Low T condensation and scattering data

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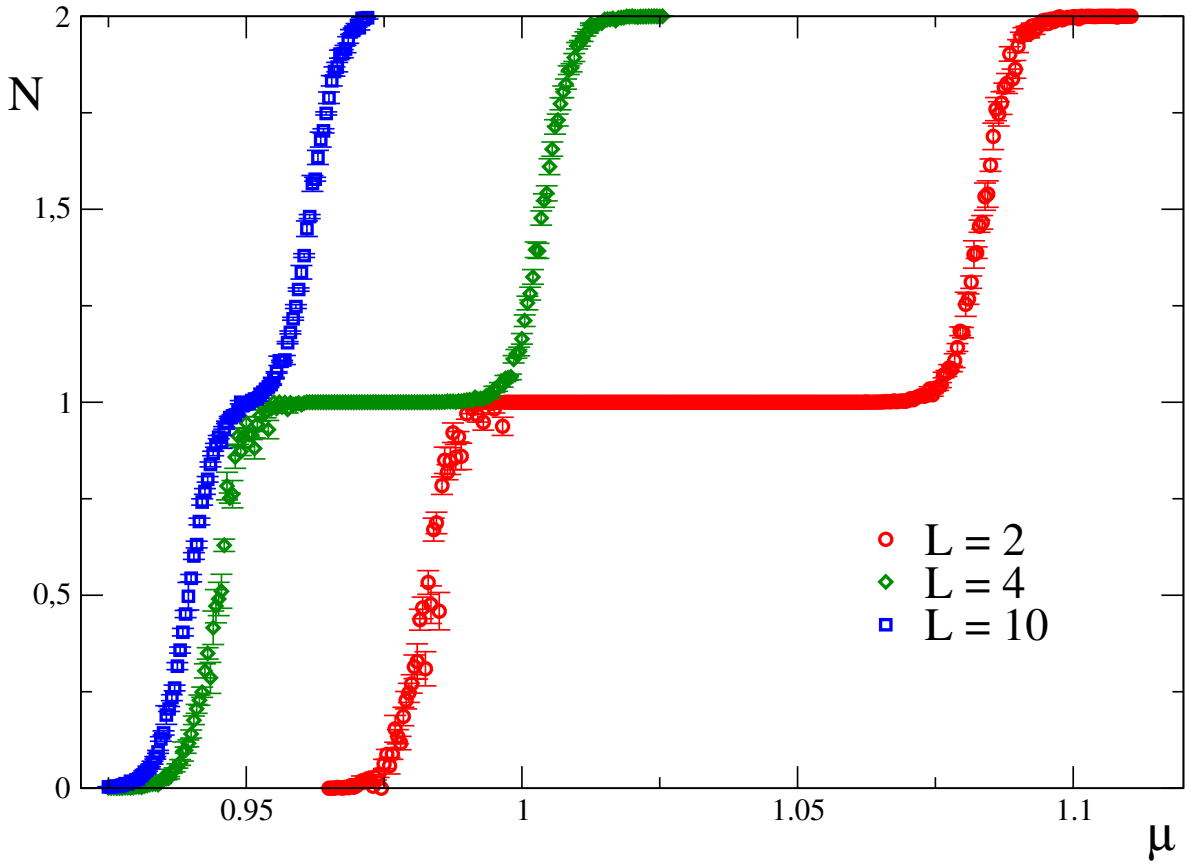
Motivation: Particle Number vs. μ

- Typical scenario at low T (fixed) and finite V $(= L^{d-1})$:



- Nature of condensation steps?
- Condensation thresholds $\mu_c^i \Leftrightarrow$ low energy parameters

Our approach

- We study the low temperature regime of a QFT at finite density
- For small spatial lattices particle sectors are separated by finite energy steps $\Rightarrow$ particle condensation
- Critical chemical potentials μ_c^i of these transitions are related to the minimal N-particle energies W_N
- At finite volume scattering information is encoded in W_N
- We measure the μ_c^i with worldline simulations and extract low energy scattering parameters

