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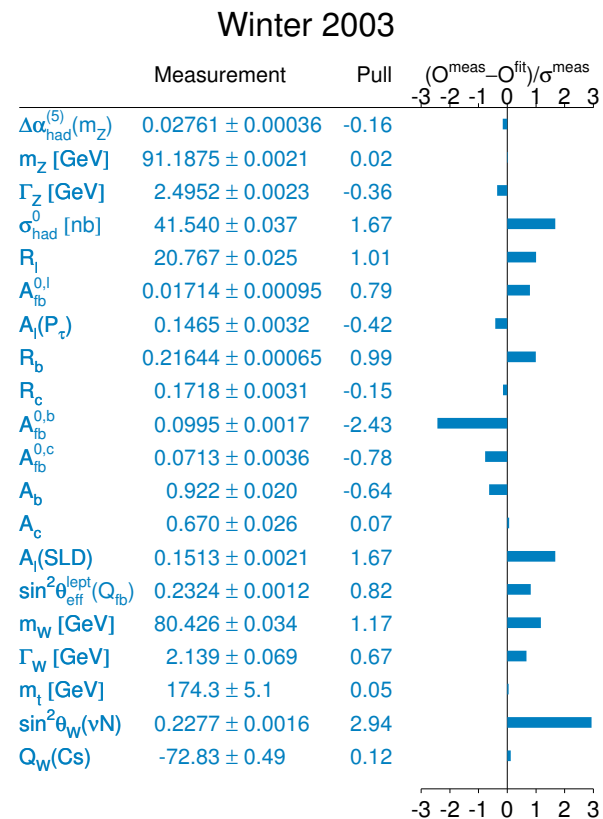
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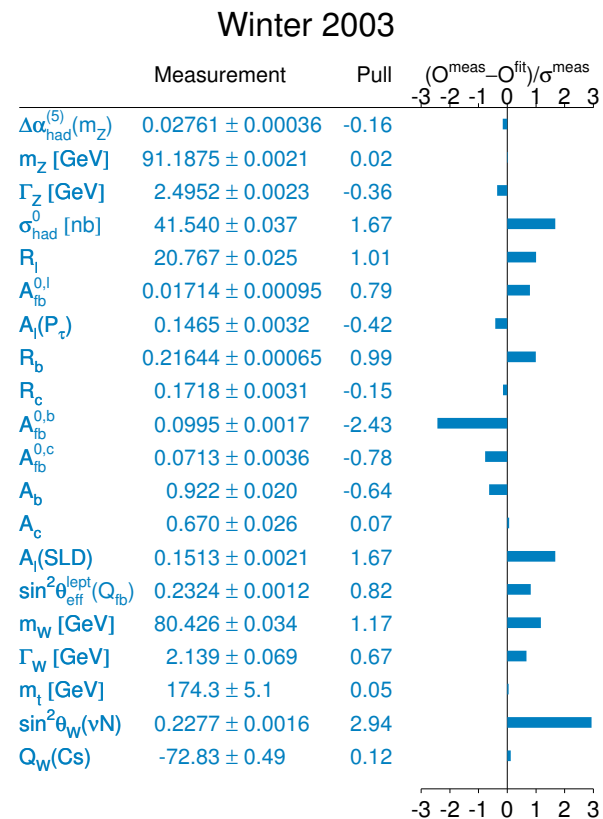
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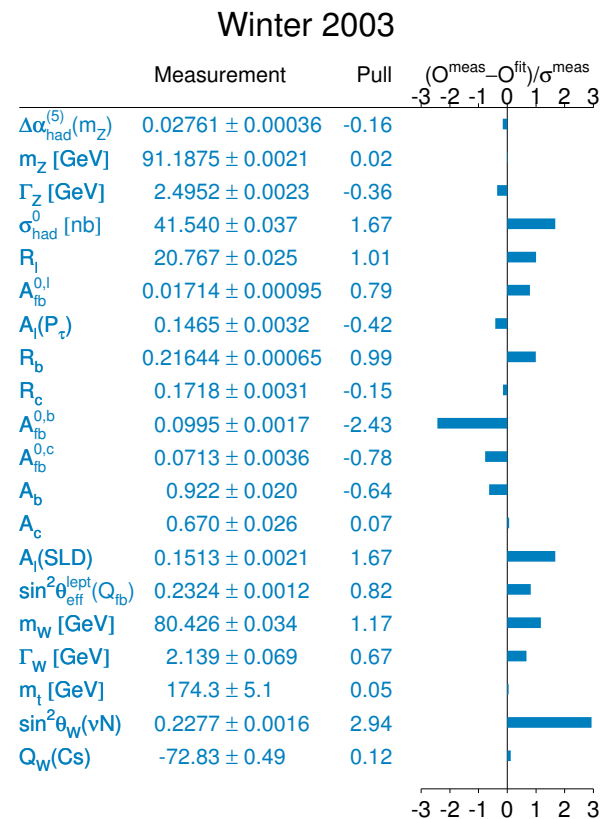
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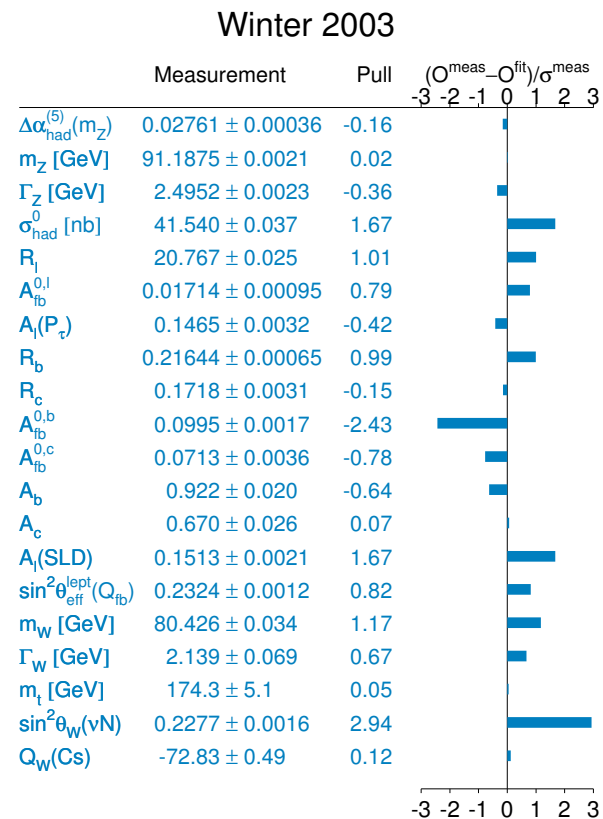
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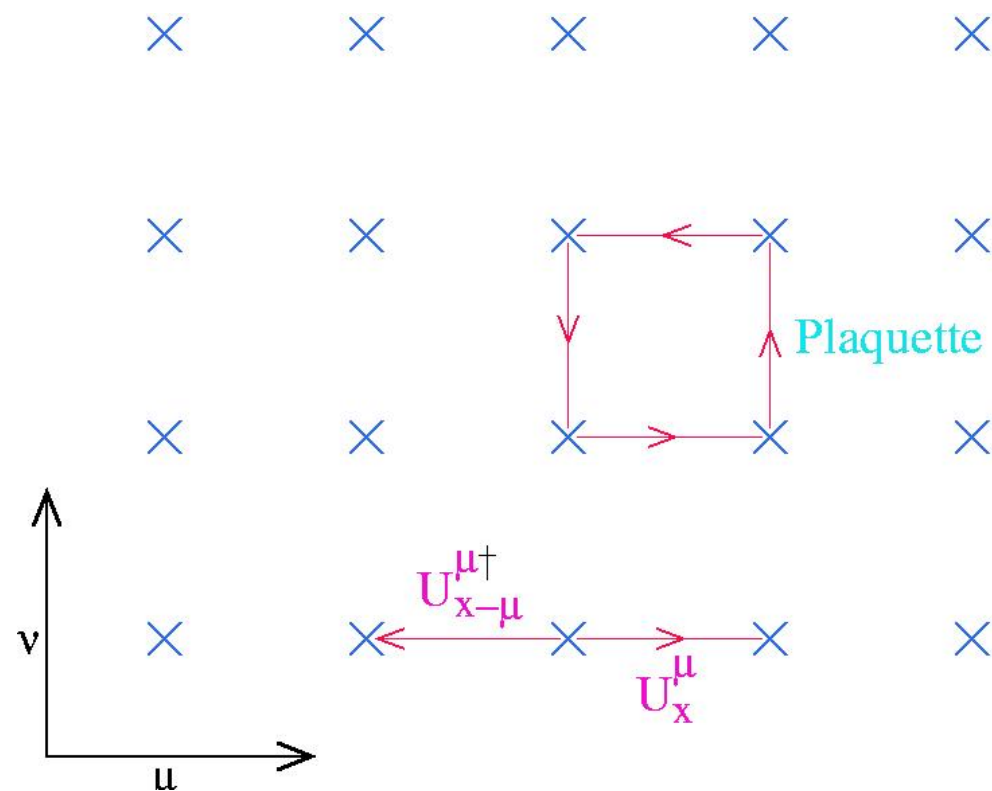
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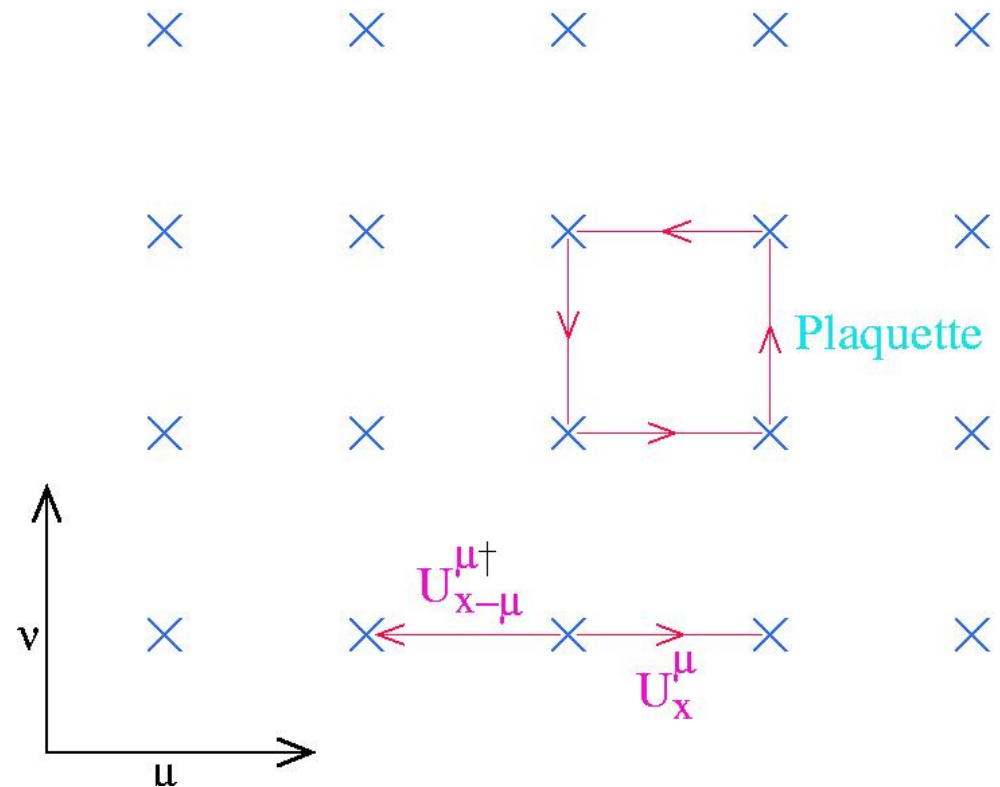
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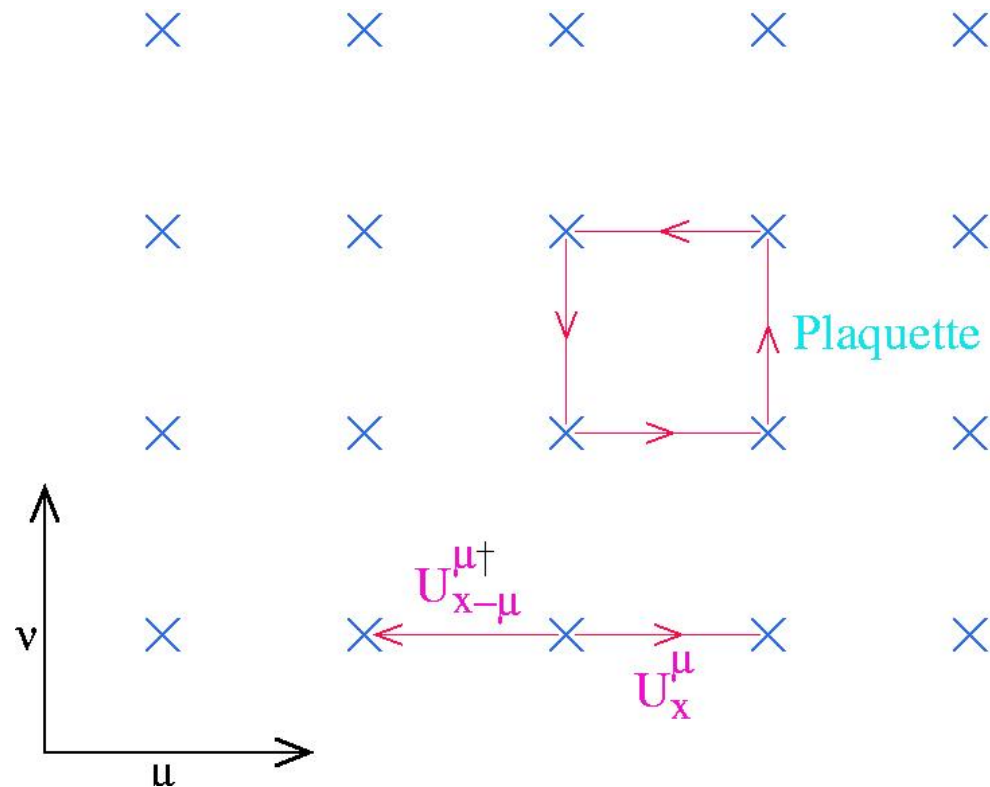




