

Exploring the QCD Phase diagram with imaginary chemical potential with HISQ action

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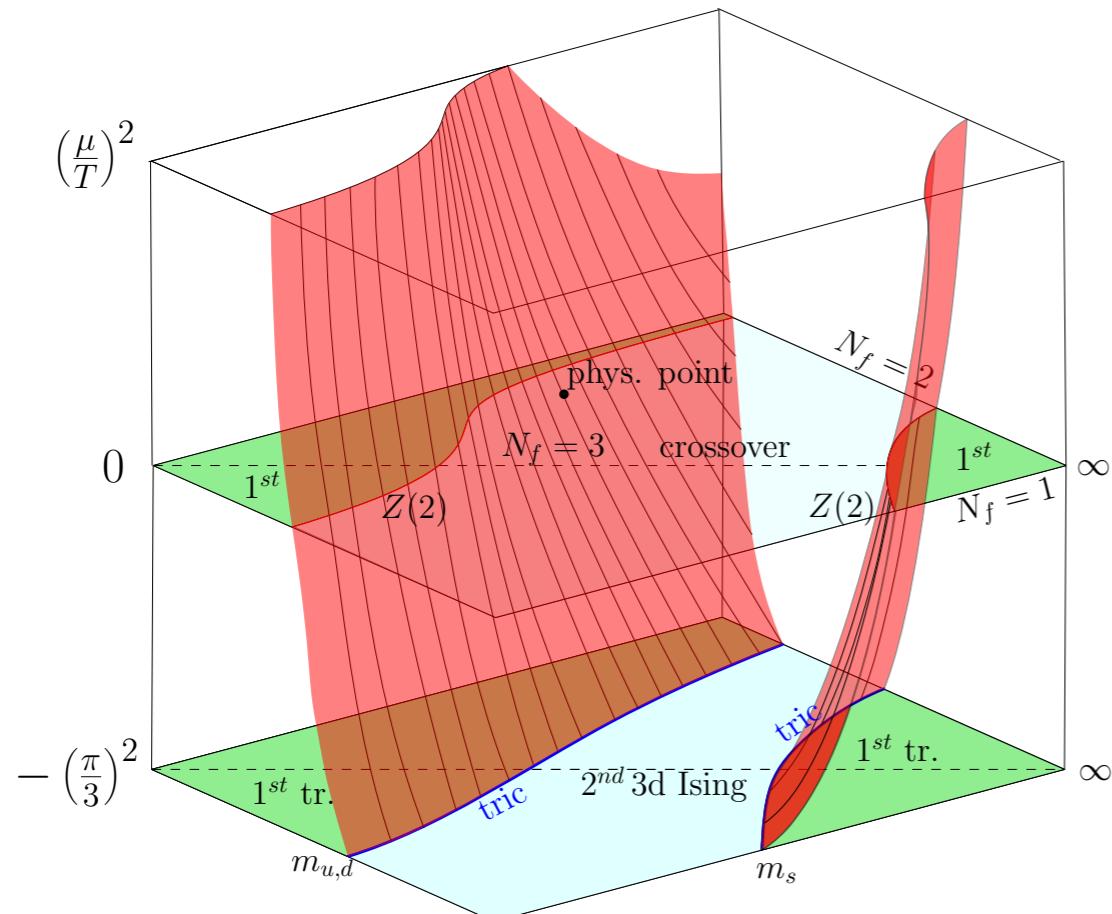
Plan of the talk

- Introduction
- Status on chiral phase transition with HISQ at $\mu = 0$
- Status on chiral phase transition in the RW plane.
- Results and discussions.

Introduction

Central Question:

Nature of the chiral symmetry restoring transition at $\mu=0$ at the chiral limit??



Does a 1st order chiral symmetry restoring transition exist at $\mu=0$ below a certain critical quark mass (m_{cri}) ??

The 1st order region is expected to be largest in the RW plane($\mu/T=(2k+1)\pi/3$). Thus critical mass in the RW plane puts a bound on the critical mass at $\mu=0$.

Possible scenario of extended 3d Columbia plot

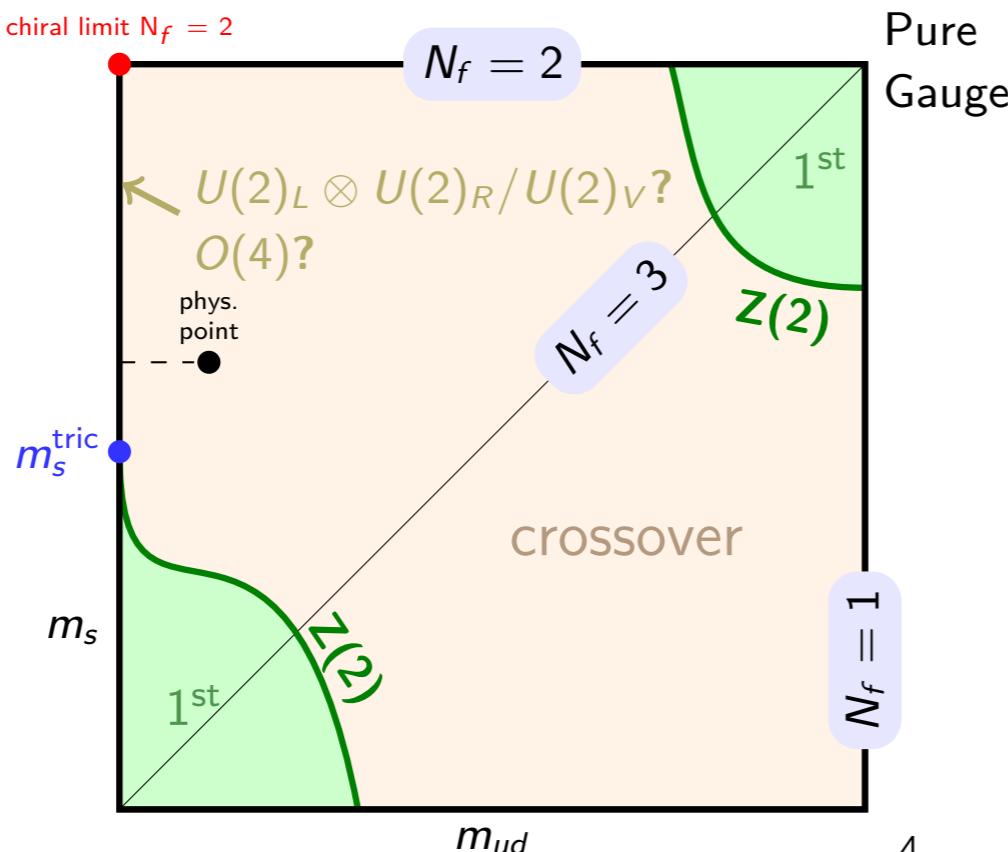
O. Philipsen and C. Pinke. Phys. Rev. D93, 114507, 2016.

Chiral transition for zero chemical potential with HISQ

- HotQCD results on chiral phase transition, [$\mu = 0$]

$N_f=2+1$: No hint of 1st order phase transition for $m_\pi > 55$ MeV. chiral transition is most likely 2nd order O(N) rather than Z(2).

A. Lahiri et. al. , QM 2018, arXiv:1807.05727



$N_f=3$: 1st order phase transition ruled out for $230 \text{ MeV} > m_\pi > 80 \text{ MeV}$. Bound on critical pion mass is given as, $m_\pi^{\text{cr}} \lesssim 50 \text{ MeV}$ from the scaling analysis.

Bazavov et. al. PRD 95, 074505 (2017)

Studies in the RW plane

Mostly with unimproved actions

Possible scenario of RW end point
— plenary by S. Mukherjee

$m_\pi > 1 \text{ GeV}$, for the ‘heavy quark mass RW transition’

‘small quark mass RW transition’ ($N_f = 2$)

Standard staggered action: $m_\pi \sim 400 \text{ MeV}$ ($N_\tau=4$)

Standard Wilson action: $m_\pi \sim 930 \text{ MeV}$ ($N_\tau=4$)

$m_\pi \sim 680 \text{ MeV}$ ($N_\tau=6$)

→ 1st order end point (of the line of 1st order RW transitions) exist already for $\mu/T = \pi/3$ and $m_{\text{cri}} > m_{\text{phy}}$.

- ★ The results are strongly fermion discretization scheme and cut-off(N_τ) dependent.

P. de Forcrand et. al, PRL 105, 152001(2010), Owe Philipsen et. al, PRD 89, 094504(2014),
Christopher Czaban et al, PRD 93, 054507 (2016)

Studies in the RW plane

Very recent studies with improved actions,

- Stout improved staggered fermions($N_f=2+1$): At the physical quark mass point($m_\pi \sim 135$ MeV) a 2nd order transition in the 3d-Ising universality class happens instead of a 1st order at the RW endpoint.

C. Bonati et. al, PRD 93, 074504 (2016)

No 1st order end point (of the line of 1st order RW transitions) for $m_\pi > 50$ MeV.

C. Bonati et. al, arXiv:1807.02106 [hep-lat]

- HISQ($N_f=2$): Order of the phase transition at physical point is not clear(large cut-off effects) .

L.K.Wu, et al. PRD 97,114514(2018)

Studies with HISQ in the RW plane

Action,

$$Z(T, \mu) = \int [\mathcal{D}U] \det[M_{ud}(\mu_f)]^{1/2} \det[M_s(\mu_f)]^{1/4} \exp[-S_G]$$

$$M_q = D_{HISQ}(\mu_f) + m_q$$

Simulation details,

N_σ	N_τ	$\frac{m_l}{m_s}$	m_π (MeV)
8	4	1/27	135
12	4	1/27	135
16	4	1/27, 1/40, 1/60	135, 110, 90
24	4	1/27, 1/40	135, 110

$$N_f = 2 + 1, \frac{\mu}{T} = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

We vary β in the range [5.850-6.038], corresponds to, $\sim T_c \pm 0.1T_c$

Generally we generated 20k trajectory per β value away from β_c and 80k trajectory near β_c

