



Chiral phase transition in (2 + 1)-flavor QCD

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Outline

- Introduction to QCD Phase diagram
- General approach to study phase transition
- Estimators to determine chiral phase transition temperature T_c^0
- T_c^0 estimated in thermodynamic limit, chiral limit and continuum limit
- Conclusion

QCD symmetry & phase transition

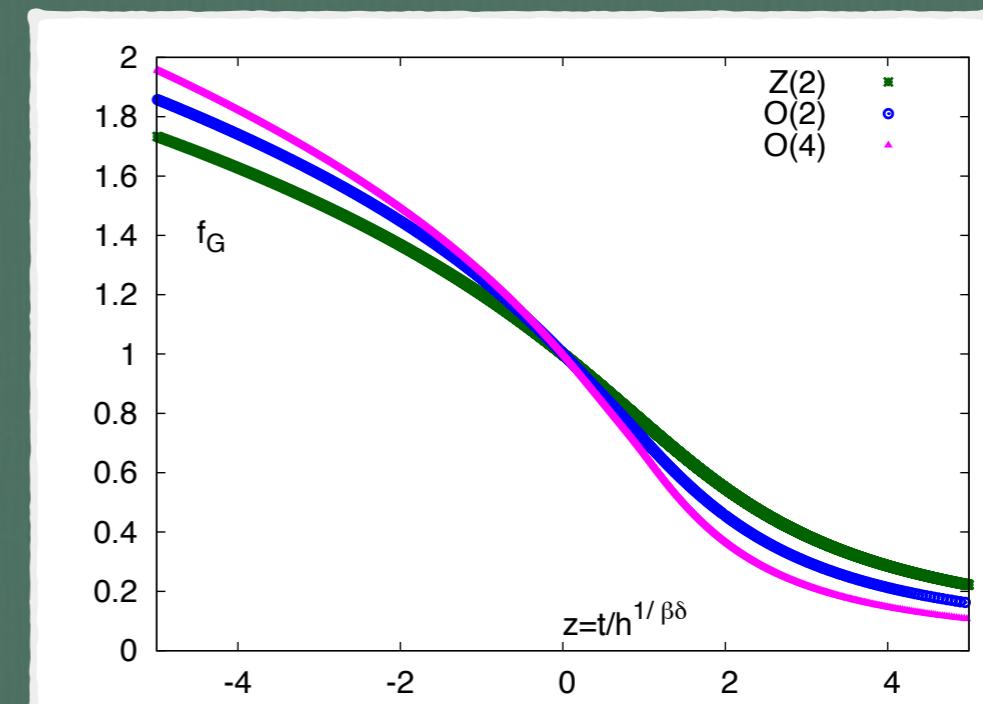
$$\mathcal{L}_{QCD} = -\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \sum_{q=u,d,s,c,b,t} \bar{q} [i\gamma^\mu (\partial_\mu - igA_\mu) - m_q] q$$

$$SU(N_f)_L \times SU(N_f)_R \times U(1)_V \times U(1)_A \quad \text{at } m_q = 0$$

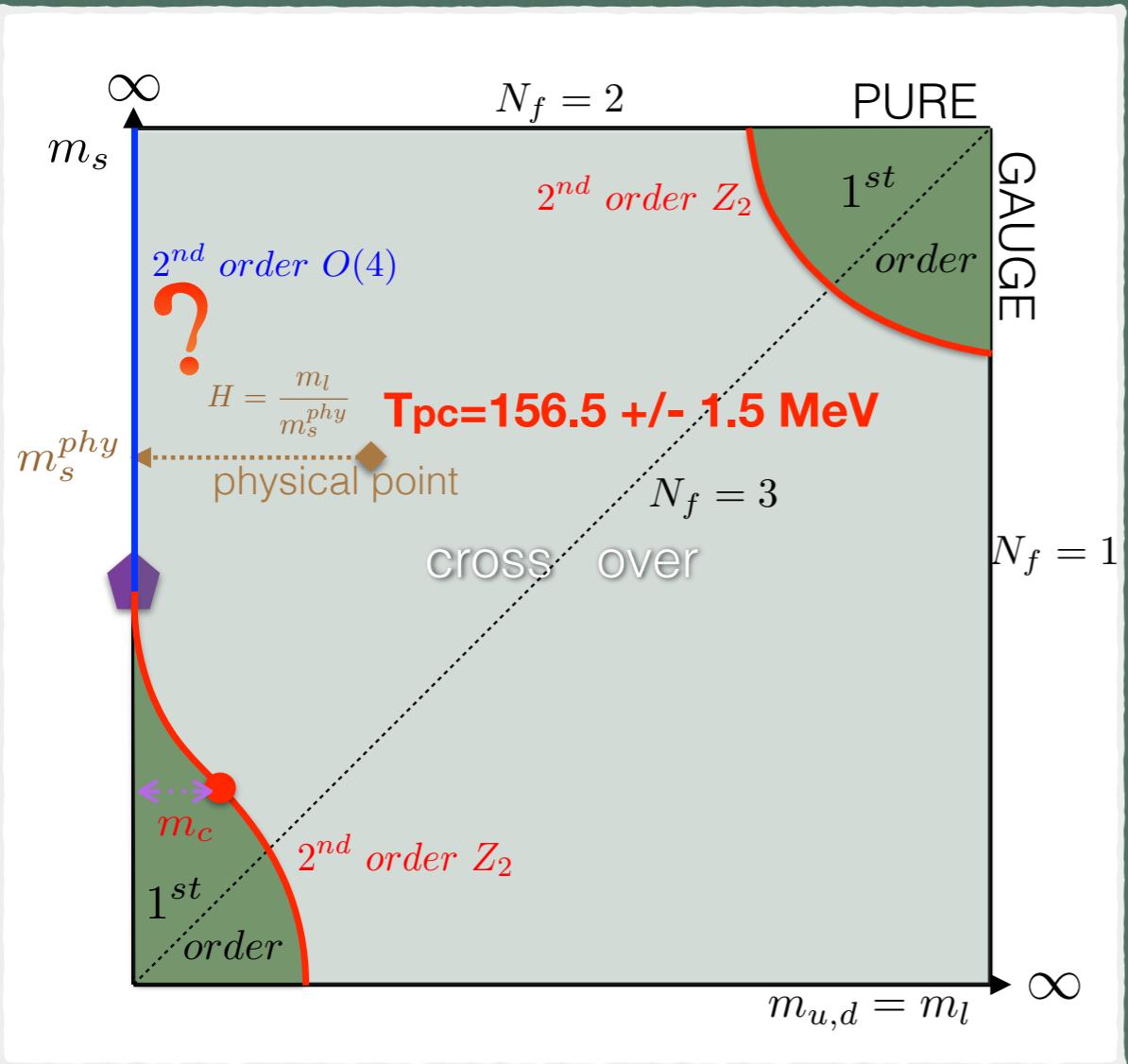
$$SU(2)_L \otimes SU(2)_R \simeq O(4)$$



$$SU(2)_V$$



QCD symmetry & phase transition



Physical point: $T_{pc}=156.5 \pm 1.5 \text{ MeV}$

HotQCD Collaboration: A. Bazavov, ..., S.T. Li et al., Phys.Lett. B795 (2019) 15-21

The order of chiral phase transition ?

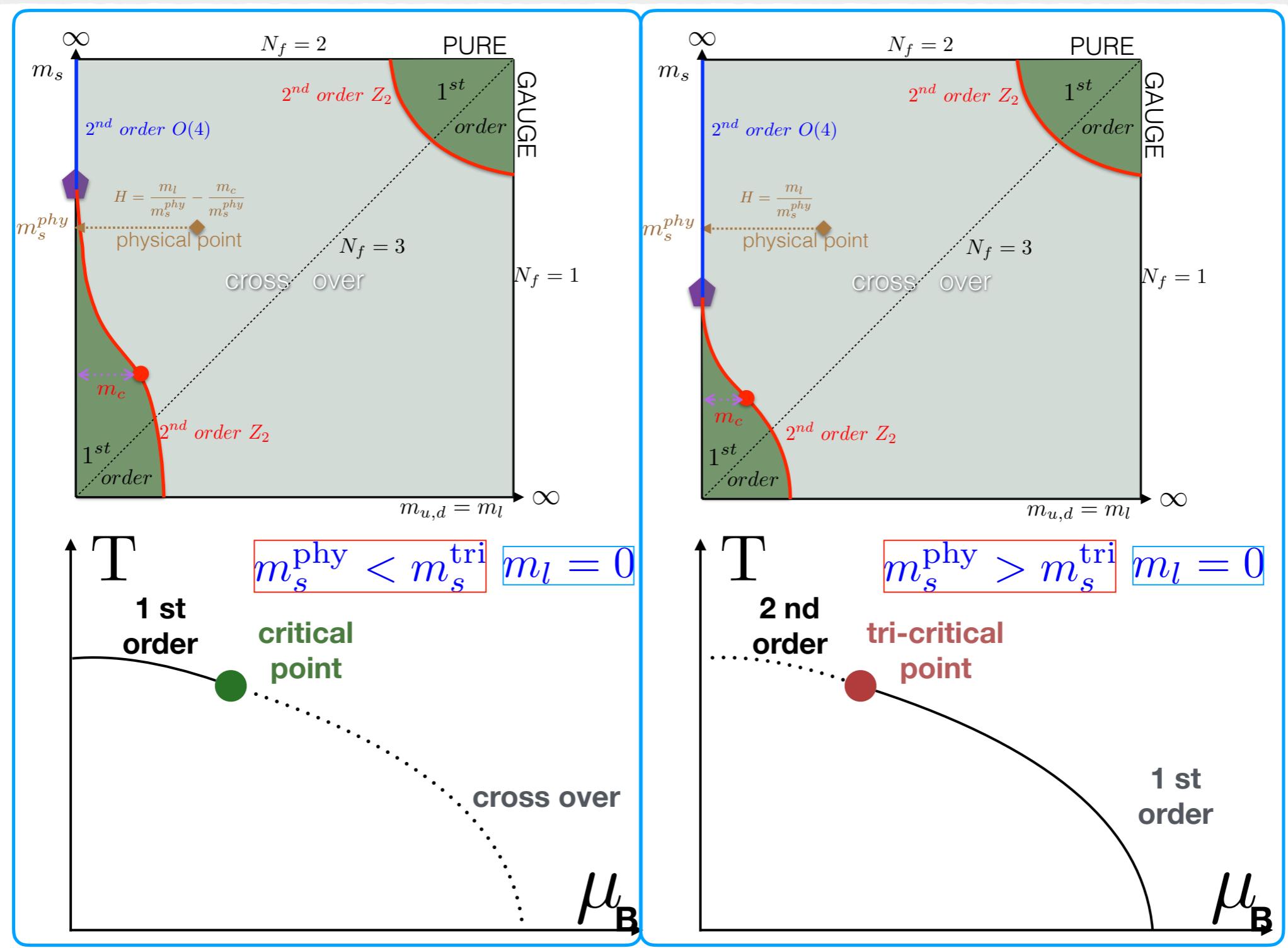
Pisarski R D, Wilczek F, 1984. Phys. Rev. D, 29:338-341

- 1. Second order $O(4)$ if $U_A(1)$ is significant broken**
Butti A, Pelissetto A, Vicari E, 2003, JHEP, 08:029.
Pisarski R D, Wilczek F, 1984.
- 2. First order or Second order if $U_A(1)$ is negligible near T_c^0**
First order: Pisarski R D, Wilczek F, 1984.
Second order:
Grahl M, Rischke D H, 2013. Phys. Rev., D88(5):056014 (FRG)
Pelissetto A, Vicari E, 2013. Phys. Rev., D88(10):105018

Phase transition temperature about 20-30 MeV smaller than T_{pc}

Berges J, Jungnickel D U, Wetterich C, 1999. Phys. Rev. D, 59:034010.
Pelissetto A, Vicari E, 2013. Phys. Rev., D88(10):105018.

