

Non-perturbative studies of Polyakov-loop effective theories

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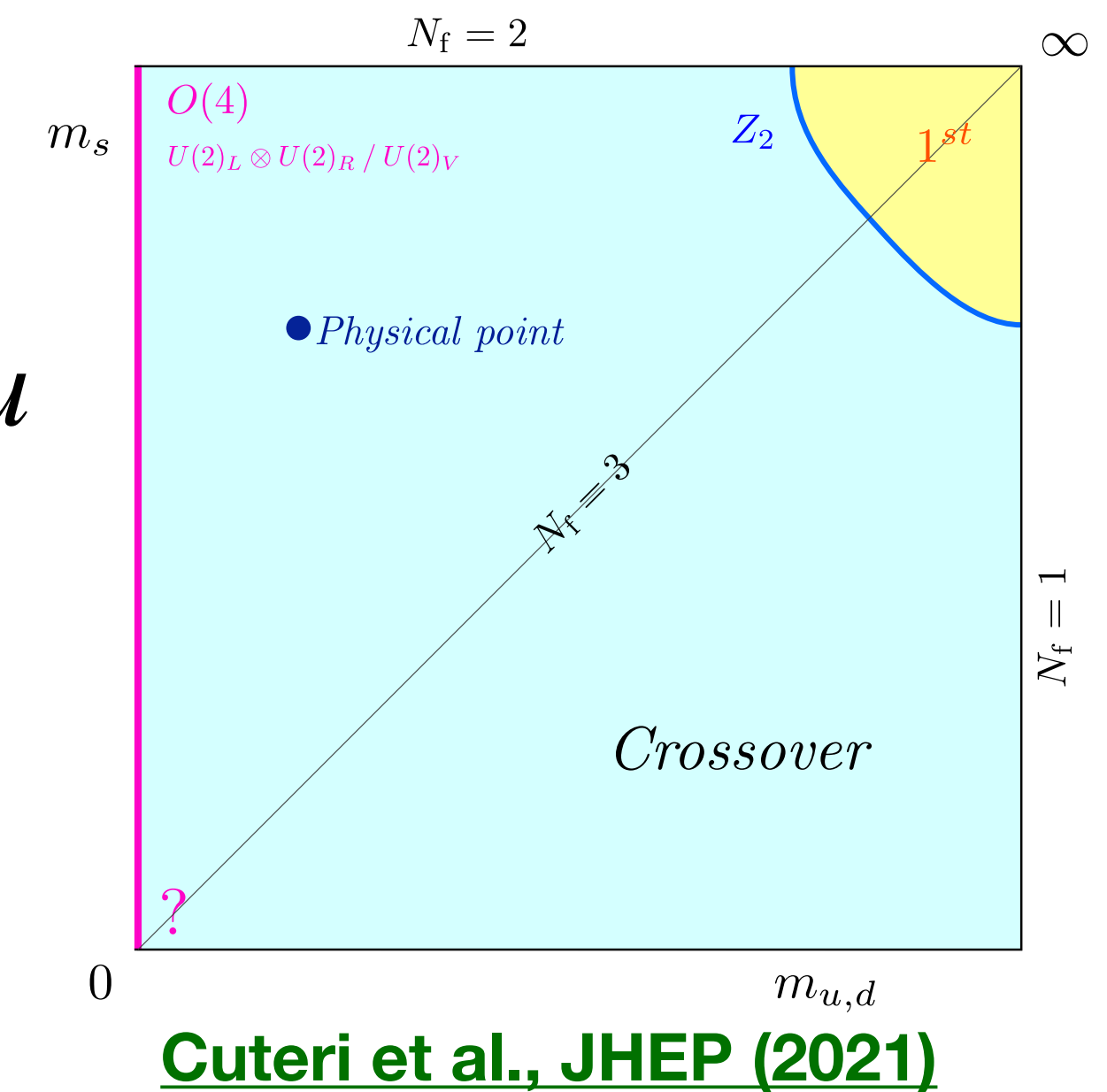
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Motivation

- Want to understand the phase-diagram of QCD
- The sign problem inhibits progress with direct simulations at nonzero μ
- Thimbles, Langevin, etc

Alternatively...

- 3D effective theories derived in strong-coupling
- Milder sign problem at nonzero baryon chemical potential (many d.o.f. integrated out)
- Amenable to both analytical as well as numerical approaches i.e. MFT and series expansions
- BUT: Addition of light quarks hard and large number of effective couplings!



Effective theory for heavy quarks

- Historical roots: $Z(N)$ symmetry + Yang-Mills [Svetitsky and Yaffe, Nucl. Phys. B \(1982\)](#)
[Polonyi and Szachlanyi, PLB \(1982\)](#)
- Step 1: split the integration of the temporal and spatial link integrations

$$Z_{\text{QCD}} = \int \mathcal{D}U_0 \mathcal{D}U_i e^{-S_{\text{QCD}}} = \int \mathcal{D}U_0 e^{-S_{\text{eff}}[U_0]} = \int dL e^{-S_{\text{eff}}[L]}$$

Integration over spatial links after a dual expansion in $\beta = \frac{1}{g^2}$ and $\kappa = \frac{1}{2m + 8}$; has finite radius of convergence R !

- Step 2: evaluate effective theory; mild sign problem \rightarrow MC simulation
- Step 3: analytically evaluate theory using series expansion methods (weak coupling)

Proof of Principle: Z(3) Spin Model

$$S = - \sum_x \left[\tau \sum_k \left(L_x L_{x+\hat{i}}^* + L_x^* L_{x+\hat{i}} \right) + \eta L_x + \bar{\eta} L_x^* \right]$$

$$\eta(\mu) = \bar{\eta}(-\mu) = \kappa e^\mu$$

- Studied using variety of methods: flux rep, complex Langevin

[Gattringer and Mercado, Nucl. Phys. B \(2011\)](#)

[Karsch and Wyld, PRL \(1985\)](#)

- Linked cluster expansion for perturbative series up to $O(\tau^{14}, \kappa^{30})$

