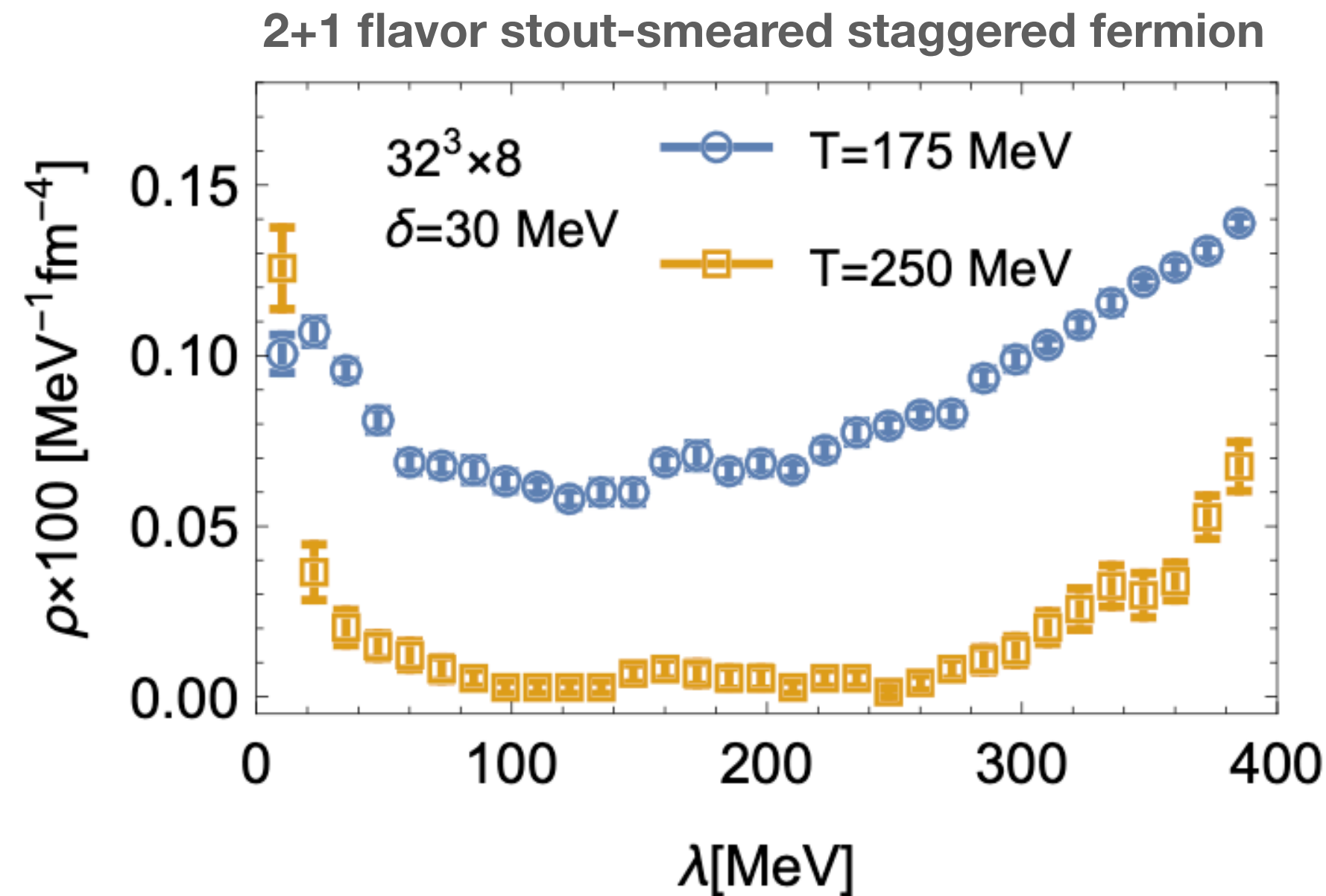
above the crossover temperature



- 2+1 flavors HISQ ensembles at physical light quark masses and three lattice spacings:
- Dirac spectrum with unitary HISQ action.
- $\rho(\lambda \rightarrow 0, m_l)$ develops an $\mathcal{O}(m_l^2)$ peaked structure.
- U(1) anomaly in the chiral limit would remain above T_c .

Dirac spectrum

above the crossover temperature

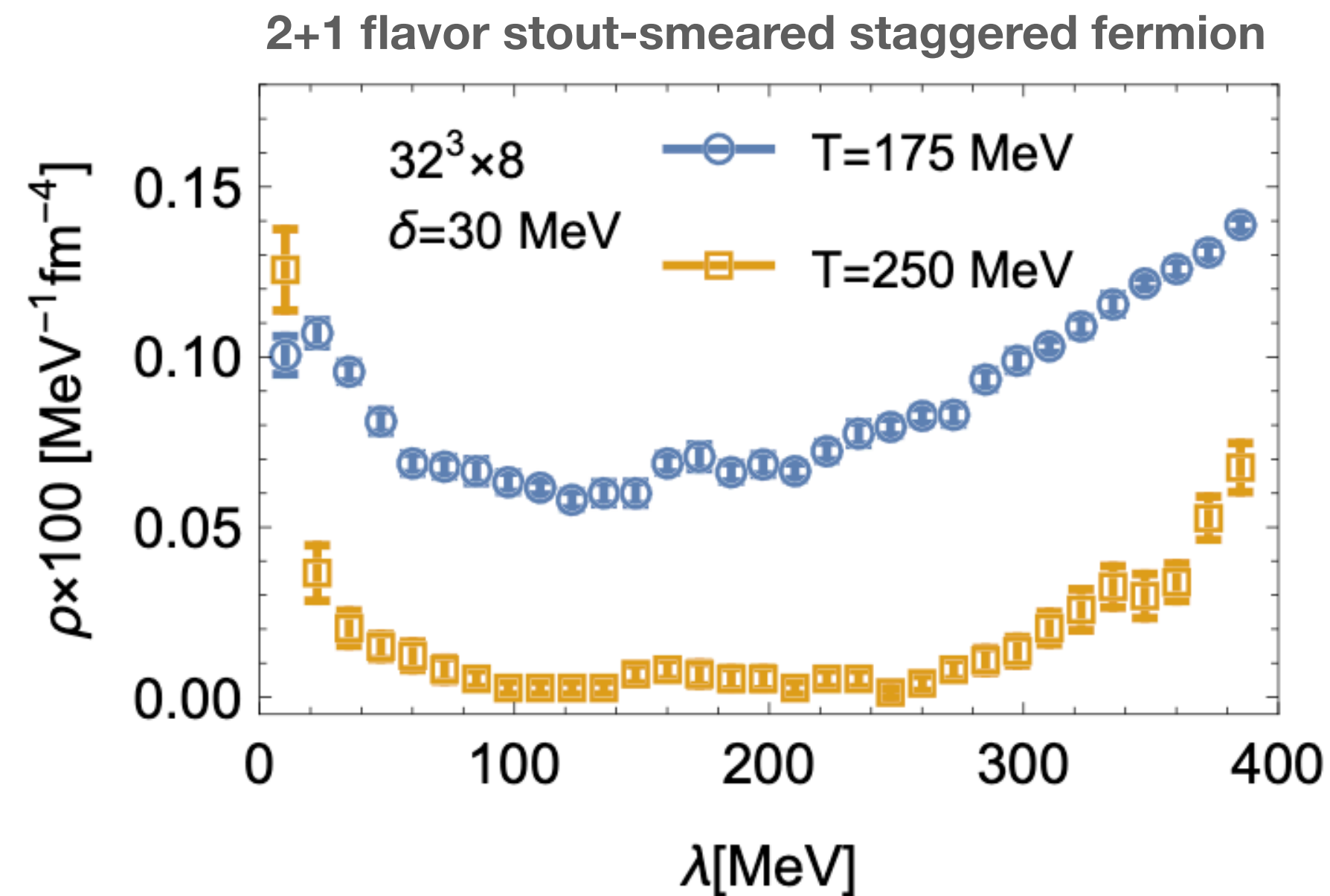


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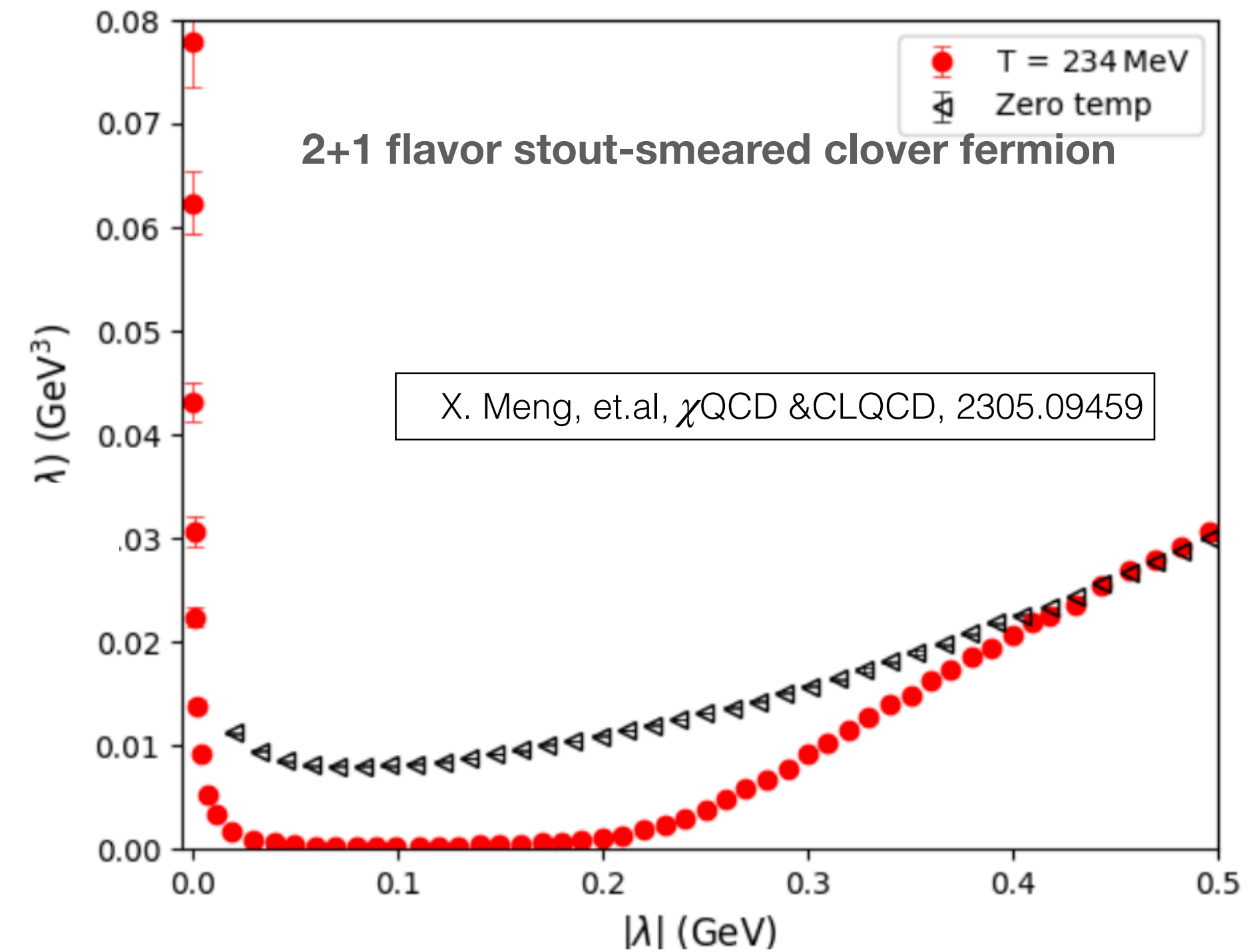
- Both the quenched and 2+1 flavor cases:
- Dirac spectrum using overlap fermion shows obvious IR peak at $T > 200$ MeV.
- The IR peak seems to be much larger than the unitary HISQ case.

Dirac spectrum

above the crossover temperature



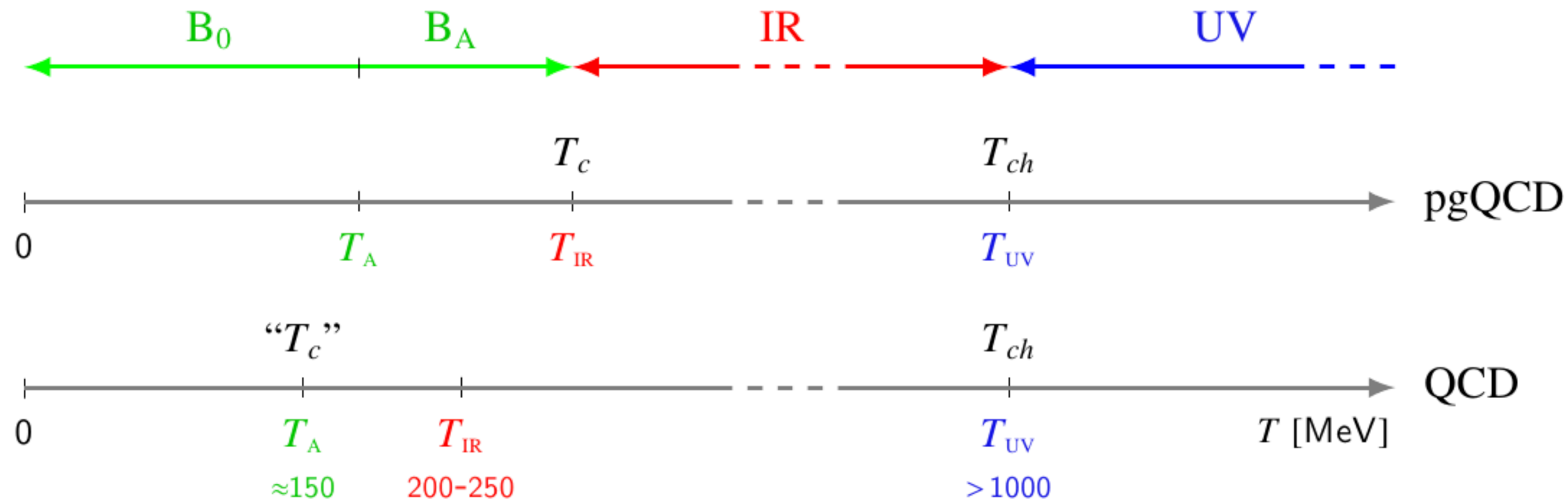
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- Dirac spectrum using overlap valence fermion and clover sea is somehow similar to that using staggered fermion sea.

Possible new phase

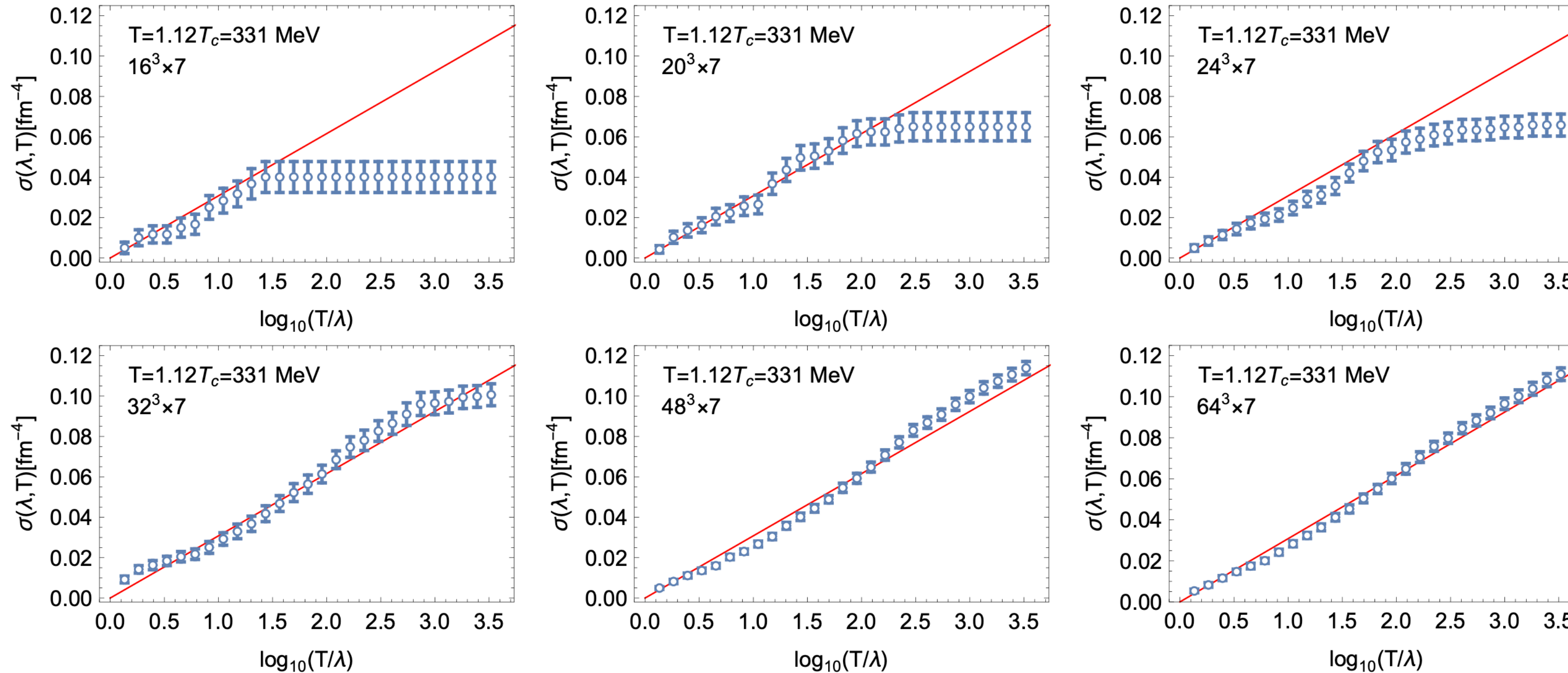
of thermal QCD



- Above T_{IR} : $\rho(\lambda) \propto 1/\lambda$ at $\lambda < T$ and then scale invariance at long distance;
- Above T_{UV} : $\rho(\lambda) \sim 0$ at $\lambda < T$ and then only a weakly interacting gluon plasma remains.