We work on the 2nd RW plane

Ising endpoint of a first order line

$$H_{eff}(t, \xi) = t\mathcal{E} + h\mathcal{M}$$

Effective Ising Hamiltonian which defines the universal critical behaviour of the system

temperature like field

energy like operator

magnetic field like

magnetization like operator (order parameter)

under $Z(2)$ transformation,

$$\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$$

$$\mathcal{M} \rightarrow -\mathcal{M}$$

Corresponding critical behaviour of QCD in 2nd RW plane [$Z(2)$ transformation],

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i.e. at $\mu = \mu_{RW}$

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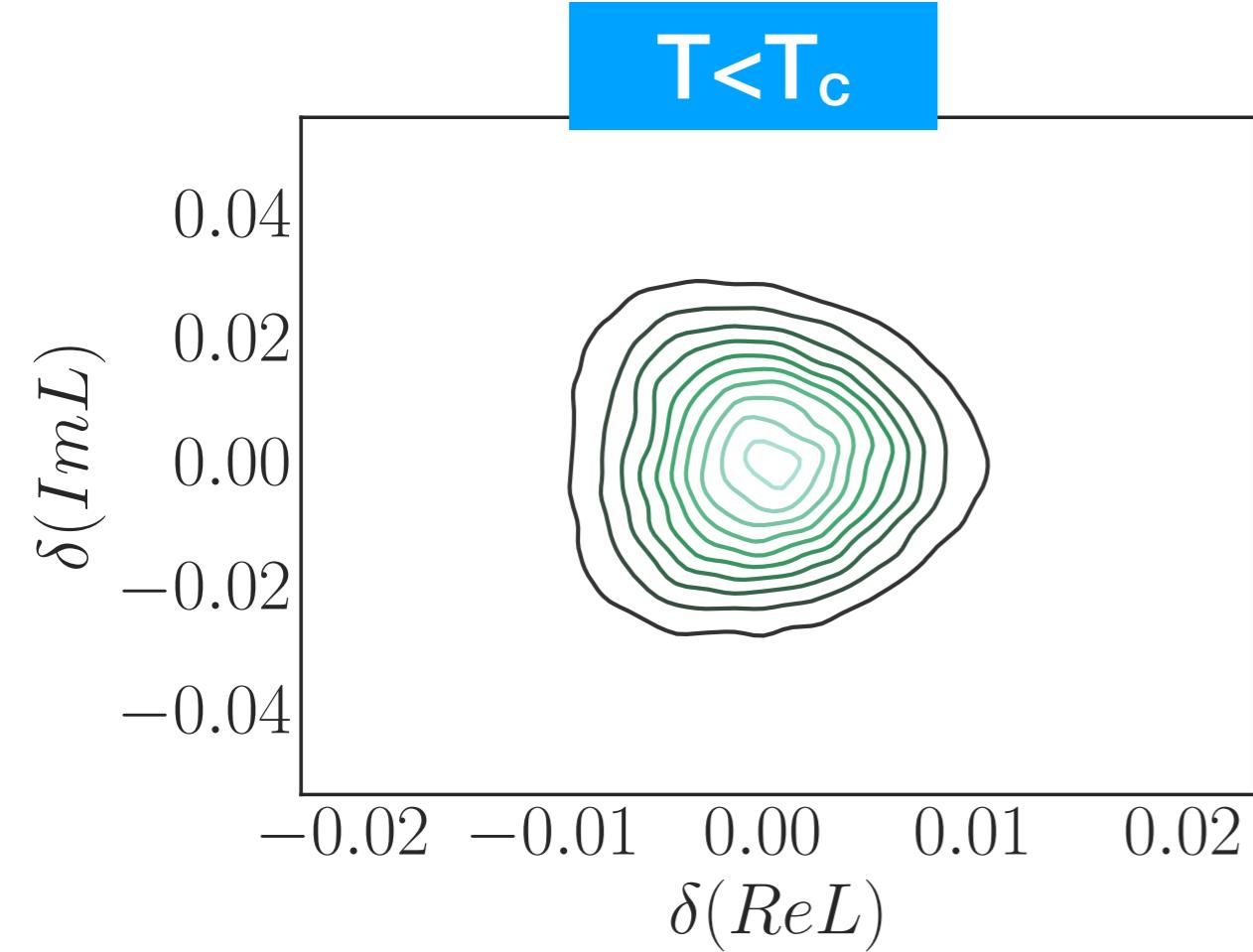
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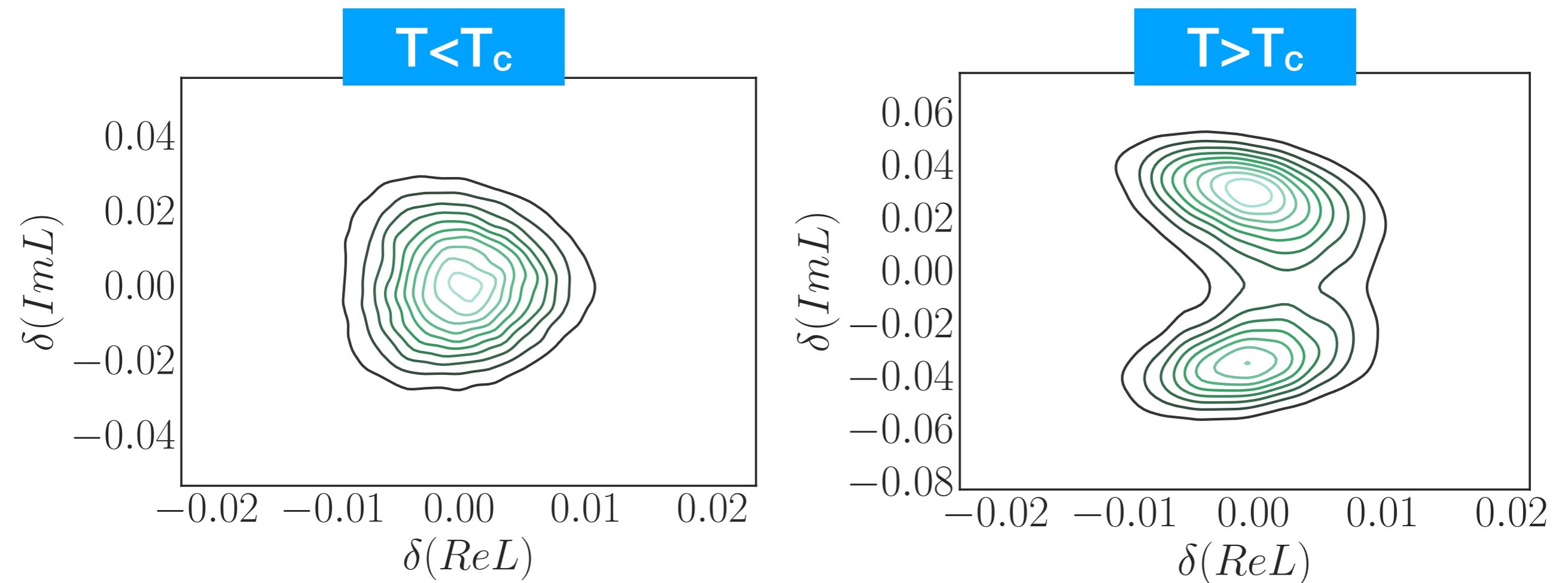
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$$f = f_{ns} + b^{-d} f_s(b^{y_t} u_t, b^{y_h} u_h, b^{-1} N_\sigma)$$