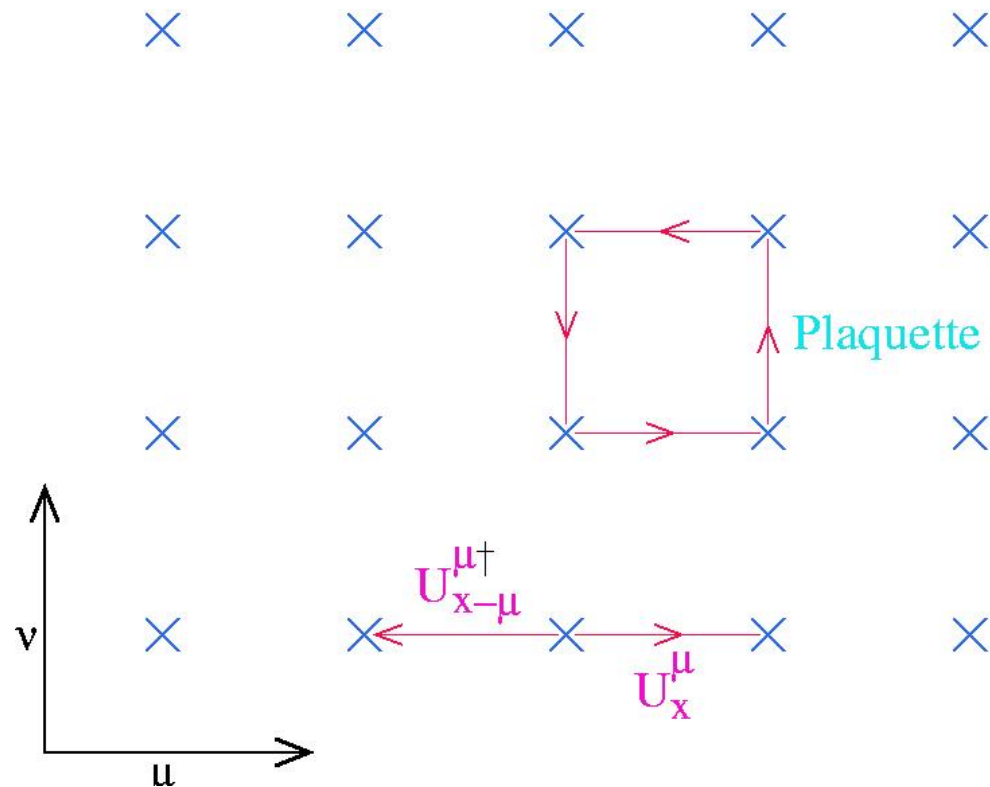
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- Fermion Actions : Staggered, Wilson, Overlap..



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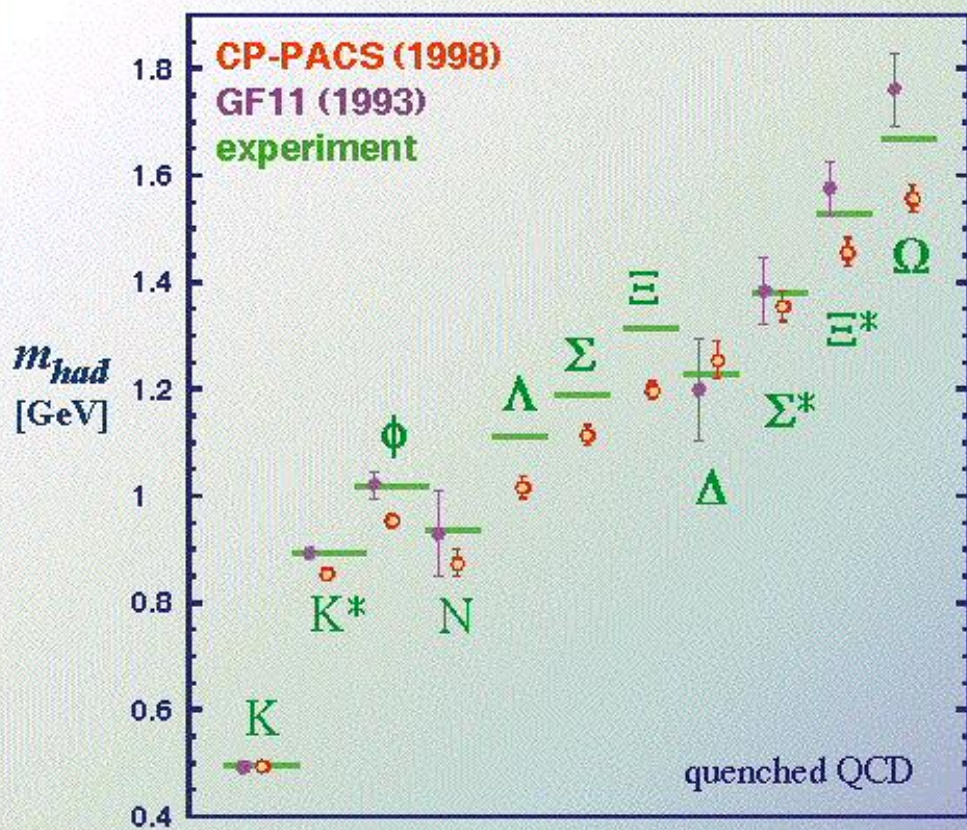
$$\langle \Theta(m_v) \rangle = \frac{\int DU \exp(-S_G) \Theta(m_v) \text{Det } M(m_s)}{\int DU \exp(-S_G) \text{Det } M(m_s)}, \quad (1)$$

where  $M$  is the Dirac matrix in  $x$ , colour, spin, flavour space for fermions of mass  $m_s$ ,  $S_G$  is the gluonic action, and the observable  $\Theta$  may contain fermion propagators of mass  $m_v$ .

Since  $\langle \Theta \rangle$  is computed by averaging over a set of configurations  $\{U_\mu(x)\}$  which occur with probability  $\propto \exp(-S_G) \cdot \text{Det } M$ , the complexity of evaluation of  $\text{Det } M \implies$  approximations : **Quenched** (  $m_s = \infty$  limit), **Partially Quenched** ( low  $m_s = m_u = m_d$  ), and **Full** (including a heavier  $s$  quark).

Q  $\rightarrow$  PQ  $\rightarrow$  Full  $\rightsquigarrow$  Computer time  $\uparrow$  and Precision  $\downarrow$ .

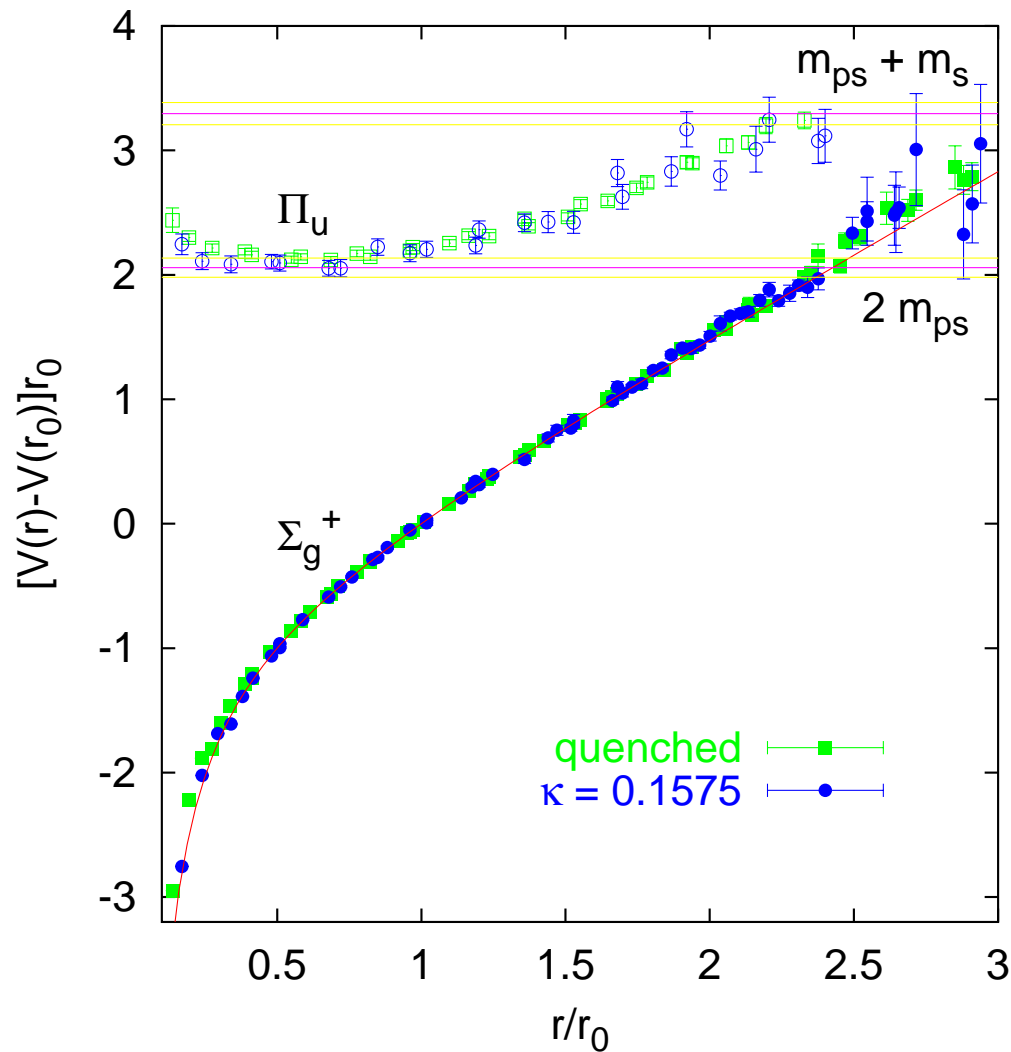
# Hadron Mass Spectrum from Quarks and Gluons



Baryon mass comes out (almost) right.

At least in Quenched Approximation

(From CP-PACS Collaboration, Japan)



As does the heavy quark potential  $V_{Q\bar{Q}}$ .

Here  $r_0$  is roughly 0.5 fm.

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  - Temperature  $T = 1/N_t a(\beta)$ ,
  - Chemical potential: Multiply each  $U_4(x)$  by  $f(a\mu)$  and  $U_4^\dagger(x)$  by  $1/f(a\mu)$ , where  $f(a\mu) = 1 + a\mu + \mathcal{O}(a^2)$ . (Gavai, PRD '85)

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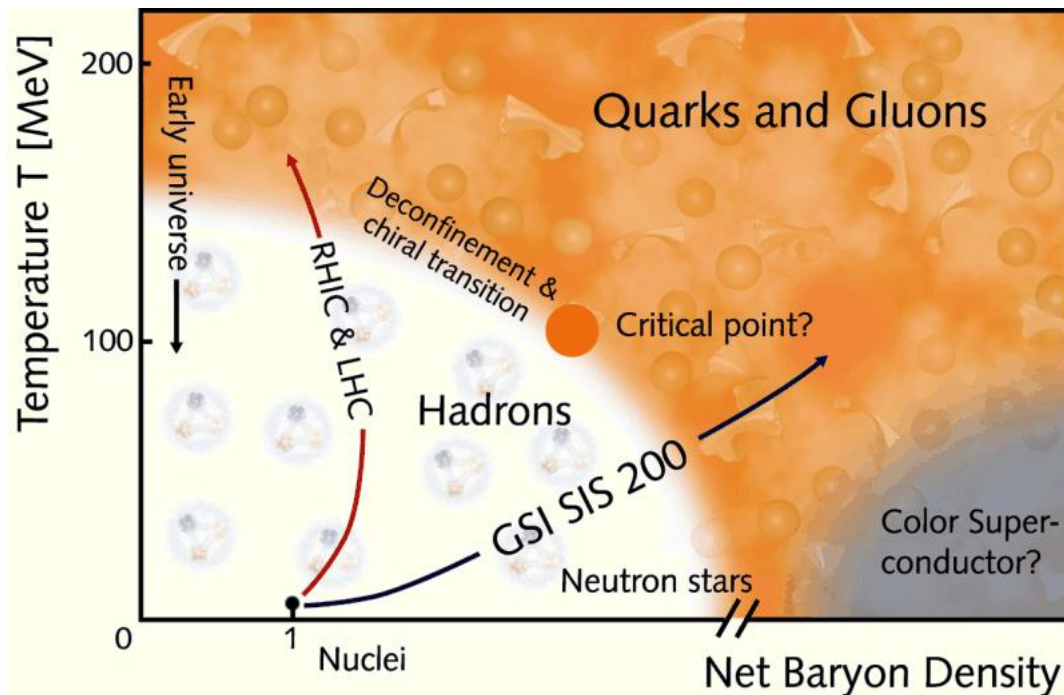
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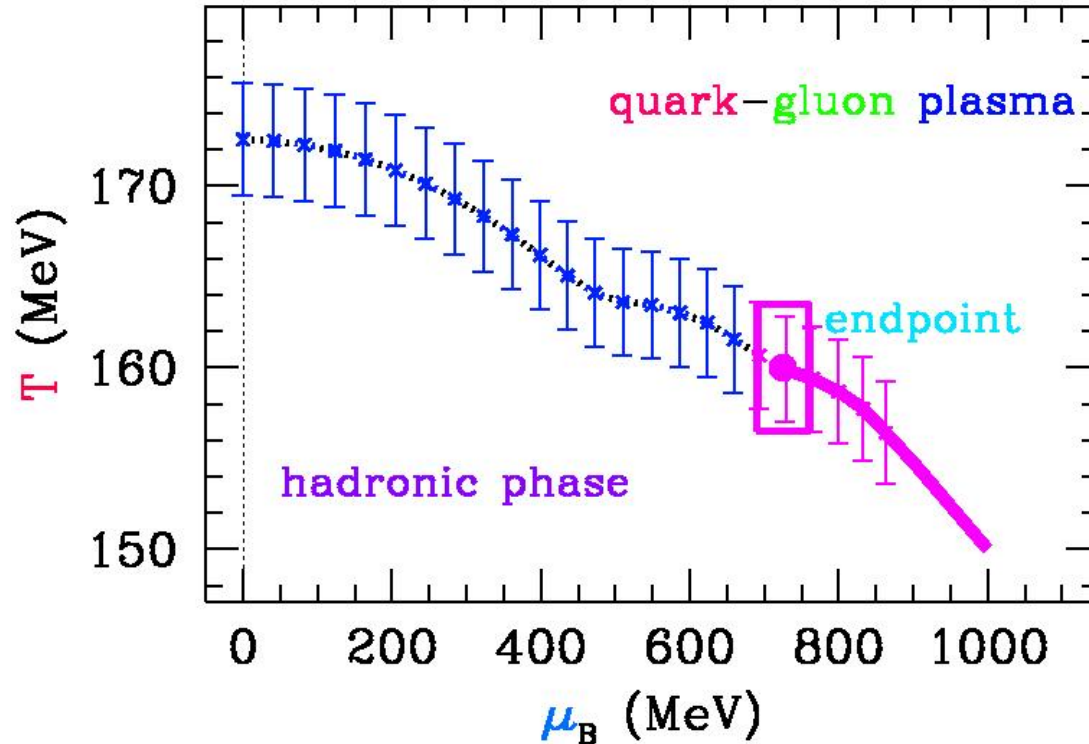
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## Fodor-Katz Results



$N_s^3 \times 4$  Lattices,  
 $N_s = 4, 6, 8$ ;  
 Bit heavy u,d quarks.  
 Critical End-point :  
 $T = 160(4)$  MeV,  
 $\mu = 725(35)$  MeV

How reliable are these results ? Methods, Prescription dependence...