Influence to QCD phase structure at $\mu_B > 0$

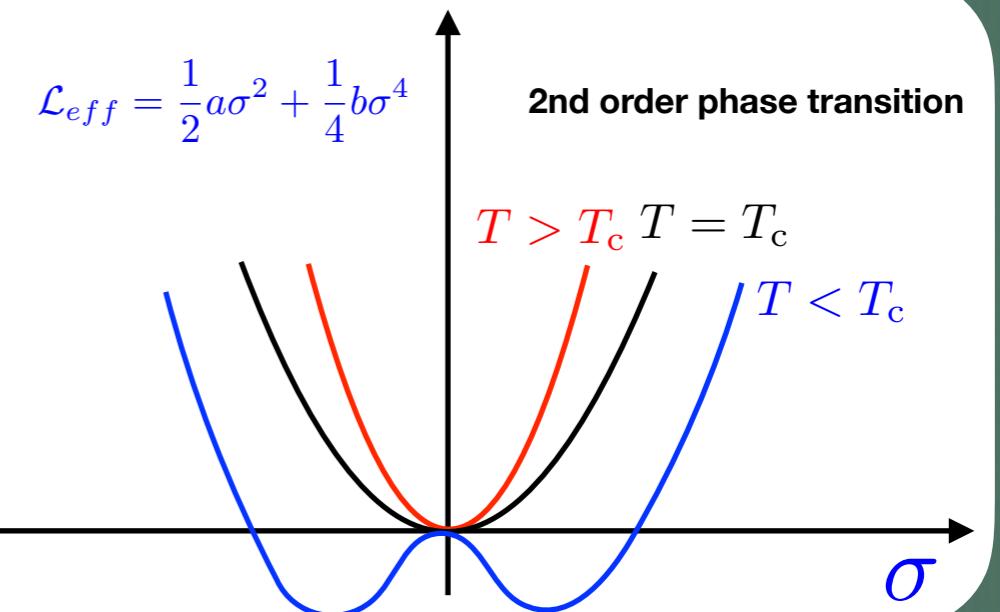


General approaches to study chiral phase transition

Ginzburg-Landau-Wilson approach

$$Z = \int [d\sigma] \exp \left(- \int dx \mathcal{L}_{eff}(\sigma(x); K) \right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \sigma)^2 + \sum_n a_n(K) \sigma^n$$



Landau functional of QCD

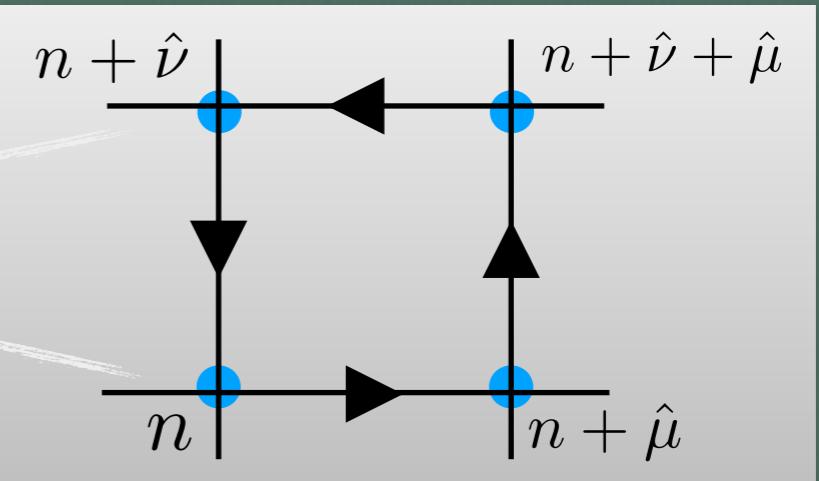
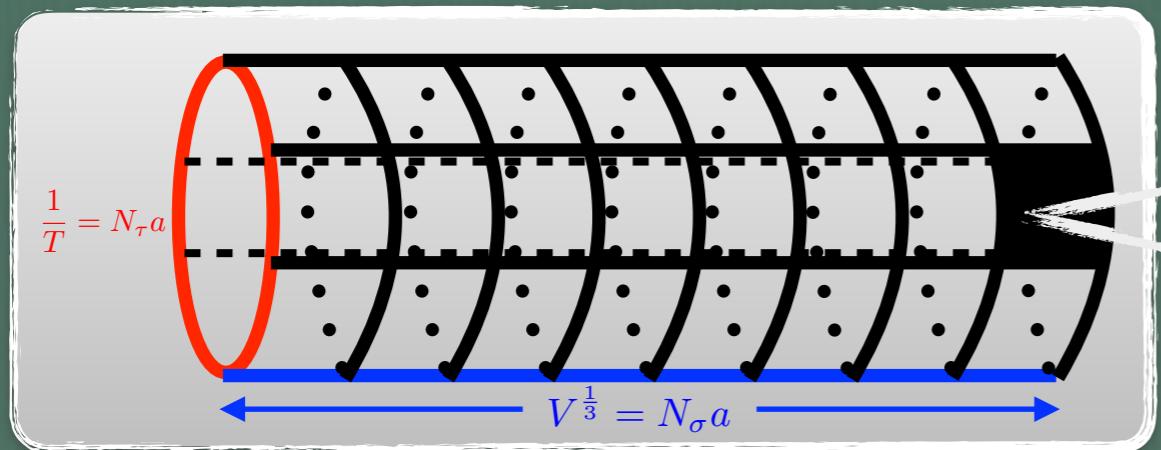
Robert D. Pisarski and Frank Wilczek in 1984

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{eff}^{QCD} = & \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \partial \Phi^\dagger \partial \Phi + \frac{a}{2} \text{tr} \Phi^\dagger \Phi \\ & + \frac{b_1}{4!} (\text{tr} \Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2 + \frac{b_2}{4!} \text{tr} (\Phi^\dagger \Phi) \\ & - \frac{c}{2} (\det \Phi + \det \Phi^\dagger) \\ & - \frac{d}{2} \text{tr} h (\Phi + \Phi^\dagger) \end{aligned}$$



- AdS/CFT
- FRG
- Dyson-Schwinger Equation
- LQCD

Lattice QCD



Why chiral phase transition is hard to study on lattice?

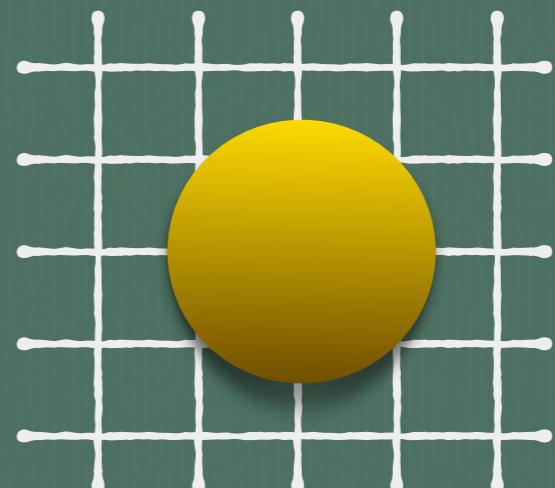
$$\mathcal{Z}(T, V) = \int [DU] \prod_{q=u,d,s} \det M_q[U] e^{-S_G[U]}$$

12N_\sigma^3 \times N_\tau

$$\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle_u = \frac{1}{N_\sigma^3 N_\tau} \frac{\partial \ln Z}{\partial \hat{m}_u} = \langle \text{Tr } M_u^{-1} \rangle$$

$$C_{\text{op}} = k \left(\frac{20 \text{MeV}}{\bar{m}} \right)^{[1-2]} \left(\frac{L}{3 \text{fm}} \right)^{[4-5]} \left(\frac{0.1 \text{fm}}{a} \right)^{[4-6]} \text{Teraflops} \times \text{years}$$

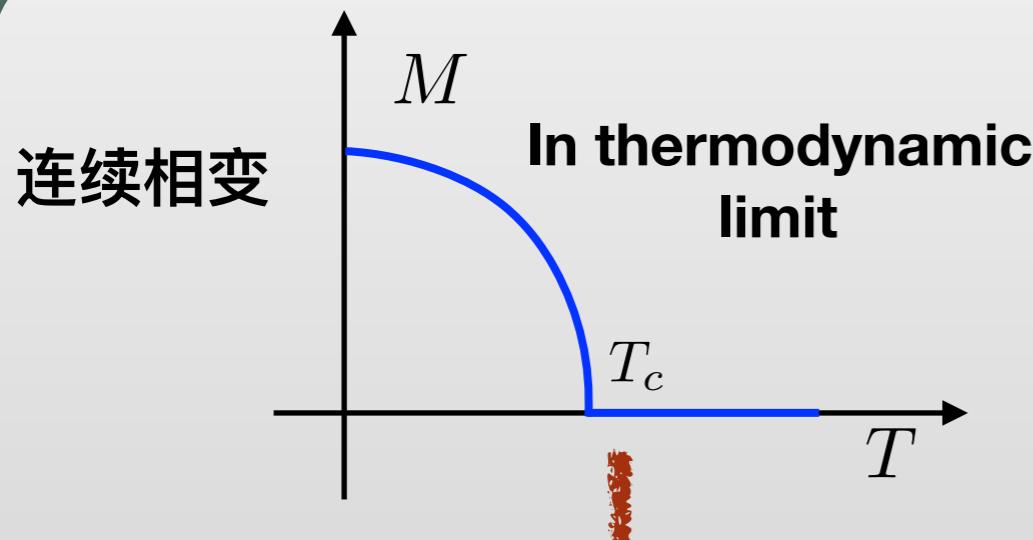
[Karl Jansen, PoS LATTICE2008 \(2008\) 010, arXiv:0810.5634](#)



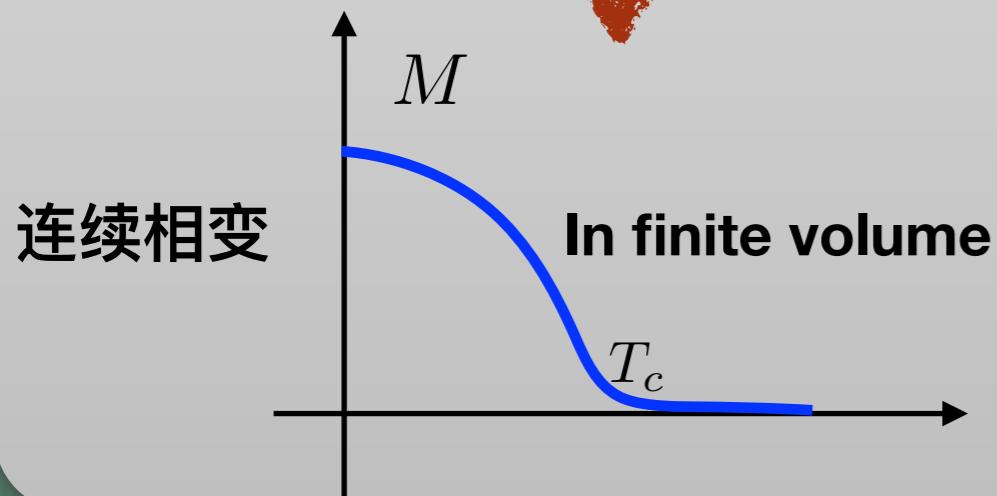
$$N_\sigma a \simeq \frac{\lambda}{2} \propto m_\pi^{-1}$$

★ Access Chiral limit is very hard !