universal functions →

Responsible for the
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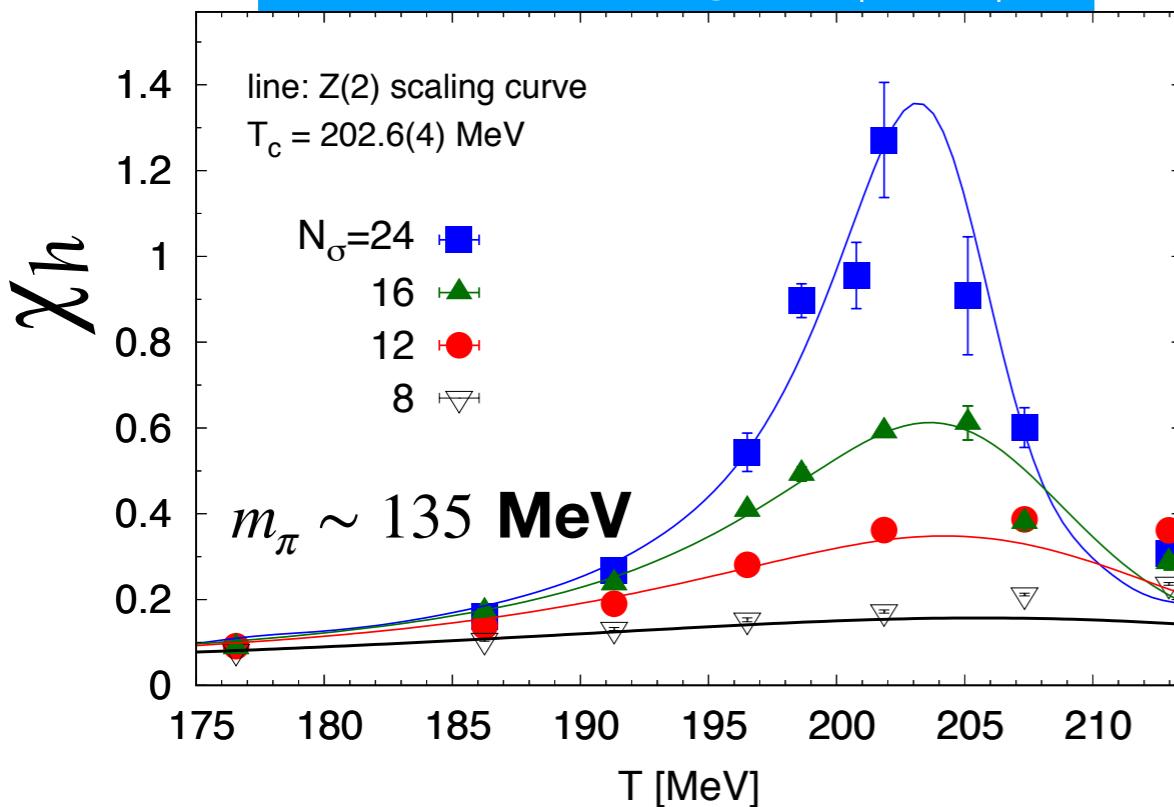
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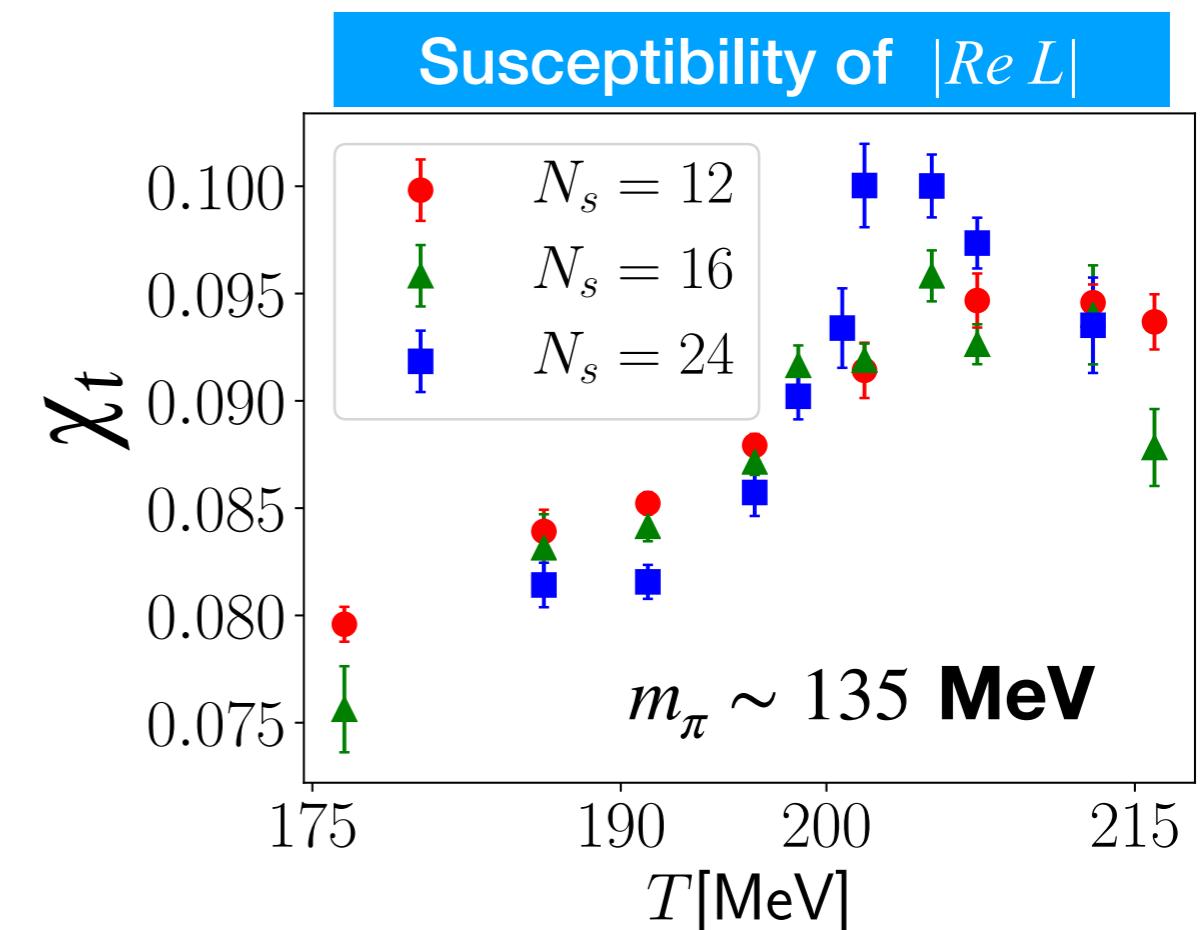
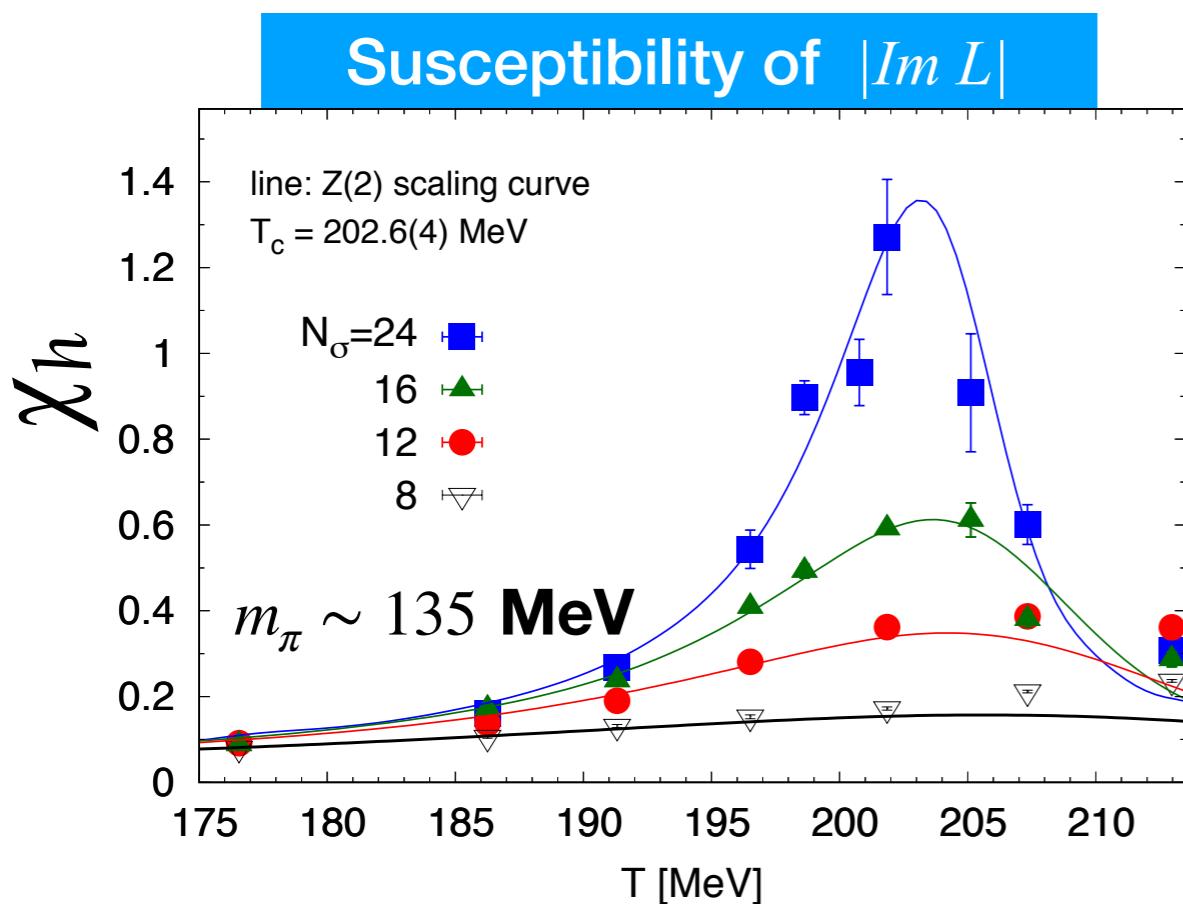
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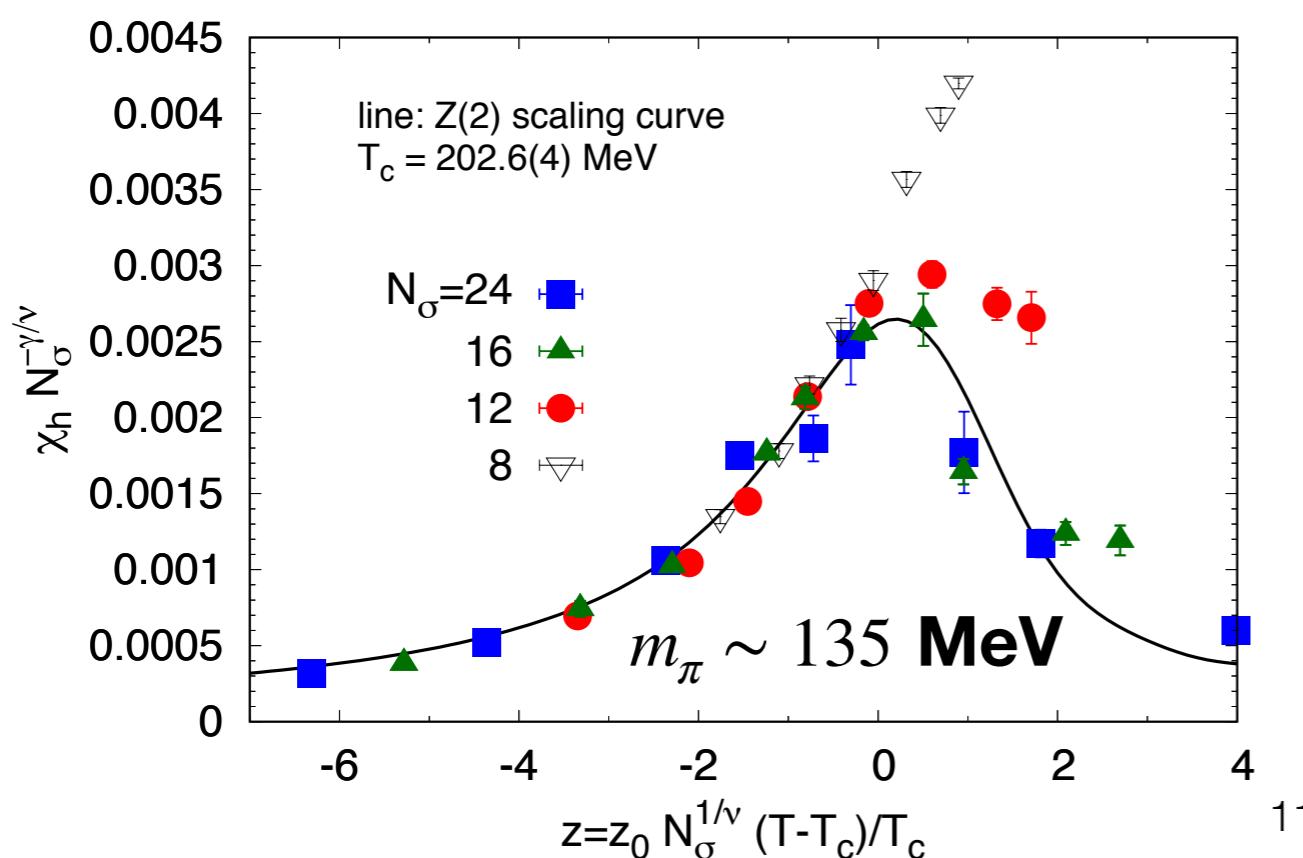
