

Finite-size scaling of Lee-Yang zeros in heavy-quark QCD

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Finite-Size Scaling (FSS)

Scaling Hypothesis

$$F_{\text{sing}}(t, h, L^{-1}) = \tilde{F}_{\text{sing}}(L^{y_t} t, L^{y_h} h)$$

$$Z_{\text{sing}}(t, h, L^{-1}) = \tilde{Z}_{\text{sing}}(L^{y_t} t, L^{y_h} h)$$

$$F = F_{\text{sing}} + F_{\text{reg}}$$

$$Z = Z_{\text{sing}} \times Z_{\text{reg}}$$



LYZ in the scaling region on finite volume

$$\begin{aligned} Z(t, h, L^{-1}) \\ \sim \tilde{Z}_{\text{sing}}(L^{y_t} t, L^{y_h} h) = 0 \end{aligned}$$



$$L^{y_h} h^{(n)} = \tilde{h}_{\text{LY}}^{(n)}(L^{y_t} t)$$

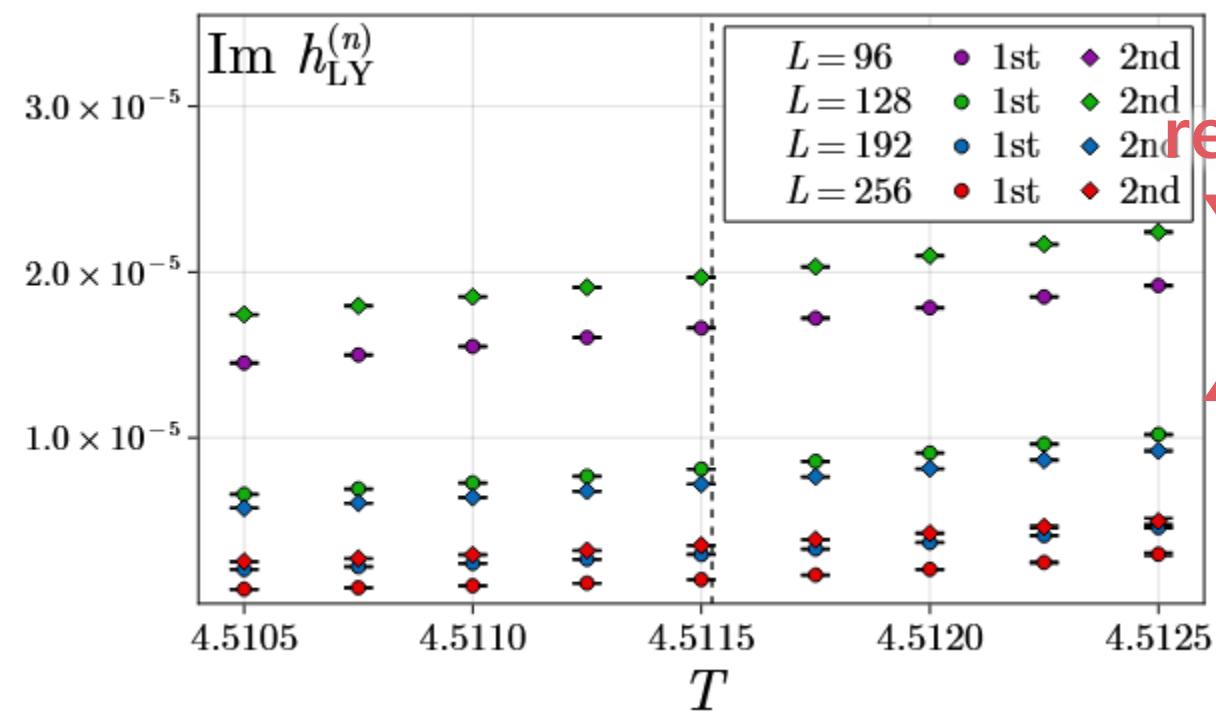
LYZ in 3d Ising Model

Wada, MK, Kanaya, arXiv:2508.20422

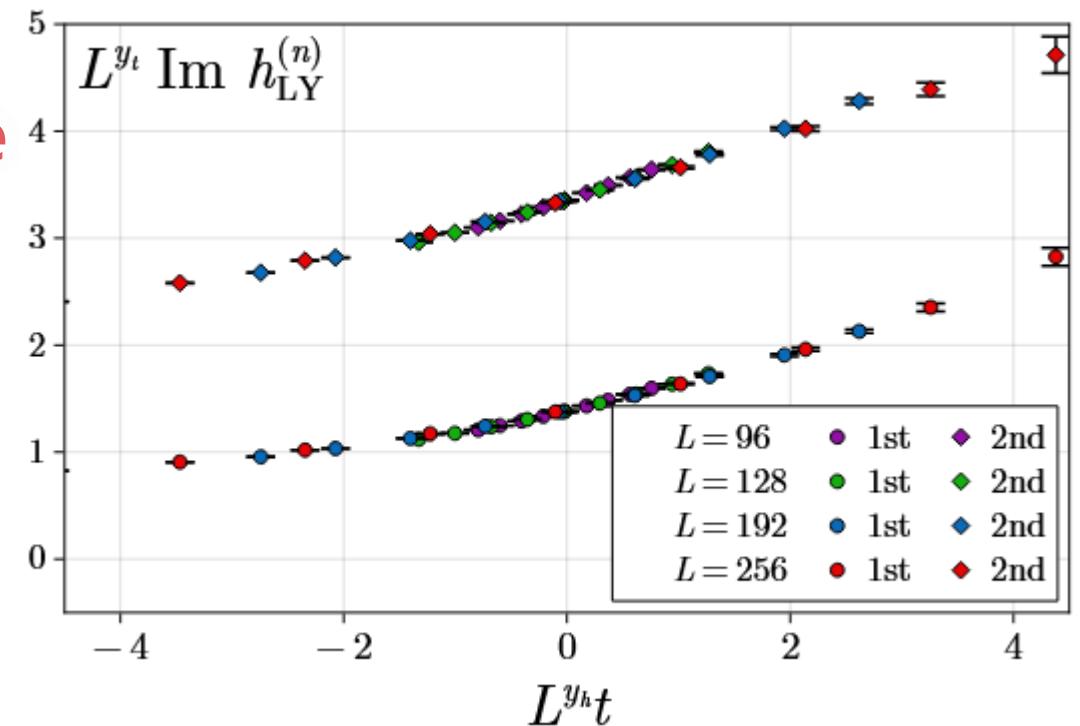
$$L^{y_h} h^{(n)} = \tilde{h}_{\text{LY}}^{(n)}(L^{y_t} t)$$

$L = 96$	• 1st	• 2nd
$L = 128$	• 1st	• 2nd
$L = 192$	• 1st	• 2nd
$L = 256$	• 1st	• 2nd

1st & 2nd LYZ



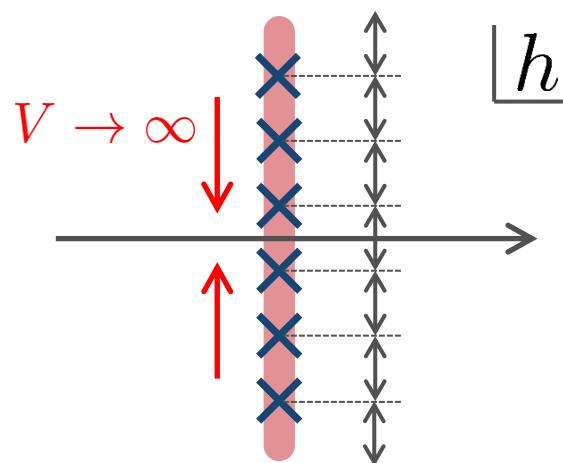
Rescaled



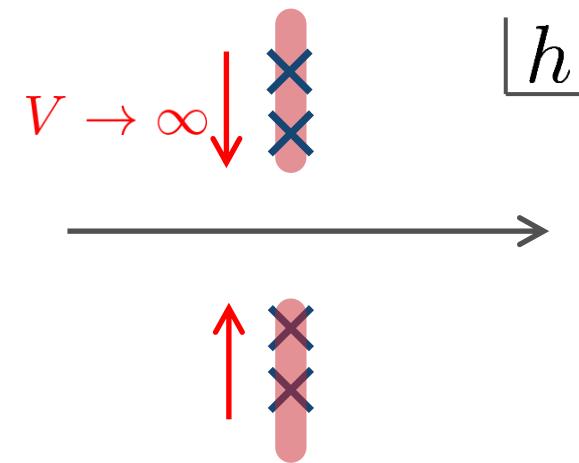
Lee-Yang Zero Ratios

$$R_{nm}(t) = \frac{h^{(n)}(t)}{h^{(m)}(t)}$$

First-Order Side ($t < 0$)

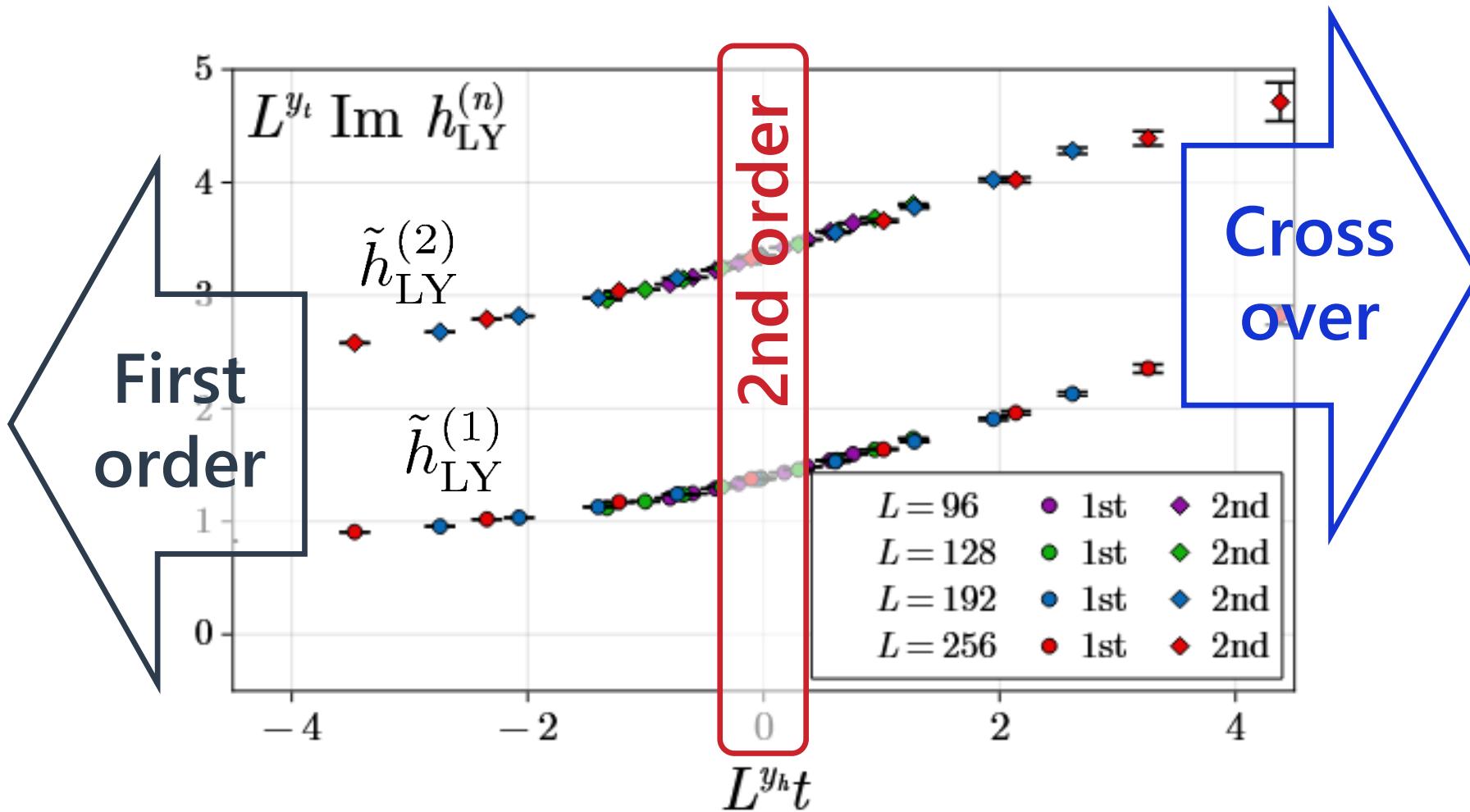


Crossover Side ($t > 0$)