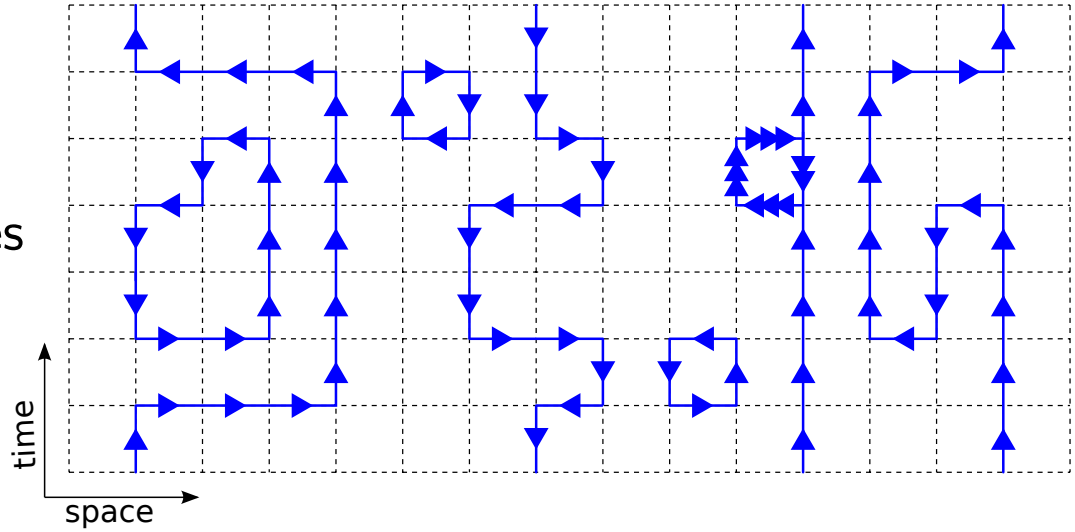
The framework

- Model: complex scalar field with ϕ^4 interaction in 2D and 4D

$$S = \sum_{n\in\Lambda}\left(\left(2d+m_0^2\right)|\phi_n|^2 + \lambda|\phi_n|^4 - \sum_{\nu=1}^{d}\left[\mathrm{e}^{\mu\delta_{\nu,d}}\phi_n^*\phi_{n+\hat{\nu}} + \mathrm{e}^{-\mu\delta_{\nu,d}}\phi_n^*\phi_{n-\hat{\nu}}\right]\right)$$

