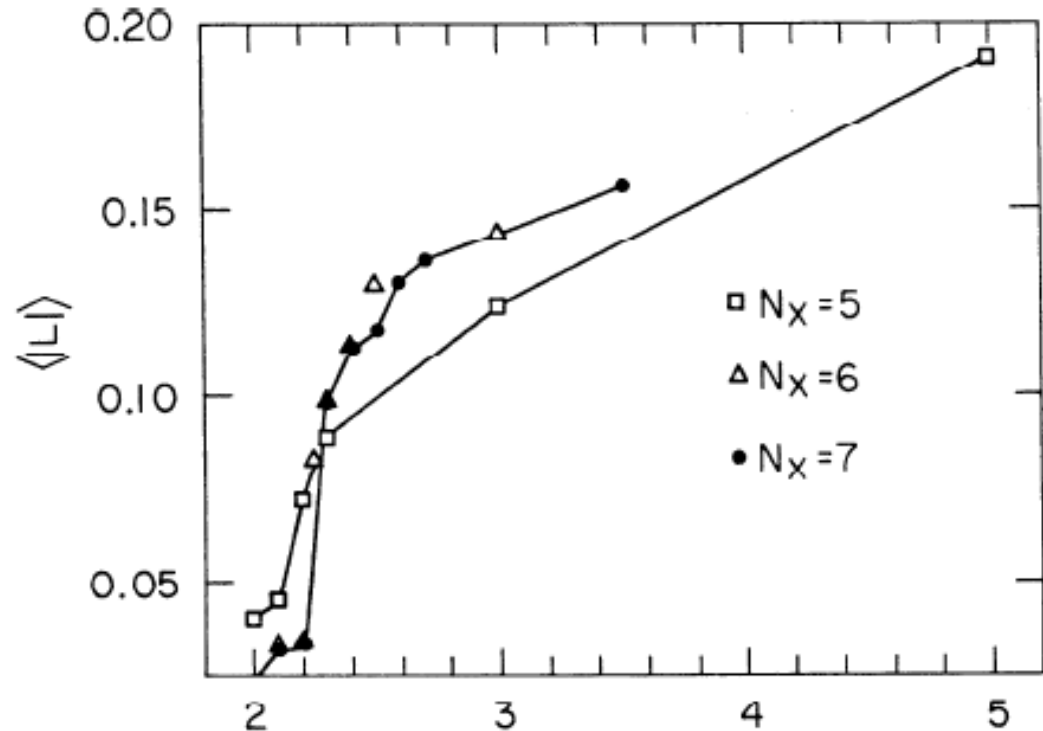


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# Polyakov loop and QCD critical dynamics



Professor Larry McLerran (2017)

Larry, in collaboration with Ben Svetitsky, introduced Polyakov loop as an order parameter for deconfinement in  $SU(N)$  gauge theory

- Deconfinement in  $SU(N)$  gauge theory and Polyakov loop Fluctuations
- Modelling deconfinement in the limit of heavy quarks at finite density and magnetic field
- Polyakov loop fluctuations in the presence of dynamical quarks

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# Polyakov loop on the lattice needs renormalization

- Introduce Polyakov loop:

$$L \Rightarrow c_N L$$

$$c_N = e^{2\pi i k/N} \in Z(N)$$

$$L_{\vec{x}}^{\text{bare}} = \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr} \prod_{\tau=1}^{N_\tau} U_{(\vec{x}, \tau), 4}$$

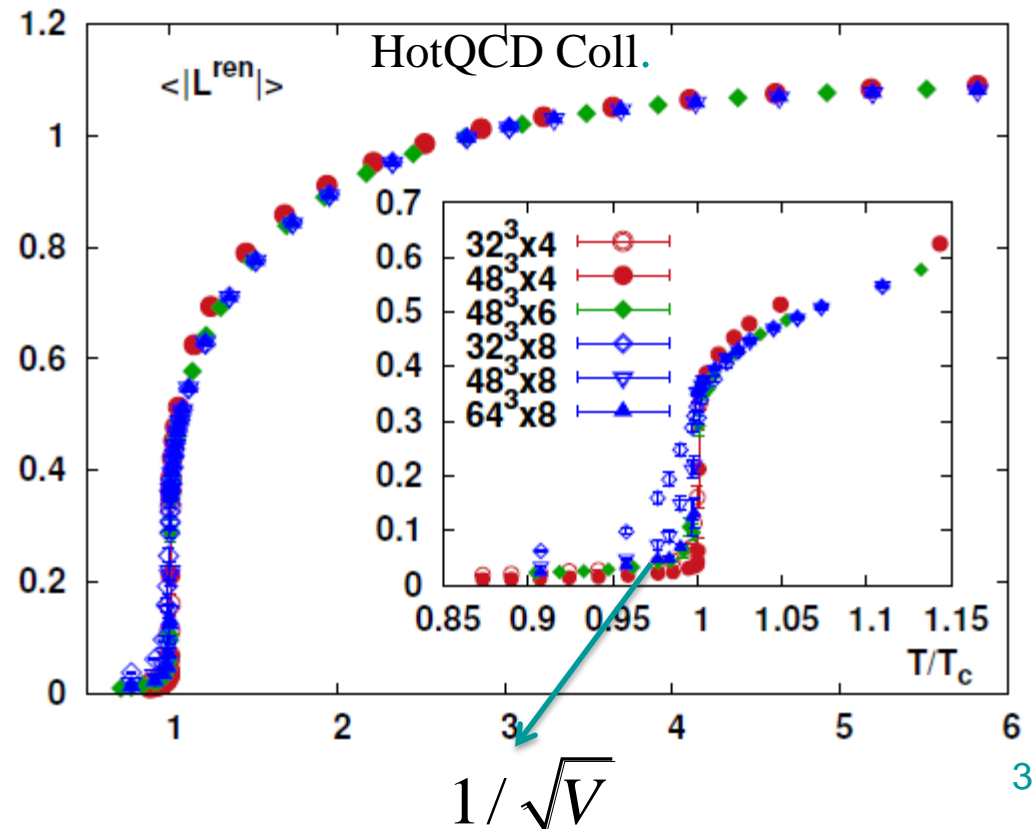
$$\langle |L^{\text{ren}}| \rangle = e^{-\beta F_q^{\text{ren}}} \rightarrow \begin{cases} \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{deconfined } T > T_c \\ 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{confined } T < T_c \end{cases}$$

$$L^{\text{bare}} = \frac{1}{N_\sigma^3} \sum_{\vec{x}} L_{\vec{x}}^{\text{bare}}$$

- Renormalized ultraviolet divergence

$$L^{\text{ren}} = (Z(g^2))^{N_\tau} L^{\text{bare}}$$

- Usually one takes  $\langle |L^{\text{ren}}| \rangle$  as an order parameter



# To probe deconfinement : consider fluctuations

- Fluctuations of modulus of the Polyakov loop

$$T^3 \chi_A = \frac{N_\sigma^3}{N_\tau^3} \left( \langle |L^{\text{ren}}|^2 \rangle - \langle |L^{\text{ren}}| \rangle^2 \right)$$

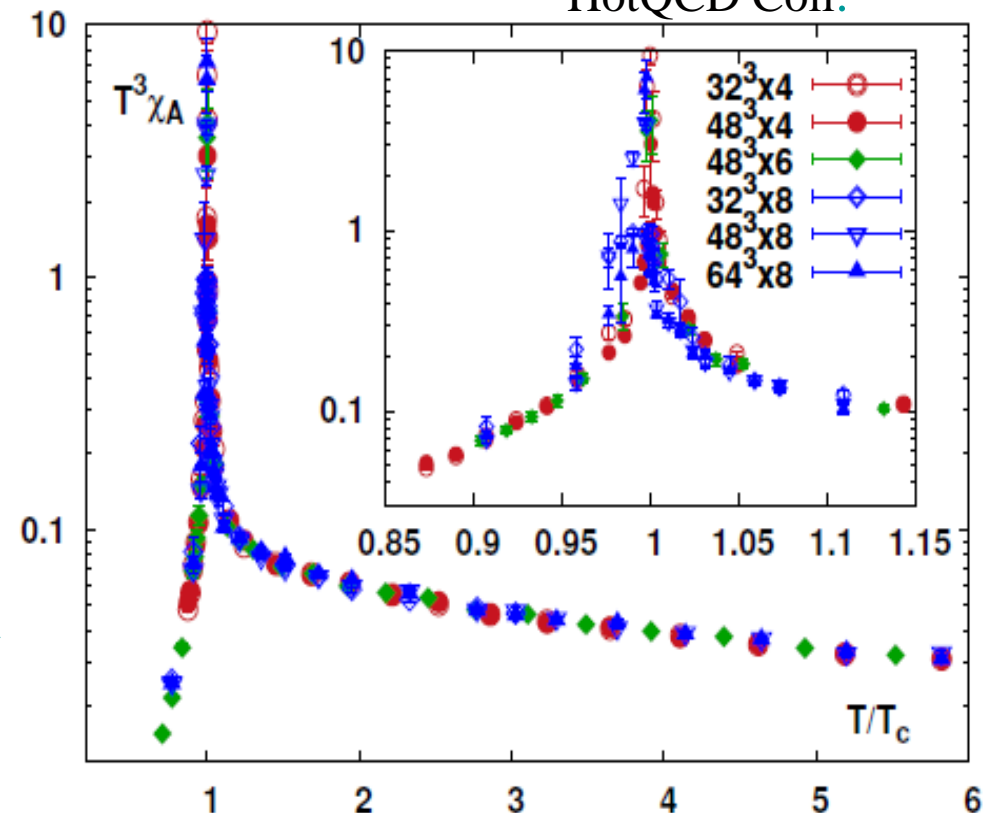
However, the Polyakov loop

$$L = L_R + iL_I$$

Thus, one can consider fluctuations of the real  $\chi_R$  and the imaginary part  $\chi_I$  of the Polyakov loop.

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# Fluctuations of the real and imaginary part of the renormalized Polyakov loop

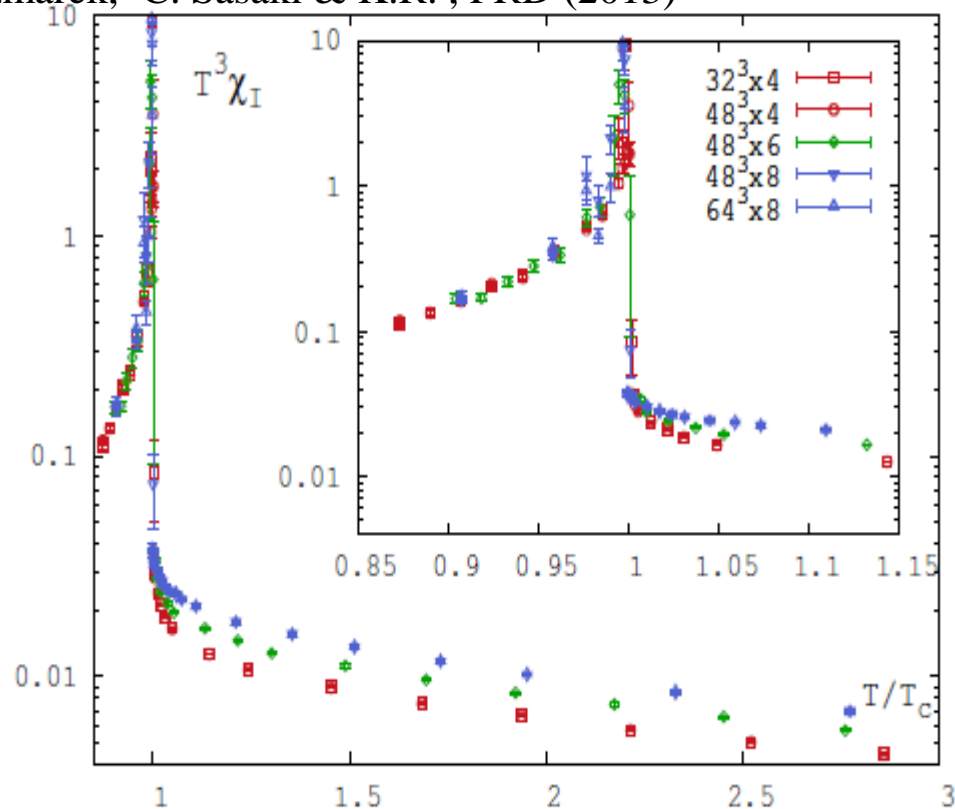
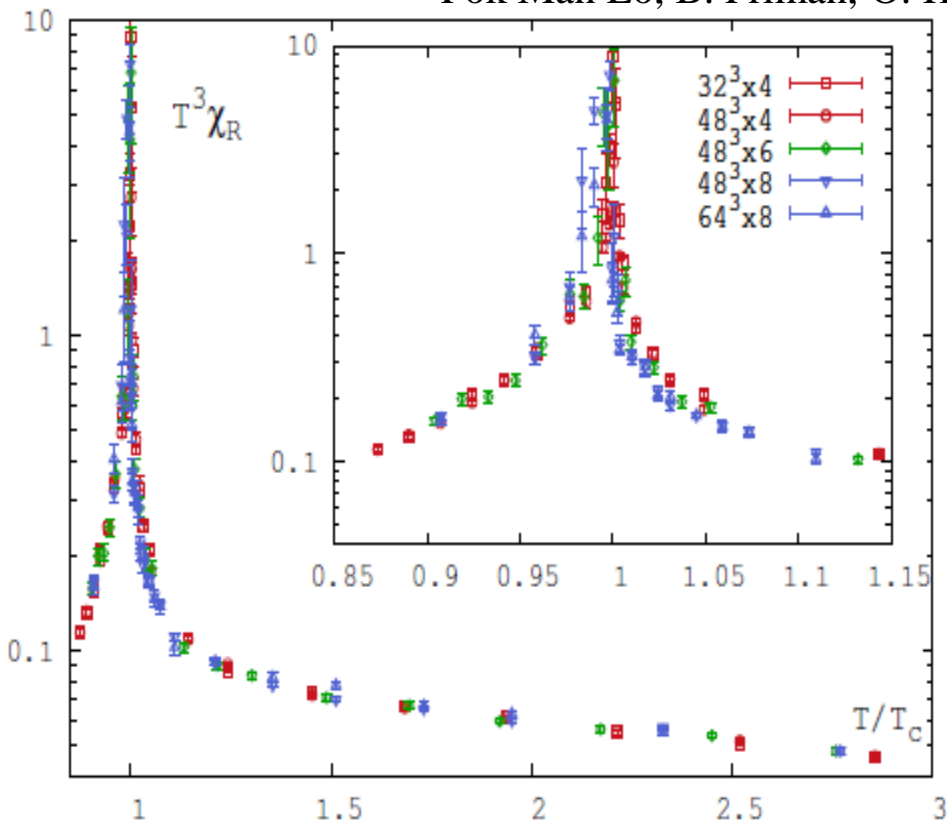
## Real part fluctuations

