

USING TOPOLOGICAL ENTANGLEMENT ENTROPY TO  
IDENTIFY LOW ENERGY EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORIES OF  
FRACTIONAL CHERN INSULATORS

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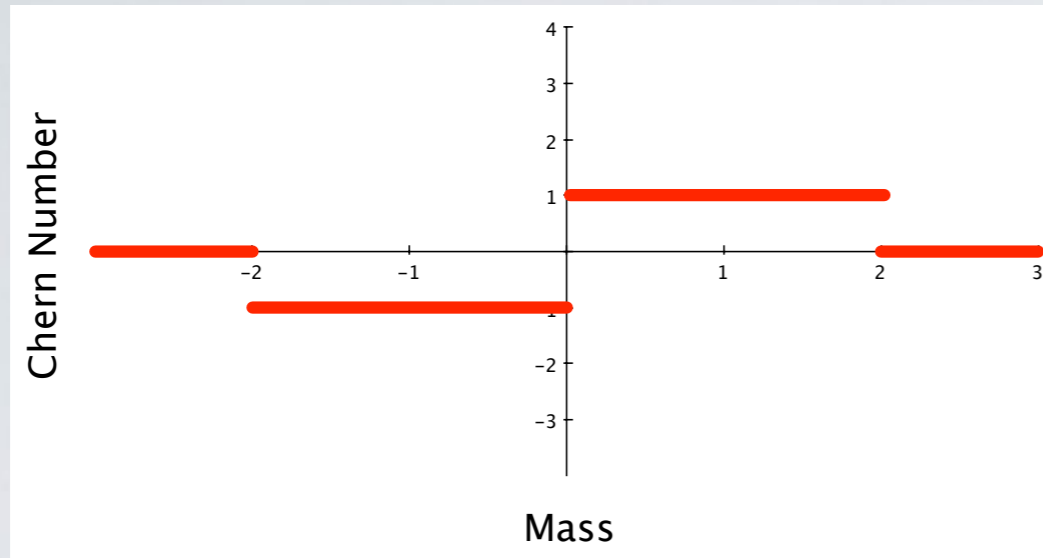
# Fractional Chern Insulators

Today's goal:

- \* Write down prototypical wave-functions for fractional chern insulator.
- \* Establish the low energy effective field theory from topological entanglement entropy.
- \* Look at some aspects of entanglement (finite size, etc.)

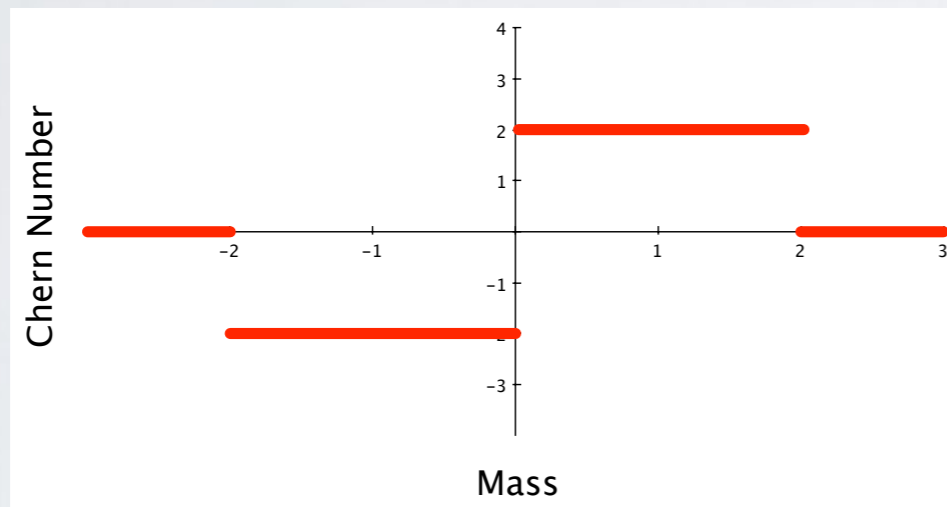
# Non-interacting Chern insulators

$$h(k) = \sin k_x \sigma_x + \sin k_y \sigma_y + (M - \cos k_x - \cos k_y) \sigma_z$$



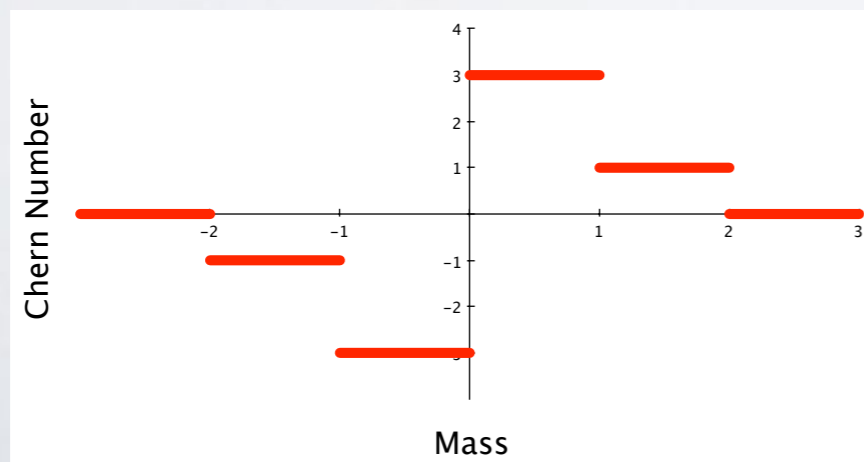
**C=1**

$$h(k) = \sin(k_x + k_y) \sigma_x + \sin(k_x - k_y) \sigma_y + (M - \cos(k_x + k_y) - \cos(k_x - k_y)) \sigma_z$$



**C=2**

$$h(k) = \sin 2k_x \sigma_x + \sin 2k_y \sigma_y + (M - \cos k_x - \cos k_y) \sigma_z$$



**C=1,3**

# Interactions....

integer quantum hall  $\longrightarrow$  fractional quantum hall

chern insulator  $\longrightarrow$  fractional chern insulator

$\Psi_{TB}$   $\longrightarrow$  Ground state of  $h(k)$

$\Psi_{int}$   $\longrightarrow$   $\langle R|\Psi_{int}\rangle \equiv \langle R|\Psi_{TB}\rangle^2$

Want: Low energy effective field theories.