- Sign problem $\Rightarrow$ MC not possible in conventional representation

- Worldline representation with real and positive weights solves sign problem



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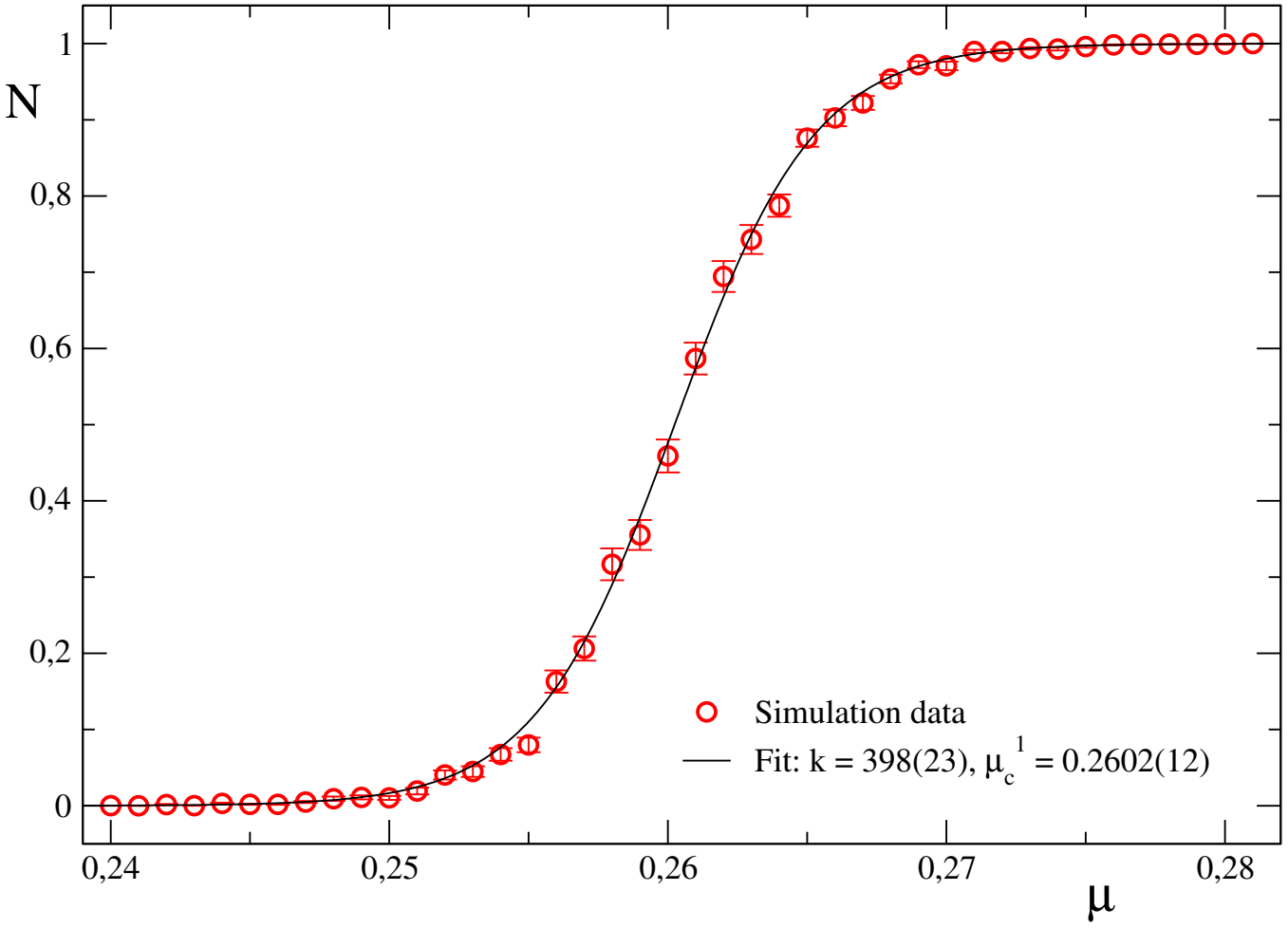
Measuring the condensation thresholds (2D case)

Fit the steps to a logistic function $\Rightarrow$ μ_c^i is inflection point

$$N(\mu) = (i-1) + \left[1 + e^{-k(\mu-\mu_c^i)}\right]^{-1}$$



Interpretation of the condensation steps

- Condensation thresholds are related to the minimal N-particle energies:
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\begin{aligned}
W_1 &= \mu_c^1 \equiv m \\
W_2 &= \mu_c^1 + \mu_c^2 \\
W_3 &= \mu_c^1 + \mu_c^2 + \mu_c^3 \\
&\vdots
\end{aligned}
$$

- W_N depend on low energy parameters (LEP)
- Describe condensation thresholds in terms of LEP

Important cross-check with conventional spectroscopy

- Compute N-particle energies with connected $2N$-point functions:

$$\left\langle (\tilde{\phi}_t)^N (\tilde{\phi}_0^*)^N \right\rangle_c \propto e^{-tE_N}$$

