

# Thermal QCD phases by TWEXT collaboration

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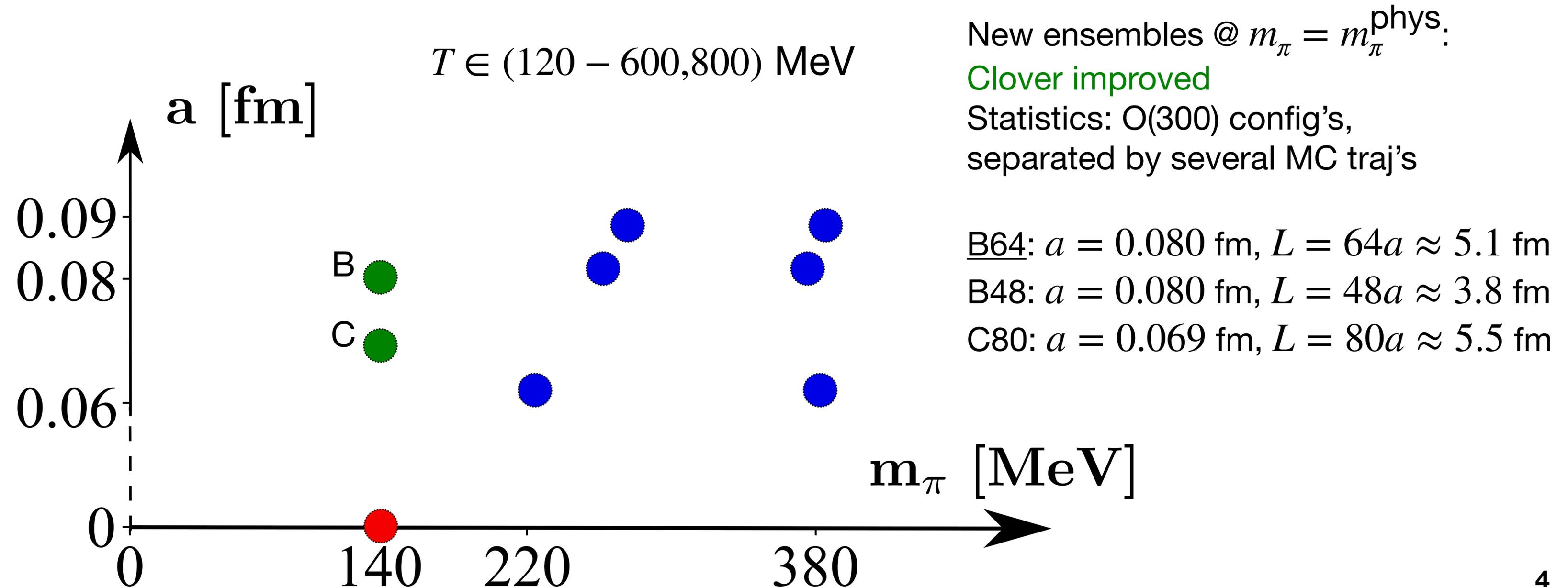
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## Lattice details

- 2+1+1 **Wilson twisted mass** fermions at maximal twist  
automatically  $O(a)$  improved  
[R. Frezzotti, G. Rossi, 2004]
- Iwasaki gauge action
- **Heavy quarks** (c, s): close to the physical values
- $m_\pi \in [135, 370]$  MeV
- **Fixed scale approach**:  $a = \text{fixed}$ ,  $T \leftrightarrow N_t$  (even for technical reasons)
- Based on ETMC  $T = 0$  parameters & tmLQCD code  
[C. Alexandrou et al.,2018][C. Alexandrou et al.,2021]

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## Ensemble summary



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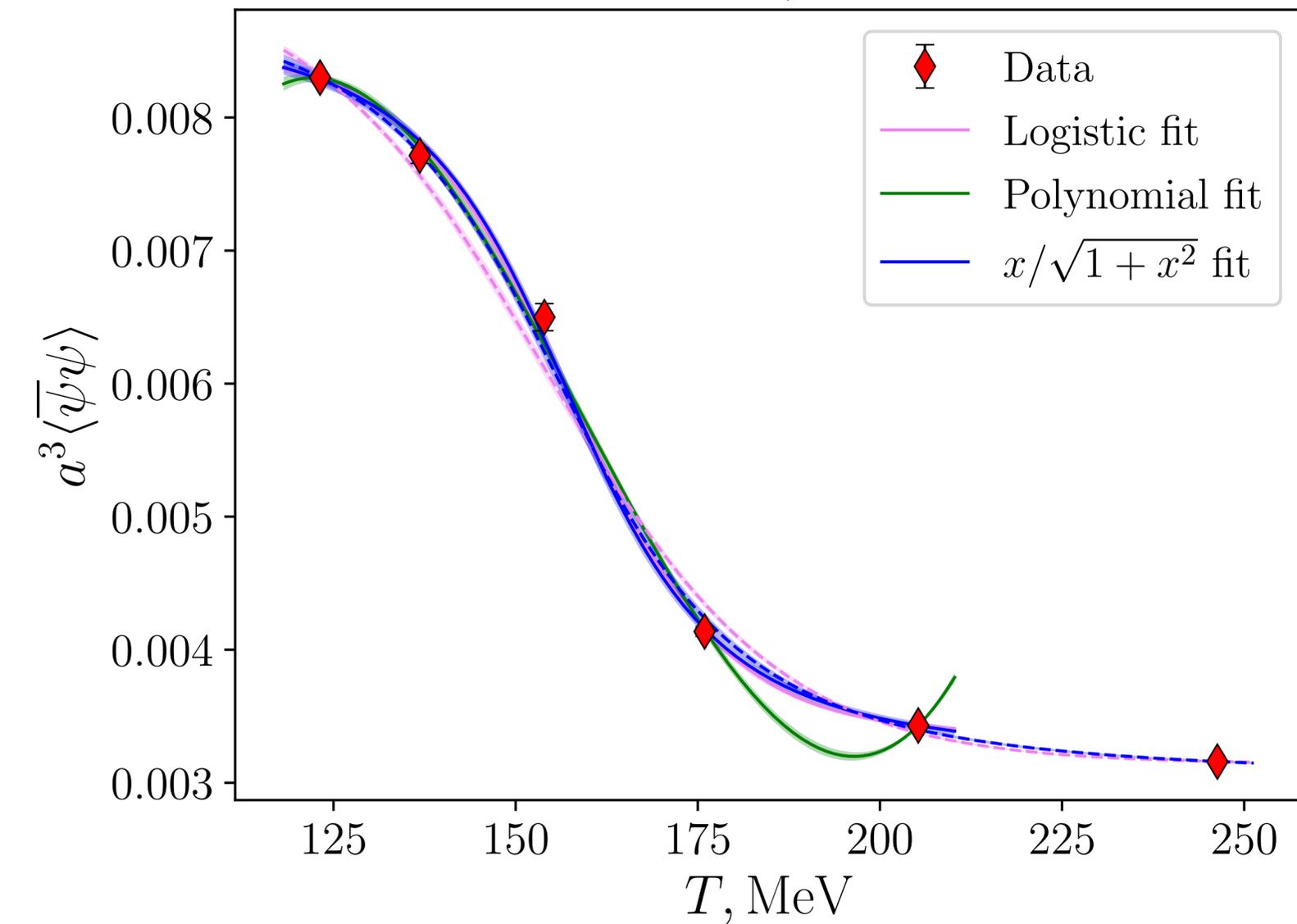
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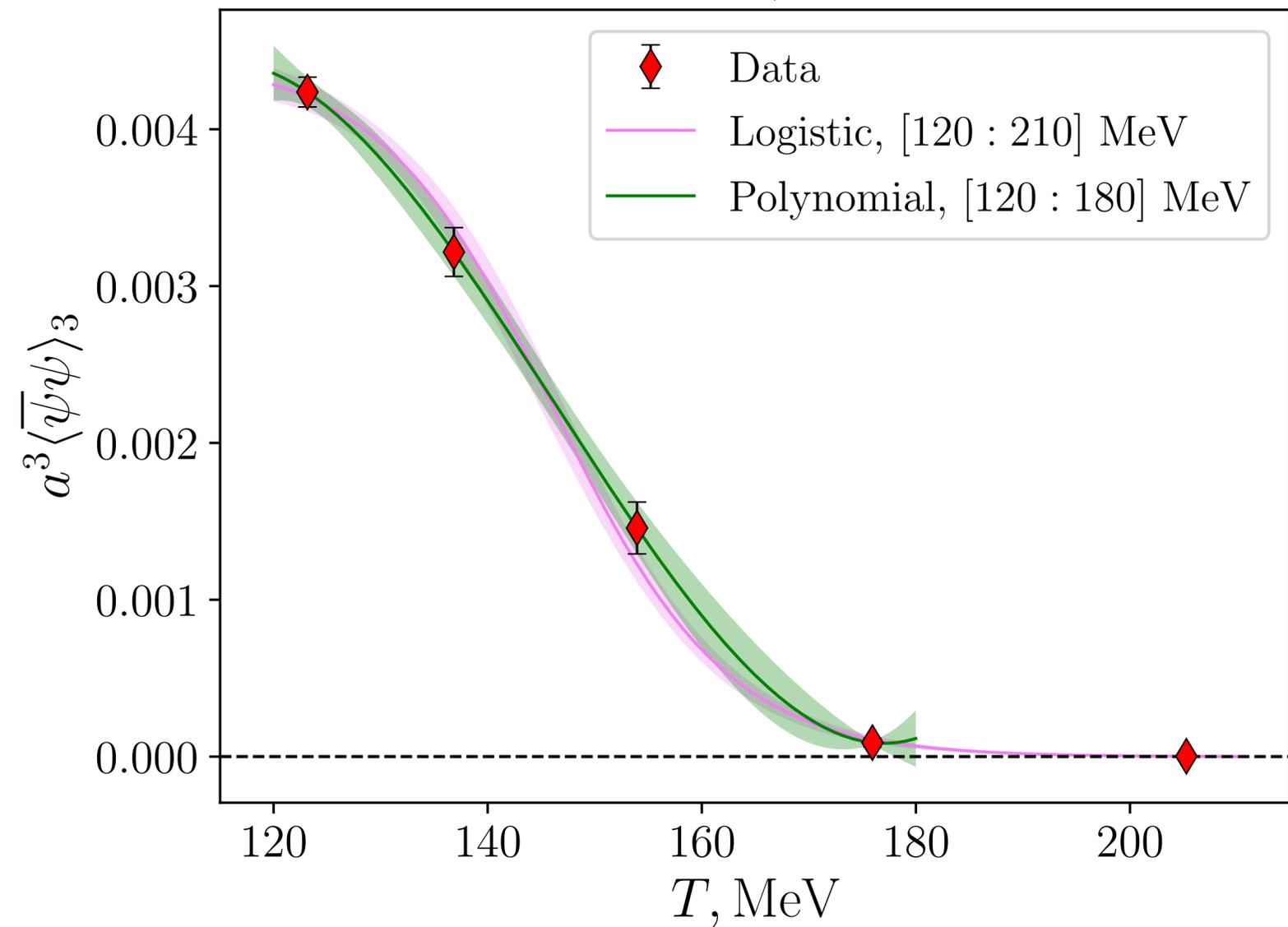
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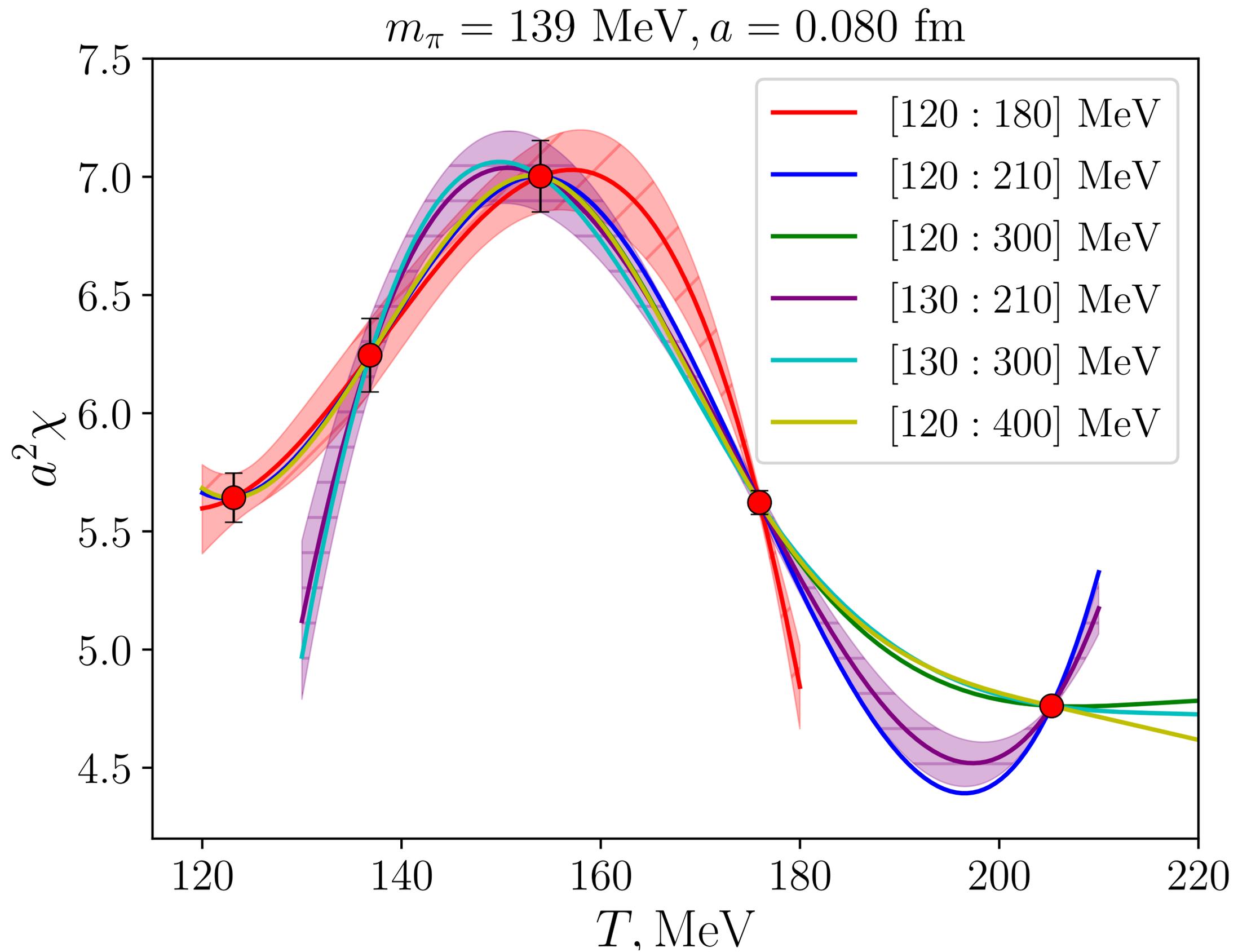
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  - $1/a^2$  divergences cancel
  - $\sim m^3$  (symmetric phase, large  $T$ )