## Imaginary part fluctuations

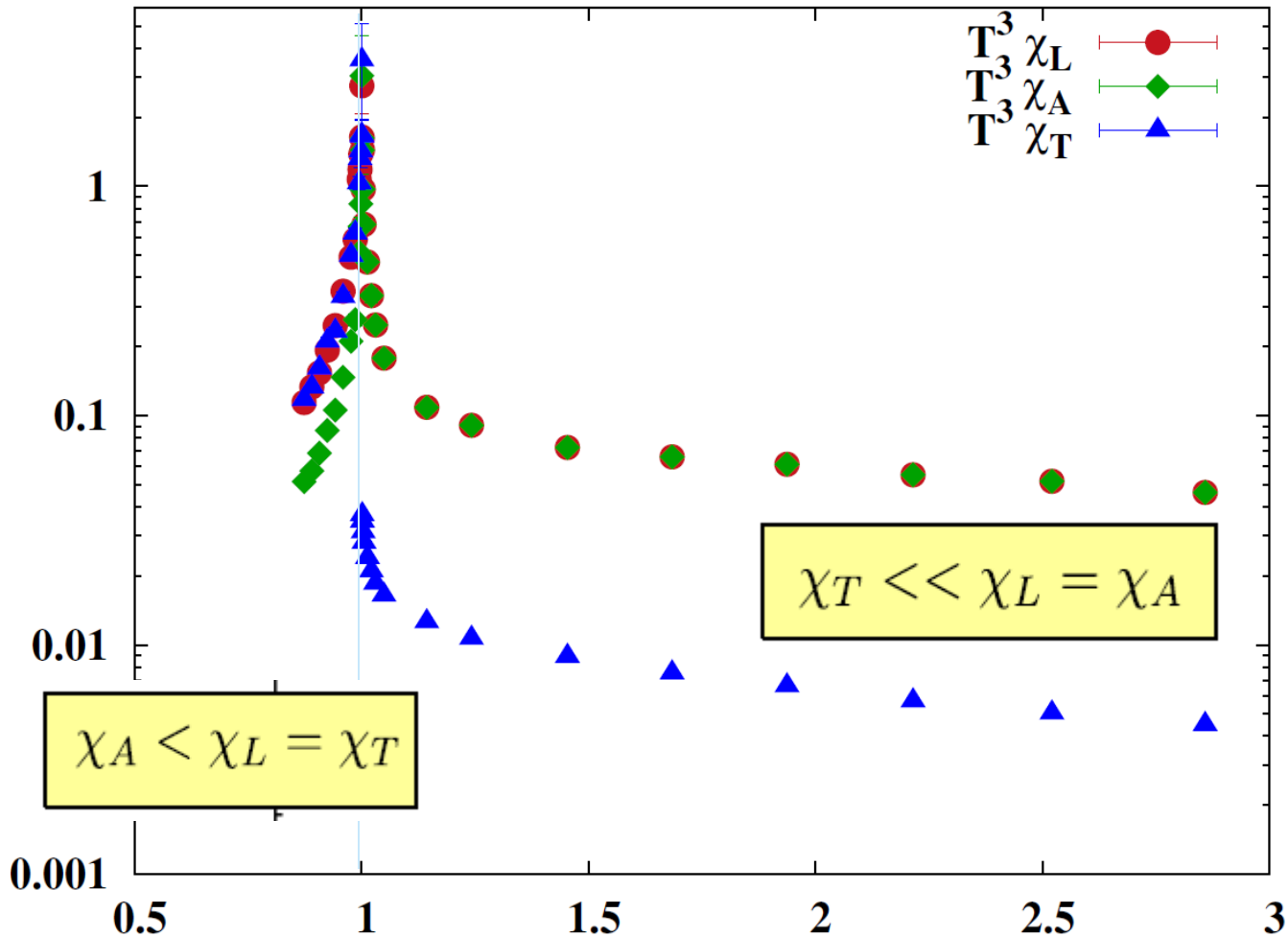
$$T^3 \chi_R = \frac{N_\sigma^3}{N_\tau^3} [\langle (L_R^{\text{ren}})^2 \rangle - \langle L_R^{\text{ren}} \rangle^2]$$

$$T^3 \chi_I = \frac{N_\sigma^3}{N_\tau^3} [\langle (L_I^{\text{ren}})^2 \rangle - \langle L_I^{\text{ren}} \rangle^2]$$

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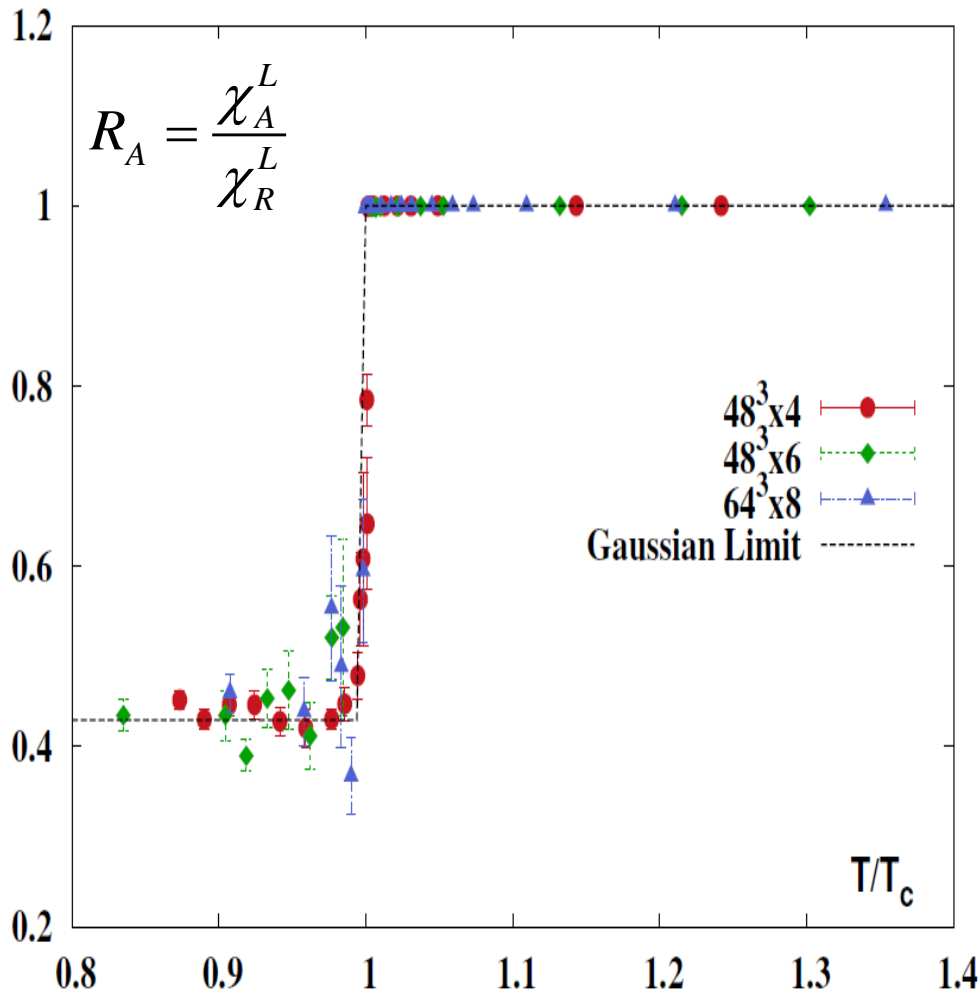
# Compare different Susceptibilities:



- Systematic differences/similarities of the Polyakov loop susceptibilities
- Consider their ratios!

# Ratios of the Polyakov loop fluctuations as an excellent probe for deconfinement

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- In the deconfined phase  $R_A \approx 1$

Indeed, in the real sector of  $Z(3)$

$$L_R \approx L_0 + \delta L_R \quad \text{with} \quad L_0 = \langle L_R \rangle$$

$$L_I \approx L_0^I + \delta L_I \quad \text{with} \quad L_0^I = 0, \quad \text{thus}$$

$$\chi_R^L = V \langle (\delta L_R)^2 \rangle, \quad \chi_I^L = V \langle (\delta L_I)^2 \rangle$$

Expand the modulus,

$$|L| = \sqrt{L_R^2 + L_I^2} \approx L_0 \left( 1 + \frac{\delta L_R}{L_0} + \frac{(\delta L_I)^2}{2L_0^2} \right)$$

get in the leading order

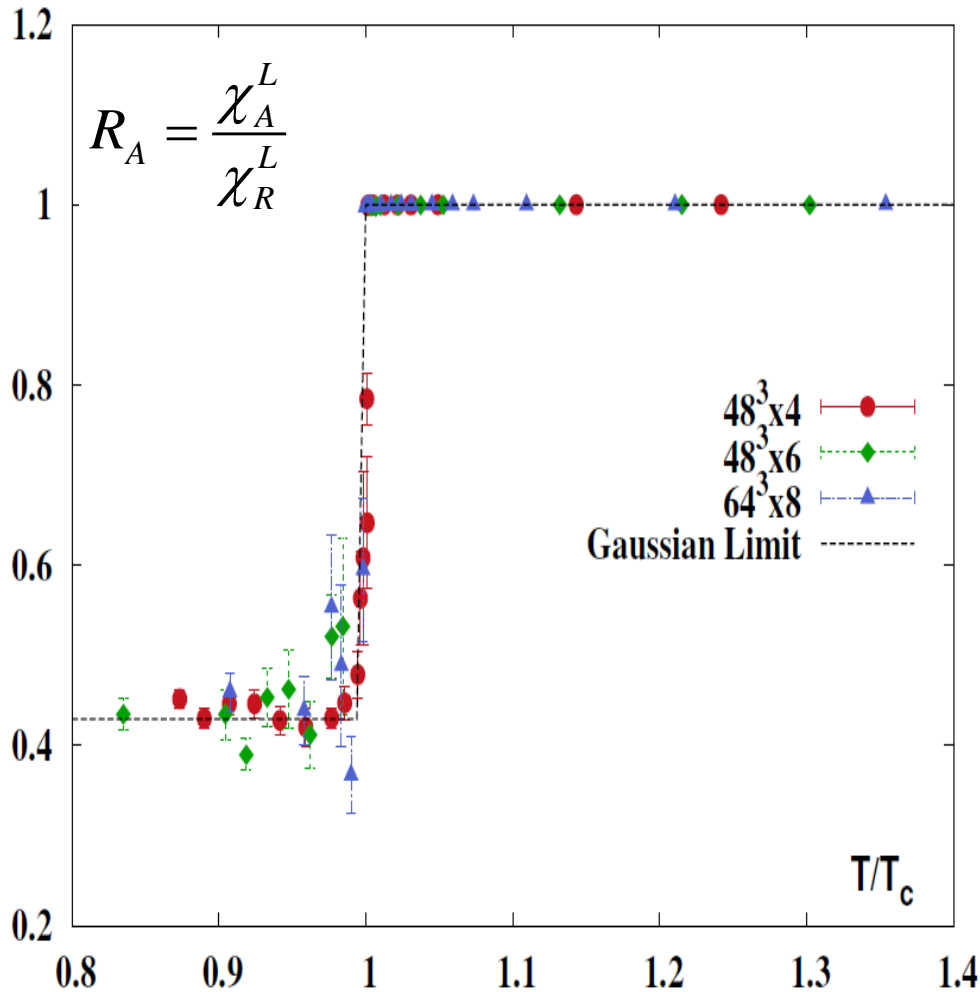
$$\langle |L|^2 \rangle - \langle |L| \rangle^2 \approx \langle (\delta L_R)^2 \rangle$$

thus

$$\chi_A \approx \chi_R$$

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- In the confined phase  $R_A \approx 0.43$