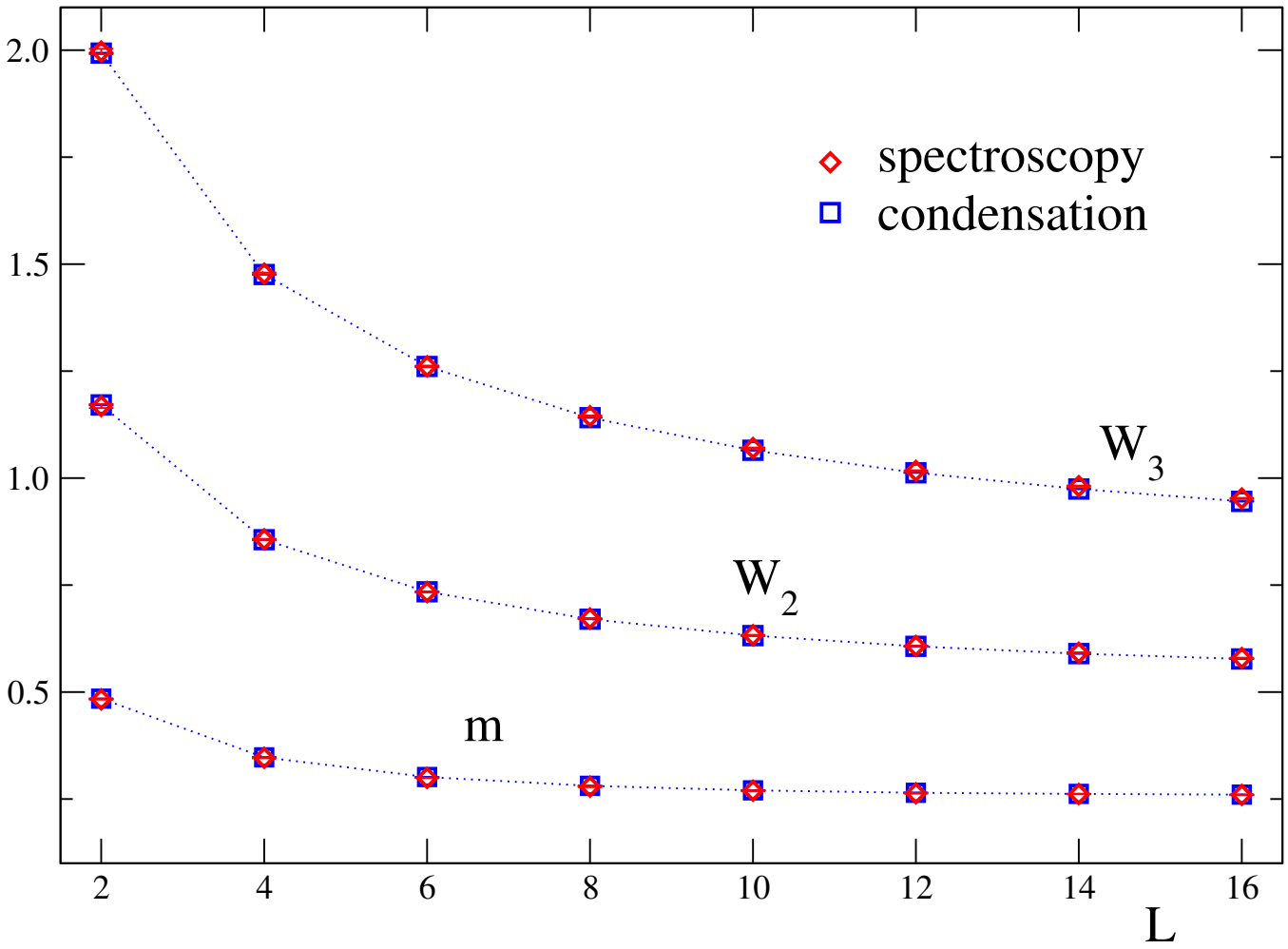
$$\text{with } E_1 = m,\ E_2 = W_2,\ E_3 = W_3,\ \ldots$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{fields are projected to zero momentum}$$

- μ is absent $\Rightarrow$ MC in conventional representation

- Extract the N-particle energies from the exponential decay of correlators

Spectroscopy versus WL simulations (2D case)



$\Rightarrow$ Interpretation of condensation steps as m, W_2, W_3 confirmed!