We address some of these issues via Quark Number Susceptibilities.

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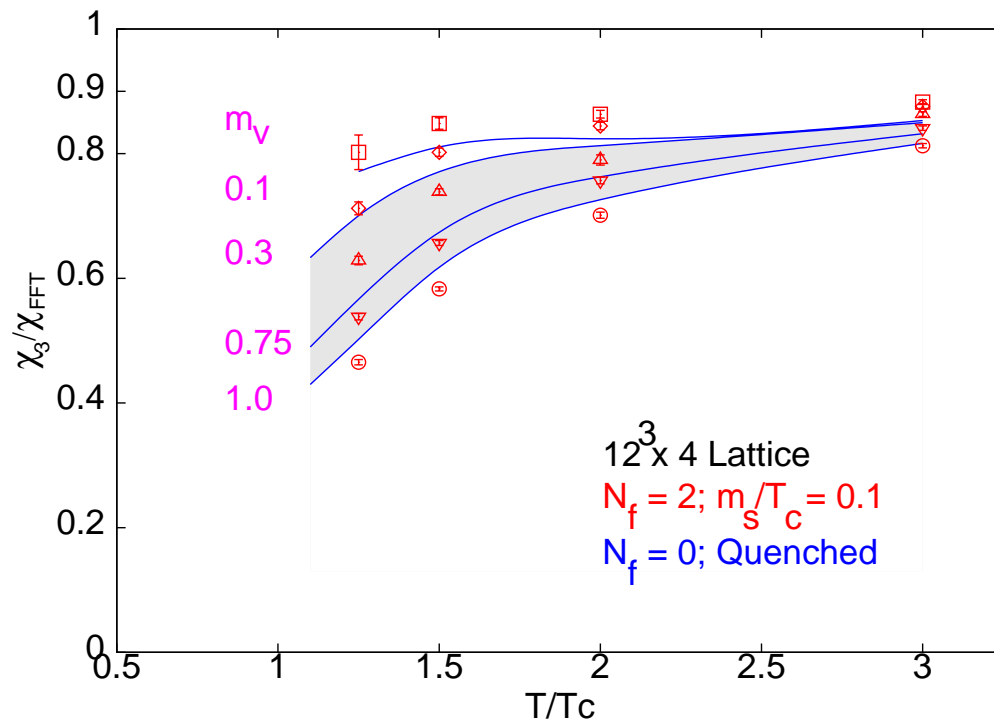
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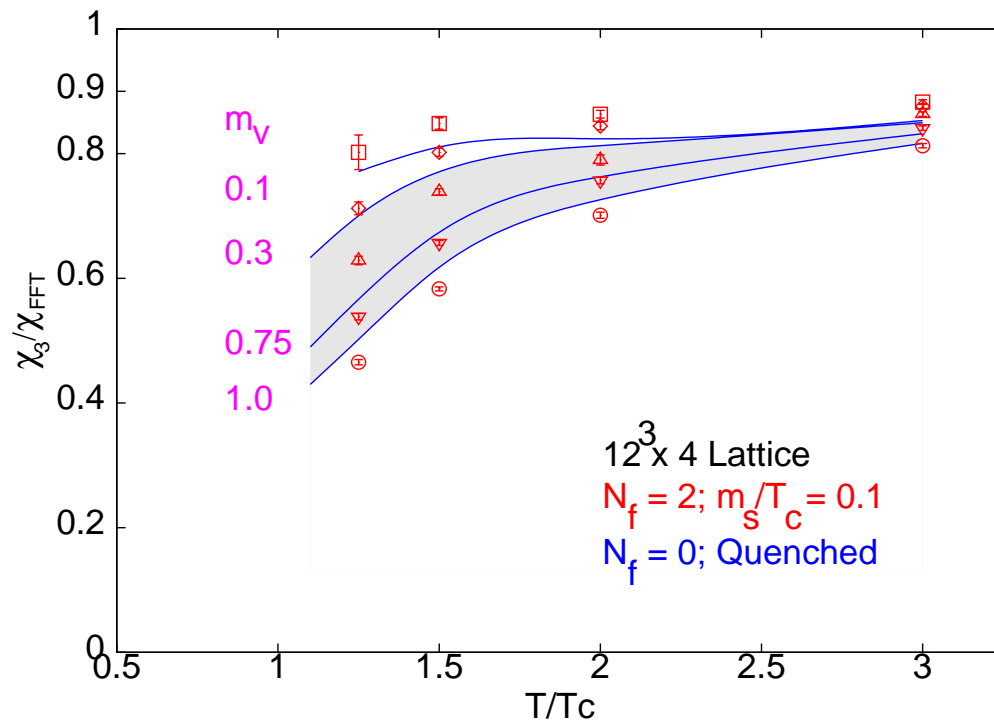
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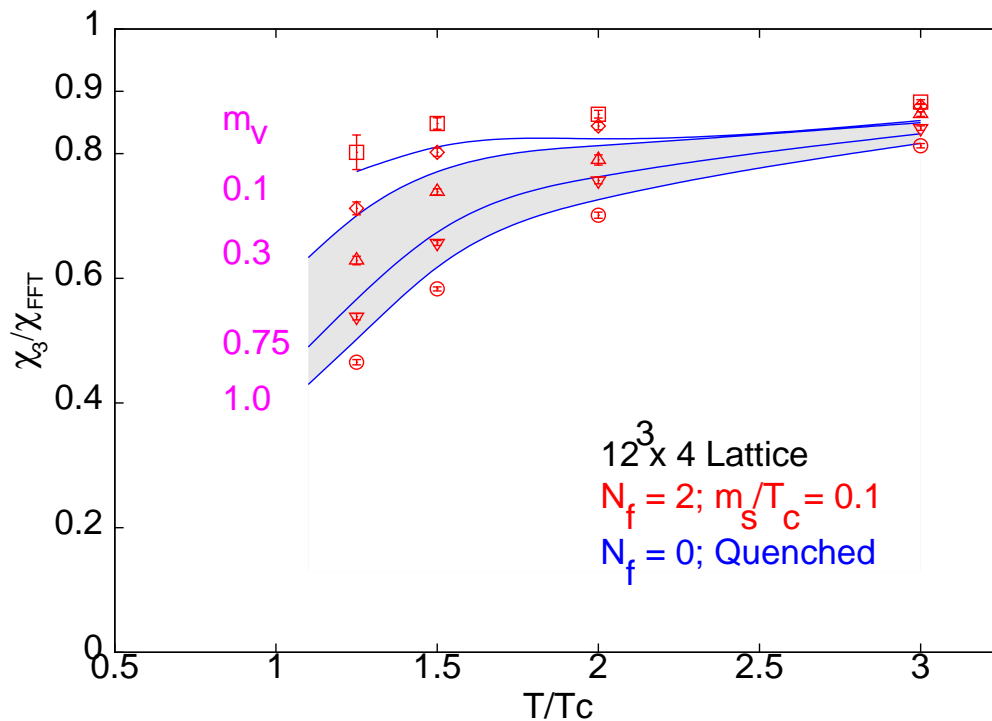


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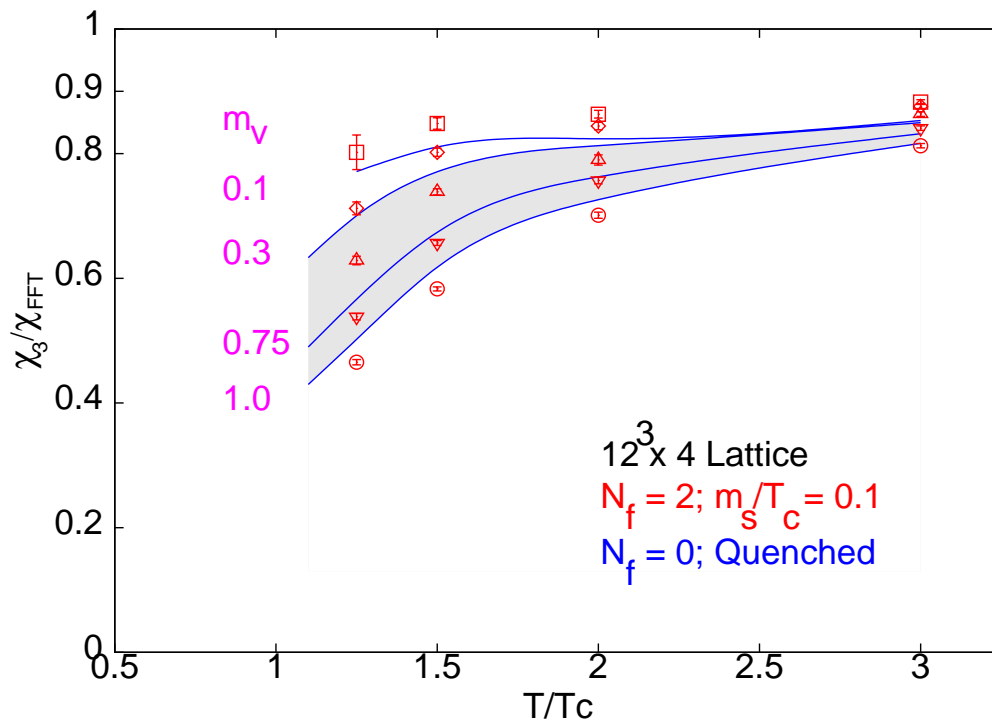
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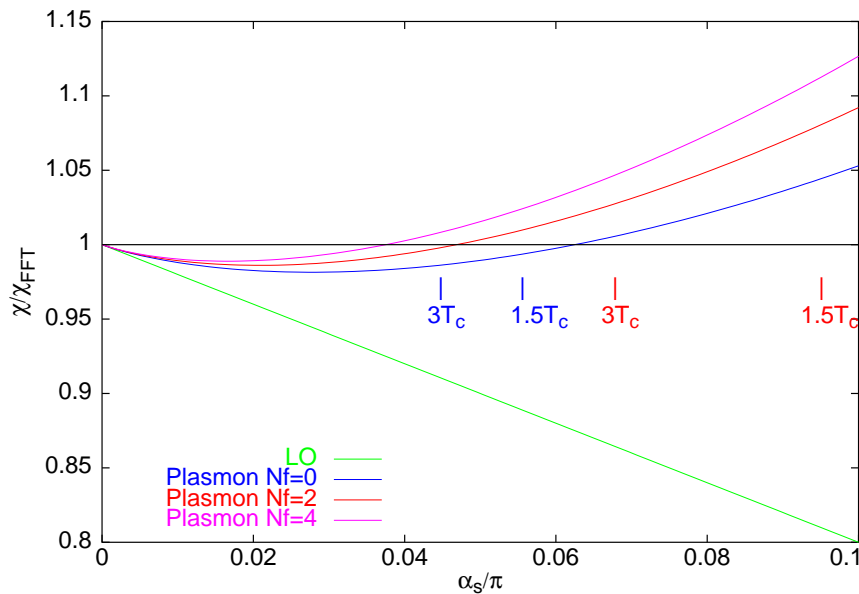
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- ♣ Minm 0.981 (0.986) at 0.03 (0.02) for  $N_f = 0$  (2).
- ♣ For  $1.5 \leq T/T_c \leq 3$  pert. theory  $\longrightarrow$  0.99-0.98 (1.08=1.03) for  $N_f = 0$  (2).