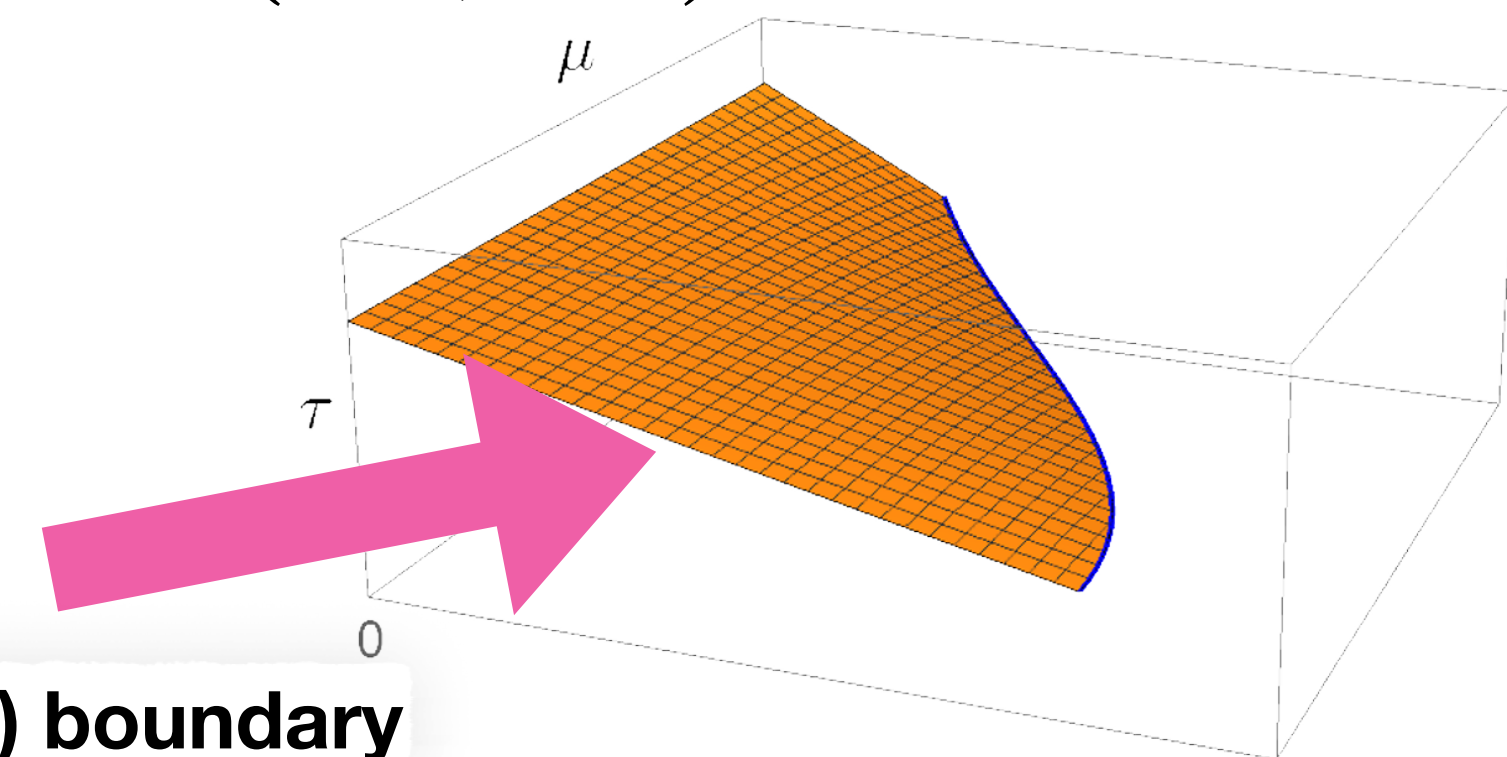
[Kim et al, JHEP \(2020\)](#)

Free energy

$$f = -\frac{\log Z}{V} = \sum_n a_n(\kappa, \mu) \tau^n$$

"Interaction Measure" → EOS

$$\Delta S = -\frac{\partial f}{\partial \tau} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial \eta}$$