L-dependence of N-particle energies (4D case)

$$m = m_\infty + \frac{A}{L^{\frac{3}{2}}} e^{-Lm_\infty}$$

Rummukainen & Gottlieb 1995

$$W_2 = 2m + \frac{4\pi a}{mL^3}\left[1 - \frac{a}{L}\frac{\mathcal{I}}{\pi} + \left(\frac{a}{L}\right)^2 \frac{\mathcal{I}^2 - \mathcal{J}}{\pi^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{a}{L}\right)^3\right]$$

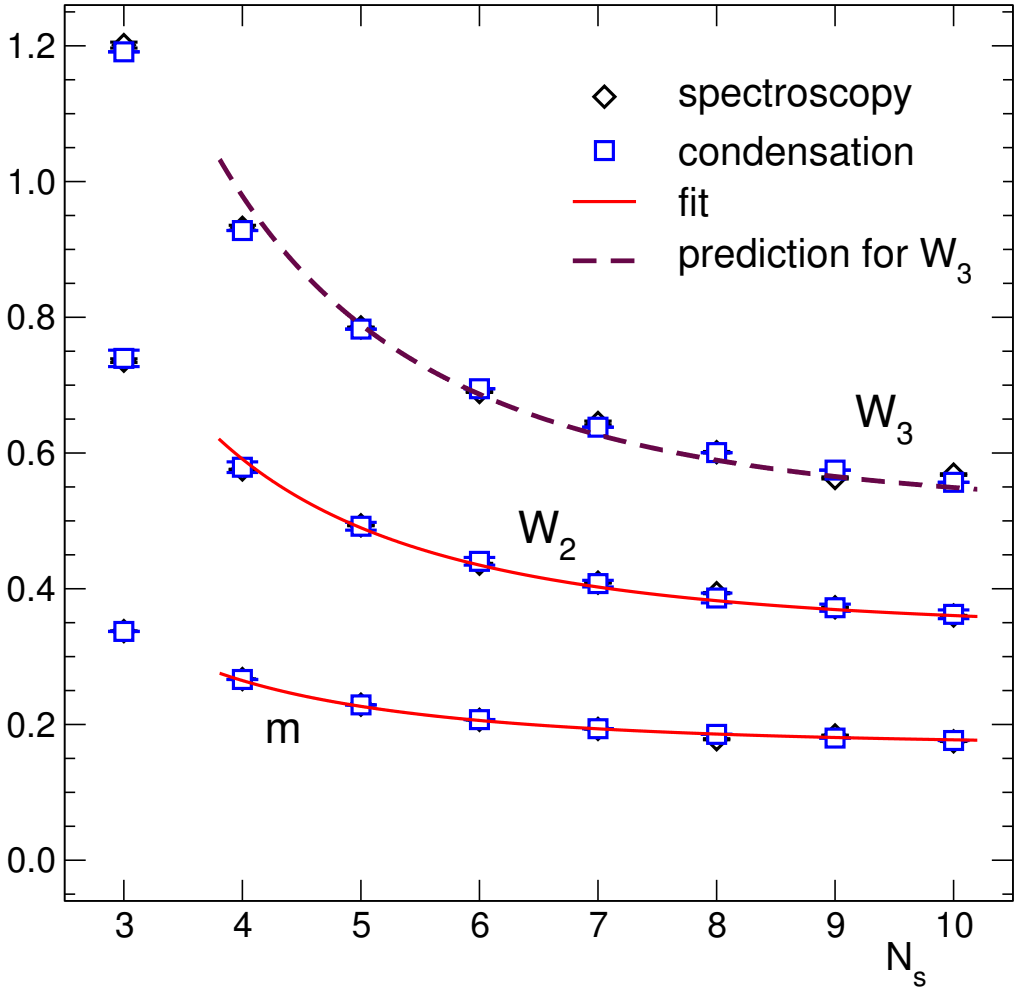
Huang & Yang 1957, Lüscher 1986

$$W_3 = 3m + \frac{12\pi a}{mL^3}\left[1 - \frac{a}{L}\frac{\mathcal{I}}{\pi} + \left(\frac{a}{L}\right)^2 \frac{\mathcal{I}^2 + \mathcal{J}}{\pi^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{a}{L}\right)^3\right]$$