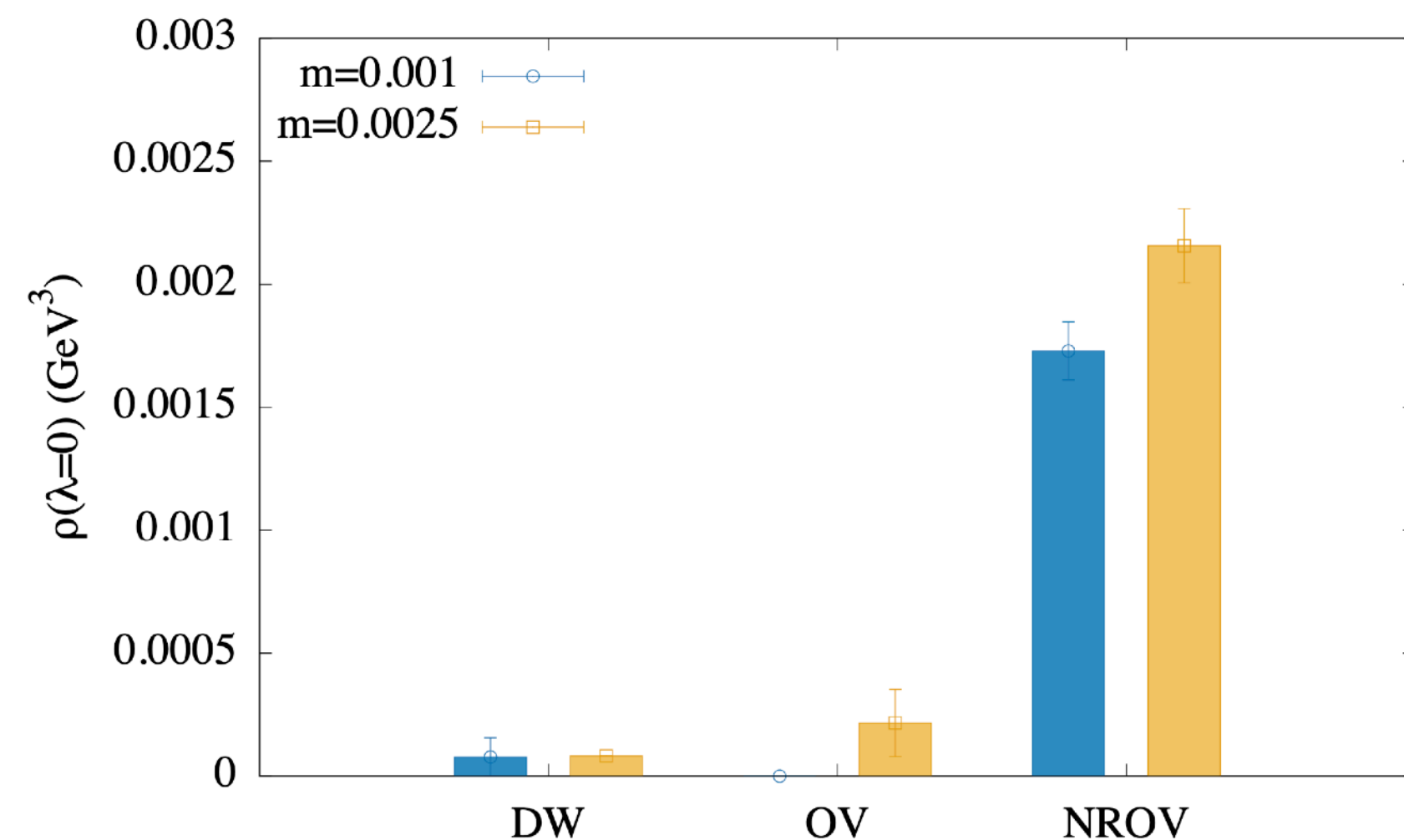
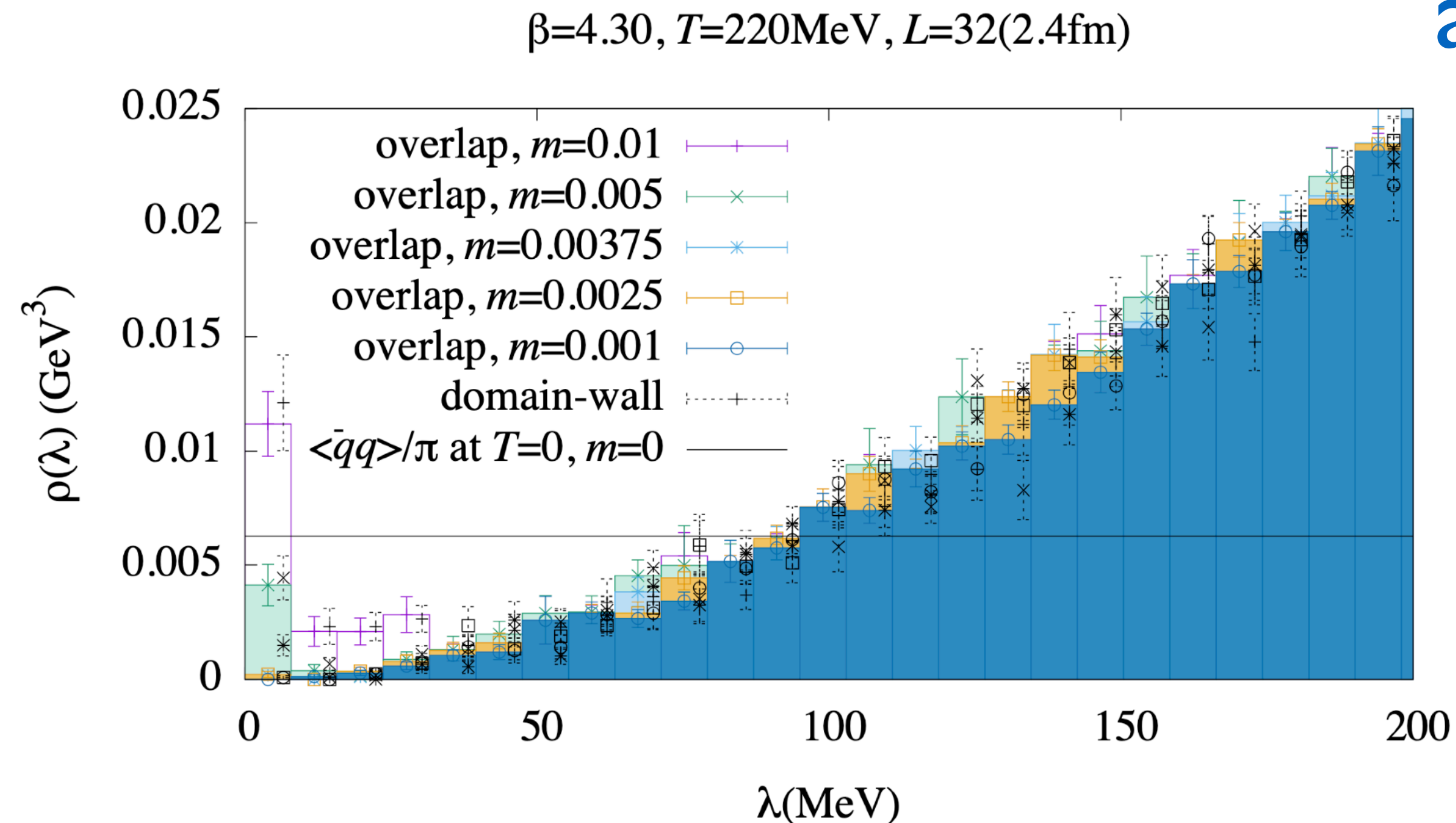
Possible new phase

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- Above T_{IR} : $\rho(\lambda) \propto 1/\lambda$ at $\lambda < T$ and then scale invariance at long distance;
- In such a case, $\sigma(\lambda, T) \equiv \int_{\lambda}^T \rho(\omega) d\omega \propto \ln \frac{\lambda}{T}$ down to some $\lambda_{\text{IR}} \propto 1/L$.
- But if the IR peak suffers from the action sensitivities, is there any other criteria?

Dirac spectrum

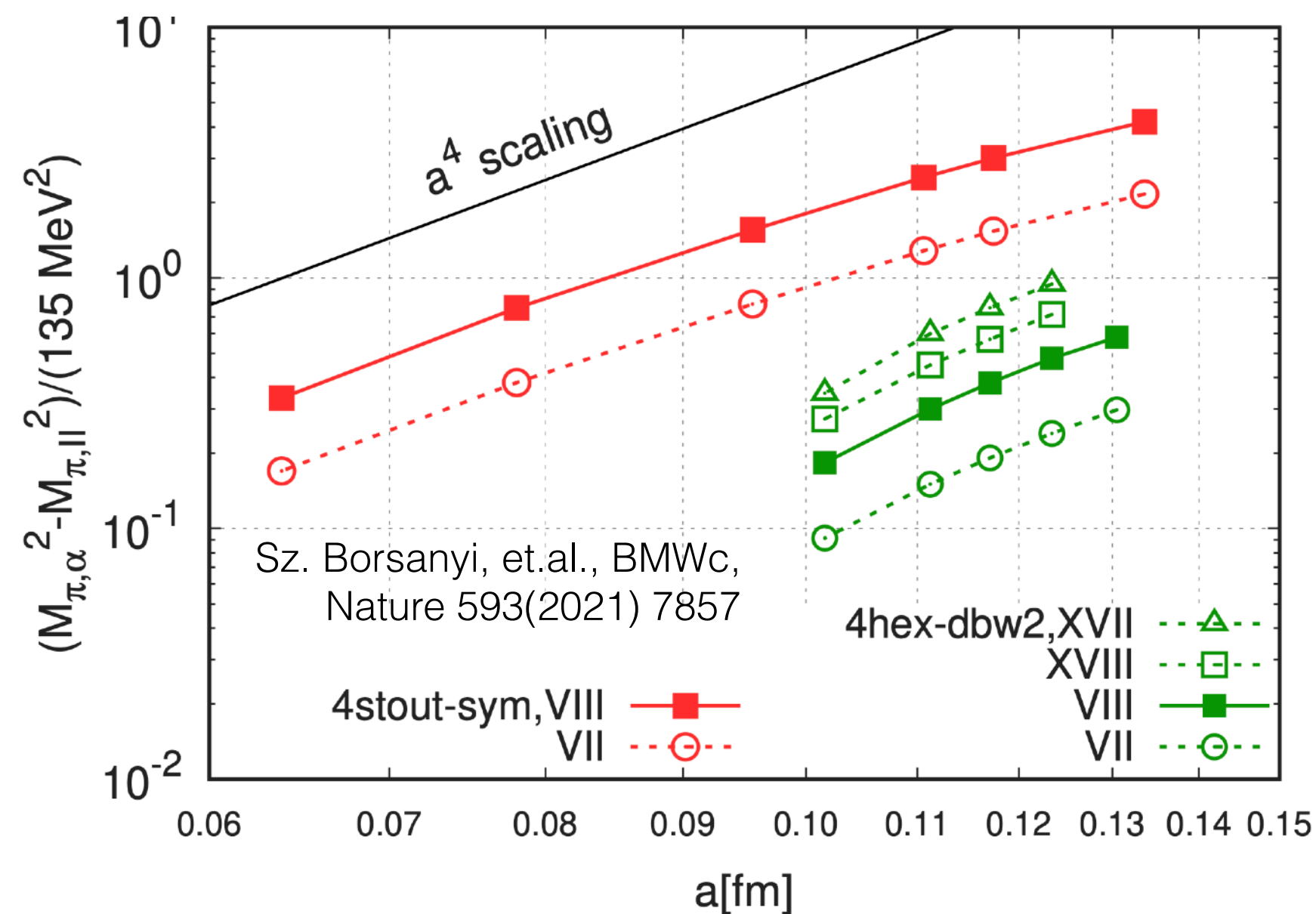
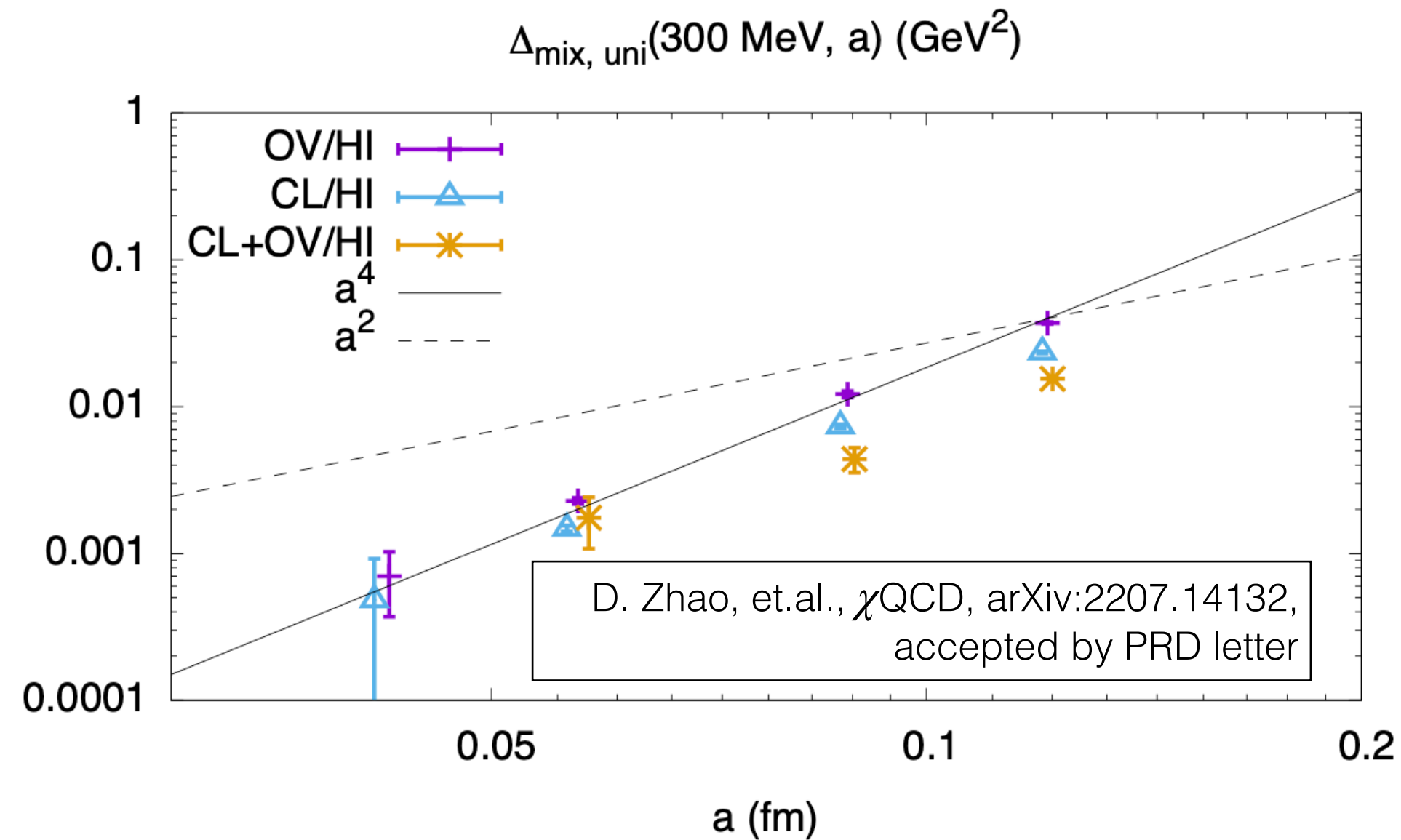


above the crossover temperature

- 2 flavors DWF ensembles with different light quark masses.
- The IR peak using overlap valence fermion is sizable before reweighting;
- That using DWF is much smaller;
- And almost vanishes if we use the overlap valence fermion and reweight the DWF sea to overlap sea.

Dirac spectrum

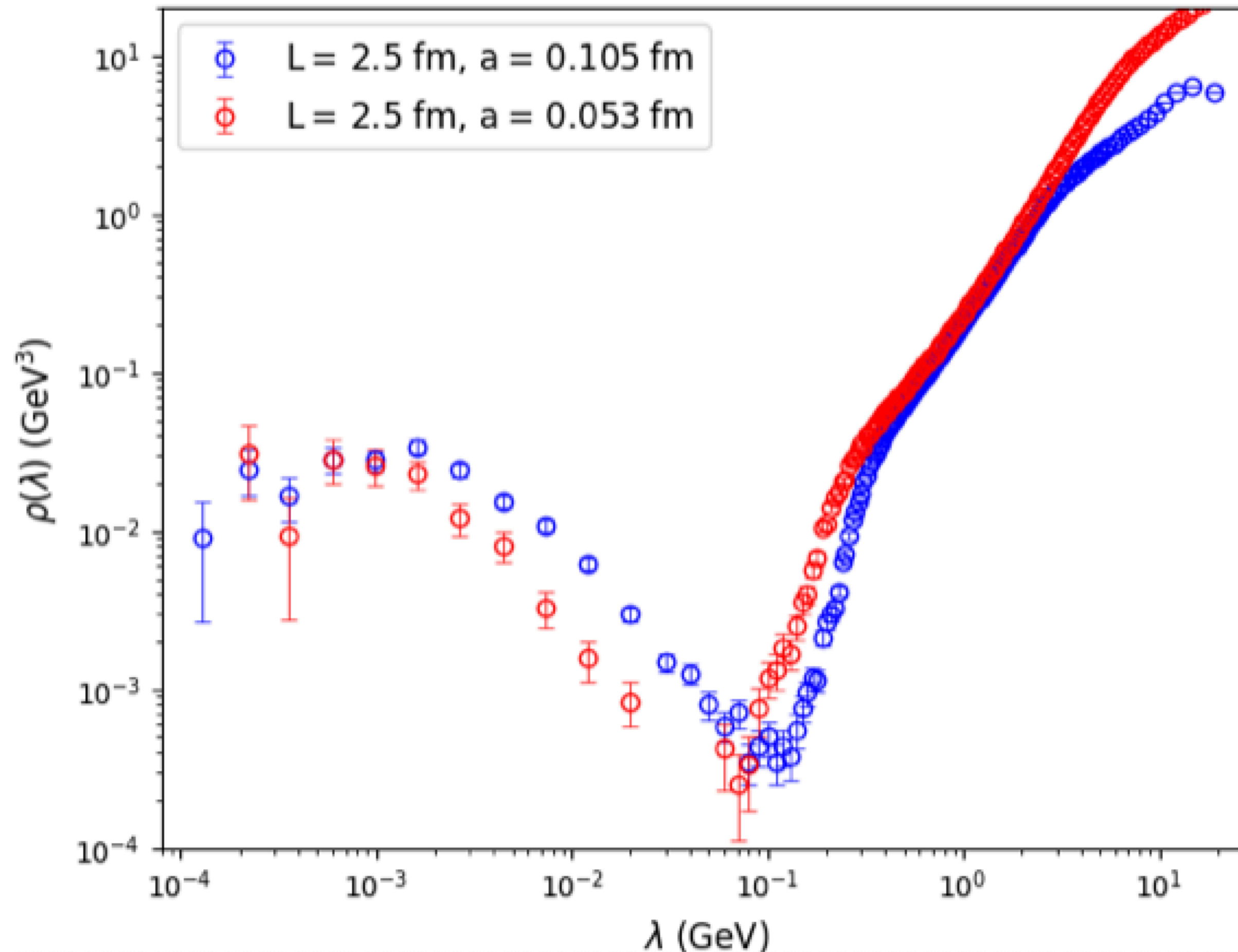
and mixed action effects



- The difference in the IR peak with different setups would be recognized as mixed action or taste mixing effect.
- Both the mixed action and taste mixing effects would be $\mathcal{O}(a^4)$, based on present results with various valence and sea actions at multiple lattice spacings.
- Proper continuum extrapolation should be essential to reach the final answer.