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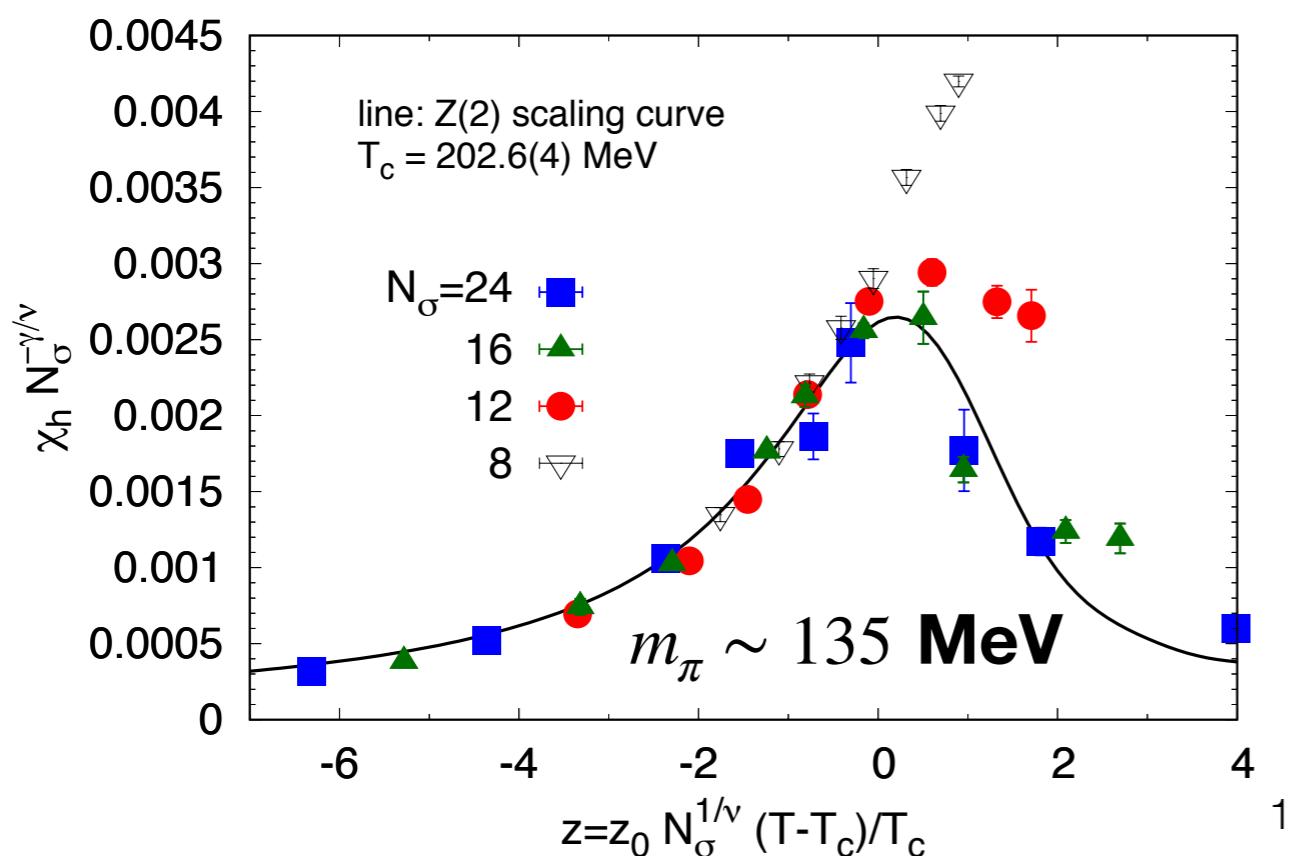
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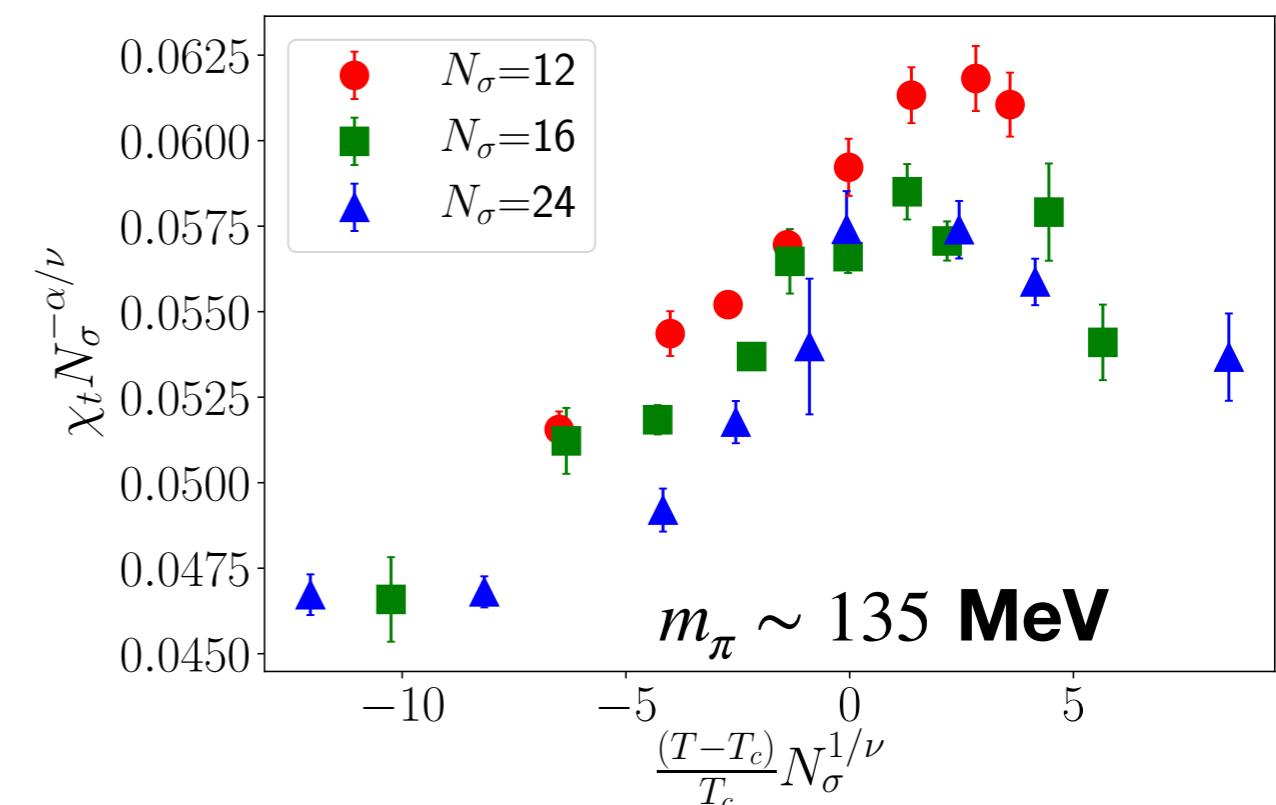
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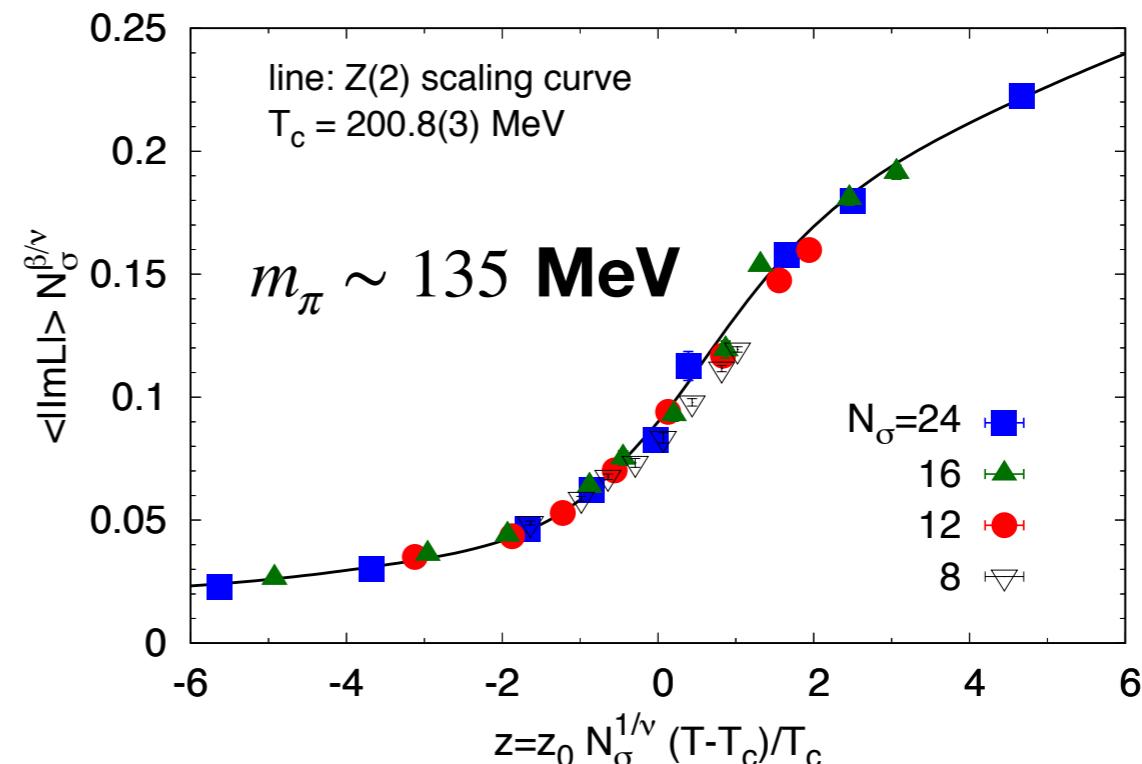
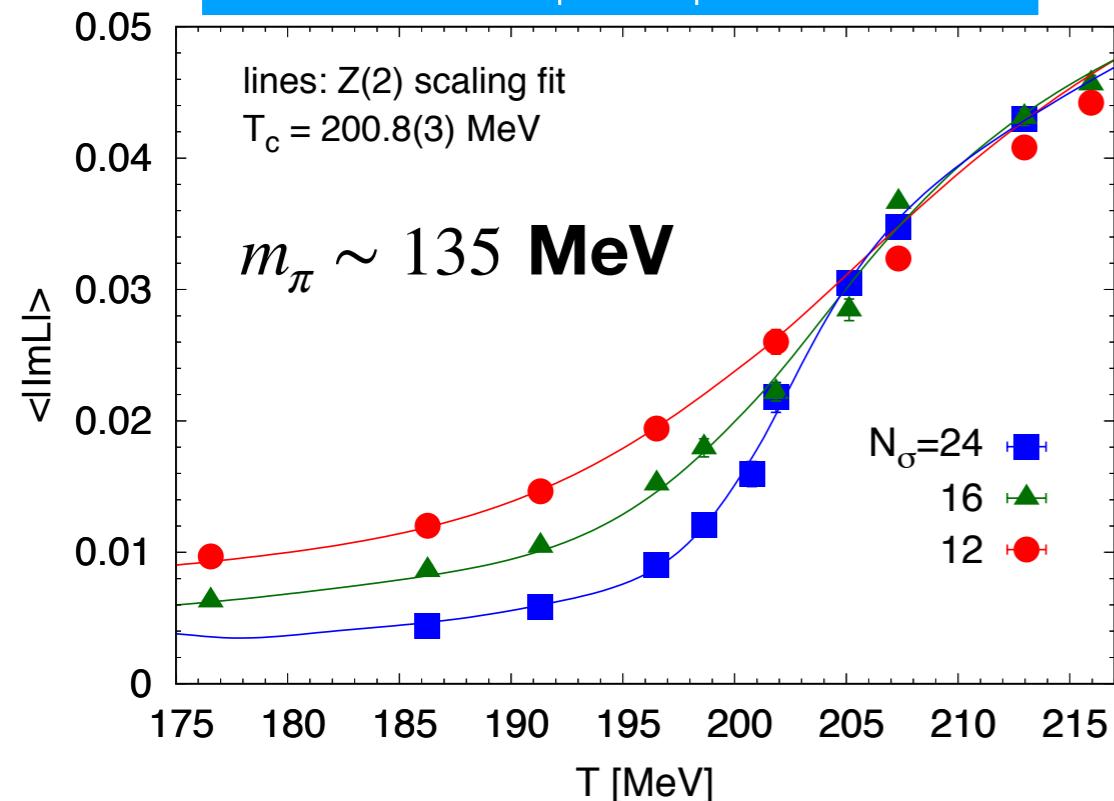
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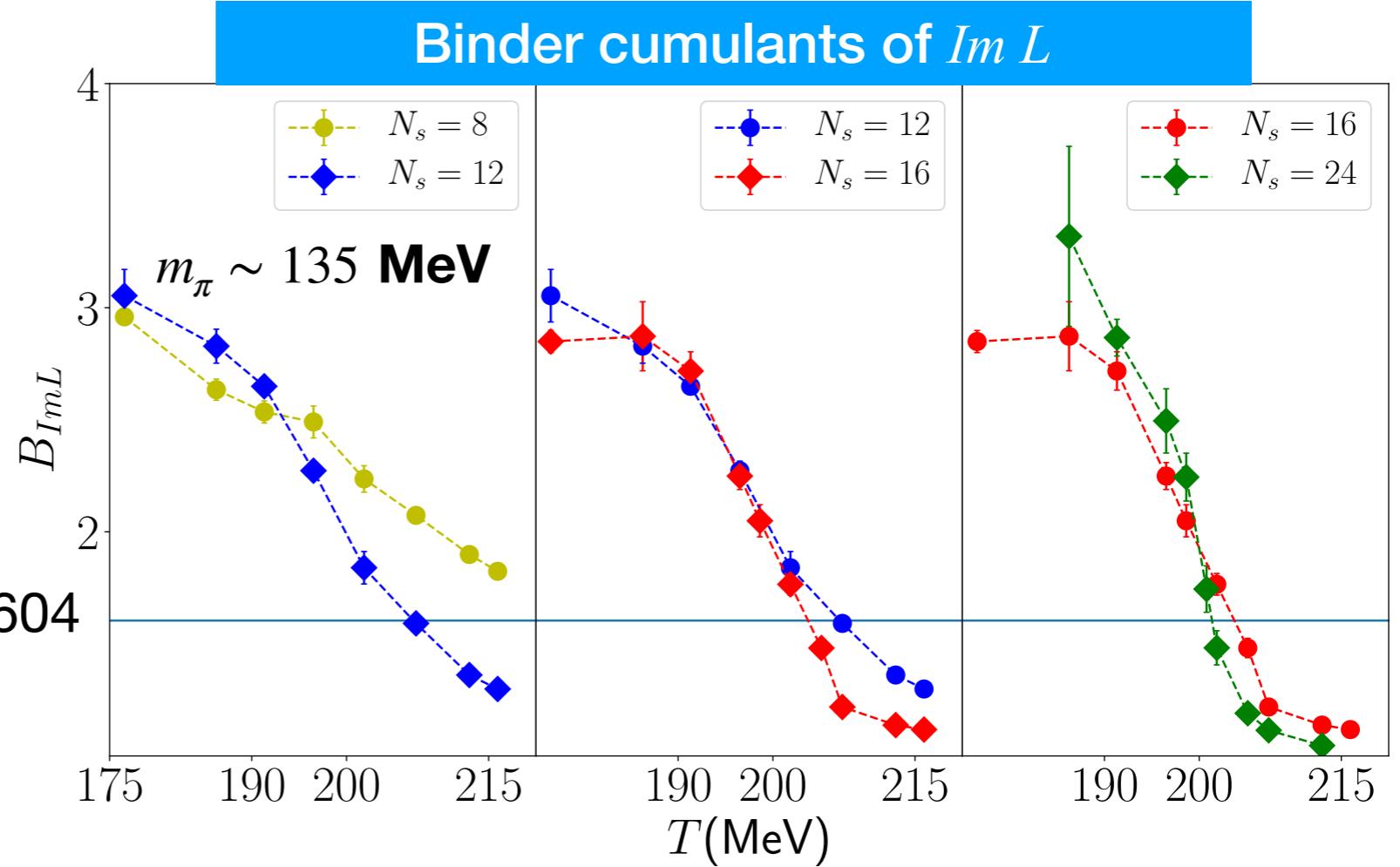
Binder cumulants of order parameter