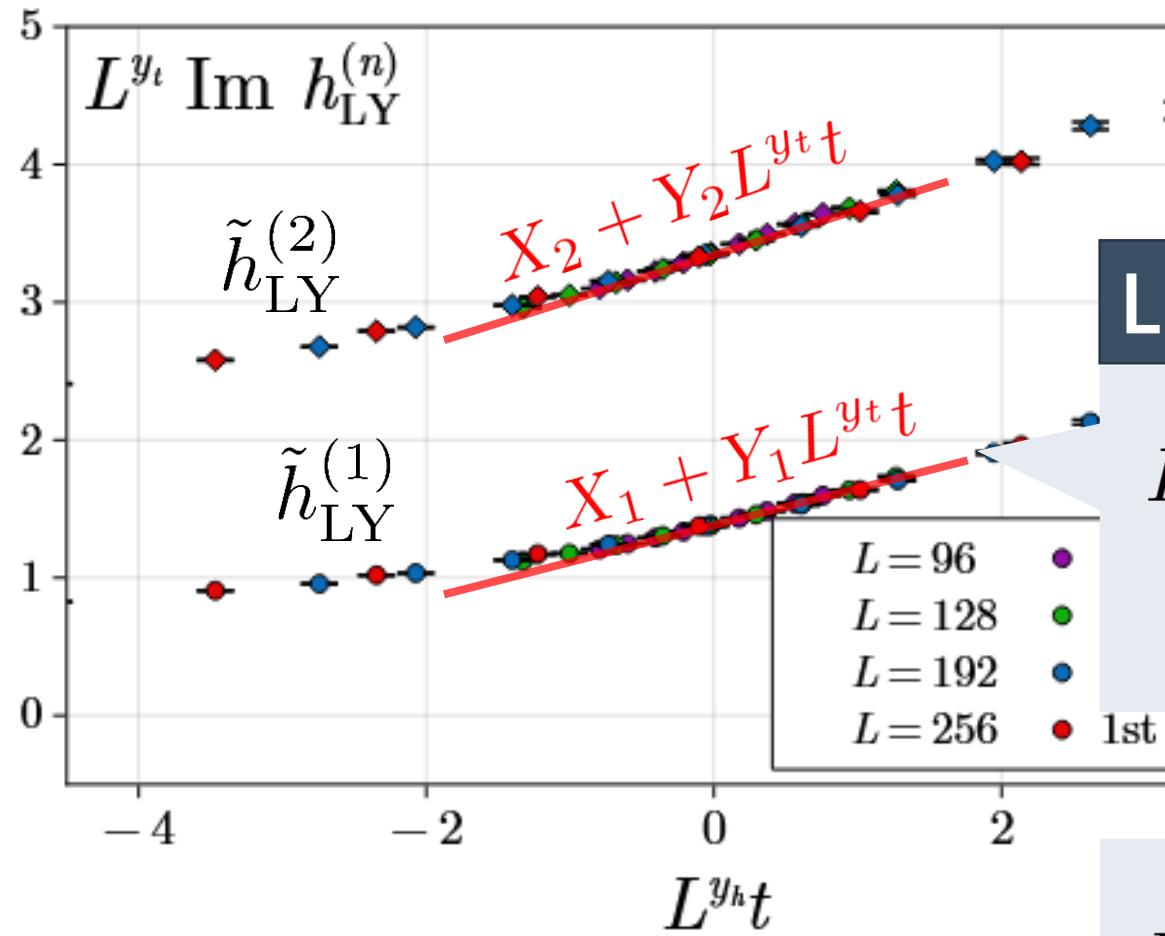


$$R_{nm}(t) \xrightarrow[V \rightarrow \infty]{} \frac{2n - 1}{2m - 1}$$

$$R_{nm}(t) \xrightarrow[V \rightarrow \infty]{} 1$$

LYZ near $t = 0$ 

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Linear Approx. at $t = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} L^{y_h} h &= \tilde{h}_{\text{LY}}^{(i)}(L^{y_t} t) \\ &= X_i + Y_i L^{y_t} t + \mathcal{O}(t^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$R_{nm}(t) = \frac{X_n}{X_m} \left(1 + C_{nm} t L^{y_t} + \mathcal{O}(t^2) \right)$$

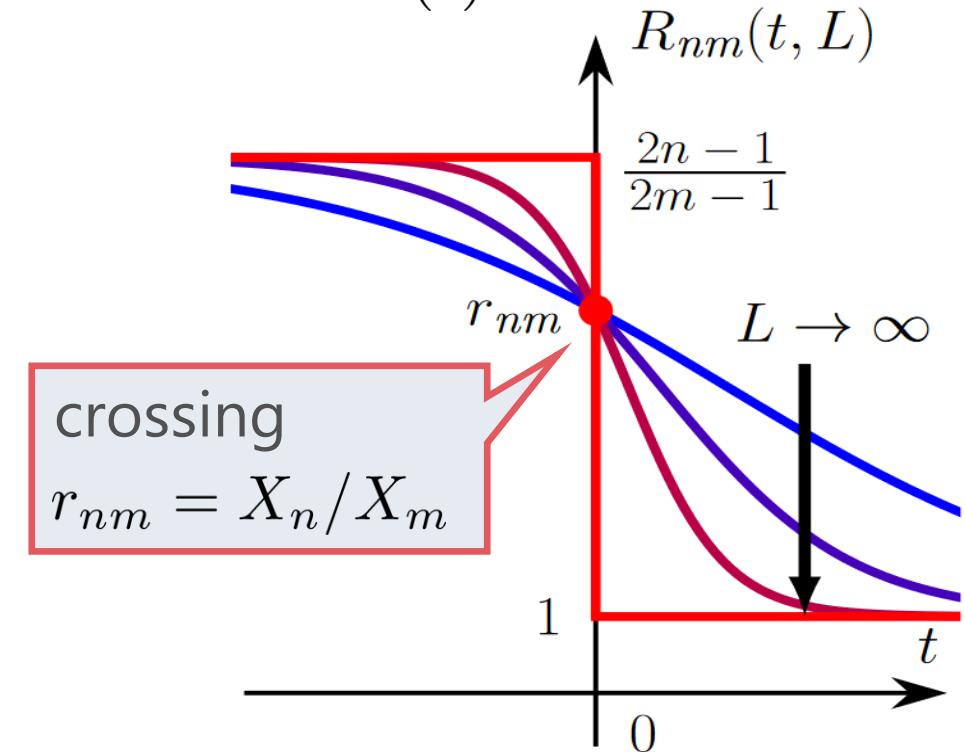
LYZ Ratios near $t = 0$

$$R_{nm}(t) = \frac{h^{(n)}(t)}{h^{(m)}(t)}$$

$$R_{n1}(t) \xrightarrow[V \rightarrow \infty]{} \begin{cases} 2n - 1 & t < 0 \text{ (1st order)} \\ 1 & t > 0 \text{ (crossover)} \end{cases}$$

$$R_{n1}(t) = r_{nm} + c_{nm} L^{y_t} t + \mathcal{O}(t^2)$$

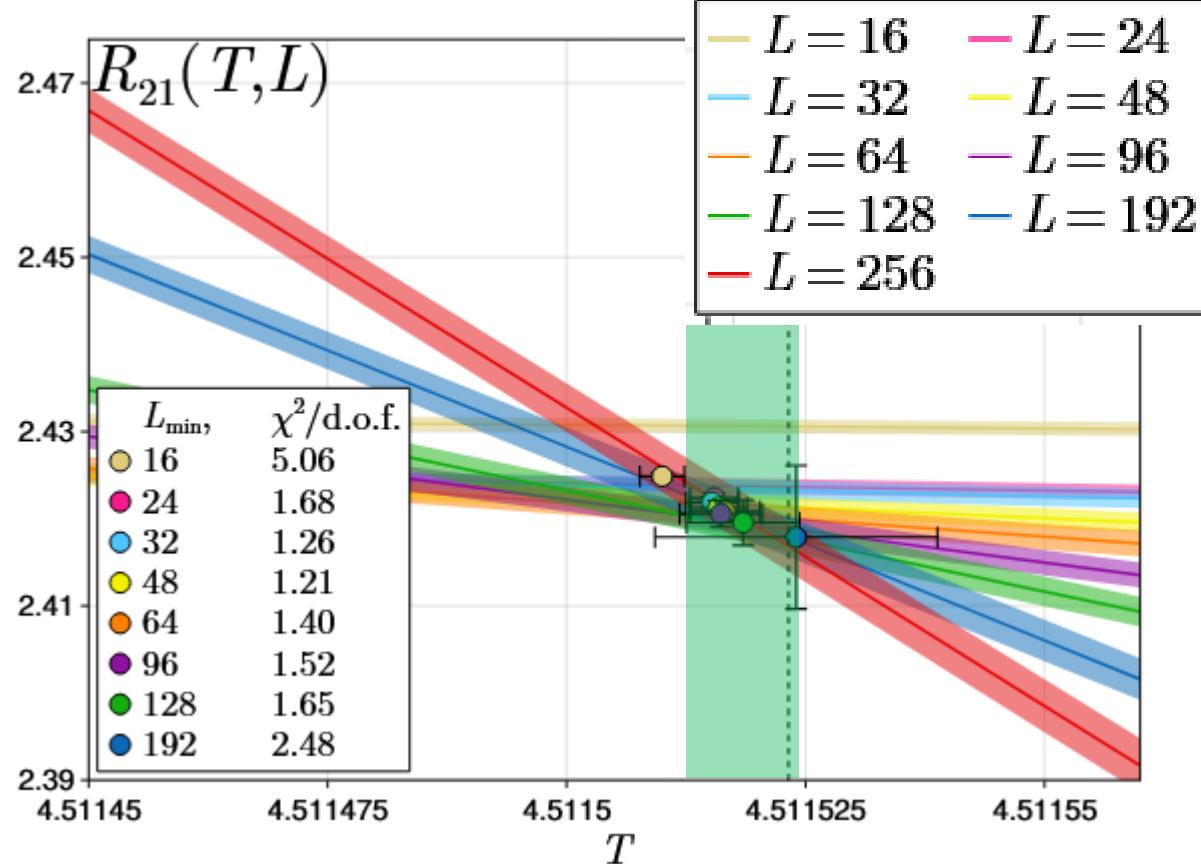
near $t = 0$



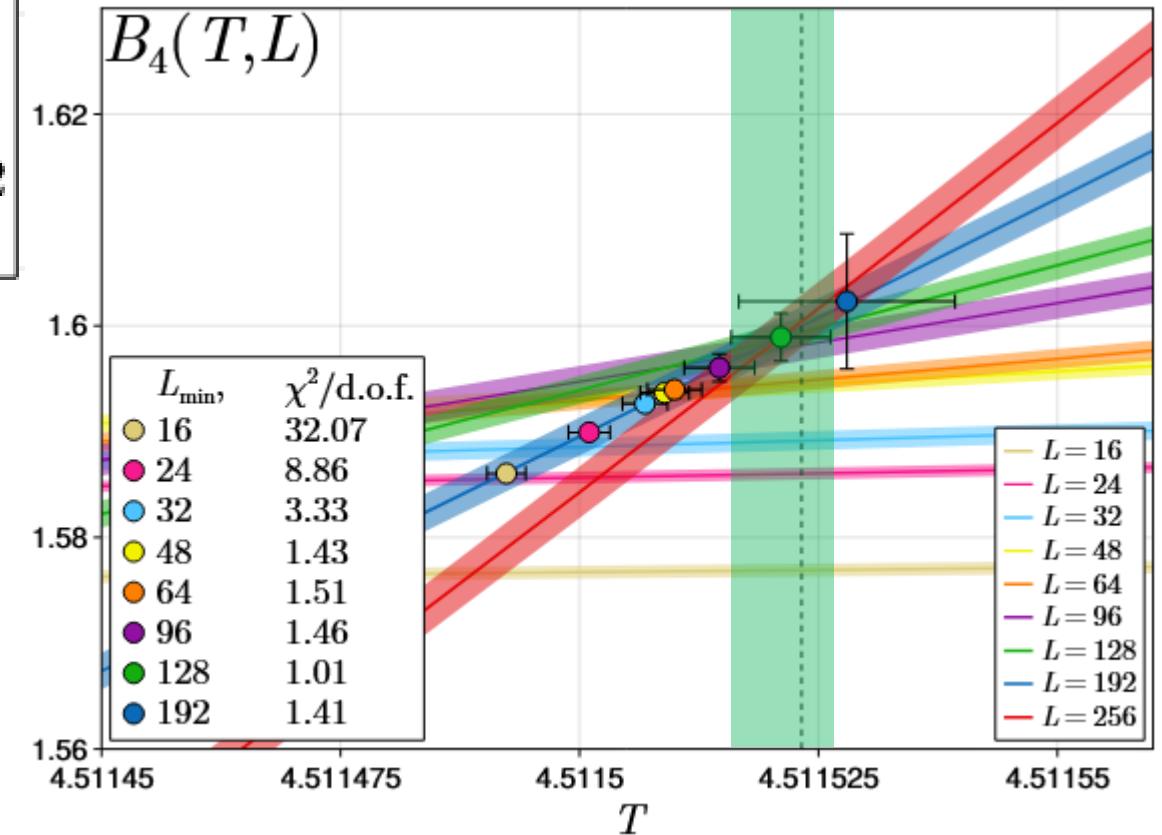
- $r_{nm} = R_{nm}(0)$ is L independent, the universal value.
- Crossing point of various L gives the CP.
- Reminiscent of Binder-cumulant analysis