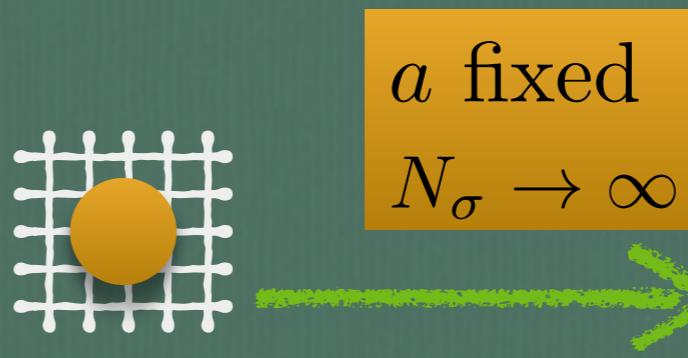
Thermodynamic limit and continuum limit



★ Finite size effects
complicated



Thermodynamic limit



Continuum limit $\Lambda \propto 1/a$



$a \rightarrow 0$, by $N_\tau \rightarrow \infty$
 $V^{\frac{1}{3}} = aN_\sigma = \frac{N_\sigma}{N_\tau T}$ fixed

Magnetic equation of state (MEOS)

General theory

Singular part dominate near T_c

Specific for QCD chiral transition

$$M(t, h) = \boxed{h^{1/\delta} f_G(z) + f_{\text{reg}}} = \boxed{\frac{m_s}{f_K^4} \left[\langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle_l - \frac{2m_l}{m_s} \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle_s \right]}$$

$$\chi_M(t, h) = \frac{\partial M}{\partial H} = H^{-1} h^{1/\delta} f_\chi(z) + \frac{\partial f_{\text{reg}}}{\partial H} = \frac{m_s^2}{f_K^4} \chi_{\text{subtot}}$$

$$f_{\text{reg}} = a_1(T)H + a_3(T)H^3 + \dots, \quad a_i(T) = \left(a_{i0} + a_{i1} \frac{T - T_c}{T_c} + a_{i2} \left[\frac{T - T_c}{T_c} \right]^2 \right)$$

Scaling variables

$$z = t/h^{1/\beta\delta}$$

$$t = \frac{1}{t_0} \frac{T - T_c^0}{T_c^0}$$

$$h = \frac{H}{h_0} = \frac{1}{h_0} \frac{m_l}{m_s}$$

Universal

$$\beta, \delta$$

$$f_G, f_\chi$$

Non-universal

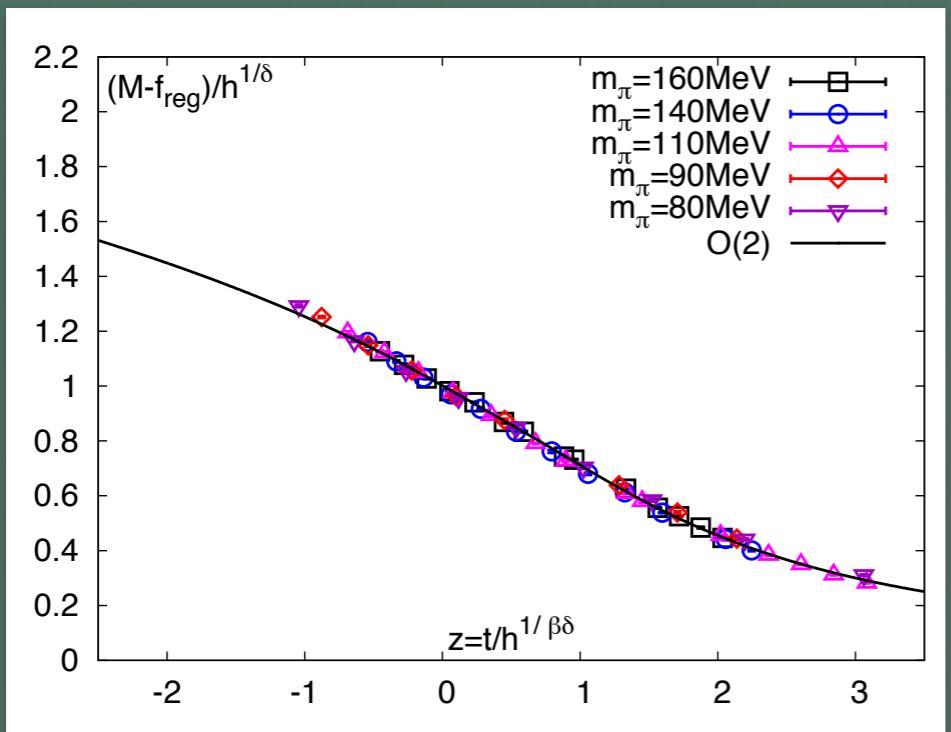
$$t_0, h_0$$

$$a_{ij}, T_c^0$$

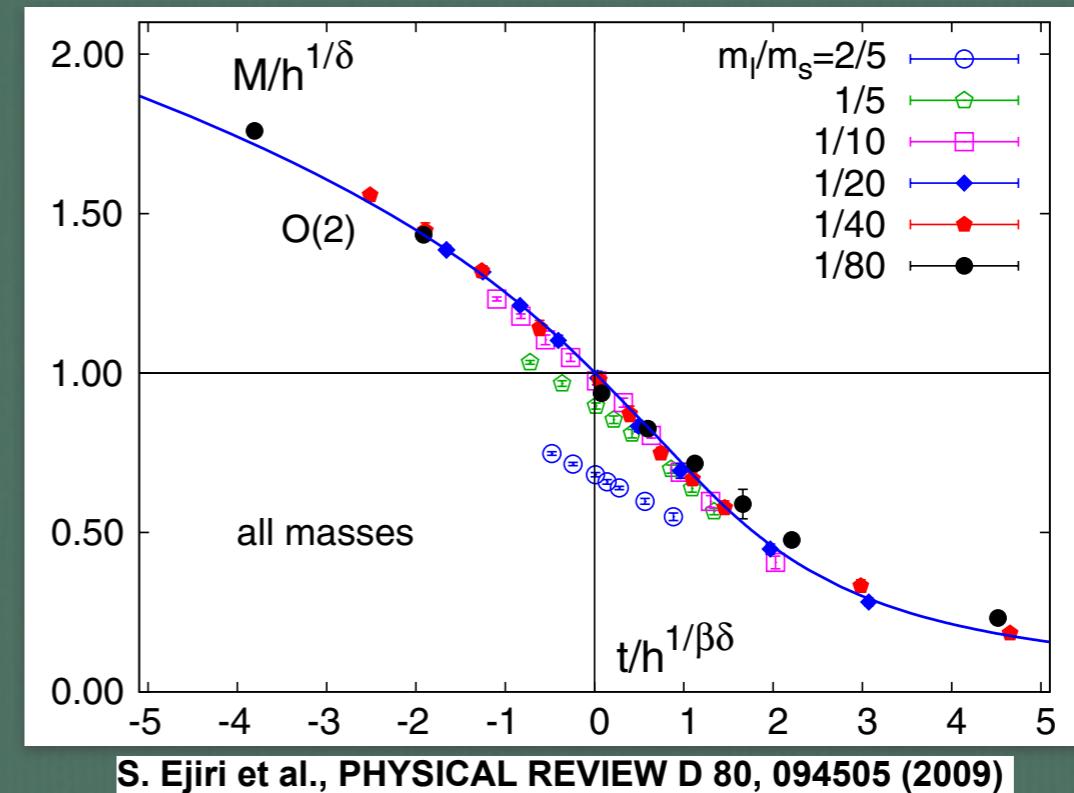
Fundamental quantity of QCD

Problems :
Universality class ?
Finite size effects ?

Magnetic equation of state (MEOS)



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Universal	Non-universal
β, δ	t_0, h_0
f_G, f_χ	a_{ij}, T_c^0

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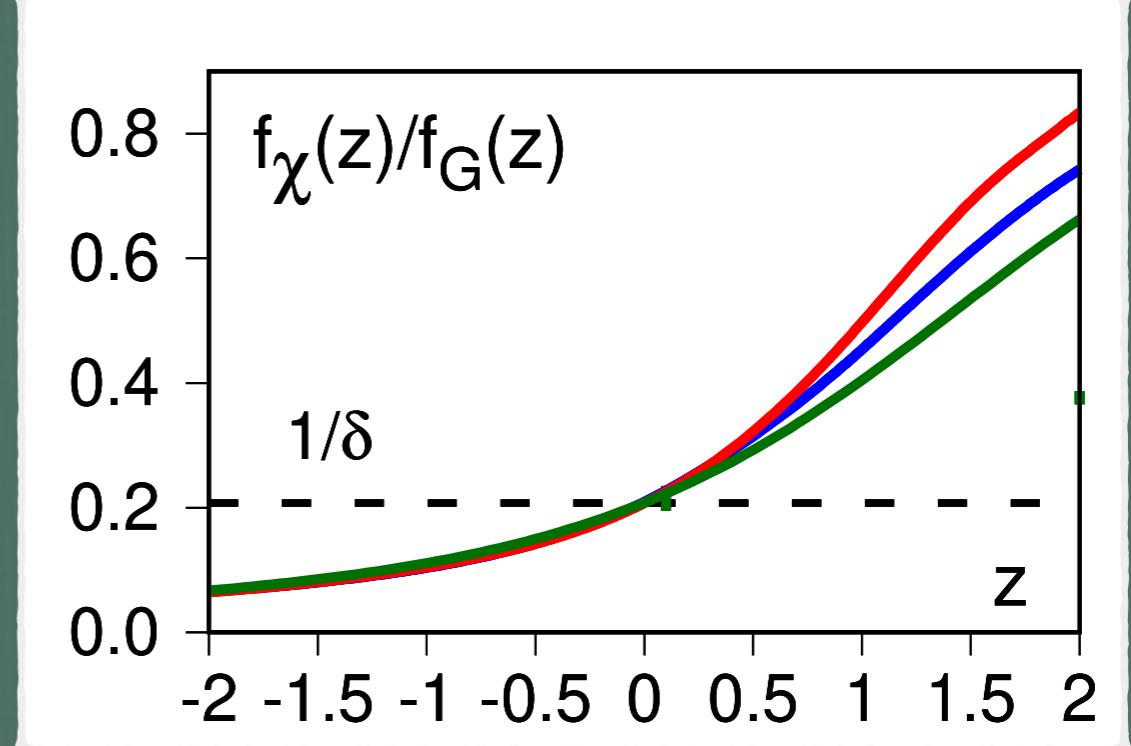
Problems :
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Finite size effects ?