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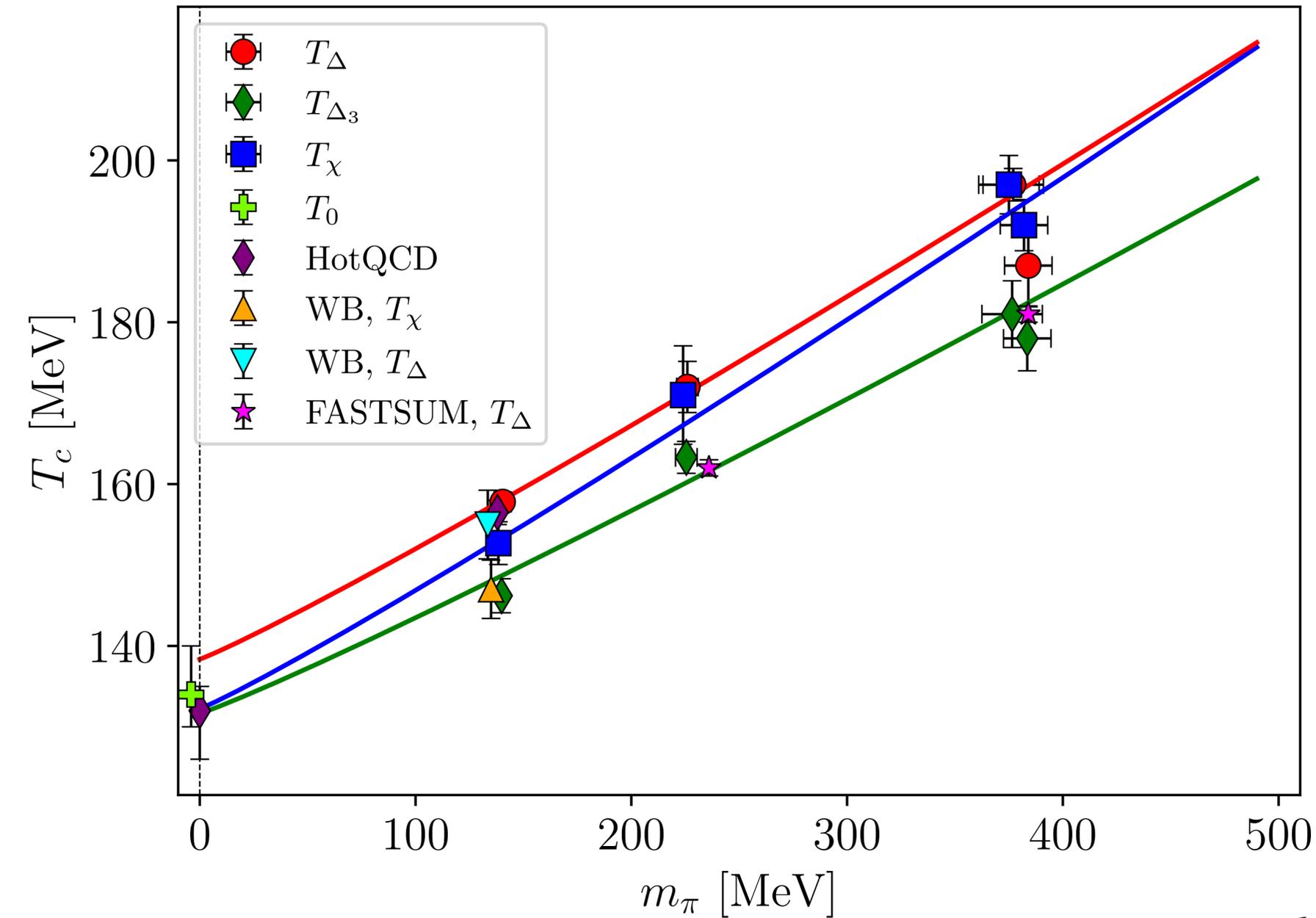


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# Critical temperature and the chiral limit



	$T(m_{\pi} = 139 \text{ MeV})$ [MeV]	$T(m_{\pi} = 0)$ [MeV]
$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle$	157.8(12)	138(2)
$\chi$	153(3)	132(4)
$\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_3$	146(2)	132(3)

$$T_c = T_c(0) + k_s m_{\pi}^{2/\beta\delta}, O(4)$$

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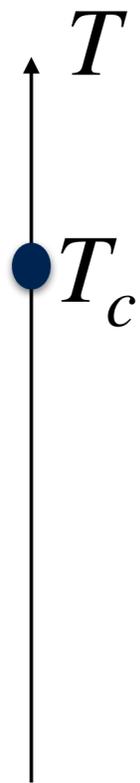
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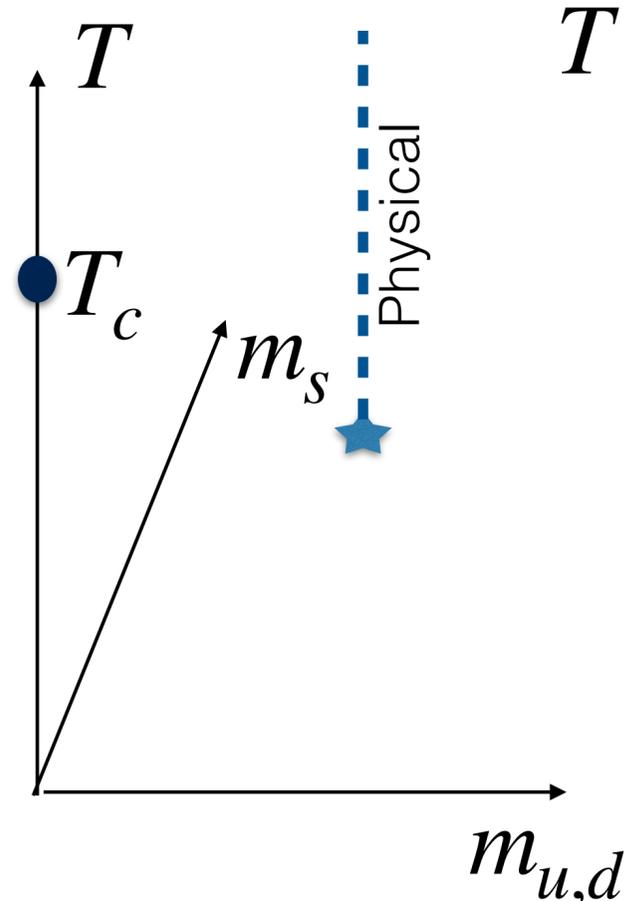
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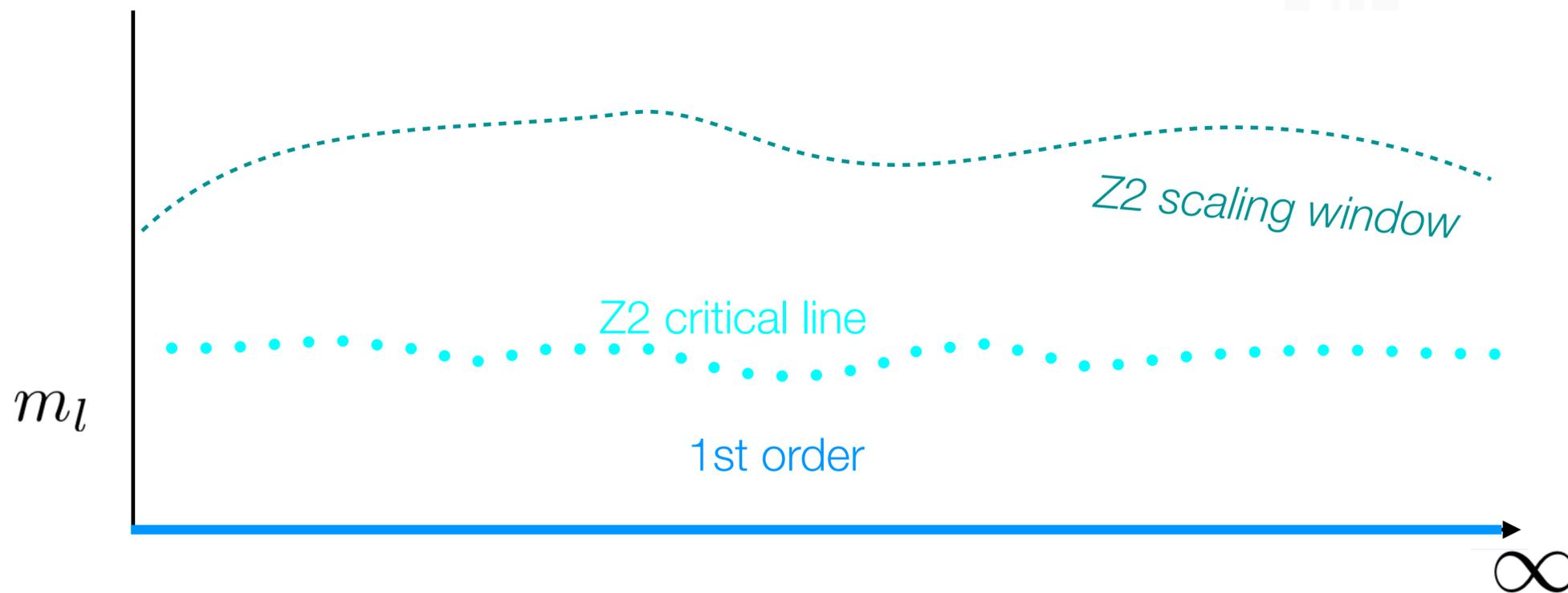
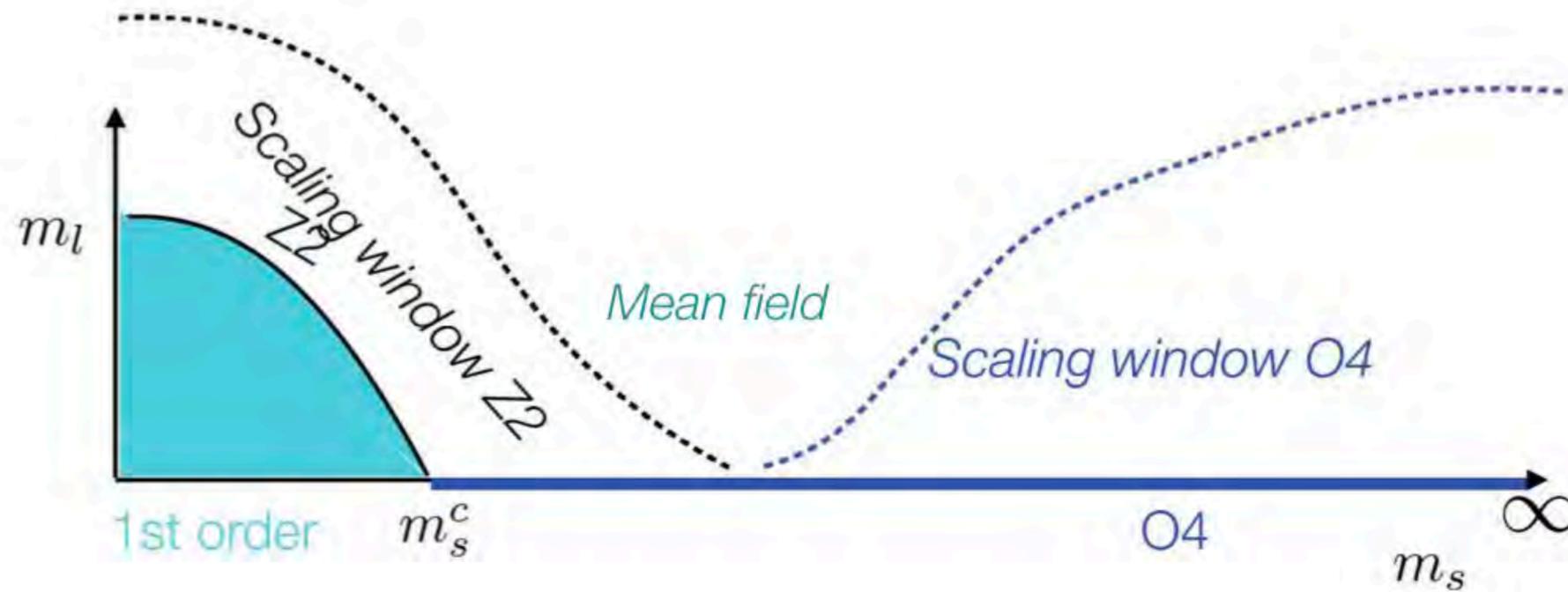
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$m \neq 0$ : explicit symmetry breaking