Indeed, in the Z(3) symmetric phase, the probability distribution is Gaussian to the first approximation,

with the partition function

$$Z = \int dL_R dL_I e^{VT^3 [\alpha(T)(L_R^2 + L_I^2)]}$$

Thus  $\chi_R = \frac{1}{2\alpha T^3}$ ,  $\chi_I = \frac{1}{2\alpha T^3}$  and

$\chi_A = \frac{1}{2\alpha T^3} (2 - \frac{\pi}{2})$ , consequently

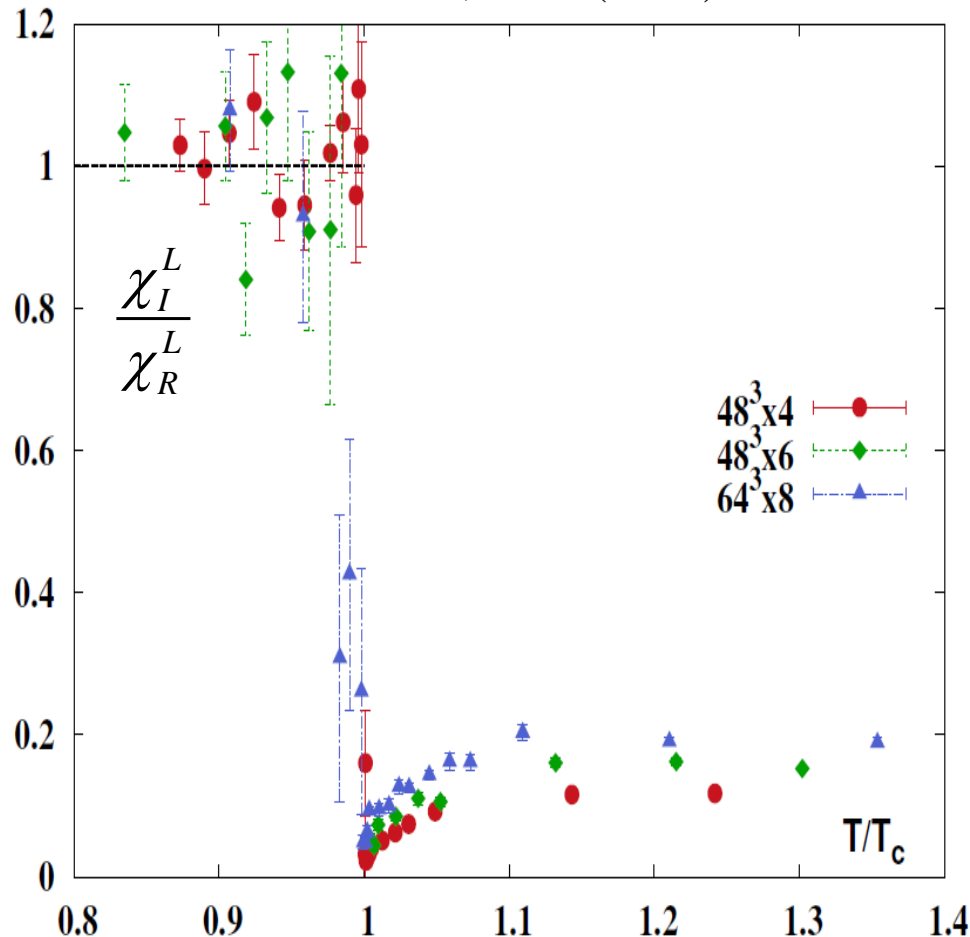
$$R_A^{SU(3)} = (2 - \frac{\pi}{2}) = 0.429$$

In the SU(2) case  $R_A^{SU(2)} = (2 - \frac{2}{\pi}) = 0.363$  is in agreement with MC results



# Ratio Imaginary/Real of Polyakov loop fluctuations

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- In the confined phase for any symmetry breaking operator its average vanishes, thus

$$\chi_{LL} = \langle L^2 \rangle - \langle L \rangle^2 = 0 \quad \text{and}$$

$$\chi_{LL} = \chi_R - \chi_I \quad \text{thus} \quad \chi_R = \chi_I$$

- In deconfined phase the ratio of  $\chi_I / \chi_R \neq 0$  and its value is model dependent

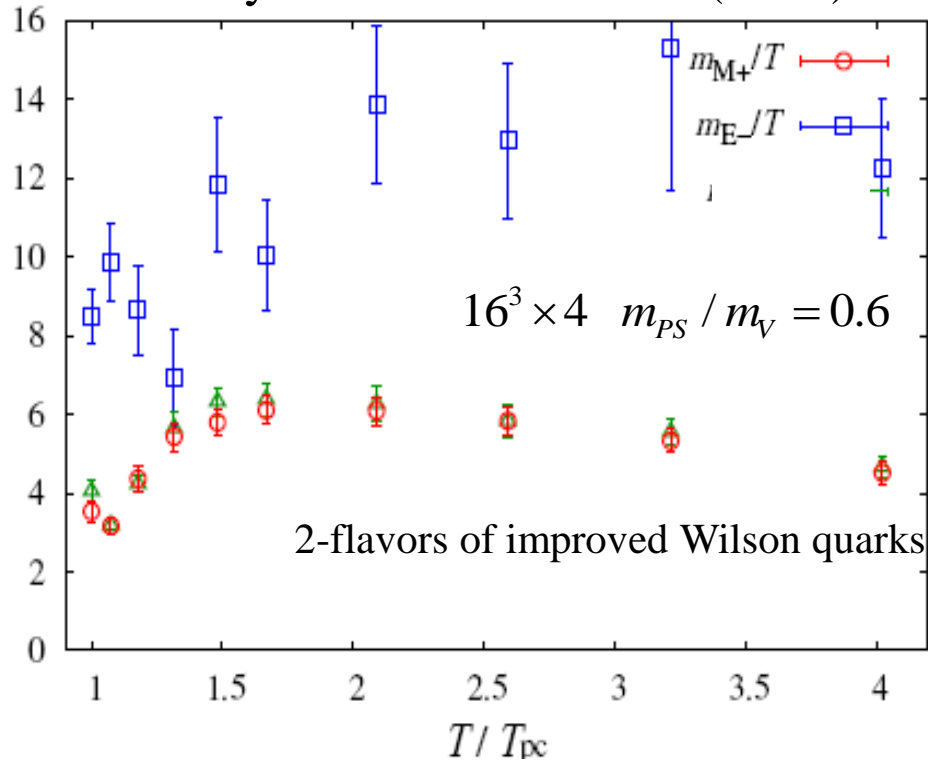
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- In the confined phase

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$$C_{R,(I)}(r)_{r \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow \gamma_{R,(I)}(T) \frac{e^{-M_{R,(I)} r}}{rT}$$

and WHOT-coll. identified  $M_{R(I)}$  as the magnetic and electric mass:

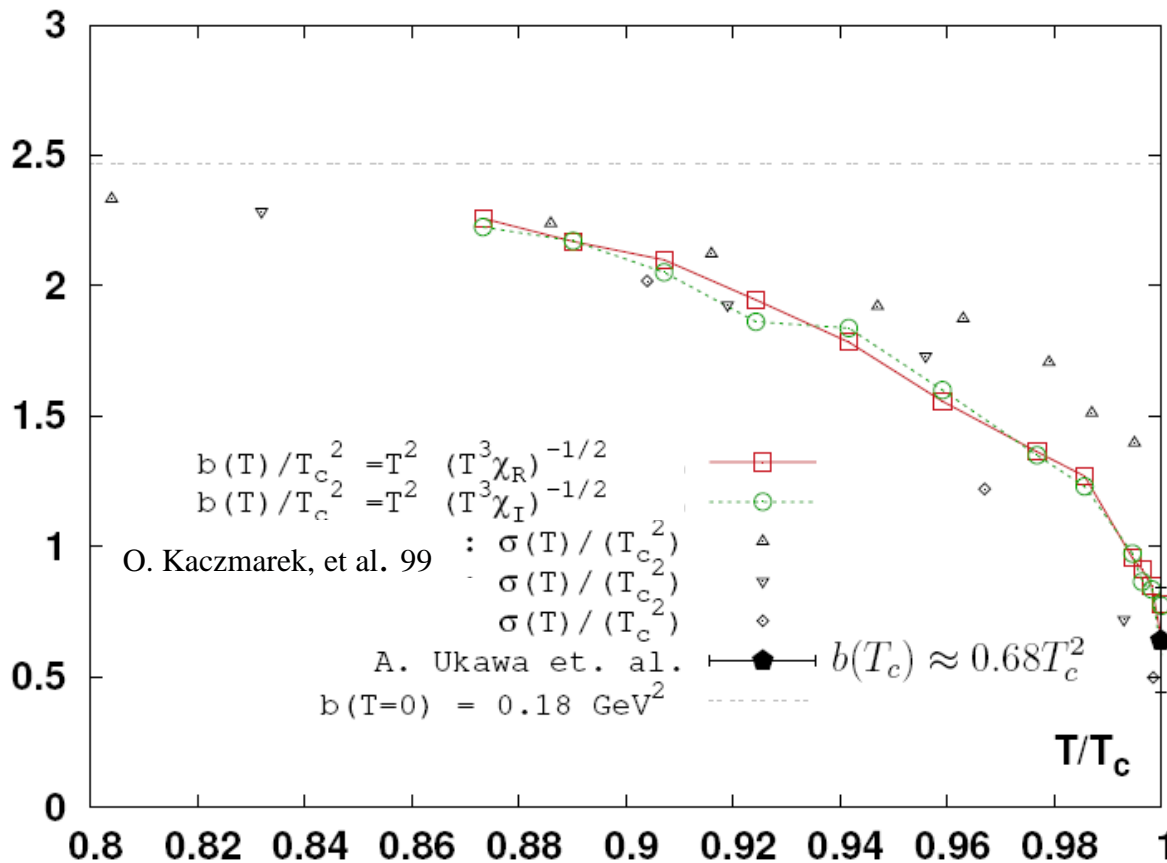
$$\chi_I \propto 1/m_E^2, \quad \chi_R \propto 1/m_M^2$$

Since

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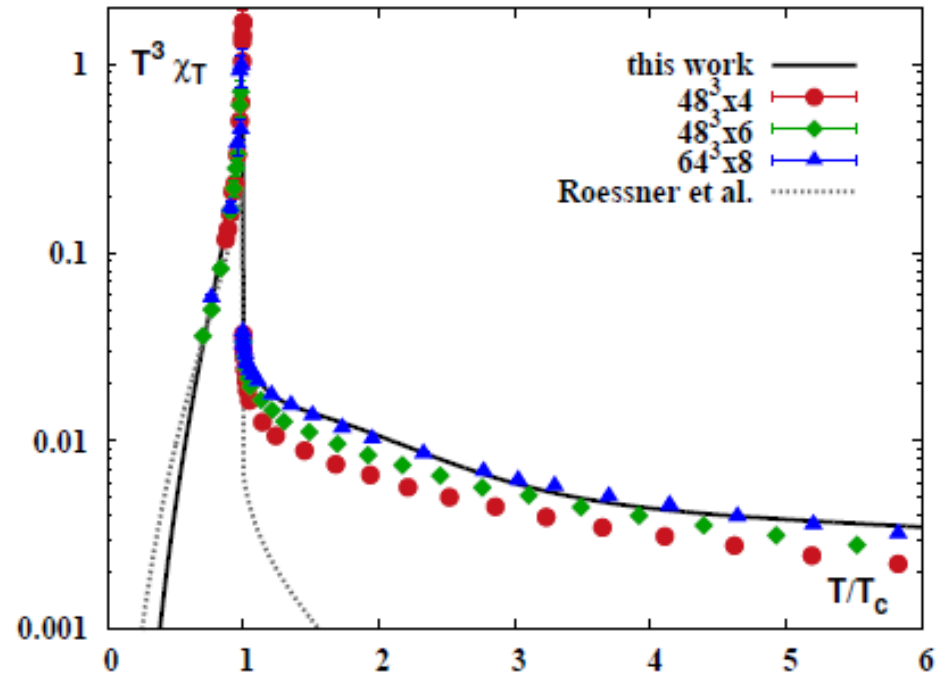
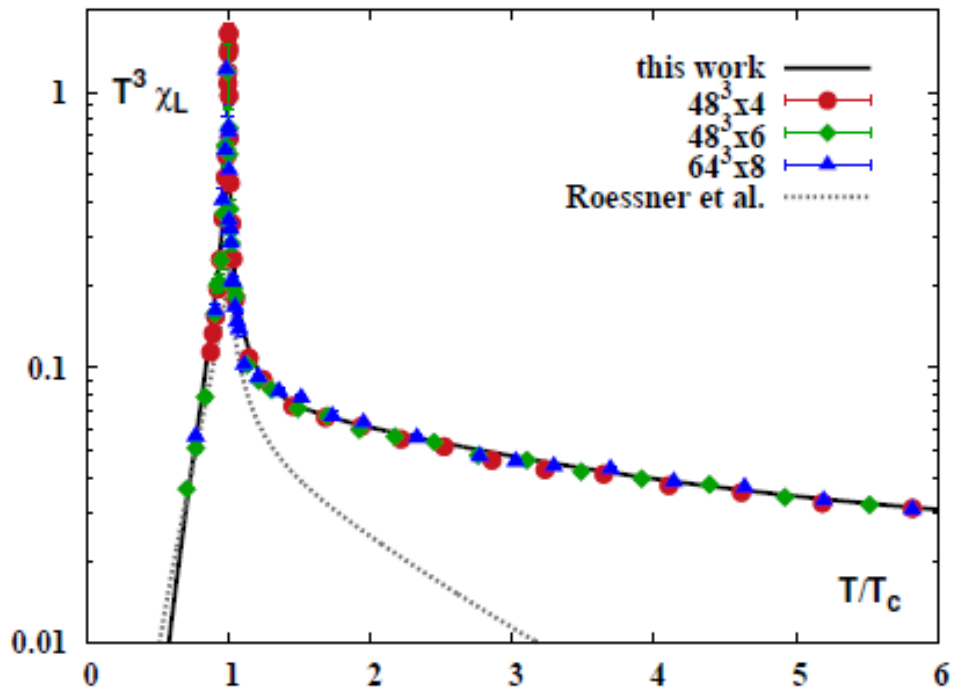
$$b(T) / T_c^2 \approx (T / T_c)^2 (T^3 \chi_{R,(I)})^{-1/2}$$