Dirac spectrum

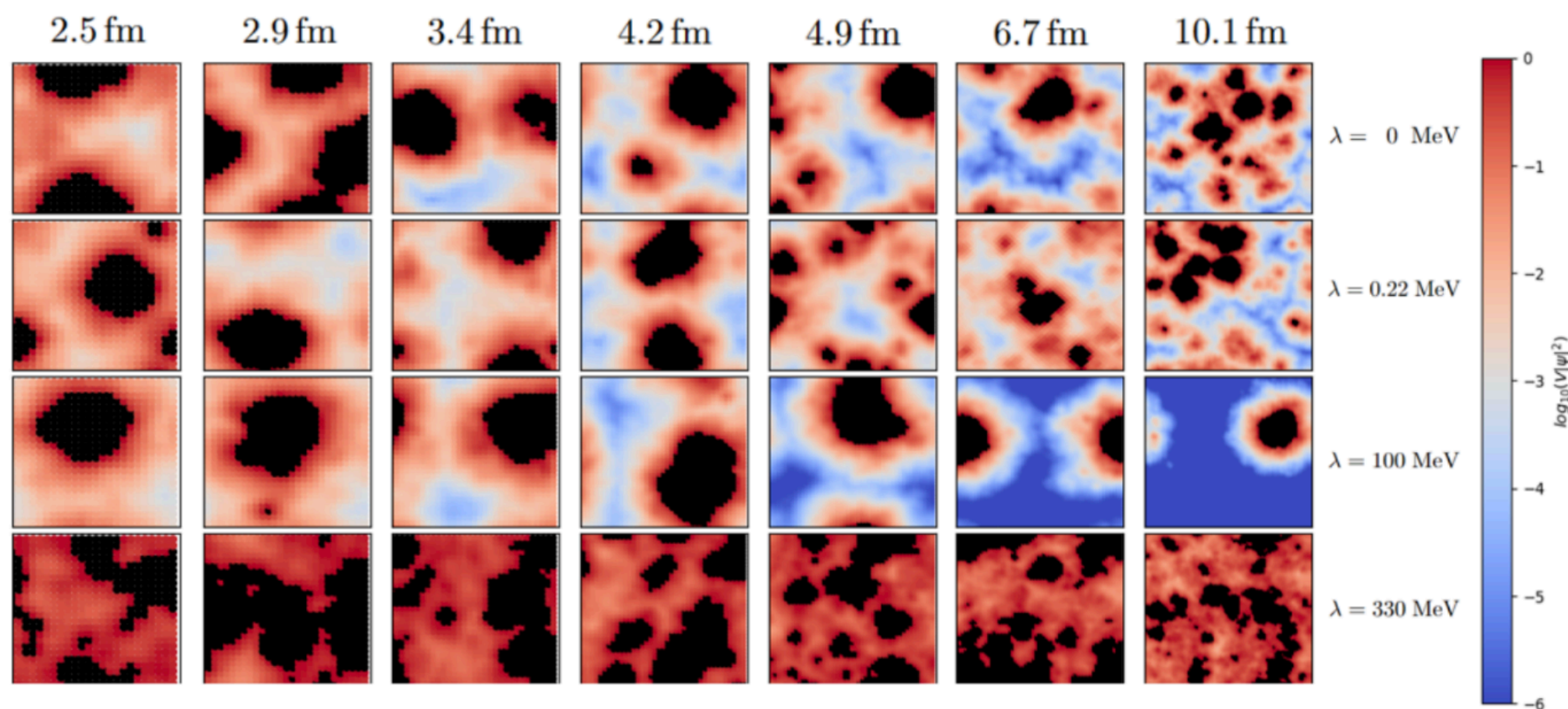
at different lattice spacings



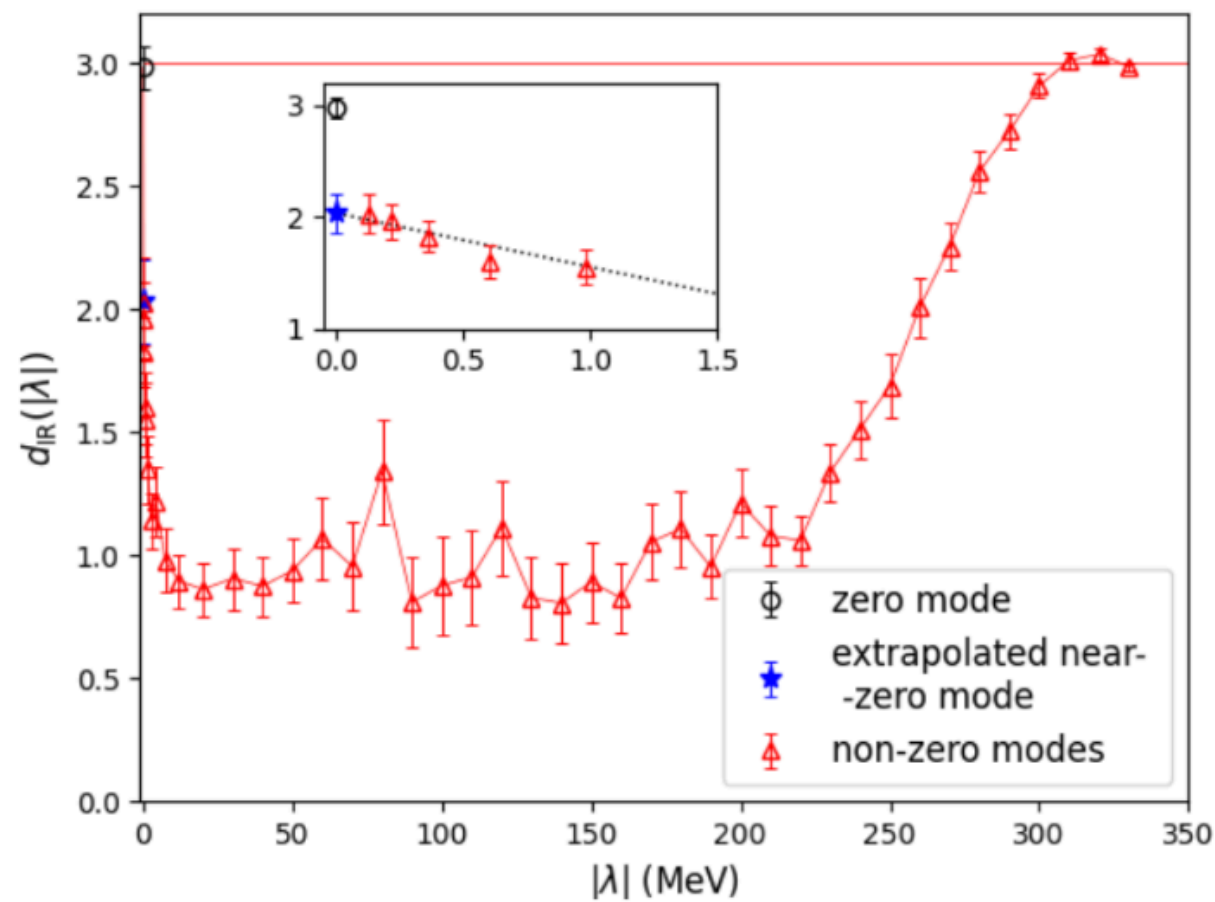
- $N_f = 2 + 1, T = 234 \text{ MeV}$.
- Valence: overlap fermion on 1-step HYP smeared gauge;
- Sea: Tadpole improved Clover fermion with stout smearing;
- Tadpole improved Symanzik gauge.
- The IR peak remains at smaller lattice spacing, while narrower.

Outline

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- **Dimension of Dirac Eigenvectors...**



Dirac spectrum above crossover;



...and its distribution.

Dirac spectrum

- The overlap fermion operator satisfies the Ginsburg-Wilson,

$$\gamma_5 D_{ov} + D_{ov} \gamma_5 = \frac{a}{\rho} D_{ov} \gamma_5 D_{ov}$$

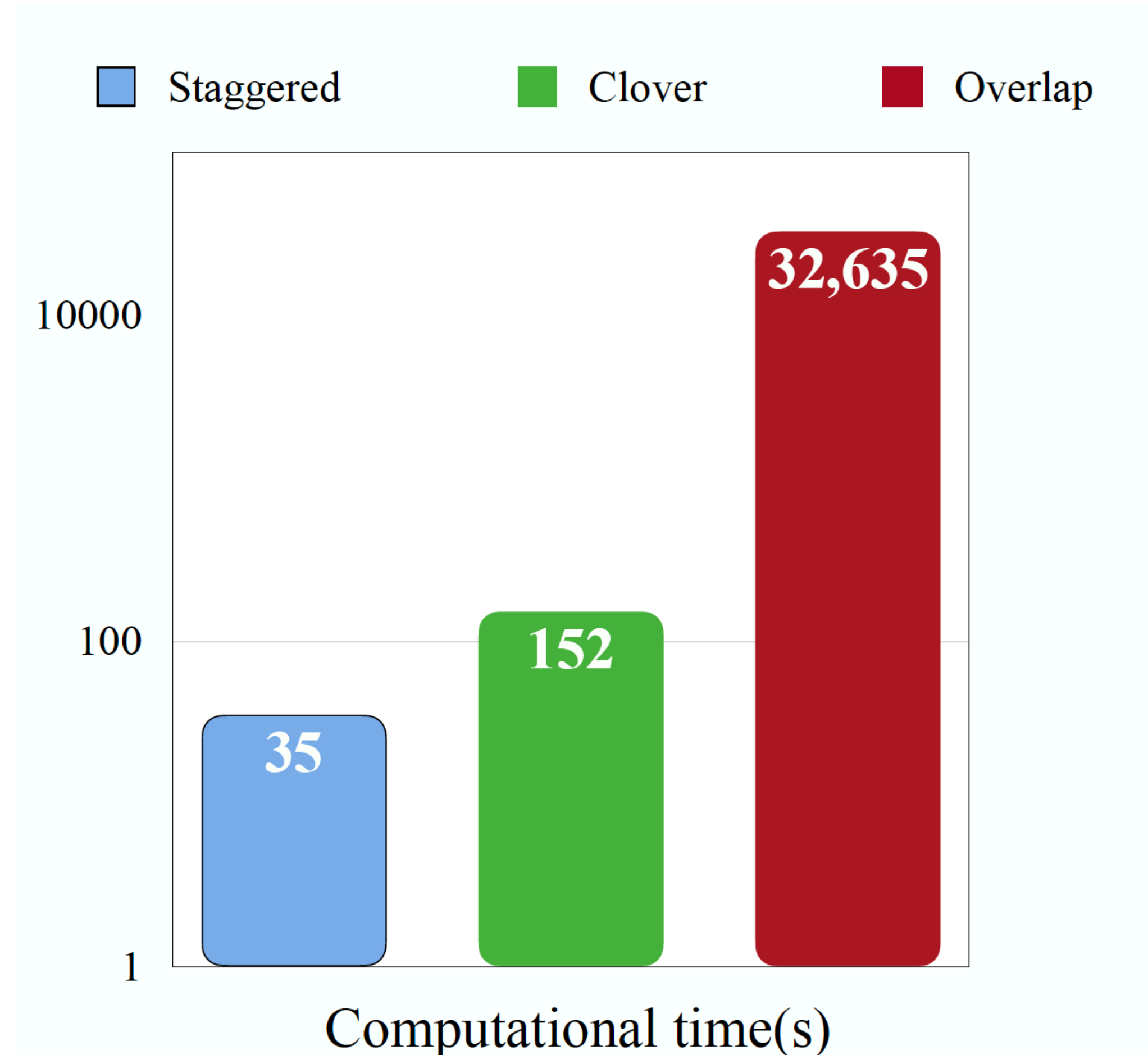
- It can be rewritten into

$$D_{ov}^{-1} \gamma_5 + \gamma_5 D_{ov}^{-1} = \frac{a}{\rho} \gamma_5, \quad (D_{ov}^{-1} - \frac{1}{2\rho}) \gamma_5 + \gamma_5 (D_{ov}^{-1} - \frac{1}{2\rho}) = 0$$

- Thus the chiral fermion operator satisfying $\gamma_5 D_c = -D_c \gamma_5$ can be defined through the overlap fermion operator:

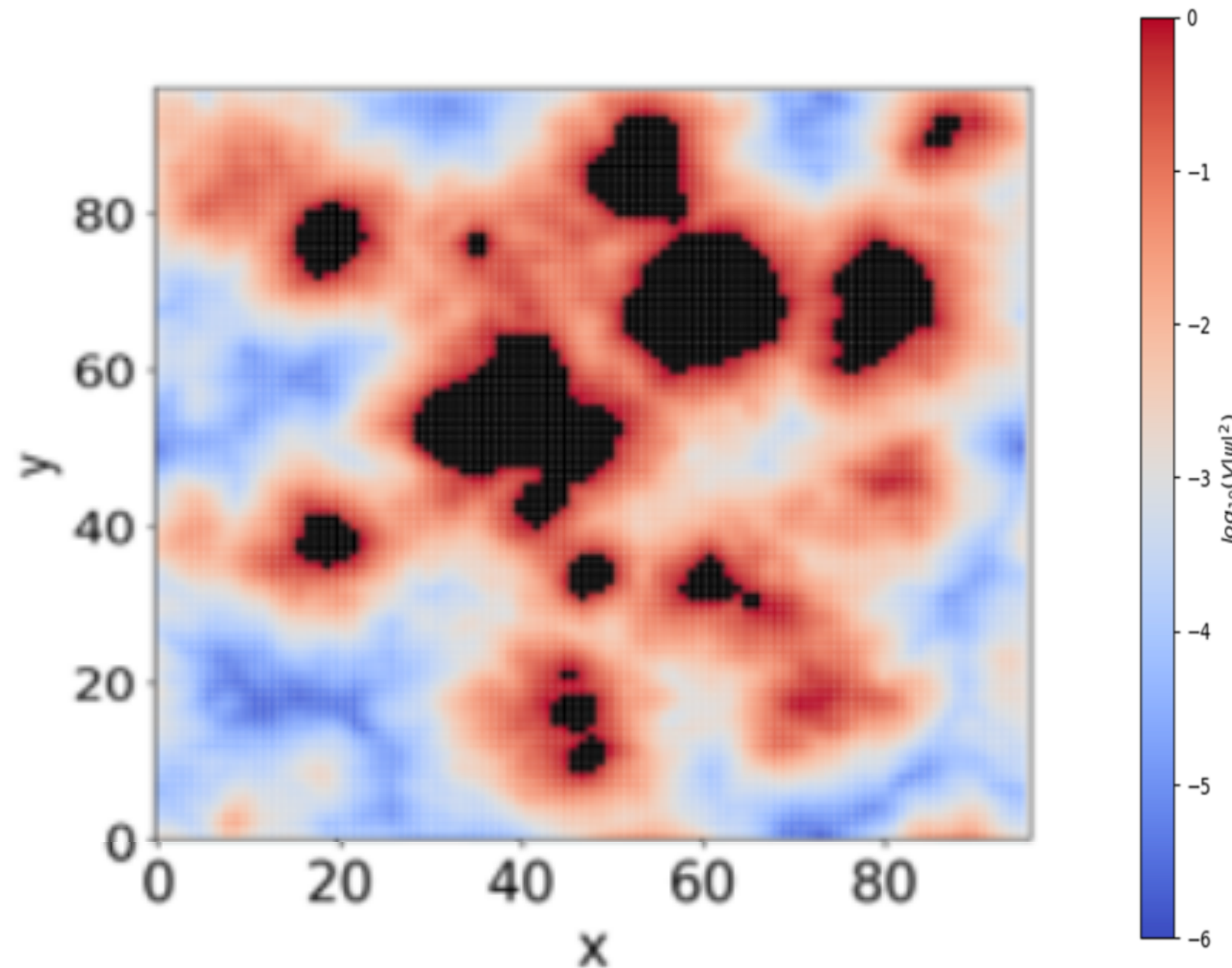
$$D_c + m_q = \frac{D_{ov}}{1 - \frac{1}{2\rho} D_{ov}} + m_q, \quad D_{ov} = \rho(1 + \gamma_5 \epsilon_{ov}(\rho)).$$

and overlap fermion



Measure-based dimension

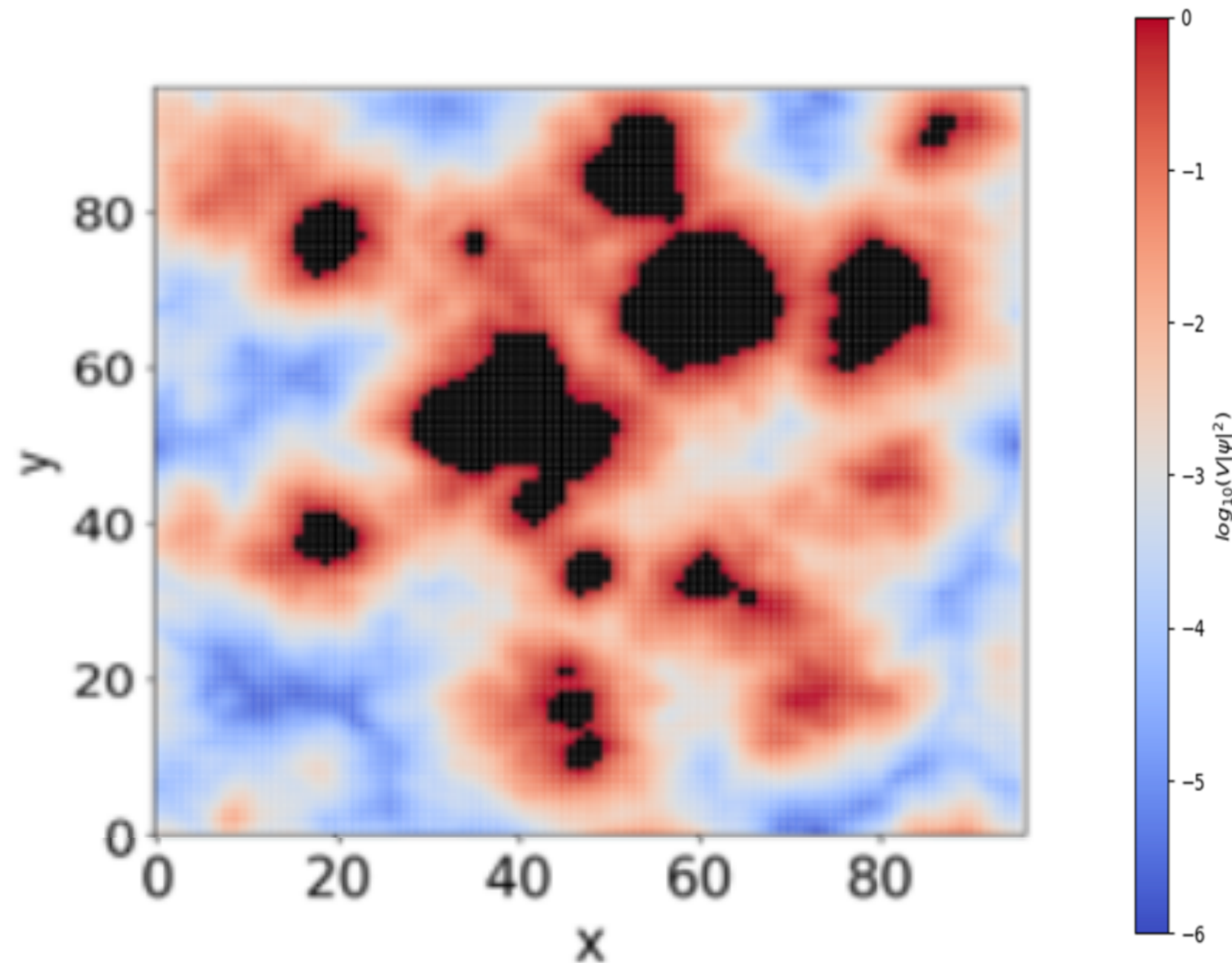
of the eigenvectors



- $V(L) = (L/a)^3/(aT)$, $N_* = \sum_{x \in V} \min[V|\psi_\lambda(x)|^2, 1]$,
and $\langle N_* \rangle_{L \rightarrow \infty} \propto L^{d_{\text{IR}}(\lambda)}$ with T is unchanged.
- Reduce the contribution from the black region ($V\psi_\lambda^\dagger(x)\psi_\lambda(x) \geq 1$) into 1, and add the residual contributions from the other region.
- When L becomes larger:
 1. $d_{\text{IR}} = 3$ if $\frac{\text{Black region}}{\text{Entire region}}$ keeps unchanged;
 2. $d_{\text{IR}} < 3$ if $\frac{\text{Black region}}{\text{Entire region}}$ becomes smaller.

Measure-based dimension

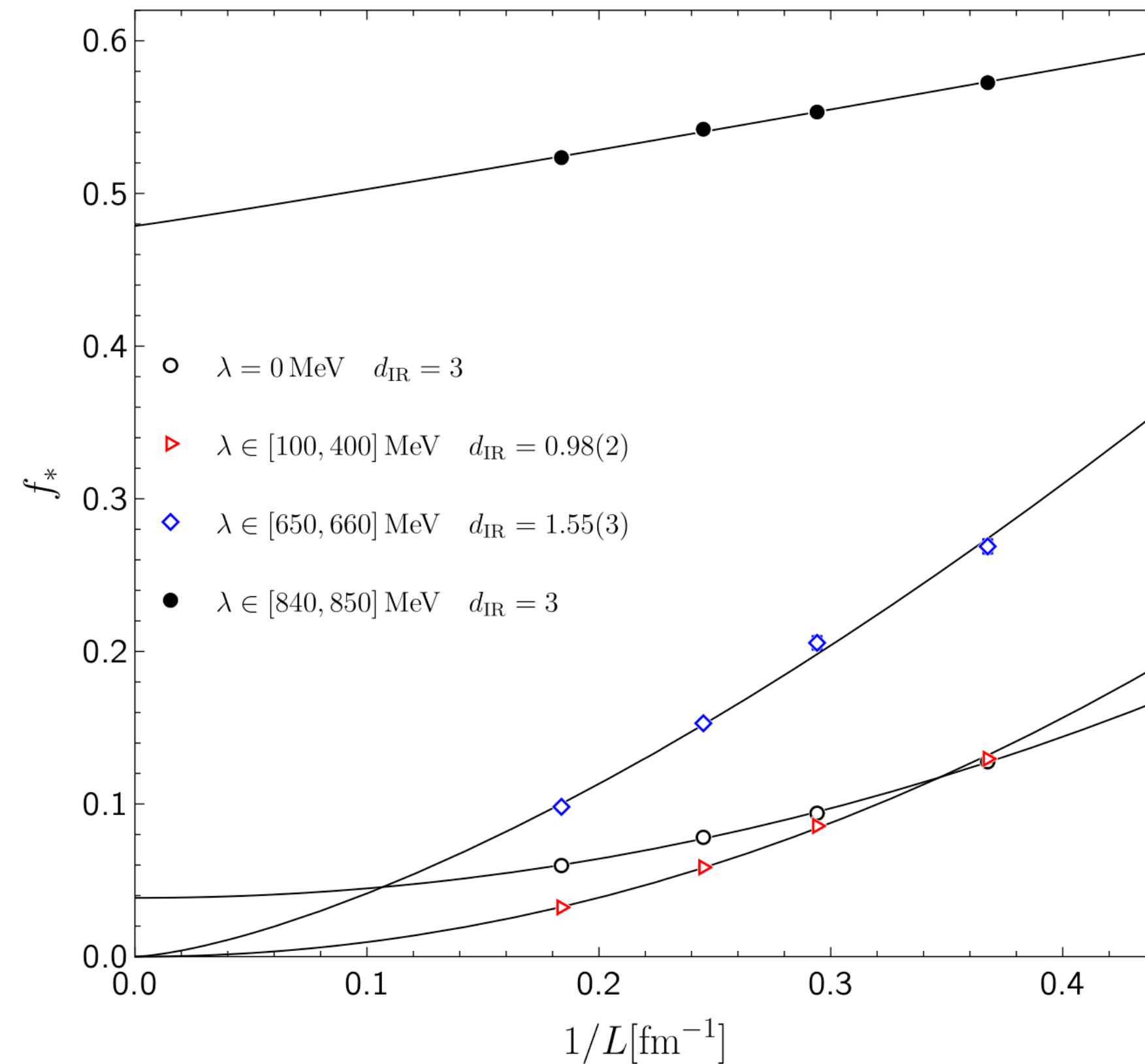
of the eigenvectors



- $f_* \equiv \langle N_* \rangle / V = \sum_{x \in V} \min[|\psi_\lambda(x)|^2, 1/V]$
- $f_*(L)_{L \rightarrow \infty} \propto L^{d_{\text{IR}} - 3}$.
- When L becomes larger:
 1. $d_{\text{IR}} = 3$ if f_* keeps finite;
 2. $d_{\text{IR}} < 3$ if f_* approaches zero.