Novel estimators (T_δ and T_{60}) to determine T_c^0

$$\frac{H\chi_M}{M} = \frac{h^{1/\delta} f_\chi(z) + a_1(T)H}{h^{1/\delta} f_G(z) + a_1(T)H}$$

$$\frac{H\chi_M(T_\delta, H, L)}{M(T_\delta, H, L)} = \frac{1}{\delta}$$

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty, H \rightarrow 0} T_\delta = T_c^0$$



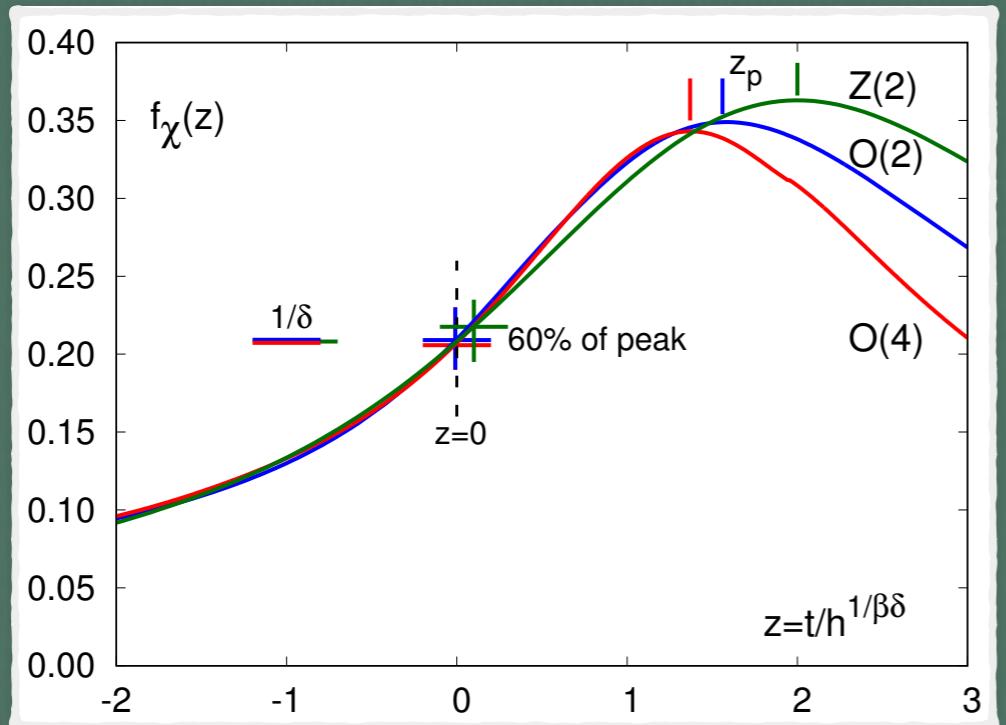
3-d $O(4)$ finite-size scaling functions

$$T_\delta(H, L) = T_c^0 + \frac{H^{1/\beta\delta(1-5.7v)}}{L^{5.7}} B + c_\delta H^{1-1/\delta+1/\beta\delta}, \quad v = 0.7377(41)$$

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Model	δ	β
Z(2)	4.805	0.3258
O(4)	4.824	0.380
O(2)	4.780	0.349

Novel estimators (T_δ and T_{60}) to determine T_c^0



$$\chi_M(T_{60}, H) = 0.6 \chi_M^{\max}$$

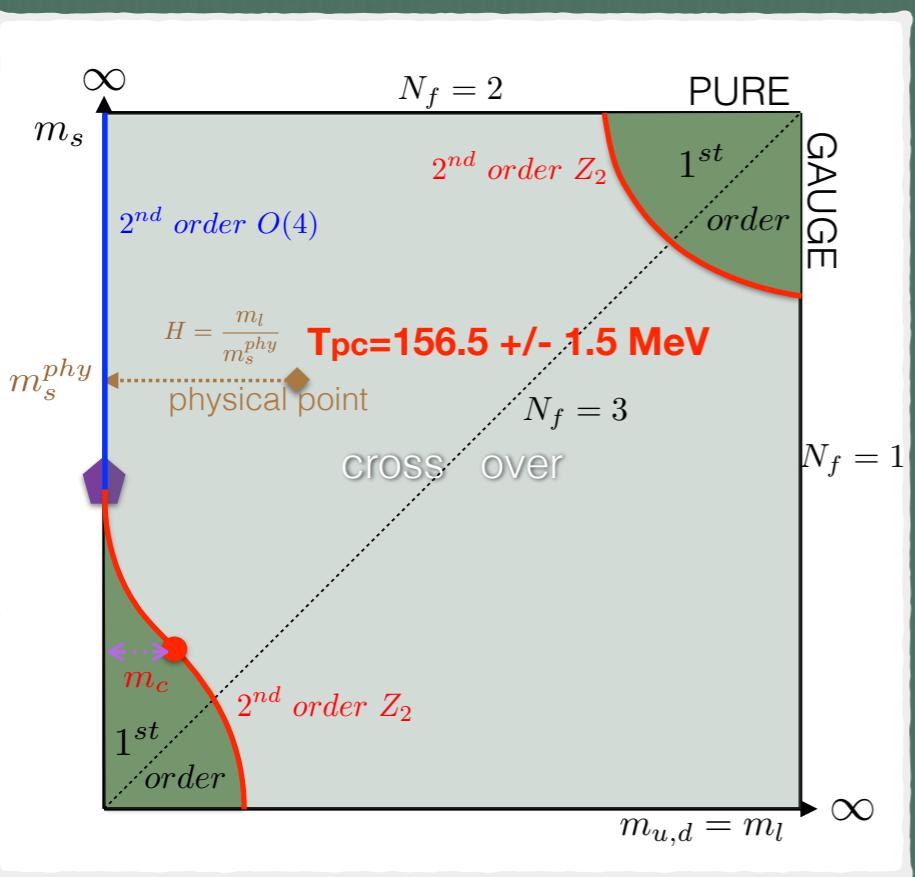
3-d O(4) finite-size scaling functions

$$T_{60}(H, L) = T_c^0 + \frac{H^{1/\beta\delta(1-5.7v)}}{L^{5.7}} B + c_{60} H^{1-1/\delta+1/\beta\delta}, \quad v = 0.7377(41)$$

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Model	z_p	z_{60}
Z(2)	2.0	0.1
O(4)	1.37	-0.01
O(2)	1.56	-0.009

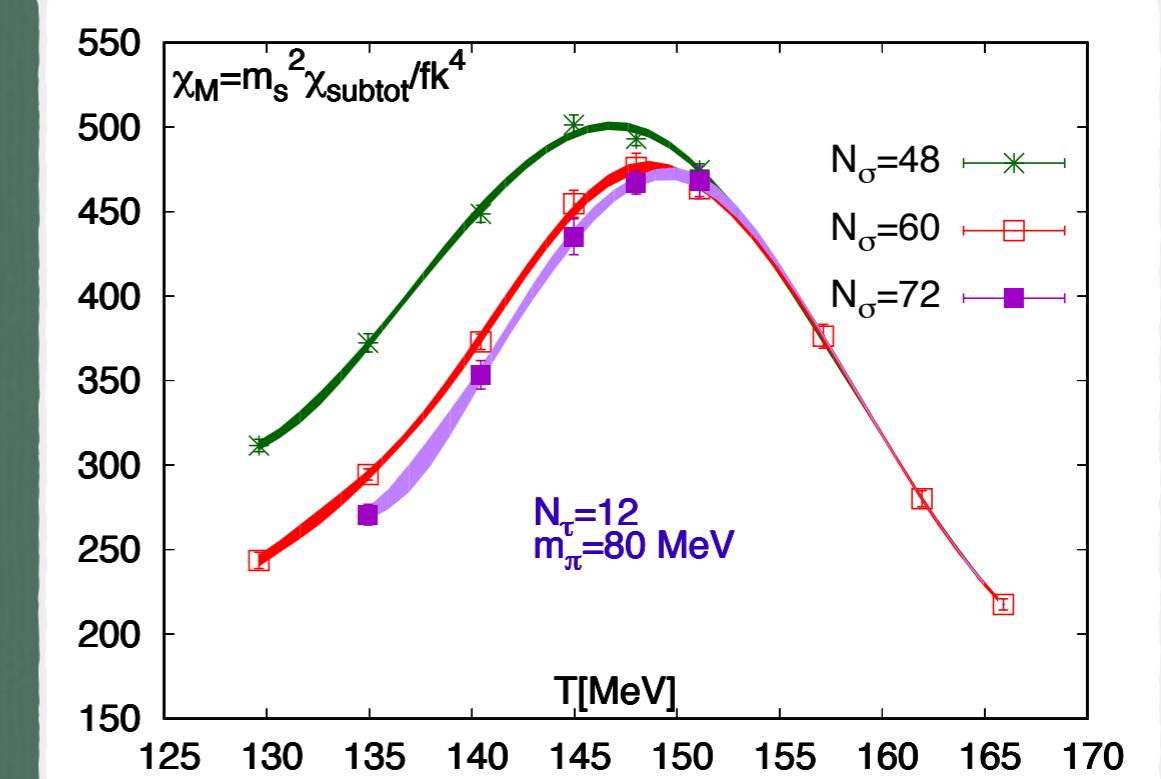
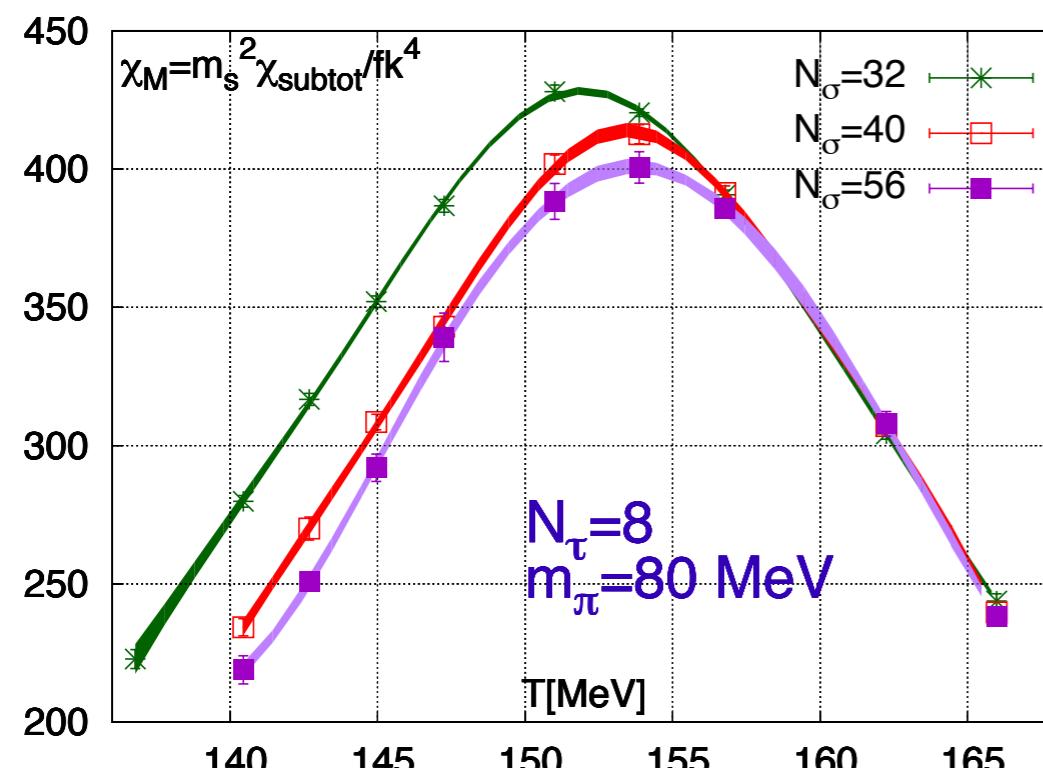
Lattice Setup