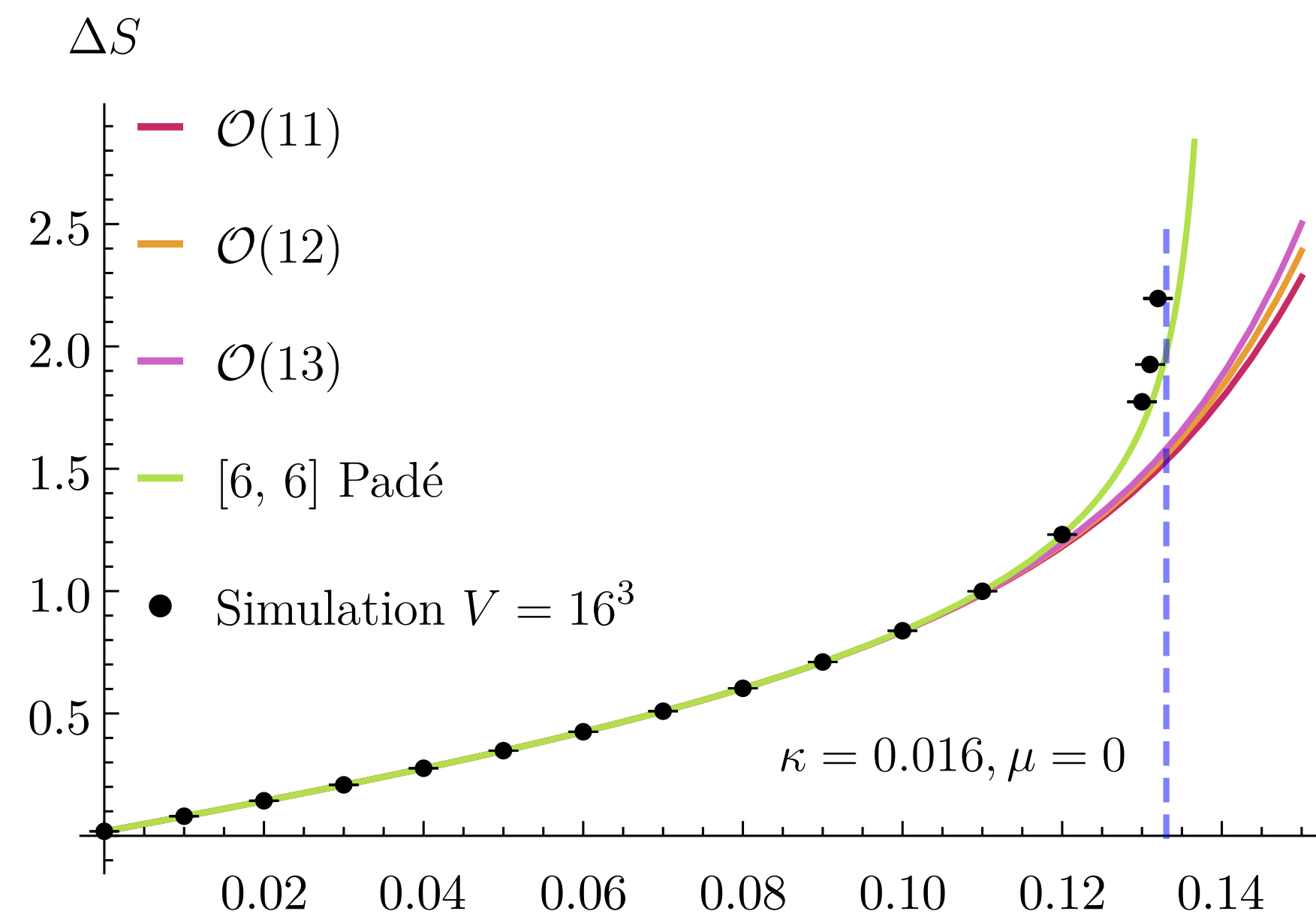


first-order surface terminating in Z(2) boundary

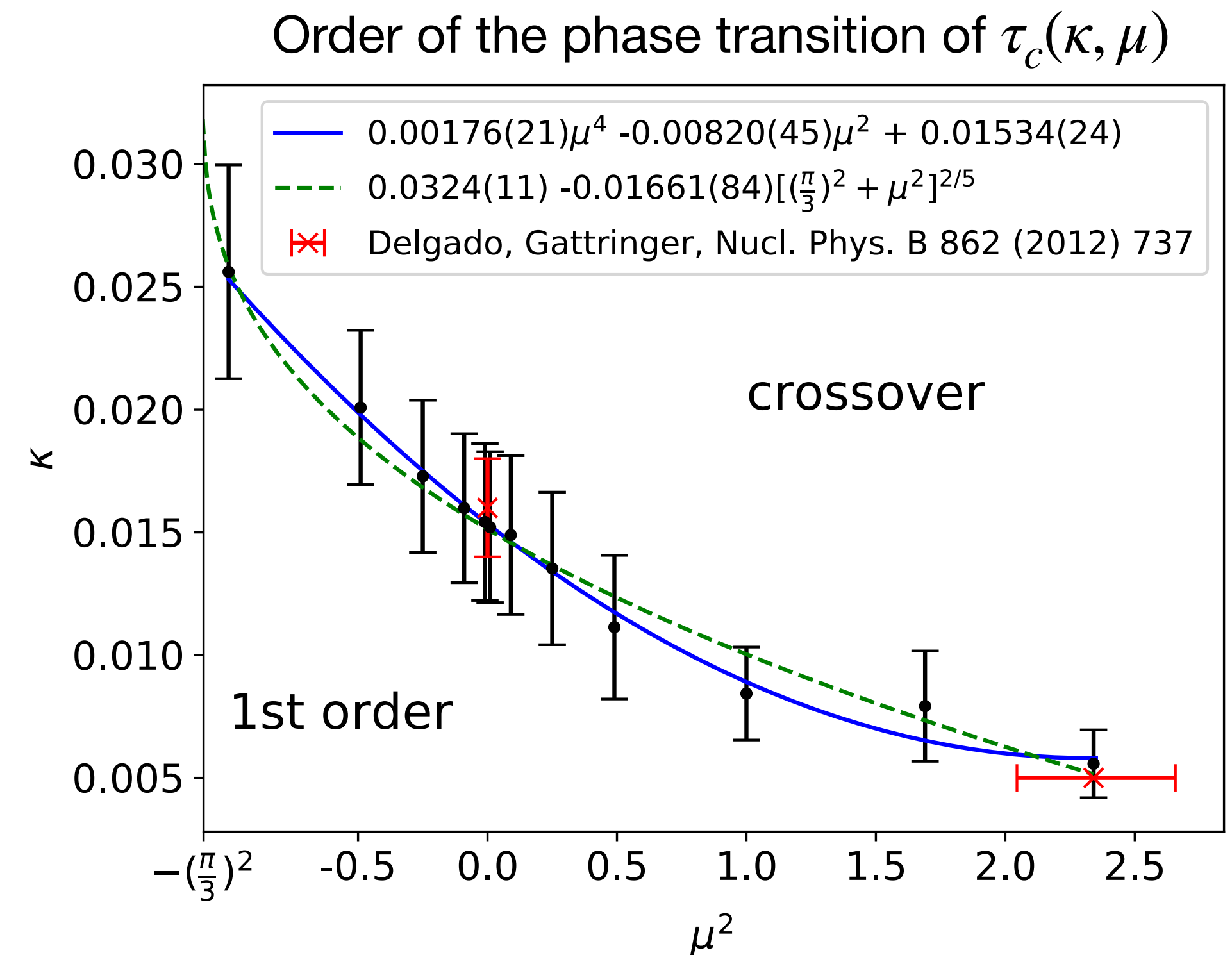
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Z(3) Spin Model (continued)

- Results compatible with numerical “solutions”



Padé approximants needed for phase transition



phase transition computed with susceptibilities

Background

- Direct application of strong-coupling expansion for free energy

$$S_W = \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_p \Re \text{Tr} U_p$$

$$Z = \int [dU][d\psi d\bar{\psi}] e^{-(S_G + S_F)} = \int [dU_0][dU_i] \det Q e^{-S_G} \quad S_F = \sum_n \left\{ \bar{\psi}(n)\psi(n) - \sum_\mu (\bar{\psi}(n)\kappa(1 - \gamma_\mu)U_\mu(n)\psi(n + \hat{\mu}) + \bar{\psi}(n)(1 + \gamma_\mu)U_\mu(n)\psi(n)) \right\}$$

- Resummation of gauge action accomplished by character expansion of gauge action

$$e^{-S_G} = c_0^{N_p} \prod_p \left(1 + \sum_r d_r a_r(\beta) \chi_r(U_p) \right)$$

$$c_r = \int dU \chi_r^*(U) e^{-S_G(U)}$$

expansion coefficients

[Langelage, Münster, Philipsen, JHEP \(2008\)](#)

[Langelage and Philipsen, JHEP \(2010\)](#)

- Subtraction of zero-temperature ($N_\tau \rightarrow \infty$) graphs
- Accurate determination of deconfinement transition in $SU(2)$ and $SU(3)$ theory

Polyakov Loop Effective Theories

- Originally both spatial and temporal gauge links integrated out

$$Z = c_0^{N_p} \sum_G \Phi(G) \quad \text{where}$$

$$\Phi(G) = \int [dU] \prod_{p \in G} d_{\mathbf{r}_p} a_{\mathbf{r}_p} \chi_{\mathbf{r}_p}(U) = \prod_i \Phi(X_i)$$

disjoint “polymers”

- Apply moment-cumulant formalism when computing the free energy: $f = -\frac{1}{V} \log Z$
- Integrate over just spatial links and obtain a dimensionally-reduced effective theory solely in terms of Polyakov loops

$$-S_{\text{eff}} = \ln \int [dU_i] \prod_p \left[1 + \sum_{r \neq 0} d_r a_r(\beta) \chi_r(U_p) \right]$$

$$\lambda_1 S_1 + \lambda_2 S_2 + \dots$$

effective couplings depend on β and $N_\tau!$

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Polyakov Loop Effective Theories

- Effective couplings λ_i represent couplings between Polyakov loops in the effective theory

$$S_1 = \lambda_1 \sum_{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle} (L_{f,\mathbf{x}} L_{f,\mathbf{y}}^* + \text{c.c.})$$

nearest-neighbors coupling

$$S_2 = \lambda_2 \sum_{[\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}]} (L_{f,\mathbf{x}} L_{f,\mathbf{y}}^* + \text{c.c.})$$