Measure-based dimension

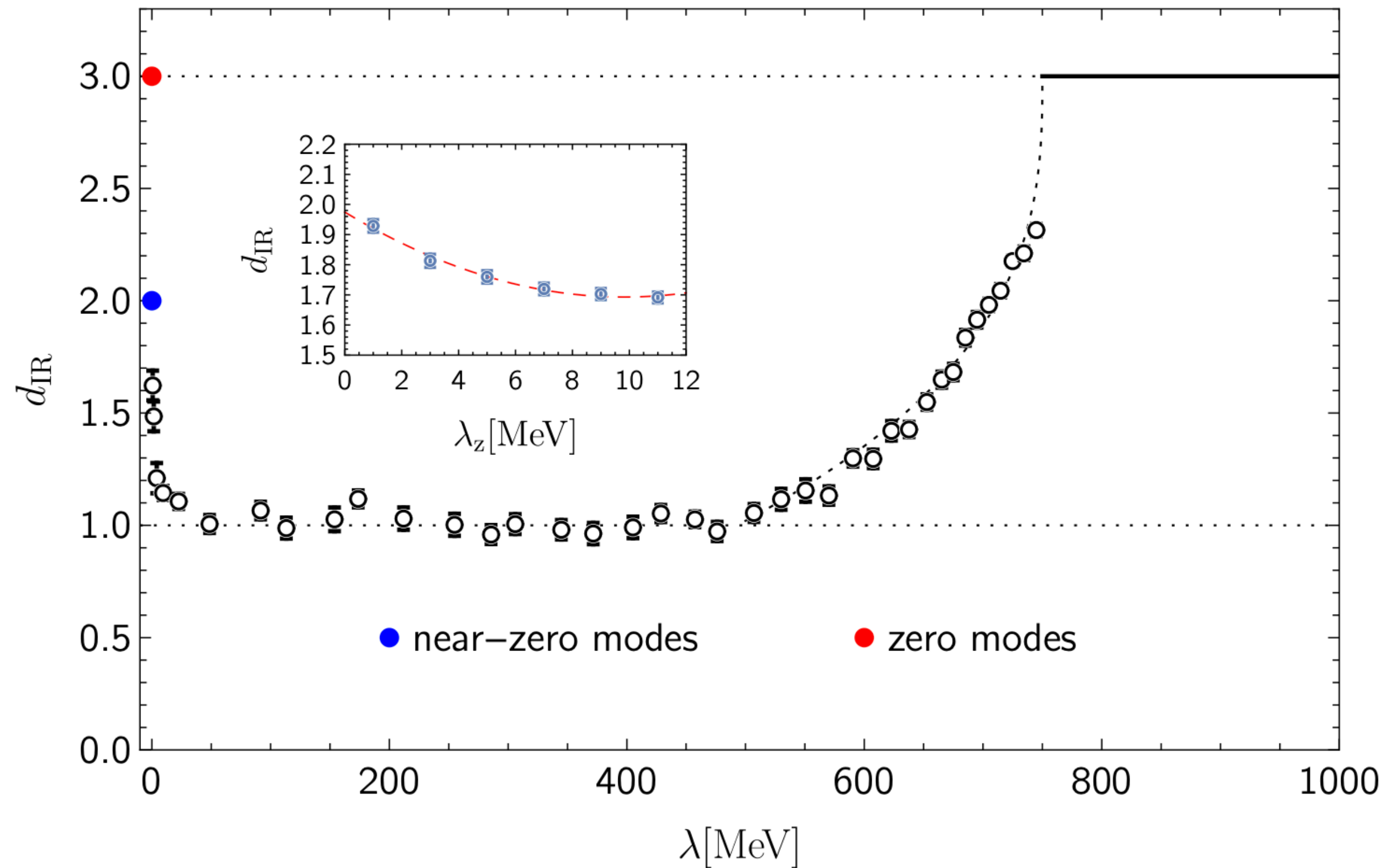
in the quenched case



- $N_f = 0$, $T = 331 \text{ MeV}$.
- When L becomes larger:
 1. f_* is around 0.5 for $\lambda \sim 850 \text{ MeV}$;
 2. f_* approaches **zero** for **non-zero** $\lambda < 800 \text{ MeV}$;
 3. f_* saturates to a small finite value for the exact zero modes $\lambda = 0$.

Measure-based dimension

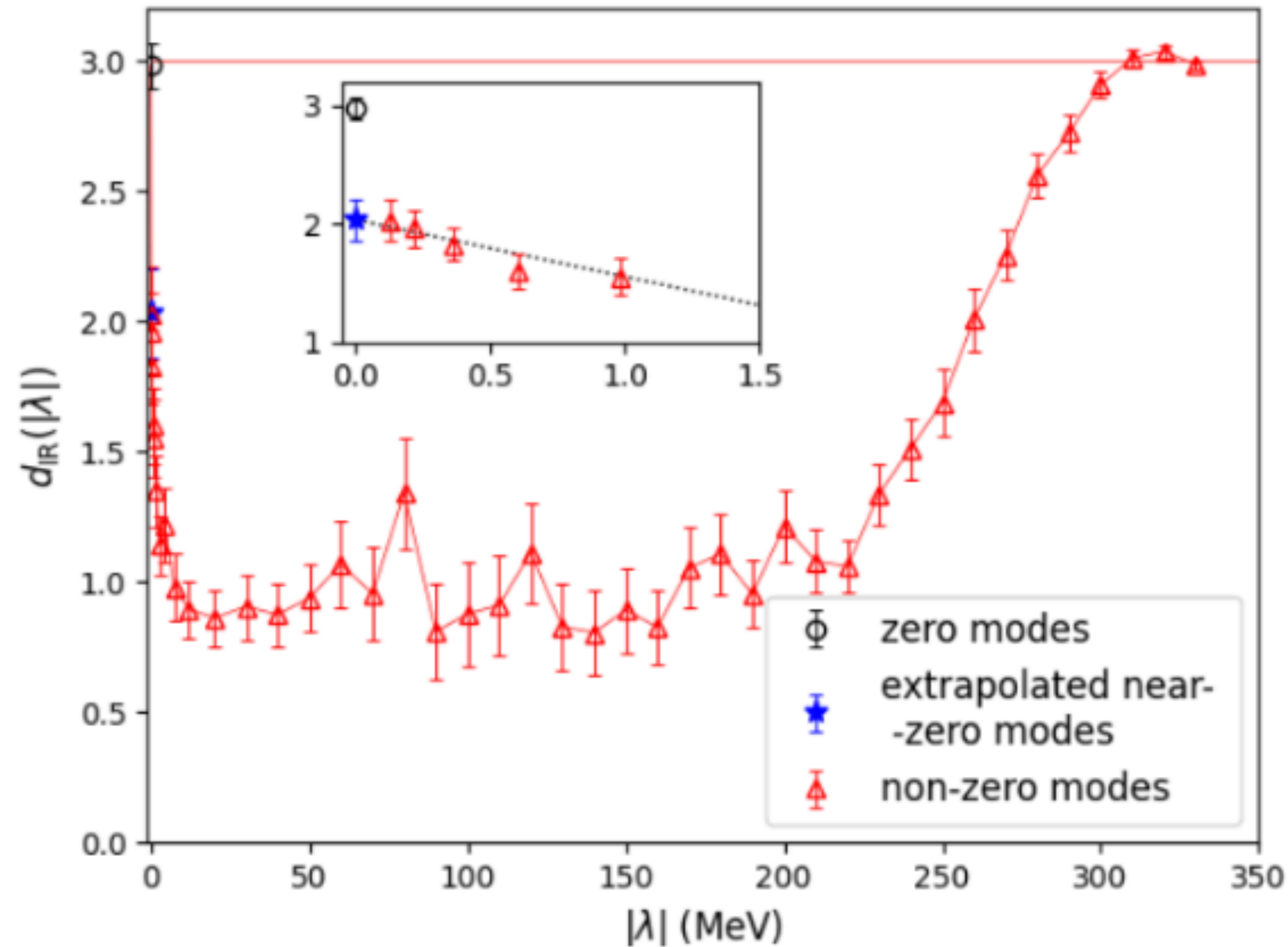
in the quenched case



- $N_f = 0$, $T = 331$ MeV.
- $d_{\text{IR}} = 3$ for the eigenvector with $\lambda = 0$ and $\lambda \geq 840$ MeV.
- $d_{\text{IR}} \rightarrow 2$ for the non-zero mode cases with $\lambda \rightarrow 0$.
- $d_{\text{IR}} = 1$ for the cases with $\lambda \in [100, 400]$ MeV.

Measure-based dimension

in the 2+1 flavor case



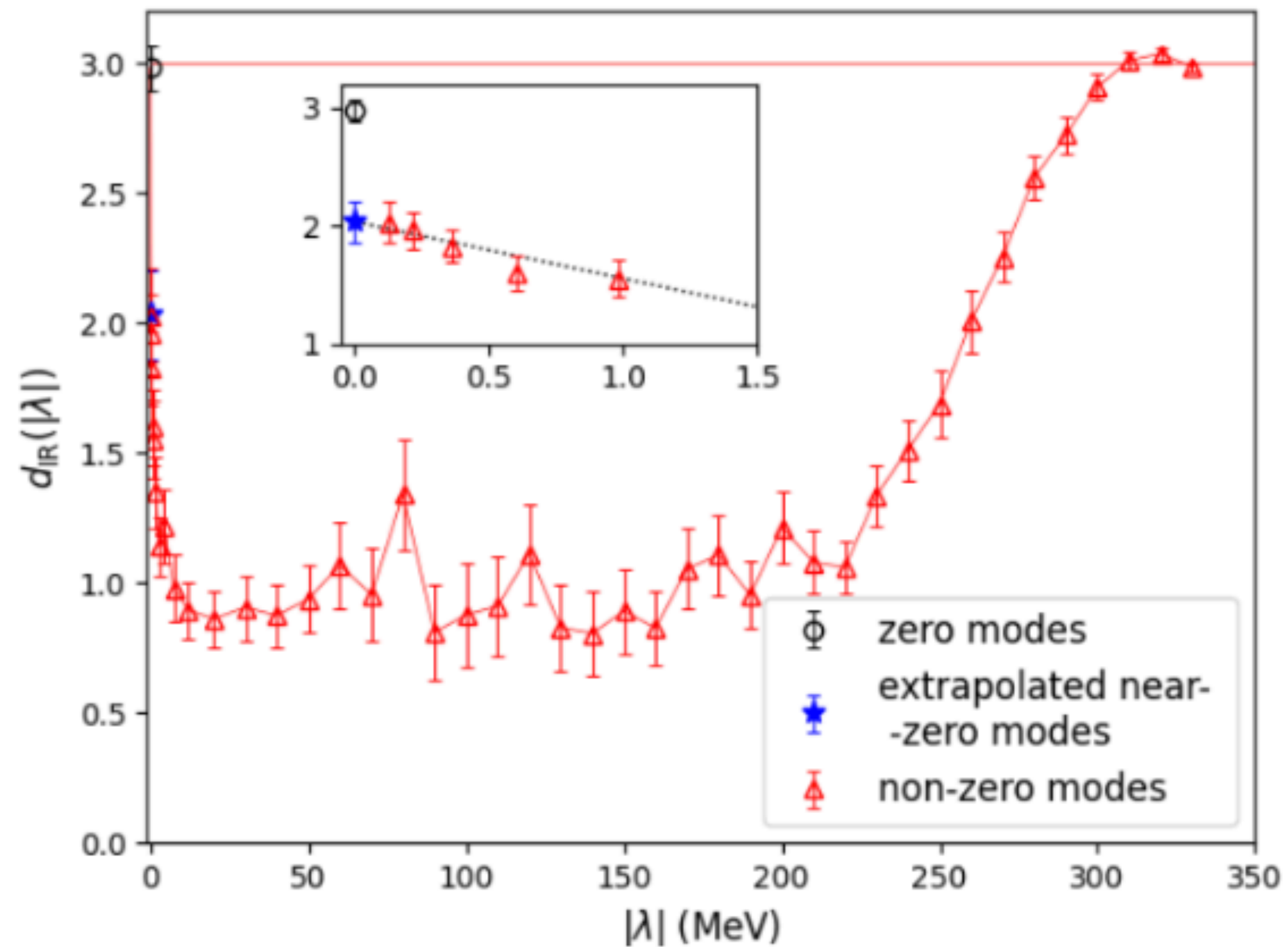
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- $N_f = 2 + 1$, $T = 234$ MeV.
- Overlap valence fermion and Clover fermion sea
- $d_{\text{IR}} = 3$ for the eigenvector with $\lambda = 0$ and $\lambda \geq 300$ MeV.
- $d_{\text{IR}} \rightarrow 2$ for the non-zero mode cases with $\lambda \rightarrow 0$.
- $d_{\text{IR}} = 1$ for the cases with $\lambda \in [10, 200]$ MeV.