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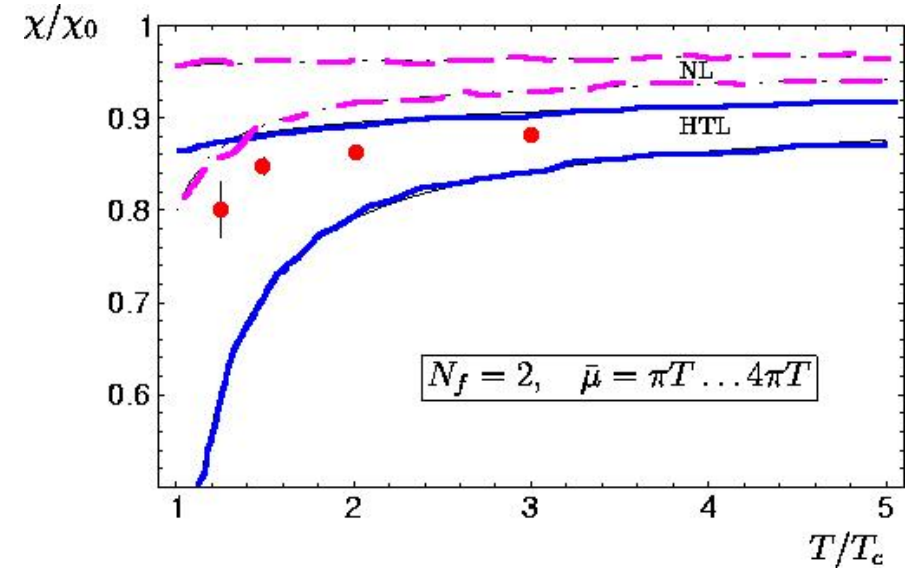
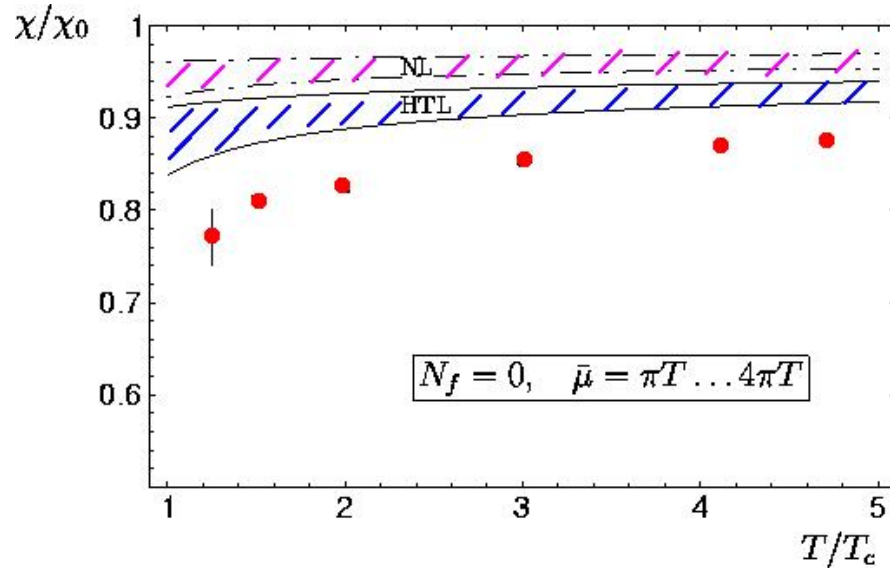
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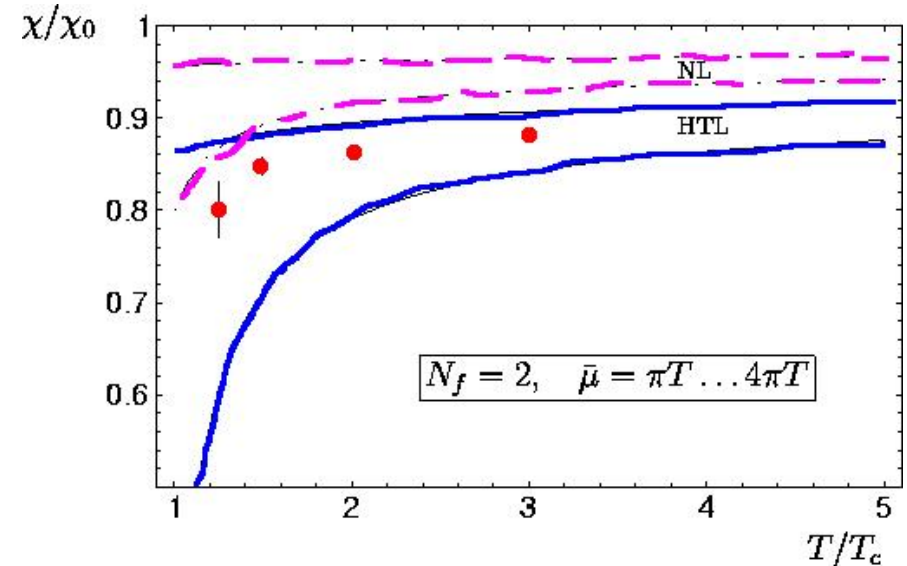
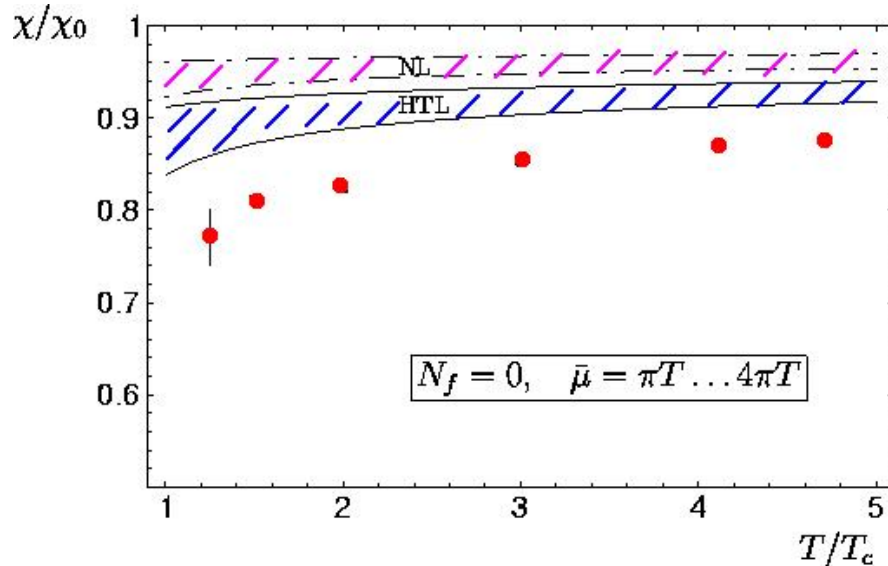
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(Naik, NP B 1989; Gavai, hep-lat/0209008)

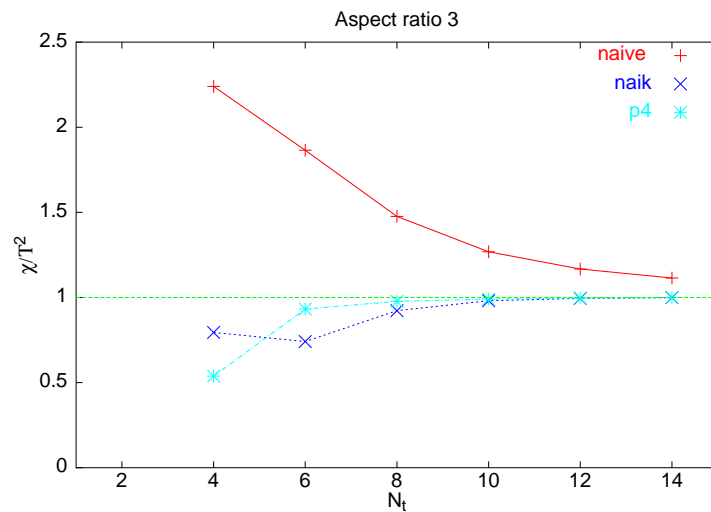
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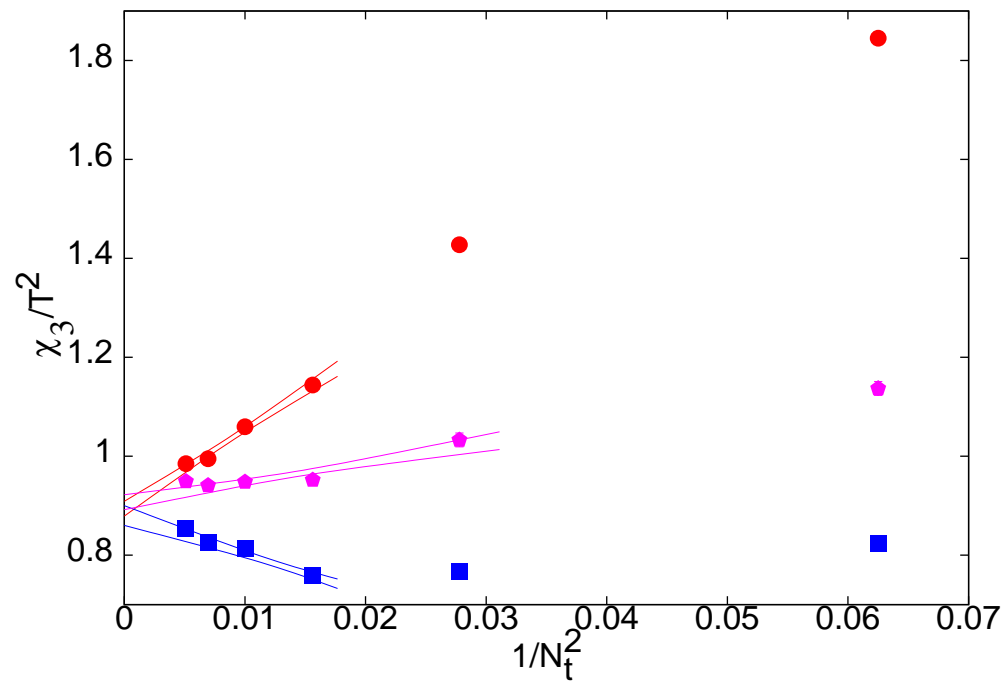
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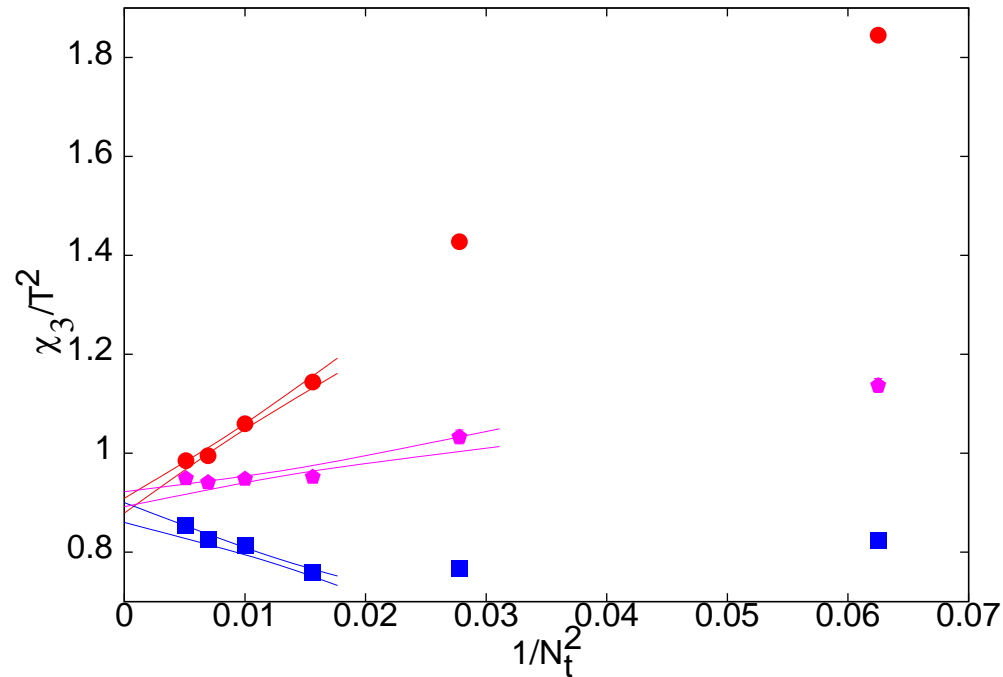


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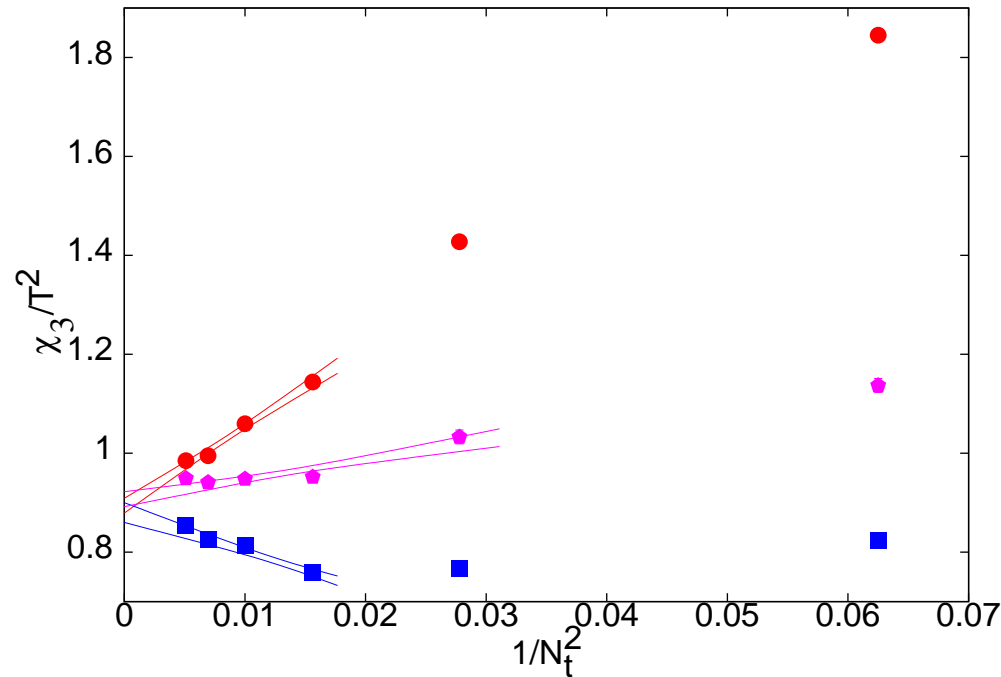