LYZR vs Binder Cumulant in 3d-Ising

LYZR



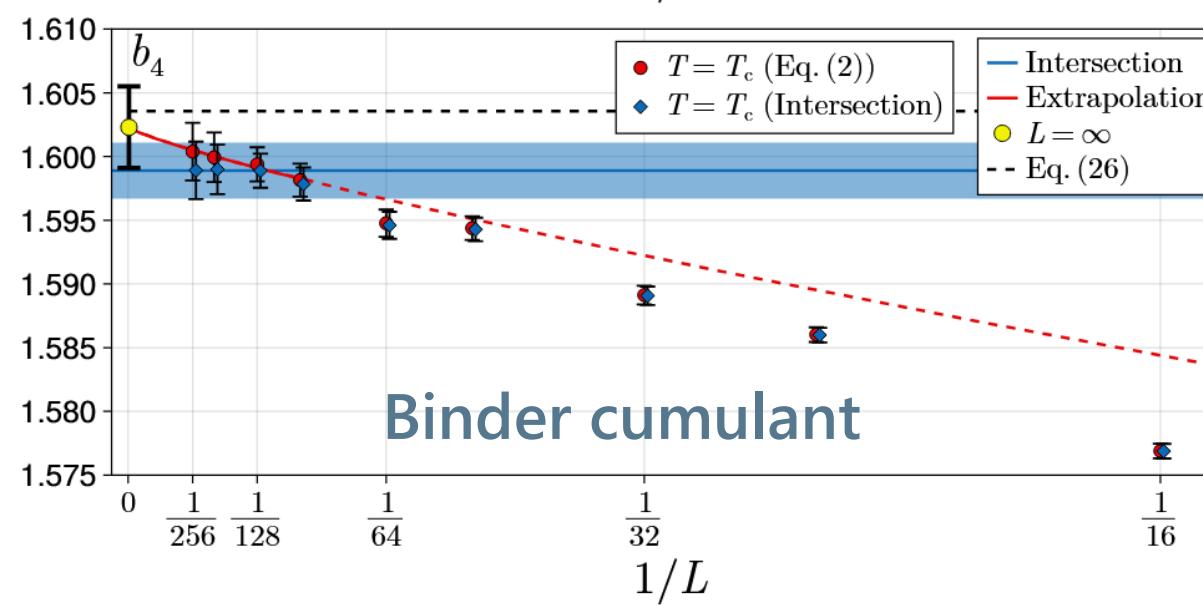
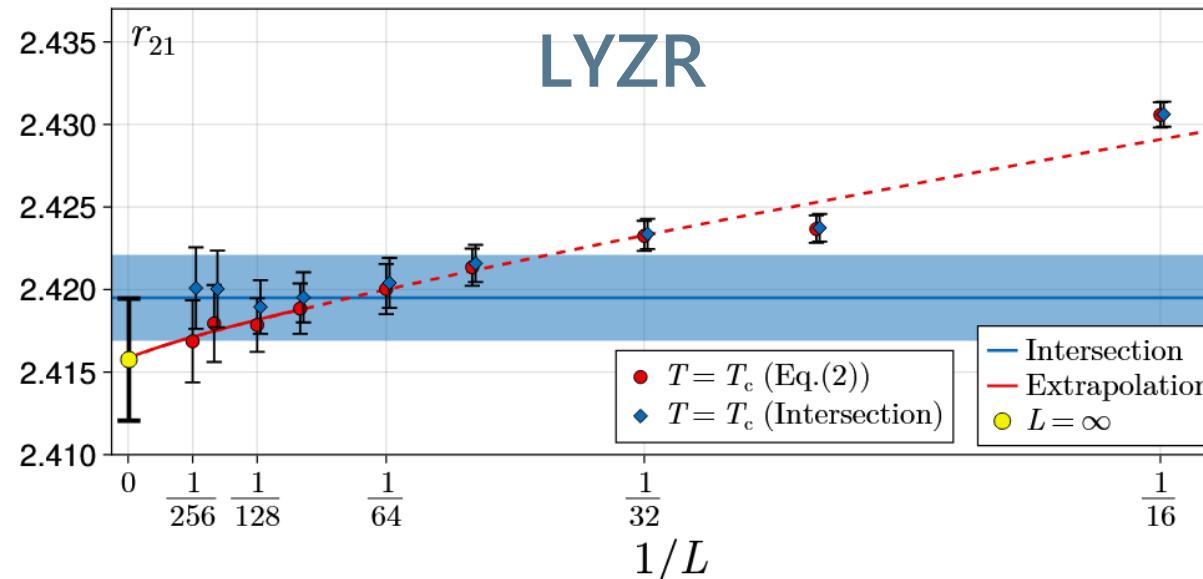
Binder cumulant



Faster convergence of the violation of FSS in LYZ?

Convergence at $T = T_c$

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Red: T_c of Ferrenberg ('18)
Blue: T_c of intersection point

In 3d-Ising,
violation of FSS is more quickly
suppressed in the LYZR than the
Binder cumulant as $L \rightarrow \infty$.

$$Z = Z_{\text{sing}} \times Z_{\text{reg}}$$

Curvature

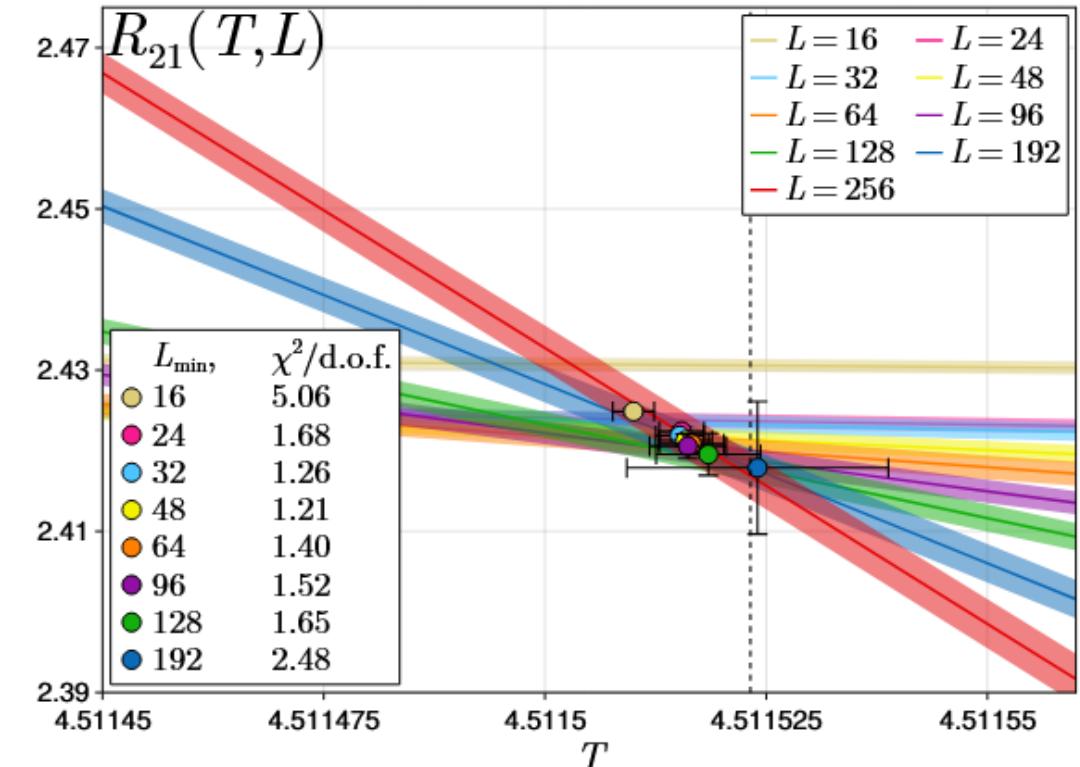
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Our fits to $R_{nm}(t, L), B_4(t, L)$
need a non-linear term.

$$R_{n1}(T, L) = r_{n1} + c_{n1} L^{y_t} \left(\frac{T - T_c}{T_c} \right) + d_{n1} L^{2y_t} \left(\frac{T - T_c}{T_c} \right)^2$$

Measure of non-linearity

$$C_f = L^{-y_t} \frac{\partial^2 f / \partial T^2}{\partial f / \partial T} \Big|_{T=T_c}$$



Curvature

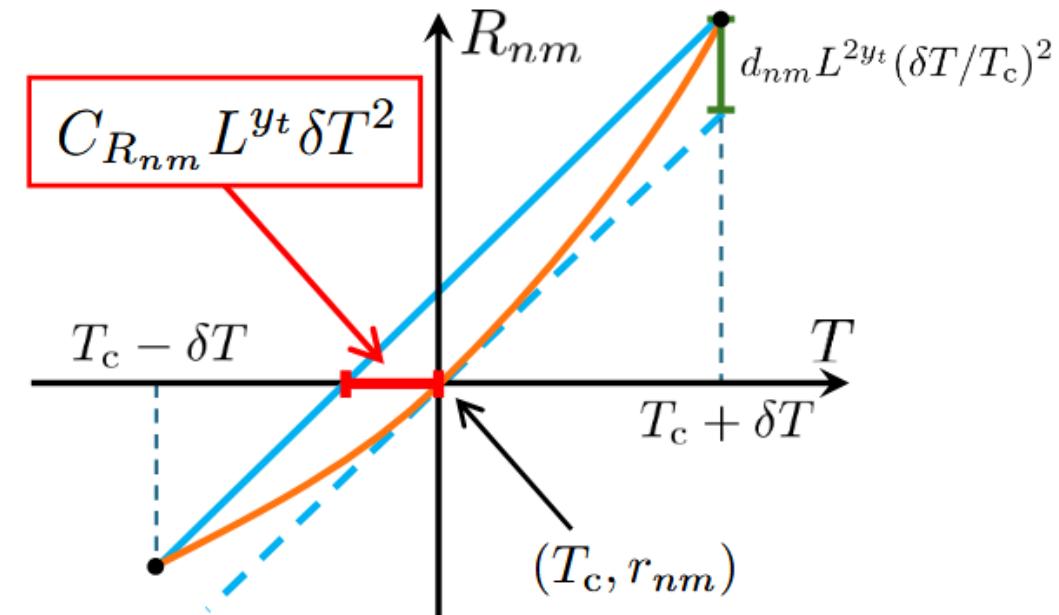
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f	R_{21}	R_{31}	R_{41}	B_4
C_f	0.0093(17)	0.0053(17)	-0.0010(34)	0.0364(37)

f	$h_{LY}^{(1)}$	$h_{LY}^{(2)}$	$\langle M^2 \rangle_c$
C_f	0.07149(59)	0.04230(101)	-0.07209(44)