Measure-based dimension

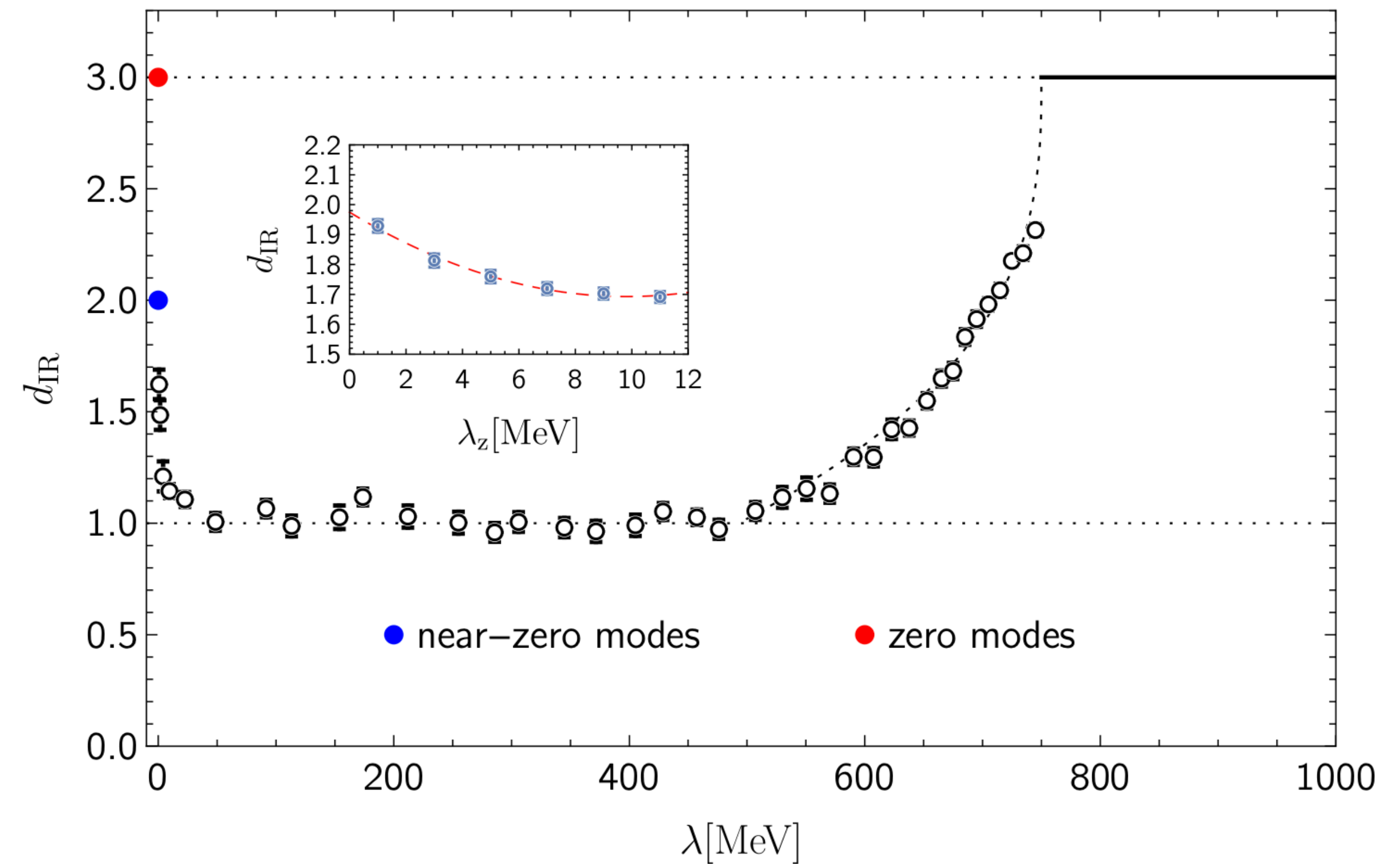
in the 2+1 flavor case

$$N_f = 2 + 1, T = 234 \text{ MeV}$$



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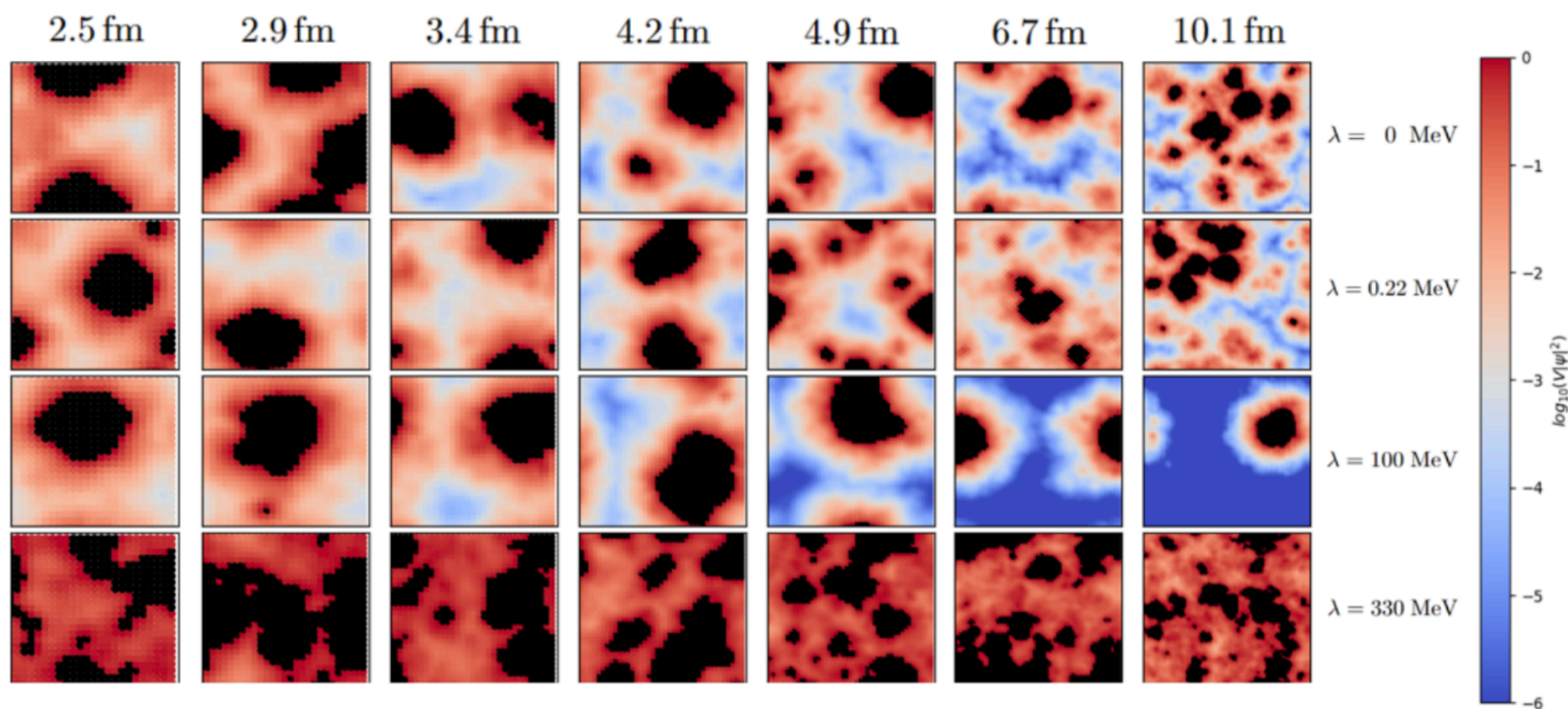
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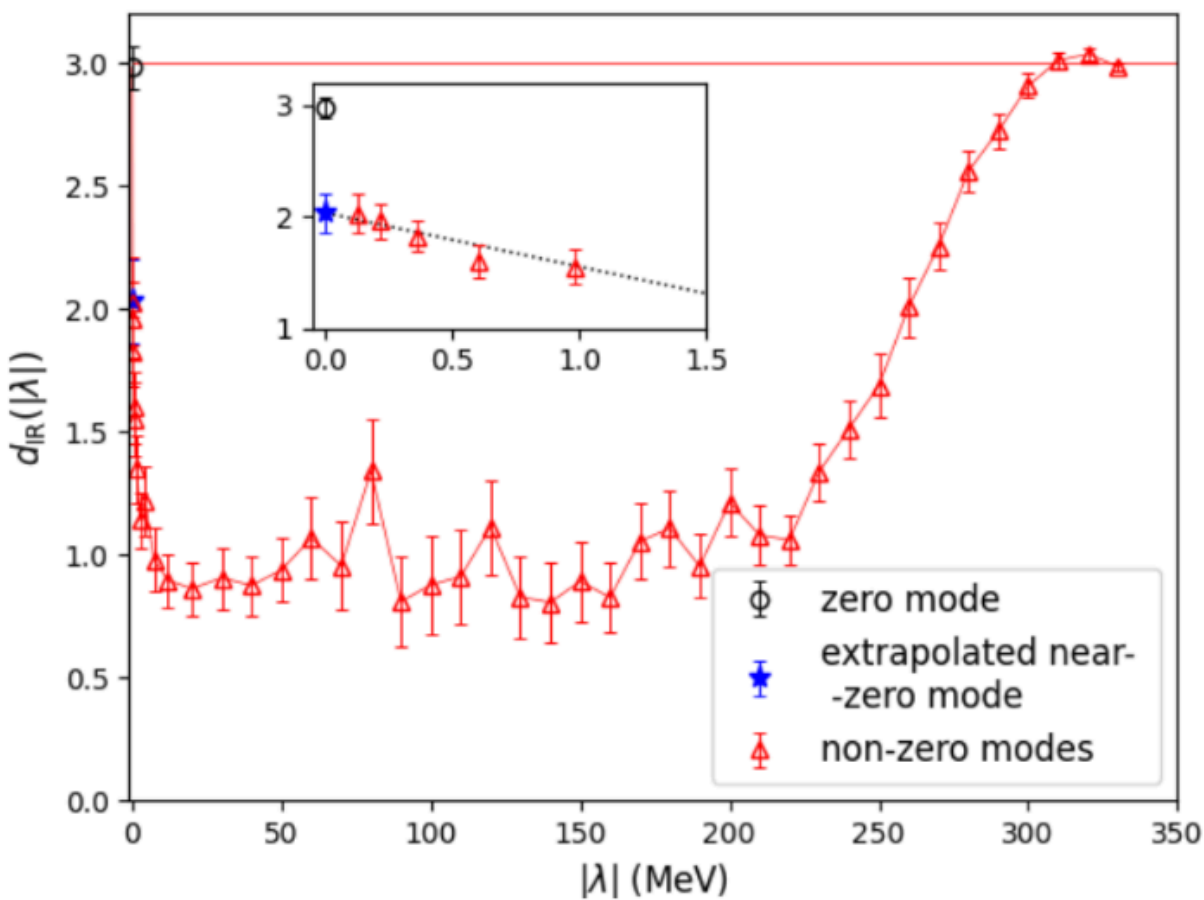
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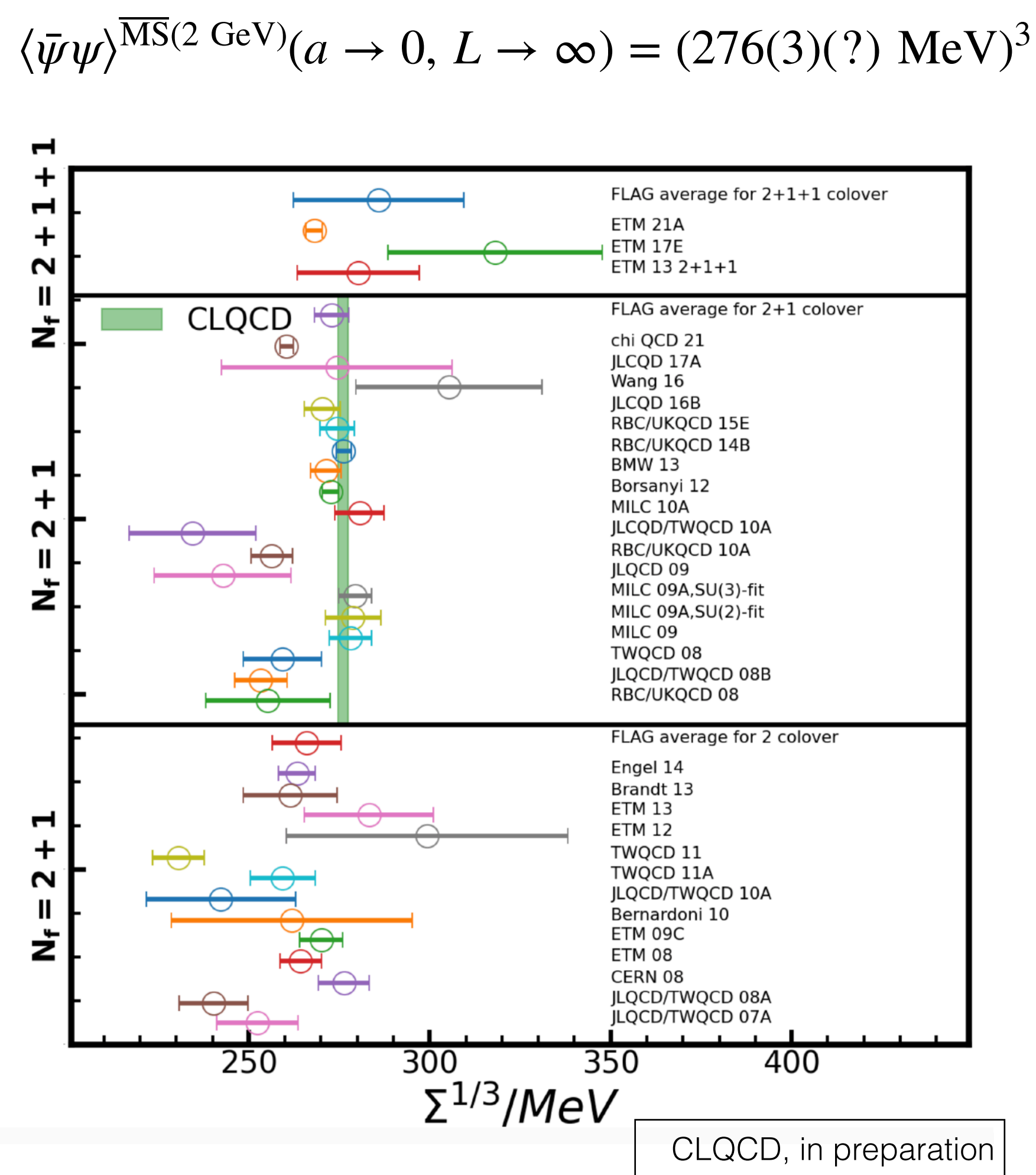
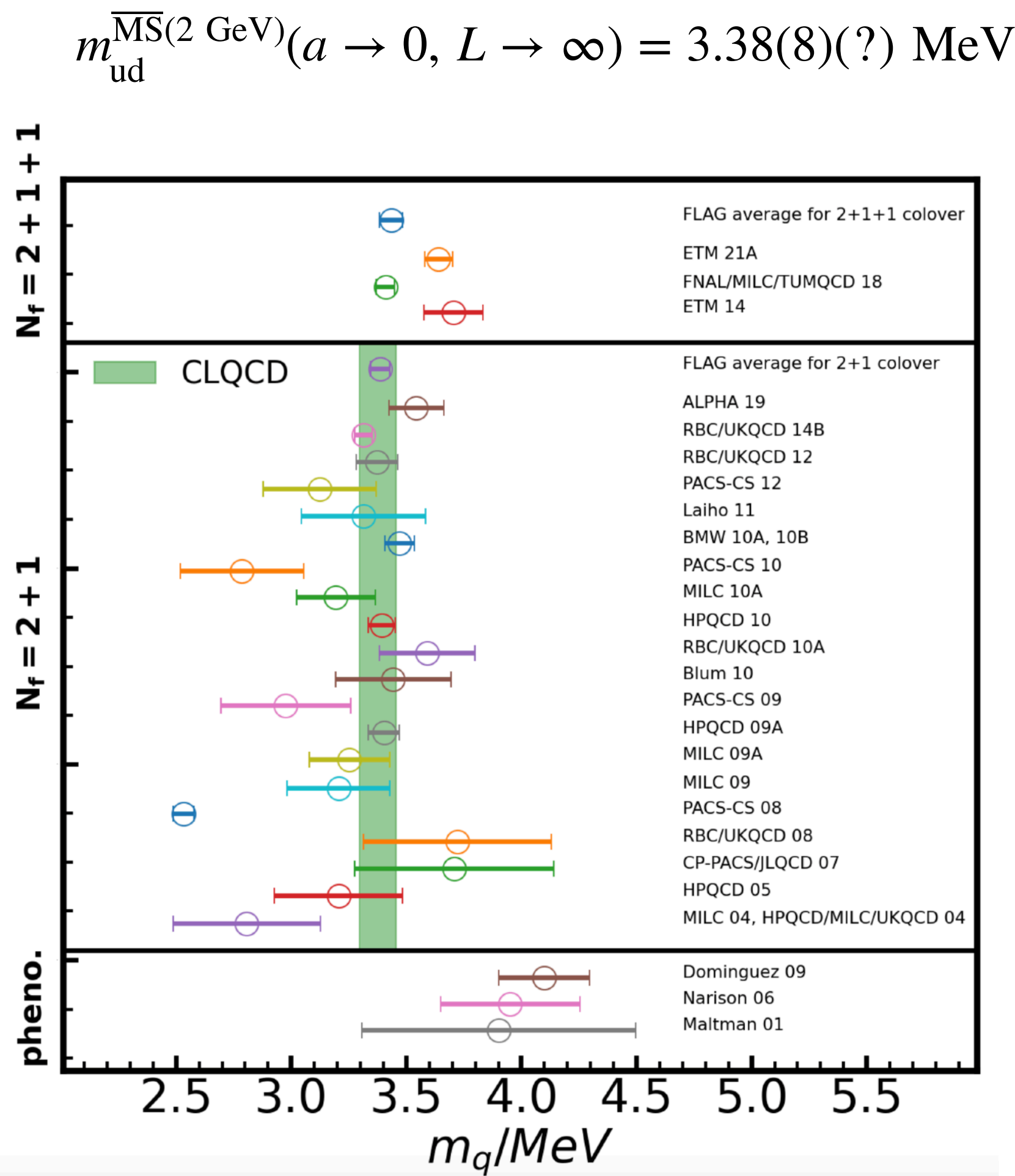
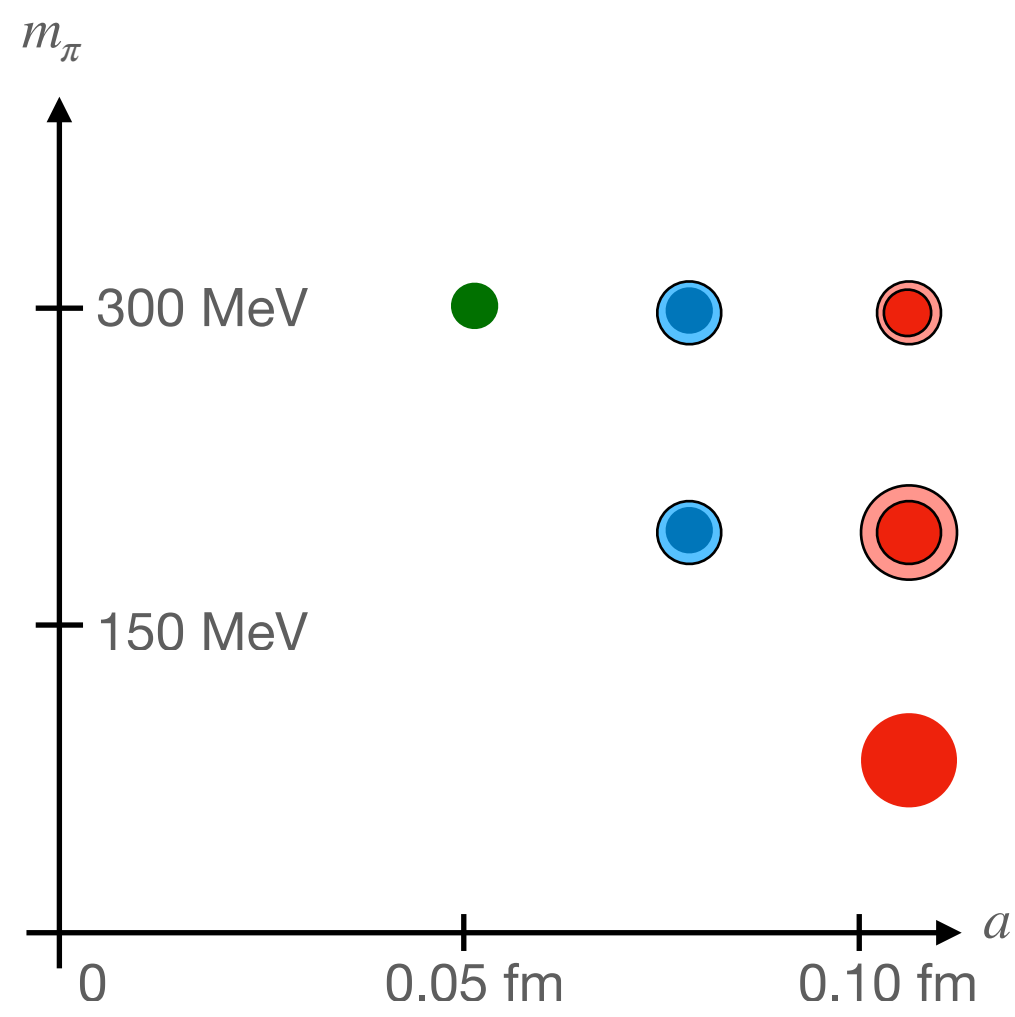


...and its distribution.

Clover ensembles

with multiple lattice spacings and pion masses

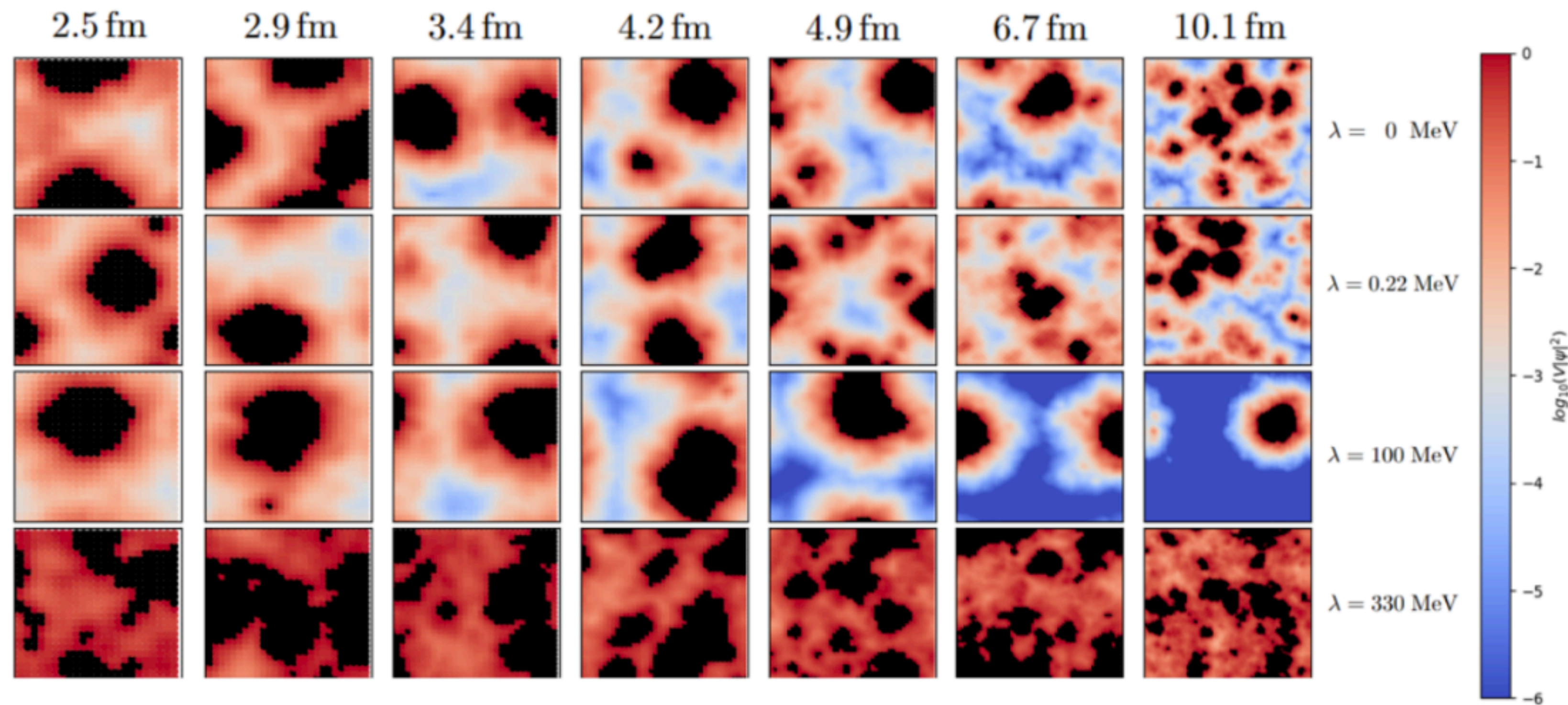
- Tadpole improved Clover fermion with stout smearing;
- Tadpole improved Symanzik gauge.
- FLAG green-star criteria can be sa with the present ensembles.
- Major contributors: P. Sun, Liu, YBY, W. Sun,...