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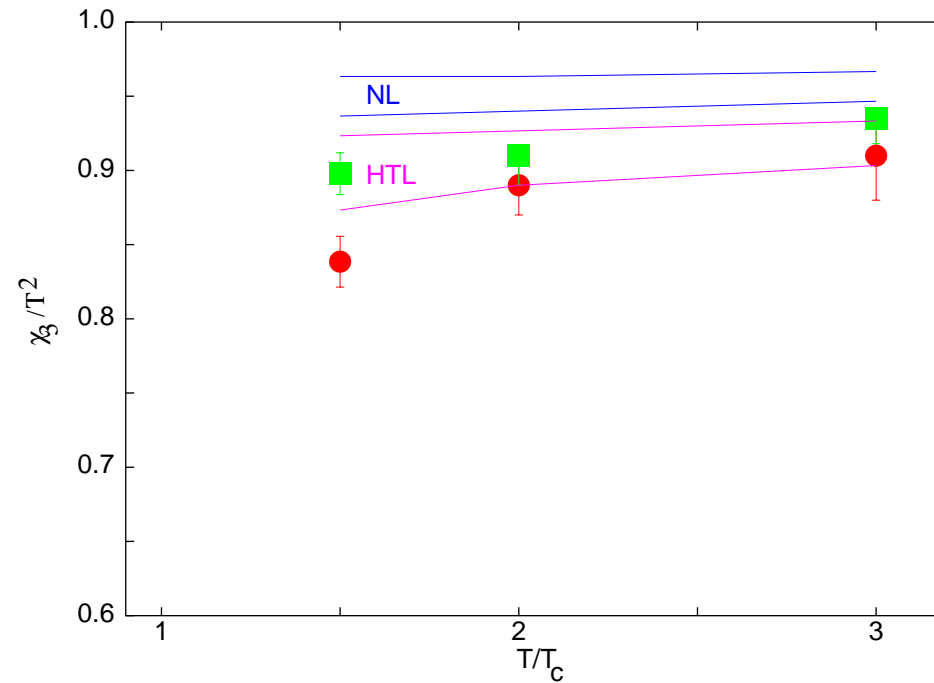
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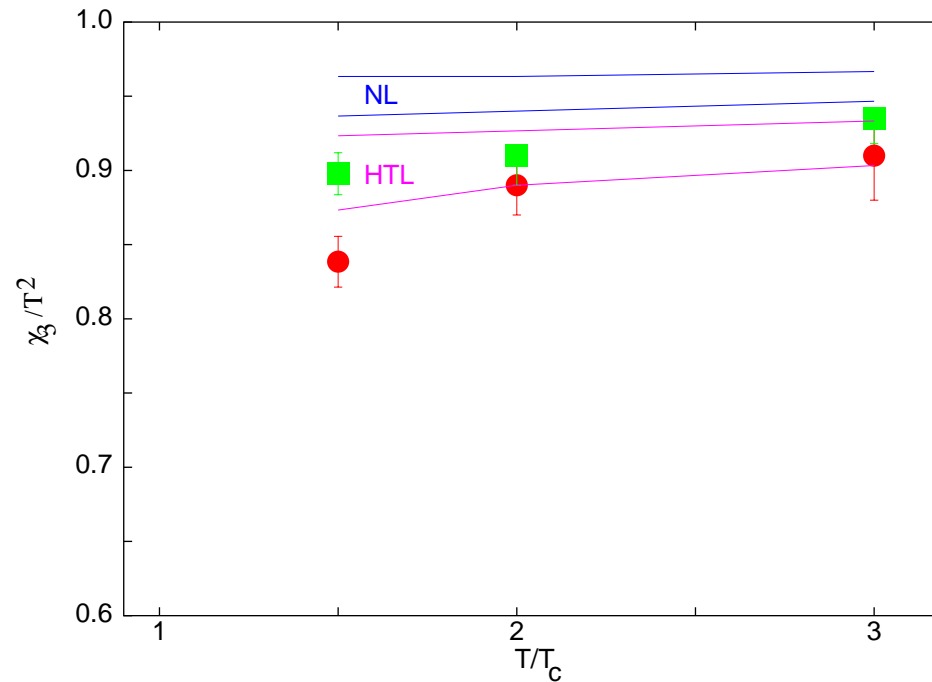


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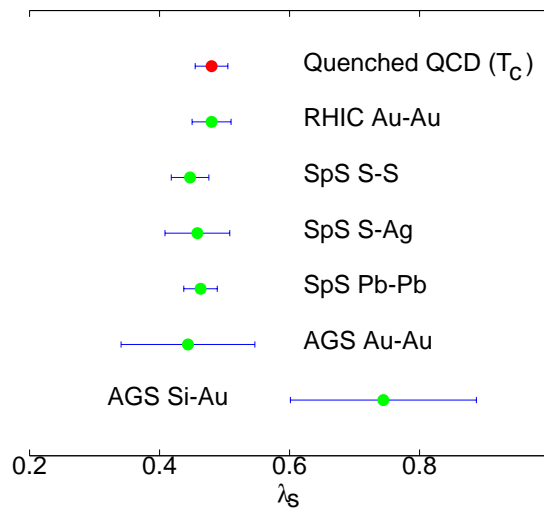
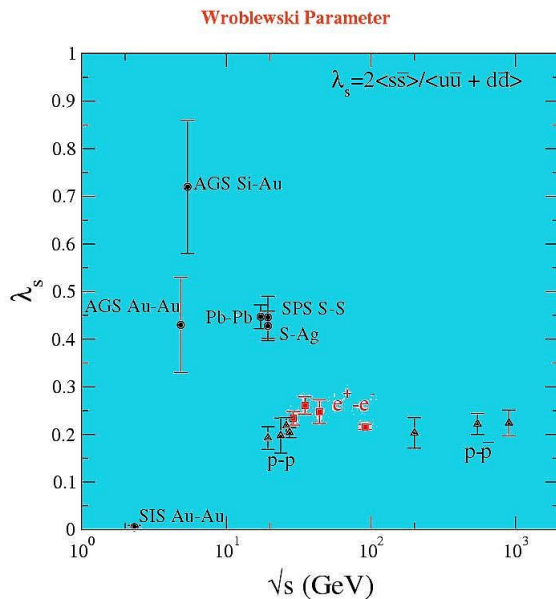