- * The strange quark mass is fixed at its physical value
- * 4-5 values of quark masses are chosen correspond to $55 \text{ MeV} \leq m_\pi \leq 160 \text{ MeV}$ to approach the chiral limit
- * $N_\tau = 6, 8, 12$ allow us to perform continuum limit
- * Three different N_s values are chosen to perform the thermodynamic limit

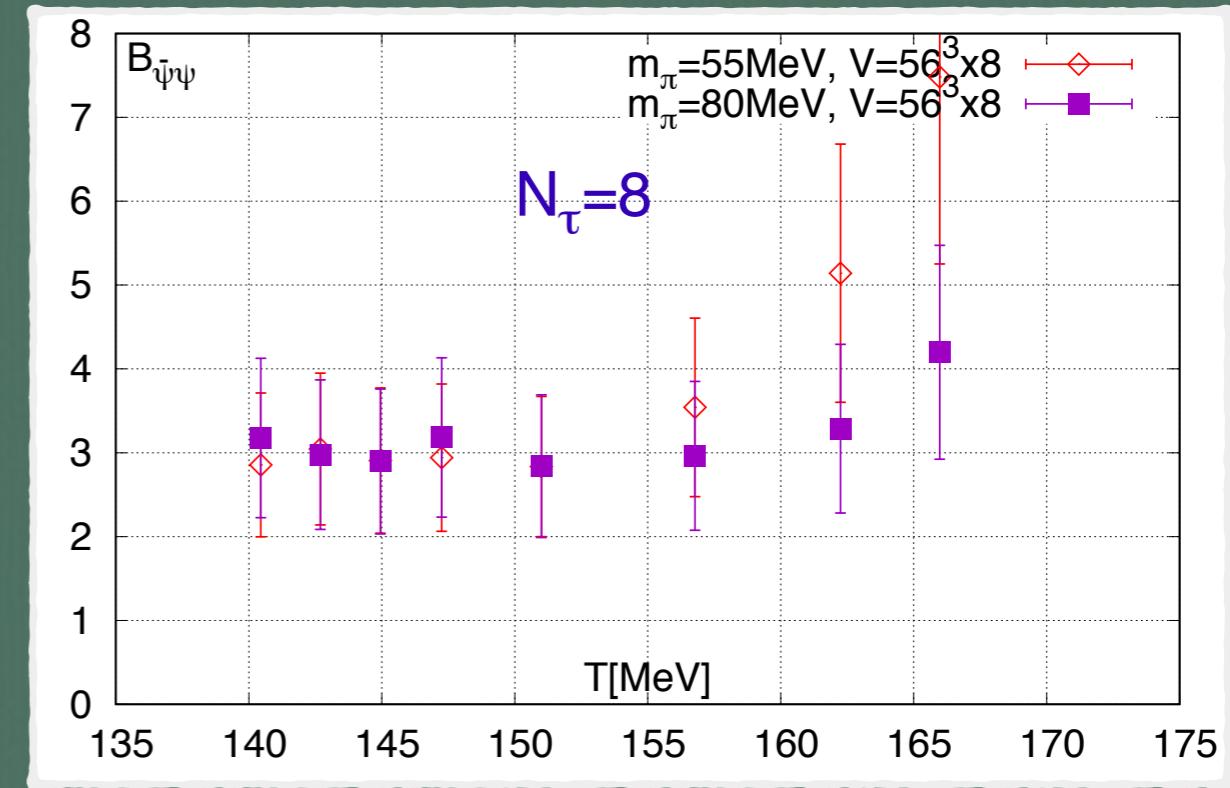
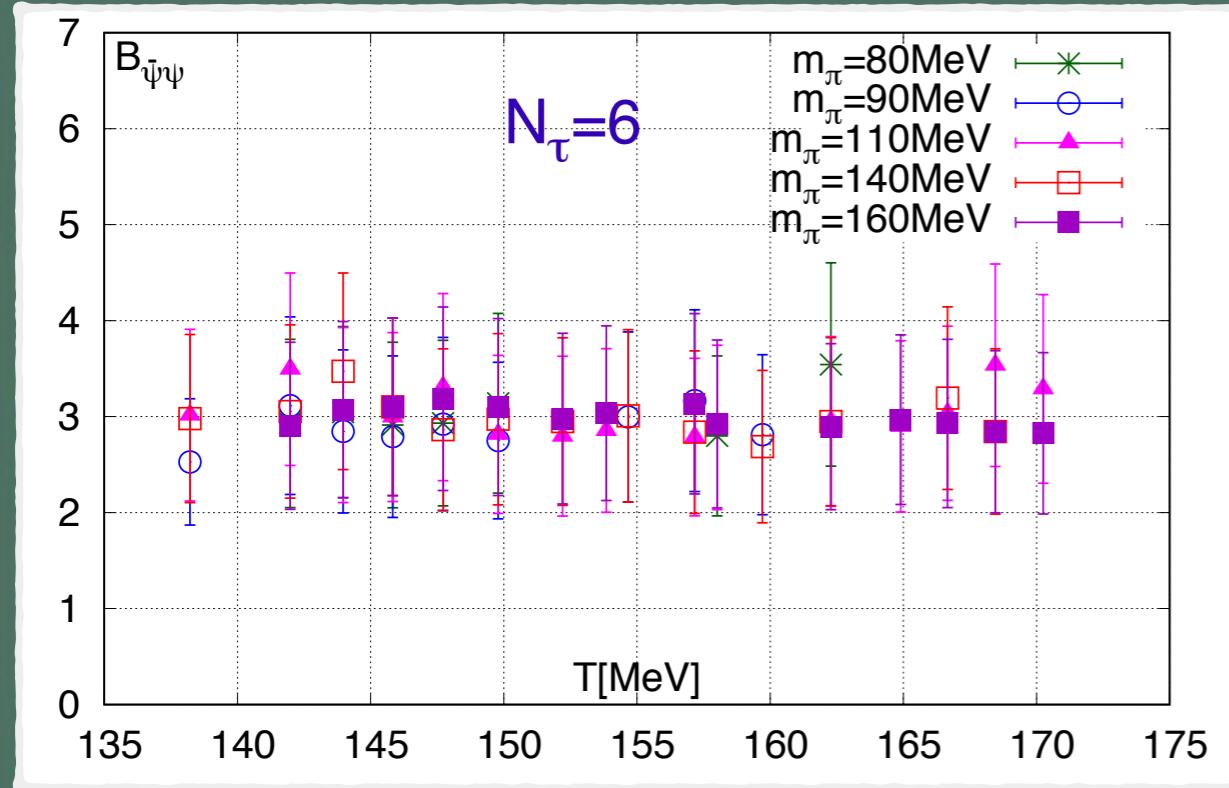
N_t	m_s^{phy}/m_l window	m_π window	N_σ/N_τ window	Computing source
6	[20, 80]	[80, 160] MeV	[4, 8]	Jefferson Lab
8	[20, 160]	[55, 160] MeV	[4, 7]	cscs Centro Svizzero di Calcolo Scientifico Swiss National Supercomputing Centre
12	[20, 80]	[80, 160] MeV	[4, 6]	NSCC Nuclear Science Computing Center at CCNU

The volume dependence of the chiral susceptibility



- ★ Chiral susceptibility does not grow linearly in volume
- ★ No evidence for first order phase transition was found in the current pion mass window $m_\pi \geq 80$ MeV

Binder cumulant of chiral order parameter

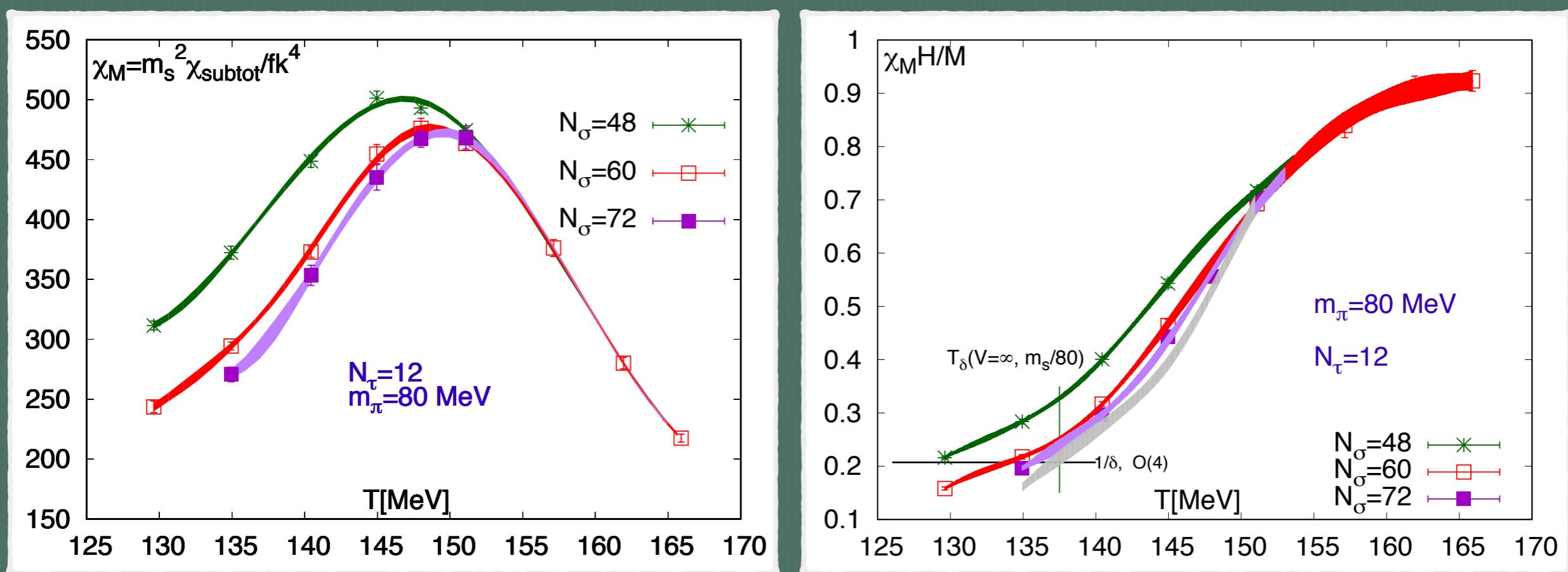


Model	$B_{\bar{\psi}\psi}$
Z(2)	1.604(2)
O(2)	1.242(2)
O(4)	1.092(3)
1 st crossover	1 3

$$B_X = \langle (X - \langle X \rangle)^4 \rangle / \langle (X - \langle X \rangle)^2 \rangle^2$$