- The minimal potential needed to incorporate Polyakov loop fluctuations and SU(3) thermodynamics

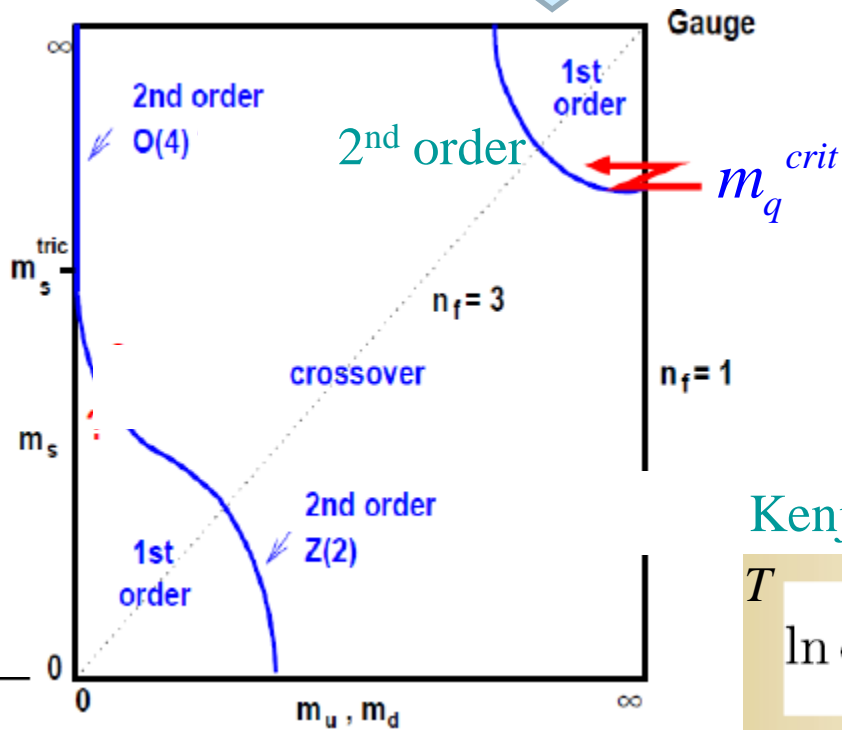
$$Z = \int dL dL^+ e^{\beta V U(L, L^+)}$$

$$\frac{U(L, \bar{L})}{T^4} = -\frac{1}{2}a(T)\bar{L}L + b(T) \ln M_H(L, \bar{L}) + \frac{1}{2}c(T)(L^3 + \bar{L}^3) + d(T)(\bar{L}L)^2,$$

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# Deconfinement phase transition in the heavy quark region



- Modelling the partition function

$$Z = \int dL dL^+ e^{-\beta V U(L, L^+) + \ln \det[Q_f]}$$

- background field approach

$$\hat{Q}_F = (-\partial_\tau + \mu + igA_4)\gamma^0 + i\vec{\gamma} \cdot \nabla - M_Q$$

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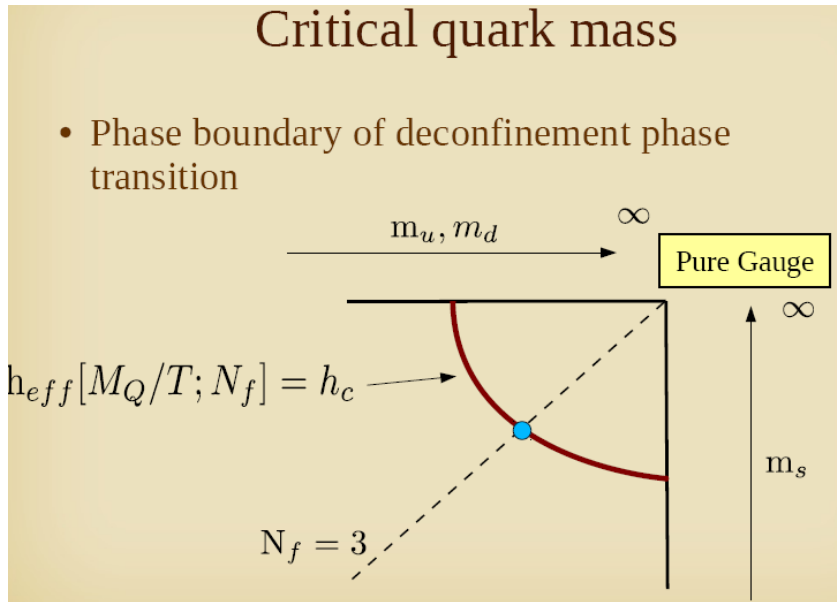
$$T \ln \det[\hat{Q}_F] = V 2N_f \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} [3\beta E[k] + \ln g^+ \ln g^-]$$

$$g^\pm = 1 + 3\{L, \bar{L}\}e^{-\beta E^\pm} + 3\{\bar{L}, L\}e^{-2\beta E^\pm} + e^{-3\beta E^\pm}$$

$$E^\pm = E[k] \mp \mu$$

$$E[k] = (k^2 + M_Q^2)^{1/2}$$

# PL and heavy quark coupling



## Effective potential

$$\ln \det[Q_f] = -VT^3 U_q[L, L^+; M_q]$$

## Tree level result $M_q \gg T$

$$U_q = -h_{eff}(M_q, N_f) L_R$$

G. Green & F. Karsch (83)

$$U_G \rightarrow U_G - h_{eff} L_R$$

where

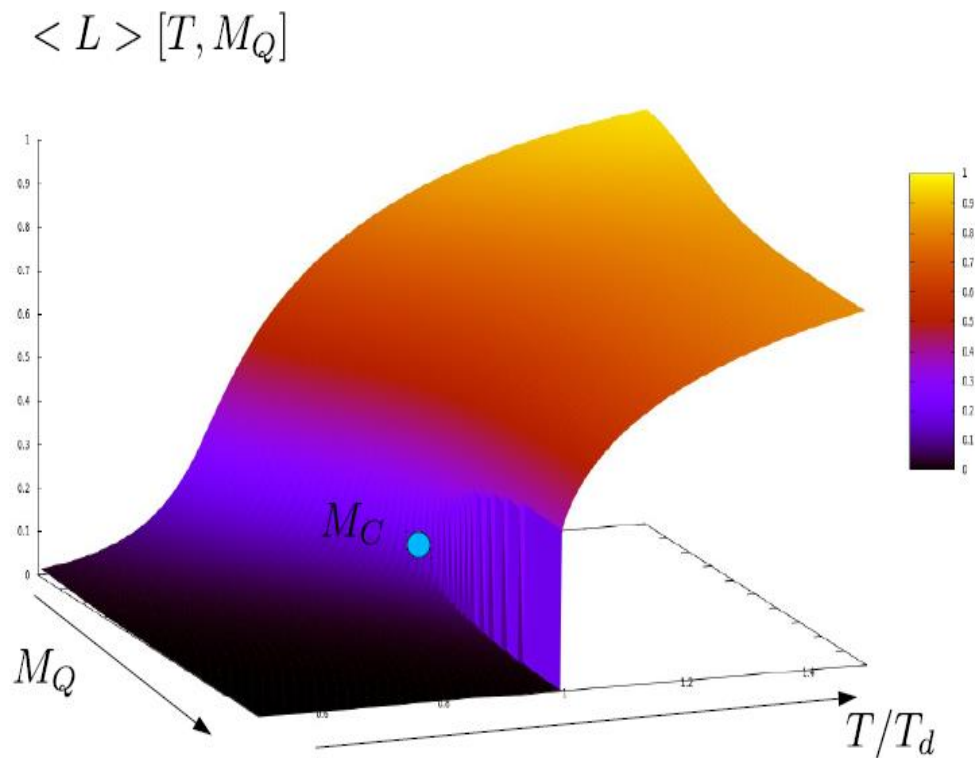
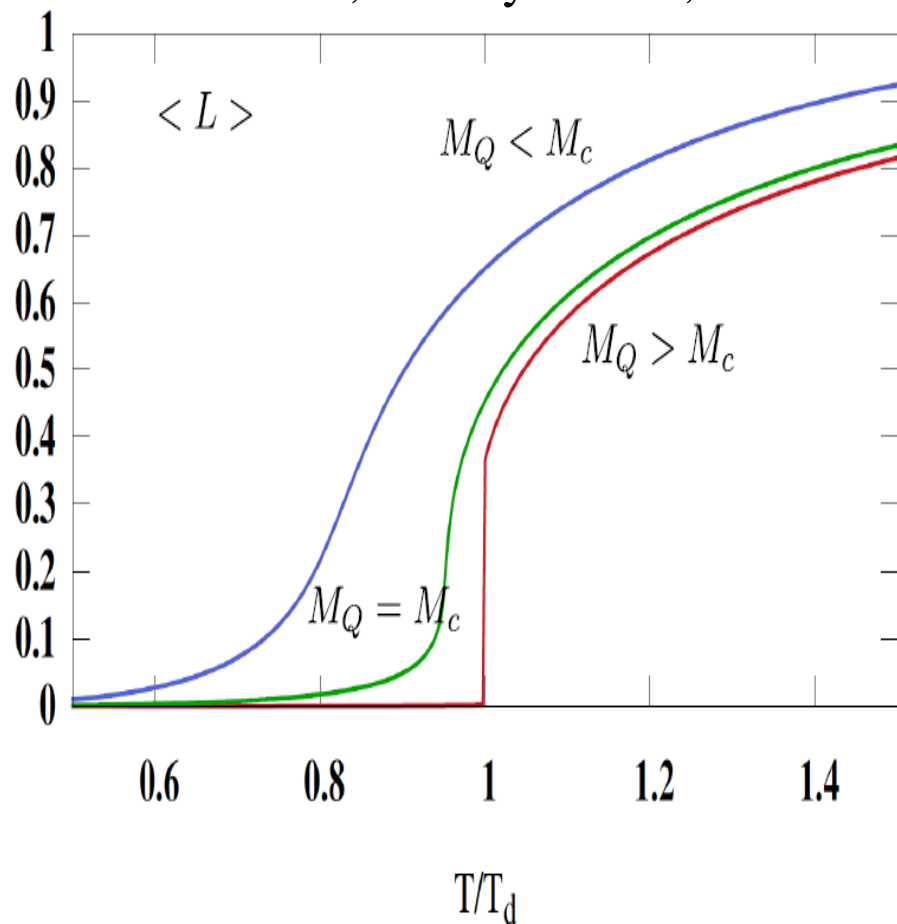
$$h_{eff} \approx N_f N_c (M_q/T)^2 K_2(M_q/T)$$

$$h_{eff}^{LGT} = (2N_f)(2N_c)(2\kappa(N_\tau))^{N_\tau} N_\tau^3$$

H. Saito, S. Ejiri, S. Aoki, T. Hatsuda, K. Kanaya, Y. Maezawa,  
H. Ohno, and T. Umeda, Phys. Rev. D **84** (2011) 054502