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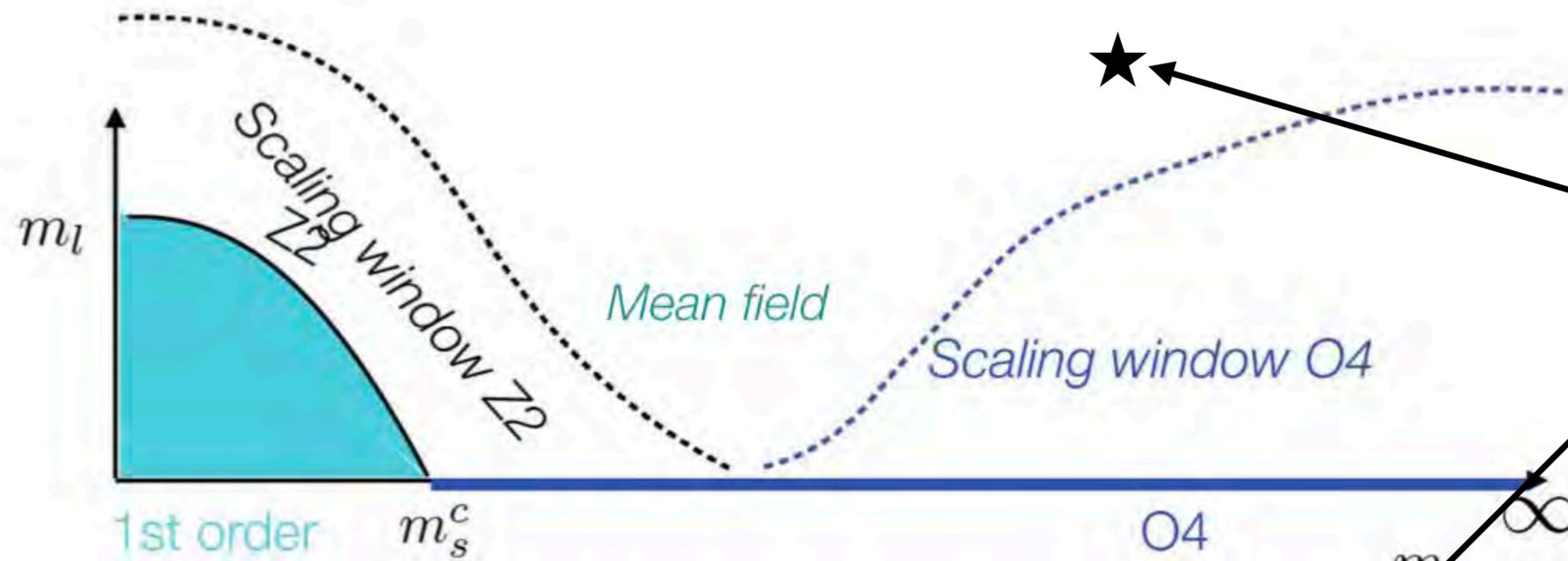


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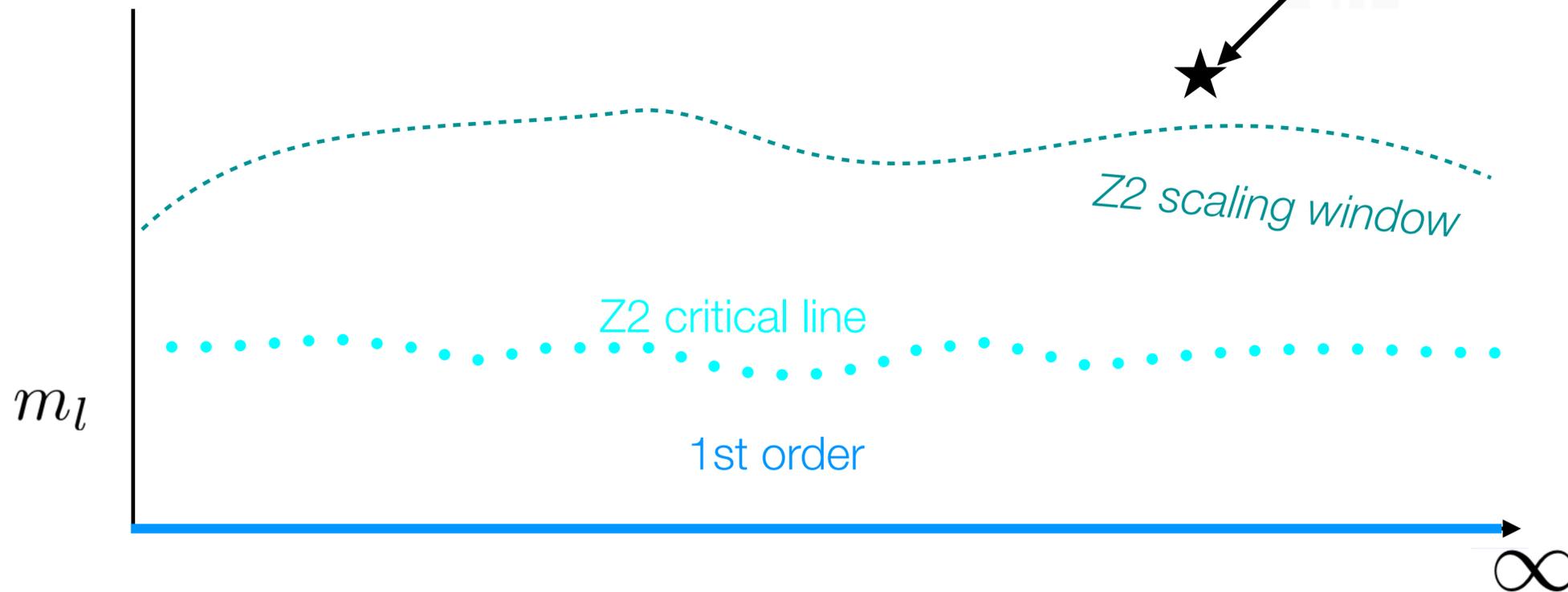


Physical point ?

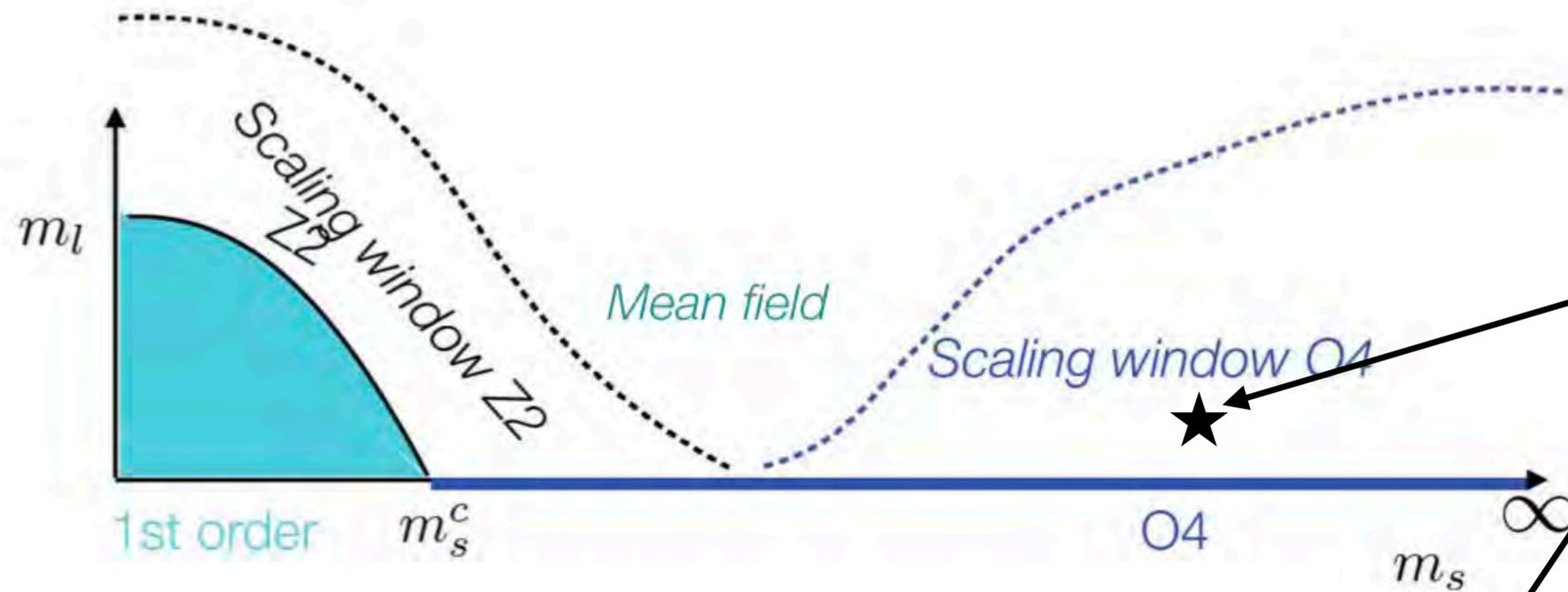
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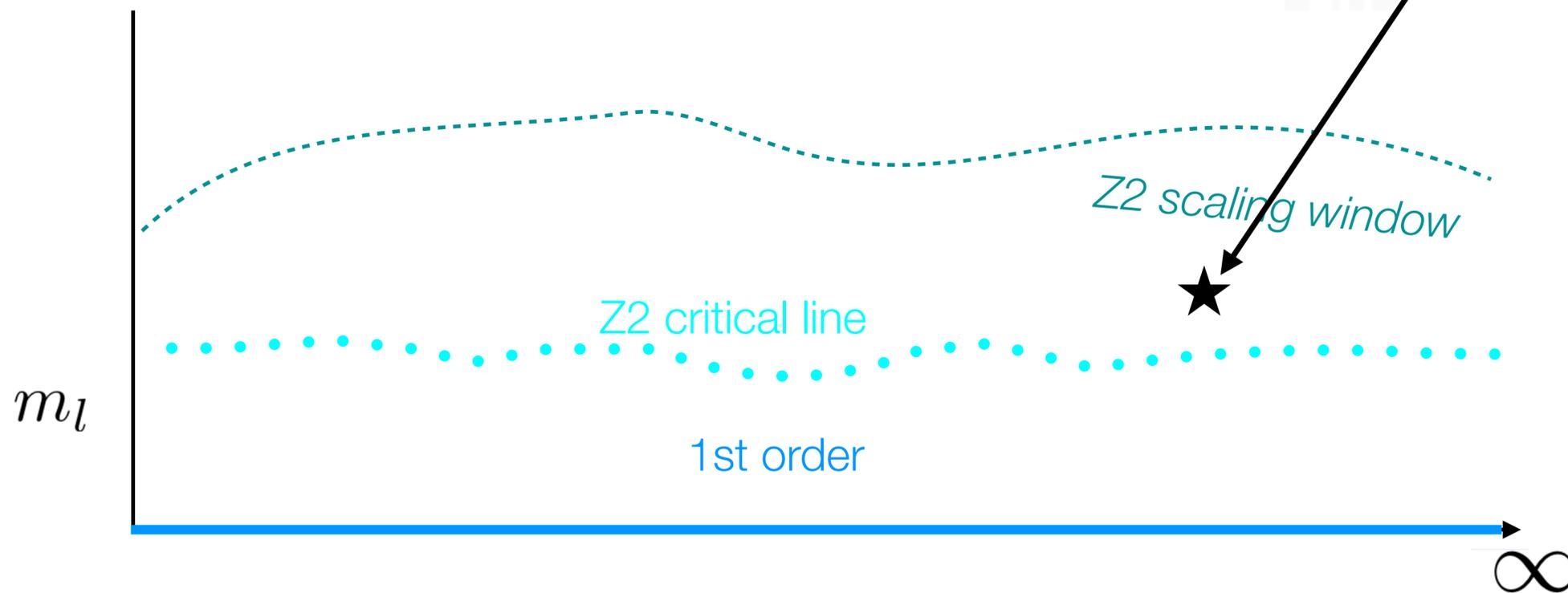