C_f is invariant under

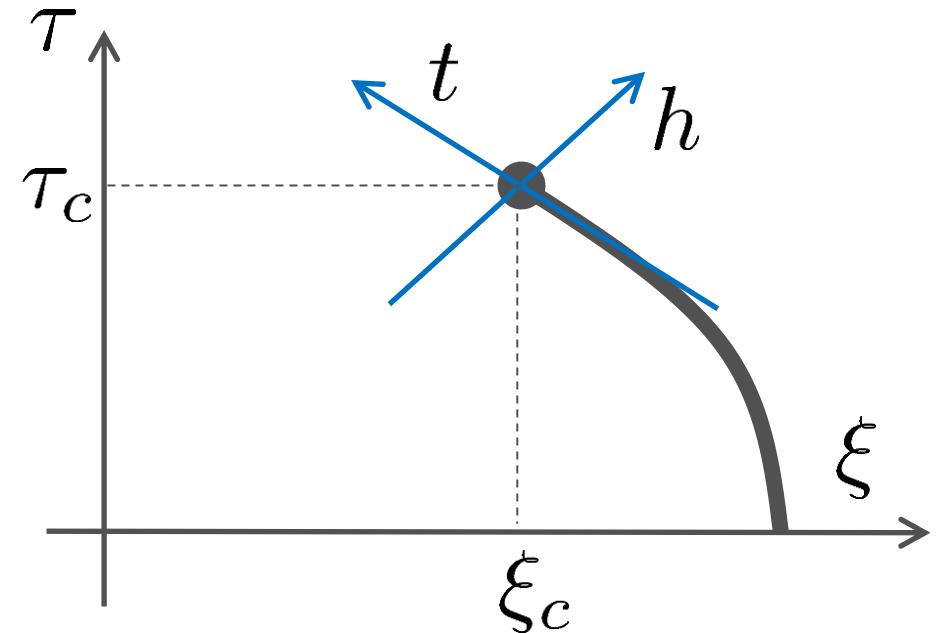
$$\begin{pmatrix} t' \\ h' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t \\ h \end{pmatrix}$$

CP in a General System

- CP on a $\tau - \xi$ plane
- LYZ on the complex ξ plane

$$\begin{pmatrix} t \\ h \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tau - \tau_c \\ \xi - \xi_c \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} \delta\tau \\ \delta\xi \end{pmatrix}$$

$$L^{y_h} h^{(n)} \simeq X_i + Y_i L^{y_t} t$$



$$\bar{y} = y_t - y_h = -0.894$$

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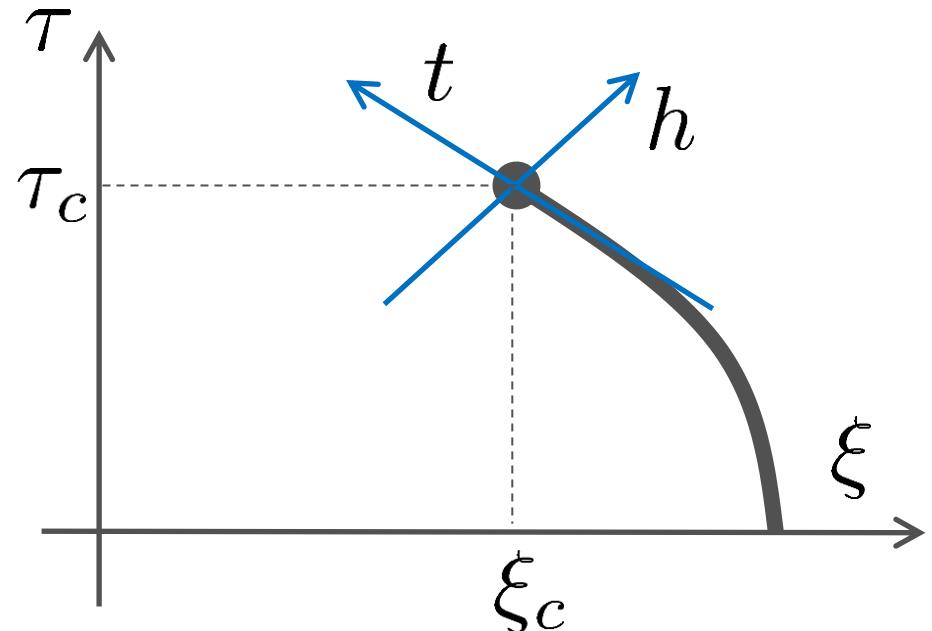
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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \xi_R^{(n)} = \xi_c - \frac{a_{21}}{a_{22}} \delta\tau + \mathcal{O}(L^{2\bar{y}}) \\ \xi_I^{(n)} = \frac{X_n}{a_{22}} L^{-y_h} + \frac{\det A Y_n}{a_{22}^2} \delta\tau L^{\bar{y}} + \mathcal{O}(L^{2\bar{y}}) \end{array} \right.$$

$L \rightarrow \infty$
generalization
to finite V



LY Edge Singularity

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Re}\xi_{\text{LYES}} \simeq c_1 \tau \\ \text{Im}\xi_{\text{LYES}} \simeq c_2 \tau^{\beta\delta} \end{array} \right.$$

Stephanov, 2006

LYZ Ratios for General CP

$$\bar{y} = y_t - y_h = -0.894$$

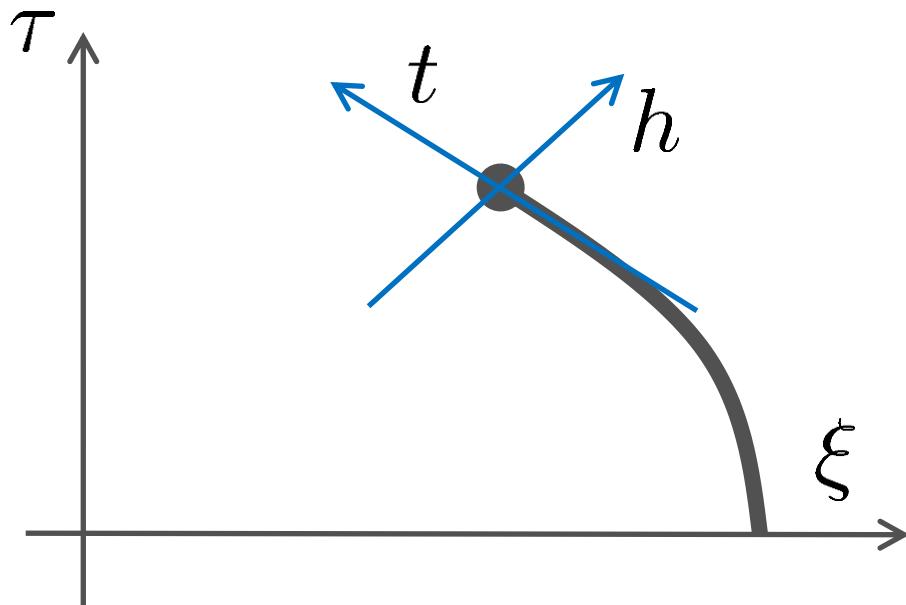
LYZ Ratio

$$R_{nm}(t) = \frac{\xi_I^{(n)}(\tau)}{\xi_I^{(m)}(\tau)} = \frac{X_n}{X_m} \left(1 + C\tau L^{y_t} + \mathcal{O}(\tau^2) \right) \left(1 + DL^{2\bar{y}} + \mathcal{O}(L^{4\bar{y}}) \right)$$

nonzero for $a_{12} \neq 0$

$$C = \frac{\det A}{a_{22}} \left(\frac{Y_2}{X_2} - \frac{Y_1}{X_1} \right), \quad D = \frac{a_{12}^2}{a_{22}^2} (Y_1^2 - Y_2^2)$$

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LYZ Ratios vs Binder Cumulant

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Binder cumulant

Jin+, PRD86, 2017

$$B_4(t) = b_4 \left(1 + c\tau L^{y_t} + \mathcal{O}(t^2) \right) \left(1 + d L^{\bar{y}} + \mathcal{O}(L^{2\bar{y}}) \right)$$

nonzero for $a_{12} \neq 0$

Deviation at $t = 0$ due to $a_{12} \neq 0$
converges faster in LYZ ratio.

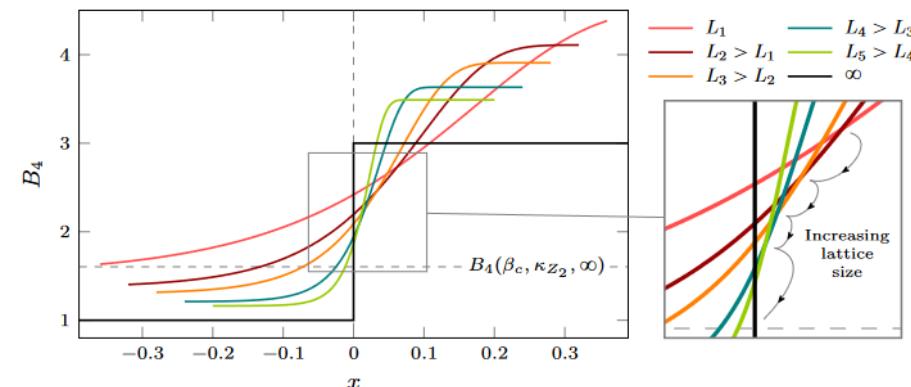


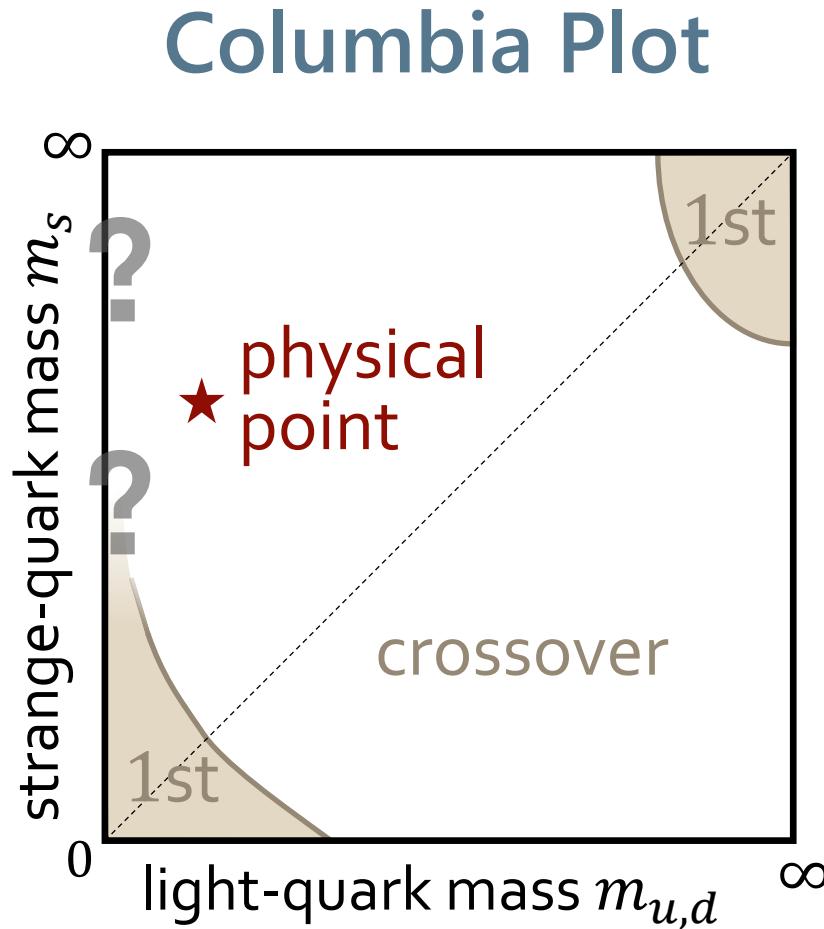
fig from
Cuteri+,
PRD ('21)