Distribution

$T = 234 \text{ MeV}$

at different spacial size



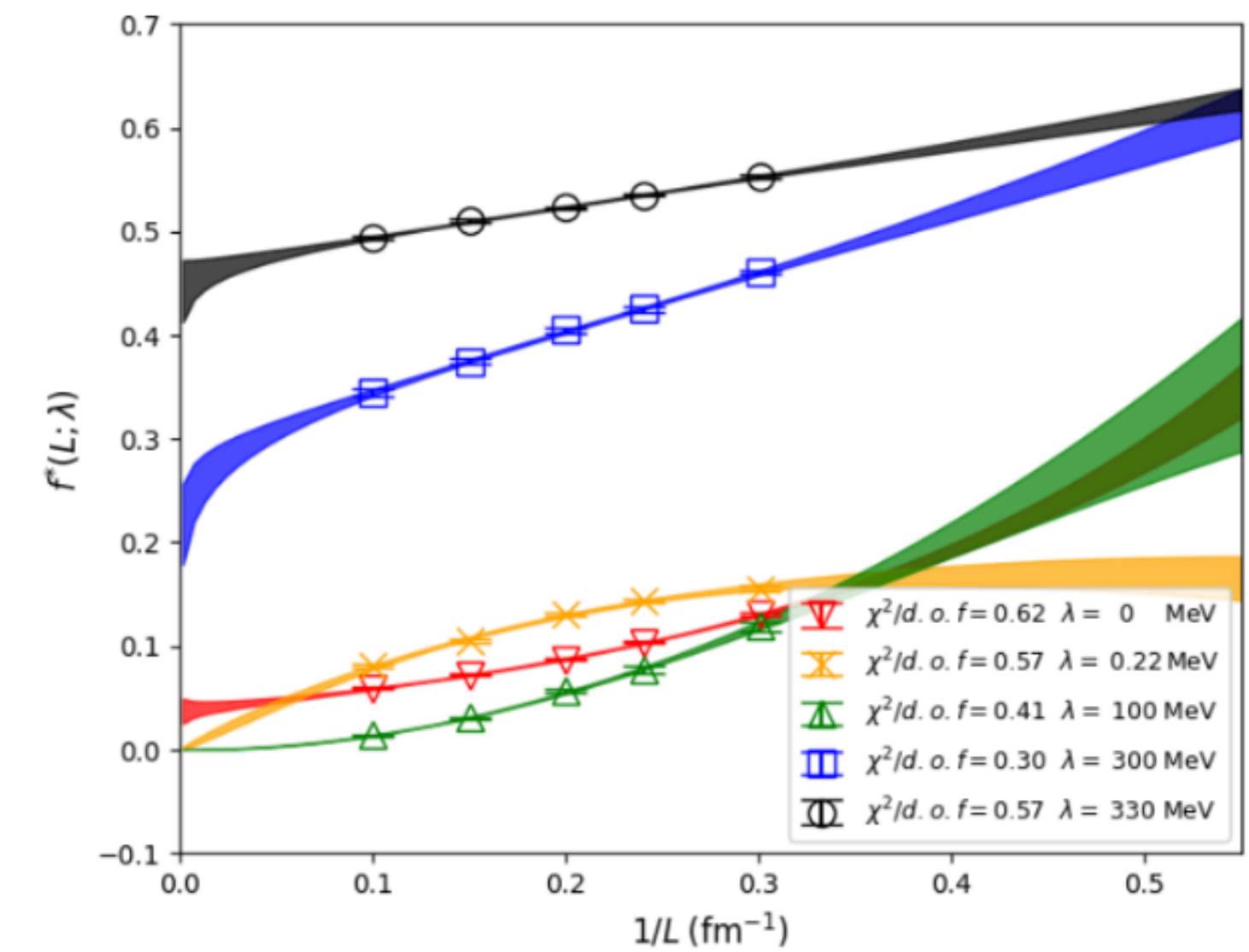
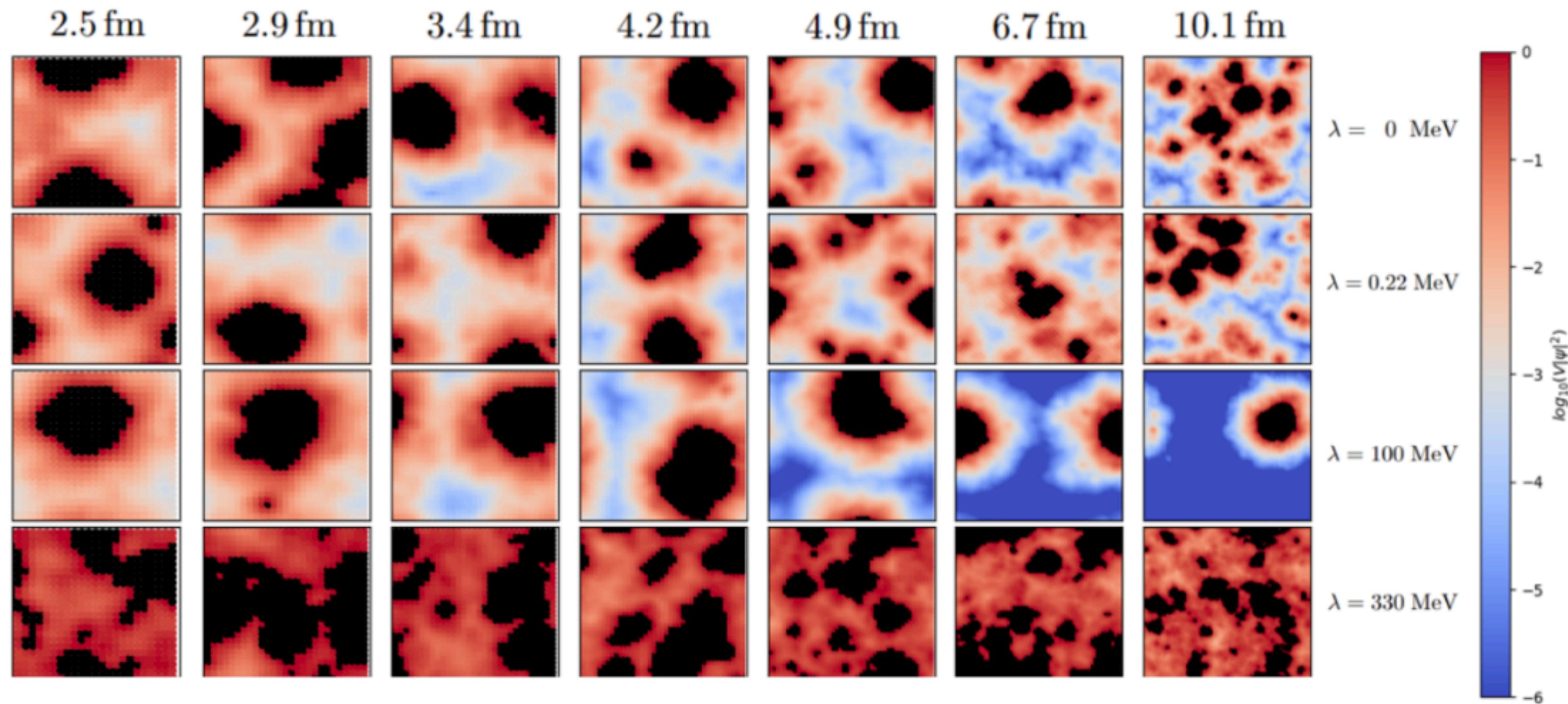
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- Locating the position $w = w_0 \equiv \{x_0, y_0, z_0, t_0\}$ where $|\psi(\omega)|^2$ takes the maximum;
- Fix $z = z_0$ and $t = t_0$ and draw the distribution in the x-y plane.
- Black region corresponds to where $|\psi(\omega)|^2 \geq 1/V$;
- $|\psi(\omega)|^2$ is smaller when the color is colder.

Distribution

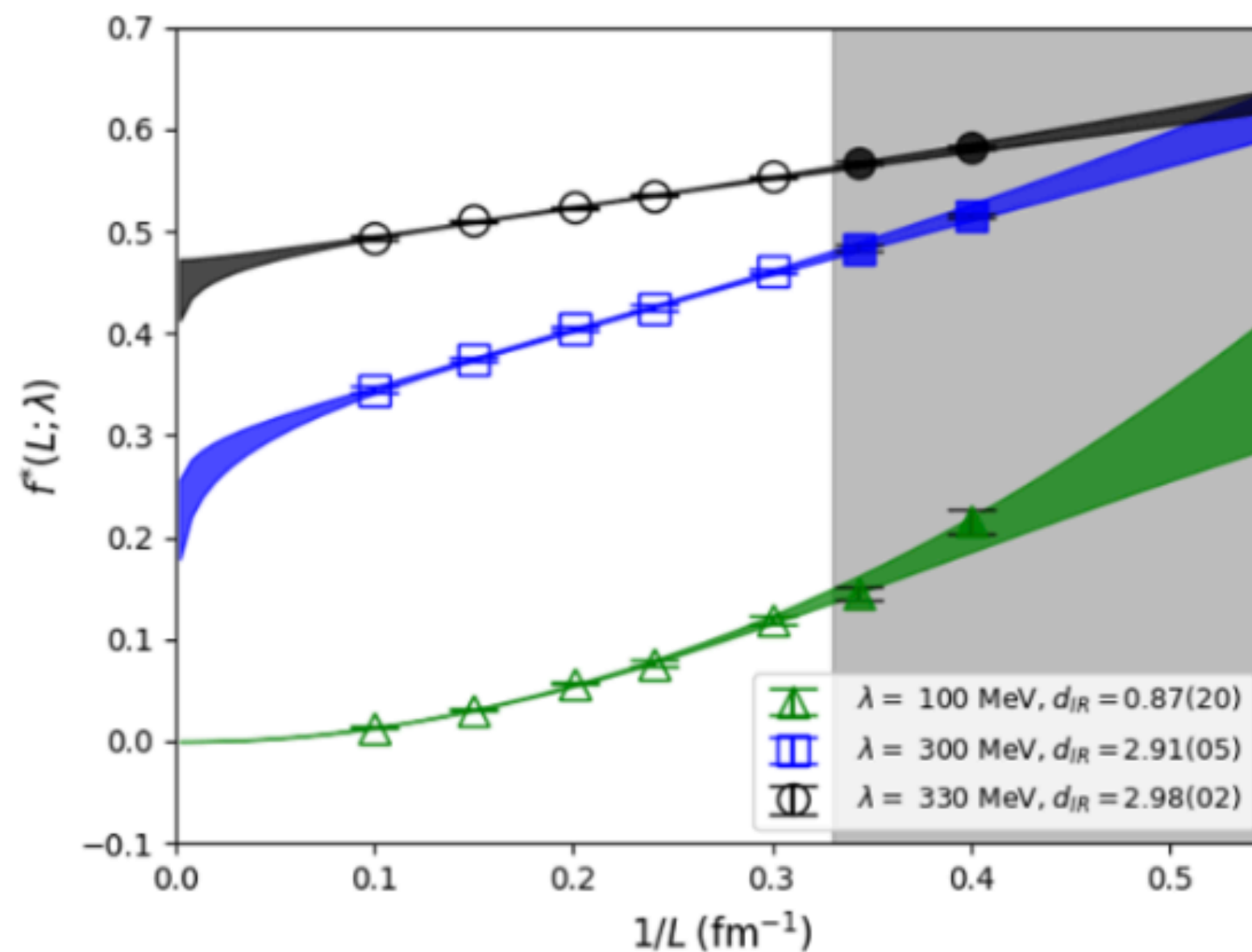
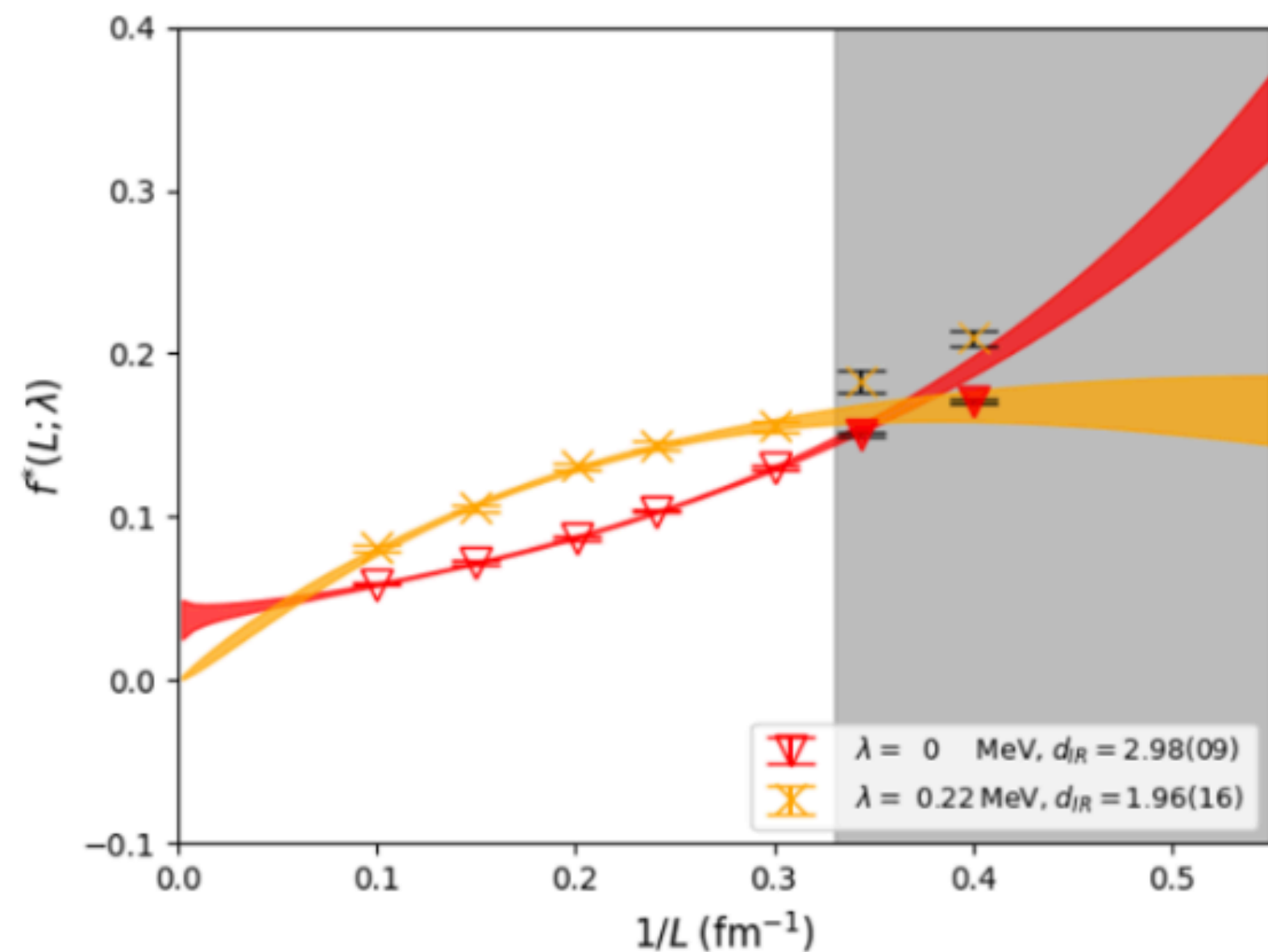
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at different spacial size



f_* $T = 234 \text{ MeV}$

of the eigenvectors

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- we find that the following functional form $f_* = c_0(\lambda)L^{d_{IR}(\lambda)-3}e^{-c_1(\lambda)/L}$ describe the data fairly well for all the λ with $L > 3.0 \text{ fm}$.
- The fit is still fine when $L < 3.0 \text{ fm}$ if $\lambda > 10 \text{ MeV}$ or so;
- But does not work for the zero modes and near-zero modes.

f_* and d_{IR}

$T = 234 \text{ MeV}$

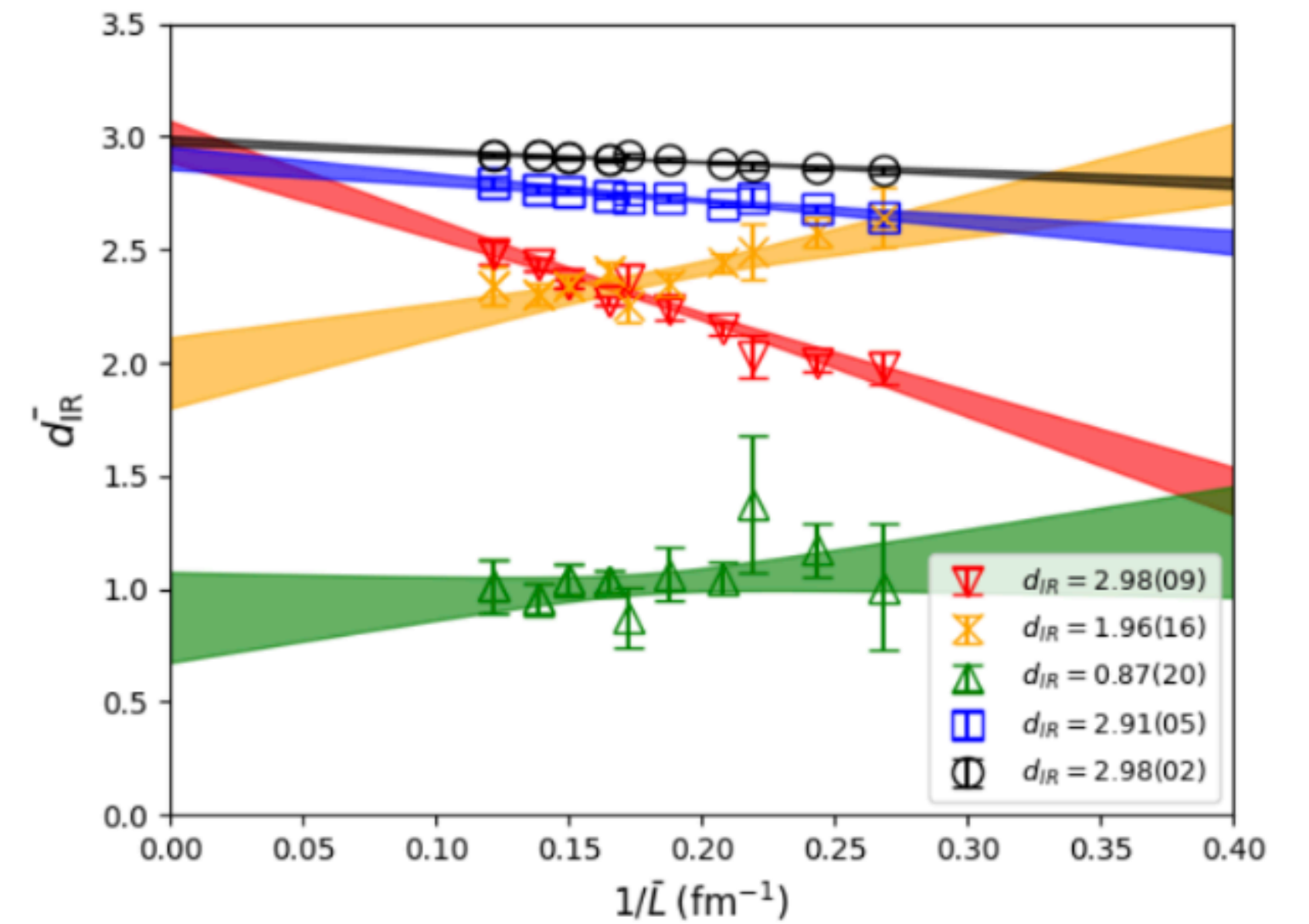
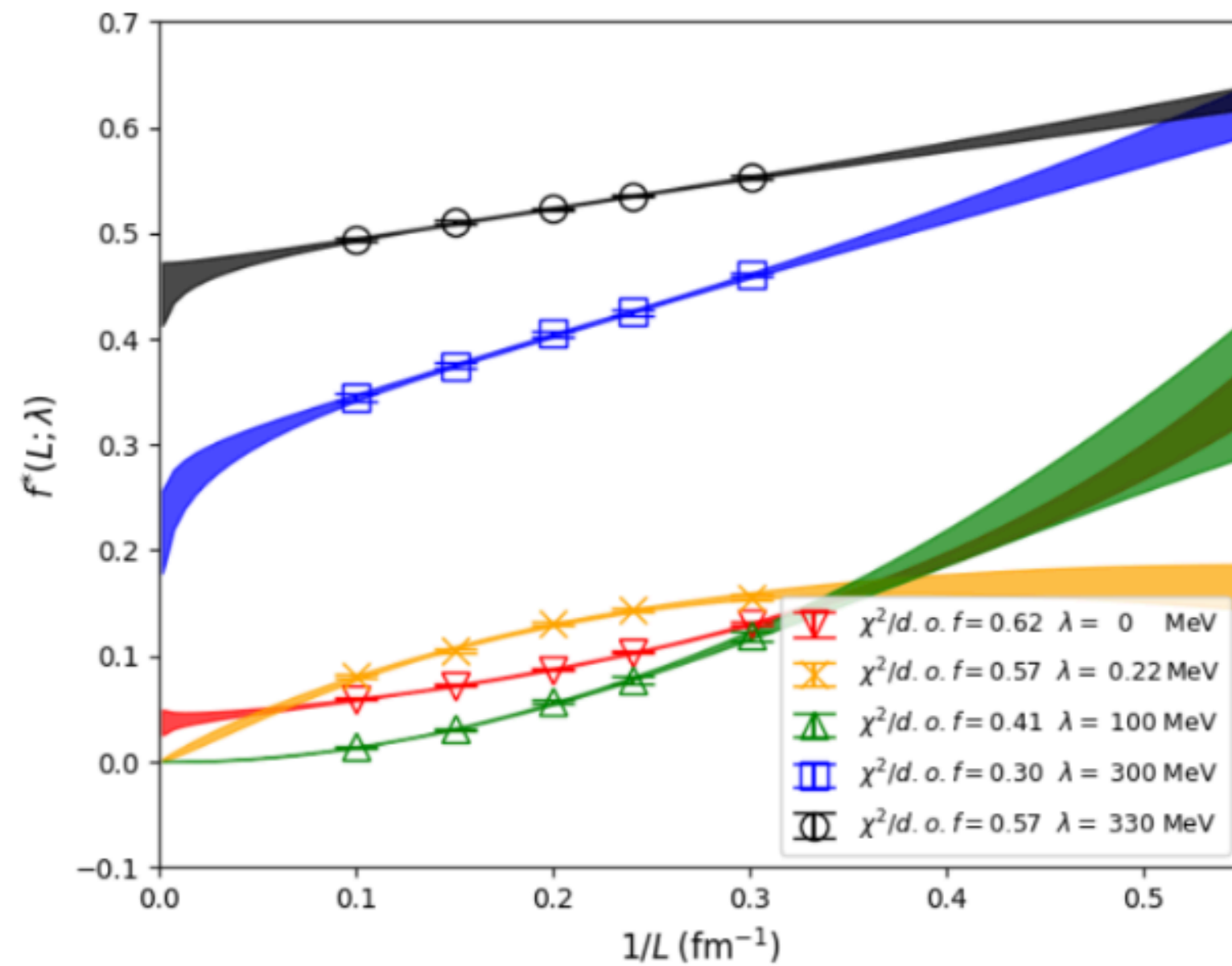
of the eigenvectors

- Based on the functional form $f_* = c_0(\lambda)L^{d_{\text{IR}}(\lambda)-3}e^{-c_1(\lambda)/L}$, we can define the dimension $d_{\text{IR}}(\bar{L}; \lambda)$ at effective spacial sizes:

$$\frac{\log[N^*(L; \lambda)/N^*(L/s; \lambda)]}{\log[s]} = d_{\text{IR}}(\lambda) - \frac{c_1(\lambda)}{\bar{L}}$$

with $\bar{L} \equiv L \log(s)/(s - 1)$.