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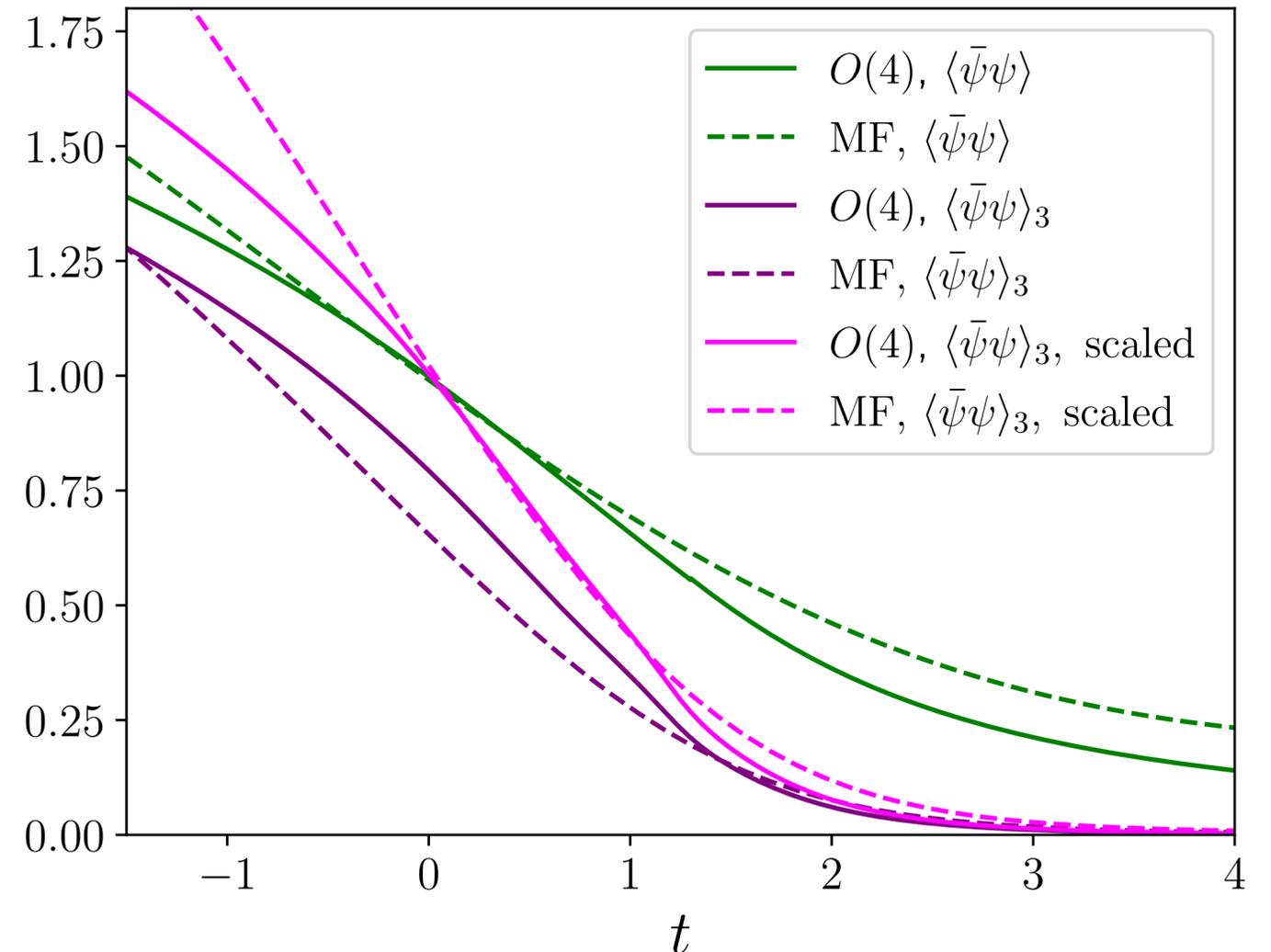
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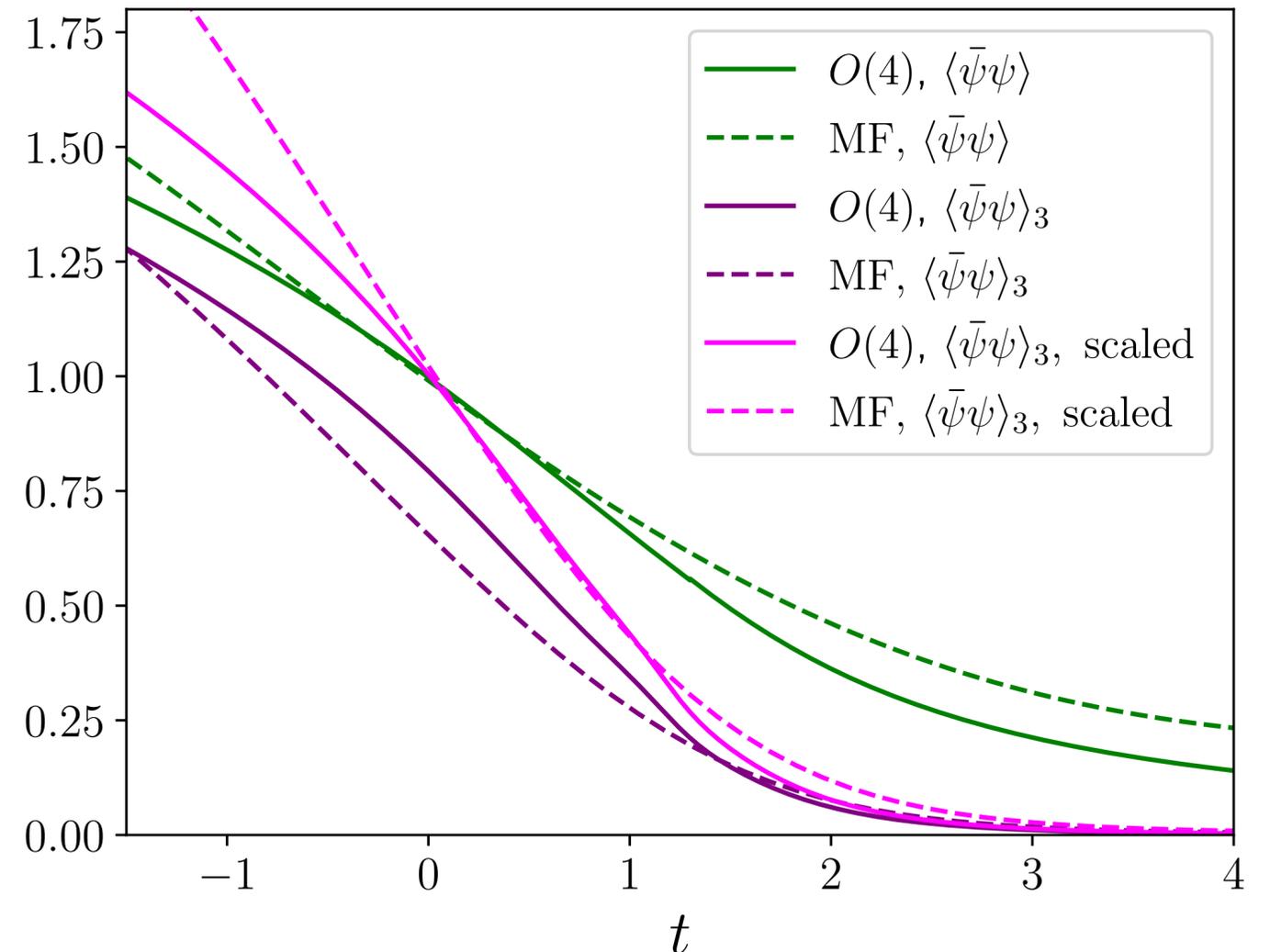
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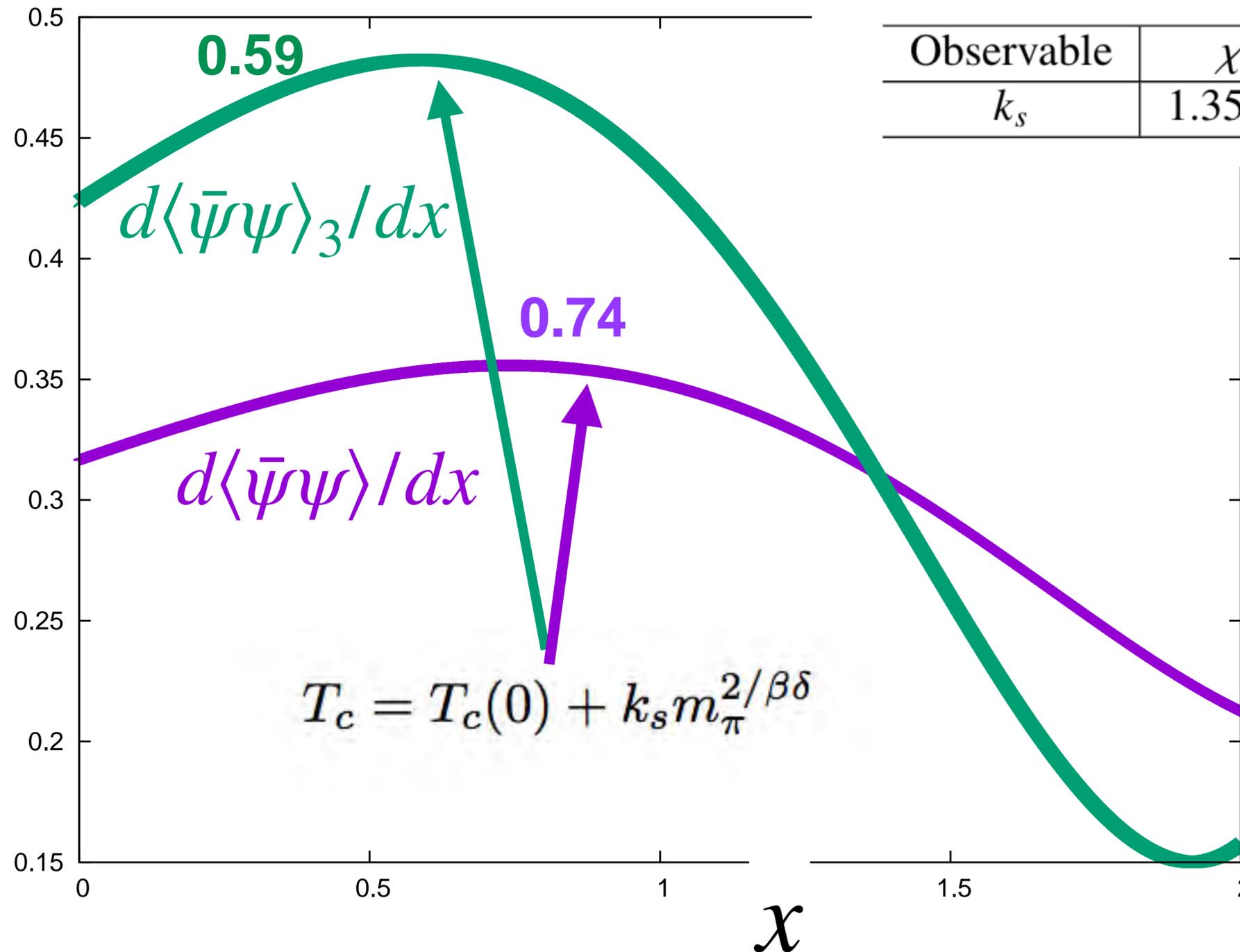


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- If  $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_3 < 0$ : possibly first order, or closeness to the first order phase transition ( $Z_2$  scenario ?)

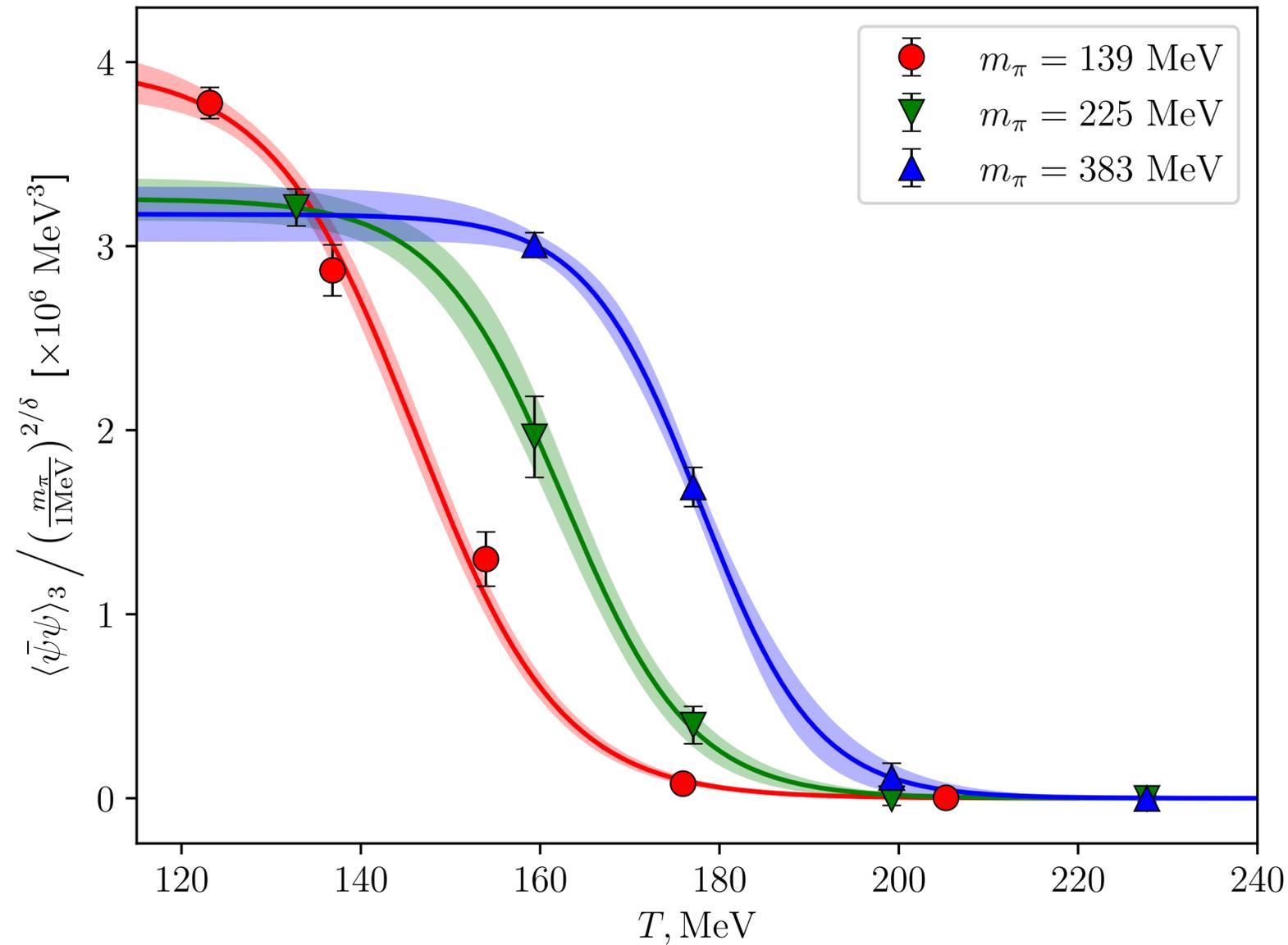


# Scaling of $T_c$ with pion mass



Observable	$\chi$	$\bar{\psi}\psi$	$\Delta_3$
$k_s$	1.35(3)	0.74(4)	0.59(1)

# Simple estimation of $T_0$ from EOS



Prediction of EoS:

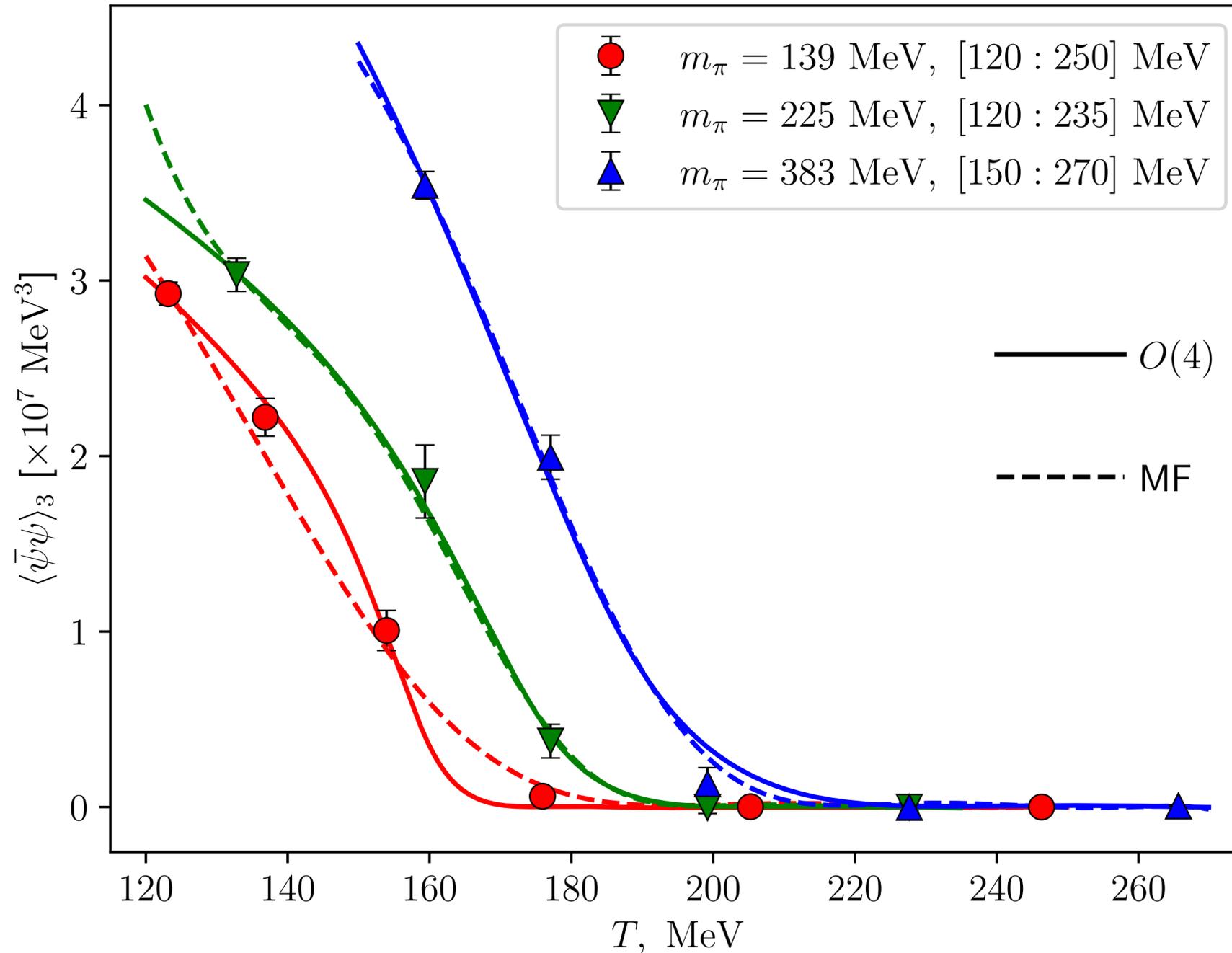
$$\frac{\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_3}{m^{1/\delta}} \sim \frac{\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_3}{m_\pi^{2/\delta}} = \text{const}$$

at

$$T = T_0(m_\pi = 0) = 138(2) \text{ MeV}$$

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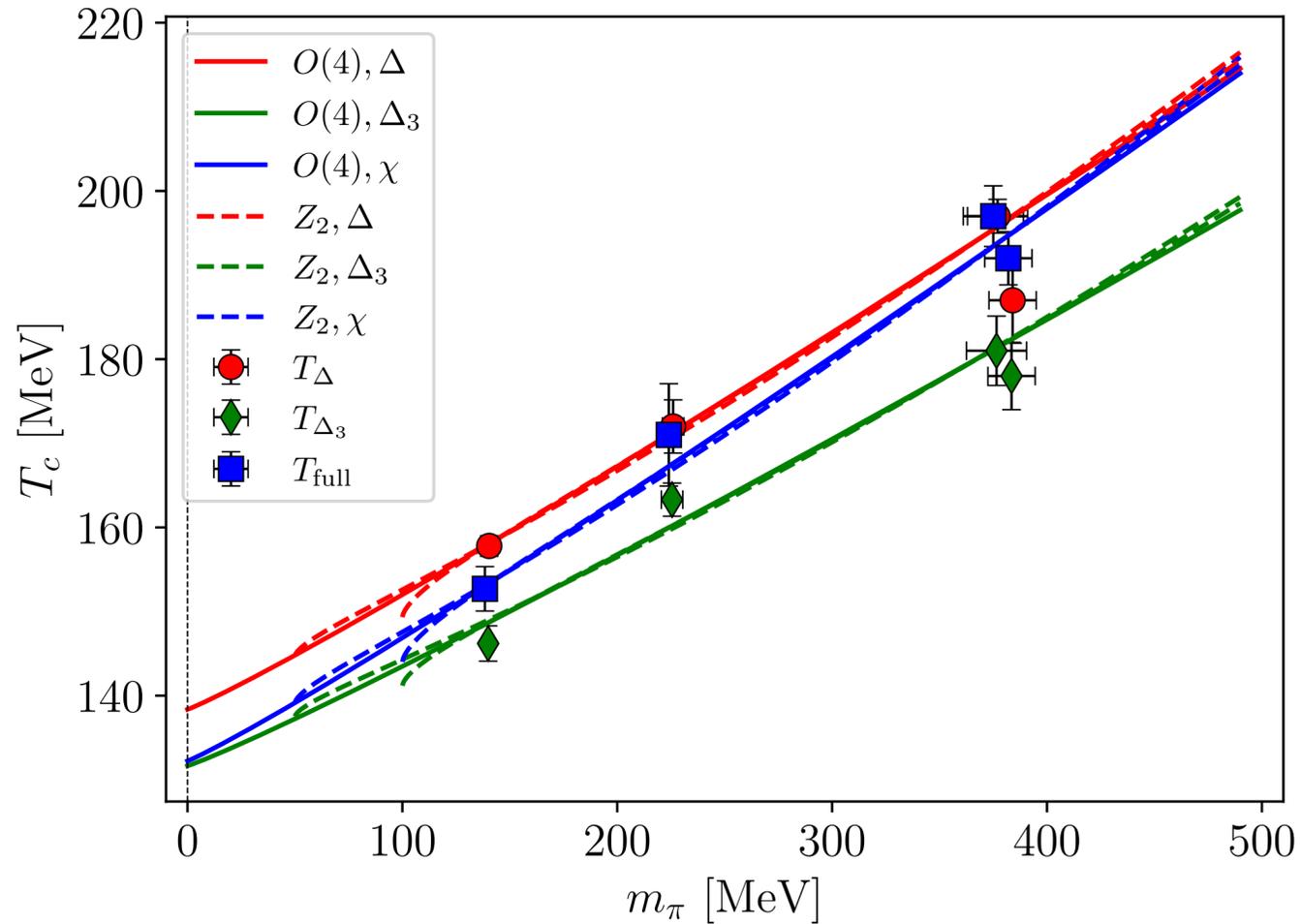
# O(4) vs mean field



Mild tension between data and MF for  $m_\pi=139 \text{ MeV}$

$m_\pi$ [MeV]	$T_0$ [MeV]
139	142(2)
225	159(3)
383	174(2)

# Z<sub>2</sub> vs O(4) scaling



$$T_0 = T_c(m_\pi \rightarrow 0) = 134^{+6}_{-4} \text{ MeV}$$

O(4) scaling:

Observable	$T_0$ [MeV]	$z_p/z_{\bar{\psi}\psi_3}$	$z_p/z_{\bar{\psi}\psi_3} O(4)$	$z_p O(4)$
$\chi$	132(4)	1.24(17)	2.45(4)	1.35(3)
$\langle\bar{\psi}\psi\rangle$	138(2)	1.15(24)	1.35(7)	0.74(4)
$\langle\bar{\psi}\psi\rangle_3$	132(3)	1	1	0.55(1)

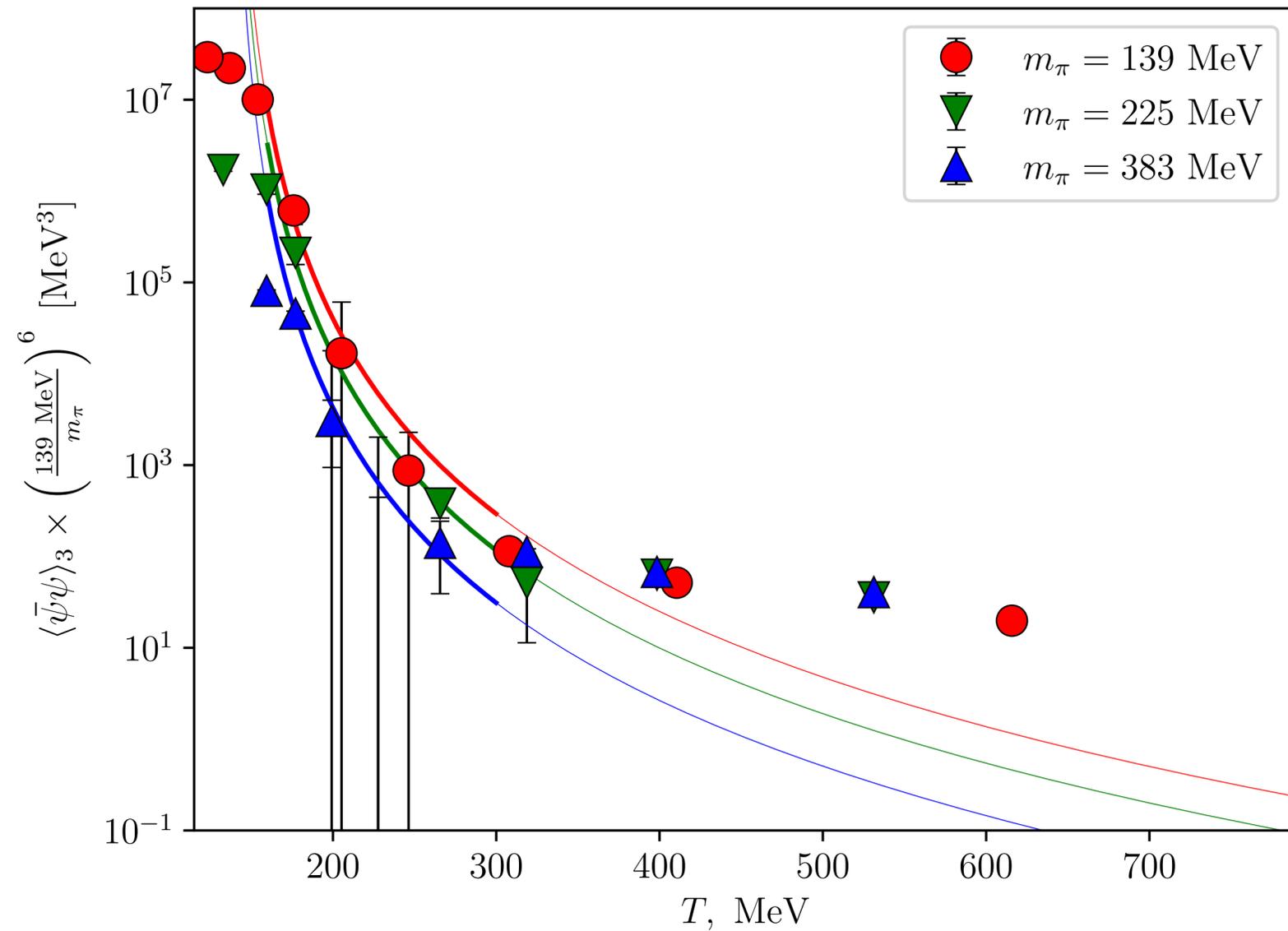
Z<sub>2</sub> scaling:

$m_\pi^c = 100 \text{ MeV}$  is still ok

$m_\pi^c = 0 \text{ MeV}$  is indistinguishable from O(4)