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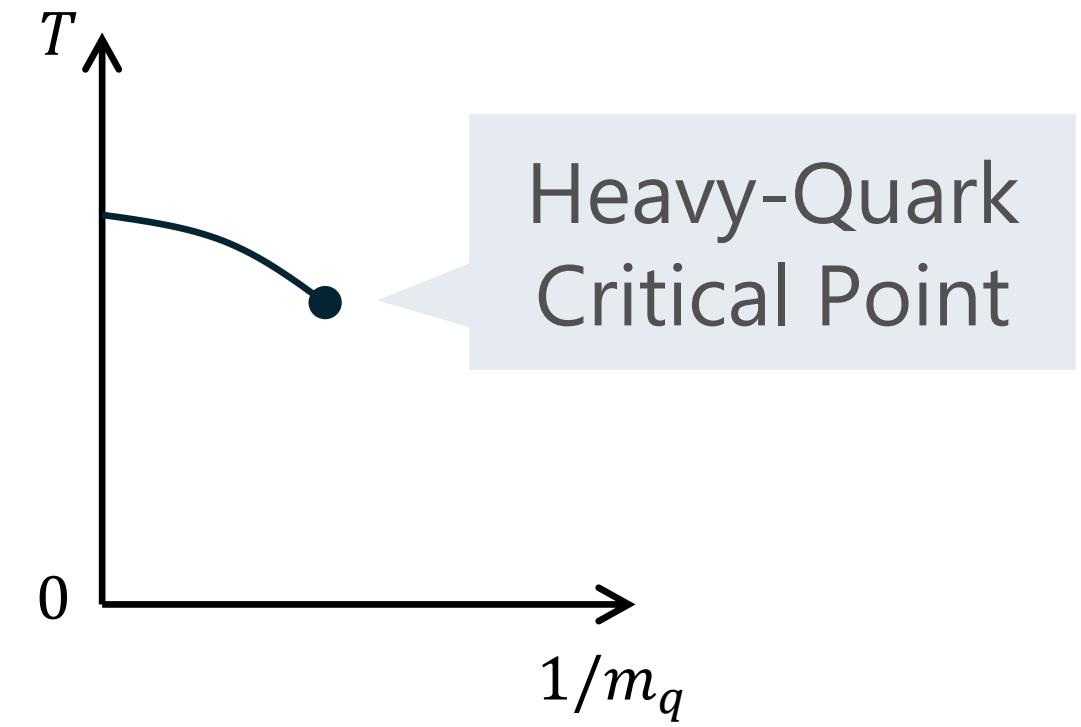
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Motivations



Phase Diagram



Can we determine the location of the HQ-CP?

Our Strategy

Kiyohara+, PRD104 ('21)
Ashikawa+, PRD110 ('24)

We want to control
finite-volume effects

Large volume simulations
up to $LT = N_x/N_t = 18$

- Simulations on coarse lattices ($N_t = 1/aT = 4, 6, 8$)
- Employ **hopping-parameter expansion (HPE)**

Hopping-Parameter Expansion: $\ln \det M(\kappa) = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \text{tr}[B^n] \kappa^n$

Hopping-Parameter Expansion

Wilson Fermion

$$S_q = \sum_{x,y} \bar{\psi}_x M_{xy} \psi_y$$

$$M_{xy} = \delta_{xy} - \kappa B_{xy} \quad \kappa \sim \frac{1}{2m_q a}$$

$$B_{xy} = \sum_{\mu=1}^4 \left[(1 - \gamma_\mu) U_{x,\mu} \delta_{y,x+\hat{\mu}} + (1 + \gamma_\mu) U_{y,\mu}^\dagger \delta_{y,x-\hat{\mu}} \right]$$

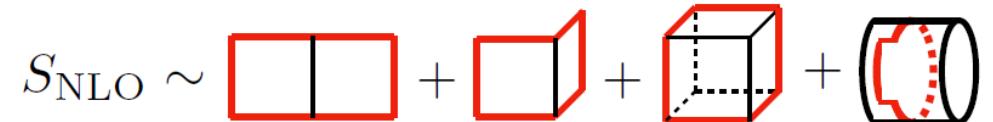


nonzero only for neighboring sites

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}U \mathcal{O} e^{-S_g + \ln \det M(\kappa)}$$

$$\ln \det M(\kappa) = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \text{tr}[B^n] \kappa^n$$

$\text{tr}[B_n]$ are represented by closed trajectories of length n .

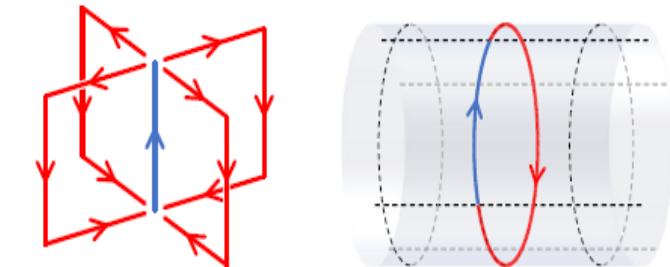


Simulation Method 1

Monte Carlo Updates at the LO

Heat bath & over relaxation with modified staple

➤ Almost the same numerical cost as the pure YM!

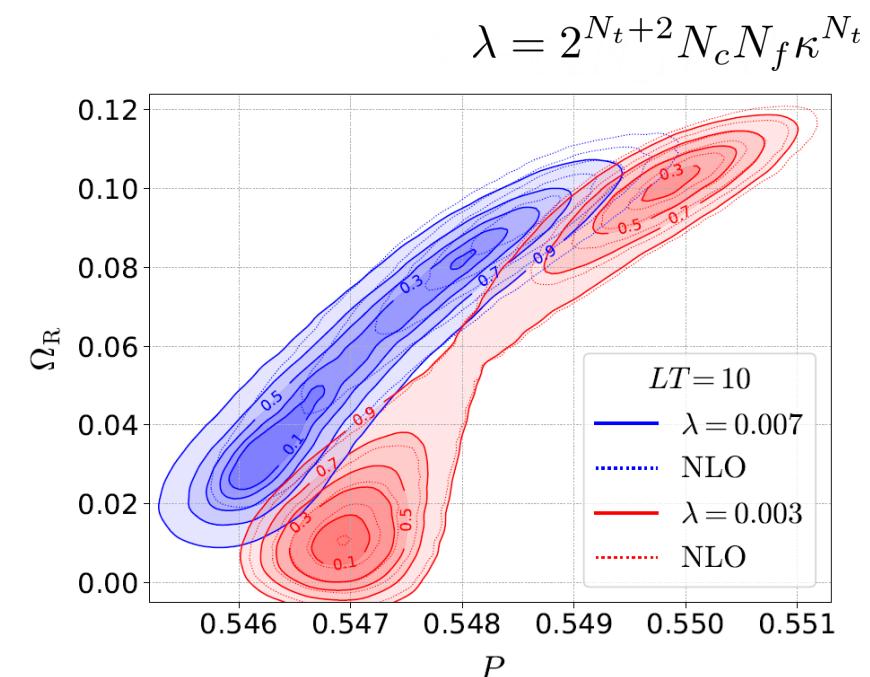


NLO terms by Reweighting

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle_{\text{NLO}} = \frac{\langle \hat{O} e^{-S_{\text{NLO}}} \rangle_{\text{LO}}}{\langle e^{-S_{\text{NLO}}} \rangle_{\text{LO}}}$$

Significant suppression of overlapping problem

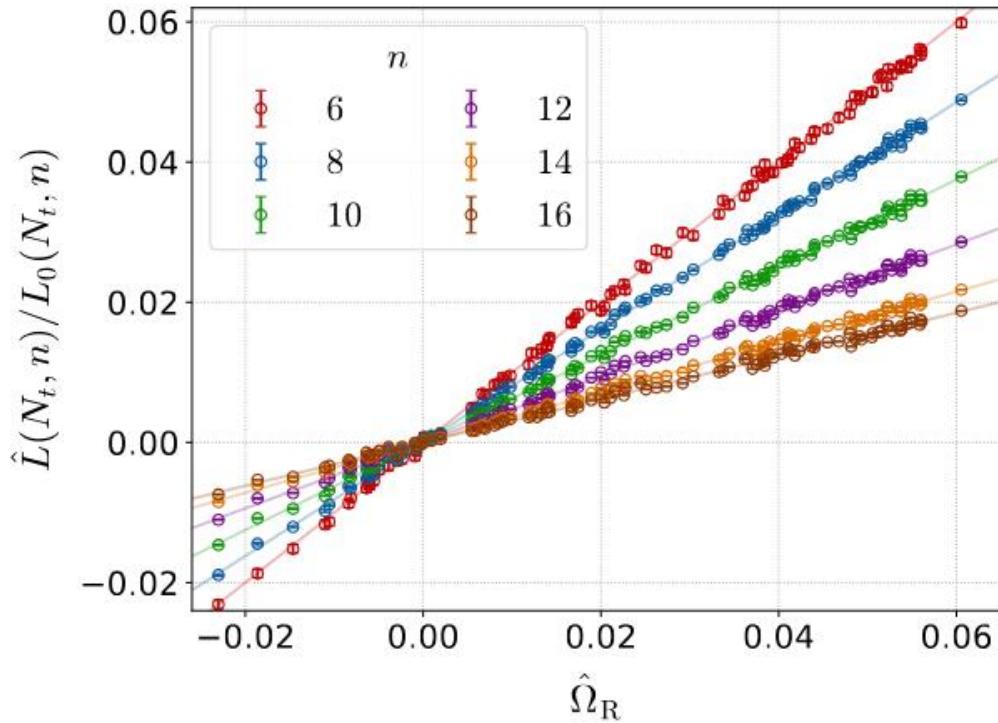
➤ Realize high-statistical analysis!



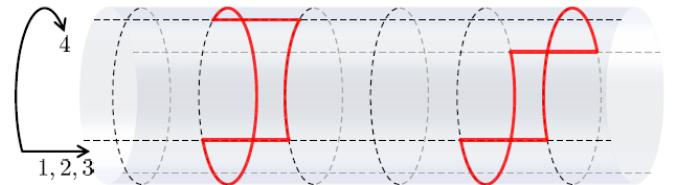
Simulation Method 2

Wakabayashi+ ('22)
Ashikawa+ ('24)