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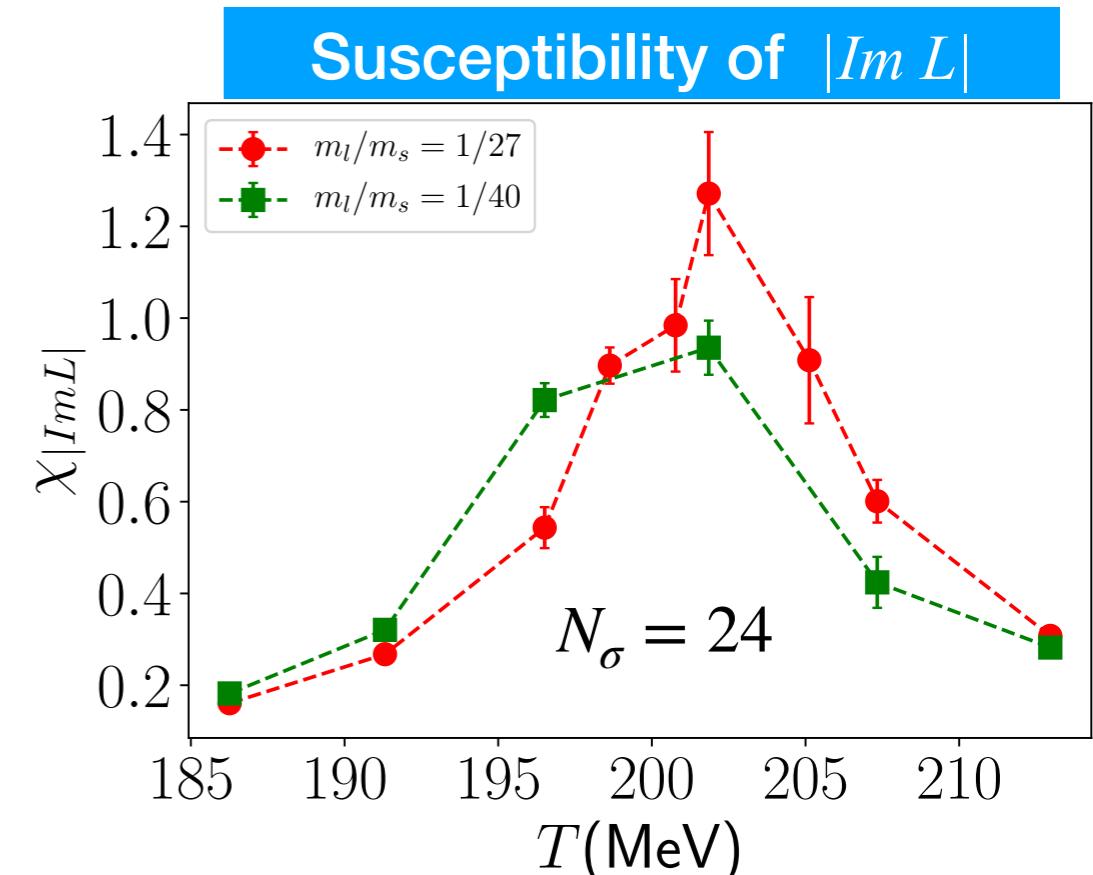
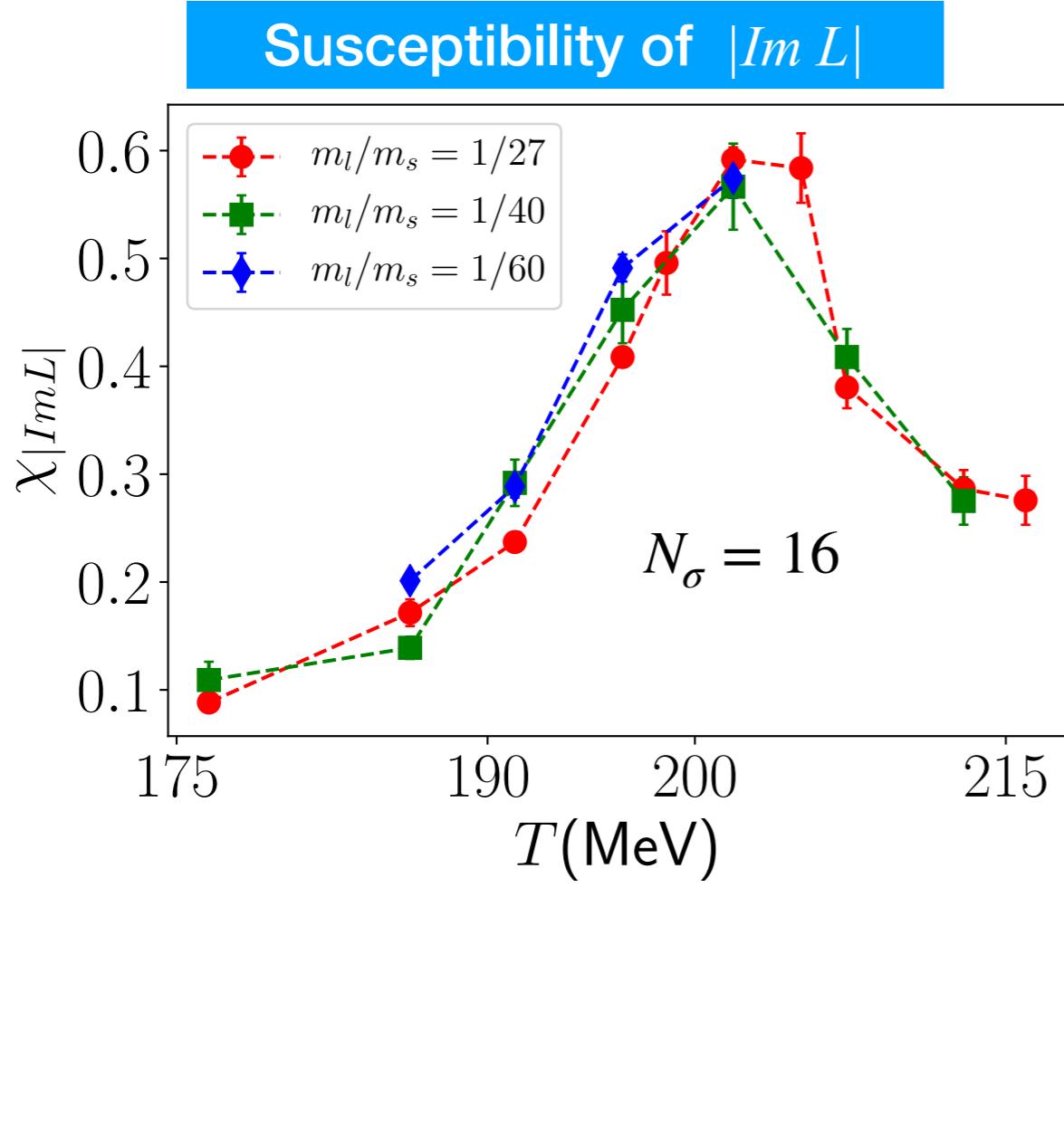