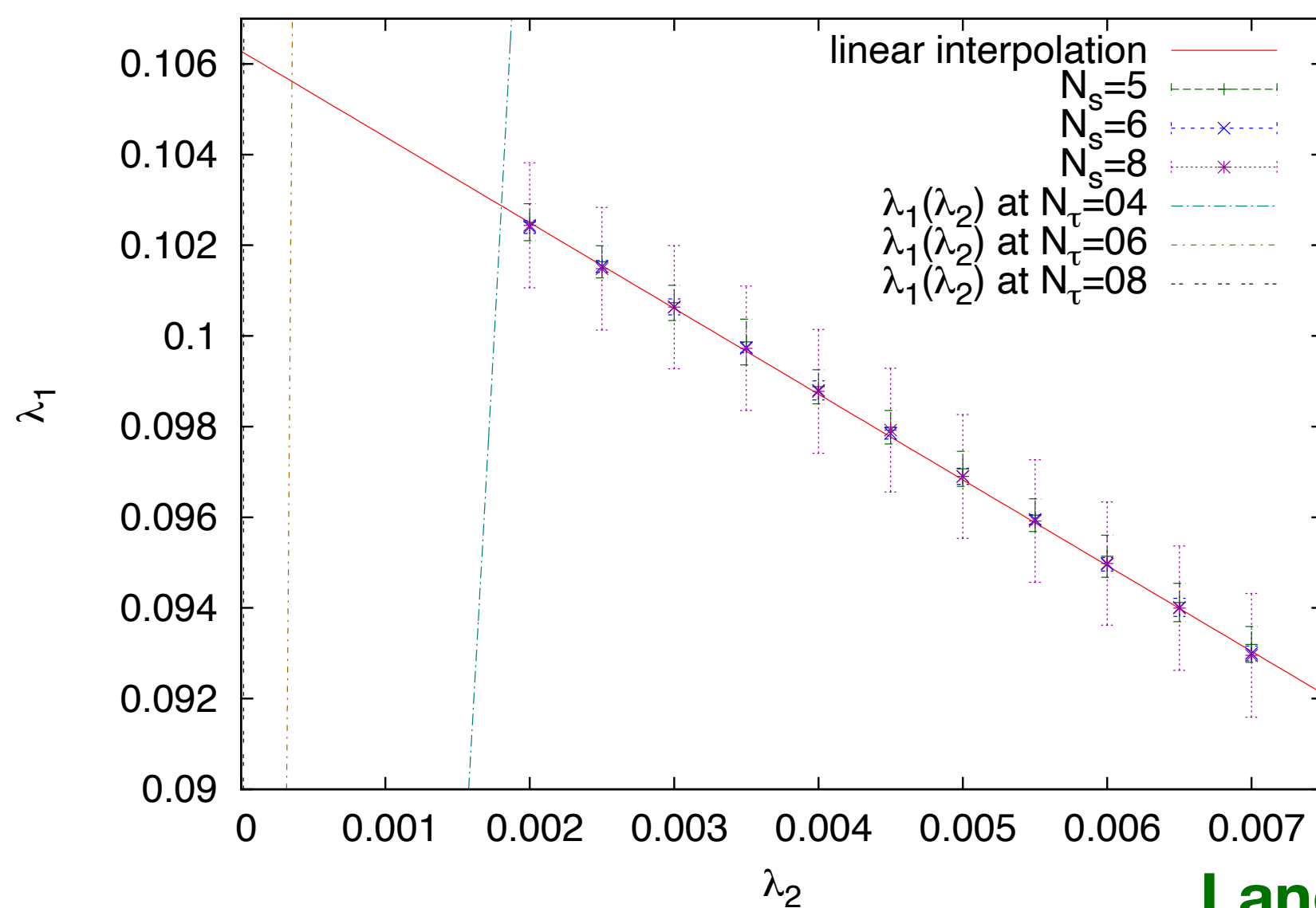
next-nearest-neighbors coupling



$$S_1 \rightarrow \sum_{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle} \log (1 + \lambda_1 (L_{f,\mathbf{x}} L_{f,\mathbf{y}}^* + \text{c.c.}))$$

log-action

- Simulations of two-coupling model give good agreement with YM simulations



Langelage et al., JHEP 2010

Map back to β_c for fixed N_τ using strong-coupling expressions for couplings

$$\lambda_1 = u^{N_\tau} e^{N_\tau P(u; N_\tau)}$$

$$\lambda_2 = N_\tau (N_\tau - 1) u^{2N_\tau + 2}$$

- Effects of longer-range interactions and interactions of “higher” representations are suppressed (small β)
- Near β_c , more couplings become important!

Including heavy quarks

- Terms generated by gauge action invariant under global $Z(3)$ center symmetry

$$S_{\text{symm}} = \sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{r}} \sum_n \sum_{\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{r}_i\}}^l c_{\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{r}_i\}}^{\mathbf{r}} \chi_{\mathbf{r}}(W(\mathbf{x})) \prod_i^n \chi_{\mathbf{r}_i}(W(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}_i))$$

terms $Z(3)$ and cubic symmetry

- Introduction of quarks explicitly breaks this symmetry

$$S_{\text{eff}} = S_{\text{symm}} + S'$$

- Hopping parameter expansion of quark determinant

$$\det Q = \det Q_{\text{stat}} \det Q_{\text{kin}}$$



“static”



“kinetic”

$$\det Q_{\text{kin}} = e^{\text{Tr} \log Q_{\text{kin}}}$$

expanded as series in κ^2

explicit breaking terms

$$S' = \sum_{f=1}^{N_f} \sum_i S'_i[W, W^\dagger]$$

- One hopes that low-orders are sufficient

Mean-Field Theory (General)

Kogut et al., Nucl. Phys. B (1982) Greensite and Splittorf, PRD (2012)

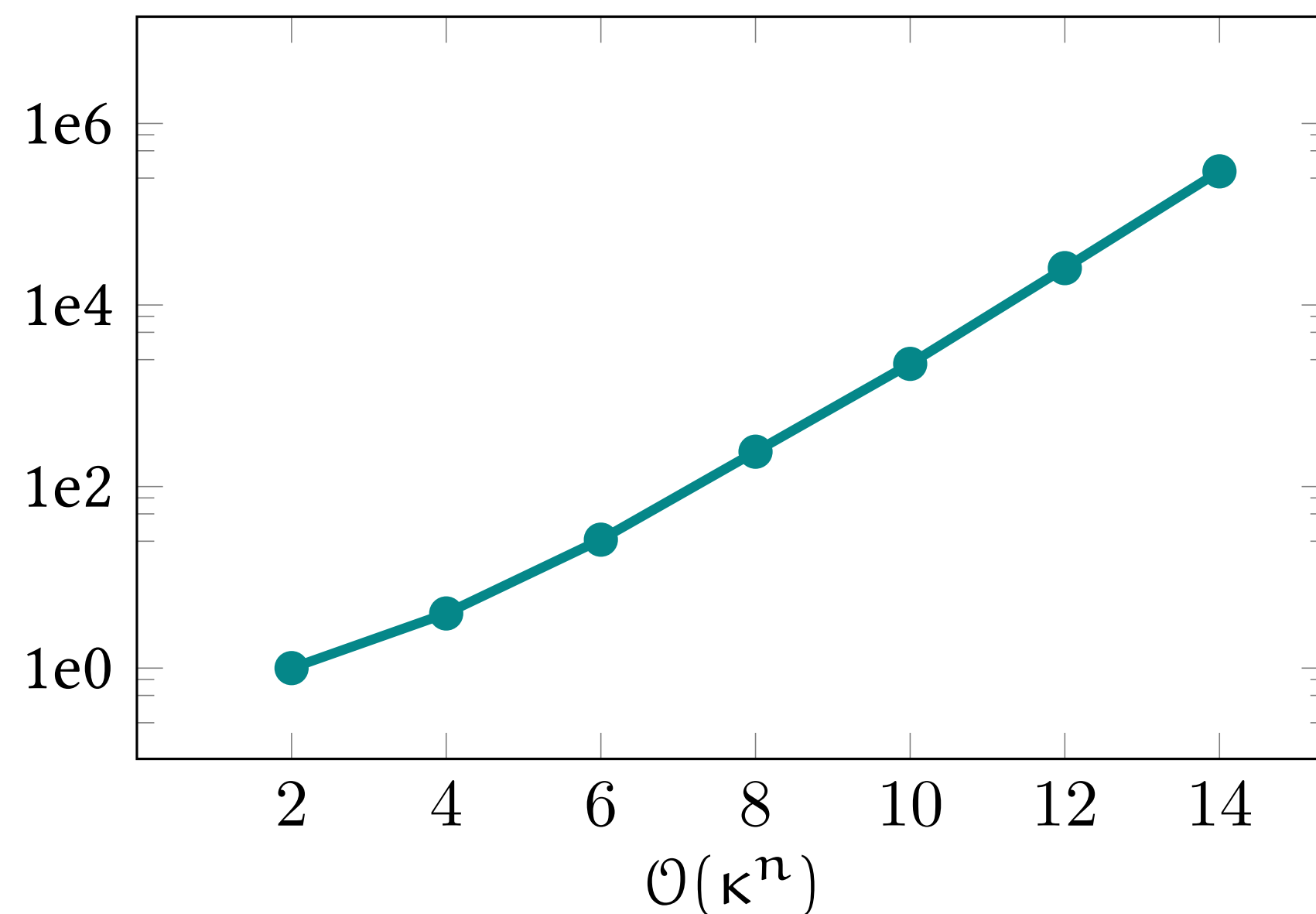
- Applied to Z(3) spin-model and lattice chiral models (T, μ) phase diagram
- Express field by its average plus fluctuations: $L_x \rightarrow \bar{L} + \delta L_x, L_x^* = \bar{L}^* + \delta L_x^*$
- Expand the action around vanishing fluctuations
- Neglect higher-order non-local fluctuations: $O(\delta L_x \delta L_y)$
- Expectation values factorize as everything is **local**
- Modification for log-action: each power of the field receives its own mean -field
- Resummation: keep all local fluctuations: $\delta L_x^n \delta L_x^{*m}$
- Why would this work? Mild sign problem, early studies had success with deconfinement transition

$$\langle L_x L_y \rangle_{\text{mf}} = \langle L_x \rangle_{\text{mf}} \langle L_y \rangle_{\text{mf}}$$

$$-S_{\text{eff}} = 6 \sum_x \log [1 + \lambda_1 (L_x \bar{L}^* + L_x^* \bar{L})] + \dots$$