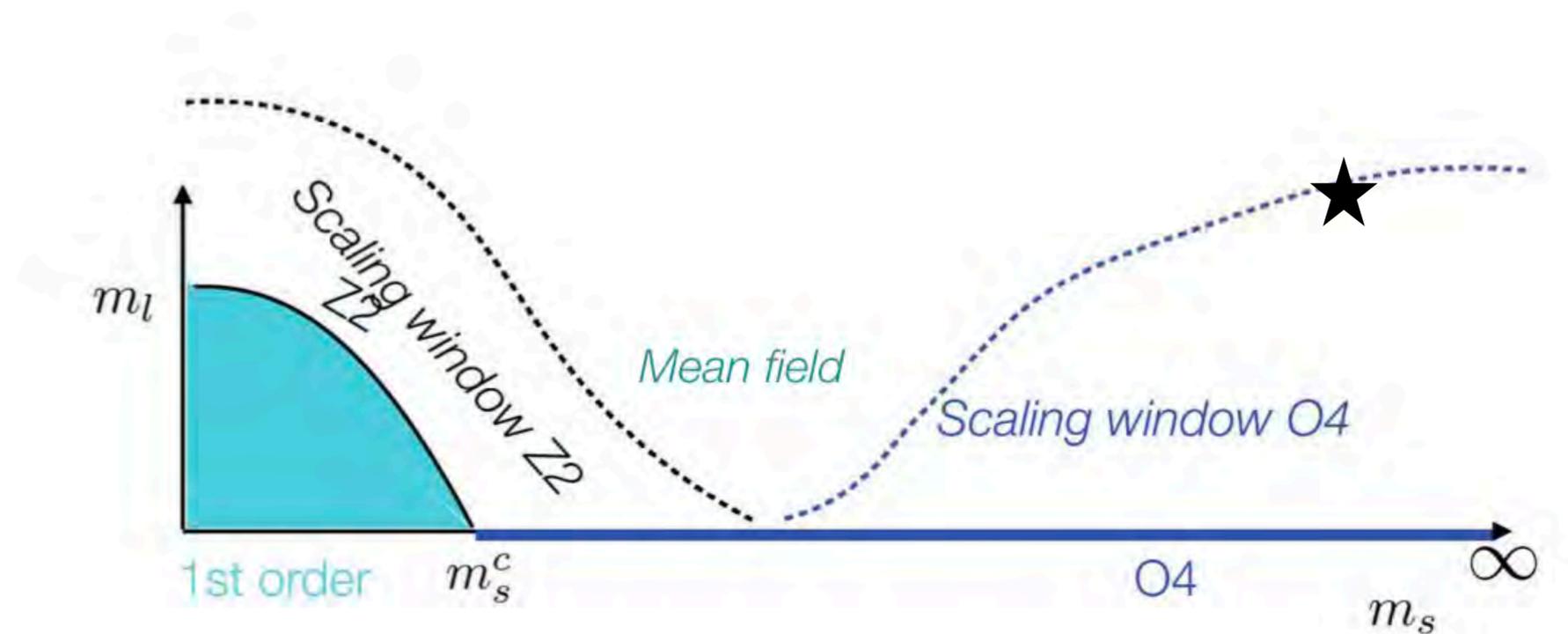
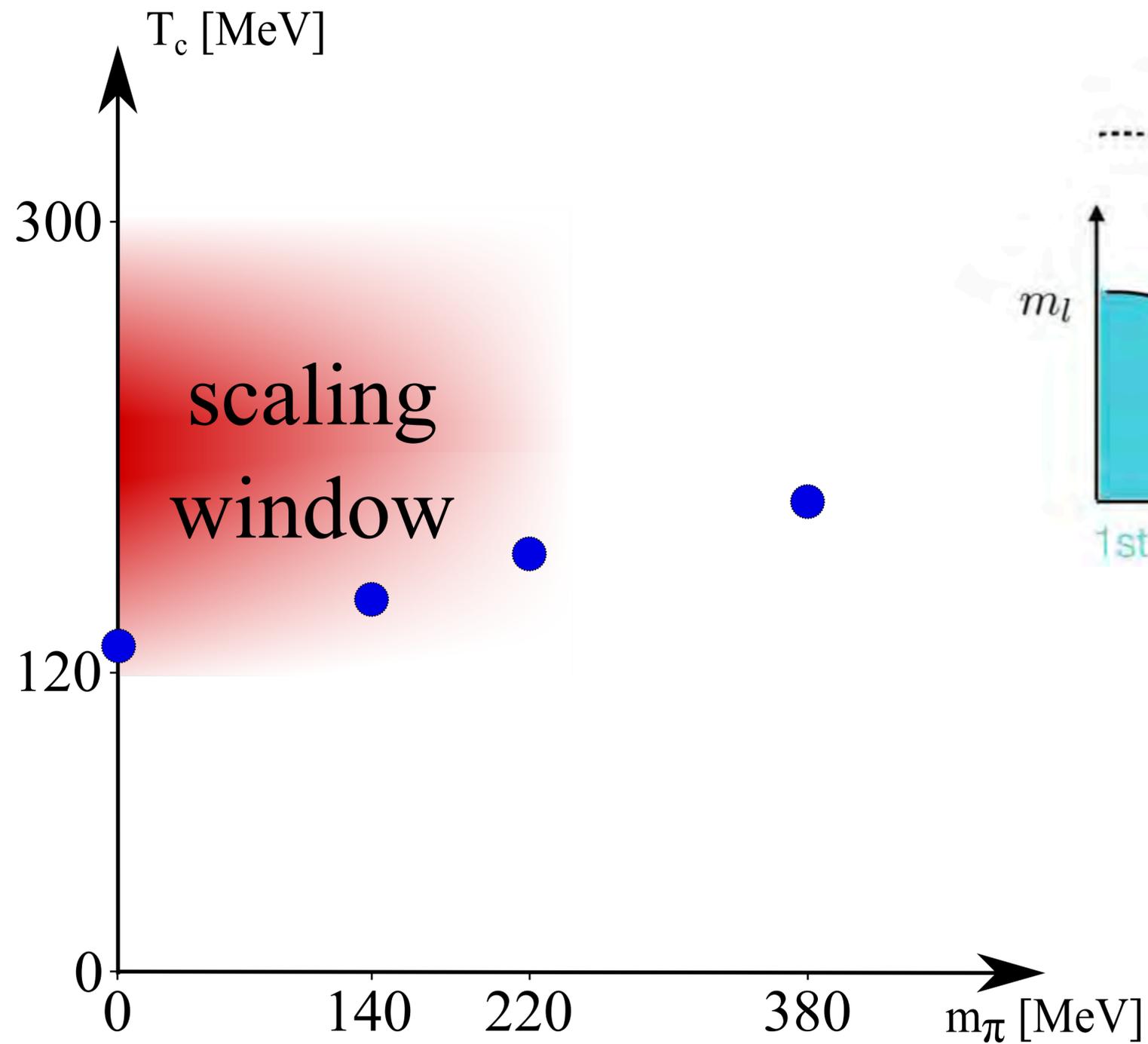
$$T_c = T_c(0) + k_s(m - m_c)^{1/\beta\delta}, m \sim m_\pi^2$$

# Large temperature behaviour



- O(4):  $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_3 \sim t^{-\gamma-2\beta\delta}$
- Griffith analyticity:  
 $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_3 \sim m^3 \sim m_\pi^6$
- $T \sim 300 \text{ MeV}$

# Scaling window



**Threshold at  $T = 300$  MeV and topology**

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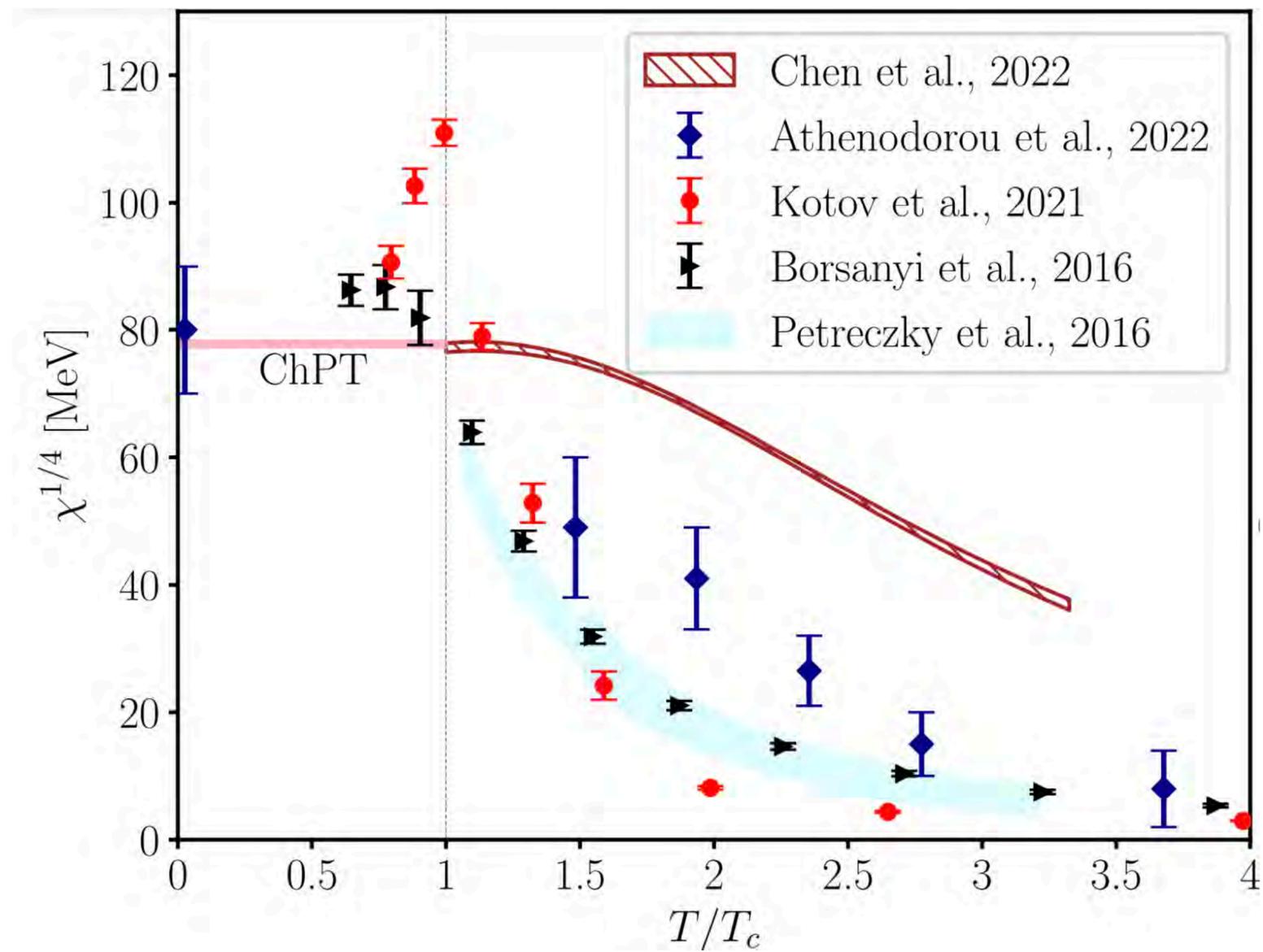
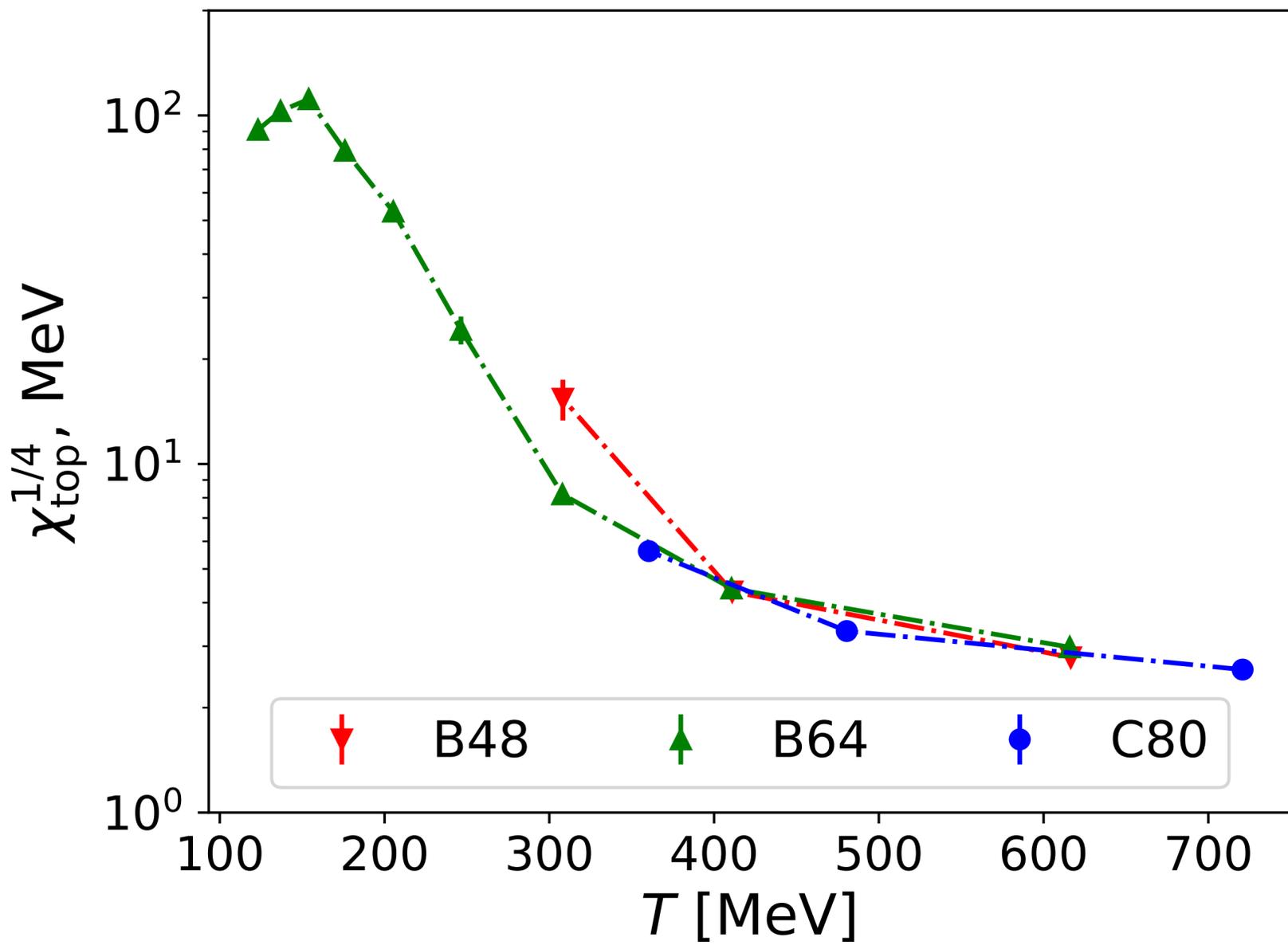
## QCD and topology, finite temperature

$$\chi_{\text{top}} = \langle Q_{\text{top}} \rangle^2 / V = m_l^2 \chi_{5,\text{disc}} \quad m \int d^4x \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \psi = Q_{\text{top}}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & SU_L(2) \times SU_R(2) & \\
 \chi_{5,\text{con}} \quad \pi : \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \frac{\tau}{2} \psi & \longleftrightarrow & \sigma : \bar{\psi} \psi \quad \chi_{\text{con}} + \chi_{\text{disc}} \\
 \uparrow U_A(1) & & \uparrow U_A(1) \\
 \chi_{\text{con}} \quad \delta : \bar{\psi} \frac{\tau}{2} \psi & \longleftrightarrow & \eta : \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \psi \quad \chi_{5,\text{con}} - \chi_{5,\text{disc}} \\
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 \end{array}$$

[Kogut, Lagae, Sinclair, 1998]

$$\chi_{\pi} - \chi_{\delta} = \chi_{\text{disc}} = \chi_{5,\text{disc}}, \quad \text{for } T \geq T_C, m_l \rightarrow 0 \quad \implies \chi_{\text{top}} = \langle Q_{\text{top}} \rangle^2 / V = m_l^2 \chi_{\text{disc}}$$