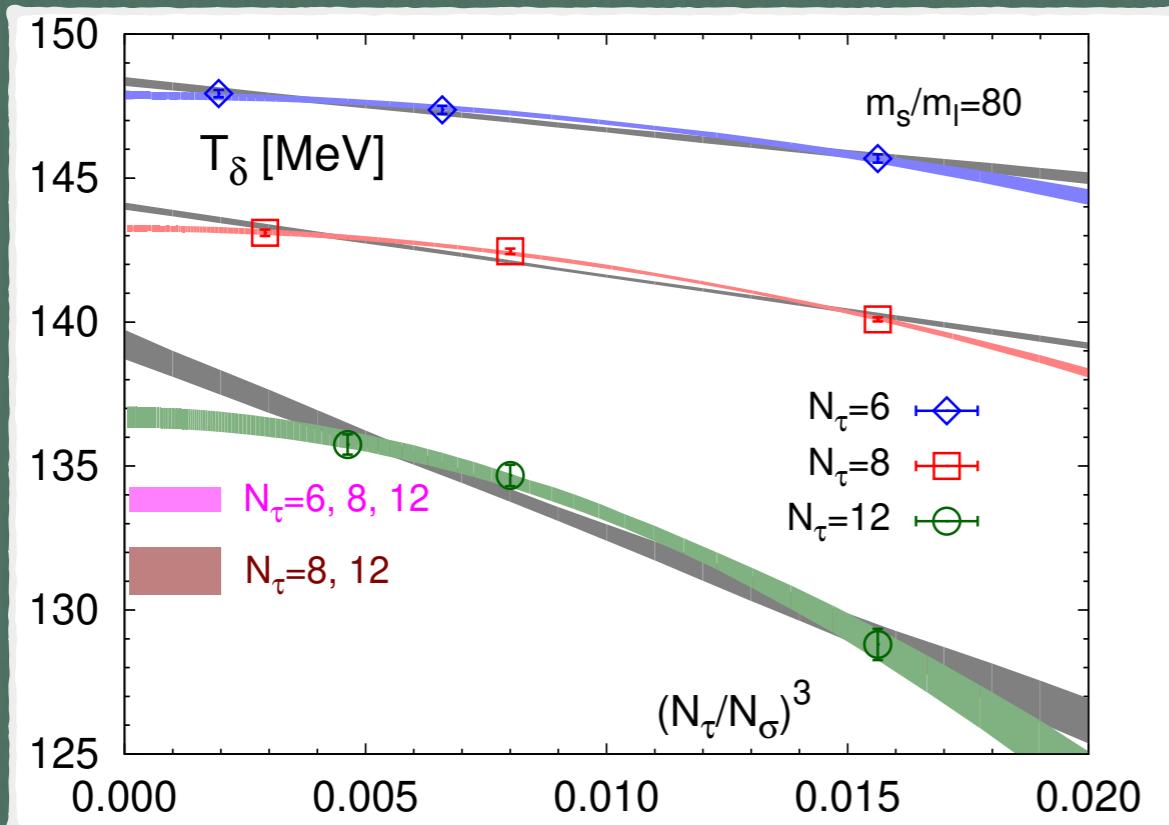
The Binder cumulant suggest the transition is crossover in the pion mass window [55, 160] MeV

Study T_c^0 by T_{60} and T_δ



$\frac{m_s}{m_l}$	$N_\sigma^3 \times N_\tau$	T_{pc}	T_{60}	T_δ
80	$48^3 \times 12$	147.0 ± 0.1	128.7 ± 0.6	128.8 ± 0.4
80	$60^3 \times 12$	148.7 ± 0.1	134.2 ± 0.4	133.9 ± 0.4
80	$72^3 \times 12$	149.5 ± 0.3	136.3 ± 0.5	135.6 ± 0.3

Thermodynamic limit → Continuum limit → Chiral limit



0(4) Thermodynamic limit

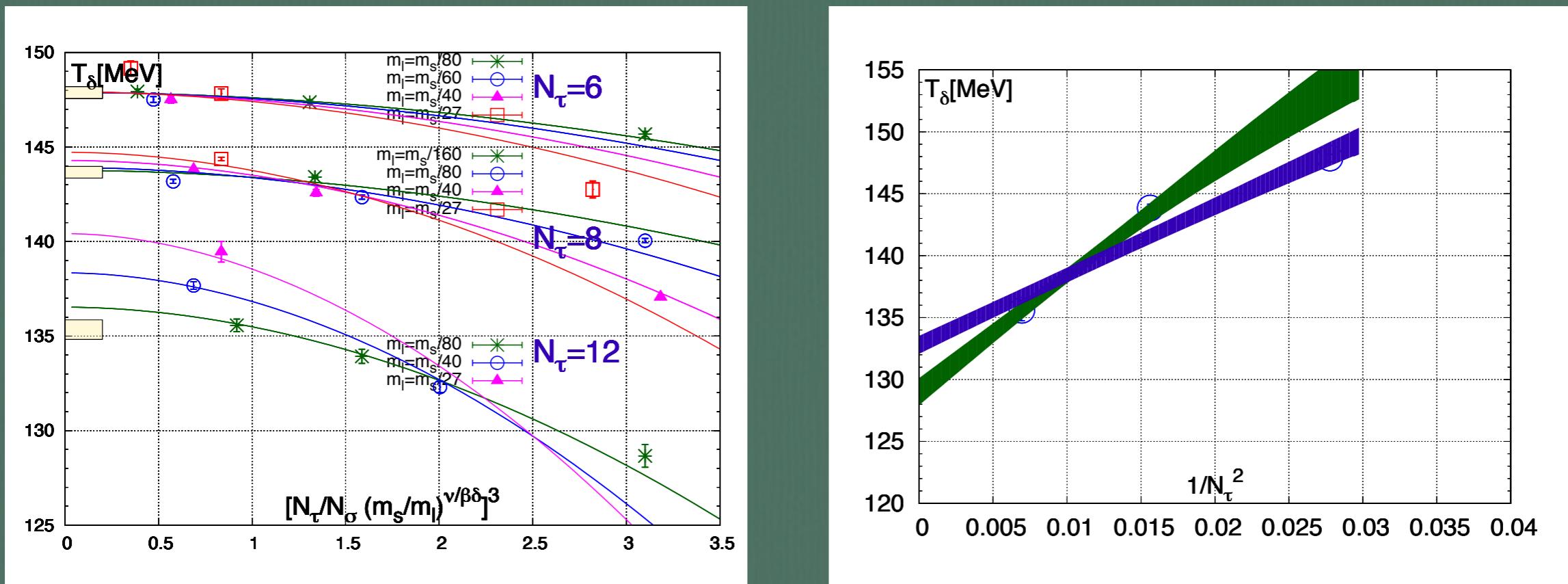
$$T_\delta (H = H_0, L) = T_c^0 (H_0) + \frac{B'}{L^{5.7}}$$

0(4) Chiral limit

$$T_\delta (H, L \rightarrow \infty) = T_c^0 + c_\delta H^{1-1/\delta+1/\beta\delta}$$

- ★ $T_c^0 = 131.6 \pm 0.9$ MeV, by $N_t = 6, 8, 12$
- ★ $T_c^0 = 128.6 \pm 1.7$ MeV, by $N_t = 8, 12$

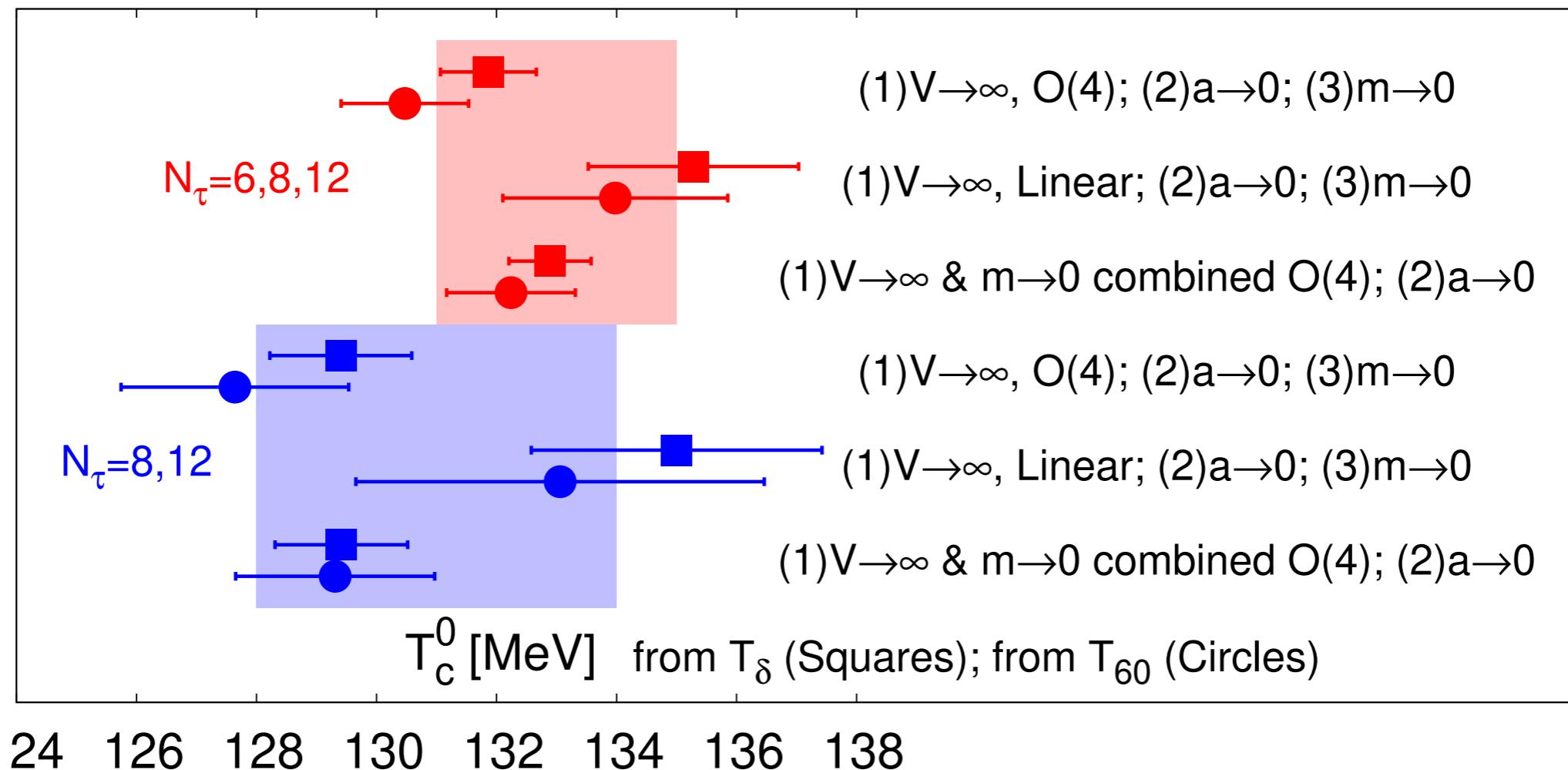
Thermodynamic limit+Chiral limit → Continuum limit



$$T_\delta(H, L) = T_c^0 + \frac{H^{1/\beta\delta(1-5.7v)}}{L^{5.7}} B + c_\delta H^{1-1/\delta+1/\beta\delta}, \quad v = 0.7377(41)$$