Mean-Field Theory in PET

- Exponentially increasing number of terms describing interactions between Polyakov-loops
- Distance between interaction terms grows with increasing order in κ^2



[Glessan, 2016](#)

$$\text{Det}D = \prod_{l_0} \prod_{\{C_{l_0}\}} \det_{c,d} \left(\mathbb{1} - \kappa^{l_0} M_{C_{l_0}} \right)$$

product of hops (spatial/temporal)
from Dirac matrix

$$M_{C_{l_0}} = H_{x_1, x_2} \cdots H_{x_{l_0}, x_1}$$

determinant expressed in terms of closed loops

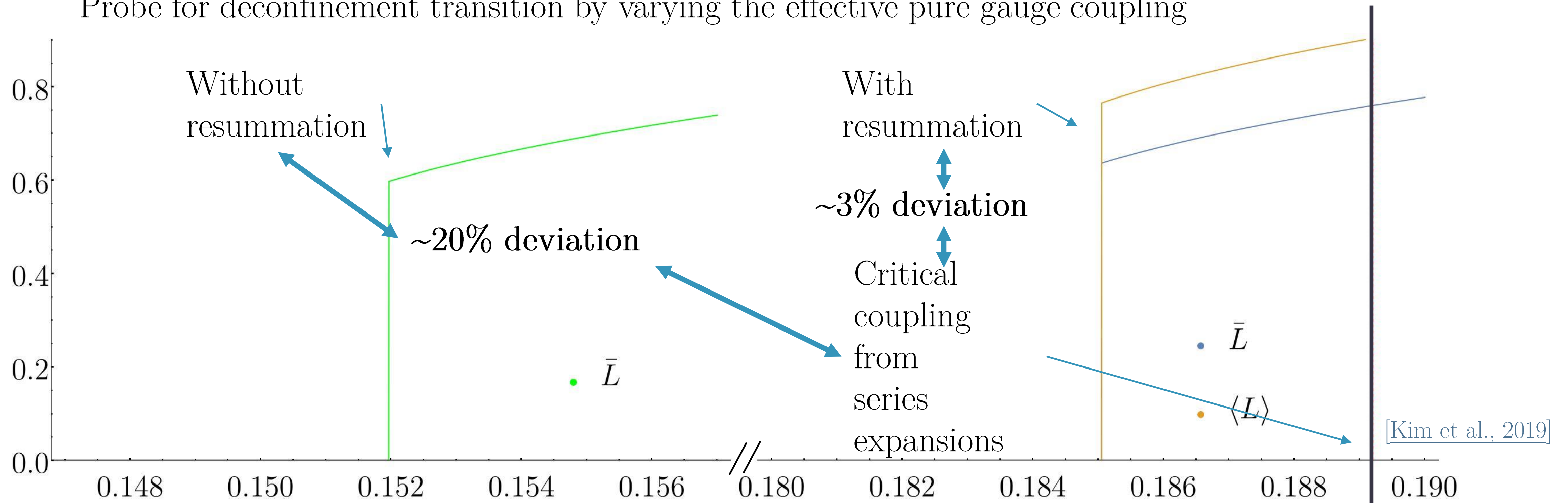
- Effort to compute all these terms will overtake MC evaluation of full determinant
- One is forced to truncate hopping parameter expansion at desired order

- HOWEVER: coordination number effectively increases as corrections are included
- Mean-field theory exact at infinite coordination number

Mean-Field Theory (Results) [Konrad, 2022](#)