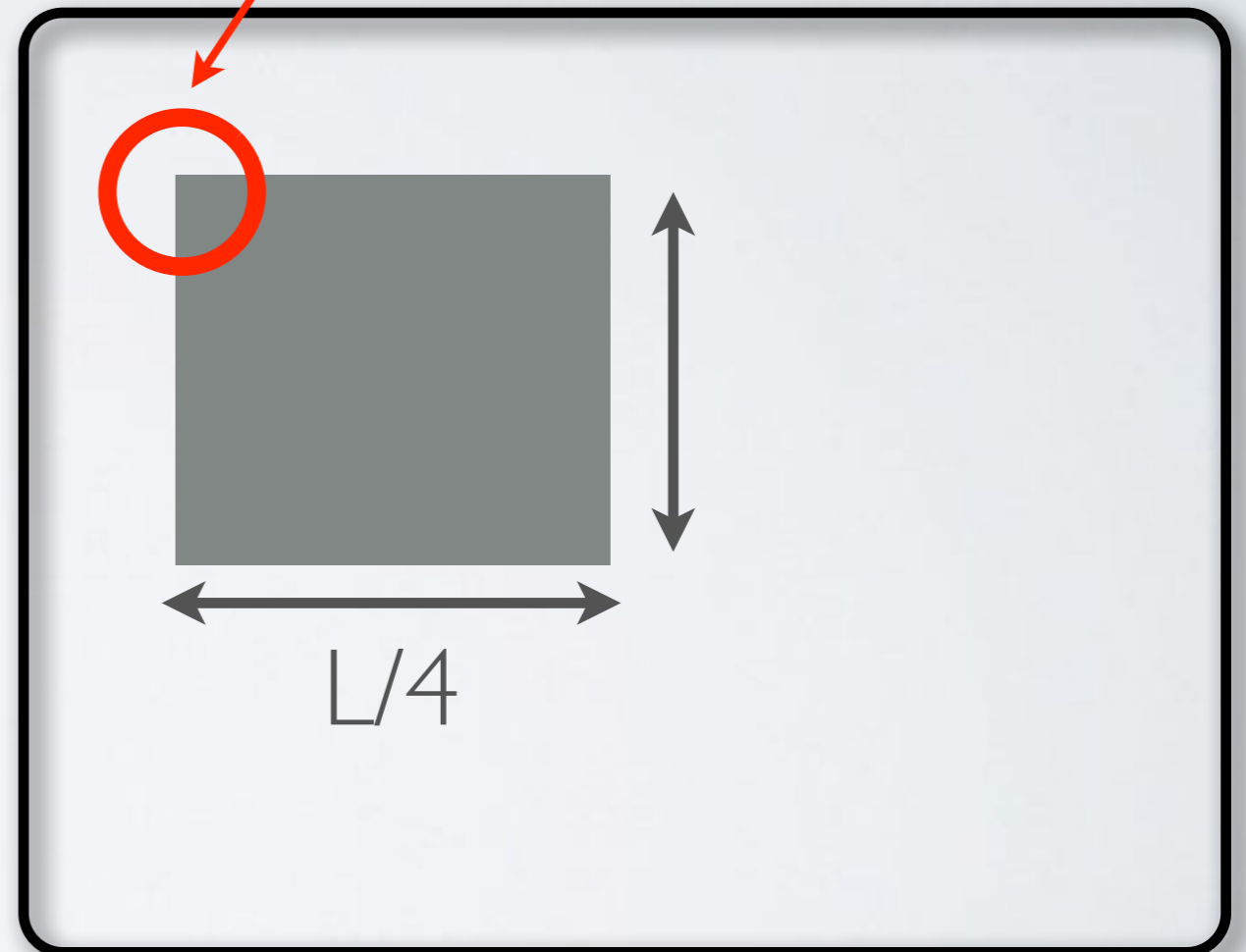
# Topological Entanglement Entropy

Area Law:  $S(L) = \alpha L - \gamma_0 - n_c c_1 + \dots$

topological  
entanglement  
entropy

non-universal constant

corner term

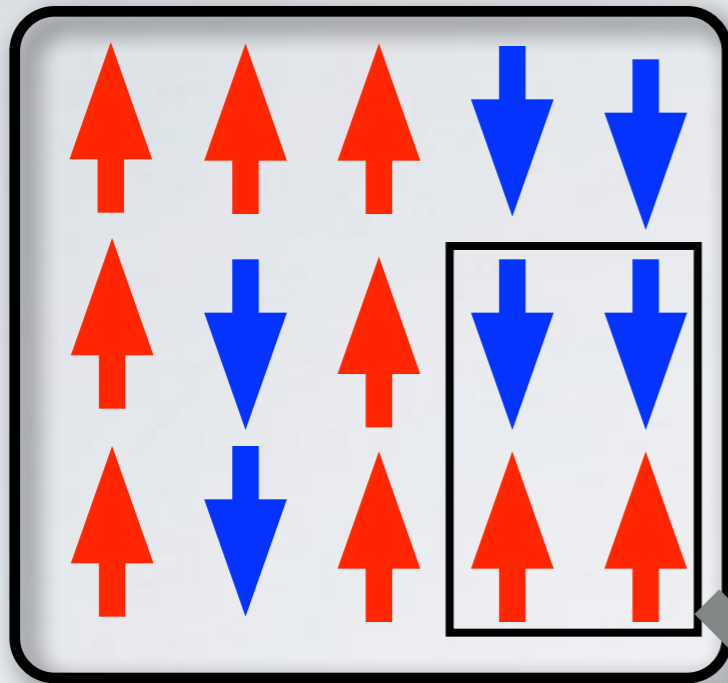


Want to compute topological entanglement entropy.