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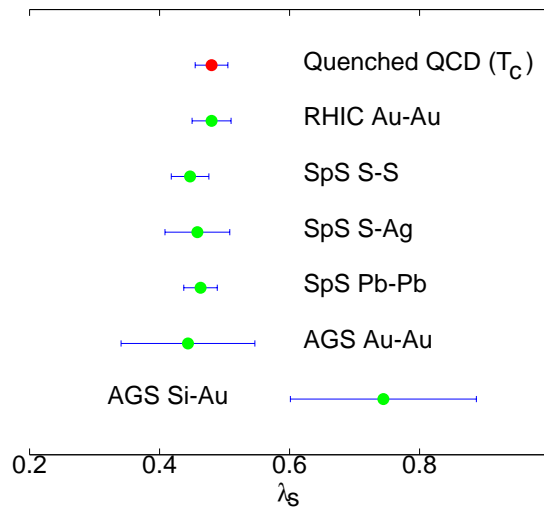
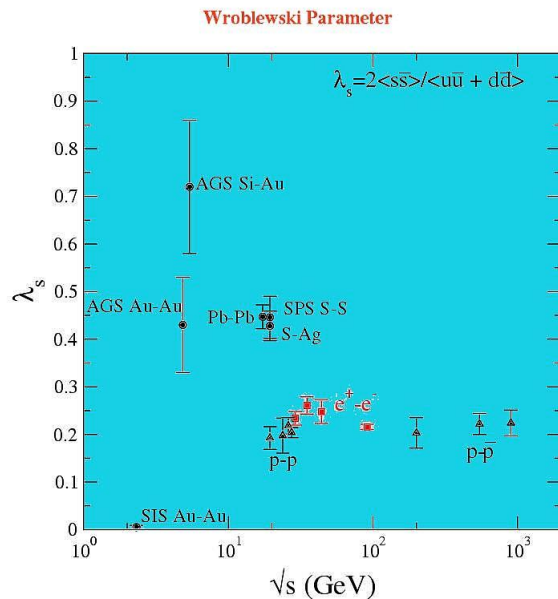
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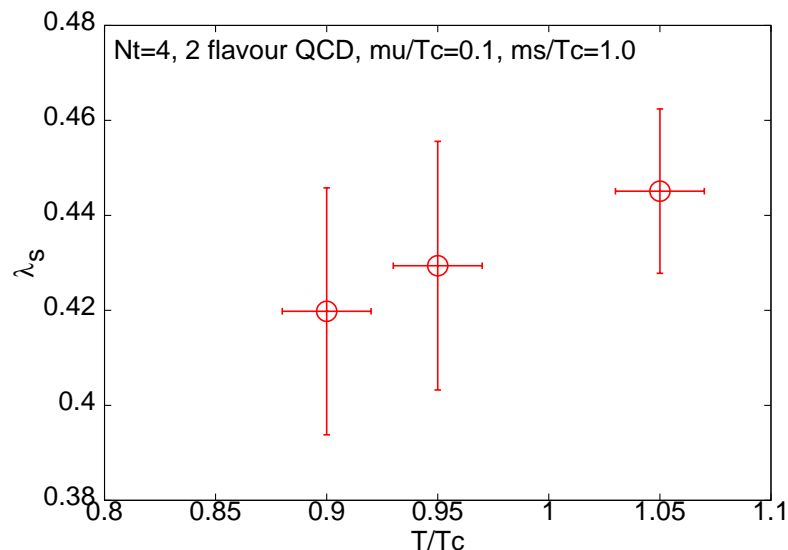
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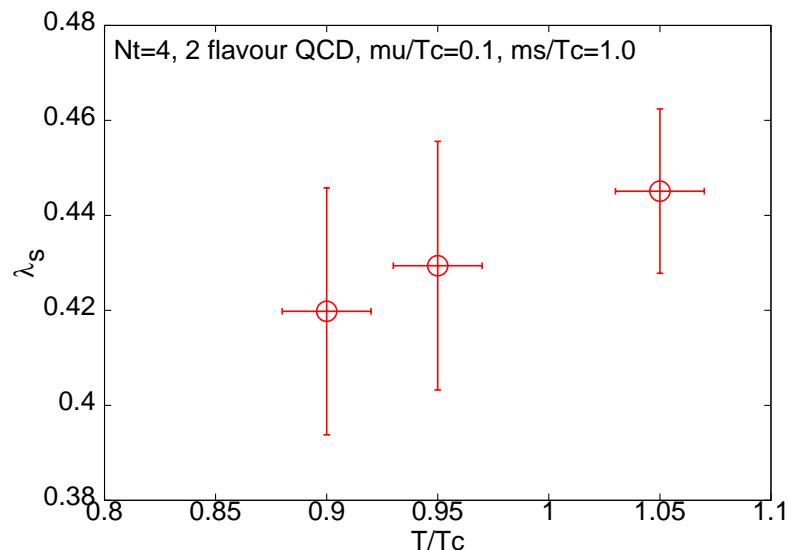
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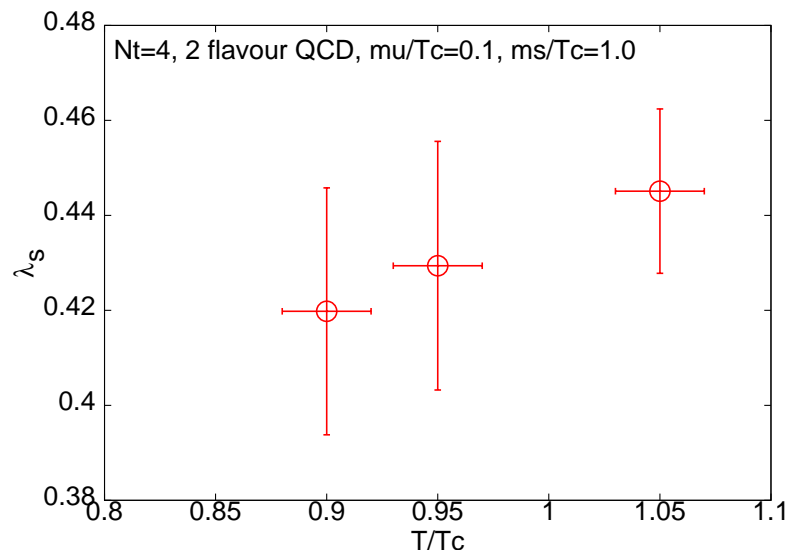
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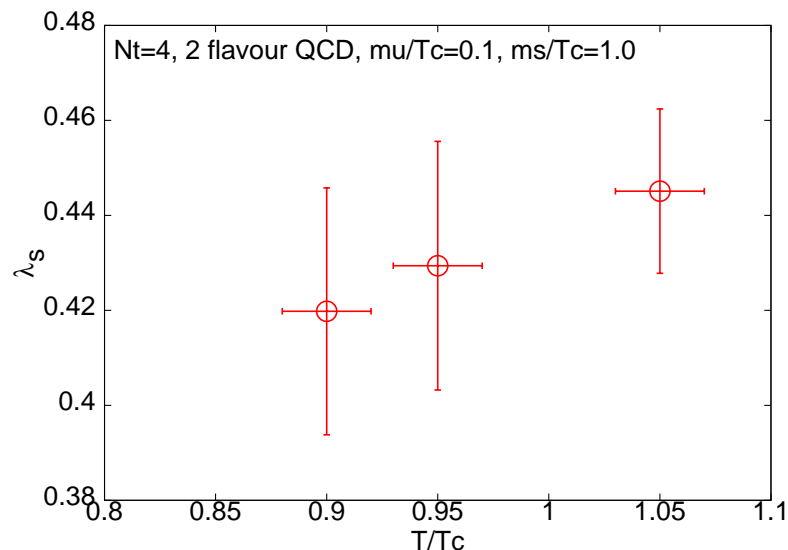
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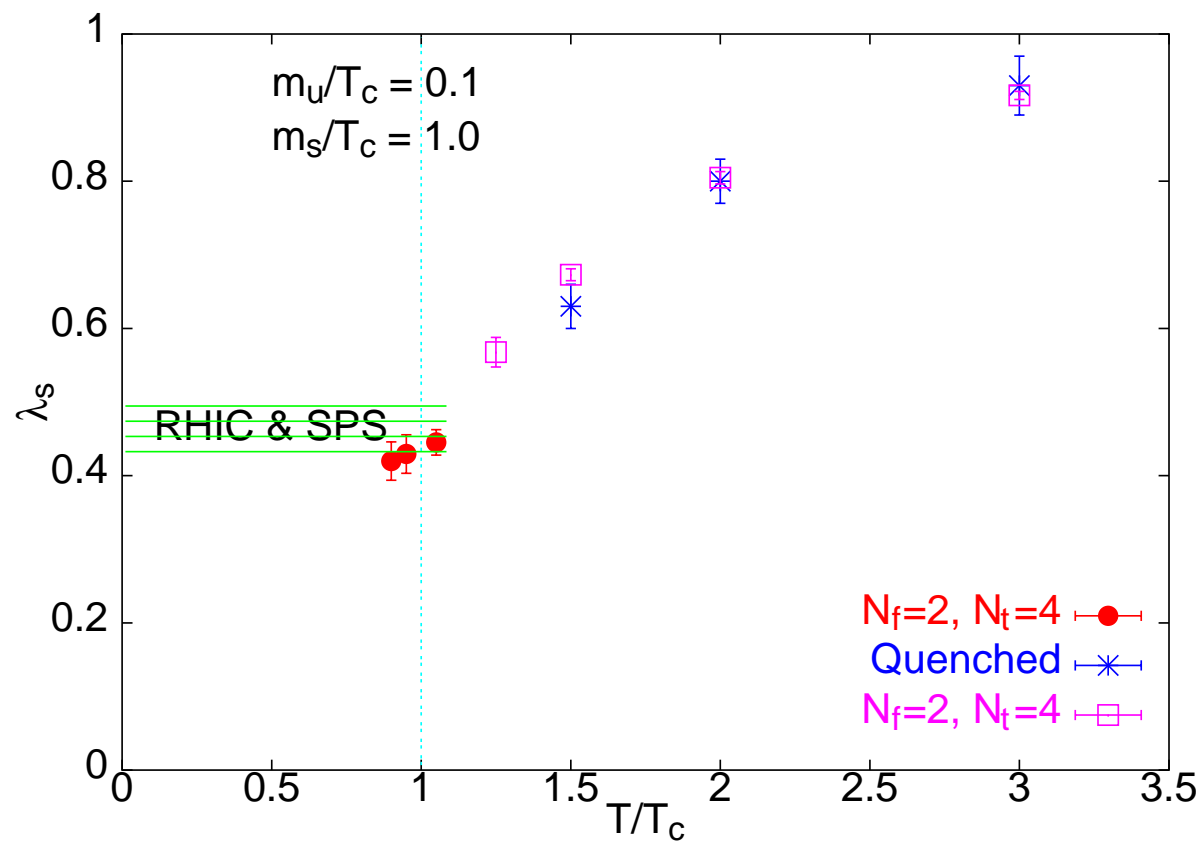
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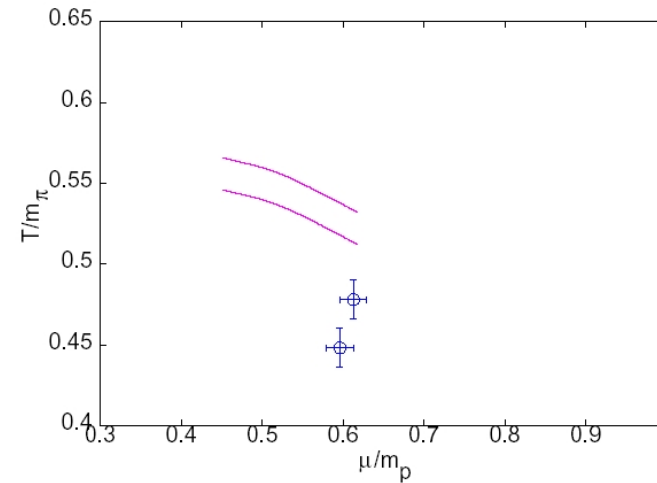
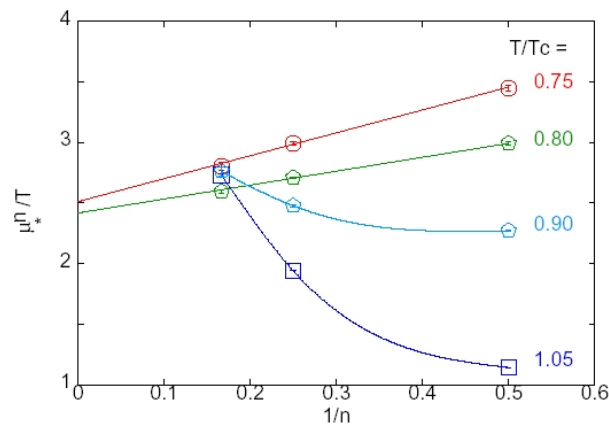
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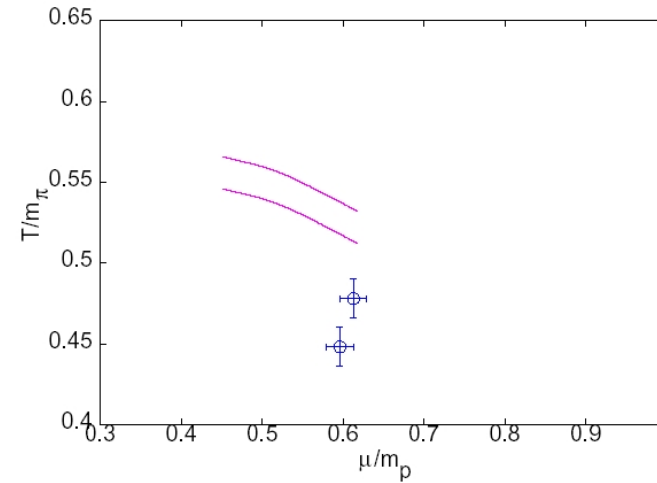
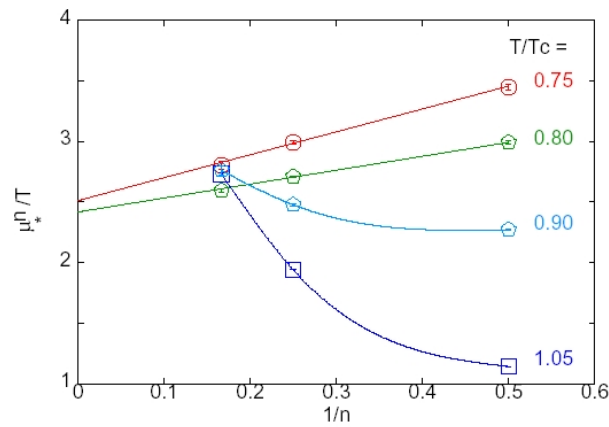
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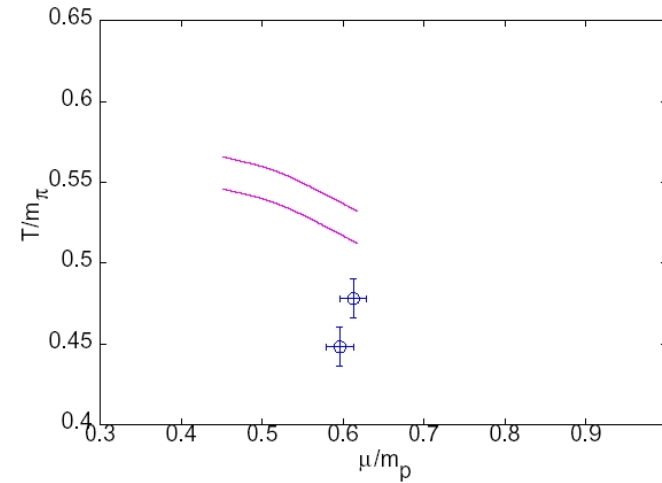
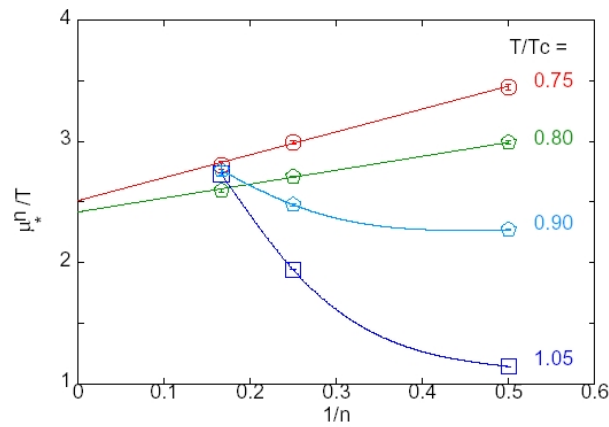
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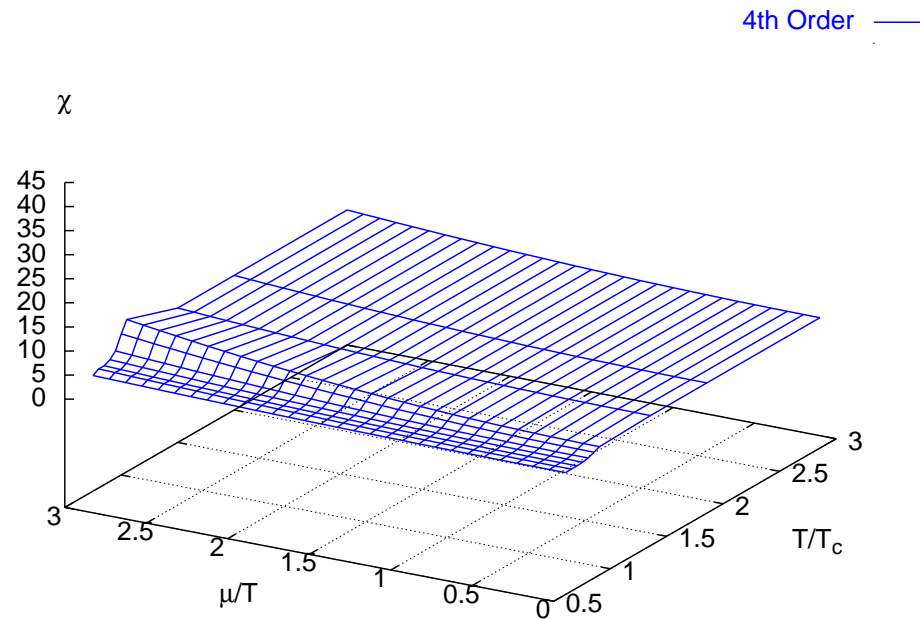
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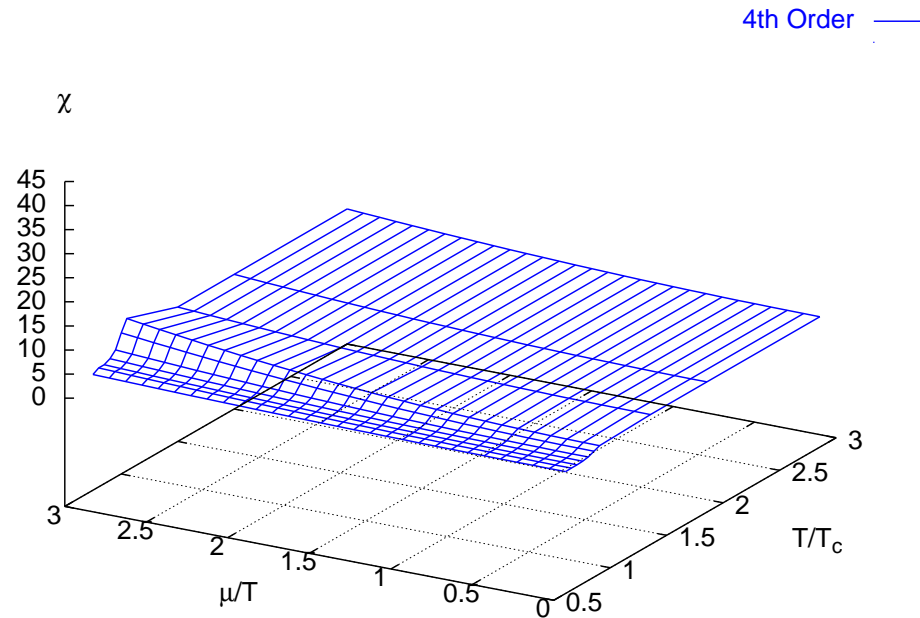
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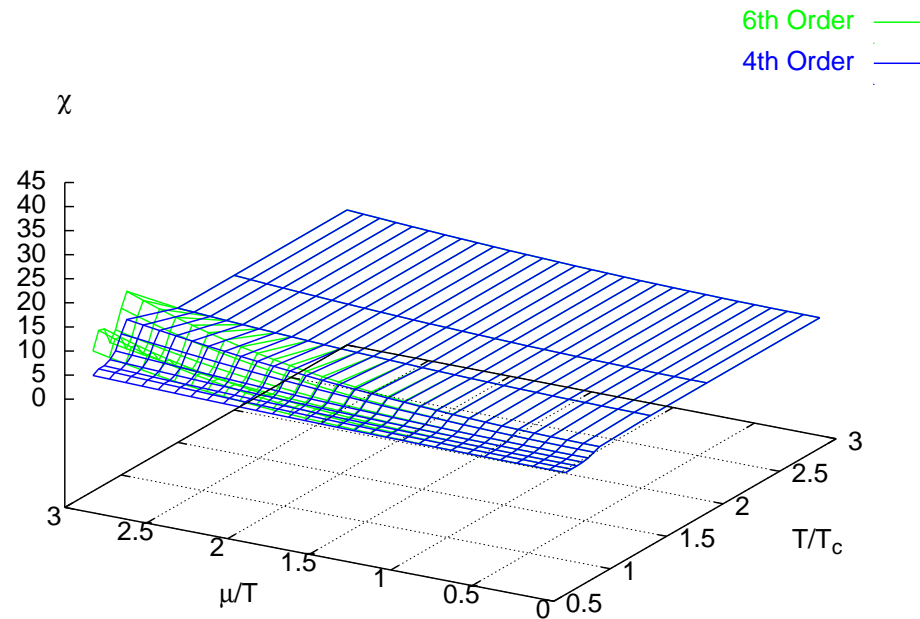
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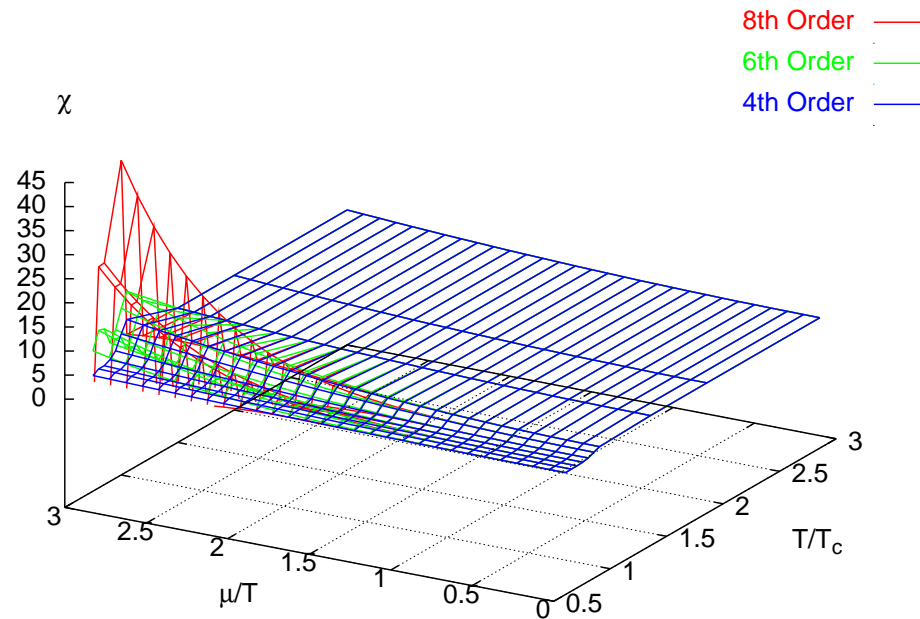
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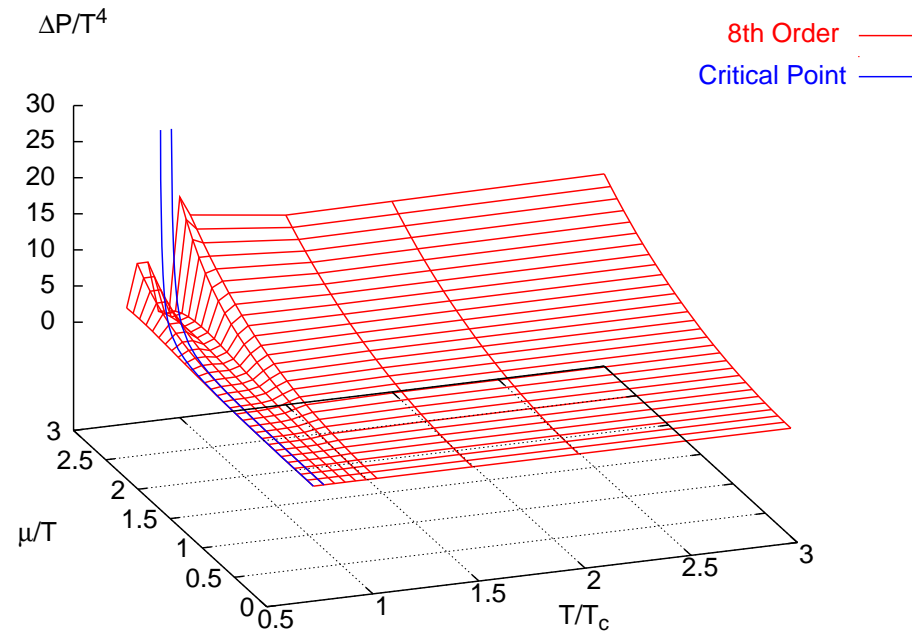