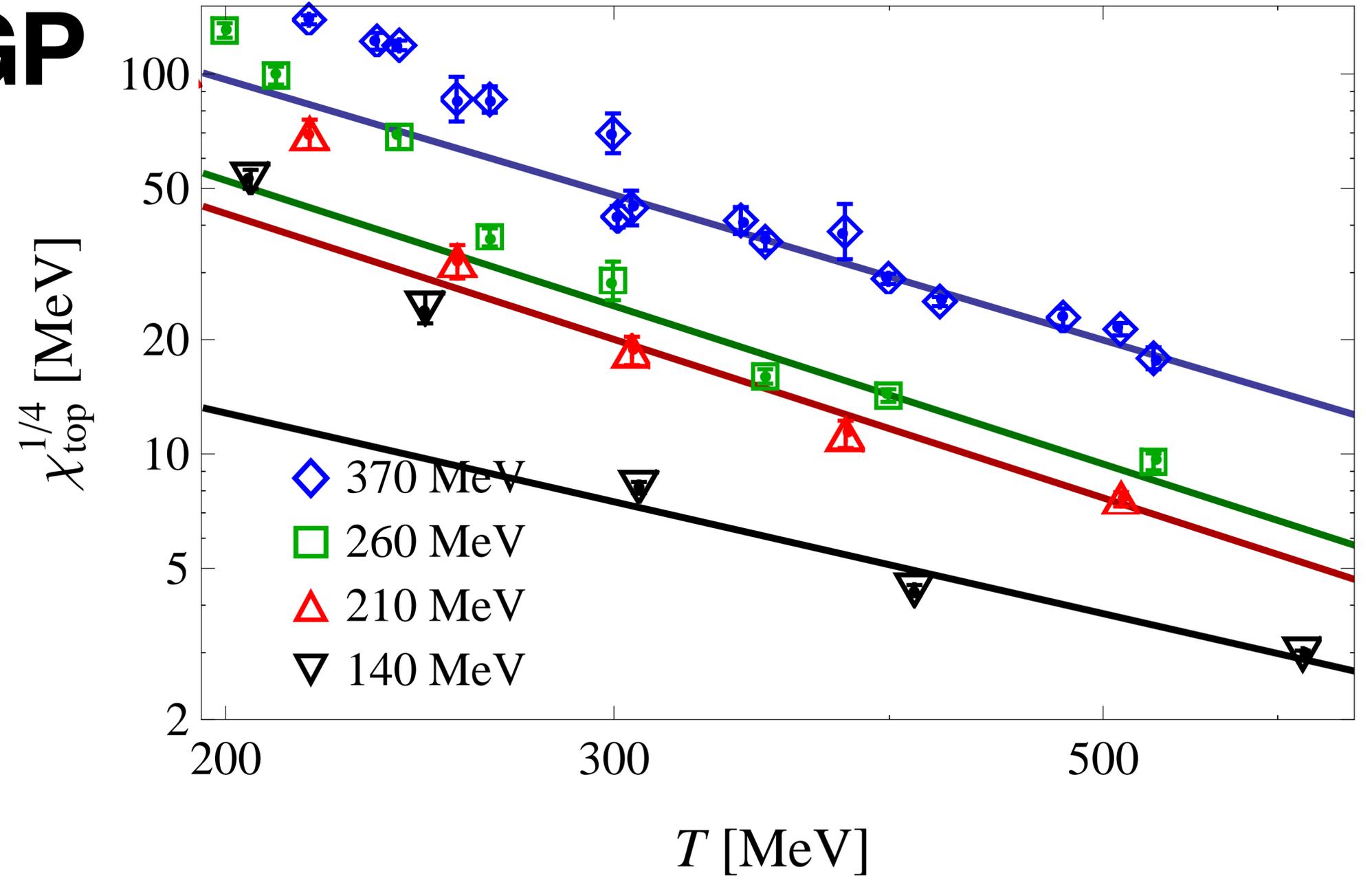


# Threshold in QGP

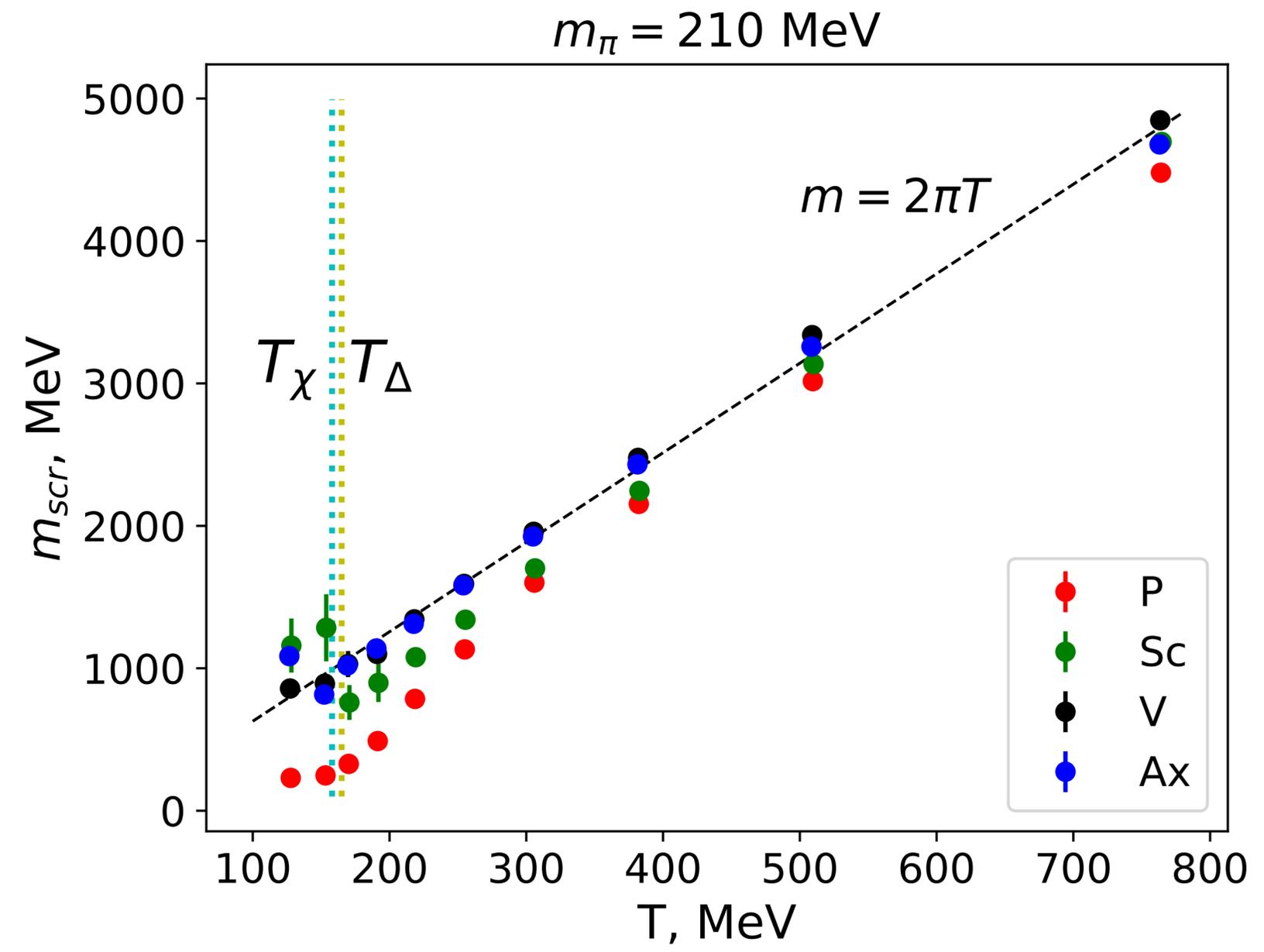
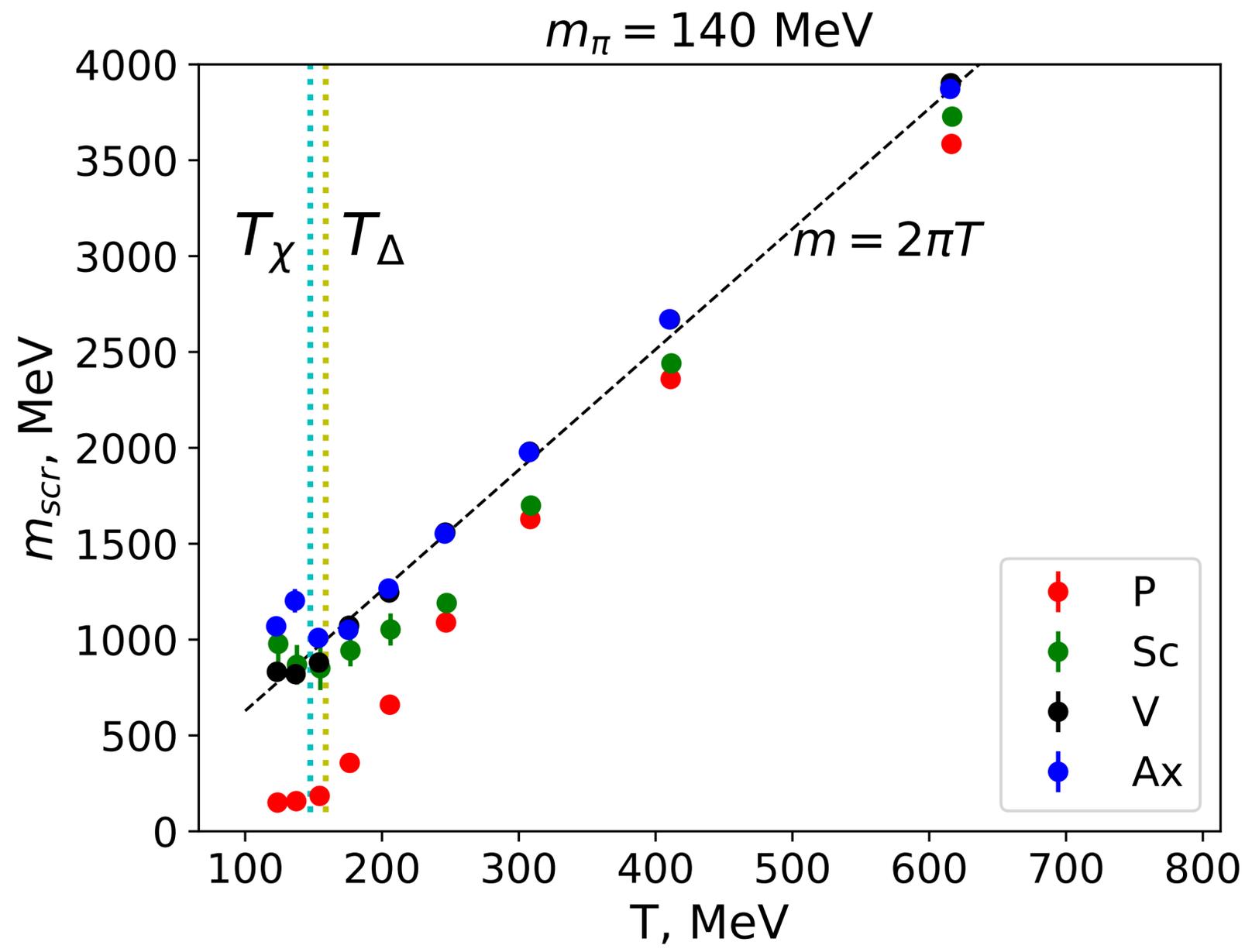
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- Onset of DIGA behaviour

$$\chi \sim T^{-d}$$



# Screening masses



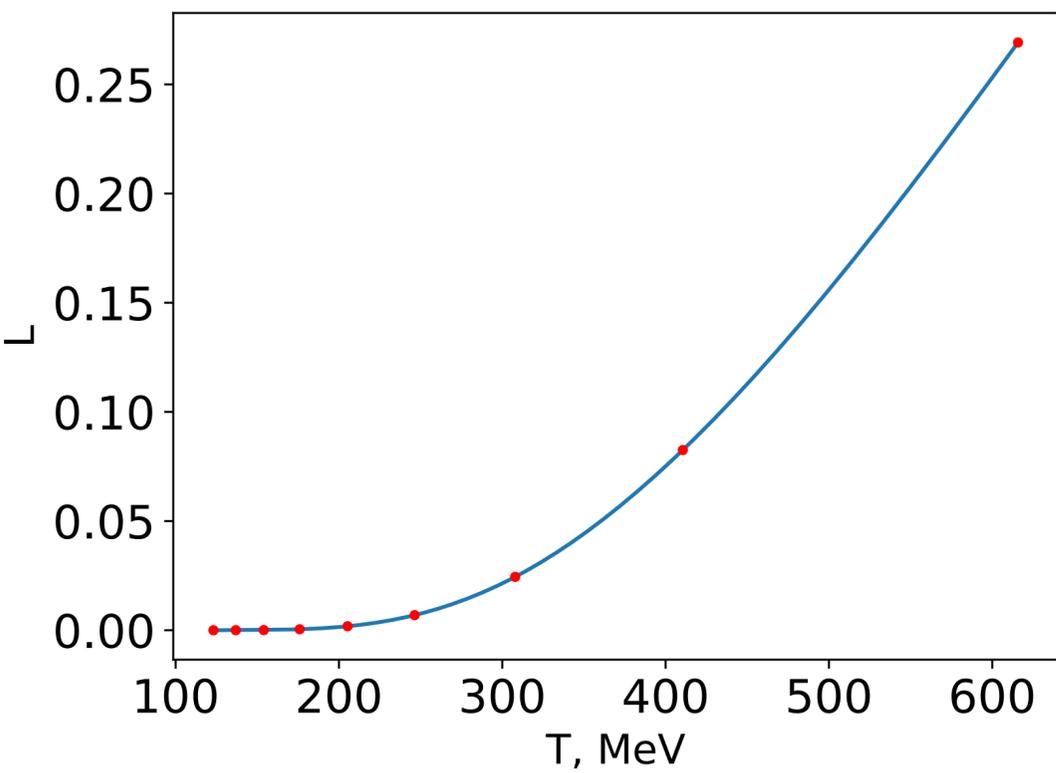
**Polyakov loop**

- Polyakov loop  $|\langle P \rangle| = e^{-F_Q/T}$ : needs renormalisation
- Renormalise with Gradient Flow
- GF evolution:  $\partial_\tau A_\mu(\tau, t, x) = -\frac{\partial S}{\partial A_\mu}$ , smearing over radius  $f = \sqrt{8\tau}$
- Different GF times  $\implies$  different renormalisation schemes:  