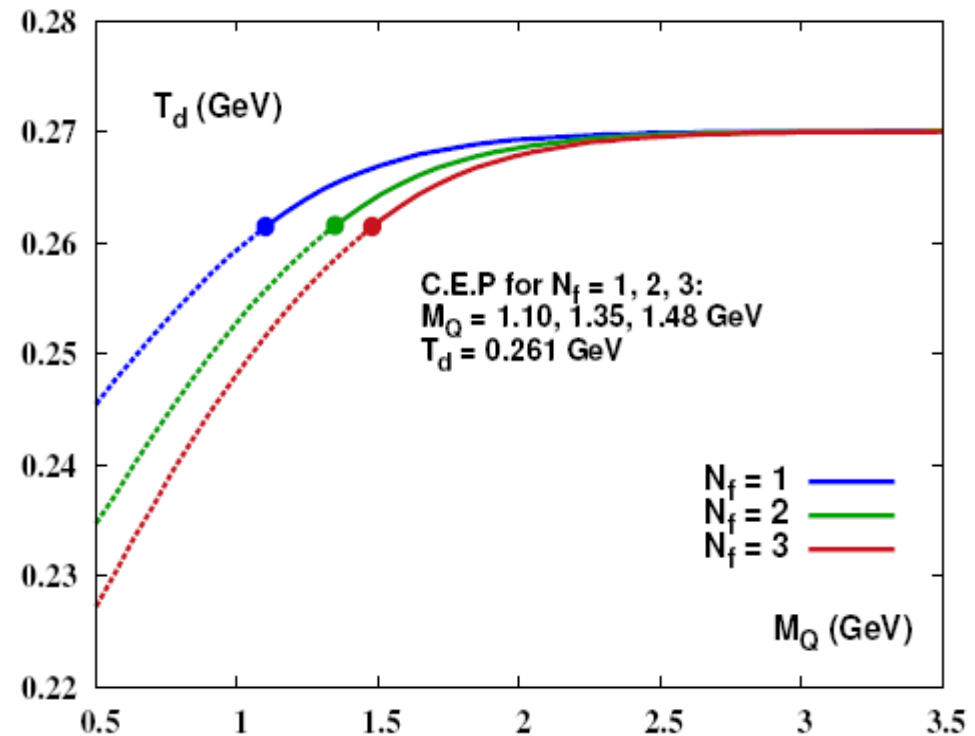
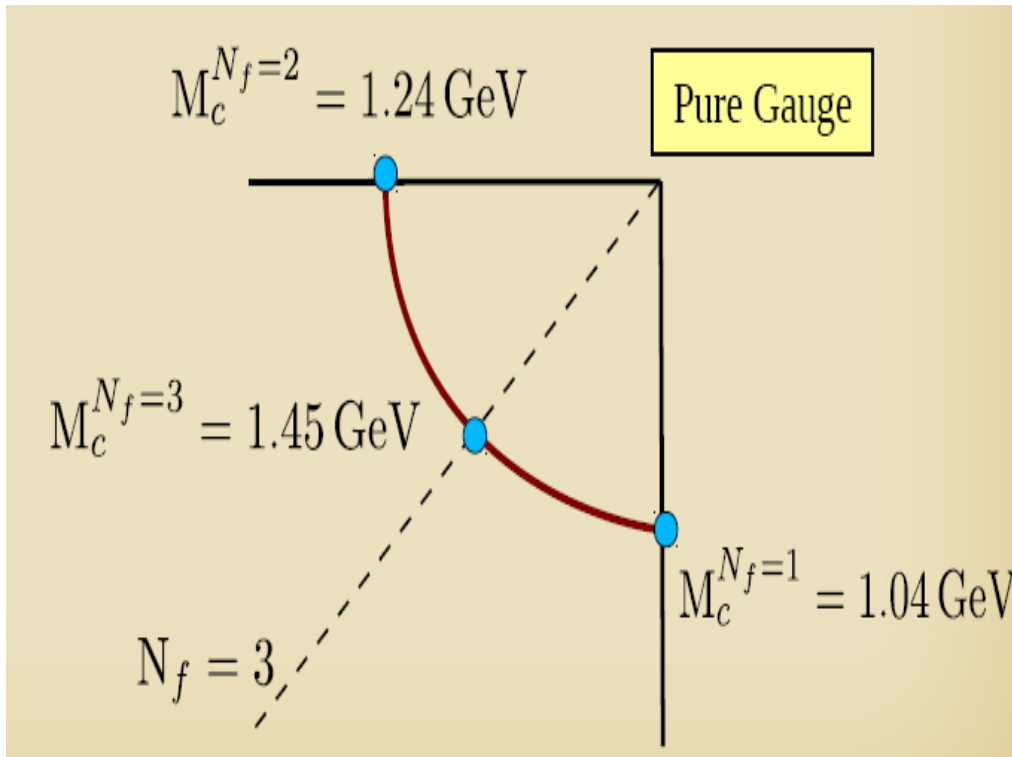
# The critical point of the 2<sup>nd</sup> order transition

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# Critical masses and temperature values

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- Different values then in the matrix model by

$$M_c^{N_f=3} \approx 2.5 \text{ GeV}$$

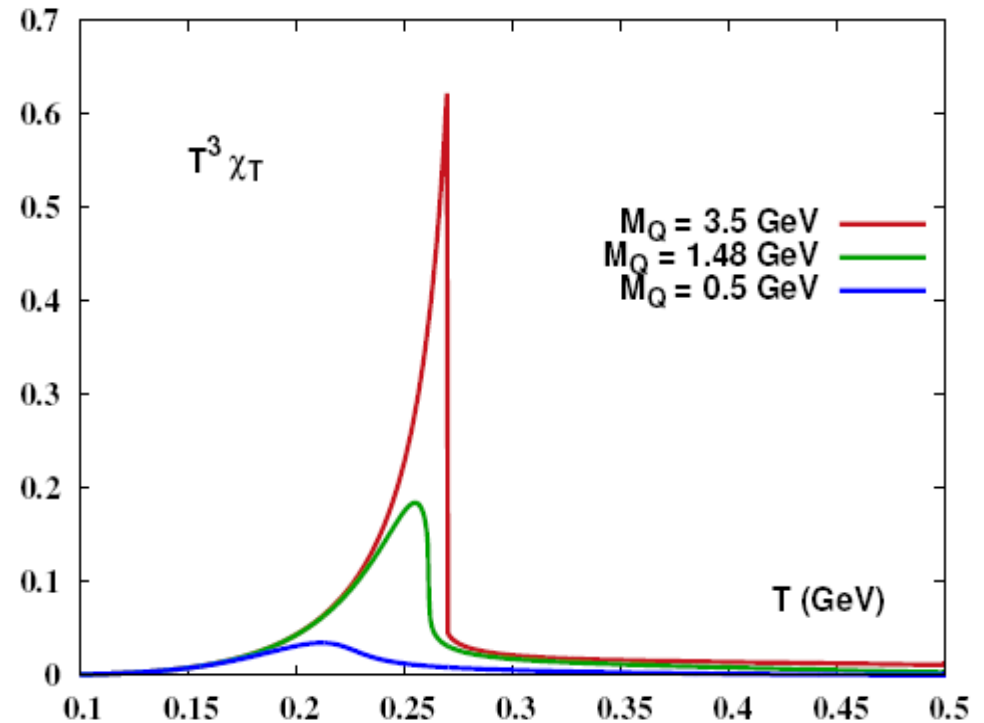
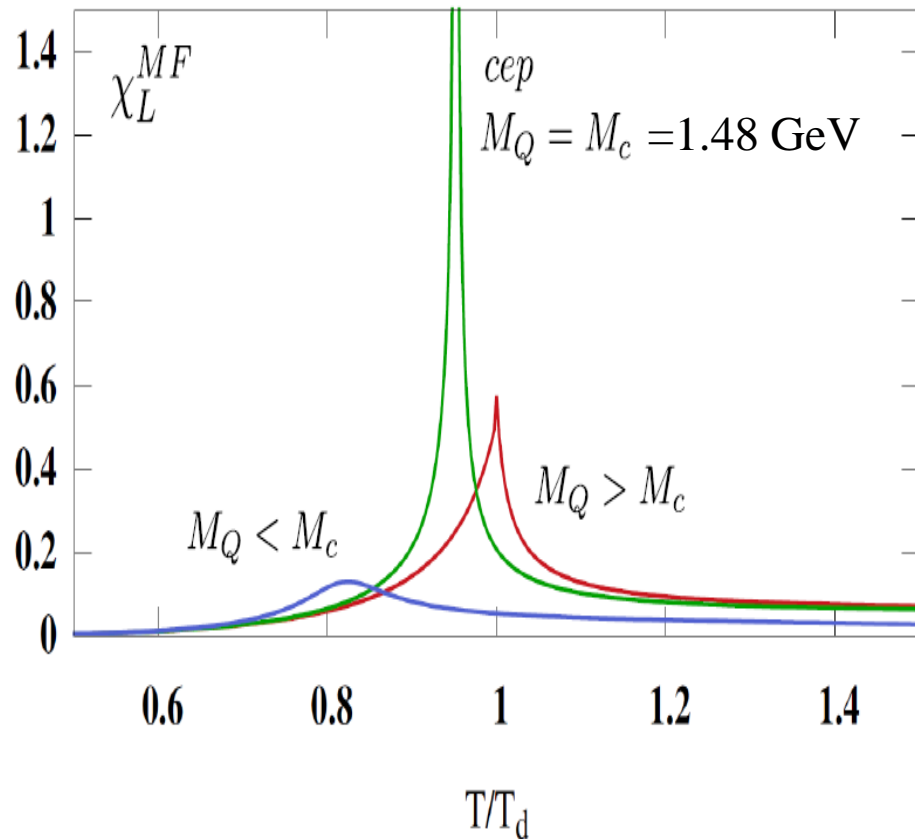
$$T_c^{\text{de}} \approx 0.27 \text{ GeV}$$

K. Kashiwa, R. Pisarski and V. Skokov,  
 Phys. Rev. D85 (2012)

LGT C. Alexandrou et al. (99)  $M_c^{N_f=1} \approx 1.4 \text{ GeV}$



# Susceptibility at the deconfinement critical point



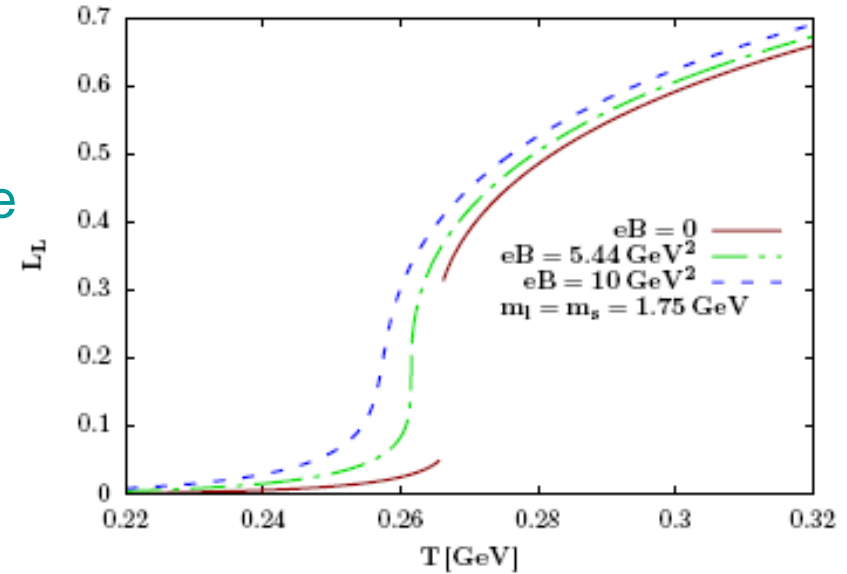
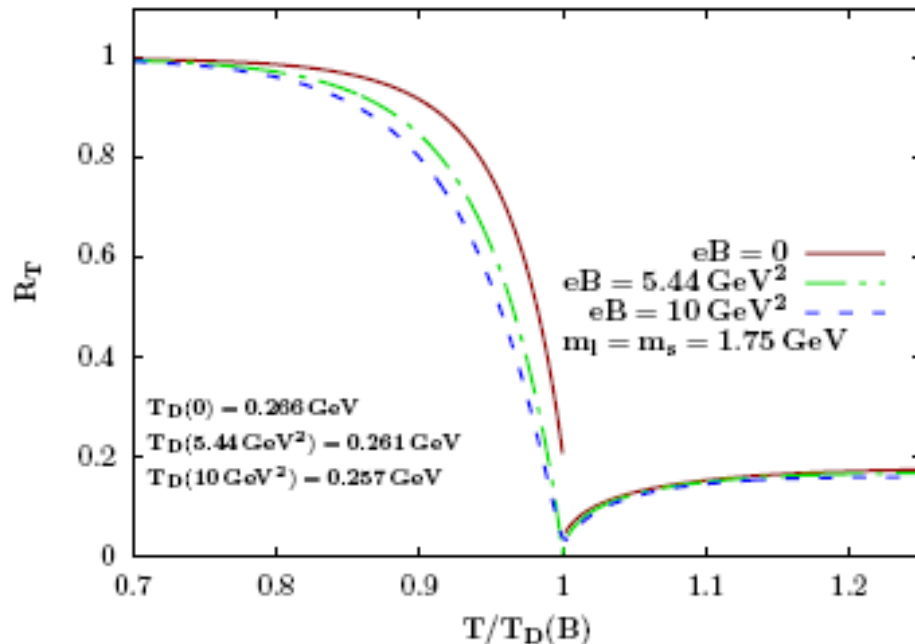
- Divergent longitudinal susceptibility at the critical point