Beane *et al.* 2007, Hansen & Sharpe 2014, 15, 16, Sharpe 2017

- Infinite-volume mass m_∞
- Scattering length a $\quad \left[\delta(k) = -ak + \mathcal{O}(k^2)\right]$
- Numerical constants $\mathcal{I} = -8.914$ and $\mathcal{J} = 16.532$

Results for 4D



- $m_\infty = 0.168(1)$ and $a = -0.078(7)$
- Good "prediction" of W_3 except for very small L ($\equiv N_s$)

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Scattering data in 2D

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From 4D: Up to leading order W_3 should be described by $\delta(k)$

$$W_3 = \sqrt{m^2 + (k_1 + k_2)^2} + \sqrt{m^2 + k_1^2} + \sqrt{m^2 + k_2^2}$$

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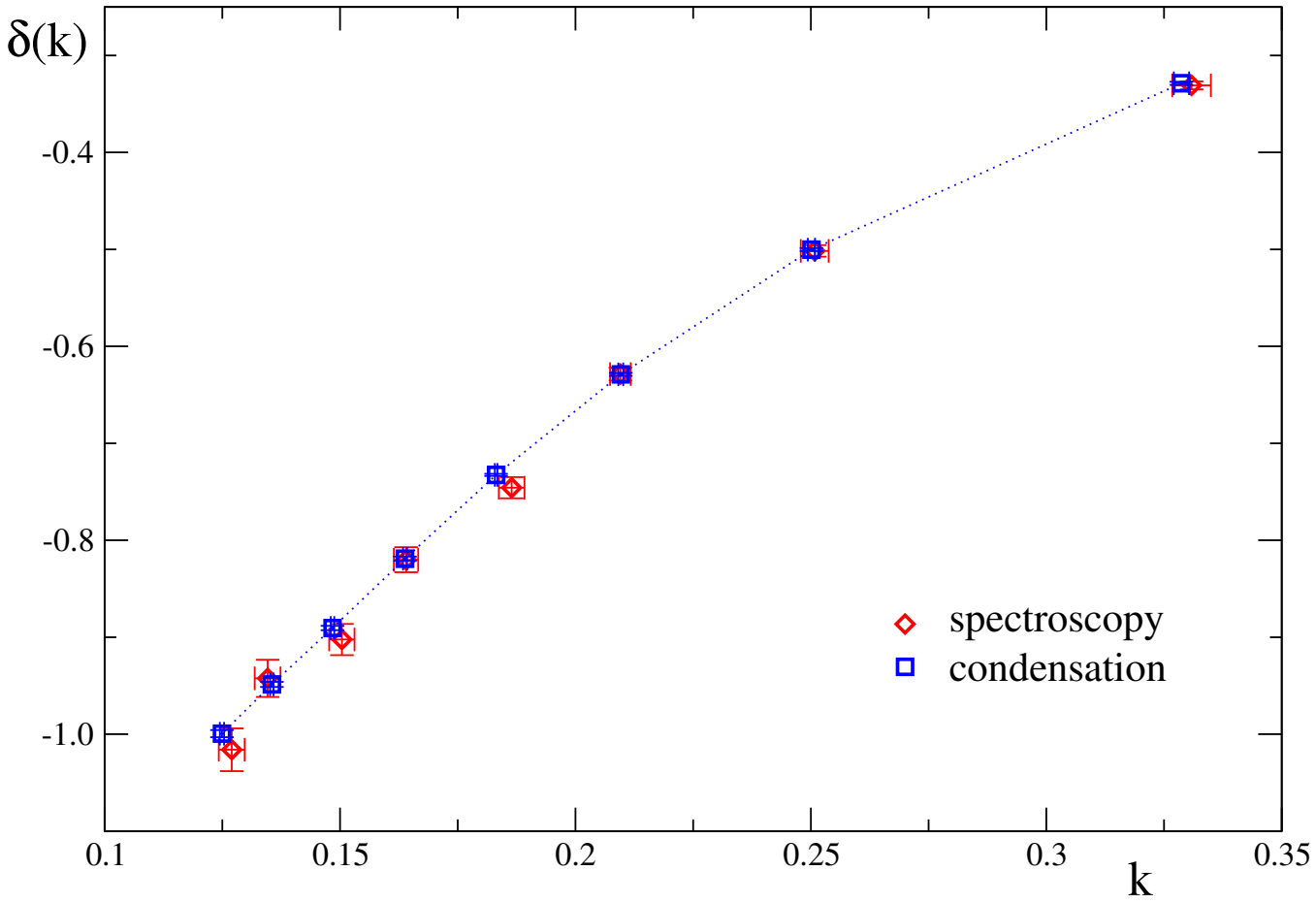