Universal $Z(2)$ scaling of the order parameter

Crossing of the Binder cumulants approaches to the universal value in
 $V \rightarrow \infty$
Ising value=1.604



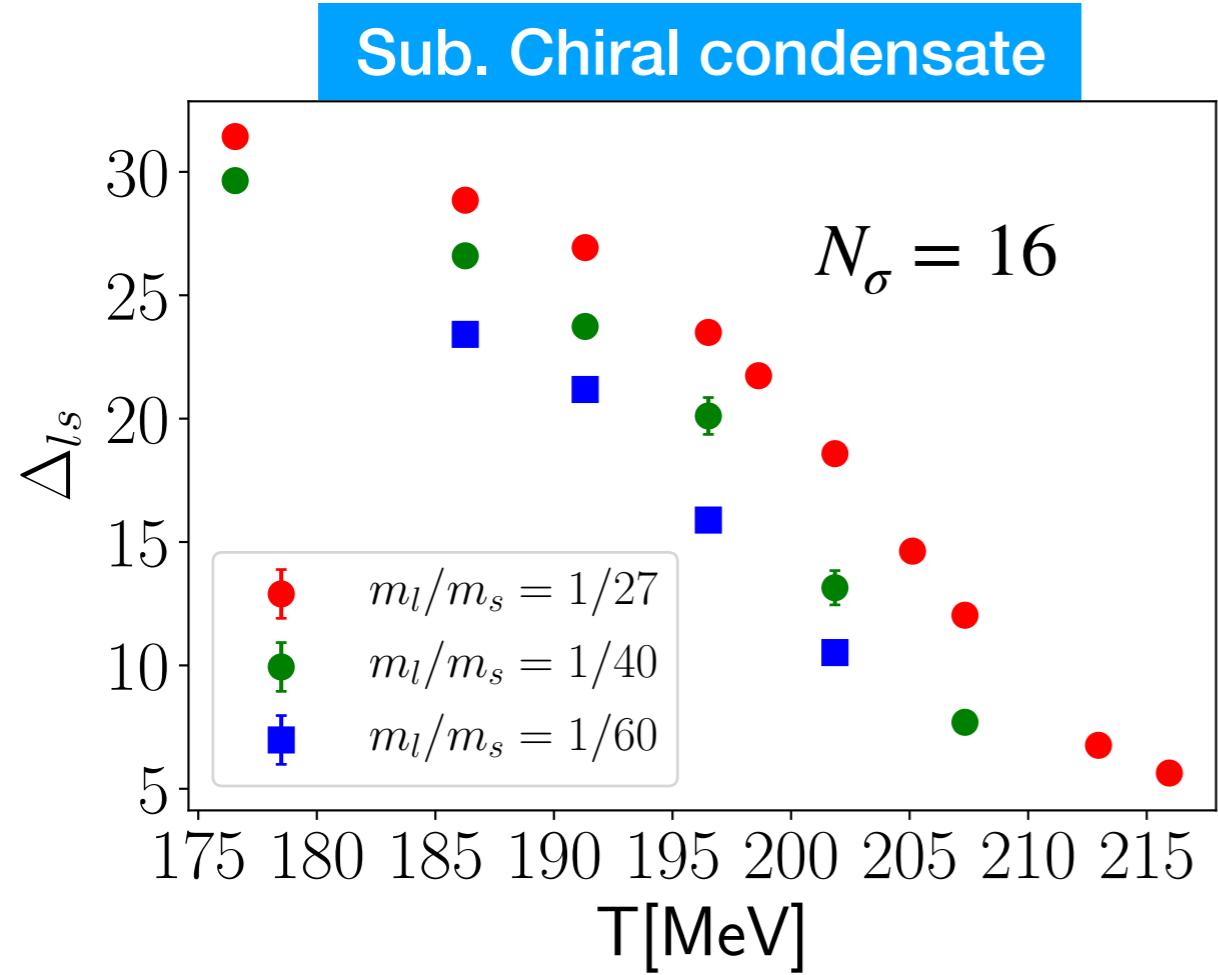
Quark mass dependence of RW transition



No unusual change in the susceptibility of the order parameter with respect to pion mass upto, $m_\pi \sim 90$ MeV

Order of the transition seems to be unchanged ??

Chiral limit and RW transition



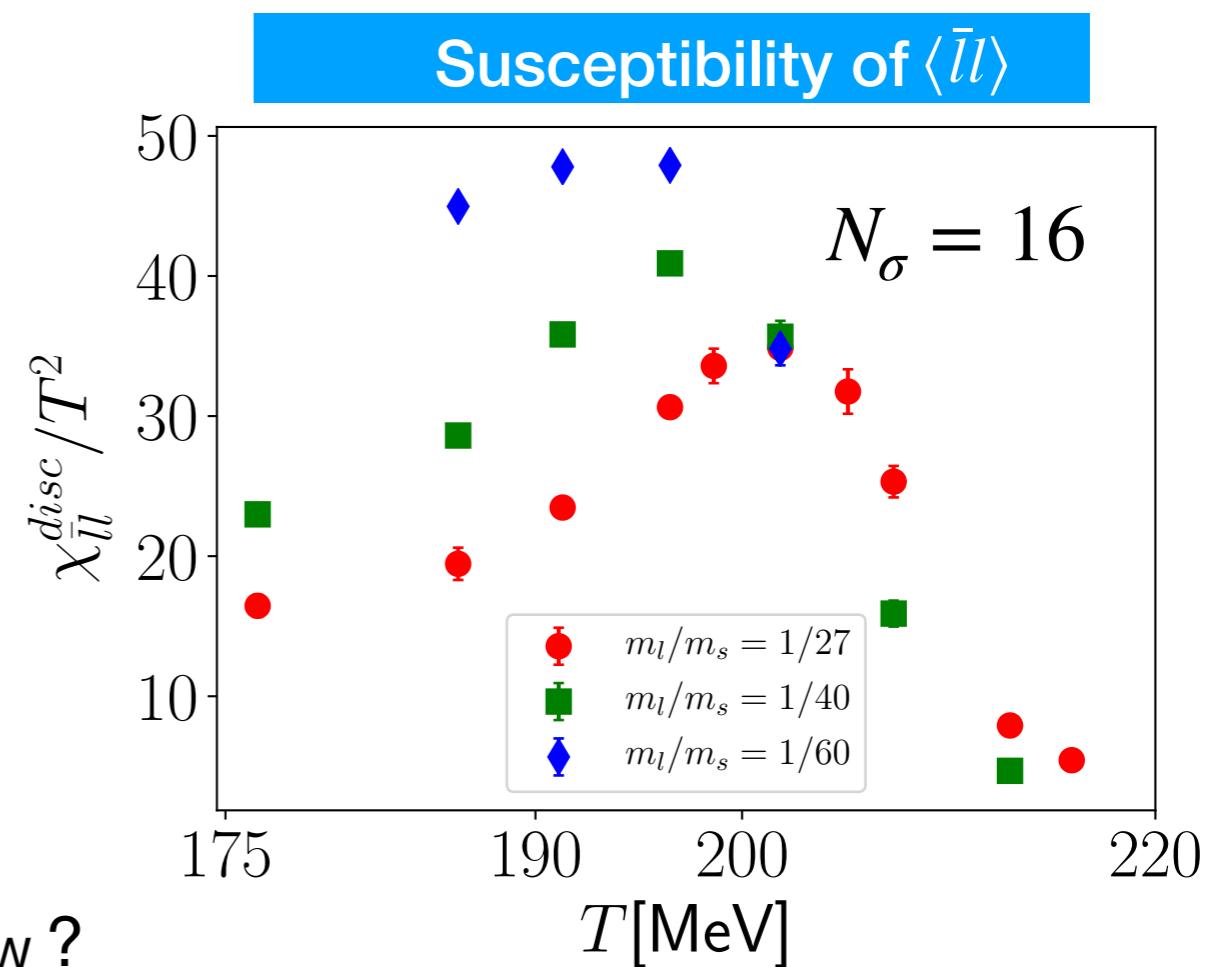
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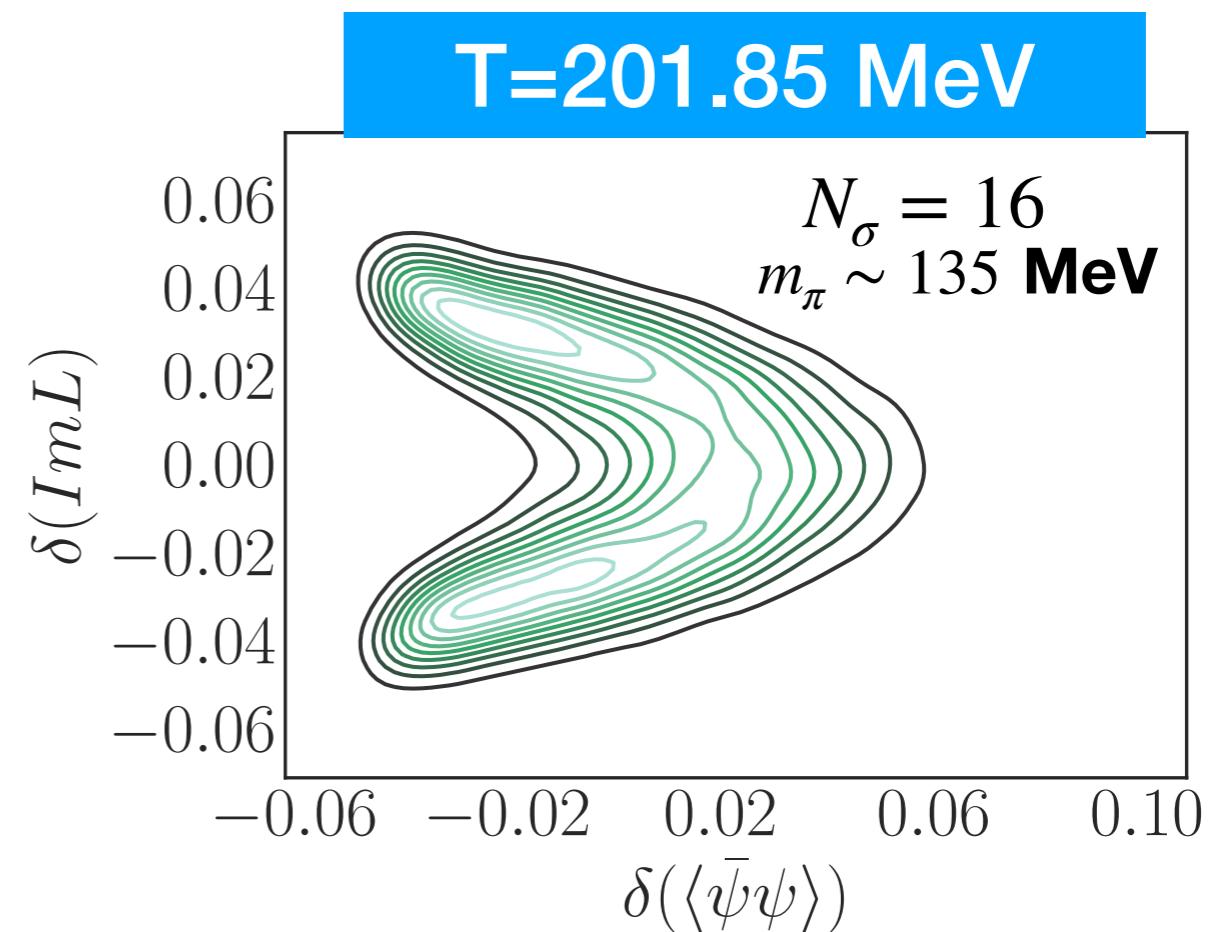
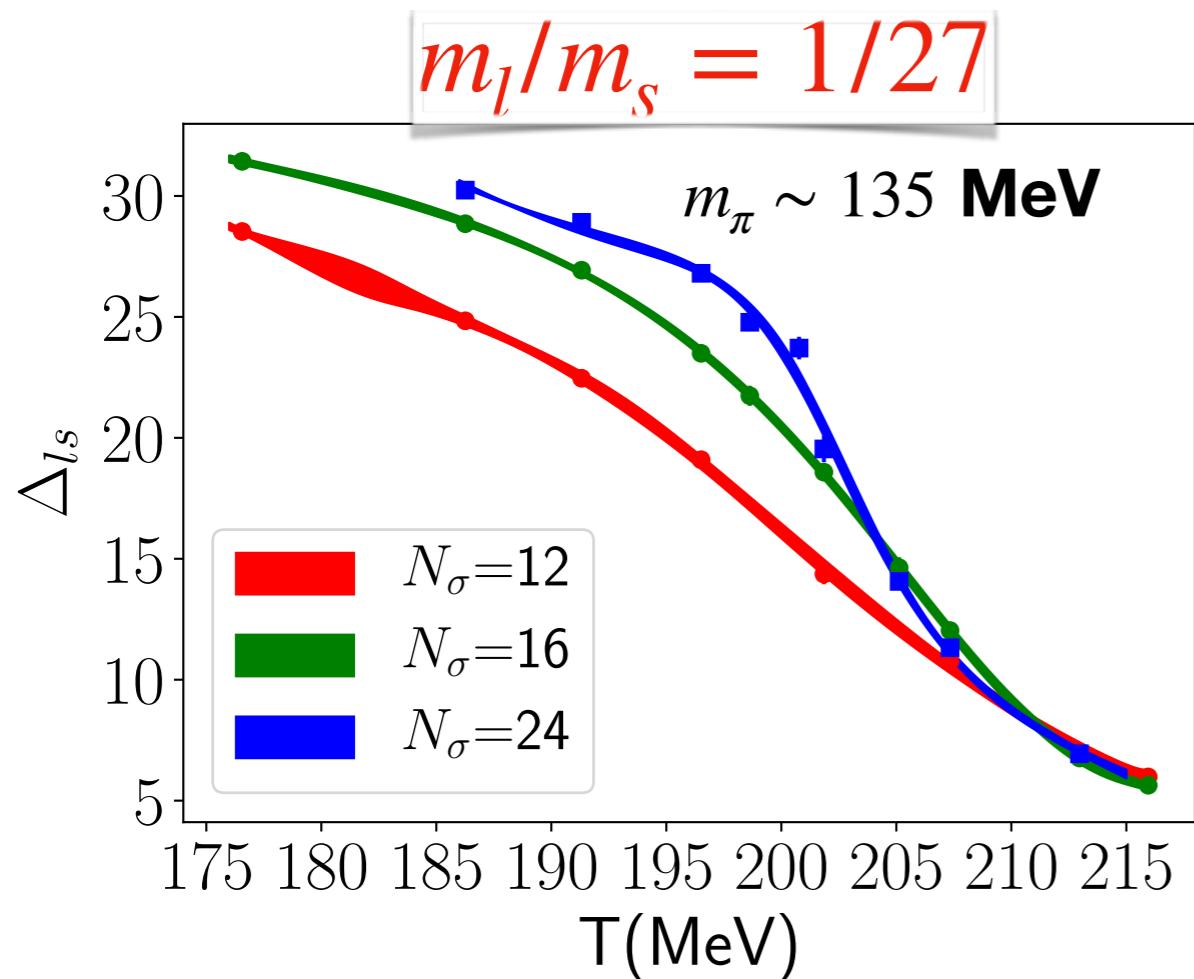
$$\chi_{\bar{\psi} \psi}^{disc} \sim m^{-1/2} \quad \text{For, } T < T_c$$