- ★ $T_c^0 = 132.8 \pm 0.9$ MeV, by $N_\tau = 6, 8, 12$
- ★ $T_c^0 = 128.9 \pm 1.3$ MeV, by $N_\tau = 8, 12$

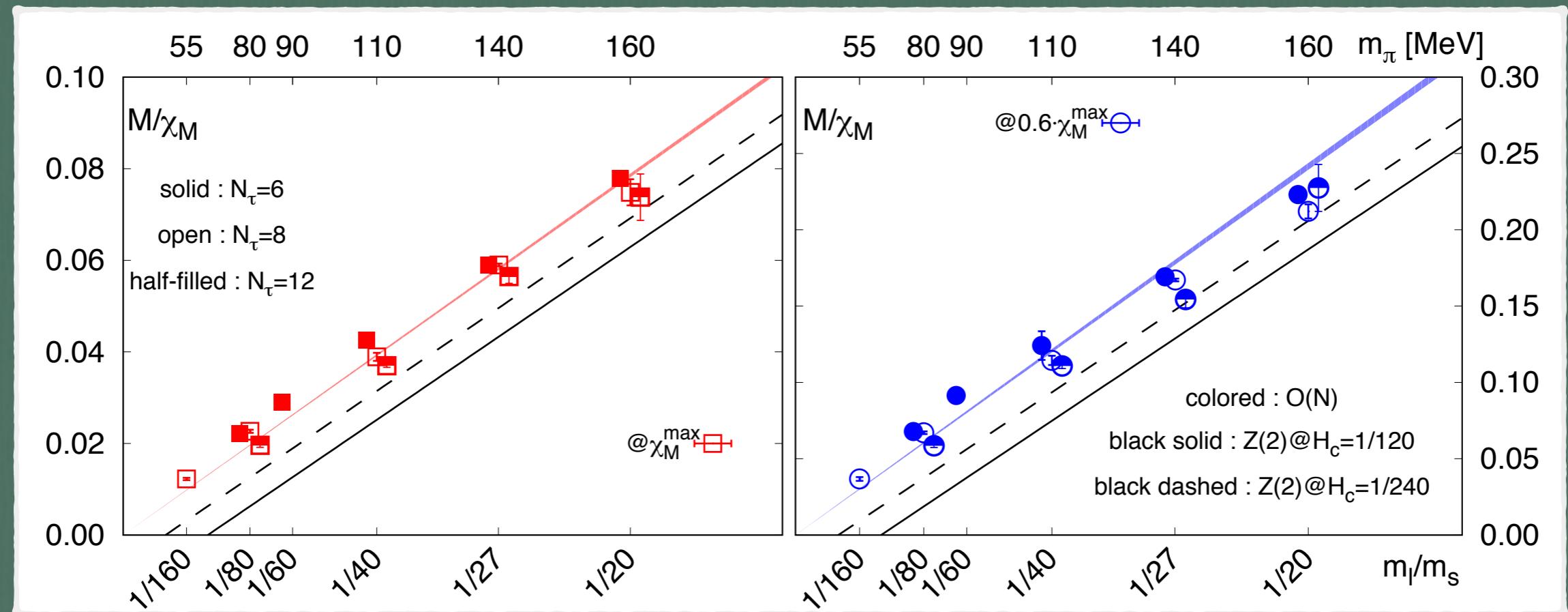
Final estimation of T_c^0



We present our Final estimate: $T_c^0 = 132^{+3}_{-6} \text{ MeV}$

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Order of chiral phase transition in the chiral limit



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For $Z(2)$ case:

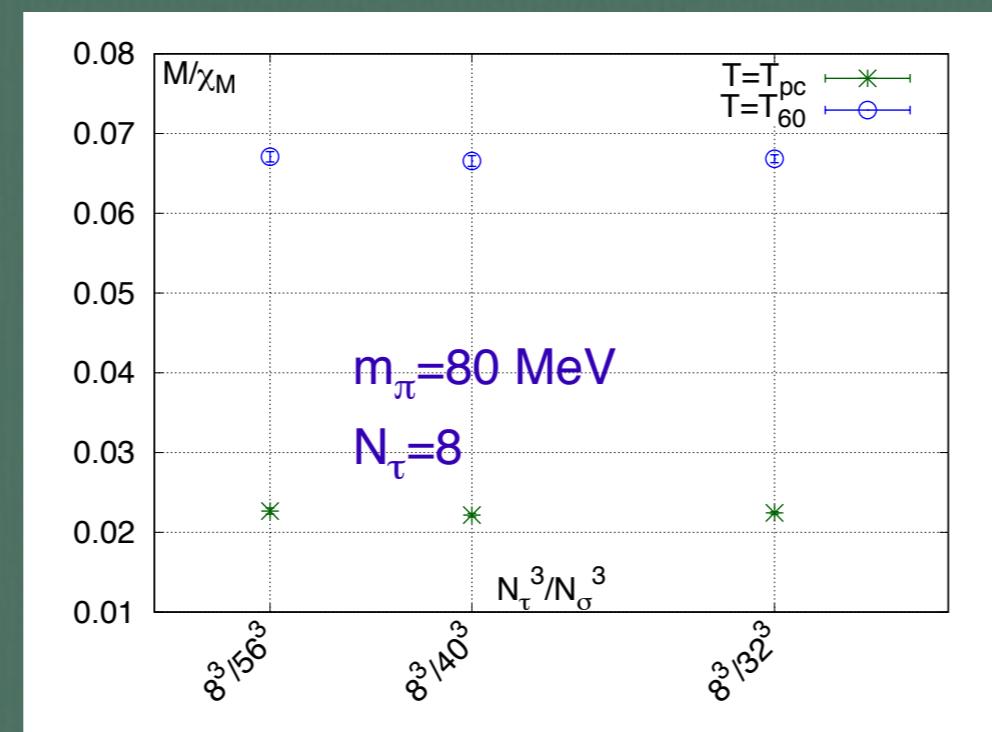
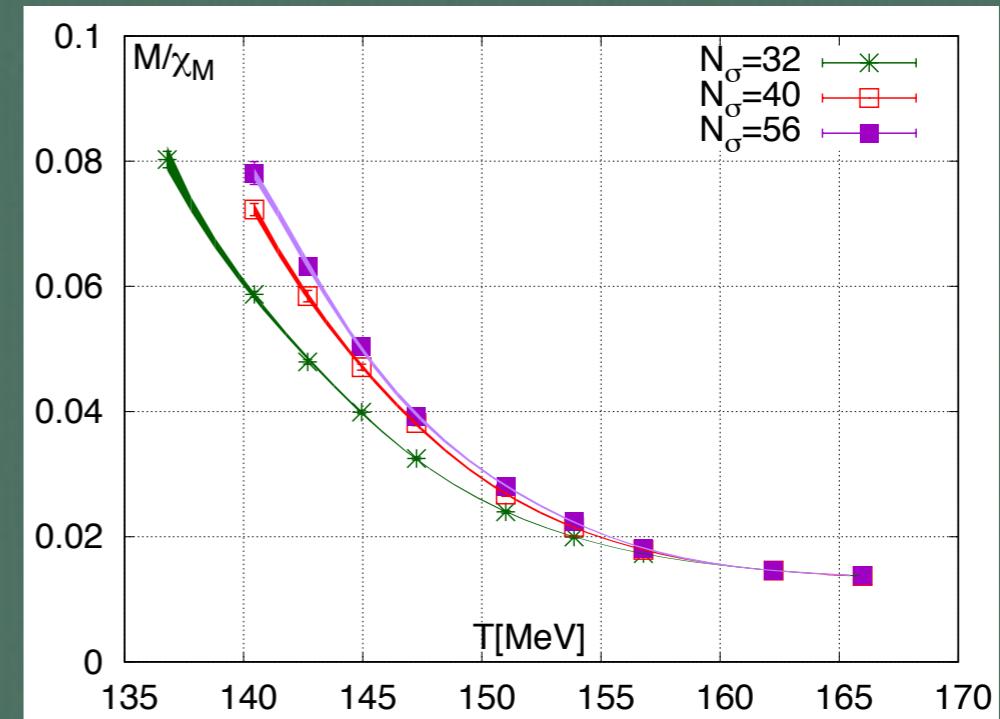
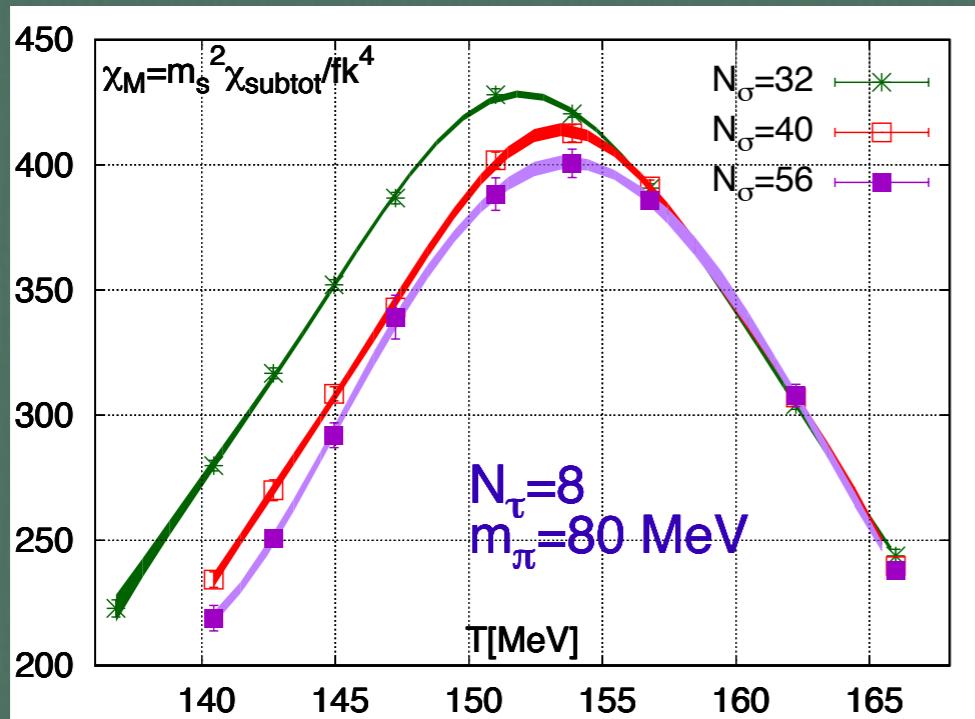
$$\frac{M}{\chi_M} = \frac{m_l - m_c}{m_s} \frac{f_G(z)}{f_\chi(z)}$$