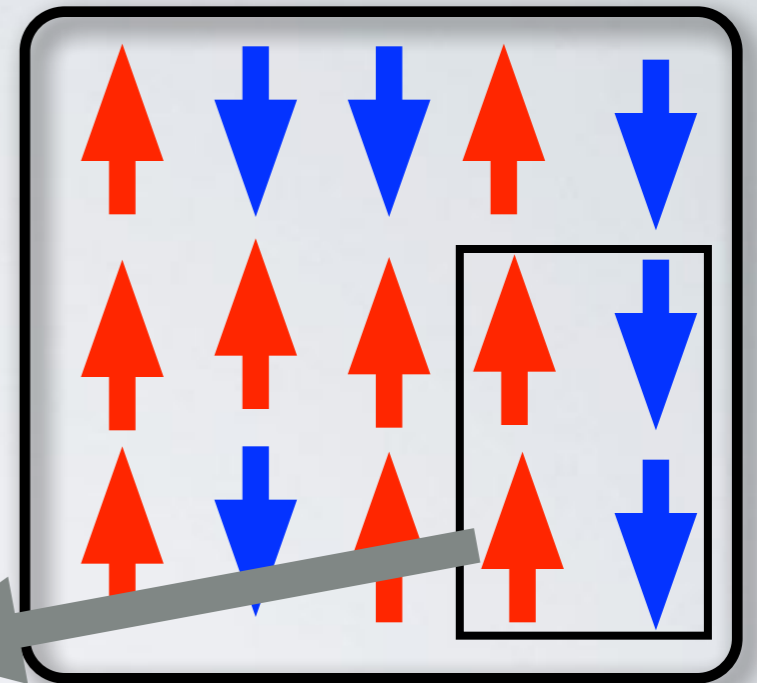
# Variational Monte Carlo

$$S_2 = \text{Tr}[\rho_{\text{subsystem}}^2]$$

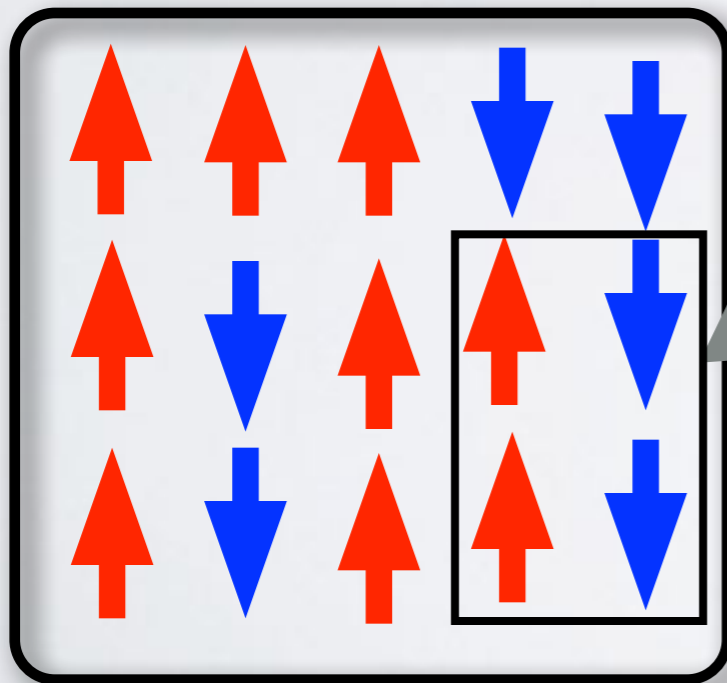
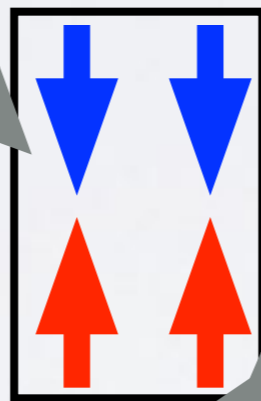
$$e^{S_2} = \frac{\Psi(A)\Psi(B)}{\Psi(A')\Psi(B')}$$



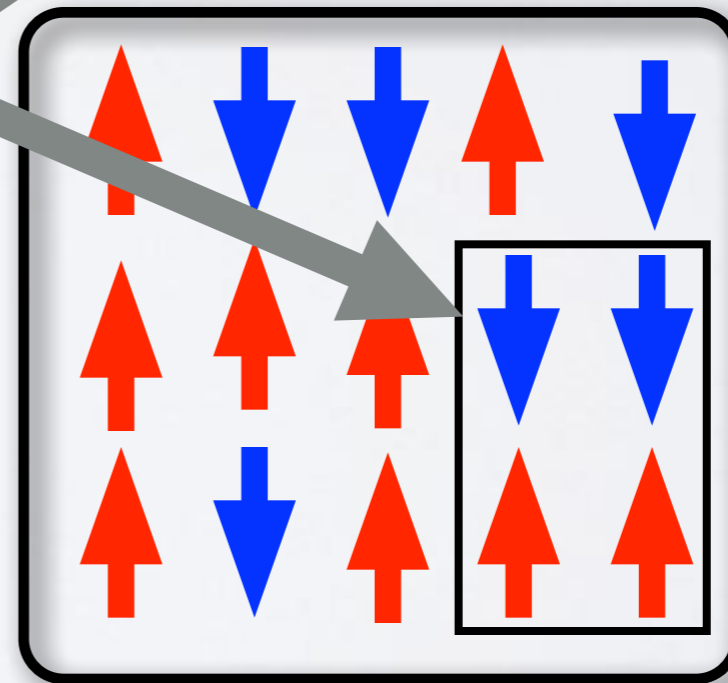
System A



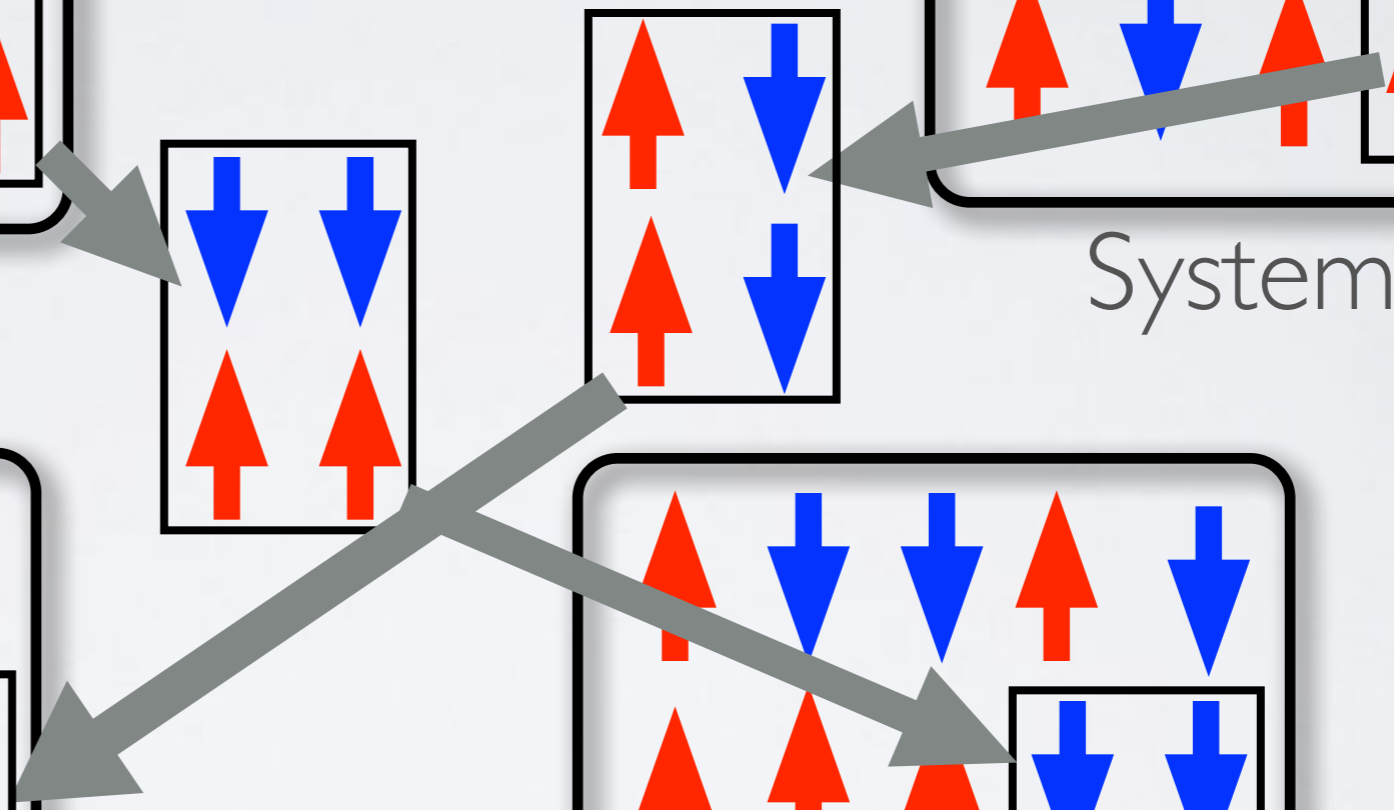
System B



System A'