# Deconfinement in the background magnetic field $|\vec{B}|$

In the constant magnetic field background, the motion of charged particles undergoes the Landau quantization in the transverse plane

$$h(T, eB, m) = \frac{3|eB|}{2\pi^2 T} \sum_{s=\pm 1} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int dp_z e^{-E_B/T}$$

$$E_B = \sqrt{m^2 + p_z^2 + |eB|(2k+1-s)}$$

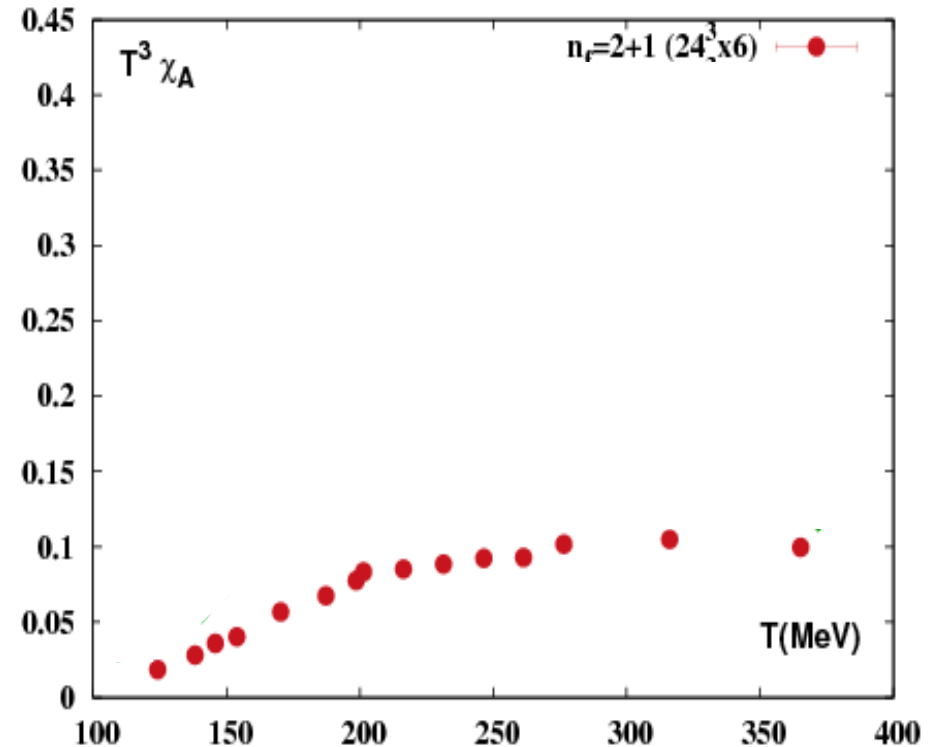
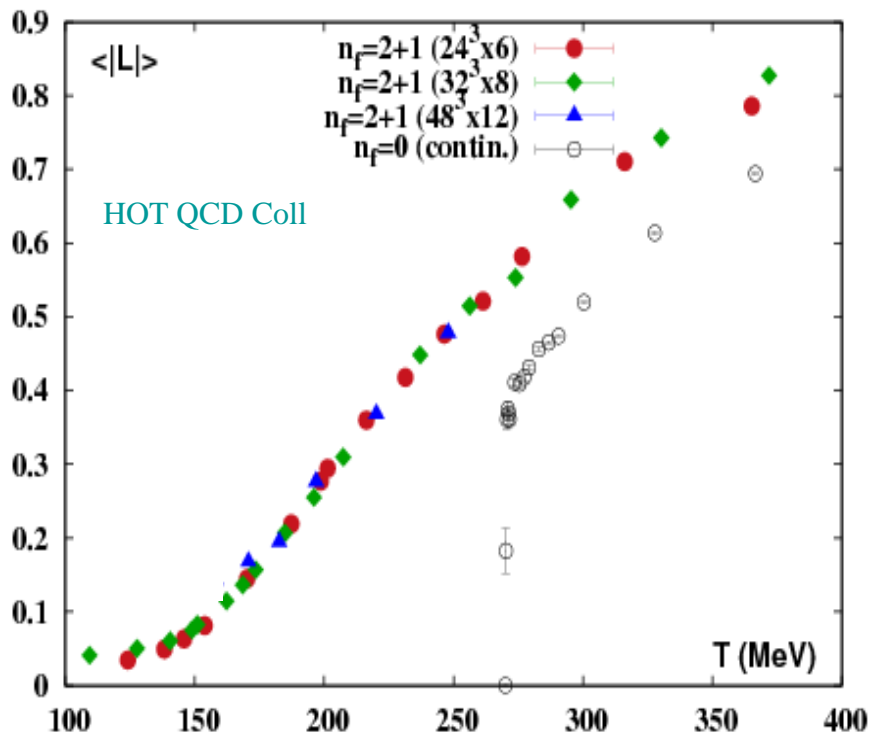


In the presence of  $Z(N)$  symmetry breaking term, the Polyakov loop fluctuation ratios exhibit similar “asymptotic” behavior as in the pure gauge theory.

How these properties are modified by dynamical quarks?

# Polyakov loop and fluctuations in QCD

- Smooth behavior for the Polyakov loop and fluctuations  
→ difficult to determine deconfinement temp.

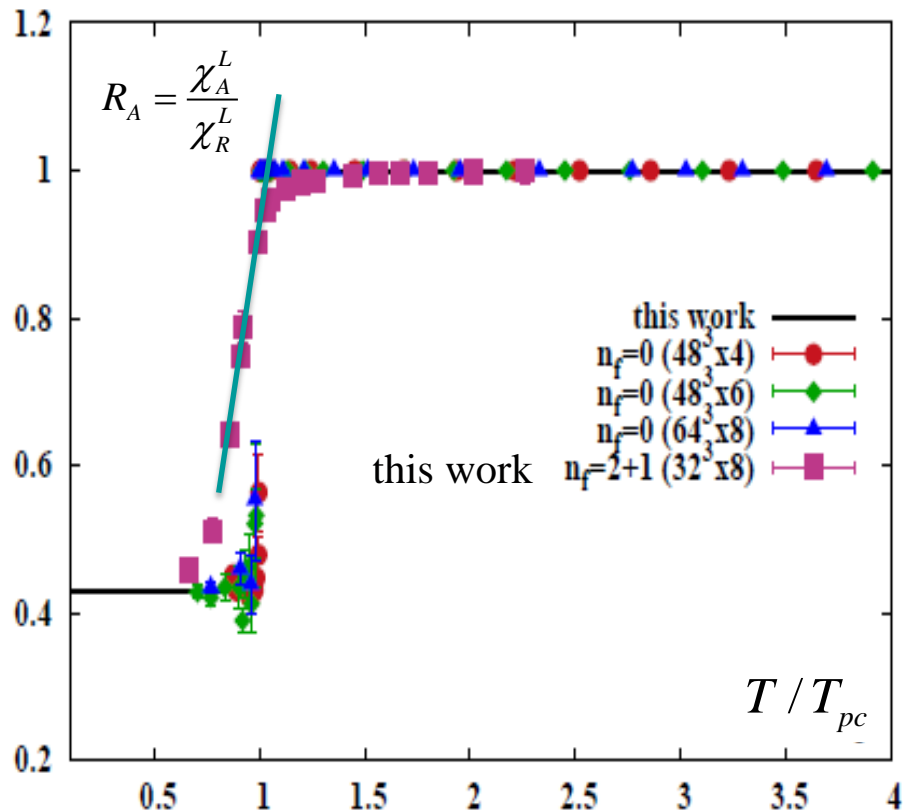


The inflection point at  $T_{dec} \approx 0.22 GeV$

# The influence of fermions on the Polyakov loop susceptibility ratio

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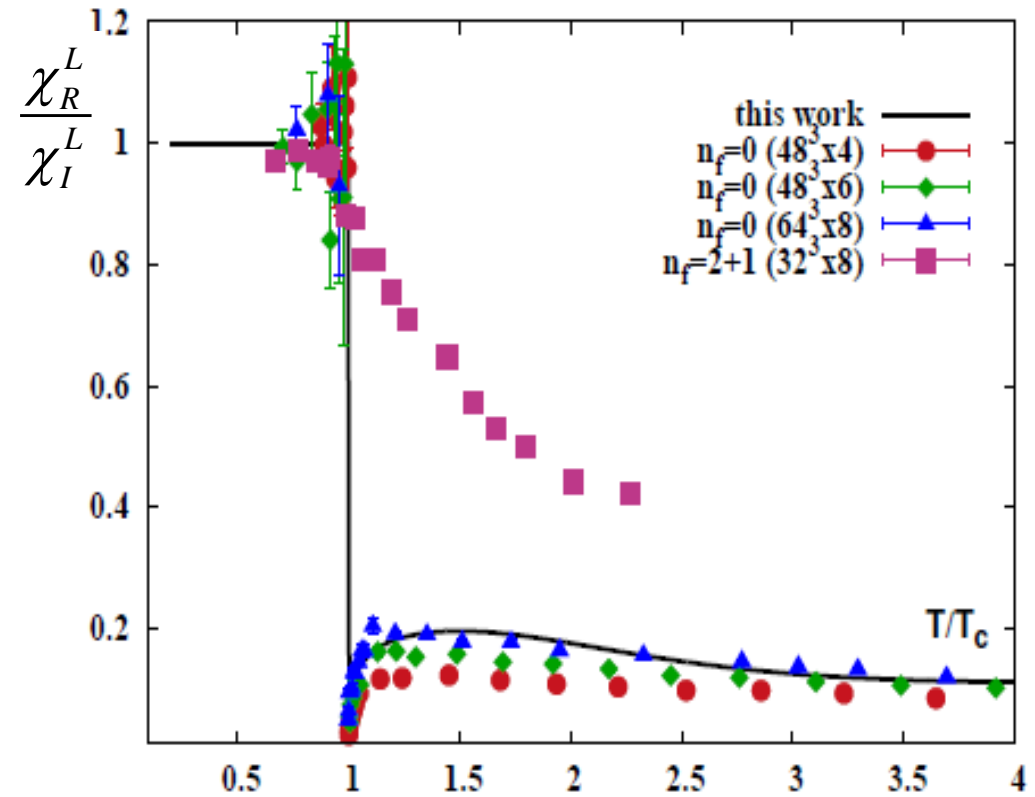
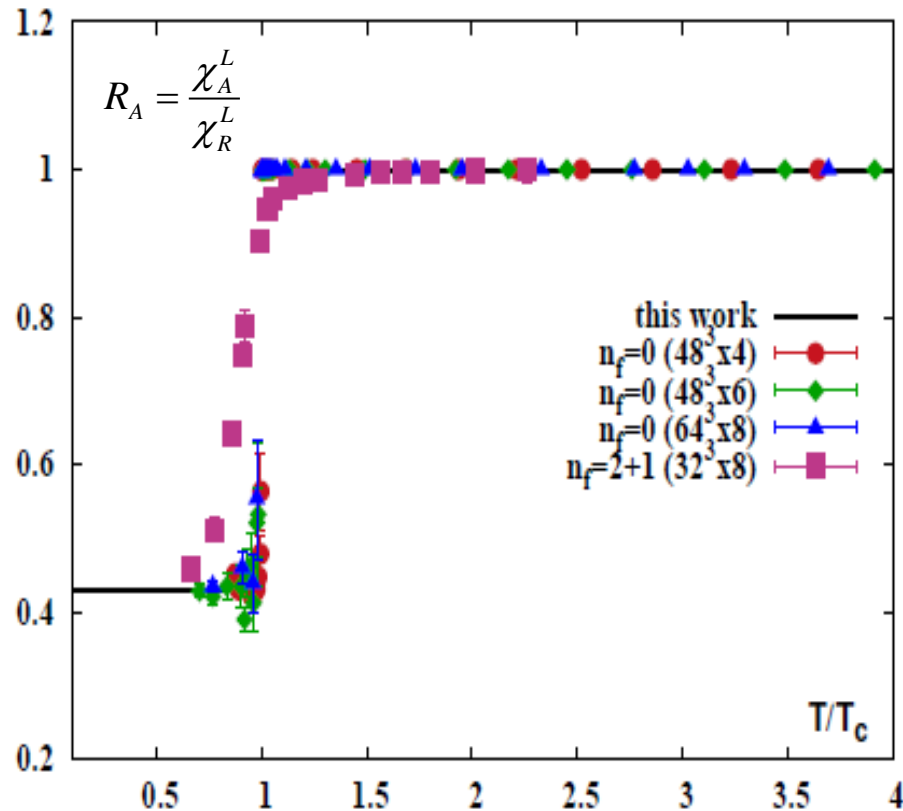