Goldstone effect (square root singularity) in $\chi_{\bar{l}l}^{disc}$ below T_{RW} is evident.

→ chiral symmetry restoration at T_{RW} ?

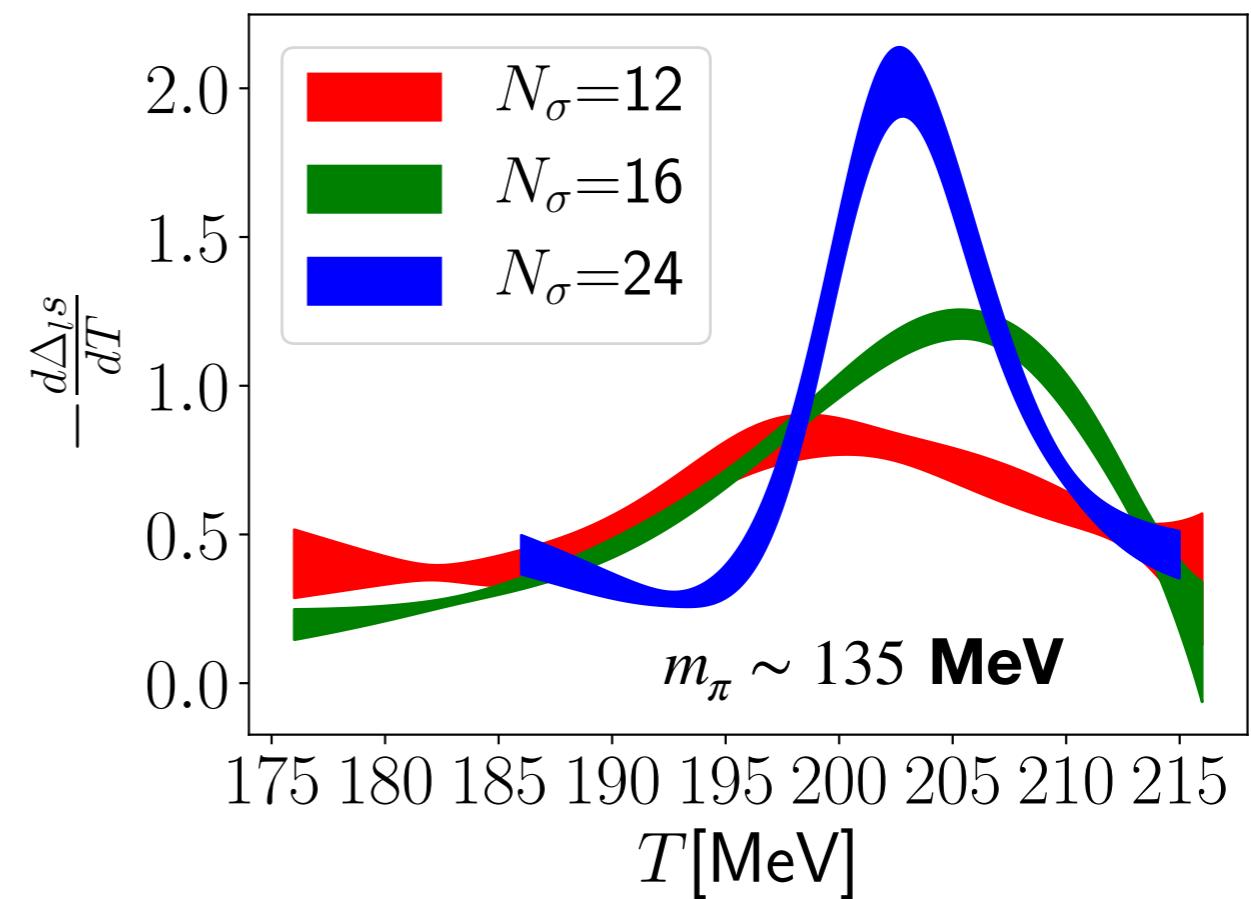
$$\Delta_{ls} = (m_s/f_k^4) (\langle \bar{l}l \rangle - (m_l/m_s) \langle \bar{s}s \rangle)$$





Strong volume dependence of “subtracted chiral condensate” at fixed m_l/m_s below T_{RW}