System B'

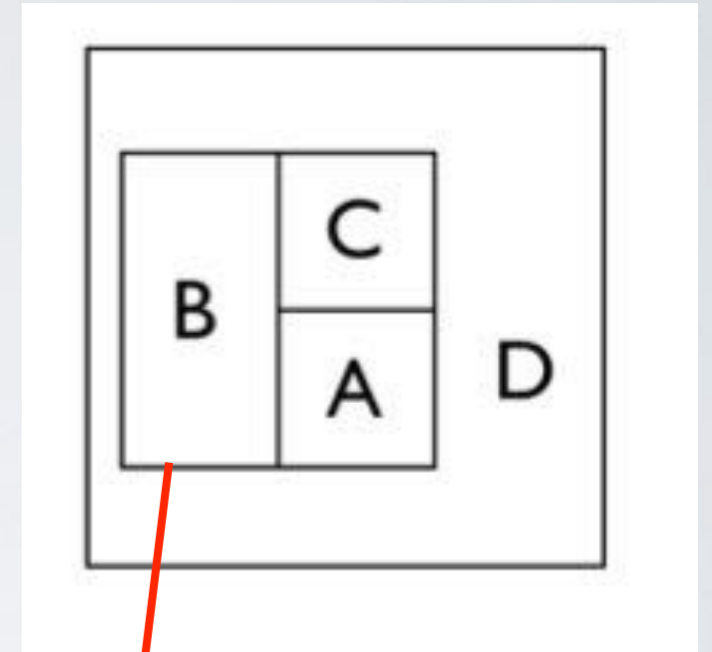


# Kitaev ABC Construction

Area Law:  $S(L) = \alpha L - \gamma_0 - n_c c_1 + \dots$

TEE:  $-\gamma_0 = 2S_A - 2S_{AB} + S_{ABC}$

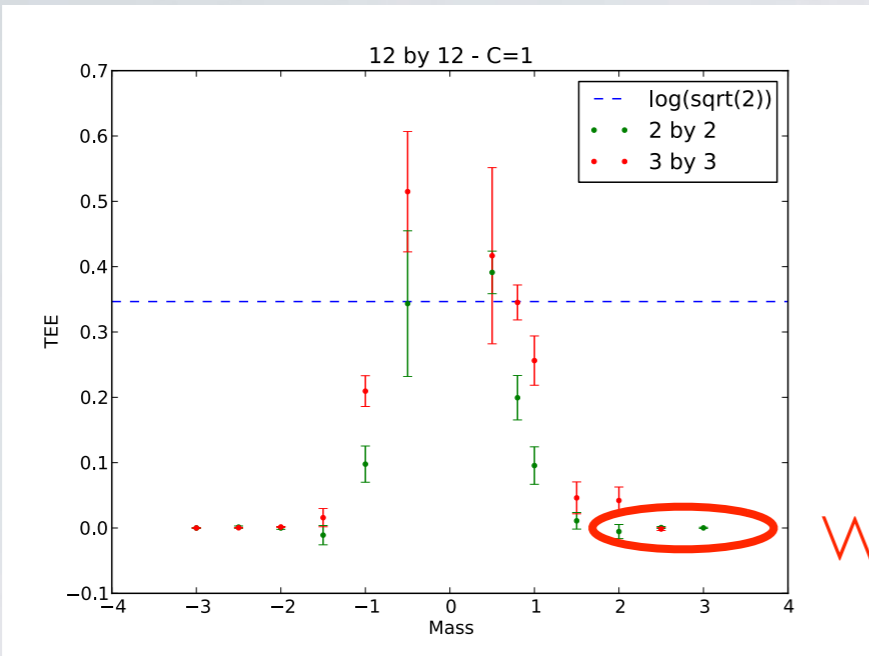
Cancel out *linear* and *corner* terms (in thermodynamic limit)



Topological phases: Degenerate ground states which can't be distinguished locally.

All boxes are local. Doesn't matter which ground state we live in.