- Very good agreement of spectroscopy and worldline results

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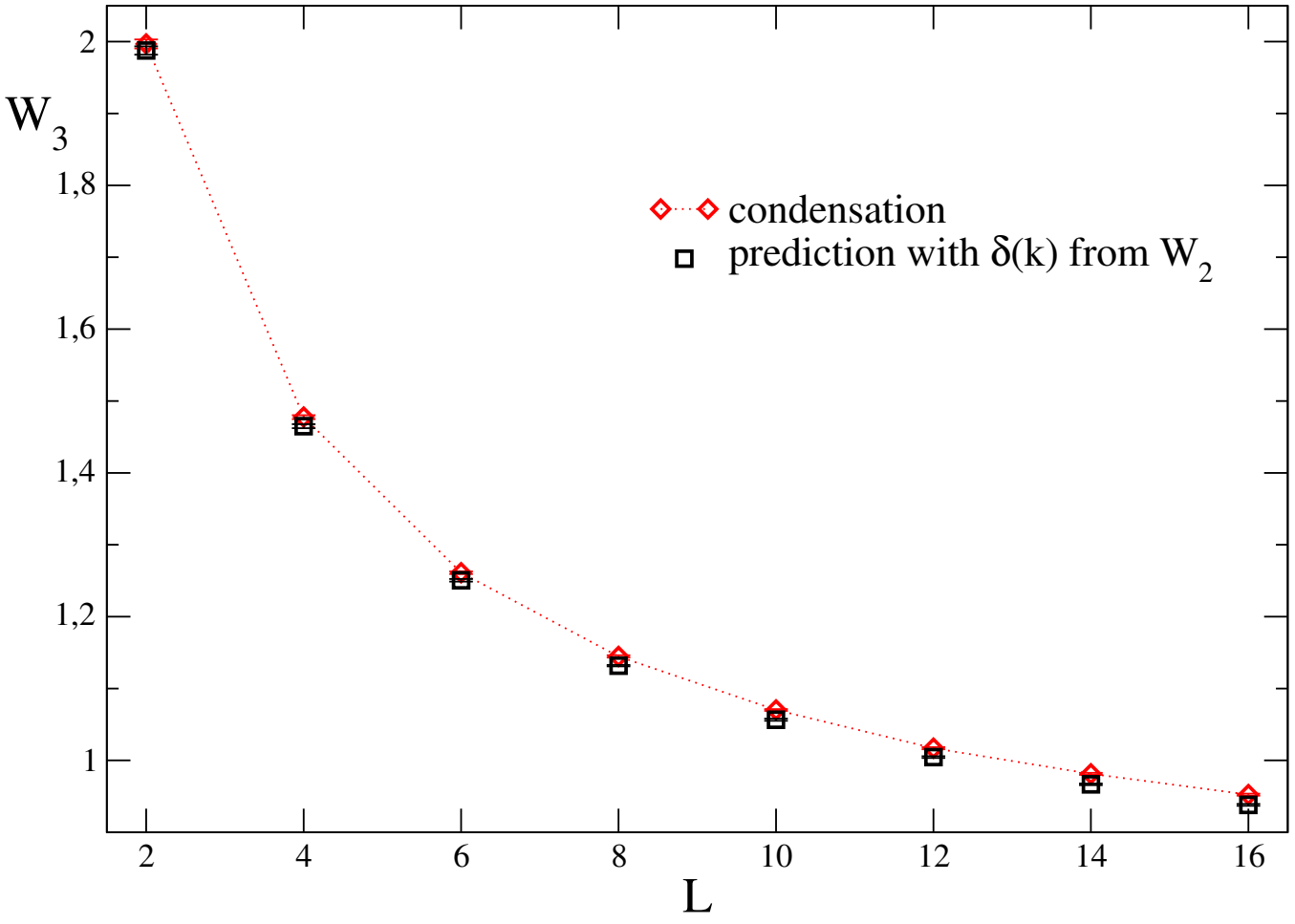