Effective incorporation of yet higher-order terms



$L(N_t, n)$: Winding loops of length n



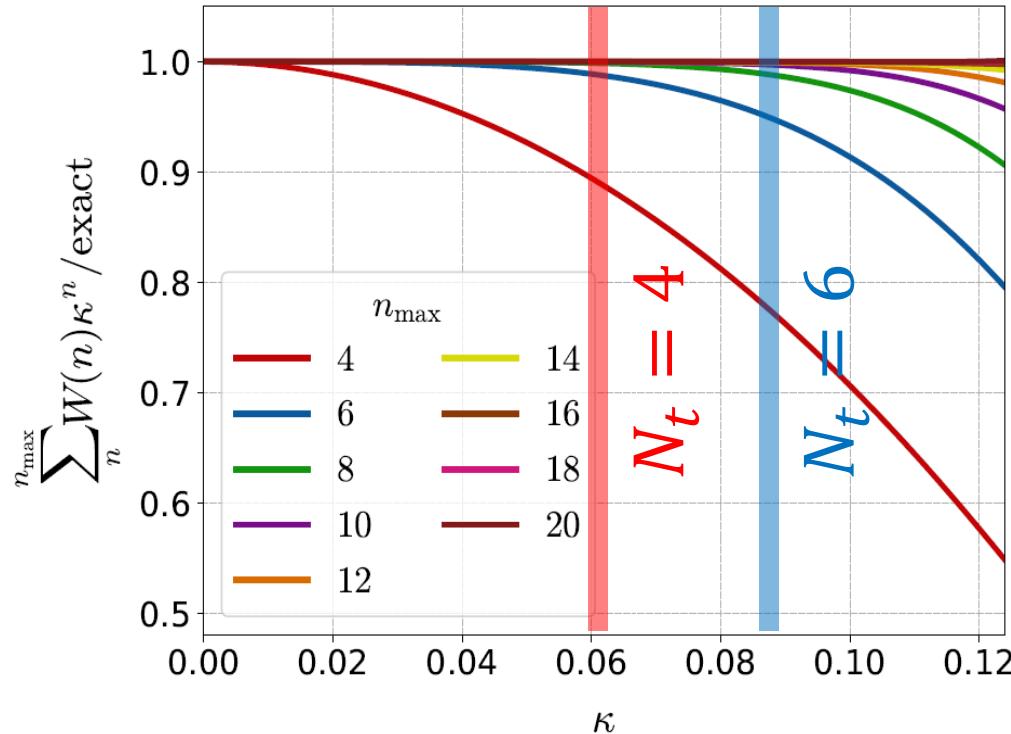
Strong correlations
between different n

Higher-order terms in the HPE are approximately proportional to the NLO term

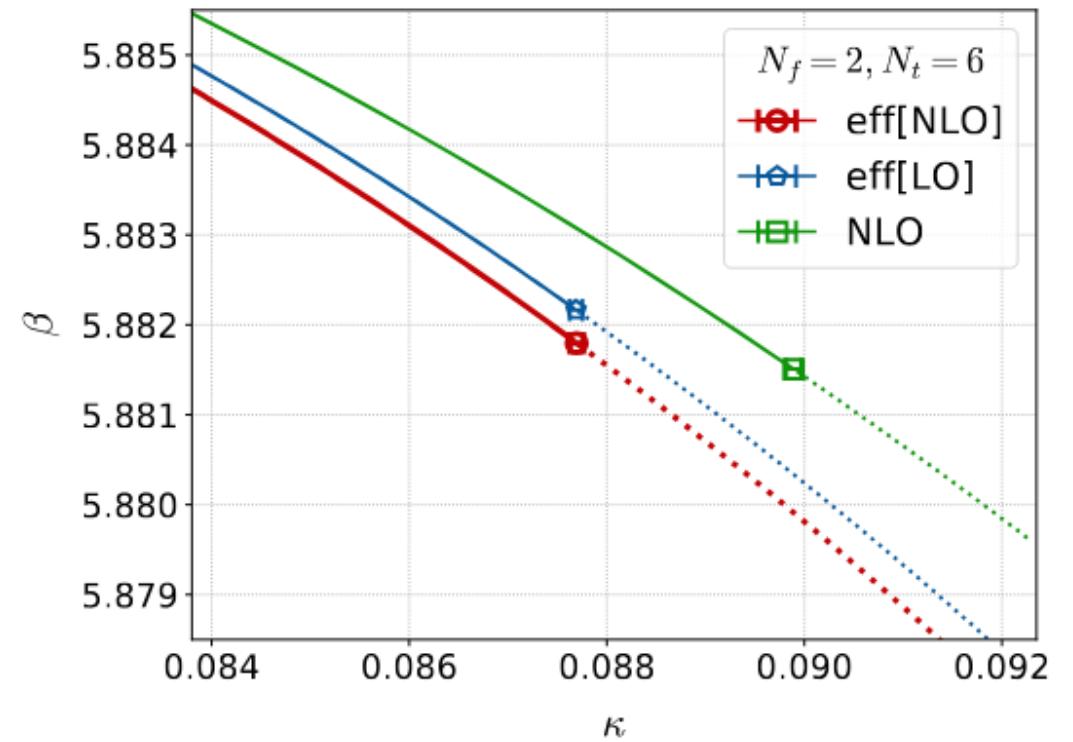
$$\frac{\hat{L}(N_t, n)}{L_0(N_t, n)} \simeq \tilde{c}_n \frac{\hat{L}(N_t, N_t + 2)}{L_0(N_t, N_t + 2)} = \tilde{c}_n \text{Re} \hat{\Omega}_{N_t + 2}$$

Convergence of HPE

Convergence of Free Fermions Wilson-loop-type

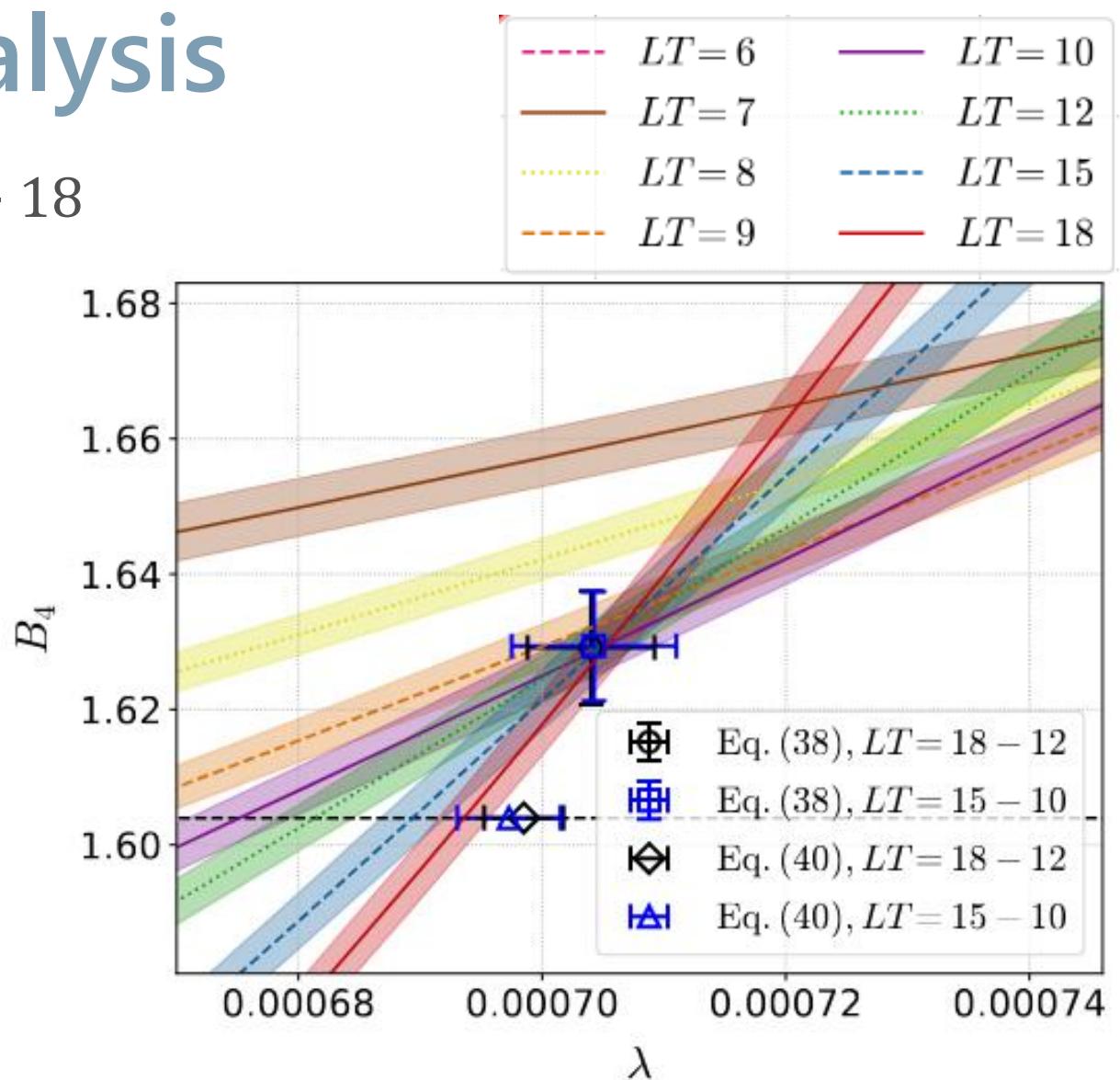
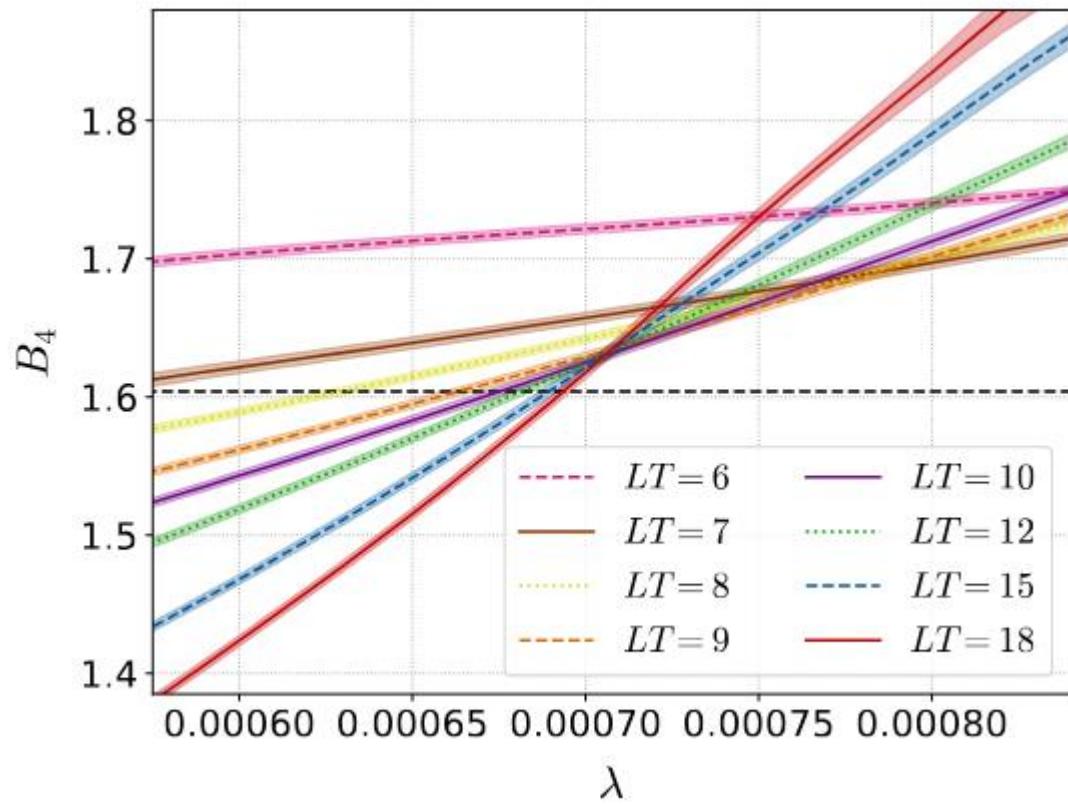