# Fractional Chern Insulators

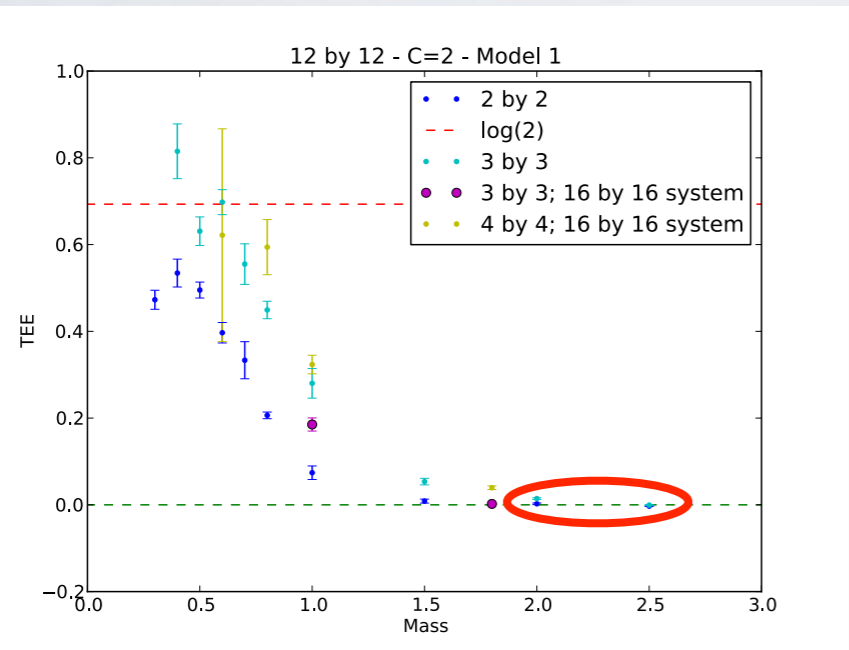


0.365 +/- 0.02

$\ln \sqrt{2} \approx 0.347$

0.9 standard deviations

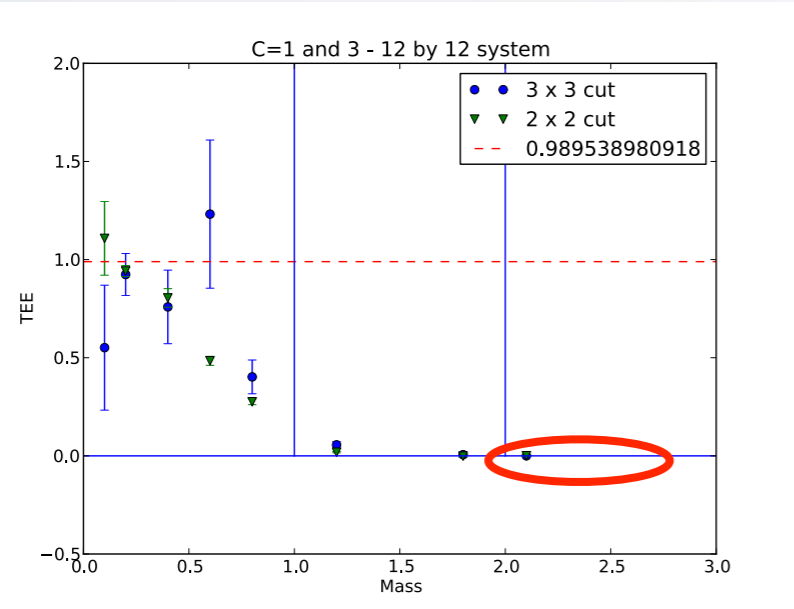
When C=0, TEE=0



0.675 +/- 0.019

$\ln 2 \approx 0.693$

0.947 standard deviations



0.941 +/- 0.027

$\approx 0.989$

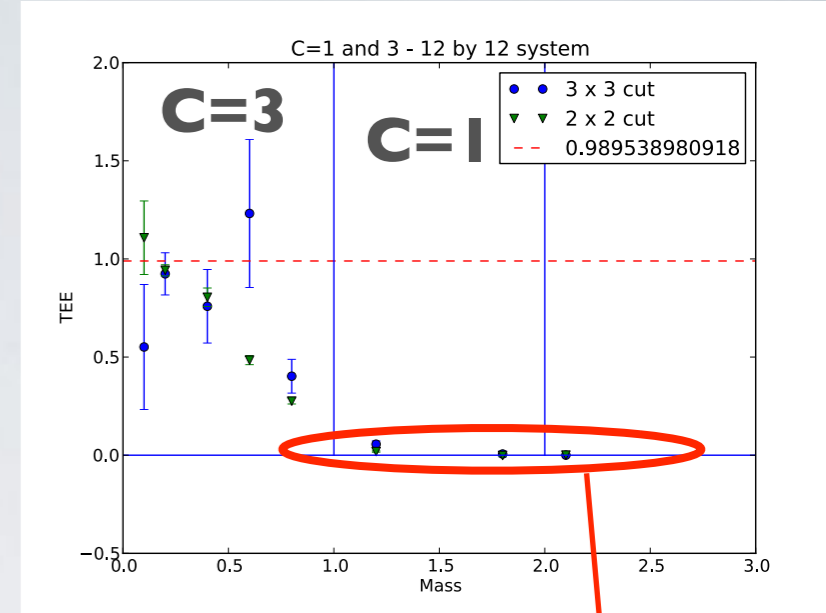
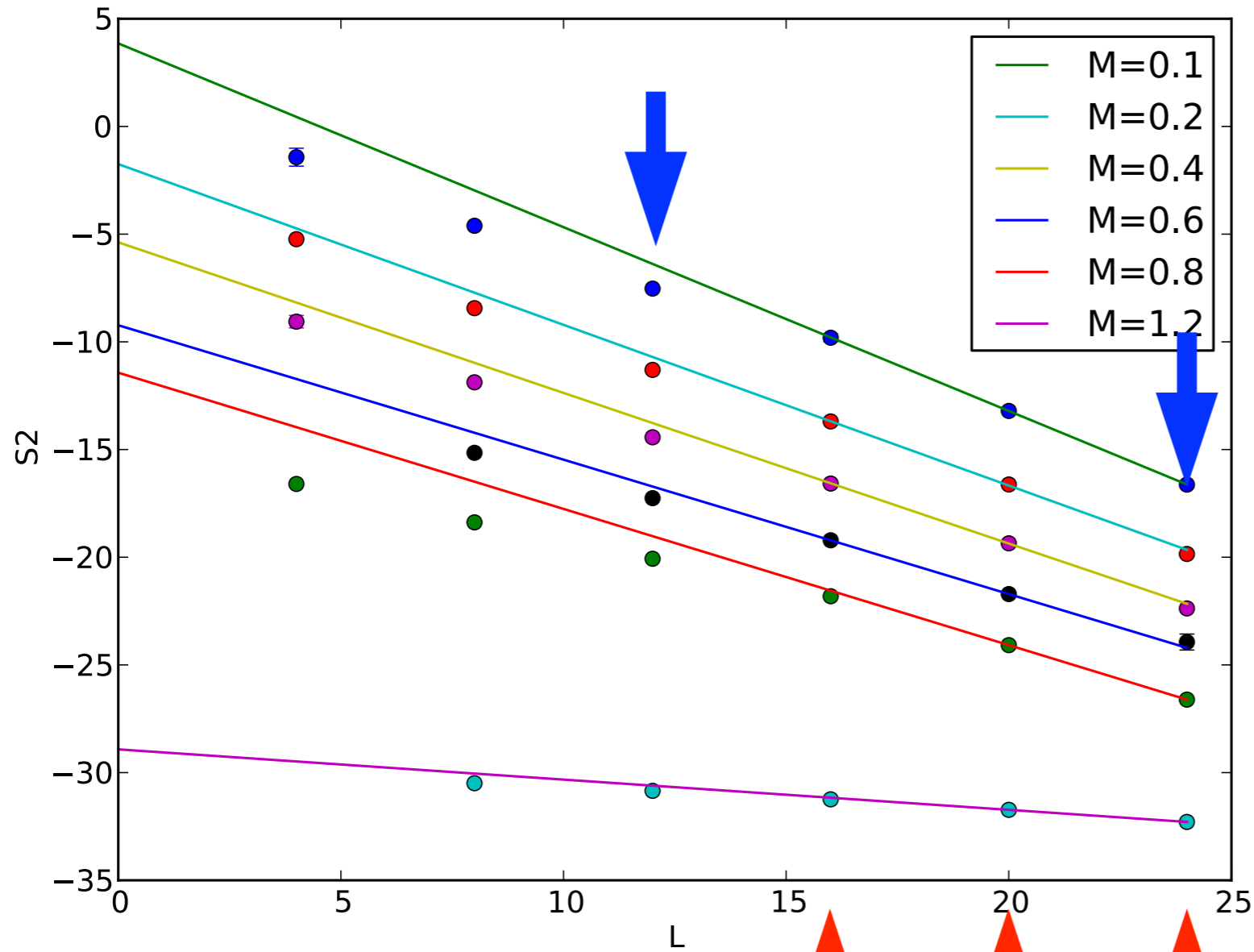
1.7 standard deviations

$$SU(2)_C \quad \ln \left[ \sqrt{2/(C+2)} \sin(\pi/(C+2)) \right]$$



Let's focus on one model.