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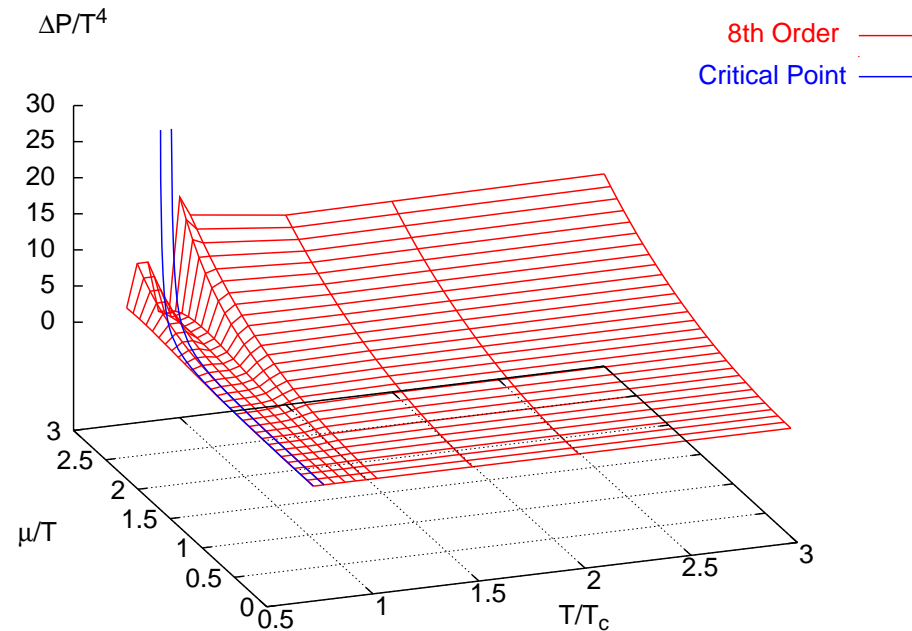
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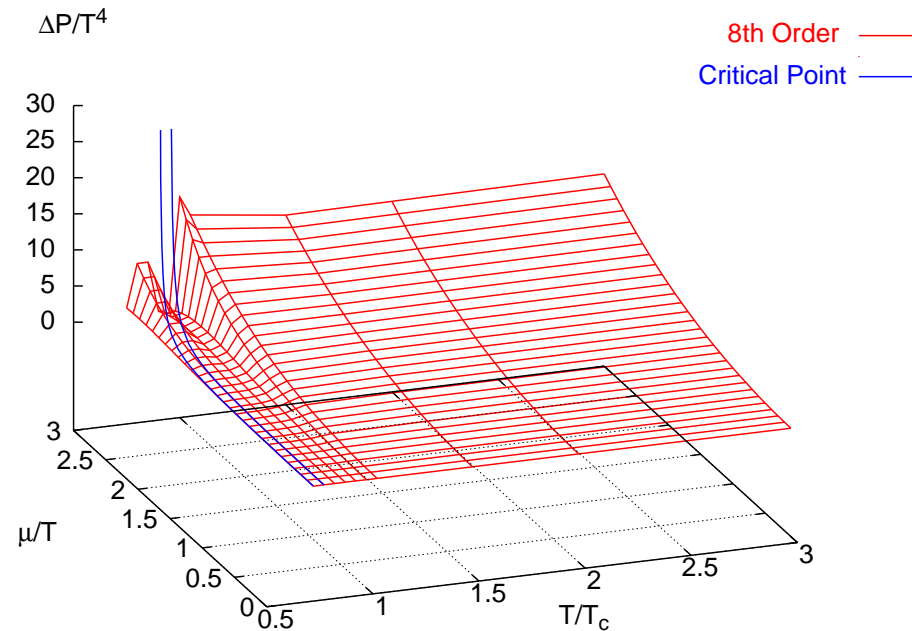
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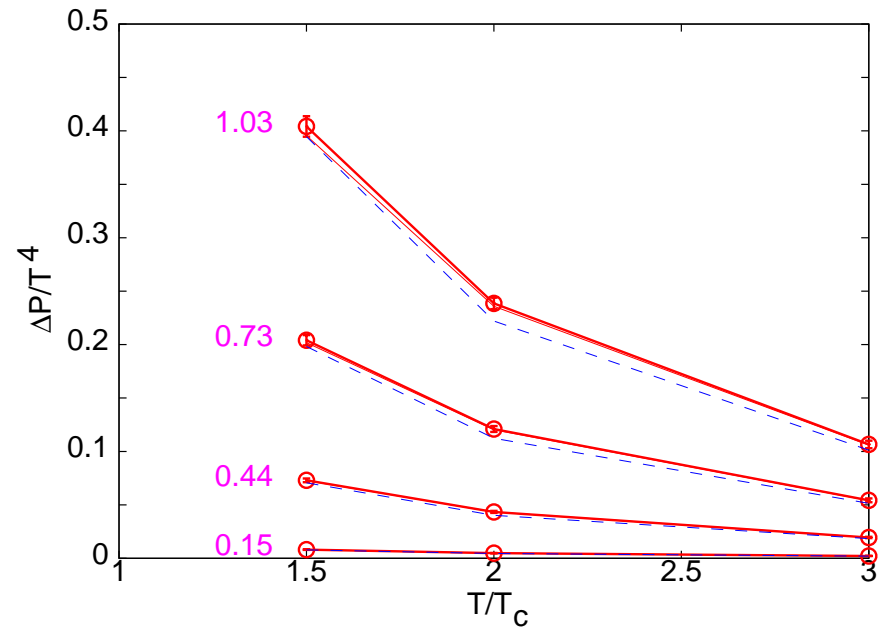
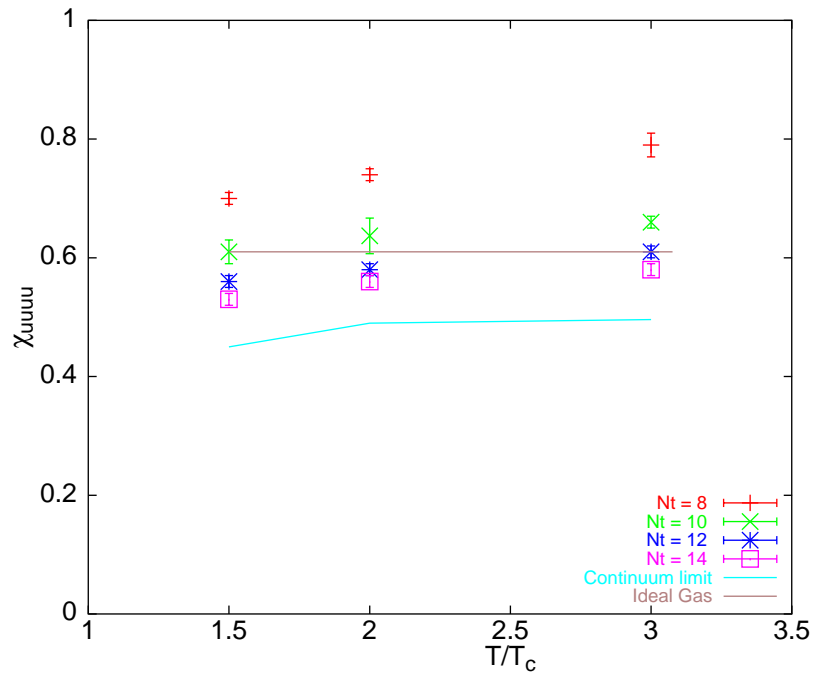
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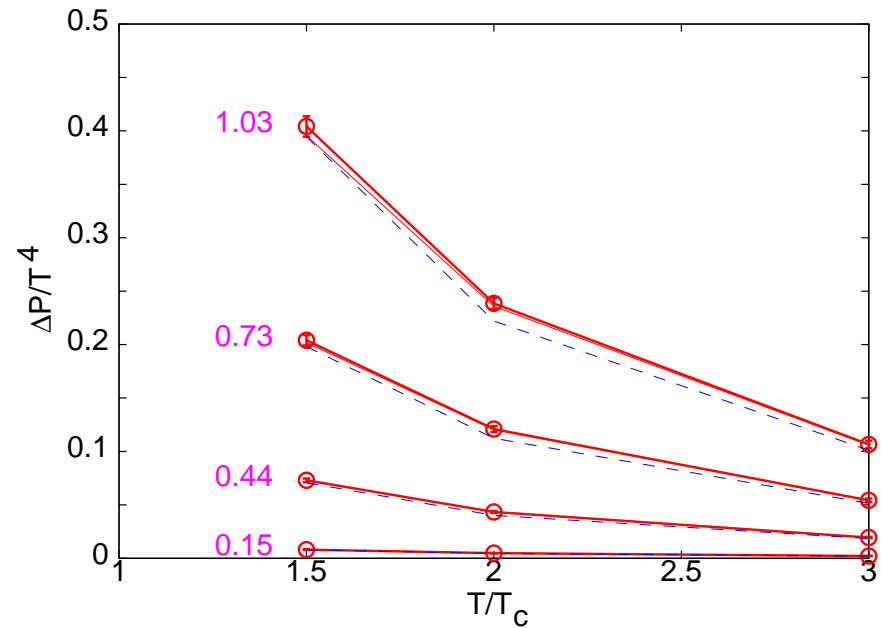
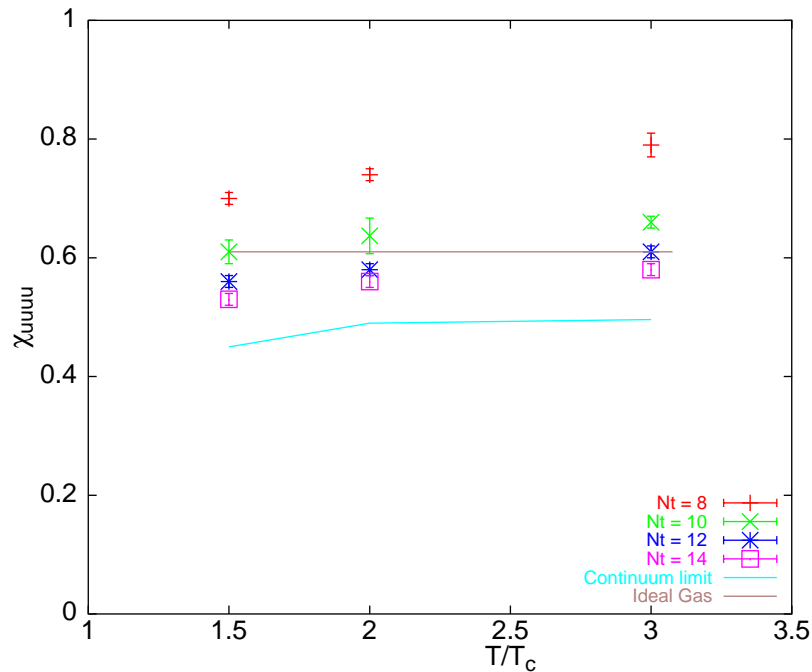
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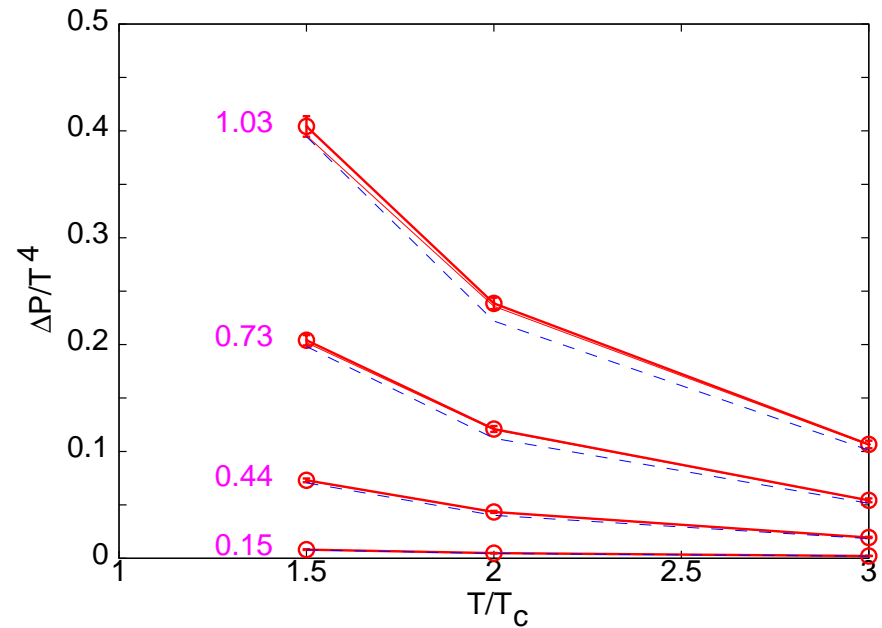
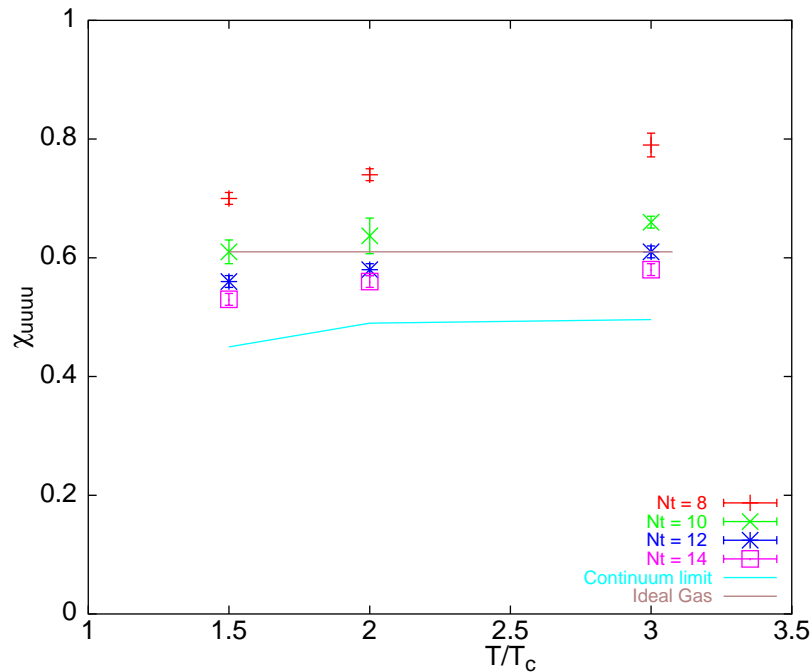
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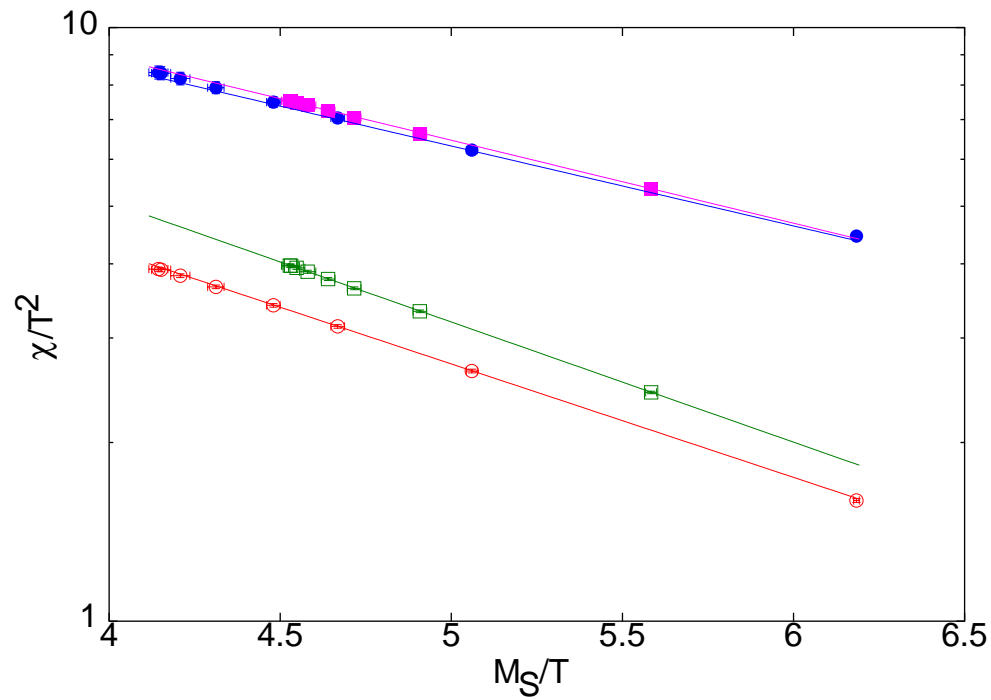
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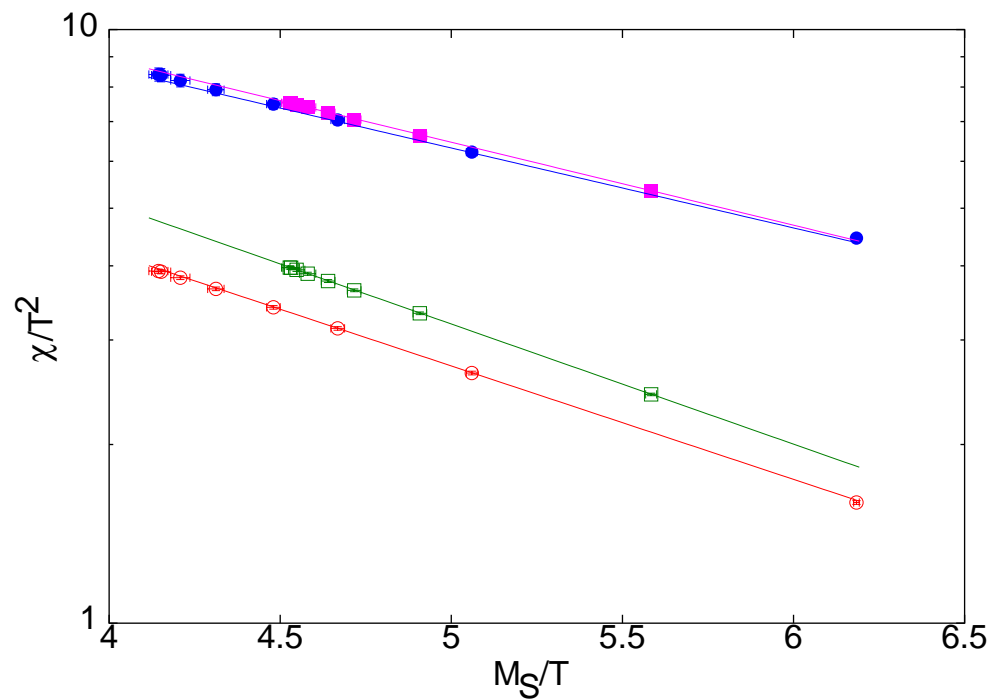
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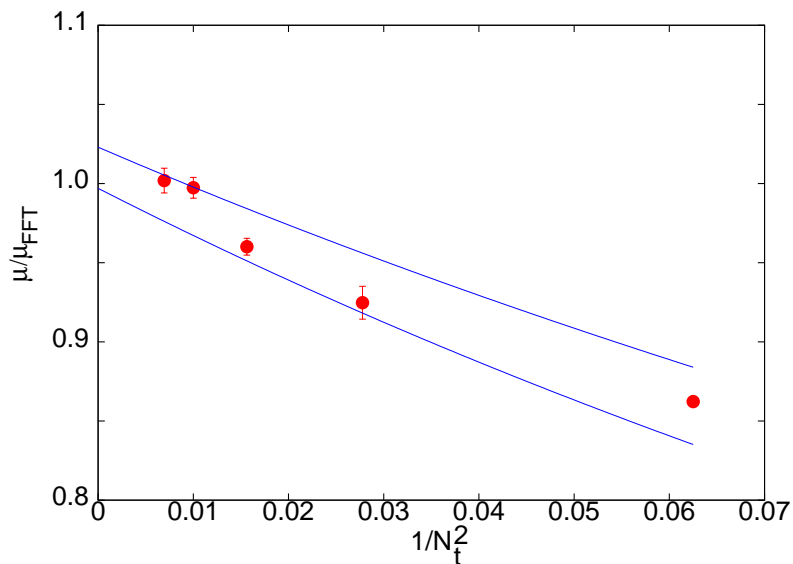