- Change of the slope in the narrow temperature range signals color deconfinement?
- Dynamical quarks imply smoothening of the susceptibilities ratio, between the limiting values as in the SU(3) pure gauge theory

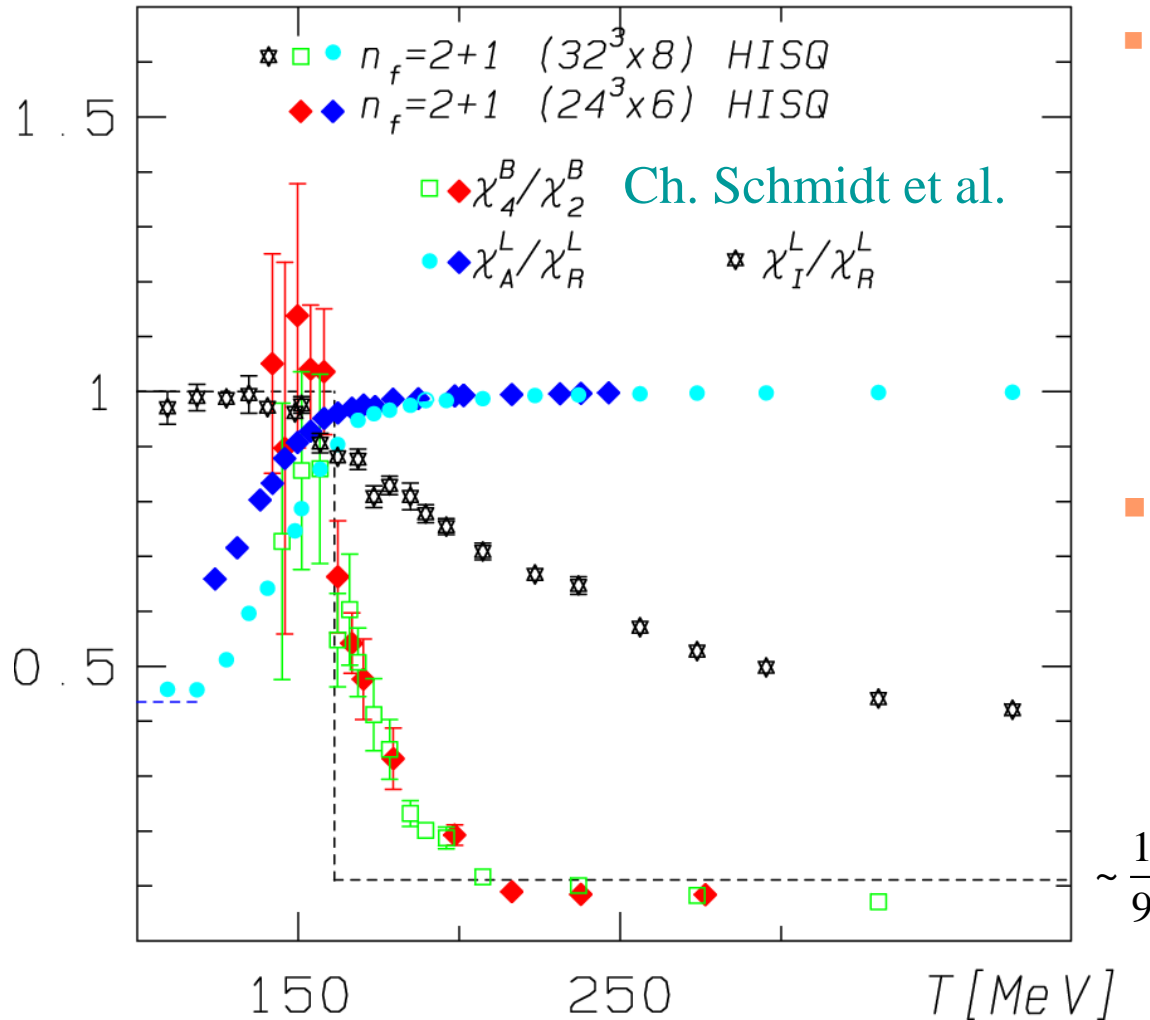
# The influence of fermions on ratios of the Polyakov loop susceptibilities

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# Polyakov loop susceptibility ratios still away from the continuum limit:



- The renormalization of the Polyakov loop susceptibilities is still not well described: strong dependence on  $N_\tau$  in the presence of quarks.
- Kurtosis of the net baryon number measures the squared of the baryon number carried by leading particles in a medium S. Ejiri, F. Karsch & K.R. (06)

$$\kappa \sigma^2 = \frac{\chi_4^B}{\chi_2^B} \approx B^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & T < T_{PC} \\ \frac{1}{9} & T > T_{PC} \end{pmatrix}$$

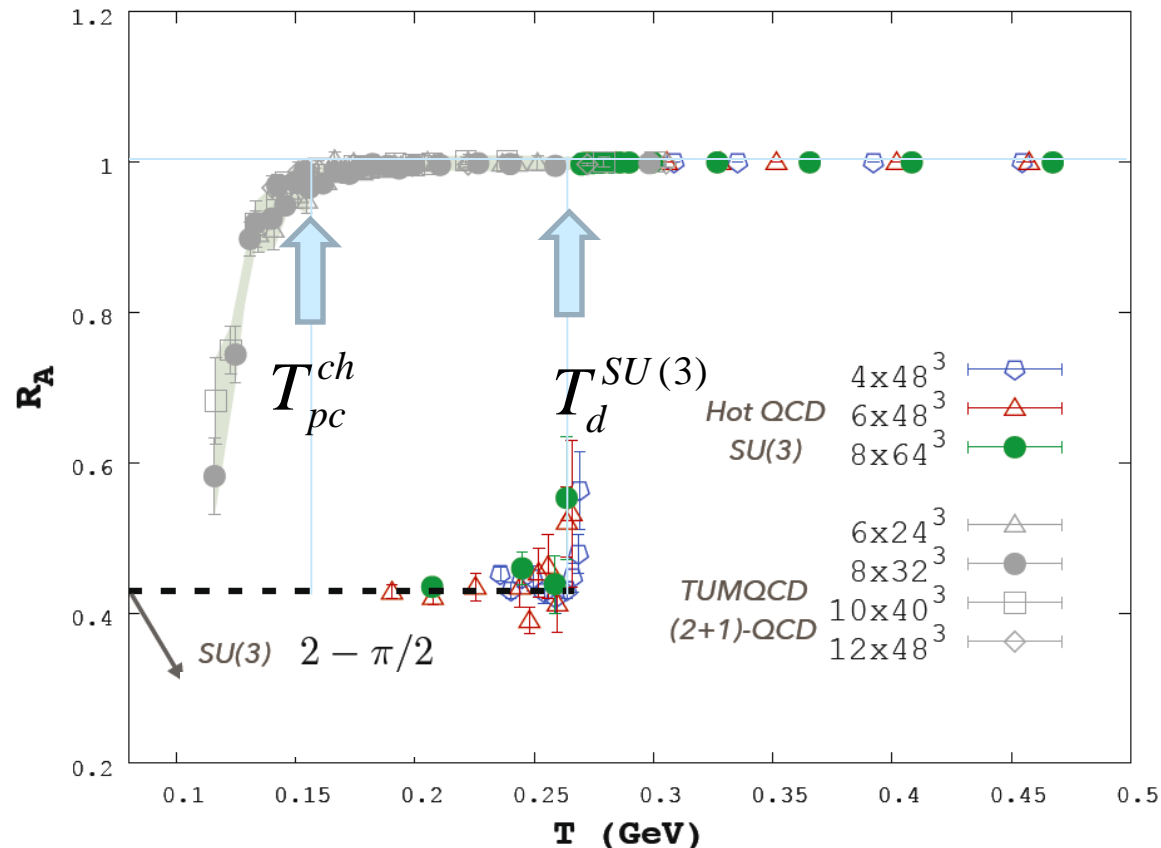
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- For flow time  $f = f_0$  there is no cutoff dependence in  $R_A$ , i.e. it looks to be renormalized quantity
- However, with increasing  $f$  the  $R_A$  increases towards unity at low  $T$  and loses information about inflection at  $T \approx 0.155$  GeV
- Furthermore,  $R_A$  maybe intensive quantity

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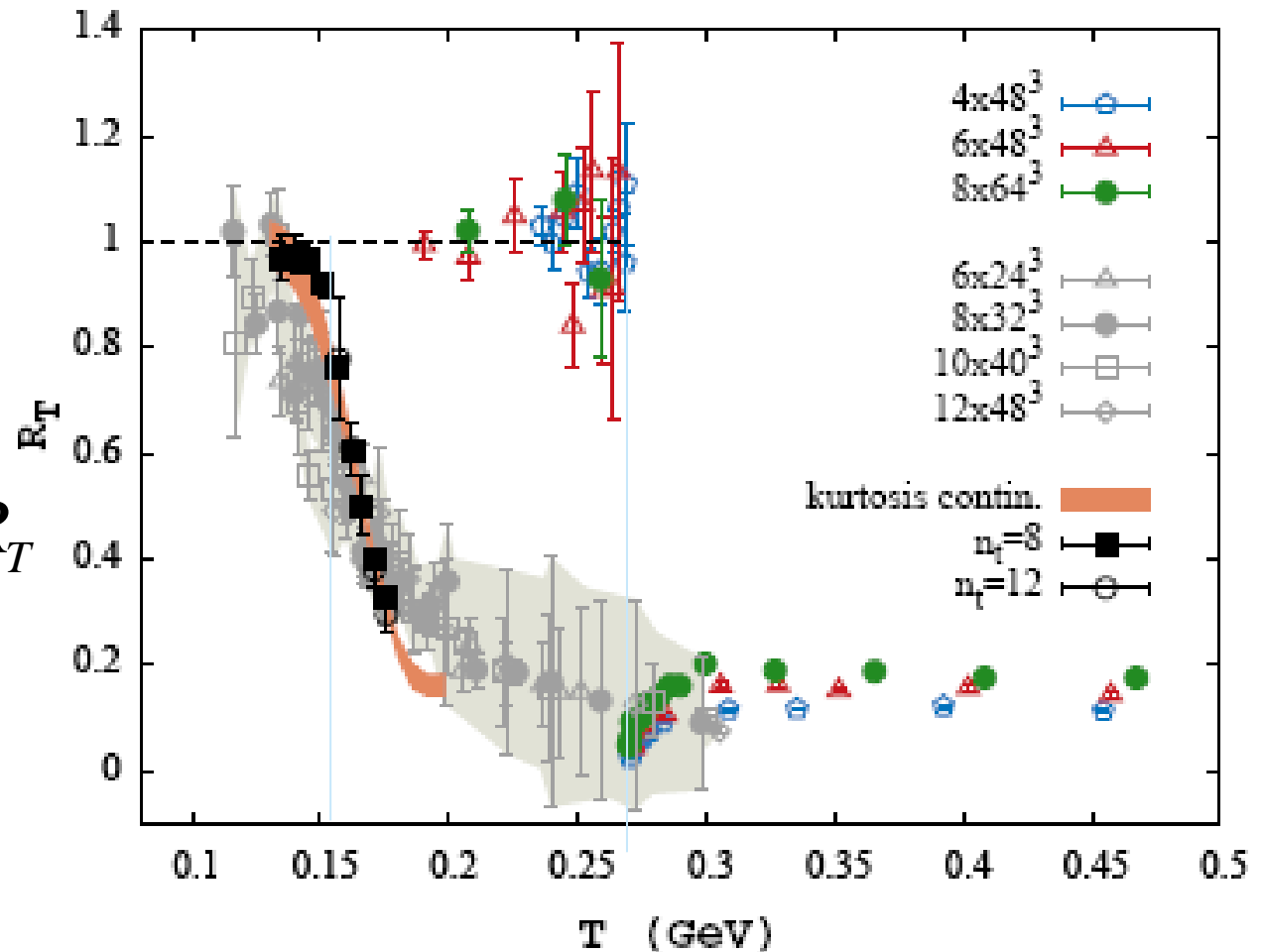
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- $R_T$  decouples from unity at  $0.15 < T < 0.16$ , thus is consistent with the chiral crossover  $T$
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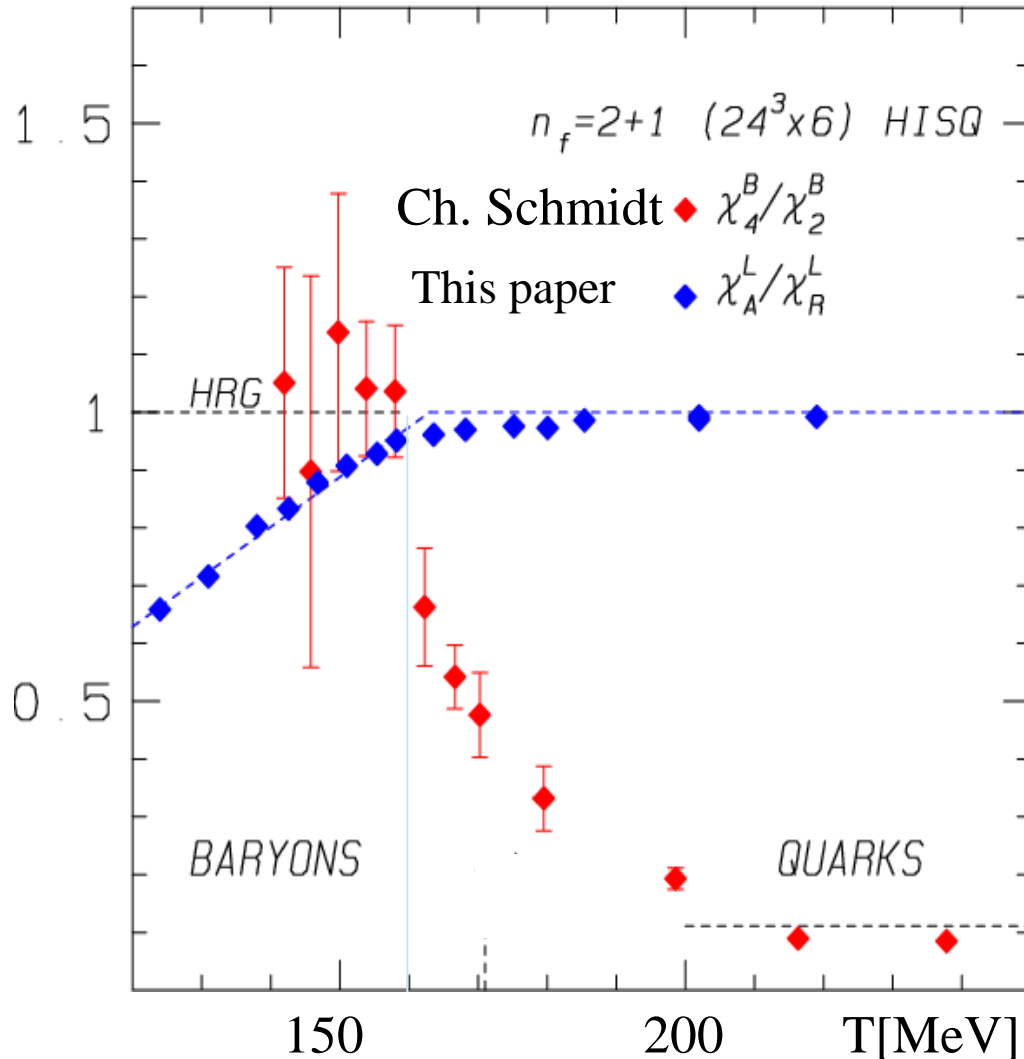


