

Towards locating the (real) critical endpoint

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- As we go to physical pion masses the LY travels through the complex plane for increasing Re μ.



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- Sample from oscillatory integrand (Lattice).

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Test case:

- O(N) with d = 0, N = 1
- Classical input parameters m = 1, λ = 1

Direct evaluation of *Z*

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LY-location for Im[H] = 0.994 and initial condition $m^2 = 1$ at Im[M] = 1.33 !

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Scaling behaviour:
$${m^2-m_c^2\over m_c^2}=const\, H^{1/\Delta}$$







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 \Rightarrow Go towards QCD phase structure and complex μ !

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Mean Field: $\delta = 3$ Fit: 2.992(18)





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Mean Field:
$$|C_+| = 2|C_-|$$

 $C_+ = -0.4369(11), C_- = 0.2025(21)$

Imaginary field ϕ_v

Data: $\phi_v < \phi_c$

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Fit

Suscept. $1/\chi(\phi_y, H=0)$

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$$R_{\chi} = \frac{C_+ B^{\delta - 1}}{B_c^{\delta}} = 1.010(57)$$

$$\chi(\phi_y, H=0) = C_{+/-} \left(\frac{\phi_y - \phi_c}{\phi_c} + \text{subl.}\right)^{-\gamma}$$

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