Why ?  $\chi_3 \sim \sum$  propagator of nonlocal vector meson.

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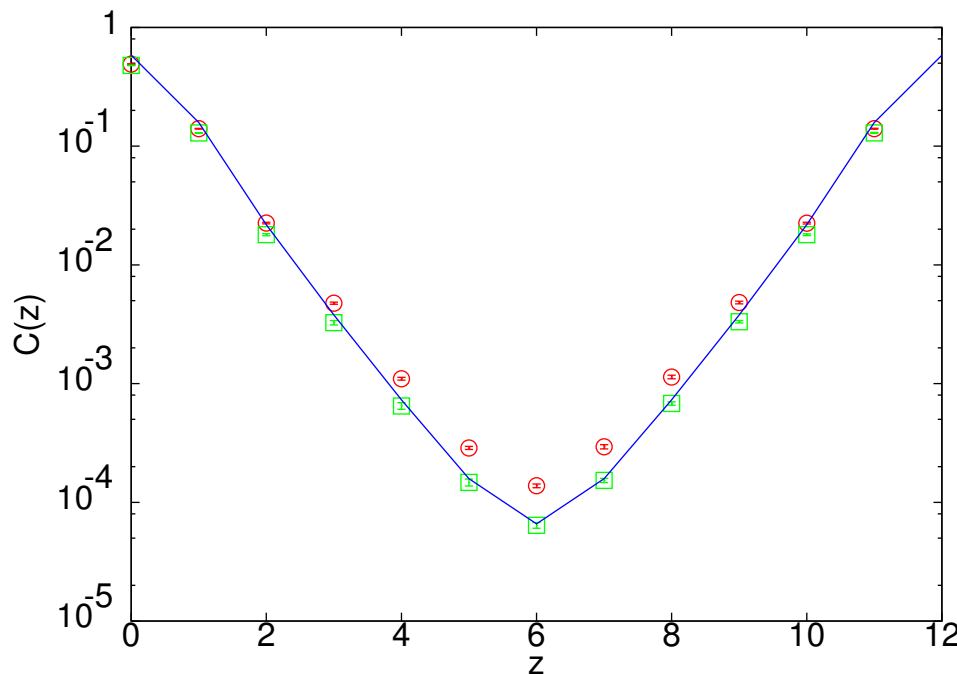
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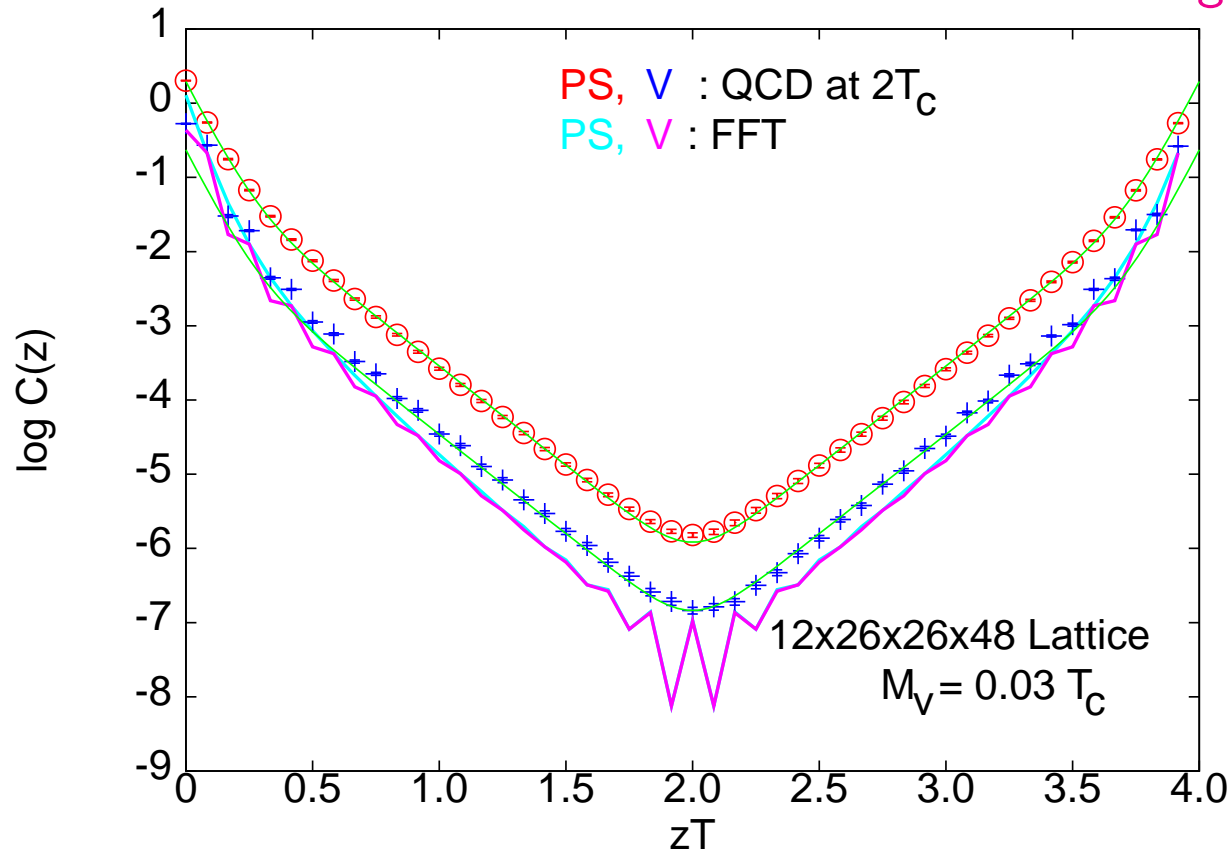


Configurations with zero modes excluded.  $12^3 \times 4$  lattice at  $T = 1.5T_c$ . Quenched Approximation.  $m/T_c = 0.006$

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- Many questions still for full 2+1 QCD : Order, Large  $N_t$ ,  $\dots$ .