# Conclusions:

- Ratios of 2<sup>nd</sup> order Polyakov loop susceptibilities absolute to real  $R_A$  and imaginary to real  $R_T$  are excellent probes of deconfinement in SU(N) gauge theory
- The  $R_T$  ratio can be used to signal deconfinement in QCD
- Further MC studies of these quantities is needed to understand renormalization and quark mass dependence of  $R_T$
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# Probing deconfinement in QCD

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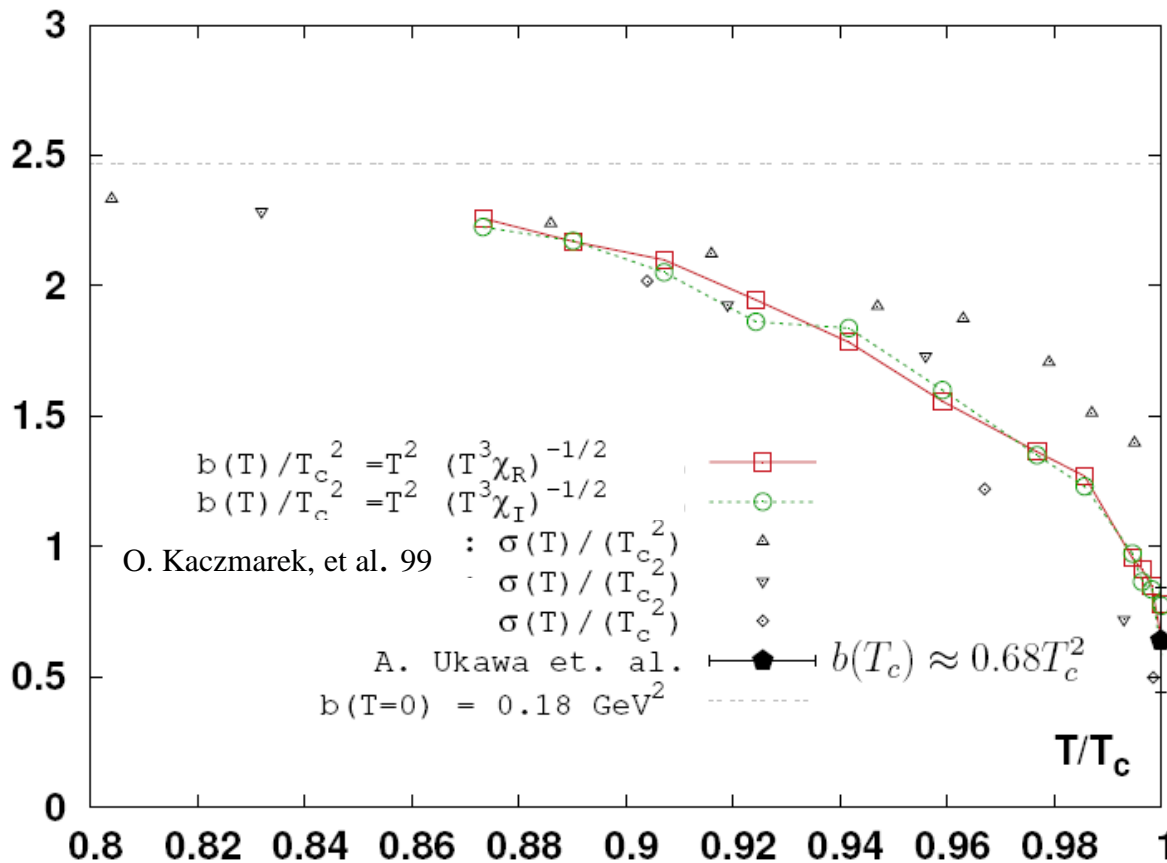
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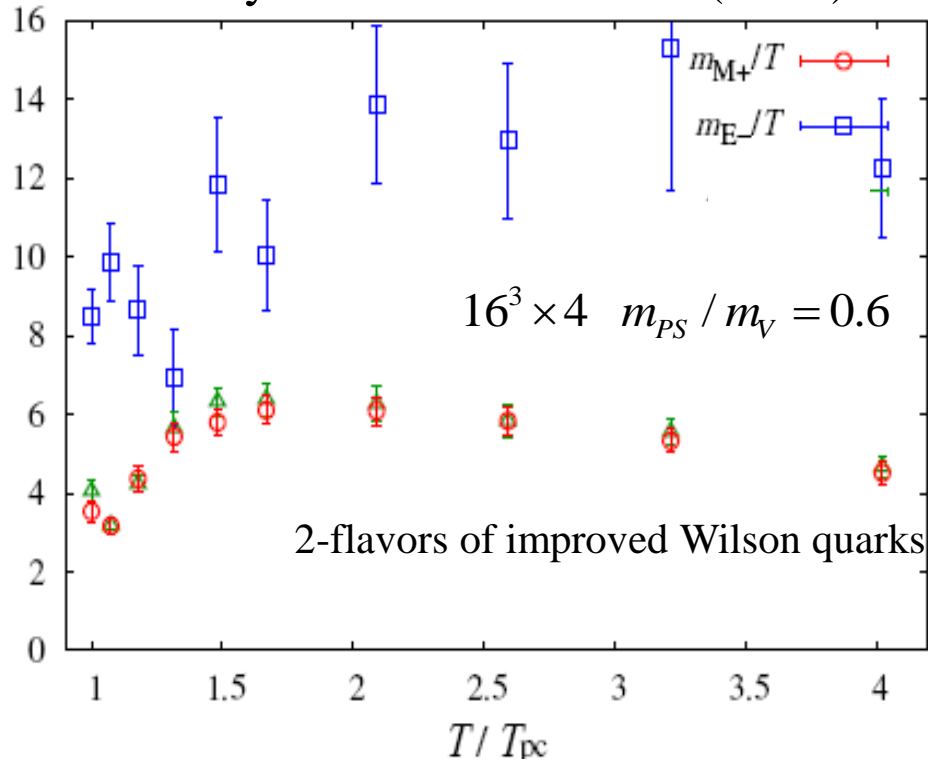
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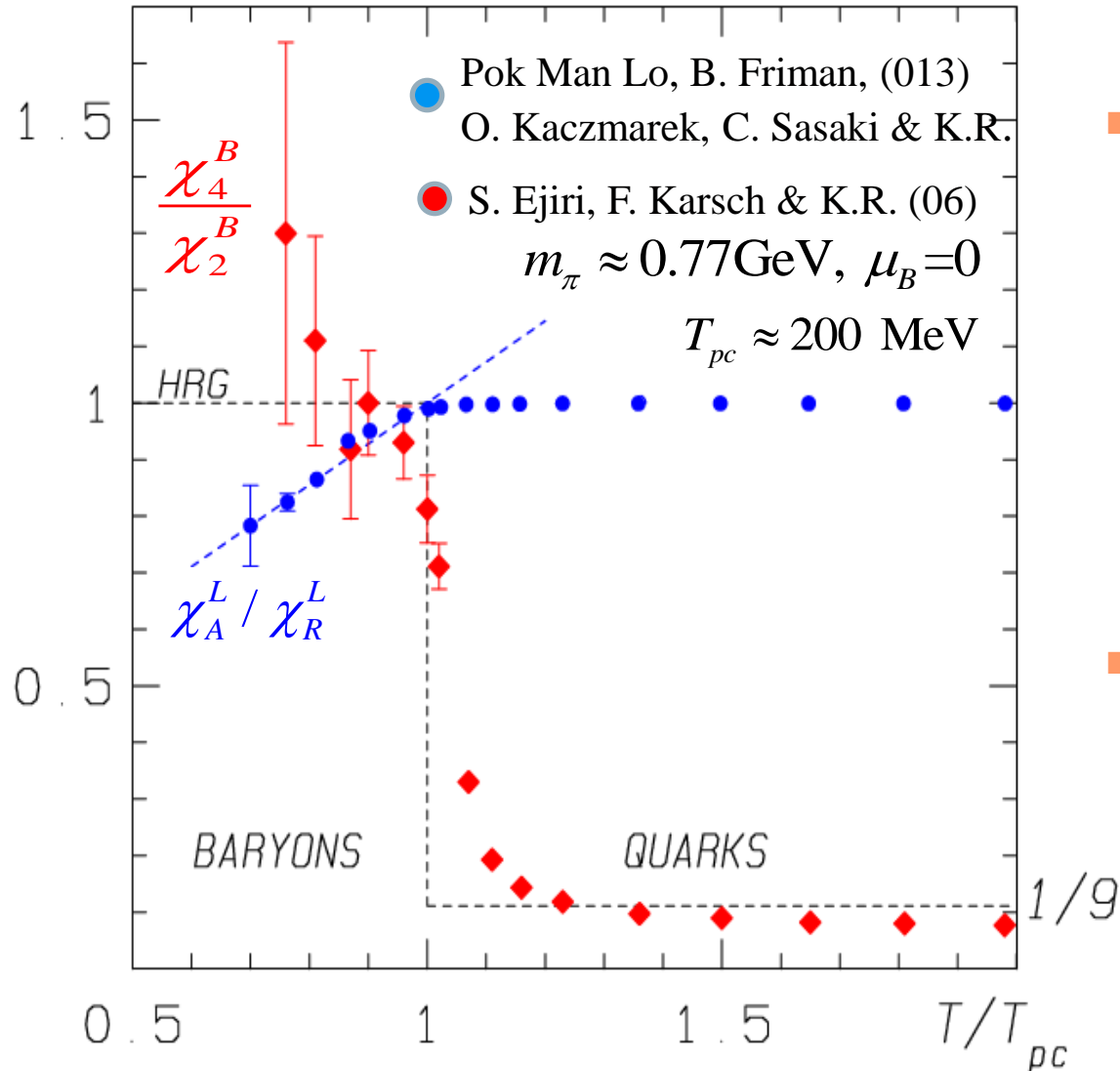
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$16^3 \times 4$  lattice with p4 fermion action



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