- It provides a straightforward illustration on how $d_{\text{IR}}(\bar{L}; \lambda)$ approaches to its infinite volume limit.

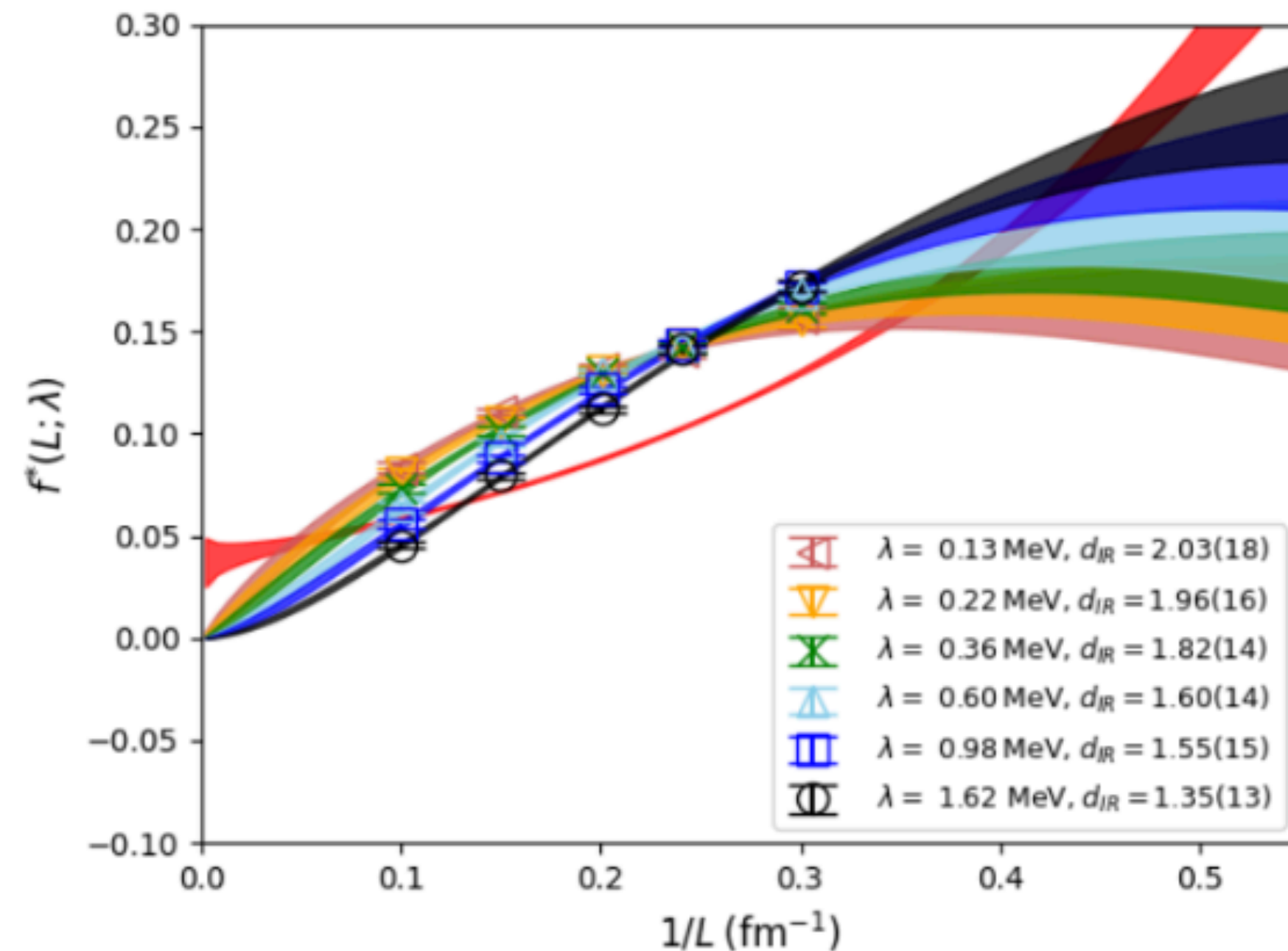


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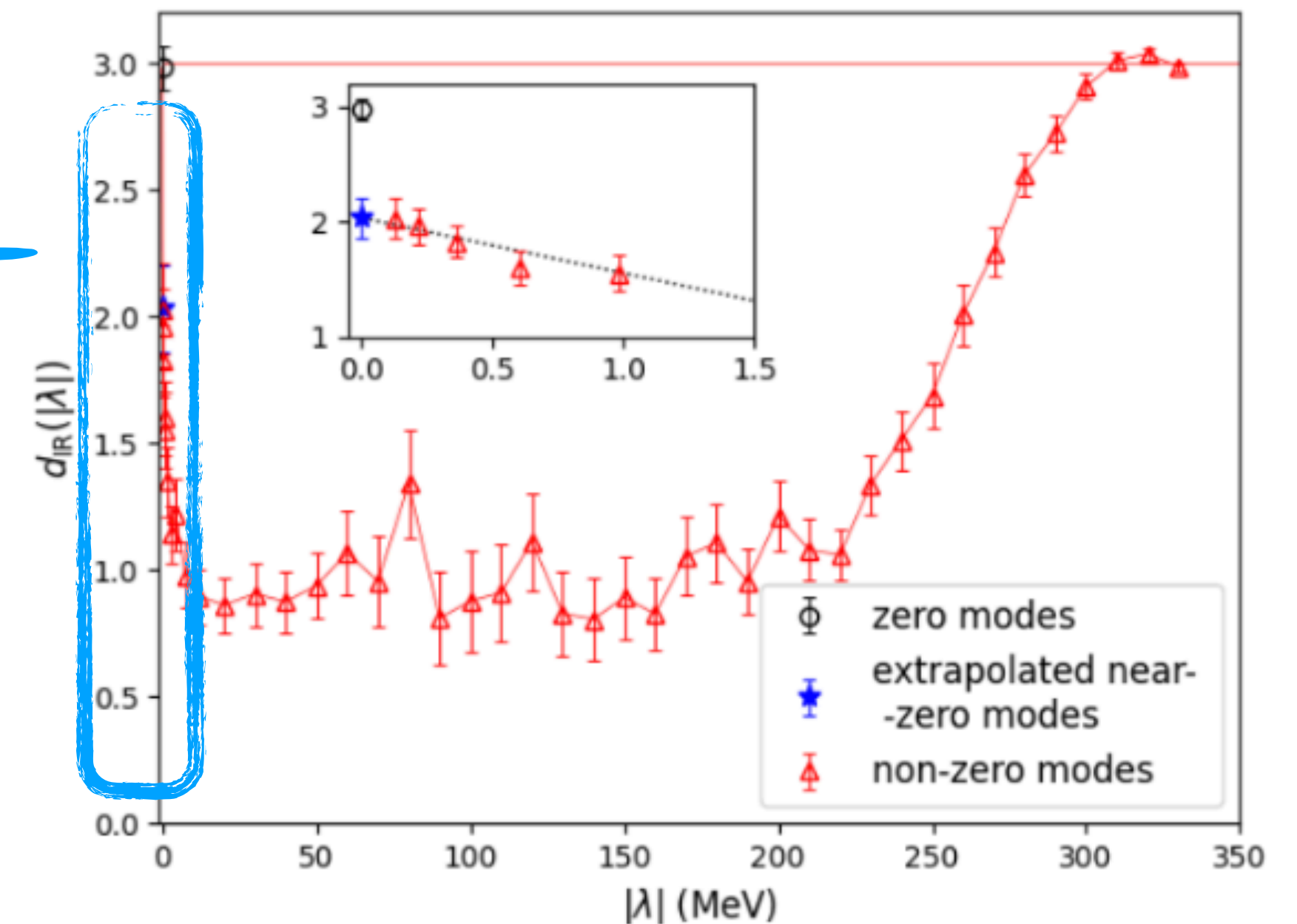
$$T = 234 \text{ MeV}$$

at different eigenvalue regions

- $f_*(\lambda)$ converges to a convex curve at $\lambda \rightarrow 0$, which is significantly different from the concave behavior of the exact zero mode with $\lambda = 0$.



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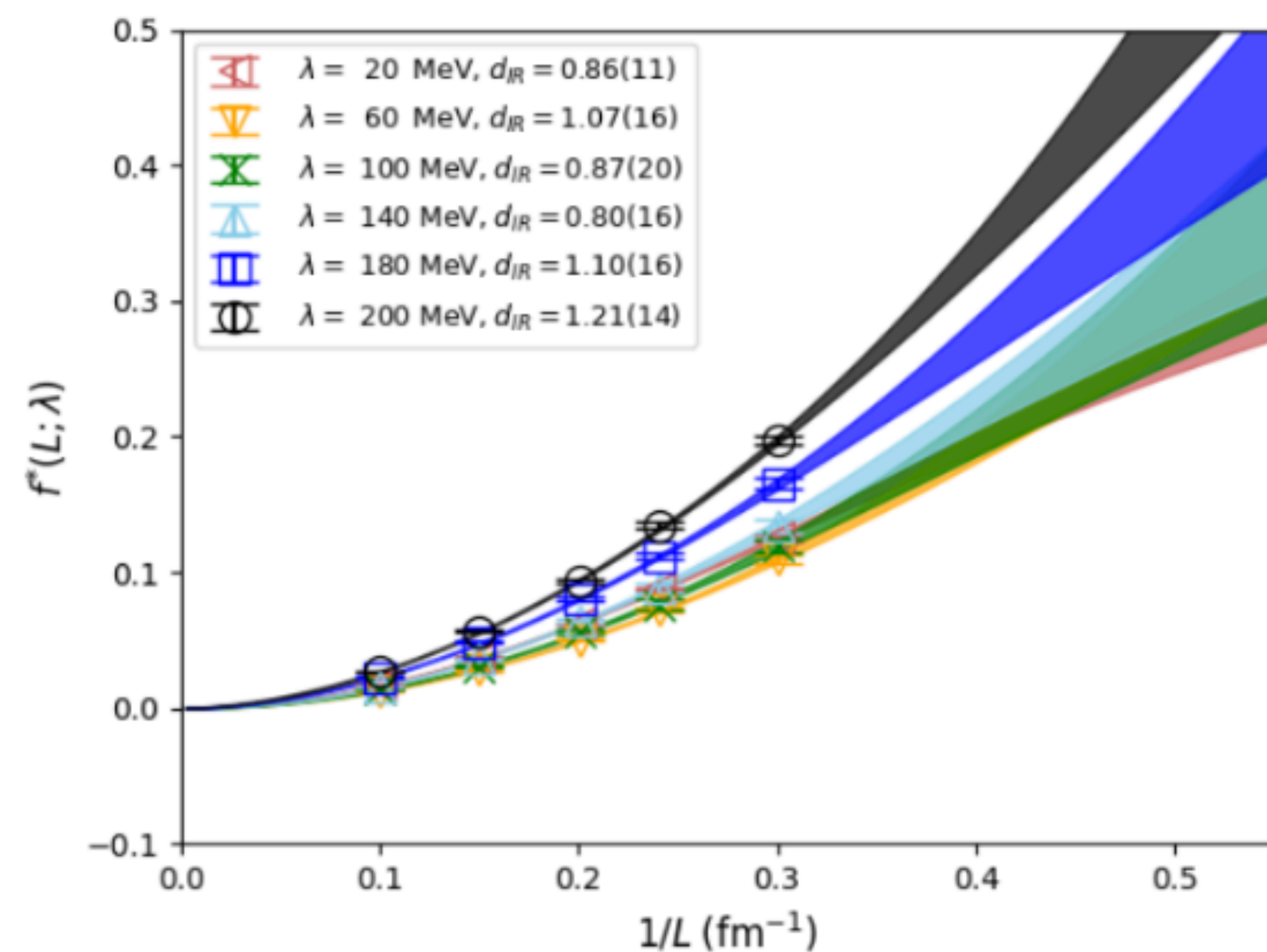
- The $f_*(\lambda \rightarrow 0)$ is larger than $f_*(\lambda = 0)$ until $L > 20 \text{ fm}$, and approaches zero when $L \rightarrow \infty$.

Measure-based dimension

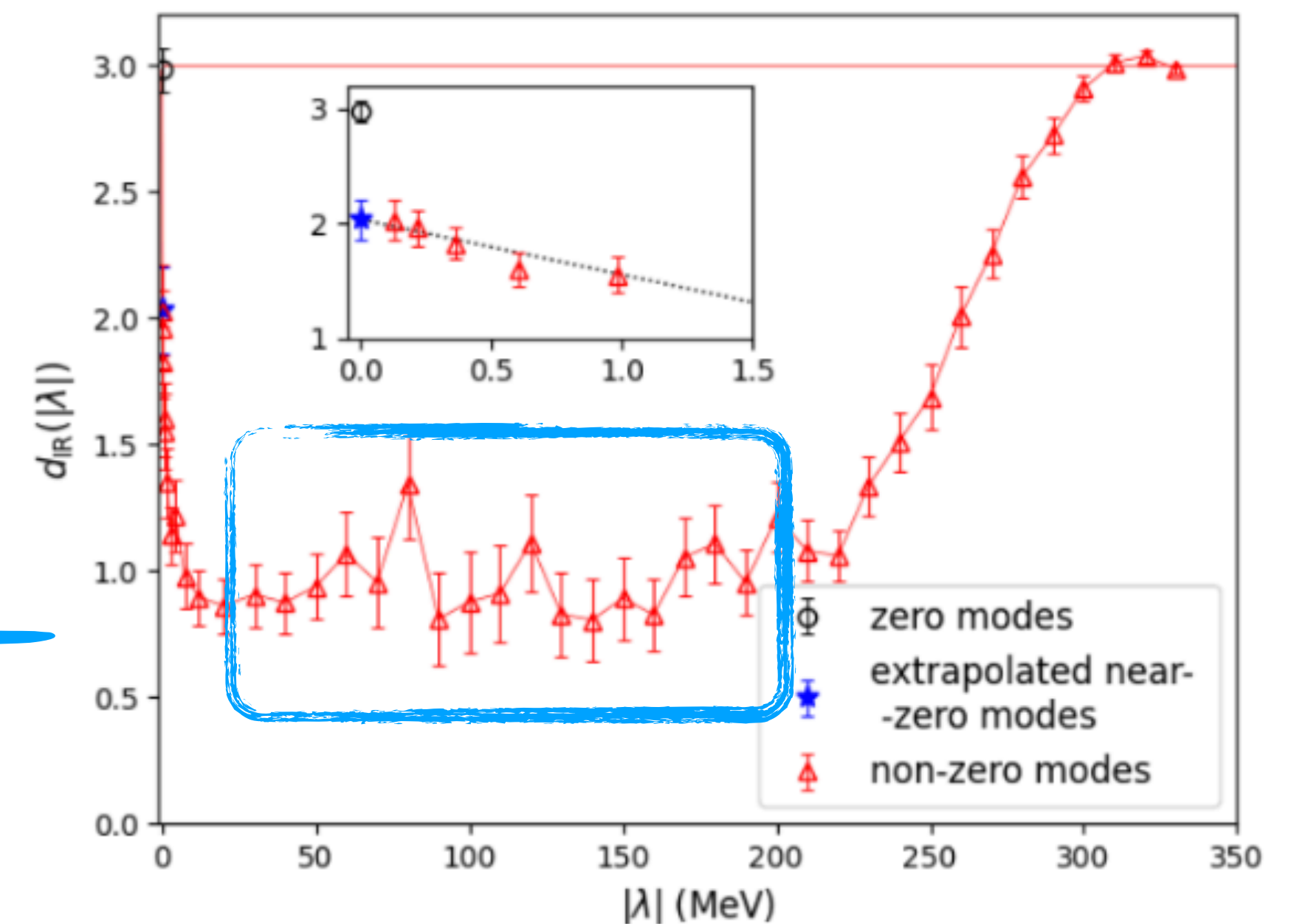
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at different eigenvalue regions

- $f_*(\lambda)$ changes smoothly in the range of $20 \text{ MeV} \leq \lambda \leq 200 \text{ MeV}$.



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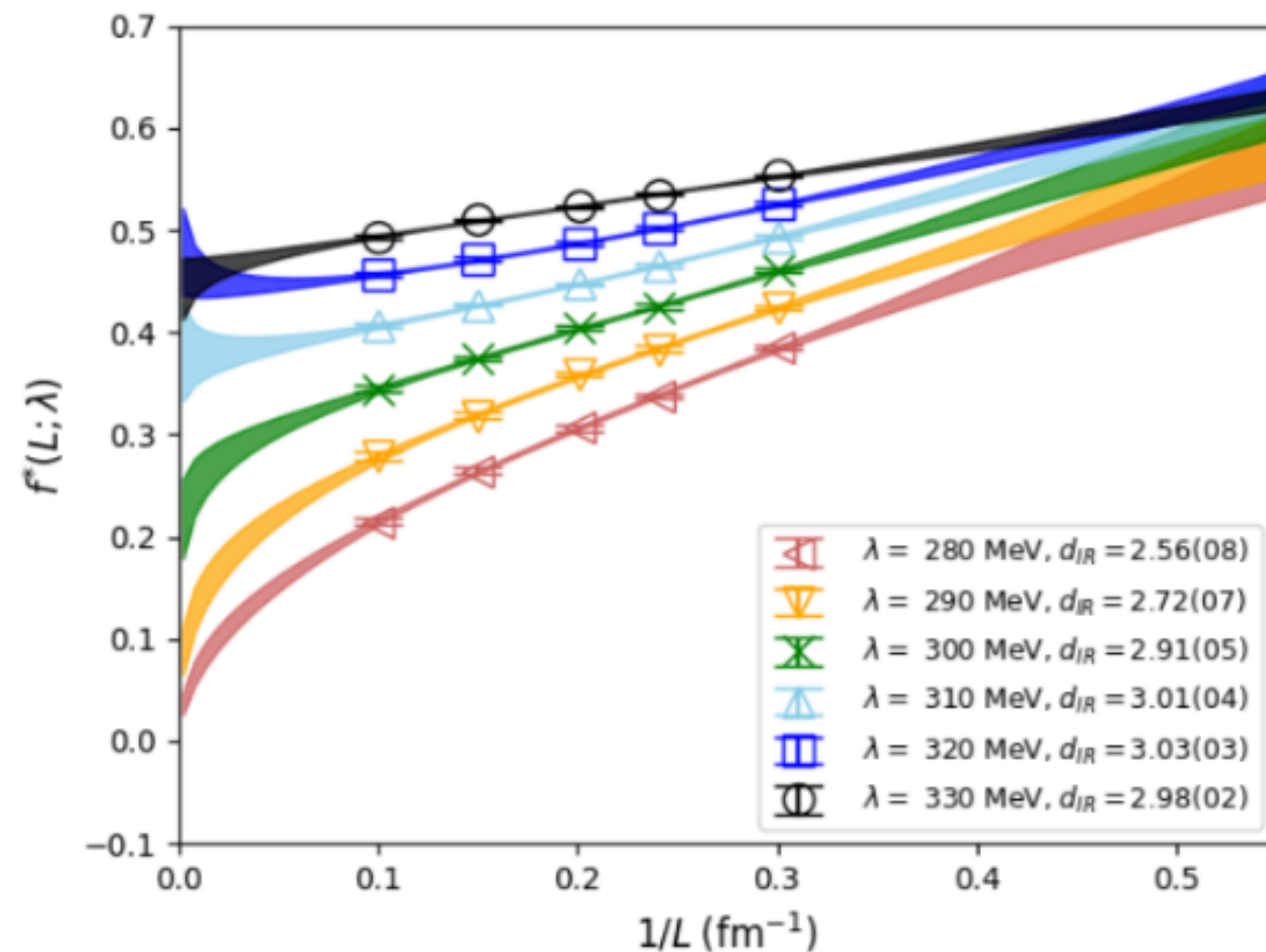
- And results in the similar effective dimension $d_{\text{IR}} = 1$.