Phase Diagram



Binder Cumulant Analysis

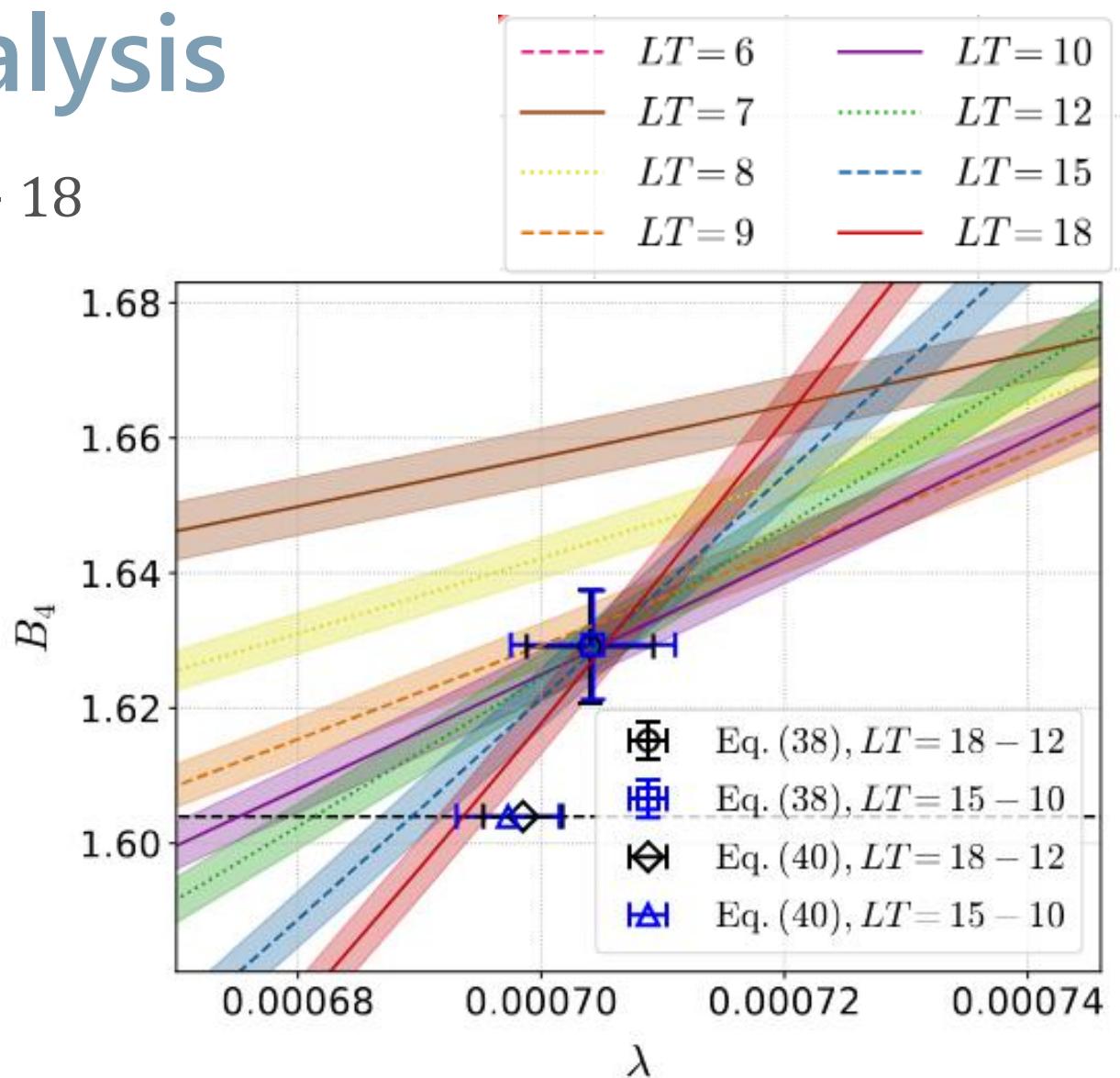
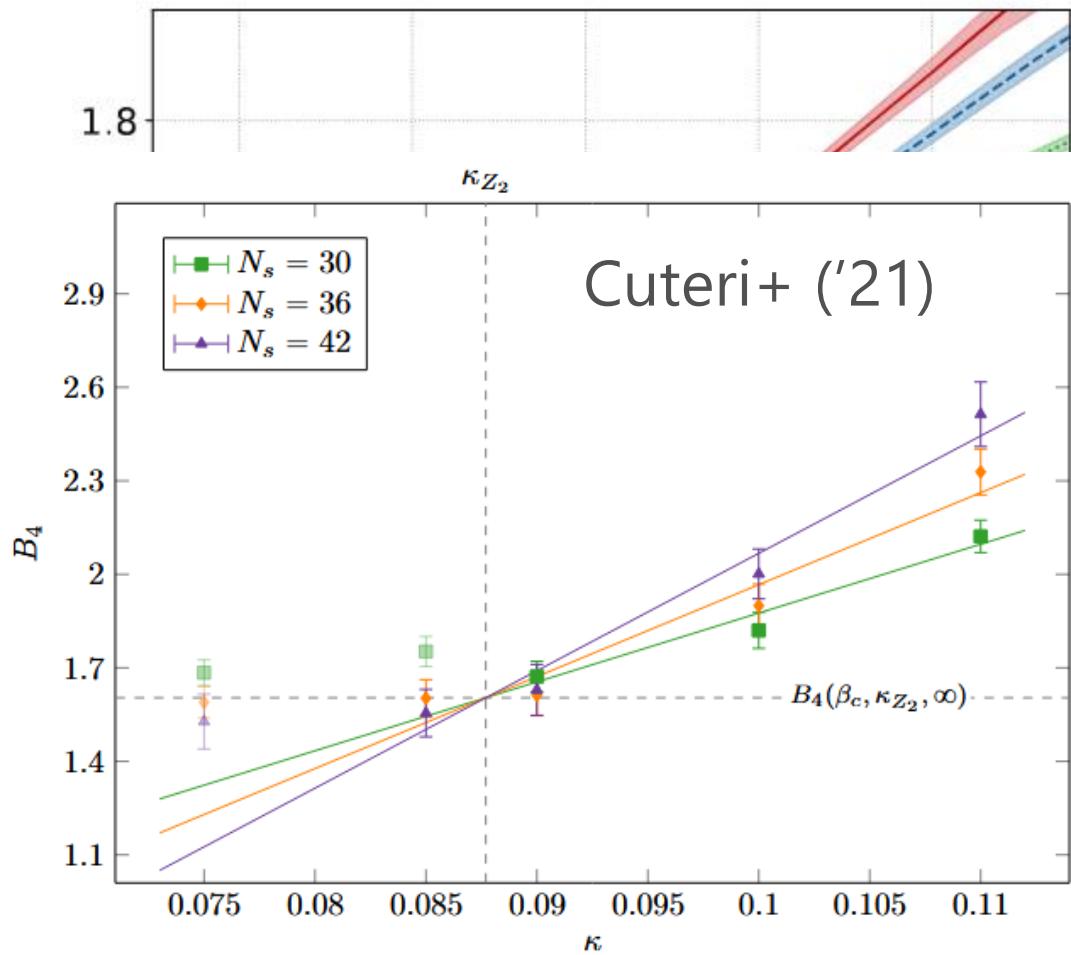
Numerical results at $N_t = 6$, $LT = 6 - 18$



$$\lambda = 2^{N_t+2} N_c N_f \kappa^{N_t}$$

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LYZ Ratio Method for HQ-CP

Zeros on the complex- λ plane

Partition-function ratio by reweighting

$$\frac{Z(\lambda)}{Z(\text{Re}\lambda)} = \frac{\langle e^{-S(\lambda)+S(\lambda_0)} \rangle_0}{\langle e^{-S(\text{Re}\lambda)+S(\lambda_0)} \rangle_0}$$

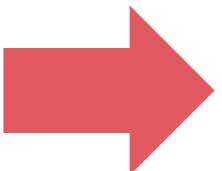
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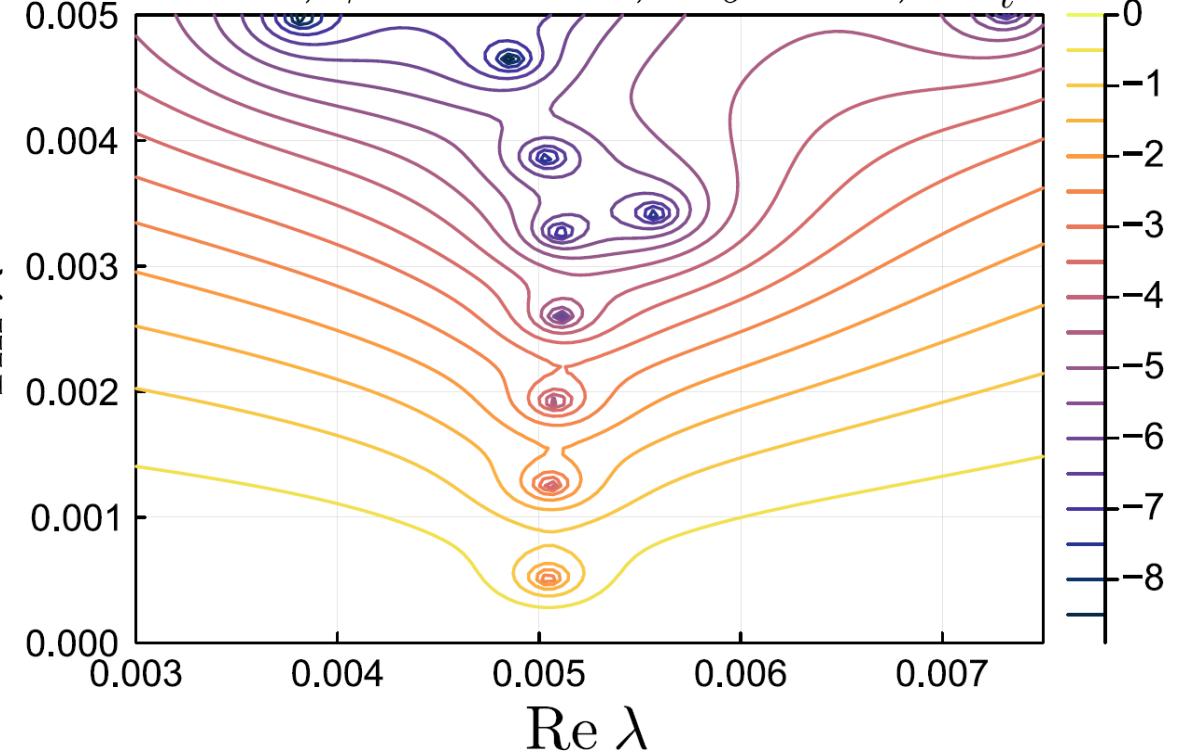
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LYZ are nicely obtained
up to the 4th one.



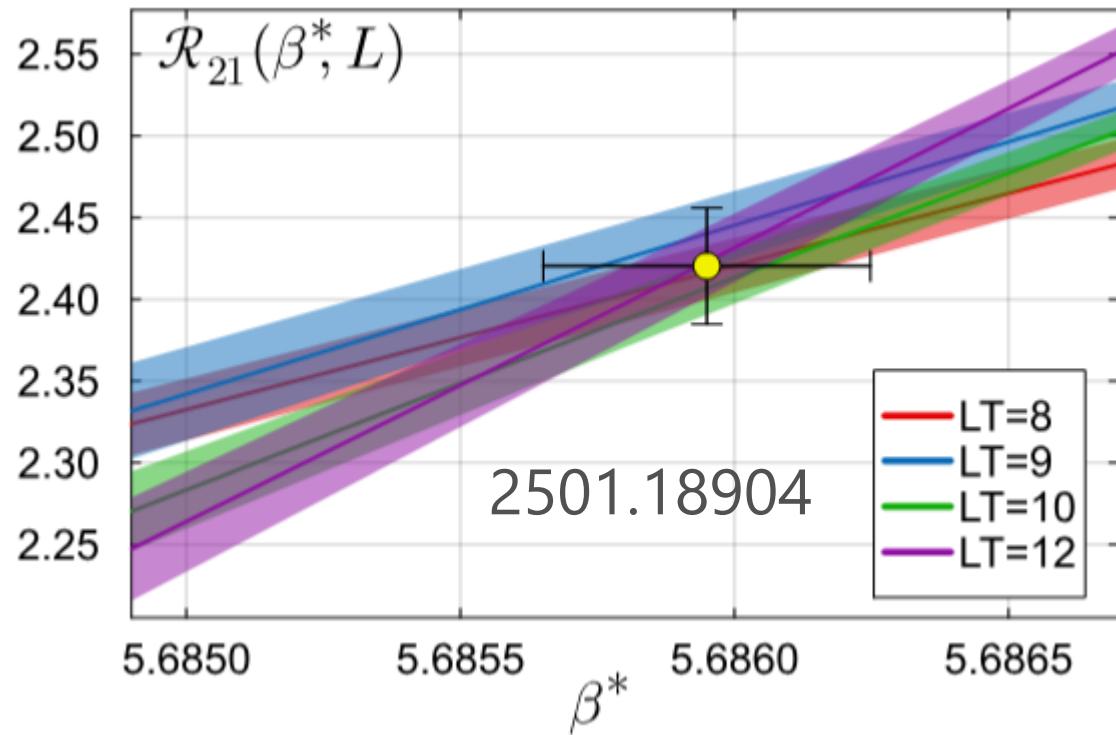
Contour plot of $|Z(\lambda)/Z(\text{Re}\lambda)|$