Used for ABC construction

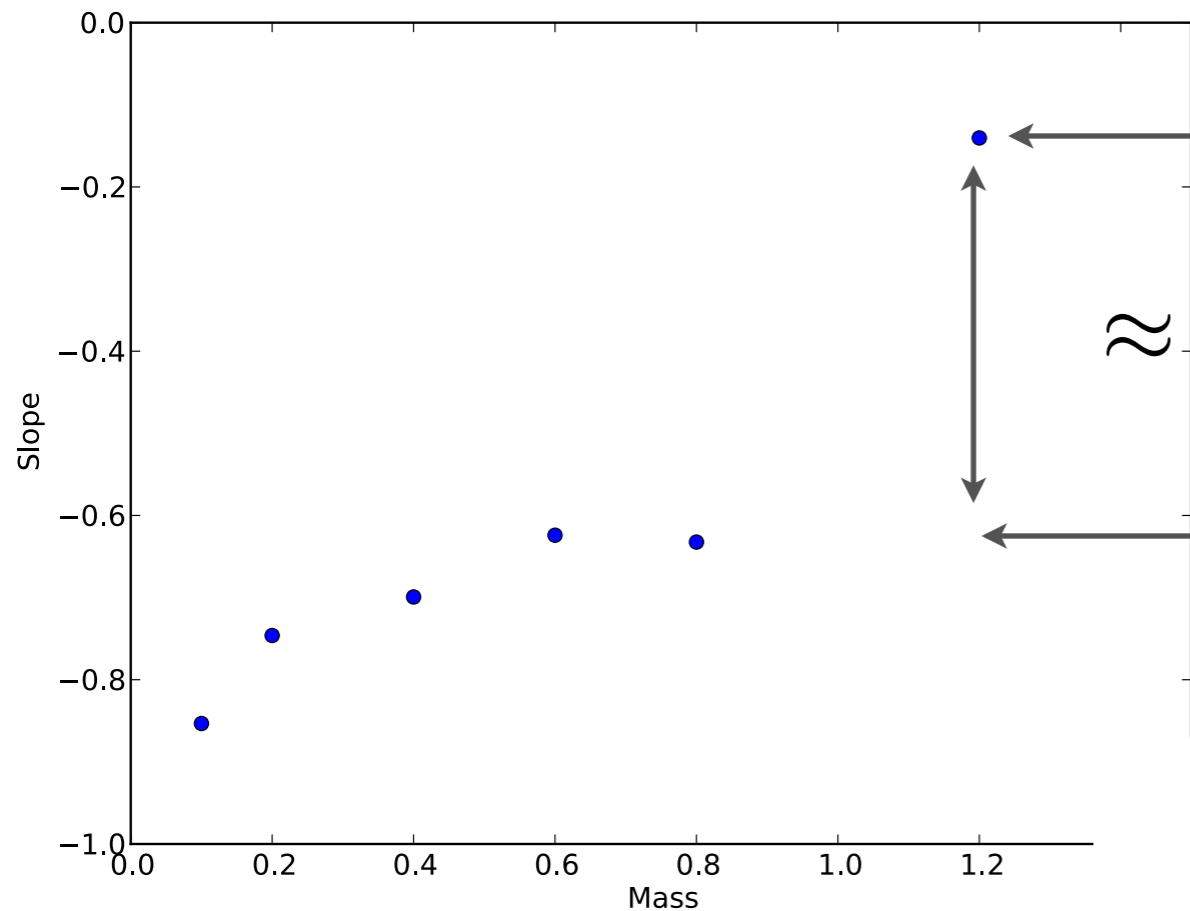


**C=3**

**C=1**

Why?

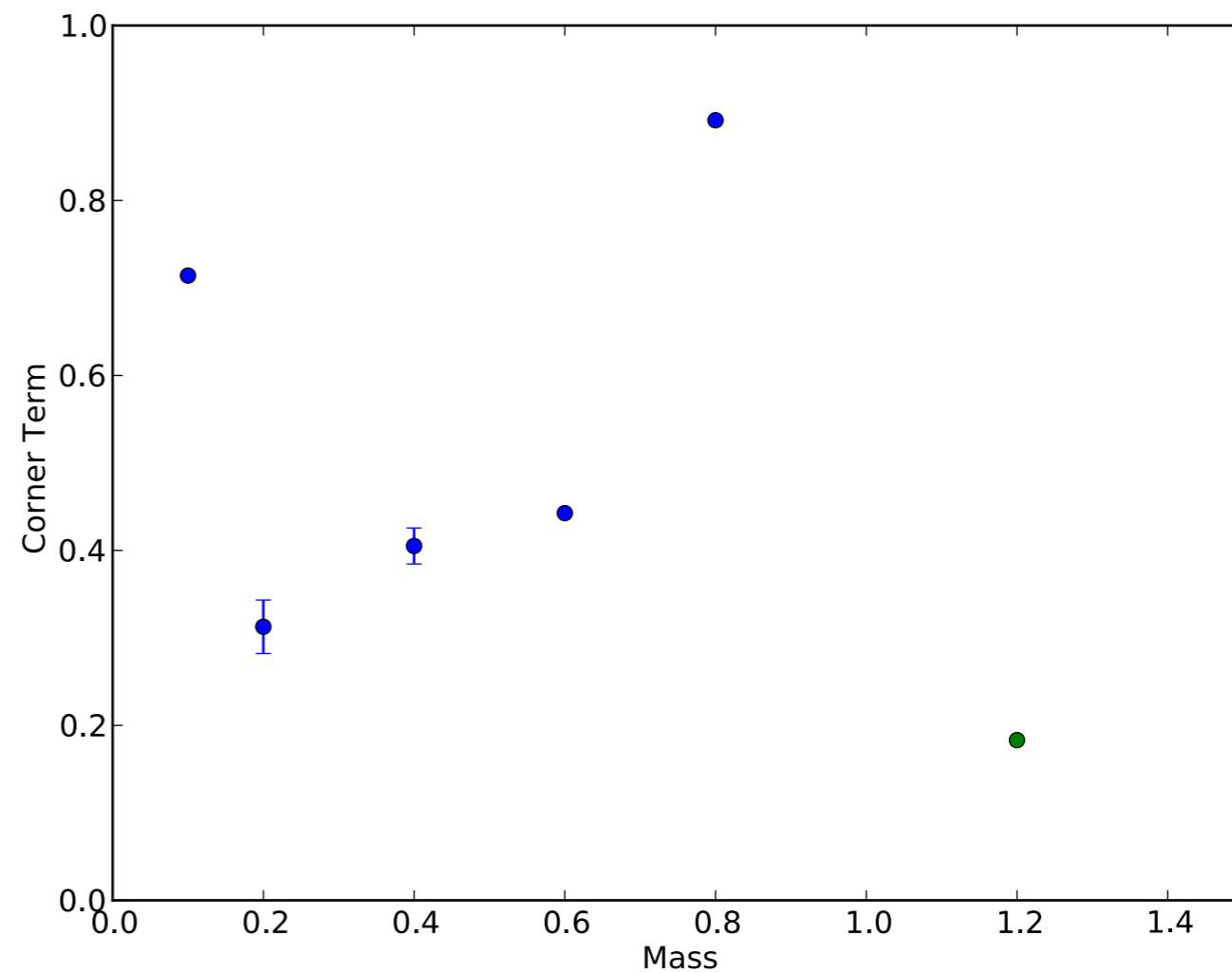
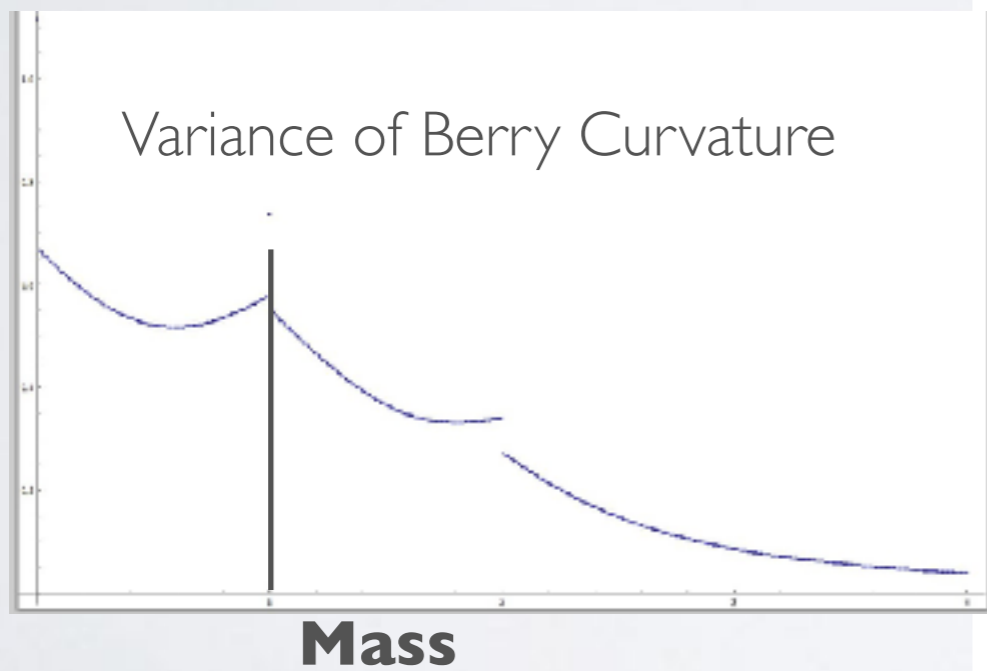
ABC construction must be canceling out higher order in  $L$  terms.