- Good prediction of W_3 with $\delta(k)$ from W_2
- Condensation steps are determined by scattering phase shift $\delta(k)$

Summary

- Low temperature study of the ϕ^4 model at finite density
- Sign problem is evaded by using a worldline representation
- For low T particle sectors are separated by finite energy steps
  $\Rightarrow$ critical chemical potential/condensation thresholds μ_c^i
- The N-particle energy is the sum of the μ_c^i, $i = 1, \ldots, N$
- Cross-check of condensation steps with spectroscopy calculations
- Scattering parameters can be extracted from W_N
  - 4D: scattering length a
  - 2D: full scattering phase shift $\delta(k)$
- Condensation thresholds are determined by scattering data

Thank you for listening!

Backup slides

Simulation parameters

- Parameters for 4D simulations:
  - $\eta = 2d + m_0^2 = 7.44,\ \lambda = 1.0,\ N_T = 320, 640,\ N_s = 3,\ 4,\ \ldots,\ 10$
- Parameters for 2D simulations:
  - $\eta = 2d + m_0^2 = 2.6,\ \lambda = 1.0,\ N_T = 400,\ N_s = 2,\ 4,\ \ldots,\ 16$

Worldline representation for the charged scalar ϕ^4 field

- In the worldline approach the grand canonical partition sum is exactly rewritten in terms of dual link variables $k_{n,\nu} \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$Z = \sum_{\{k\}} \mathrm{e}^{\mu\beta W_t[k]} \; B[k] \; C[k]$$

- $W_t[k]$ = temporal winding number of the worldlines
- Real and positive weights $B[k]$
- Constraints $C[k] = \prod_n \delta(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{k}_n)$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{k}_n = \sum_\nu (k_{n,\nu} - k_{n-\hat{\nu},\nu}) = 0 \;\; \forall n$$

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Interpretation of the condensation steps

Grand canonical partition sum

$$Z = \mathrm{tr} e^{-\beta(\hat{H}-\mu\hat{Q})} = e^{-\beta\Omega(\mu)}$$

Low T: Z will be governed by the minimal grand potential $\Omega(\mu)$ in each particle sector

$$\Omega(\mu) \xrightarrow{T\to 0} \begin{cases} \Omega_{min}^{N=0} = 0, & \mu \in [0, \mu_c^1) \\ \Omega_{min}^{N=1} = W^{(1)} - 1\mu, & \mu \in (\mu_c^1, \mu_c^2) \\ \Omega_{min}^{N=2} = W^{(2)} - 2\mu, & \mu \in (\mu_c^2, \mu_c^3) \\ \ldots, \end{cases}$$

with renormalized mass $W^{(1)} \equiv m$, minimal 2-particle energy $W^{(2)}$, ...

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