$\lambda = 0.050, \beta = 5.6861, L_\sigma = 48, N_t = 4$

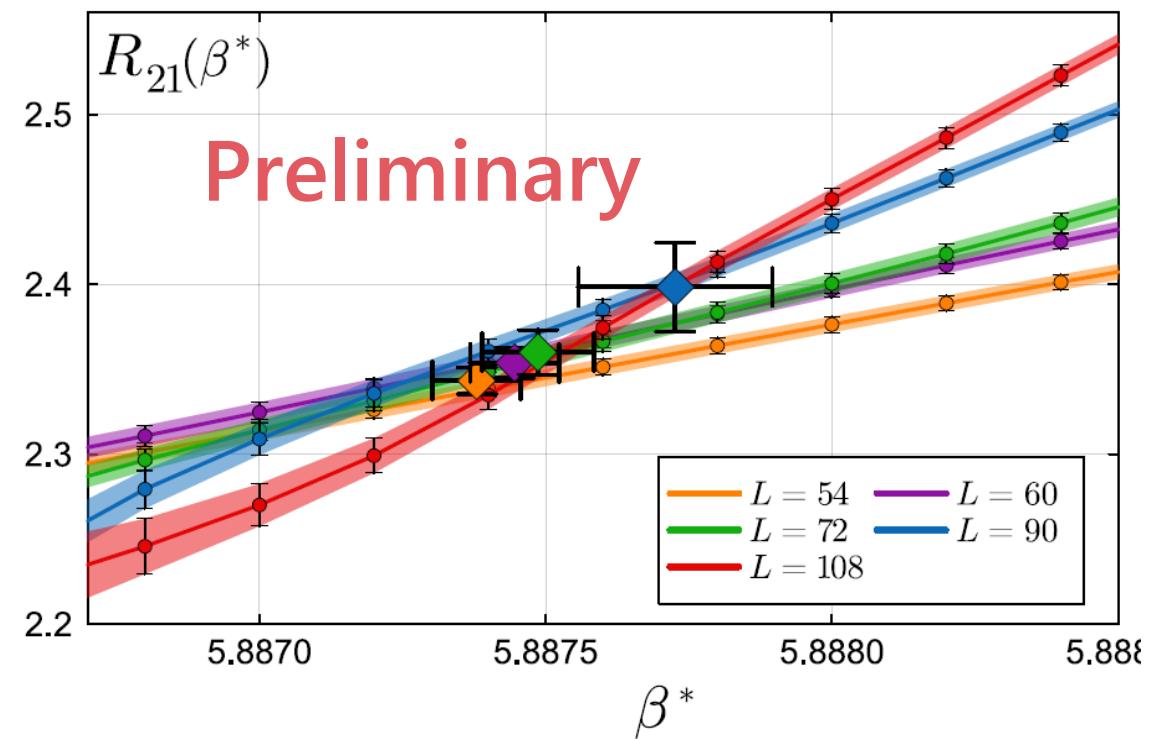


LYZ Ratio

$N_t = 4$

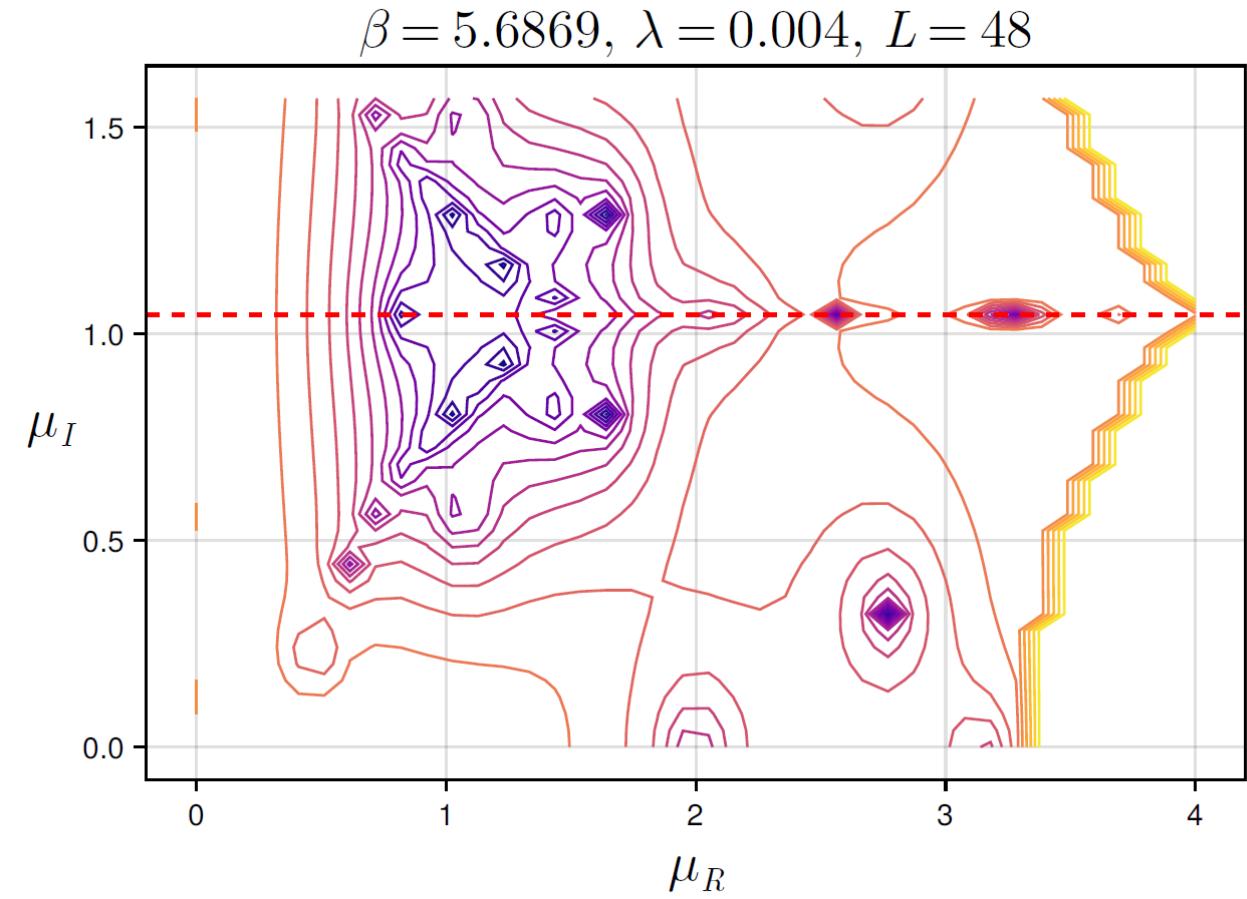
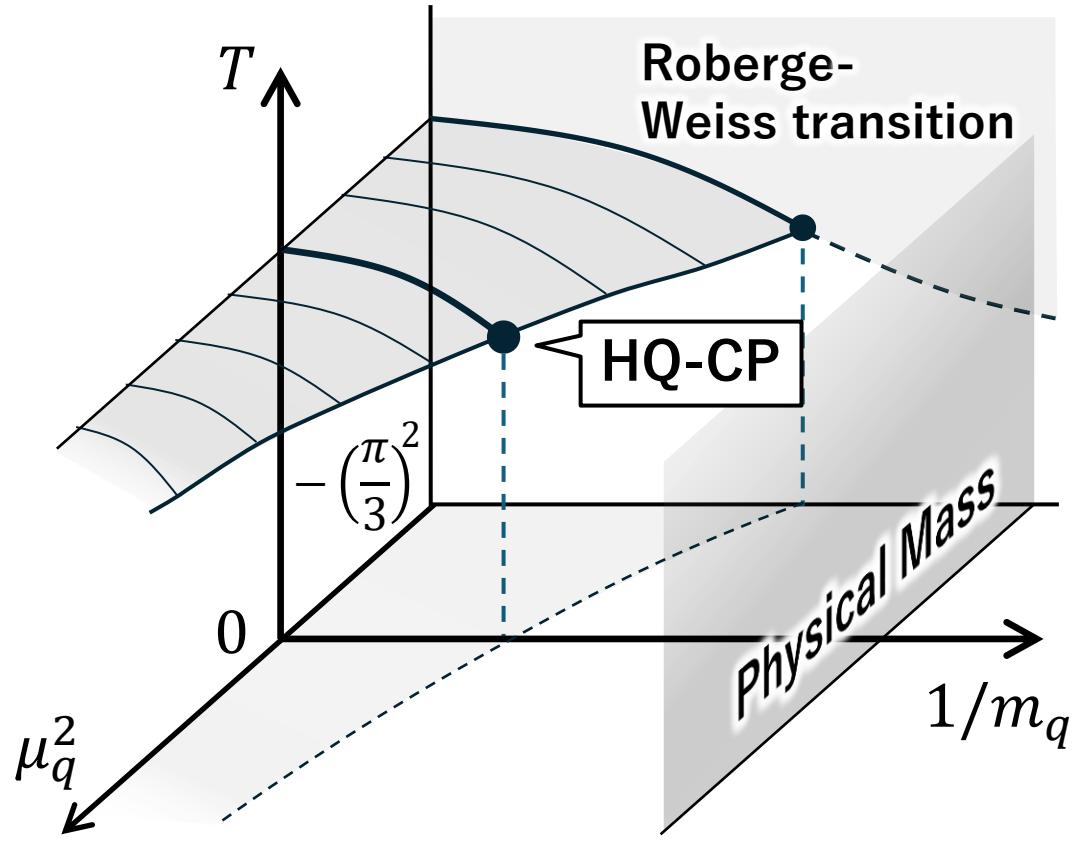


$N_t = 6$



Comparable statistics with the Binder-cumulant method.

LYZ on Complex- μ Plane



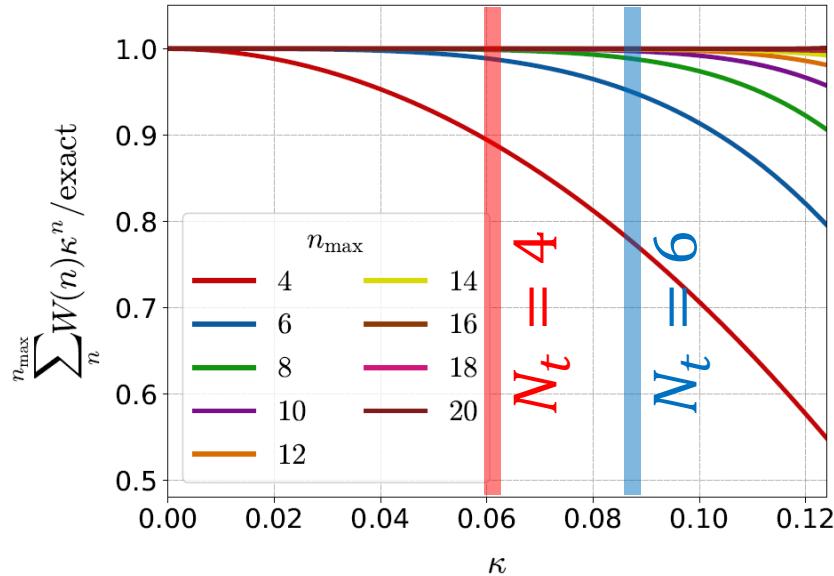
Summary

- LYZ-ratio method is a powerful method to locate a CP in general systems.
 - It has several advantages compared to Binder-cumulant method: suppression of scaling violation, non-linearity, etc.
- The LYZs in the heavy-quark region of QCD are successfully found using the numerical simulations based on the hopping-parameter expansion.
 - The LYZR method works well!
- Outlook: nonzero μ_q , RW transition, etc.

Convergence of HPE

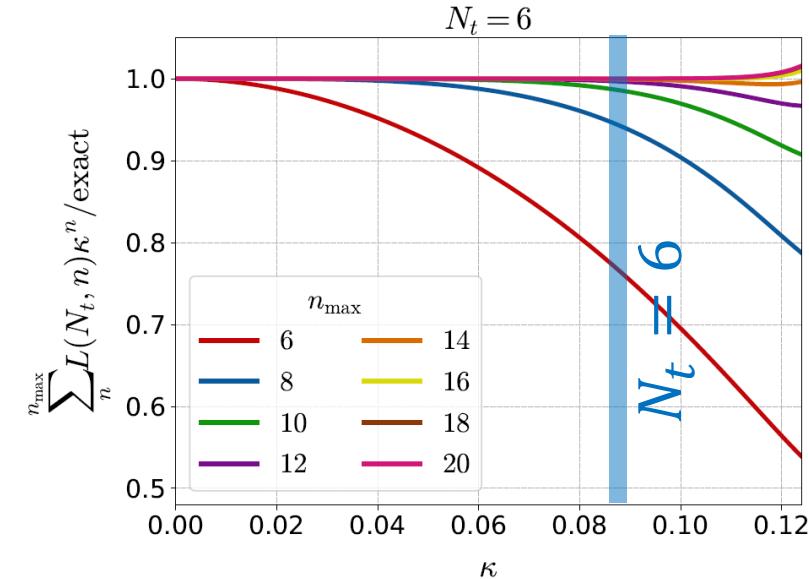
□ HPE of free lattice field ($U=1$)

Wilson-loop-type



$$N_t = 4 \quad \kappa_c = 0.0602(4) \quad \text{Kiyohara+,'21}$$
$$N_t = 6 \quad \kappa_c = 0.0877(9) \quad \text{Cuteri+,'21}$$

Polyakov-loop-type



NNLO and higher
Wakabayashi+ ('22)

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