mixed chiral susceptibility sensitive to transition at the RW endpoint



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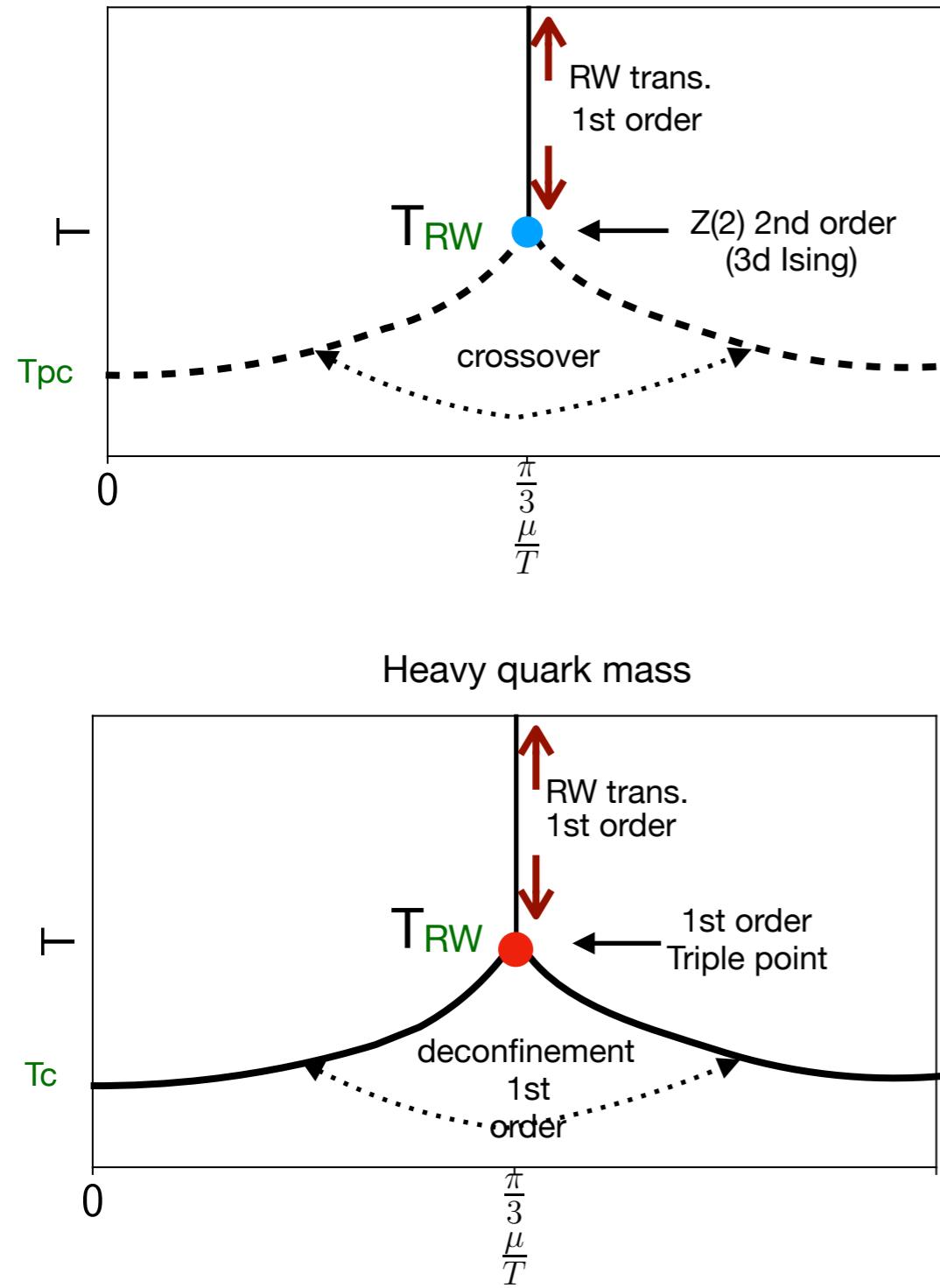
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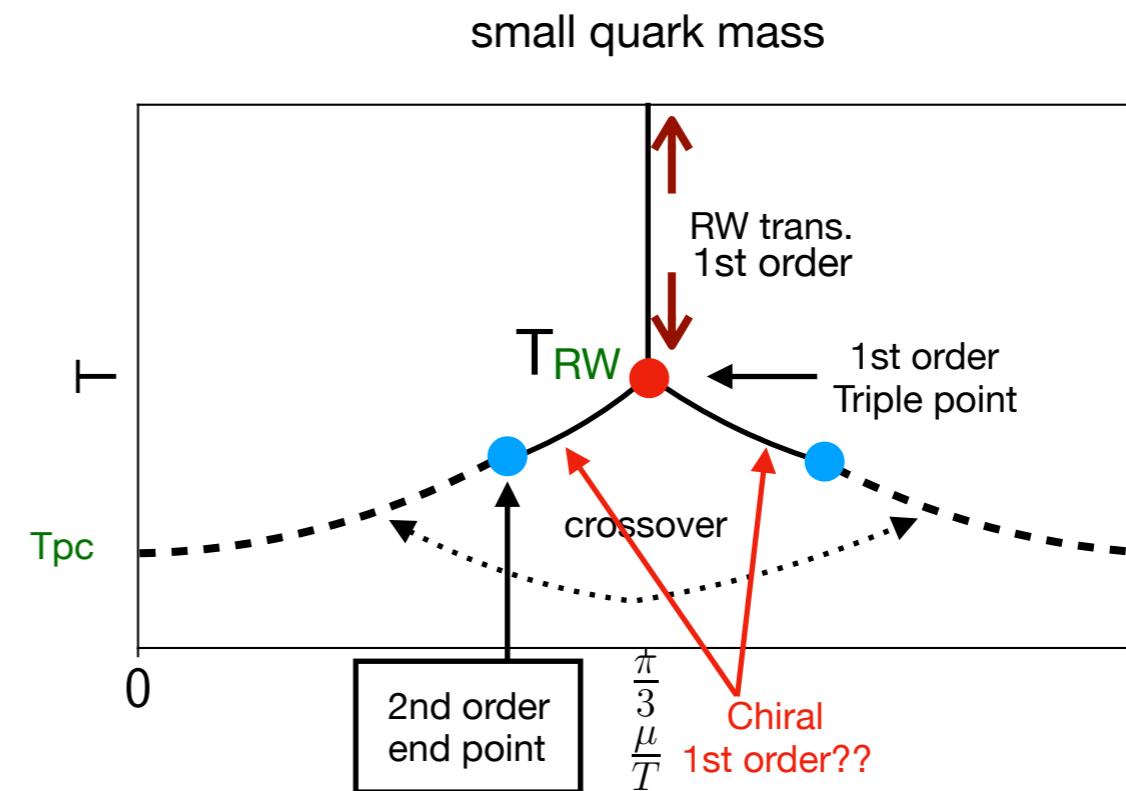
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Back up slides

Intermediate quark mass



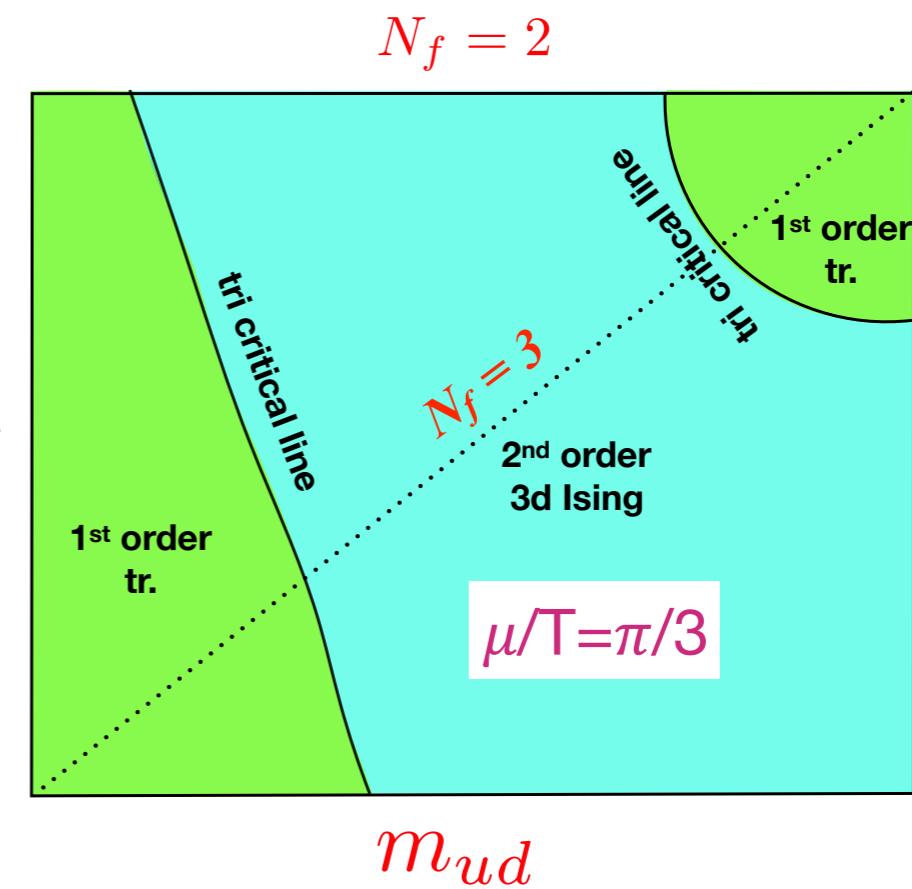
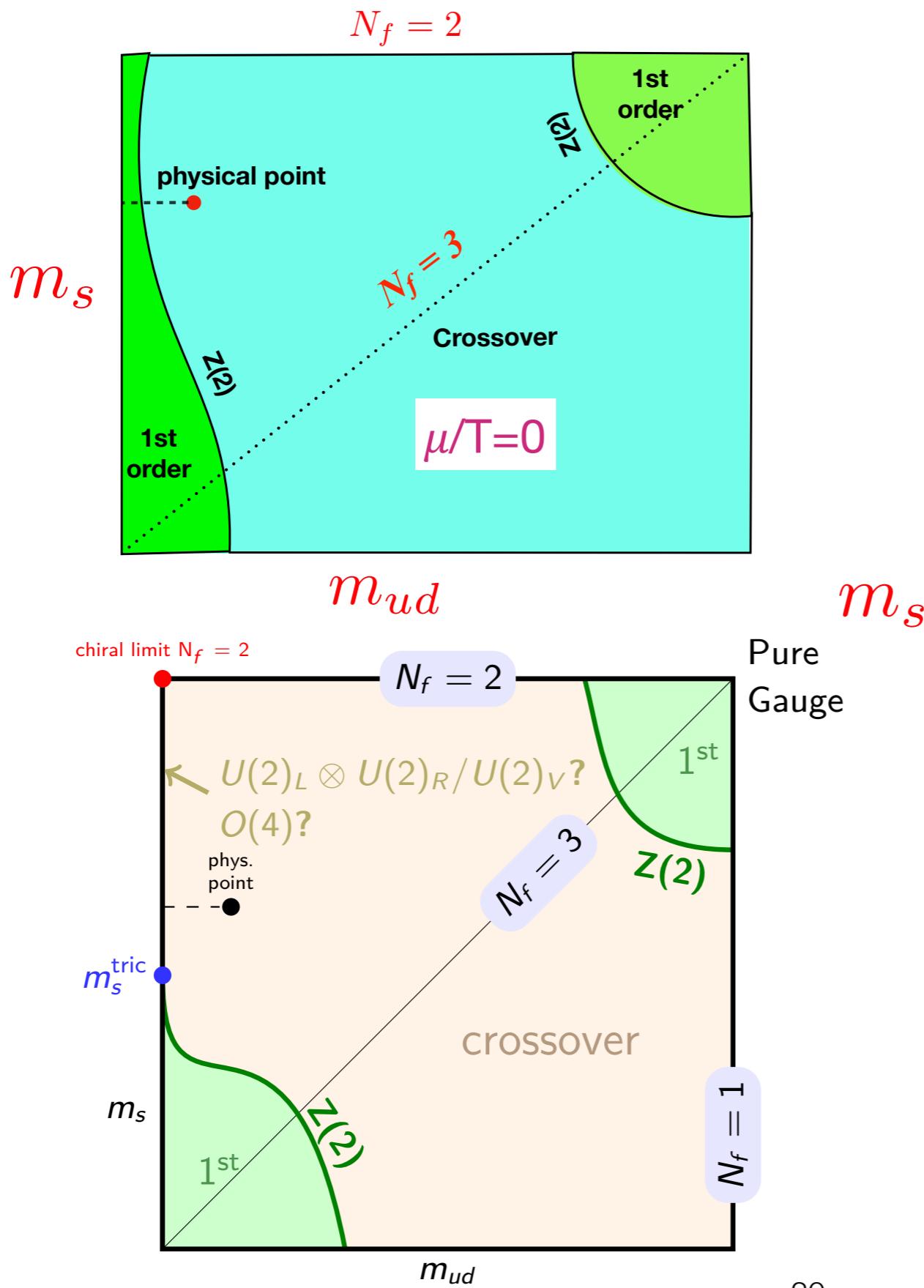
Conjectured phase diagrams in the imaginary chemical potential plane



Different scenarios
for different quark masses

Phases in the RW plane

- RW transition happens between two $Z(3)$ sectors of the Polyakov loop. Hence, the order parameter can be the phase or the imaginary part of the Polyakov loop.
- In the RW plane, the 1st order region (for small mass) consists of three 1st order transitions, where high temperature RW transition meets two chiral phase transitions.
- The physical point which is crossover for $\mu=0$ can be 1st or 2nd order in the RW plane. So, our first goal is to confirm this issue and then going to the chiral limit to “search for a 1st order” transition.



Columbia plot in $\mu=0$
and RW plane