$f_G(z)/f_\chi(z)$ at $z \simeq 0$ and z_p is a number fixed by universality class



Second order $O(4)$

Volume dependence of M/χ_M at T_{pc} and T_{60}



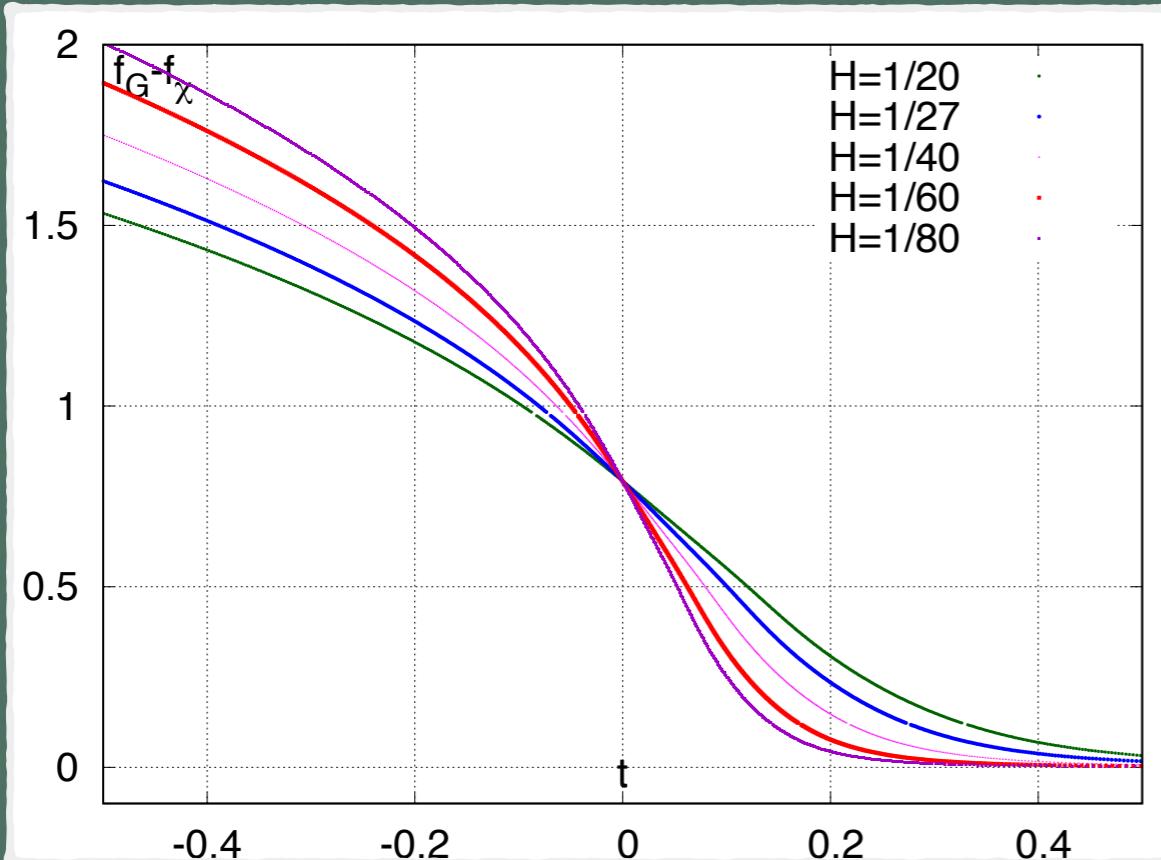
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Backup

Novel estimators $f_G(z) - f_\chi(z)$ to determine T_c^0

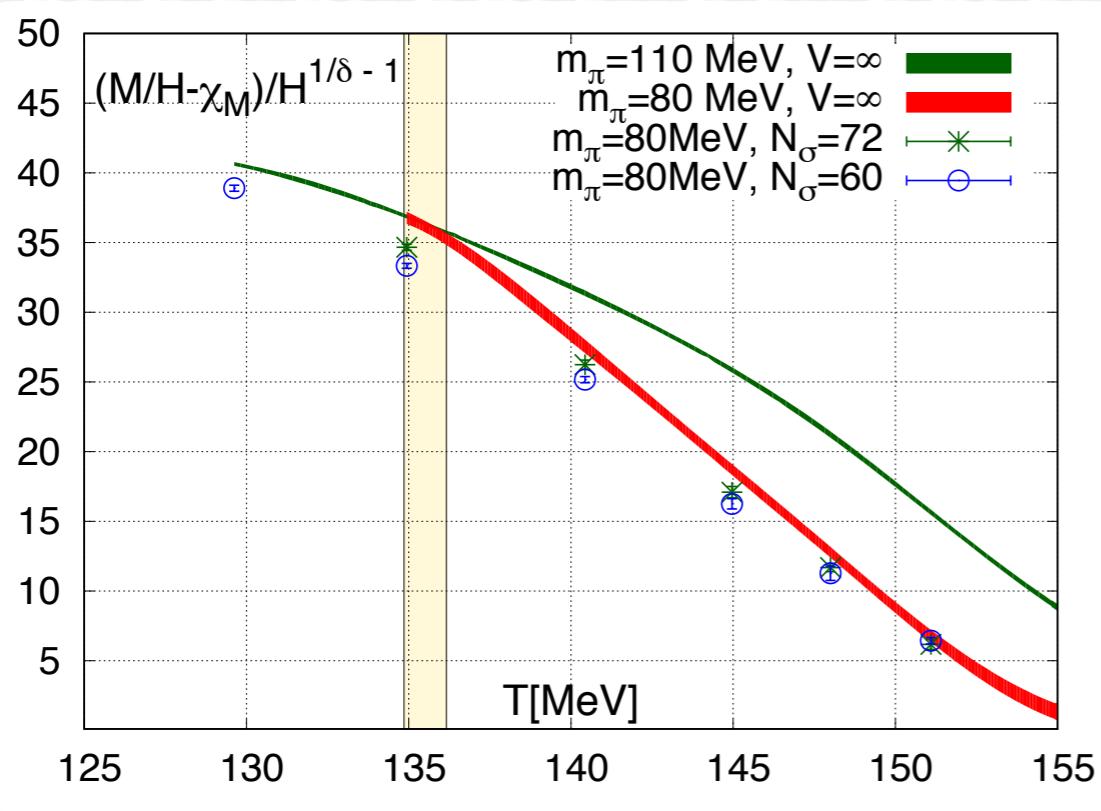
$$\begin{aligned} M/H - \chi_M &= \left(H^{-1} h^{1/\delta} f_G(z) + a_1(T) \right) - \left(H^{-1} h^{1/\delta} f_\chi(z) + a_1(T) \right) \\ &= H^{-1} h^{1/\delta} (f_G - f_\chi) \end{aligned}$$

$$(M/H - \chi_M) / H^{1/\delta - 1} = \text{constant (at } T_c^0\text{)}$$

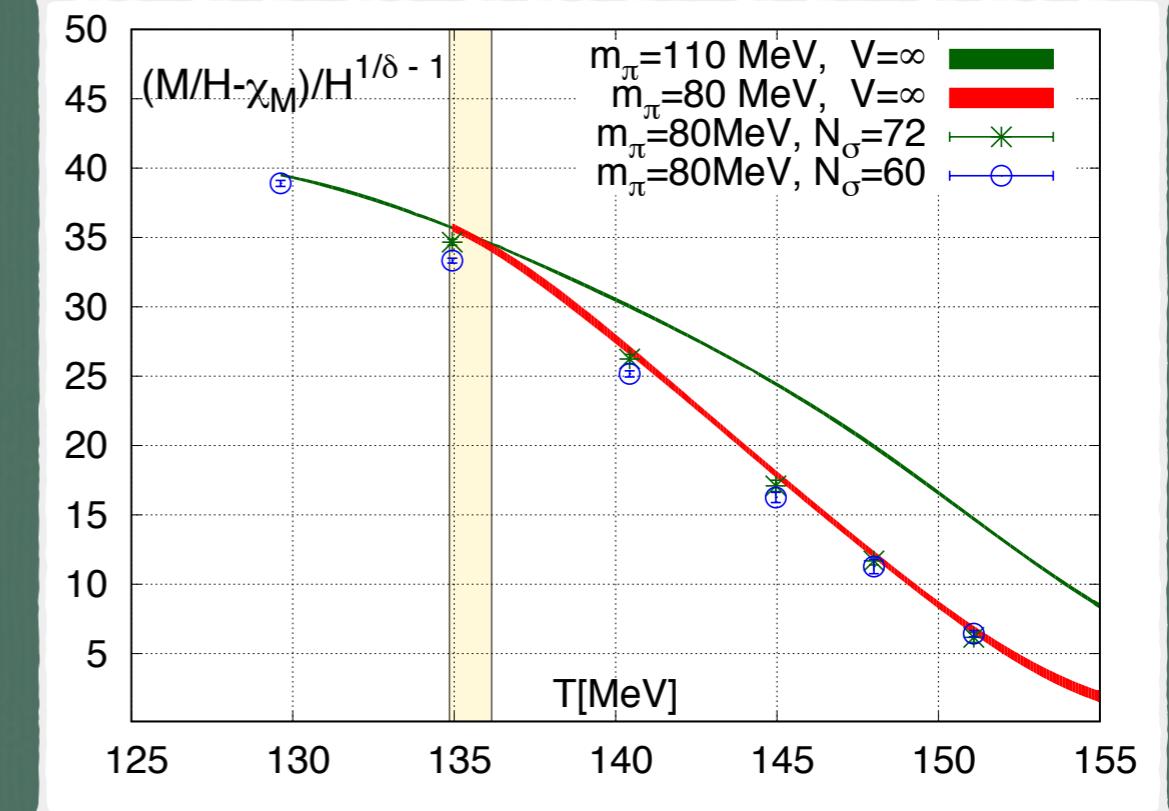


- ★ For O(4), Z(2), $1/\delta$ is only 0.4% difference
- ★ Linear quark mass terms in M are subtracted

Sanity check by looking at $f_G(z) - f_X(z)$



Linear thermodynamic limit



O(4) thermodynamic limit

The crossing point located in the T_c^0 range we have estimated