- Pure gauge mean-field results compared with high-order series expansion

Probe for deconfinement transition by varying the effective pure gauge coupling

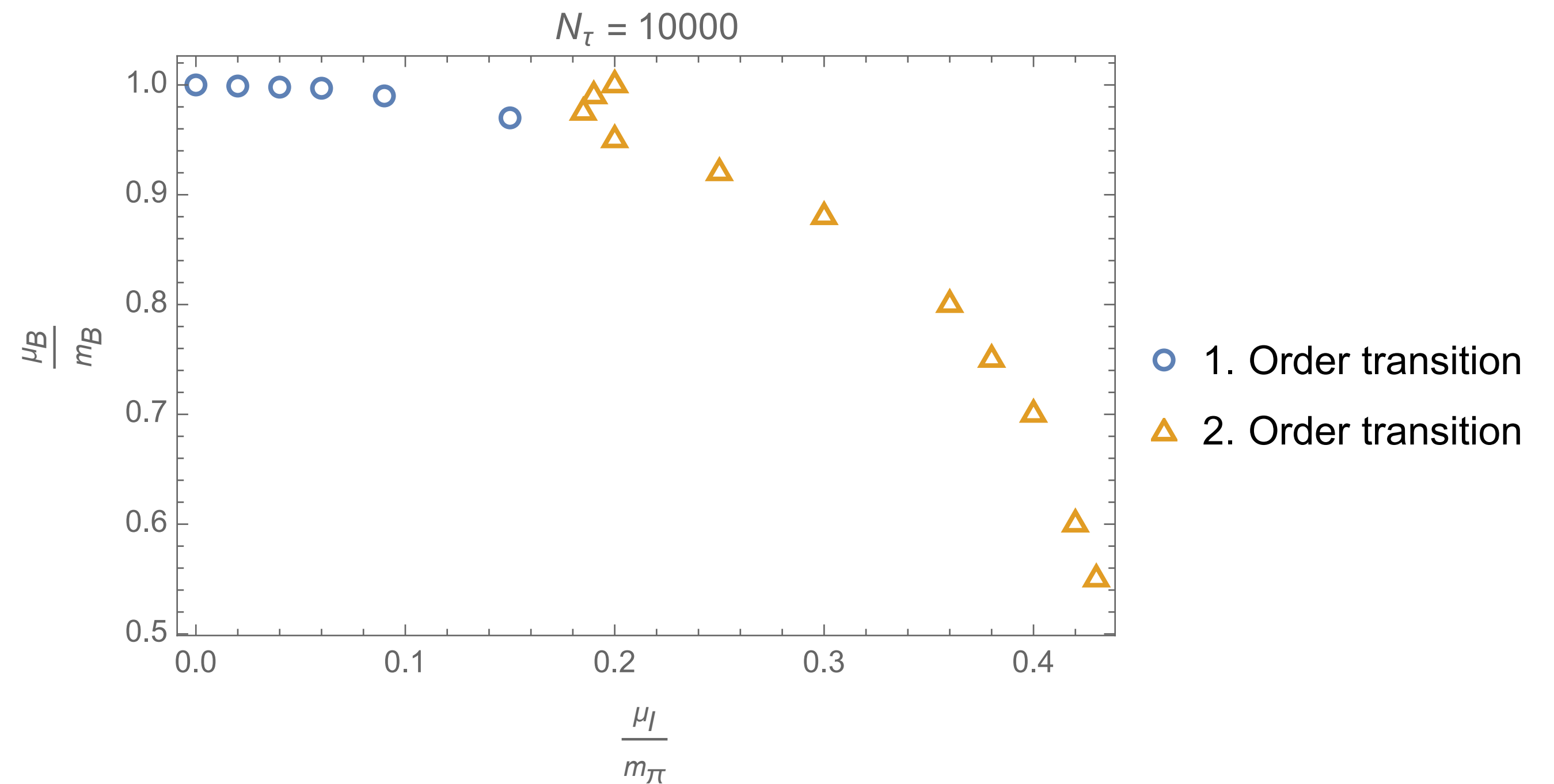
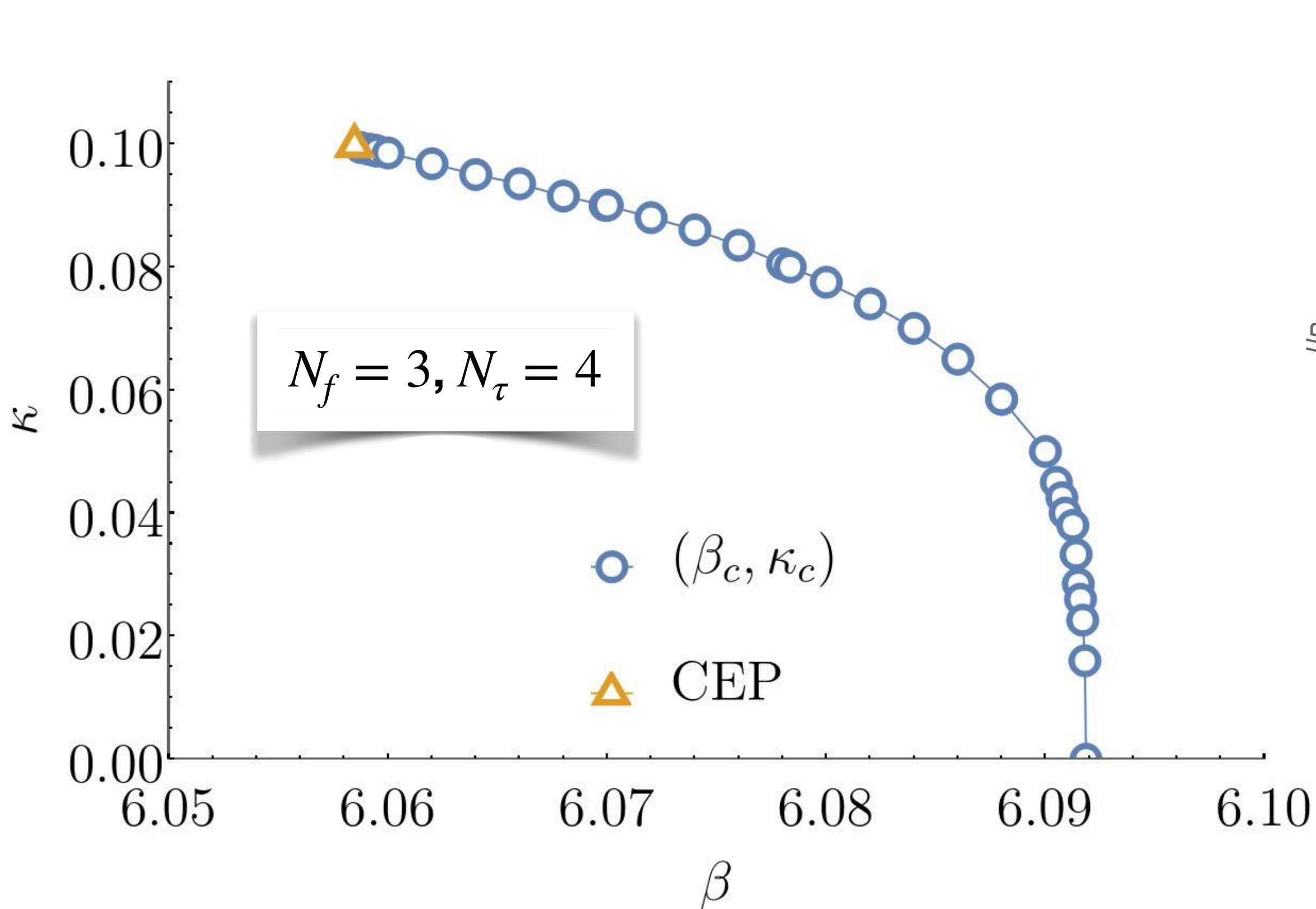


- Resummation works and gives good agreement ($\sim 3\%$)
- Self-consistency vs. variational approach

Mean-Field Theory (Results)

[Konrad, 2022](#) [Chabane, 2022](#)

- Include terms from the hopping interaction to $O(\kappa^4)$
- Extend to nonzero baryon μ_B and isospin chemical potential: $\mu_I = \mu_u = -\mu_d$



Determining couplings non-perturbatively

- Effective action can be expanded and powers of characters at given site can be reexpressed
- as linear combination of characters

in practice, number of terms truncated

$$e^{-S_{\text{symm}}} = \tilde{\mathcal{N}} \left(1 + \sum_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{r}} \sum_n \sum_{\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{r}_i\}} \tilde{\lambda}_{\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{r}_i\}}^{\mathbf{r}} \chi_{\mathbf{r}}(W(\mathbf{x})) \prod_i \chi_{\mathbf{r}_i}(W(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}_i)) \right)$$

no correlation at distances larger than largest separation of terms in effective action

- Better representation which includes long-range correlations is log action

$$e^{-S_{\text{symm}}} = \mathcal{N}_0 \prod_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{r}, n} \prod_{\{\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{x}_i\}} \left[1 + \lambda_{\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{r}_i\}}^{\mathbf{r}} \left(\chi_{\mathbf{r}}(W(\mathbf{x})) \prod_i \chi_{\mathbf{r}_i}(W(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}_i)) + \text{c.c.} \right) \right]$$

Bergner et al., JHEP 2015

- Observable calculated in full effective theory (no truncation) should match full QCD

$$\tilde{\lambda}_{\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{r}_i\}}^{\mathbf{r}} \propto \langle \chi_{\mathbf{r}}(W(\mathbf{x})) \prod_i \chi_{\mathbf{r}_i}(W(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}_i)) \rangle_{\text{eff}} = \langle \chi_{\mathbf{r}}(W(\mathbf{x})) \prod_i \chi_{\mathbf{r}_i}(W(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}_i)) \rangle_{\text{QCD}}$$

- Express correlators in QCD as a perturbative series in couplings of log-action

“Inverse” Monte Carlo method Wozar et al., PRD (2007)

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Determining couplings non-perturbatively

- Expansion guided by knowledge of couplings from strong-coupling
- Expressions for correlators can be inverted to obtain $\lambda_i(\beta, \kappa, N_\tau), h_i(\beta, \kappa, N_\tau)$

$$\tilde{\lambda}_a = \sum_{\{n_i\}} \sum_{\{m_i, \bar{m}_i\}} c_{n_1, \dots, n_N; m_1, \bar{m}_1, \dots, m_M, \bar{m}_M}^{(a)} \prod_{i=1}^N \lambda_i^{n_i} \prod_{i=1}^M h_i^{m_i} \bar{h}_i^{\bar{m}_i}$$

$$\tilde{h}_a = \sum_{\{n_i\}} \sum_{\{m_i, \bar{m}_i\}} d_{n_1, \dots, n_N; m_1, \bar{m}_1, \dots, m_M, \bar{m}_M}^{(a)} \prod_{i=1}^N \lambda_i^{n_i} \prod_{i=1}^M h_i^{m_i} \bar{h}_i^{\bar{m}_i}$$