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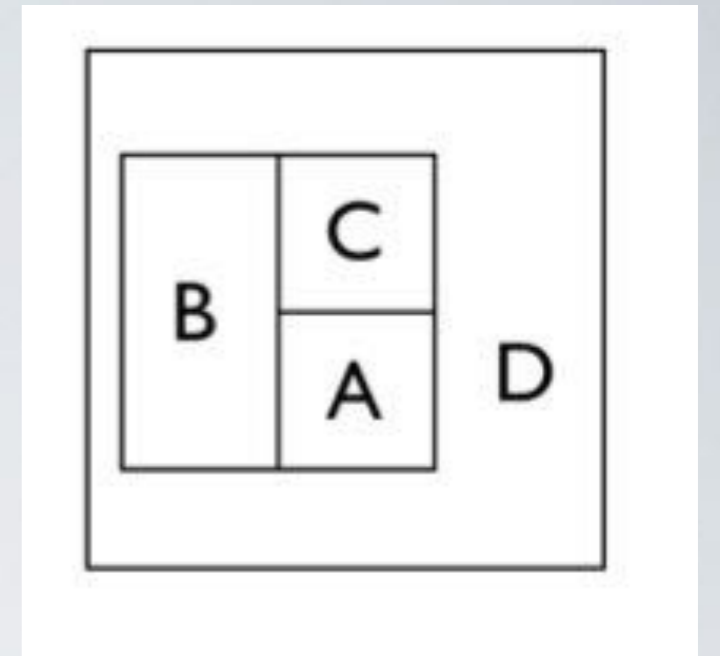
$\approx$  factor of 3 for non-universal  $\alpha$

**C=3**

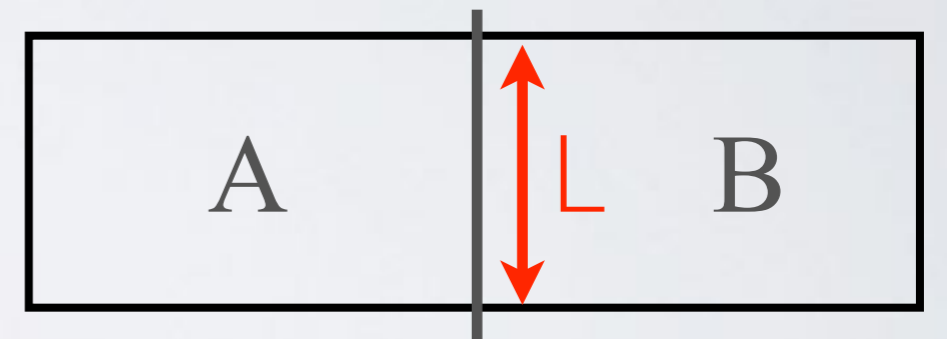


Variance of Berry curvature tracks corner term?

ABC Construction: Topologically insensitive to ground state.



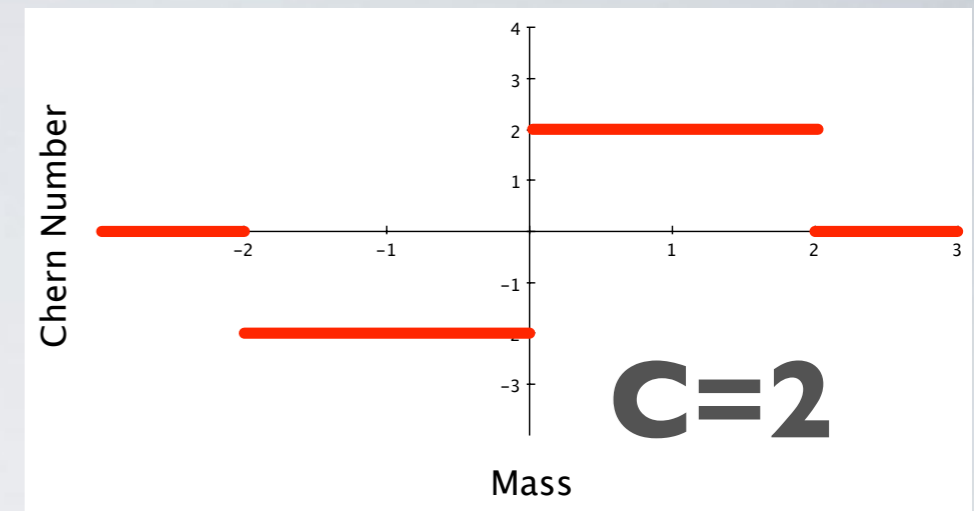
Trivial Bipartition: Sensitive to which ground state but **no corner terms**.