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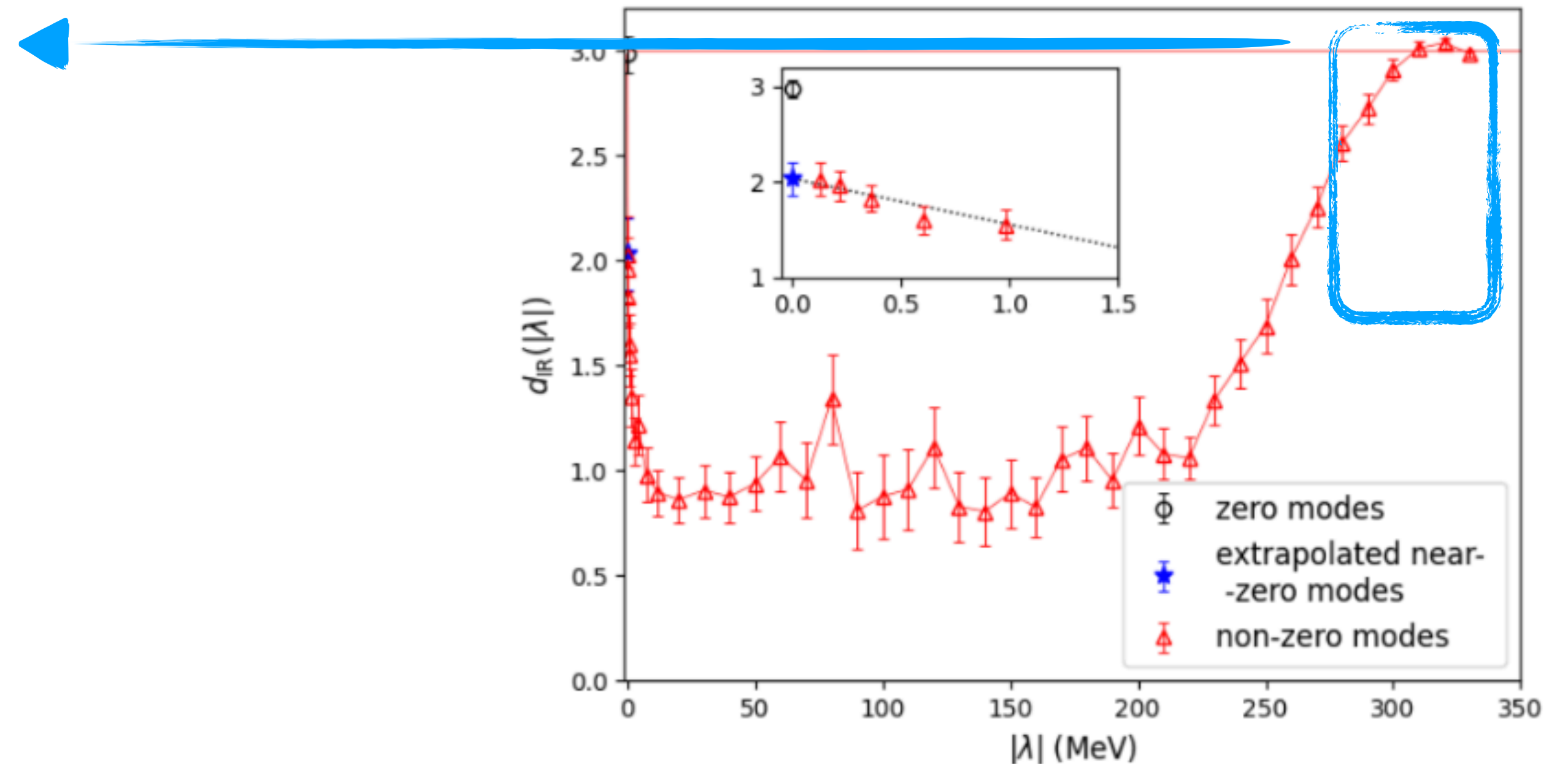
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at different eigenvalue regions

- $f_*(\lambda)$ changes also smoothly in the range of $280 \text{ MeV} \leq \lambda \leq 330 \text{ MeV}$.



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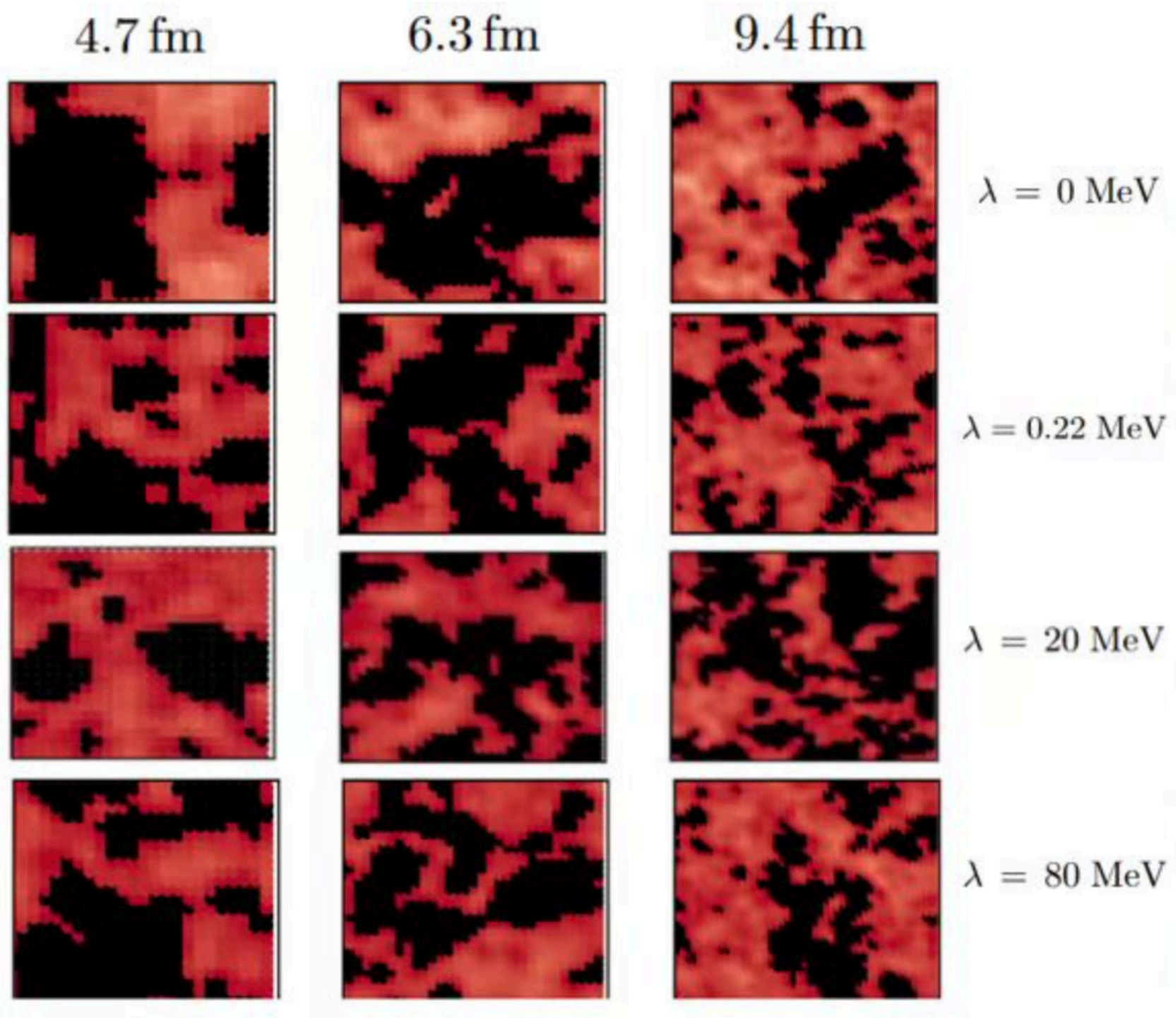


- And makes the d_{IR} approaches 3 without any visible discontinuity.

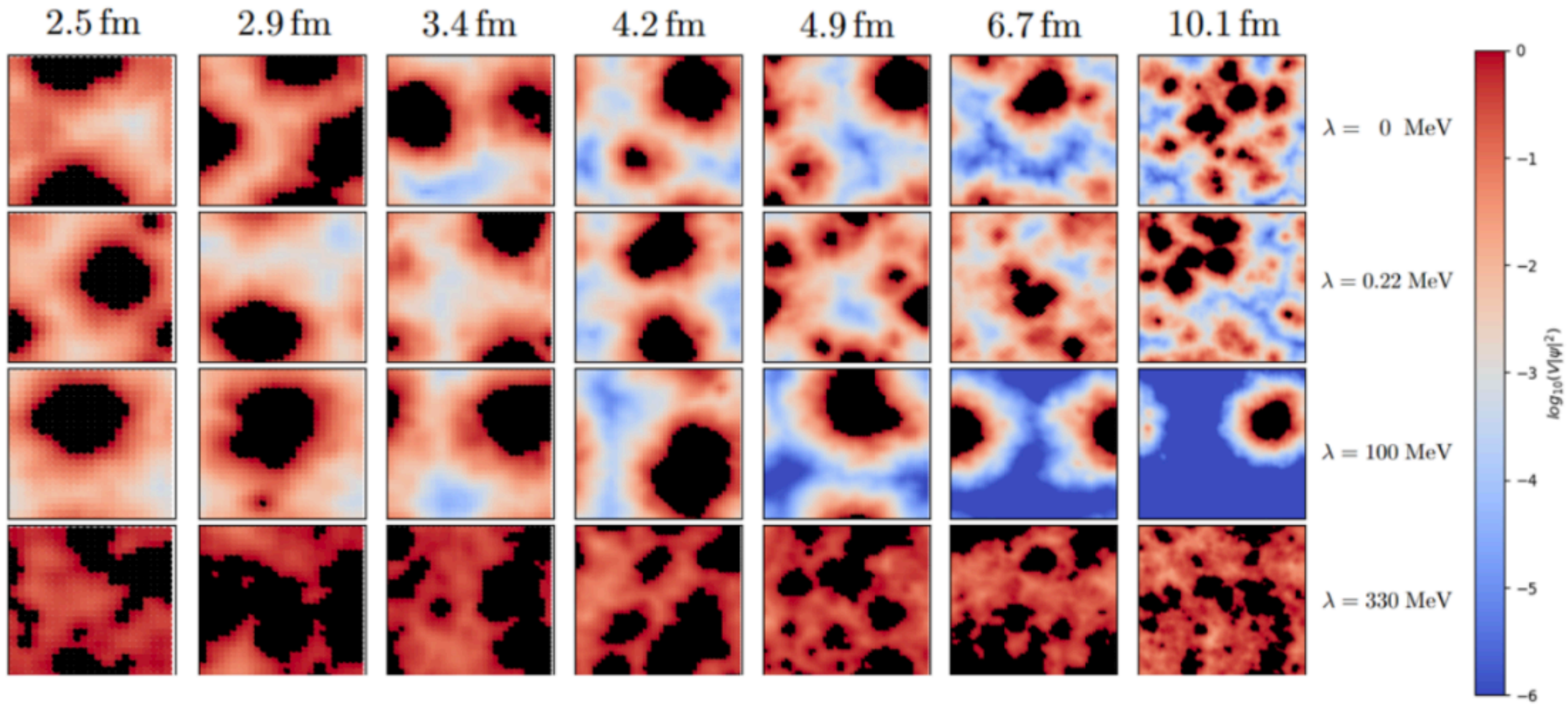
Distribution

at different temperatures

$T = 0$



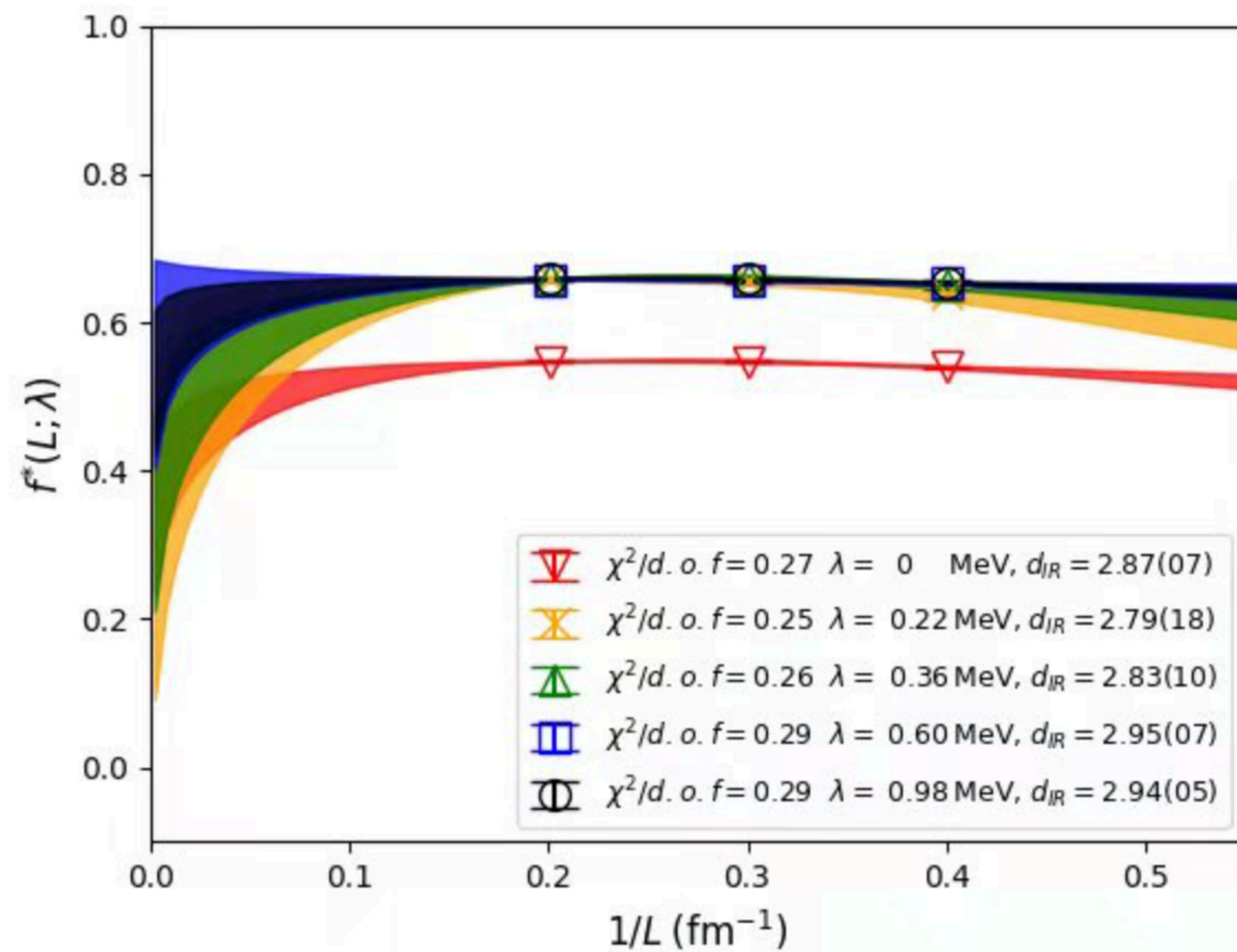
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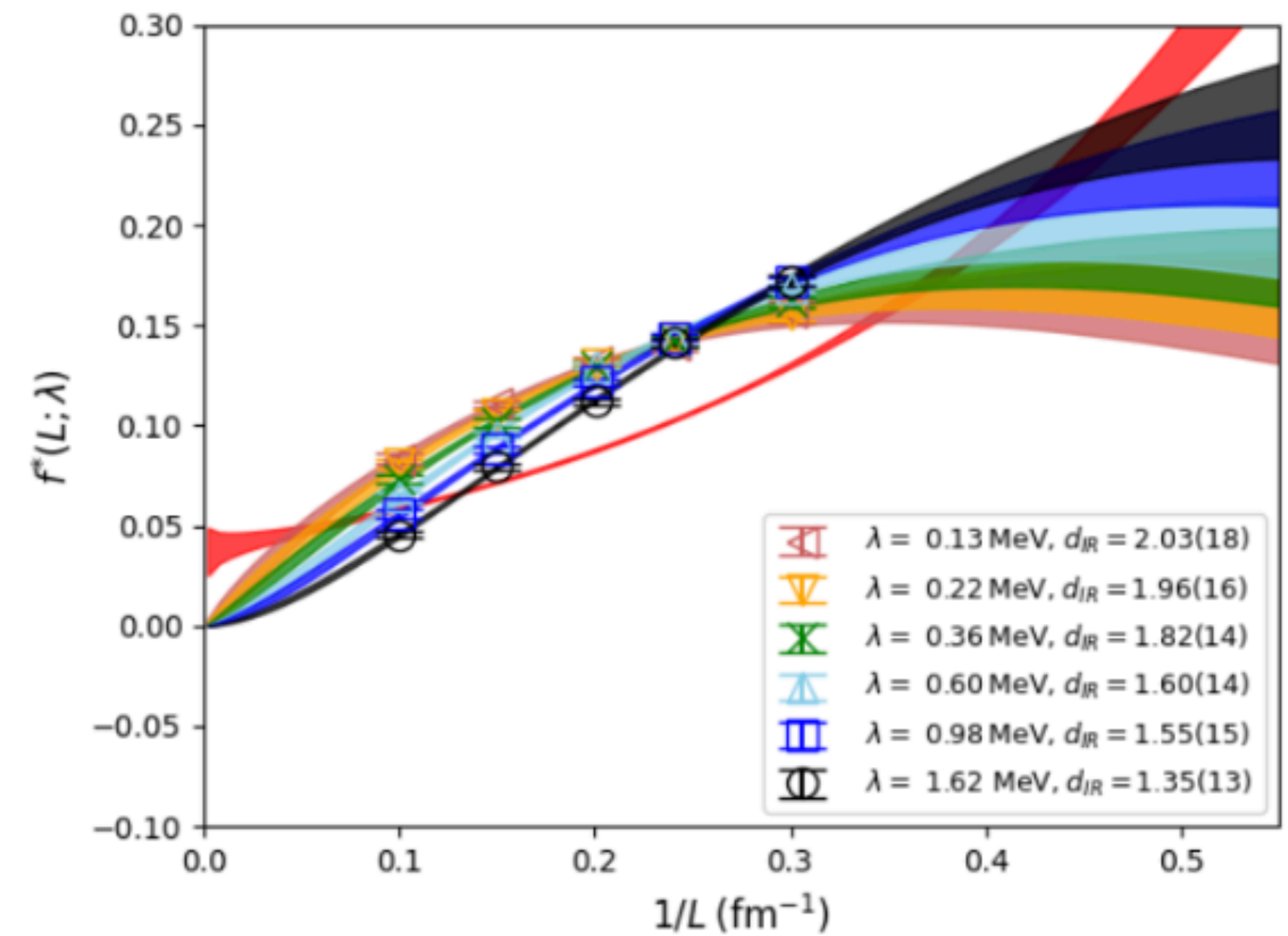
Measure-based dimension

at different temperatures

$T = 0$



$T = 234 \text{ MeV}$



Summary

- We show that the important pattern of low dimensions seen in pure-gluon QCD is also present in "real-world QCD", namely in $N_f = 2 + 1$ ensembles with physical light and strange quark masses at $a=0.105$ fm:
1. $d_{\text{IR}} = 3$ for the exact zero modes with $\lambda = 0$.
 2. $d_{\text{IR}} \rightarrow 2$ for the non-zero mode cases with $\lambda \rightarrow 0$.
 3. $d_{\text{IR}} = 1$ for the cases with $\lambda \in [10, 200]$ MeV.
 4. $d_{\text{IR}} \rightarrow 3$ smoothly at $\lambda \sim 300$ MeV, which is lower than where $\rho(\lambda; T = 234 \text{ MeV}) \sim \rho(\lambda; T = 0)$.