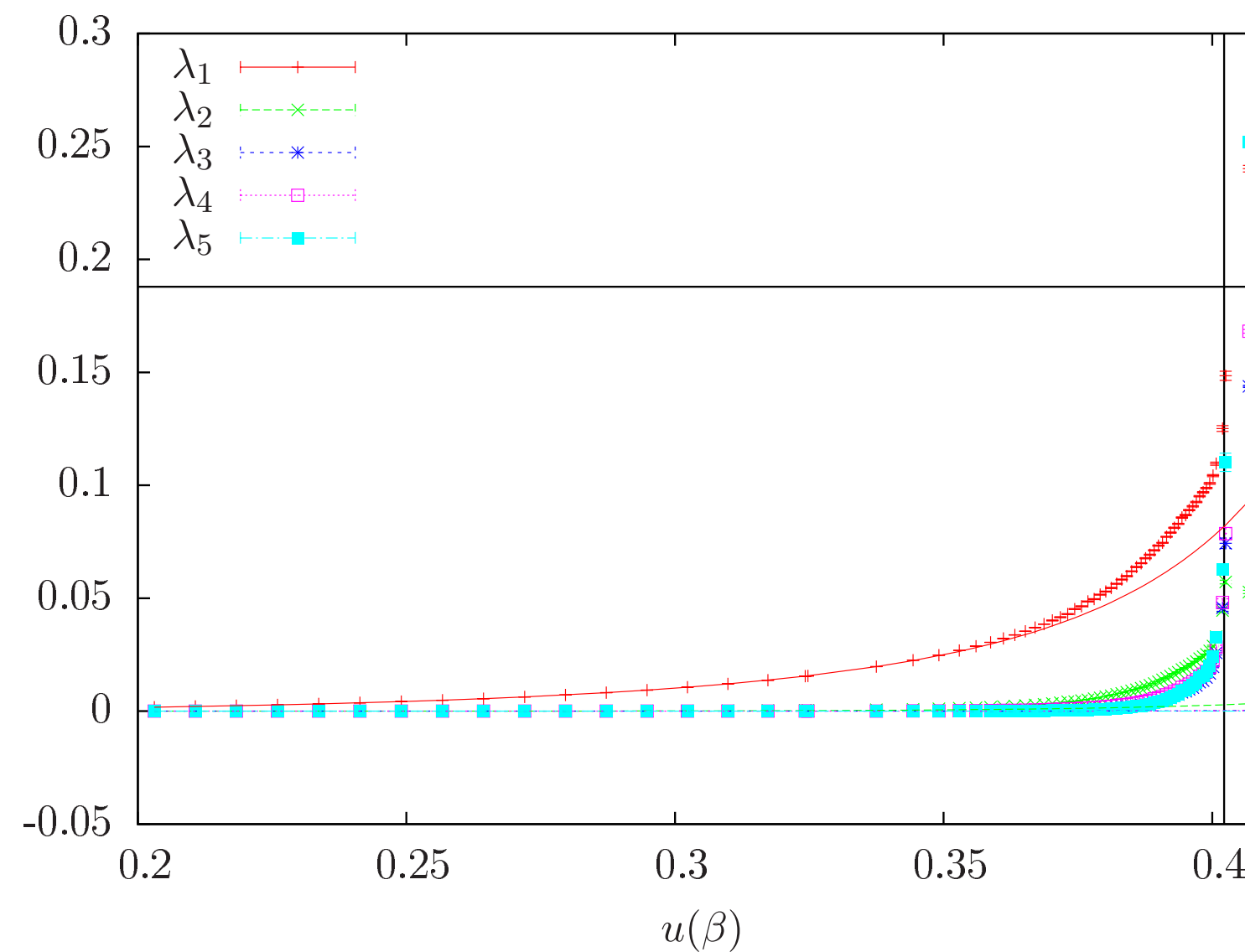
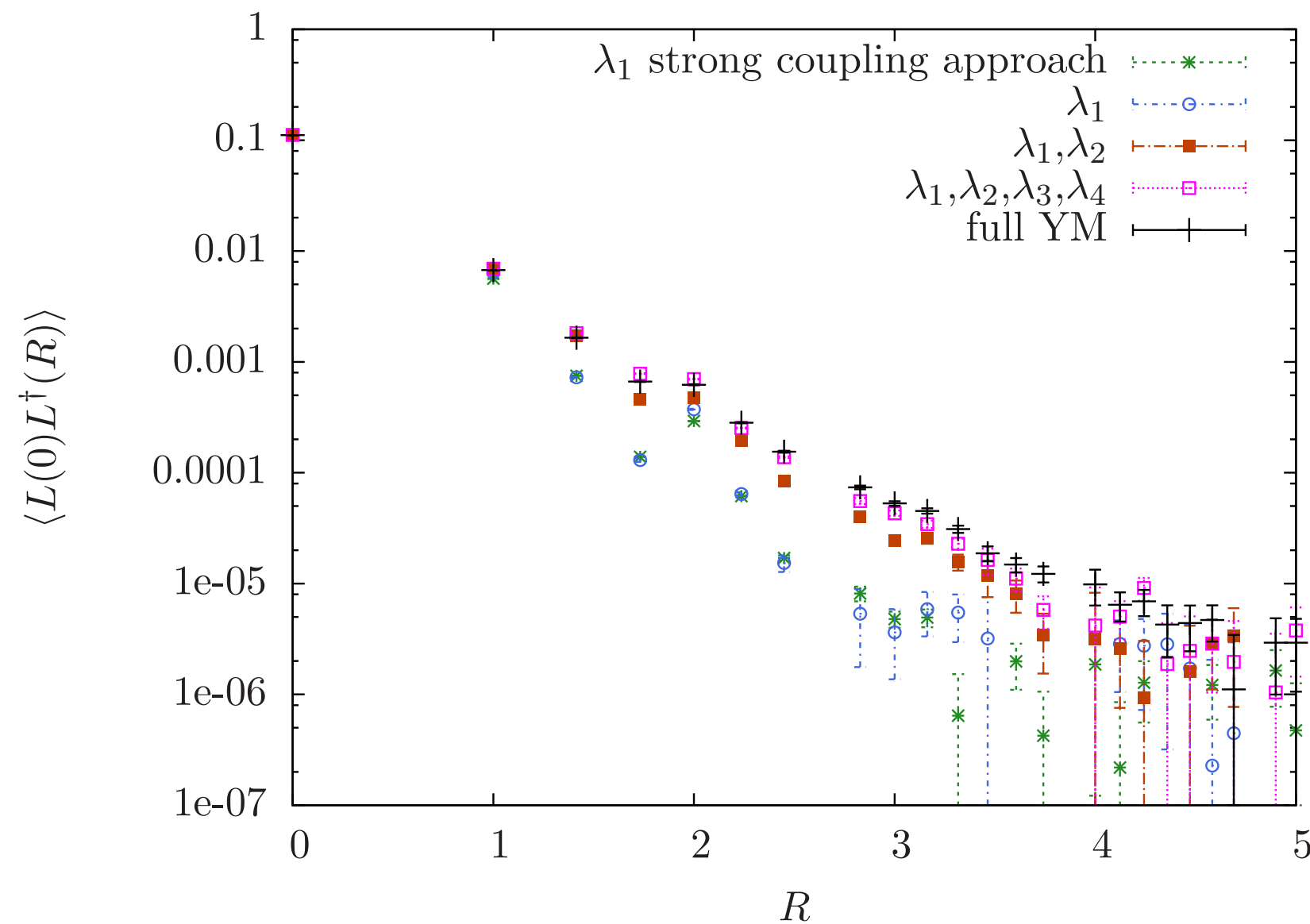
$$\lambda_3 \equiv \lambda_{(2,0,0), \bar{f}}^f \propto u^{2N_\tau+6}$$

$$\lambda_4 \equiv \lambda_{(1,1,1), \bar{f}}^f \propto u^{3N_\tau+4}$$

$$\lambda_5 \equiv \lambda_{(3,0,0), \bar{f}}^f \propto u^{3N_\tau+4}$$

$$\lambda_{\text{adj}} = \lambda_{(1,0,0), (1,1)}^{(1,1)} \propto v^{N_\tau} \propto u^{2N_\tau}$$

$$\lambda_{\text{sextet}} = \lambda_{(1,0,0), (0,2)}^{(2,0)} \propto w^{N_\tau} \propto u^{2N_\tau}$$