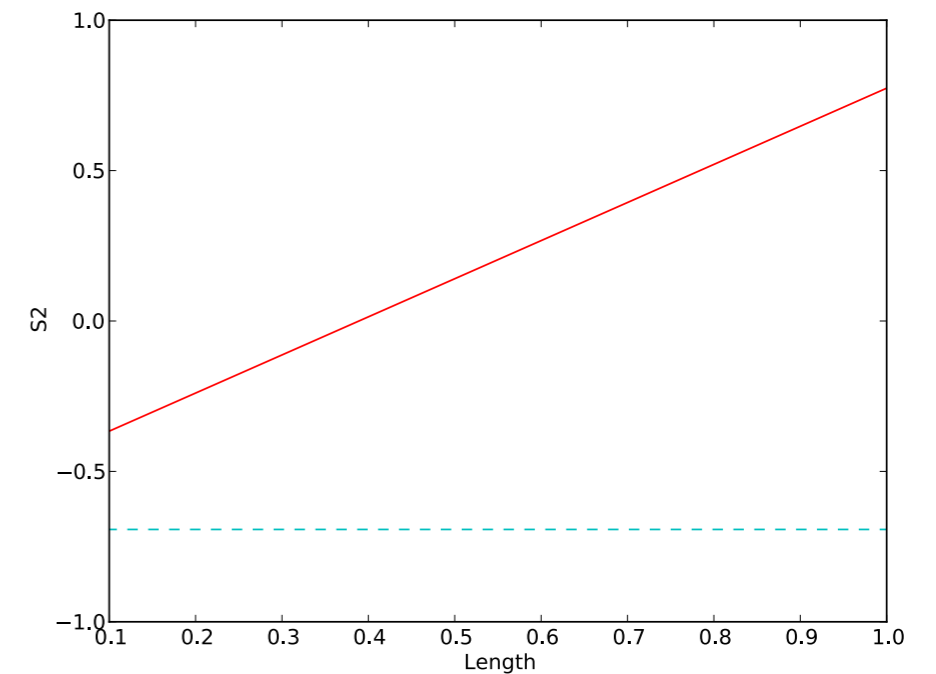
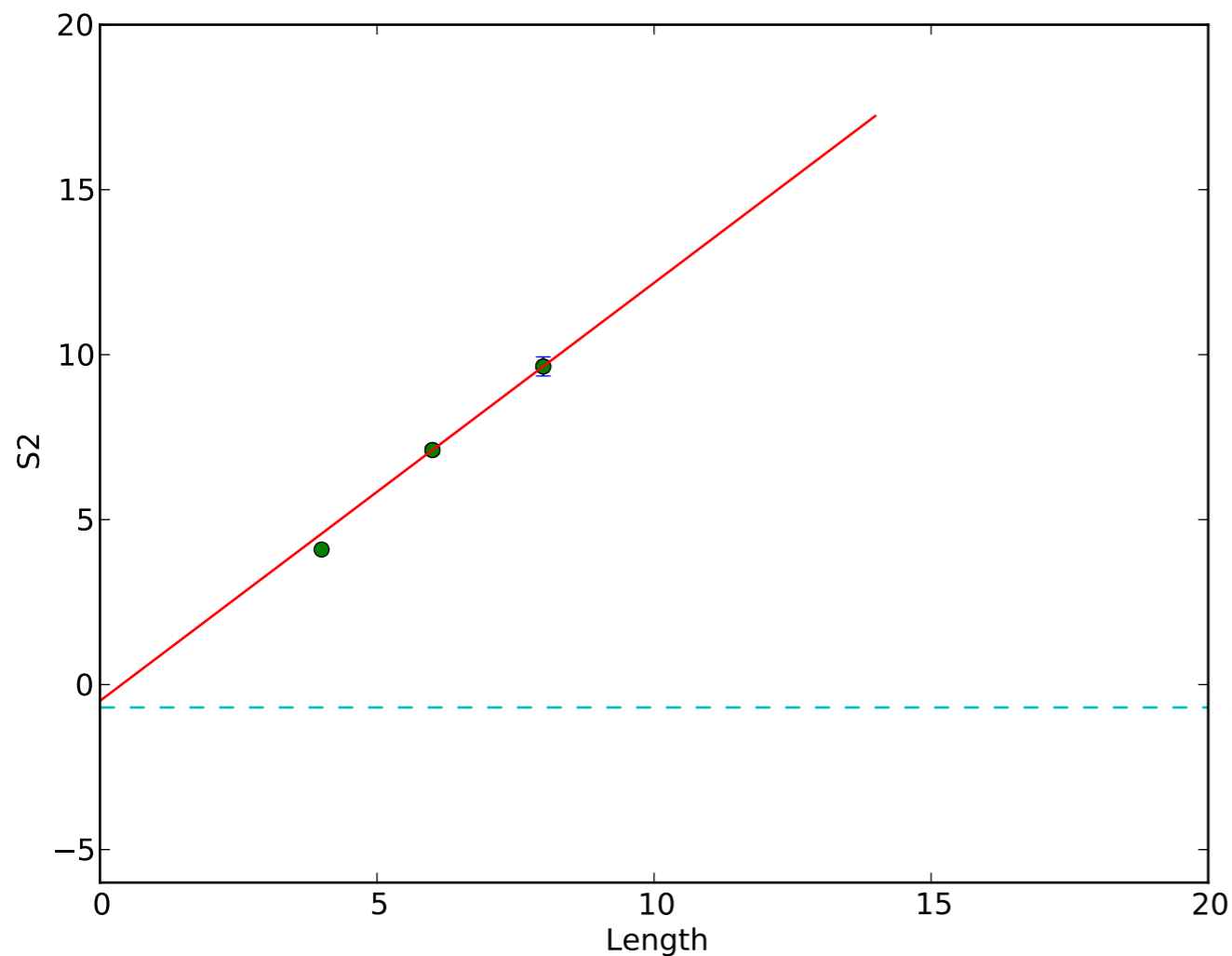
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could be between 0 and TEE.

# A bipartition cut



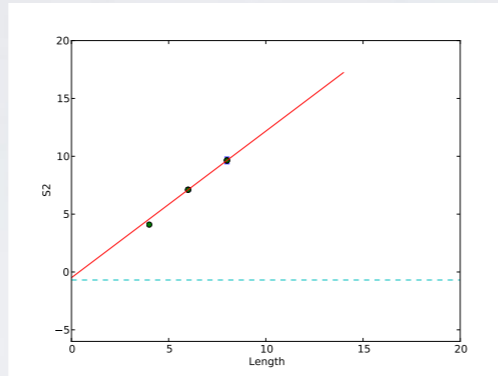
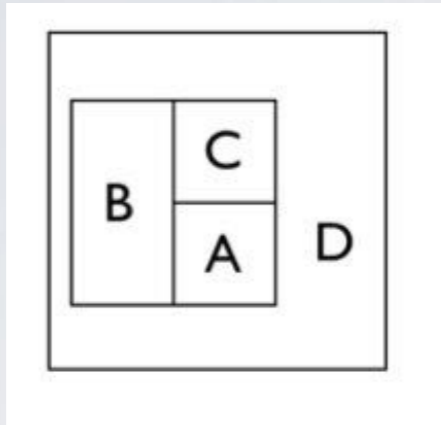
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expected value

# Conclusion

- \* Compute the TEE



- \* Low energy effective field theory:  $SU(2)_c$

- \* Look at area law, corner terms, etc.