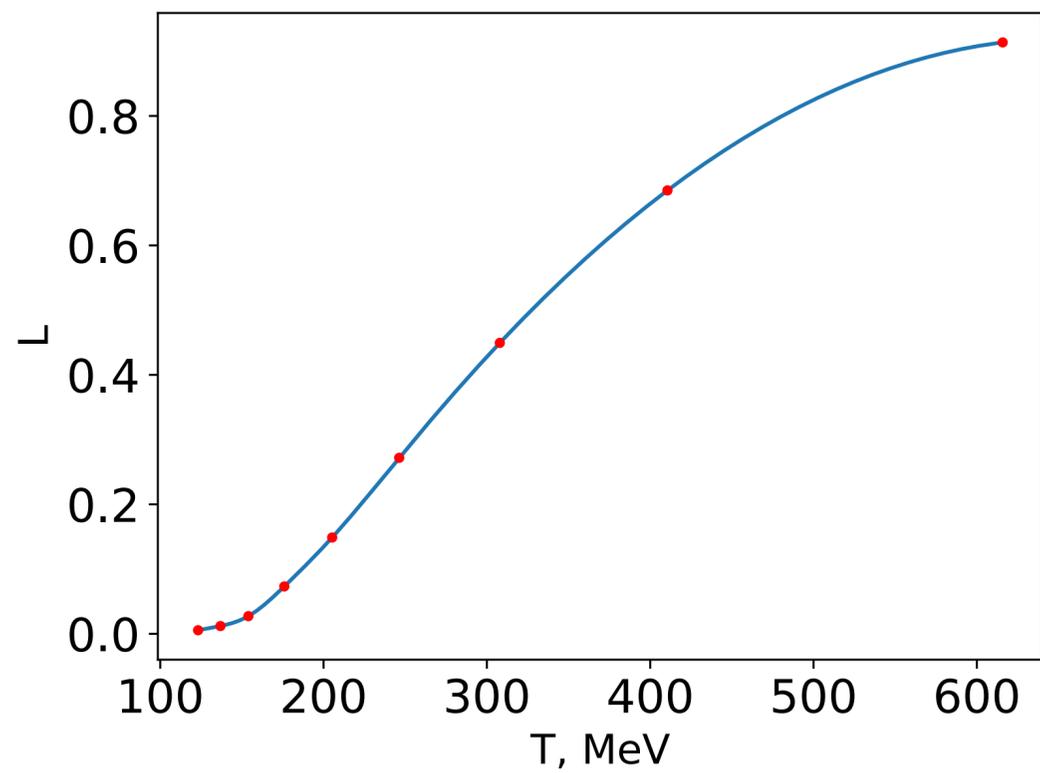
$$F_Q(\tau', T) = F_Q(\tau, T) + \delta F_Q(\tau, \tau')$$
- Inflection point of Polyakov loop is ambiguously defined
- Use  $F_Q(T)$  or  $S_Q(T) = -\partial F_Q(T)/\partial T$

[TUMQCD, 2016]

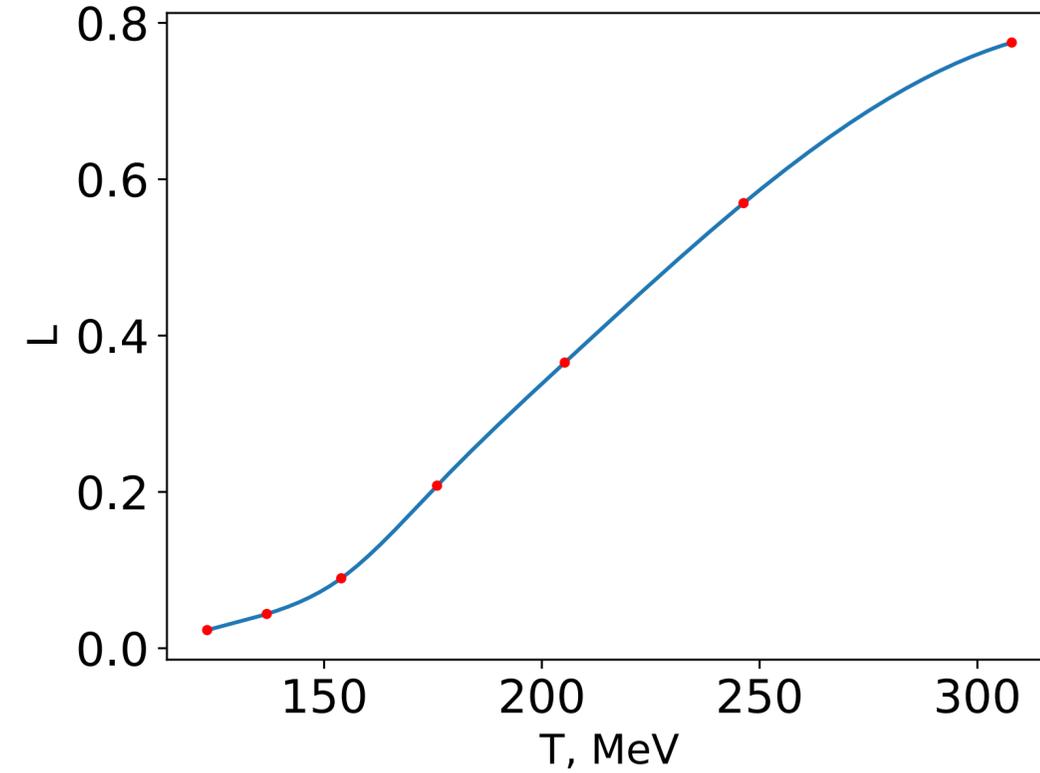
$f = 0.000$  fm

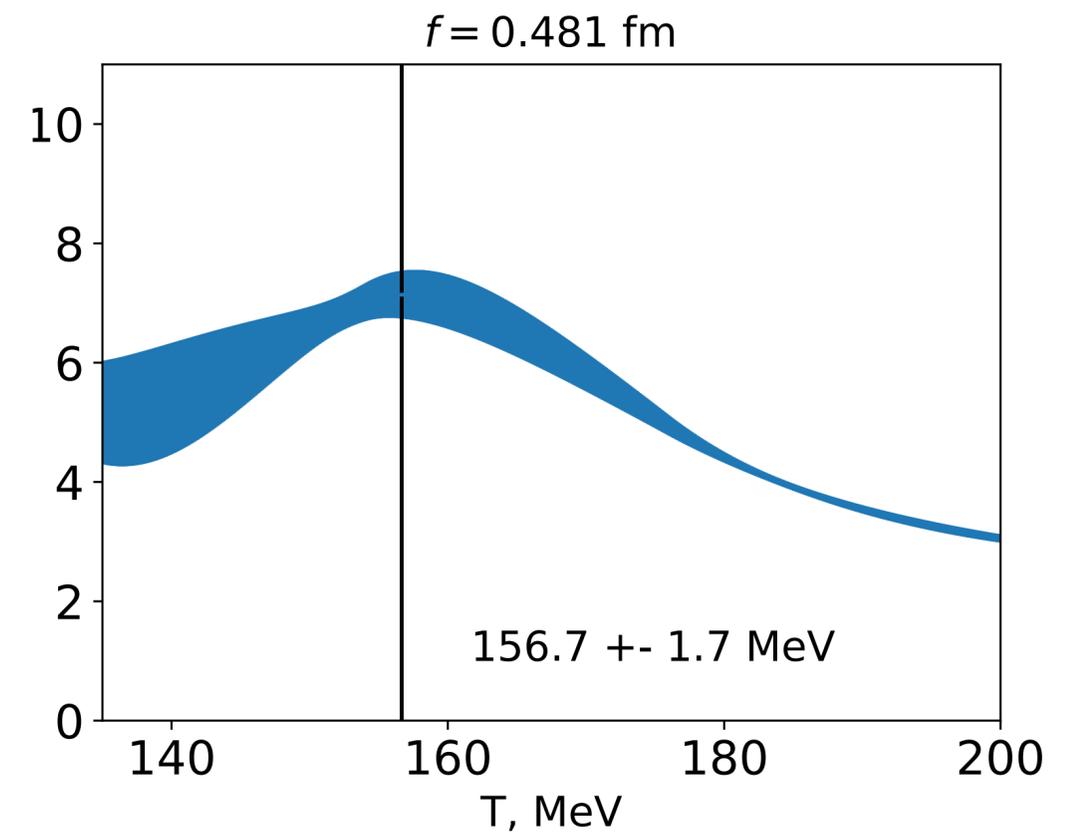
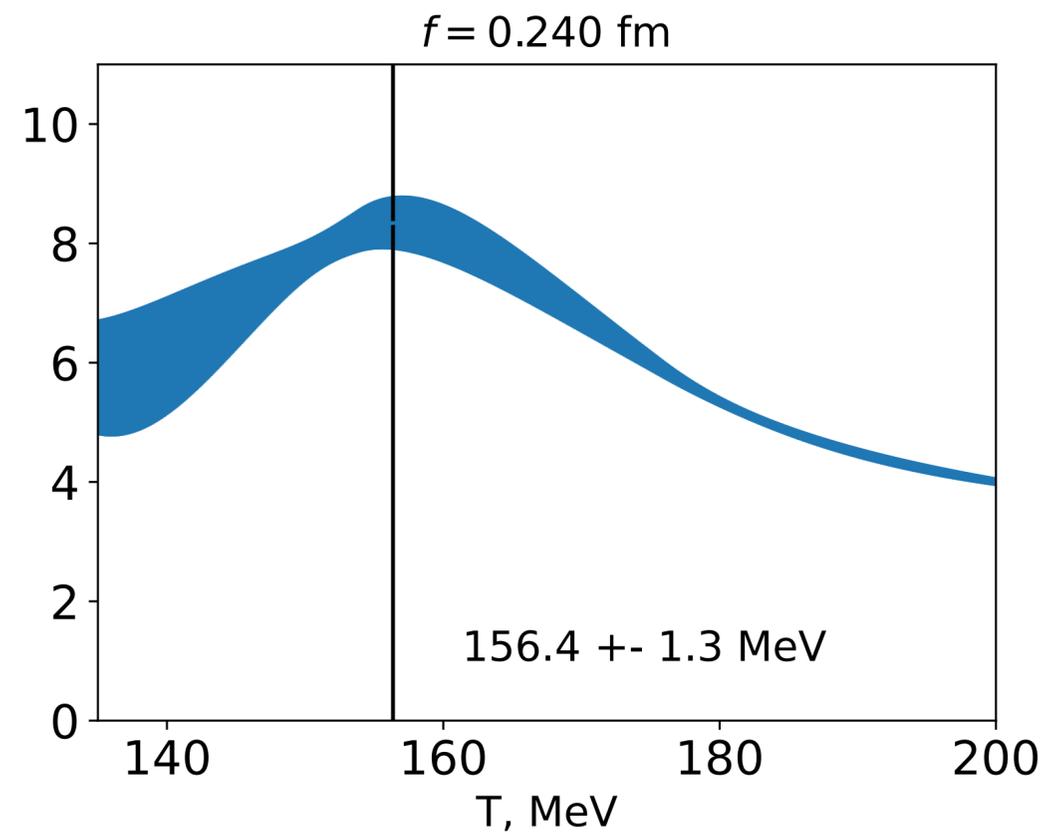
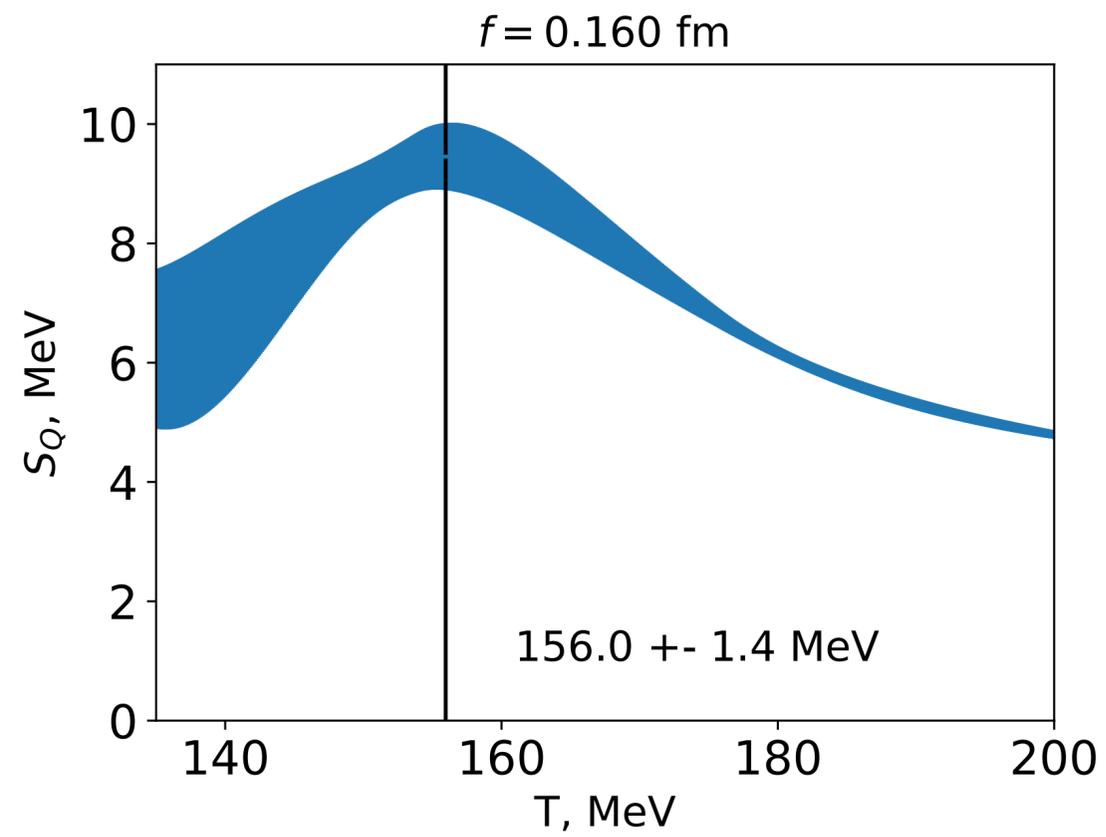


$f = 0.240$  fm



$f = 0.481$  fm





Consistent with chiral pseudo-critical temperature

# Conclusions

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- $\langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle_3 = \langle \bar{\psi}\psi \rangle - m\chi$  for critical/scaling phenomena
- $T_0 = 134^{+6}_{-4}$  MeV in the chiral limit  $m \rightarrow 0$
- Consistent with  $O(4)$  scaling for  $m_\pi \lesssim 140$  MeV,  $T \in [120, 300]$  MeV
- $T \sim 300$  MeV: indications of threshold in QGP