Bergner et al., JHEP 2015

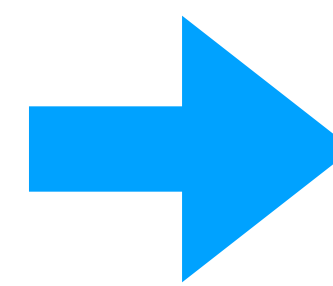
couplings become large at β_c

Pure YM, $N_\tau = 4, 6$; good agreement

Evaluation of log-action

- Given a set of couplings $\{\lambda_i, h_i\}$, how to efficiently evaluate Z (and its derivatives)?

$$\tilde{Z}(G) = \frac{1}{Z_0(G)} \int \prod_{v \in V(G)} dL_v \det Q_{\text{stat},v} \prod_{i=\{\text{NN}, \dots, 5\text{NN}\}} \prod_{l \in E_i(G)} \prod_{\mathbf{r}(l)} [1 + \lambda_i (L_{\mathbf{r}(l), v_1(l)} L_{\bar{\mathbf{r}}(l), v_2(l)} + \text{c.c.})] \prod_j \Delta_i^{(j)}(l, \kappa)$$



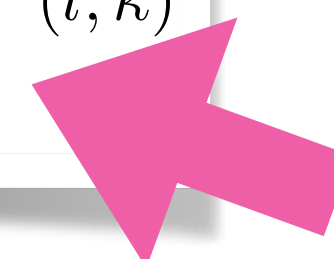
$$\tilde{Z}(G) = 1 + \sum_{g \in G \setminus \emptyset} \tilde{\phi}(g)$$

cast as sum over subgraphs

- Give a subgraph g , weight can be determined by performing site integrals

$$I_{n,m} = \int dL L^n (L^*)^m$$

$$\tilde{\phi}(g) = \frac{1}{z_0^{|V(g)|}} \int \prod_{v \in V(g)} dL_v \det Q_{\text{stat},v} \prod_{l \in E(g)} \prod_{\mathbf{r}(l)} \lambda_i(l) (L_{\mathbf{r}(l), v_1(l)} L_{\bar{\mathbf{r}}(l), v_2(l)} + \text{c.c.}) \prod_j \Delta_i^{(j)}(l, \kappa)$$



$$z_0 = \int dL \det Q_{\text{stat}}[L, L^*]$$

terms generated by hopping expansion

- Brute-force evaluation on thermodynamically large system difficult (disconnected graphs)

Finite-cluster method

- Each graph weight $\tilde{\phi}(g)$ depends only on the topology of g and **NOT** the underlying lattice
- Derivation of effective action or evaluation of $\log Z$ could have worked on arbitrary
- embedding graph

$$\xi(G) = \log \tilde{Z}(G) - \sum_{g \in \mathcal{G}_c(G) \setminus G} \xi(g)$$

Scheunert, 2021

$$\xi \left(\begin{array}{c} \bullet \mathbf{n}_4 \\ | \\ \mathbf{n}_1 \bullet \text{---} \bullet \mathbf{n}_2 \end{array} \right) = \log \left(P_{\text{eff}} \left(\begin{array}{c} \bullet \mathbf{n}_4 \\ | \\ \mathbf{n}_1 \bullet \text{---} \bullet \mathbf{n}_2 \end{array} \right) \right) - \xi \left(\begin{array}{c} \bullet \mathbf{n}_4 \\ | \\ \bullet \mathbf{n}_2 \end{array} \right)$$

$$-S_{\text{eff}} = \log \det Q_{\text{stat}} + \log \left[1 + \sum_{G \in \mathcal{G}(G_{\Lambda_s})} \phi(G) \right]$$

$$P_{\text{eff}}(\mathcal{G}_c(G_{\Lambda_s})) := 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{|\mathcal{G}_c(G_{\Lambda_s})|} \sum_{\{G_1, \dots, G_n\} \in \mathcal{D}_n(\mathcal{G}_c(G_{\Lambda_s}))} \varphi(G_1) \cdots \varphi(G_n).$$

$$= \log \left(P_{\text{eff}} \left(\begin{array}{c} \bullet \mathbf{n}_4 \\ | \\ \mathbf{n}_1 \bullet \text{---} \bullet \mathbf{n}_2 \end{array} \right) \right) - \log \left(P_{\text{eff}} \left(\begin{array}{c} \bullet \mathbf{n}_4 \\ | \\ \mathbf{n}_2 \end{array} \right) \right)$$

- Direct evaluation of weights on small clusters
- Avoids embedding of disconnected graphs and preserves log-structure
- Ideal for evaluation of series expansion for correlators in the effective theory

Finite-cluster method

- Direct application to $\log Z$ for effective theory

$$\frac{\log \tilde{Z}}{V} = \sum_{l=1}^{N_{\max, \text{MD}}} \sum_{g \in \{\mathcal{G}_c(l)\}} \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \frac{W(G; p)}{S(G)} \xi(G_{\Lambda_s}^{(p)})$$

- Completely generalizable to arb. reps and n-point correlation functions

$$\xi(G) \rightarrow \xi(G; J_{\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{x}})$$

$$\xi^{(n)} \equiv \left. \frac{\partial^n \xi(G)}{\partial J_{\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{x}} \dots \partial J_{\mathbf{r}_{n-1}, \mathbf{x}_{n-1}}} \right|_{J=0}$$

introduces rooted/colored vertices at canonical positions

$$\langle L_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{x}) \dots L_{\mathbf{r}_{n-1}}(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) \rangle = \sum_{l=1}^{N_{\max, \text{MD}}} \sum_{g \in \{\mathcal{G}_{c,n}(l)\}} \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \frac{W^{(n)}(G; p)}{S(G)} \xi^{(n)}(G_{\Lambda_s}^{(p,n)})$$

- Main cost in computing generalized weak embedding numbers of **colored** graphs
- Publically available software for graph isomorphism (canoncalization) problem: Nauty
- Incorporation of higher-order in κ^2 terms relatively straightforward

modification of $\tilde{\phi}(g)$

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Conclusion and Outlook

- Matching between correlators in QCD and PEFT
- Mean-field studies at non-zero μ_B, μ_I
- Can in principle do better than strong-couplings expressions for couplings
- Efficient method for calculating series expression for arbitrary correlators in PEFT
- $N_f = 2$ dynamical Wilson simulations in order to obtain both gauge and fermion couplings
- Perform determination of couplings at imaginary μ and use analytic continuation
- Ultimate goal: exploring chiral region with PEFT

Backup

$O(\kappa^2)$ contribution to log-action

$$\prod_{\langle \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{m} \rangle} \left(1 + 2 \frac{\kappa^2 N_\tau}{N_c} (W_{1100}(\mathbf{n}) - W_{0011}(\mathbf{n})) (W_{1100}(\mathbf{n}) - W_{0011}(\mathbf{n})) \right)$$

$$W_{n_1 m_1 n_2 m_2}^{(f)}(\mathbf{n}) := \text{tr} \left(\frac{\left(h_1^{(f)} W(\mathbf{n}) \right)^{m_1}}{\left(1 + h_1^{(f)} W(\mathbf{n}) \right)^{n_1}} \frac{\left(\bar{h}_1^{(f)} W(\mathbf{n})^\dagger \right)^{m_2}}{\left(1 + \bar{h}_1^{(f)} W(\mathbf{n})^\dagger \right)^{n_2}} \right).$$